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The Plant (Robot)

Continuous Systems



Discrete Systems





The Plant (Robot) Model

Continuous Systems

 $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t)$ System dynamics $\mathbf{y} = g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t)$ Output equations

• Discrete Systems

$$\mathbf{x}^{n+1} = f(\mathbf{x}^n, \mathbf{u}^n, n)$$
$$\mathbf{y}^n = g(\mathbf{x}^n, \mathbf{u}^n, n)$$

Note:

- If time dependency exists: "time variant" or "nonstationary" or "nonautonomous" system
- If time dependency does not exist: "time invariant" or "stationary" or "autonomous" system





The Control Policy



• All what Robotics (Control Theory, AI(?)) is about is to find a "decision making process" that does the right thing at the right time!

 $\mathbf{u} = \boldsymbol{\pi}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, t)$

- Where a denotes a set of parameters in the policy
- The desired behavior is usually:
 - An external reward
 - An optimization function
 - An explicit desired trajectory

Two Major Control Strategies





$$\mathbf{u} = \pi(\mathbf{x}, \alpha, t) = \pi(\alpha, t)$$

Closed Loop Control



Types of Feedback Control

Feedback Control



Neg. Feedback & Feedforward Control



Negative Feedback Control

- Mostly based one linear control (i.e., the control policy is a linear function)
 - Proportional Control ("Position Error")

$$\mathbf{u}_{P} = \pi (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{des}, \alpha, t) = \mathbf{K}_{P} (\mathbf{x}_{des}(t) - \mathbf{x}(t))$$

• Derivative Control ("Damping")

$$\mathbf{u}_{D} = \pi \big(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{des}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, t \big) = \mathbf{K}_{D} \big(\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{des}(t) - \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \big)$$

Integral Control ("Steady State Error")

Note: Usually only based on position errors

$$\mathbf{u}_{I}(t) = \mathbf{K}_{I} \int_{\tau=0}^{\tau=t} (\mathbf{x}_{des}(t) - \mathbf{x}(t)) dt$$





Pendulum with PD Control

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{l}\sin\left(\theta\right) + \frac{\tau}{ml^2}$$

variable substitution:

$$x_1 = \dot{\theta}, \quad x_2 = \theta$$

then

$$\dot{x}_1 = -\frac{g}{l}\sin(x_2) + \frac{\tau}{ml^2} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{g}{l}\sin(x_2) \\ l \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} + \tau \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ ml^2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Assume the desired position $x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = x_d$ and a PD controller output: $u = \tau = k_P(x_d - x_2) + k_D(0 - x_1)$
- At which position does the system come to rest (equilibrium)?

$$0 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{g}{l} \sin(x_2) \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} k_P(x_d - x_2) + k_D(0 - x_1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/ml^2 \\ ml^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 0; \quad \frac{k_P(x_d - x_2)}{ml^2} - \frac{g}{l} \sin(x_2) = 0$$

Pendulum with PD Control (cont'd)



- How to find the equilibrium point?
 - Graphical
 - Approximation by linearization
- The linearized system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{g}{l} \sin(x_2) \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} + \tau \begin{pmatrix} 1/ml^2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{linearization} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{g}{l} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} + \tau \begin{pmatrix} 1/ml^2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or }$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{g}{l} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} + \tau \begin{pmatrix} 1/ml^2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{g}{l} \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \tau \begin{pmatrix} 1/ml^2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or }$$

 $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$

• Approximate equilibrium point:

$$x_1 = 0; \quad \frac{k_P(x_d - x_2)}{ml^2} - \frac{g}{l}x_2 = 0 \implies x_2 = \frac{k_P x_d}{k_P + gml}$$



Pendulum with PID Control

• Linearized System

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{g}{l} \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \tau \begin{pmatrix} 1/\\ ml^2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The Integral Controller introduces a new state: $\dot{x}_3 = k_I (x_d - x_2)$
- The new (linearized) system becomes;

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{g}{l} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -k_p & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ ml^2 \\ 0 \\ k_i x_d \end{pmatrix} \qquad u = \tau = k_P (x_d - x_2) + k_D (0 - x_1) + k_I x_3$$

This leads to an equilibrium point where all states are 0.