

# 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  ${}^A\mathbf{r}_{AP} = \mathbf{r}(\chi)$ , where  $\chi$  are parameters (e.g., Cartesian coords)

#### 1.1 Linear Velocity

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

**Exam tip: Basis for Jacobians**

Compute for end-effector task velocities in control problems.

#### 1.2 Rotations

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

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

**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):

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

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

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

#### 1.3 Angular Velocity

Angular velocity  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  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

## 2.1.4 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**  $\rho = \mathbf{k}\theta$ . 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  $\mathbf{T}_{0n} = \mathbf{T}_{01} \mathbf{T}_{12} \dots \mathbf{T}_{(n-1)n}$

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

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

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

**Prismatic Position**  $\mathbf{J}_{P,i} = \mathbf{z}_{i-1}$ , **Revolute Pos.**  $\mathbf{J}_{R,i} = \mathbf{z}_{i-1} \times \mathbf{r}_{ie}$ , **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:  $\mu = \sqrt{\det(\mathbf{J}\mathbf{J}^T)}$ ; 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:

$${}^A\mathbf{v}_P = {}^A\mathbf{v}_B + {}^A\boldsymbol{\omega}_{AB} \times {}^A\mathbf{r}_{BP} + \mathbf{C}_{AB} {}^B\mathbf{v}_{BP}^{\text{rel}}$$

**Twist vector**  $\mathbf{t} = (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v})^T$  propagates via adjoint:

$$\mathbf{t}_i = \text{Ad}_{\mathbf{T}_{i-1,i}} \mathbf{t}_{i-1} + \mathbf{e}_i \dot{q}_i \quad \text{with unit twist: } \mathbf{e}_i$$

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

## 3 Inverse Kinematics

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

Analytical for low DOF, e.g. for 2R planar:

$$\theta_2 = \pm \arccos((x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2)/(2l_1 l_2))$$

$$\theta_1 = \arctan(y, x) - \arctan(l_2 \sin \theta_2, l_1 + l_2 \cos \theta_2)$$

For 6R: Decouple position/orientation (spherical wrist)

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

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

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

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

**Exam:** Solve inverse for 3R arm, handle multiple solutions/elbow configs.

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

### 3.1 Multi-task control

Single task:  $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{J}^\dagger \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*$ .

Stacked: Combine Jacobians  $\mathbf{J}_s = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_1 \\ \mathbf{J}_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , solve if consistent.

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

### 3.2 Multi-Task Control

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

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

### Error Analysis and Trajectories

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

Control  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}^* = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d + \mathbf{K} \mathbf{e}$  (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

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

$M(\mathbf{q})$ : Mass/inertia matrix (symmetric, positive definite)

$b(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}})$ : Coriolis/centrifugal vector =  $C(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}})\dot{\mathbf{q}}$

$g(\mathbf{q})$ : Gravity vector

$\tau$ : Joint torques/forces (actuators)

$J_c^T F_c$ : External contact forces mapped to joint space

**Properties:**  $M - 2C$  skew-symmetric

Passivity:  $\dot{\mathbf{q}}^T (\dot{M} - 2C) \dot{\mathbf{q}} = 0$ ,  $M$  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  $\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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  $\rightarrow$  EE

**Backward:** Forces/torques EE  $\rightarrow$  base, yields  $\tau_i$ .

For link  $i$  (revolute):

$$\begin{aligned} {}^i \omega_i &= {}^i R_{i-1}^{i-1} \omega_{i-1} + q_i z_i, \\ {}^i v_i &= {}^i R_{i-1}^{i-1} ({}^{i-1} v_{i-1} + {}^{i-1} \omega_{i-1} \times {}^{i-1} p_i) + q_i z_i, \\ {}^i \dot{v}_i &= {}^i R_{i-1}^{i-1} \dot{v}_{i-1} + {}^i \dot{\omega}_i \times {}^i p_{c,i} + \dots \text{(full acc inc. Coriolis)} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$M_{kl} = \sum_{i=\max(k,l)}^n \text{trace} \left( \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial q_k} J_i \frac{\partial T_i^T}{\partial q_l} \right) + m_i \frac{\partial r_i^T}{\partial q_k} \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_l}$$

$$C_{kj} = \sum_i \Gamma_{kji} \dot{q}_i \quad (\text{Coriolis})$$

$$\Gamma_{kji} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_k M_{ji} + \partial_j M_{ki} - \partial_i M_{kj}) \quad (\text{Christoffel})$$

**Exam:** Full derivation for planar 2R, identify  $M, C, g$

**M symmetric, C skew contrib, ID params via regression**

$$Y(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \ddot{\mathbf{q}}) \theta = \tau.$$

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

### 4.6 External Forces and Torques

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

### Forces

$$\tau_{F_{ext}} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_f} J_{P,j}^T F_{ext,j} \quad \tau_{T_{ext}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n_m} J_{R,k}^T T_{ext,k}$$

### 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  ${}^i v = {}^i \dot{\mathbf{r}} + {}^i \boldsymbol{\omega} \times {}^i \mathbf{r}$       Angular  ${}^i \boldsymbol{\omega}$  (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  $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$   $\rightarrow$  task velocity,  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = J \dot{\mathbf{q}}$

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

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

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

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

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

### 5 Dynamic Control

#### Control loops

Position (inner velocity/torque), Torque (feedforward dynamics).

**Exam:** Block diagrams for PD + gravity comp:

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

### 5.1 Joint Impedance Control

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

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

**Exam:** Lyapunov stability

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{e}}^T M \dot{\mathbf{e}} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{e}^T K_p \mathbf{e} \rightarrow \dot{V} \leq 0$$

**Exam:** Prove stability for PD control using Lyapunov

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{q}}^T M \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{e}^T K_p \mathbf{e}, \dot{V} = -\dot{\mathbf{q}}^T K_d \dot{\mathbf{q}} \leq 0$$

(LaSalle for convergence)

### 5.2 Inverse Dynamics Control (Computed Torque)

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

Decouples:  $\ddot{\mathbf{e}} + K_d \dot{\mathbf{e}} + K_p \mathbf{e} = 0$ , 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

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

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

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

**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  $\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_d$  from trajectory planning.

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

## 6 Interaction Control

### 6.1 Operational Space Control

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

**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:  $\min \| \dot{\mathbf{q}} \|$  s.t.  $J \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d$ , torque bounds; null for secondary (e.g., obstacle avoid).

### 7 Floating Base Dynamics

For mobile/legged robots: Unactuated base.

#### 7.1 Generalized coordinates

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} q_b \\ q_f \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad q_b = \begin{pmatrix} q_{b,P} \\ q_{b,R} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(3)$$

### 7.2 Generalized Velocities/Accelerations

Twist-based:  $u = [{}^T v_b^T \ b_b^T \ \dot{q}_f]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{6+n_j}$ ;  $\dot{u}$  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

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} {}^T v_B \\ B \omega_I B \\ \dot{q}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_{n_j} \end{pmatrix} \quad \dot{u} = \begin{pmatrix} I a_B \\ B \psi_I B \\ \ddot{q}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \ddot{q}_{n_j} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6+n_j} = \mathbb{R}^{n_u}$$

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

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

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

### 7.4 Differential Kinematics

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

### 7.5 Contacts and Constraints

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

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

**Exam: Enforce via multipliers**  $\lambda = -F_c$   
**impacts**  $\Delta u = -(J_c M^{-1} J_c^T)^{-1} J_c u^-$

## 8 Dynamics of Floating Base Systems

**EoM**  $M(q)\ddot{u} + h(q, \dot{u}) = S^T \tau + J_c^T F_c$

where  $S = [0 \quad I]$  (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:  $\tilde{M}\ddot{u} + \tilde{h} = \tilde{S}^T \tau$ .

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

### 8.2 Contact Dynamics

**Impacts** Instant velocity change:

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

**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.**