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## Section 9: Kinematics VIII

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# Velocity Kinematics

## Addition of Angular Velocities

$$\omega_{0,2}^0 = \omega_{0,1}^0 + R_1^0 \omega_{1,2}^1$$

The above reasoning can be extended to any number of coordinate systems.

In particular, suppose that we are given

$$R_n^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1 \cdots R_n^{n-1}$$

Extending the above reasoning we obtain

$$\dot{R}_n^0 = S(\omega_{0,n}^0) R_n^0$$

In which

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{0,n}^0 &= \omega_{0,1}^0 + R_1^0 \omega_{1,2}^1 + R_2^0 \omega_{2,3}^2 + R_3^0 \omega_{3,4}^3 + \dots + R_{n-1}^0 \omega_{n-1,n}^{n-1} \\ &= \omega_{0,1}^0 + \omega_{1,2}^0 + \omega_{2,3}^0 + \omega_{3,4}^0 + \dots + \omega_{n-1,n}^0 \end{aligned}$$

# Velocity Kinematics

## Linear Velocity of a Point Attached to a Moving Frame

Suppose the point  $p$  is rigidly attached to the frame  $o_1x_1y_1z_1$ , and the motion of the frame  $o_1x_1y_1z_1$  relative to  $o_0x_0y_0z_0$  is

$$H_1^0(t) = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0(t) & o_1^0(t) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For simplicity we omit the argument  $t$  and the subscripts and superscripts on  $R_1^0$  and  $o_1^0$ , and write

$$p^0 = Rp^1 + o$$

Differentiating the above expression using the product rule gives

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p}^0 &= \dot{R}p^1 + \dot{o} \\ &= S(\omega)Rp^1 + \dot{o} \\ &= \omega \times r + v \end{aligned}$$

where  $r = Rp^1$  is the vector from  $o_1$  to  $p$  expressed in the orientation of the frame  $o_0x_0y_0z_0$ , and  $v$  is the rate at which the origin  $o_1$  is moving.

# Velocity Kinematics

## Derivation of the Jacobian

Consider an  $n$ -link manipulator with joint variables  $q_1, \dots, q_n$ .

$$T_n^0(q) = \begin{bmatrix} R_n^0(q) & o_n^0(q) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The objective of this section is to relate the linear and angular velocity of the end effector to the vector of joint velocities  $\dot{q}(t)$ .

Let  $S(\omega_n^0) = \dot{R}_n^0(R_n^0)^T$  define the angular velocity vector  $\omega_n^0$  of the end effector, and let  $v_n^0 = \dot{o}_n^0$  denote the linear velocity of the end effector.

We seek expressions of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_n^0 \\ \omega_n^0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_v \\ J_w \end{bmatrix} \dot{q}$$
$$\xi = J\dot{q}$$

where  $\xi$  is sometimes called a body velocity. Note that this velocity vector is not the derivative of a position variable.

# Velocity Kinematics

## Combining the Linear and Angular Velocity Jacobians

As we have seen in the preceding section, the upper half of the Jacobian  $J_v$  is given as

$$J_v = [J_{v_1} \cdots J_{v_n}]$$

in which the  $i^{th}$  column  $J_{v_i}$  is

$$J_{v_i} = \begin{cases} z_{i-1} \times (o_n - o_{i-1}) & \text{for revolute joint } i \\ z_{i-1} & \text{for prismatic joint } i \end{cases}$$

The lower half of the Jacobian is given as

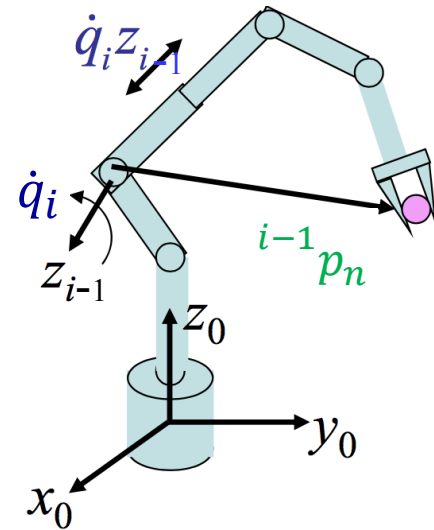
$$J_\omega = [J_{\omega_1} \cdots J_{\omega_n}]$$

in which the  $i^{th}$  column  $J_{\omega_i}$  is

$$J_{\omega_i} = \begin{cases} z_{i-1} & \text{for revolute joint } i \\ 0 & \text{for prismatic joint } i \end{cases}$$

The only quantities needed to compute the Jacobian are the unit vectors  $z_i$  and the coordinates of the origins  $o_1, \dots, o_n$ .

- $z_i$  are given by the first three elements in the third column of  $T_i^0$ .
- $o_i$  is given by the first three elements of the fourth column of  $T_i^0$ .



# Velocity Kinematics

- Example (2-DoF Planar Manipulator)**

- Given  $l_1, l_2$ , find: *Jacobian*

(Use vector product method)

$$J_{v_i} = \begin{cases} z_{i-1} \times (o_n - o_{i-1}) & \text{for revolute joint } i \\ z_{i-1} & \text{for prismatic joint } i \end{cases}$$

$$z_0 = [0 \quad 0 \quad 1]^T \quad z_1 = [0 \quad 0 \quad 1]^T$$

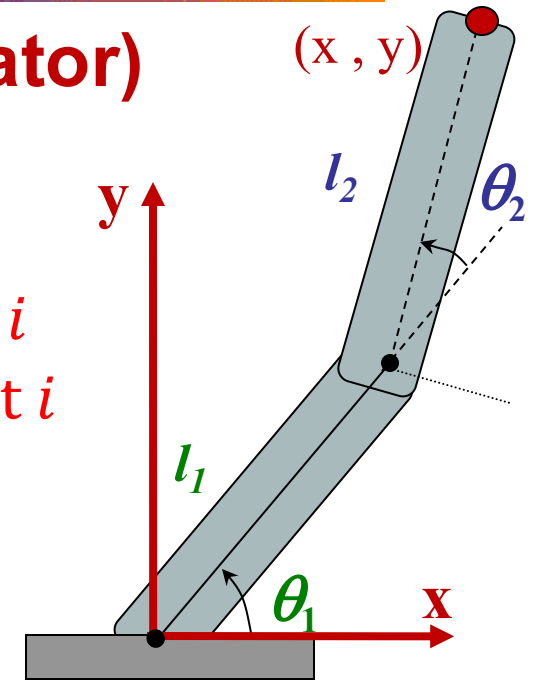
$$o_2 - o_1 = [l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \quad l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \quad 0]^T$$

$$o_2 - o_0 = [l_1 \cos \theta_1 + l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \quad l_1 \sin \theta_1 + l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \quad 0]^T$$

$$J_{v_1} = z_0 \times (o_2 - o_0) = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 \sin \theta_1 - l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ l_1 \cos \theta_1 + l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_{v_2} = z_1 \times (o_2 - o_1) = \begin{bmatrix} -l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J = [J_{v_1} \quad J_{v_2}]$$



# Velocity Kinematics

- Example (2-DoF Planar Manipulator)**

$$J_{v_1} = z_0 \times (o_2 - o_0) = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 \sin \theta_1 - l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ l_1 \cos \theta_1 + l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_{v_2} = z_1 \times (o_2 - o_1) = \begin{bmatrix} -l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_v = [J_{v_1} \quad J_{v_2}]$$

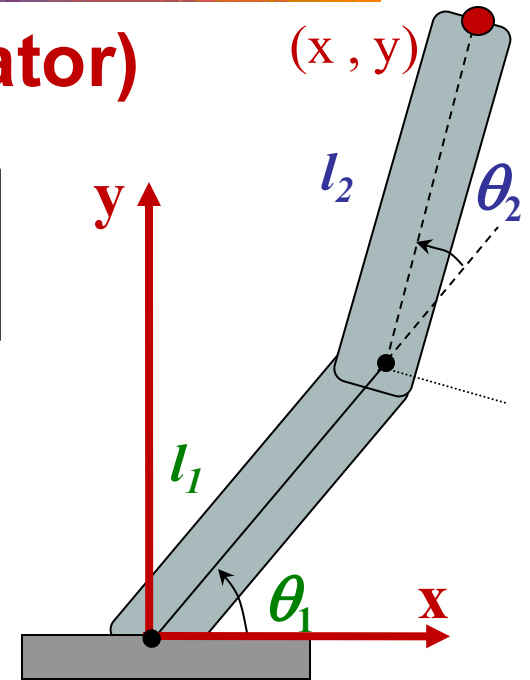
$$J_{\omega_1} = z_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_{\omega_2} = z_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_\omega = [J_{\omega_1} \quad J_{\omega_2}]$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} J_v \\ J_\omega \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -l_1 s_1 - l_2 s_{12} & -l_2 s_{12} \\ l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_{12} & l_2 c_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

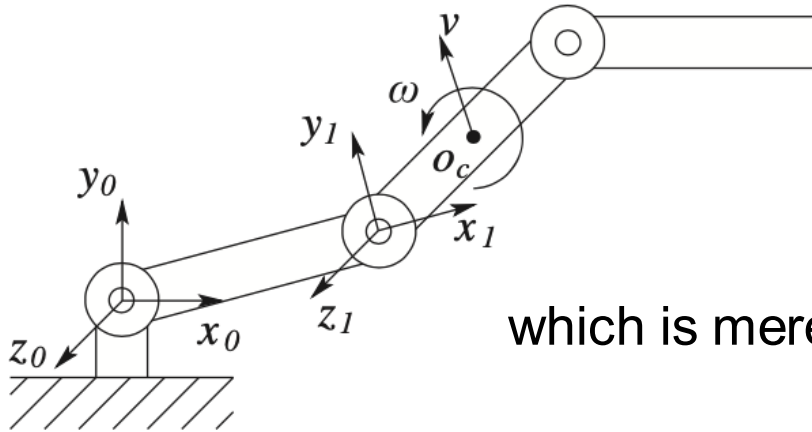




# Velocity Kinematics

## • Example: Jacobian for an Arbitrary Point on a Link

Consider the three-link planar manipulator. Suppose we wish to compute the linear velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  and the angular velocity  $\omega$  of the center of link 2.



In this case we have that

$$J(q) = \begin{bmatrix} z_0 \times (o_c - o_0) & z_1 \times (o_c - o_1) & 0 \\ z_0 & z_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is merely the usual Jacobian with  $o_c$  in place of  $o_n$ .

## **homework\_1**

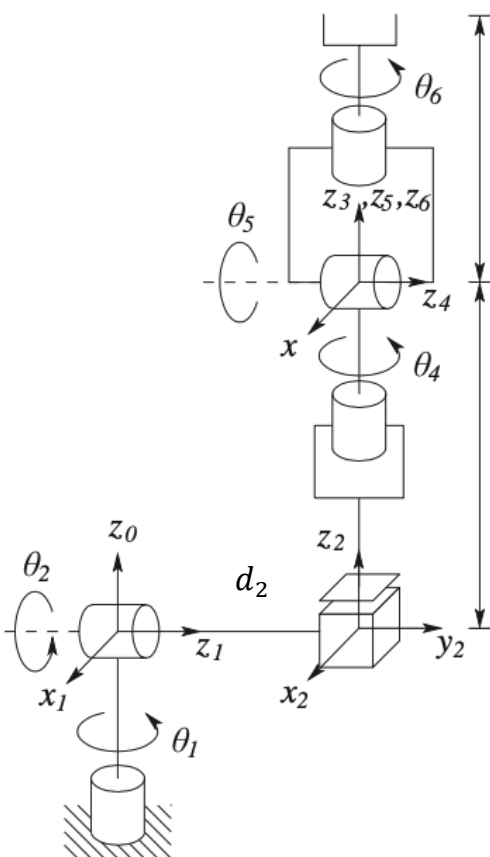
- The third column of the Jacobian is zero, since the velocity of the second link is unaffected by motion of the third link.
- We are treating only kinematic effects here. Reaction forces on link 2 due to the motion of link 3 will influence the motion of link 2.
- In this case the vector  $o_c$  must be computed as it is not given directly by the T matrices

# Velocity Kinematics

## • Example: Stanford Manipulator

Consider the Stanford Manipulator. Joint 3 is prismatic and that  $o_3 = o_4 = o_5$ . Denoting this common origin by  $o$  we see that the columns of the Jacobian have the form

**homework\_2**



$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} z_{i-1} \times (o_6 - o_{i-1}) \\ z_{i-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad i=1, 2 \quad o_0 = (0, 0, 0) = o_1$$

$$J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} z_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} z_{i-1} \times (o_6 - o_{i-1}) \\ z_{i-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad i=4, 5, 6 \quad o_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 s_2 d_3 - s_1 d_2 \\ s_1 s_2 d_3 + c_1 d_2 \\ c_2 d_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$o_6 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 s_2 d_3 - s_1 d_2 + d_6 (c_1 c_2 c_4 s_5 + c_1 c_5 s_2 - s_1 s_4 s_5) \\ s_1 s_2 d_3 + c_1 d_2 + d_6 (c_1 s_4 s_5 + c_2 c_4 s_1 s_5 + c_5 s_1 s_2) \\ c_2 d_3 + d_6 (c_2 c_5 - c_4 s_2 s_5) \end{bmatrix}$$

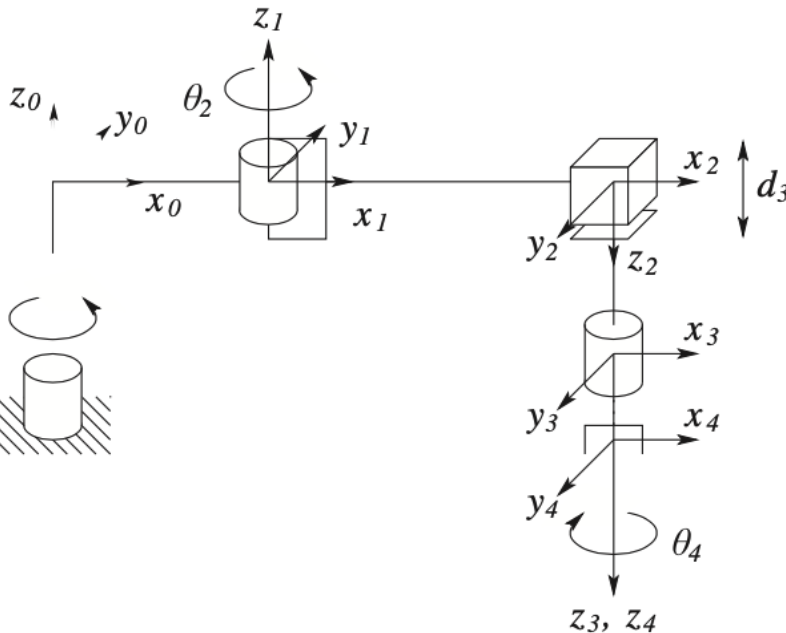
$$z_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad z_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -s_1 \\ c_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad z_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 s_2 \\ s_1 s_2 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad z_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 s_2 \\ s_1 s_2 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -c_1 c_2 s_4 - s_1 c_4 \\ -s_1 c_2 s_4 + c_1 c_4 \\ s_2 s_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad z_5 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_2 c_4 s_5 - s_1 s_4 s_5 + c_1 s_2 c_5 \\ s_1 c_2 c_4 s_5 + c_1 s_4 s_5 + s_1 s_2 c_5 \\ -s_2 c_4 s_5 + c_2 c_5 \end{bmatrix} \quad 10$$

# Velocity Kinematics

## • Example: SCARA Manipulator

This Jacobian is a  $6 \times 4$  matrix. Since joints 1, 2, and 4 are revolute and joint 3 is prismatic, and since  $o_4 - o_3$  is parallel to  $z_3$  (and thus,  $z_3 \times (o_4 - o_3) = 0$ ), the Jacobian is of the form



$$J = \begin{bmatrix} z_0 \times (o_4 - o_0) & z_1 \times (o_4 - o_1) & z_2 & 0 \\ z_0 & z_1 & 0 & z_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$z_0 = z_1 = k$ , and  $z_2 = z_3 = -k$ .

Therefore the Jacobian is

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 s_1 - a_2 s_{12} & -a_2 s_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} & a_2 c_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The origins of the DH frames are given by

$$o_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 \\ a_1 s_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad o_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad o_4 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{12} \\ d_3 - d_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Velocity Kinematics

- **The Tool Velocity**

Many tasks require that a tool be attached to the end effector. In such cases, it is necessary to relate the velocity of the tool frame to the velocity of the end-effector frame.

Suppose that the tool is rigidly attached to the end effector, and the fixed spatial relationship between the end effector and the tool frame is given by the constant homogeneous transformation matrix

$$T_{\text{tool}}^6 = \begin{bmatrix} R_{\text{tool}}^6 & d \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & d \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We will assume that the end effector velocity is given and expressed in coordinates relative to the end-effector frame, that is, we are given  $\xi_6^6$ .

We will derive the velocity of the tool expressed in coordinates relative to the tool frame, that is, we will derive  $\xi_{\text{Tool}}^{\text{Tool}}$ .

Since the two frames are rigidly attached, the angular velocity of the tool frame is the same as the angular velocity of the end-effector frame.

$$R_{\text{tool}}^0 = R_6^0 R \Rightarrow \dot{R}_{\text{tool}}^0 = \dot{R}_6^0 R \Rightarrow S(\omega_{\text{tool}}^0) R_{\text{tool}}^0 = S(\omega_6^0) R_6^0 R \Rightarrow S(\omega_{\text{tool}}^0) = S(\omega_6^0)$$

# Velocity Kinematics

- **The Tool Velocity**

To obtain the tool angular velocity relative to the tool frame we apply a rotational transformation

$$\omega_{\text{tool}}^{\text{tool}} = \omega_6^{\text{tool}} = R_6^{\text{tool}} \omega_6^6 = R_{\text{tool}}^6{}^T \omega_6^6 = R^T \omega_6^6$$

If the end-effector frame is moving with body velocity  $\xi = (v_6, \omega_6)$ , then the linear velocity of the origin of the tool frame, which is rigidly attached to the end-effector frame, is given by

$$v_{\text{tool}} = v_6 + \omega_6 \times r$$

where  $r$  is the vector from the origin of the end-effector frame to the origin of the tool frame.

since  $d$  gives the coordinates of the origin of the tool frame with respect to the end-effector frame, and therefore we can express  $r$  in coordinates relative to the tool frame as  $r^{\text{tool}} = R^T d$ . Thus, we write  $\omega_6 \times r$  in coordinates with respect to the tool frame as

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_6^{\text{tool}} \times r^{\text{tool}} &= R^T \omega_6^6 \times (R^T d) \\ &= -R^T d \times R^T \omega_6^6 = -S(R^T d) R^T \omega_6^6 = -R^T S(d) R R^T \omega_6^6 = -R^T S(d) \omega_6^6 \end{aligned}$$

# Velocity Kinematics

- **The Tool Velocity**

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\text{tool}} &= v_6 + \omega_6 \times r \\ \omega_6^{\text{tool}} \times r^{\text{tool}} &= -R^T S(d) \omega_6^6 \end{aligned}$$

To express the free vector  $v_6$  in coordinates relative to the tool frame, we apply the rotational transformation

$$v_6^{\text{tool}} = R^T v_6^6$$

Combining above Equations to obtain the linear velocity of the tool frame and the angular velocity of the tool frame, we have

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\text{tool}}^{\text{tool}} &= R^T v_6^6 - R^T S(d) \omega_6^6 \\ \omega_{\text{tool}}^{\text{tool}} &= R^T \omega_6^6 \end{aligned}$$

which can be written as the matrix equation

$$\xi_{\text{tool}}^{\text{tool}} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -R^T S(d) \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & R^T \end{bmatrix} \xi_6^6$$

# Velocity Kinematics

- **The Tool Velocity**

$$\xi_{\text{tool}}^{\text{tool}} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -R^T S(d) \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & R^T \end{bmatrix} \xi_6^6$$

In many cases, it is useful to solve the inverse problem: compute the required end effector-velocity to produce a desired tool velocity. Since

$$\begin{bmatrix} R & S(d)R \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & R \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -R^T S(d) \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & R^T \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

We can obtain  $\xi_6^6 = \begin{bmatrix} R & S(d)R \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & R \end{bmatrix} \xi_{\text{tool}}^{\text{tool}}$

This gives the general expression for transforming velocities between two rigidly attached moving frames

$$\xi_A^A = \begin{bmatrix} R_B^A & S(d_B^A)R_B^A \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & R_B^A \end{bmatrix} \xi_B^B$$

# Velocity Kinematics

- **The Analytical Jacobian**

The Jacobian matrix derived above is sometimes called the **geometric Jacobian** to distinguish it from the **analytical Jacobian**, denoted  $J_a(q)$ , which is based on a minimal representation for the orientation of the end-effector frame. Let

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} d(q) \\ \alpha(q) \end{bmatrix}$$

denote the end-effector pose, where  $d(q)$  is the usual vector from the origin of the base frame to the origin of the end-effector frame and  $\alpha$  denotes a minimal representation for the orientation of the end-effector frame relative to the base frame.

For example, let  $\alpha = (\varphi, \theta, \psi)$  be a vector of Euler angles.

Then we seek an expression of the form

$$\dot{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{d} \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = J_a(q)\dot{q}$$

to define the analytical Jacobian.



# Velocity Kinematics

- The Analytical Jacobian**

If  $R = R_{z,\phi} R_{y,\theta} R_{z,\psi}$  is the Euler angle transformation, then

$$\dot{R} = S(\omega)R$$

in which  $\omega$  defining the angular velocity is given by

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} c_\psi s_\theta \dot{\phi} - s_\psi \dot{\theta} \\ s_\psi s_\theta \dot{\phi} + c_\psi \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} + c_\theta \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_\psi s_\theta & -s_\psi & 0 \\ s_\psi s_\theta & c_\psi & 0 \\ c_\theta & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = B(\alpha)\dot{\alpha}$$

The components of  $\omega$  are called nutation (章动), spin (旋转), and precession (进动), respectively. Combining the above relationship with the previous definition of the Jacobian

$$\begin{bmatrix} v \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{d} \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} = J(q)\dot{q}$$

yields

$$J(q)\dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{d} \\ B(\alpha)\dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & B(\alpha) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{d} \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & B(\alpha) \end{bmatrix} J_a(q)\dot{q}$$

# Velocity Kinematics

- **The Analytical Jacobian**

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Thus, the analytical Jacobian,  $J_a(q)$ , may be computed from the geometric Jacobian as

$$J_a(q) = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & B^{-1}(\alpha) \end{bmatrix} J(q)$$

provided  $\det B(\alpha) \neq 0$ .

We will discuss the notion of Jacobian singularities, which are configurations where the Jacobian loses rank. Singularities of the matrix  $B(\alpha)$  are called representational singularities (表象奇点).

It can easily be shown that  $B(\alpha)$  is invertible provided  $\sin(\theta) \neq 0$ . This means that the singularities of the analytical Jacobian include the singularities of the geometric Jacobian,  $J$ , as defined in the next section, together with the representational singularities.

# Velocity Kinematics

- **Singularities (奇异点)**

The  $6 \times n$  Jacobian  $J(q)$  defines a mapping

$$\xi = J(q)\dot{q}$$

between the vector  $\dot{q}$  of joint velocities and the vector  $\xi = (v, \omega)$  of end-effector velocities. This implies that all possible end-effector velocities are linear combinations of the columns of the Jacobian matrix,

$$\xi = J_1\dot{q}_1 + J_2\dot{q}_2 + \cdots + J_n\dot{q}_n$$

For example, for the two-link planar arm, the Jacobian matrix has two columns. It is easy to see that the linear velocity of the end effector must lie in the  $x$   $y$ -plane, since neither column has a nonzero entry for the third row.

The rank of a matrix is not necessarily constant. Indeed, the rank of the manipulator Jacobian matrix will depend on the configuration  $q$ . Configurations for which  $\text{rank } J(q)$  is less than its maximum value are called **singularities** or **singular configurations**.

# Velocity Kinematics

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- **Singularities**

Identifying manipulator singularities is important for several reasons.

- Singularities represent configurations from which certain directions of motion may be unattainable.
- At singularities, bounded end-effector velocities may correspond to unbounded joint velocities.
- At singularities, bounded joint torques may correspond to unbounded end-effector forces and torques. (We will see this in Force Control Chapter.)
- Singularities often correspond to points on the boundary of the manipulator workspace, that is, to points of maximum reach of the manipulator.

# Velocity Kinematics

- **Singularities: Decoupling of Singularities**

The manipulator configurations themselves are geometric quantities, independent of the frames used to describe them.

Recognizing this fact allows us to decouple the determination of singular configurations, for those manipulators with spherical wrists, into two simpler problems:

1) The first is to determine so-called **arm singularities**, that is, singularities resulting from motion of the arm, which consists of the first three or more links.

2) The second is to determine the **wrist singularities** resulting from motion of the spherical wrist.

Consider the case that  $n = 6$ , that is, the manipulator consists of a 3-DOF arm with a 3-DOF spherical wrist. In this case the Jacobian is a  $6 \times 6$  matrix and a configuration  $q$  is singular if and only if

$$\det J(q) = 0$$

# Velocity Kinematics

- Singularities: Decoupling of Singularities**

$$\det J(q) = 0$$

If we now partition the Jacobian  $J$  into  $3 \times 3$  blocks as

$$J = [J_P \mid J_O] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} J_{11} & J_{12} \\ J_{21} & J_{22} \end{array} \right]$$

then, since the final three joints are always revolute

$$J_O = \begin{bmatrix} z_3 \times (o_6 - o_3) & z_4 \times (o_6 - o_4) & z_5 \times (o_6 - o_5) \\ z_3 & z_4 & z_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the wrist axes intersect at a common point  $o$ , if we choose the coordinate frames so that  $o_3 = o_4 = o_5 = o_6 = o$ , then  $J_O$  becomes

$$J_O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ z_3 & z_4 & z_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

In this case the Jacobian matrix has the block triangular form

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# Velocity Kinematics

- Singularities: Decoupling of Singularities**

In this case the Jacobian matrix has the block triangular form

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & 0 \\ J_{21} & J_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

with determinant

$$\det J = \det J_{11} \det J_{22}$$

where  $J_{11}$  and  $J_{22}$  are each  $3 \times 3$  matrices.  $J_{11}$  has  $i^{th}$  column  $z_{i-1} \times (o - o_{i-1})$  if joint  $i$  is revolute, and  $z_{i-1}$  if joint  $i$  is prismatic, while

$$J_{22} = [z_3 \ z_4 \ z_5]$$

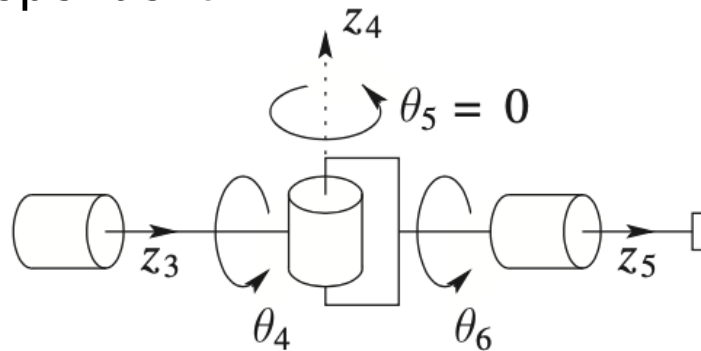
Therefore the set of singular configurations of the manipulator is the union of the set of arm configurations satisfying  $\det J_{11} = 0$  and the set of wrist configurations satisfying  $\det J_{22} = 0$ .

# Velocity Kinematics

- Singularities: Wrist Singularities**

$$J_{22} = [z_3 \ z_4 \ z_5]$$

A spherical wrist is in a singular configuration whenever the vectors  $z_3$ ,  $z_4$ , and  $z_5$  are linearly dependent.



This happens when the joint axes  $z_3$  and  $z_5$  are collinear, that is, when  $\theta_5 = 0$  or  $\pi$ . These are the only singularities of the spherical wrist. They are unavoidable without imposing mechanical limits on the wrist design to restrict its motion in such a way that  $z_3$  and  $z_5$  are prevented from lining up.

When any two revolute-joint axes are collinear a singularity results, since an equal and opposite rotation about the axes results in no net motion of the end effector.



# Velocity Kinematics

- Singularities: Arm Singularities**

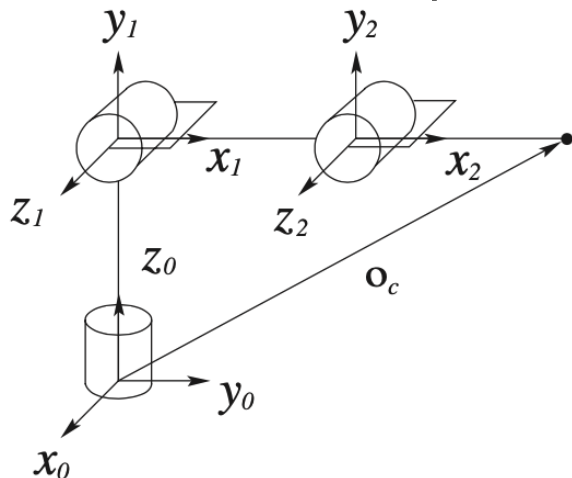
To investigate arm singularities we need only to compute  $\det J_{11}$  which is done using

$$J_{v_i} = \begin{cases} z_{i-1} \times (o_n - o_{i-1}) & \text{for revolute joint } i \\ z_{i-1} & \text{for prismatic joint } i \end{cases}$$

but with the wrist center  $o$  in place of  $o_n$ .

We will determine the singularities for three common arms, the elbow manipulator, the spherical manipulator and the SCARA manipulator.

**Example 1 (Elbow Manipulator Singularities).** Consider the three-link articulated manipulator with coordinate frames attached.



$$J_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_2 s_1 c_2 - a_3 s_1 c_{23} & -a_2 s_2 c_1 - a_3 s_{23} c_1 & -a_3 c_1 s_{23} \\ a_2 c_1 c_2 + a_3 c_1 c_{23} & -a_2 s_1 s_2 - a_3 s_1 s_{23} & -a_3 s_1 s_{23} \\ 0 & a_2 c_2 + a_3 c_{23} & a_3 c_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det J_{11} = -a_2 a_3 s_3 (a_2 c_2 + a_3 c_{23})$$

$$s_3 = 0, \quad \text{that is, } \theta_3 = 0 \text{ or } \pi$$

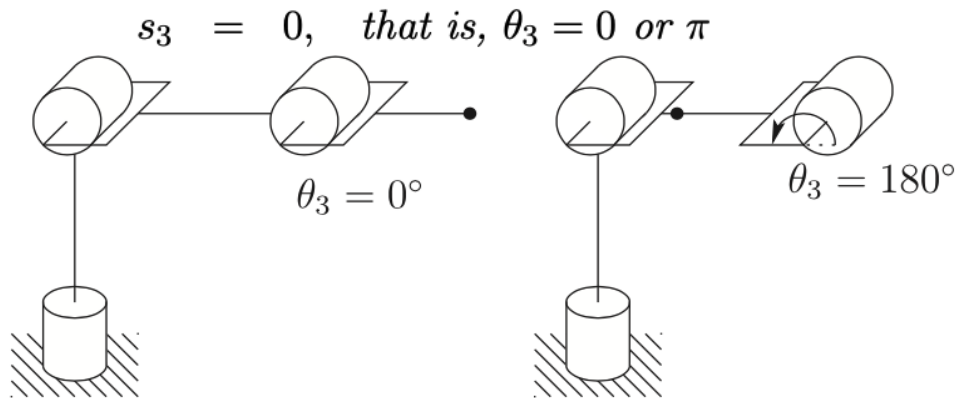
$$a_2 c_2 + a_3 c_{23} = 0$$

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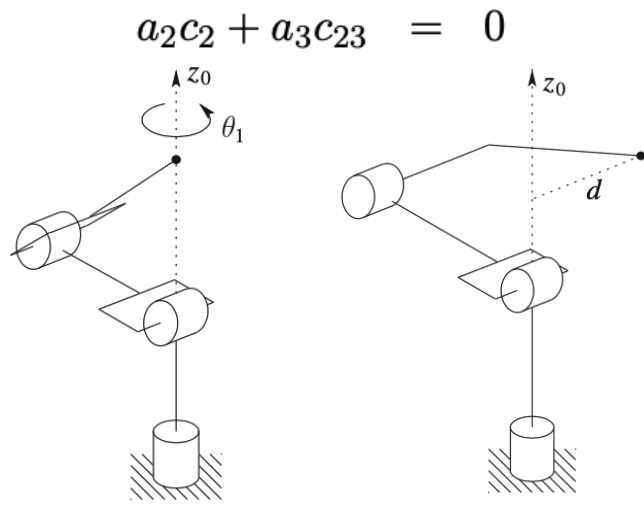
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**Example 1 (Elbow Manipulator Singularities).** Consider the three-link articulated manipulator with coordinate frames attached.



The situation arises when the elbow is fully extended or fully retracted as shown.



This configuration occurs when the wrist center intersects the axis of the base rotation,  $z_0$ .

There are infinitely many singular configurations and infinitely many solutions to the inverse position kinematics when the wrist center is along this axis.

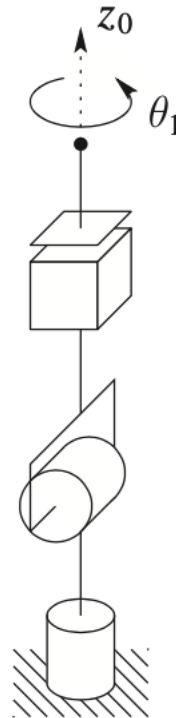
For an elbow manipulator with an offset, the wrist center cannot intersect  $z_0$ .

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**Example 2 (Spherical Manipulator Singularities).**

Consider the spherical arm. This manipulator is in a singular configuration when the wrist center intersects  $z_0$  as shown since, as before, any rotation about the base leaves this point fixed.



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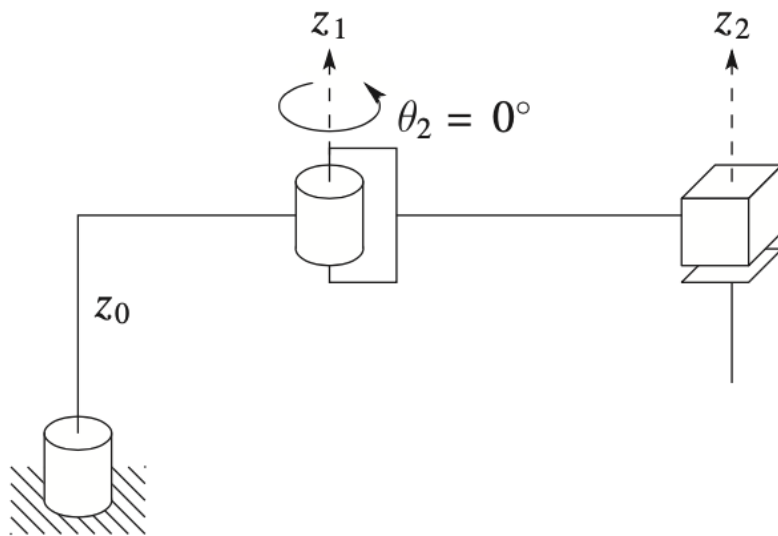
Singularity of spherical manipulator with no offsets.

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**Example 3 (SCARA Manipulator Singularities).**

We can see that the only singularity of the SCARA arm is when the elbow is geometrically fully extended or fully retracted.



**SCARA manipulator singularity.**

$$J_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_3 & 0 \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\alpha_1 = -a_1 s_1 - a_2 s_{12}$$

$$\alpha_2 = a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12}$$

$$\alpha_3 = -a_1 s_{12}$$

$$\alpha_4 = a_1 c_{12}$$

The rank of  $J_{11}$  will be less than three when  $\alpha_1 \alpha_4 - \alpha_2 \alpha_3 = 0$ .

It is easy to compute this quantity and show that it is equivalent to

$$s_2 = 0, \quad \text{which implies} \quad \theta_2 = 0, \pi$$

# Summary

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## Velocity Kinematics

- **The Tool Velocity**
- **The Analytical Jacobian**
- **Singularities**

# Homework 9

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Homework 9 is posted at <http://bb.sustech.edu.cn>

Due date: **March 31, 2025**

Next class: **March 31, 2025 (Tuesday)**

作业要求 (Requirements) :

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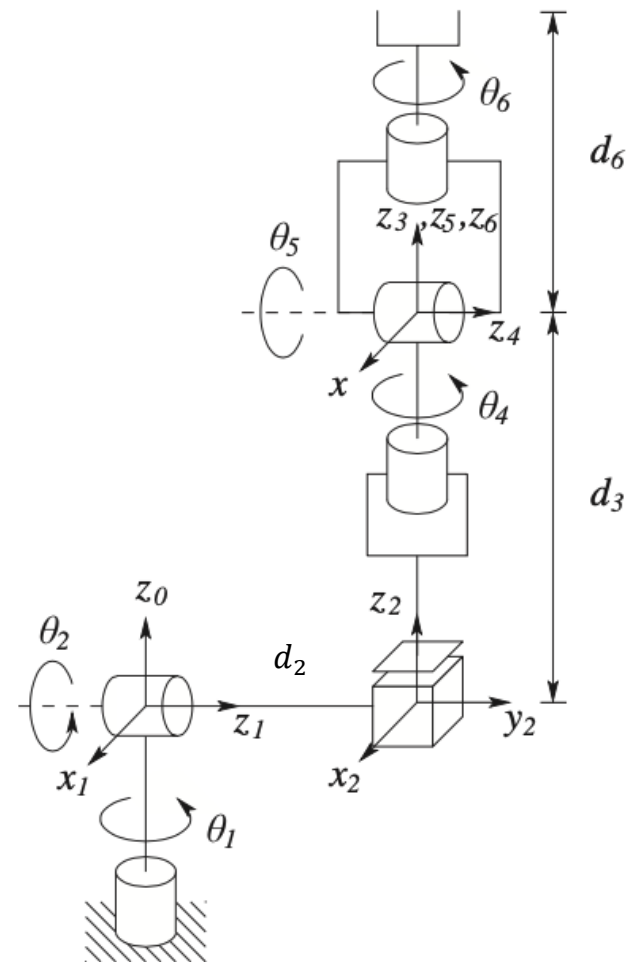
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2. 作业里也写上自己的姓名和学号。

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# Homework 9

1. For the three-link planar manipulator of **PPT Slide 9**, compute the vector  $o^c$  and derive the manipulator Jacobian matrix.
2. Complete the derivation of the Jacobian for the Stanford Manipulator in **PPT Slide 10**.



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**3. Compute the Jacobian  $J_{11}$  for the 3-link elbow manipulator in *PPT Slide 25* and show that it agrees with the result in *PPT slide 25*. Show that the determinant of this matrix agrees with the result in *PPT slide 25*.**

**4. Compute the Jacobian  $J_{11}$  for the three-link spherical manipulator in *PPT Slide 27*, and find the singular configuration according to Jacobian matrix**



# 机器人全身运动通用方法

## General Methods for Robot Whole-Body Motion

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### Abstract:

The core challenges in achieving universal autonomous intelligence for robots in open physical worlds lie in environmental unstructuredness, dynamic task variability, and autonomous perception-cognition integration. To address these challenges, this report proposes an innovative embodied intelligence framework centered on three pillars: task generality, interaction adaptability and environmental consistency. Starting from the core elements of embodied intelligence—data, computing power, algorithms, and sim-to-real technology—it elaborates on industry advancements and the latest laboratory achievements, including general-purpose embodied large models for robots, reinforcement learning-based decision-making models, algorithms mitigating simulation-to-reality gaps, and hardware deployments in quadrupedal and humanoid robots. These algorithms and technologies have significantly enhanced robotic capabilities in autonomous decision-making, robust operational performance, dynamic environmental adaptation, and industry-specific applications, while driving the deep integration of embodied large models with reinforcement learning and the co-evolution of software and hardware systems.

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