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## **Lecture 5 - Revision**

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#### ✓ Inverse Kinematics

- Kinematic decoupling
- Algebraic approach (solving trigonometry problems)

#### √ The Jacobian

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{\omega} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{v}} \\ \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{\omega}} \end{bmatrix} \dot{q}_i$$

 Use DH parameters to calculate the Jacobian

### ✓ Singularities

- $det(J(\mathbf{q}))=0$
- Common singularities: Elbow, Shoulder, Wrist singularity



# MTRN4230 Robotics

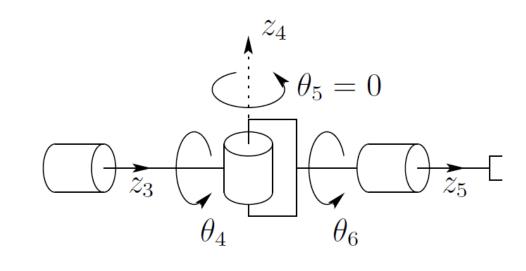


# Lecture 7 Robot Trajectories

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## Further explanation on singularity (Lecture 5)

- $\square$  A certain configuration  $\mathbf{q}$  is said to be singular if  $\det(J(\mathbf{q})) = 0$ 
  - ☐ The robot may move very fast
  - ☐ OR it may lose some DOFs
  - Wrist singularity
    - Lose 1 DOF
    - Equal and opposite rotation about  $Z_3$  and  $Z_5$  results in no net motion of the end-effector.

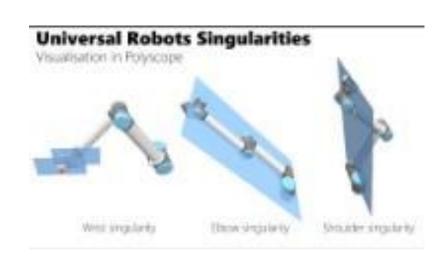


$$J_{22} = [z_3 \ z_4 \ z_5] \det J_{22} = 0$$

 $Z_3$  and  $Z_5$  are linearly dependent



## **Example: UR Series Singularities**





## **Learning Objectives**

- ☐ Trajectory Generation (Joint-based method)
- ☐ Types of Trajectories
- □ Controllability
- ☐ Accuracy and Repeatability

## **Motion Control**

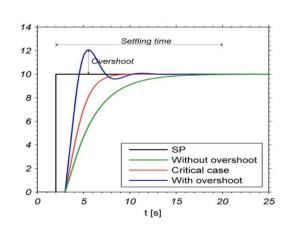


## **Aims of Robot Motion Control**

- ☐ Maximise response speed and performance
- ☐ Improve Accuracy and repeatability
- ☐ Disturbance and noise rejection
- ☐ Minimise undershoot and overshoot
- ☐ Generate smooth motion
- ☐ Minimise wear on the mechanisms



We have hardware, now what?





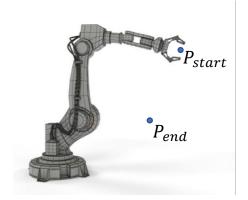
# Trajectory Generation and Path Planning

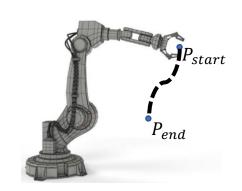
## Main aspects of Trajectory/Path Planning

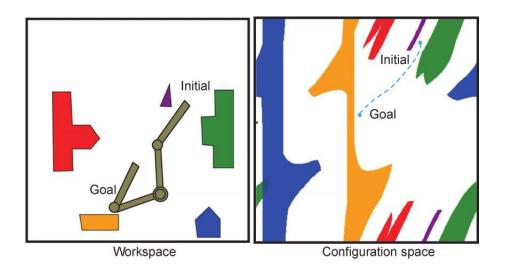
- **☐** Type of Motion
  - Point-to-point
  - Continuous Path



- **☐** Trajectory Generation
  - Joint-based
  - Cartesian-based







## **Types of Motion**

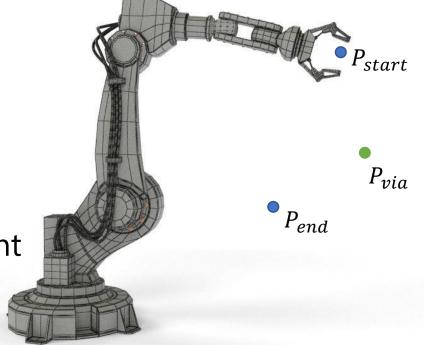
## **□** Point-to-point Control (PTP)

 Only start and stop position programmed and path between points not defined

 Via-points are taught with a teach pendant or programmed

Advantage: easy control, shortest time to reach point

Disadvantage: uncontrolled motion



## **Types of Motion**

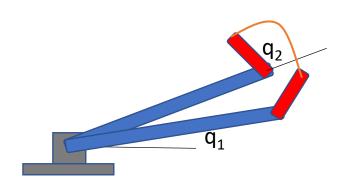
### □ Continuous Path Control (CPC)

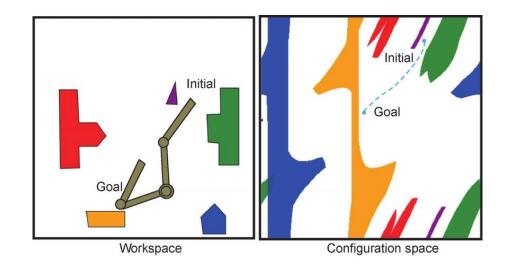
- End points are programmed (usually)
- Path, velocity and acceleration in between can be controlled (e.g. linear, circular) by interpolation
- Similar to CNC controller, real time processing (slower than PTP)



## Joint-based Trajectory Generation

- Desired trajectory available in terms of time histories of joint position, velocity and acceleration.
- Errors expressed in joint space are incorporated into the feedback system.
- Computationally efficient
- High sampling frequency





Time-history of joint variables

 $(q_1,q_2)$  Start

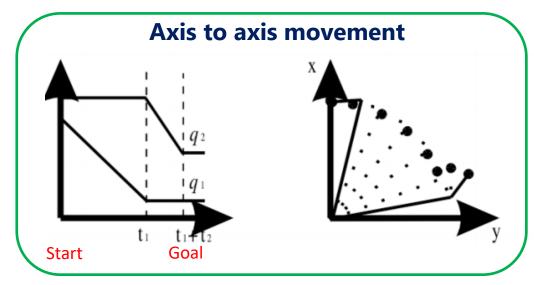


 $(q_1,q_2)$  Goal

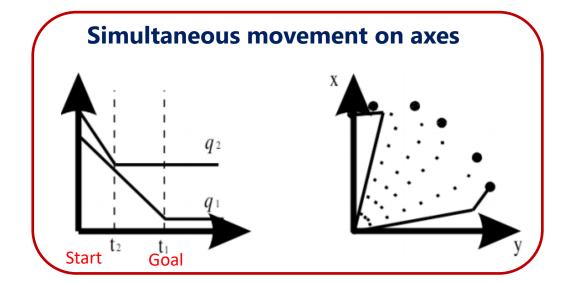


## **Joint-based Trajectory Generation**





- Move axis 1 first: q1 reaches its goal position
- Then move link 2: q2 reaches its goal position

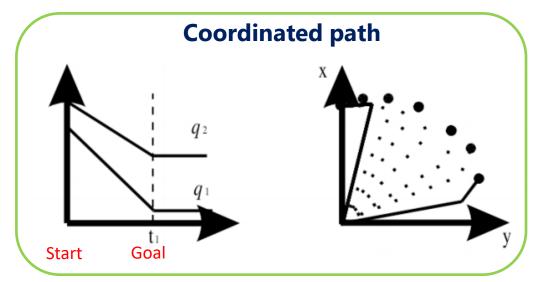


 Move two links at their maximum allowable speeds to reach their goal positions

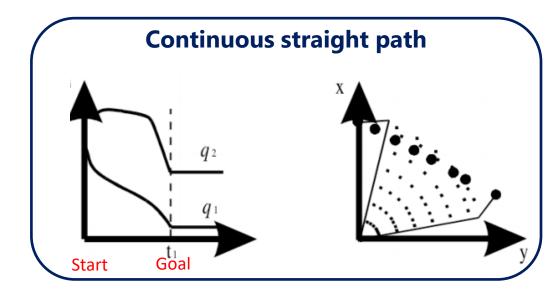


## **Joint-based Trajectory Generation**





- Calculate the time required for one of the joint angles to reach its goal position (e.g., joint 1)
- Coordinate the other joint's velocity (joint 2) to reach its final position at the same time



- moveL
- Calculate q1 and q2 so that the movement of the end effector is linear

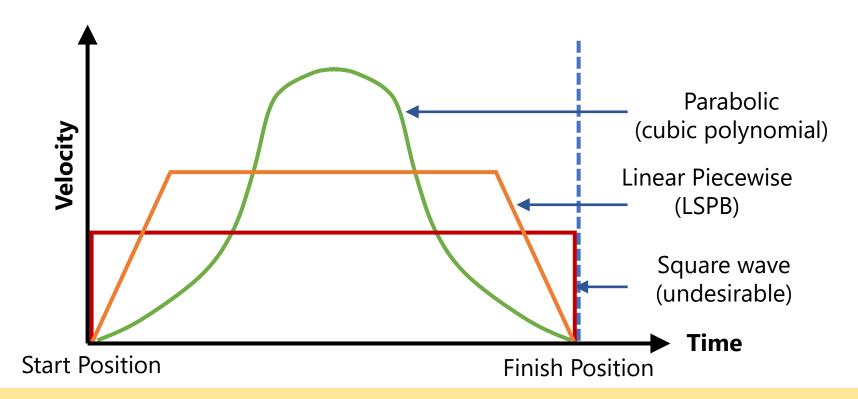


## Point-to-point Trajectory



## **Point-to-point Trajectory**

- ☐ Used in .... (You tell me!)
  - Predictable environment absence of obstacles or known location
  - Teach and playback mode (teach pendant)
    - No need for calculation of the forward or inverse kinematics
    - Position recorded as a set of joint angles (e.g. encoder values)



## **Point-to-point Trajectory**

- ☐ The trajectory connects an **initial** to a **final configuration** while satisfying other specified constraints at the endpoints
- $\square$  Initial constraints (at time  $t_0$ ), the  $i^{th}$  joint variable satisfies

$$q_i(t_0) = q_0$$
$$\dot{q}_i(t_0) = \dot{q}_0$$

 $\square$  Endpoint constrains (at time  $t_f$ ),

$$q_i(t_f) = q_f$$
$$\dot{q}_i(t_f) = \dot{q}_f$$

This is a problem involving four constraints



- ☐ A polynomial with four independent coefficients can satisfy these four constrains
- ☐ A cubic trajectory has four independent coefficients

$$q_i = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3$$

☐ The time derivative results in,

$$\dot{q}_i = a_1 + 2a_2t + 3a_3t^2$$

#### Initial constrains

$$q_0 = a_0 + a_1 t_0 + a_2 t_0^2 + a_3 t_0^3$$
  

$$\dot{q}_0 = a_1 + 2a_2 t_0 + 3a_3 t_0^2$$

#### Final constrains

$$q_f = a_0 + a_1 t_f + a_2 t_f^2 + a_3 t_f^3$$
$$\dot{q}_f = a_1 + 2a_2 t_f + 3a_3 t_f^2$$



☐ We can form the following matrix equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & t_0^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_0 & 3t_0^2 \\ 1 & t_f & t_f^2 & t_f^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_f & 3t_f^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q_0 \\ \dot{q}_0 \\ q_1 \\ \dot{q}_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\square$  Assume  $t_0 = 0$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & t_f & t_f^2 & t_f^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_f & 3t_f^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q_0 \\ \dot{q}_0 \\ q_1 \\ \dot{q}_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



 $\square$  Assume  $t_0 = 0$  results in,

$$a_{0} = q_{0};$$

$$a_{1} = \dot{q}_{0};$$

$$a_{2} = \frac{3(q_{1} - q_{0}) - (2\dot{q}_{0} + \dot{q}_{1})t_{f}}{t_{f}^{2}};$$

$$a_{3} = \frac{2(q_{0} - q_{1}) - (\dot{q}_{0} + \dot{q}_{1})t_{f}}{t_{f}^{3}}$$

- $\Box$  If  $t_0 \neq 0$  then we simply shift the time axis to the left by  $t_0$
- $\Box t = t t_0$  and  $t_f = t_f t_0$

## Example 1 - Cubic Polynomial Trajectory

 $\square$  Suppose  $t_0=0$  and  $t_f=1s$ , with  $\dot{q}_0=0$  and  $\dot{q}_f=0$ . Find the corresponding cubic trajectory.

In other words, we want to move from  $q_0$  to  $q_f$ , and we start and end with zero velocity (Just use the previous slide, no need for MATLAB)

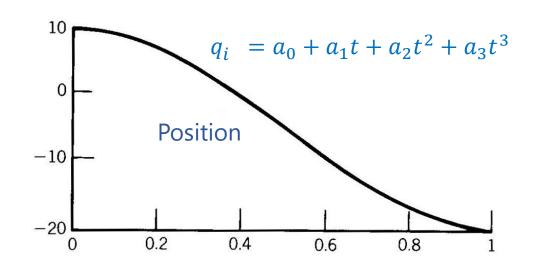
$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 2 & 3
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
a_0 \\
a_1 \\
a_2 \\
a_3
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
q_0 \\
0 \\
q_f \\
0
\end{pmatrix}$$

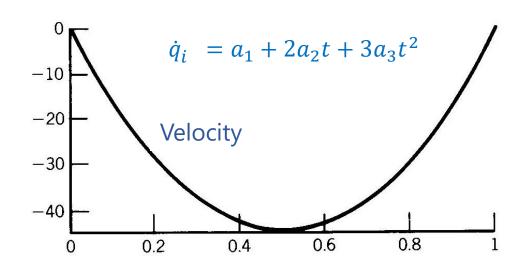
$$a_0 - q_0 \\
a_1 = 0 \\
a_2 = 3(q_f - q_0) \\
a_3 = -2(q_f - q_0)$$

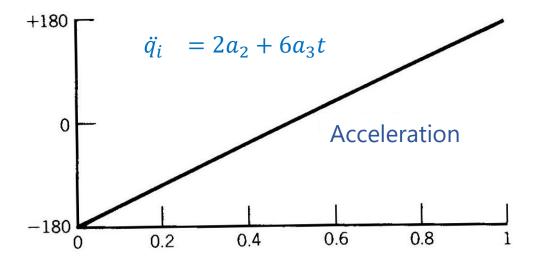
And the required cubic polynomial is,

$$q_i(t) = q_0 + 3(q_f - q_0)t^2 - 2(q_f - q_0)t^3$$









- Discontinuities in the acceleration at the start and the end point
- The derivative of acceleration is called the jerk

Can anyone propose a solution?

-> Use Quintic polynomials



## (II) Quintic polynomial Trajectories

☐ Use Quintic polynomial for six constrains (positions, velocity, acceleration at initial and end point)

$$q(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3 + a_4t^4 + a_5t^5$$



Constrain

$$q_0 = a_0 + a_1 t_0 + a_2 t_0^2 + a_3 t_0^3 + a_4 t_0^4 + a_5 t_0^5$$

$$v_0 = a_1 + 2a_2 t_0 + 3a_3 t_0^2 + 4a_4 t_0^3 + 5a_5 t_0^4$$

$$\alpha_0 = 2a_2 + 6a_3 t_0 + 12a_4 t_0^2 + 20a_5 t_0^3$$

$$q_f = a_0 + a_1 t_f + a_2 t_f^2 + a_3 t_f^3 + a_4 t_f^4 + a_5 t_f^5$$

$$v_f = a_1 + 2a_2 t_f + 3a_3 t_f^2 + 4a_4 t_f^3 + 5a_5 t_f^4$$

$$\alpha_f = 2a_2 + 6a_3 t_f + 12a_4 t_f^2 + 20a_5 t_f^3$$

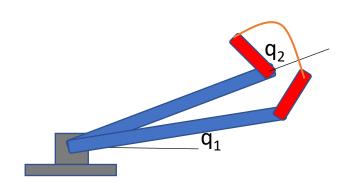
## (II) Quintic polynomial Trajectories

☐ Use Matlab to calculate the 6 coefficients

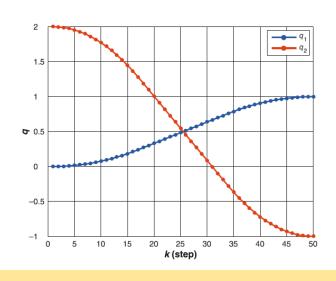
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & t_0^3 & t_0^4 & t_0^5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_0 & 3t_0^2 & 4t_0^3 & 5t_0^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6t_0 & 12t_0^2 & 20t_0^3 \\ 1 & t_f & t_f^2 & t_f^3 & t_f^4 & t_f^5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_f & 3t_f^2 & 4t_f^3 & 5t_f^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6t_f & 12t_f^2 & 20t_f^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ v_0 \\ \alpha_0 \\ q_f \\ v_f \\ \alpha_f \end{bmatrix}$$

## (II) Quintic polynomial Trajectories

- ☐ RVC Toolbox
  - The Toolbox function tpoly generates a quintic polynomial trajectory
  - [trajectory, velocity, acceleration] =  $tpoly(q_i, q_f, time)$  %%% for a single joint
  - For multiple-joint robot: mtraj
  - E.g., for a two revolute-joint robot: mtraj(@tpoly, [0 2], [1 -1], 50);



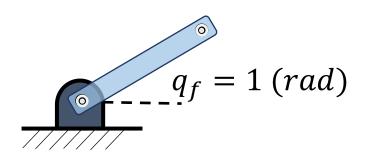
More general form: tpoly $(q_i, q_f, time, V_i, V_f)$ 

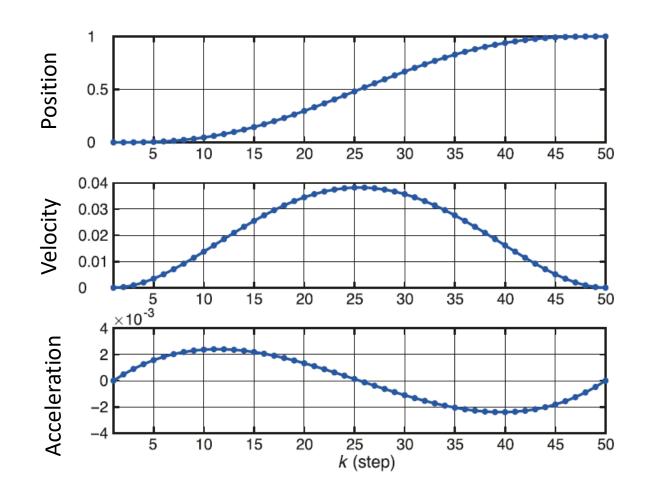




## **Example 2: Quintic polynomial Trajectories**

☐ Find the trajectory for the joint q to move from 0 (rad) to 1(rad) in 5 (s) with zero velocity boundary conditions

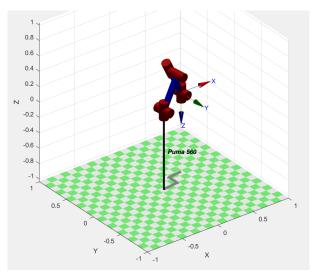




## **Example 3: Quintic polynomial Trajectories** for 6DOF robot

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#### Transformation matrix

Pose 1: Translate by (0.4, 0.2, 0) and rotate by  $\pi$  about x-axis

Pose 2: Translate by (0.4, -0.2, 0) and rotate by  $\pi/2$  about x-axis

Generate a quintic trajectory for the end effector to travel from pose 1 to pose 2 in 5(s)



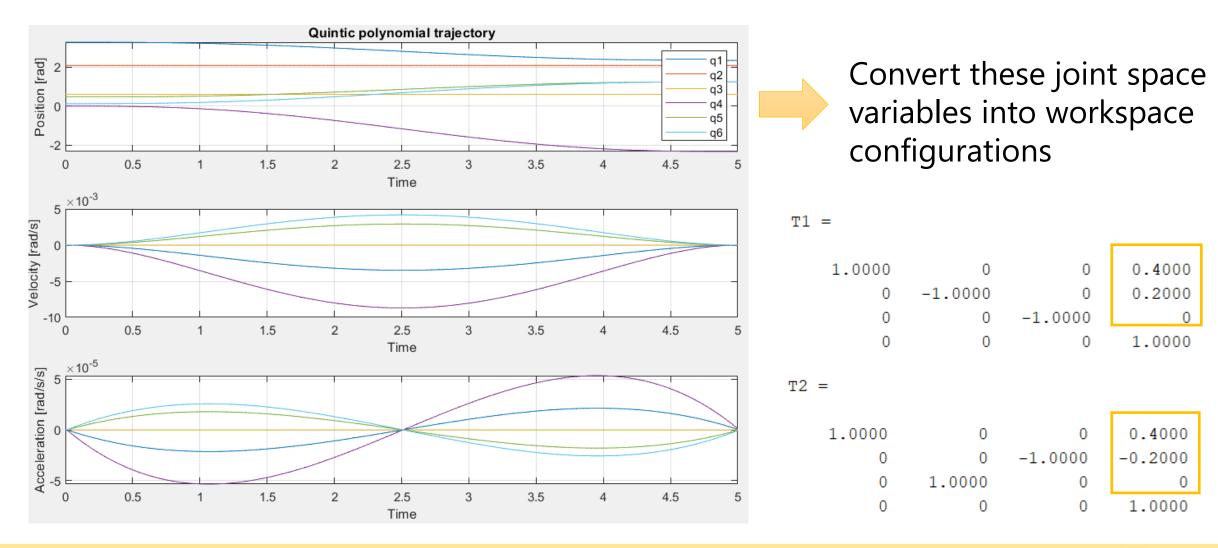
# **Example 3: Quintic polynomial Trajectories** for 6DOF robot

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- Step 1: Convert Poses 1 and 2 into joint variable  $(q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6)$ : Inverse kinematic (ikine)
- Step 2: Generate the quintic polynomial trajectory for all joints using s= mtraj(@tpoly, pose1, pose2, t)



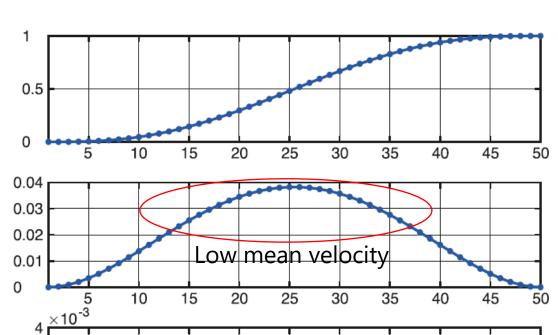
# **Example 3: Quintic polynomial Trajectories** for 6DOF robot





## **Problems with Quintic**

☐ Trajectory from 0 to 1 with zero velocity boundary conditions



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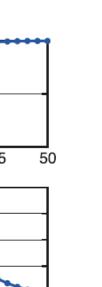
k (step)

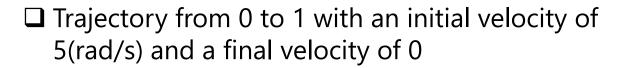
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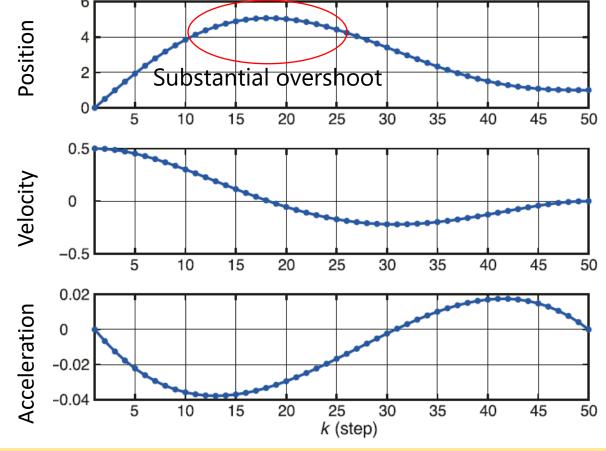
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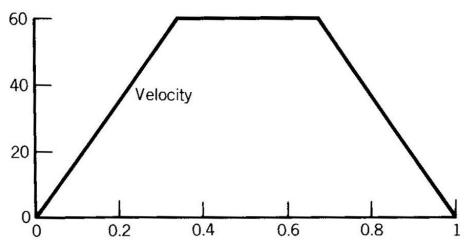
Position

Velocity

Acceleration

## (III) Linear Segments with Parabolic Blends LSPB

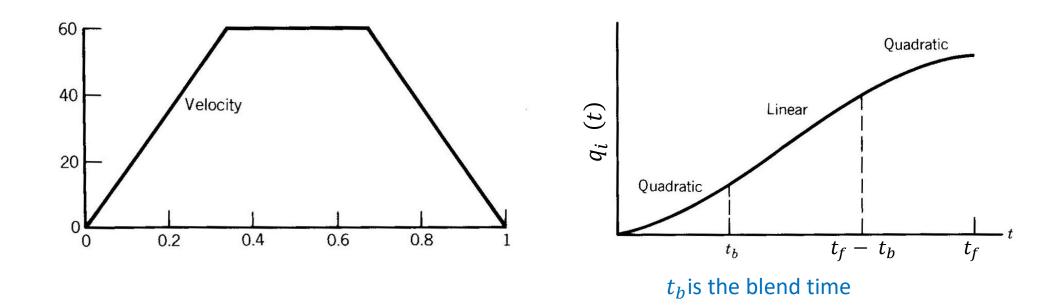
- ☐ Revision: What is a parabola?
- ☐ Combine linear and parabolic behavior in the robot trajectory
- ☐ Often we would like a **constant joint velocity** over **a portion of the trajectory**.
  - Velocity is "ramped up" to its constant set point and then "ramped down" at the final position.
  - This results in a trapezoidal velocity profile





## (III) Linear Segments with Parabolic Blends LSPB

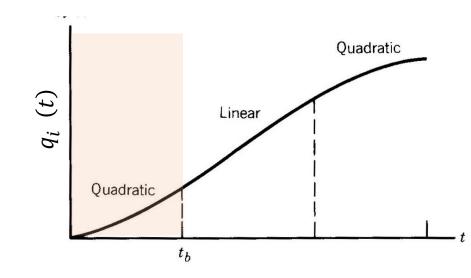
- ☐ Solution: Linear Segments with Parabolic Blends (LSPB)
  - For the period  $t_0$  to  $t_b$  and  $t_f t_b$  to  $t_f$  we apply a quadratic polynomial
  - In between the velocity profile is linear constant
  - Given:  $q_0, q_f, t_0, t_f, V$



## **LSPB Formulation**

- $oxedsymbol{\square}$  For convenience, we suppose  $t_0=0$  and  $\dot{q}_0=0$
- $\Box$  Between times 0 and  $t_b$  (RED FOR UNKNOWN)

$$q_i(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2$$
  
 $\dot{q}_i(t) = a_1 + 2a_2 t$ 



 $\square$  Applying  $\dot{q}_0 = 0$ , we get,

$$a_0 = q_0$$
  
$$a_1 = 0$$

 $\square$  At time  $t_b$ , we want the velocity to be equal to a given constant V:

$$\dot{q}_i(t) = 2a_2t_b = V \longrightarrow a_2 = V/2t_b$$

## **LSPB Formulation**

- $\Box$  Hence the required trajectory between 0 and  $t_b$  becomes,
  - Position

$$q_i(t) = q_0 + \frac{V}{2t_h}t^2$$

Velocity

$$\dot{q}_i(t) = \frac{Vt}{t_b}$$

Acceleration

$$\ddot{q}_i(t) = \frac{V}{t_h}$$

## **LSPB** Formulation

 $\Box$  Between time  $t_b$  and  $t_f - t_b$ , the trajectory is a linear segment (i.e., constant velocity)

$$q_i(t) = b_0 + Vt$$

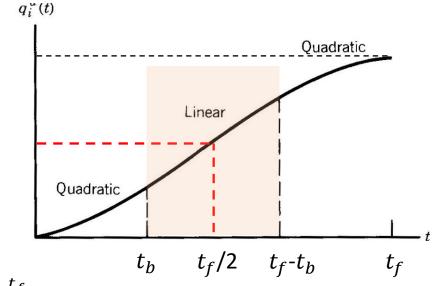
☐ Since symmetry:

$$q_i \left( t_f/2 \right) = \left( q_0 + q_f \right)/2$$

$$\frac{b_0}{b_0} + V t_f / 2 = (q_0 + q_f) / 2$$

☐ Compare two equations:

$$b_0 = \frac{q_0 + q_f - Vt_f}{2}$$



Sub with  $\frac{t_f}{2}$ 

$$t_b = ?$$



### **LSPB Formulation**

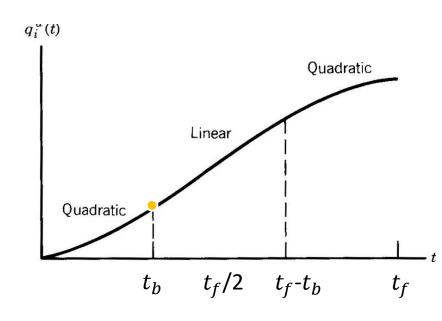
 $\square$  Since the two segments must blend at time  $t_b$ :

$$q_0 + Vt_b/2 = \frac{q_0 + q_f - Vt_f}{2} + Vt_b$$

 $\square$  Solving for the blend time  $t_h$ :

$$t_b = \frac{q_0 - q_f + Vt_f}{V}$$
 and  $0 < t_b \le t_f/2$ 

Rearranging: 
$$\left| \frac{q_f - q_0}{t_f} < V \right| \leq \frac{2(q_f - q_0)}{t_f}$$

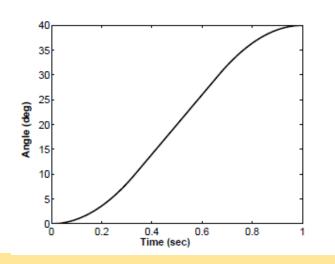


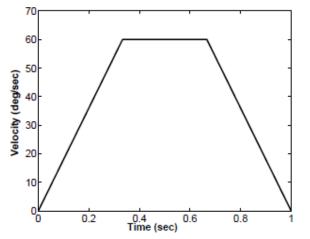
The specified velocity must lie within these limits or motion is not possible.

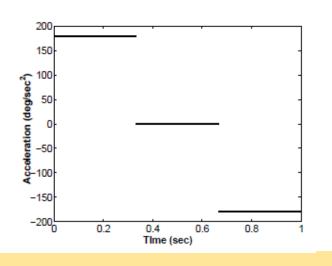
### **LSPB** Formulation

☐ The complete LSPB trajectory is given by:

$$q_{i}(t) = \begin{cases} q_{0} + \frac{at^{2}}{2} ; 0 \leq t \leq t_{b} \\ \frac{q_{f} + q_{0} - Vt_{f}}{2} + Vt ; t_{b} < t \leq t_{f} - t_{b} \\ q_{f} - \frac{at_{f}^{2}}{2} + at_{f}t - \frac{at^{2}}{2} ; t_{f} - t_{b} < t \leq t_{f} \end{cases}$$
 Where  $a = \frac{v}{t_{b}}$ 









# **Example 4: Trapezoidal trajectory**

- ☐ The initial and end positions of a joint are 0 (rad) and 1 (rad), respectively. Assume that the initial and end velocity are 0 (rad/s) and the travelling time is 18 (s).
- a) Generate a trapezoidal trajectory where  $t_b = 6$  (s)
- b) Generate a trapezoidal trajectory V = 0.06 (rad/s)
- c) Repeat (b) with V= 0.02 (rad/s)
- d) Repeat (b) with V = 0.11 (rad/s)

#### <u>Answer</u>

- a) lspb(start, goal, time); blend at  $t_b = time/3$  (by default)
- b) c) d) Ispb(start, goal, time, V)
  If you specify V, you can't specify t<sub>b</sub>

$$\frac{q_f - q_0}{t_f} < V \leq \frac{2(q_f - q_0)}{t_f}$$



# Homework: Trapezoidal Trajectories for 6DOF robot

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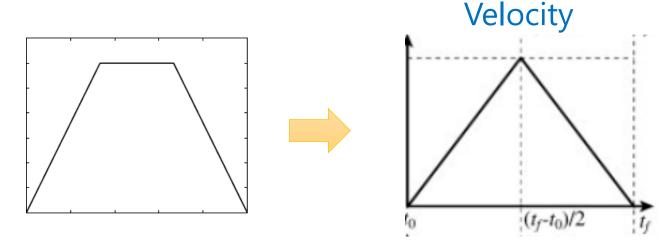
Pose 1: Translate by (0.4, 0.2, 0) and rotate by  $\pi$  about x-axis

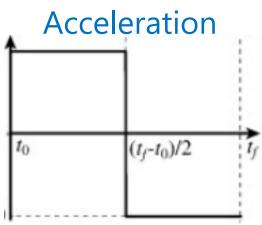
Pose 2: Translate by (0.4, -0.2, 0) and rotate by  $\pi/2$  about x-axis

Generate a trapezoidal trajectory for the end effector to travel from pose 1 to pose 2 in 5 (s) and the blend time  $t_h = 5/3$  (s).

# (IV) Minimum Time Trajectory – Bang-Bang trajectory

- ☐ What would "minimum time" look like?
- lacktriangle Fastest trajectory between  $q_0$  and  $q_f$  with a given constant (maximum) acceleration a
- ☐ The switching time  $t_s$  at which time acceleration switches to a (maximum deceleration) is  $t_s = t_f/2$





# **Bang-Bang Trajectory**

Acceleration is constant

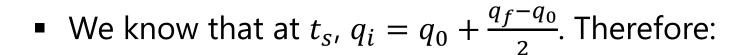
$$\ddot{q}_i = a \quad 0 \le t \le t_s$$

Therefore

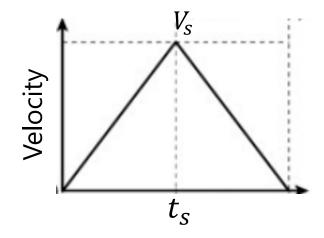
$$\dot{q}_i = at + \dot{q}_{\overline{\theta}} \quad 0 \le t \le t_s$$

Therefore

$$q_i = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + q_0 \quad 0 \le t \le t_s$$



$$q_0 + \frac{q_f - q_0}{2} = \frac{1}{2}at_s^2 + q_0$$



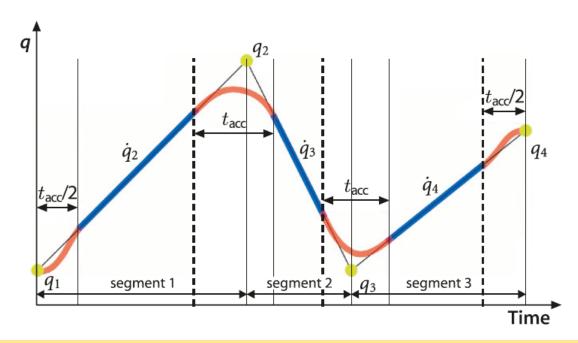
$$t_{s} = \sqrt{\frac{q_{f} - q_{0}}{a}}$$

# **Trajectories for Paths Specified by Via Points**



# **Trajectory with Via-points**

- ☐ Compute the cubics that connect the via point values in a smooth way (instead of stopping and starting at each via-point)
  - Now the velocity constraints at end-points are non-zero
  - Velocities can be user specific based on some heuristics
- Multiple options for trajectories
- Each via point may not actually be reached.

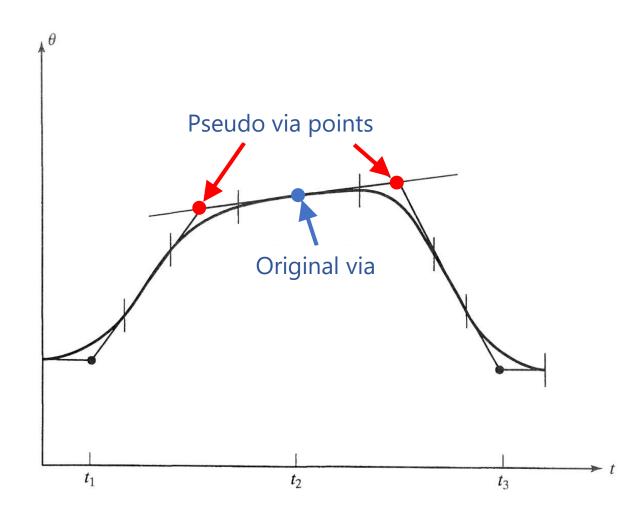




### **Pseudo Via-points**

If the path is required to pass exactly through a via point, with a specific velocity, add two pseudo via-points so the original via-point is on the linear segment of the path.

The interested reader should research Bezier Curves





# **Comments on Trajectory Generation**

- ☐ All of the above trajectory generation schemes <u>ignore the actual</u> <u>dynamics</u> of the system and <u>provide a purely kinematic solution</u>
- ☐ Limits on acceleration were included, but they must be chosen to be well below the physically obtainable values
- ☐ All of the above assumed that <u>collision free paths exist</u>



# **Manipulability**



# **Well-conditioned Workplace**

- $\Box$  Near singularities (det  $J(\mathbf{q}) = 0$ ), the workspace can be described as poorly conditioned
- ☐ Yoshikawa defined a measure of manipulability as,

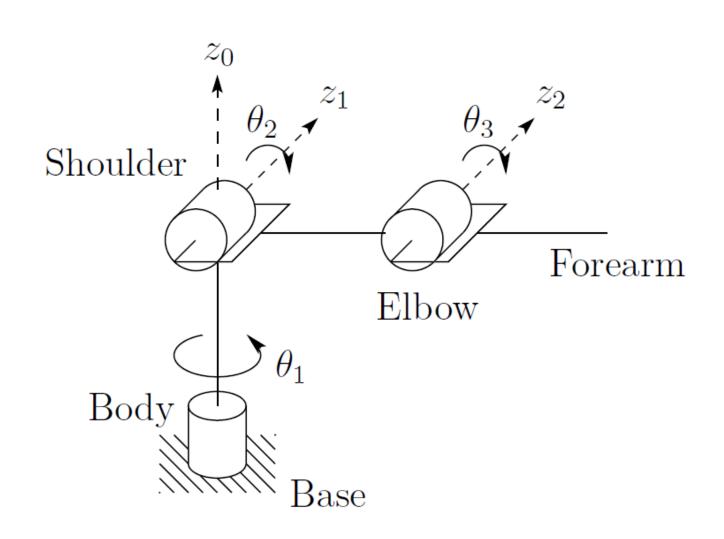
$$\square m = \sqrt{\det(J(\mathbf{q})J(\mathbf{q})^T)}$$

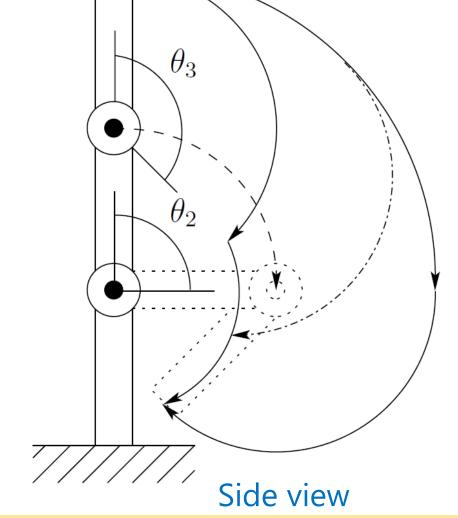
which for a non-redundant manipulator, reduces to,

$$\square m = |\det(J(\mathbf{q}))|$$

☐ Other measures of manipulability exist (eg. Asada)

# **Manipulability**

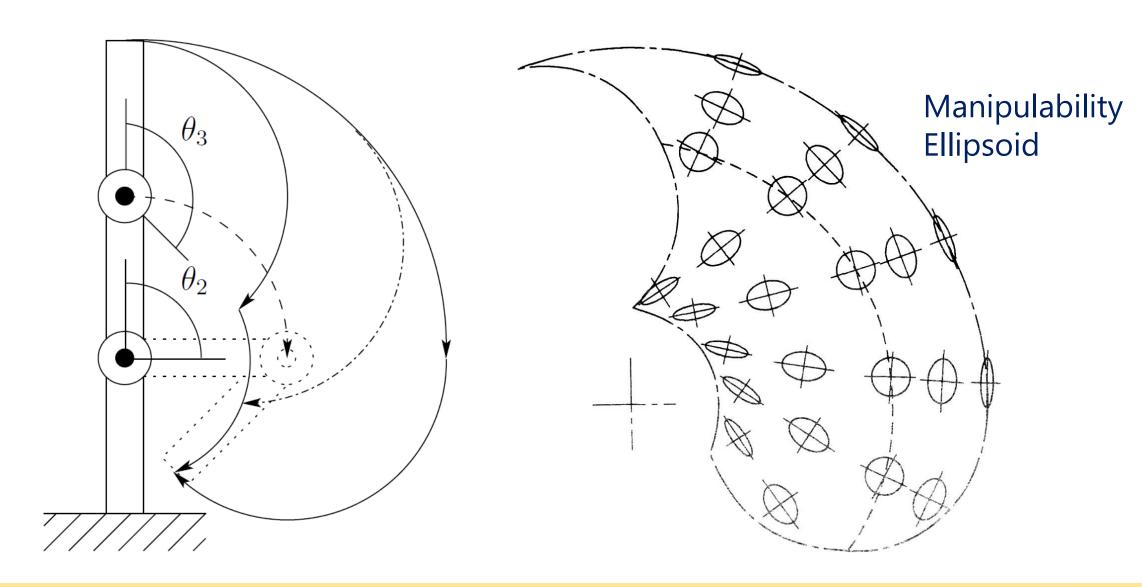




RRR (Elbow) manipulator



# **Manipulability**





# Example 5 – Manipulability of two link planar arm

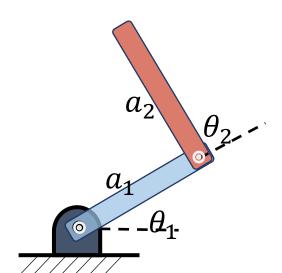
The link lengths of a two-link planar arm are  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ , respectively. Find the joint variables  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  to achieve the maximum manipulability

#### **Answer**

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -a_1 sin\theta_1 - a_2 sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -a_2 sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ a_1 cos\theta_1 + a_2 cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & a_2 cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{pmatrix}$$
 Under-actuated Square it up by deleting some rows of the Jacobian (Lecture 5)

$$\det(J) = a_1 a_2 \sin(\theta_2)$$

 $\max(\det(J)) \rightarrow \max(\sin(\theta_2))$ ; therefore  $\theta_2 = \pm \pi/2$ 





# **Accuracy and Repeatability**



### **Accuracy and Repeatability**

#### **□Spatial Resolution**

- Robot joints work on increments (linear or rotational, Basic Length Unit)
- Total of all joint resolutions at end of arm

#### **□** Accuracy

- Deviation between target point and real position
- A function of spatial resolution + control algorithm + mechanical inaccuracies

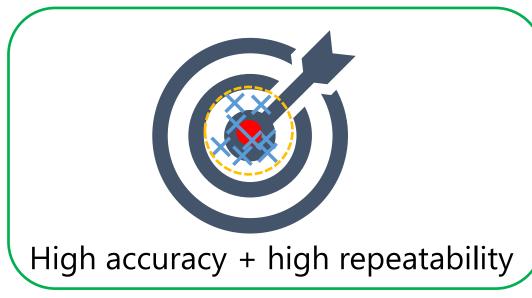
#### **□** Repeatability

- Radius of smallest circle around all end-effector positions (Tool Center Point)
- Statistical term for robot ability to return to the same position repeatedly
- Resolution + all errors of total robot system

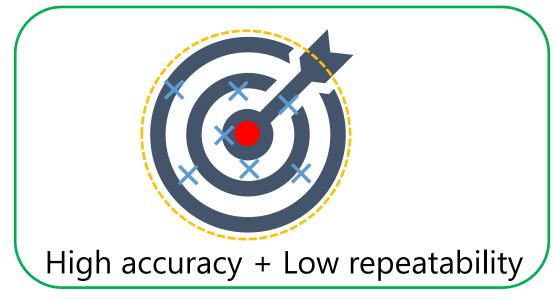
Movement	UR5e
Pose Repeatability	+/- 0.03 mm, with payload, per ISO 9283

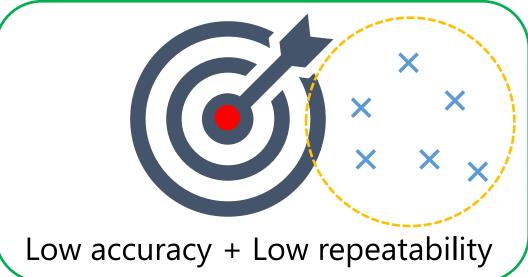


# **Accuracy and Repeatability**











# **Machine Accuracy Considerations**

#### **☐** System Resolution (SR)

• Programming Resolution (PR)  $PR = L/(2^B-1)$ , where L=length of prismatic axis, and B=number of control bits

■ Basic Length Unit (BLU) (e.g., BLU  $\leq$  0.01 mm for typically for CNC tools)

#### ☐ Control Resolution (CR)

Smallest change in position that the feedback sensor can sense.

Example: Encoder with 1000 pulses/revolution + 10 mm pitch. Leadscrew = 1 pulse for each 0.01 mm of linear displacement of axis. 0.01 mm is the control resolution.

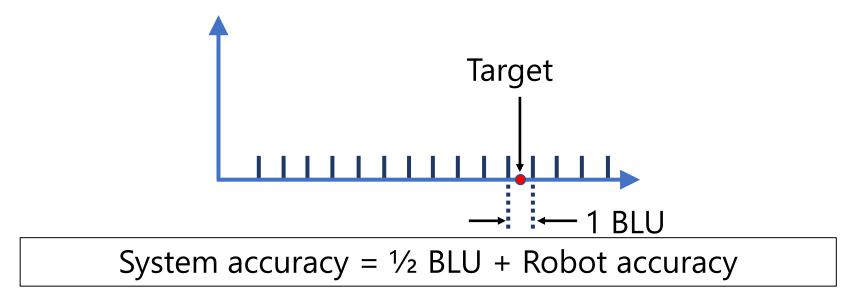
For efficiency, **PR** = **CR** = **BLU** = **SR** 



### **Machine Accuracy Considerations**

#### **☐** System Accuracy (SA)

- System inaccuracy due to control resolution = ½ BLU
- Displacements or movements < 1 BLU cannot be measured or programmed</li>
- Inaccuracies associated with robot itself



Aim: System resolution = system accuracy



### **Summary**

- ☐ Trajectory generation involves the creation of time-varying sequences of poses
- ☐ Joint space trajectory: polynomial, LSPB, bang-bang, etc
- ☐ Accuracy vs repeatability: Bad accuracy can be corrected by reprogramming, bad repeatability is expensive to correct

# **Lecture 8 – Path planning**

- ☐ Introduction to path planning key definitions
- Map based method
  - Distance Transform
  - D\* Method
  - Probabilistic Roadmap method (PRM)
- ☐ Artificial Potential Field (APF) method



### **Further information**

- ☐ Repeatability of Practical Robots
  - ±1 mm (medium duty work)
  - $\pm$  0.05 0.1 (medium assembly work)
  - $\bullet$  ± 0.02 mm (precision assembly work)