

# Balancing Robot

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## Robot Design

Should have list of all the components. Maybe a picture. Do we need to show circuit stuff?

## Model

### System Description (Lagrange's Method)

Derive the equations here

$$\dot{x} = v \tag{1}$$

$$\dot{v} = \frac{-m^2 L^2 g \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) + mL^2 (mL\omega^2 \sin(\theta) - \delta v) + mL^2 u}{mL^2 (M + m(1 - \cos(\theta)^2))} \tag{2}$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega \tag{3}$$

$$\dot{\omega} = \frac{(m + M)mgL \sin(\theta) - mL \cos(\theta)(mL\omega^2 \sin(\theta) - \delta v) - mL \cos(\theta)u}{mL^2 (M + m(1 - \cos(\theta)^2))} \tag{4}$$

where  $x$  is the cart position,  $v$  is the velocity,  $\theta$  is the pendulum angle,  $\omega$  is the angular velocity,  $m$  is the pendulum mass,  $M$  is the cart mass,  $L$  is the pendulum arm length,  $g$  is the gravitational acceleration,  $\delta$  is a friction damping on the cart, and  $u$  is the control force applied to the cart.

## Linearization

To build a control system for our model we will linearize our system of equations around a fixed point  $x_r$  where  $x_r$  is the position where the robot is vertical, unmoving and positioned at the origin.

The nonlinear system of differential equations

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{x}). \tag{5}$$

can be represented as a Taylor series expansion around the point  $\mathbf{x}_r$ .

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}_r) + \left. \frac{df}{d\mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_r} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r) + \left. \frac{d^2 f}{d\mathbf{x}^2} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_r} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r)^2 + \dots \tag{6}$$

Because  $\mathbf{x}_r$  is a fixed point, we know that  $f(\mathbf{x}_r) = 0$ . Additionally, this approximation is only accurate in a small neighborhood around  $\mathbf{x}_r$ . In this neighborhood, we can assume that the value of  $(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r)$  is small, so higher order terms of this series will go to zero. So a fair estimate of our system is

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x} \simeq \left. \frac{df}{d\mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_r} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r) \tag{7}$$

where  $\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x_r}$  is the Jacobian matrix for our system of equations  $f(\mathbf{x})$  evaluated at the fixed point  $\mathbf{x}_r$ . The Jacobian matrix for our system of equations evaluated at  $\mathbf{x}_r = [0 \ 0 \ \pi \ 0]$  is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{d}{M} & \frac{mg}{M} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{d}{ML} & -\frac{(m+M)g}{ML} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x} \simeq A(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r)$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{M} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{ML} \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

## LQR

## LQG

- Estimate the full state from sensor readings from the  $x$  position, and the angular velocity  $\omega$ .
- Derive the Kalman filter matrix  $K_f$  using the `lqr` function from python control library.

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# This is our state disturbance matrix
Vd = np.eye(4)
# This is our sensor noise matrix
Vn = np.array([[1, 0], \
               [0, 1]])
Kf = lqr(A.transpose(), C.transpose(), Vd, Vn)[0].transpose()
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- To build the linear state space for our Kalman filter we build new matrices.
  - $A_{kf} = A - K_f C$
  - $B_{kf} = [B \quad K_f]$
  - $C = I_4$
  - $D$  is a 0 matrix with the same dimensions as  $K_f$

These form a new linear system

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x} = A_{kf}\mathbf{x} + B_{kf}\mathbf{u} \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = C_{kf}\mathbf{x} + D\mathbf{u} \quad (11)$$

- Our input vector  $\mathbf{u} = [u, x_s, \omega_s]$  is our motor torque  $u$  and our two sensor readings, position  $x_s$  and angular velocity  $\omega_s$

## Experiments

## Conclusions