

# < Digital Control System >

## o Objective

- Understand the architecture of Digital Control Systems.
- Discrete-time controller design via approximate discretization.

## o Analog vs. Digital Control

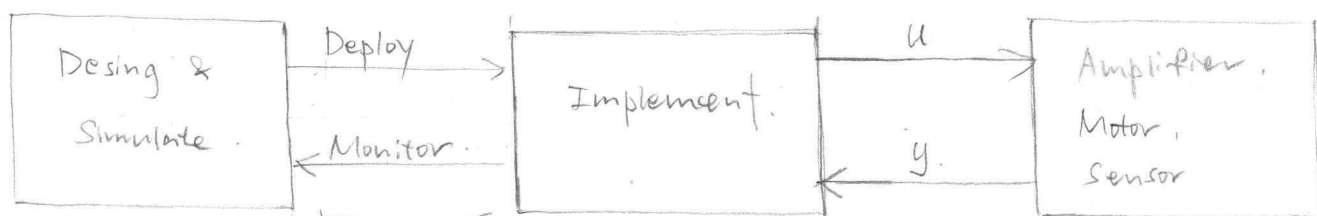
- Controller  $C(s)$  can be implemented with analog circuits, or
- We could design  $C(z)$  for digital implementation.

## o Digital Control Hardware

### < Host Computer >

### < Target Computer >

### < plant >



Non-deterministic  
Communication  
e.g.) Ethernet, USB, WiFi

Deterministic  
Communication  
e.g. Analog (ADC / DAC)  
Digital (PWM / Serial).

Non real-time OS  
e.g.) Linux / Windows

Real-time OS (e.g. RT Linux)  
or, without OS.

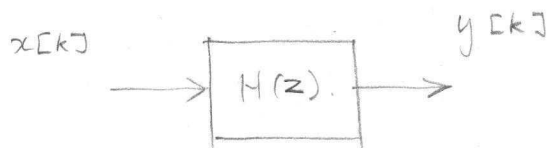
Design & Simulate  
Control algorithms.

Implement control algorithms.

Other names { real-time controller  
real-time target  
controller

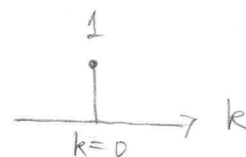
Example { Industrial PC (IPC)  
Programmable Automation Controller (PAC)  
Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)  
Microcontroller / DSP / FPGA

# Discrete-time Systems.



## Impulse response

When  $x[k] = \delta[k]$  "Kronecker delta"



$y[k] = h[k]$  is the impulse response.

## DT Transfer function.

$$H(z) = \sum \{ h[k] \}$$

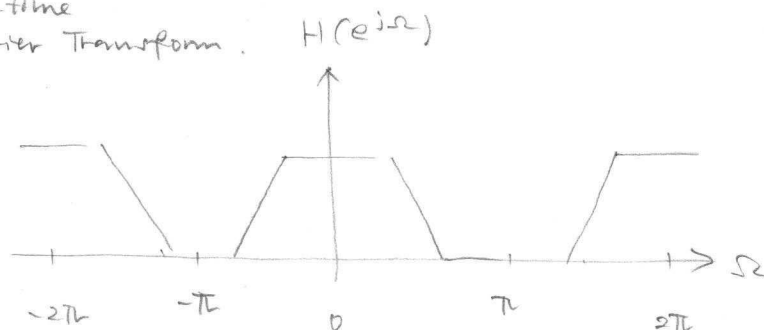
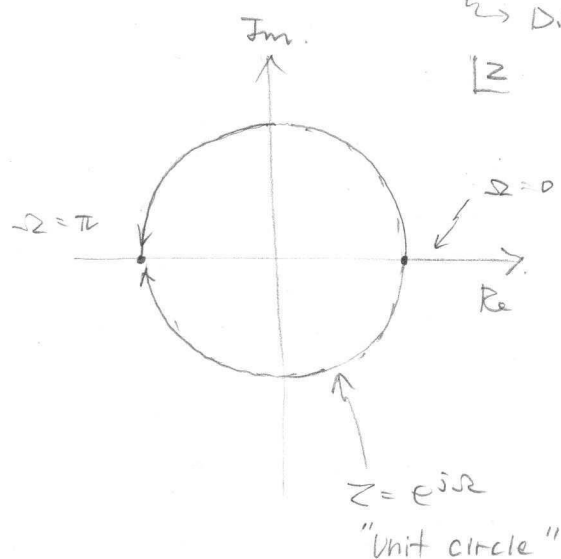
$$= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] z^{-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h[k] z^{-k} \quad \text{if } h[k] = 0 \text{ for } k < 0 \text{ "causal"}$$

## DT Frequency response

$$H(e^{j\Omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] e^{-j\Omega k} = H(z) \Big|_{z=e^{j\Omega}}$$

Discrete-time Fourier Transform.



DTFT is periodic!

- Note that DT signals & systems can exist for its own sake.
- No need to consider underlying CT signals & system.

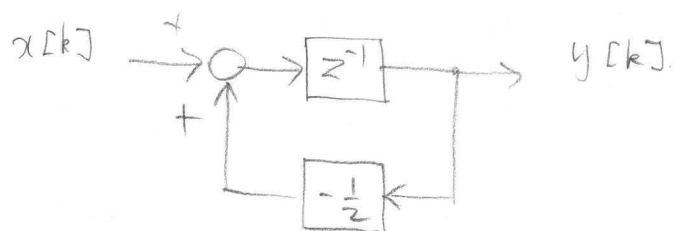
Example :

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{1}{z + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{z^{-1}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}$$

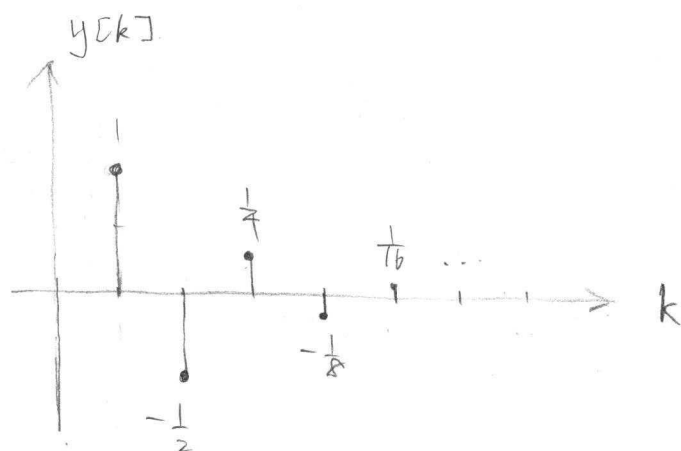
$$\rightarrow Y(z) (1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}) = X(z) z^{-1}$$

$$\xrightarrow{z^{-1}} y[k] = x[k-1] - \frac{1}{2} y[k-1]$$

Block Diagram

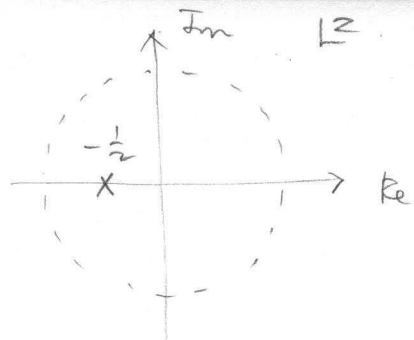


Impulse Response ( $x[k] = \delta[k]$ )

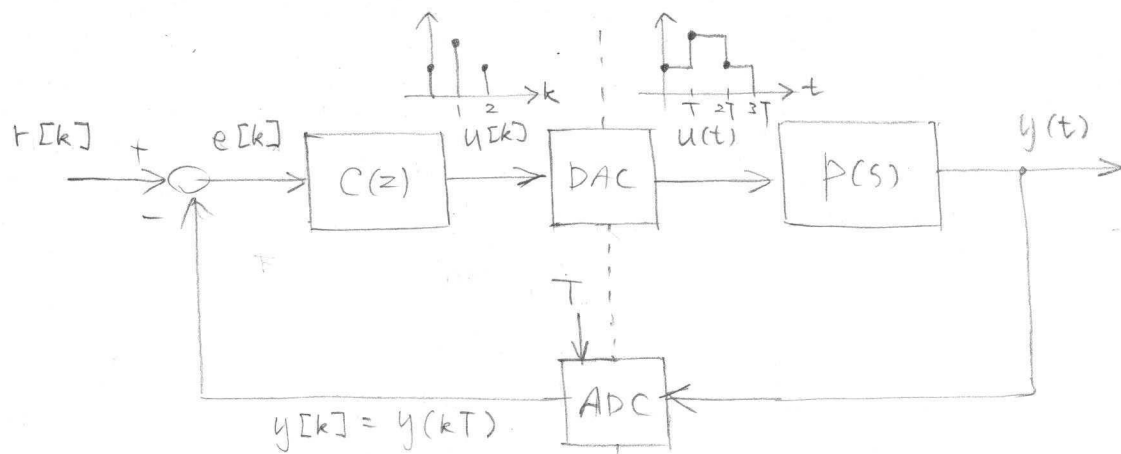


$$H(e^{j\Omega}) = \frac{1}{e^{j\Omega} + \frac{1}{2}} \quad |H(e^{j\Omega})| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(e^{j\Omega} + \frac{1}{2})(e^{-j\Omega} + \frac{1}{2})}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + 1 + \frac{e^{j\Omega} + e^{-j\Omega}}{2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{5}{4} + \cos \Omega}}$$

Note that  $H(e^{j\Omega})$  is periodic with period  $2\pi$ .



## ◦ Sampled-data Systems (DT control of CT system)



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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Discrete-Time Signals | • Continuous-Time Signals |
| • Difference Equations  | • Differential Equations  |

## ◦ Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)

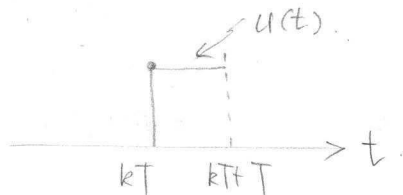
- Actual ADC takes finite time for conversion (latency).

Modeled here as an instantaneous sampler :  $y[k] = y(kT)$

- Actual ADC has finite resolution (e.g. 16 bits)
- DT signals "quantized" in amplitude  $\rightarrow$  Digital signals.
- For now, we assume ADCs with infinite resolution.

## ◦ Digital to Analog Converter (DAC)

- Extrapolates a CT signal from the past DT samples.
- Most DACs for control implement "zero-order hold" extrapolation.



$$u(t) = U[k] \quad (kT \leq t < kT + T)$$

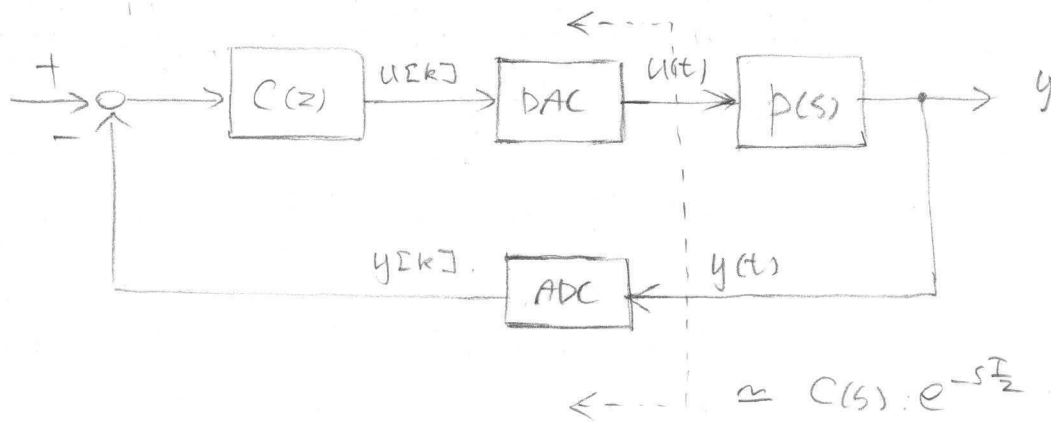
## ◦ Sampling Frequency : $f_s = \frac{1}{T}$ ( $\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ )

- Select  $f_s$  such that  $f_s > 10 f_c$  at least. ( $f_c = 2\pi \omega_c$ )

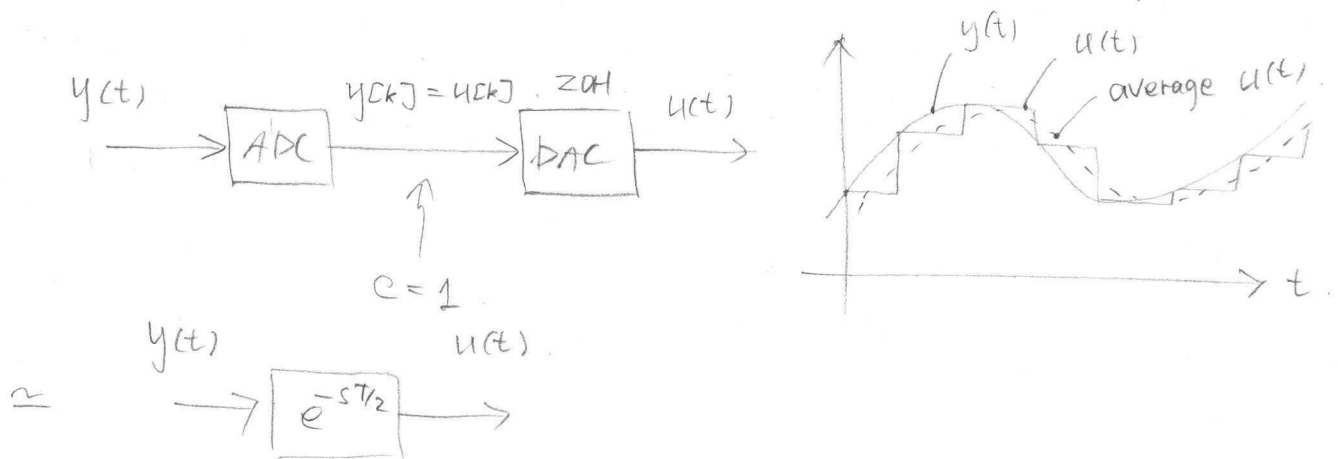
$$\begin{cases} f_s > 20 f_c & : \text{Less worries about DT effect} \\ f_s < 20 f_c & : \text{Need to account for DT effect} \end{cases}$$

$\uparrow$   
crossover freq.

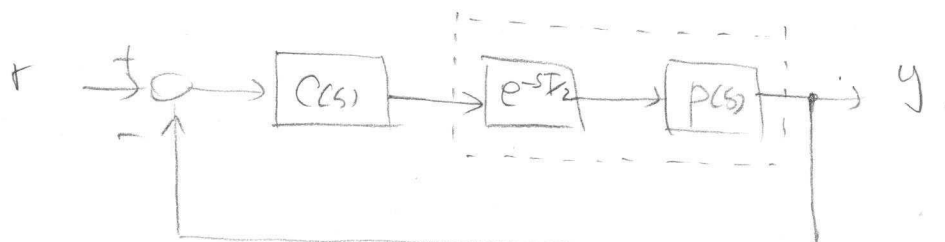
- Indirect design via DT approximations. (a.k.a. Emulation).



- We design a CT controller  $C(s)$  and find a DT controller  $C(z)$  that approximately implements  $C(s)$ .
- It gives satisfactory results especially when the delay is accounted for.
- The ZOH can be modeled as a half-sample delay.



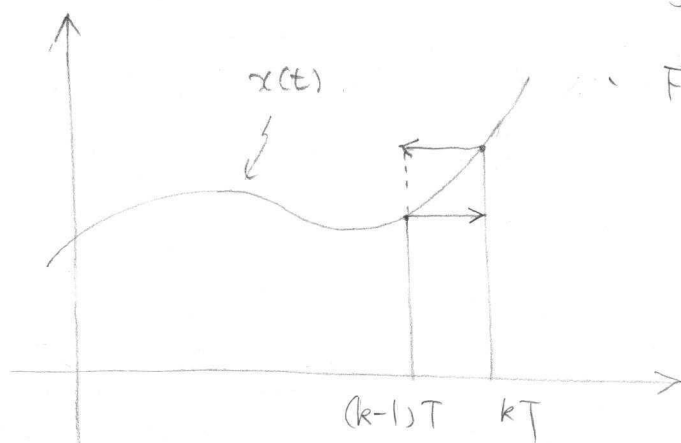
- The delay can be absorbed to the plant and we design  $C(s)$  for  $P(s) \cdot e^{-sT/2}$ .



o Discrete-time Approximation Methods. (a.k.a Discrete Equivalents)

① Numerical Integration.

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(t) \cdot dt$$

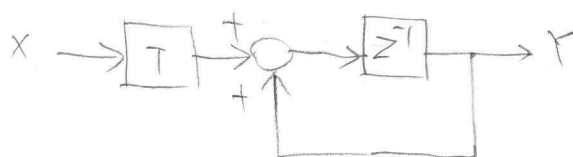


Find  $y[k]$  that approximates  $y(t)$ .

- Forward rectangular method (Euler method)

$$y[k] = y[k-1] + x[k-1] \cdot T$$

$$Y(z) (1 - z^{-1}) = X(z) z^{-1} T \quad \therefore \frac{Y}{X} = T \left( \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1}} \right)$$

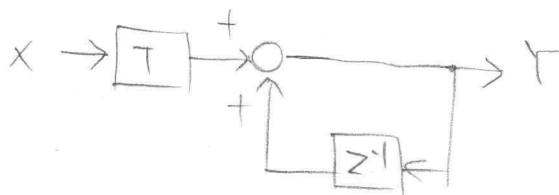


$$S \leftarrow \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1}}$$

- Backward rectangular method:

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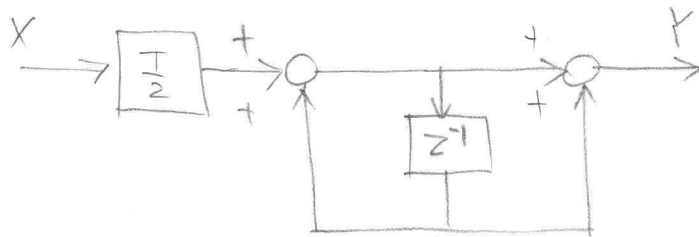


$$S \leftarrow \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$$

- Bilinear / Trapezoidal / Tustin method.

$$y[k] = y[k-1] + \frac{T}{2} (x[k] + x[k-1])$$

$$Y(z)(1-z^{-1}) = \frac{T}{2} X(z)(1+z^{-1}) \quad \therefore \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{T}{2} \frac{1+z^{-1}}{1-z^{-1}}$$



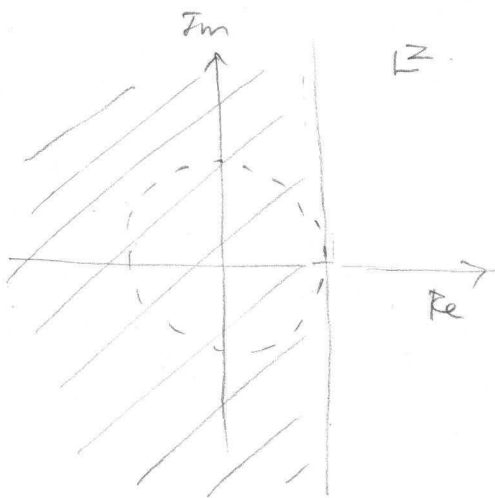
$$s \leftarrow \frac{2}{T} \frac{z-1}{z+1}$$

MATLAB command: `c2d` with 'tustin' option.

Simulink / dSPACE uses the Euler method by default, which can map a stable CT system to an unstable DT system.

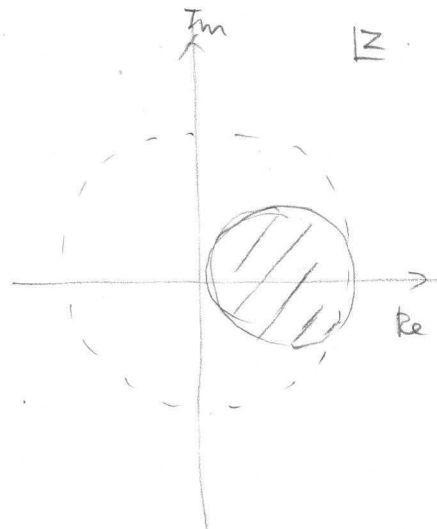
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$$z = 1 + Ts$$



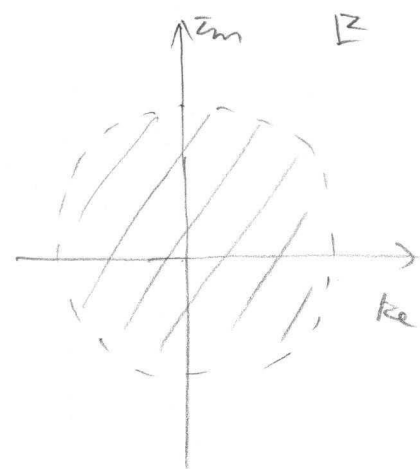
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$$z = \frac{1}{1-Ts}$$



< Tustin. >

$$z = \frac{1+Ts/2}{1-Ts/2}$$



LHP in s-domain maps to the shaded region of each z-domain.

## ② zero-pole matching method (FPW. ch 6.2)

poles & zeros of  $H(s)$   $\xrightarrow{z = e^{sT}}$  poles & zeros of  $H(z)$ .

MATLAB command : `c2d` with 'matched' option

• Once  $C(z)$  is obtained, we can implement it into a target computer

i) Directly in forms of DT transfer function using, for example, Simulink or LabVIEW.

ii) Convert it into the corresponding difference equation and implement it using text-based programming lang.