The Super-Critical Operational Modes in Robotic Systems

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Abstract. Amidst the swift advancements in robotics, the emergence of super-critical operational modes stands distinct, marking conditions that transcend conventional critical benchmarks. Such modes subject robotic systems to unparalleled strains, necessitating unmatched reliability, flexibility, and robustness. This paper probes into the intricacies of super-critical operations, underscoring the imperative for state-of-the-art sensors, heightened adaptability, resilience post-mishaps, intrinsic redundancy, unceasing surveillance, exhaustive pre-launch examinations, and all-encompassing operator education. Tending to these elements is indispensable for preserving the safety and efficacy of robotic systems under intense conditions, thereby fortifying both the apparatus and their associated industries.

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INTRODUCTION

The expansive trajectory of robotic advancements has unveiled an operational realm that goes beyond the conventional critical to the realm of the super-critical. As robotic systems permeate deeper into myriad facets of our existence, their resilience in adverse conditions becomes paramount, underscoring the necessity for systems that are not merely efficient but are imbued with unparalleled robustness.

Navigating this intricate landscape of super-critical operations necessitates a nuanced methodology. At its heart is the imperative to accurately discern the shift into super-critical modes. Such discernment hinges on the vigilant dynamism in system parameter tracking, adept anomaly detection mechanisms, and foresight through artificial intelligence and machine learning-assisted predictions [1].

Beyond the mere identification of the transition into a super-critical state, lies the consequential challenge of gauging residual functionality. Such assessments, pivotal in their own right, provide invaluable insights into the remaining operational sectors of the system, shaping strategies for recuperation and ensuring continued safety in subsequent deployments [2].

As the horizon of robotics expands, blurring the lines between machines and the myriad sectors they serve, a profound comprehension of super-critical operations and adeptness in their management emerges as a cornerstone for the future of robotics.

SUPER-CRITICAL OPERATIONAL MODES IN ROBOTIC SYSTEMS

Delineating 'Super-Critical'.

Within the context of technical systems, the term "critical mode" pertains to states where a system operates at the edge of its capabilities or is under threat of not meeting safety or reliability standards [1]. The "super-critical mode", on the other hand, describes situations where the system might lose its structural integrity, leading to an irreversible loss of its primary functionality.

Such a state is significant not only due to potential consequences for the system itself but also because of the unknown risks that could emerge. The idea of creating reliable systems out of unreliable components, as proposed by John von Neumann, may find its application here. Von Neumann believed that certain aspects of unreliability could be compensated by using structural and functional redundancy.

Robotic systems operating in extremely complex conditions are particularly vulnerable to entering super-critical states. Thus, studying these modes and developing methods to avoid or recover from them is of paramount importance [3].

Significant contributions to the study of these issues have been made by scholars such as Lerman, Kristina [4], Na, Jing [5], Goodwin, Walter [6], Tkach, Mykhailo. [7], Lisovychenko, Oleh [8], and, of course, John von Neumann with his pioneering ideas on reliable systems [9].

SIMPLIFIED MATHEMATICAL REPRESENTATION OF CRITICAL AND SUPER-CRITICAL SYSTEM CONCEPTS

To understand the distinctions between critical and super-critical system states, let's present a simplified mathematical and graphical representation of these ideas.

<u>Mathematical Approach:</u>

Let $S(t)$ represent the state of a system at time t.

Stable System: $S(t)$ remains within an acceptable range of values.

$$S(t) \in [a,b]$$

Critical State: $S(t)$ temporarily breaches the boundaries of the acceptable range but eventually returns to within this range.

$$\exists t_0 \to S(t_0) \neg\in [a,b]$$

yet

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} S(t) \neg\in [a,b]$$

Super-Critical State: $S(t)$ breaches the boundaries of the acceptable range and does not return by control signals.

$$\exists t_0 \to S(t_0) \neg\in [a,b] and$$

and

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} S(t) \neg\in [a,b]$$

Taking into account that a robotic system can be defined by its functional state, which depends on its structural and parametric integrity, external influences on the system, and the control impact, the model can be revised.

<u>Let's assume:</u>

$S(t)$ - represents the structural integrity of the robotic system, where $0 \leq S(t) \leq 1$. When $S(t) = 1$, the he system is fully intact, and at $S(t) = 0$, it has lost all its structural integrity.

$C(t)$ - signifies the parametric integrity of the system, with $0 \leq C(t) \leq 1$.

$P(t)$ - external pressures or influences on the system, simplified to $0 \leq P(t) \leq 1$.

$R(t)$ - the system's restorative force. This is based on the difference between the system's current state and its optimal state: $R(t) = k \cdot (1 - S(t))$, where k is a restoration coefficient.

$F(t)$ - the functional state of the robotic system, ranging from $0 \leq F(t) \leq 1$.

The equation describing the rate of change in structural integrity over time:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\alpha \cdot P(t) + R(t)$$

where α characterizes the impact of external pressures on the system's structural integrity.

Similarly, for parametric integrity:

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = -\beta \cdot P(t) + R(t)$$

where β characterizes the impact of external pressures on the system's parametric integrity.

The robotic system's functional state is determined as the product of its structural and parametric integrity:

$$F(t) = S(t) \cdot C(t)$$

Critical and Super-Critical States:

When $\lim\limits_{t \to t_{critical}} F(t) > 0$
then the system in critical state.
When $\lim\limits_{t \to t_{supercritical}} F(t) = 0$
then the system in super-critical state.

CHALLENGES IN SUPER-CRITICAL SITUATION

The odyssey into the realm of super-critical operations in robotic systems mirrors the nuances of a finely choreographed ballet during a tempest. Each move, though meticulously planned, must simultaneously display adaptability, awareness, and precision, all while anticipating the unforeseen gusts that threaten the performance.

At the heart of these challenges lies the foundational blueprints laid out during the design phase. These blueprints, intricate in their detailing, chart out the technical essence and environmental interplay of the robots. Yet, the unpredictable nature of real-world operations often throws a wrench into the machinery. Picture a scenario where a robotic component suffers damage during a task, thereby compromising its accuracy and range. In the precarious realm of super-critical operations, even a minor detour from the expected trajectory can mushroom into a cataclysmic failure, with repercussions echoing throughout the system.

The often subtle kinematic challenges endemic to robotics take on heightened significance in super-critical domains. Visualize an instance where Euler angles verge on gimbal lock, precipitating the loss of a degree of freedom. Such a predicament, manageable in routine operations, assumes a monumental scale in super-critical settings. An aberration in Euler angles can critically undermine the robot's navigational prowess, threatening the very crux of the mission.

Industry-standard structured methodologies, while foundational, illuminate another spectrum of challenges in these critical scenarios. Here, the bar is set beyond mere compliance; resilience becomes the gold standard. This robustness faces its crucible when system failures, both hardware and software, interweave in a complex ballet. The repercussions of a flaw in one component can resonate and magnify in another, creating a cascade that, if unchecked, might culminate in a catastrophic collapse. The race is not just towards early detection but also towards prophetic understanding of its ripple effects.

Moreover, the essence of super-critical operations pivots on anticipatory design. Robotic systems in these terrains must evolve from mere responsive entities to prescient ones, foreseeing and forestalling potential pitfalls. Drawing inspiration from revered safety protocols that underscore functional safety and proactive hazard mitigation offers a beacon. Embracing these principles carves out a pathway to not just confront but to preemptively navigate the challenges on this frontier.

To distill, the super-critical terrain is a mosaic of multifaceted challenges, each demanding an orchestrated blend of precision, foresight, and adaptability. From intricate design nuances to kinematic intricacies, each challenge, unique in its essence, beckons solutions crafted from innovation, insight, and agility.

ROBOTIC SYSTEMS STATE ASSESSMENT MODEL

Robotic systems' performance and reliability can be influenced by a range of factors. To quantify these relationships and better understand system behavior under different conditions, we provide a comprehensive mathematical model. This model incorporates structural and parametric integrity, external pressures, restorative force, and the functional state of the system.

Definitions:

$S(t)$ - Structural Integrity
$C(t)$ - Parametric Integrity
$P(t)$ - External Pressures
$R(t)$ - Restorative Force
$F(t)$ - Functional State

Dependencies:

The functional state is the product of structural and parametric integrity:

$$F(t) = F(t-1) + S(t) \cdot C(t)$$

The rate of change in structural integrity is influenced negatively by external pressures and positively by the restorative force:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = S(t-1) - \alpha \cdot P(t) + R(t)$$

Similarly, the rate of change in parametric integrity is also influenced by these factors:

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = S(t-1) - \beta \cdot P(t) + R(t)$$

Where α and β are coefficients that indicate how sensitive structural and parametric integrity are to external pressures.

The restorative force $R(t)$, still depends on structural integrity: $R(t) = k \cdot \big(1 - S(t)\big)$. Where k is the restoration coefficient.

From the primary relationships, we can derive the change in functional state due to external pressures and the restorative force:

$$\frac{dF(t)}{dt} = F(t-1) + C(t) \cdot \frac{dS(t)}{dt} + S(t) \cdot \frac{dC(t)}{dt}$$

Substituting values, we get:

$$\frac{dF(t)}{dt} = C(t) \cdot \big(S(t-1) - \alpha \cdot P(t) = R(t)\big) + S(t) \cdot \big(C(t-1) - \beta \cdot P(t) + R(t)\big)$$

The Model Simplification for Three System States:

Normal State (N): The system operates optimally with trivial external pressures and minimal restorative force:

$$S_N(t) = 1$$
$$C_N(t) = 1$$
$$P_N(t) \approx 0$$
$$R_N(t) = 0$$

Resulting in:

$$F_N(t) = S_{N(t)} \cdot C_N(t) = 1$$

Critical State (K): The system confronts disturbances yet hasn't surpassed a restorative threshold. Elevated external pressures and marked restorative forces strive to stabilize it.

$$S_K(t) < 1$$
$$C_K(t) < 1$$
$$P_K(t) > 0$$
$$R_K(t) = k \cdot (1 - S_K(t))$$

Resulting in:

$$F_K(t) = S_K(t) \cdot C_K(t)$$

Super-critical State (SK): Herein, the system encounters grave disruptions, making restoration daunting. External pressures peak, and restorative force falls short.

$$S_{SK}(t) \approx 0$$
$$C_{SK}(t) \approx 0$$
$$P_{SK}(t) \approx 1$$
$$R_{SK}(t) \approx 0$$

Resulting in:

$$F_{SK}(t) = S_{SK}(t) \cdot C_{SK}(t) \approx 0$$

VISUALIZATION OF OPERATIONAL MODES IN ROBOTIC SYSTEMS

To further elucidate the dynamics of robotic systems in various operational modes, we've visualized the phase space trajectories of three distinct conditions: Normal, Critical, and Supercritical has shown on Figure 1.

Normal Mode: This mode illustrates the simple dynamics where the state and its rate of change is depicted by a quadratic function, $y = x^2$

The plot of this function and its derivative represents the typical behavior of a robotic system under standard conditions, without any disturbances or anomalies.

Critical Mode: Here, we introduce a sinusoidal disturbance, simulating an unexpected yet manageable situation a robotic system might encounter. The trajectory showcases the slight deviations from the standard quadratic curve due to this disturbance. This is represented by $y = x^2 + \sin(\alpha x)$, with α dictating the frequency of the disturbance.

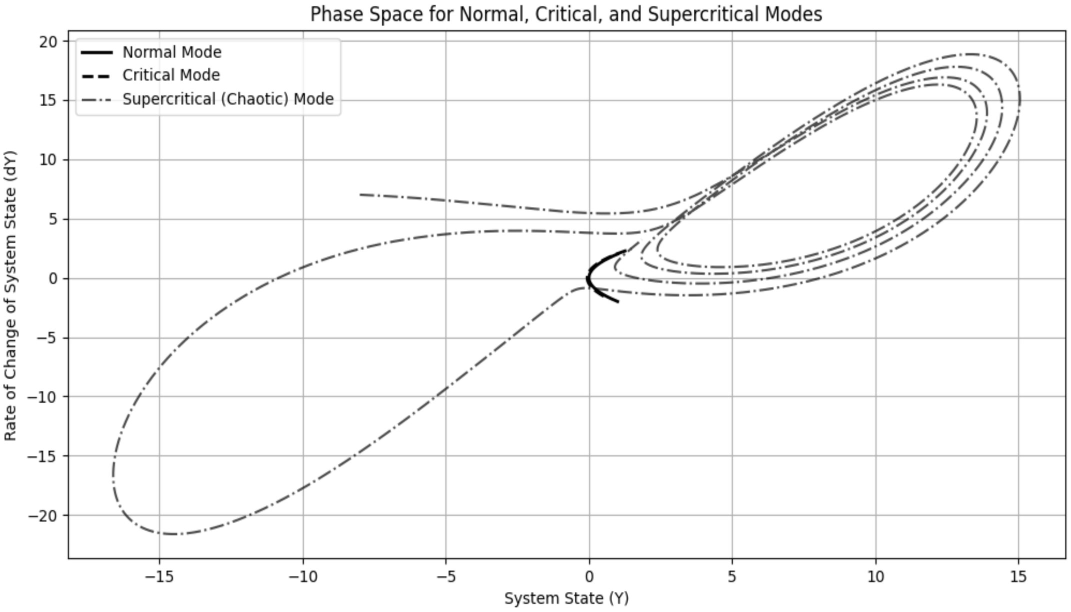

Fig. 1. Phase Space for Operational Mode Trajectories in Robotic Systems

Super-critical (Chaotic) Mode: To represent this mode, we employ the famous Lorenz Attractor – a set of differential equations that, when visualized, displays a chaotic behavior. The Lorenz Attractor is often used to represent systems that exhibit complex and unpredictable dynamics. In the context of our study, it serves as a metaphor for extreme situations where the robotic system's behavior becomes erratic and challenging to predict.

ADDRESSING SUPER-CRITICAL OPERATIONAL MODES

A Heightened Proactive Detection and Response: Systems must not only detect potential issues but do so with heightened sensitivity and speed, given the higher stakes involved.

Enhanced Adaptability: The rapid recalibration of system parameters or behaviors is vital to counteract unforeseen challenges.

Fortified Recovery Mechanisms: Given the gravity of potential consequences, recovery strategies need to be foolproof and swift.

Advanced Redundancy: Backup systems need to be more sophisticated, ensuring seamless transition during primary component failures.

Intensive Monitoring and Diagnostics: Continuous and multi-layered surveillance ensures every potential fault is detected.

Rigorous Testing: Super-critical scenarios demand extensive testing under the most challenging conditions to ensure reliability.

Specialized Operator Training: Operators should be equipped with advanced skills and knowledge, allowing for swift interventions during super-critical situations.

CONCLUSION

In the field of robotic systems, the concept of super-critical operational modes reshapes our perception of challenges and vulnerabilities. These modes don't merely elevate the stakes; they transform them, demanding unmatched precision, advanced diagnostic methods, and an unwavering commitment to safety. Navigating through these modes, and more importantly, restoring a system to its standard state after a super-critical event, requires a combination of high-tech solutions, thorough analysis, and rapid-response mechanisms. As we move forward, it is this intricate interplay of anticipation, real-time diagnostics, and rectification that will determine the robustness and reliability of future robotic systems. Journeying through super-criticality isn't just about surviving a storm, but about deeply understanding its essence and emerging stronger afterward.

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Надкритичні режими роботи в роботизованих системах

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Анотація. Серед стрімкого розвитку робототехніки поява надкритичних режимів роботи виділяється чітко, позначаючи умови, які виходять за межі звичайних критичних тестів. Такі режими піддають роботизовані системи незрівнянним навантаженням, що вимагає неперевершеної надійності, гнучкості та міцності. Ця стаття досліджує тонкощі надкритичних операцій, підкреслюючи необхідність використання найсучасніших датчиків, підвищеної адаптивності, стійкості після аварій, внутрішньої надмірності, безперервного спостереження, вичерпних перевірок перед запуском і всеохоплюючого оператора освіти. Догляд за цими елементами є незамінним для збереження безпеки та ефективності робототехнічних систем у напружених умовах, тим самим зміцнюючи як апарат, так і пов’язані з ним галузі.

Ключові слова: Роботизовані системи, надкритичні режими роботи, адаптивність, стійкість, проактивне виявлення, резервування.