

Plan:

- Independent Joint Modeling
- Dynamic model recap
- Laplace transforms
- Transfer functions (short)
- Block diagrams
- P, PD, PID setpoint controllers

Independent Joint Modeling

- Controlling a whole manipulator is fairly difficult
 - We focus instead on controlling only one joint at a time
- All interaction between joints (dynamic coupling) will be classified as noise

Dynamic Model of a Robot

From the equations of motion from dynamics we have:

$$J(q)\ddot{q} + C(q,\dot{q})\dot{q} + B\dot{q} + g(q) = f$$

$J(q)\ddot{q}$ - inertia

$C(q,\dot{q})\dot{q}$ - coriolis/centrifugal forces

$B\dot{q}$ - viscous friction (damping)

$g(q)$ - gravitational forces

f - torque/force from actuators

Coriolis/centrifugal
Gravity
Coupling ($J(q)\ddot{q} \rightarrow J\ddot{q}$) } $\rightarrow D$ - disturbance

$$J\ddot{q} + B\dot{q} + D = f$$

- Not the same notations as in velocity kinematics: J is not Jacobian, D matrix is not the one from dynamics
- Inertia and inertial forces are not the same thing, they are loosely related, if at all
- Coriolis and centrifugal forces are often classified as inertial (fictitious) forces

Laplace Transform

- Time \rightarrow frequency
- Ordinary differential equation \rightarrow linear equation
- Differentiation in time \rightarrow multiplication by s in Laplace
- Integration in time \rightarrow division by s in Laplace

E.g: $J\ddot{q} + B\dot{q} + D = f \rightarrow Js^2\Theta + Bs\Theta + D = f$

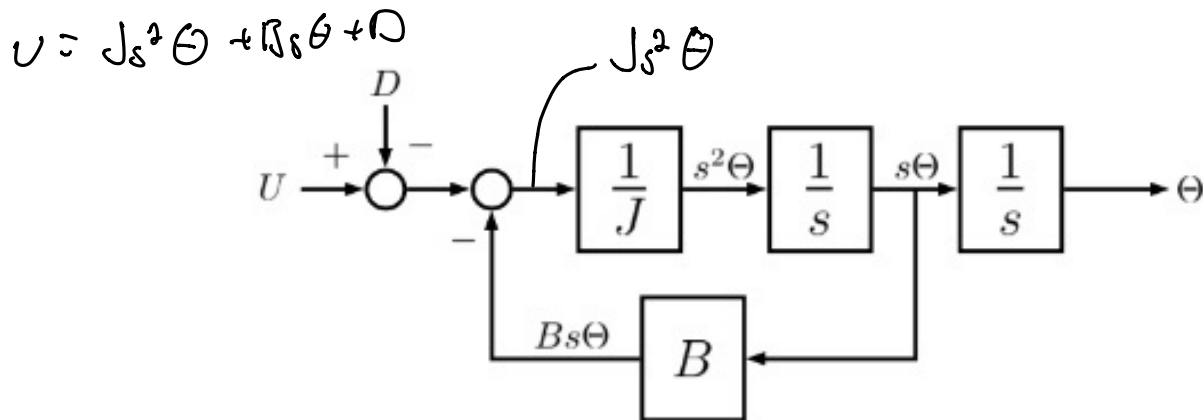
Transfer functions

- $Y(s) = H(s)X(s)$
- $Y(s)$ - system output
- $X(s)$ - system input
- $H(s)$ - transfer function (transforms input into output)
- Rearrange equations to find: $H(s) = Y(s)/X(s)$
- If numerator (Y) is set to 0, we can find the poles of the system by solving for s
- If denominator (X) is set to 0, we can find the zeros
- Useful for determining stability of the system

Block Diagrams

- Helpful for visualizing equations and feedback/feedforward loops

Block diagram for the generic system:



Block diagram with basic building blocks

- On the left side, we start with the full torque equation denoted as U (control effort)
- As the signal proceeds through the blocks, we "peel" terms off one by one, until we end up with only Θ
- The whole diagram represents a robotic system
- Can be used as a building block for a larger diagram of controller blocks

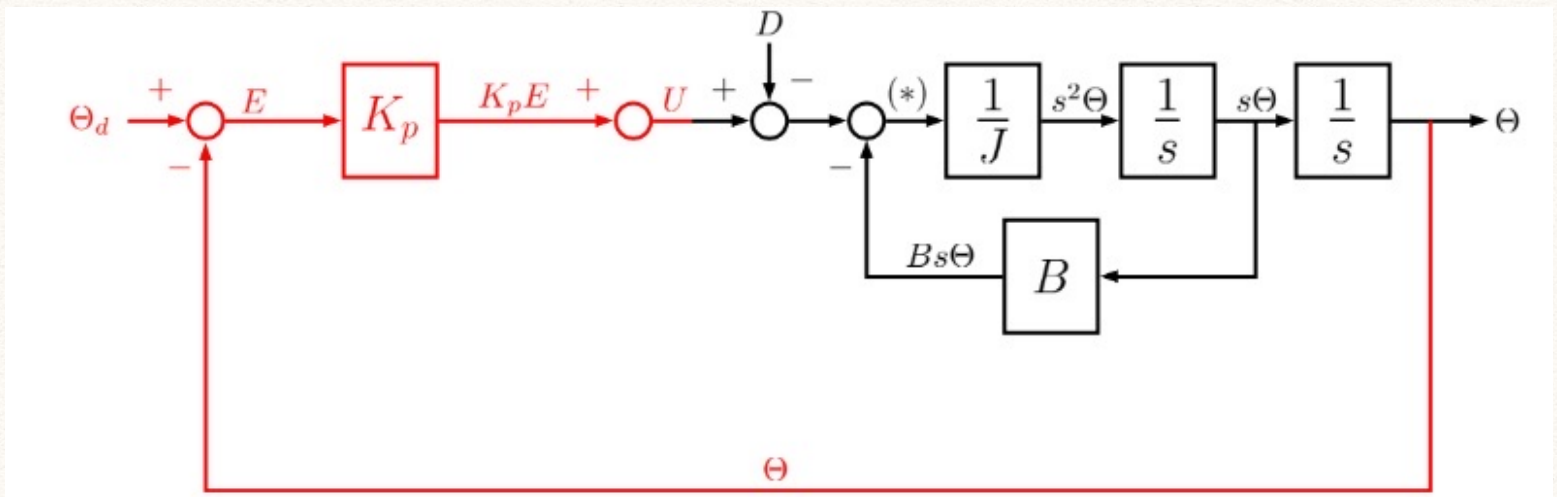
Setpoint controllers

- Controllers that drive a robot to a set point
- Current angle: Θ
- Desired angle: Θ_d
- Error: $e(t) = \Theta_d - \Theta$
- Controllers use the error term to calculate the control effort U (output torque/force)
- Controllers try to reduce the error to 0

- Types of setpoint controllers
 - Proportional (P)
 - Proportional Derivative (PD)
 - Proportional Integral Derivative (PID)
 - (- Proportional Integral (PI))

P controller

- $U(t) = K_p e(t)$
- Control effort proportional to the controller
- Laplace: $U(s) = K_p E(s)$
- Block diagram:

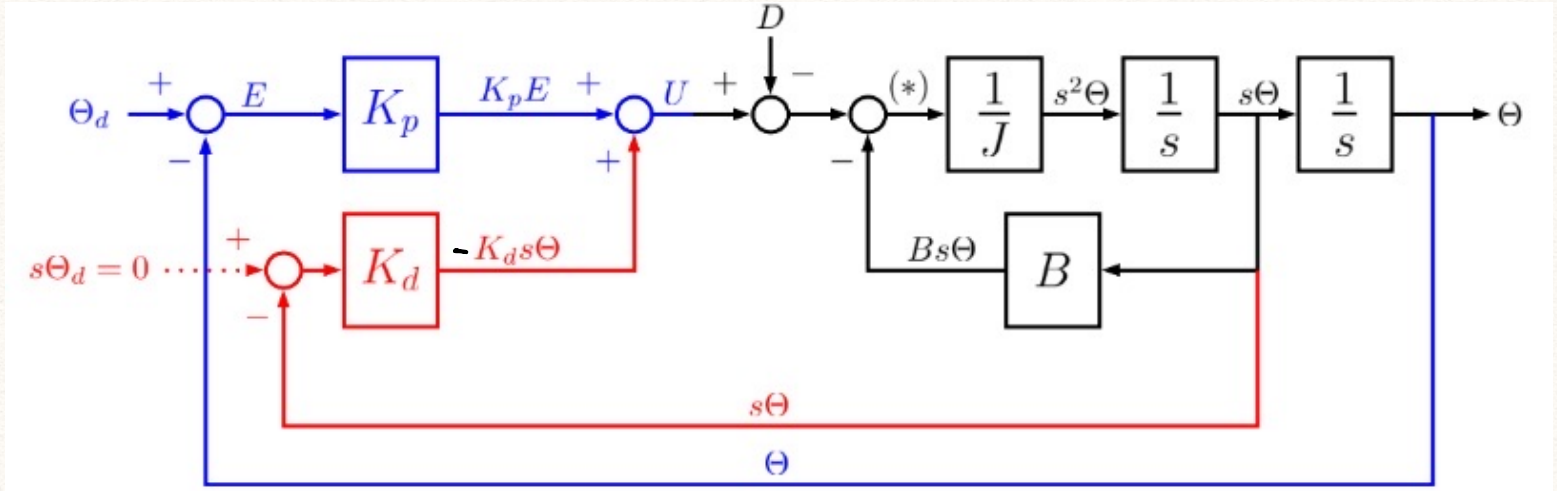


- Increased K_p gives:
 - Faster response
 - Decrease in steady state error
 - Increased oscillations
- Proportional term by itself will not eliminate the error

PD controller

- Builds on the P controller by adding a derivative term
- Derivative term represents how fast the error changes - used to "predict" future error
- $U(t) = K_p e(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t)$
- Laplace: $U(s) = K_p(\Theta_d - \Theta) - K_d s\Theta$
- Write out the error terms, since the desired velocity for theta is 0 (no oscillations) we can simplify
- Block diagram:

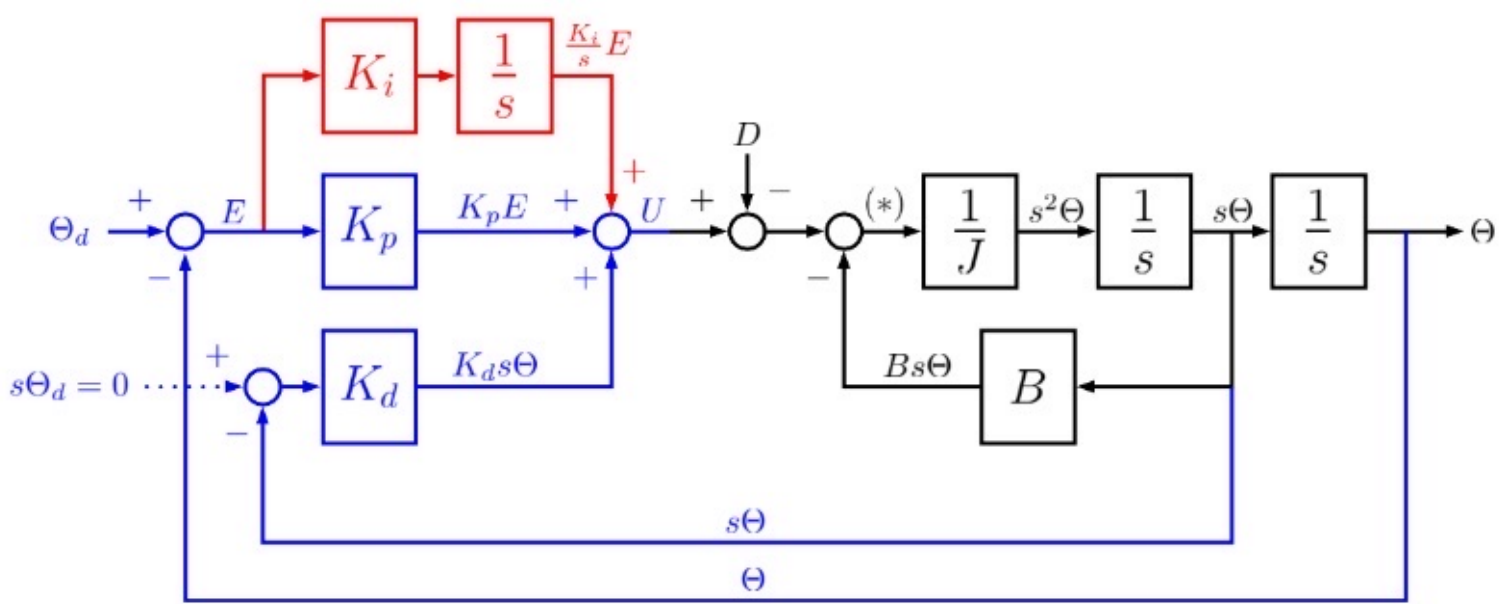
$$\dot{e} = \dot{\theta}_d - \dot{\theta}$$
$$K_d \dot{e} = -K_d \dot{\theta}$$



- Increased K_d reduces oscillations, but can make the robot stop before reaching the desired point

PID controller

- Builds on the PD controller by adding an integral term
- Integral term accumulates past errors over time
- $U(t) = K_p e(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_i \int e(t) dt$
- Laplace: $U(s) = (K_p + K_d s + \frac{k_i}{s}) E(s)$
- Block diagram:



- Good choice of K_i gives the necessary push to prevent early stopping due to the derivative term, eliminating the error
- If K_i is too big, expect an overshoot, oscillations and instability