

### 3 Newton-Euler Inverse Dynamics

- Consider the inverse dynamics (ID) problem for an  $n$ -link open chain connected by one-dof joints.
- Given the joint positions  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , velocities  $\dot{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and accelerations  $\ddot{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the objective is to calculate the right-hand side of the dynamics equation, ultimately to obtain  $\tau$

$$\tau = M(\theta)\ddot{\theta} + h(\theta, \dot{\theta})$$

- Main result is a recursive ID algorithm consisting of a forward and a backward iteration stage.
  - In the forward iteration, the positions, velocities, and accelerations of each link are propagated from the base to the tip
  - In the backward iteration, the forces and moments experienced by each link are propagated from the tip to the base.

### 3.1 Derivation

- A body-fixed reference frame  $\{i\}$  is attached to the center of mass (CoM) of each link  $i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .
- The base frame is denoted  $\{0\}$ , and a frame at the end-effector is denoted  $\{n+1\}$ , which is fixed in  $\{n\}$ .
- When the manipulator is at the home position, with all joint variables zero,

$M_{i,j} \in SE(3)$  : configuration of frame  $\{j\}$  in the frame  $\{i\}$

$M_i = M_{0,i}$  : configuration of  $\{i\}$  in the base frame  $\{0\}$

- With these definitions,  $M_{i-1,i}$  and  $M_{i,i-1}$  can be calculated as

$$M_{i-1,i} = M_{i-1}^{-1}M_i \quad \text{and} \quad M_{i,i-1} = M_i^{-1}M_{i-1}$$

- The screw axis for joint  $i$ , expressed in the link frame  $\{i\}$ , is  $\mathcal{A}_i$ . This same screw axis is expressed in the space (or base) frame  $\{0\}$  as  $\mathcal{S}_i$ , where the two are related by

$$\mathcal{A}_i = Ad_{M_i^{-1}}(\mathcal{S}_i)$$

- Defining  $T_{i,j} \in SE(3)$  to be the configuration of frame  $\{j\}$  in  $\{i\}$  for arbitrary joint variables  $\theta$  then  $T_{i-1,i}(\theta_i)$ , the configuration of  $\{i\}$  relative to  $\{i-1\}$  given the joint variable  $\theta_i$ , and  $T_{i,i-1}(\theta_i) = T_{i-1,i}^{-1}(\theta_i)$  are calculated as

$$T_{i-1,i}(\theta_i) = M_{i-1,i}e^{[\mathcal{A}_i]\theta_i} \quad \text{and} \quad T_{i,i-1}(\theta_i) = e^{-[\mathcal{A}_i]\theta_i}M_{i,i-1}$$

- We further adopt the following notation:

1. The twist of link frame  $\{i\}$ , expressed in frame- $\{i\}$  coordinates, is denoted  $\mathcal{V}_i = (\omega_i, v_i)$
2. The wrench transmitted through joint  $i$  to link frame  $\{i\}$ , expressed in frame- $\{i\}$  coordinates, is denoted  $\mathcal{F}_i = (m_i, f_i)$ .
3. Let  $\mathcal{G}_i \in \mathfrak{R}^{6 \times 6}$  denote the spatial inertia matrix of link  $i$ , expressed relative to link frame  $\{i\}$ . Since we are assuming that all link frames are situated at the link CoM,  $\mathcal{G}_i$  has the block-diagonal form

$$\mathcal{G}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{I}_i & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & m_i I \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_i$  denotes the  $3 \times 3$  rotational inertia matrix of link  $i$  and  $m_i$  is the link mass.

- With these definitions, we can recursively calculate the twist and acceleration of each link, moving from the base to the tip.
- The twist  $\mathcal{V}_i$  of link  $i$  is the sum of the twist of link  $i - 1$ , but expressed in  $\{i\}$ , and the added twist due to the joint rate  $\dot{\theta}_i$  :

$$\mathcal{V}_i = \mathcal{A}_i \dot{\theta}_i + [Ad_{T_{i,i-1}}] \mathcal{V}_{i-1}$$

- The accelerations  $\dot{\mathcal{V}}_i$  can also be found recursively. Taking the time derivative, we get

$$\dot{\mathcal{V}}_i = \mathcal{A}_i \ddot{\theta}_i + [Ad_{T_{i,i-1}}] \dot{\mathcal{V}}_{i-1} + \frac{d}{dt}([Ad_{T_{i,i-1}}]) \mathcal{V}_{i-1}$$

- To calculate the final term in this equation, we express  $T_{i,i-1}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_i$  as

$$T_{i,i-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{i,i-1} & p \\ 0_{3 \times 1} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \omega \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}([Ad_{T_{i,i-1}}])\mathcal{V}_{i-1} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \begin{bmatrix} R_{i,i-1} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ [p]R_{i,i-1} & R_{i,i-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathcal{V}_{i-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -[\omega\dot{\theta}_i]R_{i,i-1} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ -[v\dot{\theta}_i]R_{i,i-1} - [\omega\dot{\theta}_i][p]R_{i,i-1} & -[\omega\dot{\theta}_i]R_{i,i-1} \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{V}_{i-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -[\omega\dot{\theta}_i] & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ -[v\dot{\theta}_i] & -[\omega\dot{\theta}_i] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{i,i-1} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ [p]R_{i,i-1} & R_{i,i-1} \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{V}_{i-1} = -[ad_{\mathcal{A}_i\dot{\theta}_i}]\mathcal{V}_i = [ad_{\mathcal{V}_i}]\mathcal{A}_i\dot{\theta}_i \end{aligned}$$

- Substituting this result into acceleration, we get

$$\dot{\mathcal{V}}_i = \mathcal{A}_i\ddot{\theta}_i + [Ad_{T_{i,i-1}}]\dot{\mathcal{V}}_{i-1} + [ad_{\mathcal{V}_i}]\mathcal{A}_i\dot{\theta}_i$$

i.e., the acceleration of link  $i$  is the sum of three components: a component due to the joint acceleration  $\ddot{\theta}_i$ , a component due to the acceleration of link  $i - 1$  expressed in  $\{i\}$ , and a velocity-product component.

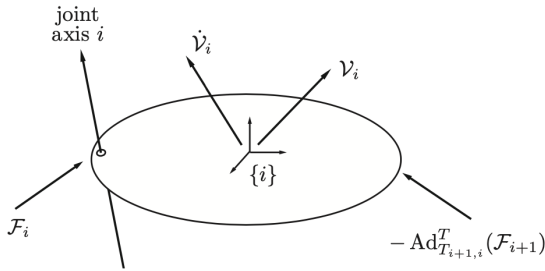


Figure 8.6: Free-body diagram illustrating the moments and forces exerted on link  $i$ .

- Once we have determined all the link twists and accelerations moving outward from the base, we can calculate the joint torques or forces by moving inward from the tip.
- The total wrench acting on link  $i$  is the sum of the wrench  $\mathcal{F}_i$  transmitted through joint  $i$  and the wrench applied to the link through joint  $i + 1$  (or, for link  $n$ , the wrench applied to the link by the environment at the end-effector frame  $\{n + 1\}$ ), expressed in the frame  $i$ .

$$\mathcal{F}_b = \mathcal{G}_b \dot{\mathcal{V}}_b - [ad_{\mathcal{V}_b}]^T \mathcal{G}_b \mathcal{V}_b \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{G}_i \dot{\mathcal{V}}_i - ad_{\mathcal{V}_i}^T(\mathcal{G}_i \mathcal{V}_i) = \mathcal{F}_i - Ad_{T_{i+1,i}}^T(\mathcal{F}_{i+1})$$

- Solving from the tip toward the base, at each link  $i$  we solve for the only unknown  $\mathcal{F}_i$ .
- Since joint  $i$  has only one-dof, five dimensions of the six-vector  $\mathcal{F}_i$  are provided by the structure of the joint, and the actuator only has to provide the scalar force or torque in the direction of the joint's screw axis:

$$\tau_i = \mathcal{F}_i^T \mathcal{A}_i$$

where it provides the torques required at each joint, solving the ID problem.

## 3.2 Newton-Euler Inverse Dynamics (ID) Algorithm

- Initialization

1. Attach a frame  $\{0\}$  to the base, frames  $\{1\}$  to  $\{n\}$  to the CoM of links  $\{1\}$  to  $\{n\}$ , and a frame  $\{n+1\}$  at the end-effector, fixed in the frame  $\{n\}$ .
2. Define  $M_{i,i-1}$  to be the configuration of  $\{i-1\}$  in  $\{i\}$  when  $\theta_i = 0$ .
3. Let  $\mathcal{A}_i$  be the screw axis of joint  $i$  expressed in  $\{i\}$ , and  $\mathcal{G}_i$  be the  $6 \times 6$  spatial inertia matrix of link  $i$ .
4. Define  $\mathcal{V}_0$  to be the twist of the base frame  $\{0\}$  expressed in  $\{0\}$  coordinates. (It is typically zero.)
5. Let  $g \in \mathfrak{R}^3$  be the gravity vector expressed in base-frame coordinates, and define  $\dot{\mathcal{V}}_0 = (\dot{\omega}_0, \dot{v}_0) = (0, -g)$ . (Gravity is treated as an acceleration of the base in the opposite direction.)
6. Define  $\mathcal{F}_{n+1} = \mathcal{F}_{tip} = (m_{tip}, f_{tip})$  to be the wrench applied to the environment by the end-effector, expressed in the end-effector frame  $\{n+1\}$ .

- Forward iterations : Given  $\theta_i, \dot{\theta}_i, \ddot{\theta}_i$ , for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{i,i-1}(\theta_i) &= e^{-[\mathcal{A}_i]\theta_i} M_{i,i-1} \\
 \mathcal{V}_i &= Ad_{T_{i,i-1}}(\mathcal{V}_{i-1}) + \mathcal{A}_i \dot{\theta}_i \\
 \dot{\mathcal{V}}_i &= Ad_{T_{i,i-1}}(\dot{\mathcal{V}}_{i-1}) + ad_{\mathcal{V}_i}(\mathcal{A}_i) \dot{\theta}_i + \mathcal{A}_i \ddot{\theta}_i
 \end{aligned}$$

- Backward iterations : Given  $\mathcal{F}_{i+1}$ , for  $i = n$  to  $1$  do

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_i &= Ad_{T_{i+1,i}}^T(\mathcal{F}_{i+1}) + \mathcal{G}_i \dot{\mathcal{V}}_i - ad_{\mathcal{V}_i}^T(\mathcal{G}_i \mathcal{V}_i) \\
 \tau_i &= \mathcal{F}_i^T \mathcal{A}_i
 \end{aligned}$$

## 4 Dynamic Equations in Closed Form

- The recursive ID algorithm is organized into a closed-form set of dynamics equations

$$\tau = M(\theta)\ddot{\theta} + c(\theta, \dot{\theta}) + g(\theta)$$

- The sum of the kinetic energies of each link should be equal to  $\frac{1}{2}\dot{\theta}^T M(\theta)\dot{\theta}$

$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{V}_i^T \mathcal{G}_i \mathcal{V}_i$$

where  $\mathcal{V}_i$  is the twist of link frame  $\{i\}$  and  $\mathcal{G}_i$  is the spatial inertia matrix of link  $i$  (both are expressed in link-frame- $\{i\}$  coordinates).

- Let  $T_{0i}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i)$  denote the forward kinematics from the base frame  $\{0\}$  to link frame  $\{i\}$ , and let  $J_{ib}(\theta)$  denote the body Jacobian obtained from  $T_{0i}^{-1}\dot{T}_{0i}$ .
- Note that  $J_{ib}$  as defined is a  $6 \times i$  matrix; we turn it into a  $6 \times n$  matrix by filling in all entries of the last  $n - i$  columns with zeros.

$$\mathcal{V}_i = J_{ib}(\theta)\dot{\theta}$$

- The kinetic energy can then be written

$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\theta}^T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n J_{ib}^T(\theta)\mathcal{G}_i J_{ib}(\theta) \right) \dot{\theta} \quad \rightarrow \quad M(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n J_{ib}^T(\theta)\mathcal{G}_i J_{ib}(\theta)$$

- Let us derive a closed-form set of dynamic equations by defining the following stacked vectors:

$$\mathcal{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{V}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{V}_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n} \quad \mathcal{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{F}_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n}$$

- Further, define the following matrices:

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A}_1 & 0_{6 \times 1} & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 1} \\ 0_{6 \times 1} & \mathcal{A}_2 & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0_{6 \times 1} & \cdots & \cdots & \mathcal{A}_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n \times n}$$

$$[\text{ad}_{\mathcal{V}}] = \begin{bmatrix} [\text{ad}_{\mathcal{V}_1}] & 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ 0_{6 \times 6} & [\text{ad}_{\mathcal{V}_2}] & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & \cdots & [\text{ad}_{\mathcal{V}_n}] \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n \times 6n}$$

$$\mathcal{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{G}_1 & 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ 0_{6 \times 6} & \mathcal{G}_2 & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & \cdots & \mathcal{G}_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n \times 6n}$$

$$[\text{ad}_{\mathcal{A}\dot{\theta}}] = \begin{bmatrix} [\text{ad}_{\mathcal{A}_1\dot{\theta}_1}] & 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ 0_{6 \times 6} & [\text{ad}_{\mathcal{A}_2\dot{\theta}_2}] & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & \cdots & [\text{ad}_{\mathcal{A}_n\dot{\theta}_n}] \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n \times 6n}$$



- We write  $\mathcal{W}(\theta)$  to emphasize the dependence of  $\mathcal{W}$  on  $\theta$ .

$$\mathcal{W}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{6 \times 6} & 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ [Ad_{T_{21}}] & 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ 0_{6 \times 6} & [Ad_{T_{32}}] & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0_{6 \times 6} & 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & [Ad_{T_{n,n-1}}] & 0_{6 \times 6} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n \times 6n}$$

- Finally, define the following stacked vectors:

$$\mathcal{V}_{base} = \begin{bmatrix} Ad_{T_{10}}(\mathcal{V}_0) \\ 0_{6 \times 1} \\ \vdots \\ 0_{6 \times 1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n} \quad \dot{\mathcal{V}}_{base} = \begin{bmatrix} Ad_{T_{10}}(\dot{\mathcal{V}}_0) \\ 0_{6 \times 1} \\ \vdots \\ 0_{6 \times 1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n} \quad \mathcal{F}_{tip} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{6 \times 1} \\ \vdots \\ 0_{6 \times 1} \\ Ad_{T_{n+1,n}}^T(\mathcal{F}_{n+1}) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n}$$

Note that  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n \times n}$  and  $\mathcal{G} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n \times 6n}$  are constant block-diagonal matrices.

- With the above definitions, our earlier recursive inverse dynamics algorithm can be assembled into the following set of matrix equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{V} &= \mathcal{W}(\theta)\mathcal{V} + \mathcal{A}\dot{\theta} + \mathcal{V}_{base} \\
\dot{\mathcal{V}} &= \mathcal{W}(\theta)\dot{\mathcal{V}} + \mathcal{A}\ddot{\theta} - [ad_{\mathcal{A}\dot{\theta}}](\mathcal{W}(\theta)\mathcal{V} + \mathcal{V}_{base}) + \dot{\mathcal{V}}_{base} \\
\mathcal{F} &= \mathcal{W}(\theta)^T \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{G}\dot{\mathcal{V}} - [ad_{\mathcal{V}}]^T \mathcal{G}\mathcal{V} + \mathcal{F}_{tip} \\
\tau &= \mathcal{A}^T \mathcal{F}
\end{aligned}$$

- The matrix  $\mathcal{W}(\theta)$  has the property that  $\mathcal{W}^n(\theta) = 0_{6n \times 6n}$  (such a matrix is said to be nilpotent of order  $n$ ), and one consequence verifiable through direct calculation is that

$$\begin{aligned}
(I_{6n \times 6n} - \mathcal{W})^{-1} &= I_{6n \times 6n} + \mathcal{W} + \mathcal{W}^2 + \dots + \mathcal{W}^{n-1} = \mathcal{L}(\theta) \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} I_{6 \times 6} & 0_{6 \times 6} & 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ [Ad_{T_{21}}] & I_{6 \times 6} & 0_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ [Ad_{T_{31}}] & [Ad_{T_{32}}] & I_{6 \times 6} & \cdots & 0_{6 \times 6} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ [Ad_{T_{n1}}] & [Ad_{T_{n2}}] & [Ad_{T_{n,3}}] & \cdots & I_{6 \times 6} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n \times 6n}
\end{aligned}$$

- The earlier matrix equations can now be reorganized as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{V} &= \mathcal{L}(\theta)(\mathcal{A}\dot{\theta} + \mathcal{V}_{base}) \\ \dot{\mathcal{V}} &= \mathcal{L}(\theta)(\mathcal{A}\ddot{\theta} - [ad_{\mathcal{A}\dot{\theta}}](\mathcal{W}(\theta)\mathcal{V} + \mathcal{V}_{base}) + \dot{\mathcal{V}}_{base}) \\ \mathcal{F} &= \mathcal{L}(\theta)^T(\mathcal{G}\dot{\mathcal{V}} - [ad_{\mathcal{V}}]^T\mathcal{G}\mathcal{V} + \mathcal{F}_{tip}) \\ \tau &= \mathcal{A}^T\mathcal{F}\end{aligned}$$

- If the robot applies an external wrench  $\mathcal{F}_{tip}$  at the end-effector, this can be included into the dynamics equation

$$\tau = M(\theta)\ddot{\theta} + c(\theta, \dot{\theta}) + g(\theta) + J^T(\theta)\mathcal{F}_{tip}$$

where  $J(\theta)$  denotes the Jacobian of the FK expressed in the same reference frame as  $\mathcal{F}_{tip}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}M(\theta) &= \mathcal{A}^T\mathcal{L}^T(\theta)\mathcal{G}\mathcal{L}(\theta)\mathcal{A} \\ c(\theta, \dot{\theta}) &= -\mathcal{A}^T\mathcal{L}^T(\theta)\mathcal{G}\mathcal{L}(\theta)[ad_{\mathcal{A}\dot{\theta}}]\mathcal{W}(\theta) + [ad_{\mathcal{V}}]^T\mathcal{G}\mathcal{L}(\theta)\mathcal{A}\dot{\theta} \\ g(\theta) &= \mathcal{A}^T\mathcal{L}^T(\theta)\mathcal{G}\mathcal{L}(\theta)\dot{\mathcal{V}}_{base}\end{aligned}$$

## 5 Forward Dynamics of Open Chain

- The forward dynamics (FD) problem involves solving

$$M(\theta)\ddot{\theta} = \tau(t) - h(\theta, \dot{\theta}) - J^T(\theta)\mathcal{F}_{tip}$$

for  $\ddot{\theta}$ , given  $\theta, \dot{\theta}, \tau$  and the wrench  $\mathcal{F}_{tip}$  applied by the end-effector (if applicable).

- Term  $h(\theta, \dot{\theta})$  can be computed by calling the ID algorithm with  $\ddot{\theta} = 0$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{tip} = 0$ .
- The inertia matrix  $M(\theta)$  can be computed by  $n$  calling of the inverse dynamics algorithm to build  $M(\theta)$  column by column.
  1. In each of the  $n$  calls, set  $g = 0$ ,  $\dot{\theta} = 0$ , and  $\mathcal{F}_{tip} = 0$ .
  2. In the first call, the column vector  $\ddot{\theta}$  is all zeros except for a 1 in the first row.
  3. In the second call,  $\ddot{\theta}$  is all zeros except for a 1 in the second row, and so on.
  4. The  $\tau$  vector returned by the  $i$ th call is the  $i$ th column of  $M(\theta)$ , and after  $n$  calls the  $n \times n$  matrix  $M(\theta)$  is constructed.
- With  $M(\theta), h(\theta, \dot{\theta})$ , and  $\mathcal{F}_{tip}$ , we can use any efficient algorithm for solving the equation of the form  $M(\theta)\ddot{\theta} = b$ , for  $\ddot{\theta}$ .

- The FD can be used to simulate the motion of the robot given its initial state, the joint forces-torques  $\tau(t)$ , and an optional external wrench  $\mathcal{F}_{tip}(t)$ , for  $t \in [0, t_f]$ .
- First define the function `ForwardDynamics` returning the solution:

$$\ddot{\theta} = FD(\theta, \dot{\theta}, \tau, \mathcal{F}_{tip})$$

- Defining the variables  $q_1 = \theta, q_2 = \dot{\theta}$ , the second-order dynamics can be converted to two first-order differential equations,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q}_1 &= q_2 \\ \dot{q}_2 &= FD(\theta, \dot{\theta}, \tau, \mathcal{F}_{tip}) \end{aligned}$$

- The Euler integration of the robot dynamics is used

$$\begin{aligned} q_1(t + \delta t) &= q_1(t) + q_2(t)\delta t \\ q_2(t + \delta t) &= q_2(t) + FD(\theta, \dot{\theta}, \tau, \mathcal{F}_{tip})\delta t. \end{aligned}$$

Given a set of initial values for  $q_1(0) = \theta(0)$  and  $q_2(0) = \dot{\theta}(0)$ , the above equations can be iterated forward in time to obtain the motion  $\theta(t) = q_1(t)$  numerically.

- Euler Integration Algorithm for FD

1. Inputs: The initial conditions  $\theta(0)$  and  $\dot{\theta}(0)$ , the input torques  $\tau(t)$  and wrenches at the end-effector  $\mathcal{F}_{tip}(t)$  for  $t \in [0, t_f]$ , and the number of integration steps  $N$ .
2. Initialization: Set the timestep  $\delta t = \frac{t_f}{N}$ , and set  $\theta[0] = \theta(0), \dot{\theta}[0] = \dot{\theta}(0)$
3. Iteration: For  $k = 0$  to  $N - 1$  do

$$\ddot{\theta}[k] = FD(\theta[k], \dot{\theta}[k], \tau(k\delta t), \mathcal{F}_{tip}(k\delta))$$

$$\theta[k + 1] = \theta[k] + \dot{\theta}[k]\delta t$$

$$\dot{\theta}[k + 1] = \dot{\theta}[k] + \ddot{\theta}[k]\delta t$$

4. Output: The joint trajectory  $\theta(k\delta) = \theta[k], \dot{\theta}(k\delta) = \dot{\theta}[k]$ , for  $k = 0, \dots, N$ .

- The result of the numerical integration converges to the theoretical result as the number of integration steps  $N$  goes to infinity.
- Higher-order numerical integration schemes, such as fourth-order Runge-Kutta, can yield a closer approximation with fewer computations than the simple first-order Euler method.

## 6 Dynamics in the Task Space

- The dynamic equations change under a transformation to coordinates of the end-effector frame (task-space coordinates).
- Consider a six-dof open chain with joint space dynamics

$$\tau = M(\theta)\ddot{\theta} + h(\theta, \dot{\theta}) \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^6 \quad \tau \in \mathbb{R}^6$$

- The twist  $\mathcal{V} = (\omega, v)$  of the end-effector is related to the joint velocity  $\dot{\theta}$  by

$$\mathcal{V} = J(\theta)\dot{\theta}$$

where  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $J(\theta)$  are always expressed in terms of the same reference frame.

- The time derivative  $\dot{\mathcal{V}}$  is then

$$\dot{\mathcal{V}} = \dot{J}(\theta)\dot{\theta} + J(\theta)\ddot{\theta}$$

- At configurations  $\theta$  where  $J(\theta)$  is invertible, we have

$$\dot{\theta} = J^{-1}\mathcal{V} \quad \ddot{\theta} = J^{-1}[\dot{\mathcal{V}} - \dot{J}J^{-1}\mathcal{V}]$$

- Substituting for  $\dot{\theta}$  and  $\ddot{\theta}$  leads to

$$\tau = M(\theta)[J^{-1}\dot{\mathcal{V}} - J^{-1}\dot{J}J^{-1}\mathcal{V}] + h(\theta, J^{-1}\mathcal{V})$$

- Pre-multiply both sides by  $J^{-T}$  to get

$$J^{-T}\tau = J^{-T}MJ^{-1}\dot{\mathcal{V}} - J^{-T}MJ^{-1}\dot{J}J^{-1}\mathcal{V} + J^{-T}h(\theta, J^{-1}\mathcal{V})$$

- Expressing  $J^{-T}\tau$  as the wrench  $\mathcal{F}$ , the above can be written

$$\mathcal{F} = \Lambda(\theta)\dot{\mathcal{V}} + \eta(\theta, \mathcal{V})$$

where

$$\Lambda(\theta) = J^{-T}MJ^{-1}$$

$$\eta(\theta, \mathcal{V}) = J^{-T}h(\theta, J^{-1}\mathcal{V}) - \Lambda(\theta)\dot{J}J^{-1}\mathcal{V}$$

These are the dynamic equations expressed in end-effector frame coordinates.

- If an external wrench  $\mathcal{F}$  is applied to the end-effector frame then, assuming the actuators provide zero forces and torques, the motion of the end-effector frame is governed by these equations.
- Note that  $J(\theta)$  must be invertible (i.e., there must be a one-to-one mapping between joint velocities and end-effector twists) in order to derive the task space dynamics above.



## **7 Homework : Chapter 8**

- Please solve and submit Exercise 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.6, 8.7 (upload it as a pdf form or email me)