

Jacobian

Introduction





Jacobian – Mapping Operator Joint & Cartesian/Task Spaces





Kinematics Relations - Joint & Cartesian/Task Spaces

- A robot is often used to manipulate object attached to its tip (end effector).
- The location of the robot tip may be specified using one of the following descriptions:

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Joint Space

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \vdots \\ d_i \\ \vdots \\ \theta_N \end{bmatrix}$$

• Task Space (Cartesian Space)

$${}_{N}^{0}T = \begin{bmatrix} {}_{N}^{0}R & {}^{0}P_{N} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad X = \begin{bmatrix} [{}^{0}P_{N}] \\ [{}^{0}K_{N}] \end{bmatrix}$$
Equivalent Axis







• The robot kinematic equations relate the two description of the robot tip location





Kinematics Relations - Forward & Inverse



Tip Velocity in Joint Space

Tip velocity in Task/Cartesian/EE Space





Jacobian – Derivation from First Principals Velocity Maping





- The Jacobian is a multi dimensional form of the derivative.
- Suppose that for example we have 6 functions, each of which is a function of 6 independent variables

$$y_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6)$$

$$y_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6)$$

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$$y_6 = f_6(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6)$$

• We may also use a vector notation to write these equations as

$$Y = F(X)$$





• If we wish to calculate the differential of y_i as a function of the differential x_i we use the chain rule to get

$$\delta y_{1} = \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial x_{1}} \delta x_{1} + \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial x_{2}} \delta x_{2} + \dots + \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial x_{6}} \delta x_{6}$$

$$\delta y_{2} = \frac{\partial f_{2}}{\partial x_{1}} \delta x_{1} + \frac{\partial f_{2}}{\partial x_{2}} \delta x_{2} + \dots + \frac{\partial f_{2}}{\partial x_{6}} \delta x_{6}$$

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$$\delta y_{6} = \frac{\partial f_{6}}{\partial x_{1}} \delta x_{1} + \frac{\partial f_{6}}{\partial x_{2}} \delta x_{2} + \dots + \frac{\partial f_{6}}{\partial x_{6}} \delta x_{6}$$



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• Which again might be written more simply using a vector notation as

$$\delta Y = \frac{\partial F}{\partial X} \delta X$$



• The 6x6 matrix of partial derivative is defined as the Jacobian matrix

$$\delta Y = \frac{\partial F}{\partial X} \delta X = J(X) \delta X$$

 By dividing both sides by the differential time element, we can think of the Jacobian as mapping velocities in X to those in Y

$$\dot{Y} = J(X)\dot{X}$$

• Note that the Jacobian is time varying linear transformation





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• In the field of robotics the Jacobian matrix describe the relationship between the joint angle rates $(\underline{\dot{\theta}}_N)$ and the translation and rotation velocities of the end effector $(\underline{\dot{x}})$. This relationship is given by:



• Note: The Jacobian is a function of joint angle θ meaning that the Jacobian varies as the configuration of the arm changes

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• The meaning of <u>each line</u> (e.g. the first line) of the Jacobian matrix:



• The first line maps the contribution of the angular velocity of each joint to the linear velocity of the end effector along the x-axis



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• The meaning of <u>each column</u> (e.g. the first column) of the Jacobian matrix:



• The first column maps the contribution of the angular velocity of the first joint to the linear and angular velocities of the end effector along all the axis (x,y,z)







Jacobian – Derivation from First Principles (Virtual Work)

Forces & Torque





Jacobian Matrix – Derivation Using Virtual Work Principles

 The work applied on a mass moving in a linear fashion is the dot product of the force applied and its incremental displacement

 $W = F \cdot \Delta x = F \cos \theta x$

 In a similar fashion the work applied on a revolving mass is the do product of the torque and the incremental angular displacement

$$W = \tau \cdot \Delta \theta$$





Jacobian Matrix – Derivation Using Virtual Work Principles

 Extending the two previous pervious principles to a multi joint multi link mechanism resulted in an equation which describes from one end the virtual work applied by the joint torque on the manipulator which should be equal to the work applied on its end effector by all the external loads

$$F \cdot \delta x = \tau \cdot \delta \theta$$

Rewriting this compact equation explicitly resulted in multiple equations defined as follows

$$F_{x}x = \tau_{1}\theta_{1}$$
$$\dots$$
$$M_{x}\theta_{x} = \tau_{4}\theta_{4}$$





- Transposing the following compact equation

$$F \cdot \delta x = \tau \cdot \delta \theta$$
$$(F \cdot \delta x = \tau \cdot \delta \theta)^T$$

- Resulted in

$$F^T \delta x = \tau^T \delta \theta$$

- Utilizing the relationship between task space displacement and joint space displacement

$$\delta x = J \delta \theta$$

- And plugging it into the transpose equation, resulted in

$$F^T J \delta \theta = \tau^T \delta \theta$$



- Canceling delta theta $\delta\theta$ and transposing the following compact equation

$$F^T J \delta \theta = \tau^T \delta \theta$$
$$[\tau^T = F^T J]^T$$

Base on the notation where

$$[AB]^T = B^T A^T$$
$$[F^T J]^T = J^T F$$

- Resulting in the equation defining the mapping between external loads and the joint torque

$$\tau = J^T F$$



 $F_x x = \tau_1 \theta_1$

• Deriving the Jacobian matrix using virtual work principle

$$W = F \cdot \Delta x$$

= $F \cos \theta x$ $M_x \theta_x = \tau_4 \theta_4$

 $W = \tau \cdot \Delta \theta$

 $(F \cdot \delta x = \tau \cdot \delta \theta)^T \qquad \qquad \delta x = J \delta \theta$ $F^T J \delta \theta = \tau^T \delta \theta$



In addition to the velocity relationship, we are also interested in developing a relationship between the robot joint torques (<u>t</u>) and the forces and moments (<u>F</u>) at the robot end effector (Static Conditions). This relationship is given by:









• This expression can be expanded to:



- Where:
 - $\underline{\tau}$ is a 6x1 vector of the robot joint torques
 - $-J(\underline{\theta})^{T}$ is a 6xN Transposed Jacobian matrix
 - <u>F</u> is a Nx1 vector of the forces and moments at the robot end effector
 - *N* is the number of joints





 The meaning of <u>each line</u> (e.g. the first line) of the Jacobian matrix:



- Action: The first line represent how the torque applied at the first joint contributes to the forces and torques applied by the end effector
- **Reaction**: The first line maps the contribution of the partial external loads applied on the end effector to the join torque that needs to be applied to maintain static equilibriums







 The meaning of <u>each column</u> (e.g. the first column) of the Jacobian matrix:



- Action: The first column represent what partial torque applied by each joint is required to create an equilibrium of the force alon the X- Axis
- **Reaction**: The first column maps the contribution of the partial external loads of the force along the X-axis applied on the end effector to the join torques that are needed to be applied to maintain static equilibriums







Jacobian Matrix - Derivation Methods







Jacobian – R Robot (1 DOF) - Example





• Consider a simple planar 1R robot



• The end effector position is given by

$${}^{0}P_{x} = x = r \cos \theta$$
$${}^{0}P_{y} = y = r \sin \theta$$





• The velocity of the end effector is defined by

$${}^{0}V_{x} = {}^{0}\dot{P}_{x} = \dot{x} = -\dot{\theta}r\sin\theta = (-\omega r\sin\theta)\dot{\theta}$$
$${}^{0}V_{y} = {}^{0}\dot{P}_{y} = \dot{y} = \dot{\theta}r\cos\theta = (\omega r\cos\theta)\dot{\theta}$$

• Expressed in matrix form we have

$$\underline{\dot{x}} = J(\underline{\theta})\underline{\dot{\theta}}$$





• The moment about the joint generated by the force acting on the end effector is given by

 $\tau = -rF_x \sin\theta + rF_y \cos\theta$





• Expressed in matrix form we have

$$\underline{\boldsymbol{\tau}} = J(\underline{\boldsymbol{\theta}})^T \underline{\boldsymbol{F}}$$

$$[\boldsymbol{\tau}] = [-r\sin\theta \quad r\cos\theta] \begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \end{bmatrix}$$

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Jacobian – 2R Robot (2 DOF) - Example Jacobian – Manipulability Ellipsoid





- Given: Consider the following 2 DOF Planar manipulator
- **Problem:** Compute the Jacobian matrix that describes the relationship

$$\underline{\dot{x}} = J(\underline{\theta})\underline{\dot{\theta}} \qquad \underline{\tau} = J(\underline{\theta})^T \underline{F}$$

Solution: Differentiating the forward kinematics equations

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

• **Result:** The end effector position and orientation is defined in the base frame by





$$x_{tip} = L_1 c_1 + L_2 c_{12}$$

$$y_{tip} = L_1 s_1 + L_2 s_{12}$$

$$v_{xtip} = \frac{dx_{tip}}{dt} = -L_1 \dot{\theta}_1 s_1 - L_2 (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) s_{12}$$

$$v_{ytip} = \frac{dy_{tip}}{dt} = L_1 \dot{\theta}_1 c_1 + L_2 (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) c_{12}$$

$$\begin{cases} v_x \\ v_y \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} -L_1 s_1 - L_2 s_{12} & -L_2 s_{12} \\ L_1 c_1 + L_2 c_{12} & L_2 c_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{cases}$$







$$\begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & J_{21} \\ J_{12} & J_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{cases}$$

• Column 1 of
$$J(\theta) \rightarrow J_1(\theta)$$
 when $\dot{\theta}_1 = 1, \dot{\theta}_2 = 0$

• Column 2 of $J(\theta) \rightarrow J_2(\theta)$ when $\dot{\theta}_1 = 0, \dot{\theta}_2 = 1$

- As long as J₁(θ) and J₂(θ) are not collinear (parallel), it is possible to generate an end effector velocity v_{tip} in any arbitrary direction in the x₀, y₀ plane by choosing appropriate joint velocities θ₁ and θ₂.
- Since $J_1(\theta)$ and $J_2(\theta)$ depend on the joint values θ_1 and θ_2 , there are some configurations where $J_1(\theta), J_2(\theta)$ become collinear (parallel) (e.g. when $\theta_2 = 0$ or $\theta_2 = 180$)







• If
$$\begin{cases} \theta_2 = 0\\ \theta_2 = 180 \end{cases}$$

regardless of the value of θ_1 , $J_1(\theta)$ and $J_2(\theta)$ will be collinear and the Jacobian $J(\theta)$ become a singular matrix

 Such configurations are called singularities, and they are characterized by a situation where the robot's end effector is unable to generate velocities in certain directions







For any
$$\theta_1 \quad \begin{cases} \theta_2 = 0 \\ \theta_2 = 180 \end{cases} \quad \begin{bmatrix} J_1 \parallel J_2 \\ J_1 \parallel J_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow singularities$$







- Substitute $L_1 = 1; L_2 = 1$
- Consider the robot at two different non-singular postures

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ \pi/4 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad J\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0\\ \pi/4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} -0.71 & -0.71\\ 1.71 & 0.71 \end{bmatrix}$$

• The Jacobian can be used to map bounds on rotational speed of the joints $(\dot{\theta})$ to bounds on the end effector velocity (v_{tip})













- Rather than mapping a polygon of joint velocities through the Jacobian, we could instead map a unit circle of joint velocities into the end effector velocities in the x_0, y_0 plane
- The circle represents an iso-effort contour in the joint velocity space, where total actuator effort is considered to be the sum of squares of the joint velocities







Properties of the Jacobian -Velocity Mapping and Singularities



- Note: See Mathematica Simulations
 - Two Link: <u>https://demonstrations.wolfram.com/ForwardAndInverseKinematicsForTwoLinkArm/</u>
 - Three links : https://demonstrations.wolfram.com/ManipulabilityEllipsoidOfARobotArm/





Manipulability Ellipsoid – Definition







- Robotic Arm Design Mechanism Size
- Robotic Arm Base Position Position of the mechanism with respect to the workspace to maximize the manipulability





Jacobian – RR Robot (3 DOF) - Example





Jacobian Matrix by Differanciation - 3R - 1/4

- Given: Consider the following 3 DOF Planar manipulator
- **Problem:** Compute the Jacobian matrix that describes the relationship

$$\underline{\dot{x}} = J(\underline{\theta})\underline{\dot{\theta}} \qquad \underline{\tau} = J(\underline{\theta})^T \underline{F}$$

• **Solution:** Differentiating the forward kinematics equations

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

• **Result:** The end effector position and orientation is defined in the base frame by







• **Problem:** Compute the Jacobian matrix that describes the relationship

$$\underline{\dot{x}} = J(\underline{\theta})\underline{\dot{\theta}} \qquad \underline{\tau} = J(\underline{\theta})^T \underline{F}$$

• **Solution:** The end effector position and orientation is defined in the base frame by

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

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• The forward kinematics gives us relationship of the end effector to the joint angles:

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$$P_{3 org, x} = x = L_1c_1 + L_2c_{12} + L_3c_{123}$$

⁰ $P_{3 org, y} = y = L_1s_1 + L_2s_{12} + L_3s_{123}$
⁰ $P_{3 org, \alpha} = \alpha = \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3$

• Differentiating the three expressions gives



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$$\dot{x} = -L_1 s_1 \dot{\theta}_1 - L_2 s_{12} (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) - L_3 s_{123} (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_3)$$

$$= -(L_1 s_1 + L_2 s_{12} + L_3 s_{123}) \dot{\theta}_1 - (L_2 s_{12} + L_3 s_{123}) \dot{\theta}_2 - (L_3 s_{123}) \dot{\theta}_3$$

$$\dot{y} = L_1 c_1 \dot{\theta}_1 + L_2 c_{12} (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) + L_3 c_{123} (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_3)$$

$$= (L_1 c_1 + L_2 c_{12} + L_3 c_{123}) \dot{\theta}_1 + (L_2 c_{12} + L_3 c_{123}) \dot{\theta}_2 + (L_3 c_{123}) \dot{\theta}_3$$

 $\dot{\alpha} = \dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_3$



• Using a matrix form we get

 $\underline{\dot{x}} = {}^{\textcircled{0}}J(\underline{\theta})\underline{\dot{\theta}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -L_1 s_1 - L_2 s_{12} - L_3 s_{123} & -L_2 s_{12} - L_3 s_{123} & -L_3 s_{123} \\ L_1 c_1 + L_2 c_{12} + L_3 c_{123} & L_2 c_{12} + L_3 c_{123} & L_3 c_{123} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

• The Jacobian provides a linear transformation, giving a velocity map and a force map for a robot manipulator. For the simple example above, the equations are trivial, but can easily become more complicated with robots that have additional degrees a freedom. Before tackling these problems, consider this brief review of linear algebra.

