

Iterative Learning Control of a Pneumatically Driven Robot Joint

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Abstract—In this contribution the concept of *Iterative Learning Control (ILC)* is introduced and applied to a pneumatically driven joint build-in a pneumatic cobot. Iterative Learning Control is highly suitable to repeatable control tasks as they appear typically in robot applications [6].

Index Terms—model-based control, robot control

I. INTRODUCTION

Robot control tasks often follows a repeating trajectory. For this kind of application the concept of learning from the error of the previous control run lies on the hand. That's why in the field of robot control the concept of ILC is often used [1]. In [2] the concept for

II. CONTROL TASK

As a drafted version the paper of Steinboeck can be used [7]

A. Model of the Pneumatic Robot Joint

In this research a single joint (cf. Fig. 2) of a pneumatic robot (cf. Fig. 1) is considered. In this pneumatically driven revolute joint, the two pressure chambers are separated by a swivel wing of area A_{eff} and an effective radius R_{eff} , which is semi-rotatable to $\pm 135^\circ$. The pressure difference between the two chambers 1 and 2 of the joint generates a driving torque

$$\tau(p_1, p_2) = A_{\text{eff}} R_{\text{eff}} (p_1 - p_2). \quad (1)$$

The pressure in each chamber is set individually by a massflow $\dot{m}_{1,2}$ into or out of the chamber with a pneumatic valve, not considered in detail here. A more detailed overview of the pneumatic model can be found in [3].

The governing equations of the rotary joint model are:

$$\ddot{q} = \frac{A_{\text{eff}} R_{\text{eff}} (p_1 - p_2)}{J}, \quad (2a)$$

$$\dot{p}_2 = \frac{nRT}{V_{\text{dead},2} + A_{\text{eff}} R_{\text{eff}} (|q_{\text{max}} - q|)} \dot{m}_2 - \frac{np_2 A_{\text{eff}} R_{\text{eff}} \dot{q}}{V_{\text{dead},2} + A_{\text{eff}} R_{\text{eff}} (|q_{\text{max}} - q|)}, \quad (2b)$$

$$\dot{p}_1 = \frac{nRT}{V_{\text{dead},1} + A_{\text{eff}} R_{\text{eff}} (|q_{\text{min}} + q|)} \dot{m}_1 + \frac{np_1 A_{\text{eff}} R_{\text{eff}} \dot{q}}{V_{\text{dead},1} + A_{\text{eff}} R_{\text{eff}} (|q_{\text{min}} + q|)}, \quad (2c)$$

where the A_{eff}
See also [5], and [4].



Fig. 1. Pneumatic Cobot from Festo (2020)

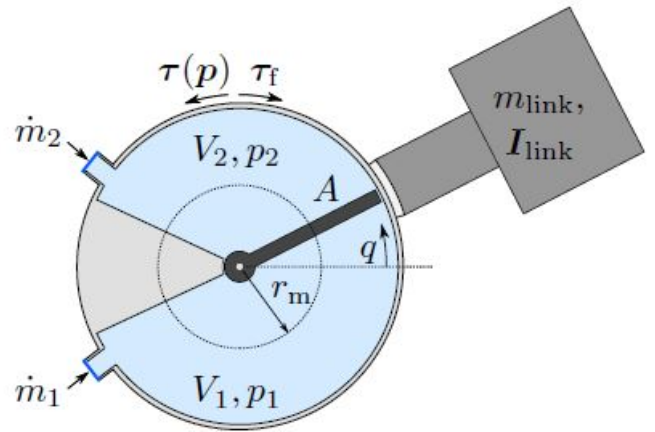


Fig. 2. Schematics of a pneumatic rotary joint [5].

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B. Iterative Learning Control

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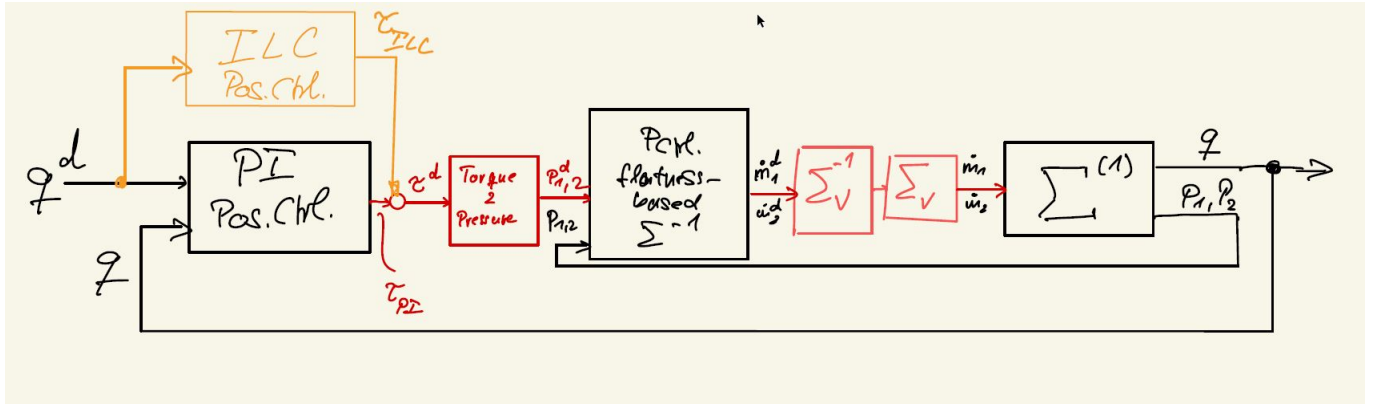


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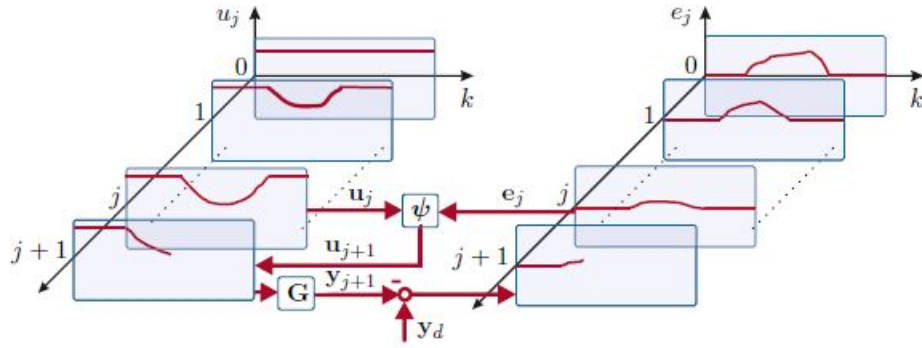


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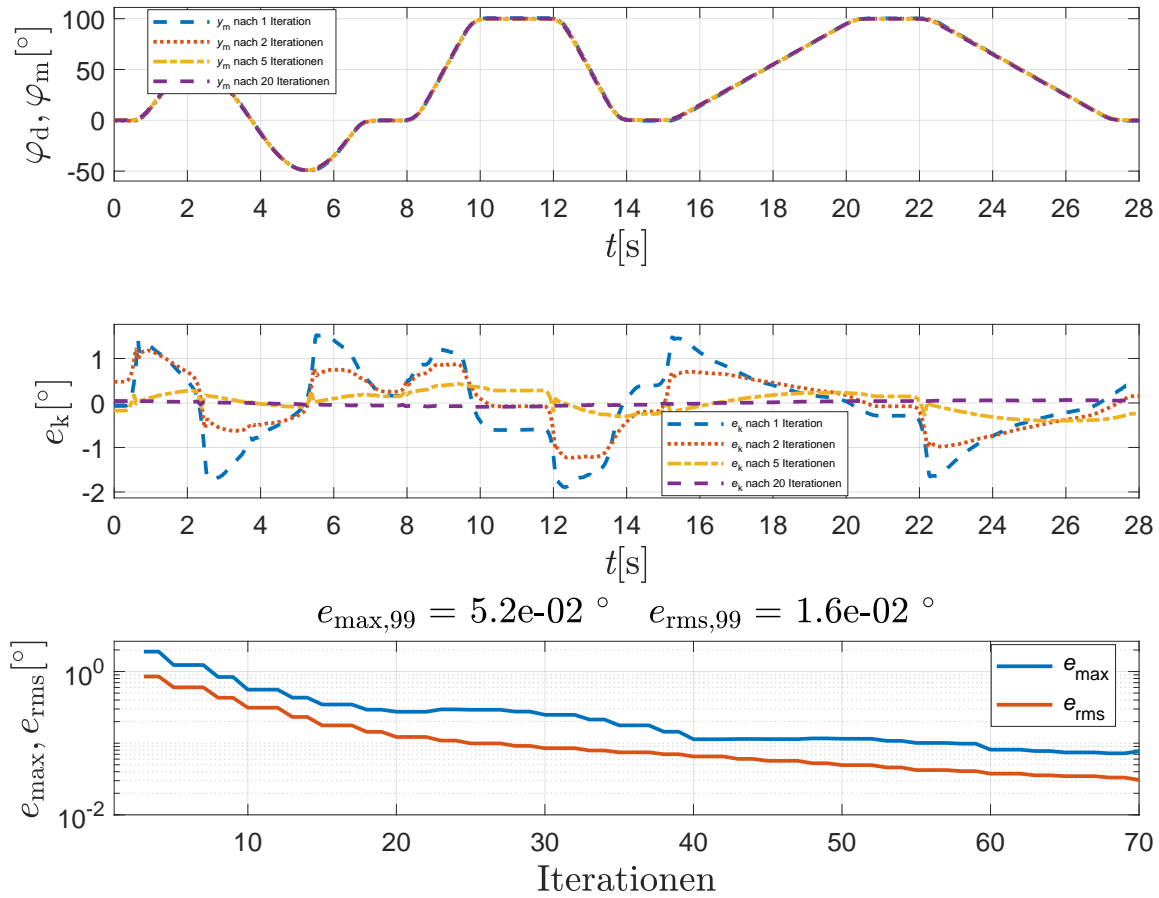


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