Application Note - APN 047

Description of the Motion-API command "Read cam discs"

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Introduction

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1 Reading cam discs

Introduction

This chapter describes how to read out a cam disc by means of the Motion API. In the Motion API, there are two structures for cam discs:

- Structures for defining cam discs
- Structures for reading cam discs

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1.1 Definitions referring to cam disc

Introduction

The Motion API library contains functions for evaluation of defined cam discs. These functions return data as values within corresponding structures. This chapter describes the applied structures in detail.

The structures in detail

In the Motion API, structures for reading cam discs have got the following names:

{ // ...
  Struct CamSegmentData
  Struct CamEvaluateData
  Struct CamAnalyseData
  Struct CamAnalyseDerivatesData
  //...
}

Access to the structures

You can read these data by attaching to each cam disc function both the profile number (CamID) and the segment number (SegmentID). For accessing the MCTechnoCam structures, declare the variables. You can have these variables displayed in a setup screen, for example.

Var

MyCamSegmentData : CamSegmentData;
MyCamEvaluateData : CamEvaluateData;
MyCamAnalyseData : CamAnalyseData;
MyCamAnalyseDerivatesData : CamAnalyseDerivatesData;
End_Var;

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**CamSegmentData**

**Introduction**

The feedback value of the function `ReadSegment` supplies the following data structure for being read:

- Segment start
- Offset of the leading and shadow axis
- Coefficients of the cam disc
- Range of the leading axis

If you have to check data, for example, you can read the coefficients of a previously defined polynomial or the offset position of a shadow axis by means of the structure `CamSegmentData`.

**Corresponding Motion API command**

The structure `CamSegmentData` corresponds with the following function:

- `MCTechnoCam.ReadSegment()`

`ReadSegment` is a means for controlling defined cam discs. This way you can check, whether the cam disc takes the planned course. JetSym, for example, lets you read and graphically present this course.

**Definition of the structure CamSegmentData**

The structure `CamSegmentData` has been defined in the Motion API file `MCTechnoCamStructs.stxp`.

```
CamSegmentData : Struct
    SegmentType    : Int;
    SegmentStart   : Double;
    Option         : Int;
    MasterOffset   : Double;
    FollowerOffset : Double;
    Coefficient    : Array[0..7] Of Double;
    MasterCamRange : Double;
End_Struct;
```
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## CamSegmentData - Memory structure

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The function `MCTechnoCam.ReadSegment()` reads data and saves these as return values to the structure `CamSegmentData`.

## Notes

- In case of the function `AutopolyX`, not all basic parameters (derivatives), but the polynomial coefficients are read back.
- For the first segment, the leading axis range is read, for further segments the leading axis modulo range is read.
### Example of an equation including a straight line
You have defined a cam disc by means of function type **straight line**. If you read back the coefficients, two coefficients for the functions will be stored to `CamSegmentData.Coefficient[...]`.

\[ y(x) = a \cdot x + b \]

Saved coefficients: \( a, b \)

### Example: 7th order polynomial
You have defined a cam disc by means of function type **7th order polynomial**. If you read back the coefficients, eight coefficients for the functions will be stored to `CamSegmentData.Coefficient[...]`.

\[ y(x) = a\cdot x^7 + b\cdot x^6 + c\cdot x^5 + d\cdot x^4 + e\cdot x^3 + f\cdot x^2 + g\cdot x + h \]

Saved coefficients: \( a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h \)

### Order of the coefficients
The coefficients have been stored in ascending order. This means that, for example, in case of a **7th order polynomial** the eighth coefficient has got the highest order:

- `CamSegmentData.Coefficient[0] = Coefficient h`
- `CamSegmentData.Coefficient[1] = Coefficient g`
- ...  
- `CamSegmentData.Coefficient[6] = Coefficient b`
- `CamSegmentData.Coefficient[7] = Coefficient a`

In case of a **straight line**, the coefficients have been stored as follows:

- `CamSegmentData.Coefficient[0] = Coefficient b`
- `CamSegmentData.Coefficient[1] = Coefficient a`

Coefficients that are not needed contain value zero.
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JetSym STX program

By means of Hardware Manager, you have created a technology group \texttt{tecGruppe} consisting of the leading axis \texttt{axLeitachse} and the cam disc shadow axis \texttt{axFolgeachse}. The short program outputs the value of the segment:

\begin{verbatim}
Task tReadSegment
Var
  CamSegData: CamSegmentData;
  i: Int;
End_Var;

// Reading the data 'ReadSegment':
tecGruppe.Coupling.Cam.ReadSegment(axFolgeachse,1,1);

// Data output:
Trace('Segmenttyp: ' + FloatToStr(CamSegData.SegmentType));
Trace('Segmentstart: ' + FloatToStr(CamSegData.SegmentStart));
Trace('Optionen: ' + FloatToStr(CamSegData.Option));
Trace('Offset der Leitachse: ' + FloatToStr(CamSegData.MasterOffset));
Trace('Offset der Folgeachse: ' + FloatToStr(CamSegData.FollowerOffset));
For i := 0 To 7 Do
  Trace('Koeffizient ' + IntToStr(i) + ':' + FloatToStr(CamSegData.Coefficient[i]));
End_For;
Trace('Leitachsbereich: ' + FloatToStr(CamSegData.MasterCamRange));
End_Task;
\end{verbatim}
**CamEvaluateData**

**Introduction**
This structure lets you read the following data:
- Position of the shadow axis at set leading axis position
- Segment number
- Range of the leading axis

**Corresponding Motion API command**
The structure CamEvaluateData corresponds with the following function:
- MCTechnoCam.Evaluate()

The motion API command Evaluate reads the position of the shadow axis. You set the position of the leading axis.

**Definition of the structure CamEvaluateData**
The structure CamEvaluateData has been defined in the Motion API file MCTechnoCamStructs.stxp.

CamEvaluateData : Struct
  FollowerPosition  : Double;
  SegmentNr         : Int;
  MasterCamRange    : Double;
End_Struct;

**CamEvaluateData - Memory structure**

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The function MCTechnoCam.Evaluate() reads data and saves these as return values to the structure CamEvaluateData.
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JetSym STX program

By means of Hardware Manager, you have created a technology group tecGruppe consisting of the leading axis axLeitachse and the cam disc shadow axis axFolgeachse. The task reads data of the shadow axis at set leading axis.

Var

CamEvalData: CamEvaluateData;
tecGruppe: Pointer To MCTechno;

End_Var;

Task tEvalData

// Coupling.Cam.Evaluate is called by the following parameters:
// Coupling.Cam.Evaluate(FollowerAxis, CamId, MasterPosition)
// The leading axis position is set, the shadow axis position,
// segment number and leading axis range are read.
// Function call-up:
// Reading the values for cam disc 2 at leading axis position 150.0:
CamEvalData:= tecGruppe.Coupling.Cam.Evaluate(axFolgeachse, 2, 150.0);

// Results output:
Trace('Position der Folgeachse: ' + FloatToStr(CamEvalData.FollowerPosition);
Trace('SegmentNr: ', + IntToStr(CamEvalData.SegmentNr));
Trace('Leitachsbereich: ' + FloatToStr(CamEvalData.MasterCamRange));

End_Task;
CamAnalyseData

Introduction
This structure lets you read the following data:
- Segment start
- Selected option in the analyzed segment
- Offsets of the leading axis
- Offset of the shadow axis
- Minimum value of the segment
- Maximum value of the segment

Corresponding Motion API command
The structure CamAnalyseData corresponds with the following function:
- MCTechnoCam.CamAnalyseSegment()

Definition of the structure CamAnalyseData
The structure CamAnalyseSegment has been defined in the Motion API file MCTechnoCamStructs.stxp.

CamAnalyseData : Struct
    SegmentType    : Int;
    SegmentStart   : Double;
    Option         : Int;
    MasterOffset   : Double;
    FollowerOffset : Double;
    MinValue       : Double;
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End_Struct;
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The function `MCTechnoCam.AnalyseSegment()` reads values for the structure `CamAnalyseData`. 
JetSym STX program

By means of Hardware Manager, you have created a technology group 
tecGruppe consisting of the leading axis axLeitachse and the cam disc shadow axis axFolgeachse.

```
Task tAnalyseCAM
Var
  CamAnalyseSegData:   CamAnalyseData;
End_Var;

// Function call-up
// Reading the values for cam disc 1, segment 1:
tecGruppe.Coupling.Cam.AnalyseSegment(axFolgeachse,1,1);
// Evaluation:
Trace('Segmenttyp: ' + IntToStr(CamAnalyseSegData.SegmentType));
Trace('Beginn des Segments: ' + FloatToStr(CamAnalyseSegData.SegmentStart));
Trace('Option: ' + IntToStr(CamAnalyseSegData.Option ));
Trace('Offset der Leitachse: ' + FloatToStr(CamAnalyseSegData.MasterOffset));
Trace('Offset der Folgeachse: ' + FloatToStr(CamAnalyseSegData.FollowerOffset));
Trace('Kleinster Wert im Segment: ' + FloatToStr(CamAnalyseSegData.MinValue));
Trace('Größter Wert im Segment: ' + FloatToStr(CamAnalyseSegData.MaxValue));
End_Task;
```
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CamAnalyseDerivatesData

Introduction
This structure lets you read the following data:

- Segment start
- Selected option in the analyzed segment
- Offsets of the leading axis
- Offset of the shadow axis
- Minimum values of the derivatives
- Maximum values of the derivatives
- Range of the leading axis

Application example
If you have used the function type Autopolynomial in the definition of the cam disc, read the derivatives segment by segment. This way, expensive software updates are not necessary anymore.

Corresponding Motion API command
The structure CamAnalyseDerivatesData corresponds with the following function:

- `MCTechnoCam.AnalyseSegmentDerivates()`

Definition of the structure CamAnalyseDerivatesData
The structure `CamAnalyseDerivatesData` has been defined in the Motion API file `MCTechnoCamStructs.stxp`.

```
CamAnalyseDerivatesData: Struct
  SegmentType : Int;
  SegmentStart : Double;
  Option : Int;
  MasterOffset : Double;
  FollowerOffset : Double;
  MinValue : Array[0..2] Of Double;
  MaxValue : Array[0..2] Of Double;
  MasterCamRange : Double;
End_Struct;
```
## Motion API command - Technological function cam disc

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**CamAnalyseDerivates**

**Data - Memory structure**

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JetSym STX program

By means of Hardware Manager, you have created a technology group **tecGruppe** consisting of the leading axis **axLeitachse** and the cam disc shadow axis **axFolgeachse**.

```plaintext
Task tAnalyseCAMDerivates

Var
  CamAnalyseDerivates: CamAnalysederivatesData;
  i: Int;
End_Var;

// Function call-up
// Reading the values for cam disc 1, segment 1:
tecGruppe.Coupling.Cam.AnalyseSegmentDerivates(axFolgeachse,1,1);

// Evaluation:
Trace('Segmenttyp: ' + IntToStr(CamAnalyseDerivates.SegmentType));
Trace('Beginn des Segments: ' + FloatToStr(CamAnalyseDerivates.SegmentStart));
Trace('Option: ' + IntToStr(CamAnalyseDerivates.Option));
Trace('Offset der Leitachse: ' + FloatToStr(CamAnalyseDerivates.MasterOffset));
Trace('Offset der Folgeachse: ' + FloatToStr(CamAnalyseDerivates.FollowerOffset));
For i := 0 To 2 Do
  Trace('Kleinster Wert der ' + IntToStr(i) + ' Ableitung ist: ' + FloatToStr(CamAnalyseDerivates.MinValue[i]));
  Trace('Größter Wert der ' + IntToStr(i) + ' Ableitung ist: ' + FloatToStr(CamAnalyseDerivates.MaxValue[i]));
End_For;
End_Task;
```