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#### Writing S-Functions

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# Overview of S-Functions

S-functions (system-functions) provide a powerful mechanism for extending the capabilities of Simulink $^{\$}$ . The following sections explain what an S-function is and when and why you might use one and how to write your own S-functions.

What Is an S-Function? (p. 1-2) Brief overview of S-functions.

Using S-Functions in Models (p. 1-3) How to insert S-functions as blocks in a model and pass

parameters to them.

How S-Functions Work (p. 1-6) How Simulink invokes S-functions when simulating a

model that includes them.

Implementing S-Functions (p. 1-10) How to write S-functions.

S-Function Concepts (p. 1-13) Some key concepts needed to write certain types of

S-functions.

S-Function Examples (p. 1-18) Examples that illustrate the creation of various types of

S-functions and S-function features.

#### What Is an S-Function?

An *S-function* is a computer language description of a Simulink block. S-functions can be written in MATLAB<sup>®</sup>, C, C++, Ada, or Fortran. C, C++, Ada, and Fortran S-functions are compiled as MEX-files using the mex utility (see "Building MEX-Files" in the online MATLAB documentation). As with other MEX-files, they are dynamically linked into MATLAB when needed.

S-functions use a special calling syntax that enables you to interact with Simulink equation solvers. This interaction is very similar to the interaction that takes place between the solvers and built-in Simulink blocks. The form of an S-function is very general and can accommodate continuous, discrete, and hybrid systems.

S-functions allow you to add your own blocks to Simulink models. You can create your blocks in MATLAB, C, C++, Fortran, or Ada. By following a set of simple rules, you can implement your algorithms in an S-function. After you write your S-function and place its name in an S-Function block (available in the User-Defined Functions block library), you can customize the user interface by using masking.

You can use S-functions with the Real-Time Workshop<sup>®</sup>. You can also customize the code generated by the Real Time Workshop for S-functions by writing a Target Language Compiler (TLC) file. See"Writing S-Functions for Real-Time Workshop" in the Real-Time Workshop documentation for more information.

## **Using S-Functions in Models**

To incorporate an S-function into a Simulink model, drag an S-Function block from the Simulink User-Defined Functions block library into the model. Then specify the name of the S-function in the **S-function name** field of the S-Function block's dialog box, as illustrated in the following figure.

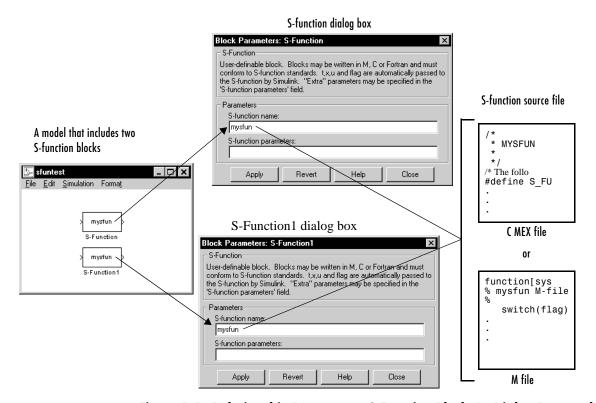


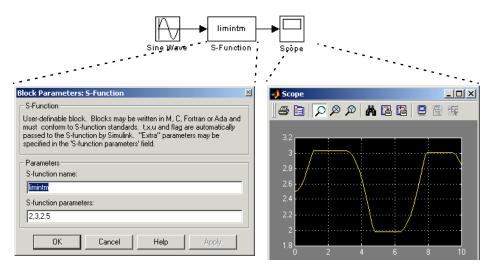
Figure 1-1: Relationship Between an S-Function Block, Its Dialog Box, and the Source File That Defines the Block's Behavior

In this example, the model contains two instances of an S-Function block. Both blocks reference the same source file (mysfun, which can be either a C MEX-file or an M-file). If both a C MEX-file and an M-file have the same name, the C MEX-file takes precedence and is the file that the S-function uses.

#### **Passing Parameters to S-Functions**

The S-function block's **S-function parameters** field allows you to specify parameter values to be passed to the corresponding S-function. To use this field, you must know the parameters the S-function requires and the order in which the function requires them. (If you do not know, consult the S-function's author, documentation, or source code.) Enter the parameters, separated by a comma, in the order required by the S-function. The parameter values can be constants, names of variables defined in the model's workspace, or MATLAB expressions.

The following example illustrates usage of the **S-function parameters** field to enter user-defined parameters.



The model in this example incorporates limintm, a sample S-function that comes with Simulink. The function's source code resides in toolbox/simulink/blocks. The limintm function accepts three parameters: a lower bound, an upper bound, and an initial condition. It outputs the time integral of the input signal if the time integral is between the lower and upper bounds, the lower bound if the time integral is less than the lower bound, and the upper bound if the time integral is greater than the upper bound. The dialog box in the example specifies a lower and upper bound and an initial condition of 2, 3, and 2.5, respectively. The scope shows the resulting output when the input is a sine wave of amplitude 1.

See "Processing S-Function Parameters" on page 2-11 and "Handling Errors" on page 7-38 for information on how to access user-specified parameters in an S-function.

You can use the Simulink masking facility to create custom dialog boxes and icons for your S-function blocks. Masked dialog boxes can make it easier to specify additional parameters for S-functions. For discussions of additional parameters and masking, see the Using Simulink documentation.

#### When to Use an S-Function

The most common use of S-functions is to create custom Simulink blocks. You can use S-functions for a variety of applications, including

- Adding new general purpose blocks to Simulink
- Adding blocks that represent hardware device drivers
- Incorporating existing C code into a simulation
- Describing a system as a set of mathematical equations
- Using graphical animations (see the inverted pendulum demo, penddemo)

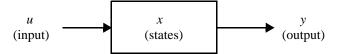
An advantage of using S-functions is that you can build a general purpose block that you can use many times in a model, varying parameters with each instance of the block.

#### **How S-Functions Work**

To create S-functions, you need to know how S-functions work. Understanding how S-functions work, in turn, requires understanding how Simulink simulates a model, and this, in turn requires an understanding of the mathematics of blocks. This section therefore begins by explaining the mathematical relationship between a block's inputs, states, and outputs.

#### **Mathematics of Simulink Blocks**

A Simulink block consists of a set of inputs, a set of states, and a set of outputs, where the outputs are a function of the sample time, the inputs, and the block's states.



The following equations express the mathematical relationships between the inputs, outputs, and the states.

$$y = f_0(t, x, u)$$
 (Output)  
 $\dot{x}_c = f_d(t, x, u)$  (Derivative)  
 $x_{d_{k+1}} = f_u(t, x, u)$  (Update)  
where  $x = x_c + x_d$ 

## **Simulation Stages**

Execution of a Simulink model proceeds in stages. First comes the initialization phase. In this phase, Simulink incorporates library blocks into the model, propagates widths, data types, and sample times, evaluates block parameters, determines block execution order, and allocates memory. Then Simulink enters a *simulation loop*, where each pass through the loop is referred to as a *simulation step*. During each simulation step, Simulink executes each of the model's blocks in the order determined during initialization. For each

block, Simulink invokes functions that compute the block's states, derivatives, and outputs for the current sample time. This continues until the simulation is complete.

Initialize model Calculate time of next sample hit (only for variable sample time blocks) Calculate outputs Update discrete states Simulation loop → Clean up at final time step Calculate derivatives Calculate outputs Integration (minor time step) Calculate derivatives Locate zero crossings

The following figure illustrates the stages of a simulation.

Figure 1-2: How Simulink Performs Simulation

#### S-Function Callback Methods

An S-function comprises a set of *S-function callback methods* that perform tasks required at each simulation stage. During simulation of a model, at each simulation stage, Simulink calls the appropriate methods for each S-Function block in the model. Tasks performed by S-function methods include

- Initialization Prior to the first simulation loop, Simulink initializes the S-function. During this stage, Simulink
  - Initializes the SimStruct, a simulation structure that contains information about the S-function
  - Sets the number and dimensions of input and output ports
  - Sets the block sample times
  - Allocates storage areas and the sizes array
- Calculation of next sample hit If you've created a variable sample time block, this stage calculates the time of the next sample hit; that is, it calculates the next step size.
- Calculation of outputs in the major time step After this call is complete, all the output ports of the blocks are valid for the current time step.
- Update of discrete states in the major time step In this call, all blocks should perform once-per-time-step activities such as updating discrete states for next time around the simulation loop.
- Integration This applies to models with continuous states and/or nonsampled zero crossings. If your S-function has continuous states, Simulink calls the output and derivative portions of your S-function at minor time steps. This is so Simulink can compute the states for your S-function. If your S-function (C MEX only) has nonsampled zero crossings, Simulink calls the output and zero-crossings portions of your S-function at minor time steps so that it can locate the zero crossings.

**Note** See "How Simulink Works" in the Using Simulink documentation for an explanation of major and minor time steps.

## **Implementing S-Functions**

You can implement an S-function as either an M-file or a MEX file. The following sections describe these alternative implementations and discuss the advantages of each.

#### **M-File S-Functions**

An M-file S-function consists of a MATLAB function of the following form:

$$[sys,x0,str,ts]=f(t,x,u,flag,p1,p2,...)$$

where f is the S-function's name, t is the current time, x is the state vector of the corresponding S-function block, u is the block's inputs, flag indicates a task to be performed, and p1, p2,  $\dots$  are the block's parameters. During simulation of a model, Simulink repeatedly invokes f, using flag to indicate the task to be performed for a particular invocation. Each time the S-function performs the task, it returns the result in a structure having the format shown in the syntax example.

A template implementation of an M-file S-function, sfuntmpl.m, resides in <code>matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks</code>. The template consists of a top-level function and a set of skeleton subfunctions, each of which corresponds to a particular value of flag. The top-level function invokes the subfunction indicated by flag. The subfunctions, called S-function callback methods, perform the tasks required of the S-function during simulation. The following table lists the contents of an M-file S-function that follows this standard format.

Simulation Stage	S-Function Routine	Flag
Initialization	mdlInitializeSizes	flag = 0
Calculation of next sample hit (variable sample time block only)	mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit	flag = 4
Calculation of outputs	md10utputs	flag = 3
Update of discrete states	mdlUpdate	flag = 2

Simulation Stage	S-Function Routine	Flag
Calculation of derivatives	mdlDerivatives	flag = 1
End of simulation tasks	mdlTerminate	flag = 9

We recommend that you follow the structure and naming conventions of the template when creating M-file S-functions. This makes it easier for others to understand and maintain M-file S-functions that you create. See Chapter 2, "Writing S-Functions in M," for information on creating M-file S-functions.

#### **MEX-File S-Functions**

Like an M-file S-function, a MEX-file function consists of a set of callback routines that Simulink invokes to perform various block-related tasks during a simulation. Significant differences exist, however. For one, MEX-file functions are implemented in a different programming language: C, C++, Ada, or Fortran. Also, Simulink invokes MEX S-function routines directly instead of via a flag value as with M-file S-functions. Because Simulink invokes the functions directly, MEX-file functions must follow standard naming conventions specified by Simulink.

Other key differences exist. For one, the set of callback functions that MEX functions can implement is much larger than can be implemented by M-file functions. A MEX function also has direct access to the internal data structure, called the SimStruct, that Simulink uses to maintain information about the S-function. MEX-file functions can also use the MATLAB MEX-file API to access the MATLAB workspace directly.

A C MEX-file S-function template, called sfuntmpl\_basic.c, resides in the matlabroot/simulink/src directory. The template contains skeleton implementations of all the required and optional callback routines that a C MEX-file S-function can implement. For a more amply commented version of the template, see sfuntmpl doc.c in the same directory.

#### **MEX-File Versus M-File S-Functions**

M-file and MEX-file S-functions each have advantages. The advantage of M-file S-functions is speed of development. Developing M-file S-functions avoids the time-consuming compile-link-execute cycle required by development in a compiled language. M-file S-functions also have easier access to MATLAB and toolbox functions.

The primary advantage of MEX-file functions is versatility. The larger number of callbacks and access to the SimStruct enable MEX-file functions to implement functionality not accessible to M-file S-functions. Such functionality includes the ability to handle data types other than double, complex inputs, matrix inputs, and so on.

## **S-Function Concepts**

Understanding these key concepts should enable you to build S-functions correctly:

- Direct feedthrough
- Dynamically sized inputs
- Setting sample times and offsets

## **Direct Feedthrough**

Direct feedthrough means that the output (or the variable sample time for variable sample time blocks) is controlled directly by the value of an input port. A good rule of thumb is that an S-function input port has direct feedthrough if

- The output function (md10utputs or flag==3) is a function of the input u. That is, there is direct feedthrough if the input u is accessed in md10utputs. Outputs can also include graphical outputs, as in the case of an XY Graph scope.
- The "time of next hit" function (mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit or flag==4) of a variable sample time S-function accesses the input u.

An example of a system that requires its inputs (i.e., has direct feedthrough) is the operation  $y = k \times u$ , where u is the input, k is the gain, and y is the output.

An example of a system that does not require its inputs (i.e., does not have direct feedthrough) is this simple integration algorithm

```
Outputs: y = x
Derivative: \dot{x} = u
```

where x is the state,  $\dot{x}$  is the state derivative with respect to time, u is the input, and y is the output. Note that  $\dot{x}$  is the variable that Simulink integrates. It is very important to set the direct feedthrough flag correctly because it affects the execution order of the blocks in your model and is used to detect algebraic loops.

#### **Dynamically Sized Arrays**

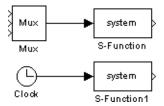
S-functions can be written to support arbitrary input dimensions. In this case, the actual input dimensions are determined dynamically when a simulation is

started by evaluating the dimensions of the input vector driving the S-function. The input dimensions can also be used to determine the number of continuous states, the number of discrete states, and the number of outputs.

M-file S-functions can have only one input port and that input port can accept only one-dimensional (vector) signals. However, the signals can be of varying widths. Within an M-file S-function, to indicate that the input width is dynamically sized, specify a value of -1 for the appropriate fields in the sizes structure, which is returned during the mdlInitializeSizes call. You can determine the actual input width when your S-function is called by using length(u). If you specify a width of 0, the input port is removed from the S-function block.

A C S-function can have multiple I/O ports and the ports can have different dimensions. The number of dimensions and the size of each dimension can be determined dynamically.

For example, the following illustration shows two instances of the same S-Function block in a model.



The upper S-Function block is driven by a block with a three-element output vector. The lower S-Function block is driven by a block with a scalar output. By specifying that the S-Function block has dynamically sized inputs, the same S-function can accommodate both situations. Simulink automatically calls the block with the appropriately sized input vector. Similarly, if other block characteristics, such as the number of outputs or the number of discrete or continuous states, are specified as dynamically sized, Simulink defines these vectors to be the same length as the input vector.

C S-functions give you more flexibility in specifying the widths of input and output ports. See "Creating Input and Output Ports" on page 7-10.

### **Setting Sample Times and Offsets**

Both M-file and C MEX S-functions allow a high degree of flexibility in specifying when an S-function executes. Simulink provides the following options for sample times:

- Continuous sample time For S-functions that have continuous states and/or nonsampled zero crossings (see "How Simulink Works" in *Using* Simulink for explanation of zero crossings). For this type of S-function, the output changes in minor time steps.
- Continuous but fixed in minor time step sample time For S-functions that
  need to execute at every major simulation step, but do not change value
  during minor time steps.
- Discrete sample time If your S-Function block's behavior is a function of discrete time intervals, you can define a sample time to control when Simulink calls the block. You can also define an offset that delays each sample time hit. The value of the offset cannot exceed the corresponding sample time.

A sample time hit occurs at time values determined by the formula TimeHit = (n \* period) + offset

where n, an integer, is the current simulation step. The first value of n is always zero.

If you define a discrete sample time, Simulink calls the S-function md10utput and md1Update routines at each sample time hit (as defined in the above equation).

- Variable sample time A discrete sample time where the intervals between sample hits can vary. At the start of each simulation step, S-functions with variable sample times are queried for the time of the next hit.
- Inherited sample time Sometimes an S-Function block has no inherent sample time characteristics (that is, it is either continuous or discrete, depending on the sample time of some other block in the system). You can specify that the block's sample time is *inherited*. A simple example of this is a Gain block that inherits its sample time from the block driving it.

A block can inherit its sample time from

- The driving block
- The destination block

**-** The fastest sample time in the system

To set a block's sample time as inherited, use -1 in M-file S-functions and INHERITED\_SAMPLE\_TIME in C S-functions as the sample time. For more information on the propagation of sample times, see "Sample Time Colors" in  $Using\ Simulink$ .

S-functions can be either single or multirate; a multirate S-function has multiple sample times.

Sample times are specified in pairs in this format: [sample\_time, offset time]. The valid sample time pairs are

```
[CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME, 0.0]
[CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME, FIXED_IN_MINOR_STEP_OFFSET]
[discrete_sample_time_period, offset]
[VARIABLE_SAMPLE_TIME, 0.0]
```

where

```
CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME = 0.0

FIXED_IN_MINOR_STEP_OFFSET = 1.0

VARIABLE SAMPLE TIME = -2.0
```

and the italics indicate that a real value is required.

Alternatively, you can specify that the sample time is inherited from the driving block. In this case the S-function can have only one sample time pair

```
[INHERITED_SAMPLE_TIME, 0.0]
or
   [INHERITED_SAMPLE_TIME, FIXED_IN_MINOR_STEP_OFFSET]
where
   INHERITED_SAMPLE_TIME = -1.0
```

The following guidelines might help you specify sample times:

- A continuous S-function that changes during minor integration steps should register the [CONTINUOUS\_SAMPLE\_TIME, 0.0] sample time.
- A continuous S-function that does not change during minor integration steps should register the

```
[CONTINUOUS SAMPLE TIME, FIXED IN MINOR STEP OFFSET] sample time.
```

 A discrete S-function that changes at a specified rate should register the discrete sample time pair, [discrete\_sample\_time\_period, offset], where

```
and
0.0 ≤ offset < discrete sample period</pre>
```

• A discrete S-function that changes at a variable rate should register the variable step discrete sample time.

```
[VARIABLE_SAMPLE_TIME, 0.0]
```

The mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit routine is called to get the time of the next sample hit for the variable step discrete task.

If your S-function has no intrinsic sample time, you must indicate that your sample time is inherited. There are two cases:

- An S-function that changes as its input changes, even during minor integration steps, should register the [INHERITED\_SAMPLE\_TIME, 0.0] sample time.
- An S-function that changes as its input changes, but doesn't change during minor integration steps (that is, remains fixed during minor time steps), should register the

```
[INHERITED SAMPLE TIME, FIXED IN MINOR STEP OFFSET] sample time.
```

The Scope block is a good example of this type of block. This block should run at the rate of its driving block, either continuous or discrete, but should never run in minor steps. If it did, the scope display would show the intermediate computations of the solver rather than the final result at each time point.

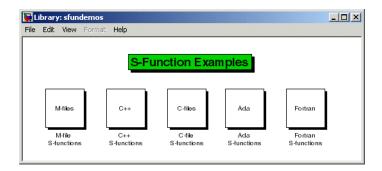
## **S-Function Examples**

Simulink comes with a library of S-function examples.

To run an example:

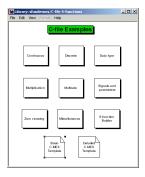
1 Enter sfundemos at the MATLAB command line.

MATLAB displays the S-function demo library



Each block represents a category of S-function examples.

 $\boldsymbol{2} \ \, \operatorname{Click}$  a category to display the examples that it includes.



3 Click a block to open and run the example that it represents.

It might be helpful to examine some sample S-functions as you read the next chapters. Code for the examples is stored in these subdirectories under the MATLAB root directory:

M-files toolbox/simulink/blocks

C, C++, and Fortran simulink/src

Ada simulink/ada/examples

#### **M-File S-Function Examples**

The simulink/blocks directory contains many M-file S-functions. Consider starting off by looking at these files.

Filename	Description
csfunc.m	Define a continuous system in state-space format.
dsfunc.m	Define a discrete system in state-space format.
vsfunc.m	Illustrates how to create a variable sample time block. This block implements a variable step delay in which the first input is delayed by an amount of time determined by the second input.
mixed.m	Implement a hybrid system consisting of a continuous integrator in series with a unit delay.
vdpm.m	Implement the Van der Pol equation (similar to the demo model, vdp).
simom.m	Example state-space M-file S-function with internal A, B, C, and D matrices. This S-function implements
	dx/at = Ax + By y = Cx + Du
	where x is the state vector, u is the input vector, and y is the output vector. The A, B, C, and D matrices are embedded in the M-file.
simom2.m	Example state-space M-file S-function with external A, B, C, and D matrices. The state-space structure is the same as in simom.m, but the A, B, C, and D matrices are provided externally as parameters to this file.
limintm.m	Implement a continuous limited integrator where the output is bounded by lower and upper bounds and includes initial conditions.
sfun_varargm.m	Example M-file S-function showing how to use the MATLAB vararg facility.

Filename	Description
vlimintm.m	Example of a continuous limited integrator S-function. This illustrates how to use the size entry of -1 to build an S-function that can accommodate a dynamic input/state width.
vdlimintm.m	Example of a discrete limited integrator S-function. This example is identical to vlimint.m, except that the limited integrator is discrete.

## **C S-Function Examples**

The simulink/src directory also contains examples of C MEX S-functions, many of which have an M-file S-function counterpart. These C MEX S-functions are listed in this table.

Filename	Description
barplot.c	Access simulink signals without using the standard block inputs.
csfunc.c	Example C MEX S-function for defining a continuous system.
dlimint.c	Implement a discrete-time limited integrator.
dsfunc.c	Example C MEX S-function for defining a discrete system.
fcncallgen.c	Execute function-call subsystems n times at the designated rate (sample time).
limintc.c	Implement a limited integrator.
mixedm.c	Implement a hybrid dynamic system consisting of a continuous integrator (1/s) in series with a unit delay (1/z).
mixedmex.c	Implement a hybrid dynamic system with a single output and two inputs.

Filename	Description
quantize.c	Example MEX-file for a vectorized quantizer block. Quantizes the input into steps as specified by the quantization interval parameter, q.
sdotproduct	Compute dot product (multiply-accumulate) of two real or complex vectors.
sftable2.c	Two-dimensional table lookup in S-function form.
sfun_atol.c	Set different absolute tolerances for each continuous state.
sfun_bitop.c	Perform the bitwise operations AND, OR, XOR, left shift, right shift, and one's complement on uint8, uint16, and uint32 inputs.
sfun_cplx.c	Complex signal add with one input port and one parameter.
sfun_directlook.c	Direct 1-D lookup.
sfun_dtype_io.c	Example of the use of Simulink data types for inputs and outputs.
sfun_dtype_param.c	Example of the use of Simulink data types for parameters.
sfun_dynsize.c	Simple example of how to size outputs of an S-function dynamically.
sfun_errhdl.c	Simple example of how to check parameters using the mdlCheckParams S-function routine.
sfun_fcncall.c	Example of an S-function that is configured to execute function-call subsystems on the first and third output elements.
sfun_frmad.c	Frame-based A/D converter.
sfun_frmda.c	Frame-based D/A converter.

Filename	Description
sfun_frmdft.c	Multichannel frame-based Discrete-Fourier transformation (and its inverse).
sfun_frmunbuff.c	Frame-based unbuffer block.
sfun_multiport.c	S-function that has multiple input and output ports.
sfun_manswitch.c	Manual switch.
sfun_matadd.c	Matrix add with one input port, one output port, and one parameter.
sfun_multirate.c	Demonstrate how to specify port-based sample times.
sfun_psbbreaker.c	Implement the logic for the breaker block in the Power System Blockset.
sfun_psbcontc.c	Continuous implementation of state-space system.
sfun_psbdiscc.c	Discrete implementation of state-space system.
sfun_runtime1.c	Run-time parameter example.
sfun_runtime2.c	Run-time parameter example.
sfun_zc.c	Demonstrate use of nonsampled zero crossings to implement abs(u). This S-function is designed to be used with a variable-step solver.
sfun_zc_sat.c	Saturation example that uses zero crossings.
sfunmem.c	A one-integration-step delay and hold memory function.

Filename	Description
simomex.c	Implements a single-output, two-input state-space dynamic system described by these state-space equations
	dx/dt = Ax + Bu y = Cx + Du
	where x is the state vector, u is vector of inputs, and y is the vector of outputs.
smatrxcat.c	Matrix concatenation.
sreshape.c	Reshape the input signal.
stspace.c	Implement a set of state-space equations. You can turn this into a new block by using the S-Function block and mask facility. This example MEX-file performs the same function as the built-in State-Space block. This is an example of a MEX-file where the number of inputs, outputs, and states is dependent on the parameters passed in from the workspace. Use this as a template for other MEX-file systems.
stvctf.c	Implement a continuous-time transfer function whose transfer function polynomials are passed in via the input vector. This is useful for continuous time adaptive control applications.
stvdct.f	Implement a discrete-time transfer function whose transfer function polynomials are passed in via the input vector. This is useful for discrete-time adaptive control applications.
stvmgain.c	Time-varying matrix gain.
table3.c	3-D lookup table.
timestwo.c	Basic C MEX S-function that doubles its input.

Filename	Description
vdlmint.c	Implement a discrete-time vectorized limited integrator.
vdpmex.c	Implement the Van der Pol equation.
vlimint.c	Implement a vectorized limited integrator.
vsfunc.c	Illustrate how to create a variable sample time block in Simulink. This block implements a variable-step delay in which the first input is delayed by an amount of time determined by the second input.

#### **Fortran S-Function Examples**

The following table lists sample Fortran S-functions.

Filename	Description
sfun_timestwo_for.	Sample Level 1 Fortran representation of a C timestwo S-function.
sfun_atmos.c	Calculation of the 1976 standard atmosphere to 86 km.
vdpmexf.for	Van der Pol system.

#### C++ S-Function Examples

The following table lists sample C++ S-functions.

Filename	Description
sfun_counter_cpp.cpp	Store a C++ object in the pointers vector PWork.

#### **Ada S-Function Examples**

The  $\mbox{simulink/ada/examples}$  directory contains the following examples of S-functions implemented in Ada.

Directory Name	Description
matrix_gain	Implement a Matrix Gain block.
multi_port	Multiport block.
simple_lookup	Lookup table. Illustrates use of a wrapper S-function that wraps stand-alone Ada code (i.e., Ada packages and procedures) both for use with Simulink as an S-function and directly with Ada code generated using the RTW Ada Coder.
times_two	Output twice its input.

# Writing S-Functions in M

The following sections explain how to use MATLAB's M programming language to create S-functions.

Introduction (p. 2-2) Introduction to writing S-functions in MATLAB's M

language.

(p. 2-3) current Level-2 M-file S-function application

programming interface (API).

Maintaining Level-1 M-File Provides information on maintaining Level-1 M-file

S-Functions (p. 2-8) S-functions developed for earlier versions of Simulink.

# Introduction

Simulink provides an application programming interface (API) that lets you create custom blocks whose properties and behavior are defined by M-file programs called M-file S-functions. The Level-2 M-file S-function API allows you to create blocks that have all of the features and capabilities of Simulink's built-in blocks, including multiple input and output ports, the ability to accept vector or matrix signals of any data type supported by Simulink, real or complex signals, signal frames, and the ability to operate at multiple sample rates. For information on how to use the API to create custom blocks, see "Writing Level-2 M-File S-Functions" on page 2-3.

**Note** This version of Simulink also supports a predecessor API, called Level 1, for writing M-file S-functions. This is done to ensure that Simulink can simulate models that use M-file S-function blocks developed for use with earlier Simulink releases (see "Maintaining Level-1 M-File S-Functions" on page 2-8). You should not use the Level-1 API to develop new M-file S-functions. Instead, you should use the Level-2 API.

# Writing Level-2 M-File S-Functions

The Level-2 M-file S-function application programming interface (API) allows you to use the MATLAB M language to create full-fledged custom blocks having multiple inputs and outputs and capable of handling any type of signal produced by a Simulink model, including matrix and frame signals of any datatype. The Level-2 M-File S-Function API corresponds closely to the API for creating C MEX-file S-functions. Much of the documentation for creating C MEX-file S-functions (see "Writing S-Functions in C" on page 3-1 and "Implementing Block Features" on page 7-1) applies also to Level-2 M-file S-functions. To avoid duplication, this section focuses on providing information that is specific to writing Level-2 M-file S-functions.

### About Level-2 M-File S-Functions

First, a word about Level-2 M-File S-functions themselves. A Level-2 M-file S-function is an M-file that defines the properties and behavior of an instance of a Level-2 M-File S-Function block that references the M-file in a Simulink model. The M-file itself comprises a set of callback methods (see "Callback Methods" on page 2-5) that Simulink invokes when updating or simulating the model. The callback methods perform the actual work of initializing and computing the outputs of the block defined by the S-function.

To facilitate these tasks, Simulink passes a runtime object to the callback methods as an argument. The runtime object effectively serves as an M proxy for the S-function block, allowing the callback method to set and access the block's properties during simulation or model updating (see "Runtime Object" on page 2-7 for more information).

### The Level-2 M-File S-Function API

The Level-2 M-File S-function API defines the signatures and general purpose of the callback methods that constitute a Level-2 M-file S-function. The S-function itself provides the implementations of these callback methods. The implementations in turn determine the block's attributes (e.g., ports, parameters, and states) and behavior (e.g., the block's outputs as a function of time and the block's inputs, states, and parameters). By creating an S-function with an appropriate set of callback implementations, you can define a block type that meets the specific requirements of your application.

### M-file S-Function Demos

Simulink provides a set of self-documenting demo models that illustrate creation and usage of Level-2 M-file S-functions. To view the demos.

1 Select **Help->Demos** from the MATLAB desktop or the Simulink editor menubar.

The MATLAB Help Browser appears with the **Demos** pane selected.

2 Select Simulink->Block Diagramming Features->Custom Code and Hand Coded Blocks from the Demos pane.

The "Custom Code and Hand Coded Blocks" page appears in the help browser.

3 Click the "Open this model" hyperlink at the end of the page.

The S-Functions Examples window appears.

**4** Double-click the M-File S-Functions block in the window.

The M-file S-functions window appears.

**5** Double-click the Level-2 M-files block.

The Level-2 M-files window appears. Each block in the window corresponds to a demo.

**6** Double-click any of the blocks to display the corresponding demo model.

### **S-Function Template**

To give you a head start on creating Level-2 M-file S-functions, Simulink provides an annotated M-file template containing skeleton implementation of the callbacks defined by the Level-2 M-File S-function API. The template resides at

<matlabroot>/toolbox/simulink/blocks/msfuntmpl.m

To create an M-file S-function, make a copy of the template and edit the copy as necessary to reflect the desired behavior of the S-function you are creating. The comments in the template explain how to do this.

# Instantiating a Level-2 M-File S-Function

To create an instance of the S-function in a model, first create an instance of the Level-2 M-File S-Function block in the model. Then open the block's parameter dialog box and enter the name of the M-file that implements your S-function in the dialog box's **M-file name** field. If your function uses any additional parameters, enter their values as a comma-separated list in the dialog box's **Parameters** field.

# Generating Code from a Level-2 M-File S-Function

Generating code from a model containing a Level-2 M-file S-function requires that you provide a corresponding TLC file. You do not need a TLC file to run a model in accelerated mode as the Simulink Accelerator runs Level-2 M-file S-functions in interpreted mode.

### **Callback Methods**

The Level-2 M-file S-function API specifies a set of callback methods that an M-file S-function must implement and others that it may choose to omit, depending on the requirements of the block that the S-function defines. The methods defined by the Level-2 M-file S-function API generally correspond to that of similarly named methods defined by the C MEX-file S-function API. For information on what each method does, see "How Simulink Works" chapter of the Simulink manual) and "S-Function Callback Methods" on page 8-1.

The following table lists the Level-2 M-file S-function callback methods and their C MEX-file counterparts.

Level-2 M-File Method	C MEX-File Method
setup method (see "Setup Method" on page 2-6)	mdlInitializeSizes
CheckParameters	mdlCheckParameters
Derivatives	mdlDerivatives
Disable	mdlDisable
Enable	mdlEnable
InitializeCondition	mdlInitializeConditions

Level-2 M-File Method	C MEX-File Method
Outputs	md1Outputs
ProcessParameters	mdlProcessParameters
SetInputPortComplexSignal	mdlSetInputPortComplexSignal
SetInputPortDataType	mdlSetInputPortDataType
SetInputPortDimensions	mdlSetInputPortDimensionInfo
SetInputPortSampleTime	mdlSetInputPortSampleTime
SetInputPortSamplingMode	mdlSetInputPortFrameData
SetOutputPortComplexSignal	mdlSetOutputPortComplexSignal
SetOutputPortDataType	mdlSetOutputPortDataType
SetOutputPortDimensions	mdlSetOutputPortDimensionInfo
SetOutputPortSampleTime	mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime
Start	mdlStart
Update	mdlUpdate
WriteRTW	mdlRTW
ZeroCrossings	mdlZeroCrossings

# **Setup Method**

The body of the setup method of a Level-2 M-file S-function initializes instances of the corresponding Level-2 M-File S-Function block in a model. In this respect, the main function is similar to the mdlInitializeSizes callback method implemented by C-Mex S-functions. Setup tasks that the main function performs include:

- Setting up the number of input and output ports of the block.
- Setting attributes such as dimensions, datatypes, complexity, and sample times for these ports.
- Setting up the number of parameters and checking for the validity of these parameters.

 Registering the various block methods using the handles for other local functions in the M-file, using the RegBlockMethod method of the S-function block's runtime object passed to it. See the documentation for Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock for information on using this method.

# **Runtime Object**

When Simulink invokes a Level-2 M-file S-function callback method, it passes an instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class to the method as an argument. This instance, known as the S-function block's runtime object, serves the same purpose for Level-2 M-file S-function callback methods as the SimStruct structure serves for C MEX-file S-function callback methods. It enables the method to provide and obtain information about various elements of the block: ports, parameters, states, and work vectors. The method does this by getting or setting properties or invoking methods of the block runtime object. See the documentation for Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class for information on getting and setting the runtime object's properties and invoking its methods.

**Note** Other M-file programs besides M-file S-functions can use runtime objects to obtain information about an M-file S-function or other blocks in a model that is simulating. See "Accessing Block Data During Simulation" for more information.

# **Maintaining Level-1 M-File S-Functions**

**Note** The information provided in this section is intended only for use in maintaining existing M-file S-functions based on Level-1 API. You should use the more capable Level-2 API to develop new M-file S-functions (see "Writing Level-2 M-File S-Functions" on page 2-3).

A Level-1 M-file S-function consists of a MATLAB function of the following form

```
[sys,x0,str,ts]=f(t,x,u,flag,p1,p2,...)
```

where f is the name of the S-function. During simulation of a model, Simulink repeatedly invokes f, using the flag argument to indicate the task (or tasks) to be performed for a particular invocation. Each time the S-function performs the task and returns the results in an output vector.

A template implementation of an M-file S-function, sfuntmpl.m, resides in <code>matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks</code>. The template consists of a top-level function and a set of skeleton subfunctions, called S-function callback methods, each of which corresponds to a particular value of flag. The top-level function invokes the subfunction indicated by flag. The subfunctions perform the actual tasks required of the S-function during simulation.

### **S-Function Arguments**

Simulink passes the following arguments to an S-function:

t	Current time
x	State vector
u	Input vector
flag	Integer value that indicates the task to be performed by the S-function

The following table describes the values that flag can assume and lists the corresponding S-function method for each value.

**Table 2-1: Flag Argument** 

Flag	S-Function Routine	Description
0	mdlInitializeSizes	Defines basic S-Function block characteristics, including sample times, initial conditions of continuous and discrete states, and the sizes array.
1	mdlDerivatives	Calculates the derivatives of the continuous state variables.
2	mdlUpdate	Updates discrete states, sample times, and major time step requirements.
3	md10utputs	Calculates the outputs of the S-function.
4	mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit	Calculates the time of the next hit in absolute time. This routine is used only when you specify a variable discrete-time sample time in mdlInitializeSizes.
9	mdlTerminate	Performs any necessary end-of-simulation tasks.

# **S-Function Outputs**

An M-file returns an output vector containing the following elements:

- sys, a generic return argument. The values returned depend on the flag value. For example, for flag = 3, sys contains the S-function outputs.
- x0, the initial state values (an empty vector if there are no states in the system). x0 is ignored, except when flag = 0.

- str, reserved for future use. M-file S-functions must set this to the empty matrix, [].
- ts, a two-column matrix containing the sample times and offsets of the block (see "Specifying Sample Time" in the online documentation for information on how to specify a block's sample time and offset).

For example, if you want your S-function to run at every time step (continuous sample time), set ts to [0 0]. If you want your S-function to run at the same rate as the block to which it is connected (inherited sample time). set ts to [-1 0]. If you want it to run every 0.25 seconds (discrete sample time) starting at 0.1 seconds after the simulation start time, set to [0.25] 0.1].

You can create S-functions that do multiple tasks, each at a different sample rate (i.e., a multirate S-function). In this case, ts should specify all the sample rates used by your S-function in ascending order by sample time. For example, suppose your S-function performs one task every 0.25 second starting from the simulation start time and another task every 1 second starting 0.1 second after the simulation start time. In this case, your S-function should set to equal to [.25 0; 1.0 .1]. This will cause Simulink to execute the S-function at the following times: [0 0.1 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 1.1 ...]. Your S-function must decide at every sample time which task to perform at that sample time.

You can also create an S-function that performs some tasks continuously (i.e., at every time step) and others at discrete intervals.

# **Defining S-Function Block Characteristics**

For Simulink to recognize an M-file S-function, you must provide it with specific information about the S-function. This information includes the number of inputs, outputs, states, and other block characteristics.

To give Simulink this information, call the simsizes function at the beginning of mdlInitializeSizes.

```
sizes = simsizes;
```

This function returns an uninitialized sizes structure. You must load the sizes structure with information about the S-function. The table below lists the fields of the sizes structure and describes the information contained in each field.

Table 2-2: Fields in the sizes Structure

Field Name	Description
sizes.NumContStates	Number of continuous states
sizes.NumDiscStates	Number of discrete states
sizes.NumOutputs	Number of outputs
sizes.NumInputs	Number of inputs
sizes.DirFeedthrough	Flag for direct feedthrough
sizes.NumSampleTimes	Number of sample times

After you initialize the sizes structure, call simsizes again:

```
sys = simsizes(sizes);
```

This passes the information in the sizes structure to sys, a vector that holds the information for use by Simulink.

### **Processing S-Function Parameters**

When invoking an M-file S-function, Simulink always passes the standard block parameters, t, x, u, and flag, to the S-function as function arguments. Simulink can pass additional block-specific parameters specified by the user to the S-function. The user specifies the parameters in the **S-function parameters** field of the S-function's block parameter dialog (see "Passing Parameters to S-Functions" on page 1-4). If the block dialog specifies additional parameters, Simulink passes the parameters to the S-function as additional function arguments. The additional arguments follow the standard arguments in the S-function argument list in the order in which the corresponding parameters appear in the block dialog. You can use this block-specific S-function parameter capability to allow the same S-function to implement various processing options. See the limintm.m example in the toolbox/simulink/blocks directory for an example of an S-function that uses block-specific parameters in this way.

# Writing S-Functions in C

The following sections explain how to use the C programming language to create S-functions.

Introduction (p. 3-2)	Overview of writing a C S-function.
Building S-Functions Automatically (p. 3-5)	How to use the S-Function Builder to generate S-functions automatically from specifications that you supply.
S-Function Builder Dialog Box (p. 3-10)	Describes the S-Function Builder dialog box
Example of a Basic C MEX S-Function (p. 3-29)	Illustrates the code needed to create a C S-function.
Templates for C S-Functions (p. 3-35)	Describes code templates that you can use as startingpoints for writing your own C S-functions.
How Simulink Interacts with C S-Functions (p. 3-39)	Describes how Simulink interacts with a C S-function. This is information that you need to know in order to create and debug your own C S-functions.
Writing Callback Methods (p. 3-47)	How to write methods that Simulink calls as it executes your S-function.
Converting Level 1 C MEX S-Functions to Level 2 (p. 3-48)	How to convert S-functions written for earlier releases of Simulink to work with the current version.

# Introduction

A C MEX-file that defines an S-Function block must provide information about the model to Simulink during the simulation. As the simulation proceeds, Simulink, the ODE solver, and the MEX-file interact to perform specific tasks. These tasks include defining initial conditions and block characteristics, and computing derivatives, discrete states, and outputs.

As with M-file S-functions, Simulink interacts with a C MEX-file S-function by invoking callback methods that the S-function implements. Each method performs a predefined task, such as computing block outputs, required to simulate the block whose functionality the S-function defines. Simulink defines in a general way the task of each callback. The S-function is free to perform the task according to the functionality it implements. For example, Simulink specifies that the S-function's mdlOutput method must compute that block's outputs at the current simulation time. It does not specify what those outputs must be. This callback-based API allows you to create S-functions, and hence custom blocks, of any desired functionality.

The set of callback methods, hence functionality, that C MEX-files can implement is much larger than that available for M-file S-functions. See Chapter 8, "S-Function Callback Methods" for descriptions of the callback methods that a C MEX-file S-function can implement. Unlike M-file S-functions, C MEX-files can access and modify the data structure that Simulink uses internally to store information about the S-function. The ability to implement a broader set of callback methods and to access internal data structures allows C-MEX files to implement a wider set of block features, such as the ability to handle matrix signals and multiple data types.

C MEX-file S-functions are required to implement only a small subset of the callback methods that Simulink defines. If your block does not implement a particular feature, such as matrix signals, you are free to omit the callback methods required to implement a feature. This allows you to create simple blocks very quickly.

The general format of a C MEX S-function is shown below:

```
#define S_FUNCTION_NAME your_sfunction_name_here
#define S_FUNCTION_LEVEL 2
#include "simstruc.h"

static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
```

mdlInitializeSizes is the first routine Simulink calls when interacting with the S-function. Simulink subsequently invokes other S-function methods (all starting with mdl). At the end of a simulation, Simulink calls mdlTerminate.

**Note** Unlike M-file S-functions, C MEX S-function methods do not each have a flag parameter. This is because Simulink calls each S-function method directly at the appropriate time during the simulation.

# **Creating C MEX S-Functions**

The easiest way to create a C MEX S-function is to use the S-Function Builder (see "Building S-Functions Automatically" on page 3-5). This tool builds a C MEX S-function from specifications and code fragments that you supply. This eliminates the need for you to build the S-function from scratch.

The following sections provide information on writing C MEX S-functions from scratch:

• "Example of a Basic C MEX S-Function" on page 3-29 provides a step-by-step example of how to write a simple S-function from scratch.

 $\bullet$  "Templates for C S-Functions" on page 3-35 describes a complete skeleton implementation of a C S-function that you can use as a starting point for creating your own S-functions.

# **Building S-Functions Automatically**

The S-Function Builder is a Simulink block that builds an S-function from specifications and C code that you supply. The S-Function Builder also serves as a wrapper for the generated S-function in models that use the S-function. This section explains how to use the S-Function Builder to build simple C MEX S-functions.

**Note** For examples of using the S-Function Builder to build S-functions, see the "C S-functions" section of the S-function demos provided with Simulink. To display the demos, enter sfundemo at the MATLAB command line (see "S-Function Examples" on page 1-18 for more information)

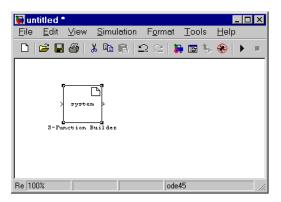
To build an S-function with the S-Function Builder:

1 Set the MATLAB current directory to the directory in which you want to create the S-function.

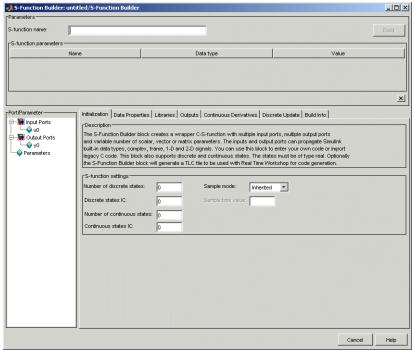
**Note** This directory must be on the MATLAB path.

2 Create a new Simulink model.

3 Copy an instance of the S-Function Builder block from the Simulink User-Defined Functions library into the new model.



**4** Double-click the block to open the **S-Function Builder** dialog box (see "S-Function Builder Dialog Box" on page 3-10).



- **5** Use the specification and code entry panes on the **S-Function Builder** dialog box to enter information and custom source code required to tailor the generated S-function to your application (see "S-Function Builder Dialog Box" on page 3-10).
- **6** If you have not already done so, configure the MATLAB mex command to work on your system.

To configure the  $\mbox{mex}$  command, type  $\mbox{mex}$  -setup at the MATLAB command line.

**7** Click **Build** on the dialog box to start the build process.

Simulink builds a MEX file that implements the specified S-function and saves the file in the current directory (see "How the S-Function Builder Builds an S-Function" on page 3-8).

8 Save the model containing the S-Function Builder block.

### **Deploying the Generated S-Function**

To use the generated S-function in another model, first check to ensure that the directory containing the generated S-function is on the MATLAB path. Then copy the S-Function Builder block from the model used to create the S-function into the target model and set its parameters, if necessary, to the values required by the target model.

#### How the S-Function Builder Builds an S-Function

The S-Function Builder builds an S-function as follows. First, it generates the following source files in the current directory:

- sfun.c
  - where sfun is the name of the S-function that you specified in the **S-function name** field of the S-Function Builder's dialog box. This file contains the C source code representation of the standard portions of the generated S-function.
- sfun\_wrapper.c
   This file contains the custom code that you entered in the S-Function Builder dialog box.
- sfun.tlc

This file permits Simulink to run the generated S-function in accelerated mode and RTW to include this S-function in the code it generates.

After generating the S-function source code, the S-Function Builder uses the MATLAB mex command to build the MEX file representation of the S-function from the generated source code and any external custom source code and libraries that you specified.

# **Setting the Include Path**

The S-Function Builder searches for custom header files in the directories specified by the MATLAB application data named

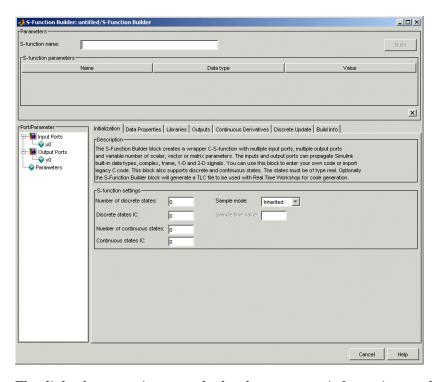
SfunctionBuilderIncludePath. This data is associated with the model in which you create the S-Function Builder block. If your S-function uses custom header files and the custom header files do not reside in the current directory (i.e., the directory containing the generated S-function), you must update SfunctionBuilderIncludePath to specify the locations of the directories containing the header files. SfunctionBuilderIncludePath is a three-element cell array that allows you to specify as many as three include directories. For example, the following MATLAB commands set

SfunctionBuilderIncludePath to the paths of two include directories.

```
incPath = getappdata(0, 'SfunctionBuilderIncludePath');
incPath{1} = '/home/jones/include';
incPath{2} = getenv('PROJECT_INCLUDE_DIR')
setappdata(0, 'SfunctionBuilderIncludePath', incPath)
```

# **S-Function Builder Dialog Box**

The **S-Function Builder** dialog box enables you to specify the attributes of an S-function to be built by an S-Function Builder block. To display the dialog box, click twice on the block's icon or select the block and then select **Open Block** from the model editor's **Edi**t menu or the block's context menu. The dialog box appears.



The dialog box contains controls that let you enter information needed for the S-Function Builder block to build an S-function to your specifications. The controls are grouped into panes. See the following sections for information on the panes and the controls that they contain.

- $\bullet$  "Parameters/S-Function Name Pane" on page 3-11
- "Port/Parameter Pane" on page 3-11
- "Initialization Pane" on page 3-12

- "Data Properties Pane" on page 3-14
- "Libraries Pane" on page 3-19
- "Outputs Pane" on page 3-20
- "Continuous Derivatives Pane" on page 3-24
- "Discrete Update Pane" on page 3-26
- "Build Info Pane" on page 3-27

**Note** The following sections use the term *target S-function* to refer to the S-function specified by the **S-Function Builder** dialog box.

# **Parameters/S-Function Name Pane**

This pane displays the target S-function's name and parameters.



The pane contains the following controls.

#### S-function name

Specifies the name of the target S-function.

## **S-function parameters**

This non-editable table displays the parameters of the target S-function.

# **Port/Parameter Pane**

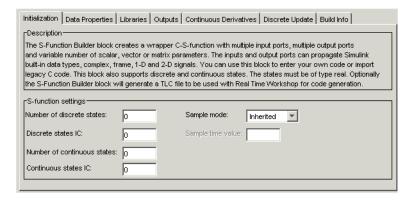
This pane displays the ports and parameters that the dialog box specifies for the target S-function.



The pane contains a tree control whose top nodes correspond to the target S-function's input ports, output ports, and parameters, respectively. Expanding the Input Ports, Output Ports, or Parameter node displays the input ports, output ports, or parameters, respectively, specified for the target S-function. Selecting any of the port or parameter nodes selects the corresponding entry on the corresponding port or parameter specification pane.

#### **Initialization Pane**

The **Initialization** pane allows you to specify basic features of the S-function, such as the width of its input and output ports and its sample time.



The S-Function Builder uses the information that you enter on this pane to generate the S-function's mdlInitializeSizes callback method. Simulink invokes this method during the model initialization phase of the simulation to obtain basic information about the S-function. (See "How Simulink Interacts")

with C S-Functions" on page 3-39 for more information on the model initialization phase.)

The **Initialization** pane contains the following fields.

#### Number of discrete states

Number of discrete states that the S-function has.

#### Discrete states IC

Initial conditions of the S-function's discrete states. You can enter the values as a comma-separated list or as a vector (e.g., [0 1 2]). The number of initial conditions must equal the number of discrete states.

#### Number of continuous states

Number of continuous states that the S-function has.

#### Continuous states IC

Initial conditions of the S-function's continuous states. You can enter the values as a comma-separated list or as a vector (e.g., [0 1 2]). The number of initial conditions must equal the number of continuous states.

### Sample mode

Sample mode of the S-function. The sample mode determines the length of the interval between the times when the S-function updates its output. You can select one of the following options:

- Inherited
  - The S-function inherits its sample time from the block connected to its input port.
- Continuous

The block updates its outputs at each simulation step.

• Discrete

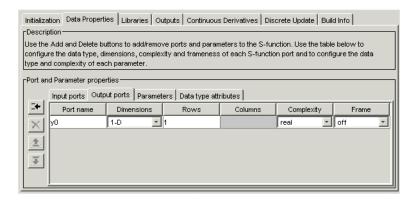
The S-function updates its outputs at the rate specified in the **Discrete** sample time value field of the S-Function Builder dialog box.

### Sample time value

Interval between updates of the S-function's outputs. This field is enabled only if you have selected Discrete as the S-function's **Sample time**.

# **Data Properties Pane**

The **Data Properties** pane allows you to add ports and parameters to your S-function.



The column of buttons to the left of the panes allows you to add, delete, or reorder ports or parameters, depending on the currently selected pane.

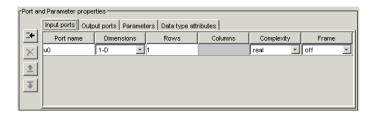
- To add add a port or parameter, click the **Add** button (the top button in the column of buttons).
- To delete the currently selected port/parameter, click the **Delete** button (located beneath the **Add** button).
- To move the currently selected port/parameter up one position in the corresponding S-Function port/parameter list, click the **Up** button (beneath the **Delete** button).
- To move the currently selected port/parameter down one position in the corresponding S-function port/parameter list, click the **Down** button (beneath the **Up** button).

This pane also contains tabbed panes that enable you to specify the attributes of the ports and parameters that you create. See the following topics for more information.

- "Input Ports Pane" on page 3-15
- "Output Ports Pane" on page 3-16
- "Parameters Pane" on page 3-17
- "Data Type Attributes Pane" on page 3-18

### **Input Ports Pane**

The **Input Ports** pane allows you to inspect and modify the properties of the S-function's input ports.



The pane comprises an editable table that lists the properties of the input ports in the order in which the ports appear on the S-function block. Each row of the table corresponds to a port. Each entry in the row displays a property of the port as follows.

#### Port name

Name of the port. Edit this field to change the port name.

#### **Dimensions**

Lists the number of dimensions of input signals accepted by the port. To display a list of supported dimensions, click the adjacent button. To change the port's dimensionality, select a new value from the list. (Simulink signals can have at most two dimensions).

#### Row

Specifies the size of the input signal's first (or only) dimension.

#### Column

Specifies the size of the input signal's second dimension (only if the input port accepts 2-D signals).

### Complexity

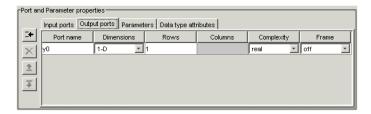
Specifies whether the input port accepts real or complex-valued signals.

#### Frame

Specifies whether this port accepts frame-based signals generated by the Communications Blockset. See the documentation for this blockset for more information.

# **Output Ports Pane**

The Output Ports pane allows you to inspect and modify the properties of the S-function's output ports.



The pane comprises an editable table that lists the properties of the output ports in the order in which the ports appear on the S-function block. Each row of the table corresponds to a port. Each entry in the row displays a property of the port as follows.

#### Port name

Name of the port. Edit this field to change the port name.

#### **Dimensions**

Lists the number of dimensions of signals output by the port. To display a list of supported dimensions, click the adjacent button. To change the port's dimensionality, select a new value from the list. (Simulink signals can have at most two dimensions).

#### Row

Specifies the size of the output signal's first (or only) dimension.

#### Column

Specifies the size of the output signal's second dimension (only if the output port accepts 2-D signals).

### Complexity

Specifies whether the port outputs real or complex-valued signals.

#### Frame

Specifies whether this port accepts frame-based signals generated by the Communications Blockset. See the documentation for this blockset for more information.

#### **Parameters Pane**

The **Parameters** pane allows you to inspect and modify the properties of the S-function's parameters.



The pane comprises an editable table that lists the properties of the S-function's parameters . Each row of the table corresponds to a parameter. The order in which the parameters appear corresponds to the order in which the user must specify them. Each entry in the row displays a property of the parameter as follows.

#### Parameter name

Name of the parameter. Edit this field to change the name.

#### Data type

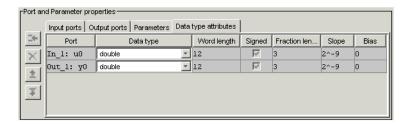
Lists the data type of the parameter. Click the adjacent button to display a list of supported data types. To change the parameter's data type, select a new type from the list.

### Complexity

Specifies whether the parameter has real or complex values.

# **Data Type Attributes Pane**

This pane allows you to specify the data type attributes of the target S-function's input and output ports.



The pane contains a table listing the data type attributes of each of the S-functions ports. Only some of the fields in the table are editable. Non-editable fields are grayed out. Each row corresponds to a port of the target S-function. Each column specifies an attribute of the corresponding port.

#### **Port**

Name of the port. This field is not editable.

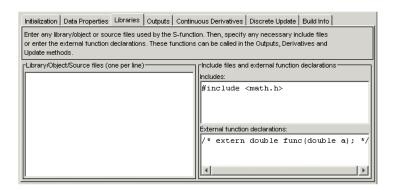
### Data Type

Data type of the port. To display a list of specifiable data types, select the adjacent pulldown list control. To change the data type, select a different data type from the list.

The remaining fields on this pane are enabled only if the **Data Type** field specifies a fixed-point data type. See the Simulink Fixed Point documentation for more information.

### **Libraries Pane**

The **Libraries** pane allows you to specify the location of external code files referenced by custom code that you enter in other panes of the **S-Function Builder** dialog box.



The **Libraries** pane includes the following fields.

### Library/Object/Source files

External library, object code, and source files referenced by custom code that you enter elsewhere on the **S-Function Builder** dialog box. List each file on a separate line. If the file resides in the current directory, you need specify only the file's name. If the file resides in another directory, you must specify the full path of the file.

You can also use this field to specify search paths for libraries, object files, header files and source files. To do this, enter the tag LIB\_PATH, INC\_PATH, or SRC\_PATH, respectively, followed by a comma- or semicolon-separated list of paths. You can make as many entries of this kind as you need but each must reside on a separate line.

For example, consider an S-Function Builder project that resides at d:\matlab6p5\work and needs to link against the following files:

- c:\customfolder\customfunctions.lib
- d:\matlab7\customobjs\userfunctions.obj
- d:\externalsource\freesource.c

The following entries enable the S-Function Builder to find these files:

Customfunctions.lib
Userfunctions.obj
LIB\_PATH c:\customfolder\customfunctions.lib
LIB\_PATH \$MATLABROOT\customobjs
Freesource.c
SRC PATH d:\externalsource

As this example illustrates, you can use LIB\_PATH to specify both object and library file paths and the tag \$MATLABROOT to indicate paths relative to the MATLAB installation. You can also include multiple LIB\_PATH entries on separate lines. The paths are searched in the order specified.

You can also enter preprocessor (-D) directives in this field, e.g.,

- DDFBUG

Each directive must reside on a separate line.

#### **Includes**

Header files containing declarations of functions, variables, and macros referenced by custom code that you enter elsewhere on the **S-Function Builder** dialog box. Specify each file on a separate line as #include statements. Use brackets to enclose the names of standard C header files (e.g., #include <math.h>). Use quotation marks to enclose names of custom header files (e.g., #include "myutils.h"). If your S-function uses custom include files that do not reside in the current directory, you must set the S-Function Builder's include path to the directories containing the include files (see "Setting the Include Path" on page 3-9).

#### External function declarations

Declarations of external functions not declared in the header files listed in the **Includes** field. Put each declaration on a separate line. The S-Function Builder includes the specified declarations in the S-function source file that it generates. This allows S-function code that computes the S-function's states or output to invoke the external functions.

# **Outputs Pane**

Use the **Outputs** pane to enter code that computes the outputs of the S-function at each simulation time step.

```
Initialization Data Properties Libraries Outputs Continuous Derivatives Discrete Update Build Info Code description

Enter your C-code or call your algorithm. If available, discrete and continuous states should be referenced as, xD[0]...xD[n], xC[0], respectively. Input ports, output ports and parameters should be referenced using the symbols specified in the Data Properties. These references appear directly in the generated S-function.

| **This sample sets the output equal to the input y0[0] = u0[0];
| For complex signals use: y0[0].re = u0[0].re; y0[0].im = u0[0].im; y1[0].re = u1[0].re; y1[0].im = u1[0].im; */

| **Inputs are needed in the output function(direct feedthrough)
```

The **Outputs** pane contains the following fields.

### Code for the mdlOutputs function

Code that computes the output of the S-function at each simulation time step (or sample time hit, in the case of a discrete S-function). When generating the source code for the S-function, the S-Function Builder inserts the code in this field in a wrapper function of the form

where sfun is the name of the S-function. The S-Function Builder inserts a call to this wrapper function in the mdlOutputs callback method that it generates for your S-function. Simulink invokes the mdlOutputs method at each simulation time step (or sample time step in the case of a discrete S-function) to compute the S-function's output. The S-function's mdlOutputs method in

turn invokes the wrapper function containing your output code. Your output code then actually computes and returns the S-function's output.

The mdlOutputs method passes some or all of the following arguments to the outputs wrapper function.

Argument	Description
u	Pointer to an array containing the inputs to the S-function. The width of the array is the same as the input width you specified on the <b>Initialization</b> pane. If you specified -1 as the input width, the width of the array is specified by the wrapper function's u_width argument (see below).
У	Pointer to an array containing the output of the S-function. The width of the array is the same as the output width you specified on the <b>Initialization</b> pane. If you specified -1 as the output width, the width of the array is specified by the wrapper function's y_width argument (see below). Use this array to pass the outputs that your code computes back to Simulink.
хD	Pointer to an array containing the discrete states of the S-function. This argument appears only if you specified discrete states on the <b>Initialization</b> pane. At the first simulation time step, the discrete states have the initial values that you specified on the <b>Initialization</b> pane. At subsequent sample-time steps, the states are obtained from the values that the S-function computes at the preceding time step (see "Discrete Update Pane" on page 3-26 for more information).

Argument	Description
xC	Pointer to an array containing the continuous states of the S-function. This argument appears only if you specified continuous states on the <b>Initialization</b> pane. At the first simulation time step, the continuous states have the initial values that you specified on the <b>Initialization</b> pane. At subsequent time steps, the states are obtained by numerically integrating the derivatives of the states at the preceding time step (see "Continuous Derivatives Pane" on page 3-24 for more information).
paramO, p_widthO, param1, p_width1, paramN, p_widthN	param0, param1, paramN are pointers to arrays containing the S-function's parameters, where N is the number of parameters specified on the <b>Initialization</b> pane. p_width0, p_width1, p_widthN are the widths of the parameter arrays. If a parameter is a matrix, the width equals the product of the dimensions of the arrays. For example, the width of a a 3-by-2 matrix parameter is 6. These arguments appear only if you specify parameters on the <b>Initialization</b> pane.
y_width	Width of the array containing the S-function's outputs. This argument appears in the generated code only if you specified -1 as the width of the S-function's output. If the output is a matrix, y_width is the product of the dimensions of the matrix.
u_width	Width of the array containing the S-function's inputs. This argument appears in the generated code only if you specified -1 as the width of the S-function's input. If the input is a matrix, u_width is the product of the dimensions of the matrix.

These arguments permit you to compute the output of the block as a function of its inputs and, optionally, its states and parameters. The code that you enter in this field can invoke external functions declared in the header files or external declarations on the **Libraries** pane. This allows you to use existing code to compute the outputs of the S-function.

### Inputs are needed in the output function

Selected if the current values of the S-function's inputs are used to compute its outputs. Simulink uses this information to detect algebraic loops created by directly or indirectly connecting the S-function's output to its input.

#### **Continuous Derivatives Pane**

If the S-function has continuous states, use the **Continuous Derivatives** pane to enter code required to compute the state derivatives.

Enter code to compute the derivatives of the S-function's continuous states in the **Code for the mdlDerivatives function** field on this pane. When generating code, the S-Function Builder takes the code in this pane and inserts it in a wrapper function of the form

}

where sfun is the name of the S-function. The S-Function Builder inserts a call to this wrapper function in the mdlDerivatives callback method that it generates for the S-function. Simulink calls the mdlDerivatives method at the end of each time step to obtain the derivatives of the S-function's continuous states (see "How Simulink Interacts with C S-Functions" on page 3-39). The Simulink solver numerically integrates the derivatives to determine the continuous states at the next time step. At the next time step, Simulink passes the updated states back to the S-function's mdlOutputs method (see "Outputs Pane" on page 3-20).

The generated S-function's mdlDerivatives callback method passes the following arguments to the derivatives wrapper function:

- u
- y
- dx
- xC
- paramO, p widthO, param1, p width1, ... paramN, p widthN
- y width
- x-width

The dx argument is a pointer to an array whose width is the same as the number of continuous derivatives specified on the **Initialization** pane. Your code should use this array to return the values of the derivatives that it computes. See "mdlOutputs" on page 3-32 for the meanings and usage of the other arguments. The arguments allow your code to compute derivatives as a function of the S-function's inputs, outputs, and, optionally, parameters. Your code can invoke external functions declared on the **Libraries** pane.

## **Discrete Update Pane**

If the S-function has discrete states, use the **Discrete Update** pane to enter code that computes at the current time step the values of the discrete states at the next time step.

Enter code to compute the values of the S-function's discrete states in the **Code for the mdlUpdate function** field on this pane. When generating code, the S-Function Builder takes the code in this pane and inserts it in a wrapper function of the form

where sfun is the name of the S-function. The S-Function Builder inserts a call to this wrapper function in the mdlUpdate callback method that it generates for the S-function. Simulink calls the mdlUpdate method at the end of each time

step to obtain the values of the S-function's discrete states at the next time step (see "How Simulink Interacts with C S-Functions" on page 3-39). At the next time step, Simulink passes the updated states back to the S-function's mdloutputs method (see "Outputs Pane" on page 3-20).

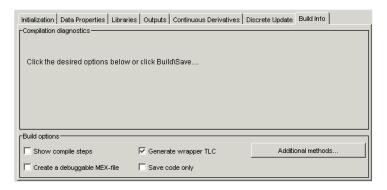
The generated S-function's mdlUpdates callback method passes the following arguments to the updates wrapper function:

- u
- y
- xD
- param0, p\_width0, param1, p\_width1, ... paramN, p\_widthN
- y width
- x-width

See "mdlOutputs" on page 3-32 for the meanings and usage of these arguments. Your code should use the xD (discrete states) variable to return the values of the derivatives that it computes. The arguments allow your code to compute the discrete states as functions of the S-function's inputs, outputs, and, optionally, parameters. Your code can invoke external functions declared on the **Libraries** pane.

## **Build Info Pane**

Use the **Build Info** pane to specify options for building the S-function MEX file.



This pane contains the following fields.

## Show compile steps

Log each build step in the Compilation diagnostics field.

## Create a debuggable MEX-file

Include debug information in the generated MEX-file.

## Generate wrapper TLC

Generate a TLC file. You do not need to generate a TLC file if you do not expect the S-function ever to run in accelerated mode or be used in a model from which RTW generates code.

## Save code only

Do not build a MEX file from the generated source code.

# **Example of a Basic C MEX S-Function**

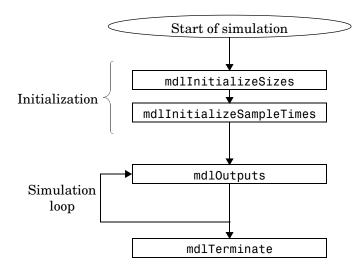
This section presents an example of a C MEX S-function that you can use as a model for creating simple C S-functions. The example is the timestwo S-function example that comes with Simulink (see <code>matlabroot/simulink/src/timestwo.c)</code>. This S-function outputs twice its input.

The following model uses the timestwo S-function to double the amplitude of a sine wave and plot it in a scope.



The block dialog for the S-function specifies times two as the S-function name; the parameters field is empty.

The timestwo S-function contains the S-function callback methods shown in this figure.



The contents of timestwo.c are shown below.

```
#define S FUNCTION NAME timestwo
#define S FUNCTION LEVEL 2
#include simstruc.h
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
    ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, 0);
    if (ssGetNumSFcnParams(S) != ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)) {
        return; /* Parameter mismatch will be reported by Simulink */
    if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, 1)) return;
    ssSetInputPortWidth(S, 0, DYNAMICALLY SIZED);
    ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, 1);
    if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S,1)) return;
    ssSetOutputPortWidth(S, O, DYNAMICALLY SIZED);
    ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 1);
    /* Take care when specifying exception free code - see sfuntmpl.doc */
    ssSetOptions(S, SS OPTION EXCEPTION FREE CODE);
}
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
    ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, INHERITED SAMPLE TIME);
    ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
}
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
    int T
                      i;
   InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
    real T
                     *y = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,0);
    int T
                      width = ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,0);
   for (i=0; i<width; i++) {
        *y++ = 2.0 *(*uPtrs[i]);
   }
}
static void mdlTerminate(SimStruct *S){}
#ifdef MATLAB MEX FILE
                          /* Is this file being compiled as a MEX-file? */
#include simulink.c
                          /* MEX-file interface mechanism */
#else
#include cg sfun.h
                          /* Code generation registration function */
#endif
```

This example has three parts:

- Defines and includes
- Callback implementations
- Simulink (or Real-Time Workshop) interface

The following sections explain each of these parts.

#### **Defines and Includes**

The example starts with the following defines.

```
#define S_FUNCTION_NAME timestwo
#define S FUNCTION LEVEL 2
```

The first specifies the name of the S-function (timestwo). The second specifies that the S-function is in the *level 2* format (for more information about level 1 and level 2 S-functions, see "Converting Level 1 C MEX S-Functions to Level 2" on page 3-48).

After defining these two items, the example includes simstruc.h, which is a header file that gives access to the SimStruct data structure and the MATLAB Application Program Interface (API) functions.

```
#define S_FUNCTION_NAME timestwo
#define S_FUNCTION_LEVEL 2
#include "simstruc.h"
```

The simstruc.h file defines a a data structure, called the SimStruct, that Simulink uses to maintain information about the S-function. The simstruc.h file also defines macros that enable your MEX-file to set values in and get values (such as the input and output signal to the block) from the SimStruct (see Chapter 9, "SimStruct Functions").

## **Callback Implementations**

The next part of the timestwo S-function contains implementations of callback methods required by Simulink.

#### mdlInitializeSizes

Simulink calls mdlInitializeSizes to inquire about the number of input and output ports, sizes of the ports, and any other objects (such as the number of states) needed by the S-function.

The timestwo implementation of mdlInitializeSizes specifies the following size information:

#### • Zero parameters

This means that the **S-function parameters** field of the S-functions's dialog box must be empty. If it contains any parameters, Simulink reports a parameter mismatch.

• One input port and one output port

The widths of the input and output ports are dynamically sized. This tells Simulink to multiply each element of the input signal to the S-function by 2 and to place the result in the output signal. Note that the default handling for dynamically sized S-functions for this case (one input and one output) is that the input and output widths are equal.

• One sample time

The timestwo example specifies the actual value of the sample time in the mdlInitializeSampleTimes routine.

The code is exception free.

Specifying exception-free code speeds up execution of your S-function. You must take care when specifying this option. In general, if your S-function isn't interacting with MATLAB, it is safe to specify this option. For more details, see "How Simulink Interacts with C S-Functions" on page 3-39.

## mdlInitializeSampleTimes

Simulink calls mdlInitializeSampleTimes to set the sample times of the S-function. A timestwo block executes whenever the driving block executes. Therefore, it has a single inherited sample time, SAMPLE TIME INHERITED.

## mdlOutputs

Simulink calls mdlOutputs at each time step to calculate a block's outputs. The timestwo implementation of mdlOutputs takes the input, multiplies it by 2, and writes the answer to the output.

The timestwo mdlOutputs method uses a SimStruct macro.

```
InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
```

to access the input signal. The macro returns a vector of pointers, which you must access using

```
*uPtrs[i]
```

For more details, see "Data View" on page 3-43.

The timestwo mdlOutputs method uses the macro

```
real T *y = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,0);
```

to access the output signal. This macro returns a pointer to an array containing the block's outputs.

The S-function uses

```
int T width = ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,0);
```

to get the width of the signal passing through the block. Finally, the S-function loops over the inputs to compute the outputs.

#### **mdlTerminate**

Perform tasks at the end of the simulation. This is a mandatory S-function routine. However, the timestwo S-function doesn't need to perform any termination actions, so this routine is empty.

## Simulink/Real-Time Workshop Interface

At the end of the S-function, specify code that attaches this example to either Simulink or the Real-Time Workshop.

```
#ifdef MATLAB_MEX_FILE
#include "simulink.c"
#else
#include "cg_sfun.h"
#endif
```

## **Building the Timestwo Example**

To incorporate this S-function into Simulink, enter

mex timestwo.c

at the command line. The mex command compiles and links the timestwo.c file to create a dynamically loadable executable for Simulink to use.

The resulting executable is referred to as a MEX S-function, where MEX stands for "MATLAB EXecutable." The MEX-file extension varies from platform to platform. For example, in Microsoft Windows, the MEX-file extension is .dll.

## **Templates for C S-Functions**

Simulink provides skeleton implementations of C MEX S-functions, called templates, intended to serve as starting points for creating your own S-functions. The templates contain skeleton implementations of callback methods with comments that explain their use. The template file, sfuntmpl\_basic.c, which can be found in the directory simulink/src below the MATLAB root directory, contains commonly used S-function routines. A template containing all available routines (as well as more comments) can be found in sfuntmpl\_doc.c in the same directory.

**Note** We recommend that you use the C MEX-file template when developing MEX S-functions.

## **S-Function Source File Requirements**

This section describes requirements that every S-function source file must meet to compile correctly. The S-function templates meet these requirements.

## Statements Required at the Top of S-Functions

For S-functions to operate properly, *each* source module of your S-function that accesses the SimStruct must contain the following sequence of defines and include

```
#define S_FUNCTION_NAME your_sfunction_name_here
#define S_FUNCTION_LEVEL 2
#include "simstruc.h"
```

where <code>your\_sfunction\_name\_here</code> is the name of your S-function (i.e., what you enter in the Simulink S-Function block dialog). These statements give you access to the SimStruct data structure that contains pointers to the data used by the simulation. The included code also defines the macros used to store and retrieve data in the SimStruct, described in detail in "Converting Level 1 C MEX S-Functions to Level 2" on page 3-48. In addition, the code specifies that you are using the level 2 format of S-functions.

**Note** All S-functions from Simulink 1.3 through 2.1 are considered to be level 1 S-functions. They are compatible with Simulink 3.0, but we recommend that you write new S-functions in the level 2 format.

The following headers are included by matlabroot/simulink/include/simstruc.h when compiling as a MEX-file.

Table 3-1: Header Files Included by simstruc.h When Compiling as a MEX-File

Header File	Description
<pre>matlabroot/extern/include/tmwtypes.h</pre>	General data types, e.g., real_T
<pre>matlabroot/extern/include/mex.h</pre>	MATLAB MEX-file API routines
<pre>matlabroot/extern/include/matrix.h</pre>	MATLAB MEX-file API routines

When compiling your S-function for use with the Real-Time Workshop, simstruc.h includes the following.

Table 3-2: Header Files Included by simstruc.h When Used by the Real-Time Workshop

Header File	Description
<pre>matlabroot/extern/include/tmwtypes.h</pre>	General types, e.g., real_T
<pre>matlabroot/rtw/c/libsrc/rt_matrx.h</pre>	Macros for MATLAB API routines

## Statements Required at the Bottom of S-Functions

Include this trailer code at the end of your C MEX S-function main module only.

```
#else
#include "cg_sfun.h" /* Code generation registration func */
#endif
```

These statements select the appropriate code for your particular application:

- simulink.c is included if the file is being compiled into a MEX-file.
- cg\_sfun.h is included if the file is being used in conjunction with the Real-Time Workshop to produce a stand-alone or real-time executable.

**Note** This trailer code must not be in the body of any S-function routine.

#### The SimStruct

The file matlabroot/simulink/include/simstruc.h is a C language header file that defines the Simulink data structure and the SimStruct access macros. It encapsulates all the data relating to the model or S-function, including block parameters and outputs.

There is one SimStruct data structure allocated for the Simulink model. Each S-function in the model has its own SimStruct associated with it. The organization of these SimStructs is much like a directory tree. The SimStruct associated with the model is the *root* SimStruct. The SimStructs associated with the S-functions are the *child* SimStructs.

**Note** By convention, port indices begin at 0 and finish at the total number of ports minus 1.

Simulink provides a set of macros that S-functions can use to access the fields of the SimStruct. See Chapter 9, "SimStruct Functions," for more information.

## **Compiling C S-Functions**

S-functions can be compiled in one of three modes identified by the presence of one of the following defines:

- MATLAB MEX FILE Indicates that the S-function is being built as a MEX-file for use with Simulink.
- RT Indicates that the S-function is being built with the Real-Time Workshop generated code for a real-time application using a fixed-step solver.
- NRT Indicates that the S-function is being built with the Real-Time Workshop generated code for a non-real-time application using a variable-step solver.

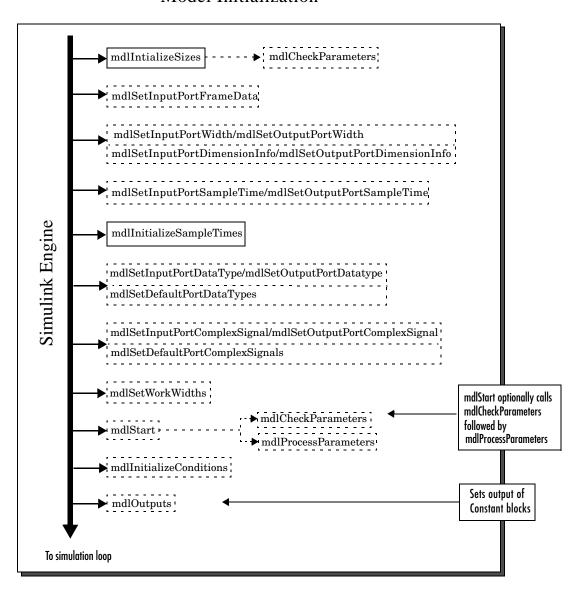
## **How Simulink Interacts with C S-Functions**

It is helpful in writing C MEX-file S-functions to understand how Simulink interacts with S-functions. This section examines the interaction from two perspectives: a process perspective, i.e., at which points in a simulation Simulink invokes the S-function, and a data perspective, i.e., how Simulink and the S-function exchange information during a simulation.

#### **Process View**

The following figures show the order in which Simulink invokes an S-function's callback methods. Solid rectangles indicate callbacks that always occur during model initialization and/or at every time step. Dotted rectangles indicate callbacks that may occur during initialization and/or at some or all time steps during the simulation loop. See the documentation for each callback method in Chapter 8, "S-Function Callback Methods" to determine the exact circumstances under which Simulink invokes the callback.

## Model Initialization



# Simulation Loop **Initialize Model** Called when parameters change major time step Called if sample time of mdlInitalizeConditions this S-function varies mdlOutputs mdlUpdateSimulink Engine Called if this S-function Integration has continuous states minor time step Zero-crossing detection Called when parameters Called if this S-function change. detects zero crossings mdlTerminate **End Simulation**

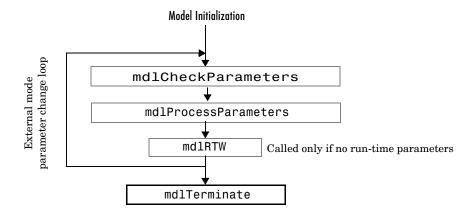
## Calling Structure for the Real Time Workshop

When generating code, the Real-Time Workshop does not go through the entire calling sequence outlined above. After initializing the model as outlined in the preceding section, Simulink calls mdlRTW, an S-function routine unique to the Real-Time Workshop, mdlTerminate, and exits.

For more information about the Real-Time Workshop and how it interacts with S-functions, see the Real-Time Workshop documentation and the Target Language Compiler Reference Guide documentation.

## **Alternate Calling Structure for External Mode**

When you are running Simulink in external mode, the calling sequence for S-function routines changes. This picture shows the correct sequence for external mode.



Simulink calls md1RTW once when it enters external mode and again each time a parameter changes or when you select **Update Diagram** under your model's **Edit** menu.

**Note** Running Simulink in external mode requires the Real-Time Workshop. For more information about external mode, see the Real-Time Workshop documentation.

#### **Data View**

S-function blocks have input and output signals, parameters, and internal states, plus other general work areas. In general, block inputs and outputs are written to, and read from, a block I/O vector. Inputs can also come from

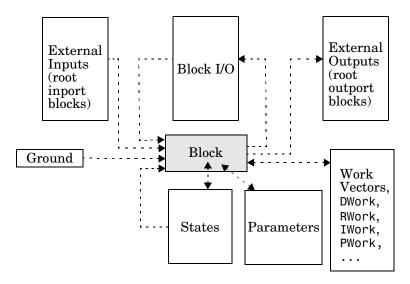
- External inputs via the root inport blocks
- Ground if the input signal is unconnected or grounded

Block outputs can also go to the external outputs via the root outport blocks. In addition to input and output signals, S-functions can have

- Continuous states
- Discrete states
- Other working areas such as real, integer or pointer work vectors

You can parameterize S-function blocks by passing parameters to them using the S-function block dialog box.

The following figure shows the general mapping between these various types of data.



An S-function's mdlInitializeSizes routine sets the sizes of the various signals and vectors. S-function methods called during the simulation loop can determine the sizes and values of the signals.

An S-function method can access input signals in two ways:

- Via pointers
- Using contiguous inputs

## **Accessing Signals Using Pointers**

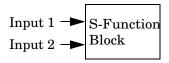
During the simulation loop, accessing the input signals is performed using

```
InputRealPtrsType uPtrs =
ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,portIndex)
```

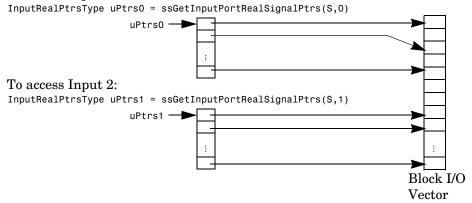
This is an array of pointers, where *portIndex* starts at 0. There is one for each input port. To access an element of this signal you must use

\*uPtrs[element]

as described by this figure.



#### To access Input 1:



Note that input array pointers can point at noncontiguous places in memory. You can retrieve the output signal by using this code.

```
real T *y = ssGetOutputPortSignal(S,outputPortIndex);
```

## **Accessing Contiguous Input Signals**

An S-function's mdlInitializeSizes method can specify that the elements of its input signals must occupy contiguous areas of memory, using ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous. If the inputs are contiguous, other methods can use ssGetInputPortSignal to access the inputs.

## **Accessing Input Signals of Individual Ports**

This section describes how to access all input signals of a particular port and write them to the output port. The preceding figure shows that the input array of pointers can point to noncontiguous entries in the block I/O vector. The output signals of a particular port form a contiguous vector. Therefore, the correct way to access input elements and write them to the output elements (assuming the input and output ports have equal widths) is to use this code.

```
int_T element;
int_T portWidth = ssGetInputPortWidth(S,inputPortIndex);
InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,inputPortIndex);
real_T *y = ssGetOutputPortSignal(S,outputPortIdx);

for (element=0; element<portWidth; element++) {
    y[element] = *uPtrs[element];
}</pre>
```

A common mistake is to try to access the input signals via pointer arithmetic. For example, if you were to place

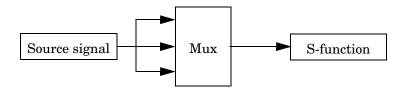
```
real T *u = *uPtrs; /* Incorrect */
```

just below the initialization of uPtrs and replace the inner part of the above loop with

```
*y++ = *u++; /* Incorrect */
```

the code compiles, but the MEX-file might crash Simulink. This is because it is possible to access invalid memory (which depends on how you build your model). When accessing the input signals incorrectly, a crash occurs when the signals entering your S-function block are not contiguous. Noncontiguous signal data occurs when signals pass through virtual connection blocks such as the Mux or Selector blocks.

To verify that you are correctly accessing wide input signals, pass a replicated signal to each input port of your S-function. You do this by creating a Mux block with the number of input ports equal to the width of the desired signal entering your S-function. Then the driving source should be connected to each input port as shown in this figure.



# **Writing Callback Methods**

Writing an S-function basically involves creating implementations of the callback functions that Simulink invokes during a simulation. For guidelines on implementing a particular callback, see the documentation for the callback in Chapter 8, "S-Function Callback Methods." For information on using callbacks to implement specific block features, such as parameters or sample times, see Chapter 7, "Implementing Block Features."

# Converting Level 1 C MEX S-Functions to Level 2

Level 2 S-functions were introduced with Simulink 2.2. Level 1 S-functions refer to S-functions that were written to work with Simulink 2.1 and previous releases. Level 1 S-functions are compatible with Simulink 2.2 and subsequent releases; you can use them in new models without making any code changes. However, to take advantage of new features in S-functions, level 1 S-functions must be updated to level 2 S-functions. Here are some guidelines:

- Start by looking at simulink/src/sfunctmpl\_doc.c. This template S-function file concisely summarizes level 2 S-functions.
- At the top of your S-function file, add this define:

```
#define S FUNCTION LEVEL 2
```

• Update the contents of mdlInitializeSizes. In particular, add the following error handling for the number of S-function parameters:

```
ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, NPARAMS); /*Number of expected parameters*/
if (ssGetNumSFcnParams(S) != ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)) {
    /* Return if number of expected != number of actual parameters */
Set up the inputs using:
if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, 1)) return; /*Number of input ports */
ssSetInputPortWidth(S, 0, width);
                                       /* Width of input
                                          port one (index 0)*/
ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, 1); /* Direct feedthrough
                                             or port one */
ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous(S, 0);
Set up the outputs using:
if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S, 1)) return;
ssSetOutputPortWidth(S, 0, width);
                                       /* Width of output port
                                          one (index 0) */
```

• If your S-function has a nonempty mdlInitializeConditions, update it to the following form:

```
#define MDL_INITIALIZE_CONDITIONS
static void mdlInitializeConditions(SimStruct *S)
{
}
```

Otherwise, delete the function.

- Access the continuous states using ssGetContStates. The ssGetX macro has been removed.
- Access the discrete states using ssGetRealDiscStates(S). The ssGetX macro has been removed.

- For mixed continuous and discrete state S-functions, the state vector no longer consists of the continuous states followed by the discrete states. The states are saved in separate vectors and hence might not be contiguous in memory.
- The mdlOutputs prototype has changed from

```
static void mdlOutputs( real_T *y, const real_T *x,
      const real_T *u, SimStruct *S, int_T tid)
to
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
```

Since v x and u are not explicitly passed in to level-2 S-functions

- Since y, x, and u are not explicitly passed in to level-2 S-functions, you must use
- ssGetInputPortSignal to access inputs
- ssGetOutputPortSignal to access the outputs
- ssGetContStates or ssGetRealDiscStates to access the states
- The mdlUpdate function prototype has changed from

```
void mdlUpdate(real_T *x, real_T *u, Simstruct *S, int_T tid)
to
void mdlUpdate(SimStruct *S, int_T tid)
```

• If your S-function has a nonempty mdlUpdate, update it to this form:

```
#define MDL_UPDATE
static void mdlUpdate(SimStruct *S, int_T tid)
{
}
```

Otherwise, delete the function.

 $\bullet$  If your S-function has a nonempty mdlDerivatives, update it to this form:

```
#define MDL_DERIVATIVES
static void mdlDerivatives(SimStruct *S, int_T tid)
{
}
```

Otherwise, delete the function.

• Replace all obsolete SimStruct macros. See "Obsolete Macros" on page 3-50 for a complete list of obsolete macros.

• When converting level 1 S-functions to level 2 S-functions, you should build your S-functions with full (i.e., highest) warning levels. For example, if you have gcc on a UNIX system, use these options with the mex utility.

```
mex CC=gcc CFLAGS=-Wall sfcn.c
```

If your system has Lint, use this code.

```
lint -DMATLAB_MEX_FILE -I<matlabroot>/simulink/include
    -Imatlabroot/extern/include sfcn.c
```

On a PC, to use the highest warning levels, you must create a project file inside the integrated development environment (IDE) for the compiler you are using. Within the project file, define MATLAB MEX FILE and add

```
matlabroot/simulink/include
matlabroot/extern/include
```

to the path (be sure to build with alignment set to 8).

## **Obsolete Macros**

The following macros are obsolete. Each obsolete macro should be replaced with the specified macro.

Obsolete Macro	Replace With
ssGetU(S), ssGetUPtrs(S)	ssGetInputPortSignalPtrs(S,port)
ssGetY(S)	ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,port)
ssGetX(S)	<pre>ssGetContStates(S), ssGetRealDiscStates(S)</pre>
ssGetStatus(S)	Normally not used, but ssGetErrorStatus(S) is available.
ssSetStatus(S,msg)	ssSetErrorStatus(S,msg)
ssGetSizes(S)	Specific call for the wanted item (i.e., ssGetNumContStates(S))
ssGetMinStepSize(S)	No longer supported.
ssGetPresentTimeEvent(S,sti)	ssGetTaskTime(S,sti)

Obsolete Macro	Replace With
ssGetSampleTimeEvent(S,sti)	ssGetSampleTime(S,sti)
ssSetSampleTimeEvent(S,t)	ssSetSampleTime(S,sti,t)
ssGetOffsetTimeEvent(S,sti)	ssGetOffsetTime(S,sti)
ssSetOffsetTimeEvent(S,sti,t)	ssSetOffsetTime(S,sti,t)
ssIsSampleHitEvent(S,sti,tid)	ssIsSampleHit(S,sti,tid)
ssGetNumInputArgs(S)	ssGetNumSFcnParams(S)
ssSetNumInputArgs(S, numInputArgs)	ssSetNumSFcnParams(S,numInputArgs)
ssGetNumArgs(S)	ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)
ssGetArg(S,argNum)	ssGetSFcnParam(S,argNum)
ssGetNumInputs	<pre>ssGetNumInputPorts(S) and ssGetInputPortWidth(S,port)</pre>
ssSetNumInputs	<pre>ssSetNumInputPorts(S,nInputPorts) and ssSetInputPortWidth(S,port,val)</pre>
ssGetNumOutputs	<pre>ssGetNumOutputPorts(S) and ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,port)</pre>
ssSetNumOutputs	<pre>ssSetNumOutputPorts(S,nOutputPorts) and ssSetOutputPortWidth(S,port,val)</pre>

# Creating C++ S-Functions

The procedure for creating C++ S-functions is nearly the same as that for creating C S-functions (see Chapter 3, "Writing S-Functions in C"). The following sections explain the differences.

Source File Format (p. 4-2) Explains the differences between the source file structure

of a C++ S-function and a C S-function.

Making C++ Objects Persistent (p. 4-6) How to create C++ objects that persist across invocations

of the S-function.

Building C++ S-Functions (p. 4-7) How to build a C++ S-function.

## **Source File Format**

The format of the C++ source for an S-function is nearly identical to that of the source for an S-function written in C. The main difference is that you must tell the C++ compiler to use C calling conventions when compiling the callback methods. This is necessary because the Simulink simulation engine assumes that callback methods obey C calling conventions.

To tell the compiler to use C calling conventions when compiling the callback methods, wrap the C++ source for the S-function callback methods in an extern "C" statement. The C++ version of the sfun counter S-function example (matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun counter cpp.cpp) illustrates usage of the extern "C" directive to ensure that the compiler generates Simulink-compatible callback methods:

```
: sfun counter cpp.cpp
    Abstract:
        Example of an C++ S-function which stores an C++ object in
        the pointers vector PWork.
    Copyright 1990-2000 The MathWorks, Inc.
 */
#include "iostream.h"
class counter {
    double x;
public:
    counter() {
        x = 0.0;
    double output(void) {
        x = x + 1.0:
        return x;
    }
};
#ifdef cplusplus
extern "C" \{\ //\ use\ the\ C\ fcn\mbox{-call}\ standard\ for\ all\ functions
#endif
             // defined within this scope
#define S FUNCTION LEVEL 2
#define S FUNCTION NAME sfun counter cpp
* Need to include simstruc.h for the definition of the SimStruct and
 * its associated macro definitions.
```

```
*/
#include "simstruc.h"
/*=======*
* S-function methods *
*======*/
* Abstract:
     The sizes information is used by Simulink to determine the S-function
     block's characteristics (number of inputs, outputs, states, etc.).
* /
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
   /* See sfuntmpl doc.c for more details on the macros below */
   ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, 1); /* Number of expected parameters */
   if (ssGetNumSFcnParams(S) != ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)) {
       /* Return if number of expected != number of actual parameters */
      return;
   }
   ssSetNumContStates(S, 0);
   ssSetNumDiscStates(S, 0);
   if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, 0)) return;
   if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S, 1)) return;
   ssSetOutputPortWidth(S, 0, 1);
   ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 1);
   ssSetNumRWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumIWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumPWork(S, 1); // reserve element in the pointers vector
   ssSetNumModes(S, 0); // to store a C++ object
   ssSetNumNonsampledZCs(S, 0);
   ssSetOptions(S, 0);
}
This function is used to specify the sample time(s) for your
     S-function. You must register the same number of sample times as
     specified in ssSetNumSampleTimes.
* /
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, mxGetScalar(ssGetSFcnParam(S, 0)));
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
```

```
}
#define MDL START /* Change to #undef to remove function */
#if defined(MDL START)
 * Abstract:
      This function is called once at start of model execution. If you
      have states that should be initialized once, this is the place
      to do it.
 static void mdlStart(SimStruct *S)
    ssGetPWork(S)[0] = (void *) new counter; // store new C++ object in the
                                      // pointers vector
 }
#endif /* MDL START */
In this function, you compute the outputs of your S-function
    block. Generally outputs are placed in the output vector, ssGetY(S).
* /
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
   counter *c = (counter *) ssGetPWork(S)[0]; // retrieve C++ object from
   real T *y = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,0); // the pointers vector and use
   y[0] = c->output();
                                       // member functions of the
                                       // object
* Abstract:
    In this function, you should perform any actions that are necessary
    at the termination of a simulation. For example, if memory was
    allocated in mdlStart, this is the place to free it.
* /
static void mdlTerminate(SimStruct *S)
   counter *c = (counter *) ssGetPWork(S)[0]; // retrieve and destroy C++
                                      // object in the termination
                                      // function
/*===================================
* See sfuntmpl doc.c for the optional S-function methods *
*========*/
/*========*
* Required S-function trailer *
*----*/
#ifdef MATLAB MEX FILE /* Is this file being compiled as a MEX-file? */
#include "simulink.c" /* MEX-file interface mechanism */
#else
#include "cg sfun.h"
                     /* Code generation registration function */
#endif
```

```
#ifdef __cplusplus
} // end of extern "C" scope
#endif
```

## Making C++ Objects Persistent

Your C++ callback methods might need to create persistent C++ objects, that is, objects that continue to exist after the method exits. For example, a callback method might need to access an object created during a previous invocation. Or one callback method might need to access an object created by another callback method. To create persistent C++ objects in your S-function:

1 Create a pointer work vector to hold pointers to the persistent object between method invocations:

```
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
{
    ssSetNumPWork(S, 1); // reserve element in the pointers vector
                         // to store a C++ object
}
```

2 Store a pointer to each object that you want to be persistent in the pointer work vector:

```
static void mdlStart(SimStruct *S)
    ssGetPWork(S)[0] = (void *) new counter; // store new C++ object in the
}
                                             // pointers vector
```

**3** Retrieve the pointer in any subsequent method invocation to access the object:

```
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int_T tid)
    counter *c = (counter *) ssGetPWork(S)[0]; // retrieve C++ object from
    real T *y = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,0); // the pointers vector and use
    y[0] = c->output();
                                                // member functions of the
                                                 // object
```

**4** Destroy the objects when the simulation terminates:

```
static void mdlTerminate(SimStruct *S)
    counter *c = (counter *) ssGetPWork(S)[0]; // retrieve and destroy C++
                                               // object in the termination
    delete c;
                                               // function
```

# **Building C++ S-Functions**

Use the MATLAB mex command to build C++ S-functions exactly the way you use it to build C S-functions. For example, to build the C++ version of the sfun\_counter example, enter

mex sfun\_counter\_cpp.cpp

at the MATLAB command line.

**Note** The extension of the source file for a C++ S-function must be .cpp to ensure that the compiler treats the file's contents as C++ code.

# Creating Ada S-Functions

The following sections explain how to use the Ada programming language to create S-functions.

Introduction (p. 5-2) Overview of creating Ada S-functions.

Ada S-Function Source File Format Source code structure of an Ada S-function.

(p. 5-3)

Writing Callback Methods in Ada How to use Ada to implement S-function callback

(p. 5-6) methods.

Building an Ada S-Function (p. 5-9) Compiling and linking an Ada S-function.

Example of an Ada S-Function (p. 5-10) An Ada version of the timestwo S-function example.

# Introduction

Simulink allows you to use the Ada programming language to create S-functions. As with S-functions coded in other programming languages, Simulink interacts with an Ada S-function by invoking callback methods that the S-function implements. Each method performs a predefined task, such as computing block outputs, required to simulate the block whose functionality the S-function defines. Creating an Ada S-function thus entails writing Ada implementations of the callback methods required to simulate the S-function and then compiling and linking the callbacks into a library that Simulink can load and invoke during simulation. The following sections explain how to perform these tasks.

## **Ada S-Function Source File Format**

To create an Ada S-function, you must create an Ada package that implements the callback methods required to simulate the S-function. The S-function package comprises a specification and a body.

# **Ada S-Function Specification**

The specification specifies the methods that the Ada S-function uses and implements. The specification must specify that the Ada S-function uses the Simulink package, which defines data types and functions that the S-function can use to access the internal data structure (SimStruct) that Simulink uses to store information about the S-function (see Chapter 9, "SimStruct Functions"). The specification and body of the Simulink package reside in the matlabroot/simulink/ada/interface/ directory.

The specification should also specify each callback method that the S-function implements as an Ada procedure exported to C. The following is an example of an Ada S-function specification that meets these requirements.

```
-- The Simulink API for Ada S-Function
with Simulink; use Simulink;

package Times_Two is

-- The S_FUNCTION_NAME has to be defined as a constant
-- string.
--
S_FUNCTION_NAME : constant String := "times_two";

-- Every S-Function is required to have the
-- "mdlInitializeSizes" method.
-- This method needs to be exported as shown below, with the
-- exported name being "mdlInitializeSizes".
--
procedure mdlInitializeSizes(S : in SimStruct);
pragma Export(C, mdlInitializeSizes, "mdlInitializeSizes");

procedure mdlOutputs(S : in SimStruct; TID : in Integer);
pragma Export(C, mdlOutputs, "mdlOutputs");

end Times Two;
```

# **Ada S-Function Body**

The Ada S-Function body provides the implementations of the S-function callback methods, as illustrated in the following example.

```
with Simulink; use Simulink;
with Ada. Exceptions; use Ada. Exceptions;
package body Times Two is
  -- Function: mdlInitializeSizes ------
  -- Abstract:
          Setup the input and output port attributes for this
          S-Function.
  procedure mdlInitializeSizes(S : in SimStruct) is
  begin
     -- Set the input port attributes
     ssSetNumInputPorts(
                                   S, 1);
                                   S, O, DYNAMICALLY SIZED);
     ssSetInputPortWidth(
     ssSetInputPortDataType(     S, 0, SS DOUBLE);
     ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, TRUE);
     ssSetInputPortOverWritable( S, 0, FALSE);
     ssSetInputPortOptimizationLevel(S, 0, 3);
     -- Set the output port attributes
     ssSetNumOutputPorts(
                                   S, 1);
                                   S, 0, DYNAMICALLY_SIZED);
     ssSetOutputPortWidth(
     ssSetOutputPortDataType(
                                   S, O, SS DOUBLE);
     ssSetOutputPortOptimizationLevel(S, 0, 3);
     -- Set the block sample time.
     ssSetSampleTime(
                                   S, INHERITED_SAMPLE_TIME);
  exception
     when E : others =>
        if ssGetErrorStatus(S) = "" then
           ssSetErrorStatus(S,
                  "Exception occured in mdlInitializeSizes. " &
                  "Name: " & Exception Name(E) & ", " &
                  "Message: " & Exception Message(E) &
                   " and " & "Information: " &
                  Exception Information(E));
        end if:
  end mdlInitializeSizes;
  -- Function: mdlOutputs ------
  -- Abstract:
```

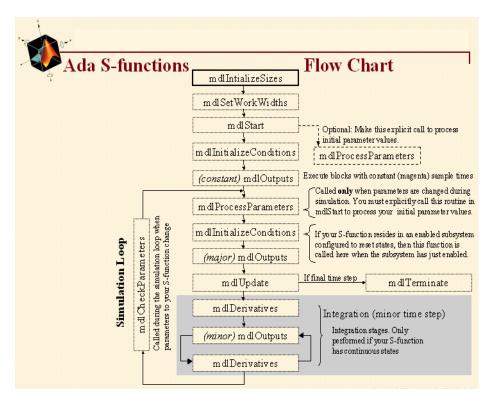
```
Compute the S-Function's output,
            given its input: y = 2 * u
   procedure mdlOutputs(S : in SimStruct; TID : in Integer) is
      uWidth : Integer := ssGetInputPortWidth(S,0);
             : array(0 .. uWidth-1) of Real_T;
      for U'Address use ssGetInputPortSignalAddress(S,0);
      yWidth : Integer := ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,0);
             : array(0 .. yWidth-1) of Real_T;
      for Y'Address use ssGetOutputPortSignalAddress(S,0);
  begin
      if uWidth = 1 then
         for Idx in 0 .. yWidth-1 loop
          Y(Idx) := 2.0 * U(0);
         end loop;
      else
         for Idx in 0 .. yWidth-1 loop
          Y(Idx) := 2.0 * U(Idx);
         end loop;
      end if;
   exception
      when E : others =>
         if ssGetErrorStatus(S) = "" then
            ssSetErrorStatus(S,
                  "Exception occured in mdlOutputs. " & "Name: " & Exception_Name(E) & ", " &
                  "Message: " & Exception_Message(E) & " and " &
                  "Information: " & Exception_Information(E));
         end if;
   end mdlOutputs;
end Times_Two;
```

# Writing Callback Methods in Ada

Simulink interacts with an Ada S-function by invoking callback methods that the S-function implements. This section specifies the callback methods that an Ada S-function can implement and provides guidelines for implementing them.

# Callbacks Invoked by Simulink

The following diagram shows the callback methods that Simulink invokes when interacting with an Ada S-function during a simulation and the order in which Simulink invokes them.



**Note** When interacting with Ada S-functions, Simulink invokes only a subset of the callback methods that it invokes for C S-functions. The "Languages Supported" section of the reference page for each callback method specifies whether Simulink invokes that callback when interacting with an Ada S-function.

# Implementing Callbacks

Simulink defines in a general way the task of each callback. The S-function is free to perform the task according to the functionality it implements. For example, Simulink specifies that the S-function's mdlOutputs method must compute that block's outputs at the current simulation time. It does not specify what those outputs must be. This callback-based API allows you to create S-functions, and hence custom blocks, that meet your requirements.

Chapter 8, "S-Function Callback Methods," explains the purpose of each callback and provides guidelines for implementing them. Chapter 3, "Writing S-Functions in C," provides information on using these callbacks to implement specific S-function features, such as the ability to handle multiple signal data types.

# **Omitting Optional Callback Methods**

The method mdlInitializeSizes is the only callback that an Ada S-function must implement. The source for your Ada S-function needs to include implementations only for callbacks that it must handle. If the source for your S-function does not include an implementation for a particular callback, the mex tool that builds the S-function (see "Building an Ada S-Function" on page 5-9) provides a stub implementation.

#### SimStruct Functions

Simulink provides a set of functions that enable an Ada S-function to access the internal data structure (SimStruct) that Simulink maintains for the S-function. These functions consist of Ada wrappers around the SimStruct macros used to access the SimStruct from a C S-function (see Chapter 9, "SimStruct Functions"). Simulink provides Ada wrappers for a substantial

subset of the SimStruct macros. The "Languages Supported" section of the reference page for a macro specifies whether it has an Ada wrapper.

# **Building an Ada S-Function**

To use your Ada S-function with Simulink, you must build a MATLAB executable (MEX) file from the Ada source code for the S-function. Use the MATLAB mex command to perform this step.

The mex syntax for building an Ada S-function MEX file is

```
mex [-v] [-g] -ada SFCN.ads
```

where SFCN. ads is the name of the S-function's package specification.

For example, to build the timestwo S-function example that comes with Simulink, enter the command

mex -ada timestwo.ads

### **Ada Compiler Requirements**

To build a MEX file from Ada source code, using the mex tool, you must have previously installed a copy of version 3.12 (or higher) of the GNAT Ada95 compiler on your system. You can obtain the latest Solaris, Windows, and GNU-Linux versions of the compiler at the GNAT ftp site (ftp://cs.nyu.edu/pub/gnat). Make sure that the compiler executable is in MATLAB's command path so that the mex tool can find it.

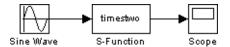
The GNAT Ada95 compiler package used to include gnatdll.exe, a tool for building DLLs on Windows. This tool, which is required to build Ada MEX files on Windows, now comes as part of a separate gnatwin package containing Windows-specific files. If you want to build Ada S-functions on a Windows system, you must download and install the gnatwin package as well as the GNAT Ada95 compiler.

# **Example of an Ada S-Function**

This section presents an example of a basic Ada S-function that you can use as a model when creating your own Ada S-functions. The example is the timestwo S-function example that comes with Simulink (see

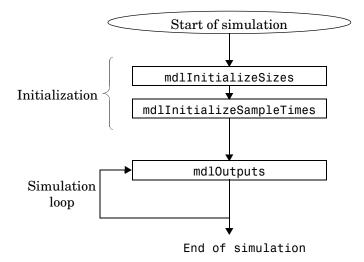
 $\label{lem:matlabroot/simulink/ada/examples/timestwo.ads} and \\ \textit{matlabroot/simulink/ada/examples/timestwo.adb)}. This S-function outputs twice its input.$ 

The following model uses the times two S-function to double the amplitude of a sine wave and plot it in a scope.



The block dialog for the S-function specifies times two as the S-function name; the parameters field is empty.

The timestwo S-function contains the S-function callback methods shown in this figure.



The source code for the times two S-function comprises two parts:

- Package specification
- Package body

The following sections explain each of these parts.

#### **Timestwo Package Specification**

The timestwo package specification, timestwo.ads, contains the following code.

```
-- The Simulink API for Ada S-Function
with Simulink; use Simulink;
package Times Two is
   -- The S FUNCTION NAME has to be defined as a constant string. Note that
   -- the name of the S-Function (ada times two) is different from the name
   -- of this package (times_two). We do this so that it is easy to identify
   -- this example S-Function in the MATLAB workspace. Normally you would use
   -- the same name for S FUNCTION NAME and the package.
   S FUNCTION NAME : constant String := "ada times two";
   -- Every S-Function is required to have the "mdlInitializeSizes" method.
   -- This method needs to be exported as shown below, with the exported name
   -- being "mdlInitializeSizes".
   procedure mdlInitializeSizes(S : in SimStruct);
   pragma Export(C, mdlInitializeSizes, "mdlInitializeSizes");
   procedure mdlOutputs(S : in SimStruct; TID : in Integer);
   pragma Export(C, mdlOutputs, "mdlOutputs");
end Times Two;
```

The package specification begins by specifying that the S-function uses the Simulink package.

```
with Simulink; use Simulink;
```

The Simulink package defines Ada procedures for accessing the internal data structure (SimStruct) that Simulink maintains for each S-function (see Chapter 9, "SimStruct Functions").

Next the specification specifies the name of the S-function.

```
S FUNCTION NAME : constant String := "ada times two";
```

The name ada\_times\_two serves to distinguish the MEX-file generated from Ada source from those generated from the timestwo source coded in other languages.

Finally the specification specifies the callback methods implemented by the timestwo S-function.

```
procedure mdlInitializeSizes(S : in SimStruct);
pragma Export(C, mdlInitializeSizes, "mdlInitializeSizes");
procedure mdlOutputs(S : in SimStruct; TID : in Integer);
pragma Export(C, mdlOutputs, "mdlOutputs");
```

The specification specifies that the Ada compiler should compile each method as a C-callable function. This is because the Simulink engine assumes that callback methods are C functions.

**Note** When building an Ada S-function, MATLAB's mex tool uses the package specification to determine the callbacks that the S-function does not implement. It then generates stubs for the nonimplemented methods.

#### **Timestwo Package Body**

The timestwo package body, timestwo.adb, contains

```
ssSetInputPortWidth(
                                  S, O, DYNAMICALLY SIZED);
  ssSetInputPortDataType(
                                  S, 0, SS_DOUBLE);
  ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, TRUE);
  ssSetInputPortOverWritable(
                                  S, 0, FALSE);
  ssSetInputPortOptimizationLevel(S, 0, 3);
   -- Set the output port attributes
  ssSetNumOutputPorts(
  ssSetOutputPortWidth(
                                  S, O, DYNAMICALLY SIZED);
  ssSetOutputPortDataType(
                                  S, 0, SS_DOUBLE);
  ssSetOutputPortOptimizationLevel(S, 0, 3);
  -- Set the block sample time.
  ssSetSampleTime(
                                  S, INHERITED SAMPLE TIME);
exception
  when E : others =>
     if ssGetErrorStatus(S) = "" then
        ssSetErrorStatus(S,
                         "Exception occured in mdlInitializeSizes. " &
                         "Name: " & Exception Name(E) & ", " &
                         "Message: " & Exception_Message(E) & " and " &
                         "Information: " & Exception_Information(E));
     end if;
end mdlInitializeSizes;
-- Function: mdlOutputs ------
-- Abstract:
       Compute the S-Function's output, given its input: y = 2 * u
procedure mdlOutputs(S : in SimStruct; TID : in Integer) is
  uWidth : Integer := ssGetInputPortWidth(S,0);
         : array(0 .. uWidth-1) of Real T;
  for U'Address use ssGetInputPortSignalAddress(S,0);
  yWidth : Integer := ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,0);
  Y : array(0 .. yWidth-1) of Real T;
  for Y'Address use ssGetOutputPortSignalAddress(S,0);
begin
  if uWidth = 1 then
     for Idx in 0 .. yWidth-1 loop
       Y(Idx) := 2.0 * U(0);
     end loop;
  else
     for Idx in 0 .. yWidth-1 loop
       Y(Idx) := 2.0 * U(Idx);
     end loop;
  end if;
```

The package body contains implementations of the callback methods needed to implement the timestwo example.

#### mdlInitializeSizes

Simulink calls mdlInitializeSizes to inquire about the number of input and output ports, the sizes of the ports, and any other objects (such as the number of states) needed by the S-function.

The timestwo implementation of mdlInitializeSizes uses SimStruct functions defined in the Simulink package to specify the following size information:

One input port and one output port

The widths of the input and output port are dynamically sized. This tells Simulink to multiply each element of the input signal to the S-function by 2 and to place the result in the output signal. Note that the default handling for dynamically sized S-functions for this case (one input and one output) is that the input and output widths are equal.

• One sample time

Finally the method provides an exception handler to handle any errors that occur in invoking the SimStruct functions.

#### **mdlOutputs**

Simulink calls md10utputs at each time step to calculate a block's outputs. The timestwo implementation of md10utputs takes the input, multiplies it by 2, and writes the answer to the output.

The timestwo implementation of the mdlOutputs method uses the SimStruct functions ssGetInputPortWidth and ssGetInputPortSignalAddress to access the input signal.

```
uWidth : Integer := ssGetInputPortWidth(S,0);
U : array(0 .. uWidth-1) of Real_T;
for U'Address use ssGetInputPortSignalAddress(S,0);
```

Similarly, the mdlOutputs method uses the functions ssGetOutputPortWidth and ssGetOutputPortSignalAddress to access the output signal.

```
yWidth : Integer := ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,0);
Y : array(0 .. yWidth-1) of Real_T;
for Y'Address use ssGetOutputPortSignalAddress(S,0);
```

Finally the method loops over the inputs to compute the outputs.

#### **Building the Timestwo Example**

To build this S-function into Simulink, enter

```
mex -ada timestwo.abs
```

at the command line.

# Creating Fortran S-Functions

The following sections explain how to use the Fortran programming language to create S-functions.

Introduction (p. 6-2)

Overview of approaches to writing Fortran S-functions.

Creating Level 1 Fortran S-Functions (p. 6-3)

Describes a purely Fortran approach to creating an

Creating Level 2 Fortran S-Functions

S-function.

(p. 6-7)

Describes a hybrid C/Fortran approach to writing an S-function that enables creation of more capable blocks.

Porting Legacy Code (p. 6-14)

How to wrap an S-function around existing Fortran code.



# Introduction

There are two main strategies to executing Fortran code from Simulink. One is from a level 1 Fortran-MEX (F-MEX) S-function, the other is from a level 2 gateway S-function written in C. Each has its advantages and both can be incorporated into code generated by the Real-Time Workshop.

#### **Level 1 Versus Level 2 S-Functions**

The original S-function interface was called the Level 1 API. As the capabilities of Simulink grew, the S-function API was rearchitected into the more extensible Level 2 API. This allows S-functions to have all the capabilities of a full Simulink model (except automatic algebraic loop identification and solving) and to grow as Simulink grows.

# **Creating Level 1 Fortran S-Functions**

# The Fortran MEX Template File

A template file for Fortran MEX S-functions is located at matlabroot/simulink/src/sfuntmpl\_fortran.for. The template file compiles as is and copies the input to the output.

To use the template to create a new Fortran S-function:

- 1 Create a copy under another filename.
- **2** Edit the copy to perform the operations you need.
- **3** Compile the edited file into a MEX file, using the mex command.
- **4** Include the MEX file in your model, using the S-Function block.

# Example

The example file, matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_timestwo\_for.for, implements an S-function that multiplies its input by 2.

```
C File: SFUN TIMESTWO FOR.F
C Abstract:
     A sample Level 1 FORTRAN representation of a
С
      timestwo S-function.
С
     The basic mex command for this example is:
С
С
     >> mex sfun timestwo for.for simulink.for
С
      Copyright 1990-2000 The MathWorks, Inc.
С
С
С
      Function: SIZES
С
С
      Abstract:
С
        Set the size vector.
С
        SIZES returns a vector which determines model
С
        characteristics. This vector contains the
С
        sizes of the state vector and other
        parameters. More precisely,
```

```
SIZE(1) number of continuous states
С
      SIZE(2) number of discrete states
С
     SIZE(3) number of outputs
С
     SIZE(4) number of inputs
С
     SIZE(5) number of discontinuous roots in
С
             the system
С
      SIZE(6) set to 1 if the system has direct
С
             feedthrough of its inputs,
С
             otherwise 0
С
SUBROUTINE SIZES(SIZE)
    .. Array arguments ..
    INTEGER*4
                 SIZE(*)
    .. Parameters ..
    INTEGER*4
                NSIZES
    PARAMETER
                (NSIZES=6)
    SIZE(1) = 0
    SIZE(2) = 0
    SIZE(3) = 1
    SIZE(4) = 1
    SIZE(5) = 0
    SIZE(6) = 1
    RETURN
    END
С
С
    Function: OUTPUT
С
С
    Abstract:
С
     Perform output calculations for continuous
С
      signals.
.. Parameters ..
    SUBROUTINE OUTPUT(T, X, U, Y)
    REAL*8
                 X(*), U(*), Y(*)
    REAL*8
    Y(1) = U(1) * 2.0
    RETURN
    END
С
С
С
    Stubs for unused functions.
```

```
С
     SUBROUTINE INITCOND(X0)
     REAL*8
                      X0(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
     RETURN
     END
     SUBROUTINE DERIVS(T, X, U, DX)
     REAL*8
                      T, X(*), U(*), DX(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
     RETURN
     END
     SUBROUTINE DSTATES(T, X, U, XNEW)
     REAL*8
                      T, X(*), U(*), XNEW(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
     RETURN
     END
     SUBROUTINE DOUTPUT(T, X, U, Y)
     REAL*8
                      T, X(*), U(*), Y(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
     RETURN
     END
     SUBROUTINE TSAMPL(T, X, U, TS, OFFSET)
     REAL*8
                      T,TS,OFFSET,X(*),U(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
     RETURN
     END
     SUBROUTINE SINGUL(T, X, U, SING)
     REAL*8
                     T, X(*), U(*), SING(*)
C --- Nothing to do.
     RETURN
     END
```

A Level 1 S-function's input/output is limited to using the REAL\*8 data type, (DOUBLE PRECISION), which is equivalent to a double in C. Of course, the internal calculations can use whatever data types you need.

To see how this S-function works, enter

```
sfcndemo timestwo for
```

at the MATLAB prompt and run the model.

# **Inline Code Generation Example**

Real-Time Workshop users can use a sample block target file for sfun\_timestwo\_for.mex to generate code for sfcndemo\_timestwo\_for. If you want to learn how to inline your own Fortran MEX file, see the example at matlabroot/toolbox/simulink/blocks/tlc\_c/sfun\_timestwo\_for.tlc and read the Target Language Compiler Reference Guide documentation.

# **Creating Level 2 Fortran S-Functions**

To use the features of a level 2 S-function with Fortran code, you must write a skeleton S-function in C that has code for interfacing to Simulink and also calls your Fortran code.

Using the C-MEX S-function as a gateway is quite simple if you are writing the Fortran code from scratch. If instead your Fortran code already exists as a stand-alone simulation, there is some work to be done to identify parts of the code that need to be registered with Simulink, such as identifying continuous states if you are using variable-step solvers or getting rid of static variables if you want to have multiple copies of the S-function in a Simulink model (see "Porting Legacy Code" on page 6-14).

# **Template File**

The file matlabroot/simulink/src/sfungate.c is a C-MEX template file for calling into a Fortran subroutine. It works with a simple Fortran subroutine if you modify the Fortran subroutine name in the code.

# **C/Fortran Interfacing Tips**

The following are some tips for creating the C-to-Fortran gateway S-function.

#### Mex Environment

Remember that mex -setup needs to find both the C and the Fortran compilers. If you install or change compilers, you must run mex -setup.

Test the installation and setup using sample MEX files from MATLAB's C and Fortran MEX examples in *matlabroot*/extern/examples/mex, as well as Simulink's examples, which are located in *matlabroot*/simulink/src.

#### **Compiler Compatibility**

Your C and Fortran compilers need to use the same object format. If you use the compilers explicitly supported by the mex command this is not a problem. When you use the C gateway to Fortran, it is possible to use Fortran compilers not supported by the mex command, but only if the object file format is compatible with the C compiler format. Common object formats include ELF and COFF.

The compiler must also be configurable so that the caller cleans up the stack instead of the callee. Compag Visual Fortran (formerly known as Digital Fortran) is one compiler whose default stack cleanup is the callee.

#### **Symbol Decorations**

Symbol decorations can cause run-time errors. For example, 977 decorates subroutine names with a trailing underscore when in its default configuration. You can either recognize this and adjust the C function prototype or alter the Fortran compiler's name decoration policy via command-line switches, if the compiler supports this. See the Fortran compiler manual about altering symbol decoration policies.

If all else fails, use utilities such as od (octal dump) to display the symbol names. For example, the command

```
od -s 2 <file>
```

lists strings and symbols in binary (.obj) files.

These binary utilities can be obtained for Windows as well. MKS is one company that has commercial versions of powerful UNIX utilities, although most can also be obtained free on the Web. hexdump is another common program for viewing binary files. As an example, here is the output of

```
od -s 2 sfun atmos for.o
```

on Linux.

```
0000115 E"
0000136 E"
0000271 E""
0000467 E @
0000530 E
0000575 E" E 5@
0001267 CffVC- :C
0001323 :|.-:8~#8 Kw6
0001353 ?333@
0001364 333
0001414 01.01
0001425 GCC: (GNU) egcs-2.91.66 19990314/Linux
0001522 .symtab
0001532 .strtab
0001542 .shstrtab
0001554 .text
0001562 .rel.text
0001574 .data
0001602 .bss
```

```
0001607 .note
0001615 .comment
0003071 sfun_atmos_for.for
0003101 gcc2_compiled.
0003120 rearth.0
0003131 gmr.1
0003137 htab.2
0003146 ttab.3
0003155 ptab.4
0003164 gtab.5
0003173 atmos_
0003207 exp
0003213 pow d
```

Note that Atmos has been changed to atmos\_, which the C program must call to be successful.

With Compaq Visual Fortran, the symbol is suppressed, so that Atmos becomes ATMOS (no underscore).

#### Fortran Math Library

Fortran math library symbols might not match C math library symbols. For example, A^B in Fortran calls library function pow\_dd, which is not in the C math library. In these cases, you must tell mex to link in the Fortran math library. For gcc environments, these routines are usually found in /usr/local/lib/libf2c.a, /usr/lib/libf2c.a, or equivalent.

The mex command becomes

```
mex -L/usr/local/lib -lf2c cmex c file fortran object file
```

**Note** On UNIX, the -1f2c option follows the conventional UNIX library linking syntax, where '-1' is the library option itself and 'f2c' is the unique part of the library file's name, libf2c.a. Be sure to use the -L option for the library search path, because -I is only followed while searching for include files.

The f2c package can be obtained for Windows and UNIX environments from the Internet. The file libf2c.a is usually part of g77 distributions, or else the file is not needed as the symbols match. In obscure cases, it must be installed separately, but even this is not difficult once the need for it is identified. 6

On Windows, using Microsoft Visual C/C++ and Compaq Visual Fortran 6.0 (formerly known as Digital Fortran), this example can be compiled using the following mex commands (each command is on one line).

```
mex -v COMPFLAGS# $COMPFLAGS /iface:cref -c sfun_atmos_sub.for
-f ..\..\bin\win32\mexopts\df60opts.bat
mex -v LINKFLAGS# $LINKFLAGS dfor.lib dfconsol.lib dfport.lib
/LIBPATH:$DF_ROOT\DF98\LIB sfun_atmos.c sfun_atmos_sub.obj
```

See matlabroot/simulink/src/sfuntmpl\_fortran.txt and matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_atmos.c for the latest information on compiling Fortran for C on Windows.

#### **CFortran**

Or you can try using CFortran to create an interface. CFortran is a tool for automated interface generation between C and Fortran modules, in either direction. Search the Web for cfortran or visit

```
http://www-zeus.desy.de/~burow/cfortran/
```

for downloading.

#### **Obtaining a Fortran Compiler**

On Windows, using Visual C/C++ with Fortran is best done with Compaq Visual Fortran, Absoft, Lahey, or other third-party compilers. See Compaq (www.compaq.com) and Absoft (www.absoft.com) for Windows, Linux, and Sun compilers and see Lahey (www.lahey.com) for more choices in Windows Fortran compilers.

For Sun (Solaris) and other commercial UNIX platforms, you can purchase the computer vendor's Fortran compiler, a third-party Fortran such as Absoft, or even use the Gnu Fortran port for that platform (if available).

As long as the compiler can output the same object (.o) format as the platform's C compiler, the Fortran compiler will work with the gateway C-MEX S-function technique.

Gnu Fortran (g77) can be obtained free for several platforms from many download sites, including tap://www.redhat.com in the download area. A useful keyword on search engines is g77.

# **Constructing the Gateway**

The mdlInitializeSizes() and mdlInitializeSampleTimes() methods are coded in C. It is unlikely that you will need to call Fortran routines from these S-function methods. In the simplest case, the Fortran is called only from mdlOutputs().

#### Simple Case

The Fortran code must at least be callable in one-step-at-a-time fashion. If the code doesn't have any states, it can be called from mdlOutputs() and no mdlDerivatives() or mdlUpdate() method is required.

#### Code with States

If the code has states, you must decide whether the Fortran code can support a variable-step solver or not. For fixed-step solver only support, the C gateway consists of a call to the Fortran code from mdlUpdate(), and outputs are cached in an S-function DWork vector so that subsequent calls by Simulink into mdlOutputs() will work properly and the Fortran code won't be called until the next invocation of mdlUpdate(). In this case, the states in the code can be stored however you like, typically in the work vector or as discrete states in Simulink.

If instead the code needs to have continuous time states with support for variable-step solvers, the states must be registered and stored with Simulink as doubles. You do this in mdlInitializeSizes() (registering states), then the states are retrieved and sent to the Fortran code whenever you need to execute it. In addition, the main body of code has to be separable into a call form that can be used by mdlDerivatives() to get derivatives for the state integration and also by the mdlOutputs() and mdlUpdate() methods as appropriate.

#### **Setup Code**

If there is a lengthy setup calculation, it is best to make this part of the code separable from the one-step-at-a-time code and call it from mdlStart(). This can either be a separate SUBROUTINE called from mdlStart() that communicates with the rest of the code through COMMON blocks or argument I/O, or it can be part of the same piece of Fortran code that is isolated by an IF-THEN-ELSE construct. This construct can be triggered by one of the input arguments that tells the code if it is to perform either the setup calculations or the one-step calculations.

#### SUBROUTINE Versus PROGRAM

To be able to call Fortran from Simulink directly without having to launch processes, etc., you must convert a Fortran PROGRAM into a SUBROUTINE. This consists of three steps. The first is trivial; the second and third can take a bit of examination.

1 Change the line PROGRAM to SUBROUTINE subName.

Now you can call it from C using C function syntax.

2 Identify variables that need to be inputs and outputs and put them in the SUBROUTINE argument list or in a COMMON block.

It is customary to strip out all hard-coded cases and output dumps. In the Simulink environment, you want to convert inputs and outputs into block I/O.

**3** If you are converting a stand-alone simulation to work inside Simulink, identify the main loop of time integration and remove the loop and, if you want Simulink to integrate continuous states, remove any time integration code. Leave time integrations in the code if you intend to make a discrete time (sampled) S-function.

#### Arguments to a SUBROUTINE

Most Fortran compilers generate SUBROUTINE code that passes arguments by reference. This means that the C code calling the Fortran code must use only pointers in the argument list.

```
PROGRAM ...
becomes
  SUBROUTINE somename ( U, X, Y )
```

A SUBROUTINE never has a return value. You manage I/O by using some of the arguments for input, the rest for output.

#### Arguments to a FUNCTION

A FUNCTION has a scalar return value passed by value, so a calling C program should expect this. The argument list is passed by reference (i.e., pointers) as in the SUBROUTINE.

If the result of a calculation is an array, then you should use a subroutine, as a FUNCTION cannot return an array.

#### **Interfacing to COMMON Blocks**

While there are several ways for Fortran COMMON blocks to be visible to C code, it is often recommended to use an input/output argument list to a SUBROUTINE or FUNCTION. If the Fortran code has already been written and uses COMMON blocks, it is a simple matter to write a small SUBROUTINE that has an input/output argument list and copies data into and out of the COMMON block.

The procedure for copying in and out of the COMMON block begins with a write of the inputs to the COMMON block before calling the existing SUBROUTINE. The SUBROUTINE is called, then the output values are read out of the COMMON block and copied into the output variables just before returning.

### **Example C-MEX S-Function Calling Fortran Code**

The subroutine Atmos is in file sfun\_atmos\_sub.for. The gateway C-MEX S-function is sfun\_atmos.c, which is built on UNIX using the command

```
mex -L/usr/local/lib -lf2c sfun_atmos.c sfun_atmos_sub.o
```

On Windows, the command is

```
>> mex -v COMPFLAGS# $COMPFLAGS /iface:cref -c sfun_atmos_sub.for
-f ..\..\bin\win32\mexopts\df60opts.bat
>> mex -v LINKFLAGS# $LINKFLAGS dfor.lib dfconsol.lib dfport.lib
/LIBPATH:$DF ROOT\DF98\LIB sfun atmos.c sfun atmos sub.obj
```

On some UNIX systems where the C and Fortran compilers were installed separately (or aren't aware of each other), you might need to reference the library libf2c.a. To do this, use the -lf2c flag.

UNIX only: if the libf2c.a library isn't on the library path, you need to add the path to the mex process explicitly with the -L command. For example:

```
mex -L/usr/local/lib/ -lf2c sfun_atmos.c sfun_atmos_sub.o
```

This sample is prebuilt and is on the MATLAB search path already, so you can see it working by opening the sample model sfcndemo atmos.mdl. Enter

```
sfcndemo atmos
```

at the command prompt, or to get all the S-function demos for Simulink, type sfcndemos at the MATLAB prompt.

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# **Porting Legacy Code**

#### Find the States

If a variable-step solver is being used, it is critical that all continuous states are identified in the code and put into Simulink's state vector for integration instead of being integrated by the Fortran code. Likewise, all derivative calculations must be made available separately to be called from the mdlDerivatives() method in the S-function. Without these steps, any Fortran code with continuous states will not be compatible with variable-step solvers if the S-function is registered as a continuous block with continuous states.

Telltale signs of implicit advancement are incremented variables such as M=M+1 or X=X+0.05. If the code has many of these constructs and you determine that it is impractical to recode the source so as not to "ratchet forward," you might need to try another approach using fixed-step solvers.

If it is impractical to find all the implicit states and to separate out the derivative calculations for Simulink, another approach can be used, but you are limited to using fixed-step solvers. The technique here is to call the Fortran code from the mdlUpdate() method so the Fortran code is only executed once per Simulink major integration step. Any block outputs must be cached in a work vector so that mdlOutputs() can be called as often as needed and output the values from the work vector instead of calling the Fortran routine again (causing it to inadvertently advance time). See

matlabroot/simulink/src/sfuntmpl\_gate\_fortran.c for an example that
uses DWork vectors.

# Sample Times

If the code has an implicit step size in its algorithm, coefficients, etc., ensure that you register the proper discrete sample time in the mdlInitializeSampleTimes() S-function method and only change the block's output values from the mdlUpdate() method.

### **Multiple Instances**

If you plan to have multiple copies of this S-function used in one Simulink model, you need to allocate storage for each copy of the S-function in the model. The recommended approach is to use DWork vectors. See <code>matlabroot/simulink/include/simstruc.h</code> and

matlabroot/simulink/src/sfuntmpl\_doc.c for details on allocating
data-typed work vectors.

#### **Use Flints If Needed**

Use flints (floating-point ints) to keep track of time. Flints (for IEEE-754 floating-point numerics) have the useful property of not accumulating roundoff error when adding and subtracting flints. Using flint variables in DOUBLE PRECISION storage (with integer values) avoids roundoff error accumulation that would accumulate when floating-point numbers are added together thousands of times.

```
DOUBLE PRECISION F
:
:
F = F + 1.0
TIME = 0.003 * F
```

This technique avoids a common pitfall in simulations.

#### **Considerations for Real Time**

Since very few Fortran applications are used in a real-time environment, it is common to come across simulation code that is incompatible with a real-time environment. Common failures include unbounded (or large) iterations and sporadic but time-intensive side calculations. You must deal with these directly if you expect to run in real time.

Conversely, it is still perfectly good practice to have iterative or sporadic calculations if the generated code is not being used for a real-time application.

# Implementing Block Features

The following sections explain how to use S-function callback methods to implement various block features.

Dialog Parameters (p. 7-2) How to process parameters passed via the S-function

block's dialog box.

Run-Time Parameters (p. 7-6) How to create and use run-time parameters.

Creating Input and Output Ports How to create input and output ports on a block.

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Custom Data Types (p. 7-16) How to create custom data types for the values of a

block's signals and parameters.

Sample Times (p. 7-17) How to specify the rate or rates at which your block

operates.

Work Vectors (p. 7-30) How to create and use work vectors.

Function-Call Subsystems (p. 7-35) How to create a function-call subsystem.

Processing Frame-Based Signals How to create an S-function that process frame-based

signals.

Handling Errors (p. 7-38) How to handle errors in an S-function.

S-Function Examples (p. 7-41) Examples of S-functions.

# **Dialog Parameters**

A user can pass parameters to an S-function at the start of and, optionally, during the simulation, using the **S-Function parameters** field of the block's dialog box. Such parameters are called *dialog box parameters* to distinguish them from run-time parameters created by the S-function to facilitate code generation (see "Run-Time Parameters" on page 7-6). Simulink stores the values of the dialog box parameters in the S-function's SimStruct structure. Simulink provides callback methods and SimStruct macros that allow the S-function to access and check the parameters and use them in the computation of the block's output.

If you want your S-function to be able to use dialog parameters, you must perform the following steps when you create the S-function:

- 1 Determine the order in which the parameters are to be specified in the block's dialog box.
- 2 In the mdlInitializeSizes function, use the ssSetNumSFcnParams macro to tell Simulink how many parameters the S-function accepts. Specify S as the first argument and the number of parameters you are defining interactively as the second argument. If your S-function implements the mdlCheckParameters method, the mdlInitializeSizes routine should call mdlCheckParameters to check the validity of the initial values of the parameters.
- 3 Access these input arguments in the S-function using the ssGetSFcnParam macro.

Specify S as the first argument and the relative position of the parameter in the list entered on the dialog box (0 is the first position) as the second argument. The ssGetSFcnParam macro returns a pointer to the mxArray containing the parameter. You can use ssGetDTypeIdFromMxArray to get the data type of the parameter.

When running a simulation, the user must specify the parameters in the **S-Function parameters** field of the block's dialog box in the same order that you defined them in step 1.

**Note** You cannot use the Model Explorer, the S-Function block dialog box, or a mask to tune the parameters of a source S-function, i.e., an S-function that has outputs but no inputs, while a simulation is running. See "Changing Source Block Parameters" for more information.

The user can enter any valid MATLAB expression as the value of a parameter, including literal values, names of workspace variables, function invocations, or arithmetic expressions. Simulink evaluates the expression and passes its value to the S-function.

For example, the following code is part of a device driver S-function. Four input parameters are used: BASE\_ADDRESS\_PRM, GAIN\_RANGE\_PRM, PROG\_GAIN\_PRM, and NUM\_OF\_CHANNELS\_PRM. The code uses #define statements to associate particular input arguments with the parameter names.

When running the simulation, a user enters four variable names or values in the **S-Function parameters** field of the block's dialog box. The first corresponds to the first expected parameter, BASE\_ADDRESS\_PRM(S). The second corresponds to the next expected parameter, and so on.

The mdlInitializeSizes function contains this statement.

```
ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, 4);
```

#### **Tunable Parameters**

Dialog parameters can be either tunable or nontunable. A tunable parameter is a parameter that a user can change while the simulation is running. Use the macro ssSetSFcnParamTunable in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the tunability of each dialog parameter used by the macro.

**Note** Dialog parameters are tunable by default. Nevertheless, it is good programming practice to set the tunability of every parameter, even those that are tunable. If the user enables the simulation diagnostic S-function upgrade needed, Simulink issues the diagnostic whenever it encounters an S-function that fails to specify the tunability of all its parameters.

The mdlCheckParameters method enables you to validate changes to tunable parameters during a simulation run. Simulink invokes the mdlCheckParameters method whenever a user changes the values of parameters during the simulation loop. This method should check the S-function's dialog parameters to ensure that the changes are valid.

**Note** The S-function's mdlInitializeSizes routine should also invoke the mdlCheckParameters method to ensure that the initial values of the parameters are valid.

The optional mdlProcessParameters callback method allows an S-function to process changes to tunable parameters. Simulink invokes this method only if valid parameter changes have occurred in the previous time step. A typical use of this method is to perform computations that depend only on the values of parameters and hence need to be computed only when parameter values change. The method can cache the results of the parameter computations in work vectors or, preferably, as run-time parameters (see "Run-Time Parameters" on page 7-6).

#### **Tuning Parameters in External Mode**

When a user tunes parameters during simulation, Simulink invokes the S-function's mdlCheckParameters method to validate the changes and then the S-functions' mdlProcessParameters method to give the S-function a chance to process the parameters in some way. Simulink also invokes these methods when running in external mode, but it passes the unprocessed changes on to the S-function target. Thus, if it is essential that your S-function process parameter changes, you need to create a Target Language Compiler (TLC) file that inlines the S-function, including its parameter processing code, during the

code generation process. For information on inlining S-functions, see the *Target Language Compiler Reference Guide*.

## **Run-Time Parameters**

Simulink allows an S-function to create internal representations of external dialog parameters called *run-time parameters*. Every run-time parameter corresponds to one or more dialog parameters and can have the same value and data type as its corresponding external parameters or a different value or data type. If a run-time parameter differs in value or data type from its external counterpart, the dialog parameter is said to have been transformed to create the run-time parameter. The value of a run-time parameter that corresponds to multiple dialog parameters is typically a function of the values of the dialog parameters. Simulink allocates and frees storage for run-time parameters and provides functions for updating and accessing them, thus eliminating the need for S-functions to perform these tasks.

Run-time parameters facilitate the following kinds of S-function operations:

#### Computed parameters

Often the output of a block is a function of the values of several dialog parameters. For example, suppose a block has two parameters, the volume and density of some object, and the output of the block is a function of the input signal and the weight of the object. In this case, the weight can be viewed as a third internal parameter computed from the two external parameters, volume and density. An S-function can create a run-time parameter corresponding to the computed weight, thereby eliminating the need to provide special case handling for weight in the output computation.

#### • Data type conversions

Often a block needs to change the data type of a dialog parameter to facilitate internal processing. For example, suppose that the output of the block is a function of the input and a parameter and the input and parameter are of different data types. In this case, the S-function can create a run-time parameter that has the same value as the dialog parameter but has the data type of the input signal, and use the run-time parameter in the computation of the output.

#### • Code generation

During code generation, Real-Time Workshop writes all run-time parameters automatically to the *model*.rtw file, eliminating the need for the S-function to perform this task via an mdlRTW method.

## **Creating Run-Time Parameters**

An S-function can create run-time parameters all at once or one by one.

#### **Creating Run-Time Parameters All at Once**

Use the SimStruct function ssRegAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams in mdlSetWorkWidths to create run-time parameters corresponding to all tunable parameters. This function requires that you pass it an array of names, one for each run-time parameter. Real-Time Workshop uses this name as the name of the parameter during code generation.

**Note** The first four characters of the names of a block's run-time parameters must be unique. If they are not, Simulink signals an error. For example, trying to register a parameter named param2 triggers an error if a parameter named param1 already exists. This restriction allows Real-time Workshop to generate variable names that are unique within a pre-specified number of characters.

This approach to creating run-time parameters assumes that there is a one-to-one correspondence between an S-function's run-time parameters and its tunable dialog parameters. This might not be the case. For example, an S-function might want to use a computed parameter whose value is a function of several dialog parameters. In such cases, the S-function might need to create the run-time parameters individually.

## **Creating Run-Time Parameters Individually**

To create run-time parameters individually, the S-function's mdlSetWorkWidths method should

- 1 Specify the number of run-time parameters it intends to use, using ssSetNumRunTimeParams.
- 2 Use ssRegDlgParamAsRunTimeParam to register a run-time parameter that corresponds to a single, untransformed dialog parameter or ssSetRunTimeParamInfo to set the attributes of a run-time parameter that corresponds to more than one dialog parameter or a transformed dialog parameter.

## **Updating Run-Time Parameters**

Whenever a user changes the values of an S-function's dialog parameters during a simulation run, Simulink invokes the S-function's mdlCheckParameters method to validate the changes. If the changes are valid, Simulink invokes the S-function's mdlProcessParameters method at the beginning of the next time step. This method should update the S-function's run-time parameters to reflect the changes in the dialog parameters.

#### **Updating All Parameters at Once**

If there is a one-to-one correspondence between the S-function's tunable dialog parameters and the run-time parameters, the S-function can use the SimStruct function ssUpdateAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams to accomplish this task. This function updates each run-time parameter to have the same value as the corresponding dialog parameter.

#### **Updating Parameters Individually**

If there is not a one-to-one correspondence between the S-function's dialog and run-time parameters or the run-time parameters are transformed versions of the dialog parameters, the mdlProcessParameters method must update each parameter individually.

If a run-time parameter and its corresponding dialog parameter differ only in value, the method can use ssUpdateRunTimeParamData to update the run-time parameter. This function updates the data field in the parameter's attributes record, ssParamRec, with a new value. If the run-time parameter and the dialog parameter differ only in value and data type, the method can use ssUpdateDlgParamAsRunTimeParam to update the run-time parameter. Otherwise, the mdlProcessParameters method must update the parameter's attributes record itself. To update the attributes record, the method should

- 1 Get a pointer to the parameter's attributes record, using ssGetRunTimeParamInfo.
- **2** Update the attributes record to reflect the changes in the corresponding dialog parameters.
- 3 Register the changes, using ssUpdateRunTimeParamInfo.

# **Tuning Runtime Parameters**

Tuning a dialog parameter tunes the corresponding runtime parameter during simulation and in code generated from the model only if the dialog parameter meets the following conditions:

- The S-function marks the dialog parameter tunable, using ssSetParameterTunable.
- The dialog parameter is a MATLAB array of values of the standard data types supported by Simulink.
- The S-function has one or more input ports.

Note that you cannot tune a runtime parameter whose value is a cell array or structure.

# **Creating Input and Output Ports**

Simulink allows S-functions to create and use any number of block I/O ports. This section shows how to create and initialize I/O ports and how to change the characteristics of an S-function block's ports, such as dimensionality and data type, based on its connections to other blocks.

## **Creating Input Ports**

To create and configure input ports, the mdlInitializeSizes method should first specify the number of input ports that the S-function has, using ssSetNumInputPorts. Then, for each input port, the method should specify

- The dimensions of the input port (see "Initializing Input Port Dimensions" on page 7-11)
  - If you want your S-function to inherit its dimensionality from the port to which it is connected, you should specify that the port is dynamically sized in mdlInitializeSizes (see "Sizing an Input Port Dynamically" on page 7-11).
- Whether the input port allows scalar expansion of inputs (see "Scalar Expansion of Inputs" on page 7-13)
- Whether the input port has direct feedthrough, using ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough
  - A port has direct feedthrough if the input is used in either the mdlOutputs or mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit functions. The direct feedthrough flag for each input port can be set to either 1=yes or 0=no. It should be set to 1 if the input, u, is used in the mdlOutputs or mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit routine. Setting the direct feedthrough flag to 0 tells Simulink that u is not used in either of these S-function routines. Violating this leads to unpredictable results.
- The data type of the input port, if not the default double

  Use ssSetInputPortDataType to set the input port's data type. If you want
  the data type of the port to depend on the data type of the port to which it is
  connected, specify the data type as DYNAMICALLY\_TYPED. In this case, you
  must provide implementations of the mdlSetInputPortDataType and
  mdlSetDefaultPortDataTypes methods to enable the data type to be set
  correctly during signal propagation.

• The numeric type of the input port, if the port accepts complex-valued signals Use ssSetInputComplexSignal to set the input port's numeric type. If you want the numeric type of the port to depend on the numeric type of the port to which it is connected, specify the data type as inherited. In this case, you must provide implementations of the mdlSetInputPortComplexSignal and mdlSetDefaultPortComplexSignal methods to enable the numeric type to be set correctly during signal propagation.

**Note** The mdlInitializeSizes method must specify the number of ports before setting any properties. If it attempts to set a property of a port that doesn't exist, it is accessing invalid memory and Simulink crashes.

#### **Initializing Input Port Dimensions**

The following options exist for setting the input port dimensions:

- If the input signal is one-dimensional and the input port width is w, use ssSetInputPortVectorDimension(S, inputPortIdx, w)
- If the input signal is a matrix of dimension m-by-n, use ssSetInputPortMatrixDimensions(S, inputPortIdx, m, n)
- Otherwise use ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo(S, inputPortIdx, dimsInfo)

You can use this function to fully or partially initialize the port dimensions (see next section).

#### Sizing an Input Port Dynamically

If your S-function does not require that an input signal have a specific dimensionality, you might want to set the dimensionality of the input port to match the dimensionality of the signal connected to the port. To dimension an input port dynamically, your S-function should

• Specify some or all of the dimensions of the input port as dynamically sized in mdlInitializeSizes.

If the input port can accept a signal of any dimensionality, use

ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo(S, inputPortIdx, DYNAMIC\_DIMENSION)

to set the dimensionality of the input port.

If the input port can accept only vector (1-D) signals but the signals can be of any size, use

ssSetInputPortWidth(S, inputPortIdx, DYNAMICALLY SIZED)

to specify the dimensionality of the input port.

If the input port can accept only matrix signals but can accept any row or column size, use

ssSetInputPortMatrixDimensions(S, inputPortIdx, m, n)

where m and/or n are DYNAMICALLY SIZED.

- Provide an mdlSetInputPortDimensionInfo method that sets the
  dimensions of the input port to the size of the signal connected to it.
   Simulink invokes this method during signal propagation when it has
  determined the dimensionality of the signal connected to the input port.
- Provide an mdlSetDefaultPortDimensionInfo method that sets the dimensions of the block's ports to a default value.

Simulink invokes this method during signal propagation when it cannot determine the dimensionality of the signal connected to some or all of the block's input ports. This can happen, for example, if an input port is unconnected. If the S-function does not provide this method, Simulink sets the dimension of the block's ports to 1-D scalar.

## **Creating Output Ports**

To create and configure output ports, the mdlInitializeSizes method should first specify the number of input ports that the S-function has, using ssSetNumOutputPorts. Then, for each output port, the method should specify

• Dimensions of the output port

Simulink provides the following macros for setting the port's dimensions.

- ssSetOutputPortDimensionInfo
- ssSetOutputPortMatrixDimensions
- ssSetOutputPortVectorDimensions

- ssSetOutputWidth

If you want the port's dimensions to depend on block connectivity, set the dimensions to DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED. The S-function must then provide mdlSetOutputPortDimensionInfo and ssSetDefaultPortDimensionInfo methods to ensure that output port dimensions are set to the correct values in code generation.

• Data type of the output port

Use ssSetOutputPortDataType to set the output port's data type. If you want the data type of the port to depend on block connectivity, specify the data type as DYNAMICALLY\_TYPED. In this case, you must provide implementations of the mdlSetOutputPortDataType and mdlSetDefaultPortDataTypes methods to enable the data type to be set correctly during signal propagation.

 The numeric type of the input port, if the port outputs complex-valued signals

Use ssSetOutputComplexSignal to set the output port's numeric type. If you want the numeric type of the port to depend on the numeric type of the port to which it is connected, specify the data type as inherited. In this case, you must provide implementations of the mdlSetOutputPortComplexSignal and mdlSetDefaultPortComplexSignal methods to enable the numeric type to be set correctly during signal propagation.

## Scalar Expansion of Inputs

Scalar expansion of inputs refers conceptually to the process of expanding scalar input signals to have the same dimensions as the ports to which they are connected. This is done by setting each element of the expanded signal to the value of the scalar input. An S-function's mdlInitializeSizes method can enable scalar expansion of inputs for its input ports by setting the SS OPTION ALLOW INPUT SCALAR EXPANSION option, using ssSetOptions.

The best way to understand the scalar expansion rules is to consider a Sum block with two input ports, where the first input signal is scalar, the second input signal is a 1-D vector with w > 1 elements, and the output signal is a 1-D vector with w elements. In this case, the scalar input is expanded to a 1-D vector with w elements in the output method, and each element of the expanded signal is set to the value of the scalar input.

```
Outputs <snip>
```

```
u1inc = (u1width > 1);
u2inc = (u2width > 1);
for (i=0;i<w;i++) {
    y[i] = *u1 + *u2;
    u1 += u1inc;
    u2 += u2inc;
}</pre>
```

If the block has more than two inputs, each input signal must be scalar, or the wide signals must have the same number of elements. In addition, if the wide inputs are driven by 1-D and 2-D vectors, the output is a 2-D vector signal, and the scalar inputs are expanded to a 2-D vector signal.

The way scalar expansion actually works depends on whether the S-function manages the dimensions of its input and output ports using mdlSetInputPortWidth and mdlSetOutputPortWidth or mdlSetInputPortDimensionInfo, mdlSetOutputPortDimensionInfo, and mdlSetDefaultPortDimensionInfo.

If the S-function does not specify/control the dimensions of its input and output ports using the preceding methods, Simulink uses a default method to set the input and output ports.

In the mdlInitializeSizes method, the S-function can enable scalar expansion for its input ports by setting the

SS\_OPTION\_ALLOW\_INPUT\_SCALAR\_EXPANSION option, using ssSetOptions. The Simulink default method uses the preceding option to allow or disallow scalar expansion for a block's input ports. If the preceding option is not set by an S-function, Simulink assumes that all ports (input and output ports) must have the same dimensions, and it sets all port dimensions to the same dimensions specified by one of the driving blocks.

If the S-function specifies/controls the dimensions of its input and output ports, Simulink ignores the SCALAR\_EXPANSION option.

See matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun multiport.c for an example.

## **Masked Multiport S-Functions**

If you are developing masked multiport S-function blocks whose number of ports varies based on some parameter, and if you want to place them in a Simulink library, you must specify that the mask modifies the appearance of the block. To do this, execute the command

```
set param('block','MaskSelfModifiable','on')
```

at the MATLAB prompt before saving the library. Failure to specify that the mask modifies the appearance of the block means that an instance of the block in a model reverts to the number of ports in the library whenever you load the model or update the library link.

# **Custom Data Types**

An S-function can accept and output user-defined as well as built-in Simulink data types. To use a user-defined data type, the S-function's mdlInitializeSizes routine must

- 1 Register the data type, using ssRegisterDataType.
- **2** Specify the amount of memory in bytes required to store an instance of the data type, using ssSetDataTypeSize.
- **3** Specify the value that represents zero for the data type, using ssSetDataTypeZero.

# **Sample Times**

This section explains how to specify the sample-time behavior of your function, e.g., whether it inherits its rates from the blocks that drive it or defines its own rates and, if it defines its own rates, what the rates are.

An S-function block can specify its rates (i.e., sample times) as

- Block-based sample times
- Port-based sample times
- Hybrid block-based and port-based sample times

With block-based sample times, the S-function specifies a set of operating rates for the block as a whole during the initialization phase of the simulation. With port-based sample times, the S-function specifies a sample time for each input and output port individually during initialization. During the execution phase, with block-based sample times, the S-function processes all inputs and outputs each time a sample hit occurs for the block. By contrast, with port-based sample times, the block processes a particular port only when a sample hit occurs for that port.

For example, consider two sample rates, 0.5 and 0.25 seconds, respectively:

- In the block-based method, selecting 0.5 and 0.25 would direct the block to execute inputs and outputs at 0.25 second increments.
- In the port-based method, you could set the input port to 0.5 and the output port to 0.25, and the block would process inputs at 2Hz and outputs at 4Hz.

You should use port-based sample times if your application requires unequal sample rates for input and output execution or if you don't want the overhead associated with running input and output ports at the highest sample rate of your block.

In some applications, an S-Function block might need to operate internally at one or more sample rates while inputting or outputting signals at other rates. The hybrid block- and port-based method of specifying sample rates allows you to create such blocks.

In typical applications, you specify only one block-based sample time. Advanced S-functions might require the specification of port-based or multiple block sample times.

## **Block-Based Sample Times**

The next two sections discuss how to specify block-based sample times. You must specify information in

- mdlInitializeSizes
- mdlInitializeSampleTimes

A third section presents a simple example that shows how to specify sample times in mdlInitializeSampleTimes.

Specifying the Number of Sample Times in mdllnitializeSizes. To configure your S-function block for block-based sample times, use

```
ssSetNumSampleTimes(S,numSampleTimes);
```

where numSampleTimes > 0. This tells Simulink that your S-function has block-based sample times. Simulink calls mdlInitializeSampleTimes, which in turn sets the sample times.

# Setting Sample Times and Specifying Function Calls in mdlInitializeSampleTimes

mdlInitializeSampleTimes is used to specify two pieces of execution information:

- Sample and offset times In mdlInitializeSizes, specify the number of sample times you'd like your S-function to have by using the ssSetNumSampleTimes macro. In mdlInitializeSampleTimes, you must specify the sampling period and offset for each sample time.

  Sample times can be a function of the input/output port widths. In mdlInitializeSampleTimes, you can specify that sample times are a function of ssGetInputPortWidth and ssGetOutputPortWidth.
- Function calls In ssSetCallSystemOutput, specify the output elements that are performing function calls. See matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_fcncall.c for an example.

You specify the sample times as pairs [sample\_time, offset\_time], using these macros

```
ssSetSampleTime(S, sampleTimePairIndex, sample_time)
ssSetOffsetTime(S, offsetTimePairIndex, offset_time)
```

where sampleTimePairIndex starts at 0.

The valid sample time pairs are (uppercase values are macros defined in simstruc.h).

```
[CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME, 0.0 ]
[CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME, FIXED_IN_MINOR_STEP_OFFSET]
[discrete_sample_period, offset ]
[VARIABLE SAMPLE TIME , 0.0 ]
```

Alternatively, you can specify that the sample time is inherited from the driving block, in which case the S-function can have only one sample time pair,

```
[INHERITED_SAMPLE_TIME, 0.0 ]
or
[INHERITED SAMPLE TIME, FIXED IN MINOR STEP OFFSET]
```

**Note** If your S-function inherits its sample time, you should specify whether it is safe to use the S-function in a submodel, i.e., a model referenced by another model. See "Specifying Model Reference Sample Time Inheritance" on page 7-27 for more information.

The following guidelines might help in specifying sample times:

- A continuous function that changes during minor integration steps should register the [CONTINUOUS\_SAMPLE\_TIME, 0.0] sample time.
- A continuous function that does not change during minor integration steps should register the

```
[CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME, FIXED_IN_MINOR_STEP_OFFSET] sample time.
```

• A discrete function that changes at a specified rate should register the discrete sample time pair

```
[discrete_sample_period, offset]
where
discrete_sample_period > 0.0
and
0.0 <= offset < discrete sample period</pre>
```

• A discrete function that changes at a variable rate should register the variable-step discrete [VARIABLE\_SAMPLE\_TIME, 0.0] sample time. The mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit function is called to get the time of the next sample hit for the variable-step discrete task. The VARIABLE\_SAMPLE\_TIME can be used with variable-step solvers only.

If your function has no intrinsic sample time, you must indicate that it is inherited according to the following guidelines:

- A function that changes as its input changes, even during minor integration steps, should register the [INHERITED\_SAMPLE\_TIME, 0.0] sample time.
- A function that changes as its input changes, but doesn't change during minor integration steps (that is, is held during minor steps), should register the [INHERITED\_SAMPLE\_TIME, FIXED\_IN\_MINOR\_STEP\_OFFSET] sample time.

To check for a sample hit during execution (in mdlOutputs or mdlUpdate), use the ssIsSampleHit or ssIsContinuousTask macro. For example, if your first sample time is continuous, then you used the following code fragment to check for a sample hit. Note that you get incorrect results if you use ssIsSampleHit(S,0,tid).

```
if (ssIsContinuousTask(S,tid)) {
}
```

If, for example, you wanted to determine whether the third (discrete) task has a hit, you would use the following code fragment:

```
if (ssIsSampleHit(S,2,tid) {
}
```

#### **Example: mdlInitializeSampleTimes**

This example specifies that there are two discrete sample times with periods of 0.01 and 0.5 seconds.

```
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
{
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, 0.01);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 1, 0.5);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 1, 0.0);
} /* End of mdlInitializeSampleTimes. */
```

## **Specifying Port-Based Sample Times**

If you want your S-function to use port-based sample times, you must specify the number of sample times as port-based in the S-function's mdlInitializeSizes method:

```
ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, PORT BASED SAMPLE TIMES)
```

You must also specify the sample time of each input and output port in the S-function's mdlInitializeSizes method, using the following macros

```
ssSetInputPortSampleTime(S, idx, period)
ssSetInputPortOffsetTime(S, idx, offset)
ssSetOutputPortSampleTime(S, idx, period)
ssSetOutputPortOffsetTime(S, idx, offset)
```

**Note** mdlInitializeSizes should not contain any ssSetSampleTime or ssSetOffsetTime calls when you use port-based sample times.

For any given port, you can specify

• A specific sample time and period

For example, the following code sets the sample time of the S-function's first input port to every 0.1 s starting with the simulation start time.

```
ssSetInputPortSampleTime(S, 0, 0.1);
ssSetInputPortOffsetTime(S, 0, 0);
```

- Inherited sample time, i.e., the port inherits its sample time from the port to which it is connected (see "Specifying Inherited Sample Time for a Port" on page 7-22)
- Constant sample time, i.e., the port's input or output never changes (see "Specifying Constant Sample Time for a Port" on page 7-22)

**Note** To be usable in a triggered subsystem, all of your S-function's ports must have either inherited or constant sample time (see "Configuring Port-Based Sample Times for Use in Triggered Subsystems" on page 7-23).

#### Specifying Inherited Sample Time for a Port

To specify that a port's sample time is inherited, the mdlInitializeSizes method should set its period to -1 and its offset to 0. For example, the following code specifies inherited sample time for the S-function's first input port:

```
ssSetInputPortSampleTime(S, 0, -1);
ssSetInputPortOffsetTime(S, 0, 0);
```

When you specify port-based sample times, Simulink calls mdlSetInputPortSampleTime and mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime to determine the rates of inherited signals.

Once all rates have been determined, Simulink calls mdlInitializeSampleTimes. Even though there is no need to initialize port-based sample times at this point, Simulink invokes this method to give your S-function an opportunity to configure function-call connections. Your S-function must thus provide an implementation for this method regardless of whether it uses port-based sample times or function-call connections. Although you can provide an empty implementation, you might want to use it to check the appropriateness of the sample times that the block inherited during sample time propagation.

**Note** If you specify that your S-function's ports inherit their sample time, you should also specify whether it is safe to use the S-function in a submodel, i.e., a model referenced by another model. See "Specifying Model Reference Sample Time Inheritance" on page 7-27 for more information.

#### Specifying Constant Sample Time for a Port

If your S-function uses port-based sample times, it can specify that any of its ports has a constant sample time. This means that the signal entering or leaving the port never changes from its initial value at the start of the simulation.

Before specifying constant sample time for an output port whose output depends on the S-function's parameters, the S-function should use ssGetInlineParameters to check whether the user has specified the Inline parameters option on the Optimization pane of the Configuration parameters dialog box. If the user has not checked this option, it is possible for

the user to change the values the S-function's parameters and hence its outputs during the simulation. In this case, the S-function should not specify a constant sample time for any ports whose outputs depend on the S-function's parameters.

To specify constant sample time for a port, the S-function must perform the following tasks

• Tell Simulink that it supports constant port sample times in its mdlInitializeSizes method:

```
ssSetOptions(S, SS OPTION ALLOW CONSTANT PORT SAMPLE TIME);
```

**Note** By setting this option, your S-function is in effect telling Simulink that all of its ports support a constant sample time including ports that inherit their sample times from other blocks. If any of the S-function's inherited sample time ports cannot have a constant sample time, your S-function's mdlSetInputPortSampleTime and mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime methods must eheck whether that port has inherited a constant sample time. If the port has inherited a constant sample time, your S-function should throw an error.

- Set the port's period to inf and its offset to 0, e.g., ssSetInputPortSampleTime(S, 0, mxGetInf()); ssSetInputPortOffsetTime(S, 0, 0);
- Check in mdlOutputs whether the method's tid argument equals CONSTANT\_TID and if so, set the value of the port's output if it is an output port.

See sfun\_port\_constant.c, the source file for the sfcndemo\_port\_constant demo, for an example of how to create ports with a constant sample time.

## Configuring Port-Based Sample Times for Use in Triggered Subsystems

To be usable in a triggered subsystem, your port-based sample time S-function must perform the following tasks.

• Tell Simulink in its mdlInitializeSizes method that it can run in a triggered subsystem:

```
ssSetOptions(S,
SS_OPTION_ALLOW_PORT_BASED_SAMPLE_TIME_IN_TRIGSS);
```

- Set all of its ports to have either inherited or constant sample time in its mdlInitializeSizes method.
- Handle inheritance of a triggered sample time in mdlSetInputPortSampleTime and mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime methods as follows.

If the S-function resides in a triggered subsystem, Simulink invokes either mdlSetInputPortSampleTime or mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime during sample time propagation. Whichever method is called must set the sample time and offset of the port for which it is called to INHERITED\_SAMPLE\_TIME (-1), e.g.,

```
ssSetInputPortSampleTime(S, 0, INHERITED_SAMPLE_TIME);
ssSetInputPortOffsetTime(S, 0, INHERITED SAMPLE TIME);
```

Setting a port's sample time and offset both to INHERITED\_SAMPLE\_TIME indicates that the sample time of the port is triggered, i.e., it produces an output or accepts an input only when the subsystem in which it resides is triggered. The method must also set the sample times and offsets of all of the S-function's other input and output ports to have either triggered or constant sample time, whichever is appropriate.

There is no way for an S-function residing in a triggered subsystem to predict whether Simulink will call mdlSetInputPortSampleTime or mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime to set its port sample times. For this reason, both methods must be able to set the sample times correctly.

• In mdlUpdate and mdlOutputs, use ssGetPortBasedSampleTimeBlockIsTriggered to check whether the S-function resides in a triggered subsystem and if so, use appropriate algorithms for computing its states and outputs.

See sfun\_port\_triggered.c, the source file for the sfcndemo\_port\_triggered demo, for an example of how to create ports with a constant sample time.

## **Hybrid Block-Based and Port-Based Sample Times**

The hybrid method of assigning sample times combines the block-based and port-based methods. You first specify, in mdlInitializeSizes, the total number of rates at which your block operates, including both internal and

input and output rates, using ssSetNumSampleTimes. You then set the SS\_OPTION\_PORT\_SAMPLE\_TIMES\_ASSIGNED, using ssSetOptions, to tell the simulation engine that you are going to use the port-based method to specify the rates of the input and output ports individually. Next, as in the block-based method, you specify the periods and offsets of all of the block's rates, both internal and external, using

```
ssSetSampleTime
ssSetOffsetTime
```

Finally, as in the port-based method, you specify the rates for each port, using

```
ssSetInputPortSampleTime(S, idx, period)
ssSetInputPortOffsetTime(S, idx, offset)
ssSetOutputPortSampleTime(S, idx, period)
ssSetOutputPortOffsetTime(S, idx, offset)
```

Note that each of the assigned port rates must be the same as one of the previously declared block rates.

#### **Multirate S-Function Blocks**

In a multirate S-Function block, you can encapsulate the code that defines each behavior in the mdlOutputs and mdlUpdate functions with a statement that determines whether a sample hit has occurred. The ssIsSampleHit macro determines whether the current time is a sample hit for a specified sample time. The macro has this syntax:

```
ssIsSampleHit(S, st index, tid)
```

where S is the SimStruct, st\_index identifies a specific sample time index, and tid is the task ID (tid is an argument to the mdlOutputs and mdlUpdate functions).

For example, these statements specify three sample times: one for continuous behavior and two for discrete behavior.

```
ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME);
ssSetSampleTime(S, 1, 0.75);
ssSetSampleTime(S, 2, 1.0);
```

In the mdlUpdate function, the following statement encapsulates the code that defines the behavior for the sample time of 0.75 second.

```
if (ssIsSampleHit(S, 1, tid)) {
}
```

The second argument, 1, corresponds to the second sample time, 0.75 second.

#### Example of Defining a Sample Time for a Continuous Block

This example defines a sample time for a block that is continuous.

```
/* Initialize the sample time and offset. */
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
{
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
}
```

You must add this statement to the mdlInitializeSizes function.

```
ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 1);
```

#### Example of Defining a Sample Time for a Hybrid Block

This example defines sample times for a hybrid S-Function block.

```
/* Initialize the sample time and offset. */
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
{
   /* Continuous state sample time and offset. */
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);

   /* Discrete state sample time and offset. */
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 1, 0.1);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 1, 0.025);
}
```

In the second sample time, the offset causes Simulink to call the mdlUpdate function at these times: 0.025 second, 0.125 second, 0.225 second, and so on, in increments of 0.1 second.

The following statement, which indicates how many sample times are defined, also appears in the mdlInitializeSizes function.

```
ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 2);
```

## Synchronizing Multirate S-Function Blocks

If tasks running at different rates need to share data, you must ensure that data generated by one task is valid when accessed by another task running at a different rate. You can use the ssIsSpecialSampleHit macro in the mdlUpdate or mdlOutputs routine of a multirate S-function to ensure that the shared data is valid. This macro returns true if a sample hit has occurred at one rate and a sample hit has also occurred at another rate in the same time step. It thus permits a higher rate task to provide data needed by a slower rate task at a rate the slower task can accommodate.

Suppose, for example, that your model has an input port operating at one rate, 0, and an output port operating at a slower rate, 1. Further, suppose that you want the output port to output the value currently on the input. The following example illustrates usage of this macro.

```
if (ssISampleHit(S, 0, tid) {
   if (ssIsSpecialSampleHit(S, 0, 1, tid) {
      /* Transfer input to output memory. */
      ...
   }
}
if (ssIsSampleHit(S, 1, tid) {
   /* Emit output. */
   ...
}
```

In this example, the first block runs when a sample hit occurs at the input rate. If the hit also occurs at the output rate, the block transfers the input to the output memory. The second block runs when a sample hit occurs at the output rate. It transfers the output in its memory area to the block's output.

Note that higher-rate tasks always run before slower-rate tasks. Thus, the input task in the preceding example always runs before the output task, ensuring that valid data is always present at the output port.

# Specifying Model Reference Sample Time Inheritance

If your S-function inherits its sample times from the blocks that drive it, it should specify whether it is safe to use the S-function in a submodel. It is safe

only if the S-function's output does not depend on the inherited sample time. If the S-function's output does not depend on its inherited sample time, use the ssSetModelReferenceSampleTimeInheritanceRule macro to set the S-function's sample time inheritance rule to

USE\_DEFAULT\_FOR\_DISCRETE\_INHERITANCE. Otherwise, set the rule to DISALLOW\_SAMPLE\_TIME\_INHERITANCE. Specifying the inheritance rule allows Simulink to disallow sample-time inheritance for submodels that include S-functions whose outputs depend on their inherited sample time and thereby avoid inadvertent simulation errors.

**Note** If your S-function does not set this flag, Simulink assumes that it does not preclude a submodel containing it from inheriting a sample time. However, Simulink optionally warns the user that the submodel contains S-functions that do not specify a sample-time inheritance rule (see "Model Referencing Options" in the online Simulink help).

If you are uncertain whether an existing S-function's output depends on its inherited sample time, check whether it invokes any of the following C macros:

- ssGetSampleTime
- ssGetInputPortSampleTime
- ssGetOutputPortSampleTime
- ssGetInputPortOffsetTime
- ssGetOutputPortOffsetTime
- ssGetSampleTimePtr
- ssGetInputPortSampleTimeIndex
- ssGetOutputPortSampleTimeIndex
- ssGetSampleTimeTaskID
- ssGetSampleTimeTaskIDPtr

#### or TLC functions:

- LibBlockSampleTime
- CompiledModel.SampleTime
- LibBlockInputSignalSampleTime

- LibBlockInputSignalOffsetTime
- LibBlockOutputSignalSampleTime
- LibBlockOutputSignalOffsetTime

If the S-function does not invoke any of these macros or functions, its output does not depend on its inherited sample time and hence it is safe to use in submodels that inherit their sample time.

### Sample-Time Inheritance Rule Example

As an example of an S-function that precludes a submodel from inheriting its sample time, consider an S-function that has the following mdlOutputs method:

This output of this S-function is its inherited sample time, hence its output depends on its inherited sample time, and hence it is unsafe to use in a submodel. For this reason, this S-function should specify its model reference inheritence rule as follows:

```
ssSetModelReferenceSampleTimeInheritanceRule
(S, DISALLOW SAMPLE TIME INHERITANCE);
```

## **Work Vectors**

If your S-function needs persistent memory storage, use S-function *work vectors* instead of static or global variables. If you use static or global variables, they are used by multiple instances of your S-function. This occurs when you have multiple S-Function blocks in a Simulink model and the same S-function C MEX-file has been specified. The ability to keep track of multiple instances of an S-function is called *reentrancy*.

You can create an S-function that is reentrant by using work vectors. These are persistent storage locations that Simulink manages for an S-function. Integer, floating-point (real), pointer, and general data types are supported. The number of elements in each vector can be specified dynamically as a function of the number of inputs to the S-function.

Work vectors have several advantages:

- Instance-specific storage for block variables
- Integer, real, pointer, and general data types
- Elimination of static and global variables and the associated multiple instance problems

For example, suppose you'd like to track the previous value of each input signal element entering input port 1 of your S-function. Either the discrete-state vector or the real-work vector could be used for this, depending upon whether the previous value is considered a discrete state (that is, compare the unit delay and the memory block). If you do not want the previous value to be logged when states are saved, use the real-work vector, rwork. To do this, in mdlInitializeSizes specify the length of this vector by using ssSetNumRWork. Then in either mdlStart or mdlInitializeConditions, initialize the rwork vector ssGetRWork. In mdlOutputs, you can retrieve the previous inputs by using ssGetRWork. In mdlUpdate, update the previous value of the rwork vector by using ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs.

Use the macros in this table to specify the length of the work vectors for each instance of your S-function in mdlInitializeSizes.

Table 7-1: Macros Used in Specifying Vector Widths

Macro	Description
ssSetNumContStates	Width of the continuous-state vector
ssSetNumDiscStates	Width of the discrete-state vector
ssSetNumDWork	Width of the data type work vector
ssSetNumRWork	Width of the real-work vector
ssSetNumIWork	Width of the integer-work vector
ssSetNumPWork	Width of the pointer-work vector
ssSetNumModes	Width of the mode-work vector
ssSetNumNonsampledZCs	Width of the nonsampled zero-crossing vector

Specify vector widths in mdlInitializeSizes. There are three choices:

- 0 (the default). This indicates that the vector is not used by your S-function.
- A positive nonzero integer. This is the width of the vector that is available for use by mdlStart, mdlInitializeConditions, and S-function routines called in the simulation loop.
- The DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED define. The default behavior for dynamically sized vectors is to set them to the overall block width. Simulink does this after propagating line widths and sample times. The block width is the width of the signal passing through your block. In general this is equal to the output port width.

If the default behavior of dynamically sized vectors does not meet your needs, use mdlSetWorkWidths and the macros listed in Table 7-1, Macros Used in Specifying Vector Widths, to set the sizes of the work vectors explicitly. mdlSetWorkWidths also allows you to set your work vector lengths as functions of the block sample time and/or port widths.

The continuous states are used when you have a state that needs to be integrated by one of the Simulink solvers. When you specify continuous states, you must return the states' derivatives in mdlDerivatives. The discrete state vector is used to maintain state information that changes at fixed intervals. Typically the discrete state vector is updated in place in mdlUpdate.

The integer, real, and pointer work vectors are storage locations that are not logged by Simulink during simulations. They maintain persistent data between calls to your S-function.

## **Work Vectors and Zero Crossings**

The mode-work vector and the nonsampled zero-crossing vector are typically used with zero crossings. Elements of the mode vector are integer values. You specify the number of mode-vector elements in mdlInitializeSizes, using ssSetNumModes(S,num). You can then access the mode vector using ssGetModeVector. The mode vector is used to determine how the mdlOutputs routine should operate when the solvers are homing in on zero crossings. The zero crossings or state events (i.e., discontinuities in the first derivatives) of some signal, usually a function of an input to your S-function, are tracked by the solver by looking at the nonsampled zero crossings. To register nonsampled zero crossings, set the number of nonsampled zero crossings in mdlInitializeSizes, using ssSetNumNonsampledZCs(S, num). Then define the mdlZeroCrossings routine to return the nonsampled zero crossings. See matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_zc.c for an example.

## **Example Involving a Pointer Work Vector**

This example opens a file and stores the FILE pointer in the pointer-work vector.

The following statement, included in the mdlInitializeSizes function, indicates that the pointer-work vector is to contain one element.

```
ssSetNumPWork(S, 1) /* pointer-work vector */
```

The following code uses the pointer-work vector to store a FILE pointer, returned from the standard I/O function fopen.

```
#define MDL_START /* Change to #undef to remove function. */
#if defined(MDL_START)
static void mdlStart(real_T *x0, SimStruct *S)
```

```
{
  FILE *fPtr;
  void **PWork = ssGetPWork(S);
  fPtr = fopen("file.data", "r");
  PWork[0] = fPtr;
}
#endif /* MDL START */
```

This code retrieves the FILE pointer from the pointer-work vector and passes it to fclose to close the file.

```
static void mdlTerminate(SimStruct *S)
{
  if (ssGetPWork(S) != NULL) {
    FILE *fPtr;
    fPtr = (FILE *) ssGetPWorkValue(S,0);
    if (fPtr != NULL) {
       fclose(fPtr);
    }
    ssSetPWorkValue(S,0,NULL);
  }
}
```

**Note** If you are using mdlSetWorkWidths, any work vectors you use in your S-function should be set to DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED in mdlInitializeSizes, even if the exact value is known before mdlInitializeSizes is called. The size to be used by the S-function should be specified in mdlSetWorkWidths.

The synopsis is

For an example, see matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun dynsize.c.

## **Memory Allocation**

When you are creating an S-function, the available work vectors might not provide enough capability. In this case, you need to allocate memory for each instance of your S-function. The standard MATLAB API memory allocation routines mxCalloc and mxFree should not be used with C MEX S-functions, because these routines are designed to be used with MEX-files that are called from MATLAB and not Simulink. The correct approach for allocating memory is to use the stdlib.h library routines calloc and free. In mdlStart, allocate and initialize the memory and place the pointer to it either in pointer-work vector elements

```
ssGetPWork(S)[i] = ptr;
or attach it as user data.
ssSetUserData(S,ptr);
```

In mdlTerminate, free the allocated memory.

# **Function-Call Subsystems**

You can create a triggered subsystem whose execution is determined by logic internal to an S-function instead of by the value of a signal. A subsystem so configured is called a *function-call subsystem*. To implement a function-call subsystem:

- In the Trigger block, select **function-call** as the **Trigger type** parameter.
- In the S-function, use the ssEnableSystemWithTid and ssDisableSystemWithTid to enable or disable the triggered subsystem and the ssCallSystemWithTid macro to call the triggered subsystem.
- In the model, connect the S-Function block output directly to the trigger port.

**Note** Function-call connections can only be performed on the first output port.

Function-call subsystems are not executed directly by Simulink; rather, the S-function determines when to execute the subsystem. When the subsystem completes execution, control returns to the S-function. This figure illustrates the interaction between a function-call subsystem and an S-function.

```
void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int_T tid)
{
    ...
    if (!ssCallSystemWithTid(S,outputElement,tid)) {
       return; /* error or output is unconnected */
    }
    <next statement>
    ...
}
Function-call subsystem
}
```

In this figure, ssCallSystemWithTid executes the function-call subsystem that is connected to the first output port element. ssCallSystemWithTid returns 0 if an error occurs while executing the function-call subsystem or if the output is unconnected. After the function-call subsystem executes, control is returned to your S-function.

Function-call subsystems can only be connected to S-functions that have been properly configured to accept them.

To configure an S-function to call a function-call subsystem:

• Specify the elements that are to execute the function-call system in mdlInitializeSampleTimes. For example:

```
ssSetCallSystemOutput(S,0); /* call on 1st element */
ssSetCallSystemOutput(S,2); /* call on 3rd element */
```

 Speify in mdlInitializeSampleTimes whether you want the S-function to be able to enable or disable the function-call subsystem. For example: ssSetExplicitFCSSCtrl(SimStruct \*S, TRUE);

• Execute the subsystem in the appropriate mdlOutputs or mdlUpdate S-function routine. For example:

```
static void mdlOutputs(...)
{
   if (((int)*uPtrs[0]) % 2 == 1) {
      if (!ssCallSystemWithTid(S,0,tid)) {
          /* Error occurred, which will be reported by Simulink */
      return;
      }
   } else {
    if (!ssCallSystemWithTid(S,2,tid)) {
        /* Error occurred, which will be reported by Simulink */
      return;
      }
   }
   ...
}
```

See simulink/src/sfun\_fcncall.c for an example.

Function-call subsystems are a powerful modeling construct. You can configure Stateflow® blocks to execute function-call subsystems, thereby extending the capabilities of the blocks. For more information on their use in Stateflow, see the Stateflow documentation.

# **Processing Frame-Based Signals**

This section explains how to create an S-function that accepts and/or produces frame-based signals. See "Frame-Based Signals" in the "Working with Signals" section of the Signal Processing Blockset documentation for a comprehensive discussion of the use of frame-based signals in Simulink models.

**Note** Simulating a model containing the S-function that you develop requires a Signal Processing Blockset license.

To accept or produce frame-based signals, an S-function must perform the following tasks:

- The S-function's mdlInitializeSizes callback method must set the port frame status to FRAME\_YES, FRAME\_NO, or FRAME\_INHERITED for each of the S-function's I/O ports, using the ssSetInputPortFrameData and ssSetOutputPortFrameData functions.
- If the frame status of any of the S-function's input ports is inherited, the S-function should define a mdlSetInputPortFrameData callback method. Simulink passes the frame status that it assignes to the port, based on frame signal propagation rules, as an argument to this callback method. The callback method should in turn use the ssSetInputPortFrameData function to set the port to the assigned status if it is acceptable or signal an error if it is not. If the frame status of other ports of the S-function depend on the status inherited by one of its input ports, the callback method can also use ssSetInputPortFrameData to set the frame status of the other ports based on the status that the input port inherits.
- The S-function's mdlOutputs method should include code to process the signals.
- The S-function's should specify the dimensions of the signals that its frame-based ports accept or produce in its mdlInitializeSizes or mdlSetInputPortDimensionInfo and mdlSetOutputPortDimensionInfo callback methods. Note that frame-based signals must be dimensioned as 2-D arrays.

See the frame-based A/D converter S-function example (sfun\_frmad.c) for an example of how to create a frame-based S-function.

# **Handling Errors**

When working with S-functions, it is important to handle unexpected events such as invalid parameter values correctly.

If your S-function has parameters whose contents you need to validate, use the following technique to report errors encountered.

```
{\tt ssSetErrorStatus}({\tt S,"error~encountered~due~to~..."}); \\ {\tt return;}
```

Note that the second argument to ssSetErrorStatus must be persistent memory. It cannot be a local variable in your procedure. For example, the following causes unpredictable errors.

```
mdlOutputs()
{
    char msg[256]; /* ILLEGAL: should be "static char msg[256];" */
    sprintf(msg,"Error due to %s", string);
    ssSetErrorStatus(S,msg);
    return;
}
```

Because ssSetErrorStatus does not generate exceptions, using it to report errors in your S-function is preferable to using mexErrMsgTxt. The mexErrMsgTxt function uses exception handling to terminate S-function execution and return control to Simulink. To support exception handling in S-functions, Simulink must set up exception handlers prior to each S-function invocation. This introduces overhead into simulation.

## **Exception Free Code**

You can avoid this overhead by ensuring that your S-function contains entirely exception free code. Exception free code refers to code that never long-jumps. Your S-function is not exception free if it contains any routine that, when called, has the potential of long-jumping. For example, mexErrMsgTxt throws an exception (i.e., long-jumps) when called, thus ending execution of your S-function. Using mxCalloc can cause unpredictable results in the event of a memory allocation error, because mxCalloc long-jumps. If memory allocation is needed, use the stdlib.h calloc routine directly and perform your own error handling.

If you do not call mexErrMsgTxt or other API routines that cause exceptions, use the SS\_OPTION\_EXCEPTION\_FREE\_CODE S-function option. You do this by issuing the following command in the mdlInitializeSizes function.

```
ssSetOptions(S, SS OPTION EXCEPTION FREE CODE);
```

Setting this option increases the performance of your S-function by allowing Simulink to bypass the exception-handling setup that is usually performed prior to each S-function invocation. You must take extreme care to verify that your code is exception free when using SS\_OPTION\_EXCEPTION\_FREE\_CODE. If your S-function generates an exception when this option is set, unpredictable results occur.

All mex\* routines have the potential of long-jumping. Several mx\* routines also have the potential of long-jumping. To avoid any difficulties, use only the API routines that retrieve a pointer or determine the size of parameters. For example, the following never throw an exception: mxGetPr, mxGetData, mxGetNumberOfDimensions, mxGetM, mxGetN, and mxGetNumberOfElements.

Code in *run-time routines* can also throw exceptions. Run-time routines refer to certain S-function routines that Simulink calls during the simulation loop (see "How Simulink Interacts with C S-Functions" on page 3-39). The run-time routines include

- mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit
- mdlOutputs
- mdlUpdate
- mdlDerivatives

If all run-time routines within your S-function are exception free, you can use this option:

```
ssSetOptions(S, SS OPTION RUNTIME EXCEPTION FREE CODE);
```

The other routines in your S-function do not have to be exception free.

### ssSetErrorStatus Termination Criteria

When you call ssSetErrorStatus and return from your S-function, Simulink stops the simulation and posts the error. To determine how the simulation shuts down, refer to the flow chart figure on "How Simulink Interacts with C S-Functions" on page 3-39. If ssSetErrorStatus is called prior to mdlStart, no other S-function routine is called. If ssSetErrorStatus is called in mdlStart or later, mdlTerminate is called.

## **Checking Array Bounds**

If your S-function causes otherwise inexplicable errors, the reason might be that the S-function is writing beyond its assigned areas in memory. You can verify this possibility by enabling the Simulink array bounds checking feature. This feature detects any attempt by an S-Function block to write beyond the areas assigned to it for the following types of block data:

- Work vectors (R, I, P, D, and mode)
- States (continuous and discrete)
- Outputs

To enable array bounds checking, select warning or error from the **Array** bounds exceeded options list on the **Diagnostics** pane of the **Configuration Parameters** dialog box or enter the following command at the MATLAB command line.

```
set_param(modelName, 'ArrayBoundsChecking', 'none' | 'warning' |
'error')
```

# **S-Function Examples**

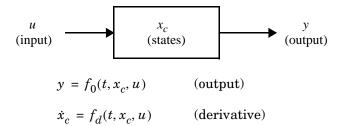
Most S-Function blocks require the handling of states, continuous or discrete. The following sections discuss common types of systems that you can model in Simulink with S-functions:

- Continuous state
- Discrete state
- Hybrid
- Variable step sample time
- Zero crossings
- Time-varying continuous transfer function

All examples are based on the C MEX-file S-function template sfuntmpl\_basic.c and on sfuntmpl\_doc.c, which contains a discussion of the S-function template.

## **Example of a Continuous State S-Function**

The <code>matlabroot/simulink/src/csfunc.c</code> example shows how to model a continuous system with states in a C MEX S-function. In continuous state integration, there is a set of states that the Simulink solvers integrate using the following equations.



S-functions that contain continuous states implement a state-space equation. The output portion is placed in mdlOutputs and the derivative portion in mdlDerivatives. To visualize how the integration works, refer to the flowchart in "How Simulink Interacts with C S-Functions" on page 3-39. The output equation above corresponds to the mdlOutputs in the major time step. Next, the

example enters the integration section of the flowchart. Here Simulink performs a number of minor time steps during which it calls mdlOutputs and mdlDerivatives. Each of these pairs of calls is referred to as an *integration stage*. The integration returns with the continuous states updated and the simulation time moved forward. Time is moved forward as far as possible, providing that error tolerances in the state are met. The maximum time step is subject to constraints of discrete events such as the actual simulation stop time and the user-imposed limit.

Note that csfunc.c specifies that the input port has direct feedthrough. This is because matrix D is initialized to a nonzero matrix. If D is set equal to a zero matrix in the state-space representation, the input signal isn't used in mdlOutputs. In this case, the direct feedthrough can be set to 0, which indicates that csfunc.c does not require the input signal when executing mdlOutputs.

## matlabroot/simulink/src/csfunc.c

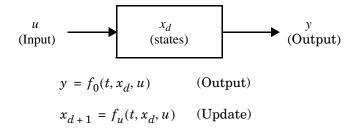
```
: csfunc.c
/* File
  Abstract:
      Example C-file S-function for defining a continuous system.
      x' = Ax + Bu
      y = Cx + Du
      For more details about S-functions, see simulink/src/sfuntmpl_doc.c.
* Copyright 1990-2000 The MathWorks, Inc.
#define S FUNCTION NAME csfunc
#define S FUNCTION LEVEL 2
#include "simstruc.h"
#define U(element) (*uPtrs[element]) /* Pointer to Input Port0 */
static real_T A[2][2]={ \{-0.09, -0.01\},
                    { 1 , 0
static real_T B[2][2]={ { 1 , -7}
                    { 0
                   };
static real_T C[2][2]={ { 0
                           , 2
                     { 1
                   };
static real_T D[2][2]={ \{-3,0\}
                   };
/*======*
* S-function methods *
*======*/
* Abstract:
     The sizes information is used by Simulink to determine the S-function
     block's characteristics (number of inputs, outputs, states, etc.).
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
   ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, 0); /* Number of expected parameters */
   if (ssGetNumSFcnParams(S) != ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)) {
       return; /* Parameter mismatch will be reported by Simulink */
```

```
ssSetNumContStates(S, 2);
   ssSetNumDiscStates(S, 0);
   if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, 1)) return;
   ssSetInputPortWidth(S, 0, 2);
   ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, 1);
   if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S, 1)) return;
   ssSetOutputPortWidth(S, 0, 2);
   ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 1);
   ssSetNumRWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumIWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumPWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumModes(S, 0);
   ssSetNumNonsampledZCs(S, 0);
   /* Take care when specifying exception free code - see sfuntmpl doc.c */
   ssSetOptions(S, SS OPTION EXCEPTION FREE CODE);
}
* Abstract:
     Specifiy that we have a continuous sample time.
* /
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
#define MDL INITIALIZE CONDITIONS
* Abstract:
     Initialize both continuous states to zero.
* /
static void mdlInitializeConditions(SimStruct *S)
   real_T *x0 = ssGetContStates(S);
   int_T lp;
   for (lp=0;lp<2;lp++) {
       *x0++=0.0;
}
```

```
* Abstract:
      y = Cx + Du
*/
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
   real T
                  * y
                      = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,0);
                  * X
                      = ssGetContStates(S);
   real T
   InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
   UNUSED ARG(tid); /* not used in single tasking mode */
   /* y=Cx+Du */
   y[0]=C[0][0]*x[0]+C[0][1]*x[1]+D[0][0]*U(0)+D[0][1]*U(1);
   y[1]=C[1][0]*x[0]+C[1][1]*x[1]+D[1][0]*U(0)+D[1][1]*U(1);
}
#define MDL DERIVATIVES
* Abstract:
      xdot = Ax + Bu
* /
static void mdlDerivatives(SimStruct *S)
   real T
                  *dx = ssGetdX(S);
                       = ssGetContStates(S);
   real T
                  * X
   InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
   /* xdot=Ax+Bu */
   dx[0]=A[0][0]*x[0]+A[0][1]*x[1]+B[0][0]*U(0)+B[0][1]*U(1);
   dx[1]=A[1][0]*x[0]+A[1][1]*x[1]+B[1][0]*U(0)+B[1][1]*U(1);
}
* Abstract:
    No termination needed, but we are required to have this routine.
* /
static void mdlTerminate(SimStruct *S)
   UNUSED ARG(S); /* unused input argument */
#ifdef MATLAB_MEX_FILE
                     /* Is this file being compiled as a MEX-file? */
#include "simulink.c"
                     /* MEX-file interface mechanism */
#else
#include "cg sfun.h"
                      /* Code generation registration function */
#endif
```

## **Example of a Discrete State S-Function**

The matlabroot/simulink/src/dsfunc.c example shows how to model a discrete system in a C MEX S-function. Discrete systems can be modeled by the following set of equations.



dsfunc.c implements a discrete state-space equation. The output portion is placed in mdlOutputs and the update portion in mdlUpdate. To visualize how the simulation works, refer to the flowchart in "How Simulink Interacts with C S-Functions" on page 3-39. The output equation above corresponds to the mdlOutputs in the major time step. The preceding update equation corresponds to the mdlUpdate in the major time step. If your model does not contain continuous elements, the integration phase is skipped and time is moved forward to the next discrete sample hit.

## matlabroot/simulink/src/dsfunc.c

```
/* File
          : dsfunc.c
   Abstract:
      Example C-file S-function for defining a discrete system.
      x(n+1) = Ax(n) + Bu(n)
      y(n) = Cx(n) + Du(n)
      For more details about S-functions, see simulink/src/sfuntmpl_doc.c.
  Copyright 1990-2000 The MathWorks, Inc.
#define S FUNCTION NAME dsfunc
#define S FUNCTION LEVEL 2
#include "simstruc.h"
#define U(element) (*uPtrs[element]) /* Pointer to Input Port0 */
static real_T A[2][2]={ { -1.3839, -0.5097 } ,
                     { 1 , 0
static real_T B[2][2]={ { -2.5559, 0
                    { 0 , 4.2382 }
                   };
                          , 2.0761 } ,
static real_T C[2][2]={ { 0
                     { 0
                            , 7.7891 }
                   };
static real_T D[2][2]={ { -0.8141, -2.9334 } ,
                     { 1.2426, 0 }
                   };
/*=======*
* S-function methods *
*======*/
* Abstract:
     The sizes information is used by Simulink to determine the S-function
     block's characteristics (number of inputs, outputs, states, etc.).
* /
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
   ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, 0); /* Number of expected parameters */
   if (ssGetNumSFcnParams(S) != ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)) {
       return; /* Parameter mismatch will be reported by Simulink */
```

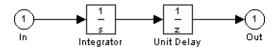
```
}
   ssSetNumContStates(S, 0);
   ssSetNumDiscStates(S, 2);
   if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, 1)) return;
   ssSetInputPortWidth(S, 0, 2);
   ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, 1);
   if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S, 1)) return;
   ssSetOutputPortWidth(S, 0, 2);
   ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 1);
   ssSetNumRWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumIWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumPWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumModes(S, 0);
   ssSetNumNonsampledZCs(S, 0);
   /* Take care when specifying exception free code - see sfuntmpl doc.c */
   ssSetOptions(S, SS_OPTION_EXCEPTION_FREE_CODE);
}
* Abstract:
     Specifiy that we inherit our sample time from the driving block.
* /
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, 1.0);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
}
#define MDL_INITIALIZE_CONDITIONS
* Abstract:
     Initialize both discrete states to one.
*/
static void mdlInitializeConditions(SimStruct *S)
   real_T *x0 = ssGetRealDiscStates(S);
   int_T lp;
   for (lp=0;lp<2;lp++) {
       *x0++=1.0;
}
```

```
* Abstract:
      y = Cx + Du
*/
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
   real T
                  * y
                       = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,0);
   real T
                  *x
                      = ssGetRealDiscStates(S);
   InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
   UNUSED ARG(tid); /* not used in single tasking mode */
   /* y=Cx+Du */
   y[0]=C[0][0]*x[0]+C[0][1]*x[1]+D[0][0]*U(0)+D[0][1]*U(1);
   y[1]=C[1][0]*x[0]+C[1][1]*x[1]+D[1][0]*U(0)+D[1][1]*U(1);
}
#define MDL UPDATE
* Abstract:
      xdot = Ax + Bu
* /
static void mdlUpdate(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
   real T
                  tempX[2] = \{0.0, 0.0\};
   real T
                  * X
                         = ssGetRealDiscStates(S):
   InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
   UNUSED ARG(tid); /* not used in single tasking mode */
   /* xdot=Ax+Bu */
   tempX[0]=A[0][0]*x[0]+A[0][1]*x[1]+B[0][0]*U(0)+B[0][1]*U(1);
   tempX[1]=A[1][0]*x[0]+A[1][1]*x[1]+B[1][0]*U(0)+B[1][1]*U(1);
   x[0]=tempX[0];
   x[1]=tempX[1];
}
* Abstract:
    No termination needed, but we are required to have this routine.
* /
static void mdlTerminate(SimStruct *S)
   UNUSED ARG(S); /* unused input argument */
#ifdef MATLAB MEX FILE /* Is this file being compiled as a MEX-file? */
```

## **Example of a Hybrid System S-Function**

The S-function matlabroot/simulink/src/mixedm.c is an example of a hybrid (a combination of continuous and discrete states) system. mixedm.c combines elements of csfunc.c and dsfunc.c. If you have a hybrid system, place your continuous equations in mdlDerivatives and your discrete equations in mdlUpdate. In addition, you need to check for sample hits to determine at what point your S-function is being called.

In Simulink block diagram form, the S-function mixedm.c looks like



which implements a continuous integrator followed by a discrete unit delay.

Because there are no tasks to complete at termination, mdlTerminate is an empty function. mdlDerivatives calculates the derivatives of the continuous states of the state vector, x, and mdlUpdate contains the equations used to update the discrete state vector, x.

## matlabroot/simulink/src/mixedm.c

```
/* File
           : mixedm.c
   Abstract:
       An example S-function illustrating multiple sample times by implementing
          integrator -> ZOH(Ts=1second) -> UnitDelay(Ts=1second)
       with an initial condition of 1.
   (e.g. an integrator followed by unit delay operation).
       For more details about S-functions, see simulink/src/sfuntmpl_doc.c
   Copyright 1990-2000 The MathWorks, Inc.
#define S FUNCTION NAME mixedm
#define S FUNCTION LEVEL 2
#include "simstruc.h"
#define U(element) (*uPtrs[element]) /* Pointer to Input Port0 */
/*=======*
* S-function methods *
*======*/
* Abstract:
     The sizes information is used by Simulink to determine the S-function
     block's characteristics (number of inputs, outputs, states, etc.).
* /
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
   ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, 0); /* Number of expected parameters */
   if (ssGetNumSFcnParams(S) != ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)) {
       return; /* Parameter mismatch will be reported by Simulink */
   ssSetNumContStates(S, 1);
   ssSetNumDiscStates(S, 1);
   ssSetNumRWork(S, 1); /* for zoh output feeding the delay operator */
   if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, 1)) return;
   ssSetInputPortWidth(S, 0, 1);
   ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, 1);
   ssSetInputPortSampleTime(S, 0, CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME);
   ssSetInputPortOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
   if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S, 1)) return;
   ssSetOutputPortWidth(S, 0, 1);
   ssSetOutputPortSampleTime(S, 0, 1.0);
   ssSetOutputPortOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
```

```
ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 2);
   /* Take care when specifying exception free code - see sfuntmpl doc.c. */
   ssSetOptions(S, (SS OPTION EXCEPTION FREE CODE |
                 SS OPTION PORT SAMPLE TIMES ASSIGNED));
} /* end mdlInitializeSizes */
* Abstract:
    Two tasks: One continuous, one with discrete sample time of 1.0.
* /
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 1, 1.0);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 1, 0.0);
} /* end mdlInitializeSampleTimes */
#define MDL INITIALIZE CONDITIONS
* Abstract:
    Initialize both continuous states to one.
* /
static void mdlInitializeConditions(SimStruct *S)
   real T *xC0 = ssGetContStates(S);
   real_T *xD0 = ssGetRealDiscStates(S);
   xC0[0] = 1.0;
   xD0[0] = 1.0;
} /* end mdlInitializeConditions */
* Abstract:
      y = xD, and update the zoh internal output.
* /
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
   /* update the internal "zoh" output */
   if (ssIsContinuousTask(S, tid)) {
      if (ssIsSpecialSampleHit(S, 1, 0, tid)) {
          real T *zoh = ssGetRWork(S);
```

```
real_T *xC = ssGetContStates(S);
          *zoh = *xC;
      }
   }
   /* y=xD */
   if (ssIsSampleHit(S, 1, tid)) {
      real_T *y = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,0);
      real_T *xD = ssGetRealDiscStates(S);
      y[0]=xD[0];
   }
} /* end mdlOutputs */
#define MDL UPDATE
* Abstract:
      xD = xC
 * /
static void mdlUpdate(SimStruct *S, int_T tid)
   UNUSED ARG(tid); /* not used in single tasking mode */
   /* xD=xC */
   if (ssIsSampleHit(S, 1, tid)) {
      real T *xD = ssGetRealDiscStates(S);
      real T *zoh = ssGetRWork(S);
      xD[0]=*zoh;
   }
} /* end mdlUpdate */
#define MDL DERIVATIVES
* Abstract:
      xdot = U
static void mdlDerivatives(SimStruct *S)
                  *dx = ssGetdX(S);
   InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
   /* xdot=U */
   dx[0]=U(0);
} /* end mdlDerivatives */
```

## **Example of a Variable-Step S-Function**

The example S-function vsfunc.c uses a variable-step sample time. Variable step-size functions require a call to mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit, which is an S-function routine that calculates the time of the next sample hit. S-functions that use the variable-step sample time can only be used with variable-step solvers. vsfunc is a discrete S-function that delays its first input by an amount of time determined by the second input.

The output of vsfunc is simply the input u delayed by a variable amount of time. mdlOutputs sets the output y equal to state x. mdlUpdate sets the state vector x equal to u, the input vector. This example calls mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit, an S-function routine that calculates and sets the time of the next hit, that is, the time when vsfunc is next called. In mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit, the macro ssGetU is used to get a pointer to the input u. Then this call is made.

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ssSetTNext(S, ssGetT(S)(*u[1]));
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The macro ssGetT gets the simulation time t. The second input to the block, (\*u[1]), is added to t, and the macro ssSetTNext sets the time of the next hit equal to t+(\*u[1]), delaying the output by the amount of time set in (\*u[1]).

## matlabroot/simulink/src/vsfunc.c

```
/* File
           : vsfunc.c
   Abstract:
       Example C-file S-function for defining a continuous system.
       Variable step S-function example.
       This example S-function illustrates how to create a variable step
       block in Simulink. This block implements a variable step delay
       in which the first input is delayed by an amount of time determined
       by the second input:
       dt
              = u(2)
       y(t+dt) = u(t)
       For more details about S-functions, see simulink/src/sfuntmpl doc.c.
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*/
#define S FUNCTION NAME vsfunc
#define S_FUNCTION_LEVEL 2
#include "simstruc.h"
#define U(element) (*uPtrs[element]) /* Pointer to Input Port0 */
The sizes information is used by Simulink to determine the S-function
     block's characteristics (number of inputs, outputs, states, etc.).
*/
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
   ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, 0); /* Number of expected parameters */
   if (ssGetNumSFcnParams(S) != ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)) {
       return; /* Parameter mismatch will be reported by Simulink */
   ssSetNumContStates(S, 0);
   ssSetNumDiscStates(S, 1);
   if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, 1)) return;
   ssSetInputPortWidth(S, 0, 2);
   ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, 1);
   if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S, 1)) return;
   ssSetOutputPortWidth(S, 0, 1);
   ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 1);
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ssSetNumRWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumIWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumPWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumModes(S, 0);
   ssSetNumNonsampledZCs(S, 0);
   if (ssGetSimMode(S) == SS_SIMMODE_RTWGEN && !ssIsVariableStepSolver(S)) {
       ssSetErrorStatus(S, "S-function vsfunc.c cannot be used with RTW"
                      "and Fixed-Step Solvers because it contains variable"
                      " sample time");
   }
   /* Take care when specifying exception free code - see sfuntmpl doc.c */
   ssSetOptions(S, SS_OPTION_EXCEPTION_FREE_CODE);
}
* Abstract:
     Variable-Step S-function
* /
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, VARIABLE_SAMPLE_TIME);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
#define MDL_INITIALIZE_CONDITIONS
* Abstract:
     Initialize discrete state to zero.
* /
static void mdlInitializeConditions(SimStruct *S)
   real T *x0 = ssGetRealDiscStates(S);
   x0[0] = 0.0;
}
#define MDL_GET_TIME_OF_NEXT_VAR_HIT
static void mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit(SimStruct *S)
   InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
   /* Make sure input will increase time */
   if (U(1) \le 0.0) {
       /* If not, abort simulation */
       ssSetErrorStatus(S, "Variable step control input must be "
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"greater than zero");
      return;
   ssSetTNext(S, ssGetT(S)+U(1));
* Abstract:
     y = x
*/
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
  real T *y = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,0);
  real T *x = ssGetRealDiscStates(S);
   /* Return the current state as the output */
  y[0] = x[0];
#define MDL UPDATE
This function is called once for every major integration time step.
    Discrete states are typically updated here, but this function is useful
    for performing any tasks that should only take place once per integration
    step.
* /
static void mdlUpdate(SimStruct *S, int_T tid)
                     = ssGetRealDiscStates(S);
                * X
  InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
  x[0]=U(0);
}
No termination needed, but we are required to have this routine.
static void mdlTerminate(SimStruct *S)
{
}
```

## **Example of a Zero Crossing S-Function**

The example S-function sfun\_zc\_sat demonstrates how to implement a Saturation block. This S-function is designed to work with either fixed- or variable-step solvers. When this S-function inherits a continuous sample time and a variable-step solver is being used, a zero-crossings algorithm is used to locate the exact points at which the saturation occurs.

#### matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun zc sat.c

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File
            : sfun zc sat.c
    Abstract:
        Example of an S-function which has nonsampled zero crossings to
        implement a saturation function. This S-function is designed to be
        used with a variable or fixed step solver.
   A saturation is described by three equations
      (1)
              v = UpperLimit
              y = u
      (2)
              y = LowerLimit
      (3)
    and a set of inequalities that specify which equation to use
      if
                                  UpperLimit < u
                                                    then
                                                           use (1)
      if
               LowerLimit <= u <= UpperLimit
                                                    then
                                                           use (2)
      if
           u < LowerLimit
                                                    then
                                                           use (3)
   A key fact is that the valid equation 1, 2, or 3, can change at
   any instant. Nonsampled zero crossing support helps the variable step
   solvers locate the exact instants when behavior switches from one equation
   to another.
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 * /
#define S FUNCTION NAME sfun_zc_sat
#define S_FUNCTION_LEVEL 2
#include "simstruc.h"
```

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/*======*
* General Defines/macros *
*=======*/
/* index to Upper Limit */
#define I PAR UPPER LIMIT 0
/* index to Lower Limit */
#define I PAR LOWER LIMIT 1
/* total number of block parameters */
#define N PAR
* Make access to mxArray pointers for parameters more readable.
* /
#define P_PAR_UPPER_LIMIT ( ssGetSFcnParam(S,I_PAR_UPPER_LIMIT) )
#define P PAR LOWER LIMIT ( ssGetSFcnParam(S,I PAR LOWER LIMIT) )
#define
          MDL CHECK PARAMETERS
#if defined(MDL CHECK PARAMETERS) && defined(MATLAB MEX FILE)
 * Abstract:
      Check that parameter choices are allowable.
 static void mdlCheckParameters(SimStruct *S)
 {
     int_T
               i;
     int T
               numUpperLimit;
     int T
               numLowerLimit;
     const char *msg = NULL;
      * check parameter basics
     for ( i = 0; i < N_PAR; i++ ) {
         if ( mxIsEmpty( ssGetSFcnParam(S,i) ) ||
             mxIsSparse( ssGetSFcnParam(S,i) ) ||
             mxIsComplex( ssGetSFcnParam(S,i) ) ||
             !mxIsNumeric( ssGetSFcnParam(S,i) ) {
            msg = "Parameters must be real vectors.";
            goto EXIT_POINT;
         }
     }
      * Check sizes of parameters.
     numUpperLimit = mxGetNumberOfElements( P PAR UPPER LIMIT );
     numLowerLimit = mxGetNumberOfElements( P_PAR_LOWER_LIMIT );
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if ( ( numUpperLimit != 1
                                         ) &&
          ( numLowerLimit != 1
                                         ) &&
          ( numUpperLimit != numLowerLimit ) ) {
         msg = "Number of input and output values must be equal.";
         goto EXIT POINT;
     }
     /*
      * Error exit point
      * /
 EXIT POINT:
     if (msg != NULL) {
         ssSetErrorStatus(S, msg);
 }
#endif /* MDL_CHECK_PARAMETERS */
* Abstract:
    Initialize the sizes array.
*/
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
   int T numUpperLimit, numLowerLimit, maxNumLimit;
   /*
    * Set and Check parameter count
   ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, N_PAR);
#if defined(MATLAB MEX FILE)
   if (ssGetNumSFcnParams(S) == ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)) {
       mdlCheckParameters(S);
       if (ssGetErrorStatus(S) != NULL) {
           return;
       }
   } else {
       return; /* Parameter mismatch will be reported by Simulink */
#endif
    * Get parameter size info.
   numUpperLimit = mxGetNumberOfElements( P PAR UPPER LIMIT );
   numLowerLimit = mxGetNumberOfElements( P PAR LOWER LIMIT );
   if (numUpperLimit > numLowerLimit) {
       maxNumLimit = numUpperLimit;
   } else {
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maxNumLimit = numLowerLimit;
}
* states
*/
ssSetNumContStates(S, 0);
ssSetNumDiscStates(S, 0);
/*
 * outputs
    The upper and lower limits are scalar expanded
     so their size determines the size of the output
    only if at least one of them is not scalar.
 * /
if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S, 1)) return;
if ( maxNumLimit > 1 ) {
    ssSetOutputPortWidth(S, 0, maxNumLimit);
    ssSetOutputPortWidth(S, 0, DYNAMICALLY_SIZED);
}
* inputs
     If the upper or lower limits are not scalar then
     the input is set to the same size. However, the
     ssSetOptions below allows the actual width to
     be reduced to 1 if needed for scalar expansion.
if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, 1)) return;
ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, 1 );
if ( maxNumLimit > 1 ) {
    ssSetInputPortWidth(S, 0, maxNumLimit);
    ssSetInputPortWidth(S, 0, DYNAMICALLY_SIZED);
}
* sample times
 */
ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 1);
/*
* work
 */
ssSetNumRWork(S, 0);
ssSetNumIWork(S, 0);
ssSetNumPWork(S, 0);
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/*
    * Modes and zero crossings:
    * If we have a variable-step solver and this block has a continuous
    * sample time, then
        o One mode element will be needed for each scalar output
          in order to specify which equation is valid (1), (2), or (3).
        o Two ZC elements will be needed for each scalar output
          in order to help the solver find the exact instants
          at which either of the two possible "equation switches"
          One will be for the switch from eq. (1) to (2);
          the other will be for eq. (2) to (3) and vice versa.
    * otherwise
        o No modes and nonsampled zero crossings will be used.
    * /
   ssSetNumModes(S, DYNAMICALLY SIZED);
   ssSetNumNonsampledZCs(S, DYNAMICALLY_SIZED);
    * options
        o No mexFunctions and no problematic mxFunctions are called
          so the exception free code option safely gives faster simulations.
        o Scalar expansion of the inputs is desired. The option provides
          this without the need to write mdlSetOutputPortWidth and
          mdlSetInputPortWidth functions.
    * /
   ssSetOptions(S, ( SS OPTION EXCEPTION FREE CODE |
                    SS_OPTION_ALLOW_INPUT_SCALAR_EXPANSION));
} /* end mdlInitializeSizes */
* Abstract:
     Specify that the block is continuous.
* /
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, INHERITED_SAMPLE_TIME);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0);
}
#define
          MDL SET WORK WIDTHS
#if defined(MDL SET WORK WIDTHS) && defined(MATLAB MEX FILE)
The width of the Modes and the ZCs depends on the width of the output.
    This width is not always known in mdlInitializeSizes so it is handled
    here.
*/
static void mdlSetWorkWidths(SimStruct *S)
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int nModes;
   int nNonsampledZCs;
   if (ssIsVariableStepSolver(S) &&
       ssGetSampleTime(S,0) == CONTINUOUS SAMPLE TIME &&
       ssGetOffsetTime(S,0) == 0.0) {
       int numOutput = ssGetOutputPortWidth(S, 0);
          modes and zero crossings
             o One mode element will be needed for each scalar output
               in order to specify which equation is valid (1), (2), or (3).
             o Two ZC elements will be needed for each scalar output
               in order to help the solver find the exact instants
               at which either of the two possible "equation switches"
               One will be for the switch from eq. (1) to (2);
               the other will be for eq. (2) to (3) and vice versa.
        * /
       nModes
                     = numOutput;
       nNonsampledZCs = 2 * numOutput;
   } else {
       nModes
                     = 0:
       nNonsampledZCs = 0;
   ssSetNumModes(S,nModes);
   ssSetNumNonsampledZCs(S,nNonsampledZCs);
#endif /* MDL SET WORK WIDTHS */
* Abstract:
   A saturation is described by three equations
     (1)
             y = UpperLimit
     (2)
             y = u
             y = LowerLimit
   When this block is used with a fixed-step solver or it has a noncontinuous
   sample time, the equations are used as it
   Now consider the case of this block being used with a variable-step solver
   and it has a continuous sample time. Solvers work best on smooth problems.
   In order for the solver to work without chattering, limit cycles, or
   similar problems, it is absolutely crucial that the same equation be used
   throughout the duration of a MajorTimeStep. To visualize this, consider
   the case of the Saturation block feeding an Integrator block.
 * To implement this rule, the mode vector is used to specify the
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valid equation based on the following:
      if
                                  UpperLimit < u
                                                    then
                                                           use (1)
      if
               LowerLimit <= u <= UpperLimit
                                                    then
                                                           use (2)
          u < LowerLimit
                                                    then
                                                           use (3)
    The mode vector is changed only at the beginning of a MajorTimeStep.
    During a minor time step, the equation specified by the mode vector
    is used without question. Most of the time, the value of u will agree
    with the equation specified by the mode vector. However, sometimes u's
    value will indicate a different equation. Nonetheless, the equation
    specified by the mode vector must be used.
   When the mode and u indicate different equations, the corresponding
   calculations are not correct. However, this is not a problem. From
   the ZC function, the solver will know that an equation switch occurred
   in the middle of the last MajorTimeStep. The calculations for that
   time step will be discarded. The ZC function will help the solver
   find the exact instant at which the switch occurred. Using this knowledge,
   the length of the MajorTimeStep will be reduced so that only one equation
   is valid throughout the entire time step.
* /
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
    InputRealPtrsType uPtrs
                                = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
    real T
                      *у
                               = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,0);
    int T
                     numOutput = ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,0);
    int T
                      iOutput:
    /*
     * Set index and increment for input signal, upper limit, and lower limit
     * parameters so that each gives scalar expansion if needed.
    int T uIdx
                         = 0;
    int_T uInc
                        = ( ssGetInputPortWidth(S,0) > 1 );
    const real T *upperLimit = mxGetPr( P PAR UPPER LIMIT );
    int T upperLimitInc = ( mxGetNumberOfElements( P PAR UPPER LIMIT ) > 1 );
    const real T *lowerLimit = mxGetPr( P PAR LOWER LIMIT );
    int T lowerLimitInc = ( mxGetNumberOfElements( P PAR LOWER LIMIT ) > 1 );
    UNUSED ARG(tid); /* not used in single tasking mode */
    if (ssGetNumNonsampledZCs(S) == 0) {
         * This block is being used with a fixed-step solver or it has
         * a noncontinuous sample time, so we always saturate.
        for (iOutput = 0; iOutput < numOutput; iOutput++) {</pre>
            if (*uPtrs[uIdx] >= *upperLimit) {
                *y++ = *upperLimit;
            } else if (*uPtrs[uIdx] > *lowerLimit) {
                *v++ = *uPtrs[uIdx]:
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} else {
            *y++ = *lowerLimit;
        upperLimit += upperLimitInc;
        lowerLimit += lowerLimitInc;
        uIdx
                  += uInc:
   }
} else {
     * This block is being used with a variable-step solver.
    int_T *mode = ssGetModeVector(S);
    /*
     * Specify indices for each equation.
    enum { UpperLimitEquation, NonLimitEquation, LowerLimitEquation };
     * Update the Mode Vector ONLY at the beginning of a MajorTimeStep
    if ( ssIsMajorTimeStep(S) ) {
         * Specify the mode, ie the valid equation for each output scalar.
        for ( iOutput = 0; iOutput < numOutput; iOutput++ ) {</pre>
            if ( *uPtrs[uIdx] > *upperLimit ) {
                 * Upper limit eq is valid.
                mode[iOutput] = UpperLimitEquation;
            } else if ( *uPtrs[uIdx] < *lowerLimit ) {</pre>
                 * Lower limit eq is valid.
                mode[iOutput] = LowerLimitEquation;
            } else {
                /*
                 * Nonlimit eq is valid.
                mode[iOutput] = NonLimitEquation;
            }
             * Adjust indices to give scalar expansion if needed.
             */
            uIdx
                       += uInc;
            upperLimit += upperLimitInc;
            lowerLimit += lowerLimitInc;
        }
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* Reset index to input and limits.
            * /
           uIdx
                     = 0;
           upperLimit = mxGetPr( P PAR UPPER LIMIT );
           lowerLimit = mxGetPr( P PAR LOWER LIMIT );
       } /* end IsMajorTimeStep */
        * For both MinorTimeSteps and MajorTimeSteps calculate each scalar
        * output using the equation specified by the mode vector.
        */
       for ( iOutput = 0; iOutput < numOutput; iOutput++ ) {</pre>
           if ( mode[iOutput] == UpperLimitEquation ) {
                * Upper limit eq.
                */
               *y++ = *upperLimit;
           } else if ( mode[iOutput] == LowerLimitEquation ) {
                * Lower limit eq.
                */
               *y++ = *lowerLimit;
           } else {
                * Nonlimit eq.
               *y++ = *uPtrs[uIdx];
           }
            * Adjust indices to give scalar expansion if needed.
            * /
           uIdx
                     += uInc;
           upperLimit += upperLimitInc;
           lowerLimit += lowerLimitInc;
       }
   }
} /* end mdlOutputs */
           MDL ZERO CROSSINGS
#if defined(MDL ZERO CROSSINGS) && (defined(MATLAB MEX FILE) || defined(NRT))
* Abstract:
 * This will only be called if the number of nonsampled zero crossings is
   greater than 0 which means this block has a continuous sample time and the
 * model is using a variable-step solver.
* Calculate zero crossing (ZC) signals that help the solver find the
 * exact instants at which equation switches occur:
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if
                                 UpperLimit < u
                                                   then
                                                          use (1)
     if
              LowerLimit <= u <= UpperLimit
                                                   then
                                                          use (2)
     if
          u < LowerLimit
                                                   then
                                                          use (3)
   The key words are help find. There is no choice of a function that will
   direct the solver to the exact instant of the change. The solver will
   track the zero crossing signal and do a bisection style search for the
   exact instant of equation switch.
   There is generally one ZC signal for each pair of signals that can
    switch. The three equations above would break into two pairs (1)&(2)
    and (2)&(3). The possibility of a "long jump" from (1) to (3) does
   not need to be handled as a separate case. It is implicitly handled.
   When ZCs are calculated, the value is normally used twice. When it is
   first calculated, it is used as the end of the current time step. Later,
   it will be used as the beginning of the following step.
   The sign of the ZC signal always indicates an equation from the pair. For
   S-functions, which equation is associated with a positive ZC and which is
   associated with a negative ZC doesn't really matter. If the ZC is positive
   at the beginning and at the end of the time step, this implies that the
   "positive" equation was valid throughout the time step. Likewise, if the
   ZC is negative at the beginning and at the end of the time step, this
   implies that the "negative" equation was valid throughout the time step.
   Like any other nonlinear solver, this is not foolproof, but it is an
   excellent indicator. If the ZC has a different sign at the beginning and
    at the end of the time step, then a equation switch definitely occurred
   during the time step.
   Ideally, the ZC signal gives an estimate of when an equation switch
   occurred. For example, if the ZC signal is -2 at the beginning and +6 at
   the end, then this suggests that the switch occurred
   25\% = 100\%*(-2)/(-2-(+6)) of the way into the time step. It will almost
   never be true that 25% is perfectly correct. There is no perfect choice
   for a ZC signal, but there are some good rules. First, choose the ZC
    signal to be continuous. Second, choose the ZC signal to give a monotonic
   measure of the "distance" to a signal switch; strictly monotonic is ideal.
* /
static void mdlZeroCrossings(SimStruct *S)
    int T
                     iOutput;
    int T
                     numOutput = ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,0);
    real T
                     *zcSignals = ssGetNonsampledZCs(S);
                                = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
    InputRealPtrsType uPtrs
    /*
    * Set index and increment for the input signal, upper limit, and lower
    * limit parameters so that each gives scalar expansion if needed.
    */
    int T uIdx
                        = 0:
    int T uInc
                        = ( ssGetInputPortWidth(S,0) > 1 );
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real T *upperLimit = mxGetPr( P PAR UPPER LIMIT );
   int T upperLimitInc = ( mxGetNumberOfElements( P_PAR_UPPER_LIMIT ) > 1 );
   real T *lowerLimit = mxGetPr( P PAR LOWER LIMIT );
   int T lowerLimitInc = ( mxGetNumberOfElements( P PAR LOWER LIMIT ) > 1 );
    ^{\star} For each output scalar, give the solver a measure of "how close things
    * are" to an equation switch.
   for ( iOutput = 0; iOutput < numOutput; iOutput++ ) {</pre>
          The switch from eq (1) to eq (2)
             if
                                        UpperLimit < u
                                                         then
                                                               use (1)
                      LowerLimit <= u <= UpperLimit
                                                         then
                                                               use (2)
        * is related to how close u is to UpperLimit. A ZC choice
        * that is continuous, strictly monotonic, and is
             u - UpperLimit
        * or it is negative.
       zcSignals[2*iOutput] = *uPtrs[uIdx] - *upperLimit;
          The switch from eq (2) to eq (3)
                      LowerLimit <= u <= UpperLimit
             if
                                                         then
                                                               use (2)
             if
                  u < LowerLimit
                                                         then
                                                               use (3)
           is related to how close u is to LowerLimit. A ZC choice
           that is continuous, strictly monotonic, and is
             u - LowerLimit.
       zcSignals[2*iOutput+1] = *uPtrs[uIdx] - *lowerLimit;
        * Adjust indices to give scalar expansion if needed.
       uIdx
                 += uInc;
       upperLimit += upperLimitInc;
       lowerLimit += lowerLimitInc;
}
#endif /* end mdlZeroCrossings */
* Abstract:
     No termination needed, but we are required to have this routine.
static void mdlTerminate(SimStruct *S)
{
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UNUSED_ARG(S); /* unused input argument */
}

#ifdef MATLAB_MEX_FILE  /* Is this file being compiled as a MEX-file? */
#include "simulink.c"  /* MEX-file interface mechanism */
#else
#include "cg_sfun.h"  /* Code generation registration function */
#endif
```

# **Example of a Time-Varying Continuous Transfer Function**

The S-function styctf is an example of a time-varying continuous transfer function. It demonstrates how to work with the solvers so that the simulation maintains *consistency*, which means that the block maintains smooth and consistent signals for the integrators although the equations that are being integrated are changing.

#### matlabroot/simulink/src/stvctf.c

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* File : stvctf.c
* Abstract:
      Time Varying Continuous Transfer Function block
      This S-function implements a continuous time transfer function
      whose transfer function polynomials are passed in via the input
      vector. This is useful for continuous time adaptive control
      applications.
      This S-function is also an example of how to use banks to avoid
      problems with computing derivatives when a continuous output has
      discontinuities. The consistency checker can be used to verify that
      your S-function is correct with respect to always maintaining smooth
      and consistent signals for the integrators. By consistent we mean that
      two mdlOutputs calls at major time t and minor time t are always the
       same. The consistency checker is enabled on the diagnostics page of the
     Configuraion parameters dialog box. The update method of this S-function
      modifies the coefficients of the transfer function, which cause the
      output to "jump." To have the simulation work properly, we need to let
      the solver know of these discontinuities by setting
      ssSetSolverNeedsReset and then we need to use multiple banks of
      coefficients so the coefficients used in the major time step output
      and the minor time step outputs are the same. In the simulation loop
      we have:
        Loop:
          o Output in major time step at time t
          o Update in major time step at time t
          o Integrate (minor time step):
               o Consistency check: recompute outputs at time t and compare
                 with current outputs.
              o Derivatives at time t
               o One or more Output, Derivative evaluations at time t+k
                 where k \le step size to be taken.
               o Compute state, x
              o t = t + step size
            End Integrate
      Another purpose of the consistency checker is to verify that when
      the solver needs to try a smaller step size, the recomputing of
      the output and derivatives at time t doesn't change. Step size
      reduction occurs when tolerances aren't met for the current step size.
      The ideal ordering would be to update after integrate. To achieve
      this we have two banks of coefficients. And the use of the new
      coefficients, which were computed in update, is delayed until after
      the integrate phase is complete.
  This block has multiple sample times and will not work correctly
  in a multitasking environment. It is designed to be used in
  a single tasking (or variable step) simulation environment.
  Because this block accesses the input signal in both tasks,
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* it cannot specify the sample times of the input and output ports
   (SS_OPTION_PORT_SAMPLE_TIMES_ASSIGNED).
* See simulink/src/sfuntmpl_doc.c.
* Copyright 1990-2000 The MathWorks, Inc.
#define S FUNCTION NAME stvctf
#define S FUNCTION LEVEL 2
#include "simstruc.h"
* Defines for easy access to the numerator and denominator polynomials
* parameters
#define NUM(S) ssGetSFcnParam(S, 0)
#define DEN(S) ssGetSFcnParam(S, 1)
#define TS(S)
               ssGetSFcnParam(S, 2)
#define NPARAMS 3
#define MDL CHECK PARAMETERS
#if defined(MDL CHECK PARAMETERS) && defined(MATLAB MEX FILE)
  * Abstract:
       Validate our parameters to verify:
        o The numerator must be of a lower order than the denominator.
        o The sample time must be a real positive nonzero value.
 static void mdlCheckParameters(SimStruct *S)
     int T i;
     for (i = 0; i < NPARAMS; i++) {
         real T *pr;
         int_T el;
int_T nEls;
         if (mxIsEmpty(
                          ssGetSFcnParam(S,i)) ||
             mxIsSparse(
                          ssGetSFcnParam(S,i)) ||
             mxIsComplex( ssGetSFcnParam(S,i)) ||
             !mxIsNumeric( ssGetSFcnParam(S,i)) ) {
             ssSetErrorStatus(S, "Parameters must be real finite vectors");
             return;
         }
         pr = mxGetPr(ssGetSFcnParam(S,i));
         nEls = mxGetNumberOfElements(ssGetSFcnParam(S,i));
         for (el = 0; el < nEls; el++) {
             if (!mxIsFinite(pr[el])) {
                 ssSetErrorStatus(S, "Parameters must be real finite vectors");
             }
```

```
}
     }
     if (mxGetNumberOfElements(NUM(S)) > mxGetNumberOfElements(DEN(S)) &&
         mxGetNumberOfElements(DEN(S)) > 0 && *mxGetPr(DEN(S)) != 0.0) {
         ssSetErrorStatus(S, "The denominator must be of higher order than "
                          "the numerator, nonempty and with first "
                          "element nonzero");
         return;
     }
     /* xxx verify finite */
     if (mxGetNumberOfElements(TS(S)) != 1 || mxGetPr(TS(S))[0] <= 0.0) {</pre>
         ssSetErrorStatus(S, "Invalid sample time specified");
         return;
     }
 }
#endif /* MDL CHECK PARAMETERS */
* Abstract:
     The sizes information is used by Simulink to determine the S-function
     block's characteristics (number of inputs, outputs, states, etc.).
* /
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
   int T nContStates;
   int T nCoeffs;
   /* See sfuntmpl_doc.c for more details on the macros below. */
   ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, NPARAMS); /* Number of expected parameters. */
#if defined(MATLAB MEX FILE)
   if (ssGetNumSFcnParams(S) == ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)) {
       mdlCheckParameters(S);
       if (ssGetErrorStatus(S) != NULL) {
           return;
       }
   } else {
       return; /* Parameter mismatch will be reported by Simulink. */
#endif
    * Define the characteristics of the block:
        Number of continuous states:
                                        length of denominator - 1
        Inputs port width
                                        2 * (NumContStates+1) + 1
        Output port width
                                        O (Although this should be computed.
        DirectFeedThrough:
                                           We'll assume coefficients entered
```

are strictly proper).

```
Number of sample times:
                                        2 (continuous and discrete)
        Number of Real work elements:
                                        4*NumCoeffs
                                        (Two banks for num and den coeff's:
                                         NumBank0Coeffs
                                         DenBank0Coeffs
                                         NumBank1Coeffs
                                         DenBank1Coeffs)
        Number of Integer work elements: 2 (indicator of active bank 0 or 1
                                           and flag to indicate when banks
                                           have been updated).
    * The number of inputs arises from the following:
        o 1 input (u)
        o the numerator and denominator polynomials each have NumContStates+1
          coefficients
    * /
   nCoeffs
               = mxGetNumberOfElements(DEN(S));
   nContStates = nCoeffs - 1;
   ssSetNumContStates(S, nContStates);
   ssSetNumDiscStates(S, 0);
   if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, 1)) return;
   ssSetInputPortWidth(S, 0, 1 + (2*nCoeffs));
   ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, 0, 0);
   ssSetInputPortSampleTime(S, 0, mxGetPr(TS(S))[0]);
   ssSetInputPortOffsetTime(S, 0, 0);
   if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S,1)) return;
   ssSetOutputPortWidth(S, 0, 1);
   ssSetOutputPortSampleTime(S, 0, CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE TIME);
   ssSetOutputPortOffsetTime(S, 0, 0);
   ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 2);
   ssSetNumRWork(S, 4 * nCoeffs);
   ssSetNumIWork(S, 2);
   ssSetNumPWork(S, 0);
   ssSetNumModes(S, 0);
   ssSetNumNonsampledZCs(S, 0);
   /* Take care when specifying exception free code - see sfuntmpl doc.c */
   ssSetOptions(S, (SS_OPTION_EXCEPTION_FREE_CODE));
} /* end mdlInitializeSizes */
* Abstract:
       This function is used to specify the sample time(s) for the
```

```
S-function. This S-function has two sample times. The
       first, a continous sample time, is used for the input to the
       transfer function, u. The second, a discrete sample time
       provided by the user, defines the rate at which the transfer
       function coefficients are updated.
 */
static void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct *S)
{
    * the first sample time, continuous
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 0, CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 0, 0.0);
    * the second, discrete sample time, is user provided
   ssSetSampleTime(S, 1, mxGetPr(TS(S))[0]);
   ssSetOffsetTime(S, 1, 0.0);
} /* end mdlInitializeSampleTimes */
#define MDL_INITIALIZE_CONDITIONS
* Abstract:
       Initalize the states, numerator and denominator coefficients.
*/
static void mdlInitializeConditions(SimStruct *S)
   int T i;
   int T nContStates = ssGetNumContStates(S);
   real T *x0
                       = ssGetContStates(S);
   int_T nCoeffs
                       = nContStates + 1;
   real T *numBank0
                       = ssGetRWork(S);
   real T *denBank0
                       = numBank0 + nCoeffs;
   int_T *activeBank
                       = ssGetIWork(S);
    /*
    \ensuremath{^{\star}} The continuous states are all initialized to zero.
    * /
   for (i = 0; i < nContStates; i++) {
       x0[i]
                 = 0.0;
       numBank0[i] = 0.0;
       denBank0[i] = 0.0;
   numBank0[nContStates] = 0.0;
   denBank0[nContStates] = 0.0;
    * Set up the initial numerator and denominator.
```

```
{
       const real T *numParam = mxGetPr(NUM(S));
                   numParamLen = mxGetNumberOfElements(NUM(S));
       const real T *denParam
                              = mxGetPr(DEN(S));
                   denParamLen = mxGetNumberOfElements(DEN(S));
       int
       real_T
                   den0
                               = denParam[0];
       for (i = 0; i < denParamLen; i++) {
           denBank0[i] = denParam[i] / den0;
       for (i = 0; i < numParamLen; i++) {
           numBank0[i] = numParam[i] / den0;
       }
   }
    * Normalize if this transfer function has direct feedthrough.
   for (i = 1; i < nCoeffs; i++) {
       numBank0[i] -= denBank0[i]*numBank0[0];
   }
    * Indicate bankO is active (i.e. bank1 is oldest).
    */
   *activeBank = 0;
} /* end mdlInitializeConditions */
* Abstract:
       The outputs for this block are computed by using a controllable state-
       space representation of the transfer function.
* /
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
   if (ssIsContinuousTask(S,tid)) {
       int
                        i;
       real T
                        nContStates = ssGetNumContStates(S);
       int
       real_T
                                    = ssGetContStates(S);
                        * X
       int T
                        nCoeffs
                                    = nContStates + 1;
       InputRealPtrsType uPtrs
                                    = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
       real_T
                                    = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,0);
       int T
                        *activeBank = ssGetIWork(S);
        * Switch banks because we've updated them in mdlUpdate and we're no
        * longer in a minor time step.
```

```
*/
       if (ssIsMajorTimeStep(S)) {
           int T *banksUpdated = ssGetIWork(S) + 1;
           if (*banksUpdated) {
               *activeBank = !(*activeBank);
               *banksUpdated = 0;
                * Need to tell the solvers that the derivatives are no
                * longer valid.
                */
               ssSetSolverNeedsReset(S);
           }
       }
       num = ssGetRWork(S) + (*activeBank) * (2*nCoeffs);
       /*
        * The continuous system is evaluated using a controllable state space
        * representation of the transfer function. This implies that the
          output of the system is equal to:
              y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)
                   = [b1 b2 ... bn]x(t) + b0u(t)
        * where b0, b1, b2, ... are the coefficients of the numerator
        * polynomial:
             B(s) = b0 s^n + b1 s^{n-1} + b2 s^{n-2} + ... + bn-1 s + bn
       *y = *num++ * (*uPtrs[0]);
       for (i = 0; i < nContStates; i++) {
           *y += *num++ * *x++;
   }
} /* end mdlOutputs */
#define MDL UPDATE
* Abstract:
       Every time through the simulation loop, update the
       transfer function coefficients. Here we update the oldest bank.
*/
static void mdlUpdate(SimStruct *S, int T tid)
   UNUSED ARG(tid); /* not used in single tasking mode */
   if (ssIsSampleHit(S, 1, tid)) {
       int_T
                        i;
       InputRealPtrsType uPtrs
                                    = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
                                     = 1;/*1st coeff is after signal input*/
       int T
       int T
                        nContStates = ssGetNumContStates(S);
                                     = nContStates + 1;
       int_T
                        nCoeffs
```

```
int T
                  bankToUpdate = !ssGetIWork(S)[0];
real_T
                  *num
                               = ssGetRWork(S)+bankToUpdate*2*nCoeffs;
real T
                  *den
                               = num + nCoeffs;
real T
                  den0;
int T
                  allZero;
/*
 * Get the first denominator coefficient. It will be used
 {}^{\star} for normalizing the numerator and denominator coefficients.
 * If all inputs are zero, we probably could have unconnected
 * inputs, so use the parameter as the first denominator coefficient.
den0 = *uPtrs[uIdx+nCoeffs];
if (den0 == 0.0) {
    den0 = mxGetPr(DEN(S))[0];
}
* Grab the numerator.
*/
allZero = 1;
for (i = 0; (i < nCoeffs) && allZero; i++) {
    allZero &= *uPtrs[uIdx+i] == 0.0;
}
if (allZero) { /* if numerator is all zero */
    const real T *numParam = mxGetPr(NUM(S));
    int_T
                 numParamLen = mxGetNumberOfElements(NUM(S));
    /*
     * Move the input to the denominator input and
     * get the denominator from the input parameter.
    uIdx += nCoeffs;
    num += nCoeffs - numParamLen;
    for (i = 0; i < numParamLen; i++) {
        *num++ = *numParam++ / den0:
    }
} else {
    for (i = 0; i < nCoeffs; i++) {
        *num++ = *uPtrs[uIdx++] / den0;
    }
}
 * Grab the denominator.
* /
allZero = 1;
for (i = 0; (i < nCoeffs) && allZero; i++) {
    allZero &= *uPtrs[uIdx+i] == 0.0;
}
```

```
if (allZero) { /* If denominator is all zero. */
           const real T *denParam = mxGetPr(DEN(S));
           int T
                       denParamLen = mxGetNumberOfElements(DEN(S));
           den0 = denParam[0];
           for (i = 0; i < denParamLen; i++) {
               *den++ = *denParam++ / den0;
       } else {
           for (i = 0; i < nCoeffs; i++) {
               *den++ = *uPtrs[uIdx++] / den0;
       }
       /*
        * Normalize if this transfer function has direct feedthrough.
        */
       num = ssGetRWork(S) + bankToUpdate*2*nCoeffs;
       den = num + nCoeffs;
       for (i = 1; i < nCoeffs; i++) {
           num[i] -= den[i]*num[0];
       }
        * Indicate oldest bank has been updated.
       ssGetIWork(S)[1] = 1;
   }
} /* end mdlUpdate */
#define MDL_DERIVATIVES
* Abstract:
       The derivatives for this block are computed by using a controllable
       state-space representation of the transfer function.
*/
static void mdlDerivatives(SimStruct *S)
{
   int T
   int T
                    nContStates = ssGetNumContStates(S);
   real T
                    * X
                               = ssGetContStates(S);
                    *dx
   real T
                               = ssGetdX(S);
   int T
                    nCoeffs
                             = nContStates + 1;
   int_T
                    activeBank = ssGetIWork(S)[0];
                    *num
                               = ssGetRWork(S) + activeBank*(2*nCoeffs);
   const real T
                               = num + nCoeffs;
   const real T
                    *den
   InputRealPtrsType uPtrs
                               = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
   /*
```

```
* The continuous system is evaluated using a controllable state-space
    \mbox{\scriptsize \star} representation of the transfer function. This implies that the
    * next continuous states are computed using:
          dx = Ax(t) + Bu(t)
             = [-a1 -a2 ... -an] [x1(t)] + [u(t)]
              [ 1 0 ...
                             0] [x2(t)] + [0]
               [ 0 1 ...
                             0] [x3(t)] + [0]
               [ . . ...
                             . ]
                            .]
              [ . . ...
              [ . . ...
                             .]
              [ 0 0 ... 1 0] [xn(t)] + [0]
    * where a1, a2, ... are the coefficients of the numerator polynomial:
         A(s) = s^n + a1 s^{n-1} + a2 s^{n-2} + ... + an-1 s + an
   dx[0] = -den[1] * x[0] + *uPtrs[0];
   for (i = 1; i < nContStates; i++) {
       dx[i] = x[i-1];
       dx[0] -= den[i+1] * x[i];
} /* end mdlDerivatives */
* Abstract:
       Called when the simulation is terminated.
       For this block, there are no end of simulation tasks.
* /
static void mdlTerminate(SimStruct *S)
   UNUSED ARG(S); /* unused input argument */
} /* end mdlTerminate */
#ifdef MATLAB MEX FILE /* Is this file being compiled as a MEX-file? */
#include "simulink.c"
                        /* MEX-file interface mechanism */
#else
#include "cg sfun.h"
                        /* Code generation registration function */
#endif
```

# S-Function Callback Methods

Every user-written S-function must implement a set of methods, called *callback methods* or simply *callbacks*, that Simulink invokes when simulating a model that contains the S-function. Some callback methods are optional. Simulink invokes an optional callback only if the S-function defines the callback. This section describes the purpose and syntax of all callback methods that an S-function can implement. In each case, the documentation for a callback method indicates whether it is required or optional.

#### **mdlCheckParameters**

**Purpose** Check the validity of an S-function's parameters

**C Syntax** void mdlCheckParameters(SimStruct \*S)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**M Syntax** CheckParameters(s)

M Arguments s

 $Object\ of\ {\tt Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock}\ class\ representing\ the\ S\text{-}Function$ 

block.

**Description** 

Verifies new parameter settings whenever parameters change or are reevaluated during a simulation.

When a simulation is running, changes to S-function parameters can occur at any time during the simulation loop, that is, either at the start of a simulation step or during a simulation step. When the change occurs during a simulation step, Simulink calls this routine twice to handle the parameter change. The first call during the simulation step is used to verify that the parameters are correct. After verifying the new parameters, the simulation continues using the original parameter values until the next simulation step, at which time the new parameter values are used. Redundant calls are needed to maintain simulation consistency.

**Note** You cannot access the work, state, input, output, and other vectors in this routine. Use this routine only to validate the parameters. Additional processing of the parameters should be done in mdlProcessParameters.

#### **Example**

This example checks the first S-function parameter to verify that it is a real nonnegative scalar.

#define PARAM1(S) ssGetSFcnParam(S,0)

In addition to the preceding routine, you must add a call to this method from mdlInitializeSizes to check parameters during initialization, because mdlCheckParameters is only called while the simulation is running. To do this, after setting the number of parameters you expect in your S-function by using ssSetNumSFcnParams, use this code in mdlInitializeSizes:

```
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
{
   ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, 1);    /* Number of expected parameters */
#if defined(MATLAB_MEX_FILE)
   if(ssGetNumSFcnParams(s) == ssGetSFcnParamsCount(s) {
      mdlCheckParameters(S);
      if(ssGetErrorStates(S) != NULL) return;
   } else {
      return;    /* Simulink will report a mismatch error. */
   }
#endif
   ...
}
```

**Note** The macro ssGetSFcnParamsCount returns the actual number of parameters entered in the dialog box.

See  $matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_errhdl.c$  for an example.

#### Languages

Ada, C, M

#### See Also

mdlProcessParameters, ssGetSFcnParamsCount

#### **mdlDerivatives**

**Purpose** Compute the S-function's derivatives

C Syntax void mdlDerivatives(SimStruct \*S)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

M Syntax Derivatives(s)

M Arguments s

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block

**Description** Simulink invokes this optional method at each time step to compute the

derivatives of the S-function's continuous states. This method should store the derivatives in the S-function's state derivatives vector. This method can use

ssGetdX to get a pointer to the derivatives vector.

Each time the mdlDerivatives routine is called, it must explicitly set the values of all derivatives. The derivative vector does not maintain the values from the last call to this routine. The memory allocated to the derivative vector

changes during execution.

**Example** For an example, see *matlabroot*/simulink/src/csfunc.c.

 $\textbf{Languages} \hspace{1cm} Ada,\,C,\,M$ 

See Also ssGetdx

#### **mdlDisable**

**Purpose** Respond to disabling of an enabled system containing this block.

C Syntax void mdlEnable(SimStruct \*S)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

M Syntax Disable(s)

M Arguments s

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block

**Description** Simulink invokes this optional method if this block resides in an enabled

subsystem and the enabled subsystem changes from an enabled to a disabled state at the current time step. Your S-function can use this method to perform

any actions required by the disabling of the containing subsystem.

Languages Ada, C, M

See Also mdlEnable

#### **mdlEnable**

**Purpose** Respond to enabling of an enabled system containing this block.

**C Syntax** void mdlEnable(SimStruct \*S)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

M Syntax Disable(s)

M Arguments s

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block

**Description** Simulink invokes this optional method if this block resides in an enabled

subsystem and the enabled subsystem changes from a disabled to an enabled state at the current time step. Your S-function can use this method to perform

any actions required by the enabling of the containing subsystem.

Languages Ada, C, M

See Also mdlDisable

#### mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit

Purpose

Initialize the state vectors of this S-function

Syntax

void mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** 

Simulink invokes this optional method at every major integration step to get the time of the next sample time hit. This method should set the time of next hit, using ssSetTNext. The time of the next hit must be greater than the current simulation time as returned by ssGetT. The S-function must implement this method if it operates at a discrete, variable-step sample time.

**Note** The time of the next hit can be a function of the input signals.

Languages

C, M

**Example** 

```
static void mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit(SimStruct *S)
{
    time_T offset = getOffset();
    time_T timeOfNextHit = ssGetT(S) + offset;
    ssSetTNext(S, timeOfNextHit);
}
```

See Also

mdlInitializeSampleTimes, ssSetTNext, ssGetT

#### **mdlInitializeConditions**

**Purpose** Initialize the state vectors of this S-function

**C Syntax** void mdlInitializeConditions(SimStruct \*S)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

M Syntax InitializeConditions(s)

M Arguments s

 $In stance\ of\ {\tt Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock}\ class\ representing\ the\ S\text{-}Function$ 

block

**Description** 

Simulink invokes this optional method at the beginning of a simulation. It should initialize the continuous and discrete states, if any, of this S-Function block. Use ssGetContStates and/or ssGetDiscStates to get the states. This method can also perform any other initialization activities that this S-function requires.

If this S-function resides in an enabled subsystem configured to reset states, Simulink also calls this method when the enabled subsystem restarts execution. This method can use ssIsFirstInitCond macro to determine whether it is being called for the first time.

**Example** 

This example is an S-function with both continuous and discrete states. It initializes both sets of states to 1.0:

#define MDL\_INITIALIZE\_CONDITIONS /\* Change to #undef to remove function \*/

#### **mdlInitializeConditions**

```
#if defined(MDL_INITIALIZE_CONDITIONS)
static void mdlInitializeConditions(SimStruct *S)
{
  int i;
  real_T *xcont = ssGetContStates(S);
  int_T nCStates = ssGetNumContStates(S);
  real_T *xdisc = ssGetRealDiscStates(S);
  int_T nDStates = ssGetNumDiscStates(S);

for (i = 0; i < nCStates; i++) {
    *xcont++ = 1.0;
  }

for (i = 0; i < nDStates; i++) {
    *xdisc++ = 1.0;
  }

#endif /* MDL_INITIALIZE_CONDITIONS */</pre>
```

For another example that initializes only the continuous states, see *matlabroot*/simulink/src/resetint.c.

#### Languages

C, C++, M

#### **See Also**

mdlStart, ssIsFirstInitCond, ssGetContStates, ssGetDiscStates

### mdlInitializeSampleTimes

**Purpose** Specify the sample rates at which this S-function operates

**Syntax** void mdlInitializeSampleTimes(SimStruct \*S)

Arguments 9

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** 

This method should specify the sample time and offset time for each sample rate at which this S-function operates via the following paired macros

```
ssSetSampleTime(S, sampleTimeIndex, sample_time)
ssSetOffsetTime(S, offsetTimeIndex, offset_time)
```

where sampleTimeIndex runs from 0 to one less than the number of sample times specified in mdlInitializeSizes via ssSetNumSampleTimes.

If the S-function operates at one or more sample rates, this method can specify any of the following sample time and offset values for a given sample time:

- [CONTINUOUS\_SAMPLE\_TIME, 0.0]
- [CONTINUOUS SAMPLE TIME, FIXED IN MINOR STEP OFFSET]
- [discrete\_sample\_period, offset]
- [VARIABLE\_SAMPLE\_TIME, 0.0]

The uppercase values are macros defined in simstruc.h.

If the S-function operates at one rate, this method can alternatively set the sample time to one of the following sample/offset time pairs.

- [INHERITED SAMPLE TIME, 0.0]
- [INHERITED\_SAMPLE\_TIME, FIXED\_IN\_MINOR\_STEP\_OFFSET]

If the number of sample times is 0, Simulink assumes that the S-function inherits its sample time from the block to which it is connected, i.e., that the sample time is

```
[INHERITED SAMPLE TIME, 0.0]
```

This method can therefore return without doing anything.

Use the following guidelines when specifying sample times.

• A continuous function that changes during minor integration steps should set the sample time to

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```
[CONTINUOUS SAMPLE TIME, 0.0]
```

• A continuous function that does not change during minor integration steps should set the sample time to

```
[CONTINUOUS SAMPLE TIME, FIXED IN MINOR STEP OFFSET]
```

• A discrete function that changes at a specified rate should set the sample time to

```
[discrete_sample_period, offset]
where
discrete_sample_period > 0.0
and
0.0 <= offset < discrete sample period</pre>
```

• A discrete function that changes at a variable rate should set the sample time to

```
[VARIABLE SAMPLE TIME, 0.0]
```

Simulink invokes the mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit function to get the time of the next sample hit for the variable-step discrete task.

Note that VARIABLE\_SAMPLE\_TIME requires a variable-step solver.

- To operate correctly in a triggered subsystem or a periodic system, a discrete S-function should
  - Specify a single sample time set to [INHERITED\_SAMPLE\_TIME, 0.0]
  - Use ssSetOptions to set the SS\_OPTION\_DISALLOW\_CONSTANT\_SAMPLE\_TIME simulation option in mdlInitializeSizes
  - Verify that it was assigned a discrete or triggered sample time in mdlSetWorkWidths:

```
if (ssGetSampleTime(S, 0) == CONTINUOUS_SAMPLE_TIME) {
   ssSetErrorStatus(S,
        "This block cannot be assigned a continuous sample time");
```

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}

After propagating sample times throughout the block diagram, Simulink assigns the sample time

```
[INHERITED_SAMPLE_TIME, INHERITED_SAMPLE_TIME]
```

to discrete blocks residing in triggered subsystems.

If this function has no intrinsic sample time, it should set its sample time to inherited according to the following guidelines:

 A function that changes as its input changes, even during minor integration steps, should set its sample time to

```
[INHERITED SAMPLE TIME, 0.0]
```

A function that changes as its input changes, but doesn't change during minor integration steps (i.e., is held during minor steps) should set its sample time to

```
[INHERITED_SAMPLE_TIME, FIXED_IN_MINOR_STEP_OFFSET]
```

The S-function should use the ssIsSampleHit or ssIsContinuousTask macros to check for a sample hit during execution (in mdlOutputs or mdlUpdate). For example, if the block's first sample time is continuous, the function can use the following code fragment to check for a sample hit.

```
if (ssIsContinuousTask(S,tid)) {
}
```

**Note** The function receives incorrect results if it uses ssIsSampleHit(S,0,tid).

If the function wants to determine whether the third (discrete) task has a hit, it can use the following code fragment.

```
if (ssIsSampleHit(S,2,tid) {
}
```

## ${\bf mdlInitialize Sample Times}$

**Languages** C

**See Also** mdlSetInputPortSampleTime, mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime

#### **mdlInitializeSizes**

**Purpose** 

Specify the number of inputs, outputs, states, parameters, and other characteristics of the S-function

**Syntax** 

void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct \*S)

Arguments

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** 

This is the first of the S-function's callback methods that Simulink calls. This method should perform the following tasks:

• Specify the number of parameters that this S-function supports, using ssSetNumSFcnParams.

Use ssSetSFcnParamTunable(S,paramIdx, 0) when a parameter cannot change during simulation, where paramIdx starts at 0. When a parameter has been specified as not tunable, Simulink issues an error during simulation (or the Real-Time Workshop external mode) if an attempt is made to change the parameter.

- Specify the number of states that this function has, using ssSetNumContStates and ssSetNumDiscStates.
- Configure the block's input ports.

This entails the following tasks:

- Specify the number of input ports that this S-function has, using ssSetNumInputPorts.
- Specify the dimensions of the input ports.
   See "Dynamically Sized Block Features" on page 8-15 for more information.
- For each input port, specify whether it has direct feedthrough, using ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough.

A port has direct feedthrough if the input is used in either the mdlOutputs or mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit function. The direct feedthrough flag for each input port can be set to either 1=yes or 0=no. It should be set to 1 if the input, u, is used in the mdlOutputs or mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit routine. Setting the direct feedthrough flag to 0 tells Simulink that u is not used in either of these S-function routines. Violating this leads to unpredictable results.

• Configure the block's output ports.

This entails the following tasks:

- Specify the number of output ports that the block has, using ssSetNumOutputPorts.
- Specify the dimensions of the output ports.
   See mdlSetOutputPortDimensionInfo for more information.

If your S-function outputs are discrete (e.g., can only take the values 1 and 2), specify SS OPTION DISCRETE VALUED OUTPUT.

• Set the number of sample times (i.e., sample rates) at which the block operates.

There are two ways of specifying sample times:

- Port-based sample times
- Block-based sample times

See "Sample Times" on page 7-17 for a complete discussion of sample time issues.

For multirate S-functions, the suggested approach to setting sample times is via the port-based sample times method. When you create a multirate S-function, you must take care to verify that, when slower tasks are preempted, your S-function correctly manages data so as to avoid race conditions. When port-based sample times are specified, the block cannot inherit a constant sample time at any port.

- Set the size of the block's work vectors, using ssSetNumRWork, ssSetNumIWork, ssSetNumPWork, ssSetNumModes, ssSetNumNonsampledZCs.
- Set the simulation options that this block implements, using ssSetOptions. All options have the form SS\_OPTION\_<name>. See ssSetOptions for information on each option. The options should be bitwise OR'd together, as in

```
ssSetOptions(S, (SS_OPTION_name1 | SS_OPTION_name2))
```

#### **Dynamically Sized Block Features**

You can set the parameters NumContStates, NumDiscStates, NumInputs, NumOutputs, NumRWork, NumIWork, NumPWork, NumModes, and NumNonsampledZCs to a fixed nonnegative integer or tell Simulink to size them dynamically:

- DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED Sets lengths of states, work vectors, and so on to values inherited from the driving block. It sets widths to the actual input widths, according to the scalar expansion rules unless you use mdlSetWorkWidths to set the widths.
- 0 or positive number Sets lengths (or widths) to the specified values. The default is 0.

#### Languages

Ada, C, M

#### Example

```
static void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct *S)
   int T nInputPorts = 1; /* number of input ports */
    int_T nOutputPorts = 1;  /* number of output ports */
    int T needsInput = 1; /* direct feed through
    int T inputPortIdx = 0;
    int_T outputPortIdx = 0;
   ssSetNumSFcnParams(S, 0); /* Number of expected parameters */
    if (ssGetNumSFcnParams(S) != ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S)) {
        * If the the number of expected input parameters is not
         * equal to the number of parameters entered in the
         * dialog box, return. Simulink will generate an error
         * indicating that there is aparameter mismatch.
         */
        return;
   }else {
         mdlCheckParameters(S);
         if (ssGetErrorStatus(s) != NULL)
              return;
   }
    ssSetNumContStates(
                           S, 0);
    ssSetNumDiscStates(
                          S, 0);
     * Configure the input ports. First set the number of input
     * ports.
    * /
    if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S, nInputPorts)) return;
    * Set input port dimensions for each input port index
     * starting at 0.
    * /
```

```
if(!ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo(S, inputPortIdx,
       DYNAMIC DIMENSION)) return;
    * Set direct feedthrough flag (1=yes, 0=no).
    ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S, inputPortIdx, needsInput);
    * Configure the output ports. First set the number of
    * output ports.
    */
    if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S, nOutputPorts)) return;
    * Set output port dimensions for each output port index
    * starting at 0.
    if(!ssSetOutputPortDimensionInfo(S,outputPortIdx,
       DYNAMIC DIMENSION)) return;
    /*
    * Set the number of sample times.
   ssSetNumSampleTimes(S, 1);
    * Set size of the work vectors.
   ssSetNumRWork(S, 0); /* real vector
    ssSetNumIWork(S, 0); /* integer vector */
    ssSetNumPWork(S, 0); /* pointer vector */
    ssSetNumModes(S, 0); /* mode vector
                                           */
    ssSetNumNonsampledZCs(S, 0); /* zero crossings */
   ssSetOptions(S, 0);
} /* end mdlInitializeSizes */
```

### **mdlOutputs**

**Purpose** Compute the signals that this block emits

**Syntax** void mdlOutputs(SimStruct \*S, int\_T tid)

Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

tid Task ID.

**M Syntax** Outputs(s)

M Arguments s

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block

**Description** Simulink invokes this required method at each simulation time step. The

method should compute the S-function's outputs at the current time step and

store the results in the S-function's output signal arrays.

The tid (task ID) argument specifies the task running when the mdlOutputs routine is invoked. You can use this argument in the mdlOutports routine of a multirate S-Function block to encapsulate task-specific blocks of code (see

"Multirate S-Function Blocks" on page 7-25).

For an example of an mdlOutputs routine that works with multiple input and

 $output\ ports,\ see\ \textit{matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_multiport.c.}$ 

Languages A, C, C++, M

**See Also** ssGetOutputPortSignal, ssGetOutputPortRealSignal,

ssGetOutputPortComplexSignal

#### **mdlProcessParameters**

**Purpose** Process the S-function's parameters

**C Syntax** void mdlProcessParameters(SimStruct \*S)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**M Syntax** ProcessParameters(s)

M Arguments s

 $Instance\ of\ {\tt Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock}\ class\ representing\ the\ S-Function\ block$ 

#### **Description**

This is an optional routine that Simulink calls after mdlCheckParameters changes and verifies parameters. The processing is done at the top of the simulation loop when it is safe to process the changed parameters. This routine can only be used in a C MEX S-function.

The purpose of this routine is to process newly changed parameters. An example is to cache parameter changes in work vectors. Simulink does not call this routine when it is used with the Real-Time Workshop. Therefore, if you use this routine in an S-function designed for use with the Real-Time Workshop, you must write your S-function so that it doesn't rely on this routine. To do this, you must inline your S-function by using the Target Language Compiler. See *The Target Language Compiler Reference Guide* for information on inlining S-functions.

The synopsis is

```
#define MDL_PROCESS_PARAMETERS  /* Change to #undef to remove function */
#if defined(MDL_PROCESS_PARAMETERS) && defined(MATLAB_MEX_FILE)
static void mdlProcessParameters(SimStruct *S)
{
}
#endif /* MDL_PROCESS_PARAMETERS */
```

#### Example

This example processes a string parameter that mdlCheckParameters has verified to be of the form '+++' (where there could be any number of '+' or '-' characters).

```
#define MDL PROCESS PARAMETERS /* Change to #undef to remove function */
```

```
#if defined(MDL_PROCESS_PARAMETERS) && defined(MATLAB_MEX_FILE)
   static void mdlProcessParameters(SimStruct *S)
      int T i;
      char_T *plusMinusStr;
      int T nInputPorts = ssGetNumInputPorts(S);
      int T *iwork = ssGetIWork(S);
      if ((plusMinusStr=(char_T*)malloc(nInputPorts+1)) == NULL) {
          ssSetErrorStatus(S, "Memory allocation error in mdlStart");
          return;
      if (mxGetString(SIGNS PARAM(S),plusMinusStr,nInputPorts+1) != 0) {
          free(plusMinusStr);
          ssSetErrorStatus(S, "mxGetString error in mdlStart");
          return;
      for (i = 0; i < nInputPorts; i++) {</pre>
          iwork[i] = plusMinusStr[i] == '+'? 1: -1;
      free(plusMinusStr);
   #endif /* MDL PROCESS PARAMETERS */
mdlProcessParameters is called from mdlStart to load the signs string prior to
the start of the simulation loop.
   #define MDL START
   #if defined(MDL START)
   static void mdlStart(SimStruct *S)
       mdlProcessParameters(S);
   #endif /* MDL START */
For more details on this example, see matlabroot/simulink/src/
sfun multiport.c.
```

#### Languages

Ada, C, M

#### See Also

mdlCheckParameters

#### **mdlRTW**

Purpose Generate code generation data

C Syntax void mdlRTW(SimStruct \*S)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

M Syntax PostPropagationSetup(s)

M Arguments s

 $In stance\ of\ {\tt Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock}\ class\ representing\ the\ S-Function$ 

block.

**Description** This function is called when the Real-Time Workshop is generating the

model.rtw file. In this method, you can call the following functions that add

fields to the mode1.rtw file:

• ssWriteRTWParameters

ssWriteRTWParamSettings

• ssWriteRTWWorkVect

• ssWriteRTWStr

ssWriteRTWStrParam

ssWriteRTWScalarParam

• ssWriteRTWStrVectParam

ssWriteRTWVectParam

• ssWriteRTW2dMatParam

ssWriteRTWMxVectParam

ssWriteRTWMx2dMatParam

Languages C, C++, M

**See Also** ssSetInputPortFrameData, ssSetOutputPortFrameData, ssSetErrorStatus

### mdlSetDefaultPortComplexSignals

**Purpose** Set the numeric types (real, complex, or inherited) of ports whose numeric

types cannot be determined from block connectivity

**Syntax** void mdlSetDefaultPortComplexSignals(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Simulink invokes this method if the block has ports whose numeric types

cannot be determined from connectivity. (This usually happens when the block is unconnected or is part of a feedback loop.) This method must set the numeric

types of all ports whose numeric types are not set.

If the block does not implement this method and at least one port is known to be complex, Simulink sets the unknown ports to COMPLEX YES; otherwise, it

sets the unknown ports to COMPLEX NO.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetOutputPortComplexSignal, ssSetInputPortComplexSignal

### mdlSetDefaultPortDataTypes

**Purpose** Set the data types of ports whose data types cannot be determined from block

connectivity

**Syntax** void mdlSetDefaultPortDataTypes(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Simulink invokes this method if the block has ports whose data types cannot

be determined from block connectivity. (This usually happens when the block is unconnected or is part of a feedback loop.) This method must set the data

types of all ports whose data types are not set.

If the block does not implement this method and Simulink cannot determine the data types of any of its ports, Simulink sets the data types of all the ports to double. If the block does not implement this method and Simulink cannot determine the data types of some, but not all, of its ports, Simulink sets the unknown ports to the data type of the port whose data type has the largest size.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetOutputPortDataType, ssSetInputPortDataType

### mdlSetDefaultPortDimensionInfo

**Purpose** Set the default dimensions of the signals accepted or emitted by an S-function's

ports

**Syntax** void mdlSetDefaultPortDimensionInfo(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Simulink calls this method during signal dimension propagation when a model

does not supply enough information to determine the dimensionality of signals that can enter or leave the block represented by S. This method should set the dimensions of any input and output ports that are dynamically sized to default values. If S does not implement this method, Simulink sets the dimensions of dynamically sized ports for which dimension information is unavailable to

scalar, i.e., 1-D signals containing one element.

**Example** See matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun matadd.c for an example of how to use

this function.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetOutputPortMatrixDimensions, ssSetErrorStatus

### mdlSetInputPortComplexSignal

**Purpose** Set the numeric types (real, complex, or inherited) of the signals accepted by

an input port

C Syntax void mdlSetInputPortComplexSignal(SimStruct \*S, int T port,

CSignal T csig)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of a port.

csig

Numeric type of signal.

M Syntax SetInputPortComplexSignal(s, port, typeId)

M Arguments s

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block.

Integer value specifying index of port to be set.

typeId

Integer value specifying whether the port accepts real (0) or complex (1)

signals.

**Description** Simulink calls this routine to set the input port signal type. The S-function

must check whether the specified signal type is a valid type for the specified port. If it is valid, the S-function must set the signal type of the specified input port. Otherwise, it must report an error using ssSetErrorStatus. The

S-function can also set the signal types of other input and output ports with unknown signal types. Simulink reports an error if the S-function changes the

signal type of a port whose signal type is known.

If the S-function does not implement this routine, Simulink assumes that the S-function accepts a real or complex signal and sets the input port signal type

to the specified value.

Languages C, C++, M

# mdl SetInput Port Complex Signal

See Also

ssSetInputPortComplexSignal, ssSetErrorStatus

### mdlSetInputPortDataType

**Purpose** Set the data types of the signals accepted by an input port

C Syntax void mdlSetInputPortDataType(SimStruct \*S, int T port, DTypeId id)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of a port.

id

Data type ID.

**M Syntax** SetInputPortDataType(s, port, typeId)

M Arguments

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block.

port

Integer value specifying index of port to be set.

typeId

Integer value specifying ID of port's data type. Use

s.getDatatypeName(typeId) to get the data type's name.

**Description** 

Simulink calls this routine to set the data type of port. The S-function must check whether the specified data type is a valid data type for the specified port. If it is a valid data type, it must set the data type of the input port. Otherwise,

it must report an error using ssSetErrorStatus.

The S-function can also set the data types of other input and output ports if they are unknown. Simulink reports an error if the S-function changes the data

type of a port whose data type has been set.

If the block does not implement this routine, Simulink assumes that the block accepts any data type and sets the input port data type to the specified value.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortDataType, ssSetErrorStatus

### mdlSetInputPortDimensionInfo

Purpose

Set the dimensions of the signals accepted by an input port

**C** Syntax

void mdlSetInputPortDimensionInfo(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port, const DimsInfo T \*dimsInfo)

**C** Arguments

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of a port.

dimsInfo

 $In stance\ of\ {\tt Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock}\ \ class\ representing\ the\ S-Function$ 

block.

See ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo for a description of this structure.

**M Syntax** 

SetInputPortDimensions(s, port, dims)

**M** Arguments

S

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block.

port

Integer value specifying index of port to be set.

dims

1-D array that specifies the signal dimensions supported by the port, e.g., [5] for a 5-element vector signal or [3 3] for a 3 x 3 matrix signal.

**Description** 

Simulink calls this method during dimension propagation with candidate dimensions dimsInfo for port. If the proposed dimensions are acceptable, this method should go ahead and set the actual port dimensions, using ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo. If they are unacceptable, this method should generate an error via ssSetErrorStatus.

**Note** This method can set the dimensions of any other input or output port whose dimensions derive from the dimensions of port.

### mdlSetInputPortDimensionInfo

By default, Simulink calls this method only if it can fully determine the dimensionality of port from the port to which it is connected. If it cannot completely determine the dimensionality from port connectivity, it invokes mdlSetDefaultPortDimensionInfo. If an S-function can fully determine the port dimensionality from partial information, the function should set the option SS\_OPTION\_ALLOW\_PARTIAL\_DIMENSIONS\_CALL in mdlInitializeSizes, using ssSetOptions. If this option is set, Simulink invokes mdlSetInputPortDimensionInfo even if it can only partially determine the dimensionality of the input port from connectivity.

Languages C, C++, M

**Example** See matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_matadd.c for an example of how to use

this function.

**See Also** ssSetErrorStatus

### mdlSetInputPortFrameData

**Purpose** Specify whether an input port accepts frame data.

C Syntax void mdlSetInputPortFrameData(SimStruct \*S, int T port,

Frame T frameData)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of a port.

frameData Frame data.

M Syntax SetInputPortSamplingMode(s, port, mode)

M Arguments

 $In stance\ of\ {\tt Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock}\ \ class\ representing\ the\ S-Function$ 

block.

port

Integer value specifying the index of port whose sampling mode is to be set.

mode

Integer value specifying the sampling mode of the port (0 = sample, 1 = frame).

**Description** 

This method is called with the candidate frame setting (FRAME\_YES or

FRAME\_NO) for an input port. If the proposed setting is acceptable, the method

should go ahead and set the actual frame data setting using

ssSetInputPortFrameData. If the setting is unacceptable, an error should be generated via ssSetErrorStatus. Note that any other dynamic frame input or output ports whose frame data settings are implicitly defined by virtue of knowing the frame data setting of the given port can also have their frame data

settings set via calls to  ${\tt ssSetInputPortFrameData}$  and

 ${\tt ssSetOutputPortFrameData}.$ 

The use of frame-based signals (mode has a value of 1) requires a Signal

Processing Blockset license.

Languages C, C++, M

**See Also** ssSetInputPortFrameData, ssSetOutputPortFrameData, ssSetErrorStatus

### mdlSetInputPortSampleTime

**Purpose** Set the sample time of an input port that inherits its sample time from the port

to which it is connected

**Syntax** void mdlSetInputPortSampleTime(SimStruct \*S, int T port,

real T sampleTime, real T offsetTime)

**Arguments** 

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of a port.

sampleTime

Inherited sample time for port.

offsetTime

Inherited offset time for port.

M Syntax SetInputPortSampleTime(s, port, time)

M Arguments

**Description** 

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block.

Integer value specifying the index of port whose sampling mode is to be set.

Two-element array, [period offset], that specifies the period and offset of the times that this port samples its input.

Simulink invokes this method with the sample time that port inherits from the port to which it is connected. If the inherited sample time is acceptable, this method should set the sample time of port to the inherited time, using ssSetInputPortSampleTime. If the sample time is unacceptable, this method should generate an error via ssSetErrorStatus. Note that any other inherited input or output ports whose sample times are implicitly defined by virtue of knowing the sample time of the given port can also have their sample times set via calls to ssSetInputPortSampleTime or ssSetOutputPortSampleTime.

### mdlSetInputPortSampleTime

When inherited port-based sample times are specified, the sample time is guaranteed to be one of the following where 0.0 < period < inf and 0.0 <= offset < period.

	Sample Time	Offset Time
Continuous	0.0	0.0
Discrete	period	offset

Constant, triggered, and variable step sample times are not propagated to S-functions with port-based sample times.

Generally mdlSetInputPortSampleTime is called once with the input port sample time. However, there can be cases where this function is called more than once. This happens when the simulation engine is converting continuous sample times to continuous but fixed in minor steps sample times. When this occurs, the original values of the sample times specified in mdlInitializeSizes are restored before this method is called again.

The final sample time specified at the port can be different from (but equivalent to) the sample time specified by this method. This occurs when

- The model uses a fixed-step solver and the port has a continuous but fixed in minor step sample time. In this case, Simulink converts the sample time to the fundamental sample time for the model.
- Simulink adjusts the sample time to be as numerically sound as possible. For example, Simulink converts [0.249999999999, 0] to [0.25, 0].

The S-function can examine the final sample times in mdlInitializeSampleTimes.

#### Languages

$$C, C++, M$$

#### **See Also**

 ${\tt ssSetInputPortSampleTime, ssSetOutputPortSampleTime,} \\ {\tt mdlInitializeSampleTimes} \\$ 

## mdlSetInputPortWidth

**Purpose** Set the width of an input port that accepts 1-D (vector) signals

**Syntax** void mdlSetInputPortWidth(SimStruct \*S, int T port, int T width)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of a port.

width

Width of signal.

**Description** This method is called with the candidate width for a dynamically sized port. If

the proposed width is acceptable, the method should go ahead and set the actual port width using ssSetInputPortWidth. If the size is unacceptable, an error should be generated via ssSetErrorStatus. Note that any other

dynamically sized input or output ports whose widths are implicitly defined by virtue of knowing the width of the given port can also have their widths set via

calls to ssSetInputPortWidth or ssSetOutputPortWidth.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortWidth, ssSetOutputPortWidth, ssSetErrorStatus

## mdlSetOutputPortComplexSignal

**Purpose** Set the numeric types (real, complex, or inherited) of the signals accepted by

an output port

**C Syntax** void mdlSetOutputPortDataType(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port, CSignal\_T

csig)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of a port.

csig

Numeric type of signal.

**M Syntax** SetOutputPortComplexSignal(s, port, typeId)

M Arguments

S

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function block.

port

Integer value specifying index of port to be set.

typeId

Integer value specifying whether the port produces real (0) or complex (1)

signals.

**Description** 

Simulink calls this routine to set the output port signal type. The S-function must check whether the specified signal type is a valid type for the specified port. If it is valid, the S-function must set the signal type of the specified output port. Otherwise, it must report an error, using ssSetErrorStatus. The S-function can also set the signal types of other input and output ports with unknown signal types. Simulink reports an error if the S-function changes the signal type of a port whose signal type is known.

If the S-function does not implement this routine, Simulink assumes that the S-function accepts a real or complex signal and sets the output port signal type to the specified value.

Languages C, C++, M

# mdl Set Output Port Complex Signal

See Also

 ${\tt ssSetOutputPortComplexSignal, ssSetErrorStatus}$ 

## mdlSetOutputPortDataType

**Purpose** Set the data type of the signals emitted by an output port

C Syntax void mdlSetOutputPortDataType(SimStruct \*S, int T port, DTypeId id)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

id

Data type ID.

**M Syntax** SetOutputPortDataType(s, port, typeId)

M Arguments

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block.

port

Integer value specifying index of port to be set.

typeId

Integer value specifying ID of port's data type. Use

s.getDatatypeName(typeId) to get the data type's name.

**Description** 

Simulink calls this routine to set the data type of port. The S-function must check whether the specified data type is a valid data type for the specified port. If it is a valid data type, it must set the data type of port. Otherwise, it must

report an error, using ssSetErrorStatus.

The S-function can also set the data types of other input and output ports if their data types have not been set. Simulink reports an error if the S-function

changes the data type of a port whose data type has been set.

If the block does not implement this method, Simulink assumes that the block accepts any data type and sets the input port data type to the specified value.

Languages C, C++, M

**See Also** ssSetOutputPortDataType, ssSetErrorStatus

## mdlSetOutputPortDimensionInfo

**Purpose** Set the dimensions of the signals accepted by an output port

C Syntax void mdlSetOutputPortDimensionInfo(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port, const

DimsInfo\_T \*dimsInfo)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of a port.

dimsInfo

Structure that specifies the signal dimensions supported by port.

See ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo for a description of this structure.

M Syntax SetOutputPortDimensions(s, port, dims)

M Arguments

 $In stance\ of\ {\tt Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock}\ class\ representing\ the\ S-Function$ 

block.

port

Integer value specifying index of port to be set.

dims

1-D array that specifies the signal dimensions supported by the port, e.g., [5] for a 5-element vector signal or [3 3] for a 3 x 3 matrix signal.

**Description** 

Simulink calls this method with candidate dimensions dimsInfo for port. If the proposed dimensions are acceptable, this method should go ahead and set the actual port dimensions, using ssSetOutputPortDimensionInfo. If they are unacceptable, this method should generate an error via ssSetErrorStatus.

**Note** This method can set the dimensions of any other input or output port whose dimensions derive from the dimensions of port.

By default, Simulink calls this method only if it can fully determine the dimensionality of port from the port to which it is connected. If it cannot completely determine the dimensionality from port connectivity, it invokes

## mdlSetOutputPortDimensionInfo

mdlSetDefaultPortDimensionInfo. If an S-function can fully determine the port dimensionality from partial information, the function should set the option SS\_OPTION\_ALLOW\_PARTIAL\_DIMENSIONS\_CALL in mdlInitializeSizes, using ssSetOptions. If this option is set, Simulink invokes mdlSetOutputPortDimensionInfo even if it can only partially determine the dimensionality of the input port from connectivity.

Languages C, C++, M

**Example** See matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_matadd.c for an example of how to use

this function.

**See Also** ssSetOutputPortDimensionInfo, ssSetErrorStatus

## mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime

#### **Purpose**

Set the sample time of an output port that inherits its sample time from the

port to which it is connected

### **C** Syntax

void mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port,
 real T sampleTime, real T offsetTime)

### **C Arguments**

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of a port.

sampleTime

Inherited sample time for port.

offsetTime

Inherited offset time for port.

### M Syntax

SetOutputPortSampleTime(s, port, time)

### **M** Arguments

S

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function block.

port

Integer value specifying the index of port whose sampling mode is to be set.

time

Two-element array, [period offset], that specifies the period and offset of the times that this port produces output.

### **Description**

Simulink calls this method with the sample time that port inherits from the port to which it is connected. If the inherited sample time is acceptable, this method should set the sample time of port to the inherited sample time, using ssSetOutputPortSampleTime or

```
pd = s.OutputPort(port);
pd.SampleTime = time;
```

in the case of a Level-2 M-file S-function.

If the inherited sample time is unacceptable, this method should generate an error via ssSetErrorStatus. Note that this method can set the sample time of

## mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime

any other input or output port whose sample time derives from the sample time of port, using ssSetInputPortSampleTime or ssSetOutputPortSampleTime or the SampleTime property of the Simulink.PortData object associated with the port in the case of Level-2 M-file S-functions.

Normally, sample times are propagated forward; however, if sources feeding this block have inherited sample times, Simulink might choose to back-propagate known sample times to this block. When back-propagating sample times, we call this method in succession for all inherited output port signals.

See mdlSetInputPortSampleTime for more information about when this method is called.

### Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

### See Also

ssSetOutputPortSampleTime, ssSetErrorStatus,
ssSetInputPortSampleTime, ssSetOutputPortSampleTime,
mdlSetInputPortSampleTime, Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock,
Simulink.PortData

## mdlSetOutputPortWidth

**Purpose** Set the width of an output port that outputs 1-D (vector) signals

**Syntax** void mdlSetOutputPortWidth(SimStruct \*S, int T port, int T width)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of a port.

width

Width of signal.

**Description** This method is called with the candidate width for a dynamically sized port. If

the proposed width is acceptable, the method should go ahead and set the actual port width, using ssSetOutputPortWidth. If the size is unacceptable, an error should be generated via ssSetErrorStatus. Note that any other

dynamically sized input or output ports whose widths are implicitly defined by virtue of knowing the width of the given port can also have their widths set via

calls to ssSetInputPortWidth or ssSetOutputPortWidth.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortWidth, ssSetOutputPortWidth, ssSetErrorStatus

## mdlSetWorkWidths

**Purpose** Specify the sizes of the work vectors and create the run-time parameters

required by this S-function

**Syntax** void mdlSetWorkWidths(SimStruct \*S)

Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

M Syntax PostPropagationSetup(s)

M Arguments s

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block.

**Description** Simulink calls this optional method to enable this S-function to set the sizes of

state and work vectors that it needs to store global data and to create run-time parameters (see "Run-Time Parameters" on page 7-6). Simulink invokes this method after it has determined the input port width, output port width, and sample times of the S-function. This allows the S-function to size the state and work vectors based on the number and sizes of inputs and outputs and/or the number of sample times. This method specifies the state and work vector sizes via the macros ssGetNumContStates, ssSetNumDiscStates, ssSetNumRWork,

ssSetNumIWork, ssSetNumPWork, ssSetNumModes, and

ssSetNumNonsampledZCs.

The S-function needs to implement this method only if it does not know the sizes of all the work vectors it requires when Simulink invokes the function's

mdlInitializeSizes method. If this S-function implements

mdlSetWorkWidths, it should initialize the sizes of any work vectors that it needs to DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED in mdlInitializeSizes, even for those whose exact size it knows at that point. The S-function should then specify the actual

size in mdlSetWorkWidths.

Languages Ada, C, M

See Also mdlInitializeSizes

## mdlSimStatusChange

**Purpose** Respond to a pause or resumption of the simulation of the model that contains

this S-function.

**Syntax** void mdlSimStatusChange(SimStruct \*s,

SsSimStatusChangeType simStatus)

**Arguments** 9

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

simStatus

Status of the simulation, either SIM\_PAUSE or SIM\_CONTINUE

**Description** 

Simulink calls this routine when a simulation of the model containing s pauses or resumes.

**Example** 

**Languages** C

## **mdlStart**

**Purpose** Initialize the state vectors of this S-function

**Syntax** void mdlStart(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

M Syntax Start(s)

M Arguments s

Instance of Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock class representing the S-Function

block

**Description** Simulink invokes this optional method at the beginning of a simulation. It

should initialize the continuous and discrete states, if any, of this S-Function block. Use ssGetContStates and/or ssGetDiscStates to get the states. This method can also perform any other initialization activities that this S-function

requires.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** mdlInitializeConditions, ssGetContStates, ssGetDiscStates

**Purpose** 

Perform any actions required at termination of the simulation

Syntax

void mdlTerminate(SimStruct \*S)

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Arguments** 

S

**Description** 

This method should perform any actions, such as freeing memory, that must be performed at the end of simulation or when an S-Function block is destroyed (e.g., when it is deleted from a model). The option

SS\_OPTION\_CALL\_TERMINATE\_ON\_EXIT (see ssSetOptions) determines whether Simulink invokes this method. If this option is not set, Simulink invokes mdlTerminate at the end of simulation only if the mdlStart method of at least one block in the model has executed during simulation. If this option is set, Simulink always invokes the mdlTerminate method at the end of a simulation run and whenever it destroys a block.

Languages

Ada, C, M

**Example** 

Suppose your S-function allocates blocks of memory in mdlStart and saves pointers to the blocks in a PWork vector. The following code fragment would free this memory.

```
{
  int i;
  for (i = 0; i < ssGetNumPWork(S); i++) {
    if (ssGetPWorkValue(S,i) != NULL) {
      free(ssGetPWorkValue(S,i));
    }
}</pre>
```

## **mdlUpdate**

Purpose Update a block's states

C Syntax void mdlUpdate(SimStruct \*S, int\_T tid)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

tid Task ID.

M Syntax Update(s)

M Arguments s

 $In stance\ of\ {\tt Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock}\ class\ representing\ the\ S\text{-}Function$ 

block

**Description** Simulink invokes t

Simulink invokes this optional method at each major simulation time step. The method should compute the S-function's states at the current time step and store the states in the S-function's state vector. The method can also perform any other tasks that the S-function needs to perform at each major time step.

Use this code if your S-function has one or more discrete states or does *not* have direct feedthrough.

The reason for this is that most S-functions that do not have discrete states but do have direct feedthrough do not have update functions. Therefore, Simulink is able to eliminate the need for the extra call in these circumstances.

If your S-function needs to have its mdlUpdate routine called and it does not satisfy either of the above two conditions, specify that it has a discrete state, using the ssSetNumDiscStates macro in the mdlInitializeSizes function.

The tid (task ID) argument specifies the task running when the mdlOutputs routine is invoked. You can use this argument in the mdlUpdate routine of a multirate S-Function block to encapsulate task-specific blocks of code (see "Multirate S-Function Blocks" on page 7-25).

**Example** For an example, see matlabroot/simulink/src/dsfunc.c.

Languages Ada, C, C++, M

# mdlUpdate

See Also

 ${\tt mdlDerivatives}, \, {\tt ssGetContStates}, \, {\tt ssGetDiscStates}$ 

## mdlZeroCrossings

Purpose Update zero-crossing vector

**C Syntax** void mdlZeroCrossings(SimStruct \*S)

C Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**M Syntax** ProcessParameters(s)

M Arguments s

 $Instance\ of\ {\tt Simulink.MSFcnRunTimeBlock}\ class\ representing\ the\ S-Function$ 

block

**Description** 

An S-function needs to provide this optional method only if it does zero-crossing detection. This method should update the S-function's zero-crossing vector, using ssGetNonsampledZCs.

You can use the optional mdlZeroCrossings routine when your S-function has registered the CONTINUOUS\_SAMPLE\_TIME and has nonsampled zero crossings (ssGetNumNonsampledZCs(S) > 0). The mdlZeroCrossings routine is used to provide Simulink with signals that are to be tracked for zero crossings. These are typically

- Continuous signals entering the S-function
- Internally generated signals that cross zero when a discontinuity would normally occur in mdlOutputs

Thus, the zero-crossing signals are used to locate the discontinuities and end the current time step at the point of the zero crossing. To provide Simulink with zero-crossing signals, mdlZeroCrossings updates the ssGetNonsampleZCs(S) vector.

**Example** See matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_zc.c.

Languages C, C++, M

**See Also** mdlInitializeSizes, ssGetNonsampledZCs

# SimStruct Functions

The following sections describe SimStruct macros and functions.

Introduction (p. 9-2) Overview of SimStruct macros and functions.

SimStruct Macros and Functions SimStruct functions listed by usage.

Listed by Usage (p. 9-3)

Function Reference (p. 9-22) Descriptions of the SimStruct macros and functions.

### Introduction

Simulink provides a set of functions for accessing the fields of an S-function's simulation data structure (SimStruct). S-function callback methods use these functions to store and retrieve information about an S-function.

This reference describes the syntax and usage of each SimStruct or function. The descriptions appear alphabetically by name to facilitate location of a particular function. This section also provides listings of functions by usage to speed location of macros and functions for specific purposes, such as implementing data type support.

### Language Support

Some SimStruct functions are available only in some of the languages supported by Simulink. The reference page for each SimStruct macro or function lists the languages in which it is available. If the SimStruct function is available in C, the reference page gives its C syntax. Otherwise, it gives its syntax in the language in which it is available.

**Note** Most SimStruct functions available in C are implemented as C macros.

### The SimStruct

The file matlabroot/simulink/include/simstruc.h is a C language header file that defines the Simulink data structure and the SimStruct access macros. It encapsulates all the data relating to the model or S-function, including block parameters and outputs.

There is one SimStruct data structure allocated for the Simulink model. Each S-function in the model has its own SimStruct associated with it. The organization of these SimStructs is much like a directory tree. The SimStruct associated with the model is the *root* SimStruct. The SimStructs associated with the S-functions are the *child* SimStructs.

# SimStruct Macros and Functions Listed by Usage

This section groups SimStruct macros by usage.

### **Miscellaneous**

Macro	Description
ssCallExternalModeFcn	Invoke the external mode function for an S-function.
ssGetModelName	Get the name of an S-Function block or model containing the S-function.
ssGetParentSS	Get the parent of an S-function.
ssGetPath	Get the path of an S-function or the model containing the S-function.
ssGetRootSS	Return the root (model) SimStruct.
ssGetUserData	Access user data.
ssSetExternalModeFcn	Specify the external mode function for an S-function.
ssSetOptions	Set various simulation options.
ssSetPlacementGroup	Specify the execution order of a sink or source S-function.
ssSetUserData	Specify user data.

## **Error Handling and Status**

Macro	Description
ssGetErrorStatus	Get a string that identifies the last error.
ssPrintf	Print a variable-content msg.

Macro	Description
ssSetErrorStatus	Report errors.
ssWarning	Display a warning message.

# I/O Port

Macro	Description
ssGetInputPortBufferDstPort	Determine the output port that is overwriting an input port's memory buffer.
ssGetInputPortComplexSignal	Get the numeric type (complex or real) of an input port.
ssGetInputPortConnected	Determine whether an S-Function block port is connected to a nonvirtual block.
ssGetInputPortDataType	Get the data type of an input port.
ssGetInputPortDimensions	Get the dimensions of the signal accepted by an input port.
ssGetInputPortDirectFeedThrough	Determine whether an input port has direct feedthrough.
ssGetInputPortFrameData	Determine whether a port accepts signal frames.
ssGetInputPortNumDimensions	Get the dimensionality of the signals accepted by an input port.
ssGetInputPortOffsetTime	Determine the offset time of an input port.
ssGetInputPortOverWritable	Determine whether an input port can be overwritten.

Macro	Description
ssGetInputPortRealSignal	Get the address of a real, contiguous signal entering an input port.
ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs	Access the signal elements connected to an input port.
ssGetInputPortRequiredContiguous	Determine whether the signal elements entering a port must be contiguous.
ssGetInputPortSampleTime	Determine the sample time of an input port.
ssGetInputPortSampleTimeIndex	Get the sample time index of an input port.
ssGetInputPortSignal	Get the address of a contiguous signal entering an input port.
ssGetInputPortSignalAddress	Get the address of an input port's signal (Ada only).
ssGetInputPortSignalPtrs	Get pointers to input signal elements of type other than double.
ssGetInputPortWidth	Determine the width of an input port.
ssGetNumInputPorts	Determine how many input ports a block has.
ssGetNumOutputPorts	Can be used in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine how many output ports you have set.
ssGetOutputPortBeingMerged	Determine whether the output of this block is connected to a Merge block.
ssGetOutputPortComplexSignal	Get the numeric type (complex or real) of an output port.
ssGetOutputPortDataType	Get the data type of an output port.

Macro	Description
ssGetOutputPortDimensions	Get the dimensions of the signal leaving an output port.
ssGetOutputPortFrameData	Determine whether a port outputs signal frames.
ssGetOutputPortNumDimensions	Get the number of dimensions of an output port.
ssGetOutputPortOffsetTime	Determine the offset time of an output port.
ssGetOutputPortRealSignal	Access the elements of a signal connected to an output port.
ssGetOutputPortSampleTime	Determine the sample time of an output port.
ssGetOutputPortSignal	Get the vector of signal elements emitted by an output port.
ssGetOutputPortSignalAddress	Get the address of an output port's signal (Ada only).
ssGetOutputPortWidth	Determine the width of an output port.
ssSetInputPortComplexSignal	Set the numeric type (real or complex) of an input port.
ssSetInputPortDataType	Set the data type of an input port.
ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo	Set the dimensionality of an input port.
ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough	Specify that an input port is a direct-feedthrough port.
ssSetInputPortFrameData	Specify whether a port accepts signal frames.

Macro	Description
ssSetInputPortMatrixDimensions	Specify dimension information for an input port that accepts matrix signals.
ssSetInputPortOffsetTime	Specify the sample time offset for an input port.
ssSetInputPortOverWritable	Specify whether an input port is overwritable by an output port.
ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous	Specify that the signal elements entering a port must be contiguous.
ssSetInputPortSampleTime	Set the sample time of an input port.
ssSetInputPortVectorDimension	Specify dimension information for an input port that accepts vector signals.
ssSetInputPortWidth	Set the width of an input port.
ssSetNumInputPorts	Set the number of input ports on an S-Function block.
ssSetNumOutputPorts	Specify the number of output ports on an S-Function block.
ssSetOneBasedIndexInputPort	Specify that an input port expects one-based indices.
ssSetOneBasedIndexOutputPort	Specify that an output port emits one-based indices.
ssSetOutputPortComplexSignal	Specify the numeric type (real or complex) of this port.
ssSetOutputPortDataType	Specify the data type of an output port.
ssSetOutputPortDimensionInfo	Specify the dimensionality of an output port.

Macro	Description
ssSetOutputPortFrameData	Specify whether a port outputs framed data.
ssSetOutputPortMatrixDimensions	Specify dimension information for an output port that emits matrix signals.
ssSetOutputPortOffsetTime	Specify the sample time offset value of an output port.
ssSetOutputPortSampleTime	Specify the sample time of an output port.
ssSetOutputPortVectorDimension	Specify dimension information for an output port that emits vector signals.
ssSetOutputPortWidth	Specify the width of a 1-D (vector) output port.
ssSetOutputPortMatrixDimensions	Specify the dimensions of a 2-D (matrix) signal.
ssSetOutputPortVectorDimension	Specify the dimension of a 1-2 (vector) signal.
ssSetVectorMode	Specify the vector mode that an S-function supports.
ssSetZeroBasedIndexInputPort	Specify that an input port expects zero-based indices.
ssSetZeroBasedIndexOutputPort	Specify that an output port emits zero-based indices.

## **Dialog Box Parameters**

These macros enable an S-function to access and set the tunability of parameters that a user specifies in the S-function's dialog box.

Macro	Description
ssGetDTypeIdFromMxArray	Return the Simulink data type of a dialog parameter.
ssGetNumParameters	Get the number of parameters that this block has (Ada only).
ssGetNumSFcnParams	Get the number of parameters that an S-function expects.
ssGetSFcnParam	Get a parameter entered by a user in the S-Function block dialog box.
ssSetNumSFcnParams	Set the number of parameters that an S-function expects.
ssSetParameterName	Set the name of a parameter (Ada only).
ssSetParameterTunable	Set the tunability of a parameter (Ada only).
ssGetSFcnParamsCount	Get the actual number of parameters specified by the user.
ssSetSFcnParamNotTunable	Obsolete.
ssSetSFcnParamTunable	Specify the tunability of a dialog box parameter.

## **Run-Time Parameters**

These macros allow you to create, update, and access run-time parameters corresponding to a block's dialog parameters.

Macro	Description
ssRegDlgParamAsRunTimePa ram	Register a run-time parameter.
ssUpdateDlgParamAsRunTim eParam	Update a run-time parameter.
ssGetNumRunTimeParams	Get the number of run-time parameters created by this S-function.
ssGetRunTimeParamInfo	Get the attributes of a specified run-time parameter.
ssRegAllTunableParamsAsR unTimeParams	Register all tunable dialog parameters as run-time parameters.
ssSetNumRunTimeParams	Specify the number of run-time parameters to be created by this S-function.
ssSetRunTimeParamInfo	Specify the attributes of a specified run-time parameter.
ssUpdateAllTunableParams AsRunTimeParams	Update all run-time parameters corresponding to tunable dialog parameters.
ssUpdateRunTimeParamData	Update the value of a specified run-time parameter.
ssUpdateRunTimeParamInfo	Update the attributes of a specified run-time parameter from the attributes of the corresponding dialog parameters.

# **Sample Time**

Macro	Description
ssGetInputPortSampleTime	Determine the sample time of an input port.
ssGetInputPortSampleTime Index	Get the sample time index of an input port.
ssGetSampleTimeOffset	Get the offset of the current sample time (Ada only).
ssGetSampleTimePeriod	Get the period of the current sample time (Ada only).
ssGetTNext	Get the time of the next sample hit in a discrete S-function with a variable sample time.
ssGetNumSampleTimes	Get the number of sample times an S-function has.
ssGetOutputPortSampleTim e	Determine the sample time of an output port.
ssGetPortBasedSampleTime BlockIsTriggered	Determine whether a block that uses port-based sample times resides in a triggered subsystem.
ssIsContinuousTask	Determine whether a specified rate is the continuous rate.
ssIsSampleHit	Determine the sample rate at which an S-function is operating.
ssIsSpecialSampleHit	Determine whether the current sample time hits two specified rates.
ssSampleAndOffsetAreTrig gered	Determine whether a sample time and offset value pair indicate a triggered sample time.

Macro	Description
ssSetInputPortSampleTime	Set the sample time of an input port.
ssSetModelReferenceSampl eTimeInheritanceRule	Specify whether use of an S-function in a submodel prevents the submodel from inheriting its sample time from the parent model.
ssSetNumSampleTimes	Set the number of sample times an S-function has.
ssSetOffsetTime	Specify the offset of a sample time.
ssSetSampleTime	Specify a sample time for an S-function.
ssSetTNext	Specify the time of the next sample hit in an S-function.

## **State and Work Vector**

Macro	Description
ssGetContStateAddress	Get the address of a block's continuous state vector.
ssGetContStates	Get an S-function's continuous states.
ssGetDiscStates	Get an S-function's discrete states.
ssGetDWork	Get a DWork vector.
ssGetDWorkComplexSignal	Determine whether the elements of a data type work vector are real or complex numbers.
ssGetDWorkDataType	Get the data type of a data type work vector.
ssGetDWorkName	Get the name of a data type work vector.
ssGetDWorkUsedAsDState	Determine whether a data type work vector is used as a discrete state vector.
ssGetDWorkWidth	Get the size of a data type work vector.
ssGetdX	Get the derivatives of the continuous states of an S-function.
ssGetIWork	Get an S-function's integer-valued (int_T) work vector.
ssGetIWorkValue	Get a value from a block's integer work vector.
ssGetModeVector	Get an S-function's mode work vector.
ssGetModeVectorValue	Get an element of a block's mode vector.
ssGetNonsampledZCs	Get an S-function's zero-crossing signals vector.

Macro	Description
ssGetNumContStates	Determine the number of continuous states that an S-function has.
ssGetNumDiscStates	Determine the number of discrete states that an S-function has.
ssGetNumDWork	Get the number of data type work vectors used by a block.
ssGetNumIWork	Get the size of an S-function's integer work vector.
ssGetNumModes	Determine the size of an S-function's mode vector.
ssGetNumNonsampledZCs	Determine the number of nonsampled zero crossings that an S-function detects.
ssGetNumPWork	Determine the size of an S-function's pointer work vector.
ssGetNumRWork	Determine the size of an S-function's real-valued (real_T) work vector.
ssGetPWork	Get an S-function's pointer (void *) work vector.
ssGetPWorkValue	Get a pointer from a pointer work vector.
ssGetRealDiscStates	Get the real (real_T) values of an S-function's discrete state vector.
ssGetRWork	Get an S-function's real-valued (real_T) work vector.
ssGetRWorkValue	Get an element of an S-function's real-valued work vector.
ssSetDWorkComplexSignal	Specify whether the elements of a data type work vector are real or complex.

Macro	Description
ssSetDWorkDataType	Specify the data type of a data type work vector.
ssSetDWorkName	Specify the name of a data type work vector.
ssSetDWorkUsedAsDState	Specify that a data type work vector is used as a discrete state vector.
ssSetDWorkWidth	Specify the width of a data type work vector.
ssSetIWorkValue	Set an element of a block's integer work vector.
ssSetModeVectorValue	Set an element of a block's mode vector.
ssSetNumContStates	Specify the number of continuous states that an S-function has.
ssSetNumDiscStates	Specify the number of discrete states that an S-function has.
ssSetNumDWork	Specify the number of data type work vectors used by a block.
ssSetNumIWork	Specify the size of an S-function's integer (int_T) work vector.
ssSetNumModes	Specify the number of operating modes that an S-function has.
ssSetNumNonsampledZCs	Specify the number of zero crossings that an S-function detects.
ssSetNumPWork	Specify the size of an S-function's pointer (void *) work vector.
ssSetNumRWork	Specify the size of an S-function's real (real_T) work vector.

Macro	Description
ssSetPWorkValue	Set an element of a block's pointer work vector.
ssSetRWorkValue	Set an element of a block's floating-point work vector.

# **Simulation Information**

Macro	Description
ssGetAbsTol	Get the absolute tolerances used by a model's variable-step solver.
ssGetBlockReduction	Determine whether a block has requested block reduction before the simulation has begun and whether it has actually been reduced after the simulation loop has begun.
ssGetErrorStatus	Get a string that identifies the last error.
ssGetInlineParameters	Determine whether the user has set the inline parameters option for the model containing this S-function.
ssGetSimMode	Determine the context in which an S-function is being invoked: normal simulation, external-mode simulation, model editor, etc.
ssGetSolverMode	Get the solver mode being used to solve the S-function.
ssGetSolverName	Get the name of the solver being used for the simulation.
ssGetStateAbsTol	Get the absolute tolerance used by the model's variable-step solver for a specified state.
ssGetStopRequested	Get the value of the simulation stop requested flag.
ssGetT	Get the current base simulation time.
ssGetTaskTime	Get the current time for a task.
ssGetTFinal	Get the end time of the current simulation.

Macro	Description
ssGetTNext	Get the time of the next sample hit.
ssGetTStart	Get the start time of the current simulation.
ssIsFirstInitCond	Determine whether this is the first call to mdlInitializeConditions.
ssIsMajorTimeStep	Determine whether the current time step is a major time step.
ssIsMinorTimeStep	Determine whether the current time step is a minor time step.
ssIsVariableStepSolver	Determine whether the current solver is a variable-step solver.
ssSetBlockReduction	Request that Simulink attempt to reduce a block.
ssSetSolverNeedsReset	Ask Simulink to reset the solver.
ssSetStopRequested	Ask Simulink to terminate the simulation at the end of the current time step.

## **Function Call**

Macro	Description
ssCallSystemWithTid	Execute a function-call subsystem connected to an S-function.
ssDisableSystemWithTid	Disable a function-call subsystem connected to this S-function block.
ssEnableSystemWithTid	Enable a function-call subsystem connected to this S-function.
ssSetCallSystemOutput	Specify that an output port element issues a function call.
ssSetExplicitFCSSCtrl	Specify whether an S-function explicitly enables and disables the function-call subsystem that it calls.

# **Data Type**

Macro	Description
ssGetDataTypeId	Get the ID for a data type.
ssGetDataTypeName	Get a data type's name.
ssGetDataTypeSize	Get a data type's size.
ssGetDataTypeZero	Get the zero representation of a data type.
ssGetInputPortDataType	Get the data type of an input port.
ssGetNumDataTypes	Get the number of data types defined by an S-function or the model.
ssGetOutputPortDataType	Get the data type of an output port.
ssGetOutputPortSignal	Get an output signal of any type except double.

Macro	Description
ssRegisterDataType	Register a data type.
ssSetDataTypeSize	Specify the size of a data type.
ssSetDataTypeZero	Specify the zero representation of a data type.
ssSetInputPortDataType	Specify the data type of signals accepted by an input port.

# **Real-Time Workshop**

Macro	Description
ssGetDWorkRTWIdentifier	Get the identifier used to declare a DWork vector in code generated from the associated S-function.
ssGetDWorkRTWStorageClas s	Get the storage class of a DWork vector in code generated from the associated S-function.
ssGetDWorkRTWTypeQualifi er	Get the C type qualifier (e.g., const) used to declare a DWork vector in code generated from the associated S-function.
ssGetDWorkRTWTypeQualifi er	Set the identifier used to declare a DWork vector in code generated from the associated S-function.
ssGetPlacementGroup	Get the name of the placement group of a block.
ssSetDWorkRTWIdentifier	Set the storage class of a DWork vector in code generated from the associated S-function.

Macro	Description	
ssSetDWorkRTWStorageClas s	Set the C type qualifier (e.g., const) used to declare a DWork vector in code generated from the associated S-function.	
ssSetPlacementGroup	Specify the name of the placement group of a block.	
ssWriteRTW2dMatParam	Write a Simulink matrix parameter to the S-function's model.rtw file.	
ssWriteRTWMx2dMatParam	Write a MATLAB matrix parameter to the S-function's model.rtw file.	
ssWriteRTWMxVectParam	Write a MATLAB vector parameter to the S-function's model.rtw file.	
ssWriteRTWParameters	Write tunable parameters to the S-function's model.rtw file.	
ssWriteRTWParamSettings	Write settings for the S-function's parameters to the model.rtw file.	
ssWriteRTWScalarParam	Write a scalar parameter to the S-function's model.rtw file.	
ssWriteRTWStr	Write a string to the S-function's model.rtw file.	
ssWriteRTWStrParam	Write a string parameter to the S-function's model.rtw file.	
ssWriteRTWStrVectParam	Write a string vector parameter to the S-function's model.rtw file.	
ssWriteRTWVectParam	Write a Simulink vector parameter to the S-function's model.rtw file.	
ssWriteRTWWorkVect	Write the S-function's work vectors to the model.rtw file.	

# **Function Reference**

This section contains descriptions of each SimStruct function or macro.

# **FssCallExternalModeFcn**

**Purpose** Invoke the external mode function for an S-function

**Syntax** void ssCallExternalModeFcn(SimStruct \*S, SFunExtModeFcn \*fcn)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

fcn

External mode function.

**Description** Specifies the external mode function for S.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetExternalModeFcn

# ssCallSystemWithTid

**Purpose** 

Call the update and outputs methods of a function-call subsystem.

**Syntax** 

```
int_T ssCallSystemWithTid(SimStruct *S, port_index, tid)
```

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

element

Index of the output port element corresponding to the function-call subsystem.

tid Task ID.

### **Description**

Use in md10utputs to call the update and outputs methods of a function-call subsystem connected to the S-function. The invoking syntax is

```
if (!ssCallSystemWithTid(S, element, tid)) {
   /* Error occurred which will be reported by return;
}
```

#### Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

#### See Also

 ${\tt ssSetCallSystemOutput, ssDisableSystemWithTid},\\$ 

ssEnableSystemWithTid

# ssDisableSystemWithTid

#### **Purpose**

Disable a function-call subsystem connected to this S-function block.

#### **Syntax**

ssDisableSystemWithTid(SimStruct \*S, element, tid)

#### **Arguments**

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

element

Index of the output port element corresponding to the function-call subsystem.

#### **Description**

Use in mdlOutputs to disable a function-call subsystem connected to the S-function. The invoking syntax is

```
if (!ssDisableSystemWithTid(S, element, tid)) {
   /* Error occurred which will be reported by return;
}
```

**Note** Before invoking this function, the S-function must have specified that it explicitly enables and disables the function-call subsystems that it calls. See ssSetExplicitFCSSCtrl for more information. If the S-function has not done this, invoking ssEnableSystemWithTid results in an error.

This function resets the outputs of any Outport blocks in the function-call subsystem whose **Outputs when disabled** parameter is set to reset.

#### Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

### See Also

ssCallSystemWithTid, ssEnableSystemWithTid, ssSetExplicitFCSSCtrl

# ssEnableSystemWithTid

#### **Purpose**

Enable a function-call subsystem connected to this S-function.

#### **Syntax**

ssEnableSystemWithTid(SimStruct \*S, element, tid)

#### **Arguments**

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

element

Index of the output port element corresponding to the function-call subsystem.

### **Description**

Use in mdlOutputs to enable a function-call subsystem connected to the S-function. The invoking syntax is

```
if (!ssEnableSystemWithTid(S, element, tid)) {
   /* Error occurred which will be reported by return;
}
```

**Note** Before invoking this function, the S-function must have specified that it explicitly enables and disables the function-call subsystems that it calls. See ssSetExplicitFCSSCtrl for more information. If the S-function has not done this, invoking ssEnableSystemWithTid results in an error.

The effect of invoking this function depends on the setting of the **States when enabling parameter** of the function-call subsystem's Trigger block. If the parameter is set to reset, this function invokes the function-call subsystem's initialize method and then its enable method. The subsystem's initialize and enable methods in turn invoke the initialize and enable methods of any blocks in the subsystem that have these methods. Initialize methods reset the states of blocks that have states, e.g., Integrator blocks, to their initial values. Thus, if the Trigger block's **States when enabling** option is set to reset, invoking this function effectively resets the states of the function-call subsystem. If the Trigger block's **States when enabling** option is set to held, this function simply invokes the subsystem's enable method, without invoking its initialize method and hence without resetting its states.

### Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

# ssEnable System With Tid

See Also

 ${\tt ssCallSystemWithTid, ssDisableSystemWithTid, ssSetExplicitFCSSCtrl}$ 

### ssGetAbsTol

**Purpose** 

Get the absolute tolerances used by a model's variable-step solver

**Syntax** 

```
real T *ssGetAbsTol(SimStruct *S)
```

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** 

Use in mdlStart to get the absolute tolerances used by the variable-step solver for this simulation. Returns a pointer to an array that contains the tolerance for each continuous state.

**Note** Absolute tolerances are not allocated for fixed-step solvers. Therefore, you should not invoke this macro until you have verified that the simulation is using a variable-step solver, using sslsVariableStepSolver.

#### Languages

C, C++

**Example** 

```
{
  int isVarSolver = ssIsVariableStepSolver(S);
  if (isVarSolver) {
    real_T *absTol = ssGetAbsTol(S);
    int    nCStates = ssGetNumContStates(S);
    absTol[0] = whatever_value;
    ...
    absTol[nCStates-1] = whatever_value;
  }
}
```

See Also

 ${\tt ssGetStateAbsTol}, \, {\tt ssIsVariableStepSolver}$ 

### ssGetBlockReduction

**Purpose** Determine whether a block has requested block reduction before the

simulation has begun and whether it has actually been reduced after the

simulation loop has begun

**Syntax** unsigned int\_T ssGetBlockReduction(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** The result of this function depends on when it is invoked. When invoked before

the simulation loop has started, i.e., in mdlSetWorkWidths or earlier, this macro returns true if the block has previously requested that it be reduced. When invoked after the simulation loop has begun, this macro returns true if the block has actually been reduced, i.e., eliminated from the list of blocks to be

executed during the simulation loop.

**Note** If a block has been reduced, the only callback method invoked for the block after the simulation loop has begun is the block's mdlTerminate method. Further, Simulink invokes the mdlTerminate method only if the block has set its SS\_OPTION\_CALL\_TERMINATE\_AT\_EXIT option, using ssSetOptions. Thus, if your block needs to determine whether it has actually been reduced, it must set the SS\_OPTION\_CALL\_TERMINATE\_AT\_EXIT option before the simulation loop has begun and invoke ssGetBlockReduction in its mdlTerminate method.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetBlockReduction

### ssGetContStateAddress

**Purpose** Get the address of a block's continuous state vector

Ada Syntax ssGetContStateAddress(S : in SimStruct) return System.Address

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Can be used in the simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart

routines to get the address of the S-function's continuous state vector. This vector has length ssGetNumContStates(S). Typically, this vector is initialized

in mdlInitializeConditions and used in mdlOutputs.

Languages Ada

**See Also** ssGetNumContStates, ssGetRealDiscStates, ssGetdX,

mdlInitializeConditions, mdlStart

### ssGetContStates

**Purpose** Get a block's continuous states

**Syntax** real\_T \*ssGetContStates(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Can be used in the simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart

routines to get the real\_T continuous state vector. This vector has length

ssGetNumContStates(S). Typically, this vector is initialized in

mdlInitializeConditions and used in mdlOutputs.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetNumContStates, ssGetRealDiscStates, ssGetdX,

mdlInitializeConditions, mdlStart

## ssGetDataTypeld

**Purpose** Get the ID of a data type

**Syntax** DTypeID ssGetDataTypeId(SimStruct \*S, char \*name)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

name

Name of a data type.

**Description** Returns the ID of the data type specified by name if name is a registered type

name. Otherwise, this macro returns INVALID\_DTYPE\_IDL and reports an error. Because this macro reports any error that occurs, you do not need to use

ssSetErrorStatus to report the error.

Languages C

**Example** The following example gets the ID of the data type named Color.

int\_T id = ssGetDataTypeId (S, "Color");
if(id == INVALID\_DTYPE\_ID) return;

**See Also** ssRegisterDataType

## **ssGetDataTypeName**

**Purpose** Get the name of a data type

**Syntax** char \*ssGetDataTypeName(SimStruct \*S, DTypeId id)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

id

ID of data type.

**Description** Returns the name of the data type specified by id, if id is valid. Otherwise, this

macro returns NULL and reports an error. Because this macro reports any error that occurs, you do not need to use ssSetErrorStatus to report the error.

**Example** The following example gets the name of a custom data type.

const char \*dtypeName = ssGetDataName(S, id);

if(dtypeName == NULL) return;

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssRegisterDataType

# ssGetDataTypeSize

**Purpose** Get the size of a custom data type

**Syntax** ssGetDataTypeSize(SimStruct \*S, DTypeId id)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

id

ID of data type.

**Description** 

Returns the size of the data type specified by id, if id is valid and the data type's size has been set. Otherwise, this macro returns INVALID\_DTYPE\_SIZE and reports an error.

**Note** Because this macro reports any error that occurs when it is invoked, you do not need to use ssSetErrorStatus to report the error.

**Languages** C

Example

The following example gets the size of the int16 data type.

```
int_T size = ssGetDataTypeSize(S, SS_INT16);
if(size == INVALID_DTYPE_SIZE) return;
```

See Also

 ${\tt ssSetDataTypeSize}$ 

## **ssGetDataTypeZero**

**Purpose** Get the zero representation of a data type

**Syntax** void\* ssGetDataTypeZero(SimStruct \*S, DTypeId id)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

id

ID of data type.

**Description** Returns a pointer to the zero representation of the data type specified by id, if

id is valid and the data type's size has been set. Otherwise, this macro returns NULL and reports an error. Because this macro reports any error that occurs,

you do not need to use ssSetErrorStatus to report the error.

**Languages** C

**Example** The following example gets the zero representation of a custom data type.

const void \*myZero = ssGetDataTypeZero(S, id);

if(myZero == NULL) return;

**See Also** ssRegisterDataType, ssSetDataTypeSize, ssSetDataTypeZero

### **ssGetDiscStates**

**Purpose** Get a block's discrete states

**Syntax** real\_T \*ssGetDiscStates(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns a block's discrete state vector has an array of real\_T elements of

length ssGetNumDiscStates(S). Typically, the state vector is initialized in mdlInitializeConditions, updated in mdlUpdate, and used in mdlOutputs. You can use this macro in the simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or

mdlStart routines.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetNumDiscStates, mdlInitializeConditions, mdlUpdate, mdlOutputs,

mdlStart

# ssGetDTypeIdFromMxArray

**Purpose** Get the data type of an S-function parameter

**Syntax** DTypeId ssGetDTypeIdFromMxArray(const mxArray \*m)

**Arguments** m

MATLAB array representing the parameter.

**Description** 

Returns the data type of an S-function parameter represented by a MATLAB array. This macro returns an enumerated type representing the data type. The enumerated type DTypeId is defined in simstruc.h. The following table shows the equivalency of Simulink, MATLAB, and C data types.

Simulink Data Type DTypeld	MATLAB Data Type mxClassID	C- Data Type
SS_DOUBLE	mxDOUBLE_CLASS	real_T
SS_SINGLE	mxSINGLE_CLASS	real32_T
SS_INT8	mxINT8_CLASS	int8_T
SS_UINT8	mxUINT8_CLASS	uint8_T
SS_INT16	mxINT16_CLASS	int16_T
SS_UINT16	mxUINT16_CLASS	uint16_T
SS_INT32	mxINT32_CLASS	int32_T
SS_UINT32	mxUINT32_CLASS	uint32_T
SS_BOOLEAN	mxUINT8_CLASS+ logical	boolean_T

ssGetDTypeIdFromMxArray returns INVALID\_DTYPE\_ID if the mxClassId does not map to any built-in Simulink data type ID. For example, if mxId == mxSTRUCT\_CLASS, the return value is INVALID\_DTYPE\_ID. Otherwise the return value is one of the enum values in BuiltInDTypeId. For example, if mxId == mxUINT16\_CLASS, the return value is SS\_UINT16.

# ssGetDTypeIdFromMxArray

**Note** Use ssGetSFcnParam to get the array representing the parameter.

 $\textbf{Example} \hspace{1.5cm} \textbf{See the example in matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_dtype\_param.c to learn} \\$ 

how to use data typed parameters in an S-function.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetSFcnParam

### ssGetDWork

Purpose Get a DWork vector

**Syntax** void \*ssGetDWork(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of a data type work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ...

ssGetNumDWork(S).

**Description** Returns a pointer to the specified vector.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetNumDWork

# **ssGetDWorkComplexSignal**

**Purpose** Determine whether the elements of a data type work vector are real or complex

numbers

**Syntax** CSignal\_T ssGetDWorkComplexSignal(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of a data type work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ...

ssGetNumDWork(S).

**Description** Returns COMPLEX YES if the specified vector contains complex numbers;

otherwise, COMPLEX NO.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetDWorkComplexSignal

# ss Get DW ork Data Type

**Purpose** Get the data type of a data type work vector

**Syntax** DTypeId ssGetDWorkDataType(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of a data type work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ...

ssGetNumDWork(S).

**Description** Returns the data type of the specified data type work vector.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetDWorkDataType

### ssGetDWorkName

**Purpose** Get the name of a data type work vector

**Syntax** char\_T \*ssGetDWorkName(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of the work vector, where the index is one of  $0, 1, 2, \ldots$ 

ssGetNumDWork(S).

**Description** Returns the name of the specified data type work vector.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetDWorkName

### ssGetDWorkRTWIdentifier

**Purpose** Get the identifier used to declare a DWork vector in code generated from the

associated S-function

**Syntax** char\_T \* ssGetDWorkRTWIdentifier(SimStruct\* S, int idx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the work vector, where the index is one of  $0, 1, 2, \ldots$ 

ssGetNumDWork(S).

**Description** Returns the identifier used in code generated by the Real-Time Workshop to

declare the DWork vector specified by idx.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** ssSetDWorkRTWIdentifier

# ssGetDWorkRTWStorageClass

**Purpose** Get the storage class of a DWork vector in code generated from the associated

S-function

**Syntax** ssRTWStorageType ssGetDWorkRTWStorageClass(SimStruct\* S, int idx)

Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ...

ssGetNumDWork(S).

**Description** 

Returns the storage class of the the DWork vector specified by idx. The storage class is a code-generation attribute that determines how the code generated by the Real-Time Workshop for this S-function allocates memory for this work vector (see "Signal Storage Concepts" in the online documentation for the Real-Time Workshop). The returned storage class specifier is a value of type ssRTWStorageType:

```
typedef enum {
    SS_RTW_STORAGE_AUTO = 0,
    SS_RTW_STORAGE_EXPORTED_GLOBAL,
    SS_RTW_STORAGE_IMPORTED_EXTERN,
    SS_RTW_STORAGE_IMPORTED_EXTERN_POINTER
} ssRTWStorageType;
```

Languages

C, C++

See Also

ssSetDWorkRTWStorageClass

# ssGetDWorkRTWTypeQualifier

**Purpose** Get the C type qualifier (e.g., const) used to declare a DWork vector in code

generated from the associated S-function

**Syntax** char\_T \* ssGetDWorkRTWTypeQualifier(SimStruct\* S, int idx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the work vector, where the index is one of  $0, 1, 2, \ldots$ 

ssGetNumDWork(S).

**Description** Returns the C type qualifier (e.g., const) used to declare the DWork vector

specified by idx in code generated by the Real-Time Workshop from the

associated S-function.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetDWorkRTWTypeQualifier

### ssGetDWorkUsedAsDState

**Purpose** Determine whether a data type work vector is used as a discrete state vector

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetDWorkUsedAsDState(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of a data type work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ...

ssGetNumDWork(S).

**Description** Returns SS\_DWORK\_USED\_AS\_DSTATE if this vector is used to store a block's

discrete states.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetDWorkUsedAsDState

### ssGetDWorkWidth

**Purpose** Get the size of a data type work vector

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetDWorkWidth(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of a work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ... ssGetNumDWork(S).

**Description** Returns the number of elements in the specified work vector.

 $\textbf{Languages} \qquad \quad \text{C, C++}$ 

See Also ssSetDWorkWidth

### ssGetdX

**Purpose** Get the derivatives of a block's continuous states

**Syntax** (real\_T \*) ssGetdX(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** 

Returns a pointer to an array containing the continuous states of S, which can be a block or the model. Use ssGetNumContStates(S) to get the length of the array. Use this macro in mdlDerivatives to get the derivatives of a model or block's continuous states.

**Note** The pointer returned by this macro changes as the solver evaluates different integration stages to compute the integral.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetNumContStates, ssGetContStates

## ssGetErrorStatus

**Purpose** Get a string that identifies the last error

C Syntax const char\_T \*ssGetErrorStatus(SimStruct \*S)

Ada Syntax const char\_T \*ssGetErrorStatus(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns a string that identifies the last error.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetErrorStatus

# ssGetExplicitFCSSCtrl

**Purpose** Determine whether this S-function explicitly enables and disables the

function-call subsystems that it invokes.

**Syntax** unsigned int\_T ssGetExplicitFCSSCtrl(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns TRUE if S explicitly enables or disables the function-control subsystem

that it invokes.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetExplicitFCSSCtrl, ssEnableSystemWithTid, ssDisableSystemWithTid

## **ssGetInlineParameters**

**Purpose** Determine whether the user has set the inline parameters option for the model

containing this S-function

**Syntax** boolean\_T ssGetInlineParameters(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns TRUE if the user has checked the **Inline parameters** option on the

Optimization pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box (see "The

Optimization Pane" in the online Simulink documentation).

**Languages** C

# ssGetInputPortBufferDstPort

**Purpose** Determine the output port that is sharing this input port's buffer

**Syntax** ssGetInputPortBufferDstPort(SimStruct \*S, int T inputPortIdx)

Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

inputPortIdx

Index of the port overwritten by an output port.

**Description** 

Use in any run-time S-function callback routine to determine the output port that is overwriting the specified input port. This can be used when you have specified the following:

- The input port and some output port on an S-function are *not* test points (ssSetInputPortTestPoint and ssSetOutputPortTestPoint).
- The input port is overwritable (ssSetInputPortOverWritable).

If you have this set of conditions, Simulink can use the same memory buffer for an input port and an output port. Simulink determines which ports share memory buffers. Use this function any time after model initialization to get the index of the output port that reuses the specified input port's buffer. If none of the S-function's output ports reuse this input port buffer, this macro returns INVALID PORT IDX (= -1).

Languages C

**See Also** ssSetNumInputPorts, ssSetInputPortOverWritable

# ssGetInputPortComplexSignal

**Purpose** Determine whether an input port accepts complex signals.

**Syntax** CSignal\_T ssGetInputPortComplexSignal(SimStruct \*S,input\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an input port.

**Description** Returns COMPLEX YES if port accepts complex signals, COMPLEX NO if the port

does not accept complex signals, and COMPLEX INHERITED if the port inherits its

numeric type from the port to which it is connected.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetInputPortComplexSignal

# ssGetInputPortConnected

**Purpose** Determine whether a port is connected to a nonvirtual block

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetInputPortConnected(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Port whose connection status is needed.

**Description** Returns true if the specified port on the block represented by S is connected

directly or indirectly, i.e., via virtual blocks, to a nonvirtual block. Can be invoked anywhere except in mdlInitializeSizes or mdlCheckParameters. The

S-function must have previously set the number of input ports in

mdlInitializeSizes, using ssSetNumInputPorts.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetOutputPortConnected, ssSetNumInputPorts

# ssGetInputPortDataType

**Purpose** Get the data type of an input port

C Syntax DTypeId ssGetInputPortDataType(SimStruct \*S,input\_T port)

Ada Syntax function ssGetInputPortDataType(S : in SimStruct; port : in Integer

:= 0) return Integer;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an input port.

**Description** Returns the data type of the input port specified by port.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortDataType

## ssGetInputPortDimensions

**Purpose** Get the dimensions of the signal accepted by an input port

**Syntax** int T \*ssGetInputPortDimensions(SimStruct \*S, int T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an input port.

**Description** Returns an array of integers that specifies the dimensions of the signal

accepted by port, e.g., [4 2] for a 4-by-2 matrix array. The size of the

dimensions array is equal to the number of signal dimensions accepted by the

port, e.g., 1 for a vector signal or 2 for a matrix signal.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetInputPortNumDimensions

# ssGetInputPortDirectFeedThrough

**Purpose** Determine whether a port has direct feedthrough

Ada Syntax function ssGetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S : in SimStruct;

port : in Integer := 0) return Boolean;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of the port whose direct feedthrough property is required.

**Description** Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine whether an

input port has direct feedthrough.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough

# ssGetInputPortFrameData

**Purpose** Determine whether a port accepts signal frames

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetInputPortFrameData(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an input port.

**Description** Returns one of the following:

• -1

Port accepts either frame or unframed input.

• 0

Port accepts unframed input only.

• 1

Port accepts frame input only.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortFrameData, mdlSetInputPortFrameData

# ssGetInputPortNumDimensions

**Purpose** Get the dimensionality of the signals accepted by an input port

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetInputPortNumDimensions(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an input port.

**Description** Returns the number of dimensions of port or DYNAMICALLY SIZED, if the

number of dimensions is unknown.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetInputPortDimensions

# **ssGetInputPortOffsetTime**

**Purpose** Get the offset time of an input port

**Syntax** ssGetInputPortOffsetTime(SimStruct \*S,inputPortIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

inputPortIdx

Index of the port whose offset time is required.

**Description** Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine the offset time

of an input port. This should only be used if you have specified the sample times

as port-based.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortOffsetTime, ssGetInputPortSampleTime

### ssGetInputPortOptimOpts

**Purpose** Get the reusability setting of the memory allocated to the input port of an

S-function.

**Syntax** uint\_T ssSetInputPortOptimOpts(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an input port of S.

**Description** Use this macro to get the reusability of an S-function input port. It returns one

of the following values:

• SS\_REUSABLE\_AND\_LOCAL

• SS\_NOT\_REUSABLE\_AND\_GLOBAL

Language C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortOptimOpts

# ssGetInputPortOverWritable

**Purpose** Determine whether an input port can be overwritten

Ada Syntax function ssGetInputPortOverWritable(S : in SimStruct; port : in

Integer := 0) return Boolean;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of the input port whose overwritability is being set.

**Description** Returns true if the input port can be overwritten.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortOverWritable

**Purpose** 

Get the address of a real, contiguous signal entering an input port

Syntax

const real\_T \*ssGetInputPortRealSignal(SimStruct \*S, inputPortIdx)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

inputPortIdx

Index of the port whose siganl is required.

**Description** 

Returns the address of a real signal on the specified input port. A method should use this macro only if the input signal is known to be real and mdlInitializeSizes has specified that the elements of the input signal be contiguous, using ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous.

Languages

C, C++

**Example** 

The following code demonstrates the use of ssGetInputPortRealSignal.

Set flags to require that the input ports be contiguous:

```
void mdlInitializeSizes(SimStruct* S) {
  int_T i;
  /* snip */
  if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S,2)) return;
    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
        /* snip */
        ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S,i,1);
        ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous(S,i,1);
    }
        /* snip */
}</pre>
```

You can now use ssGetInputPortRealSignal in mdlOutputs:

```
void mdlOutputs(SimStruct* S, int_T tid) {
   int_T i;

   /* snip */

for (i = 0; i < 2; i++) {</pre>
```

# ssGetInputPortRealSignal

```
int_T nu = ssGetInputPortWidth(S,i);
  const real_T* u = ssGetInputPortRealSignal(S,i);
  UseInputVectorInSomeFunction(u, nu);
}
/* snip */
}
```

See Also

 ${\tt ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous}, {\tt ssGetInputPortSignal}, \\ {\tt mdlInitializeSizes}$ 

### ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs

**Purpose** 

Get pointers to signals of type double connected to an input port

**Syntax** 

InputRealPtrsType ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(SimStruct \*S, int\_T
 port)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of port whose signal is required.

**Description** 

Returns pointers to the elements of a signal of type double connected to port. The input port index starts at 0 and ends at the number of input ports minus 1. This macro returns a pointer to an array of pointers to the real\_T input signal elements. The length of the array of pointers is equal to the width of the input port.

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

**Example** 

The following example reads all input port signals.

See Also

ssGetInputPortWidth, ssGetInputPortDataType,
ssGetInputPortSignalPtrs

# ssGetInputPortRequiredContiguous

**Purpose** Determine whether the signal elements entering a port must be contiguous

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetInputPortRequiredContiguous(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an input port.

**Description** 

Returns true if the signal elements entering the specified port must occupy contiguous areas of memory. If the elements are contiguous, a method can access the elements of the signal simply by incrementing the signal pointer returned by ssGetInputPortSignal.

**Note** The default setting for this flag is false. Hence, the default method for accessing the input signals is ssGetInputSignalPtrs.

Languages

C, C++

**See Also** 

 ${\tt ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous}, {\tt ssGetInputPortSignal}, {\tt ssGetInputPortSignalPtrs}$ 

# ssGetInputPortSampleTime

**Purpose** Get the sample time of an input port

**Syntax** ssGetInputPortSampleTime(SimStruct \*S, inputPortIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

inputPortIdx

Index of port whose sample time is required.

**Description** Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine the sample time

of an input port. You should use this macro only if you have specified the

sample times as port-based.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortSampleTime, ssGetInputPortOffsetTime

# ssGetInputPortSampleTimeIndex

**Purpose** Get the sample time index of an input port

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetInputPortSampleTimeIndex(SimStruct \*S,

int T inputPortIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

inputPortIdx

Index of the input port whose sample time index is to be returned.

**Description** Returns the index of the sample time for the port.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** ssSetInputPortSampleTime

**Purpose** 

Get the address of a contiguous signal entering an input port

Syntax

const void\* ssGetInputPortSignal(SimStruct \*S, inputPortIdx)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

inputPortIdx

Index of port whose sample time is required.

**Description** 

Returns the address of the specified input port. A method should use this macro only if mdlInitializeSizes has specified that the elements of the input signal be contiguous, using ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous.

Languages

C, C++

**Example** 

The following code demonstrates the use of ssGetInputPortSignal.

```
nInputPorts = ssGetNumInputPorts(S);
  for (i = 0; i < nInputPorts; i++) {
        int_T nu = ssGetInputPortWidth(S,i);

  if ( ssGetInputPortRequiredContiguous(S,i) ) {
        const void *u = ssGetInputPortSignal(S,i);
        UseInputVectorInSomeFunction(u, nu);
        } else {
        InputPtrsType u = ssGetInputPortSignalPtrs(S,i);
            for (j = 0; j < nu; j++) {
            UseInputInSomeFunction(*u[j]);
            }
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

If you know that the inputs are always real\_T signals, the ssGetInputPortSignal line in the above code snippet would be

```
const real T *u = ssGetInputPortRealSignal(S,i);
```

See Also

 ${\tt ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous}, {\tt ssGetInputPortRealSignal}$ 

# ssGetInputPortSignalAddress

**Purpose** Get the address of an input port's signal

**Syntax** function ssGetInputPortSignalAddress(S : in SimStruct;

port : in Integer := 0) return System.Address;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an input port.

**Description** Returns the address of the signal connected to port.

Languages Ada

**Example** The following code gets the signal connected to a block's input port.

uWidth : Integer := ssGetInputPortWidth(S,0);
U : array(0 .. uWidth-1) of Real T;

for U'Address use ssGetInputPortSignalAddress(S,0);

See Also ssGetInputPortWidth

# ssGetInputPortSignalPtrs

**Purpose** 

Get pointers to an input port's signal elements

Syntax

InputPtrsType ssGetInputPortSignalPtrs(SimStruct \*S, int T port)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an input port.

**Description** 

Returns a pointer to an array of signal element pointers for the specified input port. For example, if the input port width is 5, this function returns a pointer to a 5-element pointer array. Each element in the pointer array points to the specific element of the input signal.

You must use ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs to get pointers to signals of type double (real T).

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

**Example** 

Assume that the input port data types are int8 T.

See Also

ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs

# ssGetInputPortWidth

**Purpose** Get the width of an input port

**Ada Syntax** function ssGetInputPortWidth(S : in SimStruct;

port : in Integer := 0) return Integer;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of port whose width is required.

**Description** Gets the input port number of elements. If the input port is a 1-D array with w

elements, this function returns w. If the input port is an M-by-N matrix, this

function returns m\*n. If m or n is unknown, this function returns

DYNAMICALLY SIZED. Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to

determine the width of an input port.

Languages Ada, C

See Also ssSetInputPortWidth

#### ssGetlWork

**Purpose** Get a block's integer work vector

**Syntax** int\_T\* ssGetIWork(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the integer work vector used by the block represented by S. The vector

consists of elements of type int\_T and is of length ssGetNumIWork(S).

Typically, this vector is initialized in mdlStart or mdlInitializeConditions, updated in mdlUpdate, and used in mdlOutputs. You can use this macro in the

simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart routines.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetNumIWork, ssSetIWorkValue, ssGetIWorkValue

#### ssGetlWorkValue

**Purpose** Get an element of a block's integer work vector

**Syntax** int T ssGetIWorkValue(SimStruct \*S, int T idx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the element returned by this function.

**Description** 

Returns the idx element of the the integer vector used by the block represented by S. The vector consists of elements of type int\_T and is of length ssGetNumIWork(S). Typically, this vector is initialized in mdlStart or mdlInitializeConditions, updated in mdlUpdate, and used in mdlOutputs. You can use this macro in the simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart routines.

**Example** 

The following statement

```
int_T v = ssGetIWorkValue(s, 0);
```

is equivalent to

```
int_T* wv = ssGetIWork(s);
int_T v = wv[0];
```

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

See Also

 ${\tt ssGetNumIWork}, \, {\tt ssGetIWork}, \, {\tt ssSetIWorkValue}$ 

#### ssGetModelName

**Purpose** Get the model name

**Syntax** ssGetModelName(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

**Description** If S is a SimStruct for an S-Function block, this macro returns the name of the

S-function MEX-file associated with the block. If S is the root SimStruct, this

macro returns the name of the Simulink block diagram.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetPath

#### ssGetModeVector

**Purpose** Get the mode vector

**Syntax** int T \*ssGetModeVector(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns a pointer (int\_T \*) to the mode vector.

This vector has length ssGetNumModes(S). Typically, this vector is initialized in mdlInitializeConditions if the default value of 0 isn't acceptable. It is then used in mdlOutputs in conjunction with nonsampled zero crossings to determine when the output function should change mode. For example, consider an absolute value function. When the input is negative, negate it to create a positive value; otherwise, take no action. This function has two modes. The output function should be designed not to change modes during minor time steps. You can also use the mode vector in the mdlZeroCrossings routine to

determine the current mode.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetNumModes

#### ssGetModeVectorValue

**Purpose** Get an element of a block's mode vector

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

 ${\tt elementx}$ 

Index of a mode vector element.

**Description** Returns the specified mode vector element.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** ssSetModeVectorValue, ssGetModeVector

# ssGetNonsampledZCs

**Purpose** 

Get the zero-crossing signal values

**Syntax** 

ssGetNonsampledZCs(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** 

Returns a pointer to the vector containing the current values of the signals that the variable-step solver monitors for zero crossings. The variable-step solver tracks the signs of these signals to bracket points where they cross zero. The solver then takes simulation time steps at the points where the zero crossings occur. This vector has length ssGetNumNonsampledZCs(S).

**Example** 

The following excerpt from matlabroot/simulink/src/sfun\_zc.c illustrates usage of this macro to update the zero-crossing array in the mdlZeroCrossings callback function.

```
static void mdlZeroCrossings(SimStruct *S)
{
    int_T i;
    real_T *zcSignals = ssGetNonsampledZCs(S);
    InputRealPtrsType uPtrs = ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs(S,0);
    int_T nZCSignals = ssGetNumNonsampledZCs(S);

    for (i = 0; i < nZCSignals; i++) {
        zcSignals[i] = *uPtrs[i];
    }
}</pre>
```

Languages

C

**See Also** 

 ${\tt ssGetNumNonsampledZCs}$ 

#### ssGetNumContStates

**Purpose** Get the number of continuous states that a block has

Ada Syntax function ssGetNumContStates(S : in SimStruct) return Integer;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or model.

**Description** Returns the number of continuous states in the block or model represented by

S. You can use this macro in any routine except mdlInitializeSizes.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetNumContStates, ssGetNumDiscStates, ssGetContStates

# ssGetNumDataTypes

**Purpose** Get number of data types registered for this simulation, including built-in

types

**Syntax** int T ssGetNumDataTypes(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the number of data types registered for this simulation. This includes all custom data types registered by custom S-Function blocks and all built-in

data types.

**Note** S-functions register their data types in their implementations of the mdlInitializeSizes callback function. Therefore, to ensure that this macro returns an accurate count, your S-function should invoke it only after the point in the simulation at which Simulink invokes the mdlInitializeSizes callback function.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssRegisterDataType

### **ssGetNumDiscStates**

**Purpose** Get the number of discrete states that a block has

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine the number of

discrete states that the S-function has.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetNumDiscStates, ssGetNumContStates

#### ssGetNumDWork

**Purpose** Get the number of data type work vectors used by a block

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetNumDWork(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the number of data type work vectors used by S.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetNumDWork

# ssGetNumInputPorts

**Purpose** Get the number of input ports that a block has

Ada Syntax function ssGetNumInputPorts(S : in SimStruct) return Integer;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine how many input

ports a block has.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssGetNumOutputPorts

### ssGetNumlWork

**Purpose** Get the size of a block's integer work vector

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetNumIWork(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the size of the integer (int\_T) work vector used by the block

represented by S. You can use this macro in any routine except

mdlInitializeSizes.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetNumIWork, ssGetNumRWork

#### ssGetNumModes

**Purpose** Get the size of the mode vector

**Syntax** ssGetNumModes(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the size of the modes vector. You can use this macro in any routine

 $except \ {\tt mdlInitializeSizes}.$ 

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetNumNonsampledZCs, ssGetNonsampledZCs

# ssGetNumNonsampledZCs

**Purpose** Get the size of the zero-crossing vector

**Syntax** ssGetNumNonsampledZCs(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the size of the zero-crossing vector. You can use this macro in any

routine except mdlInitializeSizes.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetNumNonsampledZCs, ssGetNonsampledZCs

# ssGetNumOutputPorts

**Purpose** Get the number of output ports that a block has

Ada Syntax function ssGetNumOutputPorts(S : in SimStruct) return Integer;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine how many

output ports a block has.

Languages Ada, C

See Also ssGetNumInputPorts

#### ssGetNumParameters

**Purpose** Get the number of parameters that this block has

**Syntax** function ssGetNumParameters(S : in SimStruct) return Integer;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the number of parameters that this block has.

Languages Ada

### **ssGetNumRunTimeParams**

**Purpose** Get the number of run-time parameters created by this S-function

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Use this function to get the number of run-time parameters created by this

S-function.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetNumRunTimeParams

### ssGetNumPWork

**Purpose** Get the size of a block's pointer work vector

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetNumPWork(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the size of the pointer work vector used by the block represented by S.

You can use this macro in any routine except mdlInitializeSizes.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetNumPWork

#### ssGetNumRWork

**Purpose** Get the size of a block's floating-point work vector

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetNumRWork(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the size of the floating-point (real\_T) work vector used by the block

represented by S. You can use this macro in any routine except

mdlInitializeSizes.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetNumRWork

# **ssGetNumSampleTimes**

**Purpose** Get the number of sample times that a block has

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine the number of

sample times S has.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetNumSampleTimes

### ssGetNumSFcnParams

**Purpose** Get the number of parameters that an S-Function block expects

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetNumSFcnParams(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the number of parameters that S expects the user to enter.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetNumSFcnParams

## **ssGetOffsetTime**

**Purpose** Get one of an S-function's sample time offsets.

**Syntax** time\_T ssGetOffsetTime(SimStruct \*S, int\_T sti);

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

sti

Index of sample time offset to be returned

**Description** Returns the sample time offset of S corresponding to sti.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetOffsetTime, ssGetSampleTime

# ssGetOutputPortBeingMerged

**Purpose** Determine whether the output of this block is connected to a Merge block

**Syntax** int T ssGetOutputPortBeingMerged(SimStruct \*S, int T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of the output port.

**Description** Returns true if this output port signal is being merged with other signals (this

happens if the S-Function block's output port is connected to a Merge block directly or via connection type blocks). This macro returns the correct answer

in and after the S-function's mdlSetWorkWidths method.

Languages C, C++

See Also mdlSetWorkWidths

## ssGetOutputPortComplexSignal

**Purpose** Get the numeric type (complex or real) of an output port

**Syntax** CSignal\_T ssGetOutputPortComplexSignal(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

**Description** Returns the numeric type of port: COMPLEX NO (real signal), COMPLEX YES

(complex signal) or COMPLEX INHERITED (dynamically determined).

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetOutputPortComplexSignal

### ssGetOutputPortConnected

**Purpose** Determine whether an output port is connected to a nonvirtual block

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetOutputPortConnected(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Port whose connection status is needed.

**Description** Returns true if the specified output port on the block represented by S is

connected directly or indirectly, i.e., via virtual blocks, to a nonvirtual block.

Can be invoked anywhere except in mdlInitializeSizes or

mdlCheckParameters. The S-function must have previously set the number of

input ports in mdlInitializeSizes, using ssSetNumInputPorts.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetInputPortConnected, ssSetNumInputPorts

## ssGetOutputPortDataType

**Purpose** Get the data type of an output port

C Syntax DTypeId ssGetOutputPortDataType(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Ada Syntax** function ssGetOutputPortDataType (S : in SimStruct;

port : in Integer := 0) return Integer;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an output port.

**Description** Returns the data type of the output port specified by port.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetOutputPortDataType

# ssGetOutputPortDimensions

**Purpose** Get the dimensions of the signal leaving an output port

**Syntax** int\_T \*ssGetOutputPortDimensions(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

**Description** Returns an array of integers that specifies the dimensions of the signal leaving

port, e.g., [4 2] for a 4-by-2 matrix array. The size of the dimensions array is equal to the number of signal dimensions accepted by the port, e.g., 1 for a

vector signal or 2 for a matrix signal.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetOutputPortNumDimensions

# ssGetOutputPortFrameData

**Purpose** Determine whether a port outputs signal frames

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetOutputPortFrameData(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

**Description** Returns one of the following:

• -1

Port outputs either frame or unframed data.

• 0

Port outputs unframed data only.

• 1

Port outputs frame data only.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetOutputPortFrameData

# ssGetOutputPortNumDimensions

**Purpose** Get the number of dimensions of an output port

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetOutputPortNumDimensions(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

**Description** Returns the number of dimensions of port.

**Languages** C

## **ssGetOutputPortOffsetTime**

**Purpose** Get the offset time of an output port

**Syntax** real\_T ssGetOutputPortOffsetTime(SimStruct \*S,outputPortIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

outputPortIdx

Index of an output port.

**Description** Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine the sample time

of an output port. This macro should only be used if you have specified

port-based sample times.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetOutputPortOffsetTime, ssGetOutputPortSampleTime

### ssGetOutputPortOptimOpts

**Purpose** Get the reusability setting of the memory allocated to the input port of an

S-function.

**Syntax** uint\_T ssSetOutputPortOptimOpts(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an output port of S.

**Description** Use this macro to get the reusability of an S-function output port. It returns

one of the following values:

• SS REUSABLE AND LOCAL

• SS\_NOT\_REUSABLE\_AND\_GLOBAL

**Language** C

See Also ssSetOutputPortOptimOpts

## ssGetOutputPortRealSignal

**Purpose** 

Get a pointer to an output signal of type double (real T)

**Syntax** 

real\_T \*ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

**Description** 

Use in any simulation loop routine, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart to access an output port signal where the output port index starts at 0 and must be less than the number of output ports. This returns a contiguous real\_T vector of length equal to the width of the output port.

**Example** 

To write to all output ports, you would use

```
int_T i,j;
int_T nOutputPorts = ssGetNumOutputPorts(S);
for (i = 0; i < nOutputPorts; i++) {
  real_T *y = ssGetOutputPortRealSignal(S,i);
  int_T ny = ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,i);
  for (j = 0; j < ny; j++) {
    y[j] = SomeFunctionToFillInOutput();
  }
}</pre>
```

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

**See Also** 

ssGetInputPortRealSignalPtrs

# ssGetOutputPortSampleTime

**Purpose** Get the sample time of an output port

**Syntax** ssGetOutputPortSampleTime(SimStruct \*S,outputPortIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

outputPortIdx

Index of an output port.

**Description** Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine the sample time

of an output port. This macro should only be used if you have specified

port-based sample times.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetOutputPortSampleTime

## ssGetOutputPortSignal

**Purpose** Get the vector of signal elements emitted by an output port

**Syntax** void \*ssGetOutputPortSignal(SimStruct \*S, int T port)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

**Description** 

Returns a pointer to the vector of signal elements output by port.

**Note** If the port outputs a signal of type double (real\_T), you must use ssGetOutputPortRealSignal to get the signal vector.

#### **Example**

Assume that the output port data types are int16\_T.

#### Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

**See Also** 

ssGetOutputPortRealSignal

## ssGetOutputPortSignalAddress

**Purpose** Get the address of an output port's signal

**Syntax** ssGetOutputPortSignalAddress(S : in SimStruct; port : in Integer :=

0) return System.Address

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

**Description** Returns the address of the signal connected to port.

Languages Ada

**Example** The following code gets the signal connected to a block's input port.

yWidth : Integer := ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,0);

Y : array(0 .. yWidth-1) of Real\_T;

for Y'Address use ssGetOutputPortSignalAddress(S,0);

**See Also** ssGetOutputPortWidth

## ssGetOutputPortWidth

**Purpose** Get the width of an output port

Ada Syntax function ssGetOutputPortWidth(S : in SimStruct; port : in Integer

:= 0) return Integer;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

**Description** Use in any routine (except mdlInitializeSizes) to determine the width of an

output port where the output port index starts at 0 and must be less than the

number of output ports.

Languages Ada, C

See Also ssSetOutputPortWidth

### ssGetParentSS

**Purpose** Get the parent of a SimStruct

**Syntax** SimStruct \*ssGetParentSS(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

**Description** Returns the parent SimStruct of S, or NULL if S is the root SimStruct.

**Note** There is one SimStruct for each S-function in your model and one for the model itself. The structures are arranged as a tree with the model SimStruct as the root. User-written S-functions should not use the ssGetParentSS macro.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetRootSS

### ssGetPath

**Purpose** Get the path of a block

C Syntax const char\_T \*ssGetPath(SimStruct \*S)

Ada Syntax function ssGetPath(S : in SimStruct) return String;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

**Description** If S is an S-Function block, this macro returns the full Simulink path to the

block. If S is the root SimStruct of the model, this macro returns the model

name. In a C MEX S-function, in mdlInitializeSizes, if

strcmp(ssGetModelName(S),ssGetPath(S))==0

the S-function is being called from MATLAB and is not part of a simulation.

Languages Ada, C

See Also ssGetModelName

## ssGetPlacementGroup

**Purpose** Get the name of the placement group of a block

**Syntax** const char \*ssGetPlacementGroup(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model. The block must be either a source block (i.e., a block without input ports) or a sink block

(i.e., a block without output ports).

**Description** Use this macro in mdlInitializeSizes to get the name of this block's

placement group.

 $\textbf{Note} \ \ \text{This macro is typically used to create Real-Time Workshop device}$ 

driver blocks.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetPlacementGroup

## ssGetPortBasedSampleTimeBlockIsTriggered

**Purpose** Determine whether a block that uses port-based sample times resides in a

triggered subsystem

**Syntax** boolean T ssGetPortBasedSampleTimeBlockIsTriggered(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns TRUE if S uses port-based sample times and resides in a triggered

subsystem. Use this macro in mdlOutputs and mdlUpdate to decode whether to use the block's triggered or non-triggered algorithms to compute its states and

outputs.

**Note** This macro returns a valid result only after sample time propagation.

Thus, you cannot use it in mdlSetInputPortSampleTime and

mdlSetOutputPortSampleTime to determine whether a port's sample time is

triggered. Use ssSampleAndOffsetAreTriggered instead.

**Languages** C

### ssGetPWork

**Purpose** Get a block's pointer work vector

**Syntax** void\*\* ssGetPWork(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the pointer work vector used by the block represented by S. The vector

consists of elements of type void \* and is of length ssGetNumPWork(S).

Typically, this vector is initialized in mdlStart or mdlInitializeConditions, updated in mdlUpdate, and used in mdlOutputs. You can use this macro in the

simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart routines.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetNumPWork

### ssGetPWorkValue

**Purpose** Get a pointer from a block's pointer work vector

**Syntax** void\* ssGetPWorkValue(SimStruct \*S, int\_T idx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-function block.

idx

Index of the pointer returned by this function.

**Description** 

Returns the idx element of the the pointer work vector used by the block represented by S. The vector consists of elements of type void \* and is of length ssGetNumPWork(S). Typically, this vector is initialized in mdlStart or mdlInitializeConditions, updated in mdlUpdate, and used in mdlOutputs. You can use this macro in the simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart routines.

**Example** 

The following statement

```
void* v = ssGetPWorkValue(s, 0);
```

is equivalent to

```
void** wv = ssGetPWork(s);
void* v = wv[0];
```

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

See Also

 ${\tt ssGetNumPWork}, \, {\tt ssGetPWork}, \, {\tt ssSetPWorkValue}$ 

### ssGetRealDiscStates

**Purpose** Get a block's discrete state vector

**Syntax** real\_T \*ssGetRealDiscStates(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Same as ssGetDiscStates.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetDiscStates

### ssGetRootSS

**Purpose** Get the root of a SimStruct hierarchy

**Syntax** SimStruct \*ssGetRootSS(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

**Description** Returns the root of the SimStruct hierarchy containing S.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetParentSS

### **ssGetRunTimeParamInfo**

**Purpose** Gets the attributes of a run-time parameter

**Syntax** ssParamRec \*ssGetRunTimeParamInfo(SimStruct \*S, int\_T param)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

param

Index of a run-time parameter.

**Description** Returns the attributes of the run-time parameter specified by param. See the

documentation for ssSetRunTimeParamInfo for a description of the ssParamRec

structure returned by this function.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetRunTimeParamInfo

### ssGetRWork

**Purpose** Get a block's floating-point work vector

**Syntax** real\_T\* ssGetRWork(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the floating-point work vector used by the block represented by S. The

vector consists of elements of type real\_T and is of length ssGetNumRWork(S). Typically, this vector is initialized in mdlStart or mdlInitializeConditions, updated in mdlUpdate, and used in mdlOutputs. You can use this macro in the

simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart routines.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetNumRWork, ssGetRWorkValue, ssSetRWorkValue

**Purpose** Get an element of a block's floating-point work vector

**Syntax** real\_T ssGetRWorkValue(SimStruct \*S, int\_T idx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the element returned by this function.

**Description** 

Returns the idx element of the the floating-point work vector used by the block represented by S. The vector consists of elements of type real\_T and is of length ssGetNumRWork(S). Typically, this vector is initialized in mdlStart or mdlInitializeConditions, updated in mdlUpdate, and used in mdlOutputs. You can use this macro or ssGetRWork to get the current values of the work vector in the simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart routines.

**Example** 

The following statement

```
real_T v = ssGetRWorkValue(s, 0);
```

is equivalent to

```
real_T* wv = ssGetRWork(s);
real_T v = wv[0];
```

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

**See Also** 

ssGetNumRWork, ssGetRWork, ssSetRWorkValue

## **ssGetSampleTime**

**Purpose** Get one of an S-function's sample times.

**Syntax** time\_T ssGetSampleTime(SimStruct \*S, int\_T sti);

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

sti

Index of sample time to be returned

**Description** Returns the sample time of S corresponding to sti.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetSampleTime

# ssGetSampleTimeOffset

**Purpose** Get the offset of the current sample time

**Syntax** function ssGetSampleTimeOffset(S : in SimStruct) return time\_T;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the offset of the current sample time.

**Languages** Ada

**See Also** ssGetSampleTimePeriod

# ssGetSampleTimePeriod

**Purpose** Get the period of the current sample time

**Syntax** function ssGetSampleTimePeriod(S : in SimStruct) return time\_T;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the period of the current sample time.

Languages Ada

See Also ssGetSampleTimeOffset

### ssGetSFcnParam

**Purpose** Get a parameter of an S-Function block

**Syntax** const mxArray \*ssGetSFcnParam(SimStruct \*S, int\_T index)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

index

Index of the parameter to be returned.

**Description** Use in any routine to access a parameter entered in the S-Function's block

dialog box, where index starts at 0 and is less than ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S).

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetSFcnParamsCount

### ssGetSFcnParamsCount

**Purpose** Get the number of block dialog parameters that an S-Function block has

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the number of parameters that a user can set for the block represented

by S.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetNumSFcnParams

### ssGetSimMode

**Purpose** Get the simulation mode of an S-Function block

**Syntax** ssGetSimMode(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

**Description** Returns the simulation mode of the block represented by S:

• SS\_SIMMODE\_NORMAL

Running in a normal Simulink simulation

• SS SIMMODE SIZES CALL ONLY

Invoked by editor to obtain number of ports

• SS\_SIMMODE\_RTWGEN
Generating code

• SS\_SIMMODE\_EXTERNAL External mode simulation

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetSolverName

### ssGetSolverMode

**Purpose** Get the solver mode being used to solve the S-function

**Syntax** SolverMode ssGetSolverMode(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

**Description** Returns one of

• SOLVER\_MODE\_AUTO

SOLVER\_MODE\_SINGLETASKINGSOLVER\_MODE\_MULTITASKING

This macro can return SOLVER\_MODE\_AUTO in mdlInitializeSizes. However, in mdlSetWorkWidths and any methods called after mdlSetWorkWidths, solver mode is either SOLVER\_MODE\_SINGLETASKING or SOLVER\_MODE\_MULTITASKING.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** ssGetSimMode, ssIsVariableStepSolver

### **ssGetSolverName**

**Purpose** Get the name of the solver being used to solve the S-function

**Syntax** ssGetSolverName(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

**Description** Returns a pointer (char \*) to the name of the solver being used to solve the

S-function represented by S.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetSimMode, ssIsVariableStepSolver

### ssGetStateAbsTol

**Purpose** Get the absolute tolerance used by the model's variable-step solver for a

specified state

**Syntax** real\_T ssGetStateAbsTol(SimStruct \*S, int\_T state)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Use in mdlStart to get the absolute tolerance for a particular state.

**Note** Absolute tolerances are not allocated for fixed-step solvers. Therefore, you should not invoke this macro until you have verified that the simulation is using a variable-step solver, using ssIsVariableStepSolver.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** ssGetAbsTol, ssIsVariableStepSolver

## ssGetStopRequested

**Purpose** Get the value of the simulation stop requested flag

**Syntax** int\_T ssGetStopRequested(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

**Description** Gets the value of the simulation stop requested flag. If the value is not 0,

Simulink halts the simulation at the end of the current time step.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetStopRequested

#### ssGetT

**Purpose** Get the current simulation time

C Syntax ssGetT(SimStruct \*S)

**Ada Syntax** function ssGetT(S : in SimStruct) return Real\_T;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description**Returns the current base simulation time (time\_T) for the model. You can use this macro in mdlOutputs and mdlUpdate to compute the output of your block.

**Note** Use this macro only if your block operates at the base rate of the model, for example, if your block operates at a single continuous rate. If your block operates at multiple rates or operates at a single rate that is different from the model's base, use ssGetTaskTime to get the correct time for the current task.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssGetTaskTime, ssGetTStart, ssGetTFinal

**Purpose** 

Get the current time for the current task

Syntax

ssGetTaskTime(SimStruct \*S, st\_index)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

st\_index

Index of the sample time corresponding to the task for which the current time is to be returned.

Description

Returns the current time (time\_T) of the task corresponding to the sample rate specified by st\_index. You can use this macro in mdlOutputs and mdlUpdate to compute the output of your block.

The ssGetTaskTime macro should be called only inside an ssIsSampleHit check. It will not give the correct results if called with the tid passed into mdlOutputs. The following example illustrates a correct usage of this macro:

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

**See Also** 

ssGetT

## **ssGetTFinal**

**Purpose** Get the simulation stop time

**Ada Syntax** function ssGetTFinal(S : in SimStruct) return Real T;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the stop time of the current simulation.

Languages Ada, C

See Also ssGetT, ssGetTStart

### ssGetTNext

**Purpose** Get the time of the next sample hit

**Syntax** time\_T ssGetTNext(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the next time that a sample hit occurs in a discrete S-function with a

variable sample time.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetTNext, mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit

### ssGetTStart

**Purpose** Get the simulation start time

**Ada Syntax** function ssGetTStart(S : in SimStruct) return Real T;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns the start time of the current simulation.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssGetT, ssGetTFinal

### ssGetUserData

Purpose Access user data

**Syntax** void\* ssGetUserData(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns a pointer to user data associated with this block.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetUserData

## sslsContinuousTask

**Purpose** Determine whether a task is continuous

**Syntax** ssIsContinuousTask(SimStruct \*S,st\_index,tid)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

tid Task ID.

**Description** Use in mdlOutputs or mdlUpdate when your S-function has multiple sample

times to determine whether your S-function is executing in the continuous task. You should not use this in single-rate S-functions, or if you did not

register a continuous sample time.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetNumContStates

### sslsFirstInitCond

Purpose Determine whether this is the first call to mdlInitializeConditions

**Syntax** int\_T ssIsFirstInitCond(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns true if the current simulation time is equal to the simulation start

time.

**Languages** C

See Also mdlInitializeConditions

# sslsMajorTimeStep

**Purpose** Determine whether the simulation is in a major step

**C Syntax** int\_T ssIsMajorTimeStep(SimStruct \*S)

Ada Syntax function ssIsMajorTimeStep(S : in SimStruct) return Boolean;

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns 1 if the simulation is in a major time step.

Languages Ada, C

See Also ssIsMinorTimeStep

# sslsMinorTimeStep

**Purpose** Determine whether the simulation is in a minor step

**Syntax** int\_T ssIsMinorTimeStep(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Returns 1 if the simulation is in a minor time step.

**Languages** C

See Also ssIsMajorTimeStep

### ssIsSampleHit

**Purpose** Determine whether the sample time is hit

**Syntax** ssIsSampleHit(SimStruct \*S,st\_index,tid)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

st index

Index of the sample time.

tid Task ID.

**Description** Use in mdlOutputs or mdlUpdate when your S-function has multiple sample

times to determine the task your S-function is executing in. You should not use this in single-rate S-functions or for an *st\_index* corresponding to a continuous

task.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssIsContinuousTask, ssIsSpecialSampleHit

## ssIsSpecialSampleHit

**Purpose** Determine whether sample is hit

**Syntax** ssIsSpecialSampleHit(SimStruct \*S, sti1, sti2, tid)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

sti1

Index of the sample time.

sti2

Index of the sample time.

tid Task ID.

**Description** Returns true if a sample hit has occurred at stil and a sample hit has also

occurred at sti2 in the same time step. You can use this macro in mdlUpdate and mdlOutputs to ensure the validity of data shared by multiple tasks running

at different rates. For more information, see "Synchronizing Multirate

S-Function Blocks" on page 7-27.

**Languages** C

See Also ssIsSampleHit

## ssIsVariableStepSolver

**Purpose** Get the name of the solver being used to solve the S-function

**Syntax** ssIsVariableStepSolver(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

**Description** Returns 1 if the solver being used to solve S is a variable-step solver. This is

useful when you are creating S-functions that have zero crossings and an

inherited sample time.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetSimMode, ssGetSolverName

Purpose Print a variable-content message

**Syntax** ssPrintf(msg, ...)

**Arguments** msg

Message. Must be a string with optional variable replacement parameters.

. . .

Optional replacement arguments.

**Description** Prints variable-content msg. This macro expands to mexPrintf when the

S-function is compiled via mex for use with Simulink. When the S-function is compiled for use with the Real-Time Workshop, this macro expands to printf if the target has stdio facilities; otherwise, it becomes a call to an empty function (rtPrintfNoOp). In the case of Real-Time Workshop, you can avoid a

call altogether, using the SS STDIO AVAILABLE macro. For example:

```
#if defined(SS_STDIO_AVAILABLE)
    ssPrintf("my message ...");
#endif
```

**Languages** C

See Also ssWarning

## ssRegDlgParamAsRunTimeParam

**Purpose** Register a dialog parameter as a run-time parameter

**Syntax** ssRegDlgParamAsRunTimeParam(S, dlgIdx, rtIdx, name, dtId)

Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

dlgIdx

Index of the dialog parameter.

rtIdx

Index of the run-time parameter.

name

Name of the parameter.

dtId

Value of type DTypeId that specifies the data type of the run-time parameter.

**Description** 

Use this function in mdlSetWorkWidths to register the dialog parameter specified by dlgIdx as a run-time parameter specified by rtIdx and having the name and data type specified by name and dtId, respectively. This function also initializes the run-time parameter to the initial value of the dialog parameter, converting the value to the specified data type if necessary.

**Note** The first four characters of block's run-time parameter names must be unique. If they are not, Simulink signals an error. For example, trying to register a parameter named param2 triggers an error if a parameter named param1 already exists.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssRegAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams

## ssRegAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams

**Purpose** 

Register all tunable parameters as run-time parameters

**Syntax** 

void ssRegAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams(S, const char\_T \*names[]))

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

names

Array of names for the run-time parameters.

**Note** The first four characters of block's run-time parameter names must be unique. If they are not, Simulink signals an error. For example, trying to register a parameter named param2 triggers an error if a parameter named param1 already exists.

#### **Description**

Use this function in mdlSetWorkWidths to register all tunable dialog parameters as run-time parameters. Specify the names of the run-time versions of the parameters in the names array.

**Note** Simulink assumes that the names array is always available. Therefore, you must allocate the names array in such a way that it persists throughout the simulation.

You can register dialog parameters individually as run-time parameters, using ssSetNumRunTimeParams and ssSetRunTimeParamInfo.

Languages

C

See Also

mdlSetWorkWidths, ssSetNumRunTimeParams, ssSetRunTimeParamInfo

### ssRegisterDataType

**Purpose** Register a custom data type

**Syntax** DTypeId ssRegisterDataType(SimStruct \*S, char \*name)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

name

Name of custom data type.

**Description** 

Register a custom data type. Each data type must be a valid MATLAB identifier. That is, the first char is an alpha and all subsequent characters are alphanumeric or "\_". The name length must be less than 32. Data types must be registered in mdlInitializeSizes.

If the registration is successful, the function returns the DataTypeId associated with the registered data type; otherwise, it reports an error and returns INVALID DTYPE ID.

After registering the data type, you must specify its size, using ssSetDataTypeSize.

**Note** You can call this function to get the data type ID associated with a registered data type.

**Example** 

The following example registers a custom data type named Color.

```
DTypeId id = ssRegisterDataType(S, "Color");
if(id == INVALID_DTYPE_ID) return;
```

Languages

C

See Also

 ${\tt ssSetDataTypeSize}$ 

## ssSampleAndOffsetAreTriggered

**Purpose** Determine whether a sample time and offset value pair indicate a triggered

sample time

**Syntax** boolean\_T ssSampleAndOffsetAreTriggered(real\_T st, real\_T ot)

**Arguments** st

The sample time.

ot

The offset time.

**Description** Returns TRUE if both st and ot are equal to INHERITED\_SAMPLE\_TIME.

Simulink sets the sample time and offset pairs of a block or its ports (for port-based sample times) to INHERITED\_SAMPLE\_TIME if the block resides in a triggered subsystem. By invoking this macro on its sample time/offset pairs, an

S-function can determine whether it resides in a triggered subsystem.

**Languages** C

### ssSetBlockReduction

**Purpose** Request that Simulink attempt to reduce a block

**Syntax** ssSetBlockReduction(SimStruct \*S, unsigned int T flag)

Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

flag

If true, Simulink should attempt to reduce this block.

**Description** 

Use this macro to ask Simulink to reduce this block. A block is reducible if it can be eliminated from the model without affecting the model's behavior. Simulink optimizes performance by skipping execution of reducible blocks during model simulation. In particular, Simulink does not invoke the mdlStart, mdlUpdate, and mdlOutputs methods of reducible blocks. Further, Simulink executes the mdlTerminate method of a reduced block only if the block has set the SS\_OPTION\_CALL\_TERMINATE\_AT\_EXIT option before the simulation loop has begun, using ssSetOptions.

A block must meet certain criteria to be considered reducible. For example,

- A block must have at least one input.
- A block must have the same number of outputs as inputs or no outputs.
- A block cannot have inputs that are bus signals.
- A block cannot have continuous state.
- A block cannot have discrete states while the model is logging states.
- A block cannot have zero crossings.
- A block cannot have tunable parameters.

If a block fails to meet any of these criteria, Simulink includes the block in the simulation regardless of whether the block has requested reduction.

See Block reduction optimization for further details. Note, if you want to enable dead branch elimination, do not request block reduction. Instead, set the SS\_OPTION\_NONVOLATILE option using ssSetOptions.

Your S-function must invoke this macro before Simulink would otherwise invoke the S-function's mdlStart method (see the callback flow diagram in "How Simulink Interacts with C S-Functions" on page 3-39). This means your

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S-function must invoke this macro no later than its mdlSetWorkWidths method to be considered a candidate for block reduction.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetBlockReduction

# ssSetCallSystemOutput

**Purpose** Specify that an output port is issuing a function call

**Syntax** ssSetCallSystemOutput(SimStruct \*S, port index)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port index

Index of the port that is issuing the function call.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSampleTimes to specify that the output port element

specified by port\_index is issuing a function call by using

ssCallSystemWithTid(S, index, tid). The index specified starts at 0 and

must be less than ssGetOutputPortWidth(S,0).

**Languages** C

See Also ssCallSystemWithTid

**Purpose** Set the size of a custom data type

**Syntax** int\_T ssSetDataTypeSize(SimStruct \*S, DTypeId id, int\_T size)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

id

ID of data type.

size

Size of the custom data type in bytes.

**Description** Sets the size of the data type specified by id to size. If the call is successful,

the macro returns 1 (true), otherwise, it returns 0 (false). Use this macro in

mdlInitializeSizes to set the size of a data type you have registered.

**Example** The following example registers and sets the size of the custom data type

named Color to 4 bytes.

```
int_T status;
DTypeId id;
id = ssRegisterDataType(SimStruct *S, "Color");
if(id == INVALID_DTYPE_ID) return;
status = ssSetDataTypeSize(S, id, 4);
if(status == 0) return;
```

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssRegisterDataType, ssGetDataTypeSize

## ssSetDataTypeZero

Purpose

Set zero representation of a data type

Syntax

int\_T ssSetDataTypeZero(SimStruct \*S, DTypeId id, void\* zero)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

id

ID of data type.

zero

Zero representation of the data type specified by id.

#### **Description**

Sets the zero representation of the data type specified by id to 0 and returns 1 (true) if id is valid, the size of the data type has been set, and the zero representation has not already been set. Otherwise, this macro returns 0 (false) and reports an error. Because this macro reports any error that occurs, you do not need to use ssSetErrorStatus to report the error.

**Note** This macro makes a copy of the zero representation of the data type for Simulink to use. Thus, your S-function does not have to maintain the original in memory.

#### Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

#### Example

The following example registers and sets the size and zero representation of a custom data type named myDataType.

```
typedef struct{
   int8_T a;
   uint16_T b;
}myStruct;

int_T status;
DTypeId id;
myStruct tmp;

id = ssRegisterDataType(S, "myDataType");
```

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```
if(id == INVALID_DTYPE_ID) return;

status = ssSetDataTypeSize(S, id, sizeof(tmp));
if(status == 0) return;

tmp.a = 0;
tmp.b = 1;
status = ssSetDataTypeZero(S, id, &tmp);
if(status == 0) return;
```

**See Also** 

ssRegisterDataType, ssSetDataTypeSize, ssGetDataTypeZero

## ssSetDWorkComplexSignal

**Purpose** Specify whether the elements of a data type work vector are real or complex

**Syntax** void ssSetDWorkComplexSignal(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector,

CSignal\_T numType)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of a data type work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ...

ssGetNumDWork(S).

numType

Numeric type, either COMPLEX YES or COMPLEX NO.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes or mdlSetWorkWidths to specify whether the

values of the specified work vector are complex numbers (COMPLEX YES) or real

numbers (COMPLEX NO, the default).

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetDWorkDataType, ssGetNumDWork

# ssSetDWorkDataType

**Purpose** Specify the data type of a data type work vector

**Syntax** void ssSetDWorkDataType(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector, DTypeId dtID)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of a data type work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ...

ssGetNumDWork(S).

dtID

ID of a data type.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes or mdlSetWorkWidths to set the data type of the

specified work vector.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetDWorkWidth, ssGetNumDWork

### ssSetDWorkName

**Purpose** Specify the name of a data type work vector

**Syntax** void ssSetDWorkName(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector, char\_T \*name)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of the work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ...

ssGetNumDWork(S).

name

Name of a work vector.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes or in mdlSetWorkWidths to specify a name for the

specified data type work vector. The Real-Time Workshop uses this name to label the work vector in generated code. If you do not specify a name, the

Real-Time Workshop generates a name for the work vector.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** ssGetDWorkName, ssSetNumDWork

### ssSetDWorkRTWIdentifier

**Purpose** Specify the identifier used to declare a DWork vector in code generated from

the associated S-function

**Syntax** void ssSetDWorkRTWIdentifier(SimStruct\* S, int idx, char\_T \* id)

**Arguments** 9

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the work vector, where the index is one of  $0, 1, 2, \ldots$ 

ssGetNumDWork(S).

id

Identifier.

**Description** Specifies id as the identifier used in code generated by the Real-Time

Workshop to declare the DWork vector specified by idx.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssSetDWorkRTWIdentifier

### ssSetDWorkRTWStorageClass

**Purpose** Specify the storage class of a DWork vector in code generated from the

associated S-function

**Syntax** void ssSetDWorkRTWStorageClass(SimStruct\* S, int idx,

ssRTWStorageType sc)

Arguments

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ... ssGetNumDWork(S).

sc

Storage class of the work vector. Must be one of the values enumerated by ssRTWStorageType in simstruc.h:

```
typedef enum {
    SS_RTW_STORAGE_AUTO = 0,
    SS_RTW_STORAGE_EXPORTED_GLOBAL,
    SS_RTW_STORAGE_IMPORTED_EXTERN,
    SS_RTW_STORAGE_IMPORTED_EXTERN_POINTER
} ssRTWStorageType
```

**Description** 

Sets sc as the storage class of the the DWork vector specified by idx. The storage class is a code-generation attribute that determines how the code generated by the Real-Time Workshop for this S-function allocates memory for this work vector (see "Signal Storage Concepts" in the online documentation for the Real-Time Workshop).

Languages C, C++

See Also ssGetDWorkRTWStorageClass

## ssSetDWorkRTWTypeQualifier

**Purpose** Specify the C type qualifier (e.g., const) used to declare a DWork vector in code

generated from the associated S-function

**Syntax** void ssSetDWorkRTWTypeQualifier(SimStruct\* S, int idx, char\_T \* tq)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ...

ssGetNumDWork(S).

tq

Type qualifier.

**Description** Sets tq as the C type qualifier (e.g., const) used to declare the DWork vector

specified by idx in code generated by the Real-Time Workshop from the

associated S-function.

Languages C, C++

See Also ssGetDWorkRTWTypeQualifier

### ssSetDWorkUsedAsDState

**Purpose** 

Specify that a data type work vector is used as a discrete state vector

**Syntax** 

void ssSetDWorkUsedAsDState(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector, int T usage)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of a data type work vector, where the index is one of 0, 1, 2, ... ssGetNumDWork(S).

usage

How this vector is used.

**Description** 

Use in mdlInitializeSizes or mdlSetWorkWidths to specify the usage of the specified work vector, either SS\_DWORK\_USED\_AS\_DSTATE (used to store the block's discrete states) or SS\_DWORK\_USED\_AS\_DWORK (used as a work vector, the default).

**Note** Specify the usage as SS\_DWORK\_USED\_AS\_DSTATE if the following conditions are true. You want to use the vector to store discrete states and you want Simulink to log the discrete states to the workspace at the end of a simulation, if the user has selected the **Save to Workspace** options on the **Data Import/Export** pane of the **Configuration Parameters** dialog.

Languages

C, C++

**See Also** 

ssGetDWorkUsedAsDState

### ssSetDWorkWidth

**Purpose** Specify the width of a data type work vector

**Syntax** void ssSetDWorkWidth(SimStruct \*S, int\_T vector, int\_T width)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vector

Index of the work vector, where the index is one of  $0, 1, 2, \ldots$ 

ssGetNumDWork(S).

width

Number of elements in the work vector.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes or in mdlSetWorkWidths to set the number of

elements in the specified data type work vector.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** ssGetDWorkWidth, ssSetDWorkDataType, ssSetNumDWork

#### ssSetErrorStatus

Purpose Report an error

C Syntax void ssSetErrorStatus(SimStruct \*S, const char\_T \*msg)

Ada Syntax procedure ssSetErrorStatus(S : in SimStruct; msg : in String);

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

msg

Error message.

**Description** 

Use this function to report errors that occur in your S-function. For example:

ssSetErrorStatus(S, "error message");
return;

**Note** The error message string must be in persistent memory; it cannot be a local variable.

This function causes Simulink to stop and display the specified error message. The function does not generate an exception. Thus you can use it in your S-function to avoid creating exceptions when reporting errors.

Languages Ada, C

See Also ssWarning

# ssSetExplicitFCSSCtrl

**Purpose** Specify whether this S-function explicitly enables and disables the

function-call subsystem that it calls.

**Syntax** void ssSetExplicitFCSSCtrl(SimStruct \*S, unsigned int\_T explicit)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

explicit

TRUE if this S-function explicitly enables and disables the function-call

subsystems it enables

**Description** Specify TRUE as the value of explicit if S explicitly enables or disables the

function-control subsystems that it calls.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetExplicitFCSSCtrl, ssEnableSystemWithTid, ssDisableSystemWithTid

### ssSetExternalModeFcn

**Purpose** Specify the external mode function for an S-function

**Syntax** void ssSetExternalModeFcn(SimStruct \*S, SFunExtModeFcn \*fcn)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

fcn

External mode function.

**Description** Specifies the external mode function for S.

**Languages** C

See Also ssCallExternalModeFcn

# ssSetInputPortComplexSignal

**Purpose** 

Set the numeric type (real or complex) of an input port

**Syntax** 

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an input port.

csignal

Numeric type of the signals accepted by port. Valid values are COMPLEX\_NO (real signal), COMPLEX\_YES (complex signal), and COMPLEX\_INHERITED (numeric

type inherited from driving block).

**Description** 

Use this function in mdlInitializeSizes to initialize input port signal type. If the numeric type of the input port is inherited from the block to which it is connected, set the numeric type to COMPLEX\_INHERITED. The default numeric type of an input port is real.

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

**Example** 

Assume that an S-function has three input ports. The first input port accepts real (noncomplex) signals. The second input port accepts complex signals. The third port accepts signals of either type. The following example specifies the correct numeric type for each port.

```
ssSetInputPortComplexSignal(S, 0, COMPLEX_NO)
ssSetInputPortComplexSignal(S, 1, COMPLEX_YES)
ssSetInputPortComplexSignal(S, 2, COMPLEX_INHERITED)
```

**See Also** 

ssGetInputPortComplexSignal

### ssSetInputPortDataType

**Purpose** Set the data type of an input port

C Syntax void ssSetInputPortDataType(SimStruct \*S,input T port, DTypeId id)

Ada Syntax procedure ssSetInputPortDataType(S : in SimStruct;

port : in Integer := 0; id : in Integer);

Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an input port.

id

ID of the data type accepted by port.

**Description** Use this function in mdlInitializeSizes to set the data type of the input port

specified by port. If the input port's data type is inherited from the block connected to the port, set the data type to DYNAMICALLY TYPED.

**Note** The data type of an input port is double (real T) by default.

Languages Ada, C

**Example** Suppose that you want to create an S-function with two input ports, the first of

which inherits its data type from the driving block and the second of which accepts inputs of type int8\_T. The following code sets up the data types.

 ${\tt ssSetInputPortDataType(S, 0, DYNAMICALLY\_TYPED)}$ 

ssSetInputPortDataType(S, 1, SS\_INT8)

**See Also** ssGetInputPortDataType

# ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo

#### **Purpose**

Specify information about the dimensionality of an input port

#### Syntax

```
void ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo(SimStruct *S, int_T port,
    DimsInfo T *dimsInfo)
```

#### **Arguments**

S

SimStruct representing an S-function block.

port

Index of an input port.

dimsInfo

Structure of type DimsInfo\_T that specifies the dimensionality of the signals accepted by port.

The structure is defined as

```
typedef struct DimsInfo_tag{
   int width;/* number of elements */
   int numDims/* Number of dimensions */
   int *dims;/* Dimensions. */
   [snip]
}DimsInfo T;
```

#### where

- numDims specifies the number of dimensions of the signal, e.g., 1 for a 1-D
   (vector) signal or 2 for a 2-D (matrix) signal, or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED if the
   number of dimensions is determined dynamically
- dims is an integer array that specifies the size of each dimension, e.g., [2 3] for a 2-by-3 matrix signal, or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED for each dimension that is determined dynamically, e.g., [2 DYNAMICALL\_SIZED]
- width equals the total number of elements in the signal, e.g., 12 for a 3-by-4 matrix signal or 8 for an 8-element vector signal, or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED if the total number of elements is determined dynamically

**Note** Use the macro, DECL\_AND\_INIT\_DIMSINFO, to declare and initialize an instance of this structure.

## ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo

#### **Description**

Specifies the dimension information for port. Use this function in mdlInitializeSizes to initialize the input port dimension information. If you want the port to inherit its dimensions from the port to which it is connected, specify DYNAMIC DIMENSION as the dimsInfo for port.

#### Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

#### **Example**

The following example specifies that input port 0 accepts 2-by-2 matrix signals.

```
{
    DECL_AND_INIT_DIMSINFO(di);
    int dims[2];

    di.numDims = 2;
    dims[0] = 2;
    dims[1] = 2;
    di.dims = &dims;
    di.width = 4;
    ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo(S, 0, &di);
}
```

#### See Also

ssSetInputPortMatrixDimensions, ssSetInputPortVectorDimension

# ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough

**Purpose** Specify the direct feedthrough status of a block's ports

**C Syntax** void ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port,

int\_T dirFeed)

Ada Syntax procedure ssSetInputPortDirectFeedThrough(S : in SimStruct; port :

in Integer := 0; dirFeed : in Boolean);

**Arguments** 9

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of the input port whose direct feedthrough property is being set.

dirFeed

Direct feedthrough status of block specified by port.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes or mdlSetWorkWidths (after ssSetNumInputPorts)

to specify the direct feedthrough (0 or 1) for each input port index. If not specified, the default direct feedthrough is 0. Setting direct feedthrough to 0 for an input port is equivalent to saying that the corresponding input port signal is not used in mdlOutputs or mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit. If it is used, you might or might not see a delay of one simulation step in the input signal. This might cause the simulation solver to issue an error due to simulation inconsistencies.

Languages Ada, C

See Also ssGetInputPortDirectFeedThrough

### ssSetInputPortFrameData

**Purpose** Specify whether a port accepts signal frames

**Syntax** void ssSetInputPortFrameData(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port,

Frame T frameData)

Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an input port.

frameData

Type of signal accepted by port. Acceptable values are FRAME\_INHERITED (either frame or unframed input), FRAME\_NO (unframed input only), and

FRAME\_YES (framed input only).

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes to specify whether the port accepts frame signals.

If the S-function specifies FRAME\_INHERITED for any of its ports, the S-function should include a mdlSetInputPortFrameData callback method. The callback method should use this function to set the frame status of ports that inherit their frame status to the status that Simulink assigns to them, using its frame status propagation rules. Simulink passes the assigned status to the callback as an argument. The callback method can also use this function to assign the frame status of other ports on the block whose frame status depends on the

frame status of the port that inherits its frame status.

The use of frame-based signals (frameData has a value of FRAME\_YES) requires

a Signal Processing Blockset license.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetInputPortFrameData, mdlSetInputPortFrameData

# ssSetInputPortMatrixDimensions

**Purpose** Specify dimension information for an input port that accepts matrix signals

**Syntax** int\_T ssSetInputPortMatrixDimensions(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port,

int\_T m, int\_T n)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an input port.

m

Row dimension of matrix signals accepted by port or DYNAMICALLY SIZED.

n

Column dimension of matrix signals accepted by port or DYNAMICALLY SIZED.

**Description** Specifies that port accepts an m-by-n matrix signal. If either dimension is

DYNAMICALLY SIZED, the other must be DYNAMICALLY SIZED or 1. Returns 1 if

successful; otherwise, 0.

**Languages** C

**Example** The following example specifies that input port 0 accepts 2-by-2 matrix signals.

ssSetInputPortMatrixDimensions(S, 0, 2, 2);

## ssSetInputPortOffsetTime

**Purpose** Specify the offset time of an input port

**Syntax** void ssSetInputPortOffsetTime(SimStruct \*S,

int\_T inputPortIdx, int\_T period)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

inputPortIdx

Index of the input port whose offset time is being set.

offset time.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes (after ssSetNumInputPorts) to specify the sample

time offset for each input port index. You can use this macro in conjunction with ssSetInputPortSampleTime if you have specified port-based sample times

for your S-function.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetNumInputPorts, ssSetInputPortSampleTime

# ssSetInputPortOptimOpts

**Purpose** Specify reusability of the memory allocated to the input port of an S-function.

**Syntax** ssSetInputPortOptimOpts(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port, uint\_t val)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an input port of S.

val

Reusability of port. Permissable values are

• SS\_REUSABLE\_AND\_LOCAL

• SS NOT REUSABLE AND GLOBAL

**Description** Use this macro to specify the reusability of an S-function input port.

**Language** C

**See Also** ssGetInputPortOptimOpts, ssSetOutputPortOptimOpts,

ssSetInputPortOverWritable

### ssSetInputPortOverWritable

**Purpose** 

Specify whether one of an S-function's input ports can be overwritten by one of its output ports.

**C** Syntax

void ssSetInputPortOverWritable(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port, int\_T
 isOverwritable)

**Ada Syntax** 

procedure ssSetInputPortOverWritable(S : in SimStruct; port : in Integer := 0; isOverwritable : in Boolean);

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of the input port whose overwritability is being set.

isOverwritable

Value specifying whether port is overwritable.

**Description** 

Use in mdlInitializeSizes (after ssSetNumInputPorts) to specify whether port is overwritable by one of the S-function's output ports. Simulink uses this setting as one criterion in determining whether one of the output ports of this S-function can share memory with port. If isOverwritable=1 and the other criteria are satisfied, Simulink allocates a common block of memory for the input port and one of the S-function's output ports, thus reducing simulation memory requirements. The default is isOverwritable=0, which means that port cannot share memory with any of the S-function's output ports.

**Note** If you set an input port to be overwritable, you must also specify that the input port and at least one of the S-function's output ports are reusable. Use ssSetInputPortOptimOpts and ssSetOutputPortOptimOpts to do this.

Languages

Ada, C

**See Also** 

ssSetNumInputPorts, ssSetInputPortOptimOpts,
ssSetOutputPortOptimOpts, ssGetInputPortBufferDstPort

### ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous

**Purpose** Specify that the signal elements entering a port must be contiguous

**Syntax** void ssSetInputPortRequiredContiguous(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port,

int T flag)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an input port.

flag

True if signal elements must be contiguous.

**Description** Specifies that the signal elements entering the specified port must occupy

contiguous areas of memory. This allows a method to access the elements of the  $\,$ 

signal simply by incrementing the signal pointer returned by

ssGetInputPortSignal. The S-function can set the value of this attribute as

early as in the mdlInitializeSizes method and at the latest in the

mdlSetWorkWidths method.

**Note** The default setting for this flag is false. Hence, the default method for

accessing the input signals is ssGetInputSignalPtrs.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** mdlInitializeSizes, mdlSetWorkWidths, ssGetInputPortSignal,

ssGetInputPortSignalPtrs

## ssSetInputPortSampleTime

**Purpose** Specify the sample time of an input port

**Syntax** ssSetInputPortSampleTime(SimStruct \*S,inputPortIdx,period)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

inputPortIdx

Index of the input port whose sample time is being set.

period

Sample period.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes (after ssSetNumInputPorts) to specify the sample

time period as continuous or as a discrete value for each input port. Input port index numbers start at 0 and end at the total number of input ports minus 1. You should use this macro only if you have specified port-based sample times.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetNumInputPorts, ssSetInputPortOffsetTime

# ssSetInputPortVectorDimension

**Purpose** Specify dimension information for an input port that accepts vector signals

**Syntax** int T ssSetInputPortVectorDimension(SimStruct \*S, int T port, int T

**Arguments** 

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

Index of an input port.

Width of vector or DYNAMICALLY SIZED.

**Description** Specifies that port accepts a w-element vector signal. Returns 1 if successful;

otherwise, 0.

**Note** This macro and ssSetInputPortWidth are functionally identical.

Languages  $\mathbf{C}$ 

**Example** The following example specifies that input port 0 accepts an 8-element matrix

signal.

ssSetInputPortVectorDimension(S, 0, 8);

See Also ssSetInputPortWidth

## ssSetInputPortWidth

**Purpose** Specify the width of an input port

C Syntax void ssSetInputPortWidth(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port, int\_T width)

**Ada Syntax** procedure ssSetInputPortWidth (S : in SimStruct;

port : in Integer := 0; width : in Integer);

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of the input port whose width is being set.

width

Width of the input port.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes (after ssSetNumInputPorts) to specify a nonzero

positive integer width or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED for each input port index starting

at 0.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetNumInputPorts, ssSetOutputPortWidth

**Purpose** Set an element of a block's integer work vector

**Syntax** int\_T ssSetIWorkValue(SimStruct \*S, int\_T idx, int\_T value)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the element to be set.

value

New value of element.

**Description** Sets the idx element of S's integer work vector to value. The vector consists of

elements of type int\_T and is of length ssGetNumIWork(S). Typically, this vector is initialized in mdlStart or mdlInitializeConditions, updated in mdlUpdate, and used in mdlOutputs. You can use this macro in the simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart routines. This macro returns the

value that it sets.

**Example** The following statement

ssSetIWorkValue(s, 0, 1);

sets the first element of the work vector to 1.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetNumIWork, ssGetIWork, ssGetIWorkValue

## ssSetModelReferenceSampleTimeInheritanceRule

**Purpose** Specify whether use of this S-function in a submodel prevents the submodel

from inheriting its sample time from its parent model.

**Syntax** void ssSetModelReferenceSampleTimeInheritanceRule(SimStruct \*S,

int T rule)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

rule

Rule for allowing submodels containing this S-function to inherit their sample

times from the parent model.

**Description** Use this macro in any callback from mdlInitializeSizes to

mdlSetWorkWidths to specify the rule that determines whether submodels containing this S-function can inherit their sample times from their parent model. If this S-function inherits its sample time and its output depends on the inherited sample time, specify DISALLOW\_SAMPLE\_TIME\_INHERITANCE as the rule. Otherwise, specify USE DEFAULT FOR DISCRETE INHERITANCE as the rule.

Languages C, C++

### ssSetModeVectorValue

**Purpose** Set an element of a block's mode vector

**Syntax** void ssSetModeVectorValue(SimStruct \*S, int\_T element, int\_T value)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

element

Index of a mode vector element.

value

Mode vector value.

**Description** Sets the specified mode vector element to the specified value.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** ssGetModeVectorValue, ssGetModeVector

#### ssSetNumContStates

**Purpose** Specify the number of continuous states that a block has

C Syntax void ssSetNumContStates(SimStruct \*S, int\_T n)

**Ada Syntax** procedure ssSetNumContStates(S : in SimStruct; n : in Integer);

Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

n

Number of continuous states to be set for the block represented by S.

 $\textbf{Description} \qquad \qquad \text{Use in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the number of continuous states as } 0, a$ 

positive integer, or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED. If you specify DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED, you can specify the true (positive integer) width in mdlSetWorkWidths; otherwise, the width used is the width of the signal passing through the block. If your S-function has continuous states, it needs to return the derivatives of the states in mdlDerivatives so that the solvers can integrate them. Continuous states are logged if the **States** option is selected on the **Data Import/Export** pane of

the Configuration Parameters dialog box.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetNumDiscStates, ssGetNumContStates

#### ssSetNumDiscStates

**Purpose** Specify the number of discrete states that a block has

**Syntax** ssSetNumDiscStates(SimStruct \*S, int T nDiscStates)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nDiscStates

Number of discrete states to be set for the block represented by S.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the number of discrete states as 0, a

positive integer, or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED. If you specify DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED, you can specify the true (positive integer) width in mdlSetWorkWidths; otherwise, the width used is the width of the signal passing through the block. If your S-function has discrete states, it should return the next discrete state (in place) in mdlUpdate. Discrete states are logged if the **States** option is selected on the

**Data Import/Export** page of the **Configuration Parameters** dialog box.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetNumContStates, ssGetNumDiscStates

### ssSetNumDWork

**Purpose** Specify the number of data type work vectors used by a block

**Syntax** boolean\_T ssSetNumDWork(SimStruct \*S, int\_T nDWork)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nDWork

Number of data type work vectors.

 $\textbf{Description} \qquad \qquad \text{Use in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the number of data type work vectors as}$ 

0, a positive integer, or DYNAMICALLY SIZED. If you specify DYNAMICALLY SIZED,

you can specify the true (positive integer) number of vectors in

mdlSetWorkWidths.

You can specify the size and data type of each work vector, using the macros ssSetDWorkWidth and ssSetDWorkDataType, respectively. You can also specify that the work vector holds complex values, using ssSetDWorkComplexSignal.

This function returns TRUE if nDWork is zero or a positive integer; otherwise,

FALSE.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** ssGetNumDWork, ssSetDWorkWidth, ssSetDWorkDataType,

ssSetDWorkComplexSignal

# ssSetNumInputPorts

**Purpose** Specify the number of input ports that a block has

**C Syntax** boolean\_T ssSetNumInputPorts(SimStruct \*S, int\_T nInputPorts)

**Ada Syntax** procedure ssSetNumInputPorts(S : in SimStruct;

nInputPorts : in Integer);

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nInputPorts

Number of input ports on the block represented by S. Must be a nonnegative

integer.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes to set the number of input ports to a nonnegative

integer. Invoke it using

if (!ssSetNumInputPorts(S,nInputPorts)) return;

where ssSetNumInputPorts returns 0 if *nInputPorts* is negative or an error

occurs while creating the ports.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortWidth, ssSetNumOutputPorts

### ssSetNumlWork

**Purpose** Specify the size of a block's integer work vector

**Syntax** void ssSetNumIWork(SimStruct \*S, int\_T nIWork)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nIWork

Number of elements in the integer work vector.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the number of int T work vector

elements as 0, a positive integer, or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED. If you specify DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED, you can specify the true (positive integer) width in mdlSetWorkWidths; otherwise, the width used is the width of the signal passing

through the block.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetNumRWork, ssSetNumPWork

**Purpose** Specify the size of the block's mode vector

**Syntax** ssSetNumModes(SimStruct \*S,nModes)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nModes

Size of the mode vector for the block represented by S. Valid values are 0, a

positive integer, or DYNAMICALLY SIZED.

**Description** Sets the size of the block's mode vector to nModes. If nModes is

DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED, you can specify the true (positive integer) width in mdlSetWorkWidths; otherwise, the width used is the width of the signal passing through the block. Use this macro in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the number of int\_T elements in the mode vector. Simulink allocates the mode vector and initializes its elements to 0. If the default value of 0 is not appropriate, you can set the elements of the array to other initial values in mdlInitializeConditions. Use ssGetModeVector to access the mode vector.

The mode vector, combined with zero-crossing detection, allows you to create blocks that have distinct operating modes, depending on the current values of input or output signals. For example, consider a block that outputs the absolute value of its input. Such a block operates in two distinct modes, depending on whether its input is positive or negative. If the input is positive, the block outputs the input unchanged. If the input is negative, the block outputs the negative of the input. You can use zero-crossing detection to detect when the input changes sign and update the single-element mode vector accordingly (for example, by setting its element to 0 for negative input and 1 for positive input). You can then use the mode vector in md10utputs to determine the mode in which the block is currently operating.

Languages C

**See Also** ssGetNumModes, ssGetModeVector

## ssSetNumNonsampledZCs

**Purpose** Specify the number of states for which a block detects zero crossings that occur

between sample points

**Syntax** ssSetNumNonsampledZCs(SimStruct \*S, nNonsampledZCs)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nNonsampledZCs

Number of nonsampled zero crossings that a block detects.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the number of states for which the block

detects nonsampled zero crossings (real\_T) as 0, a positive integer, or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED. If you specify DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED, you can specify the true (positive integer) width in mdlSetWorkWidths; otherwise, the width used

is the width of the signal passing through the block.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetNumModes

### ssSetNumOutputPorts

**Purpose** Specify the number of output ports that a block has

C Syntax void ssSetNumOutputPorts(SimStruct \*S, int\_T nOutputPorts)

**Ada Syntax** procedure ssSetNumOutputPorts(S : in SimStruct;

nOutputPorts : in Integer);

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nOutputPorts

Number of output ports on the block represented by S. Must be a nonnegative

integer.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes to set the number of output ports to a nonnegative

integer. It should be invoked using

if (!ssSetNumOutputPorts(S,nOutputPorts)) return;

where ssSetNumOutputPorts returns 0 if nOutputPorts is negative or an error occurs while creating the ports. When this occurs, and you return out of your

S-function, Simulink displays an error message.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortWidth, ssSetNumInputPorts

### ssSetNumPWork

**Purpose** Specify the size of a block's pointer work vector

**Syntax** void ssSetNumPWork(SimStruct \*S, int\_T nPWork)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nPWork

Number of elements to be allocated to the pointer work vector of the block

represented by S.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the number of pointer (void \*) work

vector elements as 0, a positive integer, or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED. If you specify

DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED, you can specify the true (positive integer) width in mdlSetWorkWidths; otherwise, the width used is the width of the signal passing

through the block.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetNumPWork

### ssSetNumRunTimeParams

**Purpose** Specify the number of run-time parameters created by this S-function

**Syntax** void ssSetNumRunTimeParams(S, int\_T num)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

num

Number of run-time parameters.

**Description** Use this function in mdlSetWorkWidths to specify the number of run-time

parameters created by this S-function.

**Languages** C

**See Also** mdlSetWorkWidths, ssGetNumRunTimeParams, ssSetRunTimeParamInfo

### ssSetNumRWork

**Purpose** Specify the size of a block's floating-point work vector

**Syntax** void ssSetNumRWork(SimStruct \*S, int T nRWork)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nRWork

Number of elements in the floating-point work vector.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the number of real T work vector

elements as 0, a positive integer, or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED. If you specify DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED, you can specify the true (positive integer) width in mdlSetWorkWidths; otherwise, the width used is the width of the signal passing

through the block.

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetNumIWork, ssSetNumPWork

# **ssSetNumSampleTimes**

**Purpose** Specify the number of sample times that an S-Function block has

**Syntax** void ssSetNumSampleTimes(SimStruct \*S, int\_T nSampleTimes)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nSampleTimes

Number of sample times that S has.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes to set the number of sample times S has. This

must be a positive integer greater than 0.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetNumSampleTimes

### ssSetNumSFcnParams

**Purpose** Specify the number of parameters that an S-Function block has

**Syntax** ssSetNumSFcnParams(SimStruct \*S, int\_T nSFcnParams)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nSFcnParams

Number of parameters that S has.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes to set the number of S-function parameters.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetNumSFcnParams

### ssSetOffsetTime

**Purpose** Set the offset time of a block

**Syntax** ssSetOffsetTime(SimStruct \*S, st\_index, time\_T period)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

 $\operatorname{st\_index}$ 

Index of the sample time whose offset is to be set.

offset

Offset of the sample time specified by st index.

**Description** Use this macro in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the offset of the sample time

where  $st_{index}$  starts at 0.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetOffsetTime, ssSetSampleTime, ssSetInputPortOffsetTime,

ssSetOutputPortOffsetTime

## ssSetOneBasedIndexInputPort

**Purpose** Specify that an input port expects one-based indices.

**Syntax** void ssSetOneBasedIndexInputPort(SimStruct \*S, int\_T pIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

pIdx

Input port of the S-function.

**Description** Use this macro in mdlInitializeSizes to specify that port pldx expects

one-based index values. Simulink signals an error if it detects that the signal connected to this block is zero-based when it updates a diagram containing the

S-function.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** mdlInitializeSizes, ssSetOneBasedIndexOutputPort,

ssSetZeroBasedIndexInputPort

# ssSetOneBasedIndexOutputPort

**Purpose** Specify that an output port emits one-based indices.

**Syntax** void ssSetOneBasedIndexOutputPort(SimStruct \*S, int\_T pIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

pIdx

Output port of the S-function.

**Description** Use this macro in mdlInitializeSizes to specify that port pIdx emits

one-based index values. Simulink signals an error if it detects during model update that the port is connected to an input that expects zero-based indices.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** mdlInitializeSizes, ssSetOneBasedIndexOutputPort,

ssSetZeroBasedIndexOutputPort

## **ssSetOptions**

Purpose Specify S-function options

**Syntax** void ssSetOptions(SimStruct \*S, uint T options)

Arguments S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

options Options.

**Description** 

Use in mdlInitializeSizes to specify S-function options (see following). The options must be joined using the OR operator. For example:

#### S-Function Options

An S-function can specify the following options, using ssSetOptions:

- SS\_OPTION\_EXCEPTION\_FREE\_CODE
  - If your S-function does not use mexErrMsgTxt, mxCalloc, or any other routines that can throw an exception when called, you can set this option for improved performance.
- SS\_OPTION\_RUNTIME\_EXCEPTION\_FREE\_CODE
  Similar to SS\_OPTION\_EXCEPTION\_FREE\_CODE except it only applies to the
  run-time routines mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit, mdlOutputs, mdlUpdate, and
  mdlDerivatives.
- SS\_OPTION\_DISCRETE\_VALUED\_OUTPUT

  Specify this if your S-function has discrete valued outputs. This is checked when your S-function is placed within an algebraic loop. If your S-function has discrete valued outputs, its outputs are not assigned algebraic variables.
- SS\_OPTION\_PLACE\_ASAP
   Use to specify that your S-function should be placed as soon as possible. This is typically used by devices connecting to hardware.
- SS\_OPTION\_ALLOW\_INPUT\_SCALAR\_EXPANSION
   Use to specify that the input to your S-function input ports can be either 1 or the size specified by the port, which is usually referred to as the block width.

• SS\_OPTION\_DISALLOW\_CONSTANT\_SAMPLE\_TIME
Use to disable an S-Function block from inheriting a constant sample time.

• SS OPTION ASYNCHRONOUS

This option applies only to S-functions that have 0 or 1 input ports and 1 output port. The output port must be configured to perform function calls on every element. If any of these requirements is not met, the SS\_OPTION\_ASYNCHRONOUS option is ignored. Use this option when driving function-call subsystems to attached to interrupt service routines.

• SS\_OPTION\_ASYNC\_RATE TRANSITION

Use this option to create a read-write pair of blocks intended to guarantee correct data transfers between a synchronously and an asynchronously executing subsystem or between two asynchronously executing subsystems. Both your "read" S-function and your "write" S-function should set this option. See the comment for SS\_OPTION\_ASYNC\_RATE\_TRANSITION in symstruc.h for more information.

- SS\_OPTION\_PORT\_SAMPLE\_TIMES\_ASSIGNED
   Use this when you have registered multiple sample times
   (ssSetNumSampleTimes > 1) to specify the rate at which each input and output port is running. The simulation engine needs this information when checking for illegal rate transitions.
- SS\_OPTION\_SFUNCTION\_INLINED\_FOR\_RTW
  Set this if you have a .tlc file for your S-function and do not have an mdlRTW method. Setting this option has no effect if you have an mdlRTW method.
- SS\_OPTION\_ALLOW\_PARTIAL\_DIMENSIONS\_CALL
   Indicates that the S-function can handle dynamically dimensioned signals.
   See mdlSetDefaultPortDimensionInfo for more information.
- SS\_OPTION\_FORCE\_NONINLINED\_FCNCALL
   Use this flag if the block requires that all function-call subsystems that it calls should be generated as procedures instead of possibly being generated as inlined code.
- SS\_OPTION\_USE\_TLC\_WITH\_ACCELERATOR

  Use this option to force the Simulink Accelerator to use the TLC inlining code for an S-function, which speeds up execution of the S-function. If this option is not set, the Accelerator uses the mex version of the S-function even if a TLC file for the S-function exists. This option should not be set for device

## **ssSetOptions**

driver blocks (A/D) or when there is an incompatibility between running the mex Start/InitializeConditions functions together with the TLC Outputs/Update/Derivatives.

**Note** The Simulink Accelerator does not require the Real-Time Workshop to be installed to run an inlined S-function. However, to ensure that the inlined S-function can run in accelerated mode in the current and future Simulink releases, the TLC file for the S-function must use documented TLC functions to access the CompiledModel structure.

#### • SS\_OPTION\_SIM\_VIEWING\_DEVICE

This S-function is a SimViewingDevice. As long as it meets the other requirements for this type of block (no states, no outputs, etc.), it is considered to be an external mode block (it show up in the external mode GUI and no code is generated for it). During an external mode simulation, this block is run on the host only.

• SS OPTION CALL TERMINATE ON EXIT

This option allows S-function authors to better manage the data cached in run-time parameters and UserData. Setting this option guarantees that the mdlTerminate function is called if mdlInitializeSizes is called. This means that mdlTerminate is called

When a simulation ends

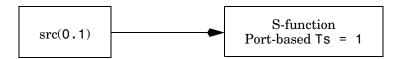
Note that it does not matter if the simulation fails and at what stage the simulation fails. Therefore, if the mdlSetWorkWidths of some block errors out, the model's other blocks have a chance to free the memory during a call to mdlTerminate.

- Every time an S-Function block is destroyed
- If the user is editing the S-function graphically
- If the S-Function block was reduced as a result of invoking ssSetBlockReduction

If this option is not set, mdlTerminate is called only if at least one of the blocks has had its mdlStart called.

• SS OPTION REQ INPUT SAMPLE TIME MATCH

Use this to option to specify that the input signal sample times match the sample time assigned to the block input port. For example:



generates an error if this option is set. If the block (or input port) sample time is inherited, no error is generated.

- SS\_OPTION\_WORKS\_WITH\_CODE\_REUSE
  Signifies that this S-function is compatible with the subsystem code reuse feature of the Real-Time Workshop (see "Creating Code-Reuse-Compatible S-Functions" on page 8-42).
- SS\_OPTION\_ALLOW\_CONSTANT\_PORT\_SAMPLE\_TIME

  Set this option in mdlInitializeSizes to allow your S-function's ports to specify or inherit a constant sample time (see "Specifying Constant Sample Time for a Port" on page 7-22 for more information).
- SS\_OPTION\_CAN\_BE\_CALLED\_CONDITIONALLY
  Use this option if the S-function can be called conditionally by other blocks.
- SS\_OPTION\_ALLOW\_PORT\_BASED\_SAMPLE\_TIME\_IN\_TRIGSS
  Set this option in mdlInitializeSizes to allow an S-function that uses port-based sample times to operate in a triggered subsystem (see "Configuring Port-Based Sample Times for Use in Triggered Subsystems" on page 7-23 for more information).
- SS\_OPTION\_NONVOLATILE

Use this option to specify if this S-function has side effects. Set this option to enable Simulink to remove this block if it is not needed (dead branch elimination). See Block reduction optimization for further details.

### Languages C, C++

## ssSetOutputPortComplexSignal

Purpose

Set the numeric type (real or complex) of an output port

**Syntax** 

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an output port.

csignal

Numeric type of the signals emitted by port. Valid values are COMPLEX\_NO (real signal), COMPLEX\_YES (complex signal), and COMPLEX\_INHERITED (dynamically determined).

**Description** 

Use this function in mdlInitializeSizes to initialize an input port signal type. If the numeric type of the input port is determined dynamically, e.g., by a parameter setting, set the numeric type to COMPLEX\_INHERITED. The default numeric type of an output port is real.

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

**Example** 

Assume that an S-function has three output ports. The first output port emits real (noncomplex) signals. The second input port emits a complex signal. The third port emits signals of a type determined by a parameter setting. The following example specifies the correct numeric type for each port.

```
ssSetOutputPortComplexSignal(S, 0, COMPLEX_NO)
ssSetOutputPortComplexSignal(S, 1, COMPLEX_YES)
ssSetOutputPortComplexSignal(S, 2, COMPLEX_INHERITED)
```

See Also

ssGetOutputPortComplexSignal

## ssSetOutputPortDataType

**Purpose** Set the data type of an output port

C Syntax void ssSetOutputPortDataType(SimStruct \*S, int T port, DTypeId id)

Ada Syntax procedure ssSetOutputPortDataType(S : in SimStruct;

port : in Integer := 0; id : in Integer);

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an output port.

id

ID of the data type accepted by port.

**Description** 

Use this function in mdlInitializeSizes to set the data type of the output port specified by port. If the output port's data type is determined dynamically, for example, from the data type of a block parameter, set the data type to DYNAMICALLY TYPED.

**Note** The data type of an output port is double (real T) by default.

Languages

Ada, C

**Example** 

Suppose that you want to create an S-function with two output ports, the first of which gets its data type from a block parameter and the second of which outputs signals of type int16\_T. The following code sets up the data types.

```
ssSetOutputPortDataType(S, 0, DYNAMICALLY_TYPED)
ssSetOutputPortDataType(S, 1, SS_INT16)
```

**See Also** 

ssGetOutputPortDataType

## ssSetOutputPortDimensionInfo

**Purpose** Specify information about the dimensionality of an output port

**Syntax** void ssSetInputPortDimensionInfoSimStruct \*S, int\_T port, DimsInfo T \*dimsInfo)

Arguments 9

SimStruct representing an S-function block.

port

Index of an output port.

dimsInfo

Structure of type DimsInfo\_T that specifies the dimensionality of the signals emitted by port.

See ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo for a description of this structure.

**Description** Specifies the dimension information for port. Use this function in

mdlInitializeSizes to initialize the output port dimension info. If you want the port to inherit its dimensionality from the block to which it is connected,

specify DYNAMIC\_DIMENSION as the dimsInfo for port.

Languages C

**Example** The following example specifies that input port 0 accepts 2-by-2 matrix signals.

```
DECL_AND_INIT_DIMSINFO(di);
di.numDims = 2;
int dims[2];
dims[0] = 2;
dims[1] = 2;
di.dims = &dims;
di.width = 4;
ssSetOutputPortDimensionInfo(S, 0, &di);
```

**See Also** ssSetInputPortDimensionInfo

## ssSetOutputPortFrameData

**Purpose** Specify whether a port outputs framed data

**Syntax** void ssSetOutputPortFrameData(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port,

int T outputsFrames)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

outputsFrames

Type of signal output by port. Acceptable values are -1 (either frame or unframed input), 0 (unframed input only), and 1 (framed input only).

**Description** Use in mdlSetInputPortFrameData to specify whether an output port issues

frame data only, unframed data only, or both.

The use of frame-based signals (outputsFrames has a value of 1) requires a

Signal Processing Blockset license.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetOutputPortFrameData, mdlSetInputPortFrameData

# ssSetOutputPortMatrixDimensions

**Purpose** Specify dimension information for an output port that emits matrix signals

Syntax
 int\_T ssSetOutputPortMatrixDimensions(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port,
 int\_T m in T n)

int\_T m, in\_T n)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

m

Row dimension of matrix signals emitted by port or DYNAMICALLY SIZED.

n

Column dimension of matrix signals emitted by port or DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED.

**Description** Specifies that port emits an m-by-n matrix signal. If either dimension is

 ${\tt DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED, the other \ must be \ DYNAMICALLY\_SIZED \ or \ 1. \ Returns \ 1 \ if}$ 

successful; otherwise, 0.

**Languages** C

**Example** The following example specifies that input port 0 emits 2-by-2 matrix signals.

ssSetOutputPortMatrixDimensions(S, 0, 2, 2);

# ssSetOutputPortOffsetTime

**Purpose** Specify the offset time of an output port

**Syntax** ssSetOutputPortOffsetTime(SimStruct \*S,outputPortIdx,offset)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

 $\verb"outputPortIdx"$ 

Index of the output port whose sample time is being set.

offset

Sample time of an output port.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes (after ssSetNumOutputPorts) to specify the

sample time offset value for each output port index. This should only be used if

you have specified the S-function's sample times as port-based.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetNumOutputPorts, ssSetOutputPortSampleTime

### ssSetOutputPortOptimOpts

**Purpose** Specify reusability of the memory allocated to the output port of an S-function.

**Syntax** ssSetOutputPortOptimOpts(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port, uint\_t val)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

port

Index of an output port of S.

val

Reusability of port. Permissable values are

• SS REUSABLE AND LOCAL

• SS NOT REUSABLE AND GLOBAL

**Description** Use this macro to specify the reusability of an S-function output port.

Language C

**See Also** ssGetOutputPortOptimOpts, ssSetInputPortOptimOpts,

ssSetInputPortOverWritable

## ssSetOutputPortOverwritesInputPort

**Purpose** Specify whether an output port can share its memory buffer with an input

port.

**Syntax** ssSetOutputPortOverwritesInputPort(SimStruct \*S, outIdx, inIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

outIdx

Index of the output port

inIdx

Index of the input port

Description

The argument inIdx tells Simulink which input port of S can share its memory with the output port specified by outIdx. inIdx can have the following values:

• Index of an input port of S that can share its memory with the specified output port.

Use must use ssSetInputPortOverWritable to tell Simulink that the specified input port can share its memory with an output port.

- OVERWRITE INPUT ALL
- The output port can share its memory with any input port.
- OVERWRITE INPUT NONE

The output port must have its own memory buffer.

Language C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortOverWritable

### ssSetOutputPortSampleTime

**Purpose** Specify the sample time of an output port

**Syntax** ssSetOutputPortSampleTime(SimStruct \*S,outputPortIdx,period)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

outputPortIdx

Index of the output port whose sample time is being set.

period

Sample time of output port.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes (after ssSetNumOutputPorts) to specify the

sample time period as continuous or as a discrete value for each output port index. This should only be used if you have specified port-based sample times.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetNumOutputPorts, ssSetOutputPortOffsetTime

# ssSetOutputPortVectorDimension

**Purpose** Specify dimension information for an output port that emits vector signals

**Syntax** int\_T ssSetOutputPortVectorDimension(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port,

int\_T w)

**Arguments** 

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of an output port.

w

Width of vector or DYNAMICALLY SIZED.

**Description** Specifies that port emits a w-element vector signal. Returns 1 if successful;

otherwise, 0.

**Note** This macro and ssSetOutputPortWidth are functionally identical.

**Example** The following example specifies that output port 0 emits an 8-element matrix

signal.

ssSetOutputPortVectorDimension(S, 0, 8);

**Languages** C

See Also ssSetOutputPortWidth

## ssSetOutputPortWidth

**Purpose** Specify the width of an output port

C Syntax void ssSetOutputPortWidth(SimStruct \*S, int\_T port, int\_T width)

**Ada Syntax** procedure ssSetOutputPortWidth(S : in SimStruct;

port : in Integer := 0; Width : in Integer);

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

port

Index of the output port whose width is being set.

width

Width of an output port.

**Description** Use in mdlInitializeSizes (after ssSetNumOutputPorts) to specify a nonzero

positive integer width or DYNAMICALLY SIZED for each output port index

starting at 0.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetNumOutputPorts, ssSetInputPortWidth

### ssSetParameterName

**Purpose** Set the name of a parameter

**Syntax** procedure ssSetParameterName(S : in SimStruct; Parameter : in

Integer; Name : in String);

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

Parameter

Index of a parameter.

Name

Name of the parameter.

**Description** Sets the name of Parameter to Name.

**Languages** Ada

### ssSetParameterTunable

**Purpose** Set the tunability of a parameter

**Syntax** procedure ssSetParameterTunable(S : in SimStruct; Parameter : in

Integer; IsTunable : in Boolean);

**Arguments** §

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

Parameter

Index of a parameter.

IsTunable

True indicates that the parameter is tunable.

**Description** Sets the tunability of Parameter to the value of IsTunable.

Languages Ada

## ssSetPlacementGroup

**Purpose** Specify the name of the placement group of a block

**Syntax** void ssSetPlacementGroup(SimStruct \*S, const char \*groupName)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block. The block must be either a source block (i.e., a block without input ports) or a sink block (i.e., a block without output ports).

groupName

Name of the placement group of the block represented by S.

**Description** 

Use this macro to specify the name of the placement group to which the block represented by S belongs. S-functions that share the same placement group name are placed adjacent to each other in the block execution order list for the model. This macro should be invoked in mdlInitializeSizes.

**Note** You typically use this macro is to create Real-Time Workshop device driver blocks.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetPlacementGroup

### ssSetPWorkValue

**Purpose** Set an element of a block's pointer work vector

**Syntax** void\* ssSetPWorkValue(SimStruct \*S, int T idx, void\* pointer)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the element to be set.

pointer

New pointer element.

**Description** 

Sets the idx element of S's pointer work vector to pointer. The vector consists of elements of type void\* and is of length ssGetNumPWork(S). Typically, this vector is initialized in mdlStart or mdlInitializeConditions, updated in mdlUpdate, and used in mdlOutputs. You can use this macro in the simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart routines. This macro returns the pointer that it sets.

**Example** 

The following statement

```
typedef struct Color_tag {int r; int b; int g;} Color;
Color* p = malloc(sizeof(Color));
ssSetPWorkValue(s, 0, p);
```

sets the first element of the pointer work vector to a pointer to the allocated Color structure.

Languages

C

See Also

 ${\tt ssGetNumPWork}, \, {\tt ssGetPWork}, \, {\tt ssGetPWorkValue}$ 

**Purpose** Set an element of a block's floating-point work vector

**Syntax** real\_T ssSetRWorkValue(SimStruct \*S, int\_T idx, real\_T value)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

idx

Index of the element to be set.

value

New value of element.

**Description** Sets the idx element of S's floating-point work vector to value. The vector

consists of elements of type real\_T and is of length ssGetNumRWork(S). Typically, this vector is initialized in mdlStart or mdlInitializeConditions,

updated in mdlUpdate, and used in mdlOutputs. You can use this macro in the simulation loop, mdlInitializeConditions, or mdlStart routines. This macro

returns the value that it sets.

**Example** The following statement

ssSetRWorkValue(s, 0, 1.0);

sets the first element of the work vector to 1.0.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetNumRWork, ssGetRWork, ssGetRWorkValue

### ssSetRunTimeParamInfo

**Purpose** 

Specify the attributes of a run-time parameter

Syntax

void ssSetRunTimeParamInfo(SimStruct \*S, int\_T param, ssParamRec
 \*info)

Arguments

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

param

Index of a run-time parameter.

### **Description**

Use this function in mdlSetWorkWidths or mdlProcessParameters to specify information about a run-time parameter. Use an ssParamRec structure to pass the parameter attributes to the function.

#### ssParamRec Structure

The simstruc.h macro defines this structure as follows:

```
typedef struct ssParamRec tag {
    const char *name;
    int T
               nDimensions;
    int T
               *dimensions:
    DTypeId
               dataTypeId;
    boolean T
               complexSignal;
    void
               *data;
    const void *dataAttributes;
    int T
               nDlgParamIndices;
    int T
               *dlgParamIndices;
    TransformedFlag transformed;
                                   /* Transformed status */
    boolean T outputAsMatrix;
                                   /* Write out parameter as a
vector (false)
                                  * [default] or a matrix (true)
                                    * /
} ssParamRec;
```

The record contains the following fields.

name. Name of the parameter. This must point to persistent memory. Do not set to a local variable (static char name[32] or strings name are okay).

### ssSetRunTimeParamInfo

**Note** The first four characters of block's run-time parameter names must be unique. If they are not, Simulink signals an error. For example, trying to register a parameter named param2 triggers an error if a parameter named param1 already exists.

nDimensions. Number of dimensions that this parameter has.

dimensions. Array giving the size of each dimension of the parameter.

dataTypeld. Data type of the parameter. For built-in data types, see BuiltInDTypeId in simstruc types.h.

**complexSignal.** Specifies whether this parameter has complex numbers (true) or real numbers (false) as values.

**data.** Pointer to the value of this run-time parameter. If the parameter is a vector or matrix or a complex number, this field points to an array of values representing the parameter elements. Complex Simulink signals are stored interleaved. Likewise complex run-time parameters must be stored interleaved. Note that mxArrays stores the real and complex parts of complex matrices as two separate contiguous pieces of data instead of interleaving the real and complex parts.

**dataAttributes.** The data attributes pointer is a persistent storage location where the S-function can store additional information describing the data and then recover this information later (potentially in a different function).

#### nDlgParamIndices.

Number of dialog parameters used to compute this run-time parameter.

**dlgParamIndices.** Indices of dialog parameters used to compute this run-time parameter.

**transformed.** Specifies the relationship between this run-time parameter and the dialog parameters specified by dlgParamIndices. This field can have any of the following values defined by TransformFlag in simstruc.h.

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#### • RTPARAM NOT TRANSFORMED

Specifies that this run-time parameter corresponds to a single dialog parameter (nDialogParamIndices is one) and has the same value as the dialog parameter.

#### • RTPARAM TRANSFORMED

Specifies that the value of this run-time parameter depends on the values of multiple dialog parameters (nDialogParamIndices > 1) or that this run-time parameter corresponds to one dialog parameter but has a different value or data type.

#### • RTPARAM MAKE TRANSFORMED TUNABLE

Specifies that this run-time parameter corresponds to a single tunable dialog parameter (nDialogParamIndices is one) and that the run-time parameter's value or data type differs from the dialog parameter's. During code generation, Real-Time Workshop writes the data type and value of the run-time parameter (rather than the dialog parameter) out to the Real-Time Workshop file. For example, suppose that the dialog parameter contains a workspace variable k of type double and value 1. Further, suppose the S-function sets the data type of the corresponding run-time variable to int8 and the run-time parameter's value to 2. In this case, during code generation, the Real-Time Workshop writes k out to the Real-Time Workshop file as an int8 variable with an initial value of 2.

**outputAsMatrix.** Specifies whether to write the values of this parameter out to the model.rtw file as a matrix (true) or as a vector (false).

### Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

#### See Also

mdlSetWorkWidths, mdlProcessParameters, ssGetNumRunTimeParams, ssGetRunTimeParamInfo

## **ssSetSampleTime**

**Purpose** Set the period of a sample time

C Syntax void ssSetSampleTime(SimStruct \*S, st\_index, time\_T period)

Ada Syntax procedure ssSetSampleTime(S : in SimStruct; Period : in time\_T;

st\_index : in time\_T := 0.0);

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

st\_index

Index of the sample time whose period is to be set.

period

Period of the sample time specified by st index.

**Description** Use this macro in mdlInitializeSizes to specify the period of the sample time

where st\_index starts at 0. See "Setting Sample Times and Offsets" on

page 1-15 for more information.

Languages Ada, C

**See Also** ssSetInputPortSampleTime, ssSetOutputPortSampleTime, ssSetOffsetTime

### ssSetSFcnParamNotTunable

Purpose Make a block parameter nontunable

**Syntax** void ssSetSFcnParamNotTunable(SimStruct \*S, int T index)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

index

Index of the parameter to be made nontunable.

Description

Use this macro in mdlInitializeSizes to specify that a parameter doesn't change during the simulation, where *index* starts at 0 and is less than ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S). This improves efficiency and provides error handling in the event that an attempt is made to change the parameter.

**Note** This macro is obsolete. It is provided only for compatibility with S-functions created with earlier versions of Simulink.

Languages

C

**See Also** 

ssSetSFcnParamTunable, ssGetSFcnParamsCount

### **ssSetSFcnParamTunable**

**Purpose** 

Make a block parameter tunable

**Syntax** 

void ssSetSFcnParamTunable(SimStruct \*S, int\_T param,
 int T isTunable)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

param

Index of the parameter.

isTunable

Valid values are SS\_PRM\_TUNABLE (tunable), SS\_PRM\_NOT\_TUNABLE (not tunable), or SS\_PRM\_SIM\_ONLY\_TUNABLE (tunable only during simulation).

**Description** 

Use this macro in mdlInitializeSizes to specify whether a user can change a dialog parameter during the simulation. The parameter index starts at 0 and is less than ssGetSFcnParamsCount(S). This improves efficiency and provides error handling in the event that an attempt is made to change the parameter.

If you specify the SS\_PRM\_TUNABLE option, you must create a corresponding run-time parameter (see "Creating Run-Time Parameters" on page 7-7). You do not have to create a corresponding run-time parameter if you specify the SS\_PRM\_SIM\_ONLY\_TUNABLE option.

**Note** Dialog parameters are tunable by default. However, an S-function should declare the tunability of all parameters, whether tunable or not, to avoid programming errors. If the user enables the simulation diagnostic S-function upgrade needed, Simulink issues the diagnostic whenever it encounters an S-function that fails to specify the tunability of all its parameters.

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

**See Also** 

ssGetSFcnParamsCount

### ssSetSolverNeedsReset

**Purpose** 

Ask Simulink to reset the solver

**Syntax** 

void ssSetSolverNeedsReset(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** 

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

**Description** 

This macro causes the solver for the current simulation to reinitialize variable step size and zero-crossing computations. This happens only if the solver is a variable-step, continuous solver. (The macro has no effect if the user has selected another type of solver for the current simulation.) An S-function should invoke this macro whenever changes occur in the dynamics of the S-function, e.g., a discontinuity in a state or output, that might invalidate the solver's step-size computations. Otherwise, the solver might take unnecessarily small steps, slowing down the simulation.

**Note** If a change in the dynamics of the S-function necessitates reinitializing its continuous states, the S-function should reinitialize the states before invoking this macro to ensure accurate computation of the next step size.

### Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

### Example

The following example uses this macro to ask Simulink to reset the solver.

```
static void mdlOutputs(SimStruct *S, int_T tid)
{
    :
    : <snip>
    :
    if ( under_certain_conditions ) {
        double *x = ssGetContStates(S);
        /* reset the states */
        for (i=0; i<nContStates; i++) {
            x[i] = 0.0;
      }
        /* Ask Simulink to reset the solver. */
        ssSetSolverNeedsReset(S);
    }
}</pre>
```

### ssSetSolverNeedsReset

Also see the source code for the Time-Varying Continuous Transfer Function (matlabroot/simulink/src/stvctf.c) for an example of where and how to use this macro.

## ssSetStopRequested

**Purpose** Set the simulation stop requested flag

**Syntax** ssSetStopRequested(SimStruct \*S, val)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

val

Boolean value ( $int_T$ ) specifying whether stopping the simulation has been

requested (1) or not (0).

**Description** Sets the simulation stop requested flag to val. If val is not 0, Simulink halts

the simulation at the end of the current time step.

**Languages** C

See Also ssGetStopRequested

**Purpose** Set the time of the next sample hit

**Syntax** void ssSetTNext(SimStruct \*S, time\_T tnext)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

tnext

Time of the next sample hit.

**Description** A discrete S-function with a variable sample time should use this macro in

mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit to specify the time of the next sample hit.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssGetTNext, ssGetT, mdlGetTimeOfNextVarHit

### ssSetUserData

Purpose Specify user data

**Syntax** void ssSetUserData(SimStruct \*S, void \* data)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

data

User data.

**Description** Specifies user data.

 $\textbf{Languages} \qquad \quad \mathrm{C,\,C++}$ 

See Also ssGetUserData

**Purpose** Specify the vector mode that an S-function supports

**Syntax** void ssSetVectorMode(SimStruct \*S, ssVectorMode mode)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

mode

Vector mode.

**Description** 

Specifies the types of vector-like signals that an S-Function block's input and output ports support. Simulink uses this information during signal dimension propagation to check the validity of signals connected to the block or emitted by the block. The enumerated type ssvectorMode defines the set of values that mode can have.

Mode Value	Signal Dimensionality Supported
SS_UNKNOWN_MODE	Unknown
SS_1_D_OR_COL_VECT	1-D (vector) or single-column 2-D (column vector)
SS_1_D_OR_ROW_VECT	1-D or single-row 2-D (row vector) signals
SS_1_D_ROW_OR_COL_VECT	Vector or row or column vector
SS_1_D_VECT	Vector
SS_COL_VECT	Column vector
SS_ROW_VECT	Row vector

**Languages** C

**Example** See simulink/src/sfun\_bitop.c for examples that use this macro.

### ssSetZeroBasedIndexInputPort

**Purpose** Specify that an input port expects zero-based indices.

**Syntax** void ssSetZeroBasedIndexInputPort(SimStruct \*S, int\_T pIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

pIdx

Input port of the S-function.

**Description** Use this macro in mdlInitializeSizes to specify that port pldx expects

zero-based index values. Simulink signals an error if it detects that the signal connected to this block is one-based when it updates a diagram containing the

S-function.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** mdlInitializeSizes, ssSetZeroBasedIndexOutputPort,

ssSetOneBasedIndexInputPort

## ssSetZeroBasedIndexOutputPort

**Purpose** Specify that an output port emits zero-based indices.

**Syntax** void ssSetZeroBasedIndexOutputPort(SimStruct \*S, int\_T pIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

pIdx

Output port of the S-function.

**Description** Use this macro in mdlInitializeSizes to specify that port pIdx emits

zero-based index values. Simulink signals an error if it detects during model update that the port is connected to an input that expects one-based indices.

Languages C, C++

**See Also** mdlInitializeSizes, ssSetZeroBasedIndexInputPort,

 $\verb|ssSetOneBasedIndexOutputPort|\\$ 

# ssUpdate All Tunable Params As Run Time Params

**Purpose** Update the values of run-time parameters to be the same as those of the

corresponding tunable dialog parameters

**Syntax** void ssUpdateAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams(SimStruct \*S)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

**Description** Use this macro in the S-function's mdlProcessParameters method to update

the values of all run-time parameters created by the ssRegAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams macro.

**Languages** C

**See Also** mdlProcessParameters, ssUpdateRunTimeParamInfo,

ssRegAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams

## ssUpdateRunTimeParamData

**Purpose** Update the value of a run-time parameter

**Syntax** void ssUpdateRunTimeParamData(SimStruct \*S, int\_T param, void \*data)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

param

Index of a run-time parameter.

data

New value of the parameter.

**Description** Use this macro in the S-function's mdlProcessParameters method to update

the value of the run-time parameter specified by param.

**Languages** C

**See Also** mdlProcessParameters, ssGetRunTimeParamInfo,

ssUpdateAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams, ssRegAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams

## ssUpdateDlgParamAsRunTimeParam

**Purpose** Update a run-time parameter that corresponds to a dialog parameter

**Syntax** ssUpdateDlgParamAsRunTimeParam(S, rtIdx)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

rtIdx

Index of the run-time parameter.

**Description** Use in mdlProcessParameters to set the value of the run-time parameter

specified by rtIdx to the current value of the dialog parameter specified by dlgIdx. If necessary, this function converts the data type of the value to the

data type specified by dtId.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssUpdateAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams

## ssUpdateRunTimeParamInfo

**Purpose** Update the attributes of a run-time parameter

**Syntax** void ssUpdateRunTimeParamInfo(SimStruct \*S, int\_T param, ssParamRec

\*info)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

param

Index of a run-time parameter.

info

Attributes of the run-time parameter.

**Description** 

Use this macro in the S-function's mdlProcessParameters method to update specific run-time parameters. For each parameter to be updated, the method should first obtain a pointer to the parameter's attributes record (ssParamRec), using ssGetRunTimeParamInfo. The method should then update the record and pass it back to Simulink, using this macro.

**Note** If you used ssRegAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams to create the run-time parameters, use ssUpdateAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams to update the parameters.

**Languages** C

See Also

mdlProcessParameters, ssGetRunTimeParamInfo, ssUpdateAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams, ssRegAllTunableParamsAsRunTimeParams

# ssWarning

Purpose Display a warning message

**Syntax** ssWarning(SimStruct \*S, msg)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block or a Simulink model.

msg

Warning message.

**Description** Displays msg. Expands to mexWarnMsgTxt when compiled for use with

Simulink. When compiled for use with the Real-Time Workshop, expands to printf("Warning:%s from '%s'\n",msg, ssGetPath(S));, if the target has

stdio facilities; otherwise, it expands to a comment.

**Languages** C

**See Also** ssSetErrorStatus, ssPrintf

## ssWriteRTW2dMatParam

**Purpose** Write a matrix parameter to the model.rtw file

**Syntax** int\_T ssWriteRTW2dMatParam(SimStruct \*S, const char\_T \*name,

const void \*value, int\_T dataType, int\_T nRows, int\_T nCols)

Arguments

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

name

Parameter name.

value

Parameter values.

dataType

Data type of parameter elements (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on

page 9-242).

nRows

Number of rows in the matrix.

nColumns

Number of columns in the matrix.

**Description** Use this function in mdlRTW to write a vector of numeric parameters to this

S-function's model.rtw file. This function returns true if successful.

**Languages** C

## ssWriteRTWMx2dMatParam

**Purpose** Write a matrix parameter in MATLAB format to the model.rtw file

**Syntax** int\_T ssWriteRTWMx2dMatParam(SimStruct \*S, const char\_T \*name,

const void \*rValue, const void \*iValue, int\_T dataType, int\_T

nRows, int T nCols)

Arguments

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

name

Parameter name.

rValue

Real elements of the parameter array.

iValue

Imaginary elements of the parameter array.

dataType

Data type of the parameter elements (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on

page 9-242).

nRows

Number of rows in the matrix.

nColumns

Number of columns in the matrix.

**Description** Use this function in mdlRTW to write a matrix parameter in MATLAB format to

this S-function's model, rtw file. This function returns true if successful.

**Languages** C

See Also mdlRTW, ssWriteRTW2dMatParam

## ssWriteRTWMxVectParam

**Purpose** Write a vector parameter in MATLAB format to the model.rtw file

**Syntax** int\_T ssWriteRTWMxVectParam(SimStruct \*S, const char\_T \*name,

const void \*rValue, const void \*iValue, int\_T dataType, int\_T

size)

Arguments

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

name

Parameter name.

rValue

Real values of the parameter.

cValue

Complex values of the parameter.

dataType

Data type of the parameter elements (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on

page 9-242).

size

Number of elements in the vector.

**Description** Use this function in mdlRTW to write a vector parameter in Simulink format to

this S-function's model.rtw file. This function returns true if successful.

**Languages** C

See Also mdlRTW, ssWriteRTWMxVectParam

### ssWriteRTWParameters

#### **Purpose**

Write tunable parameter information to the model.rtw file

#### **Syntax**

```
int_T ssWriteRTWParameters(SimStruct *S, int_T nParams, int_T
    paramType, const char_T *paramName, const char_T *stringInfo,
    ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nParams

Number of tunable parameters.

paramType

Type of parameter (see "Parameter Type-Specific Arguments").

paramName

Name of the parameter.

stringInfo

General information about the parameter, such as how it was derived.

. . .

Remaining arguments depend on the parameter type (see "Parameter Type-Specific Arguments").

#### **Description**

Use this function in md1RTW to write tunable parameter information to this S-function's model.rtw file. Your S-function must write the parameters out in the same order as they are declared at the beginning of the S-function. This function returns true if successful.

**Note** This function is provided for compatibility with S-functions that do not use run-time parameters. It is suggested that you use run-time parameters (see "Run-Time Parameters" on page 7-6). If you do use run-time parameters, you do not need to use this function.

## **Parameter Type-Specific Arguments**

• SS\_WRITE\_VALUE\_VECT (vector parameter)

Argument	Description
const real_T *valueVect	Pointer to an array of vector values
int_T vectLen	Length of the vector

 $\bullet \; \mathsf{SSWRITE\_VALUE\_2DMAT} \; (matrix \; parameter) \\$ 

Argument	Description
const real_T *valueMat	Pointer to an array of matrix elements
int_T nRows	Number of rows in the matrix
int_T nCols	Number of columns in the matrix

• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_DTYPE\_2DMAT

Argument	Description
const real_T *valueMat	Pointer to an array of matrix elements
int_T nRows	Number of rows in the matrix
int_T nCols	Number of columns in the matrix
int_T dtInfo	Data type of matrix elements (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on page 9-242)

• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_DTYPE\_ML\_VECT

Argument	Description
const void *rValueVect	Real component of the complex vector
const void *iValueVect	Imaginary component of the complex vector
int_T vectLen	Length of the vector
int_T dtInfo	Data type of the vector (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on page 9-242)

• SSWRITE VALUE DTYPE ML 2DMAT

Argument	Description
const void *rValueMat	Real component of the complex matrix
const void *iValueMat	Imaginary component of the complex matrix
int_T nRows	Number of rows in the matrix
int_T nCols	Number of columns in the matrix
int_T dtInfo	Data type of matrix

#### **Specifying Data Type Info**

You obtain the data type of the value argument passed to the ssWriteRTW macros using

DTINFO(dTypeId, isComplex)

where dTypeId can be any one of the enum values in BuiltInDTypeID (SS\_DOUBLE, SS\_SINGLE, SS\_INT8, SS\_UINT8, SS\_INT16, SS\_UINT16, SS\_UINT32, SS\_UINT32, SS\_BOOLEAN) defined in simstuc\_types.h. The isComplex argument is either 0 or 1.

For example, DTINFO(SS\_INT32,0) is a noncomplex 32-bit signed integer.

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If isComplex==1, the array of values is assumed to have the real and imaginary parts arranged in an interleaved manner (i.e., Simulink format). If you prefer to pass the real and imaginary parts as two separate arrays, you should use the macro ssWriteRTWMxVectParam or ssWriteRTWMx2dMatParam.

**Example** See simulink/src/sfun multiport.c for an example that uses this function.

**Languages** C

# ssWriteRTWParamSettings

#### **Purpose**

Write values of nontunable parameters to the model.rtw file

#### **Syntax**

int\_T ssWriteRTWParamSettings(SimStruct \*S, int\_T nParamSettings, int\_T paramType, const char\_T \*settingName, ...)

#### Arguments

S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

nParamSettings

Number of parameter settings.

paramType

Type of parameter (see "Parameter Setting Type-Specific Arguments" on page 9-244).

settingName

Name of parameter.

. . .

Remaining arguments depend on the parameter type (see "Parameter Setting Type-Specific Arguments").

#### **Description**

Use this function in mdlRTW to write nontunable parameter setting information to this S-function's model.rtw file. A nontunable parameter is any parameter that the S-function has declared as nontunable, using the ssSetParameterTunable macro. You can also use this macro to write out other constant values required to generate code for this S-function.

This function returns true if successful.

## **Parameter Setting Type-Specific Arguments**

This section lists the parameter-specific arguments required by each parameter type.

• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_STR (unquoted string)

Argument	Description
const char_T *value	String (e.g., U.S.A.)

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• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_QSTR (quoted string)

Argument	Description
const char_T *value	String (e.g., "U.S.A.")

• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_VECT\_STR (vector of strings)

Argument	Description
const char_T *value	Vector of strings (e.g., ["USA", "Mexico"])
int_T nItemsInVect	Size of the vector

• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_NUM (number)

Argument	Description
const real_T value	Number (e.g., 2)

• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_VECT (vector of numbers)

Argument	Description
const real_T *value	Vector of numbers (e.g., [300, 100])
int_T vectLen	Size of the vector

• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_2DMAT (matrix of numbers)

Argument	Description
const real_T *value	Matrix of numbers (e.g., [[170, 130],[60, 40]])
int_T nRows	Number of rows in the vector
int_T nCols	Number of columns in the vector

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 $\bullet \ {\tt SSWRITE\_VALUE\_DTYPE\_NUM} \ (data \ typed \ number) \\$ 

Argument	Description
const void *value	Number (e.g., [3+4i])
int_T dtInfo	Data type (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on page 9-242)

• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_DTYPE\_VECT (data typed vector)

Argument	Description
const void *value	Data-typed vector (e.g., [1+2i, 3+4i])
int_T vectLen	Size of the vector
int_T dtInfo	Data type (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on page 9-242)

• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_DTYPE\_2DMAT (data-typed matrix)

Argument	Description
const void *value	Matrix (e.g., [1+2i 3+4i; 5 6])
int_T nRows	Number of rows in the matrix
int_T nCols	Number of columns in the matrix
int_T dtInfo	Data type (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on page 9-242)

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• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_DTYPE\_ML\_VECTOR (data-typed MATLAB vector)

Argument	Description
const void *RValue	Real component of the vector (e.g., [1 3])
const void *IValue	Imaginary component of the vector (e.g., [2 5])
int_T vectLen	Number of elements in the vector
int_T dtInfo	Data type (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on page 9-242)

• SSWRITE\_VALUE\_DTYPE\_ML\_2DMAT (data typed MATLAB matrix)

Argument	Description
const void *RValue	Real component of the matrix (e.g., [1 5 3 6])
const void *IValue	Real component of the matrix (e.g., [2 0 4 0])
int_T nRows	Number of rows in the matrix
int_T nCols	Number of columns in the matrix
int_T dtInfo	Data type (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on page 9-242)

Example

See simulink/src/sfun\_multiport.c for an example that uses this function.

Languages

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

See Also

mdlRTW, ssSetParameterTunable

# ssWriteRTWScalarParam

**Purpose** Write a scalar parameter to the model.rtw file

**Syntax** int T ssWriteRTWScalarParam(SimStruct \*S, const char T \*name,

const void \*value, int\_T type)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

name

Parameter name.

value

Parameter value.

type

Integer ID of the type of the parameter value, for example, the ID of one of the Simulink built-in data types (see BuiltInDTypeId in simstruc\_types.h in the MATLAB simulink/include subdirectory) or the ID of a user-defined type (see

"Custom Data Types" on page 7-16).

**Description** Use this function in mdlRTW to write scalar parameters to this S-function's

model.rtw file. This function returns true if successful.

**Languages** C

## ssWriteRTWStr

Purpose Write a string to the model.rtw file

**Syntax** int\_T ssWriteRTWStr(SimStruct \*S, const char\_T \*str)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

str String.

**Description** Use this function in mdlRTW to write strings to this S-function's model.rtw file.

This function returns true if successful.

**Languages** C

## ssWriteRTWStrParam

**Purpose** Write a string parameter to the model.rtw file

**Syntax** int\_T ssWriteRTWStrParam(SimStruct \*S, const char\_T \*name,

const char\_T \*value)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

name

Parameter name.

value

Parameter value.

**Description** Use this function in mdlRTW to write string parameters to this S-function's

model.rtw file. This function returns true if successful.

**Languages** C

## ssWriteRTWStrVectParam

**Purpose** Write a string vector parameter to the model.rtw file

**Syntax** int\_T ssWriteRTWStrVectParam(SimStruct \*S, const char\_T \*name,

const void \*value, int\_T size)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

name

Parameter name.

value

Parameter values.

size

Number of elements in the vector.

**Description** Use this function in mdlRTW to write a vector of string parameters to this

S-function's model.rtw file. This function returns true if successful.

**Languages** C

## ssWriteRTWVectParam

**Purpose** Write a vector parameter to the model.rtw file

**Syntax** int\_T ssWriteRTWVectParam(SimStruct \*S, const char\_T \*name,

const void \*value, int\_T dataType, int\_T size)

**Arguments** S

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

name

Parameter name.

value

Parameter values.

dataType

Data type of the parameter elements (see "Specifying Data Type Info" on

page 9-242).

size

Number of elements in the vector.

**Description** Use this function in mdlRTW to write a vector parameter in Simulink format to

this S-function's model.rtw file. This function returns true if successful.

**Languages** C

See Also mdlRTW, ssWriteRTWMxVectParam

**Purpose** Write work vectors to the model.rtw file

**Syntax** int\_T ssWriteRTWWorkVect(SimStruct \*S, const char\_T \*vectName,

int\_T nNames, const char\_T \*name1, int\_T size1, ...,

const char\_T \* nameN, int\_T sizeN)

Arguments

SimStruct representing an S-Function block.

vectName

Name of work vector (must be "RWork", "IWork", or "PWork").

nNames

Number of names (see next argument).

name1 ... nameN

Names of groups of work vector elements.

size1 ... sizeN

Size of each element group (the total of the sizes must equal the size of the work

vector).

**Description** Use this function in mdlRTW to write work vectors to this S-function's model.rtw

file. This function returns true if successful.

**Languages** C

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