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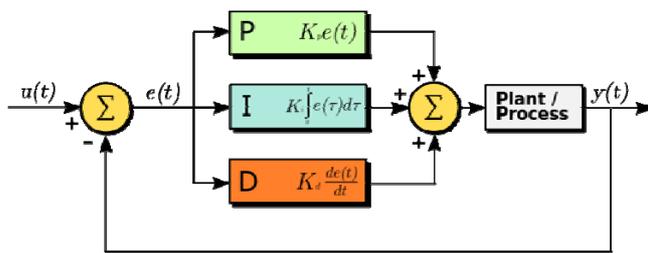
PID Controller Software for RX and RL78

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Introduction

PID – **P**roportional-**I**ntegral-**D**erivative Controller is the most commonly used feedback controller, and it is widely used in industrial control system. A PID controller calculates an “error” value as the difference between process variable and a desired setpoint. The controller attempts to minimize the error by adjusting the process control inputs.

The PID controller can be applied to any system that requires close-loop control. For example, speed control, temperature control, brightness control, etc.



A PID Controller block diagram

Where:

- $u(t)$: Controller output,
- K_p : Proportional gain
- K_i : Integral gain
- K_d : Derivative gain
- e : Error = SP-PV
- t : Time or instantaneous time (the present)
- τ : Variable of integration

$$u(t) = MV(t) = K_p e(t) + K_i \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + K_d \frac{d}{dt} e(t)$$

A PID Algorithm

This application note introduced a standard & optimized PID control algorithm for RX and RL78 MCU Benchmark of the algorithm is also described.

Target Device

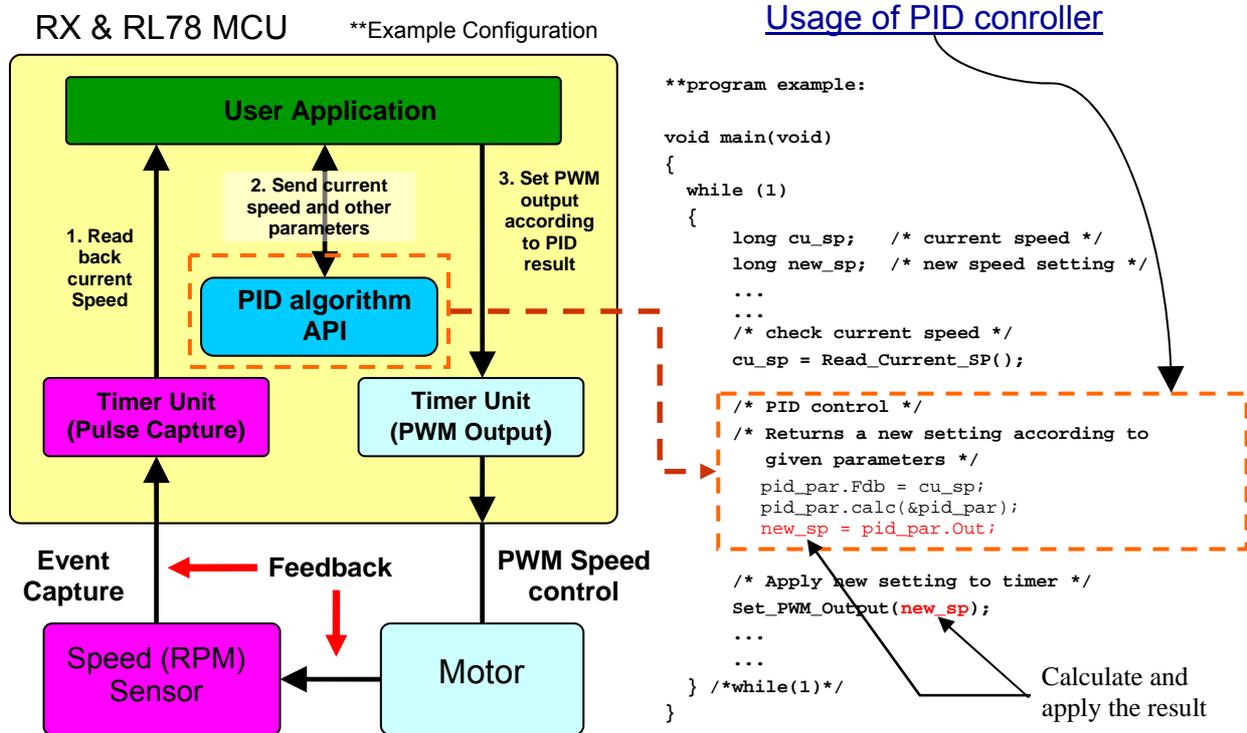
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1. Configuration

PID Controller is a software control algorithm which being widely adopted in close loop control system. Diagram below shows the software configuration for an application.



A floating point PID controller is demonstrated with RX simulator. For RX, HEW with RX simulator is used for simulation.

A fix point (integer) PID controller is demonstrated with RL78 simulator. For RL78, CubeSuite+ with RL78 Simulator for simulation.

There are two key files for PID controller, PID.h and PID.c:

PID.h: Consists declaration of PID controller data structure and related function.

PID.c: Consists 2 functions of PID controller, PID_Init() and PID_Control(). It is for initialization and calculation.

Usage example of PID controller can be found in main.c file.

Detail of PID controller explanation in next chapter.

Note:

The PID controller software provides a standard API and algorithm for RX and RL78 MCU. Actual parameter tuning of PID controller in the application program is needed.

2. PID Controller Data Structure & Standard API

This section describes the PID controller components as follow:

	floating point	fix point
Data Structure	fPID_PAR	PID_PAR
API	fPID_Init() fPID_Control()	PID_Init() PID_Control()

It is easy differentiate floating point operation and fix point operation by 'f' at the 1st character. Where 'f' means floating point, without 'f' is fix point.

In this application note, RX use floating point, and RL78 use fix point to illustrate how to use the PID controller software.

2.1 PID Controller Data Structure

To create a standard API for PID function in RX (floating point) and RL78 (fix point) core MCU, a standard structure named "fPID_PAR", "PID_PAR" for PID function is created in PID.h file and shown as below. As RX MCU contains hardware FPU, float data type is defined for all variables and operation will be in floating point. For RL78, it use long data type for all variables and operation will be in fix point.

There are mainly three types of data consisted in the Data structure:

1. Input/Output: Target value, current value and calculated value.
2. Parameter: Constants for calculation, limit comparison. Need tuning, specially the gains.
3. Variable: For Calculation.

Floating point PID data structure:

```
typedef struct fPID_PAR {
    _fl Ref;           // Input: Reference input
    _fl Fdb;          // Input: Feedback input
    _fl Err;          // Variable: Error
    _fl Kp;           // Parameter: Proportional gain
    _fl Up;           // Variable: Proportional output
    _fl Ui;           // Variable: Integral output
    _fl Ud;           // Variable: Derivative output
    _fl OutPreSat;    // Variable: Pre-saturated output
    _fl IntegralMax;  // Parameter : Integral maximum value
    _fl IntegralMin;  // Parameter : Integral minimum value
    _fl IntegralErr;  // Variable: Saturated difference
    _fl OutMax;       // Parameter: Maximum output
    _fl OutMin;       // Parameter: Minimum output
    _fl Out;          // Output: PID output
    _fl SatErr;       // Variable: Saturated difference
    _fl Ki;           // Parameter: Integral gain
    _fl Kc;           // Parameter: Integral correction gain
    _fl Kd;           // Parameter: Derivative gain
    _fl Up1;          // History: Previous proportional output
    _fl Dt;           // Parameter: time constant
    void (*calc)();   // Pointer to calculation function
} fPID_PAR;
```

Fix point PID data structure:

```
typedef struct PID_PAR {
    _l Ref;           // Input: Reference input
    _l Fdb;          // Input: Feedback input
    _l Err;           // Variable: Error
    _l Kp;           // Parameter: Proportional gain
    _l Up;           // Variable: Proportional output
    _l Ui;           // Variable: Integral output
    _l Ud;           // Variable: Derivative output
    _l OutPreSat;    // Variable: Pre-saturated output
    _l IntegralMax;  // Parameter : Integral maximum value
    _l IntegralMin;  // Parameter : Integral minimum value
    _l IntegralErr;  // Variable: Saturated difference
    _l OutMax;       // Parameter: Maximum output
    _l OutMin;       // Parameter: Minimum output
    _l Out;          // Output: PID output
    _l SatErr;       // Variable: Saturated difference
    _l Ki;           // Parameter: Integral gain
    _l Kc;           // Parameter: Integral correction gain
    _l Kd;           // Parameter: Derivative gain
    _l Up1;          // History: Previous proportional output
    _l Dt;           // Parameter: time constant
    void (*calc)(); // Pointer to calculation function
} PID_PAR;
```

Inside the PID Controller data structure, there are 20 variables defined in either float/long data type plus 1 function pointer which totally occupy 84 bytes. To use this standard PID structure, it must firstly initialize the structure. The following section describes how to initialize the PID structure.

2.2 PID Controller Standard API

There are mainly 2-sets (floating point and fix point) of API for PID Controller:

fPID_Init(), PID_Init(): Data structure initialization
 fPID_Control(), PID_Control(): PID controller main calculation routine

2.2.1 PID Controller Initialization – fPID_Init, PID_Init

It is important that to initialize the PID controller before to use it. Improper initialize PID controller resulting damage to the system.

For parameters, there are four tuning constants Kp: Proportional gain, Ki: Integral gain, Kc: Integral correction gain, and Kd: Derivative gain. These gains controls the PID output characteristic, these parameters have to be tuned properly. The default values of the gains are 1. The rest of parameters are limit of PID controller. User has to give the upper/lower limit for the calculated output. It is more for safety consideration.

For variables, as they are for calculation purpose, it should be set to '0' as initialize value. For inputs, 'Ref' is the target value, where 'Fdb' is the current value. For output, 'Out' is the calculated value. Besides, other than the variables, the function pointer is also needed to assign a PID calculation function into it. In the example, the address of the fPID_Control function has been put into the function pointer.

Example below shows the initialization of floating point PID controller:

```

/*****
/* Description:      Floating point PID Control for RX      */
/*                Initialization                          */
/*****
void fPID_Init(void)
{
    /* Initial Value */
    pid_par.Ref = Target_dist;      // Input: Reference input
    pid_par.Fdb = 0;                // Input: Feedback input
    pid_par.Err = 0;                // Variable: Error
    pid_par.Kp = 1;                 // Parameter: Proportional gain
    pid_par.Up = 0;                 // Variable: Proportional output
    pid_par.Ui = 0;                 // Variable: Integral output
    pid_par.Ud = 0;                 // Variable: Derivative output
    pid_par.OutPreSat = 0;          // Variable: Pre-saturated output
    pid_par.IntegralMax=99999;      // Parameter : Maximum Integral value
    pid_par.IntegralMin=-99999;    // Parameter : Maximum Integral value
    pid_par.IntegralErr = 0;       // Variable: Integral error accumulator
    pid_par.OutMax = 99999;        // Parameter: Maximum output
    pid_par.OutMin = -99999;       // Parameter: Minimum output
    pid_par.Out = 0;               // Output: PID output
    pid_par.SatErr = 0;            // Variable: Saturated difference
    pid_par.Ki = 1;                // Parameter: Integral gain
    pid_par.Kc = 1;                // Parameter: Integral correction gain
    pid_par.Kd = 1;                // Parameter: Derivative gain
    pid_par.Up1 = 0;               // History: Previous proportional output
    pid_par.Dt = 0.01;             // time constant
    pid_par.calc = (&fPID_Control); // Pointer to calculation function
}

```

Example below shows the initialization of fix point PID controller, note that all values should be integers (long data type).

```
/* ***** */
/* Description:      Fix point PID Control for RL78          */
/*                  Initialization                          */
/* ***** */
void PID_Init(void)
{
    /* Initial Value */
    pid_par.Ref = Target_dist;           // Input: Reference input
    pid_par.Fdb = 0;                     // Input: Feedback input
    pid_par.Err = 0;                      // Variable: Error
    pid_par.Kp = 1;                       // Parameter: Proportional gain
    pid_par.Up = 0;                       // Variable: Proportional output
    pid_par.Ui = 0;                       // Variable: Integral output
    pid_par.Ud = 0;                       // Variable: Derivative output
    pid_par.OutPreSat = 0;                // Variable: Pre-saturated output
    pid_par.IntegralMax=MAX_LIMIT;        // Parameter : Maximum Integral value
    pid_par.IntegralMin=MIN_LIMIT;        // Parameter : Maximum Integral value
    pid_par.IntegralErr = 0;              // Variable: Integral erro accumulator
    pid_par.OutMax = MAX_LIMIT;           // Parameter: Maximum output
    pid_par.OutMin = MIN_LIMIT;           // Parameter: Minimum output
    pid_par.Out = 0;                      // Output: PID output
    pid_par.SatErr = 0;                   // Variable: Saturated difference
    pid_par.Ki = 1;                       // Parameter: Integral gain
    pid_par.Kc = 1;                       // Parameter: Integral correction gain
    pid_par.Kd = 1;                       // Parameter: Derivative gain
    pid_par.Up1 = 0;                      // History: Previous proportional output
    pid_par.Dt = 1;                       // time constant (unit)
    pid_par.calc = (&PID_Control);        // Pointer to calculation function
}
```

2.2.2 PID Control– fPID_Control, PID_Control

The theory of PID controller can be easily found on Internet. Basically it is the sum of Proportional terms, Integral terms, and Derivative terms.

Equation of PID control often describes as below:

$$\text{pid_out} = (\text{Pe} * \text{Kp}) + (\text{Ie} * \text{Ki}) + (\text{De} * \text{Kd}) \quad \text{Calculation perform in a fixed period (dt)}$$

Where:

Proportional terms	Pe	Current error value, (Set-point - present value)
	Kp	Proportional gain, tuning parameter
Integral terms	Ie	Sum of instantaneous error, (accumulation of Pe*dt)
	Ki	Integral gain, tuning parameter
Derivative terms	De	Slope of error over time, ((Pe - pervious Pe)/dt)
	Kd	Derivative gain, tuning parameter

And, pseudocode for PID control example is found:

```

/* Pseudocode */
previous_error = 0
integral = 0
start:
  error = setpoint - measured_value
  integral = integral + error*dt
  derivative = (error - previous_error)/dt
  output = Kp*error + Ki*integral + Kd*derivative
  previous_error = error
  wait(dt)
  goto start
/* Pseudocode end */

```

Based on the pseudocode, a PID Controller function is made as below. Floating point and Fix point PID controller are basically use the same source code, but the variables are in different data types, float vs long. For floating point calculation, fPID_Control() should be used. For fix point calculation, PID_Control should be used.

In addition to the pseudocode, Integral terms MAX/MIN are checked, as well as calculated output MAX/MIN. As mentioned in pervious section, the maximum and minimum values are for safety consideration, which would limited the output in order to protect the system.

User should set this value carefully according to the system specification.

Floating point PID controller:

```

/*****
/* Description:      Fix point PID Control for RX          */
/*****
/* Input: address of pid_parameters:                      */
/*      - Constant (float) Kp, Ki, Kd                    */
/*      - Variable (float) Up, Ui, Ud                    */
/*      address of calculated (fix) result                */
/*      additional parameters (TBD)                      */
/* Output:  pid->Err:'0' Calculation OK                    */
/*          pid->Err:'-1' Calculation outside limit       */
/*****
/* Remark: This function should be call periodically     */
/*****
void fPID_Control(fPID_PAR *pid)
{
    float cal_result;
    float present_err;

    /*** SatErr, Kc not used ***/
    /* present error */
    present_err = pid->Ref - pid->Fdb;

    /* Integral term calculation */
    /* Add Integral terms (Ui * Ki) */
    cal_result= pid->Ki * present_err;

    if (cal_result> pid->IntegralMax)
    {
        cal_result= pid->IntegralMax;
    }
    else if ( cal_result< pid->IntegralMin)
    {
        cal_result= pid->IntegralMin;
    }

    /* Add Proportional terms (Pe * Kp) */
    cal_result += pid->Kp * present_err;

    /* Sum of instantaneous error */
    pid->Ui += present_err * pid->Dt;

    /* Slope of error over time */
    pid->Ud = (present_err - pid->Up1)/(pid->Dt);

    /* Add Derivative terms (De * Kd) */
    cal_result += pid->Kd * pid->Ud;

    pid->Up1 = present_err;

    /* Result check here */
    if (cal_result > pid->OutMax)
    {
        pid->Out = pid->OutMax;
        pid->Err = -1;
    }
    else if (cal_result < pid->OutMin)
    {
        pid->Out = pid->OutMin;
        pid->Err = -1;
    }
    else
    {
        pid->Out = cal_result;
        pid->Err = 0;
    }
}

```

Fix point PID controller:

```

/*****
/* Description:      Fix point PID Control for RL78          */
/*****
/* Input: address of pid_parameters:                        */
/*      - Constant (long) Kp, Ki, Kd                       */
/*      - Variable (long) Up, Ui, Ud                       */
/*      address of calculated (fix) result                 */
/*      additional parameters (TBD)                       */
/* Output:  pid->Err:'0' Calculation OK                     */
/*          pid->Err:'-1' Calculation outside limit        */
/*****
/* Remark: This function should be call periodically      */
/*****
void PID_Control(PID_PAR *pid)
{
    long cal_result;
    long present_err;

    /*** SatErr, Kc not used ***/
    /* present error */
    present_err = pid->Ref - pid->Fdb;

    /* Integral term calculation */
    /* Add Integral terms (Ui * Ki) */
    cal_result= pid->Ki * present_err;

    if (cal_result> pid->IntegralMax)
    {
        cal_result= pid->IntegralMax;
    }
    else if ( cal_result< pid->IntegralMin)
    {
        cal_result= pid->IntegralMin;
    }

    /* Add Proportional terms (Pe * Kp) */
    cal_result += pid->Kp * present_err;

    /* Sum of instantaneous error */
    pid->Ui += present_err * pid->Dt;

    /* Slope of error over time */
    pid->Ud = (present_err - pid->Up1)/(pid->Dt);

    /* Add Derivative terms (De * Kd) */
    cal_result += pid->Kd * pid->Ud;

    pid->Up1 = present_err;

    /* Result check here */
    if (cal_result > pid->OutMax)
    {
        pid->Out = pid->OutMax;
        pid->Err = -1;
    }
    else if (cal_result < pid->OutMin)
    {
        pid->Out = pid->OutMin;
        pid->Err = -1;
    }
    else
    {
        pid->Out = cal_result;
        pid->Err = 0;
    }
}

```

3. Use of PID Controller

A simple example shows how to use the PID controller. In the example, the PID controller is initialized, with a target speed. For feedback control, current speed is fetched periodically and put into PID controller for calculation. After that, the calculated result will be used as new speed. This process continues, until the current speed reach the target.

```
#define TARGET_SPEED 100

struct PID_PAR pid_par;          /* PID variable */

void main()
{
    ....
    ....
    fPID_Init();
    pid_par.Ref = TARGET_SPEED;
    ....
    ....
    While(1)
    {
        /* Get Current Speed */
        get_speed(&Feedback);
        /* PID */
        pid_par.Fdb = Feedback;
        pid_par.calc(&pid_par);
        Cal_Result = pid_par.Out;

        /* Set speed */
        set_speed(Cal_Result);
    }
}
```

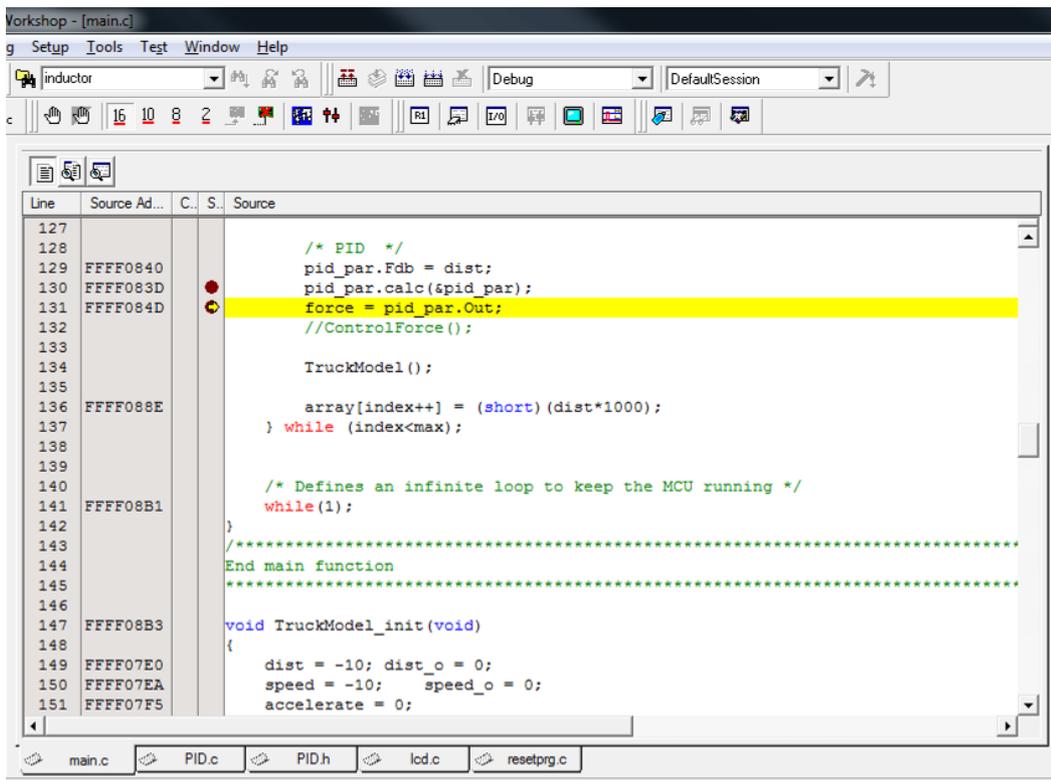
4. PID Controller Benchmark

This section describes the PID controller performance on RX and RL78 respectively. RX is using floating point PID controller for evaluation, and RL78 is using fix point PID controller for evaluation.

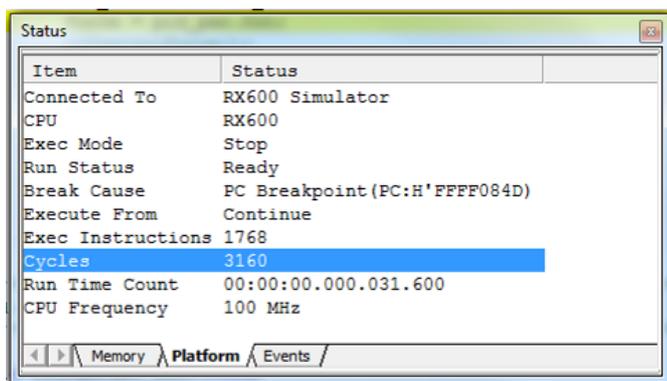
4.1 Floating point PID Controller on RX

RX600 core is including FPU architecture that supports floating point calculation. In addition, the RX compiler provides options for different optimization levels for execution speed which might be worth to study of how the optimization level is selected affect the calculation speed of the PID controller. So in this section, it is tried to compare the execution cycle of the PID controller using different level of speed optimization options and RX simulator is used for the measurement.

To measure the execute cycle, S/W break point will be set before and after the PID controller,



Meanwhile, the execution cycle has been calculated using the cycle information under “Status>Platform” windows.



4.1.1 Execution cycle measurement of different optimization levels with FPU enabled

In order to perform the measurement, it is necessary to change the optimization level setting inside the “RX standard toolchain” which is shown as below. There are totally 4 levels which are 0,1,2,Max that can be selected. All these options are evaluated and result is shown on table 3-1.

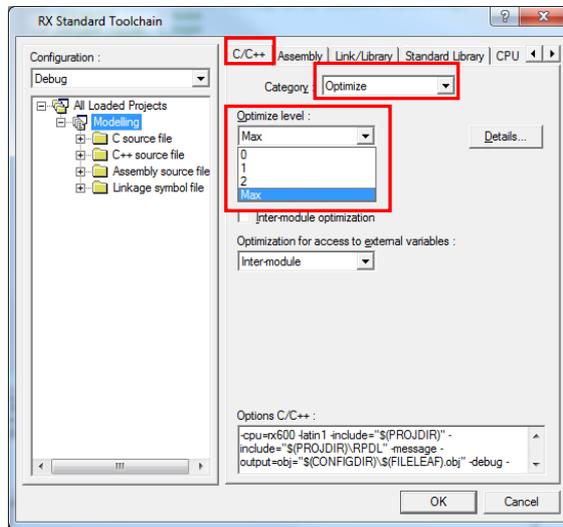


Figure. Optimization setting window

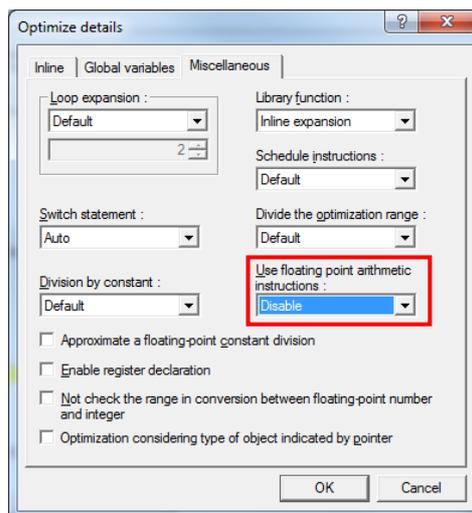
Table 3-1, No of execution cycle count for different optimization level

Compilation with FPU enabled				
Optimization level for speed	0	1	2	MAX
No. execution cycle	168	105	98	98

Remark: Standard Library Optimization for speed = 2 with FPU enabled

4.1.2 Execution cycle measurement of different optimization levels with FPU disabled

Besides, disable the FPU function in C Compiler is also tried for the benchmarking.



Compilation with FPU disabled				
Optimization level for speed	0	1	2	MAX
No. execution cycle	769	724	730	594

Remark: Standard Library Optimization for speed = 2 with FPU enabled

In case of 100MHz operation, each execution cycle consumes 10ns. In case of FPU enabled, the PID loop can be completed around 1us. However, if disabled the FPU, it takes at least 6us to complete 1 PID loop no matter optimization level is 0 or max which is 6 times higher than using FPU.

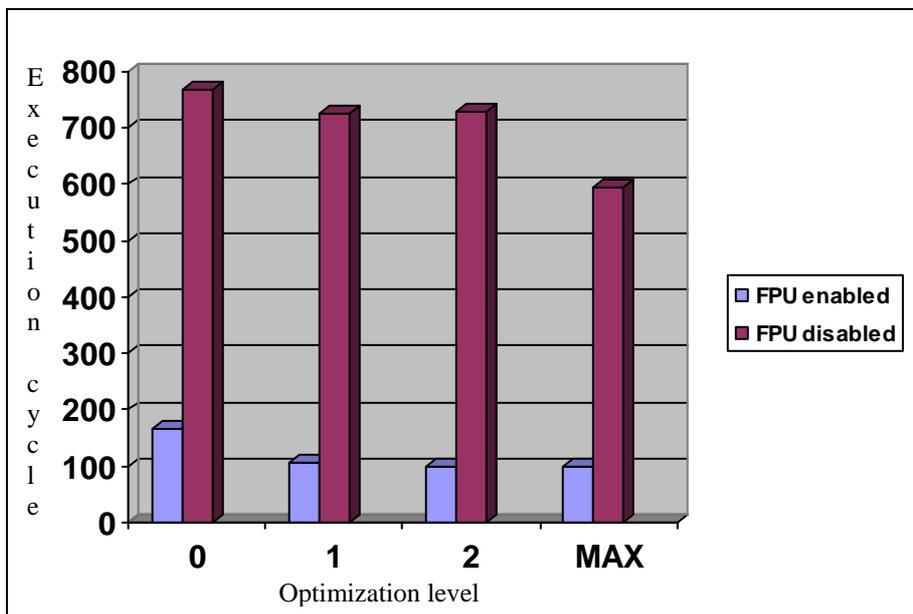
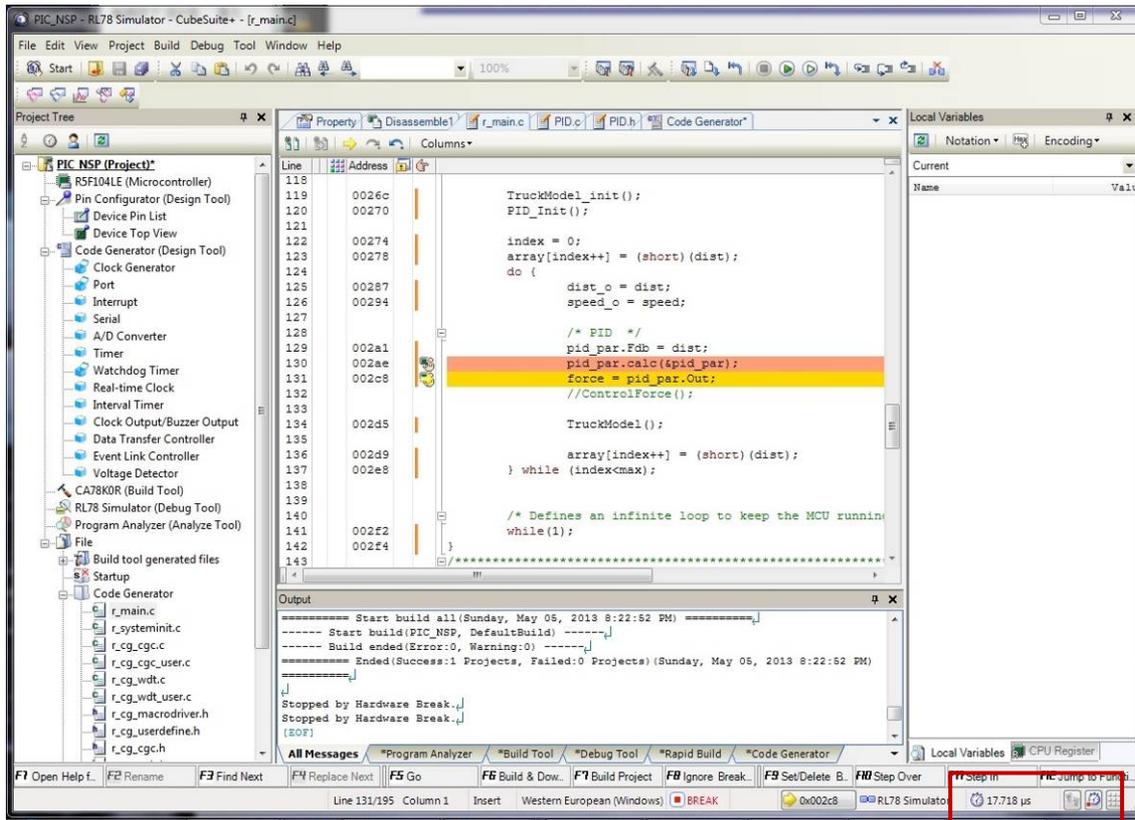


Figure 1 PID execution cycle measurements with different optimization levels and enabled/disabled FPU.

4.2 Fix point PID Controller on RL78

Unlike RX, RL78 has no hardware FPU to support floating point calculation. To enhance the performance, fix point (integer) calculation is used in the PID controller. For optimization, RL78 compiler also provides different types of optimization. In this section, it is tried to compare the execution cycle of the PID controller using different level of optimization options and RL78 simulator is used for the measurement. 32MHz clock is used for simulation.

To measure the execute time, S/W break point will be set before and after the PID controller, meanwhile, the execution time has been measured using timer in status bar of CubeSuite+ (red box below).



4.2.1 Execution time measurement of different type of optimization

In order to perform the measurement, it is necessary to change the optimization types setting inside the “CA78K0R (Build Tool)” which is shown as below. There are totally 5 types of optimization. In measurement, 4 types were tested – Speed, Standard, Code size and no optimize. These options are evaluated and result is shown on table 4-1.

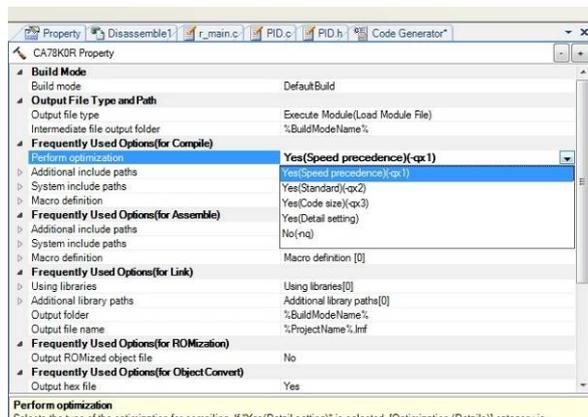


Figure. Optimization setting window

Table 4-1, Execution time for different optimization level

RL78 Simulator, 32MHz Clock, 31.25ns/cyc				
Type of Optimization	None (-nq)	Standard (-qx2)	Speed (-qx1)	Code (-qx3)
Measured execution time	17.218us	17.218us	17.218us	19.406us
Code Size of PID_Control()	435 bytes	433 bytes	435 bytes	339 bytes

From the table results above, it is shown that there is no different for optimization type – none, standard and speed. For code size optimization, although the code has 100-bytes less, the time taken also longer to complete the PID calculation.

4.3 Further Optimization

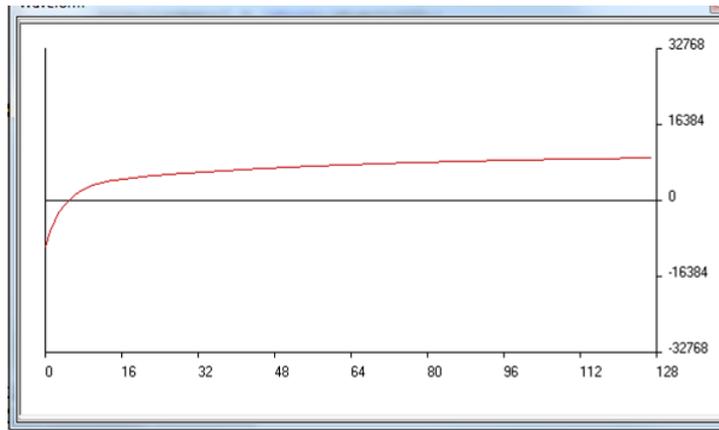
In some application like motor control, which Derivative term is small that can be ignored. In this case, the algorithm can be simplified to: $\text{pid_out} = (\text{Pe} * \text{Kp}) + (\text{Ie} * \text{Ki})$. Hence it is known as PI Controller.

5. Evaluation Results of the PID Controller

To evaluate the RX PID Controller, a S/W truck model has been applied in the testing program and the response of the truck distance is calculated and stored into the array. After that, the content of the array can be plotted using waveform window in simulator to confirm the function of the PID Controller and also it can be observed that different setting value of K_p , K_i and K_d of how to influence the response of the system.

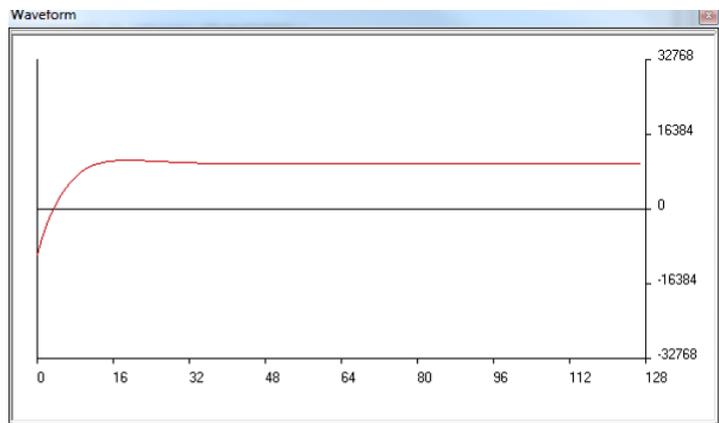
A) $K_p=1, K_i=1, K_d=1$

In this case, the PID response shows that the output is slowly approach the target setting.



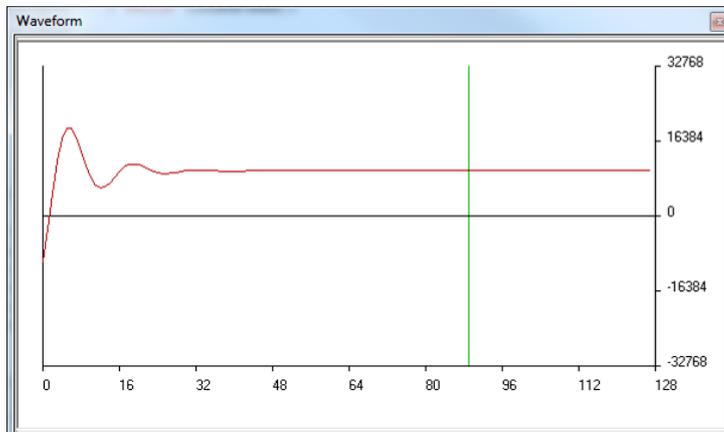
B) $K_p = 10, K_i=1, K_d=1$

In this case, increase the Proportional gain results speed up the time to reach the target, but slightly overshoot is introduced.



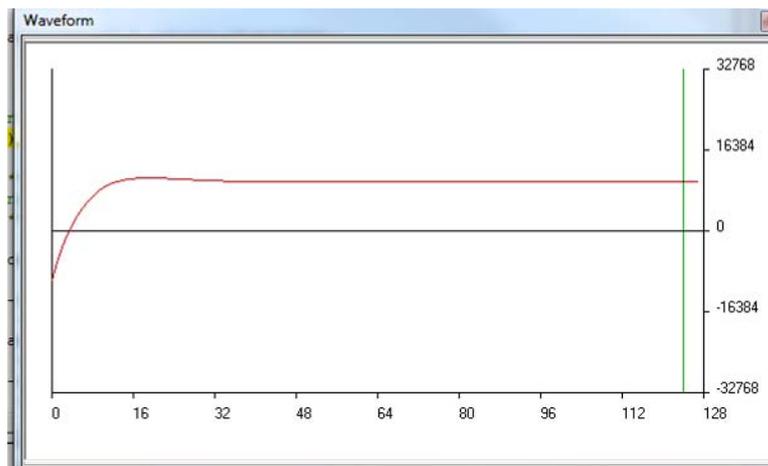
C) $K_p=100, K_i=1, K_d=1$

In this case, further increase the Proportional gain results further speed up the time to reach the target, but more overshoot is introduced.



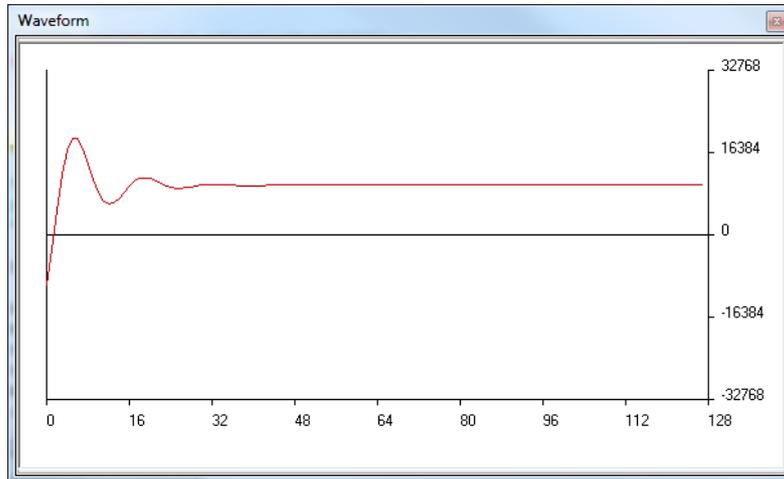
D) $K_p=1, K_i=10, K_d=1$

In this case, increase the Integral gain results speed up the time to reach the target, but slightly overshoot is introduced.



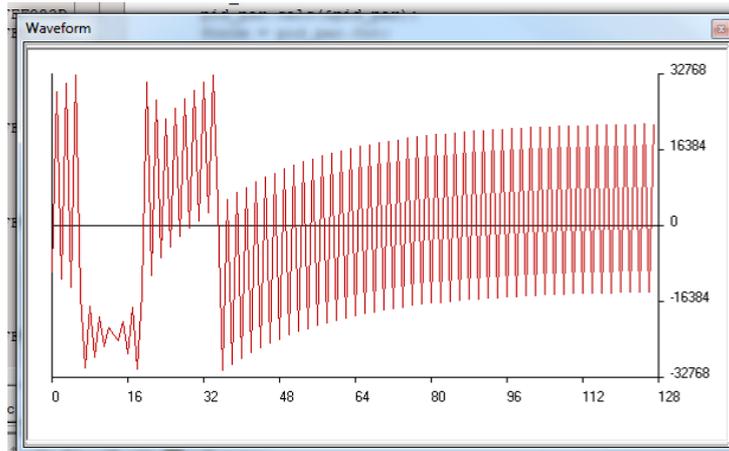
E) $K_p=1, K_i=100, K_d=1$

In this case, further increase the Integral gain results further speed up the time to reach the target, but more overshoot is introduced.



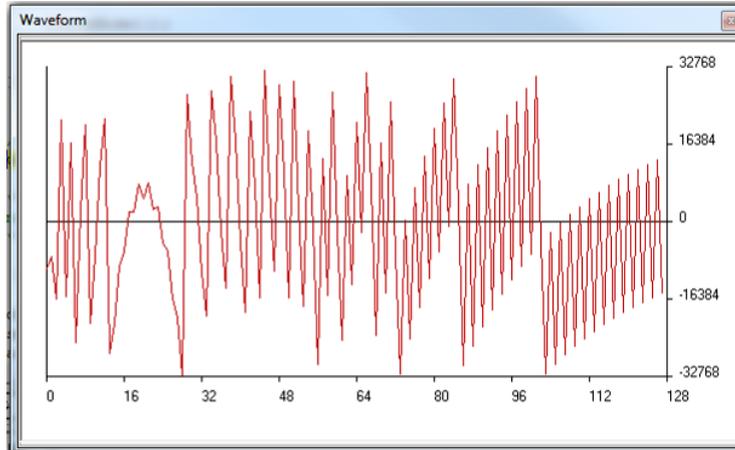
F) $K_p=1, K_i=1, K_d=10$

In this case, increase the Derivative gain results oscillation, although the output result is toward to the target setting, but it cannot be used.



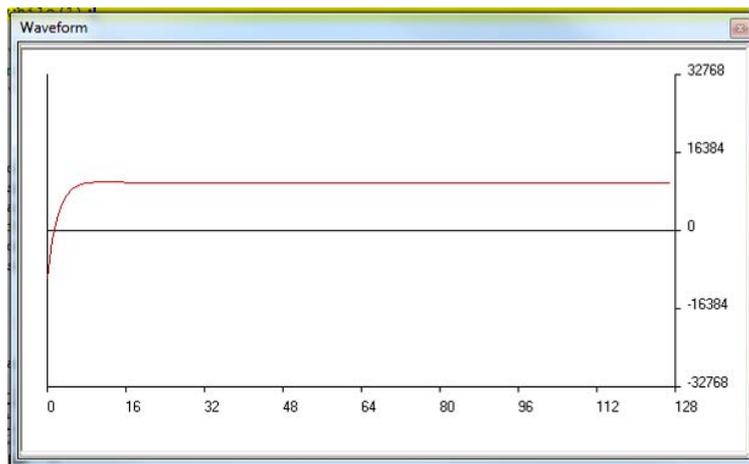
G) $K_p=1, K_i=1, K_d=100$

In this case, further increase the Derivative gain results more oscillation, basically it cannot be used.



H) $K_p=10, K_i=10, K_d=2$

In this case, Proportional gain and Integral gain are increase to 10, with the Derivative gain increase to 2. The PID response shows that the setup time has been reduced and overshoot has been also reduced.



5.1 Summary

In conclusion, a well tuned PID controller will improve the system response. A poor tuned PID controller could results damage to the system. So the tuning of PID controller is important for the application software.

Table below shows the effects of increasing a parameter independently:

Parameter	Rise time	Overshoot	Settling time	Steady-state error	Stability
Kp	Decrease	Increase	Small change	Decrease	Degrade
Ki	Decrease	Increase	Increase	Eliminate	Degrade
Kd	Minor change	Decrease	Decrease	No effect	Improve if Kd small

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General Precautions in the Handling of MPU/MCU Products

The following usage notes are applicable to all MPU/MCU products from Renesas. For detailed usage notes on the products covered by this manual, refer to the relevant sections of the manual. If the descriptions under General Precautions in the Handling of MPU/MCU Products and in the body of the manual differ from each other, the description in the body of the manual takes precedence.

1. Handling of Unused Pins

Handle unused pins in accord with the directions given under Handling of Unused Pins in the manual.

- The input pins of CMOS products are generally in the high-impedance state. In operation with an unused pin in the open-circuit state, extra electromagnetic noise is induced in the vicinity of LSI, an associated shoot-through current flows internally, and malfunctions occur due to the false recognition of the pin state as an input signal become possible. Unused pins should be handled as described under Handling of Unused Pins in the manual.

2. Processing at Power-on

The state of the product is undefined at the moment when power is supplied.

- The states of internal circuits in the LSI are indeterminate and the states of register settings and pins are undefined at the moment when power is supplied.

In a finished product where the reset signal is applied to the external reset pin, the states of pins are not guaranteed from the moment when power is supplied until the reset process is completed.

In a similar way, the states of pins in a product that is reset by an on-chip power-on reset function are not guaranteed from the moment when power is supplied until the power reaches the level at which resetting has been specified.

3. Prohibition of Access to Reserved Addresses

Access to reserved addresses is prohibited.

- The reserved addresses are provided for the possible future expansion of functions. Do not access these addresses; the correct operation of LSI is not guaranteed if they are accessed.

4. Clock Signals

After applying a reset, only release the reset line after the operating clock signal has become stable.

When switching the clock signal during program execution, wait until the target clock signal has stabilized.

- When the clock signal is generated with an external resonator (or from an external oscillator) during a reset, ensure that the reset line is only released after full stabilization of the clock signal. Moreover, when switching to a clock signal produced with an external resonator (or by an external oscillator) while program execution is in progress, wait until the target clock signal is stable.

5. Differences between Products

Before changing from one product to another, i.e. to one with a different type number, confirm that the change will not lead to problems.

- The characteristics of MPU/MCU in the same group but having different type numbers may differ because of the differences in internal memory capacity and layout pattern. When changing to products of different type numbers, implement a system-evaluation test for each of the products.

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