

Example Continued from Friday (Lecture 28)

$$J_1^b(\alpha) = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad J_2^b(\alpha) = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad J_3^b(\alpha) = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad J_4^b(\alpha) = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

We had the following formula for the complete body ~~Jacobian~~ Jacobian.

$$J^b(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ \text{Ad}_{g_2 g_3 g_4}^{-1} J_1^b & \text{Ad}_{g_3 g_4}^{-1} J_2^b & \text{Ad}_{g_4}^{-1} J_3^b & J_4^b \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

where,

$$\text{Ad}_{g_2 g_3 g_4}^{-1} = \text{Ad}_{(g_2 g_3 g_4)^{-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} R(-\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) & l_1 \sin(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) + l_2 \sin \alpha_3 \\ 0 & l_1 \cos(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) + l_2 \cos \alpha_3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_2 g_3 g_4 &= \begin{bmatrix} R(\alpha_2) & \begin{Bmatrix} l_1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R(\alpha_3) & \begin{Bmatrix} l_2 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \begin{Bmatrix} \alpha_4 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) & \begin{Bmatrix} l_1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} + R(\alpha_2) \begin{Bmatrix} l_2 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} + R(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) \begin{Bmatrix} \alpha_4 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (g_2 g_3 g_4)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R(-\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) & -R^T(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) \begin{Bmatrix} l_1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} - R^T(\alpha_3) \begin{Bmatrix} l_2 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} \alpha_4 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall that for the vector form of SE(2), the adjoint can be written

$$\text{Ad}_g \xi = \text{Ad}_g \begin{Bmatrix} v \\ \omega \end{Bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R(\theta) & J^T d \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} v \\ \omega \end{Bmatrix}$$

2. Product of Exponentials

In the case, $g_e(\alpha) = e^{\xi_1 \alpha_1} \dots e^{\xi_m \alpha_m} g_0$

↑ constant (reference)

We have the following individual ~~comp~~ body configuration components:

$$J_i^b(\alpha_i) = \left(e^{\xi_i \alpha_i} \right)^{-1} \frac{d}{d\alpha_i} \left(e^{\xi_i \alpha_i} \right) = e^{-\xi_i \alpha_i} e^{\xi_i \alpha_i} \cdot \xi_i = \xi_i$$

for the spatial version, we pretty much get the same:

$$J_i^s(\alpha_i) = \left(\frac{d}{d\alpha_i} e^{\xi_i \alpha_i} \right) \left(e^{-\xi_i \alpha_i} \right)$$

↳ switch to homogeneous:

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{\hat{\xi}_i \alpha_i} & \hat{\xi}_i & e^{-\hat{\xi}_i \alpha_i} \end{pmatrix}$$

↳

$$J_i^s(\alpha_i) = \text{Ad}_{e^{\hat{\xi}_i \alpha_i}} \hat{\xi}_i \Rightarrow \text{Ad}_{e^{\xi_i \alpha_i}} \xi_i$$

↪ back to vector form.

$$\Rightarrow J^b(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Ad}^{-1} & J_1^b(\alpha_1) & \dots & \text{Ad}^{-1} & J_m^b(\alpha_m) \\ \left[\left(\prod_{j=2}^m e^{\xi_j \alpha_j} \right) \cdot g_0 \right] & & & \left[\left(\prod_{j=k+1}^m e^{\xi_j \alpha_j} \right) g_0 \right] & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ad}_{g_0}^{-1} J_m^b(\alpha_m)$$

added on 10/31/07:

$$\Rightarrow J^s(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | & | \\ J_1^s(\alpha_1) & \text{Ad}_{g_1 \alpha_1} J_2^s(\alpha_2) & \dots & \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=1}^{k-1} e^{\xi_j \alpha_j} \right)} J_k^s(\alpha_k) & \dots & \text{Ad}_{\left(\prod_{j=1}^{m-1} e^{\xi_j \alpha_j} \right)} J_m^s(\alpha_m) \\ | & | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

for the spatial Jacobian.

Manipulator Types (based on Workspace)

↑ more functional, less geometric

let n = dimension of task space
 m = dimension of joint space

The three (functional) classes to divide manipulators into are:

1) kinematically insufficient ($n > m$)

- can get a "better" manipulator so that $m = n$
- can reduce dimension of task space
⇒ redefining what the task is.

2) kinematically redundant ($n < m$)

- have more degrees of freedom than needed
⇒ inverse kinematics have ∞ solutions
- it's tricky, but it can be dealt with.

3) kinematically sufficient ($n = m$)

- need to ensure operation in dextrous workspace for maximal mobility / control.
- equivalently, need to be away from singularities.

↓
will discuss now.

Definition: A singular configuration or singularity is a joint configuration of an open-chain manipulator in which the end-effector instantaneously loses a degree of freedom of ~~its~~ ~~its~~ its motion capability versus the number of degrees of freedom that normally

prevail (i.e. the end-effector loses its ability to move in one or more directions).

- open-chain means that joint-link... combinations form a loop.

Practical implications:

- 1) manipulator loses effectiveness.
- 2) high joint velocities may be needed ~~to~~ near a singular configuration in order to track a specified trajectory.
- 3) the manipulator can have high mechanical advantage in a singular configuration.
e.g.: benchpressing in a gym as your arm is fully extended.

Finding singular configurations:

⇒ to find them, examine the manipulator Jacobian.

- 1) Numerical Approach

$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}(\alpha)$ & \leftarrow test rank of \mathbf{J} .
(# of linearly independent columns)

- 2) for kinematically sufficient arms

$$\det(\mathbf{J}(\alpha)) = 0$$

at a singular configuration.

- 3) for ~~or~~ redundant arms ($n < m$),

$\mathbf{J}(\alpha) \mathbf{J}^T(\alpha)$ has the same rank as $\mathbf{J}(\alpha)$

but is square. That means a perfectly

valid test is:

$$\det(\mathbf{J}(\alpha) \mathbf{J}^T(\alpha)) = 0$$

for singular configurations.

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4) for kinematically insufficient arms $J^T(\alpha)J(\alpha)$ has the same rank as $J(\alpha)$ but is square. A test for singular configurations is $\det(J^T(\alpha)J(\alpha)) = 0$.

* it is in green, because one should not really even have this case. if an arm is insufficient, it is best to get a new arm or modify task to be sufficient.
* the product $J^T(\alpha)J(\alpha)$ has nonsense units if dimensional analysis is performed.

To find the singular configurations means applying one of the given tests for all α in the joint space and keeping track of the singular ones.

There is a connection b/w loss of rank in the Jacobian and loss of control.

There are usually two occasions when a singularity occurs.

1) Workspace - boundary singularities

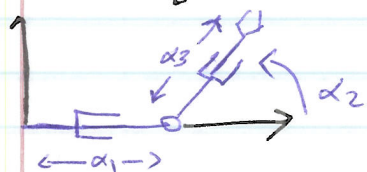
— when manipulator is fully extended or folded back on itself in such a way that the end-effector is at, or near, the workspace boundary.

2) Workspace - interior singularities.

— occur away from workspace boundary, generally caused by a lining up of two or more axes.

Example:

$$g_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \{\alpha_1\} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad g_2 = \begin{bmatrix} R(\alpha_2) & \{0\} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad g_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \{\alpha_3\} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$g_2(\alpha) = g_1(\alpha_1) g_2(\alpha_2) g_3(\alpha_3) \\ = \begin{bmatrix} R(\alpha_2) & \{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 \cos(\alpha_2)\} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To compute body manipulator Jacobian, will want individual ones for each joint

$$J_1^b(\alpha_1) = \left(g_1^{-1} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial \alpha_1} \right)^v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad J_2^b(\alpha) = \left(g_2^{-1} \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial \alpha_2} \right)^v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_3^b(\alpha_3) = \left(g_3^{-1} \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial \alpha_3} \right)^v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next step is adjoints:

$$Ad_{(g_2 g_3)}^{-1} J_1^b = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha_2) \\ -\sin(\alpha_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Ad_{g_3}^{-1} J_2^b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

of J_i^b
for vector form

where $Ad_g = \begin{bmatrix} R & Jd \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow J(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} Ad_{(g_2 g_3)}^{-1} J_1^b & Ad_{g_3}^{-1} J_2^b & J_3^b(\alpha_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha_2) & 0 & 1 \\ -\sin(\alpha_2) & \alpha_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, let's evaluate the body manipulator Jacobian for two cases:

CASE 1: $\alpha = (1, \pi/2, 1)^T$

$$\Rightarrow J^b(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix has full rank
(we have full local control)
defined on 30-2

CASE 2: $(1, 0, 1)^T$

$$\Rightarrow J^b(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix is not full rank
(lost control of the system,
locally)

more generally, let $\alpha = (1, \alpha_2, 1)^T$, then

$$J^b(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha_2) & 0 & 1 \\ -\sin(\alpha_2) & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

loses rank for $\alpha_2 = \{0, \pi\} + 2\pi k$

$$\det(J^b(\alpha)) = -\sin(\alpha_2)$$

\Leftarrow as we approach singularity the determinant approaches zero.