Robot Dynamics
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Robot Dynamics

Dynamics

- For Manipulators, the general form is

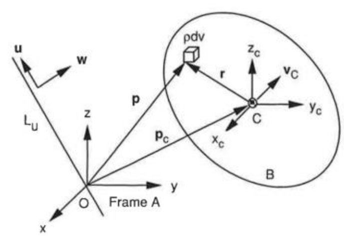
$$\tau = M(\Theta)\ddot{\Theta} + V(\Theta, \dot{\Theta}) + G(\Theta)$$

where
  - τ is a vector of joint torques
  - Θ is the nx1 vector of joint angles
  - $M(\Theta)$ is the nxn mass matrix
  - $V(\Theta, \dot{\Theta})$is the nx1 vector of centrifugal and Coriolis terms
  - $G(\Theta)$ is an nx1 vector of gravity terms
- Notice that all of these terms depend on Θ so the dynamics varies as the manipulator move

Dynamics: Inertia

- The moment of inertia (second moment) of a rigid body B relative to a line L that passes through a reference point O and is parallel to a unit vector **u** is given by:

$$I_u^O = \int_V p \times (u \times p)\,\rho dV$$
$$= \int_V \left[p^2 u - \left(p^T u\right) p\right] \rho dV$$



- The scalar product of I^o_u with a second axis (**w**) is called the product of inertia

$$I_{uw}^O = I_u^O \cdot w = \int_V \left[\left(u^T w\right) p^2 - \left(p^T u\right)\left(p^T w\right)\right] \rho dV$$

- If u=w, then we get the moment of inertia:

$$I_{uu} = \int_V \left[p^2 - \left(p^T u\right)^2\right] \rho dV = m r_g^2$$

Where: $\mathbf{r_g}$: *radius of gyration* of B w/r/t to L

$$r_g = p^2 - \left(p^T u\right)^2 = (u \times p)^2$$

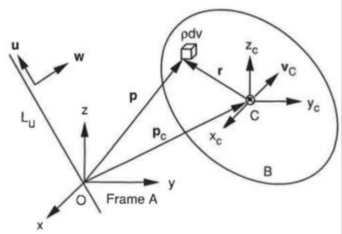
Dynamics: Mass Matrix & Inertia Matrix

- This can be written in a Matrix form as:

$$\mathbf{I}_u^O = I_B^O \mathbf{u}$$

- Where I^O_B is the inertial matrix or inertial tensor of the body B about a reference point O

$$I_B^O = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yz} & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$



- Where to get I_{xx}, etc? ➔ Parallel Axis Theorem

If CM is the center of mass, then:

$$I_{xx}^O = I_{xx}^{CM} + m\left(y_c^2 + z_c^2\right) \qquad I_{xy}^O = I_{xx}^{CM} + m x_c y_c$$
$$I_{yy}^O = I_{yy}^{CM} + m\left(x_c^2 + z_c^2\right) \qquad I_{yz}^O = I_{xx}^{CM} + m y_c z_c$$
$$I_{zz}^O = I_{zz}^{CM} + m\left(x_c^2 + y_c^2\right) \qquad I_{zx}^O = I_{xx}^{CM} + m z_c x_c$$

Dynamics: Mass Matrix

- The Mass Matrix: Determining via the Jacobian!

$$K = \sum_{i=1}^{N} K_i$$

$$K_i = \frac{1}{2}\left(m_i v_{C_i}^T v_{C_i} + \omega_i^T I_{C_i} \omega_i\right)$$

$$v_{C_i} = J_{v_i}\dot{\theta} \qquad J_{v_i} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{C_1}}{\partial \theta_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_{C_i}}{\partial \theta_i} & \underbrace{0}_{i+1} & \cdots & \underbrace{0}_{n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\omega_i = J_{\omega_i}\dot{\theta} \qquad J_{\omega_i} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\varepsilon}_1 Z_1 & \cdots & \bar{\varepsilon}_i Z_i & \underbrace{0}_{i+1} & \cdots & \underbrace{0}_{n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore M = \sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(m_i J_{v_i}^T J_{v_i} + J_{\omega_i}^T I_{C_i} J_{\omega_i}\right)$$

! M is symmetric, positive definite $\therefore m_{ij} = m_{ji}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T M \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} > 0$

Dynamics – Langrangian Mechanics

- Alternatively, we can use Langrangian Mechanics to compute the dynamics of a manipulator (or other robotic system)
- The Langrangian is defined as the difference between the Kinetic and Potential energy in the system
- Using this formulation and the concept of virtual work we can find the forces and torques acting on the system.
- This may seem more involved but is often easier to formulate for complex systems

$$L = K - P$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}}\right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}}\right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta}$$

Dynamics – Langrangian Mechanics [2]

$L = K - P, \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$: Generalized Velocities, M : Mass Matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \tau_i = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial K}{\partial \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}\right) - \frac{\partial K}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

$$K = \tfrac{1}{2}\dot{\theta}^T M(\theta)\,\dot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial K}{\partial \dot{\theta}}\right) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\theta}}\left(\tfrac{1}{2}\dot{\theta}^T M(\theta)\,\dot{\theta}\right)\right) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(M\dot{\theta}\right) = M\ddot{\theta} + \dot{M}\dot{\theta}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial K}{\partial \dot{\theta}}\right) - \frac{\partial K}{\partial \theta} = \left[M\ddot{\theta} + \dot{M}\dot{\theta}\right] - \left[\tfrac{1}{2}\dot{\theta}^T M(\theta)\,\dot{\theta}\right] = M\ddot{\theta} + \underbrace{\left\{\dot{M}\dot{\theta} - \tfrac{1}{2}\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}^T \frac{\partial M}{\partial \theta_1}\dot{\theta} \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\theta}^T \frac{\partial M}{\partial \theta_n}\dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}\right\}}_{\mathbf{v}(\theta,\dot{\theta})}$$

$$\mathbf{v}\left(\theta,\dot{\theta}\right) = \underbrace{C(\theta)\left[\dot{\theta}^2\right]}_{\text{Centrifugal}} + \underbrace{B(\theta)\left[\dot{\theta}\dot{\theta}\right]}_{\text{Coriolis}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\tau} = M(\theta)\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \mathbf{v}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta},\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\right) + \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

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Generalized Coordinates

- A significant feature of the Lagrangian Formulation is that any convenient coordinates can be used to derive the system.
- Go from Joint → Generalized
  - Define **p**: $d\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{J}d\mathbf{q}$

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & \ldots & q_n \end{bmatrix} \to \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & \ldots & p_n \end{bmatrix}$$

➔Thus: the kinetic energy and gravity terms become

$$KE = \tfrac{1}{2}\dot{\mathbf{p}}^T \mathbf{H}^* \dot{\mathbf{p}} \qquad \mathbf{G}^* = \left(\mathbf{J}^{-1}\right)^T \mathbf{G}$$

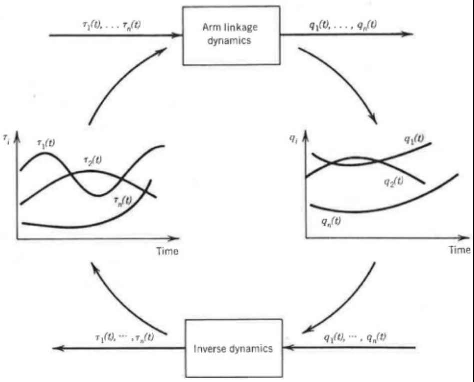
where: $\mathbf{H}^* = \left(\mathbf{J}^{-1}\right)^T \mathbf{H}\mathbf{J}^{-1}$

Inverse Dynamics

- Forward dynamics governs the dynamic responses of a manipulator arm to the input torques generated by the actuators.
- The inverse problem:
  - Going from joint angles to torques
  - Inputs are desired trajectories described as functions of time

    $\mathbf{q} = [q_1 \quad \dots \quad q_n] \rightarrow [\theta_1(t) \quad \theta_2(t) \quad \theta_3(t)]$
  - Outputs are joint torques to be applied at each instance

    $\boldsymbol{\tau} = [\tau_1 \quad \dots \quad \tau_n]$



- Computation "big" (6DOF arm: 66,271 multiplications), but not scary (4.5 ms on PDP11/45)

Graphic from Asada & Slotine p. 119

Also: Inverse Jacobian

- In many instances, we are also interested in computing the set of joint velocities that will yield a particular velocity at the end effector

$$\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{J}(\theta)^{-1}\dot{\mathbf{X}}$$

- We must be aware, however, that the inverse of the Jacobian may be undefined or singular. The points in the workspace at which the Jacobian is undefined are the *singularities* of the mechanism.
- Singularities typically occur at the workspace boundaries or at interior points where degrees of freedom are lost

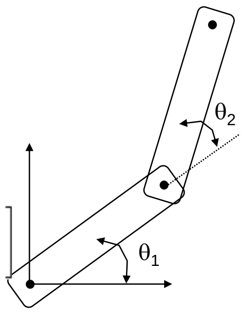
Inverse Jacobian Example

- For a simple two link RR manipulator:

$$x = L_1 \cos\theta_1 + L_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$
$$y = L_1 \sin\theta_1 + L_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

- The Jacobian for this is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -L_1 s_1 - L_2 s_{12} & -L_2 s_{12} \\ L_1 c_1 + L_2 c_{12} & L_2 c_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



- Taking the inverse of the Jacobian yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{L_1 L_2 s_2} \begin{bmatrix} L_2 c_{12} & L_2 s_{12} \\ -L_1 c_1 - L_2 c_{12} & -L_1 s_1 - L_2 s_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Clearly, as θ_2 approaches 0 or π this manipulator becomes singular

Static Forces

- We can also use the Jacobian to compute the joint torques required to maintain a particular force at the end effector
- Consider the concept of virtual work

$$F \cdot \delta\mathbf{X} = \tau \cdot \delta\theta$$

- Or

$$F^T \delta\mathbf{X} = \tau^T \delta\theta$$

- Earlier we saw that

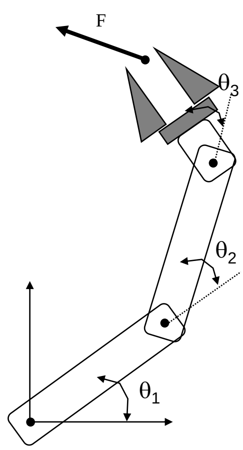
$$\delta\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{J}\delta\theta$$

- So that

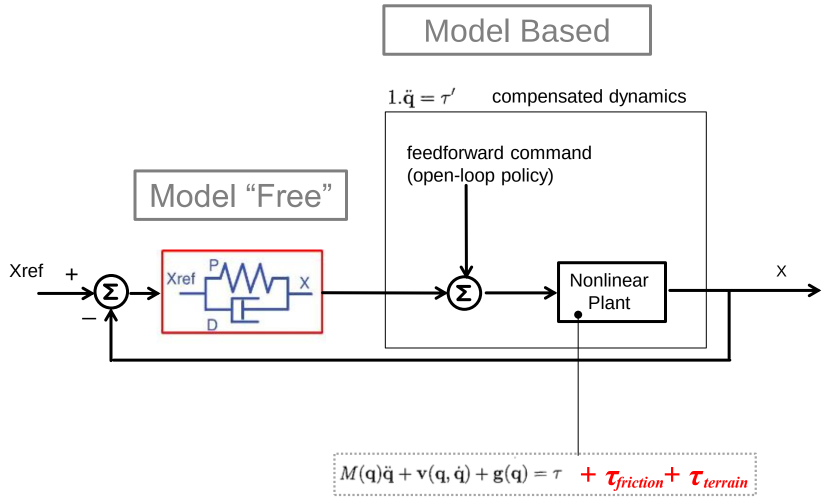
$$F^T \mathbf{J} = \tau^T$$

- Or

$$\tau = \mathbf{J}^T F$$

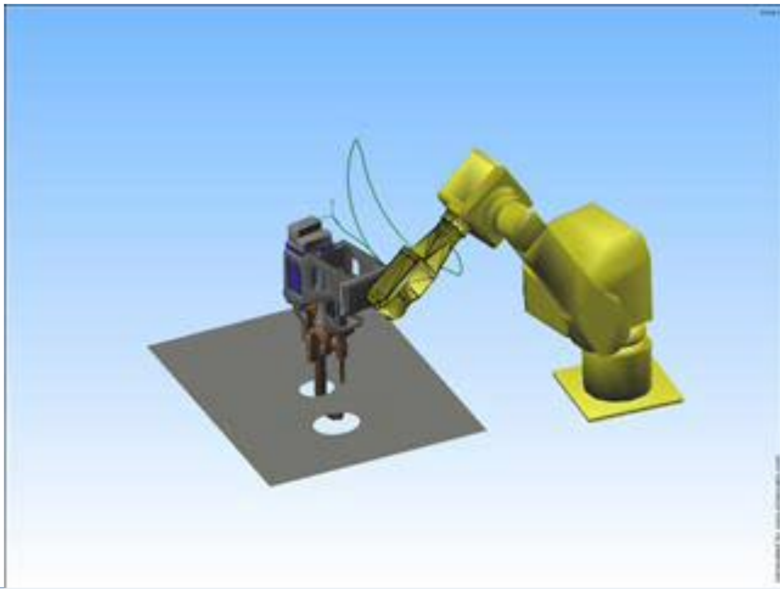


Operation Space (Computed Torque)



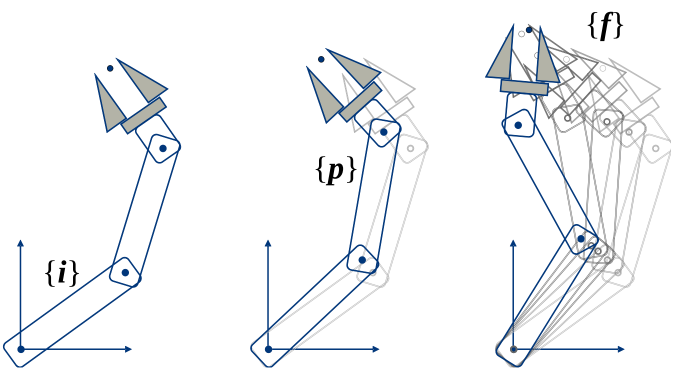
Compensated Manipulation

Trajectory Generation & Planning



Trajectory Generation

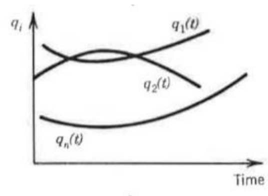
- The goal is to get from an initial position $\{\boldsymbol{i}\}$ to a final position $\{\boldsymbol{f}\}$ via a path points $\{\boldsymbol{p}\}$



Joint Space

Consider only the **joint positions** as a function of time

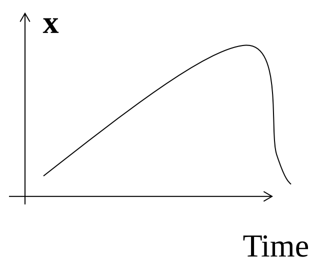
- + Since we control the joints, this is more direct
- -- If we want to follow a particular trajectory, not easy
  - at best lots of intermediate points
  - No guarantee that you can solve the Inverse Kinematics for all path points



Cartesian Workspace

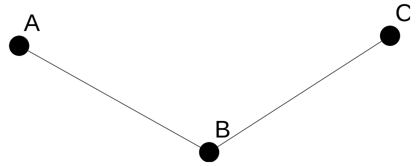
Consider the **Cartesian positions** as a function of time

- + Can track shapes exactly
- -- We need to solve the inverse kinematics and dynamics



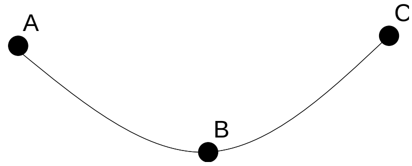
Polynomial Trajectories

- Straight line Trajectories



- Simpler

- Polynomial Trajectories



$$u(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3$$

- Parabolic blends are smoother
- Use “pseudo via points”

Summary

- Kinematics is the study of motion without regard to the forces that create it
- Kinematics is important in many instances in Robotics
- The study of dynamics allows us to understand the forces and torques which act on a system and result in motion
- Understanding these motions, and the required forces, is essential for designing these systems

Dynamic Simulation Software

- v-rep
  virtual robot experimentation platform
- Reflexxes

http://www.coppeliarobotics.com/

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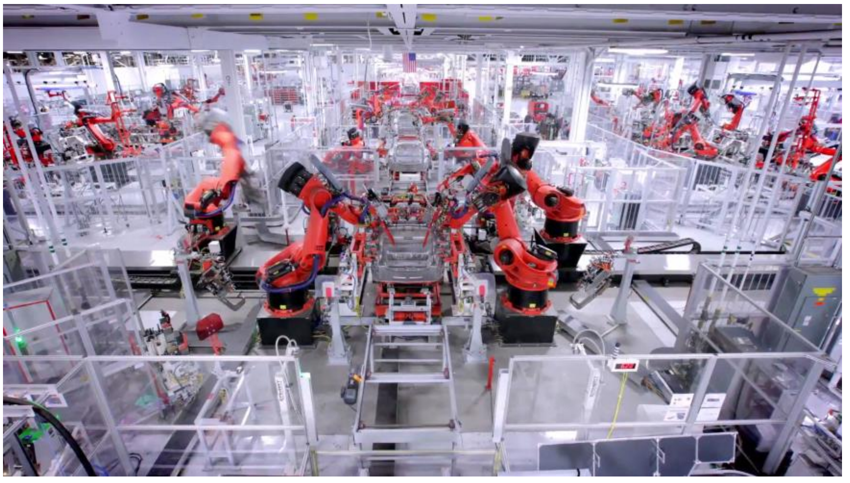

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