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## Kinestostatics of Serial Robot

### 5.1 > Introduction

- ⇒ We derive first the relation between the twist of the robot EE and the set of joint rates.
  - ↳ Which is given by a linear transformation induced by the robot Jacobian matrix.
- ⇒ Once the above relation is established for a general six-joint robot, the relation between the static wrench exerted by the environment on the EE and the balancing joint torques is derived by duality.
- ⇒ Three-dimensional workspace is derived.
- ⇒ An algorithm is proposed for the display of this workspace as pertaining to general serial structure whose inverse displacement analysis leads to a quintic polynomial.
- ⇒ Chapter closes with kinestostatic performance indices. Their purpose are:-
  - Needed in robot design to help the designer best dimension the links of the robot in the early stage of design process, prior to the elastostatic & the electrodynamic design stage.

→ Also needed in the Control of a given robot to ensure an acceptable kinetostatic performance under feedback control.

→ Comparison of various candidate robot when a robotic facility is being planned.

# Elastostatic design pertains to the structural design of robot to ensure that the links and the joint mechanical transmissions will be able to withstand the static load that arise when the robot is in operation.

# Elastodynamic design considers the inertia load of the structural elements while accounting for link flexibility, which gives rise to mechanical vibration.

## 5.2) Velocity analysis of Serial Manipulator

- ⇒ First, a Serial  $n$ -axis manipulator containing only revolute pairs is considered.
- ⇒ Then, relations associated with prismatic pairs are introduced.
- ⇒ Finally, the joint rates of six-axis manipulators are calculated in terms of the EE twist.



⇒ We consider manipulator with joint coordinate  $\theta_i$ , joint rate  $\dot{\theta}_i$ , and a unit vector  $\bar{e}_i$  are associated with each revolute axis.

↳ The  $\{x_i, y_i, z_i\}$  coordinate frame, attached to the  $(i-1)^{\text{st}}$  link, with origin  $O_i$

⇒ If the angular-velocity vector of  $i^{\text{th}}$  link is denoted by  $\bar{\omega}_i$ , then we have,

$$\bar{\omega}_0 = \bar{0}$$

$$\bar{\omega}_1 = \dot{\theta}_1 \bar{e}_1$$

$$\bar{\omega}_2 = \dot{\theta}_1 \bar{e}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \bar{e}_2$$

⋮

$$\bar{\omega}_n = \dot{\theta}_1 \bar{e}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \bar{e}_2 + \dots + \dot{\theta}_n \bar{e}_n$$

⇒ and if the angular velocity of the EE is denoted by  $\bar{\omega}$  then,

$$\bar{\omega} = \bar{\omega}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\theta}_i \bar{e}_i \quad \text{--- ①}$$

⇒ Position vector of point on EE is readily derived as:-

$$\bar{p} = \bar{a}_1 + \bar{a}_2 + \dots + \bar{a}_n \quad \text{--- ②}$$

⇒ Upon differentiating both sides of eq ① we get

$$\dot{\bar{p}} = \dot{\bar{a}}_1 + \dot{\bar{a}}_2 + \dots + \dot{\bar{a}}_n \quad \text{--- ③}$$

⇒ Since Vector  $\vec{a}_i$  is fixed ~~vector~~ to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  link,

$$\dot{\vec{a}}_i = \vec{\omega}_i \times \vec{a}_i \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

⇒ Furthermore, Substitution of Eq (1) & (4) into Eq (3) yields:-

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\vec{p}} = & \dot{\theta}_1 \vec{e}_1 \times \vec{a}_1 + (\dot{\theta}_1 \vec{e}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \vec{e}_2) \times \vec{a}_2 + \dots \\ & + (\dot{\theta}_1 \vec{e}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + \dot{\theta}_n \vec{e}_n) \times \vec{a}_n \quad \text{--- (5)} \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Above Can be rearranged as:-

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\vec{p}} = & \dot{\theta}_1 \vec{e}_1 \times (\vec{a}_1 + \vec{a}_2 + \dots + \vec{a}_n) + \dot{\theta}_2 \vec{e}_2 \times (\vec{a}_2 + \vec{a}_3 + \dots + \vec{a}_n) \\ & + \dots + \dot{\theta}_n \vec{e}_n \times \vec{a}_n \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Now Vector  $\vec{g}_i$  is defined as that joining  $O_i$  with P, directed from the former to the latter.

$$\vec{g}_i = \vec{a}_i + \vec{a}_{i+1} + \dots + \vec{a}_n \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

⇒ hence  $\dot{\vec{p}}$  can be rewritten as:-

$$\dot{\vec{p}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\theta}_i \vec{e}_i \times \vec{g}_i$$

⇒ Further, let A and B denote the  $3 \times n$  matrices defined as:-

$$A = [\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n] \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$B = [\vec{e}_1 \times \vec{g}_1, \vec{e}_2 \times \vec{g}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n \times \vec{g}_n]$$



the  $n$ -dimensional joint-rate vector  $\dot{\bar{\theta}}$  being defined as:-

$$\dot{\bar{\theta}} = [\dot{\theta}_1, \dot{\theta}_2, \dots, \dot{\theta}_n]^T$$

$\Rightarrow$  Thus  $\bar{\omega}$  and  $\dot{\bar{p}}$  can be expressed in a more compact form as:-

$$\bar{\omega} = \bar{A} \dot{\bar{\theta}}$$

$$\dot{\bar{p}} = \bar{B} \dot{\bar{\theta}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  the twist of the EE being defined, in turn as:-

$$\bar{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \dot{\bar{p}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The EE twist is thus linearly related to the joint-rate vector  $\dot{\bar{\theta}}$

$$\boxed{\bar{J} \dot{\bar{\theta}} = \bar{T}} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Where  $\bar{J}$  is the Jacobian matrix.

$\rightarrow$  First introduced by Whitney (1977)  
 $\rightarrow$  It is  $6 \times n$  matrix

$$\bar{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A} \\ \bar{B} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{e}_1 & \bar{e}_2 & \dots & \bar{e}_n \\ \bar{e}_1 \times \bar{r}_1 & \bar{e}_2 \times \bar{r}_2 & \dots & \bar{e}_n \times \bar{r}_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

⇒ Apparently, an alternative definition of the foregoing Jacobian matrix can be given as:-

$$\bar{J} = \frac{\delta \bar{E}}{\delta \dot{\theta}} \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

If  $\bar{J}_i$  denotes its column  $i$  of  $\bar{J}$  then,

$$\bar{J}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{e}_i \\ \bar{e}_i \times \bar{a}_i \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- (12)}$$

⇒ It is noteworthy that if the axis of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  revolute is denoted by  $R_i$  then  $\bar{J}_i$  is nothing but the Plücker array of that line, with the moment of  $R_i$  being taken with respect to the operator point  $P$  of the EE.

⇒ If  $i^{\text{th}}$  pair is prismatic, then the  $(i-1)^{\text{st}}$  and  $i^{\text{th}}$  links have the same angular velocity.

Hence,

$$\bar{\omega}_i = \bar{\omega}_{i-1}, \quad \bar{a}_i = \bar{\omega}_{i-1} \times \bar{a}_i + \dot{b}_i \bar{e}_i$$

⇒ One can readily prove in this case that:-



$$\bar{\omega} = \dot{\theta}_1 \bar{e}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \bar{e}_2 + \dots + \dot{\theta}_{i-1} \bar{e}_{i-1} + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} \bar{e}_{i+1} + \dots + \dot{\theta}_n \bar{e}_n$$

$$\bar{p} = \dot{\theta}_1 \bar{e}_1 \times \bar{a}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \bar{e}_2 \times \bar{a}_2 + \dots + \dot{\theta}_{i-1} \bar{e}_{i-1} \times \bar{a}_{i-1} + \dot{b}_i \bar{e}_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} \bar{e}_{i+1} \times \bar{a}_{i+1} + \dots + \dot{\theta}_n \bar{e}_n \times \bar{a}_n$$

⇒ If Vector  $\bar{\theta}$  is now defined as

$$\bar{\theta} = [\dot{\theta}_1 \ \dot{\theta}_2 \ \dots \ \dot{\theta}_{i-1} \ \dot{b}_i \ \dot{\theta}_{i+1} \ \dots \ \dot{\theta}_n]$$

the  $i^{\text{th}}$  Column of  $J$  then changes to

$$\bar{J}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{0} \\ \bar{e}_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Plücker array of the axis of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  joint, is that of a line at infinity lying in a plane normal to the unit vector  $\bar{e}_i$

⇒ In general,  $\bar{J}_A$  denotes the Jacobian defined for a point A of the EE and  $\bar{J}_B$  that defined for another point B, then the relation between  $\bar{J}_A$  and  $\bar{J}_B$  is

$$\boxed{\bar{J}_B = \bar{U} \bar{J}_A} \quad \text{--- (13)}$$

Where the  $6 \times 6$  matrix  $\bar{U}$  is defined as:-

$$\bar{U} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{I} & \bar{0} \\ \bar{A}-\bar{B} & \bar{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

Where,  $\bar{A}$  &  $\bar{B}$  are cross-product matrices of the position vectors  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$  of points A and B respectively.

Theorem 5.2.1: The determinant of the Jacobian matrix of a six-axis manipulator is not affected under a change of operation point of the EE.

$$\det(\bar{J}_B) = \det(\bar{J}_A)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Equation (13) is called Jacobian transfer Matrix

$\Rightarrow$  In particular, for six-axis manipulators,  $\bar{J}$  is a  $6 \times 6$  matrix. Whenever this matrix is non-singular eqn (14) can be solved for  $\dot{\bar{\theta}}$ .

$$\boxed{\dot{\bar{\theta}} = \bar{J}^{-1} \bar{E}} \quad (14)$$

$\rightarrow$  This is solved using  
Gauss-elimination algorithm  
or LU Decomposition.

$\Rightarrow$  Gaussian elimination produces the solution by recognizing that a system of linear equations is most easily solved when it is in either upper or lower-triangular form.



⇒ To exploit this fact, matrix  $\bar{J}$  is decomposed into the unique  $\bar{L}$  &  $\bar{U}$  factor in the form:-

$$\bar{J} = \bar{L} \bar{U}$$

$\swarrow$  Lower-triangular       $\searrow$  Upper-triangular

⇒ Thus, the Unknown Vectors of joint states can now be computed from two triangular systems, namely,

$$\boxed{\bar{L} \bar{y} = \bar{t}} \quad \text{--- (13)}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{U} \bar{\theta} = \bar{y}} \quad \text{--- (14)}$$

⇒ The Solution of a System of  $n$  linear equation in  $n$  unknowns, using the LU-decomposition method, can be accomplished with  $M_n$  multiplications &  $A_n$  additions:-

$$M_n = \frac{n}{6} (2n^2 + 9n + 1)$$

$$A_n = \frac{n}{3} (n^2 + 3n + 4)$$

} Dahlquist & Bionckel  
 1974

eg  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M_6 = 127 \\ A_6 = 166 \end{array} \right\}$

### 5.2.1) Decoupled Manipulator

⇒ For manipulator of this type of architecture, it is more convenient to deal with the velocity of the center  $C$  of the wrist.

↳ Then with that of the operation point  $P$ .

⇒ Thus,

$$\bar{E}_C = \bar{J} \dot{\bar{\theta}}$$

where,  $\bar{E}_C$  is defined as

$$\bar{E}_C = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \dot{\bar{c}} \end{bmatrix}$$

⇒ and can be obtained from  $\bar{E}_P = [\bar{\omega}^T \dot{\bar{p}}^T]^T$  using the twist-transfer formula:-

$$\bar{E}_C = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{I} & \bar{O} \\ \bar{p} - \bar{c} & \bar{I} \end{bmatrix} \bar{E}_P$$

with  $\bar{C}$  &  $\bar{P}$  defined as the cross-product matrices of the position vectors  $\bar{C}$  &  $\bar{P}$  respectively.

⇒ Since  $C$  is on the last three joint axes, its velocity is not affected by the motion of the last three joints, and hence, we can write:-



$$\vec{C} = \dot{\theta}_1 \vec{e}_1 \times \vec{r}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \vec{e}_2 \times \vec{r}_2 + \dot{\theta}_3 \vec{e}_3 \times \vec{r}_3$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{r}_i \text{ is defined as that directed from} \\ O_i \text{ to } C \end{array} \right\}$

$\Rightarrow$  On the

$[\vec{r} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}]^T$

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