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## Lab 4: Task-Priority kinematic control (1B)

### Introduction

The objective of the exercise 1 is to apply the Task-Priority algorithm in a recursive manner, enabling a hierarchical organization of tasks. This implementation is divided into two sections. The initial section involves creating various tasks as Python class definitions, while the second focuses on the recursive application of the Task-Priority algorithm, demonstrated through a simulation involving a 3-link planar manipulator. The aim of this exercise 2 is to build upon the code from Exercise 1 by incorporating additional functionalities that enhance the versatility in defining tasks. These enhancements comprise the ability to select links for position and orientation tasks, the introduction of gain matrices coupled with a weighted DLS (Damped Least Squares) implementation, and the inclusion of a feedforward velocity component for tracking purposes.

### Methodology

The robot that I have used for the model comprises three revolute joints, with the origins of the coordinate systems denoted by  $O_0$ ,  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $O_3$ , and  $O_4$ . There are five coordinate systems in total: one for the base frame, three for the robot joints, and one for the end-effector. The Denavit-Hartenberg parameter values used in the code are as follows: the link lengths (distance along the  $x$ -axis) are  $a_1 = 0.75$ ,  $a_2 = 0.50$ , and  $a_3 = 0.50$ . The link offsets (distance along the  $z$ -axis) are  $d_1 = 0$ ,  $d_2 = 0$ , and  $d_3 = 0$ . The link twist angles (rotation around the  $X$ -axis) are  $\alpha_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 0$ , and the joint angles (for the revolute joints) are variables that will update with each time step; the initial values are set as  $\theta_1 = q_1 = 0.2$ ,  $\theta_2 = q_2 = 0.5$ , and  $\theta_3 = q_3 = 0.2$ .

From the lab 2, the common files are taken which computes the DH parameters, kinematic, Jacobian and DLS function. In the exercise 1, at first all the sub classes for the task are build using the following algorithm 1.

Then according to different task hierarchies mentioned in the instruction manual all the simulation are run to visualize the results. In here, the task priority algorithm (shown in algorithm 2) is used to visualize the results. In the exercise 2, using the algorithm 1 all the subclasses are created. In the exercise 1 there was no values for the gain  $K$  and link and now we have taken values for them and no values for FFvelocity. Here, while creating the subclass link jacobian is used instead of Jacobian (shown in algorithm 3). The task priority algorithm remains the same where

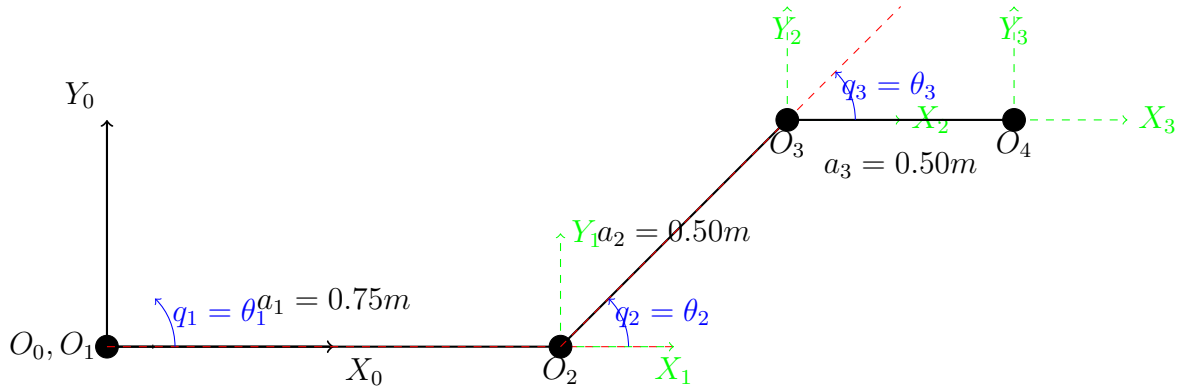
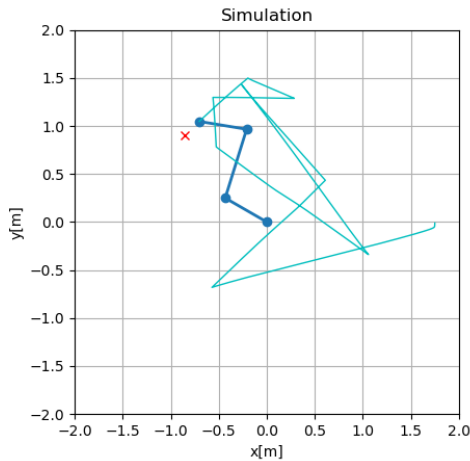


Figure 1: A simplified representation of the robot arm.

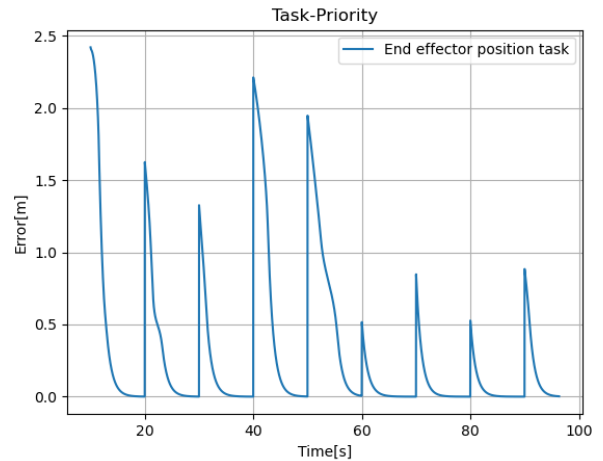
quasi-velocity formula is updated which now use the feedforward velocity and the gain matrix.

## Results

In Exercise 1, a recursive task-priority framework is applied and visualized for four distinct task hierarchies, with each task being executed through a Python class. For each task hierarchy, there are two accompanying diagrams: the one on the left depicts the movement of the robot's structure within a 2D space, aiming for a target with its end-effector, while the one on the right tracks the progression of task errors over time. The following figure 2-5 shows different task and their error overtime.



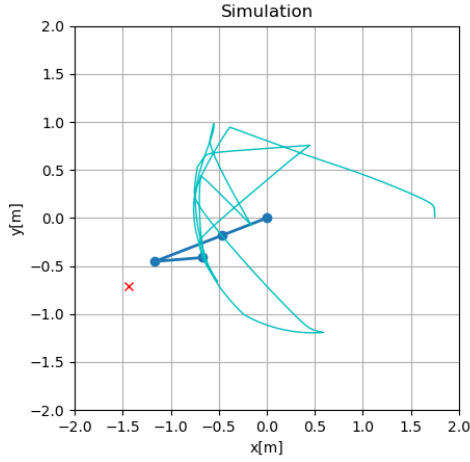
(a) Manipulator with end-effector goal.



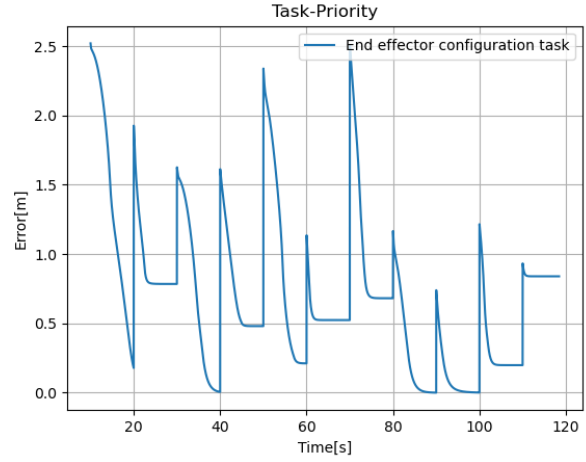
(b) Task error overtime

Figure 2: One task -> 1: end-effector position

In Exercise 2, we built upon the foundational work of Exercise 1 by enhancing the code to



(a) Manipulator with end-effector goal.



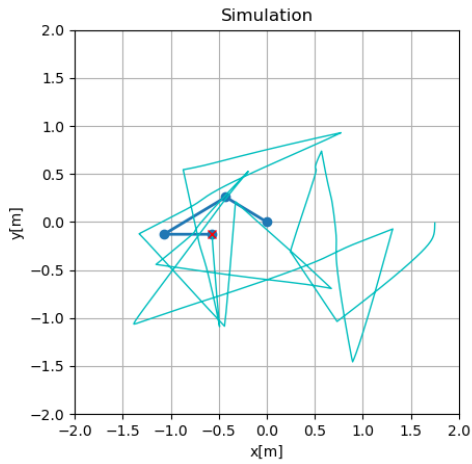
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Figure 3: One task -> 1: end-effector configuration

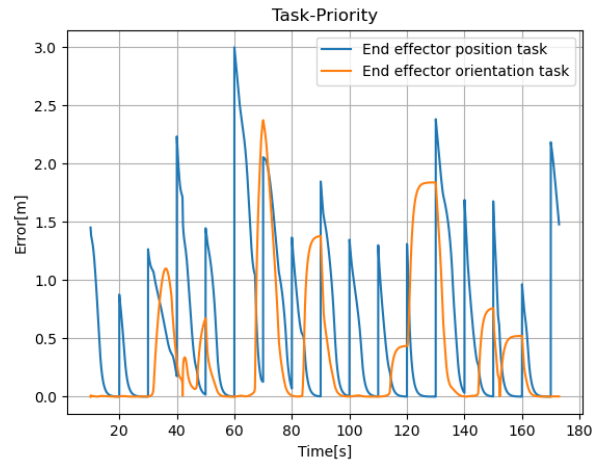
allow more adaptable task definitions. New capabilities include the ability to choose specific links for position and orientation tasks, the integration of gain matrices, and the implementation of a feedforward velocity component. Figure 6 displays a visual snapshot of a simulation involving a dual-task hierarchy, with the primary task being the end-effector's position and the secondary task being the maintenance of a zero orientation for the second link. Subsequently, Figure 7 showcases a trio of graphs that plot the trajectory of the norm of control errors for the two specified tasks over time, juxtaposed against three distinct  $K$  matrix values (as denoted in the figure) associated with the first task, which is the end-effector's position. We observe that by amplifying the gain,  $K$ , for the first task, the task swiftly achieves the target position. This is evidenced in Figure 7, where the error for the first task, Error 1, precipitously declines to zero with the increment of the gain.

## Conclusion

Redundant robotic systems are engineered to handle several tasks concurrently. These tasks vary based on the system setup and can be categorized according to their importance. Leveraging system redundancy involves integrating lower-priority optimization tasks into the control framework. Nevertheless, it's crucial to ensure that these lower-priority tasks don't compromise the performance of higher-priority safety and operational tasks.



(a) Manipulator with end-effector goal.



(b) Task error overtime

Figure 4: Two tasks -> 1: end-effector position, 2: end-effector orientation

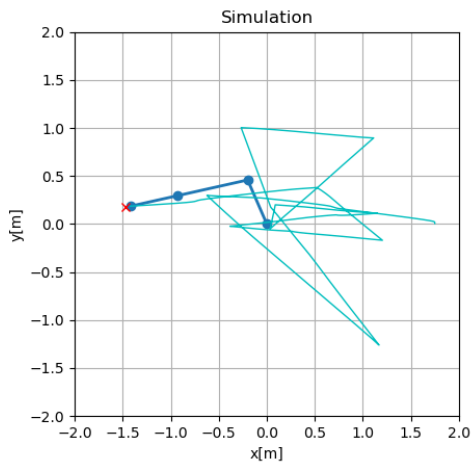
## Appendix

### Common python code

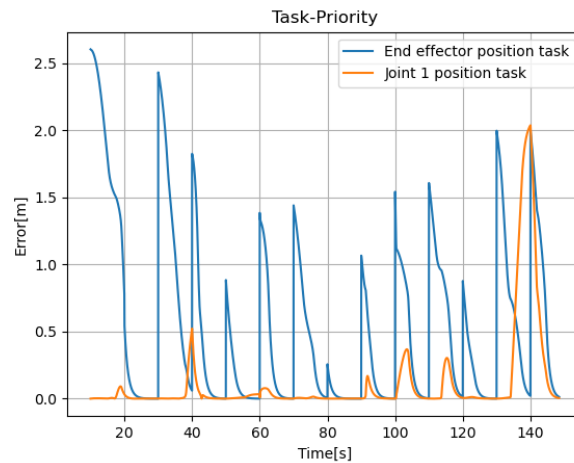
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1 import numpy as np
2
3 def DH(d, theta, a, alpha):
4     '''
5         Function builds elementary Denavit-Hartenberg transformation matrices
6         and returns the transformation matrix resulting from their
7         multiplication.
8
9         Arguments:
10        d (double): displacement along Z-axis
11        theta (double): rotation around Z-axis
12        a (double): displacement along X-axis
13        alpha (double): rotation around X-axis
14
15        Returns:
16        (Numpy array): composition of elementary DH transformations
17    '''
18    Rz = np.array([[np.cos(theta), -np.sin(theta), 0, 0],
19                  [np.sin(theta), np.cos(theta), 0, 0],
20                  [0, 0, 1, 0],
21                  [0, 0, 0, 1]])
22
23    Tz = np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0],
24                  [0, 1, 0, 0],
25                  [0, 0, 1, d],
26                  [0, 0, 0, 1]])

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(a) Manipulator with end-effector goal.



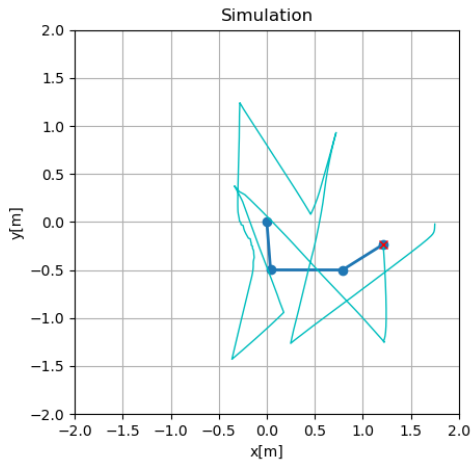
(b) Task error overtime

Figure 5: Two tasks -> 1: end-effector position, 2: joint 1 position

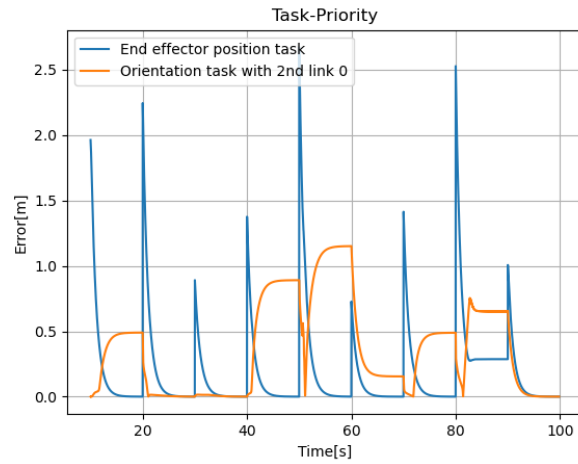
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25
26 Tx = np.array([[1, 0, 0, a],
27                [0, 1, 0, 0],
28                [0, 0, 1, 0],
29                [0, 0, 0, 1]])
30
31 Rx = np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0],
32                [0, np.cos(alpha), -np.sin(alpha), 0],
33                [0, np.sin(alpha), np.cos(alpha), 0],
34                [0, 0, 0, 1]])
35
36 T = Rz @ Tz @ Tx @ Rx
37
38 return T
39
40 def kinematics(d, theta, a, alpha):
41     '''
42     Functions builds a list of transformation matrices,
43     for a kinematic chain,described by a given set of
44     Denavit-Hartenberg parameters. All transformations
45     are computed from the base frame.
46
47     Arguments:
48     d (list of double): list of displacements along Z-axis
49     theta (list of double): list of rotations around Z-axis
50     a (list of double): list of displacements along X-axis
51     alpha (list of double): list of rotations around X-axis
52
53     Returns:

```



(a) Manipulator with end-effector goal.



(b) Task error overtime

Figure 6: Simulation of the robot with a hierarchy composed of two tasks: 1) position of the end-effector, 2) orientation of the second link equal 0.

```

54     (list of Numpy array): list of transformations along the kinematic
      chain (from the base frame)
55     '''
56     T = [np.eye(4)] # Base transformation
57
58     for i in range(len(d)):
59         T_current = DH(d[i], theta[i], a[i], alpha[i])
60         T_accumulated = T[-1] @ T_current
61         T.append(T_accumulated)
62
63     return T
64
65
66 def jacobian(T, revolute):
67     '''
68     Function builds a Jacobian for the end-effector of
69     a robot, described by a list of kinematic
70     transformations and a list of joint types.
71
72     Arguments:
73     T (list of Numpy array): list of transformations
74     along the kinematic chain of the robot (from the base frame)
75     revolute (list of Bool): list of flags specifying if
76     the corresponding joint is a revolute joint
77
78     Returns:
79     (Numpy array): end-effector Jacobian
80     '''
81     n = len(T) - 1

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82     J = np.zeros((6, n))
83
84     O = np.array([T[-1][:3, 3])).T
85     Z = np.array([[0, 0, 1]]).T
86
87     for i in range(n):
88         R_i = T[i][:3, :3]
89         O_i = np.array([T[i][:3, 3])).T
90         Z_i = R_i @ Z
91
92         if revolute[i]:
93             J[:3, i] = np.cross(Z_i.T, (O - O_i).T).T[:, 0]
94             J[3:, i] = Z_i[:, 0]
95         else:
96             J[:3, i] = Z_i[:, 0]
97
98     return J
99
100
101
102 def DLS(J, damping):
103     '''
104         Function computes the damped least-squares (DLS)
105         solution to the matrix inverse problem.
106
107         Arguments:
108         A (Numpy array): matrix to be inverted
109         damping (double): damping factor
110
111         Returns:
112         (Numpy array): inversion of the input matrix
113     '''
114     I = len(J) # Identity matrix for a two-jointed robot
115
116     damped_J = np.transpose(J) @ np.linalg.inv(J @ np.transpose(J) + ((damping
117         ** 2) * np.identity(I)))
118
119     return damped_J
120
121
122
123 def robotPoints2D(T):
124     '''
125         Function extracts the characteristic points
126         of a kinematic chain on a 2D plane, based
127         on the list of transformations that describe it.
128
129         Arguments:
130         T (list of Numpy array): list of transformations
131         along the kinematic chain of the robot

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132         (from the base frame)
133
134     Returns:
135     (Numpy array): an array of 2D points
136     ,,,
137     P = np.zeros((2,len(T)))
138     for i in range(len(T)):
139         P[:,i] = T[i][0:2,3]
140     return P

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## Lab-4 Common file

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1 from lab2_robotics import * # Includes numpy import
2
3 def jacobianLink(T, revolute, link): # Needed in Exercise 2
4     ,,,
5     Function builds a Jacobian for the end-effector of a robot,
6     described by a list of kinematic transformations and a list of joint
7     types.
8
9     Arguments:
10    T (list of Numpy array): list of transformations along the kinematic
11    chain of the robot (from the base frame)
12    revolute (list of Bool): list of flags specifying if the corresponding
13    joint is a revolute joint
14    link(integer): index of the link for which the Jacobian is computed
15
16    Returns:
17    (Numpy array): end-effector Jacobian
18    ,,,
19    # Code almost identical to the one from lab2_robotics...
20    # Number of joints up to the specified link
21    n = len (T)-1
22
23    # Initialize the Jacobian matrix
24    J = np.zeros((6, n))
25
26    # Position of the end-effector
27    p_n = T[link][:3, 3]
28
29    for i in range(link):
30        # Extract the rotation matrix and position vector for the current joint
31        R_i = T[i][:3, :3]
32        p_i = T[i][:3, 3]
33
34        # Compute the z-axis (rotation/translation axis) for the current joint
35        z_i = R_i[:, 2]
36
37        # Compute the vector from the current joint to the end-effector
38        r = p_n - p_i

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36
37     if revolute[i]:
38         # For revolute joints, compute the linear velocity component
39         J[:3, i] = np.cross(z_i, r)
40         # And the angular velocity component
41         J[3:, i] = z_i
42     else:
43         # For prismatic joints, the linear velocity component is the z-axis
44         J[:3, i] = z_i
45         # And the angular velocity component is zero
46         J[3:, i] = 0
47
48     return J
49
50
51 '''
52     Class representing a robotic manipulator.
53 '''
54 class Manipulator:
55     '''
56         Constructor.
57
58         Arguments:
59         d (Numpy array): list of displacements along Z-axis
60         theta (Numpy array): list of rotations around Z-axis
61         a (Numpy array): list of displacements along X-axis
62         alpha (Numpy array): list of rotations around X-axis
63         revolute (list of Bool): list of flags specifying if the corresponding
64             joint is a revolute joint
65     '''
66     def __init__(self, d, theta, a, alpha, revolute):
67         self.d = d
68         self.theta = theta
69         self.a = a
70         self.alpha = alpha
71         self.revolute = revolute
72         self.dof = len(self.revolute)
73         self.q = np.zeros(self.dof).reshape(-1, 1)
74         self.update(0.0, 0.0)
75
76     '''
77         Method that updates the state of the robot.
78
79         Arguments:
80         dq (Numpy array): a column vector of joint velocities
81         dt (double): sampling time
82     '''
83     def update(self, dq, dt):
84         self.q += dq * dt
85         for i in range(len(self.revolute)):
86             if self.revolute[i]:

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86         self.theta[i] = self.q[i]
87     else:
88         self.d[i] = self.q[i]
89     self.T = kinematics(self.d, self.theta, self.a, self.alpha)
90
91     '''
92     Method that returns the characteristic points of the robot.
93     '''
94     def drawing(self):
95         return robotPoints2D(self.T)
96
97     '''
98     Method that returns the end-effector Jacobian.
99     '''
100    def getEEJacobian(self):
101        return jacobian(self.T, self.revolute)
102
103    '''
104    Method that returns the end-effector transformation.
105    '''
106    def getEETransform(self):
107        return self.T[-1]
108
109    '''
110    Method that returns the position of a selected joint.
111
112    Argument:
113    joint (integer): index of the joint
114
115    Returns:
116    (double): position of the joint
117    '''
118    def getJointPos(self, joint):
119        return self.q[joint]
120
121    '''
122    Method that returns number of DOF of the manipulator.
123    '''
124    def getDOF(self):
125        return self.dof
126
127    def getLinkTransform(self, link):
128        return self.T[link]
129
130    '''
131    Method that returns the link Jacobian.
132    '''
133    def getLinkJacobian(self, link):
134        return jacobianLink(self.T, self.revolute, link)
135
136

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137 '''
138     Base class representing an abstract Task.
139 '''
140 class Task:
141     '''
142         Constructor.
143
144         Arguments:
145         name (string): title of the task
146         desired (Numpy array): desired sigma (goal)
147     '''
148     def __init__(self, name, desired, FFVelocity, K):
149         self.name = name # task title
150         self.sigma_d = desired # desired sigma
151         self.FFVelocity = FFVelocity #feedforward velocity
152         self.K = K #gain matrix
153
154     '''
155         Method updating the task variables (abstract).
156
157         Arguments:
158         robot (object of class Manipulator): reference to the manipulator
159     '''
160     def update(self, robot):
161         pass
162
163     '''
164         Method setting the desired sigma.
165
166         Arguments:
167         value(Numpy array): value of the desired sigma (goal)
168     '''
169     def setDesired(self, value):
170         self.sigma_d = value
171
172     '''
173         Method returning the desired sigma.
174     '''
175     def getDesired(self):
176         return self.sigma_d
177
178     '''
179         Method returning the task Jacobian.
180     '''
181     def getJacobian(self):
182         return self.J
183
184     '''
185         Method returning the task error (tilde sigma).
186     '''
187     def getError(self):

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283     self.J[2,:] = robot.getLinkJacobian(self.link)[:2,:]
284     self.J[2,:] = robot.getLinkJacobian(self.link)[5,:]
285     angle = np.arctan2(robot.getLinkTransform(self.link)[1,0],robot.
        getLinkTransform(self.link)[0,0])
286     self.err[:2]= self.getDesired()[:2] - robot.getLinkTransform(self.link)
        [:2,3].reshape(2,1)
287     self.err[2] = self.getDesired()[2] - angle
288 '''
289     Subclass of Task, representing the joint position task.
290 '''
291 class JointPosition(Task):
292     def __init__(self, name, desired, FFVelocity, K):
293         super().__init__(name, desired, FFVelocity, K)
294         self.J = np.zeros((1,3)) # Initializing with proper dimensions
295         self.err = np.zeros((1,1)) # Initializing with proper dimensions
296         self.FFVelocity = np.zeros((1,1)) # Initializing with proper dimensions
297         self.K = np.eye((1)) # Initializing with proper dimensions
298
299     def update(self, robot):
300         self.J[0,0] = 1 #for joint 1
301         self.err = self.getDesired() - robot.getJointPos(0)

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### 0.1 Exercise 1 and 2

```
1 from lab4_robotics import * # Includes numpy import  
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
3 import matplotlib.animation as anim  
  
4  
5 # Robot model - 3-link manipulator  
6 d = np.zeros(3) # displacement along Z-axis  
7 theta = np.array([0.2, 0.5, 0.2]) # rotation around Z-  
8 axis  
9 alpha = np.zeros(3) # rotation around X-axis  
10 a = [0.5, 0.75, 0.5] # displacement along X-axis  
11 revolute = [True, True, True] # flags specifying the type  
12   of joints  
13 robot = Manipulator(d, theta, a, alpha, revolute) # Manipulator object  
14 max_velocity = 0.5  
15 # Task hierarchy definition  
16 tasks = [  
17     #<<<<<<<<<<Exercise-1>>>>>>>>  
18     # Position2D("End-effector position", np.array([1.0,0.5]).reshape  
19         (2,1),0,0,0),  
20     # Orientation2D("End-effector orientation", np.array([0]).reshape  
21         (1,1),0,0,0),  
22     # Configuration2D("End-effector configuration", np.array  
23         ([1.0,0.5,0.5]).reshape(3,1),0,0,0)  
24     # JointPosition("Joint 1 position", np.array([0]).reshape(1,1),0,0)  
25 ]
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22         Position2D("End-effector position", np.array([1.0,0.5]).reshape
23             (2,1), 0, np.array([1,1]),3),
24         Orientation2D("End-effector orientation", np.array([0]).reshape
25             (1,1), 0, np.array([1,1]),2)
26     ]
27
28 # Simulation params
29 dt = 1.0/60.0
30 count1 = -1
31
32 # Drawing preparation
33 fig = plt.figure()
34 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, autoscale_on=False, xlim=(-2, 2), ylim=(-2,2))
35 ax.set_title('Simulation')
36 ax.set_aspect('equal')
37 ax.grid()
38 ax.set_xlabel('x[m]')
39 ax.set_ylabel('y[m]')
40 line, = ax.plot([], [], 'o-', lw=2) # Robot structure
41 path, = ax.plot([], [], 'c-', lw=1) # End-effector path
42 point, = ax.plot([], [], 'rx') # Target
43
44 # stroing data
45 PPx = []
46 PPy = []
47 Time = []
48 err = [[] for _ in tasks]
49
50 # Simulation initialization
51 def init():
52     global tasks, count1
53     if tasks[0].name == "End-effector configuration":
54         tasks[0].setDesired(np.array([np.random.uniform(-1.5,1.5),
55                                         np.random.uniform(-1.5,1.5), 0.2]).reshape
56                               (3,1))
57     else:
58         tasks[0].setDesired(np.array([np.random.uniform(-1.5,1.5),
59                                         np.random.uniform(-1.5,1.5)]).reshape(2,1))
60         # tasks[0].setFFVelocity(np.ones((2,1)))
61         tasks[0].setK(np.diag([1,1]))
62
63     count1 = count1 + 1
64     line.set_data([], [])
65     path.set_data([], [])
66     point.set_data([], [])
67     return line, path, point
68
69 # Simulation loop
70 def simulate(t):
71     global tasks

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**Algorithm 1** Task Subclasses Implementation

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**Class** Position2D **inherits** Task

**Method** \_\_init\_\_(name, desired, FFVelocity, K, link)

Initialize J, err, FFVelocity, K with appropriate dimensions

self.link  $\leftarrow$  link

**End Method**

**Method** update(robot)

Update J and err based on current task and robot state

**End Method**

**End Class**

**Class** Orientation2D **inherits** Task

**Method** \_\_init\_\_(name, desired, FFVelocity, K, link)

Initialize J, err, FFVelocity, K with appropriate dimensions

self.link  $\leftarrow$  link

**End Method**

**Method** update(robot)

Update J and err based on current task and robot state

**End Method**

**End Class**

**Class** Configuration2D **inherits** Task

**Method** \_\_init\_\_(name, desired, FFVelocity, K, link)

Initialize J, err, FFVelocity, K with appropriate dimensions

self.link  $\leftarrow$  link

**End Method**

**Method** update(robot)

Update J and err based on current task and robot state

**End Method**

**End Class**

**Class** JointPosition **inherits** Task

**Method** \_\_init\_\_(name, desired, FFVelocity, K)

Initialize J, err, FFVelocity, K with appropriate dimensions

**End Method**

**Method** update(robot)

Update J and err based on current task and robot state

**End Method**

**End Class**

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**Algorithm 2** Recursive Task-Priority Algorithm

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**Require:** List of tasks  $\{J_i(q), \dot{x}_i(q)\}$ ,  $i \in 1 \dots k$

**Ensure:** Quasi-velocities  $\dot{\xi}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$

- 1: Initialise:  $\dot{\xi}_0 = 0^n$ ,  $P_0 = I^{n \times n}$
  - 2: **for**  $i = 1$  to  $k$  **do**
  - 3:    $J_i(q) = J_i(q)P_{i-1}$
  - 4:    $\dot{\xi}_i = \dot{\xi}_{i-1} + J_i^\dagger(q)(\dot{x}_i(q) - J_i(q)\dot{\xi}_{i-1})$
  - 5:    $P_i = P_{i-1} - J_i^\dagger(q)J_i(q)$
  - 6: **end for**
  - 7: **return**  $\dot{\xi}_k$
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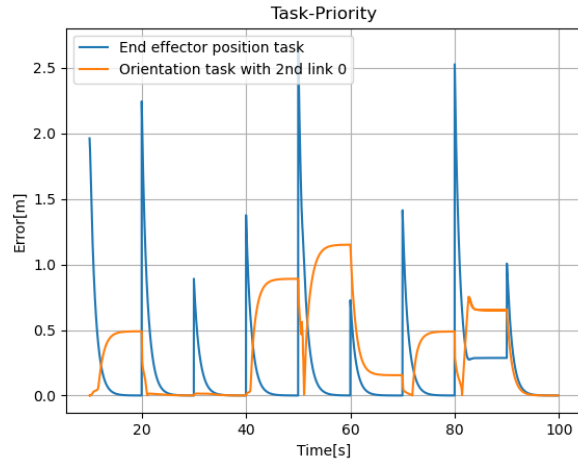
**Algorithm 3** Calculate Jacobian Link for Robot End-Effector

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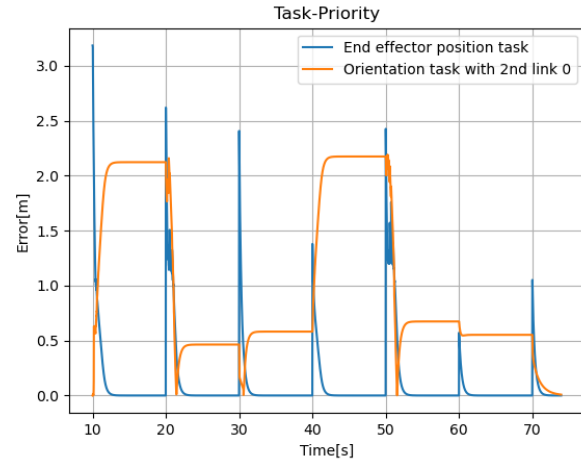
**Require:**  $T$ : list of transformations, *revolute*: list of joint types, *link*: index of the link

**Ensure:**  $J$ : end-effector Jacobian

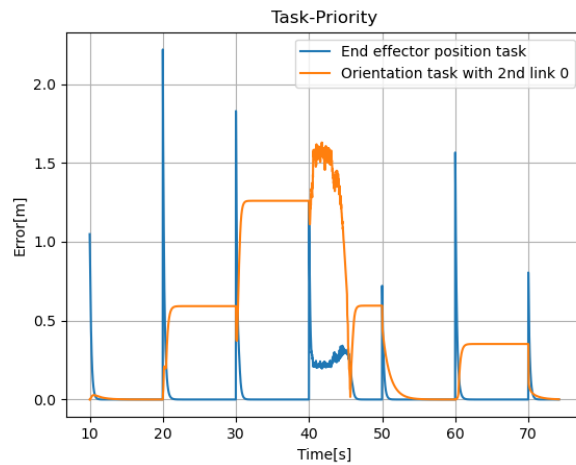
- 1:  $n \leftarrow$  length of  $T$  minus 1
  - 2: Initialize  $J$  as a matrix of zeros with shape  $(6, n)$
  - 3:  $p_n \leftarrow T[link][: 3, 3]$
  - 4: **for**  $i$  in  $[0, link - 1]$  **do**
  - 5:    $R_i \leftarrow T[i][: 3, : 3]$
  - 6:    $p_i \leftarrow T[i][: 3, 3]$
  - 7:    $z_i \leftarrow R_i[:, 2]$
  - 8:    $r \leftarrow p_n - p_i$
  - 9:   **if** *revolute* $[i]$  **then**
  - 10:      $J[:, 3, i] \leftarrow \text{cross}(z_i, r)$
  - 11:      $J[3 :, i] \leftarrow z_i$
  - 12:   **else**
  - 13:      $J[:, 3, i] \leftarrow z_i$
  - 14:      $J[3 :, i] \leftarrow 0$
  - 15:   **end if**
  - 16: **end for**
  - 17: **return**  $J$
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(a) Task error overtime with gain K [1,1].



(b) Task error overtime with gain K [3,3]



(c) Task error overtime with gain K [5,5]

Figure 7: Few simulation runs with different values of the K matrix set for the first task.