

# CusToM : a Matlab toolbox for musculoskeletal simulation

## **Introduction to Inverse dynamics**

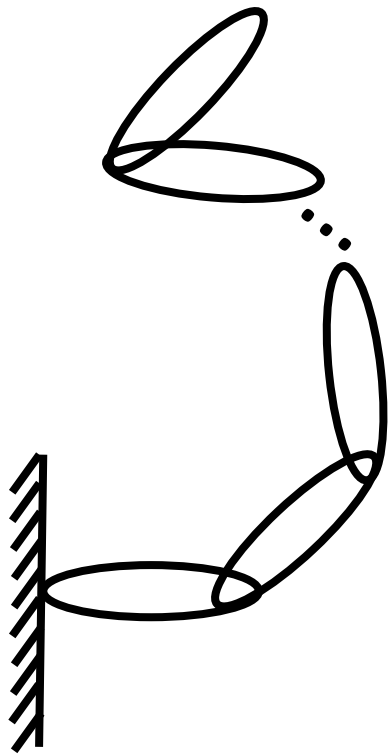
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# Model description

# Connectivity



$n_b$  solids  
 $n_q$  joints

A polyarticulated system of rigid bodies needs to be represented by a **connectivity graph**, consisted from **nodes and arcs**

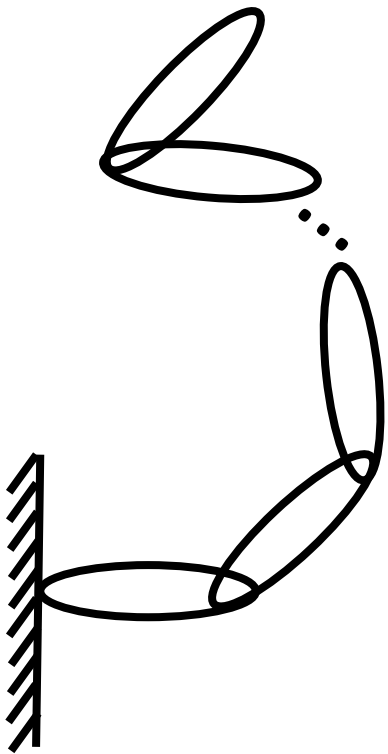
The first node is the system **reference**

Each following **node** is a **solid**

Each arc between **nodes** is a **joint**

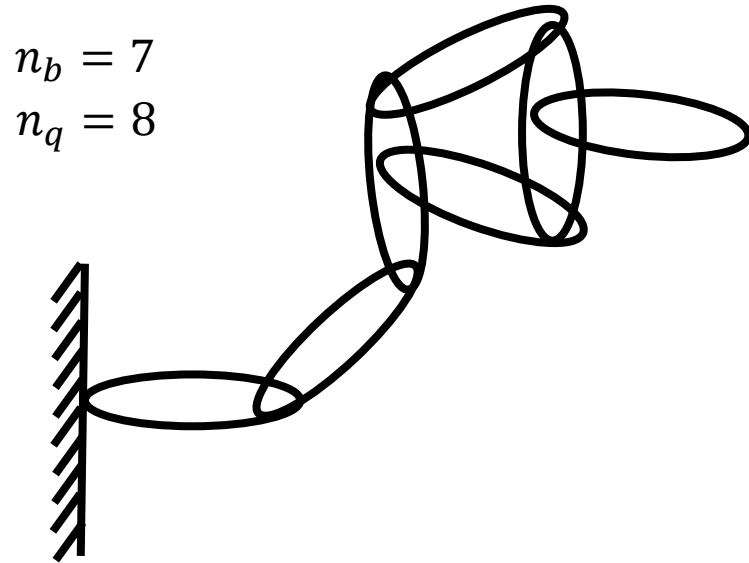
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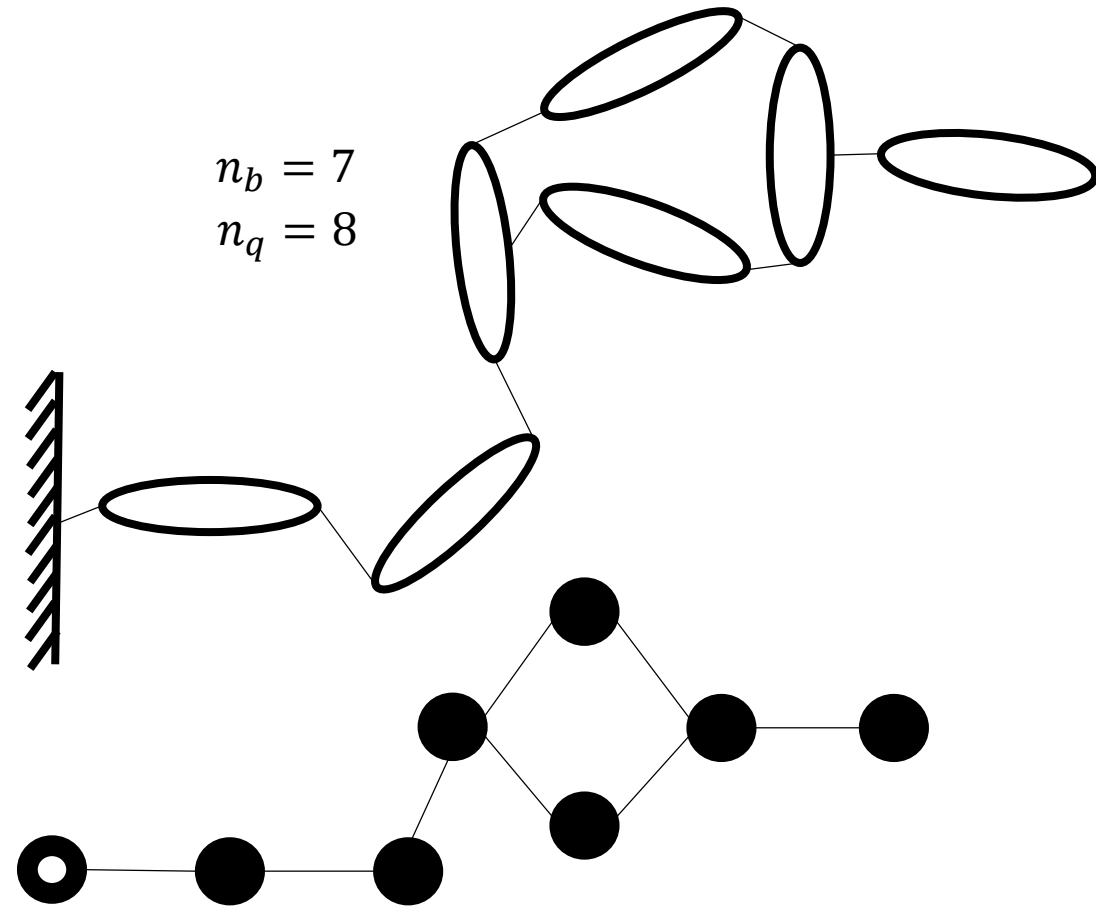
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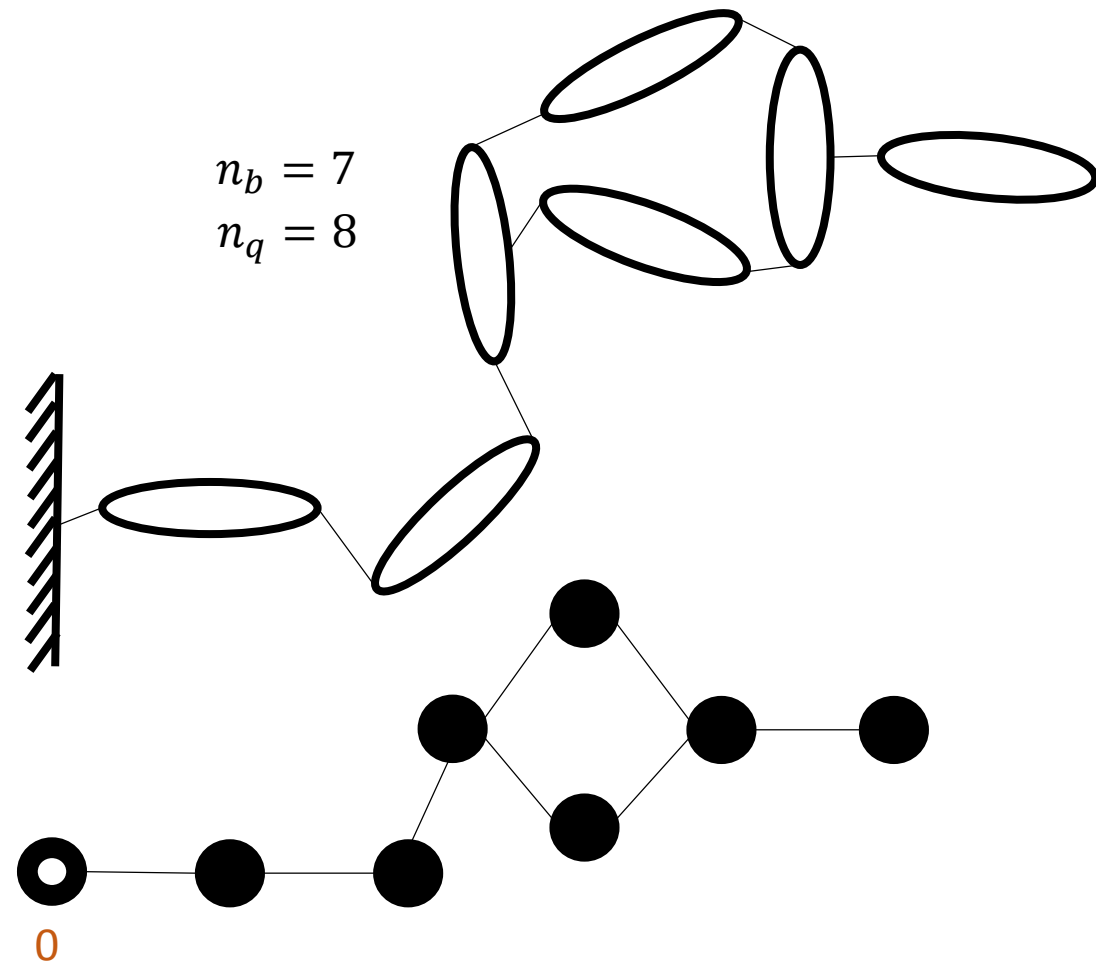
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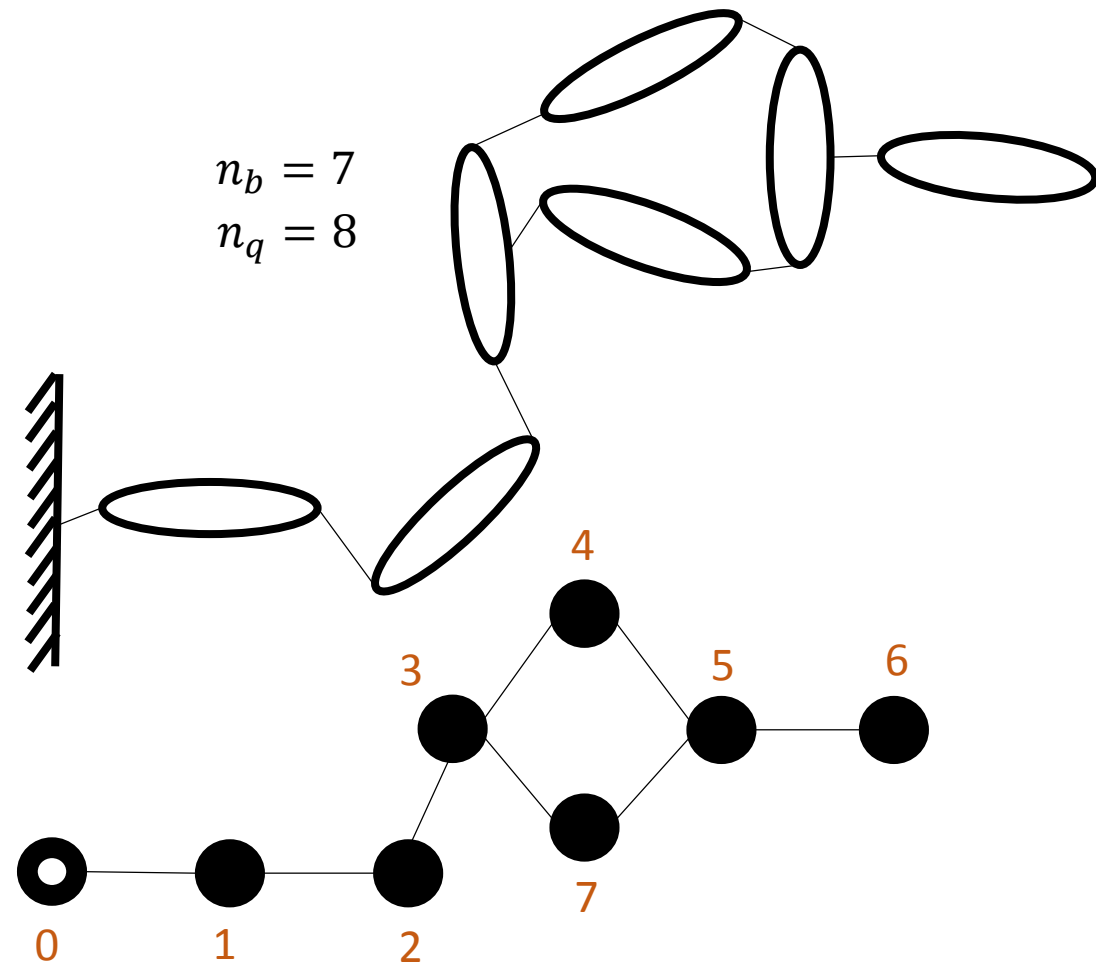
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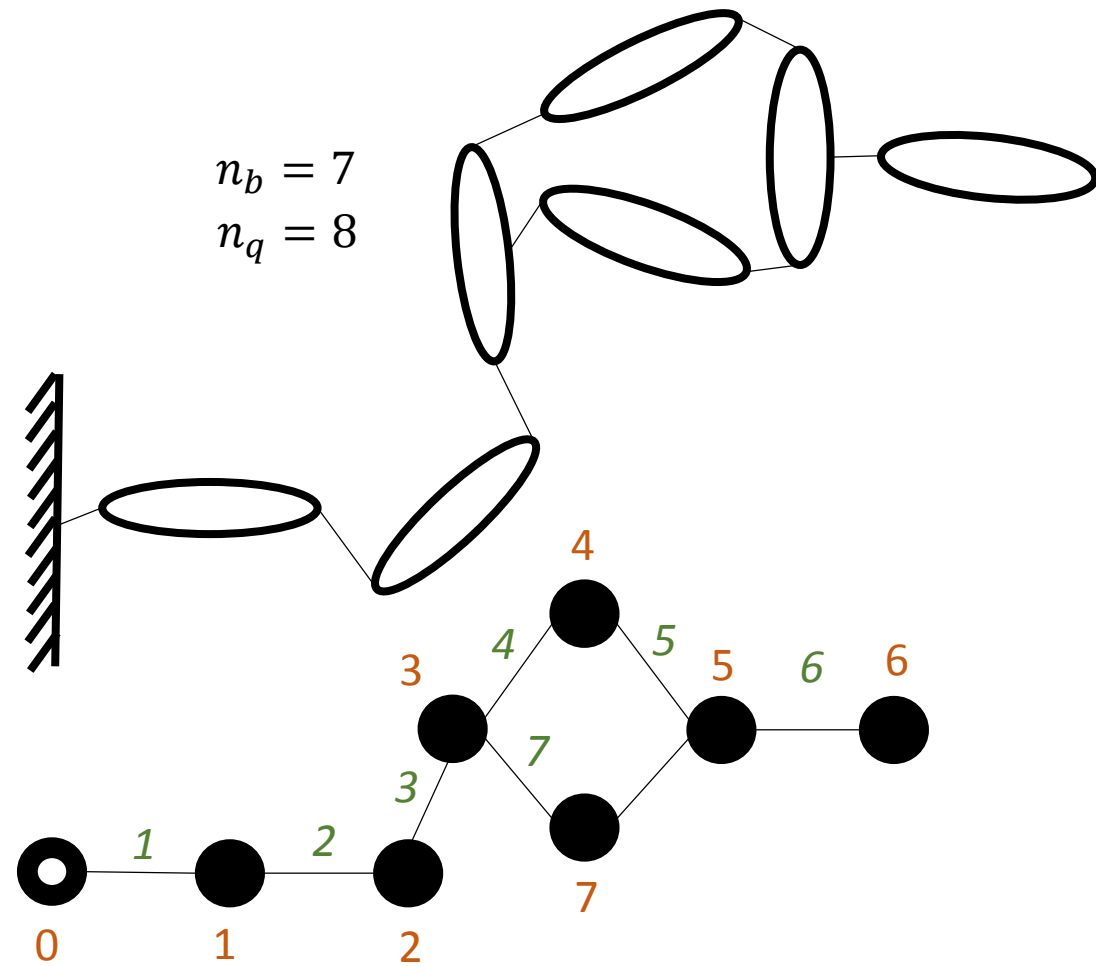


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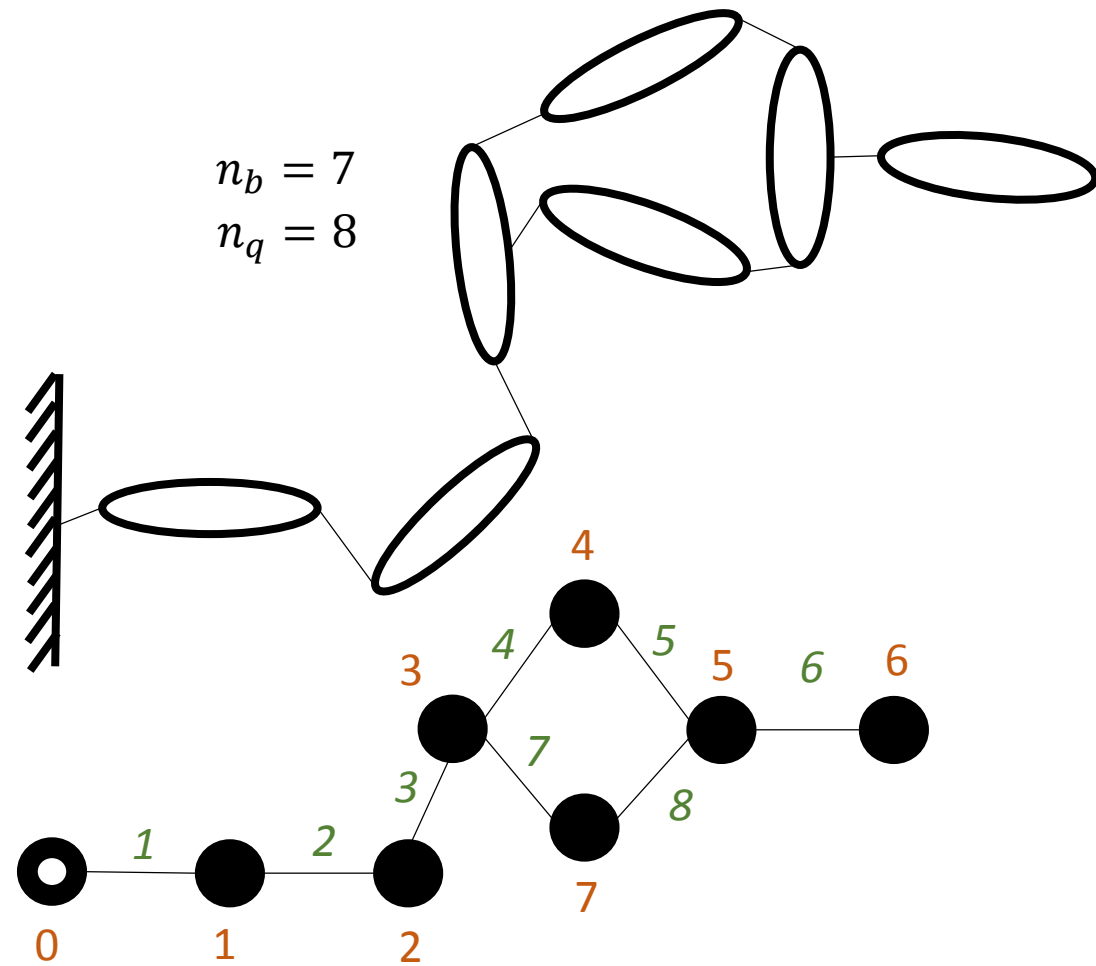
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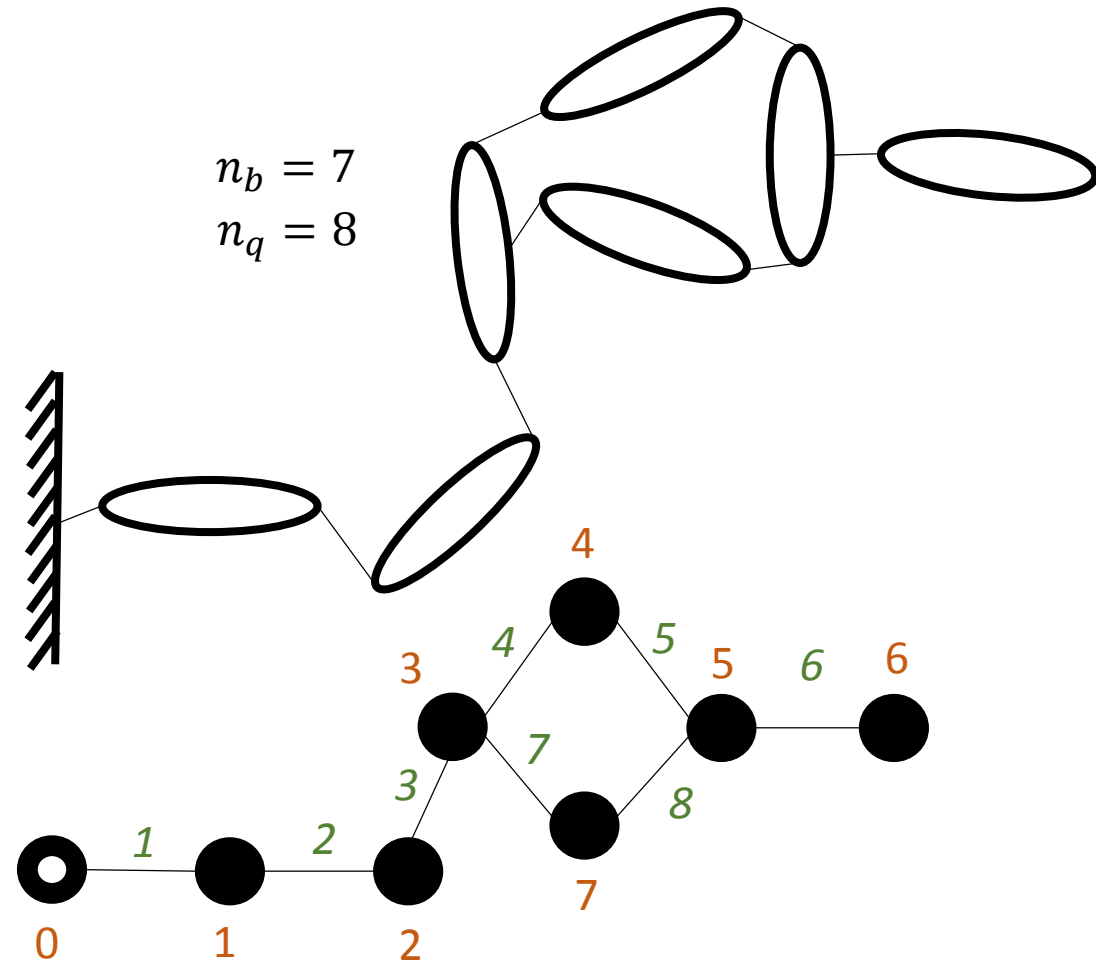
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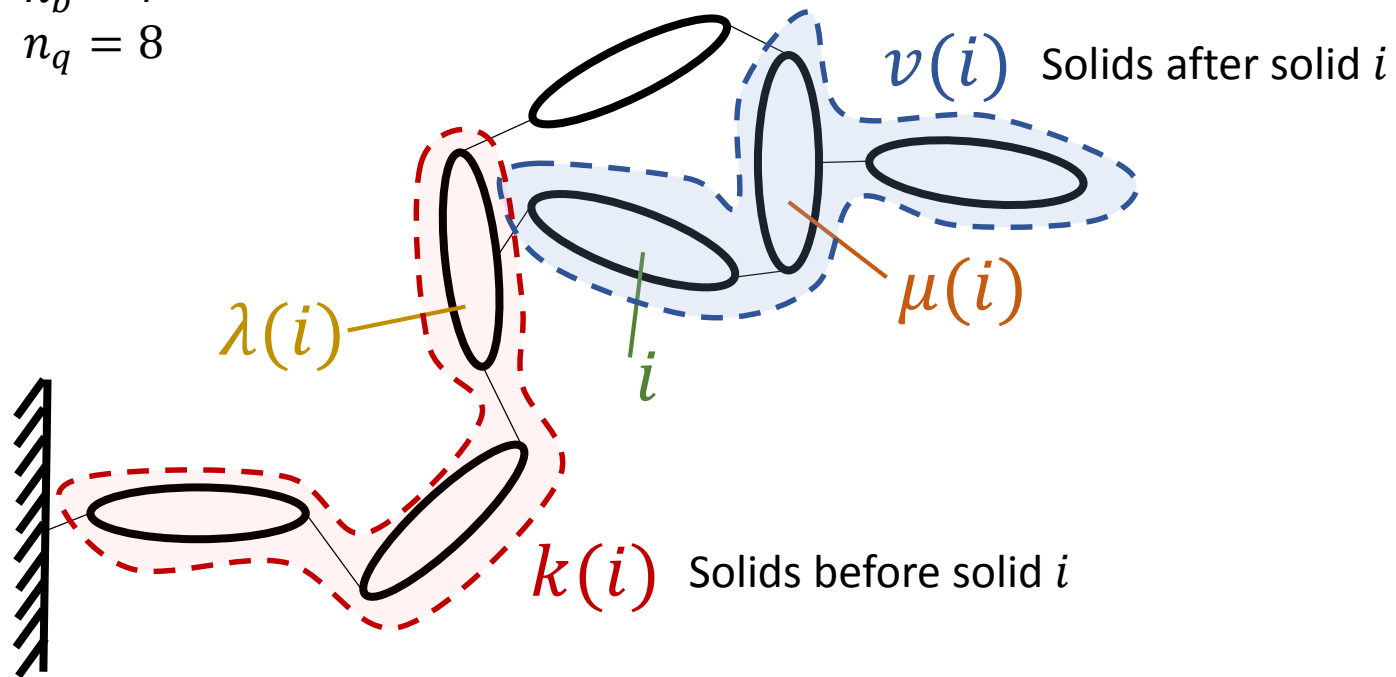
## Properties

- Predecessors table ( $p(i)$  solid before joint  $i$ )  
 $p = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 3, 7\}$
- Successors table ( $s(i)$  solid after joint  $i$ )  
 $s = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 5\}$
- Parents table ( $\lambda(i)$  solid parent of solid  $i$ )  
 Properties:  $\lambda(i) = \min(p(i), s(i)) \quad i \in [1, n_b]$   
 $\lambda = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 3\}$
- Children table ( $\mu(i)$  solids children of solid  $i$ )  
 $\mu(0) = 1$   
 $\mu(1) = 2$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\mu(3) = \{4, 7\}$   
 $\vdots$

$\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are fundamental to establish recursivity between the state of the solids and the forces applying on them

# Connectivity

$$n_b = 7$$
$$n_q = 8$$

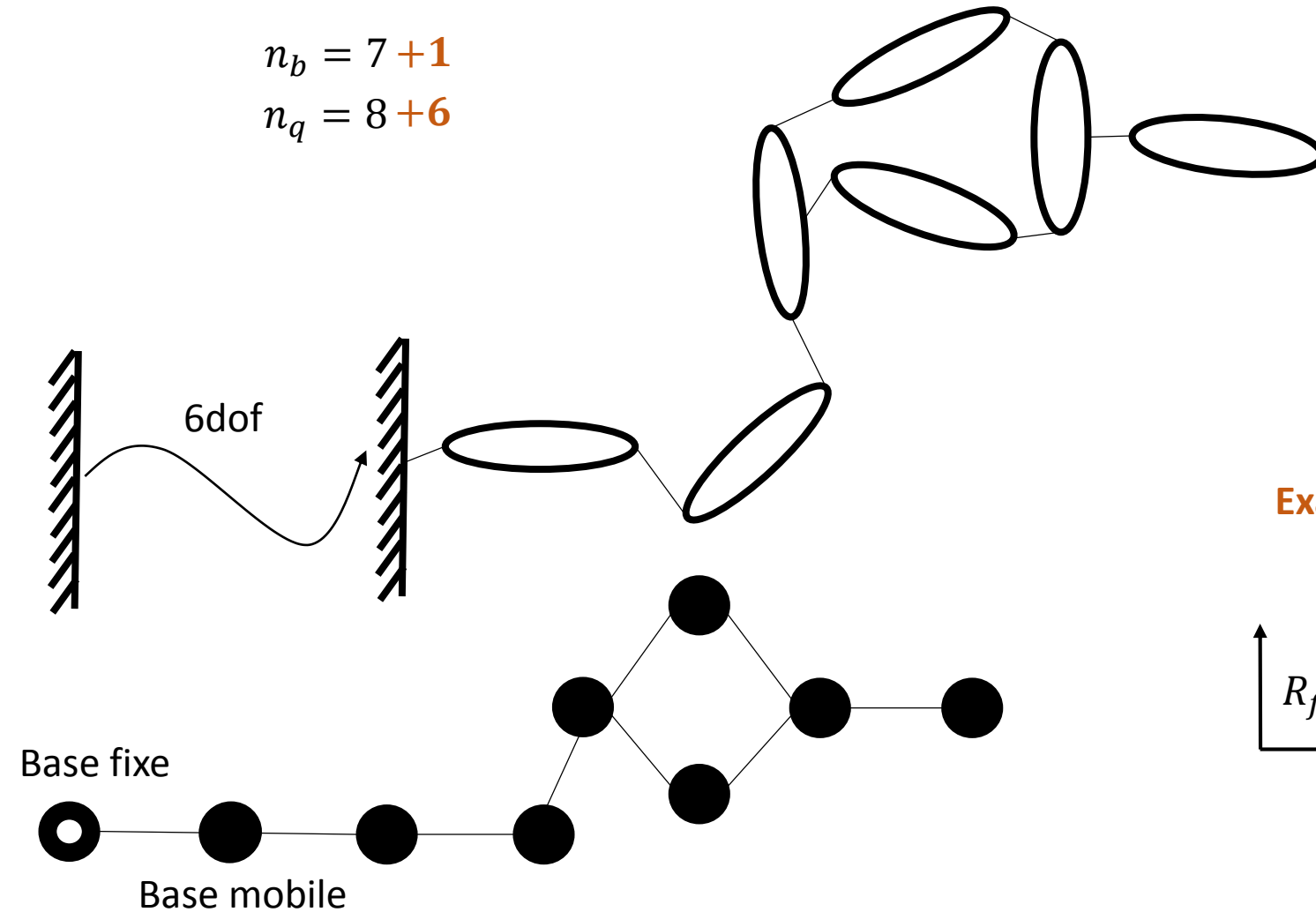


Practically,  $\lambda(i)$  is sufficient to establish all of the recursivity rules to be applied to the system

# Mobile base

$$n_b = 7 + 1$$

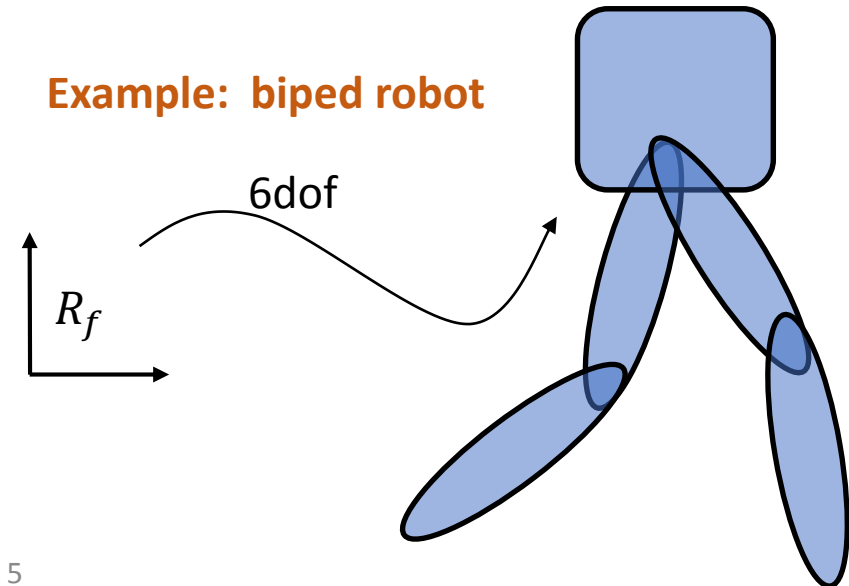
$$n_q = 8 + 6$$



A system of rigid bodies is linked with the reference frame through **6 degrees of freedom (6dof)** adding no constraint to the system.

**The first solid linked to the reference is called mobile base**

**Example: biped robot**



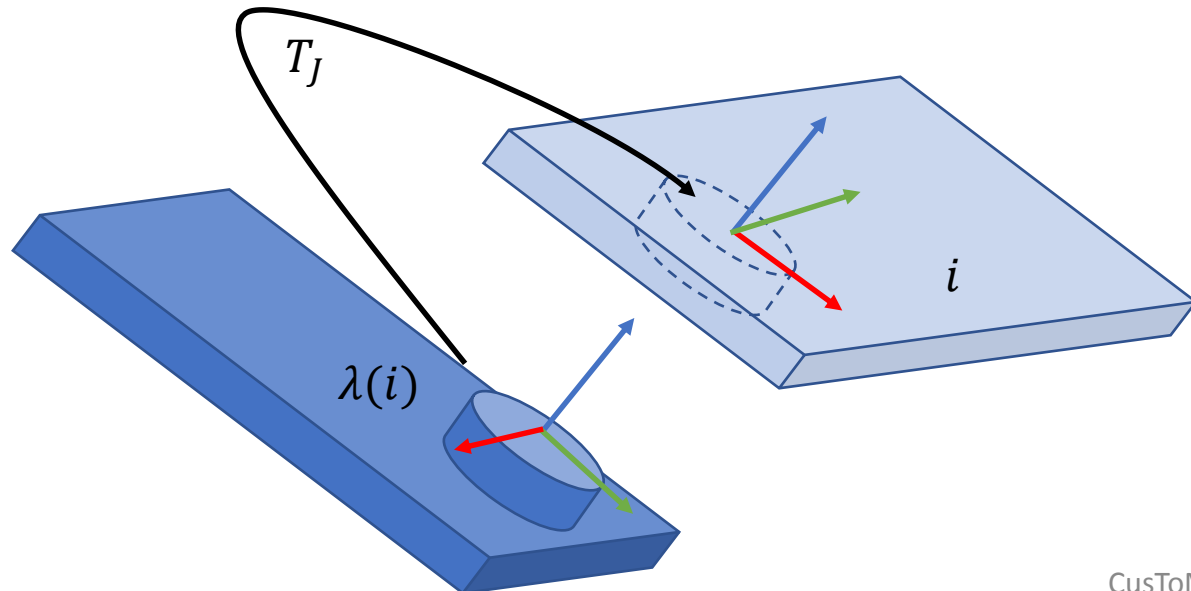
# Joints

**First identify joint type (analyzing dofs)**

Define associated **motion parameters** if necessary (**Kinematic coupling if necessary**)

Define **homogeneous transform** between both solids  $T_J$

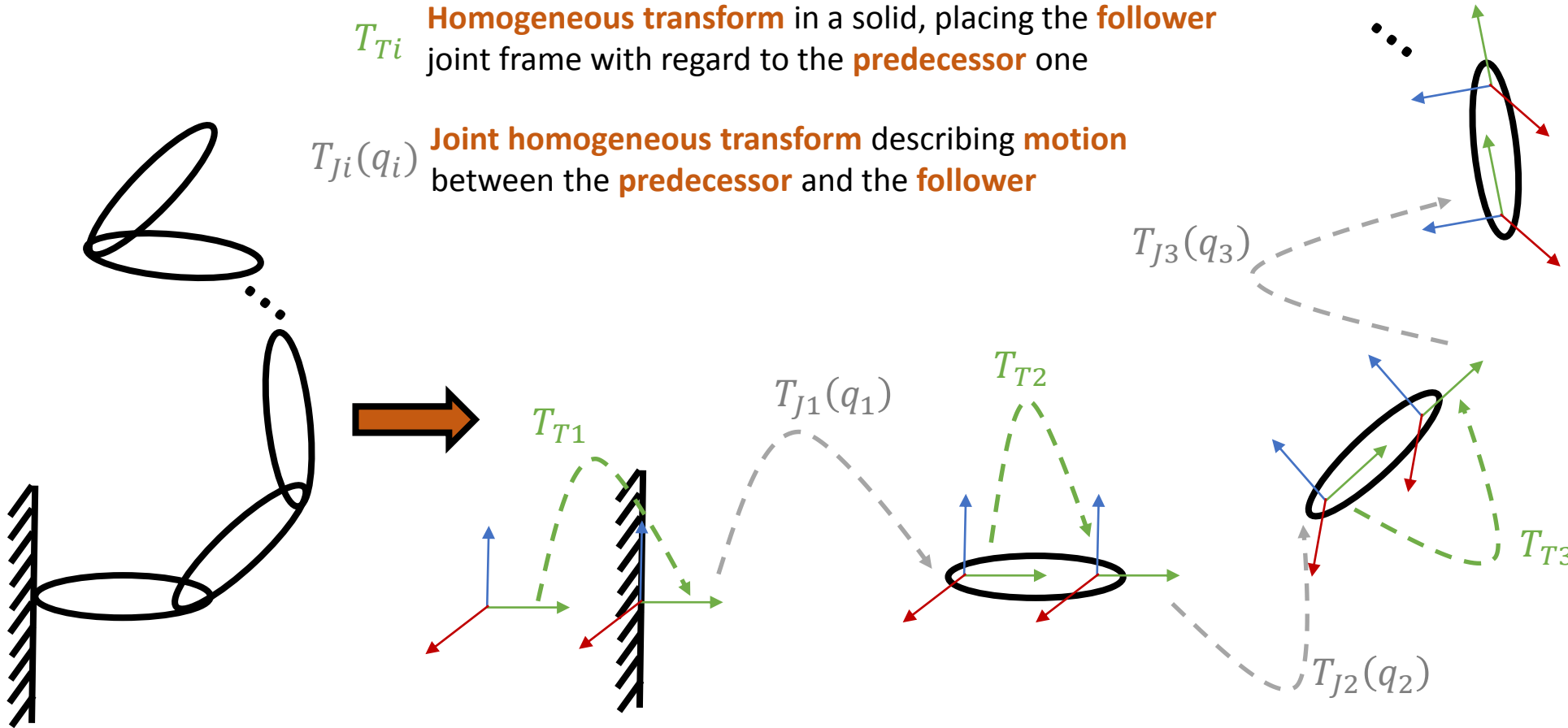
Define motion joint subspace by defining the **articular space** in the follower frame



# Geometry

$T_{Ti}$  **Homogeneous transform** in a solid, placing the **follower** joint frame with regard to the **predecessor** one

$T_{Ji}(q_i)$  **Joint homogeneous transform** describing **motion** between the **predecessor** and the **follower**





# Spatial algebra

# Principle

**Spatial algebra** is a formal way to express in a concise and efficient manner **kinematics and dynamics** of rigid bodies. To do so, **6 dimension vectors and tensors** are defined.

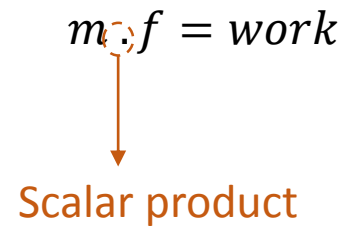
**Can be linked to the tursor definition, expressing both fixed and variable quantities associated to solids motion and forces.**

# Mathematical structure (short)

Spatial vectors can be defined in two mathematical spaces

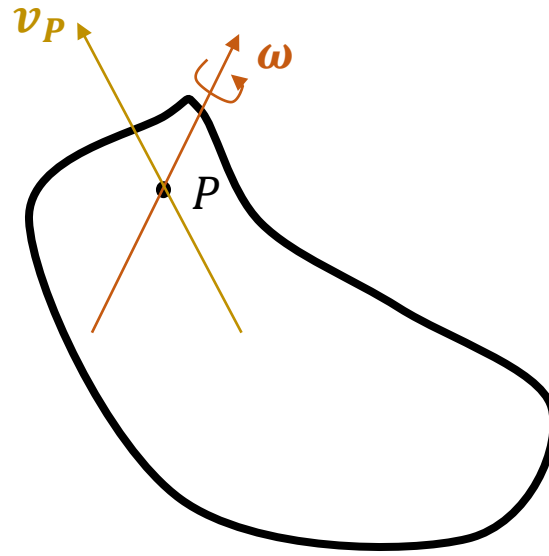
$M^6 \rightarrow$  motion vectors  
 $F^6 \rightarrow$  force vectors

The scalar product of these vectors from their respective spaces defines the work:

$$m \cdot f = \text{work}$$


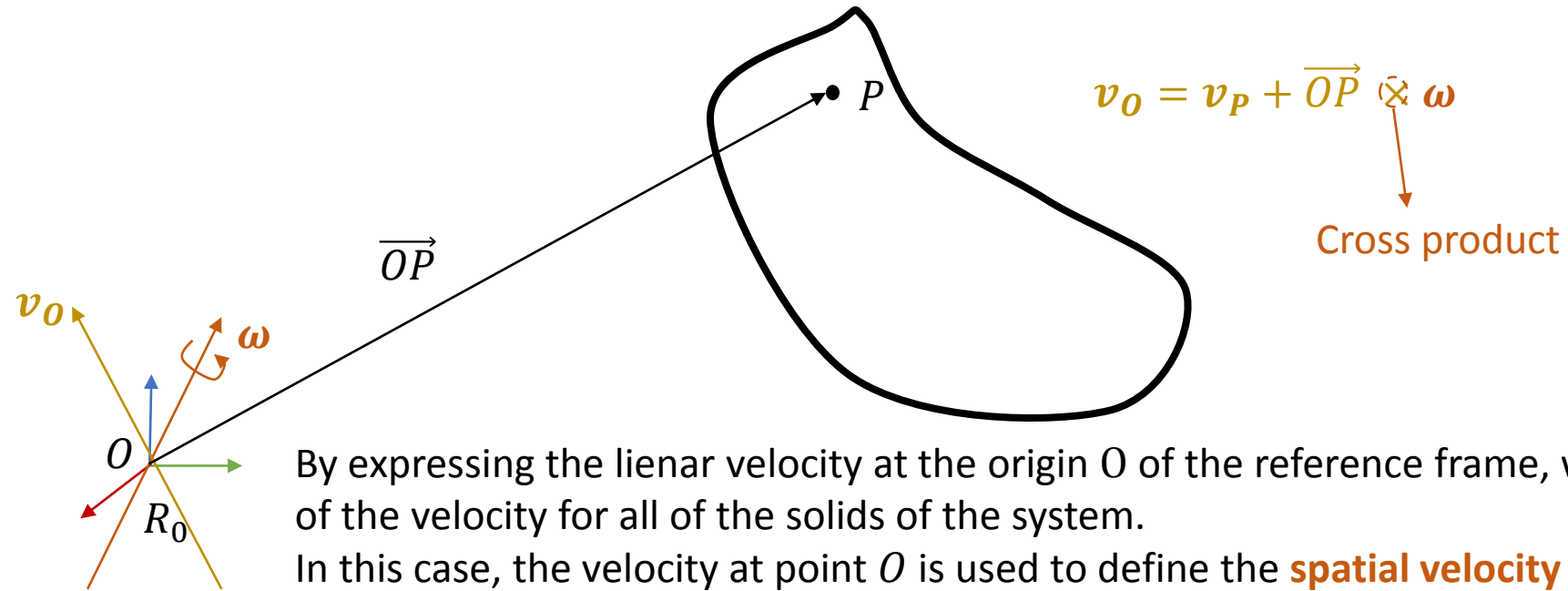
Scalar product

# Spatial velocity



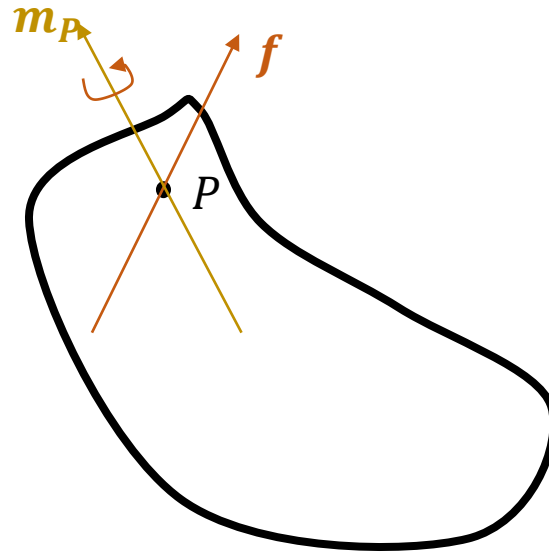
Classically, solid velocity is defined as an angular velocity  $\omega$  and a linear velocity  $v_P$  expressed at a given point  $P$  of the solid.

# Spatial velocity



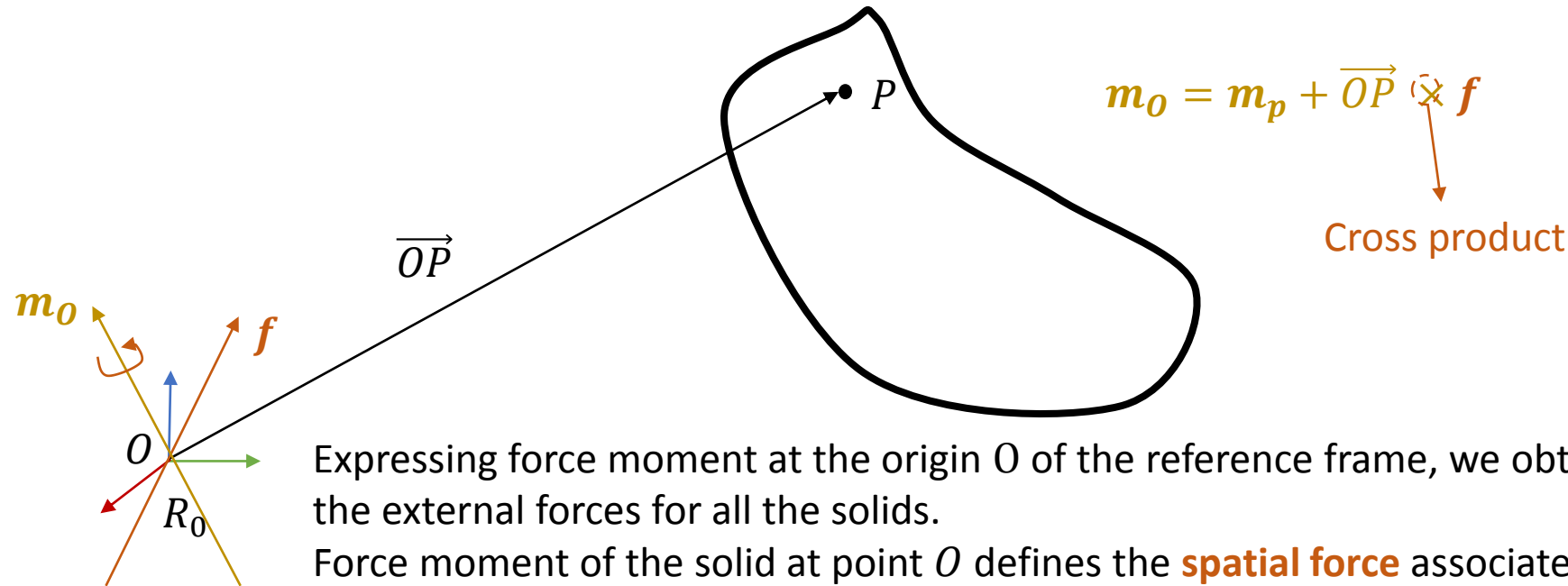
$$\xi = \begin{bmatrix} v_{O_x} \\ v_{O_y} \\ v_{O_z} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$

# Spatial force



Classically, external forces applied to a solid can be reduced to a linear force (resulting force)  $f$  and a force moment  $m_P$  expressed at a given point  $P$  of the solid.

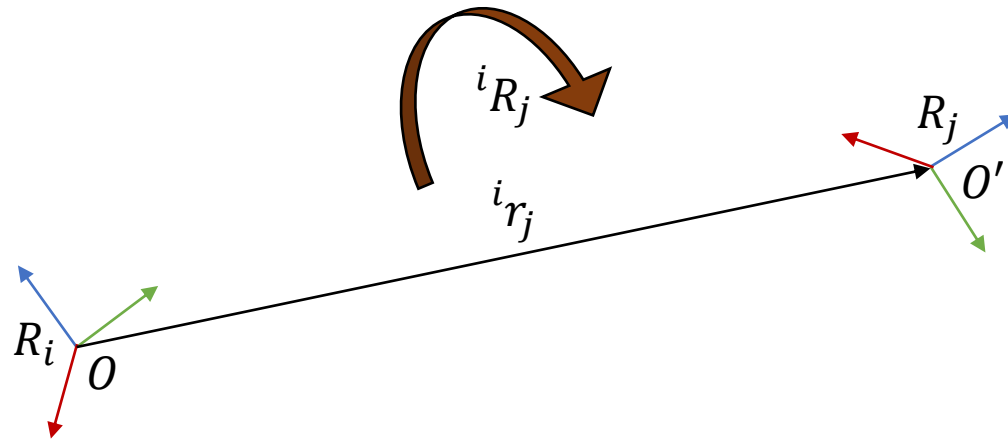
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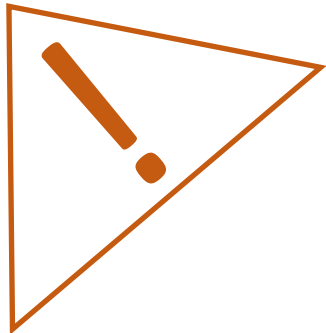
$$\kappa = \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \\ m_{O_x} \\ m_{O_y} \\ m_{O_z} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Spatial transform

We can define a transform matrix 6 x 6 expressing rotation and translation between two frames to change the expression of a spatial vector from one frame to another



$${}^i X_j = \begin{bmatrix} {}^i R_j & {}^i R_j \, {}^i \hat{r}_j^t \\ 0 & {}^i R_j \end{bmatrix}$$



We also change the reference point of the spatial expressions (reference point becomes  $O$  instead of  $O'$ )

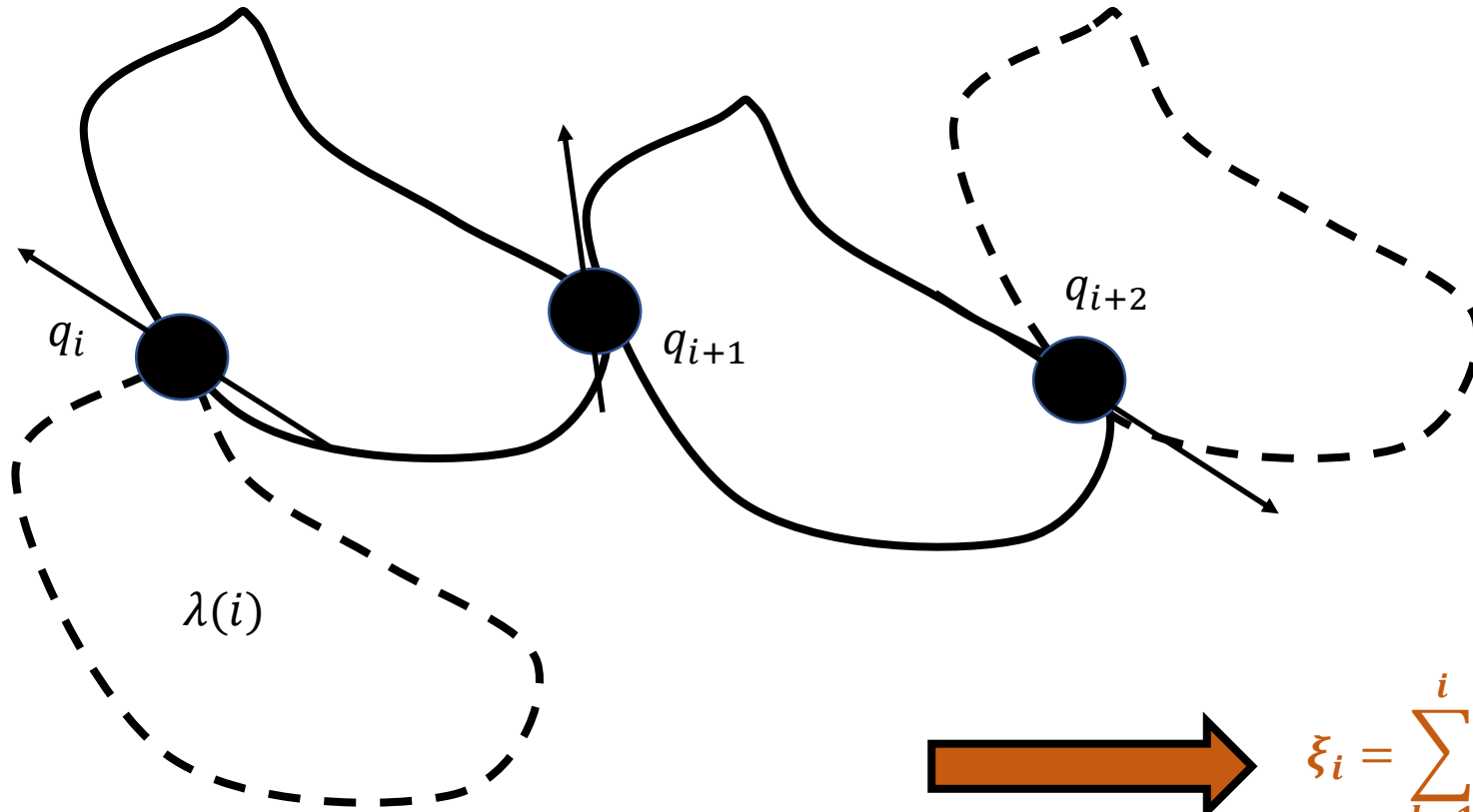
with

$${}^i \hat{r}_j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -r_z & r_y \\ r_z & 0 & -r_x \\ -r_y & r_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Cross product operator



# Spatial velocity in a solid chain



Motion subspace associated to joint  $i$  (described in  $R_0$ )  $\rightarrow \mathbf{s}_i$

$$\xi_i = \xi_{\lambda(i)} + \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_i \times \mathbf{u}_i \\ \mathbf{u}_i \end{bmatrix}}^{\mathbf{s}_i} \dot{q}_i$$

$$\xi_{i+1} = \xi_i + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{i+1} \times \mathbf{u}_{i+1} \\ \mathbf{u}_{i+1} \end{bmatrix} \dot{q}_{i+1}$$

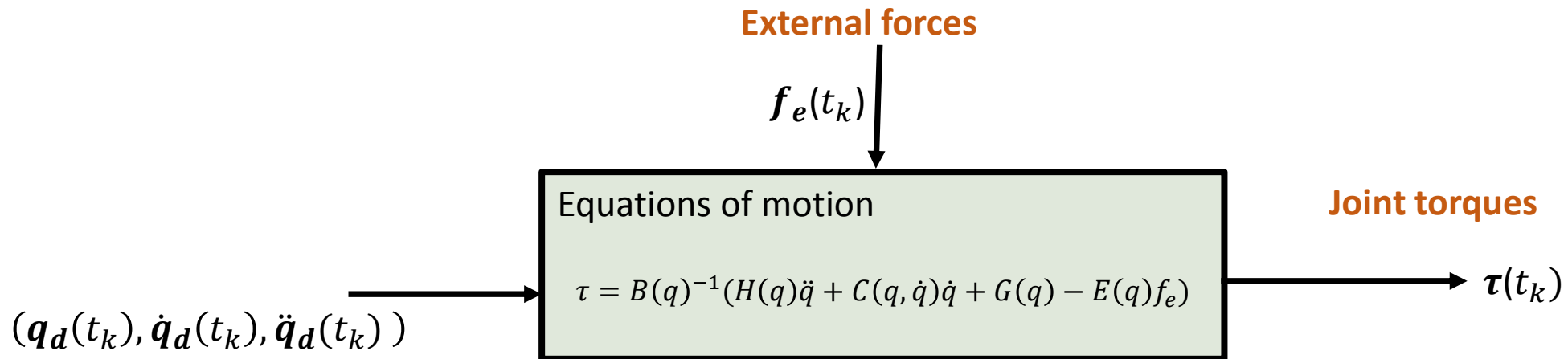
$$\xi_i = \sum_{k=1}^i \mathbf{s}_k \dot{q}_k$$



# Spatial Newton-Euler algorithm

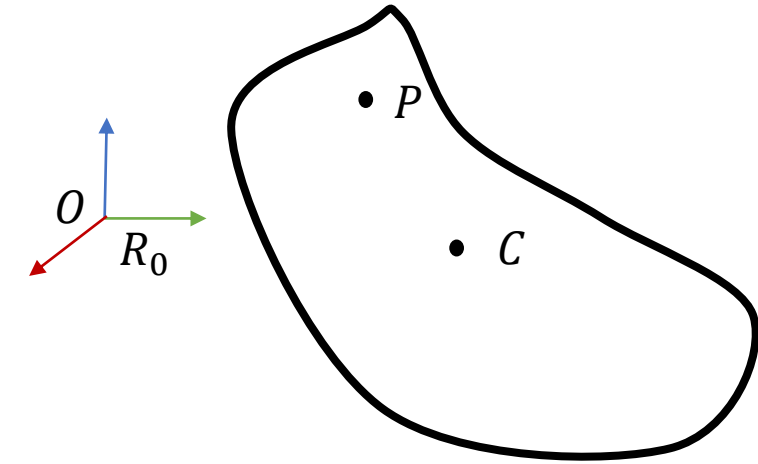
# Main issue

At time  $t_k$



Angles, angular velocities and accelerations

# Newton Euler equations for a solid $S$



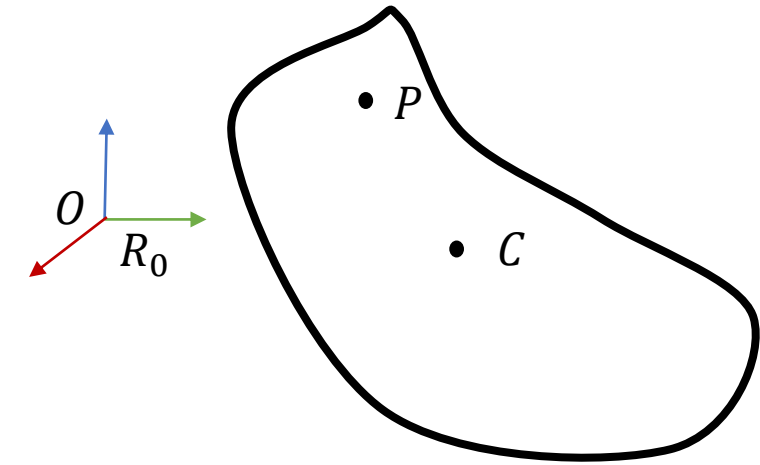
At center of mass

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{f} = m\ddot{\mathbf{c}} & (1) \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}^{(c)} = \boxed{\mathbf{I}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{I}\boldsymbol{\omega}} & (2) \end{cases}$$

Acceleration momentum

$\mathbf{f}$	external forces
$m$	solid mass
$\mathbf{c}$	center of mass of the solid in $R_0$ (world) frame
$\boldsymbol{\omega}$	angular velocity of the solid in $R_0$
$\mathbf{I}$	inertia matrix of the solid in $R_0$
$\boldsymbol{\tau}^{(c)}$	torque associated to external forces, expressed in $R_0$ at the center of mass

# Spatial equations of motion [Featherstone2007]



Velocity of  $S$  in  $O$  :

$$\mathbf{v}_O = \dot{\mathbf{c}} + \mathbf{c} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

Acceleration of  $S$  in  $O$ :

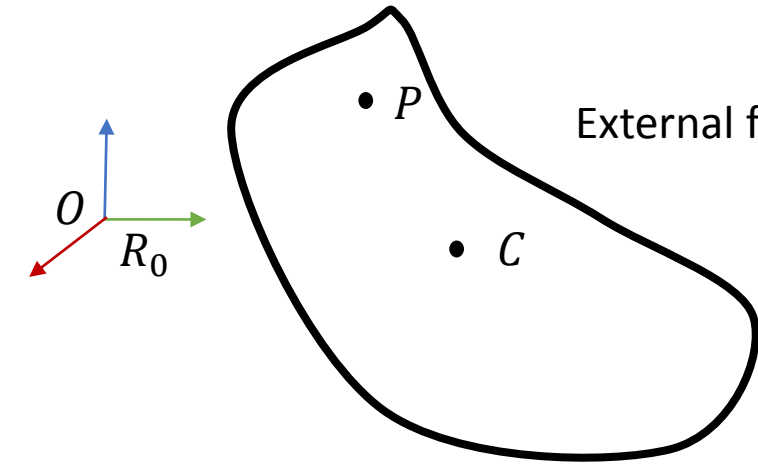
$$\dot{\mathbf{v}}_O = \ddot{\mathbf{c}} + \dot{\mathbf{c}} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{c} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$$

The center of mass acceleration becomes:  $\ddot{\mathbf{c}} = \dot{\mathbf{v}}_O - \mathbf{c} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\mathbf{v}_O + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{c})$

Replacing in (1), it comes

$$\mathbf{f} = m(\dot{\mathbf{v}}_O - \mathbf{c} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\mathbf{v}_O + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{c}))$$

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External forces torque expressed at  $O$ :

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}^{(O)} = \boldsymbol{\tau}^{(c)} + \boldsymbol{c} \times \boldsymbol{f}$$

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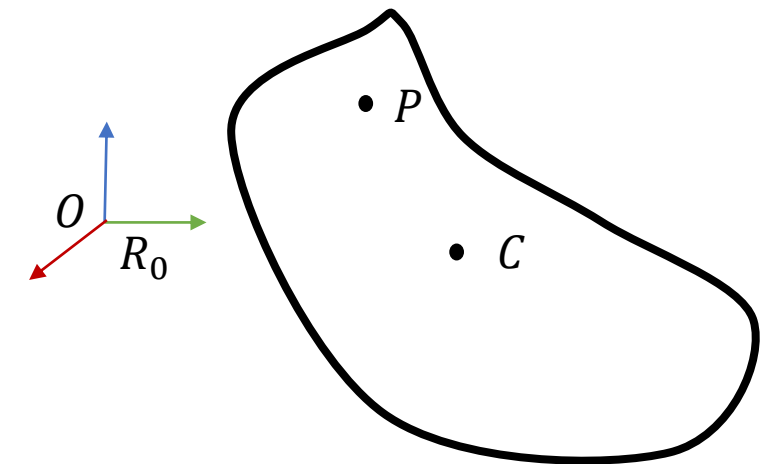
And

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}^{(c)} = \boldsymbol{I}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{I}\boldsymbol{\omega}$$

**Finally:**

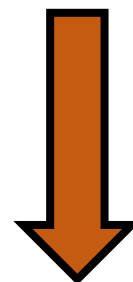
$$\boldsymbol{\tau}^{(O)} = \boldsymbol{I}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{I}\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{c} \times m(\dot{\boldsymbol{v}}_O - \boldsymbol{c} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{v}_O + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{c}))$$

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That can be expressed  
with a matrix expression

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}^S \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{v}}_O \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \widehat{\mathbf{v}}_O & \widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}^S \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_O \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}^S \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{v}}_O \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_O \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbf{I}^S \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_O \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix}$$

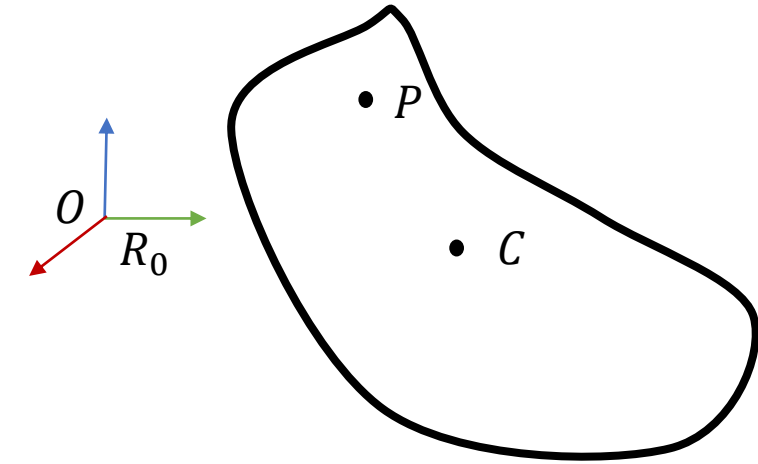


(application produit vectoriel)

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_z & \omega_y \\ \omega_z & 0 & -\omega_x \\ -\omega_y & \omega_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This compact expression involves two fundamental spatial algebra features for rigid body dynamics that are:  $\mathbf{I}^S$  spatial inertia matrix and  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{v}}_O \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \end{bmatrix} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}$  spatial acceleration of  $S$

# Spatial inertia and spatial acceleration



$\mathbb{I}$  identity matrix

**Spatial inertia matrix:** 6 x 6 Symmetrical matrix:

$$\mathbf{I}^s = \begin{bmatrix} m\mathbb{I} & m\hat{\mathbf{c}}^t \\ m\hat{\mathbf{c}} & m\hat{\mathbf{c}}\hat{\mathbf{c}}^t + \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

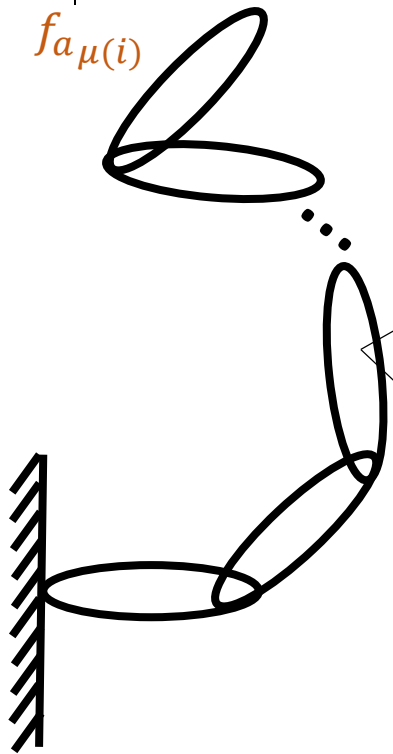
**Spatial acceleration:** not a physical acceleration

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{v}}_O \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \end{bmatrix} = \ddot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}$$

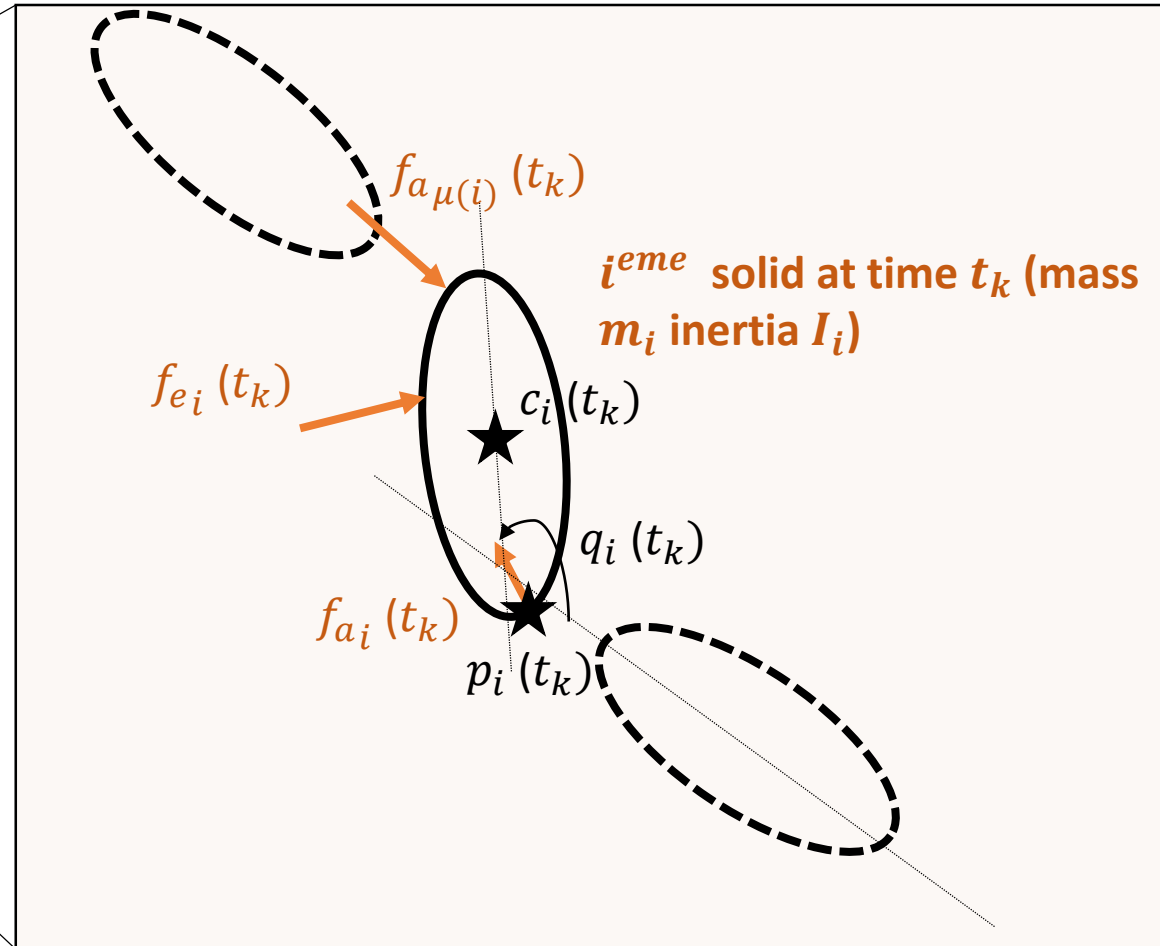


# Equations of motion of one solid in a polyarticulated chain of solids

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f_i \\ \tau_i \end{bmatrix}}_{f_{ai}} - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f_{i+1} \\ \tau_{i+1} \end{bmatrix}}_{f_{a\mu(i)}} + f_{ei} = I_i^S \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_{0i} \\ \dot{\omega}_i \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_{0i} \\ \omega_i \end{bmatrix} \times I_i^S \begin{bmatrix} v_{0i} \\ \omega_i \end{bmatrix}$$



$n_b$  polyarticulated solids with  $n_q$  joints



# Newton-Euler algorithm

## Recursive Newton-Euler algorithm

Knowing joint angles, joint velocities and joint accelerations at time  $t_k$

1. Computing cartesian and angular velocities of all bodies from the base to extremities
2. Computing joint reaction forces of all solids from extremities to the base

À un instant  $t_k$

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For  $i = 1$  to  $n_B$  do  
     $\dot{\xi}_i = f(q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q}, f_{e_i}, \dot{\xi}_{\lambda(i)})$   
End  
For  $i = n_B$  to 1 do  
     $f_{a_i} = f(\dot{\xi}_i, f_{e_i}, f_{a_{\mu(i)}})$   
End
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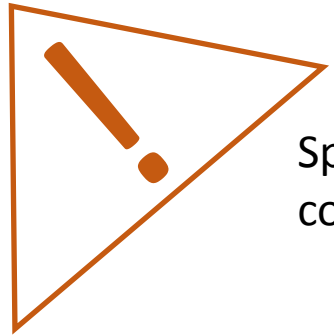
$$\dot{\xi}_i = f(q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q}, f_{e_i}, \dot{\xi}_{\lambda(i)})$$

End

For  $i = n_B$  to 1 do

$$f_{a_i} = f(\dot{\xi}_i, f_{e_i}, f_{a_{\mu(i)}})$$

End



Spatial  $\rightarrow$  all is computed in  $O$



$$\left. \begin{aligned} {}^0R_i &= {}^0R_{\lambda(i)} {}^{\lambda(i)}R_i(q_i) \\ p_i &= p_{\lambda(i)} + {}^0R_{\lambda(i)} b_i \end{aligned} \right\}$$

**Solid position and orientation update**

$${}^{(0)}u_i = {}^0R_{\lambda(i)} {}^{\lambda(i)}u_i$$

**Joint axis between  $i - 1$  and  $i$  orientation update**

$$\xi_i = \xi_{\lambda(i)} + \begin{bmatrix} p_i \times u_i \\ u_i \end{bmatrix} \dot{q}_i$$

**Spatial velocity update**

$$\dot{\xi}_i = \dot{\xi}_{\lambda(i)} + \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\omega}_i & \hat{v}_{0_i} \\ 0 & \hat{\omega}_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_i \times u_i \\ u_i \end{bmatrix} \dot{q}_i + \begin{bmatrix} p_i \times u_i \\ u_i \end{bmatrix} \ddot{q}_i$$

**Spatial acceleration update**

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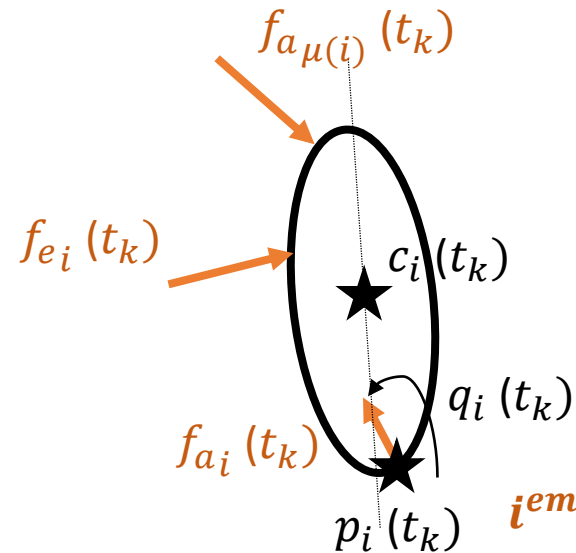
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End

For  $i = n_B$  to 1 do

$$f_{a_i} = f(\dot{\xi}_i, f_{e_i}, f_{a_{\mu(i)}})$$

End



**$i^{eme}$  solid at time  $t_k$  (mass  $m_i$  inertia  $I_i$ )**

$${}^{(0)}c_i = p_i + {}^0R_i{}^{i-1}c_i$$

**Center of mass position update for solid  $i$**

$$I_i^s = \begin{bmatrix} m_i \mathbb{I} & m_i \hat{c}_i^t \\ m_i \hat{c}_i & m_i \hat{c}_i \hat{c}_i^t + I_i \end{bmatrix}$$

**Spatial inertia matrix computation for solid  $i$**

$$f_i^{acc} = I_i^s \dot{\xi}_i + \xi_i \times I_i^s \xi_i$$

**Spatial acceleration quantities computation for solid  $i$**

$$f_{a_i} = \begin{bmatrix} f_i \\ \tau_i \end{bmatrix} = f_i^{acc} - f_{e_i} - \sum_{\mu(i)} f_{a_j}$$

**Joint reaction forces between solid  $i$  and solid  $i - 1$  computation**

$$(\text{Joint torque extraction } \tau_i = \begin{bmatrix} p_i \times u_i \\ u_i \end{bmatrix}^t f_{a_i})$$

$$\tau_i^{(p_i)} \cdot u_i = (\tau_i^{(0)} + f_i \times p_i) \cdot u_i$$

# Summary

With synthetic notations:

$$\mathbf{s}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_i \times \mathbf{u}_i \\ \mathbf{u}_i \end{bmatrix} \quad \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i & \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{0_i} \\ \mathbf{0} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_i \times \mathbf{u}_i \\ \mathbf{u}_i \end{bmatrix}$$

## 4 steps Newton-Euler algorithm

$\xi_i = \xi_{i-1} + \mathbf{s}_i \dot{\mathbf{q}}_i$  (spatial velocity update)

$\dot{\xi}_i = \dot{\xi}_{i-1} + \mathbf{s}_i \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_i + \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i \dot{\mathbf{q}}_i$  (spatial acceleration update)

$\mathbf{f}_{a_i} = \mathbf{I}_i^s \dot{\xi}_i + \xi_i \times \mathbf{I}_i^s \xi_i - \mathbf{f}_{e_i} + \sum_{\mu(i)} \mathbf{f}_{a_j}$  (computing actions of  $\lambda(i)$  on  $i$ )

$\tau_i = \mathbf{s}_i^T \mathbf{f}_{a_i}$  (extracting joint torques)

Pour  $i$  from 1 to  $n_B$

Pour  $i$  from  $n_B$  to 1



This implementation ask for a knowledge of all quantities at point  $O$