

# Model Free Reinforcement Learning

Application to leader follower

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# Outline

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## Objective

Our Goal is to find optimum policy that eliminates the tracking error

$$u = [v, \gamma]$$

(1)

$$\mathbf{e}_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_k^{[\ell]} - x_k - d \cos \theta'_k \\ y_k^{[\ell]} - y_k - d \sin \theta'_k \\ \theta'_k - \theta_k \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

# Cost Function

Minimize

$$J(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathbf{e}_k^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{e}_k + \mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_k \right] \quad (3)$$

# Algorithm

**Input:** Sampling time  $T$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_0$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$ , and threshold  $\varepsilon$

**Output:** Optimal error trajectory  $\mathbf{e}_k$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

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begin
   $k = 0, r = 0$  [h] Discrete time and policy indices;
   $\eta = (n + m)(n + m + 1)/2$ 
  Initialize  $\mathbf{P}^{[0]}$  [h] RH and positive definite repeat [h] Main timing loop
    Find  $\mathbf{e}_{k+1}$  ;
    Compute policy  $\mathbf{u}_{k+1}^{[r]}$  ;
    if  $[(k + 1) \bmod \eta] == 0$  then
       $r \leftarrow r + 1$  [h] Update policy
      Solve for critic weights  $\mathbf{w}$  ; Construct  $\mathbf{P}^{[r]}$  from critic weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$ 
      if  $\|\mathbf{P}^{[r]} - \mathbf{P}^{[r+1]}\| < \varepsilon$  then
        Set  $\mathbf{u}_{k+1}^* \leftarrow \mathbf{u}_{k+1}^{[r]}$ 
      else
         $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
      end
    else
       $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
    end
  until Forever or tracking error is zero
end
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# How to calculate P matrix

## Least Square

$$w = (\Lambda^T \Lambda)^{-1} \Lambda^T v \quad (4)$$

## gradient descent

$$w^{r+1} = w^r - l_c \Lambda^T (\Lambda w^r - v) \quad (5)$$

# Results

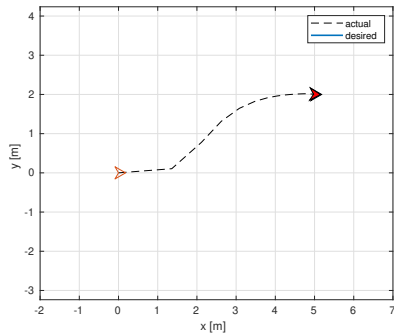


Figure: Trajectory

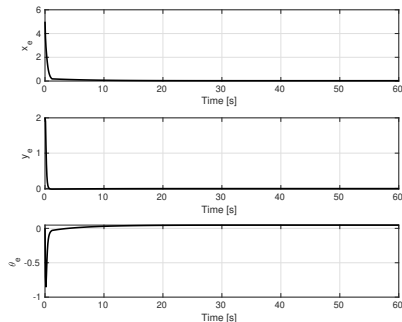


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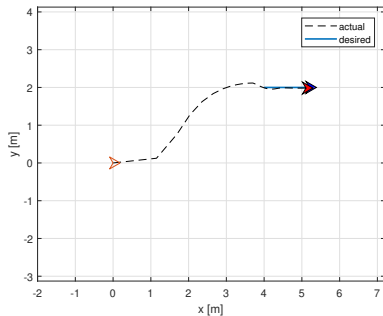


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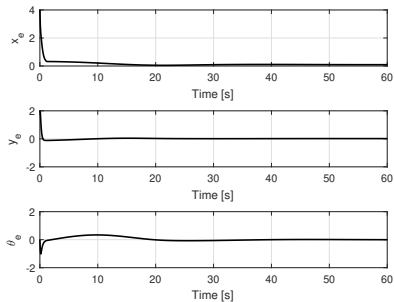


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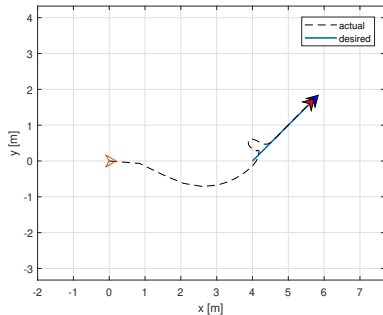


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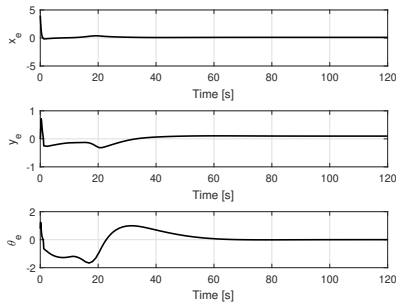


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# Questions?