



3 Task augmentation methods

- an **auxiliary task** is added (task augmentation)

number of additional components $\leftarrow s \updownarrow$ $f_y(q) = y \quad s \leq N - M$

corresponding to some desirable feature for the solution

$$r_A = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f(q) \\ f_y(q) \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \dot{r}_A = \begin{pmatrix} J(q) \\ J_y(q) \end{pmatrix} \dot{q} = J_A(q) \dot{q} \quad \underbrace{\boxed{J_A}}_N \} M + S$$

- a **solution** is chosen still in the form of a generalized inverse

$$\dot{q} = K_A(q) \dot{r}_A$$

or by adding a term in the null space of the **augmented Jacobian** matrix J_A



Augmenting the task ...

- **advantage:** better shaping of the inverse kinematic solution

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- **disadvantage:** **algorithmic** singularities are introduced when

$$\rho(J) = M \quad \rho(J_y) = S \quad \text{but} \quad \rho(J_A) < M + S$$

to avoid this, it should be always

$$\mathcal{R}(J^T) \cap \mathcal{R}(J_y^T) = \emptyset$$

difficult to be obtained globally!



rows of J AND rows of J_y
are all together linearly independent

Augmented task example

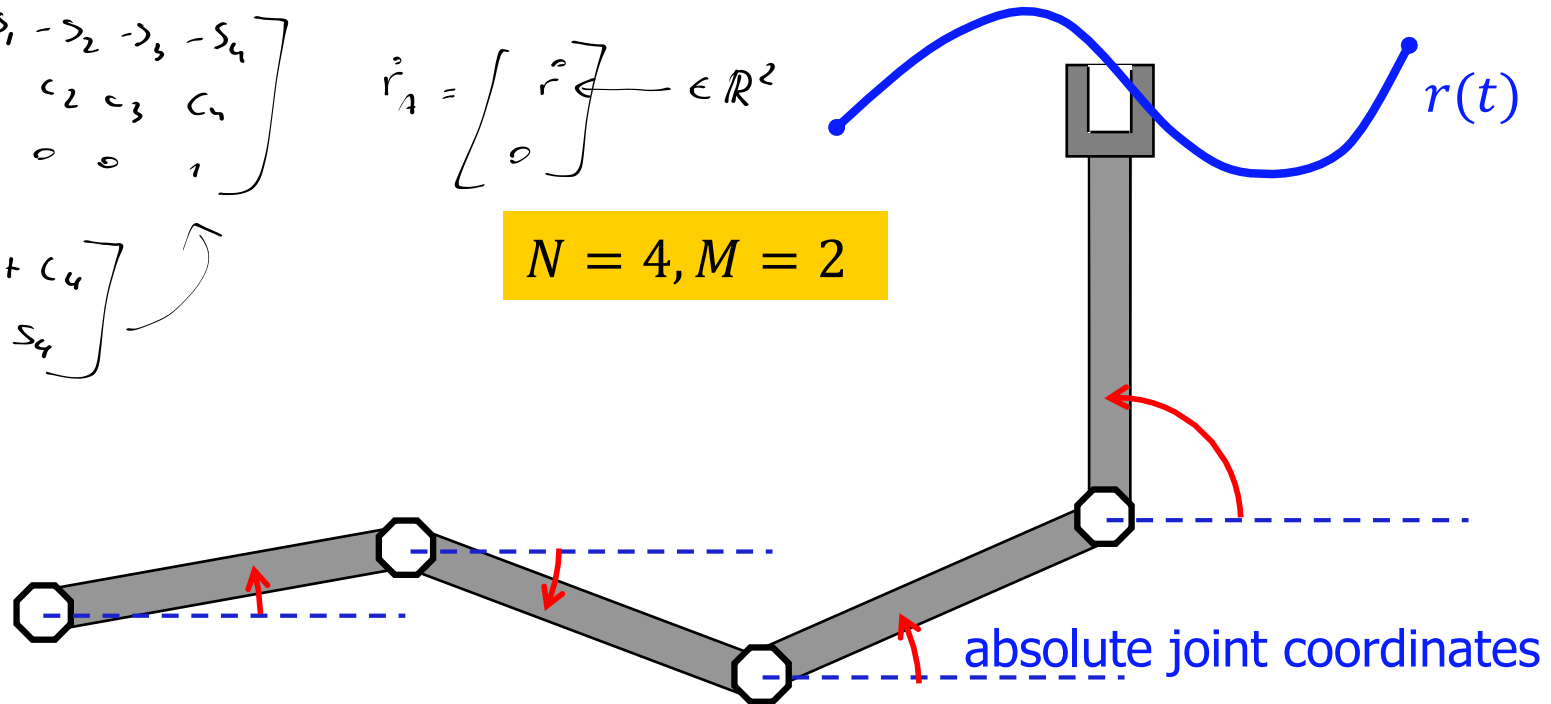
$$L_i = 1 \quad i = 1, \dots, 4$$

$$J_A = \begin{bmatrix} J \\ J_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -s_1 & -s_2 & -s_3 & -s_4 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{r}_A = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{r} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_4 \\ s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N = 4, M = 2$$



$$f_y(q) = q_4 = \pi/2 \quad (S = 1)$$

last link is to be held vertical...



Extended Jacobian ($S = N-M$)

- square J_A : in the absence of **algorithmic** singularities, we can choose

$$\dot{q} = J_A^{-1}(q)\dot{r}_A \rightarrow \text{DLS in case of algosing}$$

- the scheme is then **repeatable**

- provided no singularities are encountered during a complete task cycle*

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- when the $N - M$ conditions $f_y(q) = 0$ correspond to necessary (and sufficient) conditions for constrained optimality of a given objective function $H(q)$ (see RG method, slide #36), this scheme guarantees that constrained **optimality** is locally **preserved** during task execution

$$J_y(q) = \begin{bmatrix} -(\partial_{\dot{q}} f_y(q) & \partial_b f_y(q)) & I \end{bmatrix} \nabla_q H(q) = 0$$

- in the vicinity of algorithmic singularities, the execution of **both** the **original task** as well as the **auxiliary task(s)** are affected by **errors** (when using DLS inversion)

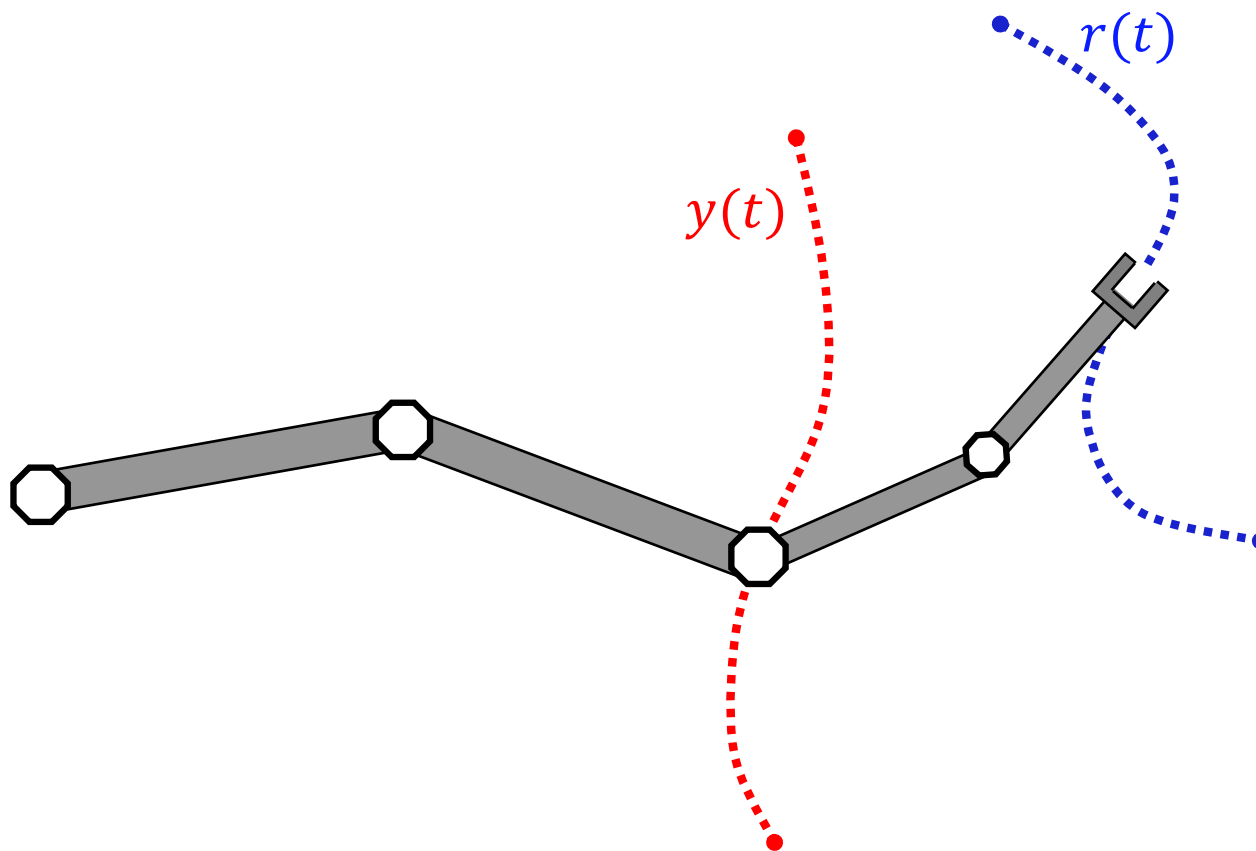
* there exists an unexpected phenomenon in some 3R manipulators having "generic" kinematics: the robot may sometimes perform a pose change after a full cycle, even if no singularity has been encountered during motion (see J. Burdick, *Mech. Mach. Theory*, 30(1), 1995)



Extended Jacobian

example

MACRO-MICRO manipulator



$$N = 4, M = 2$$

$$\dot{r} = J(q_1, \dots, q_4) \dot{q}$$

$$\dot{y} = J_y(q_1, q_2) \dot{q}$$



$$J_A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} * & * \\ * & 0 \end{array} \right)_{4 \times 4}$$



Task Priority

if the original (primary) task $\dot{r}_1 = J_1(q)\dot{q}$ has **higher priority** than the auxiliary (secondary) task $\dot{r}_2 = J_2(q)\dot{q}$

- we **first** address the task with highest priority

$$\dot{q} = J_1^\# \dot{r}_1 + (I - J_1^\# J_1) v_1$$

- and **then** choose v_1 so as to satisfy, if possible, also the secondary (lower priority) task

$$\dot{r}_2 = J_2 \dot{q} = J_2 J_1^\# \dot{r}_1 + J_2 (I - J_1^\# J_1) v_1 = J_2 J_1^\# \dot{r}_1 + J_2 P_1 v_1$$

the general solution for v_1 takes the usual form

$$v_1 = (J_2 P_1)^\# (\dot{r}_2 - J_2 J_1^\# \dot{r}_1) + (I - (J_2 P_1)^\# (J_2 P_1)) v_2$$

v_2 is available for the execution of further tasks of lower (ordered) priorities

Task Priority (continue)

- substituting the expression of v_1 in \dot{q}

$$\dot{q} = J_1^\# \dot{r}_1 + P_1 (J_2 P_1)^\# (\dot{r}_2 - J_2 J_1^\# \dot{r}_1) + P_1 \left(I - (J_2 P_1)^\# (J_2 P_1) \right) v_2$$

$P(BP)^\# = (BP)^\#$
when matrix P is
idempotent and symmetric

$$= (J_2 P_1)^\#$$

possibly = 0

- main advantage: **highest priority task** is ideally **no longer affected** by **algorithmic singularities** (error is restricted only to secondary task)

