

1. Let's say we have two frames: Body & Inertial. There is a point referred by \bar{x} in inertial frame and \bar{x}_b in body frame.

Initially, $\bar{x}_b^0 = \bar{x}$

Now rotate the measurable body frame yaw axis (z) through an angle ϕ .

$$\bar{x}_b^1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\phi & \sin\phi & 0 \\ -\sin\phi & \cos\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}_b^0$$

$$= R(\phi) \bar{x}_b^0$$

Second rotation, pitch about new y-axis by the angle θ :

$$\bar{x}_b^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}_b^1$$

$$= R(\theta) \bar{x}_b^1$$

Third, rotate an angle ψ about its newest x-axis:

$$\bar{x}_b^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\psi & \sin\psi \\ 0 & -\sin\psi & \cos\psi \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}_b^2 = R(\psi) \bar{x}_b^2$$

$$\bar{x}_b = R(\psi) R(\theta) R(\phi) \bar{x}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\phi \cos\theta & \cos\phi \sin\theta & -\sin\phi \\ -\psi \sin\phi + \sin\psi \cos\phi & \psi \sin\phi + \sin\psi \cos\phi & \psi \cos\phi \\ \psi \sin\phi + \cos\psi \cos\phi & -\psi \sin\phi + \cos\psi \cos\phi & \psi \sin\phi \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}$$

$$= R(\phi, \theta, \psi) \bar{x}$$

$$\bar{x} = R^T \bar{x}_b$$

In case body frame has a different frame.

$$\bar{x} = \bar{x}_0 + R^T \bar{x}_b$$

Let's consider small rotation:

$$R \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \delta\phi & -\delta\theta \\ -\delta\phi & 1 & \delta\psi \\ \delta\theta & -\delta\psi & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \delta\phi & -\delta\theta \\ -\delta\phi & 0 & \delta\psi \\ \delta\theta & -\delta\psi & 0 \end{bmatrix} + I$$

$$= -\delta\vec{E} \times + I$$

where $\delta\vec{E} = [\delta\psi, \delta\theta, \delta\phi]$

for smaller rotations are completely decoupled
their order doesn't matter.

$$R^{-1} \approx I + \delta\vec{E} \times$$

$$\bar{x}_b = \bar{x} - \delta\vec{E} \times \bar{x}$$

$$\bar{x} = \bar{x}_b + \delta\vec{E} \times \bar{x}_b$$

Now, we fix a point on body frame
instead of inertial frame by \bar{r}

$$\bar{x}(t) = \bar{r}$$

$$\bar{x}(t+\delta t) = R^T \bar{r} = \bar{r} + \delta\vec{E} \times \bar{r}$$

$$\frac{\delta \bar{x}}{\delta t} = \frac{\delta \bar{E}}{\delta t} \times \bar{r}$$

$$= \bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}$$

$$\bar{\omega} \approx d\bar{E}/dt.$$

Similarly, $\bar{x}_b(t) = R\bar{r}$

$$= \bar{r} - \delta \bar{E} \times \bar{r}$$

$$\bar{x}_b(t + \delta t) = \bar{r}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\delta \bar{x}_b}{\delta t} = \frac{\delta \bar{E}}{\delta t} \times \bar{r}$$

$$= \bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}$$

When radius vector changes with respect to body frame,

$$\frac{d\bar{x}_b}{dt} = \bar{\omega} \times \bar{r} + \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial t}$$

Finally allowing the origin to move as well.

$$\frac{d\bar{x}_b}{dt} = \bar{\omega} \times \bar{r} + \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial t} + \frac{d\bar{x}_0}{dt}$$

$$\bar{v} = \bar{\omega} \times \bar{r} + \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial t} + \bar{v}_0$$

Now, in the previous derivation we used small euler angle approx. to get the exp. But proper treatment is given below

$$\vec{\omega} = R(\psi) R(\theta) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ d\phi/dt \end{bmatrix} + R(\psi) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ d\theta/dt \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d\psi/dt \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \cos\psi & \sin\psi \cos\theta \\ 0 & -\sin\psi & \cos\psi \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d\psi/dt \\ d\theta/dt \\ d\phi/dt \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin\psi \tan\theta & \cos\psi \tan\theta \\ 0 & \cos\psi & -\sin\psi \\ 0 & \sin\psi / \cos\theta & \cos\psi / \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \vec{\omega}$$

2. Let's say R is a rotation matrix and it can be represented as

$$R = e^A$$

where A is skew-symmetric matrix.

So, according to matrix exponential,

$$e^A = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k$$

Since, R is a rotation matrix then it should follow all its properties:

(i) R is an orthogonal matrix, i.e.

$$R R^T = I = R^T R$$

(ii) $\det(R) = 1$

Let's prove both of them:

(i) given $R = e^A$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k$$

$$\therefore R^T = (e^A)^T$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (A^T)^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (-1)^k A^k$$

Following from the property of skew-symmetric matrix $(A^T = -A)$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore R^T &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (-A)^k \\ &= e^{-A}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore R R^T &= e^A e^{-A} \\ &= e^0 \\ &= I\end{aligned}$$

Similarly $R^T R = e^{-A} e^A = I$

(ii) From (i), we have $R^T R = I$

$$\therefore |R^T R| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |R^T| |R| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |R|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |R| = \pm 1$$

Since R is not a rotation matrix therefore $|R| = -1$ is not possible:

For this we ~~det~~ go into the properties of $SO(3)$.

$$\therefore R \in SO(3)$$

$$\therefore R^T R = I = R R^T, \det(R) = 1$$

The tangent space at an element in the Lie group $SO(3)$ consists of vectors tangent to all differentiable curves $t \rightarrow R(t) \in SO(3)$. This vector space is isomorphic to the identity element $R = I$, which is defined as Lie algebra $\mathfrak{so}(3)$ of Lie group.

$$R(t)^T R(t) = I = R(t) R(t)^T$$

$R(t) \in SO(3)$ such that $R(0) = I$ and $R'(0) = S$, where $S \in \mathfrak{so}(3)$

Differentiating at $t = 0$, we see that

$$S^T + S = 0$$

S is a skew matrix

$\therefore \mathfrak{so}(3)$ is the matrix Lie algebra of SO_3

\therefore element of $SO(3)$ can be represented as

$$\exp(S) = I + S + \frac{1}{2!} S^2 + \dots$$

3. In a general euclidean geometry we can use the operation of addition and subtraction

$$x' = x + \Delta x, \quad x'' = x - \Delta x$$

x', x'' belongs to the same vector space as x .

We can't say that in the case of rotation matrix:

$$R' = R + \Delta R$$

$$R' \notin SO(3)$$

So, in order to find the error between R and R_d we have to take a difference

Let's say that initially a frame is at R_0 and it made a rotation of R . Therefore total rotation will be described by

$$R' = R R_0$$

$$\Rightarrow R = R' R_0^T$$

So, we see R denote a difference in the rotation angles between R' and R_0 . we can ^{use} analogy for calculating error between R_d and R .

$$e_R = R_d^T R \quad \text{or} \quad e_R = R^T R_d$$

Both describe an expression to define error for attitude control.

Also, if we observe:

$$\begin{aligned}e_R &= (\exp(\omega_d^x t) R_0)^T \exp(\omega^x t) R_0 \\&= \exp(-\omega_d^x t) R_0^T \exp(\omega^x t) R_0 \\&= \exp((\omega^x - \omega_d^x) t) R_0^T R_0 \\&= \exp(\Delta \theta^x)\end{aligned}$$

$\exp(\Delta \theta^x)$ can be rotation matrix for error angle.

But, the expression has a problem.
Let's say we change the sign of $\Delta \theta^x$ to $-\Delta \theta^x$, then the error should ~~be~~ change sign too, for the controller to work properly.

$$e_R = \exp(\Delta \theta^x) > 0$$

$$\therefore e'_R = \exp(-\Delta \theta^x) > 0$$

So, we need to find an expression which will change signs.

$$e_R = \frac{R_d^T R - R^T R_d}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, if we } e_R^T &= - \frac{(R_d^T R - R^T R_d)}{2} \\&= -e_R\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } e_R = \frac{R_d^T R - R^T R_d}{2}$$

4.

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 1, & 0, & 0, \\ 0, & 1, & 0, \\ 0, & 0, & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K_p = 10, K_d = 10$$

Pseudocode:

Initialize start time and end time.

Initialize step time as well.

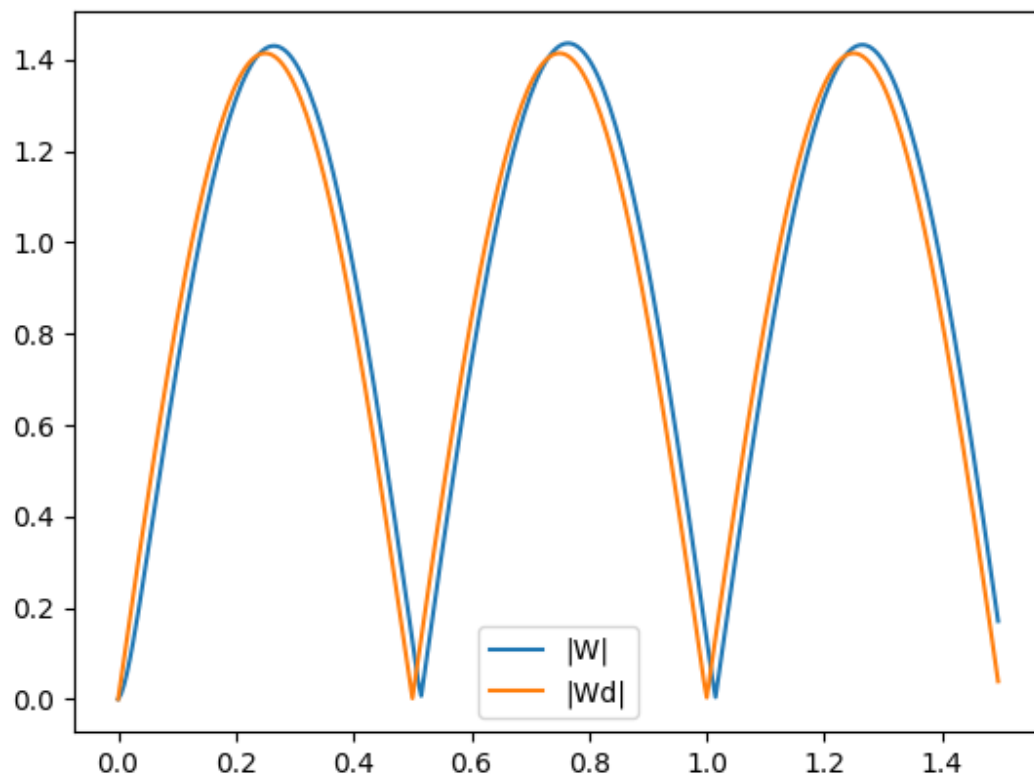
Initialize R_t and W_t .

1. Define function for Wd . ($[\sin(2\pi * f * t), \sin(2\pi * f * t), 0]$ taken here)
2. Rd is calculated using the formula $Rd_{t+1} = \exp(Wd_t^x \Delta t) Rd_t$.
3. Since we have already had R_t and W_t , we can calculate the respective errors. The ew is calculate using $ew = W_t - (R^T Rd)Wd_t$. The $er = (Rd^T R - R^T Rd)/2$.
4. When we have ew and er , we want to have u (control input that we are going to feed into the system). er is a 3 x 3 skew-symmetric matrix so we first need to convert it to 3 x 1 vector so that we can get a control input out of it. The control input u is calculated using $u = -K_p * VMap(er) - K_d * ew$.
5. The next step is to use the above control input and calculate W_{t+1} using $Jw'(t) = Jw(t) \times w(t) + u$. And using W_{t+1} we can calculate R_{t+1} using $R_{t+1} = \exp(w_t^x \Delta t) R_t$.

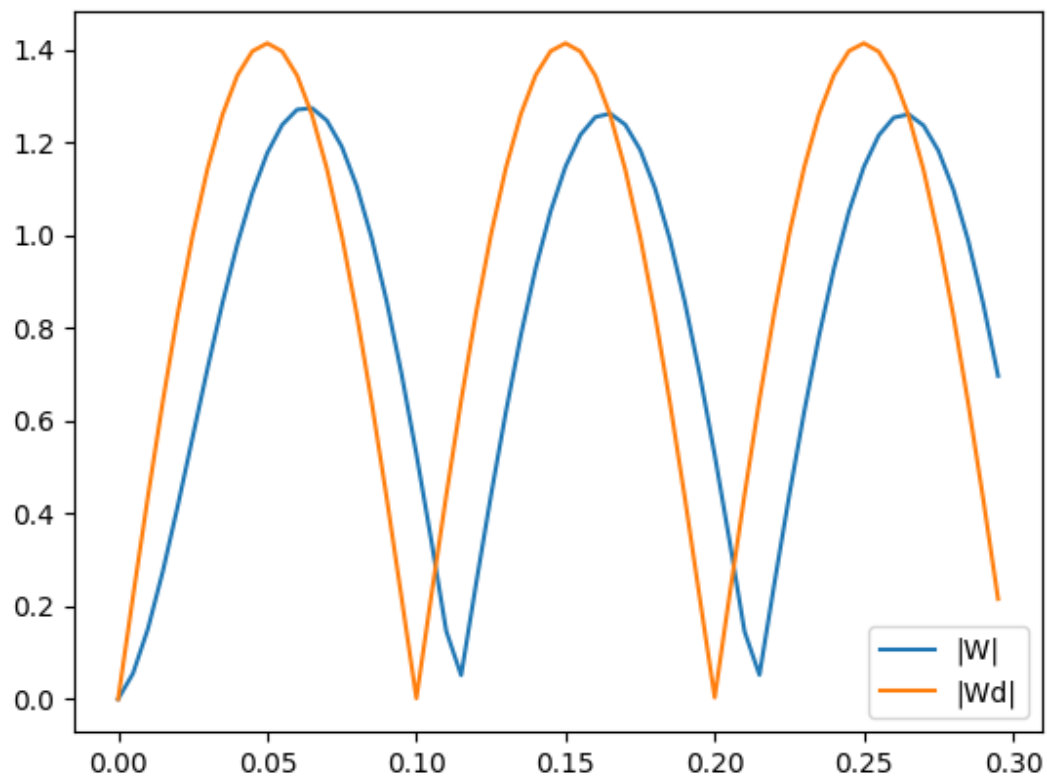
Below are the images showing the tracing of $|Wd|$ with $|W|$. It can be inferred from the plot that:

1. It is harder to trace a high-frequency angular velocity than a lower one.
2. Higher PD gains work better for any frequency.

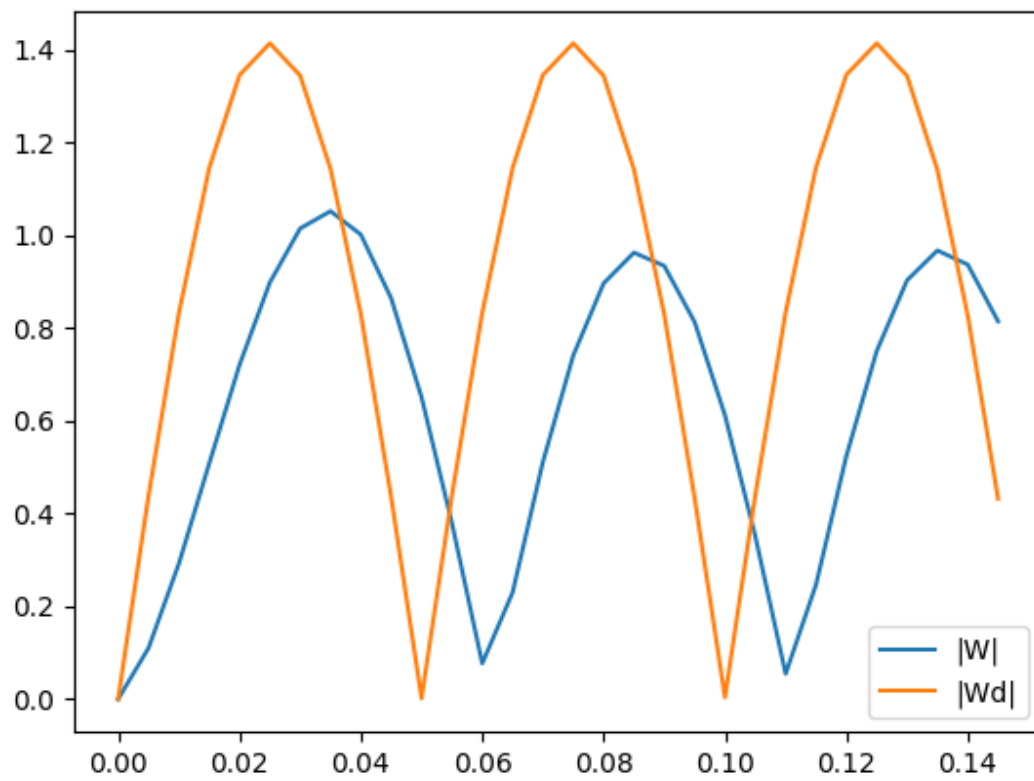
Case 1) $K_p = K_d = 50$



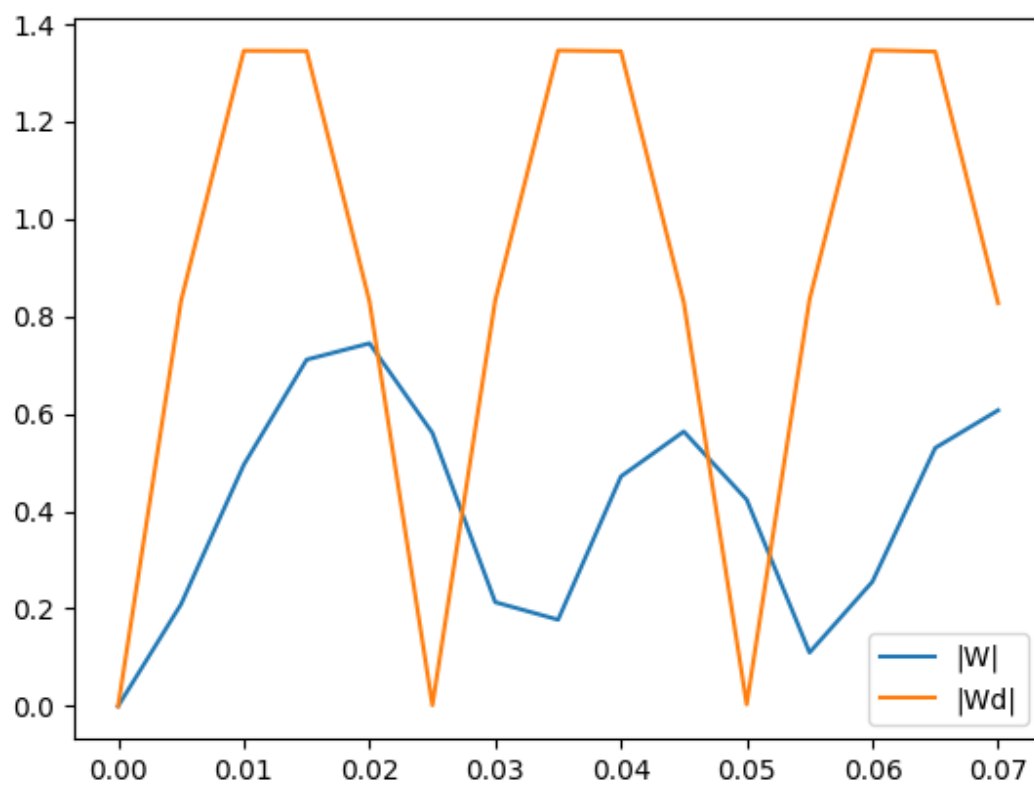
f = 1 Hz



f = 5 Hz

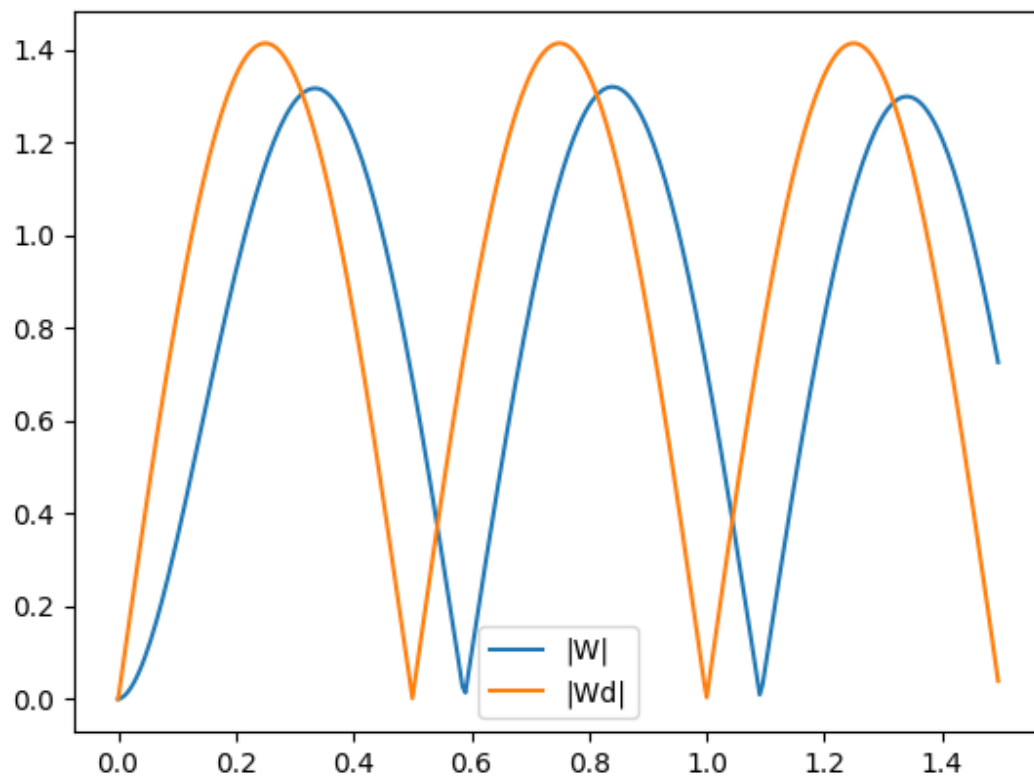


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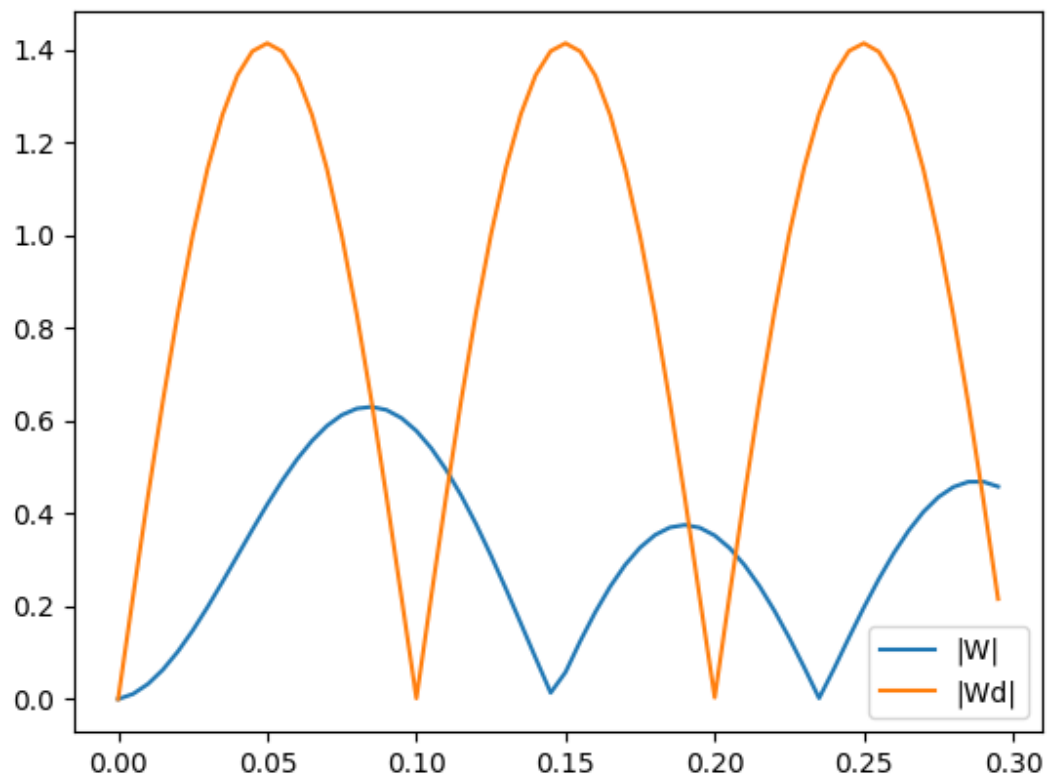


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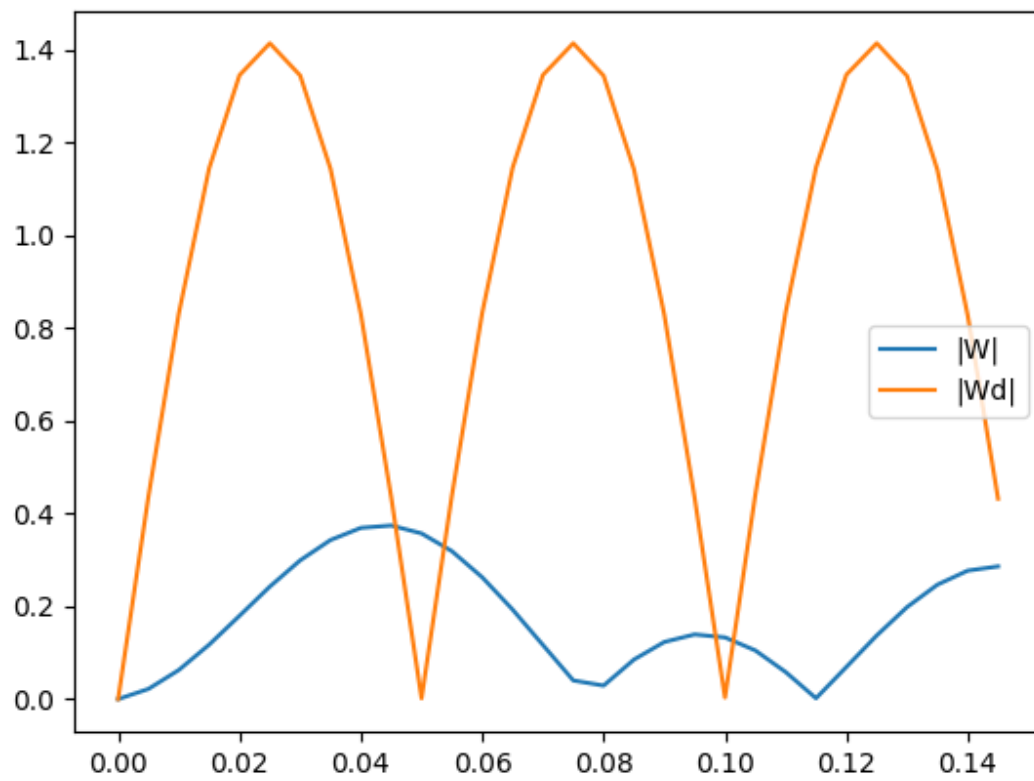
Case2) $K_p = K_d = 10$



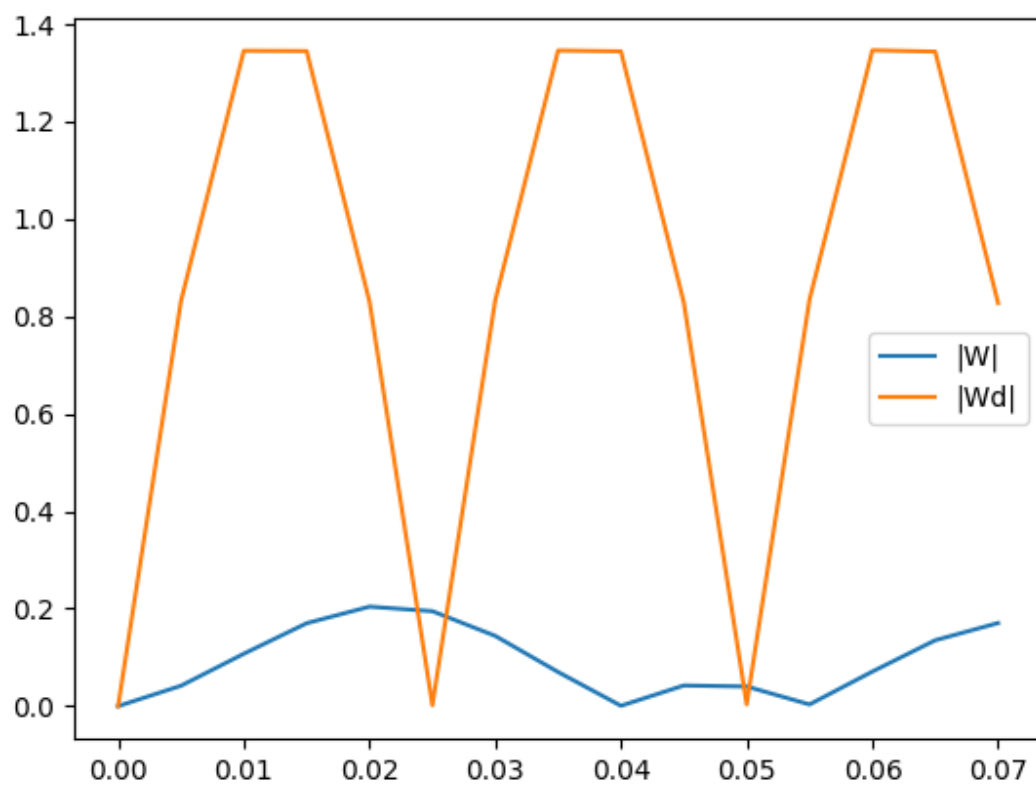
f = 1 Hz



$f = 5 \text{ Hz}$



f = 10 Hz



f = 20 Hz