

# **Robot-Assisted Endodontic Treatment**

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# **Abstract**



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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Endodontic treatment, also known as root canal treatment and nerve extraction, is performed to cure an infected tooth. The procedure of endodontic treatment is divided into three parts - Opening, Cleaning, and Filling shown in Figure 1.1.

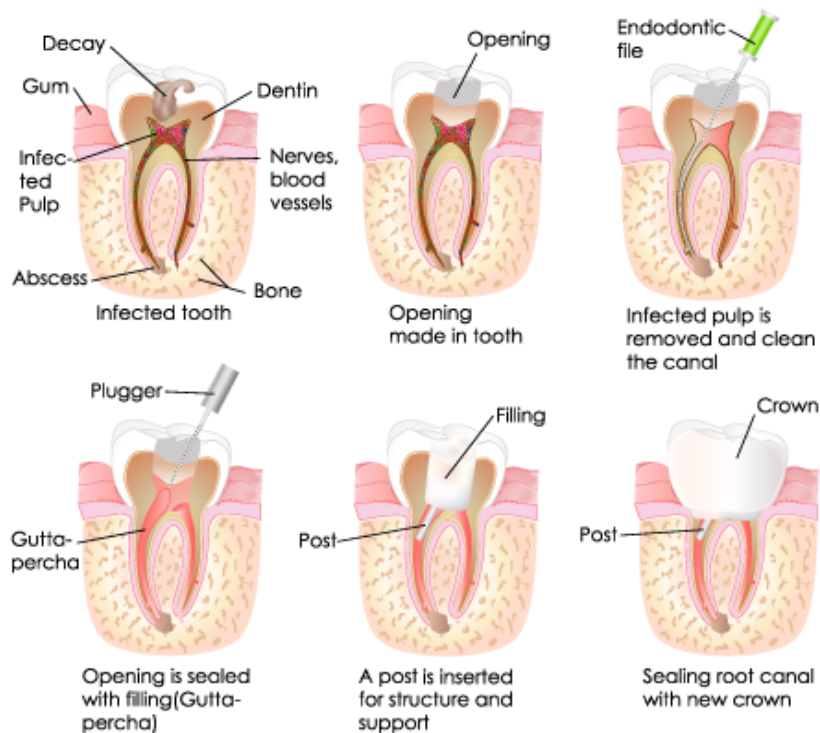


Figure 1.1: The endodontic therapy steps

An infected tooth results from periodontal disease, attrition, trauma, or decay. Once the dental pulp is infected, it causes an irreversible inflammation and let patients confront a root canal treatment. Figure 1.1 shows an infected tooth and its dental pulp, which is composed of blood vessels, nerves, connective tissues, and lymphatics. In the "Opening" step, an experienced dentist drills the crown of infected tooth to remove the dentin and expose the infected pulp inside the canal to the air. Next, in the "Cleaning" step the dentist uses an endodontic file which is a flexible reamer to remove the infected pulp. Then, in the "Filling" step the dentist uses a dental plugger to fill the empty root canal with Gutta-percha which is a plastic substance. "Filling" can prevent cross infection between root canals because the cured teeth remains many invisible and inaccessible pulp tissue. Finally the dentist seals root canal with new crown to protect cured root canal.

"Cleaning" is of paramount importance in a whole treatment because untreated cleaning will result in pulp necrosis, apical abscess, periodontal ligament inflammation, or even cellulitis. If there are many remained infected pulp after root canal treatment, the surgery should be operated on again.

## 1.1 Motivation

The performance of the endodontic treatment depends on the dentist's own long-term experience. A qualified dentist can operate the endodontic treatment and accumulate their experience to increase the success rate. With many experiences, dentists can acquire an endodontist license. According to statistics from the Ministry of Health and Welfare, R.O.C. (Taiwan), the number of dentists in Taiwan is 15,178. However, according to The Academy of Endodontology, R.O.C. (Taiwan), there are only 238 dentists to acquire an endodontist license due to the expertise of endodontics. Besides, Root canal treatment is tedious and time-consuming due to complicated conditions of each tooth, a patient who suffered from an infected tooth spends much time see a dentist It costs at least two to three rounds, even spends

more than two months in the worst case.

Therefore, our team looks forward to designing a robot-assisted system to help a dentist finish the root canal treatment. With the system, we wish it can increase the success rate for dentists and provide patients a safe surgery.

## 1.2 Previous Work and Problem Definition

(Previous work: briefly mention the existing dental robots)

(Problem definition: 1. Assist dentists to operate RCT and focus on cleaning procedure 2. Root canal cannot be visually observed and is too small to clean well 3. Risk of file breakage)

Instruments fracture and perforation are two problems that commonly occur during the therapy. Removal of broken files is both technically difficult and therefore it is important to reduce the probability of fracture. In addition, root canal treatment also requires repeatedly drilling in order to clean the canal thoroughly. This repetitive action of root canal treatment is tedious and time-consuming. Therefore, we designed an automatic endodontic robot to improve the time-efficiency and to reduce the occurrence of instrument fracture in endodontic surgery. The root canal cleaning is a big challenge in and of itself. There is one robotic system that is designed to perform endodontic therapy. In Intelligent Micro Robot Development for Minimum Invasive Endodontic Treatment [3], they proposed a micro robot performing root canal treatment with the assistance of 3D computer model system. It is designed to accomplish endodontic therapy with path planned according to the 3D model. However, the problem of instruments fracture still remains. In this paper, a torque monitoring method is proposed. The main causes of fractured files are torsional fracture and flexural fatigue, account for 55.7% and 44.3% separately [5]. Therefore, we use current feedback to keep track of the torque which the file is bearing during the endodontic treatment. This torque monitoring system is implemented on an endodontic robot prototype we built. We primarily focus

on the cleaning and shaping step since it's the key step to a successful root canal treatment. With the robot prototype and torque monitoring system, the possibility of instrument fracture can be reduced. Besides, the repetitive action during the drilling step can be performed by the robot.

### **1.3 The Proposed Method**

(Solutions: (be consistent with problem definition) 1. Build a robot-assisted system and enable it to drill 2. Force-guided alignment 3. Control the file rotation speed B. Prospect:

(Prospect: Move to the infected teeth→Root canal searching→Repetitive drilling→Apex Detection)

### **1.4 Main Contributions of the Thesis**

1. Integrate a 6-DoF robotic manipulator with 6-DoF F/T sensor for performing endodontic treatment.
2. Develop a framework for robot alignment regarding the position and orientation of root canal.
3. Protect the endodontic file from fracturing by controlling file rotation speed.

### **1.5 Organization of the Thesis**

# **Chapter 2**

## **State-of-the-Art**

A. YOMI – commercial robot B. HK - dental implant robot C. Korean - dental implant robot D. NCTU – RCT robot





## **Chapter 3**

# **Design and Analysis of the Dental Surgical Robot - DentiBot**

### **3.1 Requirement and Specification**

(Payload, resolution and workspace)

(Why not RCM mechanism)

### **3.2 Design of the DentiBot**

As discussed in previous section, we have to select suitable devices according to those requirements. First, We choose Meca500 manufactured by Mecademic Inc. as our 6 DOF robot arm. Its feature is high repeatability (precision:  $5\ \mu m$ ) and it is equipped with zero-backlash speed reducers. In addition, it is compact and portable for laboratory investigation. Second, Mini40 manufactured by ATI Inc. is the corresponding F/T sensor with three force and three torque detections. As for the end effector, we modify a existing dental handpiece which equips a tool change mechanism. The modified handpiece weights around 139 grams. We also design adapters so as to assemble these devices.

DentiBot has seven degree of freedom. 6 DOF is come from Meca500, and the

other DOF is owing to our modified handpiece. The rotation of root canal file is driven by a servo motor whose maximum rotation speed is more than 600 rpm.

### 3.3 Kinematics Analysis

The purpose of this section and section 3.4 is to serve as a tutorial and provide some important approaches when combining a robot arm and an end effector. We derive the forward and inverse kinematics in section 3.3.2 and describe Jacobian matrix in section 3.3.3.

#### 3.3.1 Coordinate Definition

In Fig 3.1 , we define frame{0} to frame{6} which represent each frame of axis of the Meca500, frame{S} which represent the frame of the ATI-mini40 and frame{H} which represent the frame of the handpiece.

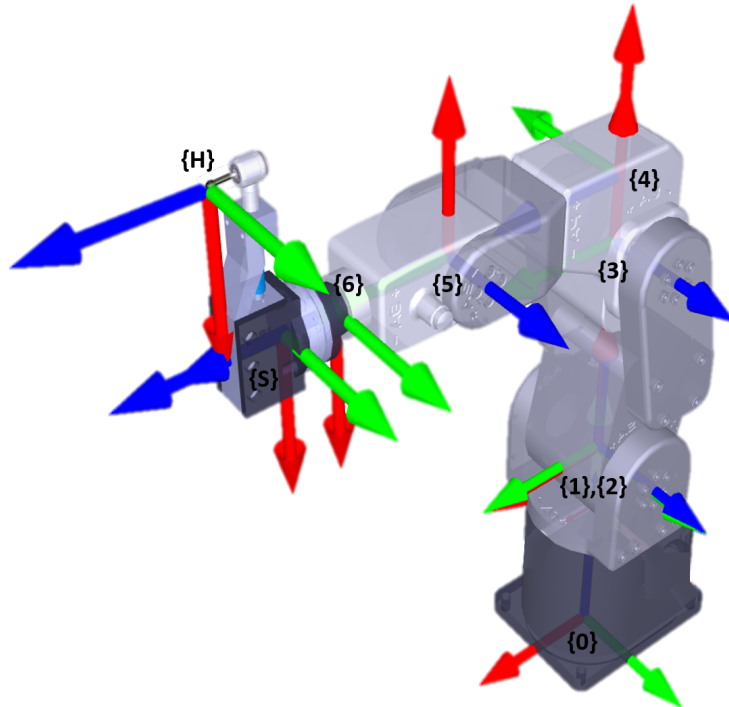


Figure 3.1: Coordinate Definition

### 3.3.2 Forward and Inverse Kinematics

Table 3.1: Denavit-Hartenberg parameters of Meca500

$i$ (link number)	$\alpha_{i-1}$ (deg)	$a_{i-1}$ (mm)	$\theta_i$ (deg)	$d_i$ (mm)
1	0	0	$\theta_1$	135
2	-90	0	$\theta_2$	0
3	0	135	$\theta_3$	0
4	-90	38	$\theta_4$	120
5	90	0	$\theta_5$	0
6	-90	0	$\theta_6$	70

Denavit-Hartenberg parameters are shown as Table 3.1. Then, the forward kinematics of Meca500 is derived as

$${}^0_6\mathbf{T} = {}^0_1\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^1_2\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^2_3\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^3_4\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^4_5\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^5_6\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0_6\mathbf{R} & {}^0\mathbf{p}_{6\text{org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.1)$$

where  ${}^0_6\mathbf{R}$  is the rotation matrix from frame{6} to frame{0},  ${}^0\mathbf{p}_{6\text{org}}$  is the origin of the frame{6} observed from frame{0}. All detailed indexes of  ${}^0_6\mathbf{T}$  are shown as Appendix 8.1

Additionally, there is an alternative to calculate the transformation matrix of Meca500. We can use command "GetPose" to obtain (x,y,z, $\alpha,\beta,\gamma$ ). Then, we can use this information to derive the following equation.

$${}^0_6\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} & x \\ \mathbf{R}_x(\alpha) \cdot \mathbf{R}_y(\beta) \cdot \mathbf{R}_z(\gamma) & y \\ & z \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.2)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_\beta c_\gamma & -c_\beta s_\gamma & s_\beta & x \\ c_\alpha s_\gamma + s_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma & c_\alpha c_\gamma - s_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma & -s_\alpha c_\beta & y \\ s_\alpha s_\gamma - c_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma & s_\alpha c_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma & c_\alpha c_\beta & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $C_\star$ ,  $S_\star$  denote  $\cos(\star)$ ,  $\sin(\star)$ ;  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are in representation of Euler angle.

### 3.3.3 Jacobian matrix

Here we evaluate geometric Jacobian based on frame{0}, geometric Jacobian based on frame{6} and analytical Jacobian.

First and foremost, we should clarify the difference between geometric Jacobian and analytical Jacobian. They both use the same linear velocity but consider different angular velocity. The angular velocity which geometric Jacobian applies is relevant to the axis angles  $(\theta_x, \theta_y, \theta_z)$ . In contrast, the angular velocity analytical which Jacobian contemplates is related to the orientation  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of the end effector.

#### Geometric Jacobian Based on Frame{0}

Before proceeding to examine the geometric Jacobian matrix, it will be necessary to find the relationship between the position and joints' angles and the relationship between the axis angle and the joints' angles.

On the basis of the translation matrix in Equation 3.3.2, we obtain the relationship between the position and joints' angles.

$${}^0\mathbf{p}_{6org} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_6) \\ y(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_6) \\ z(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_6) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.3)$$

Moreover, we dissect the relationship between the axis angle and joints' angles.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_x \\ \theta_y \\ \theta_z \end{bmatrix} = {}^0_1\mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \theta_1 \end{bmatrix} + {}^0_2\mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} + {}^0_3\mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \theta_3 \end{bmatrix} + {}^0_4\mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \theta_4 \end{bmatrix} + {}^0_5\mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \theta_5 \end{bmatrix} + {}^0_6\mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \theta_6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.4)$$

We can differentiate Equation 3.3.3 and 3.3.3 to obtain Jacobian matrices.

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{gv}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_x \\ \dot{\theta}_y \\ \dot{\theta}_z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{gw}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} \quad (3.5)$$

where

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{g}\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta_6} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta_6} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta_6} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{g}\mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \theta_x}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial \theta_x}{\partial \theta_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \theta_x}{\partial \theta_6} \\ \frac{\partial \theta_y}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial \theta_y}{\partial \theta_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \theta_y}{\partial \theta_6} \\ \frac{\partial \theta_z}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial \theta_z}{\partial \theta_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \theta_z}{\partial \theta_6} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \\ \dot{\theta}_4 \\ \dot{\theta}_5 \\ \dot{\theta}_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

As a result, the geometric Jacobian matrix based on frame0  ${}^0\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{g}}$  is derived as

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = {}^0\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{g}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}} = {}^0\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{g}}^{-1} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} \quad (3.6)$$

where

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\theta}_x \\ \dot{\theta}_y \\ \dot{\theta}_z \end{bmatrix}_{\{0\}}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \\ \dot{\theta}_4 \\ \dot{\theta}_5 \\ \dot{\theta}_6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.7)$$

There is a further derivation. In terms of the Jacobian matrix, we can derive the other property.

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = {}^0\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{g}}^{\top} \cdot \mathbf{f} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{\theta_1} \\ \tau_{\theta_2} \\ \tau_{\theta_3} \\ \tau_{\theta_4} \\ \tau_{\theta_5} \\ \tau_{\theta_6} \end{bmatrix} = {}^0\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{g}}^{\top} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \\ \tau_x \\ \tau_y \\ \tau_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.8)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$  is the vector of joints' torques and  $\mathbf{f}$  is the vector composed of inertial forces and torques of the robot arm.

### Geometric Jacobian Based on Frame{6}

Why we need geometric Jacobian based on frame{6} is that in section 4.3.1 we will apply admittance control and it will use F/T sensor mounted on frame{6} instead of frame{0} to detect forces and torques. To start with Equation 3.6

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\theta}_x \\ \dot{\theta}_y \\ \dot{\theta}_z \end{bmatrix}_{\{0\}} = {}^0\mathbf{J}_g \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \\ \dot{\theta}_4 \\ \dot{\theta}_5 \\ \dot{\theta}_6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.9)$$

Then, left-multiply a matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^0_6\mathbf{R} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & {}^0_6\mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\theta}_x \\ \dot{\theta}_y \\ \dot{\theta}_z \end{bmatrix}_{\{0\}} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0_6\mathbf{R} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & {}^0_6\mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix} {}^0\mathbf{J}_g \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \\ \dot{\theta}_4 \\ \dot{\theta}_5 \\ \dot{\theta}_6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.10)$$

According to the transformation coordinate relationship between frame{0} and frame{6},

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\theta}_x \\ \dot{\theta}_y \\ \dot{\theta}_z \end{bmatrix}_{\{6\}} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0_6\mathbf{R} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & {}^0_6\mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\theta}_x \\ \dot{\theta}_y \\ \dot{\theta}_z \end{bmatrix}_{\{0\}} \quad (3.11)$$

substitute it into Eq 3.10, we can observe a essential equation.

$${}^6\mathbf{J}_g = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0_6\mathbf{R} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & {}^0_6\mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix} \cdot {}^0\mathbf{J}_g \quad (3.12)$$

Notably,

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = {}^6\mathbf{J}_g \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}} = {}^6\mathbf{J}_g^{-1} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} \quad (3.13)$$

where

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\theta}_x \\ \dot{\theta}_y \\ \dot{\theta}_z \end{bmatrix}_{\{6\}}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \\ \dot{\theta}_4 \\ \dot{\theta}_5 \\ \dot{\theta}_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Analytical Jacobian

The linear velocity of analytical Jacobian and of geometric Jacobian is the same shown in Eq 3.3.3. Nevertheless, as for angular velocity, analytical Jacobian takes the the orientation  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of the end effector into consideration. First of all, we investigate the relationship between the axis angle and the orientation of the end effector as following.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_x \\ \theta_y \\ \theta_z \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + R_x(\alpha) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \beta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + R_x(\alpha)R_y(\beta) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & S_\beta \\ 0 & C_\alpha & -S_\alpha C_\beta \\ 0 & S_\alpha & C_\alpha C_\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

Then, utilize this generalized vector to get its Jacobian matrix  $\mathbf{J}_{we}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_x \\ \dot{\theta}_y \\ \dot{\theta}_z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{J}_{we} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{\beta} \\ \dot{\gamma} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.15)$$

where

$$\mathbf{J}_{\text{we}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma C_\beta & S_\beta \\ -\beta S_\alpha - \gamma C_\alpha C_\beta & C_\alpha + \gamma S_\alpha S_\beta & -C_\beta S_\alpha \\ \beta C_\alpha - \gamma C_\beta S_\alpha & S_\alpha - \gamma C_\alpha S_\beta & C_\alpha C_\beta \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.16)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\theta}_x \\ \dot{\theta}_y \\ \dot{\theta}_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{J}_{\text{we}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{\beta} \\ \dot{\gamma} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.17)$$

Finally, we obtain the relationship between geometric and analytical Jacobian.

$$\mathbf{J}_{\text{g}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{J}_{\text{we}} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_{\text{a}}, \quad \mathbf{J}_{\text{g}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{J}_{\text{we}}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_{\text{a}} \quad (3.18)$$

### 3.4 Coordinate Transformation of the Robot Arm

So far, with forward and inverse kinematics the robot arm can translate and rotate around frame{6}. However the origin of the frame{6} is not considered to be an operating point. Because the F/T sensor and a detachable end effector will be both mounted on the wrist, the position of the tool tip is exactly what we want. That means we should let the robot arm know how to translate and rotate in frame{T} instead of frame{6}. If we have translation and rotation information of the tool tip, there is an easy way to directly give these above information to the robot arm. SetTRF (x,y,z,α,β,γ) is the command of the robot arm, whose (x,y,z) is translation vector and (α,β,γ) is rotation vector in representation of Euler angle .

For the purpose of obtaining translation and rotation vector, we respectively introduce Tool Center Point in section 3.4.1 to find the translation vector and propose an approach in section 3.4.2 to find the rotation vector.



### 3.4.1 Translation Analysis - Tool Center Point

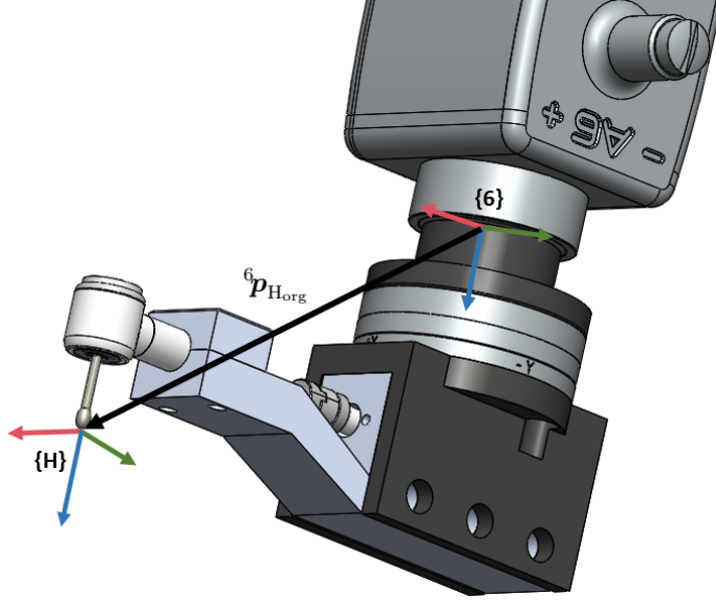


Figure 3.2: Schematic diagram for Tool Center Point. The translation vector  ${}^6p_{Horg}$  denotes the origin position relative to the frame {6}.

Tool Center Point (TCP) is a critical problem for robot arm control. In previous section, we have calculated the forward and inverse kinematics of the robot arm. By Calculating kinematics we can keep track of the origin of the frame {6}, which is observed from the base frame. The robot arm has capability to translate and rotate with the origin of the frame {6}. These above motions is like a remote center motion (RCM). We should find the position of the tool tip and make it be a RCM point. Nevertheless, it's not efficient to recalculate the transformation matrix via mechanism dimension when changing an end effector or a tool (root canal reamer).

In order to overcome this problem, we interpret four-points method to obtain the position of the tool tip which is also the translation vector.

From Fig 3.1, we can obtain the following transformation matrix,

$${}^B_H\mathbf{T} = {}^B_6\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^6_H\mathbf{T} \quad (3.19)$$

and it can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_H\mathbf{R} & {}^B\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_6\mathbf{R} & {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^6_H\mathbf{R} & {}^6\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_6\mathbf{R} \cdot {}^6_H\mathbf{R} & {}^B_6\mathbf{R} \cdot {}^6\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} + {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

Consequently, we get a crucial equation:

$${}^B\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} = {}^B_6\mathbf{R} \cdot {}^6\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} + {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}} \quad (3.21)$$

Now, we move the tool tip to a fixed point with four different poses including position and orientation. Then, we will get four different rotation matrix and vectors in real time.

$$\begin{aligned} {}^B\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} &= {}^B_F\mathbf{R}^1 \cdot {}^6\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} + {}^B\mathbf{p}_{F_{org}}^1 \\ &= {}^B_F\mathbf{R}^2 \cdot {}^6\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} + {}^B\mathbf{p}_{F_{org}}^2 \\ &= {}^B_F\mathbf{R}^3 \cdot {}^6\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} + {}^B\mathbf{p}_{F_{org}}^3 \\ &= {}^B_F\mathbf{R}^4 \cdot {}^6\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} + {}^B\mathbf{p}_{F_{org}}^4 \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

In order to extract  ${}^6\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}}$  from Eq.3.22, we subtract the second to forth equation from the first equation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^1 - {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^2 \\ {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^1 - {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^3 \\ {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^1 - {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot {}^6\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^2 - {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^1 \\ {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^3 - {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^1 \\ {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^4 - {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.23)$$

where we define

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^1 - {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^2 \\ {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^1 - {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^3 \\ {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^1 - {}^B_6\mathbf{R}^4 \end{bmatrix}_{9 \times 3}, \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^2 - {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^1 \\ {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^3 - {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^1 \\ {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^4 - {}^B\mathbf{p}_{6_{org}}^1 \end{bmatrix}_{9 \times 1}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} {}^6\mathbf{p}_{H_{org}} &= \mathbf{R}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ &= (\mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{R})^{-1} \mathbf{R}^\top \cdot \mathbf{p} \end{aligned}$$

As a result, we can utilize four-points method to obtain the translation vector.

### 3.4.2 Rotation Analysis

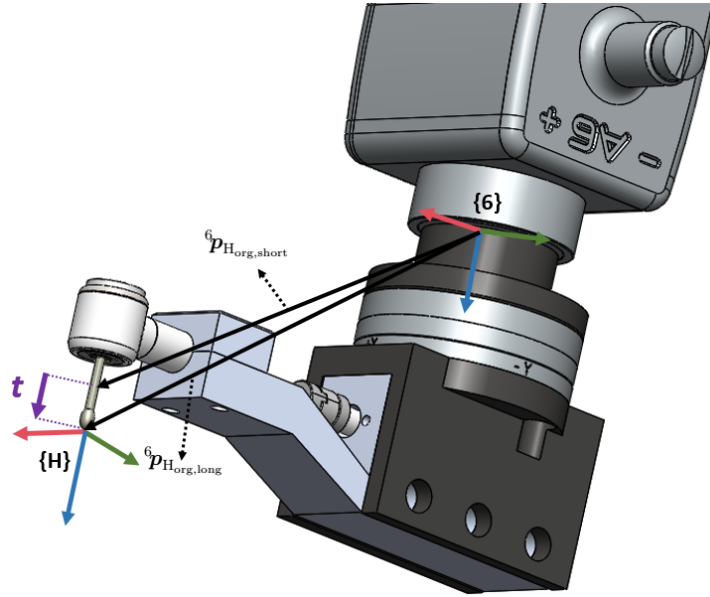


Figure 3.3: Schematic diagram for obtaining the tool vector.

Turning now to the discussion about the rotation vector. Above all, we have to find the vector of tool insertion direction  $t$ . By means of TCP method, we can obtain the translation vector from the origin of frame  $\{6\}$  to the tool tip. Accordingly we use two root canal files with different lengths and apply TCP method to separately obtain two vector illustrated as Fig 3.3. Hence,

$$t = {}^6p_{Horg,long} - {}^6p_{Horg,short} \quad (3.24)$$

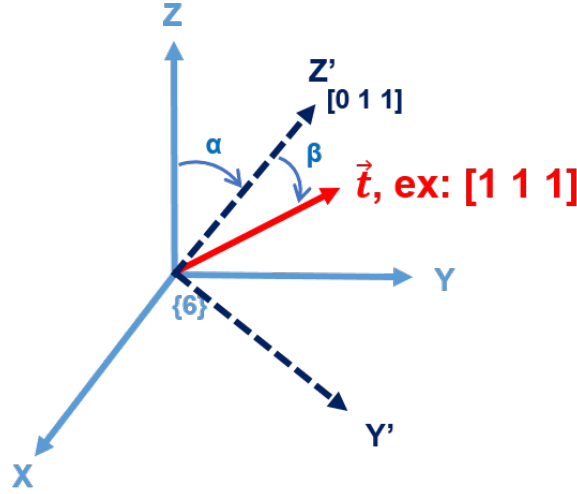


Figure 3.4: Illustration of finding the rotation matrix

For analyzing it easily, we depict it in Fig 3.4. Note that here we only discuss rotation, so we assume that we have done translation and matched the frame  $\{S\}$  with frame  $\{6\}$ . Because we hope to send z axis command to achieve tool insertion, we should align original Z axis to the target vector. Nevertheless, Z axis alignment without other restrictions will produce many solutions. We choose one of solutions to align Z axis to the target vector. According to the figure, we assume the target vector  $\mathbf{t}$  is  $[x, y, z]$ , whose projection to yz-plane  $\text{proj}_{(y-z)}\mathbf{t}$  is  $[0, y, z]$ . Initially, we rotate  $\alpha$  degree around X axis to make original Z axis align the projection  $[0, y, z]$ . Next, we rotate  $\beta$  degree around  $Y'$  axis and finally align original Z axis to the target vector  $[1, 1, 1]$ . The following equation

$${}^T_6\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_x(\alpha) \cdot \mathbf{R}_y(\beta) \quad (3.25)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= -\text{sign}(t_y) \cdot \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\hat{k} \cdot \text{proj}_{(y-z)}\mathbf{t}}{\|\hat{k}\| \cdot \|\text{proj}_{(y-z)}\mathbf{t}\|} \right) \\ \beta &= \text{sign}(t_x) \cdot \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\mathbf{t} \cdot \text{proj}_{(y-z)}\mathbf{t}}{\|\mathbf{t}\| \cdot \|\text{proj}_{(y-z)}\mathbf{t}\|} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

Assume  $\mathbf{t} = [x, y, z]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= -\text{sign}(y) \cdot \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{z^2}{\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}} \right) \text{rad} \\ \beta &= \text{sign}(x) \cdot \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{y^2 + z^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right) \text{rad}\end{aligned}\tag{3.27}$$

$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are Euler angles, which meet the command demand.

In this section, we have demonstrated two key aspects of reference frame changing of the robot arm. It's easy to input the results of section 3.4.1 and section 3.4.2 via the command `setTRF`, the robot arm will recognize frame{T}. Having discussed how to combine a robot arm with an end effector, the next section addresses ways of combining an F/T sensor.



# Chapter 4

## Force-Guided Robot Alignment

This chapter follows on from the previous chapter, we continue to demonstrate some technical solutions of system integration. On top of that, Forces and Torques (F/T) sensor will be included to discuss. Therefore, you can see the chapter as a operating manual when you simultaneously own a robot arm, an F/T sensor and an end effector. First of all, we explain why we will use F/T sensor in our project in section 4.1. Furthermore, we introduce how to do gravity compensation in section 4.2. Admittance control based on F/T sensor is described in section 4.3.1. Reference Frame Changing of F/T sensor is interpreted in section 4.4.1. Last but not least, we discuss affection of setting admittance control parameters in section 4.5.

### 4.1 Problem Definition

A. Problem definition: 1. why not Image processing 2. How to cooperate with a dentist

B. Proposed method 1. Like Peg-in-hole method based on F/T feedback 2. Two modes - Dragging mode and Self-alignment mode

how to compensate the gravity affection in section 4.2; how to use admittance control in section with F/T sensor 4.3.1; and how to obtain the real force and torque

values in the tool tip frame in section 4.4.1

## 4.2 Integration of F/T sensor

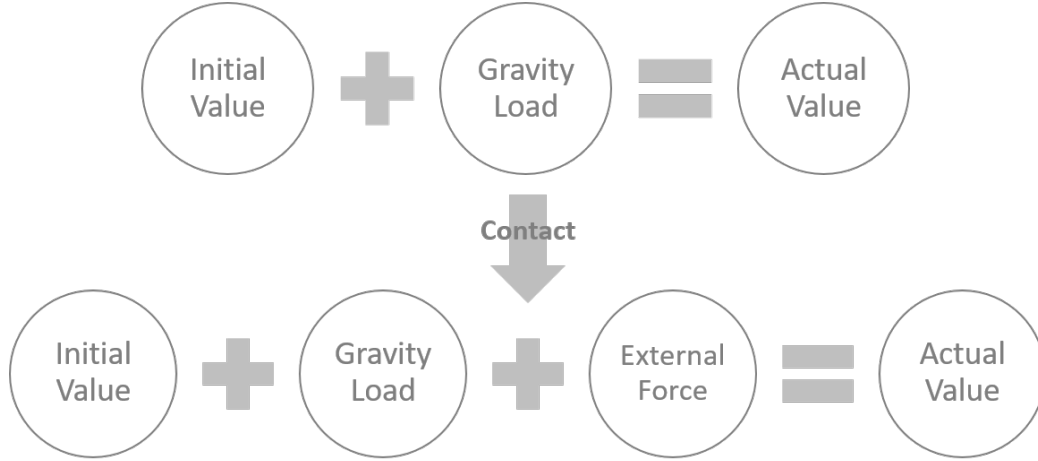


Figure 4.1: Data Analysis of F/T sensor.

Gravity compensation is a critical technical issue when combining an F/T sensor with a robot arm and an end effector. Fundamentally, we should receive stable data when a static F/T sensor bears the same load or force. Nevertheless, our F/T sensor is installed on the robot arm and move with the pose of the robot arm. On account of its mobility, the gravity of the end effector will significantly affect the actual value we received. Moreover, starting without resetting the F/T sensor to zero would lead to an initial value. If we could not analyze the actual value to an initial value and a gravity load, we would obtain an unstable actual value, not to mention obtain the external force caused by contact force.

Therefore, we illustrate a method, which is to analyze the actual value of the F/T sensor to an initial value and gravity load in real-time. It's worth noting that with this approach, we can get the installation angle between the F/T sensor and the robot arm including assembly error, and we no longer need to reset the F/T



sensor to zero every time.

### The Centroid Position of End Effector

To start with the first equation in Figure 4.1,

Initial value + Gravity Load = Actual Value

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbf{f}_0 + \mathbf{f}_g = \mathbf{f} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}_0 + \boldsymbol{\tau}_g = \boldsymbol{\tau} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} f_{0x} + f_{gx} = f_x \\ f_{0y} + f_{gy} = f_y \\ f_{0z} + f_{gz} = f_z \\ \tau_{0x} + \tau_{gx} = \tau_x \\ \tau_{0y} + \tau_{gy} = \tau_y \\ \tau_{0z} + \tau_{gz} = \tau_z \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

where  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$  are force and torque vector respectively.

And, by terms of moment arm formula,

$$\therefore \boldsymbol{\tau}_g = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{f}_g \quad (4.2)$$

where  $\mathbf{r}$  denotes the centroid position of the end effector in the sensor frame.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \boldsymbol{\tau} &= \boldsymbol{\tau}_0 + \boldsymbol{\tau}_g \\ &= \boldsymbol{\tau}_0 + \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{f}_g \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

Then, Substitute the first line of Equation 4.1 into the above equation, we will obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_0 + \mathbf{p} \times (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_0) \quad (4.4)$$

, which could be extended as

$$\begin{cases} \tau_x = \tau_{0x} + (f_z - f_{0z}) \cdot y - (f_y - f_{0y}) \cdot z \\ \tau_y = \tau_{0y} + (f_x - f_{0x}) \cdot z - (f_z - f_{0z}) \cdot x \\ \tau_z = \tau_{0z} + (f_y - f_{0y}) \cdot x - (f_x - f_{0x}) \cdot y \end{cases} \quad (4.5)$$

and be overwritten as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau_x \\ \tau_y \\ \tau_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & f_z & -f_y & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -f_z & 0 & f_x & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ f_y & -f_x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ k_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.6)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} k_1 = \tau_{0x} - (f_{0z} \cdot y + f_{0y} \cdot z) \\ k_2 = \tau_{0y} - (f_{0x} \cdot z + f_{0z} \cdot x) \\ k_3 = \tau_{0z} - (f_{0y} \cdot x + f_{0x} \cdot y) \end{cases} \text{ are all constant} \quad (4.7)$$

With extracting  $[x, y, z, k_1, k_2, k_3]$  in mind, we move the robot arm to  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) positions with different poses. By recording  $n$  torque vector and corresponding  $n$  force vector from F/T sensor, we can expand Equation 4.6 as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau_{1x} \\ \tau_{1y} \\ \tau_{1z} \\ \tau_{2x} \\ \tau_{2y} \\ \tau_{2z} \\ \vdots \\ \tau_{nx} \\ \tau_{ny} \\ \tau_{nz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & f_{1z} & -f_{1y} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -f_{1z} & 0 & f_{1x} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ f_{1y} & -f_{1x} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & f_{2z} & -f_{2y} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -f_{2z} & 0 & f_{2x} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ f_{2y} & -f_{2x} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & & \\ 0 & f_{nz} & -f_{ny} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -f_{nz} & 0 & f_{nx} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ f_{ny} & -f_{nx} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ k_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.8)$$

, which is defined as

$$\mathbf{m}_{(3n \times 1)} = \mathbf{F}_{(3n \times 6)} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{(6 \times 1)} \quad (4.9)$$

As a consequence of the full column rank of  $\mathbf{F}$ , we can apply Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p} &= \mathbf{F}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{m} \\ &= (\mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{F})^{-1} \mathbf{F}^\top \cdot \mathbf{m}\end{aligned}$$

From now on, we have already known the centroid position of end effector in the sensor frame and values of the constants  $k_1, k_2, k_3$ .

### Gravity Compensation and Initial Value Reset

Next, let us come back to the first equation in Figure 4.1. We continue to use this formula and contemplate it from the perspective of coordinate transformation relation. Here we hypothesize that the end effector weighs  $g$  kilograms relative to the frame  $\{0\}$  which is also the world frame. That means the gravity vector of the end effector  ${}^0\mathbf{g}$  is  $[0, 0, -g]$  in the frame  $\{0\}$ . Then, we can derive it as following.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Initial value} + \text{Gravity Load} &= \text{Actual Value} \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{f}_0 + {}^S_6\mathbf{R} \cdot {}^6_0\mathbf{R} \cdot {}^0\mathbf{g} &= \mathbf{f}\end{aligned}\tag{4.10}$$

which is relative to frame  $\{6\}$ . Hence, we assume an installation angle  $\theta$  including assembly error.

$${}^S_6\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\tag{4.11}$$

Besides, we can easily calculate  ${}^6_0\mathbf{R}$  from Equation 3.3.2.

$$\begin{aligned}{}^6_0\mathbf{R} &= {}^0_6\mathbf{R}^\top \\ &:= \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}\tag{4.12}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{0x} \\ f_{0y} \\ f_{0z} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.13)$$

Further, we rewrite it as

$$\begin{bmatrix} -r_{13} & -r_{23} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -r_{23} & r_{13} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -r_{33} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g \cos(\theta) \\ g \sin(\theta) \\ g \\ f_{0x} \\ f_{0y} \\ f_{0z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.14)$$

In the same way as Equation 4.6, we can extract  $[g \cos(\theta), g \sin(\theta), g, f_{0x}, f_{0y}, f_{0z}]$  by the least square solution. Apparently, we can directly obtain  $g, f_{0x}, f_{0y}, f_{0z}$ . Afterwards, we substitute them into Equation 4.7 to calculate

$$\begin{cases} \tau_{0x} = k_1 + (f_{0z} \cdot y + f_{0y} \cdot z) \\ \tau_{0y} = k_2 + (f_{0x} \cdot z + f_{0z} \cdot x) \\ \tau_{0z} = k_3 + (f_{0y} \cdot x + f_{0x} \cdot y) \end{cases} \quad (4.15)$$

Finally, we successfully obtain the weight of the end effector  $g$ , the initial value of the F/T sensor  $[f_{0x}, f_{0y}, f_{0z}, \tau_{0x}, \tau_{0y}, \tau_{0z}]$ .

As for installation angle  $\theta$  including assembly error, there is an further discussion. Undoubtedly, we can derive it as

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{g \cos(\theta)}{g} \right) \text{ or } \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{g \sin(\theta)}{g} \right) \quad (4.16)$$

In theory, By either arccos function or arcsin function we can derive the same value. However, we estimate  $[g \cos(\theta), g \sin(\theta), g, f_{0x}, f_{0y}, f_{0z}]$  by using the least square solution which produce a approximated answer rather than the correct answer. A subtle bias caused by the least square solution will be enlarged through the arc function. Thankfully, we originally designed an adapter to connect the robot arm

and F/T sensor and the installation angle is exactly zero degree. Therefore, here we only need to concern about the subtle bias result from assembly errors.

For example, here we compare arccos and arcsin with the same biases. Obviously,

Table 4.1: Arc-function Comparison

bias $n$ (rad)	$\sin^{-1}(n)$ (degree)	$\cos^{-1}(1 - n)$ (degree)
0	0	0
0.001	0.057	2.56
0.01	0.57	8.11
0.1	5.7	25.84

if we separately give the same bias (0.1 rad) into arccos and arcsin function, arccos function will enlarge the bias significantly larger than arcsin function. Hence we should use

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{g \sin(\theta)}{g} \right) \quad (4.17)$$

Notably, as a result of the zero installation angle which we originally designed, from Table 4.1 we could infer to use arcsin function. In contrast, if the installation angle is not zero, the above assumption will be invalid.

Ultimately, we have successfully dissected the actual value of F/T sensor into the initial value of F/T sensor and the gravity of the end effector.

### External Force Evaluation

Next, we continue to review the second equation in Figure 4.1.

Initial value + Gravity Load + External Force = Actual Value

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbf{f}_0 + \mathbf{f}_g + \mathbf{f}_e = \mathbf{f} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}_0 + \boldsymbol{\tau}_g + \boldsymbol{\tau}_e = \boldsymbol{\tau} \end{cases} \quad (4.18)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{f}_e &= \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_0 - \mathbf{f}_g \\
 &= \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_0 - {}^S_6\mathbf{R} \cdot {}^6_0\mathbf{R} \cdot {}^0\mathbf{g} \\
 \boldsymbol{\tau}_e &= \boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_0 - \boldsymbol{\tau}_g \\
 &= \boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_0 - \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{f}_g
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.19}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} f_{ex} = f_x - f_{0x} + g \cos(\theta)r_{13} + g \sin(\theta)r_{23} \\ f_{ey} = f_y - f_{0y} - g \sin(\theta)r_{13} + g \cos(\theta)r_{23} \\ f_{ez} = f_z - f_{0z} + gr_{33} \\ \tau_{ex} = f_x - \tau_{0x} - (g_z \cdot y - g_y \cdot z) \\ \tau_{ey} = f_y - \tau_{0y} - (g_x \cdot z - g_z \cdot x) \\ \tau_{ez} = f_z - \tau_{0z} - (g_y \cdot x - g_x \cdot y) \end{cases}$$

### 4.3 Dragging Mode

In the hope that dentist could drag our system to the infected teeth by holding the end effector, we usher in admittance control based on F/T sensor.

#### 4.3.1 Admittance Control based on F/T sensor

##### Control Scheme

Admittance control make the robot move like a spring-mass-damper system. Forces and torques can be mapped into the movements such as position or velocity. Most important of all, admittance control enables an robot arm to cooperate with human in a safe work environment. Since Meca500 is an industrial robot arm without admittance control, we subsequently combine the robot arm with the F/T sensor so as to adopt admittance control. With force and torque feedback, F/T sensor make Meca500 be resemble to a collaborative robot arm. Therefore, we propose a control scheme depicted as Figure 4.2. It's worth noting that in this approach the

admittance control function is triggered by the end effector mounted on F/T sensor instead of detecting each wrist torque of the robot arm.

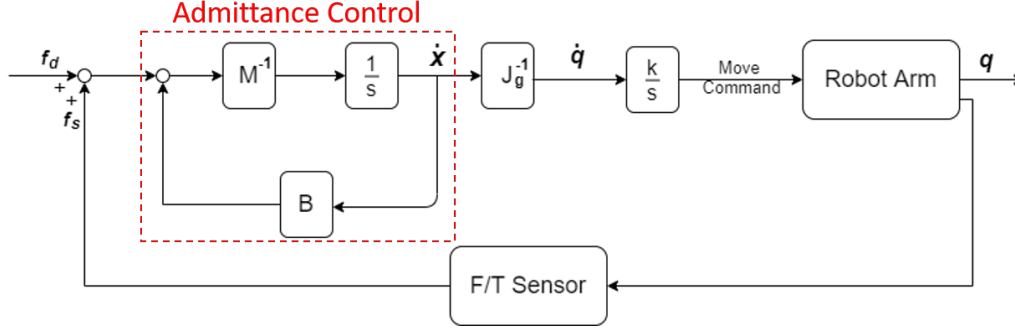


Figure 4.2: Control scheme.  $\mathbf{f}_d$  denotes the desired forces and torques vector.  $\mathbf{f}_s$  denotes the real value detected by F/T sensor and is also a forces and torques vector.  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}$  denotes  $[\dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \dot{\theta}_x, \dot{\theta}_y, \dot{\theta}_z]$ .  $\mathbf{J}_g$  denotes the geometric Jacobian matrix.  $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$  denotes  $[\dot{\theta}_1, \dot{\theta}_2, \dot{\theta}_3, \dot{\theta}_4, \dot{\theta}_5, \dot{\theta}_6]$ .  $\mathbf{q}$  denotes  $[\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6]$ .

A standard equation of admittance control is represented as Equation 4.20. The values we obtain from the F/T sensor are  $[f_x, f_y, f_z, \tau_x, \tau_y, \tau_z]$ , whose forces  $[f_x, f_y, f_z]$  are related to the translations  $[x, y, z]$  and torques  $[\tau_x, \tau_y, \tau_z]$  are related to the axis angle  $[\theta_x, \theta_y, \theta_z]$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \theta_x \\ \theta_y \\ \theta_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{M}\mathbf{S}^2 + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{K}} \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \\ \tau_x \\ \tau_y \\ \tau_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.20)$$

### Selection of Admittance Control Model

In our proposed approach we omit parameter  $\mathbf{K}$  which is relevant to spring stiffness, considering that it's not necessary to bounce such as a spring. Therefore, our system

should behave like a mass-damper system as following.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \theta_x \\ \theta_y \\ \theta_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{M}\mathbf{S}^2 + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{S}} \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \\ \tau_x \\ \tau_y \\ \tau_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.21)$$

where  $\mathbf{M}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{K}$  are diagonal positive definite matrices. Affections of these parameters will be discussed in section 4.5.

### Robot Command Determination

After determining our admittance control model, we should select a correspondent command to move the robot. However there are many commands of moving the robot arm such as position command - MoveJoints  $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_6)$  and MovePose  $(x, y, z, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ ; velocity command - MoveJointsVel  $(\dot{\theta}_1, \dot{\theta}_2, \dots, \dot{\theta}_6)$  and MoveLinVelTRF  $(\dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \dot{\theta}_x, \dot{\theta}_y, \dot{\theta}_z)$ . Considering the singularity problem is an imperative problem in robotics, we intend to use MoveJoints or MoveJointsVel to directly set the angles of axis. Despite that it's easier to implement admittance control via other commands, the system would touch the singularity point at any time. It undoubtedly expose patients to danger because the uncertainty of the system. Therefore, position command - MoveJoints and velocity command - MoveJointsVel is our options. Why we choose the command MoveJoints is that Meca500 has a default time-out value to ensure its safety. Despite we could set this value from 0.001 to 2 second, Meca500 is still restricted to move with this value. For example, the value of time-out is set 0.1 sec. While the robot receive a command, the robot move for 0.1 sec then immediately stop. It's not easy to control via velocity command due to this default property.

Finally, we designate MoveJointsVel  $(\dot{\theta}_1, \dot{\theta}_2, \dots, \dot{\theta}_6)$  as our main command. Thanks to the property of Jacobian matrix shown in Equation 3.13, we can trans-



form  $\dot{x}$  into  $\dot{q}$ . Then we multiply it an integrator  $\frac{1}{s}$  to obtain  $q$ . Note that, As F/T sensor is mounted on the frame{6}, we should use Equation 3.13 rather than Equation 3.6.

## 4.4 Self-Alignment Mode

The purpose of this section is developing a framework for robot self-alignment regarding the position and orientation of root canal, which is one of the main contributions of the thesis. This function assists endodontists to automatically operate the cleaning procedure and ensures a postoperative recovery for patients. The main idea is to amend the direction of insertion by itself to lower the contact resistance.

We propose a complete robotic procedure. First and foremost, the main role of this procedure is the root canal reamer. We rotate the root canal reamer to clean a pulp, move it to do reciprocation and self-alignment. All of things we care about are all on the root canal such as it position, orientation , rotation speed and contact force. Nevertheless, the robot arm and the F/T sensor have their own coordinates initially. They originally recognize its own coordinate rather than the root canal reamer's frame, so they do their work themselves respectively. Therefore, we need to let them understand the tool frame. Thanks to section 3.4, we have demonstrated how to change the reference frame of the robot arm. After that, we are capable of identifying the translation and rotation information of the root canal reamer and subsequently obtaining the transformation matrix from the robot arm to the tool. As for F/T sensor, we have explained how to do gravity compensation in section 4.2, we will interpret how to change its fiducial to the tool tip in section 4.4.1. Besides, we will advance a motion planning in accordance with dentist's motion and standard surgical solution in section 4.4.2

#### **4.4.1 Coordinate Transformation of F/T sensor**

By the same token, the F/T sensor originally recognize its own coordinate rather than the root canal reamer's frame. That means originally F/T sensor receives unmatched data when the reamer contacts a obstacle. Owing to the wrong reference frame, forces of received data is considered in different , and toques Hence, here we illustrate how to change the reference frame of F/T sensor so as to get the corresponding force and toque.

#### **4.4.2 Motion Planning: Based on Admittance Control**

### **4.5 Affections of Parameters Setting**

Tune Bi parameters separately because the velocities of the axis are discrepant (K, Bi, Mi- without numbers)

(Modes: Doctor Dragging and Self-alignment - with numbers; get reasonable and suitable parameters first)

# **Chapter 5**

## **Control of Endodontic File Rotation**

### **5.1 Problem Definition**

(Main cause of Files Fracture)

(File property)

### **5.2 The Proposed Method and Theorem**

(CACS2020 Prototype 1)

(Motion Planning: sections)(Current threshold setting)

Once the current of the file is in excess of the threshold, it will inversely rotate to release torque. A decline(decrease/increase/drop) in the current of the motor is indicative of contact resistance of the file.



# Chapter 6

## Preliminary Experiment Result

### 6.1 Experimental Setup

(Communication protocol – EtherCAT, RTOS – NI target)

For 6.2 experiment: (Stewart-Platform + PhaseSpace + markers)

For 6.3 6.4 experiments: (Acrylic root canal model + truth tooth)

### 6.2 Admittance Control

Validation of admittance control

(Metrics: position comparison between the target and the robot)

### 6.3 Automatically Direction Changing

Validation of Self-alignment Mode

(Metrics: time, completeness and file breakage)

(Completeness definition: comparison of pixel area before and after experiment via image)

## **6.4 Repetitive Experiment**

validation of repetitive experiment

(Metrics: file breakage, compare with and without reverse)

## **Chapter 7**

### **Conclusions and Future works**

(Patient move tracking via cable, root canals searching)





# Chapter 8

## Appendix

### 8.1 Forward Kinematics

$${}^0_6\mathbf{T} = {}^0_1\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^1_2\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^2_3\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^3_4\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^4_5\mathbf{T} \cdot {}^5_6\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0_6\mathbf{R}_{3 \times 3} & {}^0\mathbf{p}_{6\text{org}} \\ 0_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & t_{13} & t_{14} \\ t_{21} & t_{22} & t_{23} & t_{24} \\ t_{31} & t_{32} & t_{33} & t_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{11} &= -S_6(C_4S_1 + S_4(C_1S_3 - C_2 - C_1C_3S_2)) - C_6(C_5(S_1S_4 - C_4(C_1S_3 \\ &\quad - C_2 - C_1C_3S_2)) - S_5(C_1C_3 - C_2 + C_1S_2S_3)) \\ t_{12} &= S_6(C_5(S_1S_4 - C_4(C_1S_3 - C_2 - C_1C_3S_2)) - S_5(C_1C_3 - C_2 + C_1S_2S_3)) \\ &\quad - C_6(C_4S_1 + S_4(C_1S_3 - C_2 - C_1C_3S_2)) \\ t_{13} &= -S_5(S_1S_4 - C_4(C_1S_3 - C_2 - C_1C_3S_2)) - C_5(C_1C_3 - C_2 + C_1S_2S_3) \\ t_{14} &= 135C_1S_2 - 70S_5(S_1S_4 - C_4(C_1S_3 - C_2 - C_1C_3S_2)) - 70C_5(C_1C_3 - C_2 \\ &\quad + C_1S_2S_3) - 120C_1C_3 - C_2 - 120C_1S_2S_3 - 38C_1S_3 - C_2 + 38C_1C_3S_2 \\ t_{21} &= S_6(C_1C_4 + S_4(C_3S_2S_1 - S_1S_3 - C_2)) + C_6(C_5(C_1S_4 - C_4(C_3S_2S_1 \\ &\quad - S_1S_3 - C_2)) + S_5(C_3S_1 - C_2 + S_2S_1S_3)) \\ t_{22} &= C_6(C_1C_4 + S_4(C_3S_2S_1 - S_1S_3 - C_2)) - S_6(C_5(C_1S_4 - C_4(C_3S_2S_1 \\ &\quad - S_1S_3 - C_2)) + S_5(C_3S_1 - C_2 + S_2S_1S_3)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
t_{23} &= S_5(C_1S_4 - C_4(C_3S_2S_1 - S_1S_3 - C_2)) - C_5(C_3S_1 - C_2 + S_2S_1S_3) \\
t_{24} &= 135S_2S_1 + 70S_5(C_1S_4 - C_4(C_3S_2S_1 - S_1S_3 - C_2)) - 70C_5(C_3S_1 - C_2 \\
&\quad + S_2S_1S_3) + 38C_3S_2S_1 - 120C_3S_1 - C_2 - 120S_2S_1S_3 - 38S_1S_3 - C_2 \\
t_{31} &= C_6(S_5(C_3S_2 - S_3 - C_2) + C_4C_5(C_3 - C_2 + S_2S_3)) - S_4S_6(C_3 - C_2 \\
&\quad + S_2S_3) \\
t_{32} &= -S_6(S_5(C_3S_2 - S_3 - C_2) + C_4C_5(C_3 - C_2 + S_2S_3)) - C_6S_4(C_3 - C_2 \\
&\quad + S_2S_3) \\
t_{33} &= C_4S_5(C_3 - C_2 + S_2S_3) - C_5(C_3S_2 - S_3 - C_2) \\
t_{34} &= 120S_3 - C_2 - 120C_3S_2 - 38C_3 - C_2 - 38S_2S_3 - 135 - C_2 \\
&\quad - 70C_5(C_3S_2 - S_3 - C_2) + 70C_4S_5(C_3 - C_2 + S_2S_3) + 135
\end{aligned}$$

## 8.2 Jacobian matrix

### 8.2.1 Jg0

$$\begin{aligned}
j_{g0,21} &= 135C_1S_2 - 120C_1S_2S_3 - 70S_1S_4S_5 + 120C_1C_2C_3 + 38C_1C_2S_3 \\
&\quad + 38C_1C_3S_2 + 70C_1C_2C_3C_5 - 70C_1C_5S_2S_3 - 70C_1C_2C_4S_3S_5 \\
&\quad - 70C_1C_3C_4S_2S_5 \\
j_{g0,22} &= -S_1(120C_2S_3 - 38C_2C_3 - 135C_2 + 120C_3S_2 + 38S_2S_3 + 70C_2C_5S_3 \\
&\quad + 70C_3C_5S_2 + 70C_2C_3C_4S_5 - 70C_4S_2S_3S_5) \\
j_{g0,23} &= -2S_1(60C_2S_3 - 19C_2C_3 + 60C_3S_2 + 19S_2S_3 + 35C_2C_5S_3 \\
&\quad + 35C_3C_5S_2 + 35C_2C_3C_4S_5 - 35C_4S_2S_3S_5) \\
j_{g0,24} &= 70S_5(C_1C_4 + C_2S_1S_3S_4 + C_3S_1S_2S_4) \\
j_{g0,25} &= -70C_5(C_2C_4S_1S_3 - C_1S_4 + C_3C_4S_1S_2) - 70C_{34}S_1S_5 \\
j_{g0,26} &= 0 \\
j_{g0,31} &= 0 \\
j_{g0,32} &= 120S_2S_3 - 120C_2C_3 - 38C_2S_3 - 38C_3S_2 - 135S_2 + 70C_5S_2S_3 \\
&\quad - 70C_2C_3C_5 + 70C_2C_4S_3S_5 + 70C_3C_4S_2S_5
\end{aligned}$$

$$j_{g0,33} = 120S_2S_3 - 38C_2S_3 - 38C_3S_2 - 120C_2C_3 + 70C_5S_2S_3 - 70C_2C_3C_5 \\ + 70C_2C_4S_3S_5 + 70C_3C_4S_2S_5$$

$$j_{g0,34} = 70C_{34}S_4S_5$$

$$j_{g0,35} = 70S_{34}S_5 - 70C_{34}C_4C_5$$

$$j_{g0,36} = 0$$

$$j_{g0,41} = \theta_4S_1S_2S_3 - \theta_3C_1 - \theta_5C_1C_4 - \theta_4C_2C_3S_1 - \theta_6C_1S_4S_5 - \theta_2C_1 \\ - \theta_6C_2C_3C_5S_1 - \theta_5C_2S_1S_3S_4 - \theta_5C_3S_1S_2S_4 + \theta_6C_5S_1S_2S_3 \\ + \theta_6C_2C_4S_1S_3S_5 + \theta_6C_3C_4S_1S_2S_5$$

$$j_{g0,42} = \theta_5C_1C_2C_3S_4 - \theta_4C_1C_2S_3 - \theta_4C_1C_3S_2 - S_1 - \theta_6C_1C_2C_5S_3 \\ - \theta_6C_1C_3C_5S_2 - \theta_5C_1S_2S_3S_4 - \theta_6C_1C_2C_3C_4S_5 + \theta_6C_1C_4S_2S_3S_5$$

$$j_{g0,43} = \theta_5C_1C_2C_3S_4 - \theta_4C_1C_2S_3 - \theta_4C_1C_3S_2 - S_1 - \theta_6C_1C_2C_5S_3 \\ - \theta_6C_1C_3C_5S_2 - \theta_5C_1S_2S_3S_4 - \theta_6C_1C_2C_3C_4S_5 + \theta_6C_1C_4S_2S_3S_5$$

$$j_{g0,44} = \theta_5(S_1S_4 + C_1C_2C_4S_3 + C_1C_3C_4S_2) - C_1S_2S_3 + C_1C_2C_3 \\ + \theta_6S_5(C_1C_2S_3S_4 - C_4S_1 + C_1C_3S_2S_4)$$

$$j_{g0,45} = -C_4S_1 - \theta_6(C_5(S_1S_4 - C_4(C_1S_3 - C_2 - C_1C_3S_2)) - S_5(C_1C_3 \\ - C_2 + C_1S_2S_3)) - S_4(C_1S_3 - C_2 - C_1C_3S_2)$$

$$j_{g0,46} = C_{34}C_1C_5 - S_5(S_1S_4 + C_1C_2C_4S_3 + C_1C_3C_4S_2)$$

$$j_{g0,51} = \theta_4C_1C_2C_3 - \theta_3S_1 - \theta_5C_4S_1 - \theta_4C_1S_2S_3 - \theta_6S_1S_4S_5 \\ + \theta_6C_1C_2C_3C_5 + \theta_5C_1C_2S_3S_4 + \theta_5C_1C_3S_2S_4 - \theta_6C_1C_5S_2S_3 \\ - \theta_6C_1C_2C_4S_3S_5 - \theta_6C_1C_3C_4S_2S_5$$

$$j_{g0,52} = C_1 - \theta_4C_2S_1S_3 - \theta_4C_3S_1S_2 + \theta_5C_2C_3S_1S_4 - \theta_6C_2C_5S_1S_3 \\ - \theta_6C_3C_5S_1S_2 - \theta_5S_1S_2S_3S_4 - \theta_6C_2C_3C_4S_1S_5 + \theta_6C_4S_1S_2S_3S_5$$

$$j_{g0,53} = C_1 - \theta_4C_2S_1S_3 - \theta_4C_3S_1S_2 + \theta_5C_2C_3S_1S_4 - \theta_6C_2C_5S_1S_3 \\ - \theta_6C_3C_5S_1S_2 - \theta_5S_1S_2S_3S_4 - \theta_6C_2C_3C_4S_1S_5 + \theta_6C_4S_1S_2S_3S_5$$

$$j_{g0,54} = \theta_5(C_2C_4S_1S_3 - C_1S_4 + C_3C_4S_1S_2) + \theta_6S_5(C_1C_4 + C_2S_1S_3S_4 \\ + C_3S_1S_2S_4) - S_1S_2S_3 + C_2C_3S_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
j_{g0,55} &= C_1 C_4 + S_{34} S_1 S_4 - \theta_6 C_{34} S_1 S_5 + \theta_6 C_1 C_5 S_4 - \theta_6 C_2 C_4 C_5 S_1 S_3 \\
&\quad - \theta_6 C_3 C_4 C_5 S_1 S_2 \\
j_{g0,56} &= C_{34} C_5 S_1 - S_5 (C_2 C_4 S_1 S_3 - C_1 S_4 + C_3 C_4 S_1 S_2) \\
j_{g0,61} &= 1 \\
j_{g0,62} &= \theta_6 S_{34} C_4 S_5 - \theta_6 C_{34} C_5 - \theta_5 S_{34} S_4 - \theta_4 C_{34} \\
j_{g0,63} &= \theta_6 S_{34} C_4 S_5 - \theta_6 C_{34} C_5 - \theta_5 S_{34} S_4 - \theta_4 C_{34} \\
j_{g0,64} &= \theta_5 C_2 C_3 C_4 - C_3 S_2 - C_2 S_3 - \theta_5 C_4 S_2 S_3 + \theta_6 C_2 C_3 S_4 S_5 - \theta_6 S_2 S_3 S_4 S_5 \\
j_{g0,65} &= \theta_6 (S_{34} S_5 - C_{34} C_4 C_5) + C_{34} S_4 \\
j_{g0,66} &= -S_{34} C_5 - C_{34} C_4 S_5
\end{aligned}$$

### 8.2.2 Jg6

$$\begin{aligned}
j_{g6,11} &= 135 C_4 S_2 S_6 + 120 C_2 C_3 C_4 S_6 + 70 C_2 C_3 C_6 S_4 + 38 C_2 C_4 S_3 S_6 \\
&\quad + 38 C_3 C_4 S_2 S_6 + 135 C_5 C_6 S_2 S_4 - 120 C_4 S_2 S_3 S_6 - 70 C_6 S_2 S_3 S_4 \\
&\quad - 70 C_2 S_3 S_5 S_6 - 70 C_3 S_2 S_5 S_6 + 70 C_2 C_3 C_4 C_5 S_6 + 120 C_2 C_3 C_5 C_6 S_4 \\
&\quad + 38 C_2 C_5 C_6 S_3 S_4 + 38 C_3 C_5 C_6 S_2 S_4 - 70 C_4 C_5 S_2 S_3 S_6 \\
&\quad - 120 C_5 C_6 S_2 S_3 S_4 \\
j_{g6,12} &= 70 C_4 C_6 - 38 C_6 S_5 - 120 S_4 S_6 - 70 C_5 S_4 S_6 + 135 S_3 S_4 S_6 + 120 C_4 C_5 C_6 \\
&\quad - 135 C_3 C_6 S_5 - 135 C_4 C_5 C_6 S_3 \\
j_{g6,13} &= 70 C_4 C_6 - 38 C_6 S_5 - 120 S_4 S_6 - 70 C_5 S_4 S_6 + 120 C_4 C_5 C_6 \\
j_{g6,14} &= 70 S_5 S_6 \\
j_{g6,15} &= 70 C_6 \\
j_{g6,16} &= 0 \\
j_{g6,21} &= 135 C_4 C_6 S_2 + 120 C_2 C_3 C_4 C_6 + 38 C_2 C_4 C_6 S_3 + 38 C_3 C_4 C_6 S_2 \\
&\quad - 70 C_2 C_3 S_4 S_6 - 120 C_4 C_6 S_2 S_3 - 70 C_2 C_6 S_3 S_5 - 70 C_3 C_6 S_2 S_5 \\
&\quad - 135 C_5 S_2 S_4 S_6 + 70 S_2 S_3 S_4 S_6 + 70 C_2 C_3 C_4 C_5 C_6 - 120 C_2 C_3 C_5 S_4 S_6 \\
&\quad - 70 C_4 C_5 C_6 S_2 S_3 - 38 C_2 C_5 S_3 S_4 S_6 - 38 C_3 C_5 S_2 S_4 S_6
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ 120C_5S_2S_3S_4S_6$$

$$j_{g6,22} = 38S_5S_6 - 120C_6S_4 - 70C_4S_6 + 135C_6S_3S_4 + 135C_3S_5S_6$$

$$- 120C_4C_5S_6 - 70C_5C_6S_4 + 135C_4C_5S_3S_6$$

$$j_{g6,23} = 38S_5S_6 - 120C_6S_4 - 70C_4S_6 - 120C_4C_5S_6 - 70C_5C_6S_4$$

$$j_{g6,24} = 70C_6S_5$$

$$j_{g6,25} = -70S_6$$

$$j_{g6,26} = 0$$



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