

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 s_1 - l_2 s_2 & -l_2 s_2 \\ l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_2 & l_2 c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(linear)

$$\Rightarrow {}^0\omega = {}^0J_w(\Theta) \cdot \dot{\Theta}$$

The above approach can be used for any robot manipulators. This is the most convenient way to calculate the LINEAR velocity part of the Jacobian. For angular velocity part of the Jacobian, we note the following alternative way to find ${}^0J_\omega(\Theta)$. In general, we have

$${}^{i+1}\omega_{i+1} = {}^iR \cdot {}^i\omega_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^{i+1}\hat{z}_{i+1}$$

Assume that all the joints are rotational, then

$$\begin{aligned} {}^0\omega_n &= {}^0R \cdot {}^n\omega_n = {}^0R \left({}^{n-1}R \cdot {}^{n-1}\omega_{n-1} + \dot{\theta}_n {}^n\hat{z}_n \right) \\ &= {}^0R \cdot {}^{n-1}R \cdot {}^{n-1}\omega_{n-1} + {}^0R \cdot \dot{\theta}_n \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Scalar number} \\ &= {}^0R \cdot {}^{n-1}R \cdot {}^{n-1}\omega_{n-1} + {}^0R \cdot \begin{bmatrix} r_{13} & r_{23} & r_{33} \\ r_{12} & r_{22} & r_{32} \\ r_{11} & r_{21} & r_{31} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \dot{\theta}_n \\ &= {}^0R \cdot {}^{n-1}R \cdot {}^{n-1}\omega_{n-1} + \begin{bmatrix} {}^0r_{13} \\ {}^0r_{23} \\ {}^0r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \dot{\theta}_n \\ &= {}^0R \cdot {}^{n-1}R \cdot {}^{n-1}\omega_{n-1} + {}^0r_3 \cdot \dot{\theta}_n \end{aligned}$$

0r_3

where 0r_3 is the third column of 0R .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow {}^0\omega_n &= {}^0R \cdot \begin{bmatrix} {}^{n-1}R \cdot {}^{n-2}R \cdots {}^1R \cdot {}^0R \cdot {}^0\hat{z}_n \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} + {}^0r_3 \cdot \dot{\theta}_n \\ &= {}^0r_2 \cdot {}^0\omega_{n-2} + {}^0r_3 \cdot \dot{\theta}_{n-1} + {}^0r_3 \cdot \dot{\theta}_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^0\omega_n = \underbrace{{}^0r_3 \cdot \dot{\theta}_1}_{3 \times 1} + \underbrace{{}^0r_3 \cdot \dot{\theta}_2}_{3 \times 1} + \cdots + \underbrace{{}^0r_3 \cdot \dot{\theta}_n}_{3 \times 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^0\omega_n = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0r_3 & {}^0r_3 & \cdots & {}^0r_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\theta}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^0\omega_n = {}^0J_w(\Theta) \cdot \dot{\Theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^0J_\omega(\Theta) = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0r_3 & {}^0r_3 & \cdots & {}^0r_3 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times n}$$

where 0r_3 is obtained from the 3rd column of 0R .

So the procedure becomes that find 0R , 1R , ..., nR , and then take the 3rd columns of 0R , ..., nR to form ${}^0J_\omega$.

Back to our example, find 0R and 1R first, and then ${}^0r_3 = {}^0R \cdot {}^1r_3$ and the third column are:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^0r_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad {}^1r_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow {}^0J_w(\Theta) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

plugging $\Theta = [1, 1]$

* Changing Jacobian Reference Frames.

Given a Jacobian in $\{B\}$, i.e,

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^B\dot{V} \\ {}^B\dot{\omega} \end{bmatrix} = {}^B\dot{V} = {}^B\mathbf{J}(\dot{\theta}) \cdot \dot{\theta}. \text{ Find } {}^A\mathbf{J}(\dot{\theta}).$$

Note that a 6×1 Cartesian velocity vector given in $\{B\}$ is described relative to $\{A\}$ by the transformation:

$${}^A\dot{V} = {}^A\mathbf{R} {}^B\dot{V}, \quad {}^A\dot{\omega} = {}^A\mathbf{R} \cdot {}^B\dot{\omega}, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A\dot{V} \\ {}^A\dot{\omega} \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times 1} = {}^A\dot{V}_{6 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\mathbf{R}_{3 \times 3} & {}^A\mathbf{O}_{3 \times 3} \\ {}^A\mathbf{O}_{3 \times 3} & {}^A\mathbf{R}_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\dot{V} \\ {}^B\dot{\omega} \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^A\mathbf{J}(\dot{\theta})_{6 \times 6} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\mathbf{R}_{2 \times 3} & {}^A\mathbf{O}_{3 \times 3} \\ {}^A\mathbf{O}_{3 \times 3} & {}^A\mathbf{R}_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times 6} \cdot {}^B\mathbf{J}(\dot{\theta})_{6 \times 6}$$

E. Singularity

Consider an n dof robot manipulator and assume that the e.e. velocity as a vector with a dimension m ($m \leq n$)

Jacobian that relates $\dot{\theta}$ to 0V is an $m \times n$ matrix:

$${}^0V_{m \times 1} = {}^0\mathbf{J}(\dot{\theta})_{m \times n} \cdot \dot{\theta}_{n \times 1} \quad \text{linear transformation}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = {}^0\mathbf{J}^{-1}({}^0V) \quad \checkmark$$

Given 0V to find $\dot{\theta} \Rightarrow {}^0\mathbf{J}^{-1}$ exists? $\Rightarrow |{}^0\mathbf{J}| \neq 0!$

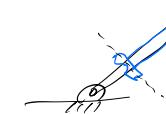
* If ${}^0\mathbf{J}$ is a square matrix, the above question becomes whether ${}^0\mathbf{J}$ is invertible:

$$\dot{\theta} = {}^0\mathbf{J}^{-1} \cdot {}^0V \Rightarrow {}^0\mathbf{J}$$
 is invertible $\Leftrightarrow |{}^0\mathbf{J}| \neq 0$

* **Workspace Singularities**: Singularities that occur when the robot manipulator is fully stretched out or fully folded back on itself such that the e.e. is near or at the boundary of the workspace.



fully stretched out



fully folded back.

* **Workspace Interior Singularities**: Singularities that occur away from the workspace boundary and generally are caused by two or more robot joint axes lining up.

When $|{}^0\mathbf{J}| = 0$, then the robot manipulator is said in a singularity configuration and the robot velocity in joint space cannot be obtained/calculated.
 $\dot{\theta} = {}^0\mathbf{J}^{-1} \cdot {}^0V$ Does not exist

Example: The 2 dof planar robot

The Jacobian is as follows:

$${}^0J_{\text{vr}}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 s_1 - l_2 s_2 & -l_2 s_2 \\ l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_2 & l_2 c_2 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

The determinant of the Jacobian:

$$\det {}^0J_{\text{vr}} = |{}^0J_{\text{vr}}| = \begin{vmatrix} -l_1 s_1 - l_2 s_2 & -l_2 s_2 \\ l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_2 & l_2 c_2 \end{vmatrix} = l_1 l_2 s_2 = 0$$

$$l_1 l_2 \sin \theta_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \sin \theta_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \theta_2 = \begin{cases} 0^\circ \\ 180^\circ \end{cases}$$

From the illustration, we can see that the robot manipulator is in workspace singularity when $\theta_2 = 0^\circ$ & $\theta_2 = 180^\circ$, which put the manipulator into singularity.

\Rightarrow Singularities happen at the boundary, so this is workspace singularity.

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } \theta_2 = \begin{cases} 0^\circ \\ 180^\circ \end{cases} \rightarrow {}^0v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix} = k \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta_1 \\ \cos \theta_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

direction

In this case, the manipulator only moves at the tangent direction at the boundary.

F. Jacobians in force domain

Let \mathbf{f}_1 be a 6×1 force/torque/moment vector with

$$\mathbf{f}_{6 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{3 \times 1} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{n}_{3 \times 1} \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times 1}$$

where \mathbf{f} is the force along the linear velocity and \mathbf{n} is the moment (torque) associated with angular velocity. $\mathbf{f}_{3 \times 1}$ is the force applying to the environment by the robot, and $\mathbf{n}_{3 \times 1}$ is the torque applying to the environment by robot e.e. so that we have

$$\mathcal{T}_{n \times 1} = {}^0J^T(\theta) \cdot {}^0\mathbf{f}_{6 \times 1}$$

joint spaceCartesian space

where $\mathcal{T}_{n \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \\ \vdots \\ \tau_n \end{bmatrix}$ is the vector of torques at each joint in joint space and ${}^0\mathbf{f}_{6 \times 1}$ is the generalized forces/torques at the c.e. of the manipulator in Cartesian space.

In summary,

$$\begin{aligned} {}^0V_{6 \times 1} &= {}^0J(\theta) \cdot \dot{\theta}_{n \times 1} \\ \mathcal{T}_{n \times 1} &= {}^0J^T(\theta) \cdot {}^0\mathbf{f}_{6 \times 1} \end{aligned}$$

joint spaceCartesian Space