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# **General introduction**

The development of digital control systems for direct current (DC) motors is crucial in many industrial and research fields. These systems enable precise regulation of motor speed and position, essential for applications such as robotics, industrial automation, and embedded systems.

DC motors are widely used due to their simplicity, efficiency, and ease of control. They provide high torque at low speeds and are found in various applications, from household appliances to industrial machines.

The digital control of DC motors presents several challenges, including understanding electronics principles, dynamic system modeling, and control theory. Integrating sensors, acquiring real-time data, and interacting with user interfaces add further complexity.

To address these challenges, we created a modular DC Motor controller with an object-oriented design integrated with the Robot Operating System (ROS), with PID correction capabilities. Coupled with an interactive user interface and the ROS tools and libraries to build robust robot applications, this project facilitates real-time data acquisition and visualization and simplifies system component integration.

In summary, this project aims to design and implement a digital control system for DC motors, ensuring a robust, flexible, and efficient control system for various applications.

This is the link to this projects' Github repo.

# 1 IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING

#### 1.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we will detail the overall layout of the project and outline the steps needed to implement the various sections and elements of the system. The UI is designed to ensure intuitive and efficient interaction, providing users with clear access to data monitoring, control settings, and system configuration.

### 1.2 Objectives

The aim of our project is to implement a digital speed control system using a Raspberry Pi. The objectives include:

- Modeling of DC Motors: This section covers the modeling of a direct current (DC) motor, including theoretical modeling from first principles and experimental open-loop modeling.
- Speed Control: This part starts with basic proportional control and then progresses to PI (Proportional-Integral) and PID (Proportional-Integral-Derivative) control. It also includes the design of a digital control system according to specified requirements.
- Position Control: This section involves the design and implementation of a position controller for a DC motor.
- ROS Integration: The ros\_integration script integrates a motor control system with ROS, providing basic control and real-time monitoring features, note that it doesn't currently work together with the control interface.

#### 1.3 materials used

### 1.3.1 Raspberry Pi 4 Model B

The Raspberry Pi 4 Model B is a versatile single-board computer developed by the Raspberry Pi Foundation. It features a powerful quad-core ARM Cortex-A72 processor running at up to 1.5 GHz, along with options for 2GB, 4GB, or 8GB of RAM, providing significant improvements in performance compared to its predecessors.



#### 1.3.2 L298N motor driver

The L298N motor driver is widely used in robotics and automation projects for its high current handling capacity and ease of use. Key specifications include:

• Operating Voltage: 5 V to 35 V

• Maximum Output Current: 2 A per channel

• Number of Channels: 2 (can control two DC motors independently)

• Peak Current: 3 A per channel

• Control Logic Voltage: 5 V

• Built-in diodes: For back EMF protection



#### 1.3.3 Motor Reducer JGA25-371 12V 18RPM

This JGA25-371 DC gear motor has a built-in encoder with 12 counts per turn, ensuring precise control of engine speed.

• Operating voltage: between 6 V and 24 V

• 12 V vacuum current: 46 mA

• 12 V stall current: 1 A

• Locking torque at 12 V: 28 kg cm

• Reducer size: 25 mm

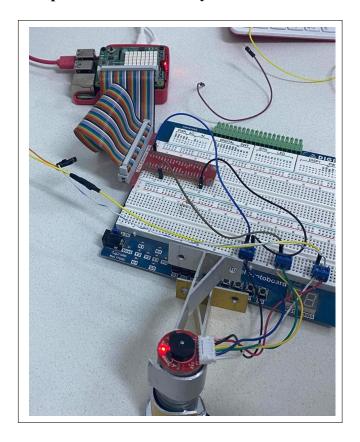
• Weight: 99 g



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#### 1.4.1 Project Preparation

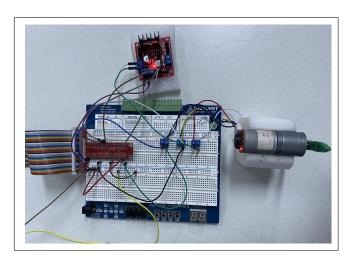
#### 1.4.1.1 Measure motor specifications and verify with datasheet



These tests were essential for ensuring the reliability and precision of our system in real-world operational scenarios. By conducting these assessments, we verified that our system could perform accurately and dependably when faced with actual usage conditions.

The metrics of PPR (Pulses Per Revolution) and CPR (Counts Per Revolution) played a central role in evaluating our system's performance. PPR quantifies the number of electrical pulses generated by the motor per revolution, providing crucial insights into its rotational behavior. Meanwhile, CPR represents the counts registered by the system for each revolution, offering a precise measure of its positional accuracy.

#### 1.4.1.2 Measure motor with L298N motor driver specifications



This section is dedicated to measurement, where we started by varying the PWM value, which allowed us to obtain numerous values for the gear and motor. Therefore, we averaged some of the speeds and recorded them in the table below. Simultaneously, we measured the voltage at the terminals of the two pins on the power board.

```
print("Motor RPM:", motor_speed)
print("Gear RPM:", gear_speed)

try:
init()
while True:
GPIO.output(StepPinForward, GPIO.LOW)
GPIO.output(StepPinBackward, GPIO.HIGH)
motor_pwm.ChangeDutyCycle(100)
time.sleep(test_duration)
print("Counter:", counter)
calculate_speeds()
counter = 0

except KeyboardInterrupt:
GPIO.cleanup()
```

This setup allows for accurate motor control and real-time speed monitoring, crucial for applications requiring precise motor regulation.

```
input 11.7v
counter 17062 tours equivalent a: 4265.5 rpm
RPM du reducteur:18.873893805309734 """
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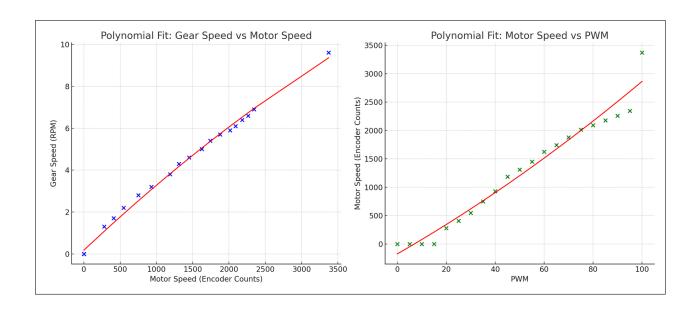
We collected measurements of PWM, voltage, motor RPM, and gear RPM. These measurements were organized into a table to analyze the relationship between PWM values and motor performance.

PWM	Voltage(V)	Motor RPM	Gear RPM
100	9.61	3372	14.4
95	6.9	2346	10.48
90	6.6	2262	10.08
85	6.4	2180	9.67
80	6.1	2091	9.21
75	5.9	2015	8.9
70	5.7	1877	8.25
65	5.4	1741	7.75
60	5	1626	7.19
55	4.6	1450	6.55
50	4.3	1310	5.7
45	3.8	1188	4.91
40	3.2	930	4.12
35	2.8	750	3.31
30	2.2	548	2.54
25	1.7	410	1.77
20	1.3	281	1.31
15	0	0	0
10	0	0	0
5	0	0	0
0	0	0	0

To visualize the relationship between PWM values, voltage, motor RPM, and gear RPM, we can plot the data using Python. Below is the code to generate the plots:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
data = []
   reader = csv.reader(file)
   for row in reader:
     data.append(row)
x_data = [float(row[0]) for row in data]
y_data = [float(row[1]) for row in data]
plt.figure()
plt.subplot( *args: 2,2,1)
plt.plot( *args: x_data, y_data, marker='o', linestyle='-')
plt.xlabel('PWM')
plt.grid(True)
x_data = [float(row[0]) for row in data]
y_data = [float(row[2]) for row in data]
plt.grid(True)
x_data = [float(row[0]) for row in data]
plt.plot( *args: x_data, y_data, marker='o', linestyle='-')
plt.xlabel('PWM')
plt.ylabel('Gear RPM')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

The code will generate two plots:



#### • Figure 1: Motor speed as a function of PWM

The first graph shows a positive linear relationship between motor speed and PWM. This means that when the PWM value increases, the motor speed also increases. The equation of the regression line is as follows:

Motor speed (encoder counts) = 28,511 PWM - 204,043

#### • Figure 2: Gear Speed as a Function of PWM

The second graph shows a positive linear relationship between the gear speed and the PWM. This means that when the PWM value increases, the speed of the reducer also increases. The equation of the regression line is as follows:

Reducer speed (tr/min) = 0.1264 PWM - 0.9186

These equations allow us to estimate the motor speed and gear speed for a given PWM input. To use these equations to calculate the required PWM to achieve a desired gear speed, we can rearrange the second equation to solve for PWM:

PWM=Gear Speed (RPM)+0.91860.1264PWM=0.1264Gear Speed (RPM)+0.9186

=> Due to measurement errors the values are not exact, so we continued testing to obtain improved and adaptable values that align with our objectives.

Ultimately, we collected the data to develop a suitable model of the motor, utilizing an object-oriented approach to ensure modularity and facilitate the interpretation of results.

The code defines a 'MotorModel' class for a motor control system. The class includes methods to calculate PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) from gear speed and plot the relationships between gear speed, motor speed, and PWM. It initializes model parameters, estimates motor speed from gear speed, constrains PWM values between 0 and 100, and generates plots for visualization.

```
def __init__(self, gear_motor_slope=0.00320, gear_motor_intercept=0.4000, motor_pwm_slope=36.394, motor_pwm_intercept=-300.667):
    self.gear_motor_intercept = gear_motor_intercept
    self.motor_pwm_intercept = motor_pwm_intercept
   estimated_motor_speed = (desired_gear_speed - self.gear_motor_intercept) / self.gear_motor_slope
   estimated_pwm = (estimated_motor_speed - self.motor_pwm_intercept) / self.motor_pwm_slope
   print(f"Raw PWM: {estimated_pwm}")
   estimated_pwm = max(0, min(estimated_pwm, 100))
    return estimated_motor_speed, estimated_pwm
def plot_relationships(self, gear_speeds):
       motor_speed, pwm = self.calculate_pwm_from_gear_speed(gear_speed)
    plt.grid(True)
   plt.subplot( *args: 1, 2, 2)
    plt.plot( *args: gear_speeds, pwms, '-o', color='red', label='PWM')
   plt.title('PWM vs. Gear Speed')
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.tight_layout()
```

#### **1.4.2** Control Settings

then we need to create a PID model for our corrector, which is a basic implementation of a PID controller where the values can be edited by the user, we created a basic class for this which we will implement later in the full system.

here's the code for the PID controller:

the motor Model and PID models were then used as starting ground to create our full system, which includes a modular implementation of this motor model.

the full system must also include the option to drive the motor in an open loop or a closed loop. for the closed loop, we implemented the PID controller, where the parameters of the PID are configurable by the user directly both models are used interchangeably and are tied together heres the code for the full system:

```
from Controller_PID import PIDController
class MotorSystem:
    def __init__(self, Kp, Ki, Kd, gear_motor_slope=0.00320, gear_motor_intercept=0.4000, motor_pwm_slope=36.394,
                motor_pwm_intercept=-300.667):
       self.pid = PIDController(Kp, Ki, Kd)
        self.motor_pwm_slope = motor_pwm_slope
       self.motor_pwm_intercept = motor_pwm_intercept
   def calculate_pwm_from_gear_speed(self, desired_gear_speed):
       estimated_motor_speed = (desired_gear_speed - self.gear_motor_intercept) / self.gear_motor_slope
     print(f"Estimated Motor Speed: {estimated_motor_speed}")
       estimated_pwm = (estimated_motor_speed - self.motor_pwm_intercept) / self.motor_pwm_slope
       print(f"Raw PWM: {estimated_pwm}")
       motor_speeds = []
           pwms.append(control_pwm)
            _, gear_speed = self.calculate_speeds(dt)
           gear_speeds.append(gear_speed)
```

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def plot_motor_control(solf, setpoint, dt, time_end):
    times, motor_speeds, pmms = staf.control_motor(setpoint_dt, time_end)
    plt.figure(rigsize(10, 5))
    plt.subplot( 'args 1, 2, 1)
    plt.plot( 'args times, motor_speeds, '-o', label='Motor Speed')
    plt.title('Notor Speed vs. Time')
    plt.vlabel('Time (s)')
    plt.glade('Motor Speed (Encoder Counts)')
    plt.glade('Motor Speed (Encoder Counts)')
    plt.subplot( 'args times, pms, '-o', color='red', label='PWN')
    plt.plot( 'args times, pms, '-o', color='red', label='PWN')
    plt.vlabel('FWH (%)')
    plt.vlabel('FWH (%)')
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.legend()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    motor_system = MotorSystem(Kp=1.0, Ki=0.1, Kd=0.05)
    motor_system.plot_motor_control(setpoint=5.0, dt=0.01, time_end=2.0)
```

Now to implement this full system on the Raspberry Pi, our control board of choice, we prepared the following code: this code will import our full system and use it to drive the motor according to the user's input, and then plot the results.

The code defines a 'MotorSystem' class that includes a PID controller for motor control. It estimates motor speed and PWM from gear speed and controls the motor using the PID controller to maintain a setpoint. The class methods calculate and constrain PWM values, simulate the motor control system over time, and generate plots to visualize motor speed and PWM versus time.

```
motor_speed, _ = self.calculate_speeds(dt)
motor_speeds.append(motor_speed)
        pwms.append(control_pwm)
ax1.set_xlabel('Time (s)')
ax1.set_ylabel('Motor Speed (RPM)')
ax1.set_title('Motor Speed over Time')
ax2.set_ylabel('Gear Speed (RPM)')
ax2.set_title('Gear Speed over Time')
ax3.plot(times, pwms, label='PWM', color='red')
ax3.set_xlabel('Time (s)')
```

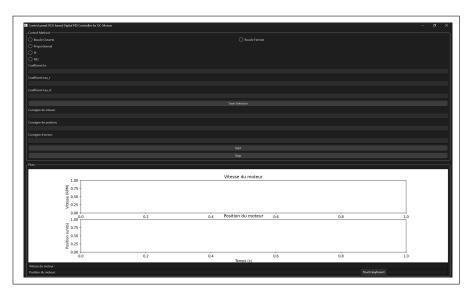
```
percentage of the controller of the control
```

To keep our project more organized, we have created a top-level file to manage the structure

and order of executing the different parts of the project and to facilitate debugging, here is the top-level code:

## **1.4.3** User Interface Design

Now what remains is our interface to control the whole project. since its code is very lengthy, it is not practical to include it in this report. here's the finalized interface and its different interactions.



The control settings empower users to configure the control methods and parameters according to their specific requirements. It encompasses the following elements:

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- Options to select control methods including open-loop and closed-loop control, for which the user can pick from Proportional (P), Proportional-Integral (PI), and Proportional-Integral Derivative (PID).
- Input fields for choosing the controller type (P, PI, PID).
- Dropdown menus or sliders for adjusting PID parameters (P, I, D) for both speed and position control.
- Input fields for setting speed and position setpoints.

The user gets to pick their control method of choice, then must input the parameters of choice correctly, in case settings are missing or out of bounds, a warning will be shown, improving the user experience and providing security features, assuring the parameters are not beyond the physical system's capabilities.

Here's an example of handling errors, warnings, and communicating with the user:



Notice the confirmation message indicating that the settings have been applied successfully. The interface provides clear feedback to the user, enhancing user experience and ensuring confidence in the system's operation



The warning alerts the user about the incorrect parameters entered, preventing potential errors or system malfunctions.

#### 1.4.4 ROS Package and Node Development

When it comes to the ROS integration, with the time we had available for this project, The ros\_integration.py script integrates a motor control system with ROS, providing basic control and real-time monitoring features, note that it doesn't currently communicate with the control interface.

#### **Key Features:**

• ROS Node Initialization:

Initializes a ROS node named motor-control node.

• Motor System Integration:

Uses the MotorSystem class with a PID controller to manage motor speed and position. Dynamic Reconfiguration:

Supports real-time adjustment of PID parameters (Kp, Ki, Kd) via ROS dynamic reconfiguring.

• ROS Topics:

Subscribes to /motor-speed and /motor-position for control commands. Publishes to /motor-speed-feedback and /motor-position-feedback for real-time feedback. ROS Service:

Provides a /reset-pid service to reset the PID controller. Real-time Publishing:

Simulates real-time data feedback for motor speed and position. How It Was Made: Initialization:

The ROS node is initialized, and the MotorSystem class is instantiated with default PID parameters. ROS Communication:

Sets up subscribers and publishers for motor speed and position control and feedback. Implements a dynamic reconfigure server for real-time PID parameter adjustments.

• Service and Callbacks:

Defines a service to reset the PID controller. Implements callbacks to handle incoming messages and publish feedback. Running the Node:

Uses rospy.spin() to keep the node running and responsive.

• Package Setup: Dependencies:

Includes necessary dependencies in package.xml and CMakeLists.txt.

• Building and Running:

Builds the package using catkin-make. Runs the node with rosrun.

• Tools:

Uses rqt-reconfigure for dynamic reconfiguration and rqt-plot for real-time visualization. This setup provides a starting point for a flexible and responsive motor control system integrated with ROS.

```
self.speed_subscriber = rospy.Subscriber('/motor_speed', Float32, self.speed_callback)
self.position_subscriber = rospy.Subscriber('/motor_position', Float32, self.position_callback)
# Dynamic reconfigure server
self.srv = Server(PIDConfig, self.reconfigure_callback)
rospy.loginfo(f"Setting motor speed to: {setpoint}")
rospy.loginfo(f"Setting motor position to: {setpoint}")
times, motor_speeds, gear_speeds, pwms = self.motor_system.control_motor(setpoint, dt=0.01, time_end=2.0)
for position in gear_speeds:
```

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def reconfigure_callback(self, config, level):
    rospy.loginfo(f"Reconfigure request: {config}*")
    self.motor_system.pid.Kp = config['Kp']
    self.motor_system.pid.Ki = config['Ki']
    self.motor_system.pid.Kd = config['Kd']
    return config

1 usage new *

def reset_pid(self, req):
    rospy.loginfo("Resetting PID controller")
    self.motor_system.pid.reset()
    return EmptXResponse()

1 usage new *

def run(self):
    rospy.spin()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    try:
    node = MotorControlNode()
    node.run()
    except rospy.ROSInterruptException:
    pass
```

In retrospect, the ROS integration aspect was addressed after the course concluded, and unfortunately, we did not have the opportunity to test it in the laboratory setting.

#### 1.4.5 Conclusion

In conclusion, the systematic approach detailed in this chapter has resulted in a reliable and user-friendly motor control system. The use of ROS has allowed for modular development, easy integration of various components, and real-time control and monitoring. This robust foundation sets the stage for further enhancements and customizations to meet specific user needs and operational scenarios.

# **General Conclusions**

In this project, we have outlined the comprehensive implementation and testing process for our motor control system. We began by preparing a template and establishing motor specifications through detailed measurements, ensuring the accuracy and reliability of our system. By analyzing the relationship between PWM values and motor performance, we derived key equations that enable precise control over motor speed and gear speed.

The Control Settings section was designed to provide users with the flexibility to adjust setpo ints, select control strategies, and fine-tune PID parameters dynamically. This ensures that the system can be tailored to meet various operational requirements efficiently.

The User Interface (UI) was meticulously crafted to facilitate intuitive interaction and effective control. It includes sections for data acquisition, control settings, system disturbances, configuration, and essential utilities. Each section was implemented with user-friendliness and functionality in mind, ensuring that users can monitor and control the motor system with ease.

Throughout the implementation, we emphasized real-time data acquisition and visualization, robust control settings, and thorough system testing to guarantee seamless integration and performance. The final UI design encapsulates these elements, providing a cohesive and efficient platform for motor control.