

### Feedback Control Theory



#### **Outline**

- Motivation: Why study feedback theory?
- System Model, Feedback Model
- PID feedback control theory
- How well does it work?
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Harold S. Black invented negative feedback to stabilize and linearize the gain of telephone amplifiers (at Bell Telephone Laboratories).

*"Our patent application was treated in the same manner as one for a perpetual-motion machine"* 

#### A little history ...

The original notes by Harold Black which he used to discover the use of feedback for stabilizing amplifiers, while the riding the Manhattan – Staten Island Ferry (1927).



[image from www.wpi.edu]

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Biology: anything alive.

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**Claim:** system will converge to system state  $S_d$ , if u(e) is chosen appropriately.

#### **Feedback Algorithm**



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Basic time evolution equation:

$$s(t) + \tau \frac{d s(t)}{dt} = s_0 + u(s(t) - s_d)$$

error signal e

**Question:** What is the best feedback control function u(e) to use ?

How do we find it?

#### PID feedback control -- how to calculate u(e) --

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

> L. Desborough and R. Miller, Honeywell. Sixth International Conference on Chemical Process Control. *AIChE Symposium Series Number 326* (Volume 98), 2002.

**Proportional gain:** corrects for errors based on the *Present*.

Integral gain: corrects for errors based on the Past.

Derivative gain: corrects for errors based on the anticipated Future.

#### **PID feedback formula**

In PID control feedback, we determine u(e) with the following formula:

$$u(e;t) = g_p e(t) + g_i \int_0^t e(t') dt' + g_d \frac{d e(t)}{dt}$$

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#### Pure Proportional Gain Conclusions

Steady state value:

$$S_{steady \, state} = \frac{S_0 - g_p S_d}{1 - g_p}$$

Time response of system: (due to feedback)

$$\tau_{new} = \frac{\tau}{1 - g_p}$$

#### Main Conclusions

- > S does not converge exactly to  $S_{desired}$  (there's an offset).
- > For  $g_p$  → very negative, we have: System converges quicker to steady state.
  - System converges closer to S<sub>desired</sub>.

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#### Proportional-Integral Feedback CONCLUSIONS

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 and  $A_{\pm} = \mp \left(\frac{\lambda_{\mp}}{\lambda_- + \lambda_+}\right)(s_d - s_0)$ 

$$\succ$$
 s(t) converges to s<sub>d</sub> → very good !

- >  $\lambda_+ < 0$  and  $\lambda_- < 0$  for the system to converge.
- > If  $\lambda_{\pm}$  has an <u>imaginary</u> part, then the system will have damped <u>oscillations</u>.
- > We want  $\lambda_+$  and  $\lambda_-$  to be as negative as possible, i.e.  $g_p \ll 0$ ,  $g_i \ll 0$ .

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Noise Suppression Factor:  $A_{NS} = |B| = \frac{\omega}{(\tau\omega^2+g_i)^2+(1-g_p)^2\omega^2}$ 

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 $g_{p}$ =-100,  $g_{l}$ =-4000,  $\tau$ =1



ω, frequency (rads/τ)

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#### **Reality: Gain is not flat**



[From the OP27 datasheet] (good quality op-amp)

