

PD / PI / PID Controller Design

10-Step Process
(with PID Position-Control Example)

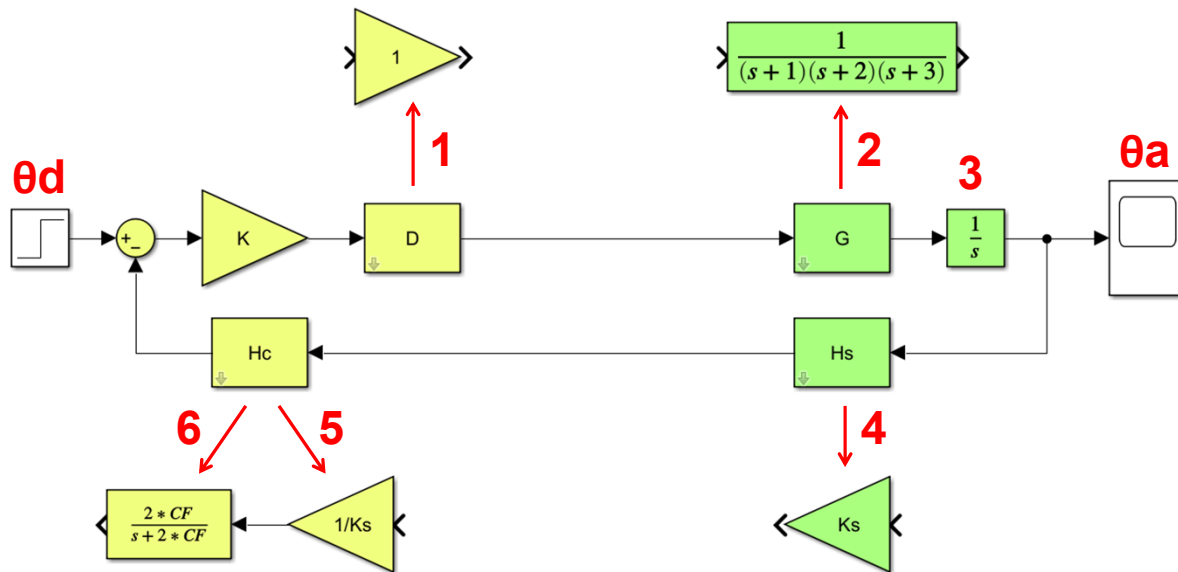
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Step 1a : System Identification



1) Controller Dynamics

- No dynamics \rightarrow Proportional Control

2) System Model

- Linearize
- 2nd Order Approximation
- State-Space Model and/or Transfer Function

3) Integrate

- Transform Speed \rightarrow Position

4) Sensor Model

- Often just a Sensor Gain
- Include Sensor Dynamics if present

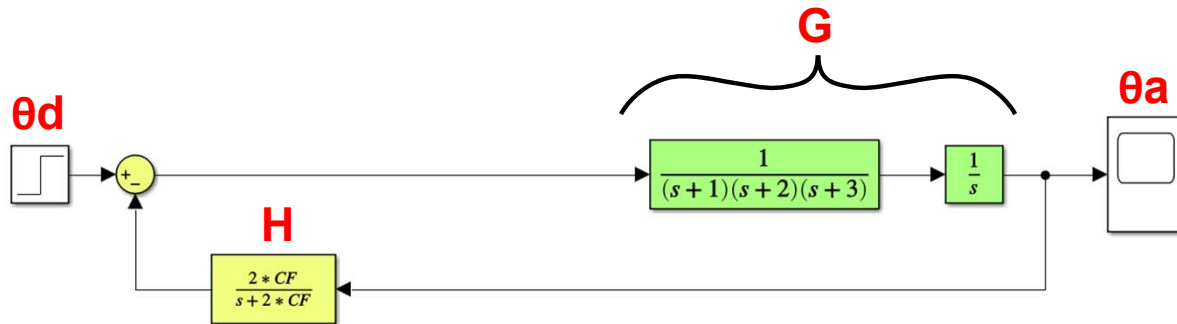
5) Controller Feedback Gain

- Compensate for Sensor Gain
- Entire Feedback Path must have Unity Gain

6) Controller Feedback Dynamics

- Control Frequency from ISR Execution Time + Safety Factor
- Implement PID Controller for Worst-Case Execution Time

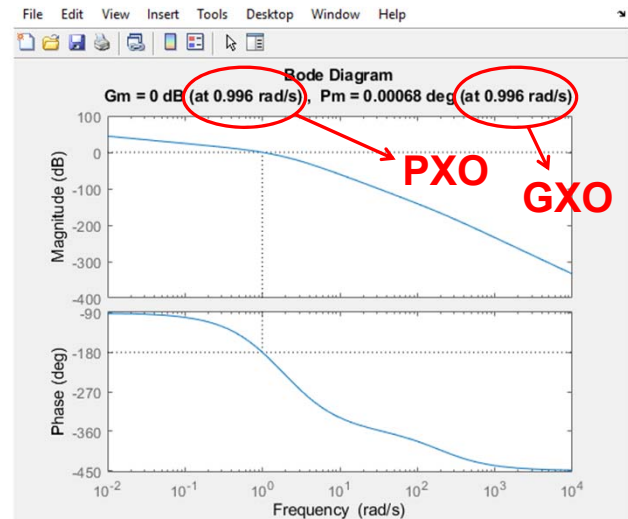
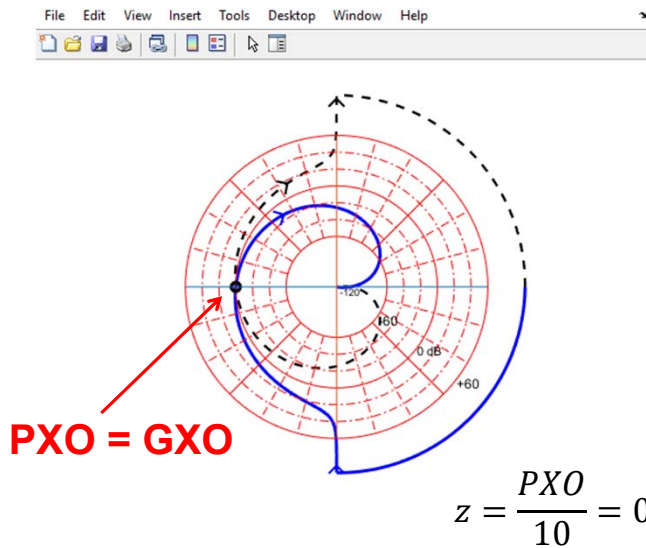
Step 1b : Mathematical Equivalent



Initial System Model

- Many blocks cancel out
- Simple mathematical equivalent
- Use to CHECK model (GH)

Step 2 : Marginally Stable Reference



Find Kappa

- Use ***margin(GH)***
- Kappa = Ultimate Gain using P-Control

Generate Nyquist Contour

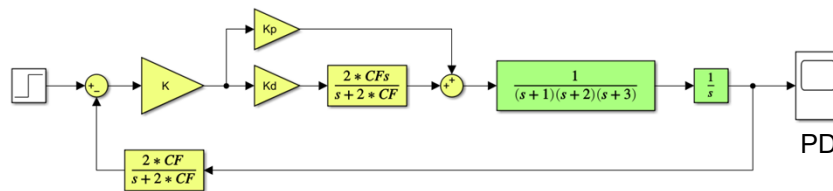
- Use ***nyqlog(KGH)***
- Marginally Stable reference figure
- GXO = PXO

Find PXO

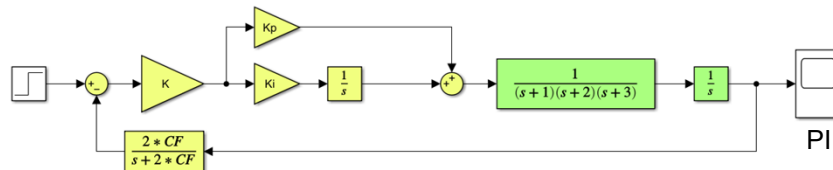
- Use ***margin(GH)*** or ***margin(KGH)***
- GXO affected by Gain
- PXO NOT affected by Gain

Step 3 : Controller Dynamics

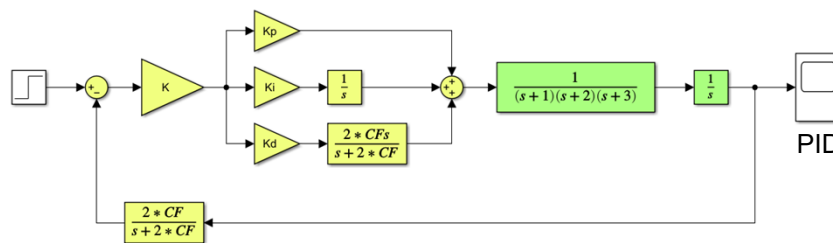
$$z = \frac{PXO}{10} = 0.1$$



$$D = K_p + K_d \frac{2CFs}{s + 2CF}$$



$$D = K_p + K_i \frac{1}{s}$$



$$D = K_p + K_i \frac{1}{s} + K_d \frac{2CFs}{s + 2CF}$$

Zero Location

- $z = PXO/10$

PD Controller (zero @ -z)

- $K_p = 1$
- $K_d = 1/z - 1/p$

PI Controller (zero @ -z)

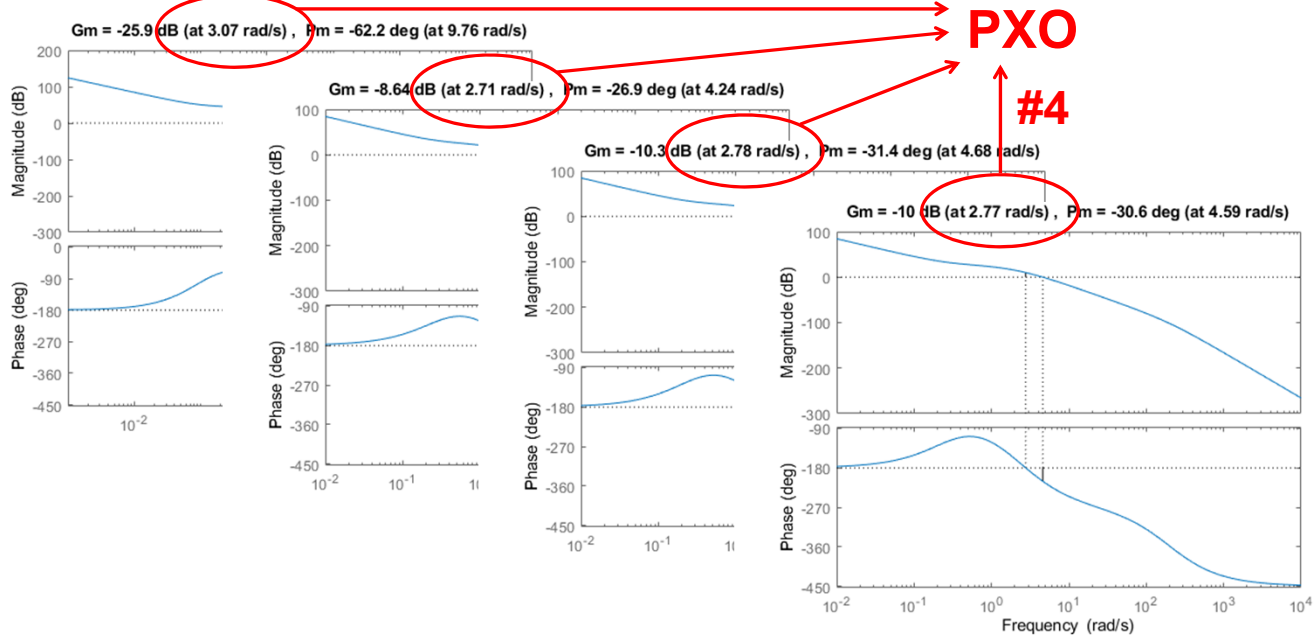
- $K_p = 1/z$
- $K_i = 1$

PID Controller (double-zero @ -z)

- $K_p = 2/z - 1/p$
- $K_i = 1$
- $K_d = 1/z^2 - K_p/p$

Step 4 : Iterate

$\text{margin}(\mathcal{K}DGH)$



Controller Dynamics

- Use $\text{margin}(\mathcal{K}DGH)$ to find new PXO
- Use new PXO to adjust Zero(s)
- Re-compute Controller Dynamics
- Repeat until PXO stops changing

Multiple Solutions

- When phase = -180 at multiple frequencies you get multiple solutions
- Choose lowest frequency solution (closest to $j\omega$ axis on pole-zero plot)

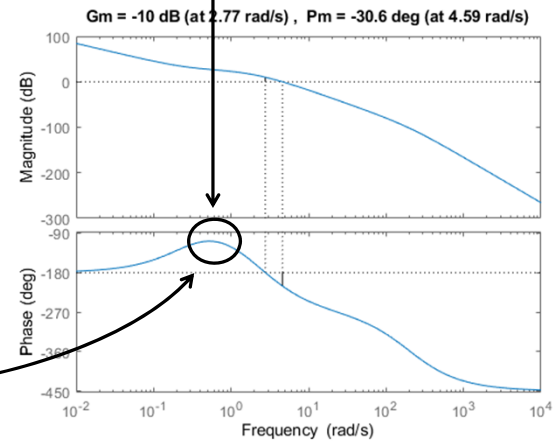
Step 5 : Identify Corner Frequency

nyqlog(K_DG*H)



**Dynamics
Creates
Region with
Large PM**

$$\omega_c \approx 0.55$$



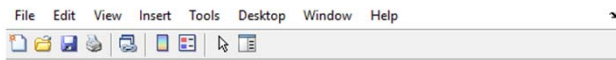
Corner Frequency

- Results from zero placement
- Large PM at that frequency
- Peak in Phase Bode plot
- Lookup frequency on Nyquist or Bode

Step 6 : Initial Gain

$$K_0 = \frac{1}{\text{abs}(\text{freqresp}(DGH, \omega_c))} \approx 0.44$$

nyqlog(**DGH**)



nyqlog(**K₀DGH**)



Maximize
PM

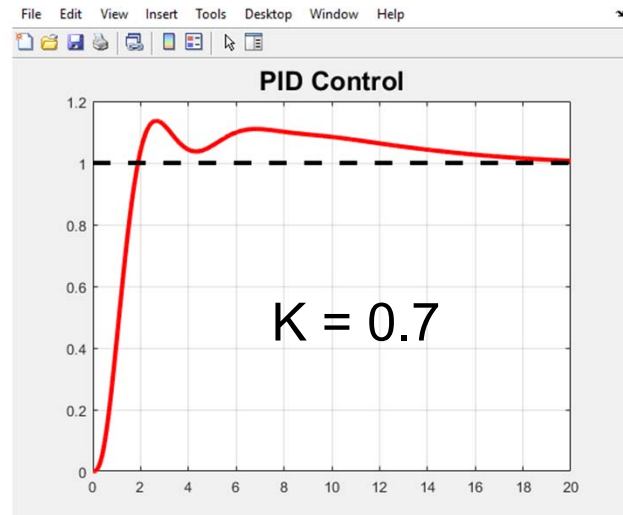
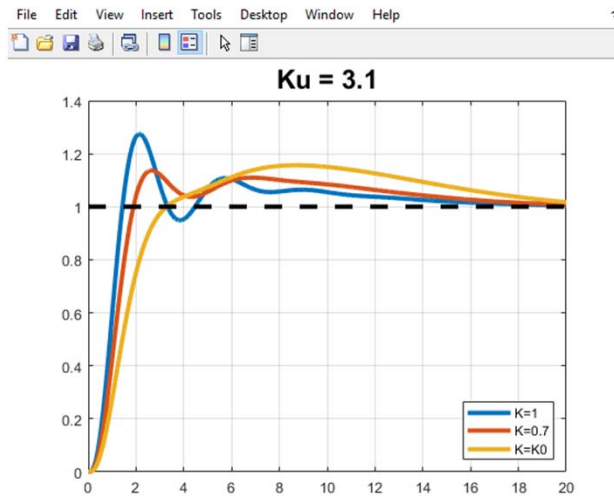
Corner Frequency

- Remove K to simplify math
- Use *freqresp()*
- Find gain of **DGH** at ω_c

Applying Gain K₀

- Corner intersects 0dB iso-line
- PM maximized

Step 7 : Tune Gain



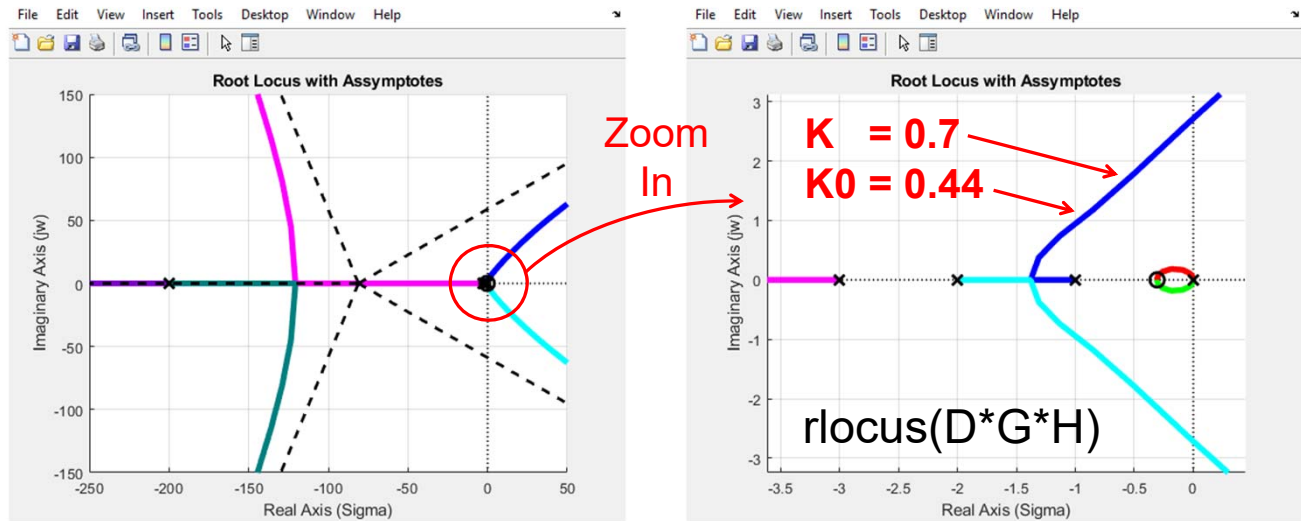
Plot Step Response

- Compute Closed-Loop transfer function
- Plot step response for range of K values

Choose best compromise

- Consult RCGs

Step 7b : Check Root Locus

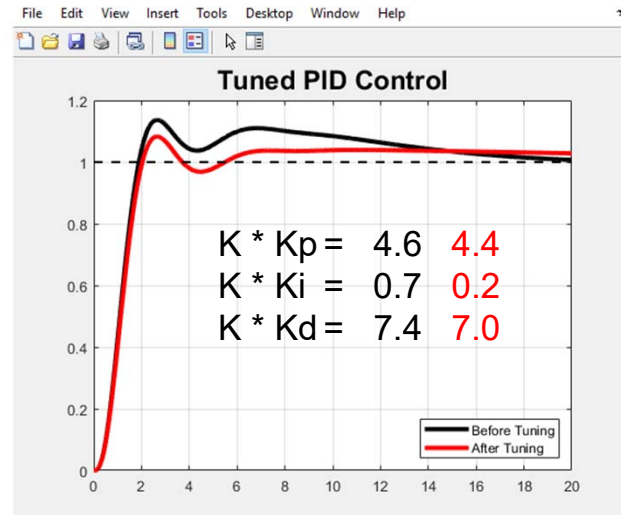


Root Locus (DGH)

- Never include gain K in RL plots
- Zoom in on Dominant Roots
- OL Poles & Zeros as expected?
- Least stable poles attracted to zeros?

Step 8a : Heuristic Tune

- Controller Gain $K \uparrow$
 - $\uparrow K_p, K_i, K_d$ Simultaneously
 - Poles follow Root Locus
- Proportional Gain $K_p \uparrow$
 - \downarrow Rise Time & Steady-State Error
 - \uparrow Overshoot
- Integral Gain $K_i \uparrow$
 - \downarrow Steady-State Error
 - \uparrow Overshoot, Settle Time
- Derivative Gain $K_d \uparrow$
 - \downarrow Overshoot, Settle Time
 - Destabilizes when too large
 - Depends on filter pole



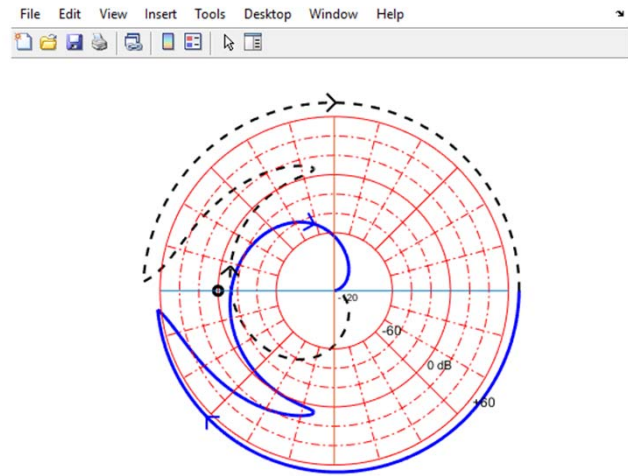
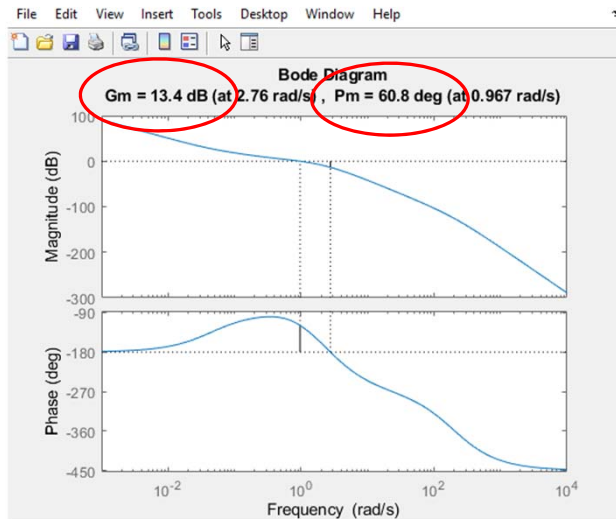
Adjust Individual Gains

- #1 – K_i & K
 - Balance overshoot & steady-state error
- #2 – K_p & K
 - Balance rise time & stability
- #3 – K_d & K
 - Maximize stability

Repeat until satisfied

- Small increments
- Record good combinations

Step 8b : Evaluate Margins



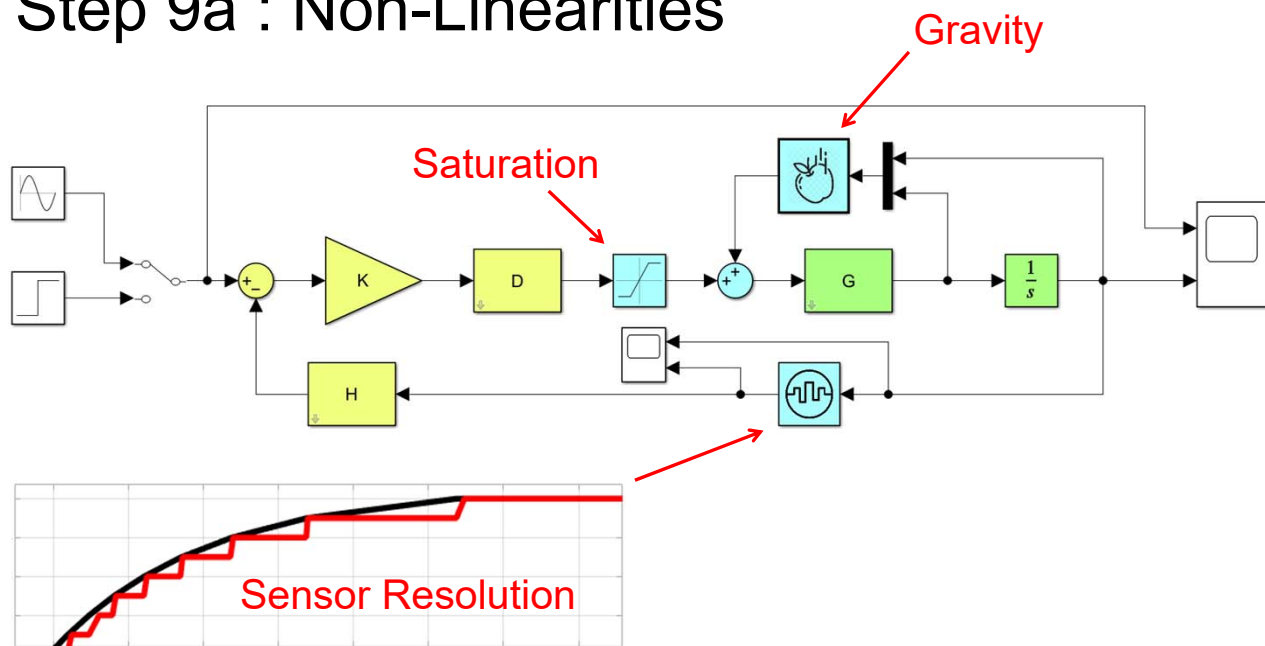
Generate Bode & Nyquist plots

- Evaluate GM
- Evaluate PM

Check

- Higher margins → Reduced sensitivity

Step 9a : Non-Linearities



Transfer to Simulink

- **Control System Toolbox / LTI System** block for transfer functions
- Non-linearities convenient to model in Simulink

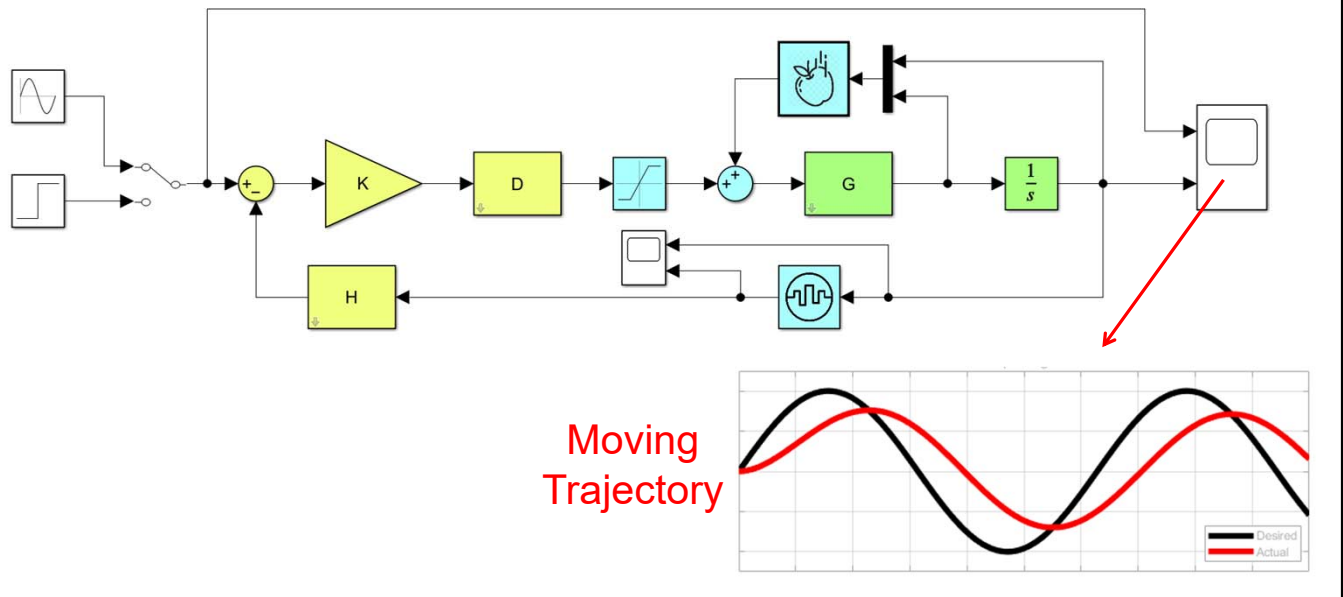
Add Non-Linearities

- **Discontinuities / Saturation** for Voltage / Current limits
- **Math Operations / Floor** for resolution
- **User Defined Functions / MATLAB function** for custom equations (Gravity / Friction)
- Explore all Simulink libraries for other features

Results Not Acceptable

- Adjust RCGs
- Go to Step 7

Step 9b : Application Requirements



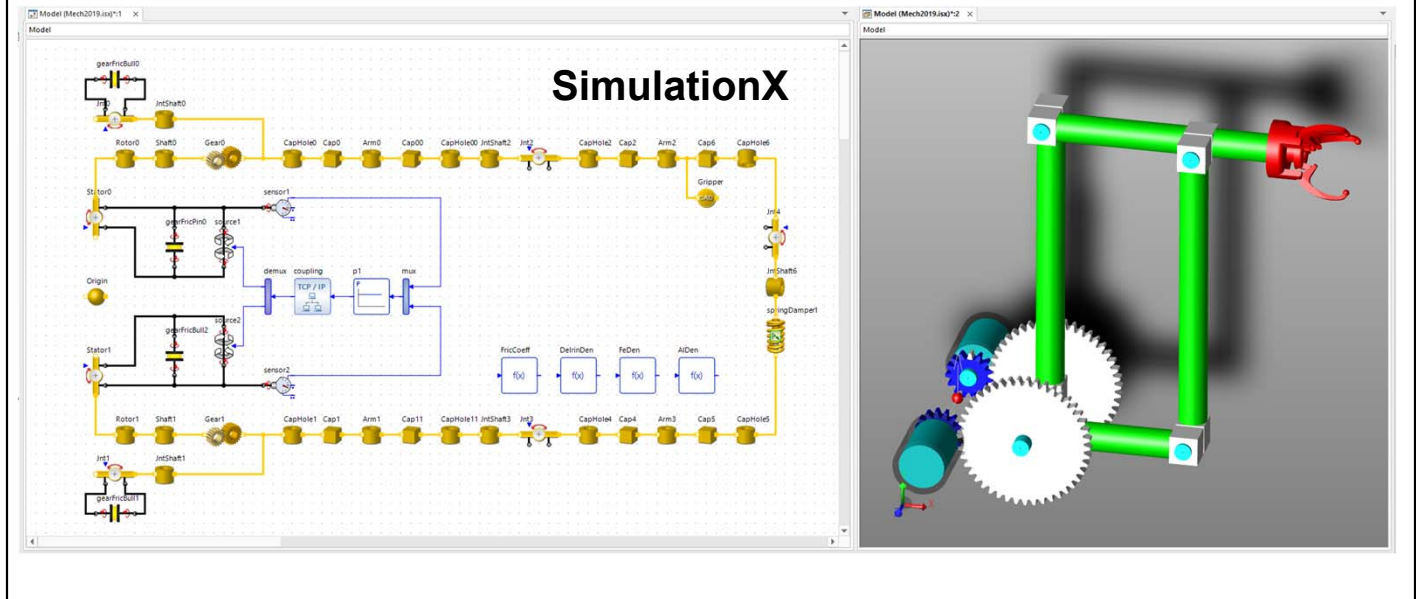
Replace Step Input with Sine Input

- Evaluate Delay
- Overshoot eliminated by moving target
- Better tracking when **STABILITY REDUCED**

Results Not Acceptable

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Step 10 : Practical Implementation



Results similar?

- Fix bugs
- Repeat process

Results acceptable?

- Heuristic Tune
- Use Intended System during tuning