
Experiment-02: Potentiometer Data Acquisition and Pendulum Calibration

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1 Learning objective

The objectives of this experiment are to provide the student with an opportunity to: 1) Gain additional experience with Matlab. 2) Create a simple program for data acquisition using Matlab and National Instruments USB-6001. 3) Become familiar with breadboards, digital power supply, wiring, digital multi-meters, and other laboratory skills. 4) Calibrate a potentiometer-based angle measurement system and create a calibration plot. 5) Record and plot angle vs. time data for a swing motion of the pendulum system.

- Gain additional experience with Matlab data acquisition toolbox.
- Create a simple program for data acquisition using Matlab and National Instruments USB-6001.
- Become familiar with breadboards, digital power supply, wiring, digital multi-meters, and other laboratory skills.
- Calibrate a potentiometer based angle measurement system and create a calibration plot.
- Learn more about pendulum system and
- Plotting data plot angle vs. time data for a swing motion of the pendulum system.

2 Introduction

In this experiment, you will connect a simple angle sensor (angular potentiometer) to the NI USB-6001 data acquisition device and collect digital data using a Matlab data acquisition toolbox. First you will collect data to create a calibration equation, then use the information from the calibration to convert the output voltage from the angular potentiometer to the pendulum angle.

It is important that you read this entire document before the experiment. If you have question about the procedure, instruction provided, and the code then please stop by my office or talk to the TAs before Thursday.

3 Part-A

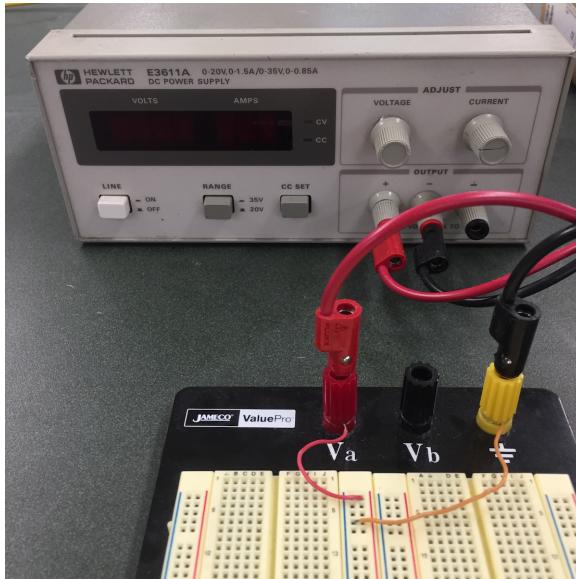
Creating data acquisition program using Matlab data acquisition toolbox

The Matlab program is provided in the appendix section of the instruction. The main program sets the parameter for the acquisition and function file plots and record the data as data being acquired from the data acquisition device.

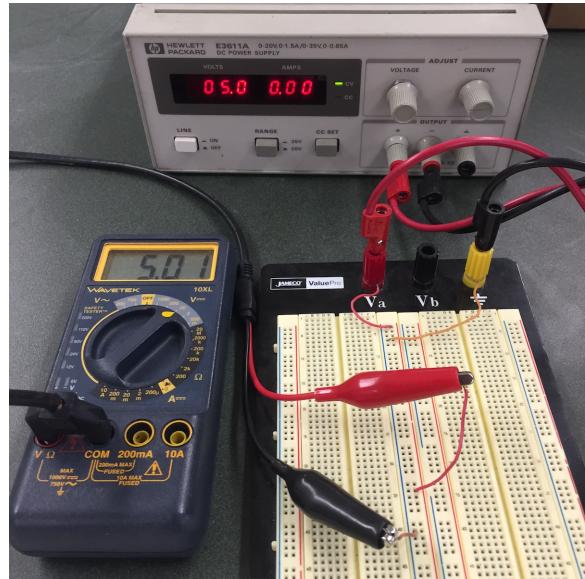
4 Part-B

Connect an angular potentiometer to the NI USB-6001 using a breadborad.

- With the power supply turned OFF, connect the power supply output to the Va and GND connections on the breadboard (see figure 1(a)). Use jumper wires to connect the power supply to the vertical power rails on the breadboard (see Figure 1(b)). This will be used as the reference voltage for the angular potentiometer.
- Use a Digital Multi-Meter (DMM) to test the wire connections on the breadboard. Your lab TA will help explain the basic operations of the DMM and breadboard to you during lab. See figures 1(a) and 1(b).



(a) Sample breadboard connection.



(b) Sample breadboard connection along with DMM.

Figure 1: Bread board connection for experiment 2.

- Connect the potentiometer leads labeled Power and Ground to the 5 Volt reference signal and the reference ground from the power supply. See figures 1(a) and 1(b).
- Connect the NI USB-6001 to the angular potentiometer leads labeled Signal and Ground. The red wire should connect to AI0+ and the black wire to AI0- as shown in figure . See figure 2.
 - The AI0+(Analog Input 0 positive) and AI0-(Analog Input 0 negative) screw terminals are “differential” inputs in that both the ground voltage and the measured voltage are input and then the DAQ determines the difference between them. The “ground input” in the DAQ should not be connected to ground on the breadboard.
 - When connecting wires to the screw terminals, put the wire above the metal tab and then turn the screw to the right. This will bring the metal tab up and tighten the wire in place.
 - Make sure to check connections if the wires are engaged to the screw terminals by wiggling/tugging the wires.

5 Part-C

Run your acquisition program and testing your connections.

- Verify your circuit with the TAs
- Once your circuit is verified, run your acquisition program.
- Rotate the angular potentiometer and verify the results. The display should change with the movement of pendulum.

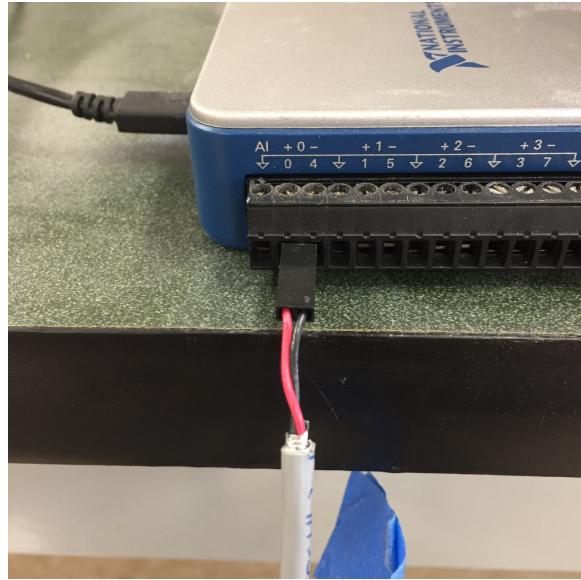


Figure 2: Connection to NI-DAQ system for experiment-2.

- Keep in mind that DAQ system takes a while to initialize. There may be a slight delay before data acquisition start.
- Use the Matlab program provided for testing your circuit connections. See section [11.1](#).

6 Part-D

Create a calibration equation for the potentiometer to output the angle of the pendulum.

- Determine a repeatable method for measuring each angle with the supplied protractor (or your phone).
- You will need to perform calibration for 10 or more angles.
- For the calibration you will use the Matlab provided in the appendix 11.2.
- At each of 10 (or more) angles, ranging from ± 90 degrees, collect the voltage at a sampling rate of 20 Hz for 5 seconds. Save each of these files with the following name Ang_(p/m)XXDeg.dat where xx represent angle and p/m represent plus or minus sign. For instance, the calibration file for -45° will be saved as “Ang_m45Deg.dat” and the calibration file for $+60^\circ$ will be saved as “Ang_p60Deg.dat”.
- Repeat the above step for all the calibration angles.
 - Make sure to have the angle (in degrees).
 - **The zero degree angle is when the pendulum is straight down.**
- Create a table in log book similar to the table 1. You will use the values in the table for calibration.
- Plot the data collected calibration data using Matlab. The x-axis should be the recorded average voltages and the y-axis should be the angle in degrees. Be sure to properly annotate your plot. **Use the instruction from lab-01**
- Use Matlabs polyfit tool to determine a linear fit to the calibration data. This is your calibration equation. **Make sure to save your data in case you need to repeat any analysis.**
- Record the norm of the residuals from the linear regression provided by Matlabs polyfit function. Use this to calculate the standard error of the fit (s_{yx}).
- See the sample code in appendix to generate the calibration plot 11.3.
- You need to modify ‘x’ and ‘y’ variables values in the code based on your calibration data.
- Make sure to save the calibration file with at least 600 dpi resolution.

7 Part-E

Now add your calibration equation to acquisition program to display the pendulum angle in degrees during the data acquisition process.

- You will have to change the slope and intercept values in the provided Matlab program in the section 11.4.
- Show your program and results to the TAs to verify your program.

Table 1: Sample calibration data for experiment 2.

Pendulum angle (degree)	Average output voltage (v)
-90°	1.21
-70°	1.43
-50°	1.65
-30°	2.00
-10°	2.31
0°	2.50
10°	2.55
30°	2.82
50°	3.20
70°	3.51
90°	3.74

- Change the acquisition time in the Matlab program to 15 seconds at a sampling rate of 200 Hz.
- You will need to save the data for this part. Change the output file name to “AngVs-Time.dat”
- Make sure your program is modified to acquire and store the data file.
- Run your Matlab program to and store the time and angle data.
- Execute the program and then release the pendulum from a horizontal position, as soon as the acquisition initiates.
- If everything is done correctly, the program should display the angle (in degrees from your calibration equation) vs. time.
- Confirm the file is stored correctly.
- Open the stored data file and determine the period, T_d , of the response oscillations and the corresponding frequency, ω_d .

8 Part-F

Return lab space to prior condition

- Turn off the power supply.
- Remove wires connecting the power supply to the breadboard and return to the wall
- Remove all breadboard wires and place them back in the wire kit in an organized fashion.
- Remove the pendulum wires from the breadboard and set aside.
- Log off the computer.
- **Do this for every lab!**

9 Instruction

- Make sure to name the files your FirstName_ LastName_ QuestionNumber, use the format provided in the sample Matlab code. Make sure the submitted figure has the title. Include the apostrophe!
- Make sure to submit your post-lab assignment on the BBLearn website.
- Here are some details to help.
 - Plot the experimental data using red circles with MarkerSize 8. Experimental data points should always be plotted using markers without lines connecting the points
 - Plot curve from theory (or curve fit line) using a solid colored line with LineWidth 2.
 - Set the x and y-axis limits for each figures.
 - Make sure the major grid lines are visible
 - All plot text should be in Times font. You will need to specify this for the title, labels, and legends. The axis labels and numbers should be in 10-point font
 - The title should be in 10-point font
 - Make sure to add the legend. Keep in mind that legend should not hide the plotted data
 - For full credit make sure that your submitted files look similar to the sample figures shown in the document
 - If in doubt make sure to request the TAs for help

10 Post lab (50 points)

Postlab are due at Friday midnight. For this experiment submit the following items on BbLearn for your post-laboratory assessment.

1. Calibration plot. Submit a calibration plot showing the raw data points as markers and the calibration curve as a line. The plot should be 6.5 wide. Make sure to properly annotate your plots: axis labels, titles, legend, etc. Using the text command in Matlab, place the equations or numbers listed below on the plot. Use Greek symbols where appropriate. Make sure to include units.
 - The calibration equation on the plot with 4 decimals places for each number.
 - The norm of the residuals of your linear regression.
 - The standard error of the fit for your calibration equation.
2. Pendulum Swing Plot. Submit a time series plot showing the trajectory of your pendulum swinging from a horizontal starting position. The plot should be 6.5 wide. Make sure to properly annotate your plots: axis labels, titles, legend, etc. Using the text command in Matlab, place the equations or numbers listed below on the plot. Use Greek symbols where appropriate.
 - The period of the oscillations, T_d .
 - The frequency of the oscillations, ω_d .
3. Answer all question in the post-lab assessment on BbLearn

11 Appendix

11.1 Matlab program to test the circuit

```
1 % This is a generic program to acquire the data from NI- 6001
2 %% Sample data acquisition program
3 % Date: July 19th
4 % Dr. Vibhav Durgesh
5 % Rev 0.0
6 % This is basic program to acquire data from a data acquisition device.
7 % User has to provide appropriate information see - begining of the code
8 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
9 % THIS CODE OVERWRITE THE DATA. PLEASE MOVE THE FILES OR RENAME PRIOR TO
10 % RERUNNING THE CODE
11 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
12
13 clear all
14 close all
15 clc
16
17 %% ----- START USER REQUIRED INFORMATION -----%%%%%%%
18 Fs = 200; %Sampling rate Data per sec
19 T = 10; % Time to acquire data
20 %% -----END USER REQUIRED INFORMATION -----%%%%%%%
21 d = daq.getDevices;
22 s = daq.createSession('ni');
23 addAnalogInputChannel(s,'Dev2', [0], 'Voltage');
24 s.Rate = Fs; % Sampling rate modify as required
25 s.DurationInSeconds = T; % Sampling time modify as required
26 lh = addlistener(s,'DataAvailable', @(src, event)plotAndLogData(src, event));
27 errorListener = addlistener(s, 'ErrorOccurred', @(src, event) disp(getReport(event.Error)));
28 drawnow
29 s.IsContinuous = true;
30 startBackground(s);
31 pause(T)
32 delete(s)
33 delete(lh)
34
35
36 function plotAndLogData(src,event)
37 time = event.TimeStamps;
38 voltage = event.Data; %Potentiometer data in voltage
39 figure(1)
40 plot(time, voltage, 'k.-'); hold on
41 xlabel('time (s)')
42 ylabel('Voltage (v)')
43 end
```

11.2 Matlab program to acquire data for calibration

```
1 % This is a generic program to acquire the data from NI- 6001
2 %% Sample data acquisition program for calibration purpose it logs the data in a
3 % file for later use
4 % Date: July 19th
5 % Dr. Vibhav Durgesh
6 % Rev 0.0
7 % This is basic program to acquire data from a data acquisition device.
8 % User has to provide appropriate information see - begining of the code
9 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
10 % THIS CODE OVERWRITE THE DATA. PLEASE MOVE THE FILES OR REMANE PRIOR TO
11 % RERUNNING THE CODE
12 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
13
14 clear all
15 close all
16 clc
17
18 %% ----- START USER REQUIRED INFORMATION -----%%%%%%%
19 Fs = 50; %Sampling rate Data per sec
20 T = 10; % Time to acquire data
21 filename = 'Cal_Data_01.dat'; % To store calibration data file
22 fid1 = fopen(filename,'w');
23 %% -----END USER REQUIRED INFORMATION -----%%%%%%%
24 d = daq.getDevices;
25 s = daq.createSession('ni');
26 addAnalogInputChannel(s,'Dev2', [0], 'Voltage');
27 s.Rate = Fs; % Sampling rate modify as required
28 s.DurationInSeconds = T; % Sampling time modify as required
29 lh1 = addlistener(s,'DataAvailable', @(src, event)plotAndLogData(src, event));
30 lh2 = addlistener(s,'DataAvailable', @(src, event)logData(src, event, fid1));
31 errorListener = addlistener(s, 'ErrorOccurred', @(src, event) disp(getReport(event.Error)));
32 drawnow
33 s.IsContinuous = true;
34 startBackground(s);
35 pause(T)
36 delete(s)
37 delete(lh1)
38 delete(lh2)
39 fclose(fid1)
40 data = readmatrix(filename);
41 avgVolt = mean(data(:,2));
42 gcf;
43 title(['Average voltage: ' sprintf('%3.4f',avgVolt) ' (v)'], 'fontname', 'times', 'fontsize', 14)
44
45 function plotAndLogData(src,event)
46 time = event.TimeStamps;
47 voltage = event.Data; %Potentiometer data in voltage
48 figure(1)
49 plot(time, voltage, 'k.-'); hold on
50 xlabel('time (s)')
51 ylabel('Voltage (v)')
52 end
53
54 function logData(src, evt, fid)
55 % Add the time stamp and the data values to data. To write data sequentially,
56 % transpose the matrix.
57 data = [evt.TimeStamps evt.Data] ;
58 fprintf(fid,'%f \t %f \n',data');
59 end
```

11.3 Matlab program to generate calibration plot

```

1 % This is a generic program to generate calibration plot and provide slope
2 % and intercept data
3 % Date: July 19th
4 % Dr. Vibhav Durgesh
5 % Rev 0.0
6 % This is basic program to demonstrating use of polyfit command and
7 % calculating norm and standard error of fit.
8 % User has to provide appropriate information see - begining of the code
9 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
10
11
12 clear all
13 close all
14 clc
15 %%% USER HAVE TO MANUALLY ADD THIS INFORMATION %%%%%%
16 %%%
17 x = [2.3944 2.4554 2.6941 2.8042 2.9650 3.0667 3.1868 3.4169 3.4862 3.6748]; % Voltage data
18 y = [0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90]; % Angular location of pendulum
19 t_nuP = 2.262; %Value read from t-student's table
20 plotTitle = 'Dr. Vibhav Durgesh''s calibration plot';
21 %%% END OF USER INFORMATION %%%%%%
22 %%%%
23 [p,s] = polyfit(x,y,1) % Curve fitting data with 1st order fit
24 xfit = x;% Generating x-data for curve fitting
25 yfit = polyval(p,xfit);
26 nu = s.df; %Getting degree of freedom for the curve fit
27 norm = s.normr; % Getting the norm of the curve fitting
28 syx = norm/sqrt(nu);

29
30 % Generating figure with specific size
31 figure(1)
32 set(gcf,'unit','inches','position',[0.50 0.50 6.50 3.50],...
33 'defaultaxesfontsize',10,'defaultaxesfontname','times');
34 % Plotting data
35 plot(xfit,yfit,'b-','linewidth',2); hold on
36 plot(x,y,'ro','markersize',9,'markerfacecolor','r')
37 xlabel('Volts (v)')
38 ylabel('Angle (^{\circ}))')
39 grid on
40 % Now adding 95% confidence level in the plot
41 y_cl_low = yfit - t_nuP*syx; % Using regression analysis
42 y_cl_up = yfit + t_nuP*syx;
43 plot(xfit,y_cl_low,'--','color',[0.2 0.2 0.2],'HandleVisibility','off');
44 plot(xfit,y_cl_up,'--','color',[0.2 0.2 0.2]);

45
46 legend('Curve fit','Expt. data','95% CL range','location','Northwest')
47 title(plotTitle)
48 text(3.3,0,sprintf('y = %3.4fx %3.4f',p(1),p(2)), 'Fontname','times')
49 text(3.3,-7,sprintf('Norm = %3.4fx',s.normr), 'Fontname','times')
50 text(3.3,-14,sprintf('s_{yx} = %3.4f',syx), 'Fontname','times')
51 % % Saving the files in png and pdf format
52 figName = ['Vibahv_Durgesh_Exp02_Part1'];
53 set(gcf,'PaperPositionMode','auto')
54 print(figName,'-dpng','-r600')
55 set(gcf,'PaperUnits','inches','Units','inches');
56 figpos = get(gcf,'Position');
57 set(gcf,'PaperSize',figpos(3:4),'Units','inches');
58 print(figName,'-dpdf','-r600')
59 %

```

11.4 Matlab program to acquire data

```

1 % This is a generic program to acquire the data from NI- 6001
2 %% Sample data acquisition program for collecting the data to capture pendulum motion
3 % file for later use
4 % Date: July 19th
5 % Dr. Vibhav Durgesh
6 % Rev 0.0
7 % This is basic program to acquire data from a data acquisition device.
8 % User has to provide appropriate information see - begining of the code
9 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
10 % THIS CODE OVERWRITE THE DATA. PLEASE MOVE THE FILES OR REMANE PRIOR TO
11 % RERUNNING THE CODE
12 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
13
14 clear all
15 close all
16 clc
17
18 %% ----- START USER REQUIRED INFORMATION -----%%%%%%%
19 Fs = 500; %Sampling rate Data per sec
20 T = 10; % Time to acquire data
21 filename = 'Data_Vibhav_Durgesh_Expt_2.dat'; % To store experiment data
22 fid1 = fopen(filename,'w');
23 slope = 1; % Add your calibration slope for potentiometer
24 intercept = 0; % Add your calibration intercept for potentiometer
25 plotTitle = 'Dr. Vibhav Durgesh''s plot - Experiment#2';
26 fprintf(fid1,'%s \t %s \n', 'time (s)', 'Angular position (degrees)')
27 %% -----END USER REQUIRED INFORMATION -----%%%%%%%
28 d = daq.getDevices;
29 s = daq.createSession('ni');
30 addAnalogInputChannel(s,'Dev2', [0], 'Voltage');
31 s.Rate = Fs; % Sampling rate modify as required
32 s.DurationInSeconds = T; % Sampling time modify as required
33 lh1 = addlistener(s,'DataAvailable', @(src, event)plotAndLogData(src, event,slope,intercept)
    );
34 lh2 = addlistener(s,'DataAvailable', @(src, event)logData(src, event, fid1, slope, intercept)
    );
35 errorListener = addlistener(s, 'ErrorOccurred', @(src,event) disp(getReport(event.Error)));
36 drawnow
37 s.IsContinuous = true;
38 startBackground(s);
39 pause(T)
40 delete(s)
41 delete(lh1)
42 delete(lh2)
43 fclose(fid1)
44 title(plotTitle,'fontname','times','fontsize',14)
45 function plotAndLogData(src,event,m,c)
46 time = event.TimeStamps;
47 angularPosition = m*event.Data +c; %Potentiometer data in voltage
48 figure(1)
49 plot(time, angularPosition,'k.-');hold on
50 xlabel('time (s)')
51 ylabel('Angular position (degrees)')
52 end
53
54 function logData(src, evt, fid,m,c)
55 % Add the time stamp and the data values to data. To write data sequentially,
56 % transpose the matrix.
57 data = [evt.TimeStamps m*(evt.Data)+c] ;
58 fprintf(fid,'%f \t %f \n',data');
59 end

```