

# Introduction to Aerial Robotics

## Lecture 3

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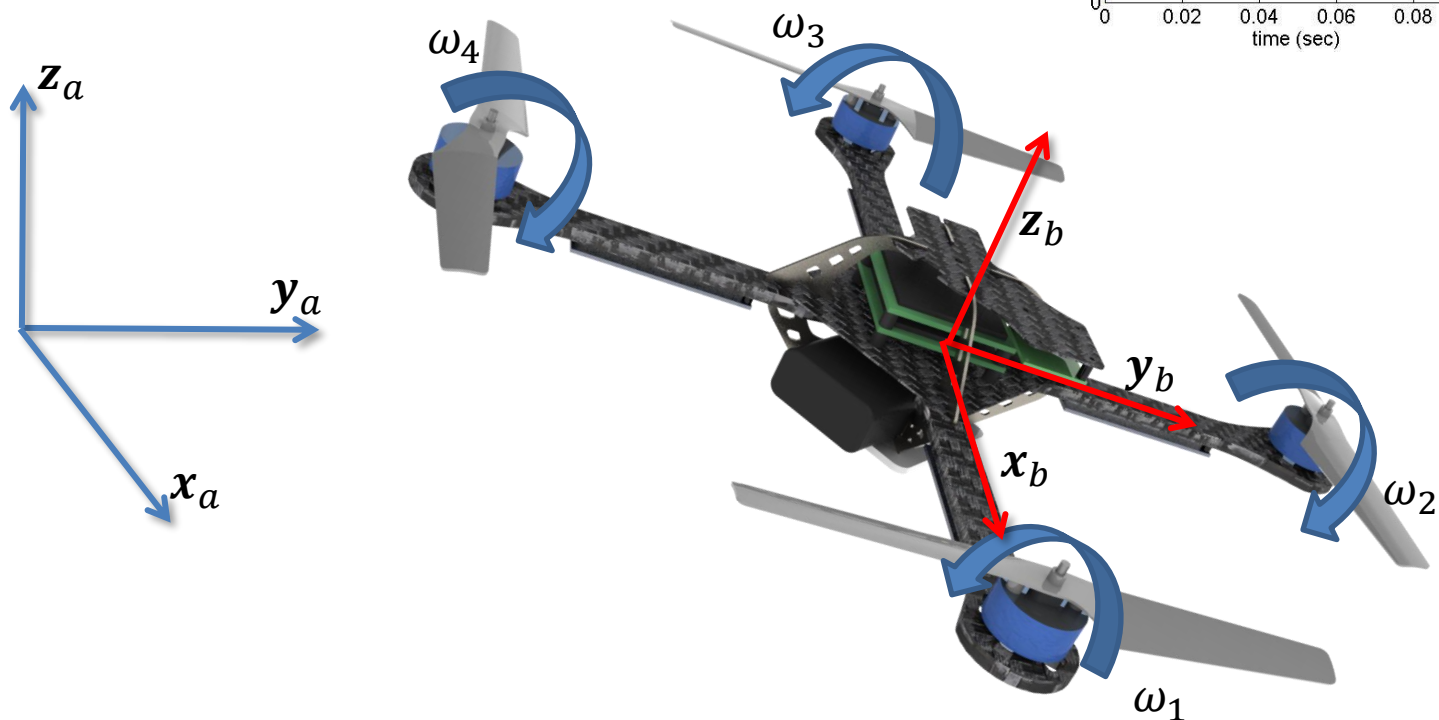
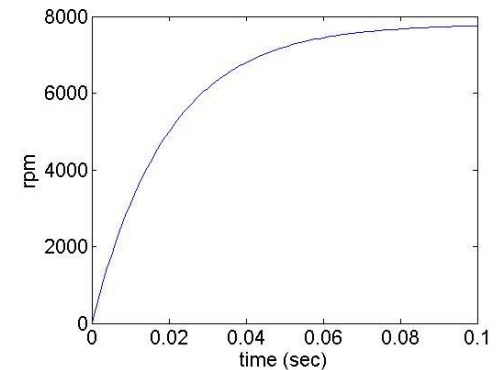
# Outline

- Quadrotor Dynamics (Review)
- Control Basics
- Quadrotor Control
- Trajectory Generation

# Quadrotor Dynamics (Review)

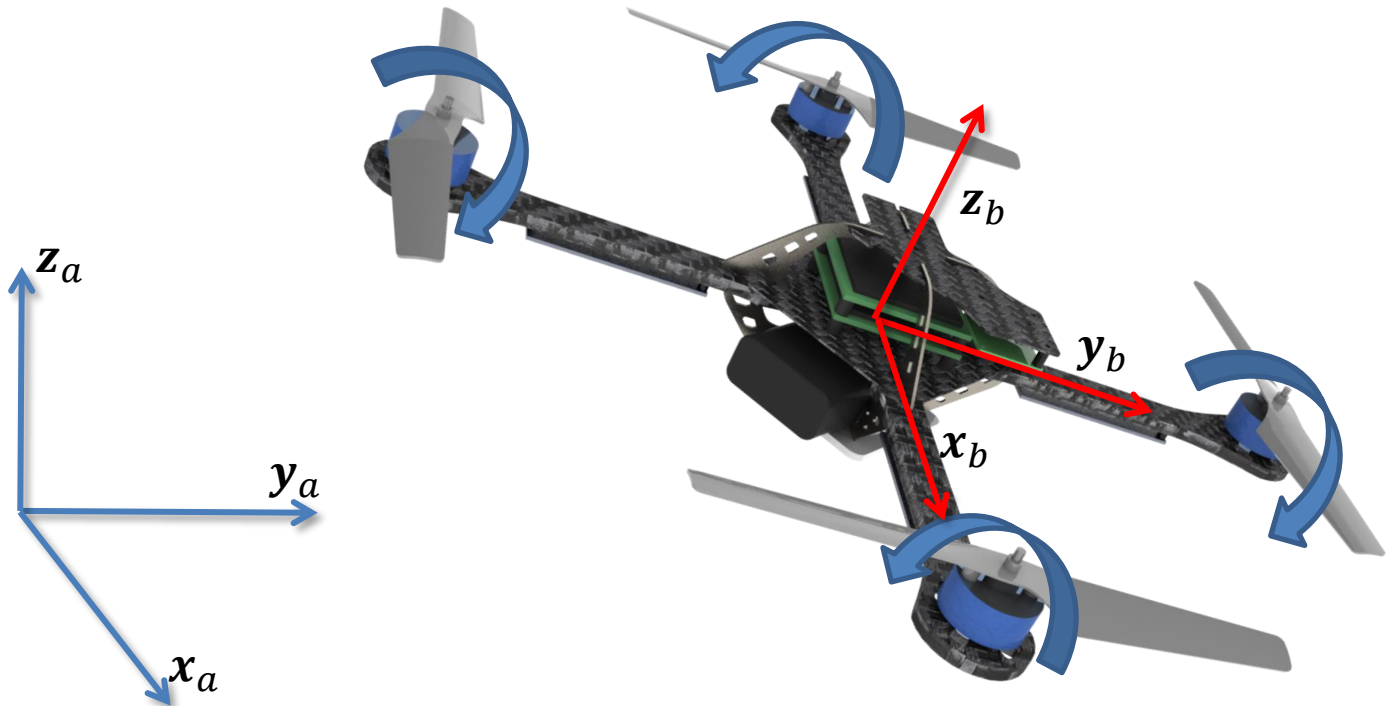
# Quadrotor Dynamics

- Motor model:  $\dot{\omega}_i = k_m(\omega_i^{des} - \omega_i)$
- Thrust from individual motor:  $F_i = k_F \omega_i^2$
- Moment from individual motor:  $M_i = k_M \omega_i^2$



# Quadrotor Dynamics

- Z-X-Y Euler Angles:  $\mathbf{R}_{ab} = \mathbf{R}_z(\psi) \cdot \mathbf{R}_x(\phi) \cdot \mathbf{R}_y(\theta)$
- Sequence of three rotations about body-fixed axes
- What are the singularities?

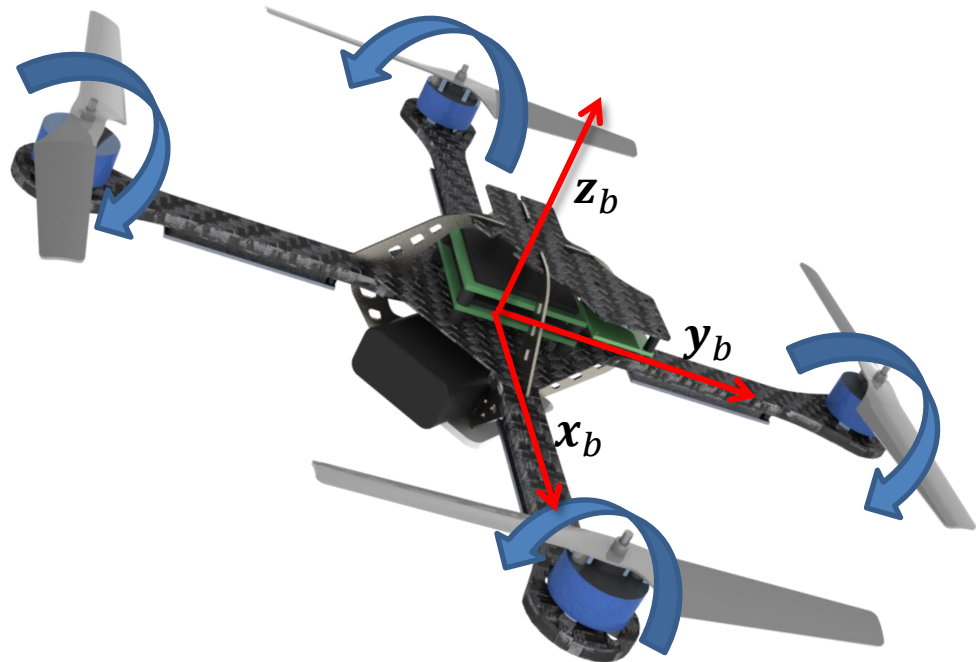
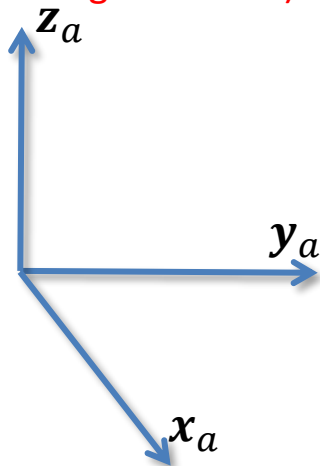


# Quadrotor Dynamics

$$\bullet R_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi c\theta - s\phi s\psi s\theta & -c\phi s\psi & c\psi s\theta + c\theta s\phi s\psi \\ c\theta s\psi + c\psi s\phi s\theta & c\phi c\psi & s\psi s\theta - c\psi c\theta s\phi \\ -c\phi s\theta & s\phi & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & 0 & -c\phi s\theta \\ 0 & 1 & s\phi \\ s\theta & 0 & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Instantaneous body angular velocity  
viewed in the body frame  
(sorry for abusing notations)



# Quadrotor Dynamics

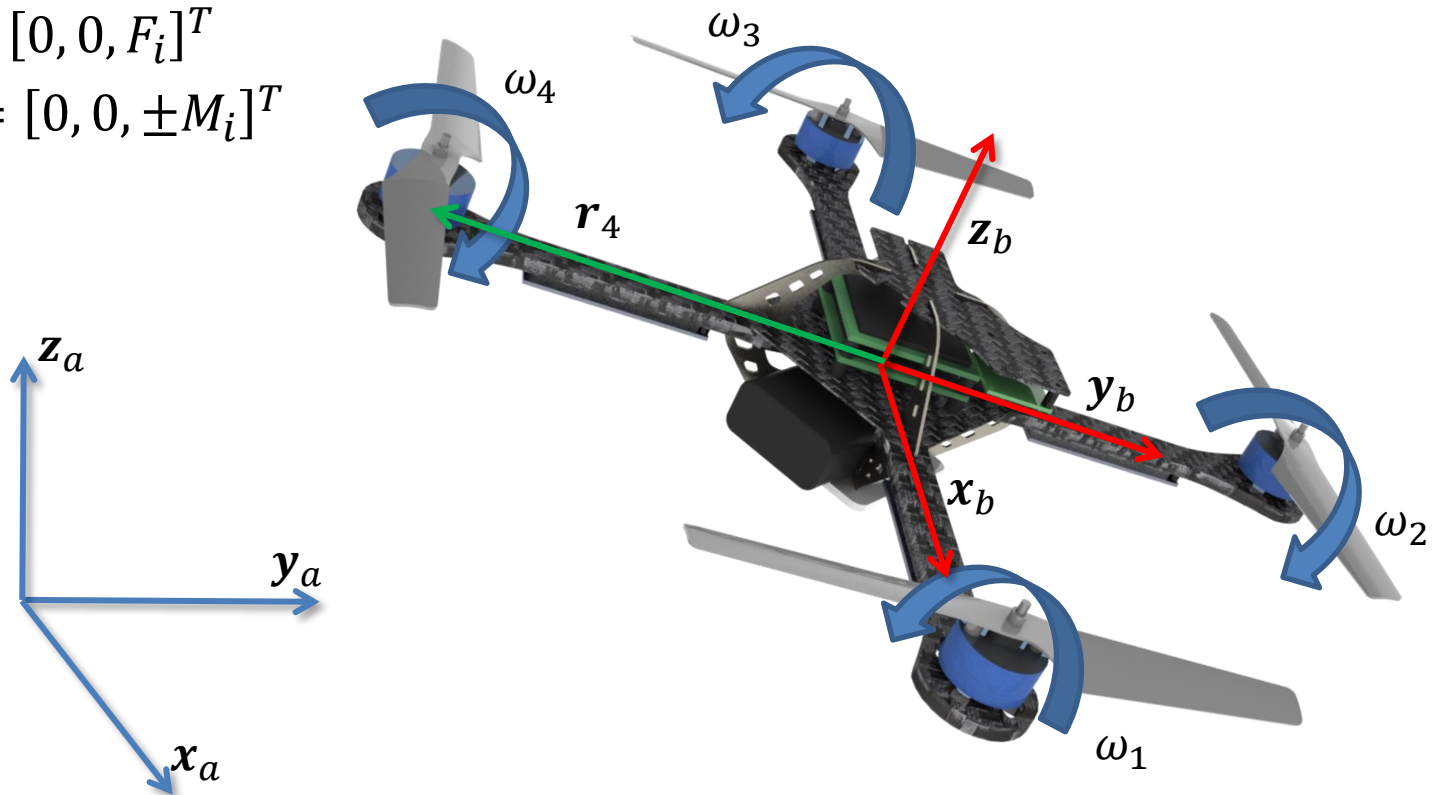
- Consider body frame

- $$- \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{F}_3 + \mathbf{F}_4 - \mathbf{R}_{ab}^T [0, 0, mg]^T$$

- $$- \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{r}_1 \times \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2 \times \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{r}_3 \times \mathbf{F}_3 + \mathbf{r}_4 \times \mathbf{F}_4 + \mathbf{M}_1 + \mathbf{M}_2 + \mathbf{M}_3 + \mathbf{M}_4$$

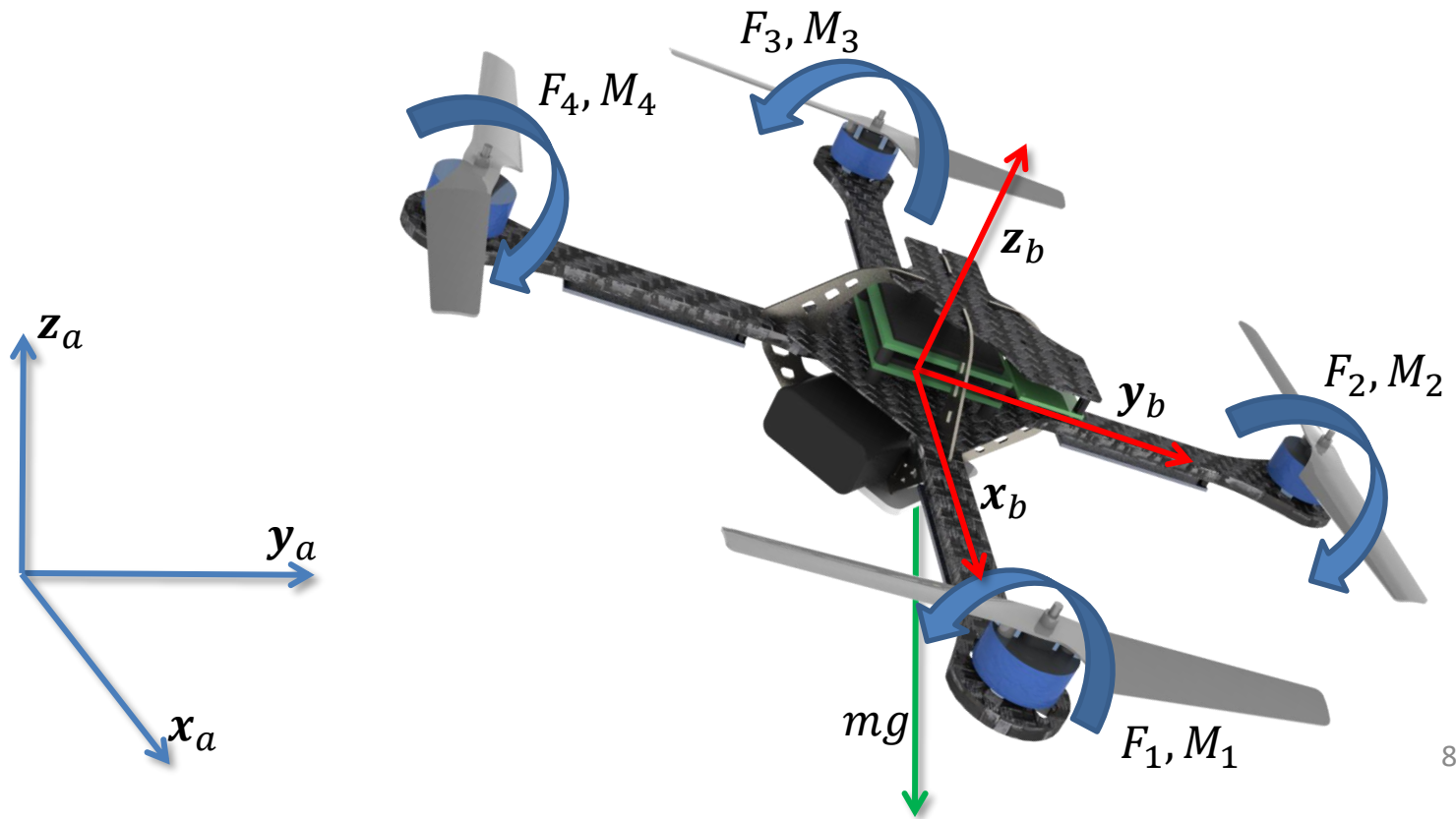
- $$- \mathbf{F}_i = [0, 0, F_i]^T$$

- $$- \mathbf{M}_i = [0, 0, \pm M_i]^T$$



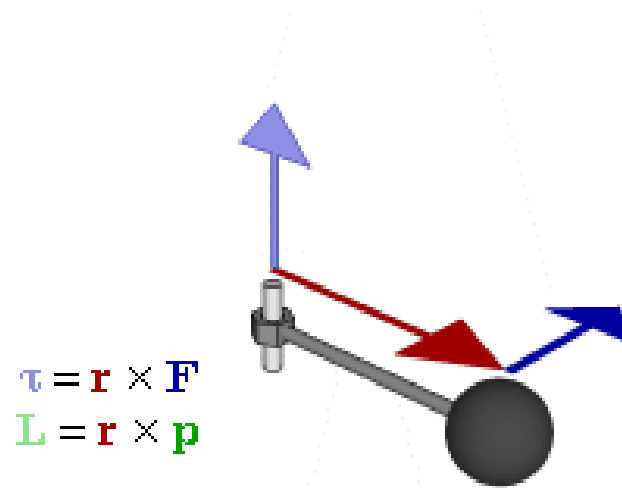
# Newton-Euler Equations

- Newton Equation:  $m\ddot{\mathbf{p}}^a = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{R}_{ab} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4 \end{bmatrix}$





# Newton-Euler Equations



Relationship between force ( $\mathbf{F}$ ), torque/moment of force( $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ ), momentum ( $\mathbf{p}$ ), and angular momentum ( $\mathbf{L}$ ) vectors in a rotating system.  $\mathbf{r}$  is the position vector.

# Newton-Euler Equations

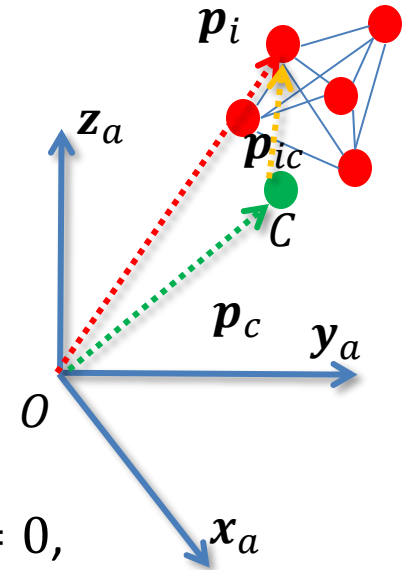
- The rigid body as a collection of particles

- Center of mass (CoM):  $\mathbf{p}_c$
- Position of the i-th particle to CoM:  $\mathbf{p}_{ic} = \mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_c$
- Velocity of the i-th particle to CoM:  $\mathbf{v}_{ic} = \dot{\mathbf{p}}_i - \dot{\mathbf{p}}_c = \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_c$
- Angular momentum of the i-th particle:

$$\mathbf{H}_i = \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i$$

- Angular momentum of the rigid body:

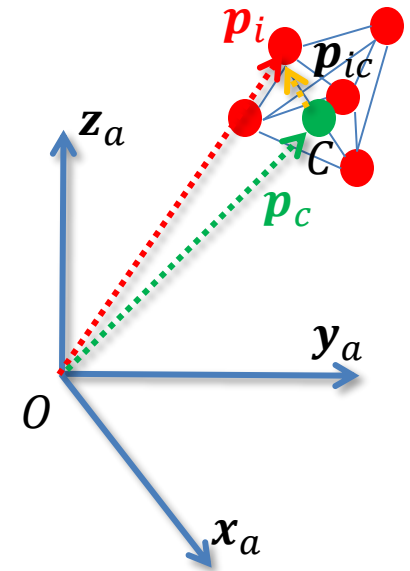
- $\mathbf{H} = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i$
- Since:  $\sum m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic} = \sum m_i (\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_c) = \sum m_i \mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_c \sum m_i = 0$ ,
- We have:  $\sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \mathbf{v}_c = (\sum m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic}) \times \mathbf{v}_c = 0$
- Therefore:  $\mathbf{H} = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i - \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \mathbf{v}_c = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \mathbf{v}_{ic}$
- Since:  $\mathbf{v}_{ic} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{p}_{ic}$ ,
- We have:  $\mathbf{H} = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic}) = -\sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times (m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times \boldsymbol{\omega})$



# Newton-Euler Equations

- Rotational dynamics

- Angular momentum:  $\mathbf{H} = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i$
- Take the derivative:  $\dot{\mathbf{H}} = \sum \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{ic} \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i + \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \dot{\mathbf{v}}_i$
- Since  $\sum \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{ic} \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i = \sum \mathbf{v}_i \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_c \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i =$   
 $\sum -\mathbf{v}_c \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i = -\mathbf{v}_c \times \frac{d}{dt} \sum m_i \mathbf{p}_i = -\mathbf{v}_c \times$   
 $\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{p}_c \sum m_i = 0$
- We have  $\dot{\mathbf{H}} = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \dot{\mathbf{v}}_i$
- Referring to Newton's second law:  $\mathbf{F}_i + \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{F}_{ij} =$   
 $m_i \dot{\mathbf{v}}_i$
- $\dot{\mathbf{H}} = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \dot{\mathbf{v}}_i = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times (\mathbf{F}_i + \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{F}_{ij}) =$   
 $\sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times \mathbf{F}_i$
- We also know that the external moment:  $\mathbf{M} =$   
 $\sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times \mathbf{F}_i$
- We have the rotational dynamics:  $\mathbf{M} = \dot{\mathbf{H}}$



# Newton-Euler Equations

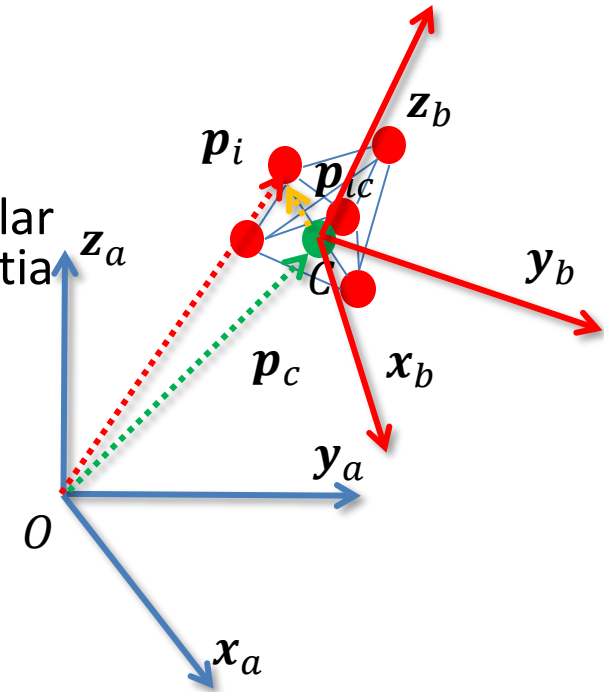
- Finishing the work on rotational dynamics

- Given:  $\mathbf{H} = -\sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times (m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times \boldsymbol{\omega})$
- And using the fact:  $(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{a}) \times (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$

- $\mathbf{R}$ : rotation matrix
- $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$ : vectors

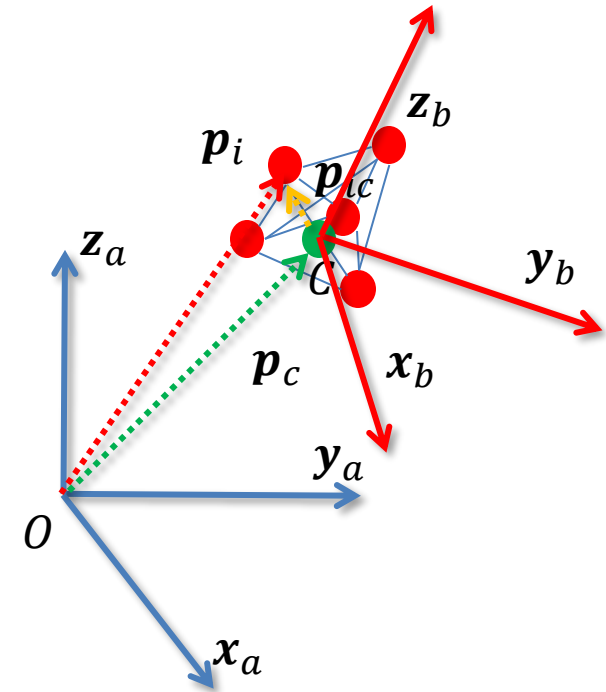
- We can transform the representation of the angular momentum to the body frame with constant inertia matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{H} &= -\sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times (m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}) \\
 &= -\sum \mathbf{R}_{ab} \mathbf{p}_{ic}^b \times (m_i \mathbf{R}_{ab} \mathbf{p}_{ic}^b \times \mathbf{R}_{ab} \boldsymbol{\omega}^b) \\
 &= -\mathbf{R}_{ab} \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic}^b \times (m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic}^b \times \boldsymbol{\omega}^b) \\
 &= -\mathbf{R}_{ab} \sum m_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_{ic}^b \times (\hat{\mathbf{p}}_{ic}^b \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^b) \\
 &= \mathbf{R}_{ab} \left( -\sum m_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{ic}^b \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{ic}^b \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^b = \mathbf{R}_{ab} (\mathbf{I}^b \boldsymbol{\omega}^b)
 \end{aligned}$$



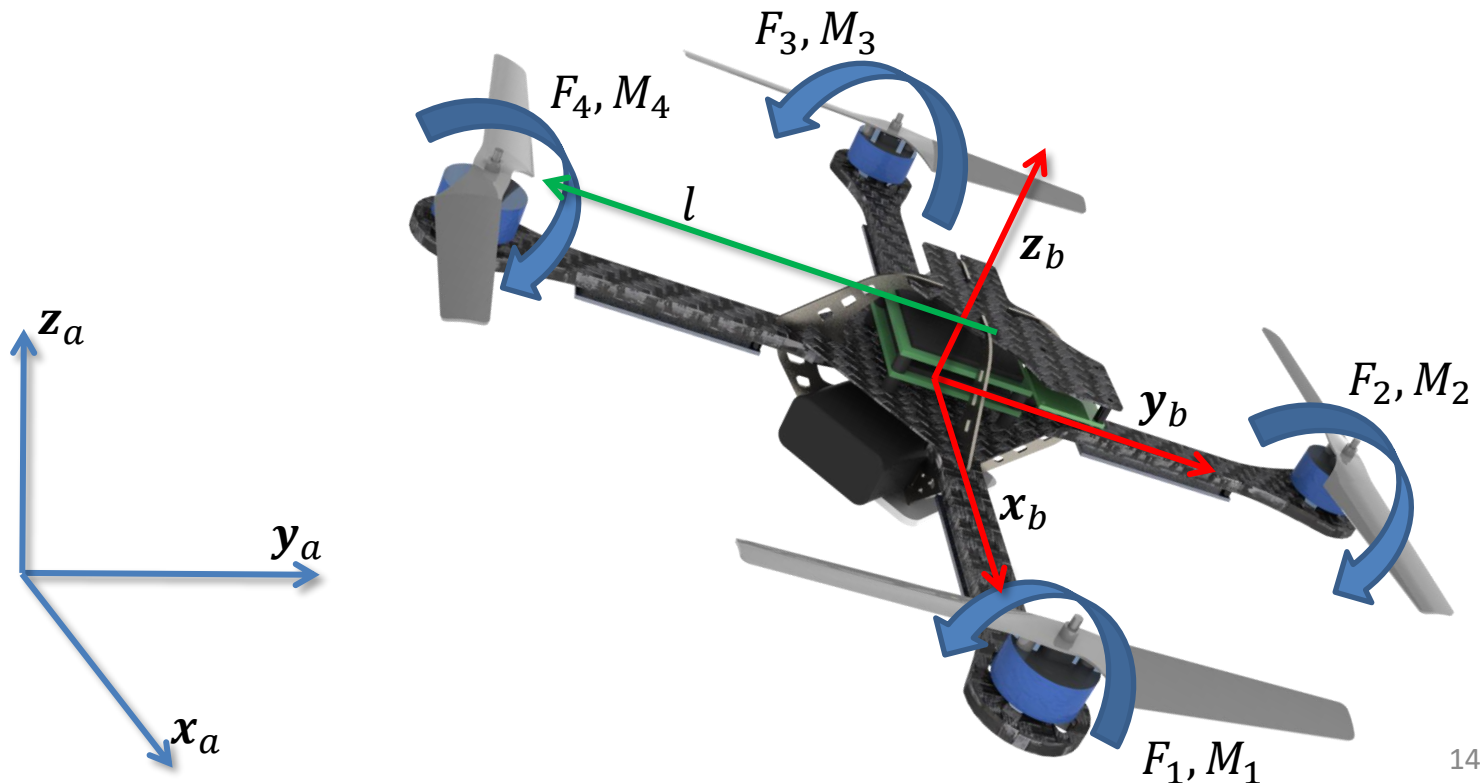
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  - Also transform the moment into body frame:  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{R}_{ab} \mathbf{M}^b$
  - Finally:  $\mathbf{M}^b = \boldsymbol{\omega}^b \times (\mathbf{I}^b \boldsymbol{\omega}^b) + \mathbf{I}^b \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^b$



# Newton-Euler Equations

- Euler Equation: 
$$\mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\omega}_x \\ \dot{\omega}_y \\ \dot{\omega}_z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l(F_2 - F_4) \\ l(F_3 - F_1) \\ M_1 - M_2 + M_3 - M_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



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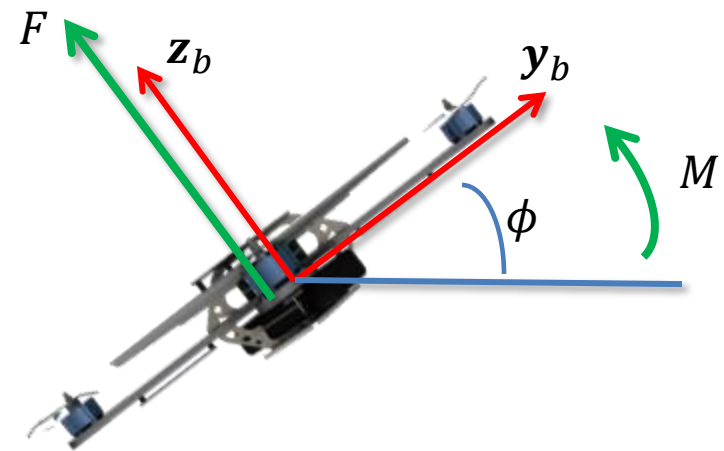
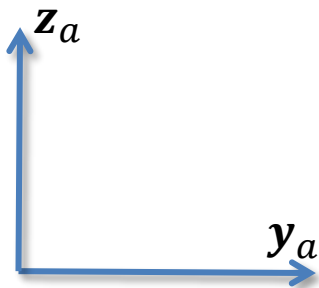
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# A Planar Quadrotor

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{m} \sin \phi & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{I_{xx}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F \\ M \end{bmatrix}$$



$\omega_1$

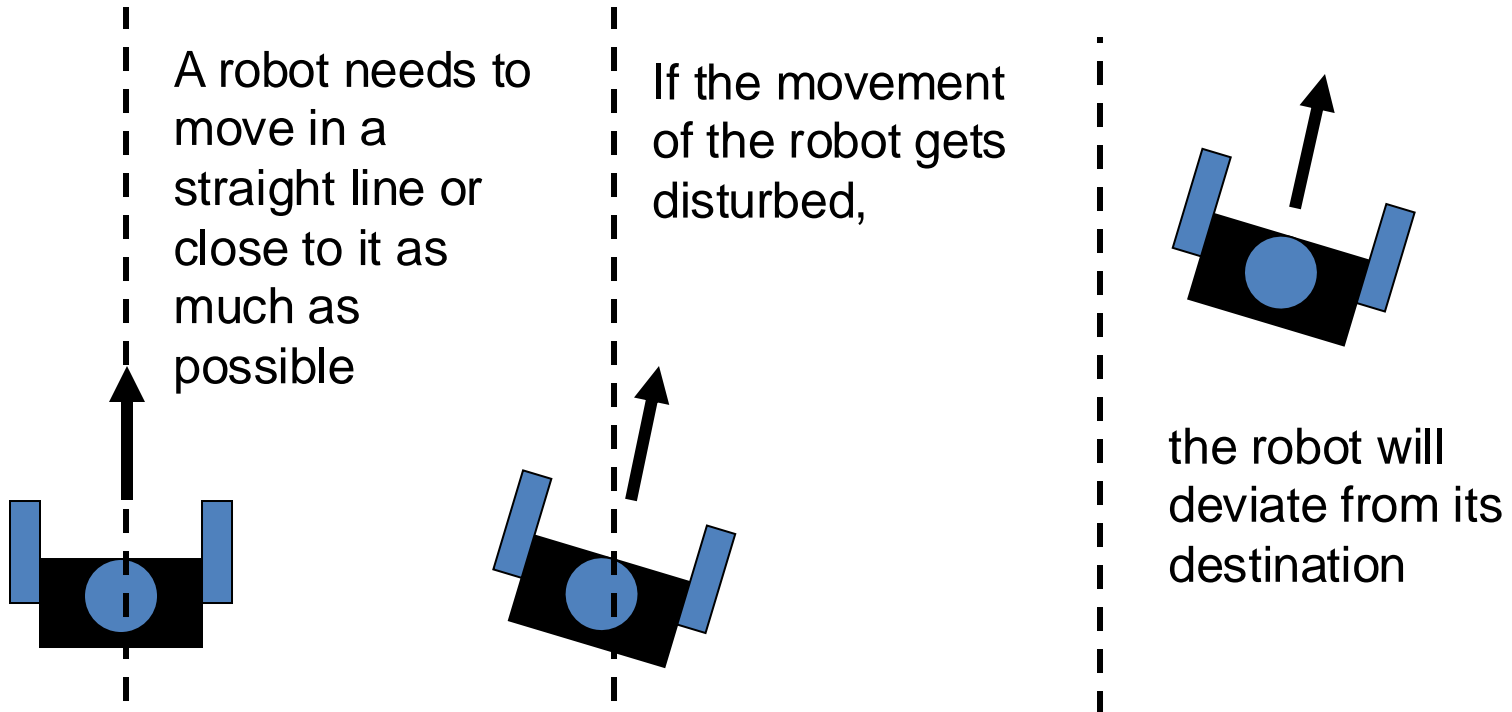


# Control System Design

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- Introduction of control systems
- Linear Time Invariant (LTI) systems
  - Simple first-order system
  - Simple second-order system
- Controller design
  - Gain tuning
  - Model-based control

# Introduction of control system



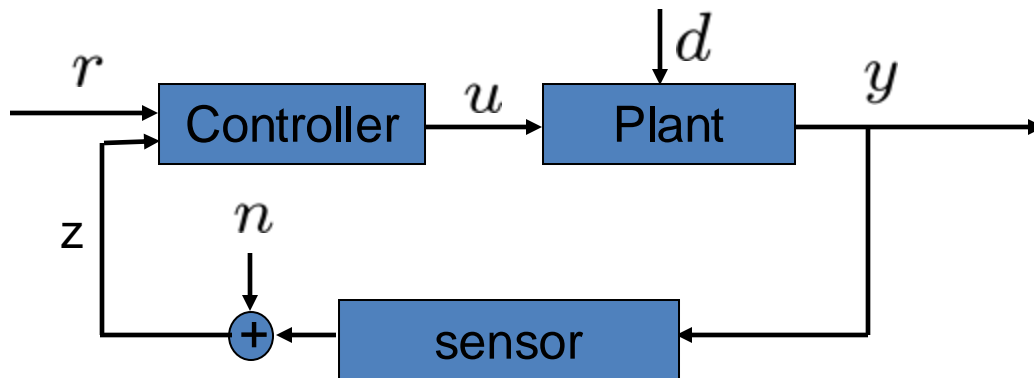
- ❖ Therefore we need to have a controller to control its movement in real time based on its movement and the destination

# Introduction of control system

- Open loop control
  - Move the robot in a pre-determined way
  - Example: walking with your eyes closed
- Closed loop (feedback) control
  - Use the output (i.e. the location of the robot) to adjust the input (i.e. the direction and may be speed) to the movement of the robot
  - We also call it feedback control, since we make the control decision based on the output feedback
  - Example: walking with your eyes open
- We want to stabilize a system with closed loop control

# Introduction of control system

- One objective of control is to make the plant stable and track a given reference signal as precise and swift as possible



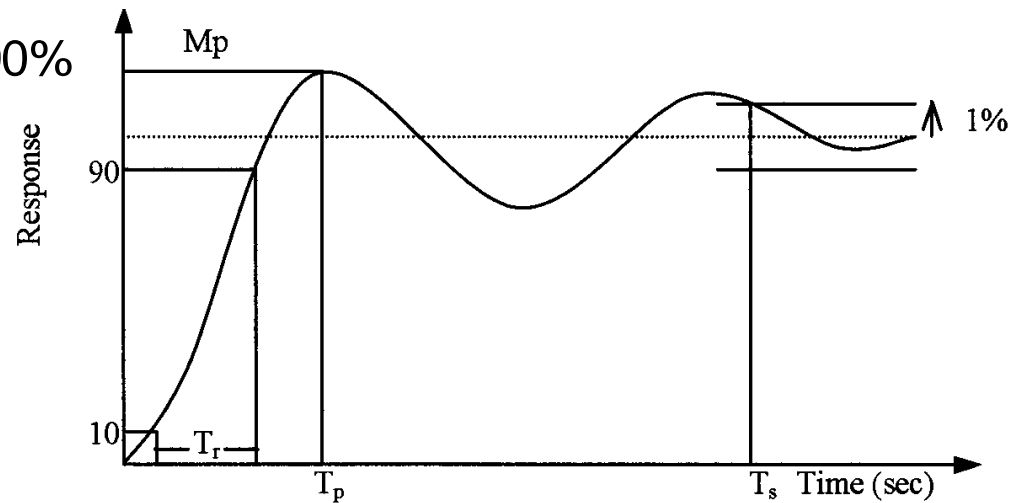
r: reference input  
 z: state feedback  
 u: controller output  
 d: plant disturbance  
 y: output  
 n: communication noise

- A controller is simply a computation unit that computes the “optimal” or “desired” input to the plant

“Feedback is a method of controlling a system by inserting into it the result of its past performance”

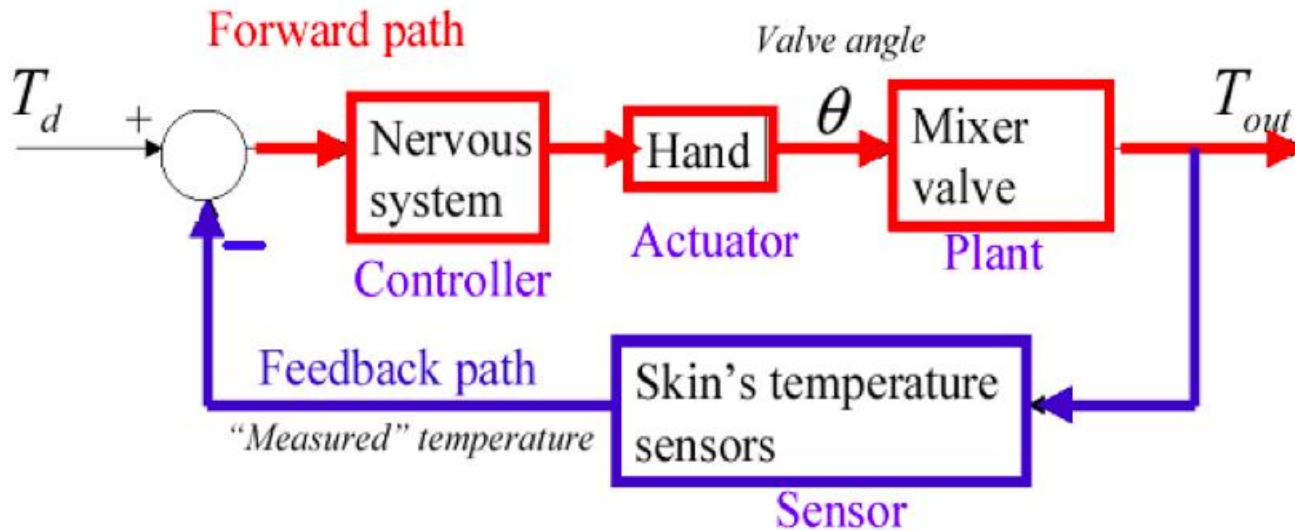
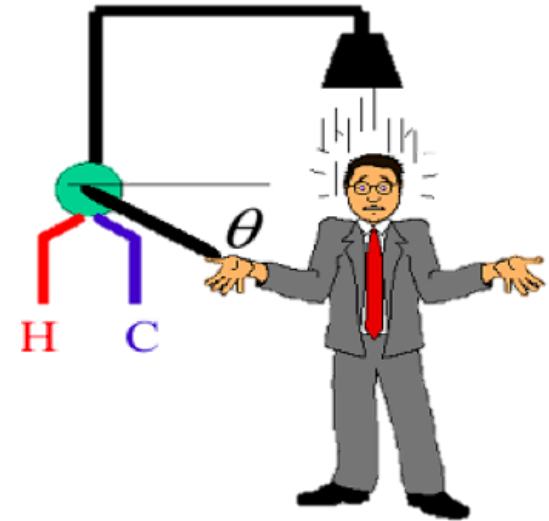
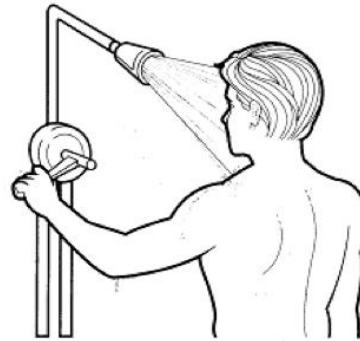
# Introduction of control system

- Rise time:
  - Time it takes from 10% to 90%
- Steady-state error
- Overshoot
  - Percentage by which peak exceeds final value
- Settling time
  - Time it takes to reach 1% of final value
- A good control system has small rise time, overshoot, settling time and steady-state error



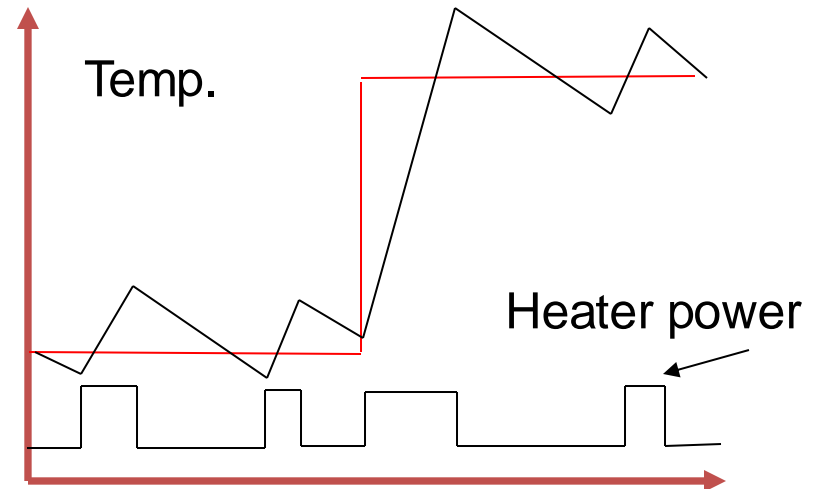
# Introduction of control system

When taking a shower



# Introduction of control system

- Example: shower water temperature control
  - Turn the heater on if  $T_{water}$  is below certain value
  - Turn the heater off if  $T_{water}$  is above certain value
- Simple
- Transition is not smooth





# Control of a simple first-order system

- Problem

State, input

$$x, u \in \mathbf{R}$$

Kinematic plant model

$$\dot{x} = u$$

Want  $x$  to follow trajectory  $x^{des}(t)$

- General Approach

Define error,  $e(t) = x^{des}(t) - x(t)$

Want  $e(t)$  to converge exponentially to zero

- Strategy

Find  $u$  such that

$$\dot{e} + K_p e = 0 \quad K_p > 0$$

$$u(t) = \dot{x}^{des}(t) + K_p e(t)$$



Feed forward    Proportional

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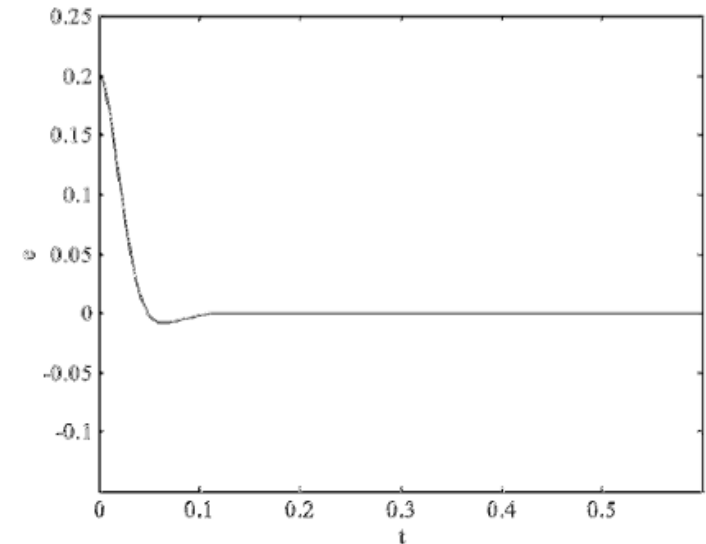
Find  $u$  such that

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

$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t)$$



Feed forward    Derivative    Proportional



# PD control and PID control

- PD control

$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t)$$

Proportional control acts like a spring (capacitance) response

Derivative control is a viscous dashpot (resistance) response

Large derivative gain makes the system overdamped and the system converges slowly

- PID control

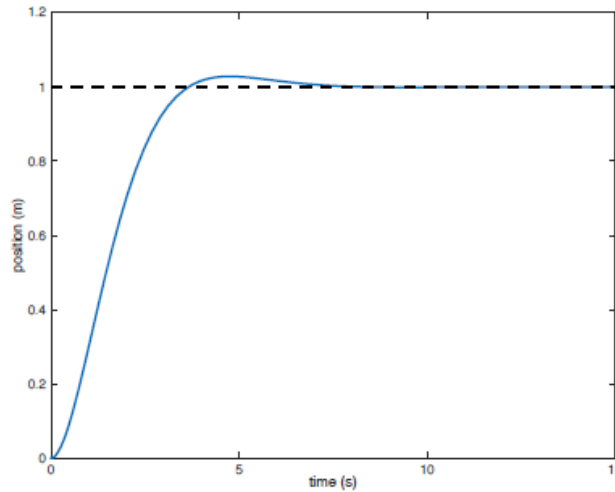
$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t) + K_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau$$

↑ Integral

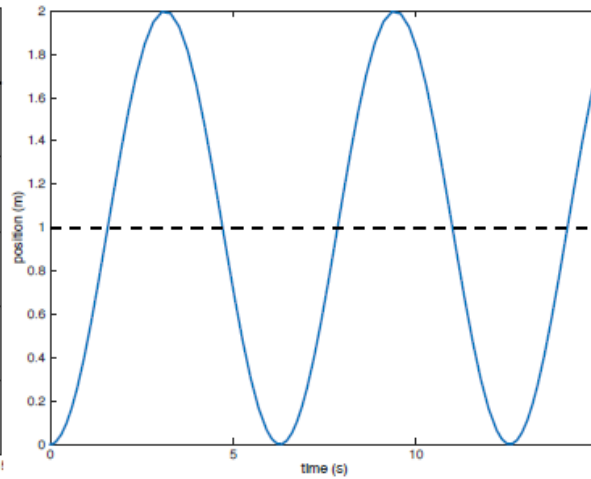
PID control generates a third-order closed-loop system

Integral control makes the steady-state error go to zero

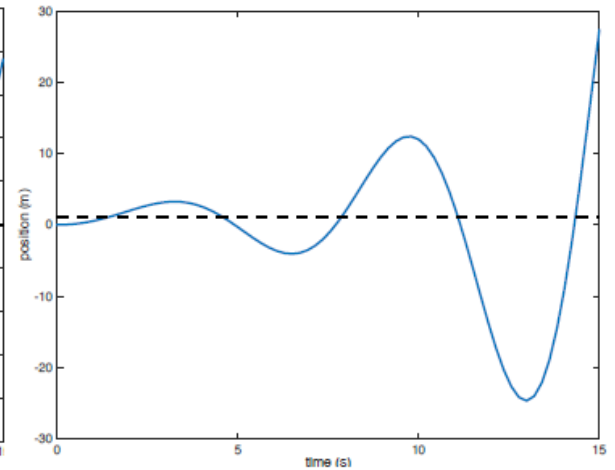
# Gain Tuning



Stable  
(converge)

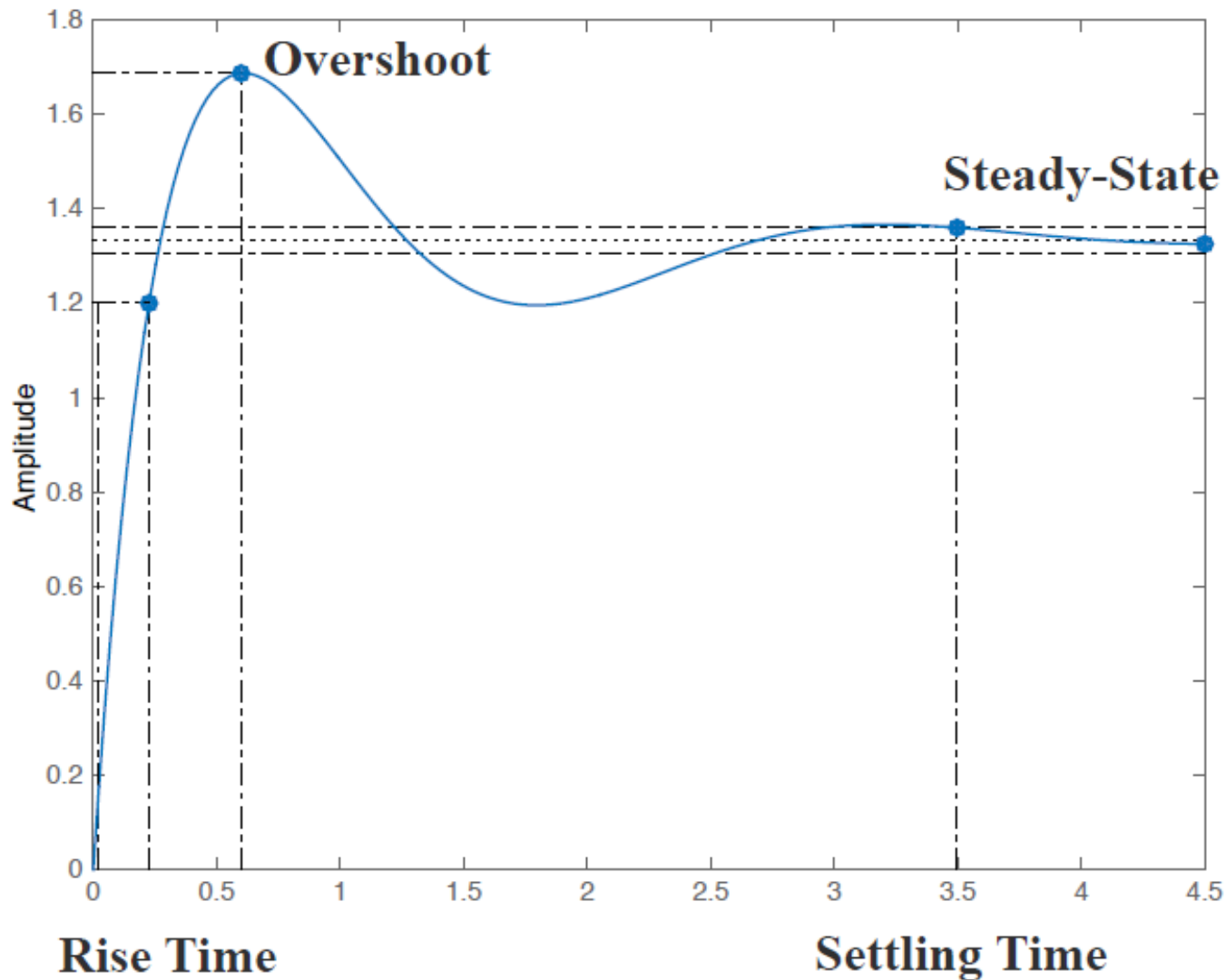


Marginally Stable  
(oscillate)



Unstable  
(diverge)

# Manual Tuning

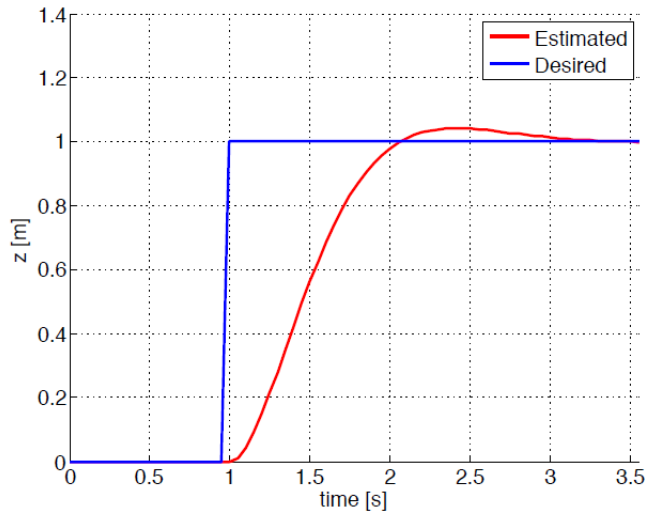


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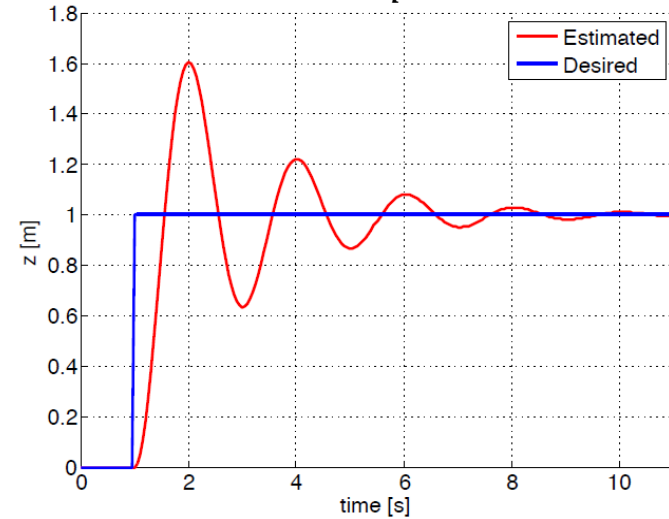
Parameter Increased	$K_p \uparrow$	$K_d \uparrow$	$K_i \uparrow$
Rise Time	Decrease	-	Decrease
Overshoot	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Settling Time	-	Decrease	Increase
Steady-State Error	Decrease	-	Eliminate

# Manual Tuning

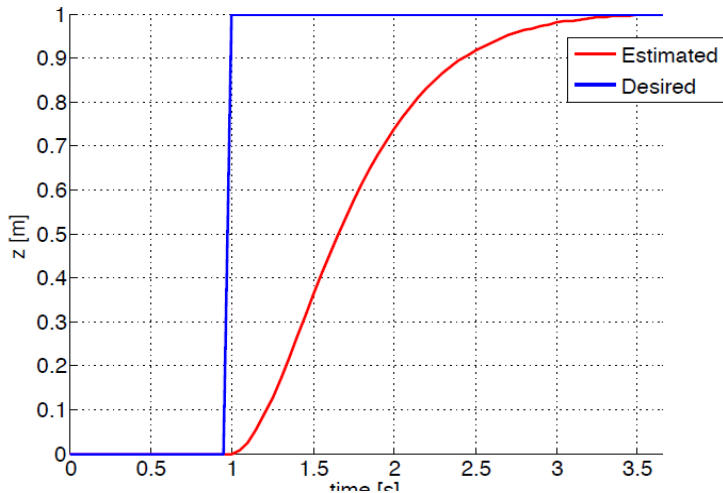
PD controller



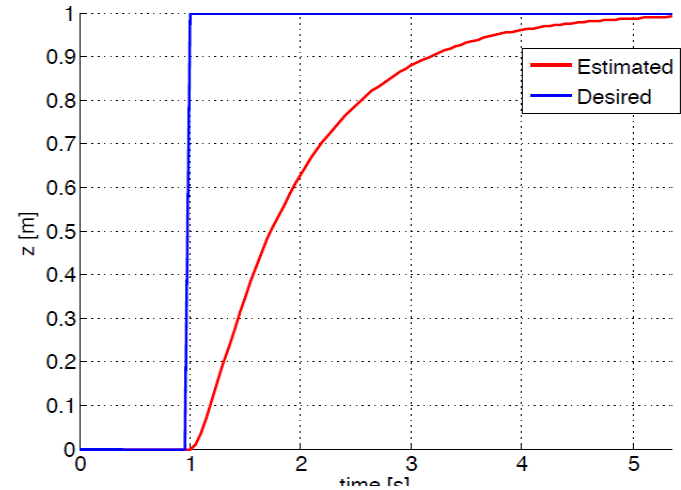
High  $K_p$  (overshoot)



Low  $K_p$  (soft response)



High  $K_d$  (overdamped)



# Ziegler-Nichols Method

- Heuristic for tuning gains
  - Set  $K_i = K_d = 0$
  - Increase  $K_p$  until ultimate gain,  $K_u$ , when output starts to oscillate
  - Find the oscillation period  $T_u$  at  $K_u$
  - Set gains according to:

Controller	$K_p$	$K_d$	$K_i$
P	$0.5K_u$	-	-
PD	$0.8K_u$	$K_p T_u / 8$	-
PID	$0.6K_u$	$K_p T_u / 8$	$2K_p / T_u$



# Model-based control

- Consider a general second-order model

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = u(t)$$

- Disadvantages of PID or PD control schemes

$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d\dot{e}(t) + K_pe(t)$$

- Performance will depend on the model
- Need to tune gains to maximize performance

- Model based control law

Model based

$$u(t) = \hat{m}(\underbrace{\ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d\dot{e}(t) + K_pe(t)}_{\text{Servo: feedforward + PD feedback}}) + \hat{b}\dot{x}(t) + \hat{k}x(t)$$

- Model based part
  - Cancel the dynamics of the system
  - Specific to the model
- Servo based part
  - Use PID or PD with feedforward to drive errors to zero
  - Independent of the model of the system

# Model-based control

- Model based control law

$$u(t) = \underbrace{\hat{m}(\ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t))}_{\text{Servo: feedforward + PD feedback}} + \underbrace{\hat{b}\dot{x}(t) + \hat{k}x(t)}_{\text{Model based (estimates)}}$$

- Advantage

- Decomposes the control law into

- Model-dependent part (depends on the knowledge of the model)
- Model-independent part (servo control, gains are independent of the model)

- Disadvantage

- Based on estimates of model parameters

- Ideal performance

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

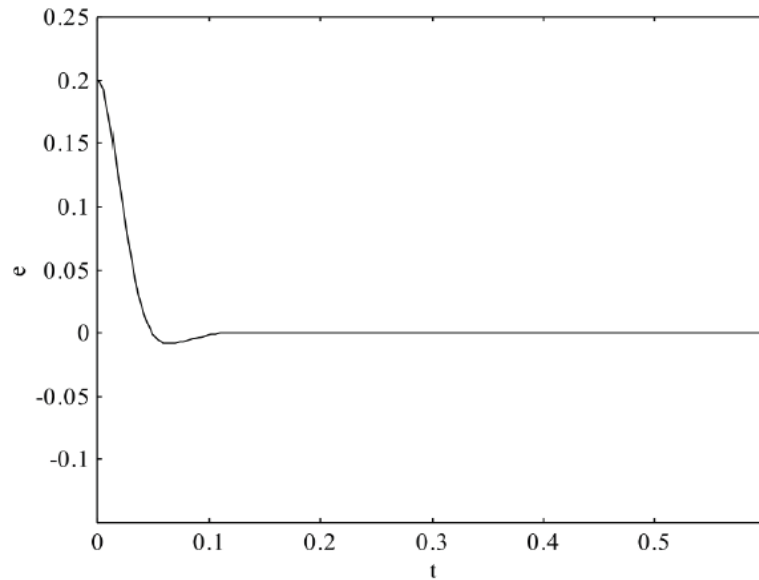
- Actual performance

$$\ddot{e} + K_d \dot{e} + K_p e = \left(\frac{m}{\hat{m}} - 1\right) \ddot{x} + \frac{(b - \hat{b})}{\hat{m}} \dot{x} + \frac{(k - \hat{k})}{\hat{m}} x$$

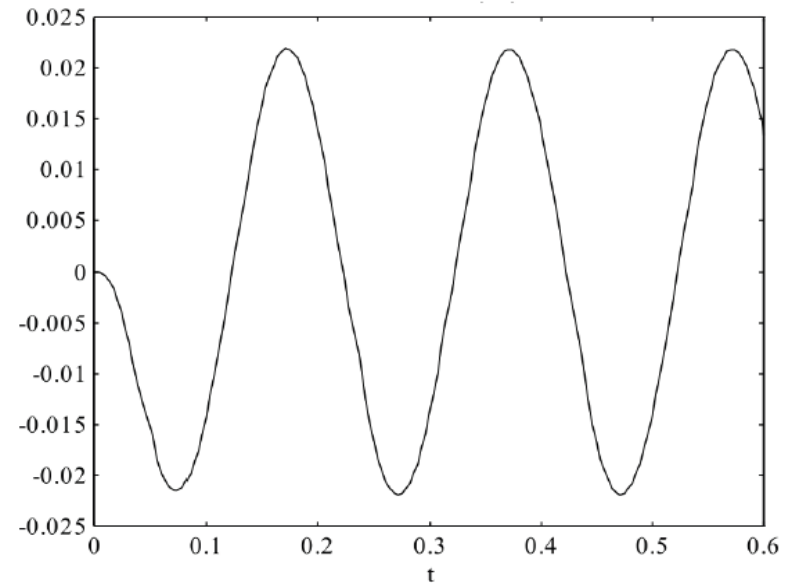
# Model-based control

- Performance

$$u(t) = \hat{m}(\ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t)) + \hat{b}\dot{x}(t) + \hat{k}x(t)$$



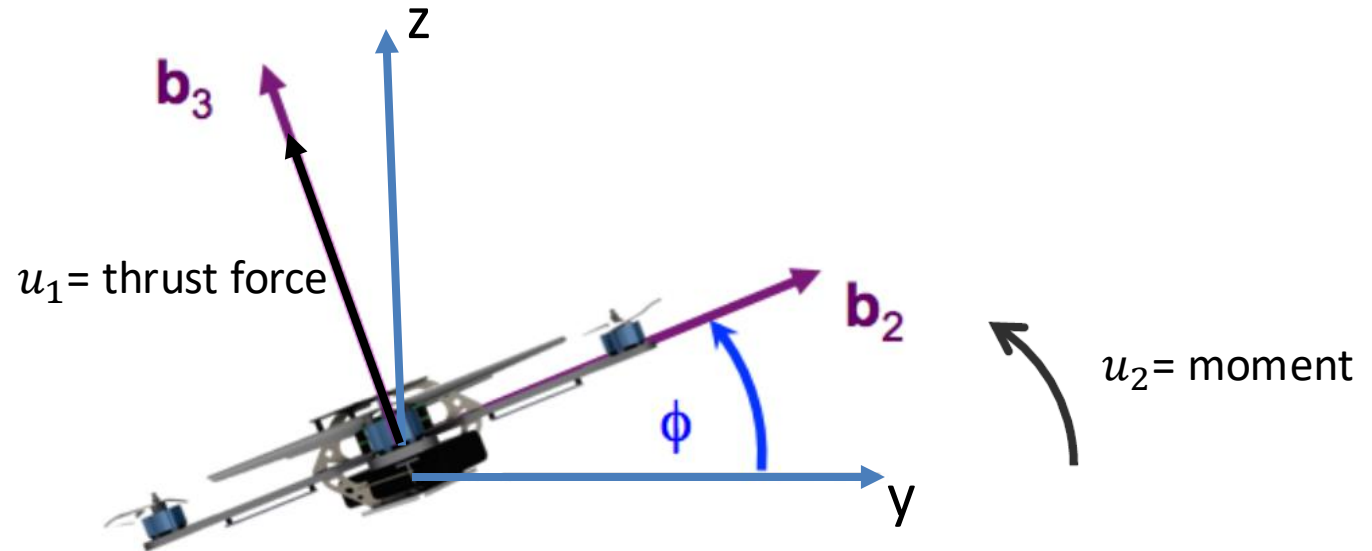
Perfect model



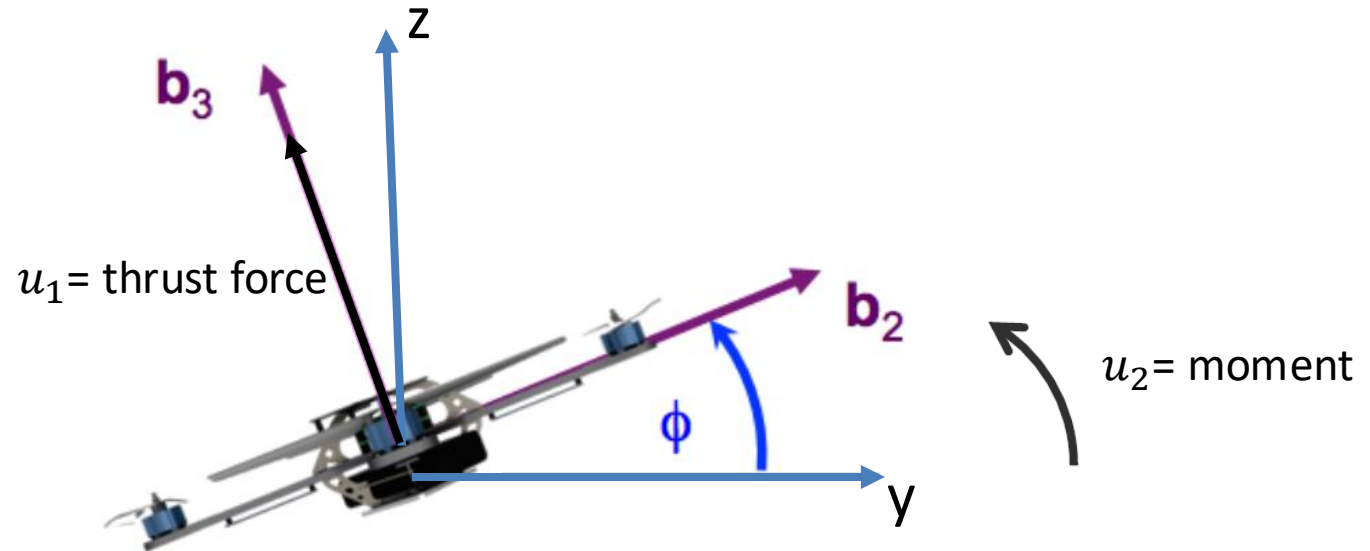
Imperfect model, 10% errors in parameters

# Quadrotor Control

# Application to Quadrotors



# Planar Quadrotor Model



$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum F_y &= -u_1 \sin(\phi) = m\ddot{y} \\
 \sum F_z &= -mg + u_1 \cos(\phi) = m\ddot{z} \\
 M &= u_2 = I_{xx}\ddot{\phi}
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \Rightarrow \quad
 \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{m}\sin\phi & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m}\cos\phi & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{I_{xx}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Linearized Dynamic Model

- Nonlinear dynamics

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{y} &= -\frac{u_1}{m} \sin(\phi) \\ \ddot{z} &= -g + \frac{u_1}{m} \cos(\phi) \\ \ddot{\phi} &= \frac{u_2}{I_{xx}}\end{aligned}$$

- Equilibrium hover configuration

$$y_0, z_0, \phi_0 = 0, u_{1,0} = mg, u_{2,0} = 0$$

- Linearized dynamics

$$\ddot{y} = -g\phi$$

Cascaded second order system

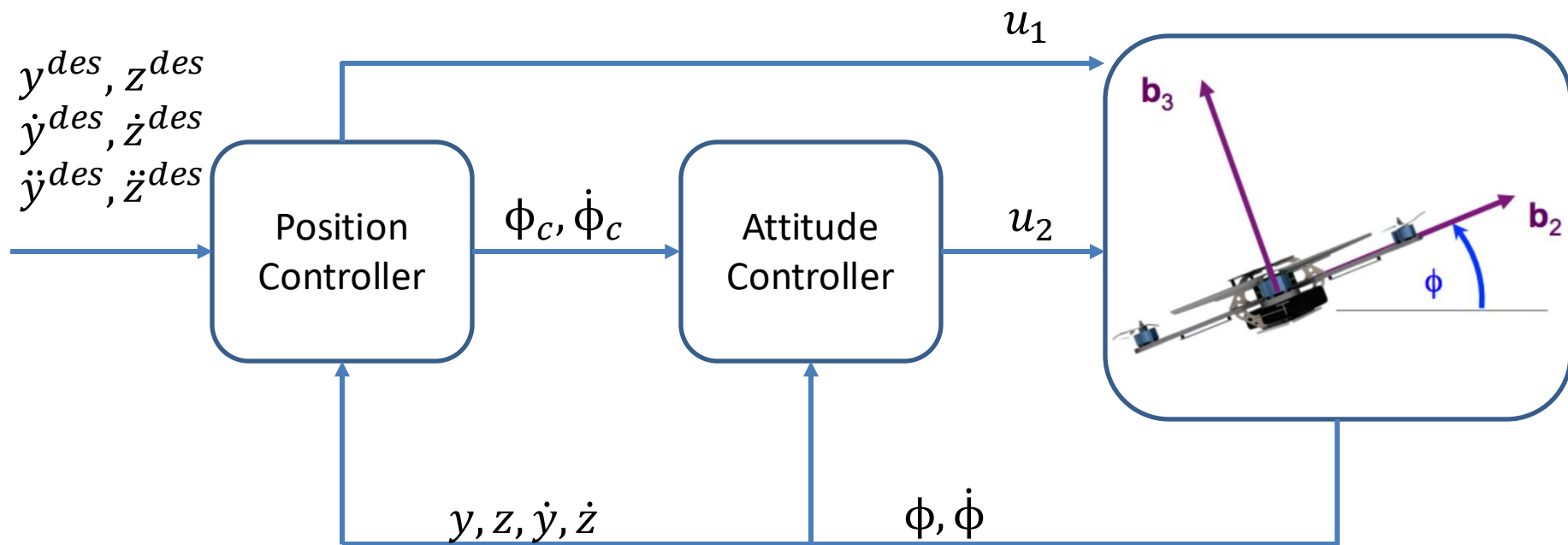
$$\ddot{z} = -g + \frac{u_1}{m}$$

$$\ddot{\phi} = \frac{u_2}{I_{xx}}$$

A simple second order system



# Control Structure





# Control Equations

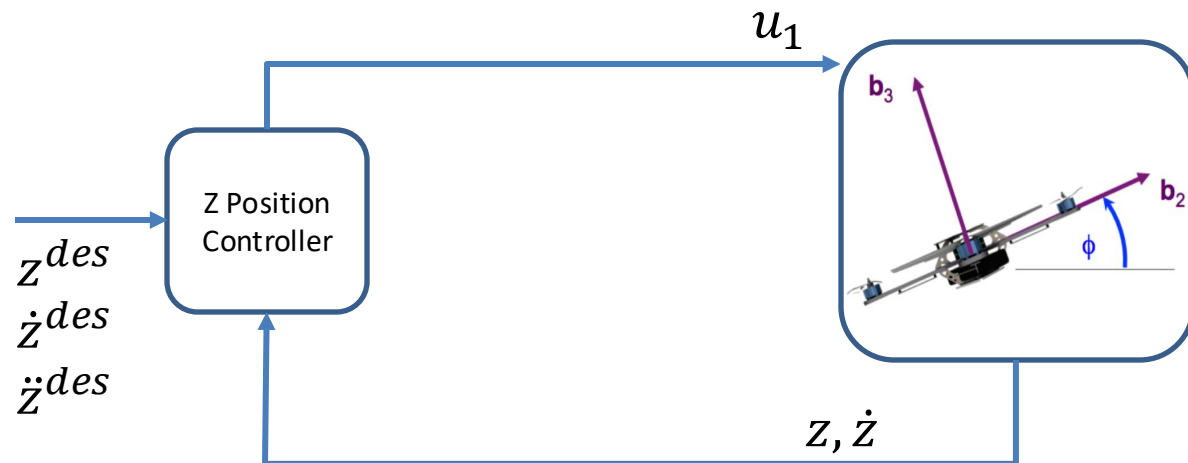
- Z-position control

PD:  $\ddot{z}_c = \ddot{z}^{des} + K_{d,z}(\dot{z}^{des} - \dot{z}) + K_{p,z}(z^{des} - z)$

Model:  $\ddot{z} = -g + \frac{u_1}{m}$



$$u_1 = m(g + \ddot{z}^{des} + K_{d,z}(\dot{z}^{des} - \dot{z}) + K_{p,z}(z^{des} - z))$$



# Linearized Dynamic Model

- Y-position control

PD:  $\ddot{y}_c = \ddot{y}^{des} + K_{d,y}(\dot{y}^{des} - \dot{y}) + K_{p,y}(y^{des} - y)$

Model:  $\ddot{y} = -g\phi$

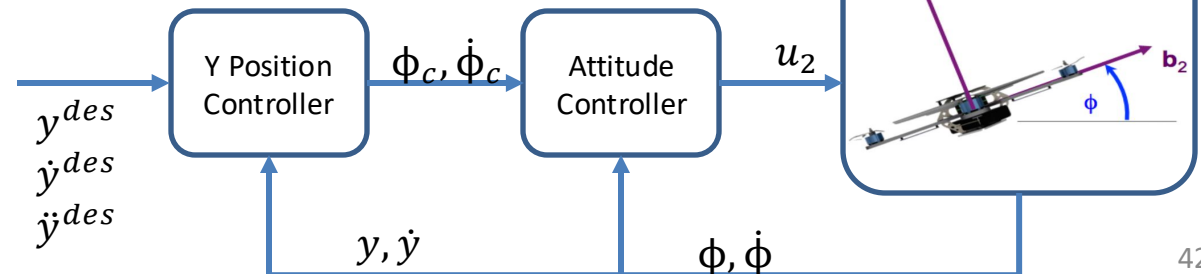
$$\phi_c = -\frac{1}{g}(\ddot{y}^{des} + K_{d,y}(\dot{y}^{des} - \dot{y}) + K_{p,y}(y^{des} - y))$$

- Attitude control

PD:  $\ddot{\phi}_c = K_{d,\phi}(\dot{\phi}_c - \dot{\phi}) + K_{p,\phi}(\phi_c - \phi)$

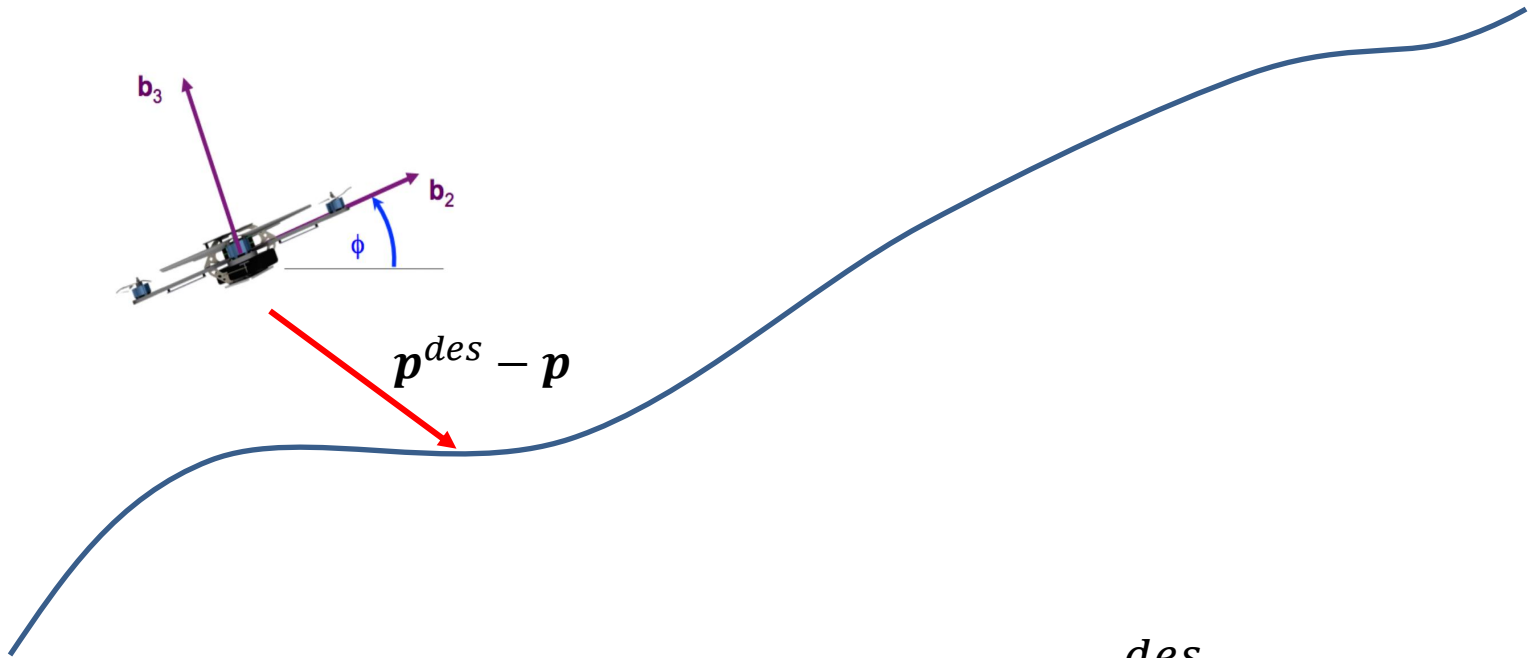
Model:  $\ddot{\phi} = \frac{u_2}{I_{xx}}$

$$u_2 = I_{xx}(K_{d,\phi}(\dot{\phi}_c - \dot{\phi}) + K_{p,\phi}(\phi_c - \phi))$$



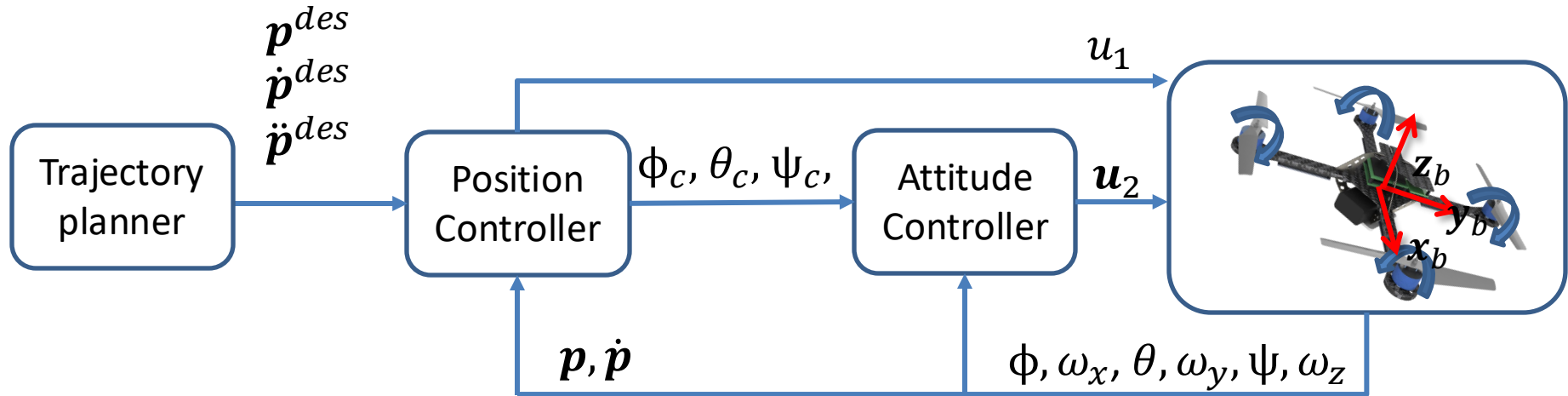
# Trajectory Tracking

Given  $\mathbf{p}^{des}$ ,  $\dot{\mathbf{p}}^{des}$ ,  $\ddot{\mathbf{p}}^{des}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{e}_p &= \mathbf{p}^{des} - \mathbf{p} \\
 \mathbf{e}_v &= \dot{\mathbf{p}}^{des} - \dot{\mathbf{p}} \\
 \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_c &= \ddot{\mathbf{p}}^{des} + \mathbf{K}_d \mathbf{e}_v + \mathbf{K}_p \mathbf{e}_p
 \end{aligned}$$

# 3-D Quadrotor



- Nonlinear dynamics

Newton Equation: 
$$m\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ [F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4] \end{bmatrix} \quad u_1$$

Euler Equation: 
$$\mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\omega}_x \\ \dot{\omega}_y \\ \dot{\omega}_z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l(F_2 - F_4) \\ l(F_3 - F_1) \\ [M_1 - M_2 + M_3 - M_4] \end{bmatrix} \quad u_2$$

# 3-D Quadrotor

- Linearization

Equilibrium hover ( $\phi_0 \sim 0, \theta_0 \sim 0, u_{1,0} \sim mg$ )

Newton equation

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_1 &= \ddot{x} = g(\theta \cos \psi + \phi \sin \psi) \\ \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_2 &= \ddot{y} = g(\theta \sin \psi - \phi \cos \psi) \\ \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_3 &= \ddot{z} = -g + \frac{u_1}{m} \end{aligned}$$

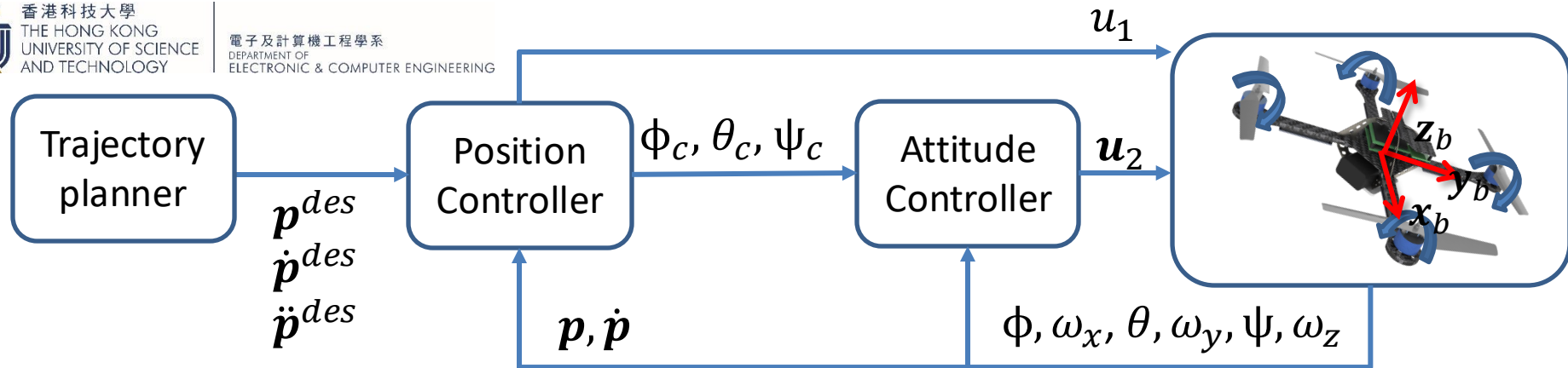
$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi c\theta - s\phi s\psi s\theta & -c\phi s\psi & c\psi s\theta + c\theta s\phi s\psi \\ c\theta s\psi + c\psi s\phi s\theta & c\phi c\psi & s\psi s\theta - c\psi c\theta s\phi \\ -c\phi s\theta & s\phi & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler angle derivative

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & 0 & -c\phi s\theta \\ 0 & 1 & s\phi \\ s\theta & 0 & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler Equation:

$$\mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\phi} \\ \ddot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l(F_2 - F_4) \\ l(F_3 - F_1) \\ M_1 - M_2 + M_3 - M_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



- Position control

PID:  $\ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{i,c} = \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_i^{des} + K_{d,i}(\dot{\mathbf{p}}_i^{des} - \dot{\mathbf{p}}_i) + K_{p,i}(\mathbf{p}_i^{des} - \mathbf{p}_i)$

Model:  $u_1 = m(g + \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{3,c})$  (Newton Equation)

$$\phi_c = \frac{1}{g} (\ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{1,c} \sin \psi - \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{2,c} \cos \psi) \quad \theta_c = \frac{1}{g} (\ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{1,c} \cos \psi + \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{2,c} \sin \psi)$$

These are current yaw, not the commanded yaw

- Attitude control

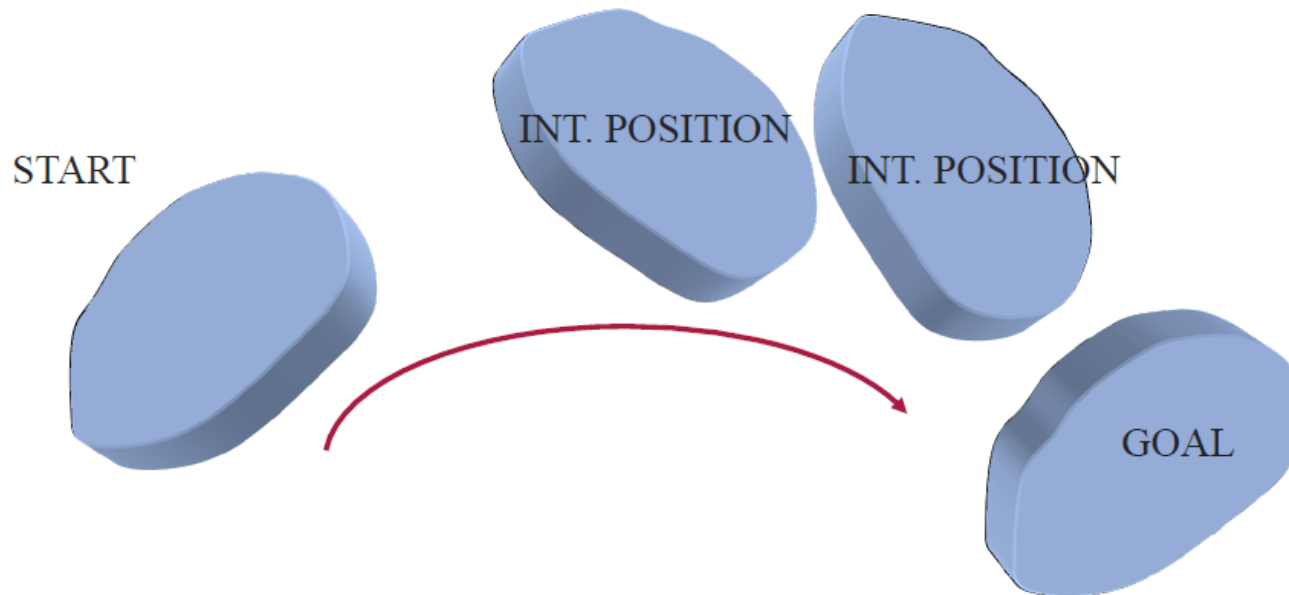
PID: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\phi}_c \\ \ddot{\theta}_c \\ \ddot{\psi}_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{p,\phi}(\phi_c - \phi) + K_{d,\phi}(\dot{\phi}_c - \dot{\phi}) \\ K_{p,\theta}(\theta_c - \theta) + K_{d,\theta}(\dot{\theta}_c - \dot{\theta}) \\ K_{p,\psi}(\psi_c - \psi) + K_{d,\psi}(\dot{\psi}_c - \dot{\psi}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Model: 
$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\phi}_c \\ \ddot{\theta}_c \\ \ddot{\psi}_c \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$
 (Euler Equation)

# Trajectory Generation

# Smooth 3D Trajectories

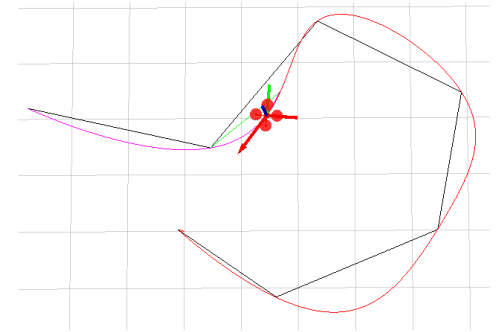
- Smooth trajectory is beneficial for autonomous flight
  - Smooth trajectories respect the continuous nature of aerial robots
  - The robot should not stop at turns





# Smooth 3D Trajectories

- General setup
  - Start, goal positions (orientations)
  - Waypoint positions (orientations)
    - Waypoints can be found by path planning ( $A^*$ ,  $RRT^*$ , etc)
    - To be covered in the next lecture
  - Smoothness criterion
    - Generally translates into minimizing rate of change of “input”
- Question: How to make sure that a trajectory can be tracked by the quadrotor?



# Differential Flatness

- The states and the inputs of a quadrotor can be written as algebraic functions of four carefully selected flat outputs and their derivatives
  - Enables automated generation of trajectories
  - Any smooth trajectory in the space of flat outputs (with reasonably bounded derivatives) can be followed by the under-actuated quadrotor
  - A possible choice:
    - $\sigma = [x, y, z, \psi]^T$
  - Trajectory in the space of flat outputs:
    - $\sigma(t) = [T_0, T_M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(2)$

# Differential Flatness

- Quadrotor states

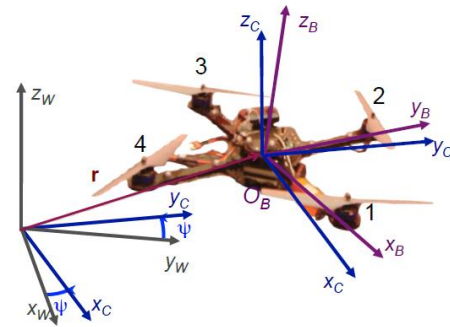
- Position, orientation, linear velocity, angular velocity

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]^T$$

- Equation of motions:

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = -mg\mathbf{z}_W + u_1\mathbf{z}_B.$$

Body angular velocity  
viewed in the body frame



$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_B = \mathbf{I}^{-1} \left[ -\boldsymbol{\omega}_B \times \mathbf{I} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_B + \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

- Position, velocity, and acceleration are simply derivatives of the flat outputs

# Differential Flatness

- Orientation

- Quadrotor state:

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]^T$$

- From the equation of motion:

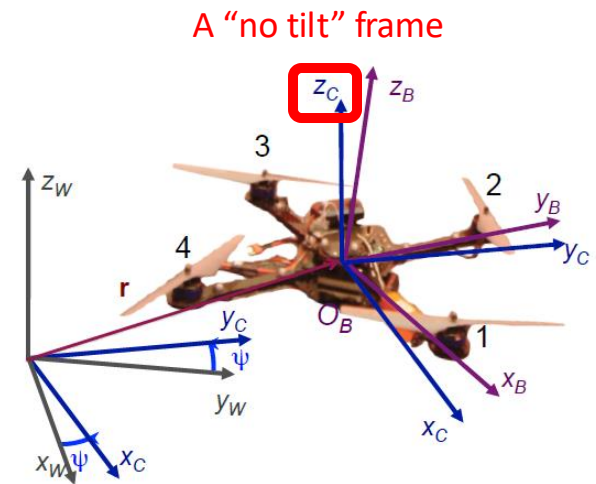
$$\mathbf{z}_B = \frac{\mathbf{t}}{\|\mathbf{t}\|}, \mathbf{t} = [\ddot{\sigma}_1, \ddot{\sigma}_2, \ddot{\sigma}_3 + g]^T$$

- Define the yaw vector (Z-X-Y Euler):

$$\mathbf{x}_C = [\cos \sigma_4, \sin \sigma_4, 0]^T$$

- Orientation can be expressed in terms of flat outputs

$$\mathbf{y}_B = \frac{\mathbf{z}_B \times \mathbf{x}_C}{\|\mathbf{z}_B \times \mathbf{x}_C\|}, \quad \mathbf{x}_B = \mathbf{y}_B \times \mathbf{z}_B \quad \mathbf{R}_B = [\mathbf{x}_B \quad \mathbf{y}_B \quad \mathbf{z}_B]$$



# Differential Flatness

- Angular velocity

- Quadrotor state:

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]^T$$

- Take the derivative of the equation of motion

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = -mg\mathbf{z}_W + u_1\mathbf{z}_B \quad \longrightarrow \quad m\dot{\mathbf{a}} = \dot{u}_1\mathbf{z}_B + \boxed{\boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW}} \times u_1\mathbf{z}_B$$

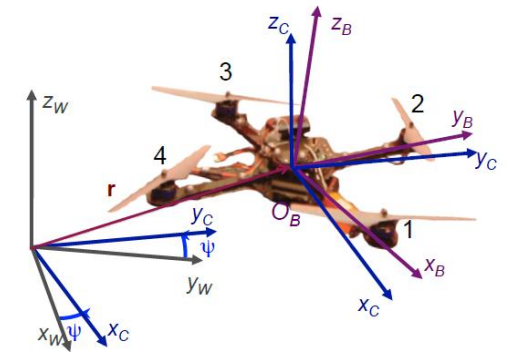
- Quadrotors only have vertical thrust:

Body angular velocity  
viewed in the world frame

$$\dot{u}_1 = \mathbf{z}_B \cdot m\dot{\mathbf{a}}$$

- We have:

$$\mathbf{h}_\omega = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} \times \mathbf{z}_B = \frac{m}{u_1} (\dot{\mathbf{a}} - (\mathbf{z}_B \cdot \dot{\mathbf{a}})\mathbf{z}_B).$$



# Differential Flatness

- Angular velocity

- Quadrotor state:

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]^T$$

- We have:

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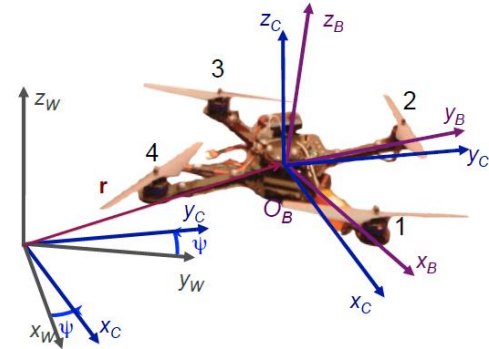
- This is the projection of  $\frac{m}{u_1} \dot{\mathbf{a}}$  onto the  $x_B - y_B$  plane

- We know that:

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} = \omega_x \mathbf{x}_B + \omega_y \mathbf{y}_B + \omega_z \mathbf{z}_B$$

- Angular velocities along  $x_B$  and  $y_B$  directions can be found as:

$$\omega_x = -\mathbf{h}_\omega \cdot \mathbf{y}_B, \quad \omega_y = \mathbf{h}_\omega \cdot \mathbf{x}_B$$



# Differential Flatness

- Angular velocity

- Quadrotor state:

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]^T$$

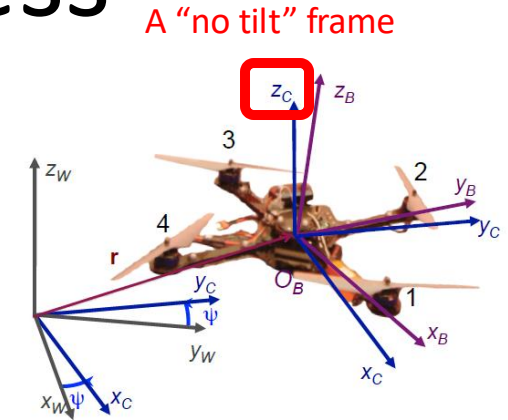
- We have:

$$\mathbf{h}_\omega = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} \times \mathbf{z}_B = \frac{m}{u_1} (\dot{\mathbf{a}} - (\mathbf{z}_B \cdot \dot{\mathbf{a}}) \mathbf{z}_B).$$

- This is the projection of  $\frac{m}{u_1} \dot{\mathbf{a}}$  onto the  $x_B - y_B$  plane

- Since  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{BC} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{CW}$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{BC}$  has no  $\mathbf{z}_B$  component:

$$\omega_z = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} \cdot \mathbf{z}_B = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{CW} \cdot \mathbf{z}_B = \dot{\psi} \mathbf{z}_W \cdot \mathbf{z}_B.$$



# Differential Flatness

- Summary

- Quadrotor state:

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]^T$$

- Flat outputs:

- $\sigma = [x, y, z, \psi]^T$

- Position, velocity, acceleration

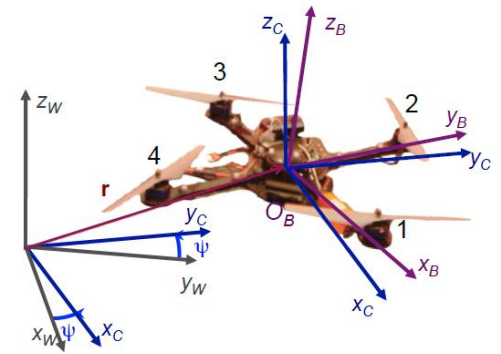
- Derivatives of flat outputs

- Orientation

$$\mathbf{x}_C = [\cos\sigma_4, \sin\sigma_4, 0]^T \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}_B = [\mathbf{x}_B \ \mathbf{y}_B \ \mathbf{z}_B]$$

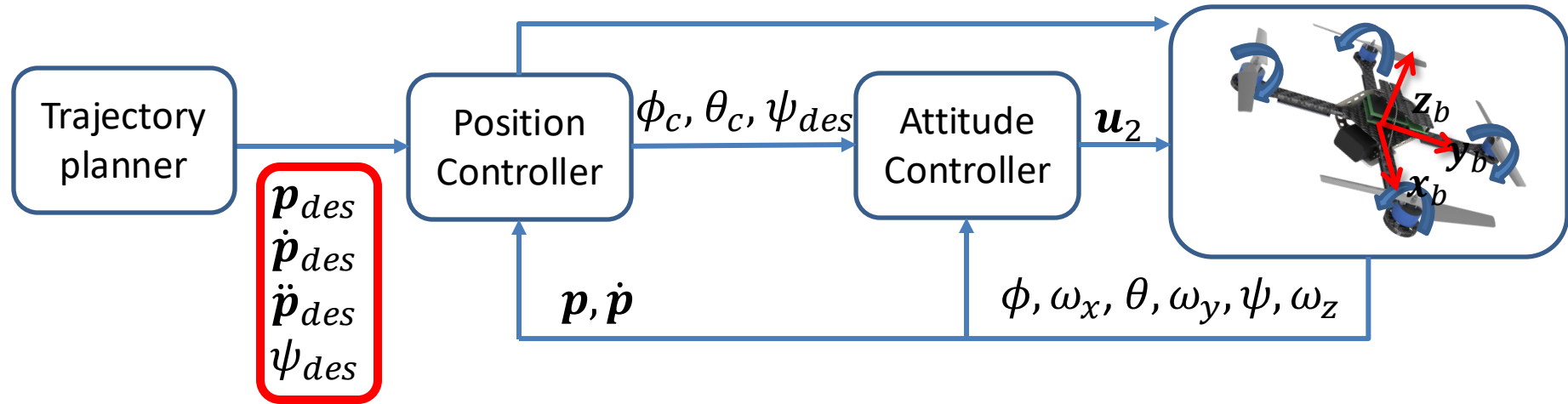
- Angular velocity

$$\omega_x = -\mathbf{h}_\omega \cdot \mathbf{y}_B, \quad \omega_y = \mathbf{h}_\omega \cdot \mathbf{x}_B, \quad \omega_z = \dot{\psi} \mathbf{z}_W \cdot \mathbf{z}_B$$



**How about Force and Moment Input ( $u_1, u_2$ )?**





## Nonlinear dynamics

Newton Equation: 
$$m\ddot{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

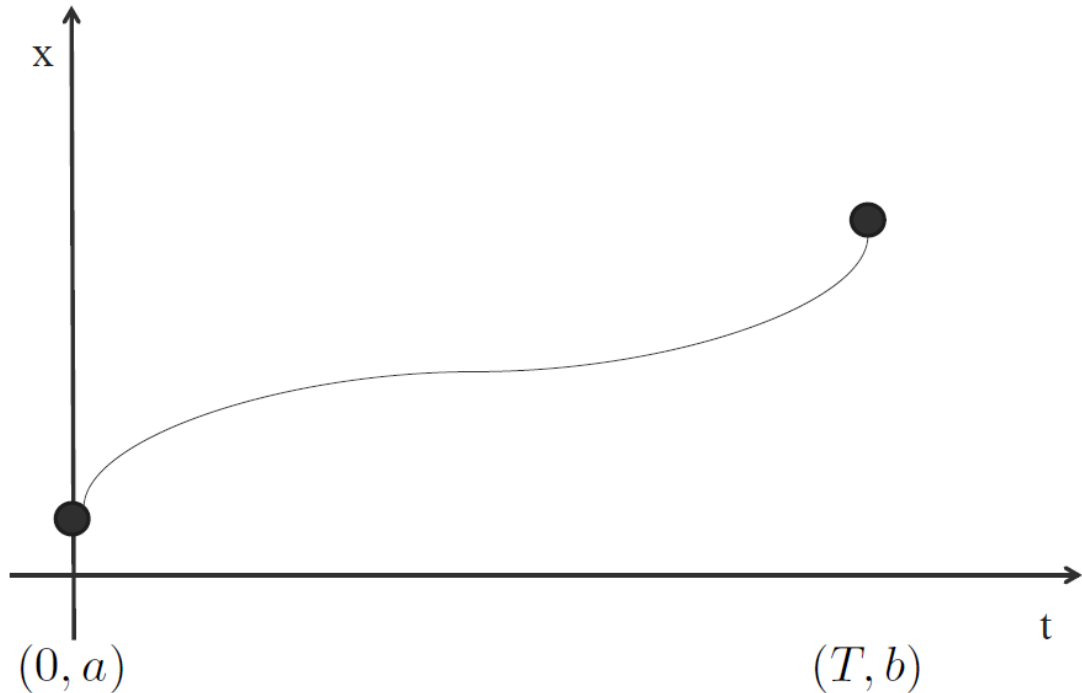
Euler Equation: 
$$\mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\omega}_x \\ \dot{\omega}_y \\ \dot{\omega}_z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l(F_2 - F_4) \\ l(F_3 - F_1) \\ M_1 - M_2 + M_3 - M_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Polynomial Trajectories

- Flat outputs:
  - $\sigma = [x, y, z, \psi]^T$
- Trajectory in the space of flat outputs:
  - $\sigma(t) = [T_0, T_M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(2)$
- Polynomial functions can be used to specify trajectories in the space of flat outputs
  - Easy determination of smoothness criterion with polynomial orders
  - Easy and closed form calculation of derivatives
  - Decoupled trajectory generation in three dimensions

# Smooth 1D Trajectory

- Design a trajectory  $x(t)$  such that:
  - $x(0) = a$
  - $x(T) = b$



# Smooth 1D Trajectory

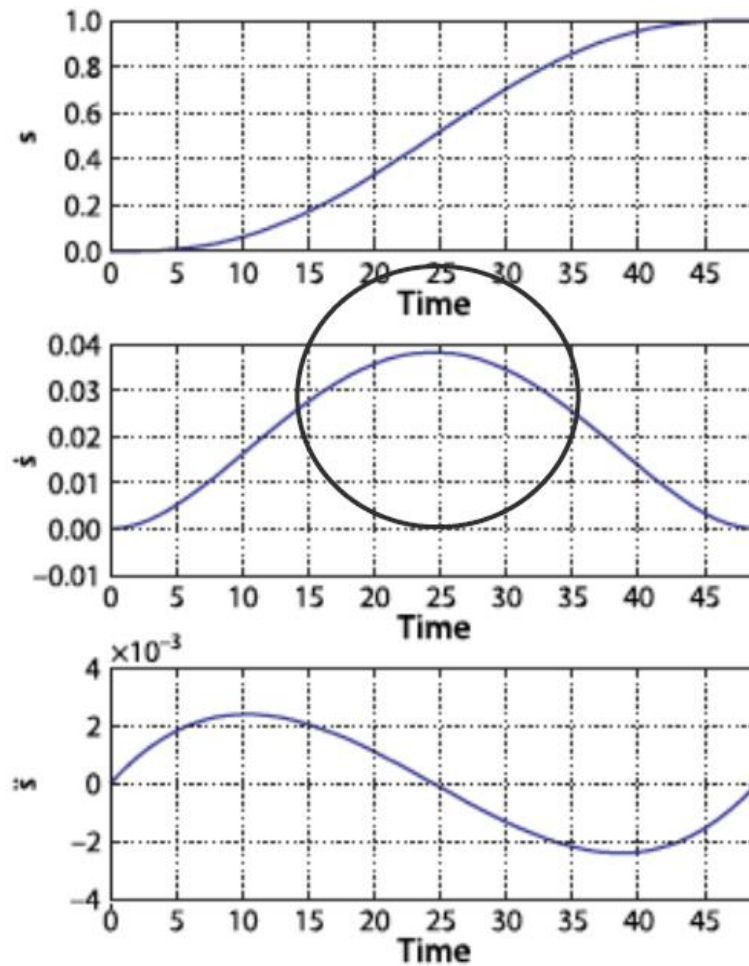
- 5<sup>th</sup> order polynomial trajectory:
  - $x(t) = c_5t^5 + c_4t^4 + c_3t^3 + c_2t^2 + c_1t + c_0$
- Boundary conditions

	Position	Velocity	Acceleration
t = 0	a	0	0
t = T	b	0	0

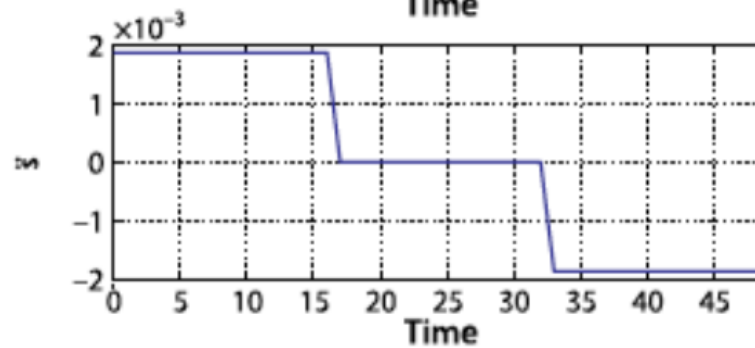
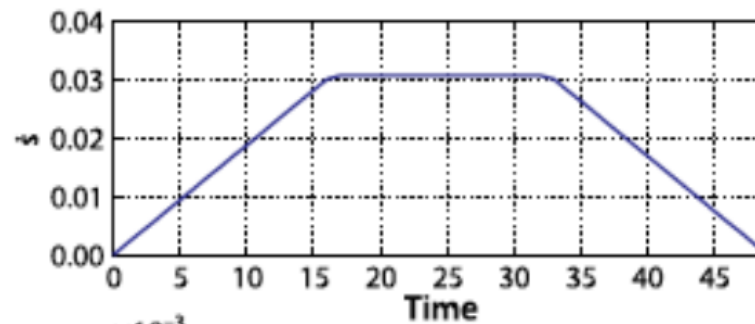
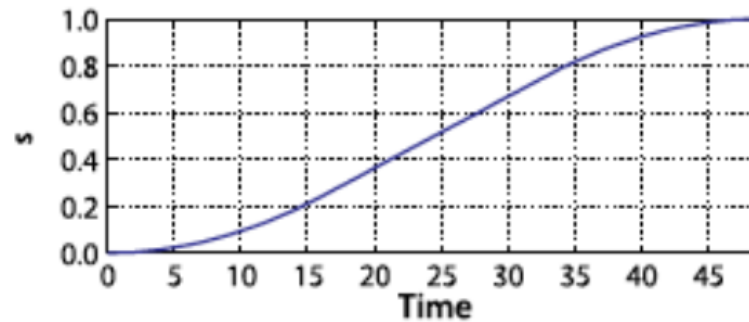
- Solve:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ T^5 & T^4 & T^3 & T^2 & T & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5T^4 & 4T^3 & 3T^2 & 2T & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 20T^3 & 12T^2 & 6T & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_5 \\ c_4 \\ c_3 \\ c_2 \\ c_1 \\ c_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Smooth 1D Trajectory



# Bang-Bang Trajectory



# Smooth Multi-Segment Trajectory

- Smooth the corners of straight line segments
- Preferred constant velocity motion at  $v$
- Preferred zero acceleration
- Requires special handling of short segments



# Smooth 1D Trajectory

- Generate each 5<sup>th</sup> order polynomial independently:
  - $x(t) = c_5t^5 + c_4t^4 + c_3t^3 + c_2t^2 + c_1t + c_0$
- Boundary conditions

	Position	Velocity	Acceleration
t = 0	a	$v_0$	0
t = T	b	$v_T$	0

- Solve:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ v_0 \\ v_T \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ T^5 & T^4 & T^3 & T^2 & T & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5T^4 & 4T^3 & 3T^2 & 2T & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 20T^3 & 12T^2 & 6T & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_5 \\ c_4 \\ c_3 \\ c_2 \\ c_1 \\ c_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Next Lecture...

- Continuation on trajectory generation
- Path planning

# Logistics

- Project 1, phase 1 is released (02/18)
  - Due on 02/28. Early submission is encouraged.
  - Notes: Cite the paper, GitHub repo, or code url if you use or reference the code online. Please keep [academic integrity](#); plagiarism is not tolerated in this course.