

# On the Feedback Linearization of Robots with Variable Joint Stiffness *and Other Stories...*

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# Other stories ...



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Cooperation with ADL started some time at the end of the 80's...

- NATO Robotics workshop, Il Ciocco, July 4-6, 1988 (??)
- Italian workshop on Robotics, Rome, March 30, 1990

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Programma di massima:

### *1° Parte: Roma*

- 11:30 C. Manes, "Controllo ibrido"  
 12:00 L. Lanari, "Modellistica e controllo di robot con bracci flessibili"  
 12:30 G. Oriolo "Algoritmi risolutivi della ridondanza"

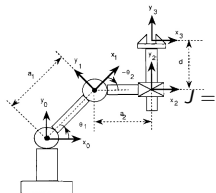
### *2° Parte: Bologna*

- 14:00 R. Zanasi, "Controllo Binario: simulazione e progettazione assistita"  
 14:30 A. Tonielli, C. Rossi, "Controllo Sliding Mode di motori in corrente alternata con pilotaggio diretto dell'inverter"  
 15:00 C. Melchiorri, "Considerazioni sull'uso di criteri di norma minima nella soluzione di problemi cinematici".

### *3° Parte: Napoli*

- 15:30 P. Chiacchio, "Analisi cinetostatica di bracci cooperanti"  
 16:00 B. Siciliano, "Modellistica e controllo di bracci con elementi flessibili"  
 16:30 S. Chiaverini, "Approccio parallelo al controllo di forza e posizione"

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$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 s_1 - a_2 s_{12} - d c_{12} & -a_2 s_{12} - d c_{12} & -s_{12} \\ a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} - d s_{12} & a_2 c_{12} - d s_{12} & c_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \theta_1 = 20 \text{ [deg]} \\ \theta_2 = 20 \text{ [deg]} \\ d = 0.5 \text{ [m]} = 50 \text{ [cm]} \end{cases}$$

$$v_{[m]} = [2, 4, 0]^T \text{ [m/s]} = [200, 400, 0]^T \text{ [cm/s]} = v_{[cm]}, \quad q = J^+ v = ??$$

$$J_{[m]}^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 0.257 & 0.783 & 0.0 \\ -1.613 & -1.533 & 0.0 \\ 0.472 & 0.780 & 0.0 \end{bmatrix} \quad q_{[m]} = J_{[m]}^+ v_{[m]} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.6451 \text{ [1/s]} \\ -9.358 \text{ [1/s]} \\ 4.066 \text{ [m/s]} \end{bmatrix} \quad v'_{[m]} = J q_{[m]} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \text{ [m/s]} \\ 4 \text{ [m/s]} \\ 0 \text{ [m/s]} \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Invariant properties of hybrid position/force control:

- A. De Luca, C. Manes, and F. Nicolò, 1988, "A task space decoupling approach to hybrid control of manipulators", 2nd IFAC Symp. on Robot Control, SYROCO'88, pp. 54.1-54.6, Karlsruhe, F.R.G.



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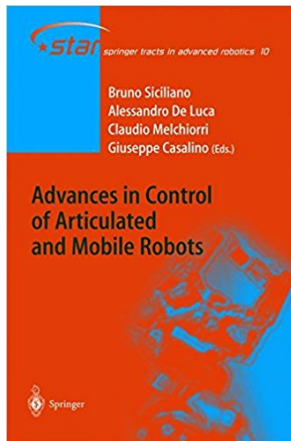
#### Abstract

A scheme for dynamic hybrid control of robot manipulators is presented. The design is directly achieved in task space coordinates. In this way, the inherent orthogonality between force and velocity description of tasks is preserved and overspecification is avoided in the control synthesis. A nonlinear decoupling and linearizing feedback law is obtained which yields invariant control performances over time-varying tasks. The effect of a robustifying integral action is discussed. Simulation results are reported for a two-link arm.

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## Research projects:

- “Development of an Integrated Mobile Manipulator for Planetary Exploration Tasks”, ASI (1998-1999)
- “RAMSETE: Articulated and Mobile Robotics for SErvice and TEchnology”, MURST (1999-2000)
- “MISTRAL: Methodologies and Integration of Subsystems and Technologies for Anthropic Robotics and Locomotion”, MIUR (2001-2002)
- “MATRICS: Methodologies Applications and Technologies for Robot Interaction Cooperation and Supervision”, MIUR (2003-2004)
- “SICURA: Safe Physical Interaction between Robots and Humans”, MIUR (2008-2010)



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## IEEE:

- Editorial Board, IEEE Transactions on Robotics and Automation
- ICRA 2007 in Rome

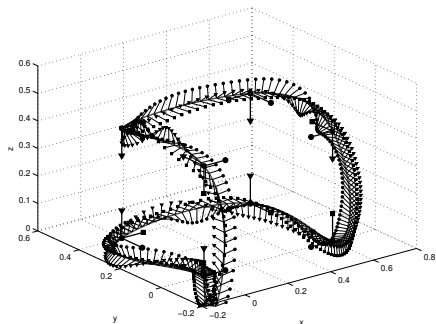
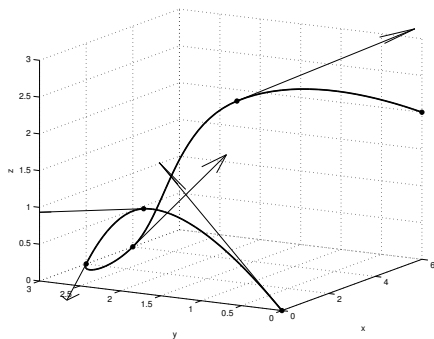




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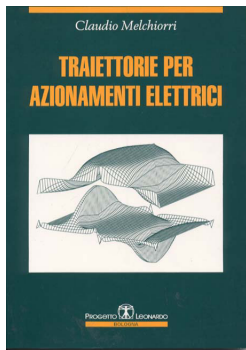
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*Il tempo totale di percorrenza della spline è dato da*

$$T = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} T_k = t_n - t_1$$

*È possibile impostare un problema di ottimo che minimizza il tempo di percorrenza. Si tratta di calcolare i valori  $T_k$  in modo da minimizzare  $T$ , con i vincoli sulle massime velocità ed accelerazioni ai giunti.*

*Formalmente, il problema si imposta come*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \min_{T_k} & T = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} T_k \\ \text{tale che} & |\dot{q}(\tau, T_k)| < v_{\max} \quad \tau \in [0 T] \\ & |\ddot{q}(\tau, T_k)| < a_{\max} \quad \tau \in [0 T] \end{array} \right.$$

*ed è quindi un problema di ottimo non lineare con funzione obiettivo lineare, risolvibile con tecniche classiche della ricerca operativa.*

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Si vuole determinare la spline passante per i punti  $q_1 = 0$ ,  $q_2 = 2$ ,  $q_3 = 12$ ,  $q_4 = 5$ , che minimizza il tempo di percorrenza totale  $T$  rispettando i seguenti vincoli:  $v_{\max} = 3$ ,  $a_{\max} = 2$ .

Occorre risolvere il seguente problema di ottimizzazione non lineare:

$$\min T = T_1 + T_2 + T_3$$

soggetto ai vincoli riportati di seguito.

Risolvendo questo problema (p.e. con Optimization Toolbox di MATLAB) si ottengono i seguenti valori:

$$T_1 = 1.5549, \quad T_2 = 4.4451, \quad T_3 = 4.5826, \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = 10.5826 \text{ sec}$$

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*Vincoli del problema di ottimizzazione:*

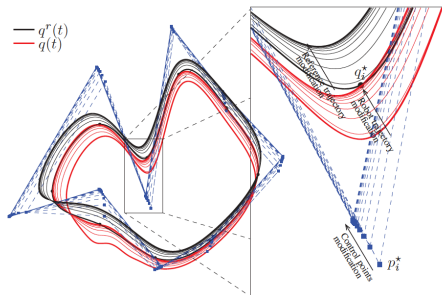
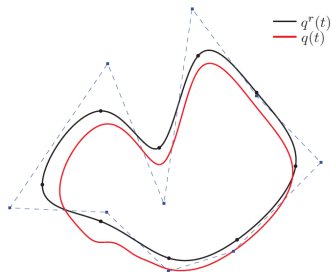
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## Sloshing suppression - movies

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## Repetitive control & Splines:



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Thanks Alex!!



# Dynamic Model of Robots with Variable Joint Stiffness

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- The diagonal joint stiffness matrix is considered time-variant

$$K = \text{diag}\{k_1, \dots, k_n\}, \quad K = K(t) > 0$$

- Alternative notation

$$K(q - \theta) = \Phi k, \quad \Phi = \text{diag}\{(q_1 - \theta_1), \dots, (q_n - \theta_n)\}, \quad k = [k_1, \dots, k_n]^T$$

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# Dynamic Inversion

- Reference motor position along the desired robot trajectory

$$\theta_d = q_d + K_d^{-1} (M(q_d)\ddot{q}_d + N(q_d, \dot{q}_d)).$$

- Reference motor velocity

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\theta}_d = \dot{q}_d + K_d^{-1} \left( M(q_d)q_d^{[3]} + \dot{M}(q_d)\ddot{q}_d + \dot{N}(q_d, \dot{q}_d) \right. \\ \left. - \dot{K}_d K_d^{-1} (M(q_d)\ddot{q}_d + N(q_d, \dot{q}_d)) \right). \end{aligned}$$

- Actuators dynamic model inversion

$$\ddot{\theta} = B^{-1} [\tau - K(\theta - q)],$$

# Actuator Torques Computation

- Reference motor torque along the desired trajectory

$$\tau_d = M(q_d)\ddot{q}_d + N(q_d, \dot{q}_d) + BK_d^{-1}\alpha_d \left( q_d, \dot{q}_d, \ddot{q}_d, q_d^{[3]}, q_d^{[4]}, k_d, \dot{k}_d, \ddot{k}_d \right)$$

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## Second-Order Stiffness Model

- The dynamics of the joint stiffness  $k$  is written as a generic nonlinear function of the system configuration

$$\ddot{k} = \beta(q, \theta) + \gamma(q, \theta) \tau_k$$

- Double differentiation wrt time of the robot dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} M \ddot{q}^{[4]} + 2 \dot{M} \dot{q}^{[3]} + \ddot{M} \ddot{q} + \ddot{N} \\ + K (\ddot{q} - B^{-1} [\tau - K(\theta - q)]) \\ + 2 \dot{K} (\dot{q} - \dot{\theta}) + \Phi (\beta + \gamma \tau_k) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where both the inputs  $\tau$  and  $\tau_k$  appear

# Feedback Linearized Model

- The overall system can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} q^{[4]} \\ \ddot{k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha(x_e) \\ \beta(q, \theta) \end{bmatrix} + Q(x_e) \begin{bmatrix} \tau \\ \tau_k \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $Q(x_e)$  is the decoupling matrix:

$$Q(x_e) = \begin{bmatrix} M^{-1}KB^{-1} & M^{-1}\Phi \gamma(q, \theta) \\ 0_{n \times n} & \gamma(q, \theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

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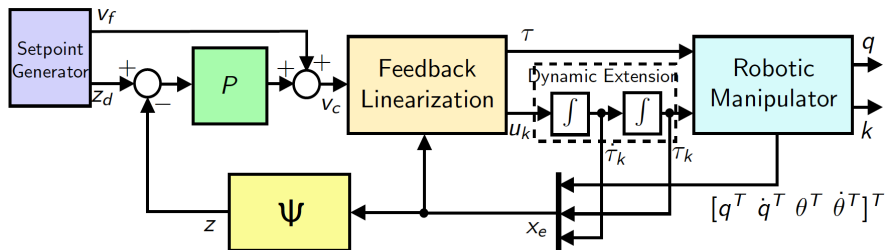
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# Control System Architecture



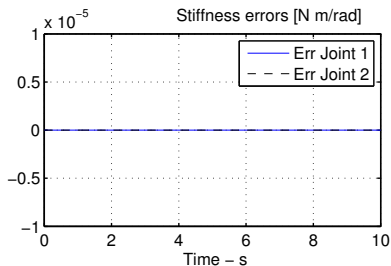
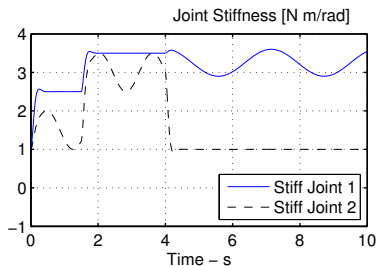
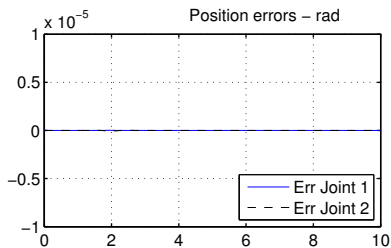
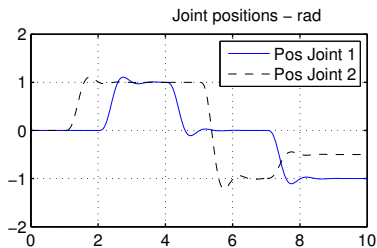
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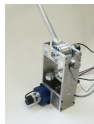
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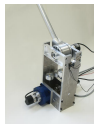
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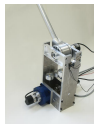
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