

# Tavole applicative

Corso di Controllo dei Robot

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# Delta robot

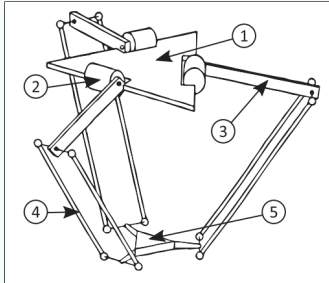
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The Delta robot is a 3-DOF parallel kinematic machine developed by Reymond Clavel<sup>1</sup> in 1991. It mainly consists of three actuated kinematic chains linked at a common moving platform. Each chain is a serial connection of a revolute actuator, a rear-arm and a forearm (composed of two parallel rods forming a parallelogram). The rear-arms and the forearms are linked through ball-and-socket passive joints. The parallelogram structure of the forearms ensures that the moving platform stays always parallel to the fixed base. Figure 1 shows a schematic view of the Delta robot with its main elements highlighted.

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<sup>1</sup>Reymond Clavel. *Conception d'un robot parallele rapide à 4 degres de liberté*. 1991.

# Delta robot - Schematic view



1. Fixed base-plate
2. Actuator
3. Rear-arm
4. Forearm
5. Moving platform

**Figure 1:** Schematic view of Delta robot

We consider a model with a ternary symmetric configuration with three kinematic chains disposed with a period of  $120^\circ$

# Delta robot - Parameters

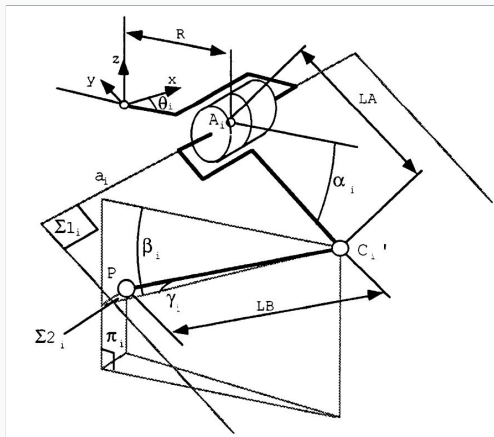


Figure 2: Delta robot length parameters and characteristic angles

# Delta robot - Parameters

Parameter	Description	Value
$l_A$	Rear-arm length	$0.2m$
$m_A$	Rear-arm mass	$0.1Kg$
$R$	Base platform dimension	$0.126m$
$l_B$	Forearm length	$0.4m$
$m_B$	Forearm mass	$0.045Kg$
$m_c$	Elbow mass	$0.018Kg$
$m_n$	Moving platform mass	$0.1Kg$
$I_{bi}$	Rear-arm inertia	$Kg \times m^2$

**Table 1:** Delta robot geometric and dynamic parameters

Analytical studies on the working volume of the Delta robot<sup>2</sup> demonstrated that:

- A ratio  $r = R/l_A < 0.63$  gives the most regular shape for the surface of the lower part of the working volume.
- If  $r > 0.0484$  and  $b = l_A/l_B > 1.75$  there is no singularity occurrence within the robot working volume.

Thus the parameters shown in table 1 have been chosen for the Delta model used in this project.

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<sup>2</sup>L Rey and Reymond Clavel. "The Delta Parallel Robot". In: *Parallel Kinematic Machines. Advanced Manufacturing*. Springer, London (1999).



## Delta robot - Reference system and state variables

The position of the End-effector

$$(x, y, z)^T$$

is described in a reference frame fixed to the base plate, as shown in figure 2.

The joint variables  $\alpha_i$  have been selected as state-variables to describe the robot dynamic:

$$q = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)^T$$

Since the moving platform is only translating we can study the model in figure 2 without loss of generality.

In this model the moving platform is reduced to an ideal point with a translation of the three kinematic chains.

Direct kinematic is found following the method presented by Clavel in 1991.

Taking in mind the Delta robot representation of figure 2 one can simply find that  $C_i$  coordinates are given by the intersection of three circles of radius  $L_A$  belonging to the plane  $\pi_i$  and the sphere centred in  $P$  having radius  $L_B$ . Those conditions give a three equations system that can be solved to find the coordinates of the end-effector.

Coordinates of the point  $C_i$  in the base frame:

$$C_i = \begin{pmatrix} (R + L_A \cos \alpha_i) \cos \theta_i \\ (R + L_A \cos \alpha_i) \sin \theta_i \\ -L_A \sin \alpha_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Equation of the sphere centred in P:

$$\left( (R + L_A \cos \alpha_i) \cos \theta_i - x \right)^2 + \left( (R + L_A \cos \alpha_i) \sin \theta_i - y \right)^2 + (L_A \sin \alpha_i + z)^2 = L_B^2 \quad (2)$$

The system has two possible solutions. The one with negative  $z$  coordinate that belongs to the Delta robot workspace is selected.

The inverse kinematic model let calculate the joint angles  $q_i$  as functions of the position of the end effector. The model here presented have been developed by Codourey<sup>3</sup> and has the advantage of removing the points of singularity contained in the model previously introduced by Clavel.

The rationale is still the intersection of a sphere and three circles but the computation is made for each angle in a frame centred in the centre of the  $i - th$  joint and rotated with respect to the base frame of an angle  $\theta_i$ .

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<sup>3</sup>Alain Codourey. "Contribution à la commande des robots rapides et précis application au robot delta à entraînement direct". In: (1991), p. 188. DOI: 10.5075/epfl-thesis-922. URL: <http://infoscience.epfl.ch/record/31400>.

## Delta robot - Dynamic model assumptions

- Ideal joints are considered.
- The rotational inertia of the forearm is neglected.
- The mass of each forearm is split up into two point-masses located at both ends of the forearm.

# Delta robot - Dynamic model

We express the dynamic of the delta robot in the classical matrix formulation:

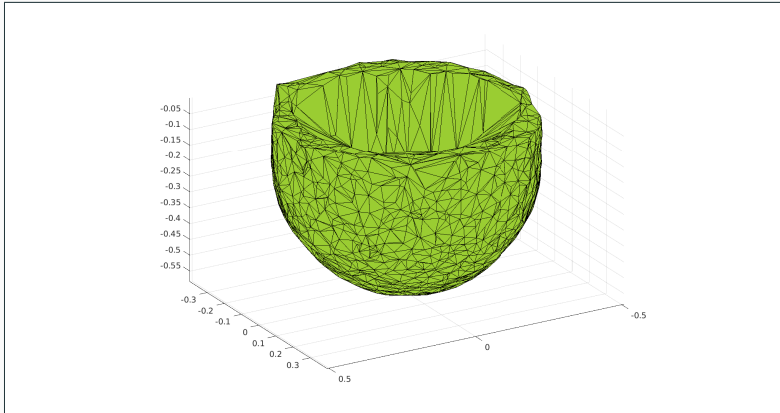
$$\tau = M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + G(q) \quad (3)$$

Where:

$$M(q) = (I_b + m_{nt}J^T J), \quad C(q, \dot{q}) = (J^T m_{nt} \dot{J}), \quad G(q) = -\Gamma_{Gb} - \Gamma_{Gn} \quad (4)$$

- $I_b$  is the inertia matrix of the arms in joint space.
- $m_{nt}$  is the totalling mass acting on the travelling plate.
- $J$  is the Jacobian matrix.
- $\Gamma_{Gn}$  is the gravity force acting on the moving platform.
- $\Gamma_{Gb}$  is the gravity force acting on the rear-arms.

# Delta robot - Working volume



**Figure 3:** A convex hull of the workspace of the Delta robot



In figure 3 a convex hull of the workspace of the Delta robot is reported. The surface has been generated as an  $\alpha$  - *shape*<sup>4</sup> with  $r_\alpha = 0.2$ . The geometric figure gives an analytical instrument to validate a sound reference trajectory generation for the Delta kinematic.

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<sup>4</sup>H. Edelsbrunner, D. Kirkpatrick, and R. Seidel. "On the Shape of a Set of Points in the Plane". In: *IEEE Trans. Inf. Theor.* 29.4 (Sept. 2006), pp. 551–559. ISSN: 0018-9448. DOI: 10.1109/TIT.1983.1056714. URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/TIT.1983.1056714>.

Control equation:

$$\tau_{PD} = K_P e + K_D \dot{e} + G(q) \quad (5)$$

with

$$K_P = \text{diag}(1500, 1500, 1500)$$

and

$$K_D = \text{diag}(60, 60, 60)$$





# Adaptive backstepping

## Ball and plate

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# Ball and plate

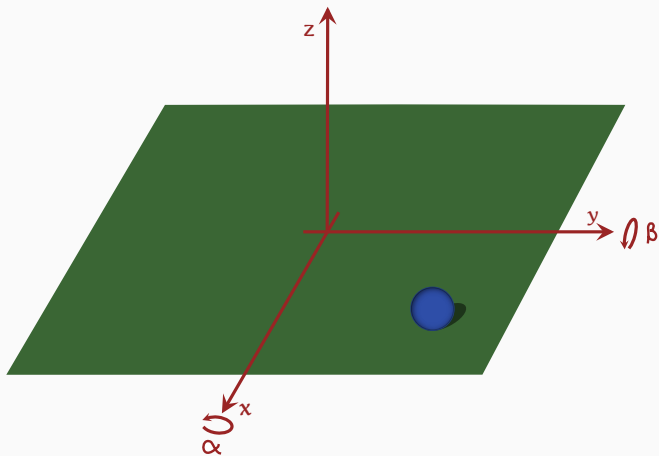


Figure 4: Coordinate frame of the ball and plate system



# Ball and plate - Parameters

Parameter	Description	Value
$m$	Mass of the ball	$0.0109 \text{ Kg}$
$r$	Radius of the ball	$0.01 \text{ m}$
$I_b$	Ball inertia	$4.3563e^{-7} \text{ Kg} \times \text{m}^2$
$l_p$	Plate side	$0.6 \text{ m}$
$I_p$	Plate inertia	$0.175 \text{ Kg} \times \text{m}^2$

**Table 2:** Ball and plate geometric and dynamic parameters

## Ball and plate - Dynamic model

The general form of Euler-Lagrange for dynamic equations is used to describe the system:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\delta T}{\delta \dot{q}_i} - \frac{\delta T}{\delta q_i} + \frac{\delta V}{\delta q_i} = Q_i \quad (6)$$

Where  $T$  is the kinetic energy,  $V$  is the potential energy,  $Q_i$  is the  $i$ -th generalized force and  $q_i$  is the  $i$ -th generalized coordinate. As generalized force we consider two torques acting on the plate ( $Q_\alpha = \tau_\alpha$ ,  $Q_\beta = \tau_\beta$ ). As generalized coordinates we select two ball position coordinates  $[x, y]$  on the frame fixed to the plate and two plate inclination  $[\alpha, \beta]$ .

## Ball and plate - Dynamic model

Kinetic energy of the ball:

$$T_b = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_b\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( m + \frac{I_b}{r^2} \right) (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) \quad (7)$$

Kinetic energy of the plate:

$$T_p = \frac{1}{2} (I_b + I_p) (\dot{\alpha} + \dot{\beta})^2 + \frac{1}{2}m (\dot{\alpha}x + \dot{\beta}y)^2 \quad (8)$$

Potential energy:

$$V = mgh = mg(x \sin\alpha + y \sin\beta) \quad (9)$$

## Ball and plate - Dynamic model

After some derivations we find the following non-linear system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(m + \frac{I_b}{r^2}\right) \ddot{x} - m \left(\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}y + \dot{\alpha}^2x\right) + mg \sin\alpha &= 0 \\ \left(m + \frac{I_b}{r^2}\right) \ddot{y} - m \left(\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}x + \dot{\beta}^2y\right) + mg \sin\beta &= 0 \\ (I_p + I_b + mx^2) \ddot{\alpha} + m \left(\ddot{\beta}xy + \dot{\beta}(\dot{x}y + x\dot{y}) + 2\dot{\alpha}\dot{x}x\right) + mgx \cos\alpha &= \tau_\alpha \\ (I_p + I_b + my^2) \ddot{\beta} + m \left(\ddot{\alpha}xy + \dot{\alpha}(\dot{x}y + x\dot{y}) + 2\dot{\beta}\dot{y}y\right) + mgy \cos\beta &= \tau_\beta\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

## Ball and plate - Dynamic model

We express the dynamic in matrix form:

$$\begin{aligned} M(q) &= \begin{bmatrix} (m + \frac{l_b}{r^2}) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (m + \frac{l_b}{r^2}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (l_b + l_p + mx^2) & mxy \\ 0 & 0 & mxy & (l_b + l_p + my^2) \end{bmatrix} \\ C(q, \dot{q}) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\dot{\alpha}x & -\dot{\alpha}y \\ 0 & 0 & -\dot{\beta}x & -\dot{\beta}y \\ 2\dot{\alpha}x & 0 & 0 & (\dot{x}y + x\dot{y}) \\ 0 & 2\dot{\beta}y & (\dot{x}y + x\dot{y}) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ G(q) &= \begin{bmatrix} mg \sin\alpha \\ mg \sin\beta \\ mgx \cos\alpha \\ mgx \cos\beta \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$