An overview of my licenciate thesis, Control, Models and Industrial Manipulators

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My licenciate – Two main themes

- Control of industrial manipulators (a.k.a. robots)
- ► The role of models in control

On control of industrial manipulators

- Tool position estimation with inertial measurements (presented at LINK-SIC workshop 2017)
- Comparison of Feedback linearization and Jacobian linearization (presented at LINK-SIC workshop 2018)

On the role of models in control

- Procedure for teaching a number of model-related concepts in a unified manner. (partly presented at LINK-SIC workshop 2019)
- ▶ A definition of control that can be used for emphasizing the role of models.
- Some illustrative block diagram reformulations.

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Definition (Control)

Performing control means taking motivated action.

Definition (Motivated action)

An action is motivated if it is based on a *desire*, and on a *belief* of how the action will affect the fulfillment of the desire.¹

¹This definition is taken more or less directly from the so called Humean theory of motivation.

Definition (Desire)

A desire is a combination of a model and a measure of similarity.

Definition (Belief)

A belief is a combination of a *model* and a *degree of confidence*.

Uses for this model of control

- Emphasize the dual role of models
- Emphasize the human aspect of control engineering

Some block diagram reformulations

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Illustrating the relation between inversion and feedback, and the role of models.

Inversion by feedback



A hybrid form



Complementary filtering







Rewrite approximate inverse as controller







Arrive at internal model control



Separate out feedforward component







Rewrite IMC as error feedback







Approximate the feedforward as perfect



Thank you for listening!