Principles of Cyber-Physical Systems

Chapter 1: Introduction

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Embedded Software Systems Everywhere!







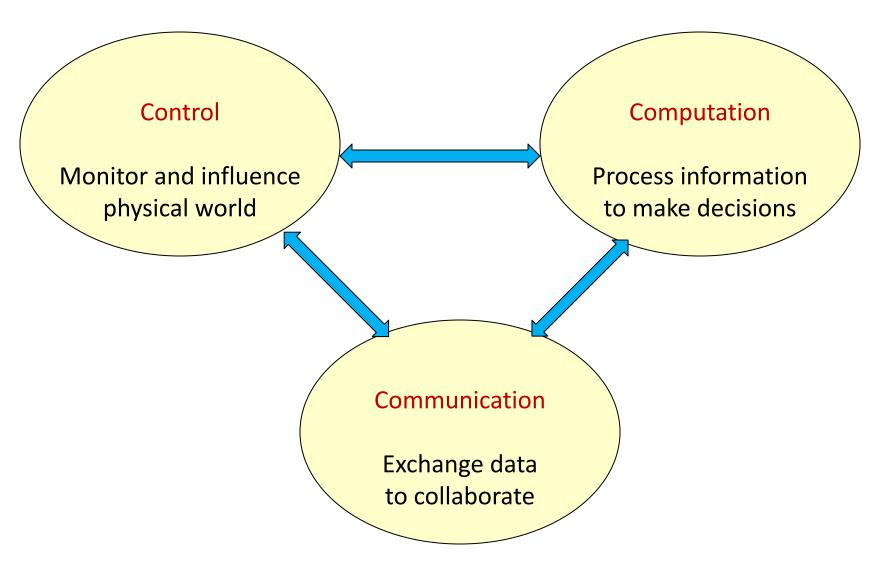
From Desktops to Cyber-Physical Systems

- ☐ Traditional computers: Stand-alone device running software applications (e.g. data processing)
- □ Traditional controllers: Devices interacting with physical world via sensors and actuators (e.g. thermostat)
- ☐ Embedded Systems
 - Special-purpose system with integrated microcontroller/software
 - Cameras, watches, washing machines...





Cyber-Physical Systems



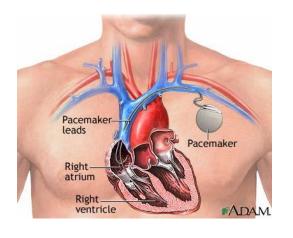




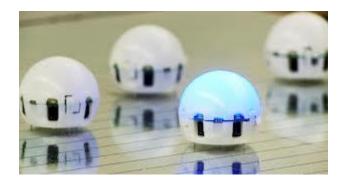
Cyber-Physical Systems



Driverless Cars



Medical devices



Coordinating robots





Design of Cyber-Physical Systems

Systems that integrate control, computation, and communication can do

Cool things,

And useful things...

Lots of promise and potential: medicine, transportation, energy, ...

So what's the challenge?





Ariane 5 Explosion



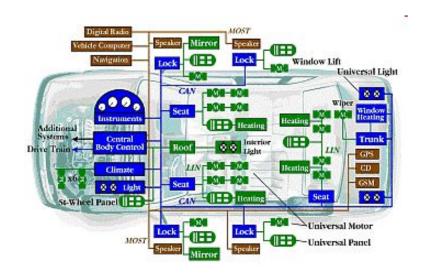
"It took the European Space Agency 10 years and \$7 billion to produce Ariane 5. All it took to explode that rocket less than a minute into its maiden voyage last June, scattering fiery rubble across the mangrove swamps of French Guiana, was a small computer program trying to stuff a 64-bit number into a 16-bit space"

A bug and a crash, J. Gleick, New York Times, Dec 1996





Prius Brake Problems Blamed on Software Glitches



"Toyota officials described the problem as a "disconnect" in the vehicle's complex anti-lock brake system (ABS) that causes less than a one-second lag. With the delay, a vehicle going 60 mph will have traveled nearly another 90 feet before the brakes begin to take hold"

CNN Feb 4, 2010





Software: The Achilles' Heel

Software everywhere means bugs everywhere

2002 study by NIST:

Software bugs cost US economy \$60 billion annually (0.6% of GDP)

Lack of trust in software as techr

Would you use an autonomore drug-delivery device?



Grand challenge for computer science:

Technology for designing reliable cyber-physical systems





Let's Design a Cruise Controller



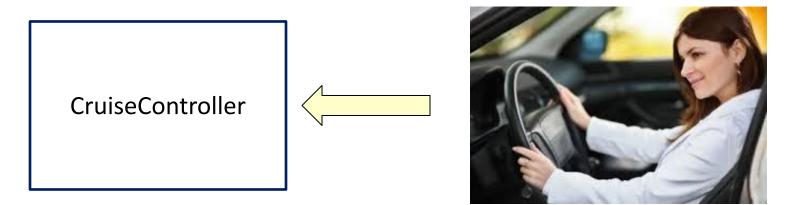
What's the goal of a cruise controller?

Automatically adjust the speed of the car so that it matches the speed desired by the driver





Block Diagrams of High-Level Design

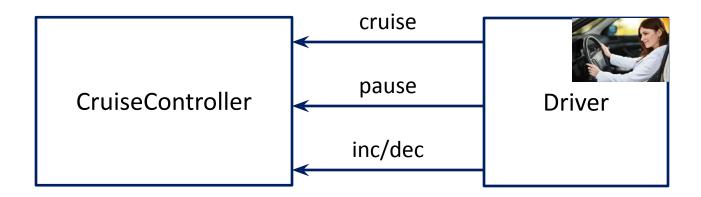


How does this component interact with the rest of the world?





Interfaces for Components: Inputs and Outputs



Driver interacts with the system using 4 buttons:

Cruise button to turn the cruise on or off

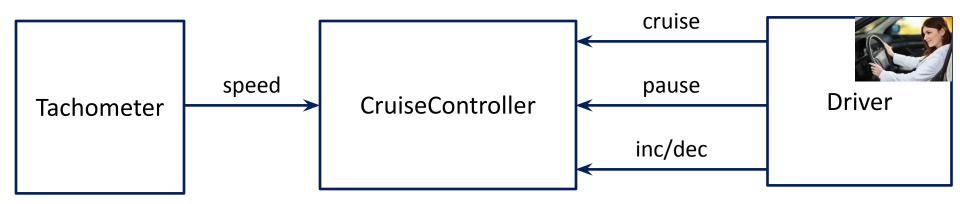
Pause button to suspend/restart its operation

Inc and Dec buttons to increment or decrement desired speed





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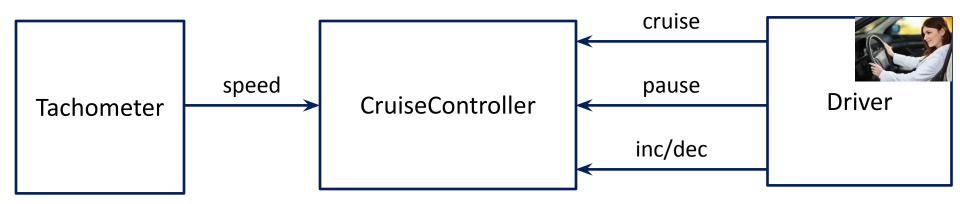
What other information does the cruise-controller need?

And who supplies it?





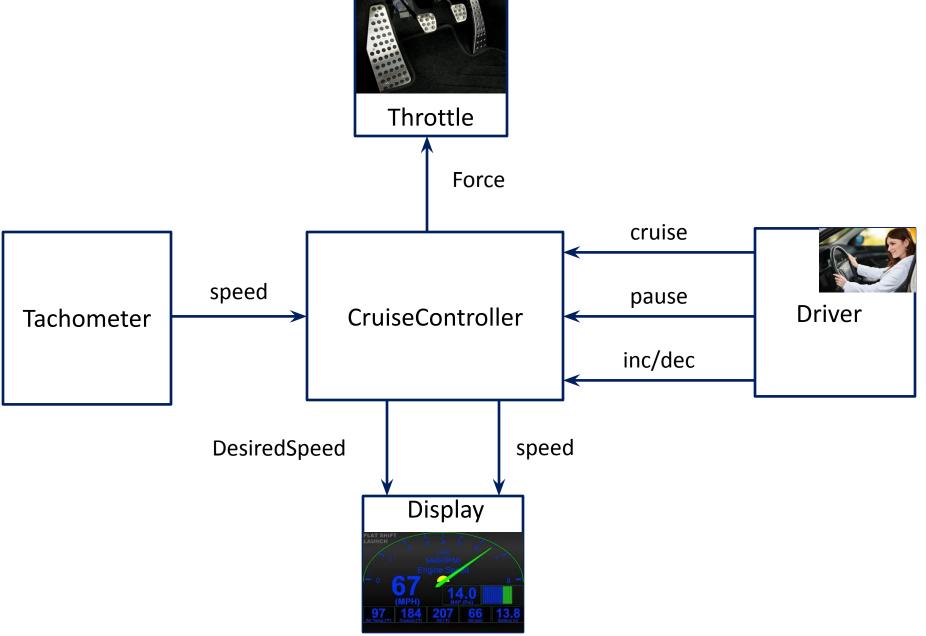
Interfaces for Components: Inputs and Outputs



What should be the outputs of the cruisecontroller? And who needs these outputs?



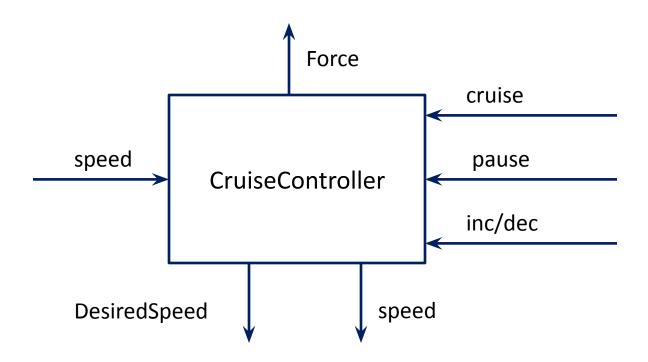








Compositional Design

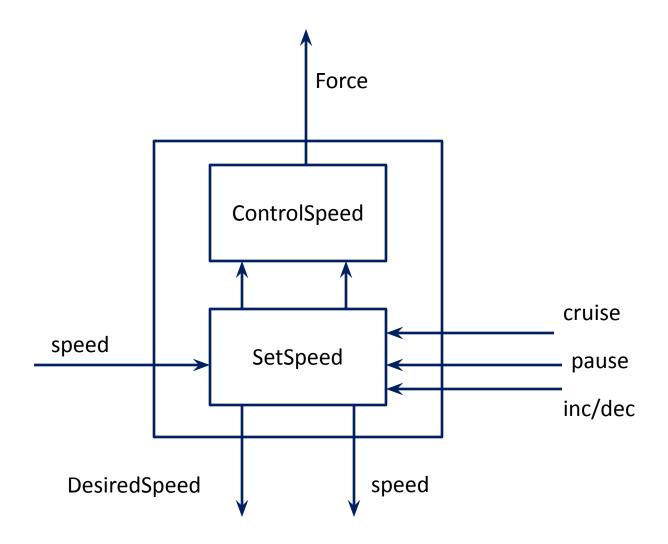


How to break up the computation of the cruise controller into subtasks?





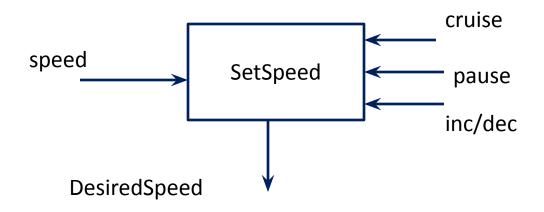
Decomposing the Cruise Controller







Designing SetSpeed Component

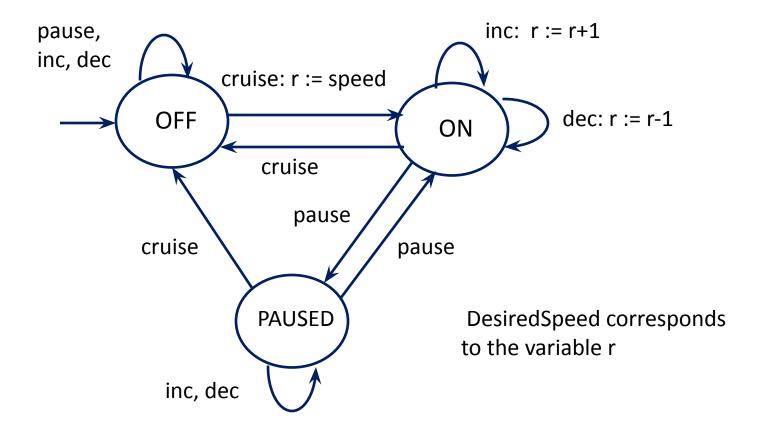


Goal: Compute the desired cruising speed in response to the commands from the driver





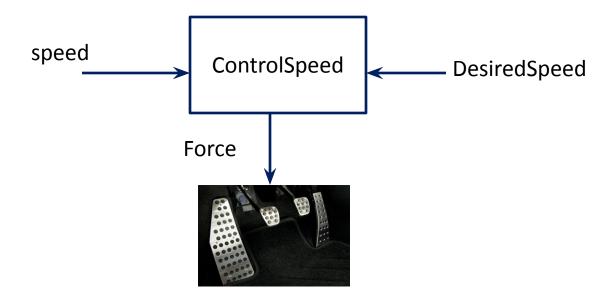
Designing SetSpeed: State Machines







Designing ControlSpeed Component

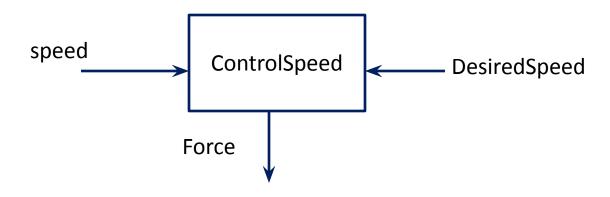


Goal: Determine the force to be applied to throttle so that speed becomes equal to DesiredSpeed





Capturing Requirements



Requirements: Mathematically precise description of what a system is supposed to do.

Writing requirements is key to ensuring reliability of systems

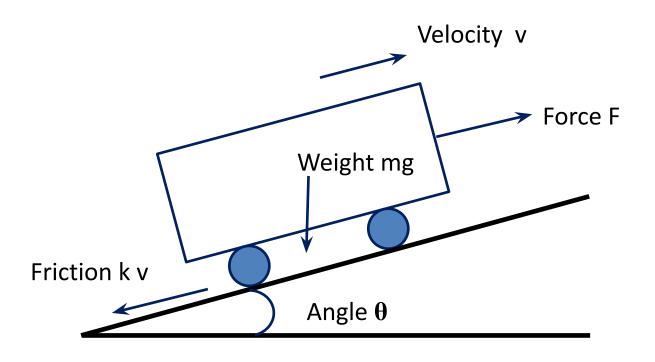
Requirement 1: Actual speed eventually converges to desired speed

Requirement 2: Speed of the car stays "stable"





A bit of Physics: Modeling a car

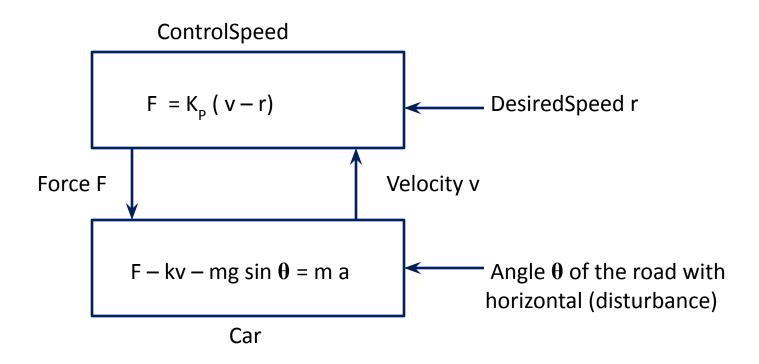


Newton's law of motion gives $F - kv - mg \sin \theta = m a$





ControlSpeed Component

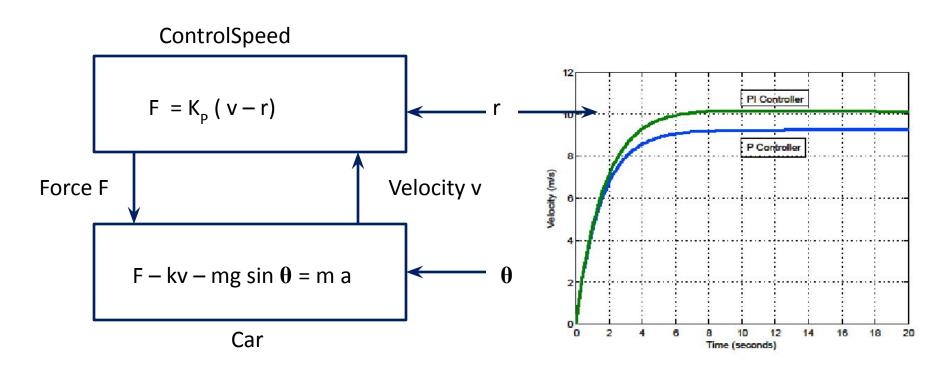


Control Theory: Mathematical techniques to compute force (F) as a function of velocity (v) and desired speed (r)





Does our controller work?

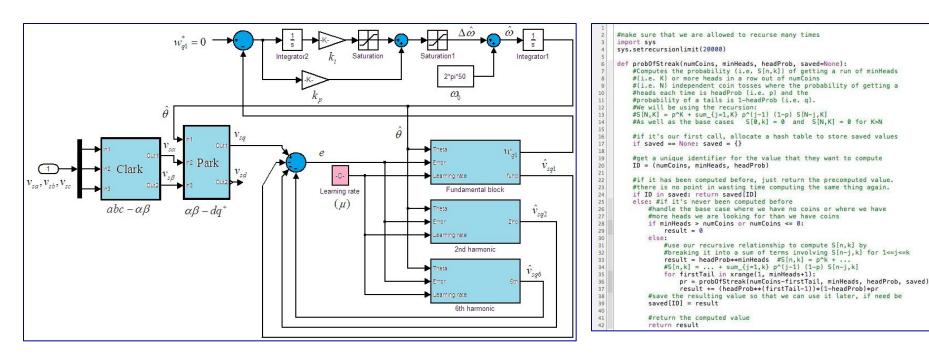


Verification Tools: Allow you to check if system model indeed works as expected, that is, satisfies requirements





Model-based design != Coding



Design using high-level block diagrams and state machines gets automatically compiled into low-level code!

Models not only of system being designed, but also of its environment





Verification != Simulation/Testing





Program testing can be used to show the presence of bugs, but never their absence!

Edsger W. Dijkstra





Formal Verification



- Goal: Establish that model satisfies requirements under all possible scenarios
- ☐ First challenge: Need formal definitions of "model" and "requirement" to make the problem mathematically precise
- ☐ Second challenge: Need verification techniques and tools





Course Topics

- ☐ Goal: Introduction to principles of design, specification, analysis and implementation of CPS
- Disciplines
 - Model-based design
 - Concurrency theory
 - Distributed algorithms
 - Formal specification
 - Verification techniques and tools
 - Control theory
 - Real-time systems
 - Hybrid systems
- ☐ Emphasis on mathematical concepts





Theme 1: Formal Models

- Mathematical abstractions to describe system designs
- Modeling formalisms
 - Synchronous models (Chapter 2)
 - Asynchronous models (Chapter 4)
 - Continuous-time dynamical systems (Chapter 5)
 - Timed models (Chapter 7)
 - Hybrid systems (Chapter 9)
- Modeling concepts
 - Syntax vs semantics
 - Composition
 - Input/output interfaces
 - Nondeterminism, fairness, ...





Theme 2: Specification and Analysis

- Formal techniques to ensure correctness at design time
- ☐ Requirements
 - Safety (invariants, monitors)
 - Liveness (temporal logic, automata over infinite sequences)
 - Stability
 - Schedulability
- ☐ Analysis techniques
 - Deductive: Inductive invariants and ranking functions
 - Enumerative and symbolic search for state-space exploration
 - Model checking
 - Linear-algebra-based analysis of dynamical systems
 - Verification of timed and hybrid systems





Theme 3: Model-based Design

- Design and analysis of illustrative computing problems
- Design methodology
 - Structured modeling (bottom-up, top-down)
 - Requirements-based design and design-space exploration
- Case studies
 - Distributed coordination: mutual exclusion, consensus, leader election
 - Communication: Reliable transmission, synchronization
 - Control design: PID, cruise controller
 - CPS: Pacemaker, obstacle avoidance for robots, multi-hop control network



