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## ***Robotics 2***

# **Course Projects 2022-23**

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# Rules on projects

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1. Groups of up to 2 students
2. To be completed **anytime**, but no later than by **end of December 2023**
  - written report with results (source + pdf), software, videos, ppt/keynote presentation (+ pdf version) ⇒ all on G-drive folder
  - upon delivery, a date is agreed for presentation (20 min + Q&A)
  - final grade takes into account the result of the Midterm Test
  - in case of no show/delay ⇒ complete conventional exam
3. Some topics may develop into Master theses
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# 1. On-line task scaling at acceleration/torque level

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- in the presence of hard bounds on position, velocity, and acceleration/torque
- two cases: robot non-redundant (e.g., joint space trajectory) or redundant (Cartesian trajectory) for the task
- with possible experiments of the KUKA LWR 7R robot
- references
  - C. Guarino Lo Bianco and O. Gerelli, "Online trajectory scaling for manipulators subject to high order kinematic and dynamic constraints," *IEEE Trans. on Robotics*, 27(6), 1144-1152, 2011
  - F. Flacco, A. De Luca, and O. Khatib, "Prioritized multi-task motion control of redundant robots under hard joint constraints," *Proc. IEEE/RSJ Int. Conf. on Intelligent Robots and Systems*, 3970-3977, 2012
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## 2. Neural network control of a UR10 robot

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- implement the NN-based controller in [1] for trajectory tracking
  - on a 3R planar arm
  - on the 6R UR10 robot
- compare its performance with the adaptive controller in [2]
- references
  - [1] F. L. Lewis, A. Yesildirek, and K. Liu, "Multilayer neural-net robot controller with guaranteed tracking performance," *IEEE Trans. on Neural Networks*, 7(2), 388-399, 1996
  - [2] J.-J. E. Slotine and W. Li, "On the adaptive control of robot manipulators," *Int. J. of Robotics Research*, 6(3), 49-59, 1987
  - C. Gaz, E. Magrini, and A. De Luca, "A model-based residual approach for human-robot collaboration during manual polishing operations," *Mechatronics*, 55, 234-247, 2018
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### 3. Vibration reduction via command shaping for a one-link flexible arm

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- evaluate the command shaping technique of [1] on a one-link flexible arm with revolute joint
- evaluate the performance of the filter on the linear model used for its design and on a nonlinear model of the arm, see [2]
- references
  - [1] N. C. Singer and W. P. Seering, "Preshaping command inputs to reduce system vibration," *Trans. ASME J. of Dynamic Systems, Measurement, and Control*, 112(1), 76–82, 1990
  - [2] A. De Luca and B. Siciliano, "Trajectory control of a non-linear one-link flexible arm," *Int. J. of Control*, 50(5), 1699-1715, 1989
  - A. De Luca and B. Siciliano, "Flexible links," in C. Canudas de Wit, B. Siciliano, G. Bastin (Eds.), *Theory of Robot Control*, 221-263, Springer, 1996
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## 4. Joint torque control

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- a comparative performance analysis by simulation of joint torque control laws, possibly including in the design
  - transmission elasticity (e.g., Harmonic Drive), friction phenomena
  - observer of unmeasured quantities
- multiple references
  - M. Hashimoto et al., "Experimental study on torque control using harmonic drive built-in torque sensors," *Proc. IEEE Int. Conf. on Robotics and Automation*, 2026-2031, 1992
  - D. Visser and O. Khatib, "Design and development of high-performance torque-controlled joints," *IEEE Trans. on Robotics and Automation*, 11(4), 537-544, 1995
  - L. Le Tien et al., "Friction observer and compensation for control of robots with joint torque measurement," *Proc. IEEE/RSJ Int. Conf. on Intelligent Robots and Systems*, 3789-3794, 2008
  - T. Kawakami et al., "High-fidelity joint drive system by torque feedback control using high precision lineal encoder," *Proc. IEEE Int. Conf. on Robotics and Automation*, 3904-3903, 2010
  - M. Osada et al., Honda Motor Co., "Control system for power unit," *US Patent 2017*
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## 5. Dynamic modeling and rest-to-rest motion for a one-link flexible arm with flexible joint

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- Euler-Bernoulli modeling of a flexible link with elastic joint, using a finite number of modes and dynamic boundary conditions
- rest-to-rest motion in finite given time
- references
  - D. Li, J.W. Zu, and A.A. Goldenberg, "Dynamic modeling and mode analysis of flexible-link, flexible-joint robots," *Mechanism and Machine Theory*, 33(7), 1031-1044, 1998
  - A. De Luca and G. Di Giovanni, "Rest-to-rest motion of a one-link flexible arm," *Proc. IEEE/ASME Int. Conf. on Advanced Intelligent Mechatronics*, 923-928, 2001
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## 6. Data-driven identification of a one-link robot with flexible joint

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- identify the dynamic model of a one-link robot with flexible joint using the Lagrangian neural network of [1]
- extra: use the identified model to control the robot as in [2]
- references
  - [1] M. Cranmer, S. Greydanus, S. Hoyer, P. Battaglia, D. Spergel, and S. Ho, "Lagrangian neural networks," *Preprint arXiv:2003.04630*, 2020
  - [2] P. Tomei, "A simple PD controller for robots with elastic joints," *IEEE Trans. on Automatic Control*, 36(10), 1208-1213, 1991
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## 7. Adaptive feedforward + PD control for trajectory tracking

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- online adaptation of the feedforward inverse dynamics command for trajectory tracking of rigid robots
- completed by a PD command with suitable gains
- references
  - V. Santibanez and R. Kelly, "Global convergence of the adaptive PD controller with computed feedforward for robot manipulators," *Proc. IEEE Int. Conf. on Robotics and Automation*, 1831-1836, 1999
  - V. Santibanez and R. Kelly, "PD control with feedforward compensation for robot manipulators: analysis and experimentation," *Robotica*, 19, 11-19, 2001
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