

# Homework 3: Actuators

24-775 Robot Design & Experimentation

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You are designing an electric wheelchair for a friend, and he has asked for you to make one that can win a drag race. To do this you must select the motor and gearbox so that the wheelchair can travel the farthest in 5 seconds. The specifications are:

Mass of wheelchair + occupant: 100 kg

Radius of wheel: 0.5 m

Battery voltage: 30 V

You may ignore friction, damping, inductance, thermodynamics, and aerodynamics to only consider the inertial terms. Upload your code or hand calculations with your answers.

- a) Write out the equations of motion for this system, based on the acceleration of the wheelchair and the basic motor model.
- b) Either algebraically, symbolically, or numerically solve for the forward displacement of the wheelchair with the following conditions:

Motor: Maxon EC45-Flat 70W 30V, part # 402685 (data sheet attached)

Gear ratio: 1:1

Initial Conditions:  $x = 0$ ,  $dx/dt = 0$

How far did the wheelchair travel? You may use Matlab, Python, or other software.

*Hint: In Matlab, instructions on solving differential equations symbolically:*

<https://www.mathworks.com/help/symbolic/solve-a-single-differential-equation.html>

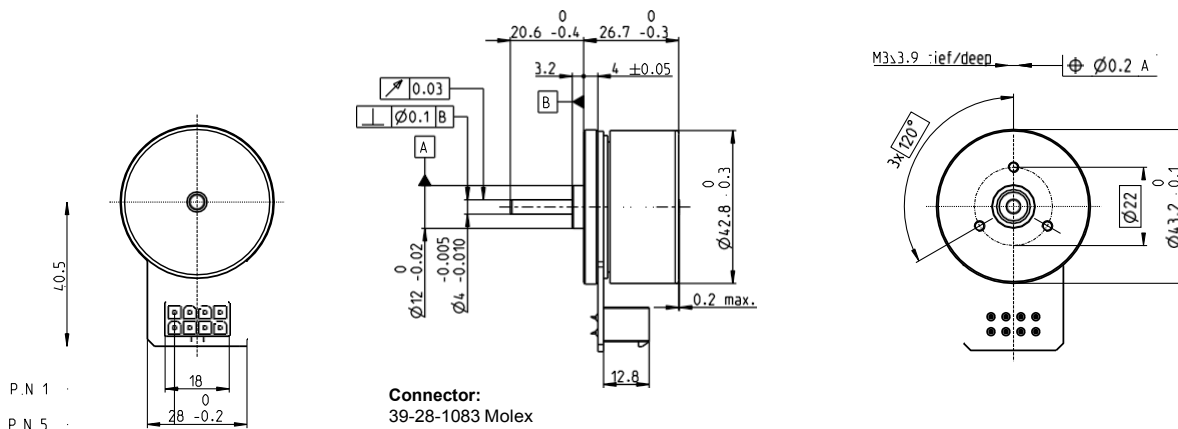
*and numerically:*

<https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/math/solve-nonstiff-odes.html>

- c) Plot the final displacement for all gear ratios from 1:1 to 100:1. What is the optimal gear ratio?
- d) Now consider the motor selection question. Of the four EC45-Flat 70W motors in the attached datasheet, which will move the wheelchair the farthest in 5 seconds? (Pair each motor with its own optimal gear ratio)
- e) Gears only come in certain ratios. Based on the options for GP 42 C gearboxes in the attached datasheet, what is the optimal motor+gearbox combination?

# EC 45 flat Ø42.8 mm, brushless, 70 Watt

maxon E4 motor



M 1:2

- Stock program
- Standard program
- Special program (on request)

## Part Numbers

with Hall sensors

397172 402685 402686 402687

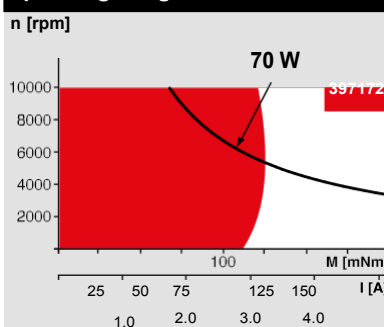
## Motor Data (provisional)

Values at nominal voltage			24	30	36	48
1 Nominal voltage	V		24	30	36	48
2 No load speed	rpm		6110	6230 · 0.105	6330	3440
3 No load current	mA		234	194 · 0.001	166	48.1
4 Nominal speed	rpm		4860	4990 · 0.105	5080	2540
5 Nominal torque (max. continuous torque)	mNm		128	112 · 0.001	108	134
6 Nominal current (max. continuous current)	A		3.21	2.36 · 0.001	1.93	0.936
7 Stall torque	mNm		1460	1170 · 0.001	1100	915
8 Stall current	A		39.5	25.8	20.7	6.97
9 Max. efficiency	%		85	84	83	84
Characteristics						
10 Terminal resistance phase to phase	Ω		0.608	1.16	1.74	6.89
11 Terminal inductance phase to phase	mH		0.463	0.691 · 0.001	0.966	5.85
12 Torque constant	mNm / A		36.9	45.1 · 0.001	53.3	131
13 Speed constant	rpm / V		259	212 · 0.105	179	72.7
14 Speed / torque gradient	rpm / mNm		4.26	5.44	5.85	3.82
15 Mechanical time constant	ms		8.07	10.3	11.1	7.24
16 Rotor inertia	gcm²		181	181 · 1.81x10⁻⁵	181	181

## Specifications

Thermal data		
17 Thermal resistance housing-ambient	3.56 K/W	
18 Thermal resistance winding-housing	4.1 K/W	
19 Thermal time constant winding	29.6 s	
20 Thermal time constant motor	178 s	
21 Ambient temperature	-40 ... +100°C	
22 Max. winding temperature	+125°C	
Mechanical data (preloaded ball bearings)		
23 Max. speed	10000 rpm	
24 Axial play at axial load < 4.0 N	0 mm	
	> 4.0 N	0.14 mm
25 Radial play	preloaded	
26 Max. axial load (dynamic)	3.8 N	
27 Max. force for press fits (static)	50 N	
(static, shaft supported)	1000 N	
28 Max. radial load, 5 mm from flange	21 N	

## Operating Range



## Comments

**Continuous operation**  
In observation of above listed thermal resistance (lines 17 and 18) the maximum permissible winding temperature will be reached during continuous operation at 25°C ambient.  
= Thermal limit.

**Short term operation**  
The motor may be briefly overloaded (recurring).

Assigned power rating

Other specifications		
29 Number of pole pairs	8	
30 Number of phases	3	
31 Weight of motor	141 g	

Values listed in the table are nominal.

## Connection

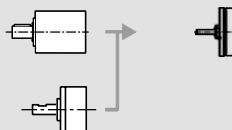
- Pin 1 Hall sensor 1\*
- Pin 2 Hall sensor 2\*
- Pin 3 V<sub>Hall</sub> 4.5 ... 18 VDC
- Pin 4 Motor winding 3
- Pin 5 Hall sensor 3\*
- Pin 6 GND
- Pin 7 Motor winding 1
- Pin 8 Motor winding 2
- \*Internal pull-up (7 ... 13 kΩ) on pin 3
- Wiring diagram for Hall sensors see p. 43

## Cable

- Connection cable Universal, L = 500 mm **339380**
- Connection cable to EPOS, L = 500 mm **354045**

## maxon Modular System

- Planetary Gearhead**  
Ø42 mm  
3 - 15 Nm  
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- Spur Gearhead**  
Ø45 mm  
0.5 - 2.0 Nm  
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**Encoder MILE**  
256 - 2048 CPT,  
2 channels  
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## Recommended Electronics:

- Notes Page 32
- ESCON 36/3 EC 427
- ESCON Mod. 50/4 EC-S 427
- ESCON Module 50/5 427
- ESCON 50/5 428
- DEC Module 50/5 430
- EPOS2 Module 36/2 434
- EPOS2 24/5, 50/5 435
- EPOS2 P 24/5 438
- EPOS4 Module/CB 50/5 442
- MAXPOS 50/5 447

## Ceramic Version



Planetary Gearhead	straight teeth			
Output shaft	stainless steel			
Bearing at output	preloaded ball bearings			
Radial play, 12 mm from flange	max. 0.06 mm			
Axial play at axial load	< 5 N	0 mm		
	> 5 N	max. 0.3 mm		
Max. axial load (dynamic)				150 N
Max. force for press fits				300 N
Direction of rotation, drive to output				=
Max. continuous input speed				8000 rpm
Recommended temperature range	-40...+100°C			
Number of stages	1	2	3	4
Max. radial load, 12 mm from flange	120 N	240 N	360 N	360 N

maxon gear

## Part Numbers

\*\*for EC 45 flat 1 is -3.6 mm



Motor	Page	+ Sensor	Page	Brake	Page	Overall length [mm] = Motor length + gearhead length + (sensor/brake) + assembly parts									
RE 35, 90 W	130					112.1	126.6	126.6	141.1	141.1	141.1	155.6	155.6	155.6	155.6
RE 35, 90 W	130	MR	405			123.5	138.0	138.0	152.5	152.5	152.5	167.0	167.0	167.0	167.0
RE 35, 90 W	130	HED_ 5540	413/415			132.8	147.3	147.3	161.8	161.8	161.8	176.3	176.3	176.3	176.3
RE 35, 90 W	130	DCT 22	421			130.2	144.7	144.7	159.2	159.2	159.2	173.7	173.7	173.7	173.7
RE 35, 90 W	130			AB 28	458	148.2	162.7	162.7	177.2	177.2	177.2	191.7	191.7	191.7	191.7
RE 35, 90 W	130	HED_ 5540	413/415	AB 28	458	165.4	179.9	179.9	194.4	194.4	194.4	208.9	208.9	208.9	208.9
RE 40, 150 W	132					112.1	126.6	126.6	141.1	141.1	141.1	155.6	155.6	155.6	155.6
RE 40, 150 W	132	MR	405			123.5	138.0	138.0	152.5	152.5	152.5	167.0	167.0	167.0	167.0
RE 40, 150 W	132	HED_ 5540	413/416			132.8	147.3	147.3	161.8	161.8	161.8	176.3	176.3	176.3	176.3
RE 40, 150 W	132	HEDL 9140	419			166.2	180.7	180.7	195.2	195.2	195.2	209.7	209.7	209.7	209.7
RE 40, 150 W	132			AB 28	458	148.2	162.7	162.7	177.2	177.2	177.2	191.7	191.7	191.7	191.7
RE 40, 150 W	132			AB 28	459	156.2	170.7	170.7	185.2	185.2	185.2	199.7	199.7	199.7	199.7
RE 40, 150 W	132	HED_ 5540	413/416	AB 28	458	165.4	179.9	179.9	194.4	194.4	194.4	208.9	208.9	208.9	208.9
RE 40, 150 W	132	HEDL 9140	419	AB 28	459	176.7	191.2	191.2	205.7	205.7	205.7	220.2	220.2	220.2	220.2
EC 40, 170 W	219					121.1	135.6	135.6	150.1	150.1	150.1	164.6	164.6	164.6	164.6
EC 40, 170 W	219	HED_ 5540	414/416			144.5	159.0	159.0	173.5	173.5	173.5	188.0	188.0	188.0	188.0
EC 40, 170 W	219	Res 26	422			148.3	162.8	162.8	177.3	177.3	177.3	191.8	191.8	191.8	191.8
EC 40, 170 W	219			AB 32	460	163.8	178.3	178.3	192.8	192.8	192.8	207.3	207.3	207.3	207.3
EC 40, 170 W	219	HED_ 5540	414/416	AB 32	460	182.2	196.7	196.7	211.2	211.2	211.2	225.7	225.7	225.7	225.7
EC 45, 150 W	220					152.3	166.8	166.8	181.3	181.3	181.3	195.8	195.8	195.8	195.8
EC 45, 150 W	220	HEDL 9140	419			167.9	182.4	182.4	196.9	196.9	196.9	211.4	211.4	211.4	211.4
EC 45, 150 W	220	Res 26	422			152.3	166.8	166.8	181.3	181.3	181.3	195.8	195.8	195.8	195.8
EC 45, 150 W	220			AB 28	459	159.7	174.2	174.2	188.7	188.7	188.7	203.2	203.2	203.2	203.2
EC 45, 150 W	220	HEDL 9140	419	AB 28	459	176.7	191.2	191.2	205.7	205.7	205.7	220.2	220.2	220.2	220.2
EC 45, 250 W	221					185.1	199.6	199.6	214.1	214.1	214.1	228.6	228.6	228.6	228.6
EC 45, 250 W	221	HEDL 9140	419			200.7	215.2	215.2	229.7	229.7	229.7	244.2	244.2	244.2	244.2
EC 45, 250 W	221	Res 26	422			185.1	199.6	199.6	214.1	214.1	214.1	228.6	228.6	228.6	228.6
EC 45, 250 W	221			AB 28	459	192.5	207.0	207.0	221.5	221.5	221.5	236.0	236.0	236.0	236.0
EC 45, 250 W	221	HEDL 9140	419	AB 28	459	209.5	224.0	224.0	238.5	238.5	238.5	253.0	253.0	253.0	253.0

(a)

$V_s$ : source voltage     $V_R$ : resistance voltage     $i$ : current     $K_v$ : Speed Constant     $J$ : MoI  
 $r$ : wheel radius     $V_e$ : E.M.F voltage     $\tau$ : Input torque     $\omega$ : Rotational speed  
 $K_t$ : torque constant     $R$ : Resistance     $\tau_t$ : Output torque     $K_e$ : electric constant

EOM Electrical:

$$V_s - V_R - V_e = 0$$

$$V_s - Ri - K_e \omega = 0$$

EOM Mechanical

$$\tau_t = \tau \longrightarrow \tau_t = J \dot{\omega}, \tau = K_t i$$

$$\therefore K_t i = J \dot{\omega}$$

$$\therefore i = \frac{V_s - K_e \omega}{R} \quad (\text{from EOM electrical}) \quad (2)$$

Plug (2) to (1),

$$K_t \cdot \frac{V_s - K_e \omega}{R} = J \dot{\omega}$$

Combined EOM:  $\frac{K_t V_s}{R} - \frac{K_t K_e \omega}{R} = J \dot{\omega}$

← output

With Gear ratio:  $\frac{K_t V_s}{\frac{J}{N^2} R} - \frac{K_t K_e}{\frac{J}{N^2} R} \dot{\theta} = \ddot{\theta}$

(b)

$$\frac{1}{k_v} = k_e \quad k_v = 212$$

$$k_e = \frac{1}{212 \cdot 0.105}$$

$$k_e = 0.0449$$

$$k_t = 0.0451$$

$$\frac{0.0451 \cdot 30}{(181 \times 10^{-7} + 25) \cdot 1.16} - \frac{0.0451 \cdot 0.0449}{(181 \times 10^{-7} + 25) \cdot 1.16} \ddot{\theta} = \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\begin{cases} x(0) = 0 \\ \dot{x}(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$0.0466 - 6.98 \times 10^{-5} \dot{\theta} = \ddot{\theta}$$

$$t = 5 \quad x = 0.2916 \text{ m}$$

(c)

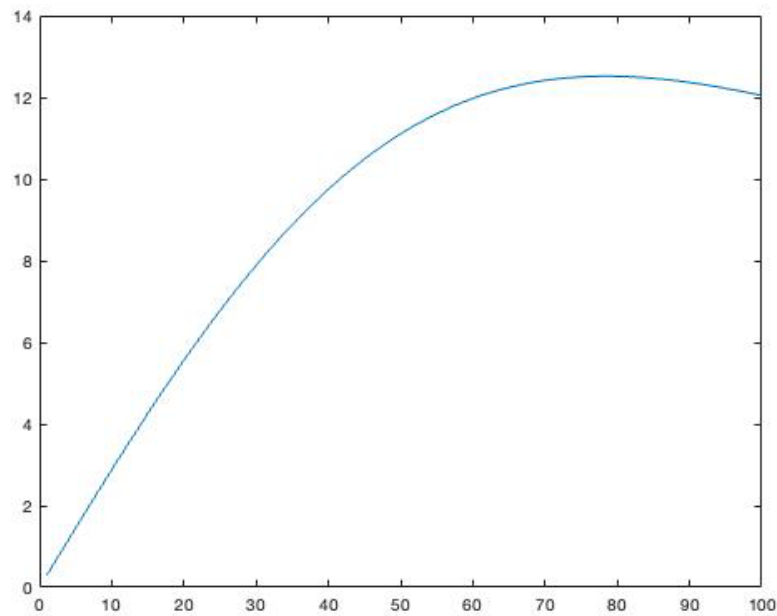
$$\frac{k_t V_s}{\frac{J}{N^2 R}} - \frac{k_t k_e}{\frac{J}{N^2 R}} \dot{\theta} = \ddot{\theta}$$

$$r \cdot \theta \cdot \frac{1}{N} = x$$

$$N = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 100$$

Optimal  $N = 78$        $78:1$  is the best

Maximum distance run : 12.54 m

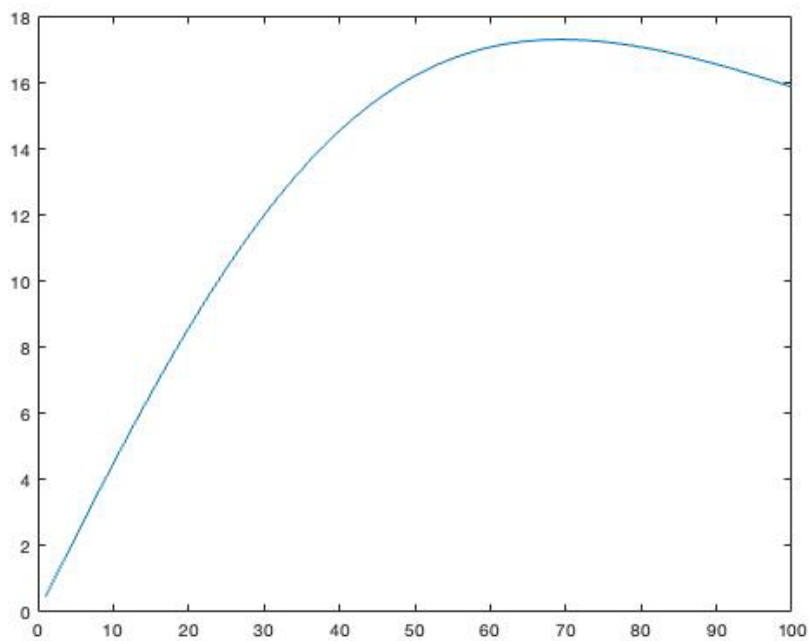


(d) Motor 397172:  $K_t \approx 36.9 \times 10^{-3} = 0.0369$   
 $k_e = \frac{1}{259 \cdot 0.105} = 0.0368 \approx K_t$

$R = 0.608$

Optimal  $N = 69$

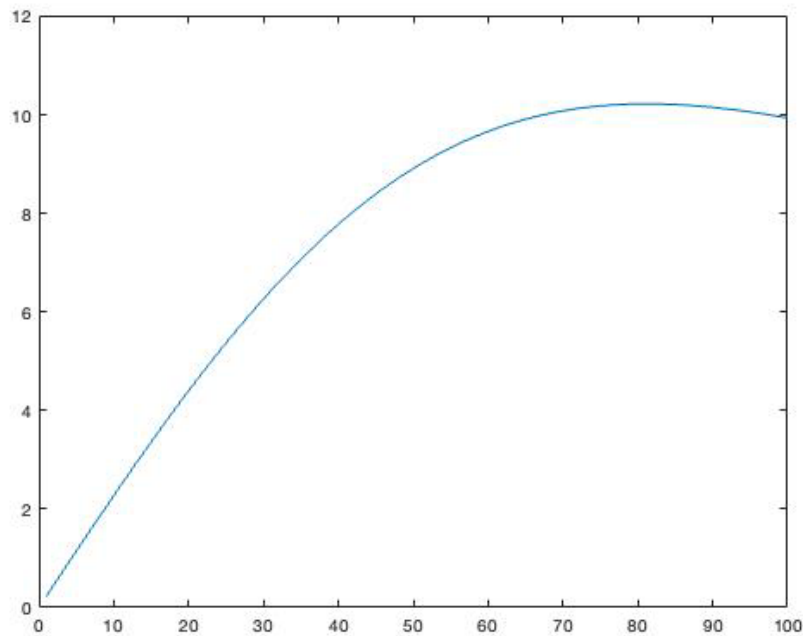
Max dist = 17.31m



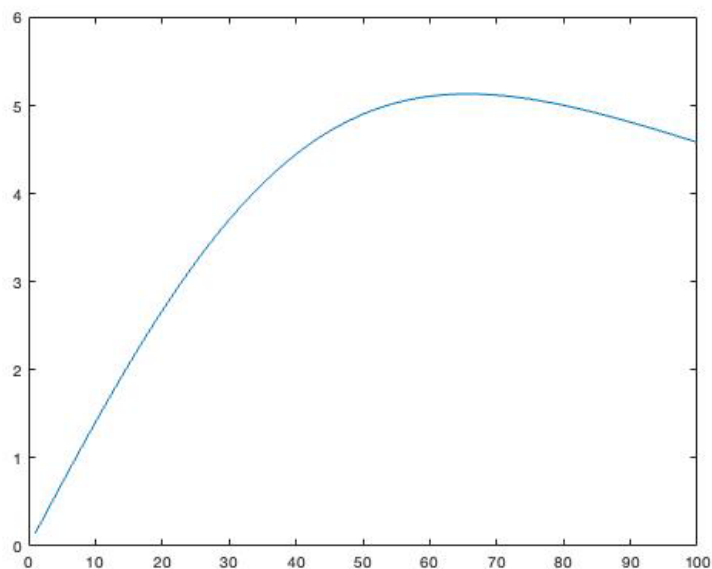
Motor 402686  $k_t = 0.0533$   $k_e = k_t = 0.0533$   
 $R = 1.74$

Optimal  $N = 81$

Max-dist = 10.22m



Motor 402687  $k_t = 0.131 = k_e$   $R = 6.89$   
Opt  $N = 66$  Max dist = 5.13m



(e) ① 397172  $N = 66$  Dist = 17.28 m  
Pair with #203122

② 402685  $N = 81$  Dist = 12.53 m

Pair with part no.

③ 402686  $N = 81$ , Dist = 10.22 m  
pair with part no.

④ 402687  $N = 66$  Dist = 5.13 m  
pair with #203122

$\therefore$  Best is option 1, #397172 + #203122