Ch9: Centralized Control - Position Control

Introduction

Closed-loop Dynamic Equation

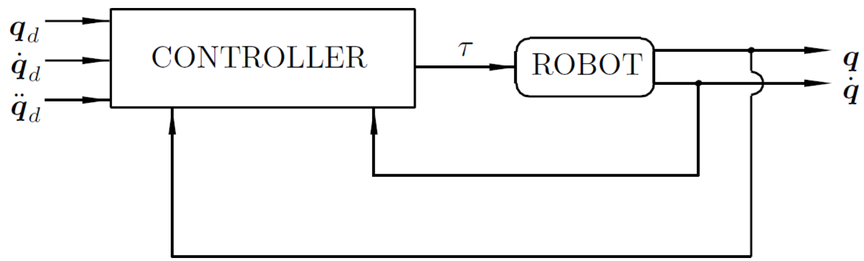
Consider the dynamic model of an n-DOF open-chain manipulator with no friction at the joints and no external force at the end-effector.

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d}{dt}\begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{q}\\ \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\\ \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})^{-1}[\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})]\end{bmatrix}$$

(state-space form)

In general, a position/motion **Control Law** (**Controller**) with desired joint position $\boldsymbol{q}_d(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, velocity $\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and acceleration $\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be expressed as a nonlinear function $\boldsymbol{\tau}_c$ as

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_c\big(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}, \boldsymbol{q}_d, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d, \ddot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d, \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q}), \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}), \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})\big)$$



Note: For practical purposes, it is desirable that the controller $\boldsymbol{\tau}_c$ does not depend on the joint acceleration $\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}}$ since computing or measuring acceleration is usually highly sensitive to noise.

Closed-loop Dynamic Equation (cont.)

Thus, the **closed-loop dynamic equation** is derived as

$$\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{\tau}_c\big(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}},\boldsymbol{q}_d,\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d,\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d,\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q}),\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}),\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})\big)$$

or in the state-space form as

$$\frac{d}{dt}\begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{q}\\ \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d - \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\end{bmatrix} = \boldsymbol{f}\big(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}},\boldsymbol{q}_d,\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d,\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d,\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q}),\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}),\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})\big)$$

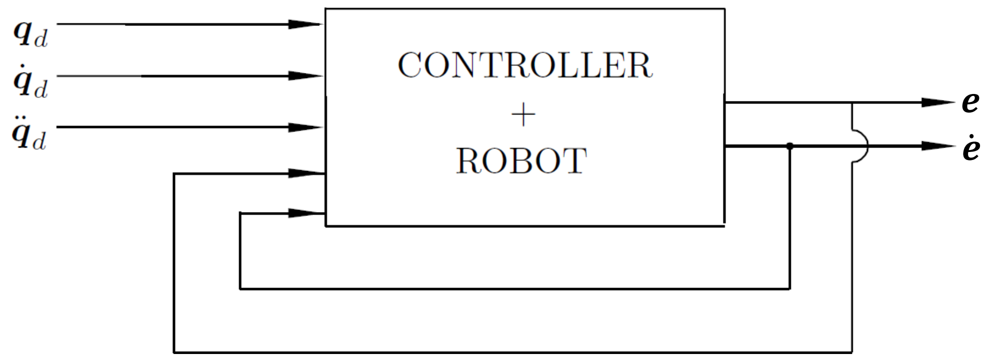
$\boldsymbol{e} = \boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{q} \in \mathbb{R}^n,$

$\dot{\boldsymbol{e}} = \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d - \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} \in \mathbb{R}^n,$

and by replacing $\boldsymbol{q}$ with $\boldsymbol{q}_d(t) - \boldsymbol{e}$ and $\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}$ with $\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d(t) - \dot{\boldsymbol{e}}$ in $\boldsymbol{f}$:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{e}\\ \dot{\boldsymbol{e}}\end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\boldsymbol{f}}(t,\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{e}})$$

In general, a nonautonomous nonlinear ODE when $\boldsymbol{q}_d = \boldsymbol{q}_d(t)$.

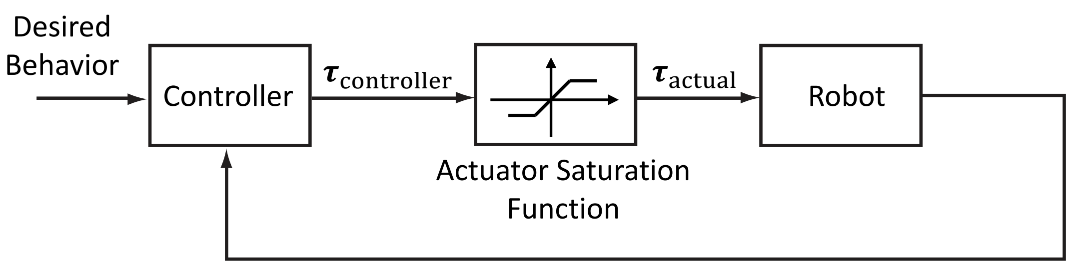


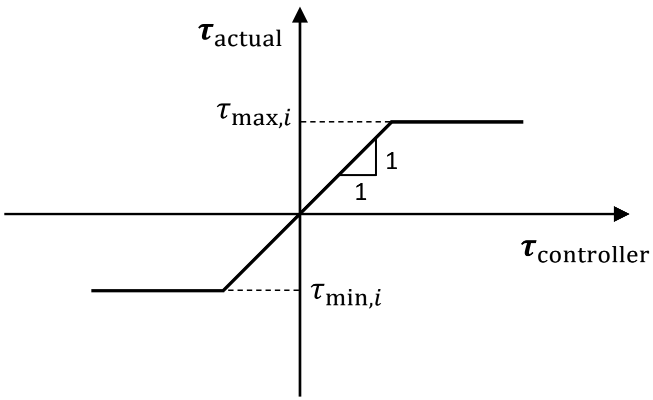
Actuator Saturation

In some controllers, choosing large values for the control parameters causes a large (initial) control torque which is beyond the robot actuators capacity which are limited by maximum and minimum allowable values $\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{max}}$, $\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{min}}$. Therefore, the control parameters should be chosen properly.

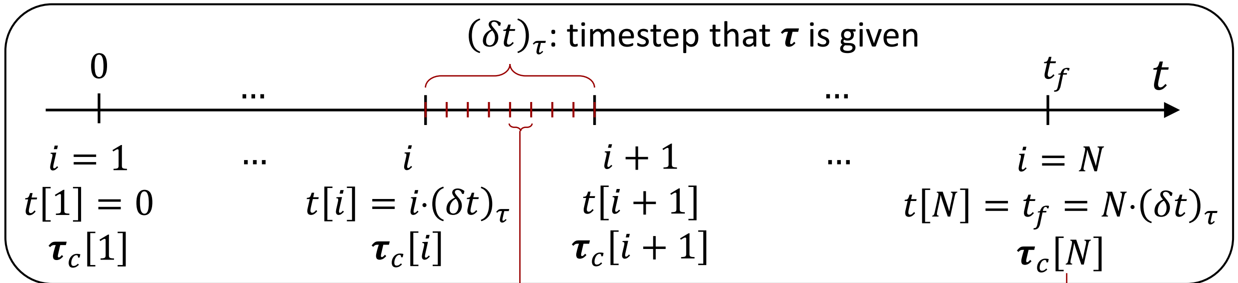
To consider the actuator saturation limits in the simulation, we add a saturation function as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{actual}} = \text{sat}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{controller}})$$





Pseudocode for Controllers



$(\delta t)_{\ddot{\theta}} = (\delta t)_\tau / n_{\text{res}}$: timestep for motion simulation and computing $\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$.
n_{res}: Integration resolution.

N: Number of samples

$(\delta t)_\tau, (\delta t)_{\ddot{\theta}} \in \mathbb{R}^+$

Given $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{\text{tip}}[i]$ $(i = 1, \dots, N)$
Set $\boldsymbol{\theta}[1] = \boldsymbol{\theta}(0)$, $\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}[1] = \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(0)$, $\boldsymbol{e}_{\text{int}} = \boldsymbol{0}$
Set $\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \boldsymbol{\theta}[1]$, $\dot{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}[1]$
For $i = 1$ to $N - 1$
  $\left[\boldsymbol{\theta}_d[i], \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_d[i]\right] = \text{trajectory}(t[i] = i \cdot (\delta t)_\tau, \dots)$
  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_c[i] = \text{controller}\left(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \dot{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_d[i], \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_d[i], \ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_d[i], \boldsymbol{e}_{\text{int}}, \dots\right)$
  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_c[i] = \text{sat}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_c[i])$
  For $j = 1$ to n_{res}
    $\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \text{ForwardDynamics}\left(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \dot{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}, \boldsymbol{\tau}_c[i], \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{\text{tip}}[i]\right)$
    $\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \dot{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} \cdot (\delta t)_{\ddot{\theta}}$
    $\dot{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} = \dot{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} + \ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \cdot (\delta t)_{\ddot{\theta}}$
  end
$\boldsymbol{e}_{\text{int}} = \boldsymbol{e}_{\text{int}} + (\delta t)_\tau (\boldsymbol{\theta}_d[i] - \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ % error integral
$\boldsymbol{\theta}[i+1] = \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$
$\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}[i+1] = \dot{\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}$
end

First-order Euler Integration
(we can also use any other ODE solver like **ode45** which is based on an explicit **Runge-Kutta** (4,5) formula)

Position Control

Position Control Objective

Given a desired constant joint position (set-point reference) $\boldsymbol{q}_d \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we wish to find joint torques/forces $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that the joint position $\boldsymbol{q}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ tend to $\boldsymbol{q}_d$ accurately:

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} \boldsymbol{q}(t) = \boldsymbol{q}_d \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{t\to\infty} \boldsymbol{e}(t) = \boldsymbol{0}$$

$$\boldsymbol{e}(t) = \boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{q}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

position error

The most common position controllers:

- PD Control (or P Control Plus Velocity Feedback)
- PD Control with Gravity Compensation
- PD Control with Desired Gravity Compensation
- PID Control

PD Control

PD Control

(or P Control Plus Velocity Feedback)

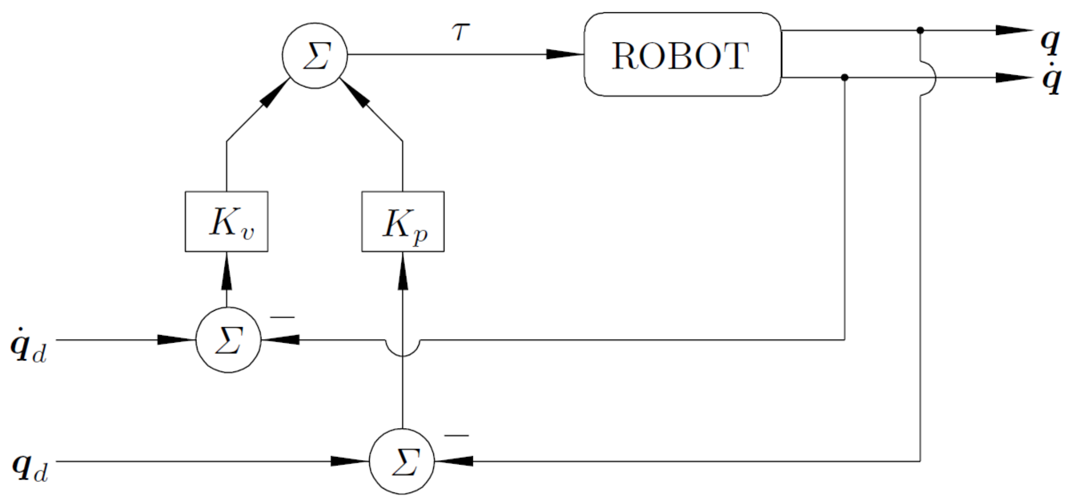
The PD (Proportional Derivative) control law is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{K}_p \boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{K}_v \dot{\boldsymbol{e}} \xrightarrow[\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d = 0]{\text{Since } \boldsymbol{q}_d = \text{constant}} \boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{K}_p \boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{K}_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{e} = \boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{q}$$

$\boldsymbol{K}_p, \boldsymbol{K}_v \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ are symmetric positive definite matrices. If $\boldsymbol{K}_p = \mathrm{diag}\{K_{p,i}\}$, $\boldsymbol{K}_v = \mathrm{diag}\{K_{v,i}\}$, the controller is called PD Independent Joint Control.

This controller is the simplest (linear) controller that may be used to control robot manipulators.



PD Control

The closed-loop dynamic equation is derived as

$$\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{K}_v\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{e}\\ \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}-\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\\ \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})^{-1}\left(\boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{K}_v\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})\right)\end{bmatrix} = \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) \quad (*) \qquad \boldsymbol{q} = \boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{e}$$

The system is **autonomous** because $\boldsymbol{q}_d$ is constant.

Note: In general, this system may have several equilibrium points, and the origin $(\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ is not necessarily an equilibrium point.

$$\boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} = \boldsymbol{0}, \qquad \boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{e}) = \boldsymbol{0}$$

Note: If the manipulator model does not include the gravitational torques term $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})$ (e.g., those which move only on the horizontal plane), then the only equilibrium is the origin $(\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$.

PD Control
(when $g(q) = 0$)

To study the stability of the equilibrium we can use Lyapunov's direct method and LaSalle's Theorem to show asymptotic stability of the origin $(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0}$.

Consider a Lyapunov function candidate as $V(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^T \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{e}^T \boldsymbol{K}_p \boldsymbol{e} > 0$ (PD)

Kinetic energy of the arm

$\forall \boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} \neq \boldsymbol{0}$

$$\dot{V}(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^T \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \frac{1}{2}\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^T \dot{\boldsymbol{M}}(\boldsymbol{q})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{e}^T \boldsymbol{K}_p \dot{\boldsymbol{e}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} = \boldsymbol{K}_p \boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{K}_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}, \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{e}} = -\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} \qquad (*)$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^T \left[\frac{1}{2}\dot{\boldsymbol{M}} - \boldsymbol{C}\right]\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} = \boldsymbol{0}$$ (Property of dynamic model)

$$\dot{V}(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = -\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^T \boldsymbol{K}_v \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} \leq 0 \quad \text{(NSD)}$$

Equilibrium Point Theorem → The origin $(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0}$ is (globally) stable and the solutions $\boldsymbol{e}(t)$ and $\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}(t)$ are bounded.

PD Control
(when $g(q) = 0$)

Now, we use LaSalle (invariant set) theorem to analyze the global asymptotic stability of the origin.

$$R = \left\{(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n} : \dot{V}(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = 0\right\}$$

$(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \mathbf{0}$ is the largest invariant set in R

$\Rightarrow$ The origin $(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \mathbf{0}$ is globally asymptotically stable for any initial condition $\boldsymbol{q}(0), \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}(0) \in \mathbb{R}^{\boldsymbol{n}}$:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \boldsymbol{e}(t) = \mathbf{0} \qquad \lim_{t \to \infty} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}(t) = \mathbf{0}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Thus, the control objective is achieved.

Note: Friction at the joints may also affect the position error.

PD Control (when $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) \neq \mathbf{0}$)

The study of unicity of the equilibrium and boundedness of solutions for a control system under PD control when $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) \neq \mathbf{0}$ is somewhat more complex than when $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \mathbf{0}$.

For robots with only revolute joints, we can prove that

- For <u>any</u> $\boldsymbol{K}_p = \boldsymbol{K}_p^T > 0$, $\boldsymbol{K}_v = \boldsymbol{K}_v^T > 0$, it is guaranteed that $\boldsymbol{e}(t)$ and $\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}(t)$ are bounded for all initial conditions. Moreover, $\lim_{t\to\infty} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}(t) = \mathbf{0}$ (it does not guarantee $\lim_{t\to\infty} \boldsymbol{q}(t) = \boldsymbol{q}_d$ or even $\lim_{t\to\infty} \boldsymbol{q}(t) = \text{constant}$).
- By choosing $\boldsymbol{K}_p$ sufficiently large, e.g., $\lambda_{\min}(\boldsymbol{K}_p) > n \cdot \left(\max_{i,j,q} \left|\frac{\partial g_i(\boldsymbol{q})}{\partial \boldsymbol{q}_j}\right|\right)$, then the closed-loop equation has a unique equilibrium (but not necessarily at origin).
- The error bound decreases, as $K_{v,i}$ become larger (in case $\boldsymbol{K}_v = \text{diag}\{K_{v,i}\}$), however, large $K_{v,i}$ can saturate the robot actuators.

$\Rightarrow$ Thus, the control objective <u>cannot</u> be achieved using PD control <u>unless</u> the desired position $\boldsymbol{q}_d$ is such that $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}_d) = \mathbf{0}$ (i.e., the origin $(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \mathbf{0}$ is an equilibrium).

Note: Friction at the joints may also affect the position error.

PD Control with Gravity Compensation

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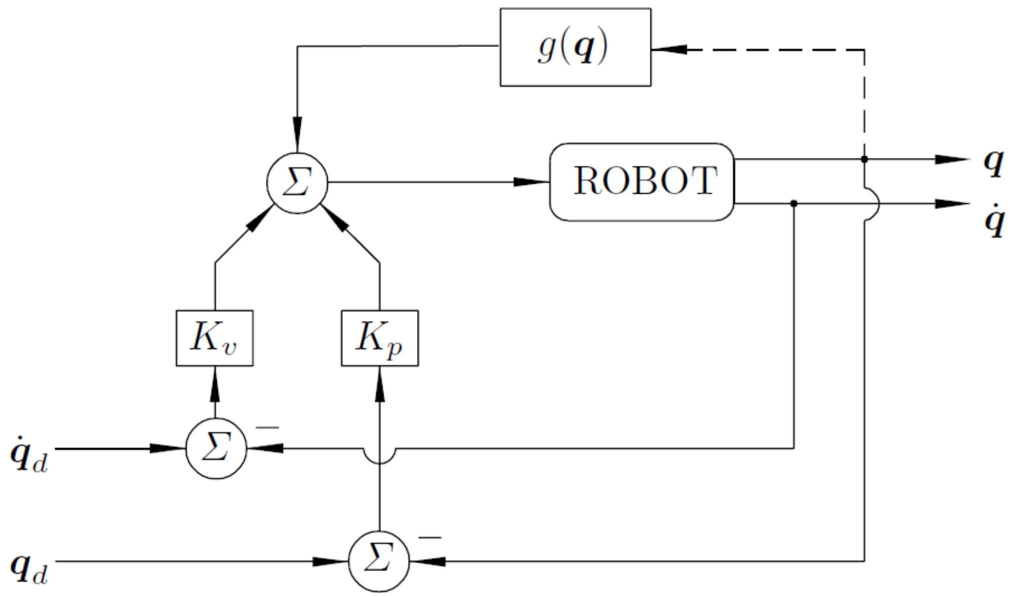
The PD control law with gravity compensation is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{K}_v\dot{\boldsymbol{e}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) \xrightarrow[\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_d = 0]{\text{Since } \boldsymbol{q}_d = \text{constant}} \boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{K}_v\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})$$

$\boldsymbol{K}_p, \boldsymbol{K}_v \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ are symmetric positive definite matrices.

$$\boldsymbol{e} = \boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{q}$$



PD Control with Gravity Compensation

The closed-loop dynamic equation is derived as

$$\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{K}_v\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{e}\\ \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}-\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\\ \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})^{-1}\left(\boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{K}_v\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\right)\end{bmatrix} = \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) \qquad \boldsymbol{q} = \boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{e}$$

The system is **autonomous**, and the origin $(\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ is the only equilibrium point.

Note: Using the same proof given for PD Control when $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{0}$, we can show that the origin $(\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0}$ is <u>globally asymptotically stable</u> for any initial condition $\boldsymbol{q}(0),\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}(0) \in \mathbb{R}^{\boldsymbol{n}}$:

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} \boldsymbol{e}(t) = \boldsymbol{0} \qquad \lim_{t\to\infty} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}(t) = \boldsymbol{0}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Thus, the position control objective is achieved.

Note: Friction at the joints may also affect the position error.

PD Control with Desired Gravity Compensation

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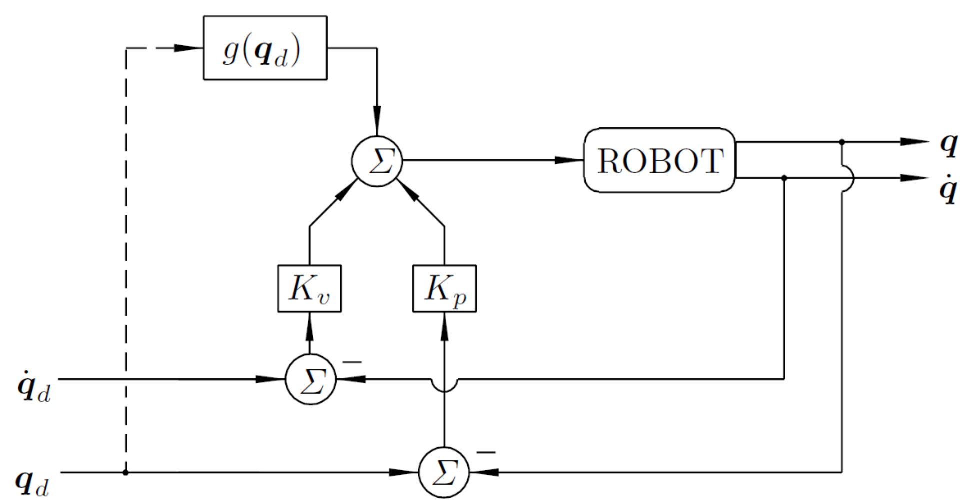
Implementation of the PD control with gravity compensation requires **on-line** computation of $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})$. However, since the elements of $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})$ involve trigonometric functions of $\boldsymbol{q}$, its real time computation take a longer time than the computation of the 'PD-part' of the control law, especially in high sampling frequency applications. A solution is using **PD Control with Desired Gravity Compensation** which requires only **off-line** computation of $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}_d)$:

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{K}_v\dot{\boldsymbol{e}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}_d) \qquad \boldsymbol{e} = \boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{q}$$

$\boldsymbol{K}_p, \boldsymbol{K}_v \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ are symmetric positive definite matrices.



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$$\boldsymbol{q} = \boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{e}$$

The system is **autonomous** (since $\boldsymbol{q}_d$ is constant), and in general, may have multiple equilibria which the origin $(\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ is always one of them:

$$\boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} = \boldsymbol{0}, \qquad \boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{e}) + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}_d) = \boldsymbol{0}$$

PD Control with Desired Gravity Compensation

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- By choosing $\boldsymbol{K}_p$ sufficiently large, e.g., $\lambda_{\min}(\boldsymbol{K}_p) > n \cdot \left(\max_{i,j,q} \left| \frac{\partial g_i(\boldsymbol{q})}{\partial \boldsymbol{q}_j} \right| \right)$, then the closed-loop equation has a unique equilibrium at origin $(\boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \mathbf{0}$ and it is globally asymptotically stable.

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} \boldsymbol{e}(t) = \mathbf{0} \qquad \lim_{t\to\infty} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}(t) = \mathbf{0}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Thus, the position control objective is achieved.

Note: Friction at the joints may also affect the position error.

PID Control

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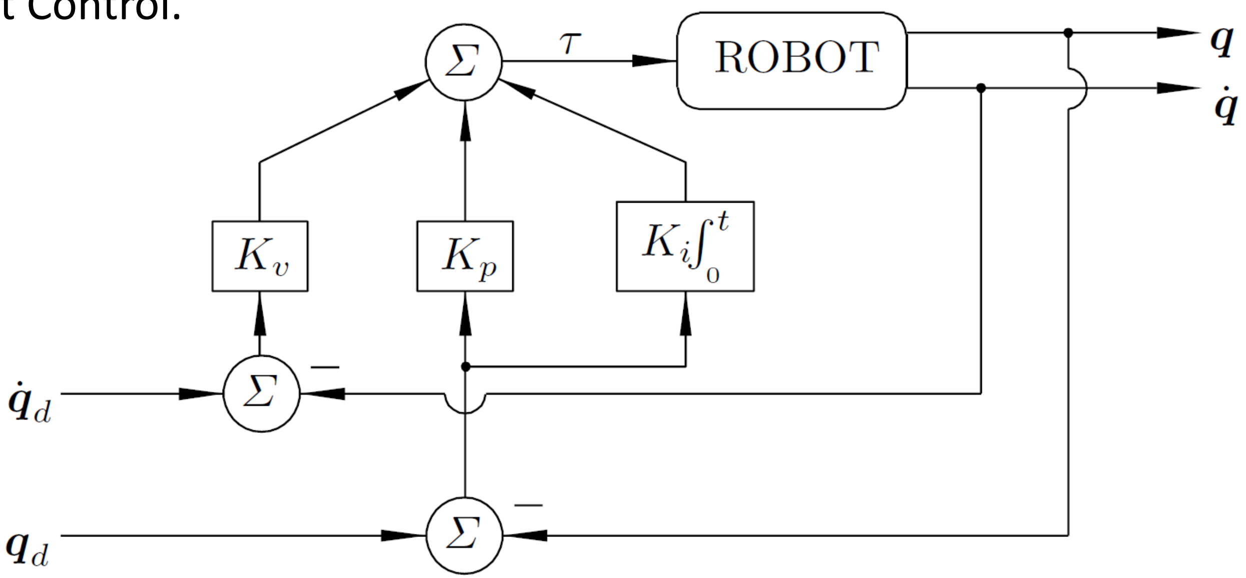
The PID (Proportional Integral Derivative) control law is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{K}_p \boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{K}_v \dot{\boldsymbol{e}} + \boldsymbol{K}_i \int_0^t \boldsymbol{e}(\tau) d\tau \qquad \boldsymbol{e} = \boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{q}$$

$\boldsymbol{K}_p, \boldsymbol{K}_v, \boldsymbol{K}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ (position, velocity, and integral gains) are symmetric positive definite matrices. If $\boldsymbol{K}_p = \mathrm{diag}\{K_{p,i}\}$, $\boldsymbol{K}_v = \mathrm{diag}\{K_{v,i}\}$, $\boldsymbol{K}_i = \mathrm{diag}\{K_{i,i}\}$, the controller is called PID Independent Joint Control.



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$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{K}_v\dot{\boldsymbol{e}} + \boldsymbol{K}_i\boldsymbol{\xi} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}} = \boldsymbol{e} \end{cases}$$

$$\boldsymbol{q} = \boldsymbol{q}_d - \boldsymbol{e}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi} \\ \boldsymbol{e} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{e} \\ -\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} \\ \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})^{-1}\left(\boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{K}_v\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{K}_i\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})\right) \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{point}]{\text{equilibrium}} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{K}_i^{-1}\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}_d) \\ \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

Translating this equilibrium point to the origin via a suitable change of variable:

$$\boldsymbol{z} = \boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{K}_i^{-1}\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}_d)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{z} \\ \boldsymbol{e} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{e} \\ -\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} \\ \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q})^{-1}\left(\boldsymbol{K}_p\boldsymbol{e} - \boldsymbol{K}_v\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{K}_i\boldsymbol{z} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}_d) - \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q})\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

The system is **autonomous,** and its unique equilibrium is the origin $(\boldsymbol{z},\boldsymbol{e},\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{3n}$.

PID Control: Tuning Method

For robots with only revolute joints, we can prove that the symmetric positive definite matrices $\boldsymbol{K}_p, \boldsymbol{K}_i, \boldsymbol{K}_v$ which satisfy the following relations can only guarantee achievement of the position control objective by making the origin $(\boldsymbol{z}, \boldsymbol{e}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \boldsymbol{0}$ locally asymptotically stable (i.e., if $\boldsymbol{e}(t)$, $\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}(t)$ are "sufficiently small", $\lim_{t \to \infty} \boldsymbol{e}(t) = \boldsymbol{0}$).

$$\lambda_{\max}\{\boldsymbol{K}_i\} \geq \lambda_{\min}\{\boldsymbol{K}_i\} > 0$$
$$\lambda_{\max}\{\boldsymbol{K}_p\} \geq \lambda_{\min}\{\boldsymbol{K}_p\} > n \cdot k_g$$
$$\lambda_{\max}\{\boldsymbol{K}_v\} \geq \lambda_{\min}\{\boldsymbol{K}_v\} > \frac{\lambda_{\max}\{\boldsymbol{K}_i\}}{\lambda_{\min}\{\boldsymbol{K}_p\} - k_g} \cdot \frac{\lambda_{\max}^2(\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q}))}{\lambda_{\min}(\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q}))}$$

$$k_g = \max_{i,j,q} \left| \frac{\partial g_i(\boldsymbol{q})}{\partial \boldsymbol{q}_j} \right|$$

Note: A system with $\boldsymbol{K}_p, \boldsymbol{K}_i, \boldsymbol{K}_v$ parameters which satisfy these relations does not necessarily achieve a proper settling time. It is possible to find a set of the symmetric PD matrices $\boldsymbol{K}_p, \boldsymbol{K}_i, \boldsymbol{K}_v$ which achieve a small settling time, while violating these relations.