

# PID control - Simple tuning methods

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## Tank process



- Tank with level control
- Two connected tanks
- Pump for in-flow of water
- Level measurements
- Valve for out-flow (disturbance)

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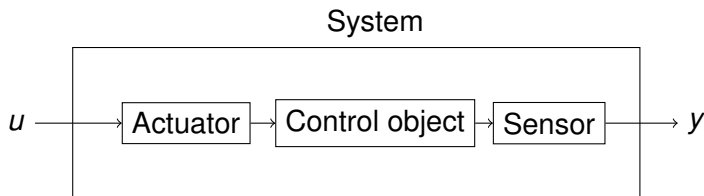
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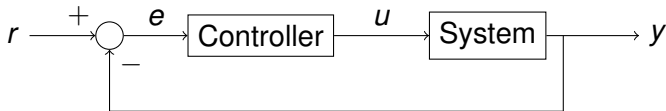
Level control of two connected tanks

# Open-loop system



- $u$  control signal (pump voltage)
- Actuator (tubes to pump, power amplifier , in-flow)
- Control object (level in Tank with in- and out-flow)
- Sensors (pressure sensors, tubes, electronics)
- $y$  output (measurement of water level)

## Closed-loop system



Give reference (set-point of water level in tank)  $r$  to controller instead of pump voltage

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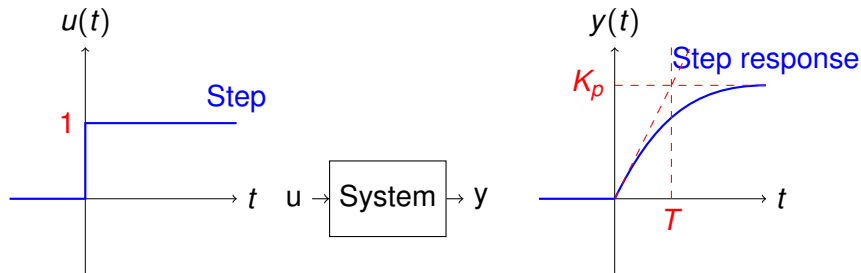
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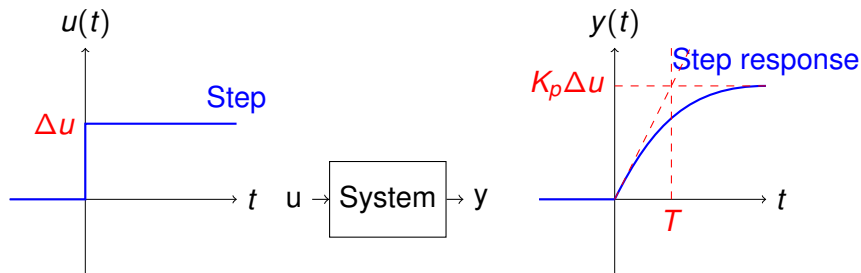
# Time constant and stationary gain



## Example—Stove plate

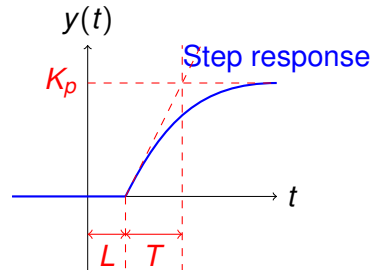
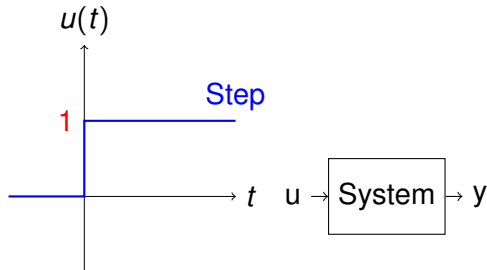
- $u(t)$  power to stove plate
- $y(t)$  temperature on plate
- Time constant  $T$
- Stationary gain  $K_p$

## Time constant and stationary gain

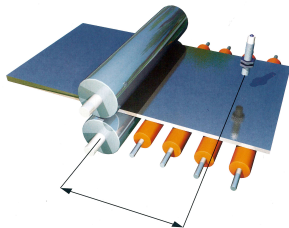


- Step response size proportional to step size
- Start step from equilibrium

# Dead-time (time delay)

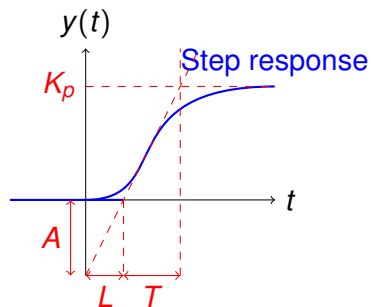
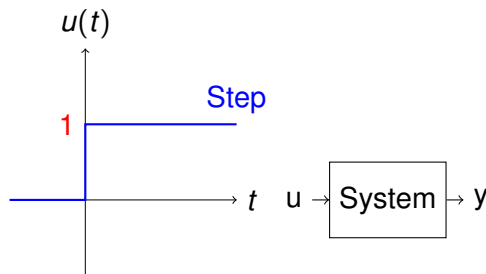


Example – roll transport time



Dead-time (time delay, lag)  $L$

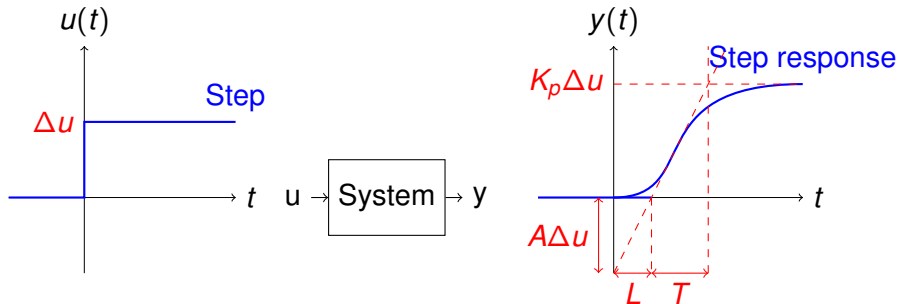
# Step response model



Step response model from unit step:

- $T$  Time constant
- $K_p$  Stationary gain
- $L$  Dead-time
- $A$  see measure above

## Step response model



Step response model from experiment:

- $T$  Time constant
- $K_p$  Stationary gain
- $L$  Dead-time
- $A$  see figure

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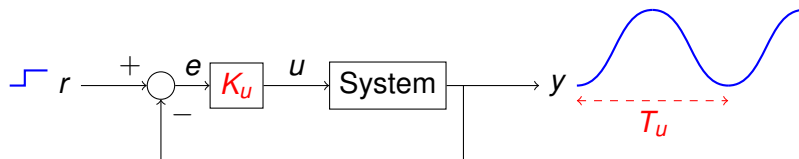
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# Self-oscillation model



## Experiment

- P-control (closed-loop system!)
- Crank up gain to self-oscillation
- Reference-step starts oscillation

## Self-oscillation model

- Ultimate gain  $K_u$
- Ultimate period  $T_u$

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### PID structure

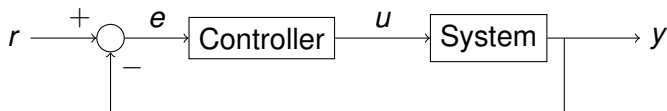
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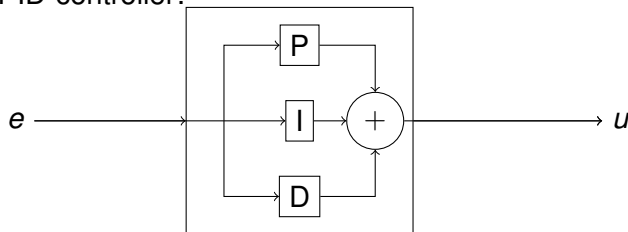


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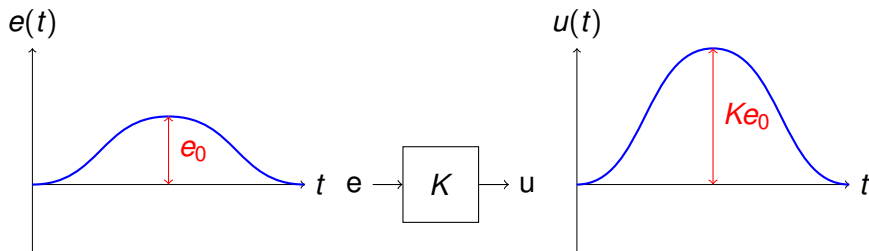


- $r$  reference, set-point (SP)
- $y$  output, measured signal to be regulated
- $e = r - y$  control error

PID-controller:

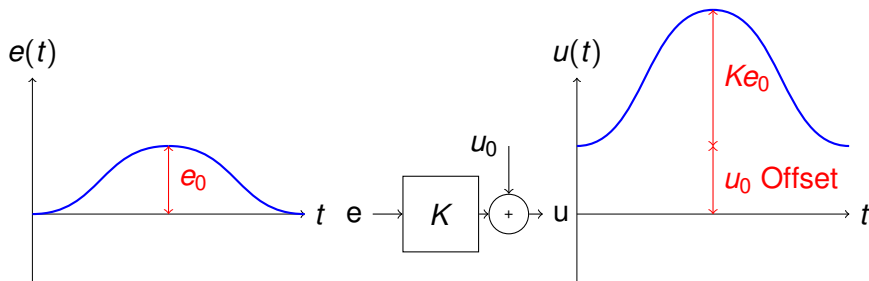


# P-controller



Control signal Proportional to control error

## P-controller with offset

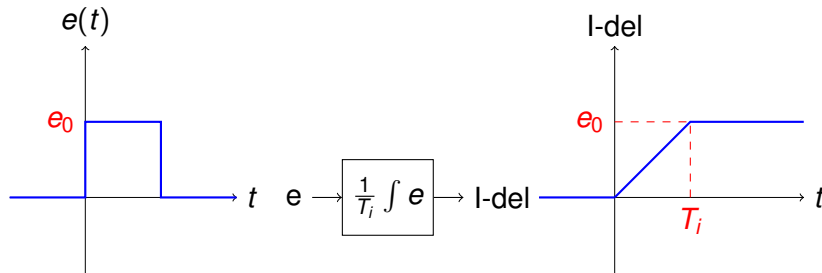


Control signal Proportional to error plus 'offset'

Example: speed control of car

$u_0$  given gas at control-start

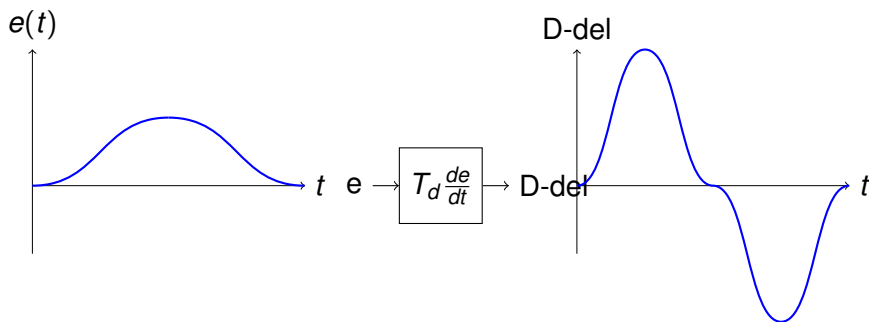
# I-part (integrator)



I-part

- $\propto$  surface under  $e(t)$  so far
- becomes as big as constant error  $e_0$  in time  $T_i$
- used to eliminate remaining error

## D-part (derivator)



### D-part

- $\propto$  slope on  $e(t)$
- used to damp oscillations

## PID-controller structure

Control signal = P + I + D

$$u(t) = K[e(t) + \frac{1}{T_i} \int^t e(s)ds + T_d \frac{de(t)}{dt}]$$

Three parameters to tune  $K$ ,  $T_i$  and  $T_d$

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## Ziegler-Nichols step response method

- Measure  $A$  and  $L$  from step response
- $T_p$  expected time constant for closed-loop system

Controller	$K$	$T_i$	$T_d$	$T_p$
P	$1/A$			$4L$
PI	$0.9/A$	$3L$		$5.7L$
PID	$1.2/A$	$2L$	$L/2$	$3.4L$



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## Ziegler-Nichols self-oscillation method

- Measure ultimate gain  $K_u$  and period  $T_u$  from experiment
- $T_p$  expected time constant for closed-loop system

<i>Controller</i>	$K$	$T_i$	$T_d$	$T_p$
$P$	$0.5K_u$			$T_u$
$PI$	$0.4K_u$	$0.8T_u$		$1.4T_u$
$PID$	$0.6K_u$	$0.5T_u$	$0.125T_u$	$0.85T_u$

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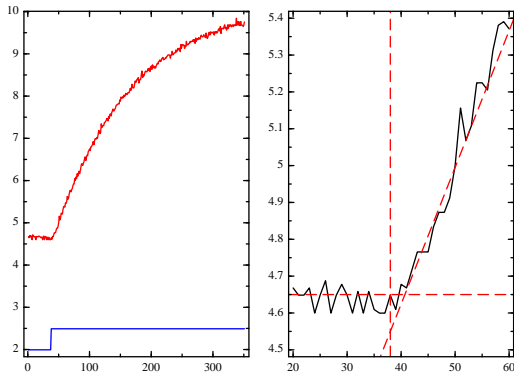
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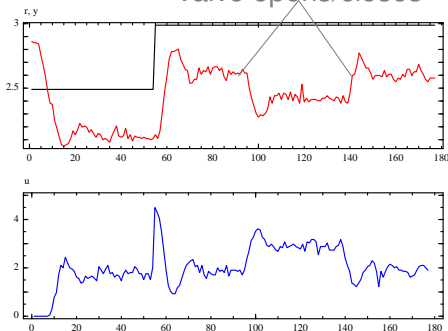


Estimated from figure:

- $A\Delta u = 0.1, \Delta u = 0.5$   
 $\Rightarrow A = 1/5$
- $L = 3$

# P-control of the left tank

Valve opens/closes

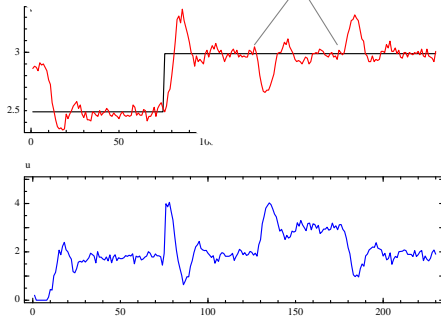


Ziegler-Nichols P-control

- $K = 1/A = 5$
- Stationary error after valve opening even if offset is used

## PI-control of the left tank

Valve opens/closes

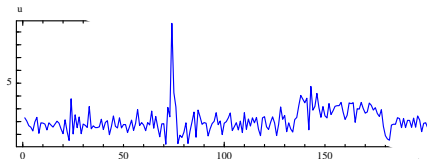
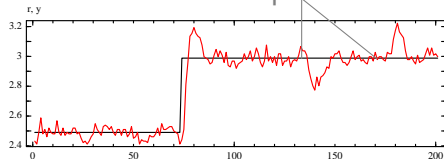


Ziegler-Nichols PI-control

- $K = 0.9/A = 4.5$
- $T_i = 3L = 9$
- No stationary error after valve disturbance

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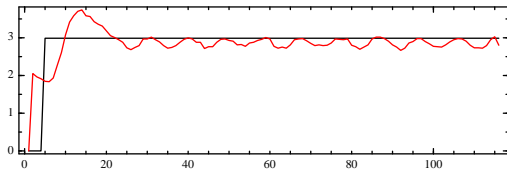
Ziegler-Nichols PID-control

- $K = 1.2/A = 6$
- $T_i = 2L = 6$
- $T_d = L/2 = 1.5$
- No stationary error after valve disturbance
- Fast and damped
- Noisier control signal

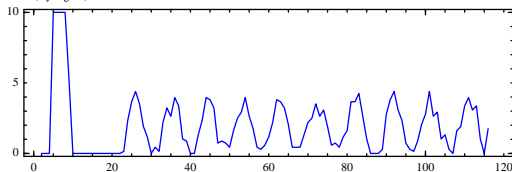
# Self-oscillation experiment

## Self-oscillation model for the left tank

r (b<sup>3</sup>/rv<sup>2</sup>/fde) och y (°rv<sup>2</sup>/fde)



u (styrsignal)



### Ultimate gain and period

- $K_u = 15$  (from tuning)
- $T_u = 10$  (from figure)

### Z-N PID-tuning:

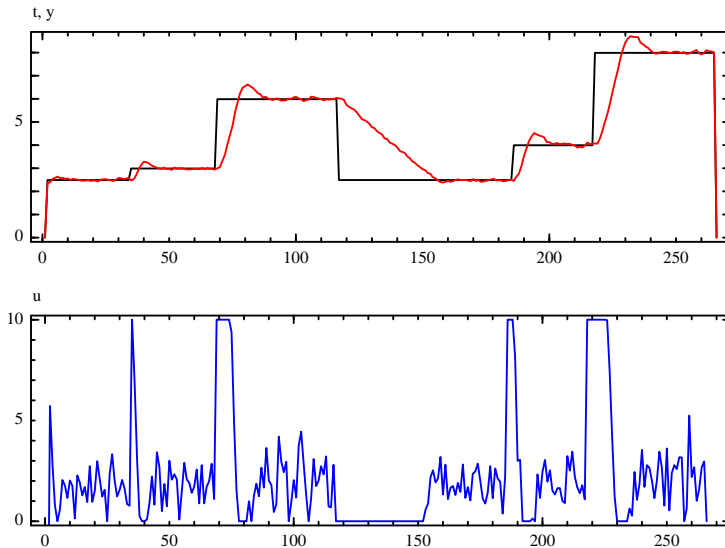
$$K = 0.6K_u = 8$$

$$T_i = 0.5T_u = 5$$

$$T_d = 0.125T_u = 1.25$$



# Ziegler-Nichols PID from self-oscillation model



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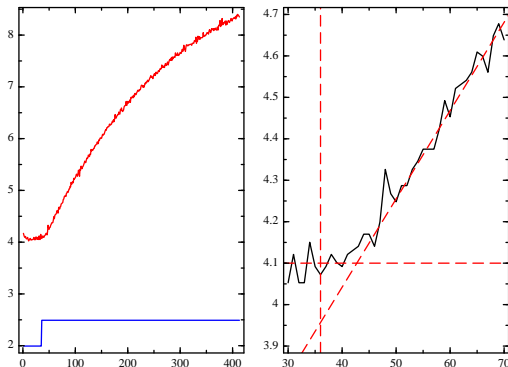
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## Step response model for the right tank

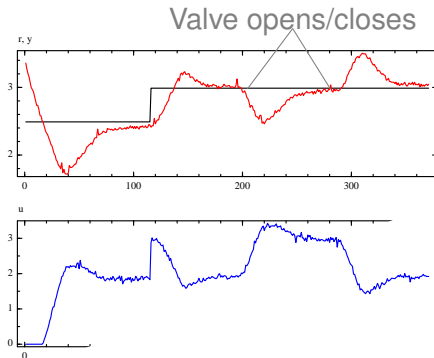


Roughly estimated (bad precision!):

- $A\Delta u \approx 0.2$ ,  $\Delta u = 0.5$   
 $\Rightarrow A = 2/5$
- $L \approx 10$

From larger figure:  
 $A\Delta u = 0.15$ ,  $L = 8$

# PI-control of the right tank



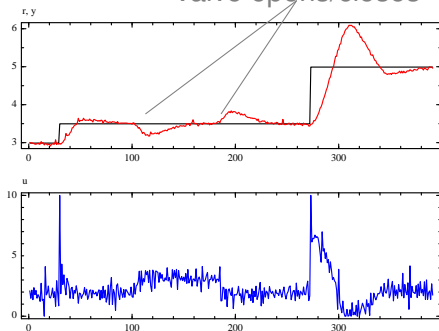
Ziegler-Nichols PI-control

- $K = 0.9/A = 2.25$
- $T_i = 3L = 30$

Disturbance eliminated in 60s  
(Compare  $T_p = 5.7L = 57s$ )

# PID-control of the right tank (step response tuning)

Valve opens/closes



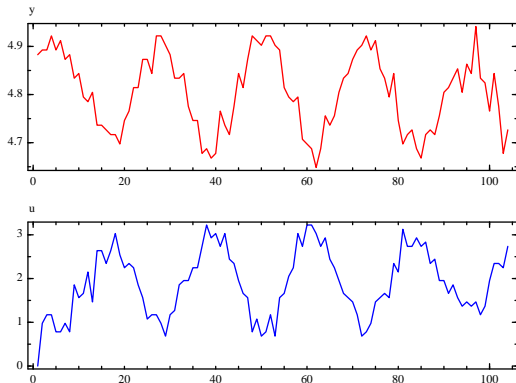
Ziegler-Nichols PID-control

- $K = 1.2/A = 3$
- $T_i = 2L = 20$
- $T_d = L/2 = 5$

Disturbance eliminated in 40s  
(Compare  $T_p = 3.4L = 34s$ )

# Self-oscillation experiment

## Self-oscillation model for the right tank



Ultimate gain and period

- $K_u = 10$  (from tuning)
- $T_u = 25$  (from figure)

Z-N PID-tuning:

$$K = 0.6K_u = 6$$

$$T_i = 0.5T_u \approx 13$$

$$T_d = 0.125T_u \approx 3$$

# PID-control of the right tank (self-oscillation tuning)

