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ABSTRACT

This project is mainly upon developing Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR) controller and controlling it through software. In the software part, MATLAB GUI is been implemented to control the whole LQR system. In addition, a servo motor is attached as a hardware module to show the resultant of the LQR controller. The ability of the controller on the servo motor is, it is capable to manipulate and control the rotating speed of the motor. Thus it could also regulate the value from the error that occurs at output so that the value is stabilized as same as the input. Application of feedback system is applied in the MATLAB GUI itself before interfacing it with the servo motor using DAQ Card. The output from the MATLAB is then sent to the input of the DAQ Card through the Analog pin. A generation of signal from output at DAQ Card through the Analog pin subsequently enters to the motor driver. Driving the motor with the signal provided, it will send a feedback signal back to the system to be compared with the initial input. The whole system built from the simulink modeling through the software MATLAB.
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL

This project is based on the controller and the software used to interface the CLIFTON PRECISION motor. By developing Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR) using mathematical equation to get the feedback controller to control the speed of the servo motor with using Matlab GUI from Mathworks.

Matlab GUI is the one of the software that is using graphical method. Between the servo motor and Matlab GUI, DAQ Card used to interface the both of them. From the software, the data transfer first to the DAQ Card. Then the DAQ Card will convert the data to an electrical signal that acquired by the servo motor.

The drive that drives the servo motor is G340 Servodrive(x10 Step Multiplier) by Geckodrive that comes in package with the servo motor.

The servo motor is type JDH-2250-HF-2C-E CLIFTON PRECISION that has the supply voltage -0.5 to 7V interval. The output voltage of the servo motor is -0.5 to Vcc. Choosing this servo motor is because High output power relative to motor size and weight. It also suitable for the controller that has feedback, not like stepper motor which is operated open loop.
1.2 **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

As research had been done, there are lot of controller that are used. But there are some features not same as LQR features in others controller.

1.2.1 **Current controller and software**

There are a lot of controllers which can be used to control the speed of the motor such as Proportional Integral Derivatives (PID) and Fuzzy Logics. For the software, many companies has developed various software related to engineering in this day like Matlab, Visual Basic and Labview. However, the problems are:-

i. **PID controller**

The controller like PID need has percentage of overshoot and take some time to it’s stabilizing the system. It also has the time settling that are can reach more than 1 sec. this will affect the effectiveness of the system.

ii. **Software**

Software like Labview has problem in term of control system because we need to download separately from the manufacturer’s website the control toolkit. Then after that we could use it for the control system. The toolkit is like the add-ons to the Labview software. For the Visual Basic, we cannot do the simulation to know the result before we do it in the real-time.
1.2.2 Problem solving

i. Linear quadratic regulator is the most effective controller because it regulates the error to zero and it doesn’t have percentage of overshoot and time settling. So it can stabilize the system quicker than PID.

ii. Matlab GUI is choose because it is friendly user and don’t use complex coding to run it. Just drag and drop the function to use it. It also can simulate the linear system before use in real-time using Simulink. In Simulink, we need to create the system using block diagram in Matlab.

1.3 Objectives

First objective that has been setup for this project is in developing the controller that used. Linear Quadratic Regulator need to be develops first before can proceed to another objective or to the next step for this project. Before can do the developing, need to study first about this controller because this the first time I want to use it.

To develop LQR, there is more than one method that can be use. The purpose is to find the gain value, K. The method is like pole placement, and Algebraic Riccati equation (ARE). For this project, ARE method used because only need to find the gain value, K that is need to use to regulate the error that comes from the feedback in the linear system.

The second objective is to control the speed of the servomotor. We control the speed of the servomotor with the value of the gain, K that we obtain before. The gain will be multiplied with the output value to make the error zero and same as the input. To control the speed of the servomotor, we use Matlab GUI as the user control
panel that from there, we can control the speed by change the input as we can say the speed of the servomotor by just insert the value at the Matlab GUI.

The third one is interfacing the servomotor with the software. To doing that, a converter that converts data from computer to electrical signal called DAQ Card (Data Acquisition Card) need to be use.

1.4 Scope

The most important step in this project is obtaining the state space of the motor that will use for this project first. It is because the gain value, K via Algebraic Riccati Equation (ARE) can be obtained from state space equation.

After the value of the gain K been obtained, the linear system can be created and will be simulated. The result is obtained from the simulation of the system, and the value of the gain can regulate the error or not can be determined. If not, find another value of K by change the value of the disturbance, Q in the ARE equation.
2.1 Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR)

The theory of optimal control is concerned with operating a dynamic system at minimum cost. The case where the system dynamics are described by a set of linear differential equations and the cost is described by a quadratic functional is called the LQ problem. One of the main results in the theory is that the solution is provided by the linear-quadratic regulator (LQR), a feedback controller whose equations are given below. The LQR is an important part of the solution to the LQG problem. Like the LQR problem itself the LQG problem is one of the most fundamental problems in control theory.
In layman's terms this means that the settings of a (regulating) controller governing either a machine or process (like an airplane or chemical reactor) are found by using a mathematical algorithm that minimizes a cost function with weighting factors supplied by a human (engineer). The "cost" (function) is often defined as a sum of the deviations of key measurements from their desired values. In effect this algorithm therefore finds those controller settings that minimize the undesired deviations, like deviations from desired altitude or process temperature. Often the magnitude of the control action itself is included in this sum as to keep the energy expended by the control action itself limited.

In effect, the LQR algorithm takes care of the tedious work done by the control systems engineer in optimizing the controller. However, the engineer still needs to specify the weighting factors and compare the results with the specified design goals. Often this means that controller synthesis will still be an iterative process where the engineer judges the produced "optimal" controllers through simulation and then adjusts the weighting factors to get a controller more in line with the specified design goals.

The LQR algorithm is, at its core, just an automated way of finding an appropriate state-feedback controller. And as such it is not uncommon to find that control engineers prefer alternative methods like full state feedback (also known as pole placement) to find a controller over the use of the LQR algorithm. With these the engineer has a much clearer linkage between adjusted parameters and the resulting changes in controller behavior. Difficulty in finding the right weighting factors limits the application of the LQR based controller synthesis. [6]

Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR) is the most common approach to modern control design, and one of the controller that are commonly used by users to control the system besides Proportional Integral Derivatives (PID) because its stability. For a LTI system:
\[ x = A\dot{x} + Bu \]
\[ y = Cx + Du \]

(2.1)

The technique involves choosing a control law \( u = -\omega(x) \) which stabilizes the origin (i.e., regulates \( x \) to zero). The gain \( K \) which solves the LQR problem is

\[
K = R^{-1}B^TP^* 
\]

(2.2)

where \( P^* \) is the unique, positive semidefinite solution to the algebraic Riccati equation (ARE):

\[
A^TP + PA - PBR^{-1}B^TP + Q = 0 
\]

(2.3)

2.2 Data acquisition

Data acquisition is the sampling of the real world to generate data that can be manipulated by a computer. Sometimes abbreviated DAQ or DAS, data acquisition typically involves acquisition of signals and waveforms and processing the signals to obtain desired information. The components of data acquisition systems include appropriate sensors that convert any measurement parameter to an electrical signal, which is acquired by data acquisition hardware.

Acquired data are displayed, analyzed, and stored on a computer, either using vendor supplied software, or custom displays and control can be developed using various general purpose programming languages. LabVIEW, which offers a graphical programming environment optimized for data acquisition and MATLAB provides a programming language but also built-in graphical tools and libraries for data acquisition and analysis.

Data acquisition begins with the physical phenomenon or physical property of an object (under investigation) to be measured. This physical property or phenomenon could be the temperature or temperature change of a room, the intensity
or intensity change of a light source, the pressure inside a chamber, the force applied to an object, or many other things. An effective data acquisition system can measure all of these different properties or phenomena.

A transducer is a device that converts a physical property or phenomenon into a corresponding measurable electrical signal, such as voltage, current, change in resistance or capacitor values, etc. The ability of a data acquisition system to measure different phenomena depends on the transducers to convert the physical phenomena into signals measurable by the data acquisition hardware. Transducers are synonymous with sensors in DAQ systems. There are specific transducers for many different applications, such as measuring temperature, pressure, or fluid flow. DAQ also deploy various Signal Conditioning techniques to adequately modify various different electrical signals into voltage that can then be digitized using ADCs.

Signals may be digital (also called logic signals sometimes) or analog depending on the transducer used.

Signal conditioning may be necessary if the signal from the transducer is not suitable for the DAQ hardware to be used. The signal may be amplified or deamplified, or may require filtering, or a lock-in amplifier is included to perform demodulation. Various other examples of signal conditioning might be bridge completion, providing current or voltage excitation to the sensor, isolation, linearization, etc.

Analog signals tolerate almost no cross talk and so are converted to digital data, before coming close to a PC or before traveling along long cables. For analog data to have a high signal to noise ratio, the signal needs to be very high, and sending +/-10 Volts along a fast signal path with a 50 Ohm termination requires powerful drivers. With a slightly mismatched or no termination at all, the voltage along the cable rings multiple time until it is settled in the needed precision. Digital data can have +/-0.5 Volt. The same is true for DACs. Also digital data can be sent over glass fiber for high voltage isolation or by means of Manchester encoding or similar
through RF-couplers, which prevent net hum. Also as of 2007 16bit ADCs cost only 20 $ or €.

DAQ hardware is what usually interfaces between the signal and a PC. It could be in the form of modules that can be connected to the computer's ports (parallel, serial, USB, etc...) or cards connected to slots (PCI, ISA) in the mother board. Usually the space on the back of a PCI card is too small for all the connections needed, so an external breakout box is required. The cable between this Box and the PC is expensive due to the many wires and the required shielding and because it is exotic. DAQ-cards often contain multiple components (multiplexer, ADC, DAC, TTL-IO, high speed timers, RAM). These are accessible via a bus by a micro controller, which can run small programs. The controller is more flexible than a hard wired logic, yet cheaper than a CPU so that it is alright to block it with simple polling loops. For example: Waiting for a trigger, starting the ADC, looking up the time, waiting for the ADC to finish, move value to RAM, switch multiplexer, get TTL input, let DAC proceed with voltage ramp. As 16 bit ADCs and DACs and OpAmps and sample and holds with equal precision as of 2007 only run at 1 MHz, even low cost digital controllers like the AVR32 have about 100 clock cycles for bookkeeping in between. Reconfigurable computing may deliver high speed for digital signals. Digital signal processors spend a lot of silicon on arithmetic and allow tight control loops or filters. The fixed connection with the PC allows for comfortable compilation and debugging. Using an external housing a modular design with slots in a bus can grow with the needs of the user. High speed binary data needs special purpose hardware called Time to digital converter and high speed 8 bit ADCs are called oscilloscope Digital storage oscilloscope, which are typically not connected to DAQ hardware, but directly to the PC.

Driver software that usually comes with the DAQ hardware or from other vendors, allows the operating system to recognize the DAQ hardware and programs to access the signals being read by the DAQ hardware. A good driver offers high and low level access. So one would start out with the high level solutions offered and improves down to assembly instructions in time critical or exotic applications.[4]
2.3 Servo Motor

A servomechanism or servo is an automatic device which uses error-sensing feedback to correct the performance of a mechanism. The term correctly applies only to systems where the feedback or error-correction signals help control mechanical position or other parameters. For example an automotive power window control is not a servomechanism, as there is no automatic feedback which controls position—the operator does this by observation. However, if the operator and the window motor could be considered together, perhaps they as an entity could be said to operate via a servomechanism. By contrast the car's cruise control uses closed loop feedback, which classifies it as a servomechanism.

Servomechanisms may or may not use a servomotor. For example a household furnace controlled by thermostat is a servomechanism, yet there is no closed-loop control of a servomotor.

A common type of servo provides position control. Servos are commonly electrical or partially electronic in nature, using an electric motor as the primary means of creating mechanical force. Other types of servos use hydraulics, pneumatics, or magnetic principles. Usually, servos operate on the principle of negative feedback, where the control input is compared to the actual position of the mechanical system as measured by some sort of transducer at the output. Any difference between the actual and wanted values or an "error signal" is amplified and used to drive the system in the direction necessary to reduce or eliminate the error. An entire science known as control theory has been developed on this type of system.

Servomechanisms were first used in military fire-control and marine navigation equipment. Today servomechanisms are used in automatic machine tools, satellite-tracking antennas, automatic navigation systems on boats and planes, and antiaircraft-gun control systems. Other examples are fly-by-wire systems in aircraft which use servos to actuate the aircraft's control surfaces, and radio-controlled models which use RC servos for the same purpose. Many autofocus cameras also use
a servomechanism to accurately move the lens, and thus adjust the focus. A modern hard disk drive has a magnetic servo system with sub-micrometer positioning accuracy.

Typical servos give a rotary (angular) output. Linear types are common as well, using a screw thread or a linear motor to give linear motion.

Another device commonly referred to as a servo is used in automobiles to amplify the steering or braking force applied by the driver. However, these devices are not true servos, but rather mechanical amplifiers.

Servo motor is one of the devices that have the applications where precise positioning and speed required. The big advantage of the servo motor is that servos are operated "closed loop". This means feedback is required from the motor, that's why this system is sensitivity to disturbances and have ability to correct these disturbances. [7]

Figure 2.2: Typical dc servo motor system with either encoder or resolver feedback.
CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

3.1 SOFTWARE

The MATLAB software is use for this project because it allows one to perform numerical calculations and visualize the result without need for complicated and time consuming programming. This software provides an easy way to go directly from collecting data to deriving informative result. It also accurately solves the problem, to produce graphics easily and create the code efficiently.

MATLAB software is compatible with the Advantech PCI-1710HG that will work together in this project. It also supports the entire data acquisition and analysis process, including interfacing with data acquisition devices and instruments, analyzing and visualizing the data and producing presentation quality output.

The table shows the different between Matlab GUI and others software that have the same function and the problem with the GUI. The comparison between Matlab GUI and others software like Visual Basic, Labview, and C++ can be the reason why Matlab GUI was selected for this project. In the table also state the problem with the software and can be a guidance to avoid making mistake while working with the software. [5]

Table 3.1: Comparison of Matlab GUI with others software and its problem.

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<th>Matlab GUI versus others</th>
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<td>Similar to RAD such as C++ builder and VB</td>
<td>Not as flexible</td>
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<td>Most GUI work across platforms</td>
<td>Cross platform appearance may not be the same</td>
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<td>Can perform most functions as traditional GUI through tricks</td>
<td>Often must use tricks and unfriendly techniques</td>
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<tr>
<td>Can link platform dependent code using MEX programs</td>
<td>MEX code GUI eliminates cross platform operation</td>
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### 3.1.1 Real Time Target Setup

Real-Time Windows Target enables to run Simulink and Stateflow model in real time on desktop or laptop PC for rapid prototyping or hardware-in-the-loop simulation of control system and digital signal processing algorithms. A real-time execution can be created and controlled entirely through Simulink. Using Real-time Workshop, C code can be generated, compiled, and started real-time execution on Windows PC while interfacing to real hardware using PC I/O board. I/O device drivers are included to support an extensive selection of I/O boards, enabling to interface to sensor, actuators, and other devices for experimentation, development, and testing real-time systems. Simulink block diagram can be edited and Real-Time Workshop can be used to create a new real-time binary file. This integrated environment would implement any designs quickly without lengthy hand coding and debugging. Figure shows the required product of Real Time Windows Target.
Real-Time Windows Target includes a set of I/O blocks that provide connections between the physical I/O board and real-time model. Hardware-in-the-loop simulations can be ran and quickly observed how Simulink model responds to real-world behavior. I/O signals can be connected using the block library for operation with numerous I/O boards.

The following types of blocks are included:

- **Digital Input blocks**: Connect digital input signals to Simulink block diagram to provide logical inputs.
- **Digital Output blocks**: Connected logical signals from Simulink block diagram to control external hardware.
- **Analog Input blocks**: Enable to use A/D converters that digitize analog signal for use as input to Simulink block diagram.
- **Analog Output blocks**: Enable Simulink block diagram to use D/A converters to output analog signal from Simulink model using I/O board(s).
- **Counter Input blocks**: Enable to count pulses or measure frequency using hardware counters on I/O board(s).
- **Encoder Input blocks**: Enable to include feedback from optical encoders.
3.1.2 Installation and Configuration

The Real-Time Windows Target is a self-targeting system where the host and the targeting computer are the same computer. It can be installed on a PC-compatible computer running Windows NT 4.0, Windows 2000 or Windows XP.

3.1.2.1 C Compiler

The Real-Time Windows Target requires one of following C compilers which not included in with the Real Time Windows Target:

- Microsoft Visual C/C++ compiler - - Version 5.0, 6.0 or 7.0
- Watcom C/C++ compiler - - Version 10.6 and 11.0. During installation of Watcom C/C++ compiler, a DOS target is specified in addition to a windows target to have necessary libraries available for linking.

After installation, the MEX utility is run to select compiler as the default compiler for building real-time applications.

Real Time Workshop uses the default C compiler to generate executable code and the MEX utility uses this compiler to create MEX-files.

This procedure is executed in order to select either a Microsoft Visual C/C++ compiler or a Watcom C/C++ compiler before build an application. Note, the LCC compiler is not supported:

1. mex –setup is typed in the MATLAB window
   MATLAB will display the following message:
   Please choose your compiler for building eternal interface
(MEX) files. Would you like mex to locate installed compilers? ([y] / n):

Then a letter “y” is typed.
MATLAB will display the following message:

Select a compiler:
[1]: WATCOM Compiler in c:\watcaom
[2]: Microsoft compiler in c:\visual
[0]: None

Compiler:

Next, a number is typed. For example, number 2 is typed to select the Microsoft compiler.
MATLAB will display the following message:

Please verify your choices:

Compiler: Microsoft 5.0
Location: c:\visual

Are these correct? ([y] / n)

Finally, a letter “y” is typed.
MATLAB will reset the default compiler and display the message:

The default option file:
“c:\WINNT\Profiles\username\Application\Data\MathWorks\MATLAB\mexopts.bat” is being updated.

3.1.2.2 Installation the Kernel

During installation, all software for the Real-Time Windows Target is copied onto hard drive. The kernel is not automatically installed. Installing the kernel sets up the kernel to start running in the background each time when the computer is started. The kernel can be installed just after the Real-Time Windows Target has been installed.

The installation of the kernel is necessary before a Real-Time Windows Target can be executed:
1.  `rtwintgt –install` is typed in MATLAB window. MATLAB will display the following message:
   
   You are going to install the Real-Time Windows Target kernel. Do you want to proceed? [y] :

2.  The kernel installation is continued by typing a letter “y”. MATLAB will install the kernel and display the following message:
   
   The Real-Time Windows Target kernel has been successfully installed.
   
   The computer has to be restarted if a “restart” message is being displayed.

3.  The kernel should be checked whether it was correctly installed. Then, `rtwho` is typed.
   MATLAB would display a message similar to
   
   Real-Time Windows Target version 2.5.0 (C) The MathWorks, Inc.
   1994-2003
   MATLAB performance = 100.0%
   Kernel timeslice period = 1ms

After the kernel being installed, it remains idle, which allows Windows to control the execution of any standard Windows application. Standard Windows applications include internet browsers, word processors, MATLAB and so on. It is only during real-time execution of model that the kernel intervenes to ensure that the model is given priority to use the CPU to execute each model updating at the prescribed sample intervals. Once the model update at a particular sample interval completed, the kernel releases the CPU to run any other Windows application that might need servicing.

3.1.2.3 Testing the Installation

The installation can be tested by running the model `rtvdp.mdl`. This model does not have any I/O blocks, so that this model can be run regardless of the I/O
boards in computer. Running this model would test the installation by executing Real-Time Workshop, Real-Time Windows Target and Real-Time Windows Target kernel. After the Real-Time Windows Target kernel being installed, the entire installation can be tested by building and running a real-time application. The Real-Time Windows Target includes the model rtvdp.mdl, which already has the correct Real-Time Workshop options selected for users:

1. rtvdp is typed in MATLAB window.
   The Simulink model rtvdp.mdl window will be opened as shown in Figure 3.2

![Simulink Model rtvdp.mdl](image)

   Figure 3.2: Simulink Model rtvdp.mdl

2. From the Tools menu, it should be pointed to Real-Time Workshop, and then clicked Build Model. The MATLAB window will display the following messages:
   
   ### Starting Real-Time Workshop build for model: rtvdp
   ### Invoking Target Language Compiler on rtvdp.rtw
   . . .
   ### Compiling rtvdp.c
   . . .
   ### Created Real-Time Windows Target module rtvdp.rwd.
   ### Successful completion of Real-Time Workshop builds procedure for model: rtvdp
3. From the simulation menu, External should be clicked and followed by clicking Connect to target.

The MATLAB window displayed the following message:

Model rtvdp loaded

4. **Start Real-Time Code** is clicked from Simulation menu.

The Scope window will display the output signals. After the Real-Time Windows Target has been successfully installed and the real-time application has been run, Scope window should indicate such a figure.

5. From Simulation menu, after the **Stop Real-Time Code** is clicked. The real-time application will stop running and then the Scope window will stop displaying the output signals.

### 3.1.3 Procedures of Creating Real Time Applications

#### 3.1.3.1 Creating a Simulink Model

This procedure explains how to create a simple Simulink model. This model is used as an example to learn other procedures in the Real-Time Windows Target. A Simulink model has to be created before it can run a simulation or create a real-time application:

1. Simulink is typed in the MATLAB Command Window.

   The Simulink Library Browser window is opened as shown in Figure 3.11.

2. From the toolbar, the **Create a new model** button is clicked.
An empty Simulink window is opened. With the toolbar and status bar disabled, the window looks like following figure 3.12 (Figure).

3. In the Simulink Library Browser window, Simulink is double-clicked and then Sources is also double-clicked. Next, Signal Generator is clicked and dragged to Simulink window. Sinks is clicked. Scope is clicked and dragged to the Simulink window. Real-Time Windows Target is clicked. Analog Output is clicked and dragged to the Simulink window.
4. The **Signal Generator** output is connected to the scope input by clicking-and-dragging a line between the blocks. Likewise, the **Analog Output** input is connected to the connection between **Scope** and **Signal Generator**.

5. The Signal Generator block is double clicked. The **Block Parameters** dialog box opened. From the **Wave form** list, square is selected.

   In the **Amplitude** text box, 0.25 is entered.

   In the **Frequency** text box, 2.5 are entered.

   From the **Units** list, Hertz is selected.

   The **Block Parameters** dialog box is shown in Figure 3.13.

![Image of Block Parameters dialog box](image.png)

**Figure 3.5: Block Parameters of Signal Generator**

6. **OK** is clicked.

7. The analog output block is double clicked.

   The **Block Parameters** dialog box will open.

8. The **Install new board** button is clicked. From the list, it should be pointed to manufacturer and then clicked a board name. For example, it should be pointed to Advantech and then click PCL818.

9. One of the following is selected:

   - For an **ISA** bus board, a base address is entered. This value must match the base address switches or jumpers set on the physical board. For example, to enter a base address of 0x300 in the address box, 300 is typed. The base address also could be selected by selecting check boxes A9 through A3.
• For a **PCI** bus board, the PCI slot is entered or the Auto-detect check box is selected.

10. The **Test** button is clicked.

The Real-Time Windows Target tried to connect to the selected board and the following message would display if successful.

11. On the message box, **OK** is clicked.

12. The same value as entered in the **Fixed step size** box from the **Configuration Parameters** dialog box is entered in the Sample time box. For example, 0.001 is entered.

13. A channel vector that selected the analog input channels that are using on this board is entered in the **Output channels** box. The vector can be any valid MATLAB vector form. For example, to select analog output channel on PCL818 board 1 is entered.

14. The input range for the entire analog input channel that has been entered in the Input channels box is chosen from the **Output range** list. For example, with the PCL818 board, 0 to 5V is chosen.

15. From the Block Input signal list, the following options is chosen:

   • **Volts** – Expected a value equal to the analog output range.
   • Normalized unipolar – Expected a value between 0 and +1 that is converted to the full range of the output voltage regardless of the output voltage range. For example, an analog output range of 0 to +5 volts and -5 to +5 volts would both converted from values between 0 and +1.
   • Normalized bipolar – Expected a value between -1 and +1 that is converted to the full range of output voltage regardless of the output voltage range.
   • **Raw** – Expected a value of 0 to 2^n-1. For example, a 12-bit A/D converter would expected a value between 0 and 212 -1 (0 to 4095). The advantage of this method is the expected value is always an integer with no round off error.
16. The initial value is entered for each analog output channel that has been entered in the **Output Channels** box. For example, if 1 is entered in the **Output Channels** box and the initial value of 0 volts is needed, 0 is entered.

17. The final value is entered for each analog channel that has been entered in **Output Channels** box. For example, if 1 is entered in the **Output Channels** box and the final value of 0 volts is needed, 0 is entered.

The dialog box would look similar to the Figure 3.14 if Volts is chosen.

Figure 3.6: Block Parameters of Analog Output

18. One of following is executed:

- **Apply** is clicked to apply the changes to the model and the dialog box is left open.
- **OK** is clicked to apply the changes to the model and the Block Parameters: Analog Output dialog box will close.
19. **Parameters** dialog box is closed and the parameter values are saved with the Simulink model.

20. In the Simulink window, the Scope block is double clicked.
    A Scope window will open.

21. The Parameters button is clicked.
    A Scope parameters dialog box will open.

22. The **General** tab is clicked. The number of graphs that is needed in one Scope window is entered in the **Number of axes** box. For example, 1 is entered for a single graph. Do not select the **floating scope** check box. In the **Time range** box, upper value the time range is entered. For example, 1 second is entered. From the **Tick labels** list, bottom axis only is chosen.
    From the **Sampling** list, decimation is chosen and 1 is entered in the text box.
    The **Scope parameters** dialog box would look like such a Figure 3.15 as shown.

![Scope Parameters Dialog Box](image)

23. One of following done:
   - **Apply** is clicked to apply the changes to the model and the dialog box is left open.
   - **OK** is clicked to apply the changes to the model and the **Scope parameters** dialog box is closed.
24. In the Scope window, it should be pointed to the y-axis and then right clicked.
25. Axes Properties is clicked from the pop-up menu.
26. The Scope properties: axis 1 dialog box is opened. In the Y-min and Y-max text boxes, the range for the y-axis is entered in the Scope window. For example, -2 and 2 are entered as shown in the Figure 3.16

![Scope Properties: axis 1](image)

Figure 3.8: Scope Properties: axis 1

27. One of the following is done:

- **Apply** is clicked to apply the changes to the model and the dialog box is left open.
- **OK** is clicked to apply the changes to the model and the **Axes Parameters** dialog box is closed.

The completed Simulink block diagram is shown in Figure 3.17.