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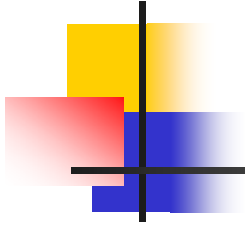
# Fractional Calculus: Application in Control and Robotics

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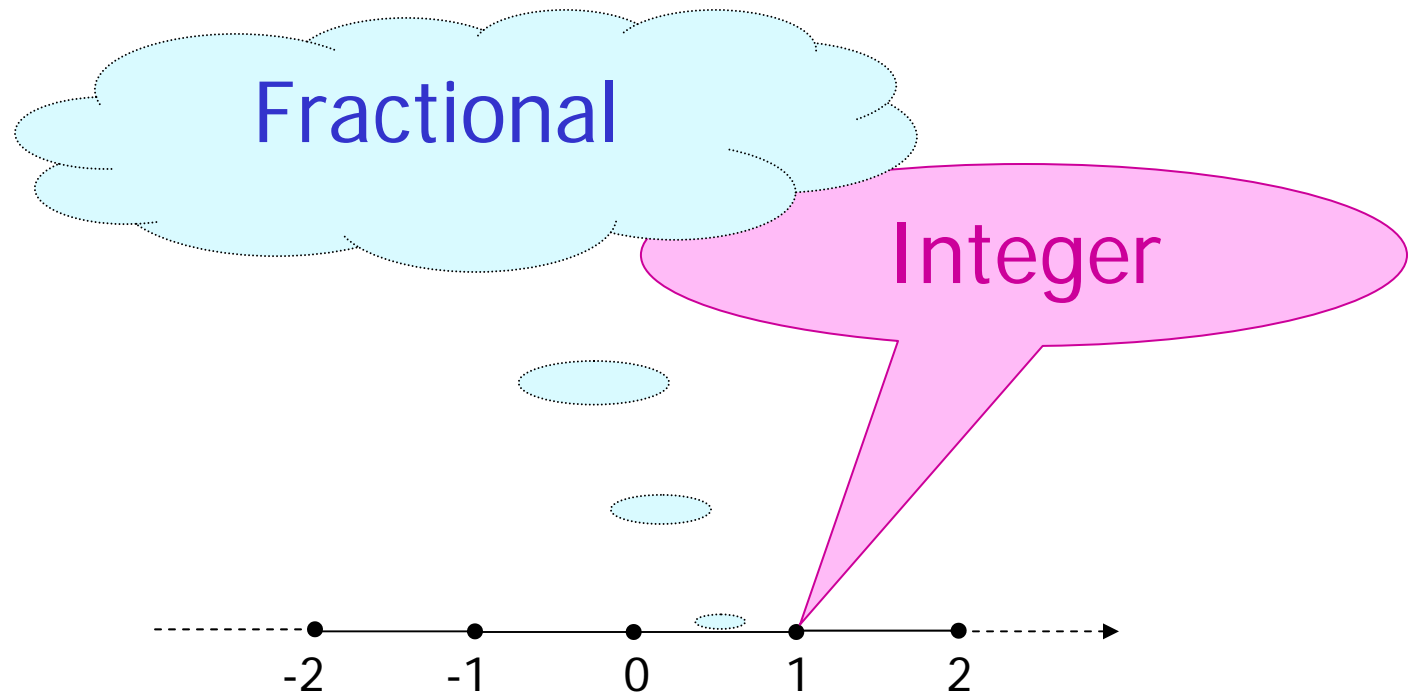
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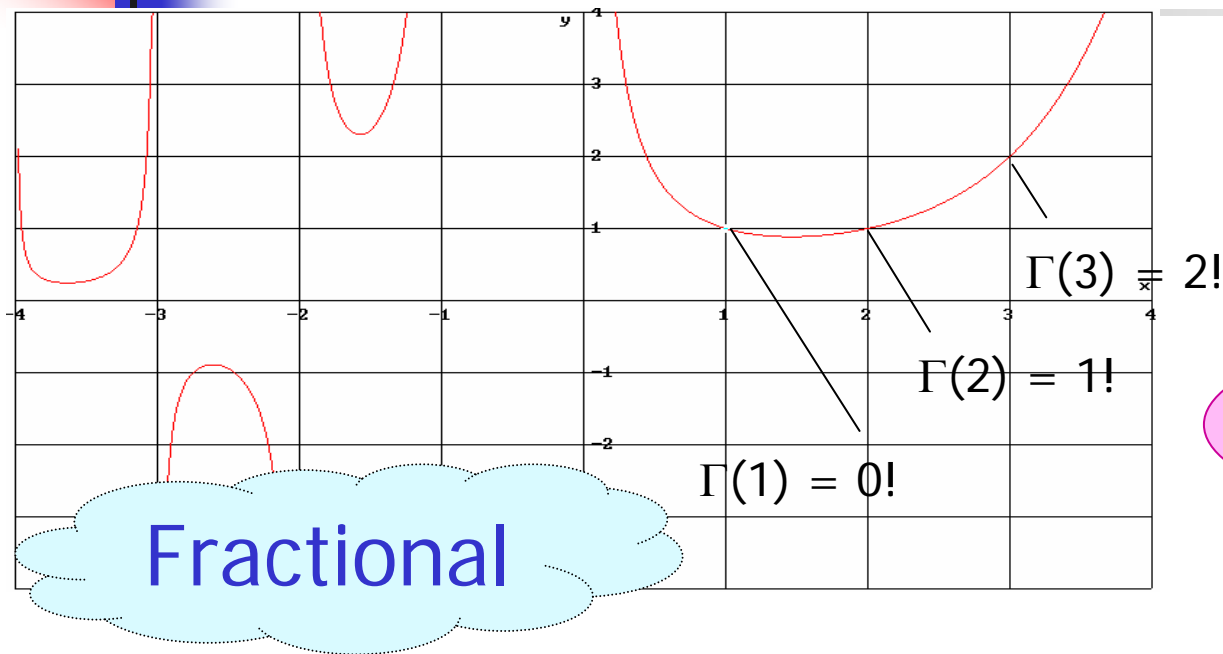
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# Integer vs fractional numbers



# Factorial vs Gamma function



$$\Gamma(n) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{n-1} e^{-t} dt \Rightarrow \Gamma(n+1) = n(n-1)\cdots 1 = n!$$

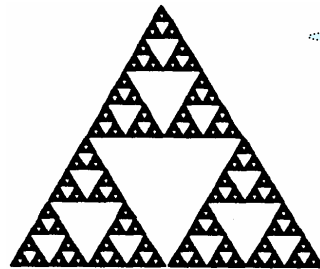


# Integer vs Fractal dimension

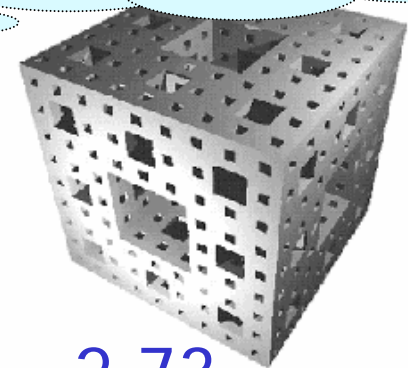
Fractional

$d = 0.63$

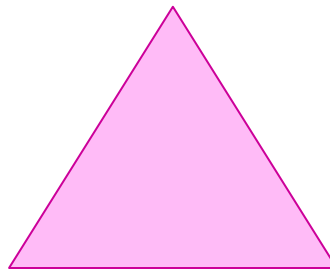
$d = 1$



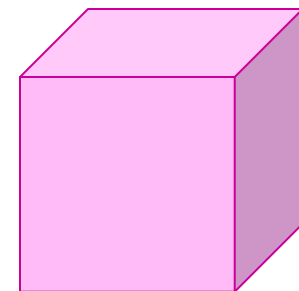
$d = 1.58$



$d = 2.73$



$d = 2$



$d = 3$

Integer

# Integer vs Fractional derivative

- $D^1(e^{ax}) = a e^{ax}$
- $D^2(e^{ax}) = a^2 e^{ax}$
- $D^3(e^{ax}) = a^3 e^{ax}$
- ....
- $D^n(e^{ax}) = a^n e^{ax}$
- $D^\alpha(e^{ax}) = a^\alpha e^{ax}$

$n$  -integer

$\alpha$  - complex





Guillaume de  
l'Hôpital  
(1661–1704)

What is the meaning of  
 $D^{1/2}y$ ?

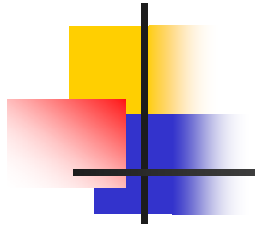
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intimate connection  
between derivatives  
and infinite series

This is an apparent  
paradox from which, one  
day, useful consequences  
will be drawn...

Gottfried  
Wilhelm Leibniz  
(1646–1716)





# Fractional Calculus

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- The name "fractional calculus" is actually a misnomer
- The designation "integration and differentiation of arbitrary order" is more appropriate





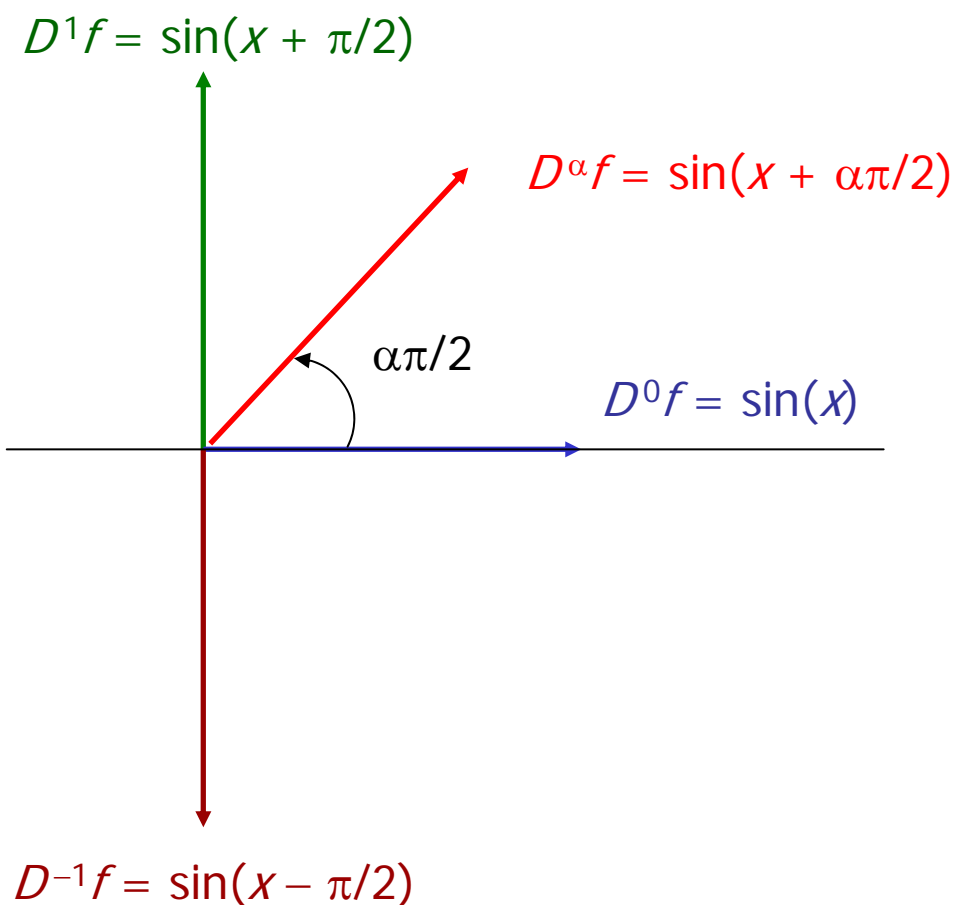
# Motivation: $\sin(ax)$ function

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- $D^1[\sin(ax)] = a^1 \sin(ax + 1 \pi/2)$
- $D^2[\sin(ax)] = a^2 \sin(ax + 2 \pi/2)$
- $D^3[\sin(ax)] = a^3 \sin(ax + 3 \pi/2)$
- $D^4[\sin(ax)] = a^4 \sin(ax + 4 \pi/2)$
- ...
- $D^\alpha[\sin(ax)] = a^\alpha \sin(ax + \alpha \pi/2)$

Weyl derivative  ${}_{-\infty}D_t^\alpha$

# Vector interpretation of $D^\alpha$ for the function $f = \sin(x)$



# Definitions of fractional derivatives-1



Bernhard Riemann  
(1826–1866)



Joseph Liouville  
(1809–1882)

## Riemann-Liouville definition

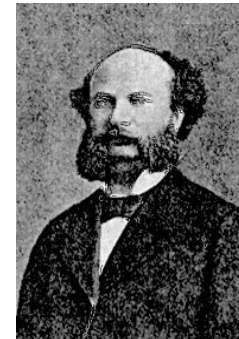
$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \int_a^t \frac{f(\tau) d\tau}{(t-\tau)^{\alpha-n+1}}$$

$$n-1 < \alpha < n$$

## Grünwald-Letnikov definition

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\left[ \frac{t-a}{h} \right]} (-1)^k \binom{\alpha}{k} f(t-kh)$$

$[x]$  – integer part of  $x$



Aleksey Letnikov  
(1837-1888)



Anton Grünwald  
(1838-1920)

# Definitions of fractional derivatives -2



Michele Caputo

## Caputo definition

$${}_a^C D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_a^t \frac{f^{(n)}(\tau) d\tau}{(t-\tau)^{\alpha-n+1}}$$

$$n-1 \leq \alpha < n$$



Pierre-Simon Laplace  
(1749-1827)

## Laplace definition

$$D^\alpha x(t) = L^{-1} \left\{ s^\alpha X(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s^k D^{\alpha-k-1} x(t) \Big|_{t=0} \right\}$$



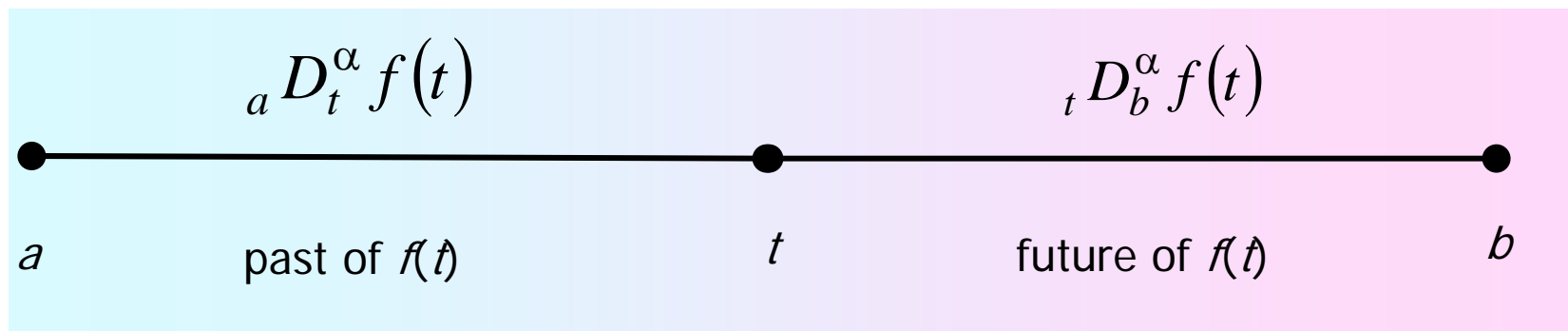
# Left and Right fractional derivatives

- Left-sided

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \int_a^t \frac{f(\tau) d\tau}{(t-\tau)^{\alpha-n+1}}$$

- Right-sided

$${}_t D_b^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left( -\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \int_t^b \frac{f(\tau) d\tau}{(t-\tau)^{\alpha-n+1}}$$



# Grünwald-Letnikov definition

$$D^1[f(x)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h}$$

$$D^2[f(x)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - 2f(x-h) + f(x-2h)}{h^2}$$

$$D^3[f(x)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - 3f(x-h) + 3f(x-2h) - f(x-3h)}{h^3}$$

$$(-1)^k \binom{\alpha}{k} = (-1)^k \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{k! \Gamma(\alpha-k+1)}$$

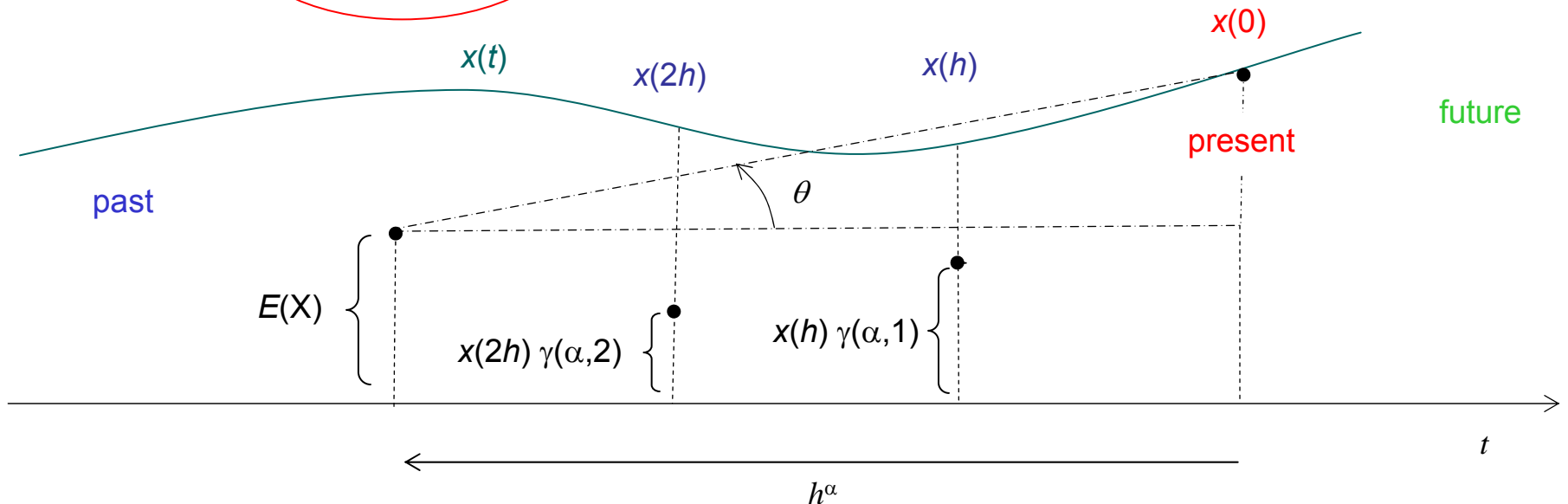
$$D^{1/2}[f(x)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - 1/2 f(x-h) - 1/8 f(x-2h) - 1/16 f(x-3h) - \dots}{h^{1/2}}$$

# A probabilistic perspective...

$$D^{1/2}[f(x)] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - \frac{1}{2}f(x-h) - \frac{1}{8}f(x-2h) - \frac{1}{16}f(x-3h) - \dots}{h^{1/2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = 1$$

non uniform time variation





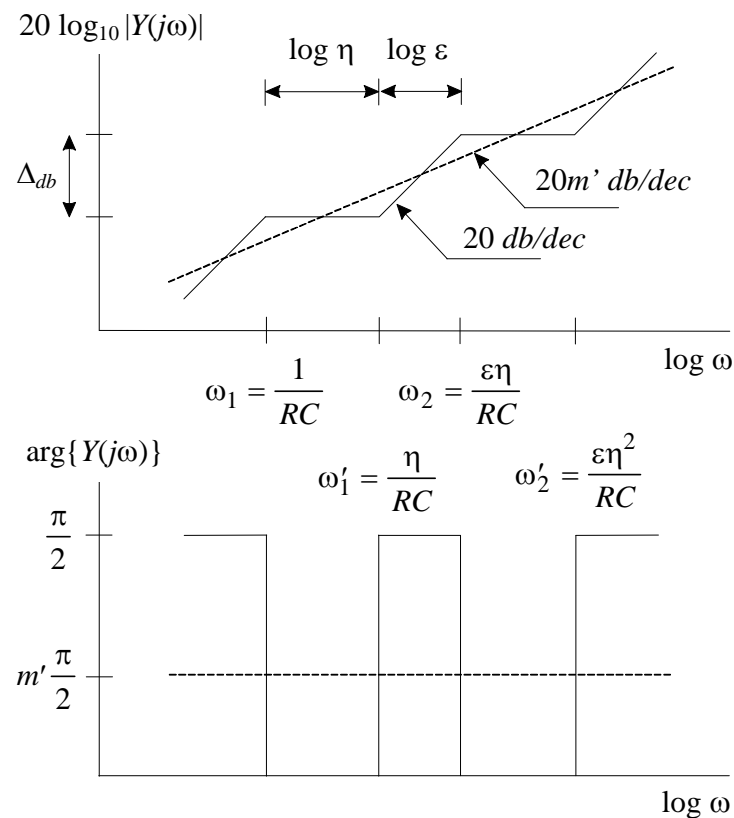
# Approximations of fractional derivatives

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- Two methods:
  - Frequency-based approach
  - Discrete-time approach



# Frequency-based FD approximation



- Recursive relationships of pole/zero frequencies:

$$\frac{\omega'_{i+1}}{\omega'_i} = \frac{\omega_{i+1}}{\omega_i} = \varepsilon\eta \quad \frac{\omega_i}{\omega'_i} = \varepsilon \quad \frac{\omega'_{i+1}}{\omega_i} = \eta$$

- Average slope:

$$m' = \frac{\log \varepsilon}{\log \varepsilon + \log \eta}$$

- Approach to  $D^\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha < 1$ ):

$$m' = \alpha$$

# Discrete-time FD approximation

Grünwald-Letnikov definition:

$$D^{\alpha} x(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{h^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(k+1)\Gamma(\alpha-k+1)} x(t-kh) \right]$$

$h \approx T$ ,  $T$  - sampling period:

$$\frac{Z\{D^{\alpha} x(t)\}}{X(z)} \approx \frac{1}{T^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \Gamma(\alpha+1)}{k! \Gamma(\alpha-k+1)} z^{-k} = \left( \frac{1-z^{-1}}{T} \right)^{\alpha}$$

Fraction approximation

$$\left( \frac{1-z^{-1}}{T} \right)^{1/2} \approx \frac{1}{T^{1/2}} \frac{-\frac{7}{64}z^{-3} + \frac{7}{8}z^{-2} - \frac{7}{4}z^{-1} + 1}{-\frac{1}{64}z^{-3} + \frac{3}{8}z^{-2} - \frac{5}{4}z^{-1} + 1}$$



# Integer vs Fractional Mechanics...

- Spring

- Hooke law

$$F = kx$$

- Viscous friction

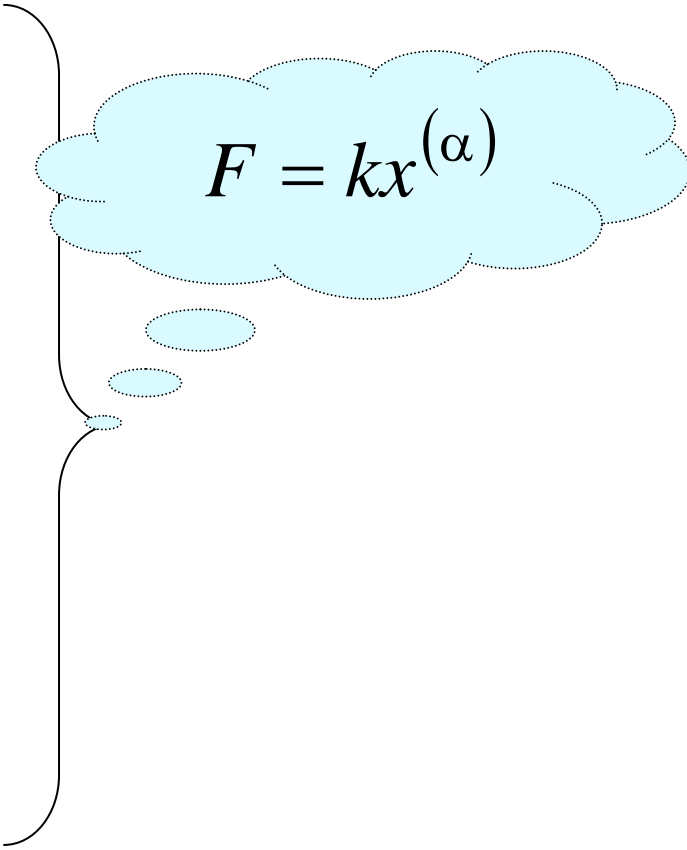
- Newton fluid

$$F = k\dot{x}$$

- Mass

- Newton 2<sup>nd</sup> law

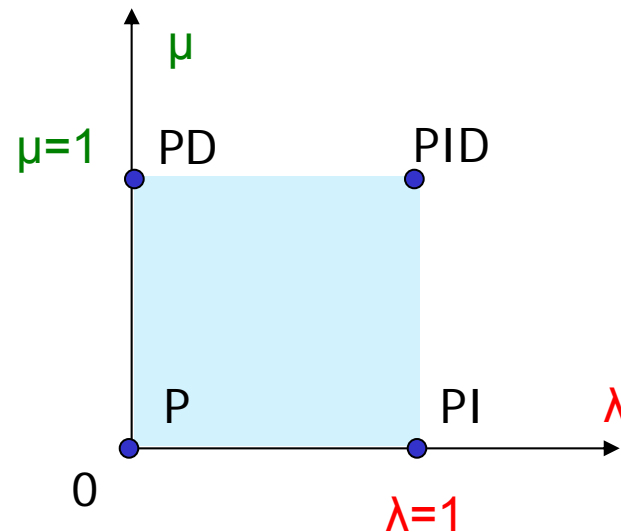
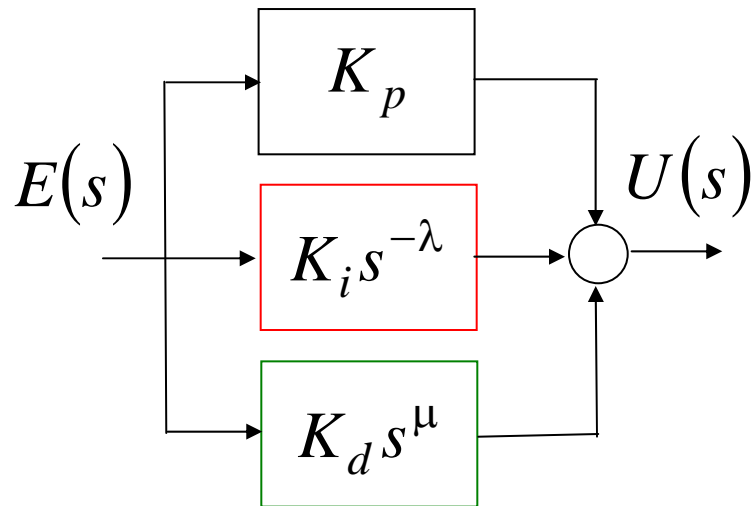
$$F = k\ddot{x}$$


$$F = kx^{(\alpha)}$$

# Fractional-Order Controllers

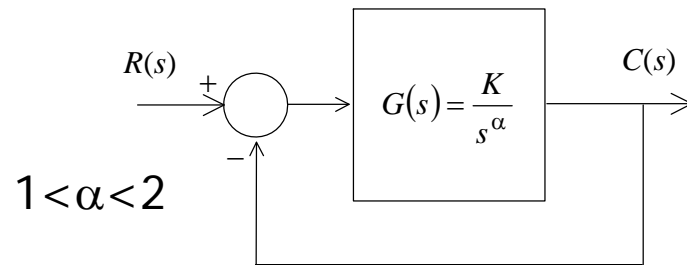
- The fractional-order  $PI^{\lambda}D^{\mu}$  controller:

$$C(s) = \frac{U(s)}{E(s)} = K_p + K_i s^{-\lambda} + K_d s^{\mu}$$

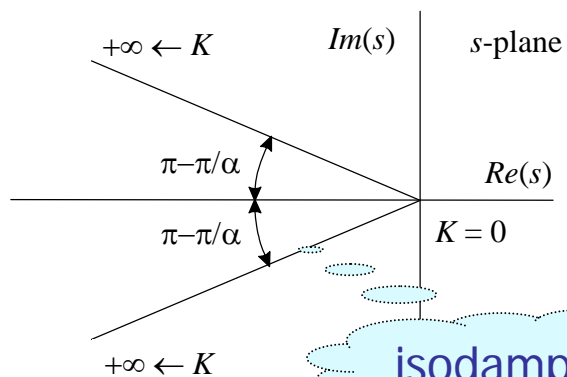


# Control robustness

Feedback control system



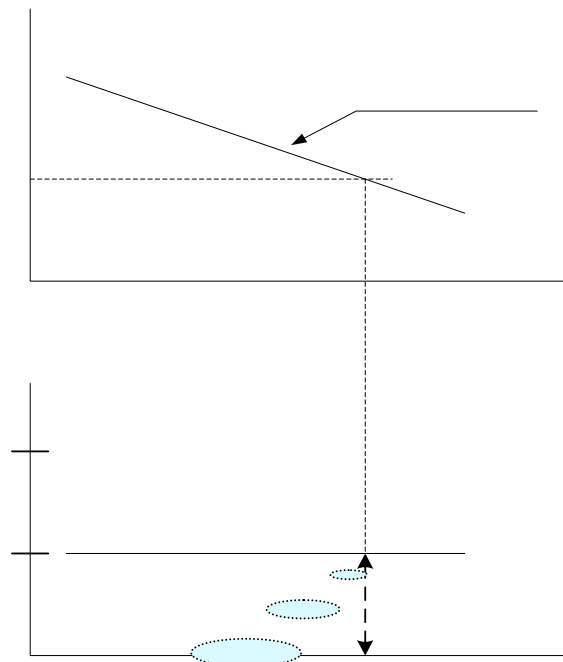
Root-locus



isodamping

constant phase margin

Bode diagrams

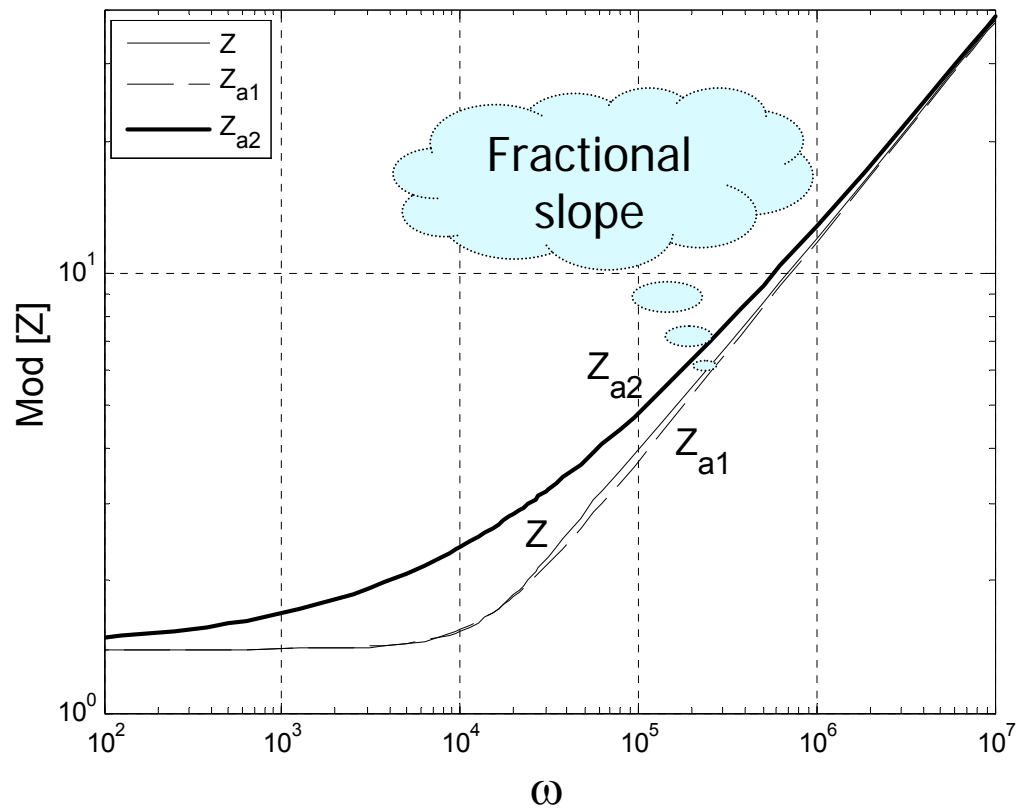


# Electromagnetism: Skin effect

$$\tilde{Z} = \frac{ql_0}{2\pi r_0 \sigma} \frac{J_0(qr_0)}{J_1(qr_0)}$$

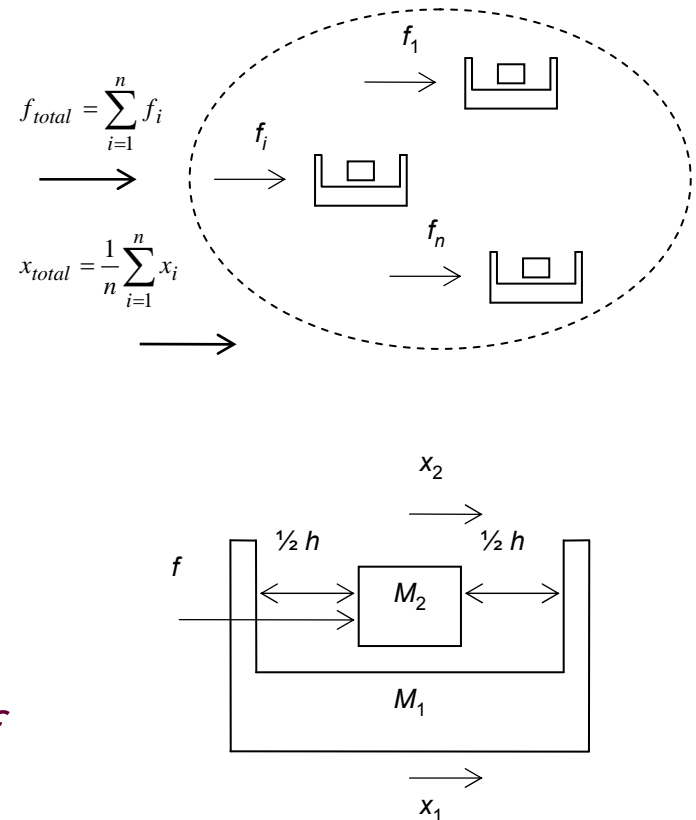
$$\tilde{Z}_{a1} \approx \frac{l_0}{\pi r_0^2 \sigma} \left[ i\omega \left( \frac{r_0}{2} \right)^2 \mu \sigma + 1 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\tilde{Z}_{a2} \approx \frac{l_0}{\pi r_0^2 \sigma} \left\{ \left[ i\omega \left( \frac{r_0}{2} \right)^2 \mu \sigma \right]^{1/2} + 1 \right\}$$



# Fractional Dynamics: A Statistical Perspective

- A mechanical system with  $n$  identical components having, each one, an independent motion
- Each elemental component consists of two masses  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , with displacement  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , having a backlash  $h$ , subjected to impacts under the action of force  $f$



# System Simulation and Analysis

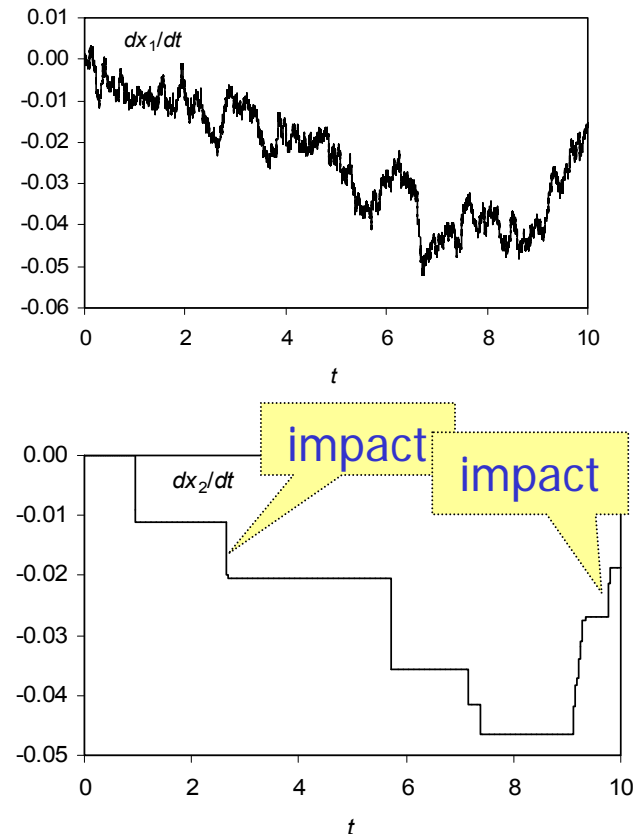
- Each element is driven by:

$$f(t) = F_{max} \text{rnd}(t)$$

- Time history of  $dx_1/dt$ ,  $dx_2/dt$
- Transfer functions:

$$H_k(j\omega) = \frac{F\{\dot{x}_k(t)\}}{F\{f(t)\}}, k = 1, 2$$

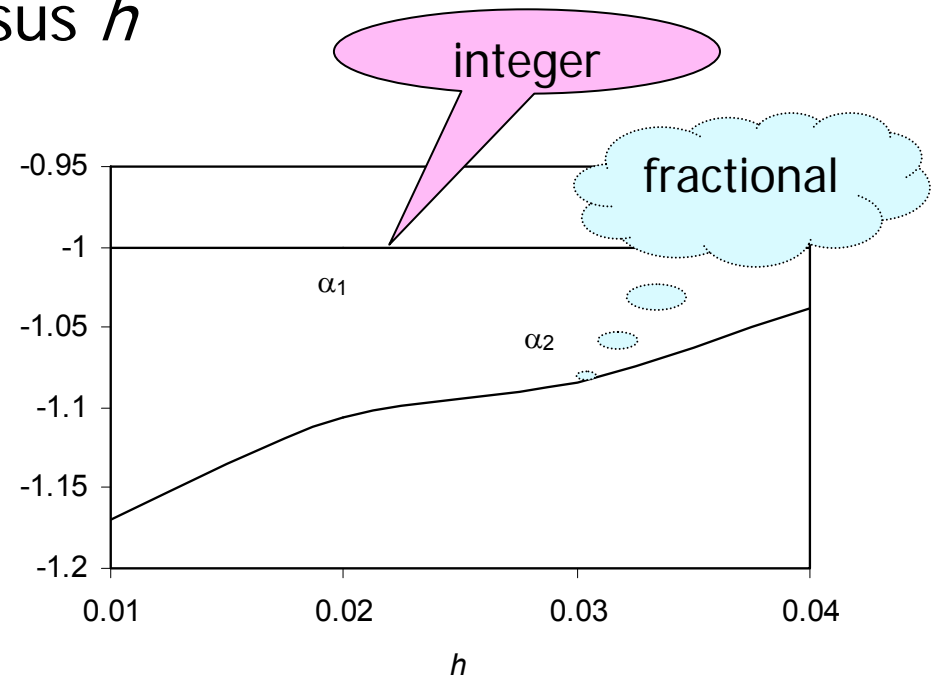
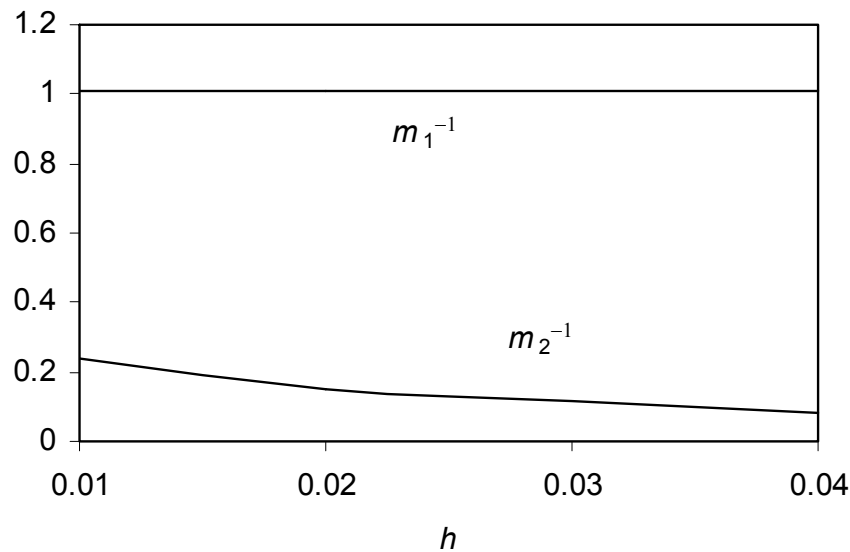
- Approximations:  $H_k(j\omega) \approx m_k^{-1} \omega^{\alpha_k}$





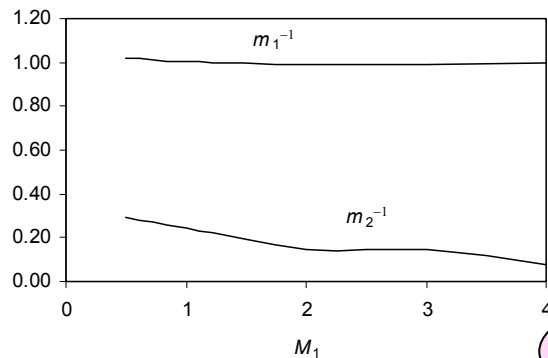
# System Simulation and Analysis

- The **average** transfer functions for  $n = 10^3$  elements are smoother
- Parameter variation versus  $h$

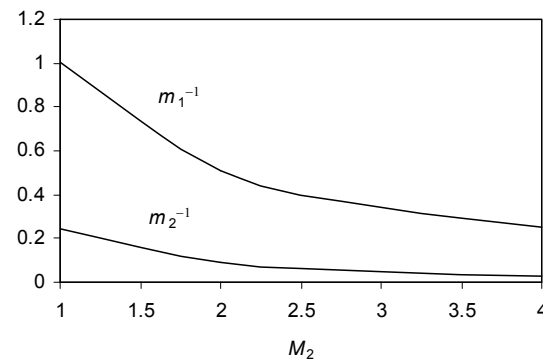


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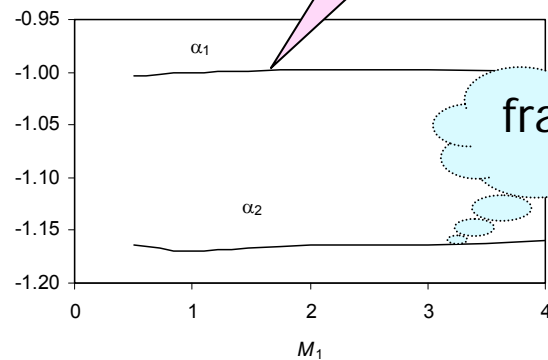
- Parameter variation versus  $M_1$  and  $M_2$



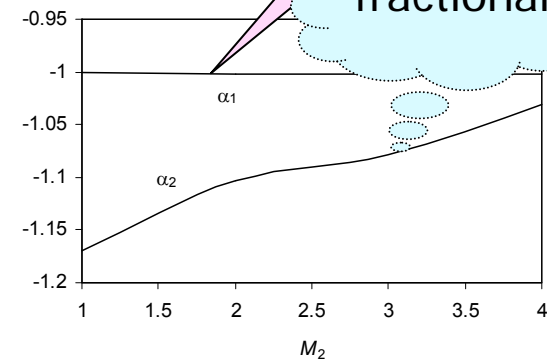
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integer



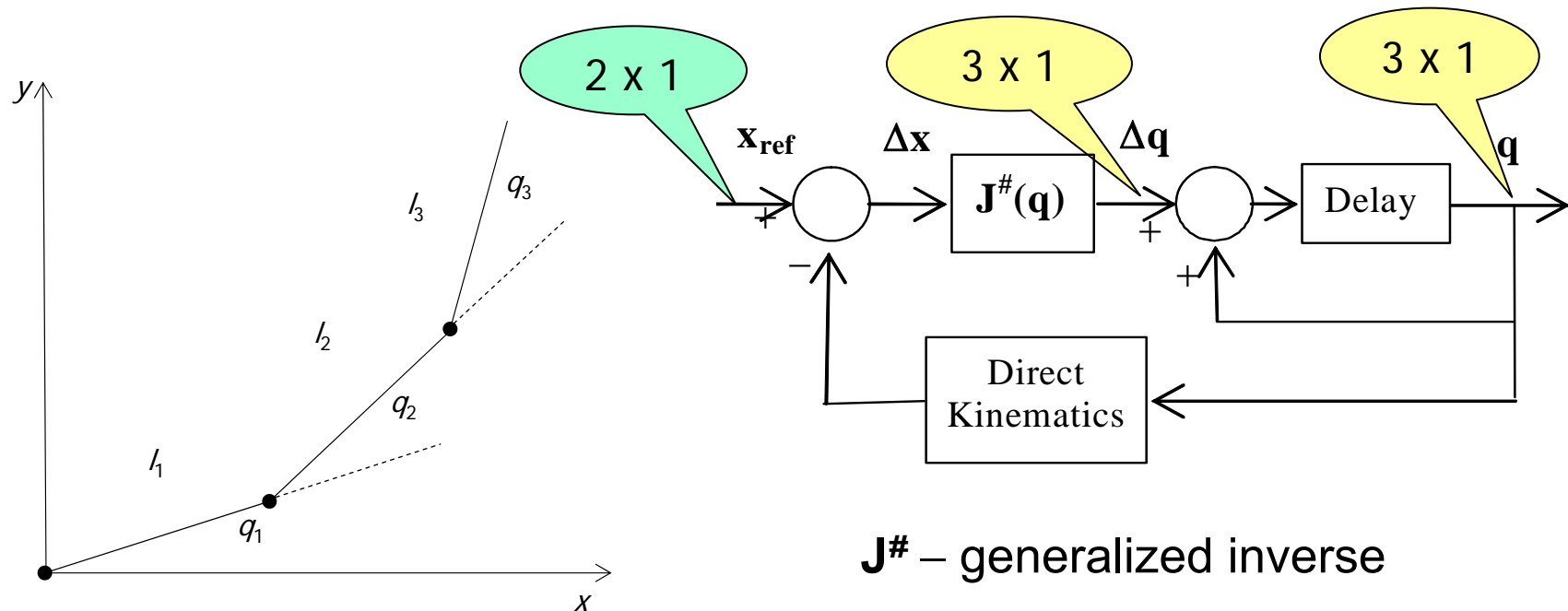
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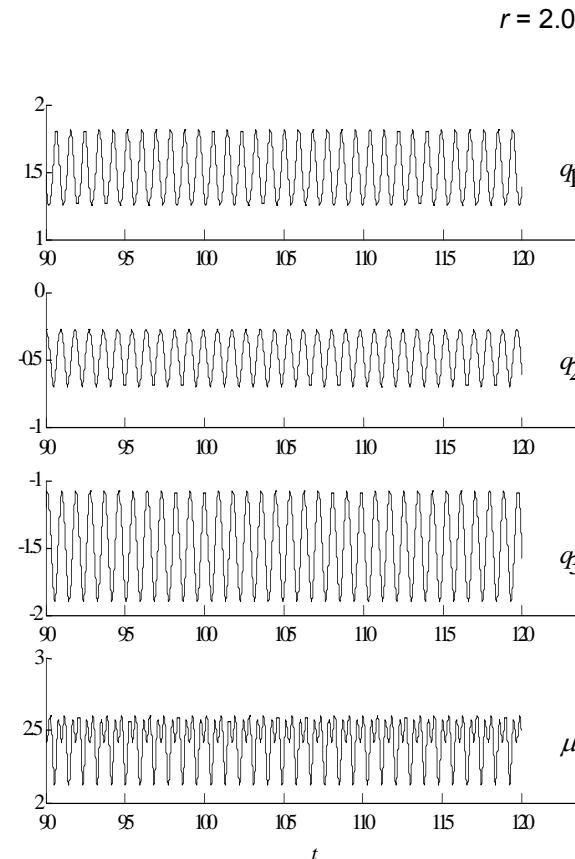
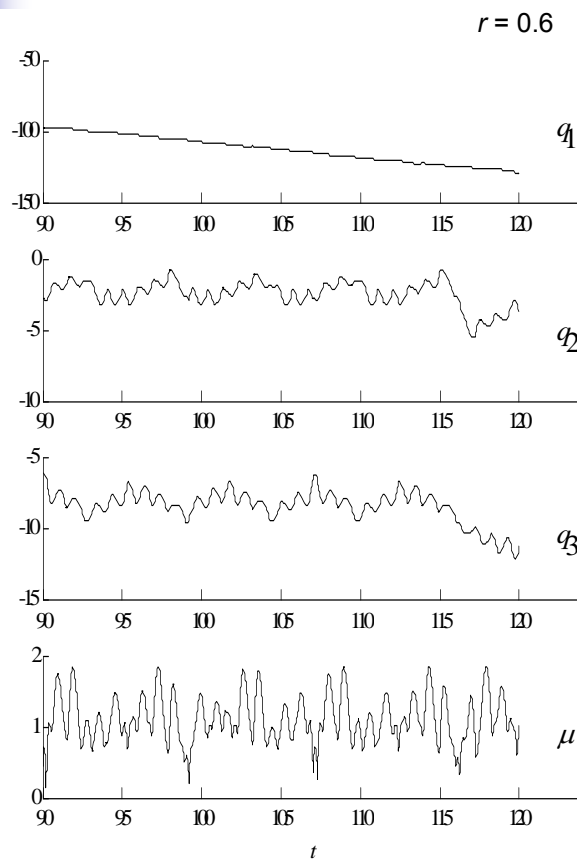
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# Redundant manipulators: Trajectory planning

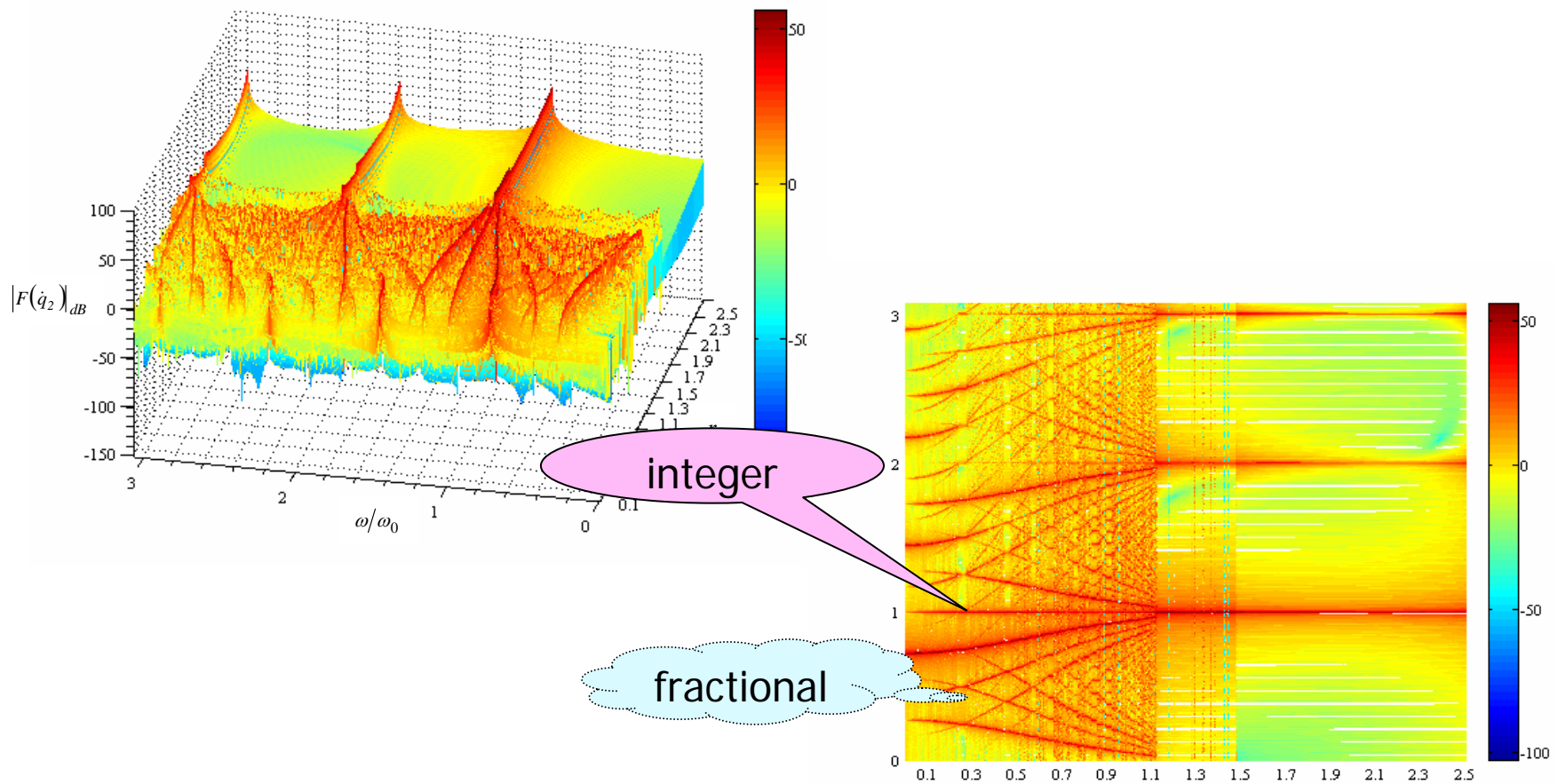
- 3R planar redundant manipulator
- Computation of joint positions



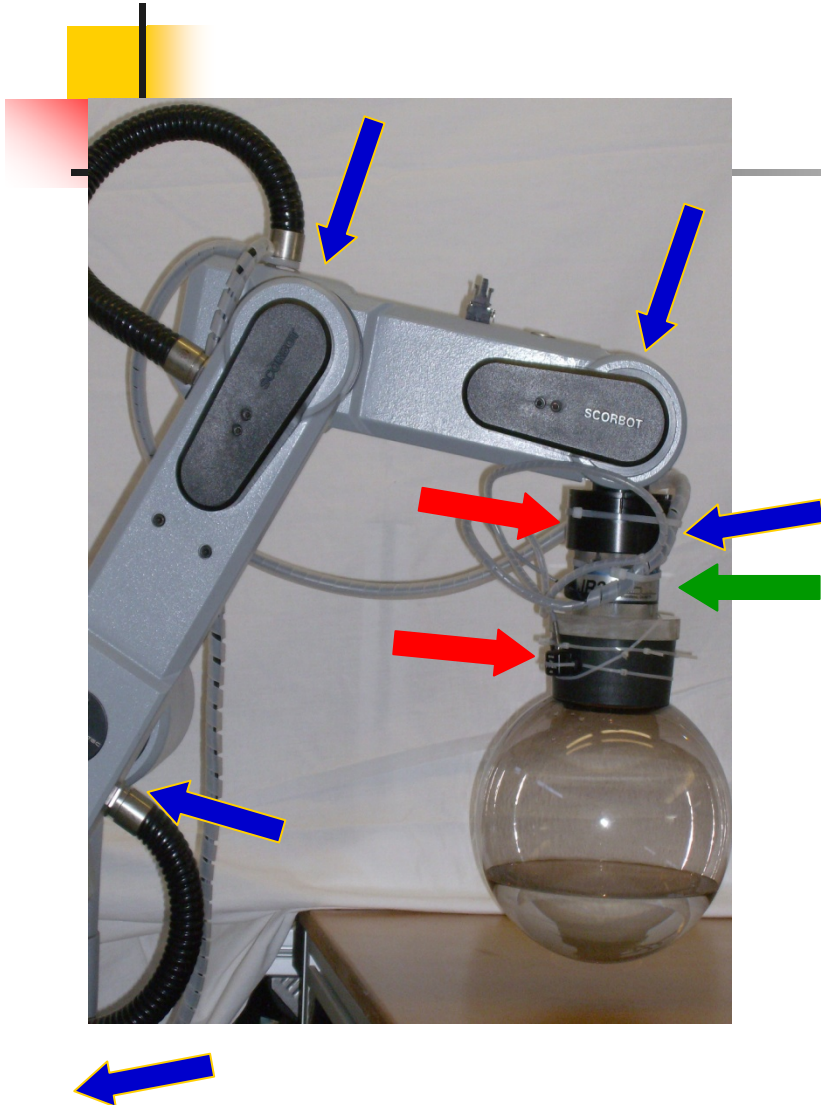
# Joint positions and manipulability *vs* time for $\rho = 0.5$ , $r = \{0.6, 2.0\}$








$F\{dq_2/dt\}$  vs  $(r, \omega/\omega_0)$  for  $\rho=0.5$



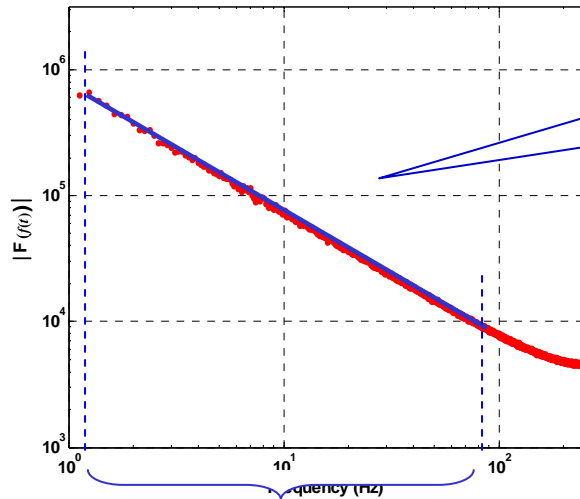
# Manipulator vibrations: Impacts and liquid motion



Summary of the captured signals

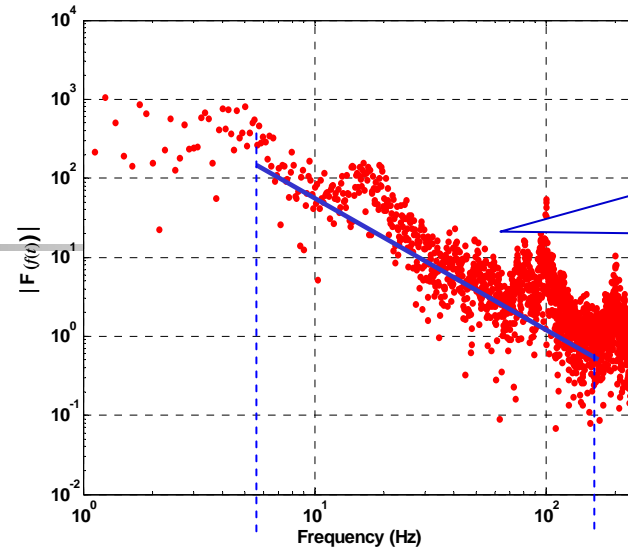
	Axis Positions	Internal signals
	Motors Currents	
	Wrist Forces	External signals
	Wrist Moments	
	Container Accelerations	

# Signals in the Frequency Domain: Set of Spectrum Shapes



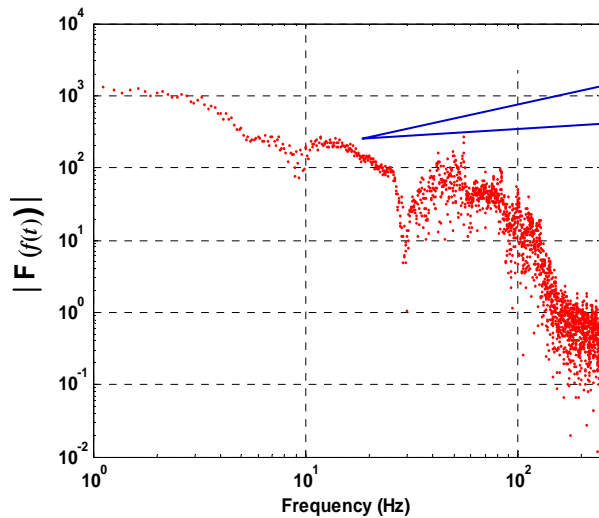
well  
defined

$\geq 1$  decade



Scattered  
but  
partially  
well  
defined

$\geq 1$  decade



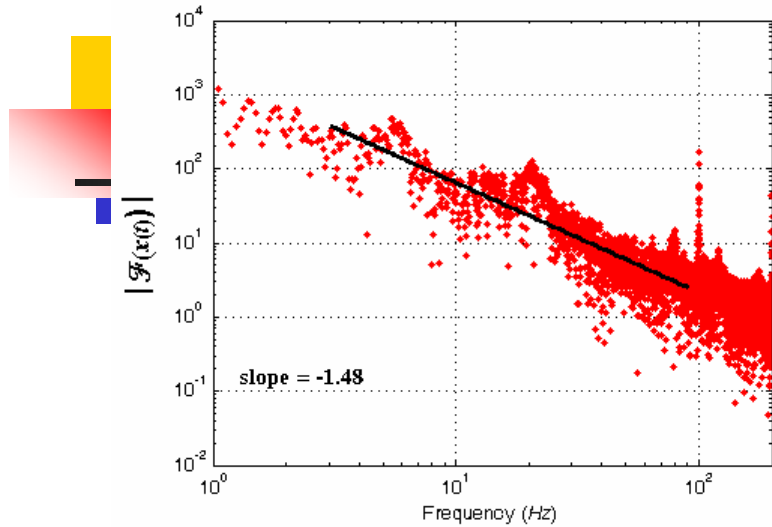
well  
defined but  
complicated

Trendline based on a  
power law approximation

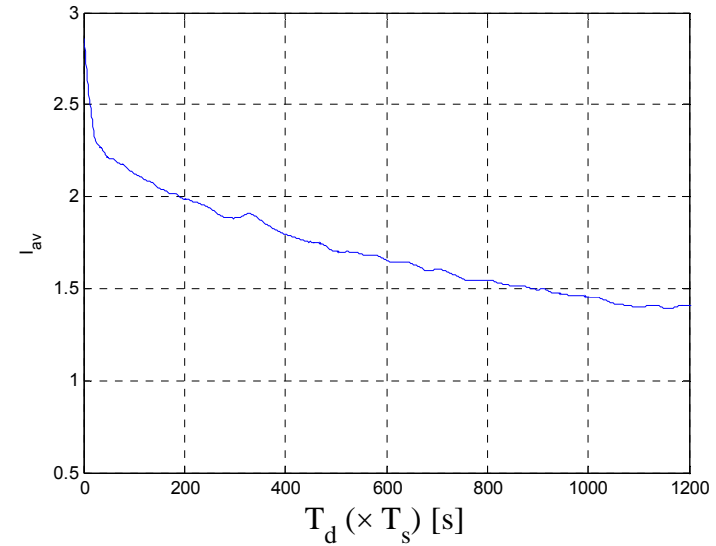
$$|F\{f(t)\}| \approx c\omega^m$$

# Pseudo Phase Plane (PPP)

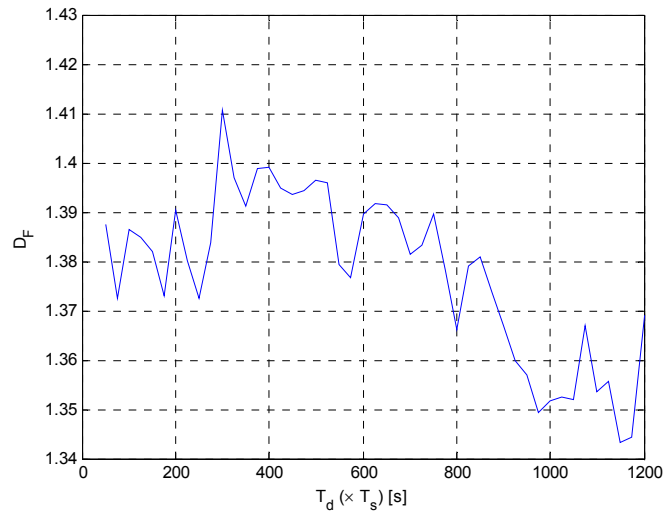
Spectrum of the axis 3 motor current



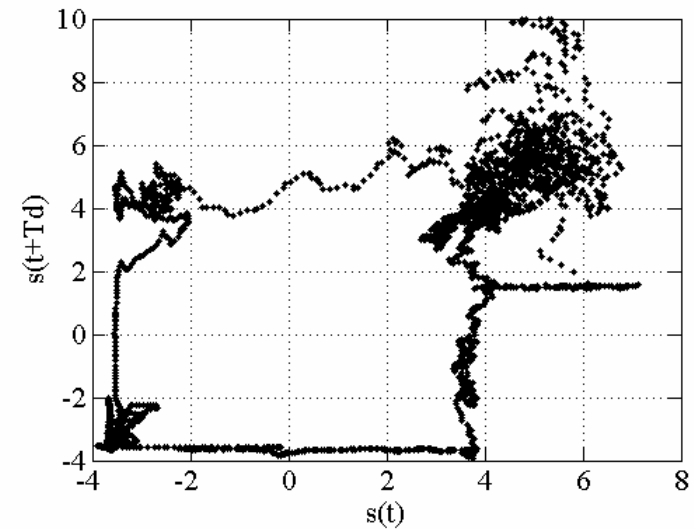
Average mutual info vs time delay



Fractal dimension of PPP vs time delay

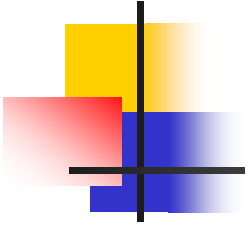


PPP for time delay = 300 samples

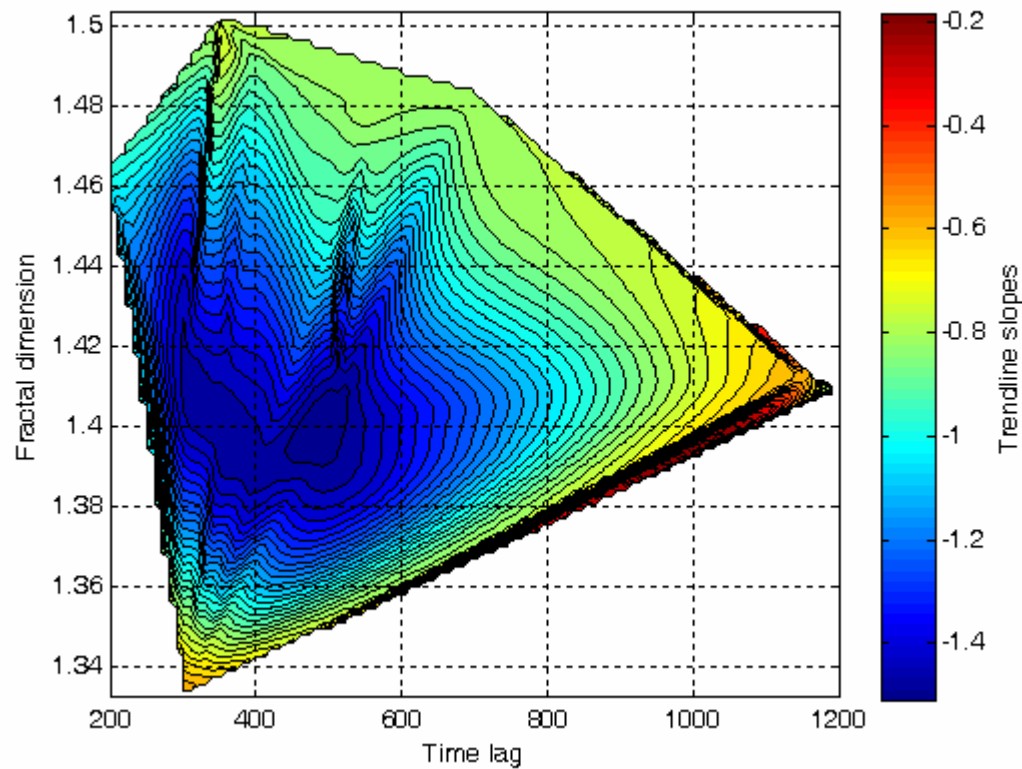




# Relationship between descriptions

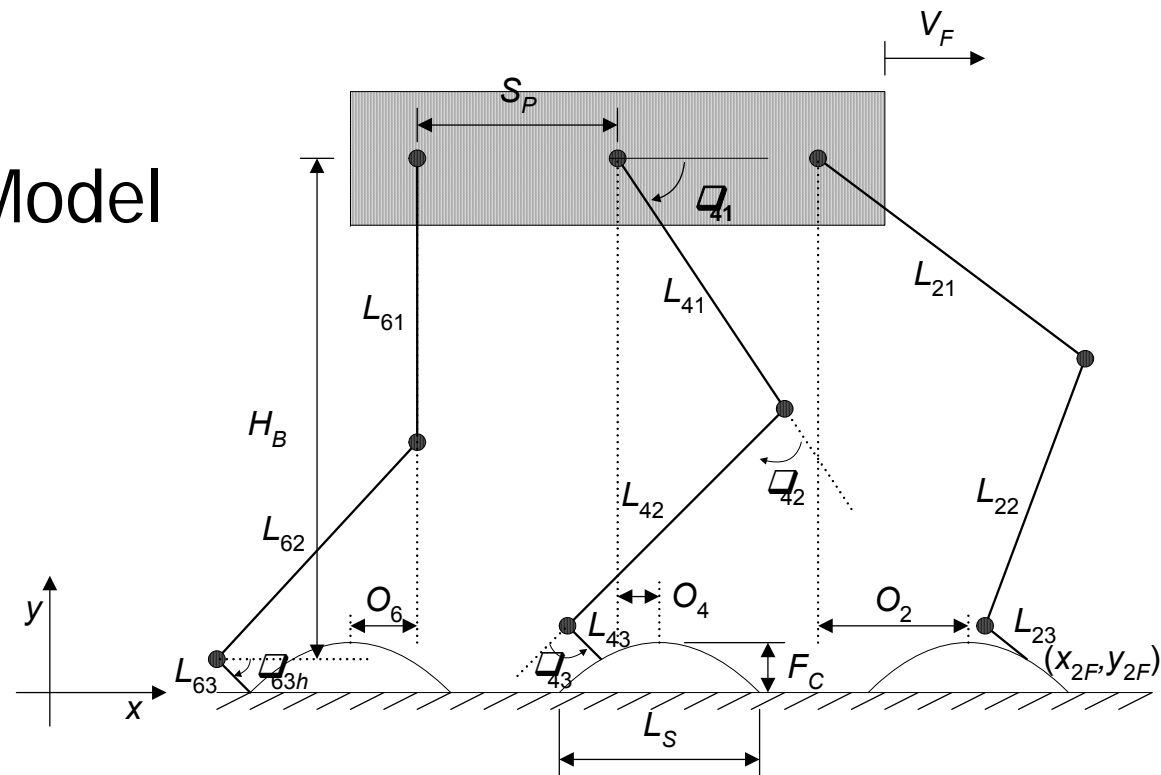


Trendline slope of the spectra of the electrical motor currents  
vs  
fractal dimension of PPP and time delay



# Hexapod robot: $PD^\alpha$ control

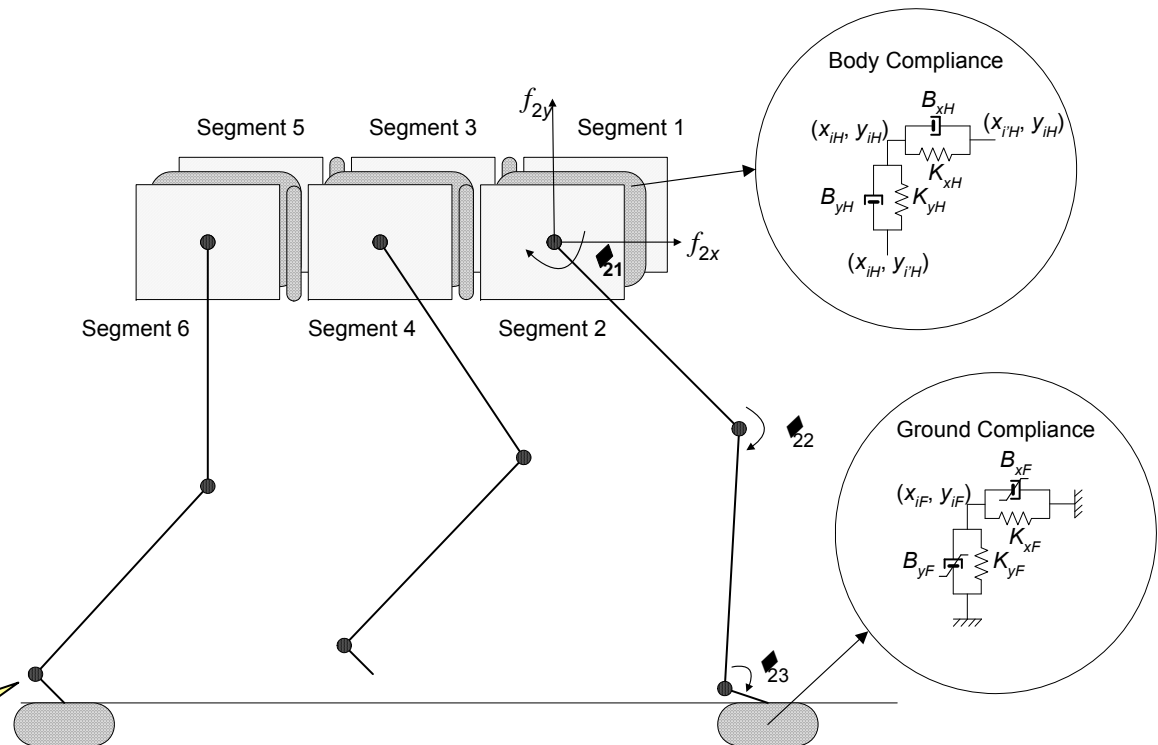
## Kinematic Model



# Hexapod robot: $PD^\alpha$ control

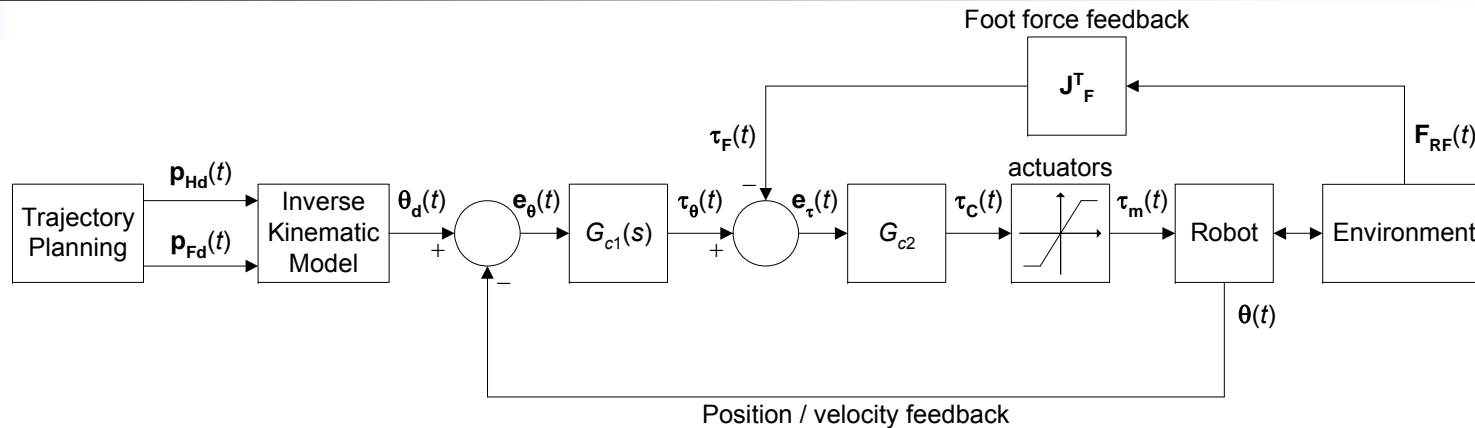
## Dynamic Model

- Body compliance
- Ground dynamics
- 3 dof legs



joint 3 actuation:  
passive vs active

# Control architecture



- Outer loop: position feedback
- Inner loop: foot contact force feedback

$$G_{C1j}(s) = Kp_{1j} + K\alpha_j s^{\alpha_j}, \quad \alpha_j \in \mathbb{R}, \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

$$G_{C2j}(s) = Kp_{2j}, \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

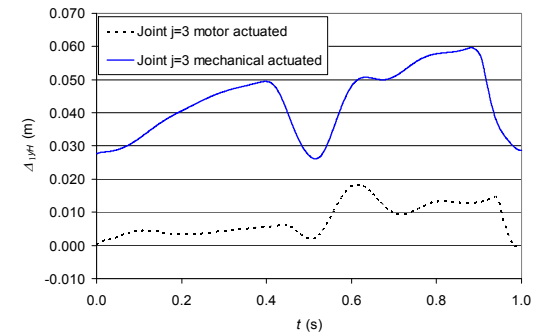
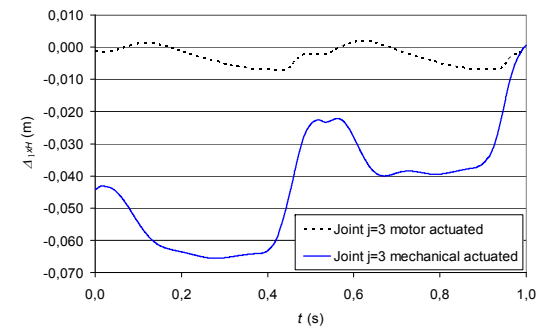
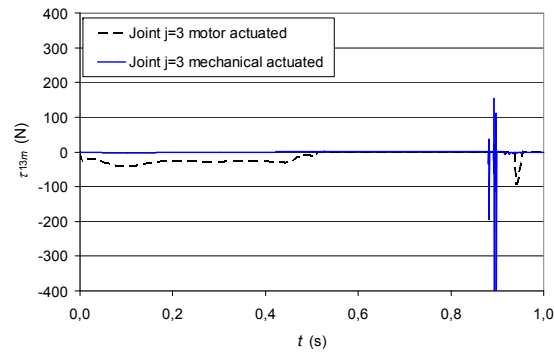
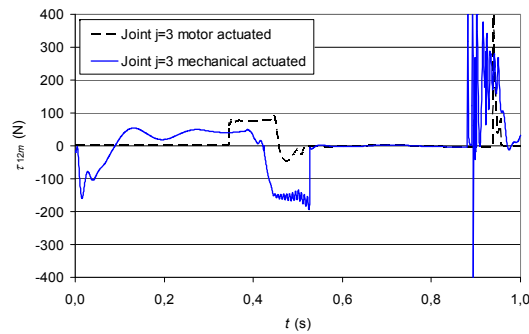
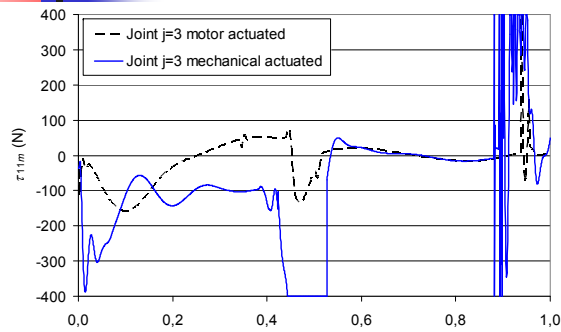


# System performance

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- Analysis of experiments
  - superior performance of the FO controller for  $\alpha_j \approx 0.5$
  - best situation when joint 3 is motor actuated
  - comparison of the plots of the leg joint torques  $\tau_{1jm}$  and of the hip trajectory tracking errors  $\Delta_{1xF}$  and  $\Delta_{1yF}$  versus  $t$  for both cases under study, when  $\alpha_j = 0.5$

# System performance





# Conclusions

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Only a  
fraction!

- Fractional models capture phenomena and properties that classical integer-order neglect
- Recent studies encourage the dynamical analysis and control of systems based on FC



# FC - Books

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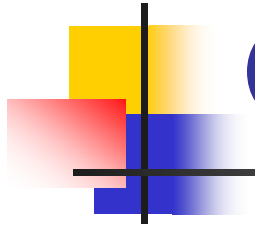
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