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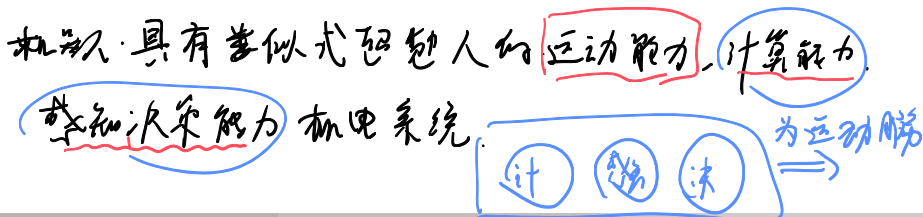
Lecture 12: Robot Motion Control

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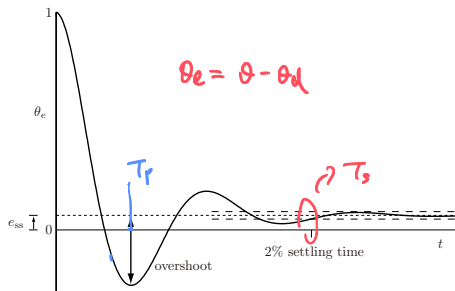
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Error Response



• Steady-state error: $e_{ss} \triangleq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \theta_e(t)$

• Percent overshoot: P.O.

works for all systems.

• Rise time/Peak time:

• Settling time: T_s

Standard Second-Order Systems

$$\ddot{\theta}_e(t) + 2\xi\omega_n\dot{\theta}_e(t) + \omega_n^2\theta_e(t) = 0 \quad \leftrightarrow$$

2nd-ord ODE

$$H(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

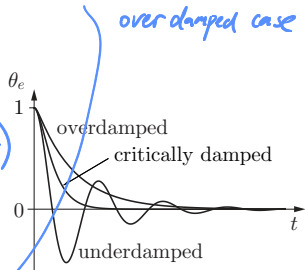
$$s_{1,2} = -\xi\omega_n \pm \omega_n\sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}$$

- ξ : damping ratio, ω_n : natural frequency

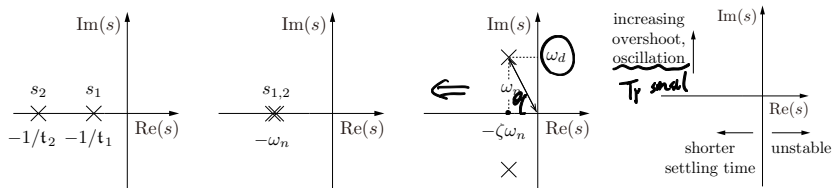
- Underdamped: $\xi < 1$, $\theta_e(t) = e^{-\zeta\omega_n t} (c_1 \cos \omega_d t + c_2 \sin \omega_d t)$
 $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \xi^2}$

- Critically damped: $\xi = 1$, repeated p-les

- Overdamped: $\xi > 1$, $\theta_e(t) = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t}$



Second-Order Response Characteristics ($\zeta < 1$)

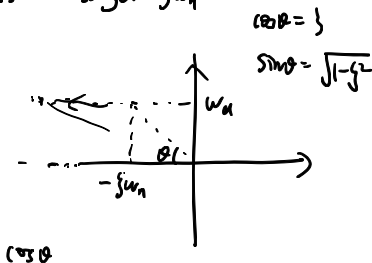


$$s_{1,2} = -\zeta\omega_n \pm j\omega_n\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}$$

- Settling time: $T_s \approx \frac{4}{\zeta\omega_n}$ (faster T_s : larger $\zeta\omega_n$)

- Peak time: $T_p \approx \frac{\pi}{\omega_d}$ ($\omega_d \leftrightarrow \omega_n\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}$)

- Percent overshoot: $P.O. = 100 e^{\frac{-\zeta\pi}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}}$



State-Space Controller Design (1/2)

- Linear Control Systems: $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$, $y = Cx + Du$
 - Regulation problem: we want $x(t) \rightarrow 0$, $y(t) \rightarrow 0$
 - Tracking problem: $\tilde{x}(t) = x(t) - r(t)$, we want $\tilde{x}(t) \rightarrow 0$
- Linear Control Law: $u = -Kx$

regulation



- Closed-loop Dynamics:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B(-Kx) = (A - BK)x$$

A_{cl}

$$\dot{x} = A_{cl} \cdot x$$

- Solution of CL-Dynamics:

$$x(t) = e^{A_{cl} \cdot t} x(0)$$

- Closed-loop Stability condition: we want $\|x(t)\| \rightarrow 0$

we need $\text{eig}(A_{cl}) \in \text{DLHP}$



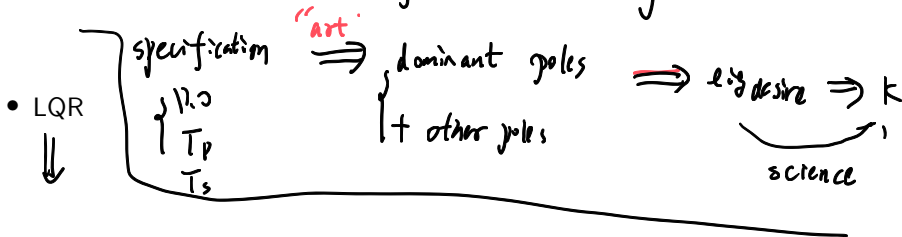
State-Space Controller Design (2/2)

- Eigenvalue assignment: Find control gain K such that

$$\underline{eig(A - BK) = e^{ij}_{desired}}$$

- Solvability: we can always find such K if (A, B) is controllable ($\text{rank}(Mc) = n$)

- How to choose desired eigs?: refer to 2nd-order system



Robot Motion Control Problems (1/1)



- Dynamic equation of fully-actuated robot (without external force):

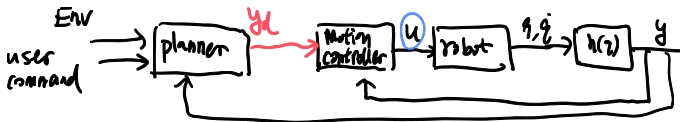
$$\begin{cases} \tau = M(q)\ddot{q} + c(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + g(q) + J^T(q)F_{\text{ext}} \\ \underline{y} = h(q) \leftarrow \text{output} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- $q \in \mathbb{R}^n$: joint positions (generalized coordinate)

- $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^n$: joint torque (generalized input)

- y : output (variable to be controlled) can be any func of q
e.g. $y = q$, $y = T(q) \in SE(3)$

- Motion Control Problems:** Let y track given reference y_d



Variations in Robot Motion Control

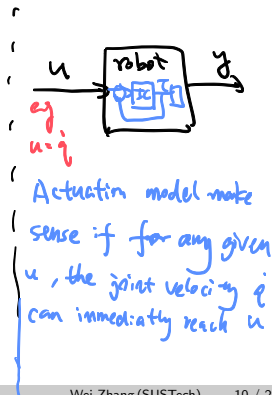
often times q_d is given by planner represented by polynomials, so that q_d , it can be easily obtained

- Joint-space vs. Task-space control:

- Joint-space: $y(t) = q(t)$, i.e., want $q(t)$ to track a given $q_d(t)$ joint reference
- Task-space: $y(t) = T(q(t))$ denotes end-effector pose/configuration, we want $y(t)$ to track $y_d(t)$ $\hookrightarrow \in SE(3)$

- Actuation models:

- Velocity source: $u = \dot{q}$ directly control velocity.
- Acceleration sources: $u = \ddot{q}$ directly control acc'
- Torque sources: $u = \tau$ directly control torque



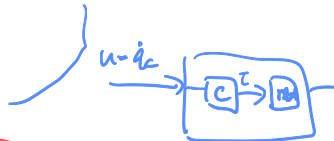
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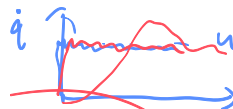
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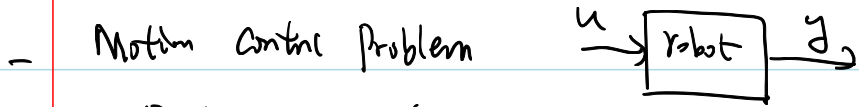
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Linear control

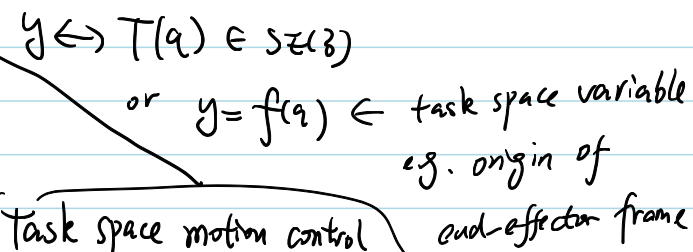
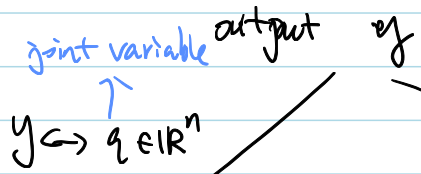
+ feedback linearization





Design u to let y track desired reference y_d

- Depending on our assumption on u/y . (key: Divide & conquer)



Joint space motion control

Task space motion control

$u \leftrightarrow \dot{q} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$u \leftrightarrow \dot{q}$

$u \leftrightarrow \ddot{q}$

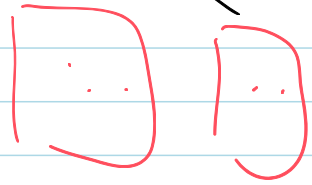
$u \leftrightarrow \tau$

velocity-resolved
 Joint space control

Acceleration resolved
 joint space control

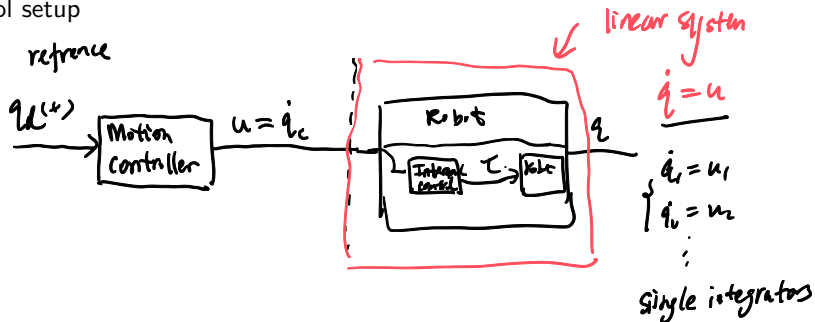
torque

velocity resolved
 Task space



Velocity-Resolved Control

- Each joints' velocity \dot{q}_i can be directly controlled
- Good approximation for hydraulic actuators
- Common approximation of the outer-loop control for the Inner/outer loop control setup



Velocity-Resolved Joint Space Control

- Joint-space “dynamics”: single integrator

$$\dot{q} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{y} = u \dots \textcircled{1}$$

- Joint-space tracking becomes standard linear tracking control problem:

$$u = \underbrace{\dot{q}_d + K_0 \tilde{q}} \Rightarrow \dot{\tilde{q}} + K_0 \tilde{q} = 0$$

where $\tilde{q} = q_d - q$ is the joint position error.

$$\dot{\tilde{q}} = \dot{q}_d + k_0 \tilde{q} \Rightarrow \dot{\tilde{q}} + k_0 \tilde{q} = 0$$

- The error dynamic is stable if $-K_0$ is Hurwitz

$$\dot{\tilde{q}} = -k_0 \tilde{q}$$

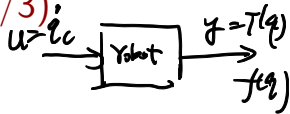
Common choice:

$$K_0 = \begin{bmatrix} k_{0,1} & & & \\ & k_{0,2} & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & k_{0,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

stable

if $\text{eig}(-K_0) \in \text{OLHP}$

Velocity-Resolved Task-Space Control (1/3)



- For task space control, $y = T(q)$ needs to track y_d

- y can be any function of q , in particular, it can represent position and/or the end-effector frame

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u)$$

- Taking derivatives of y , and letting $u = \dot{q}$, we have

$$\dot{y} = J_a(q) \dot{q} \quad u$$



$$\dot{y} = J_a(q) u$$

Is this state space model (2)?

- Note that q is function of y through inverse kinematics.

$$q = IK(y)$$

- So the above dynamics can be written in terms of y and u only. The detailed form can be quite complex in general

$$\dot{y} = J_a(IK(y)) u \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$v_y \leftarrow \text{virtual control}$

$$\textcircled{1}: \dot{y} = u$$

$\textcircled{1} \Leftrightarrow \textcircled{2}$ if $J_a(\cdot)$ invertible

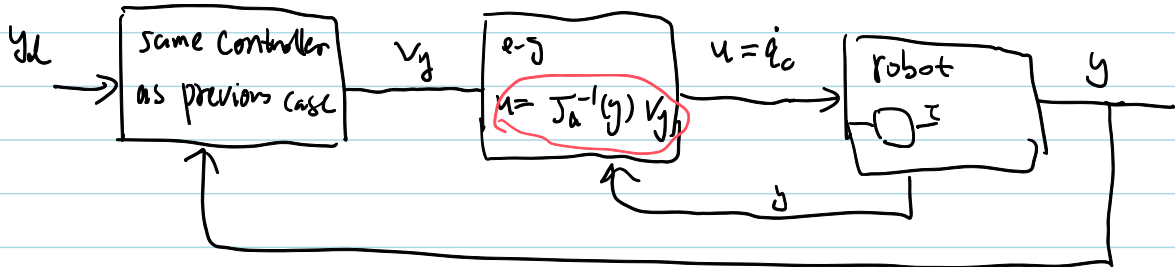
Divide & conquer: $\dot{y} = J_a(IK(y))u$

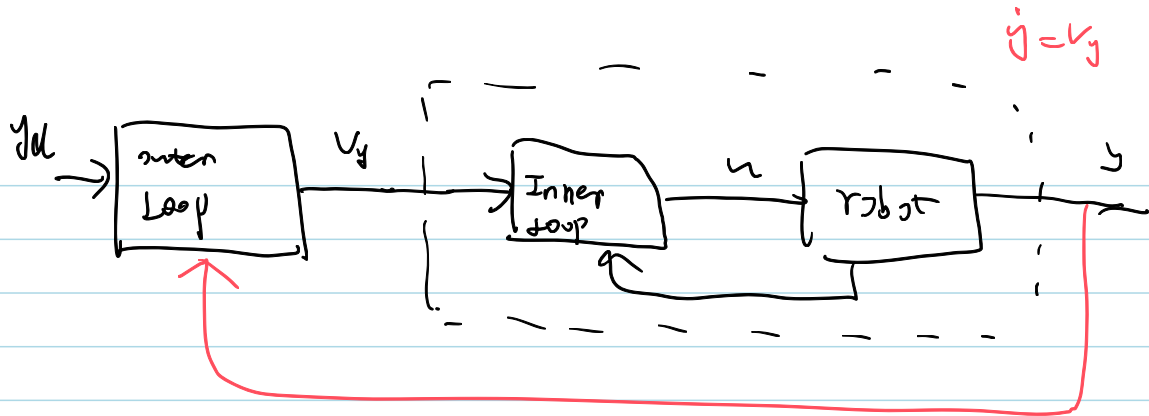
① Let v_y be virtual control. $\dot{y} = v_y$

design v_y to track y_d (same as previous case)

② Find actual control u such that $J_a(IK(y))u \approx v_y$

eg.





- we can design outer-loop controller as if we can directly control \dot{y}

$$v_y = \dot{y}_d + k(y_d - y) \xrightarrow{\text{plus in } \dot{y} = v_y} \dot{y} = -k \tilde{y}$$

we can select k such that $-k$ is Hurwitz

objective of inner loop: determine $u = \dot{q}$ such that $\dot{y} \approx v_y$

$$\dots \text{ we can let } \dot{y} = J_a(q) u \Rightarrow u = J_a^+(q) v_y$$

Velocity-Resolved Task-Space Control (2/3)

- System (2) is nonlinear system, a common way is to break it into inner-outer loop, where the outer loop directly control velocity of y , and the inner loop tries to find u to generate desired task space velocity
- **Outer loop:** $\dot{y} = v_y$, where control $v_y = \dot{y}_d + K_0 \tilde{y}$, resulting in task-space closed-loop error dynamics:

$$\dot{\tilde{y}} + K_0 \tilde{y} = 0$$

- Above task space tracking relies on a fictitious control v_y , i.e., it assumes \dot{y} can be arbitrarily controlled by selecting appropriate $u = \dot{q}$, which is true if J_a is full-row rank.

Velocity-Resolved Task-Space Control (3/3)

- **Inner loop:** Given v_y from the outer loop, find the joint velocity control by solving

$$\begin{cases} \min_u \|v_y - J_a(q)u\|^2 + \text{regularization term} \\ \text{subj. to:} \quad \text{Constraints on } u \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$\int \text{e.g. } \dot{q}_{\min} \leq u \leq \dot{q}_{\max}$
 $q_{\min} \leq q + u \Delta t \leq q_{\max}$

- Inner-loop is essentially a differential IK controller
- One can also use the pseudo-inverse control $u = J_a^\dagger v_y$

Acceleration-Resolved Control in Joint Space \Leftrightarrow

- Joint acceleration can be directly controlled, resulting in double-integrator dynamics

Given q_d reference, $q \rightarrow q_d$ we want $\ddot{q} = u$ (double integrator)

- Joint-space tracking becomes standard linear tracking control problem for double-integrator system:

$$u = \underbrace{\ddot{q}_d + K_1 \dot{\tilde{q}} + K_0 \tilde{q}}_{\text{PID control}} \Rightarrow \ddot{\tilde{q}} + K_1 \dot{\tilde{q}} + K_0 \tilde{q} = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

closed-loop system

where $\tilde{q} = q_d - q$ is the joint position error.

- Stability condition: Let $x = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{q} \\ \dot{\tilde{q}} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$,

$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} p & I \\ -k_0 & -k_1 \end{bmatrix}}_{2n \times 2n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{q} \\ \dot{\tilde{q}} \end{bmatrix}}_x$$

closed-loop system is stable

if $\text{eig}(A) \in \text{OLHP}$
or A is Hurwitz

$$\dot{x} = Ax$$

Acceleration-Resolved Control in Task Space (1/2)

- For task space control, $y = T(q)$ needs to track y_d

For $y = f(q)$

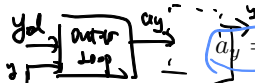
- Note: $\dot{y} = J_a(q)\dot{q}$ and $\ddot{y} = \dot{J}_a(q)\dot{q} + J_a(q)\ddot{q}$

$$\ddot{y} = \underbrace{\dot{J}_a(q)\dot{q}}_{a_y} + J_a(q)u \in \text{nonlinear dynamics}$$

- Following the same inner-outer loop strategy discussed before

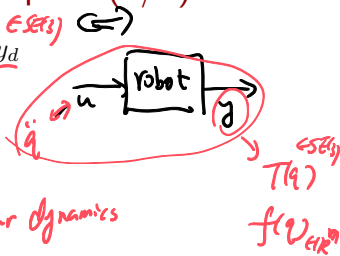
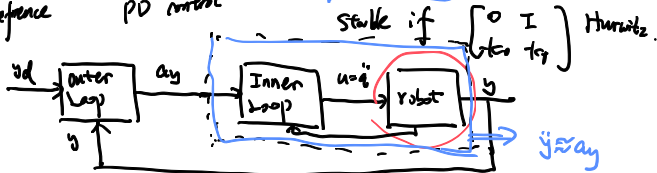
- Introduce virtual control a_y such that $\ddot{y} = a_y$, we can design controller for a_y to let $y \rightarrow y_d$
- Inner-Loop, choose u to produce $\ddot{y} \approx a_y$

- Outer-loop dynamics: $\ddot{y} = a_y$, with a_y being the outer-loop control input



$$a_y = \underbrace{\ddot{y}_d}_{\text{reference}} + \underbrace{K_1\dot{\tilde{y}} + K_0\tilde{y}}_{\text{PD control}} \Rightarrow \ddot{\tilde{y}} + K_1\dot{\tilde{y}} + K_0\tilde{y} = 0$$

$$\tilde{y} = y_d - y$$



Acceleration-Resolved Control in Task Space (2/2)

- **Inner-loop:** Given a_y from outer loop, find the “best” joint acceleration:

$$\begin{cases} \min_u \| a_y - \dot{J}_a(q)\dot{q} - J_a(q)u \|^2 + \text{regularization term} \\ \text{subj. to:} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

\dot{q} (known)
 from outer loop
 optimization variable
 Constraints on u
 from the model
 known
 Acc.:
 vel.:
 $\ddot{q}_{\min} \leq u \leq \ddot{q}_{\max}$
 $\dot{q}_{\min} \in \dot{q} + u_{\text{sat}} \leq \dot{q}_{\max}$
 known at current time

- Mathematically, the above problem is the same as the Differential IK problem
- At any given time, q, \dot{q} can be measured, and then y and \dot{y} can be computed, which allows us to compute outer loop control a_y and inter loop control u

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Recall Properties of Robot Dynamics

For fully actuated robot:

$$\tau = \underbrace{M(q)}_{\text{matrix}} \ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q} + g(q) \quad (5)$$

- $M(q) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \succ 0$

$$M(q) = \sum_i J_i^T \overset{\curvearrowright}{I_i} J_i \quad \begin{matrix} I_i > 0 \\ \text{6x6} \end{matrix}$$

$$\dot{q}^T M(q) \dot{q} > 0, \forall \dot{q} \neq 0$$

- There are many valid definitions of $C(q, \dot{q})$, typical choice for C include:

$$C_{ij} = \sum_k \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\partial M_{ij}}{\partial q_k} + \frac{\partial M_{ik}}{\partial q_j} - \frac{\partial M_{jk}}{\partial q_i} \right]$$

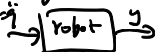
- For the above defined C , we have $\dot{M} - 2C$ is skew symmetric

- For all valid C , we have $\dot{q}^T [\dot{M} - 2C] \dot{q} = 0$

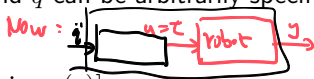
- These properties play important role in designing motion controller

Computed Torque Control (1/2)

We know how to design controller if $u = \ddot{q}$

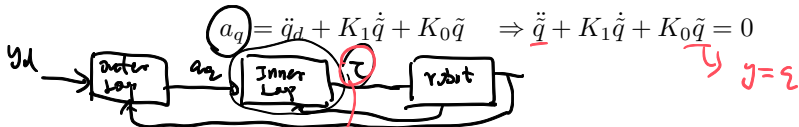


- For fully-actuated robot, we have $M(q) \succ 0$ and \ddot{q} can be arbitrarily specified through torque control $u = \tau$



$$\ddot{q} = M^{-1}(q) [u - C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} - g(q)]$$

- Thus, for fully-actuated robot, torque controlled case can be reduced to the acceleration-resolved case
- Outer loop: $\ddot{q} = a_q$ with joint acceleration as control input



- Inner loop: since $M(q)$ is square and nonsingular, inner loop control u can be found analytically:

$$u = M(q) (\underbrace{\ddot{q}_d + K_1 \dot{\tilde{q}} + K_0 \tilde{q}}_{a_q}) + C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + g(q) \quad (6)$$

Computed Torque Control (2/2)

$$\tau = M\ddot{q} + c + g$$

- The control law (6) is a function of q, \dot{q} and the reference q_d . It is called *computed-torque control*.
- The control law also relies on system model M, C, g , if these model information are not accurate, the control will not perform well.

$$y = f(q)$$

$$\ddot{y} = \left(\dot{J}_a(q) \dot{q} + J_a(q) \right) \ddot{q} + J_a(q) \ddot{q}$$

- Idea easily extends to task space: $\dot{y} = J_a(q)\dot{q}$ and $\ddot{y} = \dot{J}_a(q)\dot{q} + J_a(q)\ddot{q}$

- Outer loop: $\ddot{y} = a_y$ and $a_y = \ddot{y}_d + K_1\dot{\tilde{y}} + K_0\tilde{y}$

$$u = \tau$$

$$\dot{q} = M^{-1}(u - c - g)$$

- Inner loop: select torque control $u = \tau$ by

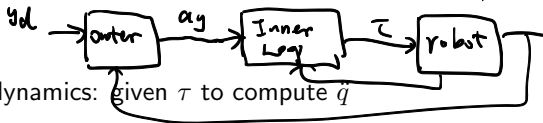
$$\begin{cases} \min_u \|a_y - \underbrace{(\dot{J}_a \dot{q} - J_a M^{-1}(u - C\dot{q} - g))}_{\ddot{q}}\|^2 \\ \text{subj. to: constraints} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

- If J_a is invertible and we don't impose additional torque constraints, analytical control law can be easily obtained.

$$\Rightarrow u = \left(J_a M^{-1} \right)^{-1} (a_y - \dot{J}_a \dot{q} - \dots)$$

Inverse Dynamics Control (1/2)

- The computed-torque controller in (6) is also called inverse dynamics control



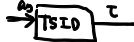
- Forward dynamics: given τ to compute \dot{q}

FD: from torque to motion

- Inverse dynamics: given desired acceleration a_q , we inverted it to find the required control by $u = \underbrace{Ma_q + C\dot{q} + g}_{\rightarrow \ddot{q}}$

- Task space case can be viewed as inverting the task space dynamics

Given a_y , find τ such that $\ddot{y} \approx a_y$
 y is task space.



- With recent advances in optimization, it is often preferred to do ID with quadratic program



Inverse Dynamics Control (2/2)

- For example, Eq (7) can be viewed as task-space ID. We can incorporate torque constraints explicitly as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \min_u \|a_y - \dot{J}_a \dot{q} - J_a \underbrace{M^{-1}(u - C\dot{q} - g)}_{\dot{q}}\|^2 \\ \text{subj. to: } u_- \leq u \leq u_+ \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

optimization variable $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$

TSID

- This is equivalent to the following more popular form:

$$\begin{cases} \min_{u, \ddot{q}} \|a_y - \dot{J}_a \dot{q} - J_a \ddot{q}\|^2 \\ \text{subj. to: } M\ddot{q} + C\dot{q} + g = u \\ u_- \leq u \leq u_+ \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

opt variable
 $u, \dot{q} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 $\in \mathbb{R}$

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