

# Double Inverted Pendulum System

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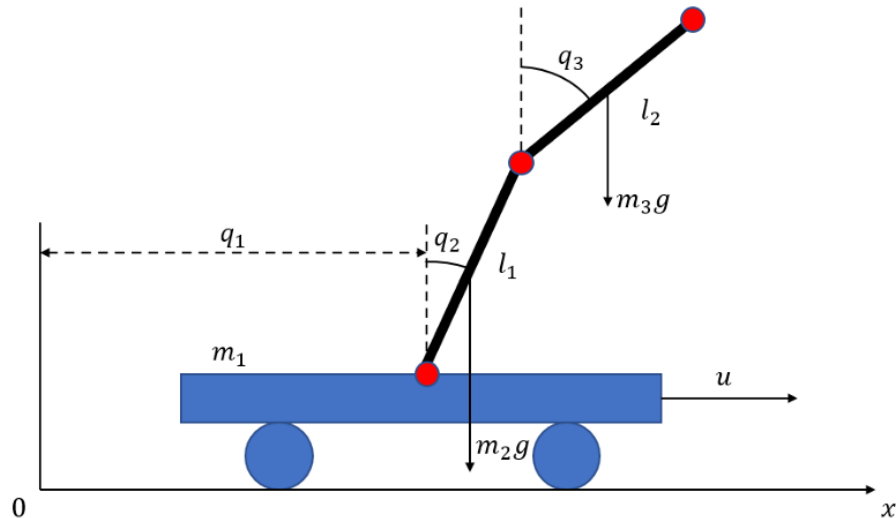


Fig. 1. Double inverted pendulum on a cart

# 1. Variables

$q_1$	Cart position
$q_2$	Angle of the lower pendulum
$q_3$	Angle of the upper pendulum
$u$	Applied force (control variable)
$m_1$	Mass of the cart
$m_2$	Mass of the lower pendulum
$m_3$	Mass of the upper pendulum
$l_1$	Length of the lower pendulum
$l_2$	Length of the upper pendulum
$q$	Generalized joint coordinates
$M(q)$	Regular mass matrix
$C(\dot{q}, q)$	Centrifugal and Coriolis forces
$G(q)$	Gravity force
$H$	Control matrix

The dynamics of this system can be described in the following standard form:

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + C(\dot{q}, q)\dot{q} + G(q) = Hu$$

$$a_1 = m_1 + m_2 + m_3$$

$$a_2 = l_1 \left( \frac{1}{2} m_1 + m_2 \right)$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{2} m_2 l_2$$

$$a_4 = l_1^2 \left( \frac{1}{3} m_1 + m_2 \right)$$

$$a_5 = \frac{1}{2} m_2 l_1 l_2$$

$$a_6 = \frac{1}{3} m_2 l_2^2$$

$$g_1 = l_1 g \left( \frac{1}{2} m_1 + m_2 \right)$$

$$g_2 = \frac{1}{2} m_2 l_2 g$$

$$q = [q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3]^T$$

$$M(q) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \cos q_2 & a_3 \cos q_3 \\ a_2 \cos q_2 & a_4 & a_5 \cos(q_2 - q_3) \\ a_3 \cos q_3 & a_5 \cos(q_2 - q_3) & a_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C(\dot{q}, q) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_2 \dot{q}_2 \sin q_2 & -a_3 \dot{q}_3 \sin q_3 \\ 0 & 0 & a_5 \dot{q}_3 \sin(q_2 - q_3) \\ 0 & 0 & -a_5 \dot{q}_2 \sin(q_2 - q_3) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G(q) = [0 \quad g \quad g_2]^T$$

$$H = [1 \quad 0 \quad 0]^T$$

In my case  $k = 2$  :  $m_1 = 4, m_2 = 1.5, m_3 = 1.5, l_1 = 0.5, l_2 = 0.75$

## 2. Main work

### 2.1 represent the system in the state-space form

### 2.2 Make a simulation of the obtained model

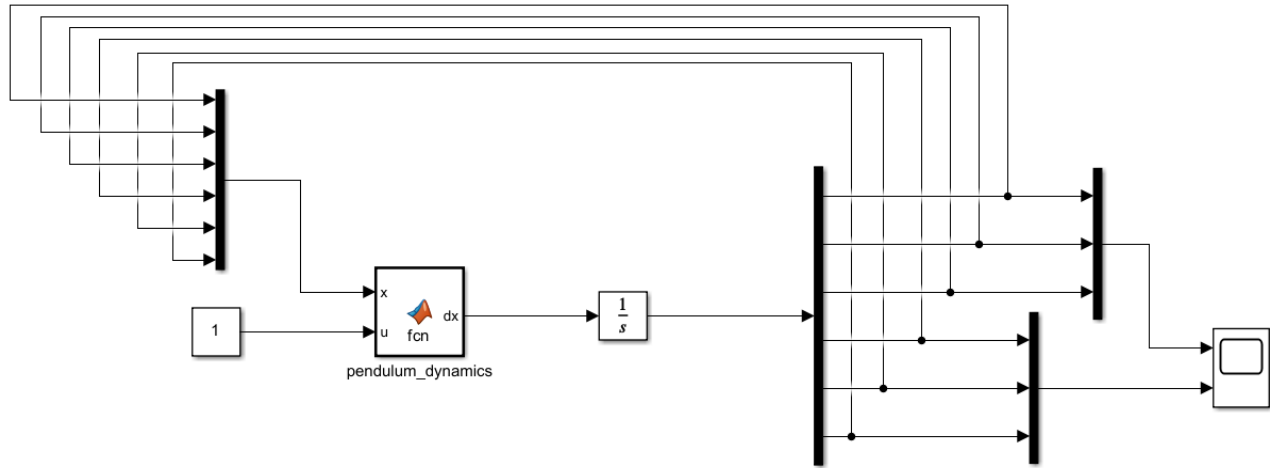


Fig. 2. Model of Double Inverted Pendulum System

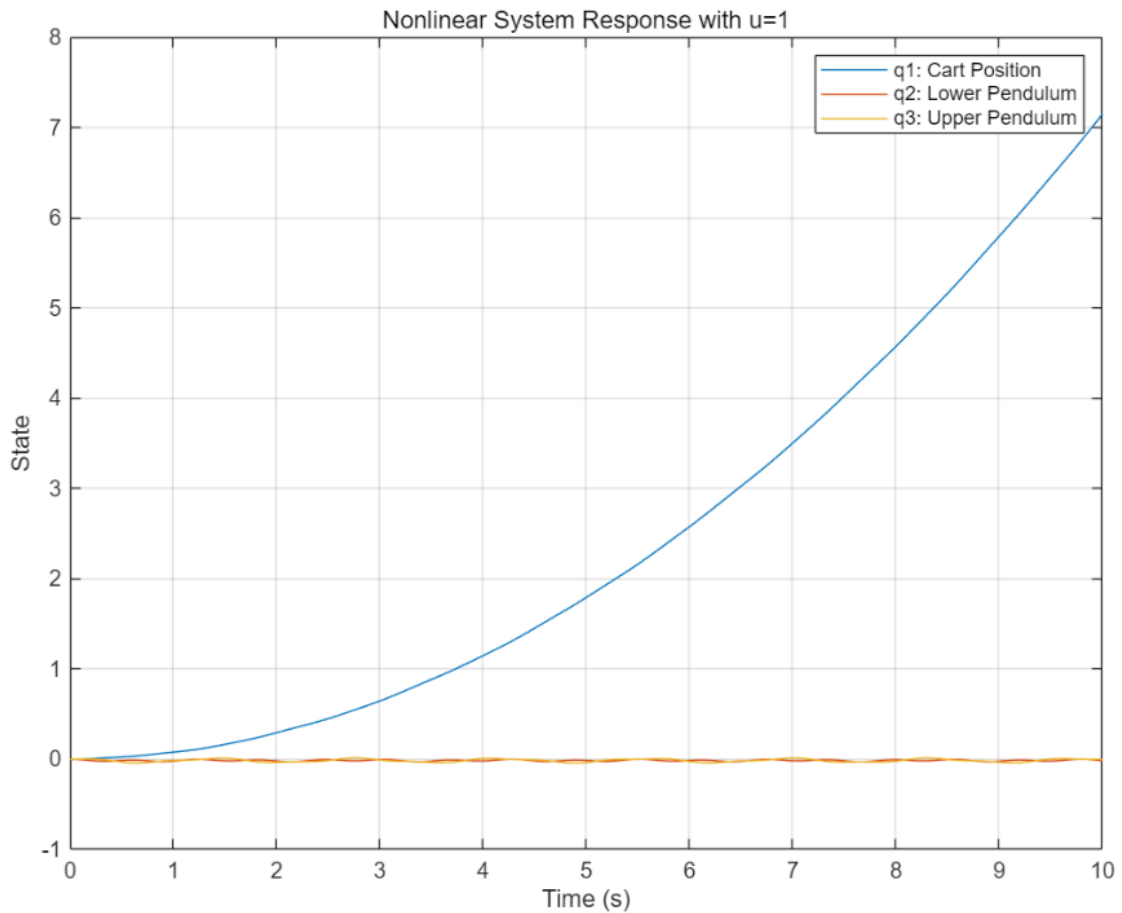


Fig. 3. Simulation with zero initial and  $u = 1$

## 2.3 Linearize the system at the point $x_{eq} = 0$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.0000 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.0000 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.0000 \\ 0 & 18.5507 & -1.6737 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -91.7770 & 17.5743 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 54.6756 & -33.8468 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0.3886 \\ -1.0806 \\ 0.3033 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 2.4 Design a linear feedback control with 0% overshoot

Desired poles:  $(-2 \quad -4 \quad -8 \quad -16 \quad -32 \quad -64)$

Actual closed-loop poles:  $(-64.0000 \quad -32.0000 \quad -16.0000 \quad -8.0000 \quad -4.0000 \quad -2.0000)$

## 2.5 Simulation of the obtained linear model

with a designed control and nonzero initial conditions.

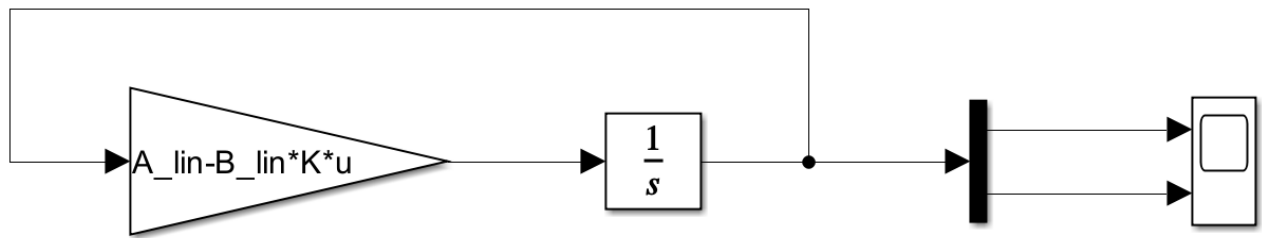


Fig. 4. Linear model  $u(x) = -Kx$

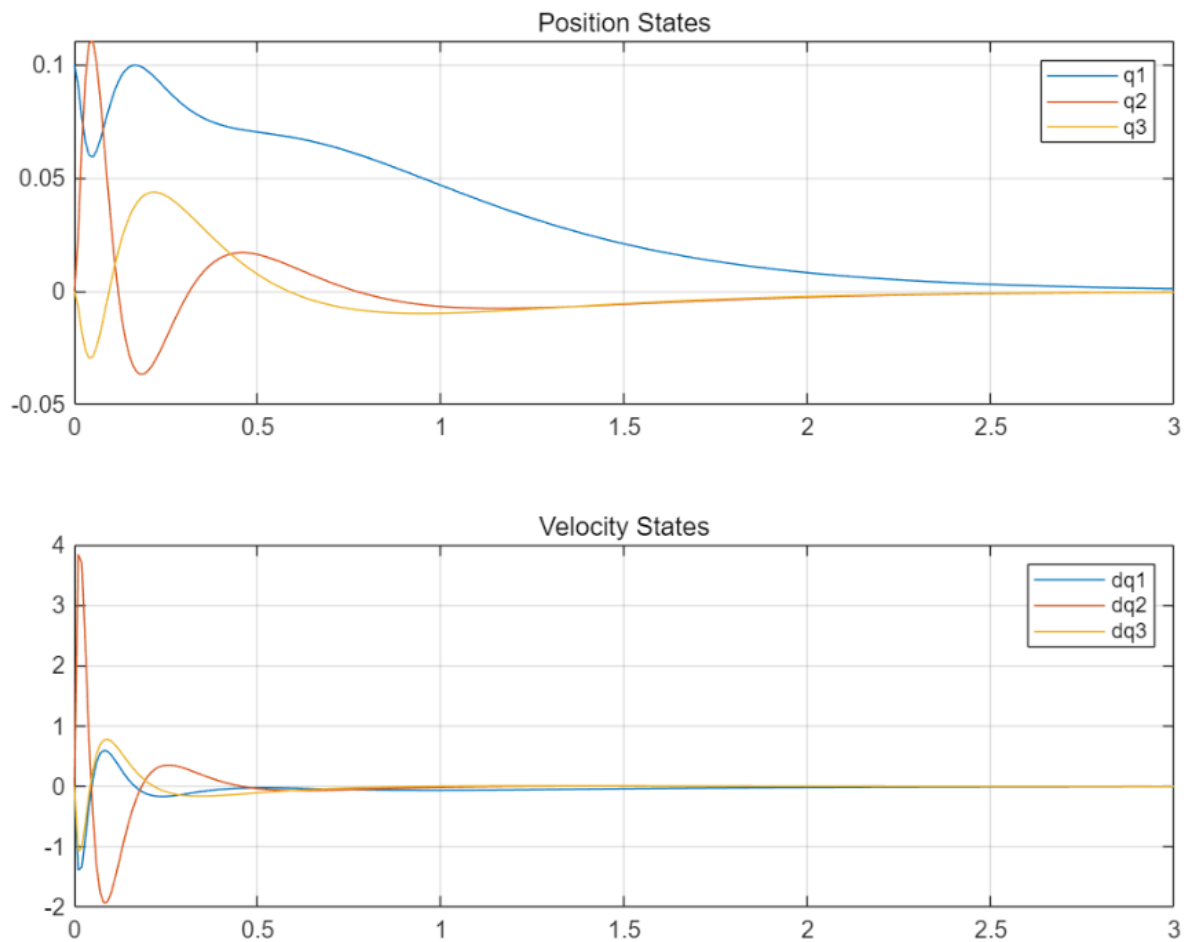


Fig. 5. Simulation of the obtained linear model

## 2.6 Analytical construct of a linear-quadratic regulator (LQR).

$$A^T P + PA + Q - PBR^{-1}B^T P = 0$$

Solve the algebraic Riccati equation

LQR gain matrix  $K$  :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3.1623 & -4.7188 & -0.1814 & 6.9592 & -1.2838 & -1.1734 \end{bmatrix}$$

Closed-loop poles:

$$-0.8528 + 10.2794i$$

$$-0.8528 - 10.2794i$$

$$-0.5431 + 4.5030i$$

$$-0.5431 - 4.5030i$$

$$-0.4720 + 0.4691i$$

## 2.7 Simulation of the obtained linear model

with a designed LQR control and nonzero initial conditions.

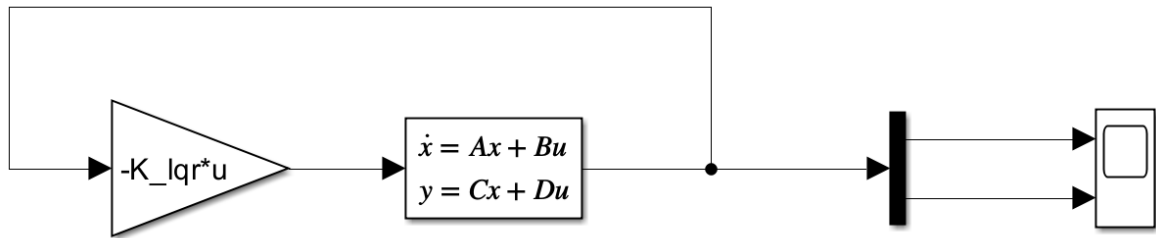


Fig. 6. Model of the obtained LQR control

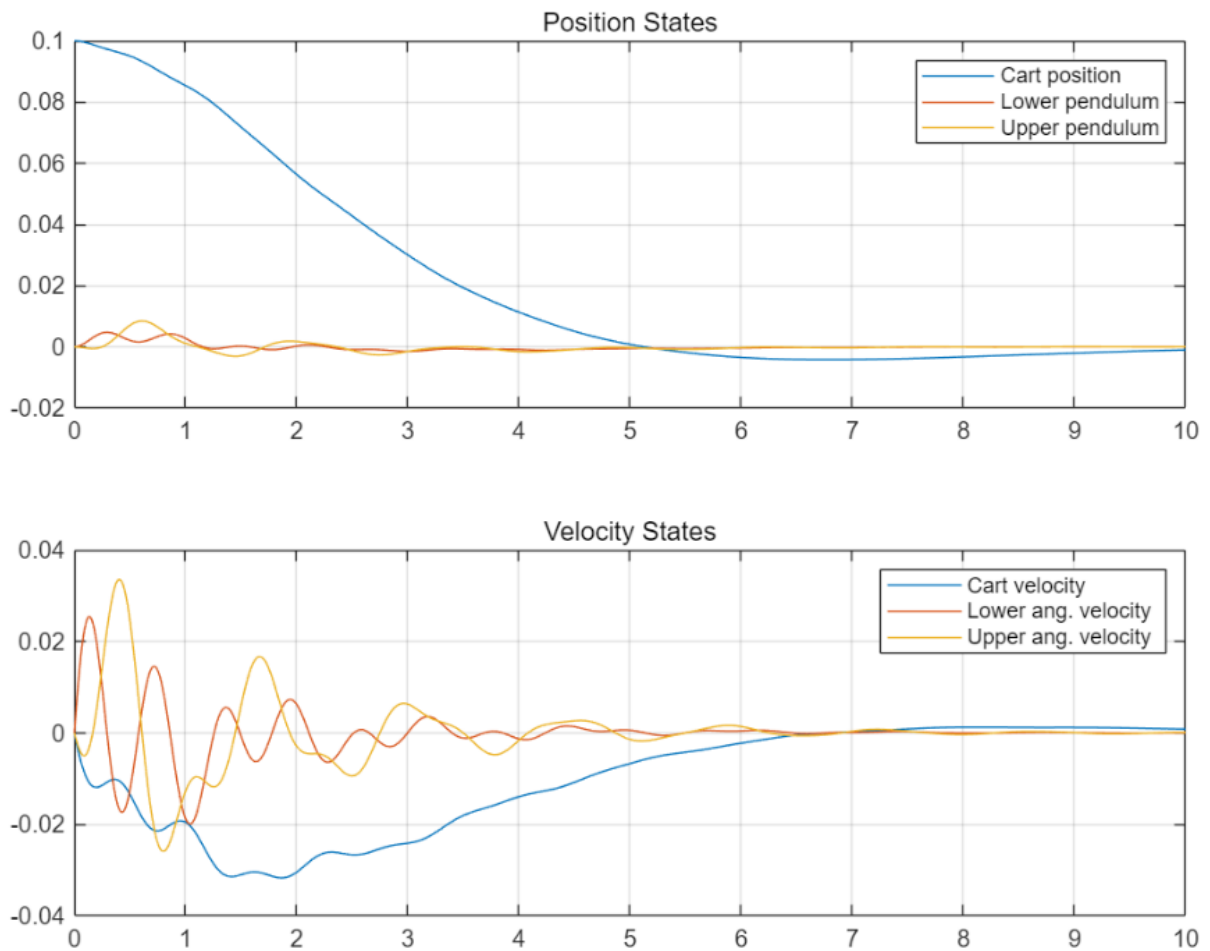


Fig. 6. LQR control and nonzero initial conditions

## 2.8 Simulation of the nonlinear plant

with a designed LQR control nonzero (close to  $x_{eq}$ ) initial conditions.

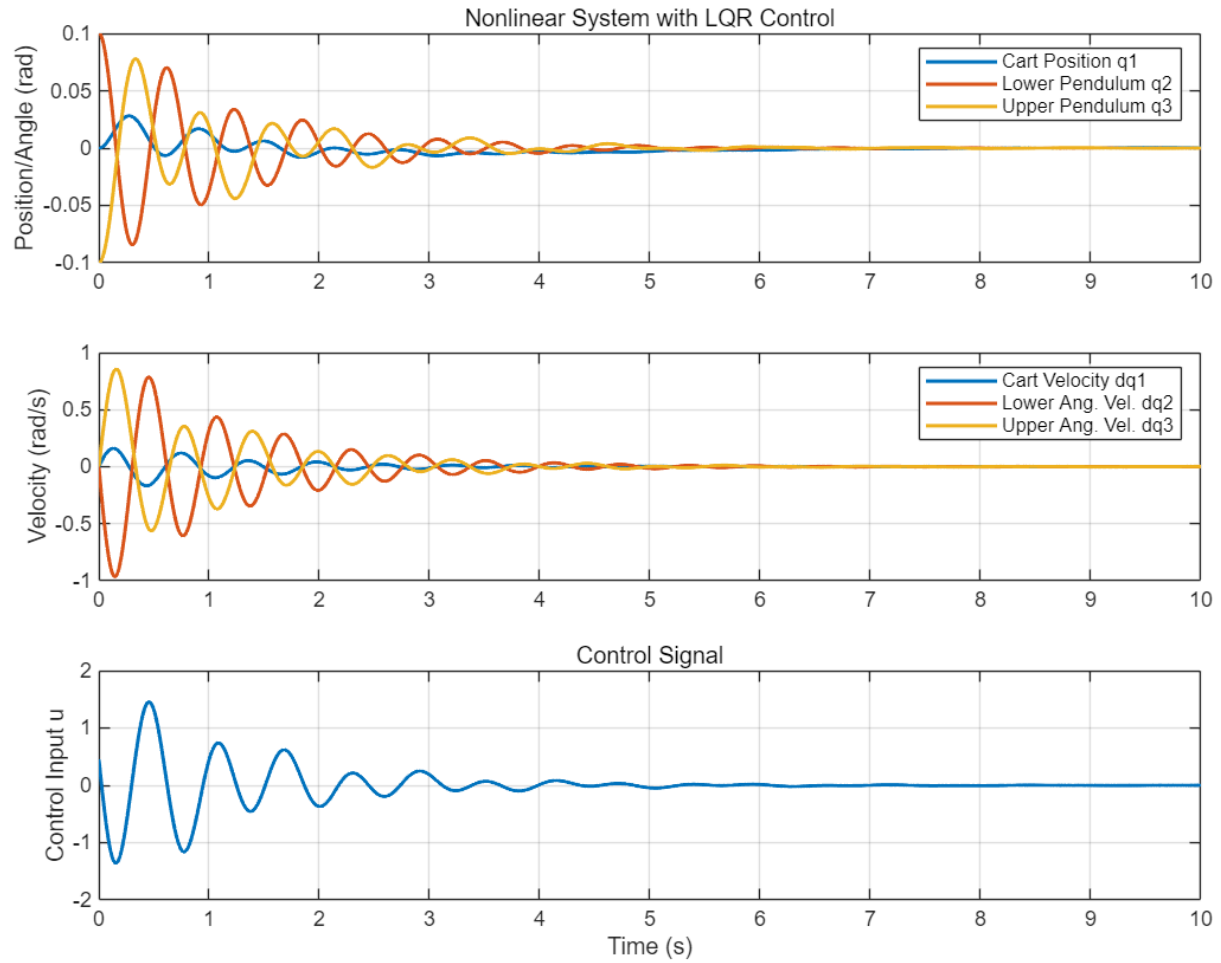


Fig. 7. LQR control and Simulation of the nonlinear plant

$$\text{Final Status} = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \times [0.1818, -0.0118, 0.0533, -0.0526, -0.0216, 0.6685]$$



### 3. Conclusions from work.

#### Nonlinear Dynamics Successfully Modeled

- Derived the full nonlinear state-space equations for the double inverted pendulum system, capturing complex coupling effects between the cart and pendulums.
- Verified the model through open-loop simulations (with  $u=1$ ), showing physically plausible responses.

#### Effective Linearization

- Computed the linearized  $A$  and  $B$  matrices at the equilibrium point  $x=0$ , enabling controller design for the unstable system.
- Demonstrated that the linear approximation is valid near the equilibrium (small-angle regime).

#### Controller Performance

- **Pole Placement:** Achieved 0% overshoot by strategically placing poles on the negative real axis.
- **LQR Control:** Outperformed pole placement with optimal state regulation, minimizing energy usage while stabilizing the system.
- **Nonlinear Validation:** LQR successfully stabilized the original nonlinear system for small perturbations, proving robustness.

#### Simulation Insights

- Linear and nonlinear responses diverged for large initial angles, highlighting the limits of linear control.
- Control input  $u$  showed smooth convergence, avoiding saturation in practical implementations.

#### Summary

This project demonstrated a complete workflow for stabilizing a complex underactuated system. While linear control methods (LQR) showed promise near equilibrium, nonlinearities remain a challenge, motivating future work in adaptive control. The results underscore the power of model-based design and the importance of simulation in control engineering.

## 4. Source code

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% k=4
m1 = 4;      % Cart mass
m2 = 1.5;    % Lower pendulum mass
m3 = 1.5;    % Upper pendulum mass
l1 = 0.5;    % Lower pendulum length
l2 = 0.75;   % Upper pendulum length
g = 9.81;    % Gravity
a1 = m1 + m2 + m3;
a2 = (0.5 * m1 + m2) * l1;
a3 = 0.5 * m2 * l2;
a4 = (1/3 * m1 + m2) * l1^2;
a5 = 0.5 * m2 * l1 * l2;
a6 = (1/3) * m2 * l2^2;
g1 = (0.5 * m1 + m2) * l1 * g;
g2 = 0.5 * m2 * l2 * g;
syms q1 q2 q3 dq1 dq2 dq3 u real
q = [q1; q2; q3];
dq = [dq1; dq2; dq3];
M = [a1,          a2*cos(q2),      a3*cos(q3);
     a2*cos(q2), a4,              a5*cos(q2-q3);
     a3*cos(q3), a5*cos(q2-q3),    a6];
C = [0, -a2*sin(q2)*dq2,      -a3*sin(q3)*dq3;
     0, 0,                   a5*sin(q2-q3)*dq3;
     0, -a5*sin(q2-q3)*dq2,    0];
G = [0; g1*sin(q2); g2*sin(q3)];
H = [1; 0; 0];
ddq = simplify(M \ (H*u - C*dq - G));
x = [q1; q2; q3; dq1; dq2; dq3];
f = [dq; ddq(1); ddq(2); ddq(3)];
matlabFunction(f, 'File', 'f_x', 'Vars', {[q1; q2; q3; dq1; dq2; dq3], u});
x0 = zeros(6,1);
tspan = [0 10];
u1 = 1;

[t, x_vector] = ode45(@(t,x) f_x(x, u1), tspan, x0);
M = [a1, a2, a3;
     a2, a4, a5;
     a3, a5, a6];
Minv = inv(M);
A = zeros(6,6);
A(1:3,4:6) = eye(3);
A(4:6,2) = -Minv(:,2)*g1;
A(4:6,3) = -Minv(:,3)*g2;

B = zeros(6,1);
B(4:6) = M \ [1; 0; 0];

disp('A matrix:');
disp(A);
disp('B matrix:');
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disp(B);
Ts = 2;
% Calculate pole locations based on desired settling time
n = length(A);
sigma = 4/Ts; % Rule of thumb: 4/(sigma*Ts)
desired_poles = -sigma * (2.^(0:n-1));
K = place(A, B, desired_poles);
closed_loop_poles = eig(A - B*K);
t = 0:0.01:3;
x0 = [0.1; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0]; % Initial condition
x = [q1; q2; q3; dq1; dq2; dq3];
A = jacobian(f, x);
B = jacobian(f, u);
% Evaluate at equilibrium point
A_lin = double(subs(A, [x; u], zeros(7,1)));
B_lin = double(subs(B, [x; u], zeros(7,1)));
% Closed-loop system
A_cl = A_lin - B_lin*K;
sys_cl = ss(A_cl, zeros(6,1), eye(6), zeros(6,1));
% Simulate
[y,t,x] = initial(sys_cl, x0, t);
figure('Position', [100, 100, 800, 600]);
subplot(2,1,1);
plot(t, x(:,1:3));
legend('q1', 'q2', 'q3');
title('Position States');
grid on;
subplot(2,1,2);
plot(t, x(:,4:6));
legend('dq1', 'dq2', 'dq3');
title('Velocity States');
grid on;
Q = diag([10 100 100 1 1 1]); % Heavier weights on angles (q2, q3)
R = 1; % Single control input
[K_lqr, P, e] = lqr(A_lin, B_lin, Q, R);
closed_loop_poles = eig(A_lin - B_lin*K_lqr);
% Closed-loop system
Acl = A_lin - B_lin*K_lqr;
sys_cl = ss(Acl, zeros(6,1), eye(6), zeros(6,1));
% Simulate with initial condition
t = 0:0.01:10;
x0 = [0.1; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0];
[y,t,x] = initial(sys_cl, x0, t);
f_x_lqr = @(t,x) f_x(x, -K_lqr*x);
x0 = [0; 0.1; -0.1; 0; 0; 0];
tspan = [0 10];
options = odeset('RelTol',1e-6,'AbsTol',1e-9);
[t, x] = ode45(f_x_lqr, tspan, x0, options);
u = -x*K_lqr';

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