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Robust Tuning with systune Command or Control System Tuner App: Automatically tune controllers to maximize performance over a range of parameter values

Control System Tuner and the systume command now tune control systems for robustness against real parameter uncertainty in the plant. You represent parameter uncertainty in your control system model using uncertain real parameters ureal or uss. The software automatically finds the worst combinations of parameter values and tunes the controller to maximize performance over the parameter uncertainty range.

In MATLAB[®], build a generalized state-space (genss) model of your control system using ureal or uss blocks to represent real parameter uncertainty in the plant. You can tune the model with systume or in Control System Tuner exactly as you would for a tunable control system model without uncertainty. For a detailed example, see "Robust Tuning of Positioning System".

In Simulink[®], use linearization with block substitution to replace one more blocks in the model with uncertain values represented by ureal or uss objects. (Requires Simulink Control Design[™] software.) See "Robust Tuning of Mass-Spring-Damper System".

In both cases, when you tune the model, the software automatically adjusts the tunable components to achieve the specified performance as well as possible throughout the uncertainty range. Analysis plots automatically display random samples of the uncertain system to give you a visual sense of the performance variation.

For more information about robust tuning generally, see "Robust Tuning Approaches".

Compatibility Considerations

Previously, when you used **systune** to tune a model that had uncertainties, the software would set the uncertain blocks to their nominal values before tuning the system. Now, **systune** tunes the model for robustness against those uncertainties. To recover the old behavior, i.e., to tune a controller for the nominal system only, use **getNominal** to obtain the nominal value. For example:

[CL,fSoft,GHard,info] = systume(getNominal(CLO),SoftReqs,HardReqs);

In this example, CLO is a genss model containing uncertain blocks.

Gain Scheduling with systune and slTuner: Automatically tune the Lookup Table and Interpolation blocks used to model gain-scheduled controllers in Simulink

You can now use the **slTuner** interface to automatically tune control systems modeled in Simulink in which plant dynamics change with operating conditions or time. (Requires Simulink Control Design software.)

In such gain-scheduled control systems, the controller gains vary as a function of one or more scheduling variables. In the Simulink model, use the Lookup Table or Interpolation blocks to implement the variable controller gains. You then use the new tunableSurface command to parameterize the dependency of these gains on the scheduling variables. The software automatically tunes the coefficients of that parameterization so that the control system meets the tuning requirements you specify over the entire grid of scheduling-variable values. The software also writes the tuned coefficients back to the Lookup Table or Interpolation blocks.

In previous releases, you could not parameterize Lookup Table or Interpolation blocks in terms of the functional form of its dependence on the scheduling variable. As a result, you could not automatically tune a gain-scheduled control element and write the tuned coefficients back to the Simulink model. Using **systune** to tune and implement gainscheduled controllers required a complex process of manually extracting coefficient values and inserting them in the blocks.

For more details, see "Set Up Simulink Models for Gain Scheduling".

For examples showing how to use tunableSurface to tune gain-scheduled controllers implemented with Lookup Table blocks, see:

- · "Gain-Scheduled Control of a Chemical Reactor"
- "Tuning of Gain-Scheduled Three-Loop Autopilot"

tunableSurface Object: Parameterize and tune gain-scheduled controllers using improved workflow

The new tunableSurface object lets you express gain in terms of tunable parameters for tuning gain-scheduled controllers with systume. In such gain-scheduled control systems, the controller gains vary as a function of one or more scheduling variables. You parameterize the dependency of controller gains on the scheduling variables. The software automatically tunes the coefficients of that parameterization so that the control system meets the tuning requirements you specify over the entire grid of scheduling-variable values. tunableSurface replaces the gainsurf command.

In previous releases, you could use the gainsurf command to represent tunable surfaces for control system tuning. With that command, you had to explicitly supply the values of the gain surface calculated over the grid of design points. tunableSurface simplifies that workflow by allowing you to specify the gain surface in terms of functions of the scheduling variables, such as the basis functions of a polynomial expansion.

For more details about creating tunable gain surfaces, see:

- "Parametric Gain Surfaces"
- tunableSurface reference page

Compatibility Considerations

tunableSurface replaces gainsurf, which was used in previous releases to parameterize controller gains as functions of scheduling variables. gainsurf still works, but might be removed in a future release. If you have scripts or functions that use gainsurf, consider updating them to use tunableSurface instead.

getNominal command for extracting nominal value of uncertain model

Use getNominal to replace the uncertain elements of a generalized model with their nominal values. All other control design blocks in the generalized model are unchanged. For example, suppose that M is a generalized state-space (genss) model that has both uncertain blocks and tunable blocks. The command getNominal(M) returns a genss model having the same tunable blocks as M.

For more information, see the getNominal reference page.

usample samples uncertain blocks and preserves other control design blocks

The usample command now preserves any non-uncertain control design blocks when you use it to sample the uncertain elements of a generalized model. For example, suppose that M is a generalized state-space (genss) model that has both uncertain blocks and tunable blocks. The command usample(M,N) samples the uncertain blocks, and returns an array of genss models having the same tunable blocks as M.

Compatibility Considerations

Previously, when applied to models having tunable control design blocks, usample used the current (nominal) value of those blocks, and returned an array of numeric models. To recover the previous behavior, use getValue. For example, the following command randomly samples the uncertain blocks of M, replaces the tunable blocks of M with their current values, and returns an array of numeric state-space models.

```
Msamp = getValue(usample(M,N));
```

New property for limiting maximum frequency in random samples of ultidyn

Use the SampleMaxFrequency property of ultidyn to limit the natural frequency of dynamics when you take random samples of ultidyn blocks. For example, the following command creates SISO uncertain dynamics.

dH = ultidyn('dH',[1 1],'SampleMaxFrequency',1);

When you take random samples of dH, such as with usample, the dynamics of the samples are no faster than 1 rad/s. The default value of SampleMaxFrequency is Inf (no limit).

Also, the SampleStateDim property of ultidyn is changed to SampleStateDimension.

Compatibility Considerations

The property name SampleStateDim still works, but might be removed in a later release. If you have scripts or functions that use SampleStateDim, consider updating them to use SampleStateDimension instead.

Functionality being removed or changed

Functionality	Result	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
systune (CLO,) where CLO contains uncertain blocks	Tunes robustly against real parameter uncertainty in CLO		Previously, systune used the nominal value of all uncertain blocks in the tuned

Functionality	Result	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
			model. Now, use getNominal explicitly to tune for the nominal system only. See "Robust Tuning with systune Command or Control System Tuner App: Automatically tune controllers to maximize performance over a range of parameter values" on page 1-2.
gainsurf	Still works	tunableSurface	If you have scripts or functions that use gainsurf, consider updating them to use tunableSurface instead. See "tunableSurface Object: Parameterize and tune gain- scheduled controllers using improved workflow" on page 1-3

Functionality	Result	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
usample(M,N)	Samples uncertain control design blocks of M, and preserves other control design blocks	getValue(usample(Previously, usample used the current value of non- uncertain control design blocks. See "usample samples uncertain blocks and preserves other control design blocks" on page 1-4
SampleStateDim property of ultidyn	Still works	SampleStateDimens	Consider replacing SampleStateDim with SampleStateDimens

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New Features

Bug Fixes

Robust tuning of controller parameters against a set of plant models specified through parameter variations in Control System Tuner app

When you use Control System Tuner to tune a Simulink model of a control system, you can now generate multiple plant models by varying model parameters. You can then tune the control system to satisfy your specified tuning goals for all the resulting models.

Tuning to multiple models is useful to help ensure that the tuned control system is robust against parameter variations or changes in operating conditions. For example, if a parameter in your Simulink model represents a process temperature, you can generate multiple models spanning the range of expected temperature variations, and tune your control system to meet your design requirements for all those models at once.

For more information about tuning control systems for multiple models in Control System Tuner, see Robust Tuning Using Multiple Plant Models in Control System Tuner. For an example showing how to specify parameter variations for tuning with Control System Tuner, see Tuning Control System with Multiple Valued Plant Parameters using Control System Tuner.

Open Control System Tuner app with saved session from command line

Use the new syntax controlSystemTuner(sessionfile) to open Control System Tuner and load data from a saved session. When you use Control System Tuner, you

can click **Gave Session** to save session data to disk such as tuning goals you have created, response I/Os you have defined, operating points, and stored designs. The string **sessionfile** is the name of a session data file saved in the current working directory or on the MATLAB path. The software also opens the Simulink model associated with the saved session.

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New Features

Bug Fixes

Compatibility Considerations

Quick Loop Tuning option in Control System Tuner app for tuning control systems to target loop bandwidth and stability margins

Quick Loop Tuning lets you use a loop-shaping approach to tune SISO or MIMO feedback loops in Control System Tuner. You can use Quick Loop Tuning to tune control systems modeled in MATLAB or Simulink. With Quick Loop Tuning you can tune your system to meet target gain crossover and margin requirements without explicitly creating tuning goals that capture these requirements. You specify feedback loops to tune by selecting the control signals and measurement signals in a block diagram of your control system. Control System Tuner adjusts the tunable parameters of your system such that the openloop gain crossover falls within the desired frequency range with the gain and phase margins you specify.

For more information about using Quick Loop Tuning, see Quick Loop Tuning of Feedback Loops in Control System Tuner.

Tuning goals for automated tuning to meet transient response and disturbance rejection requirements

New tuning goals let you explicitly specify a target transient response or a minimum disturbance rejection in a tuned control system. These tuning goals are available both in Control System Tuner and at the command line when tuning with systume.

The transient response goal lets you shape how the closed-loop system responds to a specific input signal. You specify the desired transient response as a reference model. The target transient response is the response of the reference model to an impulse, step, ramp, or custom input signal. To use the transient response goal:

- In Control System Tuner, in the **Tuning** tab, in the **New Goal** menu, select Transient Response Matching.
- At the command line, specify the design requirement using TuningGoal.Transient.

The step rejection goal lets you specify a minimum standard for rejecting disturbances. You specify characteristics such as the maximum amplitude and settling time of the response at some point in your control system to a step disturbance injected at another point in the system. Alternatively, specify a reference system whose response to step input is the target response. To use the step rejection goal:

• In Control System Tuner, in the **Tuning** tab, in the **New Goal** menu, select Rejection of Step Disturbances.

• At the command line, specify the design requirement using TuningGoal.StepRejection.

MATLAB code generation from Control System Tuner app for automatically scripting control system tuning tasks

You can now generate a MATLAB script for control system tuning from Control System Tuner. Generated MATLAB scripts are useful when you want to programmatically reproduce a result you obtained interactively. You can also use generated code to perform multiple tuning operations with systematic variations in tuning configurations such as model operating point or tuning goals.

For more information, see Generate MATLAB Code from Control System Tuner for Command-Line Tuning.

Enhanced constraints on controller dynamics for control system tuning

New functionality gives you more flexibility when specifying constraints on controller dynamics for control system tuning. The following new features are available in both Control System Tuner using **Controller Poles Goal** and when tuning at the command line using **TuningGoal.ControllerPoles** (formerly **TuningGoal.StableController**).

- You can now specify a minimum damping constant for the poles of a tunable block. Previously, the damping constant of controller poles could take any value between zero and 1.
- You can now specify a negative value for the minimum decay rate of controller poles, allowing for unstable controllers. Previously, the minimum decay rate had to be positive, and therefore always enforced the stability of the constrained block.
- Fixed integrators in the constrained tunable block are no longer considered when evaluating the constraint. In other words, the tuning goal now constrains locations of all poles in the block except fixed integrators, such as the I term in a PID controller.

For more information about these features, see:

- Controller Poles Goal, for tuning in Control System Tuner.
- The TuningGoal.ControllerPoles reference page, for tuning at the command line.

Compatibility Considerations

TuningGoal.StableController has been renamed to TuningGoal.ControllerPoles. Scripts and functions that use TuningGoal.StableController do not generate errors. However, TuningGoal.StableController will not be maintained in future releases. You should replace instances of TuningGoal.StableController in your code with TuningGoal.ControllerPoles.

New syntax in TuningGoal.Poles for directly specifying constraints on dynamics

When you use TuningGoal.Poles to constrain the dynamics of a tuned control system, you can now directly specify the minimum decay rate, minimum damping, and maximum natural frequency when you create the tuning goal. To do so, use the following syntaxes:

R = TuningGoal.Poles(MinDecay,MinDamping,MaxFreq); R = TuningGoal.Poles(Location,MinDecay,MinDamping,MaxFreq);

Previously, to specify such constraints on controller dynamics, you had to first create the tuning goal, and then modify its MinDecay, MinDamping, and MaxFrequency properties.

For more information, enter see the TuningGoal.Poles reference page.

TuningGoal.StepResp renamed to TuningGoal.StepTracking

The tuning requirement TuningGoal.StepResp is now called TuningGoal.StepTracking.

Compatibility Considerations

Scripts and functions that use TuningGoal.StepResp do not generate errors. However, TuningGoal.StepResp will not be maintained in future releases. You should replace instances of TuningGoal.StepResp in your code with TuningGoal.StepTracking.

DisturbanceInput property of TuningGoal.Rejection renamed to Location

The DisturbanceInput property of the tuning requirement TuningGoal.Rejection is now called Location, to unify the names of similar properties of several tuning

requirements. If Req is a TuningGoal.Rejection requirement, you can access this property using Req.Location.

Compatibility Considerations

Scripts and functions that use the DisturbanceInput property do not generate errors. However, the DisturbanceInput property will not be maintained in future releases. You should replace instances of DisturbanceInput in your code with Location.

Functionality being removed or changed

Functionality	What Happens When You Use This Functionality?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations	
TuningGoal.Stable	Still works	TuningGoal.Contro	Consider replacing TuningGoal.Stable with TuningGoal.Contro	
TuningGoal.StepRe	Still works	TuningGoal.StepTr	Consider replacing TuningGoal.StepRe with TuningGoal.StepTr	•
DisturbanceInput property of TuningGoal.Reject	Still works	Location property	Consider replacing DisturbanceInput with Location.	

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Control System Tuner app for automated tuning of control systems

The new Control System Tuner lets you interactively tune SISO or MIMO control systems modeled in MATLAB or Simulink. Control System Tuner tunes the control system parameters to meet design requirements you specify, such as reference tracking, disturbance rejection, stability margins, loops shapes, and sensitivity. You can examine multiple system responses in both the time and frequency domains to evaluate performance of the tuned control system.

If you have Simulink Control Design software, you can tune a control system represented by a Simulink model. Control System Tuner can tune most blocks used to create a control system in Simulink. These blocks include Gain, PID Controller, Transfer Fcn, State-Space, Zero-Pole, Discrete Filter, and the LTI System block. Any controller architecture created using these blocks can be tuned. To access Control System Tuner for tuning a Simulink model, select **Analysis > Control Design > Control System Tuner**.

Control System Tuner can also tune a control system represented by a tunable genss model. Any control architecture constructed with Control Design Blocks such as ltiblock.pid, ltiblock.tf, or realp blocks can be tuned. To open Control System Tuner for tuning a control system modeled in MATLAB, use the controlSystemTuner command.

For more information about using Control System Tuner, see:

- Automated Tuning Basics
- Tuning with Control System Tuner

Step response and LQG requirements for control system tuning with systume and looptune commands

New TuningGoal requirement objects allow you to specify tuning objectives for automated tuning of control systems with systune and looptune.

• TuningGoal.StepResp — Requires that the step response between specified locations in the control system match the step response of a specified reference system. For details about this requirement, see the TuningGoal.StepResp reference page.

• TuningGoal.LQG — Specifies a linear-quadratic-gaussian (LQG) goal for control system tuning. This requirement lets you quantify control performance as an LQG cost. For details about this requirement, see the TuningGoal.LQG reference page.

Improvements to TuningGoal requirements for control system tuning

This release introduces a variety of improvements to TuningGoal requirement objects for automated tuning of fixed-structure control systems with systume and looptune.

Tuning Goals for constraining dynamics impose implicit stability constraints

TuningGoal.StableController and TuningGoal.Poles now impose implicit stability constraints on controller or system dynamics. This allows you to require poles of the controller or the closed-loop control system to be stable, without necessarily limiting the minimum decay or maximum frequency of those poles. Previously, you had to specify finite values for minimum decay and maximum frequency when using these tuning goals.

Compatibility Considerations

The default values of the MinDecay and MaxFrequency properties of these requirements have changed. If you have scripts that use TuningGoal.StableController or TuningGoal.Poles requirements with default values, update those scripts to explicitly set the finite values you want.

Property	Previous Default Value	New Default Value
TuningGoal.Poles.MinDe	1e-6	0
TuningGoal.StableContr		
TuningGoal.Poles.MaxFr	1e6	Inf
TuningGoal.StableContr		
TuningGoal.Poles.MinDa	1e-6	0

Option to limit dynamics constraint to poles in a particular feedback loop

A new syntax for creating the TuningGoal.Poles requirement allows you to constrain only the poles of the sensitivity function measured at a specified location. Use this syntax to narrow the scope of the requirement to a particular feedback loop. For example, suppose you have a cascaded-loop control system in which the inner and outer loops contain loop-opening locations 'InnerLoop' and 'OuterLoop', respectively. The following command uses the new syntax to constrain the poles of the inner loop sensitivity function:

```
Req = TuningGoal.Poles('InnerLoop');
Req.MinDamping = 0.5;
Req.Openings = 'OuterLoop';
```

Req imposes a minimum damping on the poles of the inner loop sensitivity function measured with the outer loop open. The dynamics of blocks that do not participate to the inner loop are ignored.

For more information about using this constraint, see the TuningGoal.Poles reference page.

TuningGoal.Tracking allows specification of peak error

A new syntax for creating the TuningGoal.Tracking requirement allows you to specify a maximum tracking error for a particular input-output pair in terms of a response time, a relative DC error, and a peak relative error across all frequencies. These parameters are converted to the following expression for the maximum tracking error:

 $MaxError = \frac{(PeakError)s + \omega_c (DCError)}{s + \omega_c}.$

For more information about how to specify tracking error requirements, see the TuningGoal.Tracking reference page.

Specification of signal scaling in MIMO closed-loop Tuning Goals

New properties in several closed-loop Tuning Goals allow you to specify the relative amplitudes of multiple input and output signals in the loops constrained by the requirements. Use these properties to reduce cross-coupling in tuned systems when the choice of units results in a mix of small and large signals.

• TuningGoal.Tracking and TuningGoal.Overshoot now have an InputScaling property. This information is used to scale the off-diagonal terms in the transfer function from reference to tracking error. This scaling ensures that cross-couplings are measured relative to the amplitude of each reference signal.

• TuningGoal.Gain and TuningGoal.Variance now have InputScaling and OutputScaling properties. The values you set for these properties are used to scale the closed-loop transfer function T(s) on which you impose the tuning requirement. The requirement is evaluated for the scaled transfer function $D_o^{-1}T(s)D_i$. D_o and D_i are diagonal matrices formed from the OutputScaling and InputScaling property, respectively.

For more information on how to interpret and use these properties, see the reference pages for the Tuning Goals.

Option to remove stability constraint from loop-shape and gain-limiting Tuning Goals

The new **Stabilize** property of loop-shaping and gain-limiting Tuning Goals allows you turn off the implicit closed-loop stability constraint. If stability for the specified loop is not required or cannot be achieved, set **Stabilize** to **false** to relax the stability constraint.

This property is available for the following Tuning Goals:

- TuningGoal.LoopShape
- TuningGoal.Gain, TuningGoal.WeightedGain
- TuningGoal.MinLoopGain,TuningGoal.MaxLoopGain

For more information on how to use the **Stabilize** property, see the reference pages for the Tuning Goals.

ScalingOrder property added to TuningGoal.Margins

The TuningGoal.Margins tuning goal has a new property, ScalingOrder. This property controls the number of states in the diagonal scalings involved in computing MIMO stability margins. Increasing the order may improve results at the expense of increased computations.

Previously, this scaling order was set as a tuning option in systuneOptions.

Compatibility Considerations

If you have scripts that use the ScalingOrder option of systumeOptions, set the ScalingOrder property of TuningGoal.Margins instead.

Improved control system tuning of Simulink models with systune or looptune functions using slTuner interface (with Simulink Control Design)

Use the new slTuner interface for tuning control systems in Simulink models. This interface replaces slTunable. The slTuner interface allows you to:

- Tune model blocks and subsystems to meet tuning goals using the **systune** and **looptune** functions.
- Perform robust tuning of a controller against a set of plant models using **systune**. You can configure an **slTuner** interface to vary model parameter values and operating points. When you call **systune** for the interface, the software returns a control system that satisfies the tuning goals for all the specified model variations.
- Validate the controller design by examining the transfer function for relevant I/ O sets using the getIOTransfer, getLoopTransfer, getSensitivity, and getCompSensitivity functions.

slTuner, similar in design to slLinearizer, simplifies I/O management in the controller tuning and validation workflow. You specify signals of interest as *analysis points*. You can use these analysis points to configure design requirements and specify linearization inputs/outputs when you extract transfer functions.

For more information on command-line tuning of Simulink models with slTuner, see:

Programmatic Control System Tuning

Loop-Shaping Design

Compatibility Considerations

The slTunable interface will continue to work for backward compatibility. However, only the slTuner interface will be supported and enhanced in future releases. Therefore, adoption of the slTuner interface is strongly recommended.

For documentation of the slTunable interface, see slTunable in the R2013b documentation.

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Automatic tuning of gain-scheduled control systems with systune and looptune commands

You can now use **systune** and **looptune** to automatically tune control systems in which plant dynamics change with operating conditions or time. In such gain-scheduled control systems, the controller gains vary as a function of one or more scheduling variables. You parameterize the dependency of controller gains on the scheduling variables. The software automatically tunes the coefficients of that parameterization so that the control system meets the tuning requirements you specify over the entire range of plant operating conditions. The new gainsurf command helps you parameterize your controller gains as functions of scheduling variables.

Several new examples illustrating the workflow for gain-scheduled tuning, including:

- · Tuning of Gain-Scheduled Three-Loop Autopilot
- · Gain Scheduled Control Of a Chemical Reactor

For additional information about tuning gain-scheduled controllers, see Gain-Scheduled Controllers.

Automatic tuning of discrete-time control systems with systune and looptune commands

You can now use **systune** and **looptune** for automatic tuning of discrete-time control systems. This capability includes both:

- Control systems represented by discrete-time generalized LTI models (genss models with Ts property not equal to zero).
- Control systems represented by an slTunable interface to a Simulink mode. Set the Ts property of the slTunable interface to the sampling time at which you want to linearize the model.

To tune a discrete-time control system, use the same procedure and command syntax and you use to tune a continuous-time control system. For examples of discrete-time tuning, see:

- Digital Control of Power Stage Voltage
- MIMO Control of Diesel Engine

Sensitivity, overshoot, minimum and maximum loop gain requirements for control system tuning with looptune and systune

New TuningGoal requirement objects allow you to specify a variety of tuning objectives for automated tuning of fixed-structure control systems with systume and looptune. New tuning requirements include:

- TuningGoal.Sensitivity Constraint on sensitivity to disturbance
- TuningGoal.Overshoot Constraint on overshoot in step response
- TuningGoal.MinLoopGain Minimum loop gain constraint
- TuningGoal.MaxLoopGain Maximum loop gain constraint

Additionally, TuningGoal.LoopShape has two new syntaxes. These syntaxes allow you to specify a target crossover frequency or range of crossover frequencies for an open-loop response in your control system.

For more information about these TuningGoal requirement objects see the reference pages for each requirement object, and:

- Using Design Requirement Objects
- Specifying Design Requirements for systume
- · Performance and Robustness Specifications for looptune

100ptuneSetup command for switching from 100ptune to systune to use additional systune functionality

The new looptuneSetup command provides a bridge between the tuning commands looptune and systume. looptuneSetup takes the argument list for looptune and constructs an equivalent argument list for systume. The looptuneSetup command is valid for systems represented in either MATLAB or Simulink.

You can use this command to switch from looptune to systume to take advantage of the additional flexibility and functionality of systume. For example, looptune requires that you tune all channels of a MIMO feedback loop to the same target bandwidth. Converting to systume allows you to specify different crossover frequencies and loop shapes for each loop in your control system. Also, looptune treats all tuning requirements as soft requirements, optimizing them but not requiring that any constraint be exactly met. Converting to systume allows you to enforce some tuning requirements as hard constraints, while treating others as soft requirements. You can also use looptuneSetup to probe into the tuning requirements that looptune implicitly imposes. When you use looptune, you specify a target loop bandwidth and stability margins. looptune expresses these as hard and soft tuning constraints, specified as TuningGoal objects. You can use looptuneSetup to examine these constraints. After examining the constraints, you can then alter them and pass them to systume for further tuning.

For more information, see the following reference pages:

- looptuneSetup
- slTunable.looptuneSetup

hinfnorm command for computing H_norm

The new hinfnorm command computes the H_{∞} norm of SISO or MIMO systems. For SISO systems, the H_{∞} norm is defined as the largest value of the frequency response magnitude. For MIMO systems, H_{∞} norm is the largest singular value across frequencies.

For more information, see the hinfnorm reference page.

Some properties of TuningGoal requirements renamed

The following properties of TuningGoal requirement objects are renamed to better reflect their purpose and uses:

Object	Previous Property Name	New Property Name
TuningGoal.LoopShape	LoopTransfer	Location
TuningGoal.Margins	LoopTransfer	Location
TuningGoal.Tracking	ReferenceInput	Input
TuningGoal.Tracking	TrackingOutput	Output

Compatibility Considerations

If you have scripts or functions that use any of these properties, consider updating your code to use the new property names instead. Using the previous property names does not generate an error in this release, but the names might be removed in a future release.

Power iteration method option for structured singular value computation with mussv

A new 'p' option to the mussv command allows you to specify a power iteration method for computing the lower bound on structured singular values (μ values). This method is recommended for cases of complex uncertainty. When at least one of the uncertain blocks specified in the block diagonal matrix structure is complex, mussv now uses the power iteration method by default.

For pure real uncertainty, MUSSV uses a gain-based lower bound algorithm by default.

For more information, see the mussv reference page.

Compatibility Considerations

Previously, mussv used a gain-based lower bound algorithm for both pure real and mixed uncertainty. Therefore, you might now obtain different results for the lower bounds with mixed uncertainty.

Option to specify feedback sign for stability margin calculation with ncfmargin

The ncfmargin command includes a new input argument that lets you specify the sign of the feedback interconnection assumed for the margin calculation. Use the syntax [marg,freq] = ncfmargin(P,C,sign) or [marg,freq] = ncfmargin(P,C,sign,tol) to specify a negative or positive feedback interconnection. For more information, see the ncfmargin reference page.

Compatibility Considerations

Previously, the relative accuracy tol was the third input argument to ncfmargin. If you have scripts or functions that use the syntax [marg,freq] = ncfmargin(P,C,tol), update them to use [marg,freq] = ncfmargin(P,C,-1,tol) instead.

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New Features

Bug Fixes

Compatibility Considerations

Minimum damping requirement for closed-loop poles in TuningGoal.Poles object

You can now specify the minimum damping ratio of closed-loop poles for automated tuning of fixed-structure control systems with systume or looptune. To do so, create a TuningGoal.Poles object and set its MinDamping property to the minimum damping ratio you want to specify. Additionally, you can now use the Focus property to limit enforcement of the TuningGoal.Poles requirements to poles within a specified frequency range.

For more information about the TuningGoal.Poles requirement, see the TuningGoal.Poles reference page. For more information about using requirement objects to tune control systems, see Using Design Requirement Objects.

TuningGoal.Rejection object for specifying disturbance rejection requirement

You can now specify a disturbance rejection requirement for automated tuning of fixed-structure control systems with systume or looptune. The new TuningGoal.Rejection object allows you to specify a frequency-dependent attenuation factor for a disturbance injected at a specified location in the control system.

For more information about the TuningGoal.Rejection requirement, see the TuningGoal.Rejection reference page. For an example, see PID Tuning for Setpoint Tracking vs. Disturbance Rejection.

For more information about using requirement objects to tune control systems generally, see Using Design Requirement Objects.

looptune returns detailed results from multiple random starts

The info output of looptune now includes detailed results from each optimization run. When you use the RandomStart option of looptuneOptions to perform multiple optimization runs, the field info.Runs of the info output now contains a struct array. Each entry in the struct array includes results from the corresponding optimization run such as minimum constraint values and tuned block values. You can optionally use this information to analyze independent optimization results.

See the looptune reference page for more information.

Compatibility Considerations

The Extra field of info is now renamed to Runs. If you use info.Extra in a script, update your code to use info.Runs instead.

Additional automated tuning examples

New examples in this release include:

- Multi-Loop Control of a Helicopter
- Fault-Tolerant Control of a Passenger Jet
- Multi-Loop PID Control of a Robot Arm

R2012b

Version: 4.2

New Features

Bug Fixes

Compatibility Considerations

systune command for multiobjective tuning with soft and hard constraints

The new systume command allows automated tuning of fixed-structure control systems to high-level tuning objectives.

To use **systune**, you specify tuning objectives such as reference tracking, disturbance rejection, or stability margins. You can specify both soft requirements (objectives) and hard requirements (constraints). **systune** automatically tunes the parameters of your control system to meet the requirements.

You can use systume to tune control systems modeled in either MATLAB or Simulink.

For more information, see:

- Tuning Control Systems with SYSTUNE
- Tuning Control Systems in Simulink
- Automated Tuning
- The systume reference page

H₂ performance, stability margin, pole location, and disturbance rejection requirements

New TuningGoal requirement objects allow you to specify a variety of tuning objectives for automated tuning of fixed-structure control systems with systume and looptune. New tuning requirements include:

- TuningGoal.Margins Tune to stability margin requirements by specifying minimum gain and phase margins for any feedback loop in your control system.
- TuningGoal.Poles Constrain closed-loop dynamics of your control system.
- TuningGoal.StableController Constrain dynamics or ensure stability of tunable elements.
- TuningGoal.WeightedGain Limit on frequency-weighted gain from specified inputs to specified outputs in your control system.
- TuningGoal.Variance and TuningGoal.WeightedVariance Tune to H₂ performance requirements by minimizing or constraining variance amplification. TuningGoal.Variance specifies the maximum output variance for a unit-

variance input signal from a specified input to a specified output in your control system. TuningGoal.WeightedVariance imposes a frequency-weighted variance amplification limit.

For more information about these TuningGoal requirement objects see the reference pages for each requirement object, and:

- Using Design Requirement Objects
- Specifying Design Requirements for systune
- · Performance and Robustness Specifications for looptune

Robust tuning of one controller against a set of plant models

The new **systume** command can simultaneously tune the parameters of multiple models or control configurations. This feature allows you, for example, to tune a single controller against a range of plant models, to help ensure that the tuned control system is robust against parameter variations. As another example, you can tune for reliable control by simultaneously to multiple plant configurations that represent different failure modes of a system. In either case, **systume** finds values for tunable parameters that best satisfy the specified tuning objectives for all models.

For more information, see Tune Controller Against Set of Plant Models.

Option to constrain tuned parameter values and to restrict some tuning requirements to a frequency band

You can now optionally impose lower and upper bounds on tunable parameters when tuning fixed-structure control systems using systume, looptune, or hinfstruct. For example, you can constrain a gain to always be positive, or impose a maximum value on a filter time constant.

To impose bounds on tunable parameters, set the Maximum and Minimum properties of the parameter in the corresponding Control Design Block. For example, create a scalar gain block and constrain the gain to be positive:

```
gainblock = ltiblock.gain('gainblock',1,1);
gainblock.Gain.Minimum = 0;
```

Then, use gainblock as a component in a tunable genss model of the control system. When you tune the control system, the tuning command enforces the constraint.

Additionally, you can limit the range of frequencies in which almost any TuningGoal requirement is enforced for fixed-structure control system tuning with systume or looptume. The only exceptions are TuningGoal.Variance and TuningGoal.WeightedVariance.

For example, you can enforce a stability margin requirement in a frequency band extending for one decade on each side of the target gain crossover frequency.

To limit the range of frequencies in which a requirement is enforced, use the Focus property of the TuningGoal requirement object. For example, create a requirement that limits the gain from an input du to an output u to 10. Limit enforcement of the requirement to the frequency range 10–1000 rad/s.

```
Req = TuningGoal.Gain('du','u',10);
Req.Focus = [10 1000];
```

ltiblock.pid2 and loopswitch objects for tuning two-degree-offreedom PID controllers and marking loop opening sites for open-loop requirements

New Control Design Blocks in Control System Toolbox[™] allow you to specify more control structures and more types of constraints for fixed-structure control system tuning in MATLAB:

- ltiblock.pid2 Tunable two-degree-of-freedom PID controller
- **loopswitch** Control Design Block for specifying feedback loop opening locations in a tunable **genss** model of a control system

For more information, see the ltiblock.pid2 and loopswitch reference pages.

TuningGoal.MaxGain and GainLimit property renamed

The tuning requirement TuningGoal.MaxGain is now called TuningGoal.Gain. Additionally, the GainLimit property of that tuning requirement is now called MaxGain.

For more information, see the TuningGoal.Gain reference page.

Compatibility Considerations

Replace instances of TuningGoal.MaxGain in your code with TuningGoal.Gain. Replace references to the GainLimit property with MaxGain.

Options in hinfstructOptions and looptuneOptions renamed or removed

The following options in hinfstructOptions and looptuneOptions are changed:

- SpecRadius is now called MaxFrequency. Additionally, NaN is no longer a supported value for this option. For an unconstrained MaxFrequency value, use Inf.
- StableOffset is now called MinDecay.
- StableRadius option has no effect.
- StableExclude option of hinfstructOptions has no effect. hinfstruct now automatically excludes from stability tests Control Design Blocks such as weighting functions or multipliers. These blocks do not affect the closed-loop stability of the actual control system to tune.

For more information about these options, see the hinfstructOptions and looptuneOptions reference pages.

Compatibility Considerations

If you use any of the affected options in your code, update your code to reflect the current names and supported values.

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New Features

Parallel Computing Support for looptune and hinfstruct

If you have Parallel Computing Toolbox[™] software installed, you can use parallel computing to speed up tuning of fixed-structure control systems with the looptune or hinfstruct commands. When you run multiple randomized looptune or hinfstruct optimization starts, parallel computing speeds up tuning by distributing the optimization runs among MATLAB workers.

For more information about using parallel computing to speed up looptune or hinfstruct tuning, see:

- Speed Up Tuning with Parallel Computing Toolbox Software in the Robust Control Toolbox[™] documentation.
- The Robust Control Toolbox demo Using Parallel Computing to Accelerate the Tuning Process.

For more information about tuning fixed-structure control systems with looptune or hinfstruct, see Tuning Fixed Control Architectures in the Robust Control Toolbox documentation.

Faster and More Accurate H-infinity Norm Computation Using SLICOT Algorithms

 H_{∞} norm calculations now use the SLICOT library of numerical algorithms. These algorithms improve the speed and accuracy of functions such as hinfstruct and looptune.

For more information about the SLICOT library, see http://slicot.org.

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New Features

Bug Fixes

Compatibility Considerations

looptune Tunes Fixed-Structure Control Systems

Use looptune to tune fixed-structure control systems to meet your requirements. To use looptune, specify design requirements such as loop bandwidth, stability margin, setpoint tracking, or target loop shape. looptune automatically tunes the parameters of your controller to meet the specified requirements.

The requirements objects TuningGoal.MaxGain, TuningGoal.Tracking, and TuningGoal.LoopShape let you express your design requirements directly. You do not have to first convert them to weighting functions or mathematical constraints on an optimization problem.

You can use loopview to validate the performance the performance of the tuned control structure against your specified design requirements.

For more information, see Tuning Fixed Control Architectures and the looptune and loopview reference pages.

Control System Tuning for Simulink Models with looptune or hinfstruct Using slTunable Interface

If you have Simulink Control Design software, you can use tuning commands, such as slTunable.looptune and hinfstruct, to tune control systems modeled in Simulink. The slTunable object provides an interface between your Simulink model and these commands.

Use slTunable to specify information about your control structure and parametrization. slTunable also automates tasks such as linearizing the Simulink model, parametrizing the tunable blocks of your system, and applying tuned parameter values to the model. After you create and configure an slTunable object for your control architecture, you can tune the control system using slTunable.looptune or hinfstruct.

For more information, see Tuning Fixed Control Architectures and the following demos:

- Tuning of a Digital Motion Control System
- Decoupling Controller for a Distillation Column
- Tuning of a Two-Loop Autopilot
- Tuning of Cascaded PID Loops
- · Loop Shaping Design with HINFSTRUCT
- Fixed-Structure Autopilot for a Passenger Jet

wcgainplot for Visualizing Worst-Case Gains

wcgainplot plots the nominal, sampled, and worst-case gains of uncertain systems as a function of frequency. Use wcgainplot for visual analysis of uncertain systems.

For more information, see the wcgainplot reference page.

Functionality	What Happens When You Use This Functionality?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
umat object can no longer contain ultidyn or udyn uncertainty.	 Presence of ultidyn or udyn uncertain elements forces model type to uss or ufrd rather than umat. Mixing ureal or 	Expect a model type of uss or ufrd instead of umat when working with udyn or ultidyn uncertain elements.	Update code to work with uss or ufrd instead of umat when udyn or ultidyn elements are present.
	ucomplex models with udyn or ultidyn objects produces uss instead of umat.		
uss(sys_frd), where sys_frd is a frd model object no longer converts sys_frd to ufrd.	Errors.	ufrd(sys_frd).	Replace uss(sys_frd) with ufrd(sys_frd).
ufrd(udat,freq,) no longer constructs an uncertain frd model from the umat object udat.	Converts udat to a ufrd object with frequencies freq.		Replace ufrd(udat,freq,) with frd(udat,freq,).
frd(sys_uss,w) where sys_uss is a uss model.	Warns; returns frd model containing data based on nominal response of sys_uss.	ufrd(sys_uss,w) to obtain a ufrd model.	Replace frd(sys_uss,w) with ufrd(sys_uss,w).

Functionality Being Removed or Changed

Functionality	What Happens When You Use This Functionality?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
Nominal value of ultidyn object.	Nominal value is ss model object.	None.	Update code to work with ss model objects when working nominal value of ultidyn .
usubs.	Applied to array of uncertain models, default substitution is '-once'.	Use '-batch' to perform batch substitution on uncertain model arrays.	Replace usubs() with usubs(,'- batch').
	usubs(M, {a1;a2;}, {v1;v2;}) returns error.	usubs(M,a1,v1,a2, v2,).	Replace usubs(M, {a1;a2;}, {v1;v2;}) with usubs(M,a1,v1,a2, v2,).
usample(sys, 'a', na, 'b', nb) where uncertain element b does not exist in sys.	Returns na-by-nb array with constant values across nb dimension, instead of na-by-1 array.	None.	Update code to reflect correct dimensionality.
wcgopt.	Still runs.	wcgainOptions or wcmarginOptions.	Replace wcgopt with wcgainOptions or wcmarginOptions.
robuststab and robustperf.	For ufrd models, BadUncertainValues field of Info output returns Nf-by-1 struct array, where Nf is the number of frequency points.	None.	Update code to work with Nf-by-1 struct array for BadUncertainValues instead of Nf-by-1 cell array.
	For nominally unstable models, performance margin is zero (instead of a negative value).	None.	Update code to reflect correct performance margin .

Functionality	What Happens When You Use This Functionality?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
robopt.	Still runs.	robuststabOptions or robustperfOptions.	Replace robopt with robuststabOptions or robustperfOptions.
actual2normalized.	First output argument is normalized uncertain block value. The second output argument is normalized distance between block value and nominal value.	[NV,ndist] = actual2normalized(BLK,AV).	Use second output argument ndist for normalized distance.
reshape(unc_sys,S).	S does not include the I/O size of the models in the array unc_sys. For example, if unc_sys is a 6-by-1 array of 2- output, 4-input models, reshape(unc_sys,[2 3]) converts unc_sys to a 2-by-3 array.	None.	Remove I/O size dimensions from reshape on uncertain model arrays.
diag(uss_sys) where uss_sys is a uss model.	Errors.	None.	Remove diag(uss_sys).

R2011a

Version: 3.6

New Features

Enhanced Workflow for H-Infinity Synthesis of Fixed-Structure Control Systems

New Generalized LTI models in Control System Toolbox allow you to model control systems with tunable parameters. Using these models simplifies controller tuning with hinfstruct. You can model a closed-loop transfer function, including tunable parameters, as a generalized state-space (genss) model and directly tune the parameters to minimize the closed-loop gain. The hinfstruct command can tune any fixed-structure SISO or MIMO control system using H_{∞} synthesis techniques.

Additionally, new realp and genmat objects let you create parametric expressions. You can use such expressions to create custom tunable components. For example, you can define a low-pass filter parametrized by its cutoff frequency, or an observer-based controller parametrized by the state-feedback and observer gains.

For more information about creating tunable Generalized LTI models, see Models with Tunable Coefficients in the *Control System Toolbox User's Guide*.

For more information about H_{∞} tuning with hinfstruct, see Tuning Fixed Control Architectures in the *Robust Control Toolbox Getting Started Guide*.

For examples of designing controllers for several different architectures using hinfstruct, see the following updated and new demos:

- Loop Shaping Design with HINFSTRUCT (updated)
- Tuning of a Two-Loop Autopilot (updated)
- Decoupling Controller for a Distillation Column (updated)
- Multi-Loop PID Control of a Robot Arm (updated)
- Fixed-Structure Autopilot for a Passenger Jet (new)

R2010b

Version: 3.5

New Features

New Commands for H-Infinity Synthesis of Fixed-Structure Control Systems

New commands in this release allow you to tune fixed-structure SISO and MIMO control systems using the techniques of $H_{\rm \infty}$ synthesis.

The new hinfstruct command lets you use the frequency-domain methods of H_{∞} synthesis to tune control systems with a broad range of architectures and controller structures. For example, you can tune:

- Fixed-order, fixed-structure controllers, such as pure gains, PID controllers, or fixedorder transfer function or state-space models
- Single feedback-loop architectures with multiple tunable elements, such as a PID controller plus a filter
- · Multiple feedback-loop architectures with multiple tunable elements

Specify the tunable elements of your system using the new parametrized Control Design blocks ltiblock.gain, ltiblock.pid, ltiblock.tf, and ltiblock.ss.

For examples of designing controllers for several different architectures using hinfstruct, see the following new demos:

- Loop Shaping Design with HINFSTRUCT
- Tuning of a Fixed-Structure Autopilot
- Decoupling Controller for a Distillation Column
- Multi-Loop PID Control of a Robot Arm

For more information, see Tuning Fixed Control Architectures in the *Robust Control Toolbox Getting Started Guide*.

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R2009b

Version: 3.4

New Features

Bug Fixes

Compatibility Considerations

New Option to Improve Robust Performance by Accounting for Real Uncertain Parameters

You can now improve robust performance by accounting for real uncertain parameters when designing controllers using μ -synthesis. The user-defined options you use in the dksyn command now includes a new option MixedMU. Set this option to 'on' to account for real uncertain parameters in your system. For more information, see the dkitopt, and dksyn reference pages.

New Command to Linearize Simulink Models with Uncertainty

If you have Simulink Control Design software installed, you can take model uncertainty into account when linearizing a Simulink model. You can then use the resulting uncertain linearized model (**uss** object) to perform linear analysis and robust control design.

If your model already contains Uncertain State Space blocks, use the new ulinearize command to obtain an uss model. If you want to account for uncertainty in your linear analysis without using Uncertain State Space blocks, you can specify individual Simulink blocks to linearize to an uncertain variable. For more information, see "Computing Uncertain State-Space Models from Simulink Models" in the *Robust Control Toolbox User's Guide*.

New Interface for Simulating Effects of Uncertainty in Simulink Models

This version of the product provides a new interface to simulate the effects of uncertainty in Simulink models. The interface includes the following:

- Uncertain State Space block to specify uncertain system in Simulink. You should replace USS System blocks in your existing models with the Uncertain State Space block. To do so, run the slupdate command on your models.
- ufind command to extract all uncertain variables from a Simulink model.
- · usample command to generate random values of these uncertain variables.

For more information on simulating the effects of uncertainty using the new interface, see "Simulating Effects of Uncertainty" in the *Robust Control Toolbox User's Guide*.

New Command to Model Multiple LTI Responses as One Uncertain System

This version of the product includes a new **ucover** command that lets you model a family of LTI responses as one uncertain system. For more information, see the ucover reference page.

New and Updated Demos

The following new and updated demos illustrate use of the new features:

- "Control of Spring-Mass-Damper Using Mixed mu-Synthesis" shows use of the new MixedMU option and dksyn command for mixed-mu synthesis.
- "Linearization of Simulink Models with Uncertainty" shows how to compute uncertain state-space models using ulinearize and Simulink Control Design software.
- "Robustness Analysis in Simulink" uses the new interface for simulating effects of uncertainty in Simulink models.
- "Simultaneous Stabilization Using Robust Control" and "Modeling a Family of Responses as an Uncertain System" show use of the ucover command.
- "First-Cut Robust Design" shows use of the usample, ucover and dksyn commands.

To access the demos, type

```
demo('toolbox','robust control')
```

Functions, Properties and Blocks Being Removed

Function, Property or Block Name	What Happens When You Use Function or Property?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
usiminfo	Still runs	ufind	See "New Interface for Simulating Effects of Uncertainty in Simulink Models" on page 13-2.
usimfill	Still runs	ufind	See "New Interface for Simulating Effects of Uncertainty in Simulink Models" on page 13-2.

Function, Property or Block Name	What Happens When You Use Function or Property?	Use This Instead	Compatibility Considerations
usimsamp	Still runs	usample	See "New Interface for Simulating Effects of Uncertainty in Simulink Models" on page 13-2.
USS System block	Still runs	Uncertain State Space block	See "New Interface for Simulating Effects of Uncertainty in Simulink Models" on page 13-2.
ltiarray2uss	Still runs	ucover	See "New Command to Model Multiple LTI Responses as One Uncertain System" on page 13-3.



Version: 3.3.3

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Version: 3.3.2

R2008a

Version: 3.3.1

New Features

Ability to Use LOOPMARGIN with Simulink

This version of Robust Control Toolbox software lets you analyze the robustness of nonlinear Simulink models using the LOOPMARGIN command.

If you have the Simulink Control Design product installed, you can perform stability margin analysis of a Simulink model by passing the model name and a point within that model to the LOOPMARGIN command.

R2007b

Version: 3.3

No New Features or Changes



Version: 3.2

New Features

New Simulink Blocks

- USS System This Robust Control Toolbox version introduces a new Simulink block, USS System. You can use this block to import uncertain systems into Simulink models.
- Multiplot Graph Plot multiple signals in one figure.



Version: 3.1.1

New Features

New Function Itiarray2uss

This Robust Control Toolbox version introduces a new function, ltiarray2uss. This function constructs an uncertain state-space model from an LTI array.

R2006a

Version: 3.1

No New Features or Changes

R14SP3

Version: 3.0.2

No New Features or Changes

R14SP2

Version: 3.0.1

New Features

mussvunwrap Is Renamed

mussvunwrap has been renamed. It is now called mussvextract.

New Functions actual2normalized and normalized2actual

This Robust Control Toolbox version introduced two new functions:

- actual2normalized Calculate normalized distance between nominal value and given value for uncertain atom.
- normalized2actual Convert value for atom in normalized coordinates to corresponding actual value.