

METE 3100U  
Actuators and Power Electronics

Lecture 14  
Speed and Position Control  
of DC Motors

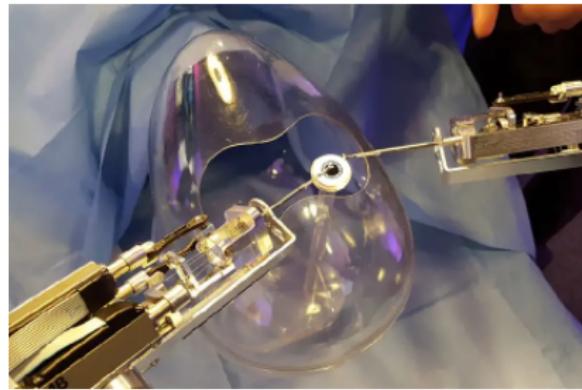
## Outline of Lecture 14

By the end of today's lecture, you should be able to

- Implement a closed-loop speed control of a DC motor
- Implement a closed-loop position control of a DC motor
- Analyse the influence of motor parameters on the frequency response

## Applications

Robot surgeon can slice eyes finely enough to remove cataracts. How are the motors controlled to achieve micrometer precision?

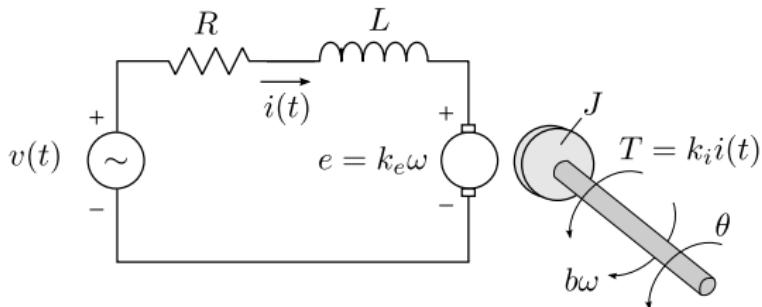


# Applications

How can the robotic hand actuated by a DC motor be controlled to grasp objects without damaging them?



## DC motor model - From lecture 13



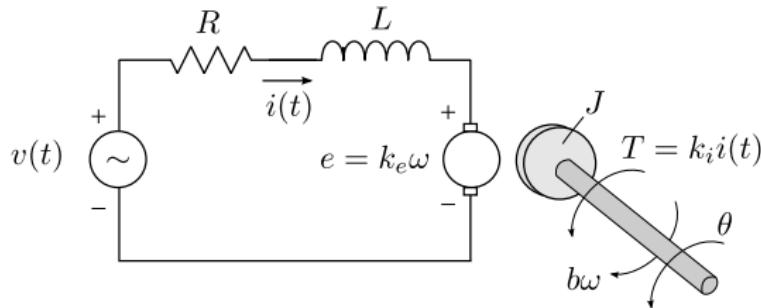
$$V(s) = (R + Ls)I(s) + \omega(s)k_m \rightarrow I(s) = \frac{V(s) - \omega(s)k_m}{Ls + R}$$

$$T(s) = (Js + b)\omega(s) + T_d(s) \rightarrow \omega(s) = \frac{I(s)k_i - T_d(s)}{Js + b}$$

Under steady-state condition:

$$I = \frac{V - \omega k_m}{R} \quad \omega = \frac{I \times k_i - T_d(s)}{b}$$

## DC motor model - From lecture 13



$$I = \frac{V - \omega k_m}{R}$$

$$\omega = \frac{I \times k_i - T_d(s)}{b}$$

If the motor is driven at a constant voltage  $V(t) = V$ , the steady state speed and torque satisfy

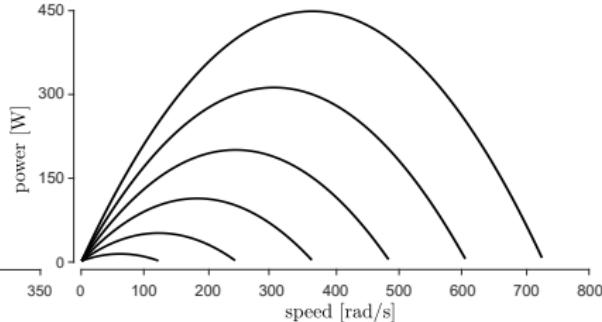
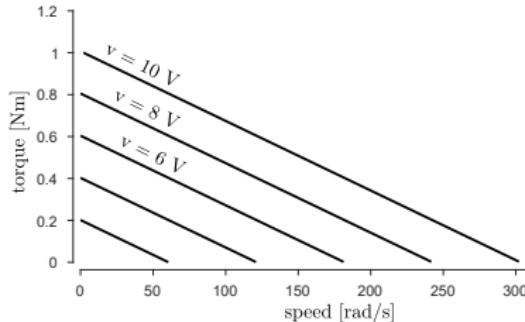
$$\omega = \frac{k_i V - RT_d}{k_i k_m + Rb},$$

$$T = \frac{k_i(Vb + k_m T_d)}{k_m k_i + Rb}$$

## Speed vs torque characteristics

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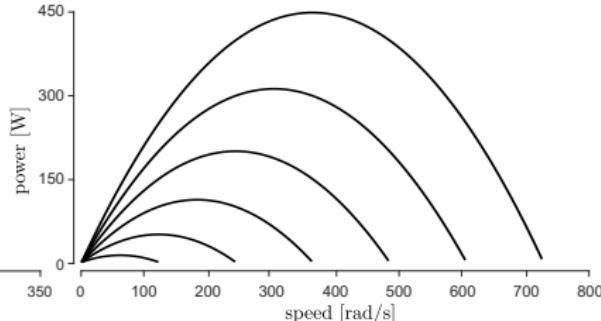
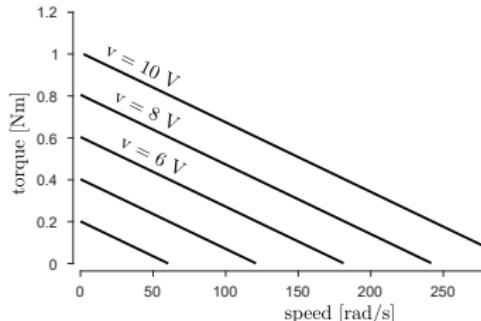


Suppose steady-state with no load  $T_d = 0$  and no friction  $b = 0$ :

$$\omega = \frac{V}{k_m}, \quad T =$$

EMF balances applied voltage, and thus  $i =$

## Speed vs torque characteristics



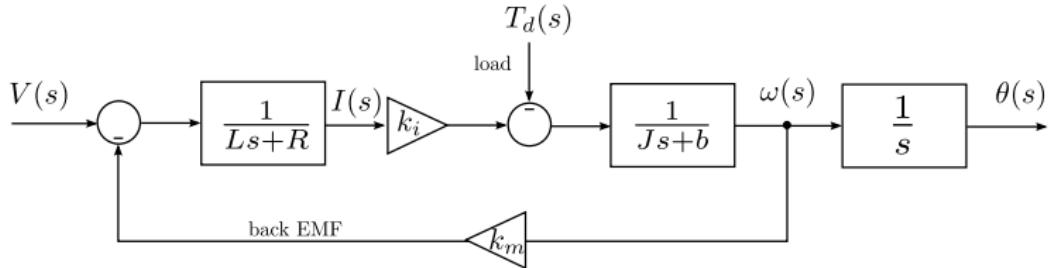
Suppose steady-state with a load  $T_d \neq 0$  and friction  $b \neq 0$ :

$$\omega < \frac{V}{k_m}, \quad I = \frac{V - \omega k_m}{R}, \quad T = ?$$

EMF does not balance applied voltage, and thus  $i > 0$

- Speed and torque depend on load and friction
- Friction is always present
- Load torque is typically varying and unknown

## Transfer functions



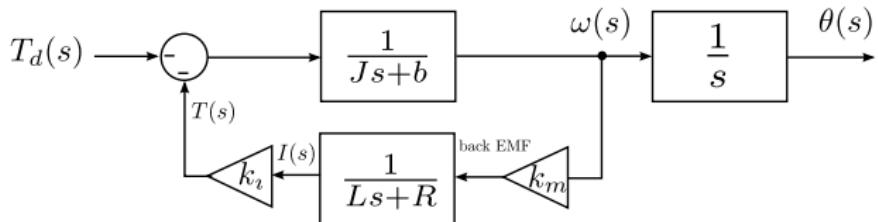
**Speed** to voltage transfer function for  $T_d(s) = 0$

$$S(s) = \frac{\omega(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{k_i}{(Ls + R)(Js + b) + k_i k_m} \quad (1)$$

**Position** to voltage transfer function for  $T_d(s) = 0$

$$P(s) = \frac{\theta(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{k_i}{s[(Ls + R)(Js + b) + k_i k_m]} \quad (2)$$

## Transfer functions



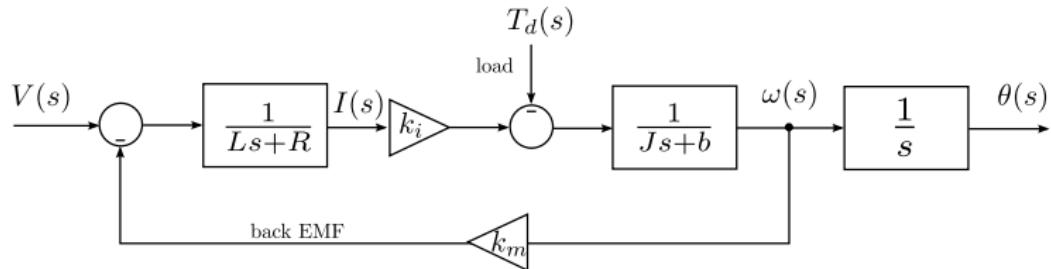
Load torque  $T_d(s)$  to speed transfer function for  $V(s) = 0$ .

$$L(s) = \frac{\omega(s)}{T_d(s)} = \frac{Ls + R}{(Js + b)(Ls + R) + k_i k_m} \quad (3)$$

In steady-state:

$$\omega = \frac{R}{bR + k_i k_m} T_d \quad (4)$$

## Superposition



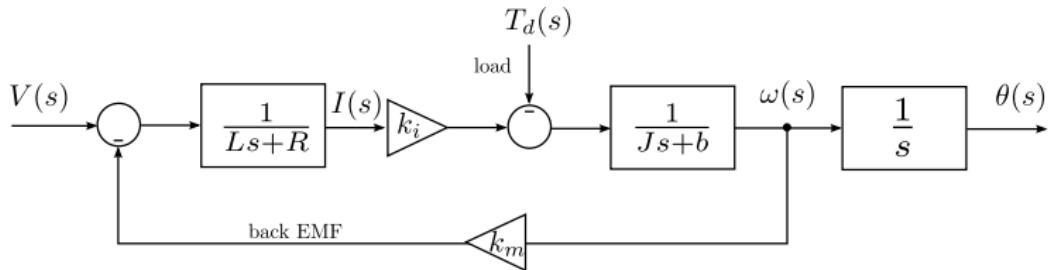
The effects of the load and voltage can be added to find the system function

$$S(s) = \frac{\omega(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{k_i}{(Ls + R)(Js + b) + k_i k_m} \quad (5)$$

$$L(s) = \frac{\omega(s)}{T_d(s)} = \frac{Ls + R}{(Js + b)(Ls + R) + k_i k_m} \quad (6)$$

$$\omega(s) = \frac{k_i}{(Ls + R)(Js + b) + k_i k_m} V(s) - \frac{Ls + R}{(Js + b)(Ls + R) + k_i k_m} T_d(s) \quad (7)$$

## Superposition



The effects of the load and voltage can be added to find the system function

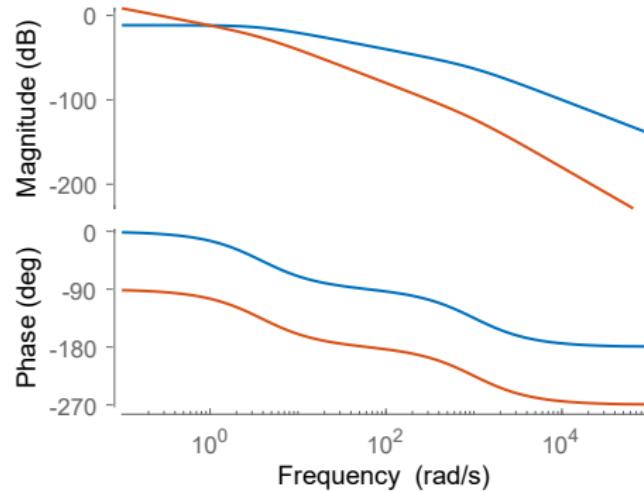
$$P(s) = \frac{\theta(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{k_i}{s[(Ls + R)(Js + b) + k_i k_m]} \quad (8)$$

$$N(s) = \frac{\theta(s)}{T_d(s)} = \frac{Ls + R}{s[(Js + b)(Ls + R) + k_i k_m]} \quad (9)$$

$$\theta(s) = \frac{k_i}{s[(Ls + R)(Js + b) + k_i k_m]} V(s) - \frac{Ls + R}{s[(Js + b)(Ls + R) + k_i k_m]} T_d(s) \quad (10)$$

# Frequency response

## Position and speed frequency response



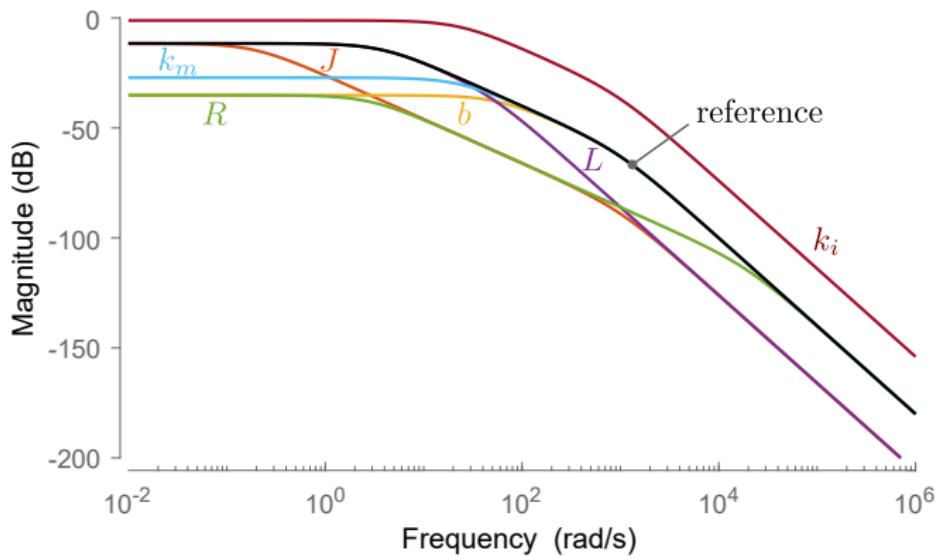
Simulation parameters

$k_i$	1	Nm/A
$k_m$	1	V/(rad/s)
$R$	10	$\Omega$
$L$	0.01	H
$J$	0.1	kg·m <sup>2</sup>
$b$	0.28	Nm/(rad/s)

Why is frequency response important?

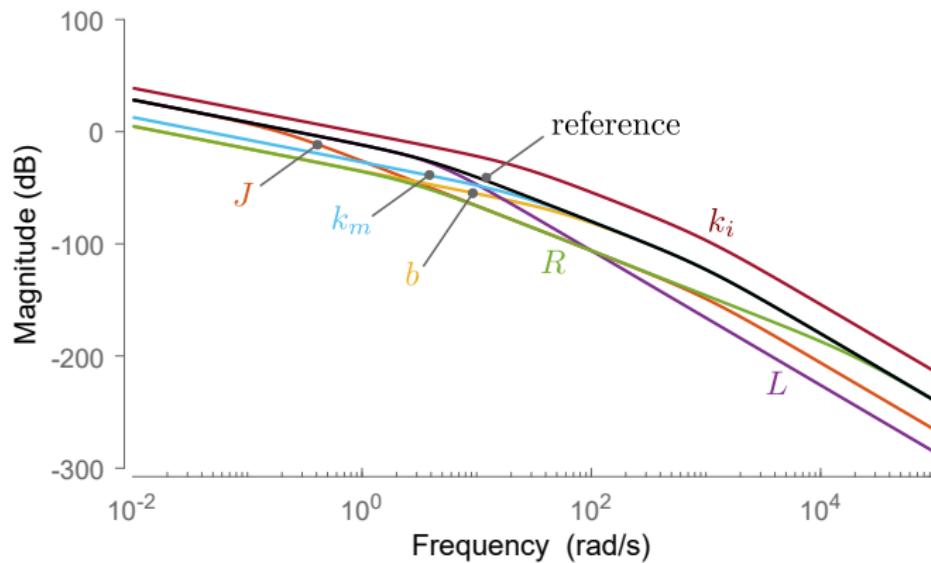
## Frequency response

**Speed** frequency response as the indicated parameter is increased by a factor of 20 compared to the reference curve.

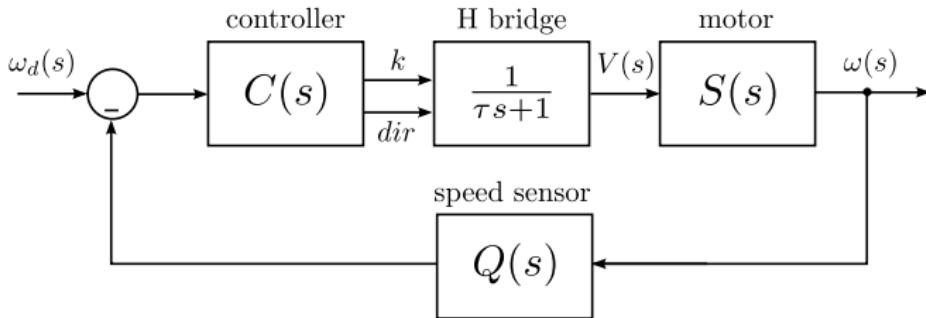


## Frequency response

**Position** frequency response as the indicated parameter is increased by a factor of 20 compared to the reference curve.



## Speed control



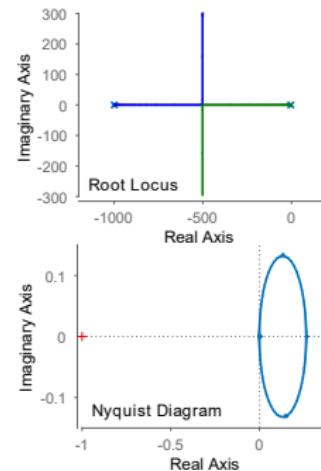
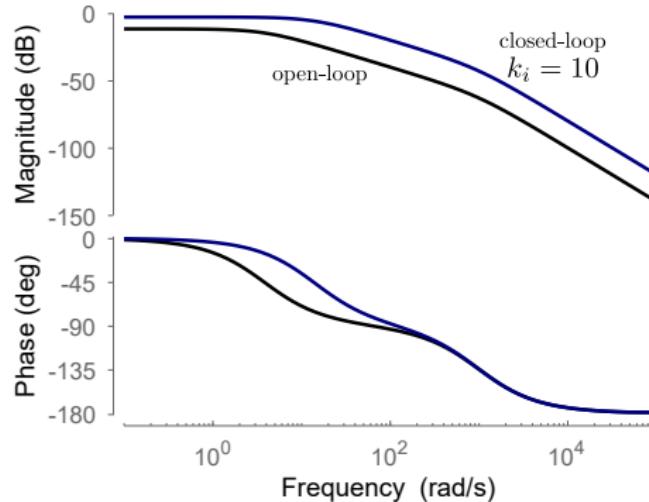
- The H-bridge is modelled as a low pas filter with  $\tau \ll \tau_{motor}$
- $Q(s)$  is the sensor transfer function
- $C(s)$  is the controller. For a PID:

$$C(s) = k_d + k_d s + \frac{k_i}{s} \quad (11)$$

- How does the controller affect the frequency response?

## Speed control

**Proportional controller:**  $k_p \neq 0, k_i = k_d = 0.$

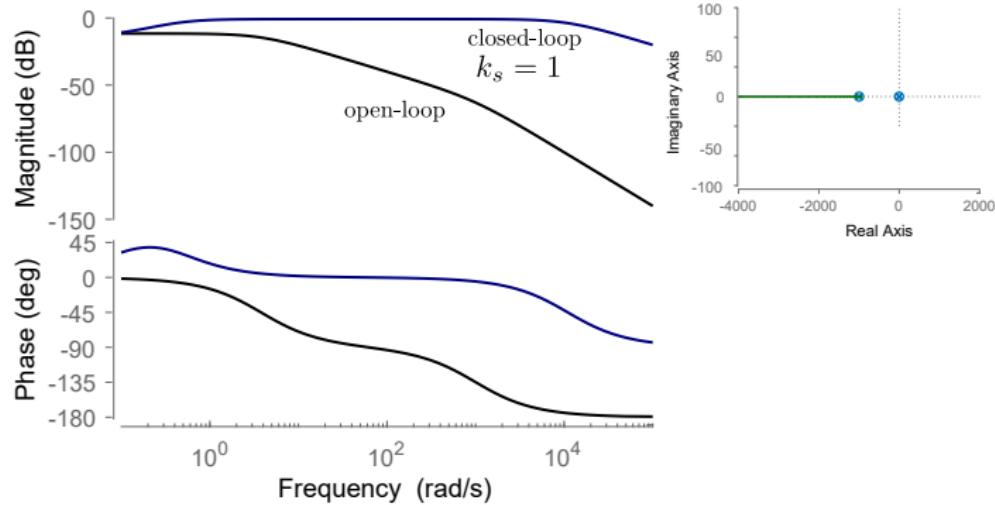


→ Overshoot is present for high control gains

→ The system is stable  $\forall k_p > 0$

## Speed control

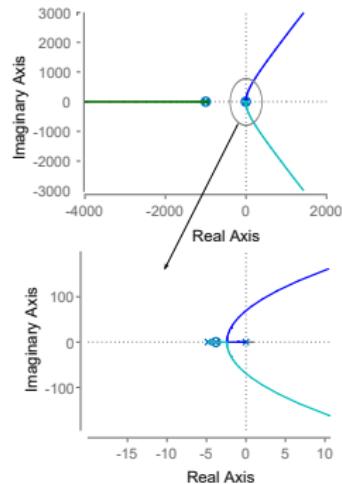
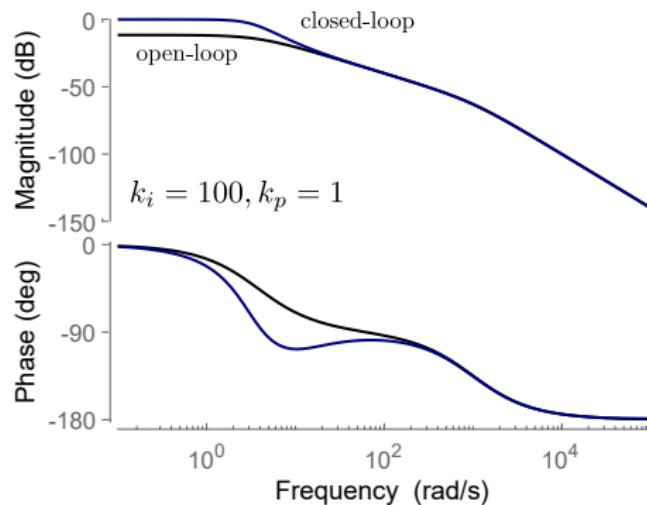
**Proportional-derivative controller:**  $k_p \neq 0$ ,  $k_d \neq 0$ ,  $k_i = 0$ .



- Derivative gain eliminates overshoot
- The system is always stable

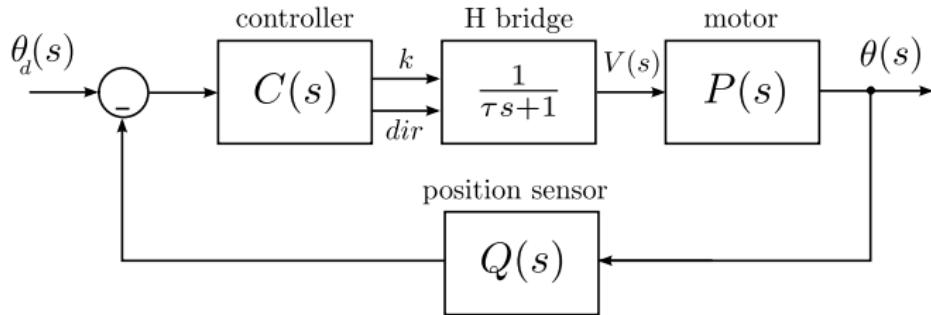
## Speed control

**Proportional-integral controller:**  $k_p \neq 0$ ,  $k_i \neq 0$ ,  $k_d = 0$ .



- Overshoot is present for high control gains
- The system may become unstable for high  $k_i$

## Position control



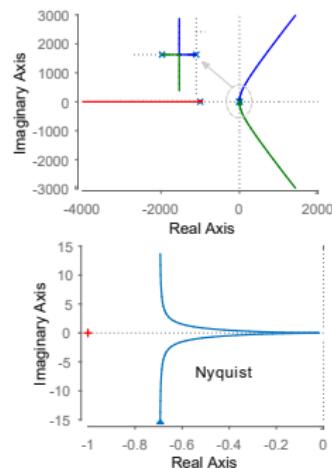
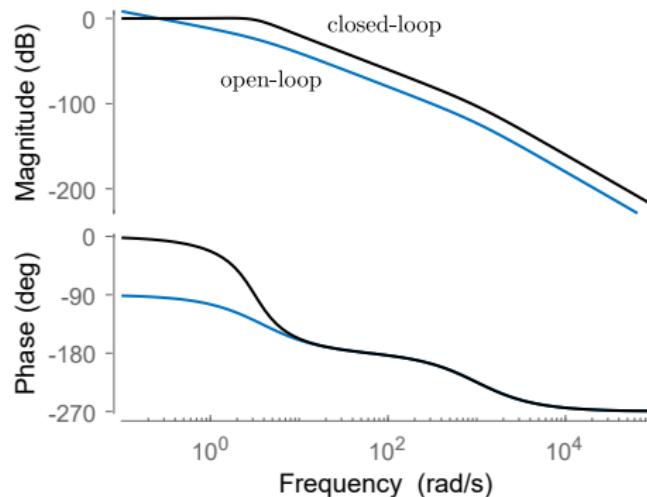
- The H-bridge is modelled as a low pas filter with  $\tau \ll \tau_{motor}$
- $Q(s)$  is the sensor transfer function
- $C(s)$  is the controller. For a PID:

$$C(s) = k_d + k_d s + \frac{k_i}{s} \quad (12)$$

- Recall that  $P(s) = \frac{S(s)}{s}$

## Position control

**Proportional controller:**  $k_p \neq 0$ ,  $k_i = k_d = 0$ .

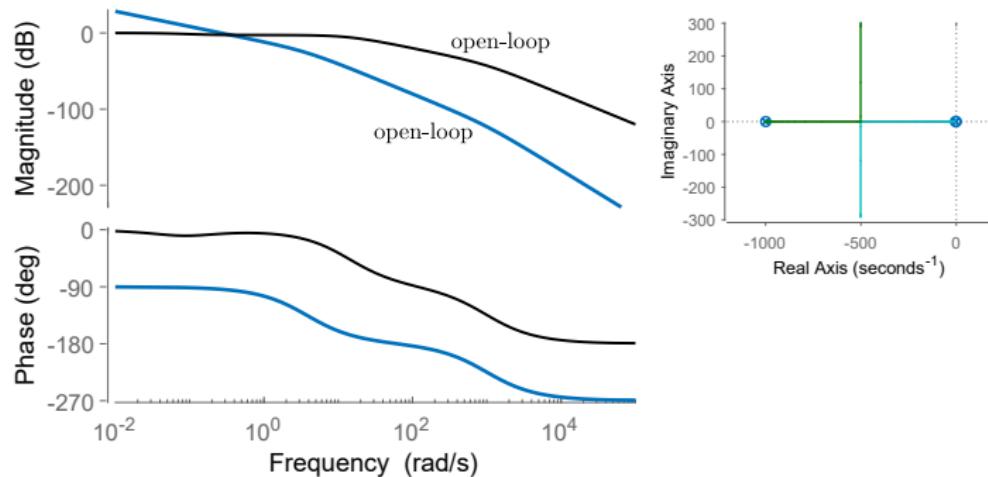


→ Overshoot is present for low control gains

→ The system is unstable for  $k_p >> 0$

## Position control

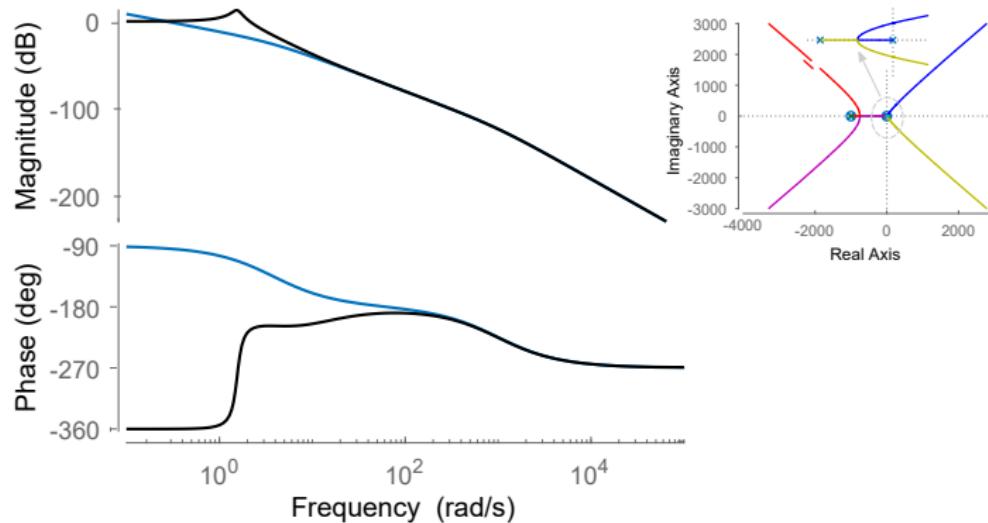
**Proportional-derivative controller:**  $k_p = 1$ ,  $k_d = 10$ ,  $k_i = 0$ .



- Overshoot is present for low control gains
- The system is stable for  $k_p = 1$ ,  $k_d > 0$

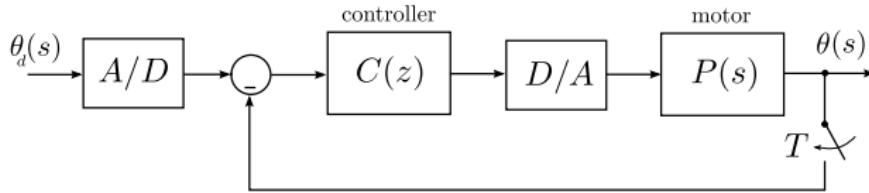
## Position control

**Proportional-integral controller:**  $k_p = 1$ ,  $k_d = 0$ ,  $k_i = 1$ .



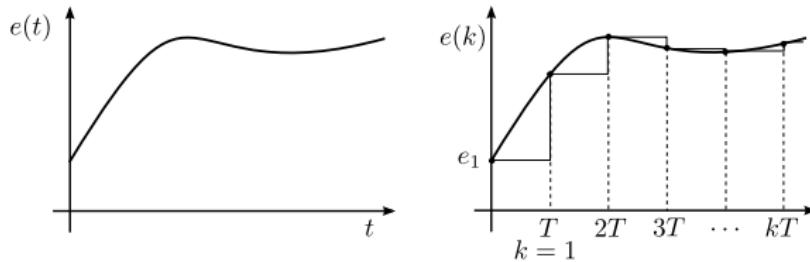
- Overshoot is present for low control gains
- The system is unstable for high values of  $k_i$

## PID controller implementation



### Digital PID control algorithm

- ⇒ Error is sampled every  $T$  seconds
- ⇒ Output is updated every  $T$  seconds
- ⇒ Analog PID discretized into the differential equation



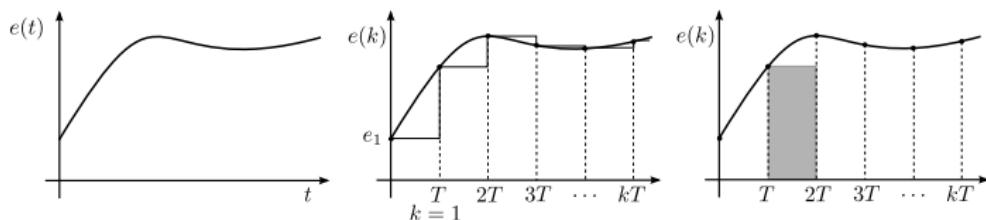
# PID controller implementation

Analogue (continuous) PID controller

$$C(s) = k_p + \frac{k_i}{s} + k_d s$$

The control output is

$$Z(s) = E(s)C(s) \quad (13)$$



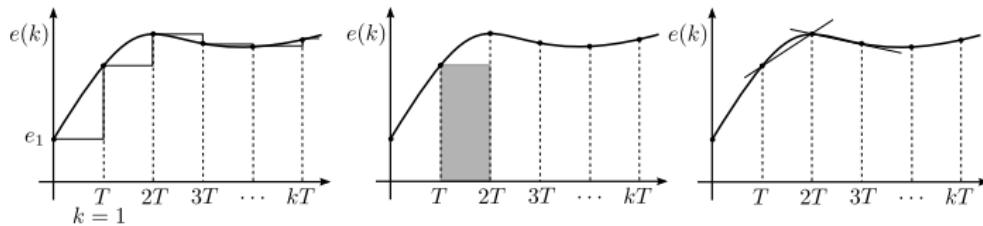
The integral term is

$$\int_0^t e(t)dt \approx T \sum_{i=0}^k e(i) \quad (14)$$

# PID controller implementation

The derivative term is

$$\frac{de(t)}{dt} \approx \frac{e(i) - e(i-1)}{T} \quad (15)$$

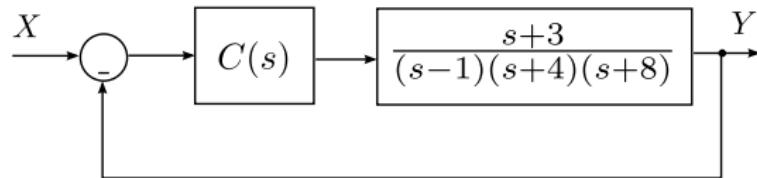


In discrete form the PID is

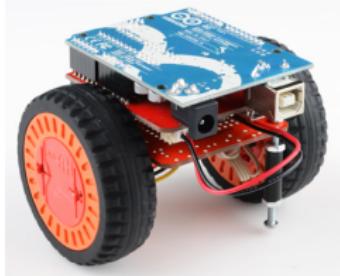
$$Z(i) = k_i \left( T \sum_{i=0}^k e(i) \right) + k_d \left( \frac{e(i) - e(i-1)}{T} \right) + k_d e(i) \quad (16)$$

## Exercise 66

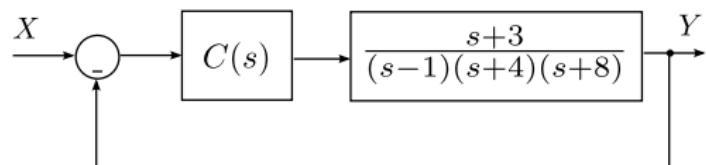
The 2 wheel robot is actuated by a single DC motor that is used to balance the robot using a *PI* controller  $G(s)$  have the same  $k_i$  and  $k_p$  gains.



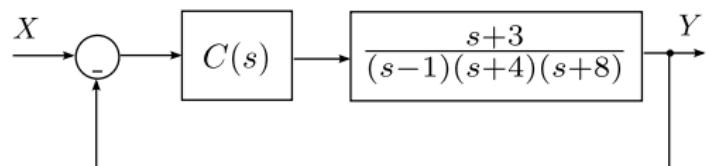
Select the controller gain  $k_p = k_i$  so that all of the complex poles have a damping ratio higher than 0.6.



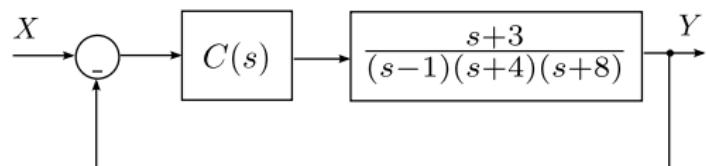
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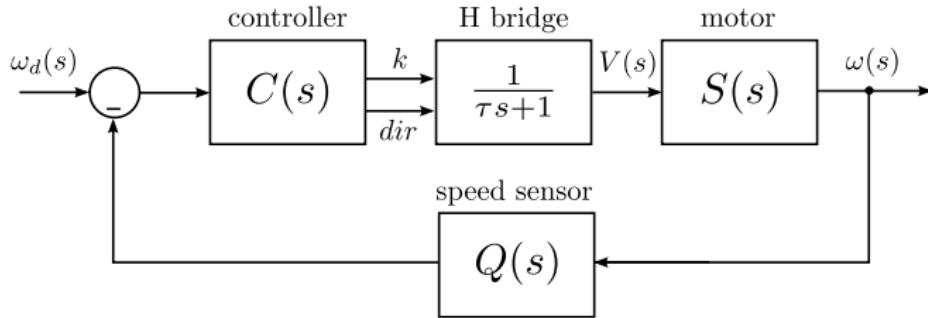


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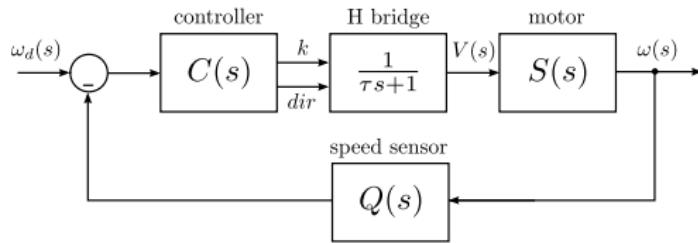
## Exercise 67

Write an Arduino code of a PID controller that can be used to regulate the speed of a DC motor following the arrangement shown.



The PID Library is available in the Arduino IDE Library Manager.

## Exercise 67 - continued



## Exercise 68

A 24V, Maxon RE-40 DC motor has the characteristics shown in the table.

Torque constant	$k_t$	32	mNm/A
Speed constant	$k_m$	32	mV/(rad/s)
Resistance	$R$	0.3	$\Omega$
Inductance	$L$	0.082	H
Rotor inertia	$J$	$1.42 \times 10^{-5}$	kg·m <sup>2</sup>
Friction constant	$b$	$1 \times 10^{-5}$	Nm/(rad/s)

Determine:

- (a) The no-load speed
- (b) The no-load torque and current
- (c) The voltage and current required to drive a 0.1 Nm load at 5 rad/s.

## Exercise 68 - continued

$$\omega = \frac{k_i V - RT_d}{k_i k_m + Rb}, \quad T = \frac{k_i(Vb + k_m T_d)}{k_m k_i + Rb}$$

(a) The no-load speed

## Exercise 68 - continued

$$\omega = \frac{k_i V - RT_d}{k_i k_m + Rb}, \quad T = \frac{k_i(Vb + k_m T_d)}{k_m k_i + Rb}$$

**(b)** The no-load torque and current

## Exercise 68 - continued

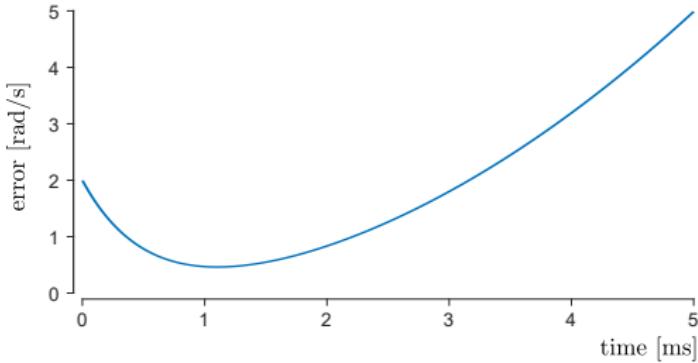
$$\omega = \frac{k_i V - RT_d}{k_i k_m + Rb}, \quad T = \frac{k_i(Vb + k_m T_d)}{k_m k_i + Rb}$$

- (c) The voltage and current required to drive a 0.1 Nm load at 5 rad/s.

## Exercise 69

The measured speed tracking error of a PID-controlled DC motor during the interval shown is described by

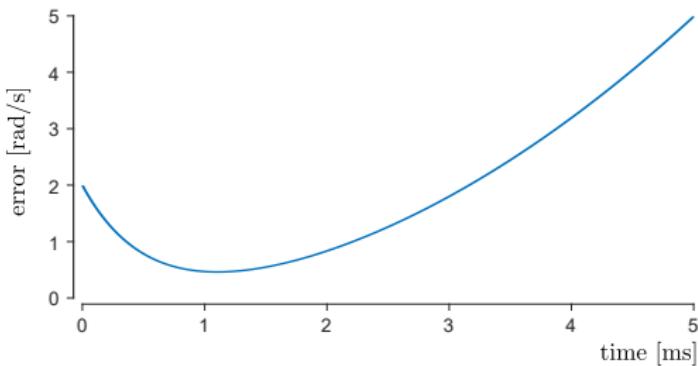
$$e(t) = \frac{t^2}{5} + 2e^{-2t}$$



where  $t$  is in ms. If the PID is implemented in a microcontroller running with a sampling frequency of 1kHz, calculate the controller output when  $t = 5$  ms.

## Exercise 69 - continued

$$e(t) = \frac{t^2}{5} + 2e^{-2t}$$



## Exercise 69 - continued

Next class...

- Torque control of DC motors

Additional supporting materials for Lecture 14:

Simulink - DC motor position control: <https://goo.gl/WKAaw1>

Simulink - DC motor speed control: <https://goo.gl/4yCZ2B>

Speed Control using an H-Bridge: <https://goo.gl/gV8T5x>