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10. Visual Servoing

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Lecture Overview

- Vision for control (10.1)
- Interaction matrix (10.3.2-10.3.3)
- The visual servoing problem (10.6)
- Position-based visual servoing (10.7)
- Image-based visual servoing (10.8)

What this lecture not will cover

- Image processing (10.2)
- Pose estimation (10.3.1)
- Stereo vision (10.4)
- Camera calibration (10.5)
- For those subjects take UNIK4690 Machine vision

Motivation

- Eyes are one of the primary sensors for humans
- Find object in the environment and plan to grasp them (open loop)
- Visual servoing
 - Use visual measurement directly in a feedback loop
- Two main approaches
 - Position-based visual servoing
 - Uses operation space
 - Reconstructs target relative pose
 - Image-based visual servoing
 - Uses image space
 - Compare current and desired image features

Motivation

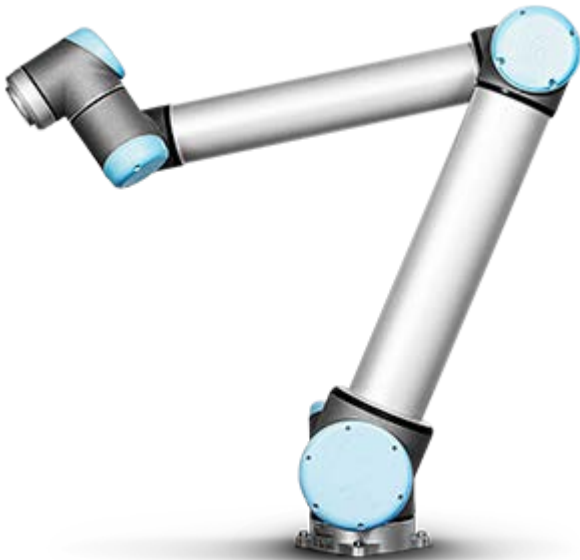
6-DOF motion compensation by
a robotized 2D ultrasound probe
using speckle information and
visual servoing

Motivation

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7A5cqUEKXHg>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97M3xUYo-tc>

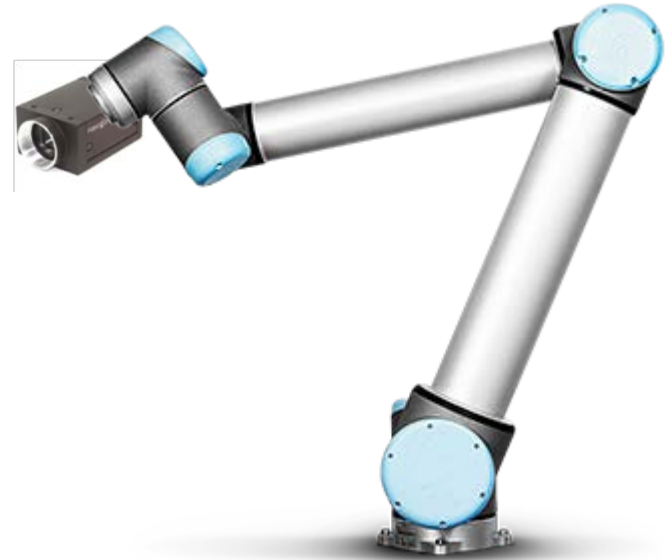
Configurations

Eye-to-hand



One or more cameras observe the robot

Eye-in-hand



The robot holds the camera

Configurations

- Eye-to-hand (fixed configuration)
 - Advantage: camera view does not change during the task
 - Disadvantage: robot may occlude the view
- Eye-in-hand (mobile configuration)
 - Advantage: No occlusions
 - Disadvantage: Varying measurement accuracy (distance to object varies) and camera field of view changes significantly
- Hybrid configuration
 - Mixing the two above
- Stereo vision
 - Using two or more cameras to retrieve depth information from the images

10.3.2 Interaction matrix

- The interaction matrix describes the relationship between the velocity of the camera (held by the robot) and the image features
- A feature is given as

$$s = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}, \quad (10.3)$$

- Where X and Y are normalized coordinates (not pixel coordinates)

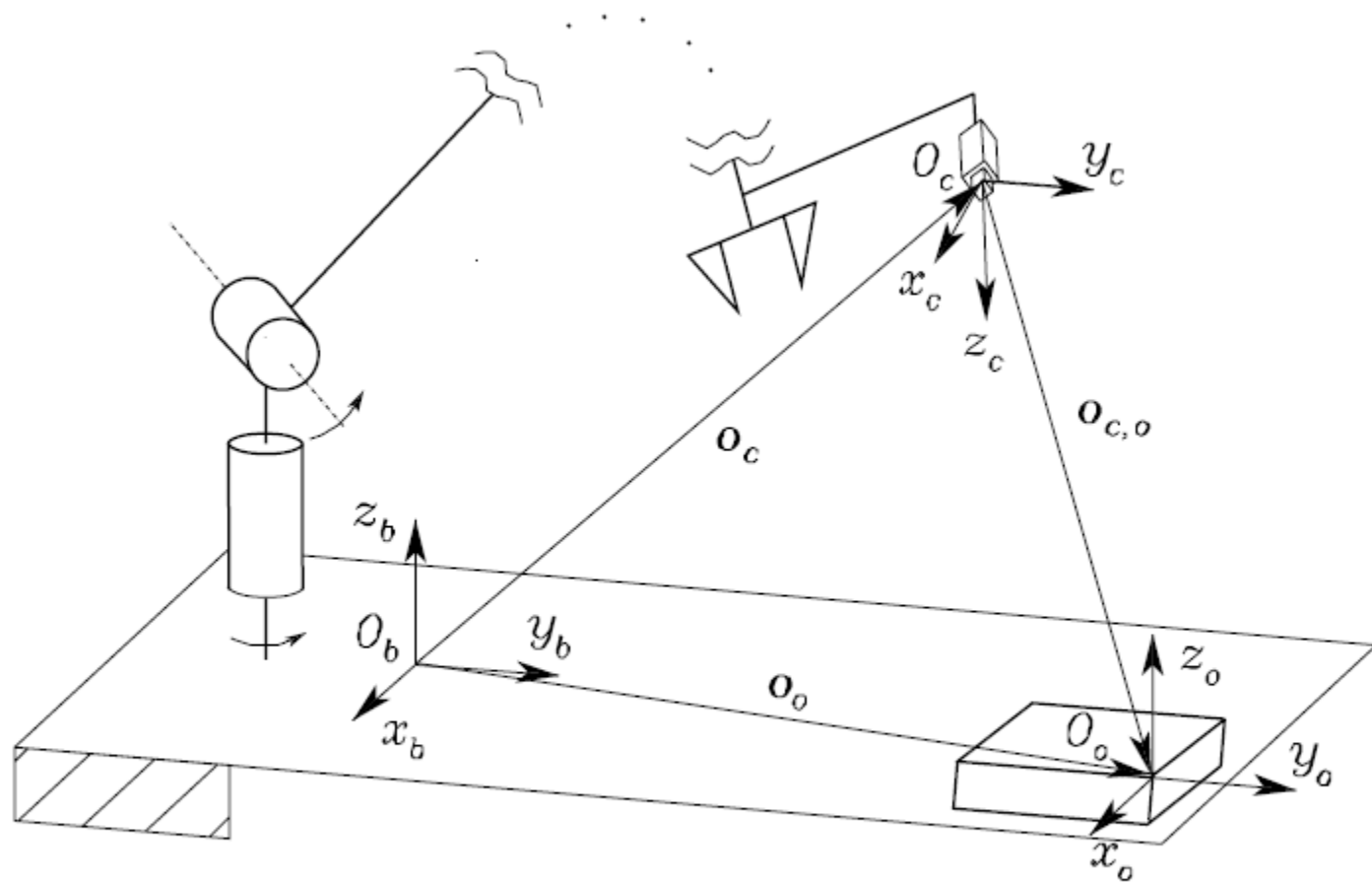


Fig. 10.5. Reference frames for an eye-in-hand camera

Interaction matrix

- If there is relative motion between the camera and the object it is possible to find a velocity vector \dot{s}
- The motion of the object relative to the camera is defined as

$$\mathbf{v}_{c,o}^c = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{o}_{c,o}^c \\ \mathbf{R}_c^T (\boldsymbol{\omega}_o - \boldsymbol{\omega}_c) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (10.16)$$

- Where $\dot{o}_{c,o}^c$ is the time derivative of $\mathbf{o}_{c,o}^c = \mathbf{R}_c^T (\mathbf{o}_o - \mathbf{o}_c)$ and $\boldsymbol{\omega}_o$ and $\boldsymbol{\omega}_c$ are the angular velocity of the object and camera respectively

Interaction matrix

- The relationship between the image features velocity and the object velocity is

$$\dot{s} = J_s(s, T_o^c) v_{c,o}^c$$

- J_s is termed the image Jacobian
- This generally depends on the feature vector and the relative pose between the camera and object

$$\Gamma(\cdot) = \begin{bmatrix} -I & S(\cdot) \\ O & -I \end{bmatrix}$$

Interaction matrix

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_z & \omega_y \\ \omega_z & 0 & -\omega_x \\ -\omega_y & \omega_x & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

- It is useful to transform this equation from the relative velocity between the object and camera frame to the absolute velocity between to two frames

$$v_c^c = \begin{bmatrix} R_c^T \dot{o}_c \\ R_c^T \omega_c \end{bmatrix} \quad v_o^c = \begin{bmatrix} R_c^T \dot{o}_o \\ R_c^T \omega_o \end{bmatrix}$$

- We then get

$$\dot{o}_{c,o}^c = R_c^T (\dot{o}_o - \dot{o}_c) + S(o_{c,o}^c) R_c^T \omega_c$$

- And we can rewrite the velocity as

$$v_{c,o}^c = v_o^c + \Gamma(o_{c,o}^c) v_c^c, \quad (10.18)$$

Interaction matrix

- We then get

$$\dot{s} = J_s v_o^c + L_s v_c^c, \quad (10.19)$$

- Where

$$L_s = J_s(s, T_o^c) \Gamma(o_{c,o}^c) \quad (10.20)$$

- L_s is termed the interaction matrix
- For fixed objects this matrix defines the linear mapping between the camera velocity and the change in image features
- The interaction matrix is in general simpler than the image Jacobian. The later may be found using

$$J_s(s, T_o^c) = L_s \Gamma(-o_{c,o}^c), \quad (10.21)$$

Interaction matrix of a point

- Consider a point P which can be represented in the camera frame with the following vector

$$\mathbf{r}_c^c = \mathbf{R}_c^T (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{o}_c), \quad (10.22)$$

- Where \mathbf{p} is the position of point P in the base frame
- We choose the coordinates as the feature vector for the point

$$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{r}_c^c) = \frac{1}{z_c} \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}, \quad (10.24)$$

- Where $\mathbf{r}_c^c = [x_c \quad y_c \quad z_c]^T$

$$\dot{R} = S(\omega)R.$$

$$(Ra) \times (Rb) = R(a \times b)$$

Interaction matrix of a point

- Computing the time derivative of the feature vector yields

$$\dot{s} = \frac{\partial s(r_c^c)}{\partial r_c^c} \dot{r}_c^c, \quad (10.25)$$

- With $\frac{\partial s(r_c^c)}{\partial r_c^c} = \frac{1}{z_c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -x_c/z_c \\ 0 & 1 & -y_c/z_c \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{z_c} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -X \\ 0 & 1 & -Y \end{bmatrix}$

- Then taking the time derivative of r_c^c under the assumption of constant p yields

$$\dot{r}_c^c = -R_c^T \dot{o}_c + S(r_c^c) R_c^T \omega_c = \begin{bmatrix} -I & S(r_c^c) \end{bmatrix} v_c^c. \quad (10.26)$$

Interaction matrix of a point

- Combining the equations together yields

$$\mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{s}, z_c) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{z_c} & 0 & \frac{X}{z_c} & XY & -(1 + X^2) & Y \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{z_c} & \frac{Y}{z_c} & 1 + Y^2 & -XY & -X \end{bmatrix}, \quad (10.27)$$

- The interaction matrix only depends on the feature vector and z_c

Interaction matrix of a set of points

- An interaction matrix can be built using a set of points

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{s}_n \end{bmatrix}. \quad \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}_c) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}_{s_1}(\mathbf{s}_1, z_{c,1}) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{L}_{s_n}(\mathbf{s}_n, z_{c,n}) \end{bmatrix}$$

- With $\mathbf{z}_c = [z_{c,1} \dots z_{c,n}]^T$

Interaction matrix of a line segment

- A line segment is the part of a line connecting the two points P_1 and P_2
- The line can be characterized by
 - Middle point coordinates \bar{x}, \bar{y}
 - Length L
 - Angle α
- The feature vector can be defined by

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \bar{y} \\ L \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (X_1 + X_2)/2 \\ (Y_1 + Y_2)/2 \\ \sqrt{\Delta X^2 + \Delta Y^2} \\ \tan^{-1}(\Delta Y/\Delta X) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2) \quad (10.28)$$

with $\Delta X = X_2 - X_1$, $\Delta Y = Y_2 - Y_1$ and $\mathbf{s}_i = [X_i \ Y_i]^T$

Interaction matrix of a line segment

- Computing the time derivative yields

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{s} &= \frac{\partial s}{\partial s_1} \dot{s}_1 + \frac{\partial s}{\partial s_2} \dot{s}_2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial s_1} \mathbf{L}_{s_1}(s_1, z_{c,1}) + \frac{\partial s}{\partial s_2} \mathbf{L}_{s_2}(s_2, z_{c,2}) \right) \mathbf{v}_c^c,\end{aligned}$$

- Where \mathbf{L}_{s_i} is the interaction matrix of P_i
- This yields the interaction matrix

$$\mathbf{L}_s(s, z_c) = \frac{\partial s}{\partial s_1} \mathbf{L}_{s_1}(s_1, z_{c,1}) + \frac{\partial s}{\partial s_2} \mathbf{L}_{s_2}(s_2, z_{c,2}),$$

Interaction matrix of line segment

- With

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{s}_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \\ -\Delta X/L & -\Delta Y/L \\ \Delta Y/L^2 & -\Delta X/L^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{s}_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \\ \Delta X/L & \Delta Y/L \\ -\Delta Y/L^2 & \Delta X/L^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverting the interaction matrix (10.3.3)

- The interaction matrix has generally a dimension of $k \times m$
 - k is the number of features parameters
 - m is the dimension of the velocity vector (usually 6)
- If L_s has full rank ($k=m$)
 - The interaction matrix can be inverted

$$v_{c,o}^c = \Gamma(o_{c,o}^c) L_s^{-1} \dot{s}, \quad (10.29)$$

- If $k > m$ we have an over-defined system and can use the pseudo-inverse

$$v_{c,o}^c = \Gamma(o_{c,o}^c) (L_s^T L_s)^{-1} L_s^T \dot{s}, \quad (10.30)$$

Inverting the interaction matrix

- If $k < m$ we have an infinite number of solutions (under-defined)
- This means that the camera can move without changing the features
- We must add more features in order to determine the relative motion between the camera and the object

10.6 The visual servoing problem

- Position-based visual servoing
 - Using pose estimation to find the object pose
 - Use operational space parameters
 - Absence of direct control of image features may cause the object to exit the camera view
 - Calibration error as disturbance in feedback path
- Image-based visual servoing
 - Using image features to control the robot
 - No pose estimation is required
 - Keeps the object within the camera field of view
 - Nonlinear mapping between image features parameters and operational space variables
 - Calibration error as disturbance in forward path

The visual servoing problem - position-based

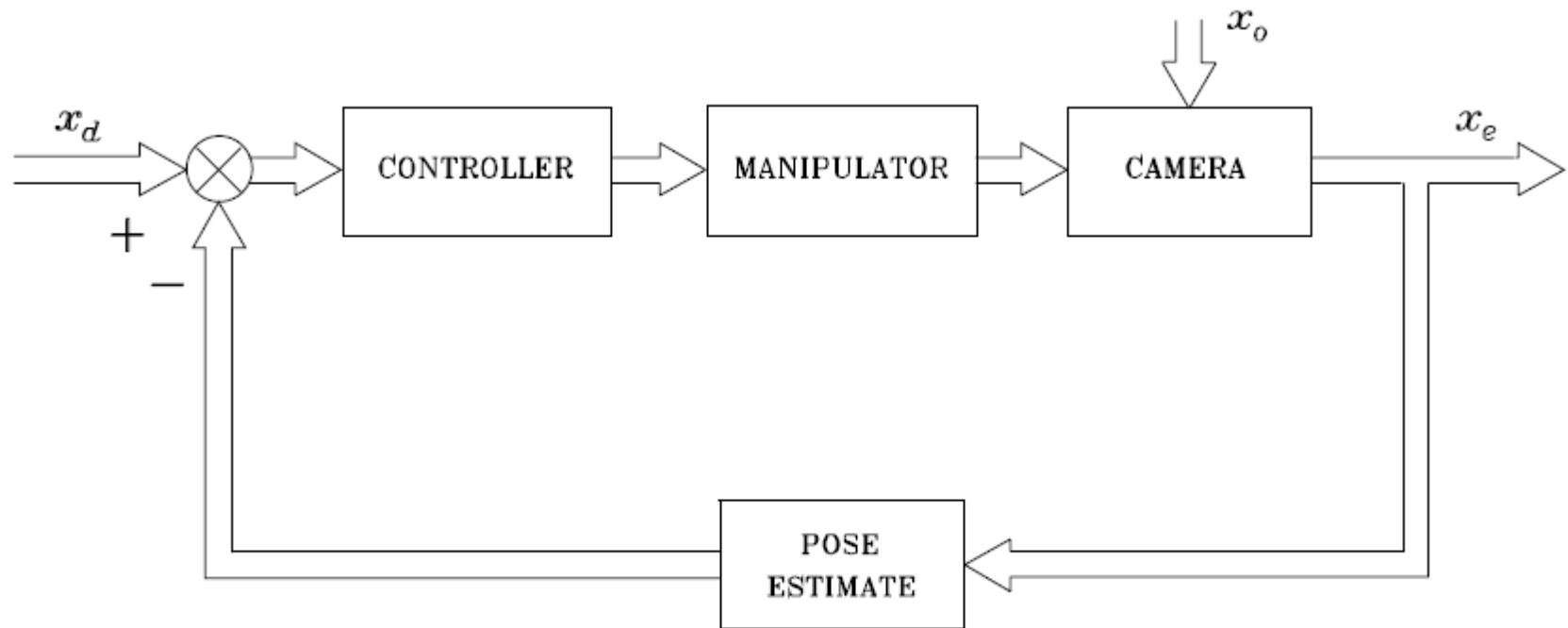


Fig. 10.12. General block scheme of position-based visual servoing

The visual servoing problem - image-based

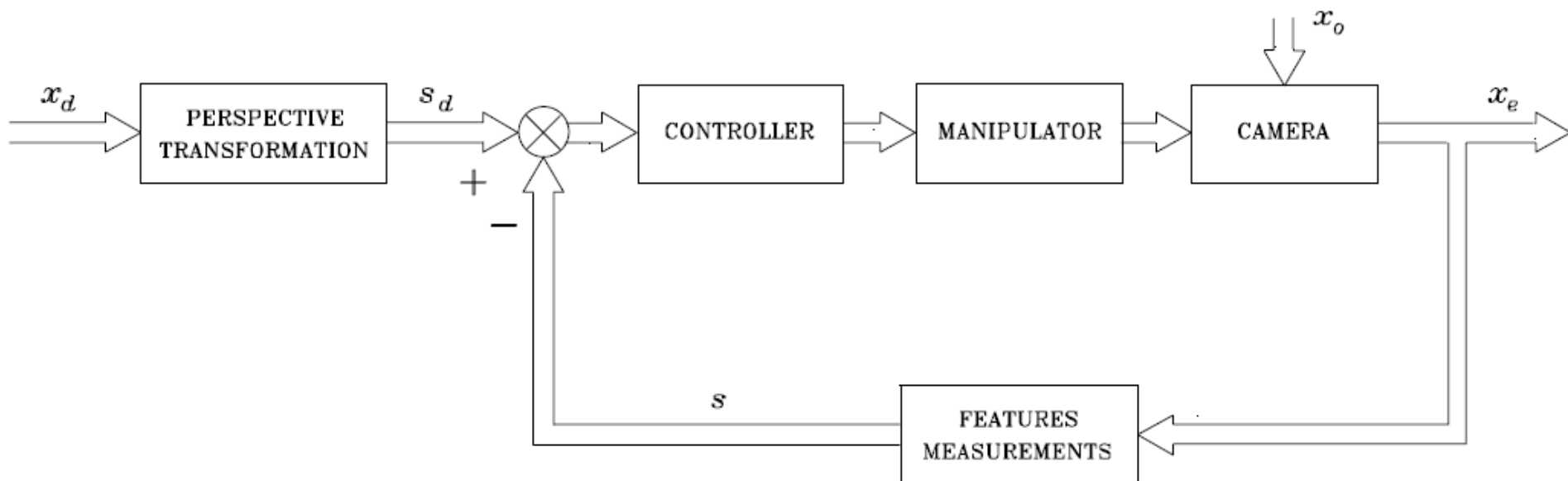


Fig. 10.13. General block scheme of image-based visual servoing

10.7 Position-based visual servoing

- Visual measurements estimate the transform T_o^c
- Assuming a fixed object with respect to the base frame
- Specifies a desired pose of the object frame with regards to the camera frame T_o^d
- The displacement of the camera frame in the current pose with the respect to the desired pose

$$T_c^d = T_o^d (T_o^c)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R_c^d & o_{d,c}^d \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (10.68)$$

Position-based visual servoing

- Based on the matrix T_c^d the following error vector can be defined

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{o}_{d,c}^d \\ \phi_{d,c} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (10.69)$$

10.7.1 PD control with gravity compensation

- Now we will find the error change in time
- Computing the time derivative of (10.69) yields

$$\dot{o}_{d,c}^d = \dot{o}_c^d - \dot{o}_d^d = \mathbf{R}_d^T \dot{o}_c,$$

$$\dot{\phi}_{d,c} = \mathbf{T}^{-1}(\phi_{d,c}) \boldsymbol{\omega}_{d,c}^d = \mathbf{T}^{-1}(\phi_{d,c}) \mathbf{R}_d^T \boldsymbol{\omega}_c.$$

- Using $\dot{o}_d^d = \mathbf{0}$ and $\boldsymbol{\omega}_d^d = \mathbf{0}$ since \mathbf{o}_d and \mathbf{R}_d are constant
- This yields

$$\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} = -\mathbf{T}_A^{-1}(\phi_{d,c}) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_d^T & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{R}_d^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_c. \quad (10.71)$$

PD control with gravity compensation

- Mapping the error to joint space

$$\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} = -\mathbf{J}_{A_d}(\mathbf{q}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}})\dot{\mathbf{q}}, \quad (10.72)$$

- Where

$$\mathbf{J}_{A_d}(\mathbf{q}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{T}_A^{-1}(\phi_{d,c}) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_d^T & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{R}_d^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{q}) \quad (10.73)$$

- This is similar to what was done in compliance and impedance control

PD control with gravity compensation

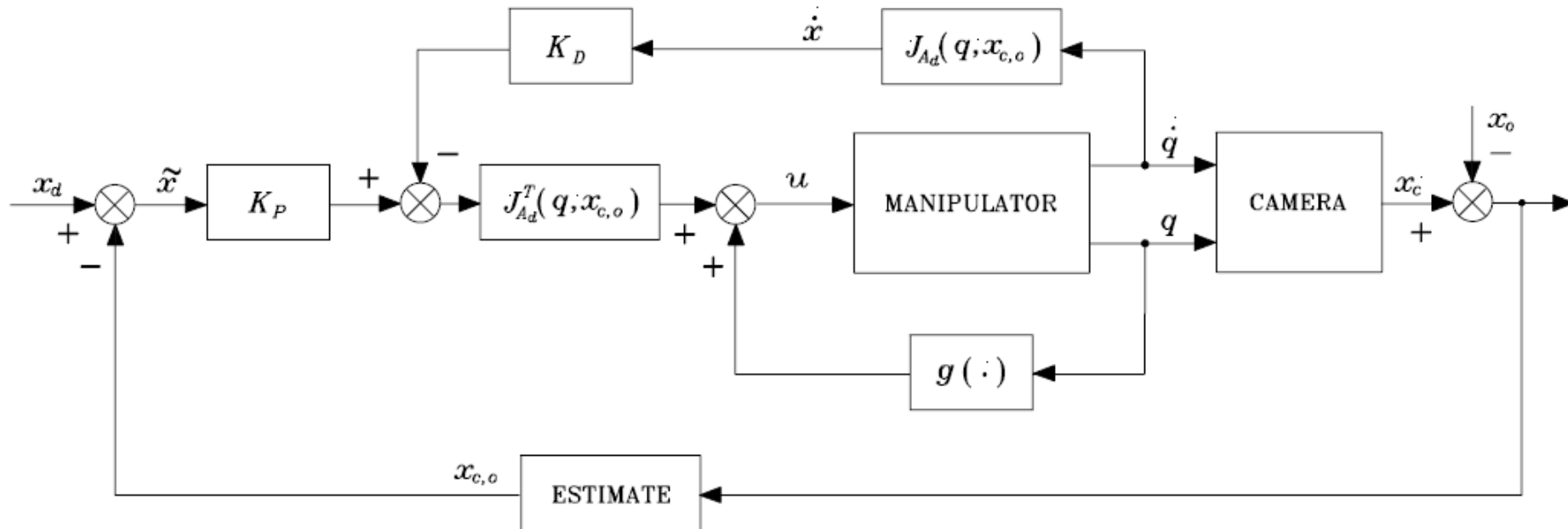
- Using the control law

$$u = g(q) + J_{A_d}^T(q, \tilde{x})(K_P \tilde{x} - K_D J_{A_d}(q, \tilde{x})\dot{q}), \quad (10.74)$$

- Same control law as operational space motion control using a PD controller with gravity compensation
- Different definition of the error
- Asymptotic stability can be proven using

$$V(\dot{q}, \tilde{x}) = \frac{1}{2}\dot{q}^T B(q)\dot{q} + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{x}^T K_P \tilde{x} > 0 \quad \forall \dot{q}, \tilde{x} \neq 0,$$

PD control with gravity compensation



- Sum block finding \tilde{x} has conceptual meaning

10.7.2 Resolved velocity control

- Visual measurements have lower update rates than used in motion control of robot manipulators
- As a result the control in (10.74) must have low control gain values to preserve stability
- A solution is to have two levels of control
 - A high-gain motion controller in joint space or operational space
 - A visual servoing controller with lower update frequency

Resolved velocity control

- The high-gain motion controller is considered an ideal positioning device

$$\mathbf{q}(t) \approx \mathbf{q}_r(t), \quad (10.75)$$

- Then the visual servoing control can be achieved by computing the trajectory $\mathbf{q}_r(t)$
- The equation

$$\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} = -\mathbf{J}_{A_d}(\mathbf{q}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}})\dot{\mathbf{q}}, \quad (10.72)$$

- Suggests the following control law

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}}_r = \mathbf{J}_{A_d}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}_r, \tilde{\mathbf{x}})\mathbf{K}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$

Resolved velocity control

- Inserting into (10.72), and taking (10.75) into account, yields

$$\dot{\tilde{x}} + K\tilde{x} = 0. \quad (10.77)$$

- Assuming a positive definite K ensures the error to go to zero asymptotically
- The scheme is termed resolved-velocity control as it is based on the computation of \dot{q}_r from the operational space error
- The trajectory $q_r(t)$ is found by integration

Resolved velocity control

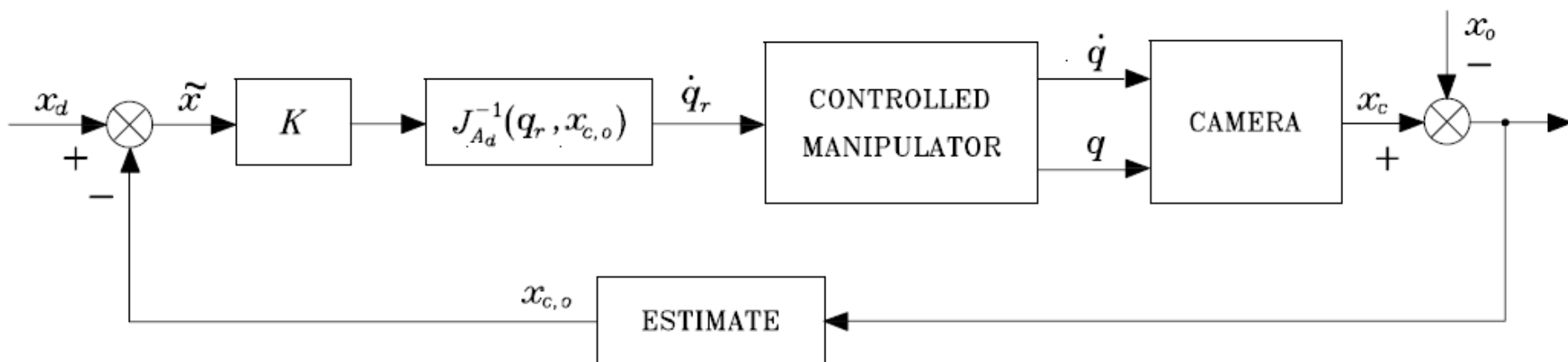


Fig. 10.15. Block scheme of resolved-velocity position-based visual servoing

10.8 Image-based visual servoing

- Assumptions
 - Object fixed with respect to base frame
 - Constant desired feature parameter s_d
- Find a control law that get the error asymptotically to zero

$$e_s = s_d - s \quad (10.79)$$

10.8.1 PD control with gravity compensation

- Consider the following Lyapunov function candidate

$$V(\dot{q}, e_s) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^T B(q) \dot{q} + \frac{1}{2} e_s^T K_{Ps} e_s > 0 \quad \forall \dot{q}, e_s \neq 0, \quad (10.80)$$

- Taking the time derivative yields

$$\dot{V} = -\dot{q}^T F \dot{q} + \dot{q}^T (u - g(q)) + \dot{e}_s^T K_{Ps} e_s. \quad (10.81)$$

PD control with gravity compensation

- Since $\dot{s}_d = 0$ and the object is fixed to the base frame

$$\dot{e}_s = -\dot{s} = -J_L(s, z_c, q)\dot{q}, \quad (10.82)$$

- Where

$$J_L(s, z_c, q) = L_s(s, z_c) \begin{bmatrix} R_c^T & O \\ O & R_c^T \end{bmatrix} J(q), \quad (10.83)$$

- Choosing

$$u = g(q) + J_L^T(s, z_c, q) (K_{Ps} e_s - K_{Ds} J_L(s, z_c, q)\dot{q}), \quad (10.84)$$

- Yields

$$\dot{V} = -\dot{q}^T F \dot{q} - \dot{q}^T J_L^T K_{Ds} J_L \dot{q}. \quad (10.85)$$

PD control with gravity compensation

$$u = g(q) + J_L^T(s, z_c, q) (K_{Ps} e_s - K_{Ds} J_L(s, z_c, q) \dot{q}), \quad (10.84)$$

- The control law consist of
 - Nonlinear gravity compensation action
 - Linear PD action in the image space
- The last term corresponds to a derivative action in image space, used to increase damping
- $-K_{Ds} \dot{s}$ is not measured, therefore using $-K_{Ds} J_L(s, z_c, q) \dot{q}$
- The system reaches the equilibrium state

$$J_L^T(s, z_c, q) K_{Ps} e_s = 0. \quad (10.86)$$

- If the geometric Jacobian and the interaction matrix is full rank the error goes to zero

PD control with gravity compensation

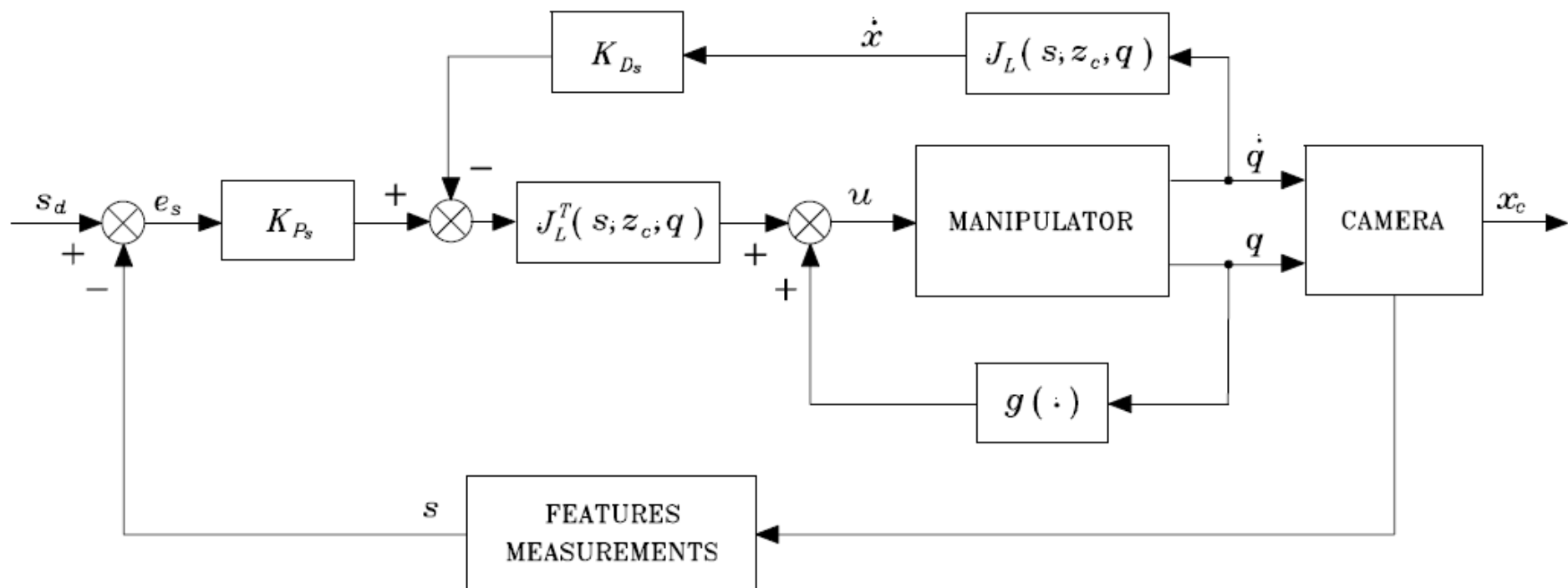


Fig. 10.16. Block scheme of image-based visual servoing of PD type with gravity compensation

PD control with gravity compensation

- The control law requires the measurement of s and the computation of z_c
- The dependency of z_c is undesired
- Strategies
 - z_c may in some cases be known with reasonably accuracy
 - Estimated or constant values may be used, for instance the value in the initial or the desired pose
- Find an estimate \hat{L}_s of the interaction matrix

10.8.2 Resolved-velocity control

- Resolved-velocity control can be extended to image-based visual servoing

- Based on

$$\dot{e}_s = -\dot{s} = -J_L(s, z_c, q)\dot{q}, \quad (10.82)$$

- We select

$$\dot{q}_r = J_L^{-1}(s, z_c, q_r)K_s e_s, \quad (10.87)$$

- This yields the error dynamics

$$\dot{e}_s + K_s e_s = 0. \quad (10.88)$$

- Which shows that the system is asymptotically stable

Resolved-velocity control

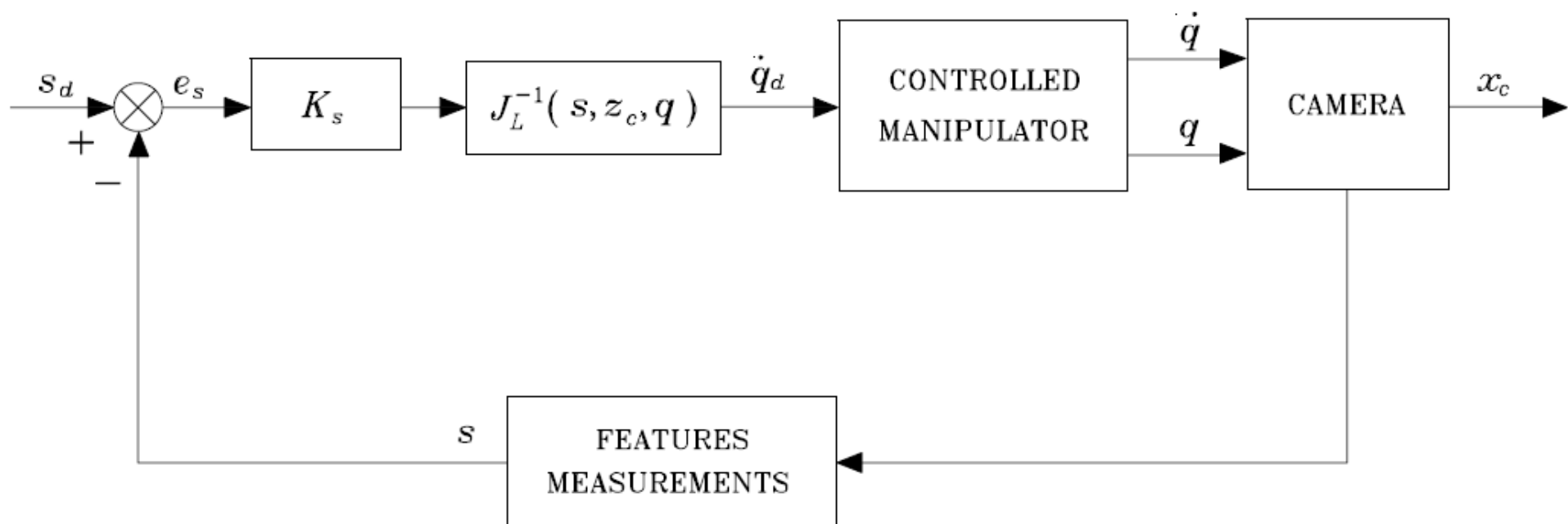


Fig. 10.17. Block scheme of resolved-velocity image-based visual servoing

Resolved-velocity control

- The control law depends on computing the inverse of \mathbf{J}_L
- This might cause problems with singularities
- Can partition the control law into two steps

$$\mathbf{v}_r^c = \mathbf{L}_s^{-1}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}_c) \mathbf{K}_s \mathbf{e}_s. \quad (10.89)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}}_r = \mathbf{J}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_c & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{R}_c \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_r^c. \quad (10.90)$$

- Selecting more features and using the pseudo-inverse can overcome singularities in \mathbf{L}_s

$$\mathbf{v}_r^c = (\mathbf{L}_s^T \mathbf{L}_s)^{-1} \mathbf{L}_s^T \mathbf{K}_s \mathbf{e}_s \quad (10.91)$$

Resolved-velocity control

- Using the Lyapunov candidate function

$$V(e_s) = \frac{1}{2} e_s^T K_s e_s > 0 \quad \forall e_s \neq 0.$$

- Yields

$$\dot{V} = -e_s^T K_s L_s (L_s^T L_s)^{-1} L_s^T K_s e_s$$

- Which is negative semi-definite, since $\mathcal{N}(L_s^T) \neq \emptyset$, i.e. it does not have full rank
- The controller is stable, but not asymptotically stable
- Bounded error, but not necessarily $e_s = 0$

Summary

- Interaction matrix
 - Point
 - Line
- Position-based visual servoing
 - PD control with gravity compensation
 - Resolved-velocity control
- Image-based visual servoing
 - PD control with gravity compensation
 - Resolved-velocity control