

PD Control Algorithm:

$$\phi = K_1\gamma + K_2\dot{\gamma}$$

System Closed Loop Equation:

$$\ddot{\gamma} + \dot{\gamma}(K_2\omega_x^2) + \gamma(\omega_n^2 + K_1\omega_x^2) = 0$$

Definition of γ :

$$\gamma \equiv \frac{J_B\theta + J_P(\theta + \phi)}{J_B + J_P} = \theta + \frac{J_P}{J_T}\phi$$

Evaluate System Parameters:

For simplicity, let $\omega_z = \omega_n$ from the above equations, where ω_z is the pendulum frequency of the uncontrolled (open loop) system. Now let ω_n be the undamped natural frequency of the closed loop system with units of radians/sec.

ω_z can be found by locking the servo position such that $\phi = 0$ and manually applying a tilting force to the system. The resulting pendulum frequency in radians/sec is ω_z .

ω_x can be found using the system equation of motion, tilt information from the camera system, geometry of the pendulum and the board, and known constants ω_z and ϕ .

System Equation of Motion*:

$$\ddot{\gamma} + \gamma\omega_z^2 = -\phi\omega_x^2$$

$j_P = \frac{-\theta_{MAX}}{\phi_{MAX}}$ when the servo is driven in a sinusoidal pattern. This is

valid only when the acceleration due to gravity is zero. To achieve this, set the system on its side.

$$\omega_x^2 = \left(\frac{\theta}{\phi} + j_P \right) \omega_z^2$$
 where $\frac{\theta}{\phi}$ is the ratio between the body and arm angles when the system is in equilibrium. The system must be set such that $\phi \neq 0$ and the system remains stationary.

We can measure the three constant parameters $\frac{\theta}{\phi}$, j_P , and ω_z .

From these we can find ω_x^2 .

Finding Appropriate K_1 and K_2 for PD Control:

The General 2nd Order Equation is:

$$\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dy}{dt} + y = Ku(t)$$

Where ω_n is the undamped natural frequency of the closed loop system and ζ is the dimensionless damping ratio. Our system should be slightly underdamped, so $0.5 \leq \zeta \leq 1$.

Our 2nd order homogeneous differential equation describing our closed loop system can be rewritten as:

$$\frac{1}{\omega_z^2 + K_1 \omega_x^2} \ddot{\gamma} + \frac{K_2 \omega_x^2}{\omega_z^2 + K_1 \omega_x^2} \dot{\gamma} + \gamma = 0$$

From these two equations, we see

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\omega_z^2 + K_1 \omega_x^2}$$

therefore

$$K_1 = \frac{\omega_n^2 - \omega_z^2}{\omega_x^2}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{K_2 \omega_x^2 \omega_n}{2[\omega_z^2 + K_1 \omega_x^2]} \quad \text{therefore} \quad K_2 = \frac{2\zeta[\omega_z^2 + K_1 \omega_x^2]}{\omega_x^2 \omega_n}$$

Which simplifies to:

$$K_2 = \frac{2\zeta \omega_n}{\omega_x^2}$$

Where ω_n is the chosen undamped natural frequency of the closed loop system and ζ is the chosen dimensionless damping ratio.

Because our control algorithm is

$$\phi = K_1 \gamma + K_2 \dot{\gamma}$$

and we now know both K_1 and K_2 and we can measure the current values for γ and $\dot{\gamma}$ we can find the necessary servo angle ϕ to keep the body level.

$$\gamma \equiv \frac{J_B \theta + J_P (\theta + \phi)}{J_B + J_P}$$

where ϕ above is the current servo angle value in radians. ϕ below is the commanded servo angle in degrees

$$\text{ServoPosition} = -\phi + 143$$