

Lab: Practical Demonstration of P, I, and PI Controllers

****Objective:****

To comprehend and compare the functionalities of P-Controller, I-Controller, and PI-Controller through MATLAB and Simulink simulations using a second-order system.

****Equipment:****

- MATLAB software with Simulink
- Computer with adequate processing capabilities

****System Description:****

Utilize a second-order system, such as a mass-spring-damper system, represented by a transfer function $G(s) = 1/(s^2 + 2s + 1)$. This system mimics physical elements like a mass (inertia), spring (elasticity), and damper (damping). The system provides an appropriate platform to analyze the controller behaviors.

****Setup:****

****Part 1: P-Controller****

1. ****Modeling:****

- Construct a Simulink model integrating the second-order system with a P-Controller.
- Apply a step input signal to the system.
- Adjust the proportional gain (K_p) in the P-Controller.

2. ****Simulation:****

- Run simulations with varying K_p values.
- Observe the system's response in terms of overshoot, settling time, and steady-state error.

3. ****Observation:****

- Analyze the impact of different K_p values on system response.
- Note the trade-offs between overshoot reduction and steady-state error.

****Part 2: I-Controller****

1. ****Modeling:****

- Modify the Simulink model by including an integrator to create an I-Controller setup.

2. ****Simulation:****

- Apply the same step input signal to the system.
- Experiment with different integral gain (K_i) values.
- Run simulations and observe the system's response.

3. ****Observation:****

- Analyze the reduction in steady-state error with varying K_i values.
- Note the impact on response time and any trade-offs observed.

****Part 3: PI-Controller****

1. **Modeling:**

- Combine the P-Controller and I-Controller configurations to form a PI-Controller setup.

2. **Simulation:**

- Utilize various combinations of K_p and K_i values.
- Run simulations and observe the combined effects of proportional and integral actions.

3. **Observation:**

- Analyze how the PI-Controller mitigates steady-state errors and response time trade-offs observed with the P and I-Controllers.

****Conclusion:****

- Summarize the distinct roles of proportional and integral actions in the P, I, and PI-Controllers.
- Discuss the combined effect of proportional and integral actions in addressing system responses and minimizing steady-state errors, based on the second-order system's behavior.