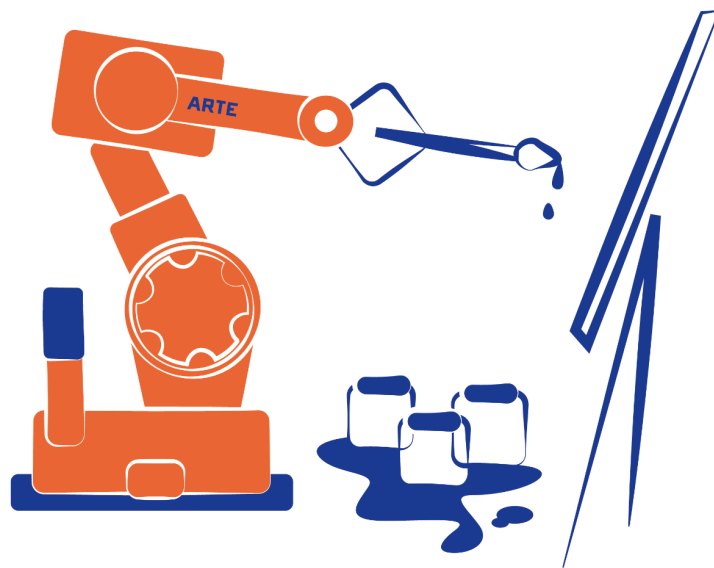


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A ROBOTICS TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION

PRACTICAL SESSION 4: FORWARD DYNAMICS

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OBJECTIVES

After this practical session, the student should be able to:

- Simulate the movement of a simple mechanism using the library.
- Simulate the movement a robotic arm when a set of torques are applied to its joints.
- Modify the parameters of the arm and observe the results.

1 First steps

The dynamic simulation of a robotic arm is based upon a set of equations and assumes that a great number of parameters are known. These parameters include the inertia matrices that model the robot links, the center of mass of each link with respect to its D-H reference system and more... such as viscous friction factors.

On our last practical session we investigated the inverse dynamic problem. In this case, we consider that each robot joint is at a particular position, and each joint moves at a known speed and acceleration. The inverse dynamic equations allow us to compute the torque joints that would bring the robot instantaneously to this movement state.

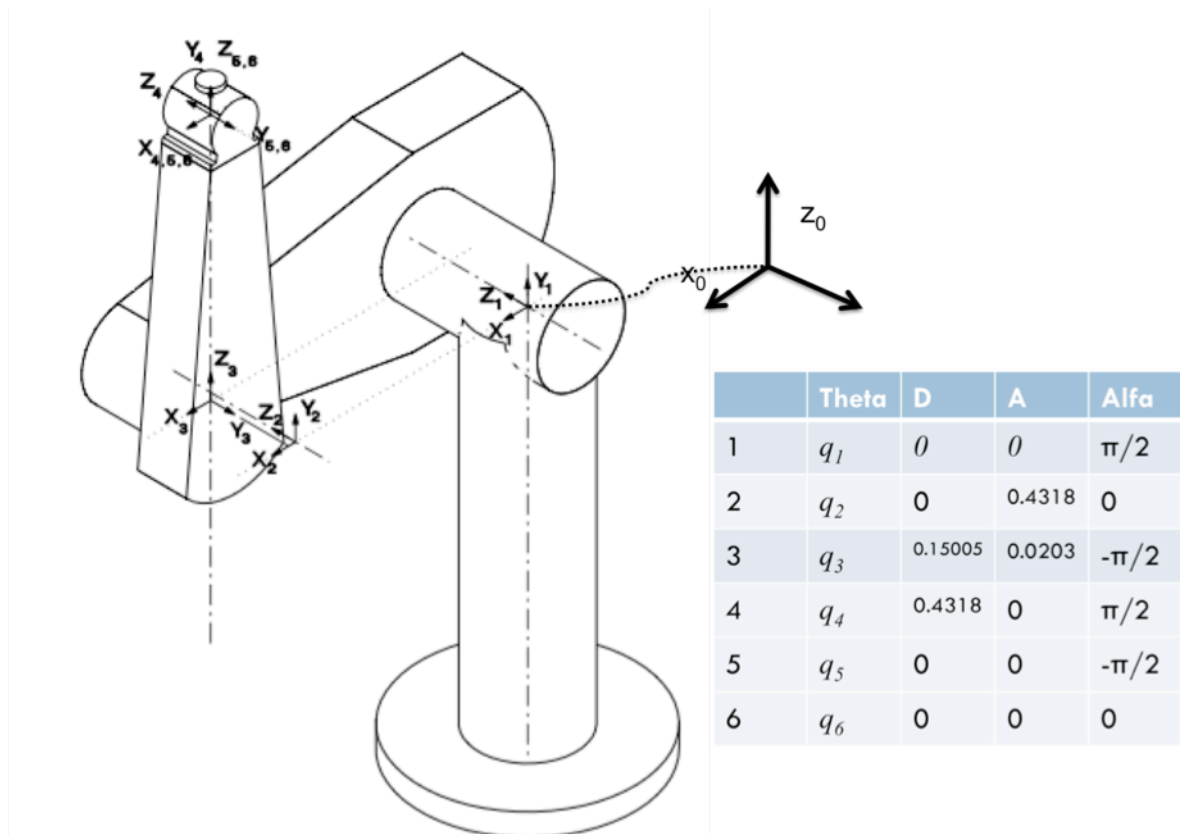
The forward dynamics model allows us to compute the movement of the robot when a set of torques are applied at its joints. This model is usually expressed in the following manner:

In this case, given that the acceleration of each joint can be computed, the movement of the robot can be simulated by integrating this acceleration over time starting from any initial condition.

During this session we will focus on the simulation of the Unimate Puma 560 robot,

since this robot has been studied for years and its dynamic parameters are known with some precision. Figure presents the robotic arm and its D-H parameter table.

The parameters that define the dynamics of this arm can be found under `arte/robots/unimate/puma560`. You should now edit this file and observe these parameters.



As usual, we can the robot and observe it:

```
>> pwd
>> init_lib
>> robot = load_robot('unimate', 'puma560')
>> q=[0 0 0 0 0 0]
>> drawrobot3d(robot, q)
```

2 Simulating the robot

You can find different examples to simulate the forward dynamics under the demos directory:

- `forward_dynamics_demo_3dof.m`: simulates the case of a 3 DOF planar arm. The dynamic parameters for this robot are easy to understand. In addition, the student may easily predict and understand the simulated movement of this robot.
- `forward_dynamics_demo.m`: simulates the case of a Unimate Puma 560

robotic manipulator. This is a well known classic robot and its dynamic parameters have been estimated by several researchers.

Students should start by editing and executing the `forward_dynamics_demo_3dof.m` file. This demo will surely help them understand the forward dynamic solutions included in the library. Inside the file the simulation parameters are commented and you may change them and observe the results in the animation.

Next, run the demo file `arte/demos/forward_dynamic.m`. The demo simulates the movement of the PUMA 560 robot when no torques are applied at its joints. The robot is placed at its initial position at the beginning of the motion. When no torques are applied at its joints, we should observe that the links start a free motion under the action of gravity. You should also observe the position and velocity plots.

Exercise 1:

Start by executing the `forward_dynamics_3dof.m` demo and justify the results.

Exercise 2:

You should now modify the `forward_dynamics.m` demo to reflect the movement of the robot when a set of non-zero torques are applied to its joints. Test some values and analyze the results.

The following code allows us to compute the torques using the inverse dynamic model when the robot stands at its initial position with zero speed and accelerations and no forces are applied externally at its end effector. The last line computes the acceleration when the previously computed torques are applied.

```
>> q = [0 0 0 0 0 0] %position
>> qd = [0 0 0 0 0 0] %velocity
>> qdd = [0 0 0 0 0 0] %acceleration
>> g = [0 0 9.81]' %gravity
>> fm=[0 0 0 0 0 0] % forces and moments
>> tau = inversedynamics(robot, q, qd, qdd, g, fm)
>> qdd = accel(robot, q, qd, g, tau)
```

Exercise 3:

The last line makes reference to the forward dynamics model of the robot. Observe the result saved at `qdd`. How can you justify it?

You should now simulate the `forward_dynamics_demo.m` demo using the torques `tau` computed before. What results should you expect?

3 Simulating your robot

In this section you should add the required dynamic parameters to your robot.

These data are not always provided by the robot manufacturers. In consequence, you should give a guess to most of the parameters. For example, the manufacturers publish the total mass of the robot, but not the mass of each link. You can try to distribute the total mass along each link with some logic.

Exercise 4:

Simulate the movement of your robot under different situations. What kind of conclusions can you extract?

4 Summary

Everything is summarized in the following videos:

- Forward dynamics of the puma 560 6 DOF robot.

http://arvc.umh.es/arte/videos/pr4_video1.mp4