

Introduction to Robotics

Lecture 7

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1 Rewind — Inverse kinematics

Inverse kinematics – we have given position and orientation and we have to find the configuration that realizes this problem. One of the methods, jACOBI based, for solving that kind of task.

Given: $x = k(1), x_f \in X$

$$q_{i+1} = q_i + \xi_i J^\#(q_i)(x_f - k(q_i)) \quad (1)$$

$$J^\# = J^T (J J^T)^{-1} \quad (2)$$

This is an iterative algorithm, so $q_0 \rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow q$. That kind of task comes in two flavours:

- regular configuration: $\text{rank } J(q) = m$
- singular configuration: $\text{rank } J(q) < m$

1.1 Singular case

How to determine singular configuration:

1. $\text{rank } J(q)$

J as $m \times n$ rectangle select all $m \times m$ – sub-matrices of J (there are $\binom{n}{m} = \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}$) singular
cont: if all determinants of all submatrices are equal to 0

2. $\det(J(q)J^T(q))$

Example calculation (*3 DOF planar pendulum*)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1(q) \\ k_2(q) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} + a_3 c_{123} \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{12} + a_3 s_{123} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$J = \frac{\partial k}{\partial q} \quad (5)$$

$$m = \dim X \quad (6)$$

$$n = \dim Q \quad (7)$$

$$\det J_{23} = a_1 a_2 s_3 = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\det J_{12} = a_1 a_2 s_{23} + a_1 a_3 s_{23} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\det J_{13} = a_1 a_3 s_{23} + a_2 a_3 s_3 = 0 \quad (10)$$

therefore:

$$s_3 = 0 \rightarrow q_3 = \{0, \pi\} \quad (11)$$

$$s_{23} = 0 \rightarrow q_2 = \{0, \pi\} \quad (12)$$

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ \{0, \pi\} \\ \{0, \pi\} \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

At regular configuration we can move in every direction infinitesimally (like arm in L shape). in singular it is not possible (like straight extended arm).

2 Other methods

2.1 Geometrical method

Works only on special kind of robots, lets exercise with planar double pendulum:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{12} \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

Having given x_f and y_f we can easily obtain $r = \sqrt{x_f^2 + y_f^2}$. Using cosinus theorem:

$$r^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 - 2a_1a_2 \cos \beta \rightarrow \beta \quad (15)$$

$$a_2^2 = a_1^2 + r^2 - 2a_1r \cos \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \quad (16)$$

therefore

$$q_2 = \beta - \pi \quad (17)$$

$$q_1 = \gamma + \alpha \quad (18)$$

$$\tan \gamma = \frac{x_f}{y_f} \rightarrow \gamma \quad (19)$$

There is also another solution, mirrored, called elbow-up or elbow-down. For singular case (extended arm)

2.2 Kinematics decoupling

Applicable only when three last axes cross at a single point. Let's have a manipulator with $n = 6$

$$K(q) = \begin{bmatrix} R_0^6(q) & d_0^6(q) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

$$r(q_1, q_2, q_3) = d_0^6 - d_6 R_0^6 e_3 \quad (21)$$

$$e_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

We used to calculate in forward kinematics this general approach:

$$A_0^n(q) = \dots \quad (23)$$

Now we have case that:

$$R_0^6 = R_0^3(q_1, q_2, q_3) R_0^6(q_4, q_5, q_6) \quad (24)$$

So at the end we decoupled this 6-dimensional problem in two 3-dimensional problems. This is always a good idea, because of the complexity