



## ELEX 4336: Feedback Systems

### *LAB 5 – Model Identification For First Order LTI Systems*

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# 1 Step 1

## 1.1 MATLAB Code

```
% Step 1
% Plot the zero mean adjusted data for 12 days as shown as in Figure 1

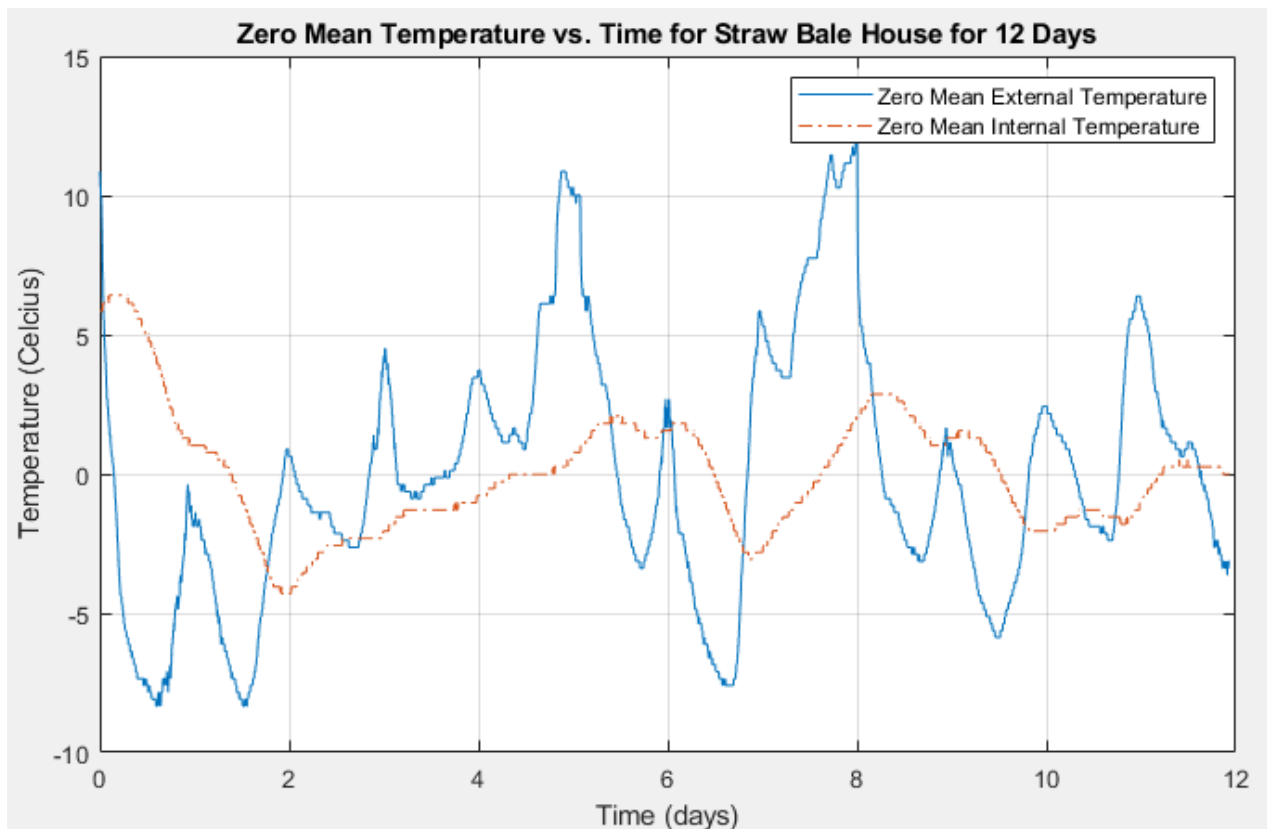
load temps;

% Array indices
idxStart = 1;
idxEnd = 5372; % approx. 12 days

% Calculate zero means
DeltaExtTemp = ExtTemp(idxStart:idxEnd) - mean(ExtTemp(idxStart:idxEnd));
DeltaIntTemp = IntTemp(idxStart:idxEnd) - mean(IntTemp(idxStart:idxEnd));

% Plot the data
figure(2);
t = t(idxStart:idxEnd);
plot(t/60/60/24, DeltaExtTemp, '-', t/60/60/24, DeltaIntTemp, '-.');
ylabel('Temperature (Celcius)');
xlabel('Time (days)');
title('Zero Mean Temperature vs. Time for Straw Bale House for 12 Days');
legend('Zero Mean External Temperature', 'Zero Mean Internal Temperature');
grid on;
```

## 1.2 MATLAB Plot



## 1.3 Description

The zero mean external and internal temperature was calculated using below expressions:

$$\theta_{e \text{ zero mean}}(t) = \theta_e(t) - \theta_{e \text{ ave}}(t)$$

$$\theta_{i \text{ zero mean}}(t) = \theta_i(t) - \theta_{i \text{ ave}}(t)$$

## 2 Step 2, 3

### 2.1 MATLAB Code

```
% Model Equation: T(s) = K / (?*s + 1)
% Approximate the gain relationship between mean internal temperature and
% mean external temperature by assuming that K = 1 in your input output model

load temps;

% System Parameters
K = 1;
tau = 5*60*60*24; % 5 days

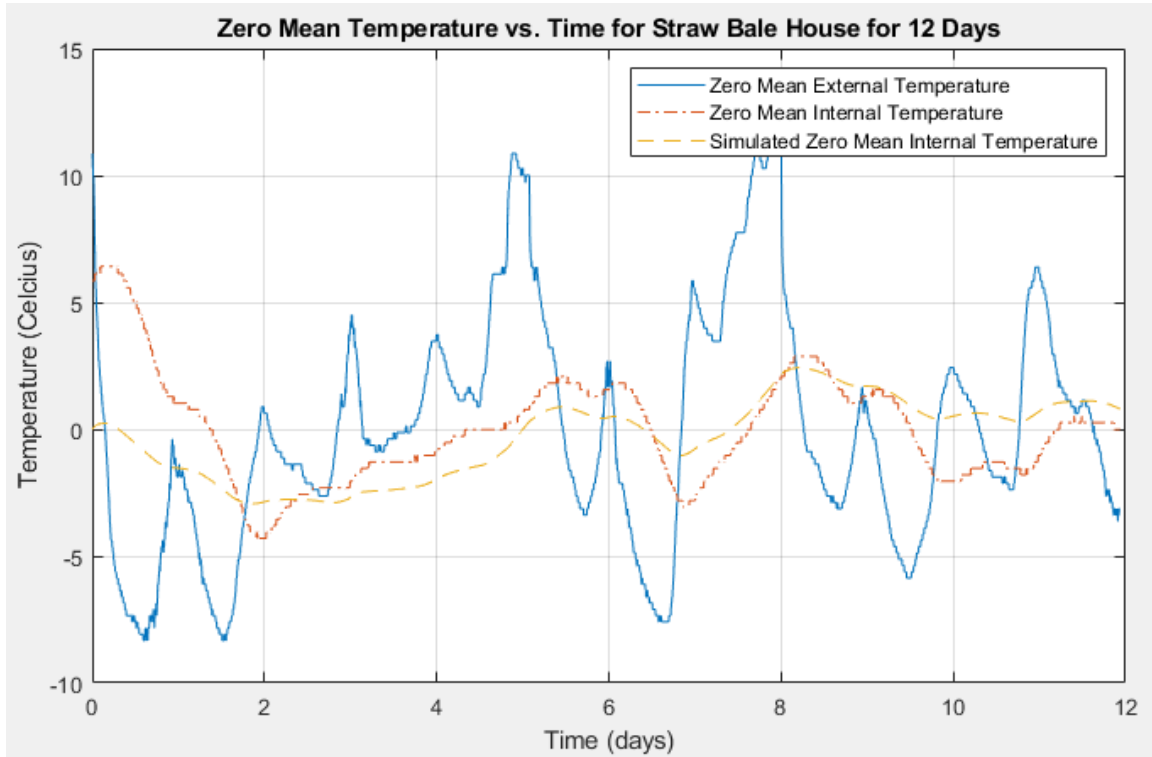
% System transfer function
sys = tf([K], [tau 1]);

% Array indices
idxStart = 1;
idxEnd = 5372; % approx. 12 days

% Calculate zero means
DeltaExtTemp = ExtTemp(idxStart:idxEnd) - mean(ExtTemp(idxStart:idxEnd));
DeltaIntTemp = IntTemp(idxStart:idxEnd) - mean(IntTemp(idxStart:idxEnd));
DeltaIntTempSim = lsim(sys, DeltaExtTemp, t(idxStart:idxEnd));

% Plot the data
figure(3);
t = t(idxStart:idxEnd);
plot(t/60/60/24, DeltaExtTemp, '-', t/60/60/24, DeltaIntTemp, '-.', t/60/60/24,
DeltaIntTempSim, '--');
ylabel('Temperature (Celcius)');
xlabel('Time (days)');
title('Zero Mean Temperature vs. Time for Straw Bale House for 12 Days');
legend('Zero Mean External Temperature', 'Zero Mean Internal Temperature',
'Simulated Zero Mean Internal Temperature');
grid on;
```

## 2.2 MATLAB Plot



## 2.3 Description

The gain relationship between mean external and internal temperature was approximated by below equation (assuming  $K = 1$ ,  $\tau = 5 \text{ days} \cdot \frac{24 \text{ hours}}{1 \text{ day}} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ minutes}}{1 \text{ hour}} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ seconds}}{1 \text{ minute}} = 432000 \text{ seconds}$ )

$$\tau \Delta \dot{\theta}_i(t) + \Delta \theta_i(t) = K \Delta \theta_e(t)$$

$$\frac{\Delta \theta_i(s)}{\Delta \theta_e(s)} = \frac{K}{\tau s + 1}$$

While the simulated zero mean internal temperature follows the trend of the actual zero mean temperature,  $\tau = 432000 \text{ seconds}$  is too long because it has big SSE of  $1.8831\text{E}04$  and it does not follow the steep curves of the actual plot (it is close to  $y = 0$ )

## 3 Step 4

### 3.1 MATLAB Code

```
% Model Equation:  $T(s) = K / (\tau s + 1)$ 
% Approximate the gain relationship between mean internal temperature and
% mean external temperature by assuming that  $K = 1$  in your input output model

load temps;

% System Parameters
K = 1;
tau = 5*60*60*24; % 5 days

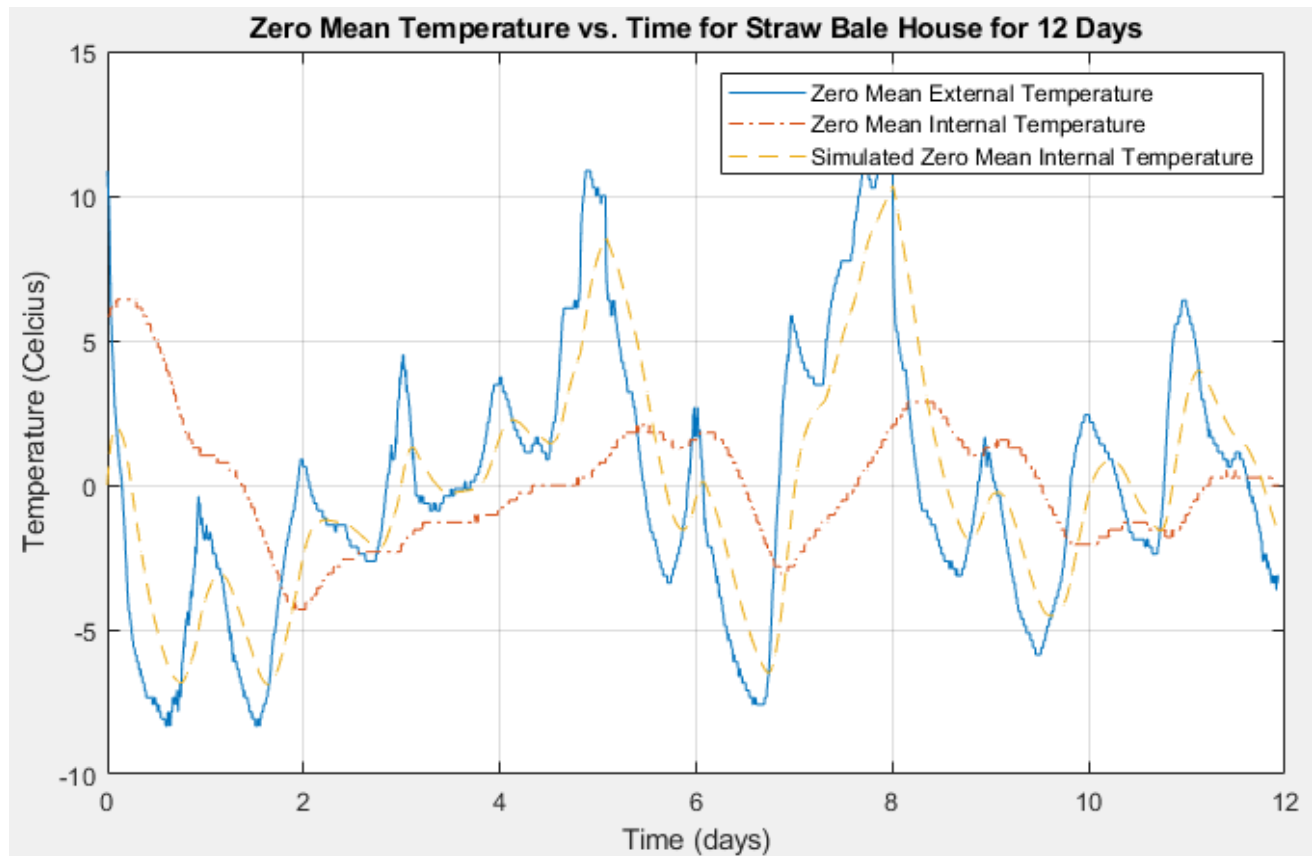
% System transfer function
sys = tf([K], [tau 1]);

% Array indices
idxStart = 1;
idxEnd = 5372; % approx. 12 days

% Calculate zero means
DeltaExtTemp = ExtTemp(idxStart:idxEnd) - mean(ExtTemp(idxStart:idxEnd));
DeltaIntTemp = IntTemp(idxStart:idxEnd) - mean(IntTemp(idxStart:idxEnd));
DeltaIntTempSim = lsim(sys, DeltaExtTemp, t(idxStart:idxEnd));

% Plot the data
figure(3);
t = t(idxStart:idxEnd);
plot(t/60/60/24, DeltaExtTemp, '-', t/60/60/24, DeltaIntTemp, '-.', t/60/60/24,
DeltaIntTempSim, '--');
ylabel('Temperature (Celcius)');
xlabel('Time (days)');
title('Zero Mean Temperature vs. Time for Straw Bale House for 12 Days');
legend('Zero Mean External Temperature', 'Zero Mean Internal Temperature',
'Simulated Zero Mean Internal Temperature');
grid on;
```

### 3.2 MATLAB Plot



### 3.3 Description

This time, I assumed that  $\tau = 5 \text{ hours} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ minutes}}{1 \text{ hour}} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ seconds}}{1 \text{ minute}} = 18000$  and the simulated zero mean internal temperature did not follow the trend of the actual zero mean temperature at all. Instead, it looks more like its original input,  $\Delta\theta_e(t)$ . Therefore the choice of  $\tau$  is too short.

## 4 Step 5, 6

### 4.1 MATLAB Code

```
% Model Equation:  $T(s) = K / (\tau s + 1)$ 
% Approximate the gain relationship between mean internal temperature and
% mean external temperature by assuming that  $K = 1$  in your input output model

load temps;

% Array indices
idxStart = 1;
idxEnd = 5372; % approx. 12 days

% Calculate zero means
DeltaExtTemp = ExtTemp(idxStart:idxEnd) - mean(ExtTemp(idxStart:idxEnd));
DeltaIntTemp = IntTemp(idxStart:idxEnd) - mean(IntTemp(idxStart:idxEnd));

% Find best fit K and tau
K = 0;
tau = 0;
minSSE = -1;

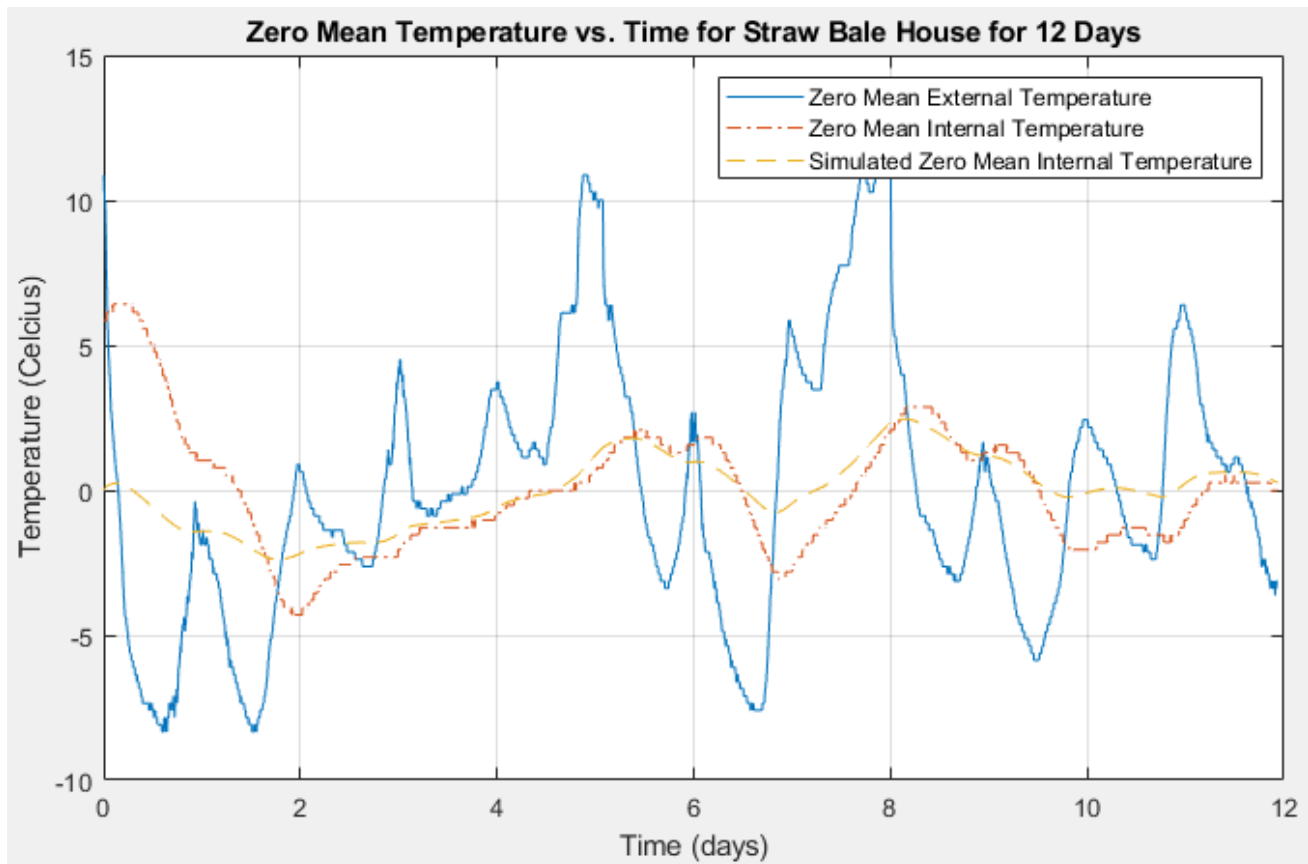
for kTest = 0.5:0.01:2
    for tauTest = 5*60*60:100:5*60*60*24
        sys = tf([kTest], [tauTest 1]);
        DeltaIntTempSim = lsim(sys, DeltaExtTemp, t(idxStart:idxEnd));
        SSE = sum((DeltaIntTemp - DeltaIntTempSim).^2);

        if minSSE == -1
            minSSE = SSE;
        elseif SSE < minSSE
            minSSE = SSE;
            K = kTest;
            tau = tauTest;
        end
    end
end

% Calculated internal temperature
sys = tf([K], [tau 1]);
DeltaIntTempSim = lsim(sys, DeltaExtTemp, t(idxStart:idxEnd));

% Plot the data
figure(4);
t = t(idxStart:idxEnd);
plot(t/60/60/24, DeltaExtTemp, '-', t/60/60/24, DeltaIntTemp, '-.', t/60/60/24,
DeltaIntTempSim, '--');
ylabel('Temperature (Celcius)');
xlabel('Time (days)');
title('Zero Mean Temperature vs. Time for Straw Bale House for 12 Days');
legend('Zero Mean External Temperature', 'Zero Mean Internal Temperature',
'Simulated Zero Mean Internal Temperature');
grid on;
```

## 4.2 MATLAB Plot



## 4.3 Description

The optimal values for  $K$  and  $\tau$  (values that gives least SSE) was found, using brute force, to be  $K = 0.72$ ,  $\tau = 145300$ . It took 42 minutes 37 seconds in total with SSE of  $1.7045E4$ . A way to optimize this program would be, assuming there is only one optimal values for each  $K$  and  $\tau$ , reducing the increment and range gradually. ( $\tau$  within 145200: 10: 145400, then 145350: 1: 145370, ...)

Even if the first order model was a perfect match for this input/output data, my optimal  $\tau$  will not necessarily turn out to be the same if any value of  $K$  was used.

Let  $f(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$ . This function can be expressed as  $\frac{K}{\tau} f\left(s - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\tau}\right)\right) = \frac{K}{\tau s + 1}$ . Which means that adjusting  $\tau$  will result in phase shift and vertical expansion/compression while adjusting  $K$  will only result in horizontal expansion/compression. However, I will ignore  $\tau$ 's effect on phase shift as it is negligible compared to error caused by a large vertical expansion/compression.

If chosen  $K$  is greater than that of the original transfer function,  $\tau$  should also be greater to compensate the vertical expansion and vice versa. Therefore, the optimal value of  $\tau$  will be different depending on the chosen value of  $K$  and the input data.



## 5 Step 7

### 5.1 MATLAB Code

```
% Model Equation: E(t) = DeltaIntTemp(t) - DeltaIntTempSim(t)
% Calculate and plot the residual errors

load temps;

% System Parameters
K = 0.72;
tau = 145300;
sys = tf([K], [tau 1]);

% Array indices
idxStart = 1;
idxEnd = 10744; % approx. 24 days (full data)

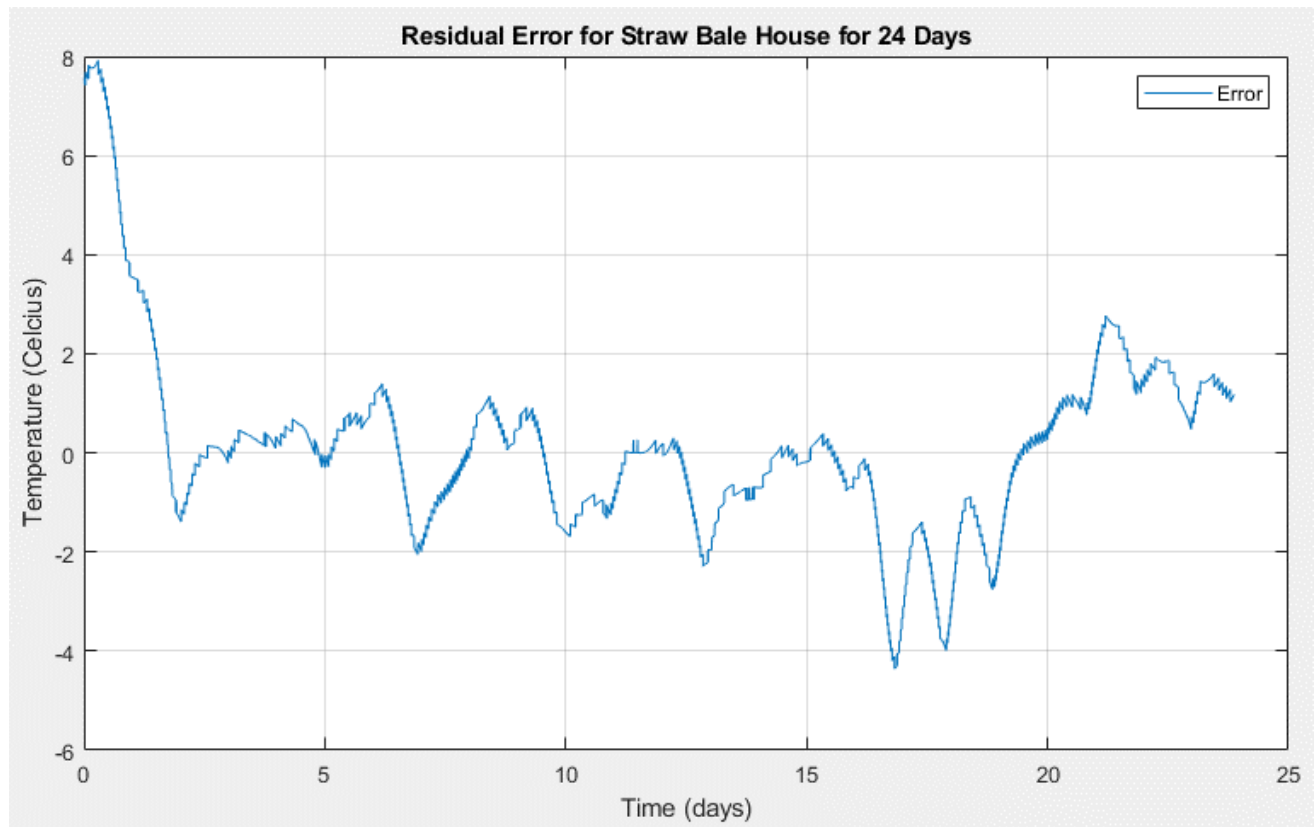
% Calculate zero means
DeltaExtTemp = ExtTemp(idxStart:idxEnd) - mean(ExtTemp(idxStart:idxEnd));
DeltaIntTemp = IntTemp(idxStart:idxEnd) - mean(IntTemp(idxStart:idxEnd));

% Calculated internal temperature
DeltaIntTempSim = lsim(sys, DeltaExtTemp, t(idxStart:idxEnd));

% Calculate Residual Error
E = DeltaIntTemp - DeltaIntTempSim;

% Plot the data
figure(5);
t = t(idxStart:idxEnd);
plot(t/60/60/24, E, '-');
ylabel('Temperature (Celcius)');
xlabel('Time (days)');
title('Residual Error for Straw Bale House for 24 Days');
legend('Error');
grid on;
```

## 5.2 MATLAB Plot



## 5.3 Description

The residual errors for approximated zero mean internal temperature was calculated using below expressions:

$$E(t) = \Delta\theta_i(t) - \Delta\theta_{i\text{ approx.}}(t)$$