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Introduction to Intelligent Robotics Systems

Velocity Kinematics

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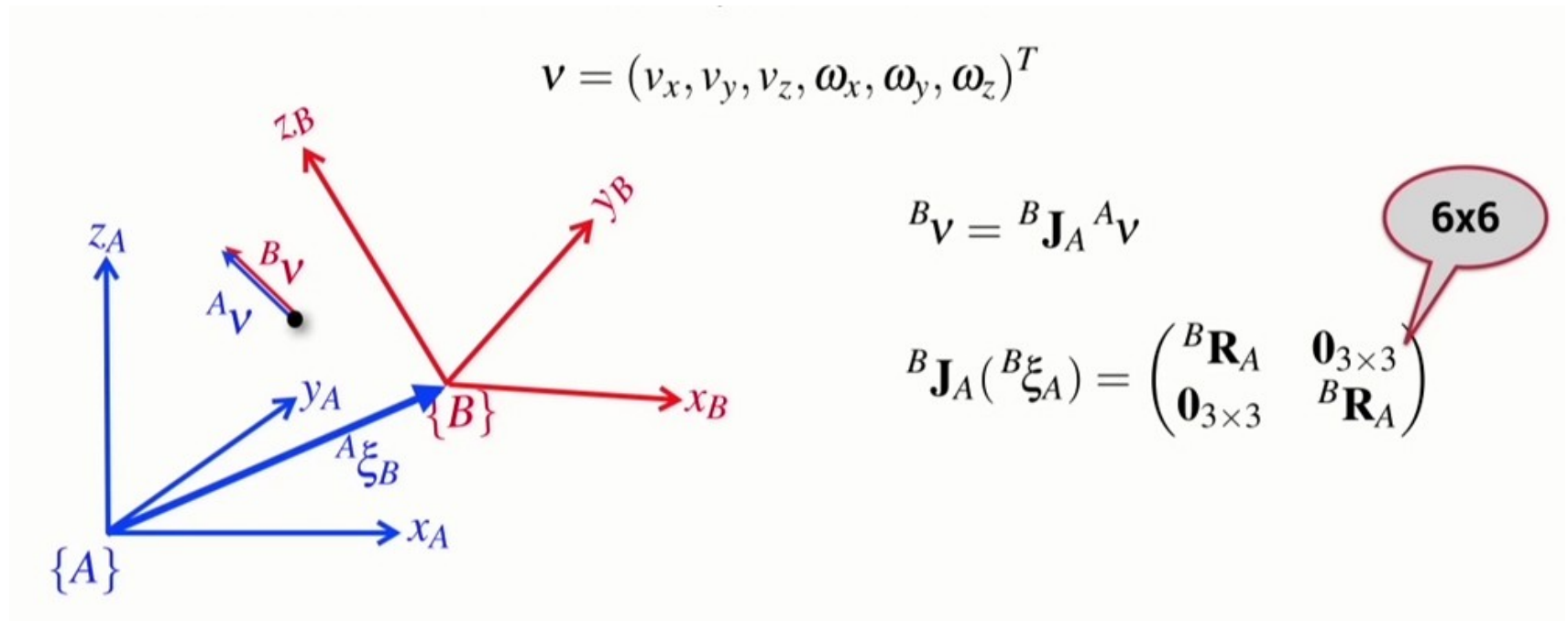
- Relating joint velocities with end-effector velocities
 - Both forward (joint to end-effector) and inverse (end-effector to joint)
- Velocities involved are both
 - Linear, v , and
 - Angular/Rotational, ω

Velocity Kinematics

- Differential equations help relate positions/joint variables to velocities
- Joint velocities == rate of change of joint values
- End-effector velocity == rate of change of joint end-effector position and orientation
 - Rate-of-change of position == linear+angular velocity
 - Rate-of-change of orientation == angular velocity

Velocities and Joints

- Angular velocities, thus, give rise to
 - Positional AND rotational changes
- Linear velocities give rise to positional changes only



Differentiation of Rotation Matrices

- Recall, that the rotation matrix R is a representation of orientation
 - The three columns are unit vectors representing $\langle x, y, z \rangle$ axes of the coordinate frame
- Differentiating R with respect to time, t , will yield the rate of change of orientations
- Focus :
 - How do we differentiate R ,
 - How do propagate changes through a chain of rigid links, and represent velocities, and
 - How do we propagate it in both directions: joints to tool, and tool to joint

The background math

The Tool:
Skew Symmetric Matrices

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -s_{12} & s_{13} \\ s_{12} & 0 & -s_{23} \\ -s_{13} & -s_{23} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S + S^T = 0$$

Three unique elements only!
Makes it possible to represent
a *vector* with a skew
Symmetric Matrix!

For a 3D vector $v=[x_1, x_2, x_3]$:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -x_3 & x_2 \\ x_3 & 0 & -x_1 \\ -x_2 & x_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the principal axes, i, j , and k :

$$S_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For orthogonal matrices:

$$R(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = R\mathbf{a} \times R\mathbf{b}$$



The background math

A useful property of Skew Symmetric Matrices: cross-product simplification!

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = S(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{y}$$

Skew Symmetric Matrices are linear, so:

$$S(\alpha\mathbf{a} + \beta\mathbf{b}) = \alpha S(\mathbf{a}) + \beta S(\mathbf{b})$$

The background math

Consider the expression: $RS(\mathbf{a})R^T\mathbf{b}$:

$$\begin{aligned}RS(\mathbf{a})R^T\mathbf{b} &= R[\mathbf{a} \times R^T\mathbf{b}] &< \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = S(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{y} \\&= [R\mathbf{a}] \times [RR^T\mathbf{b}] &< R(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = R\mathbf{a} \times R\mathbf{b} \\&= R\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \\&= S(R\mathbf{a})\mathbf{b} &< \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = S(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore, RS(\mathbf{a})R^T = S(R\mathbf{a})$$

This is the **Similarity Transform** for $S(\mathbf{a})$!

It is equivalent to the skew symmetric matrix of a vector \mathbf{a} rotated by R



Differentiating R , wrt θ

Start here:

$$R(\theta)R^T(\theta) = I$$

Differentiating wrt θ :

$$\frac{dR(\theta)}{d\theta}R^T(\theta) + R(\theta)\frac{dR^T(\theta)}{d\theta} = 0$$

$$\text{Let, } \Sigma = \frac{dR(\theta)}{d\theta}R^T(\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then, } \Sigma^T &= R(\theta) \left(\frac{dR(\theta)}{d\theta} \right)^T \\ &= R(\theta) \frac{dR^T(\theta)}{d\theta}\end{aligned}$$

$$\leftarrow (AB)^T = B^T A^T$$



Substituting...

$$\frac{dR(\theta)}{d\theta} R^T(\theta) + R(\theta) \frac{dR^T(\theta)}{d\theta} = 0$$
$$\therefore, \Sigma + \Sigma^T = 0$$

Thus, $\Sigma = \frac{dR(\theta)}{d\theta} R^T(\theta)$ is Skew Symmetric, and we can write:

$$\Sigma R(\theta) = \frac{dR(\theta)}{d\theta} R^T(\theta) R(\theta)$$

$$\therefore, \frac{dR(\theta)}{d\theta} = \Sigma R(\theta)$$

Substituting...

$$\frac{dR(\theta)}{d\theta} = \Sigma R(\theta)$$

- Where do we get Σ ?
- **Since Σ is a Skew Symmetric Matrix, there is some vector k whose Skew Symmetric Matrix representation will be equal to Σ .**
- In this case, this brings us back to our old friend,
 - the **axis-angle representation of rotation: (k, θ)**
 - **Σ is the Skew Symmetric Matrix representation of k**

In summary

$$\frac{dR(\theta)}{d\theta} = \Sigma R(\theta)$$

- Find the axis ***k***, rotation around which is represented by the matrix ***R***
- Represent ***k*** in its **Skew Symmetric Matrix** form, **Σ_k**
- **Multiply Σ and *R*; you will get the first derivative of *R*.**

$$k = \frac{1}{2\sin\theta} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

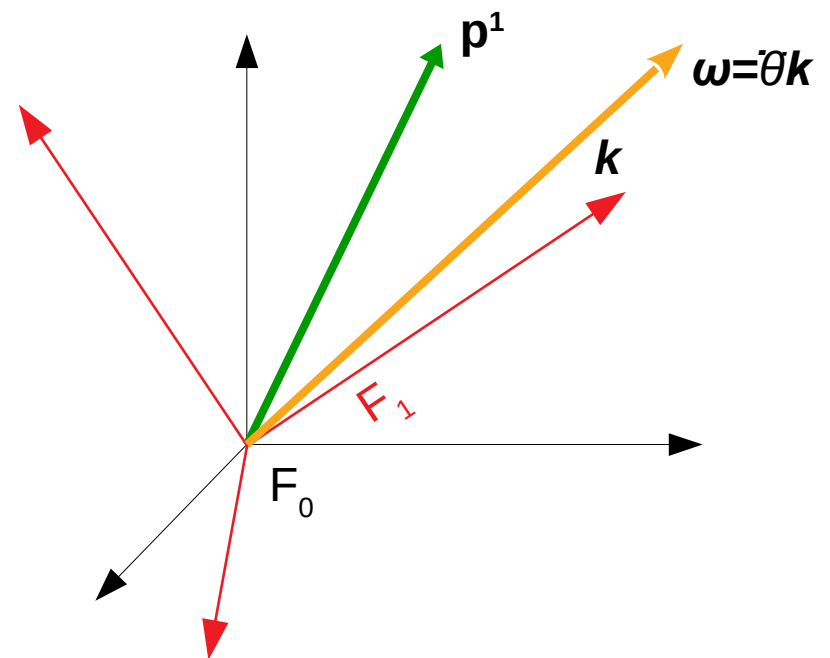
r_{ij} = element at location (i,j)
of the rotation matrix ***R***

Velocity Kinematics

- kinematics of particles with respect to rotating and translating frames
- In particular, consider:
 - 1) Velocity about a fixed point
 - 2) General velocity: rotation plus translation
 - 3) Acceleration
 - 4) Addition of Angular Velocities

Velocity about a fixed point

- Imagine a bar (p^1) welded to Frame F_1 .
 - p^1 is constant w.r.t. F_1
- Then, consider the bar is rotating around frame F_0 .
 - That means, Frame F_1 is rotating around F_0 as well.



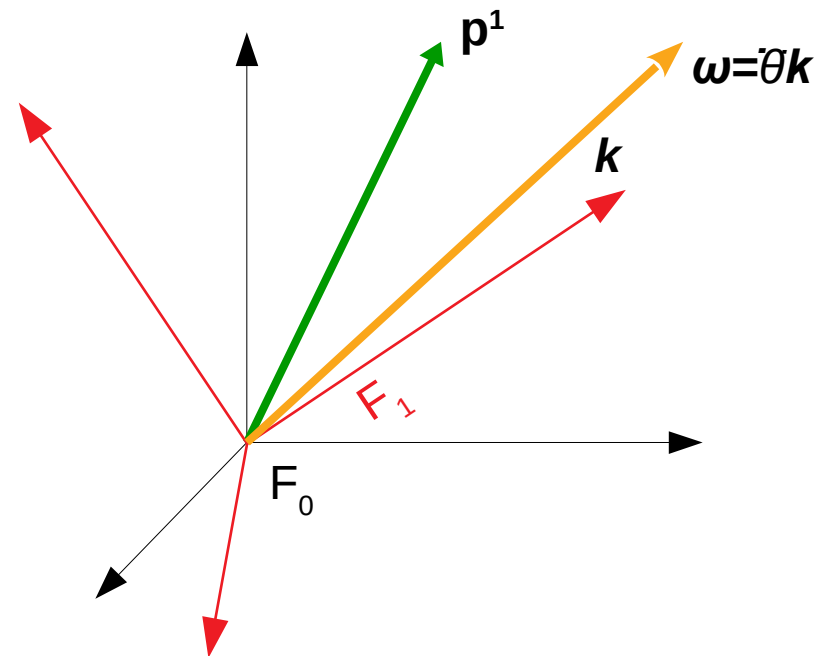
Velocity about a fixed point

- From our very early discussions, we know that
$$\mathbf{p}^0 = \mathbf{R}_{01} \mathbf{p}^1$$
- But now, we qualify \mathbf{R} with a time factor as it is changing

- $\mathbf{p}^0 = \mathbf{R}_{01}(t) \mathbf{p}^1$

- Differentiating wrt time t ,

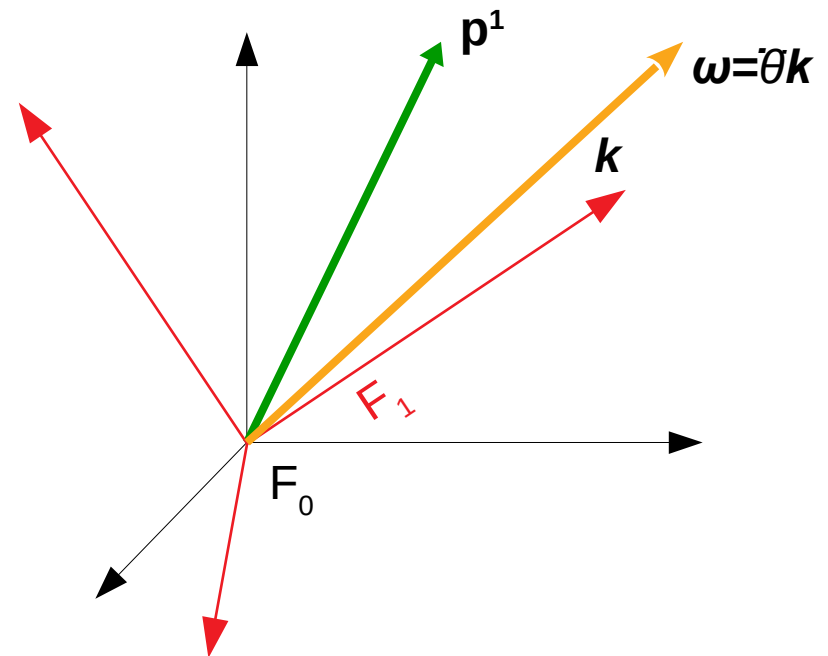
$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}^0 = \frac{d\mathbf{R}_{01}(t)}{dt} \mathbf{p}^1$$



Velocity about a fixed point

- Representing R_{01} using the axis-angle approach, let's assume \mathbf{k} is the rotation axis and θ is the rotation angle around \mathbf{k} .

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{R}_{01}(t) &= \frac{dR_{01}(t)}{dt} \\ &= \frac{dR_k(\theta)}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} \\ &= S(k)R_k(\theta(t))\dot{\theta} \\ &= S(\omega)R_k(\theta(t))\end{aligned}$$

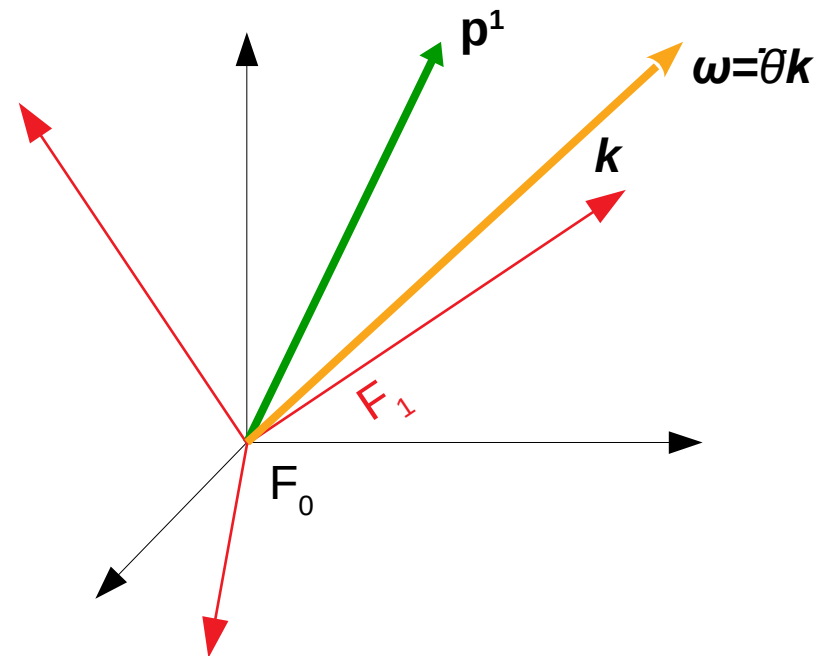


ω is the angular velocity around \mathbf{k}

Velocity about a fixed point

- ω is the angular velocity around k
 - Describes the angular rotation of F_1 around the rotation axis k
- Finally, plugging all values: $\dot{p}^0 = S(\omega)R_{01}p^1$
- Equivalently:

$$\underline{\dot{p}}^0 = \omega \times \underline{p}$$



General Velocity: Rotation+Translation

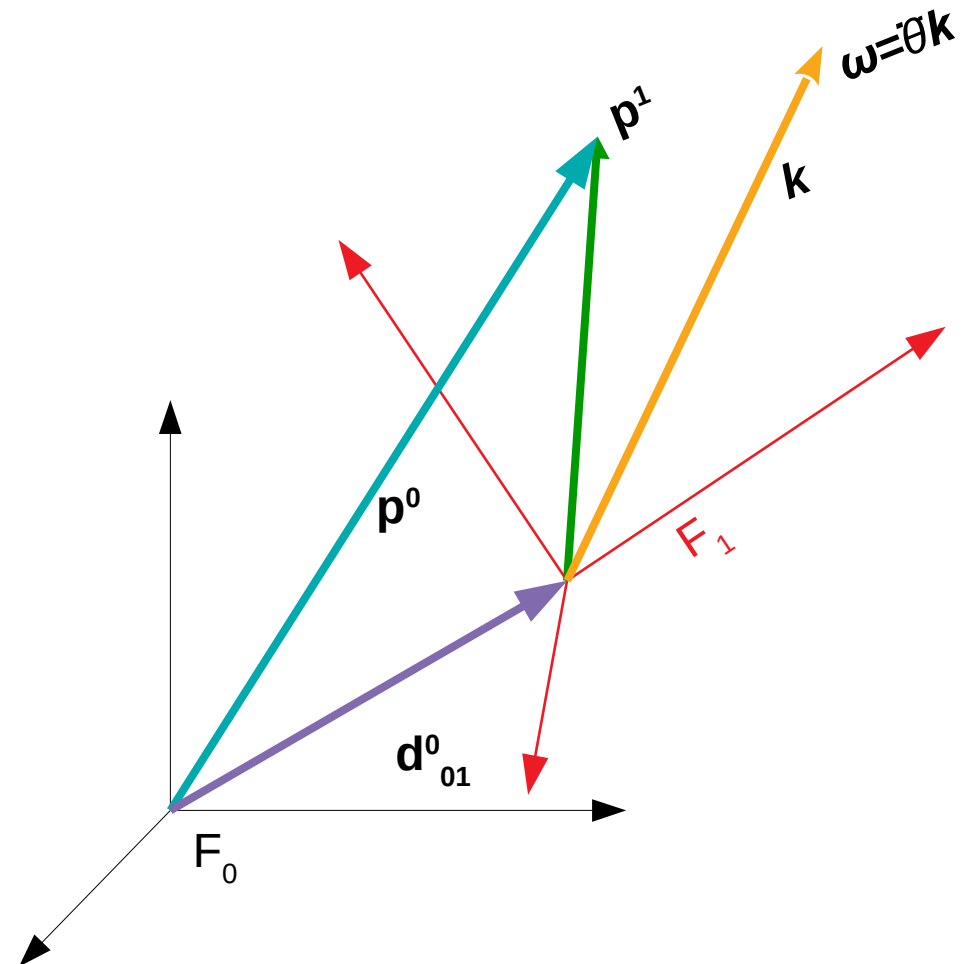
- Imagine the same bar (p^1) welded to Frame F_1
 - p^1 still constant w.r.t. F_1
 - But F_1 is both translating rotating wrt F_0

- We have

$$\mathbf{p}^0 = \mathbf{R}_{01}(t)\mathbf{p}^1 + \mathbf{d}_{01}^0$$

- Differentiating:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{p}}^0 &= \dot{\mathbf{R}}_{01}\mathbf{p}^1 + \dot{\mathbf{d}}_{01}^0 \\ &= \mathbf{S}(\boldsymbol{\omega})\mathbf{R}_{01}\mathbf{p}^1 + \dot{\mathbf{d}}_{01}^0\end{aligned}$$



Generalizing Further

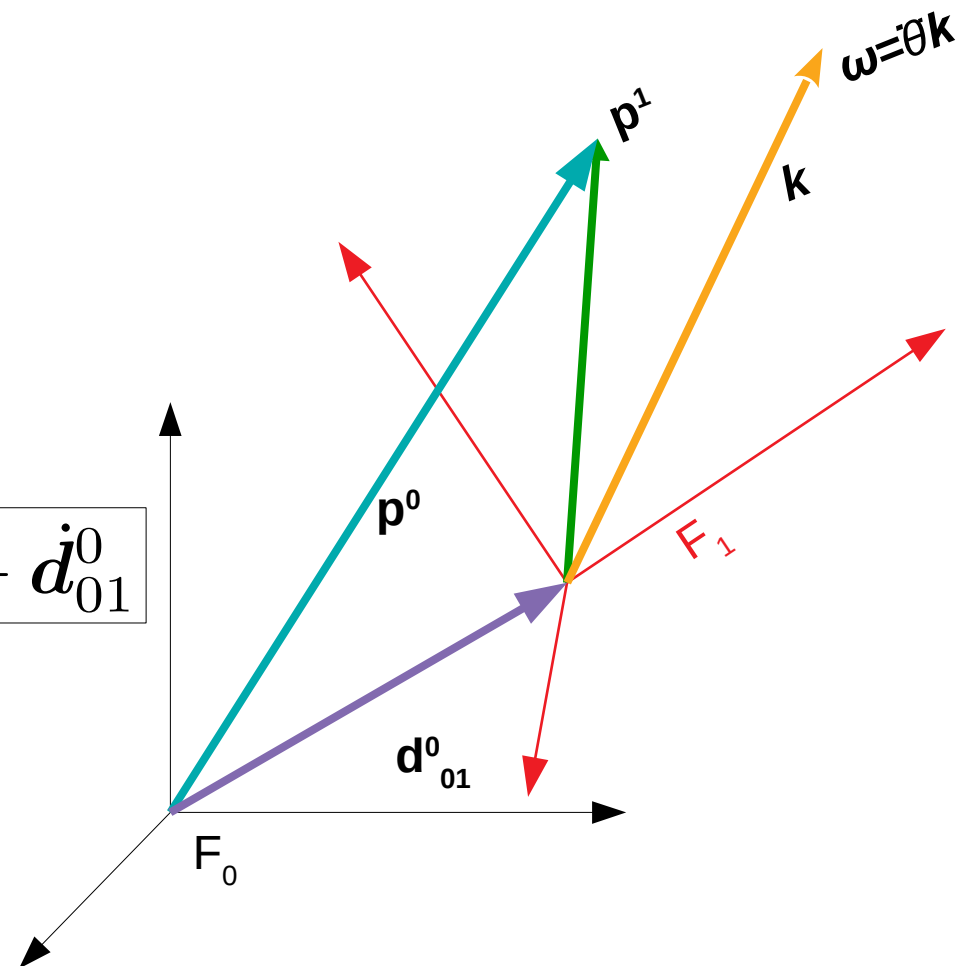
- Imagine the same bar p^1 **not** welded to Frame F_1
 - p^1 **not** constant w.r.t. F_1
 - But F_1 is both translating rotating wrt F_0

- We have

$$\dot{p}^0 = S(\omega) \boxed{R_{01} p^1} + \boxed{R_{01} \dot{p}^1 + d_{01}^0}$$

Vector from rotation axis to \mathbf{p} in F_0

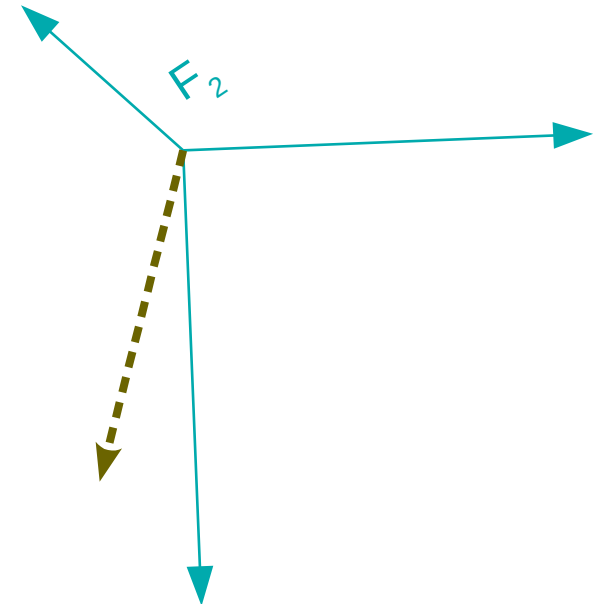
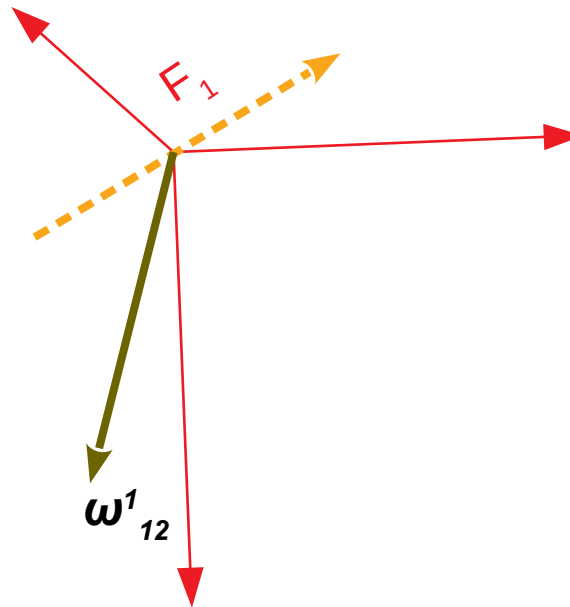
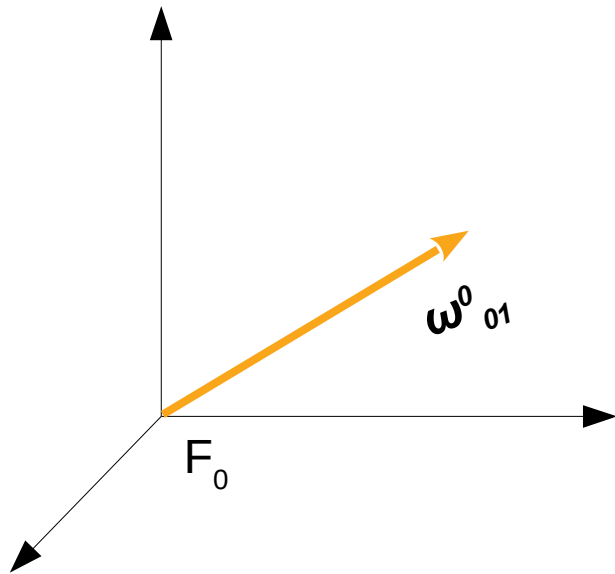
Linear velocity of \mathbf{p} in F_0



Adding Angular Velocities

A series of frames (like those attached to links of a robot)

F_0 is fixed, F_1 rotates wrt F_0 , F_2 rotates wrt F_1 ...



Adding Angular Velocities

- As before:

$$R_{02} = R_{01} R_{12}$$

- Differentiating:

$$\dot{R}_{02} = \dot{R}_{01} R_{12} + R_{01} \dot{R}_{12}$$

$$= S(\omega_{01}^0) R_{01} R_{12} + R_{01} S(\omega_{12}^1) R_{12}$$

$$= S(\omega_{01}^0) R_{02} + R_{01} S(\omega_{12}^1) R_{01}^T R_{01} R_{12}$$

$$= S(\omega_{01}^0) R_{02} + S(R_{01} \omega_{12}^1) R_{02}$$

$$= S(\omega_{01}^0 + R_{01} \omega_{12}^1) R_{02}$$

$$\leftarrow R^T R = I$$

$$\leftarrow RS(a)R^T = S(Ra)$$

Adding Angular Velocities

- But we know that (slide 16):

$$\dot{R}_{02} = S(\omega_{02}^0)R_{02}$$

- Equating:

$$\omega_{02}^0 = \omega_{01}^0 + R_{01}\omega_{12}^1$$

- In general:

$$\omega_{0n}^0 = \omega_{01}^0 + R_{01}\omega_{12}^1 + R_{02}\omega_{23}^2 + \cdots + R_{0,n-1}\omega_{n-1,n}^{n-1}$$

The Manipulator Jacobian

- A manipulator
 - can be described as a series of points, namely the end points of the links,
 - Links are each, in turn, rotating and translating with respect to the previous link
- In the world of velocity *manipulator* kinematics, the goal is to achieve a mapping, which does two things.

The Manipulator Jacobian

- Goal 1: Relate the rate of change of position of the manipulator end-effector to the rate of change of motion of each link.

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{dq_i}{dt} \rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} \\ \frac{dz}{dt} \\ \frac{d\phi_x}{dt} \\ \frac{d\phi_y}{dt} \\ \frac{d\phi_z}{dt} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} \\ \frac{d\boldsymbol{\phi}}{dt} \end{Bmatrix}$$

The Manipulator Jacobian

- Goal 2: Relate the differential change in position (location and orientation) of one frame due to a differential change of another frame.
 - *A superset* of Goal 1.
 - Thus, more *powerful* and *useful* solution to deduce

The Manipulator Jacobian

- For Goal 1, the question becomes to find a map J such that

$$\dot{X} = J\dot{q}$$

- For Goal 2, the question becomes to find a map K such that for two frames F_0 and F_1 :

$$dX^b = \begin{bmatrix} d\mathbf{p}^b \\ d\phi^b \end{bmatrix} = K_{ba} \begin{bmatrix} d\mathbf{p}^b \\ d\phi^b \end{bmatrix}$$

Finding J

- Use the concept of infinitesimal rotations
- If $\phi \rightarrow d\phi$ ($d\phi \rightarrow 0$), then $\cos\phi \rightarrow 1$ and $\sin\phi \rightarrow d\phi$.
- This implies, for example, rotation around the Z axis

$$R_z(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} c\phi & -s\phi & 0 \\ s\phi & c\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

becomes

$$R(d\phi_z) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -d\phi_z & 0 \\ d\phi_z & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

About Infinitesimal Rotations

- Commutative: $R(d\phi_z)R(d\phi_y) = R(d\phi_y)R(d\phi_z)$

This also means

$$R(d\phi_x, d\phi_y, d\phi_z) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -d\phi_z & d\phi_y \\ d\phi_z & 1 & -d\phi_x \\ -d\phi_y & d\phi_x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Additive:

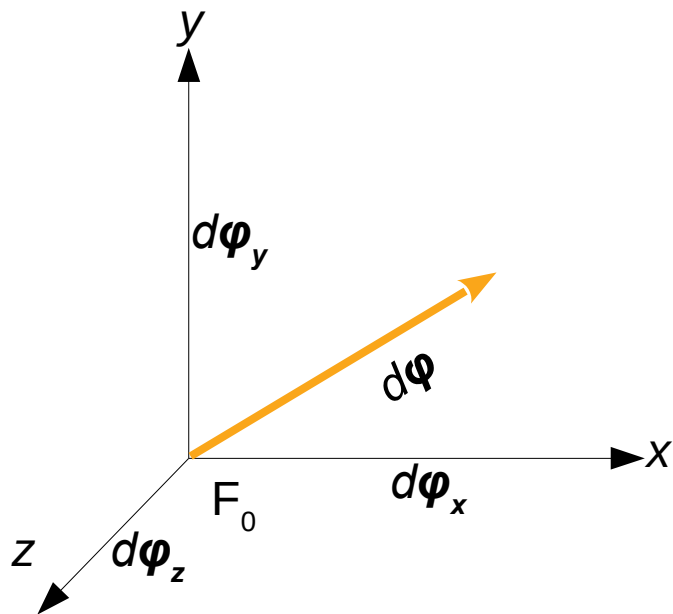
$$R(d\phi_x, d\phi_y, d\phi_z) + R(d\psi_x, d\psi_y, d\psi_z) = R(d\phi_x + d\psi_x, d\phi_y + d\psi_y, d\phi_z + d\psi_z)$$



About Infinitesimal Rotations

- Can be expressed as a vector in \Re^3 :

$$d\phi = \begin{bmatrix} d\phi_x \\ d\phi_y \\ d\phi_z \end{bmatrix}$$



$\frac{d\phi}{|d\phi|}$ = direction of infinitesimal rotation

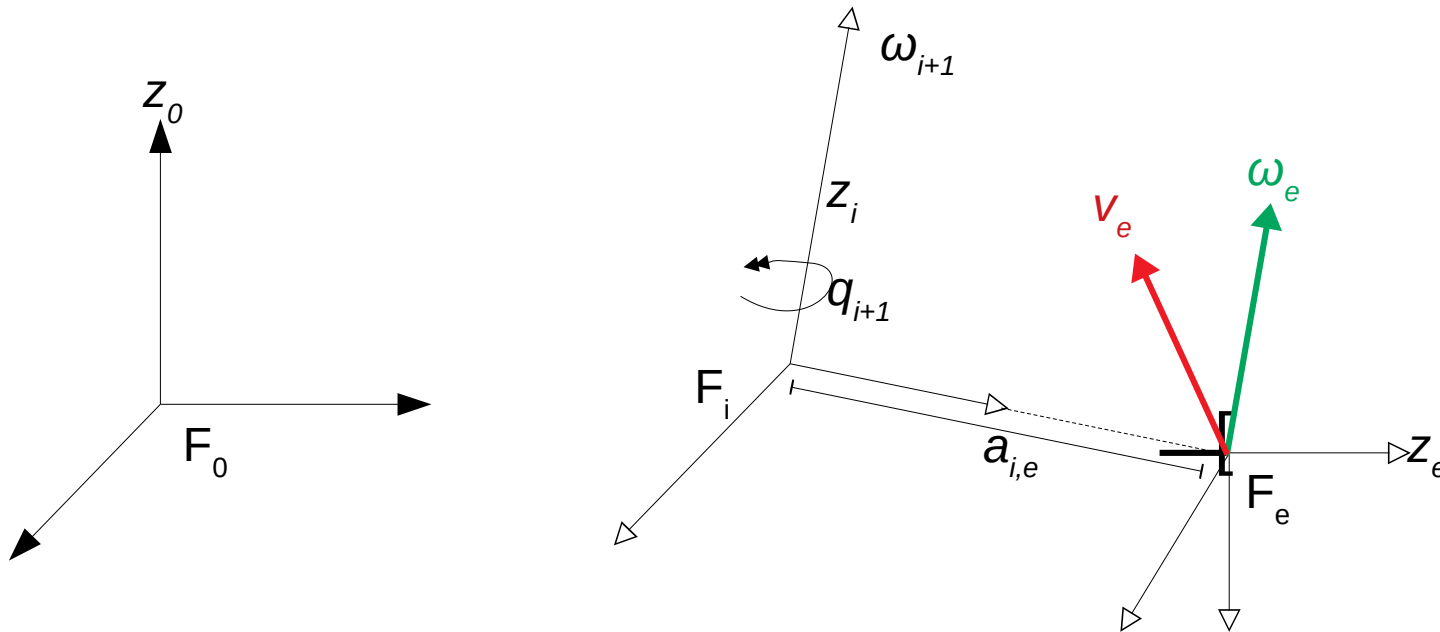
$|d\phi|$ = magnitude of infinitesimal rotation

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \omega$$



Careful: Not true for non-infinitesimal rotations!

Formulating the Jacobian: The Geometric Approach



Case 1: Rotational Joint **only**, q_{i+1}

Why?: So that we can isolate the effects of each type of joint on end-effector velocities

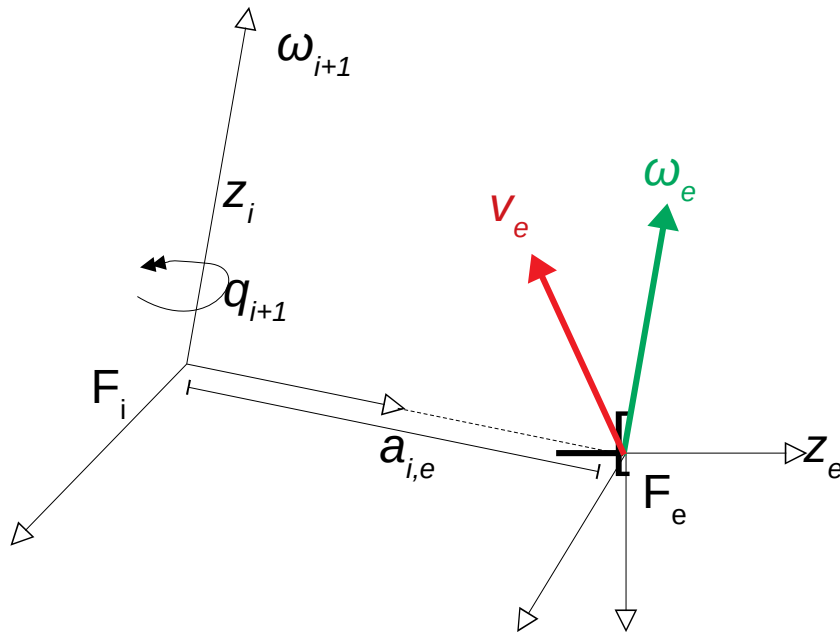
Geometric Jacobian: Revolute Joints

For joint q_{i+1} :

$$\mathbf{v}_e^i = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i,i+1} \times \mathbf{a}_{ie} = \mathbf{z}_i \times \mathbf{a}_{ie} \dot{q}_{i+1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_e^i = \mathbf{z}_i \dot{q}_{i+1}$$

Summing up effects of all joints,
when all joints are **revolute**:

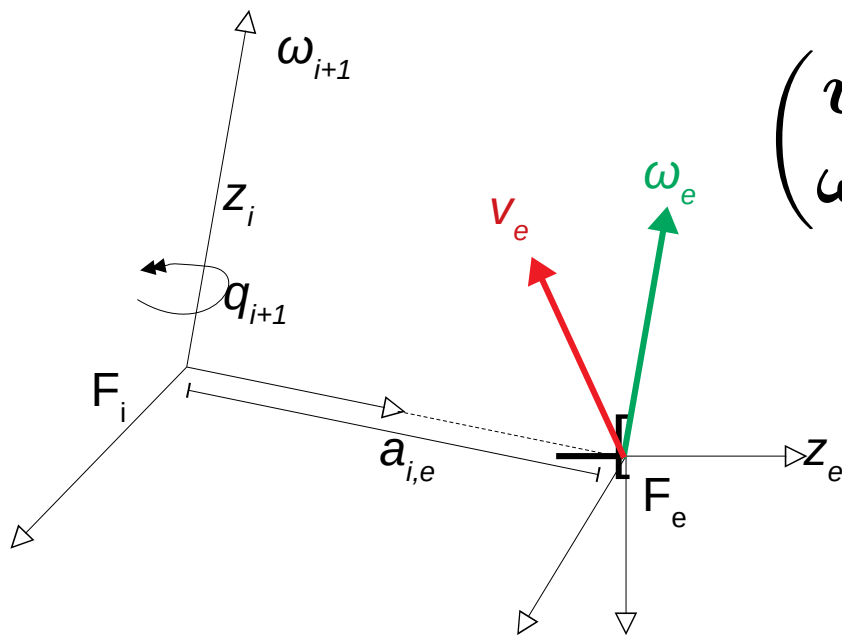


$$\mathbf{v}_e = \sum_{i=0}^{e-1} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i,i+1} \times \mathbf{a}_{ie} = \sum_{i=0}^{e-1} \mathbf{z}_i \times \mathbf{a}_{ie} \dot{q}_{i+1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_e = \sum_{i=0}^{e-1} \mathbf{z}_i \dot{q}_{i+1}$$

Geometric Jacobian: Revolute Joints

In Matrix form:



$$\begin{pmatrix} v_e^0 \\ \omega_e^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & z_i^0 \times a_{ie}^0 & \dots \\ \dots & z_i^0 & \dots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \dot{q}_{i+1} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Geometric Jacobian: Prismatic Joints

For joint q_{j+1} :

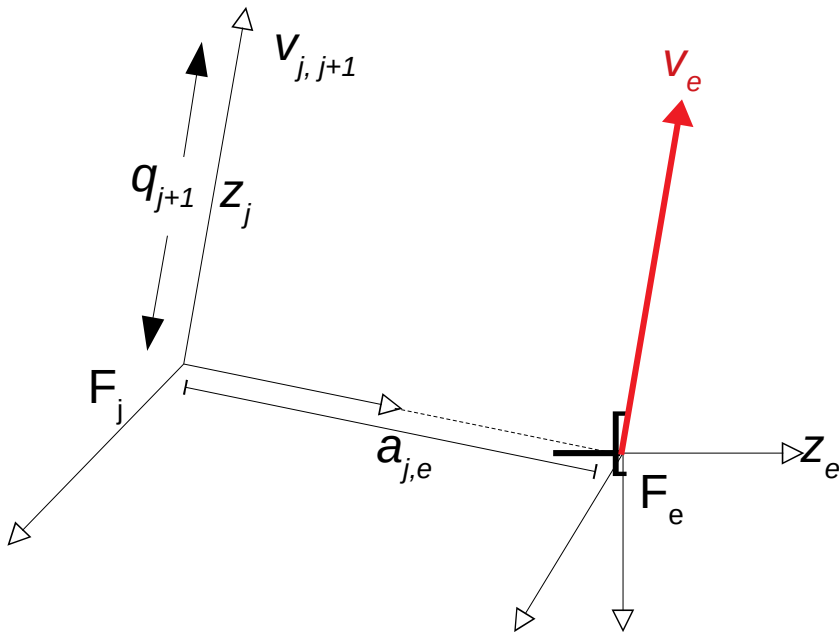
$$\mathbf{v}_e^j = \mathbf{z}_j \dot{q}_{j+1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_e^j = 0$$

Summing up effects of all joints,
when all joints are **prismatic**:

$$\mathbf{v}_e = \sum_{j=0}^{e-1} \mathbf{z}_j \dot{q}_{j+1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_e = 0$$



Finally, the Manipulator Jacobian

- Expression of a manipulator Jacobian for a robot with both prismatic and revolute joints is as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_e^0 \\ \omega_e^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & z_i^0 \times a_{ie}^0 & z_j^0 & \dots \\ \dots & z_i^0 & \dots 0 & \dots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \dot{q}_{i+1} \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_{j+1} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = J_o \dot{q}$$

The Manipulator Jacobian

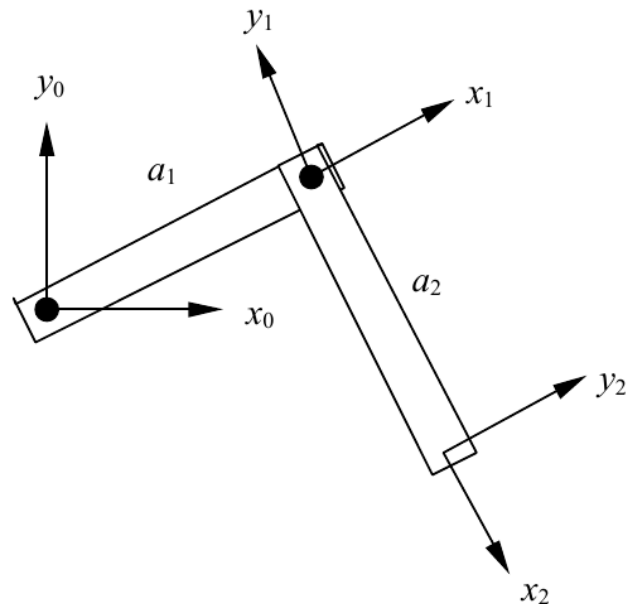
- The top three rows affect linear velocity (**velocity Jacobian J_v**)
- The bottom three rows affect angular velocity (**angular velocity Jacobian J_ω**)

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_e^0 \\ \omega_e^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_v \\ J_\omega \end{bmatrix} \dot{q}$$

- From the end-effector frame, F_e ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_e^e \\ \omega_e^e \end{pmatrix} = R_{e0} \begin{bmatrix} J_v \\ J_\omega \end{bmatrix} \dot{q}$$

Example: 2-link Planar Manipulator



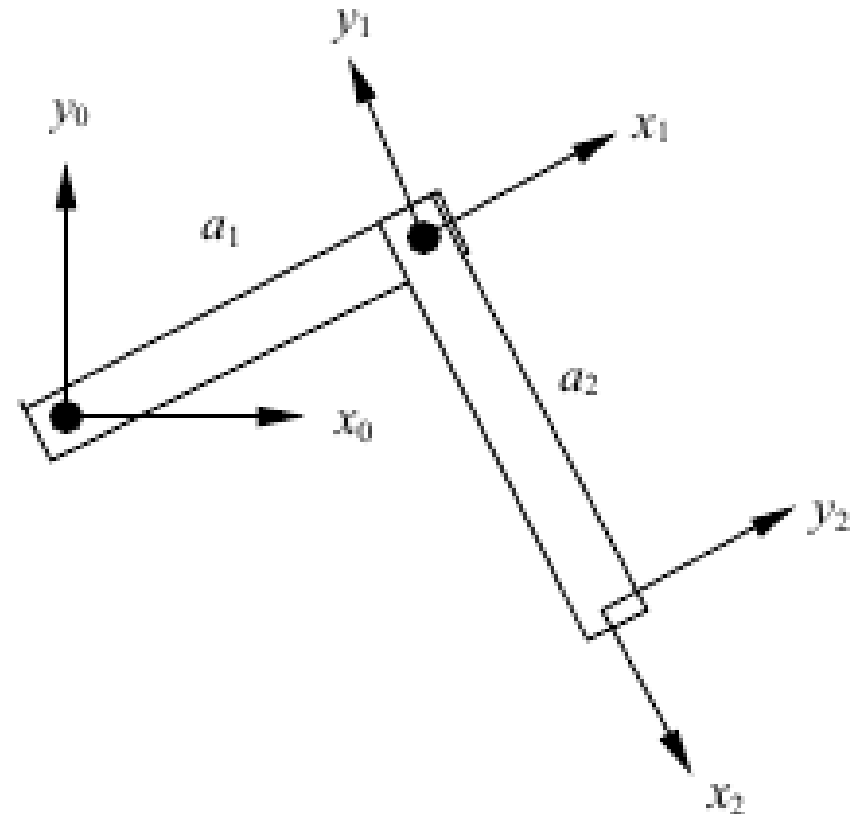
Joint	θ_i	d_i	a_i	α_i
1	θ_1	0	a_1	0
2	θ_2	0	a_2	0

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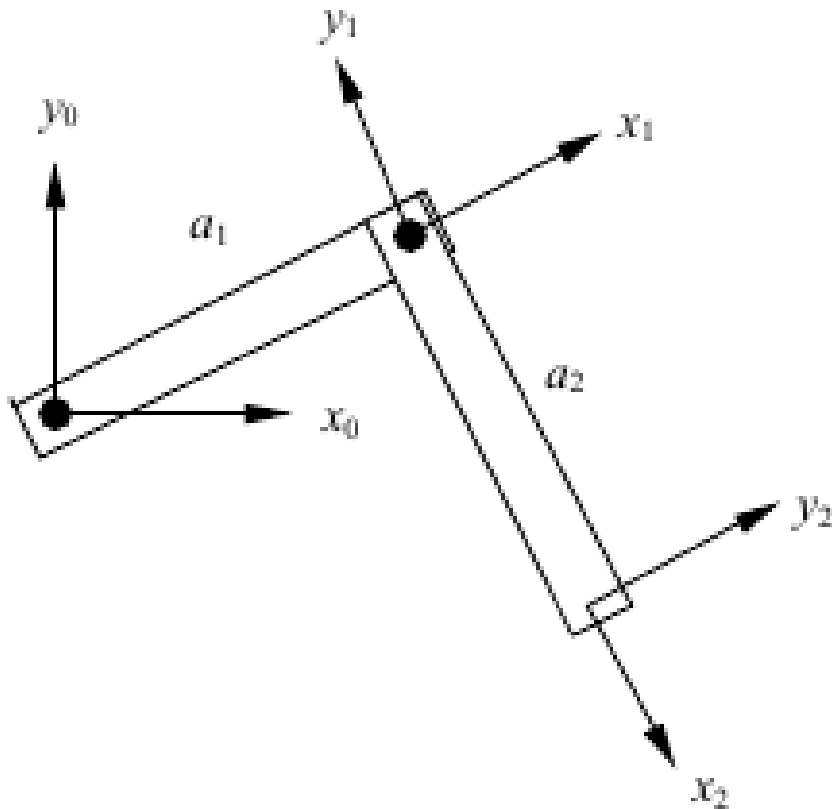
$$A_{01} = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_1 & -s\theta_1 & 0 & a_1c\theta_1 \\ s\theta_1 & c\theta_1 & 0 & a_1s\theta_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$A_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_2 & -s\theta_2 & 0 & a_2c\theta_2 \\ s\theta_2 & c\theta_2 & 0 & a_2s\theta_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$T_{02} = A_{01}A_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & 0 & a_1c\theta_1 + a_2c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & 0 & a_1s\theta_1 + a_2s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

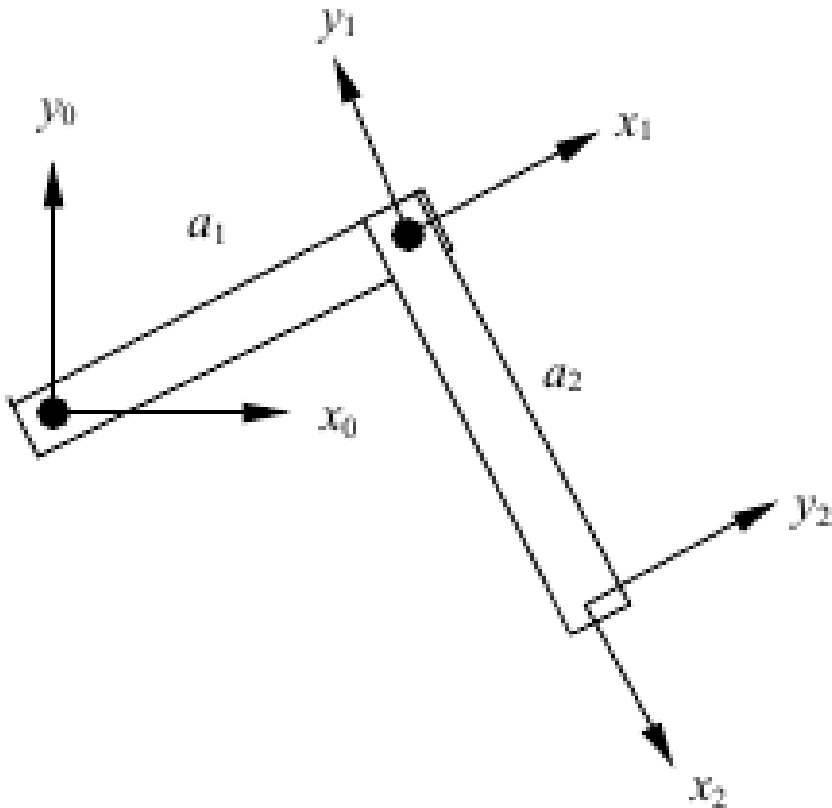


Example: 2-link Planar Manipulator



- Find \mathbf{z}_i^0 , a_{ie}^0 , for $i=0, \dots, n-1$, where n is the number of joints.
- By definition:
$$\mathbf{z}_0^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
- For $i>0$, we can look at the column vectors of $A_{0,i}$ to find the orientation of $\mathbf{x}_i^0, \mathbf{y}_i^0$ and \mathbf{z}_i^0 .
- In other words \mathbf{z}_i^0 is the first three elements of the 3rd column of $A_{0,i}$.

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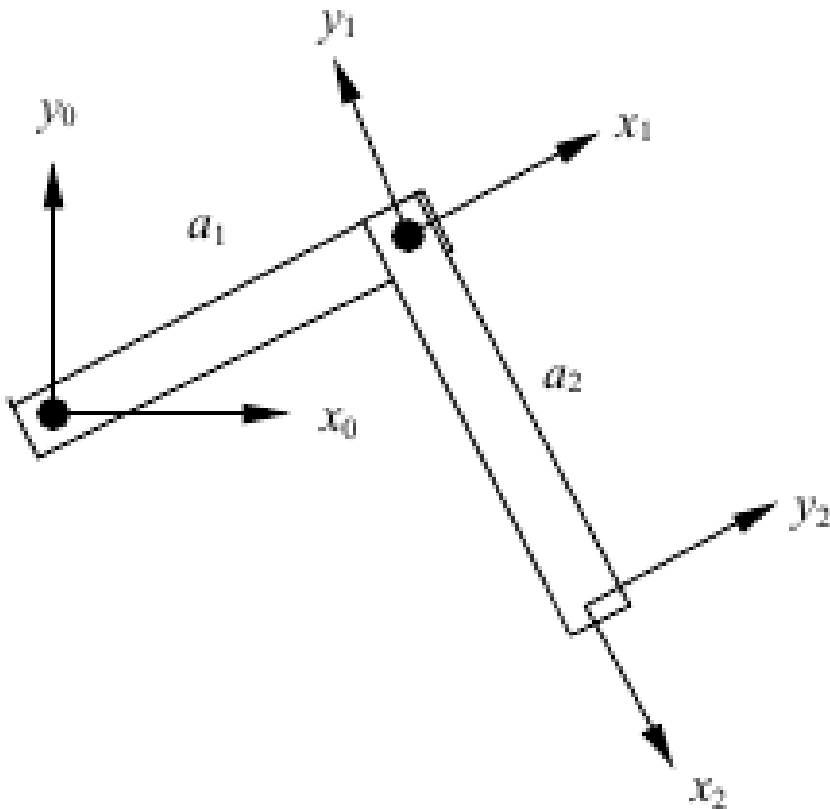
$$A_{0i} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{n}_i^0 & \mathbf{s}_i^0 & \mathbf{a}_i^0 & d_i^0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\mathbf{z}_i^0 = \mathbf{a}_i^0$$

In this specific instance, from $A_{0,1}$:

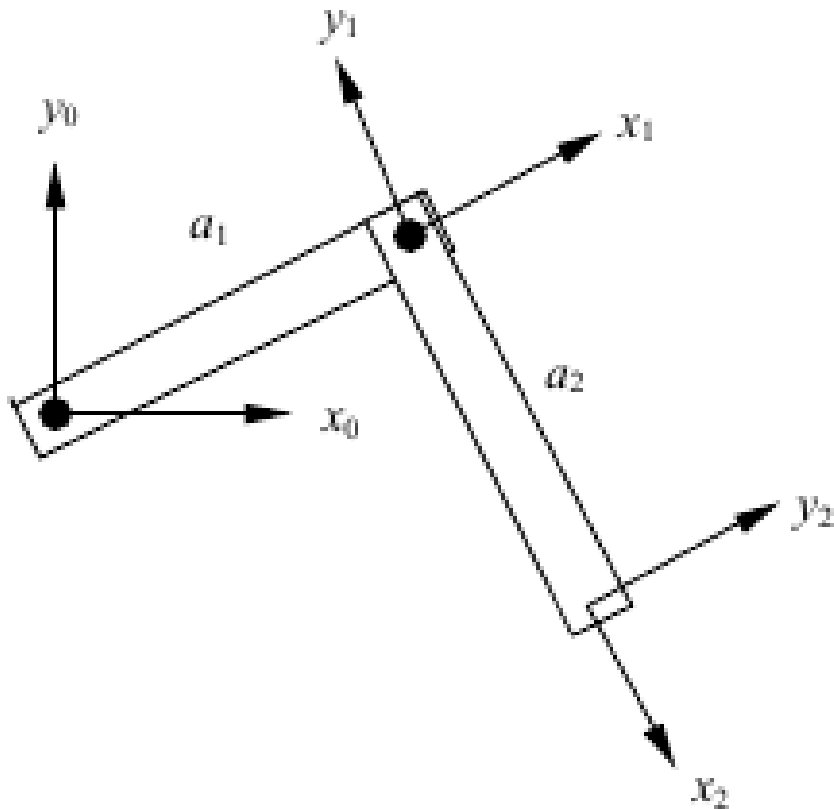
$$\mathbf{z}_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: 2-link Planar Manipulator



- \mathbf{a}_{ie}^0 : look at the 4th column of the Homogeneous transformations, $A_{0,i}$ and, $T_{0,e}$, specifically, \mathbf{d}_i^0 and \mathbf{d}_e^0 .
- \mathbf{d}_i^0 is the location of the i^{th} frame (usually at the center of the $i+1^{\text{th}}$ joint).
- \mathbf{d}_e^0 is the location of the end-effector.
- \mathbf{a}_{ie}^0 is the distance between \mathbf{d}_i^0 and \mathbf{d}_e^0 : $\mathbf{a}_{ie}^0 = \mathbf{d}_e^0 - \mathbf{d}_i^0$
- Also, $\mathbf{a}_{0e}^0 = \mathbf{d}_e^0$

Example: 2-link Planar Manipulator



- In this specific case:

$$a_{0e}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c\theta_1 + a_2 c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ a_1 s\theta_1 + a_2 s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_{1e}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ a_2 s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: 2-link Planar Manipulator

- Finally, the Jacobian

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_0 &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}_0^0 \times \mathbf{d}_{0e}^0 & \mathbf{z}_1^0 \times \mathbf{d}_{1e}^0 \\ \mathbf{z}_0^0 & \mathbf{z}_1^0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c \theta_1 + a_2 c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ a_1 s \theta_1 + a_2 s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} a_2 c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ a_2 s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 s \theta_1 - a_2 s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -a_2 s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ a_1 c \theta_1 + a_2 c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & a_2 c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: 2-link Planar Manipulator

- The final equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_e^0 \\ \boldsymbol{\omega}_e^0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 s \theta_1 - a_2 s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -a_2 s(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ a_1 c \theta_1 + a_2 c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & a_2 c(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$