

# Lagrangian Dynamics

**Definition (Lagrangian)** - The difference between the kinetic and potential energy of a dynamical system.

$$L(q, \dot{q}) = T(q, \dot{q}) - V(q)$$

**Theorem: (Lagrange's Equations)** The equations of motion for a mechanical system with generalized coordinates  $q \in \mathcal{R}^m$  and Lagrangian,  $L$  are given by:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = \Upsilon_i \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

where  $\Upsilon_i$  is the vector of external forces acting on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  generalized coordinate,  $q_i$ .

In vector coordinates,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{q}}$$

(proof: Calculus of Variations)

## Lagrangian Dynamics - some intuition

if the Lagrangian is the difference between kinetic energy,  $\frac{1}{2}m\dot{q}^2$  and the potential energy  $mgq$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} + \Upsilon \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}} \left( \frac{1}{2}m\dot{q}^2 \right) \right] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial q}(mgq) + \Upsilon \\ \frac{d}{dt}(m\dot{q}) &= mg + \Upsilon \\ \frac{d}{dt}(\text{momentum}) &= \text{applied force} \quad \text{Newton's Equation}\end{aligned}$$

## Simulation

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \mathbf{V}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) + \mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \mathbf{F}$$

external forces/torques:

- external forces
- friction

– viscous  $\tau = -v\dot{\theta}$

– coulomb  $\tau = -c(\text{sgn}(\dot{\theta}))$

– hybrid

$$\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \left[ \boldsymbol{\tau} - \mathbf{V}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) - \mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mathbf{F} \right]$$

initial conditions:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}(0) = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(0) = \ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(0) = 0$$

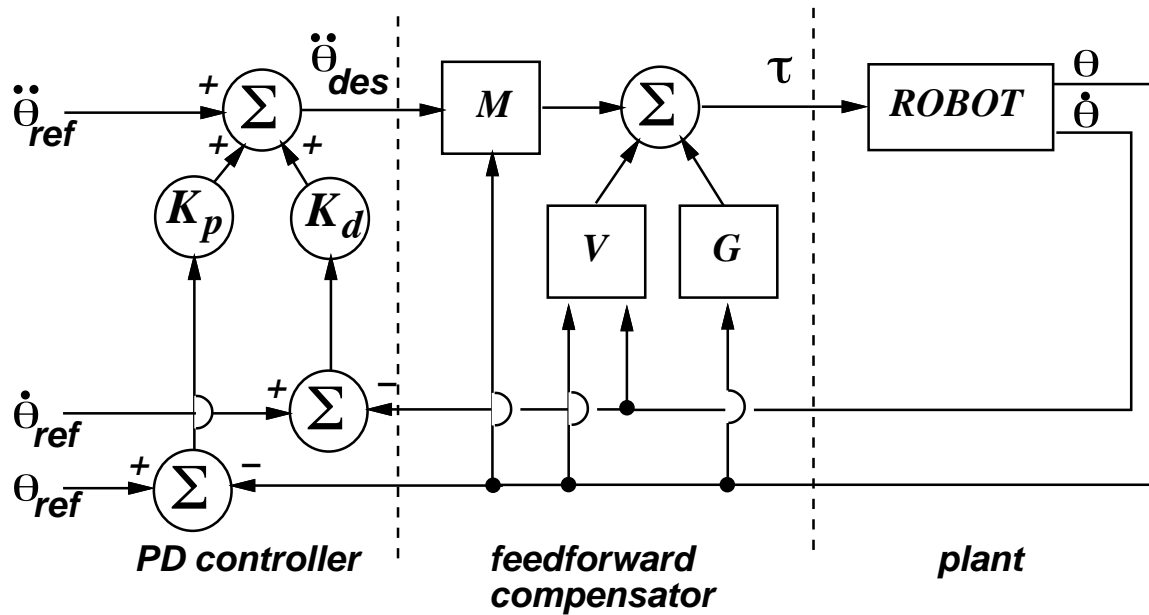
numerical integration:

$$\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t) = \mathbf{M}^{-1}[\boldsymbol{\tau} - \mathbf{V} - \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{F}]$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t + \Delta t) = \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t) + \ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)\Delta t$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}(t + \Delta t) = \boldsymbol{\theta}(t) + \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)\Delta t^2$$

# Feedforward Dynamic Compensators



linearized and decoupled