Vehicle Dynamics and Simulation Drivetrain Modelling

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Drivetrain overview

- Drivetrain responsible for optimal delivery of torque.
 - High efficiency
 - Low NVH and driveability targets met.
- Torque introduced at source i.e. powerplant and *flows* through drivetrain for delivery at tyre / road interface.
- For our purposes a relatively simple model is required i.e. time to speed simulation and analysis
 - Drivetrain compliance and damping won't significantly affect results.





Model development

Wheel and tyre

Model state 1 (3 dof)



Compliant	connection	(spring-d	lamper)
compliant	connection	(shimg_o	amperj



Friction interface



Model development

Wheel and tyre

Model state 2 (2 dof)











1-DOF



2-DOF



Model development



$$T_{a} = B\left(\dot{\theta}_{1} - \dot{\theta}_{2}\right) + K\left(\theta_{1} - \theta_{2}\right)$$
$$T_{b} = B\left(\dot{\theta}_{2} - \dot{\theta}_{3}\right) + K\left(\theta_{2} - \theta_{3}\right)$$



Single Inertia Vehicle Model

- Good representation if F_{in} is available.
- Simple to parameterise.
- Good check for validity of more complex multi-dof models.
- Disadvantages;
 - No clutch
 - Friction difficult to model
 - Unable to resolve any drivetrain performance details.



$$\ddot{x} = \frac{F}{m};$$
$$\dot{x} = \int \ddot{x} dt;$$
$$x = \int \dot{x} dt$$



Engine, Flywheel and Clutch

- Clutch is where the driveline splits and must be represented by some logic.
- Simplest model just deals with transfer of torque.
- More complex models include single or dual mass flywheels with non-linear clutch friction.
- Non-linear effects
 - Lash
 - Spring constants



Unlocked clutch $\omega_{rel} > 0$ or $T_{in} > \mu F_n$ (2 DOF) $J_{c1} \overset{"}{\theta}_{c1} = T_{in} - \mu F_n r_m$ $J_{c2} \overset{"}{\theta}_{c2} = \mu F_n r_m - T_{out}$ Locked clutch $\omega_{rel} = 0$ or $T_{in} \le \mu F_n$ (2 DOF) $(J_{c1} + J_{c2}) \overset{"}{\theta} = T_{in} - T_{out}$ $\theta_{c1} = \theta_{c2}$



Engine, Flywheel and Clutch

- Clutch switching logic can be complex due to high amplitude, high frequency oscillations that cause switching between locked and unlocked states.
- When $T_{in} > \mu N$ the clutch unlocks and then returns to locked state when $\omega_{rel} = 0$. Zero crossings i.e. oscillating directional changes also cause problems for the solver.
- Stateflow provides an easier way to implement logic.





Transmission

- Conceptually very simple however speed synchronisation of input and output shafts and inertia 'switching' i.e. 1dof -> 2dof -> 1dof adds complexity.
- Lash non-linearity excites high frequency dynamics that result in very stiff system – can be dealt with by increasing damping.
- Parameterisation can also be troublesome;
 - Different frictions and inertias depending on gear ratio.





Transmission

$$J_1 \ddot{\theta}_1 = T_{in} - B_{g1} \dot{\theta}_{g1} - Fr_1$$
$$J_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 = Fr_2 - B_{g2} \dot{\theta}_{g2} - T_{out}$$

Perfect gear means that an algebraic constraint exists;

 $r_1\theta_1 = r_2\theta_2$

Using the equation above, θ_1 can be eliminated (or θ_2)

Subs for
$$\dot{\theta}_{g1} = \frac{r_2}{r_1} \dot{\theta}_{g2} \longrightarrow J_{g1} \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) \ddot{\theta}_{g2} = T_{in} - B_{g1} \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) \dot{\theta}_{g2} - Fr_1$$

 $\times \frac{r_2}{r_1} \longrightarrow J_{g1} \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^2 \ddot{\theta}_{g2} = T_{in} \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) - B_{g1} \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^2 \dot{\theta}_{g2} - Fr_2$

And the complete system described (which can also be arranged for θ_{g1} ;

$$\ddot{\theta}_{g2} = \frac{T_{in}\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) - B_{g1}\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^2 \dot{\theta}_{g2} - B_{g2}\dot{\theta}_{g2} - T_{out}}{J_{g1}\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^2 + J_{g2}}$$



Final Drive, Differential and Driveshaft

- Driveshaft propagates torsional oscillation through compliance.
- Simple to model, less so to parameterise.



System equations

$$\ddot{\theta}_{d1} = \frac{T_{in} - T_{out}}{J_{d1}}$$

$$T_{out} = K_{d_s} \left(\theta_{d1} - \theta_{n+1} \right) + B_{d_s} \left(\dot{\theta}_{d1} - \dot{\theta}_{n+1} \right)$$



Final Drive, Differential and Driveshaft

- Final drive represents final ratio change.
- Can include complex non-linearities such as lash, active/passive friction systems.
- Simple to implement at most basic level.

The three inertias are represented;

 $J_{f1}\ddot{\theta}_{f1} = T_{in} - F_2r_1 - F_3r_1$ $J_{f2}\ddot{\theta}_{f2} = F_2r_2 - B\dot{\theta}_{f2} - T_{flout}$

 $J_{_{f3}}\ddot{\theta}_{_{f3}}=F_{_3}r_{_3}-B\dot{\theta}_{_{f3}}-T_{_{frout}}$

Subject to the constraints;

$$r_1\theta_{f1} = r_2\theta_{f2}$$

 $r_1 \theta_{f1} = r_3 \theta_{f3}$





After some algebraic manipulation, to give;

$$\ddot{\theta}_{f2} = \frac{T_{in} - \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right) \left[T_{L2} + T_{flout}\right] - \left(\frac{r_1}{r_3}\right) \left[T_{L3} + T_{frout}\right]}{\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) J_{f1} + J_{f2} \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right) + J_{f3} \left(\frac{r_2}{r_3}\right) \left(\frac{r_1}{r_3}\right)}$$



Wheel and Tyres

- LuGre tyre model models the tyre as the sum of solid-to-solid contact and viscous resistance of the lubricant between the tyre and road surface.
- The contribution of each is determined by the relative velocity of the tyre wrt the road.
- The LuGre tyre model remains numerically stable over the range of operation unlike some other models since as $x_v \rightarrow 0$ so instability occurs since the slip velocity $x_{rel} \rightarrow -\infty$ i.e. $1 \frac{r_t \theta_t}{x_v}$



$$F_{b} = Kx_{b_rel} + B\left(\dot{x}_{t_rel}\right)\dot{x}_{b_rel}$$



Vehicle Chassis

• Force generated in the tyre contact patch is applied to the vehicle chassis.



$$F_{rr} = mgCr$$
$$F_{inc} = mgsin\theta$$
$$F_d = \frac{1}{2}\rho AV^2C_d$$

T = Fr

