

Hand-In Exercise: Admittance Controller

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1 System Modeling

This section contains a derivation of the equations of motion for a robot arm consisting of the three first links of a UR5e robot. The model is derived using Lagrange–D'Alembert's Principle.

An illustration of the robot is shown in Figure 1 that includes the kinematic parameters specified in Table 1. The figure also show position vectors for the center of mass of each joint; the coordinates of the center of masses are specified in (1).

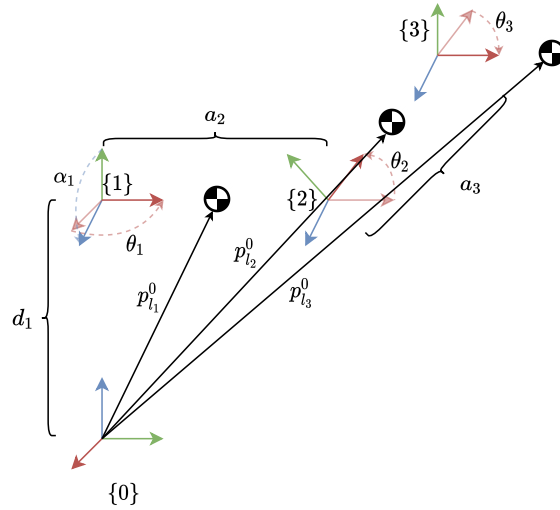


Figure 1: Illustration of considered robot, including kinematic parameters and reference frames.

Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	q_i
1	0	$\pi/2$	d_1	q_1
2	a_2	0	0	q_2
3	a_3	0	0	q_3

Table 1: DH-parameters for the 3-link robot arm.

$$\mathbf{p}_{l_1}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{l_1,x}^1 \\ p_{l_1,y}^1 \\ p_{l_1,z}^1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -0.02561 \\ 0.00193 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{p}_{l_2}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{l_2,x}^2 \\ p_{l_2,y}^2 \\ p_{l_2,z}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2125 \\ 0 \\ 0.11336 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{p}_{l_3}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{l_3,x}^3 \\ p_{l_3,y}^3 \\ p_{l_3,z}^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.15 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0265 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

To derive a dynamical model of the robot, the mass and inertia tensor of each link are given in

$$\mathbf{I}_1^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0084 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.0064 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.0084 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{I}_2^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0078 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.21 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.21 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{I}_3^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0016 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.0462 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.0462 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Finally, the masses of the links are $m_1 = 3.761$ kg, $m_2 = 8.058$ kg, $m_3 = 2.846$ kg.

1.1 Robot Kinematics

The kinematics of the robot are given by the homogeneous transformations

$$\mathbf{A}_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & s_1 & 0 \\ s_1 & 0 & -c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.0 & 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{A}_2^1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & -s_2 & 0 & a_2 c_2 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 & a_2 s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{A}_3^2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_3 & -s_3 & 0 & a_3 c_3 \\ s_3 & c_3 & 0 & a_3 s_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

where $c_i = \cos(q_i)$ and $s_i = \sin(q_i)$ in addition to the transformations

$$\mathbf{T}_2^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_2 & -c_1 s_2 & s_1 & a_2 c_1 c_2 \\ c_2 s_1 & -s_1 s_2 & -c_1 & a_2 c_2 s_1 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 & d_1 + a_2 s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{T}_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{23} c_1 & -s_{23} c_1 & s_1 & c_1 (a_3 c_{23} + a_2 c_2) \\ c_{23} s_1 & -s_{23} s_1 & -c_1 & s_1 (a_3 c_{23} + a_2 c_2) \\ s_{23} & c_{23} & 0 & d_1 + a_3 s_{23} + a_2 s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

where $c_{ij} = \cos(q_i + q_j)$ and $s_{ij} = \sin(q_i + q_j)$.

1.2 Center of Mass of Links

The center of mass for each link have the following coordinates

$$\mathbf{p}_{c1}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \text{pl}_{13} s_1 \\ -\text{pl}_{13} c_1 \\ d_1 + \text{pl}_{12} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{c2}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \text{pl}_{23} s_1 + a_2 c_1 c_2 + \text{pl}_{21} c_1 c_2 \\ a_2 c_2 s_1 - \text{pl}_{23} c_1 + \text{pl}_{21} c_2 s_1 \\ d_1 + a_2 s_2 + \text{pl}_{21} s_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{c3}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \text{pl}_{31} (c_1 c_2 c_3 - c_1 s_2 s_3) + \text{pl}_{33} s_1 + a_2 c_1 c_2 + a_3 c_1 c_2 c_3 - a_3 c_1 s_2 s_3 \\ a_2 c_2 s_1 - \text{pl}_{33} c_1 - \text{pl}_{31} (s_1 s_2 s_3 - c_2 c_3 s_1) + a_3 c_2 c_3 s_1 - a_3 s_1 s_2 s_3 \\ d_1 + a_3 s_{23} + \text{pl}_{31} s_{23} + a_2 s_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

where $c_{ij} = \cos(q_i + q_j)$ and $s_{ij} = \sin(q_i + q_j)$.

1.3 Link Velocities

The rotational part of the three link Jacobians are

$$\mathbf{J}_O^{l_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{J}_O^{l_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & s_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -c_1 & 0 \\ 1.0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{J}_O^{l_3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & s_1 & s_1 \\ 0 & -c_1 & -c_1 \\ 1.0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

The first two translational parts of the link Jacobians are

$$\mathbf{J}_P^{l_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{pl}_{13} c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \text{pl}_{13} s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_P^{l_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{pl}_{23} c_1 - a_2 c_2 s_1 - \text{pl}_{21} c_2 s_1 & -c_1 s_2 (a_2 + \text{pl}_{21}) & 0 \\ \text{pl}_{23} s_1 + a_2 c_1 c_2 + \text{pl}_{21} c_1 c_2 & -s_1 s_2 (a_2 + \text{pl}_{21}) & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 (a_2 + \text{pl}_{21}) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

1.4 Inertia-Tensors of Links

The inertia tensors in base frame are

$$\mathbf{I}_{l_1}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} I_{11,1} - I_{11,1} s_1^2 + I_{13,3} s_1^2 & 0.5 s_{2,0*1} (I_{11,1} - I_{13,3}) & 0 \\ 0.5 s_{2,0*1} (I_{11,1} - I_{13,3}) & I_{13,3} + I_{11,1} s_1^2 - I_{13,3} s_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{12,2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{l_2}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} i_{11} & \sigma_1 & \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_1 & i_{22} & \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 & \sigma_2 & i_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} i_{11} &= I_{11,1} c_1^2 c_2^2 + I_{12,2} c_1^2 s_2^2 + I_{13,3} s_1^2 \\ i_{22} &= I_{13,3} c_1^2 + I_{11,1} c_2^2 s_1^2 + I_{12,2} s_1^2 s_2^2 \\ i_{33} &= I_{12,2} c_2^2 + I_{11,1} s_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= I_{11,1} c_1 s_1 c_2^2 + I_{12,2} c_1 s_1 s_2^2 - I_{13,3} c_1 s_1 \\ \sigma_2 &= I_{11,1} c_2 s_1 s_2 - I_{12,2} c_2 s_1 s_2 \\ \sigma_3 &= I_{11,1} c_1 c_2 s_2 - I_{12,2} c_1 c_2 s_2 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{l_3}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} i_{11} & \sigma_1 & \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_1 & i_{22} & \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 & \sigma_2 & i_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} i_{11} &= I_{11,1} \sigma_6^2 + I_{12,2} \sigma_7^2 + I_{13,3} s_1^2 \\ i_{22} &= I_{11,1} \sigma_4^2 + I_{12,2} \sigma_5^2 + I_{13,3} c_1^2 \\ i_{33} &= I_{11,1} \sigma_9^2 + I_{12,2} \sigma_8^2 \\ \sigma_1 &= I_{12,2} \sigma_7 \sigma_5 - I_{11,1} \sigma_6 \sigma_4 - I_{13,3} c_1 s_1 \\ \sigma_2 &= -I_{11,1} \sigma_4 \sigma_9 - I_{12,2} \sigma_5 \sigma_8 \\ \sigma_3 &= I_{11,1} \sigma_6 \sigma_9 - I_{12,2} \sigma_7 \sigma_8 \\ \sigma_4 &= s_1 s_2 s_3 - c_2 c_3 s_1 \\ \sigma_5 &= c_2 s_1 s_3 + c_3 s_1 s_2 \\ \sigma_6 &= c_1 c_2 c_3 - c_1 s_2 s_3 \\ \sigma_7 &= c_1 c_2 s_3 + c_1 c_3 s_2 \\ \sigma_8 &= c_2 c_3 - s_2 s_3 \\ \sigma_9 &= c_2 s_3 + c_3 s_2 \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

1.5 Potential Energy

The potential energy of the robot is

$$E_{\text{pot}}(\mathbf{q}) = -g_3 m_2 (d_1 + a_2 s_2 + \text{pl}_{21} s_2) - g_3 m_1 (d_1 + \text{pl}_{12}) - g_3 m_3 (d_1 + a_3 s_{23} + \text{pl}_{31} s_{23} + a_2 s_2) \quad (18)$$

1.6 Kinetic Energy

The kinetic energy of the robot is

$$E_{\text{kin}}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{q}}^T \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{q}) \dot{\mathbf{q}} \quad (19)$$

where the mass matrix is given by

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \sigma_1 & & \sigma_4 \\ \sigma_1 & b_{22} & & \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_4 & \sigma_2 & m_3 a_3^2 + 2.0 m_3 a_3 \text{pl}_{31} + m_3 \text{pl}_{31}^2 + I_{13,3} \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} b_{11} &= I_{11,1} + 2.0 I_{12,2} - 0.5 I_{11,1} \sigma_3 + 0.5 I_{12,2} \sigma_3 - 0.5 I_{11,1} c_{2.0*2} + \\ &0.5 I_{12,2} c_{2.0*2} + 0.5 a_2^2 m_2 + 0.5 a_2^2 m_3 + 0.5 a_3^2 m_3 + m_1 \text{pl}_{13}^2 + \\ &0.5 m_2 \text{pl}_{21}^2 + m_2 \text{pl}_{23}^2 + 0.5 m_3 \text{pl}_{31}^2 + \\ &m_3 \text{pl}_{33}^2 + 0.5 m_3 \text{pl}_{31}^2 \sigma_3 + 0.5 a_2^2 m_2 c_{2.0*2} + \\ &0.5 a_2^2 m_3 c_{2.0*2} + 0.5 m_2 \text{pl}_{21}^2 c_{2.0*2} + a_2 m_2 \text{pl}_{21} + a_3 m_3 \text{pl}_{31} + 0.5 a_3^2 m_3 \sigma_3 + \\ &a_3 m_3 \text{pl}_{31} \sigma_3 + a_2 m_2 \text{pl}_{21} c_{2.0*2} + a_2 a_3 m_3 c_3 + a_2 m_3 \text{pl}_{31} c_3 + a_2 a_3 m_3 \sigma_5 + a_2 m_3 \text{pl}_{31} \sigma_5 \\ b_{22} &= 2.0 I_{13,3} + a_2^2 m_2 + a_2^2 m_3 + a_3^2 m_3 + m_2 \text{pl}_{21}^2 + \\ &m_3 \text{pl}_{31}^2 + 2.0 a_2 m_2 \text{pl}_{21} + 2.0 a_3 m_3 \text{pl}_{31} + 2.0 a_2 a_3 m_3 c_3 + 2.0 a_2 m_3 \text{pl}_{31} c_3 \\ \sigma_1 &= -a_3 m_3 \text{pl}_{33} s_{23} - m_3 \text{pl}_{31} \text{pl}_{33} s_{23} - a_2 m_2 \text{pl}_{23} s_2 - a_2 m_3 \text{pl}_{33} s_2 - m_2 \text{pl}_{21} \text{pl}_{23} s_2 \\ \sigma_2 &= m_3 a_3^2 + 2.0 m_3 a_3 \text{pl}_{31} + a_2 m_3 c_3 a_3 + m_3 \text{pl}_{31}^2 + a_2 m_3 c_3 \text{pl}_{31} + I_{13,3} \\ \sigma_3 &= c_{2*2+2*3} \\ \sigma_4 &= -m_3 \text{pl}_{33} s_{23} (a_3 + \text{pl}_{31}) \\ \sigma_5 &= c_{2.0*2+3} \end{aligned}$$

1.7 Robot Dynamics including External Forces

We use Lagrange–D'Alembert's Principle to setup a dynamical model of the robot from

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{Q} \quad (21)$$

where \mathbf{Q} is an n -dimensional vector of generalized forces and $\mathcal{L} = E_{\text{kin}} - E_{\text{pot}}$.

The dynamics of the 3-DOF link robot can be written as

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{q})\ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}})\dot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{J}^T(\mathbf{q})\mathbf{h}_e \quad (22)$$

where \mathbf{h}_e is an external wrench applied to the end-effector, the generalized coordinate \mathbf{q} , $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{q})$ is given in (21), and the remaining parameter matrices are

$$\mathbf{q} = [q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3]^T \quad (23)$$

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & -a_2\dot{q}_3m_3s_3(a_3 + \text{pl}_{31}) & -a_2m_3s_3(\dot{q}_2 + \dot{q}_3)(a_3 + \text{pl}_{31}) \\ C_{31} & a_2\dot{q}_2m_3s_3(a_3 + \text{pl}_{31}) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} = & -\dot{q}_2(0.5I_{12,2}\sigma_{12} - 0.5I_{11,1}\sigma_{12} - 0.5I_{11,1}s_{2.0*2} + 0.5I_{12,2}s_{2.0*2} + \\ & 0.5a_3^2m_3\sigma_{12} + 0.5m_3\text{pl}_{31}^2\sigma_{12} + 0.5a_2^2m_2s_{2.0*2} + 0.5a_2^2m_3s_{2.0*2} + \\ & 0.5m_2\text{pl}_{21}^2s_{2.0*2} + a_3m_3\text{pl}_{31}\sigma_{12} + a_2m_2\text{pl}_{21}s_{2.0*2} + a_2a_3m_3\sigma_1 \\ & + a_2m_3\text{pl}_{31}\sigma_1) - \dot{q}_3(0.5I_{12,2}\sigma_{12} - 0.5I_{11,1}\sigma_{12} + \\ & 0.5m_3(2a_3 + 2\text{pl}_{31})(0.5a_2\sigma_1 + 0.5a_3\sigma_{12} + 0.5\text{pl}_{31}\sigma_{12} + 0.5a_2s_3)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{12} = & 0.5I_{11,1}\dot{q}_1\sigma_{12} - 0.5I_{12,2}\dot{q}_1\sigma_{12} + 0.5I_{11,1}\dot{q}_1s_{2.0*2} - 0.5I_{12,2}\dot{q}_1s_{2.0*2} \\ & - \sigma_7 - \sigma_6 - 0.5a_2^2\dot{q}_1m_2s_{2.0*2} - 0.5a_2^2\dot{q}_1m_3s_{2.0*2} - 0.5\dot{q}_1m_2\text{pl}_{21}^2s_{2.0*2} - \\ & a_2a_3\dot{q}_1m_3\sigma_1 - a_2\dot{q}_1m_3\text{pl}_{31}\sigma_1 - \sigma_8 - a_2\dot{q}_1m_2\text{pl}_{21}s_{2.0*2} - \\ & \sigma_5 - \sigma_4 - \sigma_3 - \sigma_2 - a_2\dot{q}_2m_2\text{pl}_{23}c_2 - a_2\dot{q}_2m_3\text{pl}_{33}c_2 - \\ & \dot{q}_2m_2\text{pl}_{21}\text{pl}_{23}c_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{13} = & 0.5I_{11,1}\dot{q}_1\sigma_{12} - 0.5I_{12,2}\dot{q}_1\sigma_{12} - \sigma_7 - \sigma_6 - 0.5a_2a_3\dot{q}_1m_3\sigma_1 - \\ & 0.5a_2\dot{q}_1m_3\text{pl}_{31}\sigma_1 - \sigma_8 - \sigma_5 - \sigma_4 - \sigma_3 - \sigma_2 - 0.5a_2a_3\dot{q}_1m_3s_3 - \\ & 0.5a_2\dot{q}_1m_3\text{pl}_{31}s_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{21} = & 0.5\dot{q}_1(I_{12,2}\sigma_{12} - I_{11,1}\sigma_{12} - I_{11,1}s_{2.0*2} \\ & + I_{12,2}s_{2.0*2} + \sigma_{10} + \sigma_9 + a_2^2m_2s_{2.0*2} \\ & + a_2^2m_3s_{2.0*2} + m_2\text{pl}_{21}^2s_{2.0*2} + \sigma_{11} + 2.0a_2m_2\text{pl}_{21}s_{2.0*2} + 2.0a_2a_3m_3\sigma_1 + \\ & 2.0a_2m_3\text{pl}_{31}\sigma_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{31} = & 0.5\dot{q}_1(I_{12,2}\sigma_{12} - I_{11,1}\sigma_{12} + \sigma_{10} + \sigma_9 + \sigma_{11} + a_2a_3m_3s_3 + a_2m_3\text{pl}_{31}s_3 + \\ & a_2a_3m_3\sigma_1 + a_2m_3\text{pl}_{31}\sigma_1) \quad \sigma_1 = s_{2.0*2+3} \quad \sigma_2 = \dot{q}_3m_3\text{pl}_{31}\text{pl}_{33}c_{23} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_3 = \dot{q}_2m_3\text{pl}_{31}\text{pl}_{33}c_{23} \quad \sigma_4 = a_3\dot{q}_3m_3\text{pl}_{33}c_{23} \quad \sigma_5 = a_3\dot{q}_2m_3\text{pl}_{33}c_{23}$$

$$\sigma_6 = 0.5\dot{q}_1m_3\text{pl}_{31}^2\sigma_{12} \quad \sigma_7 = 0.5a_3^2\dot{q}_1m_3\sigma_{12} \quad \sigma_8 = a_3\dot{q}_1m_3\text{pl}_{31}\sigma_{12}$$

$$\sigma_9 = m_3\text{pl}_{31}^2\sigma_{12} \quad \sigma_{10} = a_3^2m_3\sigma_{12} \quad \sigma_{11} = 2.0a_3m_3\text{pl}_{31}\sigma_{12} \quad \sigma_{12} = s_{2*2+2*3}$$

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -g_3 m_3 (\sigma_1 + a_2 c_2 + a_3 c_2 c_3 - a_3 s_2 s_3) - g_3 m_2 (a_2 c_2 + \text{pl}_{21} c_2) \\ -g_3 m_3 (\sigma_1 + a_3 c_2 c_3 - a_3 s_2 s_3) \end{bmatrix} \quad (25)$$

where

$$(26)$$

$$\sigma_1 = \text{pl}_{31} (c_2 c_3 - s_2 s_3) \quad (27)$$

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} -s_1 \sigma_3 & -c_1 \sigma_1 & -a_3 s_{23} c_1 \\ c_1 \sigma_3 & -s_1 \sigma_1 & -a_3 s_{23} s_1 \\ 0 & \sigma_3 & \sigma_4 \\ 0 & s_1 & s_1 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \sigma_2 \\ 1.0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (28)$$

where

$$\sigma_1 = a_3 s_{23} + a_2 s_2 \quad (29)$$

$$\sigma_2 = -c_1$$

$$\sigma_3 = \sigma_4 + a_2 c_2$$

$$\sigma_4 = a_3 c_{23} \quad (30)$$

1.8 Verification of Model

Simulation of the robot arm with input $\mathbf{Q} = [\tau_1 \ \tau_2 \ \tau_3]^T = -\mathbf{D}\dot{\mathbf{q}}$, where $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ is a diagonal damping matrix. The system is simulated with the initial condition $\mathbf{q} = [q_1 \ q_2 \ q_3]^T = [1 \ \pi/3 \ \pi/3]^T$, and $\mathbf{D} = 5 \cdot \mathbf{I}$.

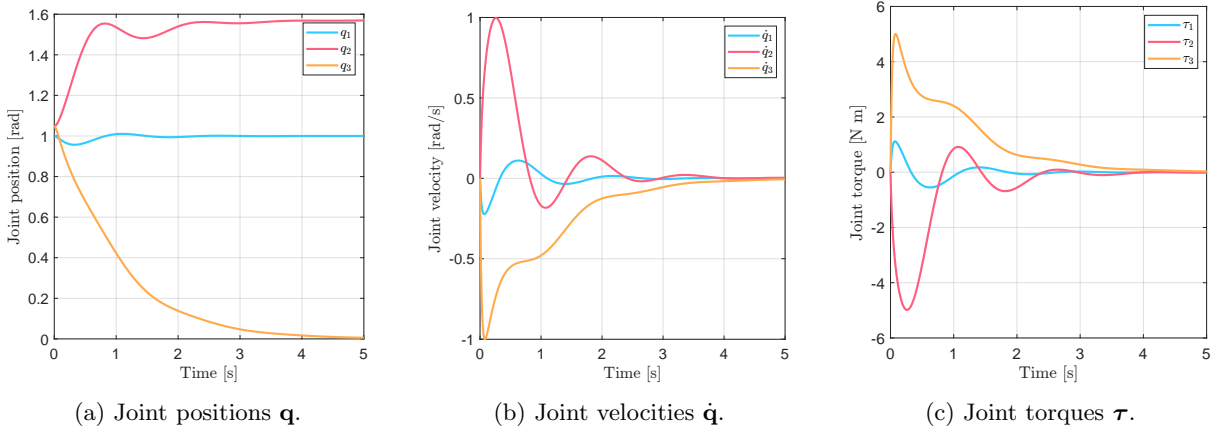


Figure 2: Simulation of robot arm.

2 Admittance Control

2.1 Control Law

This section presents the admittance controller, where the translational part of the admittance controller is given by

$$\mathbf{M}_p \Delta \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{cd} + \mathbf{D}_p \Delta \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{cd} + \mathbf{K}_p \Delta \mathbf{p}_{cd} = \mathbf{f} \quad (31)$$

where $\mathbf{M}_p, \mathbf{D}_p, \mathbf{K}_p$ are 3×3 matrices, $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is force given in Base frame, and $\Delta \mathbf{p}_{cd} = \mathbf{p}_c - \mathbf{p}_d$.

The rotational part of the admittance controller can be expressed in different ways depending on the representation use for orientation. Two representations are

$$\mathbf{M}_o \Delta \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{cd}^d + \mathbf{D}_o \Delta \boldsymbol{\omega}_{cd}^d + \mathbf{K}_o' \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{cd}^d = \boldsymbol{\mu}^d \quad (32)$$

$$\mathbf{M}_o \Delta \ddot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{cd} + \mathbf{D}_o \Delta \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{cd} + \mathbf{K}_o \Delta \boldsymbol{\phi}_{cd} = \mathbf{T}^T(\boldsymbol{\phi}_c) \boldsymbol{\mu} \quad (33)$$

where $\mathbf{M}_o, \mathbf{D}_o, \mathbf{K}_o \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$, and $\boldsymbol{\mu}^d, \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is the torque applied to the end-effector given in desired frame and base frame, respectively. Furthermore, $\Delta \boldsymbol{\omega}_{cd}^d = \mathbf{R}_0^d(\boldsymbol{\omega}_c - \boldsymbol{\omega}_d)$, $\Delta \boldsymbol{\phi}_{cd} = \boldsymbol{\phi}_c - \boldsymbol{\phi}_d$ and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{cd}^d = \eta_d \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_c - \eta_c \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_d - S(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_c) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_d$. The rotational stiffness matrix is

$$\mathbf{K}_o' = 2\mathbf{E}^T(\eta_{cd}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{cd}^d) \mathbf{K}_o$$

where \mathbf{K}_o is the stiffness in Euler angle representation, and

$$\mathbf{E}(\eta, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = \eta \mathbf{I} - S(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})$$

The Euler angles are represented as XYZ Tait-Bryan angles, given by

$$\boldsymbol{\phi} = [\varphi \quad \vartheta \quad \psi]^T \quad (34)$$

with the transformation

$$\mathbf{T}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \sin(\vartheta) \\ 0 & \cos(\varphi) & -\cos(\varphi) \cdot \sin(\varphi) \\ 0 & \sin(\varphi) & \cos(\varphi) \cdot \cos(\vartheta) \end{bmatrix} \quad (35)$$

2.2 Gain Selection

Given a second order system on the form

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + b \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0 \quad (36)$$

the poles that characterize the system's behavior are parameterized in terms of the damping ratio ζ , and natural frequency ω_n , where

$$\zeta = \frac{b}{2\sqrt{km}} \quad \wedge \quad \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad (37)$$

For a critically damped system, the poles must be on the real axis, such that

$$b^2 - 4mk = 0 \quad \therefore \quad \zeta = 1 \quad (38)$$

To select the impedance parameters, some choices must be made; for example, the stiffness k can be defined in terms of the maximum desired displacement \tilde{x}_d in steady state for a given force f , as

$$k = \frac{f}{\tilde{x}_d} \quad (39)$$

Then, given some desired mass $m = m_d$ the damping b can be computed as

$$b = \sqrt{4m_d k} \quad (40)$$

The gains used for the admittance controller, satisfying (41), are chosen as

$$\mathbf{M}_p = \mathbf{M}_o = 5 \cdot \mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{K}_p = 10 \cdot \mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{K}_d = 14.142 \cdot \mathbf{I} \quad , \quad \mathbf{I} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \quad (41)$$

2.3 Implementation

The controllers are implemented in Simulink.

Given the end-effector wrench \mathbf{h}_e^0 (in base frame) with transformation \mathbf{h}_e

$$\mathbf{h}_e^d = \mathbf{Ad}(\mathbf{T}_0^d) \mathbf{h}_e^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}^d \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}^d \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad \mathbf{Ad}(\mathbf{T}_B^A) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_B^A & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{t}_B^A) \mathbf{R}_B^A & \mathbf{R}_B^A \end{bmatrix} \quad (42)$$

where $\mathbf{S}(\cdot)$ denotes the skew-matrix operator, and $\mathbf{Ad}(\mathbf{T}_B^A)$ is the adjoint matrix for some transformation

$$\mathbf{T}_B^A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_B^A & \mathbf{t}_B^A \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (43)$$

The moment in desired frame is computed from the wrench \mathbf{h}_e as

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}^d = \mathbf{Ad}(\mathbf{T}_0^d) \mathbf{h}_e^0 \quad (44)$$

where \mathbf{h}_e is an external wrench applied to the end-effector.

2.3.1 Quaternion-Based Controller

Given a unit quaternion

$$\mathbf{q}_{cd}^d = (\eta_{cd}^d, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{cd}^d) \quad , \quad \eta = \cos\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2}\right) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \sin\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2}\right) \mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \quad (45)$$

for some orientation of angle ϑ around a unit vector \mathbf{r} . Furthermore, $\eta^2 + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^T \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = 1$, meaning it is normalized.

The quaternion $\mathbf{q}_{cd}^d = (\eta_{cd}^d, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{cd}^d)$ is obtained from integration of $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{cd}^d$ as

$$(\mathbf{q}_{cd}^d + dt) = \exp\left\{\frac{dt}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{cd}^d(t + dt)\right\} \otimes \mathbf{q}_{cd}^d(t) \quad (46)$$

where \otimes refers to a quaternion product, and $\exp\{\mathbf{r}\}$ is defined as

$$\exp\{\mathbf{r}\} = (\eta, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = \left(\cos(\|\mathbf{r}\|), \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\|\mathbf{r}\|} \sin(\|\mathbf{r}\|) \right) \quad (47)$$

Given the quaternion $\mathbf{q}_{cd}^d = (\eta_{cd}^d, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{cd}^d)$, the orientation of the compliant frame \mathbf{q}_c^0 (in the base frame) is obtained as

$$\mathbf{q}_c^0 = \mathbf{q}_d^0 \otimes \mathbf{q}_{cd}^d \quad (48)$$

2.3.2 Euler Angle-Based Controller

The Euler angle $\Delta\phi_{cd}$ is obtained from integration of $\Delta\dot{\phi}_{cd}$ as

$$\Delta\phi_{cd}(t + dt) = \Delta\phi_{cd}(t) + dt \cdot \Delta\dot{\phi}_{cd}(t + dt) \quad (49)$$

The orientation ϕ_c of the compliant frame is obtained from the Euler angle $\Delta\phi_{cd}$ as

$$\phi_c = \Delta\phi_{cd} + \phi_d \quad (50)$$

3 Simulation

Three types of admittance controller simulations are demonstrated: translational (Figure 3), Euler angles (Figure 4), and quaternions (Figure 5). These follow the same point-to-point motion for a duration of $t = 25$ seconds. An end-effector wrench is applied during the simulation; a force $\mathbf{f} = [1 \ 2 \ 3]^T$ N for five seconds at $t = 5$, and a torque $\boldsymbol{\mu} = [1 \ 0.5 \ 1]^T$ N m for five seconds at $t = 15$.

3.1 Translational

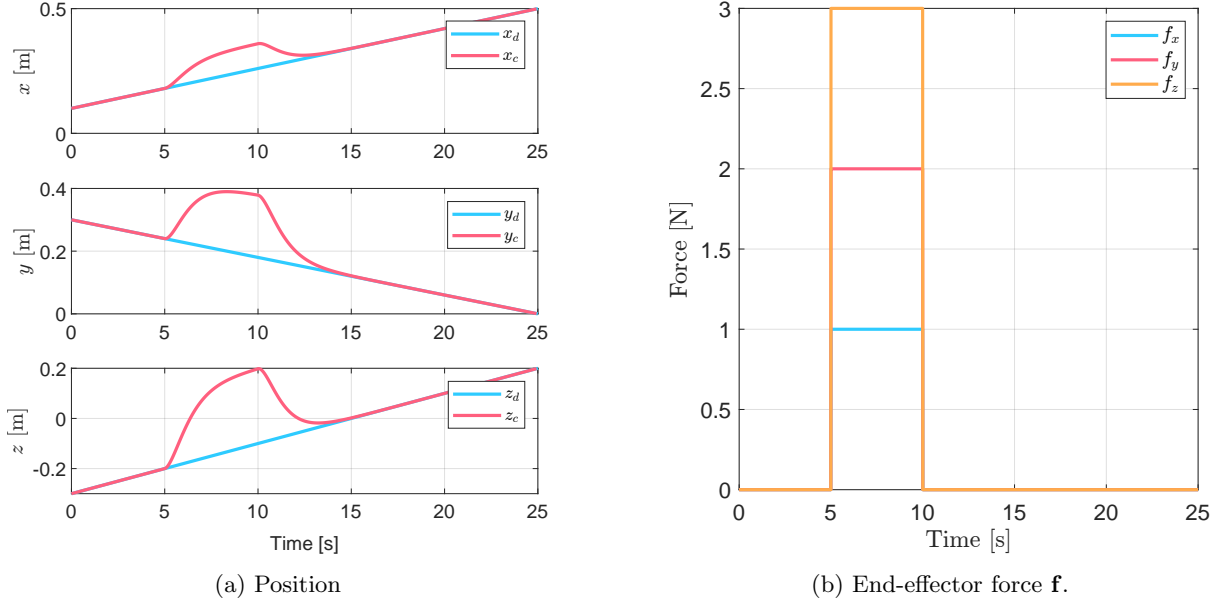


Figure 3: Admittance controller simulation for translational motion.

3.2 Rotational (Euler angles)

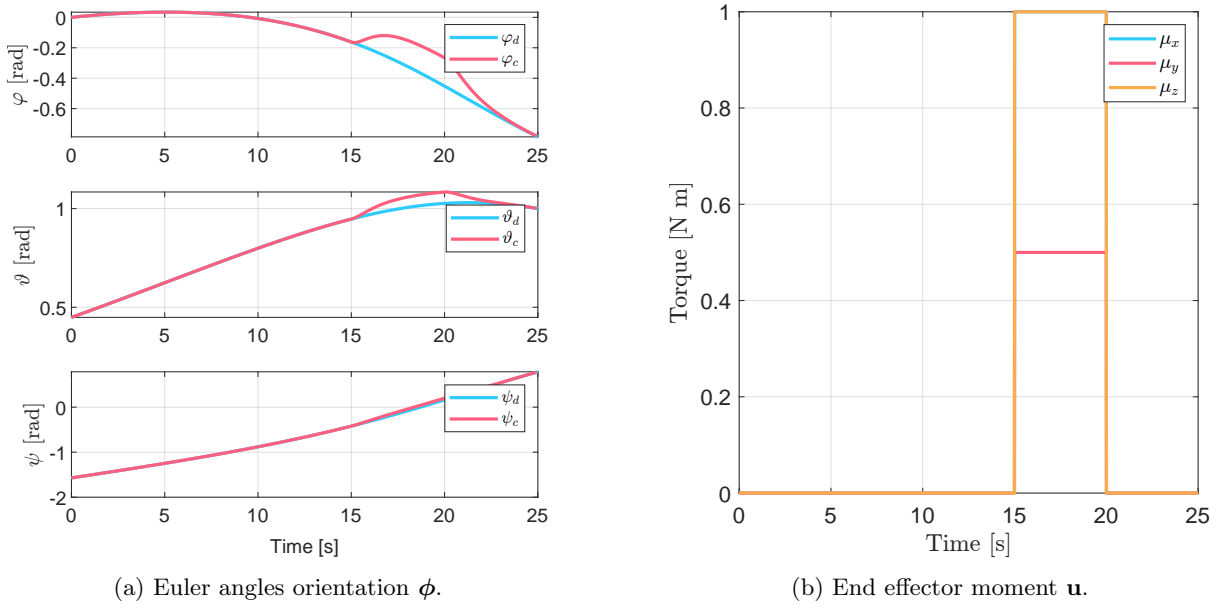
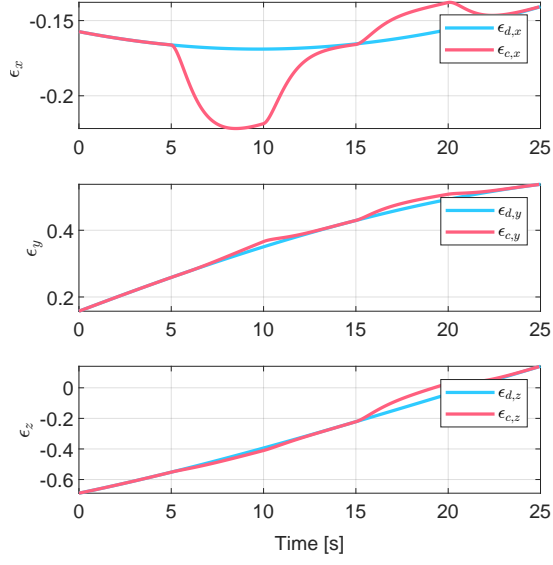
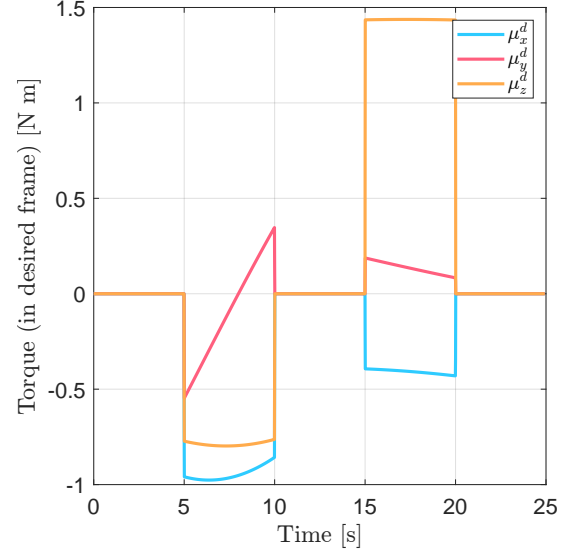


Figure 4: Admittance controller simulation for Euler angles.

3.3 Rotational (Quaternion)



(a) Quaternion orientation ϵ .



(b) End-effector moment in desired frame μ^d .

Figure 5: Admittance controller simulation for quaternions.