A Formulas

Solution for quadratic equations

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Properties of dynamic models of robots
Given the following dynamic system

$$\boldsymbol{B}(\boldsymbol{q})\ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}})\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{F}\dot{\boldsymbol{q}} + \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{u}$$

The following properties hold

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^T \left(\dot{\boldsymbol{B}} - 2\boldsymbol{C}\right) \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} &= \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{B} &= \boldsymbol{B}^T \\ \boldsymbol{q}^T \boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{q} &> 0 \\ \boldsymbol{q}^T \boldsymbol{F} \boldsymbol{q} &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

Linear algebra
A matrix is symmetric if it satisfies the condition

$$\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{A}^T$$

For symmetric matrices the following holds

$$\boldsymbol{x}^T \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{y} = \boldsymbol{y}^T \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{x}$$

A skew-symmetric matrix is from the vector $\boldsymbol{x} = [x\ y\ z]^T$ is defined as

$$\boldsymbol{S}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z & y \\ z & 0 & -x \\ -y & x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{10}$$

Trigonometry
Definitions

$$\sin\theta = \frac{opposite}{hypotenuse} \qquad \cos\theta = \frac{adjacent}{hypotenuse}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \frac{opposite}{adjacent}$$

Addition formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x \pm y) &= \sin x \cos y \pm \cos x \sin y \\ \cos(x \pm y) &= \cos x \cos y \mp \sin x \sin y \end{aligned}$$

Derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x \tag{11}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x \tag{12}$$