

Qube-Servo 3

PD Position Control

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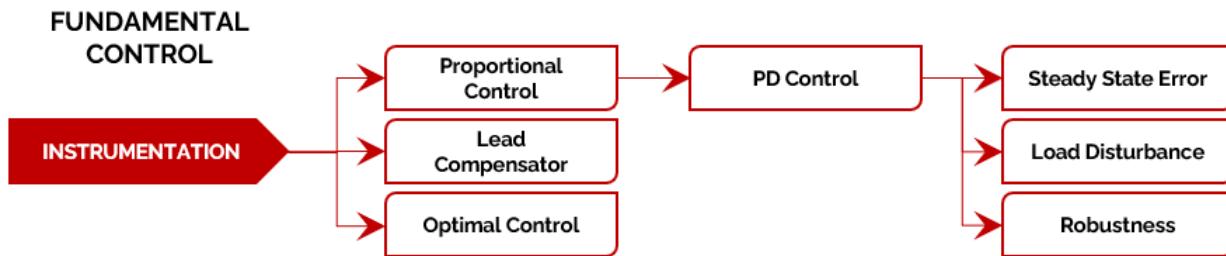
Why explore PD Control?

A PD (Proportional-Derivative) controller combines two control actions to improve system performance in DC motors. The proportional term generates a control signal based on the error between desired and actual position, while the derivative term responds to how quickly this error is changing. This derivative action acts as a form of predictive control, anticipating future errors by looking at how quickly the error is changing. In motor applications, this combination works like having a spring (P term) and a damper (D term) working together, helping achieve faster response times while reducing oscillations. While PD control provides good dynamic response and is relatively simple to implement, it may not completely eliminate steady-state error in the system.

Background

This lab is part of the Fundamental Control skills progression of the Qube-Servo 3. This will give you hands-on experience in applying fundamental control techniques to a DC motor system. It will help you understand how different control strategies can be used to regulate the motor's speed and position, while also understanding the impact of load disturbances and the importance of system robustness.

The lab progression is as follows:



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

- Concept Review – Controls → PID Control (PID Control, Proportional Control and For Qube-Servo/PD Position Control sections).

Getting started

In this lab, you will implement PD control onto the Qube-Servo 3. Using PD control, you will adjust the control gains to gain intuition on the effects of changing the proportional and derivative control gains. Then, you will compare the closed loop transfer function of the system with the standard second order characteristic transfer function. You will calculate the control gains required to achieve certain peak times and percent overshoots. Finally, you will validate these calculations by implementing those calculated control gains on the Qube.

Ensure you have completed the following labs

- Hardware Interfacing Lab
- Filtering Lab
- Proportional Control 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 are familiar with the basics of Simulink. See the [Simulink Onramp](#) for more help with getting started with Simulink.