MEAM 520 Project I: PUMA Dance

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Homework 4: Forward Kinematics and DH Parameters

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This paper-based assignment is due on **Thursday**, **September 26**, **by midnight (11:59:59 p.m.)** You should aim to turn it in during class that day. If you don't finish until later in the day, you can turn it in to Professor Kuchenbecker's office, Towne 224, in the bin or under the door. Late submissions will be accepted until Sunday, September 29, by midnight (11:59:59 p.m.), but they will be penalized by 10% for each partial or full day late, up to 30%. After the late deadline, no further assignments may be submitted.

You may talk with other students about this assignment, ask the teaching team questions, use a calculator and other tools, and consult outside sources such as the Internet. To help you actually learn the material, what you write down should be your own work, not copied from any other individual or a solution manual. Any submissions suspected of violating Penn's Code of Academic Integrity will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct. If you get stuck, post a question on Piazza or go to office hours!

These problems are adapted from the printed version of the textbook, *Robot Modeling and Control* by Spong, Hutchinson, and Vidyasagar (SHV). Please follow the extra clarifications and instructions when provided. Write in pencil, show your work clearly, box your answers, and staple together all pages of your assignment. This assignment is worth a total of 20 points.

1. Custom problem – Kinematics of Baxter (2 points)
Rethink Robotics sells a two-armed manufacturing robot named Baxter. Watch YouTube videos of Baxter (e.g., http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjPFqkFyrOY) to learn about its kinematics. Draw a schematic of the serial kinematic chain of Baxter's left arm (the one the woman is touching in the picture below.) Use the book's conventions for how to draw revolute and prismatic joints in 3D.



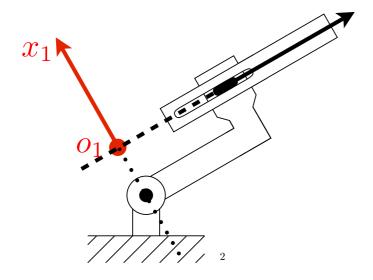
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Homework 4 has been graded.

- 2. Custom Problem DH Convention (2 points)
 Describing a rigid-body transformation in three dimensions generally requires six numbers. Why then are only four DH parameters (a, α, d, θ) needed to describe link i's pose relative to link i-1 in a serial manipulator? Be precise.
- 3. Custom Problem Interpreting a Transformation Matrix (2 points) Equation (3.24) on page 93 of SHV gives the SCARA manipulator's T_4^0 transformation matrix. What is the practical (geometric) meaning of each of the four columns of this matrix? Note that Figure 3.11 shows frame $o_0x_0y_0z_0$ in the wrong location; it should be translated up along the z_0 axis until x_0 lies along the horizontal line that goes toward joint 1. Keep the intuitive meaning of the elements of these matrices in your mind as you solve the remaining problems in this assignment.

Do the following steps for each of the next three problems:

- Draw a schematic of the robot in its zero configuration.
- Draw your frames on the diagram, following the DH convention.
- Use a superscript star, e.g., θ_1^* , to denote all joint variables.
- Use an arrow labeled with the joint variable name to mark the positive direction for all joint variables on the diagram.
- Use your diagram to create a table of DH parameters for the manipulator.
- Label all DH parameters that you introduce on the diagram.
- Calculate the final transformation matrix.
- Check your work by examining the final transformation matrix to determine whether it gives the
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- 5. SHV 3-7, page 113 Forward Kinematics of the Three-Link Cartesian Robot (4 points) Use the depicted pose as the zero configuration.
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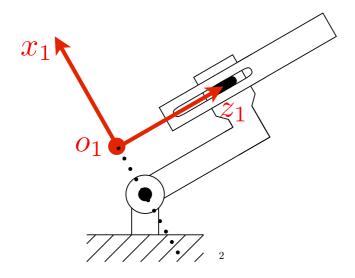
Common mistakes:

- Drawing Baxter wrong.
- Answering Q3 generically instead of for SCARA.
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- Not marking full extent of dimensions on diagrams.
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Homework 5: PUMA 260

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September 26, 2013

This assignment is due on **Tuesday, October 1, by midnight (11:59:59 p.m.)** Your code should be submitted via email according to the instructions at the end of this document. Late submissions will be accepted until Thursday, October 3, by midnight (11:59:59 p.m.), but they will be penalized by 10% for each partial or full day late, up to 20%. After the late deadline, no further assignments may be submitted.

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Individual vs. Pair Programming

We encourage you to do this assignment with a partner. If you prefer, you may also do this assignment individually. If you do this homework with a partner, you may work with anyone you choose, even someone with substantial MATLAB experience. If you are looking for a partner, consider using the "Search for Teammates!" tool on Piazza.

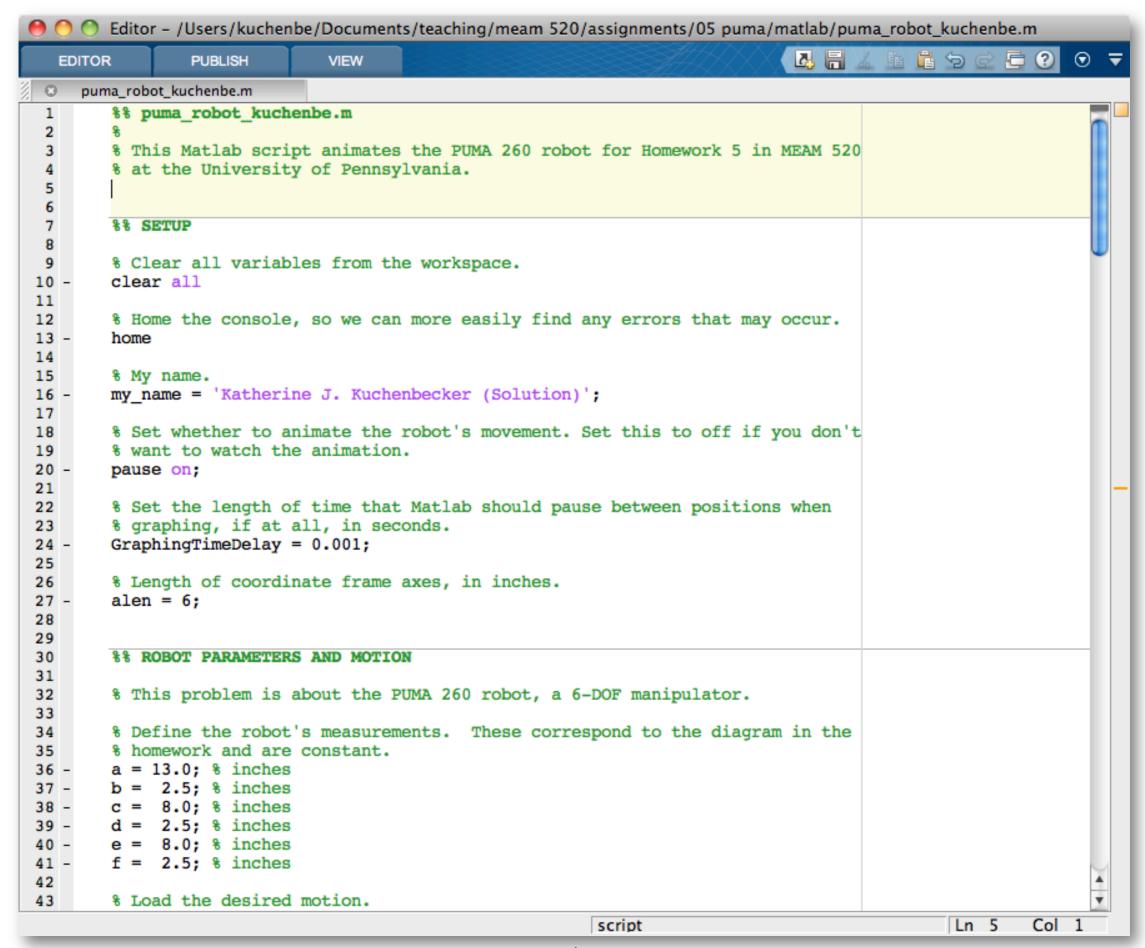
If you are in a pair, you should work closely with your partner throughout this assignment, following the paradigm of pair programming. You will turn in one MATLAB script for which you are both jointly responsible, and you will both receive the same grade. Please follow these pair programming guidelines, which were adapted from "All I really need to know about pair programming I learned in kindergarten," by Williams and Kessler, Communications of the ACM, May 2000:

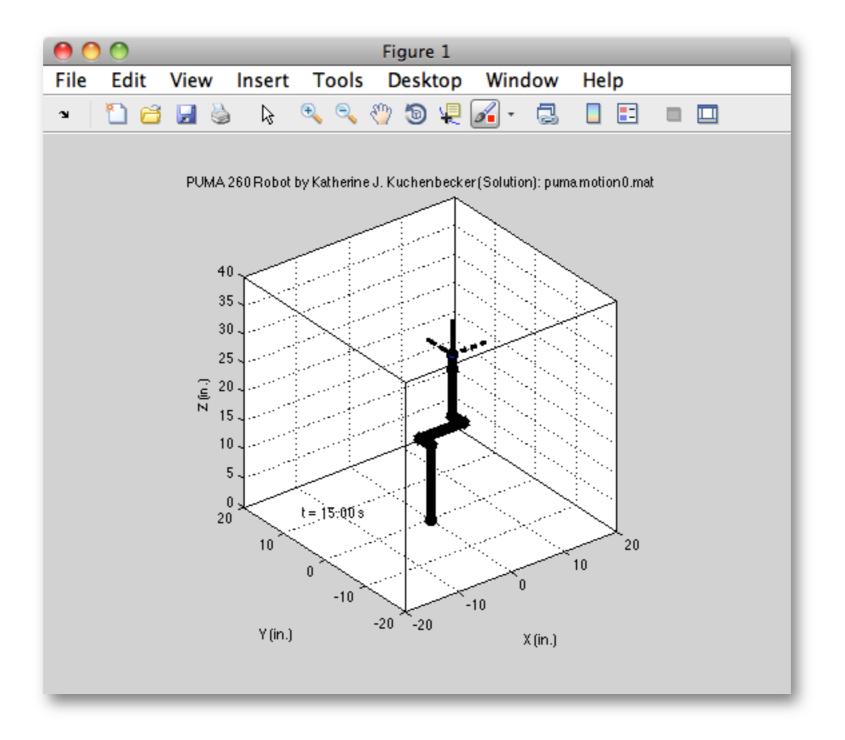
- Start with a good attitude, setting aside any skepticism and expecting to jell with your partner.
- Don't start writing code alone. Arrange a meeting with your partner as soon as you can.
- Use just one computer, and sit side by side; a desktop computer with a large monitor is better for this than a laptop. Make sure both partners can see the screen.
- At each instant, one partner should be driving (using the mouse and keyboard or recording design ideas) while the other is continuously reviewing the work (thinking and making suggestions).
- Change driving/reviewing roles at least every thirty minutes, even if one partner is much more experienced than the other. You may want to set a timer to help you remember to switch.
- If you notice a bug in the code your partner is typing, wait until they finish the line to correct them.
- $\bullet\,$ Stay focused and on-task the whole time you are working together.
- Recognize that pair programming usually takes more effort than programming alone, but it produces better code, deeper learning, and a more positive experience for the participants.
- Take a break periodically to refresh your perspective.
- Share responsibility for your project; avoid blaming either partner for challenges you run into.

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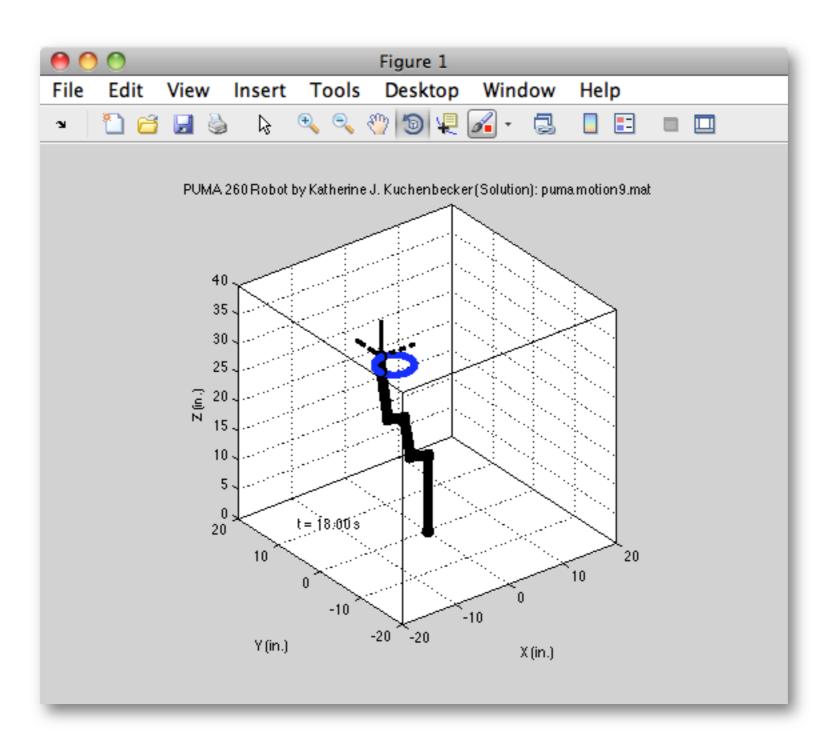
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My solution for Homework 5





Questions?



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Trajectory Planning Questions

I. The equation $q(t)=a_0+a_1t$ defines a line. Solve for the coefficients a_0 and a_1 that satisfy the initial and final position constraints of $q(t_0)=q_0$ and $q(t_f)=q_f$.

2. We discussed using linear algebra to solve for the coefficients of the cubic polynomial that satisfies the specified conditions. Will there always be a solution? If no, when does it fail?

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ v_0 \\ q_f \\ v_f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & t_0^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_0 & 3t_0^2 \\ 1 & t_f & t_f^2 & t_f^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_f & 3t_f^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. For which of the five trajectory types can q leave the interval between q_0 and q_f for the time span $t_0 \le t \le t_f$? Explain.

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4. Why would one ever use a line or a cubic polynomial instead of a quintic polynomial?

5. How does the idea of sequencing low-order polynomials such as cubics through multiple via points relate to LSPB and Bang-Bang trajectories?

6. Set up the equations to solve for all the coefficients of a general LSPB given initial time t_0 , final time t_f , initial position t_f , initial position t_f , initial velocity t_f , final velocity t_f , and blend duration t_f .

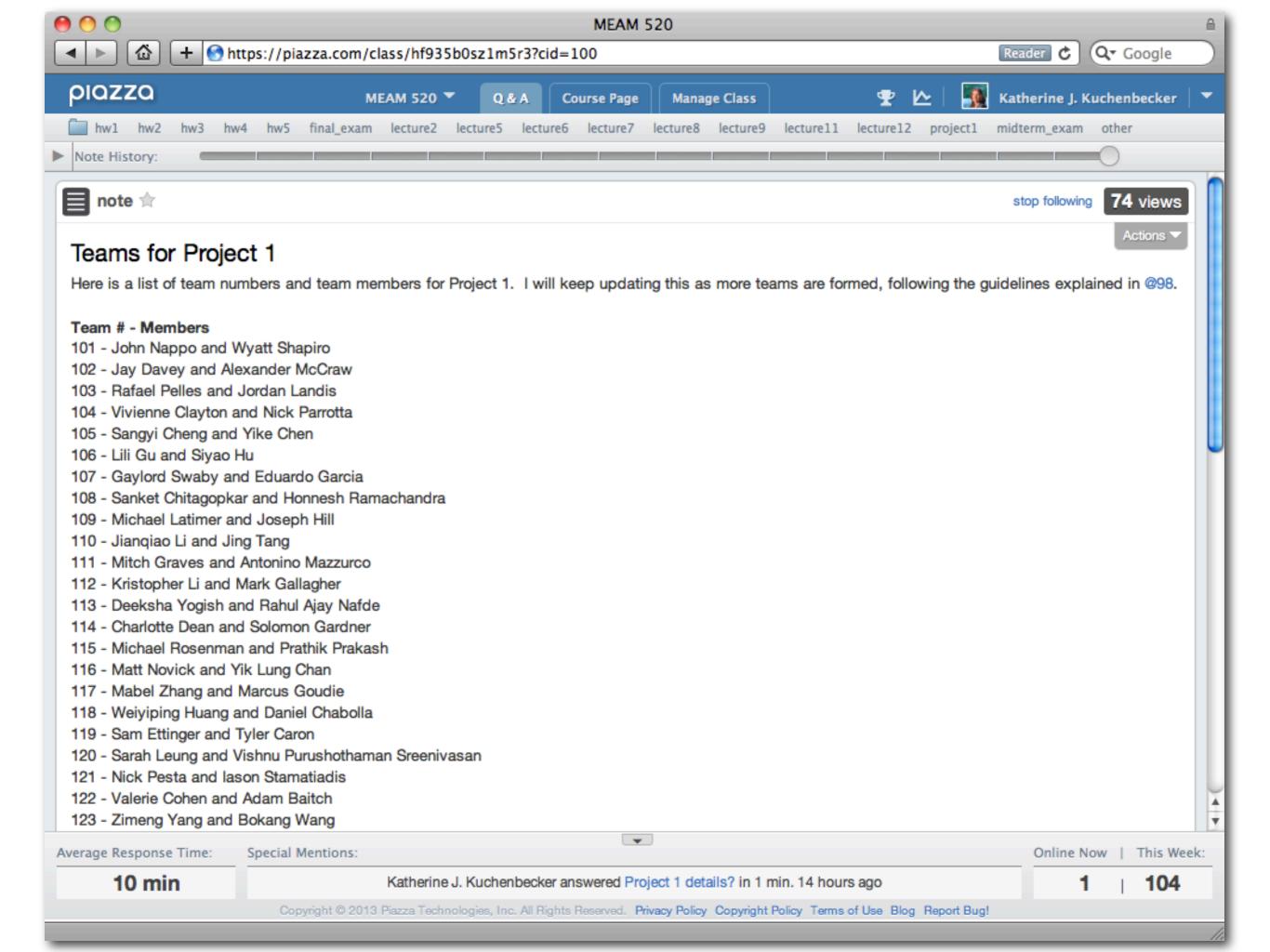
These would have been good homework questions, but instead I want you to use these concepts in a project....

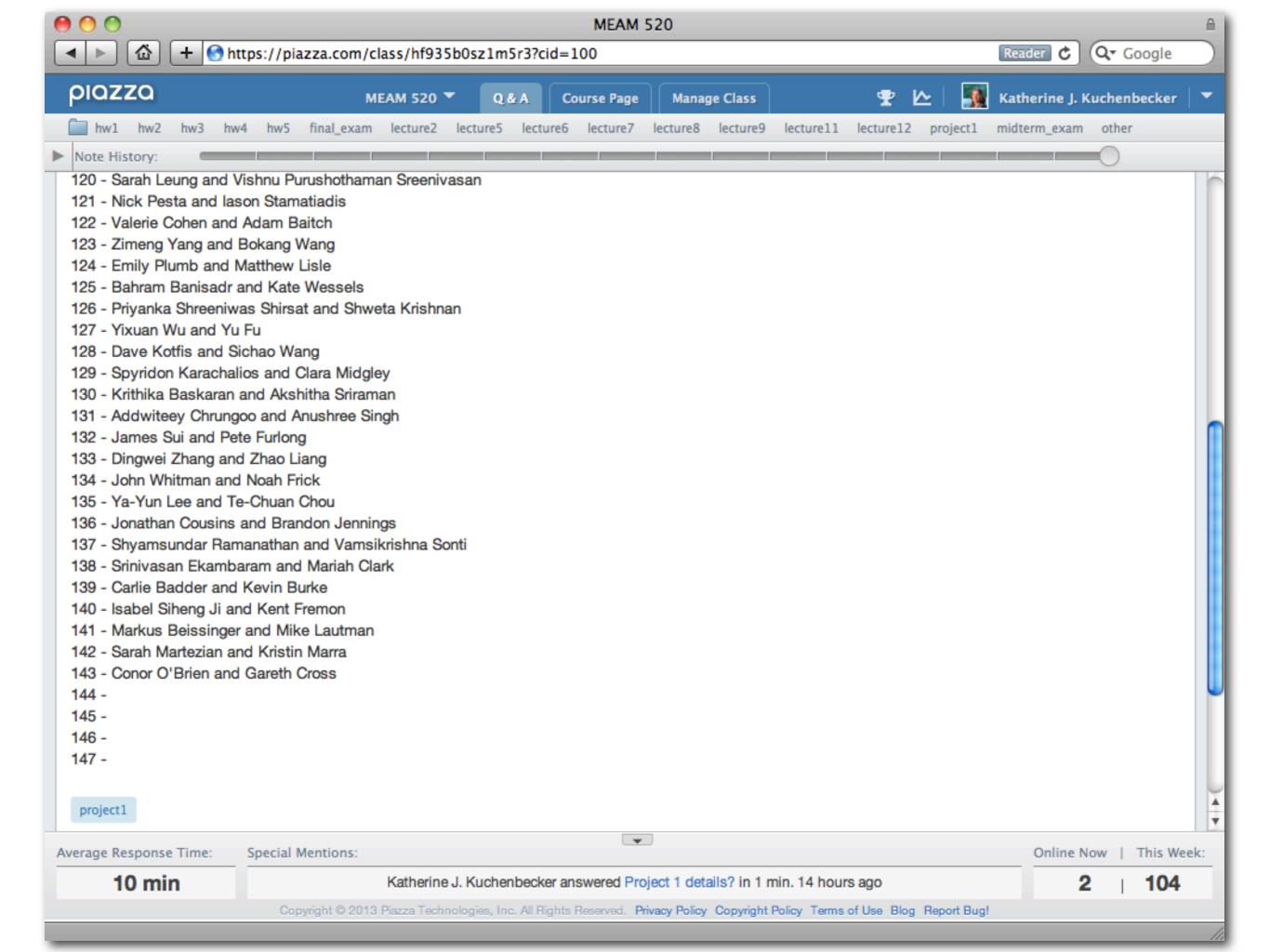
Project I

PUMA Dance

Please ask questions!

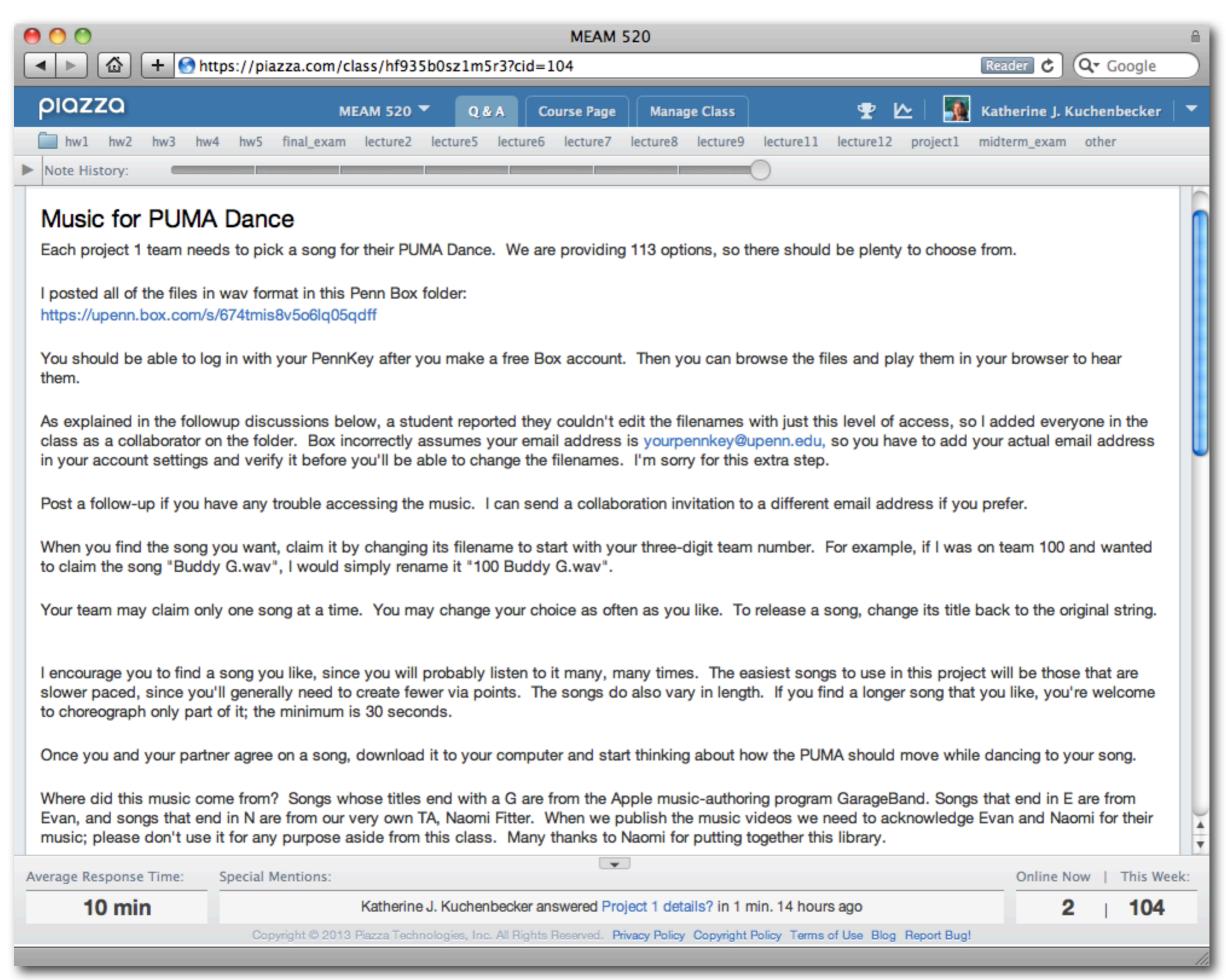
- You will work in pairs (2 students).
- Because we have 94 students, there will be 47 teams of two.

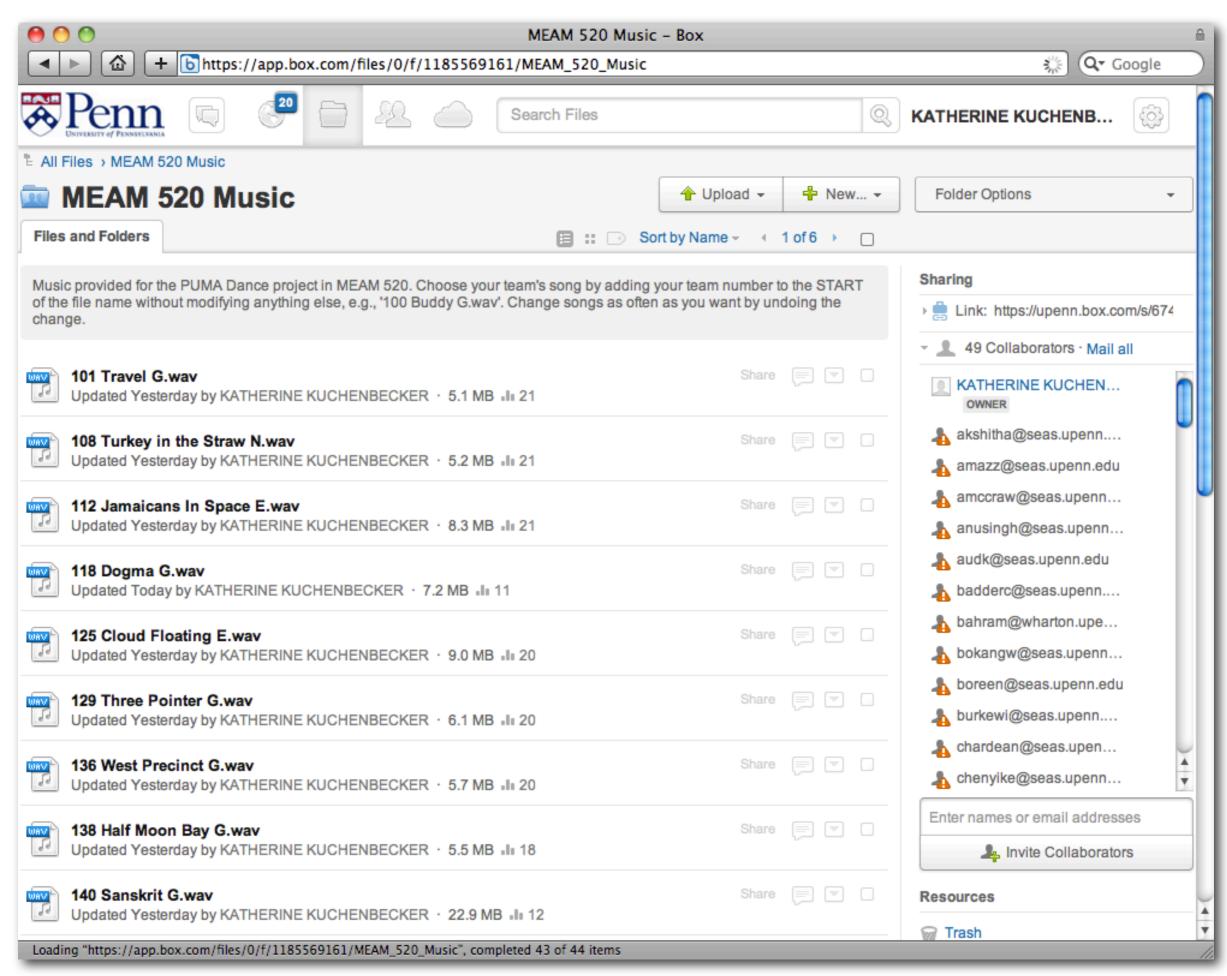


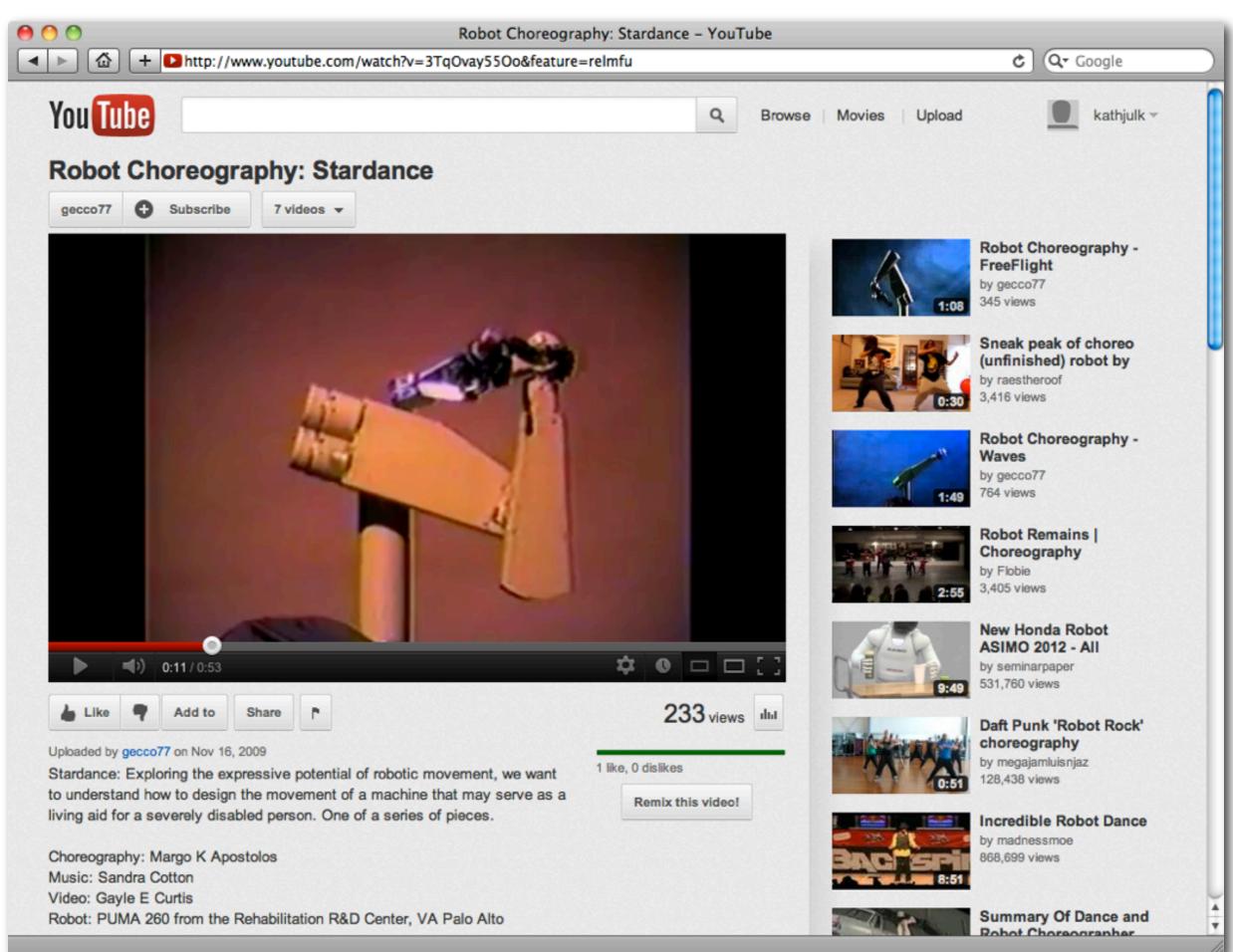


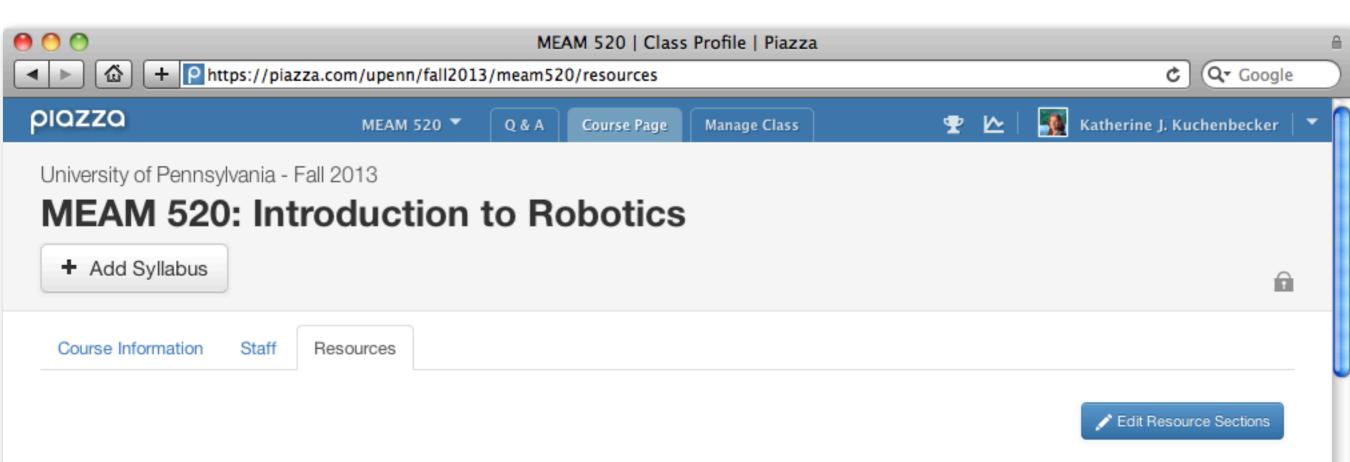
- People still looking for a partner: consider meeting in the lobby after class.
- Please choose your partner as soon as possible or request a random partner.
- Send your team choice to <u>meam520@seas.upenn.edu</u> with a subject of Project I Team: Full Name I and Full Name 2

- Each team needs to choose a music clip from the provided library.
- There are 113 options in the library, spanning a range of genres.
- The music came from GarageBand, Naomi, and Evan. We appreciate their music!
- You must choreograph at least of 30 seconds of robot dancing.
- Slower songs are probably easier.
- Follow instructions on Piazza for accessing songs and claiming one for your team.



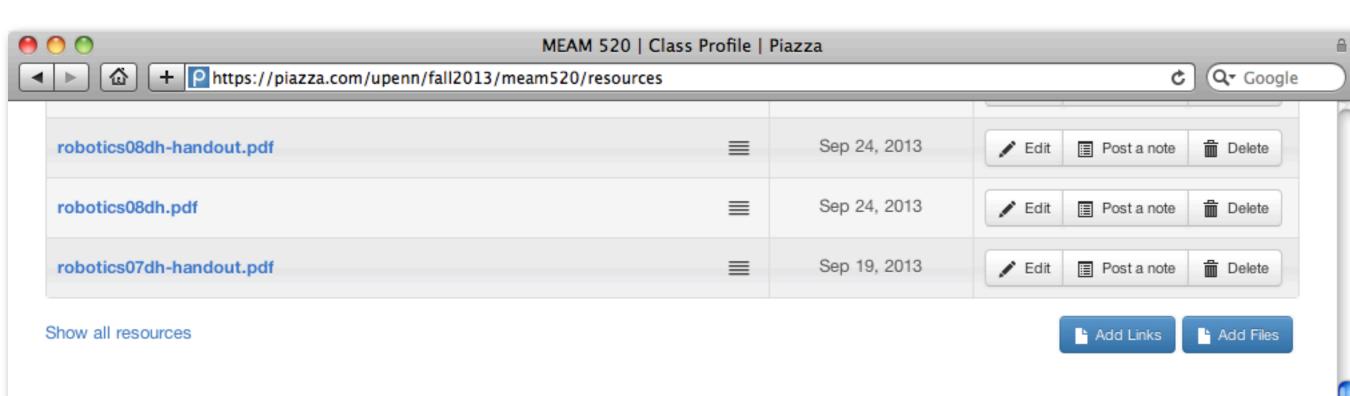






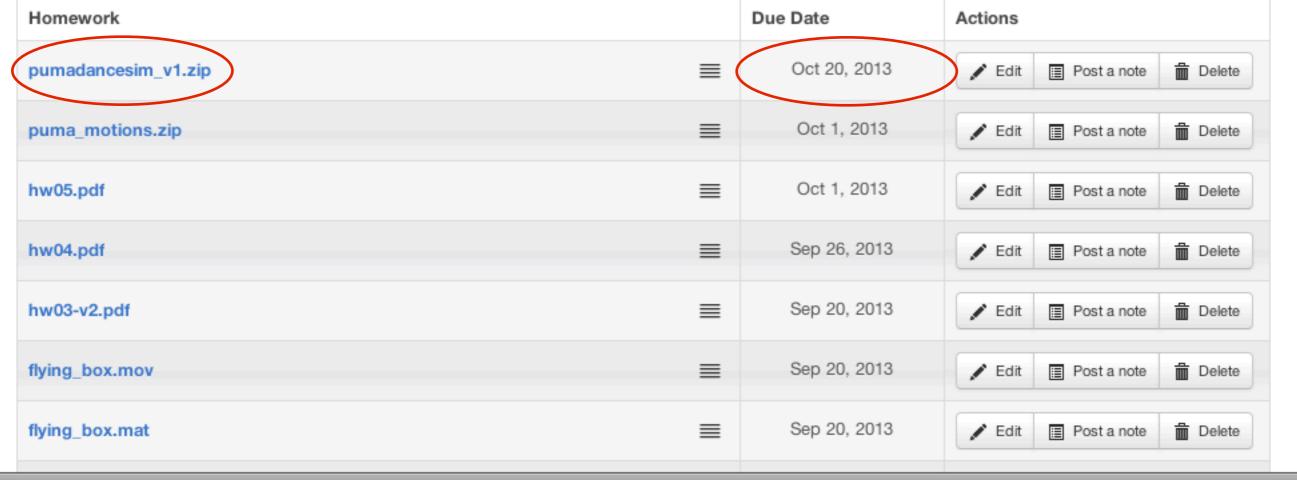
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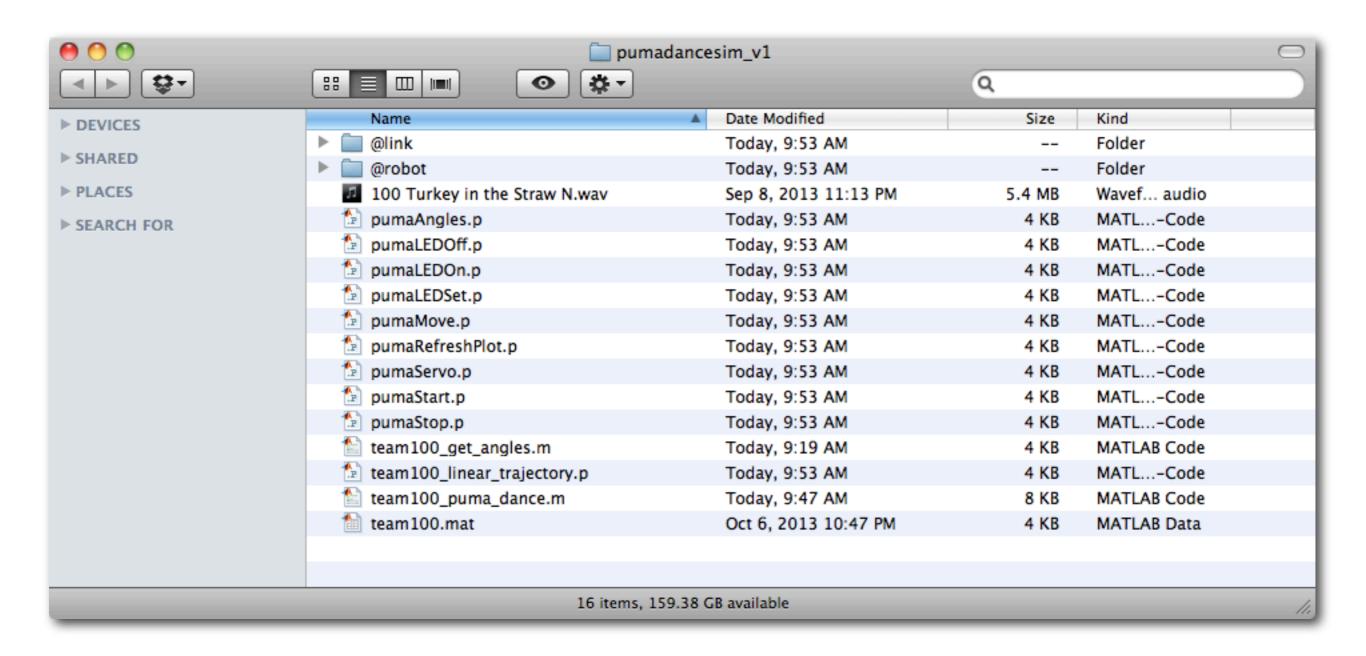
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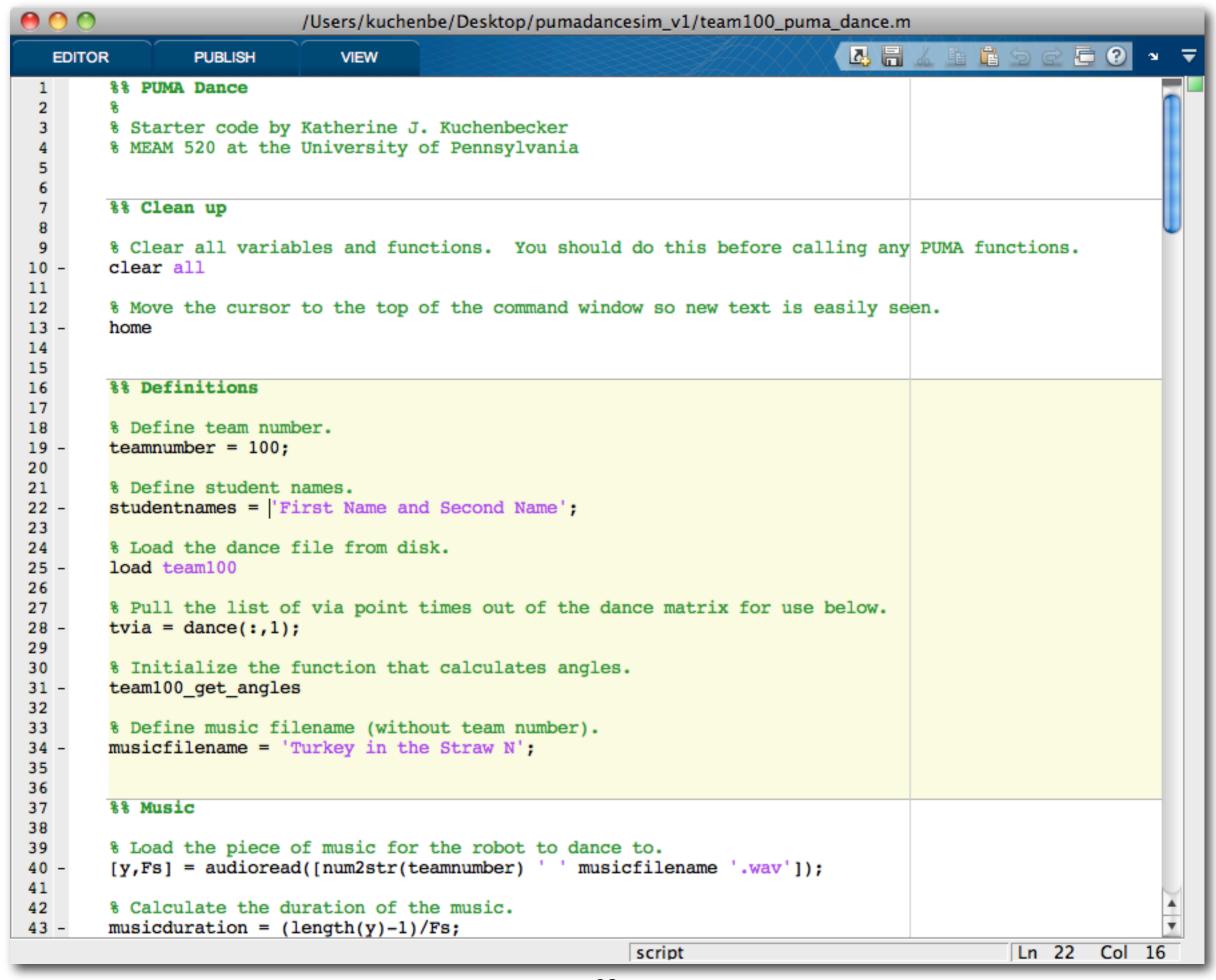
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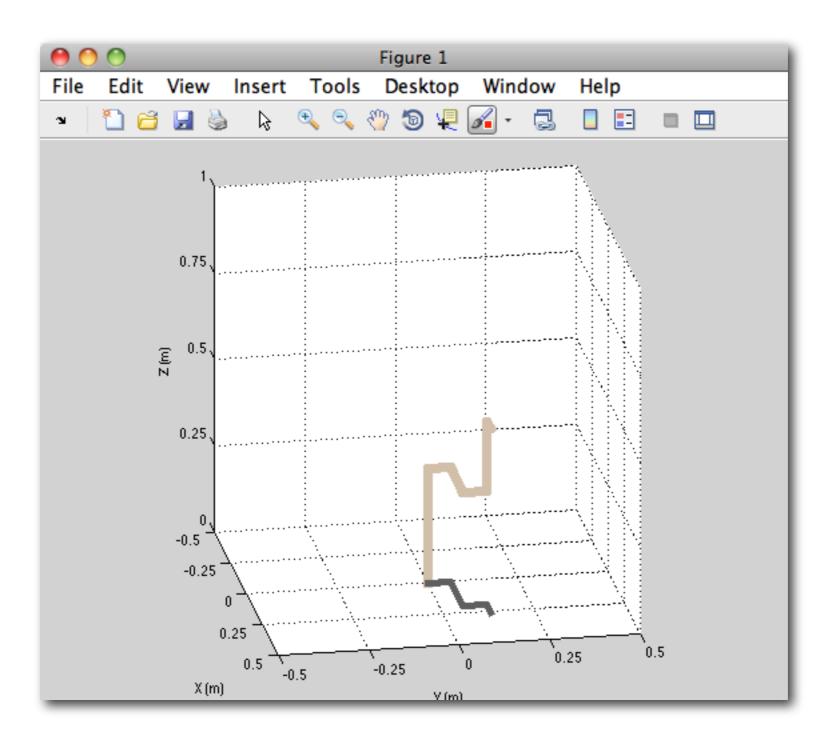
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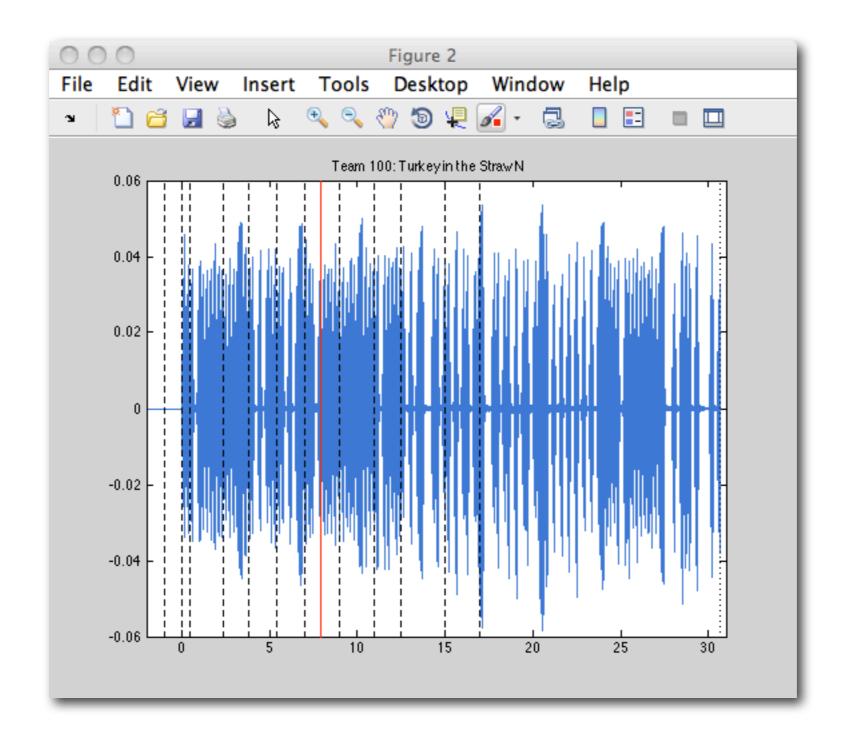




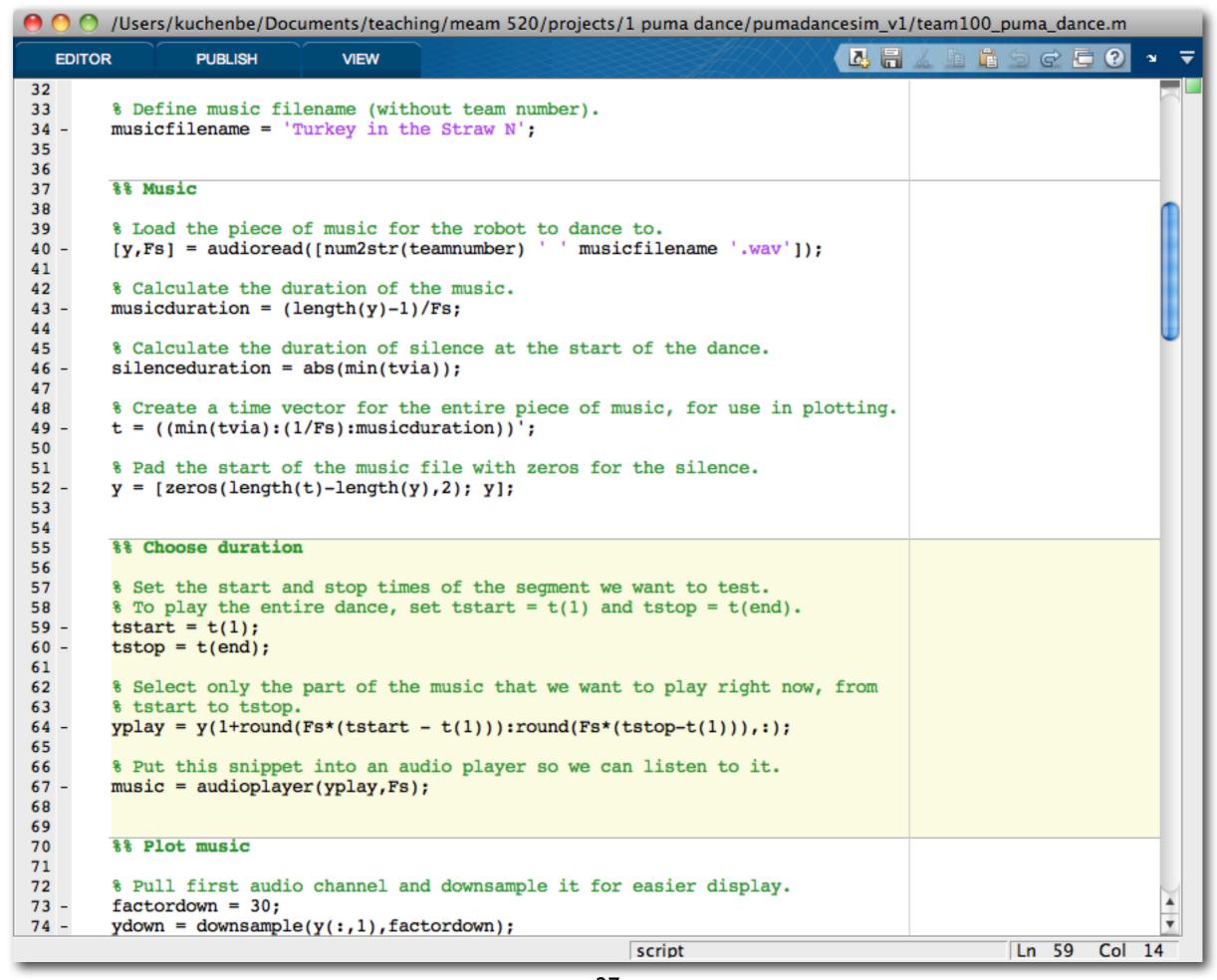
- Starter code is labeled team 100.
- You will need to duplicate these files and rename them for your team number.
- Run and modify the team 100 starter code to see how everything works.
- **team I 00_puma_dance.m** is the main script. It initializes the robot simulator, plots the music, plays the music, moves the robot, and plots the results.

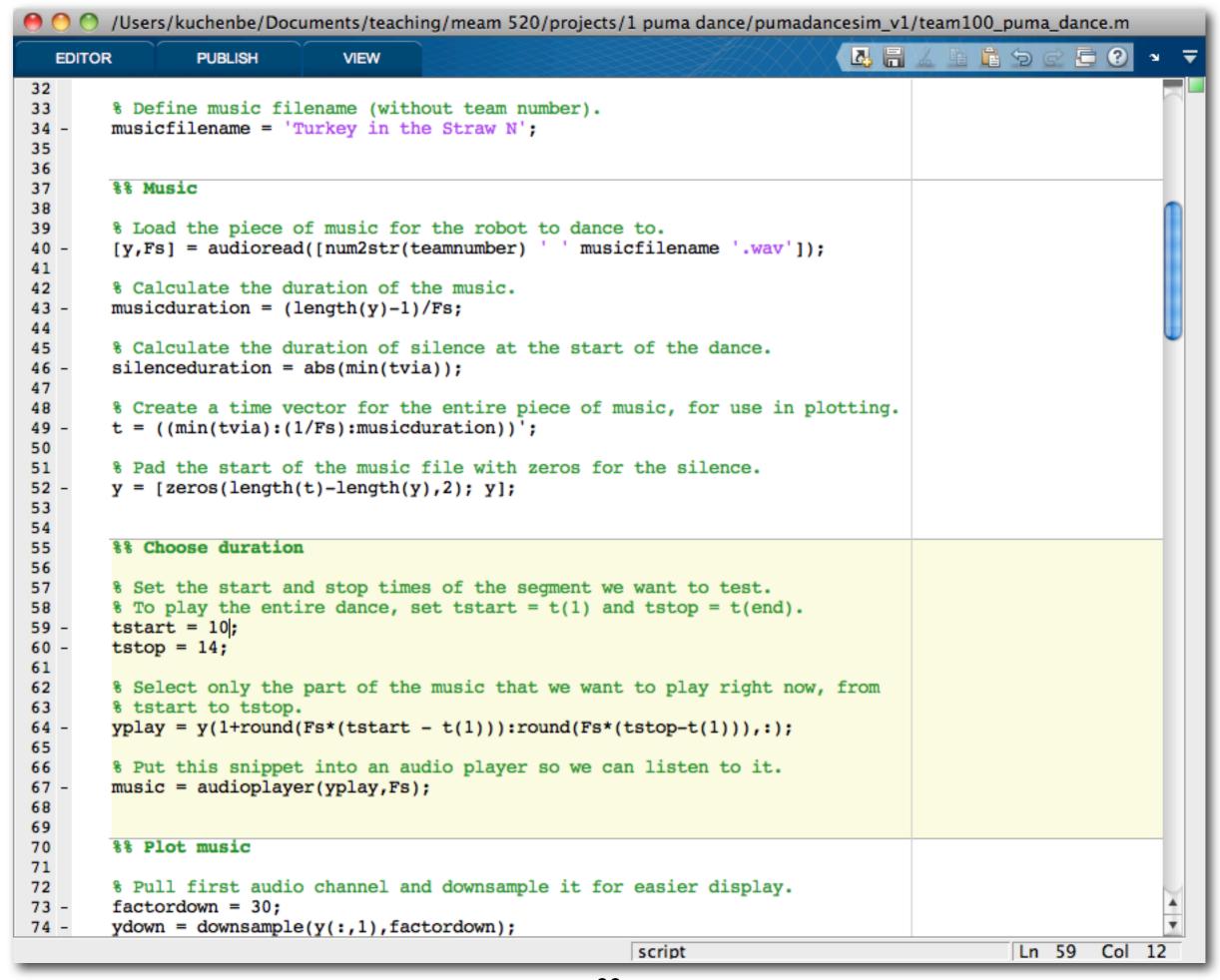




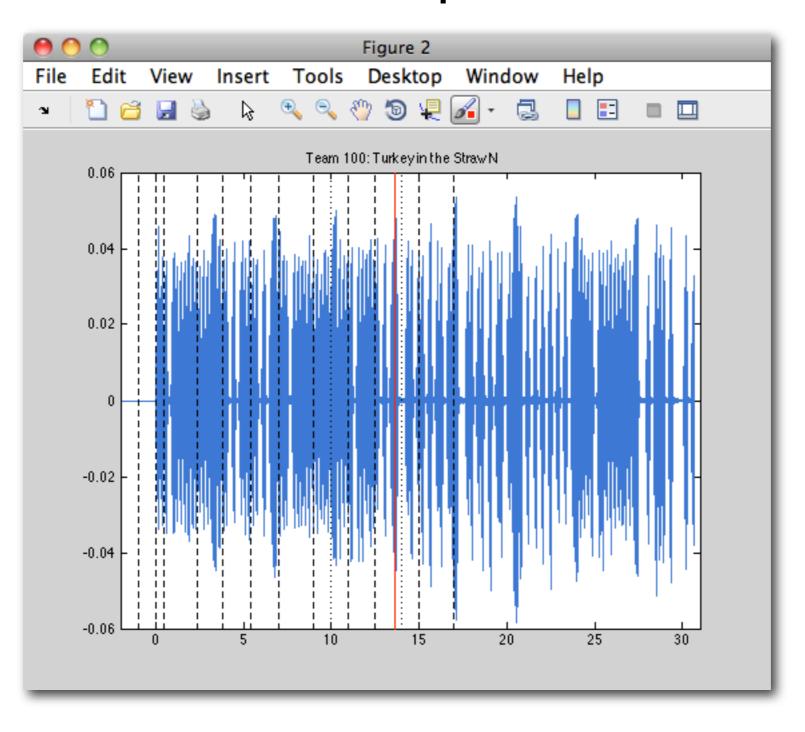


- The music always starts at t = 0 seconds.
- Negative values of time are for the robot to get into its starting position.
- Change the segment of the dance to be performed by modifying **tstart** and **tstop** on lines 59 and 60 of starter code.
- Starting and stopping times are marked on music plot by black dotted lines.

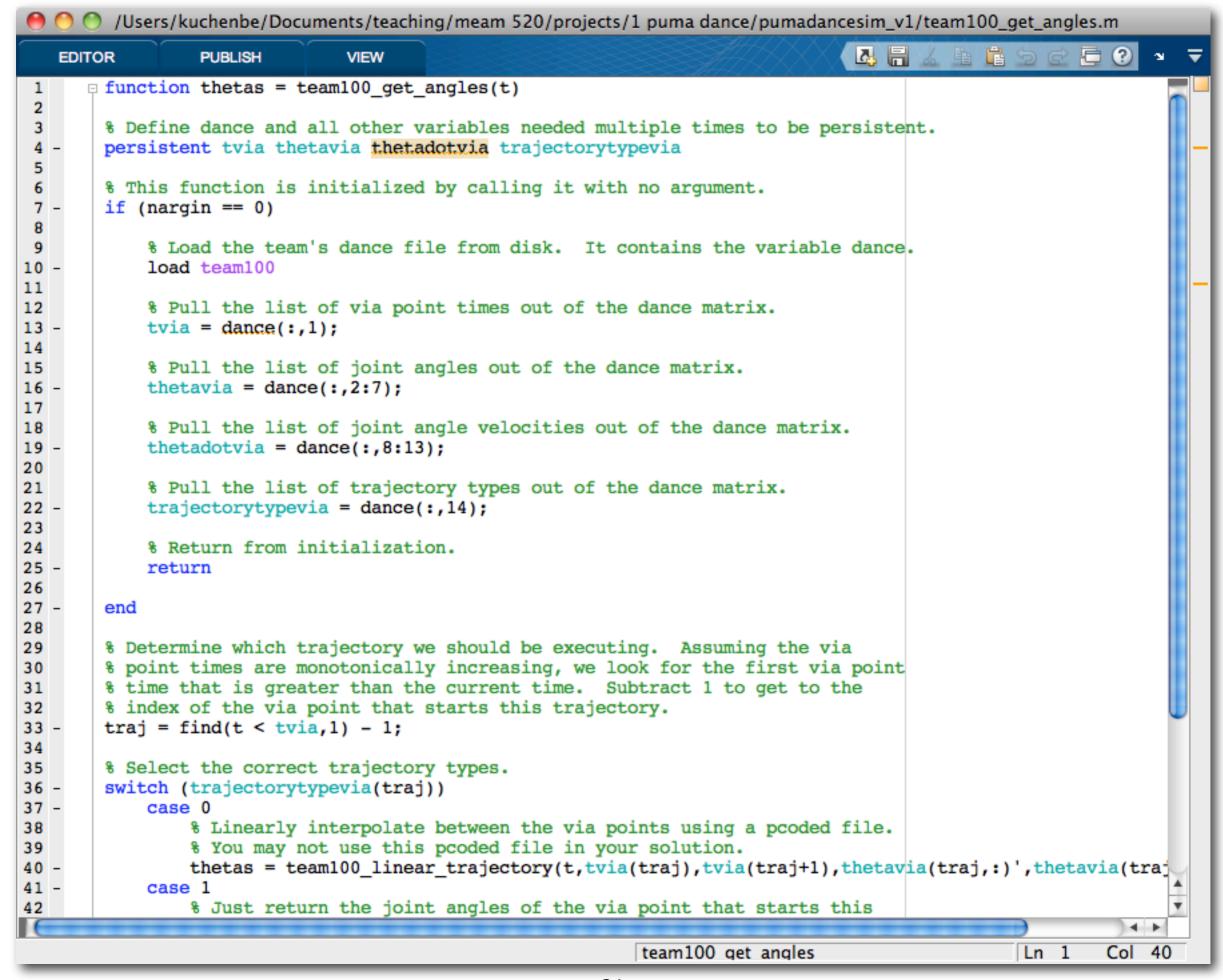


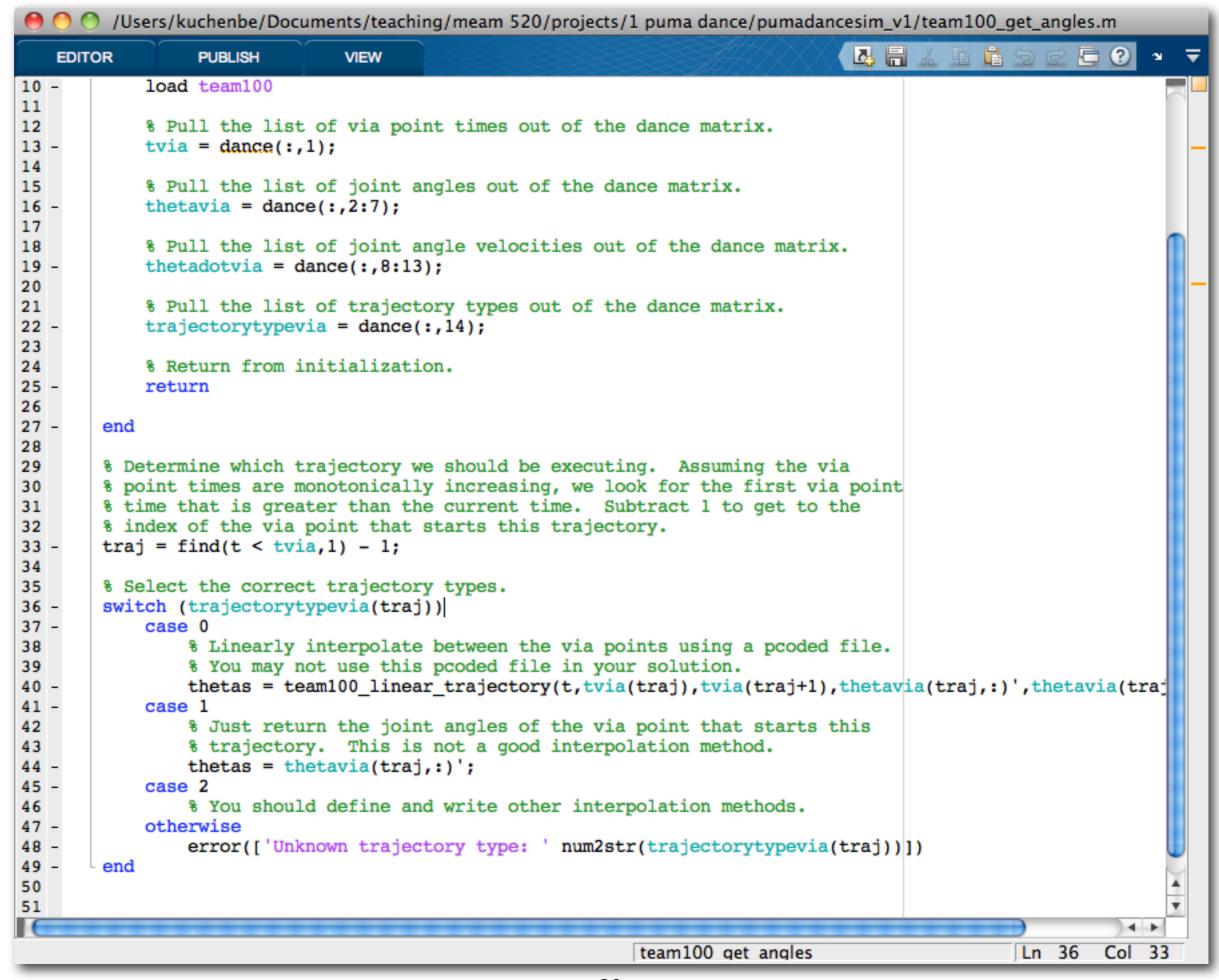


What are the black dashed lines? timed via points

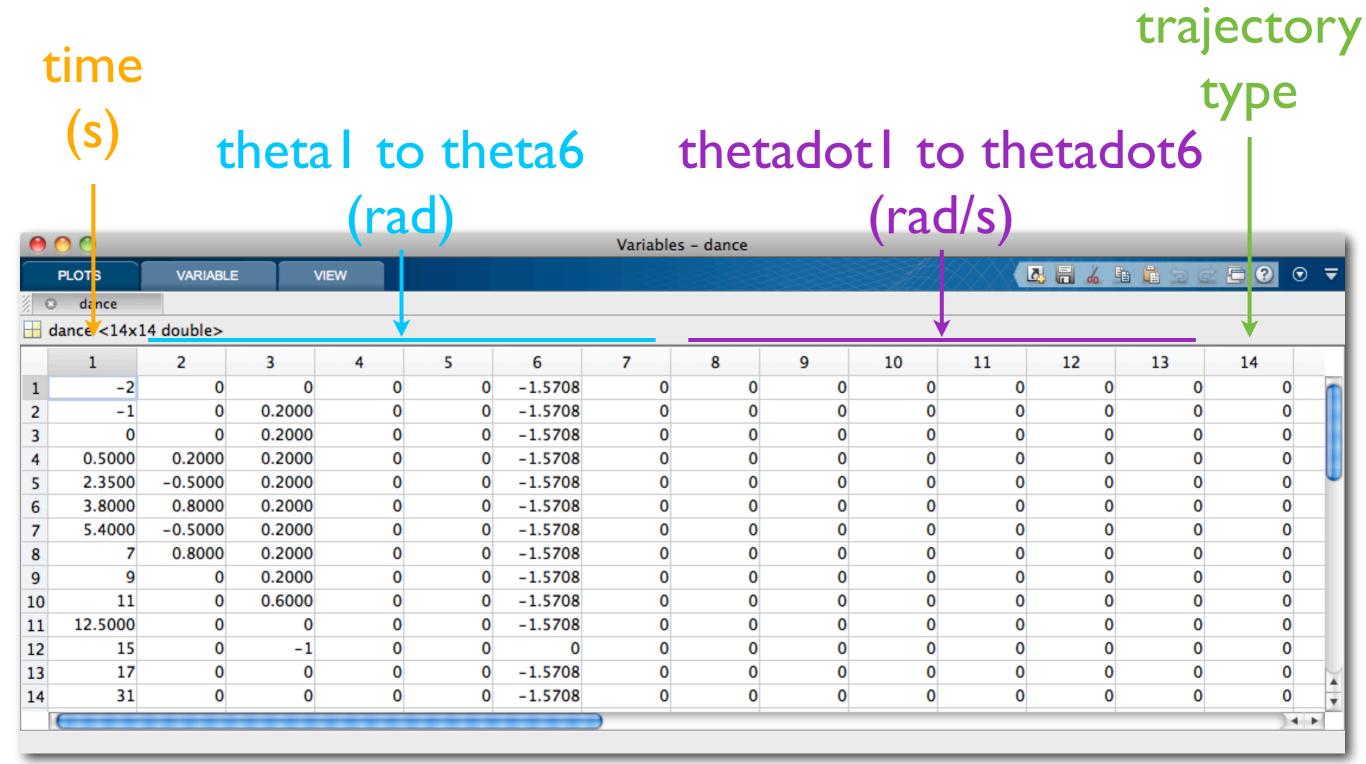


- Your team will design timed via points for the robot move through.
- Each via point should be the full state of the robot (six joint angles and six joint velocities) for a specific time in the song.
- You will write code to calculate trajectories between successive timed via points.
- **team I 00_get_angles.m** is the function that takes the current time and returns the joint angles that the robot should have.





- **team I 00.mat** contains the variable **dance**, which defines the robot's dance.
- dance has fourteen columns and as many rows as there are via points in the dance.
 - Column I is the time in seconds.
 - Columns 2 through 7 are PUMA joint angles in radians.
 - Columns 8 through 13 are PUMA joint velocities in radians per second.
 - Column 14 is the trajectory type (integer).
- You can augment this structure if you want.

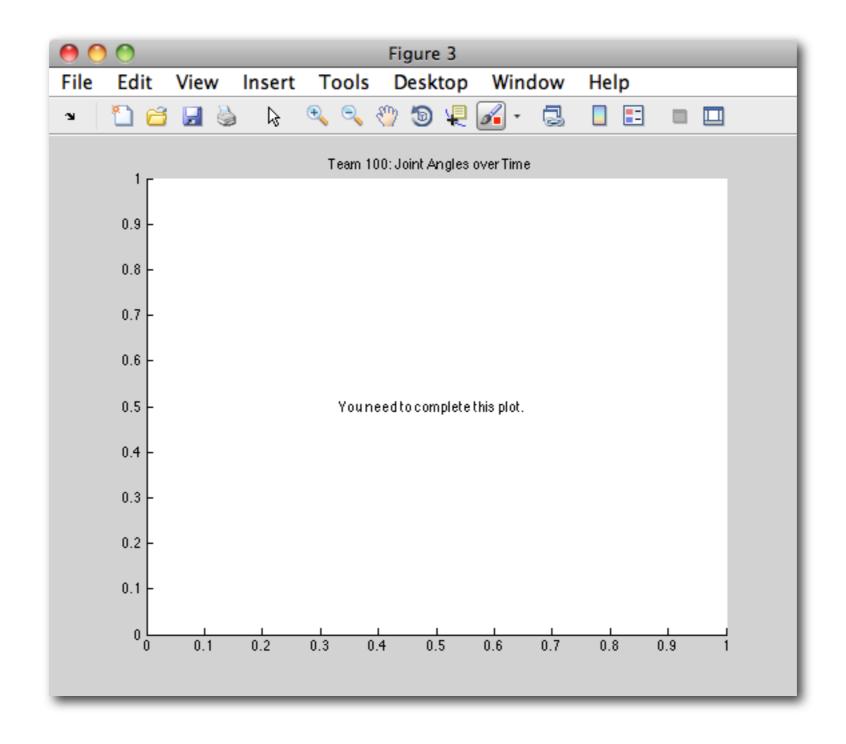


First via point MUST be at a negative or zero time. First via point angles MUST be the home position. Robot should probably be stationary before music starts.

- The starter code includes
 team I 00_linear_trajectory.p, a
 p-coded function that does linear
 interpolation to get the robot into its
 starting pose and demonstrate a simple
 dance.
- You may not use this function in your
 PUMA dance (except for starting pose.)
- Your dance should include 3 or more types of trajectories.
 - At least one cubic polynomial.
 - At least one LSPB.

- You should move all of the robot's joints at some point in the dance.
- All joint angle limits must be obeyed.
- The robot must not collide with the table or itself. The simulator does not check for these collisions, so you need to watch.
- The maximum joint velocity is 1 rad/s, and the maximum joint angle change is 0.5 radians. These might be increased.
- If running into joint velocity and angle change limits, use **pumaMove** instead of **pumaServo**. (Won't work on hardware.)

- The dance routine should relate to your chosen music clip. It can be beautiful, funny, sad, interesting, bold, etc.
- The dance should be repeatable (deterministic not random).
- When your robot finishes dancing, your script must plot the joint angle history and joint velocity history versus time for visual examination.
- Time and joint angles are already being stored in thistory and thetahistory.



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- Late by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21, with a 10% penalty per day. But don't submit late.
- Submit via email to meam520@seas.upenn.edu
- Make the subject Project I:Team IXX
- Attach your correctly named MATLAB files (team IXX_puma_dance.m, team IXX.mat, etc.) to the email. Do not put them in a zip file or include any other attachments. All files should start with team IXX_....
- Optionally include any comments you have about the project, and send the email.

- I expect all teams to do very well on this project.
- Getting stuck? Post on Piazza or come to OH.
- Find a bug in simulator? Post on Piazza. I will release new versions as needed.
- We will check submissions as they come in.
- Once your dance meets the requirements, your team will get trained to run the robot and film a music video.
- We'll post all the PUMA dances online.

- FIRST program joint angle and joint velocity plotting.
 - Can put all angles and angular velocities on the same plot or on different plots.
 - Try putting all on different axes using subplot.
 - Try the command linkaxes.
 - Maybe also plot joint angle limits.
 - Maybe also plot via point times and angles.
- Use this plot for debugging.

- SECOND pick your via point times.
- Ideas on how to do this?
 - Trial and error (very frustrating).
 - Look at the music in another program.
 - Analyze the music in MATLAB.
 - Run an experiment where you hit a key or click the mouse while listening to the music to naturally capture good via point times.
 - Other ideas?
- Use **pumaMove** for prototyping.

- THIRD pick interesting poses for the robot.
- Use your HW5 code or our simulator to test out various poses and find ones you like before viewing them in the full dance routine.
- Ideas on how to pick poses?
 - Manual selection (not too frustrating).
 - Try to mimic human arm or body motions.
 - Random sampling in joint space.
 - Capture from real robot? (KJK looking into this.)
 - Make small model and move it around.

- FOURTH program at least three trajectory interpolation schemes.
 - Must include cubic polynomial.
 - Must include linear segment with polynomial blends.
 - At least one other type.
- Consider pre-calculating the curve parameters so you don't have to solve for them every time you call team Ixx_get_joint_angles(tnow).
- FIFTH finetune everything to make a great dance.

Important Tips

- Resist the urge to switch to another song.
 - The grass is always greener on the other side.
- You need a recent version of MATLAB to use the audioread() and audioplayer() functions we're using for handling and playing the music.
- Press control-c to stop the robot's dance.
- Press control-c again or run stop(music) to stop the song from playing.

What questions do you have ?