

Chapter 2 Math Fundamentals

Part 2

2.4 Kinematics of Mechanisms2.5 Orientation and Angular Velocity

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Definitions

- Motion = movement of the whole body thru space.
- Articulation = reconfigures mass without substantial motion
- Attitude = pitch and roll.
- Orientation = attitude & (heading or yaw).
- Pose = position & orientation





Task and Joint Space

- For manipulators, joint space is also C Space.
- Manipulators are difficult for operators to control in joint space.



Linear Mapping

• So far, we have used:



- We have considered this to be a <u>linear mapping</u> in r
 - In part, because the matrix is considered a constant.

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2.4.1.1 Nonlinear Mapping

 There is another view of just the T(ρ) part when the "aligning operations" correspond to real joints:



- This is a <u>nonlinear mapping</u> in ρ .
- T is a matrix-valued function of the configuration vector ρ .
- Recall that T can represent the pose of a rigid body (we saw this in 2D with HTs).

2.4.1.2 Mechanism Models

- Let ρ represent the articulations of a mechanism.
- It is convenient to think about the moving axis operations which align a sequence of frames with each other.





Conventional Rules of Forward Kinematics

- 1: Assign embedded frames to the links in sequence such that the operations which move each frame into coincidence with the next are a function of the current joint variable.
- 2: Write the *orthogonal operator matrices* which correspond to these operations in *left to right order*.
- This process will generate the matrix that:
 - A: represents the position and orientation of the last embedded frame with respect to the first, or equivalently,
 - B: which converts the coordinates of a point from the last to the first.



2.4.1.3 Denavit-Hartenberg Convention

- A special product of 4 fundamental operators is used as a basic conceptual unit.
- Its still an orthogonal transform so it has the properties of the component transforms, namely:
 - Operates on points
 - Converts coordinates
 - Represents axes of one system wrt another



Denavit- Hartenberg Convention

- Rules:
 - Assign frames to links. Consider in order from base to end.
 - Place z axis of each frame on joint linear or rotary axis.
 - Point x axis along mutual perpendicular



Denavit-Hartenberg Convention

- Move first frame into coincidence with second thus:
 - rotate around the $x_{k\text{-}1}$ axis by an angle φ_k
 - translate along the x_{k-1} axis by a distance u_k
 - rotate around the new z axis by an angle ψ_k
 - translate along the new z axis by a distance w_k



How can we get away with just four dof?

Denavit- Hartenberg Convention Moving axis <u>operations</u> in <u>left to right</u> order:

$$T_k^{k-1} = Rotx(\phi_k)Trans(u_k, 0, 0)Rotz(\psi_k)Trans(0, 0, w_k)$$

$$T_{k}^{k-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\phi_{k} & -s\phi_{k} & 0 \\ 0 & s\phi_{k} & c\phi_{k} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & u_{k} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\psi_{k} & -s\psi_{k} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{k} = T_{k}^{k-1} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi_{k} & -s\psi_{k} & 0 & \psi_{k} \\ c\phi_{k}s\psi_{k} & \phi_{k}\psi_{k} & -s\phi_{k} & -s\phi_{k}\psi_{k} \\ s\phi_{k}s\psi_{k} & s\phi_{k}c\psi_{k} & c\phi_{k} & c\phi_{k}w_{k} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
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Denavit-Hartenberg Convention

A_k = T_k^{k-1} =
$$\begin{bmatrix} c\psi_k & -s\psi_k & 0 & u_k \\ c\phi_k s\psi_k & c\phi_k c\psi_k & -s\phi_k & -s\phi_k w_k \\ s\phi_k s\psi_k & s\phi_k c\psi_k & c\phi_k & c\phi_k w_k \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- This matrix has the following interpretations:
 - It will move a point or rotate a direction by the operator which describes how frame k is related to frame k-1.
 - Its columns represent the axes and origin of frame k expressed in frame k-1 coordinates.
 - It converts coordinates from frame k to frame k-1.



2.4.1.4 Example: 3 Link Planar Manipulator



Link	φ	u	Ψ	W
0	0	0	Ψ_1	0
1	0	L ₁	Ψ_2	0
2	0	L ₂	Ψ_3	0
3	0	L ₃	0	0

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Example: 3 Link Planar Manipulator

$$T_{4}^{0} = T_{1}^{0}T_{2}^{1}T_{3}^{2}T_{4}^{3} = A_{1}A_{2}A_{3}A_{4}$$

$$T_{4}^{0} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1} - s_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ s_{1} & c_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{2} - s_{2} & 0 & L_{1} \\ s_{2} & c_{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{3} - s_{3} & 0 & L_{2} \\ s_{3} & c_{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & L_{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{4}^{0} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{123} - s_{123} & 0 & (c_{123}L_{3} + c_{12}L_{2} + c_{1}L_{1}) \\ s_{123} - s_{123} & 0 & (s_{123}L_{3} + s_{12}L_{2} + s_{1}L_{1}) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
orientation position

A Completely General Forward Kinematics Solution!

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Nonlinear Mapping

• Recall our view of: $T(\rho)$ Task Space Configuration Space Transform Articulation T Inverse Kinematics ρ

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- The harder (by far) of the two directions.
- T is given as a block of numbers, not symbols.

Kinematics



2.4.2.1 Existence and Uniqueness

- Existence
 - Nonlinear equations need not be solveable.
- Uniqueness
 - There is no rule requiring only one answer.
 - E.g. $tan\theta = \theta$



Existence

• Nonlinear equations need not be solveable.





Uniqueness

• There is no rule requiring only one answer.





2.4.2.2 Technique

- Rewrite equations in multiple ways in order to isolate unknowns.
 - No new info generated, its just algebra.

— Premultiply —	Г	— Postmultiply —
$\mathbf{T}_4^0 = \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{A}_3 \mathbf{A}_4$		$\mathbf{T}_{4}^{0} = \mathbf{A}_{1}\mathbf{A}_{2}\mathbf{A}_{3}\mathbf{A}_{4}$
$A_1^{-1}T_4^0 = A_2A_3A_4$		$T_4^0 A_{4}^{-1} = A_1 A_2 A_3$
$A_2^{-1}A_1^{-1}T_4^0 = A_3A_4$		$T_4^0 A_4^{-1} A_3^{-1} = A_1 A_2$
$A_3^{-1}A_2^{-1}A_1^{-1}T_4^0 = A_4$		$T_4^0 A_4^{-1} A_3^{-1} A_2^{-1} = A_1$
$A_4^{-1}A_3^{-1}A_2^{-1}A_1^{-1}T_4^0 = I$		$T_4^0 A_4^{-1} A_3^{-1} A_2^{-1} A_1^{-1} = I$

2.4.2.3 Example: 3 Link Planar Manipulator

- Account for known quantities.
- This is a 2D problem, so...

$$T_{4}^{0} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & p_{x} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & p_{y} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & p_{z} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & 0 & p_{x} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & 0 & p_{y} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Example: 3 Link Planar Manipulator $T_4^0 = A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4$

• From the (1,1) and (2,1) elements we have:

$$\psi_{123} = atan2(r_{21}, r_{11})$$





• From the (1,4) and (2,4) elements we have:

$$k_1 = -r_{11}L_3 + p_x = c_{12}L_2 + c_1L_1$$

$$k_2 = -r_{21}L_3 + p_y = s_{12}L_2 + s_1L_1$$



Example: 3 Link Planar Manipulator

• Repeat from last slide: from the (1,4) and (2,4) elements we have: $k_1 = -r_{11}L_3 + p_x = c_{12}L_2 + c_1L_1$

$$k_2 = -r_{21}L_3 + p_y = s_{12}L_2 + s_1L_1$$

• Square and add (eliminates θ_1) to yield:

• Or:

$$k_1^2 + k_2^2 = L_2^2 + L_1^2 + 2L_2L_1(c_1c_{12} + s_1s_{12})$$

$$k_1^2 + k_2^2 = L_2^2 + L_1^2 + 2L_2L_1c_2 - \cos\psi_2$$

• Rearranging gives the answer:

$$\psi_2 = \arccos\left[\frac{(k_1^2 + k_2^2) - (L_2^2 + L_1^2)}{2L_2L_1}\right] \longrightarrow$$

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• Each solution gives different values for the other two angles.

Example: 3 Link Planar Manipulator

• 2nd time, from the (1,4) and (2,4) elements we have:

$$k_1 = -r_{11}L_3 + p_x = c_{12}L_2 + c_1L_1$$

 $k_2 = -r_{21}L_3 + p_y = s_{12}L_2 + s_1L_1$

• With ψ 2 known, these are:

$$c_1 k_3 - s_1 k_4 = k_1$$

 $s_1 k_3 + c_1 k_4 = k_2$

• That's a standard form. The solution is:

$$\Psi_1 = \operatorname{atan} 2[(k_2k_3 - k_1k_4), (k_1k_3 + k_2k_4)]$$

• The last angle is then:

$$\psi_3 = \psi_{123} - \psi_2 - \psi_1$$

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That's PRETTY AWESOME!



2.4.2.4 Standard Forms: Explicit Tangent

• Occurs very frequently:

$$a = c_n$$

 $b = s_n$

• Isolate tangent:

Clearly:

$$\psi_n = atan2(b, a)$$

Why do we need two equations for one unknown?

2.4.2.4 Standard Forms: Point Symmetric

• Occurs as:

$$s_n a - c_n b = 0$$

• Isolate tangent:

$$\frac{s_n}{c_n} = \frac{b}{a}$$

• Clearly:

$$\psi_n = \operatorname{atan} 2(b, a)$$

 $\psi_n = \operatorname{atan} 2(-b, -a)$

Why two solutions?

2.4.2.4 Standard Forms: Line Symmetric

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• Occurs as:

$$s_n a - c_n b = c$$

Trig substitution: a = rcos(θ) b = rsin(θ)
Leads to:

$$s(\theta - \psi_n) = c / r$$

- So: $c(\theta \psi_n) = \pm s \operatorname{qrt}(1 (c/r)^2)$
- Solution

$$\psi_n = \operatorname{atan2}(b, a) - \operatorname{atan2}[c, \pm \operatorname{sqrt}(r^2 - c^2)]$$

Inverse Kinematics of a DH HT?

Inverse Kinematics of a DH HT? $T_b^a = Rotx(\phi_i)Trans(u_i, 0, 0)Rotz(\psi_i)Trans(w_i, 0, 0)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & p_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & p_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi_i & -s\psi_i & 0 & u_i \\ c\phi_i s\psi_i & c\phi_i c\psi_i & -s\phi_i & -s\phi_i w_i \\ s\phi_i s\psi_i & s\phi_i c\psi_i & c\phi_i & c\phi_i w_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Translation part is easy:

$$u_i = p_x$$
$$w_i = \sqrt{p_y^2 + p_z^2}$$

Inverse Kinematics of a DH HT? $T_b^a = Rotx(\phi_i)Trans(u_i, 0, 0)Rotz(\psi_i)Trans(w_i, 0, 0)$

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• Rotation not much harder:

$$\psi_i = atan2(-r_{12}, r_{11})$$

 $\phi_i = atan2(-r_{23}, r_{33})$

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Differential Kinematics

- Studies the derivatives (first order behavior) of kinematic models.
- Use Jacobians (multidimensional derivatives) to do this.
- Use them for:
 - Resolved rate control
 - Sensitivity analysis
 - Uncertainty propagation
 - Static force transformation



Derivatives of Fundamental Operators

$$Rotx(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\phi & -s\phi & 0 \\ 0 & s\phi & c\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bigoplus_{\theta \to \infty} z$$

• Note capital R in Rotx().

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Derivatives of Fundamental Operators



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2.4.3.2 Mechanism Jacobian

• How much does end effector move if I tweak this angle 1 degree?



2.4.3.2 Mechanism Jacobian



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Resolved Rate Control

• By the Chain Rule of Differentiation:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial q}\right) \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}q}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)$$
$$\dot{x} = J\dot{q}$$

- This is just:
- Suppose x is the position of the end effector. This is:
 - Nonlinear in joint variables
 - Linear in the joint rates!







- Direct mapping from desired velocity onto joint rates! $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{q})^{-1}\dot{\mathbf{x}}$
- Singularity (infinite joint rates) occurs:
 - at points where two different inverse kinematic solutions converge
 - when joint axes become aligned or parallel
 - when the boundaries of the workspace are reached





• Relates differential volumes in task space to differential volumes in configuration space.

- Used in calculus for double, triple, etc integrals.

• We will use this later to figure out when landmarks are in unfavorable configurations for navigation.

2.4.3.4 Example: 3 Link Planar Manipulator

- Forward kinematics:
 - $\begin{aligned} x &= (c_{123}L_3 + c_{12}L_2 + c_1L_1) \\ y &= (s_{123}L_3 + s_{12}L_2 + s_1L_1) \\ \psi &= \psi_1 + \psi_2 + \psi_3 \end{aligned}$



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• Differentiate wrt ψ_1 , ψ_2 , and ψ_3 .

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = -(\mathbf{s}_{123}\dot{\psi}_{123}\mathbf{L}_3 + \mathbf{s}_{12}\dot{\psi}_{12}\mathbf{L}_2 + \mathbf{s}_1\dot{\psi}_1\mathbf{L}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{c}_{123}\dot{\psi}_{123}\mathbf{L}_3 + \mathbf{c}_{12}\dot{\psi}_{12}\mathbf{L}_2 + \mathbf{c}_1\dot{\psi}_1\mathbf{L}_1)$$

$$\dot{\psi} = (\dot{\psi}_1 + \dot{\psi}_2 + \dot{\psi}_3)$$

• In matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{y}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{\psi}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (-s_{123}L_3 - s_{12}L_2 - s_1L_1) & (-s_{123}L_3 - s_{12}L_2) & -s_{123}L_3 \\ (c_{123}L_3 + c_{12}L_2 + c_1L_1) & (c_{123}L_3 + c_{12}L_2) & c_{123}L_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dot{\mathbf{\psi}}_2 \\ \dot{\mathbf{\psi}}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Summary

- We can model the forward kinematics of mechanisms by
 - embedding frames in rigid bodies
 - employing the fundamental orthogonal operator matrices
 - employing a few rules for writing them in the right order to represent a mechanism.
- The DH convention consists of a special compound orthogonal transform and a few rules for orienting the link frames.
 - These can be used just like the fundamental orthogonal operator matrices to do forward kinematics.



Summary

- Inverse kinematics requires more skill and relies on rewriting the forward equations in an attempt to isolate unknowns.
- Various derivatives of kinematic transforms can be taken and each has some use.



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Definitions

- Yaw ψ = rotation about vertical axis
- Pitch θ = rotation about sideways axis
- Roll ϕ = rotation about forward axis.
- Attitude = roll & pitch $[\phi \theta]$
- Orientation = attitude + yaw $[\phi \theta \psi]$
- Pose = position + orientation [x y z $\phi \theta \psi$]
- Azimuth = yaw (for a pointing device)
- Elevation = pitch (for a pointing device)
- Heading = angle of path tangent. Sometimes same as yaw. Sometimes not.



Definitions

- Pose = position & orientation
- In 2D:



• In 3D:





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2.5.1.1. Axis Conventions



• Ground Vehicles (here at least):







2.5.1.2 Frame Assignment



Letter	Name
n,w	Navigation, world
W	world
р	positioner
b,v	body, vehicle
h	head
S	sensor
С	wheel contact

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2.5.1.3 The RPY Transform

- Similar to DH Matrix but encodes 6 dof:
- Aligning operations that move 'a' into coincidence with 'b':
 - translate along the (x,y,z) axes of frame 'a' by (u,v,w) until its origin coincides with that of frame 'b'
 - rotate about the new z axis by an angle ψ called yaw
 - rotate about the new y axis by an angle θ called pitch
 - rotate about the new x axis by an angle $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ called roll

RPY Forward Kinematics

 $T_{b}^{a} = Trans(u, v, w)Rotz(\psi)Roty(\theta)Rotx(\phi)$

$$T_{b}^{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & u \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\psi & -s\psi & 0 & 0 \\ s\psi & c\psi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & 0 & s\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -s\theta & 0 & c\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\phi & -s\phi & 0 \\ 0 & s\phi & c\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} c\psi c\theta & (c\psi s\theta s\phi - s\psi c\phi) & (c\psi s\theta c\phi + s\psi s\phi) & u \end{bmatrix}$$

 $T_{b}^{a} = \begin{vmatrix} s\psi c\theta & (s\psi s\theta s\phi + c\psi c\phi) & (s\psi s\theta c\phi - c\psi s\phi) & v \\ -s\theta & c\theta s\phi & c\theta c\phi & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

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2.5.1.4 RPY Transform Inverse Kinematics

 $T_b^a = Trans(u, v, w)Rotz(\psi)Rotx(\theta)Roty(\phi)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & p_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & p_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi c\theta & (c\psi s\theta s\phi - s\psi c\phi) & (c\psi s\theta c\phi + s\psi s\phi) & u \\ s\psi c\theta & (s\psi s\theta s\phi + c\psi c\phi) & (s\psi s\theta c\phi - c\psi s\phi) & v \\ -s\theta & c\theta s\phi & c\theta c\phi & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

body x axis
in world
$$\psi = atan 2(r_{21}, r_{11})$$

• Yaw can be determined from a vector aligned with the body x axis expressed in world coordinates .

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- Is there another solution?
 - Only if there are 2 solutions for θ .
- What if co is zero? 59 Mobile Robotics - Prof Alonzo Kelly, CMU RI



 $\theta = 90^{\circ}$

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- Yaw and roll are the same rotation when pitch is 90 °.
- Only their sum can be determined in inverse kinematics. Set the value of either.

2.5.1.4 RPY Transform Inverse Kinematics



body $\dot{\mathbf{x}}$ axis wrt yawed frame

 $\theta = \operatorname{atan} 2(-r_{31}, r_{11}c\psi + r_{21}s\psi)$

 Pitch can also be determined from a vector aligned with the body x axis, expressed in "yawed" coordinates.

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• Could get roll from this step too.

2.5.1.4 RPY Transform Inverse Kinematics

 $[Rotx(\theta)]^{-1}[Rotz(\psi)]^{-1}[Trans(u, v, w)]^{-1}T_b^a = Roty(\phi)$



$$\phi = \operatorname{atan} 2(s\theta (r_{12}c\psi + r_{22}s\psi) + r_{32}c\theta, -r_{12}s\psi + r_{22}c\psi)$$

• Roll can be determined from a vector aligned with the body y axis, expressed in yawed-pitched coordinates.

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2.5.2.1 Euler's Theorem

 All rigid body rotations in 3D can be represented as a single rotation by some amount (angle) about a <u>fixed</u> axis:





2.5.2.2 Rotation Vector Representation

• Idea: Use a <u>unit vector</u> scaled by the magnitude of the <u>rotation</u>:

$$\underline{\Theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{x} & \theta_{y} & \theta_{z} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

• The axis of rotation is:

$$\hat{\underline{\Theta}} = \underline{\Theta} / |\underline{\Theta}|$$

- This is <u>not a true vector</u> in the linear algebra sense.
 - Cannot be added vectorially to produce a meaningful result.





2.5.2.3 Relationship to Angular Velocity

• Suppose the rotation angle is differentially small.

$$d\Theta = \left[d\theta_x \ d\theta_y \ d\theta_z\right]^{\mathrm{T}}$$

• The angular velocity is such that:

$$\underline{\omega} = \frac{|\underline{d}\underline{\Theta}|}{dt} \left(\frac{\underline{d}\underline{\Theta}}{|\underline{d}\underline{\Theta}|} \right) = \omega d\hat{\underline{\Theta}} = \omega \hat{\omega}$$

- This <u>is a true vector</u> in the linear algebra sense.
- Conversely, the rotation vector is:

$$d\Theta = \omega dt = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x & \omega_y & \omega_z \end{bmatrix}^T dt$$

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Recall the Rot() Operators



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2.5.2.4 Rotations Through Small Angles

• For small angles:

 $\sin(\theta) \approx \theta$

 $\cos(\theta) \approx 1$

• Substituting into the Rot() operators:



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- Useful for computing rapid differentials of complicated kinematic expressions.
- Turns out that while 3D rotations do not commute, <u>differential 3D rotations do commute</u>.

General Differential Rotations

• Consider a 3D composite differential rotation:

$$\delta \underline{\Theta} = \left[\delta \phi \ \delta \theta \ \delta \psi \right]^{\mathrm{T}}$$

• Substituting into the differential Rot() operators and cancelling H.O.T:



• To first order, the result <u>does not depend on the order</u> the rotations are applied.

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2.5.2.4 Skew Matrices

• Last result can be written in terms of a skew matrix:

$$\operatorname{Rot}(\delta \underline{\Theta}) = \mathrm{I} + \left[\delta \underline{\Theta} \right]^{\mathrm{X}}$$

Where:

$$Skew(\delta \Theta) = [\delta \Theta]^{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\delta \psi & \delta \theta & 0 \\ \delta \psi & 0 & -\delta \phi & 0 \\ -\delta \theta & \delta \phi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
Beware:
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This is correct



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2.5.3.1 Relation to Euler Angle rates

- The pitch θ, yaw ψ, and roll φ angles are called <u>Euler</u> angles.
- Their rates are not exactly the angular velocity vector.





Relation to Euler Angle rates

 Use Chain Rule. Convert coordinates for each component into the body frame. Note use of <u>transform</u> matrices (from world to

body).

$$\underline{\omega}^{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{0} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \operatorname{rot}(x, \phi) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \operatorname{rot}(x, \phi) \operatorname{rot}(y, \theta) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \psi \end{bmatrix}$$
Note
Lowercase
"r" in rot

$$\sum_{x} \underline{\omega}^{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{x} \\ \omega_{y} \\ -s\phi\dot{\theta} + s\phic\theta\dot{\psi} \\ -s\phi\dot{\theta} + c\phic\theta\dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -s\theta \\ 0 & c\phi & s\phic\theta \\ 0 & -s\phi & c\phic\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Why express ω in the body frame?

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Inverted formMost useful in inverted form:

$$\mathbf{y}_{x}^{z} \mathbf{y}_{x} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \psi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{x} + \omega_{y} s \phi t \theta + \omega_{z} c \phi t \theta \\ \omega_{y} c \phi - \omega_{z} s \phi \\ \omega_{y} \frac{s \phi}{c \theta} + \omega_{z} \frac{c \phi}{c \theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & s \phi t \theta & c \phi t \theta \\ 0 & c \phi & -s \phi \\ 0 & \frac{s \phi}{c \theta} & \frac{c \phi}{c \theta} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{x} \\ \omega_{y} \\ \omega_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{e} \quad \mathbf{because:} \quad \omega_{z} c \phi + \omega_{y} s \phi = c \theta \psi$$

$$\mathbf{e} \quad \mathbf{because:} \quad \omega_{y} c \phi - \omega_{z} s \phi = \dot{\theta}$$

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2.5.4.1 Angular Velocity as a Skew Matrix

Recall the skew matrix formed from such a small 3D rotation.



 Dividing by dt permits an equivalent matrix to be formed from the angular velocity vector:

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This is very closely related to the derivative of a rotation matrix.

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2.5.4.2 Time Derivative of a Rotation Matrix

- Let the matrix R_k^n track the orientation of a moving frame k with respect to frame n.
- For small time steps, the update to time k+1 is a composition with a small perturbation:

$$\mathbf{R}_{k+1}^{n} = \mathbf{R}_{k}^{n} \mathbf{R}_{k+1}^{k} = \mathbf{R}_{k}^{n} [\{\mathbf{I} + [\boldsymbol{\delta}\underline{\Theta}]^{X}\}]$$

• By definition of derivative:

$$\dot{R}_{k}^{n} = \lim_{\delta t \to 0} \frac{\delta R_{k}^{n}}{\delta t} = \lim_{\delta t \to 0} \frac{[R_{k}^{n}(t + \delta t) - R_{k}^{n}(t)]}{\delta t}$$



2.5.4.2 Time Derivative of a Rotation Matrix

• Recall from last slide:

$$\dot{R}_{k}^{n} = \lim_{\delta t \to 0} \frac{\delta R_{k}^{n}}{\delta t} = \lim_{\delta t \to 0} \frac{[R_{k}^{n}(t + \delta t) - R_{k}^{n}(t)]}{\delta t}$$

• Write this in terms of a perturbation.

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}_{k}^{n} = \lim_{\delta t \to 0} \frac{[\mathbf{R}_{k}^{n}[\{\mathbf{I} + [\delta \underline{\Theta}]^{X}\}] - \mathbf{R}_{k}^{n}]}{\delta t}$$

• Hence, since R_k^n is fixed:

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}_{k}^{n} = \lim_{\delta t \to 0} \frac{\mathbf{R}_{k}^{n} [\delta \underline{\Theta}]^{X}}{\delta t} = \mathbf{R}_{k}^{n} \lim_{\delta t \to 0} \frac{[\delta \underline{\Theta}]^{X}}{\delta t}$$

• Hence: $\dot{R}_{k}^{n} = R_{k}^{n} \left\{ \frac{d[\Theta]^{X}}{dt} \right\} = R_{k}^{n} \Omega_{k}$

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Time Derivative of a Rotation Matrix

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The perturbation

rotation matrix

composition.

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was expressed as a

Why?

• In other words, we have the remarkable result that:

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}_{k}^{n} = \mathbf{R}_{k}^{n} \mathbf{\Omega}_{k}$$

 This holds so long as the components of the skew matrix are expressed in the moving frame k:



2.5.4.3 Direction Cosines from Angular Velocity

• Once again, compound the angular perturbations thus:

$$\mathbf{R}_{k+1}^{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{R}_{k}^{\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{R}_{k+1}^{\mathbf{k}}$$

• Based on previous derivative formula:

$$\mathbf{R}_{k+1}^{k} = \int_{t_{k}}^{t_{k+1}} \mathbf{\Omega}^{k} d\tau$$

 Assuming the integrand is constant over a small time step, we have:

$$\mathbf{R}_{k+1}^{n} = \mathbf{R}_{k}^{n} \exp\{\left[d\underline{\Theta}\right]^{X}\}$$

Recall:

Direction Cosines from Angular Velocity

• This can be written in terms of two simple functions because for any <u>v</u>:

$$\exp\{[\underline{v}]^{X}\} = I + [\underline{v}]^{X} + \frac{([\underline{v}]^{X})^{2}}{2!} + \frac{([\underline{v}]^{X})^{3}}{3!} + \frac{([\underline{v}]^{X})^{4}}{4!} + \dots,$$

• But its easy to show that:

$$[[\underline{v}]^{X}]^{3} = -v^{2}\underline{v}^{X} \qquad [[\underline{v}]^{X}]^{4} = -v^{2}[\underline{v}^{X}]^{2}$$

• Etc. So, this simplifies to:

$$\exp\{\underline{v}^{X}\} = I + f_{1}(v)[\underline{v}]^{X} + f_{2}(v)([\underline{v}]^{X})^{2}$$

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$$f_1(v) = \frac{\sin v}{v}$$
 $f_2(v) = \frac{(1 - \cos v)}{v^2}$

Direction Cosines from Angular Velocity

 Hence, the <u>direct</u> transformation from angular velocity to direction cosines is the recursion:

$$R_{k+1}^{n} = R_{k}^{n}R_{k+1}^{k}$$

$$R_{k+1}^{k} = I + f_{1}(\delta\Theta)[\delta\Theta]^{X} + f_{2}(\delta\Theta)([\delta\Theta]^{X})^{2}$$

$$f_{1}(\delta\Theta) = \frac{\sin\delta\Theta}{\delta\Theta} \quad f_{2}(\delta\Theta) = \frac{(1-\cos\delta\Theta)}{\delta\Theta^{2}}$$
Where dt is the time step, $d\Theta = |d\Theta|$ and

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- Where dt is the time step, $d\Theta = |d\Theta|$ and $d\Theta = \omega$ dt.
- Advantage: You don't need to solve for the Euler angles.

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Summary

- The RPY matrix is yet another compound orthogonal operator matrix. Unlike the DH matrix, it has 6 dof, so it is completely general.
- Angular velocity is the time derivative of the rotation vector.
- Compositions of small angle rotations behave commutatively.
- Angular velocity and small rotations can be expressed as skew matrices.
- Angular velocity is related in a complicated manner to the rates of roll, pitch, and yaw angles.
- The skew of angular velocity is related in a more elegant manner to the rate of the rotation matrix.

