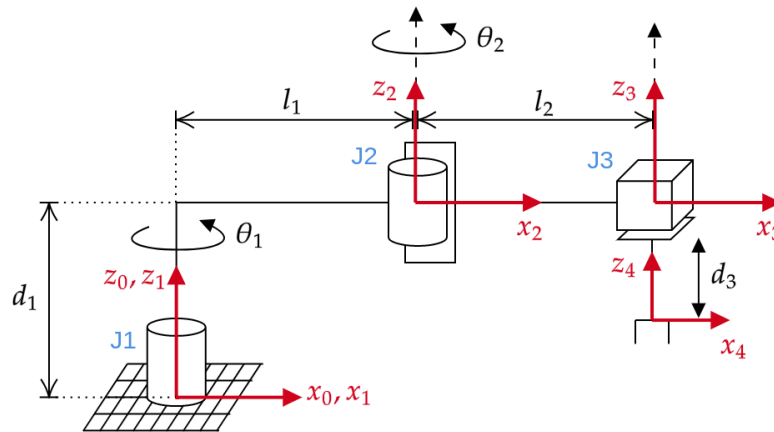


**Package overview:**

- Inside `catkin_ws/src`, the main package is `scara_robot`. It does not directly contain any nodes or launch files, but is a way to organize all of the other nodes.
  - New package:
    - \* The `scara_pd_controller` package implements a proportional and derivative controller for the three controllable joints: joint 1 (revolute), 2 (revolute), and 5 (prismatic joint). The controller functions by reading the current joint position using the `gazebo/get_joint_properties` service, calculating the necessary input into the joint, and applying the input force using the `gazebo/apply_joint_effort` service. The controller receives the desired reference position using a custom service message under `scara/JointControlReference`.
  - Old packages used (from PA #1):
    - \* The `scara_gazebo` package includes the launch files for the gazebo world.
    - \* The `scara_description` package includes the URDF files for the robot as well as the rviz launch files.

**Problems:**

The following coordinate frame definitions will be used for all parts:



1. Velocity Level Kinematics: Implement a node with two services. One takes joint velocities and converts them to end effector velocities, and the second one takes end effector velocities and converts them to joint velocities.
2. Extend the position controller in Part 2 to all the joints. (don't forget to revert the joint types.) Move the robot to a position that is significantly away from singular configurations using your position controllers

First the revolute joints were reverted back to non-fixed joints in the gazebo XACRO file:

```

1 <joint name="joint1" type="revolute">
2   <parent link="link1"/>
3   <child link="link2"/>
4   <origin xyz="0 0 ${height1 - axel_offset}" rpy="0 0 1.570796"/>
5   <axis xyz="0 0 -1"/>
6   <limit effort="100" lower="-3.14" upper="3.14" velocity="1"/>
7   <dynamics damping="0.7"/>
8 </joint>
9 ...
10 <joint name="joint3" type="revolute">
11   <parent link="link3"/>
12   <child link="link4"/>
13   <origin xyz="0 1.5 2.5" rpy="1.57 0 0"/>
14   <axis xyz="0 0 1"/>

```

```

15     <limit effort="100" lower="-3" upper="3" velocity="1"/>
16     <dynamics damping="0.7"/>
17 </joint>

```

The PD position controller from PA2 was expanded to control the revolute joints (referred to as joints 1 and 3 in gazebo because of the fixed joints). The following equation was used:

$$C(s) = k_p + k_d s \Rightarrow c(t) = k_p E + k_d \frac{dE}{dt}$$

The controller function from PA2 was already made to take in arbitrary current positions, desired positions, gains, and the joint name, but minor changes were made to the way the error is passed into the function:

```

1 def pd_control(joint, pos_cur, pos_des, kp, kd, err_old):
2     err = pos_des - pos_cur
3     d_err = (err - err_old) / (1 / rate)
4     f = -(kp * err + kd * d_err)
5
6     if debug == True:
7         print("err = %f, d_err = %f" % (err, d_err))
8         print("pos_des = %f, pos_cur = %f" % (pos_des, pos_cur))
9         print("Sending joint force f = [%f]" % (f)) # printing
10            calculated values to terminal
11
12     je_service = rospy.ServiceProxy('/gazebo/apply_joint_effort',
13                                     ApplyJointEffort)
14     zero_time = rospy.Time()
15     tick = rospy.Duration(0, int((1 / rate) * 10 * 9))
16     je_service(joint, f, zero_time, tick)
17
18     if print_to_file == True:
19         file1.write("%s,%f,%f,%f,%f\n" % (joint, pos_cur, pos_des, f, 1 /
20            rate))
21
22     return err

```

The function created to request the joint position was also expanded to work for all three joints. This also calls the PD controller function using the current joint position, desired joint position, gains, and previous loop error (for the derivative calculation):

```

1 def request_joint_status(joint):
2
3     joint_stauts = rospy.ServiceProxy('/gazebo/get_joint_properties',
4                                         GetJointProperties)
5     resp = joint_stauts(joint)
6
7     joint_pos = resp.position[0]
8
9     if debug == True:
10         print("\n\nReceived %s position: [%f] (meters)" % (joint,
11            joint_pos)) # printing received data to terminal
12
13     if joint == 'joint1':
14         E_old[0] = pd_control('joint1', -joint_pos, -th1_des, kp[0], kd
15            [0], E_old[0])
16
17     if joint == 'joint3':
18         E_old[1] = pd_control('joint3', -joint_pos, th2_des, kp[1], kd
19            [1], E_old[1])

```

```

16
17     if joint == 'joint5':
18         E_old[2] = pd_control('joint5', -joint_pos, d3_des, kp[2], kd
19                                [2], E_old[2])
20     return resp

```

The reference position service message file was updated to include the positions of the revolute joints:

```

1 float64 th1_des
2 float64 th2_des
3 float64 d3_des
4 _____
5 float64 success

```

The service handler function was also updated to store the desired positions for the revolute joints:

```

1 def service_handle(data):
2     global th1_des
3     global th2_des
4     global d3_des
5
6     th1_des = data.th1_des
7     th2_des = data.th2_des
8     d3_des = data.d3_des
9
10    if debug == True:
11        print("\nReceived reference positions [th1,th2,d3] = [%f,%f,%f]"
12              % (th1_des,th2_des,d3_des)) # printing converted values to
13              terminal
14
15    if d3_des >= 0 or d3_des <=1:
16        success = True
17    else:
18        success = False
19
20    return success

```

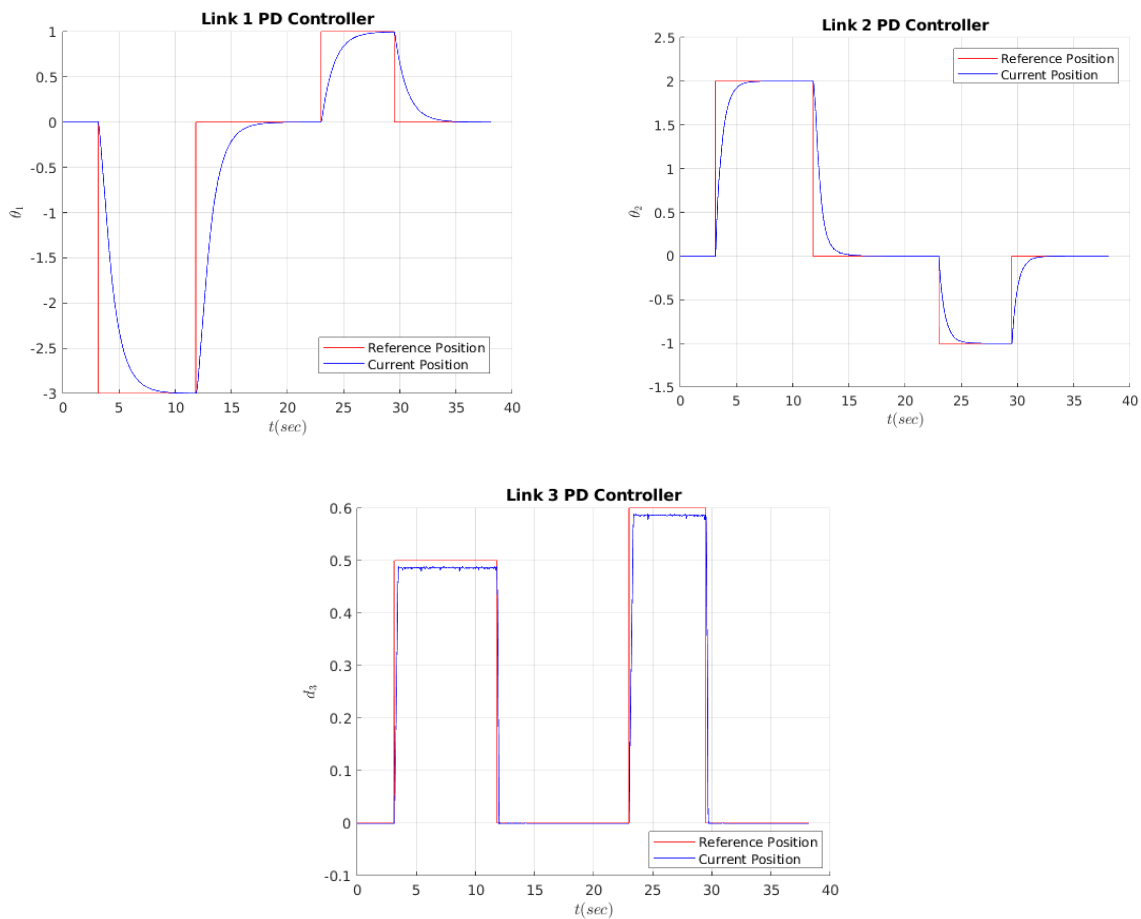
Lastly, the server loop was updated to poll the positions of the revolute joints (which in turns calls the controller of each joint each cycle):

```

1 while not rospy.is_shutdown():
2     request_joint_status('joint1')
3     request_joint_status('joint3')
4     request_joint_status('joint5')
5     r.sleep()

```

When the controller begins, it commands the joints to the home position. The reference position was then set to a two different non-zero positions to show the controller functioning:



To run the controller:

- (a) `catkin_make`
  - (b) `source devel/setup.bash`
  - (c) `roslaunch scara_gazebo scara_world.launch`
  - (d) In a new window, `roslaunch scara_pd_controller pd_control.py`. The controller will begin controlling all joints to their home position ( $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = d_3 = 0$ ).
  - (e) In a new window, `rosservice call /scara/JointControlReference "th1_des: X.XX th2_des: X.XX d3_des: X.XX"` where X.XX is any number between  $-\pi$  and  $\pi$  for the revolute joints and 0 and 1 for the prismatic joint.
3. Write velocity controllers for all the joints. For tuning the controller gains, you might need to fix the joints rather than the joint of consideration. Don't forget to revert the joint type to movable ones once you are done.
  4. Give a constant velocity reference in the positive  $y$  direction of the Cartesian space. Convert this velocity in to the joint space using your Jacobian and feed it as a reference to your velocity controllers. This should make the robot move on a straight line in the  $+y$  direction. Record the generated velocity references together with the actual velocity of the system over time, and plot via Matlab.