



Dynamical Model





Introduction

- For this section, we'll concentrate on a simple 2link manipulator.
- Some of the equations & analyses are surprisingly complex.
- Is one of the most used configurations in the industry.
- Can also be used to model legged robots.
- Exhibits many of the basic locomotion problems associated with more complex skeleton models



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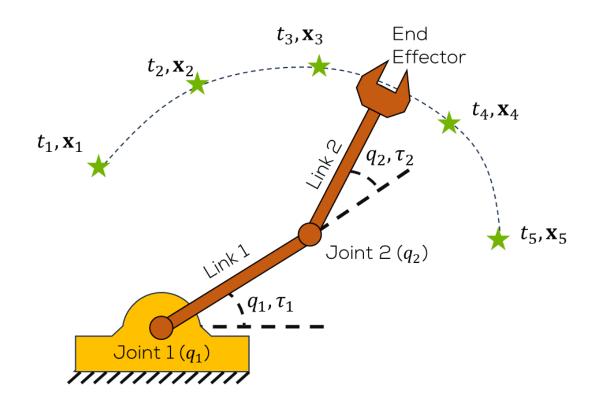
ASIMO (Honda, Japan)





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- Composed of 2 links and 2 joints
- Joints are referenced to the horizontal.
- We want to follow a trajectory with the end effector.
- As with the SLM, a motor in each joint is usually used to move the links to a desired position.

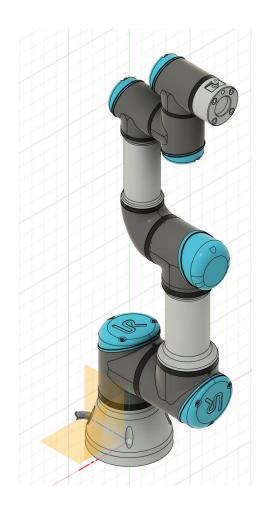






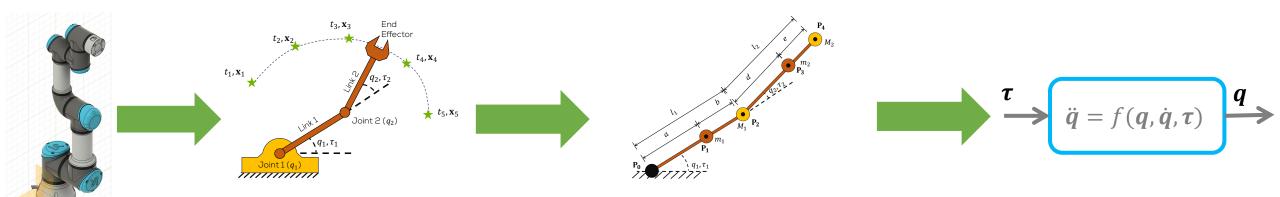
Dual Link Manipulator

- As for the previous SLM, the dynamics will be obtained using the Euler-Lagrange approach.
- This analysis aims to enhance the comprehension of the intricate behaviour of the system and may be of interest to professionals working in this field.
- Several levels of abstraction will be performed.







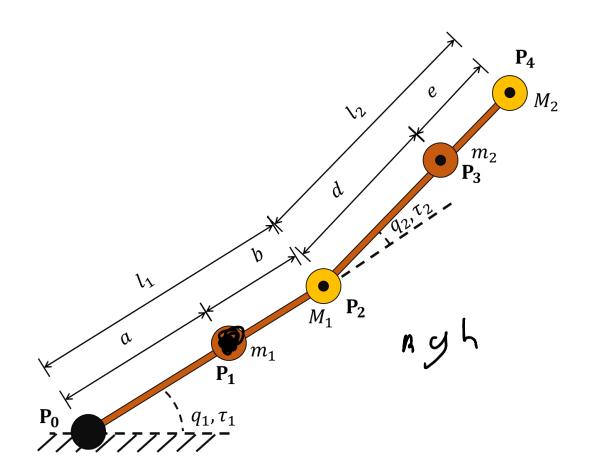






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- l_1, l_2 Links length
 - $l_1 = a + b$, $l_2 = d + e$
- $m_1, m_2 = link's mass$
- $M_1 = Motor mass$
- M_2 =Load mass
- ullet q_1 =angle relative to the floor
- q_2 =relative joint angle
- P_i =Cartesian position of point (COM)







• Euler Lagrange Equation

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

where

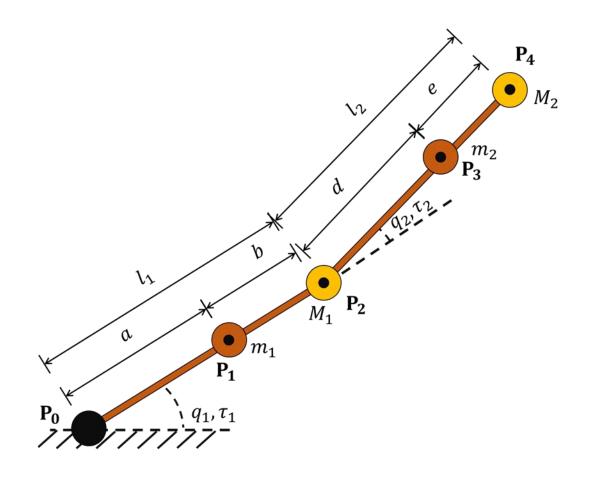
$$L(q, \dot{q}) = KE(q, \dot{q}) - PE(q)$$

then

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$$\frac{\partial L(q,\dot{q})}{\partial q} = \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \left(KE(q,\dot{q}) - PE(q) \right) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial q} KE(q,\dot{q}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial q} PE(q)$$

•
$$\frac{\partial L(q,\dot{q})}{\partial \dot{q}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}} KE(q,\dot{q})$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}} KE(q, \dot{q}) \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial q} KE(q, \dot{q})) + \frac{\partial}{\partial q} PE(q) = \tau$$







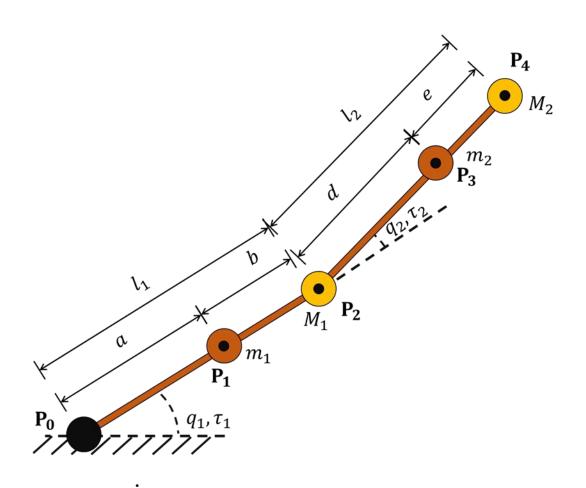
DLM Manipulator (Forward Kinematics)

- The KE and PE depend on the Cartesian position and velocities of the point masses.
- The velocities of the point masses are required to be expressed in joint space to evaluate the Euler-Lagrange expression.
- The forward's kinematics are:

$$P_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, P_1 = a \begin{bmatrix} \cos(q_1) \\ \sin(q_1) \end{bmatrix}, P_2 = l_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos(q_1) \\ \sin(q_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P_3} = l_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos(q_1) \\ \sin(q_1) \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} \cos(q_1 + q_2) \\ \sin(q_1 + q_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P_4} = l_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos(q_1) \\ \sin(q_1) \end{bmatrix} + l_2 \begin{bmatrix} \cos(q_1 + q_2) \\ \sin(q_1 + q_2) \end{bmatrix}$$











• The PE(q) depends on the cartesian position of the mass distribution

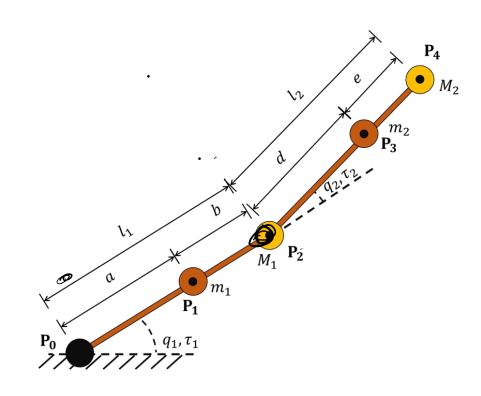
$$PE(\boldsymbol{q}) = g\sum m_i h_i \Rightarrow g\sum m_i P_{i,y}$$

$$PE(q) = g(m_1 a S_1 + M_1 l_1 S_1 + m_2 (l_1 S_1 + d S_{12}) + M_2 (l_1 S_1 + l_2 S_{12}))$$

According to Euler-Lagrange we need:

$$\frac{\partial PE(\boldsymbol{q})}{\partial \boldsymbol{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial PE(\boldsymbol{q})}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial PE(\boldsymbol{q})}{\partial q_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial PE(q)}{\partial q} = g \begin{bmatrix} m_1 a C_1 + \dot{M_1} l_1 C_1 + m_2 (l_1 C_1 + d C_{12}) + M_2 (l_1 C_1 + l_2 C_{12}) \\ C_{12} (m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

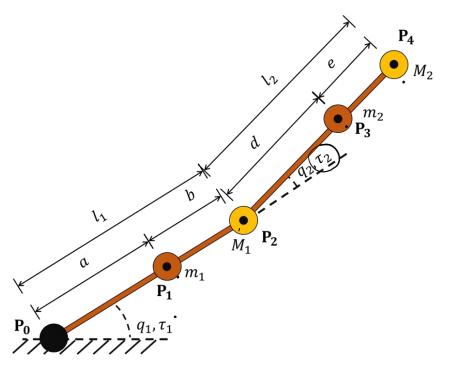






$$\frac{\partial PE(q)}{\partial q} = g(q) = g \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \alpha C_1 + M_1 l_1 C_1 + m_2 (l_1 C_1 + d C_{12}) + M_2 (l_1 C_1 + l_2 C_{12}) \\ C_{12} (m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

- It is termed the **gravity vector** in the equations of motion & represents the torque on each joint due to gravity acting on the point masses.
- It is the **equilibrium torques** (acting at the joints) necessary to hold the "manipulator" at zero acceleration (velocity)







DLM Manipulator (Velocity Kinematics)

- The KE depends on the Cartesian velocities of the point masses which we need to express in joint space $\{q,\dot{q}\}$.
- Let $\sin(q_i) = s_i$, $\cos(q_i) = c_i$, $\sin(a+b) = s_{ab}$ and $\cos(a+b) = c_{ab}$

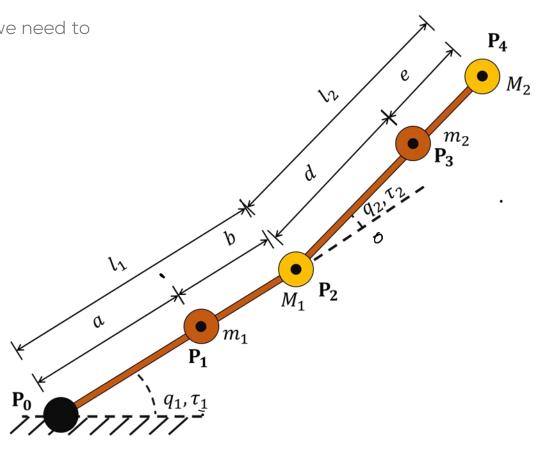
$$\dot{\boldsymbol{P}}_{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{1} = a \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(q_{1}) \\ \cos(q_{1}) \end{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}} = a \begin{bmatrix} -s_{1} \\ c_{1} \end{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}} = a \begin{bmatrix} -s_{1} & 0 \\ c_{1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{P}}_{2} = l_{1} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(q_{1}) \\ \sin(q_{1}) \end{bmatrix} = l_{1} \begin{bmatrix} -s_{1} \\ c_{1} \end{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} = l_{1} \begin{bmatrix} -s_{1} & 0 \\ c_{1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} -(l_{1}s_{1} + ds_{12}) & -ds_{12} \\ l_{1}c_{1} + dc_{12} & dc_{12} \end{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}_{4} = \begin{bmatrix} -(l_{1}S_{1} + l_{2}S_{12}) & -l_{2}S_{12} \\ l_{1}C_{1} + l_{2}C_{12} & l_{2}C_{12} \end{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}}$$







DLM Manipulator (Kinetic Energy)

The KE can then be described as

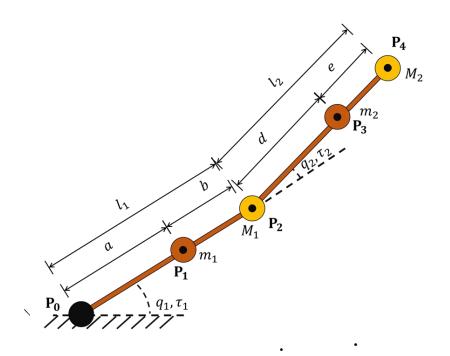
$$KE(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum J_i \dot{q}_i$$

 For this case, we assume the inertias of the links Is neglected to make a simpler model.

$$KE(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(m_1 \| \dot{\boldsymbol{P}}_1 \|_2^2 + M_1 \| \dot{\boldsymbol{P}}_2 \|_2^2 + m_2 \| \dot{\boldsymbol{P}}_3 \|_2^2 + M_2 \| \dot{\boldsymbol{P}}_4 \|_2^2 \right)$$

$$KE(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(m_1 a^2 + M_1 l_1^2 + m_2 (l_1^2 + d^2 + 2l_1 dC_2) + M_2 (l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 C_2) \right) \dot{q}_1^2 + 2 \left(m_2 d(l_1 C_2 + d) + M_2 l_2 (l_1 C_2 + l_2) \right) \dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_2 + \left(m_2 d^2 + M_2 l_2^2 \right) \dot{q}_2^2 \right)$$







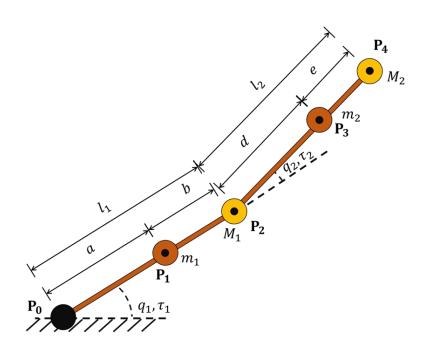
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- Expressing the KE in terms of the angular velocities:
- This is quadratic in the angular velocities (states)
- The coefficients are functions of mass, length and the inter-leg angle q_2 , it is independent of q_1 .
- The KE can then be rewritten as

$$KE(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = \frac{1}{2} \, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^T \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q}) \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}$$

Where

$$M(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 a^2 + M_1 l_1^2 + m_2 (l_1^2 + d^2 + 2 l_1 d C_2) + M_2 (l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2 l_1 l_2 C_2) & m_2 d (l_1 C_2 + d) + M_2 l_2 (l_1 C_2 + l_2) \\ m_2 d (l_1 C_2 + d) + M_2 l_2 (l_1 C_2 + l_2) & m_2 d^2 + M_2 l_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



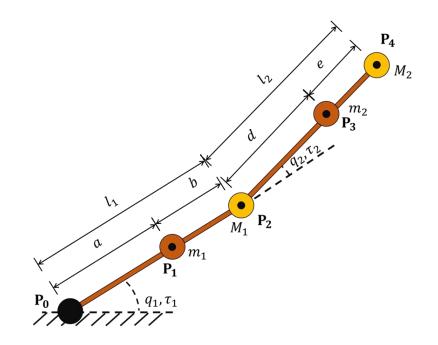




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- This is the mass-inertia matrix, it depends only on q_2 (inter-leg angle)
- Each element is of the form of an inertia (mass*length²)
- Non-zero link inertias would add to the appropriate elements







DLM Manipulator (Kinetic Energy)

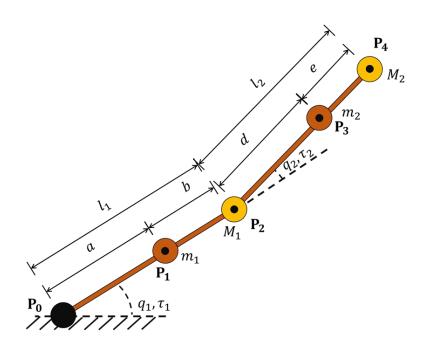
Replacing the Kinetic energy in the Euler-Lagrange equation we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}}KE(q,\dot{q})\right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial q}KE(q,\dot{q}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial q}PE(q) = \tau$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^T \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{q}) \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} \right) \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{q}} \left(KE(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial q} PE(\boldsymbol{q}) = \tau$$

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + \dot{M}(q)\dot{q} - \frac{\partial}{\partial q}(KE(q,\dot{q})) + g(q) = \tau$$

This gives us the **angular acceleration** term (multiplied by mass-inertia matrix, as well as one component of the centripetal / centrifugal rotating frames term which is **quadratic** in the **angular velocities**







DLM Manipulator (Kinetic Energy)

Let

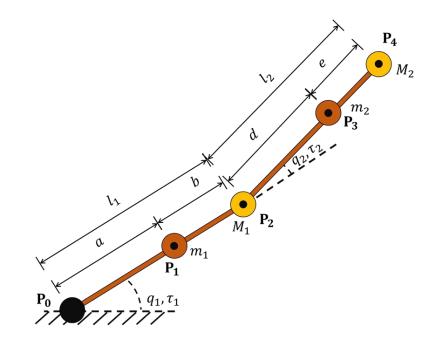
$$C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} = \dot{M}(q)\dot{q} - \frac{\partial}{\partial q}(KE(q, \dot{q}))$$

Then

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q,\dot{q})\dot{q} + g(q) = \tau$$

Where

$$\dot{\mathbf{M}}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2l_1S_2(m_2d + M_2l_2)\dot{q}_2 & -l_1S_2(m_2d + M_2l_2)\dot{q}_2 \\ -l_1S_2(m_2d + M_2l_2)\dot{q}_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$





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And

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{q}} (KE(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} (KE(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial q_2} (KE(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -l_1 S_2 (m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \dot{q}_1^2 - l_1 S_2 (m_2 d + M_2 l_2) q_1 q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Putting everything together

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2l_1 S_2(m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \dot{q}_2 & -l_1 S_2(m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \dot{q}_2 \\ -l_1 S_2(m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \dot{q}_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -l_1 S_2(m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \dot{q}_1^2 - l_1 S_2(m_2 d + M_2 l_2) q_1 q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Then

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q,\dot{q})\dot{q} + g(q) = \tau$$

Where

$$M(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 a^2 + M_1 l_1^2 + m_2 (l_1^2 + d^2 + 2l_1 dC_2) + M_2 (l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 C_2) & m_2 d(l_1 C_2 + d) + M_2 l_2 (l_1 C_2 + l_2) \\ m_2 d(l_1 C_2 + d) + M_2 l_2 (l_1 C_2 + l_2) & m_2 d^2 + M_2 l_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_2 d(l_1 C_2 + d) + M_2 l_2 (l_1 C_2 + l_2)$$

$$m_2 d^2 + M_2 l_2^2$$

Mass (inertia) matrix (mass*length²)

$$C(q, \dot{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2l_1S_2(m_2d + M_2l_2)\dot{q}_2 & -l_1S_2(m_2d + M_2l_2)\dot{q}_2 \\ l_1S_2(m_2d + M_2l_2)\dot{q}_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q}) = g \begin{bmatrix} m_1 a C_1 + M_1 l_1 C_1 + m_2 (l_1 C_1 + d C_{12}) + M_2 (l_1 C_1 + l_2 C_{12}) \\ C_{12} (m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Gravity vector. Torques required to counteract gravity (force*length)

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector of applied (joint) torques. For the **passive** compass gait, this is zero



Conclusions



While a little complex, the equations of motion of the compass gait (double link, planar) robot can be derived using Euler-Lagrange. It is difficult to do this using a simple balance approach.

• The equations of motion contain the non-linear, 2nd order relationships between the applied joint torques (inputs) and the joint angles (accelerations) (outputs)



Interpreting & Simulating the Model



To gain some **insight** into the actual behaviour of the **swing phase dynamics**, we can

- 1) Analysing bits of the ODE,
- 2) Simulating the non-linear behaviour
- 3) Linearized analysis about operating points.

In this section, the analysis will be on the ODE's parts:

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q,\dot{q})\dot{q} + g(q) = au$$
Mass-Inertia Rotational Gravity
matrix effects vector

- We typically assume the other terms on the left hand size are zero and analyse each term independently
- Simulate the autonomous behaviour
 - Implement in ROS/Simulink/Matlab
 - Analyse autonomous response



Gravity Vector & Equilibrium Torque



Gravity Vector

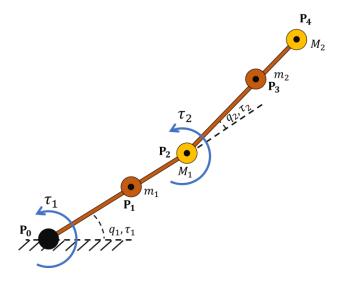
$$M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q,\dot{q})\dot{q} + g(q) = \tau$$

To gain an insight into the gravity vector $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q})$, assume that the system is in equilibrium $\ddot{\mathbf{q}}=\dot{\mathbf{q}}=0$

$$g(q) = g \begin{bmatrix} m_1 a C_1 + M_1 l_1 C_1 + m_2 (l_1 C_1 + d C_{12}) + M_2 (l_1 C_1 + l_2 C_{12}) \\ C_{12} (m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

- It is termed the gravity vector.
- Represents the torque on each joint due to gravity acting on the point masses.

- It represents the equilibrium torques (acting at the joints) necessary to hold the "manipulator" at zero acceleration (velocity)
- A direct generalization of the same concept for the single link manipulator



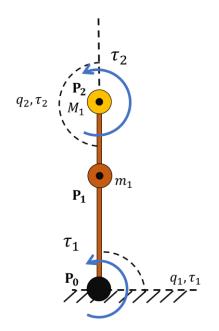


Examples Equilibrium Torque



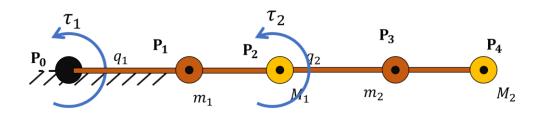
Examples

1. Vertical Upright $(q_1 = \frac{\pi}{2}, q_2 = \pi)$: The equilibrium joint torques are both **zero** as the legs are in an unstable equilibrium configuration.



2. Max Static Torque Position $(q_1 = 0, q_2 = 0)$:
This represents a (static) posture. The
calculated torques assume zero velocity
which isn't a realistic part of the cycle, but the
values for the exemplar manipulator are:

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \end{bmatrix} = g \begin{bmatrix} m_1 a + M_1 l_1 + m_2 (l_1 + d) + M_2 (l_1 + l_2) \\ (m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \end{bmatrix}$$





Interpreting the Mass Inertia



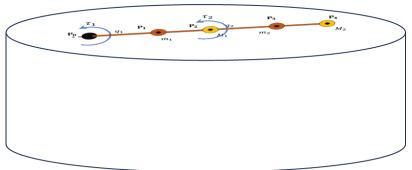


Mass Inertia Matrix

M(q)

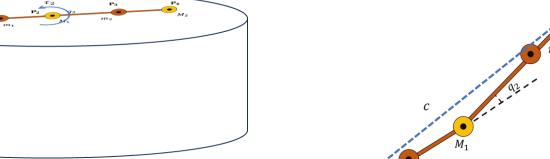
$$=\begin{bmatrix} m_1 a^2 + M_1 l_1^2 + m_2 (l_1^2 + d^2 + 2 l_1 d C_2) + M_2 (l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2 l_1 l_2 C_2) & m_2 d (l_1 C_2 + d) + M_2 l_2 (l_1 C_2 + l_2) \\ m_2 d (l_1 C_2 + d) + M_2 l_2 (l_1 C_2 + l_2) & m_2 d^2 + M_2 l_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

 To understand the torque – angular acceleration map, assume we're in the horizontal plane (g = 0) (top of a table) and at zero speed, so $\mathbf{M}(q_2)\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{\tau}$



$$M(q) = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\tau_2 = m_{22}\ddot{q}_2$, where m_{22} is the inertia of a single, rotating point mass.
- $\tau_1 = m_{11}\ddot{q}_1$, where m_{11} is the inertia of 4 point masses & depends on the q_2 using the law of cosines $(c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2abcos(\pi - q_2))$



- Maximum when q2 = 0 becomes the inertia of the extended link
- Minimum when $q2 = \pi$



Interpreting the Mass Inertia



Mass Inertia Matrix

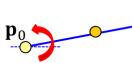
M(q)

$$=\begin{bmatrix} m_1a^2+M_1l_1^2+m_2(l_1^2+d^2+2l_1dC_2)+M_2(l_1^2+l_2^2+2l_1l_2C_2) & m_2d(l_1C_2+d)+M_2l_2(l_1C_2+l_2)\\ & m_2d(l_1C_2+d)+M_2l_2(l_1C_2+l_2) & m_2d^2+M_2l_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The symmetric, off-diagonal elements represent the interaction between the 1st torque, τ_1 , and 2nd angular acceleration, \ddot{q}_2 , and vice versa
- The interaction gain, $m_2d(l_1C_2+d)+M_2l_2(l_1C_2+l_2)$, can be positive or negative and depends on the relative joint angle q_2 .

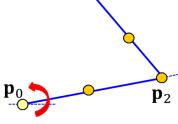
positive gain when $m_2d(l_1C_2+d)+M_2l_2(l_1C_2+l_2)>0 \ \& \ au_1>0$ $\tau_2=0 \to \ddot{q}_1>0 \to \ddot{q}_2<0$

maximum when $q_2 = 0$





• Zero gain (independent) when $m_2d(l_1\mathcal{C}_2+d)+M_2l_2(l_1\mathcal{C}_2+l_2)=0\ \&\ au_1>0$ $\tau_2=0 \to \ddot{q}_1>0 \to \ddot{q}_2=0$



• Negative gain when $m_2d(l_1\mathcal{C}_2+d)+M_2l_2(l_1\mathcal{C}_2+l_2)<0\ \&\ au_1>0$

$$\tau_2 = 0 \rightarrow \ddot{q}_1 > 0 \rightarrow \ddot{q}_2 > 0$$

minimum when $q_2 = \pi$





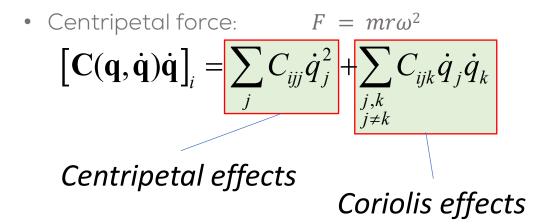


Interpreting C(q, q)q



$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2l_1 S_2 (m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \dot{q}_2 & -l_1 S_2 (m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \dot{q}_2 \\ l_1 S_2 (m_2 d + M_2 l_2) \dot{q}_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Always non-zero when there is more than 1 link
- Centripetal and coriolis forces are "effective forces" which are invoked to explain the behaviour of objects from a frame of reference which is rotating.



center of a rotating platform would tend to miss to the right and overshoot the hole if he were unaware of the rotation. The rightward miss he could Coriolis Centrifugal blame on the force force coriolis force and the overshoot he could blame on centrifugal force.

A golfer who is putting the ball from the



Non-linear, State Space Swing Phase



The non-linear equations of motion for the swing phase can be re-written in state space (1st order, vector) form:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \dot{\mathbf{q}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}} \\ \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q})^{-1} (\mathbf{\tau} - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) \dot{\mathbf{q}} - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q})) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \dot{\mathbf{q}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{\tau}$$

Note that even for this very simple system (two links without motor models), neither the equations of motion nor the dynamic behaviour are trivial.

This 4th order (4 states: angles and angular velocities) dynamic system, can be "easily" implemented in Matlab / Simulink by writing the ODE in an .m file and running in Matlab (ode45() function) or in Simulink.

We'll simulate the natural / autonomous behaviour where au=0

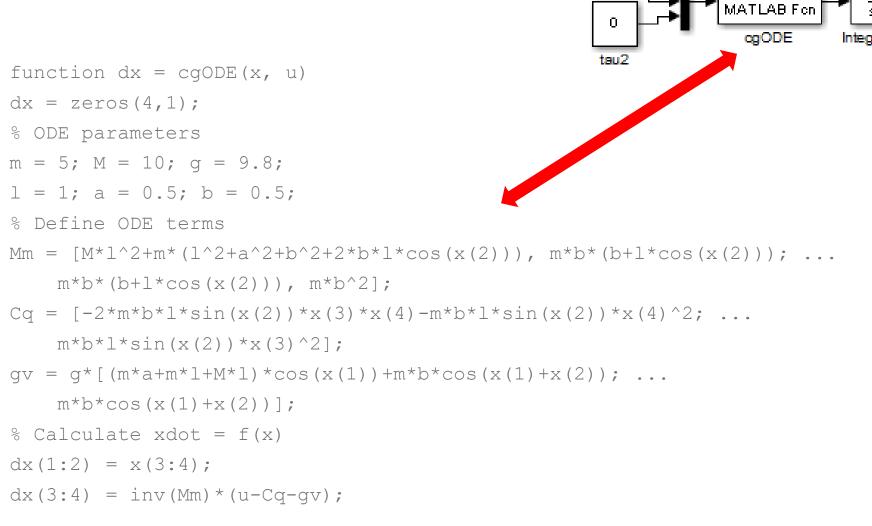


Swing Phase ODE Implementation

Interpreted



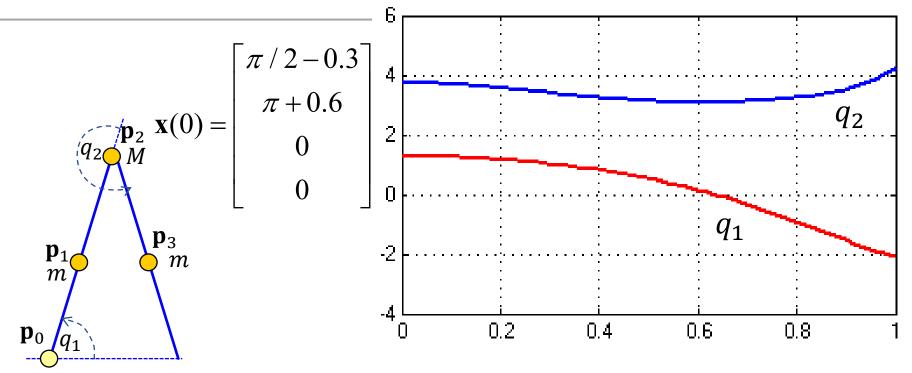
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Initial Simulation Results



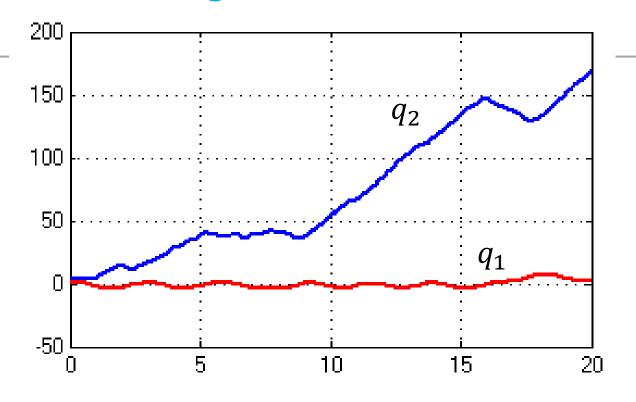


- The link 1 initially falls forward as q_1 decreases. In fact, it is rotating in a clockwise direction and passes the downwards vertical after about 0.8 s
- The link 2 is pulled in and when the stance leg is horizontal, the swing leg also becomes horizontal, before increasing q_2



3.5 Long Term Simulation Results





- The long term behaviour of the two link system is chaotic, it is extremely sensitive to the initial conditions
- We won't prove its chaotic, but the unstable behaviour (exponential divergence) coupled with the folding (rotating links) is characteristic of chaotic systems
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Double_pendulum (info + animation)



Conclusions



While the equations of motion appear quite complex, their interpretation isn't too hard as all the additive terms are regarded as torques

- The gravity vector, $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q})$, is easy to interpret as the effect of gravity on the joints (equilibrium torques)
- The elements of the mass inertia matrix $\mathbf{M}(q_2)$ can be interpreted as "equivalent inertia" terms
 - The (positive) diagonal terms represent the direct $\tau_i \rightarrow q_i$ joint mapping
 - The off diagonal terms (can be negative as well as positive, or zero) reflect the interaction maps which reflect a joint angle's acceleration due to a torque applied at another joint
- The rotational torques $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{q},\dot{\mathbf{q}})\dot{\mathbf{q}}$ term is more difficult to easily interpret but it is worth noting that it would have been much more difficult to derive from 1^{st} principles forces approach