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This code lets a user to put the amount of degrees (in radians) that a joint experiences for the four joints in the given robot. It will use the PoE method to give the end effector final position as well as show a graphical analysis of the robot moving

Setup

```
close all; % Close any open figures
clear; % Clear workspace
clc; % Clear command window
I = eye(3); % Initialize 3x3 identity matrix
```

Anonymous functions

```
% Anonymous function to calculate the skew matrix of a vector
skew = @(v) [0 -v(3) v(2); v(3) 0 -v(1); -v(2) v(1) 0];

% Anonymous function to calculate the matrix exponential using Rodrigues
% formula
rod = @(SKEW, V, T) [I+sin(T)*SKEW+(1-cos(T))*(SKEW^2) (I*T+(1-cos(T))*SKEW
+(T-sin(T))*(SKEW^2))*V'; 0 0 0 1];
```

Setting robot parameters (constants)

```
Me = [0 0 1 1; 0 -1 0 0; 1 0 0 0; 0 0 0 1]; % Home position of end-effector
n = 4; % Number of joints

% Initializing the needed variables
M = cell(n,1); %
% Home position of the different joints
w = cell(n,1); % Rotation axes
q = cell(n,1); % Displacement vectors
v = cell(n,1); % Linear velocity vectors
theta = cell(n,1); % Joint variables
del_theta = cell(n,1); % Incremental change in theta (for use in animation)
s = cell(n,1); % Skew axes
```

```
S = cell(n,1); % Skew matrices
e_s = cell(n,1); % Exponentials of skew matrices

% Home position of joints
M{1} = eye(4);
M{2} = [1 0 0 0; 0 0 -1 0; 0 1 0 0; 0 0 0 1];
M{3} = [0 -1 0 1; 0 0 -1 0; 1 0 0 0; 0 0 0 1];
M{4} = Me;

% Rotation axes of revolute joints
w{1} = [0 0 1];
w{2} = [0 -1 0];
w{3} = [0 -1 0];
w{4} = [0 0 0];

% Displacement of revolute joints
q{1} = [0 0 0];
q{2} = [0 0 0];
q{3} = [1 0 0];

% Direction of prismatic joints
v{4} = [1 0 0];

% Joint variables
theta{1} = pi/2;
theta{2} = pi/2;
theta{3} = pi/2;
theta{4} = pi/2;

% fprintf('Please provide the degree of change joint %d experiences: ', 1)
% theta{1} = input('');
% fprintf('Please provide the degree of change joint %d experiences: ', 2)
% theta{2} = input('');
% fprintf('Please provide the degree of change joint %d experiences: ', 3)
% theta{3} = input('');
% fprintf('Please provide the degree of change joint %d experiences: ', 4)
% theta{4} = input('');
```

Performing Calculations

```
% Finding linear velocity induced by rotation
for i=1:3
    v{i} = -cross(w{i}, q{i});
end

% Calculate skew axes, skew matrices, set each joint variable to pi/2, and
% find the matrix exponential for each joint
for i=1:n
    s{i} = [w{i}'; v{i}'];
    S{i} = [skew(w{i}) v{i}'; 0 0 0 0];
    e_s{i} = rod(skew(w{i}), v{i}, theta{i});
end
```

```
% Calculate the final transformation matrix
```

```
T = e_s{1}*e_s{2}*e_s{3}*e_s{4}*Me;
```

```
disp('End effector configuration: ')
```

```
disp(T)
```

```
End effector configuration:
```

```
-0.0000    1.0000   -0.0000   -0.0000  
-0.0000   -0.0000   -1.0000   -1.5708  
-1.0000         0    0.0000    1.0000  
         0         0         0    1.0000
```

Performing animation

```
frames = 120; % Number of frames for the animation
```

```
P = cell(n,1); % Position of the joints
```

```
F(frames) = struct('cdata', [], 'colormap', []); % Initialize struct to  
store animation frames
```

```
% Joints 1 & 2 are always positioned at the origin
```

```
P{1} = [0 0 0];
```

```
P{2} = P{1};
```

```
% Determine the incremental values
```

```
for i=1:n
```

```
    del_theta{i} = theta{i}/frames;
```

```
end
```

```
% Calculate & plot values at each incremental value
```

```
for i=1:frames
```

```
    % Calculate the matrix exponential for each joint at each increment
```

```
    for j=1:n
```

```
        theta{j} = i*del_theta{j};
```

```
        e_s{j} = rod(skew(w{j}), v{j}, theta{j});
```

```
    end
```

```
% Find the position of joint 3 & 4, and end-effector
```

```
T3 = e_s{1}*e_s{2}*M{3}; %Transformation matrix for joint 3
```

```
T4 = e_s{1}*e_s{2}*e_s{3}*M{4}; %Transformation matrix for joint 4
```

```
T = e_s{1}*e_s{2}*e_s{3}*e_s{4}*Me;
```

```
% Extract position data from transformation matrices
```

```
P{3} = T3(1:3, 4)';
```

```
P{4} = T4(1:3, 4)';
```

```
Pe = T(1:3, 4)';
```

```
% The line between joints 2 & 3
```

```
L1{1} = [P{2}(1) P{3}(1)]; % x-coordinates
```

```
L1{2} = [P{2}(2) P{3}(2)]; % y-coordinates
```

```
L1{3} = [P{2}(3) P{3}(3)]; % z-coordinates
```

```
% The line between joint 3 and the end-effector
```

```
L2{1} = [P{3}(1) Pe(1)]; % x-coordinates
L2{2} = [P{3}(2) Pe(2)]; % y-coordinates
L2{3} = [P{3}(3) Pe(3)]; % z-coordinates

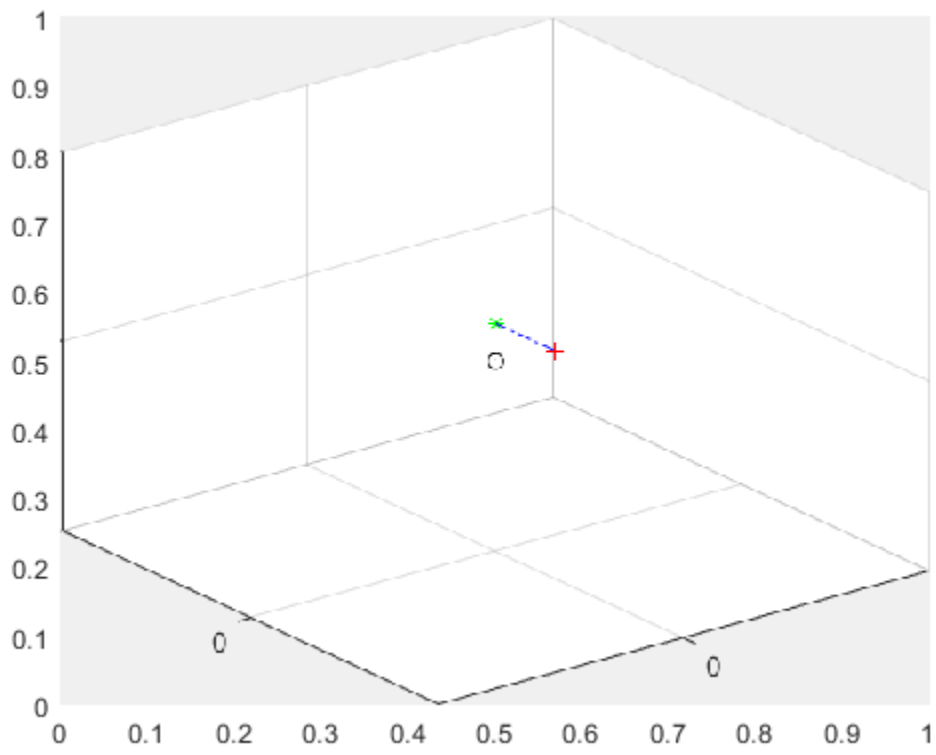
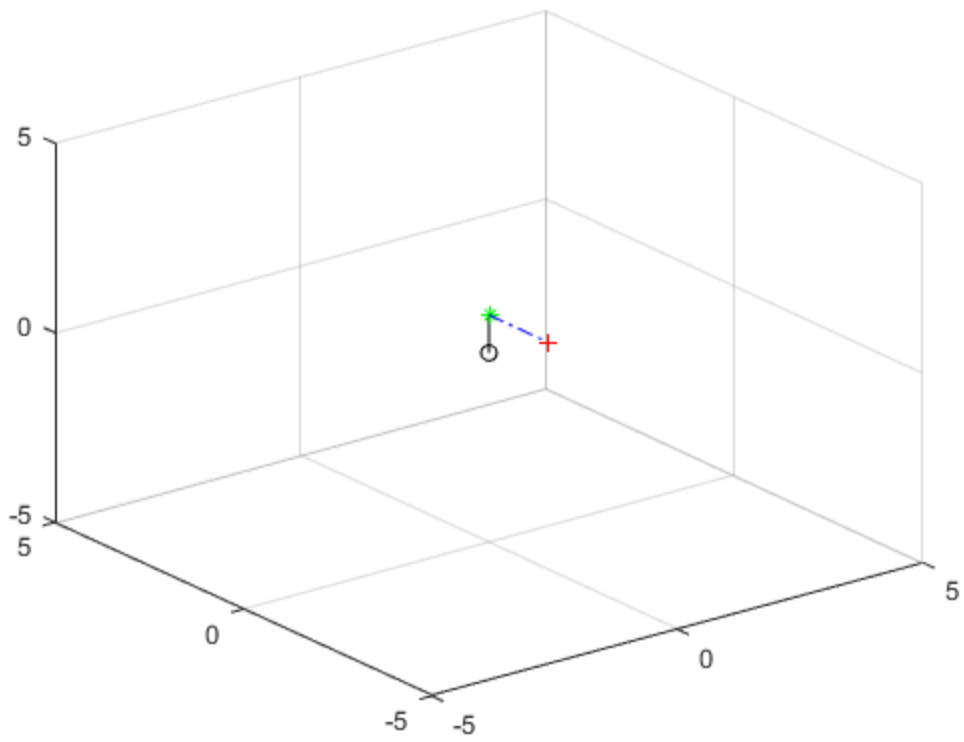
% Clear the current plot
clf;

% Initialize plot parameters
grid on;
hold on;
view(3);
xlim([-5 5]);
ylim([-5 5]);
zlim([-5 5]);

% Plot the different components
plot3(0, 0, 0, 'ko') % The origin, also location of J1 & J2
plot3(L1{1}, L1{2}, L1{3}, '-k'); % Line between J2 & J3
plot3(P{3}(1), P{3}(2), P{3}(3), '*g'); % Joint 3/4
plot3(L2{1}, L2{2}, L2{3}, '-.b'); % Line between J3 & EE
plot3(Pe(1), Pe(2), Pe(3), '+r'); % End effector

% Capture the current plot as a animation frame
F(i) = getframe();
end

% Play back the animation
figure();
movie(F, 1, 60);
```



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