

$$J(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{b \times n}$$

$$\text{Rank}(J) \leq \min(b, n)$$

$$\text{Full Rank: Rank}(J) = \min(b, n)$$

if $\text{Rank}(J) < \min(b, n)$, robot is at singularity

① $n < b$: Jacobian is tall, kinematically deficient

② $n = b$: Jacobian is square

③ $n > b$: Jacobian is fat, redundant

Manipulability Ellipsoids

For manipulability ellipsoid, it assume $\|\dot{\theta}\| = 1$

$$\dot{\theta}^T \dot{\theta} = 1$$

$$(J^{-1} v_{\text{tip}})^T (J^{-1} v_{\text{tip}}) = 1$$

$$v_{\text{tip}}^T J^{-T} J^{-1} v_{\text{tip}} = 1$$

$$v_{\text{tip}}^T (J J^T)^{-1} v_{\text{tip}} = 1$$

$$v_{\text{tip}}^T A^{-1} v_{\text{tip}} = 1, \quad A = J J^T$$

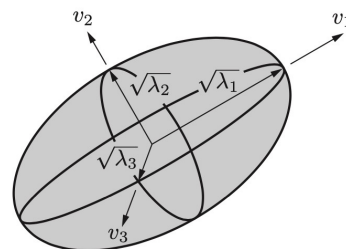


Figure 5.13: An ellipsoid visualization of $\dot{q}^T A^{-1} \dot{q} = 1$ in the \dot{q} space \mathbb{R}^3 , where the principal semi-axis lengths are the square roots of the eigenvalues λ_i of A and the directions of the principal semi-axes are the eigenvectors v_i .

As stuff in LinAlg, $\dot{q}^T A^{-1} \dot{q} = 1$ is an ellipsoid in dimension of A

Let v_i and λ_i be the eigenvectors and eigenvalue of the ellipsoid. Direction and length of Principle are v_i and $\sqrt{\lambda_i}$, respectively

$J(\theta) = [J_w(\theta)]$ make two separate ellipsoid

Three measures to decide whether a robot is easy to move at current config. (Away from singularity):

① Ratio of longest to shortest semi-axis

$$\mu_1(A) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A)}}{\sqrt{\lambda_{\min}(A)}} \geq 1$$

the more $\mu_1(A)$ close to 1, the better, isotropic

② Condition Number

$$\mu_2(A) = \frac{\lambda_{\max}(A)}{\lambda_{\min}(A)} \geq 1$$

Same as ①, better close to "1"

③ Volume Proportion

$$\mu_3(A) = \sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots} = \sqrt{\det(A)}$$

The larger means closer to a square or circle which is better

The force ellipsoid is just like manipulability ellipsoid

$$f^T J J^T f = f^T B^{-1} f = 1$$

$$B = (J J^T)^{-1} = A^{-1}$$

The length of force ellipsoid semi-axis is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}}$

radius is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}}$

volume to be $\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots}$

Therefore when $\mu_3(A)(\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots})$ to be infinity small,
 $\mu_3(B)(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots}})$ would be infinitely large.