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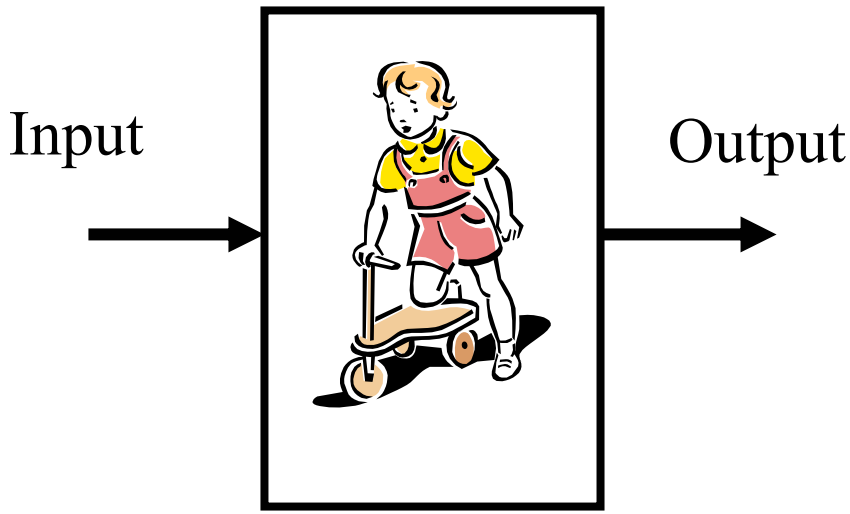

Consider a System --- My Nephew

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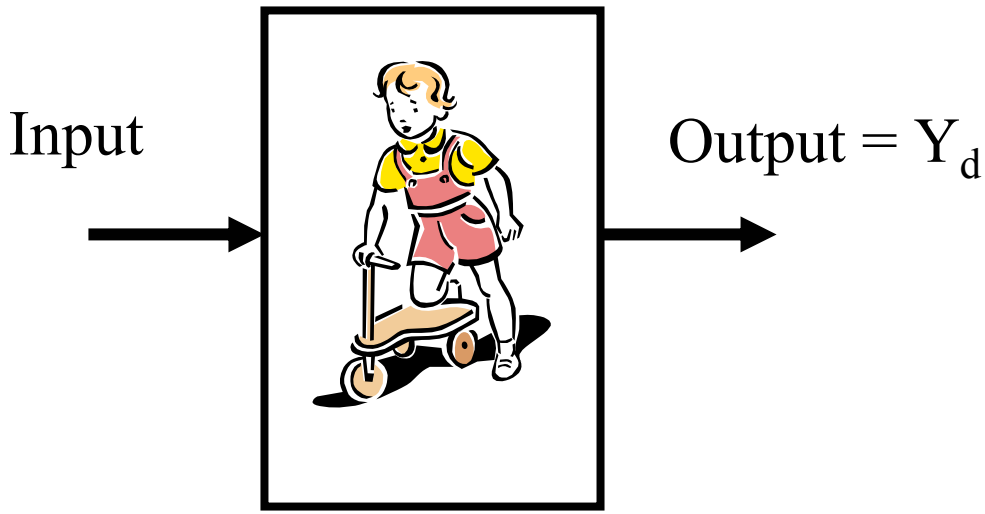

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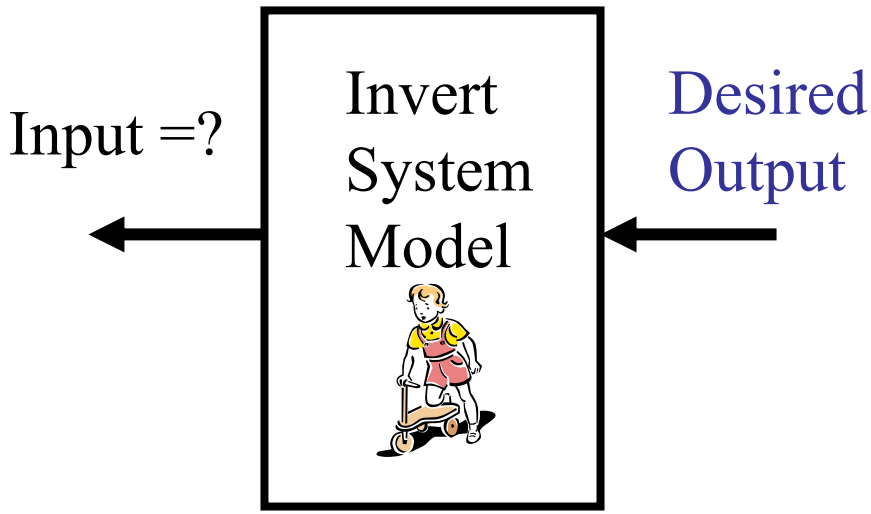
Question: What input should you apply?

(**negotiate, encourage, bribe**?)

The Inversion-Problem



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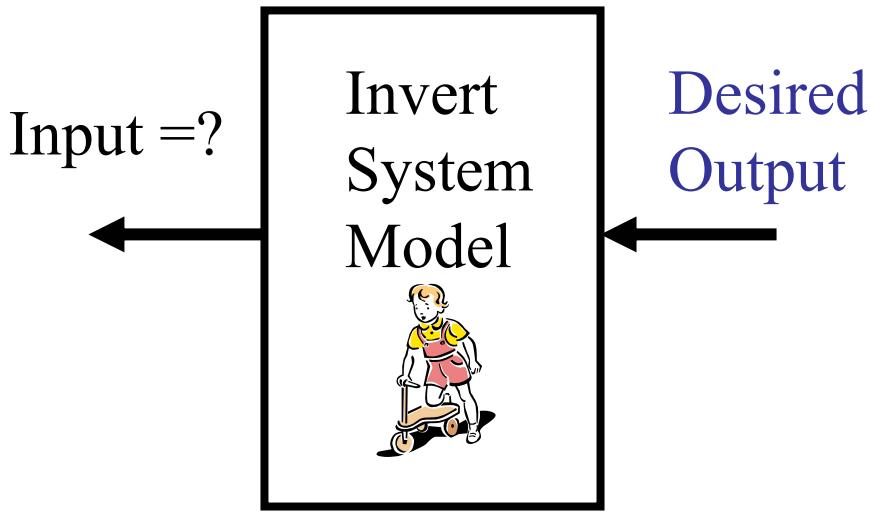

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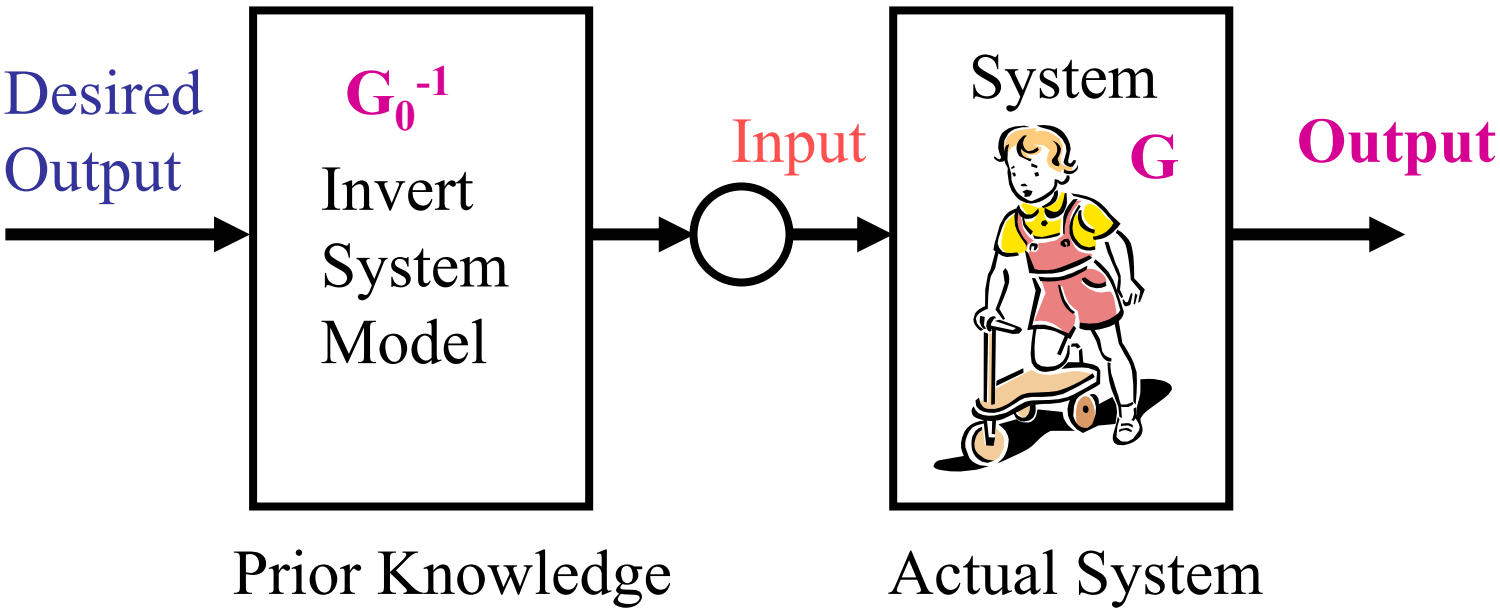
(His Mom know's how --- she has a reasonable model)

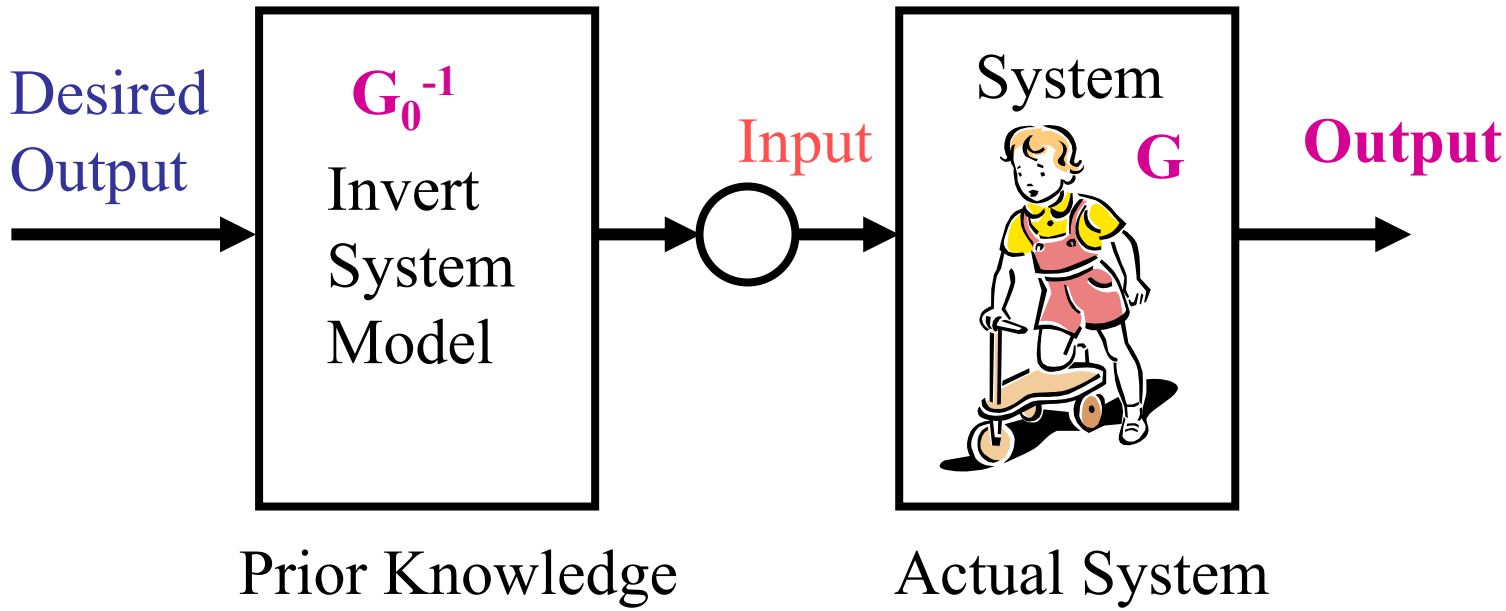
The Control method using Inversion



Use Inverse input as the feedforward input to system

Nonminimum Phase System Inverse: S. Devasia, D. Chen and B. Paden "Nonlinear Inversion-Based Output Tracking," IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, Vol. 41 (7), pp. 930-942, July 1996

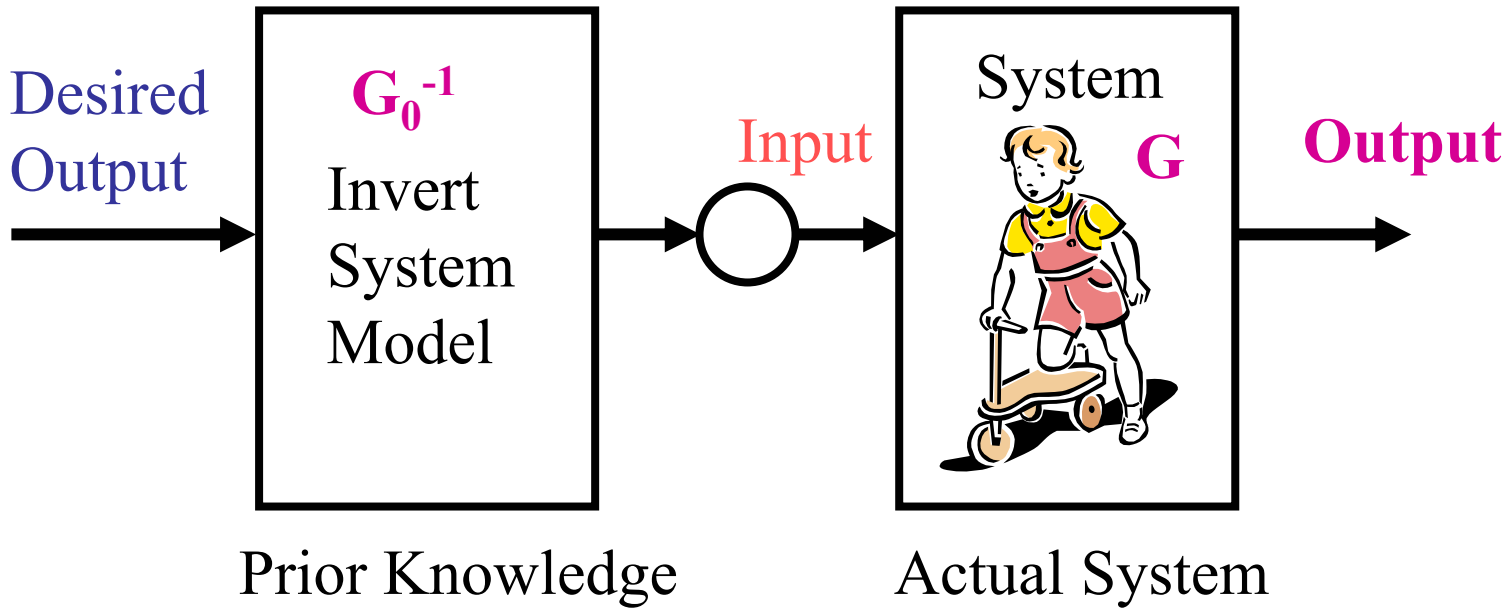
Feedforward is Common in Human Systems



Examples:

Walking, Playing Baseball, Driving a Car

Problem --- model uncertainty

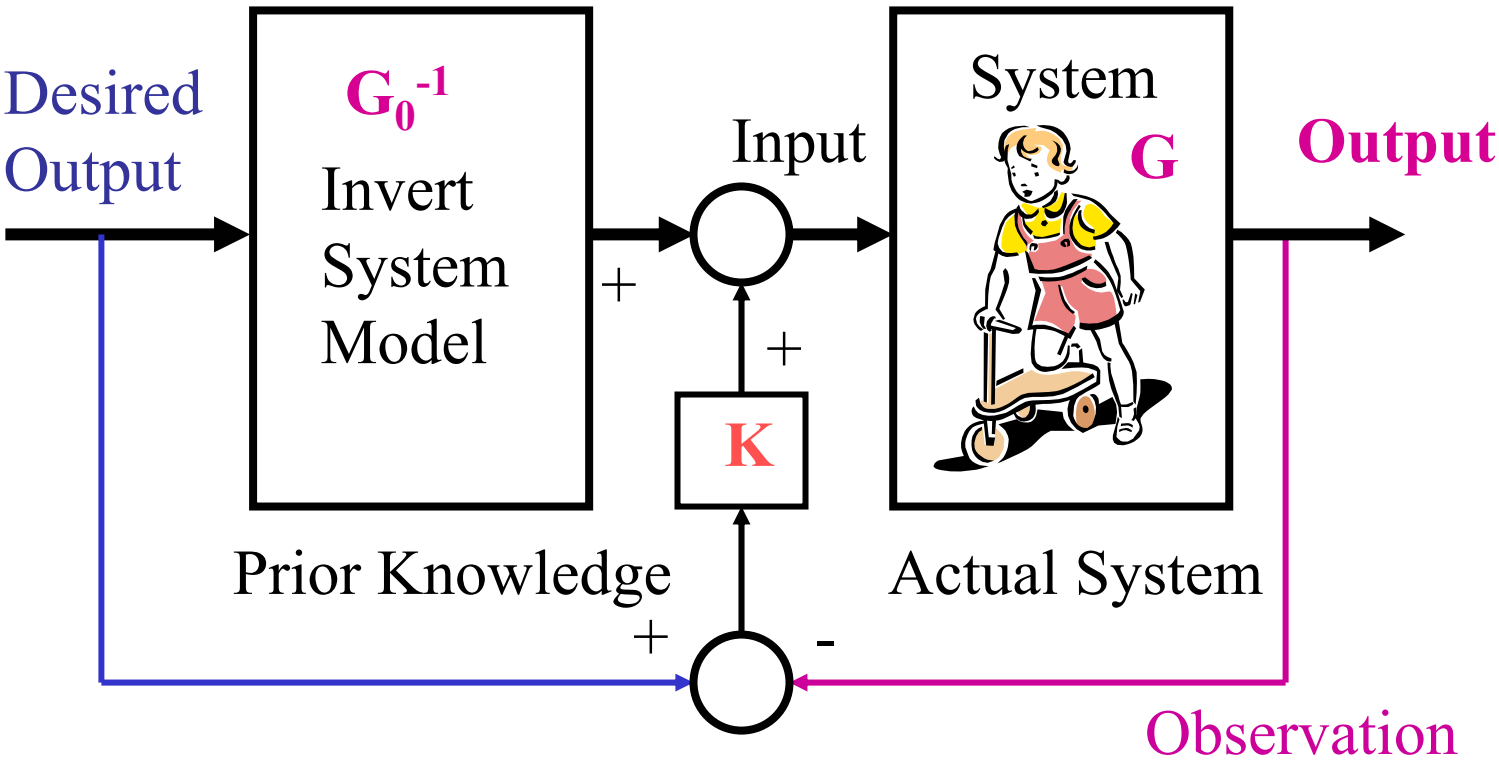


Is Desired output = Output?

Yes if we know the model perfectly!

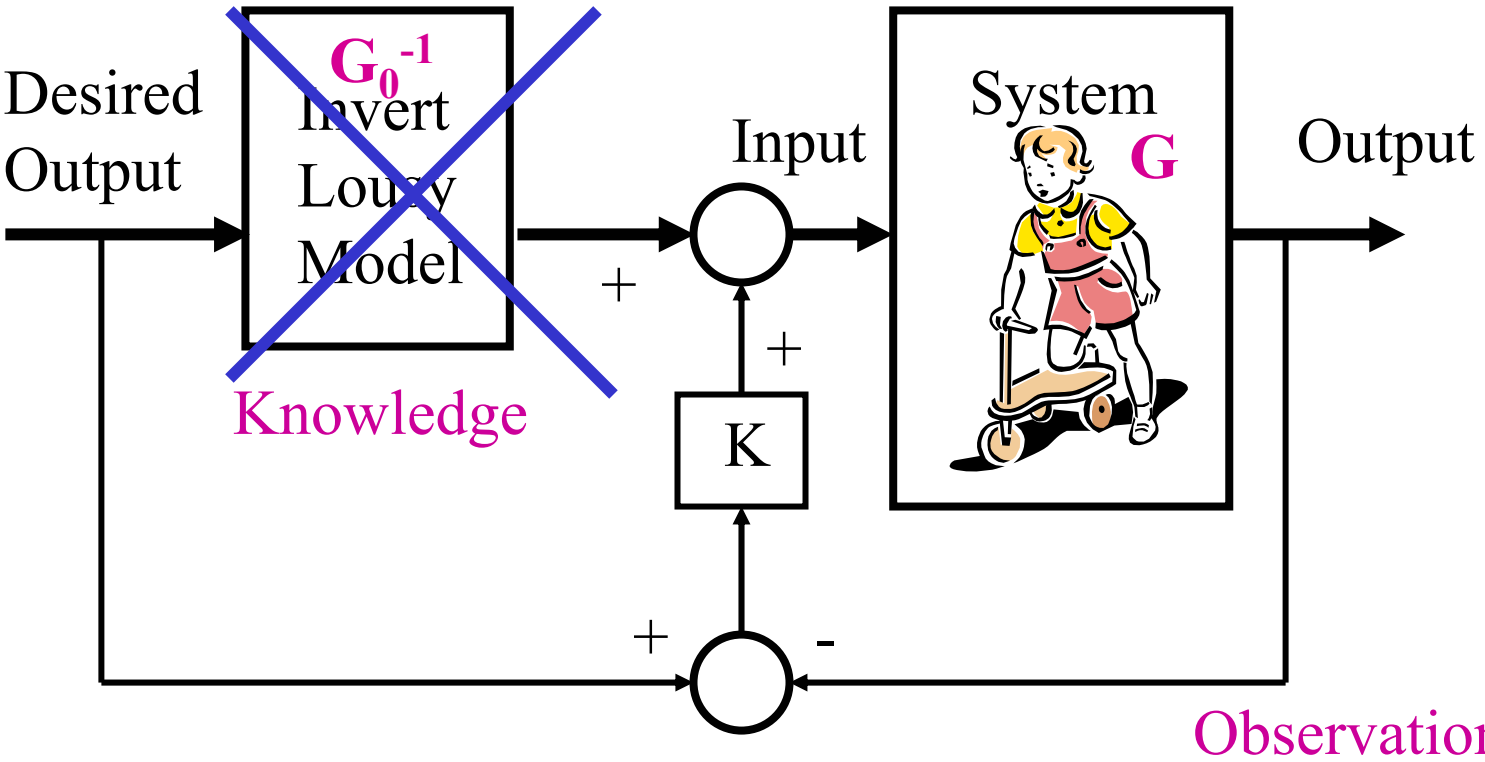
But, we rarely know a system perfectly ($G_0 \neq G$, $G_0^{-1} \neq G^{-1}$)

Resolution: Addition of Feedback



Exploit knowledge of the system through feedforward input
Account for errors (uncertainties, perturbations) using feedback

Feedforward under Uncertainty?



As the kid grows up the model gets lousy! $\Delta(\omega) = G_0(\omega) - G(\omega)$
Maybe it is better to use pure feedback without feedforward?

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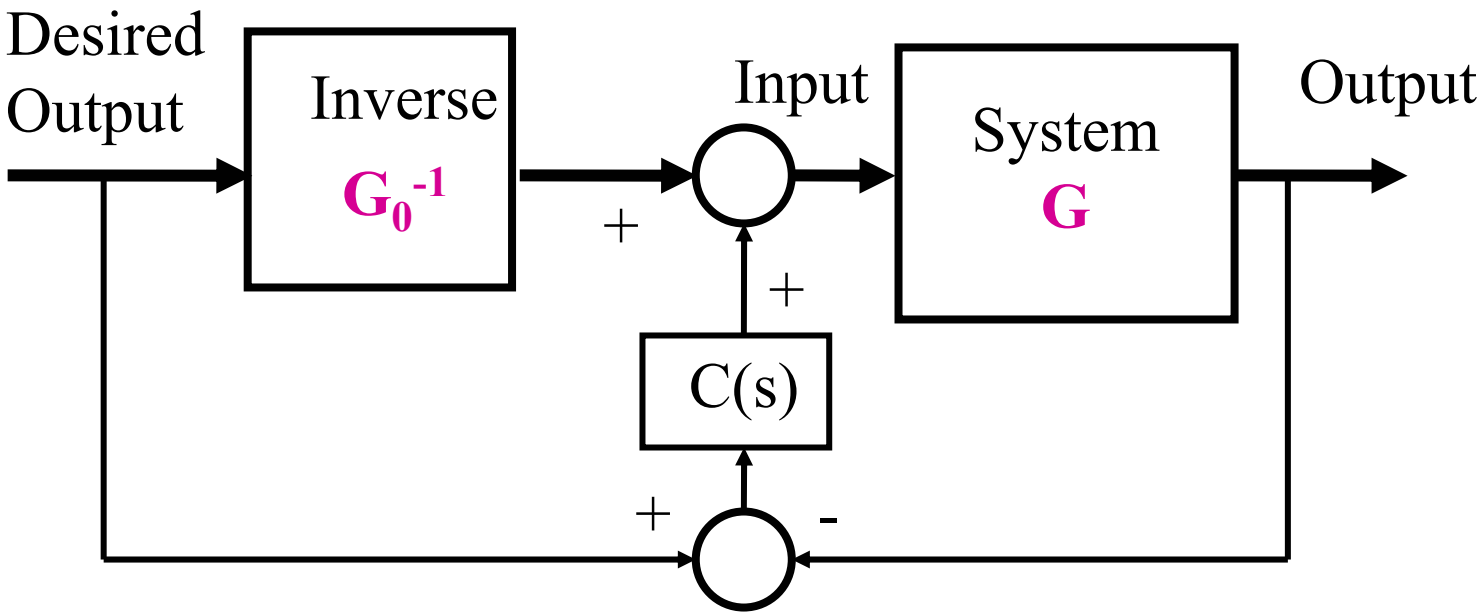


Let the Error in model be $\Delta(\omega) = G_0(\omega) - G(\omega)$

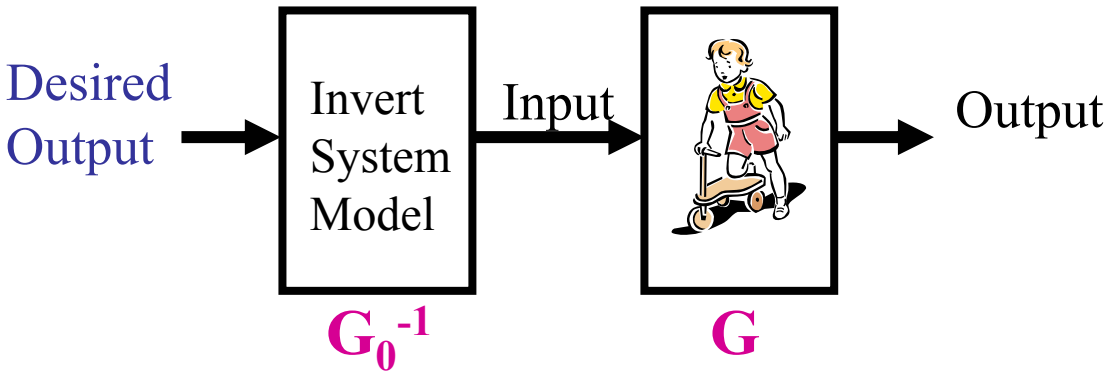
For SISO Case, Feedforward always improves output tracking for any feedback if

$$|\Delta(\omega)| < |G_0(\omega)|$$

Ref: S. Devasia, "Should Model-based Inverse Inputs be used as Feedforward under Plant Uncertainty?" IEEE Trans. on Automatic Control, Vol. 47(11), Nov 2002.

Re-Cap

- **Key Idea: Feedforward Input is found using System Inversion**



(1) Feedforward input uses system knowledge to control the output
(2) Feedforward should be integrated with feedback
(3) Performance better than the use of feedback alone if uncertainty is not too large $|\Delta(\omega)| < |G_0(\omega)|$