



Innopolis University  
Control Theory (Linear Control)

## Lecture 7

# Computed Torque Control (CTC) Linear Control for Nonlinear Systems

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# Topic of the Lecture

- Error Dynamics
- Computed Torque Controller (CTC)
- Stability of CTC
- Linearization of a Nonlinear Dynamics

# Error Dynamics (1/2)

Control error:

$$e = q^* - q$$

Error dynamics:

$$\ddot{e} + K_d \dot{e} + K_p e = 0$$

Robot dynamics:

$$H\ddot{q} + c = Bu$$

# Error Dynamics (2/2)

Error dynamics:

$$\ddot{q}^* - \ddot{q} + K_d \dot{e} + K_p e = 0$$

Since  $H$  is invertible:

$$H\ddot{q}^* - H\ddot{q} + H(K_d \dot{e} + K_p e) = 0$$

And so:

$$H\ddot{q} + c = H\ddot{q}^* + H(K_d \dot{e} + K_p e) + c$$

# Computed Torque Controller (CTC) (1/3)

Since  $H\ddot{q} + c = Bu$ :

$$Bu = H\ddot{q}^* + H(K_d\dot{e} + K_p e) + c$$

And so:

$$u = B^+(H\ddot{q}^* + c) + B^+H(K_d\dot{e} + K_p e)$$

# Computed Torque Controller (CTC) (2/3)

CTC controller:

$$u = B^+(H\ddot{q}^* + c) + B^+H(K_d\dot{e} + K_p e)$$

Feedback part:

$$u_{FB} = B^+H(K_d\dot{e} + K_p e)$$

Feedforward part:

$$u_{FF} = B^+(H\ddot{q}^* + c)$$

# Computed Torque Controller (CTC) (3/3)

CTC controller:

$$\tau = (H\ddot{q}^* + c) + H(K_d\dot{e} + K_p e)$$

Feedback part:

$$\tau_{FB} = H(K_d\dot{e} + K_p e)$$

Feedforward part:

$$\tau_{FF} = H\ddot{q}^* + c$$

In research we  
often use:

$$\tau = Bu$$

# Stability of CTC

Remember that  $\ddot{e} + K_d \dot{e} + K_p e = 0$

Then  $K_d$  and  $K_p$  are diagonal, then,  
if  $K_d$  and  $K_p$  are negative definite,  
the **error is stable**.



# How to find CTC coefficients using LQR?

# Linearization of a Nonlinear Dynamics (1/2)

Nonlinear system:  $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$

Simple linearization:

$$A = \left. \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial x} \right|_{\substack{x=x(0) \\ u=u(0)}}$$

$$B = \left. \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial u} \right|_{\substack{x=x(0) \\ u=u(0)}}$$

# Linearization of a Nonlinear Dynamics (2/2)

If the dynamics is affine:

$$A = \left. \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial x} \right|_{\substack{x=x(0) \\ u=u(0)}}$$

$$B = \left. \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial u} \right|_{\substack{x=x(0) \\ u=u(0)}}$$

$$c = f(x(0), u(0)) - \left. \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial u} \right|_{\substack{x=x(0) \\ u=u(0)}} x(0) - \left. \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial u} \right|_{\substack{x=x(0) \\ u=u(0)}} u(0)$$



The End

Do you have any questions?