

Exercise 2

For the 3-dof planar robot in Fig. 2, one can define a task vector $r = (p_x, p_y, \alpha)$ containing the position of the robot tip and the angle $\alpha \in (-\pi, \pi]$ of the last link with respect to the axis x_w of the world frame. Using the joint variables defined in the figure, find all inverse kinematics solutions of this robot for a given task vector r_d . Determine also the singular cases and explain what happens then. Evaluate your solution with the numerical data $L = 1$ m and $r_d = (1, 0, -\pi/4)$ [m,m,rad]. Finally, compute the task Jacobian matrix $J(q) = \partial r / \partial q$ and find its singularities.

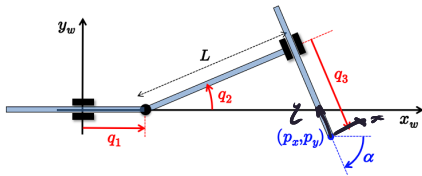


Figure 2: A 3-dof planar robot with the definition of joint and task variables.

I define some intermediate Frames to compute $S_r(q)$.

$${}^wT_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & q_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^2T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} C_2 & -S_2 & 0 & 0 \\ S_2 & C_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & L \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_2 & -S_2 & 0 & LC_2 \\ S_2 & C_2 & 0 & LS_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^cT_e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -q_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -q_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} S_2 & C_2 & 0 & S_2 q_3 + LC_2 + q_1 \\ -C_2 & S_2 & 0 & -C_2 q_3 + LS_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow S_r(q) : \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q_3 \sin q_2 + LC \cos q_2 + q_1 \\ -q_3 \cos q_2 + L \sin q_2 \\ q_2 - \pi/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow J = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & q_3 C_2 - L S_2 & \sin q_2 \\ 0 & q_3 \sin q_2 + L \cos q_2 & -\cos q_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Singular if } q_2 = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow J(q_2 = \pi/2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -L & 1 \\ 0 & q_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

since $\det J = \cos q_2$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank } J = 2 \neq 3.$$

Exercise 3

A robot joint should move from q_i at $t = 0$, with a generic initial velocity v_i , to q_f at $t = T$, using a trajectory $q(t)$ that has continuous acceleration in the open interval $(0, T)$. Choose the motion profile and determine analytically the value of the final velocity v_f to be attained at $t = T$ so that the resulting initial acceleration is $\ddot{q}(0) = 0$. Provide then the expression of the corresponding maximum values of $|\dot{q}(t)|$ and $|\ddot{q}(t)|$ in the closed interval $[0, T]$. Using the numerical data $q_i = -0.5$, $q_f = 1$ [rad] and $T = 3$ s, apply your results to the two cases i) $v_i = 0$ and ii) $v_i = 1$ [rad/s].

The boundary conditions are:

$$q(0) = q_i, \quad \dot{q}(0) = v_i, \quad q(T) = q_f, \quad \ddot{q}(0) = 0.$$

I choose a 3-degree pol. $\Delta q = q_f - q_i$

$$q(t) = at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d \quad \dot{q}(t) = 3at^2 + 2bt + c \quad \ddot{q}(t) = 6at + 2b$$

$$\begin{cases} q(0) = d = q_i \\ \dot{q}(0) = c = v_i \\ \ddot{q}(0) = 2b = 0 \\ aT^3 + bT^2 + cT + d = q_f \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b = 0 \\ c = v_i \\ d = q_i \\ a = \frac{\Delta q - v_i T}{T^3} \end{cases} \Rightarrow q(t) = \frac{\Delta q - v_i T}{T^3} t^3 + v_i t + q_i \Rightarrow \dot{q}(t) = 3 \frac{\Delta q - v_i T}{T^3} t^2 + v_i$$

$$\Rightarrow v_f = \dot{q}(T) = 3 \frac{\Delta q - v_i T}{T^3} T^2 + v_i = \frac{3}{T} (\Delta q - v_i T) + v_i$$

The maximum velocity is reached when $\ddot{q}(t) = 0$

$$\ddot{q}(t) = \frac{\Delta q - v_i T}{T^3} \cdot 6t = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0 \Rightarrow \max |\dot{q}| = v_i$$

$$\text{and } \max \ddot{q} \text{ is obtained at } t = T \Rightarrow \max |\ddot{q}| = \frac{\Delta q - v_i T}{T^2} \cdot 6$$

Now: consider $q_i = -0.5$, $q_f = 1$, $T = 3 \Rightarrow \Delta q = 0.5$

Case $v_i = 0$

$$q(t) = \frac{1}{54} t^3 - 0.5, \quad \dot{q}(t) = \frac{3}{54} t^2, \quad v_f = \dot{q}(3) = \frac{1}{2} = \max |\dot{q}|$$

$$\ddot{q}(t) = \frac{6}{54} t, \quad \max |\ddot{q}| = \frac{1}{3}$$

Case $v_i = 1$

$$q(t) = -\frac{5}{54} t^3 + t - 0.5, \quad \dot{q}(t) = -\frac{5}{18} t^2 + 1, \quad \ddot{q}(t) = -\frac{5}{9} t$$

$$\max |\ddot{q}| = \frac{5}{9}, \quad \max |\dot{q}| = \frac{3}{2}, \quad v_f = \frac{3}{2}$$