



Introduction to Robotics

Lecture 4

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- ▶ Workspace
 - ▶ reachable workspace
 - ▶ dexterous workspace
- ▶ closed solutions:
 - ▶ algebraic solution
 - ▶ geometrical solution

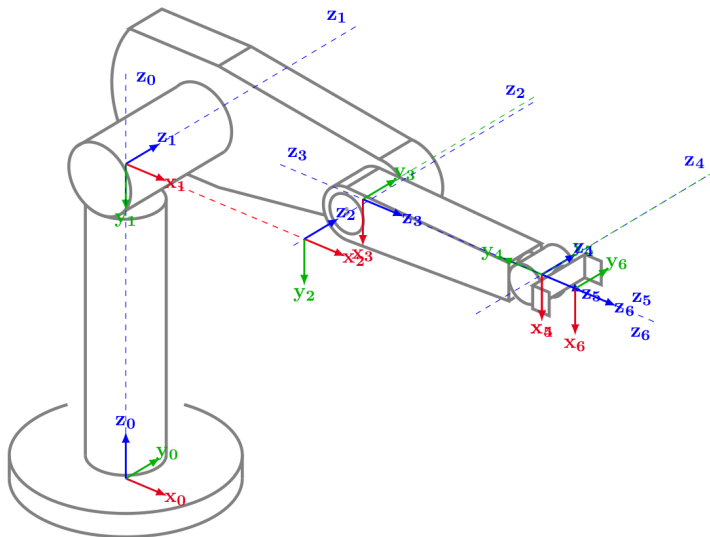
The closed solution exists if specific constraints (sufficient constraints) for the arm geometry are satisfied:

If 3 sequent axes intersect in a given point

or if 3 sequent axes are parallel to each other

- ▶ numerical solutions

Example featuring PUMA 560





Assume we have derived the forward kinematics as:

$${}^0T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 C_{23} & -C_1 S_{23} & S_1 & C_1(C_2 l_2 + l_1) \\ S_1 C_{23} & -S_1 S_{23} & -C_1 & S_1(C_2 l_2 + l_1) \\ S_{23} & C_{23} & 0 & S_2 l_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

And we know:

$${}^0T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & p_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & p_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question: How to solve the inverse kinematics?

$${}^0T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 C_{23} & -C_1 S_{23} & S_1 & C_1(C_2 l_2 + l_1) \\ S_1 C_{23} & -S_1 S_{23} & -C_1 & S_1(C_2 l_2 + l_1) \\ S_{23} & C_{23} & 0 & S_2 l_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & p_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & p_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_1 = r_{13} \quad (18)$$

$$C_1 = -r_{23} \quad (19)$$

Using the **two-argument arctangent** to solve for θ_1 ,

$$\theta_1 =$$

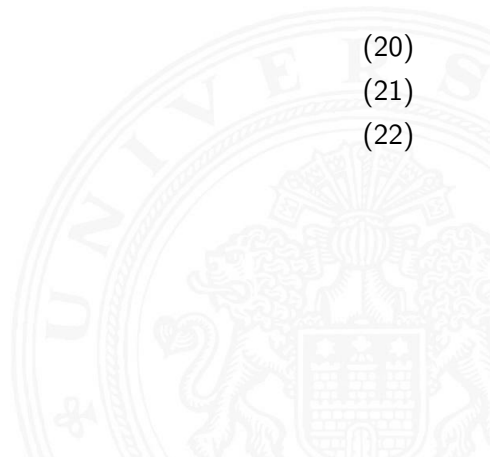


$$C_1(C_2 l_2 + l_1) = p_x \quad (20)$$

$$S_1(C_2 l_2 + l_1) = p_y \quad (21)$$

$$S_2 l_2 = p_z \quad (22)$$

solve θ_2 from (20 - 22),

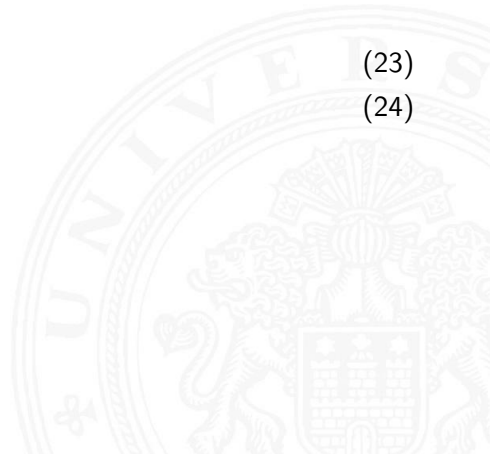




$$S_{23} = r_{31} \quad (23)$$

$$C_{23} = r_{32} \quad (24)$$

solve θ_3 from (20 - 22),





Introduction

Spatial Description and Transformations

Forward Kinematics

Robot Description

Inverse Kinematics for Manipulators

Instantaneous Kinematics

- Velocity of rigid body

- Velocity Propagation between Links

- Jacobian of a Manipulator

- Singular Configurations

Trajectory Generation 1

Trajectory Generation 2

Dynamics

Robot Control





Outline (cont.)

- Task-Level planning and Motion planning
- Task-Level planning and Motion planning
- Architectures of Sensor-based Intelligent Systems
- Summary
- Conclusion and Outlook





- ▶ Forward kinematics: $\theta \rightarrow x$
- ▶ Inverse kinematics: $x \rightarrow \theta$
- ▶ instantaneous kinematics: $\theta + \delta\theta \rightarrow x + \delta x$
- ▶ Relationship $\delta\theta \leftrightarrow \delta x$

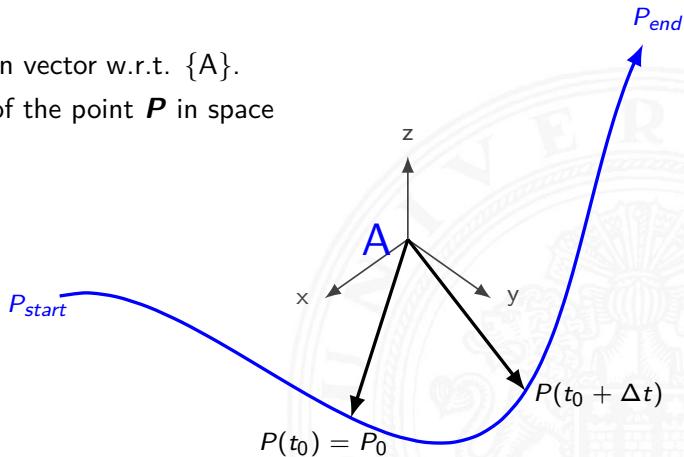
$$\dot{\theta} \leftrightarrow \dot{x}$$

Joint velocities \leftrightarrow end-effector velocities

- ▶ Linear velocity
- ▶ Angular velocity

$${}^A V_P = \frac{d}{dt}({}^A P) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{P}(t)}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbf{P}(t + \Delta t) - \mathbf{P}(t)}{\Delta t} \quad (25)$$

- ▶ \mathbf{P} is a time-varying position vector w.r.t. $\{A\}$.
- ▶ ${}^A V_P$ is the linear velocity of the point \mathbf{P} in space





Representing ${}^A V_P$ in another frame $\{B\}$, then we get

$${}^B({}^A V_P) = {}^B \left(\frac{d}{{dt}}({}^A P) \right) = \frac{d}{{dt}}({}^B R_A({}^A P)) = {}^B R_A \frac{d}{{dt}}({}^A P) = {}^B R_A \cdot {}^A V_P$$

Note, as ${}^A R_B$ remains invariant during the motion.

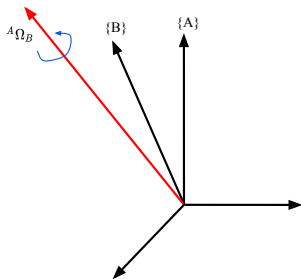
Notation

- ▶ if \mathbf{P} is the origin of a frame $\{C\}$, which is moving, we typically use $v_c = {}^U V_C$ to denote the linear velocity of the origin of $\{c\}$ w.r.t. the reference frame $\{U\}$
- ▶ ${}^A V_C$ means the linear velocity of the origin of $\{C\}$ w.r.t. $\{U\}$ expressed in $\{A\}$

Angular velocity describes rotational motion of a frame.

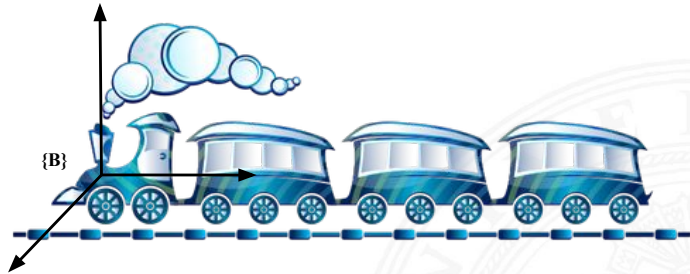
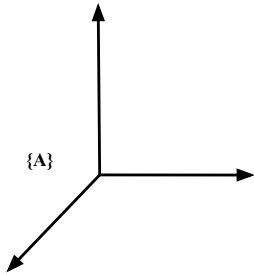
Notation

- ▶ ${}^A\Omega_B$ denotes the angular velocity of $\{B\}$ w.r.t. $\{A\}$
- ▶ $\omega_c = {}^U\Omega_C$ denotes the angular velocity of $\{c\}$ w.r.t. $\{U\}$



- the direction of ${}^A\Omega_B$ indicates the instantaneous axis of rotation
- the magnitude of ${}^A\Omega_B$ indicates the speed of rotation

Linear velocity of rigid body



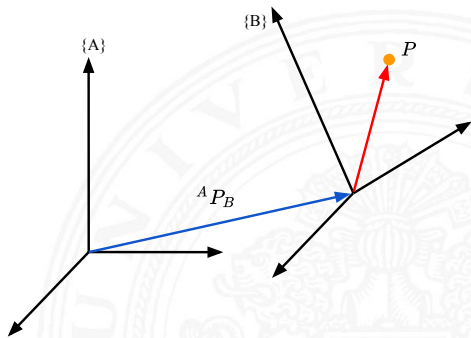
Assume that there is only a linear motion of $\{B\}$ w.r.t. $\{A\}$

$${}^A P = {}^A P_B + {}^A R_B \cdot {}^B P$$

Differentiating the above equation

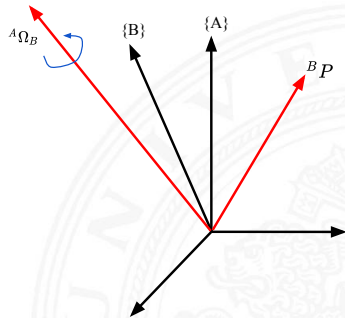
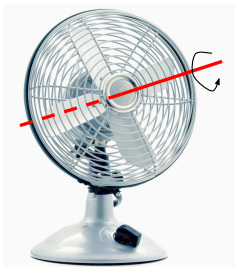
$$\begin{aligned} {}^A V_P &= {}^A V_B + \frac{d}{dt}({}^A R_B \cdot {}^B P) \\ &= {}^A V_B + {}^A R_B \frac{d}{dt}({}^B P) \\ &= {}^A V_B + {}^A R_B \cdot {}^B V_P \end{aligned}$$

Note, as ${}^A R_B$ remains invariant during the motion.

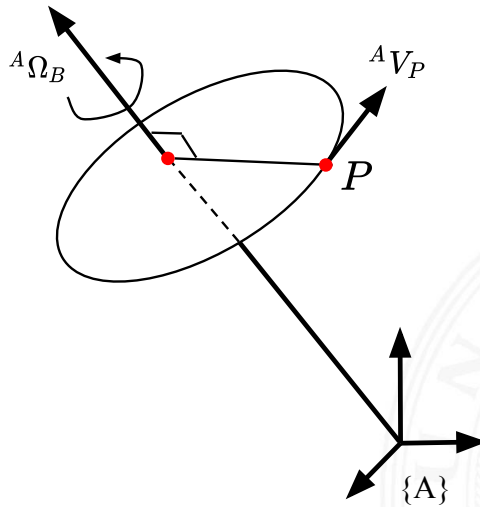


Assume that:

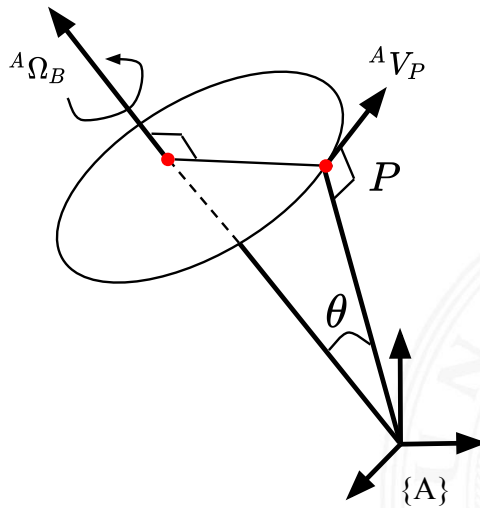
1. No linear velocity of $\{B\}$ w.r.t. $\{A\}$
2. There is a rotational velocity of $\{B\}$ w.r.t. $\{A\}$, ${}^A R_B$ is time-varying.
3. Point P is fixed in $\{B\}$



Angular velocity of rigid body (cont.)



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Angular velocity of rigid body

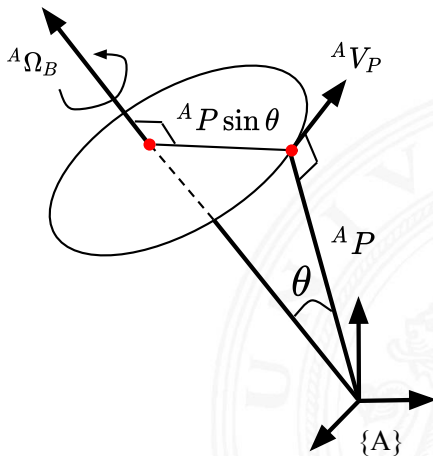
${}^A V_P$ is proportional to:

- $\|{}^A \Omega_B\|$
- $\|{}^A P \sin \theta\|$

and

- ${}^A V_P \perp {}^A \Omega_B$
- ${}^A V_P \perp {}^A P$

$${}^A V_P = {}^A \Omega_B \times {}^A P$$





$$a = \begin{bmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow c = a \times b \implies c = \hat{a}b$$

$a \times \implies \hat{a}$: a skew-symmetric matrix
vectors \implies matrices

$$c = \hat{a}b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_z & a_y \\ a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & a_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{bmatrix}$$



$${}^A V_P = {}^A \Omega_B \times {}^A P = {}^A \hat{\Omega}_B {}^A P$$

$${}^A \Omega_B = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_x \\ \Omega_y \\ \Omega_z \end{bmatrix}, {}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A P_x \\ {}^A P_y \\ {}^A P_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A V_P = {}^A \hat{\Omega}_B {}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\Omega_z & \Omega_y \\ \Omega_z & 0 & -\Omega_x \\ -\Omega_y & \Omega_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^A P_x \\ {}^A P_y \\ {}^A P_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Assume that:

1. No linear velocity of $\{B\}$ w.r.t. $\{A\}$
2. There is a rotational velocity of $\{B\}$ w.r.t. $\{A\}$, ${}^B R_A$ is time-varying.
3. Point P is fixed in $\{B\}$

$${}^A V_P = {}^A \Omega_B \times {}^A P$$

\Downarrow ${}^B V_P$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A V_P &= {}^A R_B {}^B V_P + {}^A \Omega_B \times {}^A P \\ &= {}^A R_B {}^B V_P + {}^A \Omega_B \times {}^A R_B {}^B P \end{aligned}$$

Assume that:

1. ~~No linear velocity of {B} w.r.t. {A}~~
2. There is a rotational velocity of {B} w.r.t. {A}, ${}^B R_A$ is time-varying.
3. ~~Point Q is fixed in {B}~~

$${}^A V_P = {}^A R_B {}^B V_P + {}^A \Omega_B \times {}^A R_B {}^B P$$

\downarrow ${}^A V_B$

$${}^A V_P = {}^A V_B + {}^A R_B {}^B V_P + {}^A \Omega_B \times {}^A R_B {}^B P$$



- ▶ Linear motion

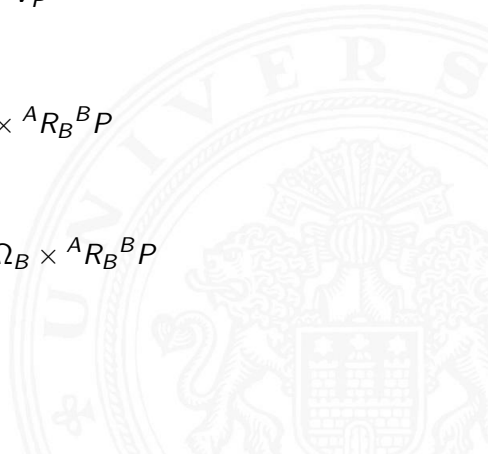
$${}^A V_P = {}^A V_B + {}^A R_B {}^B V_P$$

- ▶ Rotational motion

$${}^A V_P = {}^A R_B {}^B V_P + {}^A \Omega_B \times {}^A R_B {}^B P$$

- ▶ General

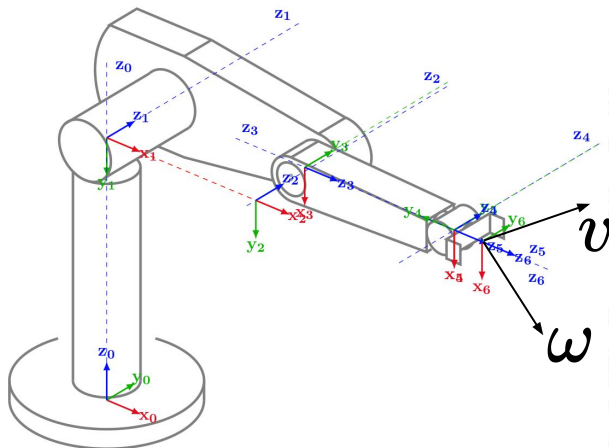
$${}^A V_P = {}^A V_B + {}^A R_B {}^B V_P + {}^A \Omega_B \times {}^A R_B {}^B P$$



Velocity propagation

Motion of the links of a manipulator.

- ▶ v : linear velocity
- ▶ ω : angular velocity



Angular velocity propagation

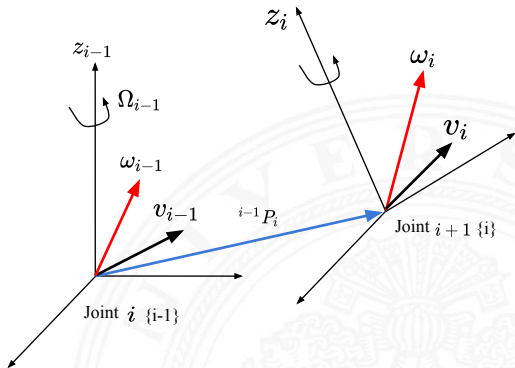
For a revolute joint i , the angular velocity ${}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1}$ of the link i is:

$$\dot{\theta}_i {}^i Z_{i-1}$$

▶ $\dot{\theta}_i$ is a scalar, the velocity of the joint i

▶ ${}^i Z_{i-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

▶ scalar multiplication



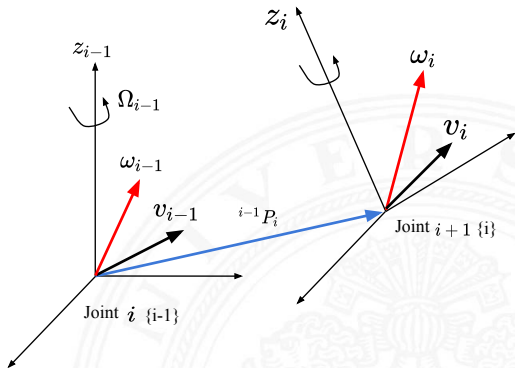
Angular velocity propagation

Angular velocity ${}^{i-1}\omega_i$ of the link $i + 1$ is influenced by:

- ▶ the angular velocity ${}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1}$ of the link i
- ▶ if joint $i + 1$ is a revolute joint, the joint velocity along the z-axis Z_i of the link

$${}^{i-1}\omega_i = {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} + {}^{i-1}R_i \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i Z_i$$

$${}^i\omega_i = {}^i R_{i-1} {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i Z_i$$



Linear velocity propagation

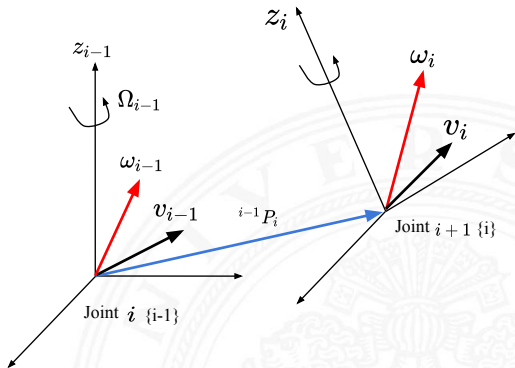
For a prismatic joint i , the linear velocity ${}^{i-1}v_{i-1}$ of the link i is:

$$\dot{d}_i {}^i Z_{i-1}$$

▶ \dot{d}_i is a scalar, the velocity of the link i

▶ ${}^i Z_{i-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

▶ scalar multiplication



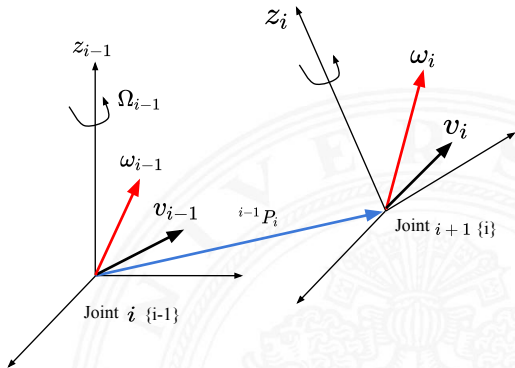


Linear velocity ${}^{i-1}v_i$ of the link $i+1$ is influenced by:

- ▶ the linear velocity ${}^{i-1}v_{i-1}$ of the joint i
- ▶ if joint i is a revolute joint, the linear velocity of the origin of frame $\{i+1\}$
- ▶ if joint $i+1$ is a prismatic joint, the joint velocity along the z-axis Z_i of the joint

$${}^{i-1}v_i = {}^{i-1}v_{i-1} + {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} \times {}^{i-1}P_i + \dot{d}_{i+1} {}^iZ_i$$

$${}^i v_i = {}^i R_{i-1} ({}^{i-1}v_{i-1} + {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} \times {}^{i-1}P_i) + \dot{d}_{i+1} {}^i Z_i$$



Velocity propagation summary

► Prismatic joint

$${}^i v_i = {}^i R_{i-1} ({}^{i-1} v_{i-1} + {}^{i-1} \omega_{i-1} \times {}^{i-1} P_i) + \dot{d}_{i+1} {}^i Z_i$$

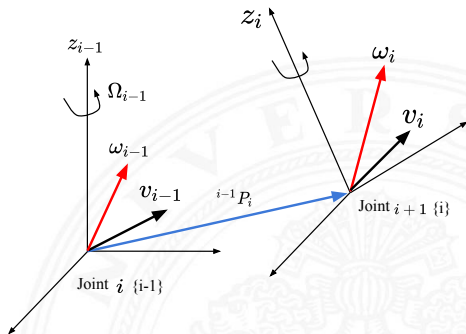
$${}^i \omega_i = {}^i R_{i-1} {}^{i-1} \omega_{i-1}$$

► Revolute joint

$${}^i v_i = {}^i R_{i-1} ({}^{i-1} v_{i-1} + {}^{i-1} \omega_{i-1} \times {}^{i-1} P_i)$$

$${}^i \omega_i = {}^i R_{i-1} {}^{i-1} \omega_{i-1} + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i Z_i$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^0 v_n \\ {}^0 \omega_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0 R_n & 0 \\ 0 & {}^0 R_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^n v_n \\ {}^n \omega_n \end{bmatrix}$$





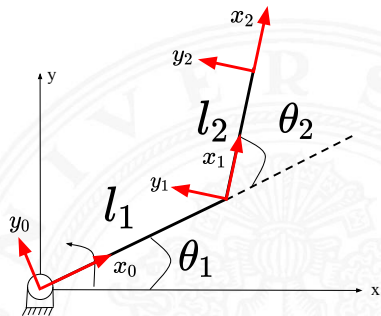
Example

Given the 2dof planar robot, find the velocity of the origin of $\{2\}$ w.r.t. $\{2\}$ and $\{0\}$.

$${}^0\omega_0 = \quad , {}^0v_0 =$$

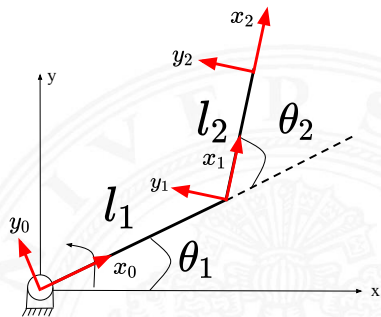
$${}^1\omega_1 =$$

$${}^1v_1 =$$





Example





How to simplify the calculation of end-effector velocity?

Joint velocities \Leftrightarrow End-effector velocities



Jacobian





Definition

In the field of robotics, we generally use Jacobians to relate joint velocities to Cartesian velocities of the end-effector.

$$x = f(q), \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(q) \\ f_2(q) \\ \dots \\ f_n(q) \end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$

- ▶ x is the Cartesian location of the end-effector
- ▶ m is number of degree of freedom in the Cartesian space
- ▶ Define $q = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n]^T$, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n are joint variables of an n -link manipulator



By the chain rule of differentiation:

$$\delta x_1 = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial q_1} \delta q_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial q_n} \delta q_n$$

\vdots

$$\delta x_m = \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial q_1} \delta q_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial q_n} \delta q_n$$

$$\delta \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial q_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial q_n} \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial q_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial q_n} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \delta \mathbf{q} \quad (27)$$

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_{(m \times 1)} = \mathbf{J}_{(m \times n)} \delta \mathbf{q}_{(n \times 1)} \quad \text{where} \quad J_{ij}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial q_j} f_i(\mathbf{q}) \quad (28)$$



$$\partial \mathbf{x}_{(m \times 1)} = \mathbf{J}_{(m \times n)} \partial \mathbf{q}_{(n \times 1)}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{(m \times 1)} = \mathbf{J}_{(m \times n)} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{(n \times 1)}$$

- ▶ A Jacobian-matrix is a multidimensional representation of partial derivatives.
- ▶ If we divide both sides with the differential time element, we can think of the Jacobian as mapping velocities in \mathbf{q} to those in \mathbf{x} .
- ▶ Jacobians are time-varying linear transformations.



- ▶ ${}^0\omega_n$ to be the angular velocity of the end effector
- ▶ 0v_n is the linear velocity of the end effector
- ▶ The **Jacobian** matrix consists of two components, that solve the following equations:

$${}^0v_n = {}^0J_v \dot{q} \quad \text{and} \quad {}^0\omega_n = {}^0J_w \dot{q}$$

The manipulator Jacobian

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} J_v \\ J_w \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} {}^0v_n \\ {}^0\omega_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_v \\ J_w \end{bmatrix} \dot{q} \quad (29)$$



Angular velocity ${}^{i-1}\omega_i$ is:

$${}^{i-1}\omega_i = {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} + {}^{i-1}R_i \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i Z_i$$

We get:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^0\omega_n &= p_1 \dot{q}_1 {}^0 Z_0 + p_2 \dot{q}_2 {}^0 R_1 {}^1 Z_1 + \dots + p_n \dot{q}_n {}^0 R_{n-1} {}^{n-1} Z_{n-1} \\ &= p_1 \dot{q}_1 {}^0 Z_0 + p_2 \dot{q}_2 {}^0 Z_1 + \dots + p_n \dot{q}_n {}^0 Z_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$p_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if joint } i \text{ is prismatic} \\ 1 & \text{if joint } i \text{ is revolute} \end{cases} \quad (30)$$



The Angular Velocity Jacobian

$$J_w = [p_1^0 Z_0 \quad p_2^0 Z_1 \quad \dots \quad p_n^0 Z_{n-1}] \quad (31)$$

(Hint: J_w is a $3 \times n$ matrix.)



The linear velocity of the end effector is: ${}^0v_n = {}^0\dot{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix}$

By the chain rule of differentiation:

$${}^0\dot{x}_n = \frac{\partial {}^0x_n}{\partial q_1} \dot{q}_1 + \frac{\partial {}^0x_n}{\partial q_2} \dot{q}_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial {}^0x_n}{\partial q_n} \dot{q}_n$$

therefore the linear part of the Jacobian is:

$$J_v = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial {}^0x_n}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial {}^0x_n}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial {}^0x_n}{\partial q_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad (32)$$



Two approaches:

1. derive v, ω for each link until the end-effector
2. use the explicit form





- ▶ get 0J_v

$${}^0T_6 = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0R_N & {}^0P_N \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{red arrow}} {}^0x \longrightarrow {}^0v_n \longrightarrow {}^0J_v$$

- ▶ get 0J_w

$$J_w = [p_1 {}^0Z_0 \quad p_2 {}^0Z_1 \quad \dots \quad p_n {}^0Z_{n-1}]$$

- ▶ 0x_i is equal to the first three elements of the 4th column of matrix 0T_i ;
- ▶ 0Z_i is equal to the first three elements of the 3rd column of matrix 0T_i ;

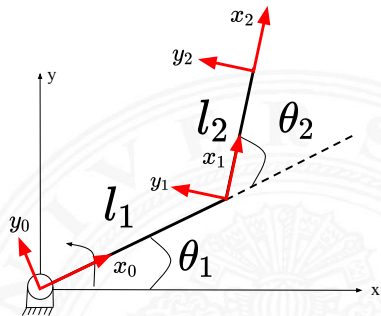
0T_i has to be computed for every joint.

Example1

$${}^0\omega_2 = {}^0R_2^2\omega_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^0v_2 = {}^0R_2^2v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1s_1\dot{\theta}_1 - l_2s_{12}(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \\ l_1c_1\dot{\theta}_1 + l_2c_{12}(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Give the 0J Jacobian matrix.



Example2

For a 3-DOF robot, given the following transformation matrices, find the Jacobian 0J .

$${}^0T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ s_1 & c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, {}^1T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & -s_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, {}^2T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_3 & -s_3 & 0 & e \\ s_3 & c_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, {}^3T_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & f \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where h , e , f are the length of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd link, respectively.

$${}^0T_4 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_{23} & -c_1 s_{23} & s_1 & e c_1 c_2 + f c_1 c_{23} \\ s_1 c_{23} & -s_1 s_{23} & -c_1 & e s_1 c_2 + f s_1 c_{23} \\ s_{23} & c_{23} & 0 & h + e s_2 + f s_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Example2

Calculate ${}^0T_1, {}^0T_2, {}^0T_3, {}^0T_4$:

$${}^0T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ s_1 & c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, {}^0T_2 = {}^0T_1 {}^1T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_2 & -s_2 c_1 & s_1 & 0 \\ s_1 c_2 & -s_1 s_2 & -c_1 & 0 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^0T_3 = {}^0T_2 {}^2T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -s_2 s_3 c_1 + c_1 c_2 c_3 & -s_2 c_1 c_3 - s_3 c_1 c_2 & s_1 & e c_1 c_2 \\ -s_1 s_2 s_3 + s_1 c_2 c_3 & -s_1 s_2 c_3 - s_1 s_3 c_2 & -c_1 & e s_1 c_2 \\ s_2 c_3 + s_3 c_2 & -s_2 s_3 + c_2 c_3 & 0 & e s_2 + h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^0T_4 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_{23} & -c_1 s_{23} & s_1 & e c_1 c_2 + f c_1 c_{23} \\ s_1 c_{23} & -s_1 s_{23} & -c_1 & e s_1 c_2 + f s_1 c_{23} \\ s_{23} & c_{23} & 0 & h + e s_2 + f s_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Example2 (cont.)

$${}^0 J = \begin{bmatrix} J_v \\ J_w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -es_1 c_2 - fs_1 c_{23} & -ec_1 s_2 - fc_1 s_{23} & -fc_1 s_{23} \\ ec_1 c_2 + fc_1 c_{23} & -es_1 s_2 - fs_1 s_{23} & -fs_1 s_{23} \\ 0 & ec_2 + fc_{23} & fc_{23} \\ 0 & s_1 & s_1 \\ 0 & -c_1 & -c_1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Given a Jacobian written in frame $\{B\}$,

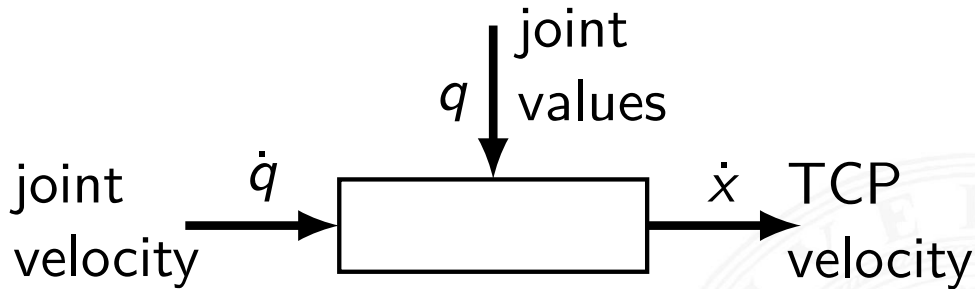
$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^B v_n \\ {}^B \omega_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B J_v \\ {}^B J_w \end{bmatrix} \dot{q}$$

A 6×1 Cartesian velocity vector given in $\{B\}$ is described relative to $\{A\}$ by the transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A v_n \\ {}^A \omega_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & 0 \\ 0 & {}^A R_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B v_n \\ {}^B \omega_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, we can get

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A v_n \\ {}^A \omega_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & 0 \\ 0 & {}^A R_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B J_v \\ {}^B J_w \end{bmatrix} \dot{q} \quad (33)$$



Question

Is the Jacobian invertible?

If it is, then:

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = J^{-1}(\mathbf{q})\dot{\mathbf{x}}$$

\implies to move the the end effector of the robot in Cartesian Space with a certain velocity.



For most manipulators there exist values of \mathbf{q} where the Jacobian gets **singular**.

Singularity

$$\det J = 0 \implies J \text{ is not invertible}$$

Such configurations are called **singularities** of the manipulator.

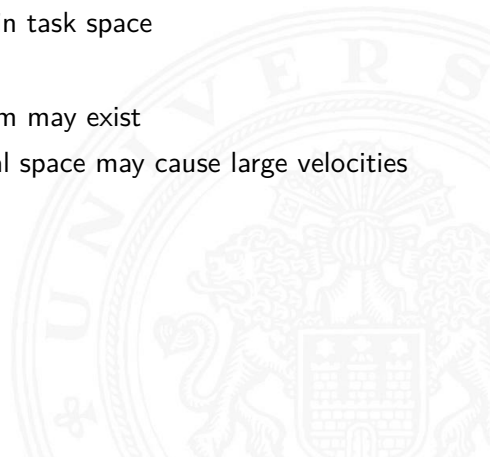


From the Task Space perspective:

- ▶ reduce the degree of freedom in velocity domain in task space

From the Joint Space perspective:

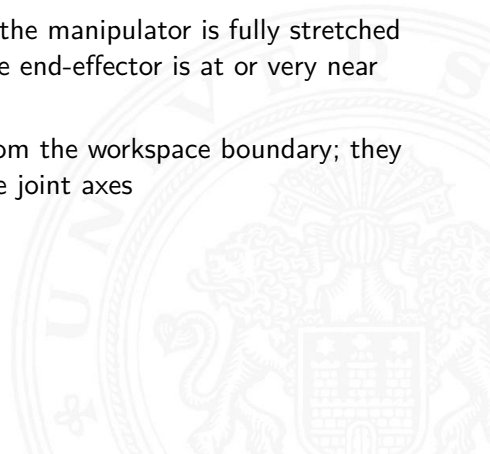
- ▶ Infinite solutions to the inverse kinematics problem may exist
- ▶ Near the singularity, small velocities in operational space may cause large velocities in the joint space.





Two Main types of Singularities:

- ▶ **Workspace boundary singularities** occur when the manipulator is fully stretched out or folded back on itself in such a way that the end-effector is at or very near the boundary of the workspace.
- ▶ **Workspace internal singularities** occur away from the workspace boundary; they generally are caused by a lining up of two or more joint axes





$N = 6$ For fully actuated robots, the Jacobian (6×6) is invertible

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_{(m \times 1)} = \mathbf{J}_{(m \times n)} \delta \mathbf{q}_{(n \times 1)} \quad \text{where} \quad J_{ij}(q) = \frac{\partial}{\partial q_j} f_i(q)$$

- ▶ m is number of degree of freedom of the manipulator in the Cartesian space
- ▶ n is the number of joint variables of the manipulator



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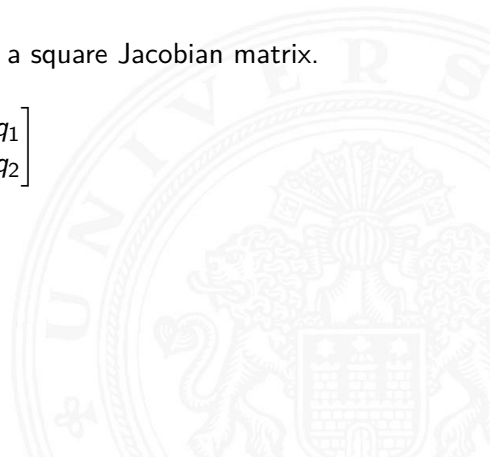
$N < 6$ Under actuated robots ($6 \times N$)

\implies remove some spatial degrees of freedom, get a square Jacobian matrix.

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_6 d_x \\ T_6 d_y \end{bmatrix} = J_{2 \times 2} \begin{bmatrix} dq_1 \\ dq_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

for a 2-joint planar manipulator



Singular Configurations – Workarounds

$N = 6$ For fully actuated robots, the Jacobians (6×6) are invertible

$N < 6$ Under actuated robots ($6 \times N$)
 \implies remove some spatial degrees of freedom

$N > 6$ Over actuated robots ($6 \times N$)

- ▶ have spare joints
- ▶ use the pseudoinverse of J

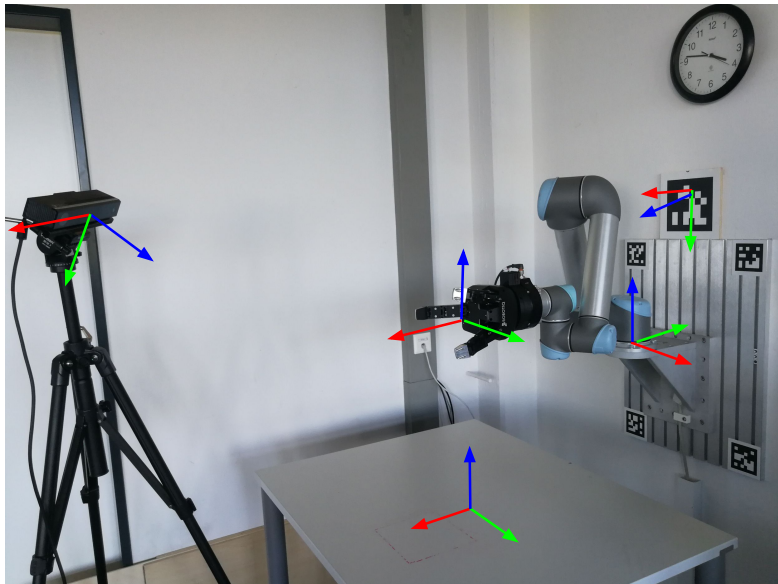
$$\dot{q} = J(q)^+ v \quad (34)$$

$$J^+ = (J^T J)^{-1} J^T \quad (35)$$





UR5 example



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