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## ABSTRACT

This paper presents modeling, simulation and control of a novel and a highly nonlinear dynamic mechanism. It consists of a ball on a beam that is mounted on an inverted pendulum on a moving cart. The mathematical model will be derived using Euler–Lagrange approach. The resulted mathematical model has six ordinary differential equations with six states, namely, the cart position and velocity, the angle and the angular velocity of the inverted pendulum as well as the position and the velocity of the ball on the inverted T-shaped pendulum where the system is only controlled by the force that is applied to the cart. Moreover, the control will be done using state feedback using pole placement as well as linear quadratic regulator (LQR), and then the system model and control with an arbitrary case study are simulated using Matlab environment showing successful results. Successful control laws obtained by simulation results in both cases, that is, the applied force to the cart can bring the inverted pendulum angle as well as the ball position to the equilibrium states in approximately five and eight seconds using state feedback using pole placement and LQR controllers, respectively.

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