

CHAPTER 5. JACOBIANS: VELOCITIES AND STATIC FORCES

Part I: Velocities – linear and angular (Sections 5.1 ~ 5.6)

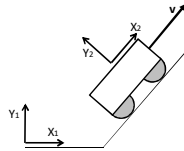
Part II: Jacobians – differential kinematics (Sections 5.7 ~ 5.8)

Part III: Robot statics (Sections 5.9 ~ 5.11)

- Attach a coordinate system (frame) to a body
→ Motion of rigid bodies: motion of **frames** relative to one another

Differentiation of Position Vector (of a Point)

- Derivative of a vector \mathbf{Q} relative to frame $\{B\}$: ${}^B\mathbf{V}_Q = \frac{d}{dt} {}^B\mathbf{Q} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{{}^B\mathbf{Q}(t + \Delta t) - {}^B\mathbf{Q}(t)}{\Delta t} = {}^B({}^B\mathbf{V}_Q)$
(Indicate the frame in which the vector is differentiated.)
- A velocity vector is described in terms of a reference frame which is noted with a leading superscript.
→ When expressed in terms of frame $\{A\}$: ${}^A({}^B\mathbf{V}_Q) = \frac{d}{dt} {}^B\mathbf{Q}$
- Note: Numerical values describing a (linear or translational) velocity vector depend on **two** frames
 - Frame (of observer) with respect to which the differentiation is done ($\{B\}$) → vector construction
 - Frame (of writer) in which the resulting velocity vector is expressed ($\{A\}$) → vector components
- Dual-superscript notation: **Two** reference frames for description of kinematic vectors (linear position/velocity/acceleration of a point and angular velocity/acceleration of a frame)
 - **Defined** as viewed by an observer fixed in a reference frame: “relative to” or “with respect to” *observer’s* frame → Geometric vector
 - **Resolved** into components with respect to a reference frame: “referred to,” “expressed in,” or “written in” *writer’s* frame → Algebraic representation of the geometric vector

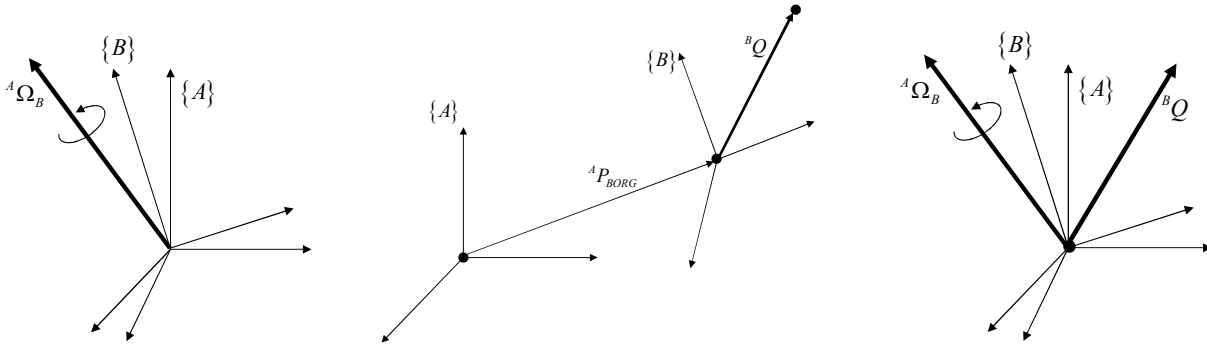


- ${}^B({}^B\mathbf{V}_Q) = {}^B\mathbf{V}_Q$
- ${}^A({}^B\mathbf{V}_Q) = {}^A R_B {}^B({}^B\mathbf{V}_Q) = {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{V}_Q$ (use rotation matrix to change the reference frame)
(Note: ${}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{V}_Q \neq {}^A\mathbf{V}_Q$)
- Velocity of origin of a frame $\{C\}$ relative to a universe reference frame $\{U\}$: $\mathbf{v}_C = {}^U\mathbf{V}_{CORG}$
- Example 5.1 (Craig’s 4th Ed.): (Do it yourself)

Angular Velocity Vector (of a Body)

- Always attach a frame to each rigid body → angular velocity describes rotational motion of a frame
- ${}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}_B$: rotation of frame $\{B\}$ relative to $\{A\}$
 - Direction: instantaneous axis of rotation
 - Magnitude: rotation speed

- ${}^C({}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}_B)$: angular velocity of frame $\{B\}$ relative to $\{A\}$ expressed in terms of frame $\{C\}$
- Angular velocity of a frame $\{C\}$ relative to a universe reference frame $\{U\}$: $\boldsymbol{\omega}_C = {}^U\boldsymbol{\Omega}_C$



Linear Velocity of Rigid Bodies

- Frame $\{B\}$ attached to a rigid body, and $\{A\}$ is fixed.
- Motion of point Q relative to $\{A\}$: due to ${}^A\mathbf{P}_{BORG}$ and ${}^B\mathbf{Q}$
- Assume relative orientation of $\{B\}$ and $\{A\}$ is constant.
- Linear velocity (assume constant ${}^A R_B$) of point Q in terms of $\{A\}$:

$${}^A({}^A\mathbf{V}_Q) = {}^A({}^A\mathbf{V}_{BORG}) + {}^A R_B ({}^B\mathbf{V}_Q)$$
 or equivalently, ${}^A\mathbf{V}_Q = {}^A\mathbf{V}_{BORG} + {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{V}_Q$

Rotational Velocity of Rigid Bodies

- Frames $\{B\}$ and $\{A\}$ with coincident origins (${}^A\mathbf{P}_{BORG} = \mathbf{0}$)
 - Generally, vector \mathbf{Q} also changes with respect to frame $\{B\}$.
 - ${}^A\mathbf{V}_Q = \underbrace{{}^A({}^B\mathbf{V}_Q)}_{\text{wrt } \{B\}} + \underbrace{{}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}_B \times {}^A\mathbf{Q}}_{\text{rotation}}$ (from undergraduate dynamics)
- $$\Rightarrow {}^A\mathbf{V}_Q = {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{V}_Q + {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}_B \times {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{Q}$$
- (Note: here and in the textbook, ${}^A\mathbf{Q}$ indicates ${}^A({}^B\mathbf{Q})$, and ${}^B\mathbf{Q}$ indicates ${}^B({}^B\mathbf{Q})$.)

General Linear and Rotational Velocity of Rigid Bodies

- Origins are not coincident
- General velocity of a vector in frame $\{B\}$ as seen from $\{A\}$:

$$\boxed{{}^A\mathbf{V}_Q = {}^A\mathbf{V}_{BORG} + {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{V}_Q + {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}_B \times {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{Q}}$$

Rotation Matrix (= proper orthonormal matrix)

- $RR^T = I_3 \rightarrow \dot{R}R^T + R\dot{R}^T = 0_3 \Rightarrow \dot{R}R^T + (\dot{R}R^T)^T = 0_3$
- **Angular velocity matrix:** $\boxed{S = \dot{R}R^T = \dot{R}R^{-1}} \rightarrow S + S^T = 0_3$ (..... matrix)

Rotating Reference Frame

- Fixed vector with respect to frame $\{B\}$: ${}^B\mathbf{P} \rightarrow$ With respect to $\{A\}$: ${}^A\mathbf{P} = {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{P}$
- If frame $\{B\}$ rotates $\rightarrow {}^A\mathbf{V}_P = {}^A\dot{\mathbf{P}} = {}^A\dot{R}_B {}^B\mathbf{P} = \underbrace{{}^A\dot{R}_B {}^A R_B^{-1}}_{= {}^A S_B} {}^A\mathbf{P} \Rightarrow {}^A\mathbf{V}_P = {}^A S_B {}^A\mathbf{P}$

$$\blacksquare \text{ Let } S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\Omega_z & \Omega_y \\ \Omega_z & 0 & -\Omega_x \\ -\Omega_y & \Omega_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\blacksquare \text{ Angular velocity vector: } \boldsymbol{\Omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_x \\ \Omega_y \\ \Omega_z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{describes motion of frame } \{B\} \text{ with respect to } \{A\}$$

$$\Rightarrow S\mathbf{P} = \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{P} \text{ for any vector } \mathbf{P} \Rightarrow \therefore {}^A\mathbf{V}_P = {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}_B \times {}^A\mathbf{P}$$

$$\blacksquare \dot{R} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{R(t + \Delta t) - R(t)}{\Delta t} \text{ and let } R(t + \Delta t) = R_K(\Delta\theta)R(t) \text{ (why?) } \Rightarrow \dot{R} = \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{R_K(\Delta\theta) - I_3}{\Delta t} \right) R(t)$$

$$\blacksquare \text{ Recall: for } {}^A\hat{\mathbf{K}} = \begin{bmatrix} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_K(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} k_x k_x v\theta + c\theta & k_x k_y v\theta - k_z s\theta & k_x k_z v\theta + k_y s\theta \\ k_y k_x v\theta + k_z s\theta & k_y k_y v\theta + c\theta & k_y k_z v\theta - k_x s\theta \\ k_z k_x v\theta - k_y s\theta & k_z k_y v\theta + k_x s\theta & k_z k_z v\theta + c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{For } \Delta\theta \ll 1 \rightarrow R_K(\Delta\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -k_z \Delta\theta & k_y \Delta\theta \\ k_z \Delta\theta & 1 & -k_x \Delta\theta \\ -k_y \Delta\theta & k_x \Delta\theta & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{R} = \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -k_z \Delta\theta & k_y \Delta\theta \\ k_z \Delta\theta & 0 & -k_x \Delta\theta \\ -k_y \Delta\theta & k_x \Delta\theta & 0 \end{bmatrix}}{\Delta t} \right) \cdot R(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -k_z \dot{\theta} & k_y \dot{\theta} \\ k_z \dot{\theta} & 0 & -k_x \dot{\theta} \\ -k_y \dot{\theta} & k_x \dot{\theta} & 0 \end{bmatrix} R(t)$$

$$\therefore \dot{R}R^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\Omega_z & \Omega_y \\ \Omega_z & 0 & -\Omega_x \\ -\Omega_y & \Omega_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\blacksquare \boldsymbol{\Omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_x \\ \Omega_y \\ \Omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_x \dot{\theta} \\ k_y \dot{\theta} \\ k_z \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \dot{\theta} \hat{\mathbf{K}} \quad (\leftarrow \text{Definition of angular velocity vector})$$

: At any instant the change in orientation of rotating frame is a rotation about **instantaneous axis of rotation** $\hat{\mathbf{K}}$ (unit vector). Speed of rotation ($\dot{\theta}$) is the angular velocity vector's magnitude.

Euler Angle Rates

$$\blacksquare \text{ Rates of Z-Y-Z Euler angles: } \dot{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}_{Z'Y'Z'} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{\beta} \\ \dot{\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$$

▪ Recall $S = \dot{R}R^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\Omega_z & \Omega_y \\ \Omega_z & 0 & -\Omega_x \\ -\Omega_y & \Omega_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \Omega_x = \dot{r}_{31}r_{21} + \dot{r}_{32}r_{22} + \dot{r}_{33}r_{23} \\ \Omega_y = \dot{r}_{11}r_{31} + \dot{r}_{12}r_{32} + \dot{r}_{13}r_{33} \\ \Omega_z = \dot{r}_{21}r_{11} + \dot{r}_{22}r_{12} + \dot{r}_{23}r_{13} \end{cases}$

where entries r_{ij} ($i, j = 1, 2, 3$) are functions of Euler angles, i.e., $r_{ij} = r_{ij}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$

$\rightarrow \dot{r}_{ij} = \frac{d}{dt}r_{ij}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \dot{\alpha} \frac{\partial r_{ij}}{\partial \alpha} + \dot{\beta} \frac{\partial r_{ij}}{\partial \beta} + \dot{\gamma} \frac{\partial r_{ij}}{\partial \gamma} \therefore \Omega_x, \Omega_y, \Omega_z$ are of $\dot{\alpha}, \dot{\beta}, \dot{\gamma}$

▪ $\Omega = E_{Z'Y'Z'}(\Theta_{Z'Y'Z'})\dot{\Theta}_{Z'Y'Z'}$

$E_{Z'Y'Z'}(\Theta_{Z'Y'Z'})$: Jacobian matrix relating Euler angle rate vector and angular velocity vector

▪ Example 5.2 (Craig's 4th Ed.): $E_{Z'Y'Z'} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -s\alpha & c\alpha s\beta \\ 0 & c\alpha & s\alpha s\beta \\ 1 & 0 & c\beta \end{bmatrix}$ (use $R_{ZY'Z'}$ for derivation)

Notation Convention Review

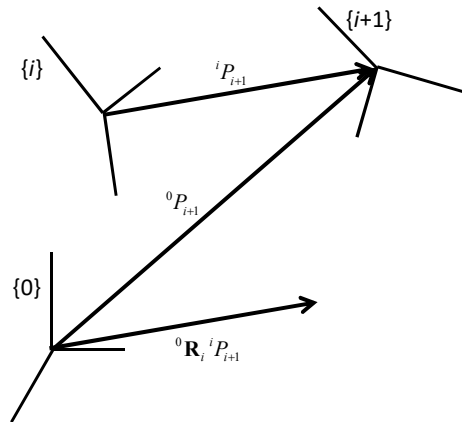
- Generally, three scripts, including two reference frames for dual-superscript notation, are required to describe a kinematic vector \mathbf{A} : linear position/velocity/acceleration (the subscript indicates a point) or angular velocity/acceleration (the subscript indicates a frame).

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{[expressed in writer's frame]} \\ \text{[with respect to observer's frame]} \end{array} \mathbf{A}_{\text{[describe point or frame of interest]}} \right)$$

a vector is defined

(Note: The frame of expression for rotation matrix ${}^{[with respect to which frame]}R_{\text{[describe frame of interest]}}$ is identical to that of the observer.)

- Note: ${}^0R_i {}^i\mathbf{P}_{i+1} \neq {}^0\mathbf{P}_{i+1} \therefore$ Even for position vector, all three scripts are required.

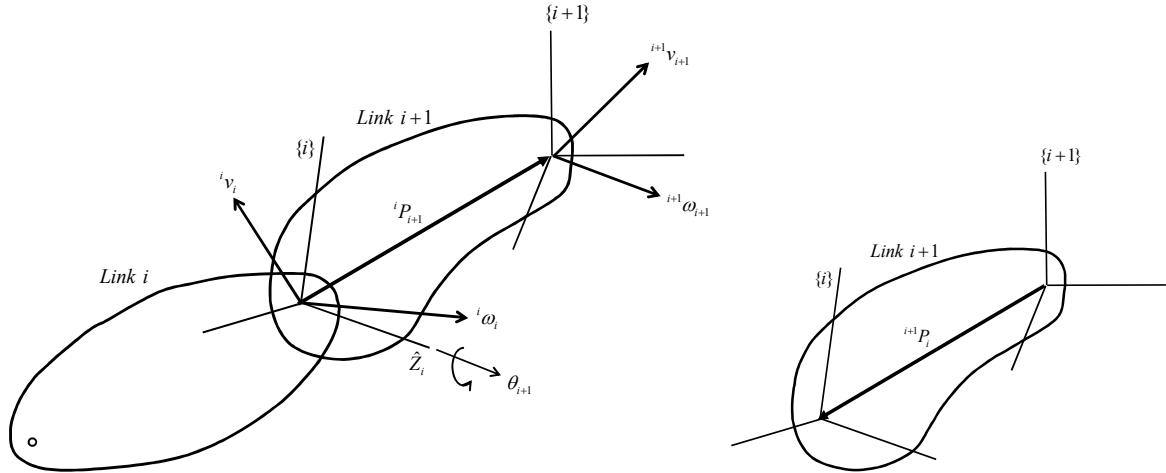


Velocities (absolute) of Links

Reference (or global) frame - link Frame $\{0\}$

v_i : linear velocity of origin of link Frame $\{i\}$ with respect to (or observer is at) the global frame

ω_i : angular velocity of link Frame $\{i\}$ with respect to (or observer is at) the global frame

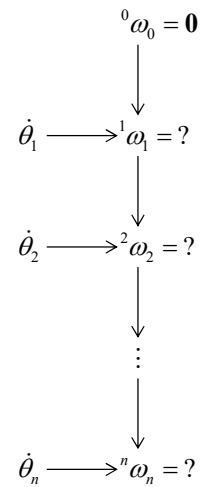


- Each link as a rigid body \rightarrow linear and angular velocity vectors written in its own link frame (rather than the global frame); note the notations here that ${}^i v_i = {}^i({}^0 v_i)$ and ${}^i \omega_i = {}^i({}^0 \omega_i)$
- [Link $i+1$ velocity] = [Link i velocity] + [relative velocity added by Joint $i+1$]
- Compute the velocities of each link starting from the base (**outward**) \rightarrow Apply successively from link 0 to link n . $\rightarrow {}^n \omega_n$ and ${}^n v_n$.
- Multiply by ${}^0 R_n \rightarrow$ expressed in global frame

Joint \ Velocity	Linear	Angular
Revolute	✓	✓
Prismatic	✓	✓

Link Velocities for Revolute Joint $i+1$

- $\dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i \hat{Z}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_{i+1} \end{bmatrix}$
- Angular velocity of Link $i+1$
 - with respect to Frame $\{i\}$: ${}^i \omega_{i+1} = {}^i \omega_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i \hat{Z}_i$
 - with respect to Frame $\{i+1\}$: ${}^{i+1} \omega_{i+1} = {}^{i+1} R_i ({}^i \omega_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i \hat{Z}_i)$
- Proofs
 - ${}^k ({}^k \omega_{i+1}) = {}^k ({}^k \omega_i) + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^k \hat{Z}_i \Rightarrow {}^i R_k \times [{}^k ({}^k \omega_{i+1}) = {}^k ({}^k \omega_i) + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^k \hat{Z}_i]$
 $\Rightarrow {}^i ({}^k \omega_{i+1}) = {}^i ({}^k \omega_i) + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i \hat{Z}_i \therefore {}^i \omega_{i+1} = {}^i \omega_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i \hat{Z}_i$
 - ${}^{i+1} R_i \times [{}^i ({}^k \omega_{i+1}) = {}^i ({}^k \omega_i) + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i \hat{Z}_i] \Rightarrow {}^{i+1} ({}^k \omega_{i+1}) = {}^{i+1} R_i [{}^i ({}^k \omega_i) + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i \hat{Z}_i]$
 $\therefore {}^{i+1} \omega_{i+1} = {}^{i+1} R_i ({}^i \omega_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i \hat{Z}_i)$
- Linear velocity of origin of Frame $\{i+1\}$
 - with respect to Frame $\{i\}$: ${}^i v_{i+1} = {}^i v_i + {}^i \omega_{i+1} \times {}^i P_{i+1}$
 - with respect to Frame $\{i+1\}$: ${}^{i+1} v_{i+1} = {}^{i+1} R_i ({}^i v_i + {}^i \omega_{i+1} \times {}^i P_{i+1})$



■ Proofs

1) In ${}^A\mathbf{V}_Q = {}^A\mathbf{V}_{BORG} + {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{V}_Q + {}^A\boldsymbol{\Omega}_B \times {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{Q}$ (textbook equation (5.13)), let $\{A\} = \{K\}$, $\{B\} = \{i+1\}$, $\mathbf{Q} = \text{origin of } \{i\}$, ${}^A P_{BORG} = {}^K P_{i+1}$, and ${}^B Q = {}^{i+1}P_i$.

$${}^K({}^K\mathbf{v}_i) = {}^K({}^K\mathbf{v}_{i+1}) + {}^K R_{i+1} {}^{i+1}({}^{i+1}\mathbf{v}_i) + {}^K({}^K\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1}) \times {}^K R_{i+1} {}^{i+1}P_i$$

$${}^i R_K \times [{}^K({}^K\mathbf{v}_i) = {}^K({}^K\mathbf{v}_{i+1}) + {}^K({}^K\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1}) \times {}^K R_{i+1} {}^{i+1}P_i] \Rightarrow {}^i({}^K\mathbf{v}_{i+1}) = {}^i({}^K\mathbf{v}_i) + {}^i({}^K\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1}) \times \underbrace{({}^i R_{i+1} {}^{i+1}P_i)}_{= {}^i P_{i+1} \text{ from (2.44)}}$$

$$\therefore {}^i\mathbf{v}_{i+1} = {}^i\mathbf{v}_i + {}^i\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1} \times {}^i P_{i+1}$$

$$2) {}^{i+1}R_i \times [{}^i({}^K\mathbf{v}_{i+1}) = {}^i({}^K\mathbf{v}_i) + {}^i({}^K\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1}) \times {}^i P_{i+1}] \Rightarrow \therefore {}^{i+1}\mathbf{v}_{i+1} = {}^{i+1}R_i {}^i\mathbf{v}_i + {}^{i+1}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1} \times {}^{i+1}R_i {}^i P_{i+1}$$

Link Velocities for Prismatic Joint $i+1$

- Angular velocity of Link $i+1$ with respect to Frame $\{i+1\}$: $\boxed{{}^{i+1}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1} = {}^{i+1}R_i {}^i\boldsymbol{\omega}_i}$
- Linear velocity of Frame $\{i+1\}$ origin with respect to Frame $\{i+1\}$:

$$\boxed{{}^{i+1}\mathbf{v}_{i+1} = {}^{i+1}R_i ({}^i\mathbf{v}_i + {}^i\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1} \times {}^i P_{i+1} + \dot{{}^i\hat{Z}}_i)}$$

Link Velocities for Joint i (Unified Form)

- In general, if Joint i is:

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \text{revolute } \theta_i = \tilde{\theta}_i + q_i \rightarrow \dot{\theta}_i = \dot{q}_i \text{ and } \dot{d}_i = 0 \\ \text{prismatic } d_i = \tilde{d}_i + q_i \rightarrow \dot{d}_i = \dot{q}_i \text{ and } \dot{\theta}_i = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

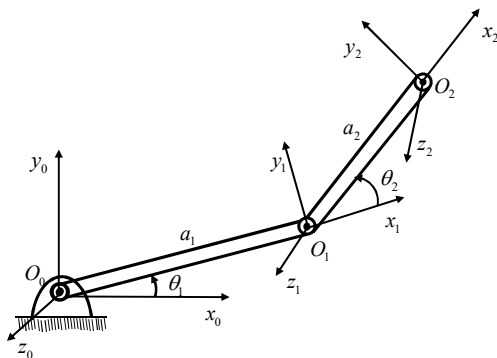
Therefore, regardless of the joint type (revolute or prismatic),

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \text{angular velocity of Link } i: \boldsymbol{\omega}_i = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i-1} + \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1} \\ \text{linear velocity of origin of Frame } \{i\}: \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{v}_{i-1} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \times {}^{i-1}P_i + \dot{d}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1} \end{array} \right.$$

(For simplicity, the frames of expression are omitted in the notations.)

Example 5.3 (with standard DH convention)

A two-link manipulator with rotational joints is shown in the figure below. Calculate the (absolute linear) velocity of the tip (i.e., the origin of Frame $\{2\}$) of the arm as a function of joint rates (i.e., joint velocities). Give the answer in two forms—in terms of (i.e., written in) Frame $\{2\}$ and Frame $\{0\}$.



Solution) Two different methods—with and without using the iterative formulas—are available.

Method 1 (using the iterative formulas):

$${}^0T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 & 0 & a_1c_1 \\ s_1 & c_1 & 0 & a_1s_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; {}^1T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & -s_2 & 0 & a_2c_2 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 & a_2s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; {}^0T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & -s_{12} & 0 & a_1c_1 + a_2c_{12} \\ s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 & a_1s_1 + a_2s_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use ${}^{i+1}\omega_{i+1} = {}^{i+1}R_i({}^i\omega_i + \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_i)$ and ${}^{i+1}v_{i+1} = {}^{i+1}R_i({}^iv_i + {}^i\omega_i \times {}^iP_{i+1})$ sequentially from link to link to compute the velocity of the origin of each frame, starting from the base frame $\{0\}$, which has zero velocity:

$${}^0\omega_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, {}^1\omega_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & s_1 & 0 \\ -s_1 & c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 \end{bmatrix}, {}^2\omega_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & s_2 & 0 \\ -s_2 & c_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^0v_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and since } {}^0\omega_1 = {}^0R_1 {}^1\omega_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 & 0 \\ s_1 & c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } {}^0P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1c_1 \\ a_1s_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$${}^1v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & s_1 & 0 \\ -s_1 & c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} a_1c_1 \\ a_1s_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a_1\dot{\theta}_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Likewise, since } {}^1\omega_2 = {}^1R_2 {}^2\omega_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & -s_2 & 0 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } {}^1P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_2c_2 \\ a_2s_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$${}^2v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & s_2 & 0 \\ -s_2 & c_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a_1\dot{\theta}_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} a_2c_2 \\ a_2s_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1\dot{\theta}_1s_2 \\ a_1\dot{\theta}_1c_2 + a_2(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ (Ans.)}$$

To find these velocities with respect to the nonmoving base frame, we rotate them with the rotation matrix as follows:

$${}^0v_2 = {}^0R_2 {}^2v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & -s_{12} & 0 \\ s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1\dot{\theta}_1s_2 \\ a_1\dot{\theta}_1c_2 + a_2(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1\dot{\theta}_1s_1 - a_2(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)s_{12} \\ a_1\dot{\theta}_1c_1 + a_2(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)c_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (Ans.)}$$

Method 2 (without using the iterative formulas):

$${}^0P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1c_1 + a_2c_{12} \\ a_1s_1 + a_2s_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow {}^0v_2 = {}^0\dot{P}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1\dot{\theta}_1s_1 - a_2(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)s_{12} \\ a_1\dot{\theta}_1c_1 + a_2(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)c_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (Ans.)}$$

$${}^2v_2 = {}^2R_0 {}^0v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -a_1\dot{\theta}_1s_1 - a_2(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)s_{12} \\ a_1\dot{\theta}_1c_1 + a_2(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)c_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1\dot{\theta}_1s_2 \\ a_1\dot{\theta}_1c_2 + a_2(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (Ans.)}$$

End-Effector Velocities

Angular velocity of end-effector:

$$\omega_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1}$$

Linear velocity of end-effector frame's origin:

$$v_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1} \times (P_n - P_{i-1}) + \dot{d}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1}$$

■ Proofs

Angular velocity. Sum up $\omega_i - \omega_{i-1} = \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1}$ where $\omega_0 = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{\omega_1} - \omega_0 &= \dot{\theta}_1 \hat{Z}_0 \\ \cancel{\omega_2} - \cancel{\omega_1} &= \dot{\theta}_2 \hat{Z}_1 \\ &\vdots \\ \cancel{\omega_{n-1}} - \cancel{\omega_{n-2}} &= \dot{\theta}_{n-1} \hat{Z}_{n-2} \\ +) \omega_n - \cancel{\omega_{n-1}} &= \dot{\theta}_n \hat{Z}_{n-1} \\ &\Downarrow \\ \therefore \omega_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

Linear velocity. Sum up $v_i - v_{i-1} = \omega_i \times {}^{i-1}P_i + \dot{d}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1}$ where $v_0 = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{v_1} - v_0 &= \omega_1 \times {}^0P_1 + \dot{d}_1 \hat{Z}_0 \\ \cancel{v_2} - \cancel{v_1} &= \omega_2 \times {}^1P_2 + \dot{d}_2 \hat{Z}_1 \\ &\vdots \\ \cancel{v_{n-1}} - \cancel{v_{n-2}} &= \omega_{n-1} \times {}^{n-2}P_{n-1} + \dot{d}_{n-1} \hat{Z}_{n-2} \\ +) v_n - \cancel{v_{n-1}} &= \omega_n \times {}^{n-1}P_n + \dot{d}_n \hat{Z}_{n-1} \\ &\Downarrow \\ v_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\omega_i \times {}^{i-1}P_i + \dot{d}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

From $\omega_i = \sum_{j=1}^i \dot{\theta}_j \hat{Z}_{j-1}$, and a double summation identity $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^i a_{i,j} = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=j}^n a_{i,j}$, the first term is:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i \times {}^{i-1}P_i &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\sum_{j=1}^i (\dot{\theta}_j \hat{Z}_{j-1}) \times {}^{i-1}P_i \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^i [\dot{\theta}_j \hat{Z}_{j-1} \times {}^{i-1}P_i] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=j}^n [\dot{\theta}_j \hat{Z}_{j-1} \times {}^{i-1}P_i] = \sum_{j=1}^n [\dot{\theta}_j \hat{Z}_{j-1} \times \underbrace{\sum_{i=j}^n {}^{i-1}P_i}_{= {}^{j-1}P_n = P_n - P_{j-1}}] = \sum_{j=1}^n \dot{\theta}_j \hat{Z}_{j-1} \times (P_n - P_{j-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore v_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1} \times (P_n - P_{i-1}) + \dot{d}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1}$$

Jacobian (in general; analytical method)

Derivative in multidimensional (vector) space (vs. derivative with respect to scalar variable(s))
Mapping (linear) in tangential (velocity) space

- Given m functions with n independent variables

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \\ y_2 &= f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n), \\ &\vdots \\ y_m &= f_m(x_1, \dots, x_n). \end{aligned} \quad \text{or, } \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X})$$

- Differentials of y_i with respect to x_j (linear combinations)

$$\begin{aligned} \delta y_1 &= \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \delta x_n, \\ \delta y_2 &= \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \delta x_n, \\ &\vdots \\ \delta y_m &= \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \delta x_n. \end{aligned} \quad \text{or, } \delta \mathbf{Y} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \delta \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{X}) \delta \mathbf{X}$$

- $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{X}}$: $m \times n$ **Jacobian matrix**; time-varying linear transformation

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{(m \times 1)}}{\partial \mathbf{X}_{(n \times 1)}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}_{(m \times n)} \quad (\text{derivative of a vector with respect to another vector})$$

- Det(J): Jacobian**
- In kinematics, $\delta \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{X}) \delta \mathbf{X}$: infinitesimal (or differential) motion
- In kinematics, $\dot{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{X}) \dot{\mathbf{X}}$: mapping velocities in \mathbf{X} to \mathbf{Y}
- Note: Jacobian for angular velocity cannot be derived directly from analytical method.

Jacobian (in robotics; geometric method)

Directly mapping joint velocities to Cartesian (angular, as well as linear) velocities of end-effector

- Let \mathbf{q} : n -DOF joint variables vector; ${}^0\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0\mathbf{v}_{(3 \times 1)} \\ {}^0\boldsymbol{\omega}_{(3 \times 1)} \end{bmatrix}_{(6 \times 1)}$: Cartesian linear and angular velocity vector

$${}^0\mathbf{V}_{(6 \times 1)} = {}^0\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{q})_{(6 \times n)} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{(n \times 1)} \quad (\text{differential kinematics})$$

- Changing Jacobian's frame of reference from $\{B\}$ to $\{A\}$

$$\text{Given } \begin{bmatrix} {}^B \mathbf{v} \\ {}^B \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix} = {}^B \mathbf{V} = {}^B J(\mathbf{q}) \dot{\mathbf{q}}; \text{ use } \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{v} \\ {}^A \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & 0 \\ 0 & {}^A R_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B \mathbf{v} \\ {}^B \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore {}^A J(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & 0 \\ 0 & {}^A R_B \end{bmatrix} {}^B J(\mathbf{q})$$

$$\blacksquare \text{ Example: 2-link arm linear Jacobian } {}^0 J(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 s_1 - l_2 s_{12} & -l_2 s_{12} \\ l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_{12} & l_2 c_{12} \end{bmatrix}, {}^2 J(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 s_2 & 0 \\ l_1 c_2 + l_2 & l_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Jacobian Matrix Computation using Geometric Method

- Partition into 3x1 column vectors: $J_{P,i}(\mathbf{q})$ for position and $J_{O,i}(\mathbf{q})$ for orientation

$$J(\mathbf{q})_{(6 \times n)} = [J_1(\mathbf{q})_{(6 \times 1)} \mid \dots \mid J_i(\mathbf{q})_{(6 \times 1)} \mid \dots \mid J_n(\mathbf{q})_{(6 \times 1)}] = \begin{bmatrix} J_{P,1}(\mathbf{q})_{(3 \times 1)} & \dots & J_{P,i}(\mathbf{q})_{(3 \times 1)} & \dots & J_{P,n}(\mathbf{q})_{(3 \times 1)} \\ J_{O,1}(\mathbf{q})_{(3 \times 1)} & \dots & J_{O,i}(\mathbf{q})_{(3 \times 1)} & \dots & J_{O,n}(\mathbf{q})_{(3 \times 1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{(6 \times 1)} = J(\mathbf{q})_{(6 \times n)} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{(n \times 1)} \rightarrow v_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{q}_i J_{P,i}(\mathbf{q}) \text{ \& } \omega_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{q}_i J_{O,i}(\mathbf{q})$$

$\dot{q}_i J_{P,i}(\mathbf{q})$: contribution of single Joint i velocity to the end-effector frame origin's linear velocity

$\dot{q}_i J_{O,i}(\mathbf{q})$: contribution of single Joint i velocity to the end-effector frame's angular velocity

$$J_i(\mathbf{q})_{(6 \times 1)} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{P,i}(\mathbf{q})_{(3 \times 1)} \\ J_{O,i}(\mathbf{q})_{(3 \times 1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Z}_{i-1} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} & \leftarrow \text{Prismatic joint } i \\ \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Z}_{i-1} \times (P_n - P_{i-1}) \\ \hat{Z}_{i-1} \end{bmatrix} & \leftarrow \text{Revolute joint } i \end{cases}$$

The vectors \hat{Z}_{i-1} , P_n , and P_{i-1} are all functions of the joint variables. If written in Frame $\{0\}$:

\hat{Z}_{i-1} : obtained from the third column of ${}^0 R_{i-1}(q_1, \dots, q_{i-1})$ or ${}^0 T_{i-1}(q_1, \dots, q_{i-1})$.

$$\rightarrow \hat{Z}_{i-1} = {}^0 R_{i-1} [0 \ 0 \ 1]^T \text{ OR } \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Z}_{i-1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = {}^0 T_{i-1} [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]^T$$

$$P_n: \text{obtained from the fourth column of } {}^0 T_n(q_1, \dots, q_n). \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} P_n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^0 T_n [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]^T$$

$$P_{i-1}: \text{obtained from the fourth column of } {}^0 T_{i-1}(q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}). \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} P_{i-1} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^0 T_{i-1} [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]^T$$

Proofs

$$(a) J_{O,i}(\mathbf{q}): \text{ Since } \omega_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1} \text{ and } \omega_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{q}_i J_{O,i}(\mathbf{q}), \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{q}_i J_{O,i}(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1}.$$

$$\therefore J_{O,i}(\mathbf{q}) = \hat{Z}_{i-1} \text{ for revolute joint and } J_{O,i}(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{0} \text{ for prismatic joint.}$$

$$(b) J_{P,i}(\mathbf{q}): \text{ Since } v_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1} \times (P_n - P_{i-1}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{q}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1} \text{ and } v_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{q}_i J_{P,i}(\mathbf{q}),$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \dot{q}_i J_{P,i}(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\theta}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1} \times (P_n - P_{i-1}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{d}_i \hat{Z}_{i-1}.$$

$\therefore J_{P,i}(\mathbf{q}) = \hat{Z}_{i-1} \times (P_n - P_{i-1})$ for revolute joint and $J_{P,i}(\mathbf{q}) = \hat{Z}_{i-1}$ for prismatic joint.

■ Kinematic interpretations

- Assume that all joints, other than Joint i , are instantaneously fixed, and thus all the links from Link i to the end-effector can be regarded as a single rigid body.

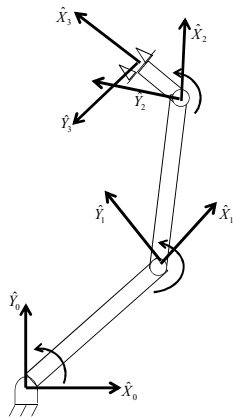
The contribution of prismatic (allows pure translation) joint velocity to the end-effector frame's angular velocity: None. \therefore A rigid body in translation has zero angular velocity.

linear velocity (of origin): Vector addition of the prismatic joint velocity. \therefore All points in the rigid body have same linear velocities (translation).

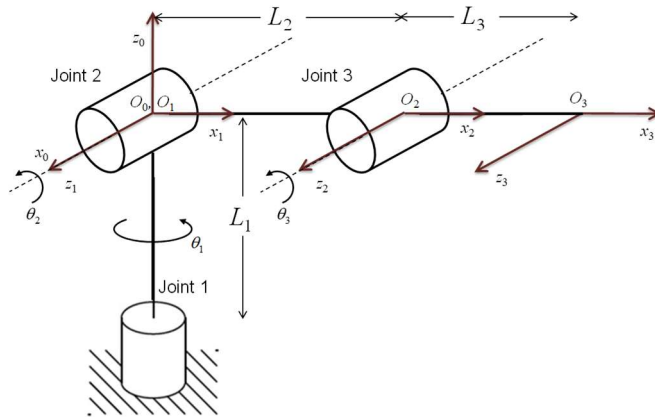
The contribution of revolute (allows pure rotation) joint velocity to the end-effector frame's

angular velocity: Vector addition of the revolute joint velocity. \therefore An angular velocity vector (free vector) due to the revolute joint's rotation can be transported to the end-effector frame.

linear velocity (of origin): Rotation of the position vector of the end-effector frame's origin relative to the origin of Joint i axis frame. Note that, unlike the other three cases, this is the only quantity that depends on the end-effector's (relative) position.



Three-link planar arm



Anthropomorphic arm

Example: Three-link Planar Arm

- The position vectors and the joint axes' unit vectors, all written in Frame $\{0\}$, are:

$$P_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 \\ a_1 s_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} + a_3 c_{123} \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{12} + a_3 s_{123} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \hat{Z}_0 = \hat{Z}_1 = \hat{Z}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

where $c_{12} = \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$, $c_{123} = \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3)$, $s_{12} = \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$, $s_{123} = \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3)$, etc.

$$\therefore J = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Z}_0 \times (P_3 - P_0) & \hat{Z}_1 \times (P_3 - P_1) & \hat{Z}_2 \times (P_3 - P_2) \\ \hat{Z}_0 & \hat{Z}_1 & \hat{Z}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1s_1 - a_2s_{12} - a_3s_{123} & -a_2s_{12} - a_3s_{123} & -a_3s_{123} \\ a_1c_1 + a_2c_{12} + a_3c_{123} & a_2c_{12} + a_3c_{123} & a_3c_{123} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example: Anthropomorphic Arm (shown in its home configuration)

i	θ_i	d_i	a_i	α_i	Variable
1	$\theta_1 = 90^\circ + q_1$	0	0	90°	q_1
2	$\theta_2 = 0 + q_2$	0	L_2	0	q_2
3	$\theta_3 = 0 + q_3$	0	L_3	0	q_3

$${}^0T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_1 & 0 & \sin \theta_1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta_1 & 0 & -\cos \theta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, {}^1T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_2 & -\sin \theta_2 & 0 & L_2 \cos \theta_2 \\ \sin \theta_2 & \cos \theta_2 & 0 & L_2 \sin \theta_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$${}^2T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_3 & -\sin \theta_3 & 0 & L_3 \cos \theta_3 \\ \sin \theta_3 & \cos \theta_3 & 0 & L_3 \sin \theta_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore {}^0T_2 = {}^0T_1 {}^1T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1c_2 & -c_1s_2 & s_1 & L_2c_1c_2 \\ s_1c_2 & -s_1s_2 & -c_1 & L_2s_1c_2 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 & L_2s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, {}^0T_3 = {}^0T_2 {}^2T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1c_{23} & -c_1s_{23} & s_1 & c_1(L_2c_2 + L_3c_{23}) \\ s_1c_{23} & -s_1s_{23} & -c_1 & s_1(L_2c_2 + L_3c_{23}) \\ s_{23} & c_{23} & 0 & L_2s_2 + L_3s_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The position vectors and the joint axes' unit vectors, all written in Frame $\{0\}$, are:

$$P_0 = P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} L_2c_1c_2 \\ L_2s_1c_2 \\ L_2s_2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1(L_2c_2 + L_3c_{23}) \\ s_1(L_2c_2 + L_3c_{23}) \\ L_2s_2 + L_3s_{23} \end{bmatrix}; \hat{Z}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \hat{Z}_1 = \hat{Z}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ -c_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\therefore J = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Z}_0 \times (P_3 - P_0) & \hat{Z}_1 \times (P_3 - P_1) & \hat{Z}_2 \times (P_3 - P_2) \\ \hat{Z}_0 & \hat{Z}_1 & \hat{Z}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -s_1(L_2c_2 + L_3c_{23}) & -c_1(L_2s_2 + L_3s_{23}) & -L_3c_1s_{23} \\ c_1(L_2c_2 + L_3c_{23}) & -s_1(L_2s_2 + L_3s_{23}) & -L_3s_1s_{23} \\ 0 & L_2c_2 + L_3c_{23} & L_3c_{23} \\ 0 & s_1 & s_1 \\ 0 & -c_1 & -c_1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Note: If the global origin is on the ground, the solution will be different and will include L_1 .)

Singularities

Determinant = 0

In robotics: $\text{Det}(J) = 0 \rightarrow J$ loses full rank

- If J is nonsingular, i.e., $\text{Det}(J) \neq 0 \rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{q}} = J^{-1}(\mathbf{q})\mathbf{V}$ (differential kinematics \rightarrow inverse kinematics)
- If J is singular \rightarrow manipulator loses one or more DOFs in Cartesian space (from implicit function theorem and/or differential geometry theory); it cannot move along some direction(s).
 - Joint rates approach infinity (why?)

- Workspace singularities

Workspace boundary singularities: links are fully stretched out or folded back

Workspace interior singularities: when two or more joint axes are aligned

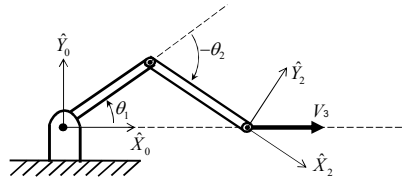
\rightarrow Use to construct workspaces

- Example: 2-link arm

$$\text{Det}[{}^0J(\mathbf{q})] = \begin{vmatrix} -l_1s_1 - l_2s_{12} & -l_2s_{12} \\ l_1c_1 + l_2c_{12} & l_2c_{12} \end{vmatrix} = l_1l_2s_2 = 0$$

\rightarrow singular when $\theta_2 = 0, 180^\circ$ (stretched out or folded back) \rightarrow workspace boundary singularities

- Example 5.5 (Craig's 4th Ed.): Consider a two-link robot moving its end-effector along the \hat{X} axis at 1.0 m/s. Show that as a singularity is approached at $\theta_2 = 0$, joint rates tend to infinity.



Sol) The inverse of the Jacobian written in Frame $\{0\}$ is ${}^0J^{-1}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{l_1l_2s_2} \begin{bmatrix} l_2c_{12} & l_2s_{12} \\ -l_1c_1 - l_2c_{12} & -l_1s_1 - l_2s_{12} \end{bmatrix}$.

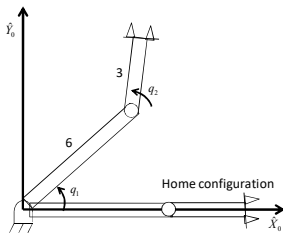
Then using $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = J^{-1}(\mathbf{q})\mathbf{V}$ with $\mathbf{V} = [1, 0]^T$, the joint rates as a function of manipulator configuration is:

$$\dot{\theta}_1 = \frac{c_{12}}{l_1s_2} \text{ and } \dot{\theta}_2 = -\frac{c_1}{l_2s_2} - \frac{c_{12}}{l_1s_2} \therefore \text{As } \theta_2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ (arm stretches out), } \dot{\theta}_1 \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } \dot{\theta}_2 \rightarrow \infty.$$

Robot Workspace

The (continuum) set of points in space that can be reached by a point on end-effector.

- Example: workspace of a 2-link arm



Joint	θ	d	a	α
1	$0 + q_1$	0	6	0
2	$0 + q_2$	0	3	0

$${}^0T_n \rightarrow x = 6\cos q_1 + 3\cos(q_1+q_2), y = 6\sin q_1 + 3\sin(q_1+q_2)$$

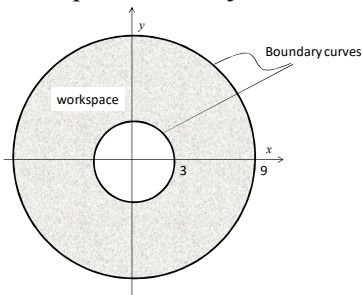
$$\text{Jacobian } J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial q_2} \end{bmatrix}; \text{Det}(J) = 18\sin q_2 = 0 \rightarrow q_2 = 0, \pi$$

Find set(s) of \mathbf{q} that make J singular:

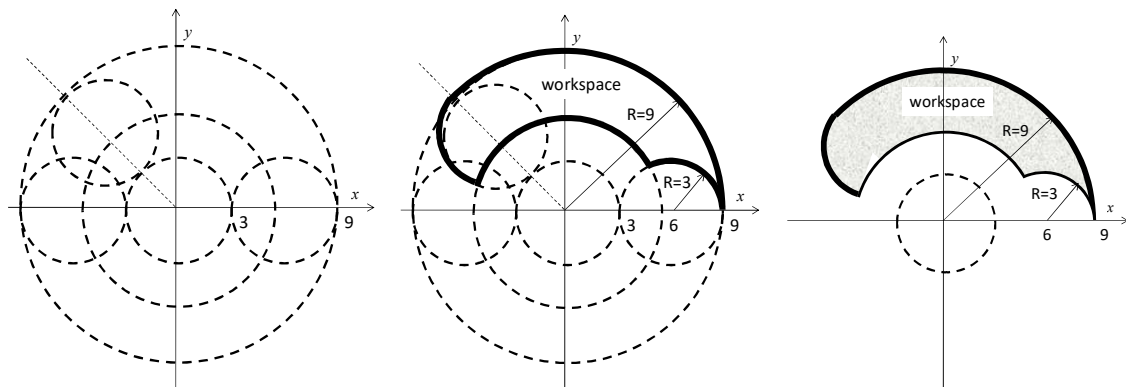
$$P_{\text{singular}}(q_1, q_2 = 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 6\cos q_1 + 3\cos(q_1 + 0) \\ 6\sin q_1 + 3\sin(q_1 + 0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9\cos q_1 \\ 9\sin q_1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{circle of radius 9 and center at the origin}$$

$$P_{\text{singular}}(q_1, q_2 = \pi) = \begin{bmatrix} 6\cos q_1 + 3\cos(q_1 + \pi) \\ 6\sin q_1 + 3\sin(q_1 + \pi) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3\cos q_1 \\ 3\sin q_1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{circle of radius 3 and center at the origin}$$

(a) Workspace with no joint limits:



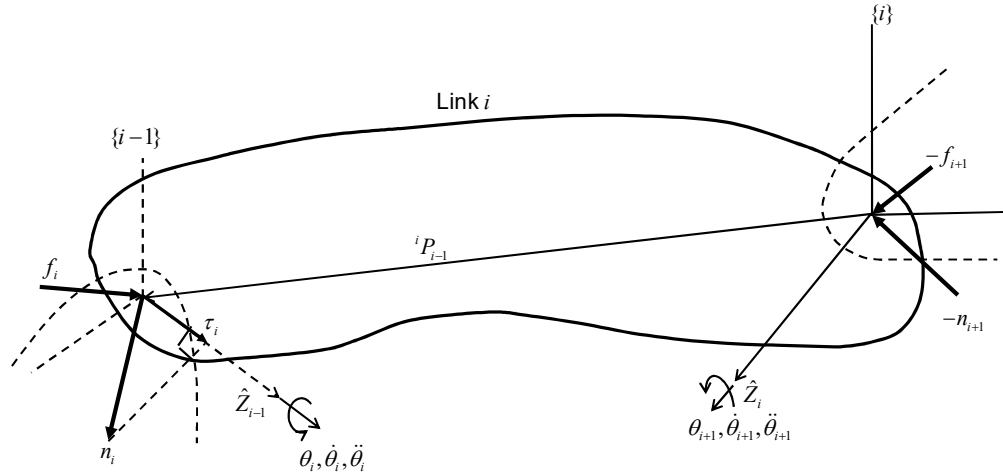
(b) Workspace with joint limits $0 < q_1 < 135^\circ$ and $0 < q_2 < 120^\circ$:



Static Forces

f_i = force exerted.....Link iLink $i-1$
 n_i = moment exerted.....Link iLink $i-1$

- Note: In general, a FBD should include all forces/moments exerted “on” the system of interest “by” the environment.



▪ Static equilibrium

Force: $\sum f = 0 \Rightarrow {}^i f_i - {}^i f_{i+1} = 0 \Rightarrow {}^i f_i = {}^i f_{i+1}$

Moment **about** origin of Frame $\{i\}$: $\sum n = 0 \Rightarrow {}^i n_i - {}^i n_{i+1} + {}^i P_{i-1} \times {}^i f_i = 0 \Rightarrow {}^i n_i = {}^i n_{i+1} - {}^i P_{i-1} \times {}^i f_i$

- Start with a description of the forces and moments applied at the end-effector (Link n)
 → calculate from Link n to Link 0 (inward)

- Static force/moment propagation from link to link expressed in each link frame:

$${}^i f_i = {}^i R_{i+1} {}^{i+1} f_{i+1}, \quad {}^i n_i = {}^i R_{i+1} {}^{i+1} n_{i+1} - {}^i P_{i-1} \times {}^i f_i$$

- All components of the force and moment vectors are resisted by the reaction from the structure of the mechanism itself, except for the force/moment component (actuation) along the joint axis.
 ▪ Actuation required to maintain static equilibrium
 Joint actuator torque (revolute joint i): $\tau_i = {}^i n_i^T {}^i \hat{Z}_{i-1}$
 Joint actuator force (prismatic joint i): $\tau_i = {}^i f_i^T {}^i \hat{Z}_{i-1}$

Jacobians in the Force Domain

- Let

\mathbf{F} : 6x1 Cartesian force-moment vector applied on the end-effector

$\delta \mathbf{X}$: 6x1 infinitesimal Cartesian displacement of the end-effector

$\boldsymbol{\tau}$: nx1 joint actuator torque vector

$\delta \mathbf{q}$: nx1 infinitesimal joint variables vector

- Principle of virtual work (static equilibrium)

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \delta \mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \delta \mathbf{q} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}^T \delta \mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\tau}^T \delta \mathbf{q}$$

→ [work done in Cartesian terms] = [work done in joint space terms]

: Work is the same measured in any set of generalized coordinates

- Recall: Jacobian $\delta \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{J} \delta \mathbf{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{J} \delta \mathbf{q} = \boldsymbol{\tau}^T \delta \mathbf{q} \quad (\forall \delta \mathbf{q})$

$$\therefore \boxed{\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{F}}$$

: Jacobian transpose maps Cartesian forces/moments into equivalent joint torques

(Note: In the above equation, $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ are the joint torques producing effects that are “equivalent” to those of \mathbf{F} ; on the other hand, the joint torques that are in static “equilibrium” with \mathbf{F} is $\boldsymbol{\tau} = -J^T \mathbf{F}$.)

- Kineto-statics duality: $\delta \mathbf{X} = J \delta \mathbf{q}$ vs. $\boldsymbol{\tau} = J^T \mathbf{F}$
- If J is singular (i.e., loses full rank) or near singular: \mathbf{F} can be increased or decreased in null-space basis directions without changes in $\boldsymbol{\tau}$.
→ mechanical advantage goes infinity; small $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ required to generate large forces at the end-effector
- Singular configuration → singularity in both position and force domains

Cartesian Transformation of Velocities and Static Forces

- 6x1 general velocity of a body: $\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{(3 \times 1)} \\ \boldsymbol{\omega}_{(3 \times 1)} \end{bmatrix}$
- 6x1 general force vector: $\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{(3 \times 1)} \\ \mathbf{n}_{(3 \times 1)} \end{bmatrix}$ (\mathbf{f} : 3x1 force vector; \mathbf{n} : 3x1 moment vector)
- 6x6 transformations to map from Frame $\{A\}$ to $\{B\}$ at each time instant
- Velocity transformation
Recall: ${}^{i+1}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1} = {}^{i+1}R_i ({}^i\boldsymbol{\omega}_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^i\hat{Z}_i)$ and ${}^{i+1}\mathbf{v}_{i+1} = {}^{i+1}R_i ({}^i\mathbf{v}_i + {}^i\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1} \times {}^iP_{i+1})$
with $\dot{\theta}_{i+1} = 0$ (\because the two frames are rigidly connected) and $\{i\} = \{A\}$, $\{i+1\} = \{B\}$
→ matrix form: $\begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{v}_B \\ {}^B\boldsymbol{\omega}_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^BR_A & -{}^BR_A {}^AP_{BORG} \times \\ 0 & {}^BR_A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\mathbf{v}_A \\ {}^A\boldsymbol{\omega}_A \end{bmatrix}$ or ${}^B\mathbf{V}_B = {}^BT_{vA} {}^A\mathbf{V}_A$ (6x6 operator)
where $P \times = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -p_z & p_y \\ p_z & 0 & -p_x \\ -p_y & p_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (Note: recall similar formula for angular velocity matrix!)
- Inversion: $\begin{bmatrix} {}^A\mathbf{v}_A \\ {}^A\boldsymbol{\omega}_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^AR_B & ({}^AP_{BORG} \times) \cdot {}^AR_B \\ 0 & {}^AR_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{v}_B \\ {}^B\boldsymbol{\omega}_B \end{bmatrix}$ or ${}^A\mathbf{V}_A = {}^AT_{vB} {}^B\mathbf{V}_B$
- Force-moment transformation
Recall: ${}^if_i = {}^iR_{i+1} {}^{i+1}f_{i+1}$ and ${}^in_i = {}^iR_{i+1} {}^{i+1}n_{i+1} - {}^iP_{i+1} \times {}^if_i$
→ matrix form: $\begin{bmatrix} {}^Af_A \\ {}^An_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^AR_B & 0 \\ -({}^AP_{jointA} \times) \cdot {}^AR_B & {}^AR_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^Bf_B \\ {}^Bn_B \end{bmatrix}$ or ${}^A\mathbf{F}_A = {}^AT_{fB} {}^B\mathbf{F}_B$
- ${}^AT_{fB} = {}^AT_{vB}^T$
- Example 5.8 (Craig’s 4th Ed.): (Do it yourself)

Redundancy Resolution

- Given m function equations with n -DOF joint variables → J : $m \times n$ Jacobian matrix
- If $m < n$ (i.e., redundant), infinite solutions of $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$ exist for $\mathbf{V}_{(m \times 1)} = J(\mathbf{q})_{(m \times n)} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{(n \times 1)}$.

- Solution methods: Formulate as a constrained optimization problem.
 - └ Jacobian pseudo-inverse
 - └ Numerical trajectory optimization (e.g., collocation method, single/multiple shooting methods, etc.)

Jacobian Pseudo-Inverse

- Let the end-effector velocity is \mathbf{V} , Jacobian J (for given \mathbf{q}) has full rank, and W is a suitable $(n \times n)$ symmetric positive definite weight matrix. Then the optimal solution $\dot{\mathbf{q}}^*$ that satisfies $\mathbf{V} = J\dot{\mathbf{q}}$ and minimizes the quadratic cost functional $g(\dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\mathbf{q}}^T W \dot{\mathbf{q}}$ is $\dot{\mathbf{q}}^* = J^+ \mathbf{V}$, where $J^+ = W^{-1} J^T (J W^{-1} J^T)^{-1}$ is the weighted right pseudo-inverse of J , i.e., $J J^+ = I_n$.
- Proof (Use Method of Lagrange multipliers)

Minimize $g(\dot{\mathbf{q}}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\mathbf{q}}^T W \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T (\mathbf{V} - J\dot{\mathbf{q}})$, where $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ is a $(m \times 1)$ vector of unknown Lagrange multipliers. Since $\partial^2 g / \partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}^2 = W$ is positive definite, the necessary conditions for minimum are:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} = \mathbf{0}^T \rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{q}} = W^{-1} J^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} \quad (\text{where } W^{-1} \text{ exists}); \text{ and } \frac{\partial g}{\partial \boldsymbol{\lambda}} = \mathbf{0}^T \rightarrow \mathbf{V} = J\dot{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{V} = J W^{-1} J^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\lambda} = (J W^{-1} J^T)^{-1} \mathbf{V} \quad (\because J W^{-1} J^T: (m \times m) \text{ square matrix of rank } m \text{ and invertible})$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{q}}^* = W^{-1} J^T (J W^{-1} J^T)^{-1} \mathbf{V}$$
- If $W = I_n \rightarrow \boxed{J^+ = J^T (J J^T)^{-1}}$: right pseudo-inverse of $J \rightarrow$ minimizes $\|\dot{\mathbf{q}}\|$
- If the cost functional is $g'(\dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \frac{1}{2}(\dot{\mathbf{q}} - \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0)^T (\dot{\mathbf{q}} - \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0)$, where $\dot{\mathbf{q}}_0$ is a vector of arbitrary joint velocities
 - $\rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{q}}^* = J^+ \mathbf{V} + (I_n - J^+ J) \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0$ (from the Method of Lagrange multipliers)
 - └ $J^+ \mathbf{V}$: minimizes $\|\dot{\mathbf{q}}\|$
 - └ $(I_n - J^+ J) \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0$: homogeneous solution; attempts to satisfy additional constraints to specify via $\dot{\mathbf{q}}_0$.

Remark: $J(I_n - J^+ J) \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0 = \mathbf{0}$, i.e., $I_n - J^+ J$ projects $\dot{\mathbf{q}}_0$ in the null space of J , and $\dot{\mathbf{q}}_0$ generates internal motions of $(I_n - J^+ J) \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0$ without violating the end-effector's $\mathbf{V} = J\dot{\mathbf{q}}$.
- Remark: If $m > n$ (i.e., over-constrained), no solution of $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$ exists for $\mathbf{V}_{(m \times 1)} = J(\mathbf{q})_{(m \times n)} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{(n \times 1)}$.
 - \rightarrow (weighted) left pseudo-inverse of J ($J^+ J = I_n$) \rightarrow approximate solution to minimize $\|\mathbf{V} - J\dot{\mathbf{q}}\|$