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Motor Theory and Practice

Medical Robotics: Hardware Development

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INTRODUCTION

Introduction to Motors

Motors of all types serve to convert electrical energy into mechanical energy.

Introduction to Motors



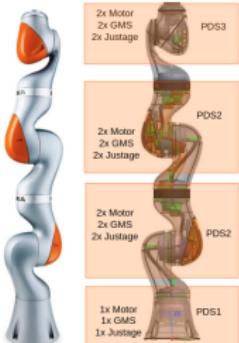
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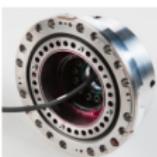
High level of integration
of electronics and mechanics



Joint Torque Sensor



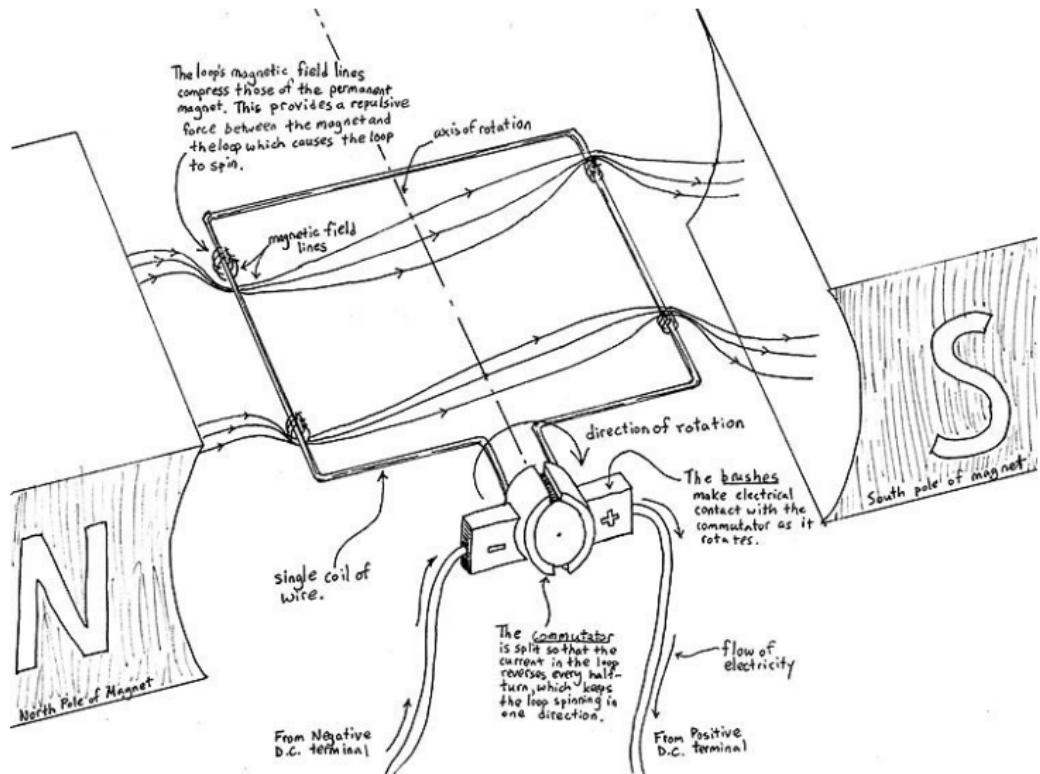
Motors



Gears

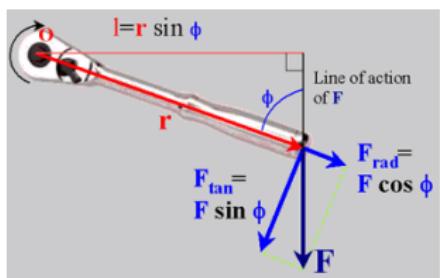
BACKGROUND

How do a motor work

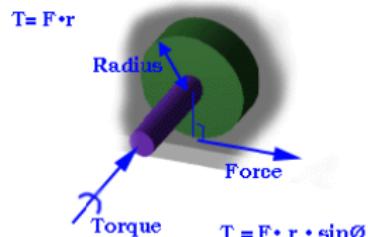


Torque

Torque, also known as momentum, is the term used to talk about forces that cause or change rotational motion.



For the case of a wheel or winch the force is always tangent.



$$T = r \cdot F \cdot \sin(\phi)$$

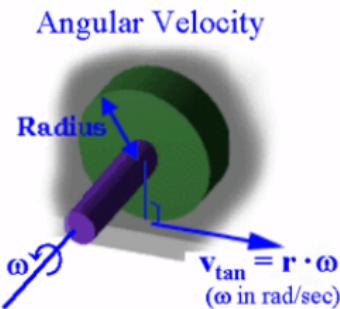
$$T = r \cdot F_{tan}$$

Units of torque

- * SI: newton-meters (N·m)
- * English: inch-pounds (in-lb), foot-pounds (ft-lb), inch-ounces (in-oz)

Speed

The rate of rotation around an axis usually expressed in radians or revolutions per second or per minute.



$$1\text{ revolution} = 360\text{deg}$$

$$1\text{ revolution} = 2\pi\text{radians}$$

$$1\text{radian} = (180/\pi)\text{deg}$$

$$1\text{deg} = (\pi/180)\text{radians}$$

Units of speed:

* radians/second (rad/s)

* revolutions/second (rps)

* revolutions/minute (rpm)

From the angular velocity ω , we can find the tangential velocity with $v_{tan} = r \cdot \omega$ anywhere in the rotating body.

Power

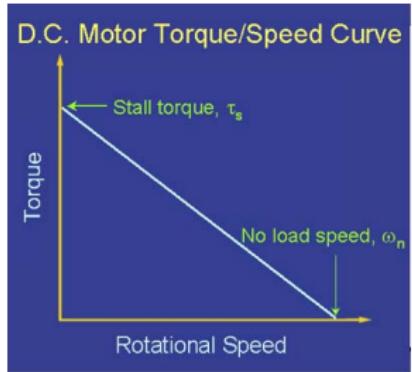
When a torque T (with respect to the axis of rotation) acts on a body that rotates with angular velocity ω , its power (rate of doing work) is the product of the torque and angular velocity.

$$P_{rot} = T \cdot \omega$$

Units of power:

- * SI: Watts (W), newton-meters per second (N-m/s)
- * English: foot-pound per second (ft-lb/s), horsepower (hp)

Torque/Speed Curves

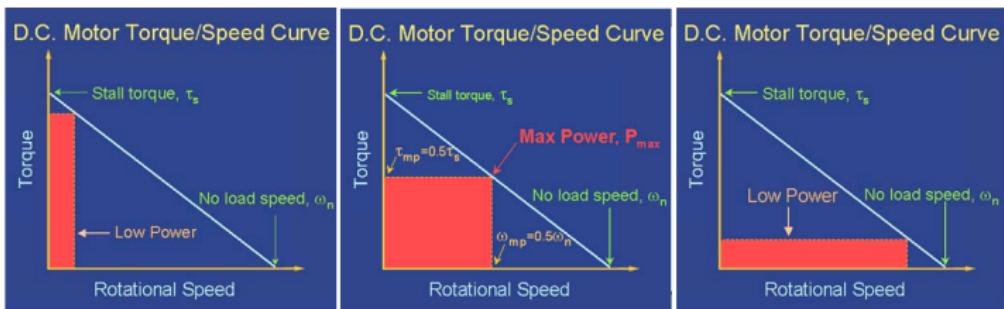


There is a tradeoff between how much torque a motor delivers, and how fast the output shaft spins.

- * The stall torque (T_s) point in the curve where torque is at its maximum but the shaft is not rotating.
- * The no load speed (ω_n) maximum output speed of the motor (where no torque is applied to the shaft)

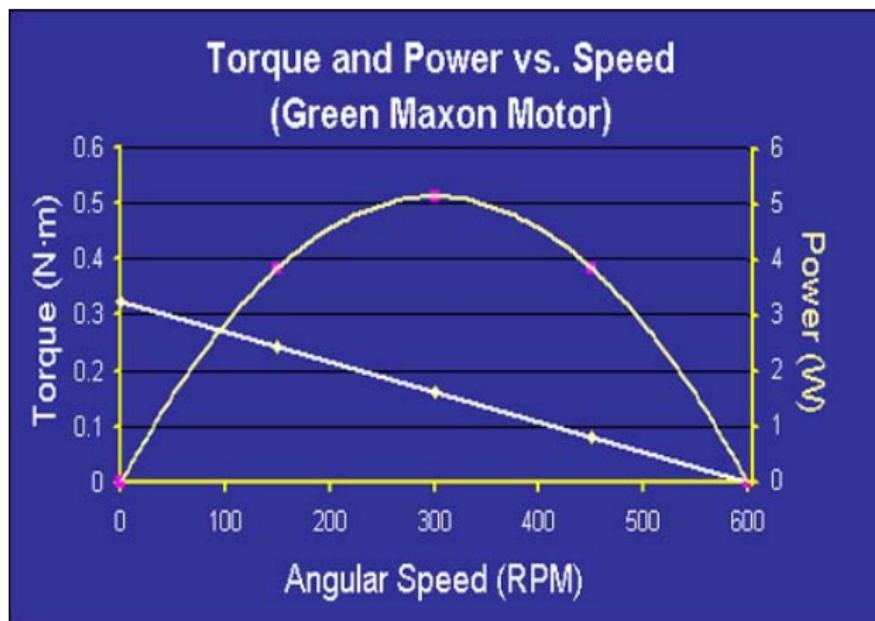
Torque/Speed Curves

The area under the curve is the power given by the product of torque and angular velocity.



- * Due to the linear relationship of torque and angular velocity, the maximum power occurs at the point where $\omega = 1/2\omega_n$, $T = 1/2\tau_s$.

Power/Torque and Power/Speed Curves



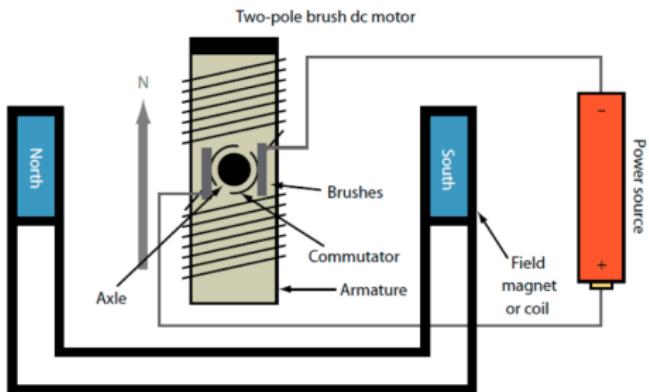
MOTOR TYPES

Choosing an electric motor

- Torque
- Speed
- Precision and Accuracy
- Voltage
- Cost
- Form factor

1. Brushed DC Motor
2. DC gear motors
3. Brushless motors
4. Servo motors
5. Stepper motors

Brushed DC Motor



Advantages:

- * Inexpensive
- * Lightweight
- * Reasonable Efficient
- * Good low-speed torque

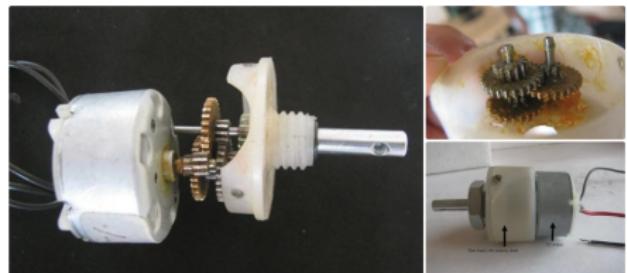
Limitations:

audible whine from the commutator brushes,
create electrical noise

Applications:

- * Toys
- * RC Servos
- * Gear Motors

DC gear motors



Advantages:

- * Speed reduction
- * Increase torque

Limitations:

The extra resistance can make these gear-trains balky at low speeds.

Applications:

- * Robot Drive Trains
- * Radio Control Vehicles
- * Cordless Tools

Brushless motors



Advantages:

- * Quiet
- * Efficient

Limitations:

Some types of brushless motors require a separate controller

Applications:

Multicopters, Drones,
Radio Control Vehicles,
Disk Drives, Fans,
Industrial Servos, Hybrid
Vehicles, High-End
Gearmotors

Servo motors



Advantages:

- * Low cost - (RC Servos)
- * Variety - There is a wide range of sizes and torque ratings
- * Simple to control - using logic level pulses from a microcontroller or a dedicated servo controller

Limitations:

Most RC servos are limited to 180 degrees of motion and positioning accuracy and repeatability of +/- 1 degree is typical.

Applications:

Robotics, Animatronics, Radio Control Cars/Boats/Planes

Stepper motors



Advantages:

- * Precise repeatable positioning
- * Precise speed control
- * Excellent low-speed torque
- * Excellent 'holding torque' to maintain position

Limitations:

- * Low efficiency
- * May need encoder or limit switch to establish a reference position
- * Subject to missed steps if overloaded

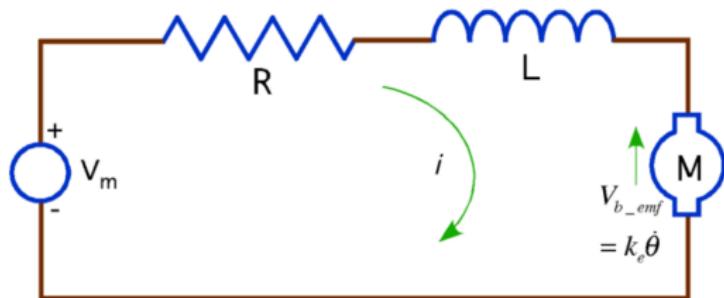
Applications:

3D Printers, CNC Machines, Camera rigs Robotics, Printers, Precision Gearmotors

MOTOR MODELLING

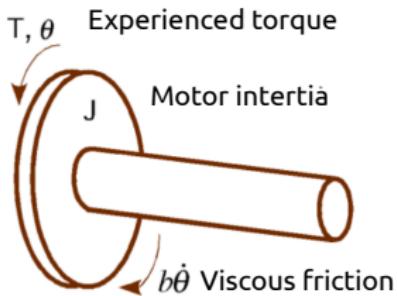
Motor Modelling

Electrical part



Motor stator

Mechanical part



Motor rotor

DC motor modelling: electrical part

By Kirchhoff's Voltage Law, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_m - V_R - V_L - V_{emf} &= 0 \\ V_m - Ri - L \frac{di}{dt} - k_e \dot{\theta} &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Assuming the circuit has a very fast response, Eq (1) with $L \approx 0$ is presented as

$$\begin{aligned} V_m - Ri - k_e \dot{\theta} &= 0 \\ \frac{V_m}{R} - \frac{k_e}{R} \dot{\theta} &= i \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

DC motor modelling: mechanical part

By Newton's Law (torque aka energy balance), we have

$$T_e - T_{\dot{\theta}} - T_b - T_L = 0 \quad (3)$$

Where T_e is the electromagnetic torque. $T_{\dot{\theta}}$, is torque generated from the rotational acceleration of the rotor. T_b , is the torque due to the friction and angular velocity in the motor. T_L is the torque of the mechanical load (external load).

$$K_t i - J\ddot{\theta} - b\dot{\theta} - T_L = 0 \quad (4)$$

DC motor modelling: complete

Assume the motor is not connected to the load (i.e. $T_L = 0$) in Eq 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J\ddot{\theta} + b\dot{\theta} &= K_t i \\ \frac{J}{K_t}\ddot{\theta} + \frac{b}{K_t}\dot{\theta} &= i \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

DC motor modelling: complete

Substituting i from (2) in (5), we then have

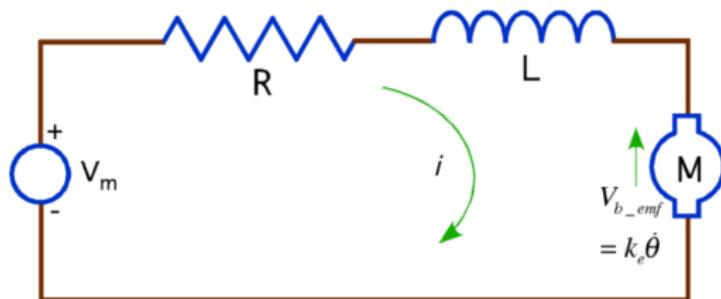
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{J}{K_t} \ddot{\theta} + \frac{b}{K_t} \dot{\theta} &= \frac{V_m}{R} - \frac{k_e}{R} \dot{\theta} \\ \frac{J}{K_t} \ddot{\theta} + \left(\frac{b}{K_t} + \frac{k_e}{R} \right) \dot{\theta} &= \frac{V_m}{R} \\ J \ddot{\theta} + \left(b + \frac{k_t k_e}{R} \right) \dot{\theta} &= V_m \frac{k_t}{R}\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

First-order differential equation in angular velocity

$$J \dot{\omega} + \left(b + \frac{k_t k_e}{R} \right) \omega = V_m \frac{k_t}{R}$$

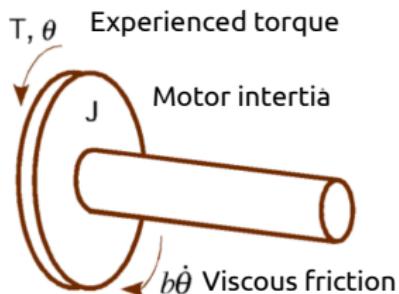
Motor Modelling

Electrical part



Motor stator

Mechanical part



Motor rotor

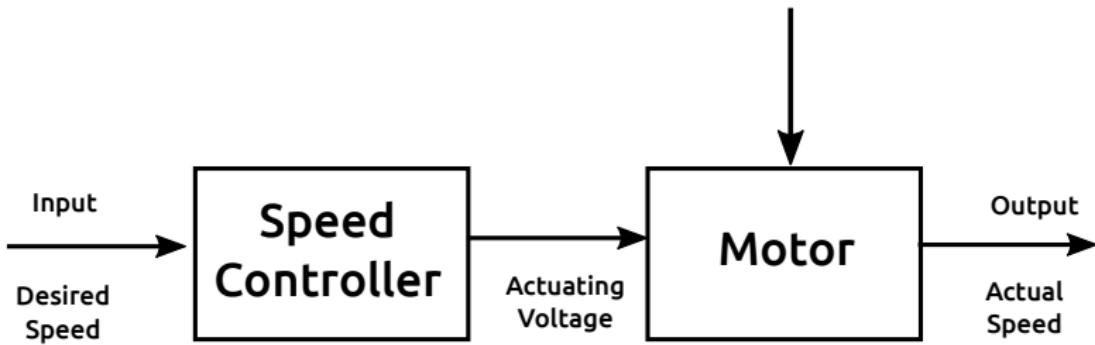
First-order differential equation in angular velocity

$$J\ddot{\omega} + (b + \frac{k_t k_e}{R})\omega = V_m \frac{k_t}{R}$$

MOTOR CONTROL

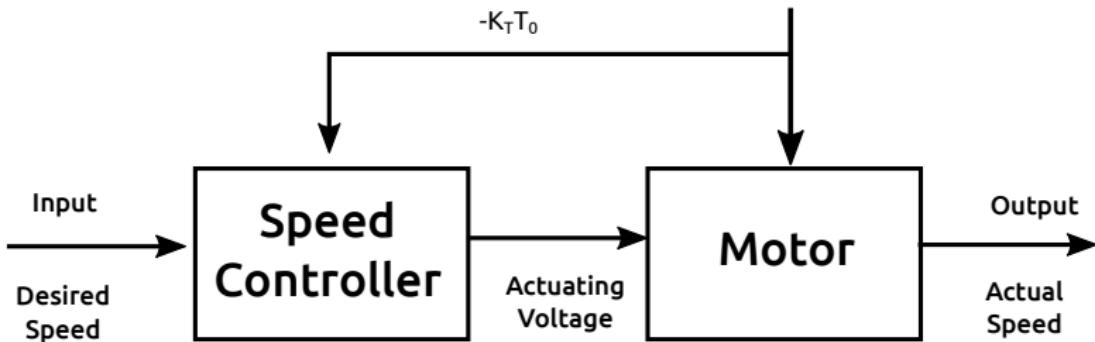
Open loop

Disturbances



Closed loop

Disturbances



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