

Introduction to Robotics

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► **Forward dynamics:**

- ▶ *Input:* joint forces / torques;
- ▶ *Output:* kinematics;
- ▶ *Application:* Simulation of a robot model.

► **Inverse Dynamics:**

- ▶ *Input:* desired trajectory of a manipulator;
- ▶ *Output:* required joint forces / torques;
- ▶ *Application:* model-based control of a robot.

$\tau(t) \rightarrow$ direct dynamics $\rightarrow \mathbf{q}(t), (\dot{\mathbf{q}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{q}}(t))$

$\mathbf{q}(t) \rightarrow$ inverse dynamics $\rightarrow \tau(t)$



Dynamics – Recapitulation

General inverse dynamic equations of a manipulator:

$$\tau = M(\Theta)\ddot{\Theta} + V(\Theta, \dot{\Theta}) + G(\Theta)$$

Forward dynamic equations of a manipulator:

$$\ddot{\Theta} = M^{-1}(\Theta)(\tau - V(\Theta, \dot{\Theta}) - G(\Theta))$$

$$\dot{\Theta} = \int \ddot{\Theta} dt$$

$$\Theta = \int \dot{\Theta} dt$$

Unlike kinematics, the inverse dynamics is easier to solve than forward dynamics.



Dynamics – Recapitulation

Two methods for calculation:

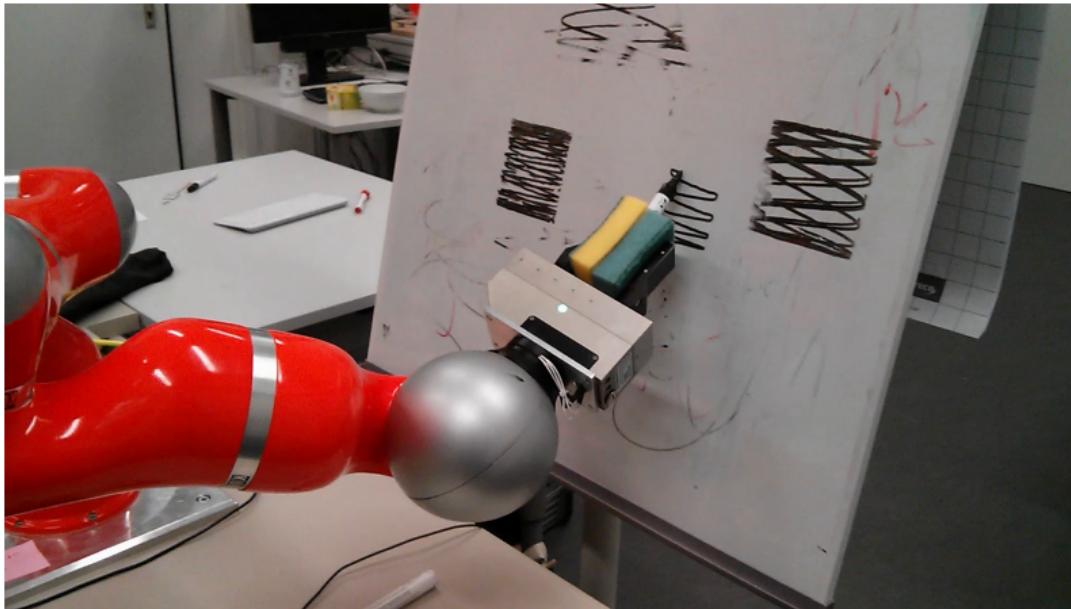
- ▶ Analytical methods
 - ▶ based on Lagrangian equations

$$L(q_i, \dot{q}_i) = K(q_i, \dot{q}_i) - P(q_i)$$

- ▶ Synthetic methods:
 - ▶ based on the Newton-Euler equations



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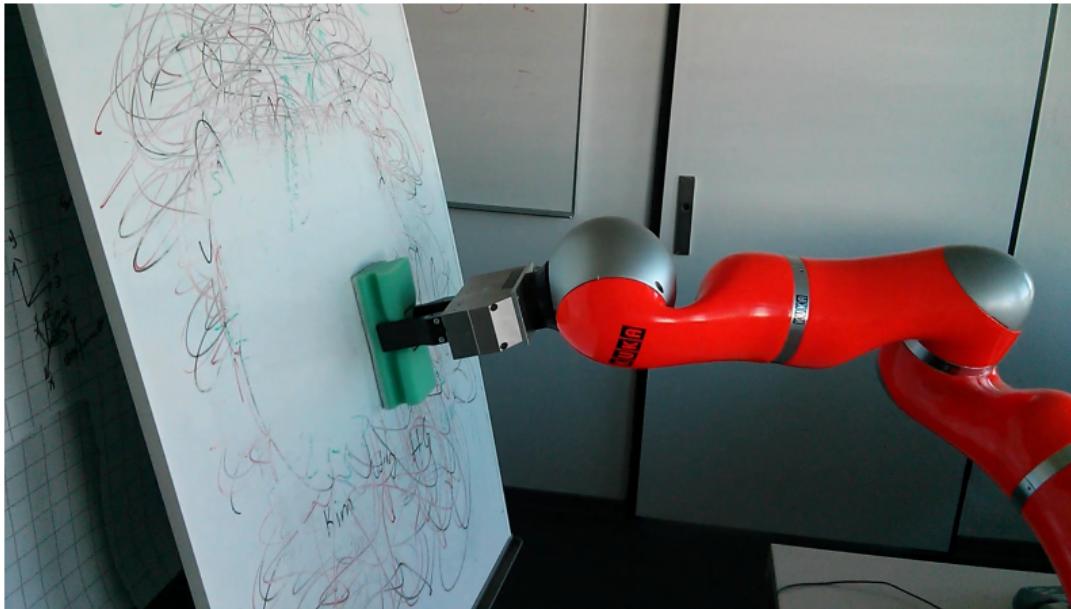




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Robot Control - Introduction

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Controller

- ▶ Influences one or more physical variables
 - ▶ meet a control variable
 - ▶ reduce disturbances
- ▶ Compares actual value to reference value
 - ▶ minimize control deviation



Development of Control Engineering - Timeline

- 1788 J. Watt: engine speed governor
- 1877 J. Routh: differential equation for the description of control processes
- 1885 A. Hurwitz: stability studies
- 1932 A. Nyquist: frequency response analysis
- 1940 W. Oppelt: frequency response analysis, Control Engineering becomes an independent discipline
- 1945 H. Bode: discipline new methods for frequency response analysis
- 1950 N. Wiener: statistical methods
- 1956 L. Pontrjagin: optimal control theory, maximum principle
- 1957 R. Bellmann: dynamic programming
- 1960 direct digital control
- 1965 L. Zadeh: Fuzzy-Logic
- 1972 Microcomputer use
- 1975 Control systems for automation
- 1980 Digital device technology
- 1985 Fuzzy-controller for industrial use
- 1995 Artificial neuronal networks for industrial use



Control Problem

Given: dynamic system (to be controlled)

- ▶ Model describing dynamic system (e.g. Jacobian)
- ▶ Input variables – control variables
 - ▶ measured values (sensor data)
- ▶ Output variables – controlled variables
 - ▶ system input (force/torque data)

Problem

- ▶ Keep control variable values constant and / or
- ▶ Follow a reference value and / or
- ▶ Minimize the influence of disturbances



Sought: controller (for dynamic system)

- ▶ Implement hardware or software controller
- ▶ Alter controlled-variables (output)
- ▶ Based on control variables (input)
- ▶ Solve the problem



Example: Cruise Control

Input

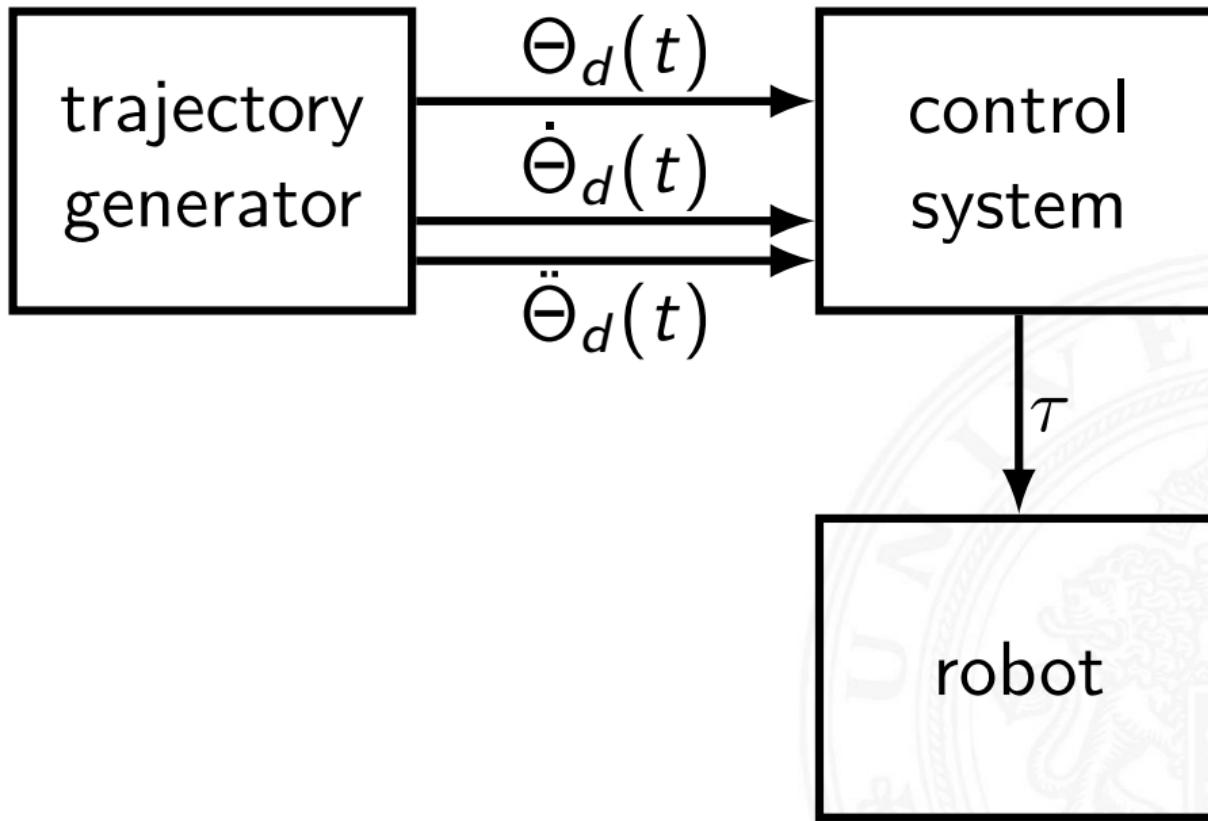
- ▶ Speed over ground
- ▶ Relative speed to traffic
- ▶ Distance to car in front
- ▶ Distance to car behind
- ▶ Weather conditions
- ▶ Relative position in road lane
- ▶ ...

Output

- ▶ Throttle
- ▶ Brakes
- ▶ Steering

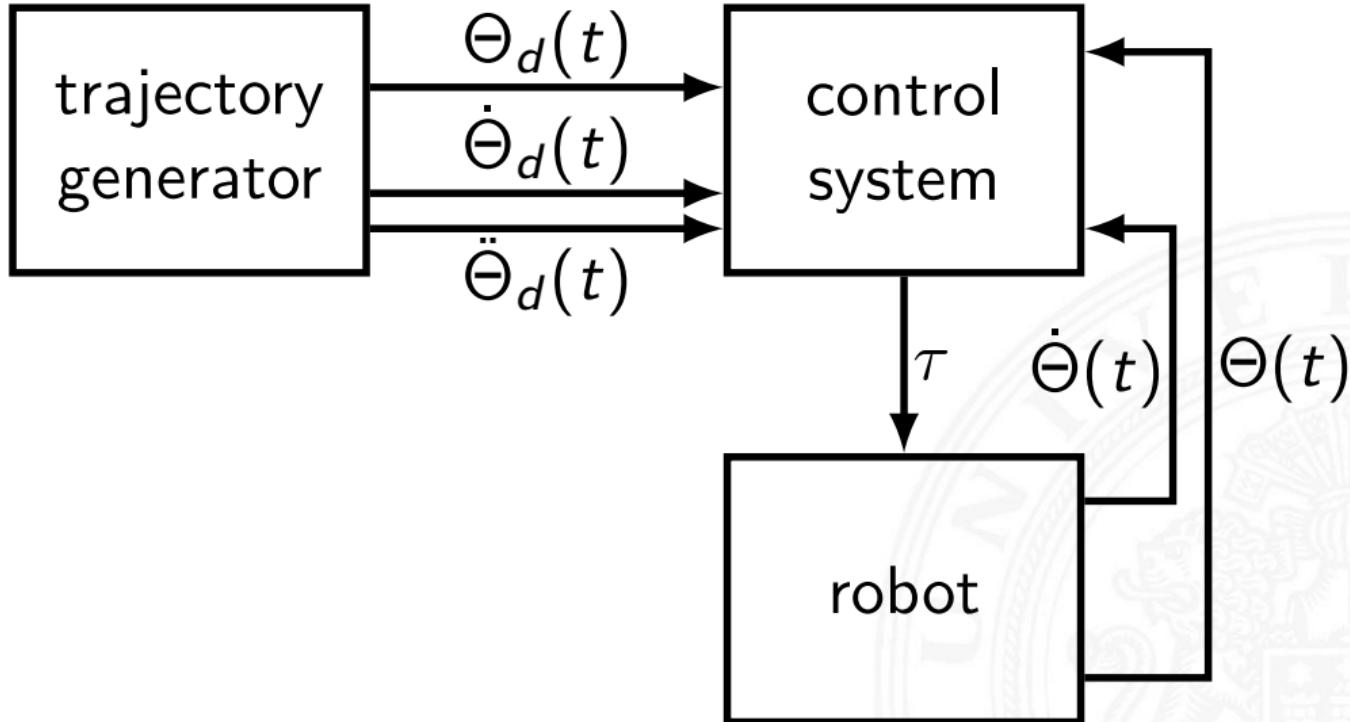


Control System of a Robot





Control System of a Robot (cont.)





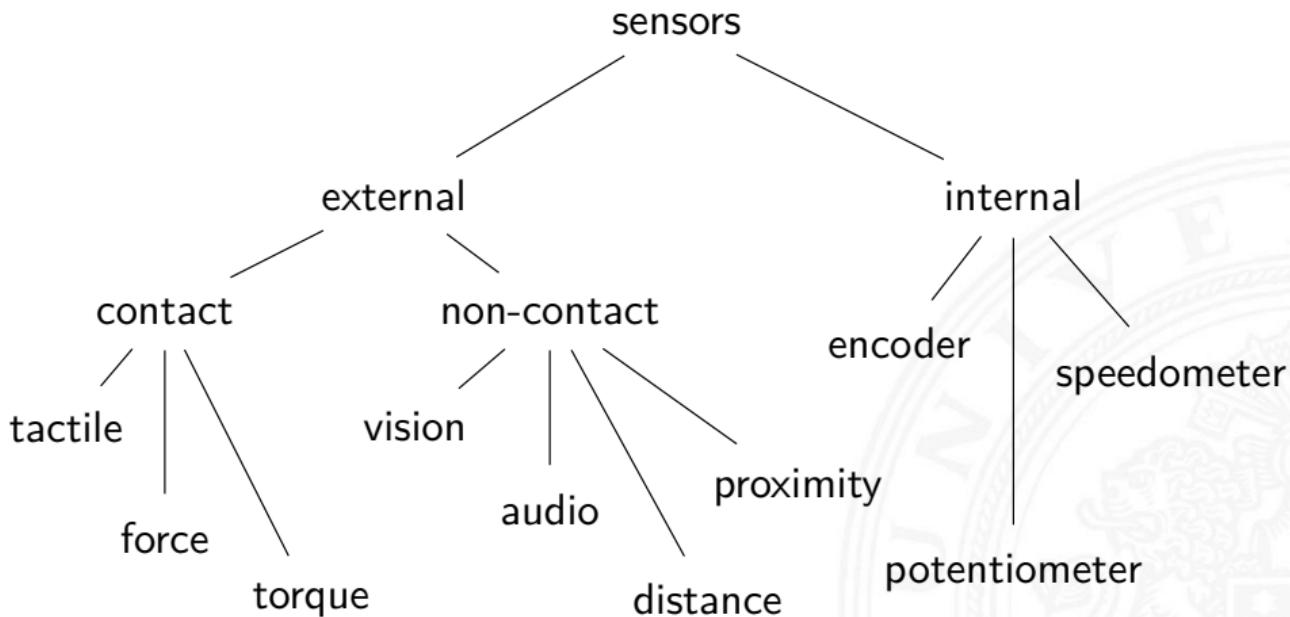
Control System of a Robot (cont.)

- ▶ Target values
 - ▶ $\Theta_d(t)$
 - ▶ $\dot{\Theta}_d(t)$
 - ▶ $\ddot{\Theta}_d(t)$
- ▶ Magnitude of error
 - ▶ $E = \Theta_d - \Theta, \dot{E} = \dot{\Theta}_d - \dot{\Theta}$
- ▶ Output (Control) value
 - ▶ $\Theta(t)$
 - ▶ $\dot{\Theta}(t)$
- ▶ Controlled value
 - ▶ τ





Sensor Classification Hierarchy





Internal Sensors of Robots

- ▶ Placed inside the robot
- ▶ Monitor the internal state of the robot
 - ▶ e.g. position and velocity of a joint

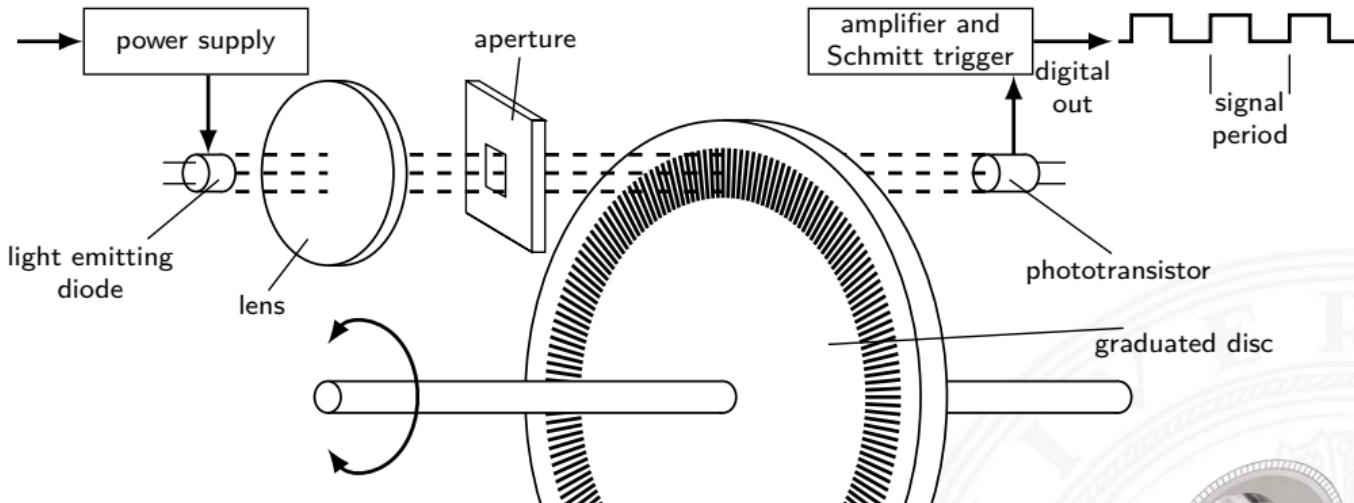
Position measurement systems

- ▶ Potentiometer
- ▶ Incremental/absolute encoder
- ▶ Resolver

Velocity measurement systems

- ▶ Speedometers
- ▶ Calculate from position change over time

Optical Incremental Encoders



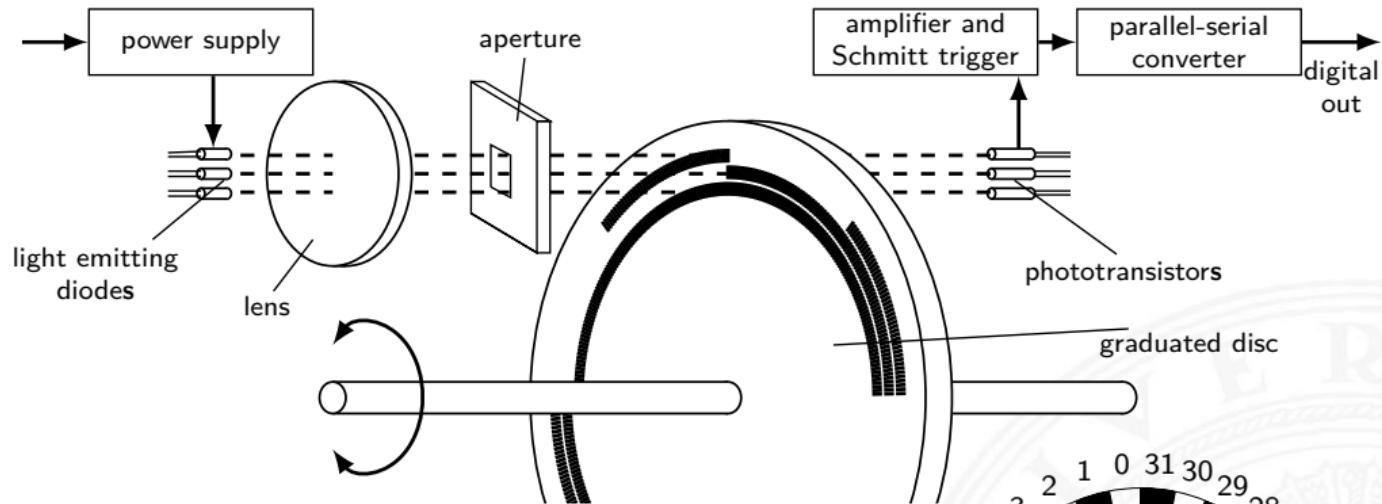
- ▶ An optical encoder reads the lines
- ▶ The disc is mounted to the shaft of the joint motor
 - ▶ PUMA-560: 1:1 ratio; .0001 rad/bit accuracy
- ▶ one special line is marked as the “zero-position”



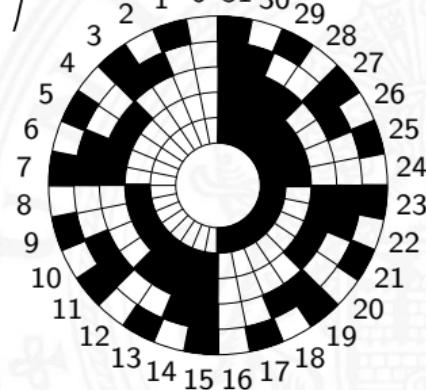
Optical Absolute Encoder

Robot Control - Internal Sensors of Robots

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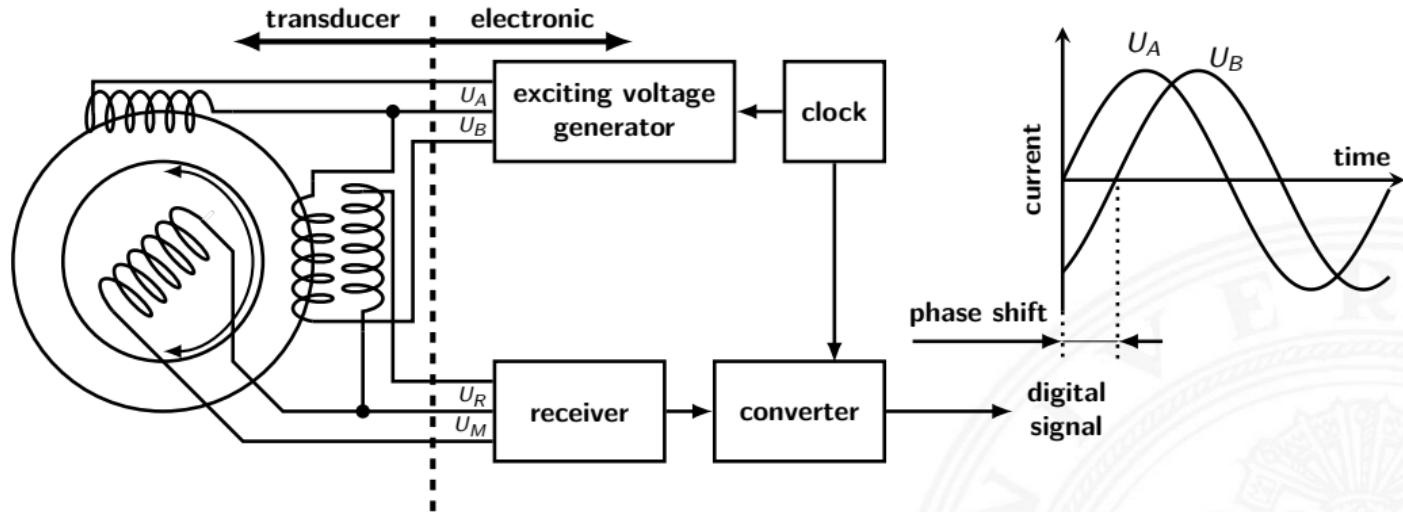


- ▶ multiple LEDs and phototransistors
- ▶ e.g. 5 bit dual code gives 32 angular positions and 11.25° resolution
- ▶ parallel-serial converter required
- ▶ absolute positioning and direction encoding





Resolver



- ▶ analog rotation encoding
- ▶ phase shift between U_A and U_B determines rotation
- ▶ precision depending on digital converter

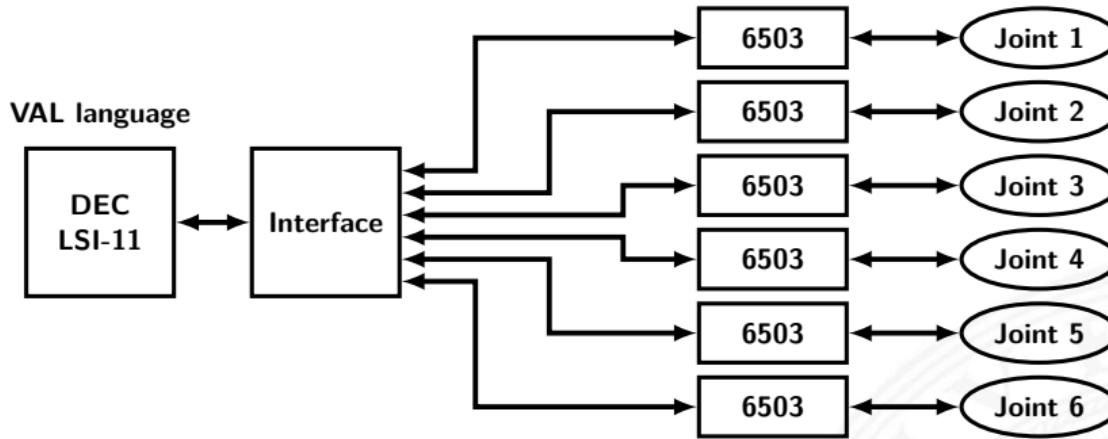


Encoder vs Resolver

- ▶ Encoder:
 - ▶ higher accuracy
 - ▶ simplicity of integration, and update
 - ▶ suitable for applications with high acceleration and deceleration rates
- ▶ Resolver:
 - ▶ lack of sensitive optics
 - ▶ resistant to electrical disturbances
 - ▶ complexity of integrating a resolver into a system
 - ▶ suitable for extremely harsh applications, such as military and aerospace equipment

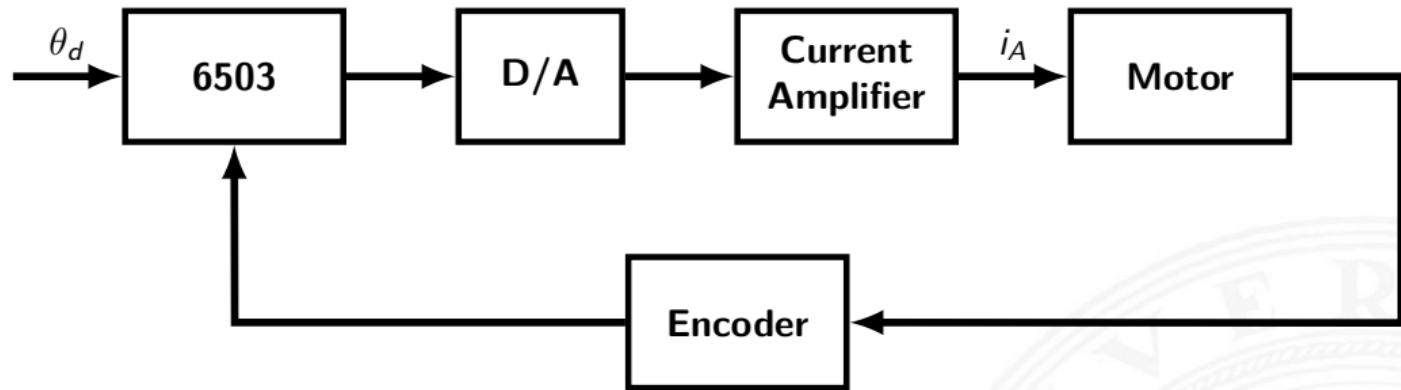


Control System Architecture of PUMA-Robot



- ▶ two-level hierarchical structure of control system
- ▶ *DEC LSI-11* sends joint values at 35.7 Hz (28 ms)
 - ▶ trajectory
- ▶ Distance of actual value to goal value is interpolated
 - ▶ using 8,16,**32** or 64 increments

Control System Architecture of PUMA-Robot (cont.)



- ▶ The joint control loop operates at 1143 Hz (0.875 ms)
- ▶ Encoders are used as position sensors
- ▶ No dedicated speedometer
 - ▶ velocity is calculated as the difference of joint positions over time



Introduction—PID controller

- ▶ more than half of the industrial controllers in use today are PID controllers or modified PID controllers
- ▶ many different types of tuning rules have been proposed in the literature
- ▶ Using these tuning rules, delicate and fine tuning of PID controllers can be made on-site

P Proportional controller

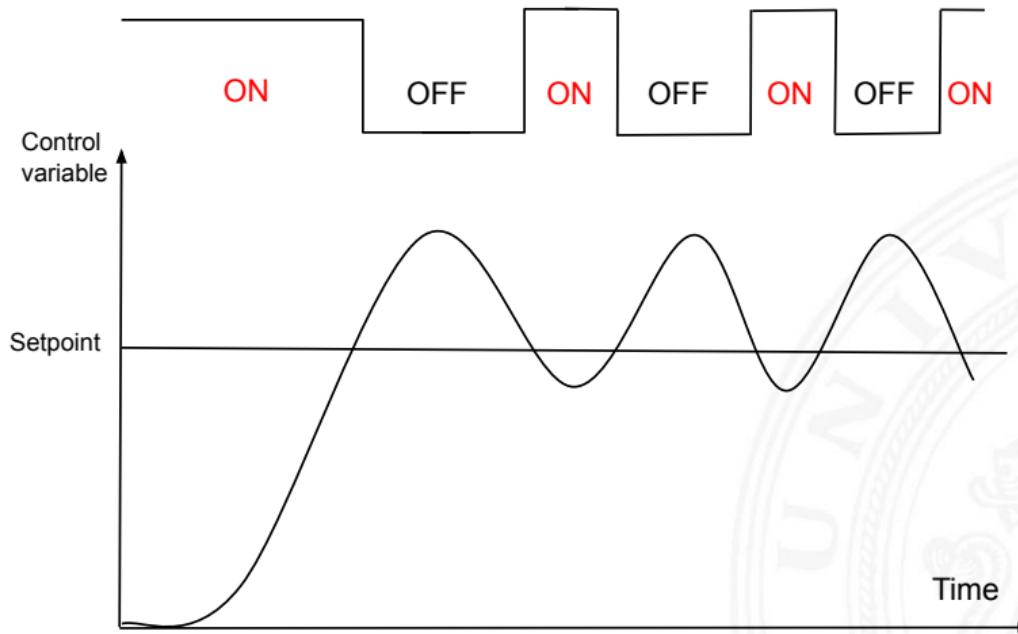
I Integral controller

D Derivative controller



Bang Bang (On-off) controller

This is the simplest form of control.

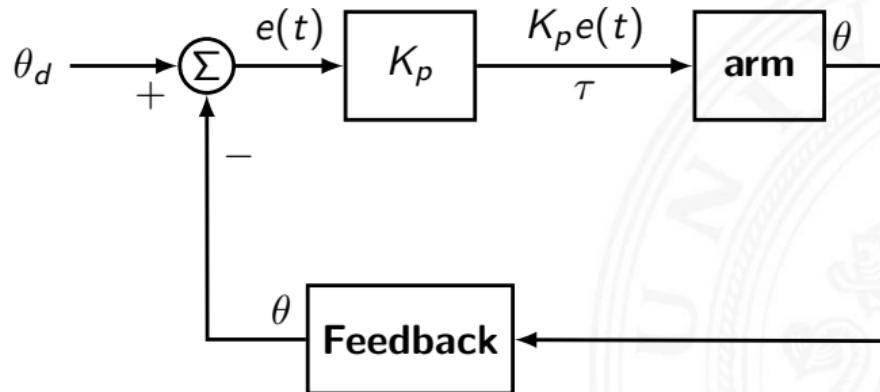




Proportional control

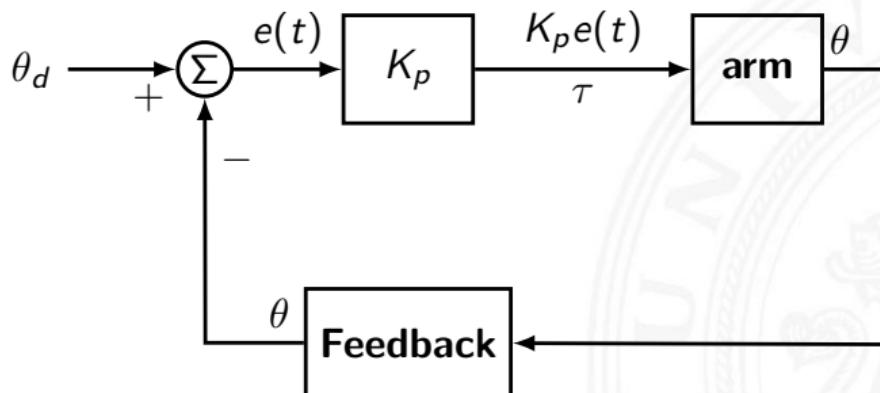
In proportional mode, there is a continuous linear relation between value of the controlled variable and position of the final control element.

- ▶ $e(t) = \theta_d - \theta$
- ▶ output of proportional controller is $\tau(t) = K_p e(t)$, K_p is proportional gain.



Proportional control (cont.)

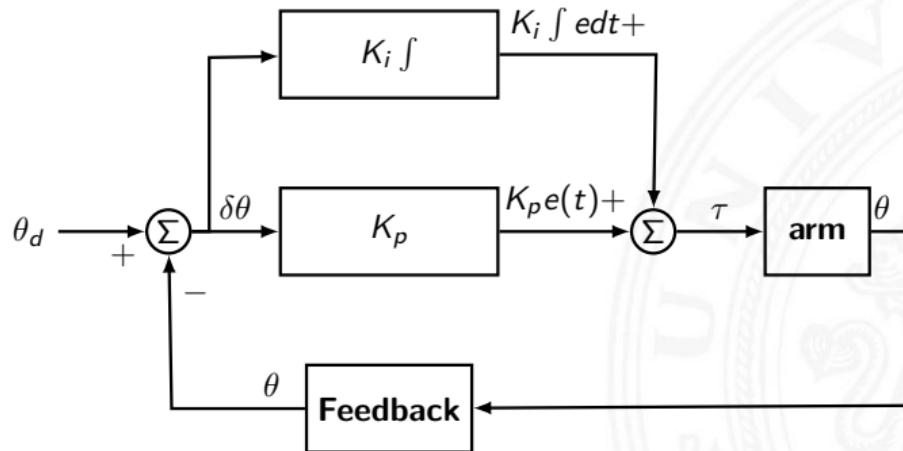
- ▶ Using P control is simple, but often insufficient:
 - ▶ If K_p is small, the sensor reading will approach the setpoint slowly and never reach it
 - ▶ As the gain is increased the system responds faster to changes in set-point but becomes progressively underdamped and eventually unstable.
 - ▶ If K_p is large, the system may overshoot, oscillate (i.e. become unstable)





Proportional-Integral (PI) control

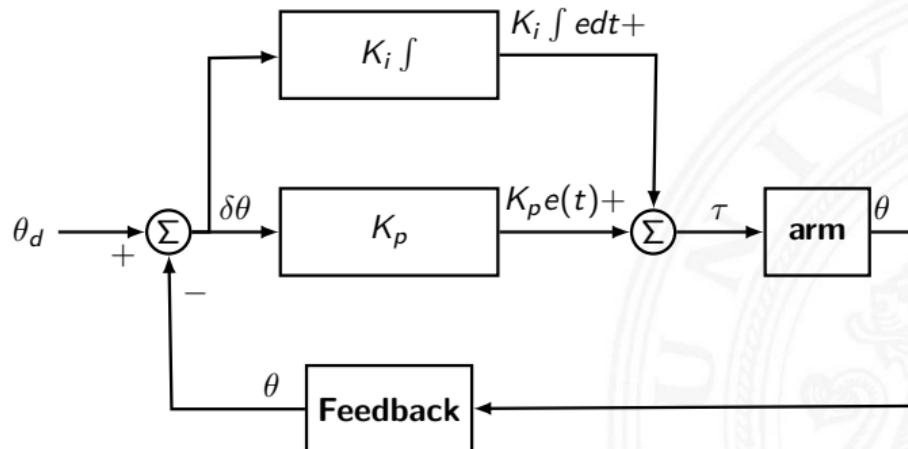
- ▶ $\tau(t) = K_p e(t) + K_i \int edt$
- ▶ The P term will take care of the large movement
- ▶ Integral signal is sum of all instantaneous errors
- ▶ The I term will take care of any steady-state error





Proportional-Integral (PI) control (cont.)

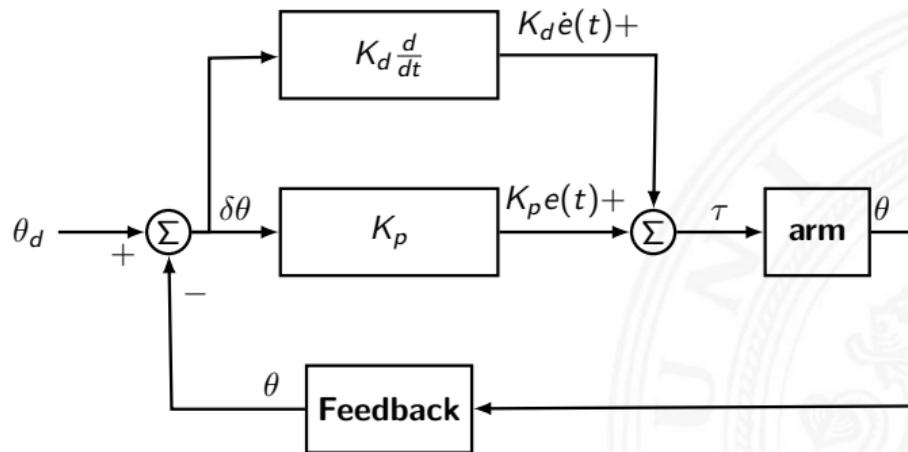
- ▶ It eliminates steady-state error
- ▶ It can help with stability of the system, especially if K_p is large
- ▶ But, it responds relatively slowly to an error signal





Proportional-Derivative (PD) control

- ▶ $\tau(t) = K_p e(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t)$
- ▶ Differential term at time $n = K_d(e(n) - e(n-1))/\Delta t$

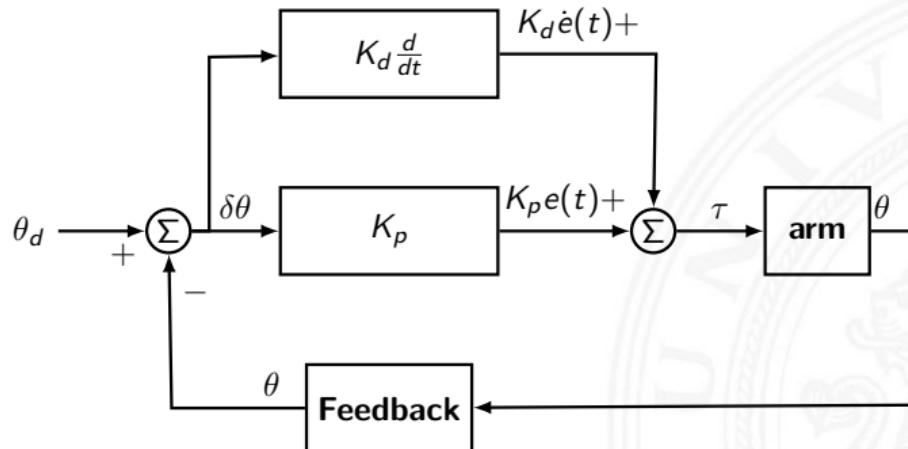




Proportional-Derivative (PD) control (cont.)

The main advantages of the PD controllers are:

- ▶ The derivative term acts as "brake" to the system
- ▶ It can improve the system's tolerance to external disturbances





P Proportional controller: $\tau(t) = k_p \cdot e(t)$

The amplification factor k_p defines the sensitivity.

I Integral controller: $\tau(t) = k_i \cdot \int_{t_0}^t e(t')dt'$

Long term errors will sum up.

D Derivative controller: $\tau(t) = k_v \cdot \dot{e}(t)$

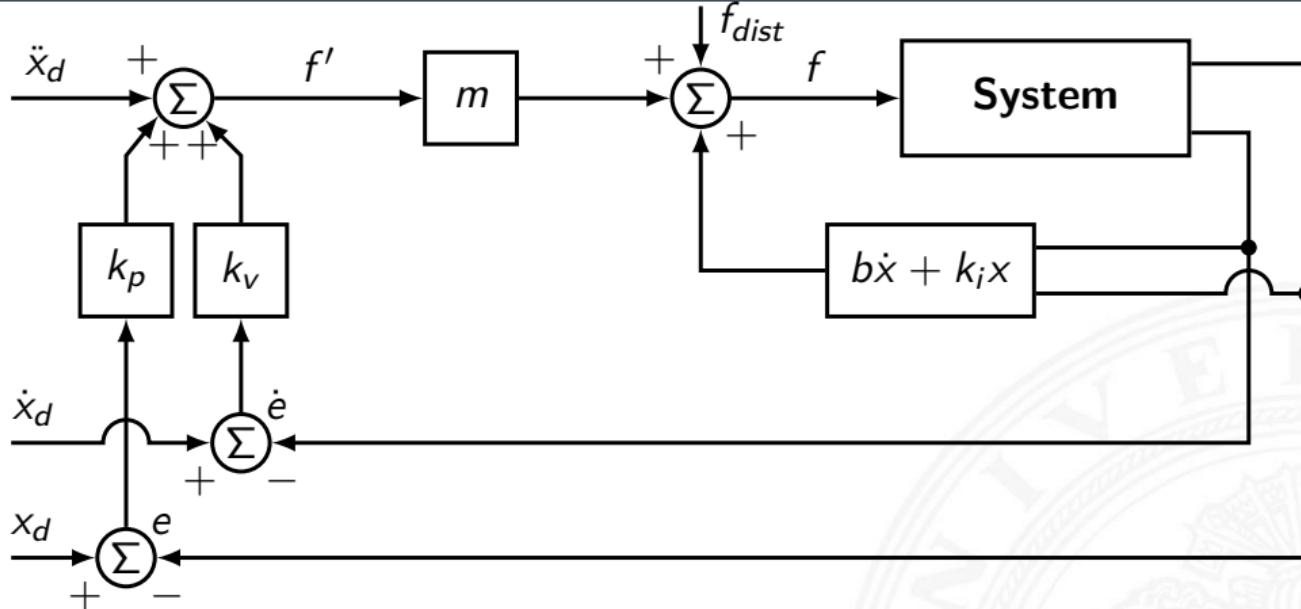
This controller is sensitive to changes in the deviation.

Combined \Rightarrow PID-controller:

$$\tau(t) = k_p \cdot e(t) + k_v \cdot \dot{e}(t) + k_i \int_{t_0}^t e(t')dt'$$



Linear Control for Trajectory Tracking



$$f' = \ddot{x}_d + k_v \dot{e} + k_p e + k_i \int e dt \quad (47)$$

is called the principle of PID-control.



Summary: the characteristics of P, I, D controllers

	Rise time	Overshoot	Settling time	S-S error
Kp	decrease	increase	small change	decrease
Ki	decrease	increase	increase	eliminate
Kd	small change	decrease	decrease	small change

Further Resources

- ▶ PID Control with Python ([simple-pid](#))
- ▶ PID Control with MATLAB and Simulink

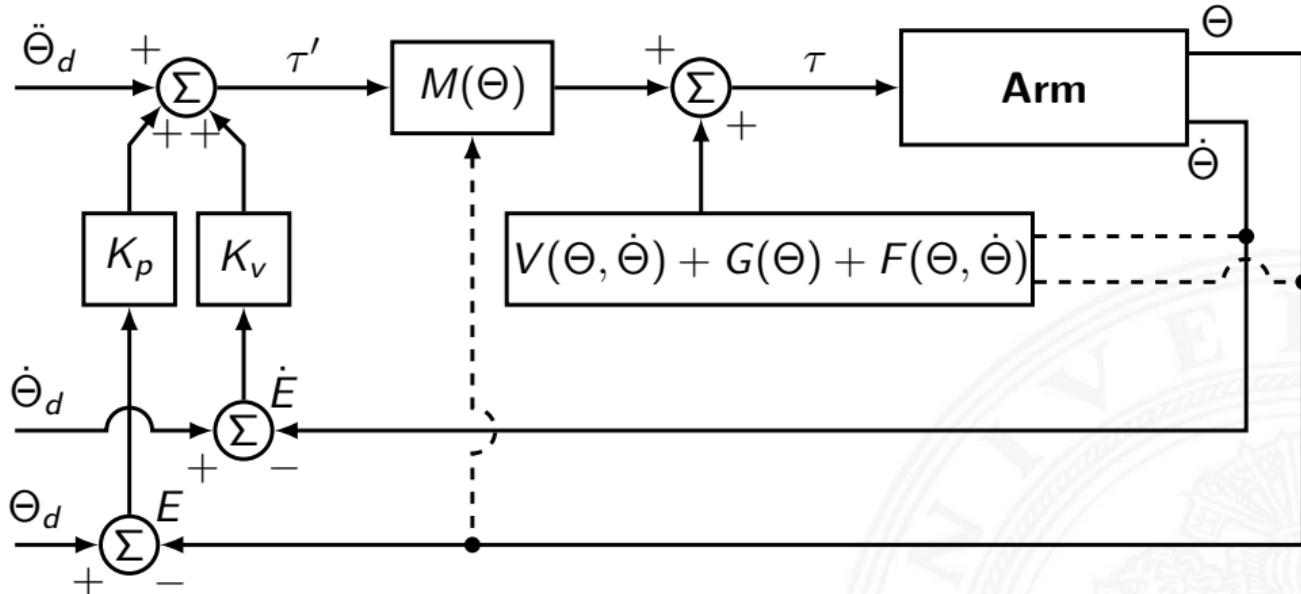


Tips for designing a PID controller

1. Obtain an open-loop response and determine what needs to be improved
2. Add a P control to improve the rise time
3. Add a D control to improve the overshoot
4. Add a I control to eliminate the steady-state error
5. Adjust each of K_p, K_d, K_i until you obtain a desired overall response



Model-Based Control for Trajectory Tracking



The dynamic equation:

$$\tau = M(\Theta)\ddot{\Theta} + V(\Theta, \dot{\Theta}) + G(\Theta)$$

where $M(\Theta)$ is the position-dependent $n \times n$ -mass matrix of the manipulator, $V(\Theta, \dot{\Theta})$ is a $n \times 1$ -vector of centripetal and Coriolis factors, and $G(\Theta)$ is a complex function of Θ , the position of all joints of the manipulator.



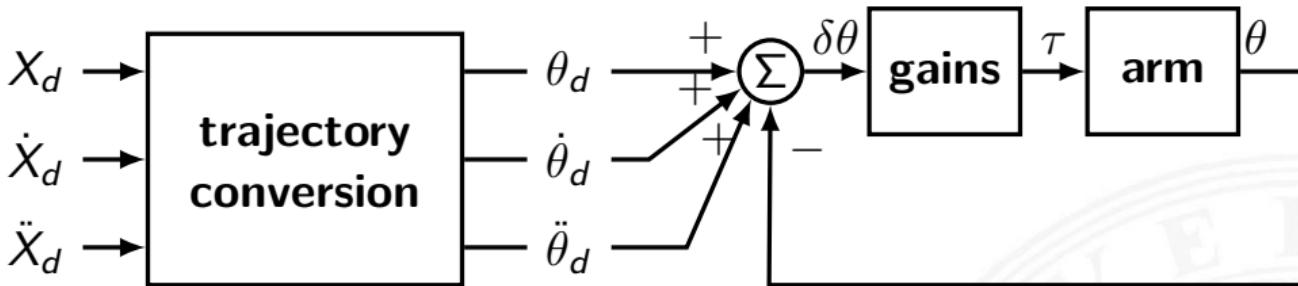
Classification of Robot Arm Controllers

As the problem of trajectory-tracking:

- ▶ Joint space: PID, plus model-based
- ▶ Cartesian space: joint-based
 - ▶ using kinematics or using inverse Jacobian calculation
- ▶ Adaptive: model-based adaptive control, self-tuning
 - ▶ controller (structure and parameter) adapts to the time-invariant or unknown system-behavior
 - ▶ basic control circle is superimposed by an adaptive system
 - ▶ process of adaption consists of three phases
 - ▶ identification
 - ▶ decision-process
 - ▶ modification
- ▶ Hybrid force and position control is also a popular research topic

Control in Cartesian Space – Method I

Joint-based control with Cartesian trajectory input

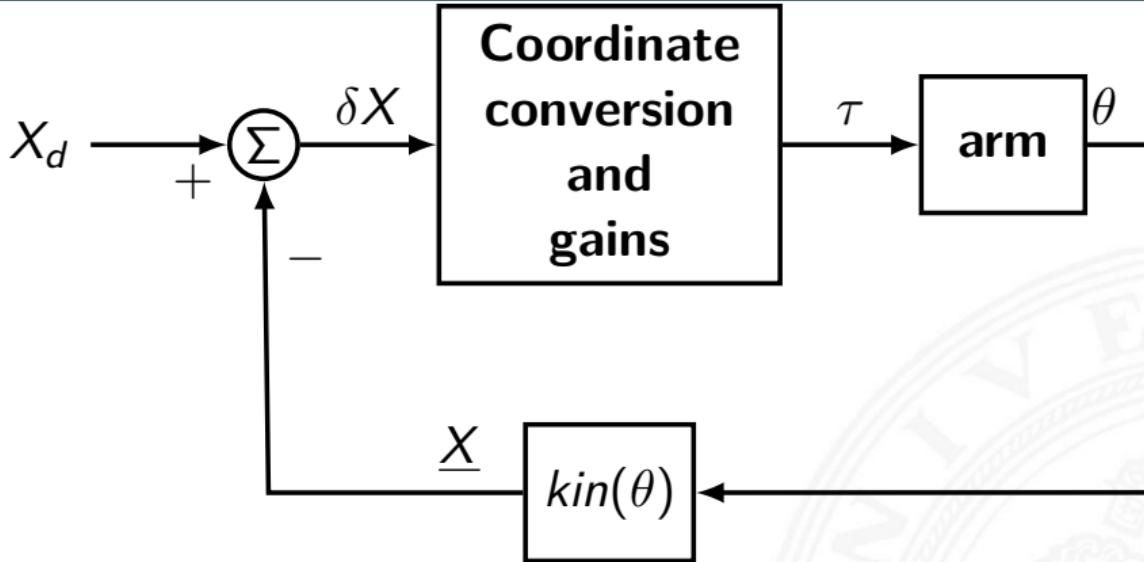


- ▶ Cartesian trajectory is converted into joint space first
- ▶ joint space trajectory is sent to the controller
- ▶ trajectory controller sends joint targets to motor controllers
- ▶ motor controller sends torque data to motor
- ▶ sensors output joint state



Control in Cartesian Space – Method II

Cartesian control via calculation of kinematics

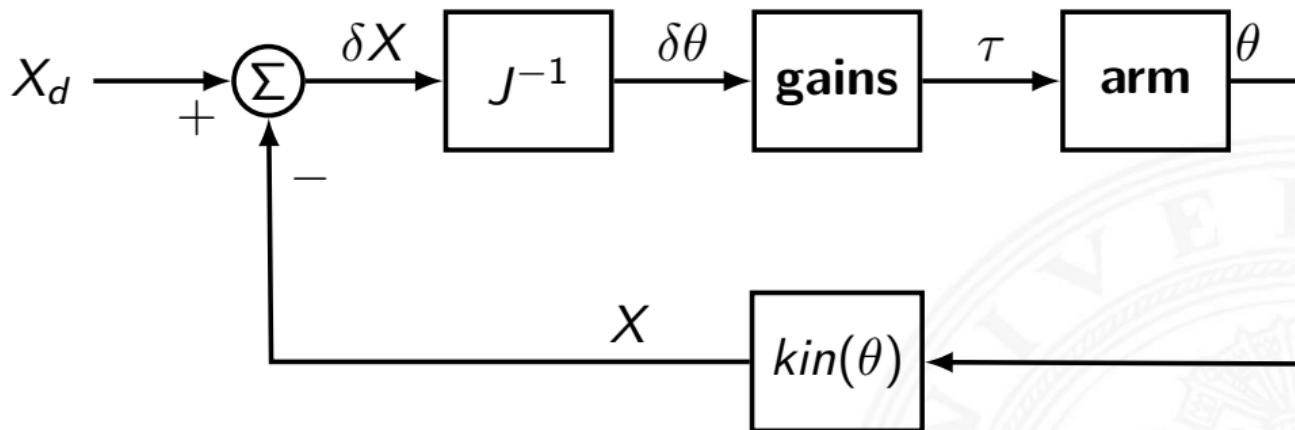


- ▶ controller operates in cartesian space
- ▶ joint space conversion within control cycle
- ▶ error values in cartesian space using FK



Control in Cartesian Space – Method III

Cartesian control via calculation of inverse Jacobian



- ▶ no explicit joint space conversion
- ▶ dynamic conversion using inverse Jacobian

Scientific Research

- ▶ model-based control
- ▶ adaptive control
- ▶ hybrid control

Industrial robots

- ▶ PID-control system with gravity compensation

$$\tau = \dot{\Theta}_d + K_v \dot{E} + K_p E + K_i \int E dt + \hat{G}(\Theta)$$



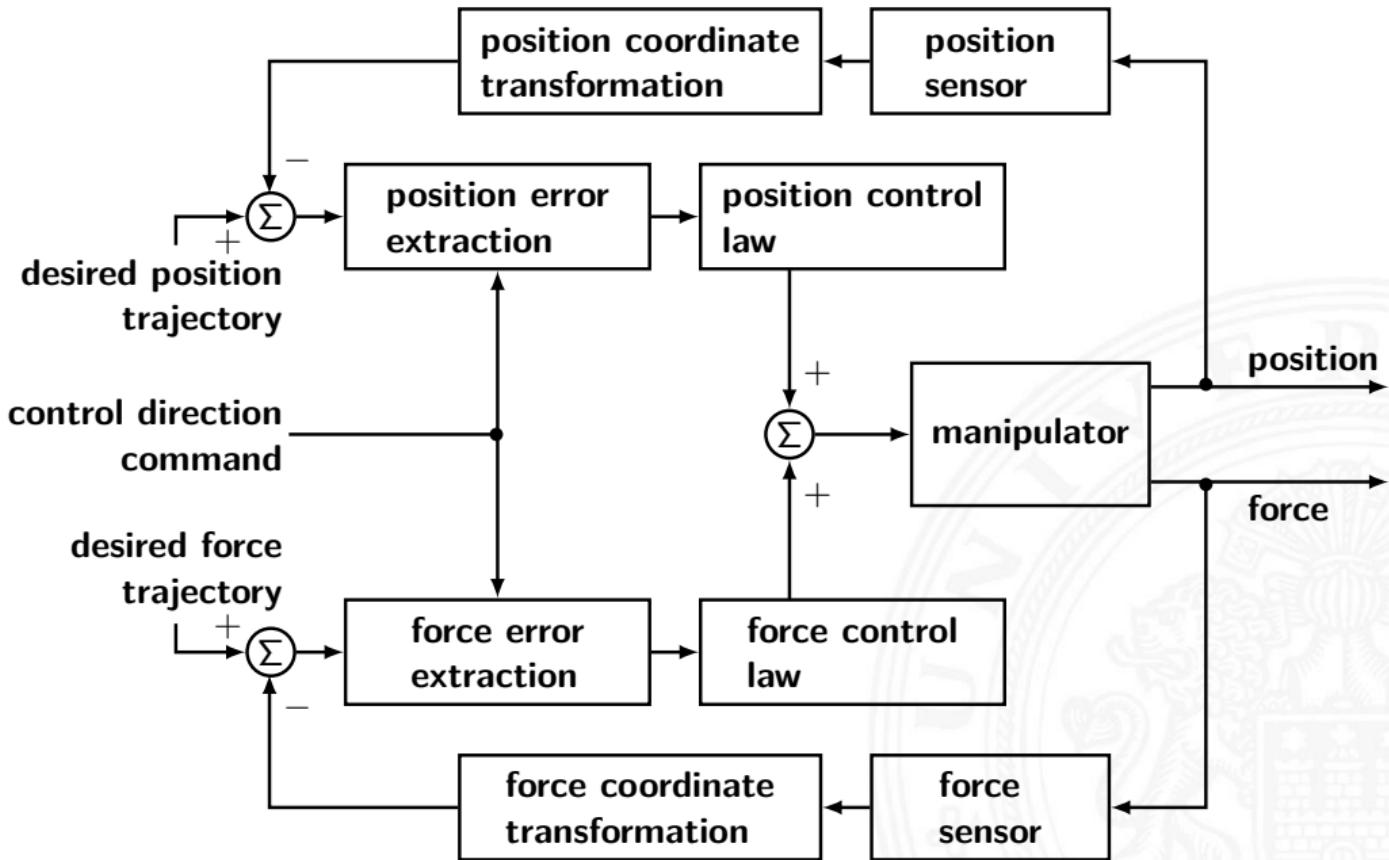
Motivation

Certain tasks require control of both: position and force of the end effector:

- ▶ assembly
- ▶ grinding
- ▶ opening/closing doors
- ▶ crank winding
- ▶ ...

An example shows two feedback loops for separate control of position and force

Hybrid Control of Force and Position (cont.)





Hybrid Force/Torque Control

Robot Control - Classification of Robot Arm Controllers

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