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## Introduction to Robotics

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# Robot Motion Planning

- Motion Planning
- Trajectory Planning
  - Joint Space Planning
    - Cubic polynomial functions
    - Higher order polynomials

Refer: John J Craig, Intr. to Robotics

The goal of motion planning is to generate a function according to which a robot will move.  
Function generation depends on task.

A motion *Path* is defined as a sequence of robot configurations in particular order without regard for timing of these configurations.

Motion *trajectory* is a time specified path data.

Trajectory refers to **a time history of position, velocity, and acceleration for each degree of freedom**

*Path planning* develops feasible path data for a specific task

**Trajectory planning** develops corresponding trajectory data to control the robot to follow the path.

Path shapes are described in terms of functions of joint angles.

- Each path point is specified in terms of a desired position and orientation wrt base frame.
- These points are converted to set of joint angles through inverse kinematics
- A smooth function is found for each of the n joints that pass through the via points and reach end point.
- The time required for each segment is the same for each joint so that all joints will reach the via point at the same time.

$$\theta(0) = \theta_0$$

$$\theta(t_f) = \theta_f$$

$$\dot{\theta}(0) = \dot{\theta}_0$$

$$\dot{\theta}(t_f) = \dot{\theta}_f$$

## CUBIC POLYNOMIAL FUNCTIONS

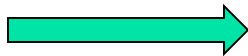
$$\theta(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3$$

$$\dot{\theta}(t) = a_1 + 2a_2t + 3a_3t^2$$

$$\ddot{\theta}(t) = 2a_2 + 6a_3t$$

$$\theta(0) = \theta_0$$

$$\theta(t_f) = \theta_f$$



$$\theta_0 = a_0$$

$$\theta_f = a_0 + a_1t_f + a_2t_f^2 + a_3t_f^3$$

Solving these, we get

$$a_0 = \theta_0$$

$$a_1 = 0$$

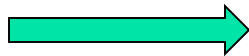
$$a_2 = \frac{3}{t_f^2}(\theta_f - \theta_0)$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{2}{t_f^3}(\theta_f - \theta_0)$$

For the case of initial and final velocity zero

$$\dot{\theta}(0) = \dot{\theta}_0 = 0$$

$$\dot{\theta}(t_f) = \dot{\theta}_f = 0$$



$$0 = a_1$$

$$0 = a_1 + 2a_2t_f + 3a_3t_f^2$$



## Example:

A single link robot with a rotary joint is motionless at  $\theta=15$  degrees. It is desired to move the joint in a smooth manner to  $\theta=75$  degrees in 3 secs. Find the coefficients of a cubic that accomplishes this motion and brings the manipulator to rest at the goal. Plot the position, velocity, and acceleration of the joint as a function of time.

$$a_0 = \theta_0 = 15$$

$$a_1 = 0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{t_f^2}(\theta_f - \theta_0) = 20$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{2}{t_f^3}(\theta_f - \theta_0) = -4.44$$

$$\theta(t) = 15 + 20t^2 - 4.4t^3$$

position

velocity

acceleration

$$\dot{\theta}(0) = \dot{\theta}_0$$

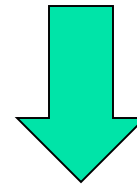
$$\dot{\theta}(t_f) = \dot{\theta}_f$$

$$\theta_0 = a_0$$

$$\theta_f = a_0 + a_1 t_f + a_2 t_f^2 + a_3 t_f^3$$

$$\dot{\theta}(0) = a_1$$

$$\dot{\theta}(t_f) = a_1 + 2a_2 t_f + 3a_3 t_f^2 = \dot{\theta}_f$$



$$a_0 = \theta_0$$

$$a_1 = \dot{\theta}_f$$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{t_f^2} (\theta_f - \theta_0) - \frac{2}{t_f} \dot{\theta}_0 - \frac{1}{t_f} \dot{\theta}_f$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{2}{t_f^3} (\theta_f - \theta_0) + \frac{1}{t_f^2} (\dot{\theta}_f - \dot{\theta}_0)$$

Solve for the coefficients of two cubics that are connected in a two-segment spline with continuous acceleration at the intermediate via point. The initial angle is  $\theta_0$ , the via point is  $\theta_v$ , and the goal point is  $\theta_g$

$$\theta(t) = a_{10} + a_{11}t + a_{12}t^2 + a_{13}t^3$$

$$\theta(t) = a_{20} + a_{21}t + a_{22}t^2 + a_{23}t^3$$

$$t = t_{fi}; i = 1, 2$$



If we want to specify position, velocity and acceleration at the beginning and end of a path segment, a quintic polynomial is required, namely

$$\theta(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3 + a_4 t^4 + a_5 t^5$$

$$\theta_0 = a_0$$

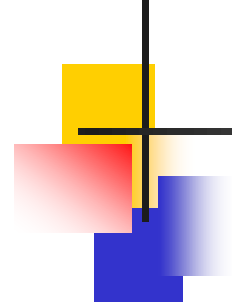
$$\theta_f = a_0 + a_1 t_f + a_2 t_f^2 + a_3 t_f^3 + a_4 t_f^4 + a_5 t_f^5$$

$$\dot{\theta}(0) = a_1$$

$$\dot{\theta}(t_f) = a_1 + 2a_2 t_f + 3a_3 t_f^2 + 4a_4 t_f^3 + 5a_5 t_f^4$$

$$\ddot{\theta}(0) = 2a_2$$

$$\ddot{\theta}(t_f) = 2a_2 + 6a_3 t_f + 12a_4 t_f^2 + 20a_5 t_f^3$$


$$a_0 = \theta_0$$

$$a_1 = \dot{\theta}_0$$

$$a_2 = \ddot{\theta}_0 / 2$$

$$a_3 = \frac{20 \theta_f - 20 \theta_0 - (8 \dot{\theta}_f + 12 \dot{\theta}_0) t_f - (3 \ddot{\theta}_0 - \ddot{\theta}_f) t_f^2}{2 t_f^3}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{30 \theta_0 - 30 \theta_f + (14 \dot{\theta}_f + 16 \dot{\theta}_0) t_f - (3 \ddot{\theta}_0 - 2 \ddot{\theta}_f) t_f^2}{2 t_f^4}$$

$$a_5 = \frac{12 \theta_f - 12 \theta_0 - (6 \dot{\theta}_f + 6 \dot{\theta}_0) t_f - (\ddot{\theta}_0 - \ddot{\theta}_f) t_f^2}{2 t_f^5}$$

# Linear function with parabolic blend

$$t_b \ddot{\theta}_b = \frac{\theta_h - \theta_b}{t_h - t_b} \quad (1)$$

$$\theta_b = \theta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \ddot{\theta}_b t_b^2 \quad (2)$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow \ddot{\theta}_b t_b^2 = 2(\theta_b - \theta_0) \quad (3)$$

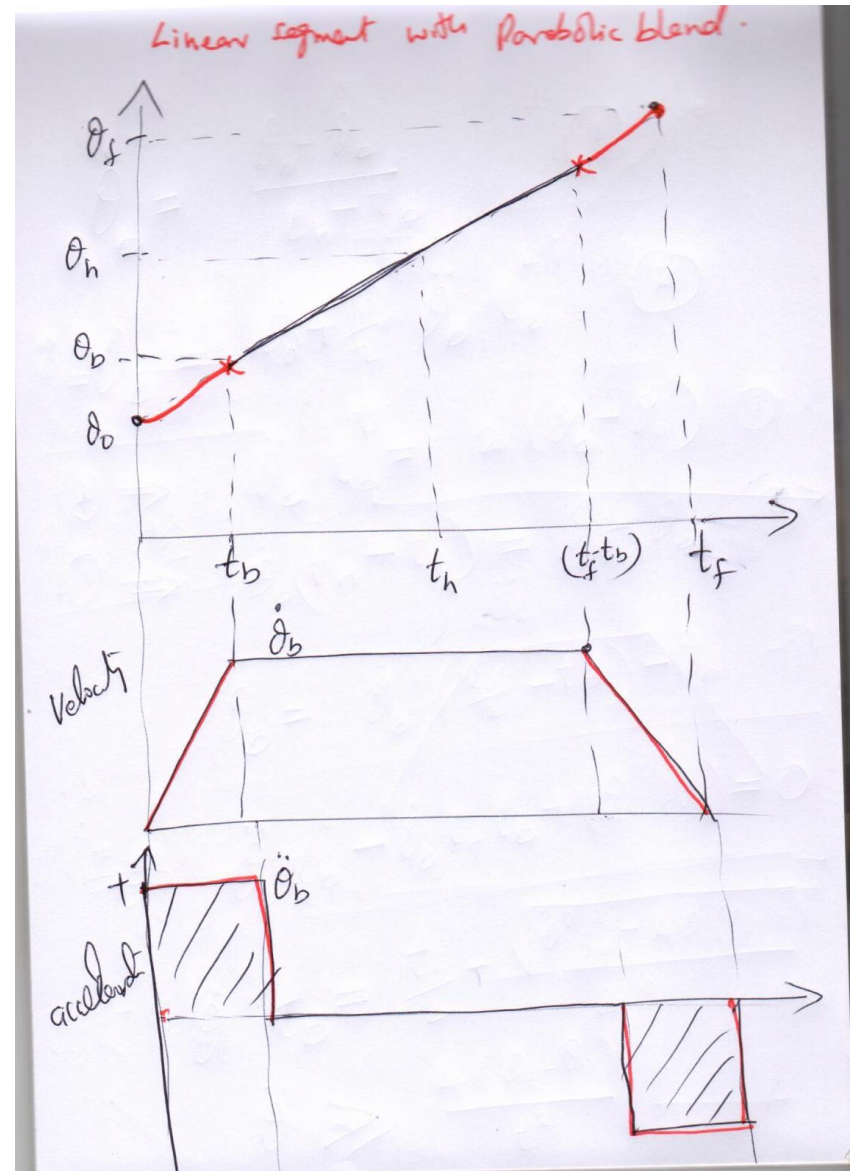
$$(1) \Rightarrow \dot{\theta}_b(t_h - t_b) = \theta_h - \theta_b \quad (4)$$

$$\theta_b = \dot{\theta}_b t_b \left( \frac{t_f}{2} - t_b \right) - \theta_h \quad (5)$$

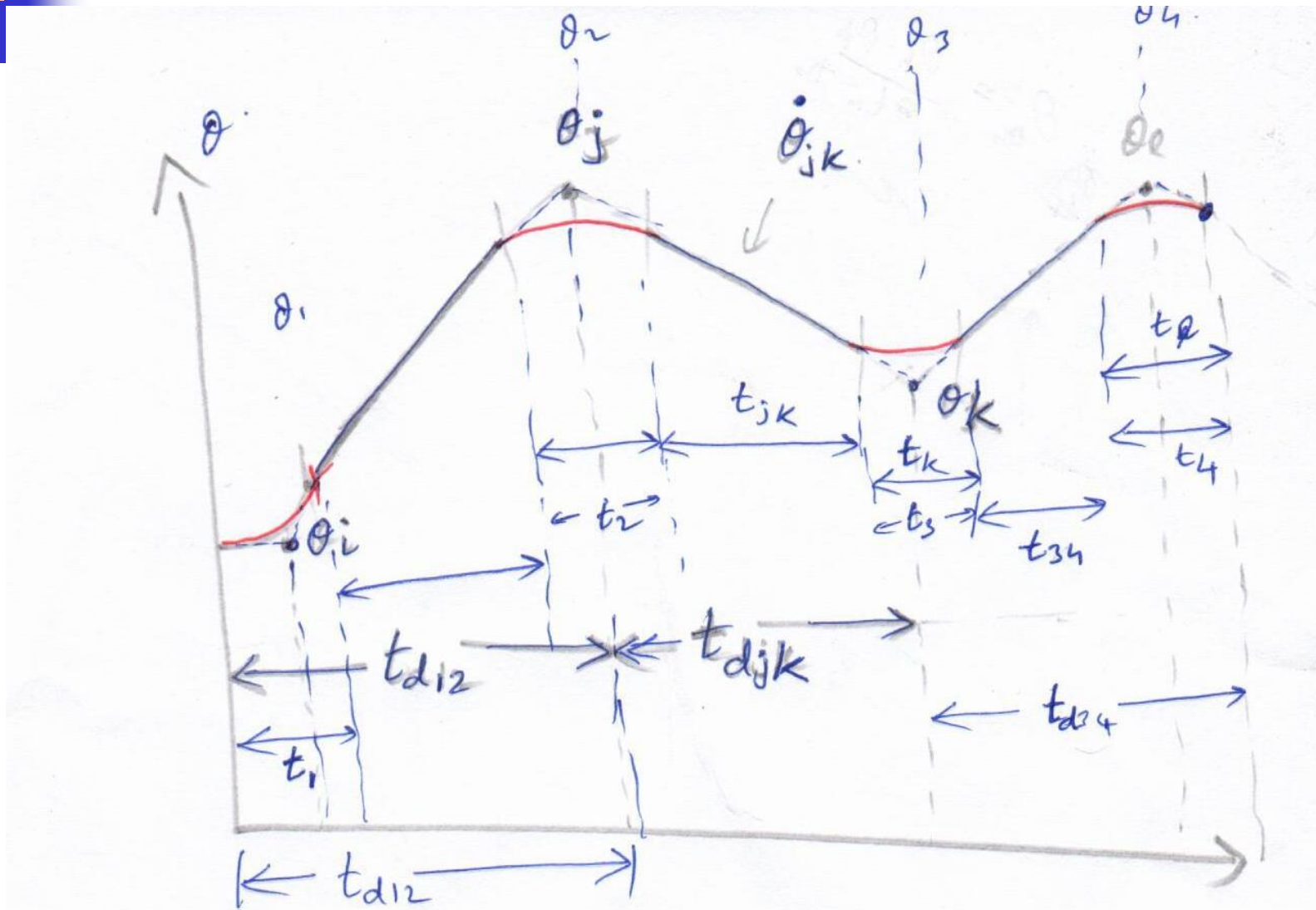
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\ddot{\theta}_b t_b^2 - \dot{\theta}_b t_f t_b + (\theta_f - \theta_0) = 0}$$

$$t_b = \frac{t_f}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{\dot{\theta}_b^2 t_f^2 - 4\ddot{\theta}_b(\theta_f - \theta_0)}}{2\ddot{\theta}_b}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} \geq \frac{4(\theta_f - \theta_0)}{t_f^2}$$



# Linear function with parabolic blends for path with via points





# Interview Path Points

$j=2,3$   
 $k=3,4$

$$\dot{\theta}_{jk} = \frac{\theta_k - \theta_j}{t_{djk}} \quad \approx \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{\theta}_{23} &= \frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{t_{d23}} \\ \dot{\theta}_{34} &= \frac{\theta_4 - \theta_3}{t_{d34}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\theta}_j &= \text{SGN}(\dot{\theta}_{jk} - \dot{\theta}_{j-1,j}) |\ddot{\theta}_j| \\ &\approx \begin{aligned} \ddot{\theta}_2 &= \text{SGN}(\dot{\theta}_{23} - \dot{\theta}_{12}) |\ddot{\theta}_2| \\ \ddot{\theta}_3 &= \text{SGN}(\dot{\theta}_{34} - \dot{\theta}_{23}) |\ddot{\theta}_3| \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_j &= \frac{(\dot{\theta}_{jk} - \dot{\theta}_{j-1,k})}{\ddot{\theta}_j} \quad \approx \quad \begin{aligned} t_2 &= \frac{(\dot{\theta}_{23} - \dot{\theta}_{12})}{\ddot{\theta}_2} \\ t_3 &= \frac{(\dot{\theta}_{34} - \dot{\theta}_{23})}{\ddot{\theta}_3} \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

$$t_{jk} = t_{djk} - \frac{t_j}{2} - \frac{t_k}{2} \quad \approx \quad t_{23} = t_{d23} - \frac{t_2}{2} - \frac{t_3}{2}$$

First Segment:

$$\ddot{\theta}_1 t_1 = \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{t_{d12} - t_{1/2}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$t_1 = \frac{t_{d12}}{\ddot{\theta}_1} - \sqrt{t_{d12}^2 - \left( \frac{2(\theta_2 - \theta_1)}{\ddot{\theta}_1} \right)} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\ddot{\theta}_{12} = \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{t_{d12} - t_{1/2}} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$t_{12} = t_{d12} - t_1 - \frac{t_2}{2}$$

(connecting  $\theta_3, \theta_4$ ).

$$\begin{matrix} k=3 \\ l=4 \end{matrix}$$

Last Segment

$$\ddot{\theta}_4 = \frac{\sin(\theta_3 - \theta_4) |\ddot{\theta}_4|}{t_{d34} - \sqrt{(t_{d34})^2 - \left( \frac{2(\theta_4 - \theta_3)}{\ddot{\theta}_4} \right)}}$$

$$\ddot{\theta}_{34} = \frac{\theta_4 - \theta_3}{t_{d34} - t_{4/2}}$$

$$t_{34} = t_{d34} - t_4 - \frac{t_3}{2}$$

1. Sketch graphs of position, velocity, and acceleration for a two segment continuous acceleration spline. Sketch them for a joint for which  $\theta_0 = 5$  deg.,  $\theta_v = 15$  deg.,  $\theta_g = -10$  deg. And each segment lasts 2 secs.
2. Calculate  $\dot{\theta}_{12}, \dot{\theta}_{23}, t_1, t_2, t_3$  for a two-segment linear spline with parabolic blends. For this joint  $\theta_1 = 5$  deg.,  $\theta_2 = 15$  deg.,  $\theta_3 = -40$  deg. Assume  $t_{d12} = t_{d23} = 2$  secs, default acceleration at blends = 60 degrees/sec<sup>2</sup>. Sketch plots of position, velocity and acceleration of  $\theta$ .
3. A single link robot with a rotary joint is motionless at  $\theta = -5$  deg. It is desired to move the joint in a smooth manner to  $\theta = 80$  degrees in 4 secs. and stop smoothly. Compute the corresponding parameters of a linear trajectory with parabolic blends. Plot the position, velocity, and acceleration of the joint as a function of time.



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