

ASSIGNMENT 4 — KINEMATICS AND DYNAMICS

For all questions below, provide all programming code and plots in the report. (undergrads 12 marks | graduates 25 marks)

KINEMATICS

1. For a 1-link arm, assume $l = 0.46(m)$, $\theta = 60^\circ$, $\dot{\theta} = 2(rad/s)$, $\ddot{\theta} = 1(rad/s^2)$. Use Python (or other program) to calculate (3 marks):

- Hand Position. 1 mark
- Hand Velocity. 1 mark
- Hand Acceleration. 1 mark
- Note: make sure you work through taking the derivatives by hand to find $J(\theta)$ and $\dot{J}(\theta)$

2. Using your calculations from 1a, 1b, and 1c, use inverse kinematics to retrieve (3 marks):

- Joint Angle (deg). 1 mark
- Angular Velocity (rad/s). 1 mark
- Angular Acceleration (rad/s^2). 1 mark

3. For a 2-link arm, assume $l_1 = 0.34$, $l_2 = 0.46$, $H_x = 0.36$, $H_y = 0.65$, $\dot{H}_x = -3.89$, $\dot{H}_y = 1.30$, $\ddot{H}_x = -7.79$, $\ddot{H}_y = -26.18$. Use Python (or other program) to calculate (**Graduate Only**) (4 marks):

- Joint Angle (deg). 2 marks
- Angular Velocity (rad/s). 1 marks
- Angular Acceleration (rad/s^2). 1 mark
- Note: make sure you work through taking the derivatives by hand to find $J(\theta)$ and $\dot{J}(\theta)$

4. Kinematic questions to be independently answered. (**Graduate Only**, 2 marks)

- You are driving your grandmother to the airport and you don't want her to spill her Earl Grey tea. What is one way to accomplish this? **Graduate Only**. 1 mark.
- You are playing a game of horseshoes. What is one strategy that may increase your accuracy? **Graduate Only**. 1 mark.

DYNAMICS

5. For a 1-link arm (2 marks):

- Derive the equations of motion by hand using Lagrange mechanics and show your work. 1 mark
- Convert this second-order system into two, first-order ODEs and show your work. 1 mark.

6. For your derived 1-link arm model (4 marks):

- Run a forward simulations using Euler integration and plot the states over time. Simulation time = 10 seconds, time step (h) = 0.0001s. Constants = $m(1.65kg)$, $r(0.5m)$, $g(9.81)$, $\mathcal{I}(0.025)$; Initial Conditions = $\theta = 90$; $\dot{\theta} = 0$. 1 mark
- Run a forward simulation using odeint (or ode45) and plot the states over time. Same constants and initial conditions as above, but with h = 0.001s. 1 mark
- Plot the linear kinetic energy (T^{lin}), rotational kinetic energy (T^{rot}), potential energy (U), and the total energy ($T + U$) over time for the simulation above. 1 mark.
- What do you notice with the energy terms? Why would this be? 1 mark.

7. For a 2-link arm (**Graduate Only**) (4 marks):

- Run a forward simulation a two-link arm using Euler integration, using the equations of motion defined in class, and plot the states over time. Sim time = 2 s, time step (h) = 0.00001s.
Constants = $m_1(2.1)$, $m_2(1.65)$, $\mathcal{I}_1(0.025)$, $\mathcal{I}_2(0.075)$, $l_1(0.3384)$, $l_2(0.4554)$, $r_1(0.1692)$, $r_2(0.2277)$, $g(9.81)$, $Q_1(0)$, $Q_2(0)$
Initial Conditions = $\theta_1(180^\circ)$, $\theta_2(1^\circ)$, $\dot{\theta}_1(0^\circ/s)$, $\dot{\theta}_2(0^\circ/s)$. 3 mark.
- Plot the kinetic energy (i.e., T , sum of the kinetic energy terms), potential energy (U , sum of the potential energy terms), and total energy ($T + U$) over time for the simulation above. 1 mark.

8. Dynamic questions to be independently answered. (**Graduate Only**, 3 marks)

- What is a great way to check if the derived equations of motion are correct? 1 mark.
- If Q was nonzero (e.g., muscles were creating moments about the joint) would the energy in the system remain constant? Why? 1 mark.
- There is both muscle redundancy and joint redundancy. Is there a potential advantage of considering a dynamic cost function over a kinematic cost function? 1 mark.