Ch2: Robot Dynamics – Part 1



Dynamic Equations

Dynamic Equations

The dynamic equations (equations of motion) of an open-chain manipulator are a set of 2nd-order ordinary differential equations of the form

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{ heta})\ddot{\boldsymbol{ heta}} + \boldsymbol{h}ig(\boldsymbol{ heta}, \dot{\boldsymbol{ heta}}ig)$$

$$= M(\theta)\ddot{\theta} + c(\theta,\dot{\theta}) + g(\theta)$$



 $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: Joint Variables (or joint coordinates or joint positions)

 $oldsymbol{ au} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: Joint Torques/Forces (applied at the joints by the actuators)

 $\pmb{M}(\pmb{\theta}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n imes n}$: Mass Matrix

 $\boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{ heta}, \dot{\boldsymbol{ heta}}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$: Coriolis, Centripetal, Gravitational, and Frictional Terms

 $m{c}m{ heta}, m{ heta}m{ heta} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: Coriolis, Centripetal, and Frictional Terms

 $oldsymbol{g}(oldsymbol{ heta}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$: Gravitational Terms



Forward & Inverse Dynamics

Forward Dynamics:

Finding the acceleration $\ddot{\theta}$ given the state θ , $\dot{\theta}$, and the joint torques/forces τ :

 $\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \boldsymbol{M}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta})(\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}))$

Inverse Dynamics:

Finding the joint torques/forces τ given the state θ , $\dot{\theta}$, and acceleration $\ddot{\theta}$.

 $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$

Two equivalent approaches to derive dynamic equations:

- 1) Lagrangian Formulation (variational, based on energy)
- 2) Newton–Euler Formulation



Lagrangian Formulation

Kinetic



Lagrangian Formulation

Potential

Energy

• Lagrangian function:
$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \mathcal{K}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) - \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{q})$$

 $\mathcal{L}: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}_+$

Energy

 $\boldsymbol{q} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: Generalized Independent Coordinates

(Due only to conservative forces such as gravitational energy and energy stored in springs.)

$$\boldsymbol{f} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})}{\partial \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}} \right] - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})}{\partial \boldsymbol{q}}$$

 $f \in \mathbb{R}^n$: Generalized (Nonconservative) Forces (e.g., external forces/torques or friction forces) such that f and \dot{q} are dual to each other, i.e., the $f^T \dot{q}$ corresponds to power.

In components:
$$f_i = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right] - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})}{\partial q_i} \qquad i = 1, \cdots, n$$

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Example 1

Consider the 1-DOF mechanism. It consists of a rigid link formed by two parts, of lengths l_1 and l_2 , whose masses m_1 and m_2 are, for simplicity, considered to be concentrated at their respective centers of mass, located at the ends. The angle φ is constant. The mechanism possesses only revolute motion about the z_0 axis, the angle of which is represented by θ . Derive equations of motion for the mechanism moving in the presence of gravity.





Example 2

Derive equations of motion for a planar 2R open chain moving in the presence of gravity.





Example 2 (cont.)

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1 &= \left(\mathfrak{m}_1 L_1^2 + \mathfrak{m}_2 (L_1^2 + 2L_1 L_2 \cos \theta_2 + L_2^2) \right) \ddot{\theta}_1 \\ &+ \mathfrak{m}_2 (L_1 L_2 \cos \theta_2 + L_2^2) \ddot{\theta}_2 - \mathfrak{m}_2 L_1 L_2 \sin \theta_2 \left(2\dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_2^2 \right) \\ &+ (\mathfrak{m}_1 + \mathfrak{m}_2) L_1 g \cos \theta_1 + \mathfrak{m}_2 g L_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2), \end{aligned}$$

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$$\tau_{2} = \mathfrak{m}_{2}(L_{1}L_{2}\cos\theta_{2} + L_{2}^{2})\ddot{\theta}_{1} + \mathfrak{m}_{2}L_{2}^{2}\ddot{\theta}_{2} + \mathfrak{m}_{2}L_{1}L_{2}\dot{\theta}_{1}^{2}\sin\theta_{2} + \mathfrak{m}_{2}gL_{2}\cos(\theta_{1} + \theta_{2}).$$

We can gather terms together into an equation of the form: $\tau = M(\theta)\ddot{\theta} + c(\theta, \dot{\theta}) + g(\theta)$

$$M(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 L_1^2 + m_2 (L_1^2 + 2L_1 L_2 \cos \theta_2 + L_2^2) & m_2 (L_1 L_2 \cos \theta_2 + L_2^2) \\ m_2 (L_1 L_2 \cos \theta_2 + L_2^2) & m_2 L_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$c(\theta, \dot{\theta}) = \begin{bmatrix} -m_2 L_1 L_2 \sin \theta_2 (2\dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_2^2) \\ m_2 L_1 L_2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 \sin \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$g(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} (m_1 + m_2) L_1 g \cos \theta_1 + m_2 g L_2 \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ m_2 g L_2 \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

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Example 3

Derive equations of motion for a planar RP open chain moving in the presence of gravity.





Example 4

Consider the 3-DOF Cartesian robot manipulator. The manipulator consists of three rigid links mutually orthogonal. The three joints of the robot are prismatic. Derive equations of motion for the robot manipulator moving in the presence of gravity.





Newton–Euler Formulation



Dynamics of a Single Rigid Body: Method 1

Let assume that the body is moving with a body twist $\mathcal{V}_b = (\boldsymbol{\omega}_b, \boldsymbol{v}_b)$ and $\{b\}$ is at center of mass (COM).



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Inertia Matrix

$$I_{b} = -\int [r]^{2} dm \qquad r = (x, y, z)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \int (y^{2} + z^{2}) dm & -\int xy dm & -\int xz dm \\ -\int xy dm & \int (x^{2} + z^{2}) dm & -\int yz dm \\ -\int xz dm & -\int yz dm & \int (x^{2} + y^{2}) dm \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{xy} & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ I_{xz} & I_{yz} & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: Inertia matrix in body frame $\{b\}$ (I_b) is <u>constant</u>.

Rotational Kinetic Energy:
$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega}_b^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{I}_b \boldsymbol{\omega}_b$$

- If the body has uniform density: $d\mathfrak{m} = \rho dV = \rho dx dy dz$



 $I_{xx} = m(w^{2} + h^{2})/12$ $I_{yy} = m(\ell^{2} + h^{2})/12$ $I_{zz} = m(\ell^{2} + w^{2})/12$

 $h = m(2r^2 + h^2)/(r^2 + h^2$

 $I_{xx} = m(3r^2 + h^2)/12$ $I_{yy} = m(3r^2 + h^2)/12$ $I_{zz} = mr^2/2$





Expressing Inertia Matrix I_b in a Rotated Frame

Let I_c be inertia matrix in a rotated frame $\{c\}$ described by R_{bc} :



Rotational kinetic energy of the rotating body is independent of the chosen frame:



Diagonalizing Inertia Matrix I_b

Let v_1 , v_2 , v_3 be the eigenvectors of I_b and λ_1 , λ_2 , λ_3 be the corresponding eigenvalues.

- Principal Axes of Inertia are in the directions of v₁, v₂, v₃ (expressed in {b}).
- Principal Moments of Inertia (about v_1 , v_2 , v_3), are λ_1 , λ_2 , $\lambda_3 > 0$.

$$\boldsymbol{R}_{bp} = [\boldsymbol{v}_{1}, \boldsymbol{v}_{2}, \boldsymbol{v}_{3}]$$

$$\boldsymbol{I}_{b} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{xy} & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ I_{xz} & I_{yz} & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b} = (\omega_{x}, \omega_{y}, \omega_{z})$$

- If $\{b\}$ is aligned with the principal axes of inertia :

$$\boldsymbol{m}_{b} = \boldsymbol{I}_{b} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{b} + [\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}] \boldsymbol{I}_{b} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} \dot{\omega}_{x} + (I_{zz} - I_{yy}) \omega_{y} \omega_{z} \\ I_{yy} \dot{\omega}_{y} + (I_{xx} - I_{zz}) \omega_{x} \omega_{z} \\ I_{zz} \dot{\omega}_{z} + (I_{yy} - I_{xx}) \omega_{x} \omega_{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Inertia Matrix: Steiner's Theorem

Inertia matrix I_q about a frame $\{q\}$ aligned with $\{b\}$ (at the center of mass), but at a point $q = (q_x, q_y, q_z)$ in $\{b\}$:

$$I_{q} = I_{b} + m(q^{T}qI_{3} - qq^{T})$$

= $I_{b} + m[q]^{T}[q]$
$$I_{3} = diag(1) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$$

(identity matrix)

Note: The inertia matrix of a compound/composite body is the <u>sum</u> of their inertias when expressed in a common frame.



Example

A compound object consists of a uniform-density cylinder and a uniform-density rectangular prism. The mass of the cylinder is 2 kg and the mass of the prism is 1 kg. A frame $\{a\}$ is defined at the center of the cylinder, with the *x*-axis along the prism and the *z*-axis vertical.

(I) Where is the CM of the compound object in $\{a\}$?

(II) In a frame $\{b\}$ at the CM, aligned with $\{a\}$, what is the inertia of the compound object?





Dynamics of a Single Rigid Body: Method 2 (in World Frame {*s*})

Let f be the net force applied at the center of mass of the rigid body expressed in $\{s\}$ and m be the net moment applied to the rigid body expressed in $\{s\}$.

(m \dot{p} : linear momentum)

$$f = \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{m}\dot{p}) = \mathbf{m}\ddot{p}$$

$$(I_{s}\omega_{s}: \text{ angular momentum})$$

$$m = \frac{d}{dt}(I_{s}\omega_{s}) = \frac{d}{dt}(RI_{b}R^{T}\omega_{s}) = RI_{b}R^{T}\dot{\omega}_{s} + \dot{R}I_{b}R^{T}\omega_{s} + RI_{b}\dot{R}^{T}\omega_{s}$$

$$= RI_{b}R^{T}\dot{\omega}_{s} + \dot{R}R^{T}_{[\omega_{s}]} \underbrace{RI_{b}R^{T}}_{I_{s}}\omega_{s} + \underbrace{RI_{b}R^{T}}_{I_{s}}\underbrace{R\dot{R}^{T}}_{-[\omega_{s}]}\omega_{s}$$

$$= I_{s}\dot{\omega}_{s} + [\omega_{s}]I_{s}\omega_{s}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m\\ f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{s}\dot{\omega}_{s} + [\omega_{s}]I_{s}\omega_{s}\\ \mathbf{m}\ddot{p} \end{bmatrix} \qquad R:=R_{sb}$$

$$I_{s} = RI_{b}R^{T}$$

(I_s : Inertia matrix of body about COM in a frame aligned with $\{s\}$)



Dynamics of a Single Rigid Body: Method 2 (in Body Frame {b})

Let f_b be the net force applied at the center of mass of the rigid body expressed in $\{b\}$ and m_b be the net moment applied to the rigid body expressed in $\{b\}$.

$$f = \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{m}\dot{p}) = \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{m}Rv_b) = \mathbf{m}R\dot{v}_b + \mathbf{m}\dot{R}v_b$$

$$m = \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{I}_s\boldsymbol{\omega}_s) = \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{I}_b\mathbf{R}^T\boldsymbol{\omega}_s) = \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{I}_b\underbrace{\mathbf{R}^T\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{I}_3}\boldsymbol{\omega}_b) = \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{I}_b\boldsymbol{\omega}_b) = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{I}_b\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_b + \dot{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{I}_b\boldsymbol{\omega}_b$$

$$f_b = \mathbf{R}^Tf = \underbrace{\mathbf{R}^T\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{I}_3}\mathbf{m}\dot{\boldsymbol{v}}_b + \underbrace{\mathbf{R}^T\dot{\mathbf{R}}}_{[\boldsymbol{\omega}_b]}\mathbf{m}_b$$

$$m_b = \mathbf{R}^T\mathbf{m} = \underbrace{\mathbf{R}^T\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{I}_3}\mathbf{I}_b\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_b + \underbrace{\mathbf{R}^T\dot{\mathbf{R}}}_{[\boldsymbol{\omega}_b]}\mathbf{I}_b\boldsymbol{\omega}_b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}\mathbf{m}_b\\f_b\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}\mathbf{I}_b\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_b + [\boldsymbol{\omega}_b]\mathbf{I}_b\boldsymbol{\omega}_b\\\mathbf{m}(\dot{\boldsymbol{v}}_b + [\boldsymbol{\omega}_b]\mathbf{v}_b)\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R} := \mathbf{R}_{sb}$$

$$v_b = \mathbf{R}^T\dot{p}$$

$$f_b = \mathbf{R}^Tf$$

$$\omega_b = \mathbf{R}^T\mathbf{m}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_s = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{I}_b\mathbf{R}^T$$

Twist–Wrench Formulation

$$\mathcal{F}_{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_{b} \\ \mathbf{f}_{b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{b} \dot{\omega}_{b} + [\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}] \mathbf{I}_{b} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b} \\ \mathbf{m}(\dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{b} + [\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}] \mathbf{v}_{b}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{b} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{m}_{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{b} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{b} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}] & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & [\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{b} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{m}_{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{b} \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{b} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{m}_{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{b} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{b} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}] & [\boldsymbol{\nu}_{b}] \\ \mathbf{0} & [\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{b} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{m}_{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b} \\ \boldsymbol{\nu}_{b} \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{b} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{m}_{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{b} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{b} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}] & \mathbf{0} \\ [\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{b} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{m}_{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b} \\ \boldsymbol{\nu}_{b} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{\mathcal{V}}_{b} \in \mathbf{M}^{6} \leq \mathbf{M}^{6}$$



Lie Bracket of Two Twists

Given two twists $\mathcal{V}_1 = (\boldsymbol{\omega}_1, \boldsymbol{v}_1) \in \mathbb{R}^6$ and $\mathcal{V}_2 = (\boldsymbol{\omega}_2, \boldsymbol{v}_2) \in \mathbb{R}^6$, the Lie Bracket of \mathcal{V}_1 and \mathcal{V}_2 is defined as $[ad_{\mathcal{V}_1}]\mathcal{V}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^6$ where

$$[\mathrm{ad}_{\mathcal{V}}] = \begin{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{\omega}] & \mathbf{0} \\ [\boldsymbol{\nu}] & [\boldsymbol{\omega}] \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times 6}, \qquad \mathcal{V} = (\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\nu})$$

This is generalization of the cross product to two twists \mathcal{V}_1 and \mathcal{V}_2 .

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Dynamics in Other Frames

Kinetic energy of the rigid body is independent of the frame of representation:

$$\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{a}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{a}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{a} = \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{b}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{b}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{b}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}\left(\left[\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_{ba}}\right]\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{a}\right)^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{b}\left[\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_{ba}}\right]\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{a}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{a}^{\mathrm{T}}\left[\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_{ba}}\right]^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{b}\left[\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_{ba}}\right]\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{a}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{a} = \left[\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_{ba}}\right]^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{b} \left[\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_{ba}}\right]$$

This is a generalization of Steiner's theorem.



The form of the equations of motion is independent of the frame of representation.



Dynamics of an Open Chain Manipulator

Consider an *n*-link open chain manipulator connected by 1 DOF joints. Attach a frame $\{0\}$ to the base, frames $\{1\}$ to $\{n\}$ to the centers of mass of links 1 to $\{n+1\}$ *n*, and a frame $\{n + 1\}$ at the end-effector, fixed in the frame $\{n\}$. g Joint n $\boldsymbol{G}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times 6}$: spatial inertia matrix of link *i* in $\{i\}$: $\boldsymbol{G}_i = \begin{bmatrix} I_i & 0 \\ 0 & m_i I_2 \end{bmatrix}$ $M_{i,i-1} \in SE(3)$: $\{i-1\}$ in $\{i\}$ at home configuration ($\theta = 0$). For given $M_{i-1,i}$: $M_{i,i-1} = (M_{i-1,i})^{-1}$. $(M_{0,i} = M_{0,1}M_{1,2} \dots M_{i-1,i})$ $\mathcal{A}_i \in \mathbb{R}^6$: screw axis of joint i in $\{i\}$. $\mathcal{A}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Ad}_{M_{0,i}} \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{S}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Ad}_{M_{0,i}} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \mathcal{S}_i$ Joint 1 (S_i is screw axis of joint *i* in {0}) $\mathcal{V}_i = (\boldsymbol{\omega}_i, \boldsymbol{v}_i) \in \mathbb{R}^6$: twist of link *i* in $\{i\}$. $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_0 = (\boldsymbol{\omega}_0, \boldsymbol{v}_0) = \boldsymbol{0}$ (for a fixed-base manipulator) joint $\dot{\mathcal{V}}_0 = (\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_0, \dot{\boldsymbol{v}}_0) = (\mathbf{0}, -\mathbf{g})$ $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ gravity vector in $\{0\}$ axis i $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_i$ $\mathcal{F}_i = (\mathbf{m}_i, \mathbf{f}_i) \in \mathbb{R}^6$: wrench at joint *i* in $\{i\}$. $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{n+1} = \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathrm{tip}} \in \mathbb{R}^6$: wrench applied to the environment F $-\left[\operatorname{Ad}_{T_{i+1}i}\right]^{\mathrm{T}}\mathcal{F}_{i+1}$ by end-effector in $\{i + 1\}$.

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Forward Iterations: Determining twists \mathcal{V}_i and accelerations $\dot{\mathcal{V}}_i$ of each link by moving outward from the base to the tip. Given θ , $\dot{\theta}$, $\ddot{\theta}$, for i = 1 to n, find

Newton–Euler Formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}_{i,i-1} &= e^{-[\mathcal{A}_i]\theta_i} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{M}}_{i,i-1} \in SE(3) & (\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}_{n+1,n} = \boldsymbol{\mathcal{M}}_{n+1,n}) \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_i &= [\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}_{i,i-1}}] \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{i-1} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}_i \dot{\theta}_i \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}_i &= [\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}_{i,i-1}}] \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}_{i-1} + \frac{d}{dt} ([\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}_{i,i-1}}]) \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{i-1} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}_i \ddot{\theta}_i \\ &= [\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}_{i,i-1}}] \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}_{i-1} + [\operatorname{ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_i}] \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}_i \dot{\theta}_i + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}_i \ddot{\theta}_i \end{aligned}$$



Backward Iterations: Determining wrenches \mathcal{F}_i experienced by each link, and then, the joint torques/forces τ_i by moving inward from the tip to the base. For i = n to 1, find

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{i} = \left[\operatorname{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_{i+1,i}}\right]^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{i+1} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{i} \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}_{i} - \left[\operatorname{ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{i}}\right]^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{i} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{i}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\tau}_{i} = \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}_{i}$$



Dynamic Equations

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Lagrangian Formulation

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Newton–Euler Formulation

Let define some stacked vectors and matrices:

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{1} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{n} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n}, \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{1} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{n} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n},$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{base}} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Ad}_{T_{10}} \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{0} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n}, \quad \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{\text{tip}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Ad}_{T_{n+1,n}} \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}}_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n}$$

$$[\operatorname{ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}] = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{1}} \end{bmatrix} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & [\operatorname{ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{2}}] & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & [\operatorname{ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{n}}] \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n \times 6n}, \qquad \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}_{1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}_{2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}_{n} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n \times 6n},$$

$$[\operatorname{ad}_{\mathcal{A}}_{\theta}] = \begin{bmatrix} [\operatorname{ad}_{\mathcal{A}_{1}\theta_{1}}] & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & [\operatorname{ad}_{\mathcal{A}_{2}\theta_{2}}] & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & [\operatorname{ad}_{\mathcal{A}_{n}\theta_{n}}] \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n \times 6n}, \qquad \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & [\operatorname{ad}_{\mathcal{A}_{n}\theta_{n}}] \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n \times 6n}, \qquad \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & [\operatorname{ad}_{\mathcal{A}_{n}\theta_{n}}] \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n \times 6n}, \qquad \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}_{n} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n \times 6n},$$

Note: \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{G} are constant block-diagonal matrices. \mathcal{A} contains only the kinematic parameters while \mathcal{G} contains only the mass and inertial parameters for each link.

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Dynamic Equations in Closed Form

$$\mathcal{W}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ [\mathrm{Ad}_{T_{21}}] & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [\mathrm{Ad}_{T_{32}}] & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & [\mathrm{Ad}_{T_{n,n-1}}] & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n \times 6n}$$

With these definitions, the recursive inverse dynamics algorithm can be assembled into a set of matrix equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{base}} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - [\text{ad}_{\mathcal{A}}\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}](\boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{base}}) + \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}_{\text{base}} \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}^{\mathrm{T}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}\dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}} - [\text{ad}_{\mathcal{V}}]^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} + \boldsymbol{\overline{\mathcal{F}}}_{\text{tip}}, \\ \boldsymbol{\tau} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}} \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} &= \left(\boldsymbol{I}_{6n} - \boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\right)^{-1} \left(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{base}}\right) \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}} &= \left(\boldsymbol{I}_{6n} - \boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\right)^{-1} \left(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - [\text{ad}_{\mathcal{A}}\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}](\boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{base}}) + \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}_{\text{base}}\right) \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}} &= \left(\boldsymbol{I}_{6n} - \boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\right)^{-T} \left(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}\dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}} - [\text{ad}_{\mathcal{V}}]^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} + \boldsymbol{\overline{\mathcal{F}}}_{\text{tip}}\right), \\ \boldsymbol{\tau} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}} \end{aligned}$$

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Dynamic Equations in Closed Form

The matrix $\mathcal{W}(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{6n \times 6n}$ has the property that $\mathcal{W}(\theta)^n = \mathbf{0}$ (such a matrix is said to be Nilpotent of order n), and

$$(I_{6n} - \mathcal{W}(\theta))^{-1} = I_{6n} + \mathcal{W}(\theta) + \dots + \mathcal{W}^{n-1}(\theta)$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0\\ [\mathrm{Ad}_{T_{21}}] & I_n & 0 & \cdots & 0\\ [\mathrm{Ad}_{T_{31}}] & [\mathrm{Ad}_{T_{32}}] & I_n & \cdots & 0\\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots\\ [\mathrm{Ad}_{T_{n1}}] & [\mathrm{Ad}_{T_{n2}}] & [\mathrm{Ad}_{T_{n3}}] & \cdots & I_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n \times 6n}$$

By defining $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = (\boldsymbol{I}_{6n} - \mathcal{W}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))^{-1}$, the equations can be reorganized as:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{L}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \big(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}} \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{base}} \big) \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{L}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \big(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}} \ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \big[\text{ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}} \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} \big] (\boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{base}}) + \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}_{\text{base}} \big) \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{L}}^{T}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \big(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}} \dot{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}} - [\text{ad}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}]^{T} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}} + \boldsymbol{\overline{\mathcal{F}}}_{\text{tip}} \big), \\ \boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\tau}} &= \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}^{T} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{F}} \end{aligned}$$