

## TD 2

### *Position control of a DC motor with an input saturation* (phase plane)

**Objective :** Study the orbits of a closed-loop linear system with a saturation function at the control input.

Consider the closed-loop system described by :

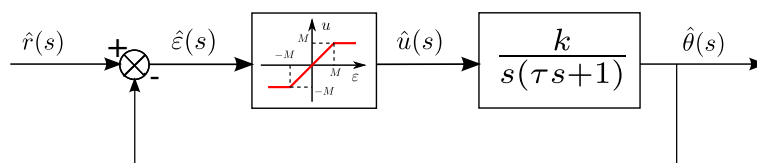


FIGURE 1

where the saturation function  $\text{sat}(\cdot)$  is defined by

$$u = \text{sat}(\varepsilon) = \begin{cases} M & \text{if } \varepsilon > M \\ \varepsilon & \text{if } |\varepsilon| < M \\ -M & \text{if } \varepsilon < -M \end{cases}$$

Such a transfer function, a first order system and an integrator, is a typical model to describe the dynamic of the angular position  $\theta$  of DC motors. The saturation phenomenon is due to the amplifier limitation to generate the input voltage  $u$ . Some parameters are set :  $M = 0.5$ ,  $\tau = 1$  and  $r = 4 \text{ rad}$  (constant reference).

1. Choosing  $x_1 = r - \theta$  and  $x_2 = -\dot{\theta}$  as state variables, give the state space model of the above closed-loop system.
2. What are the equilibrium points ?
3. In the case of  $|\varepsilon| < M$ , what is the qualitative behavior around the origin w.r.t.  $k$  ?
4. In the general case, sketch the phase portrait when  $k = 0.1$  and  $k = 3$ .
5. Check your calculations with MATLAB/Simulink. Try different values of gain  $k$ .