



Robotics 2

Dynamic model of robots: Newton-Euler approach

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Approaches to dynamic modeling

(reprise)



energy-based approach (Euler-Lagrange)

- multi-body robot seen as a whole
- constraint (internal) reaction forces between the links are automatically eliminated: in fact, they do not perform work
- closed-form (symbolic) equations are directly obtained
- best suited for study of dynamic properties and **analysis** of control schemes



Newton-Euler method (balance of forces/moments)


- dynamic equations written separately for each link/body
- mainly used for **inverse dynamics in real time**
 - equations are evaluated in a **numeric** and **recursive** way
 - best for **synthesis** (=implementation) of model-based control schemes
- by eliminating the internal reaction forces and performing back-substitution of all expressions, we get dynamic equations in closed-form (identical to Euler-Lagrange!)



Derivative of a vector in a moving frame

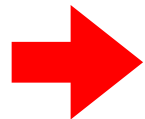
... from velocity to acceleration

$${}^0v_i = {}^0R_i {}^i v_i$$

$${}^0\dot{R}_i = S({}^0\omega_i) {}^0R_i$$


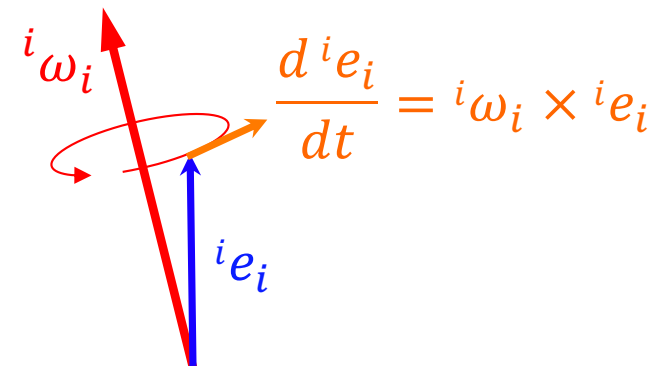
$${}^0\dot{v}_i = {}^0a_i = {}^0R_i {}^i a_i = {}^0R_i {}^i \dot{v}_i + {}^0\dot{R}_i {}^i v_i$$

$$= {}^0R_i {}^i \dot{v}_i + {}^0\omega_i \times {}^0R_i {}^i v_i = {}^0R_i ({}^i \dot{v}_i + {}^i \omega_i \times {}^i v_i)$$



$${}^i a_i = {}^i \dot{v}_i + {}^i \omega_i \times {}^i v_i$$

derivative of a "unit" vector
in a moving frame





Dynamics of a rigid body

- **Newton** dynamic equation

- **balance**: sum of forces = variation of **linear** momentum

$$\sum f_i = \frac{d}{dt} (mv_c) = m\dot{v}_c$$

- **Euler** dynamic equation

- **balance**: sum of moments = variation of **angular** momentum

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \mu_i &= \frac{d}{dt} (I\omega) = I\dot{\omega} + \frac{d}{dt} (R\bar{I}R^T) \omega = I\dot{\omega} + (\dot{R}\bar{I}R^T + R\bar{I}\dot{R}^T) \omega \\ &= I\dot{\omega} + S(\omega)R\bar{I}R^T \omega + R\bar{I}R^T S^T(\omega) \omega = I\dot{\omega} + \omega \times I\omega \end{aligned}$$

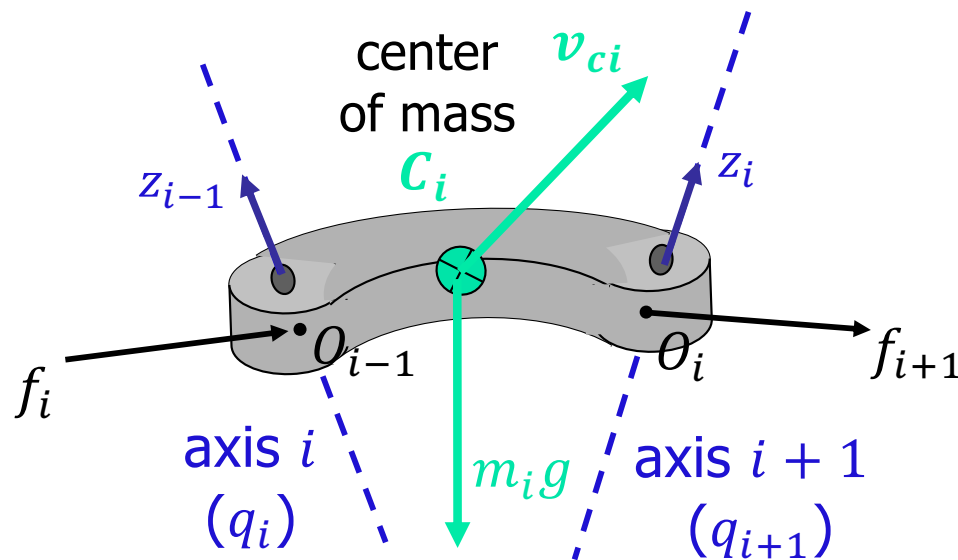
- principle of **action and reaction**

- forces/moments: applied **by** body ***i*** **to** body ***i* + 1**
= **–** applied **by** body ***i* + 1** **to** body ***i***

Newton-Euler equations - 1

link i

FORCES



f_i force applied from link $i - 1$ on link i

f_{i+1} force applied from link i on link $i + 1$

$m_i g$ gravity force

all vectors expressed in the same RF (better in RF_i ...)

Newton equation

$$f_i - f_{i+1} + m_i g = m_i a_{ci}$$

N

linear acceleration of C_i

Newton-Euler equations - 2

link i

MOMENTS

τ_i moment applied
from link $(i - 1)$ on link i

τ_{i+1} moment applied
from link i on link $(i + 1)$

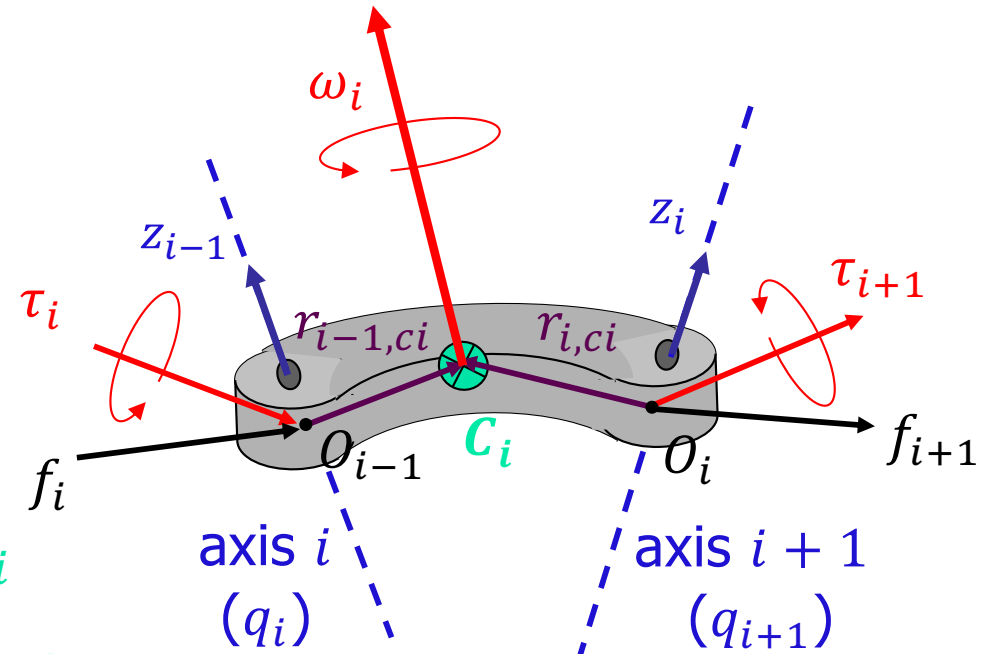
$f_i \times r_{i-1,ci}$ moment due to f_i w.r.t. C_i

$-f_{i+1} \times r_{i,ci}$ moment due to $-f_{i+1}$ w.r.t. C_i

Euler equation

$$\tau_i - \tau_{i+1} + f_i \times r_{i-1,ci} - f_{i+1} \times r_{i,ci} = I_i \dot{\omega}_i + \omega_i \times (I_i \omega_i)$$

angular acceleration of body i



all vectors expressed in
the same RF (... RF_i !!)

E



Forward recursion

Computing velocities and accelerations

- “moving frames” algorithm (as for velocities in Lagrange)
- for simplicity, only revolute joints here
(see [textbook](#) for the more general treatment)

initializations

$${}^i\omega_i = {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}]$$

← ${}^0\omega_0$

$${}^i\dot{\omega}_i = {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}] + {}^{i-1}\dot{R}_i^T [{}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}]$$

AR
$$= {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} \times {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}]$$

← ${}^0\dot{\omega}_0$

$${}^i a_i = {}^{i-1}R_i^T {}^{i-1}a_{i-1} + {}^i\dot{\omega}_i \times {}^i r_{i-1,i} + {}^i\omega_i \times ({}^i\omega_i \times {}^i r_{i-1,i})$$

← ${}^0a_0 - {}^0g$

$${}^i a_{ci} = {}^i a_i + {}^i\dot{\omega}_i \times {}^i r_{i,ci} + {}^i\omega_i \times ({}^i\omega_i \times {}^i r_{i,ci})$$

the gravity force term can be skipped in Newton equation, if added here



Proof of recursion for the angular acceleration ${}^i\dot{\omega}_i$

$${}^i\omega_i = {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\omega_i] = {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} + {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1,i}] = {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}]$$

contribution due
to revolute joint i

same formula used in recursive
algorithm for kinetic energy

$$\begin{aligned} {}^i\dot{\omega}_i &= {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}] + {}^{i-1}\dot{R}_i^T [{}^{i-1}\omega_i] \\ &= {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}] + (S({}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1,i}) {}^{i-1}R_i)^T [{}^{i-1}\omega_i] \\ &= {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}] - {}^{i-1}R_i^T S({}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1,i}) [{}^{i-1}\omega_i] \quad (S^T = -S) \\ &= \dots - {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1,i} \times {}^{i-1}\omega_i] \\ &= \dots - {}^{i-1}R_i^T [\dot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1} \times ({}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1})] \\ &= \dots - {}^{i-1}R_i^T [\dot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1} \times {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1}] = \dots + {}^{i-1}R_i^T [\dot{q}_i {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} \times {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}] \\ &= {}^{i-1}R_i^T [{}^{i-1}\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1} \times {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}] \end{aligned}$$

Hint: by direct time differentiation of the general DH rotation matrix ${}^{i-1}R_i(\theta_i)$ of a revolute joint show that

$${}^{i-1}\dot{R}_i = S({}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1,i}) {}^{i-1}R_i \quad \text{with} \quad {}^{i-1}\omega_{i-1,i} = \dot{\theta}_i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \dot{\theta}_i {}^{i-1}z_{i-1}$$

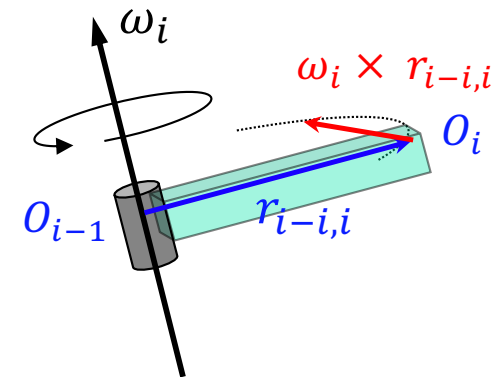


Proof of recursion for the acceleration ${}^i a_i$

in any fixed frame

$$v_i = v_{i-1} + \omega_i \times r_{i-1,i} \quad \text{fundamental kinematic relation of a rigid body} \\ \text{(relation between velocities of point } O_{i-1} \text{ and } O_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{v}_i &= \dot{v}_{i-1} + \dot{\omega}_i \times r_{i-1,i} + \omega_i \times \dot{r}_{i-1,i} \\ &= \dot{v}_{i-1} + \dot{\omega}_i \times r_{i-1,i} + \omega_i \times (\omega_i \times r_{i-1,i}) \end{aligned}$$



in moving frames

$$\begin{aligned} {}^i a_i &= {}^i \dot{v}_i = {}^{i-1} R_i^T {}^{i-1} \dot{v}_{i-1} + {}^i \dot{\omega}_i \times {}^i r_{i-1,i} + {}^i \omega_i \times ({}^i \omega_i \times {}^i r_{i-1,i}) \\ &= {}^{i-1} R_i^T {}^{i-1} a_{i-1} + {}^i \dot{\omega}_i \times \underbrace{{}^i r_{i-1,i}} + {}^i \omega_i \times ({}^i \omega_i \times \underbrace{{}^i r_{i-1,i}}) \end{aligned}$$

constant for a revolute joint



Backward recursion

Computing forces and moments

from N_i \longrightarrow to N_{i-1} eliminated, if inserted in forward recursion ($i=0$) initializations

$${}^i f_i = {}^i R_{i+1} {}^{i+1} f_{i+1} + m_i ({}^i a_{ci} - \cancel{{}^i g}) \quad \leftarrow f_{N+1} \quad \tau_{N+1}$$

\downarrow

F/MR

$${}^i \tau_i = {}^i R_{i+1} {}^{i+1} \tau_{i+1} + ({}^i R_{i+1} {}^{i+1} f_{i+1}) \times {}^i r_{i,ci} - {}^i f_i \times ({}^i r_{i-1,i} + {}^i r_{i,ci}) + {}^i I_i {}^i \dot{\omega}_i + {}^i \omega_i \times {}^i I_i {}^i \omega_i$$

from E_i \longrightarrow to E_{i-1}

at each recursion step, the two vector equations ($N_i + E_i$) at joint i provide a wrench $(f_i, \tau_i) \in \mathbb{R}^6$: this contains ALSO **reaction forces/moments** at the joint axis \Rightarrow to be "**projected**" along/around this axis to produce **work**

FP

$$u_i = \begin{cases} {}^i f_i^T {}^i z_{i-1} + F_{vi} \dot{q}_i & \text{for prismatic joint} \\ {}^i \tau_i^T {}^i z_{i-1} + F_{vi} \dot{q}_i & \text{for revolute joint} \end{cases}$$

\uparrow **generalized forces** (in rhs of Euler-Lagrange eqs) \nwarrow **add any dissipative term** (here, viscous friction only)

N scalar equations at the end

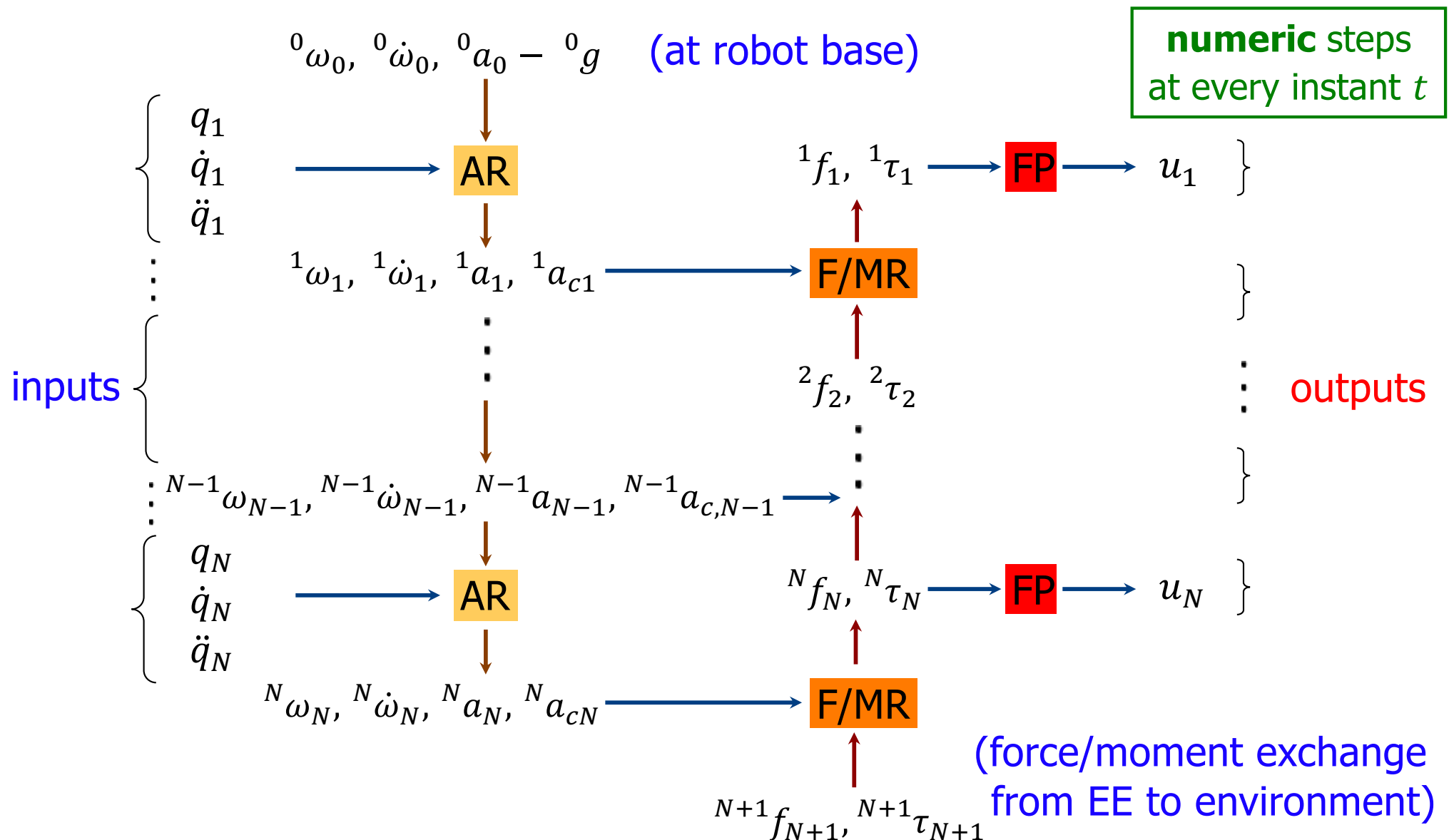


Comments on Newton-Euler method

- the previous forward/backward recursive formulas can be evaluated in symbolic or numeric form
 - **symbolic**
 - substituting expressions in a recursive way
 - at the end, a closed-form dynamic model is obtained, which is identical to the one obtained using Euler-Lagrange (or any other) method
 - there is **no** special convenience in using N-E in this way ...
 - **numeric**
 - substituting numeric values (numbers!) at each step
 - **computational complexity** of each step remains constant \Rightarrow grows **in a linear fashion** with the number **N** of joints (**$O(N)$**)
 - strongly recommended for real-time use, especially when the number **N** of joints **is large**

Newton-Euler algorithm

efficient computational scheme for inverse dynamics





Matlab (or C) script

general routine $NE_{\alpha}(\arg_1, \arg_2, \arg_3)$

assuming **no** interaction
with the environment
($f_{N+1} = \tau_{N+1} = 0$)

- data file (of a specific robot)
 - number N and types $\sigma = \{0,1\}^N$ of joints (revolute/prismatic)
 - table of DH kinematic parameters
 - list of **ALL** dynamic parameters of the links (and of the motors)
- input
 - vector parameter $\alpha = \{^0g, 0\}$ (presence or absence of gravity)
 - three ordered **vector arguments**
 - typically, samples of joint **position, velocity, acceleration** taken from a desired trajectory
- output
 - generalized force u for the **complete** inverse dynamics
 - ... or **single terms** of the dynamic model



Examples of output

- complete inverse dynamics

$$u = NE_0(q_d, \dot{q}_d, \ddot{q}_d) = M(q_d)\ddot{q}_d + c(q_d, \dot{q}_d) + g(q_d) = u_d$$

- gravity term

$$u = NE_0(q, 0, 0) = g(q)$$

- centrifugal and Coriolis term

$$u = NE_0(q, \dot{q}, 0) = c(q, \dot{q})$$

- i -th column of the inertia matrix

$$u = NE_0(q, 0, e_i) = M_i(q)$$

e_i = i -th column
of identity matrix

- generalized momentum

$$u = NE_0(q, 0, \dot{q}) = M(q)\dot{q} = p$$



A further example of output

- **factorization** of centrifugal and Coriolis term

$$u = NE_0(q, \dot{q}, 0) = c(q, \dot{q}) = S(q, \dot{q})\dot{q}$$

- for later use, what about a “mixed” velocity term?

$$S(q, \dot{q})\dot{q}_r \not\Rightarrow \begin{cases} u = NE_0(q, \dot{q}_r, 0) = S(q, \dot{q}_r)\dot{q}_r \\ u = NE_0(q, e_i \dot{q}_{ri}, 0) = S_i(q, e_i \dot{q}_{ri})\dot{q}_{ri} \end{cases} \text{no good!}$$

a) $S(q, \dot{q})\dot{q}_r = S(q, \dot{q}_r)\dot{q}$, when using Christoffel symbols

b) $S(q, \dot{q} + \dot{q}_r)(\dot{q} + \dot{q}_r) = S(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + S(q, \dot{q}_r)\dot{q}_r + 2S(q, \dot{q})\dot{q}_r$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u &= \frac{1}{2} (NE_0(q, \dot{q} + \dot{q}_r, 0) - NE_0(q, \dot{q}, 0) - NE_0(q, \dot{q}_r, 0)) \\ &= S(q, \dot{q})\dot{q}_r \quad (\text{i.e., with 3 calls of standard NE algorithm}) \end{aligned}$$

[Kawasaki et al., IEEE T-RA 1996]



Modified NE algorithm

modified routine $\widehat{NE}_\alpha(\arg_1, \arg_2, \arg_3, \arg_4)$ with 4 arguments

[De Luca, Ferrajoli, ICRA 2009]

$$\widehat{NE}_\alpha(x, y, y, z) = NE_\alpha(x, y, z) \quad \text{consistency property}$$

e.g., $u = \widehat{NE}_0(q, 0, 0, 0) = NE_0(q, 0, 0) = g(q)$

$$u = \widehat{NE}_0(q, \dot{q}, \dot{q}, 0) = NE_0(q, \dot{q}, 0) = c(q, \dot{q}) = S(q, \dot{q})\dot{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \widehat{NE}_0(q, \dot{q}, \dot{q}_r, 0) = S(q, \dot{q})\dot{q}_r \quad \text{with } \dot{M} - 2S \text{ skew-symmetric}$$

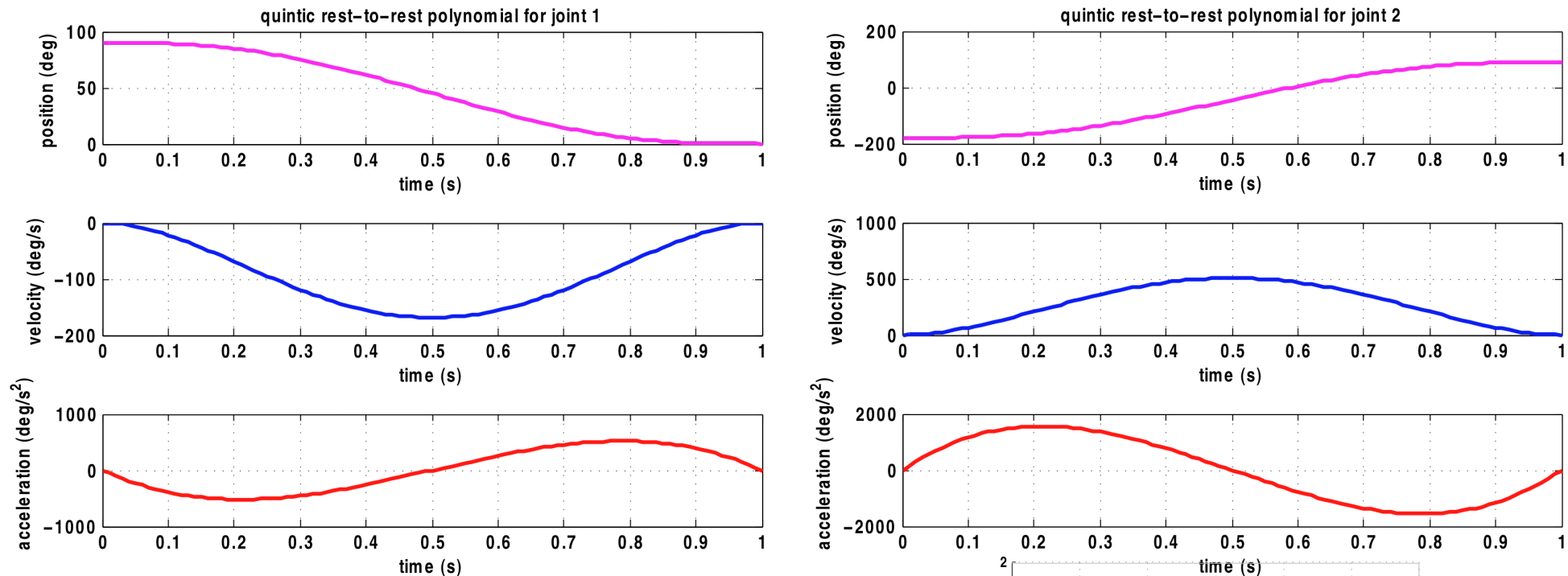
(i.e., with 1 call of modified NE algorithm)

$$\Rightarrow u = \widehat{NE}_0(q, \dot{q}, e_i, 0) = S_i(q, \dot{q})$$

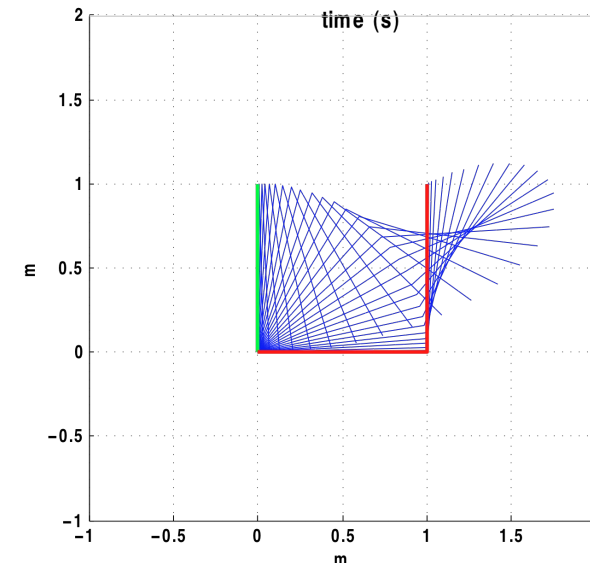
(i.e., the full matrix S satisfying the skew-symmetry of $\dot{M} - 2S$ with N calls of the modified NE algorithm)



Inverse dynamics of a 2R planar robot

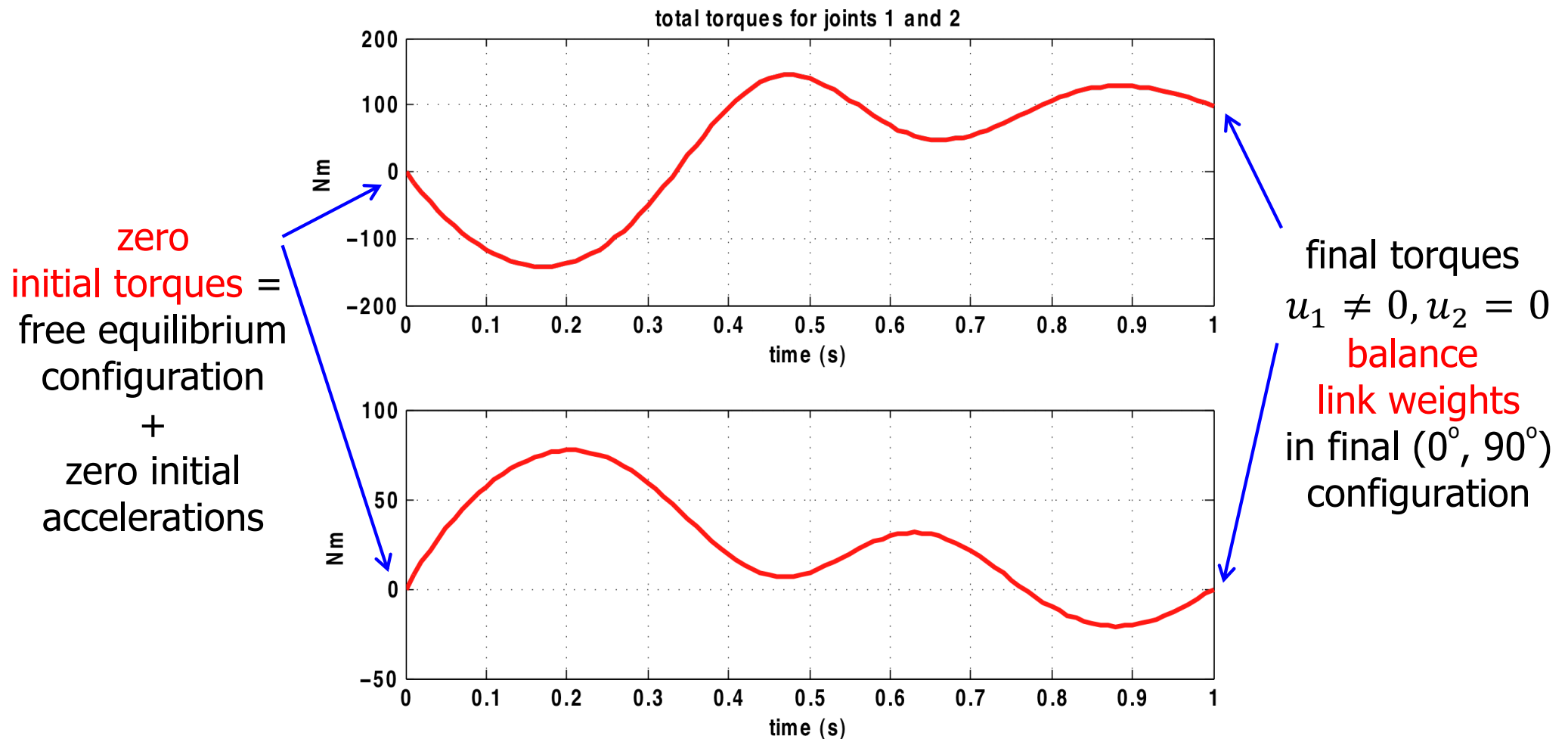


desired (smooth) joint motion:
quintic polynomials for q_1, q_2 with
zero vel/acc boundary conditions
from $(90^\circ, -180^\circ)$ to $(0^\circ, 90^\circ)$ in $T = 1$ s





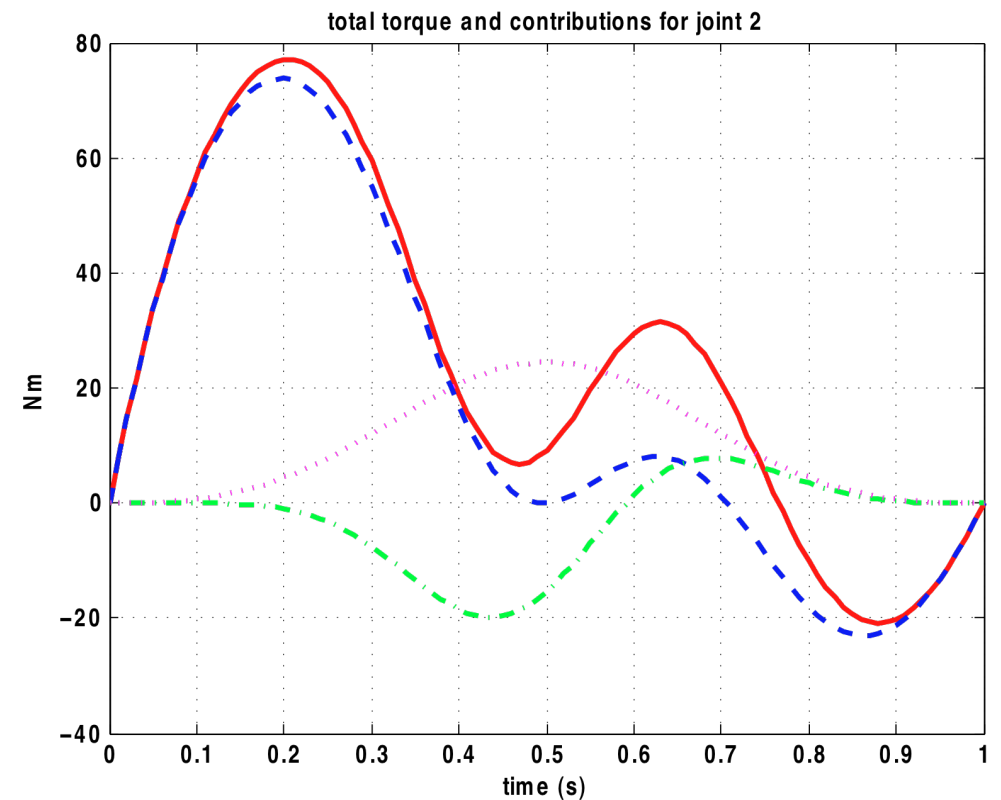
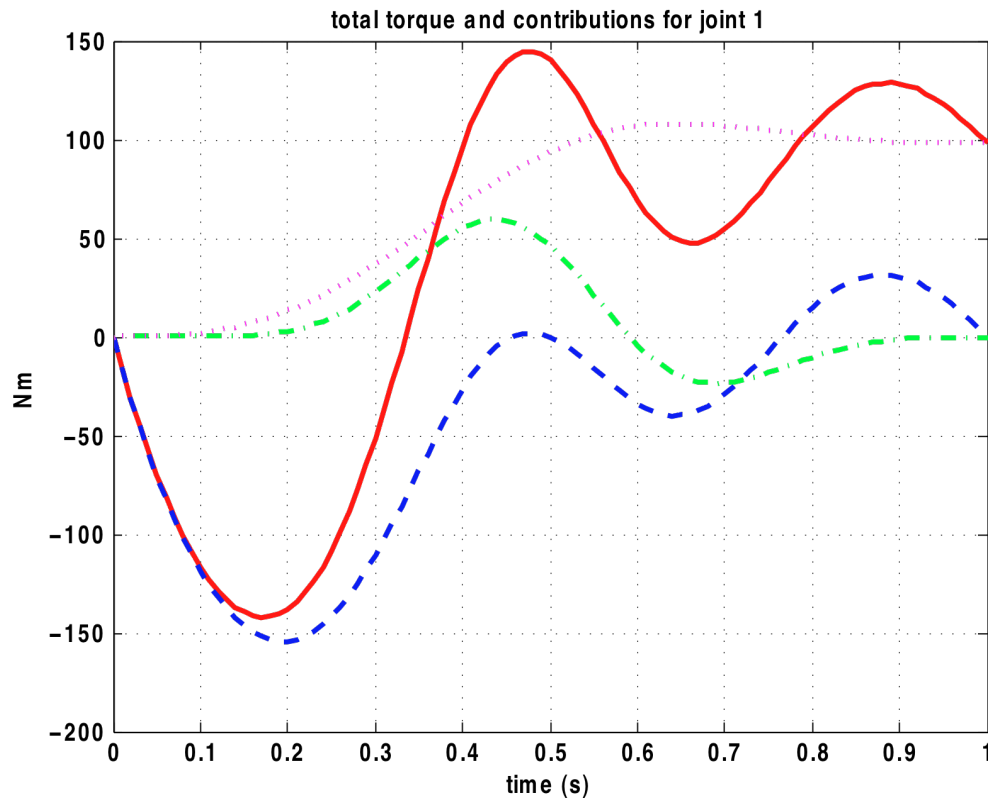
Inverse dynamics of a 2R planar robot



motion in vertical plane (under gravity)

both links are thin rods of uniform mass $m_1 = 10$ kg, $m_2 = 5$ kg

Inverse dynamics of a 2R planar robot



torque contributions at the two joints for the desired motion

— = total, --- = inertial
-.-.- = Coriolis/centrifugal, = gravitational

Use of NE routine for simulation

direct dynamics



- numerical integration, at **current** state (q, \dot{q}) , of
$$\ddot{q} = M^{-1}(q)[u - (c(q, \dot{q}) + g(q))] = M^{-1}(q)[u - n(q, \dot{q})]$$

- Coriolis, centrifugal, and gravity terms

$$n = NE_0(q, \dot{q}, 0) \quad \text{complexity } O(N)$$

- i -th column of the inertia matrix, for $i = 1, \dots, N$

$$M_i = NE_0(q, 0, e_i) \quad O(N^2)$$

- numerical inversion of inertia matrix

$$InvM = \text{inv}(M) \quad O(N^3) \quad \text{but with small coefficient}$$

- given u , integrate acceleration computed as

$$\ddot{q} = InvM * [u - n] \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{new state } (q, \dot{q}) \text{ and repeat over time ...}$$