

goal: techniques for analysis, design,  
 & implementation of the most  
 ubiquitous control architecture

*Based on a survey of over eleven thousand controllers in the refining, chemicals and pulp and paper industries, 97% of regulatory controllers utilize a PID feedback control algorithm.*

L. Desborough and R. Miller, 2002 [DM02a].

1°. essentials of feedback control

[AMU2 ch 11]

1. a simple controller

[Nu7 Ch 9.4]

## 1.2. implementation issues

# 1. essentials of feedback control

- take a step back and reflect on:

what feedback does

How it does it

- make output ( $y$ ) track reference ( $r$ )
- reject disturbances to inputs ( $v$ ) and outputs ( $w$ )
- provide robustness to model inaccuracies, uncertain design parameters (i.e. spec sheet tolerances)

- the measured signal  $y$  and commanded  $u, r$  including their time histories

- prior knowledge, eg of process dynamics, statistics of disturbances, model uncertainty

PID design tries not to rely on this

1'. a simple controller

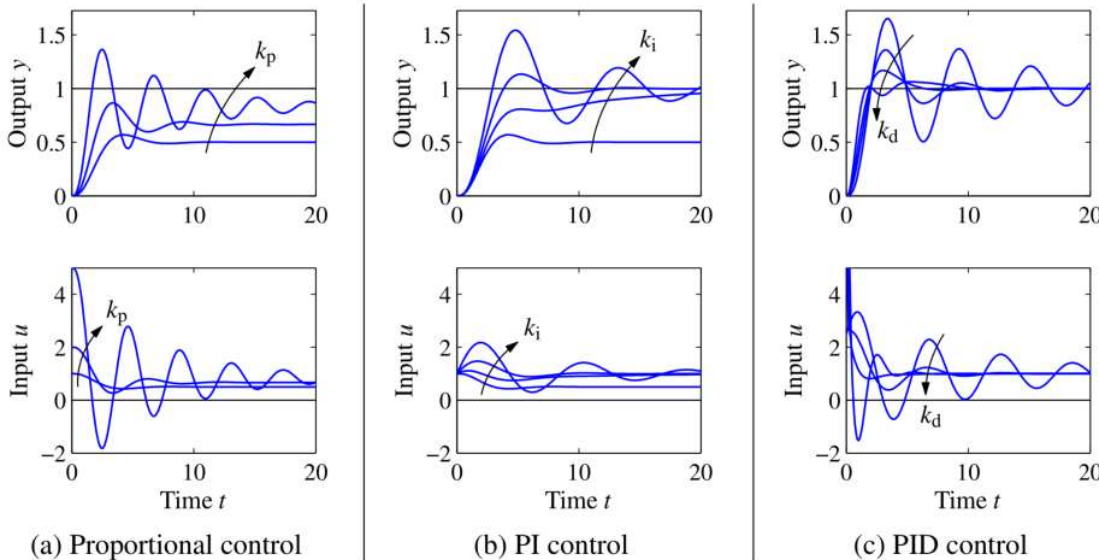
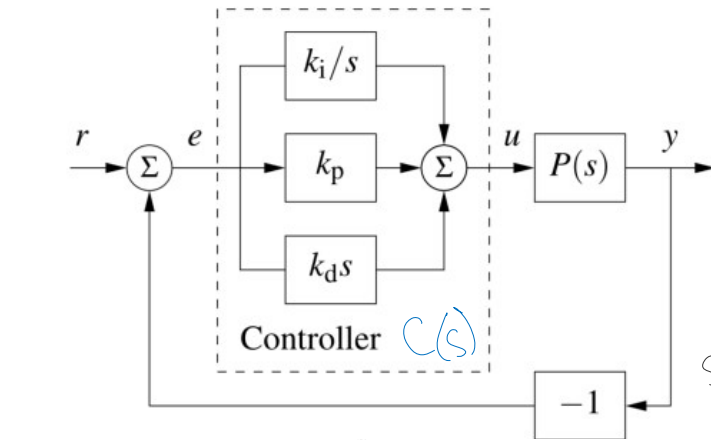
1. a simple controller

• consider the simplest controller that doesn't rely on prior knowledge  
 → use linear combination of:

P — present error  $e = r - y$   
 I — (integral of) past error  
 D — (prediction of) future error using linear extrapolation

$$C(s) = k_p + \frac{k_I}{s} + k_D s$$

$$u(t) = k_p e(t) + k_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + k_D \frac{de(t)}{dt}$$



→ describe trends in transient & steady-state as  $k_p, k_I, k_D$  vary

**Figure 11.2:** Responses to step changes in the reference value for a system with a proportional controller (a), PI controller (b) and PID controller (c). The process has the transfer function  $P(s) = 1/(s+1)^3$ , the proportional controller has parameters  $k_p = 1, 2$  and  $5$ , the PI controller has parameters  $k_p = 1, k_i = 0, 0.2, 0.5$ , and  $1$ , and the PID controller has parameters  $k_p = 2.5, k_i = 1.5$  and  $k_d = 0, 1, 2$ , and  $4$ .

12. implementation issues

• we have an elegant mathematical formula:

$$u(t) = k_p e(t) \quad \text{proportional} \\ + k_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau \quad \text{integral}$$

signals lost / interrupted / etc  
 — initial error  $e(0)$ ?  
 — "windup" — overflow, large inputs

$$+ k_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau \quad \text{integral}$$

$$+ k_D \frac{d}{dt} e(t) \quad \text{derivative}$$

- "windup" - overflow, large inputs
- real signals, eg ref., aren't differentiable!
- measurement noise

→ what practical issues could arise when this formula is implemented on actual hardware, eg digital microcontroller or analogue RLC/op-amp circuit?

\* how to choose gains  $k_p, k_I, k_D$  in reality?

1° use a simulation/model of your system

2° use a gain-tuning procedure

• the first / most widely-used rules were developed by Ziegler & Nichols in the 1940s

- heuristic rules hand-designed by trial & error

- guaranteed to work for  $P(s) = \frac{e^{-sT}}{s+a}$  — delay duration  $T$   
— one pole @  $-a$

1° set  $k_I, k_D = 0$

2° increase  $k_p$  until system oscillates w/ period  $T_c \rightarrow k_p^*$

3° Nyquist stability criterion tells us that open-loop transfer function  $L(s) = C(s)P(s) = k_p^* P(s)$

passes through critical point  $-1 \in \mathbb{C}$  at frequency  $\omega_c = \frac{2\pi}{T_c}$

→ use the following table to choose gains:

| Type | $k_p$      | $T_i = 1/k_I$ | $T_d = 1/k_D$ |
|------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| P    | $0.5k_p^*$ |               |               |

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|------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| P    | $0.5k_c$ |                       |                       |
| PI   | $0.4k_c$ | $0.8T_c$              |                       |
| PID  | $0.6k_c$ | $0.5T_c$              | $0.125T_c$            |

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