



# Simple Mechanical Systems are Truly Simple

**MECHANICS AND CONTROL WORKSHOP — IITB**  
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# Mechanical Systems on $\mathbb{R}^n$

→ Applied force,  $f^u$

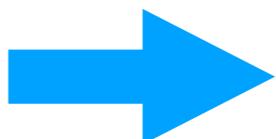


Configuration Space →  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Kinetic Energy →  $\frac{1}{2}\langle M\dot{x}, \dot{x} \rangle = \frac{M}{2}\dot{x}^T \dot{x}$

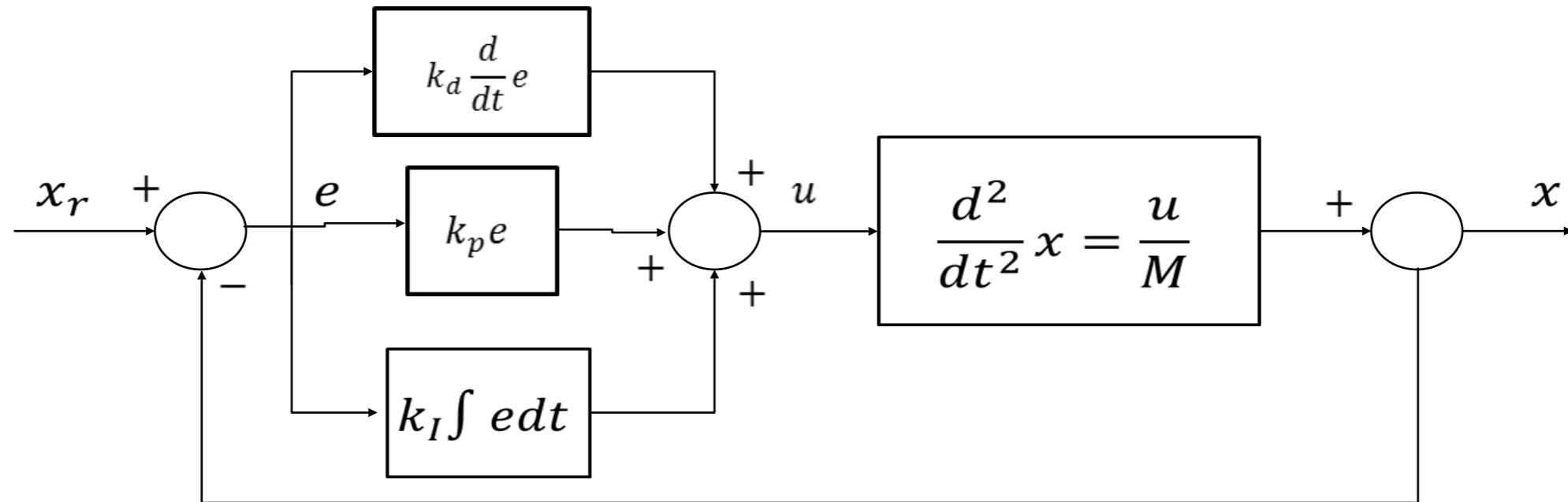
Newton's Equations

$$M\ddot{x} = f^d + f^u$$



$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= v \\ M\dot{v} &= f^d + f^u\end{aligned}$$

# PID Control on $\mathbb{R}^n$



## PID Without Feedforward Control

$$e \triangleq (x - x_r)$$

$$\dot{e}_I = e$$

$$u_{PID} = -M(k_p e + k_d \dot{e} + k_I e_I) + M\ddot{x}_r$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = x_r(t)$$

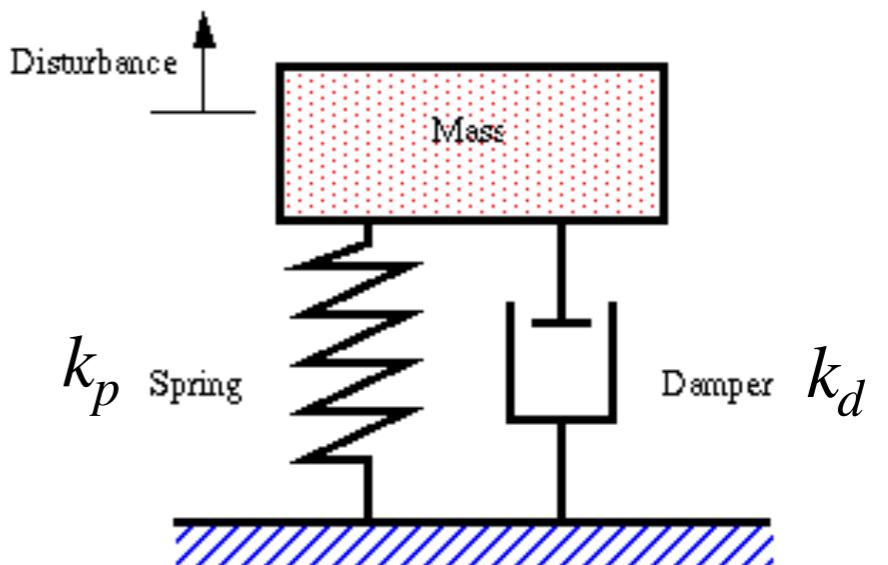
**Globally Exponentially**

- Global stability
- Robust
- Can track constant acceleration references
- Can reject constant input disturbances

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**Error Dynamics**



**Momentum error**  $\rightarrow p_e \triangleq M\dot{e}$

$$W(e, \dot{e}) = \frac{k_p}{2} \langle M\dot{e}, \dot{e} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle p_e, \dot{e} \rangle \geq 0$$

$$f^u = -M(k_p e + k_d \dot{e}) + M\ddot{x}_r \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{dW}{dt} = k_p \langle M\dot{e}, \dot{e} \rangle + \langle M\ddot{\dot{e}}, \dot{e} \rangle = -k_d \langle M\dot{e}, \dot{e} \rangle \leq 0$$

**LaSalle's Invariance Principle**  $\rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e(t) = 0$

**Integral Control**  $u_I = -k_I e_I$  **Adds Robustness**

# Can We Always Use PID ?



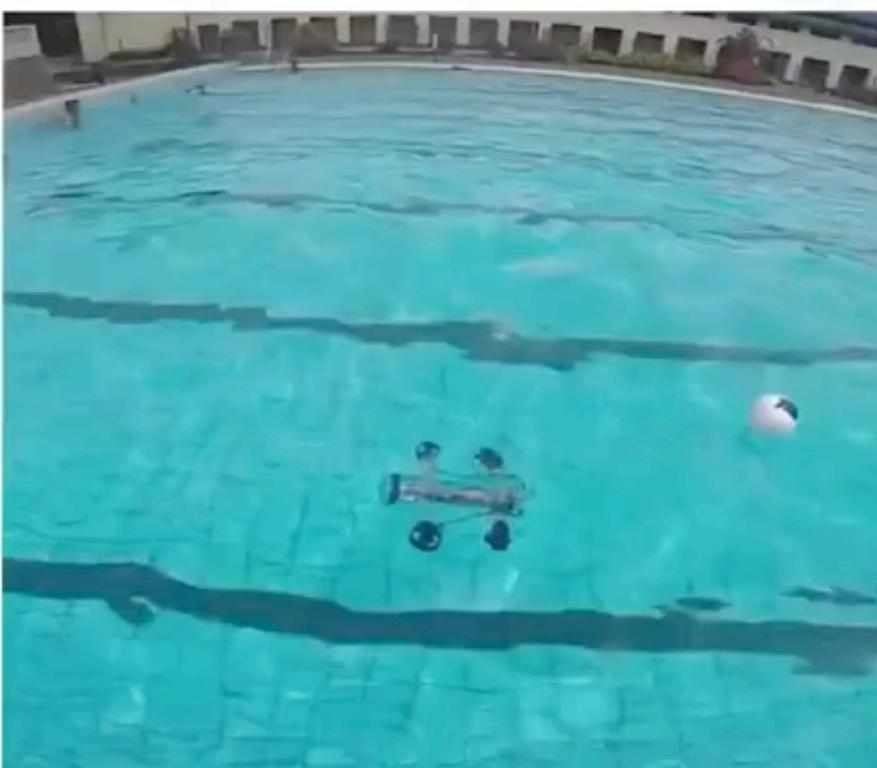
# Nonlinear Systems are Tricky



<https://youtu.be/ZNpi-IHnAh0>



# What We Have Developed



<https://youtu.be/6E9WDQNVSYA>



# Almost Globally Stable PID



[https://youtu.be/zq05N8m\\_9SA](https://youtu.be/zq05N8m_9SA)



# Fully Autonomous Control and Navigation



<https://youtu.be/SQLYFBChrAk>



# Fully Onboard Autonomous Obstacle Avoidance



## Development of an Autonomous Robot Control and Navigation Platform

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&

CodeGen International (Pvt) Ltd

<https://youtu.be/9dfmOx7TPgs>



# **Underwater Vehicle Control and Navigation**

**Mathematical Modelling, Simulation and Testing  
of Underwater Vehicle Platform.**

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Collaborate with Codegen International



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# Balancing Vehicle Control and Navigation

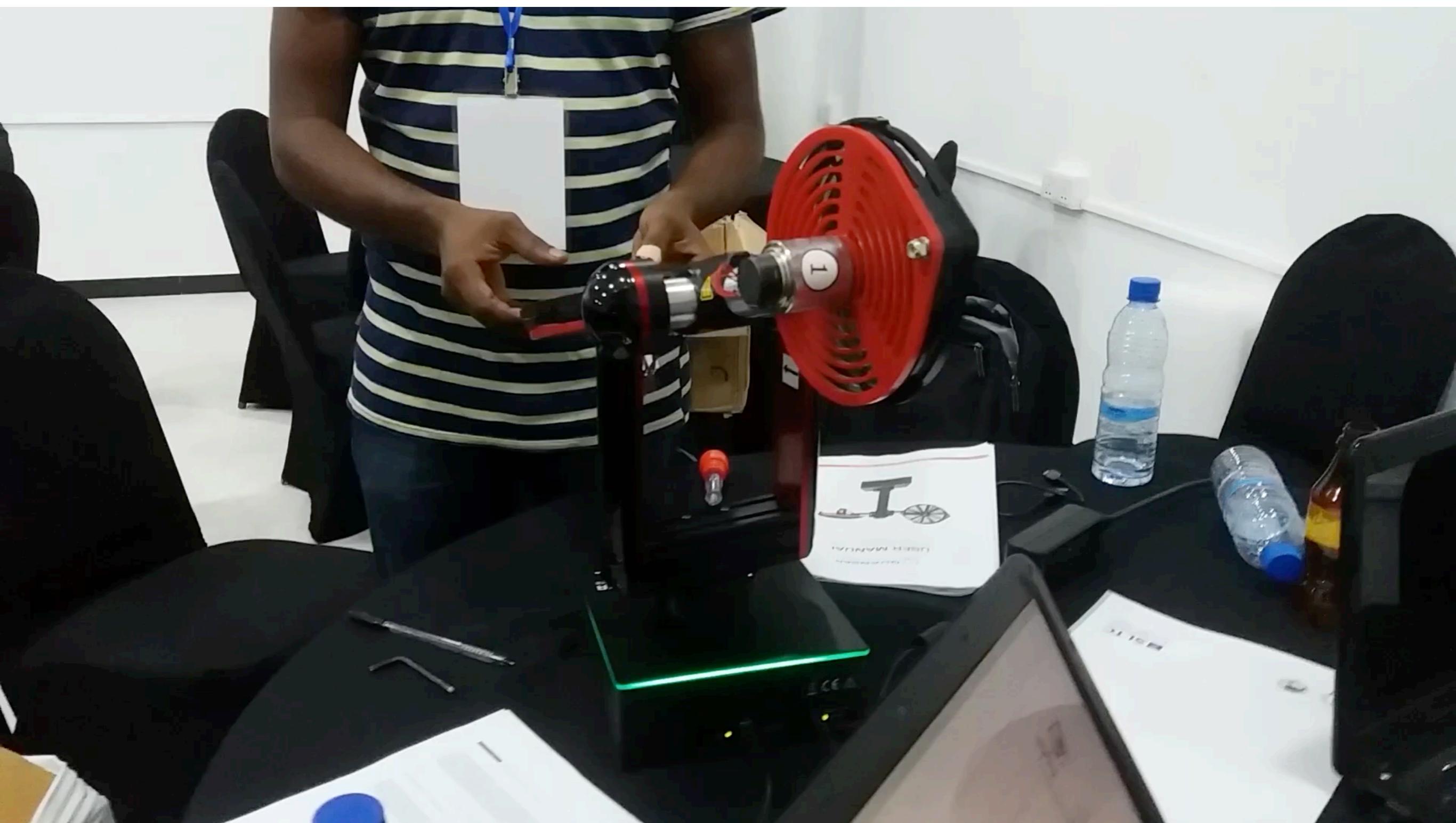


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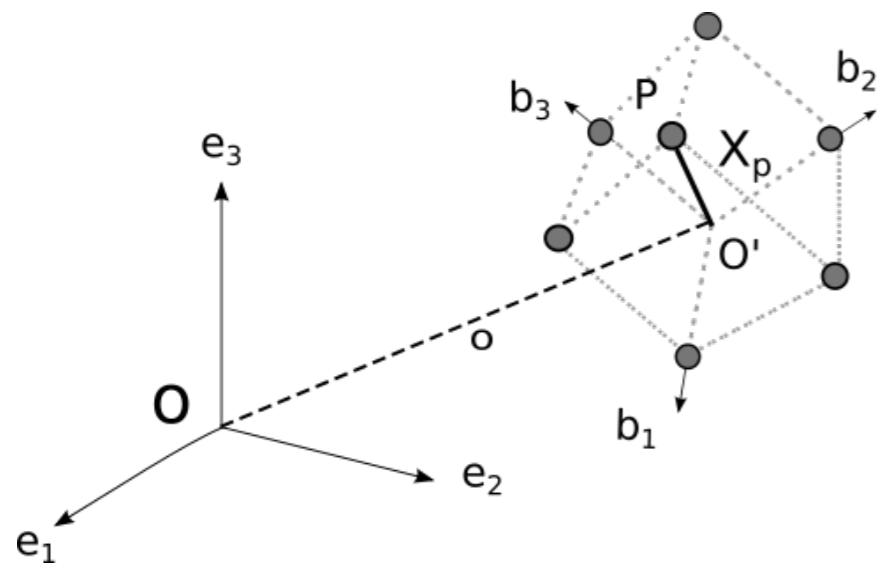
# Control of the QUANSER AEORO



<https://youtu.be/J5MMp6Be3tU>



# Rigid Body Control



$$\begin{aligned}\pi &= \mathbb{I}_R \omega \\ \dot{R} &= \widehat{\omega} R \\ \dot{\pi} &= \tau^u\end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{R} &= R \widehat{\Omega} \\ \mathbb{I}\dot{\Omega} &= \mathbb{I}\Omega \times \Omega + T^u\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\omega &= R\Omega \\ \tau^u &= RT^u\end{aligned}$$

**Fully actuated**

$$(R_r(t), \dot{R}_r = R_r \widehat{\Omega}_r(t))$$

**Reference Trajectory**

**Control Objective**



find  $T^u$  such that  
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$$E = I + \sin \theta_e \hat{n}_e + (1 - \cos \theta_e) \hat{n}_e^2$$

$$V(E) = \alpha_n \frac{k_p}{2} (1 - \cos \theta_e) \geq 0$$

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**Unique minimum when**  $E = I_{3 \times 3}$

**Three maxima when**  $E = \text{diag}\{1, -1, -1\}$

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$$\begin{aligned} \|\Omega \times \Omega\| &= \|\Omega_E + E^T \Omega_r\| \times \|\Omega_E + E^T \Omega_r\| \\ &= \|\Omega_E \times \Omega_E + \|\Omega_E \times E^T \Omega_r + \|E^T \Omega_r \times \Omega_E + \|E^T \Omega_r \times E^T \Omega_r \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\dot{\Omega}_E\| = \|\Omega_E \times \Omega_E + T^u - F_r(E, \Omega_E, \Omega_r)\|$$

$$F_r = \|E^T \dot{\Omega}_r - 2\|\Omega_E \times (E^T \Omega_r) - \|E^T \Omega_r \times \Omega_E - \|E^T \Omega_r \times E^T \Omega_r$$

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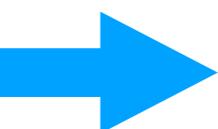
$$\textbf{Velocity Error} \rightarrow \dot{E} = E \cdot (\widehat{\Omega} - \overbrace{E^T \Omega_r}^{\widehat{\Omega}_E})$$

$$\textbf{grad of V} \rightarrow \nabla V \triangleq \zeta_E$$

$$V: SO(3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \rightarrow \quad V(E) = \frac{k_p}{2} \text{trace} (K(I - E)) \quad W(E, \Omega_E) = V(E) + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbb{I}\Omega_E, \Omega_E \rangle$$

$$T^u = -\mathbb{I}(k_p \zeta_E + k_d \Omega_E) + F_r$$

**Intrinsic PD control**



$$\frac{d}{dt} W(E, \Omega_E) = -k_d \langle \mathbb{I}\Omega_E, \Omega_E \rangle \leq 0$$

**LaSalle's Invariance Principle**

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\Omega}_E &= \mathbb{I}\Omega_E \times \Omega_E - (k_p \zeta_E + k_d \Omega_E) \\ \mathbb{I}\nabla_{\Omega_E} \Omega_E &\triangleq \dot{\Omega}_E - \mathbb{I}\Omega_E \times \Omega_E \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{I}(\nabla_{\Omega_E} \Omega_E + k_p \zeta_E + k_d \Omega_E) = 0$$

**Error Dynamics on SO(3)**

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} R(t) = R_r(t)$$

**For all ICs except three !**

# Intrinsic PID

**Velocity Error**       $\rightarrow \dot{E} = E \cdot (\widehat{\Omega - E^T \Omega_r})$

**grad of V**       $\rightarrow \nabla V \triangleq \zeta_E \underbrace{\widehat{\Omega}_E}_{\widehat{\Omega}_E}$

$$\mathbb{I} \nabla_{\zeta_E} \Omega_I = \mathbb{I} \zeta_E,$$

$$T^u = - \mathbb{I} (k_p \zeta_E + k_d \Omega_E + k_I \Omega_I)$$

$$V : SO(3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \rightarrow \quad V(E) = \frac{k_p}{2} \text{trace} (K(I - E))$$

$$W(E, \Omega_E, \Omega_I) = V(E) + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbb{I} \Omega_E, \Omega_E \rangle + \frac{\gamma}{2} \langle \mathbb{I} \Omega_I, \Omega_I \rangle + \text{cross terms}$$

**Works even for problems with singular Inertia Tensors !**

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