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Trajectory Planning

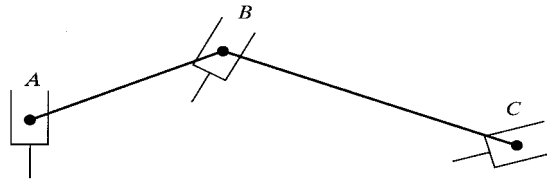
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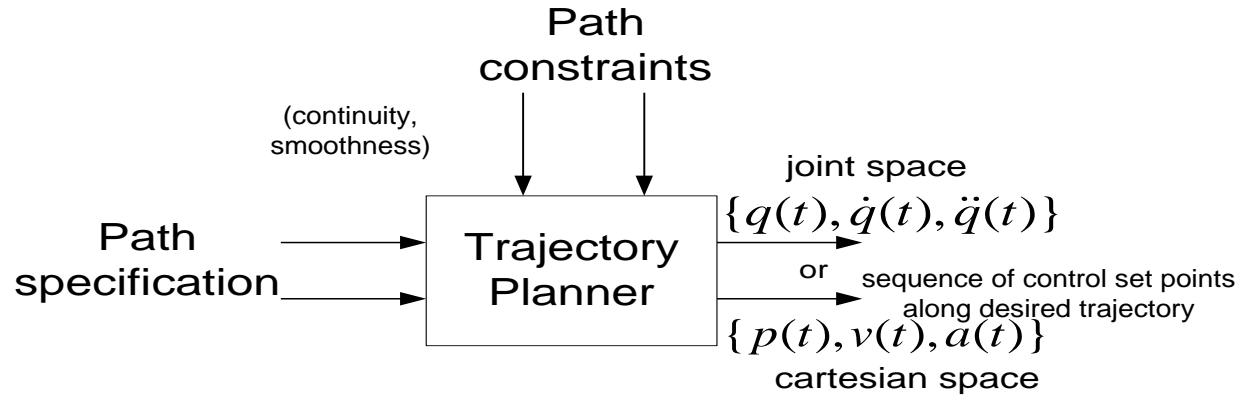
Path v/s Trajectory

- Path: A sequence of robot configurations in a particular order without regard to the timing of these configurations.
- Trajectory: It is concerned about when each part of the path must be attained, thus specifying timing.



movements in a path
Sequential robot

Trajectory Planning



Cartesian and Joint Trajectory

- Consider a two arm manipulator equation:

$$x = L_1 C \theta_1 + L_2 C(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$y = L_1 S \theta_1 + L_2 S(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

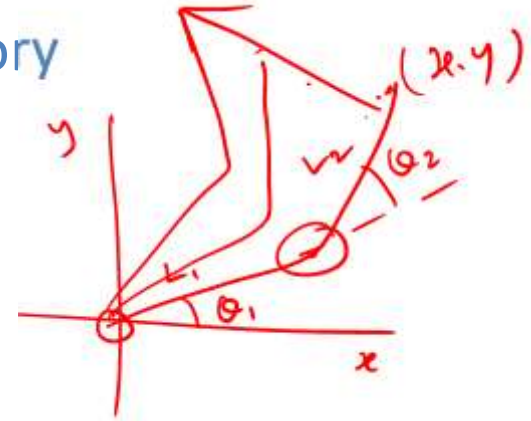
The Inverse Kinematics solution is:

$$\theta_2 = \arccos\left(\frac{x^2 + y^2 - L_1^2 - L_2^2}{2L_1L_2}\right)$$

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{ay - bx}{ax + by}\right)$$

where

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{L_1 + L_2 C(\theta_2)}{L_2 S(\theta_2)}$$



Cartesian and Joint Trajectory

- If $(x(t), y(t))$ is given as a vector function of time t , then we can obtain $(\theta_1(t), \theta_2(t))$ as functions of t .
- Here $(x(t), y(t))$ is called Cartesian Trajectory and $(\theta_1(t), \theta_2(t))$ is called Joint Trajectory.
- For a n -arm manipulator, if the arm-matrix 0T_n is given as a function of t , then it is called the Cartesian Trajectory.
- The corresponding inverse kinematics solution $q(t) = (q_1(t), q_2(t) \dots \dots q_n(t))$ is called the Joint Trajectory.

Trajectory Planning

- **Point to point motion**
 - Teach initial and final points; intermediate path is not critical and is computed by the controller
 - Applications: Moving of parts, spot welding, automated loading and unloading of machines; pick-and-place motion
- **Continuous path motion**
 - Used when there is a need to follow a complex path through 3-D space, possibly at high speeds (spray painting, welding, polishing)
 - Points generally taught by manual lead through with high speed automatic sampling



Cubic Polynomial Trajectories

- Single joint (1 DOF):
 - We Know $\theta(0), \theta(t_f)$
 - We also Know $\dot{\theta}(0), \dot{\theta}(t_f)$
 - Want to find $\theta(t), \dot{\theta}(t), \ddot{\theta}(t)$
 - So we have four Constraints: Lets try a Cubic polynomial

$$\theta(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3$$

Cubic Polynomial Trajectories

- To determine the coefficients we need to look at our boundary conditions as follows:
 - ✓ Position at $t=0$
 - ✓ Velocity at $t=0$
 - ✓ Position at $t=\text{final}$
 - ✓ Velocity at $t=\text{final}$

$$\theta(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3$$

$$\dot{\theta}(t) = a_1 + 2a_2t + 3a_3t^2$$

Cubic Polynomial Trajectories

So we can evaluate the coefficients as follows:

$$\theta(0) = a_0$$

$$\dot{\theta}(0) = a_1$$

$$\theta(t_f) = \theta(0) + \dot{\theta}(0).t_f + a_2.t_f^2 + a_3.t_f^3$$

$$\dot{\theta}(t_f) = \dot{\theta}(0) + 2.a_2.t_f + 3.a_3.t_f^2$$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{t_f^2} \cdot (\theta(t_f) - \theta(0)) - \frac{2}{t_f} \dot{\theta}(0) - \frac{1}{t_f} \dot{\theta}(t_f)$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{2}{t_f^3} \cdot (\theta(t_f) - \theta(0)) - \frac{1}{t_f^2} \cdot (\dot{\theta}(t_f) - \dot{\theta}(0))$$



Cubic Polynomial Trajectories

If the initial and final velocity are zero then,

$$a_0 = \theta(0)$$

$$a_1 = 0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{t_f^2} \cdot (\theta(t_f) - \theta(0))$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{2}{t_f^3} \cdot (\theta(t_f) - \theta(0))$$

So finally, the acceleration is given by:

$$\ddot{\theta}(t) = 2a_2 + 6a_3t$$

$$\ddot{\theta}(t) = \frac{6}{t_f^2} \cdot (\theta(t_f) - \theta(0)) - \frac{12}{t_f^3} (\theta(t_f) - \theta(0)) \cdot t$$

Quintic Polynomial Trajectory

- Cubic allow us to define the position and velocity at each location in the trajectory but not the acceleration.
- If we also want to specify the acceleration we would need a Quintic or order 5 polynomial.

$$\theta(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3 + a_4t^4 + a_5t^5$$

- Use the initial and final positions, velocities and accelerations as our boundary conditions to solve for the coefficients.



Quintic Polynomial Trajectory

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \omega_0 \\ \alpha_0 \\ \theta_f \\ \omega_f \\ \alpha_f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & t_0^3 & t_0^4 & t_0^5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_0 & 3t_0^2 & 4t_0^3 & 5t_0^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6t_0 & 12t_0^2 & 20t_0^3 \\ 1 & t_f & t_f^2 & t_f^3 & t_f^4 & t_f^5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_f & 3t_f^2 & 4t_f^3 & 5t_f^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6t_f & 12t_f^2 & 20t_f^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & t_0^3 & t_0^4 & t_0^5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_0 & 3t_0^2 & 4t_0^3 & 5t_0^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6t_0 & 12t_0^2 & 20t_0^3 \\ 1 & t_f & t_f^2 & t_f^3 & t_f^4 & t_f^5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_f & 3t_f^2 & 4t_f^3 & 5t_f^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6t_f & 12t_f^2 & 20t_f^3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \omega_0 \\ \alpha_0 \\ \theta_f \\ \omega_f \\ \alpha_f \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

Consider a SCARA Robot manipulator:

The arm matrix

$${}^0T_4 = \begin{bmatrix} C_{1-2-4} & S_{1-2-4} & 0 & a_1 C_1 + a_2 C_{1-2} \\ S_{1-2-4} & -C_{1-2-4} & 0 & a_1 S_1 + a_2 S_{1-2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & d_1 - d_3 - d_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$OA = d_1 = 10$$

$$AB = a_1 = 5$$

$$BC = d_2 = 3$$

$$CE = d_3 (\text{variable})$$

$$EF = d_4 = 4$$

Example

If

$$T(0) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 3 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{DT}{dt}(0) = 0_{4 \times 4}$$

$$T(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{DT}{dt}(10) = 0_{4 \times 4}$$



Example

Let

$$T(t) = A_0 + A_1 t + A_2 t^2 + A_3 t^3$$

$$\Rightarrow T(0) = A_0, \frac{dT}{dt}(0) = A_1 = 0$$

$$T(10) = A_0 + 10.A_1 + 100.A_2 + 1000.A_3$$

$$\dot{T}(10) = A_1 + 20.A_2 + 300.A_3$$

$$T(0) = T_0 = A_0 \quad \frac{dT}{dt} = T_1 = A_1$$



Thanks!

