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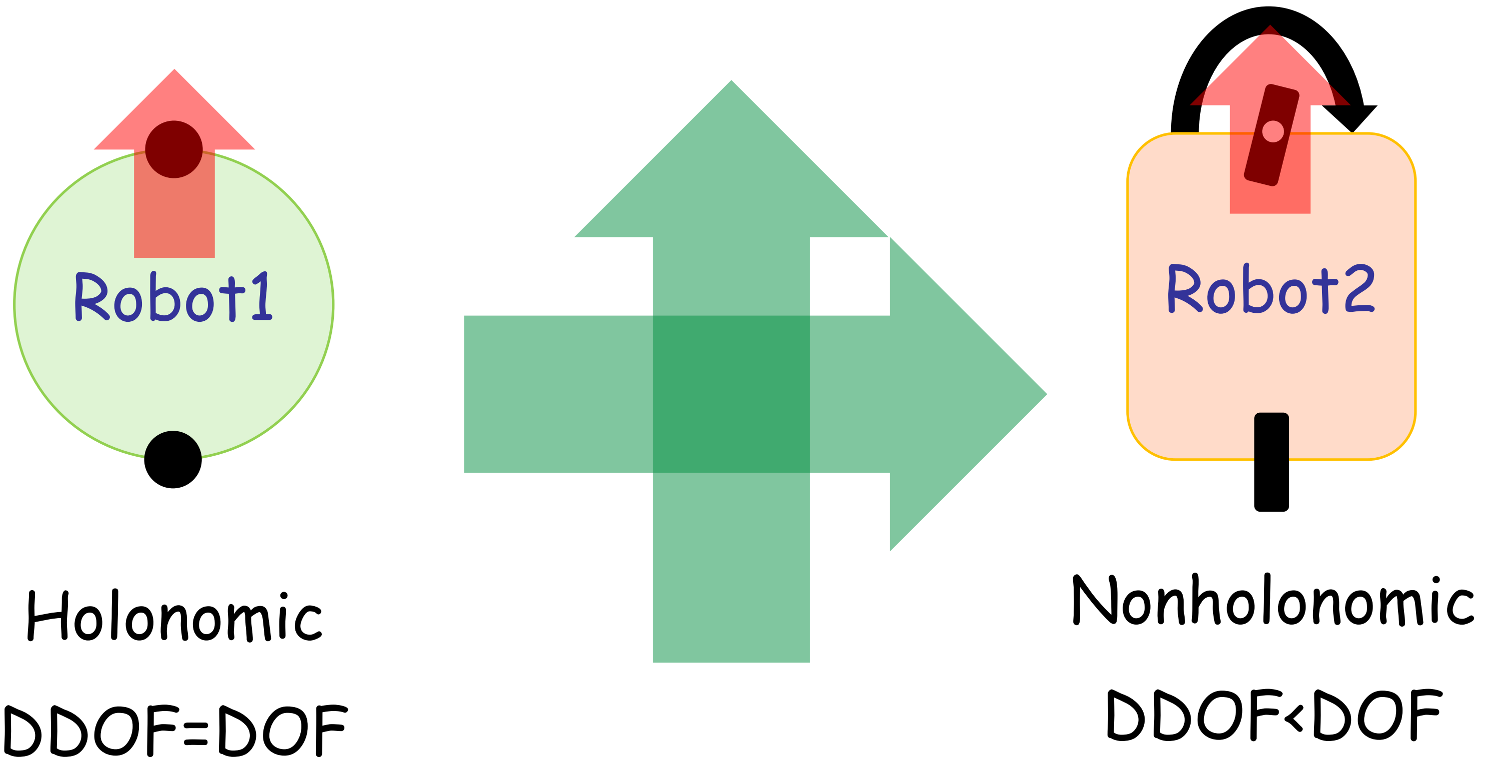
Lecture 3: Robot Control

Go forward, go right



DOF: Ability to achieve various poses

DDOF: Ability to achieve various velocities

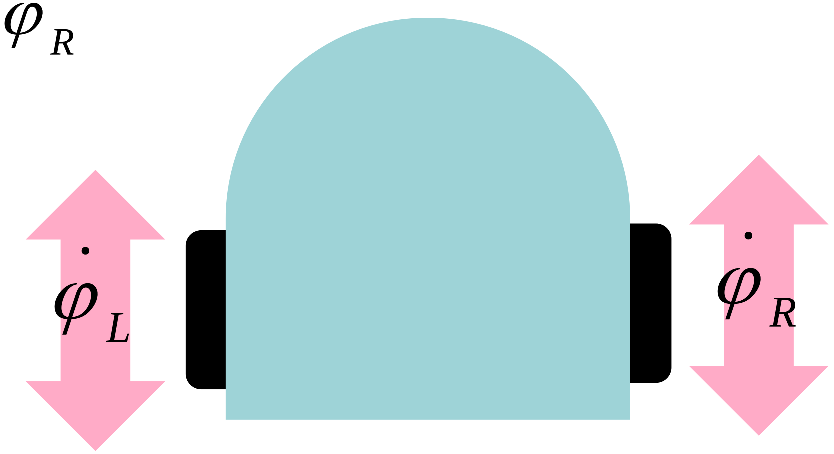
Differential drive

Forward: $\dot{\varphi}_L = \dot{\varphi}_R > 0$

Backward: $\dot{\varphi}_L = \dot{\varphi}_R < 0$

Right turn: $\dot{\varphi}_L > \dot{\varphi}_R$

Left turn: $\dot{\varphi}_L < \dot{\varphi}_R$



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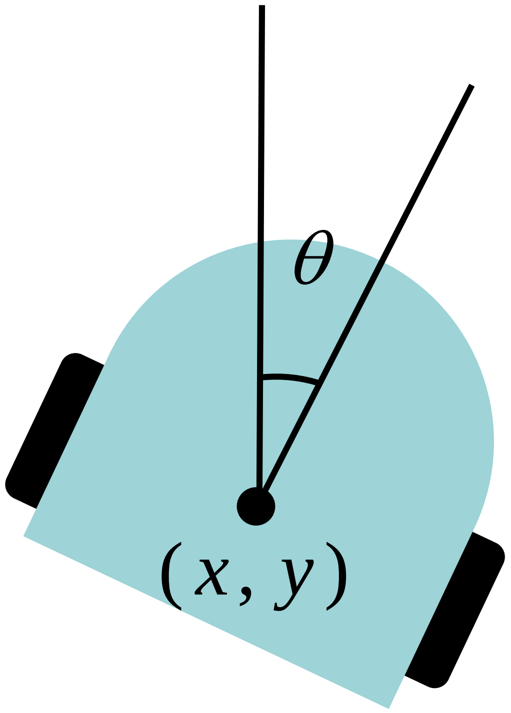

Input: (v, ω)

$$\dot{x} = v\cos\theta$$

$$\dot{y} = v\sin\theta$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega$$

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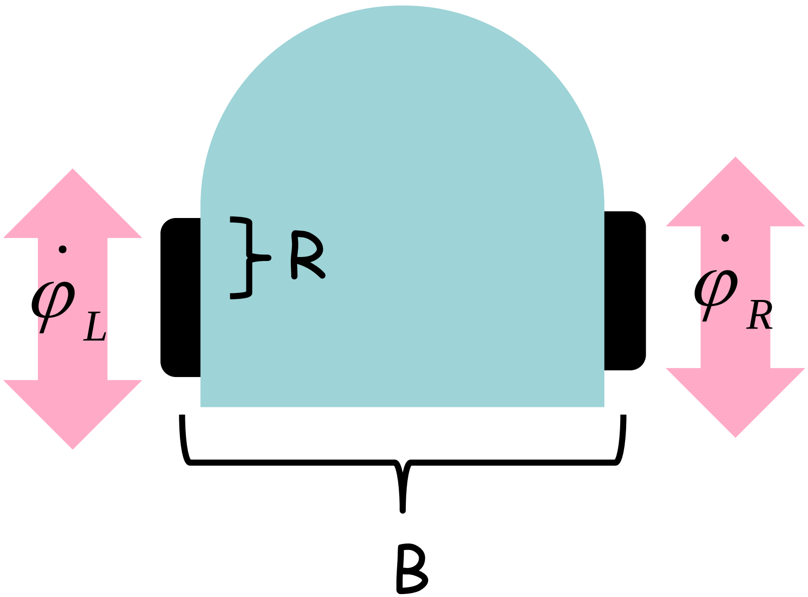


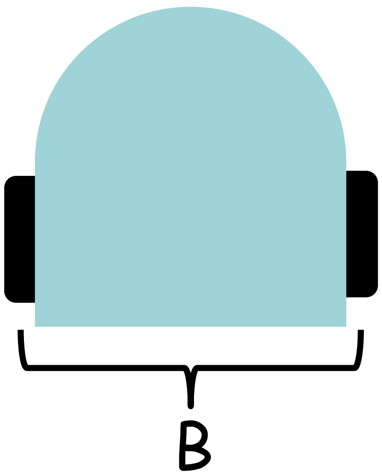
$$\dot{x} = R\,\frac{(\dot{\varphi}_L + \dot{\varphi}_R)}{2}\cos\theta$$

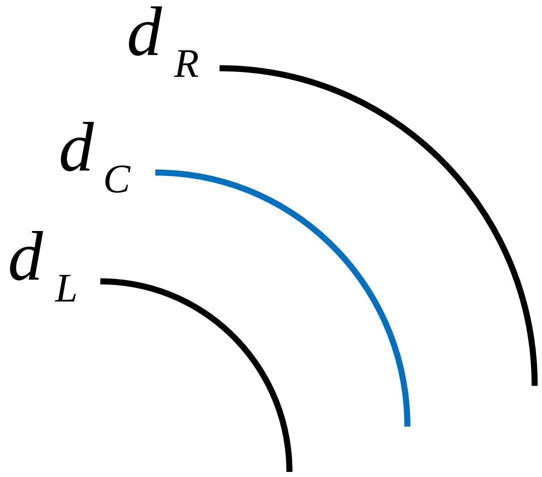
$$\dot{y} = R\,\frac{(\dot{\varphi}_L + \dot{\varphi}_R)}{2}\sin\theta$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{R}{B}(\dot{\varphi}_R - \dot{\varphi}_L)$$

Odometry: intuition

Odometry for small t





$$d_C = \tfrac{1}{2}(d_L + d_R)$$

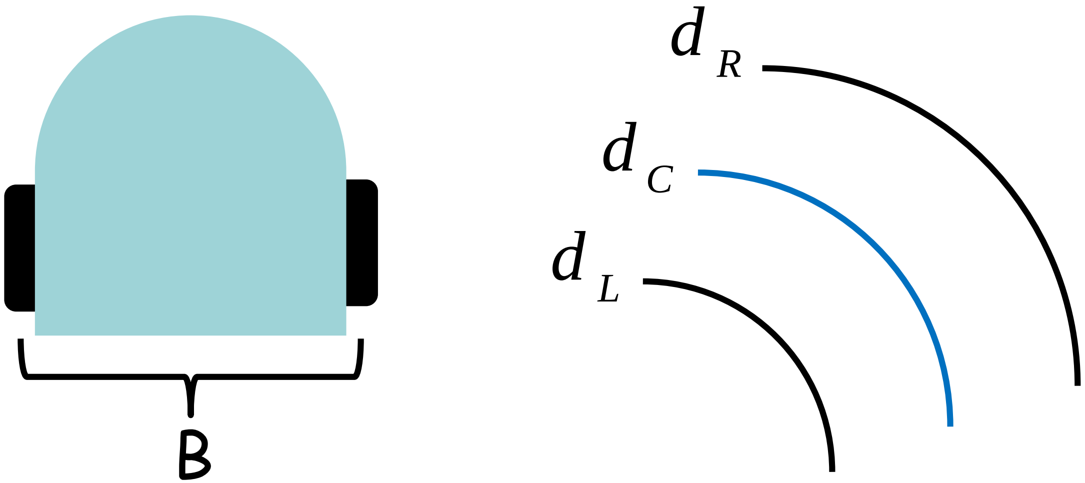
$$\theta_C = \frac{d_R - d_L}{B}$$

$$x(t) = x(t-1) + d_C \cos\theta(t)$$

$$y(t) = y(t-1) + d_C \sin\theta(t)$$

$$\theta(t) = \theta(t-1) + \theta_C$$

More accurate odometry for small t



$$d_C = \tfrac{1}{2}(d_L + d_R)$$

$$\theta_C = \arctan\left(\frac{d_R - d_L}{B}\right)$$

$$x(t) = x(t-1) + d_C \cos(\theta(t-1) + \tfrac{1}{2}\theta_C)$$

$$y(t) = y(t-1) + d_C \sin(\theta(t-1) + \tfrac{1}{2}\theta_C)$$

$$\theta(t) = \theta(t-1) + \theta_C$$

Wheel encoder

How do we get the distance each wheel has moved?

- If the wheel has N ticks per revolution:

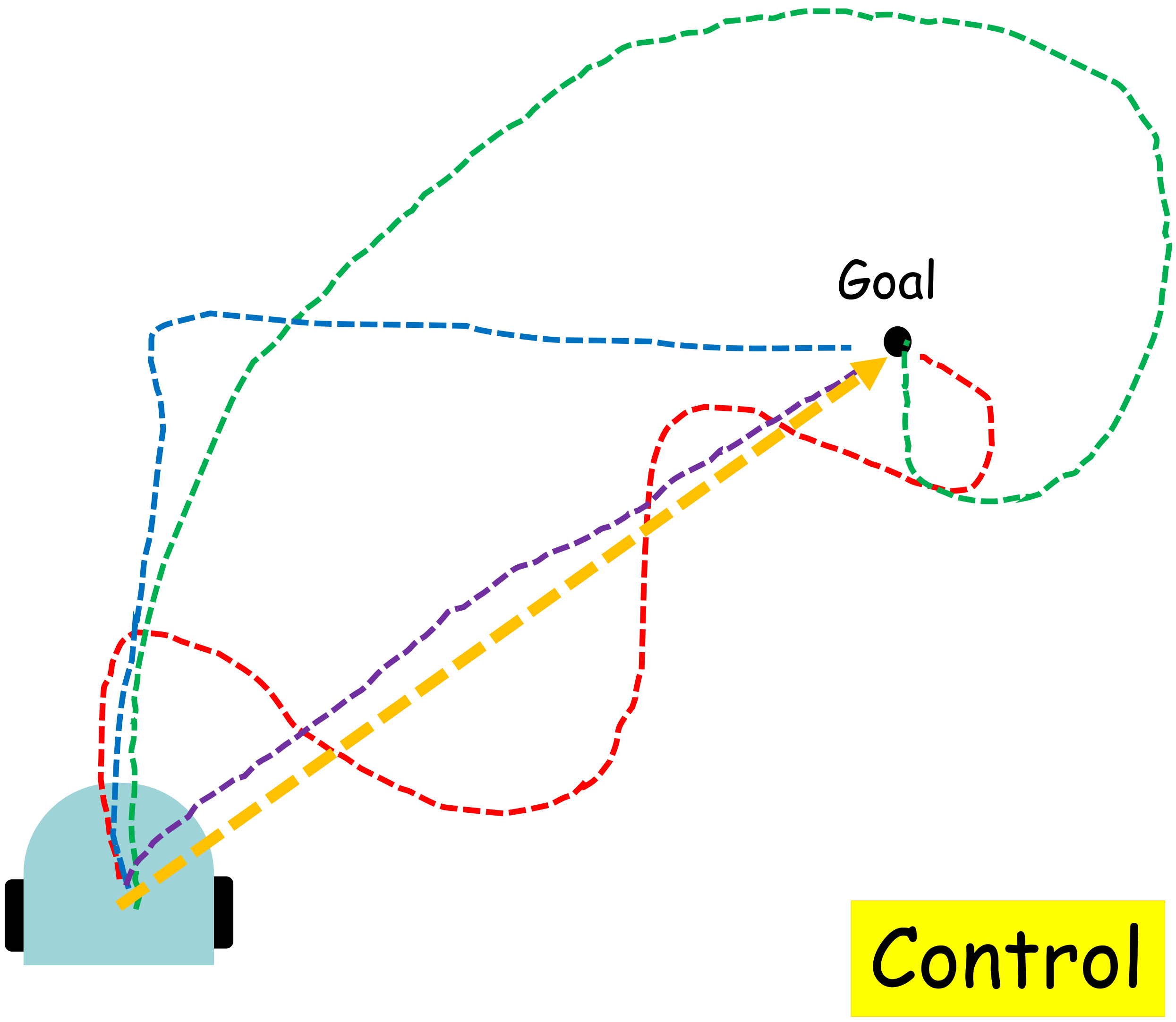
$$\Delta n_{tick} = n_{tick}(t) - n_{tick}(t-1)$$

$$d = 2\pi R \frac{\Delta n_{tick}}{N}$$

- Thymio: $d = \dot{d} \Delta t$

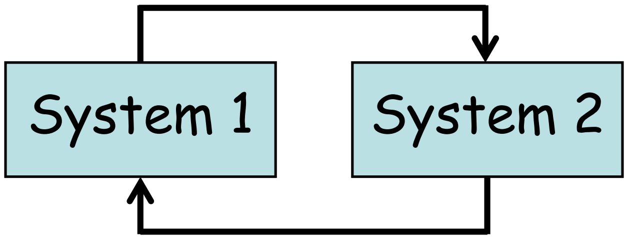
DRIFT

Go to goal

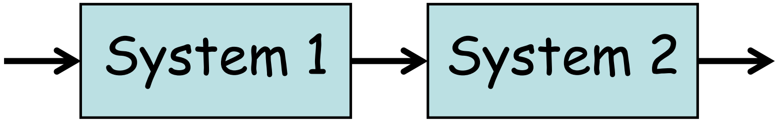


Feedback

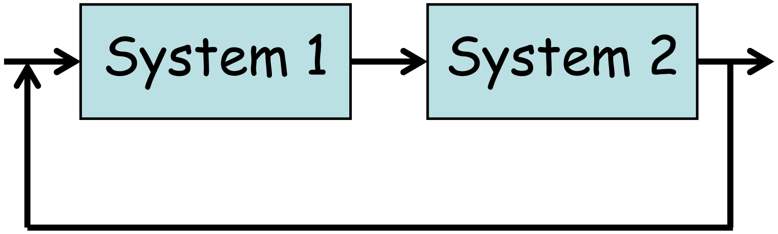
A collection of two or more dynamical systems, in which each system influences the other, resulting in strongly-coupled dynamics



➢ Open loop: the systems are not interconnected (no feedback)

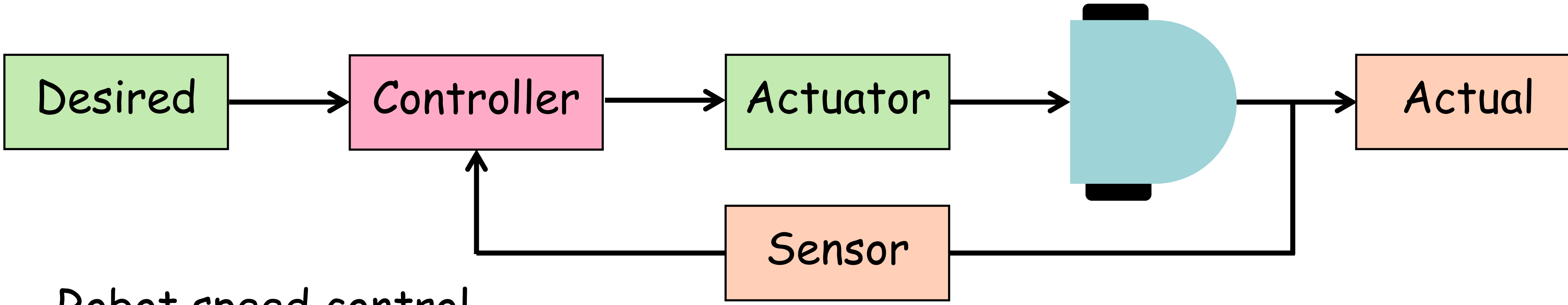


➢ Closed loop: the systems are interconnected (with feedback)



Control

The use of algorithms and feedback in engineered systems



Robot speed control

- Actuator: set the robot's speed
- Sensor: sense the robot's actual speed
- Control goals: set the robot's speed such that:
  - Stability: the robot maintains the desired speed
  - Performance: the robot responds quickly to changes
  - Robustness: the robot tolerates perturbation in dynamics

On-off controller

$$u = \begin{cases} u_{max} & \text{if } e > 0 \\ u_{min} & \text{if } e < 0 \end{cases}$$

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error := set_point - measured
if error > 0.0 then
        output := max
else
        if error < 0.0 then
                output := min
        end
end
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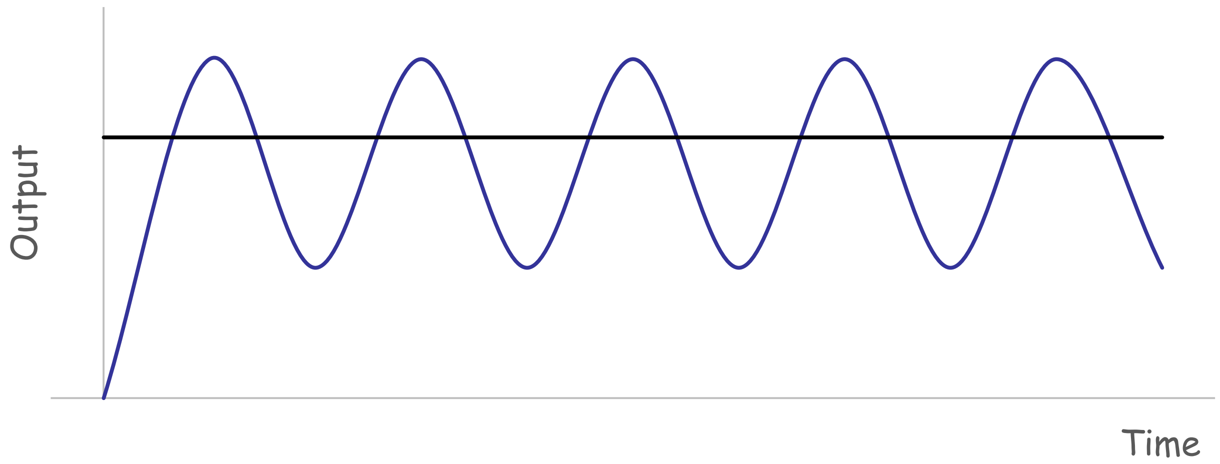

Proportional controller

$$u(t) = k_p e(t)$$

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error := set_point - measured
output := k_p * error
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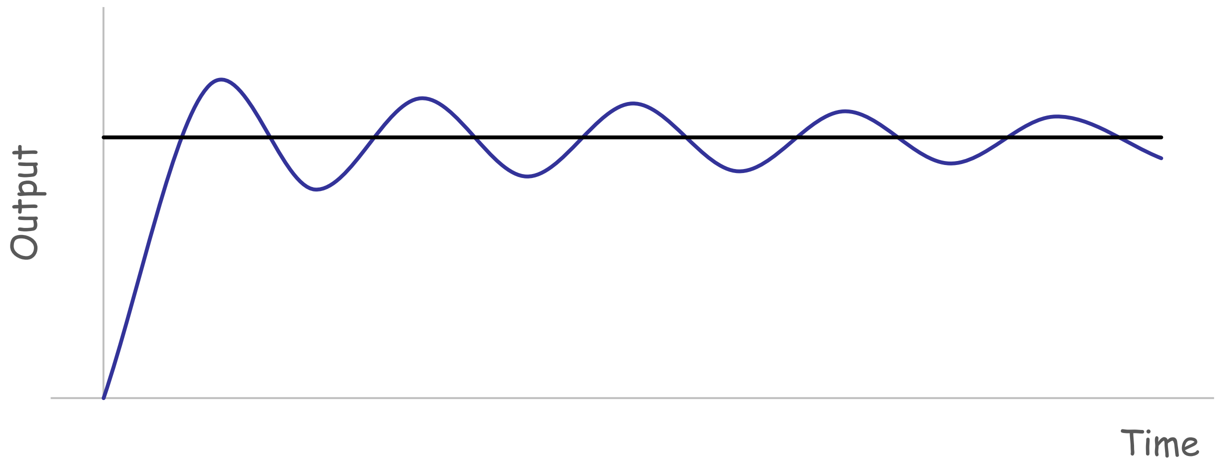

Proportional derivative controller

$$u(t) = k_p e(t) + k_d \frac{de(t)}{dt}$$

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error := set_point - measured

proportional := k_p * error

derivative := k_d * (error - prev_error)/dt

output := proportional + derivative
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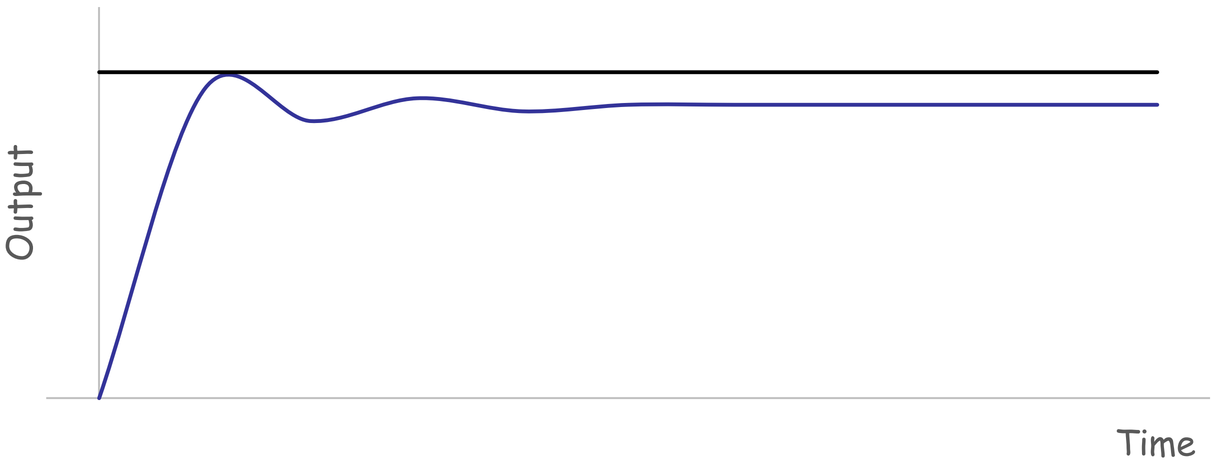

Proportional integral derivative controller

$$u(t) = k_p e(t) + k_i \int_0^t e(\tau)\, d\tau + k_d \frac{de(t)}{dt}$$

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error := set_point - measured

proportional := k_p * error

integral := k_i * (accumulated_error + error * dt)

derivative := k_d * (error - prev_error)/dt

output := proportional + integral + derivative
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Proportional integral derivative controller

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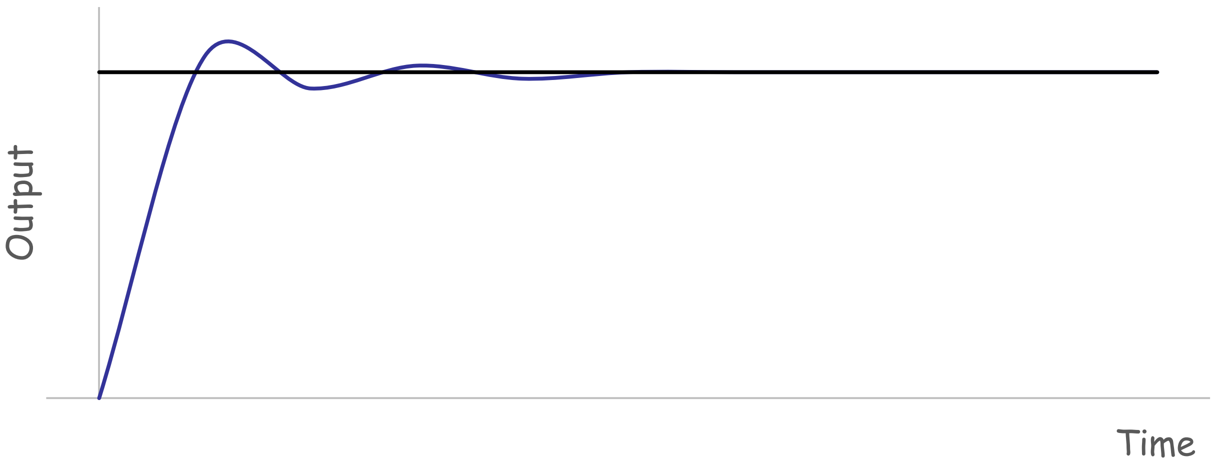
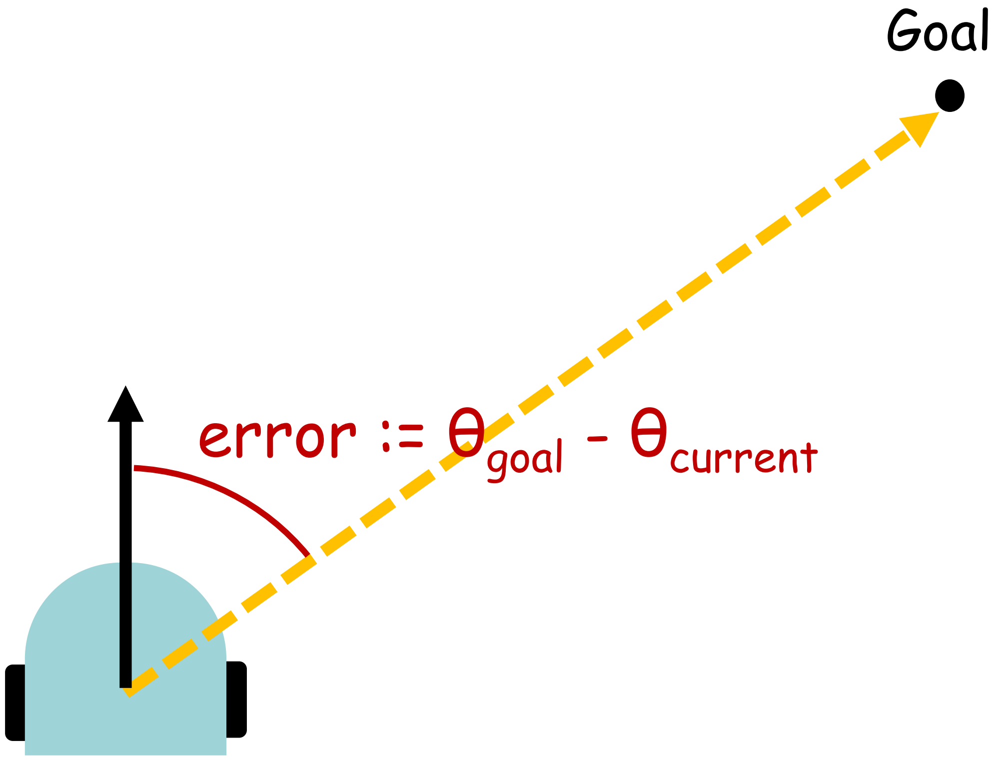


Go to goal



Control gains

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Ziegler-Nicols method

- Set K_i and K_d to 0.
- Increase K_p until K_u at which point the output starts to oscillate.
- Use K_u and the oscillation period T_u to set the control gains.

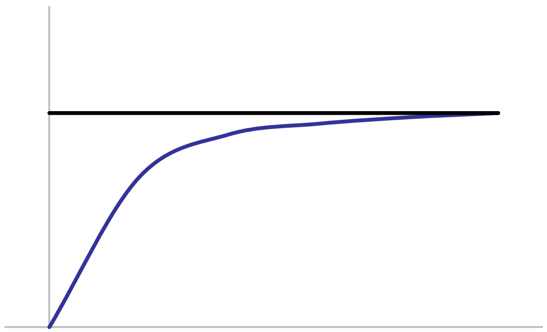
Control Type	K_p	K_i	K_d
P	$0.50K_u$	-	-
PI	$0.45K_u$	$1.2K_p/T_u$	-
PID	$0.60K_u$	$2K_p/T_u$	$K_pT_u/8$

Manual tuning!

P, PI, PID, ….?

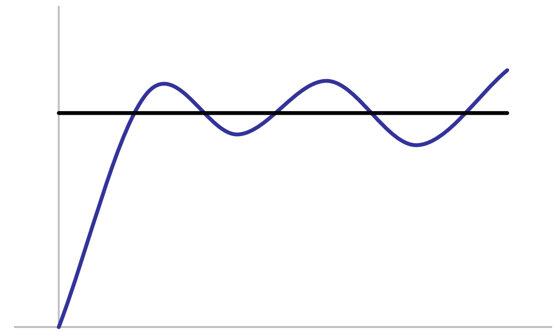
$$u(t) = k_p e(t) + k_i \int_0^t e(\tau)\, d\tau + k_d \frac{de(t)}{dt}$$

a.



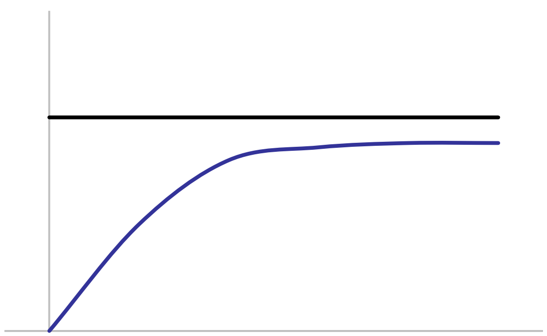
$k_p, k_i, k_d \neq 0$

c.



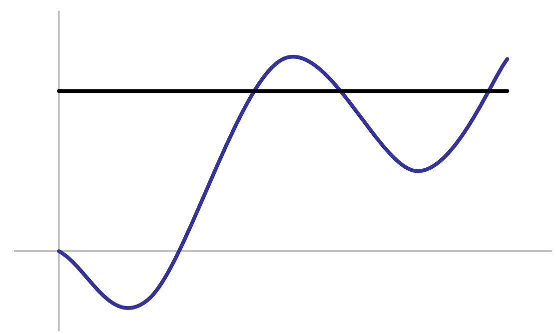
$k_d = 0$

b.



$k_i = 0$

d.



$k_p = 0$

Software engineering tips

- Does functionality F belong to class C? In its own class?
- Can functionality F be generalized?
- Is number N a constant? A variable?
- Should number N be in the source code? Command line input? Read from a file?