



## ECE 470: Introduction to Robotics

### Lecture 16

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# Last Lecture

- We looked at
  - An overview of robot control
  - Feedback control
  - Joint control and the various components
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Dynamics System (mechanical mass-spring-damper system)

# Recall: Designing Control

- Design control system to achieve specific system behaviors
  - Steady state error
  - Rise time
  - Overshoot
  - Settling time
- Consider Stability

# Recall: Designing Robot Control System

- The central question in designing a control system is the performance specification
  - System response
  - Stability analysis

# Control of 2<sup>nd</sup> Order System

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# Second-Order System

From Ex 6.2-4, the systems are all **stable** where  $m, b$  and  $k > 0$

In free oscillation, the system has natural response

In control applications, the system has forced response

## Example 6.2: Overdamped

Example 9.1 in textbook (Craig, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.)

The block mass is released from  $x = -1$  at rest,  $m = 1$ ,  $b = 5$  and  $k = 6$

Characteristic Equation  $s^2 + 5s + 6 = 0$

with real and unequal root  $s_1 = -2$  and  $s_2 = -3$

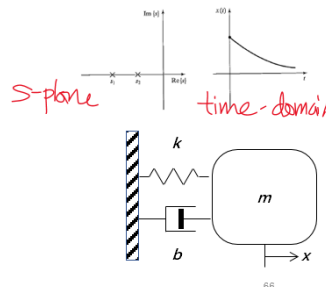
System response  $x(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-3t}$

using  $x(0) = -1$   $c_1 + c_2 = -1$

using  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$   $-2c_1 - 3c_2 = 0$

Satisfying the initial conditions:  $c_1 = -3$  and  $c_2 = 2$

Motion for  $t \geq 0$   $x(t) = -3e^{-2t} + 2e^{-3t}$



## Example 6.3 Underdamped

Example 9.2 in textbook (Craig, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.)

The block mass is released from  $x = -1$  at rest,  $m = 1$ ,  $b = 1$  and  $k = 1$

Characteristic Equation  $s^2 + s + 1 = 0$

with complex roots:  $s_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$

System response:  $x(t) = e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \left( c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \right)$

using  $x(0) = -1$   $c_1 = -1$

using  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$   $-\frac{1}{2}c_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}c_2 = 0$

Satisfying the initial conditions:  $c_1 = -1$  and  $c_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

Motion for  $t \geq 0$

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \left( -\cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \right)$$

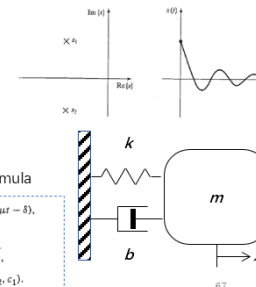
$$x(t) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$$

Recall R-formula

$$x(t) = r e^{i\mu t} \cos(\mu t - \delta)$$

$$r = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}$$

$$\delta = \text{Atan2}(c_2, c_1)$$



## Example 6.4 Critically Damped

The block mass is released from  $x = -1$  at rest,  $m = 1$ ,  $b = 4$  and  $k = 4$

Characteristic Equation  $s^2 + 4s + 4 = 0$

with real and equal root  $s_1 = s_2 = -2$

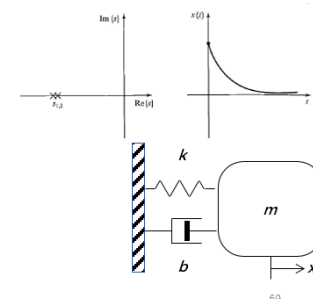
System response  $x(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t) e^{-2t}$

using  $x(0) = -1$   $c_1 = -1$

using  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$   $-2c_1 + c_2 = 0$

Satisfying the initial conditions:  $c_1 = -1$  and  $c_2 = -2$

Motion for  $t \geq 0$   $x(t) = (-1 - 2t) e^{-2t}$



# Recall: Second-Order System

The Dynamics of the Mass-Spring-Damper System

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = 0$$

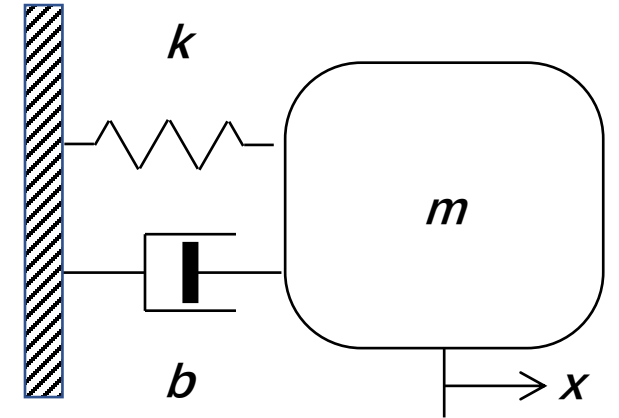
can be described as an oscillatory 2<sup>nd</sup> order system

$$\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{x} + \omega_n^2x = 0$$

characterized by

$$\text{Natural frequency: } \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}$$

$$\text{Damping Ratio: } \zeta = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{mk}}$$



# Recall: Second-Order System

Oscillatory 2<sup>nd</sup> order system with free response

Homogenous ODE  $\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{x} + \omega_n^2x = 0$

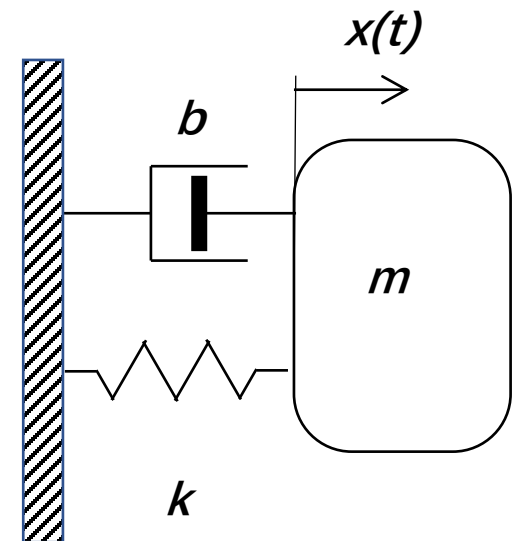
Free response

Overdamped  $\zeta > 1$  Real and unequal roots:  $s_1 = s_2$

Critically damped  $\zeta = 1$  Real and Equal roots  $s_1 \neq s_2$

Underdamped  $0 < \zeta < 1$  Complex roots:  $s_{1,2} = \lambda \pm \mu i$

No damping  $\zeta = 0$  Imaginary roots:  $s_{1,2} = \pm \mu i$





# Forced Second-Order System

Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law  $\sum F = m\ddot{x}$

Net total Force = Drag force + Spring force + **External Force**

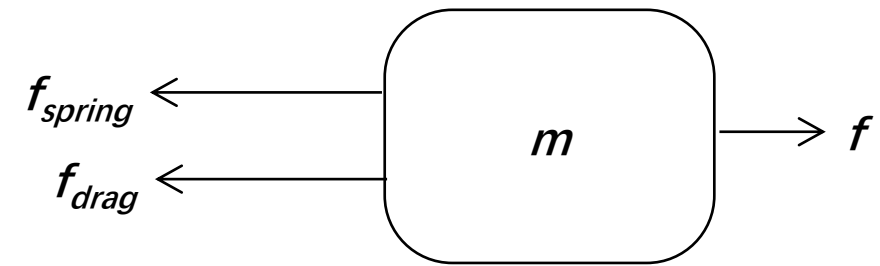
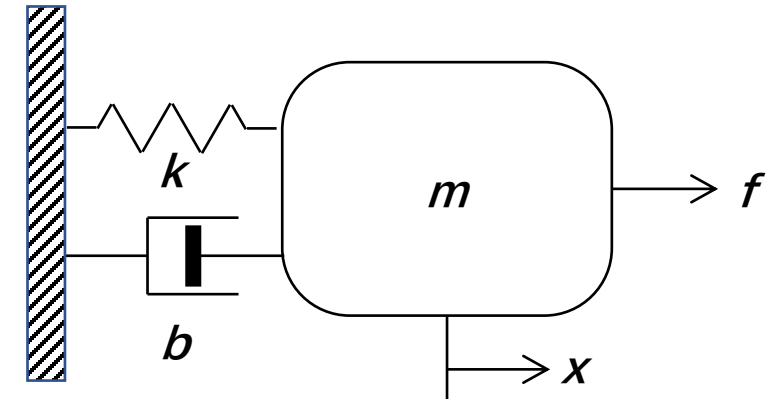
$$F_{drag} = -b\dot{x}$$

Stokes's law

$$F_{spring} = -kx$$

Hooke's law

$$m\ddot{x} = -b\dot{x} - kx + f(t)$$



Free Body Diagram

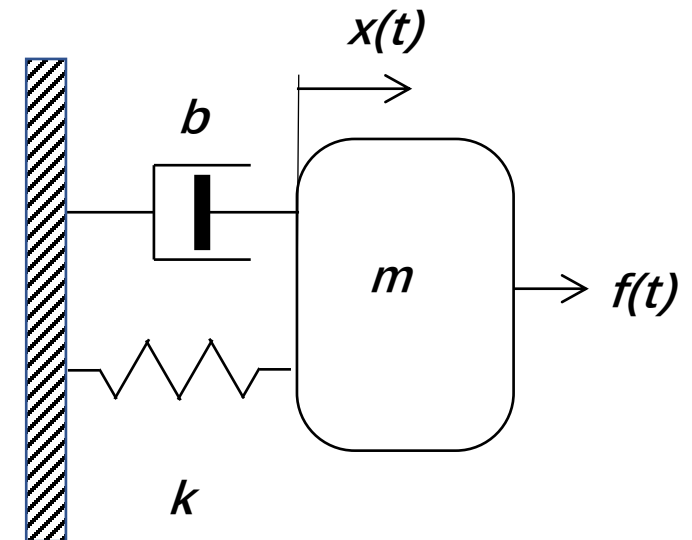
# Forced Second-Order System

Forced Oscillatory 2<sup>nd</sup> order system

Non-homogenous ODE  $m\ddot{x}(t) + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) =$



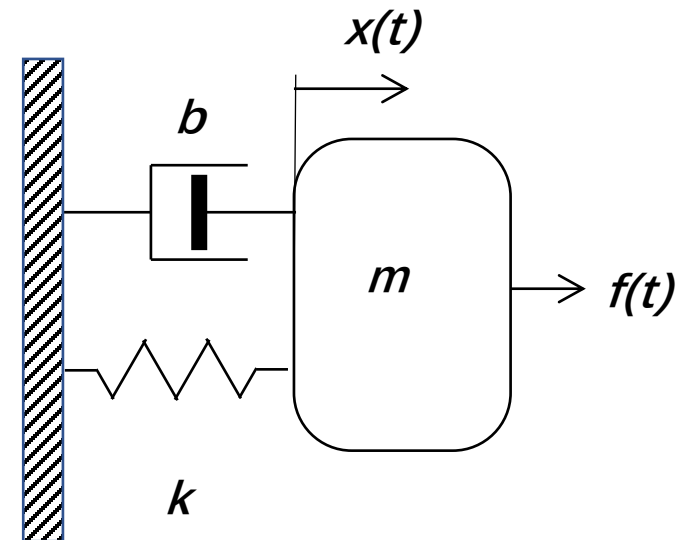
Forced response



# Forced: Block Diagram

Block Diagram of the forced system

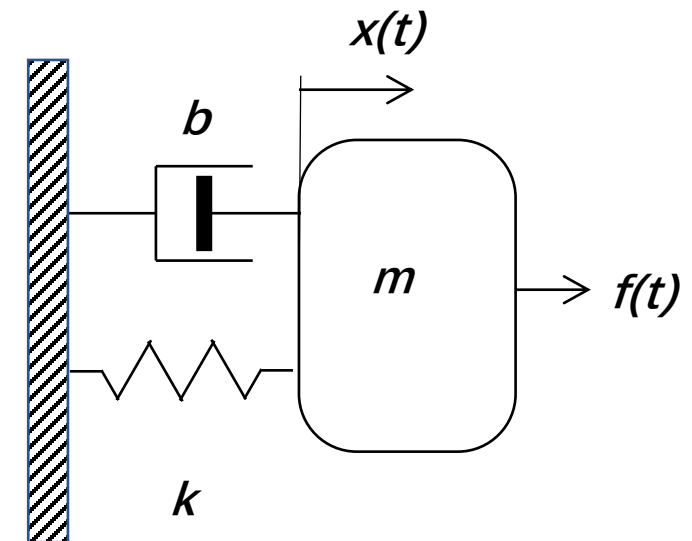
$$m\ddot{x}(t) + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = f(t)$$



# Block diagram in s-domain

Second order System can be represented as a double zero-initial-value integrator with negative feedback

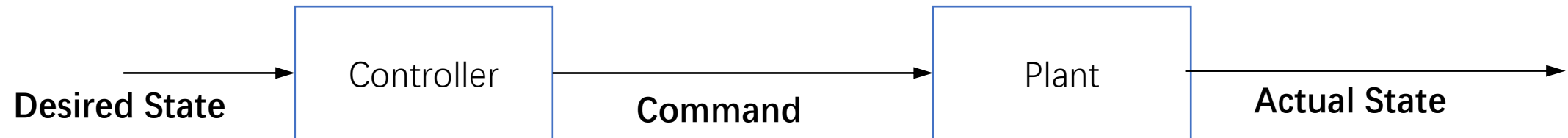
$$ms^2X(s) + bsX(s) + kX(s) = F(s)$$



# Control of a Second-Order System

Recap Open-loop example:

Control the robot to achieve a desired state

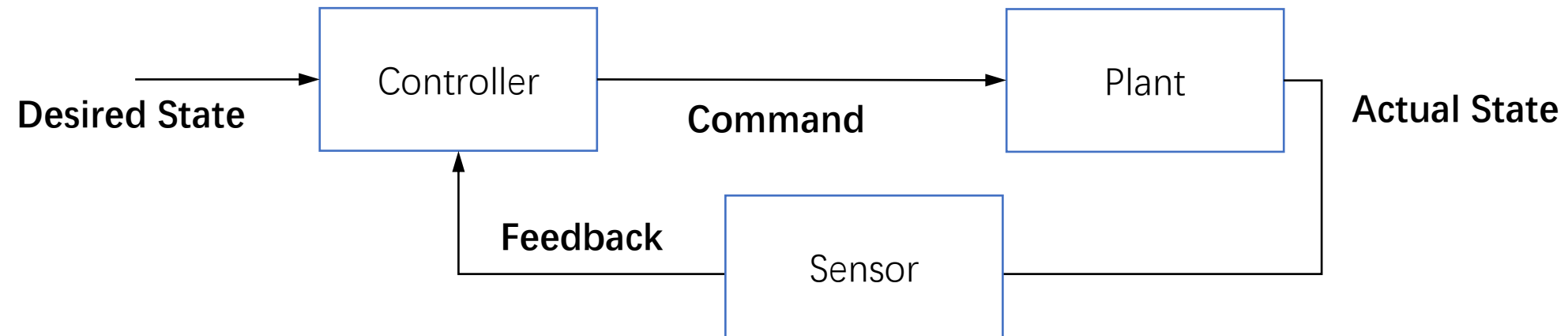


Through preestablished model, generate the command that will achieve the desired state. This is known as an **open-loop system**.

# Control of a Second-Order System

Recap Closed-loop example:

Control the robot to maintain a desired state



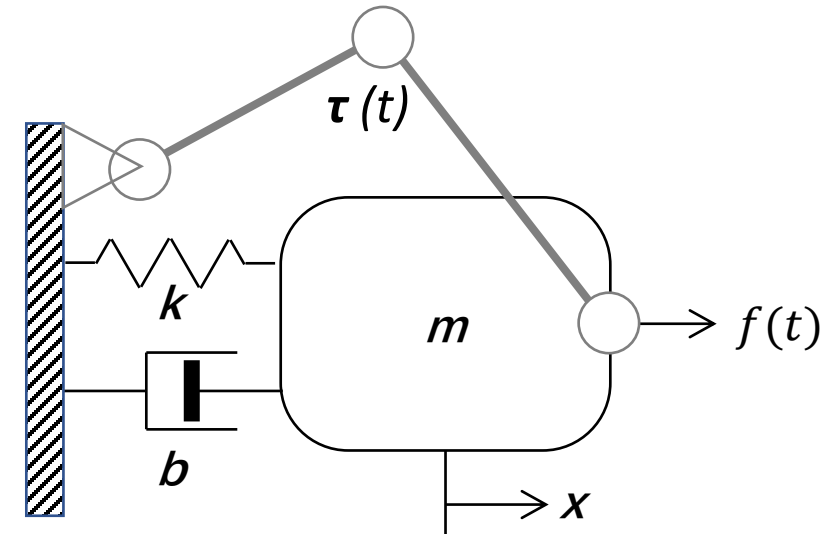
Through sensors, we are able to **feedback** the measurement to produce the command that will minimize the error between desired and actual targeted profile. This is known as a **closed-loop system**.

# Control of a Second-Order System

In order to modify the system's behavior as desired, we can use closed-loop control, by using sensors, actuators and control system.

For example, if the position and velocity of the block can be measured, it is possible to apply a force  $f$  to the block as shown.

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = f(t)$$



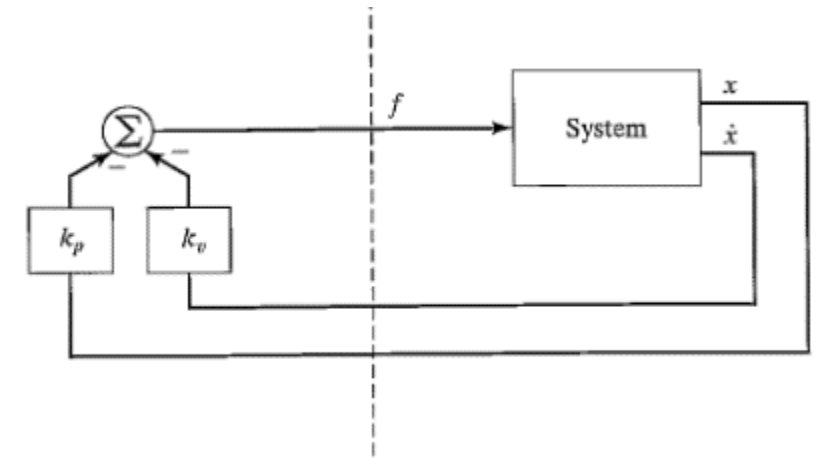
# Control of a Second-Order System

Assume that we are able to sense  $\dot{x}$  and  $x$  and feedback to the controller.  
We can propose a control law that determine the force that the actuator should apply as a function of the feedback as shown

$$f(t) = -k_p x - k_v \dot{x}$$

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = -k_p x - k_v \dot{x},$$

Control Gains



Closed-loop Stiffness



## Example 6.5: Closed loop gain

Recall example 6.3: The block mass is released from  $x=-1$  at rest,  $m=1$ ,  $b=1$  and  $k=1$

Determine the gains  $K_p$  and  $K_v$  such that the system is being critically damped with a closed loop stiffness of 16.0

Control Law:

Closed Loop System:

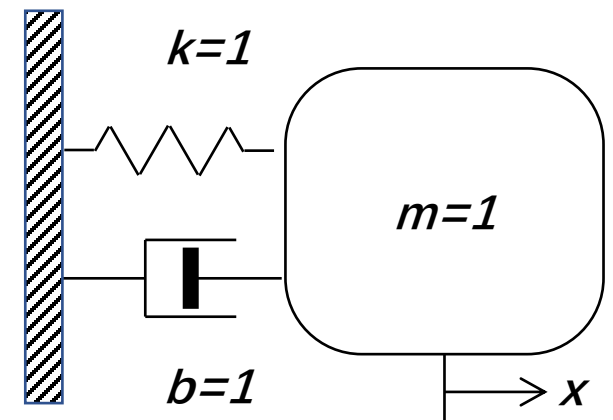
CL Stiffness, Damping:

Since  $k' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 16$ ,  $k_p = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

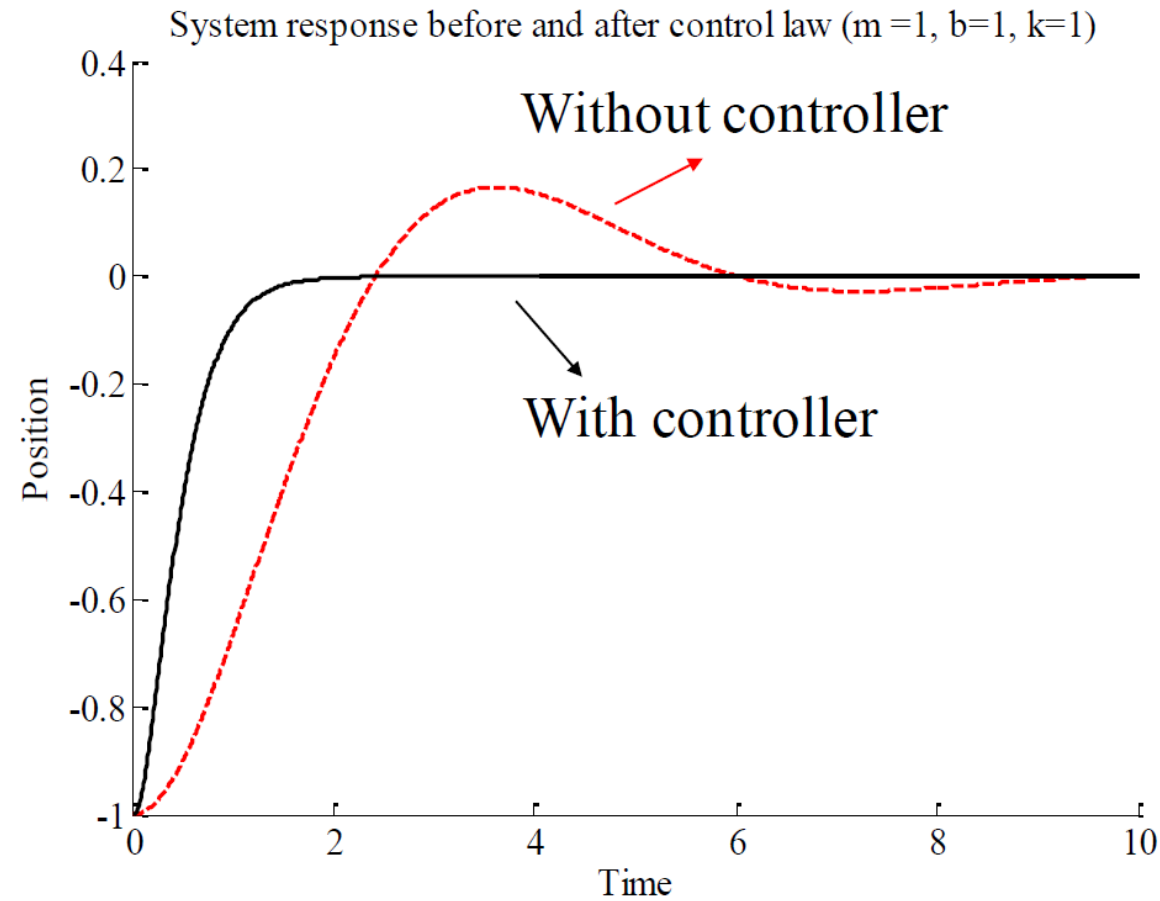
For Critically damped response,  $b' = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Hence,  $k_v = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Control Gains:  $[k_p, k_v] = [\underline{\hspace{1cm}}, \underline{\hspace{1cm}}]$



# Response



# Control-Law Partitioning

The control system consist of a Model-based portion and a Servo portion

Open loop equation:  $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = f$

Model-based portion is a control law in the form

$$f = \alpha f' + \beta$$

Hence, the system equation is written as

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = \alpha f' + \beta$$

To make the system unit mass,

$$\alpha = m, \quad \beta = b\dot{x} + kx$$

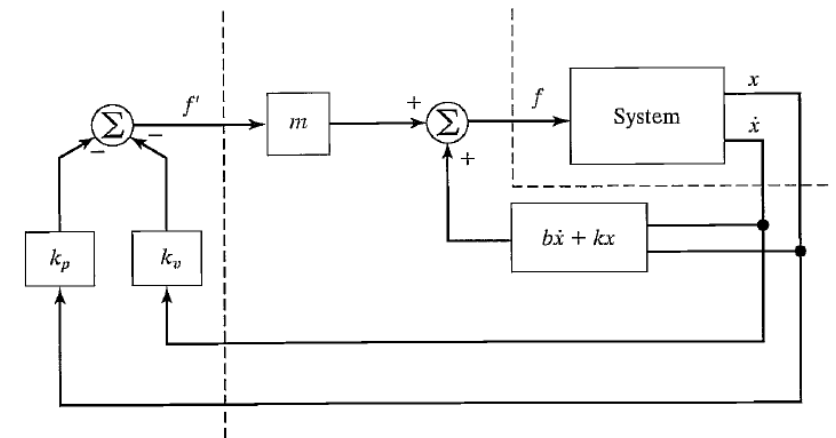
Therefore,  $\ddot{x} = f'$

Proceed with servo portion of control law

$$f' = -k_p x - k_v \dot{x}$$

Since the model-based portion make  $\ddot{x} = f'$ ,

$$\ddot{x} + k_p x + k_v \dot{x} = 0$$



# Example 6.6: Control-Law Partitioning

Recall example 6.3: The block mass is released from  $x = -1$  at rest,  $m = 1$ ,  $b = 1$  and  $k = 1$

Using control law partitioning, determine the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and gains  $k_p$  and  $k_v$  such that the system is being critically damped with a closed loop stiffness of 16.0

$$\alpha = m = 1$$

$$\beta = \dot{x} + x$$

Effective system equation

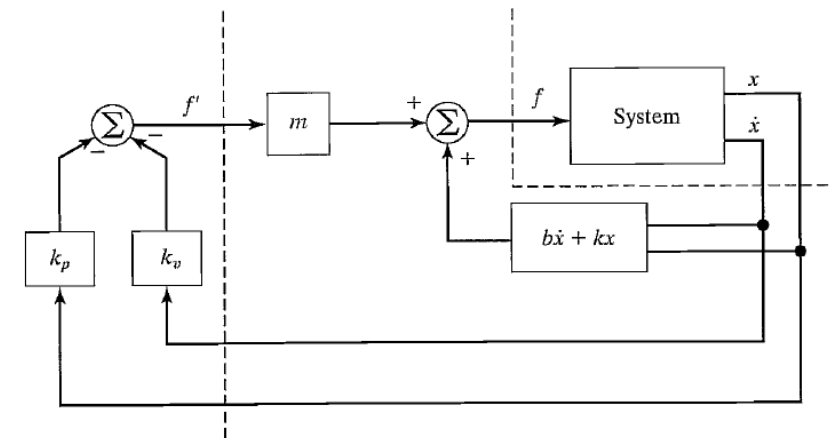
$$\ddot{x} + k_v \dot{x} + k_p x = 0$$

Hence

$$k_p = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

For Critically damped response,

$$k_v = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



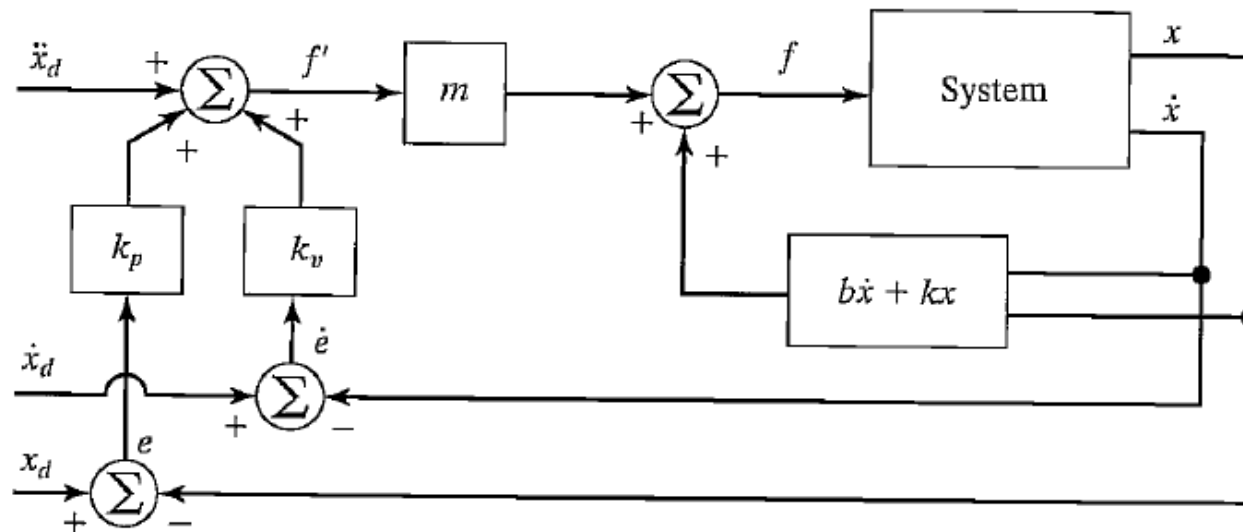
# Trajectory-Following

- In Example 6.5, we establish a control law that restore the mass to equilibrium (with forced response) according to our specified response behavior
- This is a form of position-regulation where we maintain the block at the desired position (equilibrium;  $x=0$ )
- More generally, we can specify desired motion trajectories to be followed

# Trajectory-Following

Trajectory realized by a controller that minimizes **servo error**,  $e = x_d - x$  with a **servo-control law**,  $f' = \ddot{x}_d + kv \dot{e} + kp e$

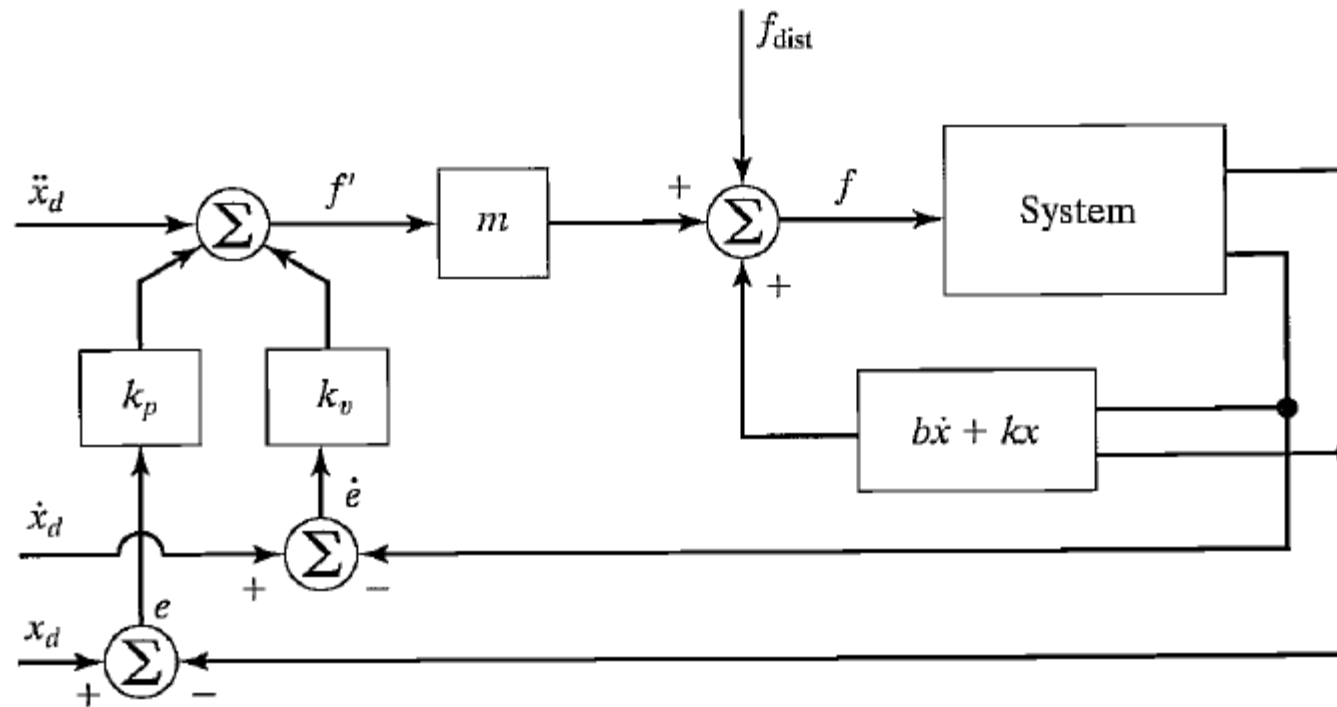
i.e.  $\ddot{x} = \ddot{x}_d + kv \dot{e} + kp e$   
or  $\ddot{e} + kv \dot{e} + kp e = 0$



# Disturbance Rejection

There could be disturbance  $f_{\text{dist}}$  from the environment making the system equation to be

$$\ddot{e} + kv \dot{e} + kpe = f_{\text{dist}}$$

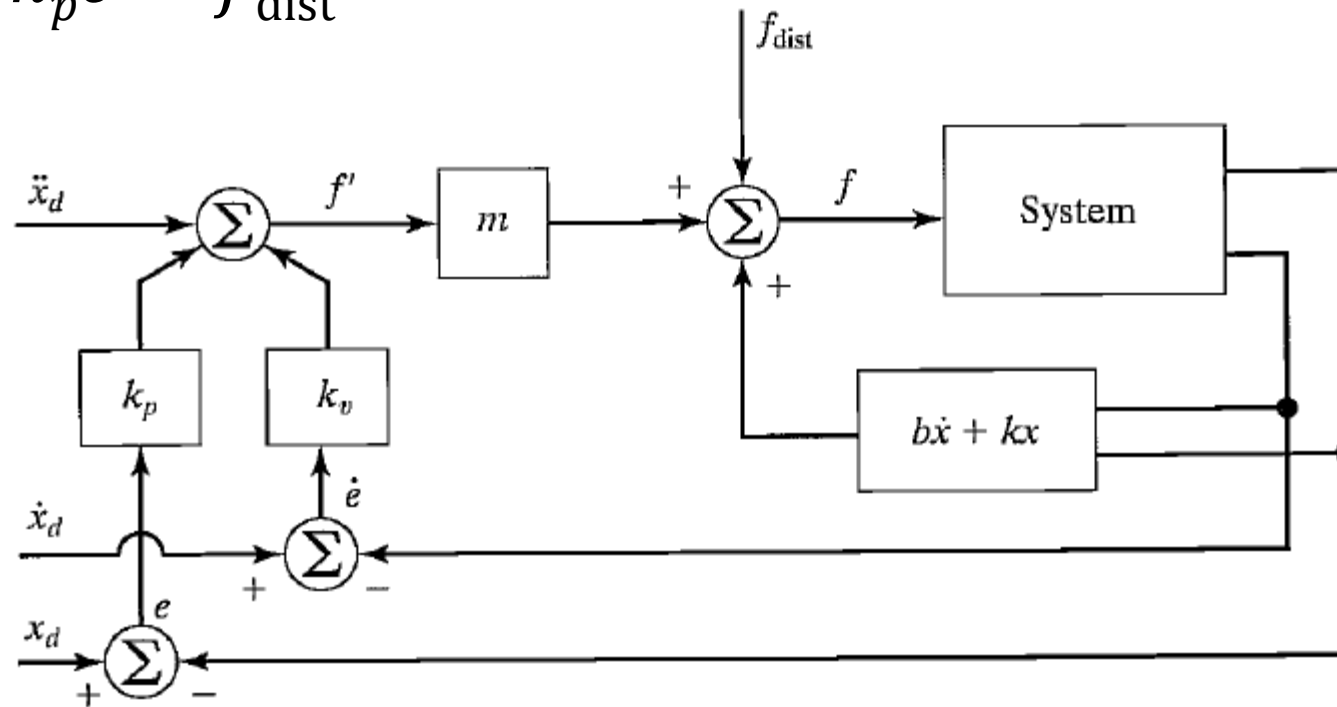


# Disturbance Rejection

In case where  $f_{\text{dist}}$  is a constant, performing steady state analysis at rest, setting derivatives to be zero

$$\ddot{e} + k_v \dot{e} + k_p e = f_{\text{dist}}$$

$$k_p e = f_{\text{dist}}$$





# Disturbance Rejection

In case where  $f_{\text{dist}}$  is a constant, performing steady state analysis at rest, setting derivatives to be zero

$$k_p e_{ss} = f_{\text{dist}} \Rightarrow e_{ss} = f_{\text{dist}}/k_p$$

Setting large  $k_p$  may reduce but cannot eliminate  $e_{ss}$

# Proportional-Integral-Derivative Control

To rectify the steady state error, an integral term can be added

Control law:  $f' = \ddot{x}_d + kv \dot{e} + kpe + k_i \int e dt$

Error equation:  $\ddot{e} + kv \dot{e} + kpe + k_i \int e dt = \dot{f}_{dist}$

Take time derivative,  $\ddot{e} + kv\ddot{e} + kp\dot{e} + k_ie = \dot{f}_{dist}$

For constant disturbance,  $\dot{f}_{dist} = 0$

$k_ie = 0$  so  $e = 0$



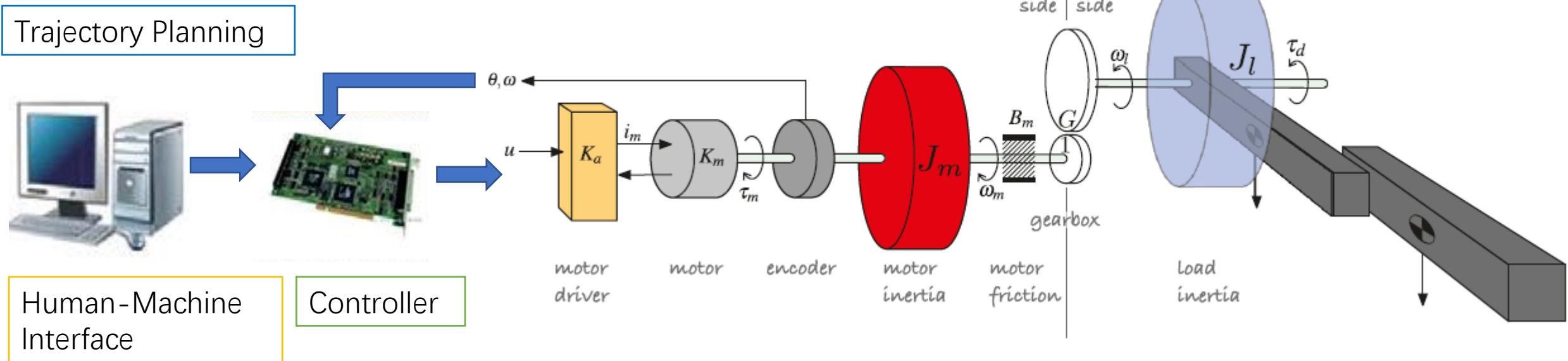
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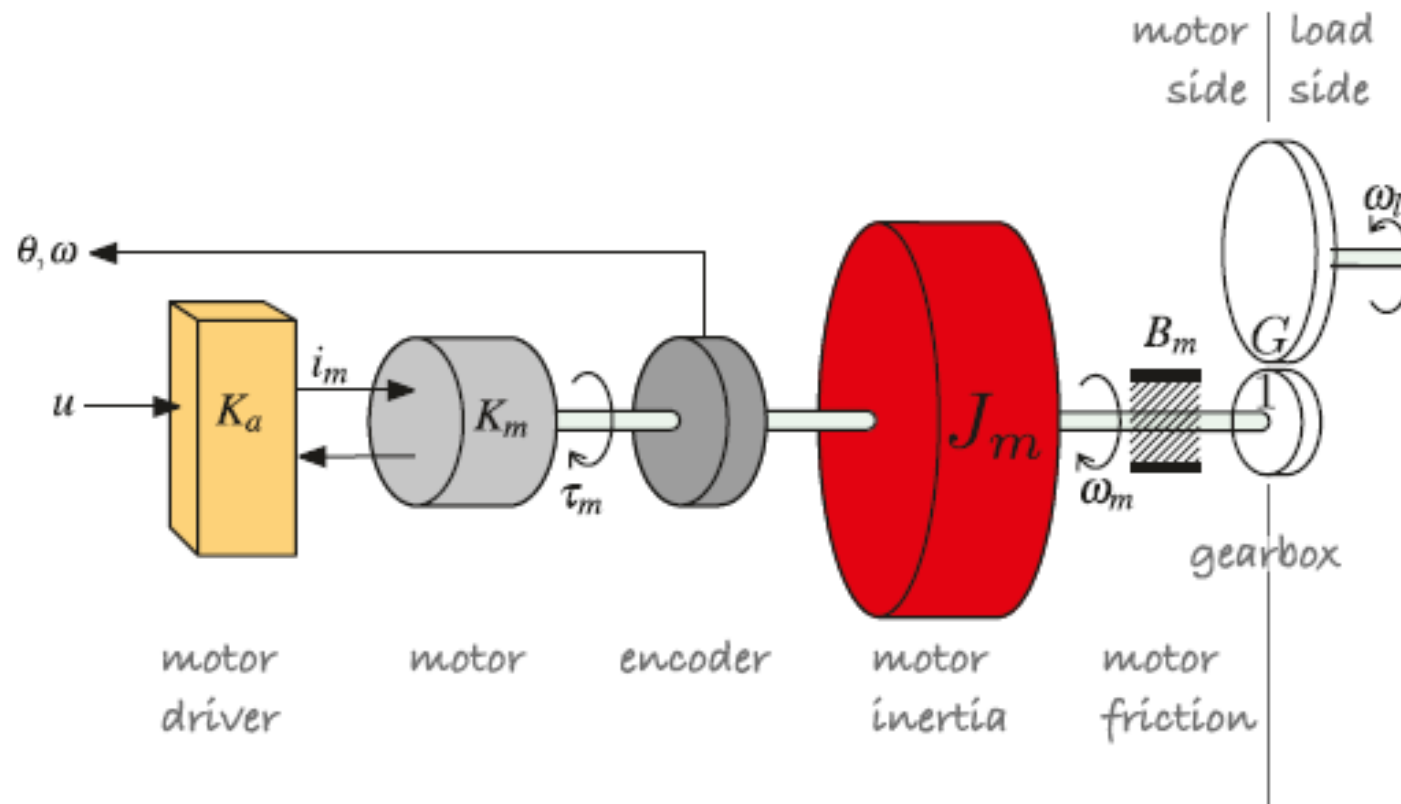
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> order system dealt with so far has single DOF
- Ultimately, we are interested in multibody robotic systems that involve Multi-Input, Multi-Output (MIMO) control systems
- We shall first adopt an **independent joint control** approach with  $N$  independent Single-Input Single-Output (SISO) control systems

# Joint Control in Robotic System



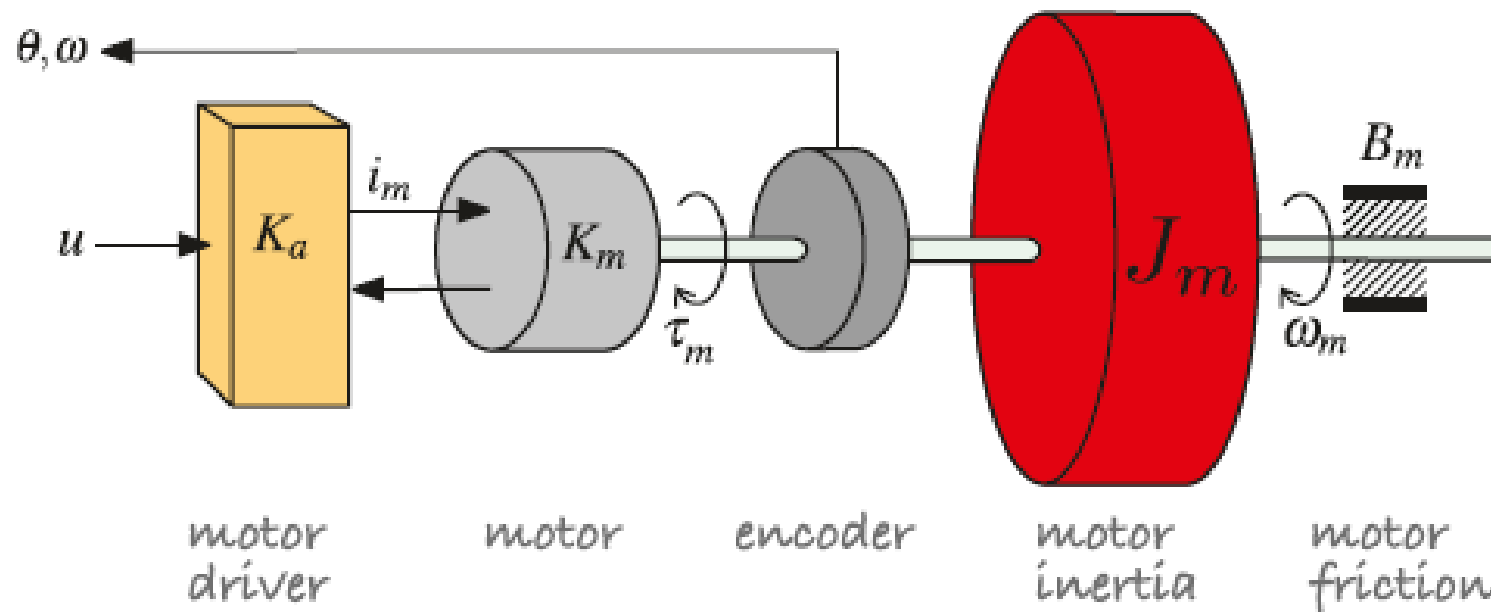
# Modeling Single Joint Control

## Integrated assembly



# Modeling Single Joint Control

A demand voltage  $u$  controls the current  $i_m$  flowing into the **motor (Actuator)** which generates a torque  $\tau_m$  that accelerates the rotational inertia  $J_m$  and is opposed by friction  $B_m \omega_m$ . The **encoder (Sensor)** measures rotational speed and angle



# Modeling Single Joint Control

- How to model the resultant system as a 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear system?
  - Combining the Dynamics of the electromechanical system



# Modeling Single Joint Control

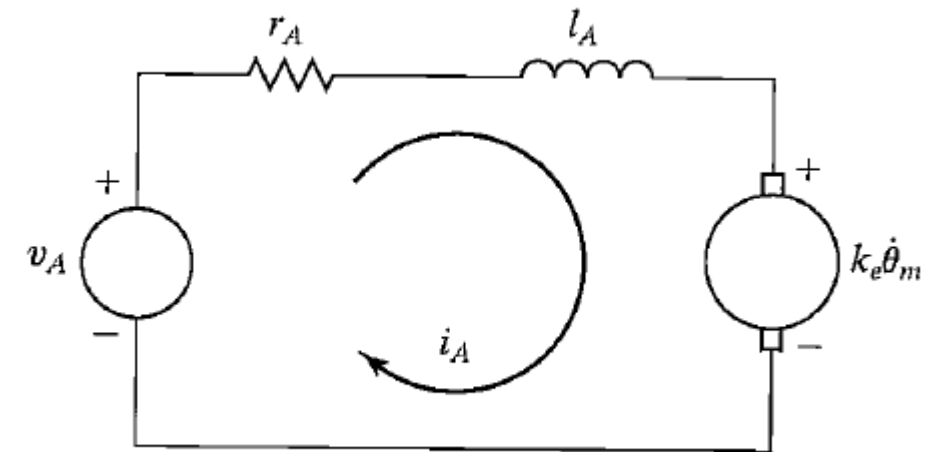
- How model the resultant system as a 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear system?

Physics Law:

Lenz Force,  $F = qV \times B$

Motor Torque,  $\tau_m = k_m i_a$

Back emf,  $v = k_e \dot{\theta}_m$



# Modeling Single Joint Control

- Model the Motor

Physics Law:

Lenz Force,  $F = qV \times B$

Current

Magnetic Field

Motor Torque,  $\tau_m = k_m i_A$

Back emf,  $v = k_e \dot{\theta}_m$

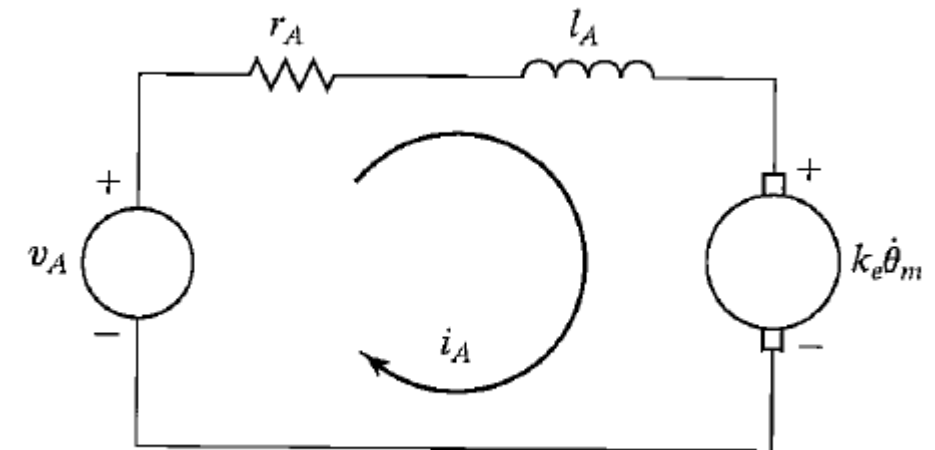
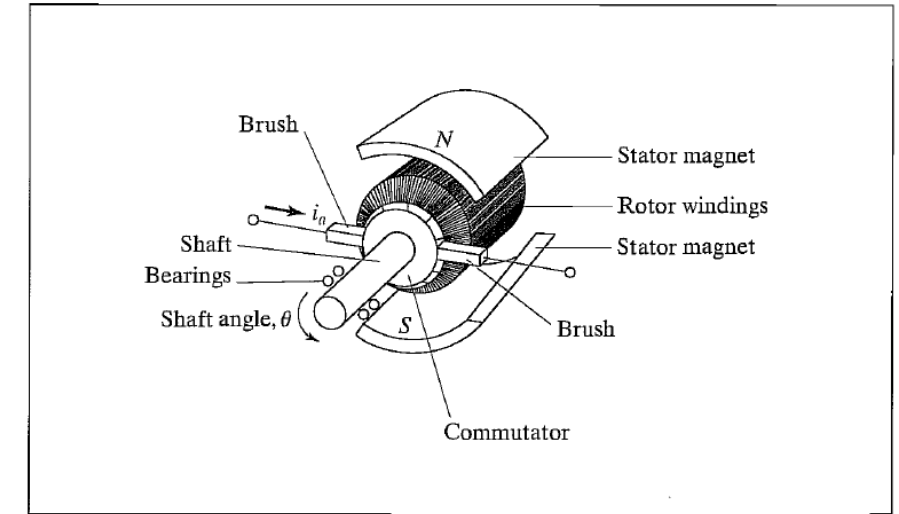
Torque Constant

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Kirchoff Law:

$$v_A = l_A \dot{i}_A + r_A i_A + k_e \dot{\theta}_m$$

$$v_A - k_e \dot{\theta}_m = l_A \dot{i}_A + r_A i_A$$



# Modeling Single Joint Control

- Model the Motor

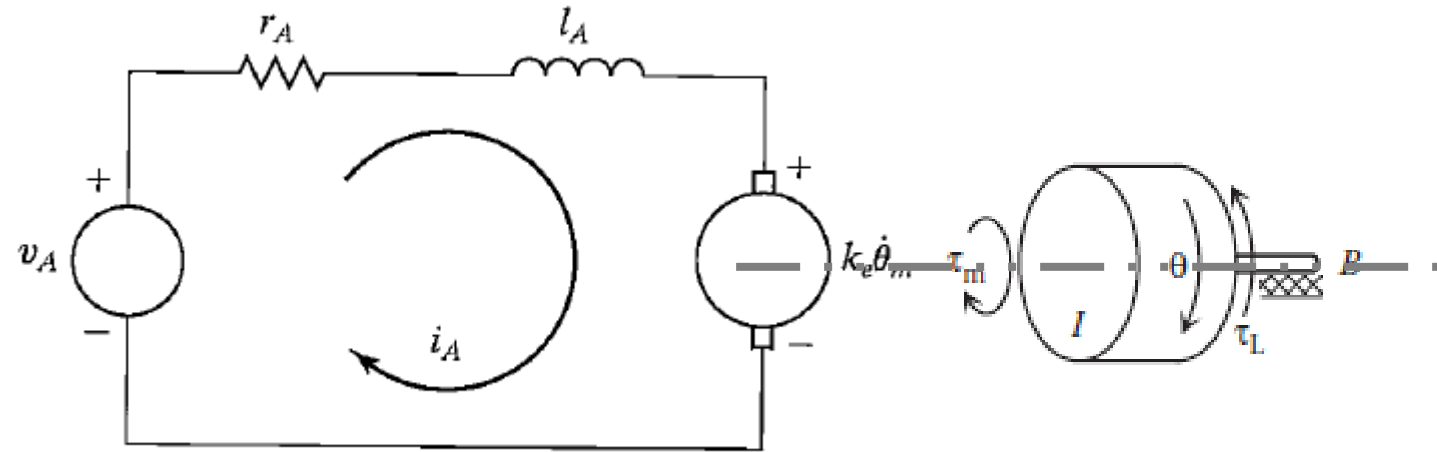
Motor Torque,  $\tau_m = k_m i_A$

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$$v_A - k_e \dot{\theta}_m = l_A \dot{i}_A + r_A i_A$$



$$\tau_m - \tau_L - b\dot{\theta} = I\ddot{\theta}$$

$$k_m i_A - b\dot{\theta}_m - I\ddot{\theta}_m = \tau_L$$

# Modeling Single Joint Control

- Model the Motor-Gearing-Load

$$\tau_m = I_m \ddot{\theta}_m + b_m \dot{\theta}_m + \left(1/\eta\right) (I \ddot{\theta} + b \dot{\theta})$$

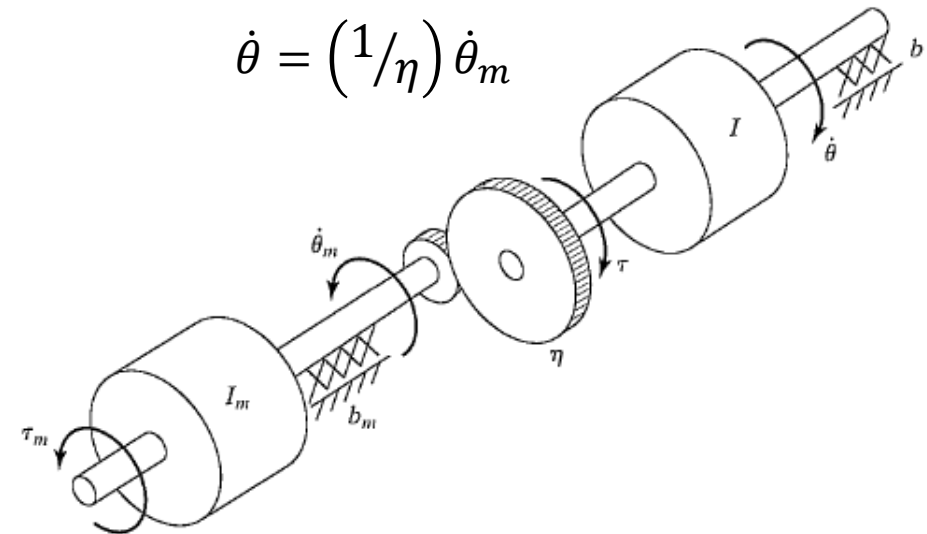
Gear Ratio,  $\eta$ :

$$\tau = \eta \tau_m,$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \left(1/\eta\right) \dot{\theta}_m$$

$$\tau_m = \left( (I_m + I/\eta^2) \right) \ddot{\theta}_m + \left( b_m + (b/\eta^2) \right) \dot{\theta}_m$$

$$\tau = \underbrace{\left( (\eta^2 I_m + I) \right)}_{\text{Effective inertia}} \ddot{\theta} + \underbrace{\left( \eta^2 b_m + b \right)}_{\text{Effective damping}} \dot{\theta}$$



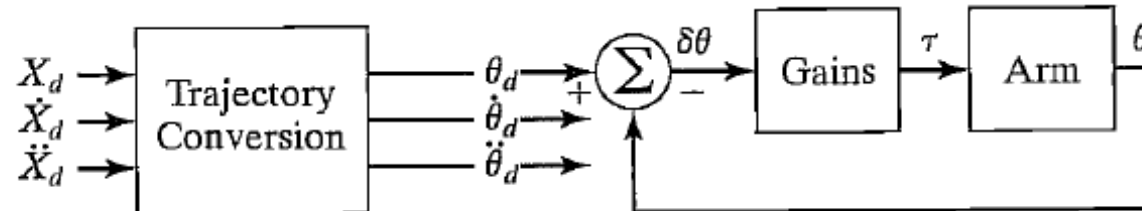
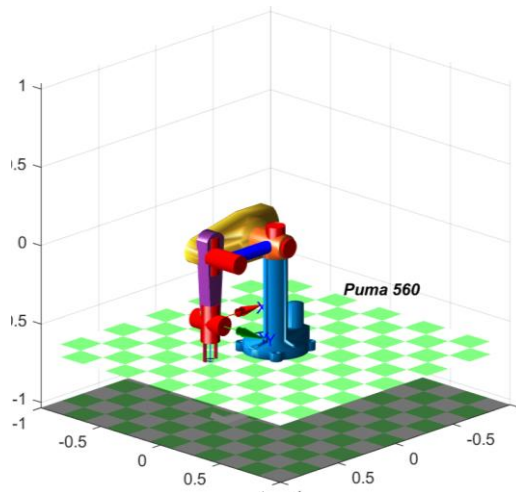
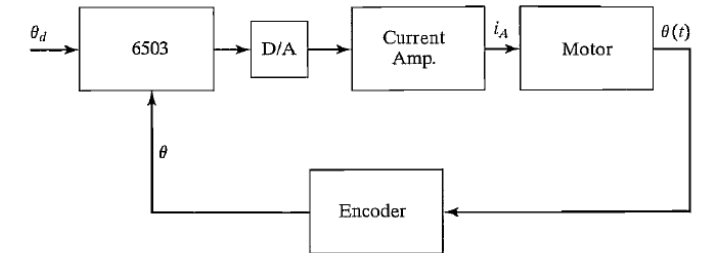
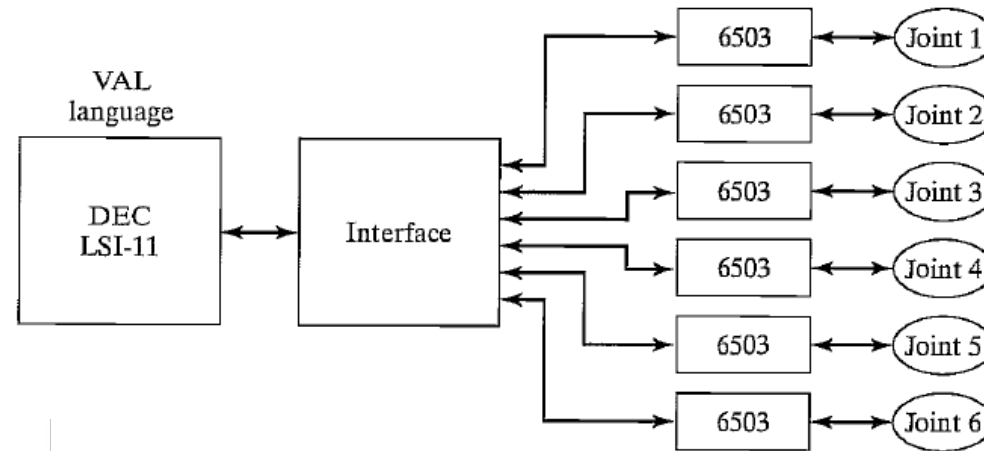
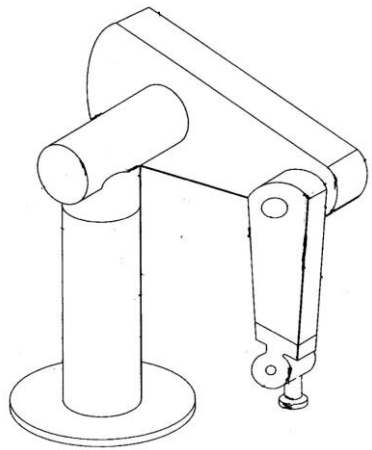


# Robot Control Scheme

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# Joint Control for Robot

Example of industrial Robotic Arm:  
**PUMA 560**



# Joint based vs. Cartesian based

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Computation before  
the control loop

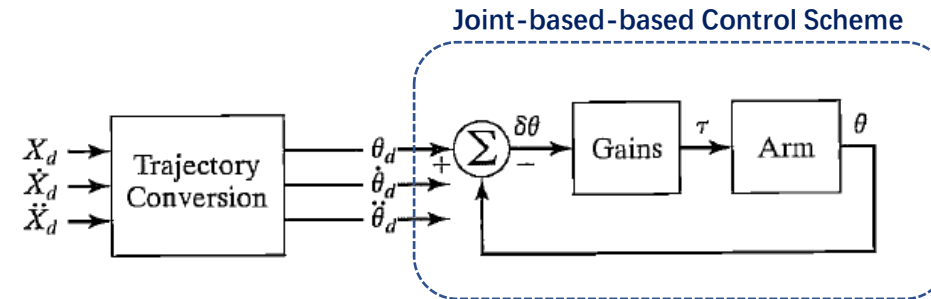


FIGURE 10.10: A joint-based control scheme with Cartesian-path input.

Computation within  
the control loop

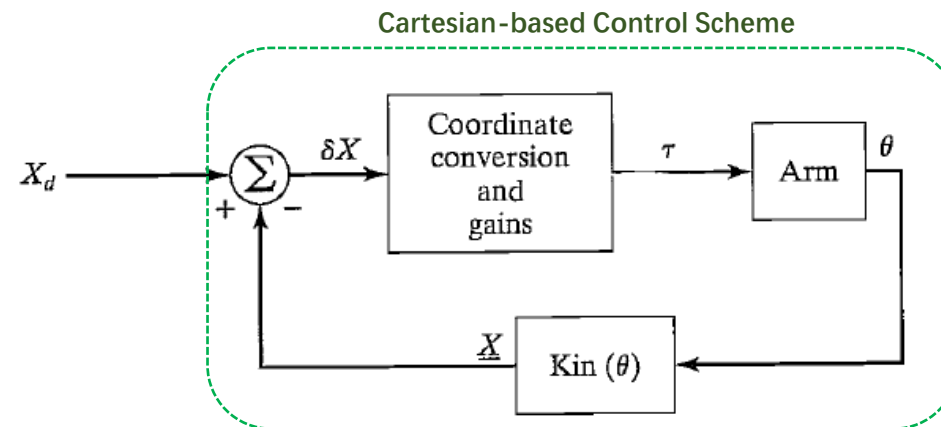


FIGURE 10.11: The concept of a Cartesian-based control scheme.

# Joint based vs. Cartesian based

Question: As an engineering designing the control scheme, which ones will you choose for the following robots?

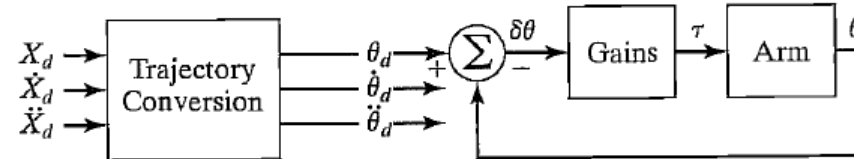


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## Multi-joint Snake Robot

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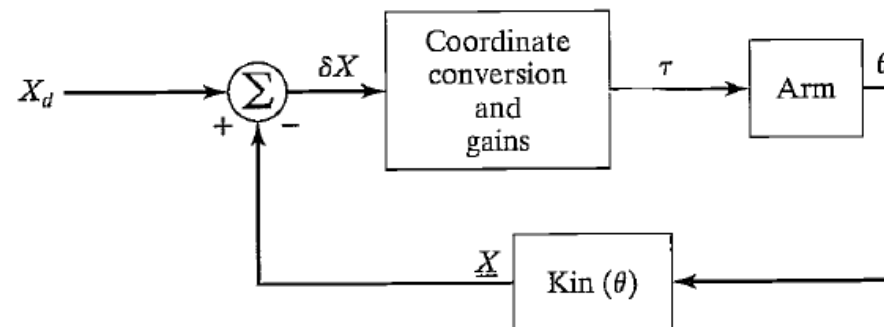


FIGURE 10.11: The concept of a Cartesian-based control scheme.

Serial Arm with 2 long links



# Cartesian Control Scheme

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Both are doing coordinate conversion. Which is doing in force domain?

Coordinate Conversion  
in Spatial Domain

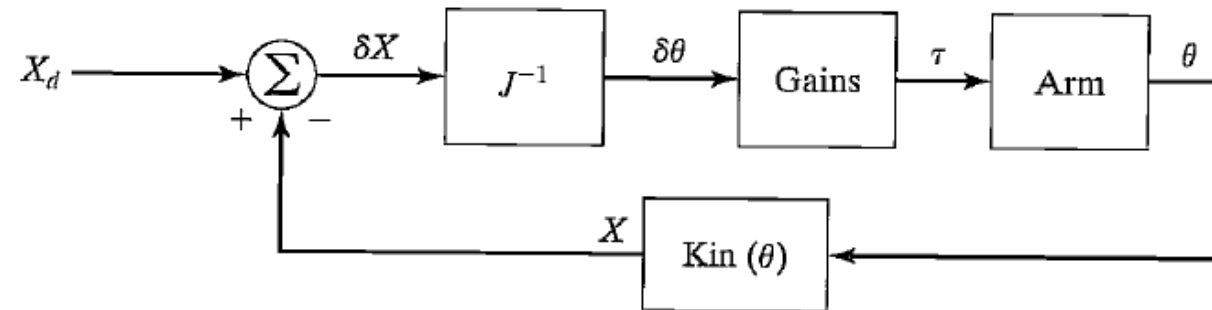


FIGURE 10.12: The inverse-Jacobian Cartesian-control scheme.

Coordinate Conversion  
in Force Domain

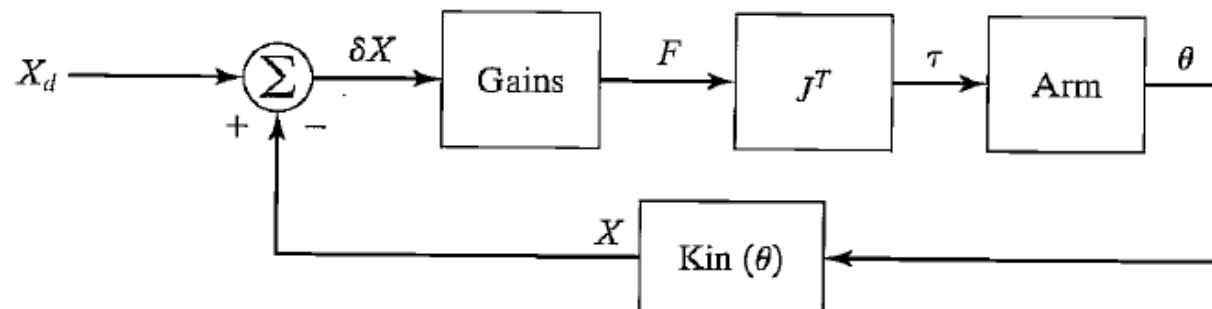


FIGURE 10.13: The transpose-Jacobian Cartesian-control scheme.