

Cartpole system with motor

The dynamics of the cartpole system with motor are governed by the following set of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\vartheta} &= \omega \\
 \dot{x} &= v_x \\
 \dot{\omega} &= \frac{g \sin \vartheta (m_c + m_p) - \cos \vartheta (F + m_p l \omega^2 \sin \vartheta)}{\frac{4l}{3}(m_c + m_p) - l m_p \cos^2 \vartheta} \\
 \dot{v}_x &= \frac{F + m_p l \omega^2 \sin \vartheta - \frac{3}{8} m_p g \sin(2\vartheta)}{m_c + m_p - \frac{3}{4} m_p \cos^2 \vartheta} \\
 \dot{F} &= \text{frac1}\tau(u - F)
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where the variables are defined as follows:

- ϑ : pole turning angle (**state variable**) [rad]
- x : x-coordinate of the cart (**state variable**) [m]
- ω : pole angular speed with respect to relative coordinate axes with cart in the origin (**state variable**) [rad/s]
- v_x : absolute speed of the cart (**state variable**) [m/s]
- F : pushing force (**state variable**) [N]
- u : motor torque (**control variable**) [N]
- m_c : mass of the cart [kg]
- m_p : mass of the pole [kg]
- l : pole length [m]
- τ : motor moment [s]

Lagrange's equations are employed to derive the above expressions (1) (first 4 equations):

$$\bar{I}_p \dot{\omega} + \dot{v}_x m_p l \cos \vartheta - m_p g l \sin \vartheta = 0 \tag{2}$$

$$(m_c + m_p) \dot{v}_x - m_p l \omega^2 \sin \vartheta + \dot{\omega} m_p l \cos \vartheta = F \tag{3}$$

with the moment of inertia \bar{I}_p given by $\bar{I}_p = \frac{4}{3}m_p l^2$.

The variable correspondences in the code are as follows:

- $\vartheta = \text{angle}$
- $\omega = \text{angle_vel}$
- $v_x = \text{vel}$
- $m_c = \text{mass_cart}$
- $m_p = \text{mass_pole}$
- $l = \text{length_pole}$
- $g = \text{grav_const}$

Exercise 1

Theory

Define the pendulum's energy as:

$$E_p = \frac{\bar{I}_p \omega^2}{2} + m_p g l (\cos \vartheta - 1)$$

Consider the function:

$$L_1 = \frac{1}{2}(E_p^2 + m_p l \lambda v_x^2), \quad (4)$$

where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ is a positive constant hyperparameter. Prove that the L_1 time derivative is:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dL_1}{dt} &= -\dot{v}_x m_p l (E_p \omega \cos \vartheta - \lambda v_x) = \\ &= -\frac{F + m_p l \omega^2 \sin \vartheta - \frac{3}{8} m_p g \sin(2\vartheta)}{m_c + m_p - \frac{3}{4} m_p \cos^2 \vartheta} m_p l (E_p \omega \cos \vartheta - \lambda v_x) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

and identify such function $F = F_{\text{en.based.}}(\vartheta, \omega, v_x, b)$ that ensures

$$\frac{dL_1}{dt} = -m_p l k (E_p \omega \cos \vartheta - \lambda v_x)^2,$$

where $k \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ is a positive constant hyperparameter.

Hint. *You will need equation (2) to derive (5).*

Code

After determining the function $F = F_{\text{en.based.}}(\vartheta, \omega, v_x, b)$, locate the following function in the code:

```
def cartpole_energy_based_force_control_function(
    self,
    angle: float,
    angle_vel: float,
    vel: float,
) -> float:
```

and implement the function body so that it computes and returns $F_{\text{en.based.}}(\vartheta, \omega, v_x)$. The variable correspondences in the code are as follows:

- $\vartheta = \text{angle}$
- $\omega = \text{angle_vel}$
- $v_x = \text{vel}$
- $k = \text{self.energy_gain}$
- $\lambda = \text{self.velocity_gain}$
- $m_c = \text{mass_cart}$
- $m_p = \text{mass_pole}$
- $l = \text{length_pole}$
- $g = \text{grav_const}$

Exercise 2

Theory

The derived $F_{\text{en.based.}}(\vartheta, \omega, v_x)$ is not our control variable as it was in previous homework assignments. But can we find control law $u(\vartheta, \omega, v_x, F)$ on the basis of the derived $F_{\text{en.based.}}(\vartheta, \omega, v_x)$? The answer is yes. The backstepping controller is

$$u(\vartheta, \omega, v_x, F) = F - b(F - F_{\text{en.based.}}(\vartheta, \omega, v_x)),$$

where $b \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ is a positive constant hyperparameter.

Code

Now find the following function in the code:

```
def cartpole_backstepping(  
    self,  
    old_energy_based_force: float,  
    force: float,  
) -> float:
```

and implement the function body so that it computes and returns $u(\vartheta, \omega, v_x, F)$.

The variable correspondences in the code are as follows:

- $b = \text{self.backstepping_gain}$
- $F = \text{force}$
- $F_{\text{en.based.}}(\vartheta, \omega, v_x) = \text{old_energy_based_force}$