

# Robot Dynamics

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## Kinematics

**Exam strategy:** 30% DH/forward, 40% Jacobians/singularities, 30% inverse/control. Practice 3R examples; link to dynamics (e.g., Jacobian in torque control).

## 1 Vectors and Positions

Position vectors: Parametrize  $P$  in frame  $\mathcal{A}$  as  $\mathbf{r}_{AP} = \mathbf{r}(\chi)$ , where  $\chi$  are parameters (e.g., Cartesian coords)

## 3 1.1 Linear Velocity

$$r = r(\chi) \quad \dot{r} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial \chi} \dot{\chi} = E_p(\chi) \dot{\chi}$$

**Exam tip: Basis for Jacobians**

Compute for end-effector task velocities in control problems.

## 3 1.2 Rotations

Rotation matrix  $\mathbf{C}_{AB}$  transforms vectors from frame  $B$  to  $A$ :

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}_{AP} = \mathbf{C}_{AB} \cdot \mathbf{B}\mathbf{r}_{AP}$$

**Properties** Orthogonal ( $\mathbf{C}^T = \mathbf{C}^{-1}$ ), det=1 for proper rotations

**Elementary rotations** (about x,y,z axes by angle  $\theta$ ):

$$\mathbf{R}_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Composition:**  $\mathbf{C}_{AC} = \mathbf{C}_{AB} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{BC}$

**Homogeneous transformations** (4x4 for position + orientation):

$$\mathbf{T}_{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{AB} & \mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}_{AB} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Passive:** Rotate frame    **Active:** Rotate vector

**Exam pitfall:** Confuse active/passive in inverse kinematics, always specify frames.

## 4 1.3 Angular Velocity

Angular velocity  $\omega$  satisfies  $\dot{\mathbf{C}} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{C}$ , or  $\dot{\mathbf{C}} = \mathbf{S}(\boldsymbol{\omega})\mathbf{C}$

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{a}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_z & a_y \\ a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & a_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Composition:**  ${}^A\boldsymbol{\omega}_{AC} = {}^A\boldsymbol{\omega}_{AB} + \mathbf{C}_{AB} {}^B\boldsymbol{\omega}_{BC}$

**Exam note:** Use skew-symmetric for deriving velocity Jacobians

## 4 1.4 Parametrization of 3d Rotations

**Minimal params:** 3 (due to SO(3) manifold)

Common for avoiding singularities in kinematics/control.

- Rotation matrix** 9 params, 6 orthonormality constraints. Direct but redundant.
- Euler angles** (e.g., ZYZ):  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{R}_z(\phi)\mathbf{R}_y(\theta)\mathbf{R}_z(\psi)$   
3 params, singularities at  $\theta = 0, \pi$  (gimbal lock).  
**Exam:** Derive matrix; convert to/from quaternions.
- Angle-axis** No singularities but multi-valued.  
 $\mathbf{C} = \exp(\mathbf{S}(\theta\mathbf{k})) = \mathbf{I} + \sin \theta \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{k}) + (1 - \cos \theta) \mathbf{S}^2(\mathbf{k})$   
(Rodrigues).  $\mathbf{k}$  unit vector,  $\theta$  angle.
- Rotation vector**  $\rho = \theta\mathbf{k}$ , Similar to angle-axis.
- Unit quaternions** 4 params, 1 constraint. No singularities, efficient for interpolation/composition.  
 $\mathbf{q} = (q_0, \mathbf{q}_v) = (\cos(\theta/2), \mathbf{k} \sin(\theta/2))$ ,  $\|\mathbf{q}\| = 1$ .

## 1.5 Unit Quaternions

To rotation matrix:

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{I} + 2\mathbf{S}^2(\mathbf{q}_v) + 2q_0\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{q}_v).$$

From matrix Extract  $\theta = \arccos((\text{trace}(\mathbf{C}) - 1)/2)$

$$\mathbf{q}_1 \circ \mathbf{q}_2 = (q_{10}q_{20} - \mathbf{q}_{1v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_{2v}, q_{10}\mathbf{q}_{2v} + q_{20}\mathbf{q}_{1v} + \mathbf{q}_{1v} \times \mathbf{q}_{2v})$$

Rotate vector  $\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{q} \circ (0, \mathbf{v}) \circ \mathbf{q}^{-1}$  (pure quaternion)  
Time derivative  $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q} \circ (0, \boldsymbol{\omega})$

**Exam:** Use for singularity-free integration, common in control velocity loops.

## 2 Multi Body Kinematics

**Generalized coordinates** Joint variables  $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_n)^T$  (angles for revolute, displacements for prismatic).

**End-effector configuration**  $\mathbf{x}_e = (\mathbf{x}_{eP}, \mathbf{x}_{eR})^T$  (position + orientation params)

**Operational/task space** Subset  $\mathbf{x}_o$  for specific tasks (e.g., position only)

### 2.1 Forward Kinematics

End-effector configuration  $\mathbf{x}_e = f(\mathbf{q})$ . For serial chains: Product of homogeneous transforms  $\mathbf{T}_{0n} = \mathbf{T}_{01}\mathbf{T}_{12} \cdots \mathbf{T}_{(n-1)n}$

**Denavit-Hartenberg (DH) params** Standard for link modeling

**Exam hint:** For revolute,  $\theta_i$  variable; prismatic,  $d_i$  variable.

**Common pitfall:** Wrong  $x_i$  alignment—check perpendicularity.

Transform  $\mathbf{T}_{i-1,i} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_i & -\sin \theta_i \cos \alpha_i & \sin \theta_i \sin \alpha_i & a_i \cos \theta_i \\ \sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i \cos \alpha_i & -\cos \theta_i \sin \alpha_i & a_i \sin \theta_i \\ 0 & \sin \alpha_i & \cos \alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Link length:  $a_i$  | Link twist:  $\alpha_i$  | Link offset:  $d_i$  | Joint angle:  $\theta_i$

**Rules** Align  $z_i$  with joint axis  $i+1$ ;  $x_i$  perpendicular to  $z_{i-1}$  and  $z_i$ ; origin at intersection.

**Exam:** Assign DH for 3-6 DOF arms (e.g., SCARA, PUMA); compute pose; analyze reachable workspace (volume, boundaries).

### 2.2 Workspace Analysis

**Reachable:** All positions end-effector can reach (ignore orientation). **Dexterous:** All poses.

For planar 2R: Annulus with radii  $|l_1 - l_2|$  to  $l_1 + l_2$ . For 3R: Adds redundancy for orientation.

**Exam pattern:** Sketch workspace for given arm; identify voids/holes due to joint limits.

### 2.3 Jacobians

#### Jacobi-Box

Differential map:  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_e = J_{eA}(\mathbf{q})\dot{\mathbf{q}}$

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$$J_{eA} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_e}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_1}{\partial q_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_1}{\partial q_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_m}{\partial q_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_m}{\partial q_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Analytical Jacobian** For orientation params (Euler rates,..)

**Geometric Jacobian** Direct velocity map  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{J}_G \dot{\mathbf{q}}$   
differs in orientation (angular velocity vs. rates)

**Prismatic Position**  $\mathbf{J}_{P,i} = \mathbf{z}_{i-1}$ , Rotation  $\mathbf{J}_{O,i} = \mathbf{0}$   
**Revolute Pos.**  $\mathbf{J}_{P,i} = \mathbf{z}_{i-1} \times \mathbf{r}_{ie}$ , Rotation  $\mathbf{J}_{O,i} = \mathbf{z}_{i-1}$

**Singularity:**  $\det(\mathbf{J}) = 0 \rightarrow$  DOF loss. Types: Boundary (workspace edge), internal (e.g., aligned links).  
Manipulability:  $\mu = \sqrt{\det(\mathbf{JJ}^T)}$ ; ellipsoid for velocity-/force transmission.

Real-world tip: Use manipulability index for path planning; damp near singularities ( $\lambda \propto 1/\mu$ ) to prevent instability.

**Exam:** Compute  $\mathbf{J}$  for 2-4 DOF, find singularities (e.g.,  $\theta_2 = 0$  in 3R), condition number  $\kappa = \sigma_{\max}/\sigma_{\min}$ .

**Exam tip:** For 3R planar (pos only),  $J = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 s_1 - l_2 s_{12} - l_3 s_{123} & -l_2 s_{12} - l_3 s_{123} & -l_3 s_{123} \\ l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_{12} + l_3 c_{123} & l_2 c_{12} + l_3 c_{123} & l_3 c_{123} \end{bmatrix}$

**det=0 when collinear**

## 2.4 Velocity in Moving Bodies

**Rigid Body Formulation** Point P velocity in frame A:  
 $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_P = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_B + \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{AB} \times \mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}_{BP} + \mathbf{C}_{AB}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}_{BP}^{\text{rel}}$

**Twist vector**  $\mathbf{t} = (\mathbf{\omega}, \mathbf{v})^T$  propagates via adjoint:  
 $\mathbf{t}_i = \text{Ad}_{\mathbf{T}_{i-1,i}} \mathbf{t}_{i-1} + \mathbf{e}_i \dot{q}_i$  with unit twist:  $\mathbf{e}_i$

**Exam:** Recursive forward vel. for chains, links to Newton-Euler dynamics

## 3 Inverse Kinematics

Main idea: Solve  $\mathbf{q} = f^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\chi}_e^*)$

Numerical Newton-Raphson:  $\mathbf{q}_{k+1} = \mathbf{q}_k + \mathbf{J}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\chi}^* - f(\mathbf{q}_k))$

**Velocity level**  $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{J}^\dagger \dot{\boldsymbol{\chi}}_e + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{J}^\dagger \mathbf{J}) \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0$   
(pseudo-inverse for redundancy, nullspace optimization)

**Singularities** Damped least-squares:  $\mathbf{J}^\dagger = \mathbf{J}^T (\mathbf{JJ}^T + \lambda^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$

**Redundancy:**  $n > m$ ; min-norm or secondary tasks (e.g., joint limit avoidance)

**Exam pattern:** For PUMA-like (spherical wrist), solve position first (joints 1-3), then orientation (4-6); multiple wrist configs.

### 3.1 Analytical Inverse Kinematics

For 2R planar arm (lengths  $l_1, l_2$ , target  $(x, y)$ ):  
 $\theta_2 = \pm \arccos\left(\frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 l_2}\right)$ ,  
 $\theta_1 = \arctan(y, x) - \arctan(l_2 \sin \theta_2, l_1 + l_2 \cos \theta_2)$

For 3R: Solve for  $\theta_3$  via circle intersection, then reduce to 2R (multiple solutions; check workspace).

**Solve inverse for 3R, handle multiple solutions/elbow configs**

### 3.2 Multi-Task Control

Single task:  $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{J}^\dagger \dot{\boldsymbol{\chi}}^*$     Stacked use:  $\mathbf{J}_s = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_1 \\ \mathbf{J}_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Prioritized:  $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{J}_1^\dagger \dot{\boldsymbol{\chi}}_1^* + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{J}_1^\dagger \mathbf{J}_1) \mathbf{J}_2^\dagger (\dot{\boldsymbol{\chi}}_2^* - \mathbf{J}_2 \mathbf{J}_1^\dagger \dot{\boldsymbol{\chi}}_1^*)$

## Error Analysis and Trajectories

**Task error**  $\mathbf{e} = \boldsymbol{\chi}^* - \mathbf{x}$

**Control**  $\dot{\boldsymbol{\chi}}^* = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{e}$  (resolved rate)

**Joint trajectory** Interpolate  $\mathbf{q}(t)$   
(cubic poly:  $q(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3$ ; match vel/acc)

**Exam patterns:** Design inverse control loop for redundant arm; avoid singularities via damping/nullspace.

## Dynamics

### 4 Rigid-body Manipulators - Fixed Base

#### Equation of Motion

$M(q)\ddot{q} + b(q, \dot{q}) + g(q) = \tau + J_c^T F_c$

$M(q)$ : Mass/inertia matrix (symmetric, positive definite)  
 $b(q, \dot{q})$ : Coriolis/centrifugal vector =  $C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q}$   
 $g(q)$ : Gravity vector  
 $\tau$ : Joint torques/forces (actuators)  
 $J_c^T F_c$ : External contact forces mapped to joint space

**Properties:**  $\dot{M} = 2C$  skew-symmetric  
Passivity:  $\dot{q}^T (\dot{M} - 2C)\dot{q} = 0$ ,  $M$  bounded/invertible, linear in parameters (for identification)

**Exam tip:** Derive for 2-3 DOF arms; compute components numerically.

**Exam tip:** Derive EoM for 2-3 DOF (e.g., 2R planar: compute M as 2x2, C via Christoffel, g from potentials) numerical torque calc at given  $q, \dot{q}$

#### 4.1 Principle of Virtual Work (D'Alembert's Principle)

For dynamic equilibrium: Virtual work  $\delta W = 0$  for all  $\delta q$ .

$$\sum_i (F_i - m_i \ddot{r}_i) \cdot \delta r_i + \sum_j (T_j - I_j \dot{\omega}_j - \omega_j \times I_j \omega_j) \cdot \delta \theta_j = 0$$

Applies Newton's laws in directions of possible motion, extends to constraints via multipliers.

**Exam:** Derive EoM for constrained systems (e.g., closed-chain); relate to projected dynamics.

#### 4.2 Single Rigid Body Dynamics

Translational  $m\ddot{r} = F$  (Newton)

Rotational  $I\ddot{\omega} + \omega \times I\omega = T$  (Euler)

Moving frame: Include Coriolis/centrifugal vel.  ${}^I v = {}^I \dot{r} + \omega \times r$

**Exam:** Compute for link in chain, propagate to next (e.g., NE forward pass)

#### 4.3 Newton-Euler Method

Recursive for serial chains ( $O(n)$  efficiency)

**Forward:** Velocities/accelerations base→EE

**Backward:** Forces/torques EE→base, yields  $\tau_i$ .  
For link i (revolute):  
 ${}^i \omega = {}^i R_{i-1}^{i-1} \omega_{i-1} + {}^i \dot{q}_i z_i$ ,  
 ${}^i v = {}^i R_{i-1}^{i-1} v_{i-1} + {}^{i-1} \omega_{i-1} \times {}^{i-1} p_i + {}^i \dot{q}_i z_i$ ,  
 ${}^i \dot{v} = {}^i R_{i-1}^{i-1} \dot{v}_{i-1} + {}^i \omega_i \times {}^i p_{c,i} + \dots$  (full acc inc. Coriolis)

## Error Analysis and Trajectories

Force:  $f_i = m_i \dot{v}_{c,i} + \omega_i \times (\omega_i \times m_i r_{c,i})$

**Exam:** Apply to 3R arm; compare Lagrangian (same EoM, NE faster for high DOF).

### 4.4 Projected Newton-Euler

Applies virtual work to multi-body systems.  
Project dynamics into joint space.  
EoM:  $\tau = \sum$  projected inertias/forces (via Jacobians).  
Mass:  $M_{ij} = \sum_k \text{trace}(J_{v,k}^T m_k J_{v,k} + J_{\omega,k}^T I_k J_{\omega,k})$ .  
Coriolis/gravity similarly projected.

**Exam:** Derive M for 2DOF; use trace identity for efficiency.

#### 4.5 Lagrange Formulation

EoM from  $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = \tau$  where  $L = T - V$ .

Energy - **Kinetic**  $T = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^T M(q) \dot{q}$     **Potential**  $V = \sum m_i g^T r_i$

$M_{kl} = \sum_{i=\max(k,l)}^n \text{trace}\left(\frac{\partial T_i}{\partial q_k} J_i \frac{\partial T_i^T}{\partial q_l}\right) + m_i \frac{\partial r_i^T}{\partial q_k} \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_l}$   
 $C_{kj} = \sum_i \Gamma_{kji} \dot{q}_i$  (Coriolis)  
 $\Gamma_{kji} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_k M_{ji} + \partial_j M_{ki} - \partial_i M_{kj})$  (Christoffel)

**Exam:** Full derivation for planar 2R, identify  $M, C, g$   
M symmetric, C skew contrib, ID params via regression  
 $Y(q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q})\theta = \tau$ .

**Exam:** For 2R arm, derive M,C,g via Lagrange (energy) vs NE (recursion); verify same  $\tau$  at sample  $q = (0, \pi/2)$ ,  $\dot{q} = (1, 1)$

#### 4.6 External Forces and Torques

Map to joints:  $\tau_{ext} = J_P^T F_{ext} + J_R^T T_{ext}$

<b>Forces</b>	<b>Torques</b>
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$$\tau_{F_{ext}} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_f} J_{P,j}^T F_{ext,j} \quad \tau_{T_{ext}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n_m} J_{R,k}^T T_{ext,k}$$

**Actuators**

$$\tau_a = \sum_k (J_{S_k} - J_{S_{k-1}})^T F_{a,k} + (J_{R_k} - J_{R_{k-1}})^T T_{a,k}$$

$J_P, J_R$ : Position/rotation Jacobians.

**Exam:** Compute for EE force, add to EoM.

#### 4.7 Velocity in Moving Bodies

Linear  ${}^i v = {}^i \dot{r} + {}^i \omega \times {}^i r$     Angular  ${}^i \omega$  (Velocity in frame i)

**Twist vector:**  $V = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$

Propagation  ${}^i V_i = {}^i A_{i-1}^{i-1} V_{i-1} + {}^i \dot{q}_i e_i$  (A: adjoint).

**Exam:** Use in NE, relate to Jacobian columns

#### 4.8 Jacobians for Prismatic/Revolute Joints

Jacobian  $J = [J_v \ J_\omega]$  maps  $\dot{q} \rightarrow$  task velocity,  $\dot{x} = J\dot{q}$

**Singularity**  $\det(\mathbf{JJ}^T) = 0$

Prismatic  $J_{v,i} = z_{i-1}, J_{\omega,i} = 0$

Revolute  $J_{v,i} = z_{i-1} \times (p - p_{i-1}), J_{\omega,i} = z_{i-1}$

**Exam:** 2R planar Jacobian, singularity when aligned/extended

**Exam:** Compute J for RRP (SCARA); singularities at  $\det(J)=0$  (e.g., arm folded); manipulability  $\sqrt{\det(\mathbf{JJ}^T)}$ .

## 5 Dynamic Control

### Control loops

Position (inner velocity/torque), Torque (feedforward dynamics).  
**Exam:** Block diagrams for PD + gravity comp.

$\tau = g(q) + K_p e + K_d \dot{e}$ , error  $\ddot{e} + K_d \dot{e} + K_p e = M^{-1} \delta \tau$ .

### 5.1 Joint Impedance Control

$\tau = g(q) + K_p(q_d - q) + K_d(\dot{q}_d - \dot{q}) + K_i \int e dt + J^T F_{ext}$

As mass-spring-damper:  $\omega_n = \sqrt{K_p/m}$ ,  $\zeta = K_d/(2\sqrt{m K_p})$

**Exam:** Lyapunov stability  
 $V = \frac{1}{2} \dot{e}^T M \dot{e} + \frac{1}{2} e^T K_p e \rightarrow \dot{V} \leq 0$

**Exam:** Prove stability for PD control using Lyapunov  
 $V = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^T M \dot{q} + \frac{1}{2} e^T K_p e$ ,  $\dot{V} = -\dot{q}^T K_d \dot{q} \leq 0$   
(LaSalle for convergence)

### 5.2 Inverse Dynamics Control (Computed Torque)

$\tau = M(q)(\ddot{q}_d + K_d \dot{e} + K_p e) + b(q, \dot{q}) + g(q)$

Decouples:  $\ddot{e} + K_d \dot{e} + K_p e = 0$ , crit damp  $K_d = 2\sqrt{K_p}$

**Exam:** Derive error dynamics; choose gains for crit. damping, f.e. overshoot <5%

### 5.3 Task-Space Dynamic Control

EoM

$\Lambda(x)\ddot{x} + \mu(x, \dot{x}) + p(x) = F + J^{-T} \tau_{ext}$

with  $\Lambda = (JM^{-1} J^T)^{-1}$

**Control**  $F = \Lambda(\ddot{x}_d + K_d \dot{e}_d + K_p e_d) + \mu + p$

Redundancy weighted psd-inv:  $J^\dagger = W^{-1} J^T (JW^{-1} J^T)^{-1}$

Null-space projector  $N = I - J^\dagger J$

Multiple tasks Stack Jacobians, project secondary to N

**Exam:** Prioritize (eg. EE motion > joint limits) compute  $\Delta$  for 3R

### 5.4 End-Effector Dynamics

As above and with feedforward  $\ddot{x}_d$  from trajectory planning.

**Exam:** Hybrid with selection S (diag, 0=force, 1=motion)

## 6 Interaction Control

### 6.1 Operational Space Control

$\tau = J^T \Lambda(\ddot{x}_d + K_d \dot{e}_d + K_p e_d - JM^{-1}(b + g)) + (I - J^T J^T) \tau_0$   
 $\bar{J} = \Lambda^{-1} JM^{-1}$

**Exam:** Formula for hybrid:  $\tau = J^T (SF_m + (I - S)F_f)$

### 6.2 Selection Matrix

S: Diagonal, separates DOFs (e.g., force in z, motion in x-y)  
Control: Blend impedances.

**Exam:** Hybrid f-m via S (e.g., S = I motion, S = 0 force)

### 6.3 Inverse Dynamics as QP

Formulation  $\min_u \|Au - b\|_W^2$  s.t. constraints (torque limits,...)

Hierarchical Solve primary, project secondary to null

**Exam:** Formulate for redundancy; weighted pseudo-inv for LS

**Exam:** Formulate QP for 7DOF arm:  $\min \|q\|_s$  s.t.  $J\dot{q} = \dot{x}_d$ , torque bounds; null for secondary (e.g., obstacle avoid).

## 7 Floating Base Dynamics

For mobile/legged robots: Unactuated base.

### 7.1 Generalized coordinates

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} q_b \\ q_j \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad q_b = \begin{pmatrix} q_{bP} \\ q_{bR} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(3)$$

### 7.2 Generalized Velocities/Accelerations

Twist-based:  $u = [v_b^T \ b^T \ \dot{q}_j^T]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{6+n_j}$ ;  $\dot{u}$  similar. Map:  $u = E_{fb}\dot{q}$  ( $E_{fb}$  handles rot param, e.g., quats to ang vel).

**Exam:** Note  $\dot{q} \neq u$  due to  $SO(3)$ ; use for non-holonomic systems.

### 7.3 Generalized velocities and accelerations

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} Iv_B \\ B\omega_I B \\ \dot{\varphi}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\varphi}_{n_j} \end{pmatrix} \quad \dot{u} = \begin{pmatrix} Ia_B \\ B\psi_I B \\ \ddot{\varphi}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \ddot{\varphi}_{n_j} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6+n_j} = \mathbb{R}^{n_u}$$

$$u = E_{fb} \cdot \dot{q} \quad \text{with} \quad E_{fb} = \begin{bmatrix} 1_{3 \times 3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & E_{\chi_R} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1_{n_j \times n_j} \end{bmatrix}$$

$E_{fb}$  maps quaternions/Euler to twists.

**Exam:** Note  $\dot{q} \neq u$  due to  $SO(3)$ .

Note: Slides often simplify to  $\mathbf{M}(\dot{q})\ddot{q} + \mathbf{h}(\dot{q}, \ddot{q}) = \mathbf{S}^T \tau + \mathbf{J}_c^T \mathbf{F}_c$  for  $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{g}$ . Important property:  $\mathbf{M} - 2\mathbf{C}$  is skew-symmetric (passivity for control proofs).

### 7.4 Differential Kinematics

Floating:  $J = [J_b \ J_j]$ ,  $\dot{x} = J(q)u$  (task vel from gen. vel)

### 7.5 Contacts and Constraints

Hard  $J_c u = 0$  (no-slip) Const. acc.  $J_c \dot{u} + J_c u = 0$

Soft  $F_c = k\delta + d\dot{\delta}$  Friction Cone  $|F_c| \leq \mu F_n$

**Exam:** Enforce via multipliers  $\lambda = -F_c$

$$\text{Impacts } \Delta u = -(J_c M^{-1} J_c^T)^{-1} J_c u^-$$

## 8 Dynamics of Floating Base Systems

$$\text{EoM} \quad M(q)\ddot{u} + h(q, u) = S^T \tau + J_c^T \mathbf{F}_c$$

where  $S = [0 \ I]$  (underactuated base),  $h = Cu + g$ .

Centroidal:  $A_G \dot{u} + \dot{A}_G u = \sum F_{ext} + g_G$  (CMM  $A_G$  for momentum).

**Exam:** Project to constraint null; CoM control for balance

**Exam:** Derive centroidal momentum for quadruped; control CoM vel via  $A_G u$  for balance under disturbances.

### 8.1 Constraint-Consistent Dynamics

Project to null-space of constraints:  $M \dot{u} + \bar{h} = S^T \tau$ .

**Exam:** For legged, balance via CoM control

### 8.2 Contact Dynamics

**Impacts** Instant velocity change:

$$\Delta u = -(J_c M^{-1} J_c^T)^{-1} J_c u^- \quad (\text{pre-impact})$$

Soft Spring-damper  $F_c = k\delta + d\dot{\delta}$

### 8.3 Dynamic Control Methods

Multi-task CoM, feet as priorities.

$$\text{Inv dyn: } \tau = S^+(M\dot{u}_d + h - J_c^T F_{c,d}) + N\tau_0$$

**Exam:**  $\dot{u}_d$  from tasks; QP for torque opt w/ cones.

### 8.4 Lyapunov Stability for PD Control

For  $\tau = -K_p \tilde{q} - K_d \dot{q} + g(q)$ :

$$\text{Candidate } V = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^T M \dot{q} + U_g + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{q}^T K_p \tilde{q},$$

$\dot{V} = -\dot{q}^T K_d \dot{q} \leq 0$  (asymptotically stable if  $K_p, K_d > 0$ )

## Application in Robotics

### 9 Legged Robotics

#### 9.1 Generalized Coordinates & DOF Counting

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} q_b \\ q_j \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{dim: 6 base + } n_j \text{ joints, e.g., 18 for 12-joint quad})$$

- Actuated:  $q_j$  (dim:  $n_j$ , controlled by torques  $\tau$ ).
- Unactuated:  $q_b$  (floating base, 6 DOF).
- Contact constraints (point feet, no slip): 3 per stance foot (holonomic:  $\mathbf{J}_c \dot{q} = 0$ ).

**Exam trick:** Controllable DOF = total DOF – constraints (e.g., 3 stance legs:  $18 - 9 = 9$ ; 3 for swing  $\rightarrow$  6 internal/force DOF).

- Underactuation degree: unactuated DOF – constraints (if  $> 0$ , system underactuated).

#### 9.2 Dynamics Equations

Core equation for floating-base system:

$$\mathbf{M}(q) \ddot{q} + \mathbf{b}(q, \dot{q}) + \mathbf{g}(q) + \mathbf{J}_c^T \mathbf{F}_c = \mathbf{S}^T \tau$$

**Trick:** For support-consistent dynamics, project into null-space of  $\mathbf{J}_c$  (removes  $\mathbf{F}_c$  dependency):  $\mathbf{N}_c = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{J}_c^+ \mathbf{J}_c$ .

#### Centroidal Momentum (Balance Control)

Centroidal momentum matrix  $A_G(q)$ :

$$h_G = A_G \dot{q} = \sum m_i (J_{P,i}^T v_i + J_{R,i}^T (I_i \omega_i + \omega_i \times I_i \omega_i))$$

CoM tasks: Control  $h_G$  via contacts (underactuated base)

#### 9.3 Contact Constraints

- Velocity level:  $\mathbf{J}_c \dot{q} = 0$  (no motion at contact points).
- Acceleration level:  $\mathbf{J}_c \ddot{q} + \mathbf{J}_c \dot{q} = 0$ .
- Friction: cone constraints on  $\mathbf{F}_c$  (e.g.,  $\|\mathbf{F}_{c,\perp}\| \leq \mu \|\mathbf{F}_{c,\parallel}\|$ ).

**Exam hint:** Always enforce as highest priority in hierarchical control to avoid slippage.

#### 9.4 Inverse Differential Kinematics (Swing Leg Task)

Given constraints  $\mathbf{J}_c \dot{q} = 0$  and task  $\mathbf{J}_{swing} \dot{q} = \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{swing}$

$$\text{- Stacked (may be singular): } \dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_c \\ \mathbf{J}_{swing} \end{bmatrix}^+ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{swing} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Hierarchical/null-space (preferred, robust):

$$\dot{q} = \mathbf{J}_c^+ \cdot 0 + \mathbf{N}_c \dot{q}_0 \quad \dot{q}_0 = (\mathbf{J}_{swing} \mathbf{N}_c)^+ \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{swing}$$

**Trick:** Use for tasks like swing foot tracking; extend to acceleration level for dynamics.

### 9.5 Control Strategies

Common approaches (by robustness/exam frequency):

1. High-gain joint PD/PID:  $\tau = \mathbf{K}_p(\mathbf{q}^* - \mathbf{q}) + \mathbf{K}_d(\dot{\mathbf{q}}^* - \dot{\mathbf{q}})$  (poor for impacts due to instability on uneven terrain, prefer torque-based for compliance)
2. Inverse dynamics + low-gain:  $\tau = \tau_{FB} + \tau_{FF}$  (model-based feedforward)
3. Support-consistent ID: Project desired  $\dot{q}^*$  into  $\mathbf{N}_c$  null-space.
4. Task-space control: Regulate tasks (e.g., CoM, feet) via QP.
5. Hierarchical QP: Strict priorities (dynamics/contact highest). **Hint:** High-gain fails due to impacts/unmodeled terrain; prefer torque control for compliance.

### 9.6 Actuator Types

Type	Torque Method	Pros/Cons
High-gear + SEA/sensor	Elasticity/sensor	Robust but slower response
Low-gear + current	Current $\approx$ torque	Fast, backdrivable impact-resistant
Hydraulic	Pressure valve	High power, hard to scale

**Trick:** Low-gear best for dynamic locomotion (e.g. Mini Cheetah)

### 9.7 Whole-Body Control (WBC) Hierarchy

Typical priority order:

1. Dynamics:  $\mathbf{M}\ddot{q} + \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{J}_c^T \mathbf{f}_c + \mathbf{S}^T \tau$ .
2. Contact stability:  $\mathbf{J}_c \ddot{q} + \mathbf{J}_c \dot{q} = 0$ .
3. Tasks (CoM/base/swing): e.g.,  $\mathbf{J}_{com} \ddot{q} = \ddot{x}_{com}^ref - \mathbf{J}_{com} \dot{q}$ .
4. Regularization:  $\min \|\tau\|$  or  $\|\mathbf{f}_c\|$ .

Torque command:

$$\tau^d = \mathbf{M}_j(q) \ddot{q}^* + \mathbf{h}_j(q, \dot{q}) - \mathbf{J}_{s,j}^T(q) \lambda^*$$

Final:  $\tau^{ref} = \tau^d + k_p \dot{q} + k_d \ddot{q}$ .

### 9.8 Optimization-Based Control (QP/SLQ)

QP for WBC:  $\min \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$  s.t. constraints (tasks, limits)

Finite-time OCP (SLQ/DDP):

$$\min_{u(\cdot)} \Phi(x(T)) + \int_0^T L(x(t), u(t), t) dt \quad \text{s.t. constraints}$$

**Trick:** SLQ linear in horizon length (faster than DDP); use for MPC in legged systems.

### 9.9 Exam Tricks & Hints

- Why torque control? Compliance for rough terrain (vs. stiff position control).
- Underactuation: Torque can't directly control base; use contacts.
- Learning (RL): Robust to sim2real gaps in contacts/perception.
- Common Q: Derive controllable DOF for given stance; formulate QP for multi-task control.

## 10 Rotorcrafts

### 10.1 Key Assumptions and Modeling

- Core assumptions: CoG at body frame origin; rigid, symmetric structure; rigid propellers; neglect fuselage drag; near-hover (hub forces & rolling moments  $\approx 0$ ).
- Generalized coordinates for aerial robots:

$$q = [C_{BW}, v, \omega, \alpha_i, \omega_i]^T \in SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^{6+10}$$

(incl. base orientation, velocities, arm angles, rotor speeds)

Newton-Euler equations (full dynamics):

$$\sum F_{ext} = m(\alpha_i, \omega_i) \dot{v} + b(v, \omega, \alpha_i, \omega_i) + g(C_{BW}, \alpha_i, \omega_i)$$

$$\sum T_{ext} = I_B(\alpha_i, \omega_i) \dot{\omega} + b(v, \omega, \alpha_i, \omega_i) + g(C_{BW}, \alpha_i, \omega_i)$$

- Simplified for quadrotor:  $q = [\Theta, v, \omega]^T \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^6$ .

- Derivation methods: Newton-Euler momentum theory, Lagrange, or virtual work principle.

### 10.2 Propulsion and Thrust Models

- Thrust and drag torque (hover/low-speed):

$$T_i = b\omega_{p,i}^2, \quad Q_i = d\omega_{p,i}^2$$

- Classical momentum theory (ideal hover):

$$T = 2\rho A v_i^2, \quad P_{ideal} = T v_i = \frac{T^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2\rho A}}$$

• Figure of Merit:  $FM = P_{ideal}/P_{actual} < 1$ .

• Dependencies: Thrust  $T \propto \omega^2$  (independent of forward speed near hover); drag torque  $Q \propto \omega^2$ .

### 10.3 Control Allocation (Quadrotor, X-Configuration)

• Virtual inputs:

$$u_1 = b(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 + \omega_3^2 + \omega_4^2) \quad (\text{collective thrust}),$$

$$u_2 = lb(\omega_2^2 - \omega_1^2) \quad (\text{roll moment}),$$

$$u_3 = lb(\omega_1^2 - \omega_3^2) \quad (\text{pitch moment}),$$

$$u_4 = d(-\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 - \omega_3^2 + \omega_4^2) \quad (\text{yaw moment}).$$

• Allocation matrix (solve for  $\omega_i^2$ ):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 \\ \omega_2^2 \\ \omega_3^2 \\ \omega_4^2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{b} & 0 & \frac{1}{lb} & -\frac{1}{d} \\ \frac{1}{b} & -\frac{1}{lb} & 0 & \frac{1}{d} \\ \frac{1}{b} & 0 & -\frac{1}{lb} & -\frac{1}{d} \\ \frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{lb} & 0 & \frac{1}{d} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note: For + configuration, adjust signs (e.g.,  $u_2 = lb(\omega_1^2 + \omega_3^2 - \omega_2^2 - \omega_4^2)$ ) exams often specify X-config.

- For over-actuated systems (e.g., hexacopter): Multiple solutions; choose minimum-energy (min rotor-speed norm) or min  $\max(\omega_i)$ .

### 10.4 Attitude Dynamics (Linearized near Hover)

• Linearized equations:

$$\ddot{\phi} \approx \frac{u_2}{I_{xx}} = \frac{lb}{I_{xx}}(\omega_4^2 - \omega_2^2), \quad \ddot{\theta} \approx \frac{u_3}{I_{yy}}, \quad \ddot{\psi} \approx \frac{u_4}{I_{zz}}.$$

• PD attitude controller (decoupled double integrators):

$$u_2 = k_{p\phi}(\phi_d - \phi) - k_{d\phi}\dot{\phi},$$

$$u_3 = k_{p\theta}(\theta_d - \theta) - k_{d\theta}\dot{\theta},$$

$$u_4 = k_{p\psi}(\psi_d - \psi) - k_{d\psi}\dot{\psi}.$$

- Tuning hint:  $k_p$  sets rise time/natural frequency;  $k_d$  sets damping (avoid large  $k_d$  to prevent saturation).

### 10.5 Position and Altitude Control

• Altitude (small-angle approx.):

$$\ddot{z} \approx g - u_1 m^{-1} \cos \phi \cos \theta$$

$$u_1 = (m(g - k_{pz}(z_d - z) - k_{dz}\dot{z}))(\cos \phi \cos \theta)^{-1}$$

• Thrust vector control (desired  ${}^E\mathbf{T} = [T_x, T_y, T_z]^T$ ):

$$u_1 = \|{}^E\mathbf{T}\|, \quad \theta_d = \arcsin\left(\frac{T_x}{u_1}\right), \quad \phi_d = -\arcsin\left(\frac{T_y}{u_1}\right)$$

• Forward acceleration:  $\propto \sin \theta$  or  $\sin \phi$  (indep. of yaw  $\psi$ )

### Tricks and Hints

- Singularities: Euler angles singular at  $\theta = \pm 90^\circ$ ; use quaternions for aggressive maneuvers.
- Derivatives: Near hover,  $\dot{\phi} \approx p$ ,  $\dot{\theta} \approx q$ ,  $\dot{\psi} \approx r$ .
- Linearization: Small-angle approx.  $\sin \phi \approx \phi$ ,  $\cos \phi \approx 1$ .
- Power:  $\propto \omega^3$ ; minimize  $\max(\omega_i)$  over sum  $\omega_i^2$ .
- Underactuation: Position/attitude coupled; check config. (X vs. +) for allocation.
- Common pitfalls: Division by  $\cos \phi \cos \theta$  (numerical issues); neglect drag in hover.
- Thrust vector:  $\arcsin$  can cause singularities at high tilts; use quaternions for large angles (as in slides).

# 11 Fixed-Wing Aircraft

Key Assumptions and Simplifications

- Rigid symmetric structure** Constant, diagonal inertia matrix
- Constant mass** Neglect fuel burn (electric/short duration)
- No stall** Operating strictly in the linear lift domain
- Lumped Aerodyn.** Lift/drag of wing and fuselage combined
- No Side-Force** Sideslip  $\beta$  is regulated to 0
- No Interference effects** e.g. prop wash on control surfaces
- CoM Origin** Body frame origin placed at Center of Mass

## 11.1 Reference Frames and Kinematics

- Inertial Frame E (NED)** North ( $x_E$ ), East ( $y_E$ ), Down ( $z_E$ )
  - Body Frame B**  $x_B$  (nose),  $y_B$  (right wing),  $z_B$  (down)
  - Wind Frame W**  $x_W$  aligned with air-mass velocity vector  $\mathbf{v}_a$
- Body Velocity** in B(ody frame):  $\mathbf{v}_a^B = (u, v, w)^T$   
**Airspeed:**  $V = \|\mathbf{v}_a^B\| = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + w^2}$  (always positive)  
**Body Rates** (in B):  $\omega^B = (p, q, r)^T$

**Airflow Angles:**

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= \arctan(w/u) \quad (\text{Angle of Attack}) \\ \beta &= \arcsin(v/V) \quad (\text{Sideslip Angle})\end{aligned}$$

**Euler Angles:**  $\mathbf{X} = (\phi, \theta, \psi)^T$  (roll, pitch, yaw)

**Rotation Matrix**  $C_{EB}$  (ZYX sequence):

$$\mathbf{V}_a^E = C_{EB} \mathbf{V}_a^B, \quad C_{EB} = C_z(\psi) C_y(\theta) C_x(\phi)$$

**Angular Rates Relation:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \cos\phi & \sin\phi\cos\theta \\ 0 & -\sin\phi & \cos\phi\cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Singularity at  $\theta = \pm\pi/2$  (gimbal lock, use quaternions)

**Polar Coordinates (No Wind Assumption)**

**Longitudinal**  $\theta$  (pitch),  $\gamma$  (flight path),  $\alpha$ , Relation:  $\theta = \alpha + \gamma$   
**Lateral**  $\psi$  (yaw/heading),  $\xi$  (course)

Why no wind? If wind = 0, ground velocity equals airspeed, simplifying position derivatives.

With Steady Wind  $\mathbf{v}_g = \mathbf{v}_a + \mathbf{v}_w$  (Wind Triangle) Difference between Heading  $\psi$  and Course angle  $\chi$  (direction of  $\mathbf{v}_g$ )  $\chi$  is the *Crab Angle*.

## 11.2 Aerodynamics

Bernoulli Equation (Incompressible)  $\frac{1}{2}v^2 + gh + \frac{P}{\rho} = \text{const}$

**Dynamic Pressure:**  $q = \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2$  ( $\rho$ : air density,  $V$ : airspeed)

**Aerodynamic Forces & Moments**

Type	2D Airfoil (per unit span)	3D Whole Aircraft
Lift ( $\perp$ )	$dL = q c C_L dy$	$L = q S C_L$
Drag ( $\parallel$ )	$dD = q c C_d dy$	$D = q S C_D$
Moment	$dM = q c^2 C_m dy$	$M = q S \bar{c} C_M$

$q$ : dynamic pressure,  $S$ : wing area,  $c/\bar{c}$ : chord/mean  
 $C_{l,d,m}$  and  $C_{L,D,M}$  functions of:  $\alpha$ , Re, Ma (Mach)

**Reynolds Number:**  $Re = \frac{VL}{\nu}$  ( $L$ : char. length,  $\nu$ : kin. viscosity)

**Stall:** Occurs at high  $\alpha$ ;  $C_L$  drops post-max. Avoid in operation!

- Coefficients from CFD (Xfoil, Javafoil), wind tunnel, flight data sysid or linear approximations ( $C_L \approx C_{L0} + C_{L\alpha}\alpha$ )
- Control surfaces modify  $C_L/C_M$ : Ailerons (Roll), Elevator (Pitch), Rudder (Yaw)
- Steady Level Flight:**  $L = mg$ ,  $D = T$  (thrust)

## 11.3 Equation of Motion and Dynamics

Model as single rigid body (Newton-Euler):

$$\begin{aligned}m\ddot{\mathbf{v}}^B &= \mathbf{F}^B - \boldsymbol{\omega}^B \times m\mathbf{v}^B \\ I\ddot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^B &= \mathbf{T}^B - \boldsymbol{\omega}^B \times I\boldsymbol{\omega}^B\end{aligned}$$

**Forces in B:**  $\mathbf{F}^B = \mathbf{F}_{\text{aero}}^B + \mathbf{F}_{\text{prop}}^B + \mathbf{F}_{\text{grav}}^B$

**Simplified Aero Forces** (in wind frame, then rotate):

- Assume no side force ( $Y = 0$ )
- Lift/Drag lumped.

## 11.4 Key Flight Conditions

**Steady Level Flight**

$$C_L = \frac{2mg}{\rho V^2 S}, \quad T = D.$$

Note: Drag  $D \propto m$  (since  $V \propto \sqrt{2mg/(\rho S C_L)}$  at fixed  $\alpha$ )

**Coordinated Turn** (no sideslip, constant altitude/speed)

$$\tan\phi = \frac{V^2}{gR_{\text{turn}}}, \quad L = \frac{mg}{\cos\phi}$$

Stall speed increases by  $\sqrt{n}$  where  $n = \frac{1}{\cos\phi} = \frac{L}{W}$  load factor (check  $C_L < C_{L,\max}$  for margin)

**Gliding** (Thrust  $T = 0$ )

$$\gamma = -\arctan(D/L) \approx -C_D/C_L \text{ (for small angles)}$$

Note: Max range occurs at max  $L/D$

- Best: Range max  $C_L/C_D$  Endurance max  $C_L^{3/2}/C_D$
- Stall Speed**  $V_{\text{stall}} = \sqrt{\frac{2mg}{\rho S C_{L,\max}}}$
- Stall Margin Required  $C_L$  increases in turn, check  $C_{L,\max}$
- Guidance Use Ground speed for navigation, Airspeed for control loop (aerodynamic stability)

## 11.5 Control Strategies

- Cascaded Control** Position (Outer)  $\rightarrow$  Velocity/Attitude (Mid)  $\rightarrow$  Rates (Inner).
- Attitude Control** PID often sufficient.
- Guidance Feedforward is useful for wind rejection.
- Underactuated** Cannot control all 6 DOFs independently (e.g., rolling creates yaw/sideslip).

## 12 Recipes - Steps to Solve Common Tasks

### 12.1 1. System Analysis & DoF Counting (General/-Legged Systems)

Start every problem with this to identify underactuation and constraints (extends legged.tex DoF concepts).

- Generalized Coordinates ( $n$ ):** Size of  $q$  (e.g., fixed base):  $n = n_{\text{joints}}$ ; 3D floating base:  $n = 6 + n_{\text{joints}}$ ; planar:  $n = 3 + n_{\text{joints}}$ .
- Constraints ( $n_c$ ):** Per contact (e.g., point no-slip: 3 in 3D, 2 in 2D; surface: 6 in 3D).
- Uncontrollable DoFs:**  $\dim(\text{Base}) - \text{rank}(J_{\text{contact}})$  (e.g., planar base with 1 point contact:  $3 - 2 = 1$  uncontrollable).
- Controllable DoFs:** Total  $n - n_c$  (subtract unactuated base if underactuated).

## 12.2 2. Geometric Jacobian Derivation (Serial Chains)

To relate  $\dot{q}$  to end-effector twist (merges both lists; extends kinematics.tex with step-by-step construction).

- Assign DH parameters/frames.
- For revolute joint  $i$ :  $J_{P,i} = z_{i-1} \times (r_E - r_{i-1})$ ,  $J_{R,i} = z_{i-1}$ .
- For prismatic:  $J_{P,i} = z_{i-1}$ ,  $J_{R,i} = 0$ .
- Total  $J = \begin{bmatrix} J_P \\ J_R \end{bmatrix}$ .
- Singularity:  $\det(JJ^T) = 0$ ; manipulability  $\mu = \sqrt{\det(JJ^T)}$ .

### 12.3 3. Inverse Kinematics (Velocity Level, Single/Multi-Task)

To find  $\dot{q}$  for desired task velocity (merges both lists; extends kinematics.tex with hierarchical details).

- Single task:  $\dot{q} = J^\dagger v_{\text{task}}$ .
- Hierarchical (null-space): Primary  $J_1, v_1$ :  $\dot{q} = J_1^\dagger v_1 + (I - J_1^\dagger J_1)\dot{q}_{\text{null}}$ , where  $\dot{q}_{\text{null}} = J_2^\dagger(v_2 - J_2 J_1^\dagger v_1)$ .
- Multi-task:  $\dot{q} = \sum N_i \dot{q}_i, \dot{q}_i = (J_i N_i)^+ (v_i^* - J_i \sum_{k < i} \dot{q}_k)$ .
- Near singularity: Damped LS  $J^* = J^T(JJ^T + \lambda I)^{-1}$ .

### 12.4 4. Derive EoM (Lagrange for Fixed-Base Arms)

For 2R/3R manipulators (from List 1; extends dynamics.tex with explicit computation steps).

- Kinetic  $T = \sum \frac{1}{2}m_i v_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}\omega_i^T I_i \omega_i$ .
- Potential  $U = \sum m_i g h_i$ .
- $\frac{d}{dt}(\partial L/\partial \dot{q}_k) - \partial L/\partial q_k = \tau_k$  ( $L = T - U$ ).
- Compute M, C (Christoffel):  $C_{kj} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (\partial M_{kj}/\partial q_i + \partial M_{ki}/\partial q_j - \partial M_{ij}/\partial q_k) \dot{q}_i$ , g.

### 12.5 5. Inverse Dynamics (Joint/Task Space)

To compute  $\tau$  for desired motion (from List 2; extends dynamics.tex with force and task handling).

- Joint space:  $\tau = M(q)(\ddot{q}^* + K_p e + K_d \dot{e}) + h(q, \dot{q})$  ( $h = C\dot{q} + g$ ).
- With external force:  $\tau_{\text{total}} = \tau_{\text{motion}} + J^T F_{\text{ext}}$ .
- Task space: Solve  $\dot{q}_{\text{des}} = J^\dagger(\ddot{x}^* - J\dot{q})$ , then plug into EoM.

### 12.6 6. Floating Base Dynamics & Contact Consistency

For underactuated systems with contacts (from List 2; extends dynamics.tex and legged.tex with projection steps).

- Full EoM:  $M\ddot{q} + h = S^T \tau + J_c^T F_c$ .
- Constraint:  $J_c \dot{u} = -J_c u$  (no slip).
- Projected dynamics: Use projector P ( $P J_c^T = 0$ ):  $P(M\ddot{q} + h) = P S^T \tau$ .
- Note: Eliminates  $F_c$  for feasibility checks.

### 12.7 7. Hierarchical Optimization (QP) Formulation

For legged/floating-base control (merges both lists; extends legged.tex and dynamics.tex with matrix setup).

- $\min_{\dot{q}, \tau, f_c} \|\tau\|^2 + \epsilon \|\dot{q}\|^2 + \epsilon \|f_c\|^2$  s.t.
- Dynamics:  $M\ddot{q} + h = S^T \tau + J_c^T f_c$ .
- Contact:  $J_c \dot{u} + J_c \dot{q} = 0$ .
- Task (e.g., CoM):  $J_{\text{com}} \dot{q} + J_{\text{com}} \dot{q} = \ddot{x}_{\text{com}}^*$ .
- Bounds:  $|\tau| \leq \tau_{\text{max}}$ , friction cone  $\|f_{c,\perp}\| \leq \mu f_{c,z}$ .
- Matrix form: Stack into  $Ax = b$  (e.g.,  $x = [\dot{u}^T, \tau^T, f_c^T]^T$ ).

## 12.8 8. Multirotor Control Allocation & Hover

For quad/hexacopters (merges both lists; extends rotor.tex with tilt and over-actuated cases).

- Hover: Total  $T = mg$ , per rotor  $\omega_i = \sqrt{T/(4b)}$  (quad).
- Allocation matrix: Solve  $A\omega^2 = [T, M_x, M_y, M_z]^T$  (pseudo-inverse for over-actuated; min  $\sum \omega^2$ ).
- Tilt for accel:  $\theta_d = \arcsin(a_x/g)$ , check drag  $D \propto \omega^2$ .
- Yaw signs: Positive  $d$  for CCW rotors (CW torque on body).

## 12.9 9. Fixed-Wing Performance & Steady States

For level flight and turns (merges both lists; extends wing.tex with optimal velocities and safety checks).

- Steady level:  $L = mg, T = D = \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 S C_D; C_L = \frac{2mg}{\rho v^2 S}$ .
- Optimal: Max range at max  $C_L/C_D$ ; max endurance at max  $C_L^{1.5}/C_D$ ; gliding angle  $\tan\gamma = (L/D)^{-1}$ .
- Coordinated turn:  $\tan\phi = \frac{v^2}{gR}$ , load  $n = 1/\cos\phi$ ; required  $C_L = n(2mg/(\rho v^2 S))$ .
- Safety:  $C_L < C_{L,\max}$  (stall check); min  $R$  at max bank without stall.