

# MTE 408<sub>s</sub> | ROBOTICS

## TRAJECTORY GENERATION

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# Concepts

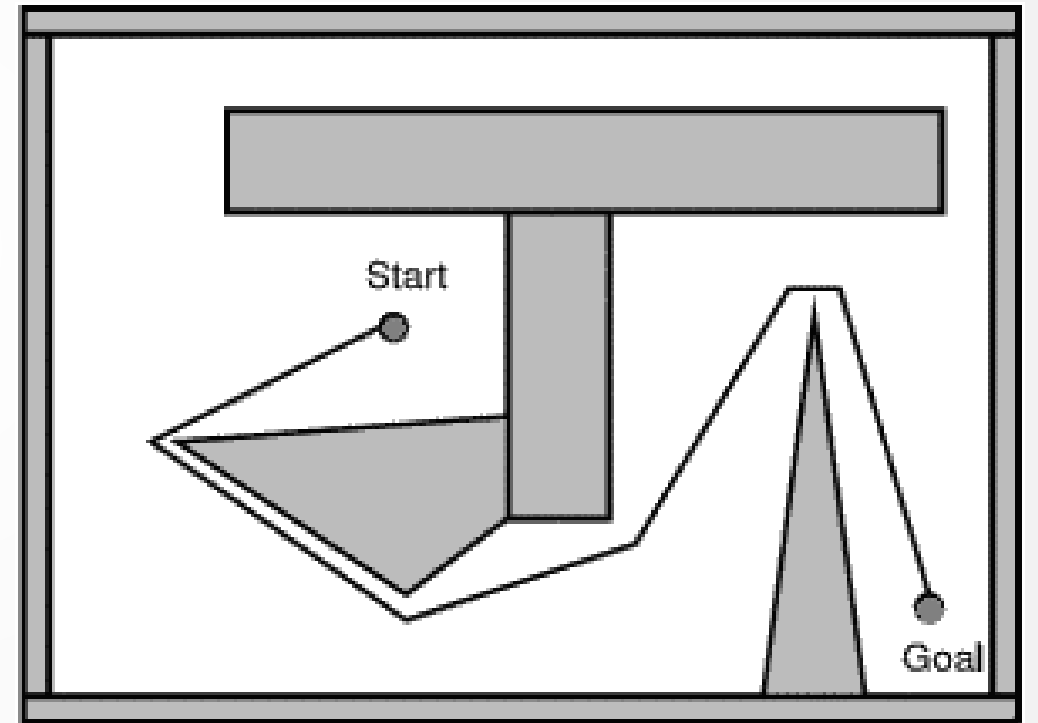
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*The difference between **motion planning** and **trajectory planning** (generation)*

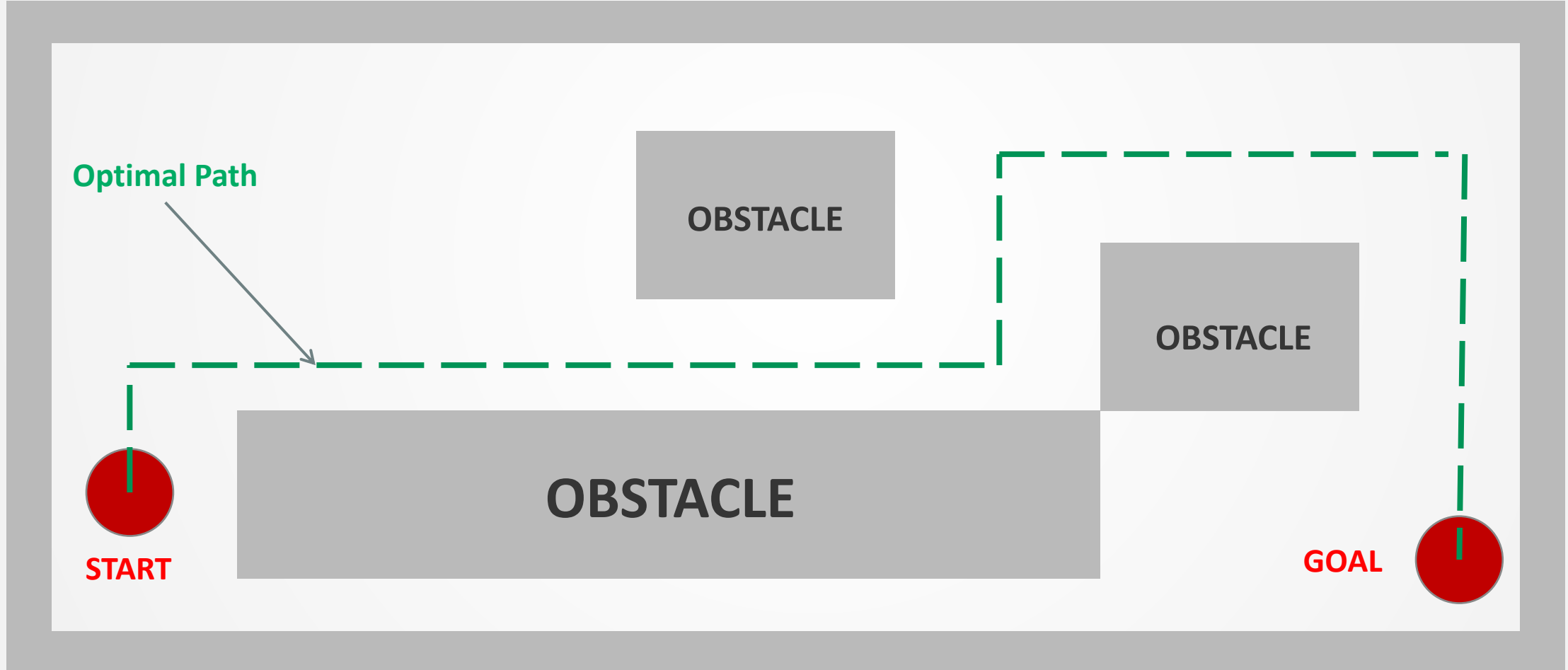


# Motion Planning

- intended to build a **collision-free path** with respect to ***cost function*** (minimum travel time or minimum power consumption).
- The **scene** or **horizon** is analyzed for minimizing the cost function to achieve the final goal

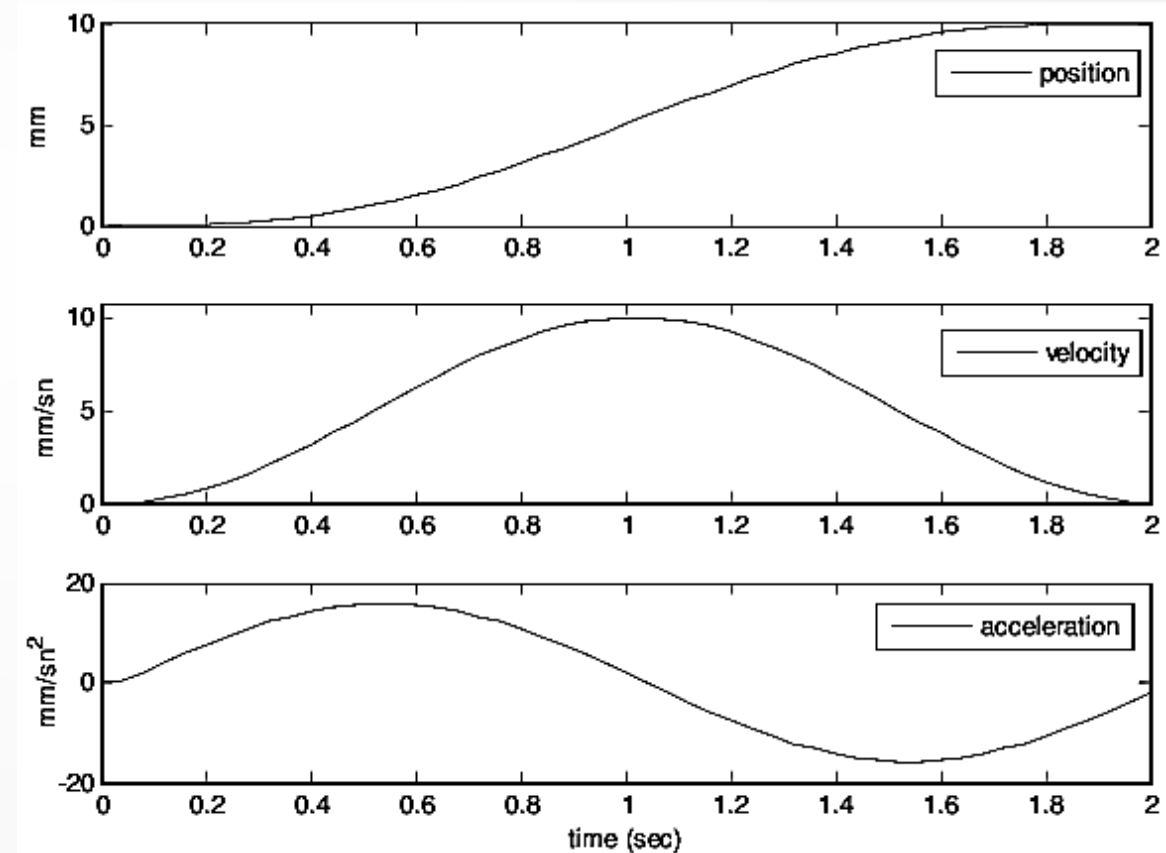


# Motion Planning

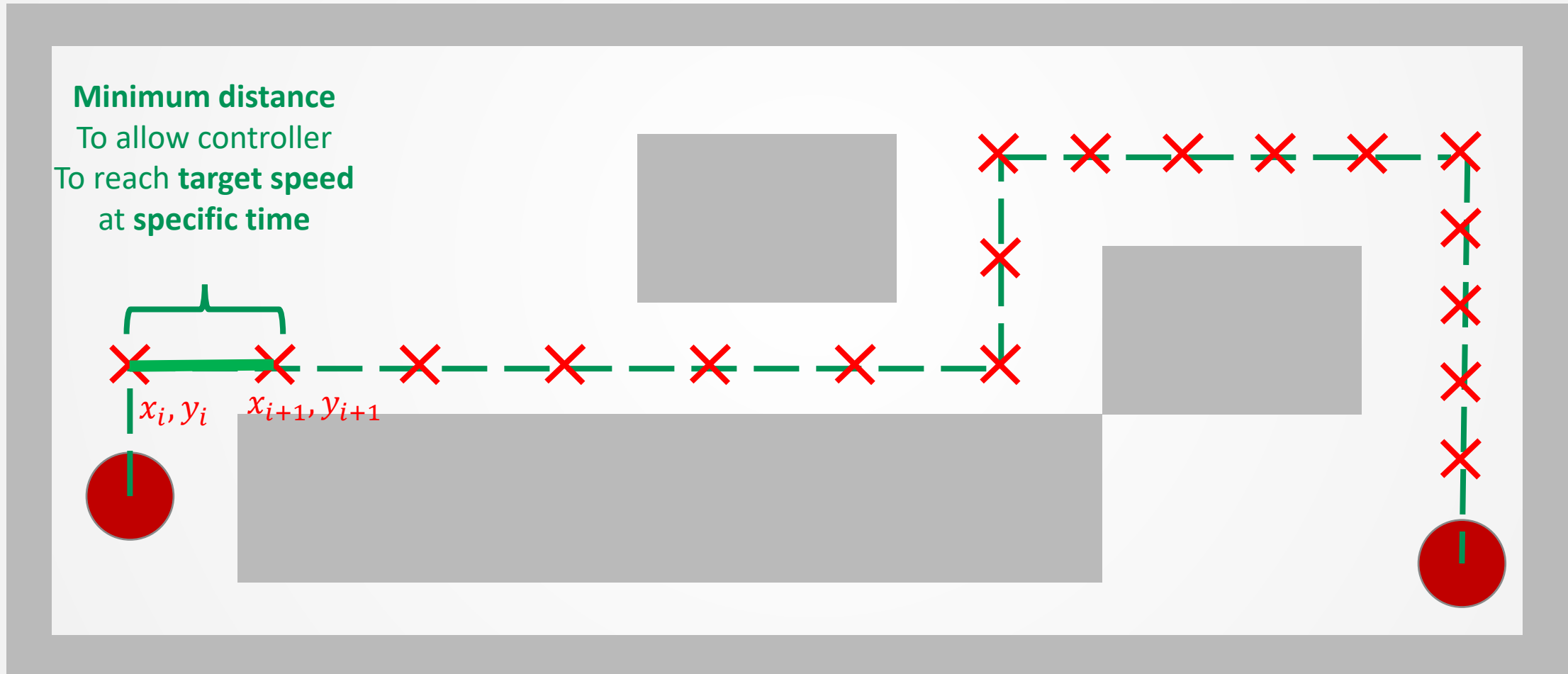


# Trajectory Planning (Generation)

- Once path is identified, motion dynamics (*speed*, *acceleration* and *jerk*) profile is identified using polynomial function.
- **Polynomial coefficients** are computed from problem **boundary conditions** (initial and final states of position, velocity and acceleration).

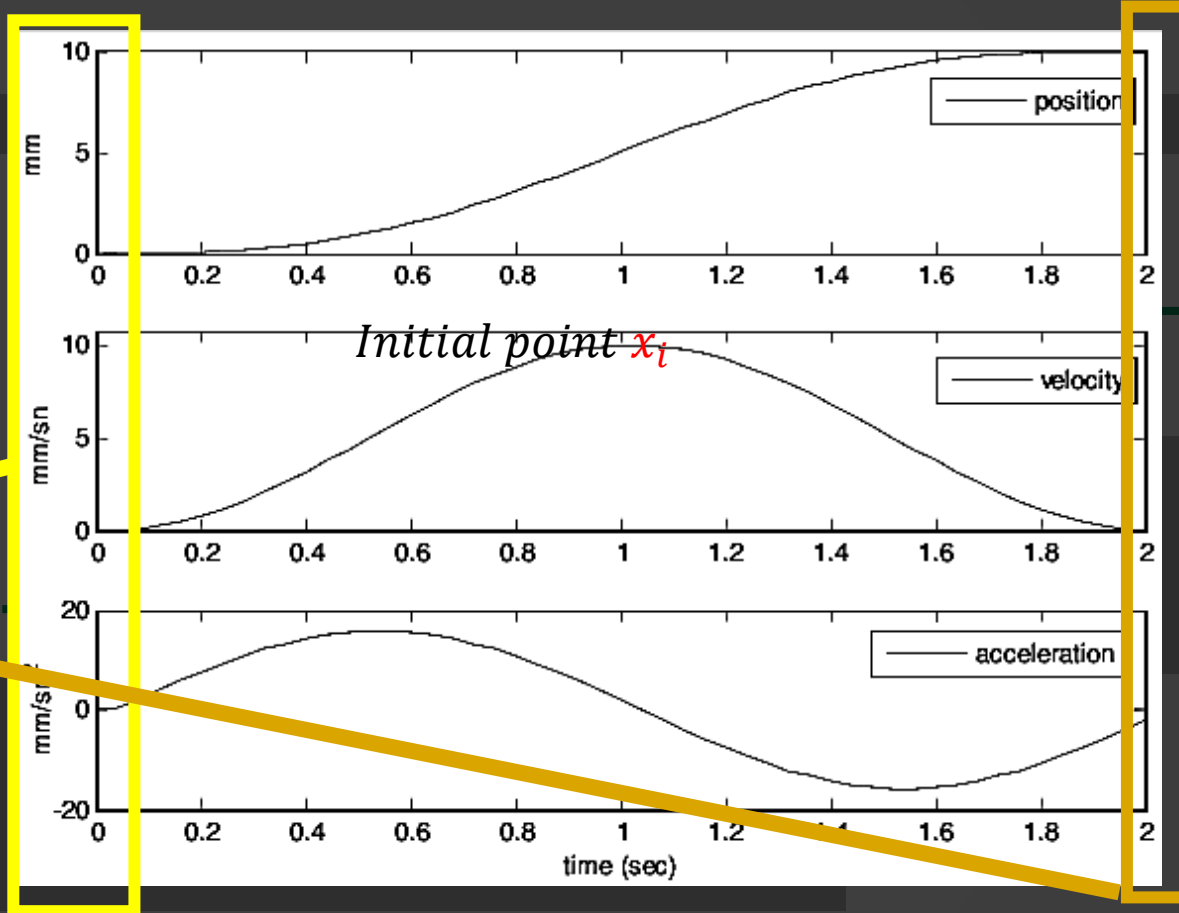
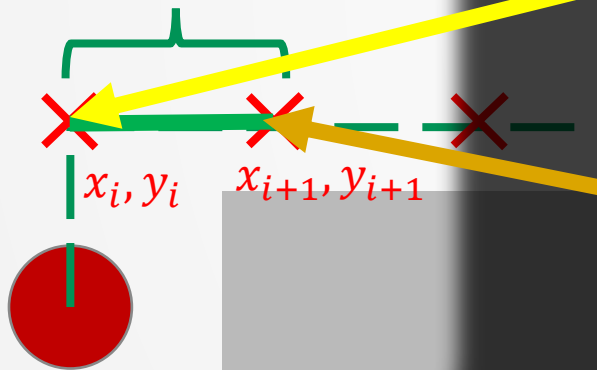


# Trajectory Planning (Generation)



# Trajectory Planning

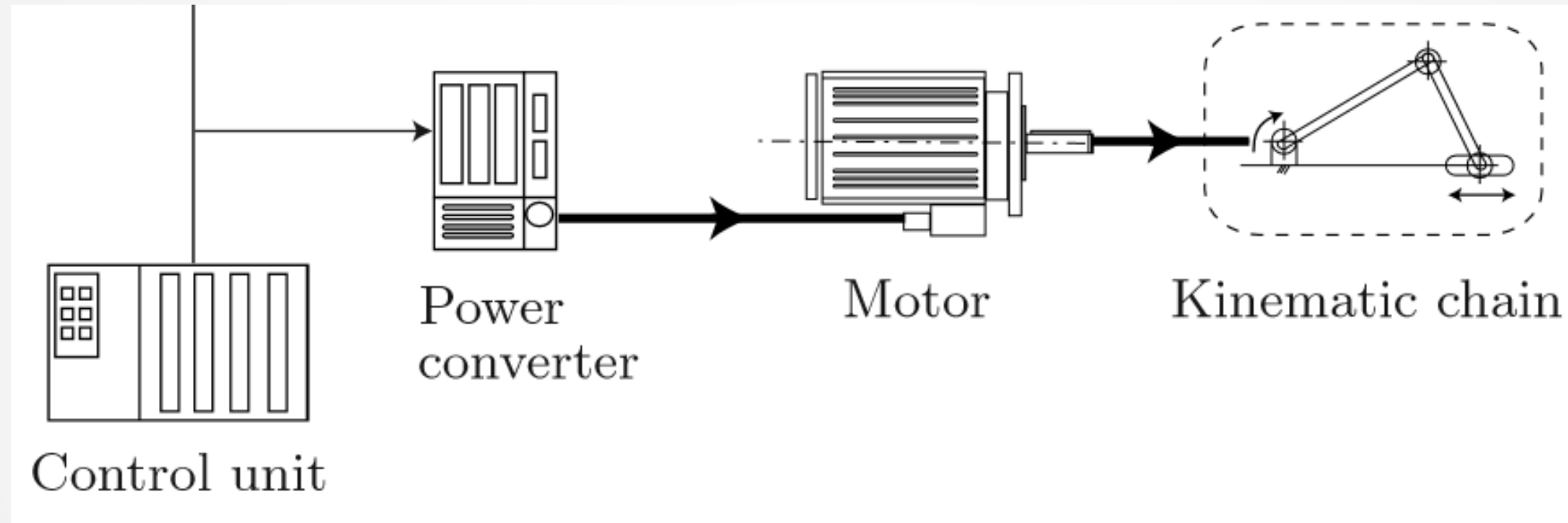
Minimum distance  
To allow controller  
To reach **target speed**  
at **specific time**



Initial point  $x_i$

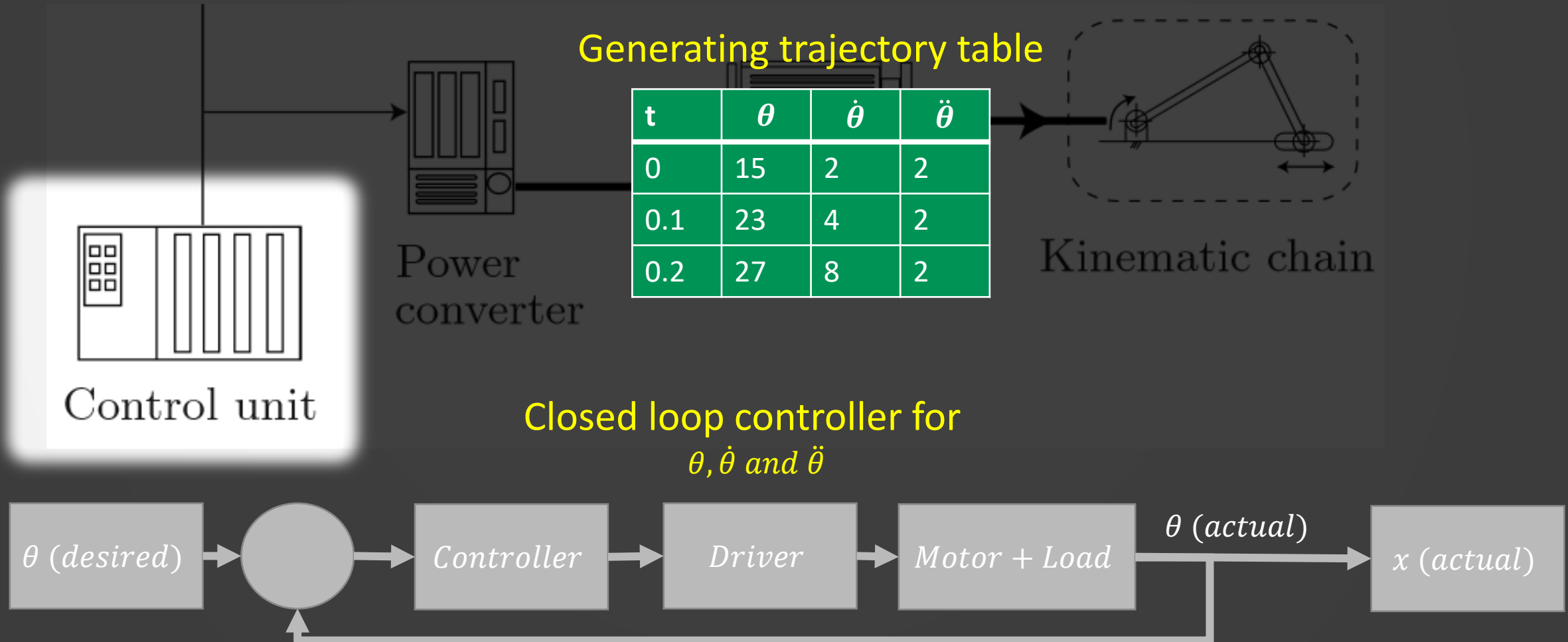
Final point  $x_{i+1}$

# Trajectory Planning (Single Axis)

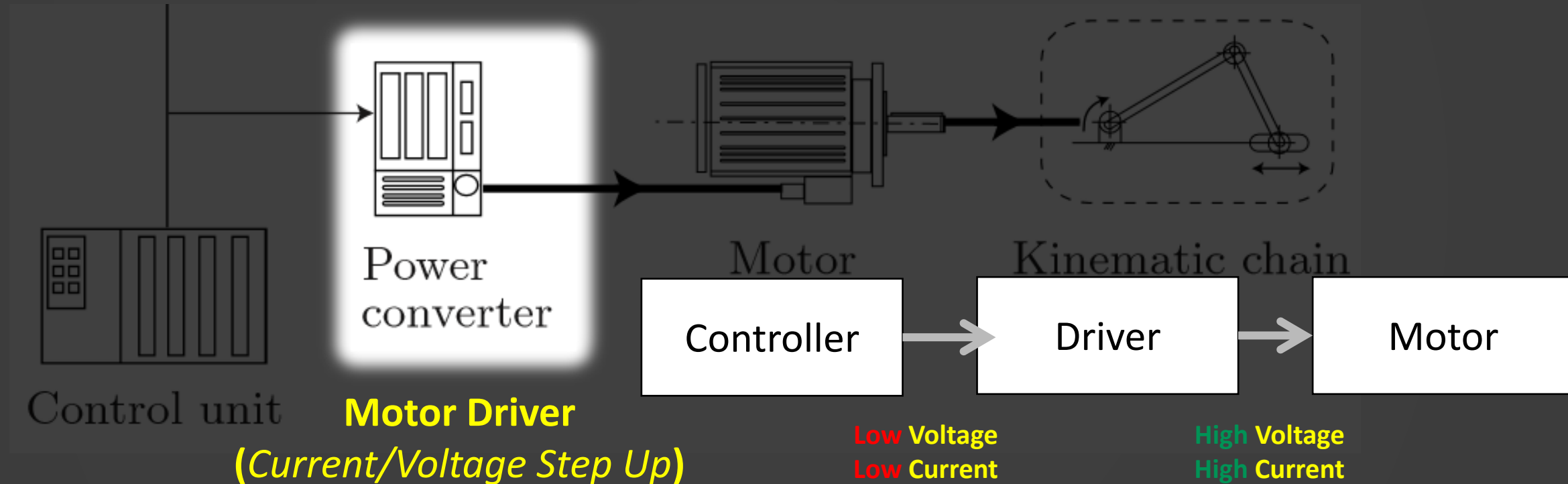




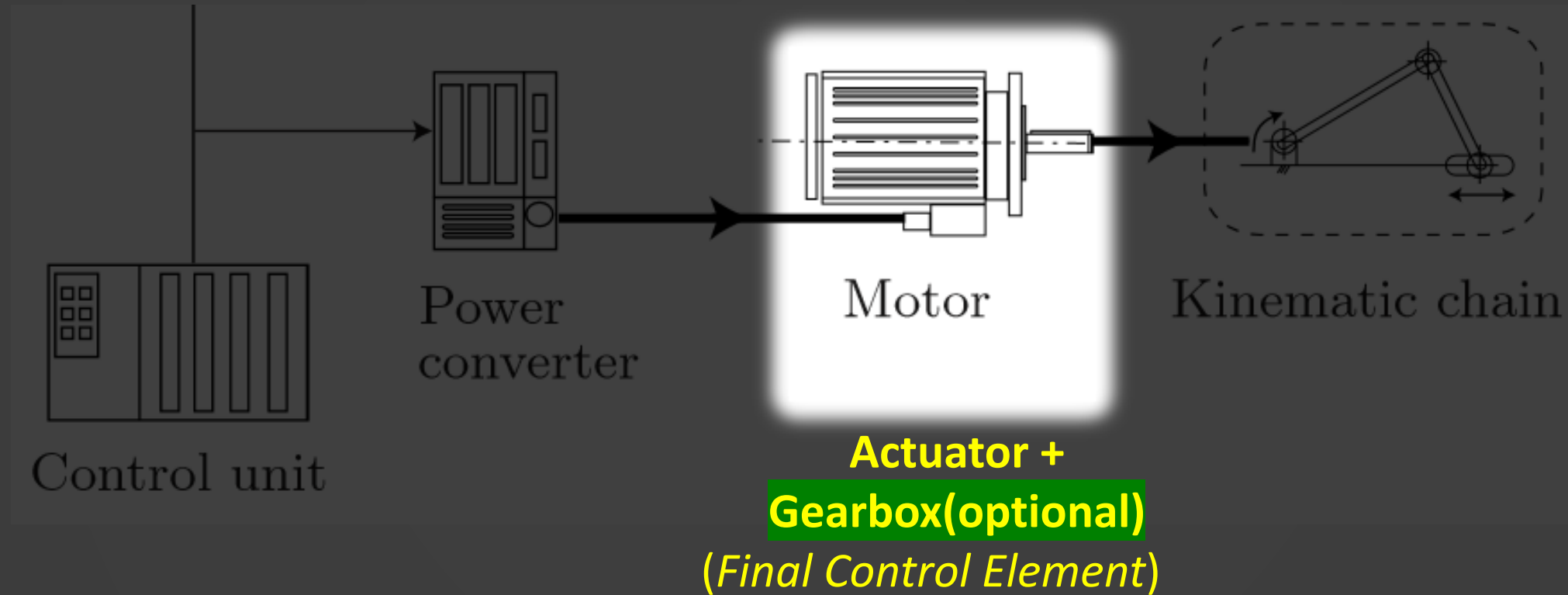
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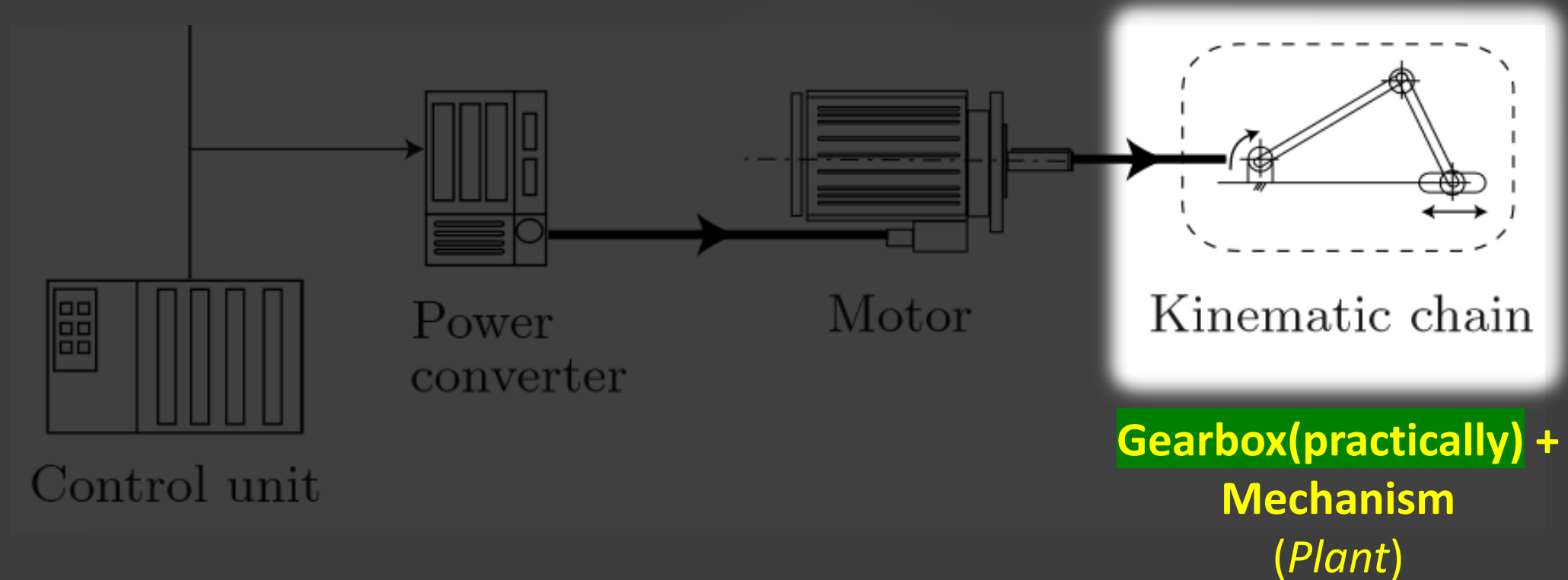
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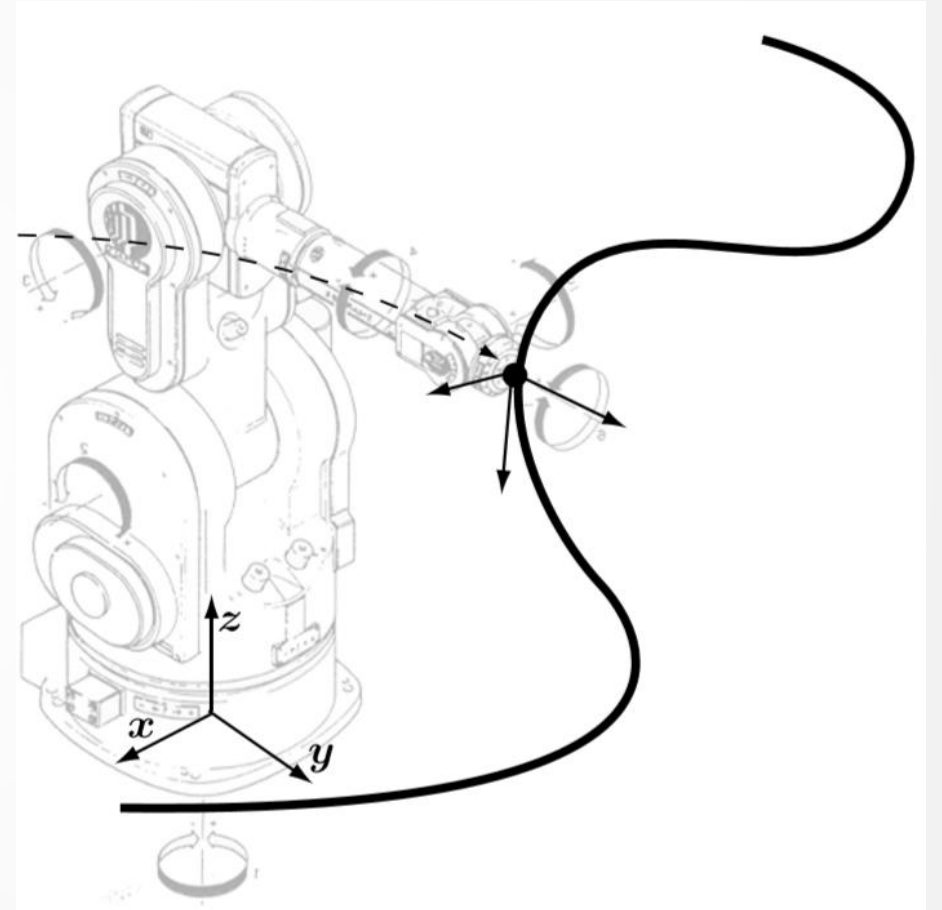
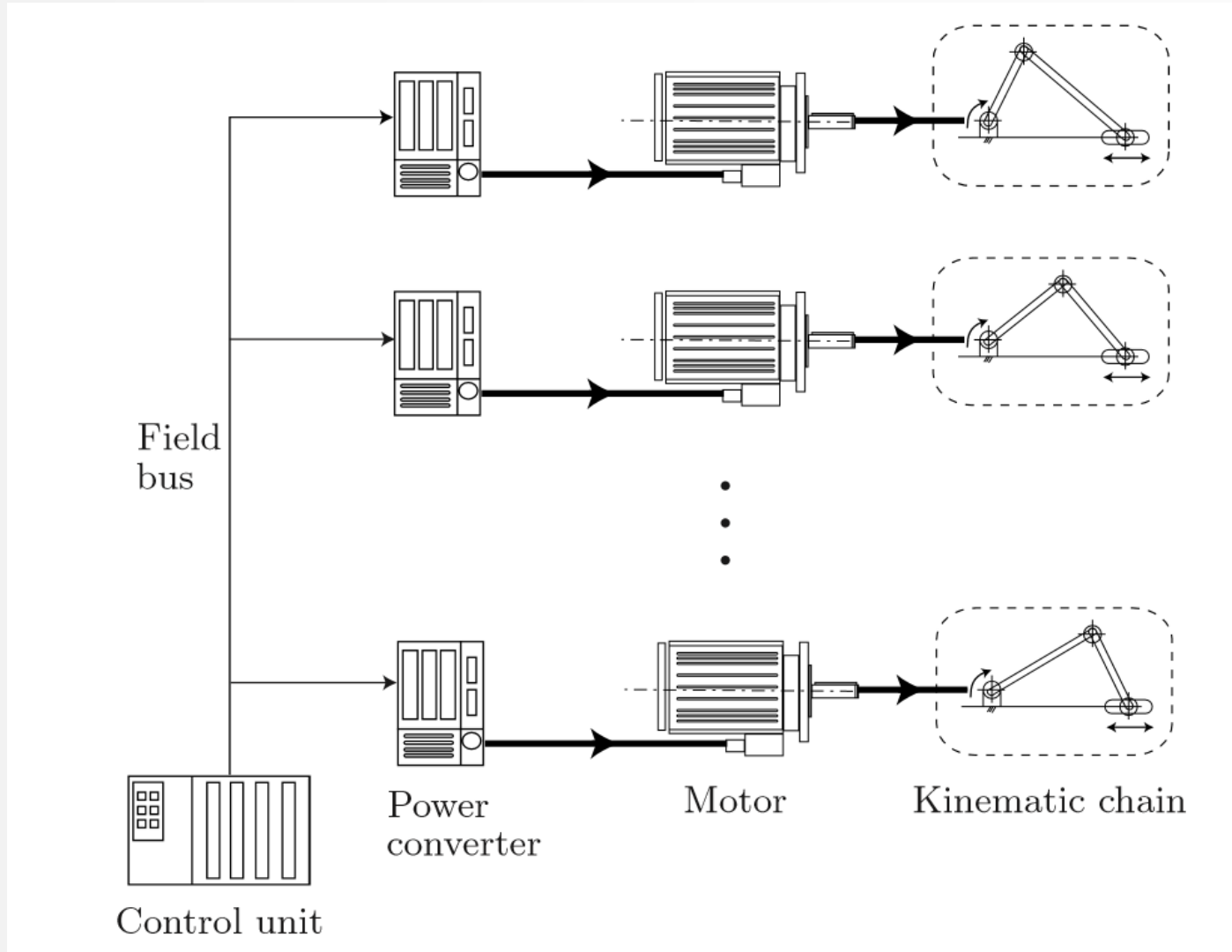
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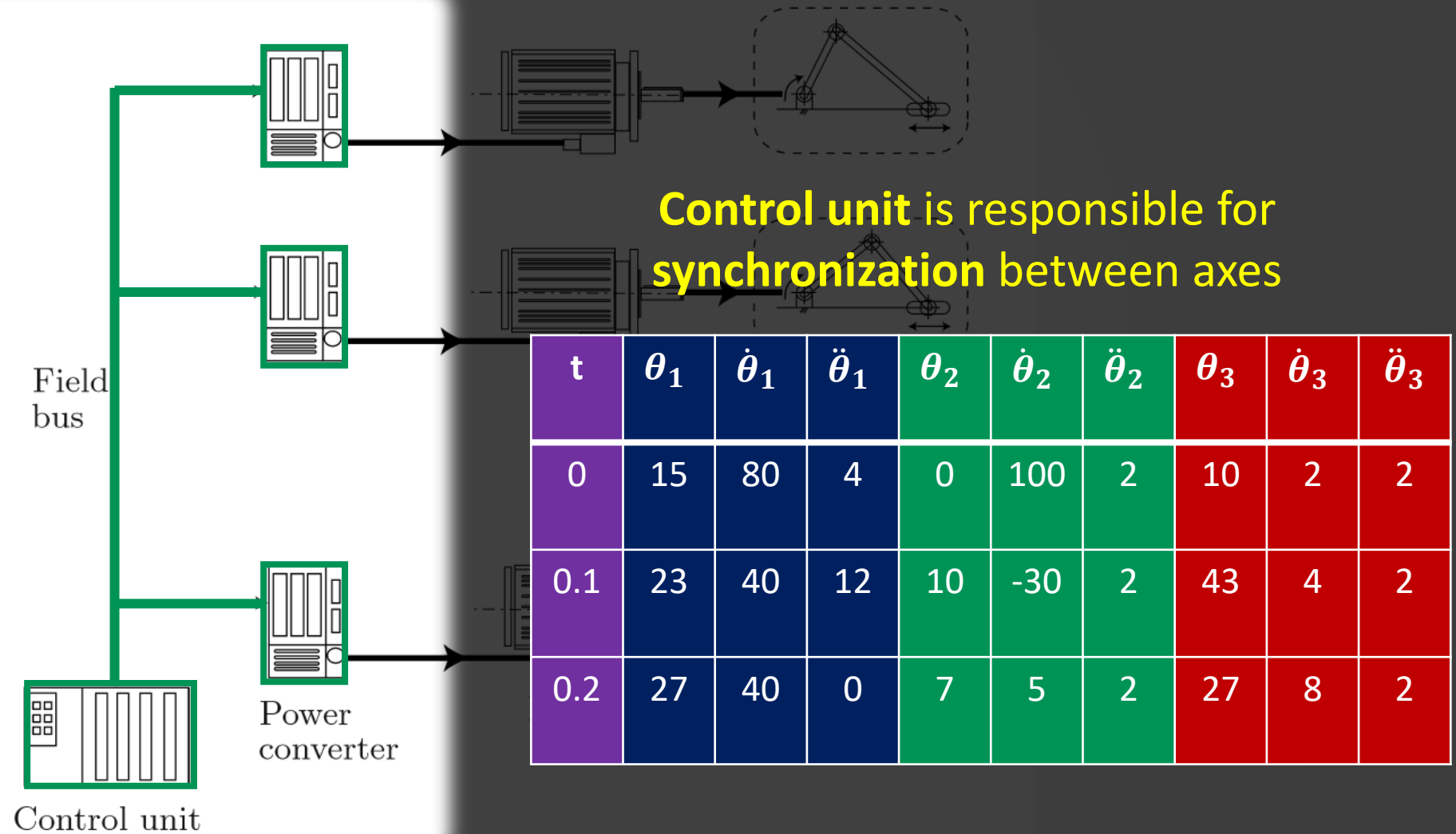
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# Trajectory Planning (Multiple Axes)



# Trajectory Planning (Multiple Axes)



# Polynomial Trajectories

*General form*

$$s(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + \dots a_n t^n$$

$$\dot{s}(t) = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

*Boundary conditions  
for finding coefficients*

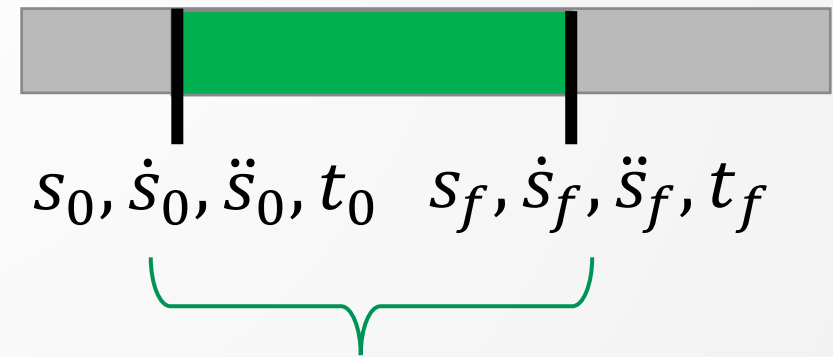
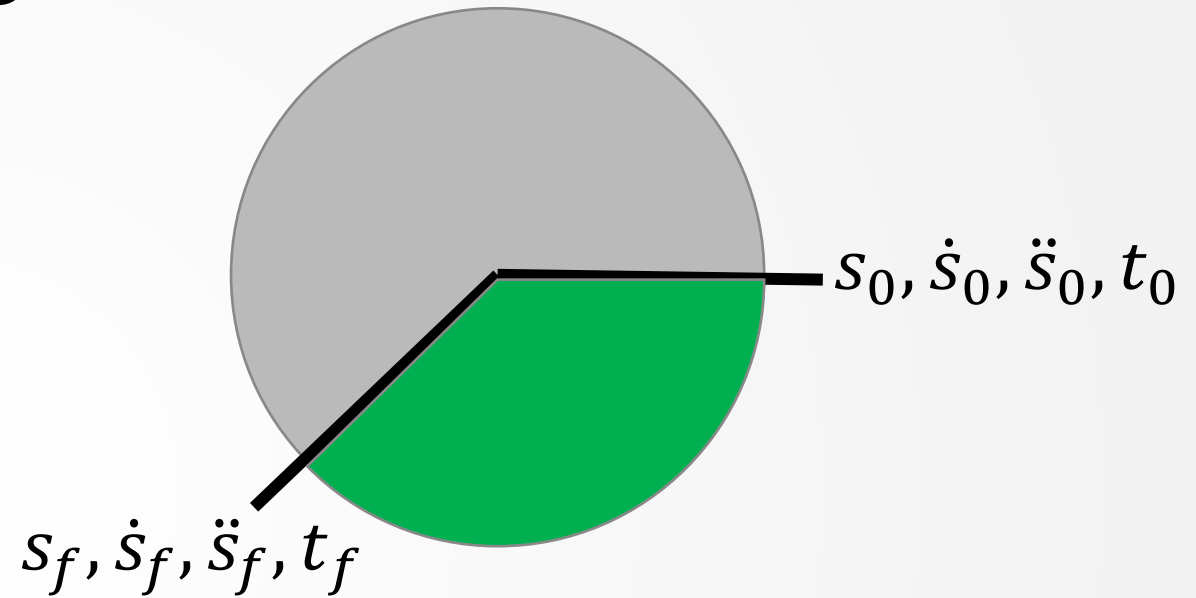
$a_0 \dots a_n$

$$\ddot{s}(t) = \frac{d^2 s}{dt^2}$$

$s(t)$  ... displacement  $t \in [t_0, t_f]$

$\dot{s}(t)$  ... velocity  $t_f$  ... final time

$\ddot{s}(t)$  ... acceleration  $t_0$  ... initial time



*Boundary Conditions*

# Polynomial Trajectories

## *Linear Trajectory*

$$s(t) = a_0 + a_1(t_f - t_0)$$

$$\dot{s}(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} = a_1$$

$$\ddot{s}(t) = 0$$

*To find the two coefficients ,  $a_0$  and  $a_1$ , we need **two boundary conditions**  $s(t_0)$  and  $s(t_f)$  (**initial** and **final** displacement)*

$$\begin{aligned} s(t_0) &= a_0 \rightarrow \{1\} \\ s(t_f) &= a_0 + a_1(t_f - t_0) \rightarrow \{2\} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} s(t_0) \\ s(t_f) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T = t_f - t_0$$



# Polynomial Trajectories

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*To find  $\mathbf{a}_0$  and  $\mathbf{a}_1$ , it is easy to find it using the inverse method*

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & T \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} s(t_0) \\ s(t_f) \end{bmatrix}, \quad s(t_0) \text{ and } s(t_f) \text{ are known values}$$

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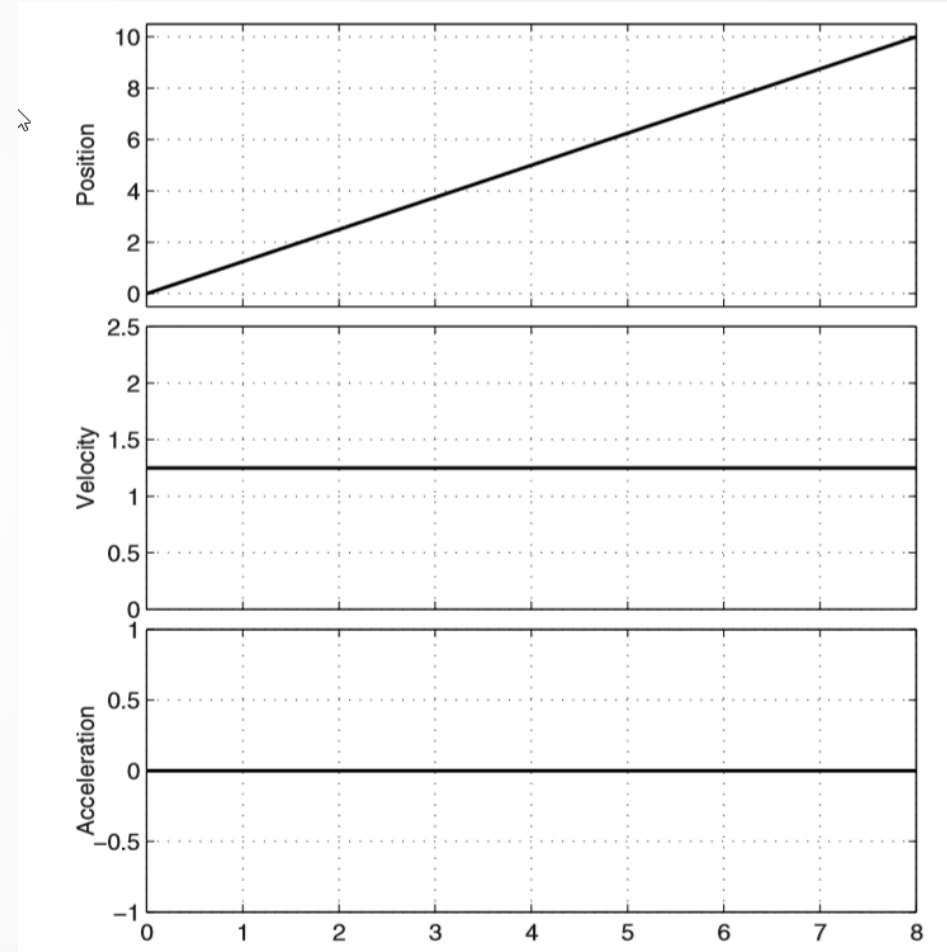
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$$a_0 = s(t_0)$$

$$a_1 = -\frac{s(t_0)}{T} + \frac{s(t_f)}{T} = \frac{s(t_f) - s(t_0)}{t_f - t_0} = \frac{h}{T}$$

$$h = s(t_f) - s(t_0) = q_f - q_0$$



# Polynomial Trajectories

## *Example*

*Determine the linear trajectory equations given*  
 $s(t_0) = q_0 = 0, s(t_f) = q_f = 10, t_0 = 0, t_f = 8$

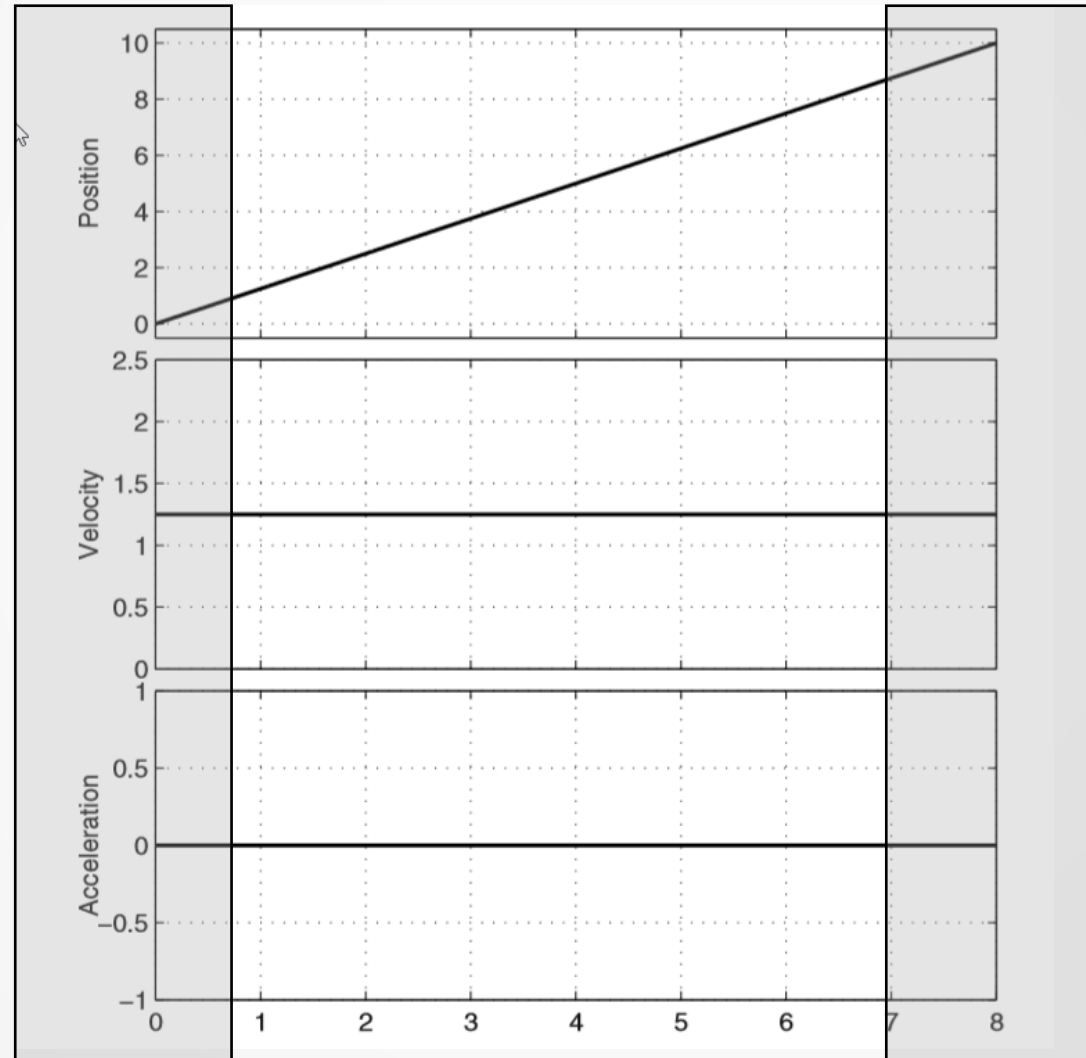
## *Solution*

$$a_0 = s(t_0) = 0$$

$$a_1 = \frac{s(t_f) - s(t_0)}{t_f - t_0} = \frac{10 - 0}{8 - 0} = \frac{10}{8}$$

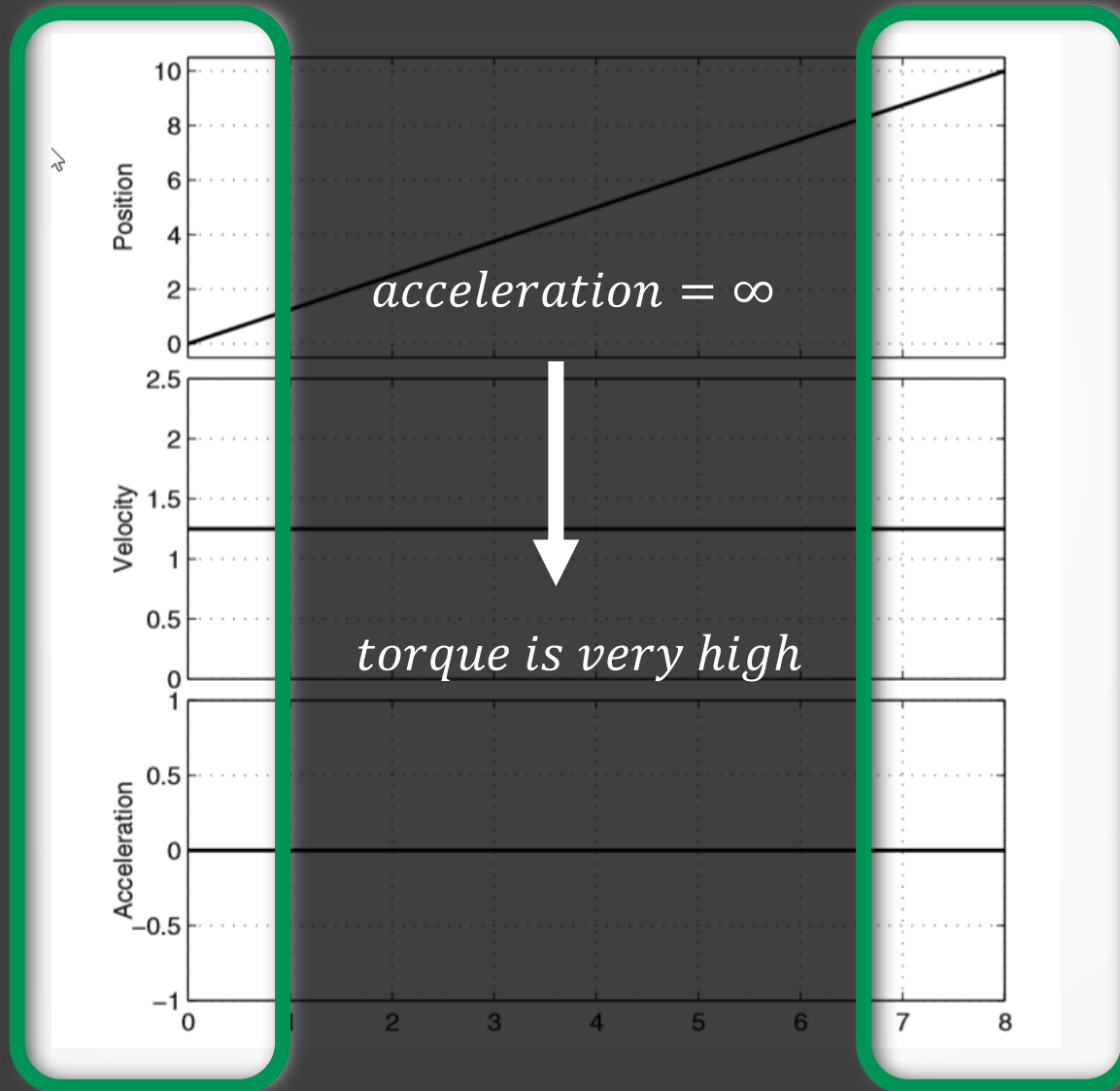
$$s(t) = a_0 + a_1 t = \frac{10}{8} t \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{s}(t) = a_1 = \frac{10}{8}$$

# Polynomial Trajectories



*Linear Trajectory*

# Polynomial Trajectories



*Linear Trajectory*

*Major disadvantage of linear trajectory is the infinite acceleration at start and stop*

# Polynomial Trajectories

*Cubic Trajectory*

$$s(t) = a_0 + a_1T + a_2(T)^2 + a_3(T)^3$$

$$\dot{s}(t) = a_1 + 2a_2(T) + 3a_3(T)^2$$

$$\ddot{s}(t) = 2a_2 + 6a_3(T)$$

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$$s(t_0) = a_0$$

$$s(t_f) = a_0 + a_1T + a_2(T)^2 + a_3(T)^3$$

$$\dot{s}(t_0) = a_1$$

$$\dot{s}(t_f) = a_1 + 2a_2(T) + 3a_3(T)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} s(t_0) \\ s(t_f) \\ \dot{s}(t_0) \\ \dot{s}(t_f) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & T & T^2 & T^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2T & 3T^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**$s(t_0)$  ,  $s(t_f)$  ,  $\dot{s}(t_0)$  and  $\dot{s}(t_f)$  are known**



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*Cubic Trajectory*

$$a_0 = q_0 = s(t_0)$$

$$a_1 = \dot{q}_0 = \dot{s}(t_0)$$

$$a_2 = \frac{3h - (2\dot{q}_0 + \dot{q}_f)T}{T^2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{-2h - (\dot{q}_0 + \dot{q}_f)T}{T^3}$$

***Rewrite  $q$  ,  $\dot{q}$  and  $\ddot{q}$***

$$q = a_0 + a_1T + a_2(T)^2 + a_3(T)^3$$

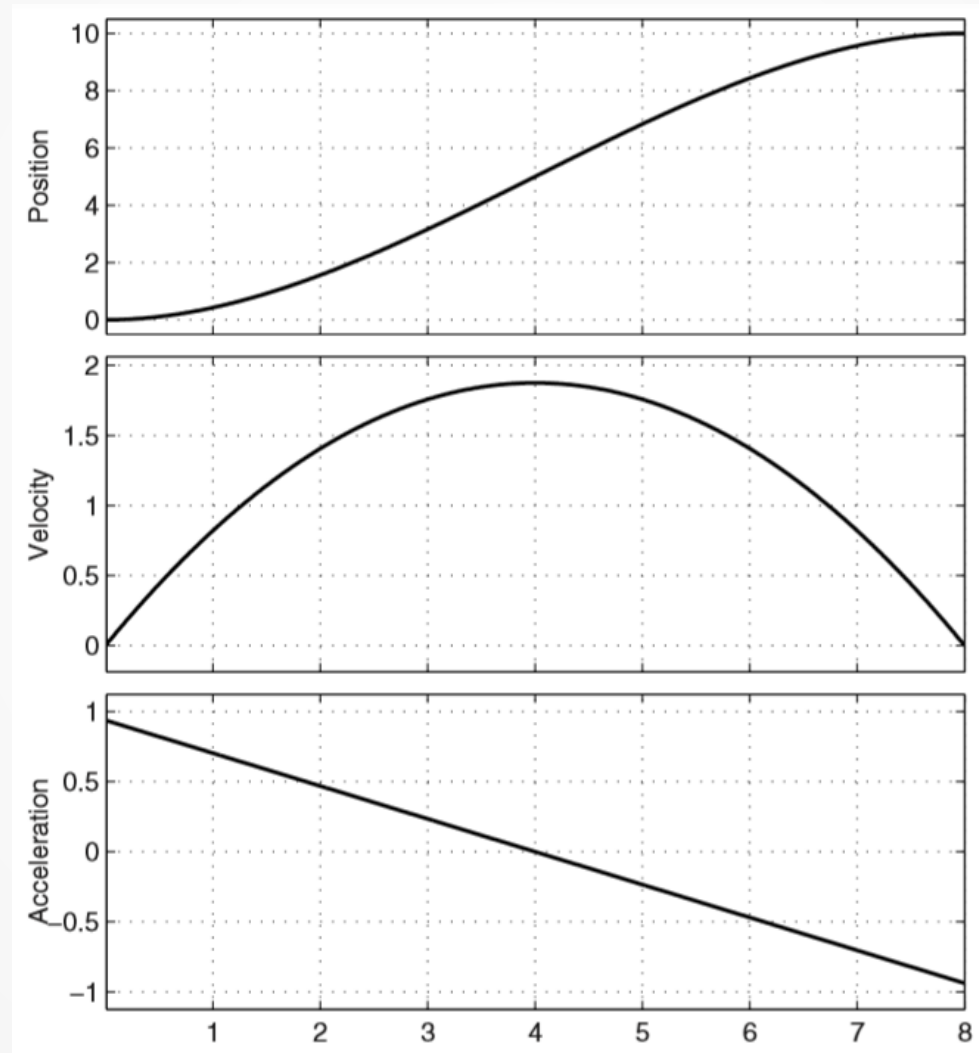
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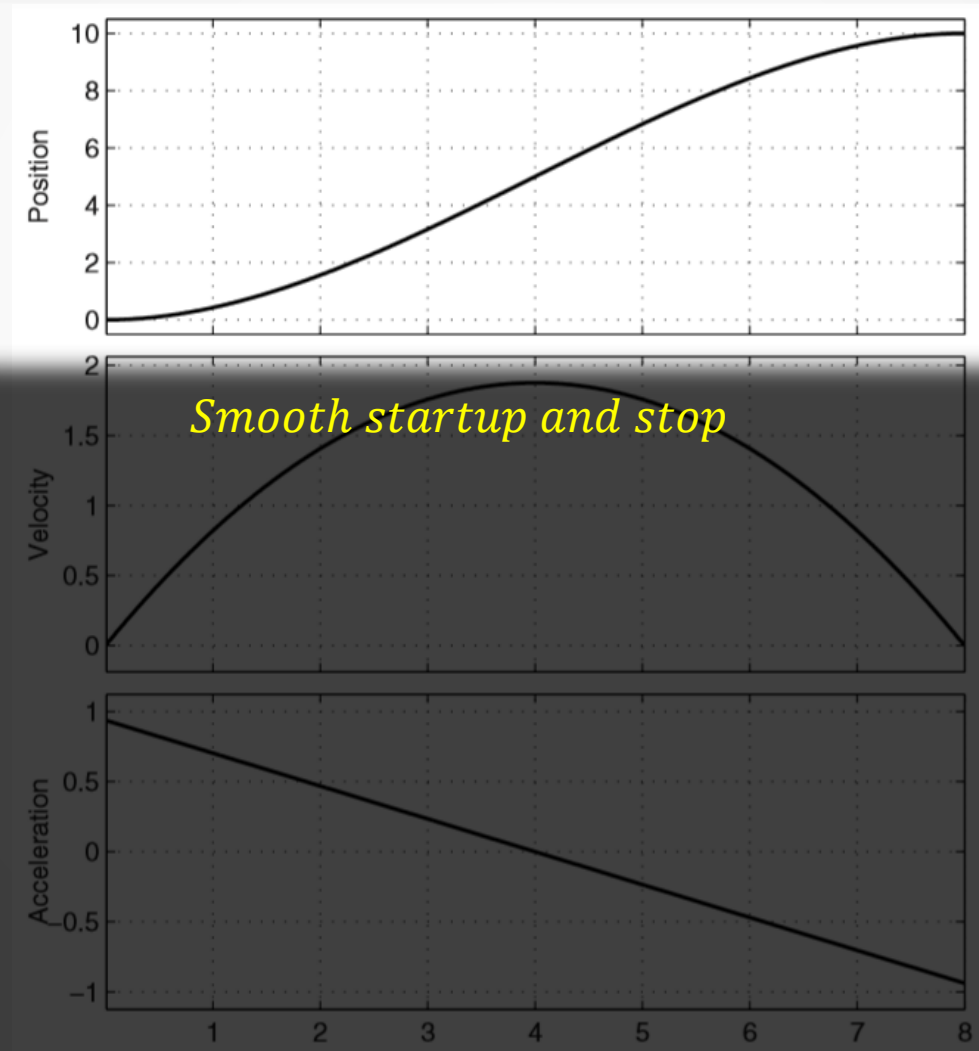
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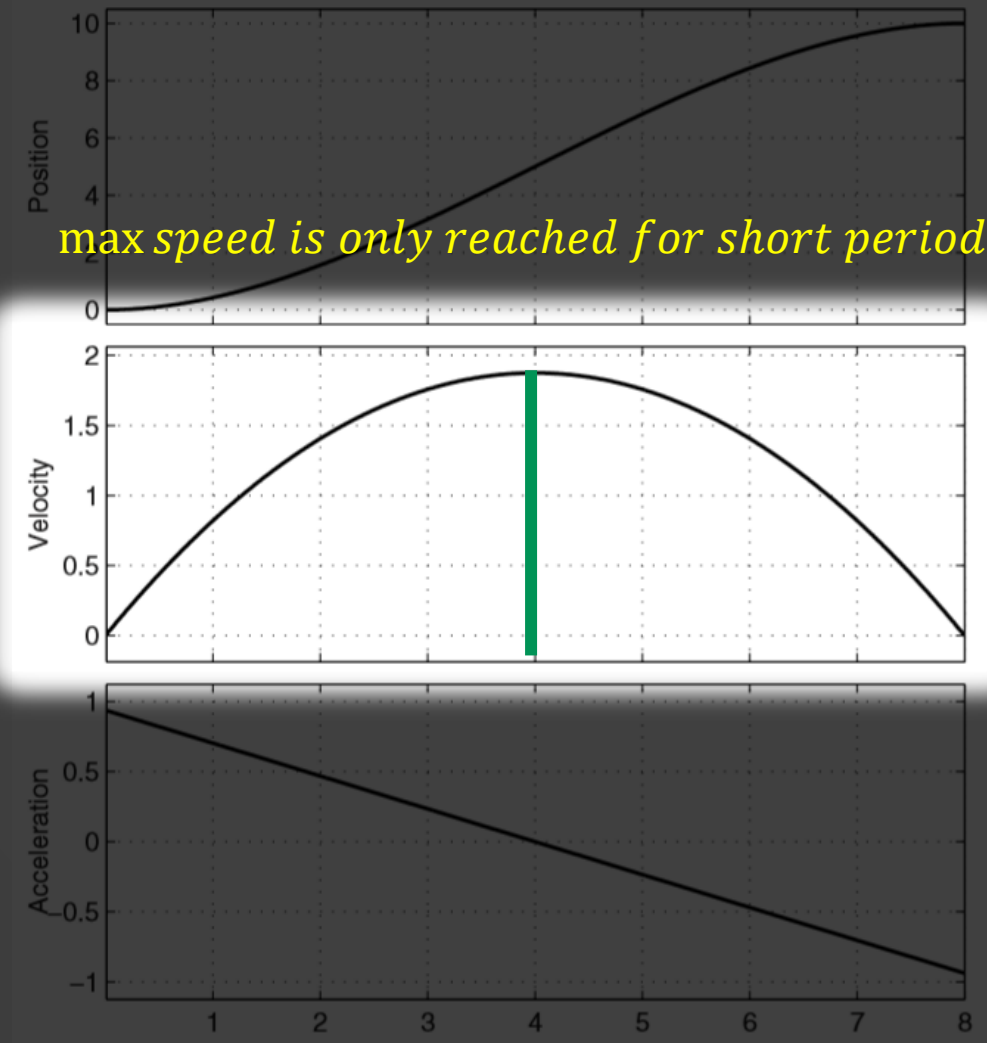
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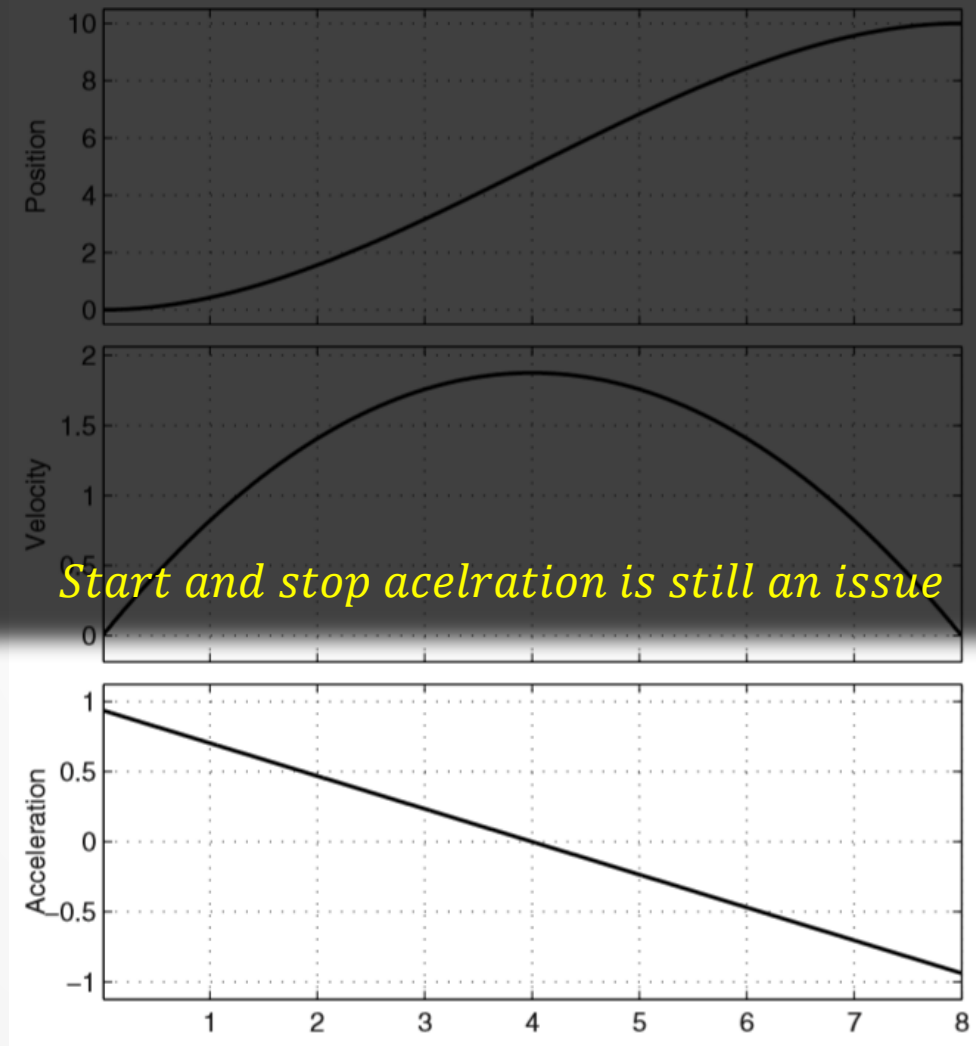
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***Exercise*** : *Write it down into matrix form and find the inverse using MATLAB*



# Polynomial Trajectories

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$$a_0 = q_0$$

$$a_1 = \dot{q}_0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2} a_0$$

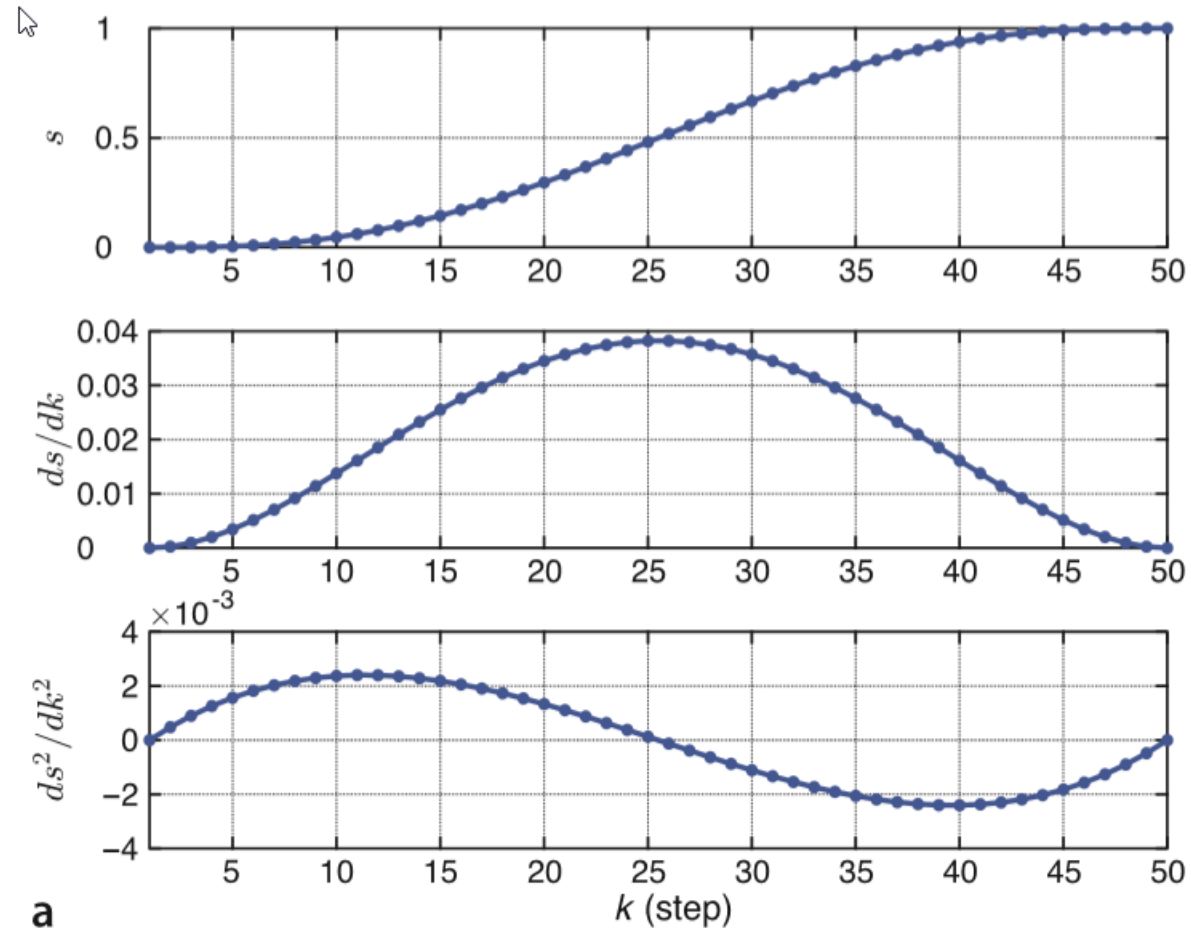
$$a_3 = \frac{1}{2T^3} [20h - (8\dot{q}_f + 12\dot{q}_0)T - (3a_0 - a_1)T^2]$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{2T^4} [-30h - (14\dot{q}_f + 16\dot{q}_0)T - (3a_0 - 2a_1)T^2]$$

$$a_5 = \frac{1}{2T^5} [12h - 6(\dot{q}_f + \dot{q}_0)T - (a_1 - a_0)T^2]$$

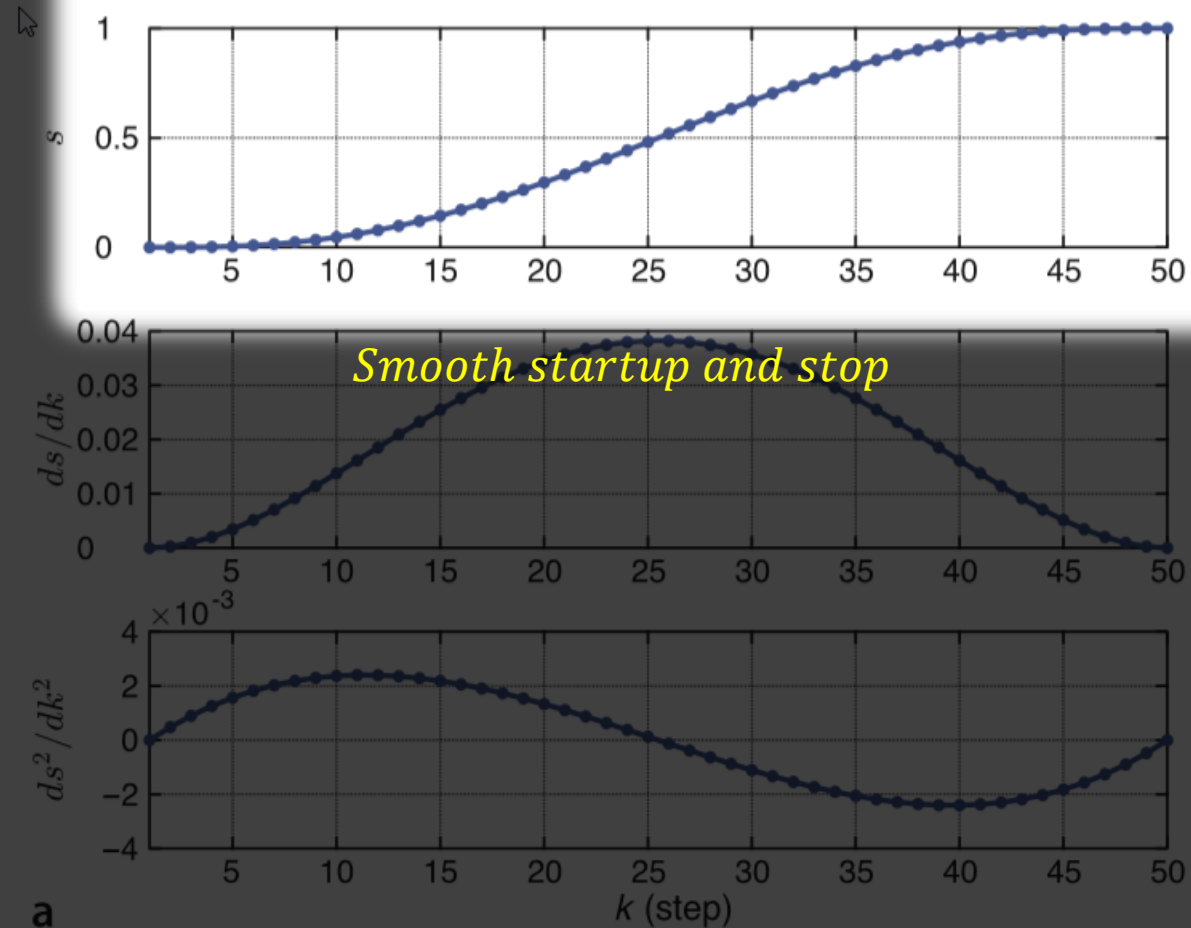
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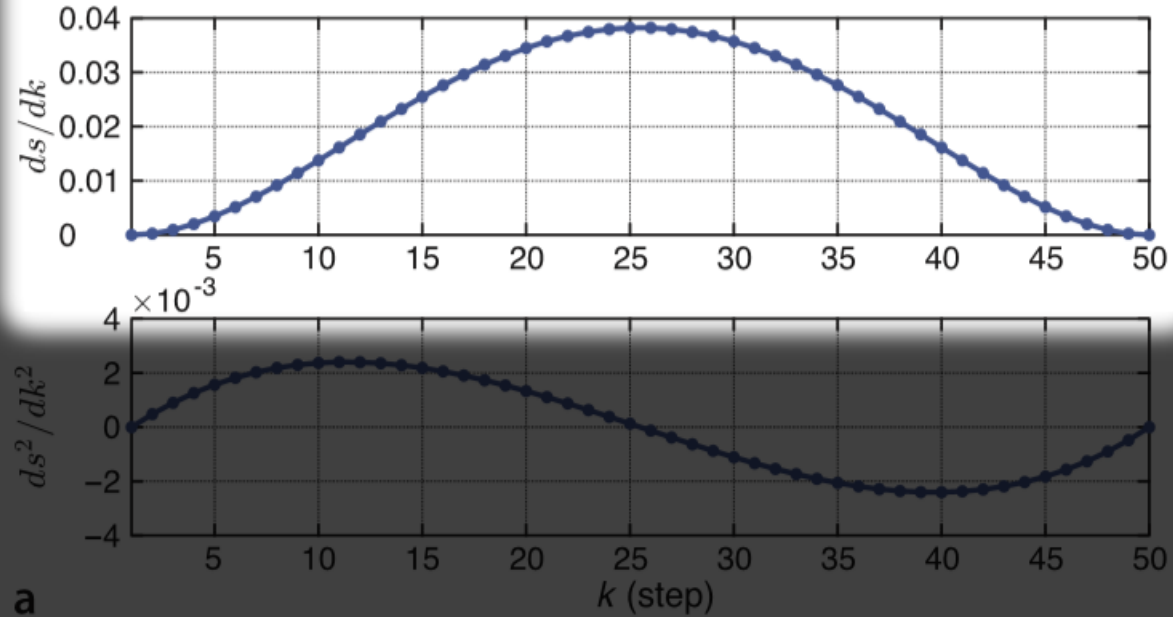
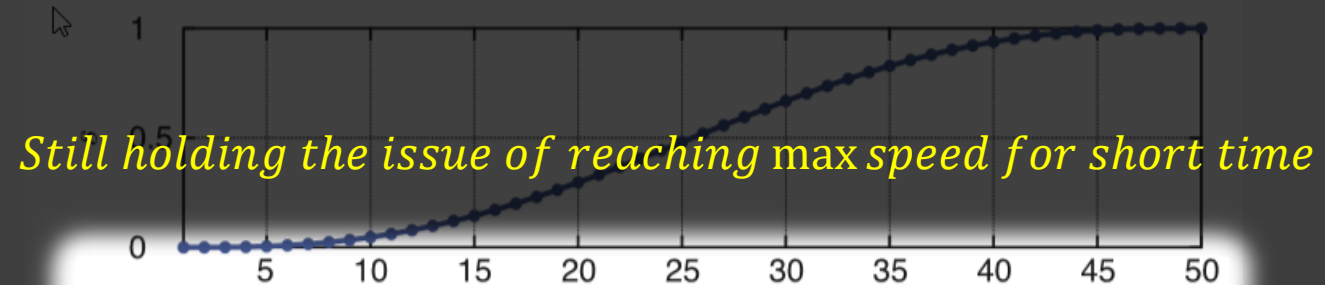
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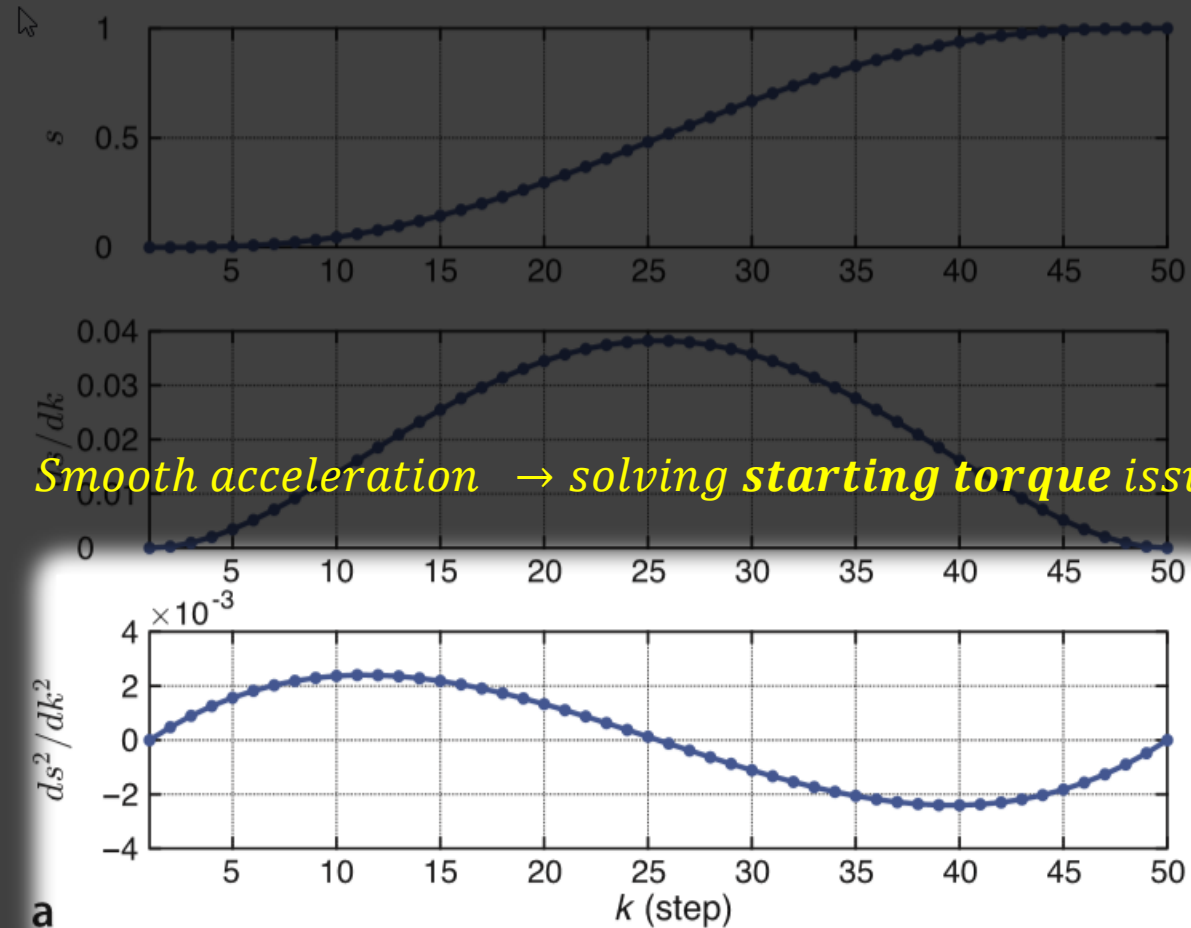
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*Smooth acceleration → solving starting torque issue*



# End of Lecture

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