

Quick Start Tutorial

Simulink and Advanced Topics in MATLAB

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What is MATLAB?

- MATLAB is a tool for technical computing, computation and visualization in an integrated environment.
- MATLAB is an abbreviation for MATrix LABoratory
- It is well suited for Matrix manipulation and problem solving related to Linear Algebra, Modelling, Simulation and Control Applications
- Popular in Universities, Teaching and Research

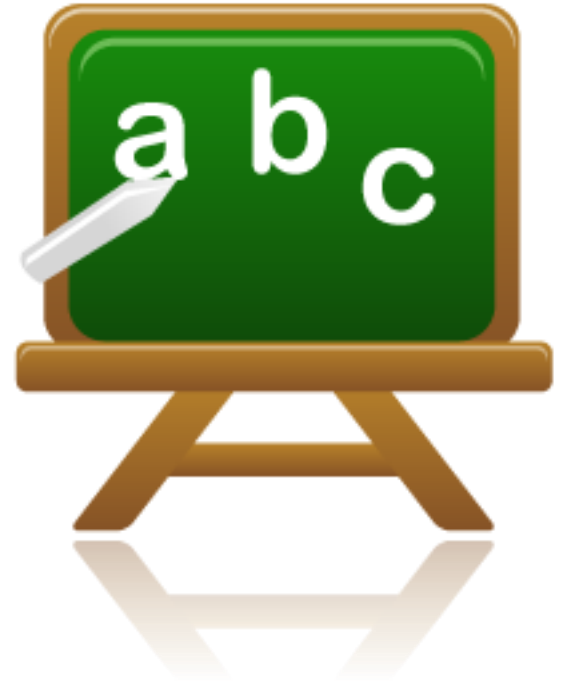


Lessons

1. Introduction to Simulink
2. Combining Simulink & MATLAB
(Data-driven Modelling)



Lesson 1



Introduction to Simulink

What is Simulink?



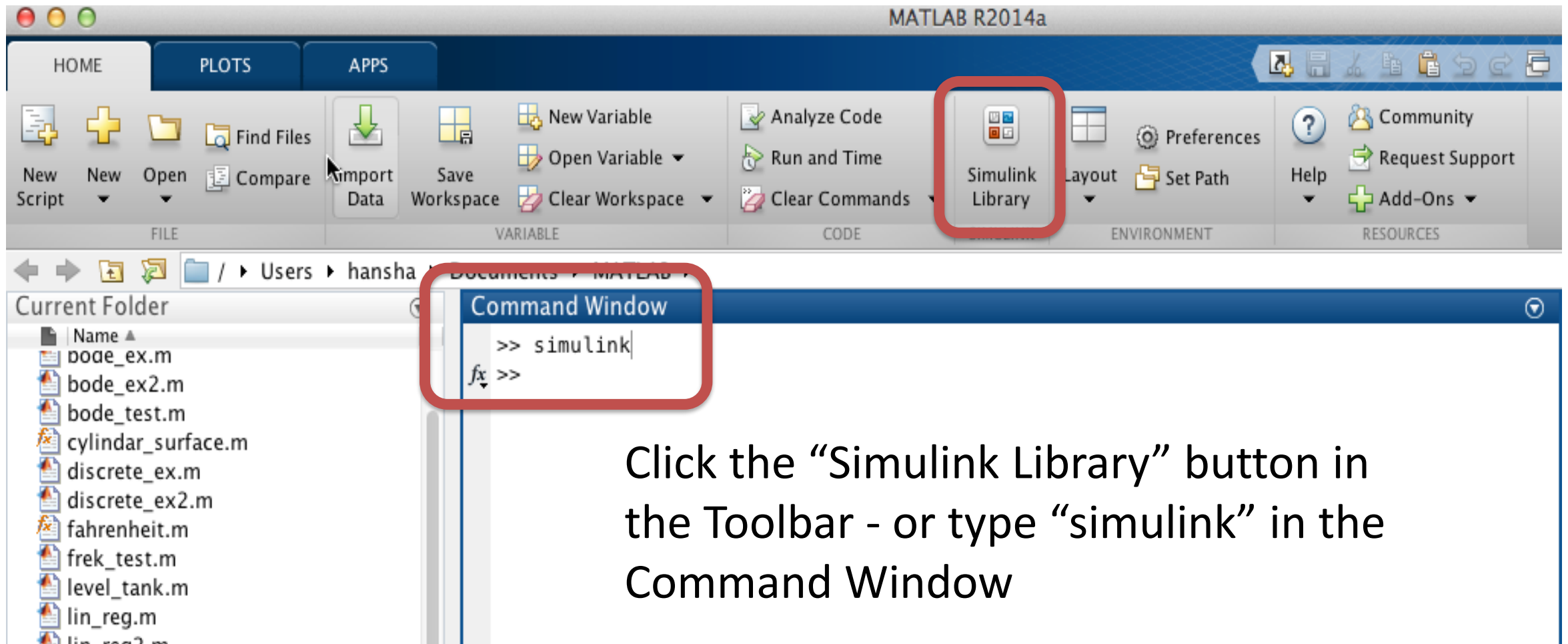
Simulink Overview

<http://www.mathworks.com/videos/simulink-overview-61216.html>

What is Simulink?

- Simulink is an “add-on” to MATLAB.
- You need to have MATLAB in order to use Simulink
- Simulink is used for Simulation of dynamic models
- In Simulink we create a Graphical Block Diagram for the system (based on the differential equations(s))

Start Simulink from MATLAB

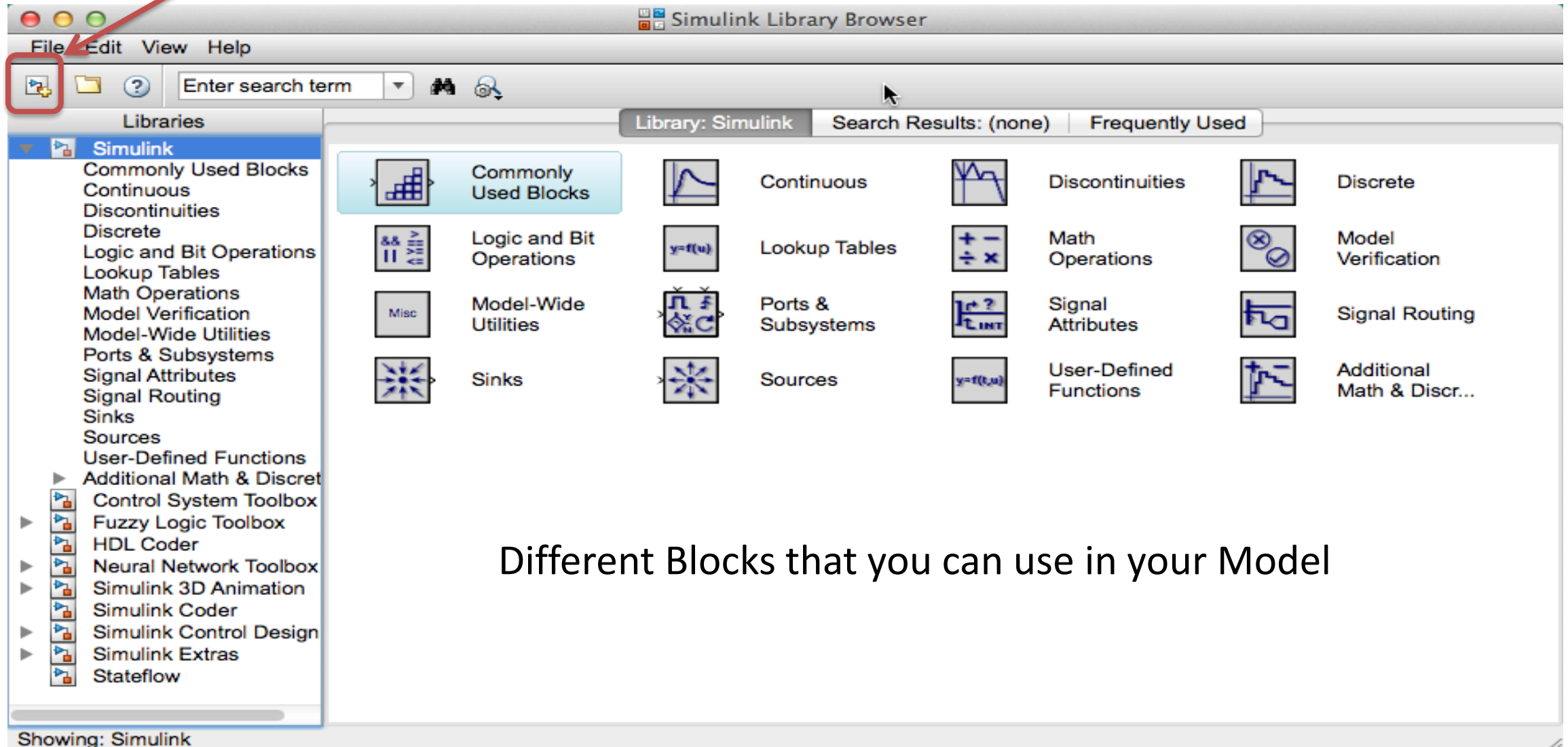


The image shows the MATLAB R2014a interface. The top toolbar has several tabs: HOME, PLOTS, and APPS. The APPS tab is active, and the Simulink Library button is highlighted with a red box. Below the toolbar, the Command Window is open, and the text 'simulink' is entered at the prompt '>>'. The Command Window is also highlighted with a red box. On the left side, the Current Folder browser shows a list of files, including 'bode_ex.m', 'bode_ex2.m', 'bode_test.m', 'cylinder_surface.m', 'discrete_ex.m', 'discrete_ex2.m', 'fahrenheit.m', 'frek_test.m', 'level_tank.m', 'lin_reg.m', and 'lin_reg2.m'.

Click the “Simulink Library” button in the Toolbar - or type “simulink” in the Command Window

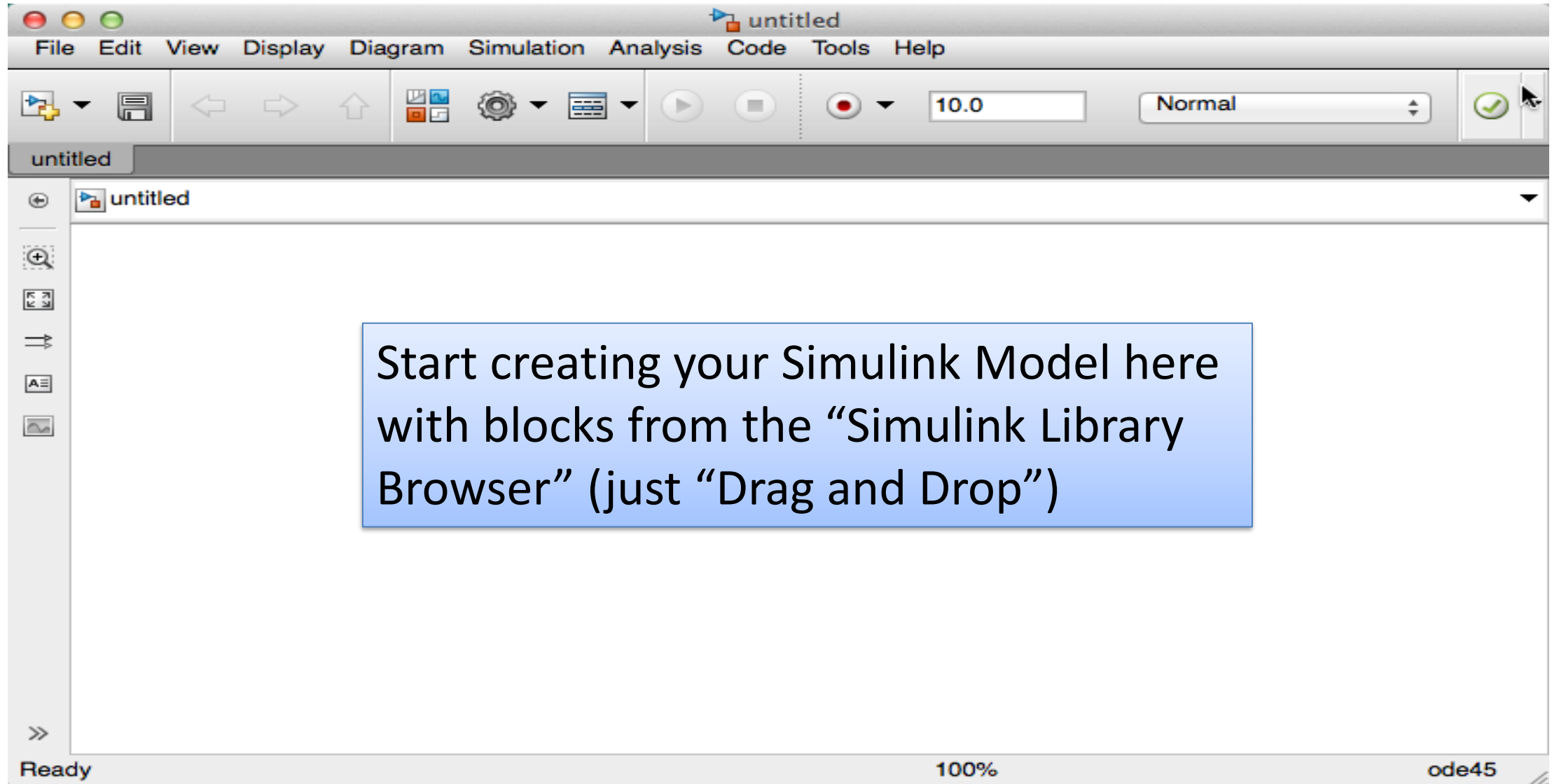
Simulink Library Browser

Click here to create a new Simulink Model



Different Blocks that you can use in your Model

Simulink Model Editor



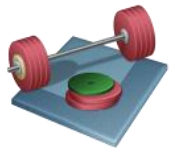
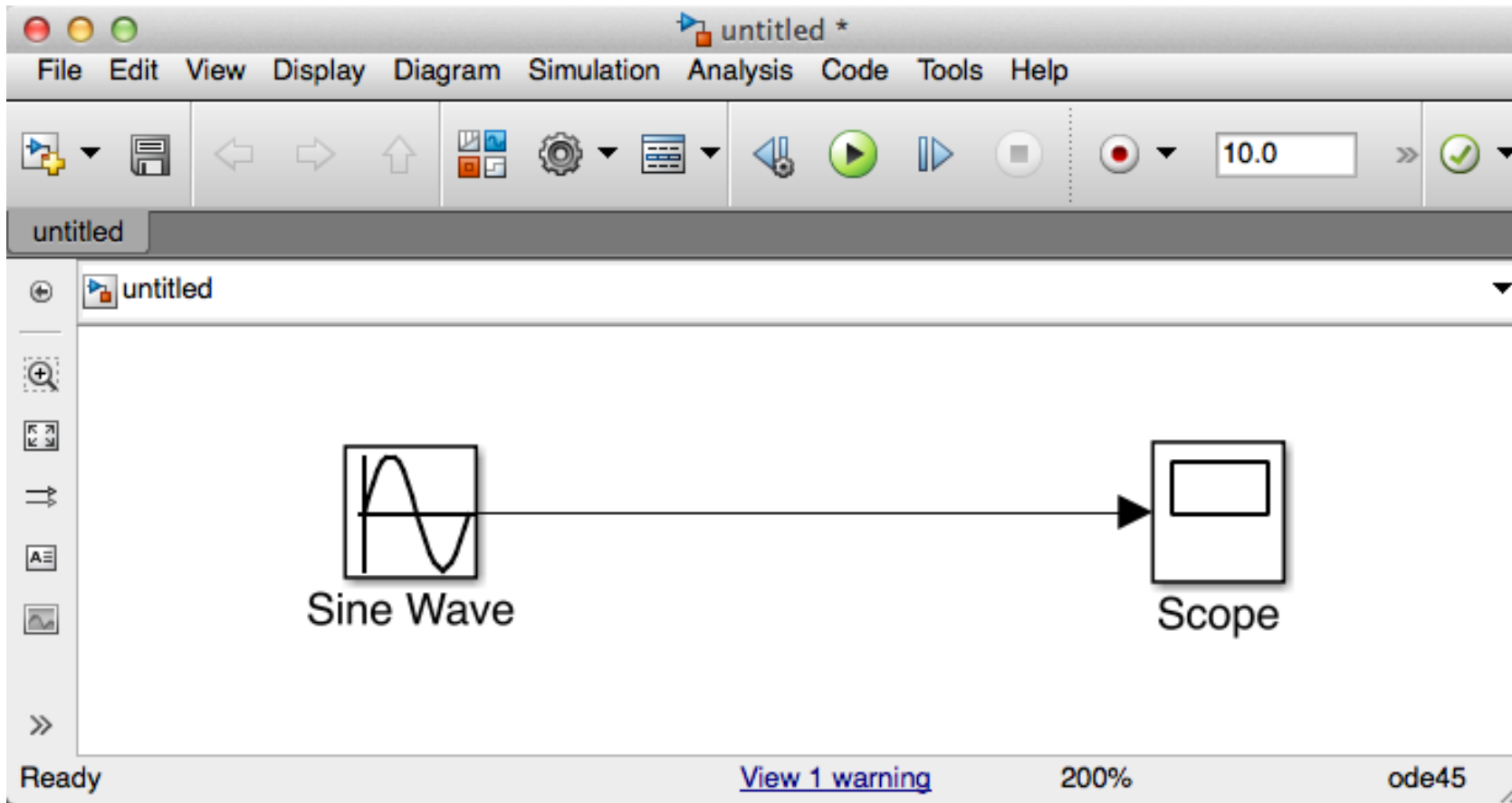
Getting Started with Simulink



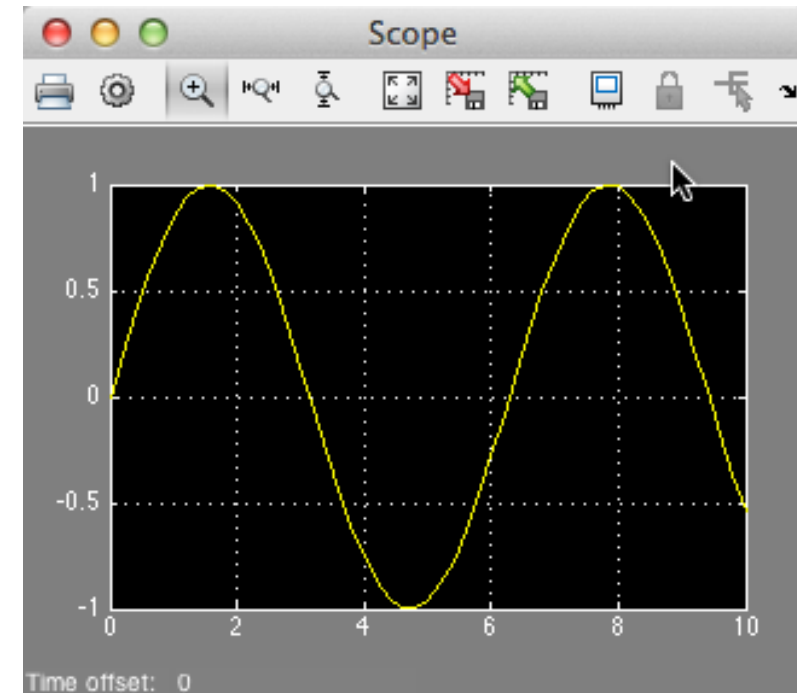
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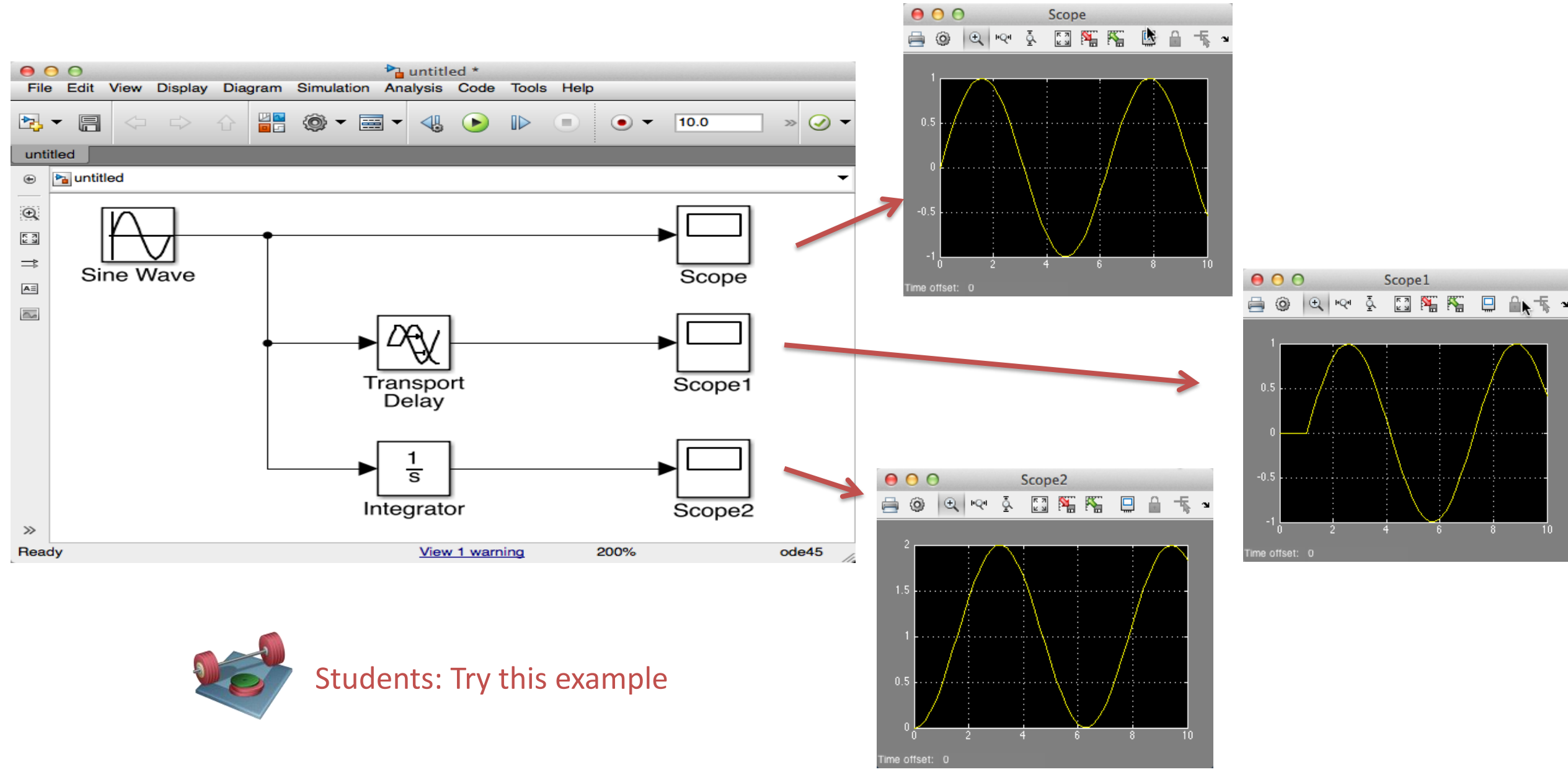
My First Simulink Example



Students: Try this example



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Example

My First Simulink Model

Model:

$$\dot{x} = ax$$

Where

$$a = -\frac{1}{T}$$

T is the Time constant

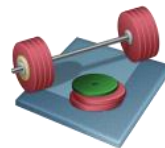
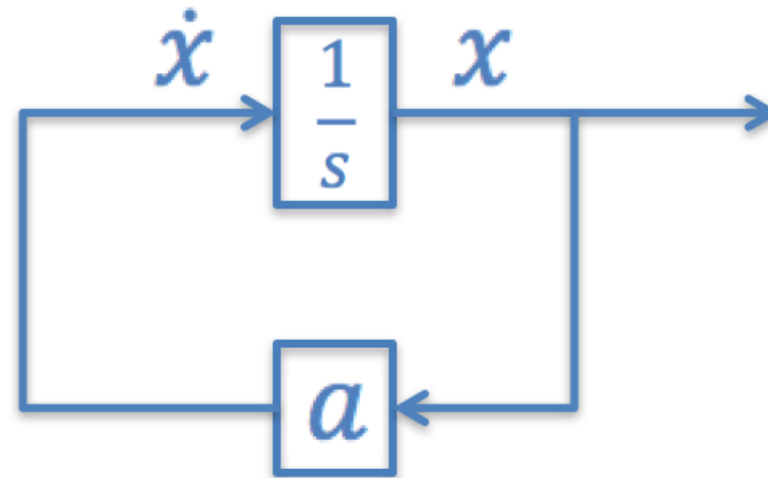
Use the following:

$$T = 5$$

$$x(0) = 1$$

$$0 \leq t \leq 25$$

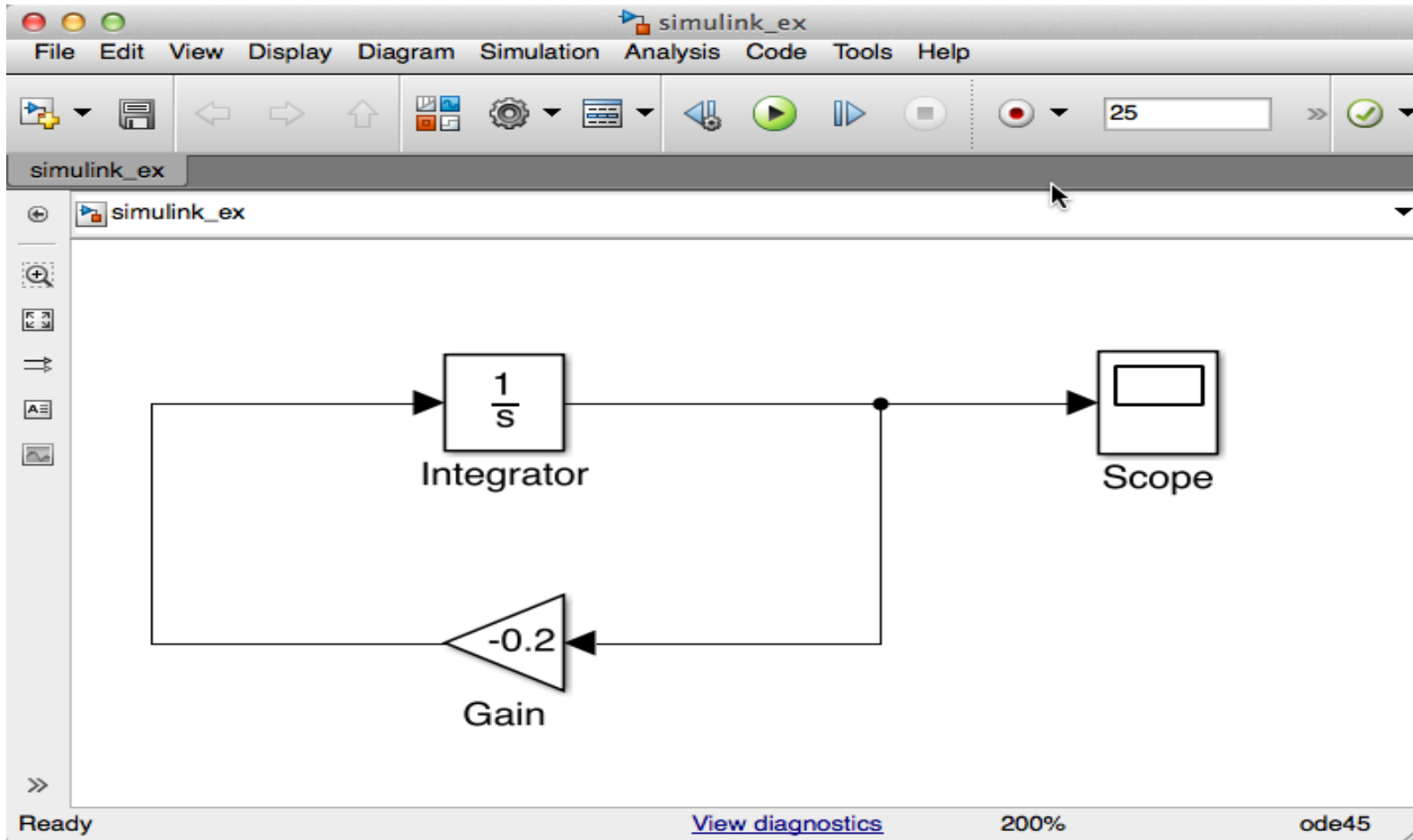
We start by drawing a simple Block Diagram for the model like this (Pen & paper):



Students: Create and simulate this block diagram with Simulink

Solution

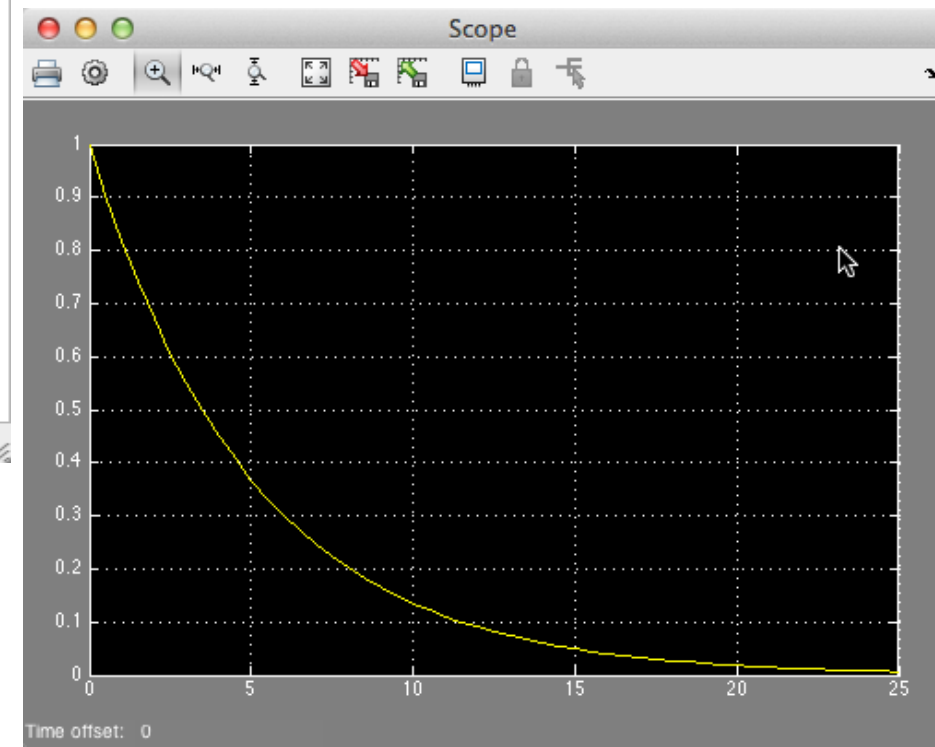
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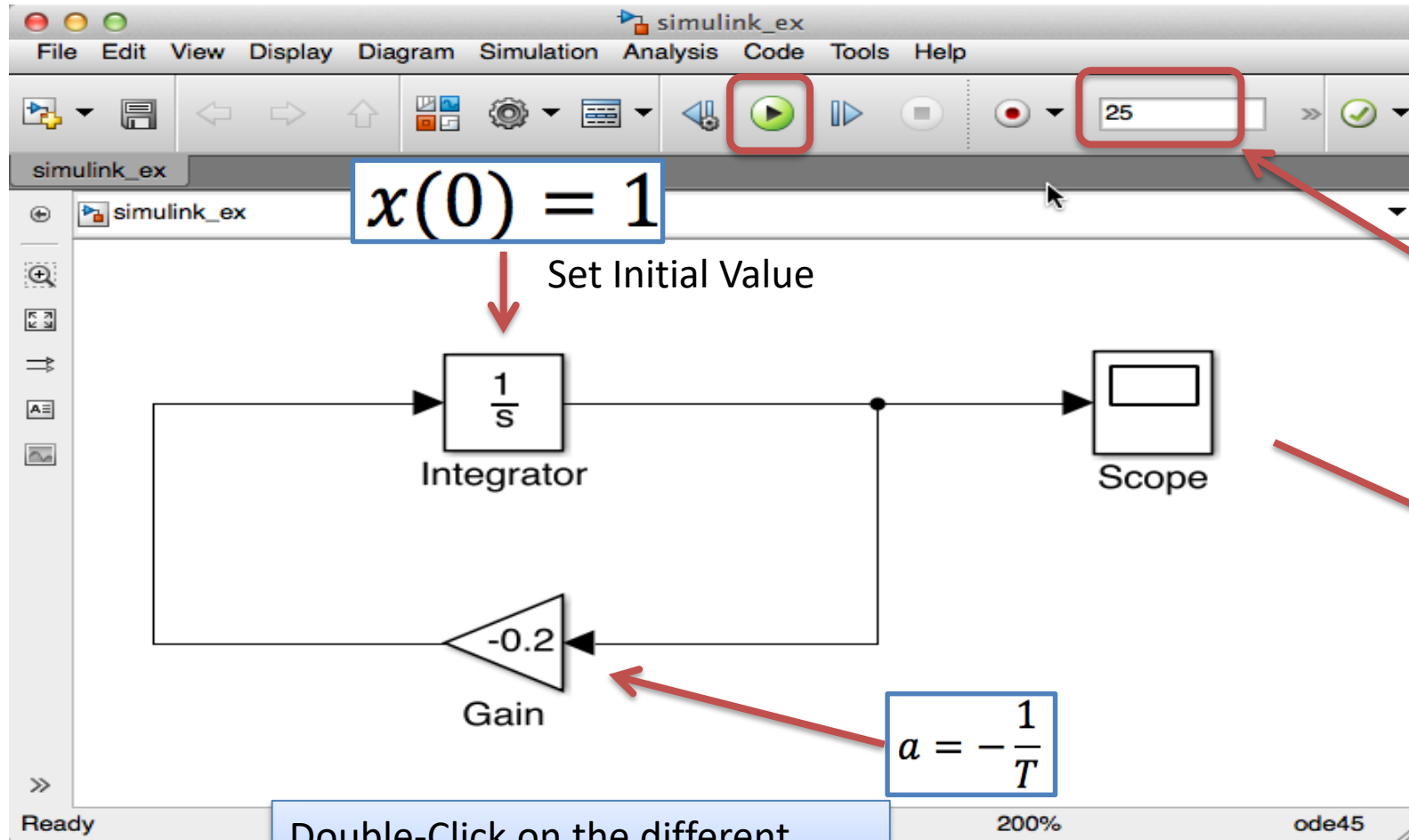


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Solution

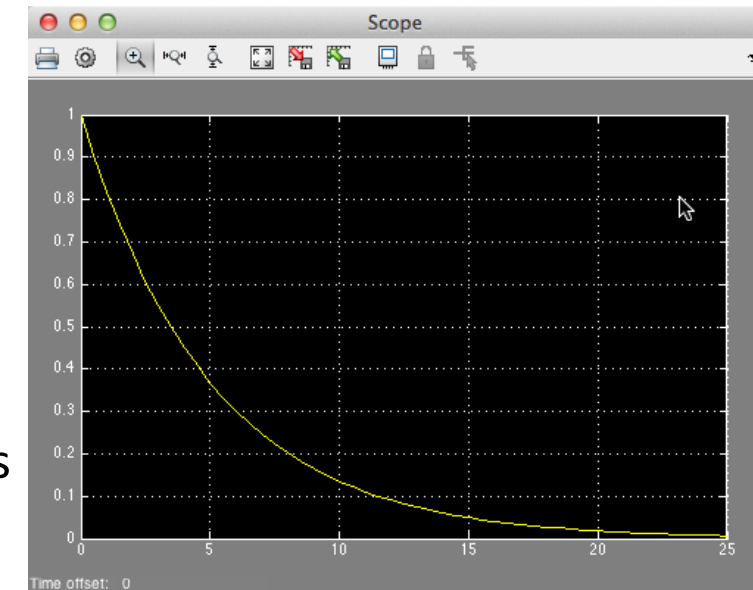
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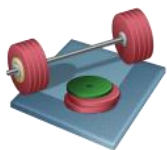
▶ Start the Simulation by clicking this icon

Simulation Time
 $0 \leq t \leq 25$

See the Simulation Results

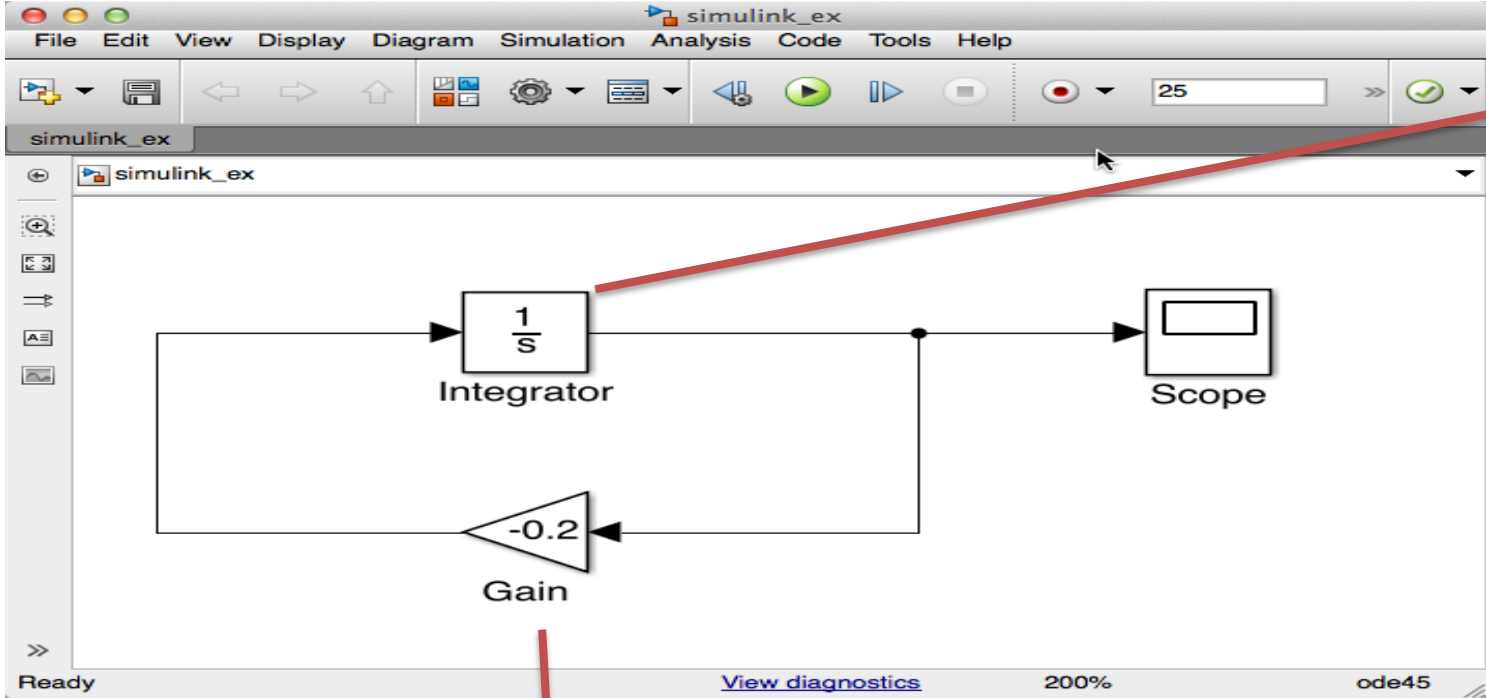


Double-Click on the different Blocks to enter values



Students: Try this example

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Function Block Parameters: Integrator

Integrator

Continuous-time integration of the input signal.

Parameters

External reset: none

Initial condition source: internal

Initial condition: 1

Limit output

Upper saturation limit: inf

Lower saturation limit: -inf

Show saturation port

Show state port

Absolute tolerance: auto

Ignore limit and reset when linearizing

Enable zero-crossing detection

State Name: (e.g., 'position')

*

OK Cancel Help Apply

Function Block Parameters: Gain

Gain

Element-wise gain ($y = K \cdot u$) or matrix gain ($y = K \cdot u$ or $y = u \cdot K$).

Main Signal Attributes Parameter Attributes

Gain: -0.2

Multiplication: Element-wise($K \cdot u$)

Sample time (-1 for inherited): -1

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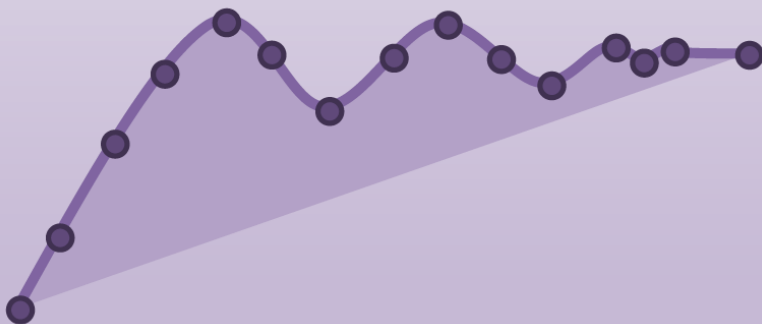


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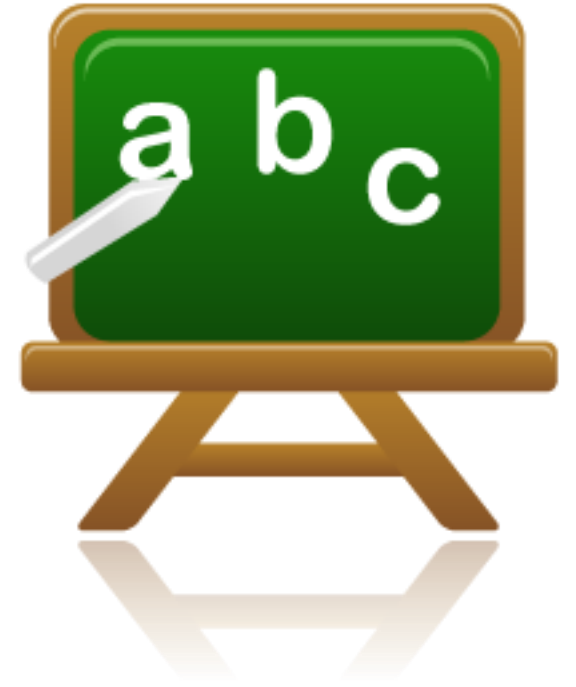


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Lesson 2



Combining Simulink & MATLAB
(Data-driven Modelling)

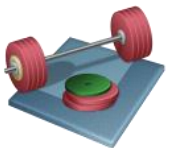
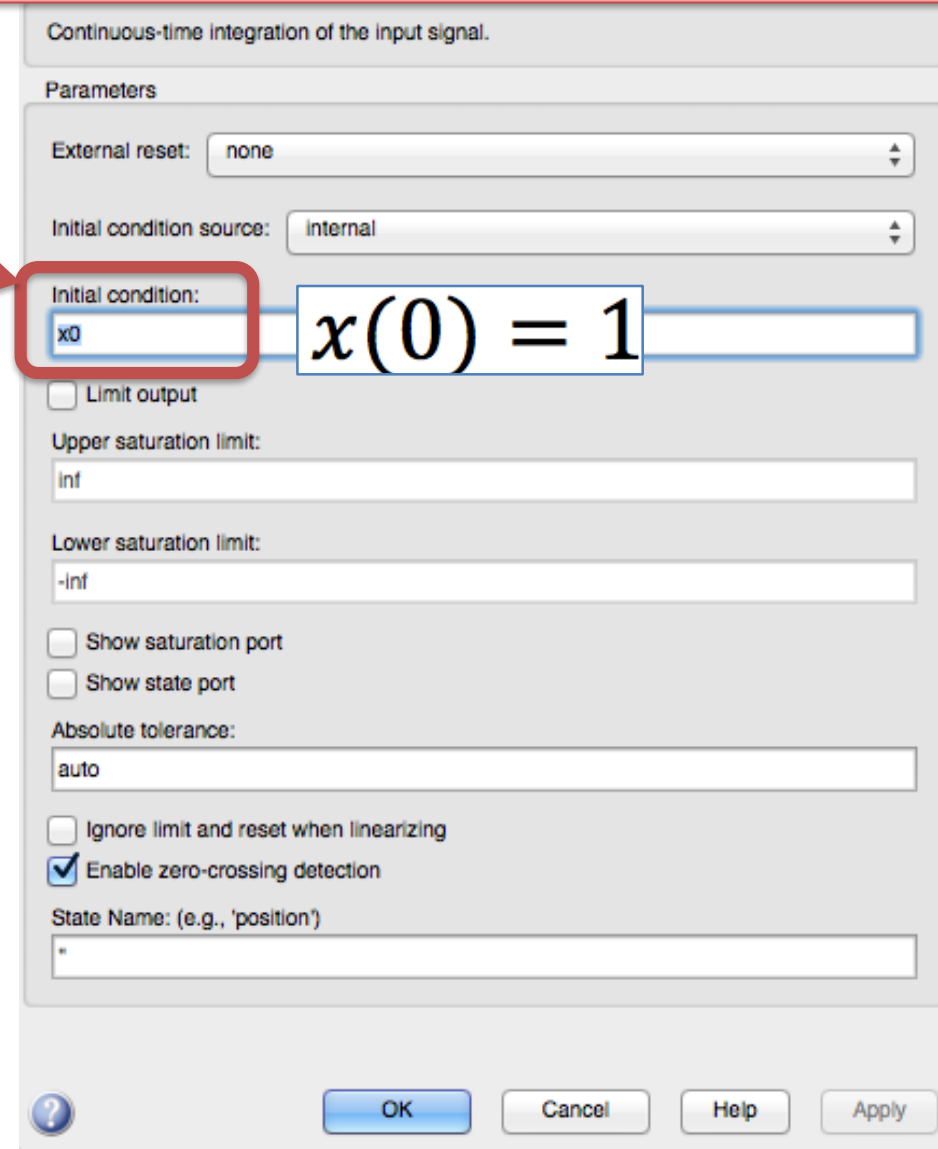
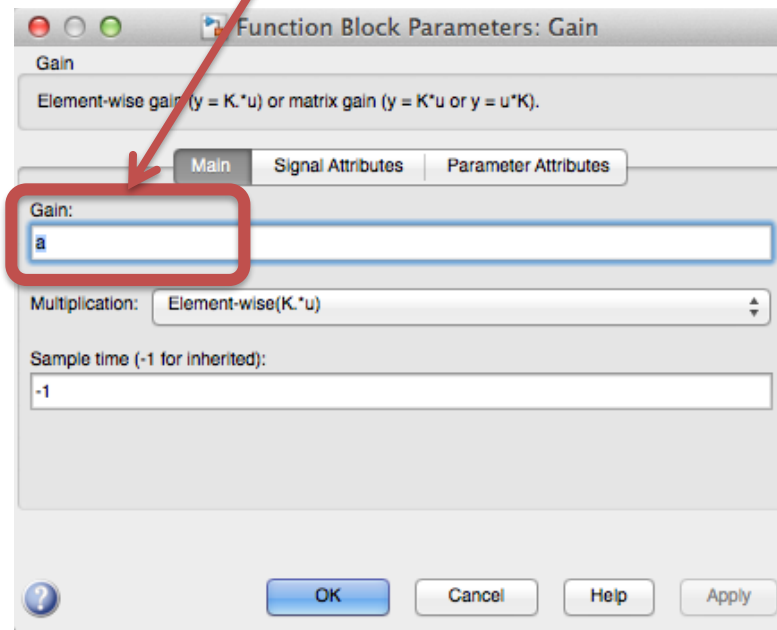
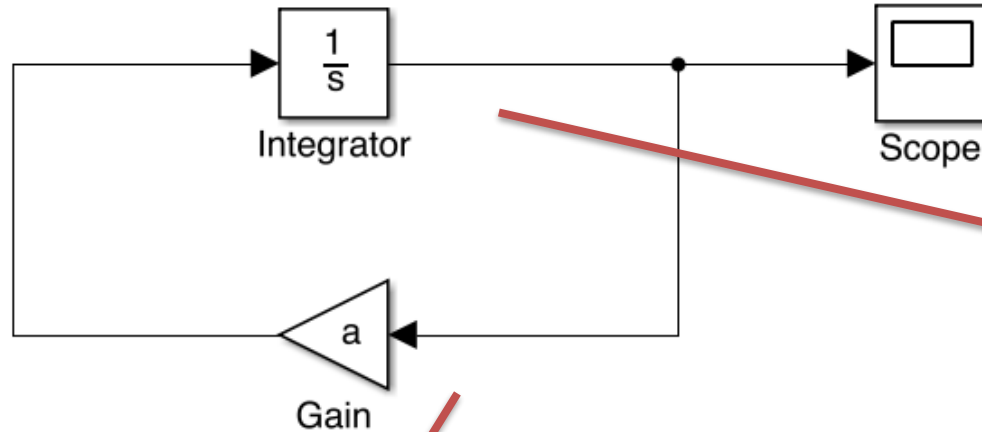
Data-driven Modelling

- You may use Simulink together with MATLAB in order to specify data and parameters to your Simulink model.
- You may specify commands in the MATLAB Command Window or as commands in an m-file (Script).
- This is called data-driven modeling
- Instead of using values directly we use variables instead - This is more flexible because we can easily change Simulation Parameters without touching the Simulink Model

Example

$$\dot{x} = ax$$

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Students: Try this example

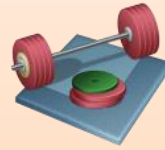
Data-driven Modelling

MATLAB Script for running the Simulink Simulation:

```
clear
clc

%Set Simulator Settings
x0=1;
T=5;
a=-1/T;
t_stop=25; %[s]
T_s=t_stop/1000; %[s]
options=simset('solver', 'ode5', 'fixedstep', T_s);

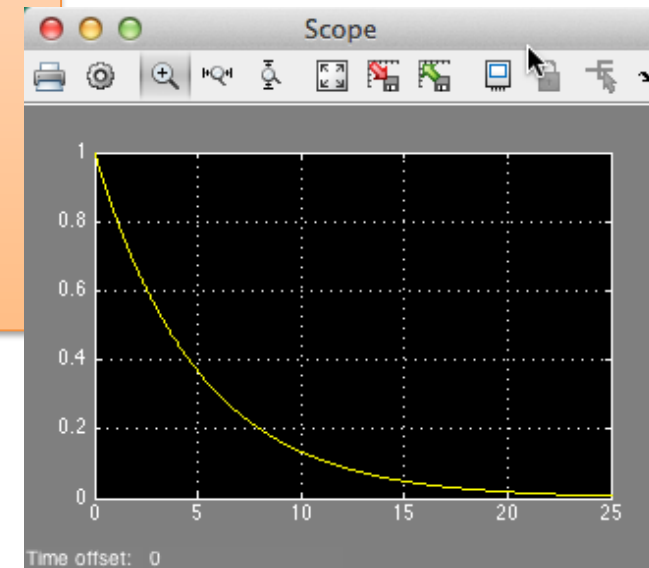
%Starting Simulation
sim('simulink_ex2', t_stop, options);
```



Students: Try this example.
Try also to change some of
the Simulation Parameters.

This is the Name for our Simulink Model

We get the same results:

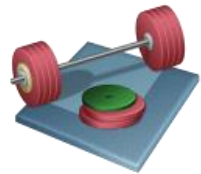


Example – Control System

The System is given as:

$$\dot{x} = -ax + bu$$

Where u may be the Control Signal from e.g., a PID Controller

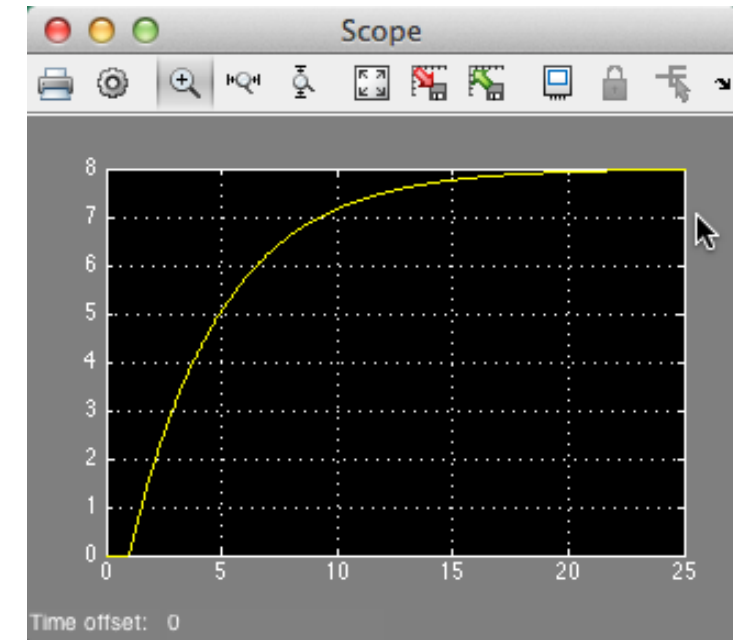
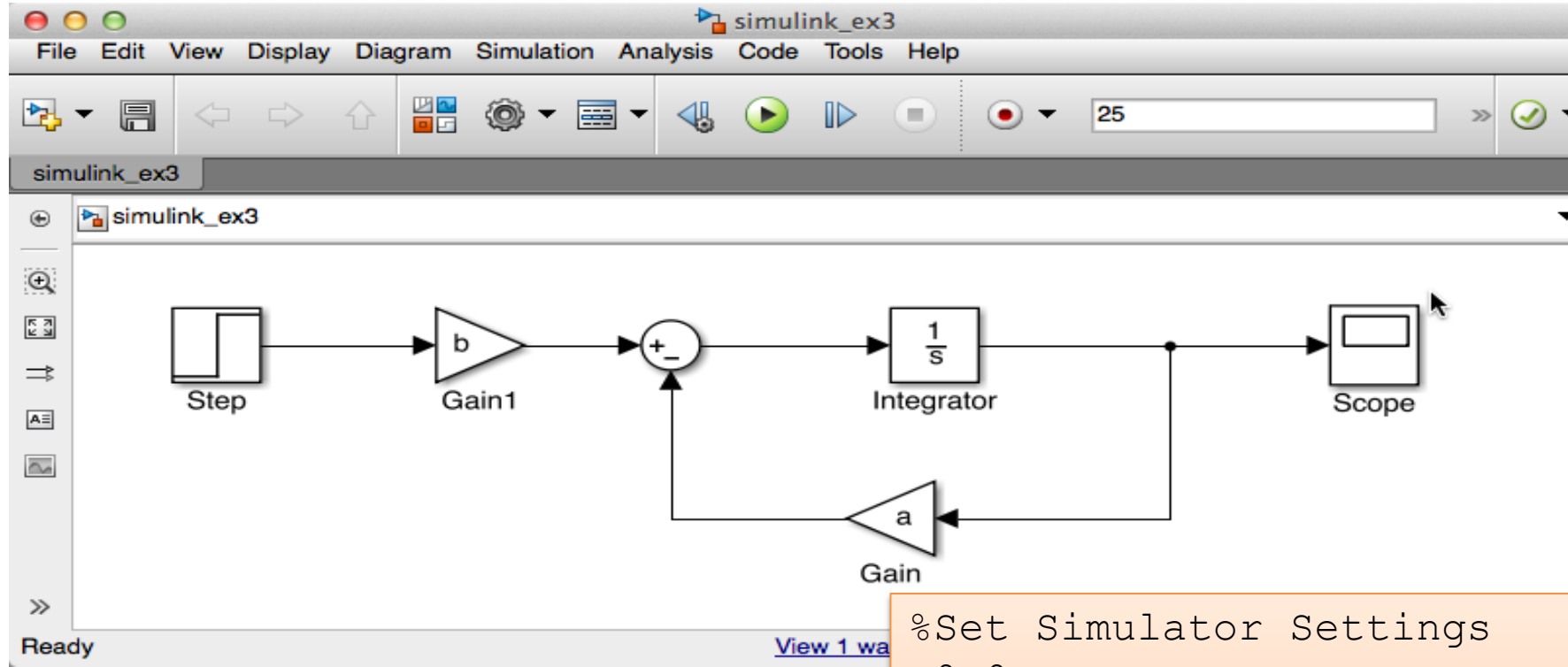


Students: Simulate this system in Simulink + MATLAB (i.e., find the Step Response of the system)

Set $a = 0.25$ and $b = 2$

Solution

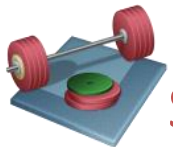
$$\dot{x} = -ax + bu$$



We get the same results as in
MATLAB, Part II

```
%Set Simulator Settings
x0=0;
a=0.25;
b=2;
t_stop=25; %[s]
T_s=t_stop/1000; %[s]
options=simset('solver', 'ode5', 'fixedstep', T_s);

%Starting Simulation
sim('simulink_ex3', t_stop, options);
```



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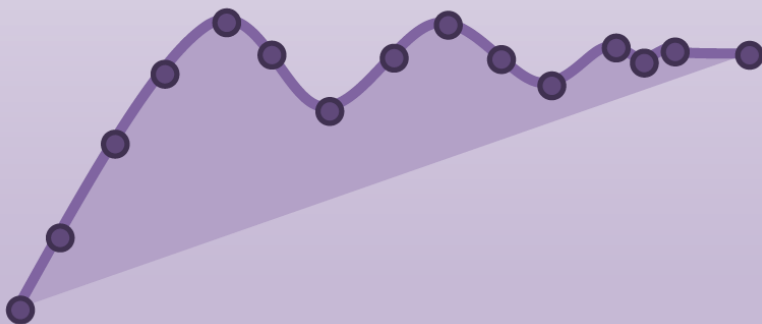


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