

Modeling and Simulation of using Matlab/Simulink

Modeling Building and Simulation with Simulink

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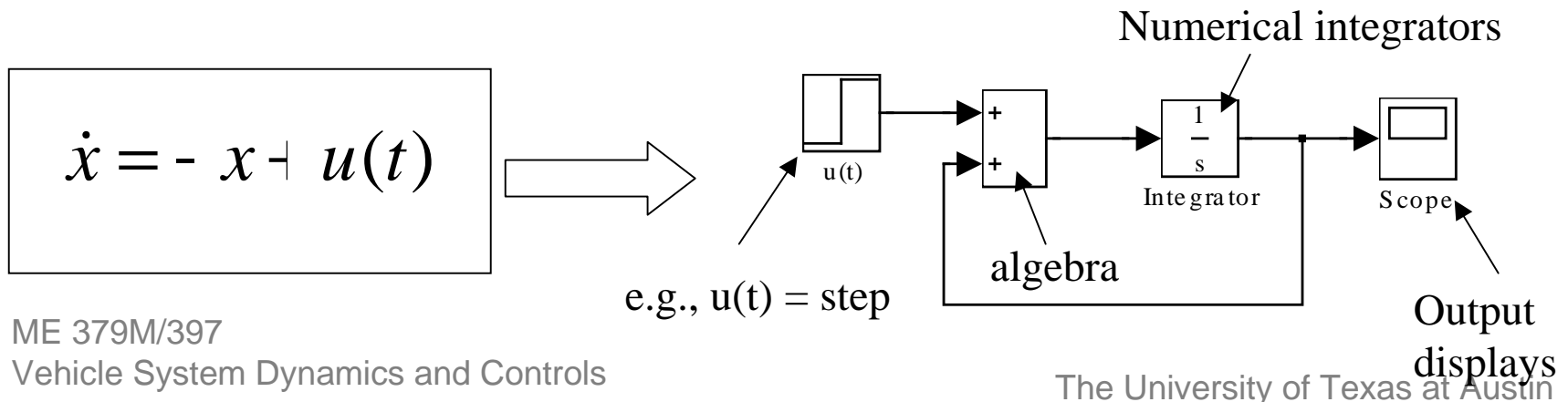
Outline for Today

- Quick Intro/Demo
- Physical modeling with block diagrams
- Simulink modeling tools and features
- Analysis Tools in Simulink
 - review available solvers
 - trim
- Tutorials:
 - PMDC motor
 - Angular drive coil

Goal: Feel comfortable building and analyzing basic models in Simulink.

Description of Simulink

- Simulink is a software package that runs within MATLAB, and provides a graphical user interface for building and analyzing system models.
- Simulink can communicate with the MATLAB workspace and functions, as well as with user-written programs in other languages.
- Simulink can be used for modeling, simulating, and analyzing dynamic systems, and has features that can be used to represent linear and nonlinear systems with continuous and/or sampled time characteristics. Systems can also be multirate, i.e., have different parts that are sampled or updated at different rates.
- Simulink uses a block diagram approach to represent mathematical equations.



Simulink Description

- Models are hierarchical. Model detail can be viewed by “diving into” blocks.
- The block diagram describes the equations, and possibly the interconnection of components.
- You can simulate the model choosing from several integration methods.
- Analysis can be conducted in Simulink or from the MATLAB command window. It depends on whether an interactive or batch mode is desired.
- Display functions are available for direct plotting (while simulation runs).
- The simulation results can also be “sent” to the workspace for postprocessing and visualization using the MATLAB graphical tools.
- There are many analysis tools available, and since Simulink is integrated into MATLAB, you can simulate, analyze, and revise models in either environment at any point.

Starting Simulink

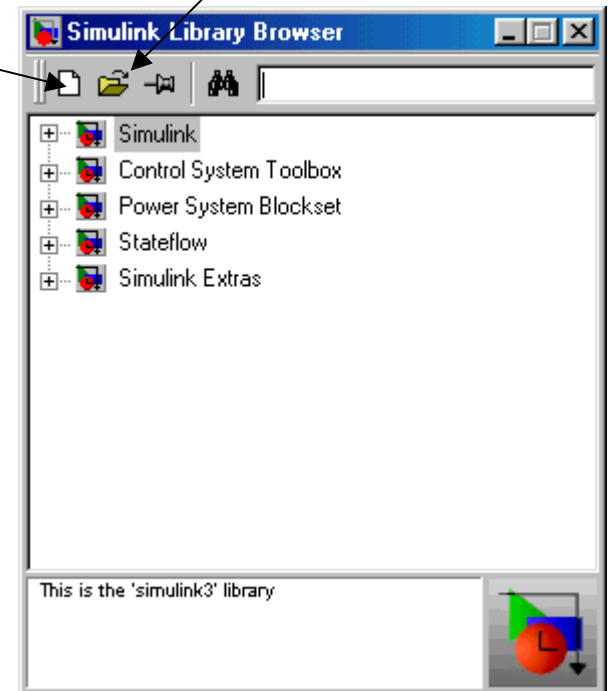
- Simulink can be ‘launched’ from the command line:

» `simulink`

- Or, use the menu bar
- The model browser opens
- *.mdl is the extension used for Simulink models

Create a new model

Open a model

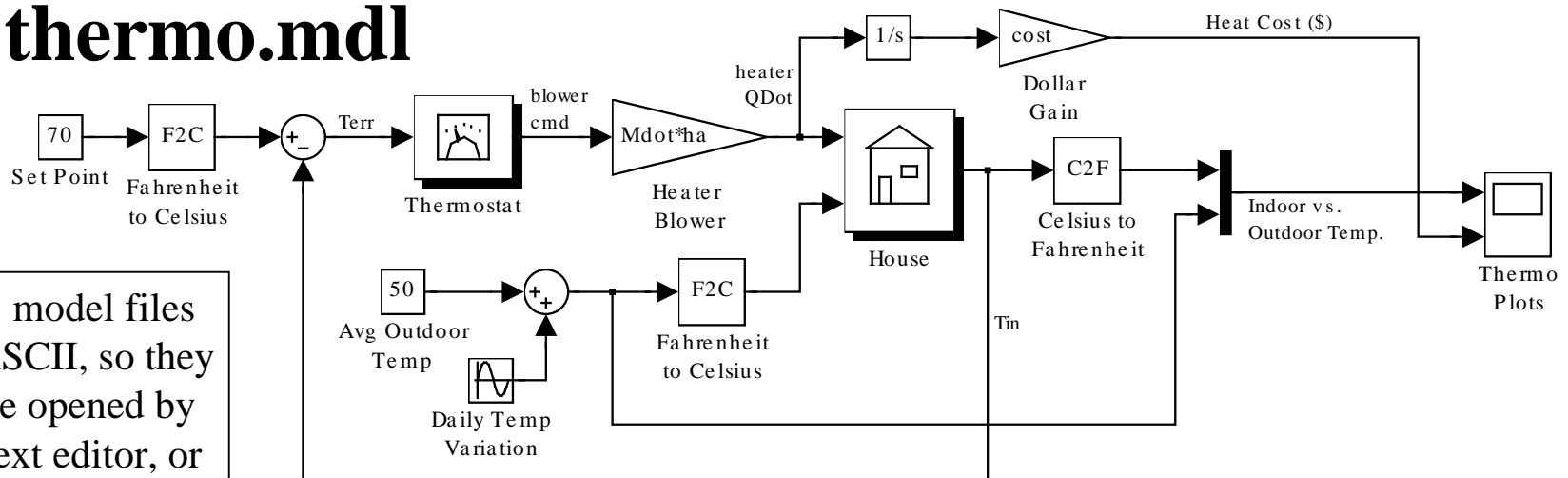


House Demo

Open:

MATLABR11\toolbox\simulink\simdemos

thermo.mdl



Note: model files are ASCII, so they can be opened by any text editor, or sent easily to other platforms.

House Thermodynamics
(Double click on the "?" for more info)

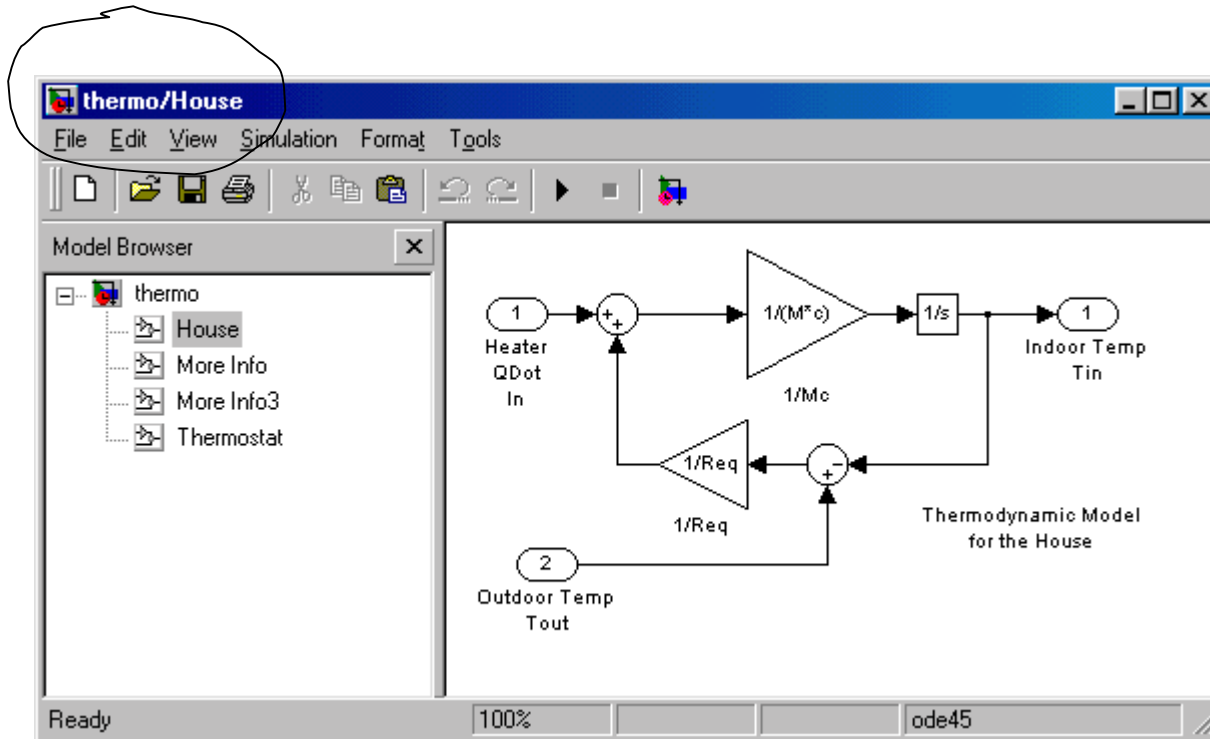


Double click here for Simulink Help

Note: this model file pre-loads thermdat.m to set parameters.

To start and stop the simulation, use the "Start" selection in the "Simulation" pull-down menu

What's in the house?



The models are formulated from a set of basic block diagram elements. These can be “grouped” into subsystems, building a multilevel model.

The Simulink environment provides a way to piece together basic elements with “algebraic” elements (e.g., summers), and there are “calculus” functions as well. The physics can either be diagrammed or embedded in function calls.

**Other
demos**

Block Diagrams for Computer Simulation: Not a new idea.

The block diagram descriptions
are effective for modeling
dynamic system models.

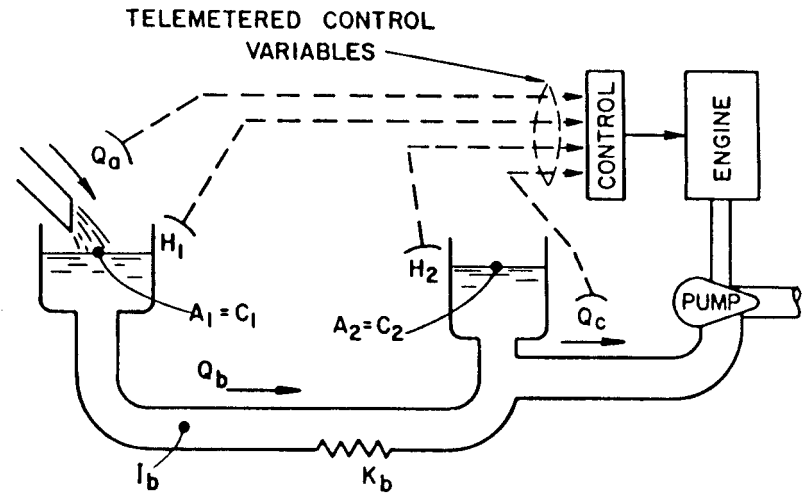
Example elements:

Σ = summer

Π = product

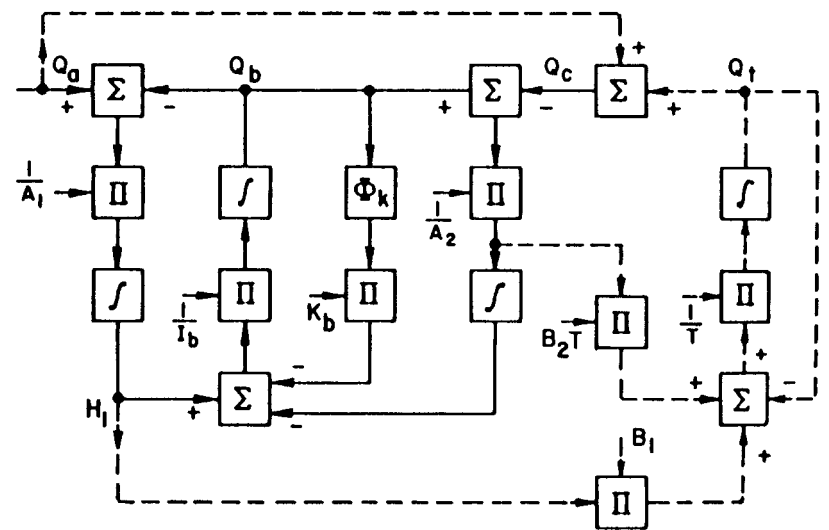
\int = integrator

Φ = function (nonlinear type)



(a) SEWAGE TUNNEL SYSTEM

F.D. Ezekiel and H.M. Paynter, "Computer Representations of Engineering Systems Involving Fluid Transients," Trans. ASME, Nov. 1957.



(b) COMPUTER BLOCK DIAGRAM

What is to be gained?

- Quicker modeling
- Better communication
- Modularity - can connect subsystems together to make more complex models

Exploring the Simulink Environment

- To learn about the Simulink environment, we will explore the various blocks and features as we build several simple examples.

Transient Response

- Let's build a simple mass-spring-damper or LRC circuit model responding to a step response.
- Display either:
 - velocity (for mechanical)
 - current (for LRC)
- Add nonlinear effects

Simulink Features to Explore

- Manipulating Blocks, Lines, and Labels
- Block Orientation & Sizing
- Changing Block Properties

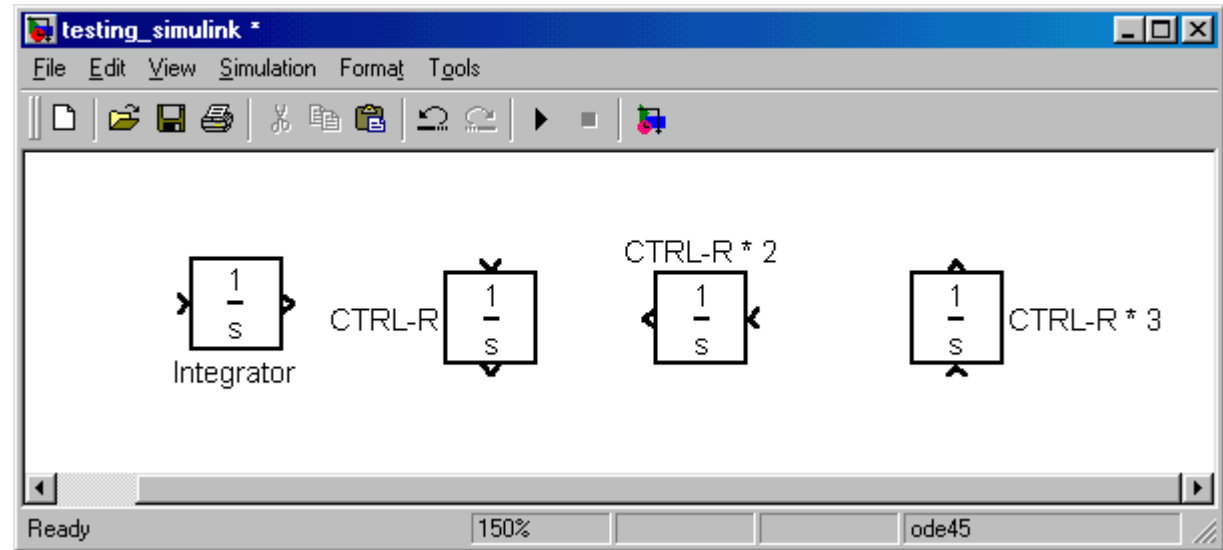
- Display blocks
- Output to workspace

Signal Lines

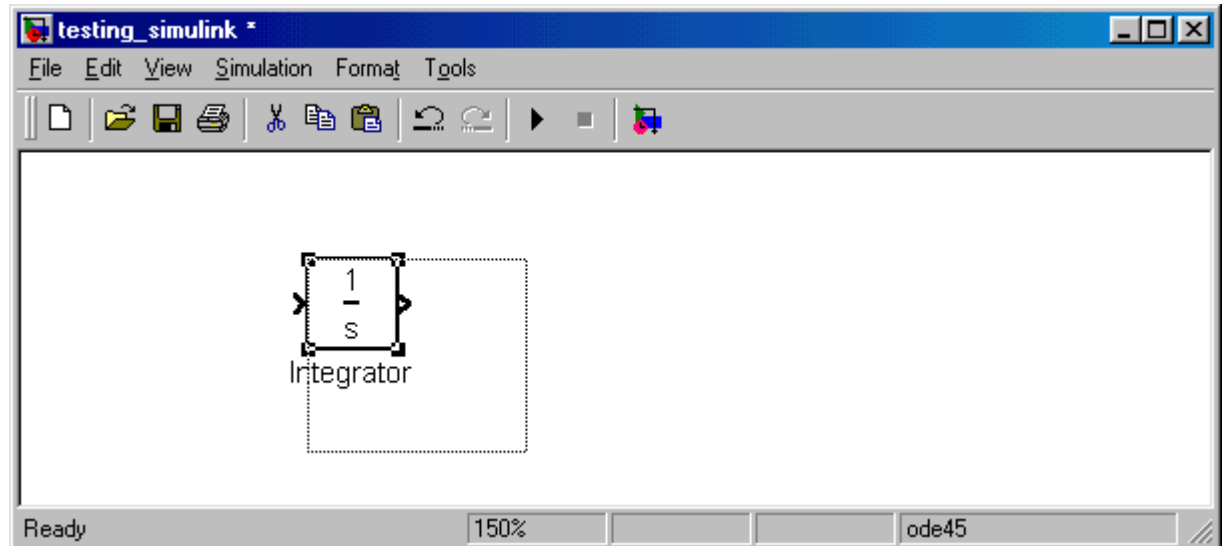
- Drawing lines
- Changing line directions
- Deleting lines
- Vector lines; displaying line widths
- Inserting blocks in a line
- Line labels (double-click on line)

Block Orientation & Sizing

Use CTRL-R to
rotate



Grab corner and
drag to size
(no UNDO!)



Block Properties

For any given block,
for example, an
integrator, open the
Block Properties

Block Properties: Integrator

Info

'Description' is a text field associated with the block that is generally used for saving comments about the block usage within the model.
'Priority' can be empty or an integer value which specifies the block's sequencing during execution relative to other blocks with priorities in the same window.
'Tag' is a general text field which is saved with the block.
'Open function' is the function to be called when you double-click on a block.
'Attributes format string' sets the display format shown below the block name (e.g., Pri=%<Priority>).

Properties

Description:

Priority:

Tag:

Open function:

Attributes format string:

OK Cancel Help Apply

Creating a Subsystem

- If a group of elements is to form a component, you can group them into a subsystem.
- Select components, go to Edit menu and select “Create Subsystem”.
- Careful, this is hard to UNDO.

Example: Using Subsystems

- **Example:** Create a subsystem for the mass-spring-damper or LRC system. Illustrate inputs and outputs.
- You can use subsystem as a method for loading parameter data.
 - Or Callback routines (PreLoadFcn)

Simulink Analysis

- Finding model information

For example,

» `sizes = bicycle1([],[],[],0)`

no. of states (every integrator -> state), etc.

- Running Simulation: interactive vs batch
- Setting parameters (`simset`)
- Getting parameters (`simget`)

Parameters for Simulation

- Solver
- RelTol
- AbsTol
- Refine
- MaxStep
- InitialStep
- FixedStep
- OutputPoints

Solver
RelTol
AbsTol
Refine
MaxStep
InitialStep
FixedStep

Using Command Line

- You can use 'sim' to run a model from the command

» $[t,x,y] = \text{sim}(\text{modelname}, \text{tspan}, \text{options}, \text{ut})$

» help sim

↑
Use simset

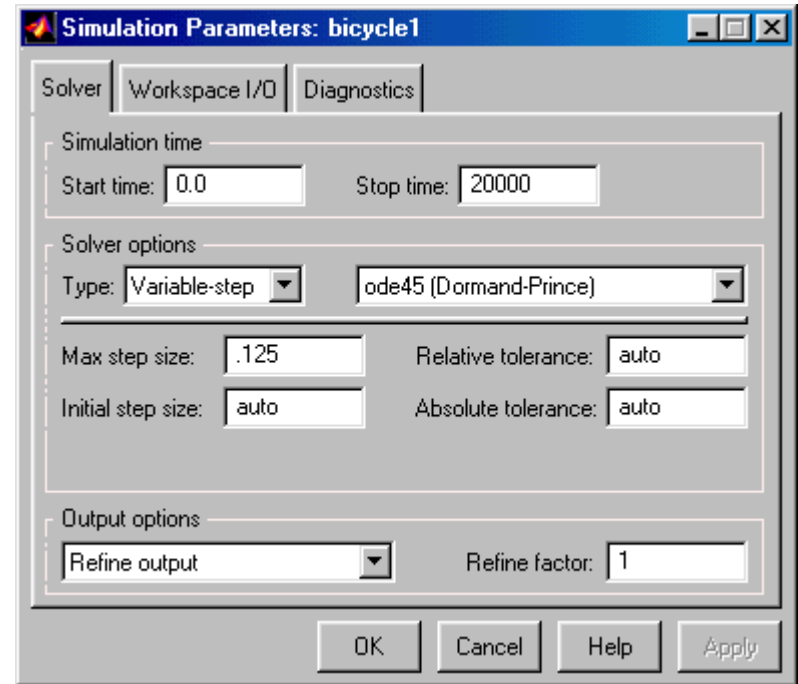
SIM Simulate a Simulink model

SIM('model') will simulate your Simulink model using all simulation parameter dialog settings including Workspace I/O options.

$[T,X,Y] = \text{SIM}(\text{'model'}, \text{TIMESPAN}, \text{OPTIONS}, \text{UT})$

Simulation Parameters

- Under ‘Simulation’ menu (3 panels)
 - Solver settings
 - Workspace I/O
 - Diagnostics
- simset can be used to set **options** from Command line



Basic PMDC Motor Example

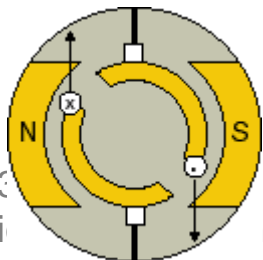


Basic PMDC motor equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\lambda} \\ \dot{h} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{R}{L_m} \lambda - \frac{k_m}{J_m} h + v_m \\ \frac{k_m}{L_m} \lambda - \frac{B_m}{J_m} h + T_L \end{bmatrix}$$

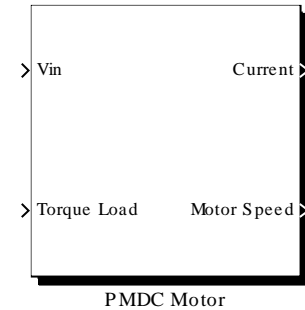
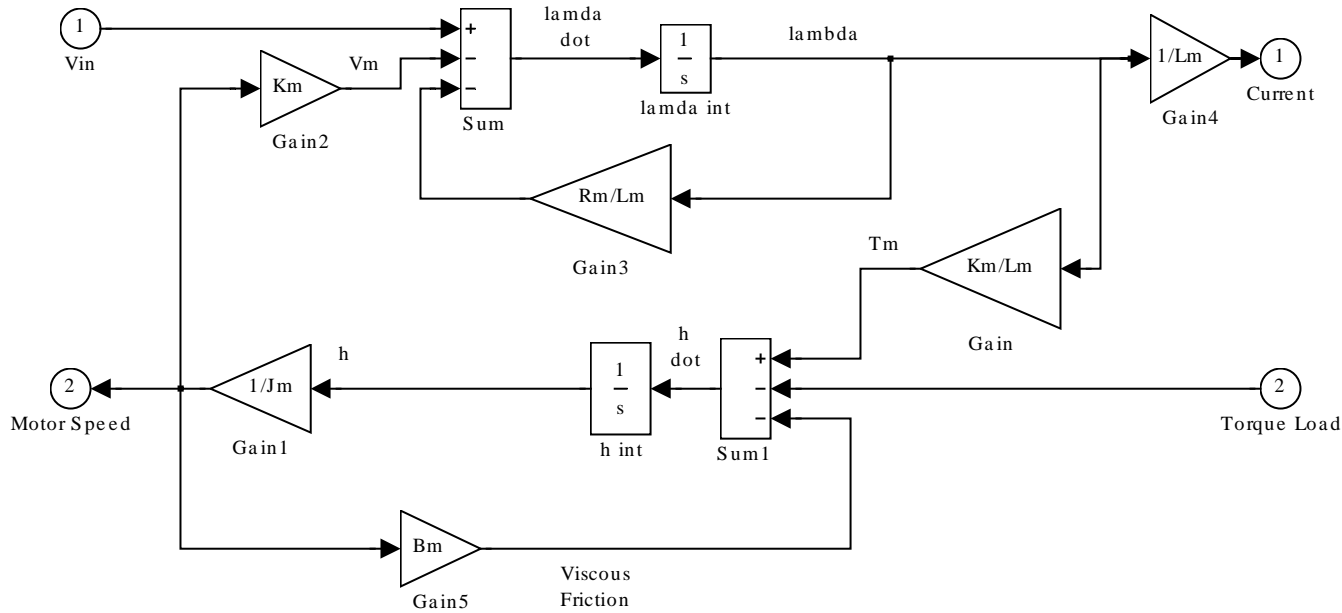
Require:

- Load system
- Electrical source model

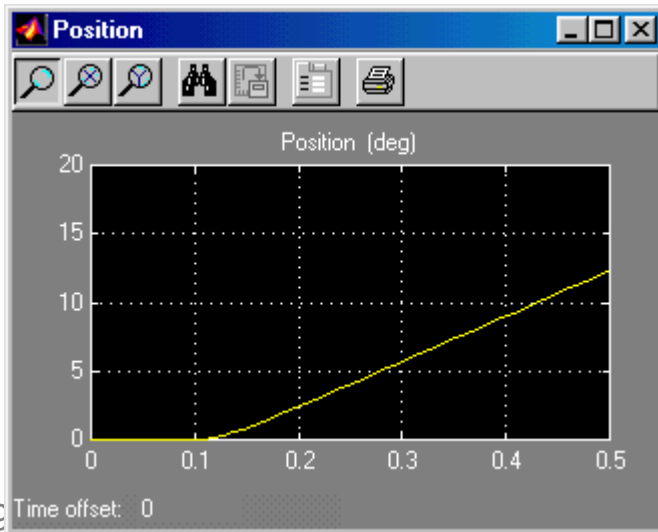
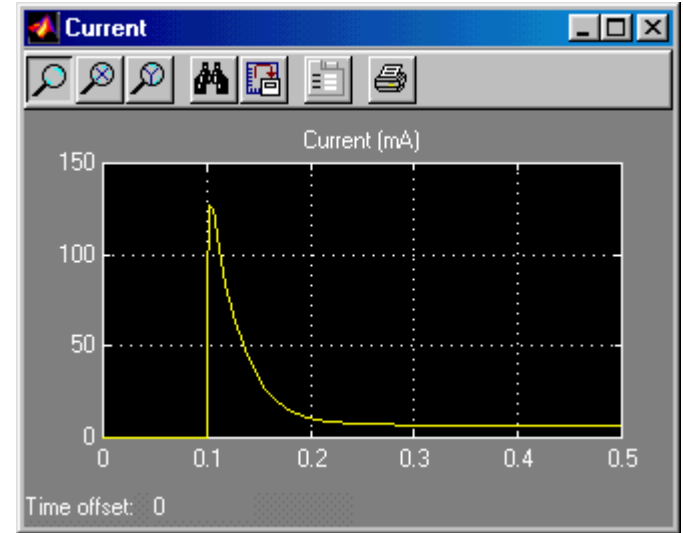
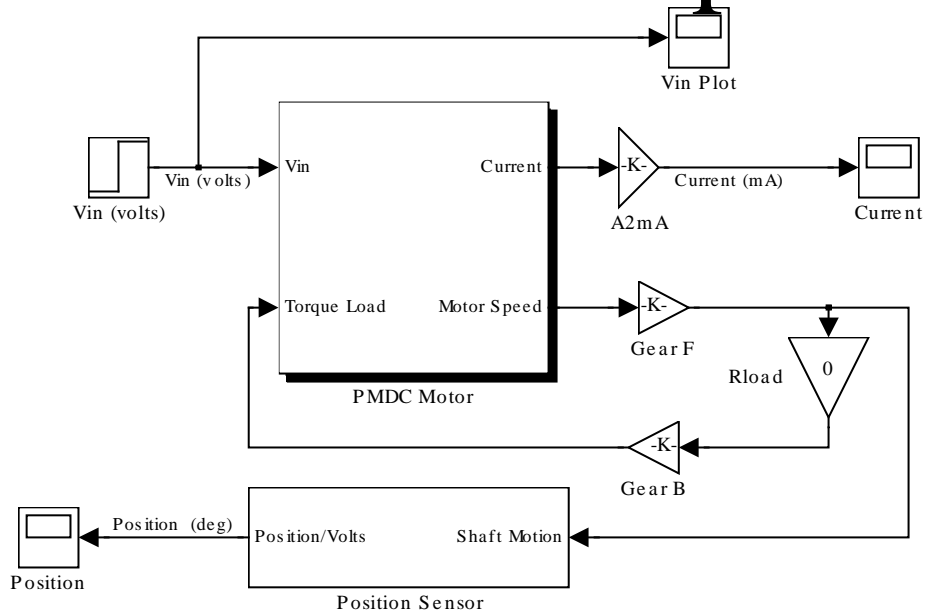


“fixed field”

Model of PMDC Motor



pmdc.mdl



Adding “Real Effects” in the PMDC Model

- Gear-reduction
- Backlash
- Stiction

Simulink Modeling of Driving Coil Example

- Recall example from previous session.
- Develop a Simulink model of this system, and compare to m-file version.

Example: Angular Driving-Coil

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\lambda} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{h} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v(t) - \frac{R}{L(\theta)} \lambda \\ \frac{1}{J} h \\ \frac{b\lambda^2}{2L(\theta)^2} - \frac{B}{J} h - K\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$J = \text{flywheel inertia} = 0.001 \text{ kg m}^2$

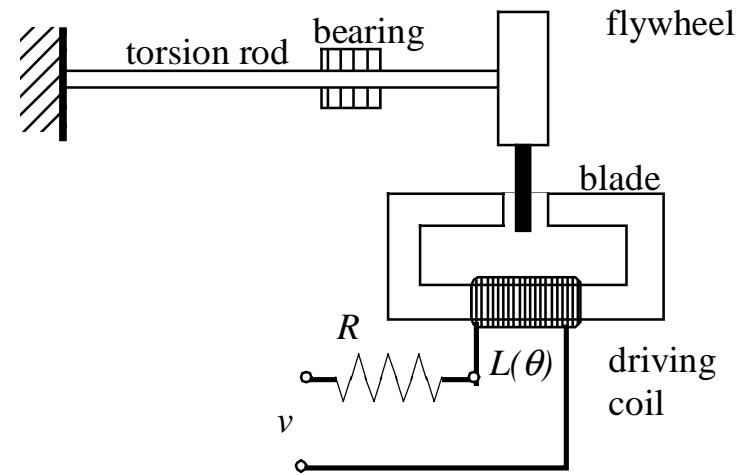
$K = 1.0 \text{ N m/rad} = \text{torsion rod stiffness}$

$B = 0.01 \text{ N sec/rad} = \text{bearing resistance}$

$R = 100 \Omega$

$L(\theta) = 1 + 0.5\theta \text{ henry}$

$f = 10 \text{ Hz}$



Adapted from
S. Nasar, "Electric machines and electromechanics"

Drive this system with
voltage of amplitude
10 volts at frequency f .

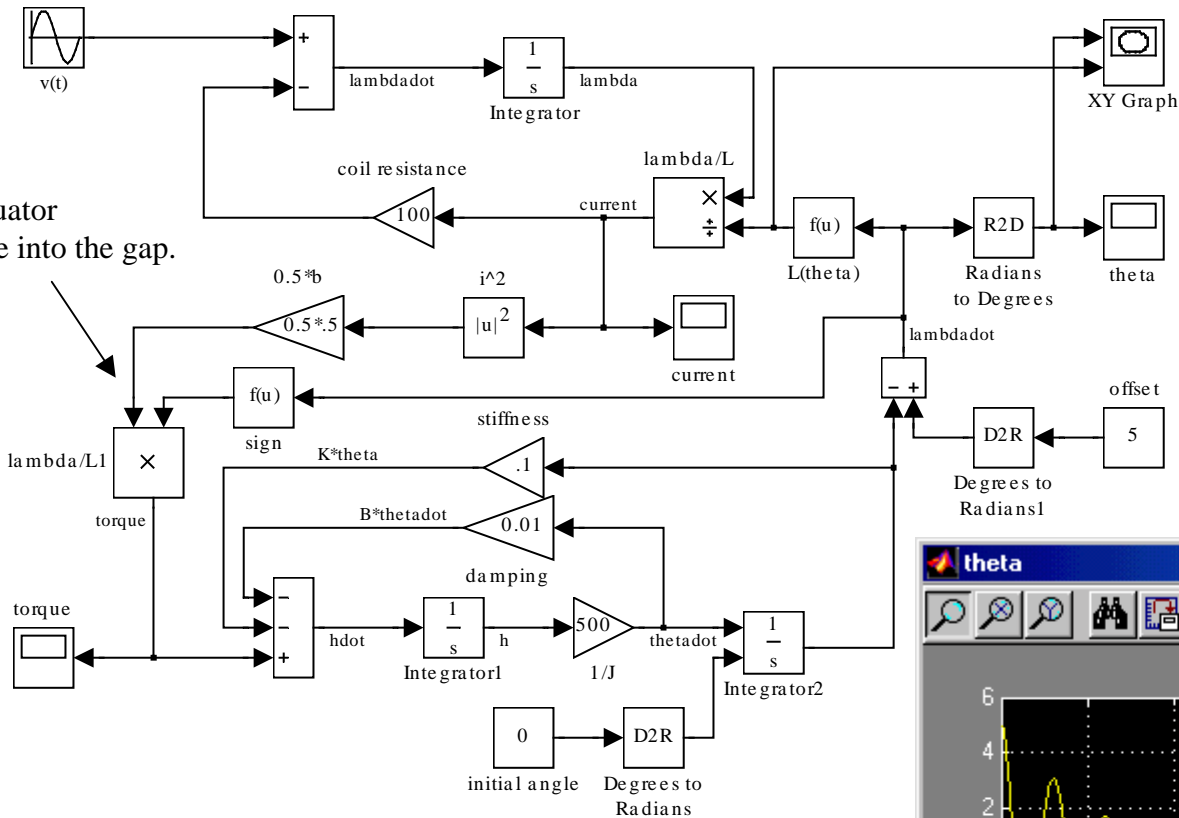
Building the Simulink Model

- Use a sine wave source as the input
- A function block can be used to represent the dependence of inductance on angle
- Assume initial conditions are such that the blade is sitting outside of the core material, and the coil pulls the blade into the gap

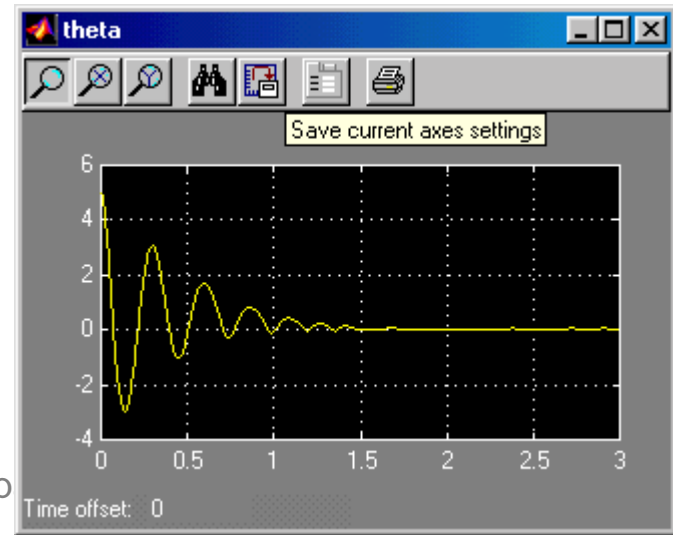
Drive coil example

DEMO: Nas ar Example

Direct block diagram implementation of the state equations.



Blade position will be brought to zero when coil is energized.



Note: there has to be a way to have the actuator always drive the blade into the gap. This does it.

The sign is included.

Equilibrium Point Determination

» help **trim**

TRIM Finds steady state parameters for a system given a set of conditions.

TRIM enables steady state parameters to be found that satisfy certain input, output and state conditions.

$[X,U,Y,DX]=\text{TRIM}('SYS')$ attempts to find values for X, U and Y that set the state derivatives, DX, of the S-function 'SYS' to zero. **TRIM** uses a constrained optimization technique.

$[X,U,Y,DX]=\text{TRIM}('SYS',X0,U0)$ sets the initial starting guesses for X and U to X0 and U0, respectively.

Example: A Pressure-Compensated Pump System

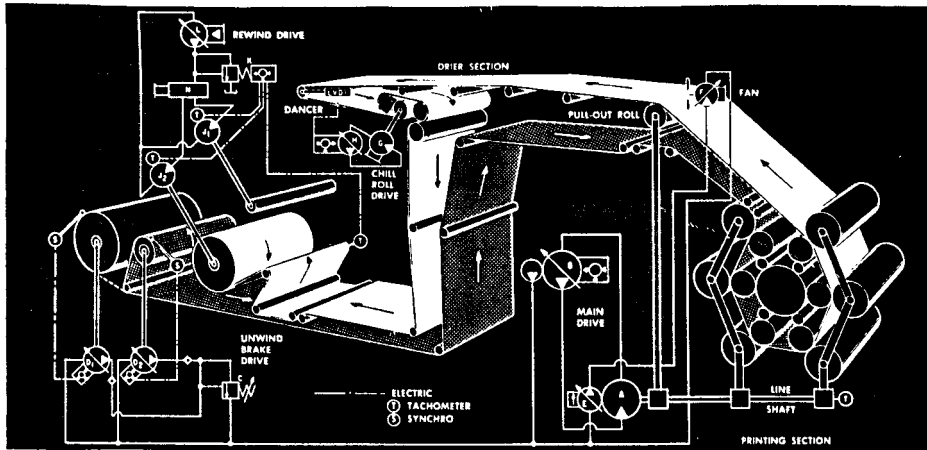


Figure 9.17 Hydraulically controlled printing press.

If the pressure in the line is used to change the yoke angle, the feedback provides a pressure-compensation.

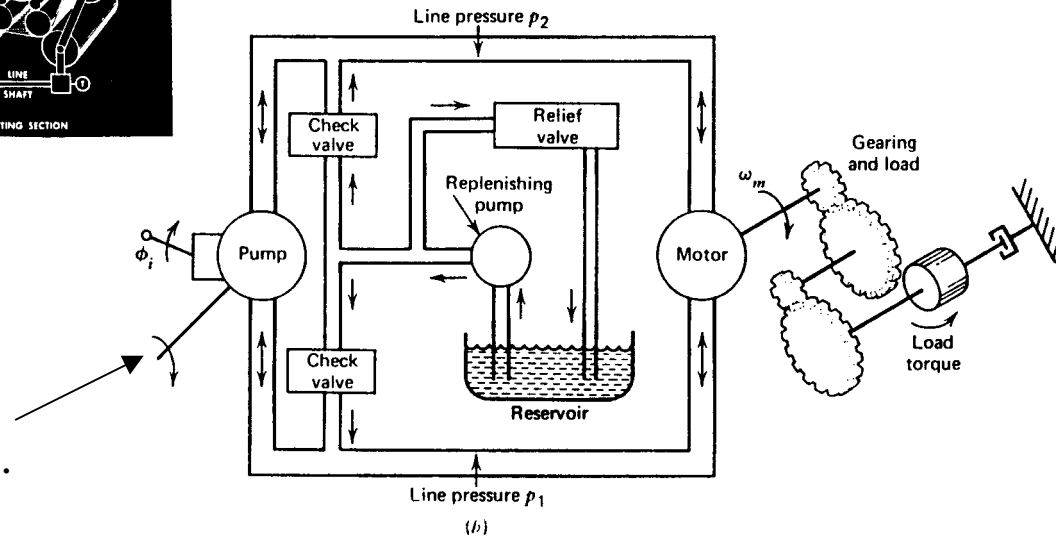


Figure 9.18 Pump/motor drive system.

Let's look at a model of this system to demonstrate how you can use trim to find steady-states.

Example: The Pressure-Compensated Pump System

Pressure-Compensated Variable-Displacement Pump System

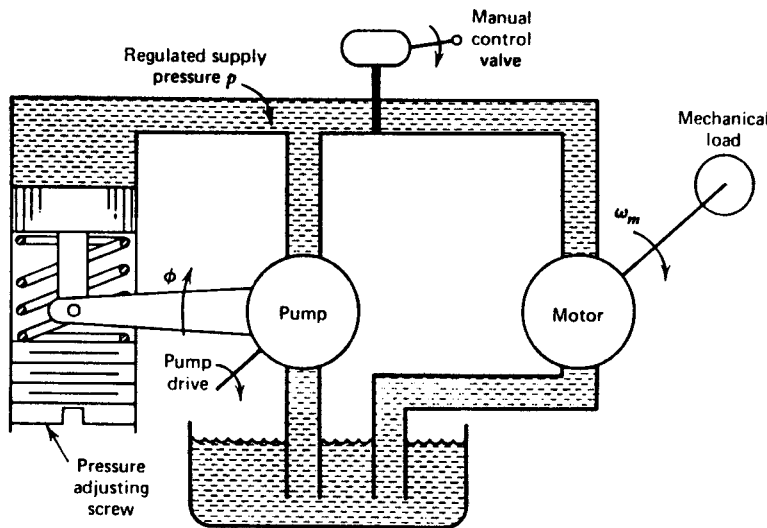
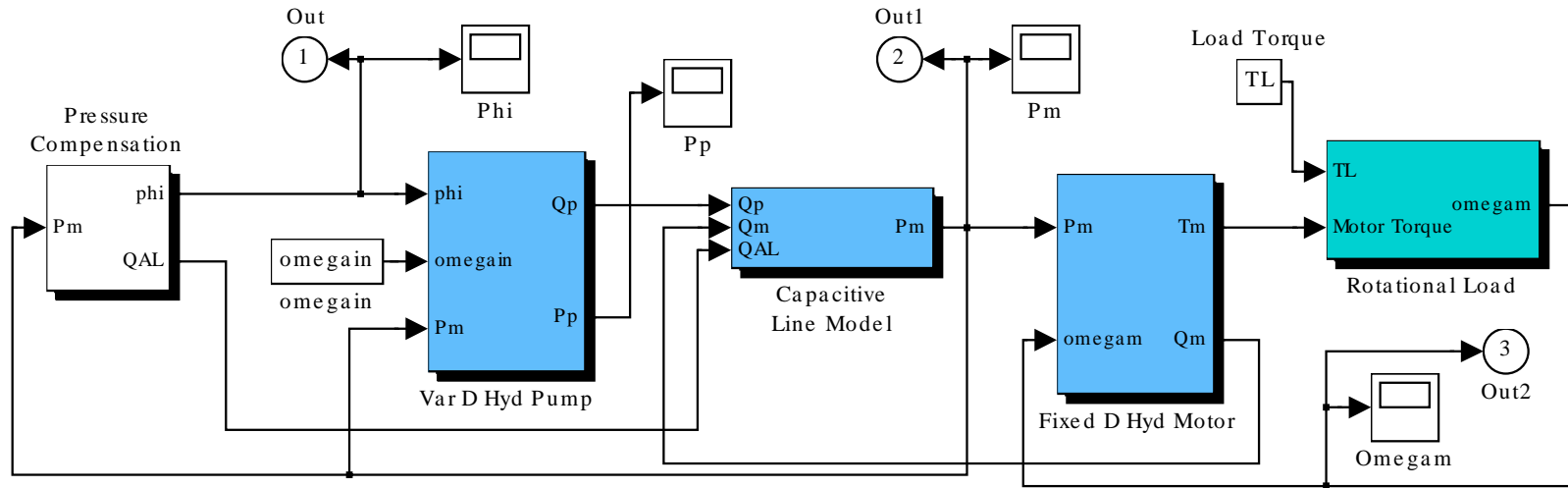


Figure 9.19 Pressure-compensated variable-displacement pump system.

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Parameter file: psetup2.m

This model has multiple levels. We can find information on states as shown next.

Model Information Example

This command will provide information on a system model.

```
» [sizes, x0, xstord] = pcpump([],[],[],0)
```

sizes =

4 (# states)
0 (discrete)
3 (outputs)
0 (inputs)
0 (discontinuous roots)
0
2

x0 =

0.0033
0
0
0

(block initial conditions)

Using trim we can find the equilibrium closest to this initial condition.

xstord =

'pcpump/Pressure
Compensation/phidot'
'pcpump/Capacitive
Line Model/Vdot'
'pcpump/Rotational Load/hldot'
'pcpump/Pressure
Compensation/hidot'

A string containing where to find the integrators.

Using this call from MATLAB returns the information shown.

Equilibrium for Pressure-Compensated Pump

Using **trim** to find steady-states

trim uses a sequential quadratic programming algorithm to find trim points. See the Optimization Toolbox User's Guide for a description of this algorithm.

» [X,U,Y,DX]=TRIM('pcpump')

X =

0.2644
0.9482
0.9908
0.0000

System
states

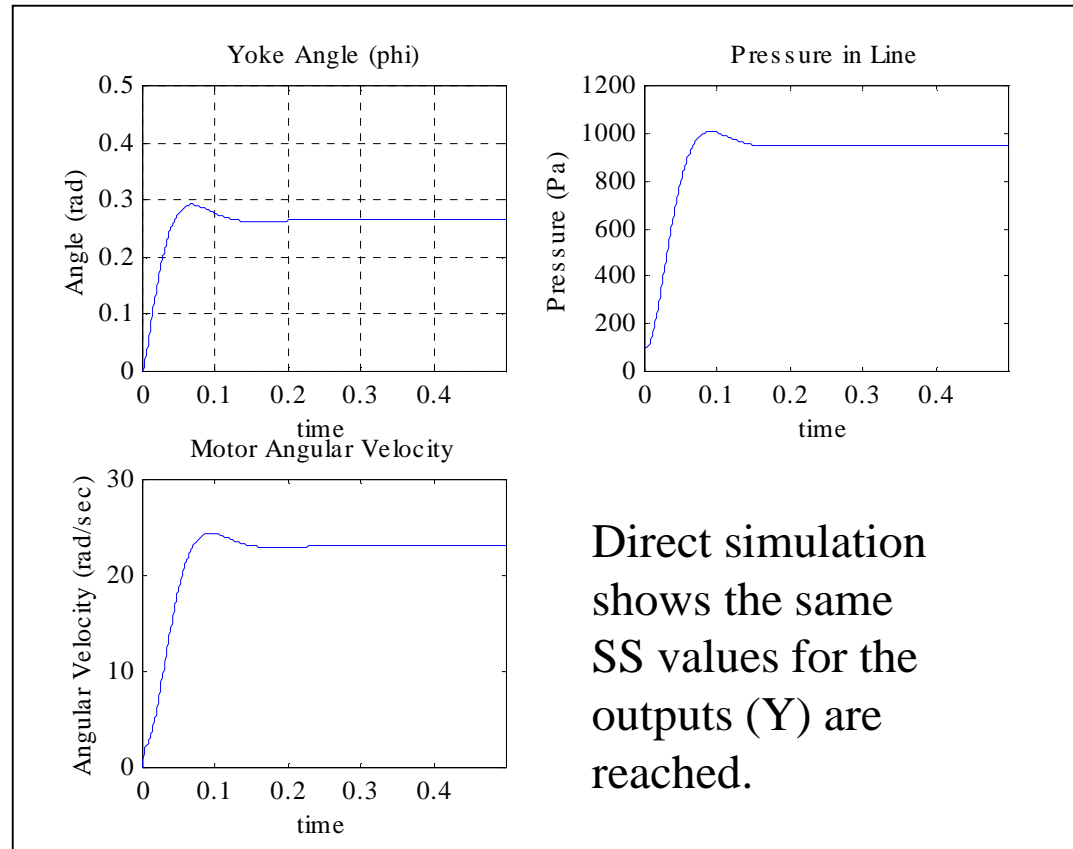
U =

Empty matrix: 0-by-1

System
outputs

Y =

0.2644 (radians)
948.2204 (pressure)
23.0418 (angular velocity)



DEE

» help dee

Differential Equation Editor

DEE offers a direct way to integrate nonlinear state-space equations.

Demonstrations.

dee - Simulink system containing DEE and associated demos.

deedemo1 - Van der Pol Equation.

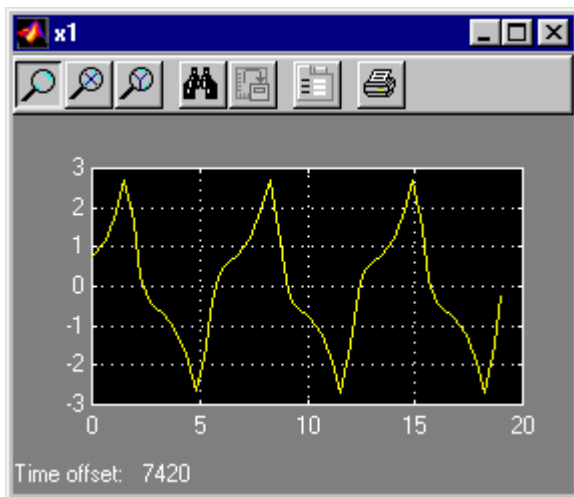
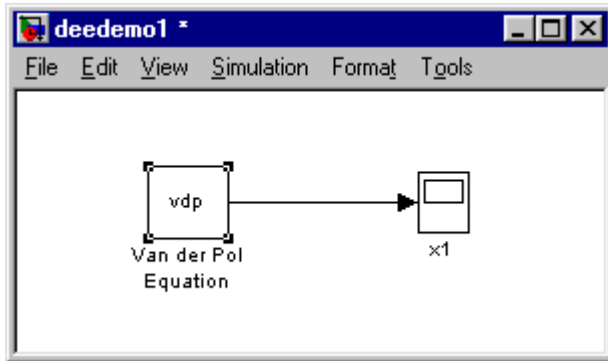
deedemo2 - Lorenz Attractor.

deedemo3 - Mass and Spring.

deedemo4 - Coupled Mass and Spring System with Animation.

Example: The Classic Van der Pol

Minimize block diagram construction required.



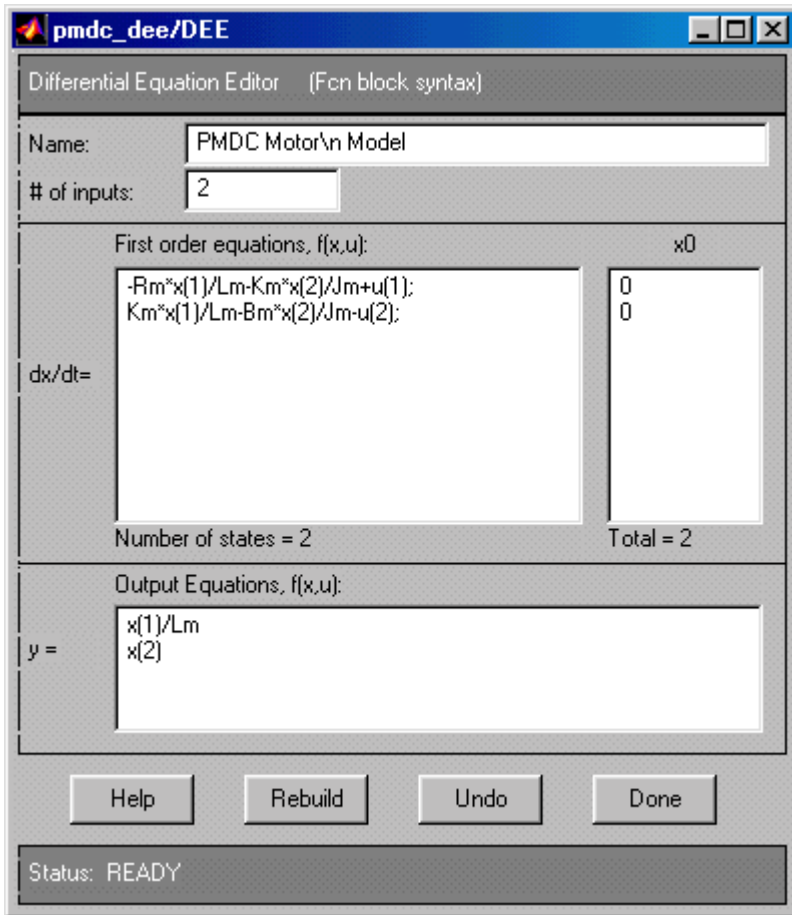
The screenshot shows the 'deedemo1/Van der Pol Equation' window, which is a 'Differential Equation Editor (Fcn block syntax)'. The window contains the following information:

- Name: vdp
- # of inputs: 0
- First order equations, $f(x,u)$:
$$\begin{matrix} x(1)*(1-x(2)*x(2))-x(2) \\ x(1) \end{matrix}$$
- dx/dt=
- Number of states = 2
- Total = 2
- Output Equations, $f(x,u)$:
$$y = x(1)$$

Buttons: Help, Rebuild, Undo, Done

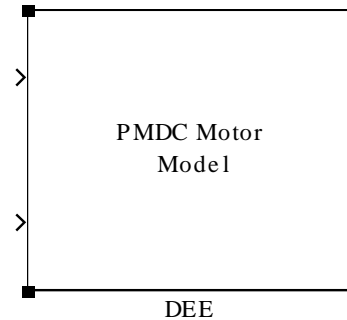
Status: READY

pmdc using DEE



Volts in

Load
torque



Current

Speed

Rather than “block diagram” a given set of equations, the DEE allows you to insert them to this block. Input and output ports can be defined.

Summary

- We took a hands-on approach to learning how to use Simulink to build basic models.
- Some modeling issues were discussed
- Some of the basic analysis routines were used to conduct simple simulation.

Next time: S-functions, model libraries, more complex examples, difficult simulation cases, toolbox usage