

# Time Optimal Control of Dynamic Systems for Industry 4.0

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# Process Industry Challenges

- ❑ Limitations in decision-making, production operation, efficiency and security, information integration, and so forth in process industry.
- ❑ To promote a vision of the process industry with efficient, green, and smart production, modern information technology should be utilized throughout the entire optimization process for production, management, and marketing.

# Process Industry Solutions: Industry 4.0

- ✓ Intelligent sensing and integration of all process information, including production and management information.
- ✓ Collaborative decision-making in the supply chain, industry chain, and value chain, driven by knowledge;
- ✓ Using intelligent robotics and cooperative control and optimization of plant-wide production processes via human-cyber-physical interaction.

# Industrial Robotics Challenges and Solutions

## Introduction:

The main job of an industrial robot is to move an object on a pre-specified path, rest to rest, repeatedly.

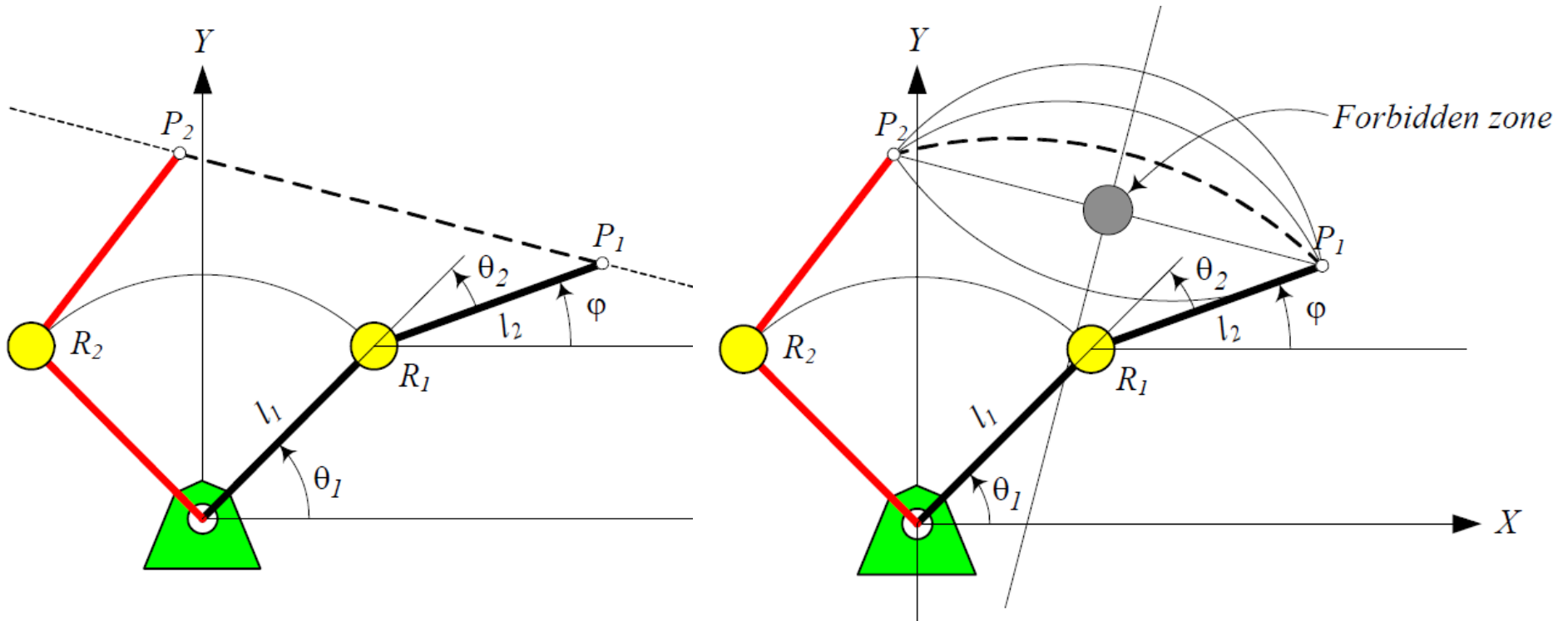
## Challenges:

- ❑ Defined by a unilaterally constrained manipulator.
- ❑ To increase productivity, the robot should do its job in minimum time.

## Solutions:

- ✓ Time optimal control of an  $n$  DOF dynamics system.
- ✓ A novel numerical method to solve the time optimal control problem of multi degree of freedom robots.
- ✓ Our approach explicitly takes into account inequality constraints and resulting contact forces as part of the system dynamics.
- ✓ To promote a vision of the process industry with Google tools

# Introduction Optimal Control Problems



A 2R robot moving along a given line

$$|Q(t)| \leq Q_{Max}$$

# Optimal Control Overview

*functional  $J$*

$$J(x) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} f(x, \dot{x}, t) dt$$

*boundary conditions*

$$x(t_0) = x_0, x(t_f) = x_f$$

*minimizing path*

$$x = x^\star(t)$$

*for all continuous paths  $x(t)$*

$$J(x) \geq J(x^\star)$$

$$x(t) = x^\star + \epsilon y(t) \quad \epsilon \ll 1$$

$$\Delta J = J(x^\star + \epsilon y(t)) - J(x^\star) = \epsilon V_1 + \epsilon^2 V_2 + O(\epsilon^3)$$

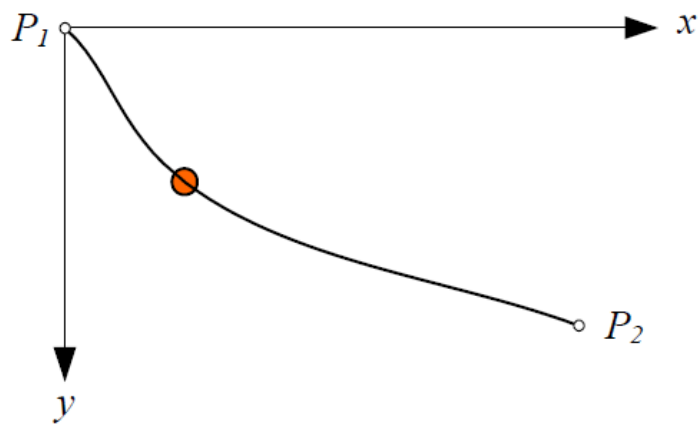
*first variation of  $J$*   $V_1 = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left( y \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \dot{y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) dt$

*second variation of  $J$*   $V_2 = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left( y^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + 2y\dot{y} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial \dot{x}} + \dot{y}^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \dot{x}^2} \right)$

*Euler-Lagrange equation.*

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} = 0$$

# Example: Brachistochron



A curve joining points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , and a frictionless sliding point.



*discussed by Galilei in 1630*

*solved by Bernoulli in 1696*

$$J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} dt$$

$$J = \int_1^2 \frac{ds}{v}$$

$$v = \sqrt{2gy}$$

$$ds = \sqrt{1 + y'^2} dx$$

$$J = \int_1^2 \sqrt{\frac{1 + y'^2}{2gy}} dx$$

*Applying the Lagrange equations*

$$y(1 + y'^2) = 2r$$

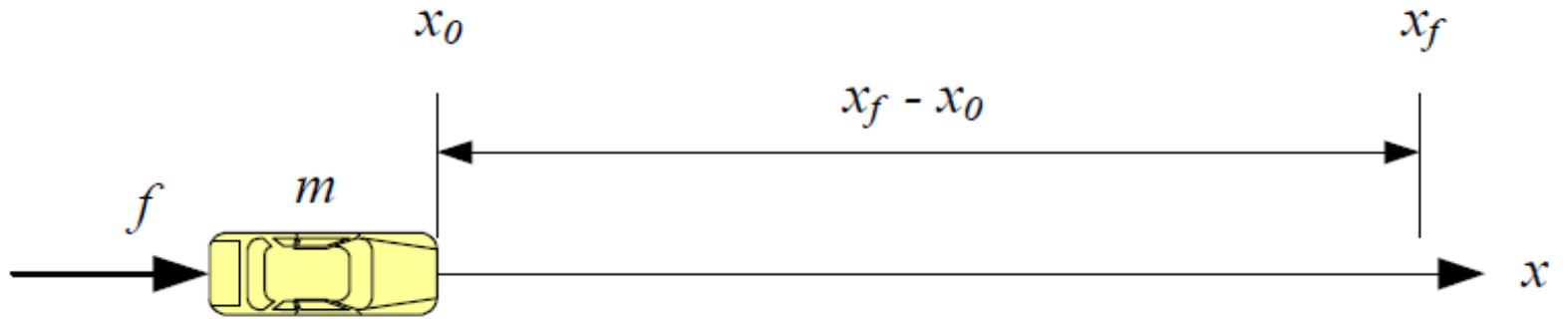
*The optimal curve is a **cycloid***

$$x = r(\beta - \sin \beta)$$

$$y = r(1 - \cos \beta)$$



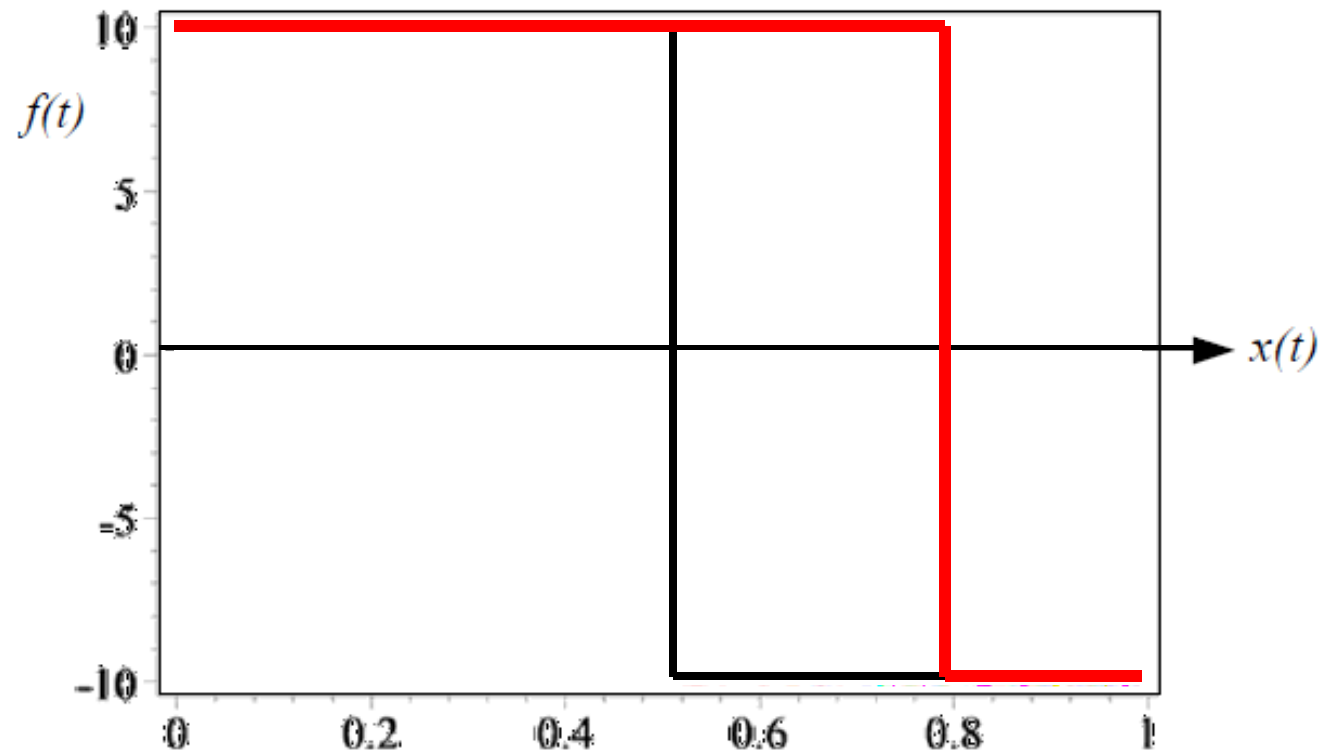
# Example: One DOF Dynamics System



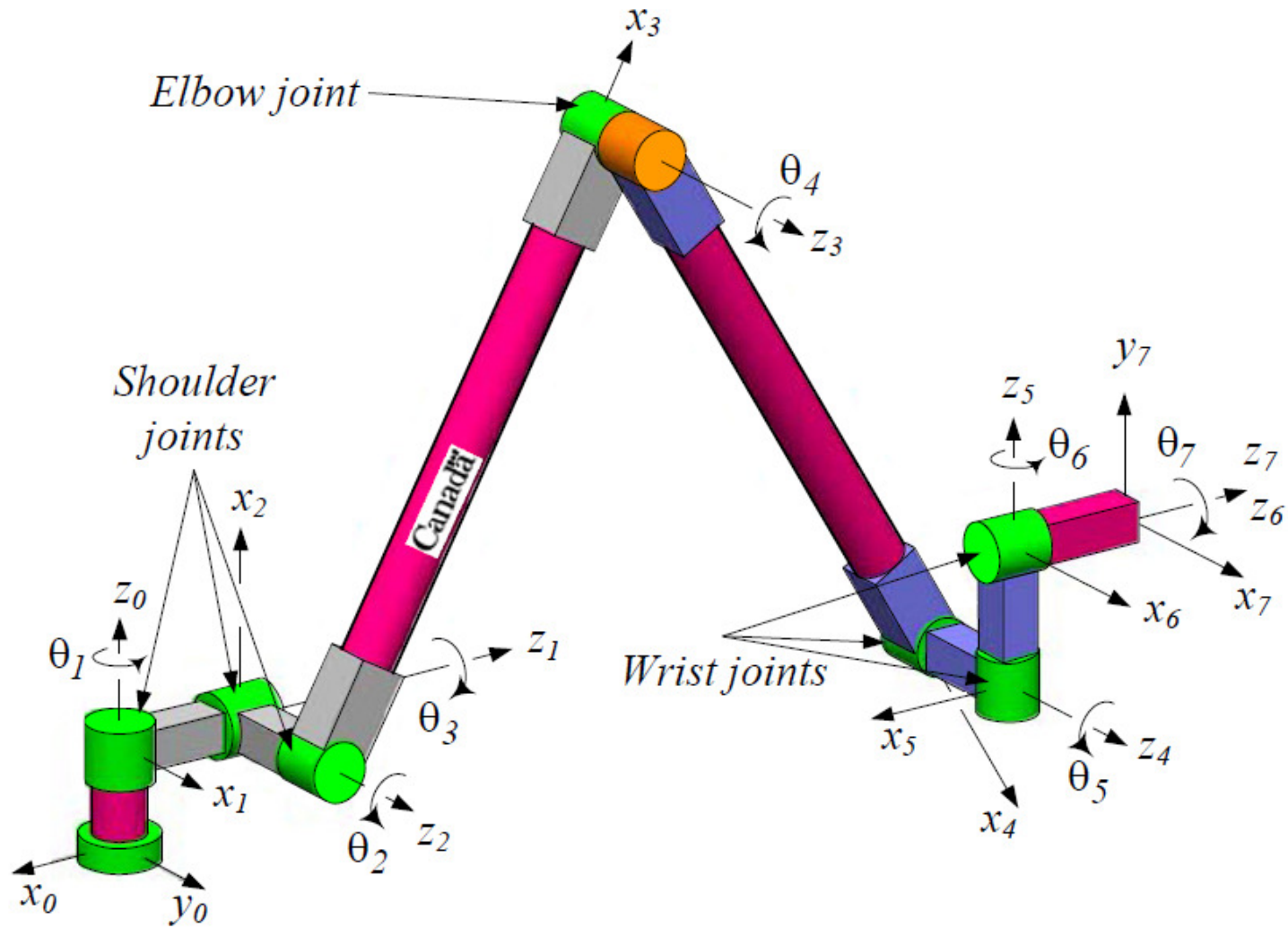
$$m\ddot{x} = g(x, \dot{x}) + f(t)$$

$$f = m\ddot{x} - \mu mg$$

$$|f(t)| \leq F$$

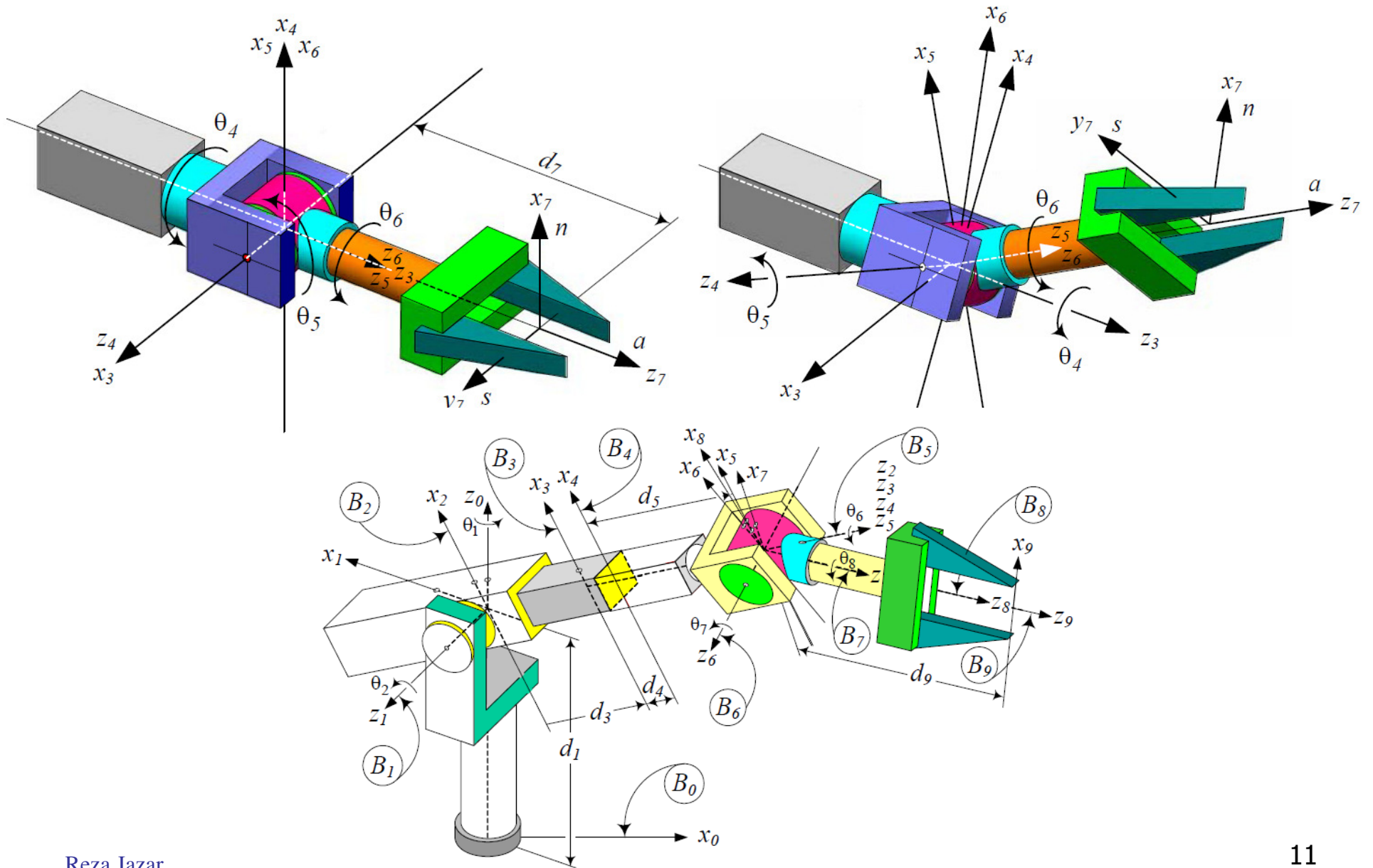


# Example: Multi DOF Dynamics System

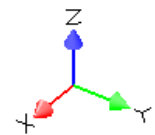
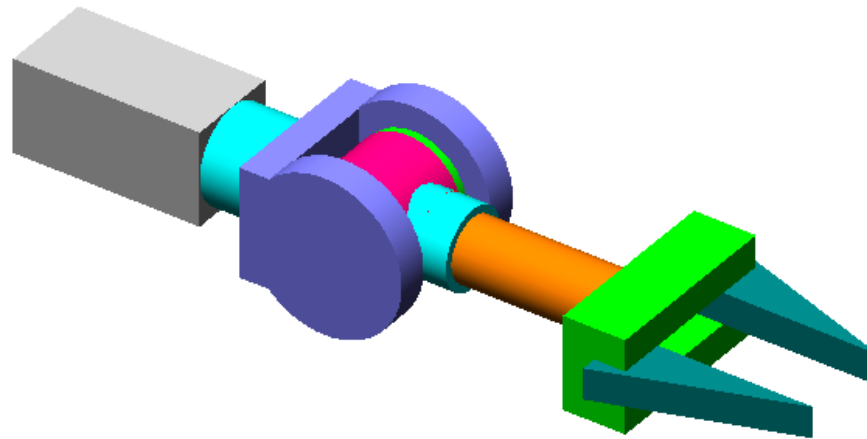


space station remote manipulator system

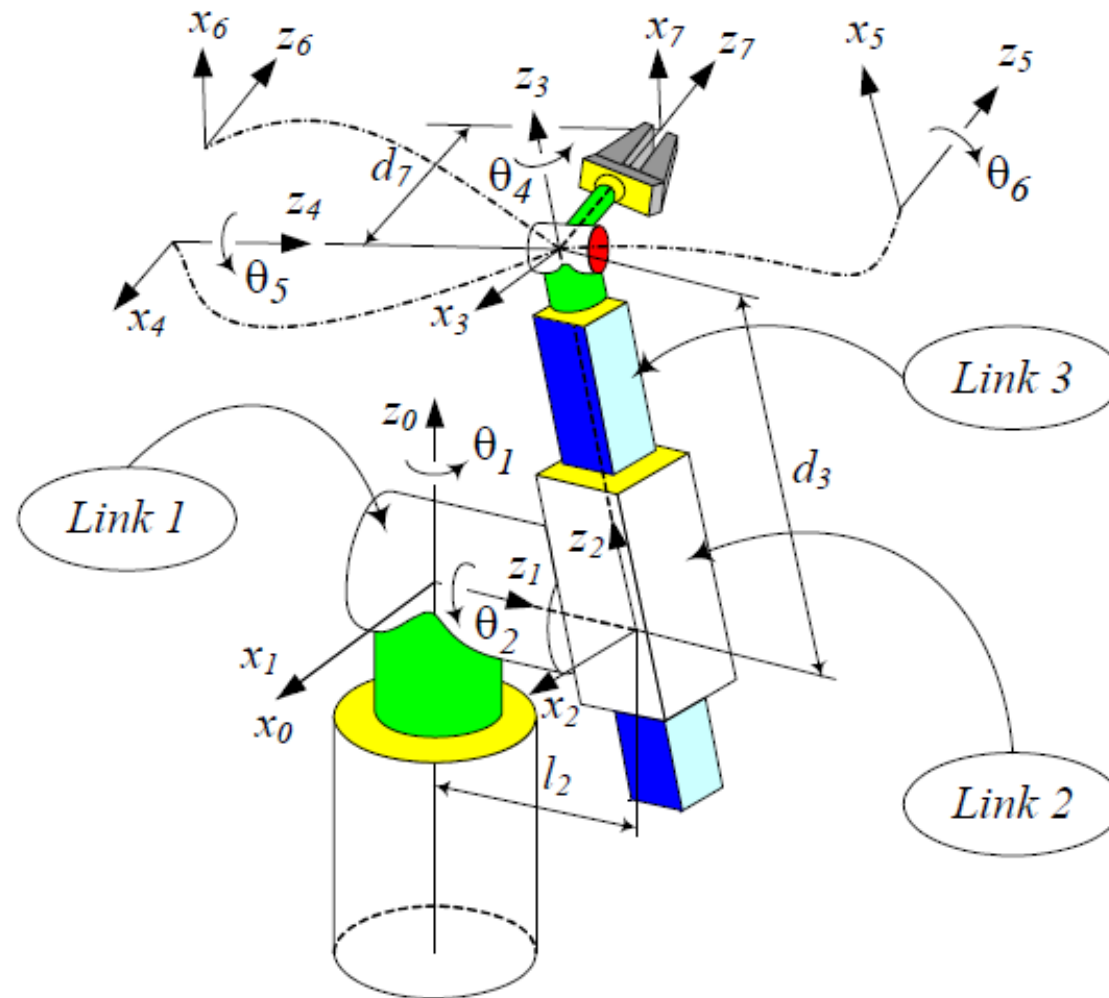
# Example: Multi DOF Dynamics System



# Example: Multi DOF Robotic Hand



# Example: Multi DOF Stanford Arm



# Time Optimal Control of Multi-DOF Dynamic Systems



**Lev Semyonovich Pontryagin**

(3 September 1908 – 3 May 1988)

**Pontryagin principle:**

the optimal control input vector  $Q(t)$  to minimize the time of motion of a multi DOF dynamic system between two give states on a prescribed path with bounded input

$$|Q(t)| \leq Q_{Max}$$

is the one that at every instant has at least one component saturated. over the entire time interval.

$$Q_{Max} \text{ or } -Q_{Max}$$

# Minimum Time and Bang-Bang Control

Consider a system with the following equation of motion:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{Q}(t)) \quad (14.1)$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}$  is the control input, and  $\mathbf{x}$  is the state vector of the system.

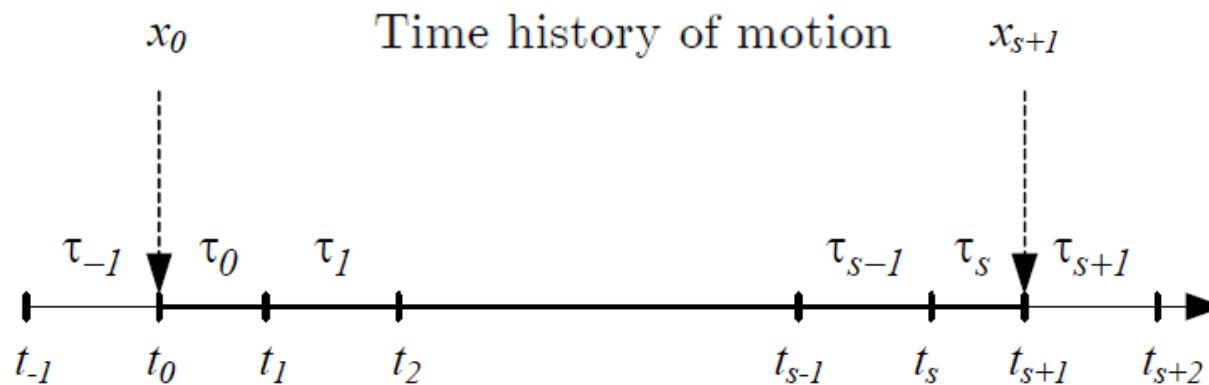
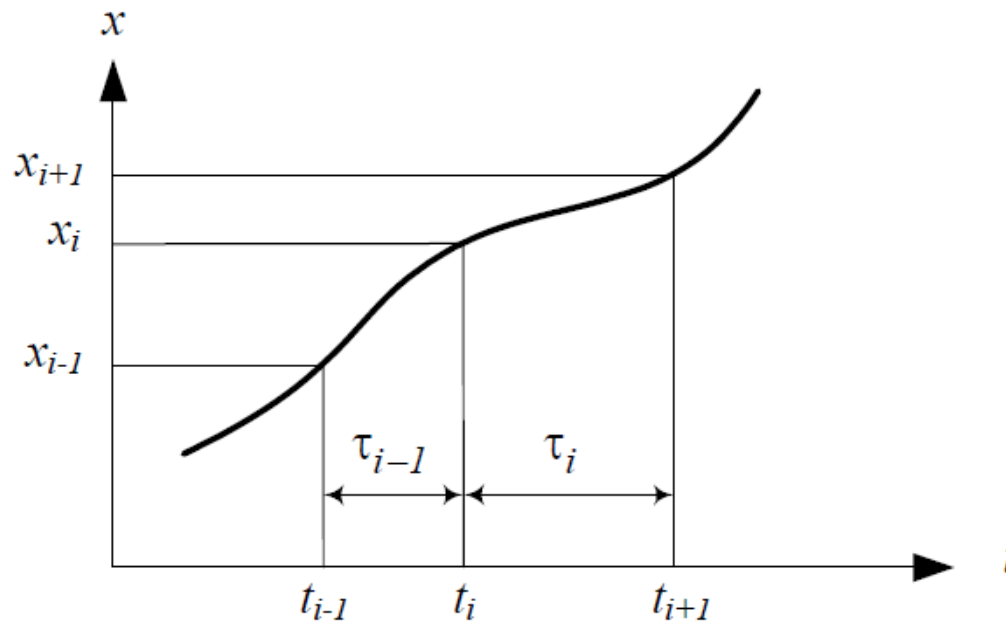
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \dot{\mathbf{q}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (14.2)$$

The minimum time problem is always subject to bounded input such as:

$$|\mathbf{Q}(t)| \leq \mathbf{Q}_{Max} \quad (14.3)$$

The solution of the time-optimal control problem subject to bounded input is *bang-bang control*. The control in which the input variable takes either the maximum or minimum values is called bang-bang control.

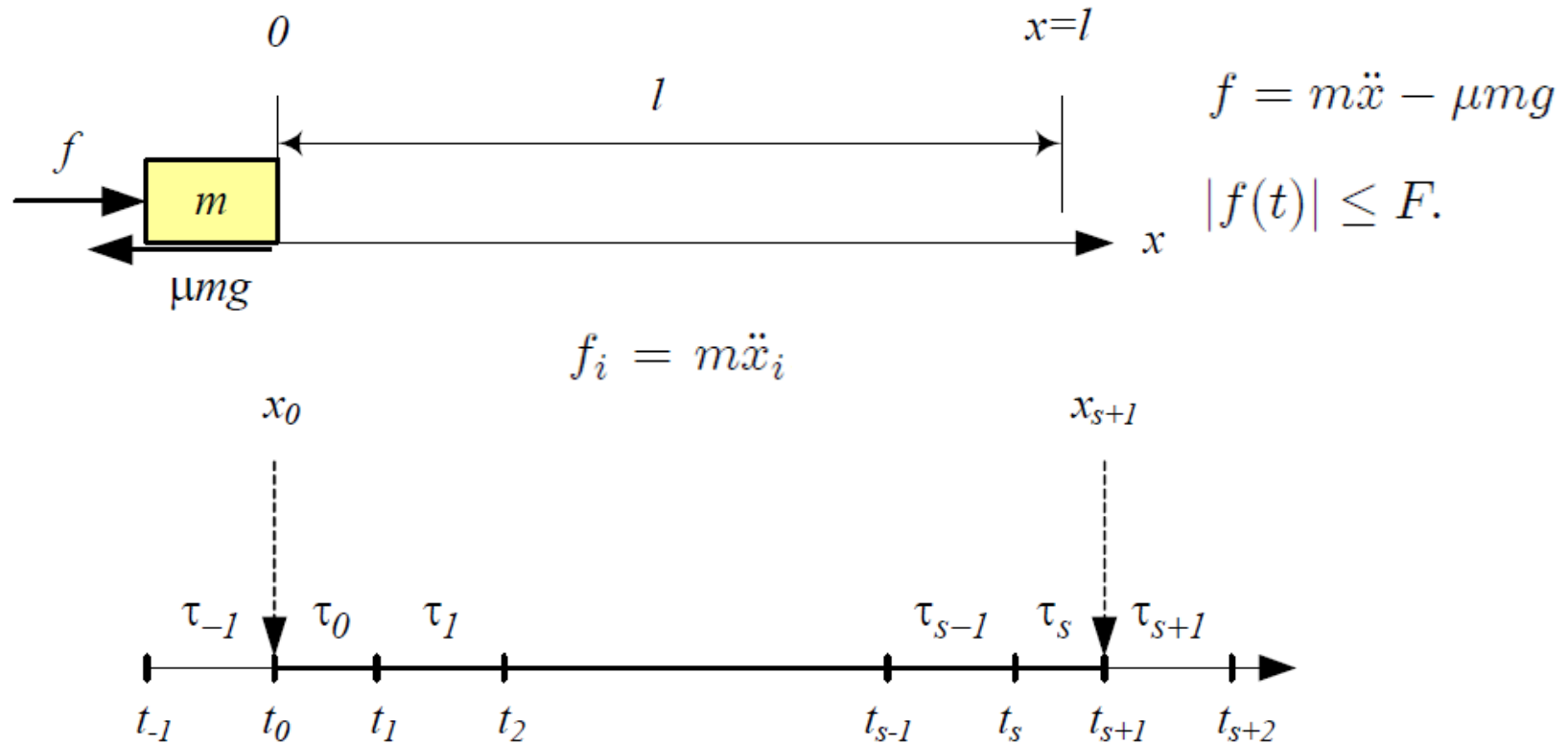
# ★ Floating Time Method



Introducing two extra points,  $x_{-1}$  and  $x_{s+2}$ , before the initial and after the final points.



# Example: One DOF Dynamics System



The rest conditions at the beginning

$$\dot{x}_i = \frac{x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}}{\tau_i + \tau_{i-1}} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_{-1} = x_1 \\ \tau_0 = \tau_{-1} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_{s+2} = x_s \\ \tau_{s+1} = \tau_s. \end{array}$$

## Example: One DOF Dynamics System

at the initial point

$$f_0 = m\ddot{x}_0 = \frac{4m}{2\tau_0^2} (x_1 - x_0)$$

The minimum value of the first floating time  $\tau_0$  is found by setting  $f_0 = F$ .

$$\tau_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2m(x_1 - x_0)}{F}}$$

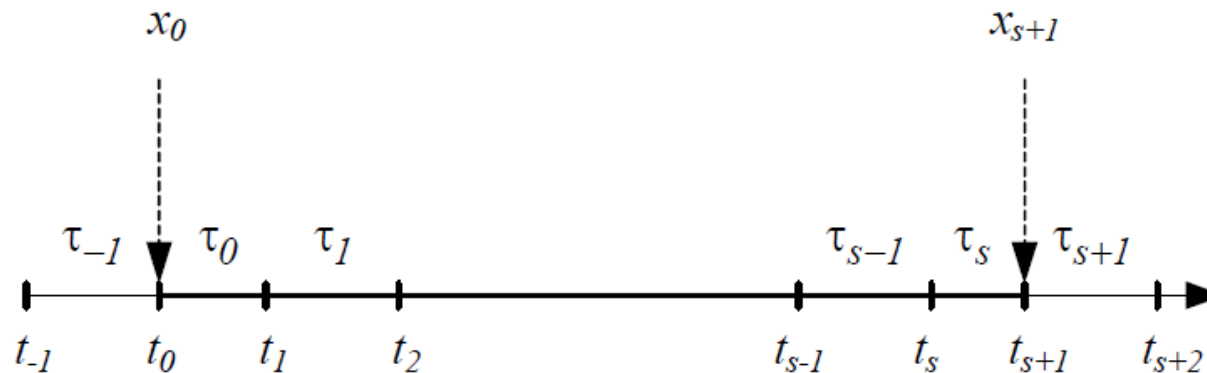
The minimum value of the final floating-time,  $\tau_s$ , is achieved by  $f_{s+1} = -F$ .

$$\tau_s = \sqrt{\frac{2m(x_s - x_{s-1})}{-F}}$$

To find the minimum value of  $\tau_1$

$$f_1 = \frac{4m}{\tau_1^2 + \tau_0^2} \left( \frac{\tau_0}{\tau_1 + \tau_0} x_2 + \frac{\tau_1}{\tau_1 + \tau_0} x_0 - x_1 \right)$$

# Example: One DOF Dynamics System



$f_s$  can be found from the equation of motion at  $i = s$   
and substituting  $\tau_s, \tau_{s-1}, x_{s-1}, x_s,$  and  $x_{s+1}$

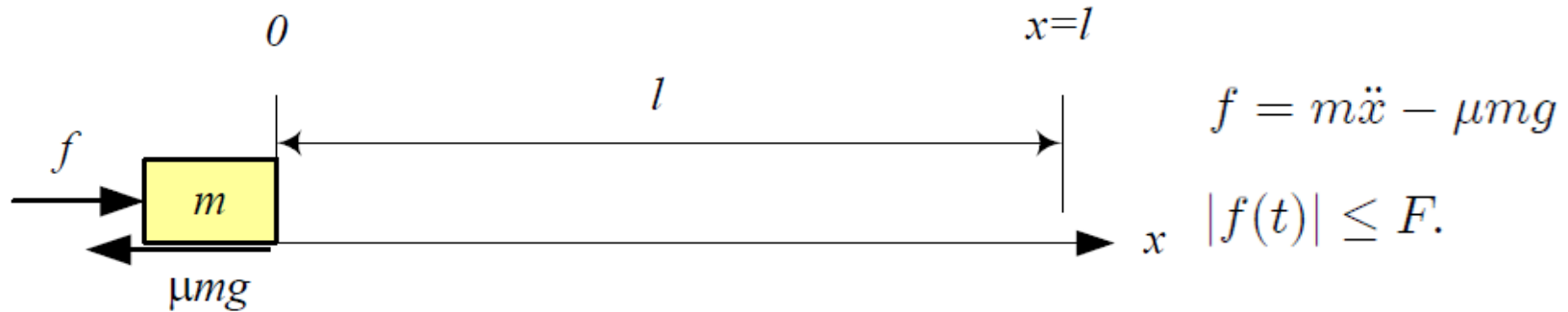
$$f_s = \frac{4m}{\tau_s^2 + \tau_{s-1}^2} \left( \frac{\tau_{s-1}}{\tau_s + \tau_{s-1}} x_{s+1} + \frac{\tau_s}{\tau_s + \tau_{s-1}} x_{s-1} - x_s \right)$$

if  $f_s$  does not break the constraint  $|f(t)| \leq F$ , the problem is solved

However, it is expected that  $f_s$  breaks the constraint  $|f(t)| \leq F$

Now we reverse the procedure, and start a *backward path*.

# Example: One DOF Dynamics System



Rest-to-rest motion of a mass on a straight line time-optimally.

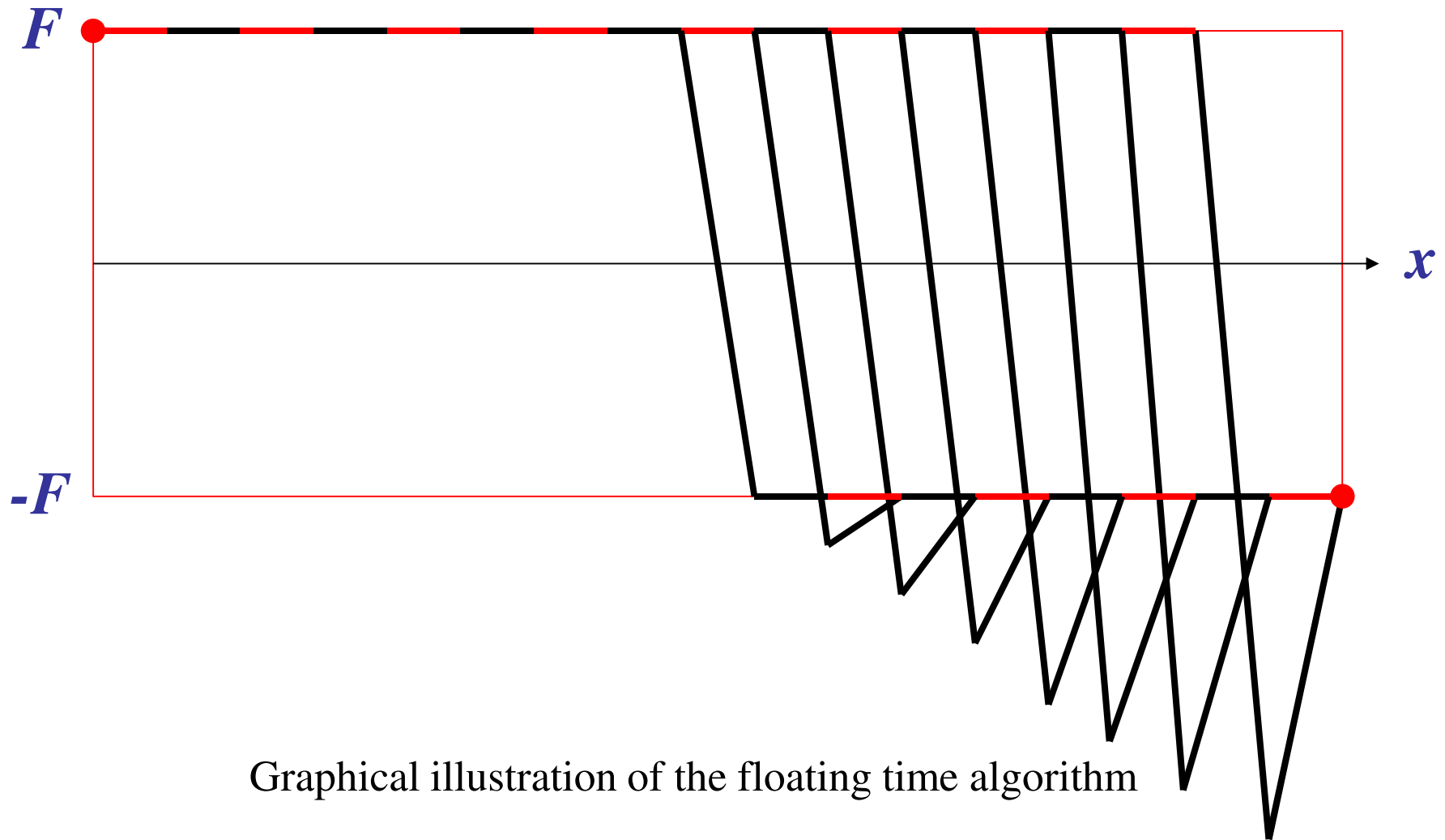
$$f_i = m\ddot{x}_i \quad \begin{array}{ll} x(0) = 0 & v(0) = 0 \\ x(t_f) = l & v(t_f) = 0. \end{array}$$

$$F = 10 \text{ N} \quad l = 1 \text{ m} \quad s + 1 = 200$$

for  $\mu = 0$  the switching point  $t = \tau = t_f/2$  and

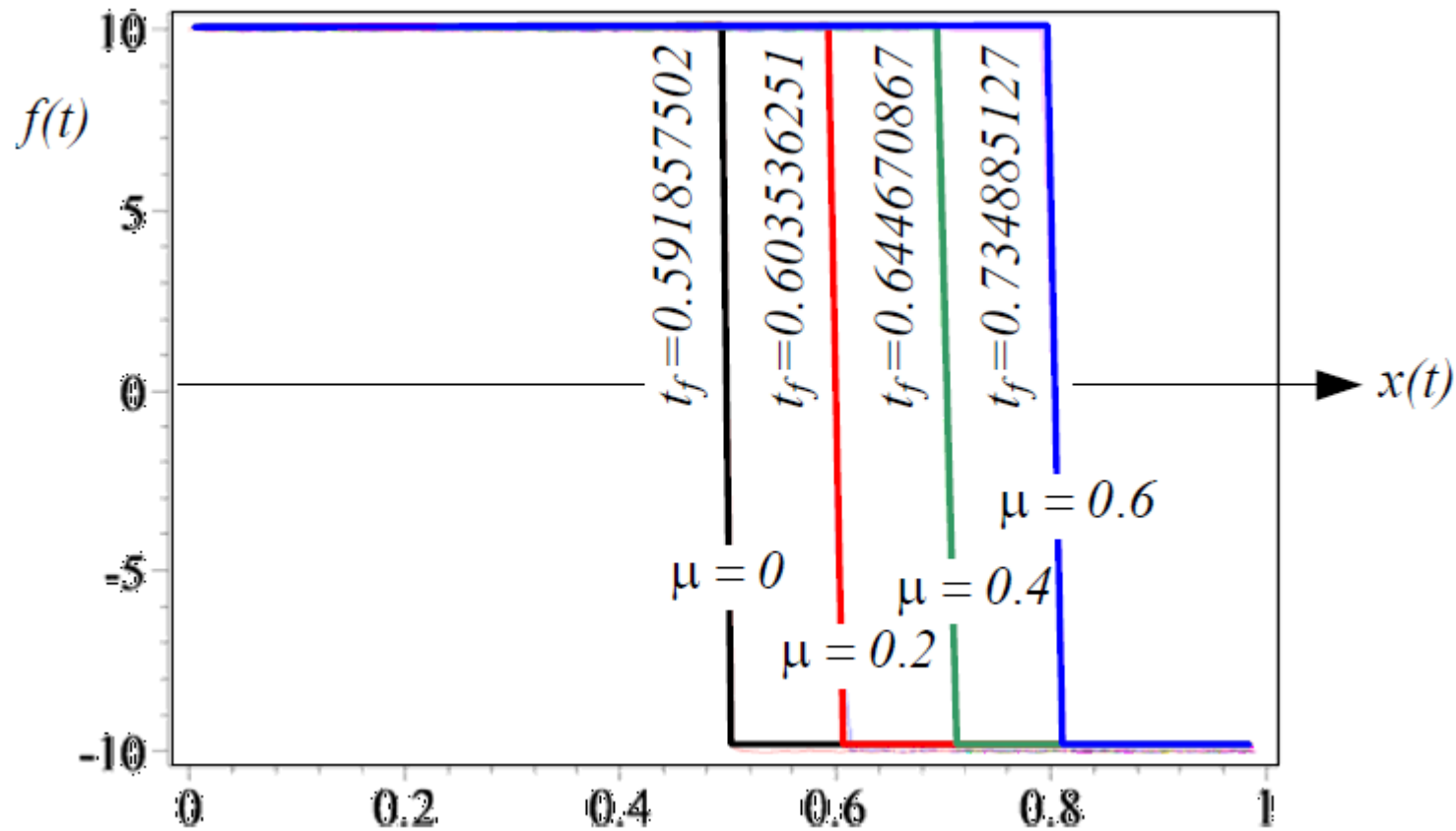
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} F & \text{if } t < \tau \\ -F & \text{if } t > \tau. \end{cases}$$

# Example: One DOF Dynamics System



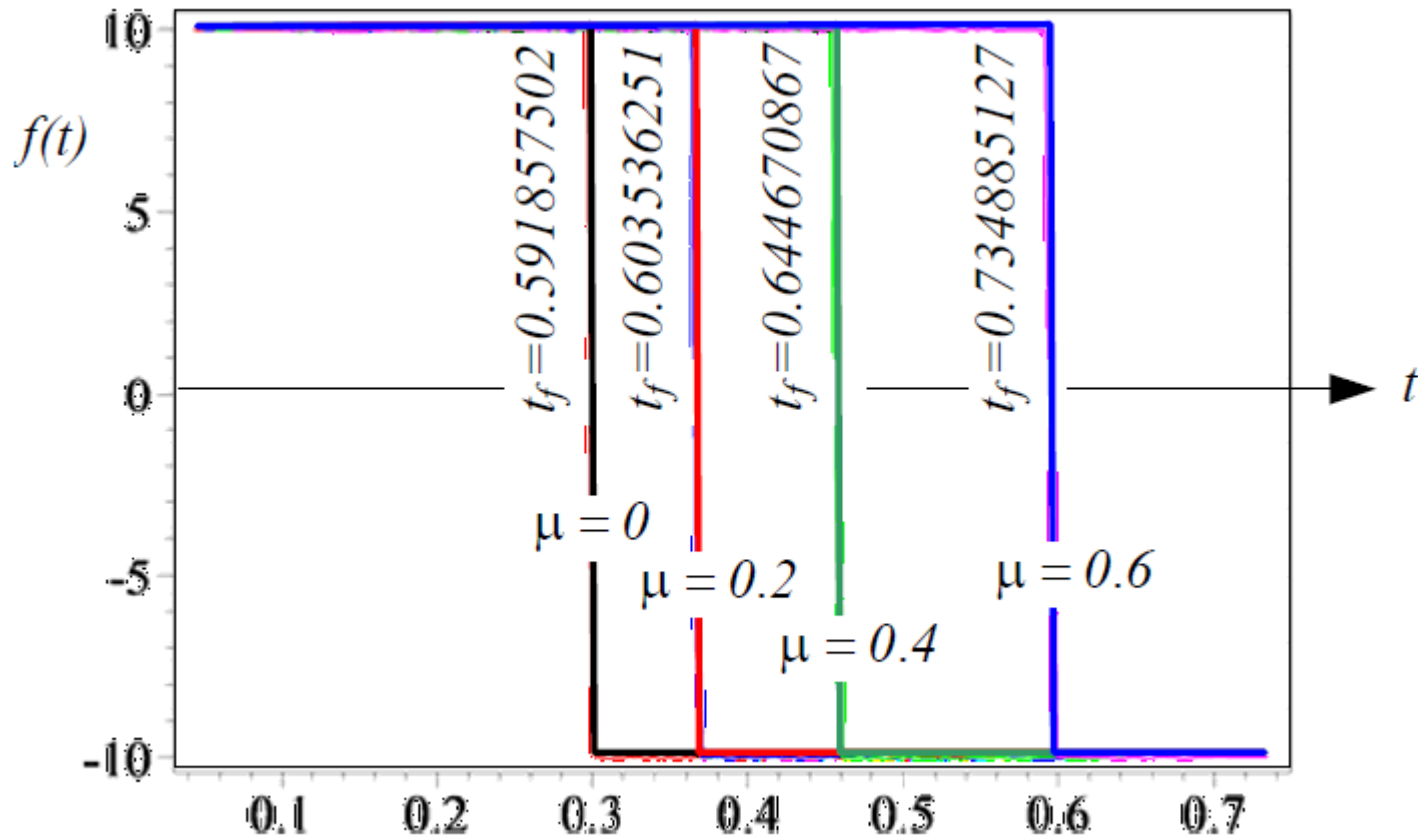
Graphical illustration of the floating time algorithm

# Example: One DOF Dynamics System



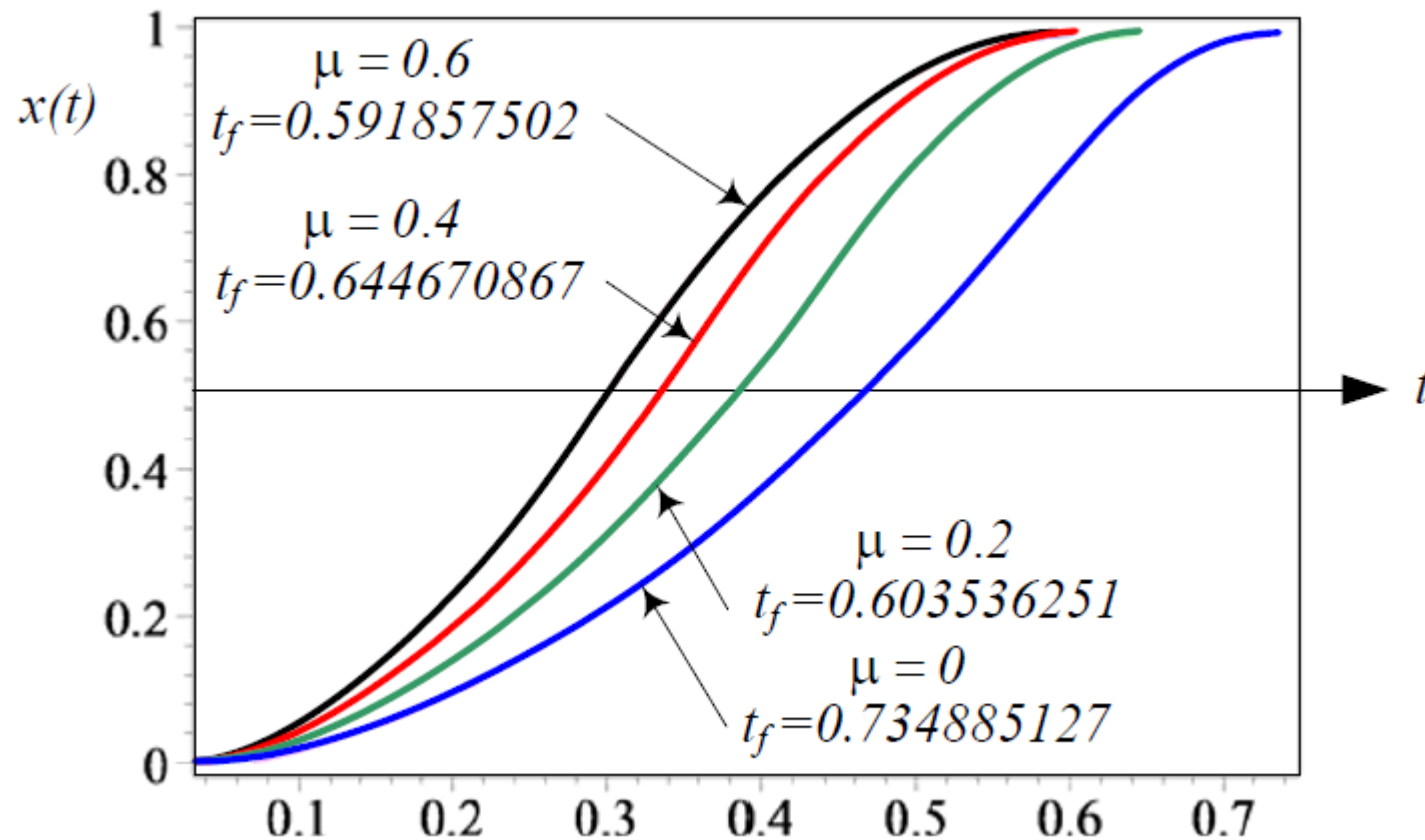
Position history of the optimal force  $f(t)$  for different friction coefficients  $\mu$ .

# Example: One DOF Dynamics System



Time history of the optimal input  $f(t)$  for different friction coefficients  $\mu$

# Example: One DOF Dynamics System



Time history of the optimal motion  $x(t)$  for different friction coefficients  $\mu$ .



# ★ Floating Time Method

## Algorithm

1. Divide the preplanned path of motion  $x(t)$  into  $s + 1$  intervals and specify all coordinate values  $x_i$ , ( $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, s + 1$ )

2. Set  $f_0 = +F$  and calculate 
$$\tau_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2m(x_1 - x_0)}{F}}$$

3. Set  $f_{s+1} = -F$  and calculate 
$$\tau_s = \sqrt{\frac{2m(x_s - x_{s-1})}{-F}}$$

4. For  $i$  from 1 to  $s - 1$ , calculate  $\tau_i$  such that  $f_i = +F$  and

$$\begin{aligned} f_i &= m\ddot{x}_i - g(x_i, \dot{x}_i) \\ &= \frac{4m}{\tau_i^2 + \tau_{i-1}^2} \left( \frac{\tau_{i-1}}{\tau_i + \tau_{i-1}} x_{i+1} + \frac{\tau_i}{\tau_i + \tau_{i-1}} x_{i-1} + x_i \right) - g(x_i, \dot{x}_i) \end{aligned}$$

5. If  $|f_i| \leq F$ , then stop, otherwise set  $j = s$ ,

6. Calculate  $\tau_{j-1}$  such that  $f_j = -F$

7. If  $|f_{j-1}| \leq F$ , then stop, otherwise set  $j = j - 1$  and return to step 6

## ★ *Convergence.*

$\tau_i$  converges to the minimum possible value, as long as

$$\partial \ddot{x}_i / \partial \tau_i < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \partial \ddot{x}_i / \partial \tau_{i-1} > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_1 x_{s+1} + Z_2 x_s + Z_3 x_{s-1} &< 0 & Z_1 &= \frac{8(6\tau_i^4 \tau_{i-1} + 8\tau_i^3 \tau_{i-1}^2 + 6\tau_i^2 \tau_{i-1}^3)}{(\tau_i^2 + \tau_{i-1}^2)^3 (\tau_i + \tau_{i-1})^3} \\
 Z_4 x_{s+1} + Z_5 x_s + Z_6 x_{s-1} &> 0 & Z_2 &= \frac{8(\tau_{i-1}^5 - 3\tau_i^5 - 8\tau_i^3 \tau_{i-1}^2 - 9\tau_i^4 \tau_{i-1} + 3\tau_i \tau_{i-1}^4)}{(\tau_i^2 + \tau_{i-1}^2)^3 (\tau_i + \tau_{i-1})^3} \\
 && Z_3 &= \frac{8(-\tau_{i-1}^5 + 3\tau_i^5 + 3\tau_i^4 \tau_{i-1} - 3\tau_i \tau_{i-1}^4 - 6\tau_i^2 \tau_{i-1}^3)}{(\tau_i^2 + \tau_{i-1}^2)^3 (\tau_i + \tau_{i-1})^3} \\
 && Z_4 &= \frac{8(3\tau_{i-1}^5 - \tau_i^5 - 6\tau_i^3 \tau_{i-1}^2 - 3\tau_i^4 \tau_{i-1} + 3\tau_i \tau_{i-1}^4)}{(\tau_i^2 + \tau_{i-1}^2)^3 (\tau_i + \tau_{i-1})^3} \\
 && Z_5 &= \frac{8(-3\tau_{i-1}^5 + \tau_i^5 + 3\tau_i^4 \tau_{i-1} - 9\tau_i \tau_{i-1}^4 - 8\tau_i^2 \tau_{i-1}^3)}{(\tau_i^2 + \tau_{i-1}^2)^3 (\tau_i + \tau_{i-1})^3} \\
 && Z_6 &= \frac{8(6\tau_i^3 \tau_{i-1}^2 + 8\tau_i^2 \tau_{i-1}^3 + 6\tau_i \tau_{i-1}^4)}{(\tau_i^2 + \tau_{i-1}^2)^3 (\tau_i + \tau_{i-1})^3}.
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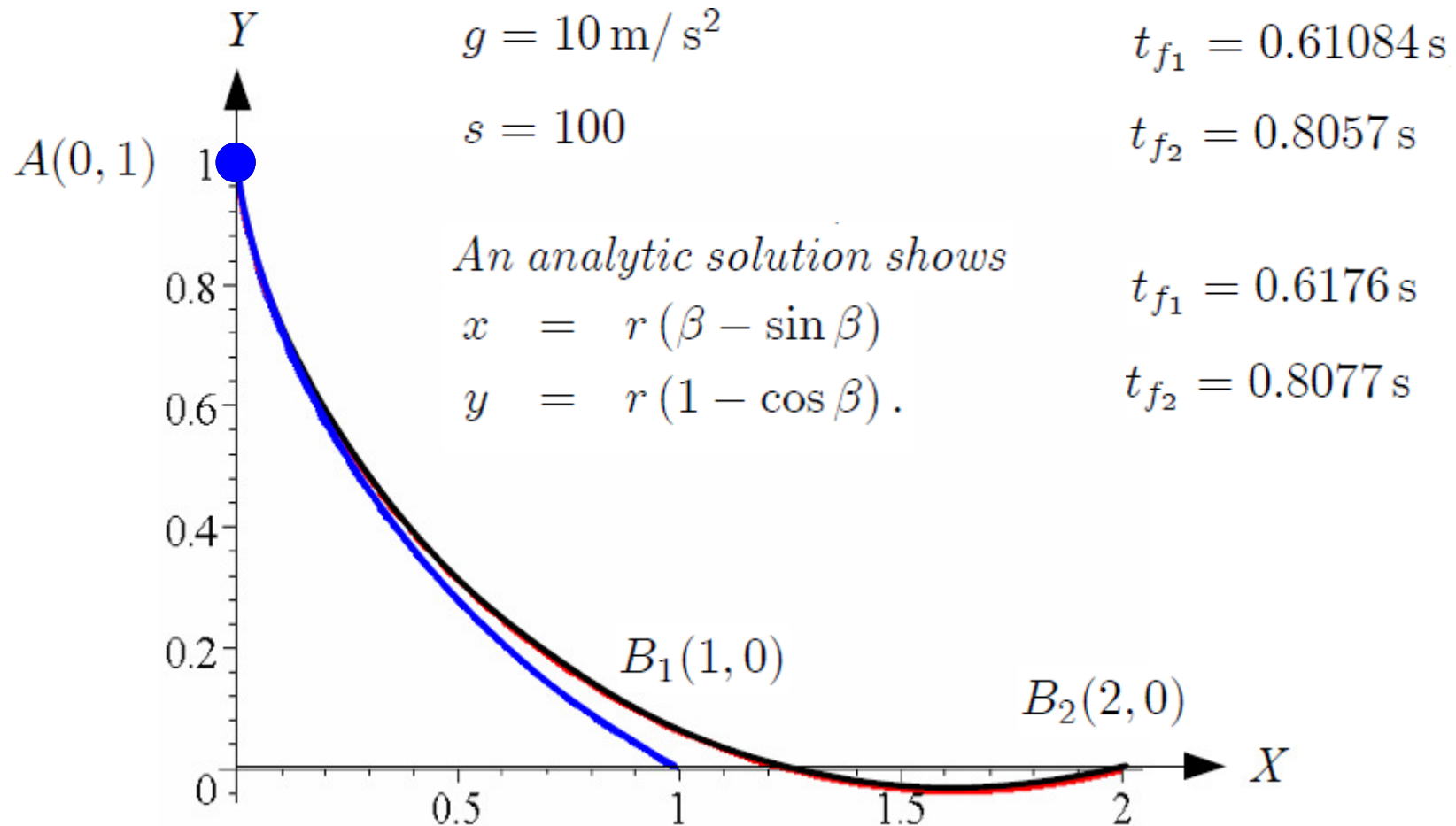
*for backward path*

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_1 x_{s+1} + Z_2 x_s + Z_3 x_{s-1} &> 0 \\
 Z_4 x_{s+1} + Z_5 x_s + Z_6 x_{s-1} &< 0
 \end{aligned}$$

*termination criterion*

$$||f_i| - F| \leq \epsilon.$$

## Example: Beachistochrone



Time optimal path for a falling unit mass from  $A(0, 1)$  to two different destinations.

## Floating time technique for the $n$ *DOF* systems.

1. *Divide the preplanned path of motion  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  into  $s + 1$  intervals and specify all coordinate vectors  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , ( $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, s + 1$ ).*
2. *Develop the equations of motion at  $\mathbf{x}_0$  and calculate  $\tau_0$  for which only one component of the force vector  $\mathbf{f}_0$  is saturated on its higher limit, while all the other components are within their limits.*

$$\begin{aligned} f_{0_k} &= F_k \quad , \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\} \\ f_{0_r} &\leq F_r \quad , \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \quad , \quad r \neq k \end{aligned}$$

3. *Develop the equations of motion at  $\mathbf{x}_{s+1}$  and calculate  $\tau_s$  for which only one component of the force vector  $\mathbf{f}_{s+1}$  is saturated on its higher limit, while all the other components are within their limits.*

$$\begin{aligned} f_{s+1_k} &= -F_k \quad , \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\} \\ f_{s+1_r} &\leq F_r \quad , \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \quad , \quad r \neq k \end{aligned}$$

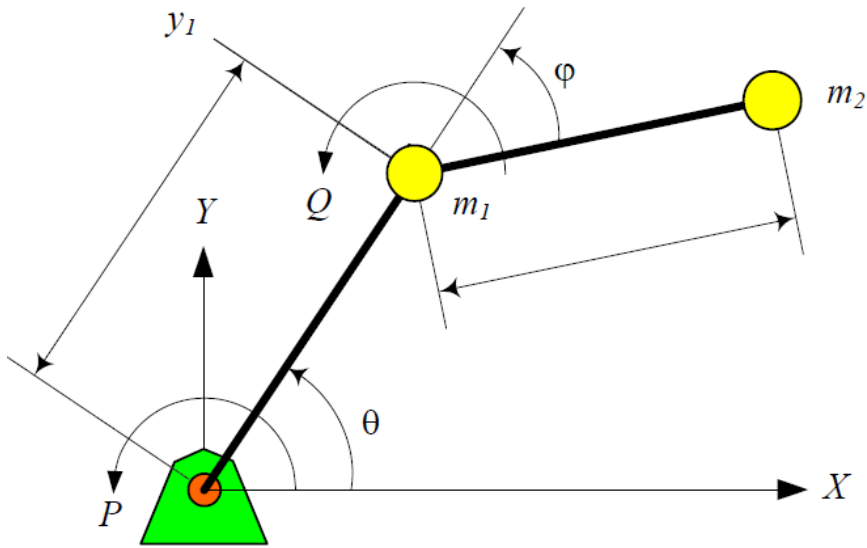
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4. For  $i$  from 1 to  $s - 1$ , calculate  $\tau_i$  such that only one component of the force vector  $\mathbf{f}_i$  is saturated on its higher limit, while all the other components are within their limits.

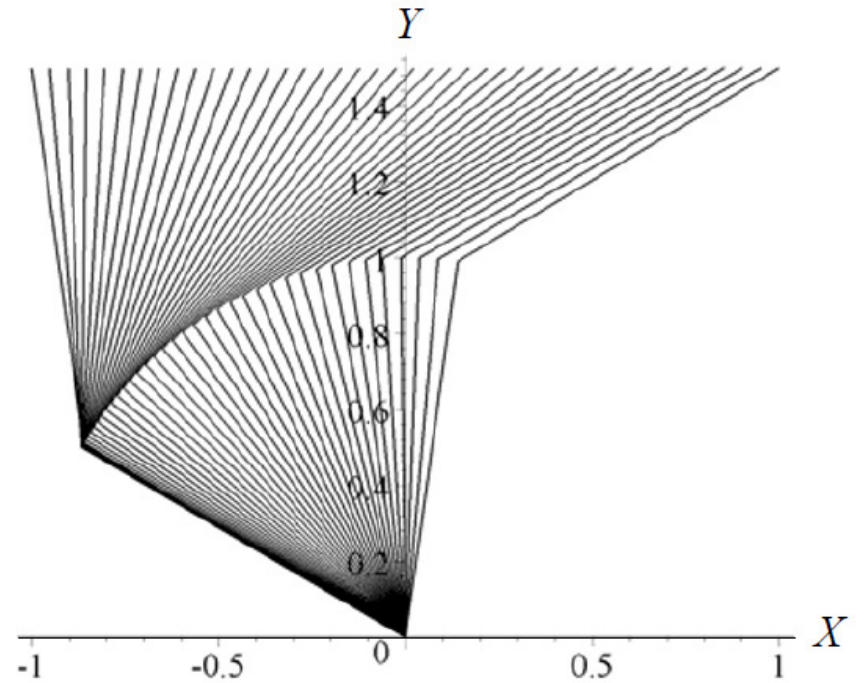
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5. If  $|\mathbf{f}_s| \leq \mathbf{F}$ , then stop, otherwise set  $j = s$ .
6. Calculate  $\tau_{j-1}$  such that only one component of the force vector  $\mathbf{f}_j$  is saturated on its lower limit, while all the other components are within their limits.
7. If  $|\mathbf{f}_{j-1}| \leq F$ , then stop, otherwise set  $j = j - 1$  and return to step 6.


★ 2R manipulator on a straight line.



A 2R planar manipulator with rigid arms



A 2R planar manipulator, moving from point  $(1, 1.5)$  to point  $(-1, 1.5)$  on a straight line  $Y = 1.5$ .



*equations of motion for 2R robotic manipulators*

$$P = A\ddot{\theta} + B\ddot{\varphi} + C\dot{\theta}\dot{\varphi} + D\dot{\varphi}^2 + M$$

$$Q = E\ddot{\theta} + F\ddot{\varphi} + G\dot{\theta}^2 + N$$

*where  $P$  and  $Q$  are the actuator torques and*

$$A = A(\varphi) = m_1 l_1^2 + m_2 (l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 \cos \varphi)$$

$$B = B(\varphi) = m_2 (l_2^2 + l_1 l_2 \cos \varphi)$$

$$C = C(\varphi) = -2m_2 l_1 l_2 \sin \varphi$$

$$D = D(\varphi) = m_2 l_1 l_2 \sin \varphi$$

$$E = E(\varphi) = B$$

$$F = m_2 l_2^2$$

$$G = G(\varphi) = -D$$

$$M = M(\theta, \varphi) = (m_1 + m_2)gl_1 \cos \theta + m_2 gl_2 \cos (\theta + \varphi)$$

$$N = N(\theta, \varphi) = m_2 gl_2 \cos (\theta + \varphi).$$

$$v(\dot{x}_i) = \frac{x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}}{\tau_i + \tau_{i-1}}$$

$$a(\ddot{x}_i) = \frac{4}{\tau_i^2 + \tau_{i-1}^2} \left( \frac{\tau_{i-1}}{\tau_i + \tau_{i-1}} x_{i+1} + \frac{\tau_i}{\tau_i + \tau_{i-1}} x_{i-1} - x_i \right)$$

$$P_i(t) = A_i a(\ddot{\theta}) + B_i a(\ddot{\varphi}) + C_i v(\dot{\theta}) v(\dot{\varphi}) + D_i v^2(\dot{\varphi}) + M_i$$

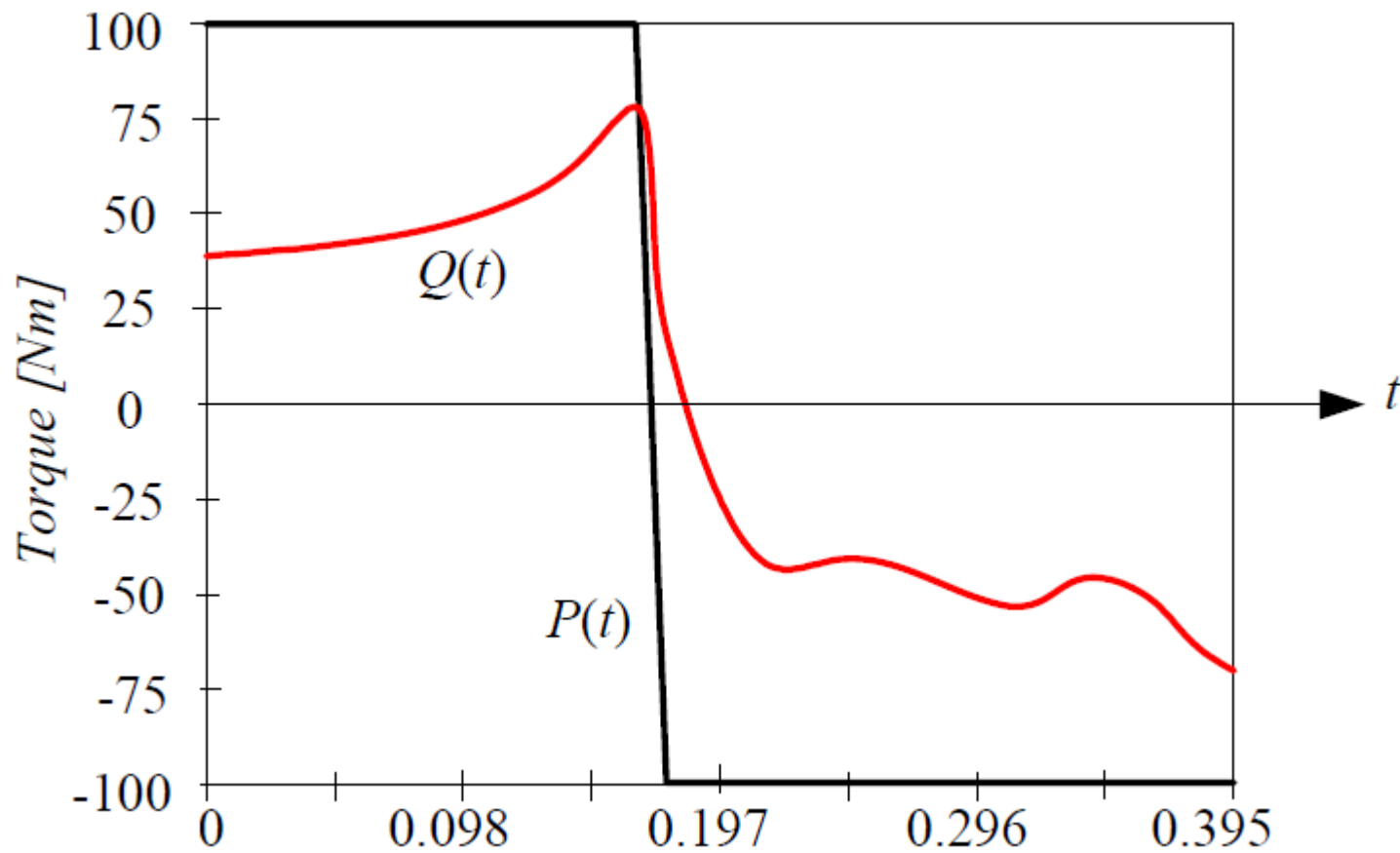
$$Q_i(t) = E_i a(\ddot{\theta}) + F_i a(\ddot{\varphi}) + G_i v^2(\dot{\theta}) + N_i$$

$$|P_i(t)| \leq P_M \quad |Q_i(t)| \leq Q_M.$$

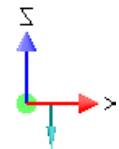
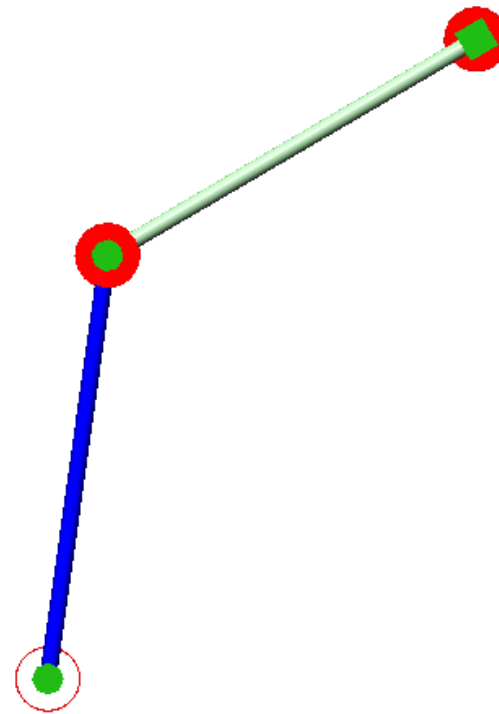
$$\begin{array}{lll} \tau_0 = \tau_1 & \theta_0 = \theta_2 & \varphi_0 = \varphi_2 \\ \tau_s = \tau_{s+1} & \theta_s = \theta_{s+2} & \varphi_s = \varphi_{s+2} \end{array}$$

$$m_1 = m_2 = 1 \text{ kg} \quad l_1 = l_2 = 1 \text{ m} \quad P_M = Q_M = 100 \text{ N m}$$





Time optimal control inputs for a 2R manipulator moving on line  $Y = 1.5$ ,  $-1 < X < 1$



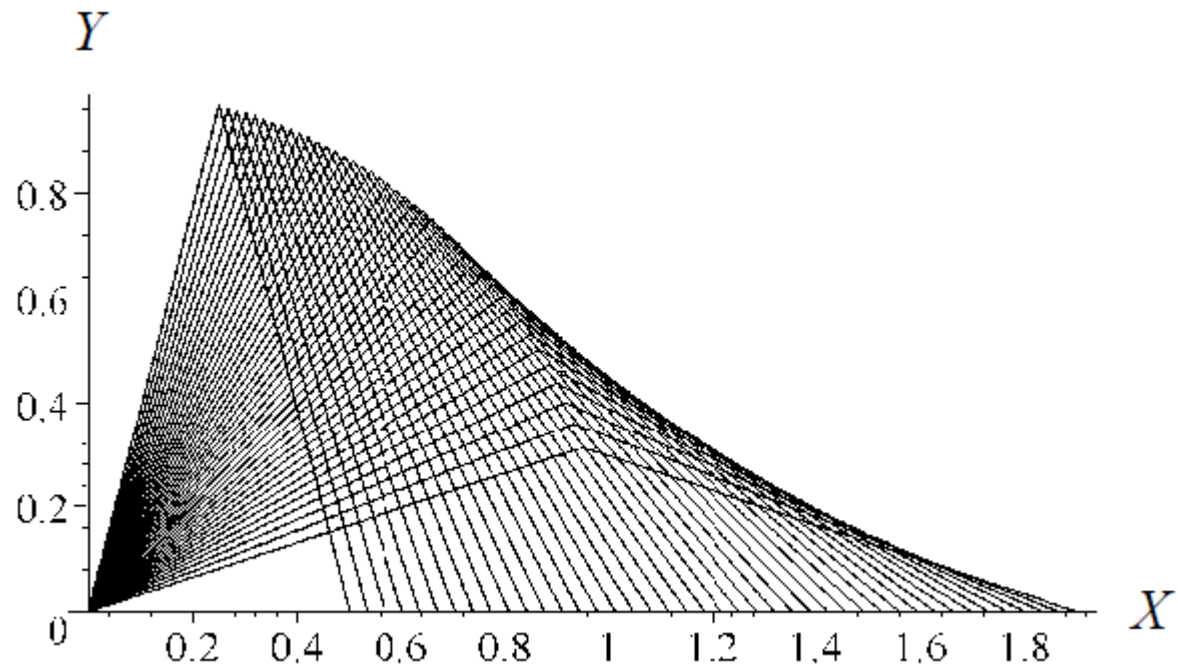
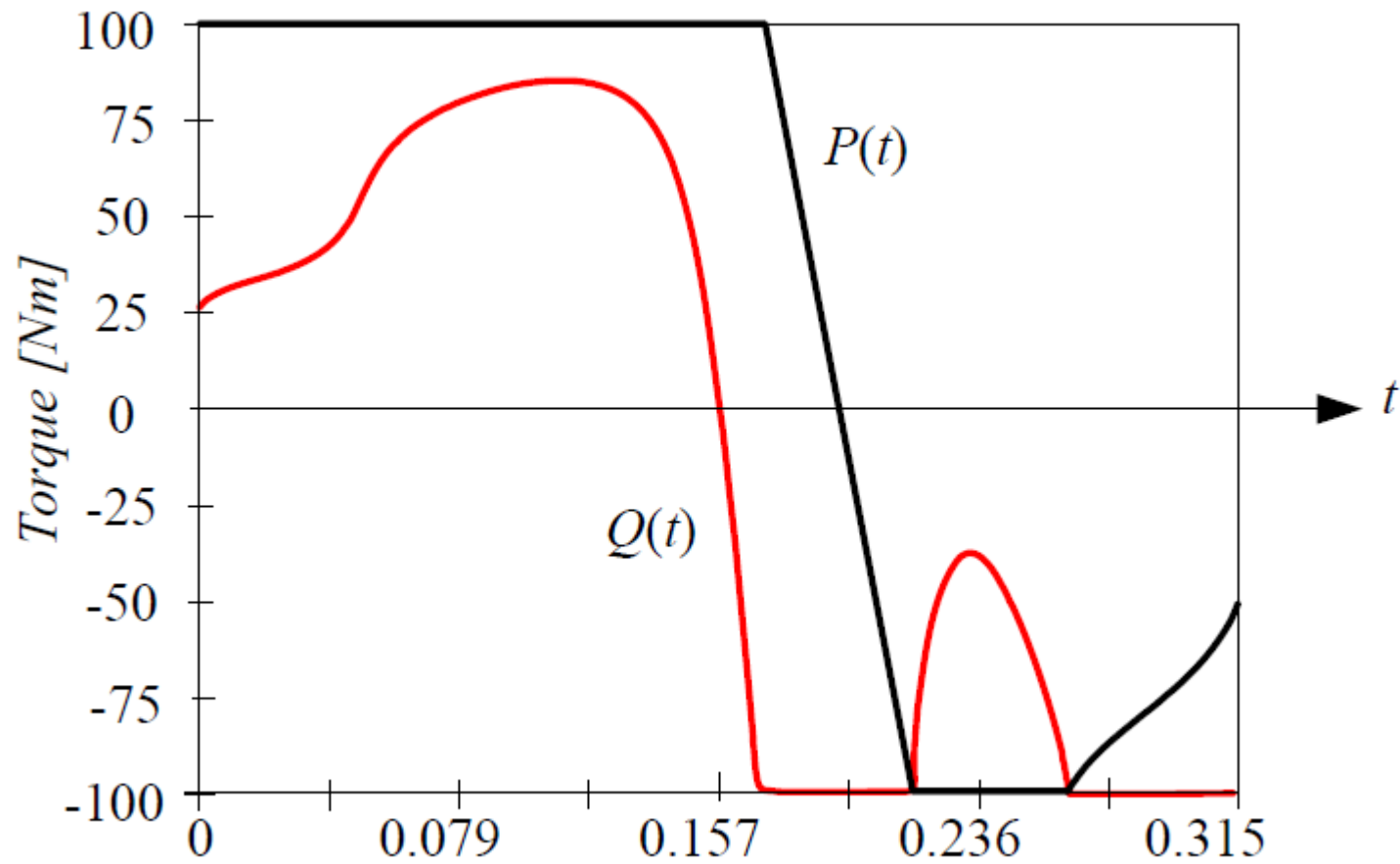


Illustration of motion of a 2R planar manipulator on line  $y = 0$ .

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 m_1 = m_2 = 1 \text{ kg} & l_1 = l_2 = 1 \text{ m} & P_M = Q_M = 100 \text{ N m} \\
 X(0) = 1.9 \text{ m} & X(t_f) = 0.5 \text{ m} & Y = 0
 \end{array}$$



Time optimal control inputs for a 2R manipulator moving on line  $Y = 0$ ,  $0.5 < X < 1.9$

# Conclusion

Time optimal control of an  $n$  DOF dynamics system solution:

- ✓ At every instant of time, at least one actuator must be saturated while the others are within their limits.
- ✓ Floating-time method is to find the saturated actuator, the switching points, and the output of the non-saturated actuators.
- ✓ The floating-time method is based on discrete equations of motion, utilizing variable time increments.
- ✓ Smart equipment such as intelligent robotics in manufacturing processes, increase productivity, the robot should do its job in minimum time.

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