

MEC 549: Robot Dynamics and Control

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Ch1: A Review of Linear Algebra & Robot Kinematics

Linear Algebra: Matrices

Matrix Norm

General Definition: Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, matrix norm $\|A\| \in \mathbb{R}_+$ is defined such that

- $\|A\| > 0$ when $A \neq \mathbf{0}$ and $\|A\| = 0$ iff $A = \mathbf{0}$.
- $\|kA\| = |k|\|A\|$, $\forall k \in \mathbb{R}$.
- $\|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$, $\forall B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.
- $\|AB\| \leq \|A\|\|B\|$, $\forall B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

The p -norm of A (induced by vector p -norms ¹) for $0 \leq p \leq \infty$ is defined as

$$\|A\|_p = \sup_{\|x\|_p=1} \|Ax\|_p = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_p}{\|x\|_p} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

¹ The p -norm (or ℓ_p -norm) of x for $p \in \mathbb{R}, p \geq 1$ is defined as $\|x\|_p := \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$

Matrix Norm (cont.)

In the special cases of $p = 1, 2, \infty$, these norms can be computed/estimated by:

- $\|A\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ (the max. absolute column sum of A)
- $\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)} = \sigma_{\max}(A)$ (Spectral Norm) $\xrightarrow{\text{if } A = A^T}$

$$\begin{cases} \|A\|_2 = \max_i |\lambda_i(A)| \\ \|A^{-1}\|_2 = 1/\min_i |\lambda_i(A)| \end{cases}$$

(the square root of the maximum eigenvalue of $A^T A$, or the largest singular value of A)
- $\|A\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ (the max. absolute row sum of A)
- **Frobenius Norm:** $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2} = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^T A)}$

$$\|Ax\|_2 \leq \|A\|_2 \|x\|_2, \quad \|A\|_2 \leq \|A\|_F$$

Bilinear Form

A **Bilinear Form** is a scalar function $B: \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_i y_j = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$$

where $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$, $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$, and $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

- The gradient of the bilinear form with respect to \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are given by

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \left(\frac{\partial B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \left(\frac{\partial B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right)^T = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x}$$

Quadratic Form

A special case of bilinear form is the **Quadratic Form**. The quadratic form associated with a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the scalar function $Q: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \quad \forall \mathbf{x}$$

$$Q(x) = ax^2$$

$$Q(x_1, x_2) = ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2$$

$$Q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2 + dx_2x_3 + ex_3^2 + fx_1x_3$$

- The quadratic function associated with a skew-symmetric matrix \mathbf{A}_{ss} is always **zero**.

$$\mathbf{A}_{ss} \text{ is skew-symmetric} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}_{ss} \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad (\forall \mathbf{x})$$

- Therefore, each quadratic function $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ is always equal to a quadratic function with the symmetric part of matrix.

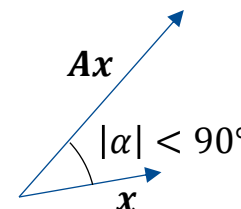
$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{A}_s + \mathbf{A}_{ss}) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}_s \mathbf{x}$$

- If $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$: $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} Q(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\frac{\partial Q(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T = 2\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$, $\dot{Q}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{d}{dt} Q(\mathbf{x}(t)) = 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{x}^T \dot{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{x}$

Definite and Semi-Definite Matrices

A square not necessarily symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is

- **Positive Definite** (PD or $A > 0$) if $x^T A x > 0$ for all nonzero $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- **Positive Semi-Definite** (PSD or $A \geq 0$) if $x^T A x \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- **Negative Definite** (ND or $A < 0$) if $x^T A x < 0$ for all nonzero $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- **Negative Semi-Definite** (NSD or $A \leq 0$) if $x^T A x \leq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- **Indefinite** if A neither positive semi-definite nor negative semi-definite.



- The quadratic form $x^T A x$ is said to be PD iff matrix A is PD.
- A square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is negative definite if $-A$ is positive definite and it is negative semidefinite if $-A$ is positive semidefinite.
- A **necessary** condition for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ to be PD [or PSD] is that its diagonal elements be strictly positive [or nonnegative].
- Since $x^T A_{ss} x = 0$, the test for the definiteness of A can be done by considering only its symmetric part.

Geometric Interpretation of the Positive Definiteness of A .

Definite and Semi-Definite Matrices (cont.)

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is symmetric and PD [or PSD].

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(Sylvester's theorem)

Principal minors (i.e., a_{11} , $a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}$, ..., $\det \mathbf{A}$) all are strictly positive [or nonnegative].

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All its eigenvalues are strictly positive [or nonnegative].



- Any symmetric PD matrix $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T > 0$ is always full-rank (nonsingular, invertible).
- Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a symmetric PD matrix and λ_{\min} , λ_{\max} be the minimum and maximum eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} . For any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$,
($\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$)

$$\lambda_{\min} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \lambda_{\max} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} \quad (\text{Rayleigh-Ritz Theorem})$$

- Semi-definiteness of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ implies that $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = r < n$, $\text{null}(\mathbf{A}) = n - r$, and thus r eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} are positive/negative and $n - r$ are 0. For $\mathbf{x} \in \text{null}(\mathbf{A})$, $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 0$.
- A matrix inequality of the form $\mathbf{A}_1 > \mathbf{A}_2$, where $\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ means that $\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2 > 0$, i.e., $\mathbf{A}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2$ is PD. Similar notations apply to the concepts of PSD, ND, NSD.

Rigid-Body Motions

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Rotations	Rigid-Body Motions
$R \in SO(3)$: 3×3 matrices $R^T R = R R^T = I_3, \det(R) = 1$	$T \in SE(3)$: 4×4 matrices $T = \begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$ where $R \in SO(3), p \in \mathbb{R}^3$
$R^{-1} = R^T$	$T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -R^T p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Change of coordinate frame: $R_{ab} R_{bc} = R_{ac}, R_{ab} p_b = p_a$ $(R_{ab} = R_{ba}^{-1} = R_{ba}^T)$	Change of coordinate frame: $T_{ab} T_{bc} = T_{ac}, T_{ab} p_b = p_a$ $(T_{ab} = T_{ba}^{-1})$

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<p>Rotating a frame $\{b\}$:</p> $\mathbf{R} = \text{Rot}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}, \theta)$ <p>$\mathbf{R}_{sb'} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}_{sb}$: rotate θ about $\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_s = \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$</p> <p>$\mathbf{R}_{sb'} = \mathbf{R}_{sb}\mathbf{R}$: rotate θ about $\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_b = \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$</p>	<p>Displacing a frame $\{b\}$:</p> $\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Rot}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}, \theta) & \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ <p>$\mathbf{T}_{sb'} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}_{sb}$: rotate θ about $\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_s = \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ (moves $\{b\}$ origin), translate \mathbf{p} in $\{s\}$</p> <p>$\mathbf{T}_{sb'} = \mathbf{T}_{sb}\mathbf{T}$: translate \mathbf{p} in $\{b\}$, rotate θ about $\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ in new body frame</p>
<p>Unit rotation axis is $\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, where $\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}\ = 1$</p>	<p>“Unit” screw axis is $\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_\omega \\ \mathbf{S}_v \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^6$, where either (i) $\ \mathbf{S}_\omega\ = 1$ or (ii) $\ \mathbf{S}_\omega\ = 0, \ \mathbf{S}_v\ = 1$</p>
	<p>For a screw axis $\{\mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}, h\}$ with finite h,</p> $\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_\omega \\ \mathbf{S}_v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{s}} \\ -\hat{\mathbf{s}} \times \mathbf{q} + h\hat{\mathbf{s}} \end{bmatrix}$
<p>Angular velocity is $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}\dot{\theta}$</p>	<p>Twist is $\boldsymbol{\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{S}\dot{\theta}$</p>

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<p>For any $\boldsymbol{\omega} = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$,</p> $[\boldsymbol{\omega}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in so(3)$ <p>Properties: For any $\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \boldsymbol{R} \in SO(3)$:</p> $[\boldsymbol{\omega}] = -[\boldsymbol{\omega}]^T, [\boldsymbol{\omega}]\boldsymbol{x} = -[\boldsymbol{x}]\boldsymbol{\omega},$ $[\boldsymbol{\omega}][\boldsymbol{x}] = ([\boldsymbol{x}][\boldsymbol{\omega}])^T, \boldsymbol{R}[\boldsymbol{\omega}]\boldsymbol{R}^T = [\boldsymbol{R}\boldsymbol{\omega}]$	<p>For any $\boldsymbol{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega} \\ \boldsymbol{v} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^6$ or $\boldsymbol{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{S}_\omega \\ \boldsymbol{S}_v \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^6$,</p> $[\boldsymbol{v}] = \begin{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{\omega}] & \boldsymbol{v} \\ \boldsymbol{0} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in se(3),$ $[\boldsymbol{S}] = \begin{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{S}_\omega] & \boldsymbol{S}_v \\ \boldsymbol{0} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in se(3)$
$\dot{\boldsymbol{R}}\boldsymbol{R}^{-1} = [\boldsymbol{\omega}_s], \quad \boldsymbol{R}^{-1}\dot{\boldsymbol{R}} = [\boldsymbol{\omega}_b] \quad (\boldsymbol{R} := \boldsymbol{R}_{sb})$	$\dot{\boldsymbol{T}}\boldsymbol{T}^{-1} = [\boldsymbol{v}_s], \quad \boldsymbol{T}^{-1}\dot{\boldsymbol{T}} = [\boldsymbol{v}_b] \quad (\boldsymbol{T} := \boldsymbol{T}_{sb})$
	$[\text{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}}] = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{R} & \boldsymbol{0} \\ [\boldsymbol{p}]\boldsymbol{R} & \boldsymbol{R} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times 6}$ <p>Properties: $[\text{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}}]^{-1} = [\text{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}^{-1}}],$</p> $[\text{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_1}][\text{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_2}] = [\text{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_1\boldsymbol{T}_2}]$
<p>Change of coordinate frame:</p> $\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_a = \boldsymbol{R}_{ab}\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_b, \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}_a = \boldsymbol{R}_{ab}\boldsymbol{\omega}_b$	<p>Change of coordinate frame:</p> $\boldsymbol{S}_a = [\text{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_{ab}}]\boldsymbol{S}_b, \quad \boldsymbol{v}_a = [\text{Ad}_{\boldsymbol{T}_{ab}}]\boldsymbol{v}_b$

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$\hat{\omega}_s = R_{sb} \hat{\omega}_b$	$\mathcal{S}_s = [\text{Ad}_{T_{sb}}] \mathcal{S}_b, \mathcal{V}_s = [\text{Ad}_{T_{sb}}] \mathcal{V}_b$
Exponential coordinate for $R \in SO(3)$: $\hat{\omega}\theta \in \mathbb{R}^3$	Exponential coordinate for $T \in SE(3)$: $S\theta \in \mathbb{R}^6$
$\exp: [\hat{\omega}]\theta \in so(3) \rightarrow R \in SO(3)$ $R = \text{Rot}(\hat{\omega}, \theta) = e^{[\hat{\omega}]\theta}$ $R = I_3 + \sin \theta [\hat{\omega}] + (1 - \cos \theta) [\hat{\omega}]^2$ (Rodrigues' formula for rotations)	$\exp: [S]\theta \in se(3) \rightarrow T \in SE(3)$ $T = e^{[S]\theta}$ $T = \begin{bmatrix} e^{[S_\omega]\theta} & G(\theta)S_v \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $G(\theta) = I_3\theta + (1 - \cos \theta)[S_\omega] + (\theta - \sin \theta)[S_\omega]^2$
$\log: R \in SO(3) \rightarrow [\hat{\omega}]\theta \in so(3)$ $\log(R) = [\hat{\omega}]\theta$	$\log: T \in SE(3) \rightarrow [S]\theta \in se(3)$ $\log(T) = [S]\theta$
Moment change of coordinate frame: $m_a = R_{ab} m_b$	Wrench change of coordinate frame: $\mathcal{F}_a = \begin{bmatrix} m_a \\ f_a \end{bmatrix} = [\text{Ad}_{T_{ba}}]^T \mathcal{F}_b$

Forward/Velocity/Inverse Kinematics

Forward Kinematics

The forward kinematics of a robot refers to the calculation of the position and orientation (**pose**) of its end-effector frame from its joint positions θ .

- “Geometric” forward kinematics:

Given $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$, Find $T_{sb} = T(\theta) \in SE(3)$

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow SE(3)$$

(Using PoE or D-H Method)

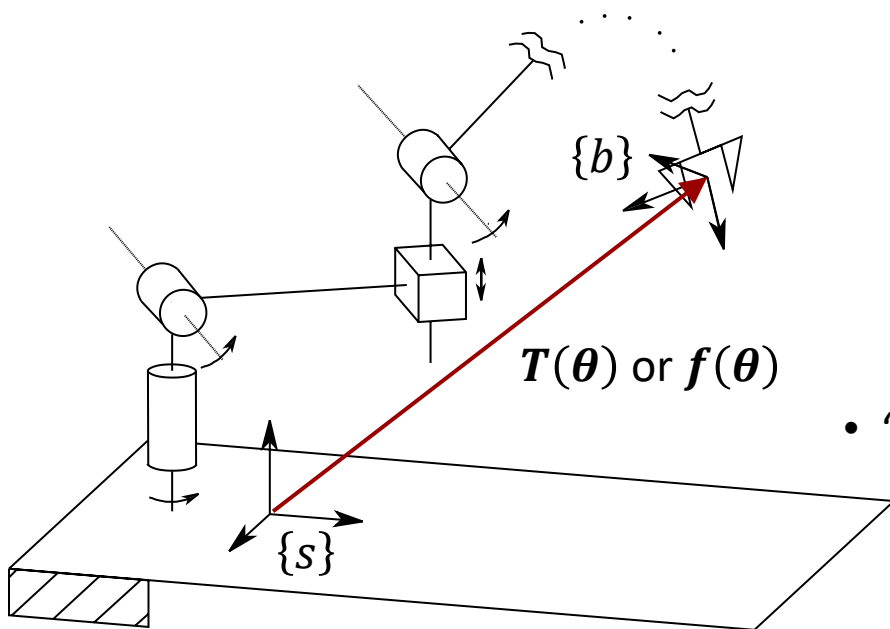
$$T(\theta) = e^{[S_1]\theta_1} \dots e^{[S_{n-1}]\theta_{n-1}} e^{[S_n]\theta_n} M$$

where $M = T_{sb}(0) \in SE(3)$ and S_1, \dots, S_n are screw axes expressed in $\{s\}$ when $\theta = 0$.

- “Minimum-Coordinate” forward kinematics:

Given $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$, Find $x = f(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^r$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$$



Velocity Kinematics

$\bullet \quad \mathbf{v}_s = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega}_s \\ \mathbf{v}_s \end{bmatrix} = J_s(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$	$\bullet \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}}_e = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\phi} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = J_{a,\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad \boldsymbol{\phi} = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$
$\bullet \quad \mathbf{v}_b = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega}_b \\ \mathbf{v}_b \end{bmatrix} = J_b(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$	$\bullet \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}}_e = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = J_{a,\mathbf{q}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad \mathbf{q} = (q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3) \\ (\ \mathbf{q}\ = 1)$
$\bullet \quad \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega}_s \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} \end{bmatrix} = J_g(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$	$\bullet \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}}_e = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = J_{a,\mathbf{r}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad \mathbf{r} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}\ = 1, \boldsymbol{\theta} \in [0, \pi])$

Geometric Jacobian

Analytic Jacobian

$$-J_s(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = [J_{s1} \quad J_{s2}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \cdots \quad J_{sn}(\boldsymbol{\theta})], \quad J_{si}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \left[\text{Ad}_{e^{[s_1]\theta_1} \cdots e^{[s_{i-1}]\theta_{i-1}}} \right] \mathbf{s}_i \quad \begin{matrix} i = 2, \dots, n, \\ J_{s1} = \mathbf{s}_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$-J_b(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = [\text{Ad}_{T_{bs}}] J_s(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\text{- Statics: } \boldsymbol{\tau} = J_b^T(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mathcal{F}_b, \quad \boldsymbol{\tau} = J_s^T(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mathcal{F}_s$$

$$\text{- In singular configuration } \boldsymbol{\theta}^*, J(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n} \text{ is rank-deficient, i.e., } \text{rank}(J(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*)) < r.$$

Inverse Kinematics

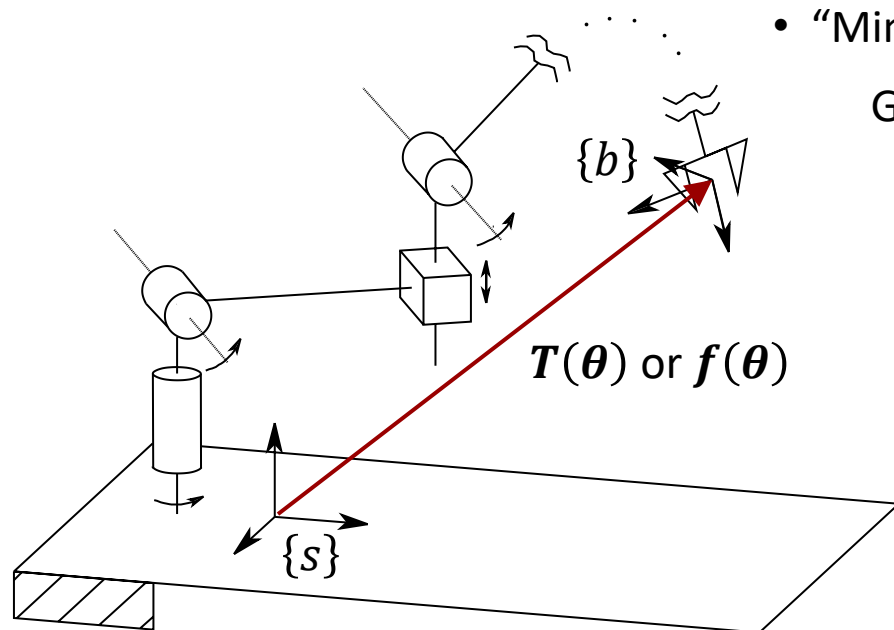
The inverse kinematics of a robot refers to the calculation of the joint coordinates θ from the position and orientation (**pose**) of its end-effector frame.

- “Geometric” inverse kinematics:

Given $T_{sb} = T(\theta) \in SE(3)$, Find $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$

- “Minimum-Coordinate” inverse kinematics:

Given $x = f(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^m$, Find $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$



- **Analytic Methods:** Finding closed-form solutions using algebraic or geometric intuition.
- **Iterative Numerical Methods:** Using Newton–Raphson or Gradient Descent methods, respectively:

$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k + \lambda J_a^+(\theta^k) (x_d - f(\theta^k))$$

$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k + \lambda J_a^T(\theta^k) (x_d - f(\theta^k))$$

Trajectory Generation

Trajectory Generation: Path & Time Scaling

Trajectory $\mathcal{C}(s(t))$ or $\mathcal{C}(t)$ specifies the robot configuration as a function of time, i.e., the combination of a **path** $\mathcal{C}(s)$ and a **time scaling** $s(t)$.

$$\mathcal{C}: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$s: [0, t_f] \rightarrow [0,1]$$

- Straight-Line Path in Joint Space: $\boldsymbol{\theta}(s) = \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{start}} + s(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{end}} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{start}})$

- Straight-Line Path in Task Space:

$$(1) \mathbf{x}(s) = \mathbf{x}_{\text{start}} + s(\mathbf{x}_{\text{end}} - \mathbf{x}_{\text{start}}) \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$(2) \mathbf{p}(s) = \mathbf{p}_{\text{start}} + s(\mathbf{p}_{\text{end}} - \mathbf{p}_{\text{start}}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\mathbf{R}(s) = \mathbf{R}_{\text{start}} \exp(\log(\mathbf{R}_{\text{start}}^T \mathbf{R}_{\text{end}}) s) \in SO(3)$$

$$(3) \mathbf{T}(s) = \mathbf{T}_{\text{start}} \exp(\log(\mathbf{T}_{\text{start}}^{-1} \mathbf{T}_{\text{end}}) s) \in SE(3)$$

Examples of Time Scaling:

- 3rd-Order, 5th-Order Polynomial Position Profile
 - Trapezoidal/S-Curve Velocity Profile
 - Polynomial Via Point Trajectories
- $$\begin{cases} s(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3 \\ s(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3 + a_4 t^4 + a_5 t^5 \end{cases}$$

