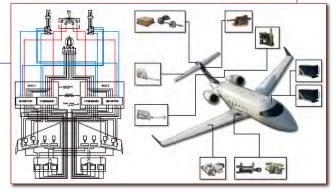
Sensors and Actuators

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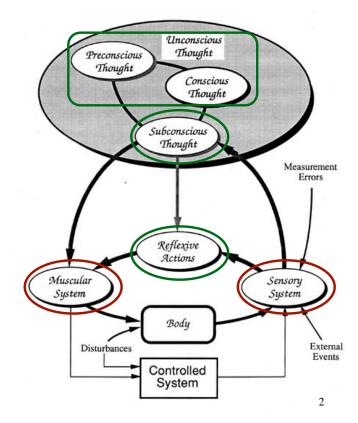
- Biological Antecedents
- Critical Elements for System Observation and Control
- Control Effecters
- Output Sensors
- Navigation



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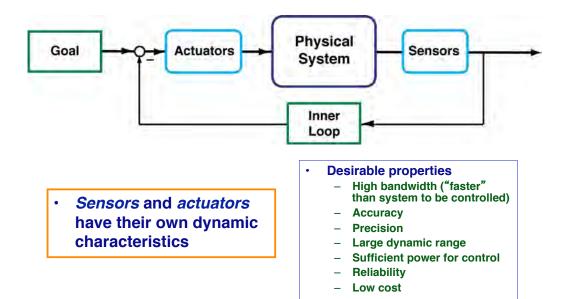
Biologically Inspired Control

- Declarative Planning
- Procedural Formatting
- Reflexive Control
- Sensory input
- Motor output

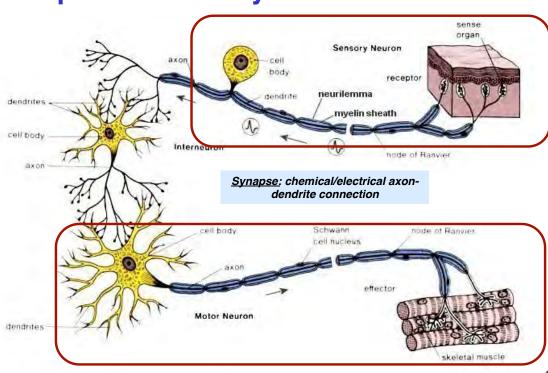


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Feedback Control Requires Sensors and Actuators



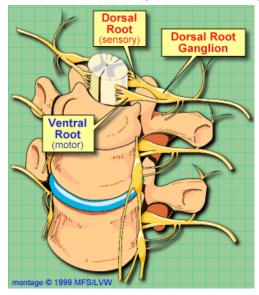
Peripheral Sensory and Motor Neurons

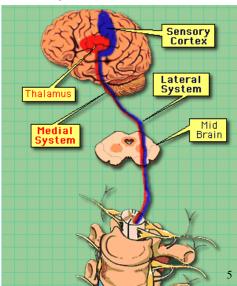


Sensory and Motor Signal Paths to the Brain

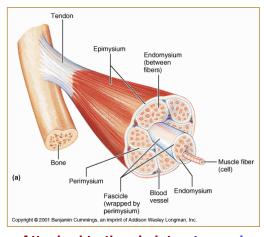
Reflexive response is processed in the spinal roots

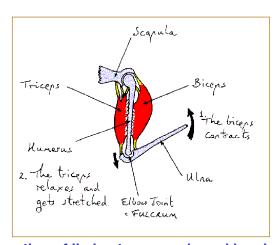
Declarative and procedural response is processed in the brain





Skeletal Muscle



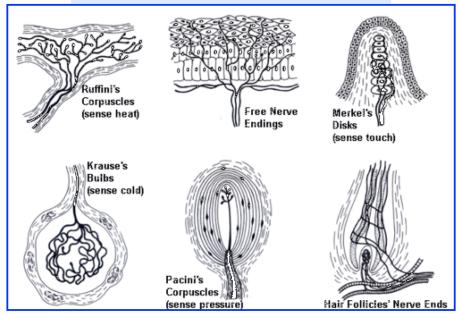


- Attached to the skeleton to produce motion of limbs, torso, neck, and head
- Agonist-antagonist muscle pairs produce opposing motion (flexion and extension)
- End-effecter strength depends on lever arm and varies with joint angle
- Voluntary (declarative) commands from somatic central nervous system

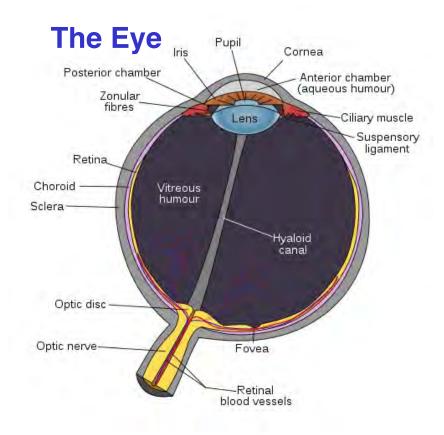
Sensory Neuron Receptors

Neuron Receptors (corpuscles, disks, cells, muscle spindles) generate action potentials that are transmitted to the spinal cord

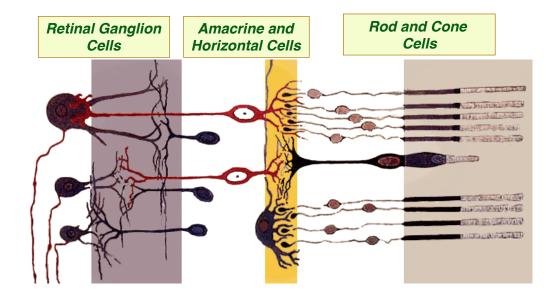
Cutaneous and Sub-Cutaneous Receptors



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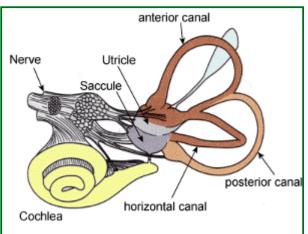
Retinal Cross Section



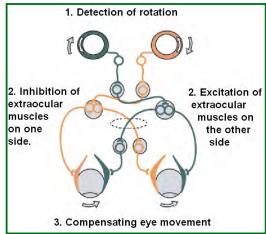
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Biological Inertial Measurement: The Inner Ear

Vestibular system measures linear and angular acceleration



Integration with eye motion



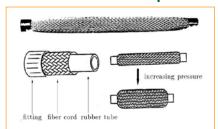
Actuators

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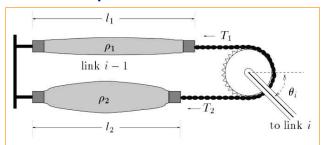
Rubbertuator

Pneumatic analog of muscle

Contraction under pressure

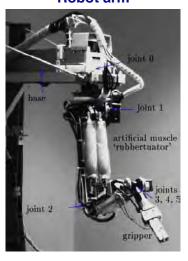


Agonist-antagonist action produces rotation



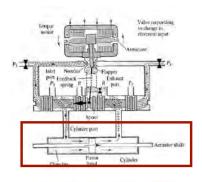


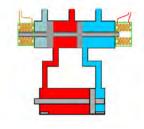
Robot arm





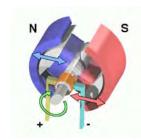


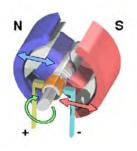


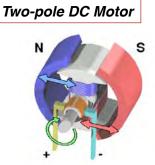


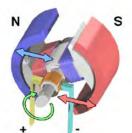
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Electric Actuator Brushed DC Motor





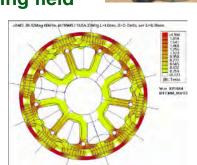




- · Current flowing through armature generates a magnetic field
- Permanent magnets torque the armature
- When armature is aligned with magnets, commutator reverses current and magnetic field
- Multiple poles added to allow motor to smooth output torque and to start from any position

Electric Actuator Brushless DC Motor

- Armature is fixed, and permanent magnets rotate
- Electronic controller commutates the electromagnetic force, providing a rotating field
- Advantages
 - Efficiency
 - Noise
 - Lifetime
 - Reduced EMI
 - Cooling
 - Water-resistant

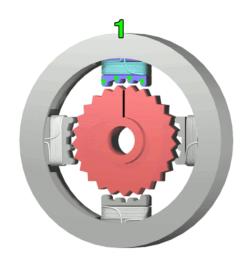




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Electric Actuator Stepper Motor

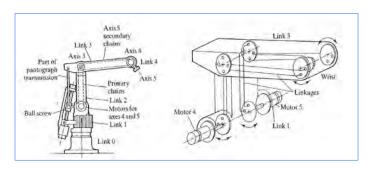
- Brushless, synchronous motor that moves in discrete steps
- Precise, quantized control without feedback
- Armature teeth offset to induce rotary motion





Actuation Linkages

- Gearing, leverage
- Gears
- · Belts, Chains, Cables
- Bellcranks





Belt Linkage

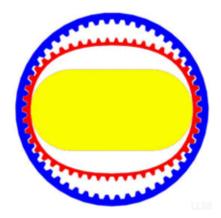
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Harmonic Drive

- Strain wave gearing on motor output
- No backlash
- High gear ratios
- Good resolution and repeatability
- High torque



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Ball/Roller Screw

Transforms rotary to linear motion





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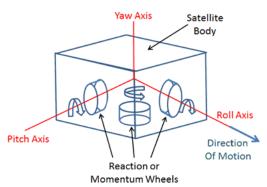
Reaction Wheel

Flywheel on a motor shaft

Reaction wheel rpm is varied to trade angular momentum with a spacecraft for control

Three orthogonal wheels vary all components of angular momentum Fourth wheel at oblique angle would provide redundancy

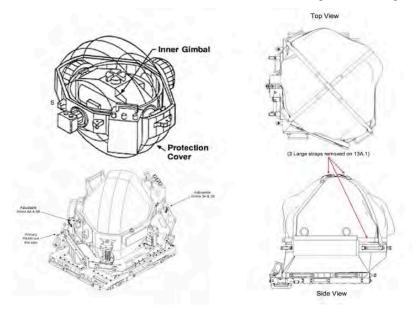
Three Axis Stabilisation



Control-Moment Gyro

Flywheel on a motor shaft

RPM is fixed, axis is rotated to impart torque

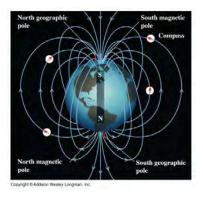


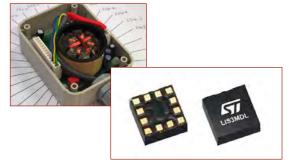
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Sensors

Magnetometer

- Flux gate "compass"
 - Alternating current passed through one coil
 - Permalloy core alternately magnetized by electromagnetic field
 - Corresponding magnetic field sensed by second coil
 - Distortion of oscillating field is a measure of one component of the Earth's magnetic field
- Three magnetometers required to determine Earth's magnetic field vector

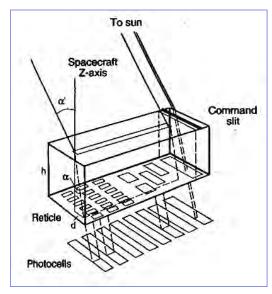




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Sun Angle Sensor

- Distance from centerline measured by sensed pattern, which determines angle, α
- With index of refraction, n, angle to sun, α', is determined
- Photodetectors may provide digital (coarse) or analog (fine) outputs

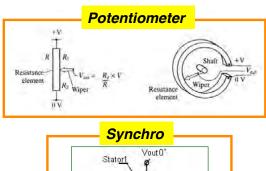


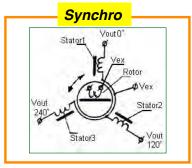
 $\tan \alpha = d / h$ $\sin \alpha' = n \sin \alpha \quad (Snell's \ law)$ $n = index \ of \ refraction$

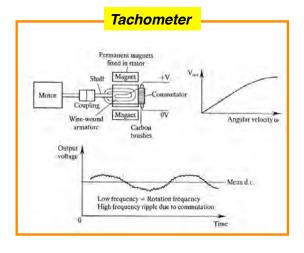


Potentiometer, Synchro, and Tachometer



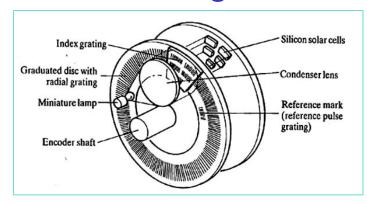


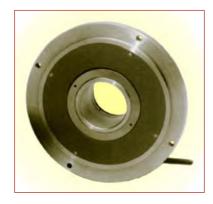


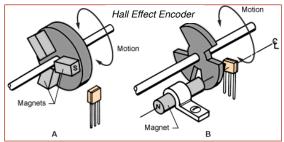


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Angular Encoder

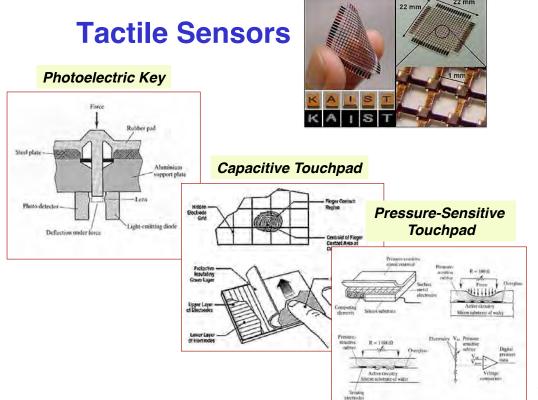




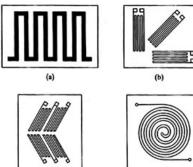


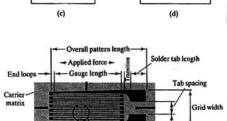


a.c. source Stainless steel housing Linear Primary ww. **Variable Differential** Secondary High permeability, nickel-iron core Output **Transformer** Thred for attaching core to moving link (= zero when core is at centre) Output |+ voltage | -150 -100 -50 100 Core position (% nominal range) Nominal linear range Core at Core at -100% +100% 27



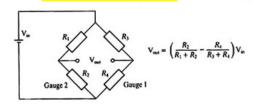
Strain Gauge





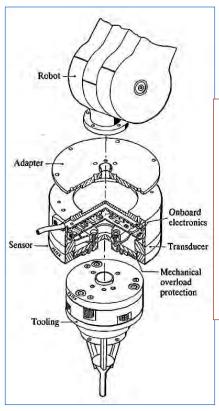
Grid centre

Wheatstone Bridge

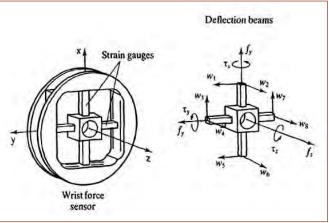


$$\varepsilon = \frac{\left(\frac{\Delta R}{R_o}\right)}{Gauge \ Factor}$$

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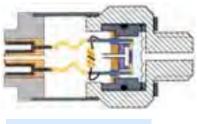
Force Sensors



Force ∞
Stiffness x Displacement(Strain)

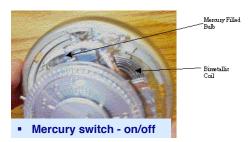
Pressure and Temperature Sensors

Deflection of Diaphragm Between Chambers at Different Pressure



Variation inCapacitance orResistance

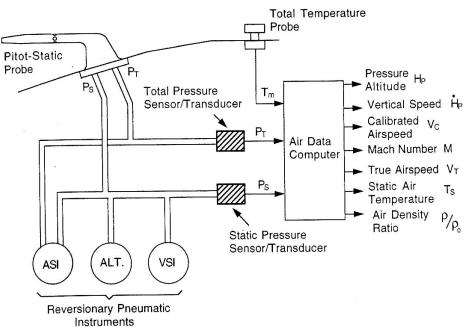
Deflection of Bi-Metallic Element



Thermistors

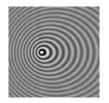


Air Data Sensors



Radar and Sonar

Doppler Effect (wave source moving to the left)



Tracking (Pulse) Radar



Adaptive Cruise Control Radar



Active Electronically Steered



Handheld Sonar



(Doppler) Radar Gun



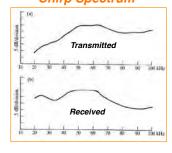
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Ultrasonic Rangefinder

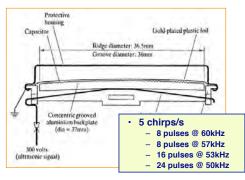
SensComp ("Polaroid") Devices

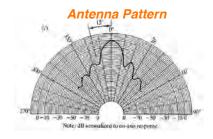


Chirp Spectrum



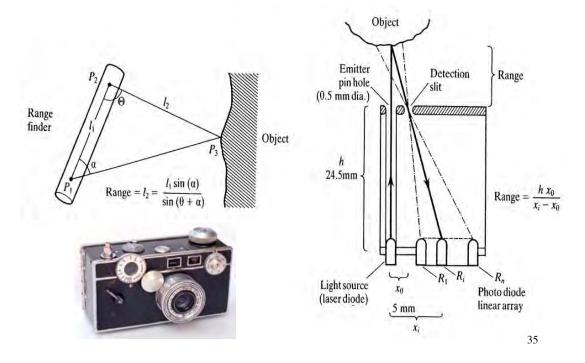
Transmit/Receive Unit



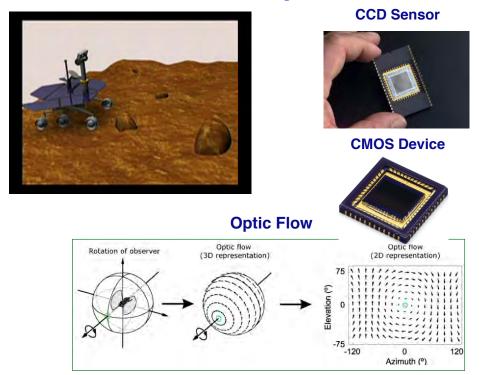


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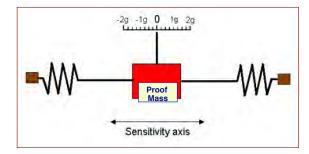
Triangulation Rangefinders



Video and Computer Vision



Spring Deflection Accelerometer



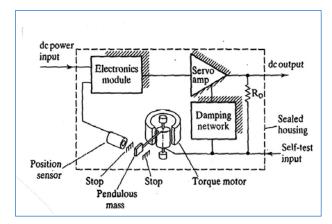
$$\Delta \ddot{x} = -k_s \Delta x / m$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{m}{k_s} \Delta \ddot{x}$$

- Deflection is proportional to acceleration
- Damping required to reduce oscillation

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Force Rebalance Accelerometer

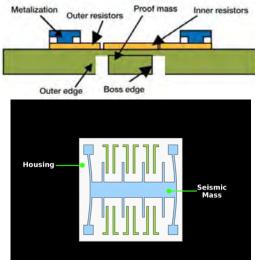


$$\Delta \ddot{x} = f_x / m = \frac{torque/moment\ arm}{m} \Rightarrow \Delta x \simeq 0$$

- Torquer voltage required to re-center the <u>proof mass</u> becomes the measure of acceleration
- Example of closed-loop control

MicroElectroMechanical System (MEMS) Accelerometer

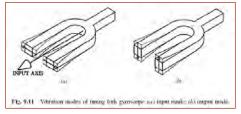




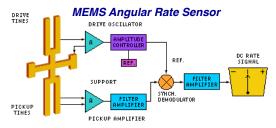
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Vibrating Piezoelectric Crystal Angular Rate Sensor

- "Tuning fork" principle
- 4 piezoelectric crystals
 - 2 active, oscillating out of phase with each other
 - 2 sensors, mounted perpendicular to the active crystals
- With zero rate along the long axis, sensors do not detect vibration
- Differential output of the sensors is proportional to angular rate



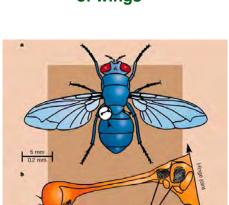




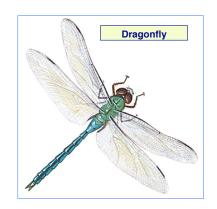
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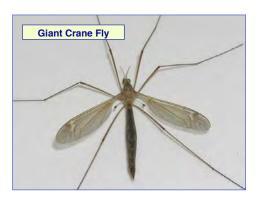
Halteres: Biological Angular Rate Sensors

Vestigal second pair of wings



Beating Rate: ~600/s





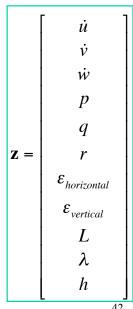
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All in Your Pocket

iPhone 6s

- 3-axis accelerometer
- · 3-axis angular rate
- · 2-axis magnetometer compass
- GPS position measurement
- 64-bit, 1.8 GHz processor
- · 2 GB RAM
- 128 GB flash memory
- · 2 cameras, mic, speakers





Parrot AR.Drone 2.0



HD Camera. 720p 30fps
Wide angle lens: 92° diagonal
H264 encoding base profile

Low latency streaming
Video storage on the fly with the

Video storage on the fly with Wi-Fi

directly on your remote device or on a

remote device

JPEG photo

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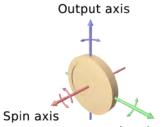
- 1GHz 32 bit ARM Cortex A8 processor with 800MHz video DSP TMS320DMC64x
- Linux 2.6.32
- 1Gbit DDR2 RAM at 200MHz
- USB 2.0 high speed for extensions
- Wi-Fi b,g,n
 3 axis gyroscope 2000°/second precision
- 3 axis accelerometer +-50mg precision
- 3 axis magnetometer 6° precision
 Pressure sensor +/- 10 Pa precision
 Ultrasound sensors for ground

- - Self-lubrificating bronze bearing
 - Specific high propelled drag for great maneuverability
 8 MIPS AVR CPU per motor
 - controller
 - 3 elements 1000 mA/H LiPo rechargeable battery (Autonomy: 12 minutes)
 - · Emergency stop controlled by software
 - · Fully reprogrammable motor

 - Water resistant motor's electronic controller

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Mechanical Gyroscope



Angular momentum

$$\mathbf{h}_B = \mathbf{I}_B \mathbf{\omega}_B$$

Input axis

Body-axis moment equation

$$\mathbf{M}_{B} = \dot{\mathbf{h}}_{B} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B} \mathbf{h}_{B} = \mathbf{I}_{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B} \mathbf{h}_{B}$$

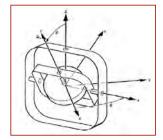
$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B} = \boldsymbol{I}_{B}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{M}_{B} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{B} \boldsymbol{I}_{B} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{B})$$

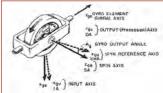
Constant nominal spin rate, n, about z axis

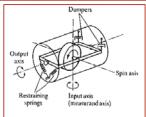
$$I_{xx} = I_{vv} \ll I_{zz}$$

Small perturbations in ω_x and ω_v

Types of Mechanical Gyroscope







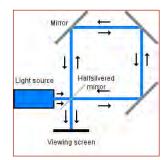
- Two-degree-of-freedom gyro
 - Free gyro mounted on a gimbaled platform
 - Gyro "stores" reference direction in space
 - Angle" pickoffs" (encoders) on gimbal axes measure pitch and yaw angles
- Single-degree-of-freedom gyro
 - Gyro axis constrained to rotate in its case with respect to the output axis, y, only
 - "Synchro" measures axis rotation, and "torquer" keeps @ small
 - Torque applied is a measure of the input about the x axis
- Rate and integrating gyros
 - Large <u>angle</u> feedback produces a rate gyro
 - Large <u>rate</u> feedback produces an integrating gyro

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Optical "Gyroscope"

- Sagnac interferometer measures rotational rate, ω
 - ω = 0, photons traveling in opposite directions complete the circuit in the same time
 - ω≠ 0, travel length and time are different





$$t_{CCW} = \frac{2\pi R}{c} \left(1 - \frac{R\omega}{c} \right); \quad t_{CW} = \frac{2\pi R}{c} \left(1 + \frac{R\omega}{c} \right)$$
$$\Delta t = t_{CW} - t_{CCW} = \frac{4\pi R^2}{c^2} \omega = \frac{4A}{c^2} \omega$$

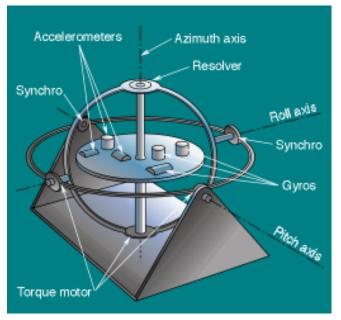
c: speed of light

R: radius

A: area

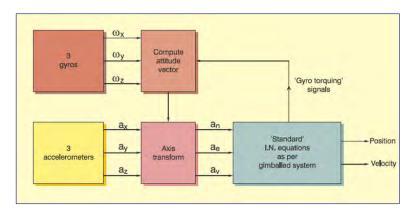
Physical Platform Inertial Reference Unit

- Physical platform is servo-driven to maintain reference orientation
 - Instrument feedback
 - Schuler pendulum
 - Gyro-compassing
 - Star trackers
 - GPS
- 3 Accelerometers
- 3 Angle or Angular Rate Gyros



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Strapdown Inertial Measurement Unit

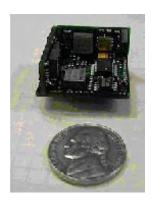


- Rate gyros and accelerometers rotate with the vehicle
 - High dynamic range of instruments is required
 - Inertial reference frame is computed rather than physical
 - Use of direction cosine matrix and quaternions for attitude reference

MicroElectroMechanical (MEMS) Strapdown Inertial Measurement Unit

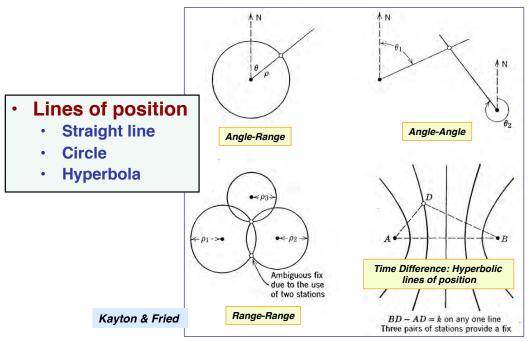
- 3 linear accelerometers, 3 angular rate sensors
 - High drift rates produce worsening navigation accuracy
 - Short-term accuracy sufficient for many applications
 - · Inexpensive
 - · GPS position updating counters the drift rate





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Position Fixing for Navigation (2-D Examples)





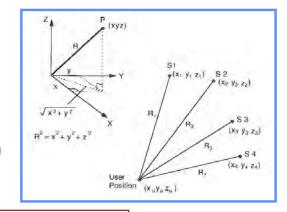
Global Positioning System (GPS)

- · Six orbital planes with four satellites each
 - Altitude: 20,200 km (10,900 nm)
 - Inclination: 55 deg
 - Constellation planes separated by 60 deg
- Each satellite contains an atomic clock and broadcasts a 30sec message at 50 bps
 - Ephemeris
 - ID
 - Clock data
- Details of satellite signal at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gps
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_6yeGcpoyE

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Position Fixing from Four GPS Satellites

 Pseudorange estimated from speed of light and time required to receive signal



$$\Delta t_i = \left(t_{received} - t_{sent}\right)_{Satellite \,\#i}$$

Satellite #1:
$$R_{1_p} = c\Delta t_1$$

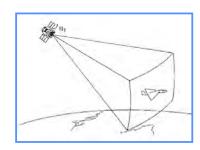
Satellite #2:
$$R_{2_p} = c\Delta t_2$$

Satellite # 3 :
$$R_{3_p} = c\Delta t_3$$

Satellite #4:
$$R_{4_p} = c\Delta t_4$$

User clock inaccuracy produces error, C_u

$$C_u = c\Delta t_{user\ clock\ error}$$



Position Fixing from Four GPS Satellites

Satellite position: (x_i, y_i, z_i)

User position: (x_u, y_u, z_u)

Satellite transmits transmit time and position via ephemeris

$$R_{1} = \sqrt{(x_{1} - x_{u})^{2} + (y_{1} - y_{u})^{2} + (z_{1} - z_{u})^{2}} = R_{1_{p}} + C_{u}$$

$$R_{2} = \sqrt{(x_{2} - x_{u})^{2} + (y_{2} - y_{u})^{2} + (z_{2} - z_{u})^{2}} = R_{2_{p}} + C_{u}$$

$$R_{3} = \sqrt{(x_{3} - x_{u})^{2} + (y_{3} - y_{u})^{2} + (z_{3} - z_{u})^{2}} = R_{3_{p}} + C_{u}$$

$$R_{4} = \sqrt{(x_{4} - x_{u})^{2} + (y_{4} - y_{u})^{2} + (z_{4} - z_{u})^{2}} = R_{4_{p}} + C_{u}$$

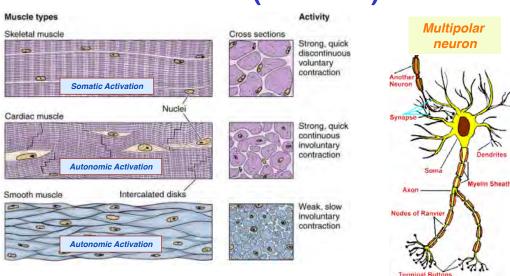
- Four equations and four unknowns (x_u, y_u, z_u, C_u)
- Accuracy improved using data from more than 4 satellites

Next Time: Introduction to Optimization

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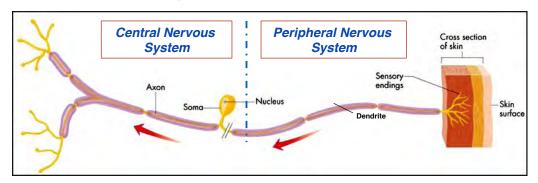
Muscle and Motor (Efferent) Neurons

Supplementary Material



- Force is produced by contraction of individual muscle cells
- Motor neurons command muscles
- Each muscle cell is innervated by many overlapping neurons
- Motor neuron soma are in ventral root ganglia of the spine 56

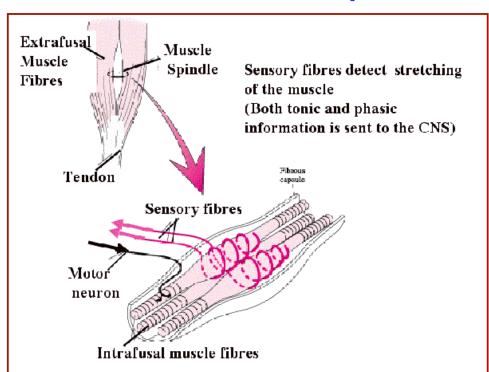
Sensory (Afferent) Neurons



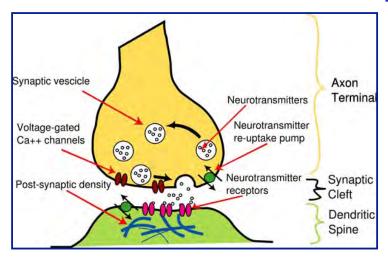
- Components of the peripheral nervous system that measure *pressure*, *temperature*, *vibration*, etc.
- Neuron Soma located in the dorsal root at the base of the spine
- The sensory neuron is pseudo-unipolar
 - Input from a single receptor's axon
 - Output to a single axon to synapses in the spinal column

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Motor Neuron Receptors



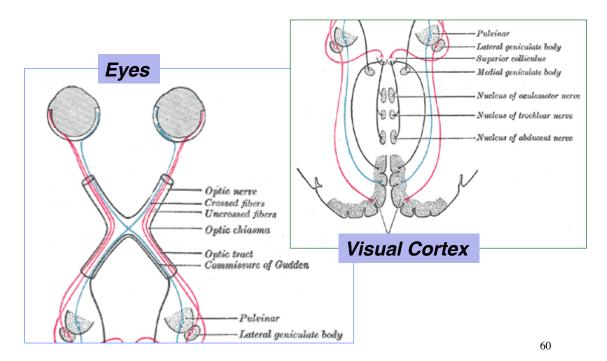
Synapses Excite or Inhibit Downstream Cellular Activity



· Post-synaptic cell can be a neuron, a muscle, or a gland

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Optic Schema



ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF HYDRAULIC ACTUATORS (from McKerrow)

Hydraulic actuators

Advantages

- · Large lift capacity
- · High power to weight ratio
- Moderate speeds
- Oil is incompressible, hence once positioned joints can be locked to a stiff structure
- · Very good servo control can be achieved
- · Self lubricating and self cooling
- Operate in stalled condition with no damage
- Fast response
- Intrinsically safe in flammable and explosive atmospheres
- Smooth operation at low speeds

Disadvantages

- · Hydraulic systems are expensive
- Maintenance problems with seals causing leakage
- Not suitable for high speed cycling
- Need for a return line
- · Hard to miniaturize because high pressures and flow rates
- · Need for remote power source which uses floor space
- · Cannot back drive links against valves

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ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF PNEUMATIC ACTUATORS (from McKerrow)

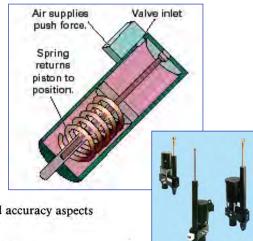
Pneumatic actuators

Advantages

- · Relatively inexpensive
- High speed
- · Do not pollute work area with fluids
- · Can be used in laboratory work
- No return line required
- Common energy source in industry
- Suits modular robot designs
- · Actuator can stall without damage

Disadvantages

- · Compressibility of air limits control and accuracy aspects
- · Noise pollution from exhausts
- · Leakage of air can be of concern
- · Additional drying/filtering may be required
- · Difficulties with control of speeds, take up of loads, and exhausting of lines



ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ELECTRIC ACTUATORS (DC MOTOR AND STEPPER MOTOR) (from McKerrow)



Electric actuators (DC motors and stepper motors)

Advantages

- Actuators are fast and accurate
- · Possible to apply sophisticated control techniques to motion
- Relatively inexpensive
- · Very fast development times for new models
- · New rare earth motors have high torques, reduced weight, and fast response times

Disadvantages

- Inherently high speed with low torque, hence gear trains or other power transmission units are needed
- Gear backlash limits precision
- Electrical arcing may be a consideration in flammable atmospheres
- Problems of overheating in stalled condition
- Brakes are needed to lock them in position

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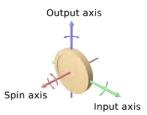
Autonomous Control of Miniature Aircraft Using Optical Flow

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7QxDIiZHwl&feature=related

Swinglet, Ecole Polytechnique, Lausanne



Gyroscope Equationsof Motion



Linearized equations of angular rate change

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \dot{\omega}_x \\ \Delta \dot{\omega}_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_z \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} M_x \\ M_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -n & \Delta \omega_y \\ n & 0 & -\Delta \omega_x \\ -\Delta \omega_y & \Delta \omega_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \omega_x \\ \Delta \omega_y \\ n \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \dot{\omega}_{x} \\ \Delta \dot{\omega}_{y} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{x} - n(I_{zz} - I_{yy}) \Delta \omega_{y} / I_{xx} \\ M_{y} - n(I_{xx} - I_{zz}) \Delta \omega_{x} / I_{yy} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \dot{\omega}_{x} \\ \Delta \dot{\omega}_{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{n} (I_{yy} - I_{zz}) / I_{xx} \\ \mathbf{n} (I_{zz} - I_{xx}) / I_{yy} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \omega_{x} \\ \Delta \omega_{y} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} M_{x} / I_{xx} \\ M_{y} / I_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Gyroscope Natural Frequency

Laplace transform of dynamic equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} s & -n(I_{yy} - I_{zz})/I_{xx} \\ -n(I_{zz} - I_{xx})/I_{yy} & s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \omega_{y}(s) \\ \Delta \omega_{y}(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{x}(s)/I_{xx} \\ M_{y}(s)/I_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Characteristic equation
- Natural frequency, ω_n , of small perturbations

$$\omega_n = n \left(\frac{I_{zz}}{I_{xx}} - 1 \right) \quad rad \, / \sec$$

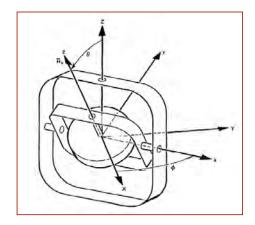
$$\Delta(s) = s^2 + n^2 \left(\frac{I_{zz}}{I_{xx}} - 1\right)^2 = 0$$

Example

$$n = 36,000 \ rpm = 3,770 \ rad / sec$$
Thin disk:
$$\frac{I_{zz}}{I_{xx}} = 2$$

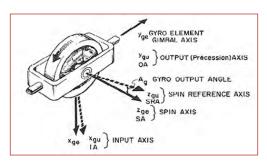
$$\omega_n = 3,770 \ rad / sec = 600 \ Hz$$

Two-Degree of Freedom Gyroscope



- Free gyro mounted on a gimbaled platform
- Gyro "stores" reference direction in space
- Angle "pickoffs" (encoders) on gimbal axes measure pitch and yaw angles
- Direction can be precessed by applying a torque

Single-Degree-of-**Freedom** Gyroscope



Gyro axis constrained to rotate in its case with respect to the output axis, v, only

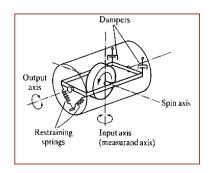
$$\begin{bmatrix}
\Delta \dot{\theta} \\
\Delta \dot{\omega}_{y}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\Delta \omega_{y} \\
\left(h_{rotor} \Delta \omega_{x} + M_{y_{control}}\right) / I_{yy}
\end{bmatrix}$$

"Synchro" measures axis rotation, and "torquer" keeps θ small Torque applied is a measure of the input about the x axis

$$M_{y_{control}} = k_{\theta} \Delta \theta + k_{\omega} \Delta \omega_{y} + k_{c} \Delta u_{c}$$

Rate and Integrating Gyroscopes

- Large angle feedback produces a rate gyro
 - Analogous to a mechanical <u>spring</u> restraint



$$\Delta \dot{\omega}_{y_{SS}} = 0 = \left(h_{rotor} \Delta \omega_{x_{SS}} + k_{\theta} \Delta \theta_{SS}\right) / I_{yy}$$
$$\Delta \theta_{SS} = -\frac{h_{rotor}}{k_{\theta}} \Delta \omega_{x_{SS}}$$

- Large rate feedback produces an integrating gyro
 - Analogous to a mechanical damper restraint

$$\Delta \dot{\omega}_{y_{SS}} = 0 = \left(h_{rotor} \Delta \omega_{x_{SS}} + k_{\omega} \Delta \omega_{y_{SS}}\right) / I_{yy}$$

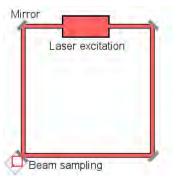
$$\Delta \omega_{y_{SS}} = -\frac{h_{rotor}}{k_{\omega}} \Delta \omega_{x_{SS}}$$

$$\Delta \theta_{SS} = \Delta \phi_{SS}$$

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Ring Laser Gyro

- Laser in optical path creates photon resonance at wavelength λ
- Frequency change in cavity is proportional to angular rate
- Three RLGs needed to measure three angular rates



$$\Delta f = \frac{4A}{\lambda P}\omega$$

P: perimeter length



Fiber Optic Gyro

- Long length of fiber cable wrapped in a circle
- Photon source and sensor are external to the fiber optics
- Length difference for opposite beams is

$$\Delta L = \frac{4AN}{c}\omega$$

A: included area

N: number of turns

 Phase difference is proportional to angular rate

$$\Delta \varphi = \frac{8\pi AN}{\lambda c}\omega$$

