



Introduction to Embedded Systems

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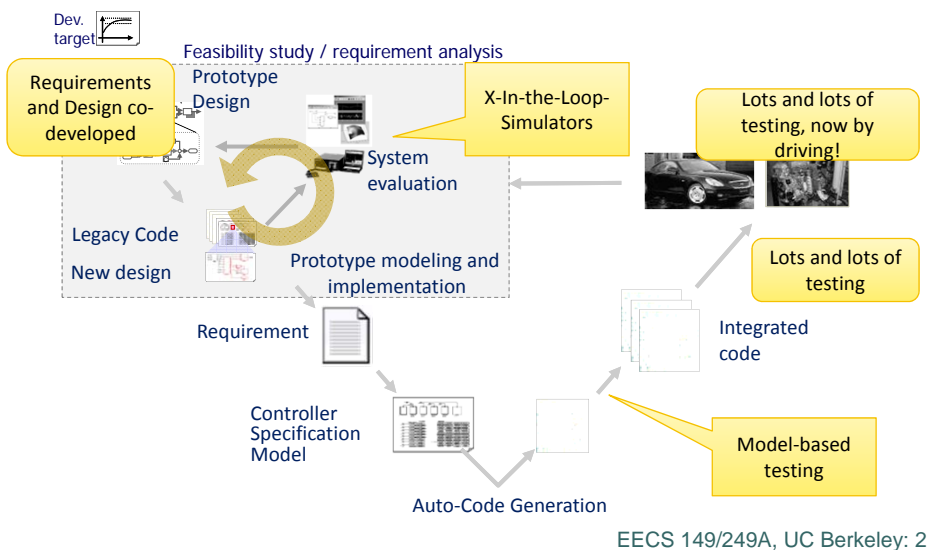
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Chapter 2: Model Based Design

Model-Based Design in Industry: An example – the so-called “V” model

[from J. Deshmukh, Toyota]



Our Approach in this Course

Mathematical Models are Central to the Design Process

Create models, and use them judiciously!

But there is no unique approach to Model-Based Design
(at least today).

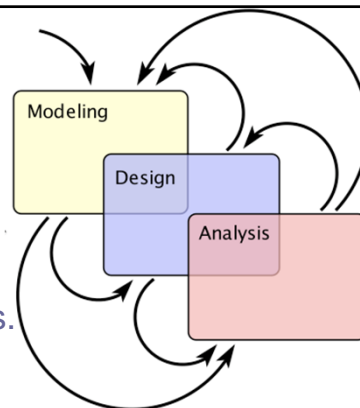
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Modeling, Design, Analysis: An Iterative Process

Modeling is the process of gaining a deeper understanding of a system through imitation. Models specify **what** a system does.

Design is the structured creation of artifacts. It specifies **how** a system does what it does. This includes optimization.

Analysis is the process of gaining a deeper understanding of a system through dissection. It specifies **why** a system does what it does (or fails to do what a model says it should do).



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Modeling Techniques in this Course

Models that are abstractions of **system dynamics**
(how system behavior changes over time)

Examples:

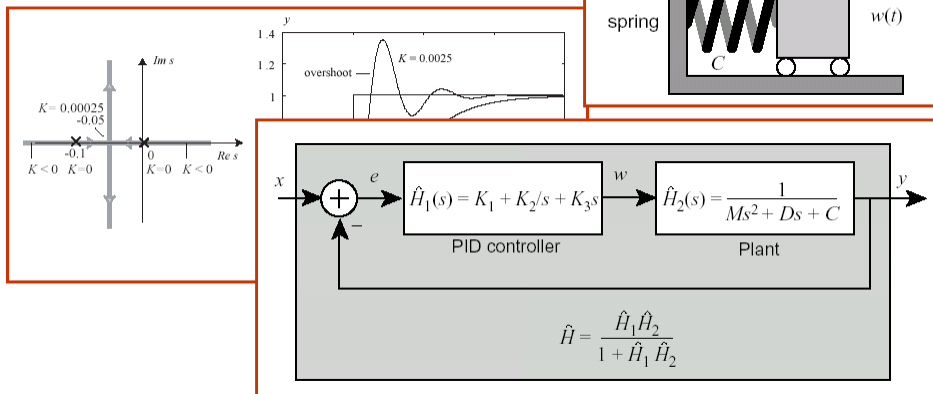
- Modeling physical phenomena – differential eqns
- Feedback control systems – time-domain modeling
- Modeling modal behavior – FSMs, hybrid automata, ...
- Modeling sensors and actuators – models that help with calibration, noise elimination, ...
- Modeling hardware and software – capture concurrency, timing, power, ...
- Modeling networks – latencies, error rates, packet loss, ...

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Today's Lecture: Modeling of Continuous Dynamics

Ordinary differential equations, Laplace transforms, feedback control models, ...



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An Example: Modeling Helicopter Dynamics



The Fundamental Parts of any Helicopter

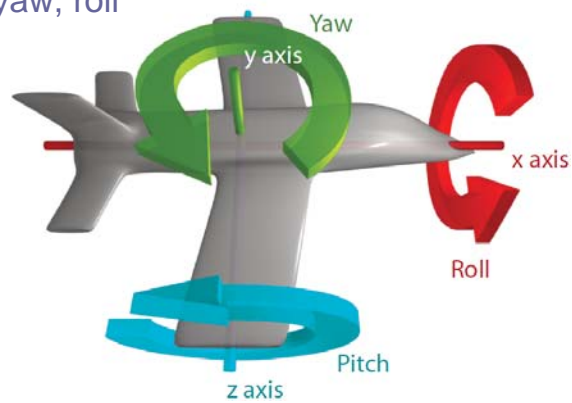
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Modeling Physical Motion

Six degrees of freedom:

- Position: x, y, z
- Orientation: pitch, yaw, roll



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Notation

Position is given by three functions:

$$x: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$z: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

where the domain \mathbb{R} represents time and the co-domain (range) \mathbb{R} represents position along the axis. Collecting into a vector:

$$\mathbf{x}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

Position at time $t \in \mathbb{R}$ is $\mathbf{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

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Notation

Velocity

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

is the derivative, $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x}(t)$$

Acceleration $\ddot{\mathbf{x}}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is the second derivative,

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \mathbf{x}$$

Force on an object is $\mathbf{F}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$.

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Newton's Second Law

Newton's second law states $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\mathbf{F}(t) = M\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t)$$

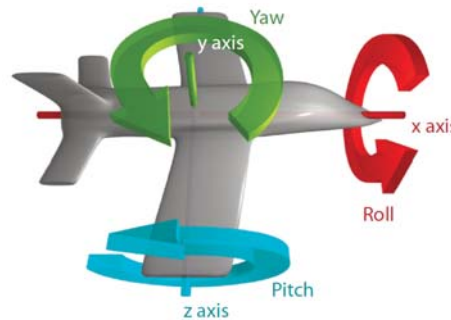
where M is the mass. To account for initial position and velocity, convert this to an integral equation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}(t) &= \mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \mathbf{x}(0) + t\dot{\mathbf{x}}(0) + \frac{1}{M} \int_0^t \int_0^\tau \mathbf{F}(\alpha) d\alpha d\tau,\end{aligned}$$

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Orientation

- Orientation: $\theta: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
- Angular velocity: $\dot{\theta}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
- Angular acceleration: $\ddot{\theta}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
- Torque: $\mathbf{T}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

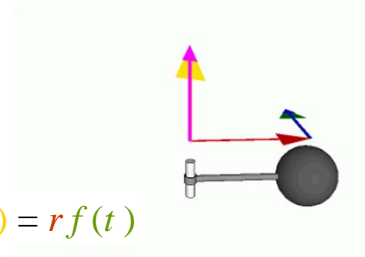


$$\theta(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_x(t) \\ \theta_y(t) \\ \theta_z(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{roll} \\ \text{yaw} \\ \text{pitch} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Angular version of force is torque.
 For a point mass rotating around a fixed axis:

- radius of the arm: $r \in \mathbb{R}$
- force orthogonal to arm: $f \in \mathbb{R}$
- mass of the object: $m \in \mathbb{R}$



$$T_y(t) = r f(t)$$

angular momentum, momentum

Just as force is a push or a pull, a torque is a twist.

Units: newton-meters/radian, Joules/radian

Note that radians are meters/meter (2π meters of circumference per 1 meter of radius), so as units, are optional.

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Rotational Version of Newton's Second Law

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left(I(t) \dot{\theta}(t) \right),$$

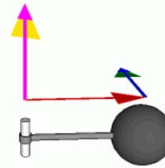
where $I(t)$ is a 3×3 matrix called the moment of inertia tensor.

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_x(t) \\ T_y(t) \\ T_z(t) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\begin{bmatrix} I_{xx}(t) & I_{xy}(t) & I_{xz}(t) \\ I_{yx}(t) & I_{yy}(t) & I_{yz}(t) \\ I_{zx}(t) & I_{zy}(t) & I_{zz}(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_x(t) \\ \dot{\theta}_y(t) \\ \dot{\theta}_z(t) \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Here, for example, $T_y(t)$ is the net torque around the y axis (which would cause changes in yaw), $I_{yx}(t)$ is the inertia that determines how acceleration around the x axis is related to torque around the y axis.

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Feedback Control Problem



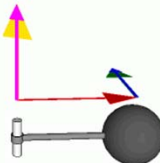
A helicopter without a tail rotor, like the one below, will spin uncontrollably due to the torque induced by friction in the rotor shaft.

Control system problem:
Apply torque using the tail rotor to counterbalance the torque of the top rotor.



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Simplified Model



Yaw dynamics:

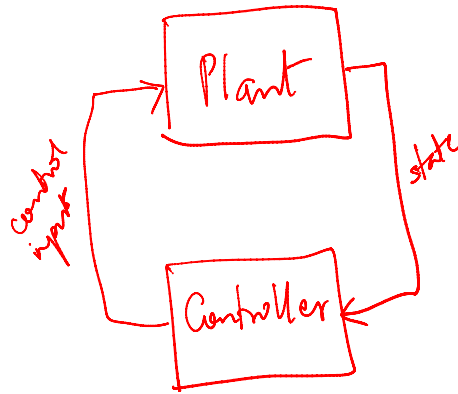
$$T_y(t) = I_{yy}\ddot{\theta}_y(t)$$

To account for initial angular velocity, write as

$$\dot{\theta}_y(t) = \dot{\theta}_y(0) + \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \int_0^t T_y(\tau) d\tau.$$

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“Plant” and Controller



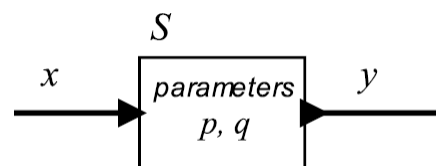
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Actor Model of Systems

A *system* is a function that accepts an input *signal* and yields an output signal.

The domain and range of the system function are sets of signals, which themselves are functions.

Parameters may affect the definition of the function S .



$$x: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

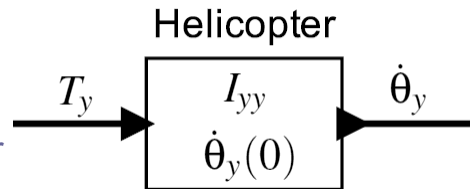
$$S: X \rightarrow Y$$

$$X = Y = (\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$$

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Actor Model of the Helicopter

Input is the net torque of the tail rotor and the top rotor. Output is the angular velocity around the y axis.

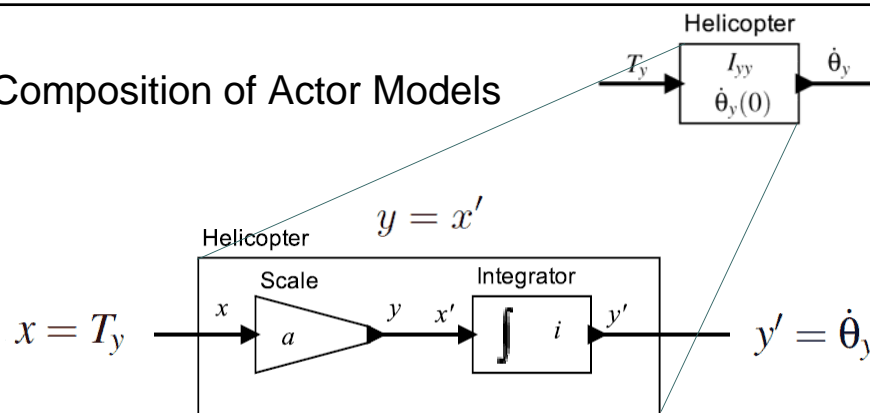


Parameters of the model are shown in the box. The input and output relation is given by the equation to the right.

$$\dot{\theta}_y(t) = \dot{\theta}_y(0) + \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \int_0^t T_y(\tau) d\tau$$

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Composition of Actor Models



$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad y(t) = ax(t) \quad y'(t) = i + \int_0^t x'(\tau) d\tau$$

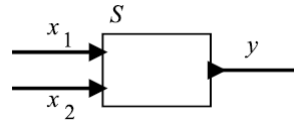
$$y = ax$$

$$a = 1/I_{yy}$$

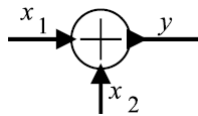
$$i = \dot{\theta}_y(0)$$

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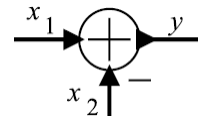
Actor Models with Multiple Inputs



$$S: (\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R})^2 \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$$



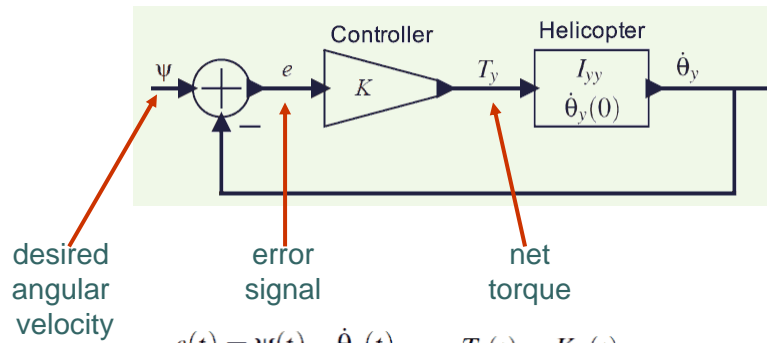
$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad y(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$$



$$(S(x_1, x_2))(t) = y(t) = x_1(t) - x_2(t)$$

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Proportional controller



desired angular velocity

error signal

net torque

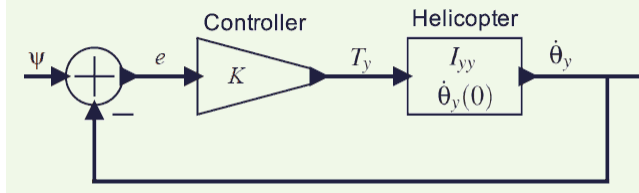
$$e(t) = \psi(t) - \dot{\theta}_y(t) \quad T_y(t) = Ke(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\theta}_y(t) &= \dot{\theta}_y(0) + \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \int_0^t T_y(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \dot{\theta}_y(0) + \frac{K}{I_{yy}} \int_0^t (\psi(\tau) - \dot{\theta}_y(\tau)) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

Note that the angular velocity appears on both sides, so this equation is not trivial to solve.

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Behavior of the controller



$$\dot{\theta}_y(t) = \dot{\theta}_y(0) + \frac{K}{I_{yy}} \int_0^t (\psi(\tau) - \dot{\theta}_y(\tau)) d\tau$$

Desired angular velocity: $\psi(t) = 0$

Simplifies differential equation to:

$$\dot{\theta}_y(t) = \dot{\theta}_y(0) - \frac{K}{I_{yy}} \int_0^t \dot{\theta}_y(\tau) d\tau$$

Which can be solved as follows (see textbook):

$$\dot{\theta}_y(t) = \dot{\theta}_y(0) e^{-Kt/I_{yy}} u(t)$$

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Questions

- Can the behavior of this controller change when it is implemented in software?
- How do we measure the angular velocity in practice? How do we incorporate noise into this model?

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