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Velocities of Frames

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- ▶ So, when a task is $x(t) = (d(t), R(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(3)$, its velocity is

$$\xi \in \mathbb{R}^6 = \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^3}_{\text{linear velocity}} \times \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^3}_{\text{angular velocity}}$$

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- ▶ Columns of $J(q)$ of geometric Jacobian are derived geometrically