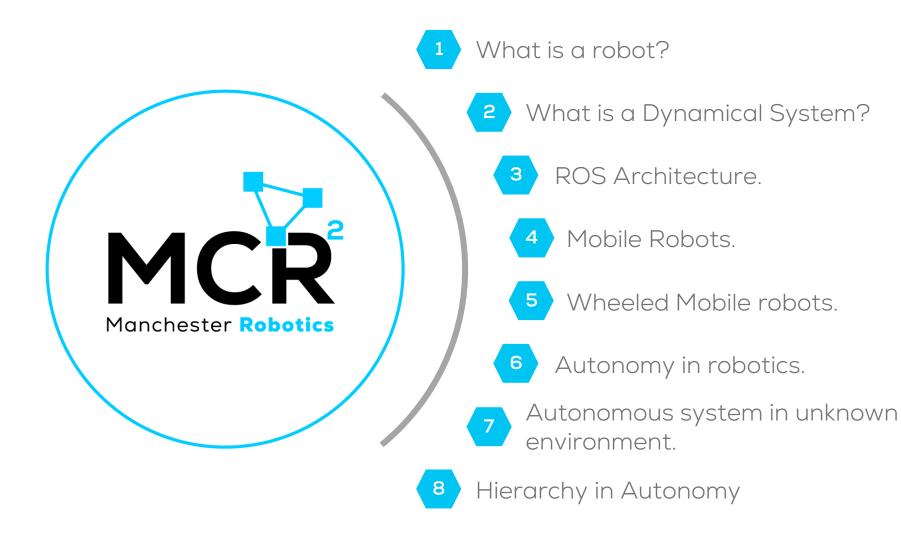
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Intelligent Robotics Implementation

Introduction



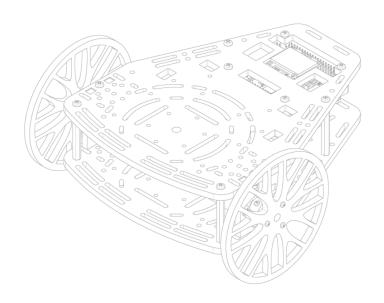




What is a robot?



- Can you describe in your own words what is a robot?
- How would you differentiate a robot from another machine?
- What is autonomy?
- Any system can be a robot? Yes/No? Why?
- Is a robot a dynamical system?
- How can we differentiate between a DC motor controlled and a robot?

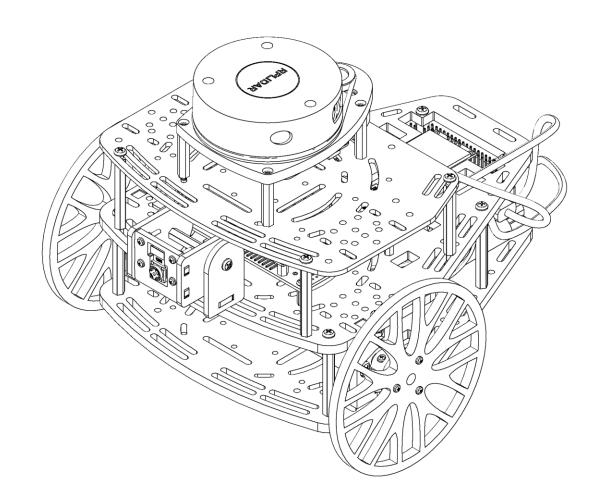




What is a dynamical system?



- A dynamical system is any system, manmade, physical or biological, that changes in time.
- In other words, particle or ensemble of particles whose state varies over time and is described using differential equations.
- What are the necessary characteristics for a system to be called a "robot"?





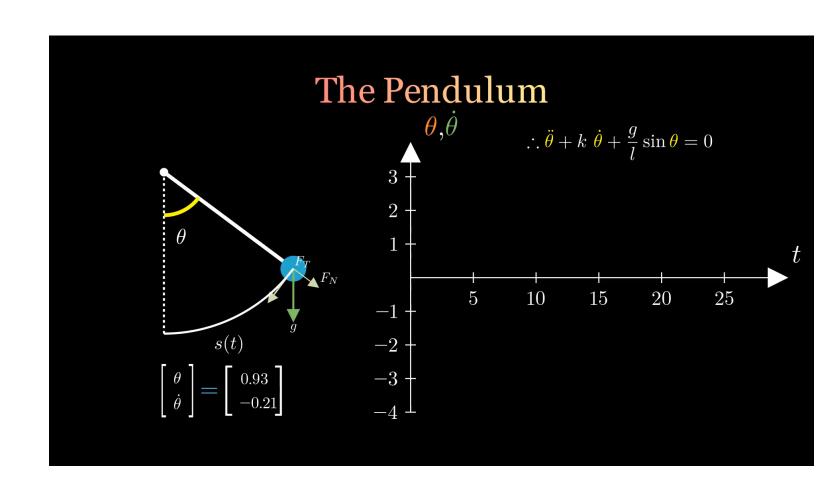
What is a dynamical system?



- Is a pendulum a robot?
- Is a dynamical system
- Described by an ODE

$$\dot{x} = f(x)$$

- Changes over time
- Can have an inputs
- The outputs can be measured





Then...What is a robot?



Characteristics

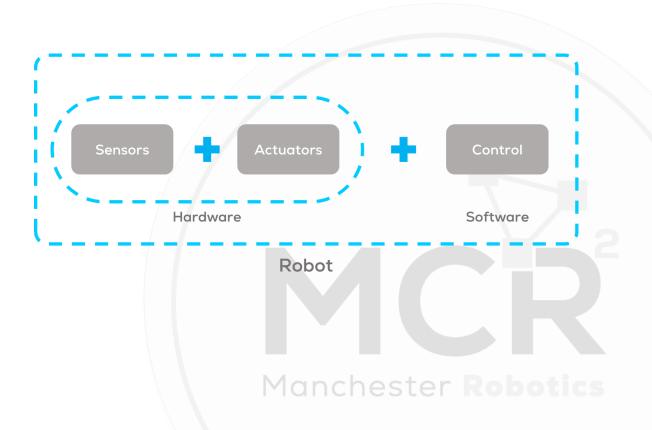
- A Robot is a dynamical system
- Guided by a computer program (an algorithm, or an agent)
- Performs some specific tasks.
- This is also known as a Control System.

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(\mathsf{t}) = f(\mathbf{x}(\mathsf{t}), \mathbf{u}(\mathsf{t}))$$

$$\mathbf{y}(\mathsf{t}) = g(\mathbf{x}(\mathsf{t}))$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathsf{t}) = h(\mathbf{x}(\mathsf{t}))$$

Robotic System

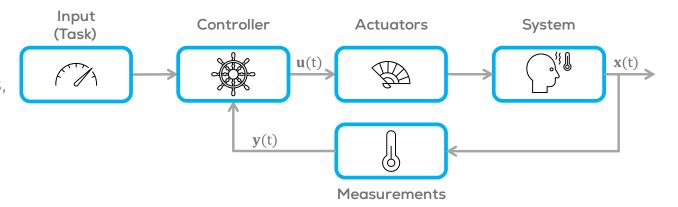




Then... What is a robot?



- Using the previous definition, it can be said that there exists many robots in the real world.
- Some robots may evoke human form, but most robots are task-performing machines, made with an emphasis on functionality, rather than aesthetics.
- One example would be a home heating/cooling system.





Then... What is a robot?



- There are many classifications for robotic systems.
- Based on the environment and performance, the robots can be classified into industrial robots and mobile robots.
- An example of an industrial robot and a mobile robot can be seen in the side figure.
- This course will be focused on mobile robotics.



Industrial robotic arm for welding © KUKA Inc.



Mobile robot: Curiosity Mars Rover 2012 © NASA/JPL



Mobile robots



- Mobile robots can traverse anywhere in the environment without being bolted to a reference point in the environment.
- Ground mobile robots are categorized based on their *locomotion* mechanism into:
 - Legged robots
 - Wheeled robots
- This course will be focused on wheeled mobile robots



Legged Robot © AIBO Sony Corp.



Wheeled Robot © NASA/JPL.



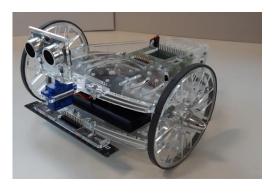
Wheeled mobile robots



- There exists many types of wheeled robotic platforms
 - Differential-Drive robots
 - Omnidirectional robots
 - Ackermann-steering robots
 - and many others...
- In this course we will focus on differential drive robots, also known as "differential wheeled robots".



Holonomic Robot Acroname ©.



Differential-drive Puzzlebot ©.



Autonomy in robotics



 Fundamental question: How much information and support must be provided by human to ensure that the robot is able to achieve its goals?

 The level of autonomy of a robot depends on the amount of information the robot requires from a human to perform its tasks.

Levels of Autonomy	
Human Operated : Human operator makes all the decisions.	Remote Control
Human Delegated: Robot can perform several functions independent of human control when delegated. Human Supervised: The system can perform wide variety of activities when given top level permission or direction by a human.	Semi- Autonomous
Fully Autonomous: The system receives goals form humans, translating them into tasks to be perfored without human interaction.	Autonomous System





Autonomy in robotics



- Some examples of tele-robotics are
 - Cranes.
 - Drones.
 - Robotic exoskeletons.
 - some robotic arms, etc.
- In the case of semi-autonomous systems, we can have
 - Some mobile robots,
 - Industrial robotic arms, etc.



Kraft TeleRobotics, Inco.





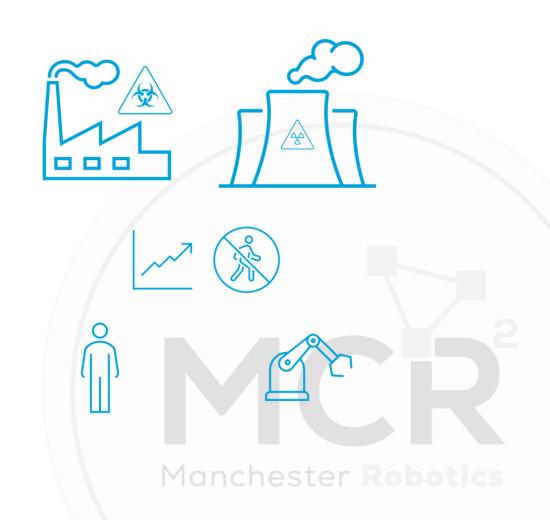




Autonomy in robotics



- Autonomous systems enable companies to further optimise the manufacturing and development processes of their products.
- This can result in less waste, better energy efficiency and improved quality.
- Certain plants, such as nuclear plants, require robots for handling dangerous materials/chemicals, and processes.
- Autonomous systems, improve the safety of the work environment and help reduce risks.

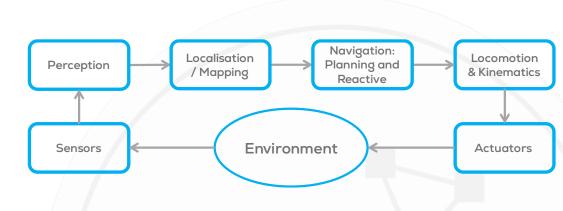




Autonomous system in an unknown environment



- Autonomous systems in unknown environments, require different methods to interact with their environment.
- From sensors to read information from the environment, to actuators to interact with it.
- The other methods help the autonomous system to retrieve information from the environment (Perception).
- Localize the robot in the space whilst mapping an unknown environment.
- Once the robot knows its positions; it can plan the trajectory to follow to achieve its objective.
- Estimate the required inputs to the actuators based on the dynamical behavior of the system.



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Examples of mobile autonomous systems







Examples of mobile autonomous systems

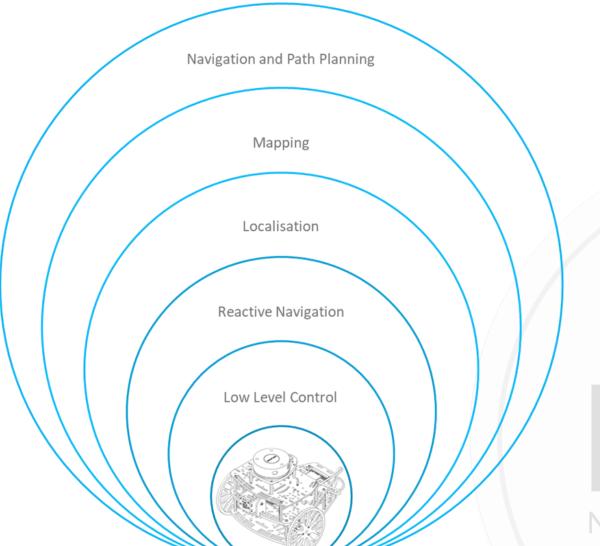






Hierarchy in autonomy





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