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## ***Robotics 2***

# **Dynamic model of robots: Newton-Euler approach**

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# Approaches to dynamic modeling

(reprise)



## energy-based approach (Euler-Lagrange)



## Newton-Euler method (balance of forces/torques)

- multi-body robot seen as a whole
  - constraint (internal) reaction forces between the links are automatically eliminated: in fact, they do not perform work
  - closed-form (symbolic) equations are directly obtained
  - best suited for study of dynamic properties and **analysis** of control schemes
- dynamic equations written separately for each link/body
  - **inverse dynamics in real time**
    - equations are evaluated in a **numeric** and **recursive** way
    - best for **synthesis** (=implementation) of model-based control schemes
  - by elimination of reaction forces and back-substitution of expressions, we still get closed-form dynamic equations (identical to those of Euler-Lagrange!)



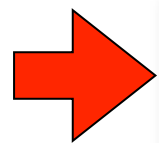
# Derivative of a vector in a moving frame

... from velocity to acceleration

$${}^0v_i = {}^0R_i {}^i v_i$$

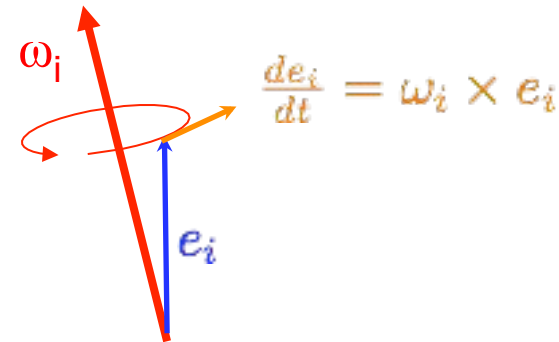
$${}^0\dot{R}_i = S({}^0\omega_i) {}^0R_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^0\dot{v}_i &= {}^0a_i = {}^0R_i {}^i a_i = {}^0R_i {}^i \dot{v}_i + {}^0\dot{R}_i {}^i v_i \\ &= {}^0R_i {}^i \dot{v}_i + {}^0\omega_i \times {}^0R_i {}^i v_i = {}^0R_i ({}^i \dot{v}_i + {}^i \omega_i \times {}^i v_i) \end{aligned}$$



$${}^i a_i = {}^i \dot{v}_i + {}^i \omega_i \times {}^i v_i$$

derivative of "unit" vector





# Dynamics of a rigid body

- **Newton** dynamic equation

- **balance**: sum of forces = variation of **linear** momentum

$$\sum f_i = \frac{d}{dt}(mv_c) = m\dot{v}_c$$

- **Euler** dynamic equation

- **balance**: sum of torques = variation of **angular** momentum

$$\begin{aligned}\sum \mu_i &= \frac{d}{dt}(I\omega) = I\dot{\omega} + \frac{d}{dt}(R\bar{I}R^T)\omega = I\dot{\omega} + (\dot{R}\bar{I}R^T + R\bar{I}\dot{R}^T)\omega \\ &= I\dot{\omega} + S(\omega)R\bar{I}R^T\omega + R\bar{I}R^TS^T(\omega)\omega = I\dot{\omega} + \omega \times I\omega\end{aligned}$$

- principle of **action and reaction**

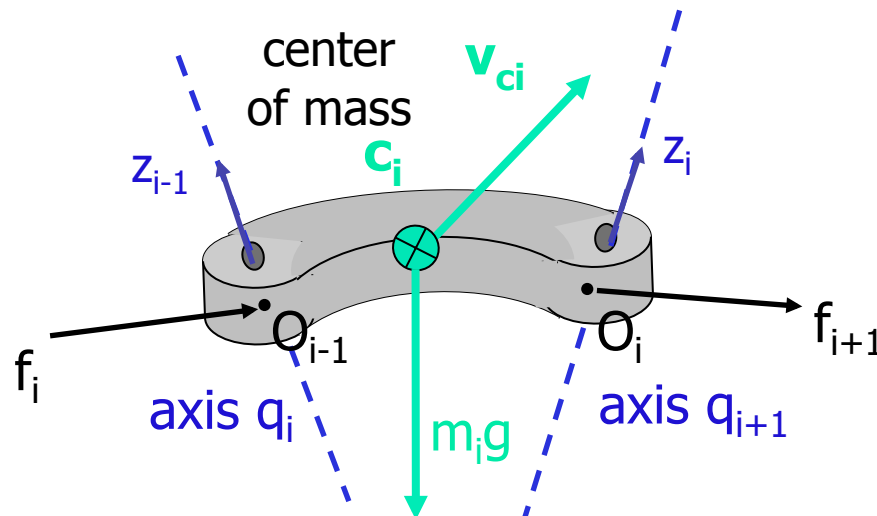
- forces/torques: applied **by** body **i** **to** body **i+1**  
= - applied **by** body **i+1** **to** body **i**



# Newton-Euler equations - 1

link i

FORCES



$f_i$  force applied  
from link (i-1) on link i

$f_{i+1}$  force applied  
from link i on link (i+1)

$m_i g$  gravity force

all vectors expressed in the  
same RF (better  $RF_i$ )

Newton equation

$$f_i - f_{i+1} + m_i g = m_i a_{ci}$$

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absolute linear acceleration of  $c_i$



# Newton-Euler equations - 2

link i

## TORQUES

$\tau_i$  torque applied  
from link (i-1) on link i

$\tau_{i+1}$  torque applied  
from link i on link (i+1)

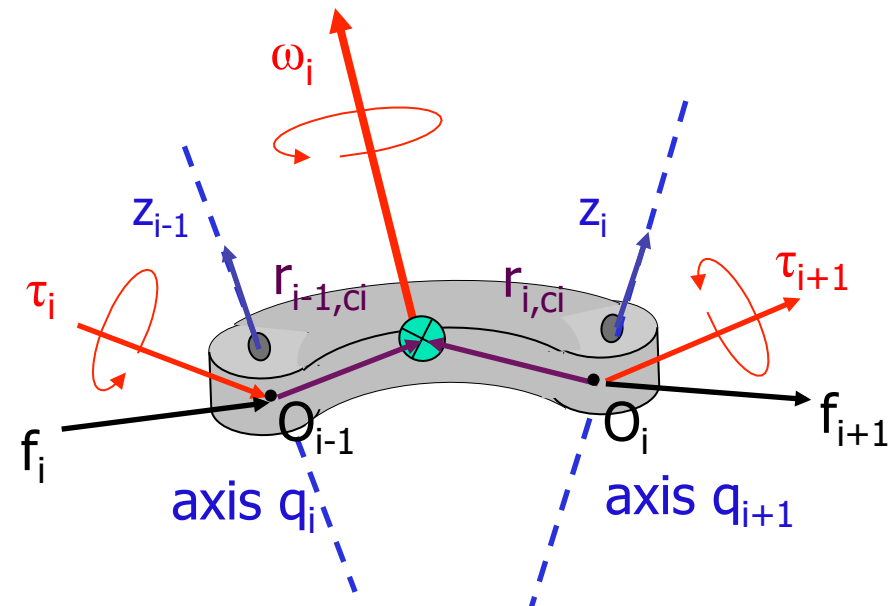
$\mathbf{f}_i \times \mathbf{r}_{i-1,c}$  torque due to  $\mathbf{f}_i$  w.r.t.  $c_i$

-  $\mathbf{f}_{i+1} \times \mathbf{r}_{i,c}$  torque due to -  $\mathbf{f}_{i+1}$  w.r.t.  $c_i$

Euler equation

$$\tau_i - \tau_{i+1} + \mathbf{f}_i \times \mathbf{r}_{i-1,ci} - \mathbf{f}_{i+1} \times \mathbf{r}_{i,ci} = \mathbf{I}_i \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i + \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \times (\mathbf{I}_i \boldsymbol{\omega}_i)$$

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all vectors expressed in  
the same RF ( $\text{RF}_i$  !!)



# Forward recursion

## Computing velocities and accelerations

- “moving frames” algorithm (as for velocities in Lagrange)
- wherever there is no leading superscript, it is the same as the subscript  
( $\omega_i = {}^i\omega_i$ )
- for simplicity, only revolute joints  
(see textbook for the more general treatment)

### initializations

$$\omega_i = {}^{i-1}R_i^T [\omega_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i z_{i-1}]$$

←  $\omega_0$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\omega}_i &= {}^{i-1}R_i^T [\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i z_{i-1} - \dot{q}_i z_{i-1} \times (\omega_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i z_{i-1})] \\ &= {}^{i-1}R_i^T [\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i z_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i \omega_{i-1} \times z_{i-1}]\end{aligned}$$

←  $\dot{\omega}_0$

$$a_i = {}^{i-1}R_i^T a_{i-1} + \dot{\omega}_i \times {}^i r_{i-1,i} + \omega_i \times (\omega_i \times {}^i r_{i-1,i})$$

←  $a_0 - {}^0g$

$$a_{ci} = a_i + \dot{\omega}_i \times r_{i,ci} + \omega_i \times (\omega_i \times r_{i,ci})$$

the gravity force term can be skipped in Newton equation, if added here

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# Backward recursion

## Computing forces and torques

from  $N_i$   $\longrightarrow$  to  $N_{i-1}$  eliminated, if inserted in forward recursion (i=0) initializations

**F/TR**  $f_i = f_{i+1} + m_i(a_{ci} - \cancel{g})$   $\longleftarrow f_{N+1} \quad \tau_{N+1}$

$\downarrow$

$$\tau_i = \tau_{i+1} - f_i \times (r_{i-1,i} + r_{i,ci}) + f_{i+1} \times r_{i,ci} + I_i \dot{\omega}_i + \omega_i \times (I_i \omega_i)$$

from  $E_i$   $\longrightarrow$  to  $E_{i-1}$

at each step of this recursion, we have two vector equations ( $N_i + E_i$ ) at the joint providing  $f_i$  and  $\tau_i$  : these contain ALSO the reaction forces/torques at the joint axis  $\Rightarrow$  they should be next "projected" along/around this axis

**FP**  $u_i = \begin{cases} f_i^T z_{i-1} + \eta_i \dot{q}_i & \text{for prismatic joint} \\ \tau_i^T z_{i-1} + \eta_i \dot{q}_i & \text{for revolute joint} \end{cases}$  ➔ N scalar equations at the end

generalized forces add here dissipative terms  
(in rhs of Euler-Lagrange eqs) (here viscous friction only)





# Comments on Newton-Euler method

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- the previous forward/backward recursive formulas can be evaluated in symbolic or numeric form
  - **symbolic**
    - substituting expressions in a recursive way
    - at the end, a closed-form dynamic model is obtained, which is identical to the one obtained using Euler-Lagrange (or any other) method
    - this has **no** special convenience in using N-E in this way
  - **numeric**
    - substituting numeric values (numbers!) at each step
    - **computational complexity** of each step remains constant  $\Rightarrow$  grows **in a linear fashion** with the number **N** of joints ( **$O(N)$** )
    - strongly recommended for real-time use, especially when the number **N** of joints **is large**





# Matlab (or C) script

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## general routine $NE_{\alpha}(arg_1, arg_2, arg_3)$

- data file (of a specific robot)
  - number  $N$  and types  $\sigma = \{0,1\}^N$  of joints (revolute/prismatic)
  - table of DH kinematic parameters
  - list of dynamic parameters of the links (and of the motors)
- input
  - vector parameter  $\alpha = \{^0g, 0\}$  (presence or absence of gravity)
  - three ordered vector **arguments**
    - typically, samples of joint **position**, **velocity**, **acceleration** taken from a desired trajectory
- output
  - generalized force  $u$  for the **complete** inverse dynamics
  - ... or **single terms** of the dynamic model



## Examples of output

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- complete inverse dynamics

$$u = NE_{0_g}(q_d, \dot{q}_d, \ddot{q}_d) = B(q_d)\ddot{q}_d + c(q_d, \dot{q}_d) + g(q_d) = u_d$$

- gravity terms

$$u = NE_{0_g}(q, 0, 0) = g(q)$$

- i-th column of the inertia matrix

$$u = NE_0(q, 0, e_i) = b_i(q)$$

$e_i$  = i-th column  
of identity matrix

- centrifugal and Coriolis terms

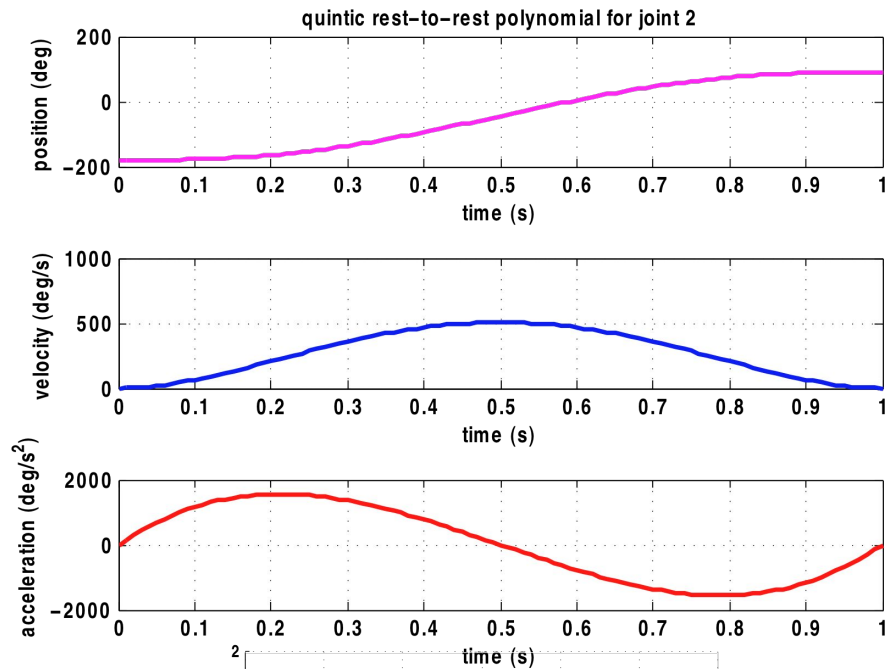
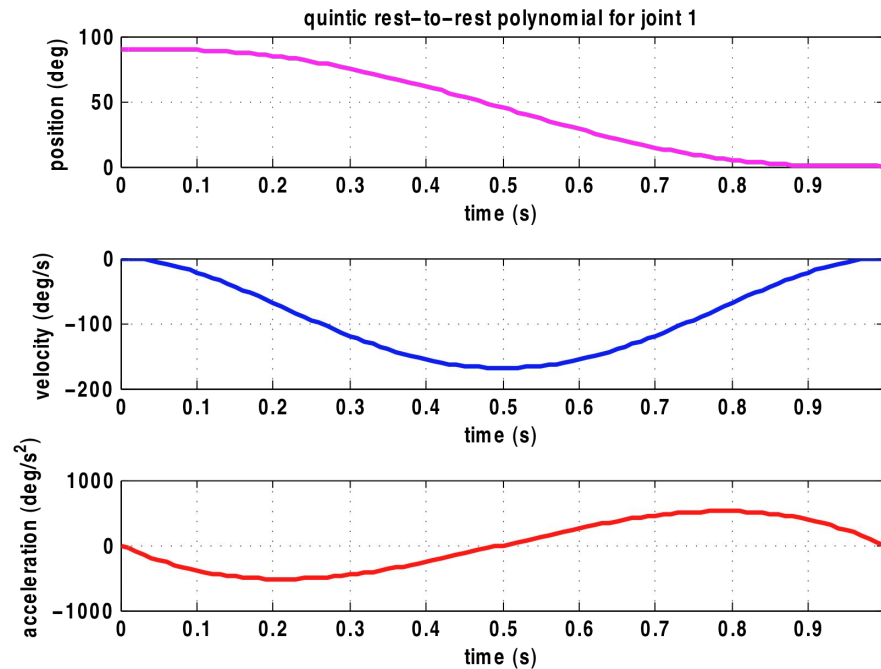
$$u = NE_0(q, \dot{q}, 0) = c(q, \dot{q})$$

- generalized momentum

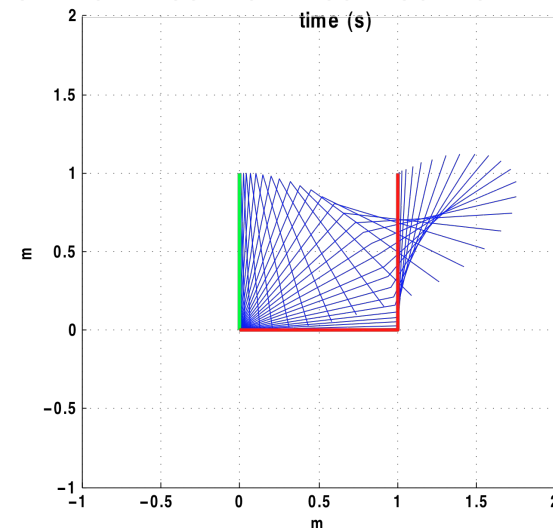
$$u = NE_0(q, 0, \dot{q}) = B(q)\dot{q}$$



# Inverse dynamics of a 2R planar robot

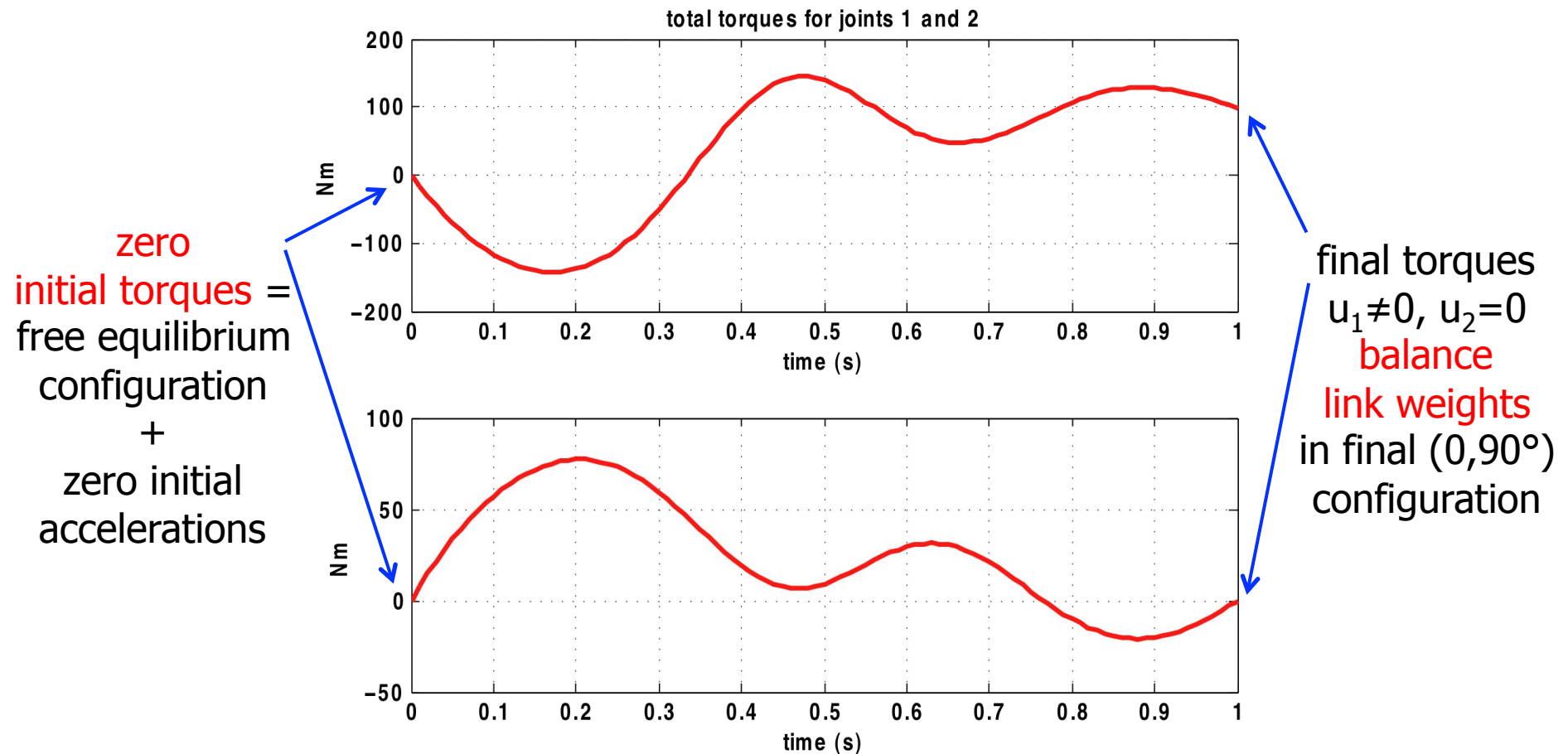


desired (smooth) joint motion:  
quintic polynomials for  $q_1, q_2$  with  
zero vel/acc boundary conditions  
from  $(90^\circ, -180^\circ)$  to  $(0, 90^\circ)$  in  $T=1$  s



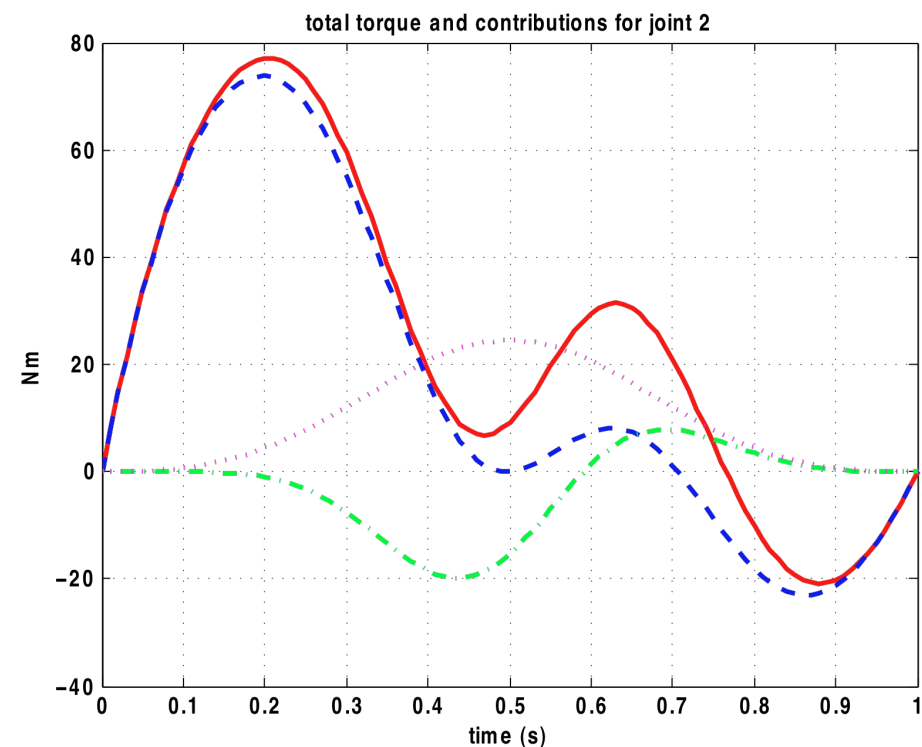
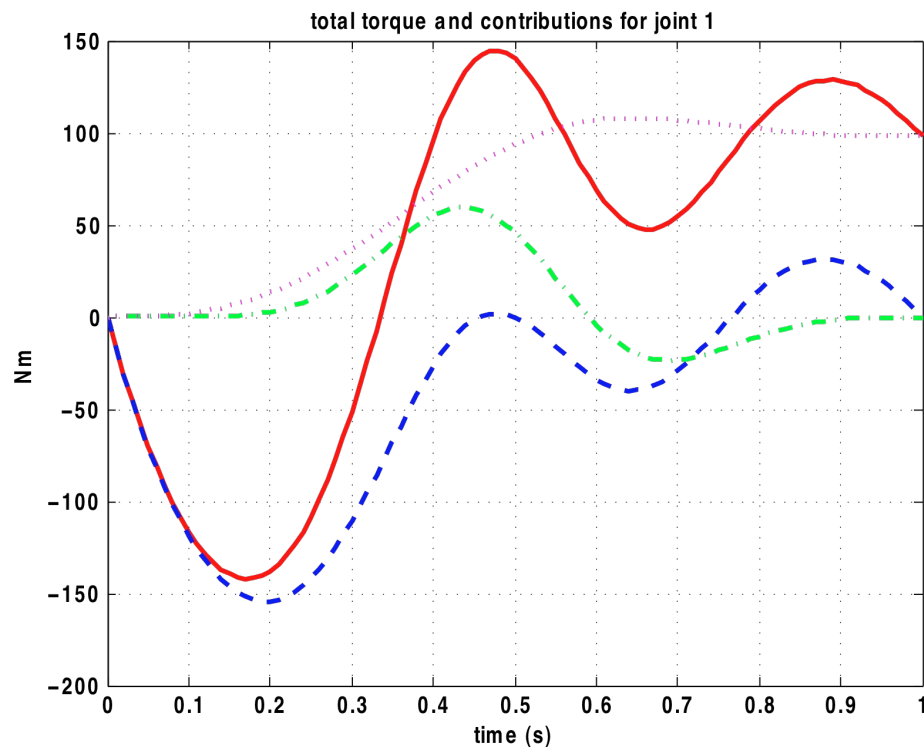


# Inverse dynamics of a 2R planar robot



motion in vertical plane (under gravity)  
both links are thin rods of uniform mass  $m_1=10$  kg,  $m_2=5$  kg

# Inverse dynamics of a 2R planar robot



torque contributions at the two joints for the desired motion

— = total, --- = inertial  
- . - = Coriolis/centrifugal, ..... = gravitational

# Use of NE routine for simulation

## inverse dynamics



- numerical integration, at current state  $(q, \dot{q})$ , of
$$\ddot{q} = B^{-1}(q) [u - (c(q, \dot{q}) + g(q))] = B^{-1}(q) [u - n(q, \dot{q})]$$
- Coriolis, centrifugal, and gravity terms
$$n = NE_0(q, \dot{q}, 0)$$

complexity  
 $O(N)$
- i-th column of the inertia matrix, for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ 
$$b_i = NE_0(q, 0, e_i)$$

$O(N^2)$
- numerical inversion of inertia matrix
$$\text{Inv}B = \text{inv}(B)$$

$O(N^3)$   
but with small coefficient
- given  $u$ , integrate acceleration computed as
$$\ddot{q} = \text{Inv}B * [u - n] \rightarrow \text{new state } (q, \dot{q})$$

and repeat over time