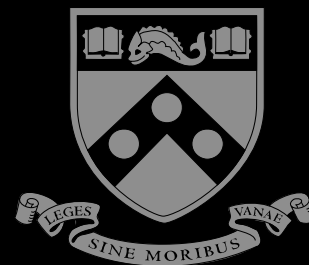


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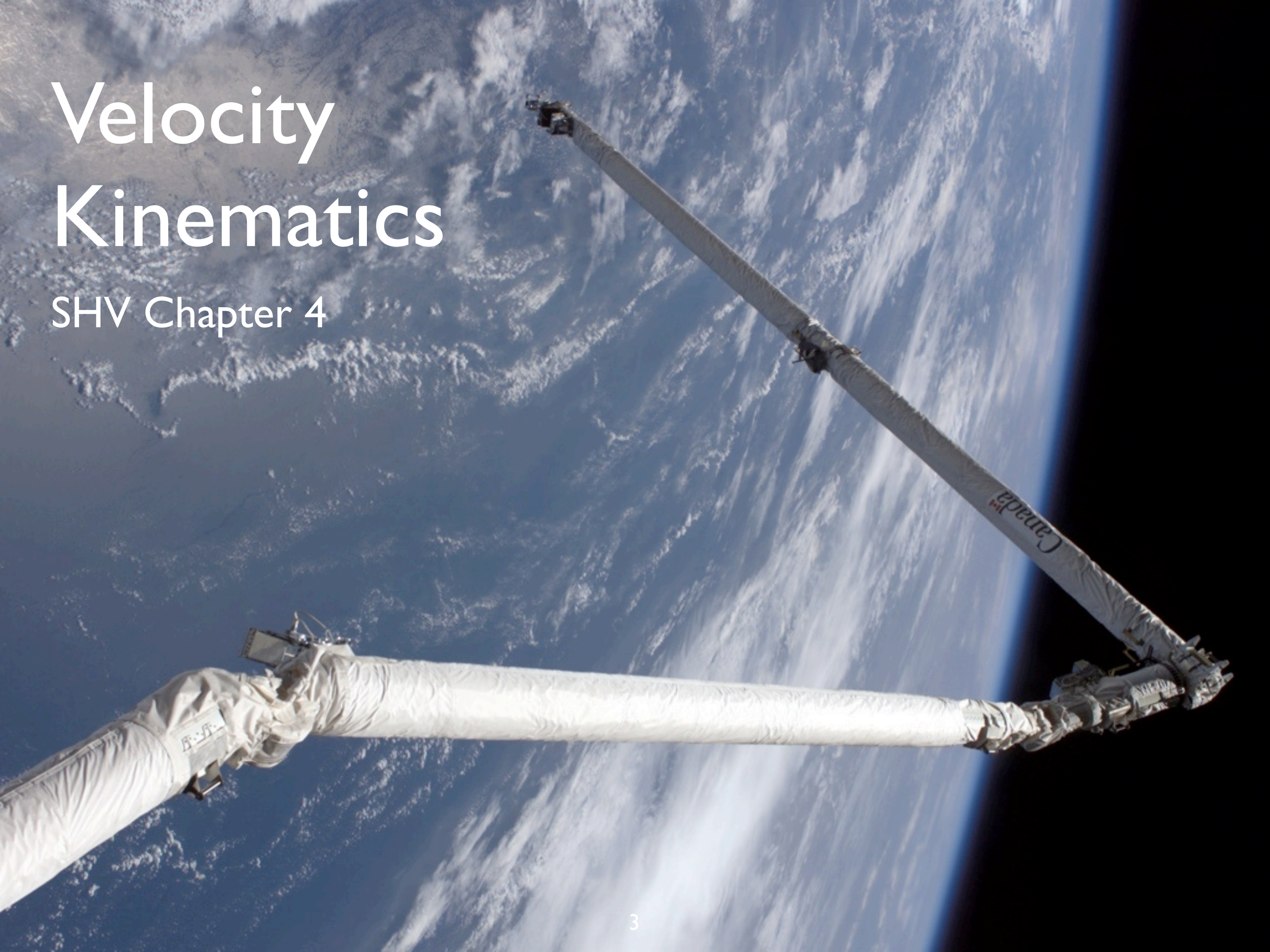
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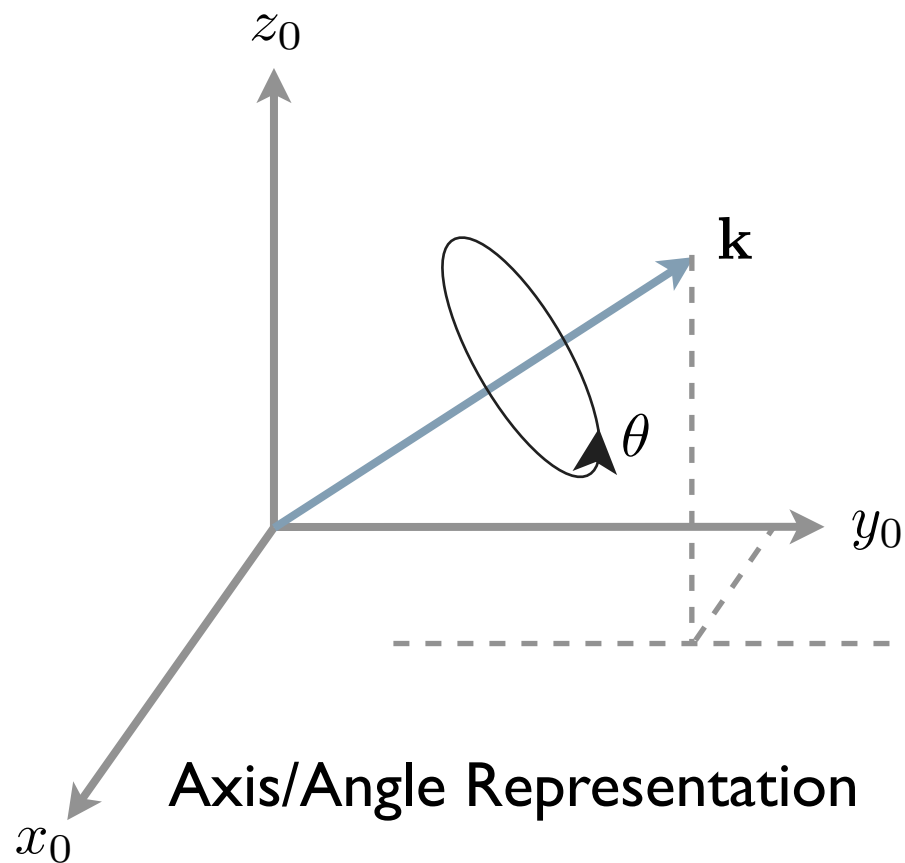
Velocity Kinematics

SHV Chapter 4



$$\dot{R} = \frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{dR}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

? ✓



$$S + S^T = 0$$

$$S(\vec{a}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_z & a_y \\ a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & a_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S(\vec{a})\vec{p} = \vec{a} \times \vec{p}$$

$$\frac{dR}{d\theta} = S(\hat{\omega}) R$$

The skew-symmetric matrix S defines the axis about which rotation is occurring.

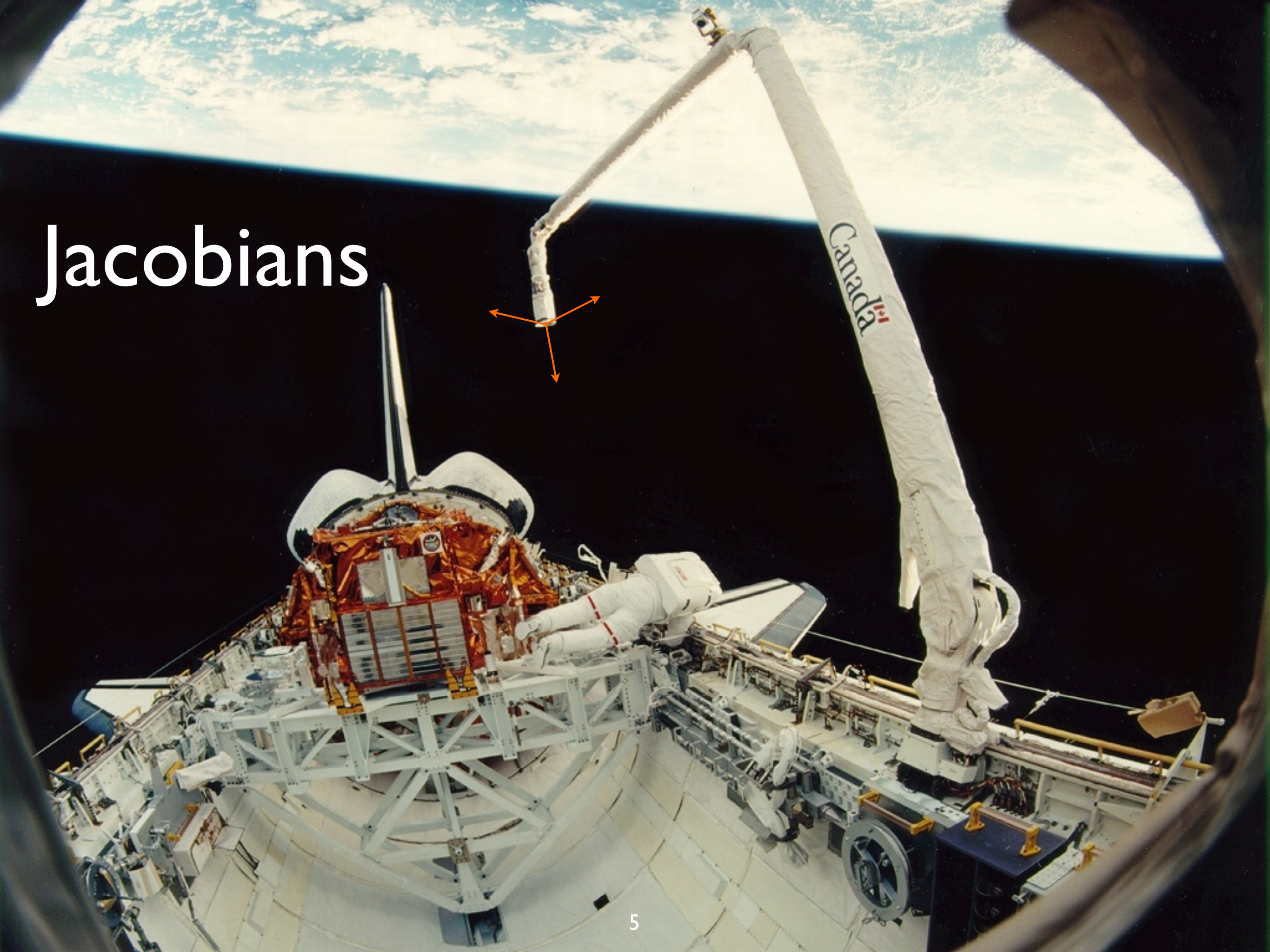
$$\frac{dR}{dt} = S(\vec{\omega}) R$$

In general, you simply form S from the angular velocity vector and don't need to differentiate the matrix.

$$\vec{\omega}_2^0 = \vec{\omega}_{0,1}^0 + R_1^0 \vec{\omega}_{1,2}^1$$

$$\dot{\vec{p}}^0 = S(\vec{\omega}^0) R_1^0 \vec{p}^1 + \dot{\vec{o}}_1^0$$

Jacobians



explore how **changes** in joint values affect the end-effector movement

could have **N joints**, but only **six** end-effector velocity terms (xyzpts)

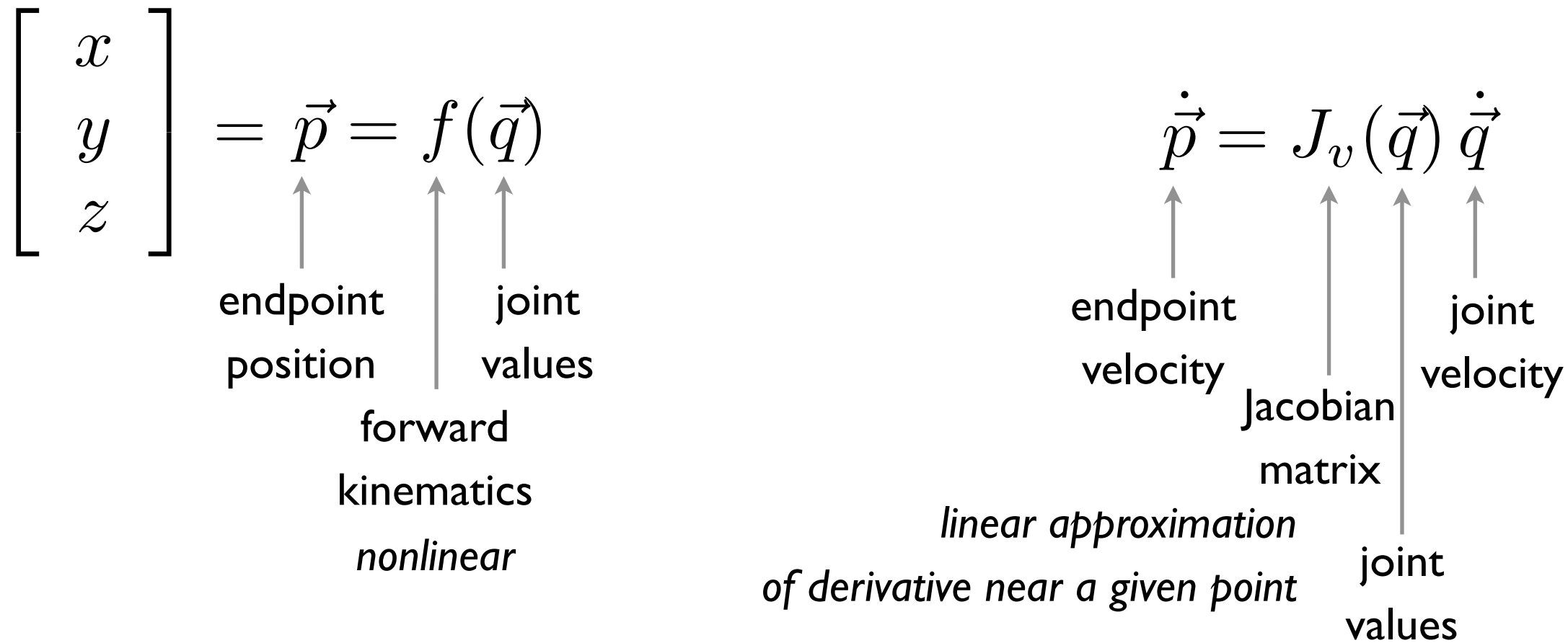
The **Jacobian** matrix lets us calculate how joint velocities translate into end-effector velocities (depends on configuration)

look at it in two parts - position and orientation

$$v_n^0 = J_v \dot{q}$$

$$\omega_n^0 = J_\omega \dot{q}$$

How do we calculate the linear velocity (position) Jacobian?



For an n-dimensional joint space and a cartesian workspace, the position Jacobian is a 3 x n matrix composed of the partial derivatives of the end-effector position with respect to each joint variable.

$$J_v(\vec{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_n} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_n} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial z}{\partial q_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\vec{p}} = J_v(\vec{q}) \dot{\vec{q}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_n} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_n} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial q_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial z}{\partial q_n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

distance/time
such as m/s

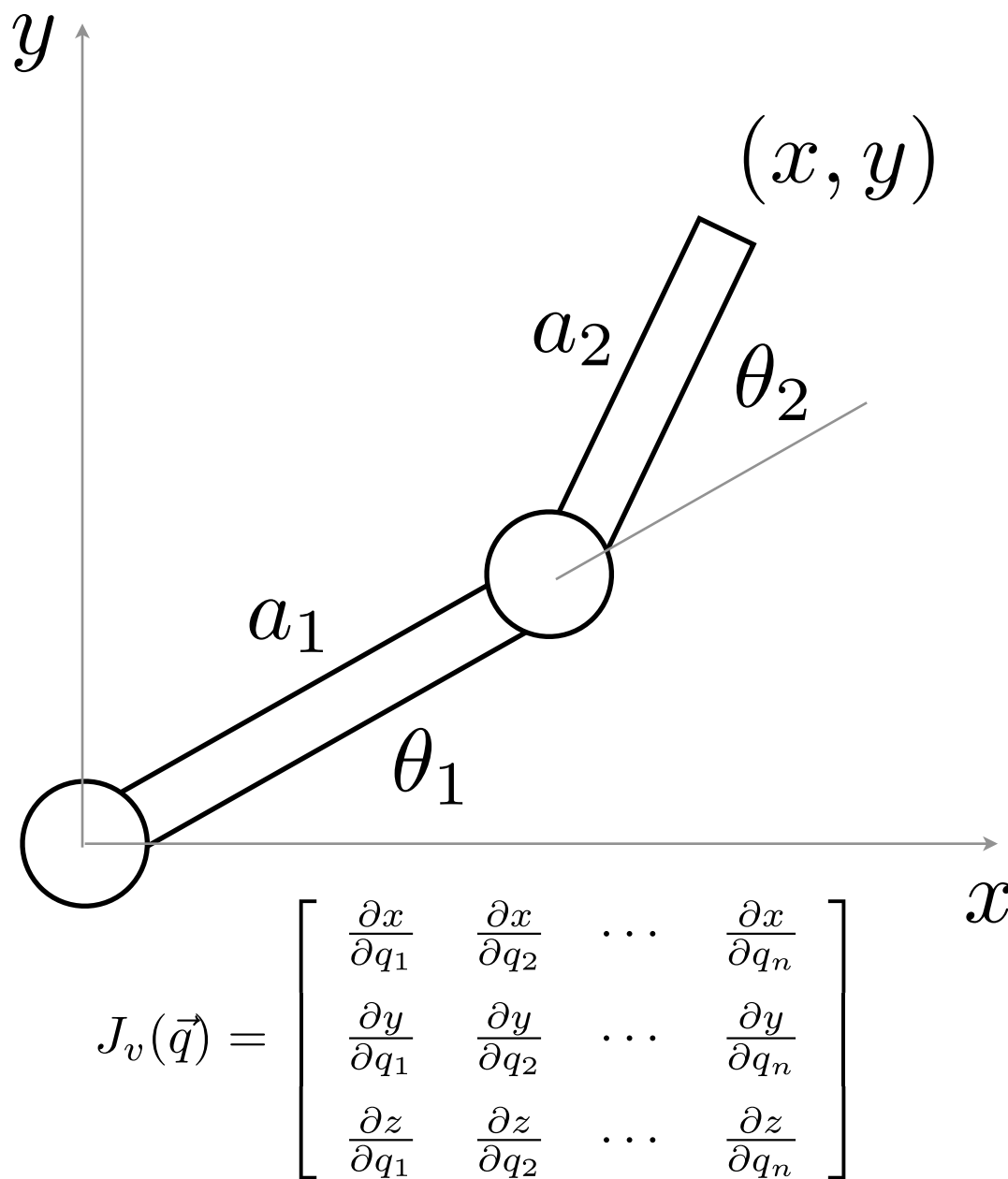
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Evaluate the Jacobian at the
robot's current pose

revolute: angle/time such as rad/s
prismatic: distance/time such as m/s

What units do the entries of the Jacobian have?

if joint i is revolute, column i is in distance/angle such as m/rad or m

if joint i is prismatic and units match, column i is unitless



From the forward kinematics, we can extract the position vector from the last column of the transform matrix:

$$d_2^0 = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 c_{12} + a_1 c_1 \\ a_2 s_{12} + a_1 s_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Taking the partial derivative with respect to each joint variable produces the Jacobian:

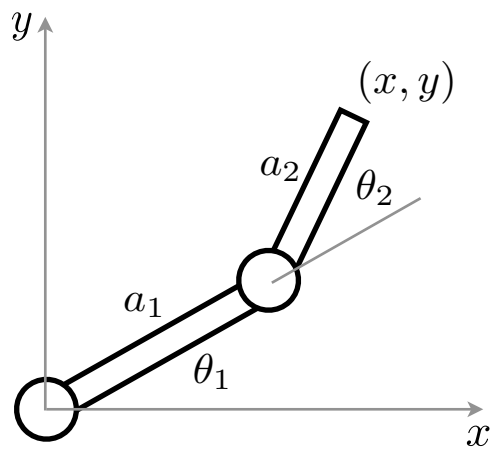
$$J_v(\vec{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 s_1 - a_2 s_{12} & -a_2 s_{12} \\ a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} & a_2 c_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which relates instantaneous joint velocities to endpoint velocities

This mapping depends on the robot's current pose!

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 s_1 - a_2 s_{12} & -a_2 s_{12} \\ a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} & a_2 c_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The Position Jacobian : Planar RR

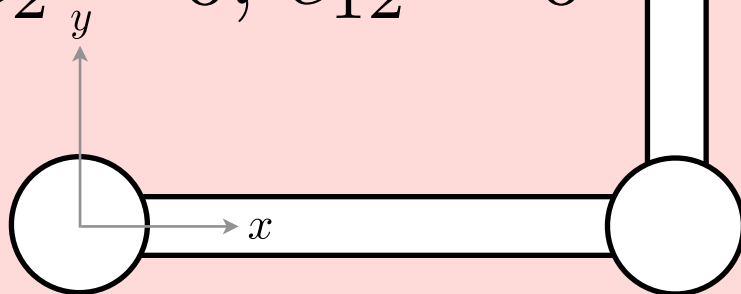


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$$\theta_1 = 0, \theta_2 = \pi/2$$

$$s_1 = 0, s_2 = 1, s_{12} = 1$$

$$c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0, c_{12} = 0$$

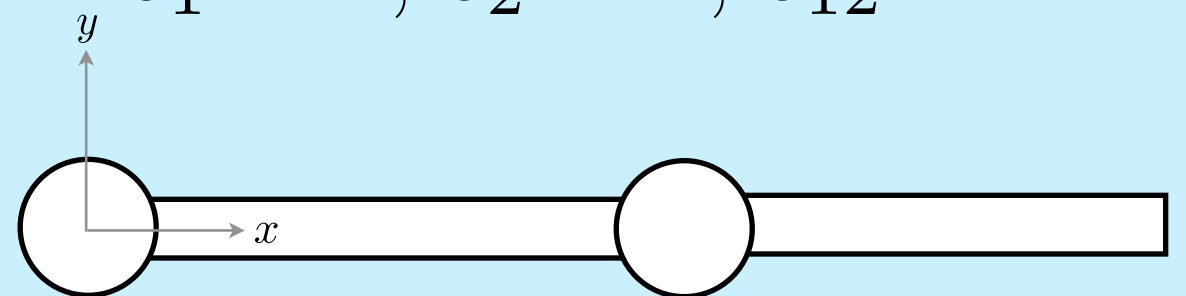


$$J_v([0 \ \pi/2]^T) = \begin{bmatrix} -a_2 & -a_2 \\ a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta_1 = 0, \theta_2 = 0$$

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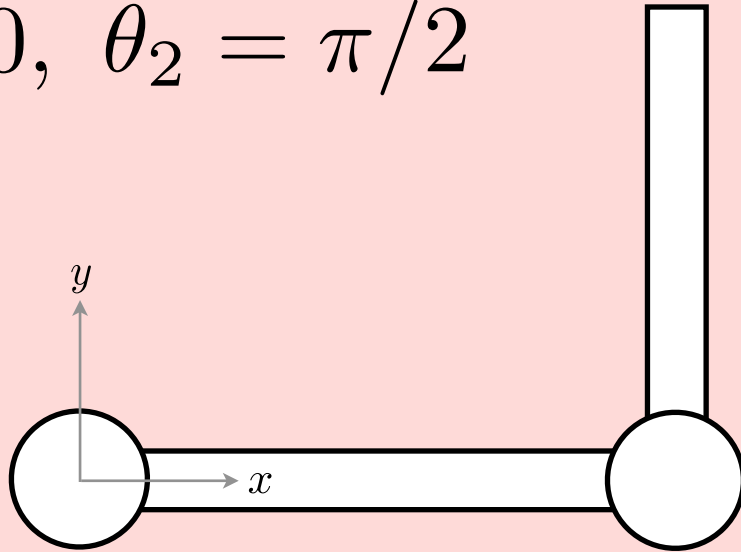
$$c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1, c_{12} = 1$$



$$J_v([0 \ 0]^T) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a_1 + a_2 & a_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

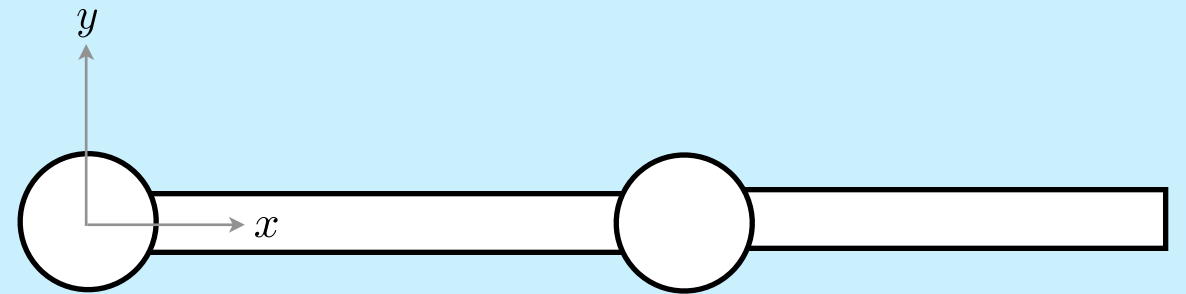
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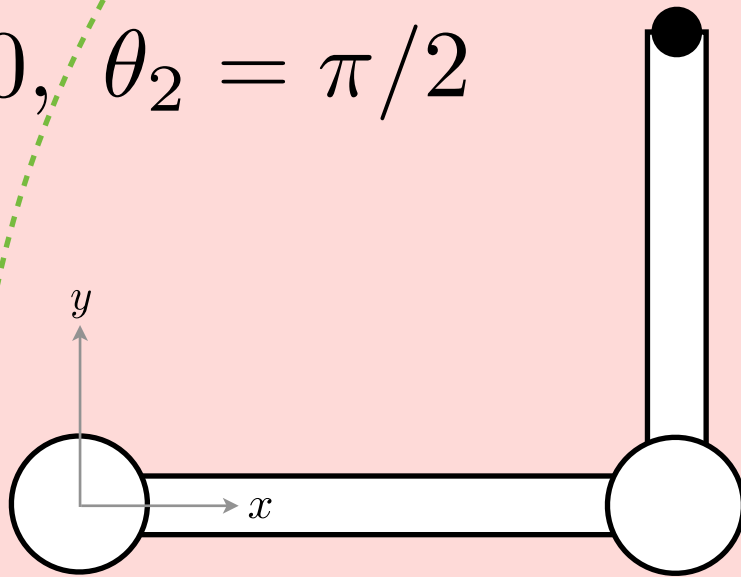
$$\dot{\vec{p}} = J_v(\vec{q}) \dot{\vec{q}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_2\dot{\theta}_1 - a_2\dot{\theta}_2 \\ a_1\dot{\theta}_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ (a_1 + a_2)\dot{\theta}_1 + a_2\dot{\theta}_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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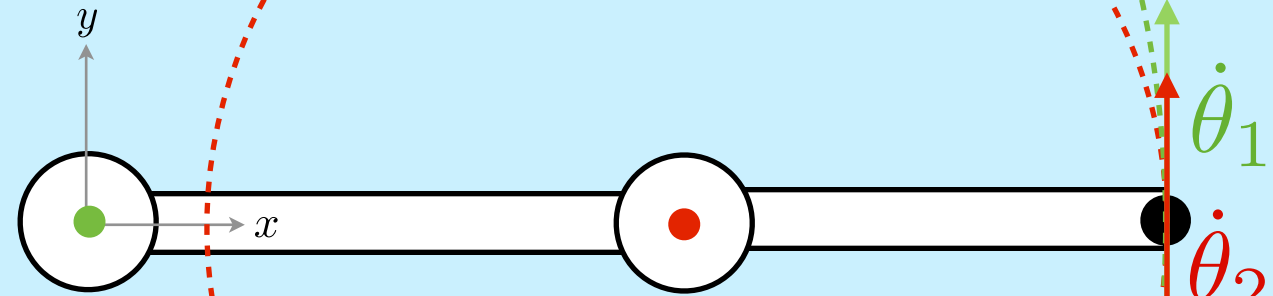


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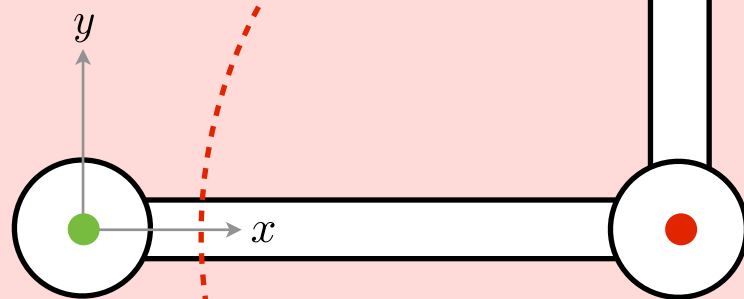
$$J_v([0 \quad 0]^T) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a_1 + a_2 & a_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Notice anything else about this configuration?
The robot's tip cannot move in the x or z directions...

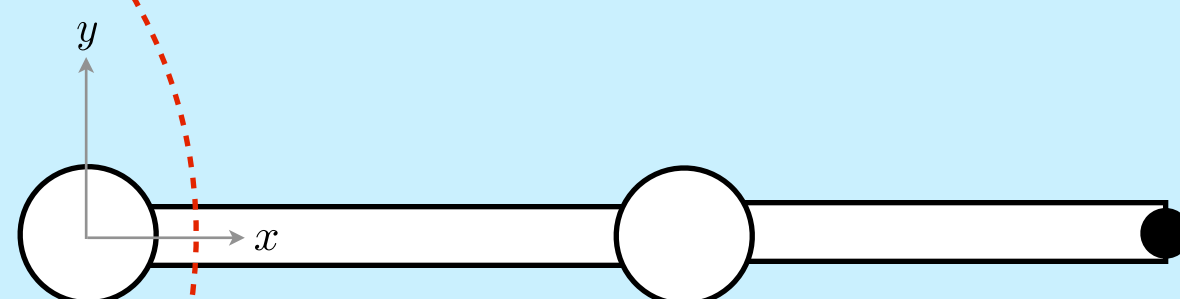
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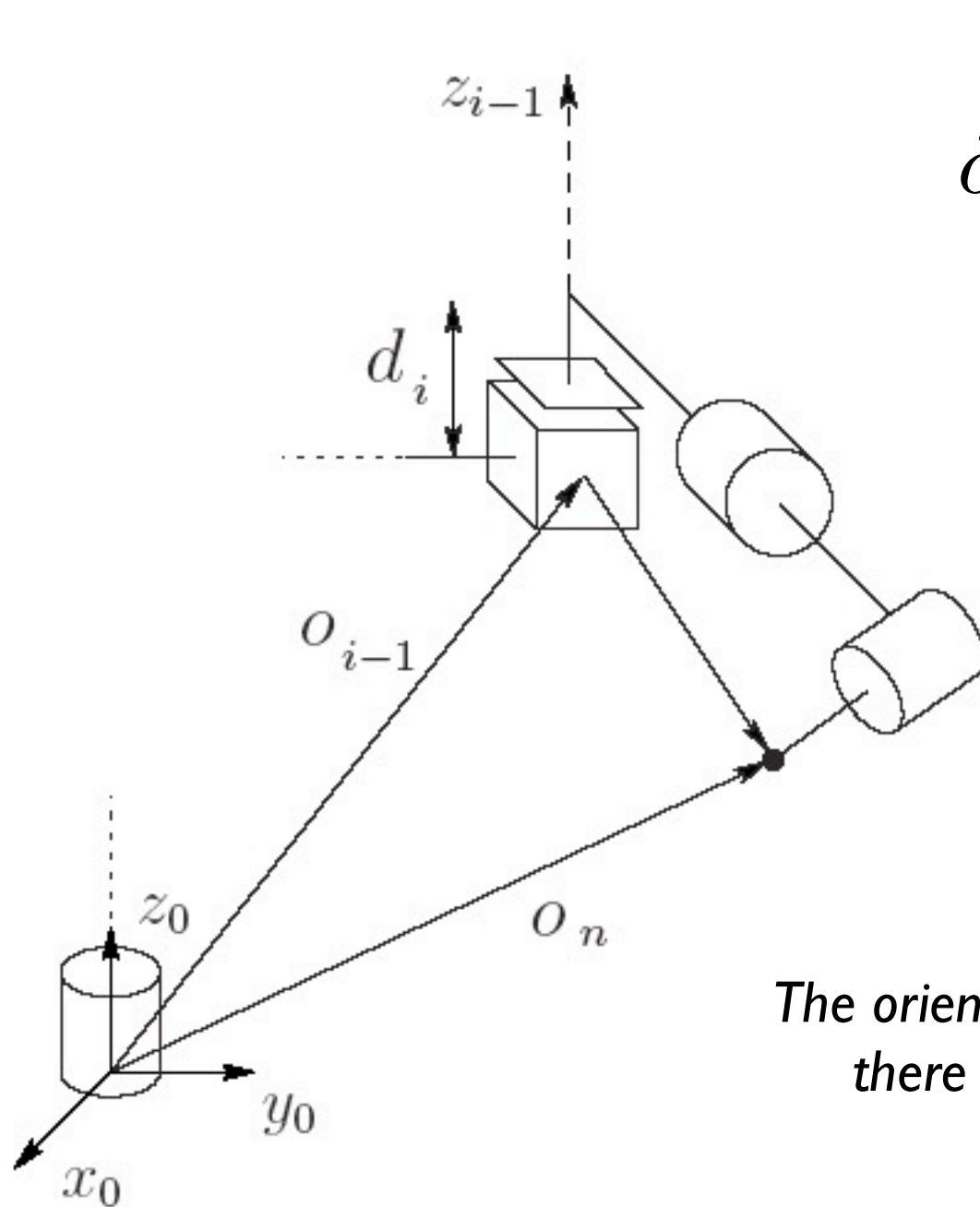
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The robot's tip cannot move in the z direction, but it can move in both x and y directions...

Questions ?

Another Way to Calculate the Jacobian Covered in SHV 4.6.2

Prismatic Joints



$$\dot{o}_n^0 = \dot{d}_i R_{i-1}^0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \dot{d}_i z_{i-1}^0$$

$$J_{v_i} = z_{i-1}$$

The orientation of a z-axis depends on the robot's pose if there are any revolute joints before it in the chain.

Figure 4.1: Motion of the end effector due to prismatic joint i .

Revolute Joints

$$v = \omega \times r$$

$$\omega = \dot{\theta}_i z_{i-1}$$

$$r = o_n - o_{i-1}$$

$$J_{v_i} = z_{i-1} \times (o_n - o_{i-1})$$

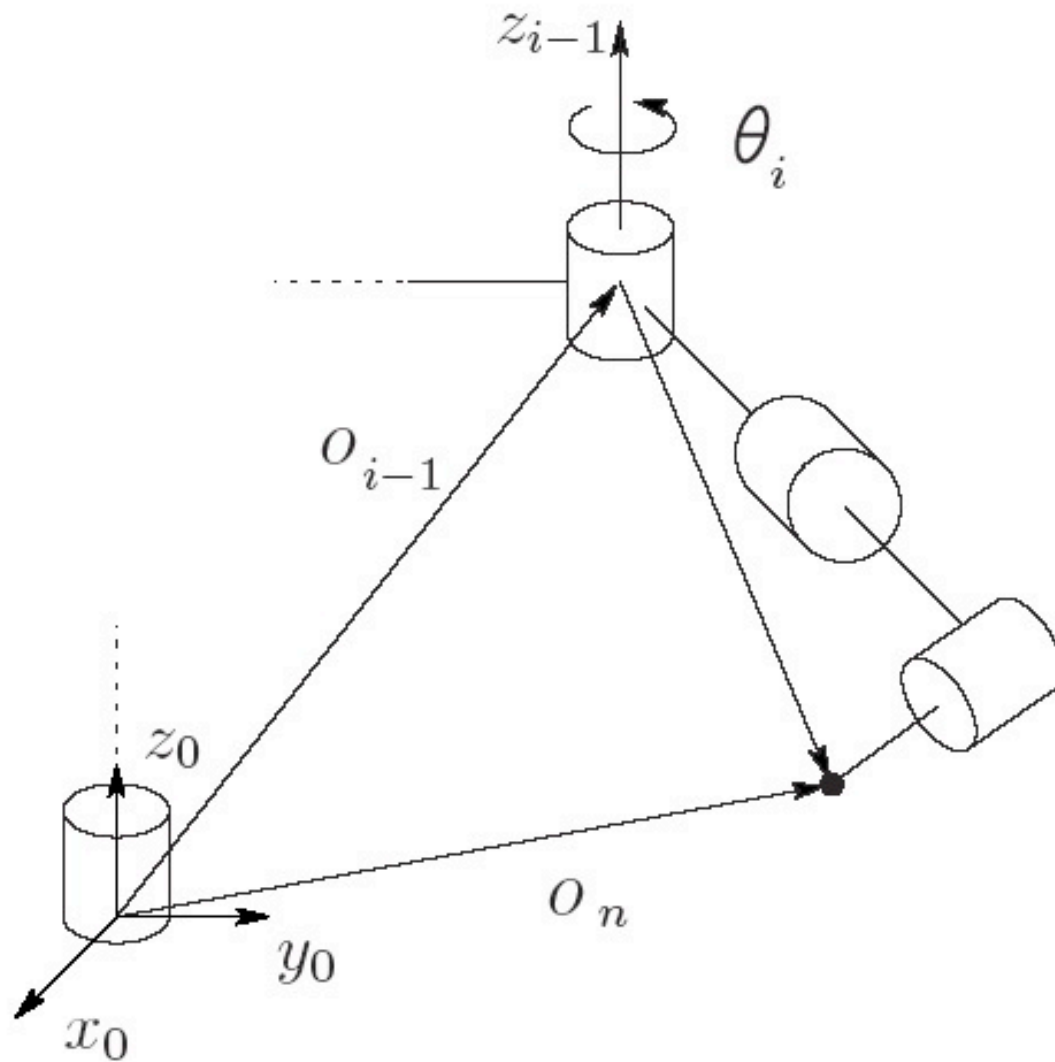


Figure 4.2: Motion of the end effector due to revolute joint i .

Another way to construct the position Jacobian.

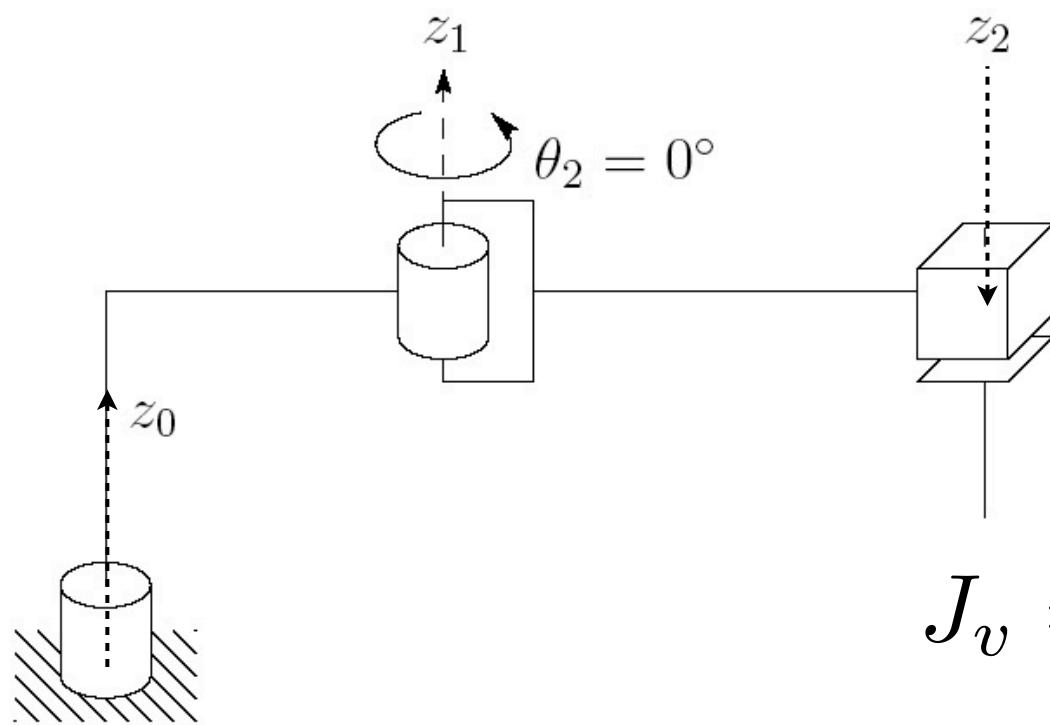
Prismatic Joints

$$J_{v_i} = z_{i-1}$$

Revolute Joints

$$J_{v_i} = z_{i-1} \times (o_n - o_{i-1})$$

What is the SCARA's Jacobian?



$$J_v = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 s_1 - a_2 s_{12} & -a_2 s_{12} & 0 \\ a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} & a_2 c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

I prefer to calculate position Jacobians by differentiating the end-effector position, but both approaches are valid, enabling you to check your work and increase your intuition.

Questions ?

$$v_n^0 = J_v \dot{q}$$

What joint velocities should I choose to cause a desired end-effector velocity?
(inverse velocity kinematics)

$$\dot{q} = J_v^{-1} v_n^0$$

Can a robot always achieve all end-effector velocities?

No. This works only when the Jacobian is square and invertible (non-singular).

SHV 4.11 explains what to do when the Jacobian is not square:

rank test (v is in range of J)

use J^+ (right pseudoinverse of J)

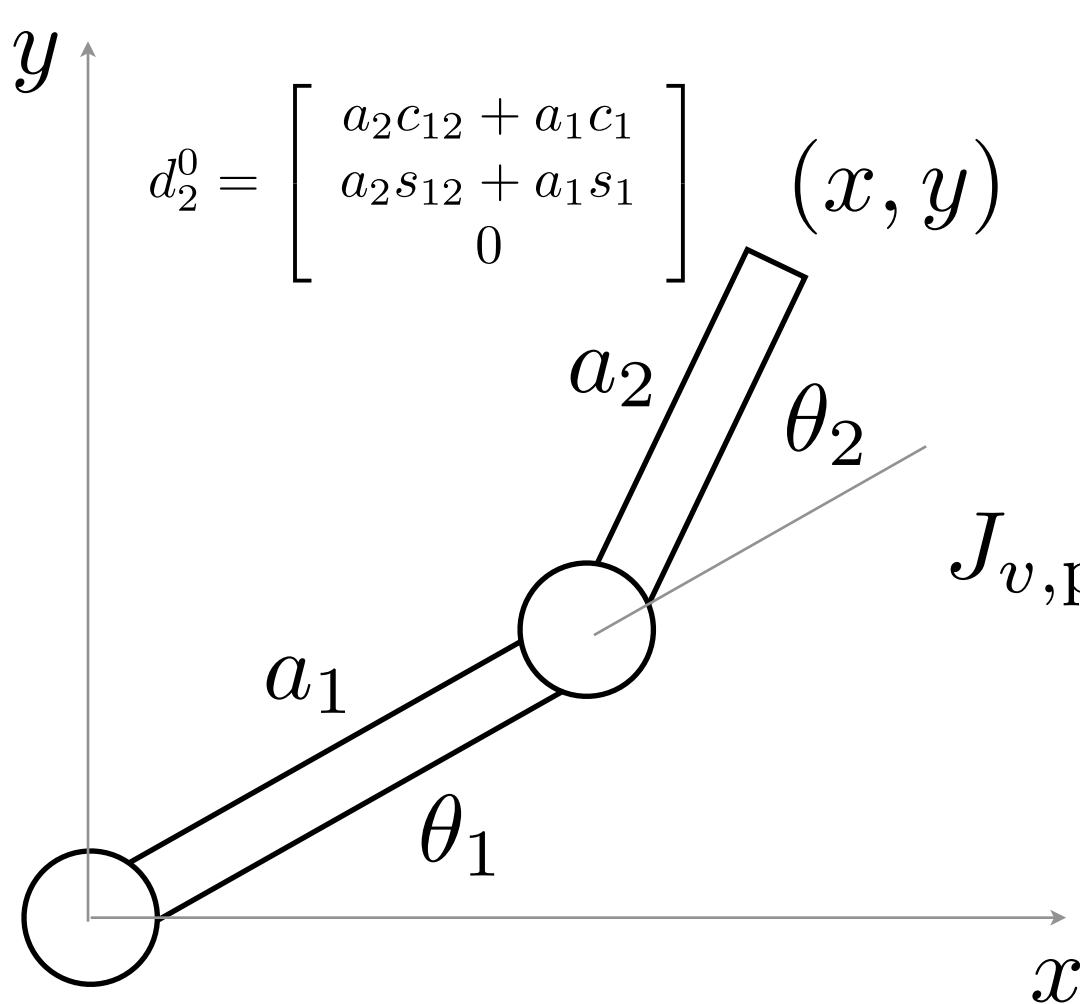
when the robot has extra joints, there are many solutions

Singularities are points in the configuration space where infinitesimal motion in a certain direction is not possible and the manipulator loses one or more degrees of freedom

Mathematically, singularities exist at any point in the workspace where the Jacobian matrix loses rank.

a matrix is singular if and only if its determinant is zero:

$$\det(J_v) = 0$$



$$d_2^0 = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 c_{12} + a_1 c_1 \\ a_2 s_{12} + a_1 s_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_v(\vec{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 s_1 - a_2 s_{12} & -a_2 s_{12} \\ a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} & a_2 c_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_{v,\text{planar}}(\vec{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 s_1 - a_2 s_{12} & -a_2 s_{12} \\ a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} & a_2 c_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(J_{v,\text{planar}}(\vec{q})) = ?$$

$$\det(J_{v,\text{planar}}(\vec{q})) = a_1 a_2 (c_1 s_{12} - s_1 c_{12})$$

When does $\det(\mathbf{J}) = 0$?

Any other times?

$\det(\mathbf{J}) = 0$ when $\theta_2 = 0$

$\det(\mathbf{J}) = 0$ when $a_1 = 0$ or $a_2 = 0$

if $\theta_2 = 0$, $c_1 s_{12} - s_1 c_{12} = c_1 s_1 - s_1 c_1 = 0$

Is that the only time?

No... $\det(\mathbf{J}) = 0$ when $\theta_2 = \dots, -2\pi, -\pi, 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots$

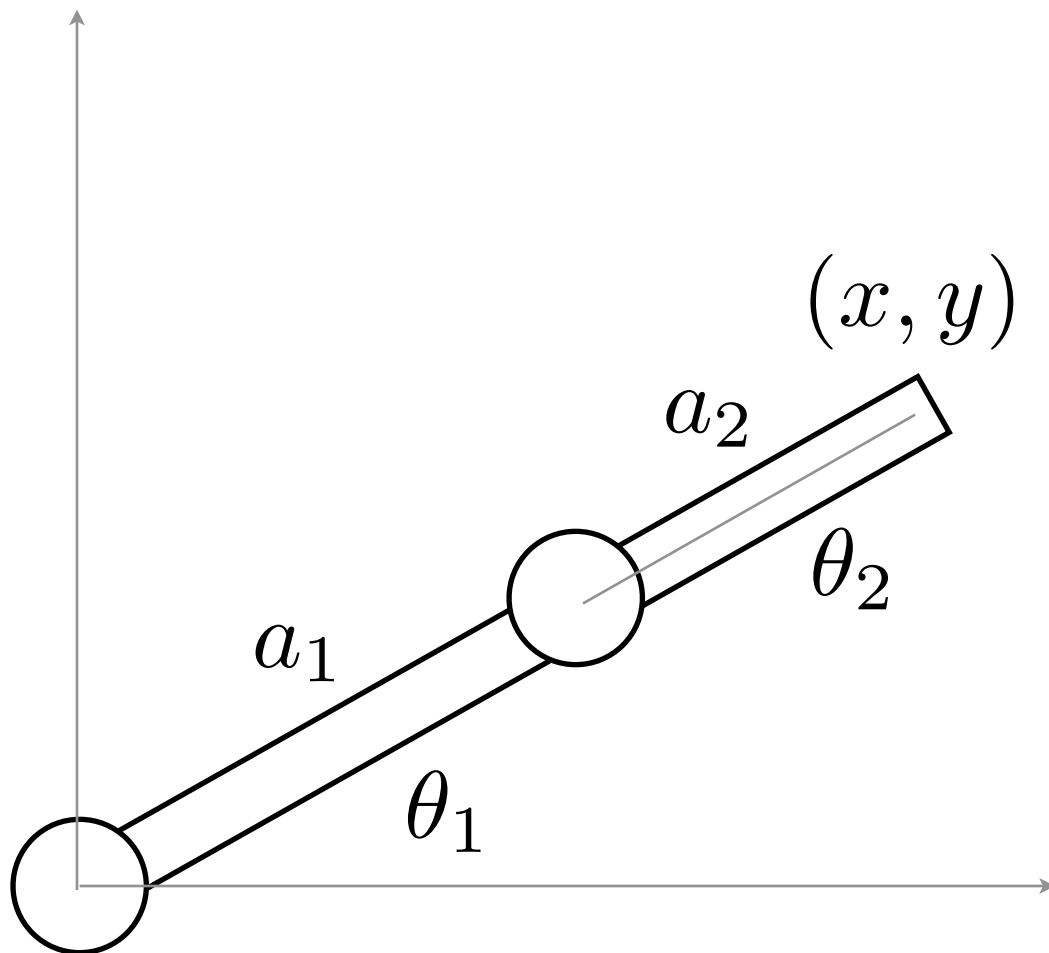
For $\theta_2 = 0$

The Jacobian collapses to have linearly dependent rows

$$\mathbf{J}_{\theta_2=0} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 s_1 - a_2 s_1 & -a_2 s_1 \\ a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_1 & a_2 c_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This means that actuating either joint causes motion in the same direction

We often try to avoid singularities.



Questions ?

explore how **changes** in joint values affect the end-effector movement

could have **N joints**, but only **six** end-effector velocity terms (xyzpts)

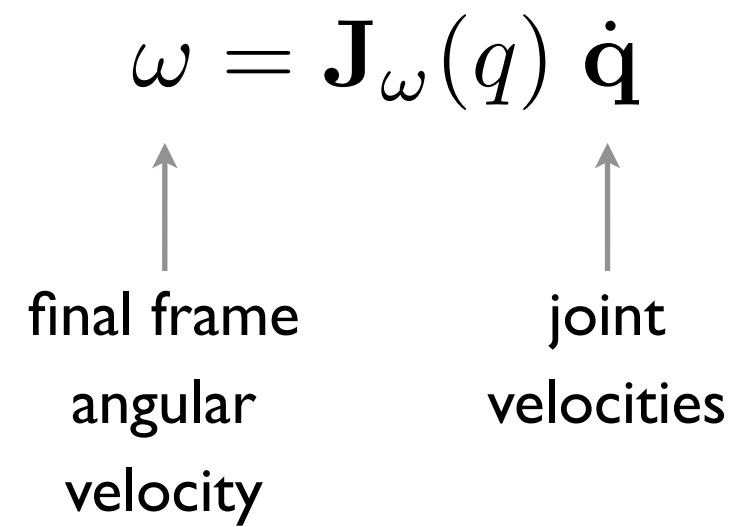
The **Jacobian** matrix lets us calculate how joint velocities translate into end-effector velocities (depends on configuration)

look at it in two parts - position and orientation

$$v_n^0 = J_v \dot{q}$$

$$\omega_n^0 = J_\omega \dot{q}$$

How do we calculate the orientation Jacobian?

$$\omega = \mathbf{J}_\omega(q) \dot{\mathbf{q}}$$


The diagram illustrates the relationship between the final frame angular velocity and the joint velocities. The equation $\omega = \mathbf{J}_\omega(q) \dot{\mathbf{q}}$ is shown. Below the equation, two labels are positioned: "final frame angular velocity" on the left and "joint velocities" on the right. Two vertical arrows point upwards from these labels to the terms ω and $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$ in the equation, respectively.

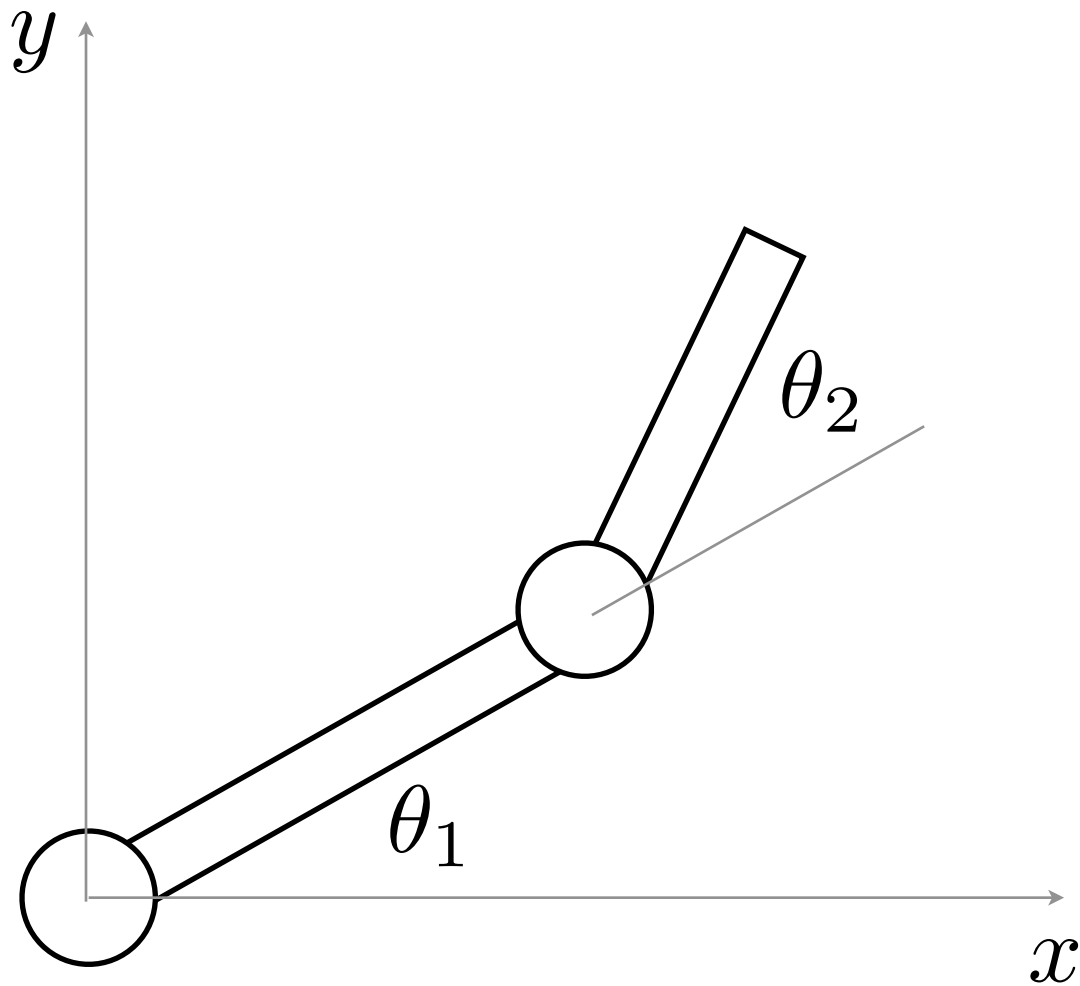
final frame
angular
velocity

joint
velocities

$$\omega_{i,j}^k$$

this is the angular velocity of frame **j**
with respect to frame **i**,
expressed in frame **k**

SHV 4.1 gives a good explanation of angular velocity for fixed-axis rotation. SHV 4.2-4.5 go into greater detail.



$$\omega_{0,1}^0 = 0 \hat{x}_0 + 0 \hat{y}_0 + \dot{\theta}_1 \hat{z}_0$$

$$\omega_{1,2}^1 = 0 \hat{x}_1 + 0 \hat{y}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \hat{z}_1$$

$$\omega_{1,2}^0 = \mathbf{R}_1^0 \omega_{1,2}^1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{0,2}^0 &= \omega_{0,1}^0 + \mathbf{R}_1^0 \omega_{1,2}^1 \\ &= 0 \hat{x}_0 + 0 \hat{y}_0 + (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \hat{z}_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega_{0,n}^0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{R}_{i-1}^0 \omega_{i-1,i}^{i-1}$$

$$\omega_{0,n}^0 = \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{R}_{i-1}^0 \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \dot{\theta}_i$$

note: this holds for revolute joints only (by definition, a prismatic joint cannot create angular velocity)

And now, for that Jacobian!

$$\omega_{0,n}^0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i (\mathbf{R}_{i-1}^0 \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \dot{\theta}_i \quad \rho_i = \begin{array}{l} 0 \text{ for prismatic} \\ 1 \text{ for revolute} \end{array}$$

$$\omega_{0,n}^0 = [\rho_1 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad \rho_2 \mathbf{R}_1^0 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad \rho_3 \mathbf{R}_2^0 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad \cdots \quad \rho_n \mathbf{R}_{n-1}^0 \hat{\mathbf{z}}] \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\theta}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\omega = \mathbf{J}_\omega(q) \dot{\mathbf{q}}$$

$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_p \\ \mathbf{J}_\omega \end{bmatrix}$

(6 x n) Jacobian
a.k.a. manipulator Jacobian
a.k.a. geometric Jacobian

(3 x n) cartesian velocity Jacobian

(3 x n) angular velocity Jacobian

The Jacobian is easily constructed from the manipulator's forward kinematics.

What do you need from the forward kinematics?

4.6.3 Combining the Linear and Angular Velocity Jacobians

As we have seen in the preceding section, the upper half of the Jacobian J_v is given as

$$J_v = [J_{v_1} \cdots J_{v_n}] \quad (4.56)$$

in which the i^{th} column J_{v_i} is

$$J_{v_i} = \begin{cases} z_{i-1} \times (o_n - o_{i-1}) & \text{for revolute joint } i \\ z_{i-1} & \text{for prismatic joint } i \end{cases} \quad (4.57)$$

The lower half of the Jacobian is given as

$$J_\omega = [J_{\omega_1} \cdots J_{\omega_n}] \quad (4.58)$$

in which the i^{th} column J_{ω_i} is

$$J_{\omega_i} = \begin{cases} z_{i-1} & \text{for revolute joint } i \\ 0 & \text{for prismatic joint } i \end{cases} \quad (4.59)$$

Questions ?

Homework 6: Velocity Kinematics and Jacobians

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October 17, 2013

This paper-based assignment is due on **Thursday, October 24, by midnight (11:59:59 p.m.)** You should aim to turn it in during class that day. If you don't finish until later in the day, you can turn it in to Professor Kuchenbecker's office, Towne 224, in the bin or under the door. Late submissions will be accepted until Sunday, September 29, by midnight (11:59:59 p.m.), but they will be penalized by 10% for each partial or full day late, up to 30%. After the late deadline, no further assignments may be submitted.

You may talk with other students about this assignment, ask the teaching team questions, use a calculator and other tools, and consult outside sources such as the Internet. To help you actually learn the material, what you write down must be your own work, not copied from any other individual or a solution manual. Any submissions suspected of violating Penn's Code of Academic Integrity will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct. If you get stuck, post a question on Piazza or go to office hours!

These problems are loosely based on problems that appear in the printed version of the textbook, *Robot Modeling and Control* by Spong, Hutchinson, and Vidyasagar (SHV); all of the needed instructions are included in this document. Write in pencil, show your work clearly, box your answers, and staple together all pages of your assignment. This assignment is worth a total of 20 points.

1. Skew-Symmetric Matrices (6 points)

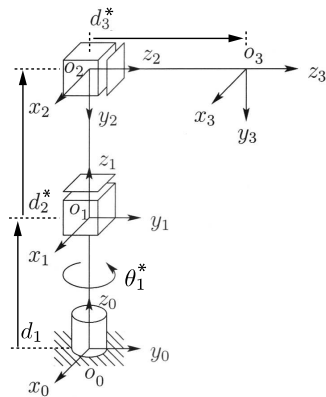
- a. We define $\hat{u} = [x \ y \ z]^T$ to be a unit vector. What is $S(\hat{u})$, the skew-symmetric matrix associated with this unit vector?
- b. Now define $\vec{v} = [0 \ 10 \ 0]^T$ and calculate $S(\hat{u})\vec{v}$.
- c. What is the geometric meaning of the result you obtained in the last step? Draw a sketch with an arbitrarily chosen unit vector \hat{u} to explain. Think about both the magnitude and the direction of the result.
- d. Show that $S^3(\hat{u}) = -S(\hat{u})$.
- e. What is the geometric meaning of the equation $S^3(\hat{u}) = -S(\hat{u})$? Explain using words and a sketch.
- f. $R_{\hat{u},\theta}$ is a rotation matrix representing rotation by the time-varying angle θ about the constant unit vector \hat{u} . By considering equation (2.43) in the book, one can show that $R_{\hat{u},\theta} = I + S(\hat{u})\sin\theta + S^2(\hat{u})\text{vers}\theta$, where the versine $\text{vers}\theta = 1 - \cos\theta$. Note that you do not need to show this equivalence. Instead, use this equivalence and the equation from the previous step to show that $\frac{dR_{\hat{u},\theta}}{d\theta} = S(\hat{u})R_{\hat{u},\theta}$.
- g. What is the intuitive meaning of the equation $\frac{dR_{\hat{u},\theta}}{d\theta} = S(\hat{u})R_{\hat{u},\theta}$?

Homework 6

Written Assignment

Due next Thursday

2. Three-link Cylindrical Manipulator (7 points)



$$T_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & -s_1 & -s_1 d_3 \\ s_1 & 0 & c_1 & c_1 d_3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & d_1 + d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Above are the DH diagram and the corresponding transformation matrix T_3^0 for a three-link cylindrical manipulator. The diagram shows θ_1 at zero, and d_2 and d_3 are shown at positive displacements. These materials are adapted from the derivation on pages 85 and 86 of the book.

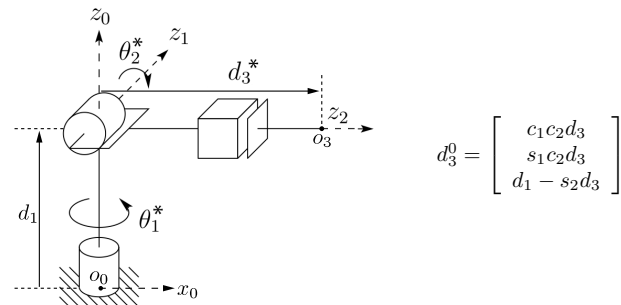
- Use the position of the end-effector in the base frame to calculate the 3×3 linear velocity Jacobian J_v for this robot.
- Use the positions of the origins o_i and the orientations of the z-axes z_i to calculate the 3×3 linear velocity Jacobian J_v for the same robot. You should get the same answer as before.
- Find the 3×3 angular velocity Jacobian J_ω for the same robot.
- Imagine this robot is at $\theta_1 = \pi/2$ rad, $d_2 = 0.2$ m, and $d_3 = 0.3$ m, and its joint velocities are $\dot{\theta}_1 = 0.1$ rad/s, $\dot{d}_2 = 0.25$ m/s, and $\dot{d}_3 = -0.05$ m/s. What is v_3^0 , the linear velocity vector of the end-effector with respect to the base frame, expressed in the base frame? Make sure to provide units with your answer.
- For the same situation, what is ω_3^0 , the angular velocity vector of the end-effector with respect to the base frame, expressed in the base frame? Make sure to provide units with your answer.
- Use your answers from above to derive the singular configurations of the arm, if any. Here we are concerned with the linear velocity of the end-effector, not its angular velocity. Be persistent with the calculations; they should reduce to something nice.
- Sketch the cylindrical manipulator in each singular configuration that you found, and explain what effect the singularity has on the robot's motion in that configuration.

Homework 6

Written Assignment

Due next Thursday

3. Three-link Spherical Manipulator (7 points)



Above are the DH diagram and the corresponding tip position vector d_3^0 for a three-link spherical manipulator. The diagram shows θ_1 and θ_2 at zero, and d_3 is shown at a positive displacement.

- Calculate the 3×3 linear velocity Jacobian J_v for this manipulator. You may use any method you choose.
- Find the 3×3 angular velocity Jacobian J_ω for the same robot.
- Imagine this robot is at $\theta_1 = \pi/4$ rad, $\theta_2 = 0$ rad, and $d_3 = 1$ m. What is ω_3^0 , the angular velocity vector of the end-effector with respect to the base frame, expressed in the base frame, as a function of the joint velocities $\dot{\theta}_1$, $\dot{\theta}_2$, and \dot{d}_3 ? Make sure to provide units for any coefficients in these equations, if needed.
- For the same configuration described in the previous step, what is v_3^0 , the linear velocity vector of the end-effector with respect to the base frame, expressed in the base frame, as a function of the joint velocities $\dot{\theta}_1$, $\dot{\theta}_2$, and \dot{d}_3 ? Provide units for any coefficients in these equations, if needed.
- What instantaneous joint velocities should I choose if the robot is in the configuration described in the previous steps and I want its tip to move at $v_3^0 = [0 \text{ m/s} \ 0.5 \text{ m/s} \ 0.1 \text{ m/s}]^T$? Make sure to provide units with your answer.
- Use your answers from above to derive the singular configurations of the arm, if any. Here we are concerned with the linear velocity of the end-effector, not its angular velocity. Be persistent with the calculations; they should reduce to something nice.
- Sketch the spherical manipulator in each singular configuration that you found, and explain what effect the singularity has on the robot's motion in that configuration.
- Would the singular configuration sketches you just drew be any different if we had chosen different positive directions for the joint coordinates? What if we had selected a different zero configuration for this robot? Explain.

Homework 6

Written Assignment

Due next Thursday

Proposed Midterm Dates
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I've selected two possible exam dates. Please vote for the option that you prefer.

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- ☐ I prefer Thursday, October 31
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I'd like to know how you think MEAM 520 is going so far, so I created a simple anonymous survey:
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Please enter your comments by this Friday, October 18. Your responses are anonymous, so you should feel comfortable being honest.

We appreciate your taking the time to complete this evaluation; your feedback will help us improve the class and our teaching for everyone's benefit.

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