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IoT and Embedded Systems Basics

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What is “Embedded Systems”

- Computer system “Embedded” in equipment (machines)
- Provides “specific” function
- Example:
  - Home appliance
  - Medical equipment
  - Industrial machinery
  - Mobile phone

Need for embedded systems

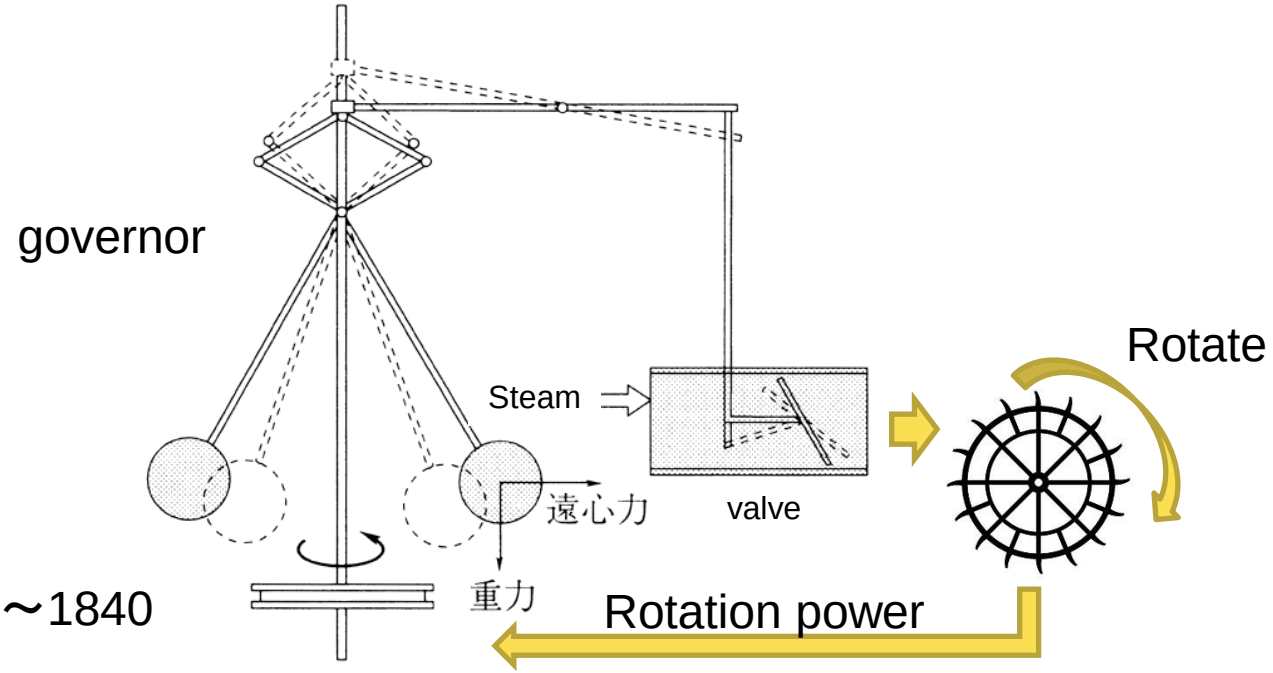
- Historically, embedded systems are related control systems
  - start from the age of the steam engine

- Systems involving multiple devices and functions
- Technology to control the final output (=goal)

- In the case of steam engines
  - Steam is used to rotate a turbine for power
  - Keep at the constant rotating speed of machine

(Example) Simple control system

- Steam engine (or internal fuel combustion engine) control
  - steam engine governor (keep rotational speed)



Year 1750～1840

Revolution

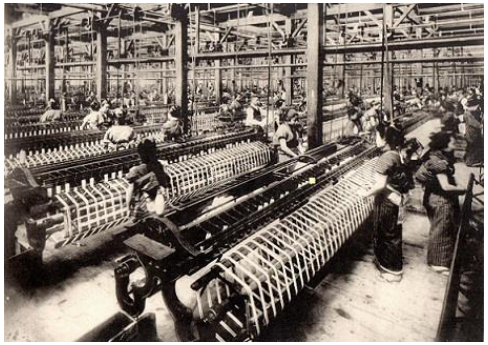
- This mechanism is REVOLUTION
- Revolution: Technology to change the society
- After governor invention,
  factories was built.

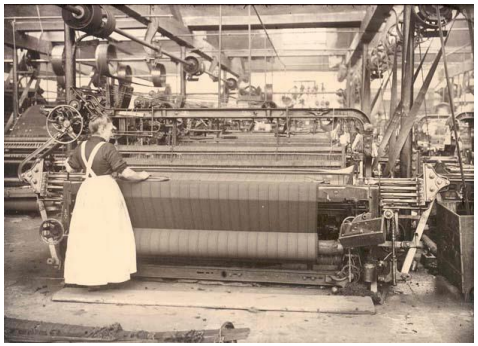
Society changes

Cotton

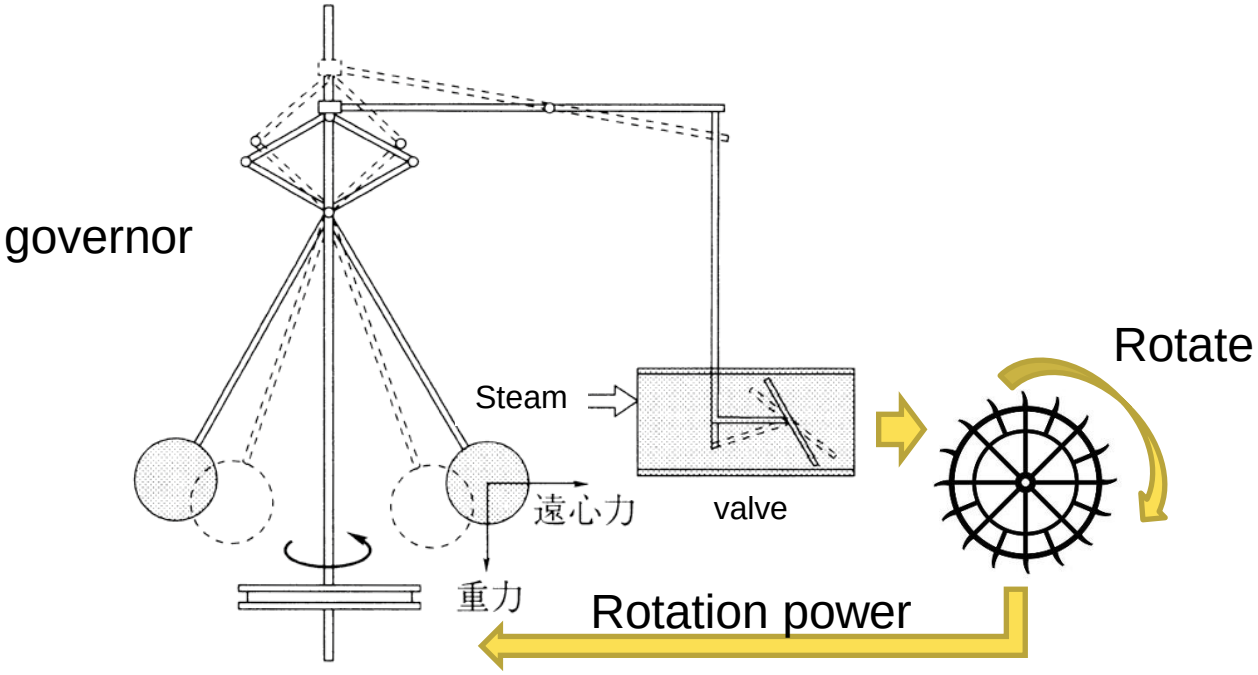
Thread

Cloth





Control system

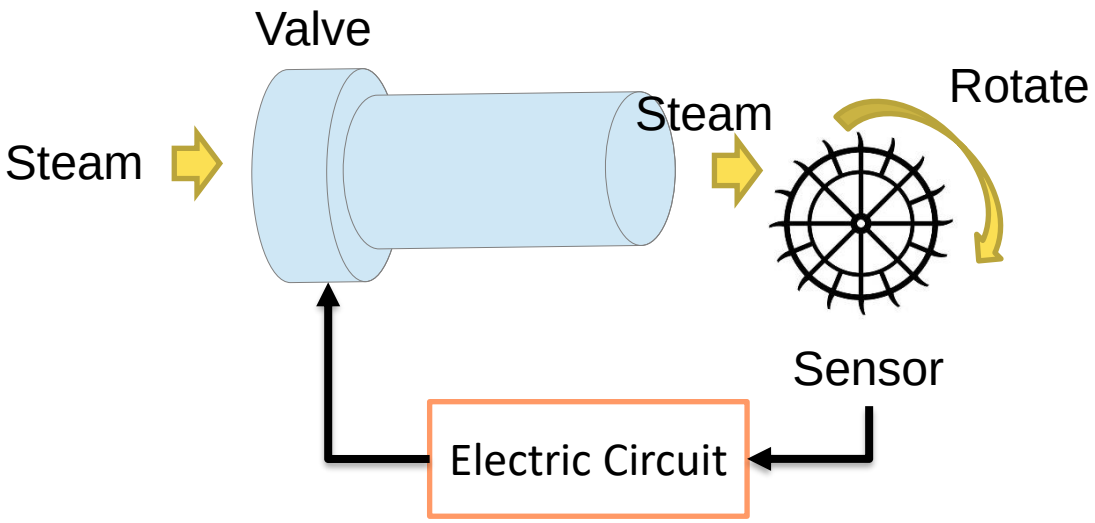


- Rotation speed increased, valve is closed
- Rotation speed decreased, valve is opened

Next revolution

- Electric circuit

Automatic control (Negative feedback loop)

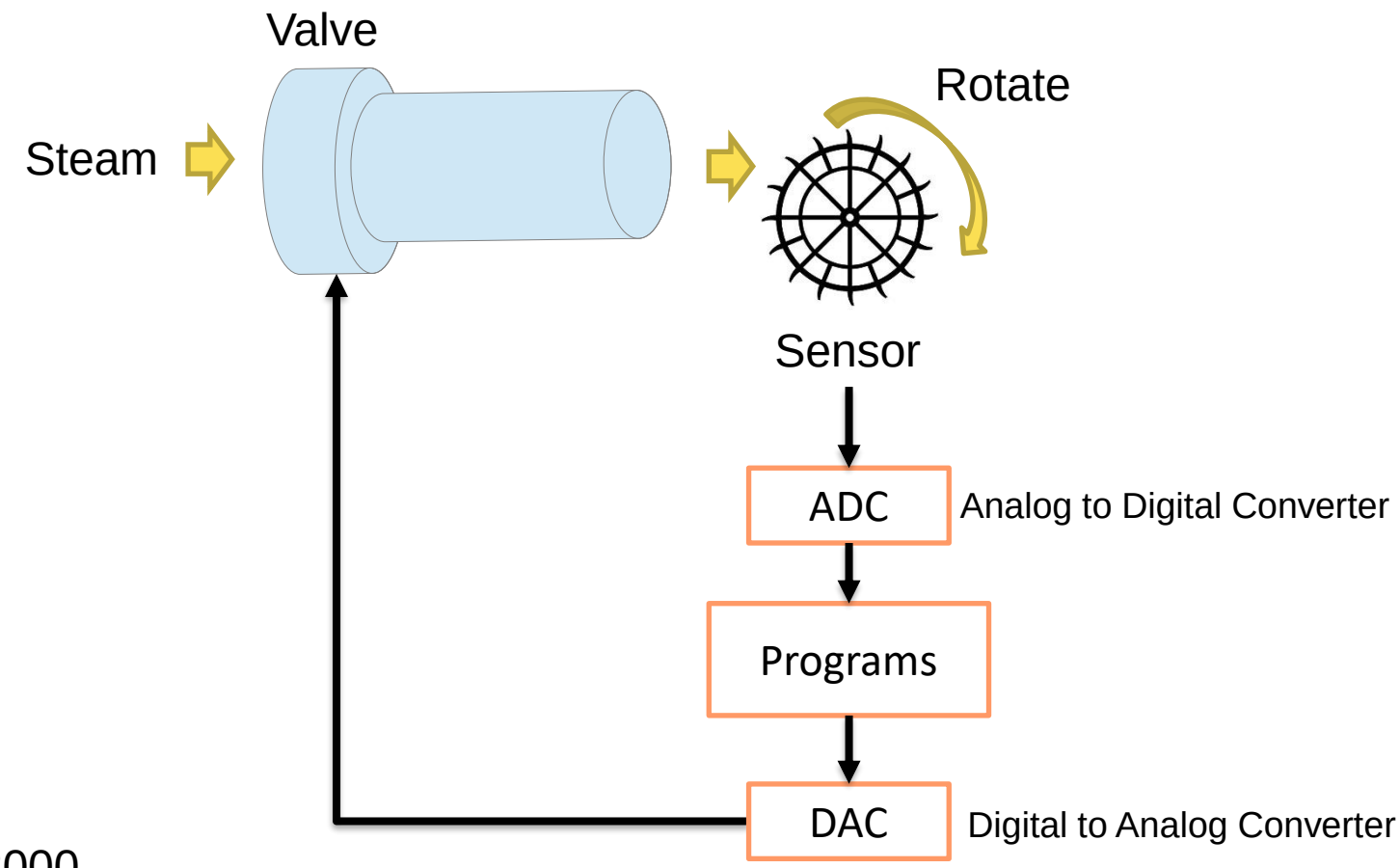


Year 1870～1915

Next revolution

- Computer

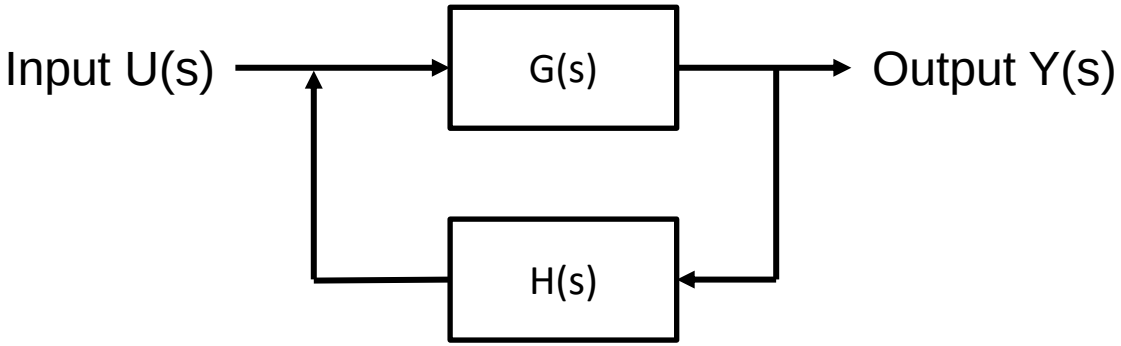
Computer control



Year 1950～2000

Control system basics: Feedback Control

- Transfer function of feedback control



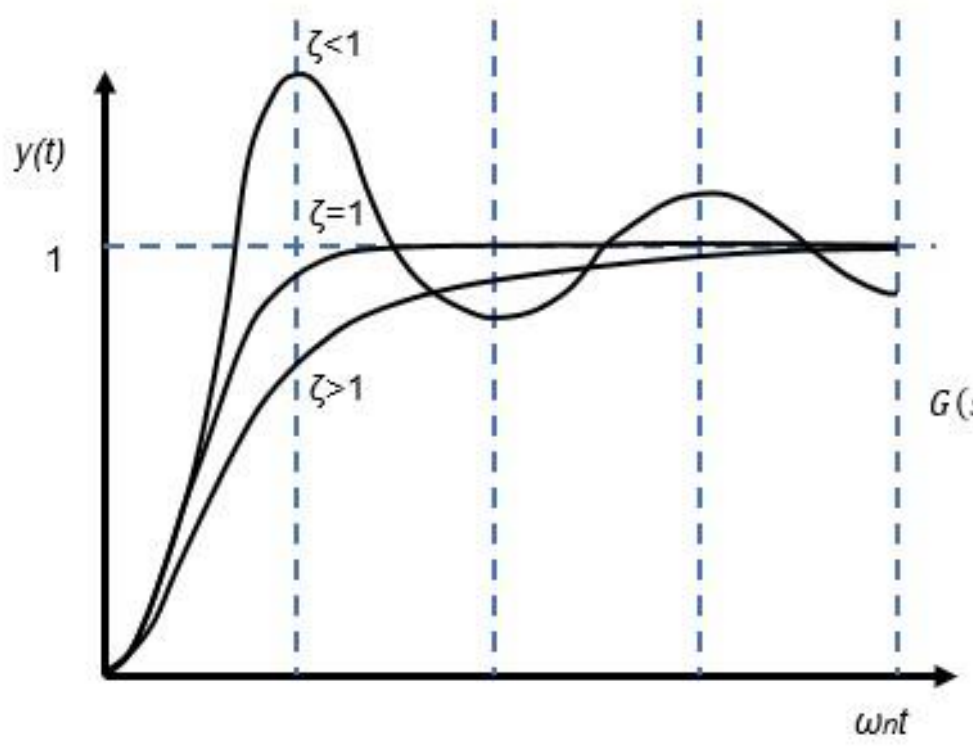
$$Y(s) = G(s)(U(s) - H(s)Y(s))$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}U(s)$$

Just solve this equation!

That’s all?

- Everything done by using feedback loop?



$$G(s) = \frac{{\omega_n}^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + {\omega_n}^2}$$

Industrial Revolution

- No control … before industry

  ⇩ 1750～1840

- Governor

  ⇩ 1870～1915

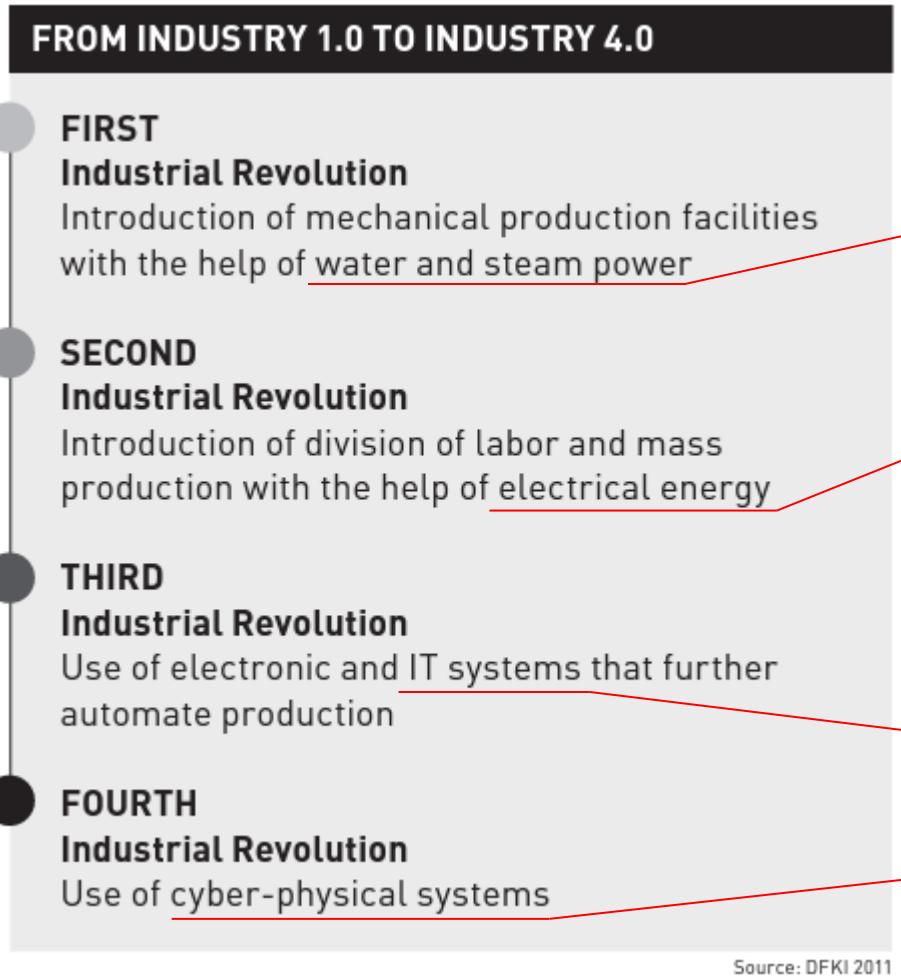
- Electronic control

  ⇩ 1950～2000

- Computer control

  ⇩ 2011～

Industrial Revolution



1750～1840

1870～1915

1950～2000

2011～

Steam power

Electric circuit

Computer, IT

Smart system, IoT

German Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence

You are standing in 4th industrial revolution

KEY technology: Smart system, IoT, AI

Requirements in embedded systems

- Sensor Input
  - Timing of sensor acquisition
- Execute control algorithm
- Control output
  - User interface
  - Communication
  - Logging, Analyzing, Diagnostic

What is important in embedded systems?

- Real-time performance
- Execution speed
- Cost
- Quality
- Delivery time

} What's the difference?

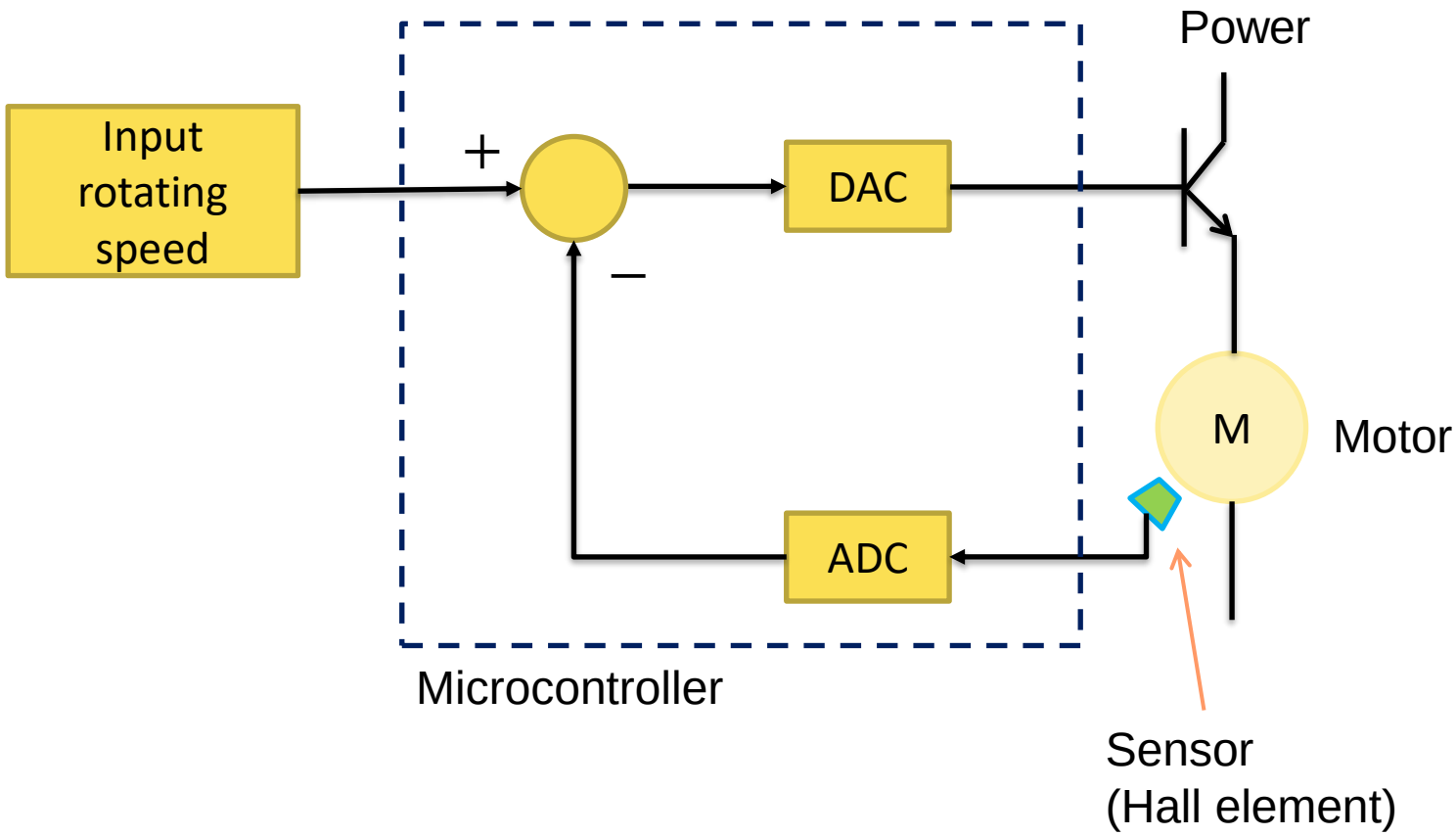
Real-time process

- NOT “the execution speed is fast”.

- Execution time must be accurate.
- Execution time must be estimated.

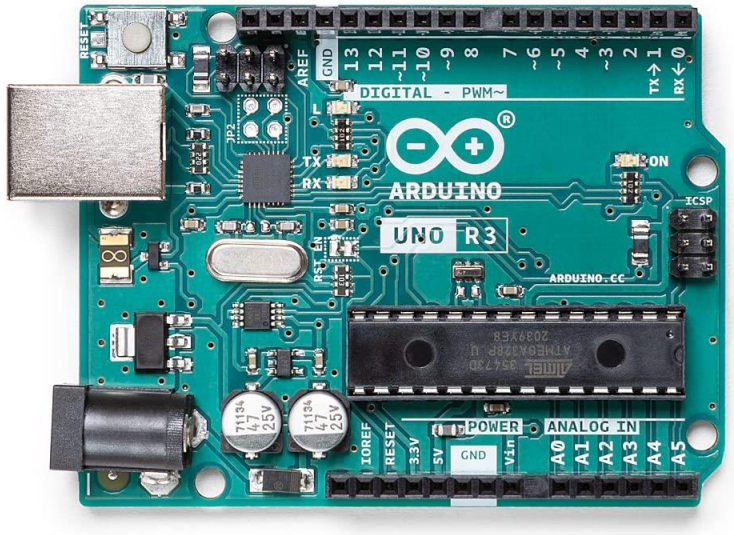
Real-time system

- Control the motor speed

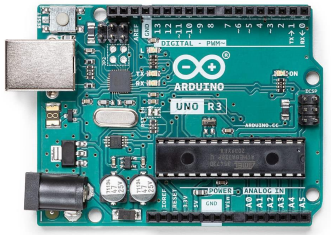


（Processor example）
ATmega328

- Used in Arduino
- It has all the features you need in a computer.
  - CPU (8Bit Bus, 16MHz)
  - 32KB ROM(Flash)
  - 2KB SRAM
  - I/O
  - ADC, DAC
  - Hardware interruption



Computer / Micro-controller



Processing Power	64bit CPU 3.2 GHz 8GB Memory	8bit CPU 16 MHz 2KB Memory
Realtime processing (Processing Cycle)	100Hz	10 KHz

DEMO

```
led1 = GPIO.new(0)

while true do
  led1.write 1
  sleep 0.5
  led1.write 0
  sleep 0.5
end
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while true do
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  sleep 0.5
end
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led1 = GPIO.new(5)

while true do
  led1.write 1
  sleep 0.6
  led1.write 0
  sleep 0.6
end
```

Embedded system development

- Requires development of both hardware and software
  - Both Knowledge
- Hardware development
  - A small computer called a microcontroller
  - Processor, memory, etc.
- Software development
  - Requires “cross development”

Software development (for general-purpose systems)

- Write programs using a PC keyboard and display.
- Run the developed program on the PC.
- Easy to develop.

Software development (for embedded systems)

- Write a program on PC.
- Transfer the developed program to the hardware (microcontroller).
- Run the developed program on the microcontroller.

embedded system development

- Technology for both hardware and software is necessary
  - Both hardware and software knowledge
  - Hardware: has some limitation, physical law
  - Software: no limitation, anything allowed

To solve the issues,

- Reduce the lines of code
- Reuse previously developed software, libraries
- Increase software readability

- Reduce development time
- Increase reliability
- Rapid software development

Embedded system development

- KEY is the development of software part
  - Development time (productivity, cost)
  - Product safety and reliability

- Consider the software product development
  - It is rare to create whole new code
  - Combine existing functions

Embedded development methodology and approach

- Traditional waterfall cannot handle increasing complexity and diversity of software

- Model Based Development (MBD)
  - Use modeling methods - improve quality
- Formal Method
  - Define rigorous specifications - improve quality
- Functional Safety
  - Operate safely in principle - Quality Improvement

Model Based Development (MBD)

- Design software using models (mainly diagrams and tables)
  - Development workload is reduced because it is possible to concentrate on the scope of the model
- Popular modeling methods
  - UML diagrams
  - Data flow diagrams (DFD)
  - State transition diagrams

How to eliminate program bugs?

- The easiest and most reliable way
  - Do not write programs (code)

- Diagrams and tables
  - Easy to find errors
  - Everyone will have the same understanding (Prevent misunderstanding)

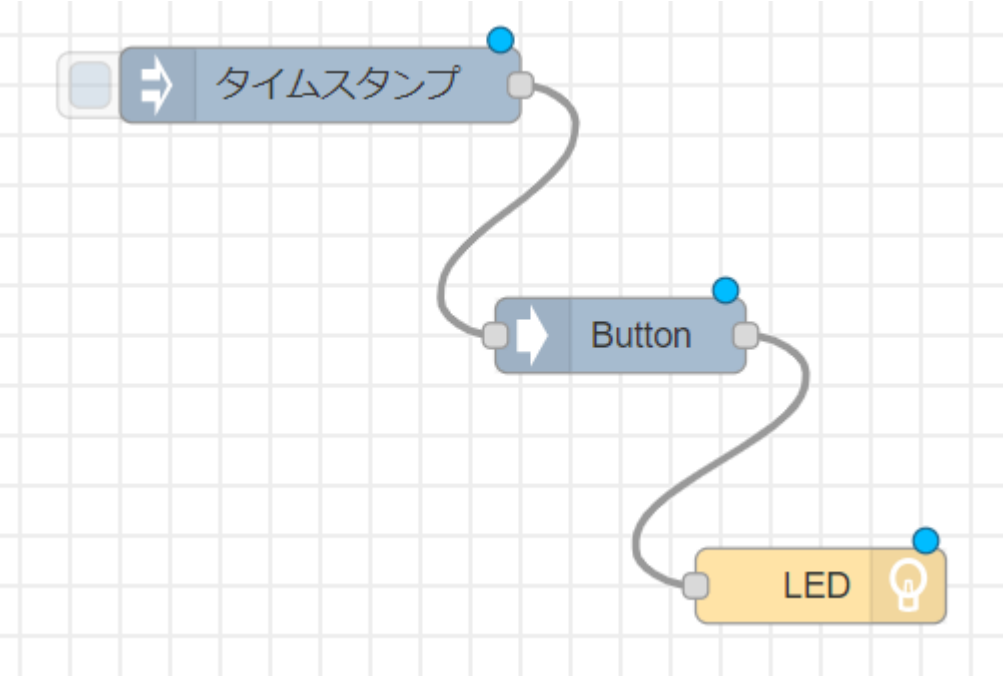
Dataflow diagrams (DFD)

- Represent the flow of data (sequence of processing) as a combination of diagrams

- Create blocks of functions (frequently used functions)
- Connect functions each other by wire (directed graphs)

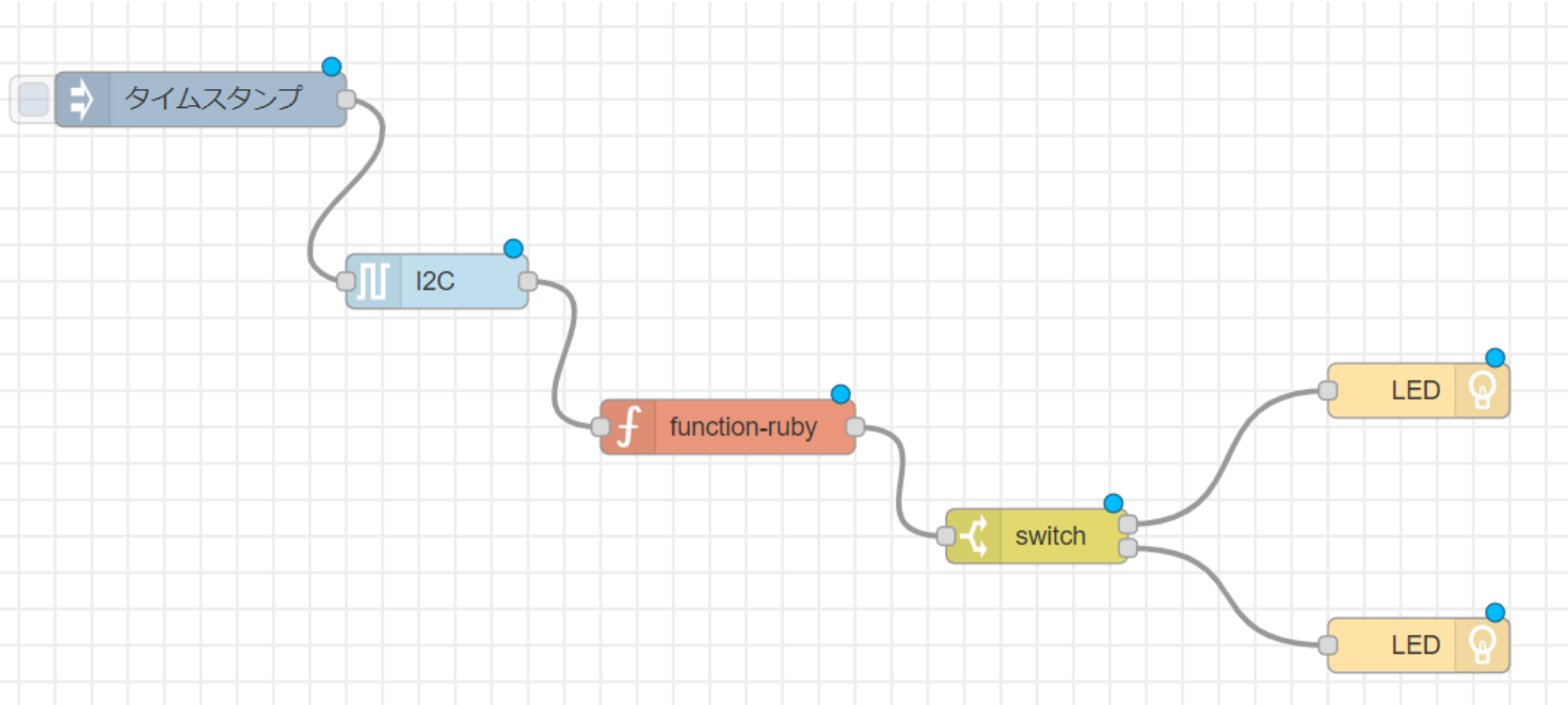
Example of data flow diagram

- LED lights up when button is pressed



Example of data flow diagram 2

- Get values from sensor and convert value
- Turns on LEDs according to the values



functional safety

- Intrinsic Safety and Functional Safety

- Intrinsic Safety
  - Removing Hazards (remove whole risk)
- Functional safety
  - Use functions that ensure safety

Examples of Intrinsic and Functional Safety

Risk of train accidents
(e.g., train-vehicle collisions)

Intrinsic Safety

Elevated railroad

Functional safety

Railroad crossing

Conclusion

- Embedded Systems Development
  - Hardware and software development
  - Large proportion of software
  - Software development with less hardware dependence is required
- Real-time performance
- Using models (MBD)
- Using Graphs (DFD)

Society in the future

- Industrial Revolution
  - The 4th Industrial Revolution
  - Major changes in social structure due to technological innovation
  - IoT and AI creates a better society, changing society

- Engineering (hardware and software) becomes more important
  - Programming skill is must

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