

Robot Intelligence

Fall 2020

MidTerm Exam

9/6/2021

Take Home Exam - Due Before Class on Canvas 10/29/2021

Name: _____

This exam contains 12 pages (including this cover page) and 10 questions. Total number of points is 200. Undergraduate students are required to answer 7 questions, graduate students must answer 9. Any additional questions answered will not only be counted as additional credits, but you will have a good feeling deep inside (probably).

Any programming/code artifacts associated with this exam should be submitted along with the final PDF to canvas. Please put your entire submission in a single .zip file.

This exam will cover topics in motion, planning, sensor processing, and ethics.

Grade Table (Quick view to see the breakdown)

Question	Points	Score
1	20	
2	20	
3	20	
4	20	
5	20	
6	20	
7	20	
8	20	
9	20	
10	20	
Total:	200	

1. (20 points) Moving in a car

A $4.0m$ long car is making a right hand turn with a steering angle $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}$, it maintains a forward velocity of $20m/s$.

- (a) (5 points) Draw a diagram of the vehicle and write the discretized equations of motion for this vehicle's pose (x, y, θ)
- (b) (5 points) Calculate the radius of curvature R of this vehicle at the given steering angle
- (c) (10 points) If the car is traveling for $10s$, what is my position error using the discretized equations of motion if I define my time steps at $\Delta t = 1, 0.1, 0.01$? Plot the errors and computing time for these cases.

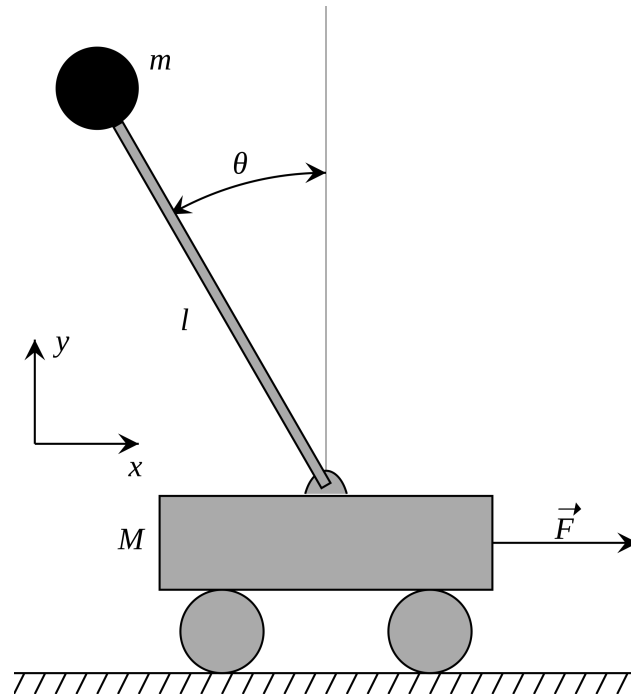


Figure 1: Assume that the mass $m = 0.2kg$, $l = 1.0$, $M = 4.0kg$

2. (20 points) Balancing a Pole

A cart and pole suddenly appears before you and you feel compelled to answer burning questions you have always held about these systems.

- (a) (5 points) Describe the equations of motion that governs this system
- (b) (10 points) Generate code for a controller that would be able to keep the pole balanced in the air.
- (c) (5 points) What is the maximum angle that my pole can fall to before it cannot recover if max Force $F = 6N$?

3. (20 points) Control and Reinforcement Learning

- (a) (5 points) Explain three merits and three demerits of using reinforcement learning for mechatronic systems.
- (b) (5 points) Draw a diagram for reinforcement learning and controls and contrast the two
- (c) (10 points) Implement this example of a 2D running robot (cheetah) https://github.com/openai/gym/blob/master/gym/envs/mujoco/half_cheetah.py and adapt the code to penalize hip motor movements faster than $\pi \frac{rad}{s}$

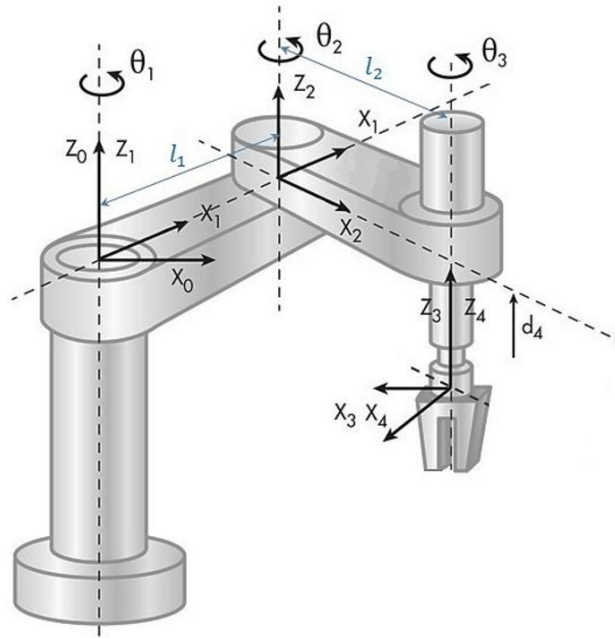


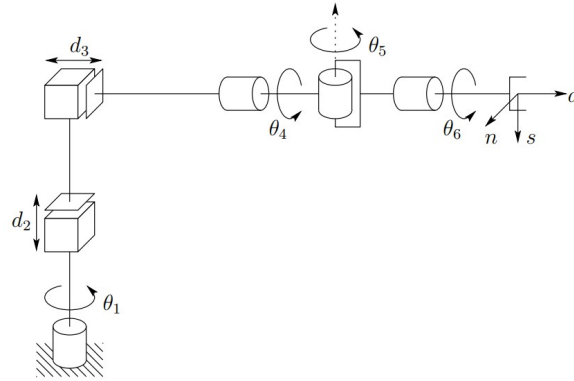
Figure 2: SCARA type manipulator.

4. (20 points) Inverse Kinematics, numerical approaches

The following SCARA-type manipulator has physical characteristics as follows: $l_1 = 60cm$, $l_2 = 40cm$, and an arbitrary height (ie: assume that $(0,0)$ is at the first motor).

- (5 points) What is the workspace volume for this robot?. (Draw a picture of it as well)
- (5 points) Write the DH parameters
- (10 points) Compute the forward kinematics to find the position of the end effector if $\theta_1 = 30deg$, $\theta_2 = 45deg$, $\theta_3 = 90deg$, and $d = 14cm$

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5. (20 points) Inverse Kinematics with numerical approaches
- (a) (10 points) Compute the joint angles and extension distances that will get this robot to pick up an object at $x=1.2$, $y=0.8$, $z=0.5$
 - (b) (10 points) What would be the joint angles and extension distances to get to the same goal coordinates if the robot started with the end effector at $\theta_1 = -90deg$, $d_2 = 0.5m$, $d_3 = 1.0m$, $\theta_4 = -90deg$, $\theta_5 = 90deg$, $\theta_6 = 40deg$ and we wished to minimize the total distance traveled for each actuating part?



$$T_6^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & -s_1 & -s_1 d_1 \\ s_1 & 0 & c_1 & c_1 d_3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & d_1 + d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6 & -c_4 c_5 s_6 - s_4 c_6 & c_4 s_5 & c_4 s_5 d_6 \\ s_4 c_5 c_6 + c_4 s_6 & -s_4 c_5 s_6 + c_4 c_6 & s_4 s_5 & s_4 s_5 d_6 \\ -s_5 c_6 & s_5 c_6 & c_5 & c_5 d_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3.34 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & d_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & d_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & d_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_{11} &= c_1 c_4 c_5 c_6 - c_1 s_4 s_6 + s_1 s_5 c_6 \\ r_{21} &= s_1 c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_1 s_4 s_6 - c_1 s_5 c_6 \\ r_{31} &= -s_4 c_5 c_6 - c_4 s_6 \\ r_{12} &= -c_1 c_4 c_5 s_6 - c_1 s_4 c_6 - s_1 s_5 c_6 \\ r_{22} &= -s_1 c_4 c_5 s_6 - s_1 s_4 c_6 + c_1 s_5 c_6 \\ r_{32} &= s_4 c_5 c_6 - c_4 c_6 \\ r_{13} &= c_1 c_4 s_5 - s_1 c_5 \\ r_{23} &= s_1 c_4 s_5 + c_1 c_5 \\ r_{33} &= -s_4 s_5 \\ d_x &= c_1 c_4 s_5 d_6 - s_1 c_5 d_6 - s_1 d_3 \\ d_y &= s_1 c_4 s_5 d_6 + c_1 c_5 d_6 + c_1 d_3 \\ d_z &= -s_4 s_5 d_6 + d_1 + d_2. \end{aligned}$$

Figure 3: Cylindrical/Prismatic manipulator. Use for problem 6.

6. (20 points) Energy Optimal Manipulation

- (a) (10 points) Using the same system, start configuration, and goal coordinates as in question 5, compute the energy efficient joint angles and extension distances. For your energy model, assume that actuating θ_1 costs 3x the energy of $\theta_{4,5,6}$, and $d_{2,3}$ costs 2x the energy.
- (b) (10 points) There are two locations you need to reach, one at $(1, 1, 1)$ and the other at $(-1, 2, 1)$. Which would you go to first and how much energy will you expend in your overall task?

7. (20 points) Human Emotions

- (a) (10 points) Using the FER library in python, example in the following link: <https://towardsdatascience.com/the-ultimate-guide-to-emotion-recognition-from-facial-expressions-using-deep-learning-with-python-part-1/>
build a system that classifies human emotions and validate on video 1 and 2 from this repository: <https://github.com/rjrahul24/ai-with-python-series/tree/main/07.%20Emotion%20Recognition%20using%20Live%20Video> Generate plots of predicted emotions over time for both videos.
- (b) (10 points) What are the logical applications of this tool for an autonomous robot? What are the ethical and legal consequences of fielding a system that makes decisions based on this tool?

8. (20 points) Motion Planning

- (a) (10 points) Using one of the planners found in <https://github.com/AtsushiSakai/PythonRobotics/tree/master/PathPlanning>, implement a planner for any generic robot and compare the performance against Djikstra, A star, and RRT star.
- (b) (10 points) Implement a skid-steer (4 wheel) vehicle model for a robot 33 inches wide, by 40 inches long for the planner that you chose.

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9. (20 points) Object Detection (Please put the classified images as part of your submission)
- (a) (5 points) Classify the first 5 pictures in <https://www.tensorflow.org/datasets/catalog/sun397> using any image classification algorithm.
 - (b) (5 points) Implement Yolo and do the same, what are the differences.
 - (c) (10 points) Using transfer learning, pick an image classification algorithm and re-train it to learn to detect a new object of interest.

10. (20 points) Ethics of Robotics - Open Ended Questions

- (a) (5 points) Many people (particularly those in the robotics industry) believe that robotics is purely within the purview of technical development and should not have any ethical considerations. What do you feel can be a merit or demerit to this way of thinking?
- (b) (5 points) Isaac Asimov listed 3 laws of robotics, comment on the algorithmic complexity of implementing these into working intelligence.
- (c) (5 points) In the event of an autonomous system causing harm or damages, who is responsible?
- (d) (5 points) What laws may be helpful for regulating or controlling autonomous systems? What drawbacks will this potentially have?