

Mct/ROB/200 Robotics, Spring Term 12-13

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### **Motion Control Systems**

### **Objectives**

When you have finished this lecture you should be able to:

- Understand the principles of industrial robot control.
- Recognize different types of industrial robot motion control.
- Understand how to model joint's actuator.
- Understand the control laws used to stabilize joint's position.

### Outline

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- Control Techniques
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• **Robot Control System Task:** is to execute the planned sequence of motions and forces correctly in the presence of unforeseen errors.

#### • Error sources:

- ♦ Inaccuracies in the model of the robot
- ♦ Tolerance in the workpiece
- Static friction in joints
- Mechanical compliance in linkage
- Electrical noise on transducer signals
- Limitations in the precision of computation (often computation precision is sacrificed to obtain calculation results in real-time).



#### Robot Controller Block Diagram

The controller is basically a special-purpose computer, has all the elements commonly found in computers, such as CPU, memory, and input

devices.



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### **Industrial Robot Control**

- Robot Controller Processors
  - ♦ **Monoprocessor:** Unique processor in all the system.
  - ♦ Multiprocessor: Processor per each control axis.

Siprocessor: Principal processor and axis processor.

Triprocessor: Principal processor, axis processor and communication processor.



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• The controller has the following functions:

Workspace Sensor Analysis,

Servo,

- Kinematics and
- ♦ Dynamics.

- Workplace Sensor Analysis
  Given: the knowledge of the tasks
  to be performed; for example,
  pick-and-place a workpiece or paint
  a car chassis.
  - **Required:** determine the appropriate robot motion commands. This may be accomplished through vision or tactile sensing techniques, or by measuring and compensating for forces applied at the end-effector, and so on.





• Servo

**Given:** the current position and/or velocity of an actuator.



**Required:** determine the appropriate drive signal to move that actuator towards its desired position and/or velocity.

#### Kinematics

**Given:** The angle of each joint **Required:** The pose of end-effector (i.e. its position and orientation)  $(x,y,z,\alpha,\beta,\gamma)$ 

#### **Forward Kinematics**

Inverse Kinematics

**Given:** The position of some point in the robot workspace (end-effector's pose) **Required:** The angles of each joint needed to obtain that position  $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6)$ 



#### Kinematics



Serial chain manipulator

**Given:** The positions of all members of the chain and the rates of motion about all the joints.

**Required:** The total velocity of the end-effector.

Forward Instantaneous Kinematics

Inverse Instantaneous Kinematics

**Given:** The positions of all members of the chain and the total velocity of the end-effector.

**Required:** The rates of motion of all joints.

**End-effector** 

dx

dy

dz

 $\delta x$ 

δy

 $\delta z$ 

#### Dynamics

**Given:** knowledge of the loads on the arm (inertia, friction, gravity, acceleration).

**Required:** use this information to adjust the servo operation to achieve better performance.



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Open-Loop / Nonservo



**Open-Loop / Nonservo / stop-to-stop / pick-and-place System** 

Open-Loop / Nonservo



In Cartesian space, we use kinematic model to calculate the joint angles that will place the gripper at the required location in space. The joints are moved to these angles and the robot is assumed to be in the correct Cartesian location, as, generally there is no way of measuring whether it is or not. Open-loop control is **as accurate as the model of the process** (in this case the inverse kinematic model), provided there are no disturbance to cause errors.

#### Open-Loop / Nonservo

Robots classified as **nonservo or open-loop** do not have position and rate-of-change sensors on any axis; therefore, the controller does not know the position of the arm and tool while the robot is moving from one point to another.

On every axis, however, there is a **fixed stop or limit** at each extreme of travel that provides the positioning accuracy at that point.

**Advantages:** the simplicity of the system and the resulting reliability.

**Disadvantages:** limited and fixed-stop locations and its inability to handle complex manufacturing tasks.

Applications: machine loading-and-unloading.

Closed-Loop / Servo



**Closed-Loop or Servo System** 

Closed-Loop / Servo



**Closed-Loop or Servo System** 

#### Closed-Loop / Servo Advantages:

- Solution Series Flexible program control permits robots to be used in a wide variety of manufacturing jobs and extends the useful lifetime of the machine.
- Robots are capable of performing more complex manufacturing tasks
- Robots can execute multiple programs to handle varied manufacturing tasks.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- ♦ Bigger capital investment for a machine of this type is required.
- Maintenance staff must be highly skilled because of the increased technology in the work cell.

Closed-Loop / Servo

#### **Applications:**

The servo or closed-loop control system is used in any application in which path control is required, such as:

Welding

- Coating
- Assembly operations

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Robot users need to know how much motion control they need for their various applications, because the degree of motion control greatly affects the cost of the robot.



- At robot level: an action is decomposed into a sequence of robot motions and forces in Cartesian space (Cartesian-space representation).
- At joint level: these motions and forces are decomposed into parallel joint motions and joint torques (Joint-space representation).

#### Axis Limit or Two-Position or Stop-to-Stop Control

It is the least sophisticated and therefore the lowest cost mode of robot motion control.

It is an **open-loop control system**, which means that when the axis moves the position and velocity of the axis are not known to the controller.

Each robot axis typically has two extreme points, which can be mechanically adjusted stops or **limit switches**.



#### Axis Limit or Two-Position or Stop-to-Stop Control

In the axis-limit robots, the only information stored in the memory is **a sequence list of on-off commands** for each actuator driver. In this case the memory would have on for actuator one followed by on for actuator two.

Axis-limit robots are invariably either **pneumatically or hydraulically** powered.

Typical application for axis-limit robots is in **machine loading and unloading**.



#### Point-to-Point (PTP) Control

In this mode, the user can select any point in the robot work envelope and move directly to that point.

#### The **path and speed** of the movement en route to the destination point are generally both **uncontrollable.**



**Joint-space motion representation** is used in this case. Controller may select the path that minimize energy usage.

**PTP control** is good for component insertion, hole drilling, spot welding, crude assembly and machine loading/unloading.

#### Point-to-Point (PTP) Control



Programming Unit



# The primary programming device in PTP controllers is the hand-held **teach pendant**.



Path of tool when controlled path

#### Point-to-Point (PTP) Control

The **advantage** of PTP control is that relatively large and **complex program can be obtained** with a system that is **moderate in cost** yet has proven **reliability**.



- Point-to-Point (PTP) Control
  - The **lack of straight-line control** is considered its primary **disadvantage**,
  - To move from 1 to 2:
  - The controller must change 4 DOFs
  - $\diamond$  The base must rotate through  $\theta$
  - $\diamond$  The shoulder must go from  $\phi_1$  to  $\phi_2$
  - The arm must extend along z to reach to the higher point
  - $\diamond$  The wrist must pitch from  $\gamma_1$  to  $\gamma_2$



#### Contouring or Continuous-path Control

The primary differences between PTP control and continuous-path control are:

- Added capability to provide control of the end- effector or TCP as the robot moves from one program point to another;
- Number of programmed points that are saved in controller memory and the method to save them.



Continuous-path control

#### Contouring or Continuous-path Control

Continuous-path controllers are very useful in applications like **paint spraying** in which robot's motion must duplicate the skill of the operator.

Contouring motion control is also essential for most finishing, gluing, and arc welding operations by robots.



#### Line Tracking Control

One of the most complex contouring motions is called "**line tracking**" – that is, performing an operation while following alongside a continuously moving conveyor.

**Example:** Spray painting generally is applied to all sides of a piece-part as it is transported by a continuous overhead chain. The robot must be directed at all sides of the part, a feat that can be accomplished most conventionally if the part moves continuously past the work station and if the robot has line-tracking ability



Some robots designed specifically for **line-tracking** have a horizontally transverse on a track for the first DOF.

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#### Robot Actuation and Control



The feedback loop of a robot controller.

The **joint values** (displacement, velocity, acceleration, and applied forces and torques) are calculated from kinematic, dynamic, and trajectory analyses. These values are sent to the **controller** which, in turn, applies appropriate **actuating signals** to the actuators to run the joints to their destination in a controlled manner. The **sensors** measure the outputs and feed the signals back to the controller, which, in turn, controls the actuating signals accordingly.

#### Independent Joint Control

A multi-axis robot has **multiple inputs and multiple outputs** for each joint that must be controlled **simultaneously**. However, in most robots, each axis is controlled individually (called **independent joint control**) as a single-input, single-output unit.

The **coupling effects** from other joints are usually treated as **disturbances** and are taken care of by the controller. Although this introduces some error, the error is small for most practical purposes.



#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

 For armaturecontrolled motor:

$$Ri + L\frac{di}{dt} = v_{in}(t) - V_{bemf}$$
$$V_{bemf} = K_e \dot{\theta}$$

$$Ri + L\frac{di}{dt} = V_{in}(t) - K_e \dot{\theta}$$

Taking L.T. gives:

 $V_{in}(s) - RI(s) - LsI(s) - K_e s\theta(s) = 0$ 



An electromechanical actuating system and its model.

#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

For the mechanical side of the system :

 $T = K_t i = J \ddot{\theta} + b \dot{\theta}$ 

where J is the inertia (of the armature and load) and b is damping coefficient and K<sub>t</sub> is the torque constant.

Taking L.T. gives:

 $K_t I(s) = Js^2 \theta(s) + bs \theta(s)$ 



An electromechanical actuating system and its model.

#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

#### Parameters for four d.c. motors:

Quantity	Units	High speed micromotor	Low inertia micromotor	High torque direct drive motor	Ordinary motor
V	volts	4	15	-	36
No-load speed	rpm	20300	4300	487	3250
No-load current	Amps	16x10 <sup>-3</sup>	20x10 <sup>-3</sup>	-	-
Stall torque	Newton metres	318x10 <sup>-6</sup>	110x10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.356	53x10 <sup>-3</sup>
Power	watts	0.2	12	70	-
Bemf constant K <sub>e</sub>	volts/1000 rpm	0.181	3.5	-	11
Inductance	Henry	0.18x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.6x10 <sup>-3</sup>	-	<b>2.9</b> x10 <sup>-3</sup>
Resistance	ohm	20	4.5	-	0.8
Torque const. K <sub>t</sub>	N.m/amp	1.73x10 <sup>-3</sup>	33x10 <sup>-3</sup>	163x10 <sup>-3</sup>	176x10 <sup>-3</sup>
Inertia	kg.m2	11.3x10 <sup>-9</sup>	32x10 <sup>-7</sup>	749x10 <sup>-6</sup>	233x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Friction	N.m/radian/s	13.3x10 <sup>-9</sup>	1X10 <sup>-6</sup>	-	67x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Motor time const	S	75x10 <sup>-7</sup>	13x10 <sup>-3</sup>	-	17x10 <sup>-3</sup>
Elect. time const	S	-	-	0.7x10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.7x10 <sup>-3</sup>

#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

Combining the previous equations gives:

$$V_{in}(s) = \left[\frac{R(Js^2 + bs)}{K_t} + \frac{Ls(Js^2 + bs)}{K_t} + K_es\right]\theta(s)$$

In practice, the inductance of the motor **L** is usually much **smaller** than the inertia of the rotor and the load combined and can therefore easily be **ignored** for analysis. Consequently, the above equation may be simplified to:

$$V_{in}(s) = \left[\frac{R(Js^2 + bs)}{K_t} + K_e s\right]\theta(s)$$

#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

♦ The transfer function is:

T.F. 
$$= \frac{\theta(s)}{V_{in}(s)} = \frac{K_t}{R(Js^2 + bs) + K_t K_e s} = \frac{K_t / RJ}{s\left(s + \frac{b}{J} + \frac{K_t K_e}{RJ}\right)} = \frac{K}{s(s + a)}$$
  
where  $K = K_t / RJ$ ,  $a = \frac{1}{J}\left(b + \frac{K_t K_e}{R}\right)$ 

If we are interested in the **velocity** of the motor (robot's arm) in response to the input voltage, we may multiply the s in the denominator and  $\theta(s)$  to get  $\omega(s)$ . Therefore, the transfer function may be written as:

T.F. = 
$$\frac{\omega(s)}{V_{in}(s)} = \frac{K}{s+a}$$

#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

**Example:** Assume that the input voltage is a step function Pu(t). Determine the response of the motor and its steady-state value.

#### Solution:

$$\omega(s) = \frac{K}{s+a} \frac{P}{s} = \frac{KP}{s(s+a)} = \frac{a_1}{s+a} + \frac{a_2}{s}$$
where  $a_1 = \left| s \left( \frac{KP}{s(s+a)} \right) \right|_{s=0} = \frac{KP}{a}$  and  $a_2 = \left| (s+a) \left( \frac{KP}{s(s+a)} \right) \right|_{s=-a} = \frac{KP}{-a}$ 
Hence,  $\omega(s) = \frac{KP}{sa} - \frac{KP}{(s+a)a} = \frac{KP}{a} \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{(s+a)} \right)^{\omega(t)}$ 
Taking inverse L.T. gives  $\omega(t) = \frac{KP}{a} \left( 1 - e^{-at} \right)$ 

#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

#### Example (cont'd):

The steady-state velocity output of the motor, using the final value theorem is:

$$\omega_{s.s.}|_{\text{for unitstepinput}} = \lim_{s \to 0} s \frac{KP}{s(s+a)} = \frac{KP}{a}$$

#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

Now let's add a **tachometer** to the system as a feedback sensor. The tachometer measures the angular speed of the motor in response to the actuating signal.



♦ For the tachometer:  $v_b = K_f \dot{\theta}$ 

An electromechanical system with a tachometer sensor.

The circuit representing the tachometer can be expressed in Laplace domain as:

$$I(s) \times (R_a + R_L + Ls) = V_b(s) = K_f s \theta(s)$$
$$V_o(s) = I(s)R_L = \frac{K_f s \theta(s)R_L}{R_c + R_c + Ls}$$

#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

The transfer function for the tachometer is:

T.F. 
$$= \frac{V_o(s)}{s\theta(s)} = \frac{V_o(s)}{\omega(s)}$$
$$= \frac{K_f R_L}{\left(R_a + R_L + Ls\right)} = \frac{m}{s+n}$$



An electromechanical system with a tachometer sensor.

where

$$m = \frac{K_f R_L}{L}$$
$$n = \frac{R_a + R_L}{L}$$

#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

With tachometer, the transfer function between the input voltage and output angular velocity is:

$$\frac{\theta(s)}{V_{in}(s)} = \frac{K_t / LJ}{s\left(s^2 + s\left(\frac{RJ + Lb}{LJ}\right) + \frac{Rb + K_t K_b}{LJ}\right)}$$





Completed block diagram for the robot's actuating motor.

$$\frac{\omega(s)}{V_{in}(s)} = \frac{K_t / LJ}{\left(s^2 + s\left(\frac{RJ + Lb}{LJ}\right) + \frac{Rb + K_t K_b}{LJ}\right)}$$

#### Modeling Robot's Actuator

$$\frac{\omega(s)}{V_{in}(s)} = \frac{K_t / LJ}{\left(s^2 + s\left(\frac{RJ + Lb}{LJ}\right) + \frac{Rb + K_t K_b}{LJ}\right)}$$
Characteristic equation  $\rightarrow s^2 + s\left(\frac{RJ + Lb}{LJ}\right) + \frac{Rb + K_t K_b}{LJ} = 0$ 
For quadratic systems  $\rightarrow s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = 0$ 
 $\downarrow$ 
 $\omega_n^2 = \frac{Rb + K_t K_b}{LJ}$  and  $2\zeta\omega_n = \frac{RJ + Lb}{LJ}$ 

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Dynamic Compensation



Minor Loop Feedback Compensation

For more info: see MCTR903:Advanced Mechatronics Engineering Course

http://msm.guc.edu.eg/MCTR903/index.html

#### Control Modes



Effect of PID Controllers on Closed-Loop System

	Р	Ι	D
Rise Time	Decreases	Decreases	Small Change
Overshoot	Increases	Increases	Decreases
Settling Time	Small change	Increases	Decreases
S.S. Error	Decreases	Eliminates	Small change

Note that these correlations may not be exactly accurate, because  $K_P$ ,  $K_I$ , and  $K_D$  are dependent on each other. In fact, changing one of these variables can change the effect of the other two. For this reason, the table should only be used as a reference when you are determining the values for  $K_I$ ,  $K_P$  and  $K_D$ .

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#### Control Modes



The response of the system changes as the poles move in different directions

#### Proportional Mode

To examine the use of feedback, we will develop a control scheme for joint position using proportional feedback. To simplify this development, we assume that the feedback transducer has unity gain. We calculate the closed loop transfer function for proportional-feedback control of the **low-inertia micromotor**.



Low-inertia Micromotor

Quantity	Rated Value	
V	15 volts	
No-load speed	4300 rpm	
No-load current	20x10 <sup>-3</sup> Amps	
Stall torque	110x10 <sup>-3</sup> N.metres	
Power	12 watts	
Bemf constant K <sub>e</sub>	3.5 v/1000 rpm	
Inductance	0.6x10 <sup>-3</sup> Henry	
Resistance	4.5 ohm	
Torque const. K <sub>t</sub>	33x10 <sup>-3</sup> N.m/amp	
Inertia	32x10 <sup>-7</sup> kg.m2	
Friction	1x10 <sup>-6</sup> N.m/radian/s	
Motor time const	13x10 <sup>-3</sup> s	

Proportional Mode

The transfer function is:

 $\frac{\theta(s)}{P(s)} = \frac{2292 \, K_P}{s^2 + 75.6s + 2292 \, K_P}$ 



To study the closed-loop response, we examine the pole-zero diagram of this transfer function. The arcs of the root-locus plot start at the open-loop poles and move toward the open-loop zeros. There are as many zeros as poles, with the **unspecified zeros at infinity**.



- **Proportional Mode** Characteristics equation is:
  - $s^2 + 75.6s + 2292 K_P = 0$

For quadratic systems  $\rightarrow$ 



Overdamped  $\zeta > 1$  Critical damping  $\zeta = 1$  Underdamped  $\zeta < 1$   $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{p}} < 0.62$   $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{p}} = 0.62$   $\tau = 26.5 \text{ ms}$   $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{p}} > 0.62$ 

*Note:* for low gains, the poles are on the real axis and the control is overdamped. As the gain increases, the poles reach the midpoint between the open-loop poles and the control is critically damped. Increasing the gain further moves the poles parallel to the img. axis, and the control is underdamped.

#### PD Mode K P(s)<sup>+</sup>X $\theta(s)$ $K_{P} + K_{D}s$ s(s+a)Reference Joint's The transfer function is: Position Position Joint $\frac{\theta(s)}{P(s)} = \frac{2292(K_P + K_D s)}{s^2 + (75.6 + 2292 K_D)s + 2292 K_P}$ Characteristic equation $\rightarrow s^2 + (75.6 + 2292 K_D)s + 2292 K_P = 0$ For quadratic systems $\rightarrow s^2 + 2\zeta \omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = 0$ t = 0.335 higher faster 1 slower frequency Incr. Im lower frequency 1 no damping $\omega_{p}^{2} = 2292 K_{p}$ and critical damping $2\zeta\omega_n = (75.6 + 2292 K_D)$ lines of -1.5 constant damping -2.236 $\diamond$ Varying K<sub>P</sub> for constant K<sub>D</sub> moves the poles vertically, and

 $\diamond$  varying  $K_D$  for constant  $K_P$  moves them along a circle.

#### • PD Mode

From this plot, we see that the step response for the PD control law is **much faster** than that for the P control law.



Step response for proportional and proportioned plus derivative feedback control of the low-inertia micromotor, with critical damping.

 As the zero in the closed-loop transfer function is **moved** farther to the left, the response improves.

• PD Mode

#### Problems with this control mode.

- **First**, the derivative of a step input is an impulse so **electrical noise** on the feedback signal may cause undesirable fluctuations in position.
- -**Second**, the **faster response** of the motor is achieved by applying a **higher voltage** to the terminals to produce larger acceleration and deceleration torques.

Some industrial systems apply up to **twice nominal voltage** to motors for **short periods of time**. This is known as **forcing**.

However, there is a limit to the amount of forcing which can be applied to a motor without damaging it.

#### • PD Mode

- In most robot controllers, the speed of response to position errors is limited by the **maximum velocity of the joint**. Often, the **nominal operating velocity** is restricted to be much less than the maximum in order to minimize the effect of the dynamics of the link.
- Also, once the forcing limit is reached, the tracking error
   increases and the controller may saturate.
- In an analogue controller, saturation occurs when the output of an amplifier is driven to its maximum, or minimum, value.
- In a digital controller, saturation occurs when the calculations overflow (or reach a limit). While the controller is saturated, it has lost control of the system.

#### Proportional plus Velocity Control

The problems caused by the **derivative law amplifying electrical noise** can be eliminated by using velocity feedback



- Proportional plus Velocity Control
  - The closed-loop transfer function for this system has the same characteristic equation as proportional plus derivative control, but no zero.



Stable position control has been achieved with fast, criticallydamped, response.

Proportional plus Velocity Control

From 
$$GH(s) = \frac{2292 K_P}{s(s+75.6+2292 K_g)}$$

- ◊ Type number: the type number of the system is the value of integer n (number of integrators in GH(s))→type 1
- ♦ **Gain**  $K = \lim_{s \to 0} s^n GH(s)$  and a common practice associates the following names and notations with K, depending on *n*:
  - n=0:  $K_p$ =position error constant
    - K<sub>v</sub>=velocity error constant
      - K<sub>a</sub>=acceleration error constant

Gain 
$$K_v = \lim_{s \to 0} s \frac{2292 K_p}{s(s+75.6+2292 K_g)} = \frac{2292 K_p}{75.6+2292 K_g}$$

n=1:

n=2:

Proportional plus Velocity Control

Steady-state error:

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \to 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + (Gain / s^n)} \bigg|_{\text{for stepinput}} = \lim_{s \to 0} \frac{s.1 / s}{1 + (Gain / s)}$$
$$= \lim_{s \to 0} \frac{s}{s + Gain} = 0$$

Without velocity feedback

$$\frac{\theta(s)}{E(s)} = \frac{K_P K}{s(s+a) + K_P K} \quad \text{or stepinput} \quad 0$$

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \to 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + (Gain/s^n)} \Big|_{\text{for stepinput}} = \lim_{s \to 0} \frac{s.1/s}{1 + (Gain)} = \frac{1}{1 + Gain} \neq 0$$

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- The task of a robot control system is to execute the planned sequence of motions and forces correctly in the presence of unforeseen errors.
- The open-loop or nonservo robots do not have position and rate-of-change sensors on any axis; therefore, the controller does not know the position of the arm and tool while the robot is moving from one point to another
- In the closed-loop or servo control, the parameter that is being controlled is continuously measured (feedback), compared to a reference (error calculation), and the action modified according to a control law to overcome the error.
- In most robots, each axis is controlled individually (called independent joint control) as a single-input, single-output unit.