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# Eleven Tools in Feedback Control

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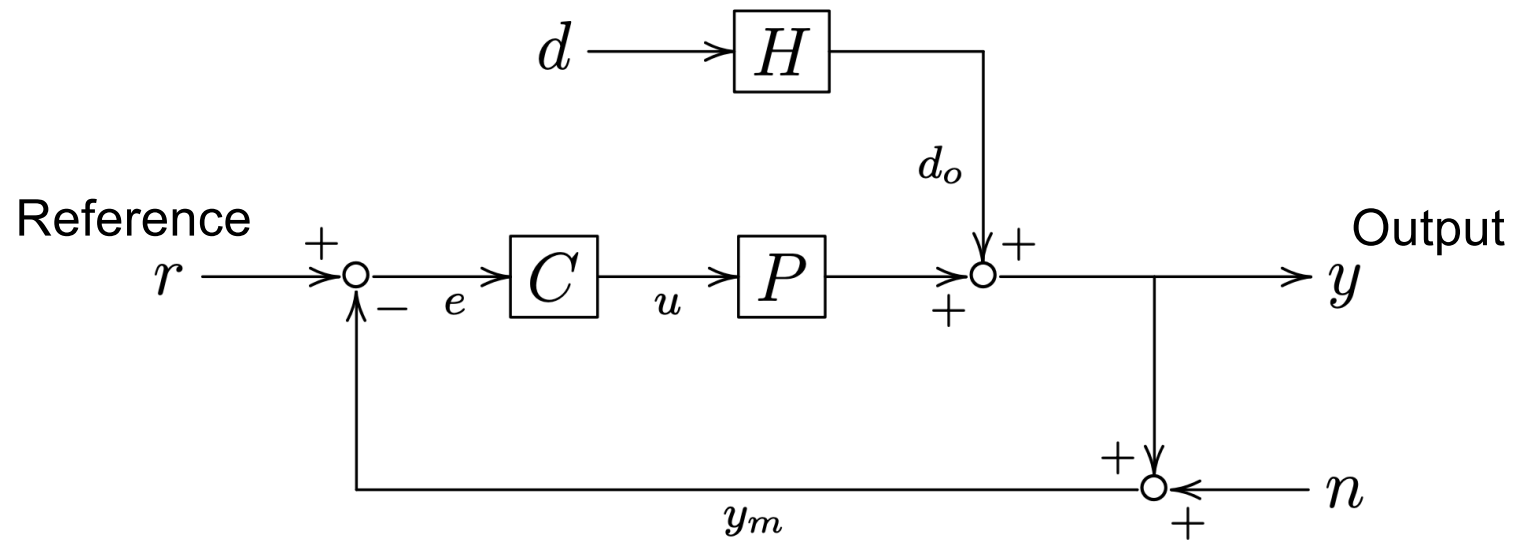
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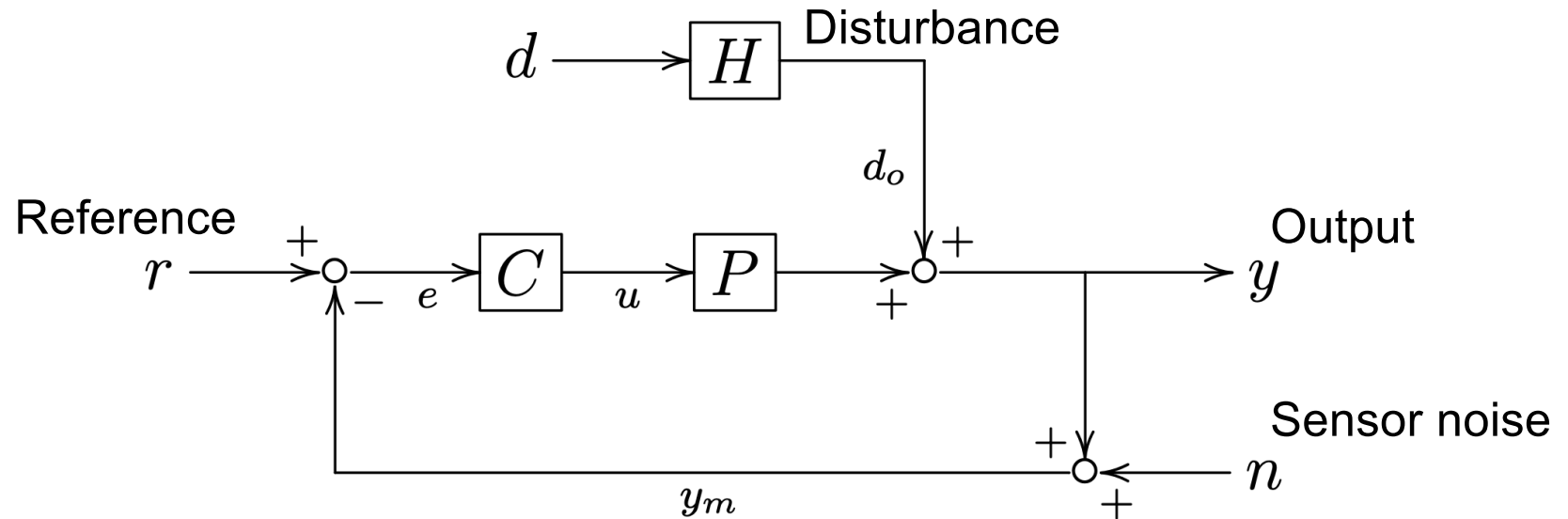
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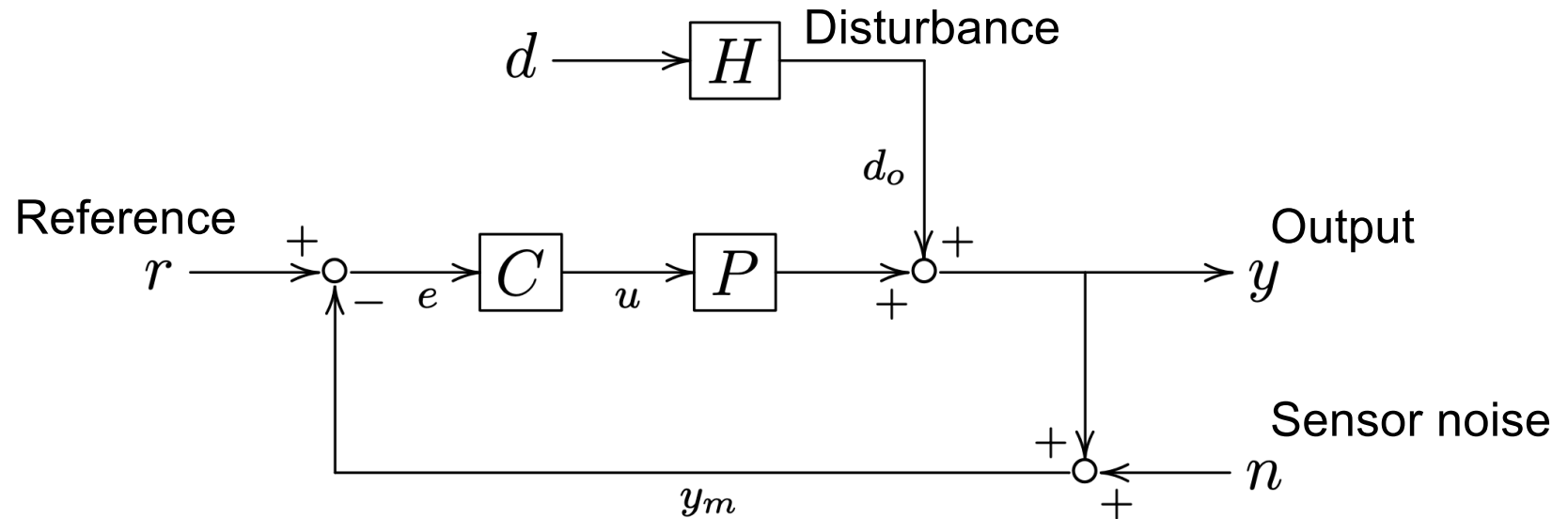
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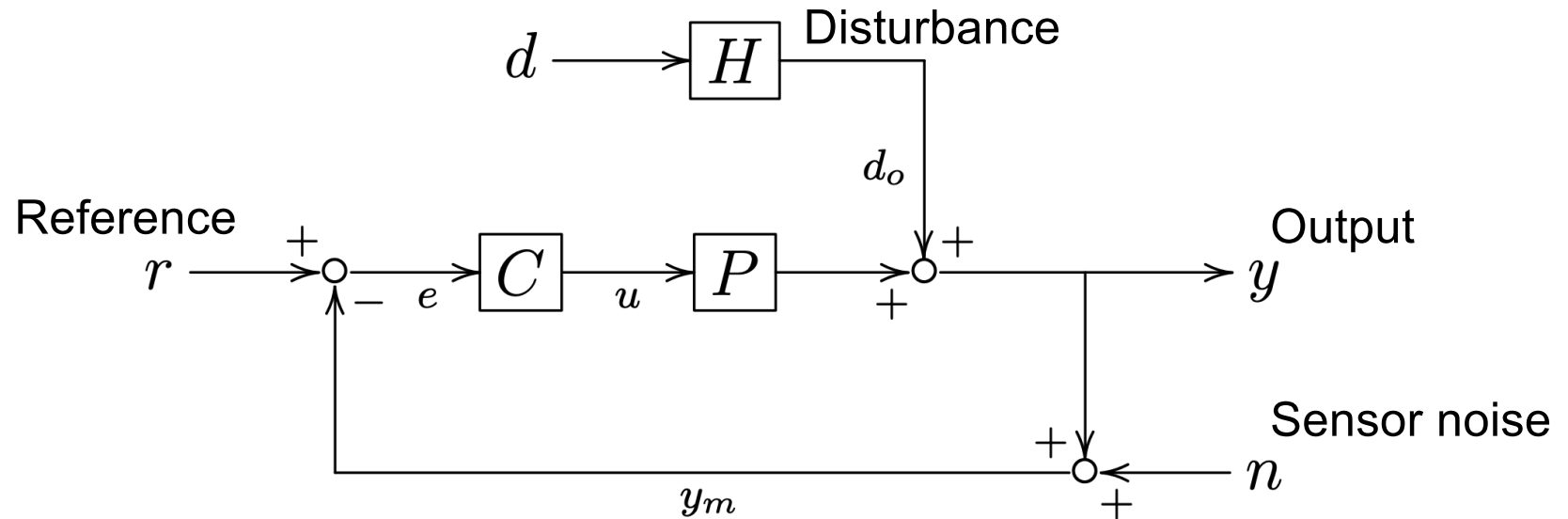
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$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G_{r \rightarrow y} & G_{d_o \rightarrow y} & G_{n \rightarrow y} \\ G_{r \rightarrow u} & G_{d_o \rightarrow u} & G_{n \rightarrow u} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ d_o \\ n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{PC}{1+PC} & \frac{1}{1+PC} & \frac{-PC}{1+PC} \\ \frac{1}{1+PC} & \frac{-C}{1+PC} & \frac{-C}{1+PC} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ d_o \\ n \end{bmatrix}$$
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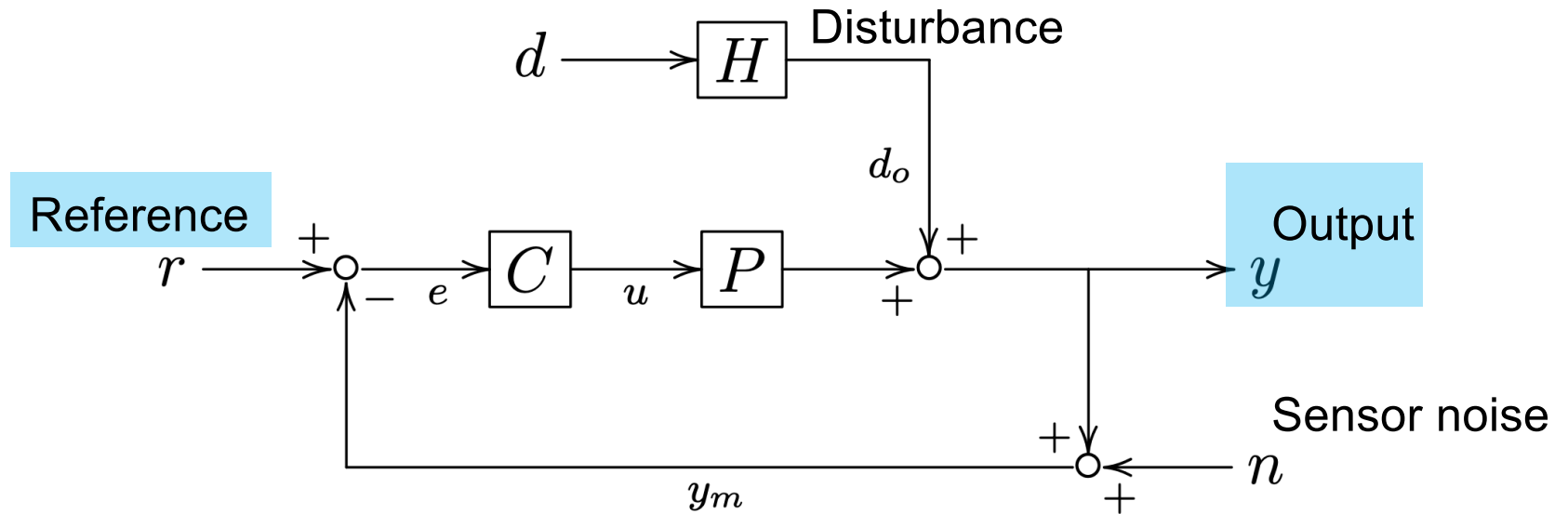
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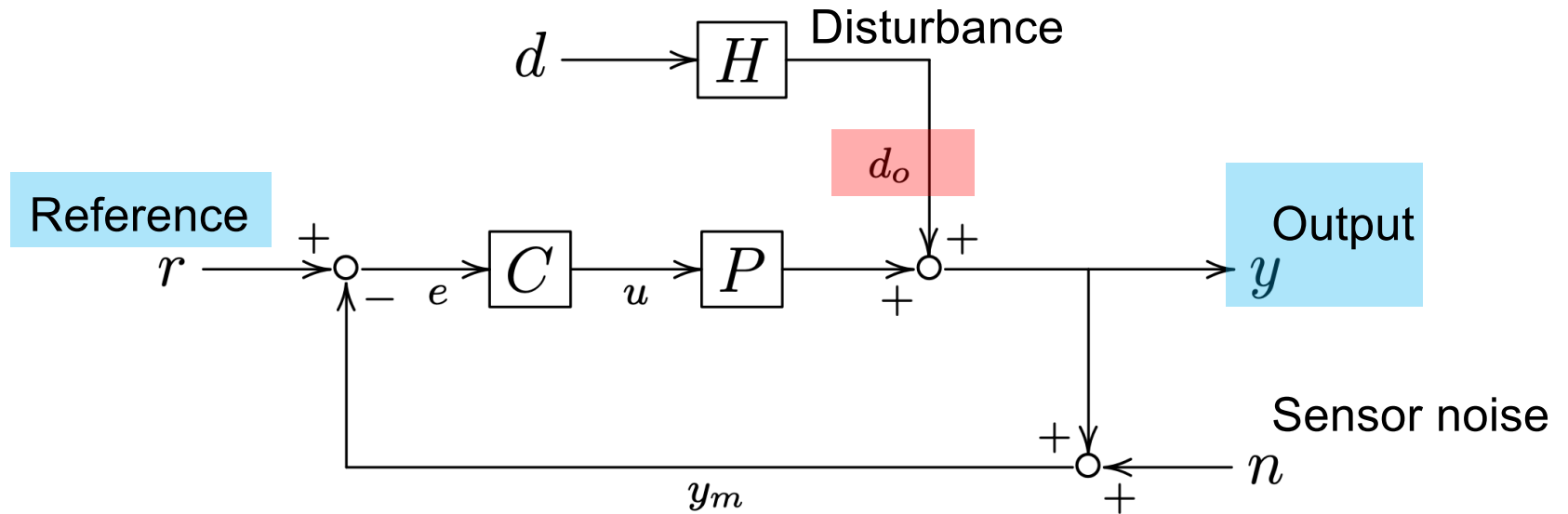


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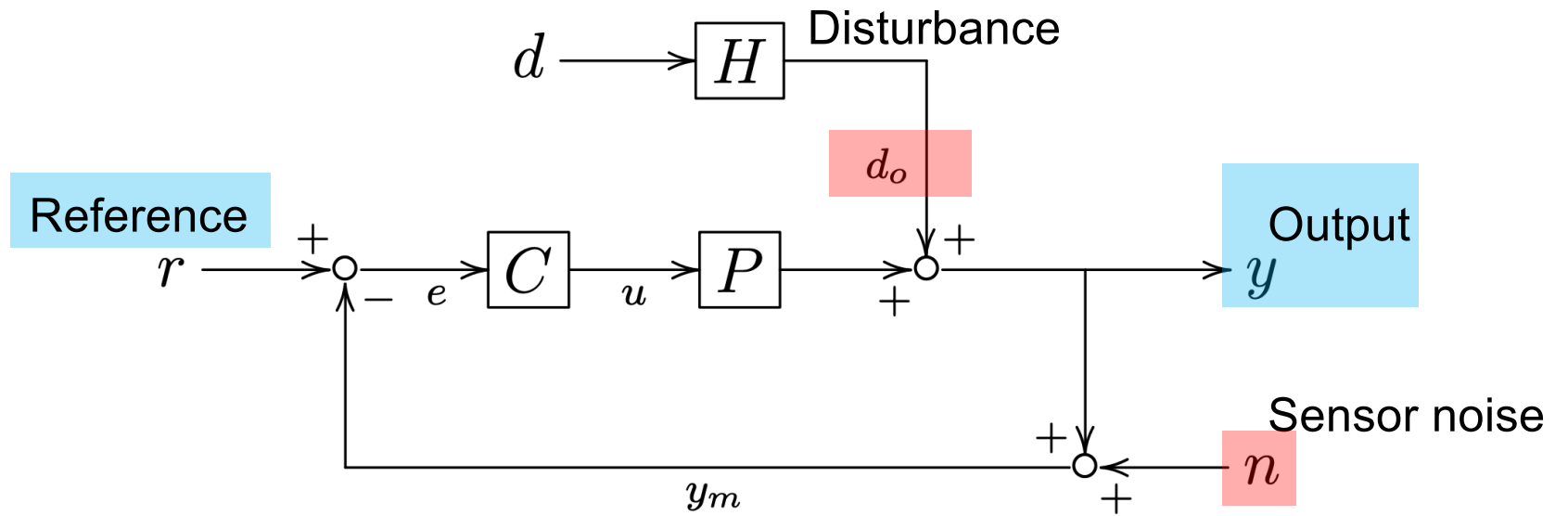
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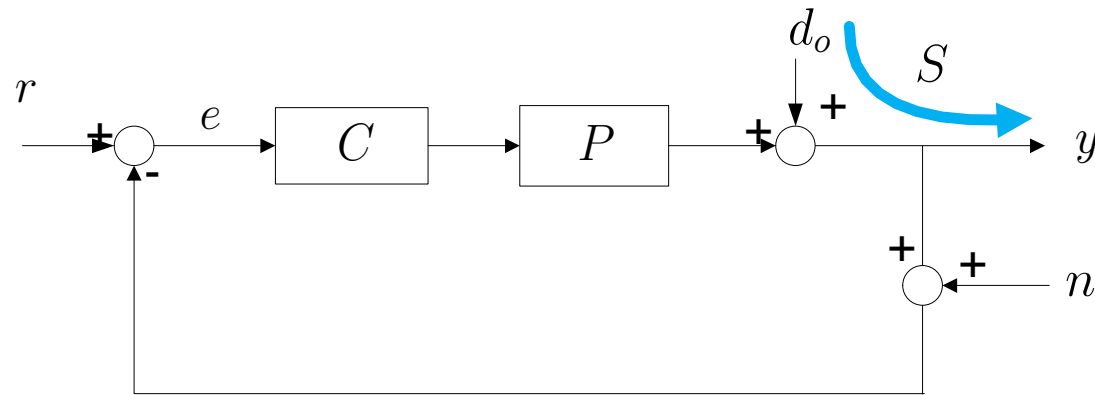
Reference  
Disturbance  
Sensor noise

Desired:  $\sim 1$        $\sim 0$        $\sim 0$

Can't do well on both!

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# Tradeoffs



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Sensitivity Function:  $S = (1 + PC)^{-1}$

Complementary Sensitivity Function:

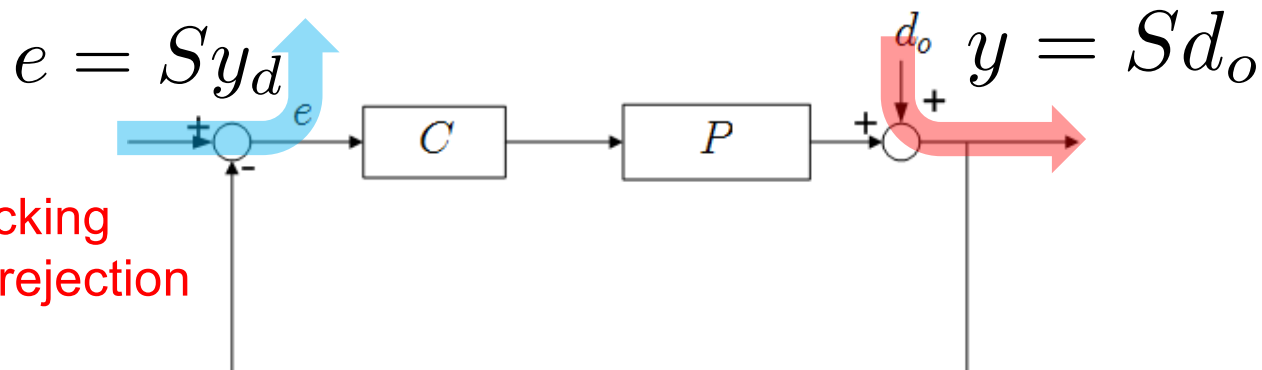
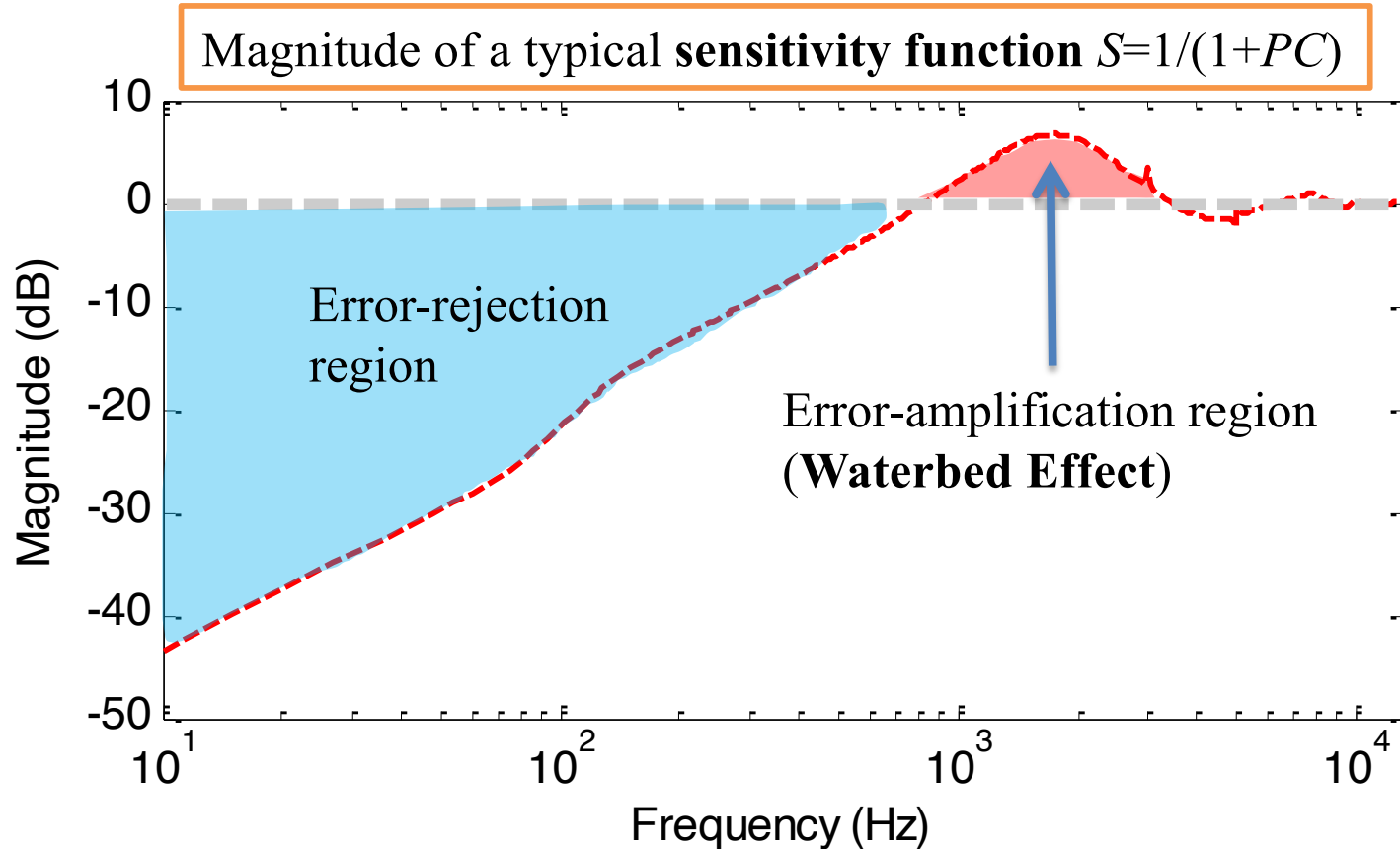
$$T = PC(1 + PC)^{-1}$$

Fundamental Constraint:

$$S + T = 1$$

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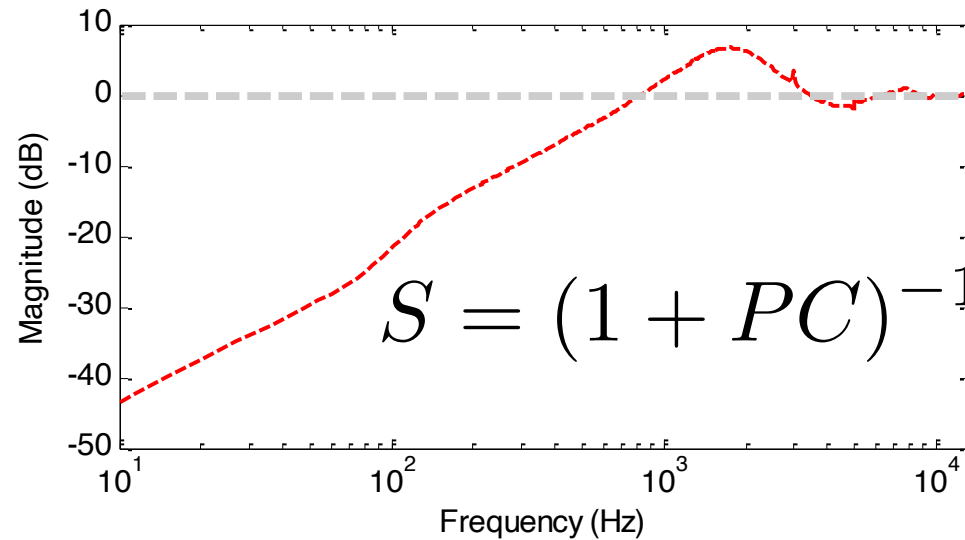
# Loop shaping



**S** defines the tracking and disturbance rejection performances

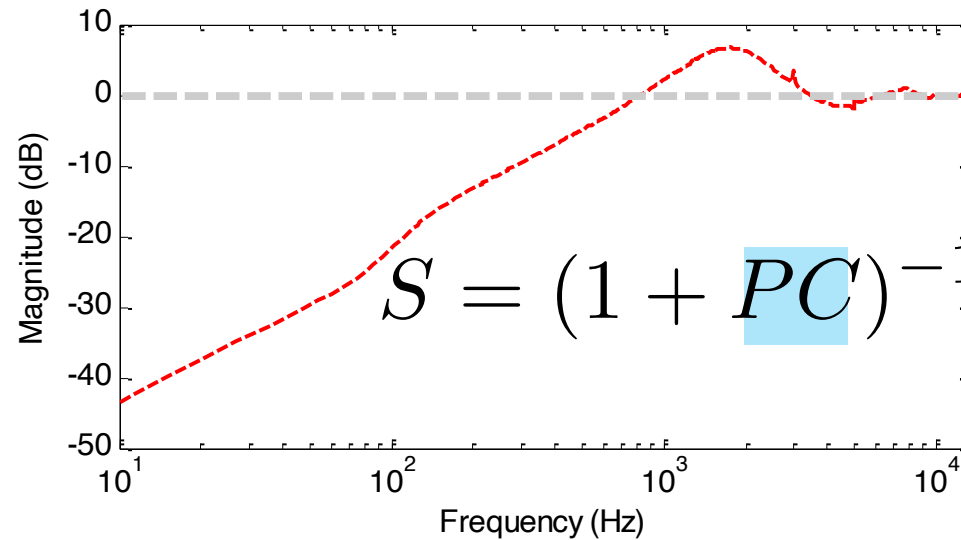
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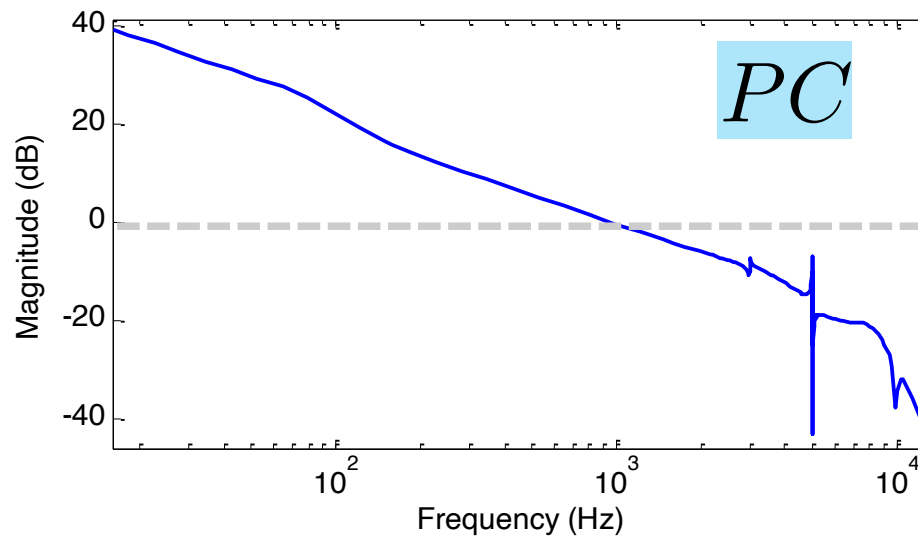


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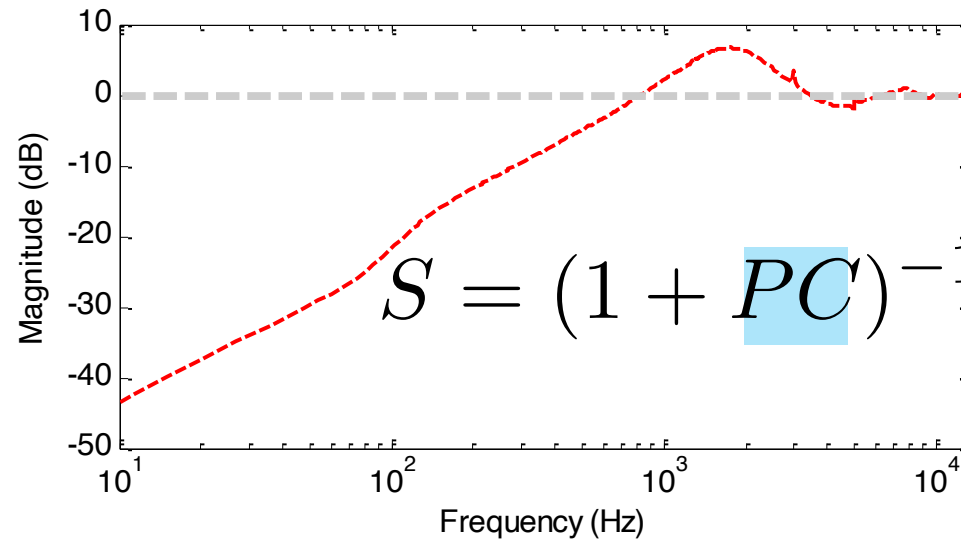


small gain in  $S$   
 $\leftrightarrow$   
high gain in  $PC$

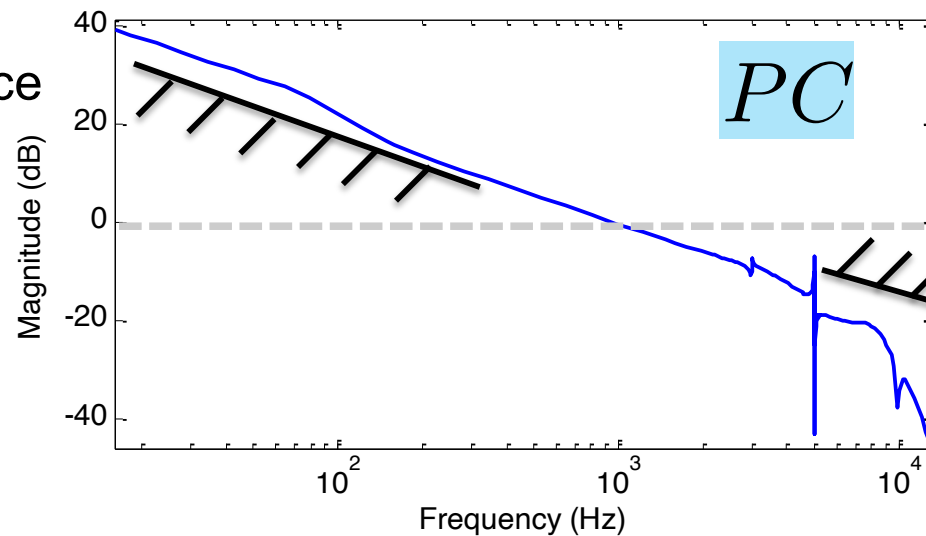


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Typical high-gain control for performance at low frequency

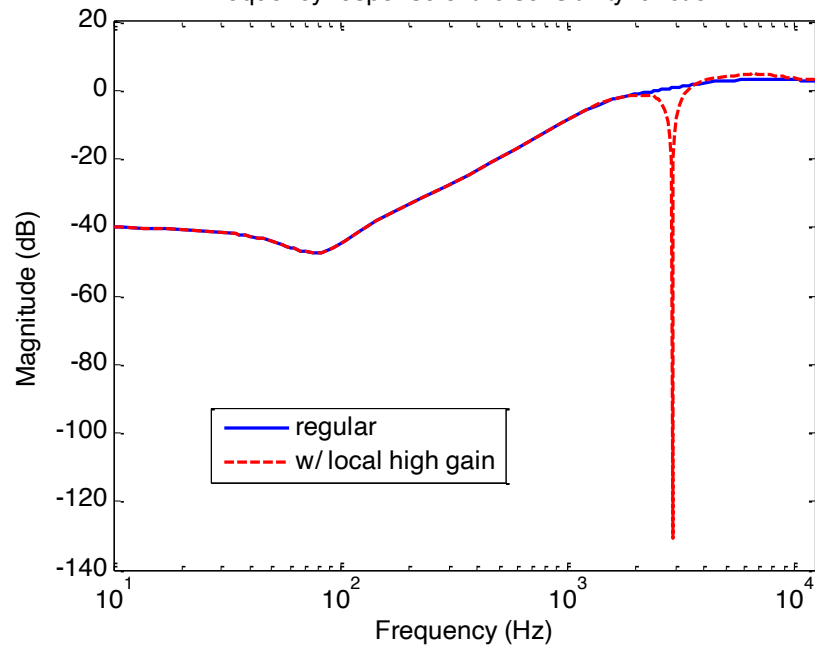


Typical low-gain control for robustness at high frequency

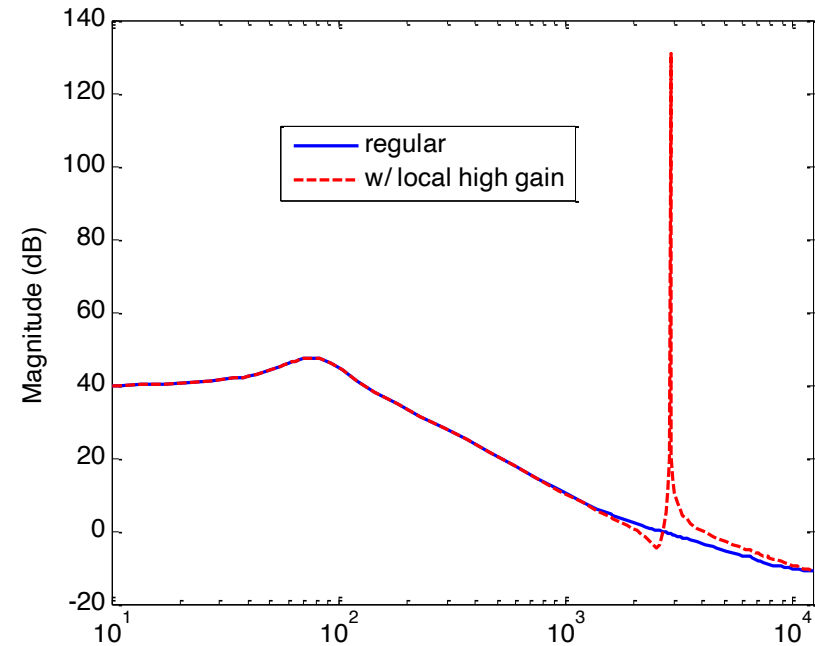
# Local high-gain feedback

$$S = (1 + PC)^{-1}$$

Frequency response of the sensitivity function

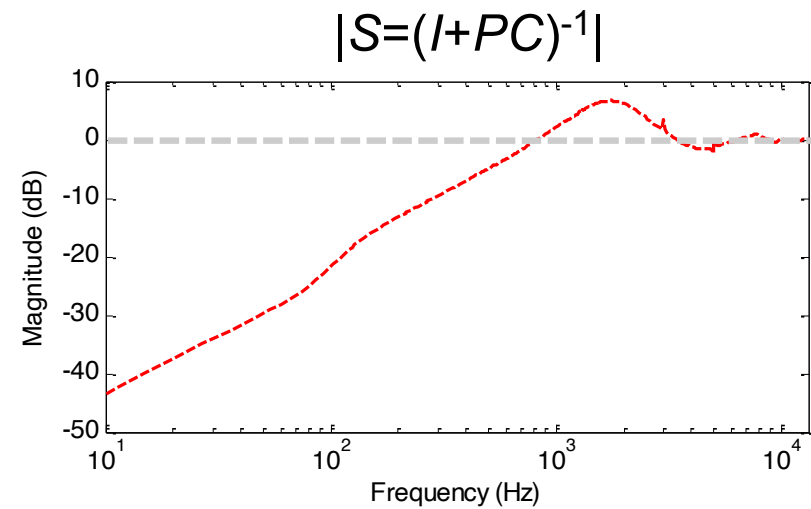


$PC$



# Bode's Integral

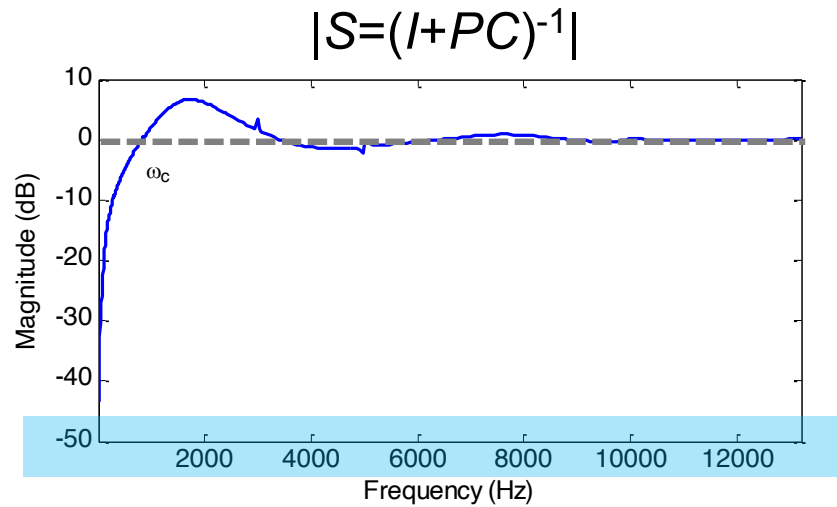
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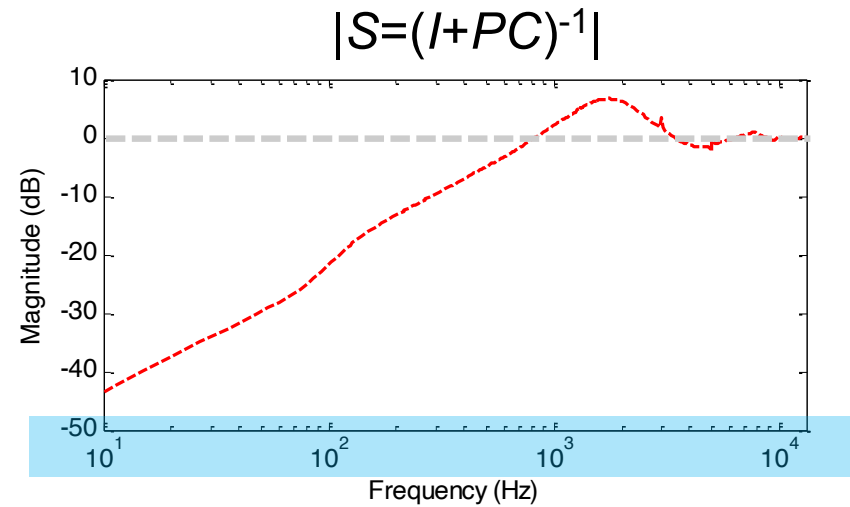


# Bode's Integral

x-axis in linear scale

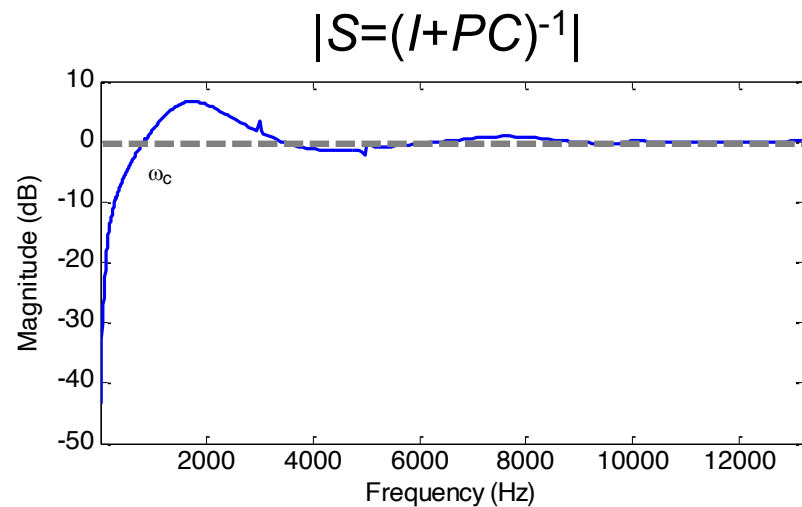


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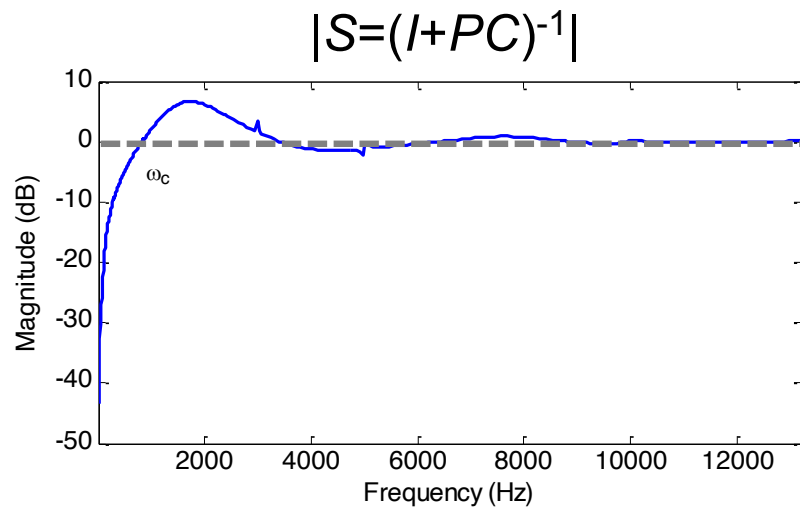
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**Special Case:** If the relative degree of  $L(s)$  is larger than or equal to 2, then

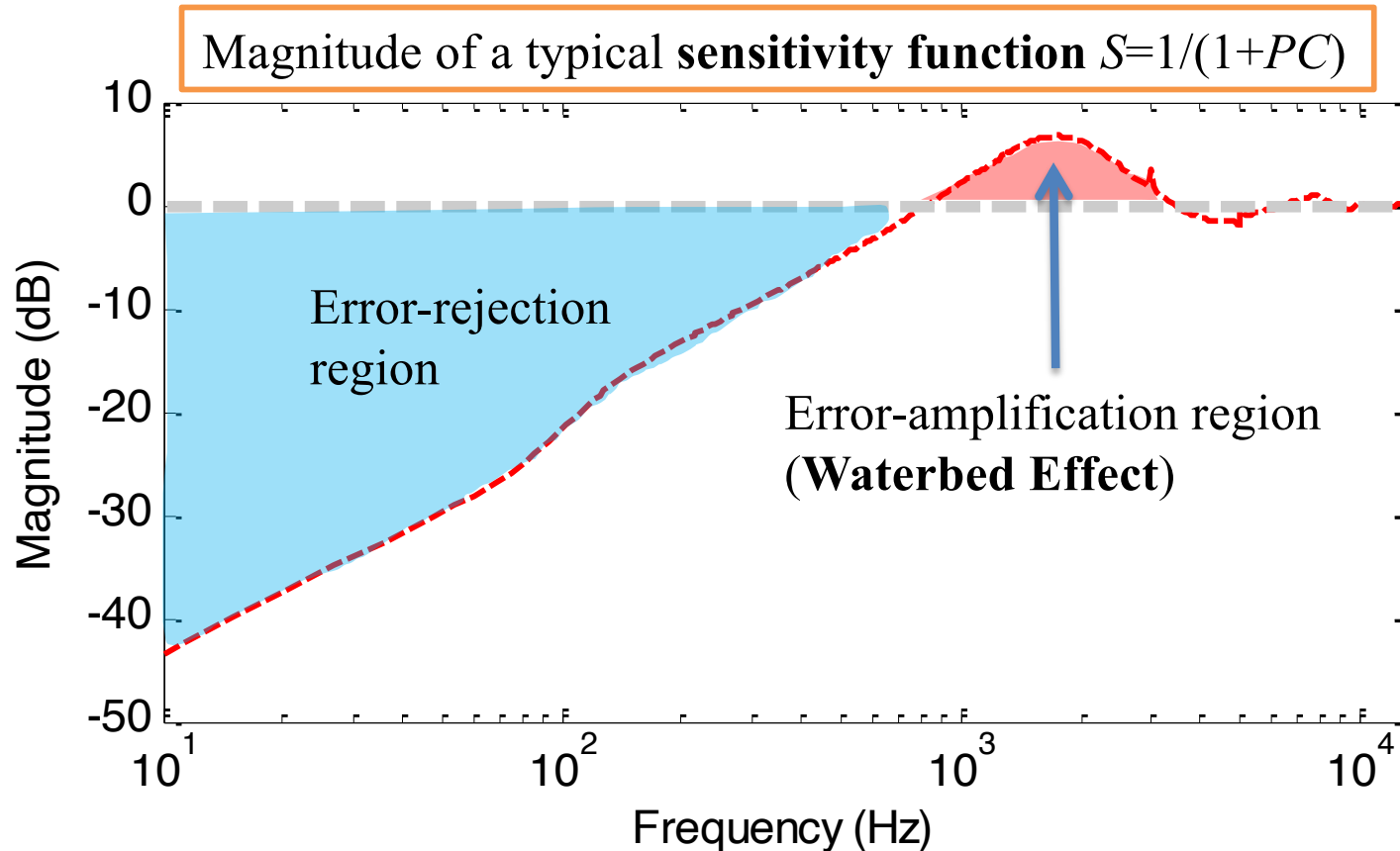
$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln |S(j\omega)| d\omega = 0$$



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# Bandwidth limitation

Recall:



Bode's Integral:

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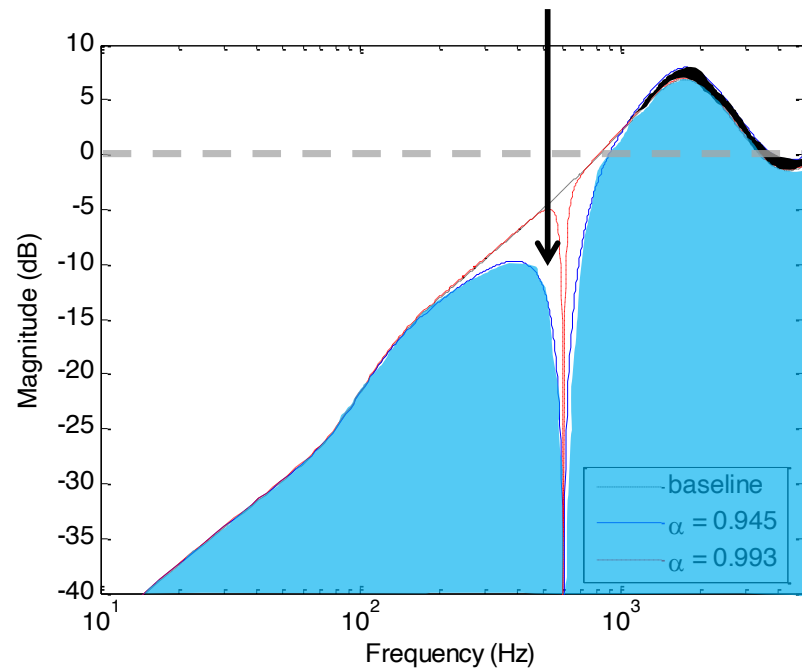
Hence it is inevitable to have the error-amplification region.

**Waterbed effect:** pushing down  $S$  in one region causes amplification in some other region.

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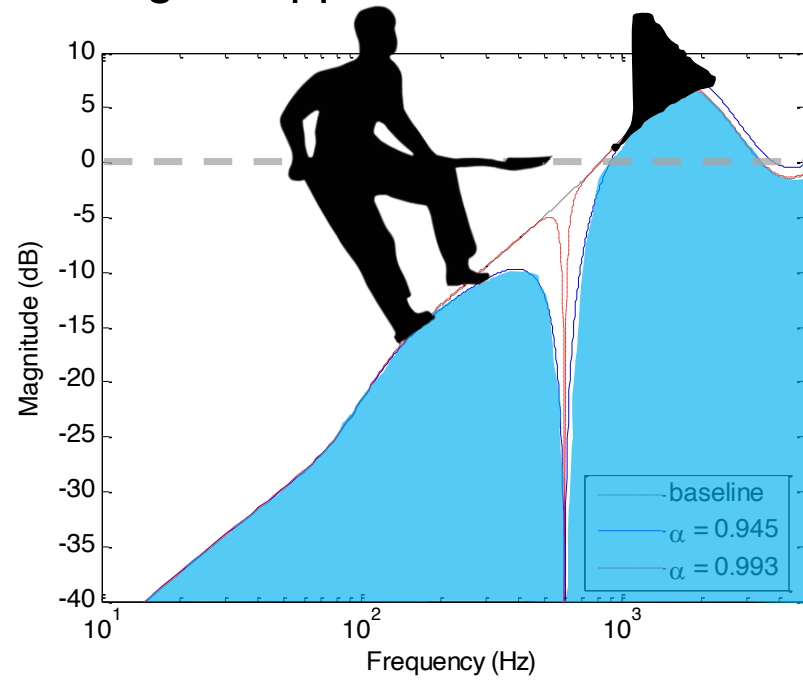
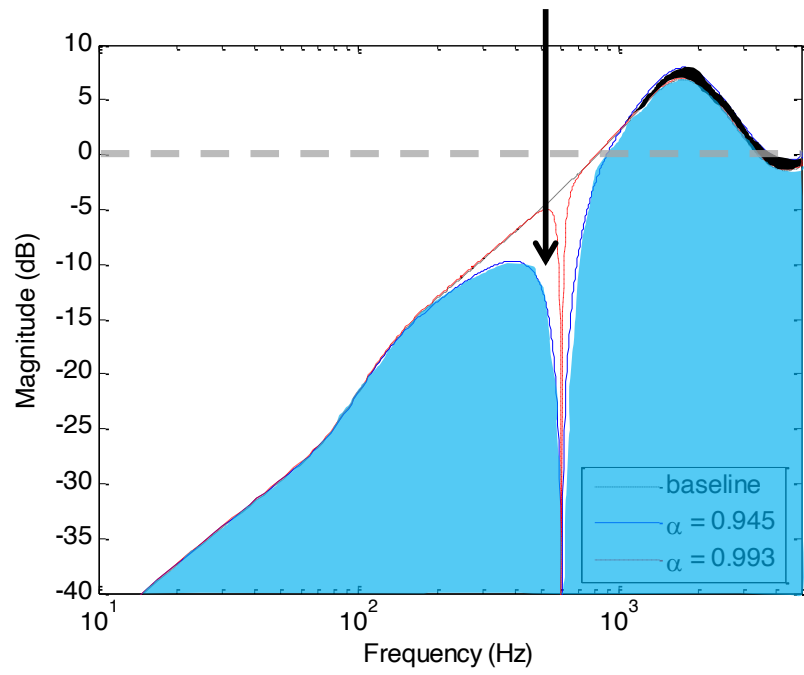
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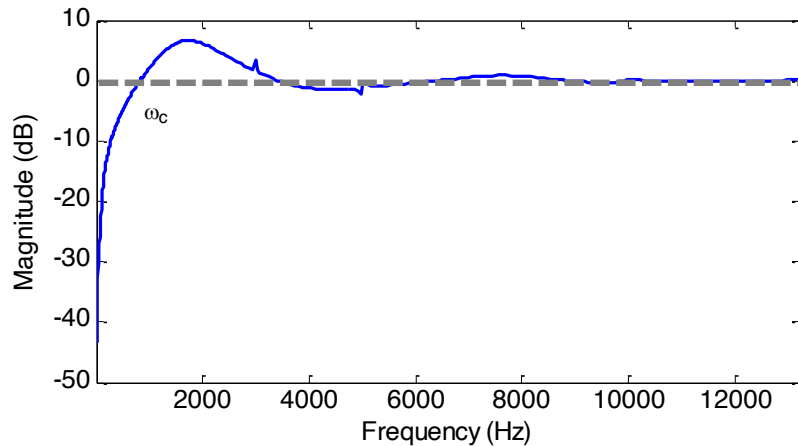


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So to achieve this, this might happen...



# General Bode's Integral



**Theorem.** Let  $S(s) = 1/(1+L(s))$ . If  $L(s)$  and  $S(s)$  are both rational,  $S(s)$  is stable, and  $L(s)$  has unstable or imaginary unstable poles  $\{p_k\}_{k=1}^q$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \ln |S(j\omega)| d\omega = \sum_{k=1}^q p_k$$

Proof: complex analysis, analytic functions, Cauchy Integral.

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–  $S$  always has magnitudes larger than one:

$$P(\sigma_o) = 0 \quad S(\sigma_o) = 1 / (1 + 0 \times C(\sigma_o)) = 1$$

Closed-loop stability  $\rightarrow S$  is analytic in the right-half plane  
maximum modulus theorem  $\rightarrow$

$$\max_{\omega} |S(j\omega)| \geq |S(\sigma_o)| = 1$$

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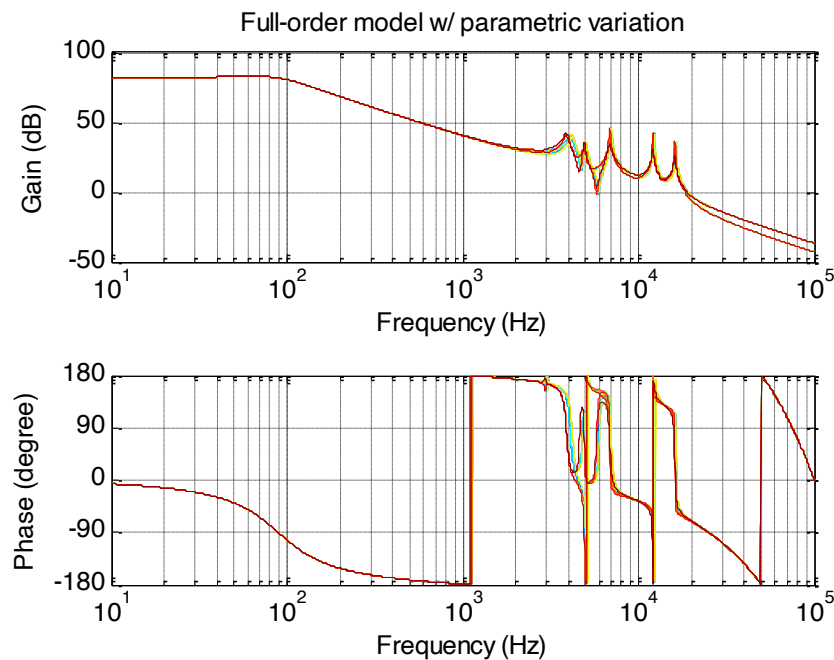
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- Example:  $P = sP_{else}$  → constant inputs can't impact the output
- More consequences:
  - $S$  always has magnitudes larger than one
  - Not able to perform accurate system ID
  - High-gain instability
  - Step responses can have initial undershoot
  - etc

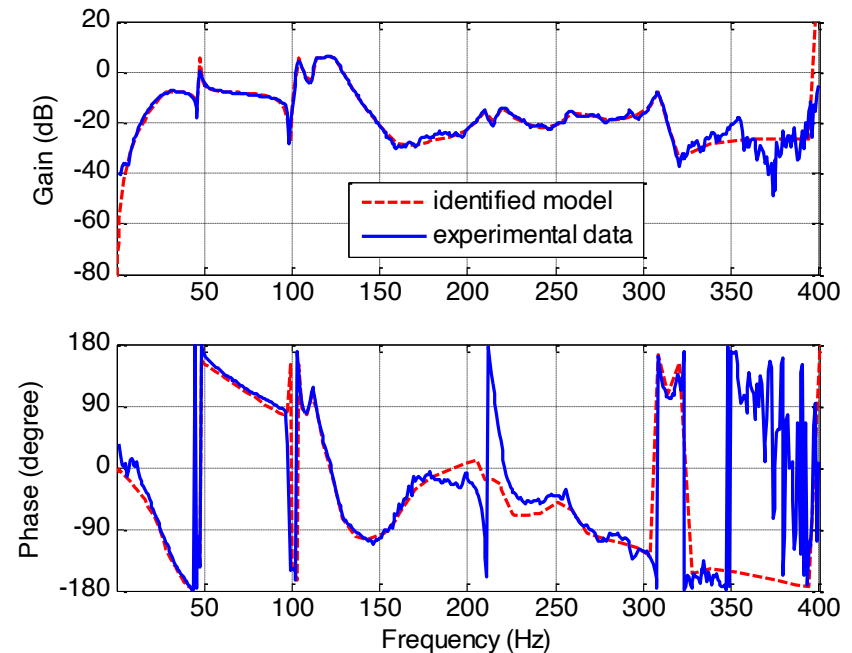
# Resonance and anti-resonance

- Typical in mechanical systems.
- Usually identified experimentally.

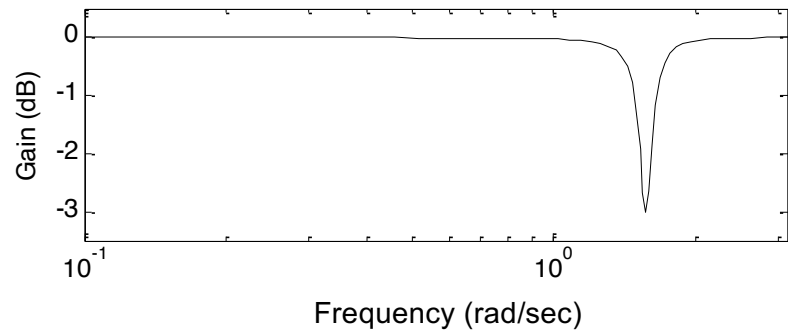
## HDD



## Active suspension



# Notch filters

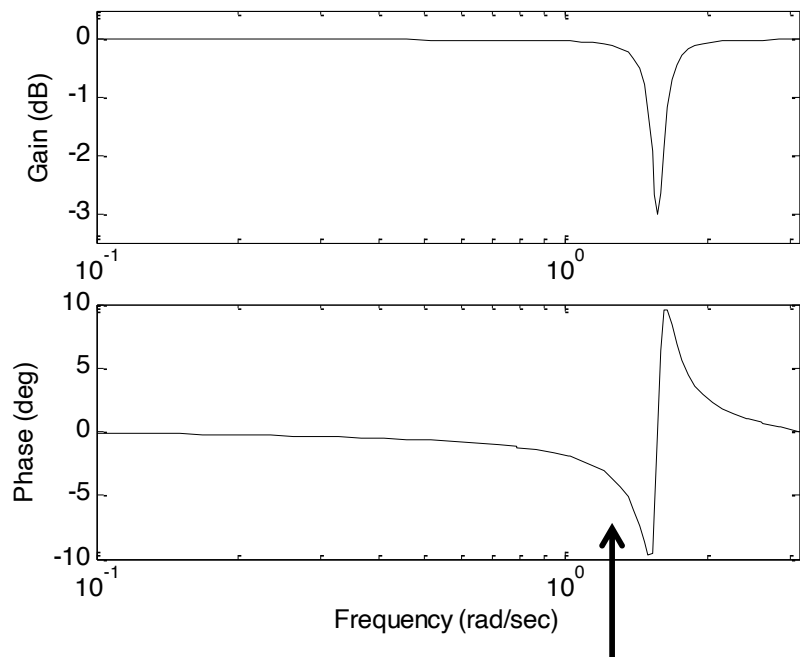


Notch filtering: one common technique to handle resonances

Fundamental constraint in notch filtering: introduces phase delays to the system

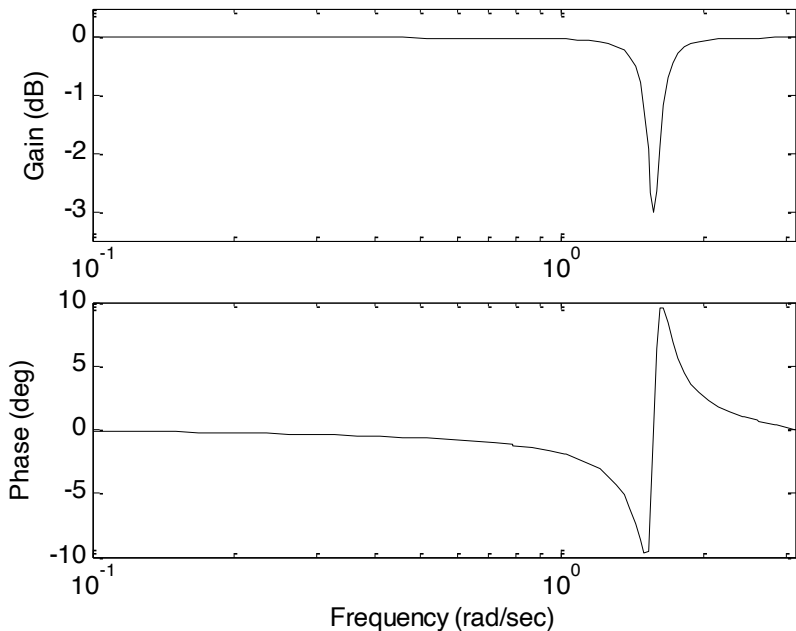
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Phase delays

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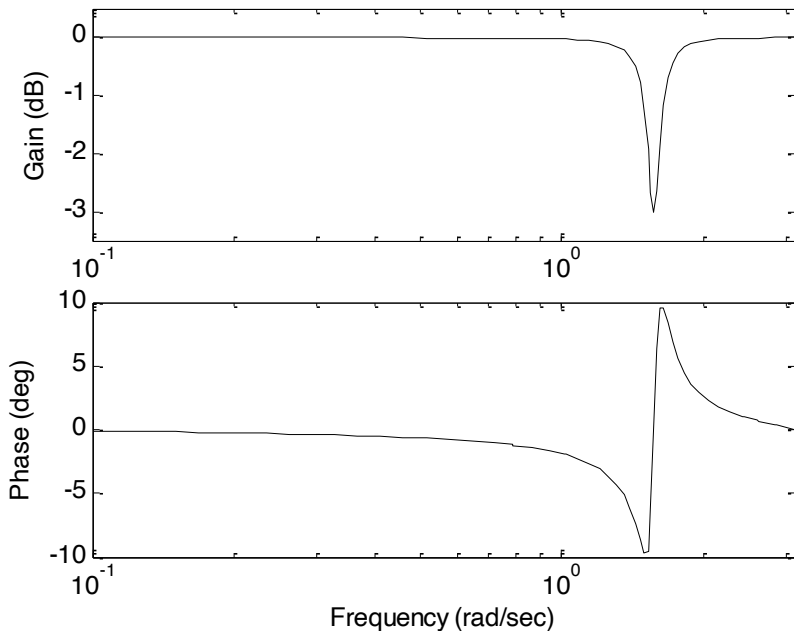
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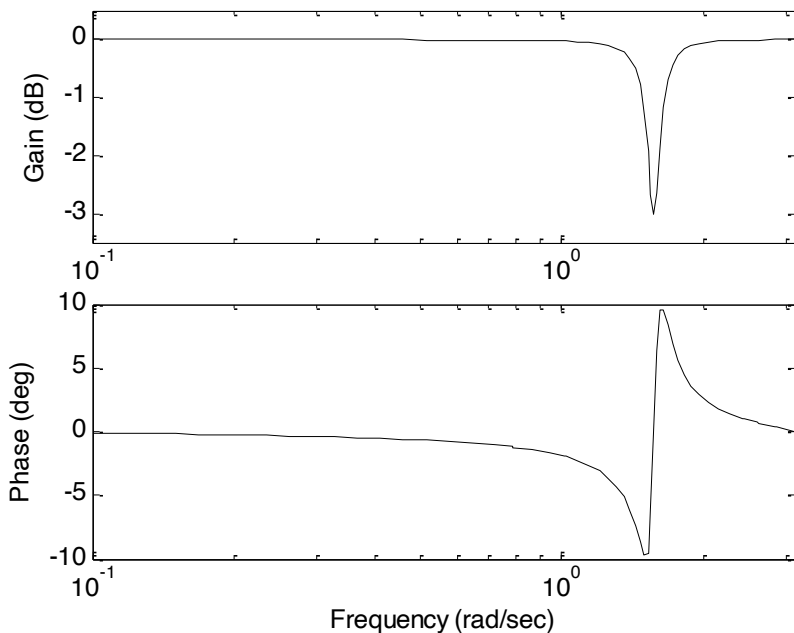
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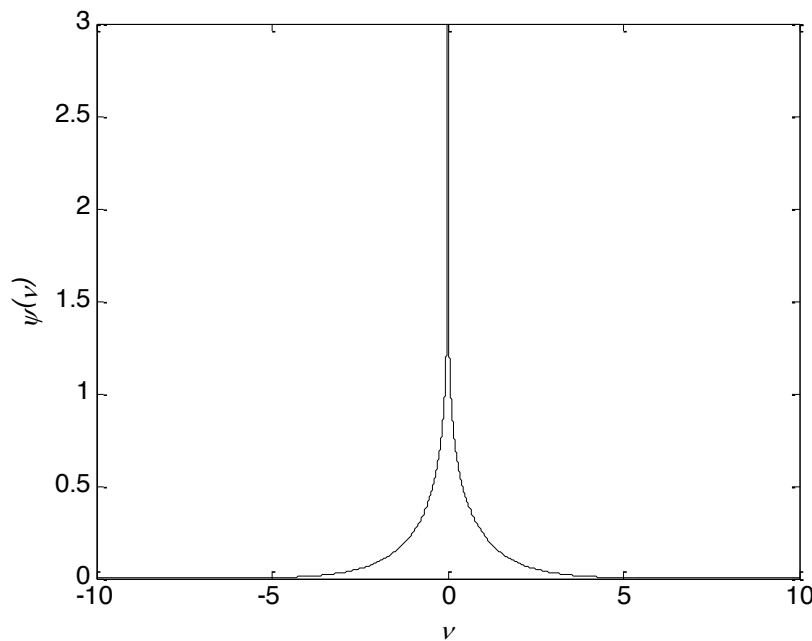
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**Approximately an impulse at 0**

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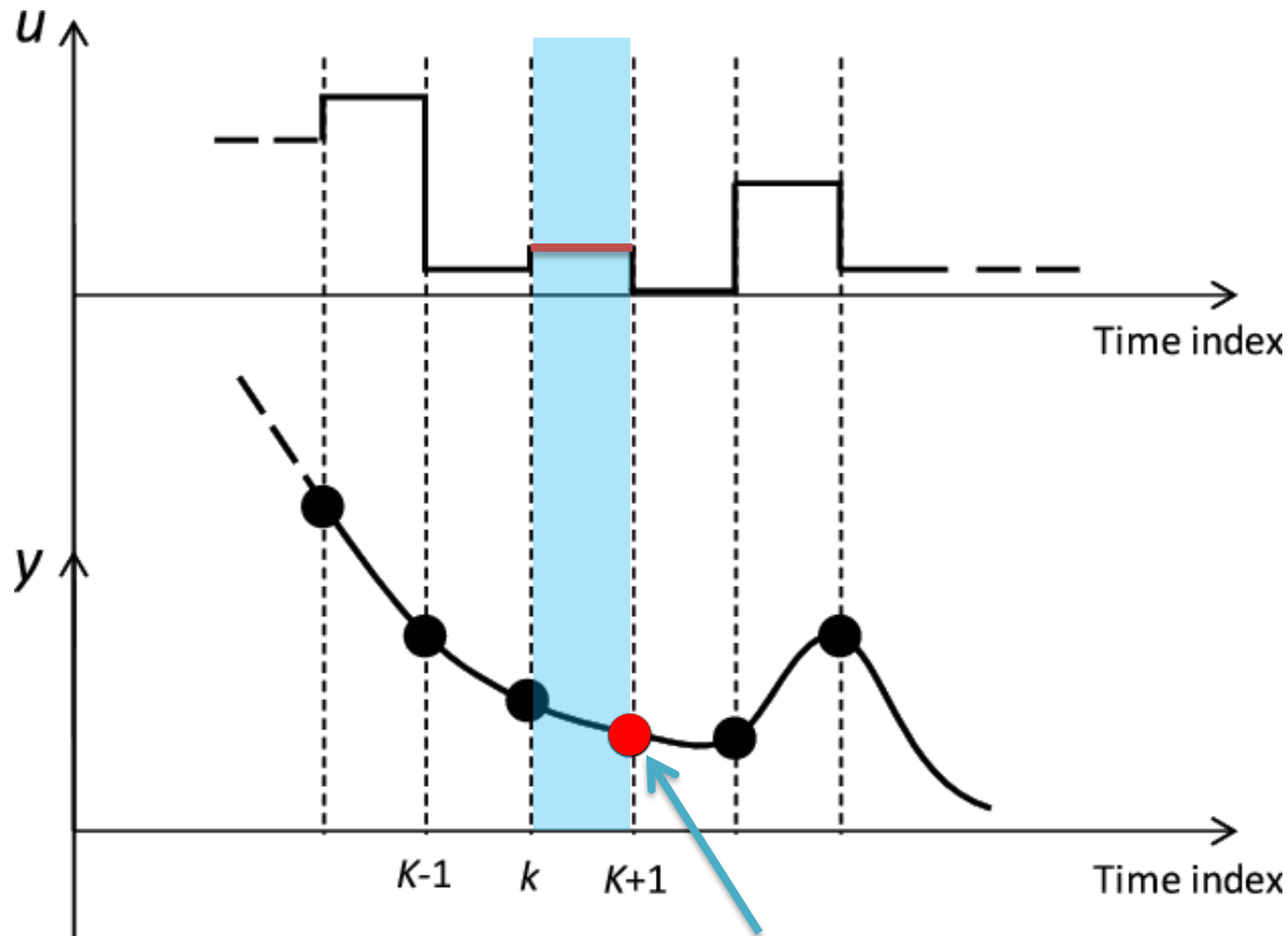
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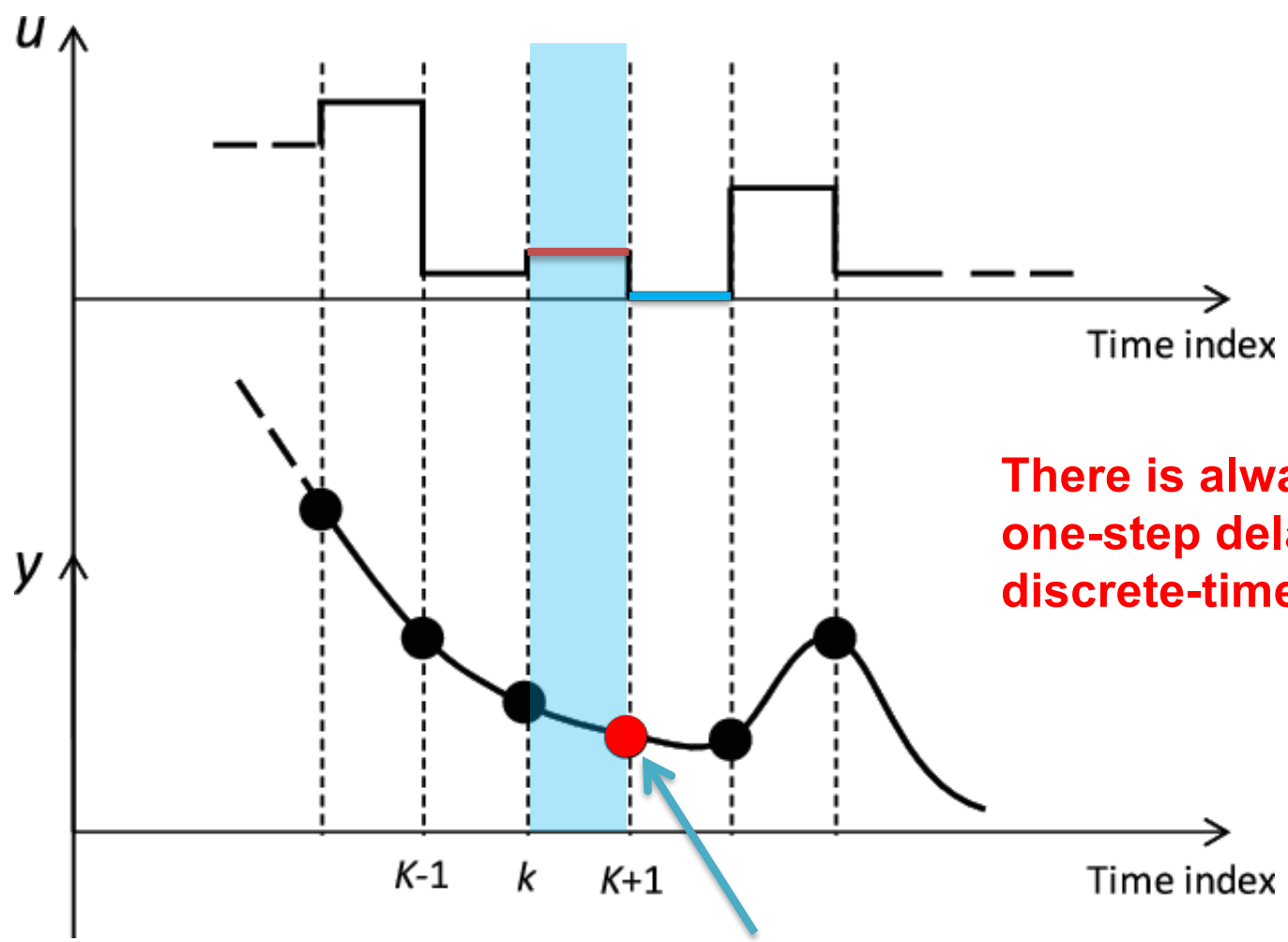
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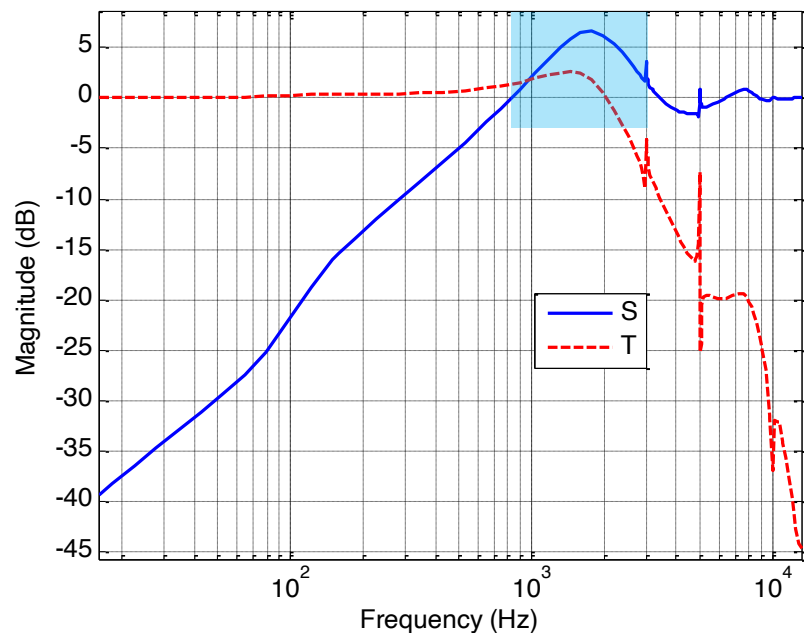


**There is always at least one-step delay in discrete-time systems!**

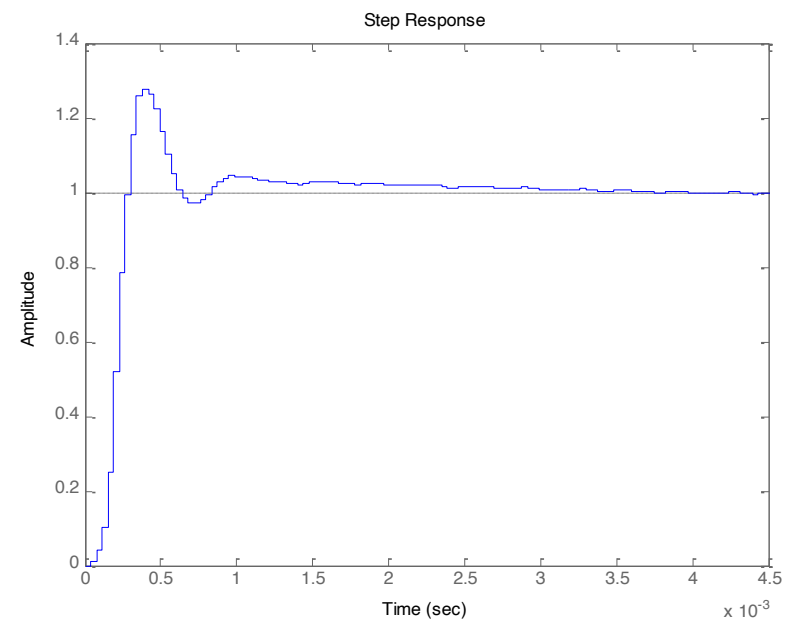
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# #10 Bandwidth and rise time: practical application

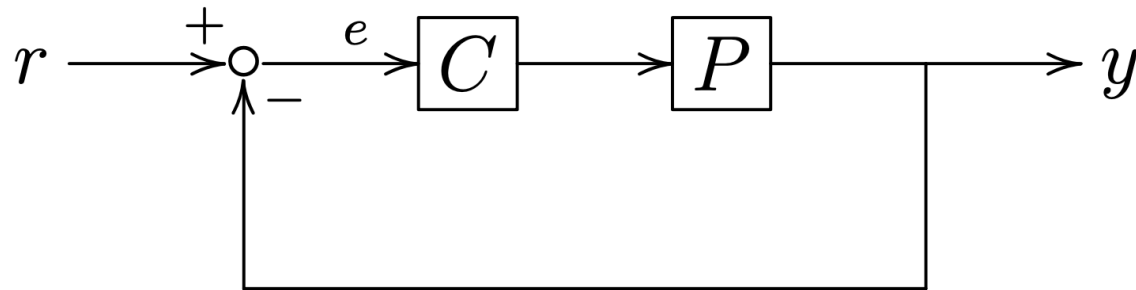
Actual system  
frequency response



Step response of a high-order  
closed-loop system

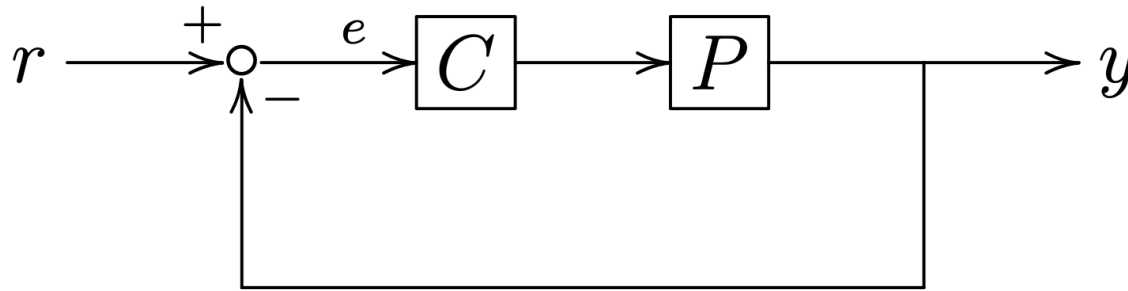


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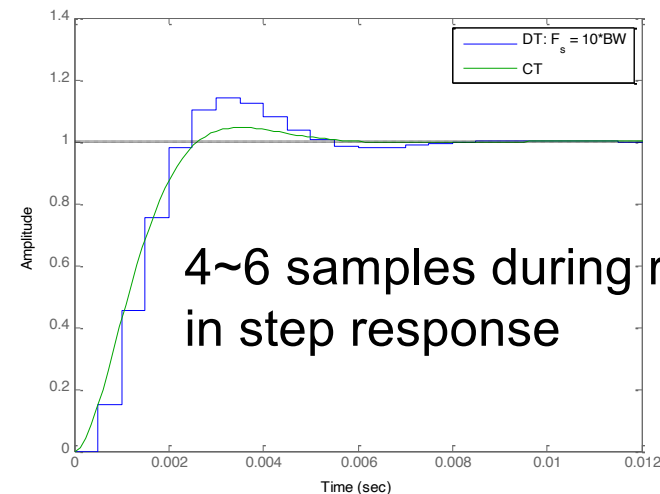


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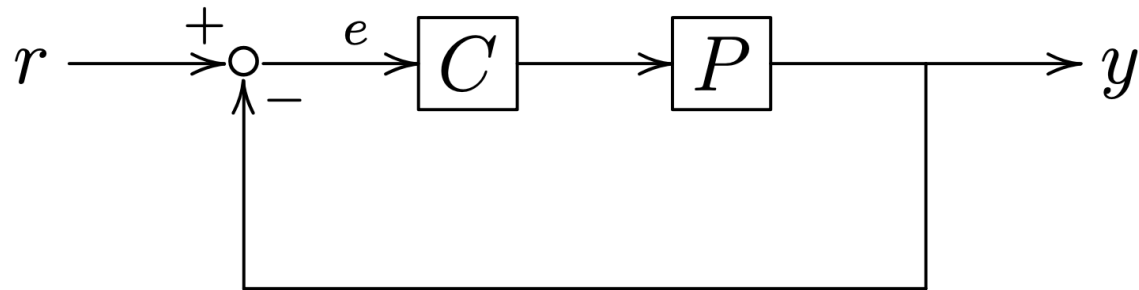
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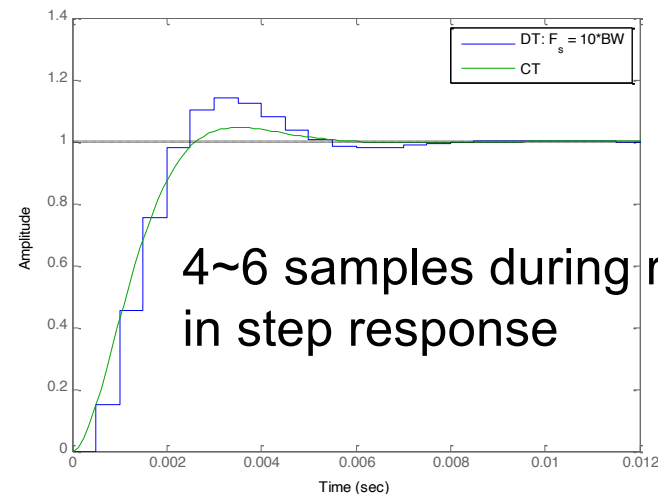
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Intuition: 20 = the number of letters in “sampling frequencies”

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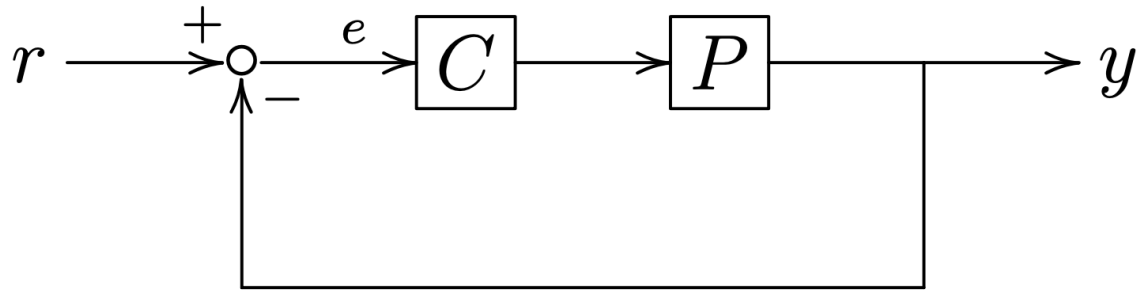


4~6 samples during rise time in step response



# #11 Sampling-time selection: example

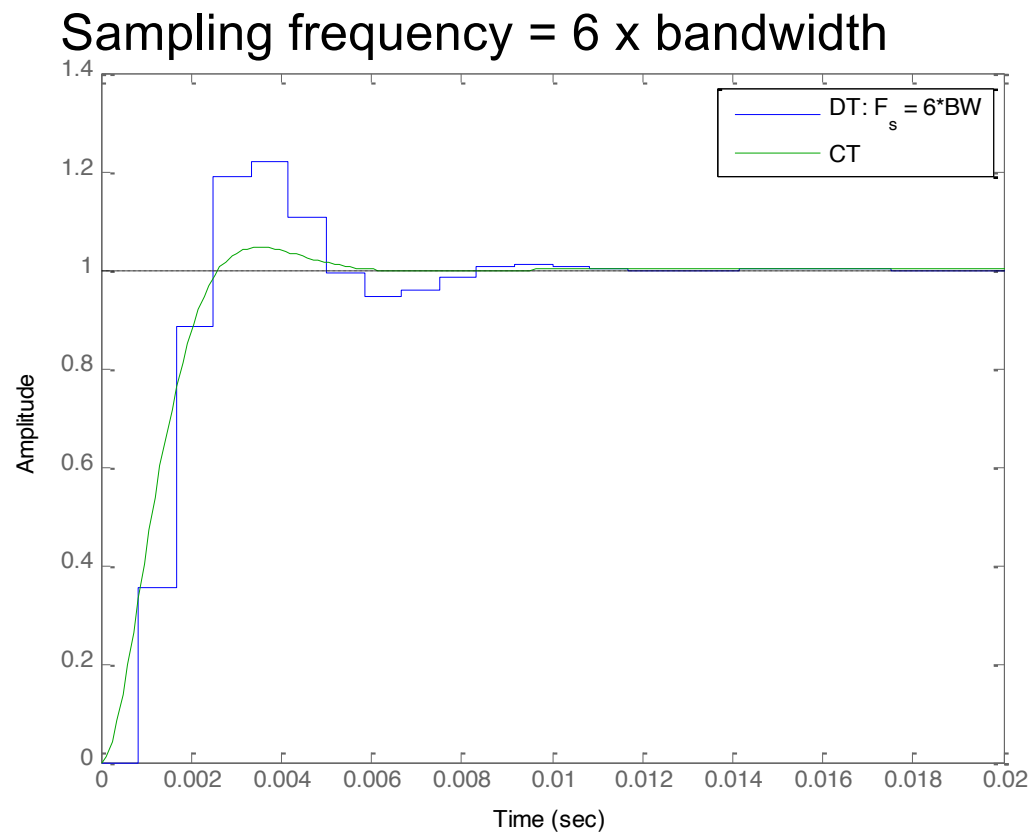
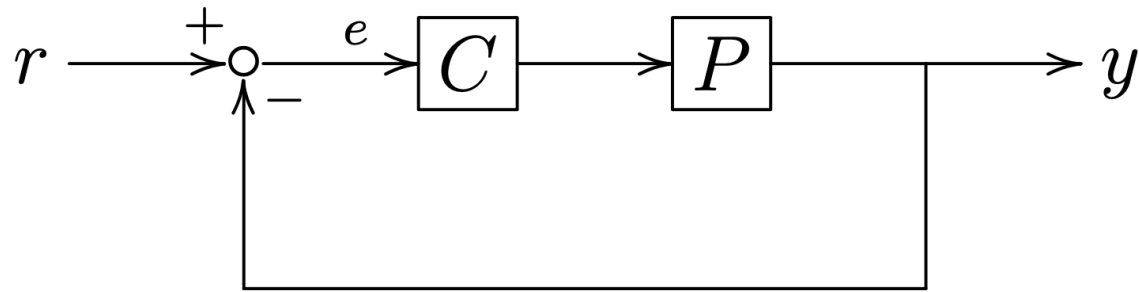
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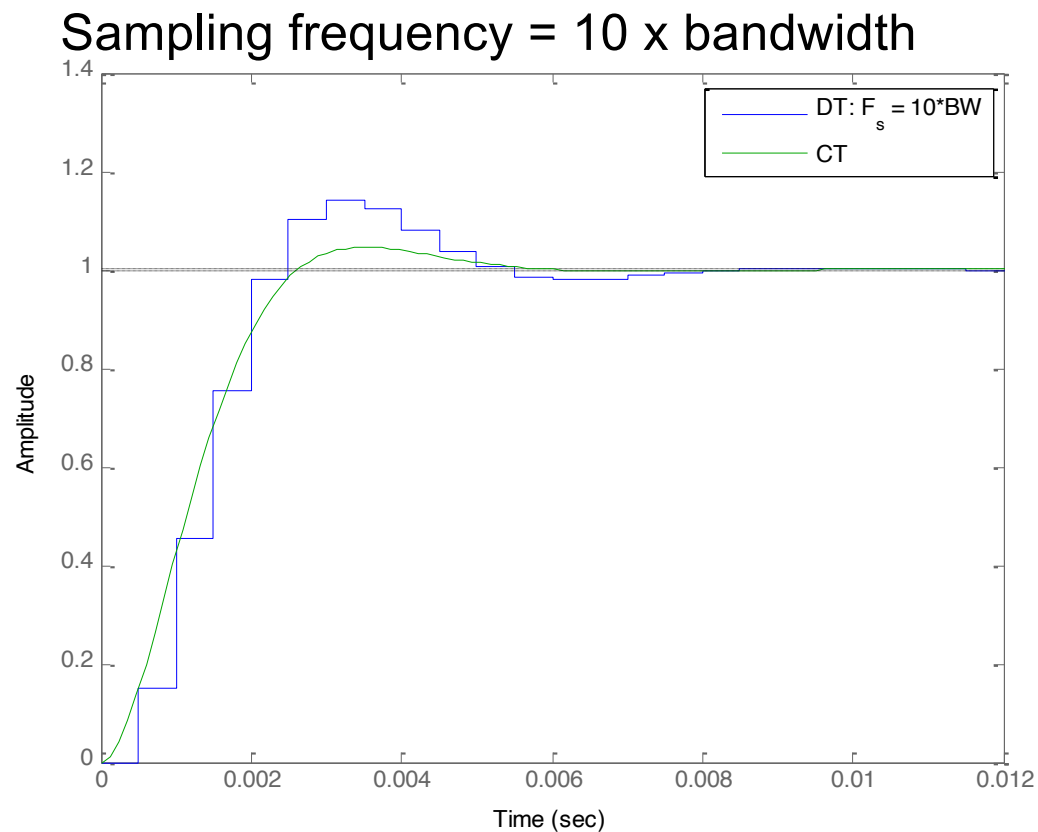
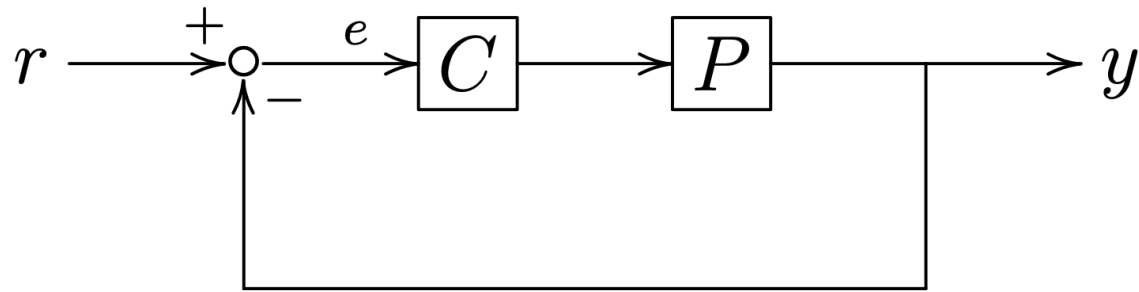
Example:

$$P = k$$
$$C = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\omega_n s} \frac{1}{k}$$
$$\Rightarrow$$
$$S = \frac{s^2 + 2\omega_n s}{s^2 + 2\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$
$$T = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

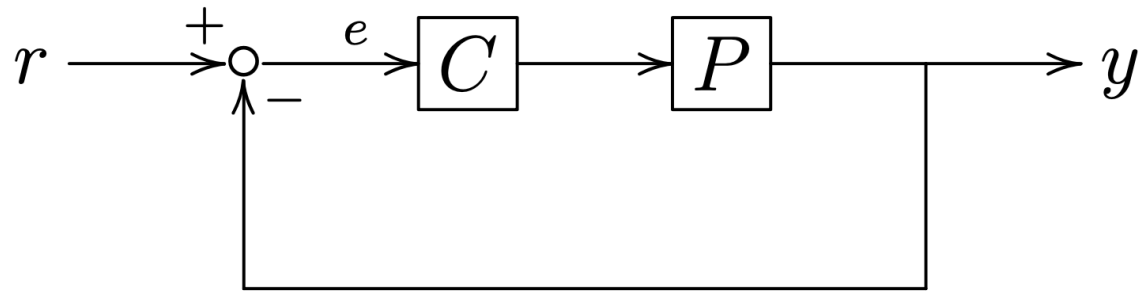
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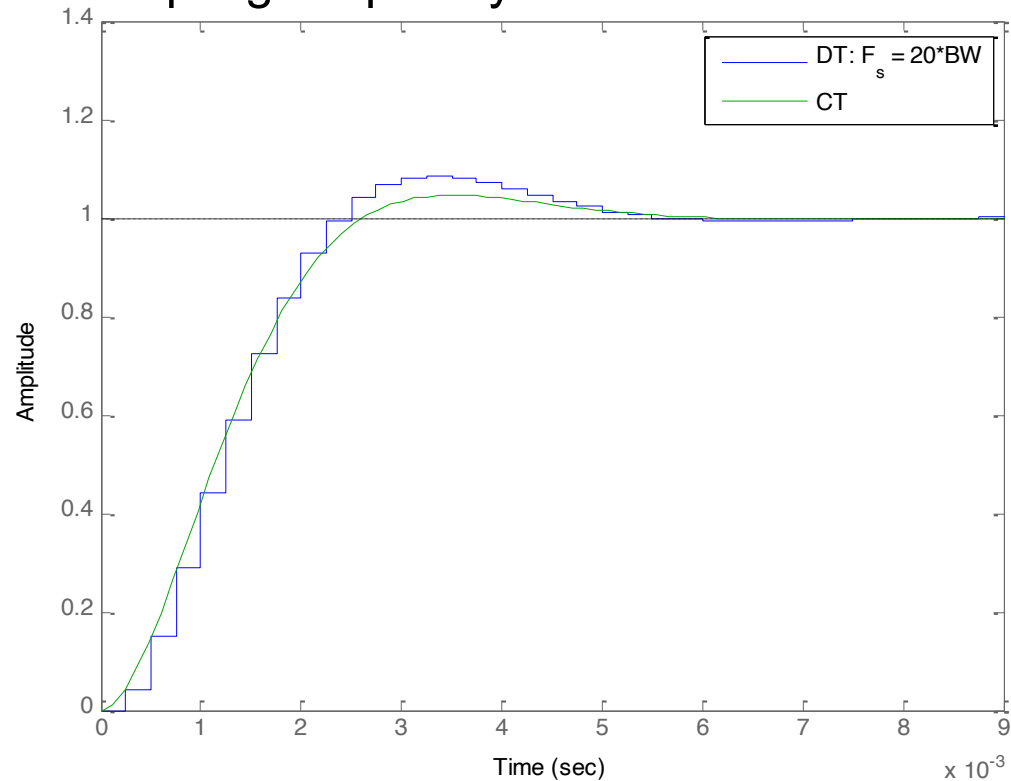
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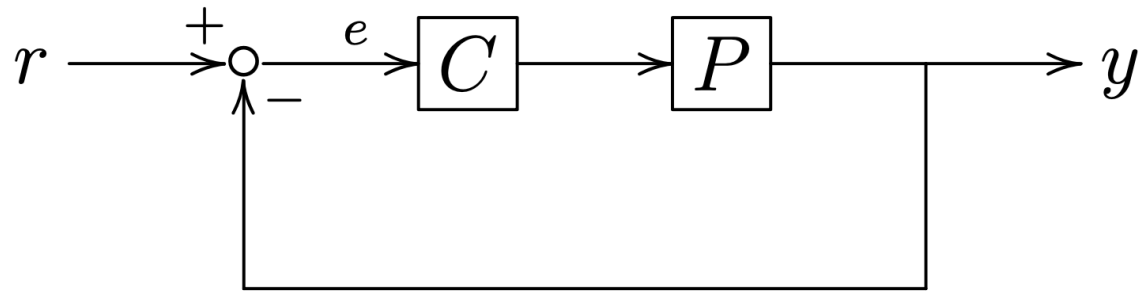
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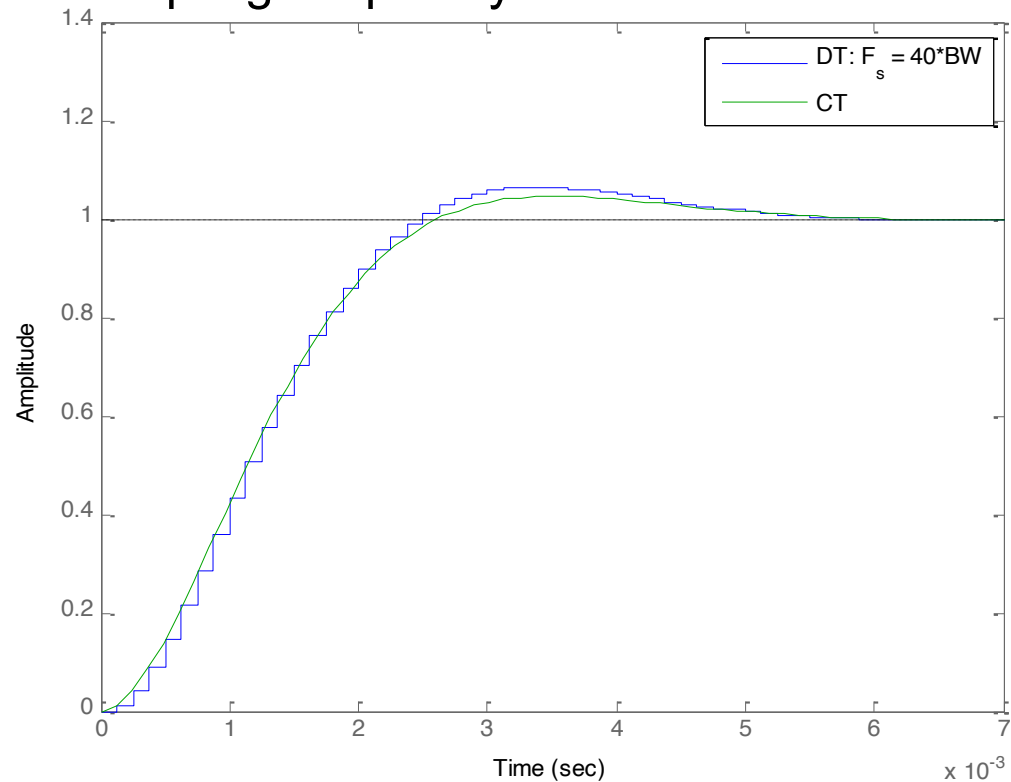
Sampling frequency = 20 x bandwidth



# #11 Sampling-time selection: example



Sampling frequency = 40 x bandwidth



# Related active research field

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- Flexible loop shaping
- Vibration rejection and motion control
- MIMO loop shaping
- Delay compensation
- Adaptive control
- Nonlinear control and breaking the waterbed effect