# Recursive Dynamic Simulator (ReDySim): Fixed-base Module Instruction Manual for Inverse Dynamics

# **Getting started**

1. Require MATLAB 2009a or higher version in order to use this module.

## Run Demo of a 3-link robot

- 1. Run function file *run\_me.m*. This will perform inverse dynamics of four-bar mechanism and generate the plots for the input joint motions and joint torques.
- 2. Run file *animate.m* in order to animate the system using the simulation data.
- 3. User may also run another demos by simply copying the input files from the folders gripper, fourbar mechanism, biped, etc. and paste in the main folder containing the file *run\_me.m* in order to simulate either of them.

# Simulation of a system using run\_me.m

- 1. Function prototype: run me()
- 2. Enter the input parameters such as type of mechanism, i.e., open or closed, modified-DH parameters (See appendix A), inertia tensors, masses etc., in the file *inputs.m* and save the file.
- 3. Enter trajectories of independent joint the function file *trajectory.m* and save the file. Default values of torques are zeros.
- 4. Provide relationships between independent and dependent joints at position, velocity and acceleration level and jacobian for closed-loop systems in function *inv\_kine.m*; however, inverse dynamics of open-loop system does not require *inv\_kine.m* as the input.
- 5. Ensure that the parameters are properly entered in the files *inputs.m*, *initials.m*, *torque.m* and *jacobian.m*.
- 6. Run file *run\_me.m* to simulate the system and to generate the plots for joint motions and energy. It actually runs *runfinv.m* (for inverse dynamics), *motionplot.m* (for plotting input motions), and *torplot.m* (for plotting joint torques).
- 7. Ensure that both the *timevar.dat* and *statevar.dat* files are in the program folder containing file *animate.m*. Run file *animate.m* in order to animate system using the simulation data. This file is specific to the system under study and hence need to be modified depending on the system or mechanism.

## Details of the functions used in the simulation above

#### 1. Input functions

These function files are required as the input.

#### inputs.m

• Function prototype: [n dof type alp a b th bt r dx dy dz m g Icxx Icyy Iczz Icxy Iczz aj T steps]=inputs()

• The number of links (n), Degrees-of-Freddom of the system (dof), type of system (type), i.e., closed or open , model parameters such as modified DH parameters (alp, a, b, th), parent of each link (bt), joint type (r), the X, Y and Z coordinates of position of Center-of-Mass (COM) form the origin (dx, dy, dz), masses (m), vector of gravitational acceleration (g), elements of inertia tensors about COM (Icxx, Icyy, Iczz, Icxy, Icyz, Iczx), details of actuated joints (aj), time period (T) and time steps (steps) are provided in this file.

### trajectory.m

- Function prototype: [thi dthi ddthi] = trajectory(tim, dof, T)
- The trajectories of independent joints are provided in this function. The independent joint positions, velocities and accelerations are output of this function.
- Note that all the joint motions are independent in the case of open-loop systems, where, closed-loop systems have independent joint motions equal to it degree-of-freedom.

#### inv\_kine.m

Function prototype: [q dq ddq J]=inv kine(qi, dqi, ddqi)

- The relations between independent and dependent joint position and jacobian are provided in this function for the closed-loop system. This function is not required for open-loop systems.
- Output of this function is vector of independent and dependent joint position (q), velocity (dq) and acceleration (ddq) and jacobian (J).

## 2. Output function

This file generates output in the forms of either data files or plots.

#### runinv.m

- Function prototype: runinv()
- The file *runinv.m* performs inverse dynamics and generate output data files *torvar.dat* and *timevar.dat statevar.dat* containing joint torques and Lagrange multipliers at the cut joints (for closed-loop), time variables, and state variable, respectively, the give time period.
- First *n*, *n* being number of link in the open-type system, columns in file *statevar.dat* contain positions associated with joint variables, and next *n*, i.e., (*n*+1) to (2*n*), columns contain time rates, i.e., velocities, associated with joint variables, and final *n* columns contain joint accelerations.

## plot\_motion.m

- Function prototype: plot\_motion()
- The file *motionplot.m* show the plots containing input joint positions, velocities, and accelerations for both independent and dependent joints using data files *timevar.dat* and *statevar.dat*.

## plot\_tor.m

- Function prototype: plot tor()
- The file *plot\_tor.m* plots the joint torques and Lagrange multipliers (in the case of closed-loop systems only).

#### animate.m

- Function prototype: animate()
- This function file animate the system using the simulation data. This file is specific to the system under study and hence need to be modified depending on the system or mechanism. It uses function for\_kine.m to obtained Cartesian co-ordinate of the point on a link from joint position saved in data file statevar.dat using forward kinematics relationships. User has full access to both the animate.m and for kine.m.

## 3 Some other important functions

Some other important functions are outline below:

## invdyn\_tree\_eff.m

• Function prototype:

```
[tu]=invdyn_tree_eff(q,dq,ddq,n,alp,a,b,th,bt,r,dx,dy,dz,m,g,Icxx,Icyy,
Iczz,Icxy,Icyz,Iczx)
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• The function is used to calculate joint torques (tu) for open loop systems. For closed-loop systems it provides sum of inertia and bias forces.

## for\_kine.m

Function prototype:

```
[so sc vc w st]=for kine(q,dq,n,alp,a,b,th,bt,r,dx,dy,dz)
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- This function calculates position of the link origin (so) and COM (sc), velocity of the COM (vc) of the link and angular velocity (w) of the link and the tip position (st).
- As users have access to this function, other points on the link can also be taken as output depending on the system.

#### Note:

Users have full access to functions *inputs.m*, *inv\_kine.m*, *plot\_tor.m*, *plot\_motion.m*, *for\_kine.m* and *animate.m* whereas the rest are protected codes (pcodes) which can only be used as function.