RBE 500 Homework #4

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Problem 4.6

Given $R = R_{x,\theta}R_{y,\phi}$, compute $\frac{\partial R}{\partial \phi}$. Evaluate $\frac{\partial R}{\partial \phi}$ at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$. First parametrically compute, then evaluate by plugging the values in.

Solution

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}\left(R_{x,\theta}R_{y,\phi}\right) = R_{x,\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}\left(R_{y,\phi}\right)$$

Using the the fact that $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\theta}\left(R_{y,\theta}\right) = S(j)R_{y,\theta}$,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{x,\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}\left(R_{y,\phi}\right) = R_{x,\theta}S(j)R_{y,\phi} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\phi & 0 & \sin\phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\phi & 0 & \cos\phi \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -\sin\left(\phi\right) & 0 & \cos\left(\phi\right) \\ \cos\left(\phi\right)\,\sin\left(\theta\right) & 0 & \sin\left(\phi\right)\,\sin\left(\theta\right) \\ -\cos\left(\phi\right)\,\cos\left(\theta\right) & 0 & -\cos\left(\theta\right)\,\sin\left(\phi\right) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now, plugging in the values $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We performed the above computations using the following MATLAB code.

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% Calculation code for problem 4.6 of the RBE500 textbook (HW 4)

clear; close all; clc;

syms theta phi

% Define the matrices in our problem
rotx_theta = [1 0 0; 0 cos(theta) -sin(theta); 0 sin(theta) cos(theta)];
Sj = [0 0 1; 0 0 0; -1 0 0];
roty_phi = [cos(phi) 0 sin(phi); 0 1 0; -sin(phi) 0 cos(phi)];

% Multiply the matrices
product = rotx_theta*Sj*roty_phi;

% Get latex output
latex(product)

phi_val = pi/2;
theta_val = pi/2;

% Now plug in values
product_val = [ -sin(phi_val), 0, cos(phi_val);
cos(phi_val)*sin(theta_val), 0, sin(phi_val)*sin(theta_val);
-cos(phi_val)*cos(theta_val), 0, -cos(theta_val)*sin(phi_val)]
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Problem 4.10

Two frames $o_0x_0y_0z_0$ and $o_1x_1y_1z_1$ are related by the homogeneous transformation

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A particle has velocity $v_1(t) = (3, 1, 0)$ relative to frame $o_1x_1y_1z_1$. What is the velocity of the particle in frame $o_0x_0y_0z_0$?

Solution

The given H is the homogeneous transformation H_1^0. Therefore, $R_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $o_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

At any given point in time, the position of the particle with respect to frame $o_1x_1y_1z_1$ is given as $p^1(t)$. We know that

$$p^0(t) = R_1^0 p^1(t) + o_1^0$$

Taking the derivative of both sides and using the product rule, we get

$$v^0(t) = \dot{R}_1^0 p^1(t) + R_1^0 v^1(t) + 0$$

But, $\dot{R}_1^0 = 0$ since R_1^0 is a constant in time. Therefore,

$$v^0(t) = R_1^0 v^1(t)$$

$$v^0(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v^0(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which was calculated by the following MATLAB script

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% Calculation code for problem 4.10 of the RBE500 textbook (HW 4)

clear; close all; clc;

R = [0 -1 0; 1 0 0; 0 0 1];
v1 = [3; 1; 0];

v0 = R*v1
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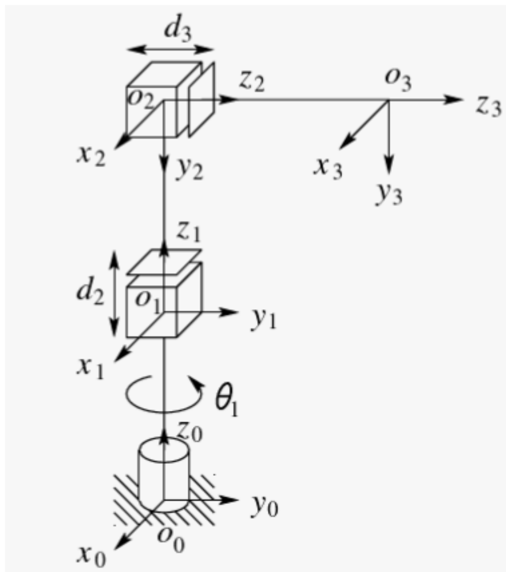
Problem 4.15

Find the 6×3 Jacobian for the three links of the cylindrical manipulator of Figure 3.7. Find the singular configurations for this arm.

Solution

Figure 3.7 of our book is the following.



We can see that we have 3 joints, so $n = 3$. Let us also form the table given in the lecture videos:

	Linear component	Angular component
Revolute joint	$J_{v_i} = z^0_{i-1} \times (o^0_n - o^0_{i-1})$	$J_{v_i} = z^0_{i-1}$
Prismatic joint	$J_{\omega_i} = z^0_{i-1}$	$J_{\omega_i} = 0$

Using this table, and the fact that the upper half of the Jacobian contains linear components while the bottom half contains angular components, we have

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} z_0 \times (o_3 - o_0) & z_1 & z_2 \\ z_0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$