

19.1 Process's discretizing $P(s)$

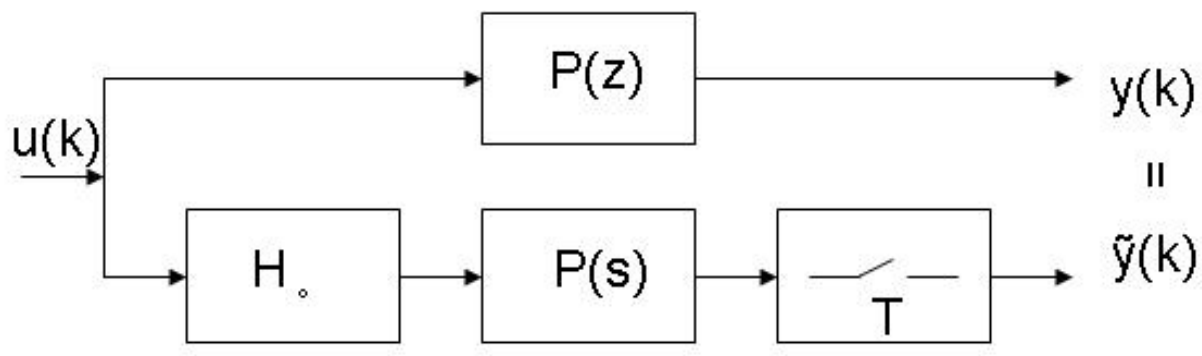


Figura 19.1. Process's discretizing

We consider $P(s)$ written in space state:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ y = Cx(t) + Du(t) \end{cases}$$

then we can write $x(t)$ as:

$$x(t) = e^{A(t-\bar{t})}x(\bar{t}) + \int_{\bar{t}}^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau \quad (19.1)$$

Applying the substitution $t = (k+1)T$ e $\bar{t} = kT$

$$x((k+1)T) = e^{AT}x(kT) + \int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau \quad (19.2)$$

we know that $u(t)=u(kT)$ for $kT \leq t \leq (k+1)T$ we have:

$$x((k+1)T) = e^{AT}x(kT) + \left(\int_{kT}^{(k+1)T} e^{A(t-\tau)} B d\tau \right) u(kT) \quad (19.3)$$

result that:

$$x((k+1)T) = e^{AT}x(kT) + \left(\int_0^T e^{A\tau} B d\tau \right) u(kT) \quad (19.4)$$

The following equations are provided:

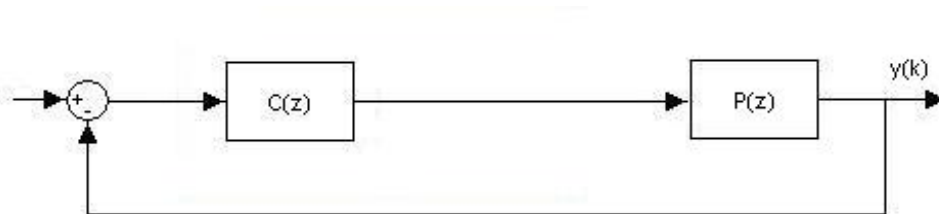
$$A_d = e^{AT} \quad (19.5)$$

$$B_d = \int_0^T e^{A\tau} B d\tau \quad (19.6)$$

$$C_d = C \quad (19.7)$$

$$D_d = D \quad (19.8)$$

This transformation make the following systems equivalent:



in this way, we have $y(K) = \tilde{y}(kT)$.

The exact discretization method can be applied directly also to transfer functions in the s -domain using the following transformation:

$$P(z) = (1 - z^{-1})Z \left[\frac{P(s)}{s} \right] \quad (19.9)$$

Continuous	Forward Euler	Backward Euler	Tustin	Exact
A	$A_d = I + TA$	$(I - TA)^{-1}$	$(I + \frac{AT}{2})(I - \frac{AT}{2})^{-1}$	e^{AT}
B	$B_d = TB$	$T(I - TA)^{-1}B$	$(I - \frac{AT}{2})^{-1}B\sqrt{T}$	$\int_0^T e^{A\tau} B d\tau$
C	$C_d = C$	$C(I - TA)^{-1}$	$\sqrt{T}C(I - \frac{AT}{2})^{-1}$	C
D	$D_d = D$	$D + C(I - TA)^{-1}BT$	$D + C(I - \frac{AT}{2})^{-1}B\frac{T}{2}$	D
$P(s)$	$s = \frac{1}{T}(z - 1)$	$s = \frac{1}{T}\frac{(z-1)}{z}$	$s = \frac{2}{T}\frac{(z-1)}{(z+1)}$	$(1 - z^{-1})Z[\frac{P(s)}{s}]$

Tabella 19.1. Summarizing table for different discretization methods

or equivalently as:

$$P(z) = C_d(zI - A_d)^{-1}B_d + D_d \quad (19.10)$$

The previous table provide different discretization methods that can be applied both in the transfer function domain as well as in the state space domain to pass from a continuous process $P(s)$ to its discrete process $P(z)$ to have a good approximation on the outputs.

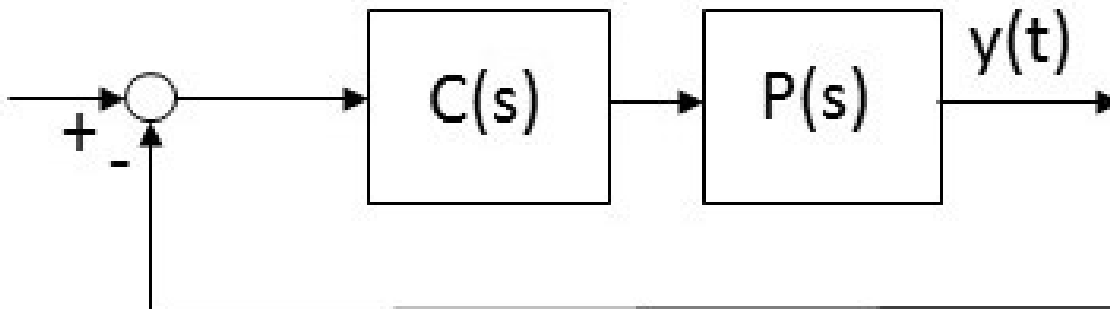


Figura 19.2.

The equivalent block diagram with a discrete controller is shown in Figure 19.3¹. This isn't the only approach to control design, we can also implement the controller digitally.

¹Note that in SIMULINK it is not necessary to insert the 'zoh'-block and the 'sampler' block, since SIMULINK automatically performs those steps with the 'C(z)' block.

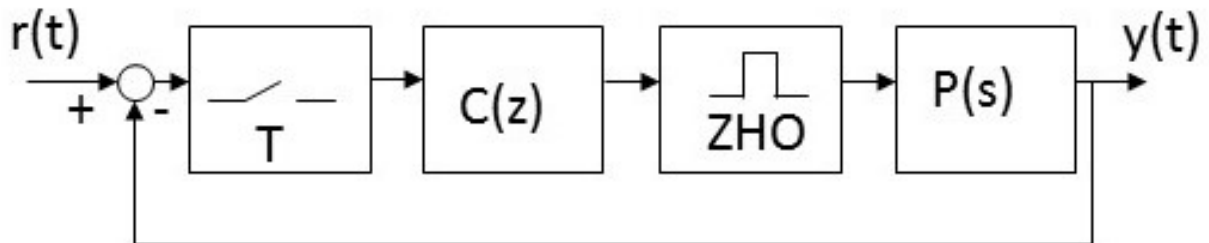


Figura 19.3.

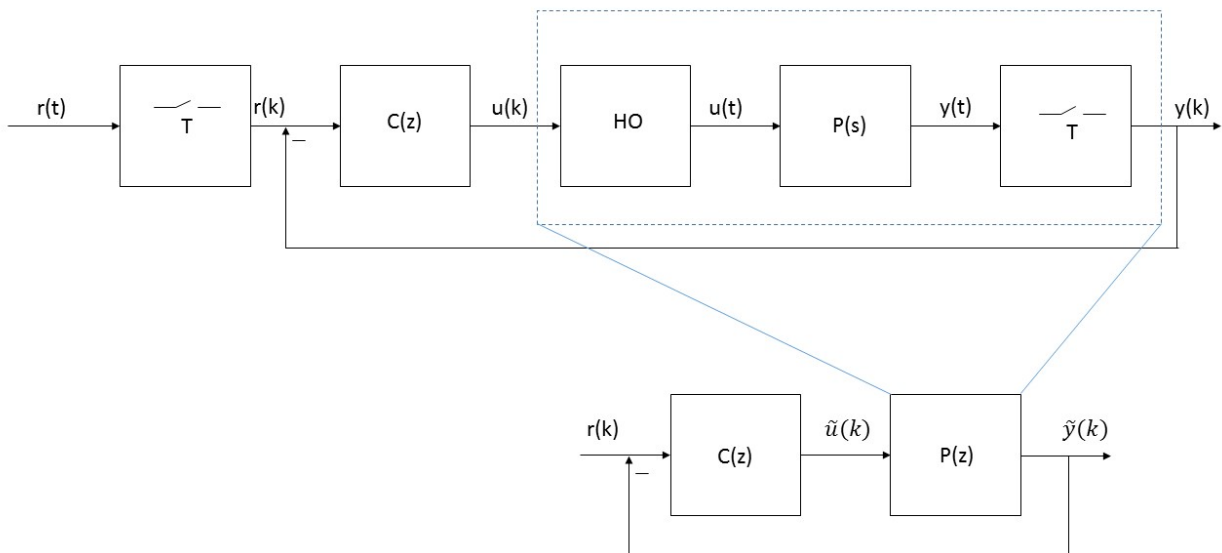


Figura 19.4.

19.1.1 Controller design in discrete time using state space approach

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ y = Cx(t) + Du(t) \end{cases}$$

And the exact approximation is:

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = A_d x_k + B_d u_k \\ y_k = C_d x_k + D_d u_k \end{cases}$$

With:

$$\begin{aligned} A_d &= e^{AT} & B_d &= \int_0^T e^{A\tau} B d\tau \\ C_d &= C & D_d &= D \end{aligned}$$

Note: The properties (A, B) reachable and (A, C) observable might not be preserved after the discretization process, in fact (A_d, B_d) and (A_d, C_d) may lose reachability and observability unless the sample period T is sufficiently small.

19.1.2 State feedback, nominal tracking, integral control

$$\begin{aligned} u(k) &= -k_d x(k) \\ x_{k+1}^I &= x_k^I + e_k \end{aligned}$$

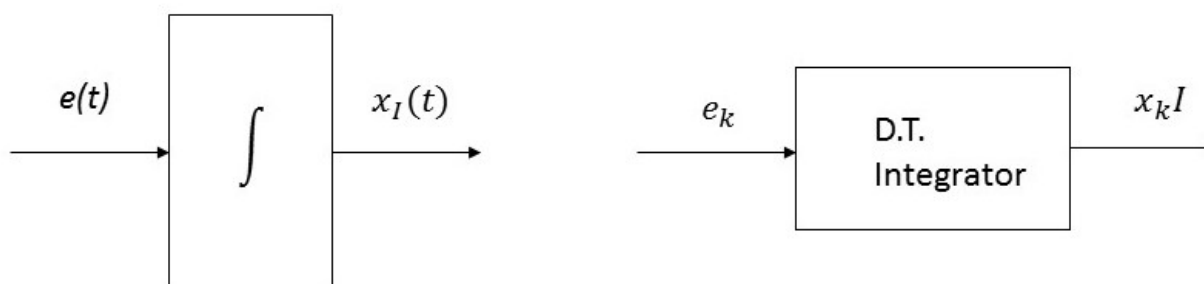


Figura 19.5.

In the scheme below we can observe that the estimated state has the same evolution of the nominal state except for the term $L(y_k - \hat{y}_k)$. In the next lines we will see that the matrix L will be essential to control the dynamics error.

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x}_{k+1} = A_d \hat{x}_k + B_d u_k + L(y_k - \hat{y}_k) \\ \hat{y}_k = C_d \hat{x}_k + D_d u_k \end{cases}$$

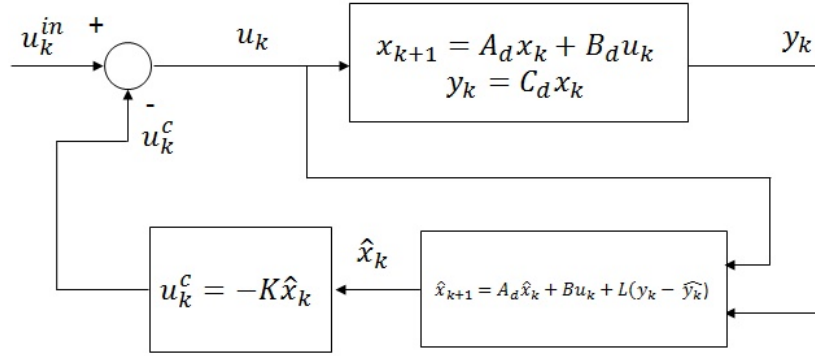


Figura 19.6.

$$e_k = x_k - \hat{x}_k \quad \hat{x}_k = x_k - e_k$$

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ e_k \end{bmatrix}$$

The regulator:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ e_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_d - B_d K & B_d K \\ 0 & A_d - L C_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ e_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_d \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u_k^{in}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_{k+1} &= x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1} = A_d x_k + B_d u_k - (A_d \hat{x}_k + B_d u_k + L(y_k - \hat{y}_k)) \\ &= A_d e_k - L(C_d x_k - C_d \hat{x}_k) \\ &= (A_d - L C_d) e_k \end{aligned}$$

We note that the dynamics of the error does not depend on the matrix $B_d u_k$

$$e_k = x_k - \hat{x}_k \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{x}_k = x_k - e_k$$

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = A_d x_k + B_d u_k \\ u_k = u_k^{in} - u_k^c \\ u_k^c = K \hat{x}_k = K x_k - K e_k \end{cases}$$

$$x_{k+1} = A_d x_k + B_d u_k^{in} - B_d K x_k + B_d K e_k \quad (19.11)$$

$$= (A_d - B_d K) x_k + B_d K e_k + B_d u_k^{in} \quad (19.12)$$

$$y = [C_d \mid 0] \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ e_k \end{bmatrix}$$

As we can see, the estimated state is pushed into the feedback block and used to stabilize the system. So we must find K and L to stabilize A_k^c .

$$\begin{aligned} u_k^{in} = \text{constant} = u_{DC} &\Rightarrow x_k \rightarrow x_{DC} \\ y_k &\rightarrow y_{DC} \\ z_k \rightarrow z_{DC} &\Rightarrow e_k \rightarrow e_{DC} \end{aligned}$$

$$e_{DC} = (A_d - LC_d)e_{DC} \Rightarrow e_{DC} = 0$$

this is true because $(A_d - LC_d)$ is invertible.

$$\begin{aligned} x_{DC} &= (A_d - B_dK)x_{DC} + B_dKe_{DC} + B_du_{DC} \Rightarrow x_{DC} = (I - (A_d - B_dK))^{-1}B_d u_{DC} \\ y_{DC} &= C_d(I - (A_d - B_dK))^{-1}B_d u_{DC} \\ \bar{N} &= \frac{1}{C_d(I - (A_d - B_dK))^{-1}B_d} \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding transfer function of the close loop is:

$$P_{cc}(s) = \frac{P(s)C(s)}{1 + P(s)C(s)} = \frac{n_c(s)}{\prod_{i=0} (s - p_i^c)} \quad (19.13)$$

For simplicity of discussion and notation, let us assume that the poles p_i are distinct and inside the unit circle (i.e. $\Re[p_i^c] < 0$); if we apply the step function the forced output looks like:

$$\begin{aligned} r(t) &= 1(t) \\ y_f(t) &= \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e^{p_i^c t} \end{aligned}$$

Where α_i are the coefficients associated to the modes of the system $e^{p_i^c t}$. After the discretization we obtain

$$P_{cc}(z) = \frac{P(z)C(z)}{1 + P(z)C(z)} = \frac{n_d(z)}{\prod_{i=0} (z - p_i)} \quad (19.14)$$

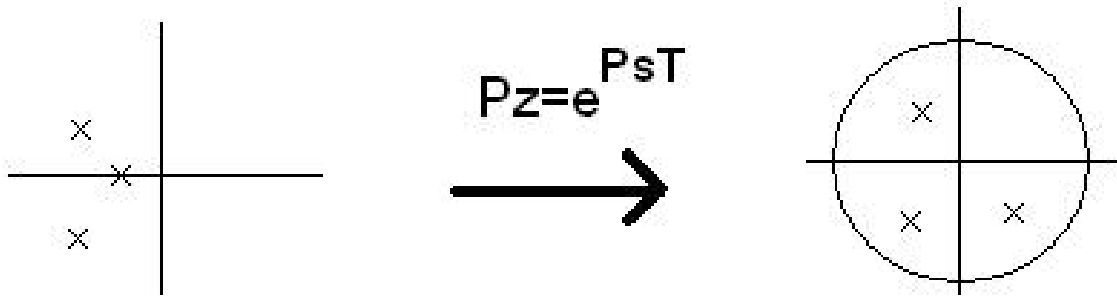
with the $|p_i^d| < 1$, and with $\alpha_i \simeq \beta_i$

$$\begin{aligned} y_k &= \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i (p_i^d)^k \\ &\simeq \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (p_i^d)^k \end{aligned}$$

so the forced output will be approximately:

$$\begin{aligned} y_f(kT) &\approx \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e^{p_i^c kT} \\ &= \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (e^{p_i^c T})^k \end{aligned}$$

so if we set $p_i^d = e^{p_i^c T}$ we should expect a similar output between the continuous systems and the corresponding discretized system, at least on the sampling instants $t = kT$.



So we find the relationship between poles in continuous time and in discrete time. If we have $C(s)$, and we know where we would like to place the poles of the closed loop system on s -plane, we can design directly the controller in discrete time through the map $p_i^d = e^{p_i^c T}$. We have to pay attention to the fact that a too large T provide poor performances while a too small one may force some poles out of the unit circle. The following relation provides a guidance for the choice of the sampling period (whenever possible) and guarantees a good compromise between numerical robustness and approximation fidelity:

$$\frac{1}{1000} t_r \leq T \leq \frac{1}{20 \sim 30} t_r$$

where t_r is the desired raising time.