

## MMM — Assignment 2

**Due date: Friday, 22 November 2019, 08:00**

**Question A.** Consider a serial chain with two helical joints with the same pitch,  $h$ , and distinct axes through the same point,  $O$ . Describe the screws of *all* possible instantaneous motions of the end-effector.

**Question B.** Consider the set,  $H$ , composed of all wrenches of arbitrary finite pitch with axis (line of application)  $Oz$ .

B1. Is  $H$  a vector subspace of  $se(3)^*$ ? Prove your answer by showing either that  $H$  is closed under addition or that it is not.

B2. Find the dimension and a basis of  $\text{span}(H)$ . Prove your answers.

**Question C.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$  (not necessarily finite-dimensional). For any  $C \subset V$ ,  $C^\perp \subset V^*$  is its annihilator.

C1. Prove that  $(A \cap B)^\perp \supset A^\perp + B^\perp$ .

C2. Prove that  $(A \cap B)^\perp = A^\perp + B^\perp$  if it is given that the following three lemmas are true:

L1.  $\dim(A + B) = \dim(A) + \dim(B) - \dim(A \cap B)$

L2.  $(A + B)^\perp = A^\perp \cap B^\perp$

L3.  $\dim(A^\perp) = \dim(V) - \dim(A)$  for any subspace  $A$ .

**Question D.**

D1. Two screws of finite pitches  $p$  and  $-p$  are reciprocal. Describe precisely the conditions for the relative location of the two axes. Prove your answer.

D2. A screw  $\xi$  with pitch 0.5 m is on the  $Oy$  axis. Consider the set of all screws  $\psi$  satisfying the following conditions: (1)  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  are reciprocal; (2) the pitch of  $\psi$  is 0.5 m; (3) the common normal between the axes is in the  $Oxz$  plane; (4) the angle between the axes is  $\pi/4$ . Show that the set of points with coordinates  $(x, y, z)$  on the axes of all screws  $\psi$  is a quadric surface. Provide the equation  $Q(x, y, z) = 0$  for this surface and identify its type.

**Question E.** A twist system,  $T$ , is spanned by two planar pencils of pure rotations, each with concurrent axes. The planes of the pencils are horizontal and distinct. The two points of concurrence define a vertical line.

E1. Find the dimension of  $T$ .

E2. Find a basis of the reciprocal wrench system  $T^\perp$ .

E3. Describe all screws in  $T^\perp$ .

**Note.** Prove your answers and illustrate them with clear drawings.

**Question F.** The subspace  $H$  of  $se(3)$  is spanned by all the twists of the same finite non-zero pitch,  $0 < h_1 < \infty$ , with vertical axes (i.e., axes parallel to the  $Oz$  coordinate direction).

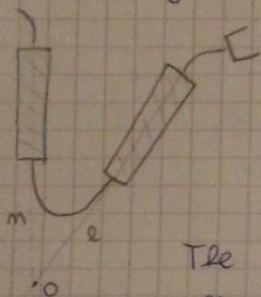
**F1.** Find a basis of the reciprocal wrench system  $H^\perp$ .

**F2.** Describe all elements of  $H^\perp$ .

**Note.** Prove your answers and illustrate them with clear drawings.

- A) Serial chain with two helical joints of same pitch  $h$  and axes through  $O$ .

Screws of all possible instantaneous motions of  $e$  e.?



$$\begin{aligned}\xi_1 &= (w_1 \vec{n}, h_1 w_1 \vec{n}) = (w_1 \vec{n}, h w_1 \vec{n}) \\ \xi_2 &= (w_2 \vec{l}, h_2 w_2 \vec{l}) = (w_2 \vec{l}, h w_2 \vec{l})\end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{n}$  and  $\vec{l}$  are  
orthogonal axes  
intersecting in  $O$

$$\xi = \xi_1 + \xi_2 = (w_1 \vec{n} + w_2 \vec{l}, h(w_1 \vec{n} + w_2 \vec{l})) = (\vec{w}, h \vec{w})$$

The screws of all possible instantaneous motion of the end effector are given by the linear combination of the given twists

$$\xi_1 \text{ and } \xi_2, \text{ so by } \vec{w} = \alpha \vec{w}_1 + \beta \vec{w}_2, \vec{v}_0 = h \vec{w}$$

- B) Set  $H = \{ \text{wrenches } \gamma \text{ of arbitrary finite pitch and } l(\gamma) = 0 \}$

1. is  $H \subset \mathfrak{se}(3)^*$ ? Prove by showing it is closed under addition

I can write a generic wrench  $\gamma \in H$  as:

$$\gamma = (g \vec{e}, h g \vec{e} + \vec{e} \times g \vec{e}) = (g \vec{e}, h g \vec{e})$$

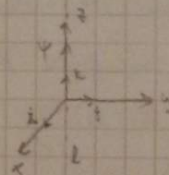
So, if I consider two generic  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in H$ :

$$\gamma_1 = (g_1 \vec{e}, h_1 g_1 \vec{e})$$

$$\gamma_2 = (g_2 \vec{e}, h_2 g_2 \vec{e})$$

$$\gamma_{\text{sum}} = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = ((g_1 + g_2) \vec{e}, (h_1 g_1 + h_2 g_2) \vec{e})$$

The result of the sum  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$  is a wrench with axis along  $\vec{e}$  and with finite pitch. I can then conclude that  $H$  is a vector subspace of  $\mathfrak{se}(3)^*$ , since it is closed under addition.



2.  $\dim(H)$ ? basis of  $H$ ?

$$\dim(H) = 2$$

A general wrench  $\gamma \in H$  can be written as a linear combination of the two previously defined wrenches  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$ . To demonstrate that they form a basis for  $H$  I consider their combination:

$$\gamma = \alpha \gamma_1 + \beta \gamma_2 = ((\alpha g_1 + \beta g_2) \vec{e}, (\alpha h_1 g_1 + \beta h_2 g_2) \vec{e})$$

It must be valid that the given system:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha g_1 & \alpha h_1 g_1 \\ \beta g_2 & \beta h_2 g_2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$\alpha \beta g_1 g_2 h_2 - \alpha \beta g_2 g_1 h_1 = 0 \text{ if and only if } \alpha, \beta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \gamma_1 \text{ and } \gamma_2 \text{ are l.i.}$$

So I can find  $\alpha, \beta$  s.t. a general wrench  $\gamma \in H$  can be described with  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{basis}(H) = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$



c)  $A, B \subset V$ ,  $V$  vector space of not necessarily finite dimension.

For any  $C \subset V$ ,  $C^\perp \subset V^*$  is its annihilator

1. Prove that  $(A \cap B)^\perp \supset A^\perp + B^\perp$

I can describe the two subvector spaces:

$$A^\perp = \{a^\perp \in V^* : a^\perp(a) = 0 \quad \forall a \in A\}$$

$$B^\perp = \{b^\perp \in V^* : b^\perp(b) = 0 \quad \forall b \in B\}$$

$$A^\perp + B^\perp = \{c \in V^* : c = a^\perp + b^\perp \quad \forall a^\perp \in A^\perp, \forall b^\perp \in B^\perp\} \quad (1)$$

$$A \cap B = \{d \in V : d \in A, d \in B\}$$

$$(A \cap B)^\perp = \{e^\perp \in V^* : e^\perp(d) = 0 \quad \forall d \in A \cap B\} \quad (2)$$

To demonstrate that  $A^\perp + B^\perp$  is a subspace of  $(A \cap B)^\perp$  it must be valid that, taken a generic  $x \in (A^\perp + B^\perp)$ , it satisfies the conditions of the second space:

$x = a^\perp + b^\perp \in V^*$  and  $x \cdot d = a^\perp d + b^\perp d = 0 + 0 = 0$  since  $a^\perp(a) = 0$  and  $b^\perp(b) = 0$  and  $d \in A, B$ . So I can conclude that  $(A^\perp + B^\perp) \subset (A \cap B)^\perp$ .

2. Prove that  $(A \cap B)^\perp = A^\perp + B^\perp$  if

$$L1. \dim(A+B) = \dim(A) + \dim(B) - \dim(A \cap B)$$

$$L2. (A+B)^\perp = A^\perp \cap B^\perp$$

$$L3. \dim(A^\perp) = \dim(V) - \dim(A)$$

Let's analyse the dimensions:

$$\underset{L3}{\dim(A \cap B)^\perp} = \dim(V^*) - \underset{L1}{\dim(A \cap B)} = \underset{L1}{\dim(V^*)} + \dim(A+B) - \dim(A) - \dim(B)$$

$$\underset{L1}{\dim(A^\perp + B^\perp)} = \underset{L1}{\dim(A^\perp)} + \dim(B^\perp) - \underset{L2}{\dim(A^\perp \cap B^\perp)} = \underset{L1}{\dim(A^\perp)} + \dim(B^\perp) - \dim((A+B)^\perp) =$$

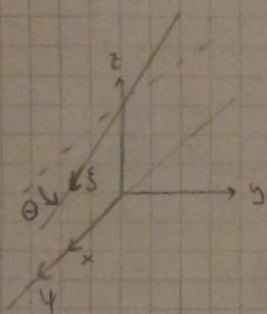
$$\underset{L3}{=} \dim(V^*) - \dim(A) + \cancel{\dim(V^*)} - \dim(B) - \cancel{\dim(V^*)} + \dim(A+B) =$$

$$= \dim(V^*) + \dim(A+B) - \dim(A) - \dim(B)$$

I've proved that  $\dim(A \cap B)^\perp$  and  $(A^\perp + B^\perp)$  are the same. By also knowing that  $(A \cap B)^\perp \supset A^\perp + B^\perp$ , I can conclude that  $(A \cap B)^\perp = A^\perp + B^\perp$ , given that the three previous lemmas are true



- D) 1. Two screws of pitch  $p, -p$  are reciprocal. Describe the conditions for the relative location of the two axes.



I consider a wrench  $\Psi$  on  $x$  axis and a twist  $\xi$  inclined, with respect to  $x$ , of an angle  $\theta$ .

I also consider  $h(\Psi) = h, h(\xi) = h', r = d\vec{e}$

With these assumptions I can write:

$$\Psi = g(\vec{r}, h\vec{r})$$

$$\xi = w(\cos\theta\vec{i} + \sin\theta\vec{j}, (h'\cos\theta - d\sin\theta)\vec{i} + (h'\sin\theta + d\cos\theta)\vec{j})$$

Condition for reciprocity:  $\Psi \cdot \xi = 0 \Leftrightarrow g\vec{r} + mw = 0$ .

$$\Psi \cdot \xi = c\theta h w g + c\theta h' w g - d s\theta g w = (h + h')c\theta - d s\theta = 0$$

In this case:  $h = p, h' = -p, w =$

$$(p - p)c\theta - d s\theta = 0 \rightarrow -d s\theta = 0 \Leftrightarrow d = 0 : \begin{cases} \text{intersecting axes, } \theta \text{ arbitrary} \\ \text{parallel axes, } d \text{ arbitrary } \neq 0 \\ \text{collinear axes, } d = 0 \text{ and } s\theta = 0 \end{cases}$$

2. Given  $\xi: h(\xi) = 0,5m; l(\xi) = 0,5$ , consider the set of all screws  $\Psi$  such that:

①  $\xi \cdot \Psi = 0$  (reciprocal)

②  $h(\Psi) = 0,5m$

③ common normal between  $\xi$  and  $\Psi: \in Oyz$  plane

④ angle between axes:  $\theta = \pi/4$

Provide equation for  $Q(x, y, z) = 0$ : quadric surface made of all axes of  $\Psi$ .

$$\xi = (w\vec{j}, h, w\vec{j})$$

$$\Psi = (g\vec{e}, h_2 g\vec{e} + \vec{r} \wedge g\vec{e}) =$$

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$$= (g\vec{e}, h_2 g\vec{e} + (\dots)\vec{i} + (-r_x g_z + r_z g_x)\vec{j} + (\dots)\vec{k})$$

$$\xi \cdot \Psi = h_2 g_y w + (-r_x g_z w + r_z g_x w) + h_1 g_y w = 0$$

$$h_2 g_y - r_x g_z + r_z g_x + h_1 g_y = 0 \quad \text{from the data: } h(\xi) = h_1 = 0,5$$

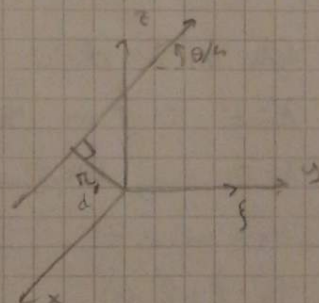
$$\text{from ②: } h(\Psi) = h_2 = 0,5$$

$$\Rightarrow g_y - r_x g_z + r_z g_x = 0$$

Moreover I know:

$$\vec{r} = (r_x, 0, r_z) \text{ since it } \in Oyz \text{ ③} = (r\cos\theta, 0, r\sin\theta)$$

$$\vec{g} = (-g\sin\theta, g_y, g\cos\theta) = (-g\sin\theta, \sqrt{2}/2, g\cos\theta)$$





By substituting in  $f \cdot \psi = 0$ :

$$f_y - r \times f_z + r \times f_x = 0$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - r \cos \theta - r \sin \theta = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - r = 0 \rightarrow r = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{f} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left( -\frac{\sin \theta}{r}, 1, \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right)$$

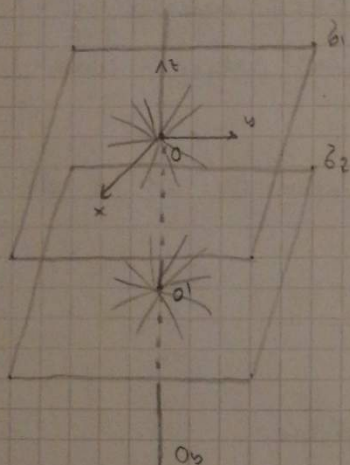
Since we have both  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{f}$  we can now define  $\ell(\psi)$ :

$$\ell(\psi) = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos \theta \\ 0 \\ r \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta / r \\ 1 \\ \cos \theta / r \end{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} t \rightarrow \begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} t \\ y = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} t \\ z = r \sin \theta + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} t \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} y \\ z = r \sin \theta + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} y \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow x^2 + z^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} y^2 + r^2 \rightarrow \frac{x^2}{r^2} - \frac{y^2}{r^4} + \frac{z^2}{r^2} = 1 \quad \text{This is a quadric surface, in particular it represents a hyperboloid of one sheet, in which}$$

$a=r, b=r$  It has axis along  $y$  and is in function of  $r$ .

E)



A twist system  $T$  is generated by two planar pencils of pure rotations, each with concurrent axes, positioned as in the drawing: horizontal, distinct,  $O_0 \notin \alpha$

1.  $\dim(T)$ ?

$$\beta_1 \cap \beta_2 = \emptyset, \text{ so } \dim(T) = \dim(\beta_1) + \dim(\beta_2) - \dim(\beta_1 \cap \beta_2) = \dim(\beta_1) + \dim(\beta_2) = 2 + 2 = 4$$

2.  $\text{basis}(T^\perp)$ ?

$$\text{basis}(T^\perp) = (\mu_+, \mu_-)$$

3. All the elements of  $T^\perp$  can be described with  $\text{span}(T^\perp) = (\mu_+, \mu_-)$

Note on the choice of the basis: For  $T^\perp$  to be reciprocal to  $T$  it must be valid that  $T^\perp \cdot T = 0$ . Since  $\dim(T) = 2$ , it is valid that  $\dim(T^\perp) = 6 - 2 = 4$ .

It is easy to demonstrate that both  $\mu_+$  and  $\mu_-$  respect the reciprocity conditions:

$$\mu_+ = m(O, \vec{e})$$

$$\mu_- = f(\vec{r}, O)$$

$\mu_+$  is perpendicular to both planes of rotations, so it is reciprocal to all the rotations.

$\mu_-$  intersects all rotations; it is reciprocal to them.



F) The subspace  $H$  of  $\mathcal{R}(3)$  is spanned by all twists  $\xi$  of same link non zero pitch  $0 < h < \infty$  with vertical axis

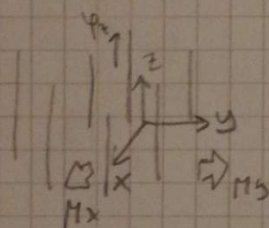
1. basis of  $H^\perp$ ?

I can find  $\dim(H) = 3$ , because translations and 1 rotation are possible. So  $\dim(H^\perp) = 6 - \dim(H) = 3$

The basis of  $H^\perp$  can be written as:

$$\text{basis}(H^\perp) = (M_x, M_y, P_z)$$

where  $M_x, M_y$  are the two couples perpendicular to the axes of screws  $\in H$



2. I can write  $H$  and  $H^\perp$  as

$$H: \xi = w(\vec{e}, h_1 \vec{e} + \vec{e} \wedge \vec{e})$$

$$H^\perp: \psi = g(\vec{e}, h_2 \vec{e} + \vec{e} \wedge \vec{e})$$

condition for reciprocity:

$$(h + h') \cos \theta - h_1 h_2 \sin \theta = 0 \quad \bullet \quad \text{if } \theta = 0: \theta = \pi/2, \quad h_2 \text{ arbitrary} \neq h_1$$

$$h_2 = -h_1, \quad \theta \quad \quad \neq \pi/2$$

$$\bullet \quad \text{if } \theta = \pi/2: h_2 = \infty, \quad h_1 \quad \quad \neq 0$$

$$\bullet \quad \text{if } \theta = 0: h_2 = -h_1, \quad \quad \quad "$$