



Qube-Servo 3

Parameter Estimation

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Parameter Estimation

What is Parameter Estimation?

Parameter estimation is the process of determining the key numerical values that describe a DC motor's behavior in mathematical models. These parameters can be found through system identification, that is, using input-output data to mathematically determine parameters. In the case of a DC motor, it is possible to estimate some of the motor parameters by simply looking at the current, voltage and speed response of the motor. Understanding and calculating these parameters is crucial because rather than using general datasheet values, they help us have a more accurate prediction on how the motor will behave in different situations, design appropriate control systems and simulate motor performance before building real systems.

Background

This is one of multiple labs describing how to model a servomotor. Any of these labs can be done in any order. These modeling labs include modeling through frequency response, step response, parameter estimation, block diagrams and state space.

Prior to starting this lab, please review the following concept reviews (should be located in Documents/Quanser/4_concept_reviews/),

- Concept Review –Modeling & IO → Modeling (Fundamental DC Motor Concepts section). You will need to understand the motor parameters as well as the mechanical and electrical equations.

Getting started

In this lab you will use the parameters found in the user manual and DC motor equations of motion from the concept review to model the system response of the Qube-Servo 3. You will calculate the motor resistance, the torque constant/back EMF and the moment of inertia of the system by running the Qube under different conditions and observing its outputs.

Ensure you have completed the following labs

- **Hardware Interfacing Lab**
- **Filtering Lab**

Before you begin this lab, ensure that the following criteria are met.

- If using a physical Qube-Servo 3, make sure it has been setup and tested. See the Qube-Servo 3 Quick Start Guide for details on this step. Make sure the inertia disc load is attached to the Qube-Servo 3.
- If using the virtual Qube-Servo 3, make sure you have Quanser Interactive Labs open in the Qube 3 - DC Motor → Servo Workspace.
- **You have the Qube-Servo 3 User Manual.** It will be required to find relevant system information for some of the exercises. It should be located in the same folder as this document.
- You are familiar with the basics of Simulink. See the [Simulink Onramp](#) for more help with getting started with Simulink.