

# Homework 3: Actuators

24-775 Robot Design & Experimentation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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>

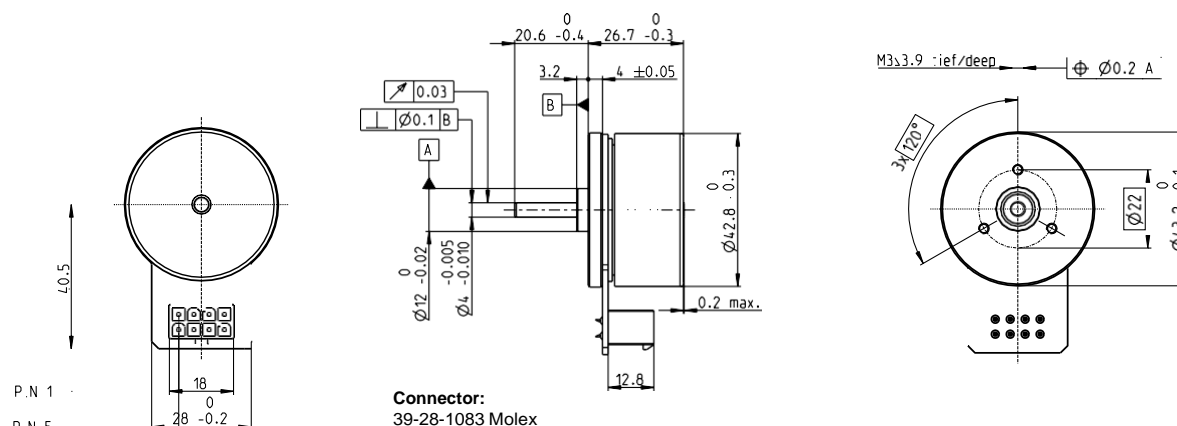
*and numerically:*

<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 E&A motor



Connector:  
39-28-1083 Molex

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

	V	24	30	36	48
1 Nominal voltage	V	24	30	36	48
2 No load speed	rpm	6110	6230	6330	3440
3 No load current	mA	234	194	166	48.1
4 Nominal speed	rpm	4860	4990	5080	2540
5 Nominal torque (max. continuous torque)	mNm	128	112	108	134
6 Nominal current (max. continuous current)	A	3.21	2.36	1.93	0.936
7 Stall torque	mNm	1460	1170	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	0.966	5.85
12 Torque constant	mNm / A	36.9	45.1	53.3	131
13 Speed constant	rpm / V	259	212	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	gcm <sup>2</sup>	181	181	181	181

## Specifications

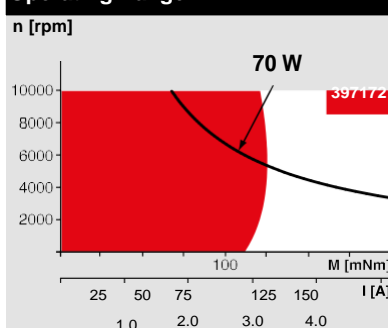
### Thermal data

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
24 Axial play at axial load > 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
27 Max. force for press fits (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

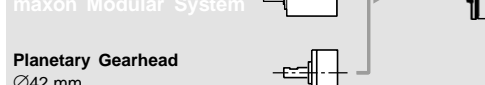
Pin 1	Hall sensor 1*
Pin 2	Hall sensor 2*
Pin 3	V <sub>Hall</sub> 4.5 ... 18 VDC
Pin 4	Motor winding 3
Pin 5	Hall sensor 3*
Pin 6	GND
Pin 7	Motor winding 1
Pin 8	Motor winding 2

\*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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### 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

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**Encoder MILE**  
256 - 2048 CPT,  
2 channels  
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**Option**  
With Cable and Connector  
(Ambient temperature -20 ... +100°C)

maxon EC motor ~~2807~~

## 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

\*no combination with EC 45 (150/250 W) and EC-i 40  
\*\*for EC 45 flat 1.1 is  $\pm 3.6$  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