

0. Screw theory0.1. Rigid body movements (in 3D)

Def.: Let  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and a map  $g: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

Then  $g$  is a rigid body transform, if

$$(1) \quad \|g(q) - g(p)\| = \|q - p\| \quad \text{preserves distance}$$

$$(2) \quad g_*(v \times w) = g_*(v) \times g_*(w) \quad \text{pres. orientation}$$

$$\text{where } g_*(v) = g_*(p) - g_*(q), \quad v = p - q$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{g_*(v_1^T \cdot v_2)} = g_*(v_1)^T \cdot g_*(v_2) \quad \text{pres. angles}$$

0.2. Rotations

$$\text{Let } R_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}_{ab} & \vec{y}_{ab} & \vec{z}_{ab} \end{bmatrix}$$

If we have right handed coordinate systems, then  $\det(R) = 1$ .

Def:  $SO(3) = \{ R \mid RR^T = I, \det R = +1 \}$   
is the special orthogonal group.

Def: The Configuration space of a system is a set  $\mathcal{Q}$  such that  $\forall q \in \mathcal{Q}$  defines a valid configuration.

Bsp:  $SO(3)$  is a configuration space for rotations in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with respect to a fixed frame.

The connection with mappings  $g$ :

$R_{ab} \in SO(3) \rightarrow$  define a mapping  $g_{ab}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

Let  $q_b$  a point specified w.r. to frame  $\mathcal{O}_b$ , then

$g_{ab}(q_b) = R_{ab} q_b = q_a$ , where  $q_a$  are the coordinates in the base frame  $\mathcal{O}_a$

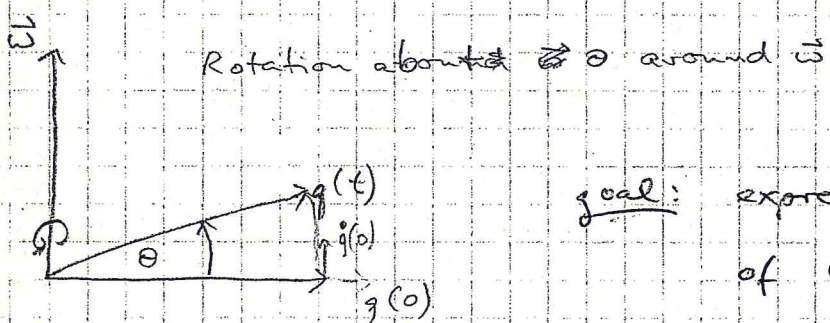
Lemma: Rotations are rigid body transforms.

Proof: Exercise

Notation:  $b \rightarrow a \times b$  is linear and can be written as  $\hat{a} \cdot b$  where

$$\hat{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 0.2. Exponential coordinates for Rotations



goal: express  $R$  as function of  $\theta, \vec{\omega}$

Motivation: assume rotation with constant unit velocity, then

$$\dot{q}(t) = \vec{\omega} \times q(t) = \hat{\omega} \cdot q(t)$$

Now integrate to obtain (because we have a linear diff. equation).

$$q(t) = e^{\hat{\omega}t} q(0)$$

where

$$e^{\hat{\omega}t} = I + \hat{\omega}t + \frac{(\hat{\omega}t)^2}{2!} + \frac{(\hat{\omega}t)^3}{3!} + \dots \text{ is matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow R(\vec{\omega}, \theta) = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} \quad , \text{ es gilt: } \boxed{\hat{\omega} = -\hat{\omega}^T}$$

Def:  $so(3) = \{ S \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \mid S^T = -S \}$

Then  $so(3)$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  has a corresponding matrix in  $so(3)$

Question: Is the map  $\exp : so(3) \rightarrow SO(3)$  surjective?  
i.e. given  $R \in SO(3)$ , do we find  $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\|\vec{w}\|=1$ ,  
 $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $R = \exp \vec{w} \theta$ ?

Answer: yes!

Proof: given:

$$(*) \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

Notation:  $\cos \theta = c_\theta$

$\sin \theta = s_\theta$

$1 - \cos \theta = v_\theta$

$$(**) \quad e^{\vec{w} \theta} = I + \vec{w} s_\theta + \vec{w}^2 (1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} w_1^2 v_\theta + c_\theta & w_1 w_2 v_\theta - w_3 s_\theta & w_1 w_3 v_\theta + w_2 s_\theta \\ w_1 w_2 v_\theta + w_3 s_\theta & w_2^2 v_\theta + c_\theta & w_2 w_3 v_\theta - w_1 s_\theta \\ w_1 w_3 v_\theta - w_2 s_\theta & w_2 w_3 v_\theta + w_1 s_\theta & w_3^2 v_\theta + c_\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating (\*) and (\*\*) we solve for  $\vec{w}$  and  $\theta$ :

Because  $\det R = 1 = \prod \lambda_i(R)$ ,  $\lambda_i$  eigenvalue of  $R$   
and eigenvalues occur in complex conjugate pairs

$$\Rightarrow \|\lambda_i\| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \leq \text{trace}(R) = \sum \lambda_i = r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} \leq 3$$

$$(***) \quad \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\text{trace}(R) - 1}{2} \right) \in [-1; 1]$$

Note: Also  $\theta \pm 2\pi n$  or  $-\theta \pm 2\pi n$  can be chosen.

Now we get from the off-diagonal terms:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} r_{32} - r_{23} &= 2\omega_1 s_\theta \\ r_{13} - r_{31} &= 2\omega_2 s_\theta \\ r_{21} - r_{12} &= 2\omega_3 s_\theta \end{aligned} \right\} \theta \neq 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\omega} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{2s_\theta}$$

Remark: For the choice  $-\theta + 2\pi n$  in (\*\*\*) we obtain  $-\vec{\omega}$  instead (flip of axis + backward rotation), i.e. there are  $2(\vec{\omega}, \theta)$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$  to generate  $R$ .

For  $\theta = 0$ , we have  $R = I$  and  $\vec{\omega}$  is arbitrary because  $e^{\vec{\omega}\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for any  $\vec{\omega}$ !

This constitutes a singularity because the map  $R \rightarrow \vec{\omega}, \theta$  is not continuous at  $R = I$ !

Def: The components  $\vec{\omega}, \theta$  are called exponential coordinates of  $R$  and canonical coordinates of  $so(3)$ .

Theorem (Euler): Any orientation  $R \in SO(3)$  is equivalent to a rotation about a fixed axis  $\vec{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  through an angle  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ .

## 0.4. Other (local) coordinates

### Euler Angles ZYZ

To generate an arbitrary rotation  $R_{ab}$  between frames  $O_a, O_b$  do:

- 1) rotate by  $\alpha$  about  $z_b = z_a$
- 2) rotate by  $\beta$  about the new  $y_b$
- 3) rotate by  $\gamma$  about the new  $z_b$

$$\Rightarrow R_{ab} = R_{z,\alpha} R_{y,\beta} R_{z,\gamma}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma - s_\alpha s_\beta & -c_\alpha c_\beta s_\gamma - s_\alpha c_\gamma & c_\alpha s_\beta \\ s_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\gamma & -s_\alpha c_\beta s_\gamma + c_\alpha c_\gamma & s_\alpha s_\beta \\ -s_\beta c_\gamma & s_\beta s_\gamma & c_\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Questions: • is  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \rightarrow R$  surjective? yes

• where are the singularities?

$$\Rightarrow \text{at } \beta = 0, \alpha = -\gamma \Rightarrow R = I$$

### Euler XYZ angles

- 1) rotate by  $\phi$  about  $x_a = x_b$  (roll)
- 2) " by  $\theta$  about old  $y_a$  (pitch)
- 3) " by  $\psi$  about old  $z_a$  (yaw)

Questions as before

Answer: Übung

Remark: There are always singularities in 3-dim. parametrisations of  $SO(3)$ .

## 0.5. Quaternions

Example of a global parametrisation of  $SO(3)$  using 4 numbers:

A quaternion is a 4-vector  $Q = (q_0, \vec{q})$  with  
 $q_0 \in \mathbb{R}$   $\vec{q} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$$Q = q_0 + q_1 i + q_2 j + q_3 k, \quad q_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

Properties:

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = i \cdot j \cdot k = -1$$

$$ij = -ji = k; \quad jk = -kj = i; \quad ki = -ik = j$$

the conjugate is  $Q^* = (q_0, -\vec{q})$

$$\Rightarrow QQ^* = \|Q\|^2 = \sum q_i^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{inverse} \frac{Q^*}{\|Q\|^2}$$

Multiplication:

$$Q \cdot P = (q_0 p_0 - \vec{q} \cdot \vec{p}, \quad q_0 \vec{p} + p_0 \vec{q} + \vec{q} \times \vec{p})$$

Quaternions form a vector space and group w.r. to multiplication.

Given a rotation  $R_{ab} = R(\vec{w}, \theta)$  define

$$Q_{ab} = (\cos(\theta/2), \vec{w} \sin(\theta/2))$$

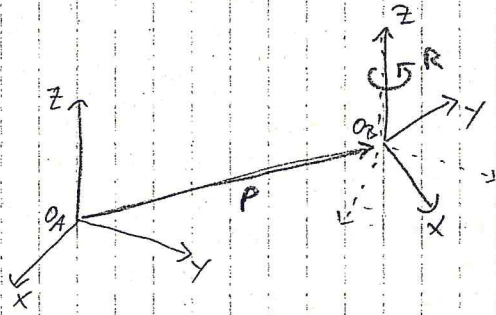
Now  $R_{ab} R_{bc} = R_{ac}$  can be identified with

$Q_{ab} \cdot Q_{bc} = Q_{ac}$ , i.e. the group structure of the quaternions make them an efficient representation of the  $SO(3)$ -group.

We can also inspect from a unit quaternion a rotation by

$$\Rightarrow Q = (q_0, \vec{q}) \rightarrow \theta = 2 \cos^{-1} q_0, \quad \vec{w} = \begin{cases} \frac{\vec{q}}{\sin(\theta/2)} & \theta \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

## 0.6. General Rigid Motion



The general motion is composed of a translation and a rotation.

Def.: The configuration space  $SE(3) = \{(p, R), p \in \mathbb{R}^3, R \in SO(3)\}$  is called special Euclidian group.

As before we define a map  $g_{ab}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  for every  $(p_{ab}, R_{ab})$  to transform a frame  $O_A$  into  $O_B$  and coordinates backward:

$$g_{ab}(q_b) = p_{ab} + R_{ab} q_b = q_a$$

The corresponding map for vectors is:

$$g_*(v) = g(s) - g(r) = R_{ab}(s-r) = R\vec{v}, \quad \vec{v} = s-r$$

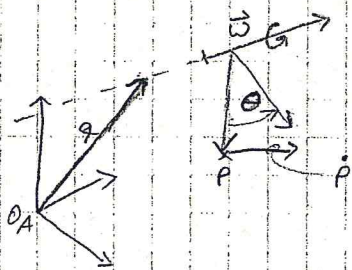
Homogeneous Representation (as 4x4 Matrix)

$$\bar{q} = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} R_{ab} & p_{ab} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{g}_{ab}(\bar{q}_b) = T \bar{q} \quad \text{for points } q.$$

$$\bar{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{g}_*(v) = T \bar{v} \quad \text{for vectors } v.$$

Remark 12: Perspective transforms and scaling by homogeneous matrices are not rigid body transforms and may not appear in  $SE(3)$ .

### Exponential Coordinates for $SE(3)$



We assume that  $p$  rotates with unit velocity, then  $\dot{p}(t) = \vec{\omega} \times (p(t) - q)$

Define  $\hat{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\omega} & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $v = -\vec{\omega} \times q$  to obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\omega} & -\vec{\omega} \times q \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \hat{\xi} \bar{p}$$

and integration yields:

$$\bar{p}(t) = e^{\hat{\xi}t} \bar{p}(0)$$

For pure translation with velocity  $v$  we define

$$\hat{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{3 \times 3} & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and set } \bar{p}(t) = e^{\hat{\xi}t} \bar{p}(0)$$

Def: An element of the set  $se(3) = \{(v, \vec{\omega}), v \in \mathbb{R}^3, \vec{\omega} \in so(3)\}$  is called a twist and has homogeneous coordinates  $\hat{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\omega} & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
 $\xi = (v, \vec{\omega})$  are the twist coordinates for  $se(3)$ .



Proposition: For given  $\hat{\xi} \in \mathfrak{se}(3)$ , the exponential map  $\exp(\hat{\xi}\theta)$  yields an element of  $SE(3)$ .

Proof: 1)  $\vec{\omega} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\xi}^2 = \hat{\xi}^3 = \hat{\xi}^i = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \exp(\hat{\xi}\theta) = I_{4 \times 4} + \hat{\xi}\theta = \begin{bmatrix} I_{3 \times 3} & v\theta \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

(pure translation)

2)  $\vec{\omega} \neq 0$ , w.r.  $\|\vec{\omega}\| = 1$

Define  $g = \begin{bmatrix} I & \vec{\omega} \times v \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\hat{\xi}' = g^{-1} \hat{\xi} g$

$$\hat{\xi}' = \begin{bmatrix} I & -\vec{\omega} \times v \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\omega} & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & \vec{\omega} \times v \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\omega} & (\vec{\omega} \vec{\omega}^T) v \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

As  $\exp(\hat{\xi}\theta) = g \exp(\hat{\xi}'\theta) g^{-1}$  ( $\rightarrow$  Übung)

and  $(\hat{\xi}')^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\omega}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$(\hat{\xi}')^3 = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\omega}^3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dots (\hat{\xi}')^i = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\omega}^i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \exp(\hat{\xi}'\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \overset{\text{rotation}}{\exp(\vec{\omega}\theta)} & (\vec{\omega} \vec{\omega}^T) v \theta \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \exp(\hat{\xi}\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \exp(\vec{\omega}\theta) & (I - \exp(\vec{\omega}\theta)) \vec{\omega} \times v + \vec{\omega} \vec{\omega}^T v \theta \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in SE(3)$$

$$= g \exp(\hat{\xi}'\theta) g^{-1} \quad \blacksquare$$

Summary:  $p(\theta) = \exp(\hat{\xi}\theta) p(0)$  expresses the relative rigid movement with respect of point  $p(0)$  w.r. to the transform  $\exp(\hat{\xi}\theta)$  and a single base frame.

Question: is  $\exp: \mathfrak{se}(3) \rightarrow SE(3)$  surjective, i.e. can every element of  $SE(3)$  be represented by a twist  $\hat{\xi} \in \mathfrak{se}(3)$ .

Answer: yes!

Proof:

1) no rotation:  $R = I$ , set  $\xi = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ p/\|p\| \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\theta = \|p\|$

2)  $R \neq I$ :

• first solve  $\exp(\tilde{\omega}\theta) = R$  as before.

• Then solve  $(I - \exp(\tilde{\omega}\theta))\tilde{\omega}x + \tilde{\omega}\tilde{\omega}^T v\theta = p$

for  $v$

it can be shown that  $(I - \exp(\tilde{\omega}\theta))\tilde{\omega} + \tilde{\omega}\tilde{\omega}^T\theta$

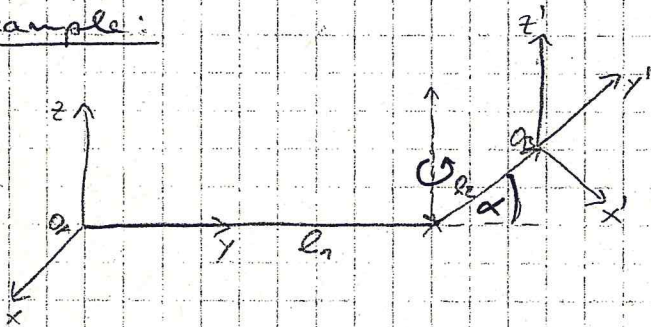
can be inverted always

$$\Rightarrow v = M^{-1}p \quad \checkmark$$

Def.: The vector  $\xi\theta = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \tilde{\omega} \end{bmatrix}\theta \in \mathbb{R}^6$  is called exponential coordinates of the rigid transform  $g \in SE(3)$ .

Remark: The map is not unique!

Example:



Find twist coordinates for  $g_{ab}$  describing the rotation about a line.

$$g_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\alpha & -s_\alpha & 0 & -l_2 s_\alpha \\ s_\alpha & c_\alpha & 0 & l_1 + l_2 c_\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (p_{ab}, R_{ab})$$

Assume  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $\tilde{\omega} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\theta = \alpha \Rightarrow \exp(\tilde{\omega}\theta) = R$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find translational part by

$$\left[ (I - \exp(\tilde{\omega}\theta))\tilde{\omega} + \tilde{\omega}\tilde{\omega}^T\theta \right] v = p_{ab}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 s_\alpha \\ l_1 + l_2 c_\alpha \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$NR \begin{vmatrix} \vec{\omega} \vec{\omega}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$I - e^{\vec{\omega} \theta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - c_\alpha & s_\alpha & 0 \\ -s_\alpha & 1 - c_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} s_\alpha & c_\alpha - 1 & 0 \\ 1 - c_\alpha & s_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha \end{pmatrix} v = p_{ab}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \left( \frac{l_1 - l_2}{2}, \frac{(l_1 + l_2) s_\alpha}{2(1 - c_\alpha)}, 0 \right)^T$$

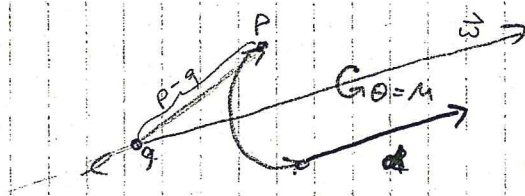
$$\Rightarrow \xi = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \alpha$$

Remark:  $p_{ab}$  is the translation of the origin of  $O_B$  with respect to the origin of  $O_A$ ,  $v$  appearing in the twist is not ~~the same~~ directly interpretable as translation!

## 0.7. Screws

Def: A screw consists of an axis  $l$ , a pitch  $h = \frac{d}{\theta}$  and a magnitude  $M$ .

It represents a rotation by an amount  $\theta = M$  about  $l$  followed by a translation by an amount  $h\theta = d$  parallel to  $l$ .



If  $h = \infty$ , i.e.  $\theta = 0$ , then the screw is a pure translation by a dist.  $M$

We associate a rigid body transform  $g$  with the screw as

$$g(p) = q + \frac{\exp(\hat{\omega}\theta)}{\theta} (p-q) + h\omega$$

or in homogeneous coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \exp(\hat{\omega}\theta) & (I - \exp(\hat{\omega}\theta))q + h\omega \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4} \\ \in SE(3) \end{matrix}$$

Now choose  $v = -\hat{\omega} \times q + h\omega$ , then the twist  $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \omega \end{pmatrix}$  generates the screw motion. ( $\|\omega\| = 1, \theta \neq 0$ ).

Vise versa: let  $\xi \in se(3)$  a twist with coordinates  $(v, \omega)^T = \xi^T$  then define screw coordinates as:

$$1) \text{ Pitch: } \begin{cases} h = \frac{\omega^T v}{\|\omega\|^2} & \text{falls } \omega \neq 0 \\ h = \infty & \text{falls } \omega = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$2) \text{ Axis: } \ell = \begin{cases} \frac{\omega \times v}{\|\omega\|^2} + \lambda \omega, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, & \text{falls } \omega \neq 0 \\ 0 + \lambda v & \text{falls } \omega = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$3) \text{ Magnitude } m = \begin{cases} \|\omega\| & \text{if } \omega \neq 0 \\ \|v\| & \text{if } \omega = 0 \end{cases}$$

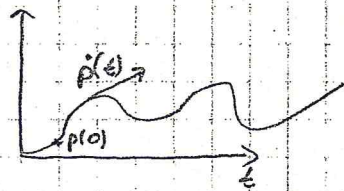
Theorem: Every rigid body motion in  $SE(3)$  can be realised by a screw motion.

Remark:

- zero pitch screws are pure rotations and can model revolute joints.
- infinite pitch screws are pure translations and can model prismatic joints.
- soon: screws also model wrenches

## 0.8. Velocities

For point particles velocities are intuitive:



velocities are the tangent vectors to the trajectory.

Problem: That does not generalize to rigid bodies!  
Intuitive clear is pure translational or rotational velocity, but the mixture is more complicated and once more expressed as twists.

Remark:  $\dot{R}_{ab} \notin \mathfrak{so}(3)$  !!

### Pure Rotation

$$q_a(t) = R_{ab}(t) q_b$$

$$v_{q_a}(t) = \underbrace{\dot{R}_{ab}(t)}_{\in \mathfrak{so}(3)} q_b$$

$$= \underbrace{\dot{R}_{ab}(t) R_{ab}^{-1}(t)}_{\in \mathfrak{so}(3)} \underbrace{R_{ab}(t) q_b}_{q_a}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{q_a}(t) = (\dot{R}_{ab}(t) R_{ab}^{-1}(t)) \cdot q_a(t)$$

Def:  $\hat{\omega}_{ab}^s = \dot{R}_{ab} R_{ab}^{-1}$  is called instantaneous angular spatial velocity, i.e. the velocity seen and expressed to the base frame  $\mathcal{O}_A$ .

Def:  $\hat{\omega}_{ab}^b = R_{ab}^{-1} \dot{R}_{ab}$  is called instantaneous angular body velocity.

Lemma:  $\hat{\omega}_{ab}^b = R_{ab}^{-1} \hat{\omega}_{ab}^s R_{ab}$

$$v_{qa} = \overset{S}{\omega}_{ab} R_{ab} q_b = \overset{S}{\omega}_{ab} \times q_a(t)$$

$$v_{qb} = R_{ab}^T v_{qa}(t) = \overset{b}{\omega}_{ab} \times q_b(t)$$

## General Case

Parametrise the motion as  $g_{ab}(t) \in SE(3)$

$$\text{i.e. } g_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{ab}(t) & p_{ab}(t) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

As before  $\dot{g}_{ab}(t)$  is not useful, but  $\dot{g}_{ab}^{-1} g_{ab}^0$  and  $\dot{g}_{ab} g_{ab}^{-1}$  can be interpreted as velocities:

$$\underline{\dot{g}_{ab} g_{ab}^{-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{R}_{ab} & \dot{p}_{ab} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{ab}^T & -R_{ab}^T p_{ab} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in se(3)$$

is a twist!

Def:  $\overset{S}{V}_{ab} = \dot{g}_{ab} g_{ab}^{-1}$  is called the spatial velocity (with respect to the base frame) and has twist coordinates

$$\overset{S}{V}_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} v_{ab}^S \\ \overset{S}{\omega}_{ab} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{R}_{ab} R_{ab}^T p_{ab} + \dot{p}_{ab} \\ (\dot{R}_{ab} R_{ab}^T) \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \overset{S}{\omega} = (\overset{S}{\omega})^V$$

Def:  $\overset{b}{V}_{ab} = g_{ab}^{-1} \dot{g}_{ab}$  is the body velocity,  $V_{ab}^b = \begin{bmatrix} v_{ab}^b \\ \overset{b}{\omega}_{ab} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{ab}^T \dot{p} \\ (R_{ab}^T \dot{R})^V \end{bmatrix}$

We get:  $v_{qa} = \overset{S}{V}_{ab} q_a = \overset{S}{\omega}_{ab} \times q_a + v_{ab}^S$

Remark: For pure rotation or translation  $\overset{S}{V}_{ab}$  complies to the intuitive understanding, i.e.

$$\overset{S}{V}_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p}_{ab} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for pure translation}$$

$$\overset{S}{V}_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \overset{S}{\omega}_{ab} \end{bmatrix} \text{ for pure rotation}$$

Zusatz:

Umrechnung  $v_{ab}^s \rightarrow v_{ab}^b$

$$\omega^s = R_{ab} \omega^b$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_{ab}^s &= p \times \omega_{ab}^s + \dot{p} & \rightarrow & \begin{cases} = p \times (R_{ab} \omega^b) + \dot{p} \\ = p \times (R_{ab} \omega^b) + R v_{ab}^b \end{cases} \\ &= -\omega^s \times p + \dot{p} \\ &= -\hat{\omega}^s \cdot p + \dot{p} \\ &= -(\dot{R} R^T)^v \times p + \dot{p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v^s \\ \omega^s \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R & \hat{p} \cdot R \\ 0 & R \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Ad}} \begin{bmatrix} v^b \\ v^s \end{bmatrix}$$

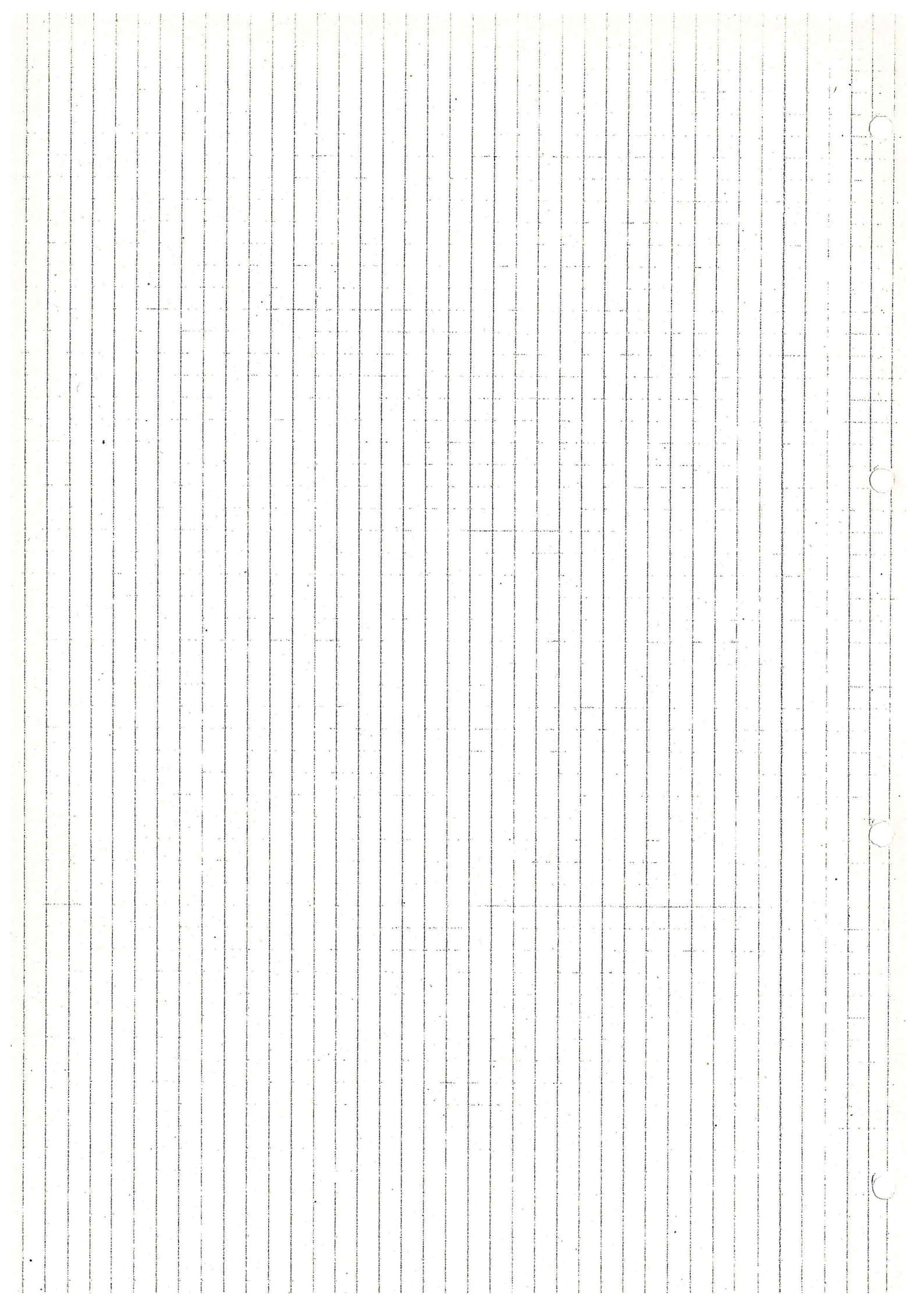
$$\text{Ad}_g^{-1} = \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \quad (\text{s. Übung})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R^{-1} & -(\hat{R^T \hat{p}}) R \\ 0 & R^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -R^T \hat{p} \\ 0 & R^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ad}_{\text{Joc}}^T = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ -\hat{p}^T R & R \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ \hat{p} R & R \end{bmatrix}$$

im 2D:  $\text{Ad}_g = \begin{pmatrix} R & \begin{bmatrix} -p_x \\ p_y \end{bmatrix} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \bar{p}$

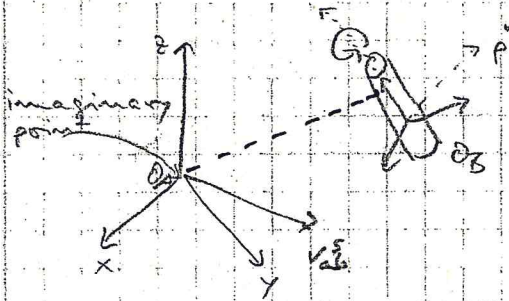
$$\Rightarrow \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^T = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ -[\bar{p}]^T R & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





The linear component  $v_{ab}^S$  is a mixture of translational and rotational parts.

$v_{ab}^S$  has a geometrical meaning; it is the velocity of a point (possibly imaginary) attached to the body frame  $O_B$  traveling through the origin of  $O_A$ .



Lemma:

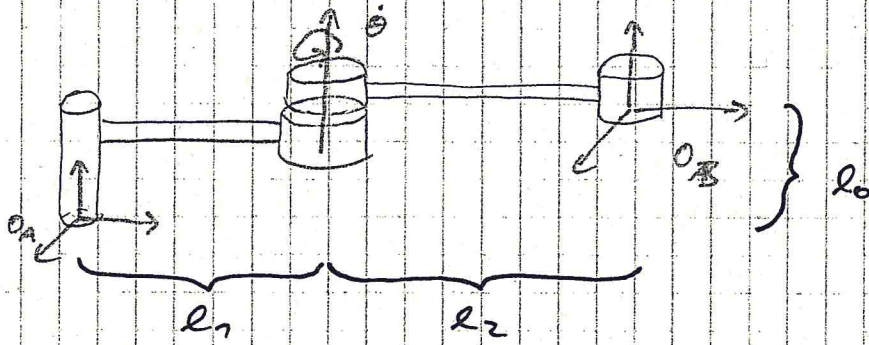
$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \hat{V}_{ab}^S &= \hat{g}_{ab} \hat{S}^{-1} = g_{ab} (g_{ab}^{-1} \hat{S}) g_{ab}^{-1} \\ &= g_{ab} \hat{V}_{ab}^B g_{ab}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \hat{V}_{ab}^S &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{V}_{ab}^S \\ \hat{\omega}_{ab}^S \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R_{ab} & \hat{P}_{ab} R_{ab} \\ 0 & R_{ab} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{V}_{ab}^B \\ \hat{\omega}_{ab}^B \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \text{Ad}(g_{ab}) \hat{V}_{ab}^B \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Ad } g_{ab}$  maps twists with coordinates  $\xi$  from the frame  $O_A$  to  $O_B$ , if  $g_{ab}$  defines the configuration of  $O_B$  with respect to  $O_A$ .

Lemma: if  $\hat{\xi} \in \mathfrak{se}(3)$  is a twist, then for any  $g \in \text{SE}(3)$ :  $g \hat{\xi} g^{-1}$  is a twist with coordinates  $\text{Ad } g \xi$ .

Example:



$${}^0_{2B} T(t) = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\theta_1}(t) & -s_{\theta_1}(t) & 0 & -l_2 s_{\theta_1}(t) \\ s_{\theta_1}(t) & c_{\theta_1}(t) & 0 & l_1 + l_2 c_{\theta_1}(t) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & l_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V^S = \begin{pmatrix} v^S \\ \omega^S \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{R} R^T P + \dot{P} \\ (R R^T)^{\leftarrow} \dot{P} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v^S \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V^S = -\dot{\theta} \begin{bmatrix} -s_{\theta_1} & -c_{\theta_1} & 0 \\ c_{\theta_1} & -s_{\theta_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_1} & s_{\theta_1} & 0 \\ -s_{\theta_1} & c_{\theta_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -l_2 s_{\theta_1} \\ l_1 + l_2 c_{\theta_1} \\ l_0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -l_2 c_{\theta_1} \\ -l_2 s_{\theta_1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}$$

$$= -\dot{\theta} \begin{bmatrix} -s c + s c & -s^2 - c^2 & 0 \\ c^2 + s^2 & s c - s c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -l_2 s_{\theta_1} \\ l_1 + l_2 c_{\theta_1} \\ l_0 \end{bmatrix} - \dot{\theta} \begin{bmatrix} l_2 c_{\theta_1} \\ l_2 s_{\theta_1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\dot{\theta} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -l_2 s_{\theta_1} \\ l_1 + l_2 c_{\theta_1} \\ l_0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} l_2 c_{\theta_1} \dot{\theta} \\ l_2 s_{\theta_1} \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rigid Body Movements:  $g = (p, R) \in SE(3)$

↳ exponential coordinates  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^6$  such that

$$e^{\hat{\xi}\theta} = g \quad \text{and} \quad \xi = (v, \omega) \quad \text{twist coordinates,}$$

$$\xi = \begin{pmatrix} \omega & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times 4}$$

twist → screw  $(h, l, \mu)$

pitch      axis      ← Magnitude

$$h = \frac{\omega^T v}{\|\omega\|^2}$$

$$l = \begin{cases} \frac{\omega \times v}{\|\omega\|^2} + \lambda \bar{\omega} & , \omega \neq 0 \\ 0 + \lambda v & , \omega = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu = \begin{cases} \|\omega\| & , \omega \neq 0 \\ \|v\| & , \omega = 0 \end{cases}$$

screw → twist

pure rotation  $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} -\omega \times \bar{q} \\ \omega \end{pmatrix} \theta$

pure translation  $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \theta$

Velocities

spatial:  $\hat{V}_{ab}^S = \dot{g}_{ab} g_{ab}^{-1} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \dot{v}_{ab}^S \\ \dot{\omega}_{ab}^S \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\dot{R}R^T p + \dot{R} \\ (R^T)^T v \end{pmatrix}$

body:  $\hat{V}_{ab}^B = g_{ab}^{-1} \dot{g}_{ab}$

↳  $\hat{V}_{ab}^S = g_{ab} \hat{V}_{ab}^B g_{ab}^{-1}$

⇒  $\hat{V}_{ab}^S = \text{Ad}_g \hat{V}_{ab}^B$ ,  $\text{Ad}_g = \begin{pmatrix} R & \hat{R}p \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}$

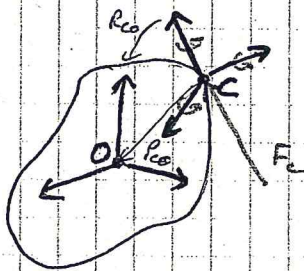
# 1 Wrenches and Grasps

A wrench is a generalised force acting at a point with linear (force) and angular (moment) components:

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}, f, \tau \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Write  $F_c = \begin{pmatrix} f_c \\ \tau_c \end{pmatrix}$  if  $F$  is with respect to  $O_c$ .

## Geometrical Motivation



O: Object  
C: Contact

1. force only:  $F_c = \begin{pmatrix} f_c \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$g_{CO} = (p_{CO}, R_{CO})$$

Obvious:  $F_o = \begin{pmatrix} f_o \\ \tau_o \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{CO}^T f_c \\ R_{CO}^T (-p_{CO} \times f_c) \end{pmatrix}$

2. add  $\tau_c$ :  $F_c = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tau_c \end{pmatrix}$

$$\hookrightarrow F_o = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ R_{CO}^T \tau_c \end{pmatrix}$$

3. general  $F_c = \begin{pmatrix} f_c \\ \tau_c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_c \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tau_c \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow F_o &= \begin{pmatrix} R_{CO}^T f_c \\ -R_{CO}^T (p \times f_c) + R_{CO}^T \tau_c \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} R_{CO}^T & \\ -R_{CO}^T \hat{p} & R_{CO}^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_c \\ \tau_c \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{Ad}_{g_{CO}}^T F_c \end{aligned}$$

We get: For  $g_{co}$  specifying the configuration of a contact  $C$  with respect to a body frame  $O$  the transpose of the adjoint  $Ad_{g^T}$  transforms wrenches  $F_c$  into equivalent wrenches  $F_o$  acting at the body frame:

$$F_o = Ad_{g_{co}}^T F_c$$

$$(\text{before: } v^o = Ad_{g_{oc}} v^c)$$

$$(\text{Note: } Ad_{g^{-1}} = Ad_g^{-1})$$

Proof (of  $F_o = Ad_{g_{co}}^T F_c$ ) by the principle of virtual work: ( $O_B$ : base frame)

$$\text{infinitesimal work } \delta W = v_{Bc}^b \cdot F_c$$

$v_{Bc}^b$  ist the object velocity with respect to the object in a base frame  $B$ ,

$F_c$  the contact wrench

$$\Rightarrow \text{net work } W = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} v_{Bc}^b \cdot F_c dt$$

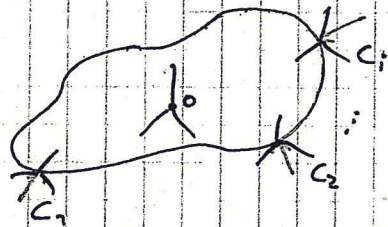
and if replace  $F_c$  by  $F_o$  and  $v_{Bc}^b$  by  $v_{Bo}^b$ , the work remains the same.

$$\begin{aligned} v_{Bo}^b \cdot F_o &= v_{Bc}^b \cdot F_c = \left( Ad_{g_{co}} v_{Bo}^b \right)^T F_c \\ &= v_{Bo}^{bT} Ad_{g_{co}}^T F_c \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_o = Ad_{g_{co}}^T F_c$$

### Typical problem:

Find the net wrench for a multi-fingered grasp



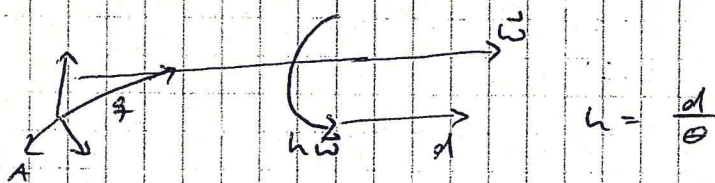
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Compute } F_o &= \sum (Ad_{g_{c_i}^{-1}})^T F_{c_i} \\ &= \sum Ad_{g_{c_i}^T} F_{c_i} \end{aligned}$$

### Screw coordinates for wrenches

Wrenches may act along screws:

Given  $(l = \vec{q} + \lambda \vec{w}, h, M, \|\vec{w}\| = 1)$ , then construct a wrench by application of a force of magnitude  $M$  along  $l$  and a torque  $hM$  about  $l$ :

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{w} \\ -\vec{w} \times \vec{q} + h\vec{w} \end{pmatrix} \cdot M, \quad h < \infty \quad (*) . 1$$



$$F = M \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vec{w} \end{pmatrix}, \quad h = \infty \quad (*) . 2$$

$F_A$  is called the wrench along the screw specified w.r. to  $A$  because  $\vec{q}, \vec{w}$  are specified in  $A$ .

To find the screw for a given wrench, solve (\*) for  $M, h, \vec{\omega}, q$  given  $F = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ \tau \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$1) (f=0) \quad \text{set } M = \|\tau\|$$

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{\tau}{\|\tau\|}$$

$$h = \infty$$

$$2) (f \neq 0) \quad \text{set } M = \|f\|$$

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{f}{\|f\|}$$

and solve  $M(-\vec{\omega} \times q + h\vec{\omega}) = \tau$  for  $h, q$ :

$$\text{eg: } h = \frac{f^T \tau}{\|f\|^2}, \quad q = \frac{f \times \vec{\omega}}{\|f\|^2}$$

## 1.2. Reciprocal screws

Def: Two screws  $s_1, s_2$  are reciprocal if the twist  $V$  about  $s_1$  and the wrench  $F$  about  $s_2$  are reciprocal, i.e.

$$V \cdot F = 0$$

Lemma:  $s_1, s_2$  are reciprocal if

$$s_1 \overset{\text{reciprocal product}}{\odot} s_2 = M_1 M_2 ((h_1 + h_2) \cos \alpha - d \sin \alpha) = 0$$

where  $\alpha$  is the angle between the screws' axis and  $d$  is the smallest distance:

$$\alpha = \text{atan2}((\omega_1 \times \omega_2) \cdot n, \omega_1 \cdot \omega_2)$$

and  $n$  is the direction along the smallest distance.

$\odot$  is called reciprocal product.

## Interpretation:

A number of screws  $s_1, \dots, s_N$  form a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^6$  if linearly.

$\Rightarrow$  The set of reciprocal screws form a "reciprocal" subspace.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } & \dim(\text{span}(s_1 \dots s_N)) \\ & + \dim(\text{span}(\text{reciprocal system})) \\ & = 6 \end{aligned}$$

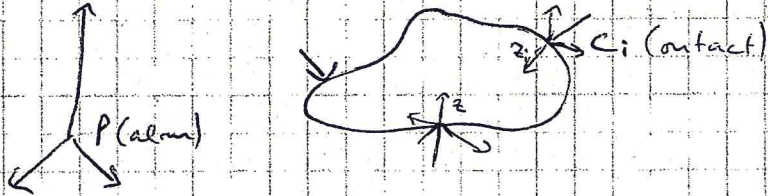
$\Rightarrow$  Interpreting screws as wrenches, the reciprocal system yields motions (via twists) which can not be resisted.

$\Rightarrow$  Interpretation of screws as twists yields wrenches in the reciprocal system, which cause no motion.

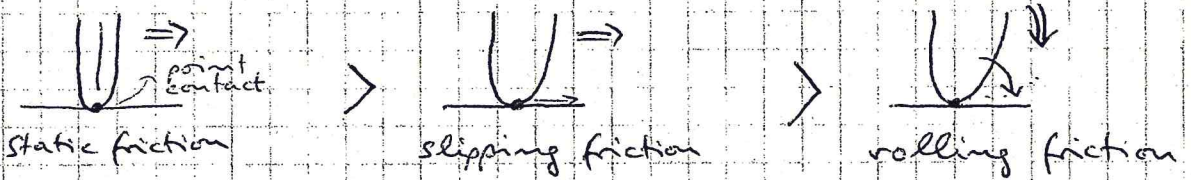


1.3. Contacts and friction models

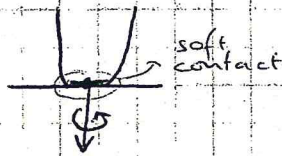
We consider (point) contact at fixed locations, i.e. a situation described by the coordinate systems of Fig. and  $g_{p0}, g_{oc_i}$ . By convention, the z-axis of the  $C_i$ -systems is pointing inwards along the surface normal.



Different contact models have to consider different friction types and properties of the fingers:



soft finger contacts:



torsional friction  $\Rightarrow$  allows also a torque around the surface worn

We consider three cases characterised by different wrench basis  $B$  and friction cones  $FC$ :

1) Frictionless point contact

The applied wrench in  $C_i$  coordinates is:

$$F_{C_i} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot f_i, \quad f_i \geq 0$$

← wrench basis  $B_i$

$$FC_c = \{ f_i \in \mathbb{R}^+ \}$$

## 2) Point contact with Coulomb friction

Write  $f$  as  $f = f_n + f_t$  :  $\frac{f_t}{f_n}$

Coulomb's law:

slipping starts if  $|f_t| > \mu f_n$

where  $\mu$  is the friction coefficient of the materials.

Geometrically, the set of forces which can be applied, are in a cone with angle  $\alpha = \tan^{-1} \mu$ .

The wrench applied can be written as

$$F_{c_i} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & & 0_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{wrench basis } \mathcal{B}_i} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{B}_i f_{c_i}$$

$$FC_c = \left\{ f \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid f_3 > 0, \sqrt{f_1^2 + f_2^2} \leq \mu f_3 \right\}$$

## 3) Soft finger contact

We assume that additionally a torque around the surface normal can be applied:

$$F_{c_i} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot f_{c_i} \in FC_c$$

$$FC_c = \left\{ f \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid f_3 > 0, \sqrt{f_1^2 + f_2^2} \leq \mu f_3, |f_4| \leq \gamma f_3 \right\}$$

where  $\gamma$  is the torsional friction coefficient.

The general contact model is

$$B_{c_i} \in \mathbb{R}^p \times m_i$$

where  $p$  is the dimension of the wrench space ( $p=6$  in 3D,  $p=3$  in 2D) and  $m_i$  is the number of independent forces, that can be applied, together with the friction cone  $F_{C_i}$ .

For the friction cone it holds

$$f_1, f_2 \in F_{C_i} \Rightarrow \alpha f_1 + \beta f_2 \in F_{C_i} \text{ for } \alpha, \beta > 0$$

#### 1.4. The grasp map

Consider a grasp defined by the configuration  $g_0$  and a number  $k$  of contact points  $g_{c_i}$  and determine the net effect of the applied wrenches.

$$F_0 = \sum \text{Ad}_{g_{c_i}}^T F_{c_i}$$

where  $F_{c_i} = B_{c_i} f_{c_i}$ ,  $f_{c_i} \in F_{C_i}$

Then

$$F_0 = \sum \begin{bmatrix} R_{c_i} & 0 \\ p_{c_i} R_{c_i} & R_{c_i} \end{bmatrix} B_{c_i} f_{c_i}$$

Define  $G_{c_i} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} B_{c_i}$

to obtain

$$F_0 = G_{c_1} f_{c_1} + \dots + G_{c_k} f_{c_k} = \vec{G}^T \vec{f}$$

Def:  $G = \left[ \text{Ad}_{g_{c_1}}^T B_{c_1}, \dots, \text{Ad}_{g_{c_k}}^T B_{c_k} \right]: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  
 $m = m_1 + \dots + m_k$

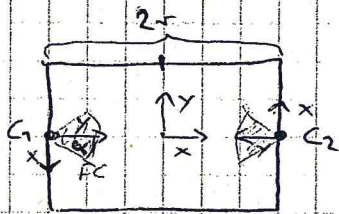
is called grasp map.

We write  $F_0 = G f_c$ , where  $f_c = (f_{c_1} \dots f_{c_k})^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Write  $FC = FC_{c_1} \times FC_{c_2} \times \dots \times FC_{c_k} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Def: A grasp is a pair  $G, FC$ .

Example: Planar grasping of a box by means of 2 contacts with friction:



$$F_0 = \begin{bmatrix} f_0 \\ c_0 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1,2} \begin{bmatrix} R_{oc_i} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} -p_{y_i} & p_{x_i} \end{bmatrix} R_{oc_i} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_i \\ c_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{oc_i} \in SE(2), \quad f_i \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad c_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$R_{oc_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_{oc_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p_{oc_1} = \begin{bmatrix} -r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad p_{oc_2} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

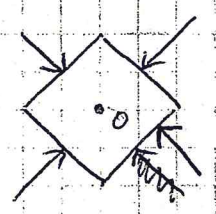
$$B_{c_i} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ r & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

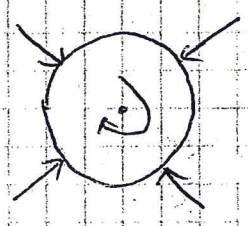
## 2 Grasp Properties

### 2.1. Form Closure

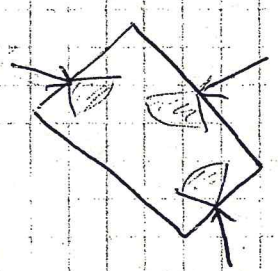
Def.: A grasp is form closed if it can resist any external disturbance wrench, irrespective of the magnitude of the frictional contact forces.



form closed



not form closed because rotation



not form closed because here we rely on friction!

There are construction conditions to evaluate form closure: Compute the grasp matrix for frictionless contacts:

$$F_{0i} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{oc_i} & 0 \\ \hat{A}_{oc_i} R_{oc_i} & R_{oc_i} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ f_i \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_1 \times m_1 \end{bmatrix} & \dots & \begin{bmatrix} m_N \\ \vdots \\ p_N \times m_N \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times N}$$

To resist arbitrary wrenches in  $\mathbb{R}^6$  we have to require that  $G(Fc)$  span the whole  $\mathbb{R}^6$ .

Lemma:

A grasp is form closed

$\Leftrightarrow$  the columns of  $G$  positively span  $\mathbb{R}^6$ ,  
i.e.

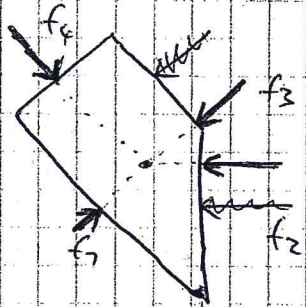
$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^6$  there exist  $\alpha_i > 0$  such that

$$\sum \alpha_i \text{col}_i(G) = x$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  the origin is an <sup>inner</sup> element of the convex hull of  $\text{col}(G)$ , i.e.

$$\exists \lambda_i > 0, \sum \lambda_i = 1 : \sum \lambda_i \text{col}_i(G) = 0$$

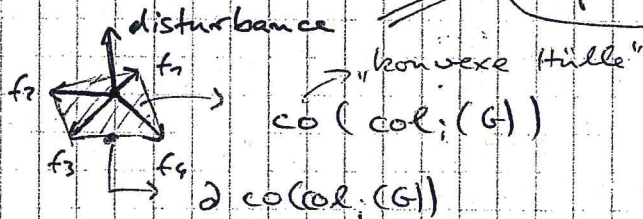
$$\wedge 0 \notin \partial \text{co}(\text{col}_i(G))$$



$\Leftarrow$  no moments

$$\Rightarrow \text{col}_i(G_i) = \begin{bmatrix} m_i \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

in wrench space!



$\Rightarrow$  it is always possible to find a positive combination of  $\text{col}_i(G)$  which points in the negative direction of the disturbance force.

$\Rightarrow$  torques can not be resisted in this example.

$\Rightarrow$  if the wrench space has  $\dim N$ , then we need at least  $N+1$  points contacts for form closure.

Remark: There are lots of algorithms to evaluate the convexity condition.

## 2.2. Force closure and internal forces

Def.: A grasp is force closed if for any external disturbance wrench  $F_e$  there exists a  $f \in FC$  such that  $Gf = -F_e$

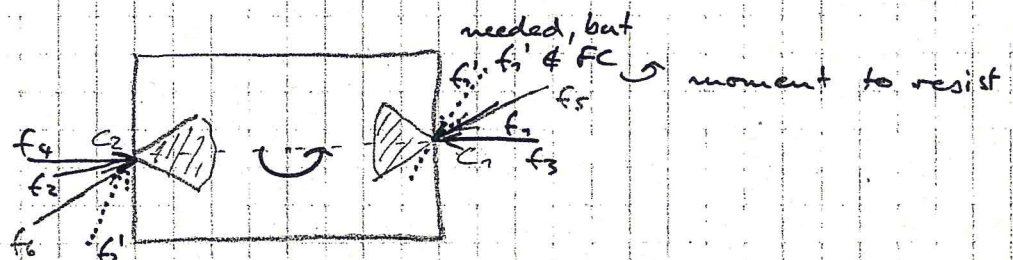
We have: form closure  $\Rightarrow$  force closure  
form closure  $\not\Leftarrow$  force closure

Force closure grasps are characterized by internal forces  $f_{int}$  which cause no net effect on the object, i.e.:

$$Gf_{int} = 0 \Leftrightarrow f_{int} \text{ in the nullspace } N(G) \text{ of } G.$$

On the other hand, if  $f_{int} \in N(G)$ , then it is called an internal force; if  $f_{int} \in (\text{interior}(N(G)) \cap FC)$ , then it is called strictly internal force.

An internal force is a set of forces represented with respect to the contact frames and the wrench basis at each contact.

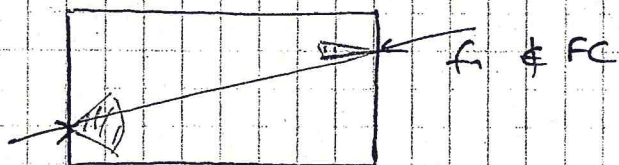


In this configuration, there is a disturbance rotation

which can not be resisted with fixed force magnitude.

But using internal forces  $f_3, f_4$ , the resulting  $f_5, f_6$  are inside the friction cones.

If the "potentially" counteracting forces are not inside the friction cone  $FC$ , then there is no force closure:



Lemma: A grasp is force closed if and only if  $G$  is surjective and  $\exists f_r \in \text{int}(MG) \cap FC$ .

" $\Leftarrow$ ": Murray p. 224

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Assume we have force closure.

Then choose for  $F_e$

$$f_1: Gf_1 = F_e \neq 0, f_1 \in FC$$

$$\Rightarrow f_2: Gf_2 = -F_e \neq 0, f_2 \in FC$$

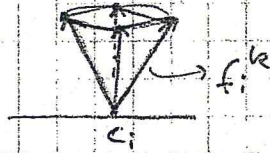
$$\Rightarrow f_r = f_1 + f_2 \text{ is internal}$$



How to check force closure?

Problem: Forming the convex hull for 3D cones is not directly possible.

⇒ approximate the 3D-cones by a finite number of  $k$  boundary vectors:



⇒ Then treat all  $f_i^k$  as point contacts and form the convex hull for  $F_{OC_i}^k = [Ad_{g_{i,c_i}}^T f_i^k] = \begin{bmatrix} f_i^k \\ p_i \times f_i^k \end{bmatrix}$

The grasp is force closure if  $0 \in \text{co}(\{F_{OC_i}^k\})$

2.3. Quality measures

Most of such measures are based on the convex hull approximation for force closure. For comparison consider normalized wrenches (forces)

Two approaches:

$$(1) \|f_{c_i}\| = 1$$

$$(2) \|\sum f_{c_i}\| = 1 \quad (\text{easier, because convex hull can be used directly})$$

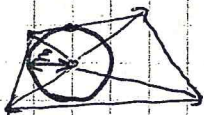
↳ define  $W = \{ \text{set of all wrenches possible to be applied under } \|\sum f_{c_i}\| = 1 \}$   
 $= \text{co}(\{ \begin{bmatrix} f_i^k \\ p_i \times f_i^k \end{bmatrix} \})$

as for testing force closure.

Remark: It was proposed to use a scaling factor  $\begin{bmatrix} f_i^k \\ \lambda(p_i \times f_i^k) \end{bmatrix}$ , eg  $\lambda = \frac{1}{r}$  proportional to the radius  $r$  of the object to achieve scale invariance.

## measures:

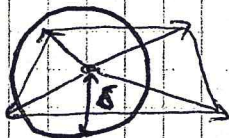
- 1) largest  $\epsilon$ -ball fully inside the wrenchpolytope



The direction where the radius touches the border of the polytope gives also the worst disturbance.

Problem: Not independent to the torque origin  
→ use center of mass.

- 2) use the radius of the average  $\delta$ -ball



- 3) define  $V^F$ , the projection of the convex hull to the 3 force dimensions only or to
- 4)  $V^M$  for torque dimension + looking at  $\epsilon$  or  $\delta$ .

## Remarks:

- yield criteria to optimize choice of grasping points: maximize  $\epsilon$  w.r. to  $f_i \in FC_i$ ;  
⇒ there are efficient LMI (Linear Matrix Inequality) algorithms to do this [Trinkle 99]

But: Geometrical information about the object and possible (task-dependent) disturbances is lost!

2.4. Perturbation closure

Idea: compute for given object and given set of disturbances all changes of necessary grasp forces:

- 1) derive a formula, how fingertip forces  $f_i$  change for a given perturbation  $F, r$ :

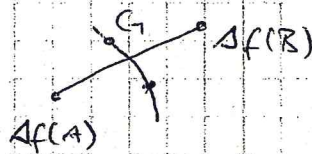
$$\Delta f_i = F(F, r, G) \quad (\text{possible} \rightarrow \text{Hae/Wu 1999})$$

- 2) (2D)



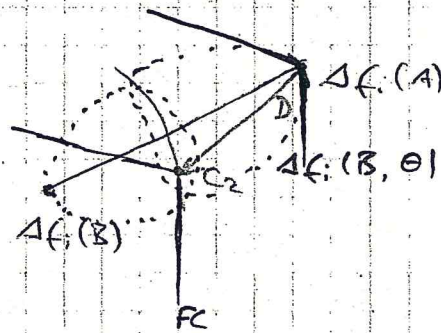
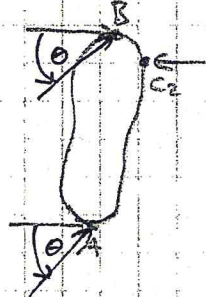
- a) Move F at fixed orientation along the object contour, then the "worst case" for  $\Delta f_i$  occurs at A and B, where F is tangential.

⇒ draw  $\Delta f(F, r)$



(s. Skript 2)

- b) now change orientation of F at A and B + draw the corresponding  $\Delta f_i(A, \theta)$  curve



- c) now geometrically find needed counterforce  
Draw lines parallel to the friction cone at C1 and tangential to the graphs of  $\Delta f_i(A, \theta)$

$\Delta f(B, \Theta)$ . The vector  $(D, C)$  from the intersection to the contact point yields the maximal needed force to counteract the given  $F_a$  along the object contour for all possible  $\Theta$ .

⇒ Quality measure

$$m = \frac{\mu}{\max(\|\Delta f\|)} ; \mu = \|F\| \text{ for given set of } \Theta \text{ and a contour.}$$

It can be shown:

$$0 < m < n \cdot \frac{\mu}{(1+\mu)^2} \text{ holds, where } \mu \text{ is a uniform friction coefficient.}$$

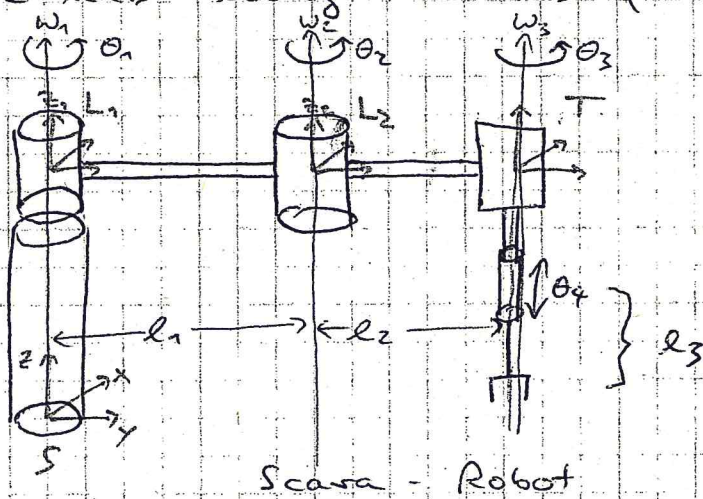
## 4 Kinematics and Manipulation

### 4.1. Motivation: Manipulation needs Kinematics

Considers manipulators with revolute joints (angles  $\theta_i \in Q_i$ ,  $Q_i = [0, 2\pi]$ ) and also prismatic joints (displacements  $\theta_i \in Q_i = \mathbb{R}$ )

Define for  $k$  joints the joint space  $Q$  as

$Q = Q_1 \times Q_2 \times \dots \times Q_k$  and chose a base frame  $S$ , a tool frame  $T$  and intermediate frames with  $z$ -axis along the axis of motion for each joint



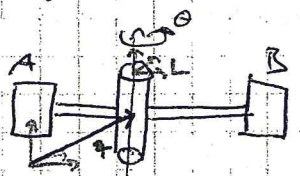
Then

$$g_{st} : Q \rightarrow SE(3)$$

is the forward kinematics mapping. We can generate  $g_{st}$  in different ways:

- 1) conventionally by using relative configurations  $g_{st}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) = g_{sL_1}(\theta_1) \cdot g_{L_1L_2}(\theta_2) \cdot \dots \cdot g_{kT}(\theta_k)$
- 2) directly use the twists associated with screw motions in the joints with twist coordinates  $\xi$

$$g_{ab}(\theta) = \exp(\xi \theta) \cdot g_{ab}(0)$$



$$\xi = \begin{bmatrix} -\omega \times \rho \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Delta f: (B, \Theta)$ . The vector  $(D, C_i)$  from the intersection to the contact point yields the maximal needed force to counteract the given  $F_a$  along the object contour for all possible  $\Theta$ .

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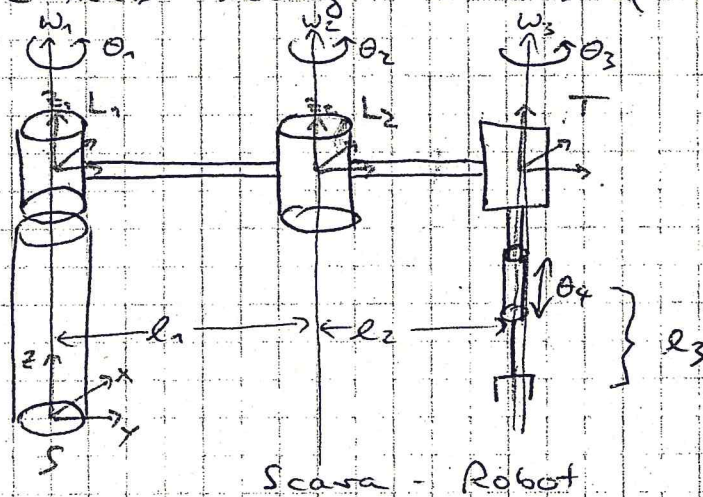
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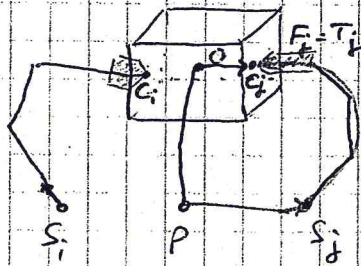
$$g_{ab}(\theta) = \exp(\xi \theta) \cdot g_{ab}(0)$$



4.3. Fingers Kinematics and grasp constraints

Assume fixed contact points, then the kinematics yield constraints:

the velocities of the fingertips (tool frame) and the velocities of the respective contact frames have to be equal.



Model the hand as a collection of fingers w.r. to a common palm  $P$ , then  $F_i$  moves with the  $i$ -th finger, whereas  $C_i$  moves with the object. The constraint requires that the relative velocity between  $F_i$  and  $C_i$  must be zero in directions defined by the contact model  $R_{C_i}$ :

$$R_{C_i}^T v_{F_i, C_i}^b = 0 \quad (*)$$

Now expand  $v_{F_i, C_i}^b$  in quantities we know (body velocities,  $G, J_h$ ) using  $A$ .

Remember:  $v_{ac}^b = Ad_{gbc}^{-1} v_{ab}^b + v_{bc}^b \quad (1)$

$(a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c)$   
 $F \rightarrow P \rightarrow C_i$   
 $v_{ab}^b = -Ad_{gab} v_{ba}^b \quad (2)$



5. Grasp Constraints

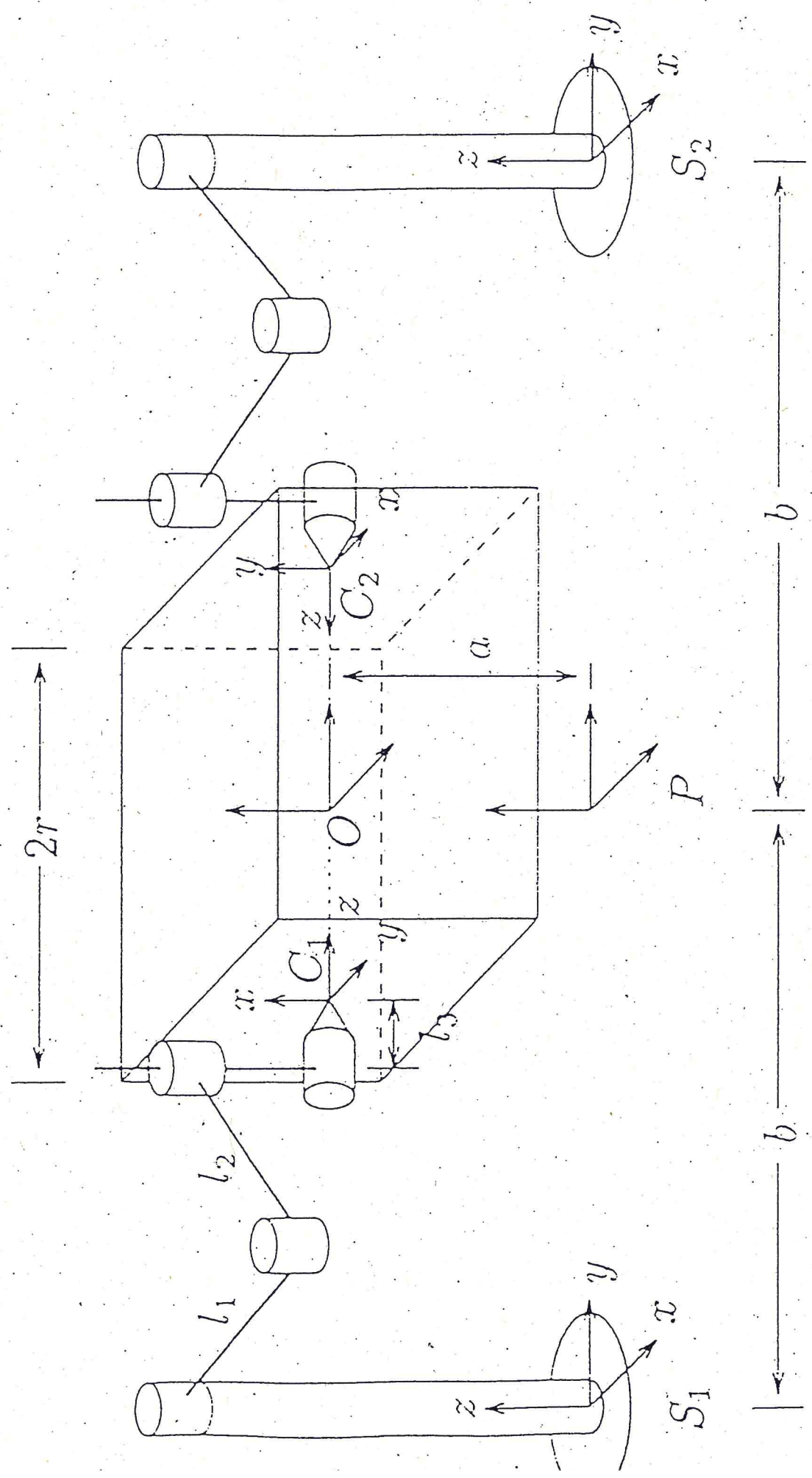


Figure 5.17: Two-fingered grasp using SCARA robots.

# Chapter 5. Multifingered Hand Kinematics

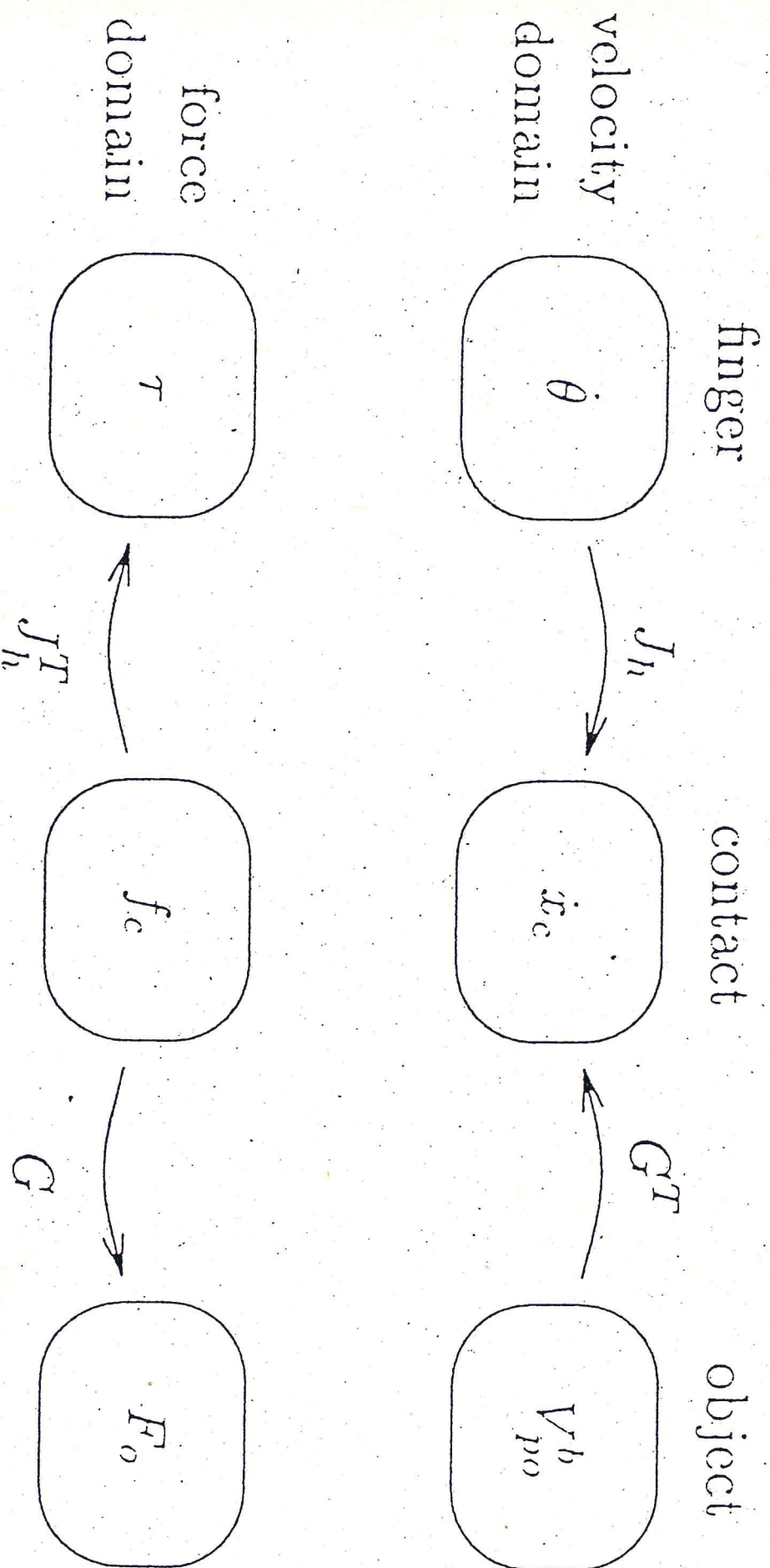


Figure 5.15: Diagram of relationships for a multifingered grasp. The contact force must satisfy  $f_c \in FC$  for these relationships to hold.

(Skip the "b" - superscript for body-velocity)

$$V_{F_i, C_i} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \underbrace{Ad_{g_{PC_i}}^{-1} V_{F_i, P_i}} + \underbrace{V_{PC_i}}$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{=} \underbrace{- Ad_{g_{PC_i}}^{-1} Ad_{g_{PF_i}} V_{PF_i}} + \underbrace{V_{PC_i}}$$

Also:  $V_{PC_i} \stackrel{(1)}{=} Ad_{g_{OC_i}}^{-1} V_{PO}$

Substitute in the constraint:

$$\begin{aligned} B_{C_i}^T (Ad_{g_{PC_i}}^{-1} Ad_{g_{PF_i}}) V_{PF_i}^b \\ &= \underbrace{B_{C_i}^T Ad_{g_{OC_i}}^{-1} V_{PO}^b}_{[G^T]} \\ &= \underbrace{B_{C_i}^T (Ad_{g_{PC_i}}^{-1} Ad_{g_{PF_i}} Ad_{g_{S_i, F_i}}^{-1})}_{\underbrace{\quad}_{J_{S_i, F_i}^S}} V_{S_i, F_i}^S \\ &= B_{C_i}^T Ad_{g_{S_i, C_i}}^{-1} \underbrace{\quad}_{J_{S_i, F_i}^S} \dot{\theta}^i \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow [G^T]_i V_{PO}^b = B_{C_i}^T Ad_{g_{S_i, C_i}}^{-1} J_{S_i, F_i}^S \dot{\theta}^i$$

where  $\dot{\theta}^i$ : vector of joint velocity for i-th finger

Definition Define the hand Jacobian for k contacts  
→ s. Übungszettel 9 → maple-File

$$J_h(\vec{\theta}, x_0) = \begin{bmatrix} B_{C_1}^T Ad_{g_{S_1, C_1}}^{-1} J_{S_1, F_1}^S(\vec{\theta}^1) & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & B_{C_k}^T Ad_{g_{S_k, C_k}}^{-1} J_{S_k, F_k}^S(\vec{\theta}^k) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_h(\theta, x_0) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$n = n_1 + \dots + n_k$ ,  $n_k$  is the number of joints of the i-th finger,  $\vec{\theta}^i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i}$  and  $x_0$  is the default configuration  $g_{PO} \Leftrightarrow$

and the fingers S.S.F. Now write the grasp constraint as

$$\boxed{J_h(\theta, x_0) \dot{\theta} = G^T v_{po}^b} \quad (**)$$

#### 4.4. Manipulability

Evaluate the possibility of the finger moving the object by properties of  $J_h$ :

Def.: A multifingered grasp is manipulable at a configuration  $(\theta, x_0)$ , if for any object motion  $v_{po}^b$  there exists a  $\dot{\theta} = [\dot{\theta}^1, \dot{\theta}^2, \dots]^T$  satisfying (\*\*).

It holds:

$$\text{grasp manipulable} \Leftrightarrow \overset{\text{range} = \text{Rang?}}{\downarrow} R(G^T) \subseteq R(J_h(\theta, x_0))$$

Remarks:

- for manipulation,  $J_h$  must be full row rank
- in case  $n > m$  (redundancy) there exist  $\dot{\theta} \in N(J_h)$  <sup>nullspace</sup> called internal motions, which have no effect on the object velocity.
- redundancy can <sup>(also)</sup> appear by combination of non-redundant fingers.
- then use dynamics!

## 4.5. Structural Forces

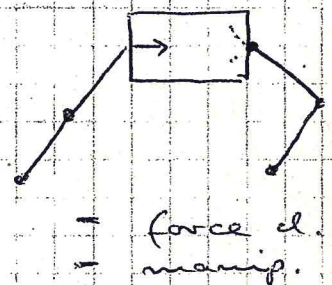
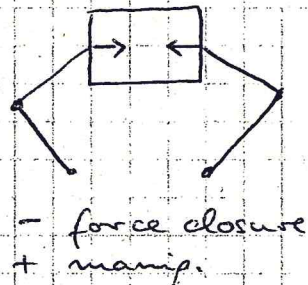
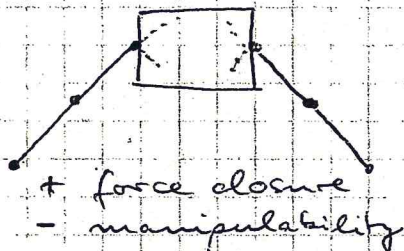
The hand-Jacobian also relates (object) forces to joint  $\tau$  torques (by the principle of virtual work)

$$\tau = J_h^T f_c, \quad f_c \in FC$$

In case the grasp is not manipulable,  $J_h^T$  has a non trivial null-space, i.e. there exist  $f_c \in N(J_h^T)$  with  $0 = J_h^T f_c$ .

Such forces are called structurally dependent forces, since they generate forces in the physical mechanism (which may be evaluated using the elastic properties of the materials and mechanisms involved)

Remark: Manipulability and force closure are independent!



Example (Bild sieht Kopie!)

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grasp map:

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{rank?}$$

$$R_G = \begin{bmatrix} I & \\ 0 & \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix}, \quad l_3 = 0$$

$$J_{S,F}^S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & l_1 c_1 & l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & l_1 s_1 & l_1 s_1 + l_2 s_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & a & b & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g_{PO}: \quad R_{OP} = I, \quad P_{OP} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ad_{g_{S,C_1}}^{-1} = Ad_{g_{OC_1}}^{-1} \cdot Ad_{g_{PO}}^{-1} \cdot Ad_{g_{S,P}}$$

results:

$$Ad_{g_{S,C_1}}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{S_1 C_1}^T & \begin{pmatrix} b-r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & r-b \\ -a & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 & R_{S_1 C_1}^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_{S_1 C_1}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Ad_{g_{S_2 C_2}}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{S_2 C_2}^T & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b-r \\ r-b & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 & R_{S_2 C_2}^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_{S_2 C_2}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J_H = \begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & \\ & J_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad J_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -b+r+l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_{12} & 1 \\ -b+r & -b+r+l_1 c_1 & l_1 s_1 + l_2 s_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & l_1 s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow G^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin R(J_H) = \text{The grasp is not manipulable.}$$

## 5 Simulation of Grasping

- Goals:
- test algorithms offline without involving the costly hardware for:
    - choice of grasp points
    - force optimisation
    - quality measures
    - geometric feasibility
    - learning
    - ...

### Issues for simulation:

- geometry: objects, hand
- render (takes most computing time!)
- kinematics (generate joints)
- sensors (forces, position, velocity, cameras, ...)
- friction + collisions (→ efficiency important!)
- ↓ material properties

up to here is everything static and „many“ people have this „in house“, most prominent GRASPIT!

[www.cs.columbia.edu/~namiller/graspit](http://www.cs.columbia.edu/~namiller/graspit)

- simulate the dynamics
  - rigid body dynamics
  - friction (static vs. sliding vs. rolling)
  - actuators (motors etc.)

### Applications: Games, Fun, Science

Here look at simulating the dynamics only!

## General approach:

Assume that a velocity constraint is given:

$$\dot{C} = 0 = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q} \quad \text{where}$$

$C$  is a function of state variables  $q$ . Then  $\frac{\partial C}{\partial \dot{q}} = J$  is called the constraint Jacobian.

Then:  $\ddot{C} = \dot{J} \dot{q} + J \ddot{q}$ ,  $\dot{J} = \frac{\partial \dot{C}}{\partial \dot{q}}$

and  $\ddot{q} = W \left[ \begin{pmatrix} F \\ m \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \hat{F} \\ \hat{m} \end{pmatrix} \right]$  ← constraint force / moment

↑  
material properties  
mass inertia

$$\ddot{C} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow J W \begin{pmatrix} \hat{F} \\ \hat{m} \end{pmatrix} = -\dot{J} \dot{q} - J W \begin{pmatrix} F \\ m \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\left( \frac{\hat{F} x}{\hat{m}} = -\dot{x} \dot{x} - \frac{F x}{m} \right)$$

As before by the virtual work principle:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{F} \\ \hat{m} \end{pmatrix} \dot{q} = 0, \quad \forall \dot{q} : \frac{\dot{C}=0}{\dot{m}} \dot{q} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \hat{F} \\ \hat{m} \end{pmatrix} = J^T \vec{\lambda}, \quad \vec{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{\dim C}$$

$J^T \vec{\lambda}$  is normal to the hypersurface  $C=0$  because the rows of the Jacobian are the gradients of the  $C_i$ -functions, and  $J^T \vec{\lambda}$  forms a linear combination of gradient direction (normals).

$$J v = J \dot{q} = 0 \quad \text{are the legal velocities}$$

and the orthogonal complement  $J^T \vec{\lambda}$  can counteract deviations from these.



Finally solve for  $\lambda$ :

$$J\omega J^T \lambda = -\dot{J}\dot{q} - J\omega(\dot{u}) \quad (*)$$

(linear systems to be solved for  $\lambda$  in each timestep numerically)

Then compute acceleration etc.

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Example:

Contact constraints leads to velocity condition:

$O_1, O_2$  are centers of masses of objects

$p_{o_1 c_1}, p_{o_2 c_2}$  are the vectors for the contact points.

$$C(\dot{q}) = \vec{n}^T v_1 + \vec{n}^T \omega_1 \times p_{o_1 c_1} = \vec{n}^T v_2 + \vec{n}^T \omega_2 \times p_{o_2 c_2} = 0, \vec{n}: \text{normal}$$

$$\Rightarrow J \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ -v_2 \\ p_{o_1 c_1} \\ p_{o_2 c_2} \end{pmatrix}}_{\dot{q}} = 0, \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{n}^T \\ -\vec{n}^T \\ \vec{n}^T \times p_{o_1 c_1} \\ \vec{n}^T \times p_{o_2 c_2} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \dot{q}}$$

Now proceed with (\*)

## Simulation issues

Typical problem: instability due to numerical inaccuracy and approximations (mass, inertia, constraints never fulfilled..)

⇒ constraints are never exactly maintained.

Approaches to cope with this:

- add in the velocity constraint error correction terms:

$$m^T (v_1 - v_2 + \omega_1 \times p_1 - \omega_2 \times p_2) = \frac{\epsilon}{\Delta t} \underbrace{(v_1 - v_2 + (\omega_1 - \omega_2))}_{\text{error}}$$

$\epsilon = 1$  would correct the error in one time step, but once more generates instability (wants to be exact in next time step → does not work)

Recommended is  $0,1 < \epsilon < 0,8$

- add terms to allow interpenetration:

$$j \cdot \dot{q} = \frac{\delta \epsilon}{\Delta t} (\cdot) + \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} \hat{F} \\ \hat{n} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{F} \\ \hat{n} \end{pmatrix}$  is normal to the constraint surface.

Proper settings of  $\epsilon, \delta$  allow an "elastic spring" behaviour with damping! (implemented in Vortex)

- compute \* only approximately by neglecting  $j \cdot \dot{q}$  terms. and also

## Collision detection

Geometric (hard) ~~obj~~ problem:

for  $n$  objects there are  $n^2$  potential collisions,  
complex objects have many potential collision points

Different approaches to simplify the problems:

- velocity constraints
- known analytic trajectories
- sparse environment
- specialised objects (box, balls, cylinders)
- convex objects
- approximation by outer boxes (in robotics to ensure safety regions, i.e. to avoid collisions)
- release real time constraint

A general (fast) solution can be obtained in steps:

- (1) pairwise collisions of convex objects
- (2) extension to multiple objects by efficient search of candidate pairs,
- (3) use hierarchical models of combinations of convex objects.

Here consider (1) only.

Idea: use polytopes only and describe it by features (vertices, edges, faces) and track the pair of closest features.

Ansatz: Compute Voronoi-Regions<sup>VCR</sup> for each feature,  
i.e. the set of points closest to that feature,  
they are defined by planes and always share planes with neighboring features.

Then, if a point  $P_A$  on object  $A$  is in the Voronoi-region of feature  $f_B$  on  $B$  and vice versa, then  $f_A$  and  $f_B$  are closest.

1) The Voronoi-regions and the feature data structure can be precomputed.

Track closest features by:

- 1) Precompute regions
- 2) Pick randomly two features
- 3) Check if  $f_B \in V(f_A)$  and  $f_A \in V(f_B)$
- 4) If not, pick better neighbors
- 5) go to 3.

This involves local tests only  $\rightarrow$  is fast

$\Rightarrow$  available in free code: II-COLLIDE!

## ~~7.7. Information und Lernen~~

~~Information besitzt immer eine Unsicherheit, indem aus versch. Mögl. (Nachrichten) eine ausgewählt wird.~~

~~Maß für Information - gewünschte Eigenschaften:~~

- ~~• sicheres Ereignis  $\vec{x}_i$  (mit  $P(\vec{x}_i) = 1$ ) enthält geringe Information~~
- ~~• unwahrscheinliches Ereignis ( $P(\vec{x}_i) \ll 1$ ) enthält große Information.~~