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- Derivation for Product of Exponentials

Additional Reading:

- LP Chapter 5; MLS Chapter 3, Section 4

Review

Last lecture, we introduced the manipulator jacobian which maps joint velocities to the Lie algebra of the end-effector frame relative to either the fixed frame (spatial frame) or the end-effector frame (body frame):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\xi}^s &= J^s(\theta) \dot{\theta} \\
 &= [\xi_1 \quad \xi'_2 \quad \cdots \quad \xi'_n] \dot{\theta} \\
 &= \left[\left(\frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_1} g_e^{-1} \right)^\vee \quad \cdots \quad \left(\frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_n} g_e^{-1} \right)^\vee \right] \dot{\theta} \\
 &= \left[\xi_1 \quad \text{Ad}_{e^{\xi_1 \theta_1}} \xi_2 \quad \cdots \quad \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} e^{\xi_j \theta_j}} \xi_n \right] \dot{\theta} \\
 \hat{\xi}^b &= J^b(\theta) \dot{\theta} \\
 &= [\xi_1^\dagger \quad \cdots \quad \xi_n^\dagger] \dot{\theta} \\
 &= \left[\left(g_e^{-1} \frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_1} \right)^\vee \quad \cdots \quad \left(g_e^{-1} \frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_n} \right)^\vee \right] \dot{\theta} \\
 &= \left[\text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^n e^{\xi_j \theta_j} g_0}^{-1} \xi_1 \quad \cdots \quad \text{Ad}_{e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0}^{-1} \xi_n \right] \dot{\theta}
 \end{aligned}$$

In the rest of today's lecture we will derive these expressions, as well as slightly different expressions that use the following "body terms":

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_i^b(\theta_i) &= g_i^{-1} \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial \theta_i}, \\
 J_i^s(\theta_i) &= \text{Ad}_{g_i} J_i^b(\theta_i) = \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial \theta_i} g_i^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The advantage of these terms is that the partial derivatives are easier to obtain in practice.

Uses of Manipulator Jacobians

The manipulator Jacobian is a key tool in robotics for a variety of applications including inverse kinematics, path planning, force control, and singularity/workspace analysis. The key equations that are used with Jacobians are the following.

For inverse kinematics, the Newton-Raphson method uses the iterative update law:

$$\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta}(\theta_k) \right)^{-1} (g(\theta_k))}_{\delta(\theta_k)}$$

$$\delta(\theta) = J^{-1}(\theta_0)(x_d - f(\theta_0))$$

Here, if $J \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is not square, we will use the pseudo-inverse:

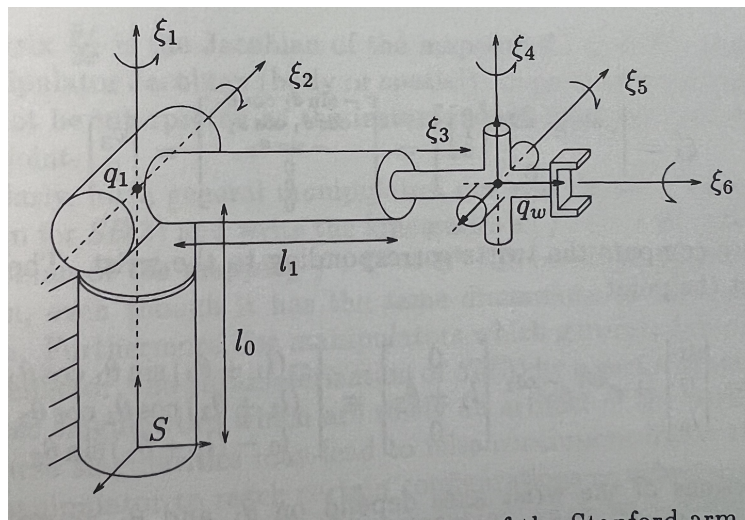
$$J^{-1} \approx J^\dagger := \begin{cases} J^T (J J^T)^{-1} & \text{if } J \text{ is fat } (n > m) \\ (J^T J)^{-1} J^T & \text{if } J \text{ is tall } (n < m) \end{cases}$$

The process of solving for joint velocities is a bit simpler:

$$\dot{\theta} = J^{-1}(\theta) \xi_d$$

Example

Consider the following manipulator:



Lets first calculate the forward-kinematics using the product of exponentials (just for practice and comparison purposes):

$$\xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\omega_1 \times q_1 \\ \omega_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l_0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\omega_2 \times q_2 \\ \omega_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l_0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xi_3 = \begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (v_i \text{ is a unit vector pointing along the translational axis})$$

$$\xi_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -\omega_4 \times q_4 \\ \omega_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_1 + \theta_3 \\ l_0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_1 + \theta_3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xi_5 = \begin{bmatrix} -\omega_5 \times q_5 \\ \omega_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_1 + \theta_3 \\ l_0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -l_0 \\ l_1 + \theta_3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xi_6 = \begin{bmatrix} -\omega_6 \times q_6 \\ \omega_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_1 + \theta_3 \\ l_0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -l_0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lastly, our g_0 is:

$$g_0 = \begin{bmatrix} I & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_1 + \theta_3 \\ l_0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ 0 & \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, our forward kinematics are:

$$g_e = e^{\xi_1 \theta_1} \dots e^{\xi_6 \theta_6} g_0 \quad (1)$$

Now, let's compute the spatial manipulator Jacobian for this manipulator using the formula:

$$J^s = [\xi_1 \quad \xi'_2 \quad \xi'_3 \quad \xi'_4 \quad \xi'_5 \quad \xi'_6]$$

For the first two joint axes, the point along the axes does not change with joint angles (i.e., $q_1 = [0, 0, l_0]^\top$). However, ω_2 will now be:

$$\omega'_2 = R_z(\theta_1) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\cos(\theta_1) \\ -\sin(\theta_1) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also, the prismatic joint will be:

$$v'_3 = R_z(\theta_1) R_x(-\theta_2) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -s_1 c_2 \\ c_1 c_2 \\ -s_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next, the wrist location (q'_w) will be:

$$q'_w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l_0 \end{bmatrix} + R_z(\theta_1) R_x(-\theta_2) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_1 + \theta_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -(l_1 + \theta_3) s_1 c_2 \\ (l_1 + \theta_3) c_1 c_2 \\ l_0 - (l_1 + \theta_3) s_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lastly, the final three joint axes will be:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega'_4 &= R_z(\theta_1) R_x(-\theta_2) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -s_1 s_2 \\ c_1 s_2 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \omega'_5 &= R_z(\theta_1) R_x(-\theta_2) R_z(\theta_4) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -c_1 c_4 + s_1 c_2 s_4 \\ -s_1 c_4 - c_1 c_2 s_4 \\ s_2 s_4 \end{bmatrix} \\ \omega'_6 &= R_z(\theta_1) R_x(-\theta_2) R_z(\theta_4) R_x(-\theta_5) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -c_5 (s_1 c_2 c_4 + c_1 s_4) + s_1 s_2 s_5 \\ -c_5 (c_1 c_2 c_4 - s_1 s_4) - c_1 s_2 s_5 \\ -s_2 c_4 c_5 - c_2 s_5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

All of these updated parameters would then be plugged into the following formula for the complete spatial manipulator Jacobian:

$$J^s = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega'_2 \times q_1 & v'_3 & -\omega'_4 \times q'_w & -\omega'_5 \times q'_w & -\omega'_6 \times q'_w \\ \omega_1 & \omega'_2 & 0 & \omega'_4 & \omega'_5 & \omega'_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Derivation of Manipulator Jacobian using Homogeneous Transformation Matrices

In the rest of lecture, we will derive the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} J^b(\theta) &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Ad}_{(\prod_{j=2}^{n+1} g_j)}^{-1} J_1^b(\theta_1) & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{(\prod_{j=k+1}^{n+1} g_j)}^{-1} J_k^b(\theta_k) & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{g_{n+1}}^{-1} J_n^b(\theta_n) \end{bmatrix} \\ J^s(\theta) &= \begin{bmatrix} J_1^s(\theta_1) & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{k-1} g_j} J_k^s(\theta_k) & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} g_j} J_n^s(\theta_n) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J^b(\theta) &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=2}^n (e^{\xi_j \theta_j})_{g_0}}^{-1} J_1^b & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{k+1}^n (e^{\xi_j \theta_j})_{g_0}}^{-1} J_k^b & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{g_0}^{-1} J_n^b \end{bmatrix} \\ J^s(\theta) &= \begin{bmatrix} J_1^s(\theta) & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{k-1} e^{\xi_j \theta_j}} J_k^s(\theta_k) & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} e^{\xi_j \theta_j}} J_n^s(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where each individual body term is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} J_i^b &= g_i^{-1} \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial \theta_i}, \\ J_i^s &= \text{Ad}_{g_i} J_i^b = \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial \theta_i} g_i^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\theta = \theta(t)$ be the joint configuration of a manipulator. The end-effector trajectory is then $g_e(\theta(t))$.

Taking the time derivative, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{g}_e &= \frac{d}{dt} [g_e(\theta(t))] \\ &= \frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} \\ &= Dg_e(\theta(t)) \dot{\theta}(t) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \left| \frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_1} \right| & \cdots & \left| \frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_n} \right| \end{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Let's think about what these partial derivatives ($\frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_i}$) mean when the representation for g_e is in homogeneous coordinates?

First, let's switch frames since $\dot{g}_e = Dg_e \dot{\theta}$ has mixed frames.

- Body Frame: $J^b(\theta) = g_e^{-1}(\theta) \cdot \frac{\partial g_e(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$ (this is the body manipulator Jacobian)
- Spatial Frame: $J^s(\theta) = \frac{\partial g_e(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \cdot g_e^{-1}(\theta)$ (this is the spatial manipulator Jacobian)

In mixed frames, $J(\theta) = \frac{\partial g_e(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$ is called the *manipulator Jacobian*.

In practice, we work in homogeneous form where needed or when the computations are simpler, then convert to vector form by unhatting the result.

To do this derivation, let's consider a basic example that only has 2 joints and 2 links, with the joints located at the start of the first and second link:

$$g_e(\theta) = g_1(\theta_1)g_2(\theta_2)g_3$$

To compute the body manipulator Jacobian, we would do:

$$\begin{aligned} J^b(\theta) &= g_e^{-1}(\theta) \cdot \frac{\partial g_e(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \\ &= g_e^{-1}(\theta) \begin{bmatrix} \left| \frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_1} \right| & \left| \frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_2} \right| \end{bmatrix} \\ &= g_e^{-1}(\theta) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial \theta_1} g_2 g_3 & g_1 \frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_2} g_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= g_3^{-1} g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial \theta_1} g_2 g_3 & g_1 \frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_2} g_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{g_3^{-1} g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial \theta_1} g_2 g_3}_{\text{body term}} & \underbrace{g_3^{-1} g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1} g_1 \frac{\partial g_e}{\partial \theta_2} g_3}_{\text{body term}} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Let's look at these two body terms in particular:

$$\begin{aligned} J_1^b &= g_1^{-1} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial \theta_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_1) & -\sin(\theta_1) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta_1) & \cos(\theta_1) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\theta_1) & -\cos(\theta_1) & 0 \\ \cos(\theta_1) & -\sin(\theta_1) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ J_2^b &= g_2^{-1} \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial \theta_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_2) & \sin(\theta_2) & -\cos(\theta_2)l_1 \\ -\sin(\theta_2) & \cos(\theta_2) & -\sin(\theta_2)l_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\theta_2) & -\cos(\theta_2) & 0 \\ \cos(\theta_2) & -\sin(\theta_2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Plugging these terms back in:

$$\begin{aligned} J^b(\theta) &= \begin{bmatrix} g_3^{-1} g_2^{-1} J_1^b g_2 g_3 & g_3^{-1} J_2^b g_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Ad}_{g_3}^{-1} \text{Ad}_{g_2}^{-1} J_1^b & \text{Ad}_{g_3}^{-1} J_2^b \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Ad}_{g_3^{-1} g_2^{-1}} J_1^b & \text{Ad}_{g_3^{-1}} J_2^b \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Ad}_{(g_2 g_3)^{-1}} J_1^b & \text{Ad}_{g_3^{-1}} J_2^b \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This can be written as the general expression:

$$J^b(\theta) = \left[\text{Ad}_{(\prod_{j=2}^{n+1} g_j)}^{-1} J_1^b(\theta_1) \quad \cdots \quad \text{Ad}_{(\prod_{j=k+1}^{n+1} g_j)}^{-1} J_k^b(\theta_k) \quad \cdots \quad \text{Ad}_{g_{n+1}}^{-1} J_n^b(\theta_n) \right]$$

In the example, we would get the body velocity of the end-effector as a function of joint velocities $\dot{\theta}$ using:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^b &= J^b(\theta) \dot{\theta} \\ \xi^b &= \text{Ad}_{(g_2 g_3)^{-1}} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 + \text{Ad}_{g_3^{-1}} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_2 \end{aligned}$$

Important note: Order of implementation is irrelevant here, $(\text{Ad}_h \hat{\xi})^\vee = \text{Ad}_h(\hat{\xi}^\vee)$. Remember that $\text{Ad}_h \hat{\xi} = h \hat{\xi} h^{-1}$. So here, $(\text{Ad}_h \hat{\xi})^\vee = (h \hat{\xi} h^{-1})^\vee = \text{Ad}_h \xi$. Also, Ad_h can be written as a special matrix as defined in the following lemma.

Lemma 2.13 from MLS:

Lemma. If $\hat{\xi} \in \mathfrak{se}(3)$ is a twist with twist coordinates $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^6$, then for any $g \in SE(3)$, $g \hat{\xi} g^{-1}$ is a twist with twist coordinates $\text{Ad}_g \xi \in \mathbb{R}^6$. This adjoint is defined as:

$$\text{Ad}_g = \begin{bmatrix} R & [d]_\times R \\ 0 & R \end{bmatrix}$$

We can derive this adjoint matrix as follows:

Let $\xi^b = \begin{bmatrix} v^b \\ \omega^b \end{bmatrix}$ and $g_{sb} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{sb} & d_{sb} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^s &= R_{sb} \omega^b \\ v^s &= -\omega^s \times d_{sb} + \dot{d}_{sb} \\ &= d_{sb} \times (R_{sb} \omega^b) + R_{sb} v^b \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Since } v^b = R_{sb}^T \dot{d}_{sb})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v^s \\ \omega^s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{sb} & [d_{sb}]_\times R_{sb} \\ 0 & R_{sb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v^b \\ \omega^b \end{bmatrix}$$

This adjoint matrix transforms twists from one coordinate frame to another.

Continuing with our example, to get the spatial Jacobian, we can use the adjoint of g_e with the body Jacobian:

$$J^s(\theta) = \text{Ad}_{g_e} J^b(\theta)$$

However, as you may notice, we will now have a combination of adjoint terms. Specifically, the

k th column of the manipulator Jacobian is:

$$\text{Ad}_{g_e(\theta)} \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=k+1}^3 g_j\right)}^{-1} J_k^b$$

Looking at just the adjoint terms:

$$\text{Ad}_{g_e(\theta)} \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=k+1}^3 g_j\right)}^{-1} = \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=1}^3 g_j\right)} \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=k+1}^3 g_j\right)}^{-1}$$

We can also rearrange the right-hand term by observing:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ad}_{(g_1 g_2 g_3)}^{-1} \xi &= (g_1 g_2 g_3)^{-1} \xi (g_1 g_2 g_3) \\ &= g_3^{-1} g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1} \xi (g_3^{-1} g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= \text{Ad}_{(g_3^{-1} g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1})} \end{aligned}$$

So using this pattern with our previous adjoint terms:

$$\text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=1}^3 g_j\right)} \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=k+1}^3 g_j\right)}^{-1} = \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=1}^3 g_j\right)} \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=3}^{k+1} g_j^{-1}\right)}$$

However, when we actually apply these adjoints, we would end up seeing a lot of terms cancel:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=1}^3 g_j\right)} \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=3}^{k+1} g_j^{-1}\right)} J_k^b &= (g_1 g_2 \cdots g_3) (g_3^{-1} \cdots g_{k+1}^{-1}) J_k^b (g_3^{-1} \cdots g_{k+1}^{-1})^{-1} (g_1 \cdots g_3)^{-1} \\ &= (g_1 g_2 \cdots g_3) (g_3^{-1} \cdots g_{k+1}^{-1}) J_k^b (g_{k+1} \cdots g_3) (g_3^{-1} \cdots g_1^{-1}) \\ &= (g_1 \cdots g_k) J_k^b (g_k^{-1} \cdots g_1^{-1}) \\ &= \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=1}^k g_j\right)} J_k^b \end{aligned}$$

Thus, plugging this back into our expression for the spatial Jacobian:

$$\begin{aligned} J^s(\theta) &= \text{Ad}_{g_e(\theta)} J^b(\theta) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Ad}_{g_1} J_1^b & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^k g_j} J_k^b & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^n g_j} J_n^b \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Lastly, since we want everything in terms of the spatial frame, we can substitute in:

$$J_i^s = \text{Ad}_{g_i} J_i^b$$

by pulling out the last term of the product series in the previous expression:

$$\begin{aligned} J^s(\theta) &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Ad}_{g_1} J_1^b & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{k-1} g_j} \text{Ad}_{g_k} J_k^b & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} g_j} \text{Ad}_{g_n} J_n^b \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} J_1^s(\theta_1) & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{k-1} g_j} J_k^s(\theta_k) & \cdots & \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} g_j} J_n^s(\theta_n) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Product of Exponentials

We can repeat a very similar process for the Product of Exponentials method of forward kinematics by representing our end-effector configuration as:

$$g_e = e^{\xi_1 \theta_1} \dots e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0,$$

and plugging this into the formula for the body manipulator jacobian ($J^b(\theta) = g_e^{-1} \frac{\partial g_e(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$),

$$\begin{aligned} J^b(\theta) &= (e^{\xi_1 \theta_1} \dots e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0)^{-1} \left[\frac{\partial(e^{\xi_1 \theta_1} \dots e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0)}{\partial \theta_1} \dots \frac{\partial(e^{\xi_1 \theta_1} \dots e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0)}{\partial \theta_n} \right] \\ &= (e^{\xi_1 \theta_1} \dots e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0)^{-1} [\xi_1 e^{\xi_1 \theta_1} \dots e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0 \dots \xi_n e^{\xi_1 \theta_1} \dots e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0] \\ &= (g_0^{-1} e^{-\xi_n \theta_n} \dots e^{-\xi_1 \theta_1}) [\xi_1 e^{\xi_1 \theta_1} \dots e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0 \dots (e^{\xi_1 \theta_1} \dots \xi_n e^{\xi_n \theta_n}) g_0] \end{aligned}$$

Here, we can further simplify these terms by substituting in the body terms:

$$\begin{aligned} J_i^b &= g_i^{-1} \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial \theta_i} \\ &= e^{-\xi_i \theta_i} \xi_i e^{\xi_i \theta_i} = J_i^b. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J^b(\theta) &= [(g_0^{-1} e^{-\xi_n \theta_n} \dots e^{-\xi_2 \theta_2}) J_1^b (e^{\xi_2 \theta_2} \dots e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0) \dots g_0^{-1} J_n^b g_0] \\ &= [\text{Ad}_{e^{\xi_2 \theta_2} \dots e^{\xi_n \theta_n} g_0}^{-1} J_1^b \dots \text{Ad}_{g_0}^{-1} J_n^b] \\ &= [\text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=2}^n (e^{\xi_j \theta_j}) g_0}^{-1} J_1^b \dots \text{Ad}_{\prod_{k+1}^n (e^{\xi_j \theta_j}) g_0}^{-1} J_k^b \dots \text{Ad}_{g_0}^{-1} J_n^b] \end{aligned}$$

Lastly, we can similarly convert this to the spatial Jacobian:

$$J^s(\theta) = [J_1^s(\theta) \dots \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{k-1} e^{\xi_j \theta_j}} J_k^s(\theta_k) \dots \text{Ad}_{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} e^{\xi_j \theta_j}} J_n^s(\theta)]$$