

#### Robotics 2

## **Robot Interaction with the Environment**

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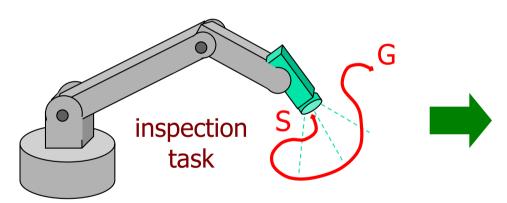




a robot (end-effector) may interact with the environment

- modifying the state of the environment (e.g., pick-and-place operations)
- exchanging forces (e.g., assembly or surface finishing tasks)

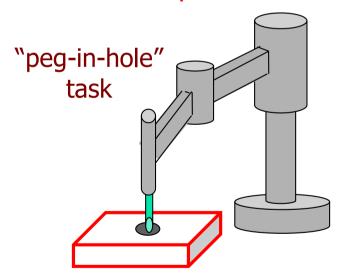
#### control of free motion



sensors: position (encoders)
at the joints\* or
vision at the Cartesian level

\*and velocity (by numerical differentiation or, more rarely, with tachos)

#### control of compliant motion



sensors: as before +
6D force/torque
(at the robot wrist)

#### Robot compliance



#### **PASSIVE**



#### **ACTIVE**

robot end-effector equipped with mechatronic devices that "comply" with the generalized forces applied at the TCP = Tool Center Point

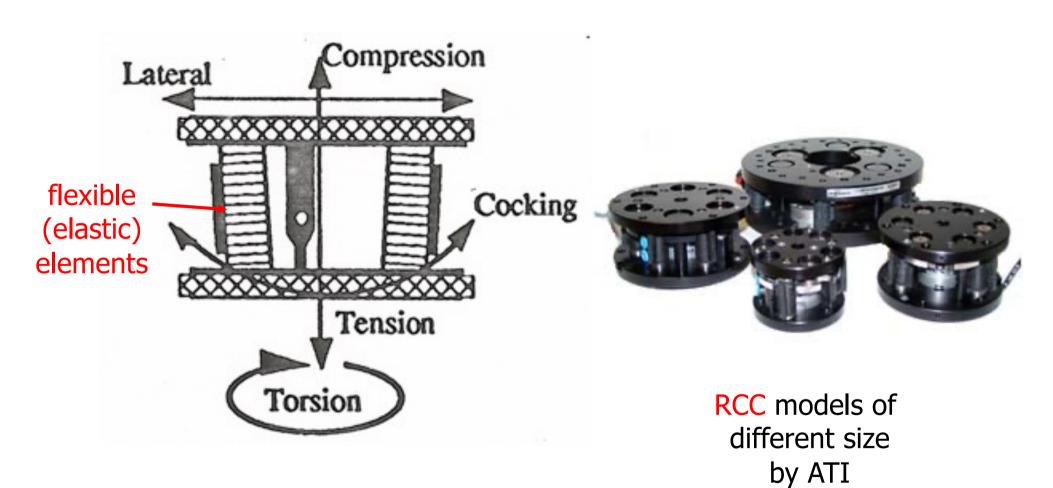
RCC = Remote Center of Compliance device

robot is moved by a control law so as to react in a desired way to generalized forces applied at the TCP (typically measured by a F/T sensor)

- admittance control contact forces ⇒ velocity commands
- stiffness/compliance control
   contact displacements ⇒ force commands
- impedance control contact displacements ⇔ contact forces



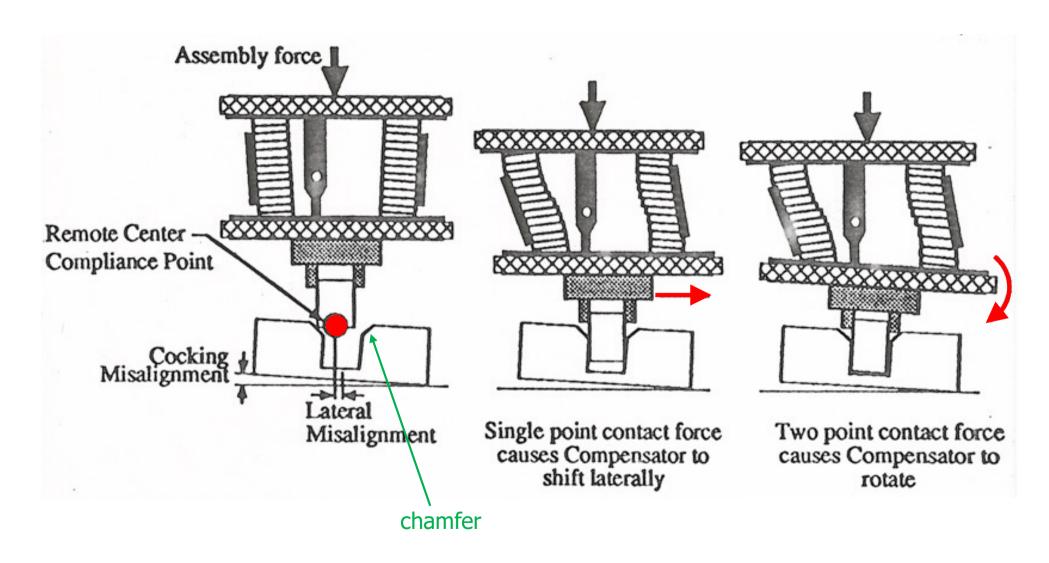




#### RCC behavior

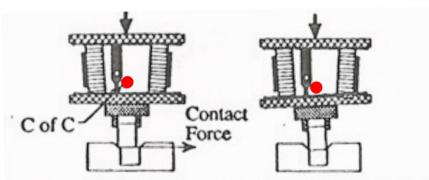


#### in case of misalignment errors in assembly tasks

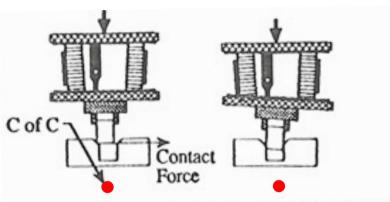








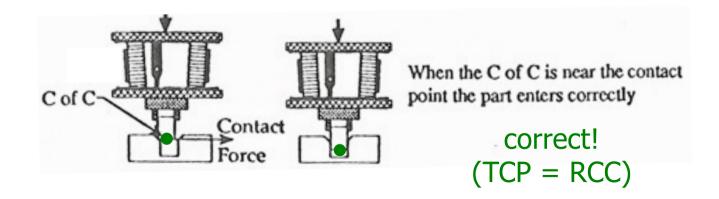
With the C of C far above the point of contact a lateral contact force causes the part to enter at an angle, causing a two point contact.



With the C of C far below the point of contact the part enters at an angle causing two point contact

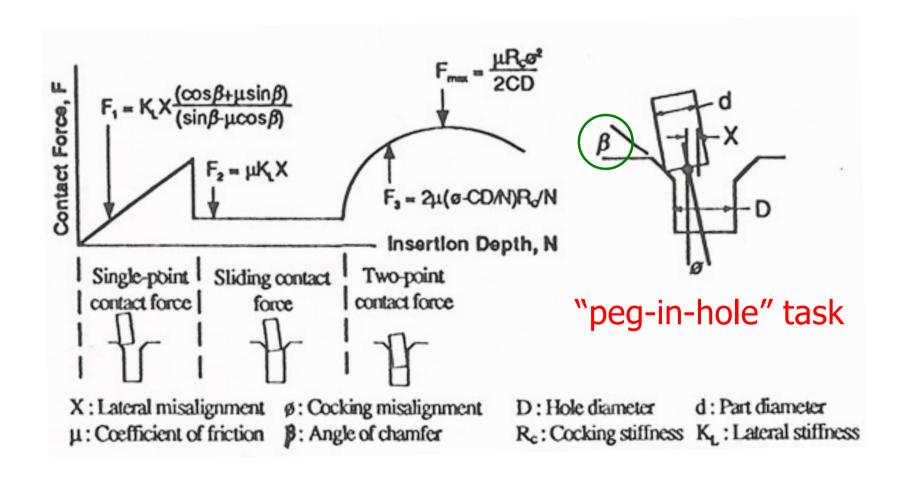
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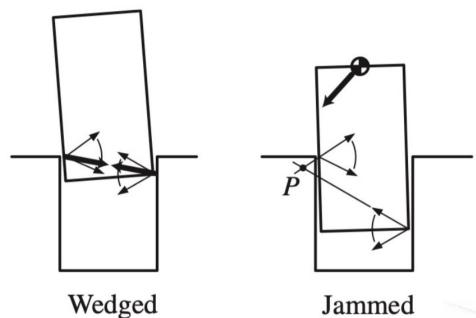
## Typical evolution of assembly forces



chamfer angle  $\beta$  = to ease the insertion, related also to the tolerances of the hole

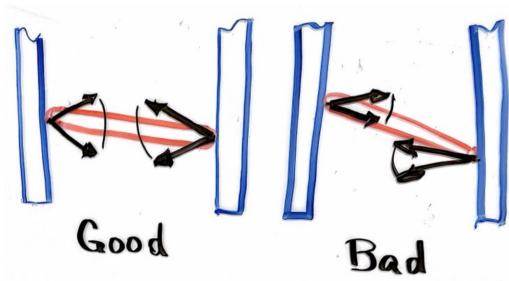
## Wedging and jamming at contacts





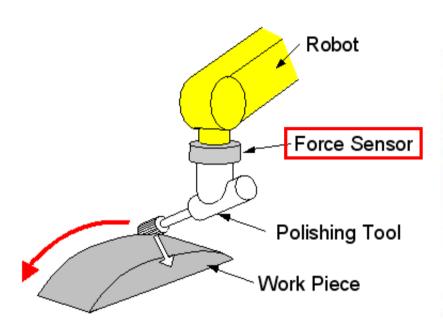
friction problems in two-point contact for peg-in-hole **assembly** 

(no) slippage of a coinin manipulationby a parallel gripper



## Active compliance for contour following





Following with constant pushing force



Washstand



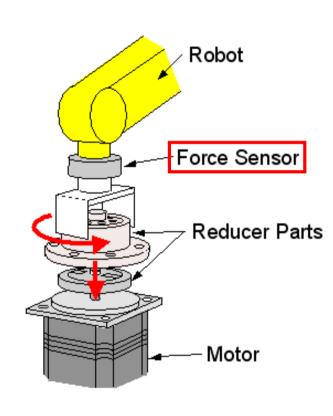
Metal Cabinet

## Active compliance

#### "matching" of mechanical parts

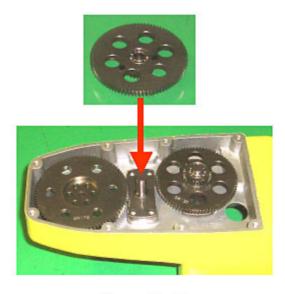


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Phase matching by force sensing





**Gear Parts** 

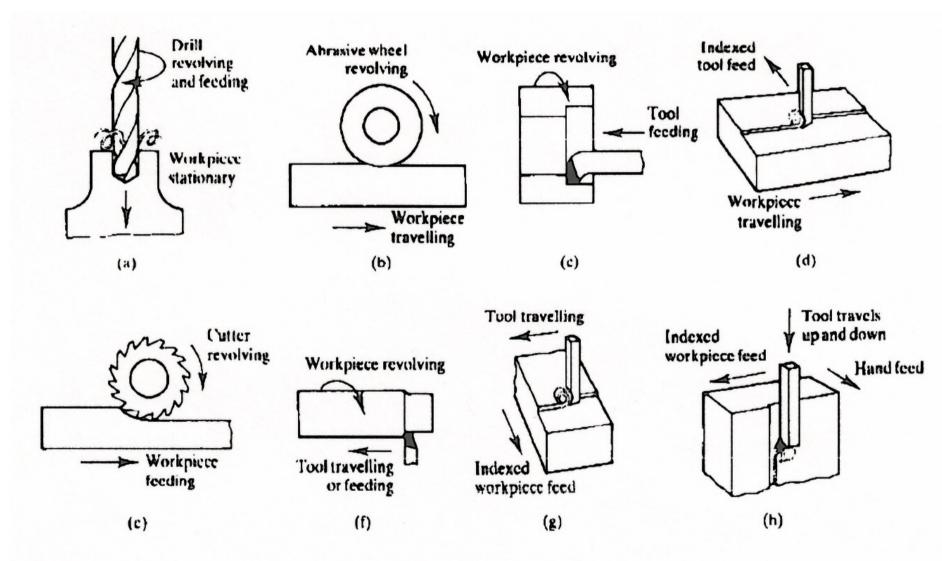
#### Tasks with environment interaction



- mechanical machining
  - deburring, surface finishing, polishing, assembly,...
- tele-manipulation
  - force feedback improves performance of human operators in master-slave (leader-follower) systems
- contact exploration for shape identification
  - force and velocity/vision sensor fusion allow 2D/3D geometric identification of unknown objects and their contour following
- dexterous robot hands
  - power grasp and fine in-hand manipulation require force/motion cooperation and coordinated control of the multiple fingers
- cooperation of multi-manipulator systems
  - the environment includes one of more other robots with their own dynamic behaviors
- physical human-robot interaction
  - humans as active, dynamic environments that need to be handled under full safety premises ...

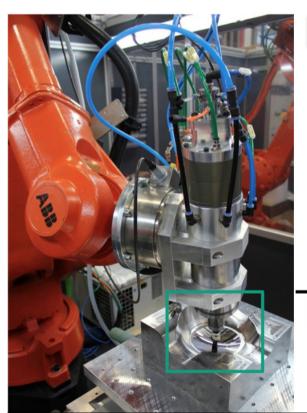


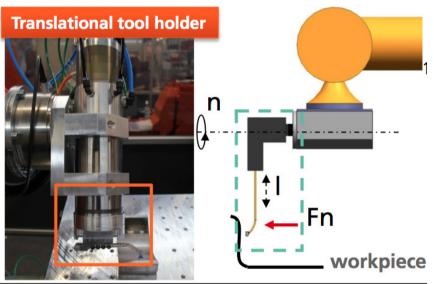












Rotational tool holder

#### **Main properties:**

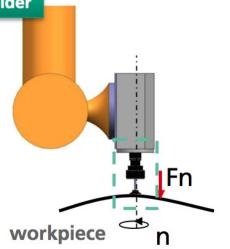
synchronous motor

rotation: 100 - 36.000 rpm

power : 6 kWmass : 16 kg

automated tool exchanger

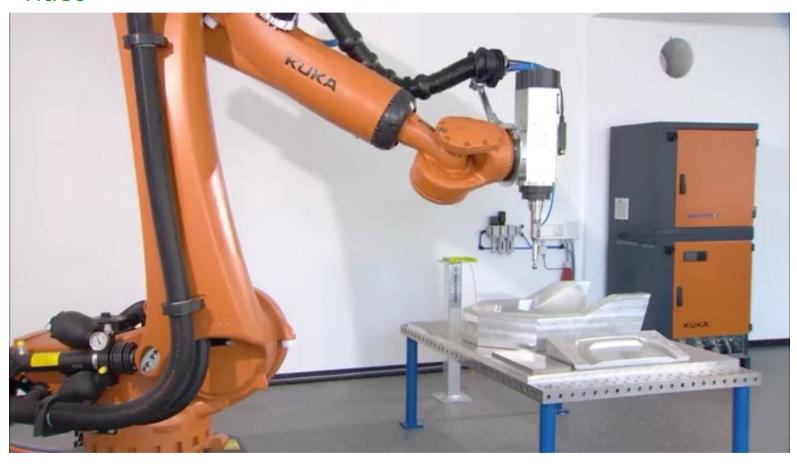
pneumatic channels for force control (x3)





## Abrasive finishing of surfaces

#### video



technological processes: cold forging of surfaces and hammer peening by pneumatic machine

## Non-contact surface finishing



video

Fluid Jet technology



Pulsed Laser technology





video





- for physical interaction tasks, the desired motion specification and execution should be integrated with complementary data for the desired force
  - hybrid force/motion planning and control objectives
- the exchanged forces/torques at the contact(s) with the environment can be explicitly set under control or simply kept limited in an indirect way

## Evolution of control approaches a bit of history from the late 70's-mid '80s ...



- explicit control of forces/torques only [Whitney]
  - used in quasi-static operations (assembly) in order to avoid deadlocks during part insertion
- active admittance and compliance control [Paul, Shimano, Salisbury]
  - contact forces handled through position (stiffness) or velocity (damping)
     control of the robot end-effector
  - robot reacts as a compressed spring (with damper) in selected/all directions
- impedance control [Hogan]
  - a desired dynamic behavior is imposed to the robot-environment interaction, e.g., a "model" with forces acting on a mass-spring-damper
  - mimics the human arm behavior moving in an unknown environment
- hybrid force-motion control [Mason]
  - decomposes the task space in complementary sets of directions where either force or motion is controlled, based on
    - a purely kinematic robot model [Raibert, Craig]
    - the actual dynamic model of the robot [Khatib]

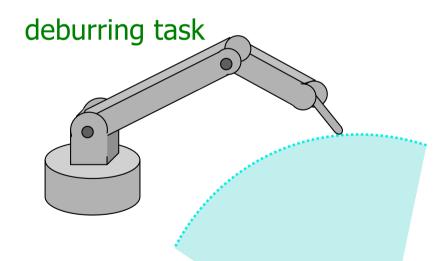
appropriate for fast and accurate motion in dynamic interaction...



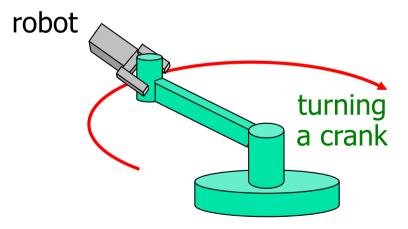


#### interaction tasks with the environment that require

- accurate following/reproduction by the robot end-effector of desired trajectories (even at high speed) defined on the surface of objects
- control of forces/torques applied at the contact with environments having low (soft) or high (rigid) stiffness



e.g., removing extra glue from the border of a car windshield



e.g., opening a door



## Robotized deburring of windshields



c/o ABB Excellence Center in Cecchina (Roma), 2002





environment model ( domain of control application)

#### impedance control

- environment = mechanical system undergoing small but finite deformations
- contact forces arise as the result of a balance of two coupled dynamic systems (robot+environment)
- desired dynamic characteristics are assigned to the force/motion interaction

#### hybrid force/motion control

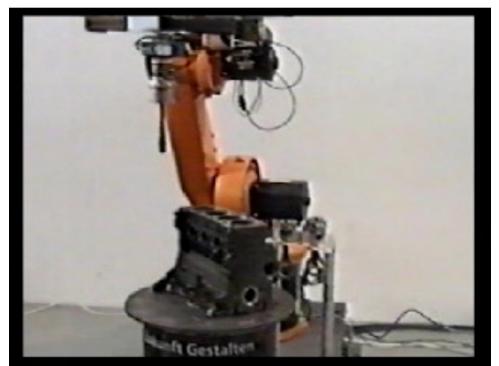
- a rigid environment reduces the degrees of freedom of the robot when in (bi-/uni-lateral) contact
- contact forces result from attempts to violate geometric constraints imposed by the environment
- → task space is decomposed in sets of directions where only motion or only reaction forces are feasible
- the required level of knowledge about the environment geometry is only apparently different between the two control approaches
- however, measuring contact forces may not be needed in impedance control, while it always necessary in hybrid force/motion control





- opening a door with a mobile manipulator under impedance control
- piston insertion in a motor based on hybrid control of force-position (visual)



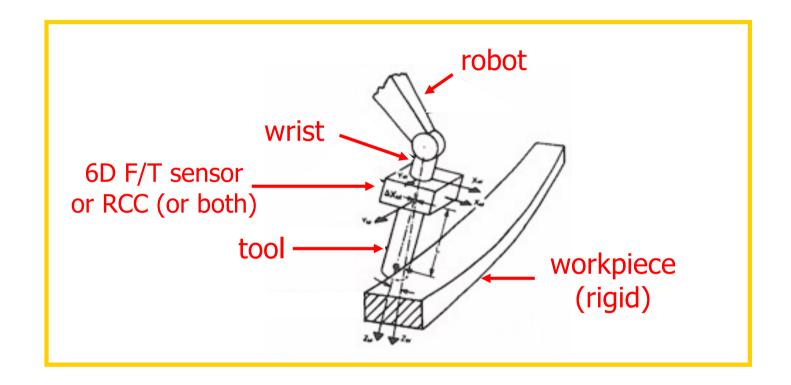


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#### A typical constrained situation ...

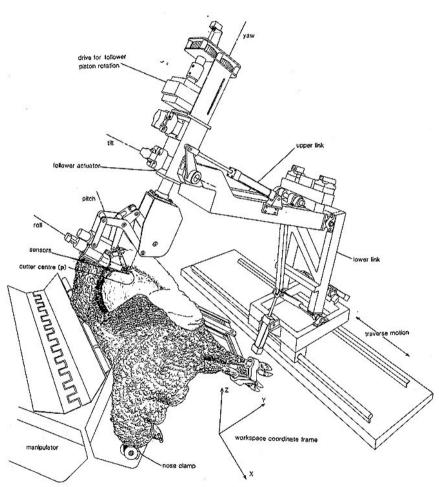


the robot end-effector follows in a stable and accurate way the geometric profile of a very stiff workpiece, while applying a desired contact force







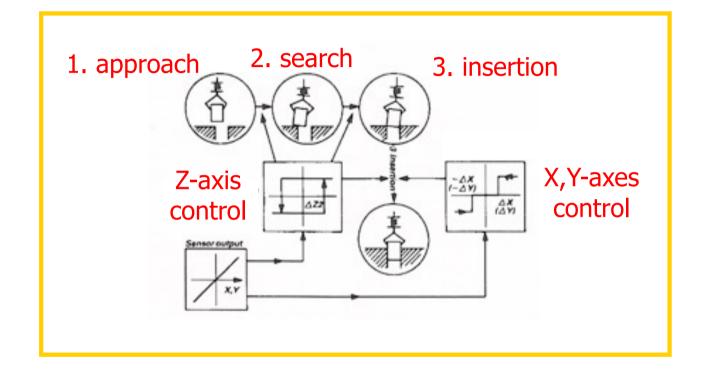


Trevelyan (AUS): Oracle robotic system in a test dated 1981

...is the sheep happy?



#### A mixed interaction situation



processing/reasoning on force measurements
leads to a sequence of fine motions
⇒ correct completion of insertion task with
help of (sufficiently large) passive compliance

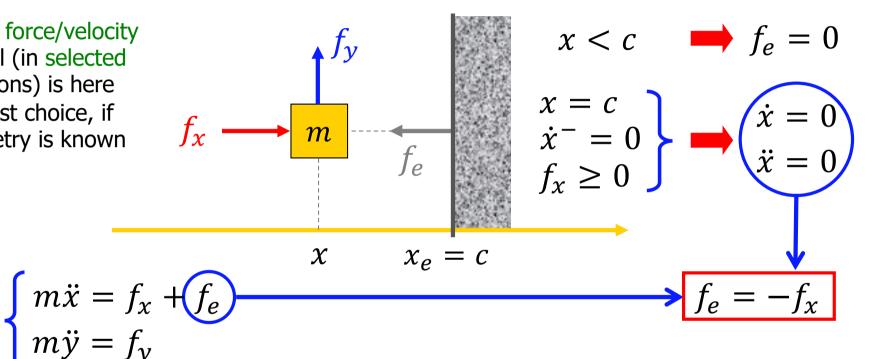
## Ideally constrained contact situation



a first possible modeling choice for very stiff environments



hybrid force/velocity control (in selected directions) is here the best choice, if geometry is known



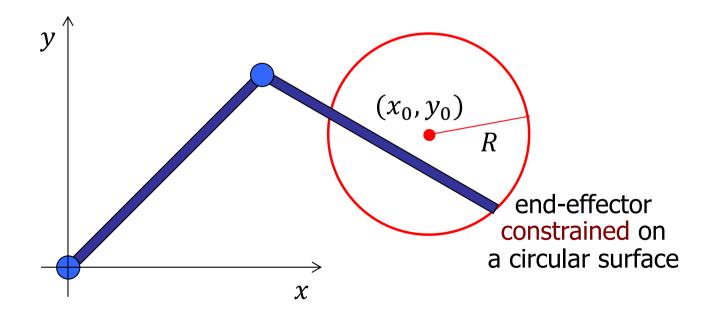
"ideal" = robot (here, a Cartesian mass) + environment are both infinitely STIFF (and no friction at the contact)

in case of an impact  $(x = c, \dot{x}^- > 0)$  that is purely "elastic" (i.e., with conservation of total momentum and total kinetic energy)  $\Rightarrow \dot{x}^+ = -\dot{x}^-$  ( $f_e$  is an impulse!)



#### In more complex situations

- how can we describe more complex contact situations, where the end-effector of an articulated robot (not yet reduced to a Cartesian mass via feedback linearization control) is constrained to move on an environment surface with nonlinear geometry?
- example: a planar 2R robot with end-effector moving on a circle







 consider a robot in free space described by its Lagrange dynamic model and a task output function (e.g., the end-effector pose)

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

$$r = f(q)$$

$$q \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

• suppose that the task variables are subject to m < n (bilateral) geometric constraints in the general form k(r) = 0 and define

$$h(q) = k(f(q)) = 0$$

 the constrained robot dynamics can be derived using again the Lagrange formalism, by defining an augmented Lagrangian as

$$L_a(q,\dot{q},\lambda) = L(q,\dot{q}) + \lambda^T h(q) = T(q,\dot{q}) - U(q) + \lambda^T h(q)$$

where the Lagrange multipliers  $\lambda$  (a m-dimensional vector) can be interpreted as the generalized forces that arise at the contact when attempting to violate the constraints



## Constrained robot dynamics - 2

• applying the Euler-Lagrange equations in the extended space of generalized coordinates q and multipliers  $\lambda$  yields

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L_a}{\partial \dot{q}} \right)^T - \left( \frac{\partial L_a}{\partial q} \right)^T = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right)^T - \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \right)^T - \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} (\lambda^T h(q)) \right)^T = u$$

$$(\partial L_a)^T$$
contact forces do

$$\left(\frac{\partial L_a}{\partial \lambda}\right)^T = h(q) = 0$$
 contact forces do NOT produce work

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + c(q,\dot{q}) + g(q) = u + A^{T}(q)\lambda \qquad (\star)$$
subject to  $h(q) = 0$ 

where we defined the Jacobian of the constraints as the matrix

$$A(q) = \frac{\partial h(q)}{\partial q}$$

that will be assumed of full row rank (= m)

## Constrained robot dynamics - 3



- we can eliminate the appearance of the multipliers as follows
  - differentiate the constraints twice w.r.t. time

$$h(q) = 0 \implies \dot{h} = \frac{\partial h(q)}{\partial q} \dot{q} = A(q) \dot{q} = 0 \implies \ddot{h} = A(q) \ddot{q} + \dot{A}(q) \dot{q} = 0$$

substitute the joint accelerations from the dynamic model (\*)
 (dropping dependencies)

$$AM^{-1}(u + A^T\lambda - c - g) + \dot{A}\dot{q} = 0$$

• solve for the multipliers invertible  $m \times m$  matrix, when A is full rank

$$\lambda = (AM^{-1}A^T)^{-1} \big(AM^{-1}(c+g-u) - \dot{A}\dot{q}\big)$$
 the inertia-weighted pseudoinverse of the constraint Jacobian  $A$  
$$= (A_M^{\#})^T (c+g-u) - (AM^{-1}A^T)^{-1} \dot{A}\dot{q}$$

to be replaced in the dynamic model...

constraint forces  $\lambda$  are uniquely determined by the robot state  $(q, \dot{q})$  and input u!!



## Constrained robot dynamics - 4

the final constrained dynamic model can be rewritten as

$$M(q)\ddot{q} = \left[I - A^{T}(q)(A_{M}^{\#}(q))^{T}\right](u - c(q, \dot{q}) - g(q)) - M(q)A_{M}^{\#}(q)\dot{A}(q)\dot{q}$$

dynamically consistent projection matrix

where 
$$A_M^{\#}(q) = M^{-1}(q)A^T(q)(A(q)M^{-1}(q)A^T(q))^{-1}$$
 and with 
$$\lambda = \left(A_M^{\#}(q)\right)^T(c(q,\dot{q}) + g(q) - u) - \left(A(q)M^{-1}(q)A^T(q)\right)^{-1}\dot{A}(q)\dot{q}$$

• if the robot state  $(q(0), \dot{q}(0))$  at time t=0 satisfies the constraints, i.e.,  $h(q(0))=0, \qquad A(q(0))\dot{q}(0)=0$ 

then the robot evolution described by the above dynamics will be consistent with the constraints for all  $t \ge 0$  and for any u(t)

this is a useful simulation model (constrained direct dynamics)

#### Example – ideal mass



constrained robot dynamics

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \qquad f_x \qquad m$$

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \end{pmatrix} \qquad f_e \qquad x = c$$

$$M\ddot{q} = u$$
 robot dynamics in free motion

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$h(q) = x - c = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A(q) = (1 \quad 0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad A_M^{\#}(q) = \dots = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(I - A^{T}(q) \left(A_{M}^{\#}(q)\right)^{T}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = -(A_M^{\#}(q))^T u = -(1 \quad 0) u = -f_{\chi}$$
 multiplier (contact force  $f_e$ )

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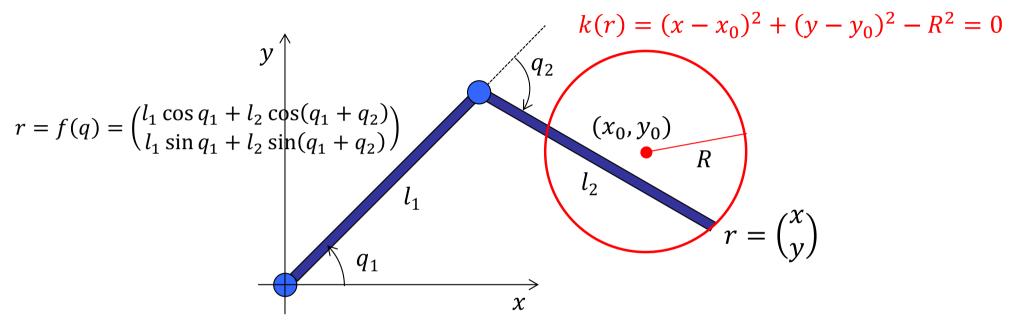
$$M\begin{pmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \end{pmatrix} = M\ddot{q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} u = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f_y \end{pmatrix}$$

constrained robot dynamics

#### Example – planar 2R robot



constrained robot dynamics



$$h(q) = k(f(q)) = (l_1 \cos q_1 + l_2 \cos(q_1 + q_2) - x_0)^2 + (l_1 \sin q_1 + l_2 \sin(q_1 + q_2) - y_0)^2 - R^2 = 0$$

$$\dot{h} = \frac{\partial k}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial q} \dot{q} = [2(x - x_0) \quad 2(y - y_0)] J_r(q) \dot{q}$$

$$= [2(l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_{12} - x_0) \quad 2(l_1 s_1 + l_2 s_{12} - y_0)] J_r(q) \dot{q} = A(q) \dot{q}$$

## Reduced robot dynamics - 1



- by imposing m constraints h(q) = 0 on the n generalized coordinates q, it is also possible to reduce the description of the constrained robot dynamics to a n-m dimensional configuration space
- start from constraint matrix A(q) and select a matrix D(q) such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} A(q) \\ D(q) \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a nonsingular } n \times n \text{ matrix} \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \begin{pmatrix} A(q) \\ D(q) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = (E(q) \quad F(q))$$

• define the (n-m)-dimensional vector of pseudo-velocities v as the linear combination (at a given q) of the robot generalized velocities

$$v = D(q)\dot{q}$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $\dot{v} = D(q)\ddot{q} + \dot{D}(q)\dot{q}$ 

 inverse relationships (from "pseudo" to "generalized" velocities and accelerations) are given by

$$\dot{q} = F(q)v \qquad \ddot{q} = F(q)\dot{v} - \left(E(q)\dot{A}(q) + F(q)\dot{D}(q)\right)F(q)v$$

properties of block products in inverse matrices have been used for eliminating the appearance of  $\dot{F}$  (often F is only known numerically)

#### Reduced robot dynamics – 2

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three useful identities!

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$$\binom{A(q)}{D(q)}^{-1} = (E(q) \quad F(q))$$
 a number of properties from this definition...

two matrix inverse products

$$\binom{A(q)}{D(q)}(E(q) \quad F(q)) = \binom{A(q)E(q)}{D(q)E(q)} \quad \binom{A(q)F(q)}{D(q)F(q)} = \binom{I_{m \times m}}{0} \quad \binom{I_{(n-m)\times(n-m)}}{I_{(n-m)\times(n-m)}}$$

$$(E(q) \quad F(q)) \begin{pmatrix} A(q) \\ D(q) \end{pmatrix} = E(q)A(q) + F(q)D(q) = I_{n \times n}$$

differentiating w.r.t. time

$$\dot{E}A + E\dot{A} + \dot{F}D + F\dot{D} = 0 \quad \triangleleft$$

from pseudo-velocity  $v = D(q)\dot{q}$  since F is a right inverse of the full row rank matrix D (DF = I)

$$\dot{q} = F(q)v \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{(in fact,} \\ D\dot{q} = DFv \\ = v \text{)} \end{array}$$

 $\rightarrow$  differentiating w.r.t. time  $\dot{q} = F(q)v$ 

$$\ddot{q} = F\dot{v} + \dot{F}v = F\dot{v} + (\dot{F}D)\dot{q} = F\dot{v} - (\dot{E}A + E\dot{A} + F\dot{D})Fv$$

$$= F(q)\dot{v} - (E(q)\dot{A}(q) + F(q)\dot{D}(q))F(q)v$$

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## Reduced robot dynamics - 3

■ consider again the dynamic model (★), dropping dependencies

$$M\ddot{q} + c + g = u + A^T \lambda$$

• since AE = I, multiplying on the left by  $E^T$  isolates the multipliers

$$E^{T}(M\ddot{q} + c + g - u) = \lambda$$

• since AF = 0, multiplying on the left by  $F^T$  eliminates the multipliers

$$F^T M \ddot{q} = F^T (u - c - g)$$

 substituting in the latter the generalized accelerations and velocities with the pseudo-accelerations and pseudo-velocities leads finally to

invertible 
$$(n-m)\times(n-m)$$
  $\rightarrow$   $(F^TMF)\dot{v}=F^T(u-c-g+M(E\dot{A}+F\dot{D})Fv)$  positive definite matrix

which is the reduced (n-m)-dimensional dynamic model

similarly, the expression of the multipliers becomes

$$\lambda = E^{T}(MF\dot{v} - M(E\dot{A} + F\dot{D})Fv + c + g - u) \quad (\S)$$

#### Example – ideal mass



#### reduced robot dynamics

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 robot dynamics in free motion

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$h(q) = x - c = 0 \implies A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \begin{pmatrix} A \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v = D\dot{q} = \dot{y}$$
 pseudo-velocity

$$\lambda = E^T (MF\dot{v} - u)$$

$$= E^{T}(MFV - U)$$

$$= (1 \quad 0) \left( \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \ddot{y} - \begin{pmatrix} f_{x} \\ f_{y} \end{pmatrix} \right) = -(1 \quad 0) \begin{pmatrix} f_{x} \\ f_{y} \end{pmatrix} = -f_{x}$$
 (contact force  $f_{e}$ )

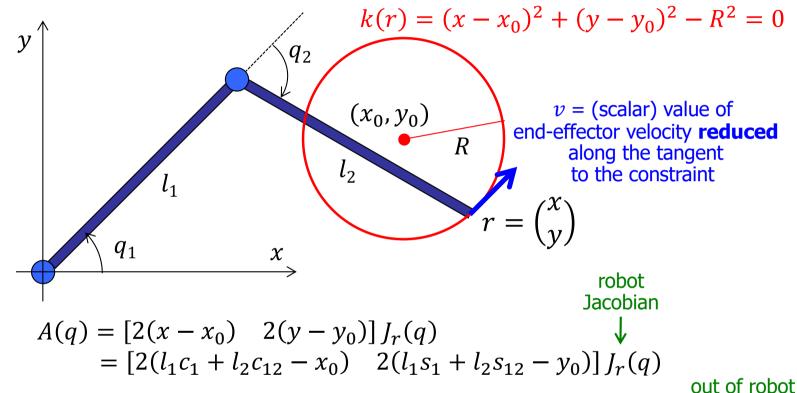
$$(F^T M F)\dot{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \dot{v} = m\ddot{y} = f_y = F^T u$$

reduced robot dynamics

#### Example – planar 2R robot



reduced robot dynamics



a feasible selection of matrix D(q)

$$D(q) = \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (y - y_0) \quad \frac{1}{2} (x - x_0) \right] J_r(q) \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \det \begin{pmatrix} A(q) \\ D(q) \end{pmatrix} = R^2 \cdot \det J_r(q) \neq 0$$

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singularities

#### Control based on reduced robot dynamics



- the reduced n-m dynamic expressions are more compact but also more complex and less used for simulation purposes than the n-dimensional constrained dynamics
- however, they are useful for control design (reduced inverse dynamics)
- in fact, it is straightforward to verify that the feedback linearizing control law

$$u = (c + g - M(E\dot{A} + F\dot{D})Fv) + MFu_1 - A^Tu_2$$

applied to the reduced robot dynamics and to the expression (§) of the multipliers leads to the closed-loop system

$$\dot{v} = u_1$$
  $\lambda = u_2$ 

Note: these are exactly in the form of the ideal mass example of slide #25, with  $v = \dot{y}$ ,  $u_1 = f_y/m$ ,  $\lambda = f_e$ ,  $u_2 = -f_x$  (being n = 2, m = 1, n - m = 1)

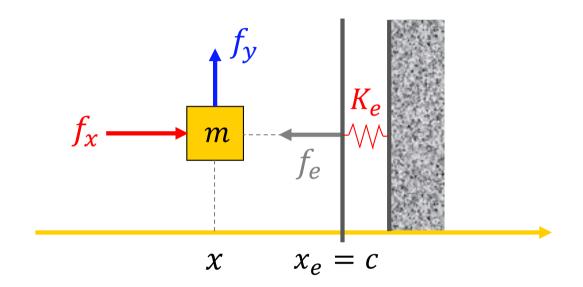
here m is a mass! here m is a dimension!

#### Compliant contact situation



a second possible modeling choice for softer environments





compliance/impedance control (in all directions) is here a good choice that allows to handle

- uncertain position
- uncertain orientation of the wall

$$\begin{cases} m\ddot{x} = f_x + f_e \\ m\ddot{y} = f_y \end{cases}$$

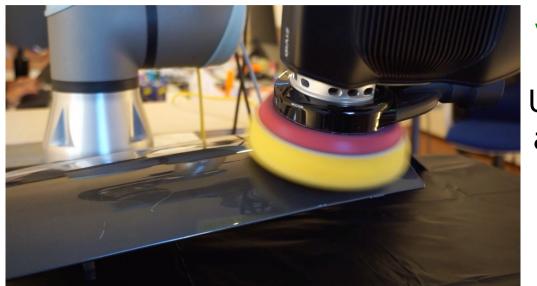
$$\begin{cases} m\ddot{x} = f_x + f_e \\ m\ddot{y} = f_y \end{cases} \begin{cases} x < c & \longrightarrow f_e = 0 \\ x \ge c & \longrightarrow f_e = K_e(x - x_e) \end{cases}$$

with  $K_e > 0$  being the stiffness of the environment

#### Surface following with force control







video

UR10 6R robot with stereo camera and F/T sensor at the end-effector

soft tool on hard surface

Flexiv RIZON 7R robot with joint torque sensors

hard tool on soft surface

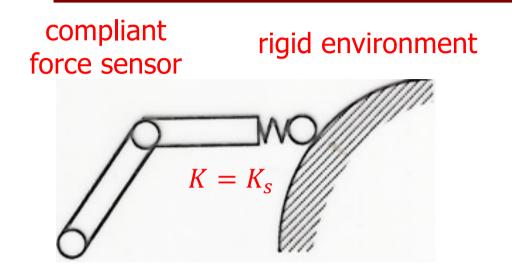


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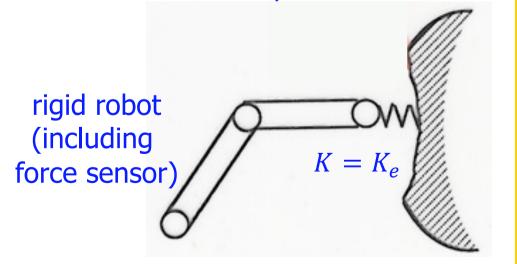
## Robot-environment contact types



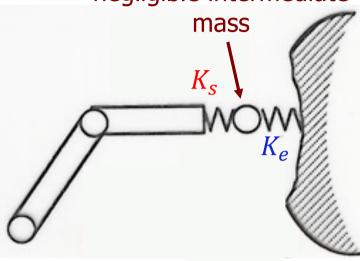
modeled by a single elastic constant



compliant environment



negligible intermediate



$$\frac{1}{K} = \frac{1}{K_s} + \frac{1}{K_e} \implies K = \frac{K_s K_e}{K_s + K_e}$$

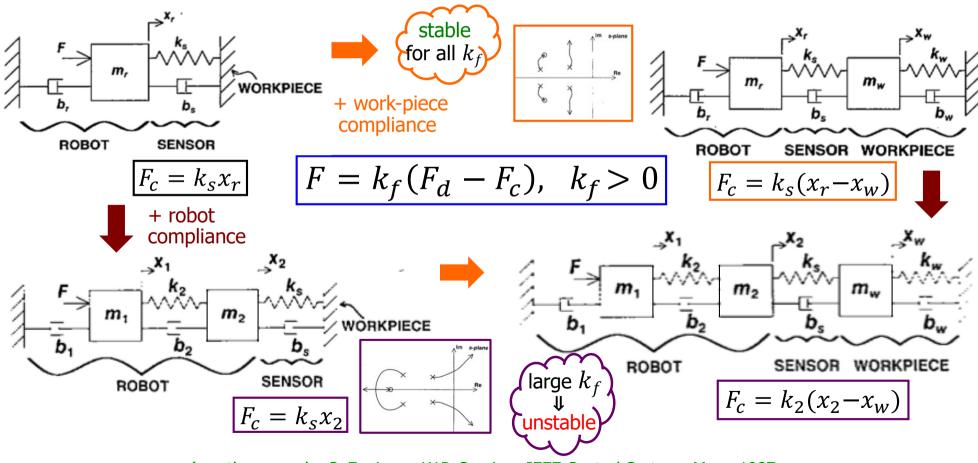
series of springs =
sum of compliances
(inverse of stiffnesses)

#### Force control

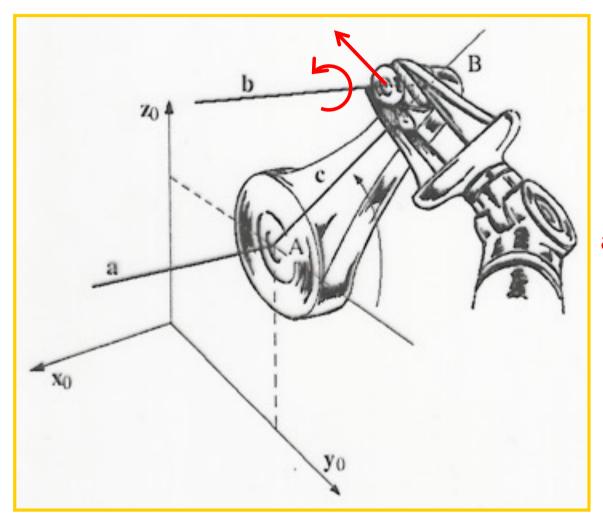


#### 1-dof robot-environment linear dynamic models

- with a force sensor (having stiffness  $k_s$  and damping  $b_s$ ) measuring the contact force  ${F}_c$
- stability analysis of a proportional control loop for regulation of the contact force (to a desired constant value  $F_d$ ) can be made using the root-locus method (for a varying  $k_f$ )
- by including/excluding work-piece compliance and/or robot (transmission) compliance





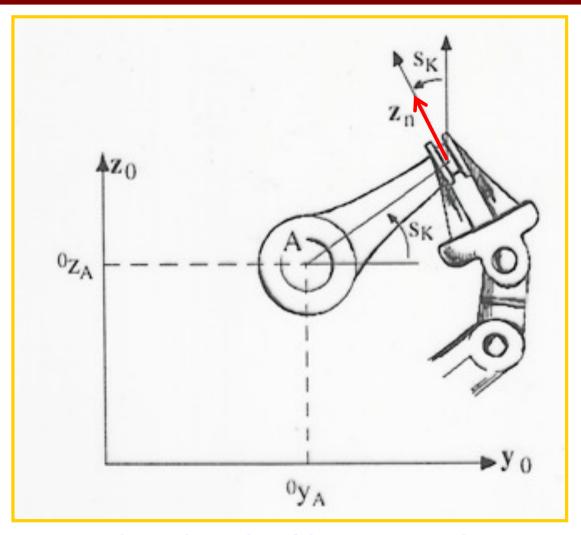


two generalized
directions of
instantaneous
free motion
at the contact:
tangential velocity
& angular velocity
around handle axis

four directions
of generalized
reaction forces
at the contact

the robot should turn a crank having a free-spinning handle



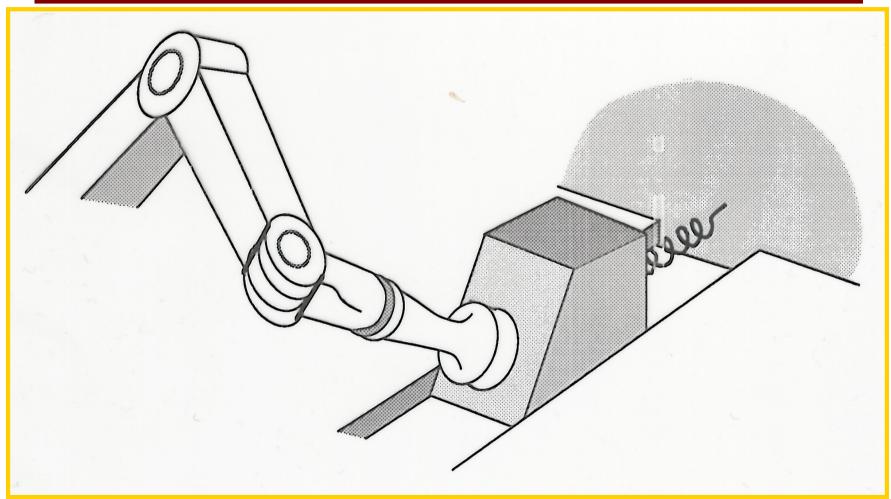


one direction only
of instantaneous
free motion
at the contact:
tangential velocity

five directions
of generalized
reaction forces
at the contact

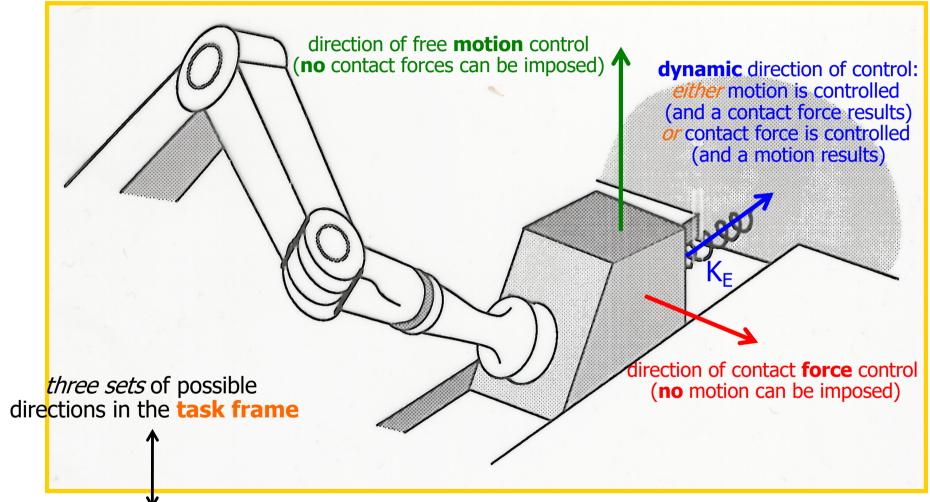
the robot should turn a crank having a fixed handle





the robot should push a mass elastically coupled to a wall and constrained in a guide





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