

Advanced Robot Control and Learning

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Chapter 6: Linear Parametrization and Identification of Robot Dynamics

Motivation – How to identify the Robot's Dynamics Equation?

Manipulator dynamics in joint space:

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q})\dot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q}) = \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{in}}$$

Model depends on:

- Joint torque $\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{in}} \rightarrow$ measurable via sensors¹
- Joint variables $\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \ddot{\mathbf{q}} \rightarrow$ measurable via sensors²
- Kinematic parameters (e.g. constant Denavit-Hartenberg Parameters), \rightarrow measurable e.g. via CAD model
- Dynamic parameters (e.g. center of mass, inertia tensor) \rightarrow often not precisely known...

Goal:

A procedure for identification of dynamic parameters

¹For a perfectly torque-controlled robot: commanded torques = measured torques

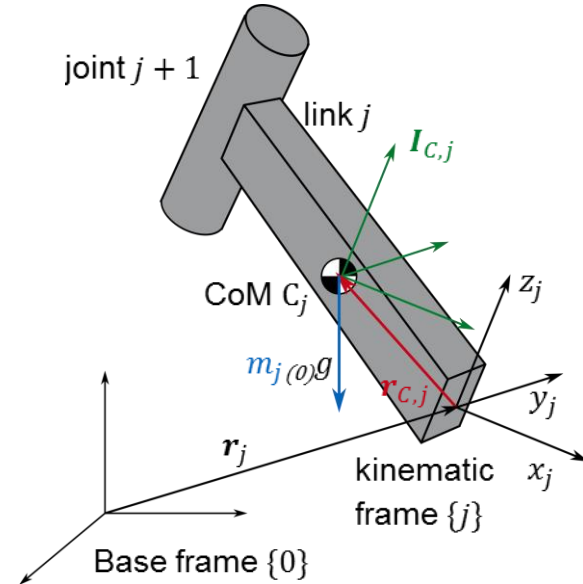
Linear Parametrization of Manipulator's Dynamic Model

Dynamic Parameters of a Link

- We consider the link j of a fully rigid robot
- Note: joint j is not shown in the figure for the sake of clarity (using the Modified Denavit-Hartenberg Parameter convention (MDH) leads to alignment of joint axis j with the z_j -axis of the kinematic frame $\{j\}$)
- Each link is characterized by 10 inertial parameters

$$m_j \quad \mathbf{r}_{C,j} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{C,jx} \\ r_{C,jy} \\ r_{C,jz} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{I}_{C,j} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{C,jxx} & I_{C,jxy} & I_{C,jxz} \\ & I_{C,jyy} & I_{C,jyz} \\ \text{symm.} & & I_{C,jzz} \end{bmatrix}$$

- However robot dynamics depend in a nonlinear way on some of the parameters,
 - For example if we want to express the inertia tensor with respect to the kinematic frame $\{j\}$ we make use of the parallel axis theorem
 - ${}^{(j)}I_{C,jzz} = {}^{(j)}I_{C,jzz} + m_j {}^{(j)}r_{C,jx}^2$



Kinetic and Gravitational Energy of a Link

- Goal: write the kinetic and gravitational energy such that the dynamic parameters only appear in a linear way
- The linear velocity of link j at its center of mass $\mathbf{v}_{C,j}$, with linear velocity \mathbf{v}_j at the origin of frame $\{j\}$, angular velocity $\boldsymbol{\omega}_j$ and $\mathbf{r}_{C,j}$ describing the position of the center of mass relative to frame j , is given by

$$\mathbf{v}_{C,j} = \mathbf{v}_j + \boldsymbol{\omega}_j \times \mathbf{r}_{C,j}$$

- With the inertia tensor $\mathbf{I}_{C,j}$ of link j with respect to its center of mass and mass m_j , we can derive

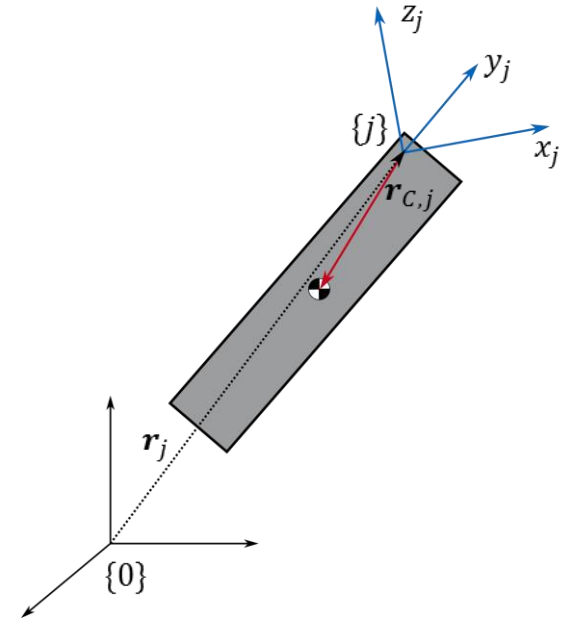
- its kinetic energy T_j

$$T_j = \frac{1}{2} m_j \mathbf{v}_{C,j}^T \mathbf{v}_{C,j} + \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega}_j^T \mathbf{I}_{C,j} \boldsymbol{\omega}_j$$

- its potential energy U_j

$$U_j = -m_j {}_{(0)}\mathbf{g}^T (\mathbf{r}_j + \mathbf{r}_{C,j})$$

where ${}_{(0)}\mathbf{g}$ is the gravity vector expressed in the base frame $\{0\}$



Linear Parameterization of the Energies for one Link

- Expressing $\mathbf{v}_{C,j}$ in terms of \mathbf{v}_j , $\boldsymbol{\omega}_j$ and $\mathbf{r}_{C,j}$, and expressing the variables in frame $\{j\}$, the kinematic energy can be written as follows

$$T_j = \frac{1}{2} (m_j \mathbf{v}_j^T \mathbf{v}_j + 2 \mathbf{v}_j^T (\boldsymbol{\omega}_j \times \mathbf{s}_j) + \boldsymbol{\omega}_j^T \mathbf{I}_j \boldsymbol{\omega}_j)$$

where \mathbf{I}_j is the constant symmetric inertia tensor of link j , expressed in frame $\{j\}$, and the constant vector $\mathbf{s}_j = m_j \mathbf{r}_{C,j}$

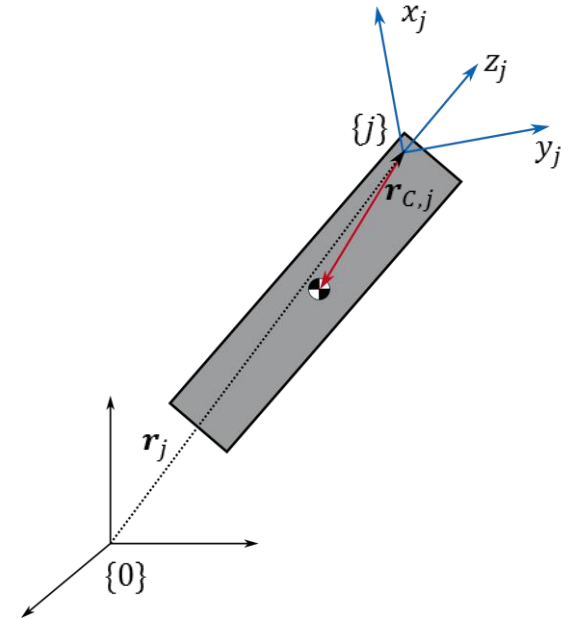
- For the potential energy:

$$U_j = -\mathbf{g}^T (m_j \mathbf{r}_j + {}^0\mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{s}_j)$$

with ${}^0\mathbf{R}_j$ as the orientation of frame $\{j\}$ with regard to the base frame $\{0\}$

- Now we define the constant 10-dimensional parametric vector of

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_j &= \left(\mathbf{I}_j(1,1:3), \mathbf{I}_j(2,2:3), \mathbf{I}_j(3,3), \mathbf{s}_j(1:3)^T, m_j \right)^T \\ &= \left(I_{jxx}, I_{jxy}, I_{jxz}, I_{jyy}, I_{jyz}, I_{jzz}, m_j r_{C,jx}, m_j r_{C,jy}, m_j r_{C,jz}, m_j \right)^T \end{aligned}$$



Linear Parameterization of the Energies for one Link

- Applying the Modified Denavit-Hartenberg Parameter convention, the rotation matrix 0R_j and the translational vector \mathbf{r}_j can be obtained as values depending only on kinematic quantities
- Representing ${}_{(j)}\boldsymbol{\omega}_j$ and ${}_{(j)}\mathbf{v}_j$ in a recursive way

$${}_{(j)}\boldsymbol{\omega}_j = {}^jR_{j-1} {}_{(j-1)}\boldsymbol{\omega}_j + \dot{q}_j \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}_{(j)}\mathbf{v}_j = {}^jR_{j-1} {}_{(j-1)}\mathbf{v}_{j-1} + {}^jR_{j-1} ({}_{(j-1)}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{(j-1)} \times \mathbf{r}_{(j-1),j})$$

- For ${}_{(1)}\boldsymbol{\omega}_1$ and ${}_{(1)}\mathbf{v}_1$, we have

$${}_{(1)}\boldsymbol{\omega}_1 = \dot{q}_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}_{(1)}\mathbf{v}_1 = {}_{(1)}\boldsymbol{\omega}_1 \times {}_{(1)}\mathbf{r}_{C,1}$$

- Due to recursive formulation, the remaining ${}_{(j)}\boldsymbol{\omega}_j$ and ${}_{(j)}\mathbf{v}_j$ can be expressed as functions of $\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \ddot{\mathbf{q}}$
 - T_j and U_j can be described in a linear form of \mathbf{X}_j

Overall Energies and Robot Regressor Formulation

- Robot kinetic and gravitational energies are the summation of the energies of each link:

$$T = \sum_{j=1}^n T_j, \quad U = \sum_{j=1}^n U_j$$

- Considering the Lagrangian $L = T - U$, the Euler-Lagrange equation will only involve linear operations on T and U :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

- Consequently, we can represent the robot dynamics in a linear way:

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \ddot{\mathbf{q}}) \mathbf{X}$$

- $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{10n}$, $\mathbf{X}^T = [\mathbf{X}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n^T]$
- $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 10n}$, depends only on kinematic quantities

The Minimum Parameter Set

The Regressor Matrix

- Regressor matrix has a block upper triangular structure:

$$Y(q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{1,1} & Y_{1,2} & Y_{1,3} & \cdots & Y_{1,n-1} & Y_{1,n} \\ \mathbf{0} & Y_{2,2} & Y_{2,3} & \cdots & Y_{2,n-1} & Y_{2,n} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & Y_{3,3} & \cdots & Y_{3,n-1} & Y_{3,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & Y_{n-1,n-1} & Y_{n-1,n} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & Y_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

where each $Y_{i,j}$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ is a 1×10 row vector

- In general, not all parameters can be independently identified:
 - Some parameters may play no role in the dynamic model \rightarrow associated column in Y is zero
 - Some parameters may appear only combined with others \rightarrow associated columns in Y are linearly dependent

To be more specific about these parameters there are some conditions...

A closer Look on the Inertial Parameters

- If **first joint** is **rotational**, the parameters ${}_{(1)}I_1(1,1:3)$, ${}_{(1)}I_1(2,2:3)$, ${}_{(1)}s_1(3)$ and m_1 have **no effect on the dynamical model**
- If **axis of first joint** is parallel to vector of **gravity**, the parameters ${}_{(1)}s_1(1:2)$ have **no effect on the dynamical model**
- Similar conditions for translational joints can be found in the literature
- Therefore, instead of $10n$ parameters, we divide the parameters into two groups
 - I. Independent parameters X_b , corresponding column group Y_b
 - II. Dependent parameters X_d , corresponding column group Y_d
 $\rightarrow Y_d = Y_b K$

Now, one can show:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau &= YX \\
 &= [Y_b \ Y_d] \begin{bmatrix} X_b \\ X_d \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= Y_b \underbrace{[X_b + KX_d]}_{\beta_b} \\
 \Rightarrow \tau &= Y_b \beta_b
 \end{aligned}$$

These grouped parameters are called **base parameters**

Example: 2DoF planar Manipulator

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- $n = 2 \rightarrow$ initially 20 standard parameters
- Aforementioned conditions and center of mass locations \rightarrow some can be ignored:

$$m_1, {}_{(0)}\mathbf{I}_j(1,1:3), {}_{(0)}\mathbf{I}_j(2,2:3), {}_{(0)}\mathbf{s}_j(2:3)$$

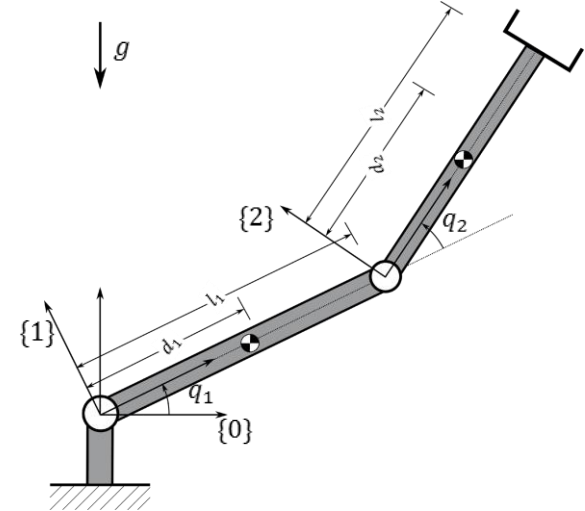
- Only 5 parameters remain $\rightarrow 2 \times 5$ Regressor matrix
- After building the regressor matrix, it can be shown that the column associated to m_2 is dependent on two other columns \rightarrow Regrouping
- Final linear model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_0 \cos(q_1) & \ddot{q}_1 & l_1 \cos(q_2)(2\ddot{q}_1 + \ddot{q}_2) - l_1 \sin(q_2)(\dot{q}_1^2 + 2\dot{q}_1\dot{q}_2) + g_0 \cos(q_1 + q_2) & \ddot{q}_1 + \ddot{q}_2 \\ 0 & 0 & l_1 \cos(q_2)\ddot{q}_1 + l_1 \sin(q_2)\dot{q}_1^2 + g_0 \cos(q_1 + q_2) & \ddot{q}_1 + \ddot{q}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{b,1} \\ \beta_{b,2} \\ \beta_{b,3} \\ \beta_{b,4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{Y}_b \boldsymbol{\beta}_b = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

- With the following base parameters:

$$\beta_{b,1} = m_1 d_1 + m_2 l_1 \quad \beta_{b,2} = {}_{(1)}\mathbf{I}_1(3,3) + m_2 l_1^2 \quad \beta_{b,3} = m_2 d_2 \quad \beta_{b,4} = {}_{(2)}\mathbf{I}_2(3,3)$$



Parameter Identification

Identification Task

- Obtained linear model can be useful only if the values of the base parameters are known
- Robot manufacturers provide at most only a few principle dynamic parameters (e.g. link masses)
- Some estimations are possible (e.g. by CAD models)
 - a way to identify the parameters...
- The more accurate the values for the base parameters: the less difference between estimated torques $\hat{\tau}(= Y_b \beta_b)$ and the measured torques τ
- Hence, identification task would be to find the minimal set of parameters that can minimize the error on torque estimation:

$$\beta_b = \arg \min_{\beta_b} \sum_{k=1}^p \|Y_b^{(k)} \beta_b - \tau^{(k)}\|_2^2$$

for p measurements sensed at time steps $[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p]$

Identification Task

- We try to find $\boldsymbol{\beta}_b$ that satisfies:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_b(\mathbf{q}(t_1), \dot{\mathbf{q}}(t_1), \ddot{\mathbf{q}}(t_1)) \\ \mathbf{Y}_b(\mathbf{q}(t_2), \dot{\mathbf{q}}(t_2), \ddot{\mathbf{q}}(t_2)) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{Y}_b(\mathbf{q}(t_p), \dot{\mathbf{q}}(t_p), \ddot{\mathbf{q}}(t_p)) \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_b} \boldsymbol{\beta}_b = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\tau}(t_1) \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}(t_2) \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}(t_p) \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{\boldsymbol{\tau}}}$$

- Assuming that $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_b$ (known as Information matrix) is a full column rank matrix³, $\boldsymbol{\beta}_b$ can be found via:

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}_b = \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_b^\# \bar{\boldsymbol{\tau}} = (\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_b^T \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_b)^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_b^T \bar{\boldsymbol{\tau}}$$

Trajectory Optimization

Motivation – Trajectory Optimization

- Objective: find $\beta_b = \bar{Y}_b^\# \bar{\tau} = (\bar{Y}_b^T \bar{Y}_b)^{-1} \bar{Y}_b^T \bar{\tau}$

→ \bar{Y}_b should have full rank!

→ We need to consider $Y_b(q(t_i), \dot{q}(t_i), \ddot{q}(t_i))$

→ More specifically $q(t)$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} Y_b(q(t_1), \dot{q}(t_1), \ddot{q}(t_1)) \\ Y_b(q(t_2), \dot{q}(t_2), \ddot{q}(t_2)) \\ \vdots \\ Y_b(q(t_p), \dot{q}(t_p), \ddot{q}(t_p)) \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{Y}_b} \beta_b = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \tau(t_1) \\ \tau(t_2) \\ \vdots \\ \tau(t_p) \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{\tau}}$$

- Limitations:
 - Noisy measurements of joint angles and torques⁴
- What if model has been identified that does not work well for some other sample sets?

Choice of excitation an important phase of parameter identification!

Optimization Goal

- We wish to find $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_b$, such that it is not sensitive to the aforementioned problems
- The condition number κ measures how sensitive our result for $\boldsymbol{\beta}_b$ is to small changes or errors $\mathbf{q}(t_i)$, $\dot{\mathbf{q}}(t_i)$, $\ddot{\mathbf{q}}(t_i)$ and $\boldsymbol{\tau}(t_i)$,

$$\kappa(\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_b) = \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}}$$

where λ_{\max} and λ_{\min} are the largest and the smallest eigenvalues of $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_b$, respectively

Goal: find a trajectory $\mathbf{q}_d(t)$ which eventually minimizes κ

- Defining a trajectory $\mathbf{q}_d(t)$ parameterized by a_{j,m_f}^* :

$$\{a_{j,m_f}^*\} = \underset{a_{j,m_f}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \kappa(\mathbf{Y}_b(\mathbf{q}_d, \dot{\mathbf{q}}_d, \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_d))$$

$$\text{for } \mathbf{q}_d(t_i, a_{j,m_f}); t_i = t_0, \dots, t_p$$

Subject to:

$$\mathbf{q}_{d,\min} \leq \mathbf{q}_d \leq \mathbf{q}_{d,\max}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}}_{d,\min} \leq \dot{\mathbf{q}}_d \leq \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{d,\max}$$

$$P_{EE}(\mathbf{q}_d) \in P_{EE,v}$$

To consider joint angle limits

To consider joint velocity limits

To consider workspace of manipulator

Trajectory Structure

Trajectories based on Fourier series:

- Better signal-to-noise ratio (due to periodicity)
- Limits (e.g. joint limits) can be better pointed (by linear scaling of the amplitude of the trigonometric function)
- Smooth behavior (due to the differentiability of trigonometric functions)

For better convergence in the optimization problem, a polynomial term is added:

$$q_{d,j}(t) = \delta_j(t) + \lambda_j(t)$$

$$\delta_j(t) = \sum_{m_f} a_{j,m_f} \cos\left(\frac{m_f \pi}{T_f} t\right)$$

$$\lambda_j(t) = \sum_k \lambda_{jk} t^k$$

- $j = 1, \dots, \text{DoF}$
- a_{j,m_f} : amplitude of the m_f cosine
- T_f : time period

We find the polynomial coefficients by introducing the boundary conditions


- The values of $q_j(0/t_p), \dot{q}_j(0/t_p), \ddot{q}_j(0/t_p)$ can be freely chosen,
- getting the optimized $\delta_j(0/t_p), \dot{\delta}_j(0/t_p), \ddot{\delta}_j(0/t_p)$ after each iteration,
- $\lambda_j(0/t_p), \dot{\lambda}_j(0/t_p), \ddot{\lambda}_j(0/t_p)$ can then be obtained via a linear system of equations

Modeling of Friction

Including Linear Parameterization of Friction Model

- We apply the same approach to model friction
- For this we define an additional regressor matrix Y_f and parameter set β_f such that

$$Y_f \beta_f = \underbrace{\text{diag}(\text{sign}(\dot{q}_j) F_{c,j})}_{\text{coulomb friction}} + \underbrace{\text{diag}(\dot{q}_j F_{v,j})}_{\text{viscous friction}}$$



$$Y_f = \begin{bmatrix} \text{sign}(\dot{q}_1) & \dot{q}_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{sign}(\dot{q}_2) & \dot{q}_2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \text{sign}(\dot{q}_n) & \dot{q}_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \beta_f = \begin{bmatrix} F_{c,1} \\ F_{v,1} \\ F_{c,2} \\ F_{v,2} \\ \vdots \\ F_{c,n} \\ F_{v,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

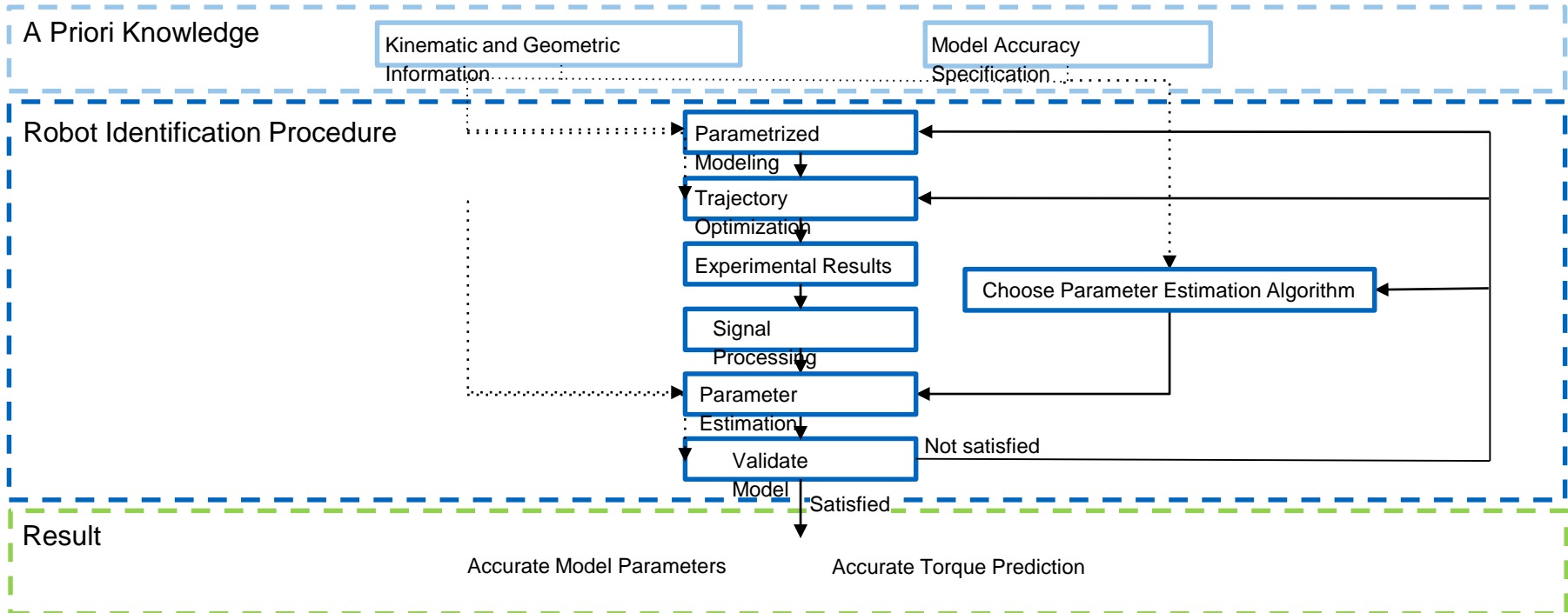
- Combining the two aforementioned linear models leads to a *unified linear model* in the parameters β_{tot}

$$Y_{tot} \beta_{tot} = [\bar{Y}_b \ Y_f] \begin{bmatrix} \beta_b \\ \beta_f \end{bmatrix}$$

- Simultaneous identification of manipulator's base parameters and friction parameters
- Friction influences can also be taken into account during trajectory optimization

Identification Procedure

Schematic Representation of Identification Procedure

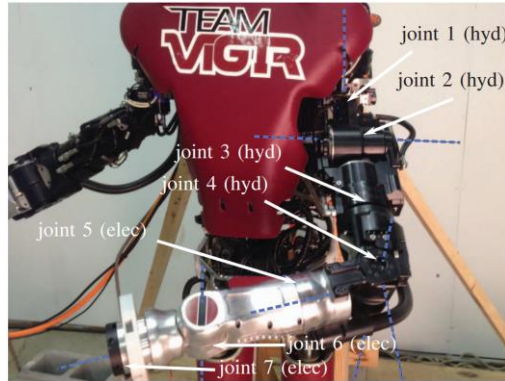


Example: Two 7-DoF Manipulator Arms

“Modeling, Identification and Joint Impedance Control of the Atlas arm”

Schappeler et al., 2015

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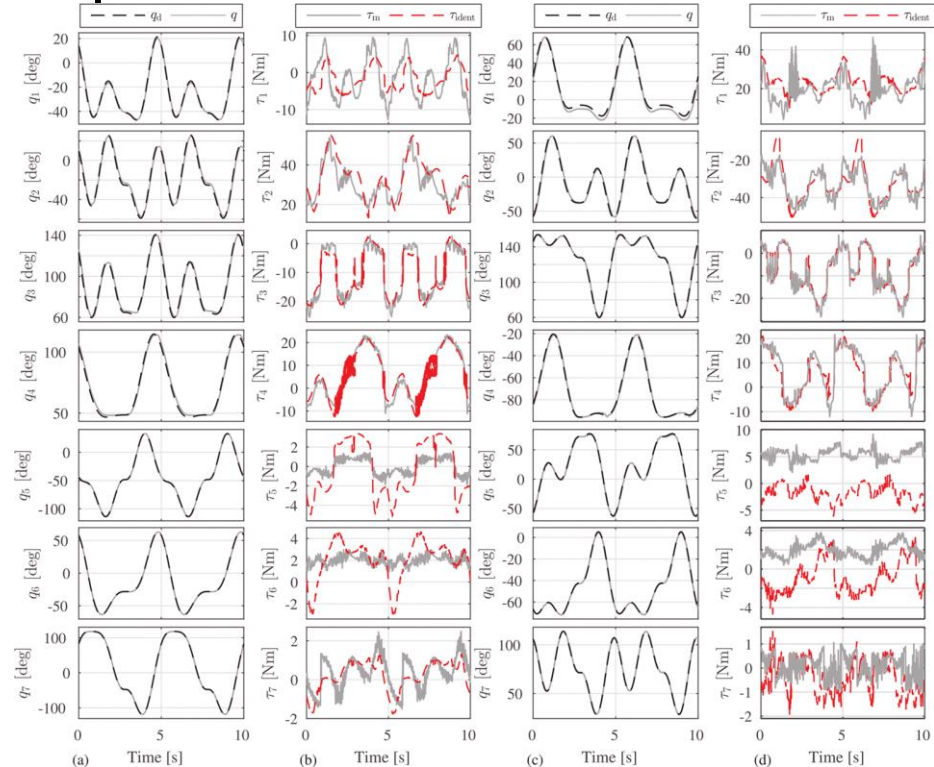


Atlas robot upper body, Boston Dynamics Inc.

Left to right:

Position tracking and measured/modelled torques for each joint for left and right arm, respectively

Note: the first 4 joints are hydraulic and the last 3 joints are electric



Adaptive Control

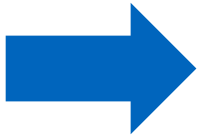
Adaptive Control – Motivation

What if parameters vary in time?

(When can it happen?)

What if there is a variable load on the manipulator?

(What would be an example in real life?)



The identification should be carried out online!

Slotine & Li⁵ Controller Revisited

Control law:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= M(q)\dot{v} + C(q, \dot{q})v + g(q) - Kr \\ v &= \dot{q} - r, \quad r = (\dot{q}_d - \dot{q}) + \Lambda(q_d - q)\end{aligned}$$

Λ, K : Diagonal, constant matrices

After linearly parametrizing the model:

$$\tau = Y(q, \dot{q}, v, \dot{v})X - Kr$$

If X is not known in advance, we start with an estimation \hat{X} :

$$\tau = Y(q, \dot{q}, v, \dot{v})\hat{X} - Kr$$

Resulting in the following control law:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= M(q)\dot{v} + C(q, \dot{q})v + g(q) + Y(q, \dot{q}, v, \dot{v})\tilde{X} - Kr \\ \tilde{X} &= \hat{X} - X\end{aligned}$$

Closed-loop behavior

$$\begin{aligned}M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + g(q) &= M(q)\dot{v} + C(q, \dot{q})v + g(q) + Y(q, \dot{q}, v, \dot{v})\tilde{X} - Kr \\ \Rightarrow M(q)\dot{r} + C(q, \dot{q})r + Kr &= Y(q, \dot{q}, v, \dot{v})\tilde{X}\end{aligned}$$

Goal: find an adaption law for \tilde{X} , so that tracking error r decreases

⁵ Slotine, J. J. E., & Li, W. (1991). *Applied nonlinear control* (Vol. 199, No. 1). Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice hall.

Adaption Law for Slotine & Li Controller

- It is well known that for such a system the adaption law can be as follows:

$$\dot{\tilde{X}} = -\Gamma^{-1}Y^T r$$

where Γ is a symmetric positive definite matrix

- Linear model of manipulator enables adaptive controller design which can compensate for model uncertainties to have better tracking behavior
- Verification of improved tracking behavior: assured decrease of cost function for tracking error