



Robotics 2

Dynamic model of robots: Newton-Euler approach

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Approaches to dynamic modeling

(reprise)



energy-based approach (Euler-Lagrange)



Newton-Euler method (balance of forces/torques)

- multi-body robot seen as a whole
- constraint (internal) reaction forces between the links are automatically eliminated: in fact, they do not perform work
- closed-form (symbolic) equations are directly obtained
- best suited for study of dynamic properties and **analysis** of control schemes
- dynamic equations written separately for each link/body
- **inverse dynamics in real time**
 - equations are evaluated in a **numeric** and **recursive** way
 - best for **synthesis** (=implementation) of model-based control schemes
- by elimination of reaction forces and back-substitution of expressions, we still get closed-form dynamic equations (identical to those of Euler-Lagrange!)



Derivative of a vector in a moving frame

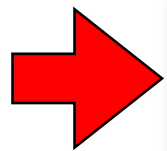
... from velocity to acceleration

$${}^0v_i = {}^0R_i {}^iv_i$$

$${}^0\dot{R}_i = S({}^0\omega_i) {}^0R_i$$

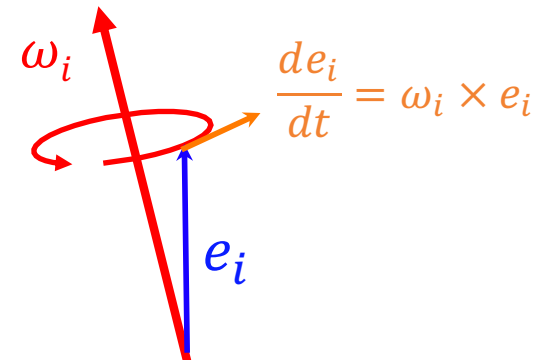
$${}^0\dot{v}_i = {}^0a_i = {}^0R_i {}^ia_i = {}^0R_i {}^i\dot{v}_i + {}^0\dot{R}_i {}^iv_i$$

$$= {}^0R_i {}^i\dot{v}_i + {}^0\omega_i \times {}^0R_i {}^iv_i = {}^0R_i ({}^i\dot{v}_i + {}^i\omega_i \times {}^iv_i)$$



$${}^ia_i = {}^i\dot{v}_i + {}^i\omega_i \times {}^iv_i$$

derivative of "unit" vector





Dynamics of a rigid body

■ Newton dynamic equation

- **balance:** sum of forces = variation of **linear** momentum

$$\sum f_i = \frac{d}{dt}(mv_c) = m\dot{v}_c$$

■ Euler dynamic equation

- **balance:** sum of torques = variation of **angular** momentum

$$\begin{aligned}\sum \mu_i &= \frac{d}{dt}(I\omega) = I\dot{\omega} + \frac{d}{dt}(R\bar{I}R^T)\omega = I\dot{\omega} + (\dot{R}\bar{I}R^T + R\bar{I}\dot{R}^T)\omega \\ &= I\dot{\omega} + S(\omega)R\bar{I}R^T\omega + R\bar{I}R^T\cancel{S^T(\omega)}\omega = I\dot{\omega} + \omega \times I\omega\end{aligned}$$

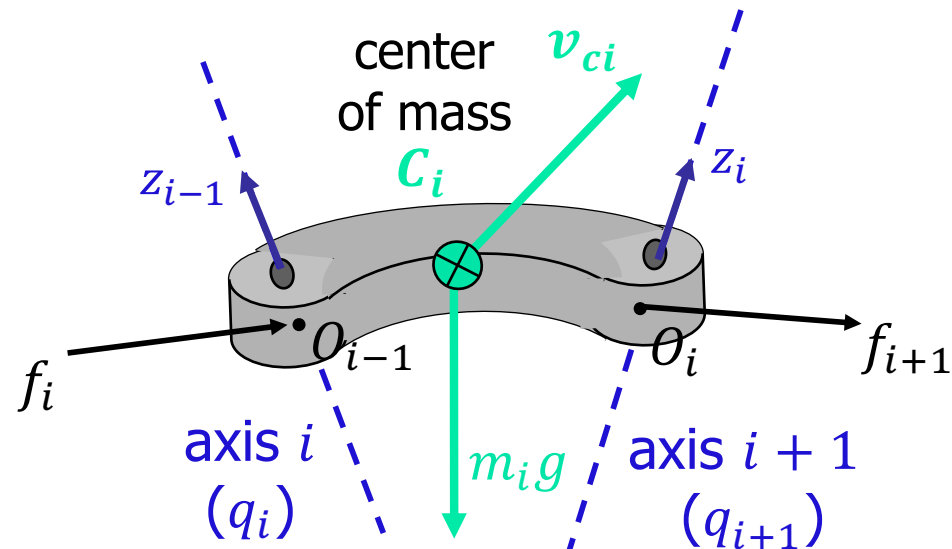
■ principle of **action and reaction**

- forces/torques: applied **by** body ***i*** **to** body ***i* + 1**
= **—** applied **by** body ***i* + 1** **to** body ***i***



Newton-Euler equations - 1

link i



FORCES

f_i force applied
from link $i - 1$ on link i

f_{i+1} force applied
from link i on link $i + 1$

$m_i g$ gravity force

all vectors expressed in the
same RF (better RF _{i})

Newton equation

$$f_i - f_{i+1} + m_i g = m_i a_{ci}$$

N

linear acceleration of C_i



Newton-Euler equations - 2

link i

TORQUES

τ_i torque applied
from link $(i - 1)$ on link i

τ_{i+1} torque applied
from link i on link $(i + 1)$

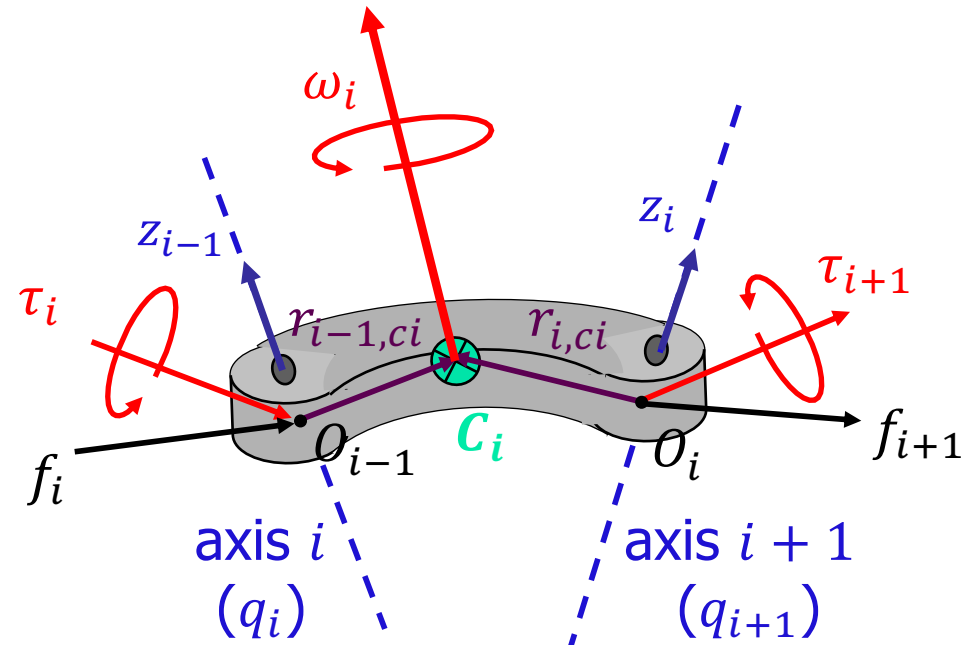
$f_i \times r_{i-1,ci}$ torque due to f_i w.r.t. C_i

$-f_{i+1} \times r_{i,ci}$ torque due to $-f_{i+1}$ w.r.t. C_i

Euler equation

$$\tau_i - \tau_{i+1} + f_i \times r_{i-1,ci} - f_{i+1} \times r_{i,ci} = I_i \dot{\omega}_i + \omega_i \times (I_i \omega_i)$$

angular acceleration of body i



all vectors expressed in
the same RF (RF_i !!)

gravity force gives
no torque at C_i

E



Forward recursion

Computing velocities and accelerations

- “moving frames” algorithm (as for velocities in Lagrange)
- wherever there is no leading superscript, it is the same as the subscript ($\omega_i = {}^i\omega_i$)
- for simplicity, only revolute joints
(see [textbook](#) for the more general treatment)

initializations

$$\omega_i = {}^{i-1}R_i^T [\omega_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i z_{i-1}]$$

← ω_0

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\omega}_i &= {}^{i-1}R_i^T [\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i z_{i-1} - \dot{q}_i z_{i-1} \times (\omega_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i z_{i-1})] \\ &= {}^{i-1}R_i^T [\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i z_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i \omega_{i-1} \times z_{i-1}]\end{aligned}$$

AR

← $\dot{\omega}_0$

$$a_i = {}^{i-1}R_i^T a_{i-1} + \dot{\omega}_i \times {}^i r_{i-1,i} + \omega_i \times (\omega_i \times {}^i r_{i-1,i})$$

← $a_0 - {}^0g$

$$a_{ci} = a_i + \dot{\omega}_i \times r_{i,ci} + \omega_i \times (\omega_i \times r_{i,ci})$$

the gravity force term can be skipped in Newton equation, if added here



Backward recursion

Computing forces and torques

F/TR

from N_i \longrightarrow to N_{i-1} eliminated, if inserted in forward recursion ($i=0$) initializations

$$f_i = f_{i+1} + m_i(a_{ci} - \cancel{g}) \quad \longleftarrow f_{N+1} \quad \tau_{N+1}$$

$$\tau_i = \tau_{i+1} - f_i \times (r_{i-1,i} + r_{i,c_i}) + f_{i+1} \times r_{i,c_i} + I_i \dot{\omega}_i + \omega_i \times (I_i \omega_i)$$

from E_i \longrightarrow to E_{i-1}

at each step of this recursion, we have two vector equations ($N_i + E_i$) at the joint providing f_i and τ_i : these contain ALSO the **reaction forces/torques** at the joint axis \Rightarrow they should be "projected" next along/around this axis

FP $u_i = \begin{cases} f_i^T z_{i-1} + \eta_i \dot{q}_i & \text{for prismatic joint} \\ \tau_i^T z_{i-1} + \eta_i \dot{q}_i & \text{for revolute joint} \end{cases}$

\uparrow generalized forces add here dissipative terms
(in rhs of Euler-Lagrange eqs) (here viscous friction only)

\Rightarrow N scalar equations at the end



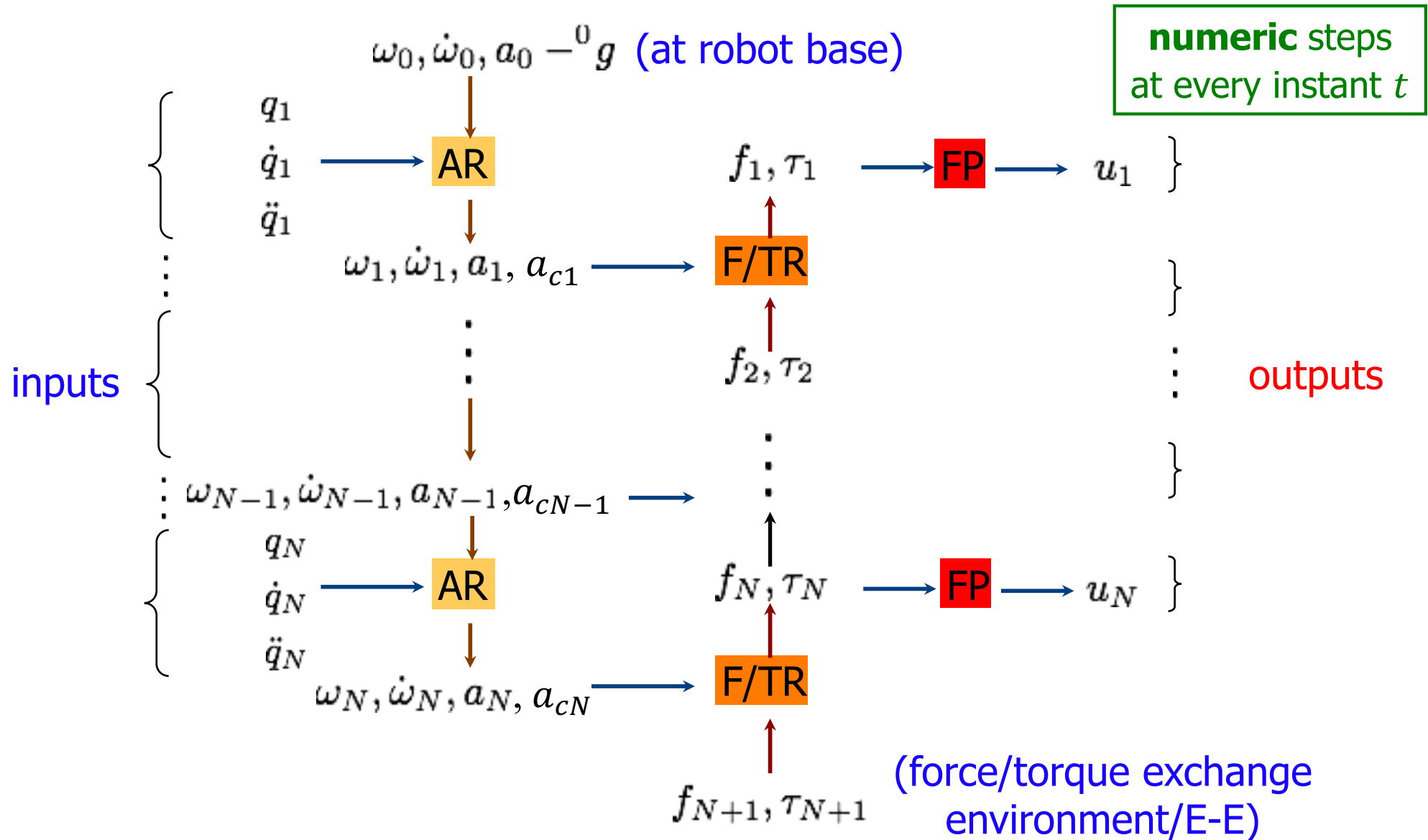
Comments on Newton-Euler method

- the previous forward/backward recursive formulas can be evaluated in symbolic or numeric form
 - **symbolic**
 - substituting expressions in a recursive way
 - at the end, a closed-form dynamic model is obtained, which is identical to the one obtained using Euler-Lagrange (or any other) method
 - there is **no** special convenience in using N-E in this way
 - **numeric**
 - substituting numeric values (numbers!) at each step
 - **computational complexity** of each step remains constant \Rightarrow grows **in a linear fashion** with the number **N** of joints (**$O(N)$**)
 - strongly recommended for real-time use, especially when the number **N** of joints **is large**



Newton-Euler algorithm

efficient computational scheme for inverse dynamics





Matlab (or C) script

general routine $NE_{\alpha}(\arg_1, \arg_2, \arg_3)$

- data file (of a specific robot)
 - number N and types $\sigma = \{0,1\}^N$ of joints (revolute/prismatic)
 - table of DH kinematic parameters
 - list of **ALL** dynamic parameters of the links (and of the motors)
- input
 - vector parameter $\alpha = \{^0g, 0\}$ (presence or absence of gravity)
 - three ordered **vector arguments**
 - typically, samples of joint **position, velocity, acceleration** taken from a desired trajectory
- output
 - generalized force u for the **complete** inverse dynamics
 - ... or **single terms** of the dynamic model



Examples of output

- complete inverse dynamics

$$u = NE_0(q_d, \dot{q}_d, \ddot{q}_d) = M(q_d)\ddot{q}_d + c(q_d, \dot{q}_d) + g(q_d) = u_d$$

- gravity terms

$$u = NE_0(q, 0, 0) = g(q)$$

- centrifugal and Coriolis terms

$$u = NE_0(q, \dot{q}, 0) = c(q, \dot{q})$$

- i -th column of the inertia matrix

$$u = NE_0(q, 0, e_i) = M_i(q)$$

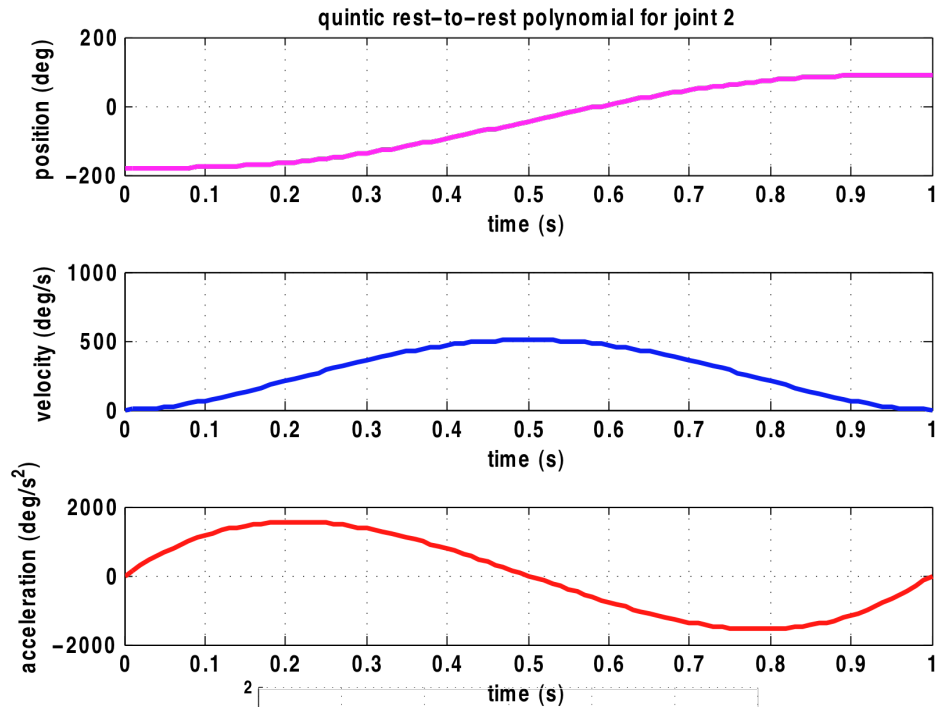
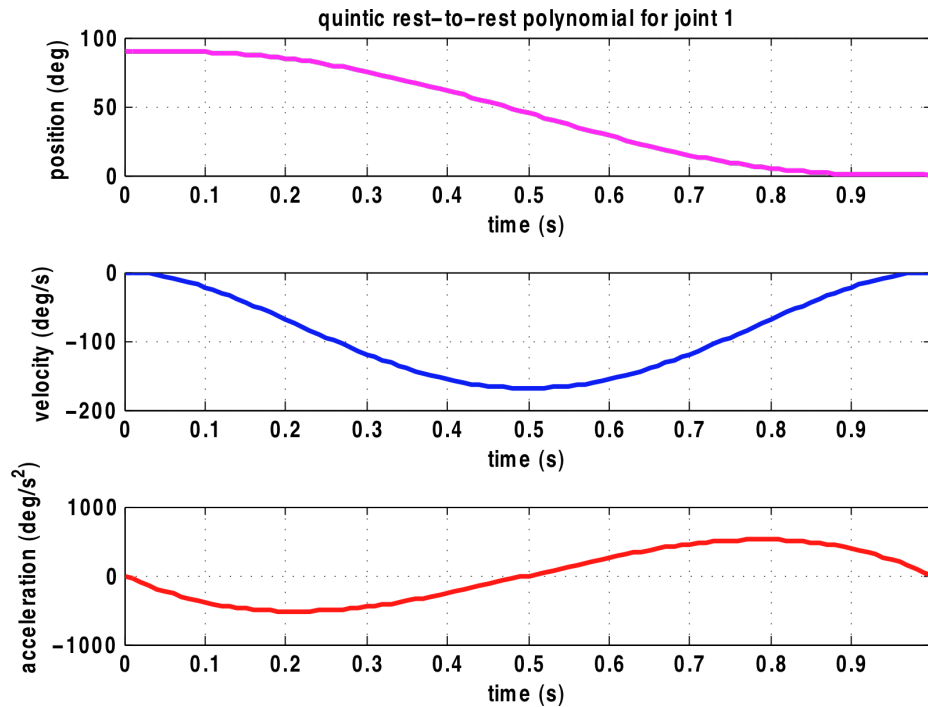
e_i = i -th column
of identity matrix

- generalized momentum

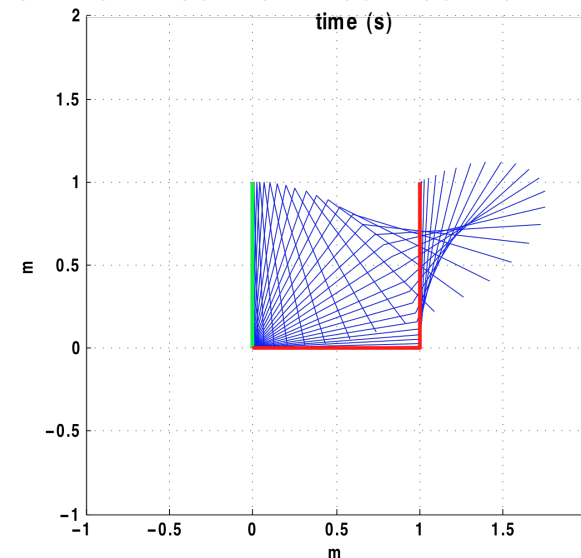
$$u = NE_0(q, 0, \dot{q}) = M(q)\dot{q} = p$$



Inverse dynamics of a 2R planar robot

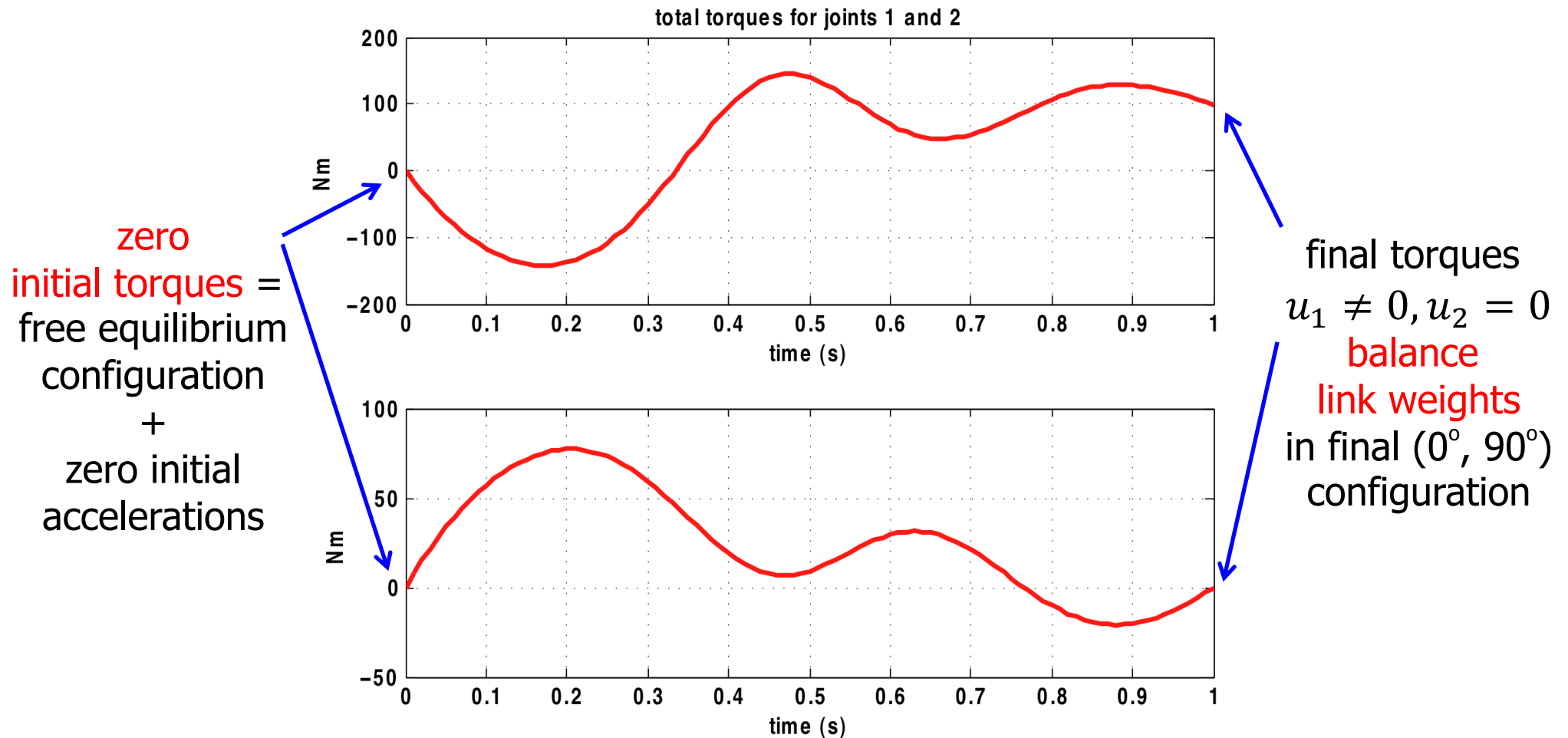


desired (smooth) joint motion:
quintic polynomials for q_1, q_2 with
zero vel/acc boundary conditions
from $(90^\circ, -180^\circ)$ to $(0^\circ, 90^\circ)$ in $T = 1$ s



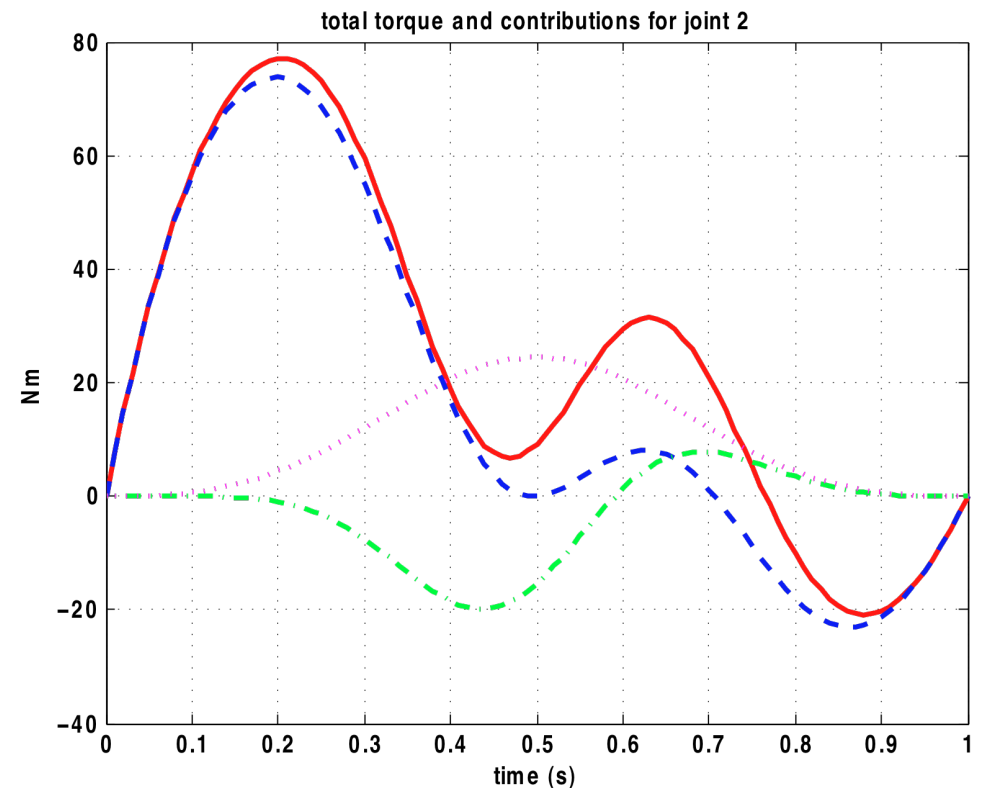
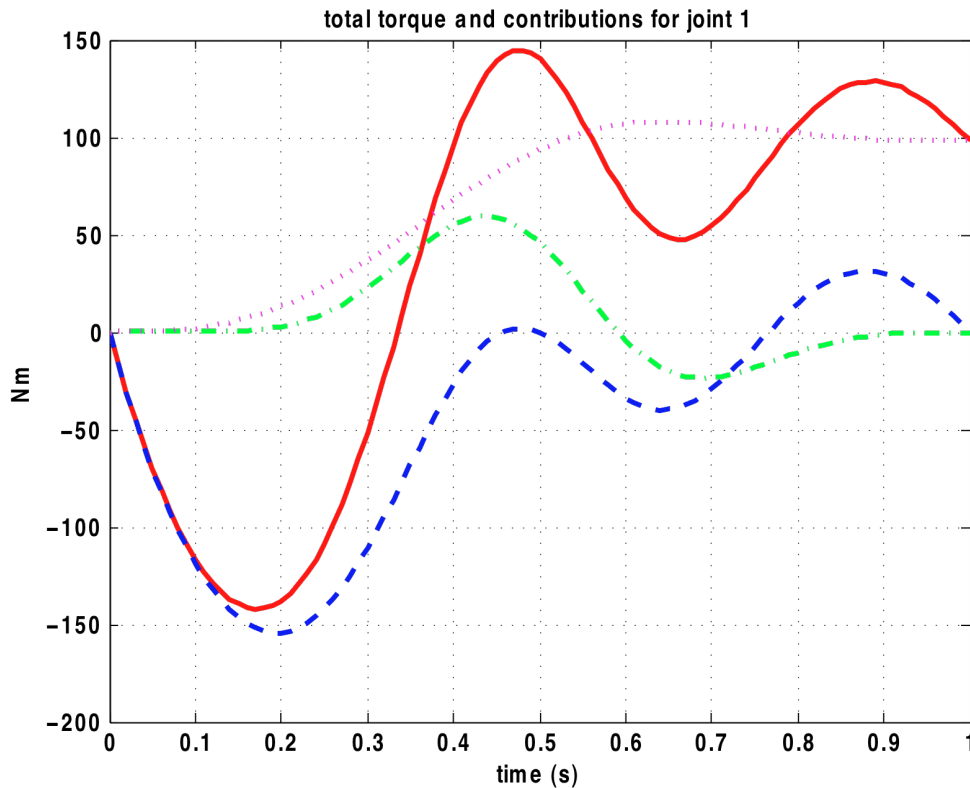


Inverse dynamics of a 2R planar robot



motion in vertical plane (under gravity)
both links are thin rods of uniform mass $m_1 = 10$ kg, $m_2 = 5$ kg

Inverse dynamics of a 2R planar robot



torque contributions at the two joints for the desired motion

— = total, --- = inertial
-.-.- = Coriolis/centrifugal, = gravitational

Use of NE routine for simulation

direct dynamics



- numerical integration, at **current** state (q, \dot{q}) , of
$$\ddot{q} = M^{-1}(q)[u - (c(q, \dot{q}) + g(q))] = M^{-1}(q)[u - n(q, \dot{q})]$$
- Coriolis, centrifugal, and gravity terms

$$n = NE_g(q, \dot{q}, 0) \quad \text{complexity } O(N)$$

- i -th column of the inertia matrix, for $i = 1, \dots, N$

$$M_i = NE_0(q, 0, e_i) \quad O(N^2)$$

- numerical inversion of inertia matrix

$$InvM = \text{inv}(M) \quad O(N^3) \quad \text{but with small coefficient}$$

- given u , integrate acceleration computed as

$$\ddot{q} = InvM * [u - n] \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{new state } (q, \dot{q}) \quad \text{and repeat over time ...}$$