

# Problem Set 1 - BE-130 / ES-249 (Due Friday, Feb 18)

## (1) Forward kinematics:

- (a) Derive the forward kinematics  $[x_1 \ x_2]^T$  as a function of  $[\Theta_1 \ \Theta_2]^T$  and derive the Jacobian matrix  $[dx/d\Theta]$  for a two joint planar arm where the joint angles are defined "absolutely" with respect to the x-axis.
- (b) Repeat for relative joint angles  $\Theta$ . Note that, in general, relative angles are defined as the angle for each joint besides the 1<sup>st</sup> one being measured relative to the preceding limb segment (i.e. the elbow angle is relative to the upper arm).
- (c) Determine cartesian velocity as a function of joint velocity [you can use absolute joint angles here].
- (d) Determine cartesian acceleration as a function of joint acceleration & joint velocity.
- (e-h) Repeat (a-d) for a three joint planar arm (for the relative angles in (f), the elbow angle is relative to the upper arm and the wrist angle is relative to the forearm).

## (2) Inverse kinematics, jacobians, & dynamics:

For the two joint absolute joint angle case above (1a):

- (a) Derive the inverse kinematics:  $[\Theta_1 \ \Theta_2]^T$  as a function of  $[x_1 \ x_2]^T$  (note that although it might seem straightforward to invert the equations from 1a, this is surprisingly tricky, so ask for help if you get badly stuck...) [*Hint: Perhaps the easiest approach here is to sketch out the geometry and apply the law of cosines.*]
- (b) Derive the inverse Jacobian matrix  $[d\Theta/dX]$ . [*This should be straightforward once you have (a)*]
- (c) Comment briefly on how these compare with the forward kinematics derived in 1a.

## (3) Simulating motion

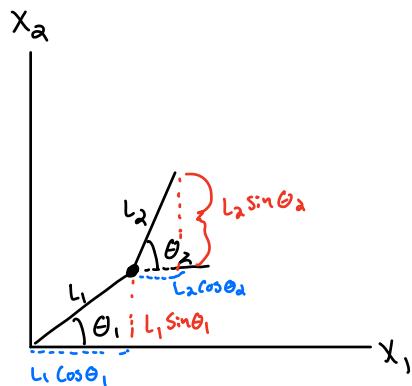
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Sketch in joint space  $\rightarrow$  value

## (4) Dynamics

- (a) The maximum amount of force that can be produced Analytically compute (i) the minimum and (ii) the maximum achievable force levels that can be produced at any point in the workspace across all force directions for the 2-link arm simulated above, assuming that the max Torque level is  $T_{MAX}$  for both joints.
- (b) Set  $T_{MAX}=1$ , and make a 2-D image showing (i) the minimum Force levels that can be produced at each (x,y) point in the workspace across all force directions for the 2-link arm simulated above.
- (c) Create an interactive graphical simulation, like that in problem 3a, that displays the force levels that can be produced at any point in the workspace for the 2-link arm simulated above. Display this as an elliptical shape centered at the current endpoint showing the max force that can be produced in each direction. Comment on the pattern.

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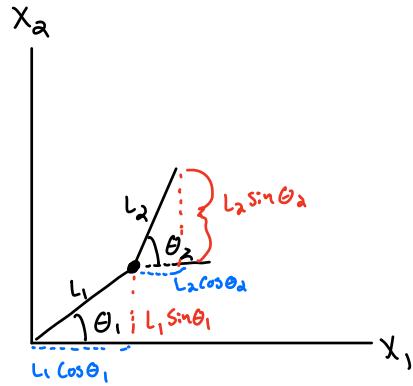
$$x_1 = L_1 \cos \theta_1 + L_2 \cos \theta_2$$

$$x_2 = L_1 \sin \theta_1 + L_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_1 \cos \theta_1 & L_2 \cos \theta_2 \\ L_1 \sin \theta_1 & L_2 \sin \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta_2} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -L_1 \sin \theta_1, -L_2 \sin \theta_2 \\ L_1 \cos \theta_1, L_2 \cos \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} -L_1 s_1 & -L_2 s_2 \\ L_1 c_1 & L_2 c_2 \end{bmatrix}}$$

(b) Repeat for relative joint angles  $\Theta$ . Note that, in general, relative angles are defined as the angle for each joint besides the 1<sup>st</sup> one being measured relative to the preceding limb segment (i.e. the elbow angle is relative to the upper arm).



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$$\dot{\mathbf{J}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta_2} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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(c) Determine cartesian velocity as a function of joint velocity [you can use absolute joint angles here].

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$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = -L_1 \sin \theta_1 \dot{\theta}_1 - L_2 \sin \theta_2 \dot{\theta}_2$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = L_1 \cos \theta_1 \dot{\theta}_1 + L_2 \cos \theta_2 \dot{\theta}_2$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -L_1 \sin \theta_1 \dot{\theta}_1 & -L_2 \sin \theta_2 \dot{\theta}_2 \\ L_1 \cos \theta_1 \dot{\theta}_1 & L_2 \cos \theta_2 \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} -L_1 s_1 & -L_2 s_2 \\ L_1 c_1 & L_2 c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}} = \dot{\mathbf{J}} \cdot \ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

(d) Determine cartesian acceleration as a function of joint acceleration & joint velocity.

$$\ddot{\vec{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{J}(\theta) \dot{\vec{\theta}}$$

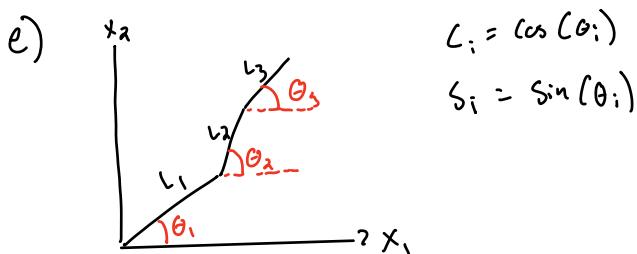
$$\ddot{\vec{x}} = \vec{J}(\theta) \ddot{\vec{\theta}} + \vec{J}(\theta) (\dot{\vec{\theta}})^2$$

) derivative, apply product rule

$$\vec{J}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 c_1 & -l_2 c_2 \\ -l_1 s_1 & -l_2 s_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\ddot{\vec{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 s_1 & -l_2 s_2 \\ l_1 c_1 & l_2 c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 c_1 & -l_2 c_2 \\ -l_1 s_1 & -l_2 s_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1^2 \\ \dot{\theta}_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(e-h) Repeat (a-d) for a three joint planar arm (for the relative angles in (f), the elbow angle is relative to the upper arm and the wrist angle is relative to the forearm).



$$x_1 = l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_2 + l_3 c_3$$

$$x_2 = l_1 s_1 + l_2 s_2 + l_3 s_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 c_1 & l_2 c_2 & l_3 c_3 \\ l_1 s_1 & l_2 s_2 & l_3 s_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta_2} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta_3} \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} -l_1 s_1 & -l_2 s_2 & -l_3 s_3 \\ l_1 c_1 & l_2 c_2 & l_3 c_3 \end{bmatrix}}$$

absolute angles

f)

$$x_1 = l_1 \cos \theta_1 + l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R}) + l_3 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R} + \theta_{3R})$$

$$x_2 = l_1 \sin \theta_1 + l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R}) + l_3 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R} + \theta_{3R})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 \cos \theta_1 & l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R}) & l_3 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R} + \theta_{3R}) \\ l_1 \sin \theta_1 & l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R}) & l_3 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R} + \theta_{3R}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\bar{\mathbf{J}} = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 \sin \theta_1 & -l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R}) & -l_3 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R} + \theta_{3R}) \\ l_1 \cos \theta_1 & l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R}) & l_3 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_{2R} + \theta_{3R}) \end{bmatrix}$$

g)

$$\dot{x}_1 = -l_1 s_1 \dot{\theta}_1 - l_2 s_2 \dot{\theta}_2 - l_3 s_3 \dot{\theta}_3$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = l_1 c_1 \dot{\theta}_1 + l_2 c_2 \dot{\theta}_2 + l_3 c_3 \dot{\theta}_3$$

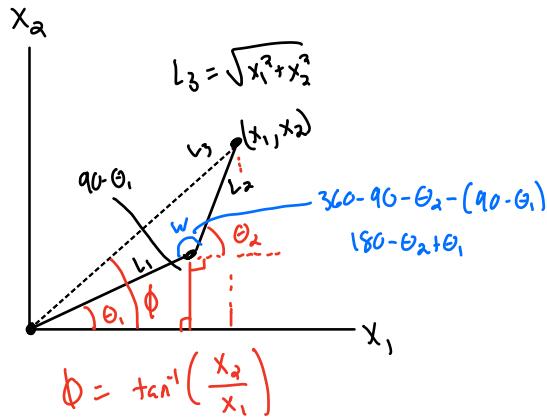
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$$\ddot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \bar{\mathbf{J}}(\theta) \ddot{\theta} + \bar{\mathbf{j}}(\theta) \dot{\theta}^2$$

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(a) Derive the inverse kinematics:  $[\Theta_1 \Theta_2]^T$  as a function of  $[x_1 \ x_2]^T$  (note that although it might seem straightforward to invert the equations from 1a, this is surprisingly tricky, so ask for help if you get badly stuck...) [Hint: Perhaps the easiest approach here is to sketch out the geometry and apply the law of cosines].



By law of cosine w/ triangle formed by  $l_3, l_2, l_1$

$$l_2^2 = l_1^2 + l_3^2 - 2l_1l_3 \cos(\phi - \theta_1)$$

$$\frac{l_2^2 - l_1^2 - l_3^2}{-2l_1l_3} = \cos(\phi - \theta_1)$$

$$\phi - \theta_1 = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{l_2^2 - l_1^2 - l_3^2}{-2l_1l_3}\right)$$

$$\theta_1 = \phi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{l_2^2 - l_1^2 - l_3^2}{-2l_1l_3}\right)$$

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x_2}{x_1}\right) - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{l_2^2 - l_1^2 - l_3^2}{-2l_1l_3}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x_2}{x_1}\right) - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{l_2^2 - l_1^2 - (x_1^2 + x_2^2)}{-2l_1\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}}\right)$$

By law of cosines again:

$$l_3^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 - 2l_1l_2 \cos(w)$$

$$w = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{l_3^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{-2l_1l_2}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{-2l_1l_2}\right)$$

(next pic)

$$\omega = 180 - \theta_2 + \theta_1$$

$$\theta_2 = 180 + \theta_1 - \omega$$

$$\theta_2 = 180 - \theta_1 - \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{-2l_1 l_2} \right)$$

$$= 180 - \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{-2l_1 l_2} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x_2}{x_1} \right) - \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{l_2^2 - l_1^2 - (x_1^2 + x_2^2)}{-2l_1 \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} \right)$$

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(b) Derive the inverse Jacobian matrix  $[d\Theta/dX]$ . [This should be straightforward once you have (a)]

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

From online partial calculator:

$$\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\frac{x_1}{l_1 \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} + \frac{x(-l_1^2 + l_2^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)}{2l_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{3/2}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(l_1^2 + l_2^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)^2}{4l_1^2(x_1^2 + x_2^2)}}} - \frac{x_2}{x_1^2 \left( 1 + \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2} \right)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Theta_1}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\frac{x_a}{l_1 \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} + \frac{x_a (l_1^2 + l_2^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)}{2 l_1 (x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{3/2}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(-l_1^2 + l_2^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)^2}{4 l_1^2 (x_1^2 + x_2^2)}}} + \frac{1}{x_1 \left( 1 + \frac{x_a^2}{x_1^2} \right)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Theta_2}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\frac{x_1}{l_1 \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} + \frac{x_1 (-l_1^2 + l_2^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)}{2 l_1 (x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{3/2}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(-l_1^2 + l_2^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)^2}{4 l_1^2 (x_1^2 + x_2^2)}}} - \frac{x_2}{x_1^2 \left( 1 + \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2} \right)} - \frac{x_1}{l_1 l_2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{(-l_1^2 - l_2^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2}{4 l_1^2 l_2^2}}}$$

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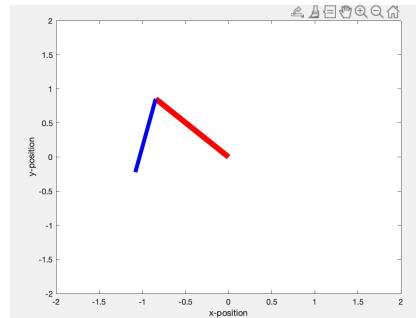
The inverse kinematics end up becoming much more complicated in their undifferentiated form due to the angle relationships. This then makes the Jacobean much harder to generate due to having to handle pythagorean distances to represent lengths at different angles instead of just magnitude and joint angle.

### 3)

(a) Create an interactive graphical simulation showing the 2-joint inverse kinematics computed from x-y mouse input, i.e. continually adjust the joint angles of a 2-link arm model so that its endpoint position matches the mouse cursor position. Please see the example MATLAB m-file **draw\_arm\_starter1.m** for some starter code that implements the sensing and graphics, so that this is less tedious to create.

(Reference code in draw\_arm.m)

Link: [https://github.com/alxrod/BE130\\_psets](https://github.com/alxrod/BE130_psets)



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The relationship that you get between cartesian and joint space is that constant/linear movements in joint space translate to curved movement in the Cartesian space. The longer the straight joint movement, the more curve it has in the cartesian space. For example, if theta2 stays constant and theta1 just linearly increases from 0 to 360, you get a circular hand pattern (curved cartesian movement). Meanwhile, if you cause straight cartesian movement from the origin/shoulder outward, you get nonlinear joint movement where first theta2 increases then once the forearm is fully extended then theta1 increases as the whole upper arm extends. This is because there is a non linear relationship depending on cos and sin that causes one of the cartesian/joint cords to be straight while the other is curved.

#### (4) Dynamics

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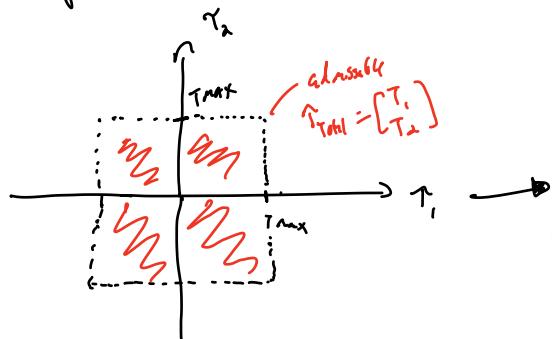
$$T = \vec{J}^T F$$

$$(\vec{J}^T)^T T = (\vec{J}^T)^T (\vec{J}^T) F$$

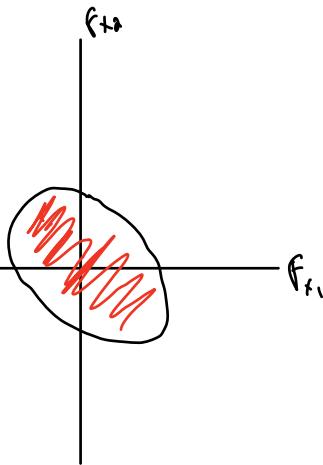
$$(\vec{J}^T)^T T = F \quad \text{from relabeling}$$

$$\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{x_1} \\ F_{x_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{TOT} \cos \phi \\ F_{TOT} \sin \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

forces produced from  $T_1, T_2$



force space



$$\vec{J} = \begin{bmatrix} -L_1 S_1 & -L_2 S_2 \\ L_1 C_1 & L_2 C_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{J}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -L_1 S_1 & L_1 C_1 \\ -L_2 S_2 & L_2 C_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\vec{T} = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -L_1 S_1 & L_1 C_1 \\ -L_2 S_2 & L_2 C_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_{TOT} \cos \phi \\ F_{TOT} \sin \phi \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} -L_1 F_T S_1 \cos \phi + L_1 F_T C_1 \cos \phi \\ -L_2 F_T S_2 \cos \phi + L_2 F_T C_2 \sin \phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_1 F_T \sin(\phi - \theta_1) \\ L_2 F_T \sin(\phi - \theta_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{bmatrix} = F_T \begin{bmatrix} L_1 \sin(\phi - \theta_1) \\ L_2 \sin(\phi - \theta_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} F_T \quad F_T = \frac{\gamma}{\alpha_1} \quad F_{TMAX} = \frac{T_{MAX}}{\alpha_1}$$

$$F_T = \frac{\gamma_2}{\alpha_2} \quad = \frac{T_{MAX}}{\alpha_2} \quad \rightarrow F_{TMAX} = \min \left( \frac{T_{MAX}}{\alpha_1}, \frac{T_{MAX}}{\alpha_2} \right)$$

$$F_{TMAX} = \min \left( \frac{T_{max}}{l_1 \sin(\phi - \theta_1)}, \frac{T_{max}}{l_2 \sin(\phi - \theta_2)} \right)$$

Maximum = denominator smallest, when  $\sin(\phi - \theta) = 0$

$\sin = 0$  at  $0^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  so minimum values:

$$\phi = \theta_1 / \theta_2, \theta_1 / \theta_2 + 180$$

minimum = denominator largest, when  $\sin(\phi - \theta) = 1$

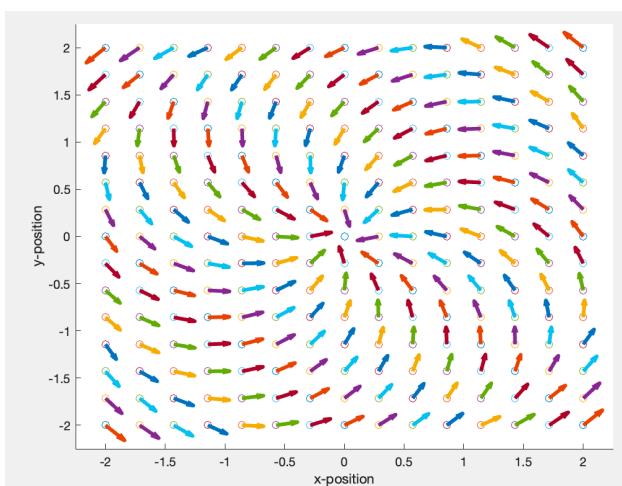
$\sin = 1$  at  $90^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$

optimal angles:

$$\phi = \theta_1 / \theta_2 + 90^\circ, \theta_1 / \theta_2 + 270^\circ$$

4(b)

(b) Set  $T_{MAX}=1$ , and make a 2-D image showing (i) the minimum Force levels that can be produced at each  $(x,y)$  point in the workspace across all force directions for the 2-link arm simulated above.



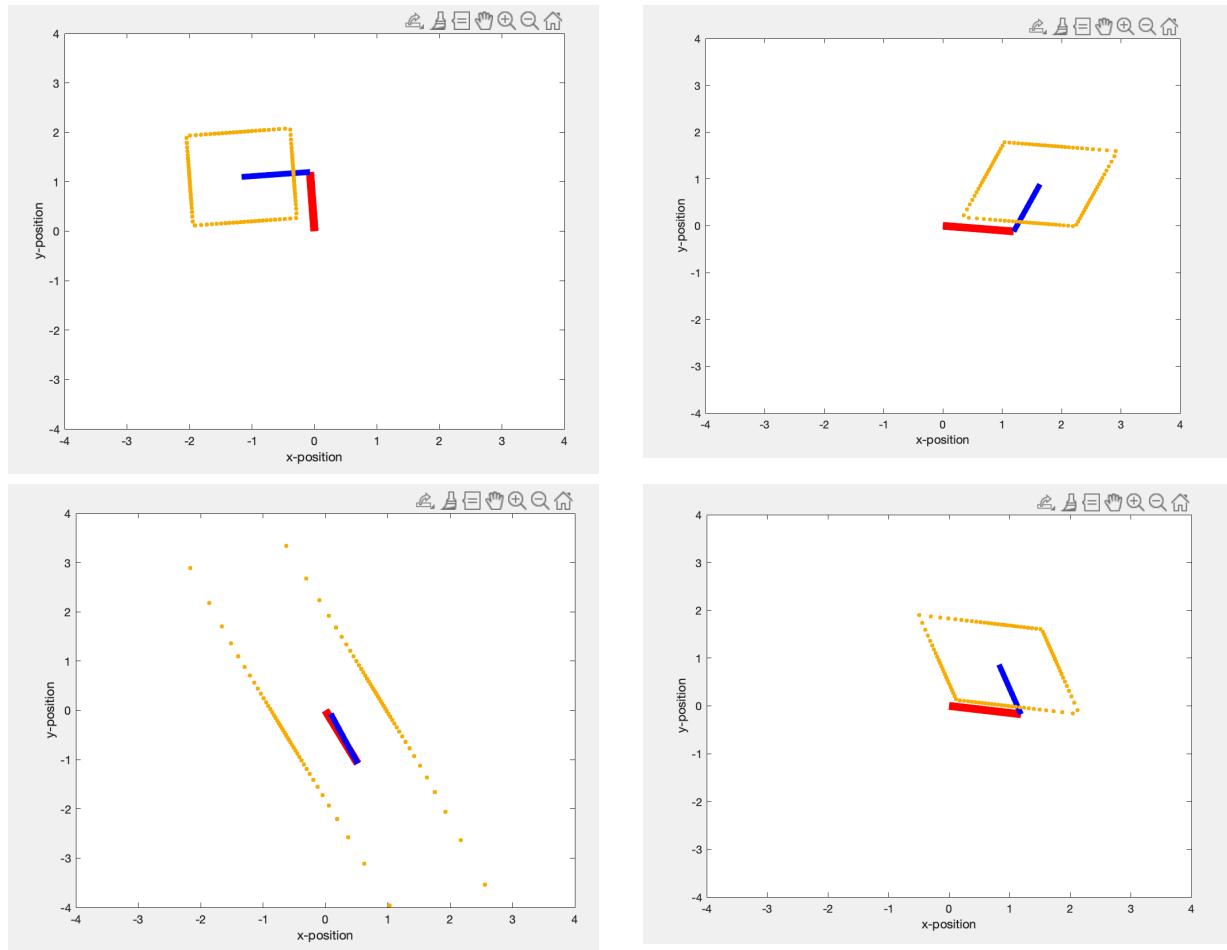
Reference code in max\_force\_diagram.m

This diagram shows a vector at uniform points across the arm workspace. Each vector has the magnitude of the max force magnitude in the direction required to generate the minimum amount of force. Due to the equations above and  $l_2 > l_1$ , we know that the max force is always  $T_{MAX}/L_2$  because the max we can get the sin function is 1. Therefore, the largest denominator is  $L_2 * 1$  so the smallest max force for phi is when we have  $T_{MAX}/L_2$ . We then can calculate which direction that phi is in at each one of these points and graph the corresponding vectors.

It is also **important to note** that this graph only shows one minimum vector per point. However, in reality, for every minimum vector, that  $\phi - 180^\circ$  gives another minimum vector in the opposite direction. Therefore, the true vector field should have two opposite facing vectors per coordinate, however, I left the opposites out to prevent the diagram from being cluttered.

Link: [https://github.com/alxrod/BE130\\_psets](https://github.com/alxrod/BE130_psets)

(c) Create an interactive graphical simulation, like that in problem 3a, that displays the force levels that can be produced at any point in the workspace for the 2-link arm simulated above. Display this as an elliptical shape centered at the current endpoint showing the max force that can be produced in each direction. Comment on the pattern.



In this interactive program, you can see that the max force diagram shows a diamond like formation surrounding our hand joint. If you look at the right hand images, you can see that the minimum max force at any x y position is always existing on two opposite corners of the diamond 180 degrees from each other around the hand position. You can also see that the minimum force magnitude is always constant in all four diagrams, the only thing that changes is which corners of the diamond are the minimums. In the top right image you can see that the minimums are the top left and bottom right corners. However, if you move the elbow just a little bit (bottom right diagram), the corners flip and the top right and bottom left corners become the minimum max forces. You can also see that in the bottom left diagram shows that as  $\phi$  approaches  $= \theta_1$  or  $\theta_2$ , the denominator of the force equation approaches zero, making the force infinitely large.

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fig=figure; ax=gca;
set (fig, 'WindowButtonMotionFcn', @(obj,event)mousemovedetected()); %  

    "mousemovedetected" will be main function.  

% It handles reading the current mouse position whenever movement is detected,  

    and then redrawing the screen based on the detected position

L1=1.2; L2=1.1;
redline = plot([0 0],[1 0],'r','LineWidth',7); hold on; % create the red  

    line for L1 that will be continuously repositioned based on the mouse cursor
blueLine = plot([0 0],[1 0],'b','LineWidth',5); % create the blue  

    line for L2
xlim([-2 2]); ylim([-2 2]);
% linspace
xlabel('x-position')
ylabel('y-position')

function mousemovedetected()
if overaxis(ax),
    C = get (ax, 'CurrentPoint'); % read the current mouse position
(x,y)
    x = C(1,1);
    y = C(1,2);

    theta1 = atan2(y,x) - acos( (L2^2 - L1^2 - x^2 - y^2) /  

( -2*L1*sqrt( (x^2+y^2) ) ) );
    theta2 = pi - acos( (x^2+y^2-L1^2-L2^2) / (-2*L1*L2) ) +  

atan2(y,x) - acos( (L2^2-L1^2-x^2-y^2) / (-2*L1*sqrt( (x^2+y^2) ) ) );

    l1_x = cos(theta1)*L1;
    l1_y = sin(theta1)*L1;

    l2_x = cos(theta2)*L2;
    l2_y = sin(theta2)*L2;

    if isreal(theta1) & isreal(theta2),  

        set(redline, 'xdata',[0, l1_x]); % edit these 2 lines to draw  

L1
        set(redline, 'ydata',[0, l1_y]);
        set(blueLine, 'xdata',[l1_x, l1_x+l2_x]); % edit these 2 lines  

to draw L2
        set(blueLine, 'ydata',[l1_y, l1_y+l2_y]);
    end
end % end the if statement
end % end the mousemovedetected function

function z = overaxis(ax) % determines whether the cursor is over the  

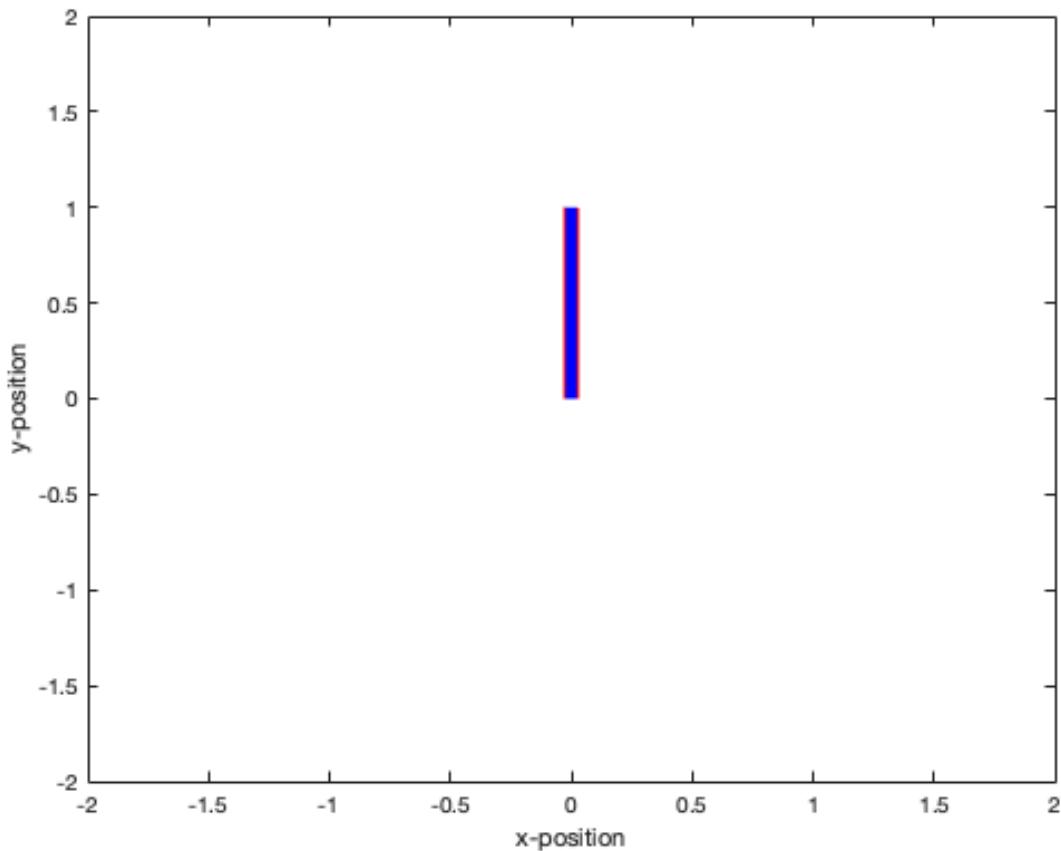
specified axis 'ax'
C = get (ax, 'CurrentPoint'); Cx=C(1,1); Cy=C(1,2);

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    z = (Cx>ax.XLim(1)) & (Cx<ax.XLim(2)) & (Cy>ax.YLim(1)) &
(Cy<ax.YLim(2));
    end % end the overaxis function
end
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function force_diagram()
fig=figure; ax=gca;
% "mousemovedetected" will be main function.
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% and then redrawing the screen based on the detected position

L1=1.2; L2=1.1; TMAX=1;
xlim([-2.25 2.25]); ylim([-2.25 2.25]);
xlabel('x-position')
x_ar = linspace(-2,2,15);
y_ar = linspace(-2,2,15);
ylabel('y-position')

hold on;
for i = 1:length(x_ar)
    for j = 1:length(y_ar)
        x = x_ar(i);
        y = y_ar(j);

        thetal1 = atan2(y,x) - acos( (L2^2 - L1^2 - x^2 - y^2) /
( -2*L1*sqrt( (x^2+y^2) ) ) );
        theta2 = pi - acos( (x^2+y^2-L1^2-L2^2) / (-2*L1*L2) ) + atan2(y,x) -
acos( (L2^2-L1^2-x^2-y^2) / (-2*L1*sqrt( (x^2+y^2) ) ) );

        %If sin evals to 1, TMAX/L1*SIN always > TMAX/L2*SIN since L2>l1
        op = TMAX / L2;

        phi = theta2 + (pi/2);

        deltax = op*cos(phi);
        deltay = op*sin(phi);

        plot(x,y,'o');
        quiver(x, y, deltax, deltay,0.2, 'linewidth',3, 'MaxHeadSize', 5);

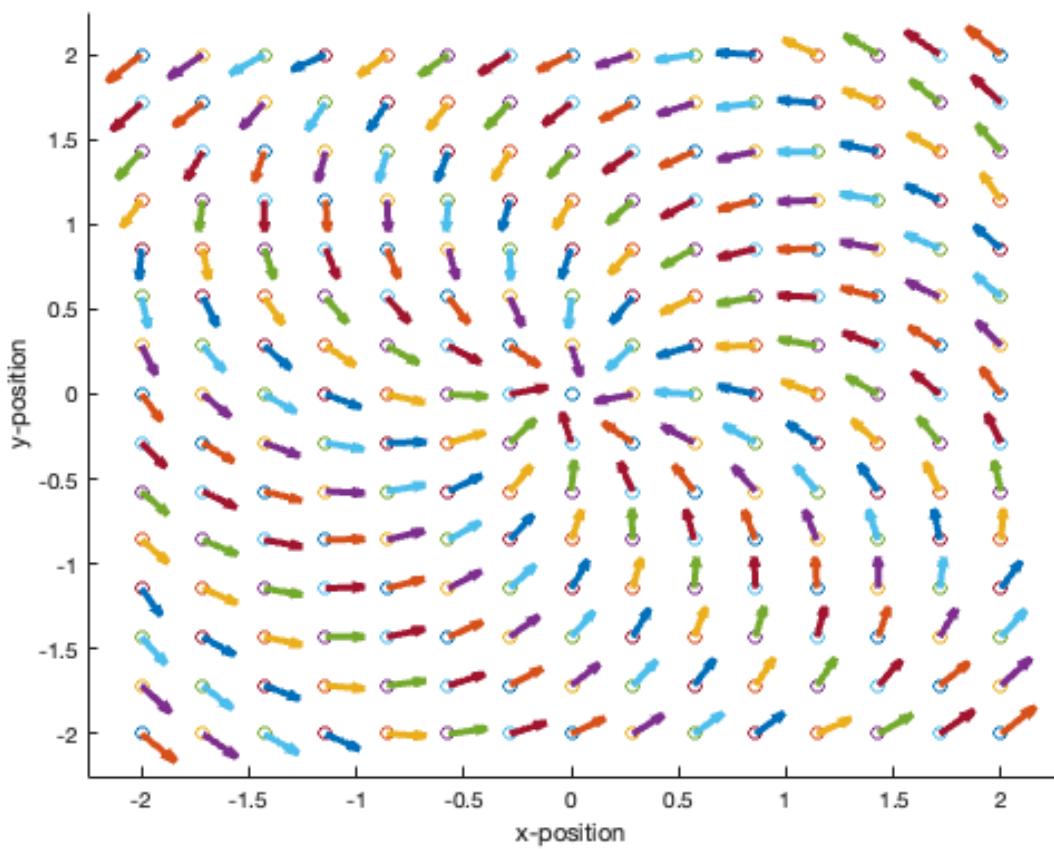
    end
end
hold off;

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end

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and then redrawing the screen based on the detected position

L1=1.2; L2=1.1; TMAX=1;
redline = plot([0 0],[1 0],'r','LineWidth',7); hold on; % create the red
line for L1 that will be continuously repositioned based on the mouse cursor
blueline = plot([0 0],[1 0],'b','LineWidth',5);
f_points = plot([0],[1],'.','MarkerSize',10);
xlim([-4 4]); ylim([-4 4]);
phi_set = linspace(0,2*pi,100);
% linspace
xlabel('x-position')
ylabel('y-position')

function mousemovedetected()
if overaxis(ax),
    C = get (ax, 'CurrentPoint'); % read the current mouse position
(x,y)
    x = C(1,1);
    y = C(1,2);

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( -2*L1*sqrt( (x^2+y^2) ) ) );
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atan2(y,x) - acos( (L2^2-L1^2-x^2-y^2) / (-2*L1*sqrt( (x^2+y^2) ) ) );

    l1_x = cos(theta1)*L1;
    l1_y = sin(theta1)*L1;

    l2_x = cos(theta2)*L2;
    l2_y = sin(theta2)*L2;

    force_points = {}
    for p = 1:length(phi_set)
        val1 = abs(TMAX/ (L1*sin(phi_set(p)) - theta1)) ;
        val2 = abs(TMAX/ (L2*sin(phi_set(p)) - theta2)) ;

        mag = min([val1, val2]);
        fprintf("min %i\n", mag)
        mag=1

        deltax = mag*cos(phi_set(p));
        deltay = mag*sin(phi_set(p));

        p_x = l1_x+l2_x+deltax;
        p_y = l1_y+l2_y+deltay;

        force_points{end+1} = [p_x p_y];

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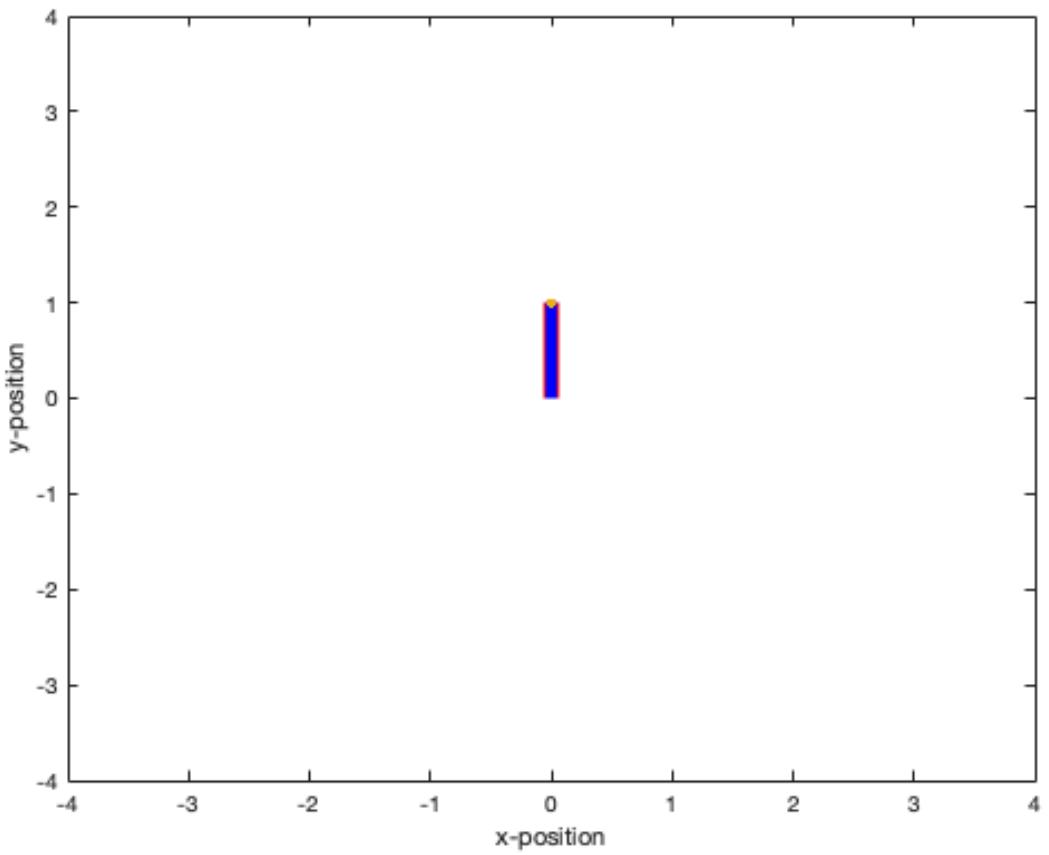
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    end

    if isreal(theta1) & isreal(theta2),
        set(redline, 'xdata',[0, l1_x]); % edit these 2 lines to draw
L1
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        set(blueline, 'xdata',[l1_x, l1_x+l2_x]); % edit these 2 lines
to draw L2
        set(blueline, 'ydata',[l1_y, l1_y+l2_y]);

        XY = cell2mat(force_points);
        X = XY(:,1:2:end);
        Y = XY(:,2:2:end);

        set(f_points, 'xdata', X);
        set(f_points, 'ydata', Y);
    end
end % end the if statement
end % end the mousemovedetected function

function z = overaxis(ax) % determines whether the cursor is over the
specified axis 'ax'
    C = get (ax, 'CurrentPoint'); Cx=C(1,1); Cy=C(1,2);
    z = (Cx>ax.XLim(1)) & (Cx<ax.XLim(2)) & (Cy>ax.YLim(1)) &
(Cy<ax.YLim(2));
end % end the overaxis function
end
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