



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:

- Joint Space

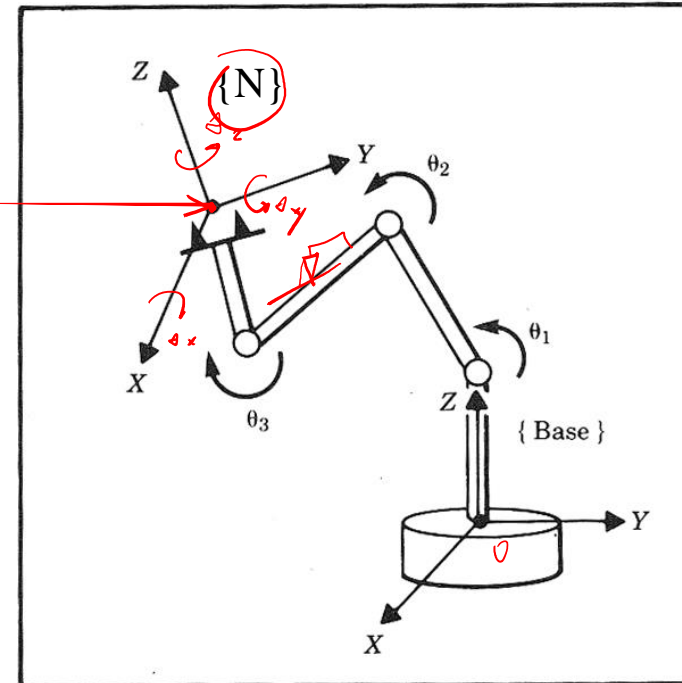
$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_N \end{bmatrix}$$

- Cartesian Space

$${}^0_N T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0_N R & {}^0 P_N \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} P_N \\ r_N \end{bmatrix}$$

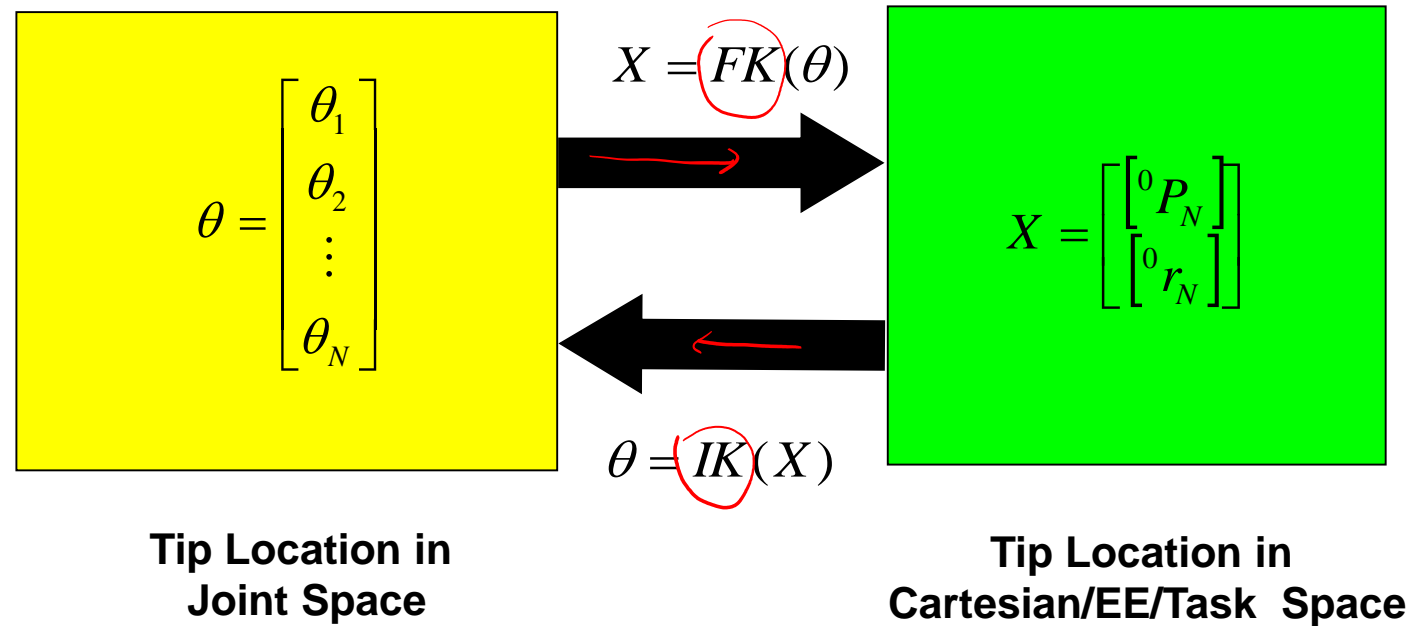
Euler Angles





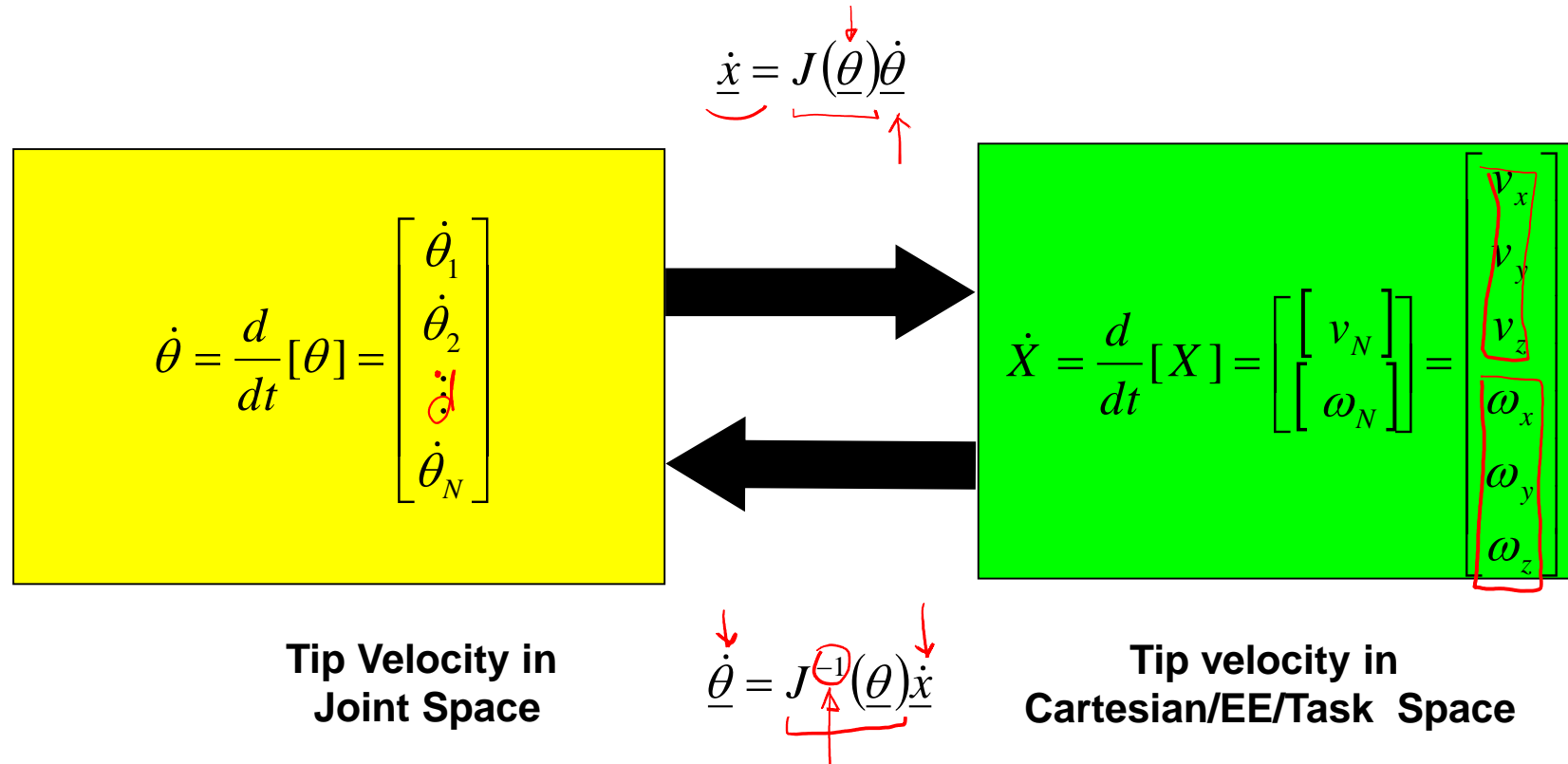
Kinematics Relations - Forward & Inverse

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





Kinematics Relations - Forward & Inverse





Jacobian – Derivation from First Principals Velocity Mapping



Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

- **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

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) \\ y_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) \\ \vdots \\ y_6 = f_6(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) \end{array} \right.$$

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

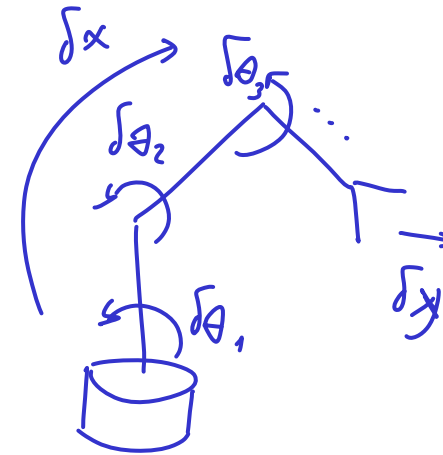
$$\underline{Y} = \underline{F}(\underline{X})$$



Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

- 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

$$\begin{aligned}\delta y_1 &= \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_6} \delta x_6 \\ \delta y_2 &= \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_6} \delta x_6 \\ &\vdots \\ \delta y_6 &= \frac{\partial f_6}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \frac{\partial f_6}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_6}{\partial x_6} \delta x_6\end{aligned}$$



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

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



Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

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

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

Diagram illustrating the derivation of the Jacobian matrix equation. The equation is written with handwritten annotations: δY is circled in blue and labeled \dot{Y} above it; $\frac{\partial F}{\partial X}$ is circled in blue and labeled J above it; δX is circled in blue and labeled \dot{x} above it. Red arrows indicate the division of both sides by δX and δt to arrive at the velocity equation below.

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

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

- Note that the Jacobian is time varying linear transformation

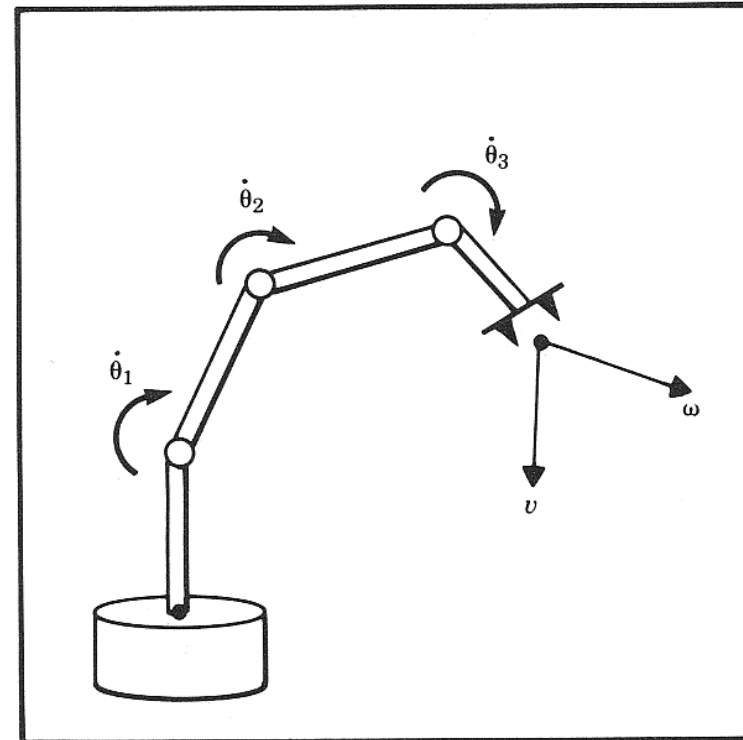
$$\rightarrow \frac{\delta x}{\delta t} = J \frac{\delta \theta}{\delta t}$$



Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

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

$$\begin{matrix} \left. \begin{matrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{matrix} \right\} & \left\{ \begin{matrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\theta}_x \\ \dot{\theta}_y \\ \dot{\theta}_z \end{matrix} \right\} & \underline{\dot{x}} = J(\underline{\theta}) \dot{\underline{\theta}} & \left\{ \begin{matrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \\ \dot{\theta}_4 \\ \dot{\theta}_5 \\ \dot{\theta}_6 \end{matrix} \right\} \\ & & \underline{\dot{\theta}} = J(\underline{\theta})^{-1} \underline{\dot{x}} & \end{matrix}$$

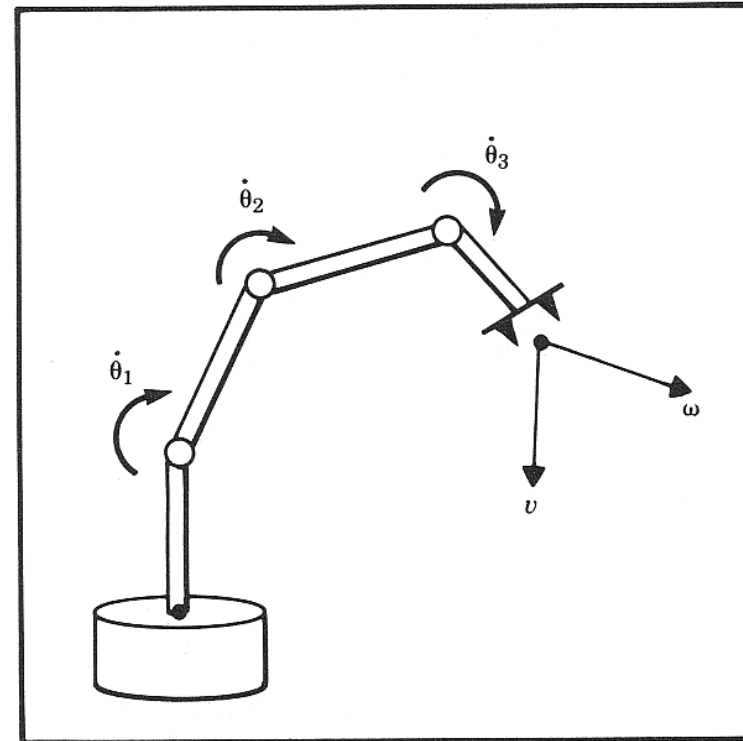




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$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J(\underline{\theta}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dots \\ \dot{\theta}_N \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underline{\dot{\theta}} = J(\underline{\theta})^{-1} \dot{\underline{x}}$$



- Note:** The Jacobian is a function of joint angle (θ) meaning that the Jacobian varies as the configuration of the arm changes



Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

- This expression can be expanded to:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_v(\underline{\theta}) \\ J_\omega(\underline{\theta}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dots \\ \dot{\theta}_N \end{bmatrix}$$

6x1 **6xN** **Nx1**

- Where:
 - $\underline{\dot{x}}$ is a 6x1 vector of the end effector linear and angular velocities
 - $J(\underline{\theta})$ is a 6xN Jacobian matrix
 - $\underline{\dot{\theta}}_N$ is a Nx1 vector of the manipulator joint velocities
 - N is the number of joints

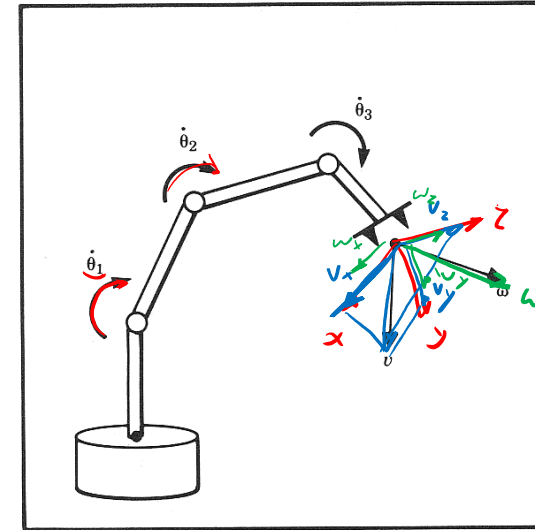


Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

- The meaning of each line (e.g. the first line) of the Jacobian matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & J_{12} & J_{13} & J_{14} & J_{15} & J_{16} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ J_{\omega}(\theta) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ J_{\omega}(\theta) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\theta}_N \end{bmatrix}$$

The diagram shows the Jacobian matrix $J(\theta)$ partitioned into two main sections: $J_v(\theta)$ (velocity Jacobian) and $J_{\omega}(\theta)$ (angular velocity Jacobian). The first row of $J_v(\theta)$ is highlighted in yellow and contains elements J_{11} through J_{16} . The first column of the entire Jacobian matrix is highlighted in red and contains \dot{x} , \dot{y} , \dot{z} , ω_x , ω_y , and ω_z . The first row of the Jacobian matrix is also highlighted in green. The first column of the Jacobian matrix is also highlighted in blue. The first row of the Jacobian matrix is also highlighted in red.

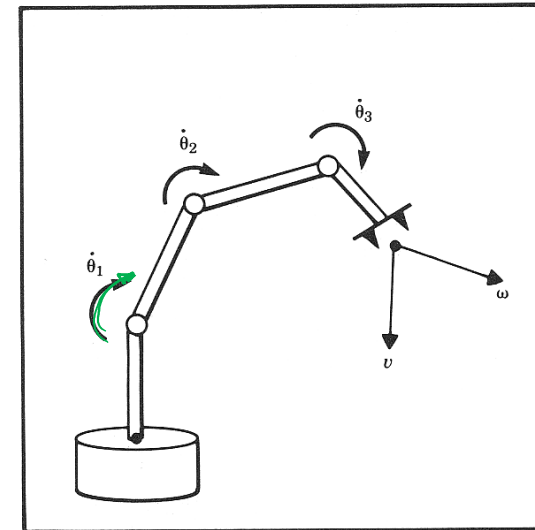
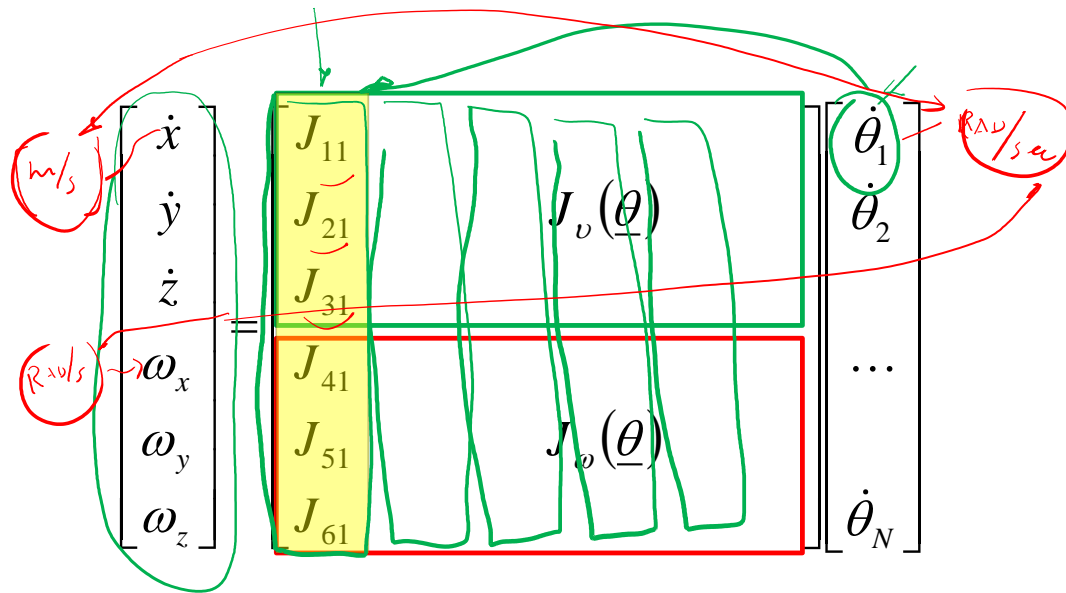


- The first line maps the contribution of the angular velocity of each joint to the linear velocity of the end effector along the x-axis



Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

- The meaning of each column (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



Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

WORK

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

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

Dot product

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

$\begin{matrix} \text{EE} \\ \text{space} \end{matrix}$

 $\begin{matrix} \text{Joint} \\ \text{space} \end{matrix}$

$F_x x = \tau, \theta_1$

⋮

$M_x \theta_x = \tau_y = \theta_y$

⋮

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

Det →



Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

$$\left[\tau^T = F^T J \right]^T$$
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$$\tau = J^T F$$

Diagram illustrating the derivation of the Jacobian matrix equation. The first equation shows the transpose of the Jacobian matrix equation. The second equation shows the transpose of both sides. The third equation shows the final result, with red arrows indicating the transposition of the terms.



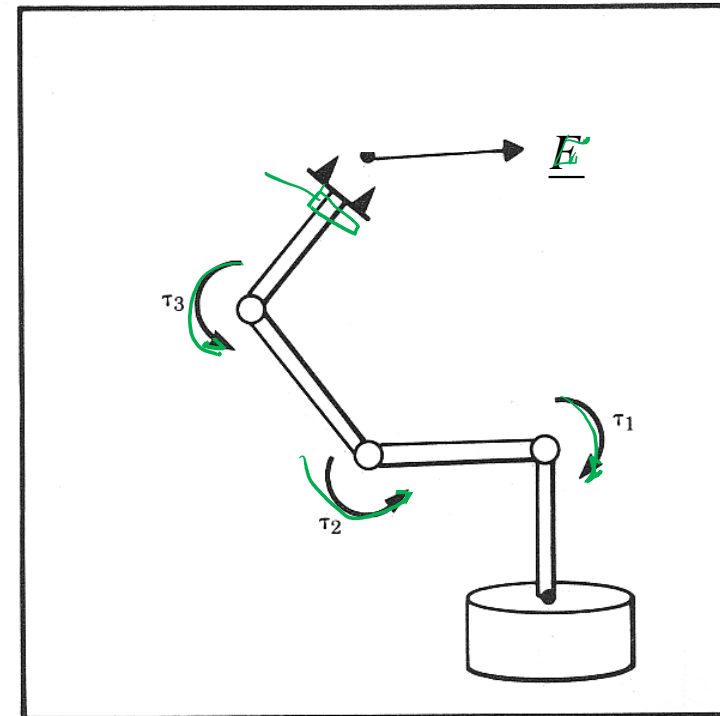
Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

- In addition to the velocity relationship, we are also interested in developing a relationship between the robot joint torques ($\underline{\tau}$) and the forces and moments (\underline{F}) at the robot end effector (**Static Conditions**). This relationship is given by:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \\ \tau_3 \\ \tau_4 \\ \tau_5 \\ \tau_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \underline{J}(\underline{\theta}) \underline{F}$$

The force vector \underline{F} is represented as:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \\ M_x \\ M_y \\ M_z \end{Bmatrix}$$





Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

- This expression can be expanded to:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \\ \dots \\ \tau_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_f(\underline{\theta}) & J_\tau(\underline{\theta}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \\ M_x \\ M_y \\ M_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$N \times 1$ $6 \times N$ 6×1

- Where:
 - $\underline{\tau}$ is a 6×1 vector of the robot joint torques
 - $J(\underline{\theta})^T$ is a $6 \times N$ Transposed Jacobian matrix
 - \underline{F} is a $N \times 1$ vector of the forces and moments at the robot end effector
 - N is the number of joints

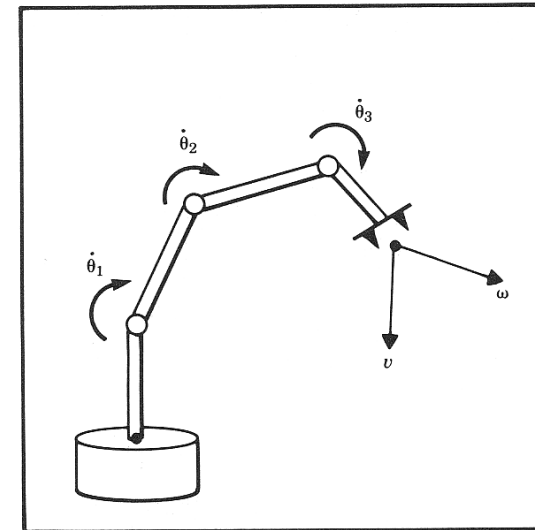


Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

- The meaning of each line (e.g. the first line) of the Jacobian matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \\ \dots \\ \tau_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & J_{21} & J_{31} & J_{41} & J_{51} & J_{61} \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \\ M_x \\ M_y \\ M_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$N \times 1$
 $6 \times N$
 6×1



- 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 joint torque that needs to be applied to maintain static equilibriums

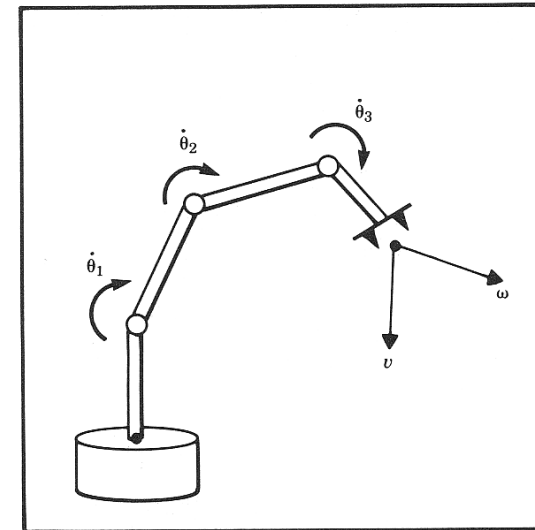


Jacobian Matrix - Introduction

- The meaning of each column (e.g. the first column) of the Jacobian matrix:

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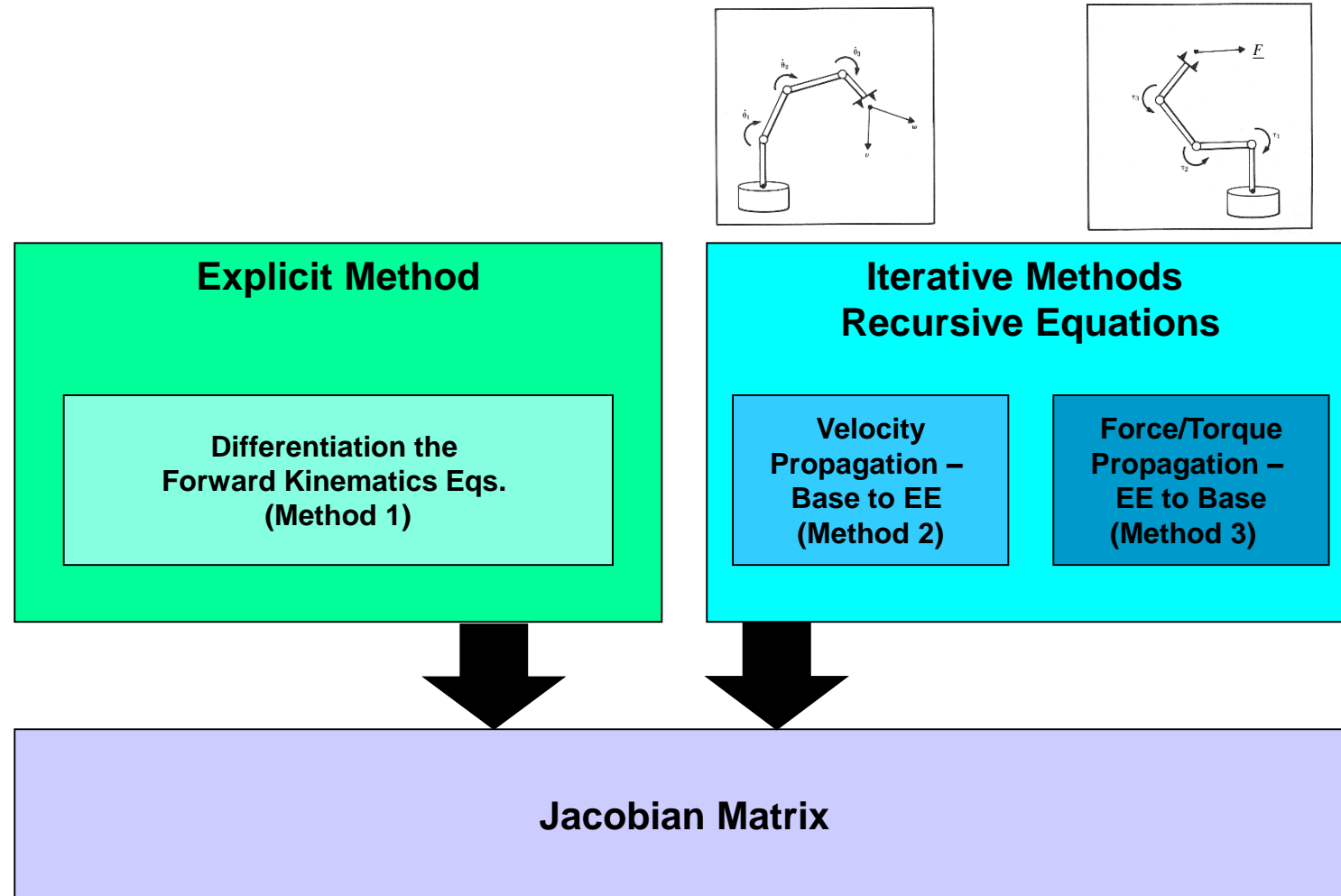
The diagram shows the Jacobian matrix $J(\underline{\theta})$ partitioned into two parts: $J_f(\underline{\theta})$ (highlighted in green) and $J_\tau(\underline{\theta})$ (highlighted in red). The first column of $J_f(\underline{\theta})$ is highlighted in yellow. A red circle highlights the superscript T on the force vector F . Dimensions are indicated below: $N \times 1$ for the torque vector, $6 \times N$ for the Jacobian, and 6×1 for the force vector.



- Action:** The first column represent what partial torque applied by each joint is required to create an equilibrium of the force alonging 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 joint torques that are needed to be applied to maintain static equilibriums



Jacobian Matrix - Derivation Methods



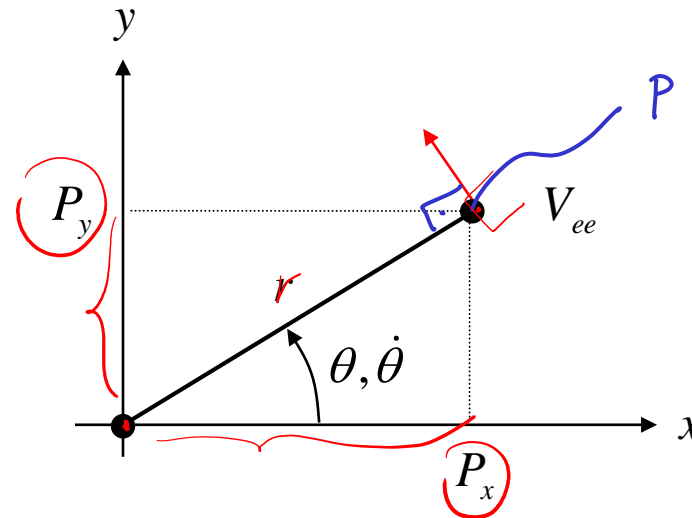


Jacobian – R Robot (1 DOF) - Example



Jacobian Matrix by Differentiation - 1R - 1/4

- Consider a simple planar 1R robot



- The end effector position is given by

$$\begin{cases} {}^0P_x = x = r \cos \theta & /dt \\ {}^0P_y = y = r \sin \theta & /dt \end{cases}$$



Jacobian Matrix by Differentiation - 1R - 2/4

- The velocity of the end effector is defined by

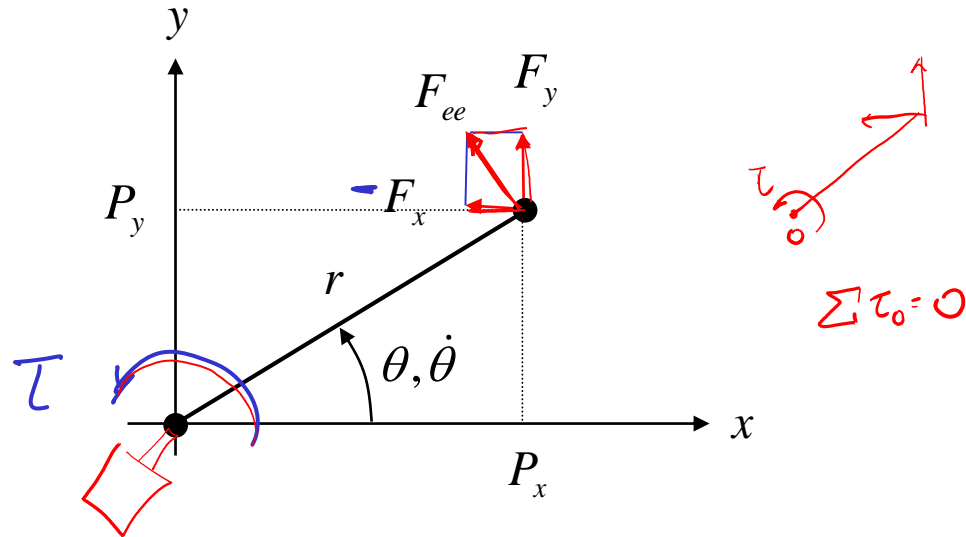
$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \circlearrowleft V_x = \dot{P}_x = \dot{x} &= -\dot{\theta} r \sin \theta = (-\omega r \sin \theta) \dot{\theta} \\ \rightarrow \circlearrowleft V_y = \dot{P}_y = \dot{y} &= \dot{\theta} r \cos \theta = (\omega r \cos \theta) \dot{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

- Expressed in matrix form we have

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\dot{x}} &= J(\underline{\theta}) \dot{\theta} \\ \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -r \sin \theta \\ r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} \\ & \quad \begin{matrix} \text{2x1} & \text{2x1} & \text{1x1} \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$



Jacobian Matrix by Differentiation - 1R - 3/4



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

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



Jacobian Matrix by Differentiation - 1R - 4/4

- Expressed in matrix form we have

$$\underline{\tau} = J(\underline{\theta})^T \underline{F}$$
$$\rightarrow [\tau] = \begin{bmatrix} -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \end{bmatrix}$$

$\textcircled{1 \times 1}$ $\textcircled{1 \times 2}$ $\textcircled{2 \times 1}$

$$\textcircled{\tau} \quad \underline{\dot{x}} = J(\underline{\theta}) \underline{\dot{\theta}}$$
$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -r \sin \theta \\ r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

The diagram includes red annotations: a red oval around the Jacobian matrix in the first equation, a red arrow pointing from the Jacobian matrix to the second equation, and a red arrow pointing from the Jacobian matrix to the third equation. A red circle with a tau symbol is next to the third equation. A red circle with a dot symbol is next to the third equation. A red circle with a dot symbol is next to the third equation.

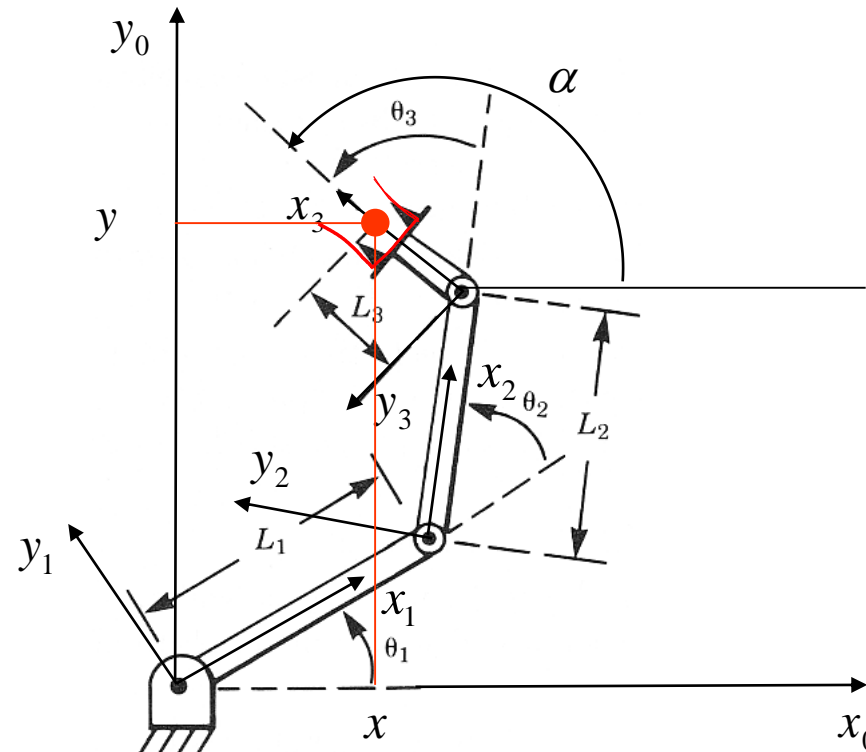


Jacobian – RR Robot (3 DOF) - Example



Jacobian Matrix by Differentiation - 3R - 1/4

- Consider the following 3 DOF Planar manipulator





Jacobian Matrix by Differentiation - 3R - 2/4

- **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

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



Jacobian Matrix by Differentiation - 3R - 3/4

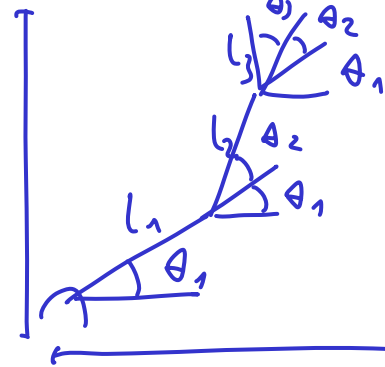
- The forward kinematics gives us relationship of the end effector to the joint angles:

$${}^0P_{3org,x} = x = L_1c_1 + L_2c_{12} + L_3c_{123}$$

$${}^0P_{3org,y} = y = L_1s_1 + L_2s_{12} + L_3s_{123}$$

$${}^0P_{3org,\alpha} = \alpha = \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3$$

- Differentiating the three expressions gives



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -L_1s_1\dot{\theta}_1 - L_2s_{12}(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) - L_3s_{123}(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_3) \\ &= -(L_1s_1 + L_2s_{12} + L_3s_{123})\dot{\theta}_1 - (L_2s_{12} + L_3s_{123})\dot{\theta}_2 - (L_3s_{123})\dot{\theta}_3 \\ \dot{y} &= L_1c_1\dot{\theta}_1 + L_2c_{12}(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) + L_3c_{123}(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_3) \\ &= (L_1c_1 + L_2c_{12} + L_3c_{123})\dot{\theta}_1 + (L_2c_{12} + L_3c_{123})\dot{\theta}_2 + (L_3c_{123})\dot{\theta}_3 \\ \dot{\alpha} &= \dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_3 \end{aligned}$$



Jacobian Matrix by Differentiation - 3R - 4/4

- Using a matrix form we get

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = \overset{\text{FRAME 0}}{\circlearrowleft} \underline{J}(\underline{\theta}) \dot{\underline{\theta}}$$

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

- 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.