

# INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS

(Kinematics, Dynamics, and Design)

SESSION # 14:

MANIPULATOR'S JACOBIANS

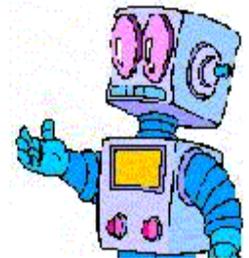
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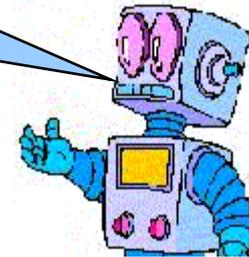
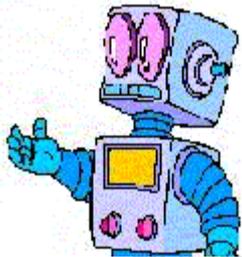
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# Joint Velocity/Static Forces and the *Jacobian*

Look! I'm  
moving!



# Chapter Objectives

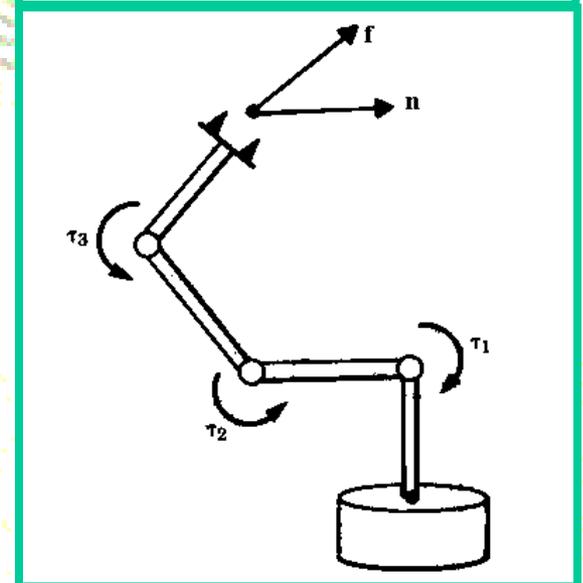
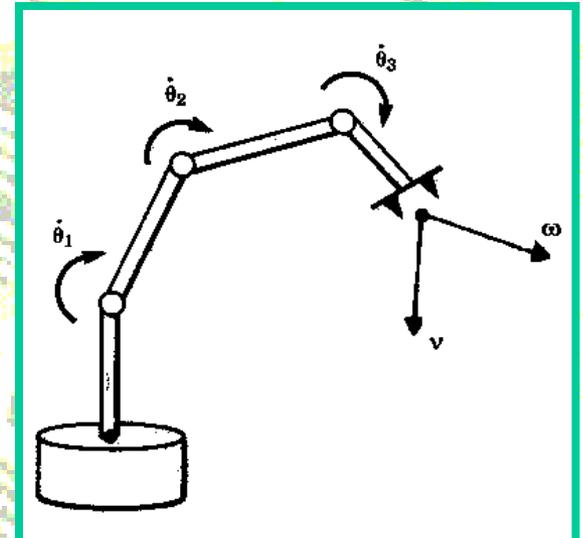
**By the end of the Chapter, you should be able to:**

- Characterize frame velocity
- Compute linear and rotational velocity
- Compute Jacobian and robot singularities
- Relate joint forces (forces & torques) to Cartesian forces of the tip of the manipulator arm in a linear fashion



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- **Jacobian of the Manipulator:**
  - ✓ A matrix quantity called the Jacobian specifies a mapping from **velocities** in *{Joint Space}* to **velocities** in *{Cartesian space}*.
  - ✓ For a desired contact “static” **{force and moment}**, Jacobian can also be used to compute the set of **{Joint Torques}** required to generate them.



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- Studying Dynamics requires knowledge of Velocities and Accelerations:

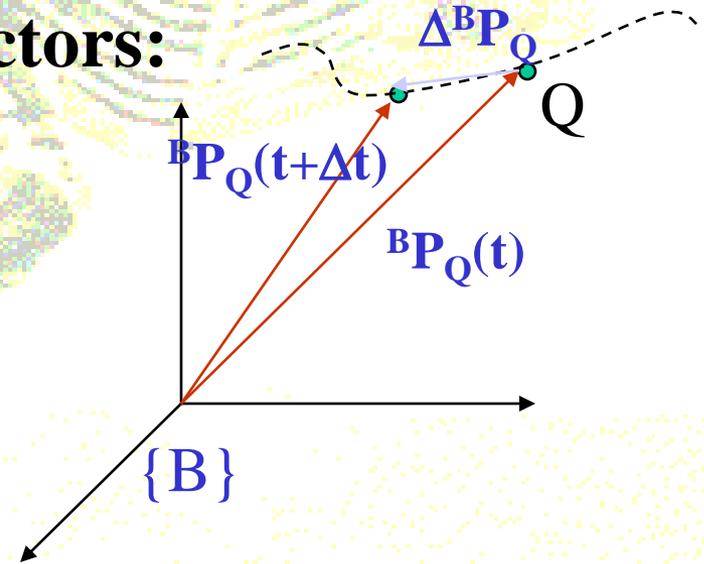
## ➤ Notation for Time-Varying Position & Orientation:

### Differentiation of Position Vectors:

Consider a point  $Q$  in space, and the position vector  ${}^B P_Q$ :

$$\Delta {}^B P_Q = {}^B P_Q(t + \Delta t) - {}^B P_Q(t)$$

$${}^B V_Q = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta {}^B P_Q}{\Delta t} = \frac{d}{dt} {}^B P_Q$$

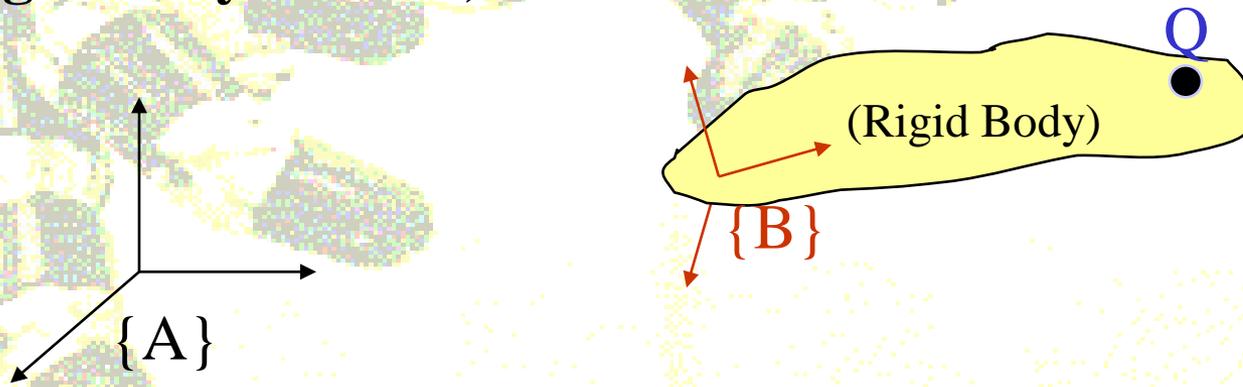


# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- **Velocity of a position vector is the velocity of the point that vector describes:**

If the point **Q** does not move relative to **{B}**, then its velocity is zero, even if it moves with respect to another frame like **{A}**. It is important to indicate the frame in which the position vector is differentiated.

**Ex:** (Rigid Body Motion)



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- **Just like any other vector, the Velocity vector can also be described in terms of any frame:**

**Ex:** The velocity vector “ ${}^B V_Q$ ” expressed in terms of another frame like  $\{A\}$ , would be written as:

$${}^A ({}^B V_Q) \equiv {}^A \left( \frac{d}{dt} {}^B P_Q \right) \equiv {}^A R^B V_Q$$

**Rotation** transformation is used to map velocity vector from frame  $\{A\}$  to frame  $\{B\}$ . (Recall that velocity and accelerations are free vectors)

(Note that the frame with respect to which the differentiation is done, is important.)



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

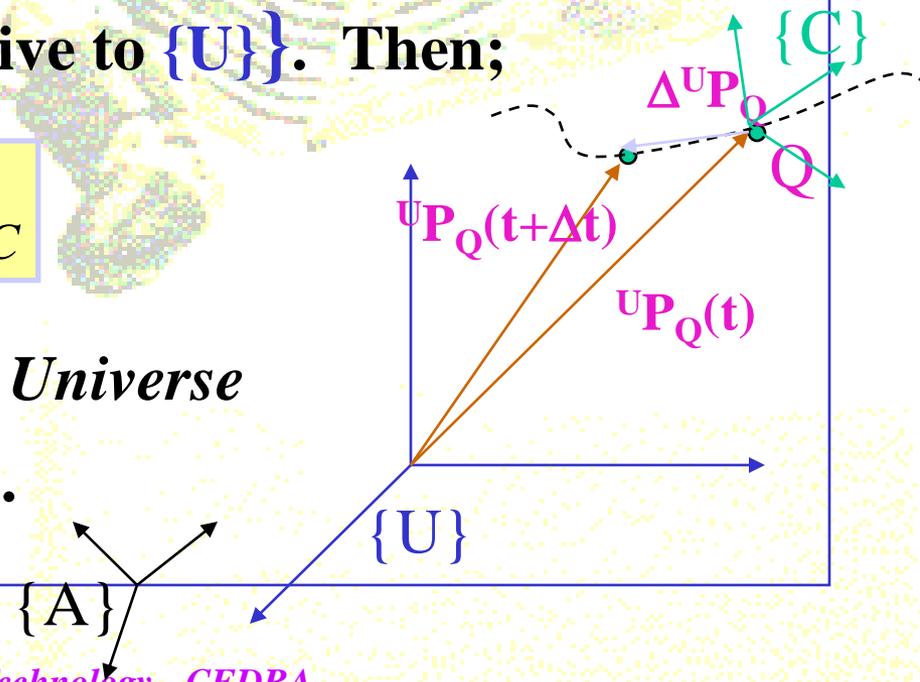
- If the point in question “Q” is the origin of a frame {C}, and the differentiation is done with respect to a *Universe* frame {U}, then we may write:

$$v_C \equiv \left( \frac{d}{dt} {}^U P_Q \right) \equiv \left( \frac{d}{dt} {}^U P_{CORG} \right) \equiv {}^U V_{CORG}$$

{velocity of origin of {C} relative to {U}}. Then;

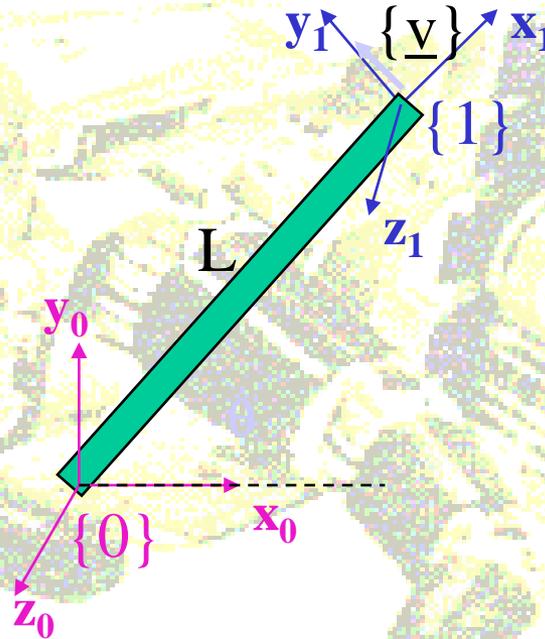
$${}^A (v_C) \equiv {}^A ({}^U V_{CORG}) \equiv {}^A v_C$$

{velocity of {C}<sub>ORG</sub> relative to *Universe* {U}, expressed in frame {A}}.



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- **Ex:** Consider the following one-link manipulator as shown:



$${}^1({}^0V_{1ORG}) \equiv {}^1R^0V_{1ORG} \equiv {}^0R^{-1}{}^0V_{1ORG} \equiv {}^1v_{1ORG} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ l\dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

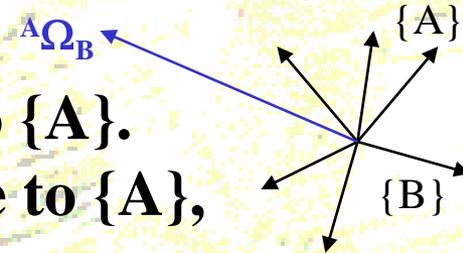


# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- **The Angular Velocity Vector:** Angular velocity “ $\Omega$ ” describes rotational motion of a frame attached to a body. Lets define the following:

- ${}^A\Omega_B$ : Angular Velocity of frame {B} relative to {A}.

- ${}^C({}^A\Omega_B)$ : Angular Velocity of frame {B} relative to {A}, expressed in {C}.



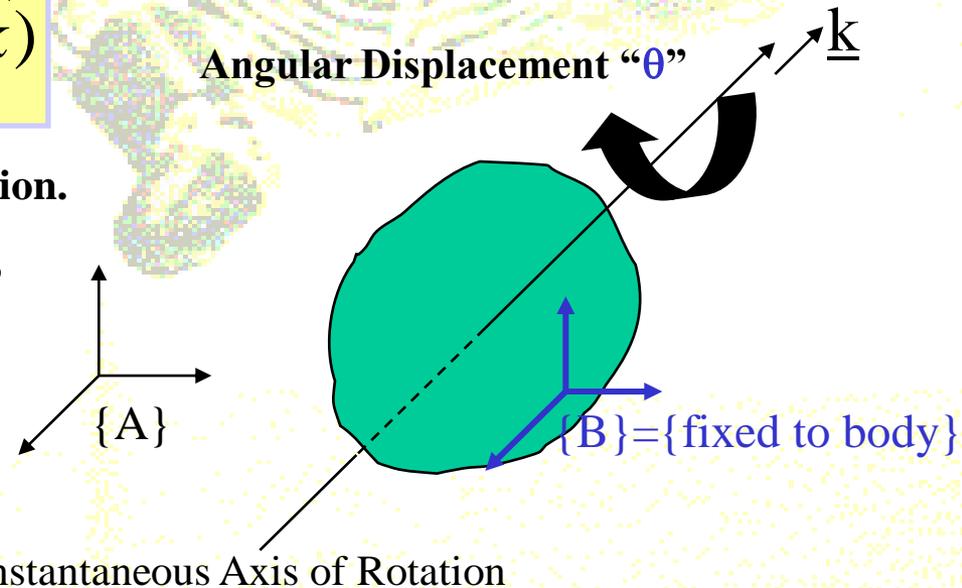
$${}^A\Omega_B \equiv {}^A\left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \hat{k}\right) \equiv {}^A\left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} {}_B\hat{k}\right)$$

$\underline{k}$ : Unit vector along the axis of rotation.

- **Relative to Universal frame, we can write:**

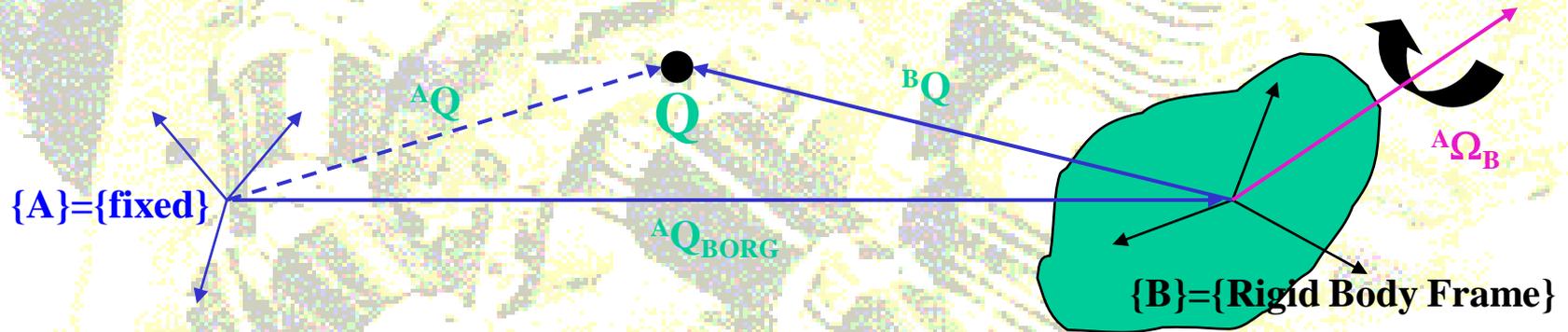
$$\omega_C \equiv {}^U\Omega_C$$

$${}^A\omega_C \equiv {}^A({}^U\Omega_C)$$



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- **Linear and Rotational Velocity of Rigid Bodies:**  
Consider a point “Q” in space, and describe its kinematics in two frames {A} and {B}.



From Chapter-2 we have:

$${}^A Q \equiv {}^A Q_{BORG} + {}^A R^B Q$$

- **Differentiating with respect to time results:**

$${}^A V_Q \equiv {}^A \dot{Q} = {}^A \dot{Q}_{BORG} + {}^A \dot{R}^B Q + {}^A R^B \dot{Q} \quad \Rightarrow$$

$${}^A V_Q = {}^A V_{BORG} + {}^A \Omega_B \times {}^A R^B Q + {}^A R^B V_Q$$

# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

$${}^A V_Q = {}^A V_{BORG} + {}^A \Omega_B \times_B R^B Q + {}^A R^B V_Q$$

- **Linear Velocity (Translation Only) of Rigid Body ( ${}^A \Omega_B = 0$ ):**

$${}^A V_Q = {}^A V_{BORG} + {}^A R^B V_Q$$

- **Angular Velocity (Rotation Only) of Rigid Body ( ${}^A V_{BORG} = 0$ ): (Frames {A} and {B} coincident);**

$${}^A V_Q = {}^A \Omega_B \times_B R^B Q + {}^A R^B V_Q$$



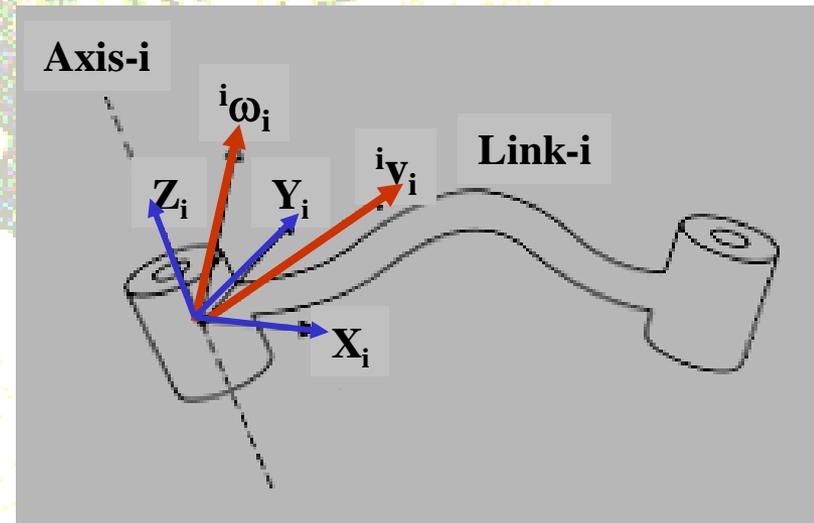
# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

➤ **Motion of the Links of a Robot:** in studying robot motion, we define:

- ❖ **Frame  $\{0\}$ :** A reference frame
- ❖  **$v_i$ :** Linear velocity of the origin of link frame  $\{i\}$ ,
- ❖  **$\omega_i$ :** Angular velocity of the link frame  $\{i\}$ .

At any instant, each link of a robot in motion has some linear and angular velocity defined by:

- ❖  **${}^i v_i$ :** Linear velocity of the origin of link frame  $\{i\}$  with respect to  $\{U\}$ , and written in frame  $\{i\}$ ,
- ❖  **${}^i \omega_i$ :** Angular velocity of the link frame  $\{i\}$  with respect to  $\{U\}$ , and written in frame  $\{i\}$ .



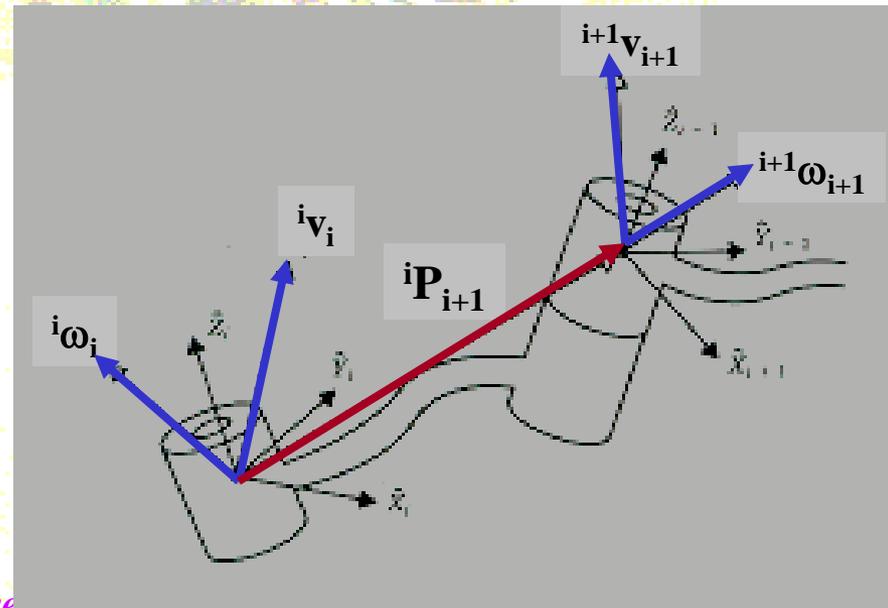
# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

➤ **Velocity Propagation from Link to Link:** A manipulator is a chain of rigid bodies, each one capable of motion relative to its neighbors. To study its motion:

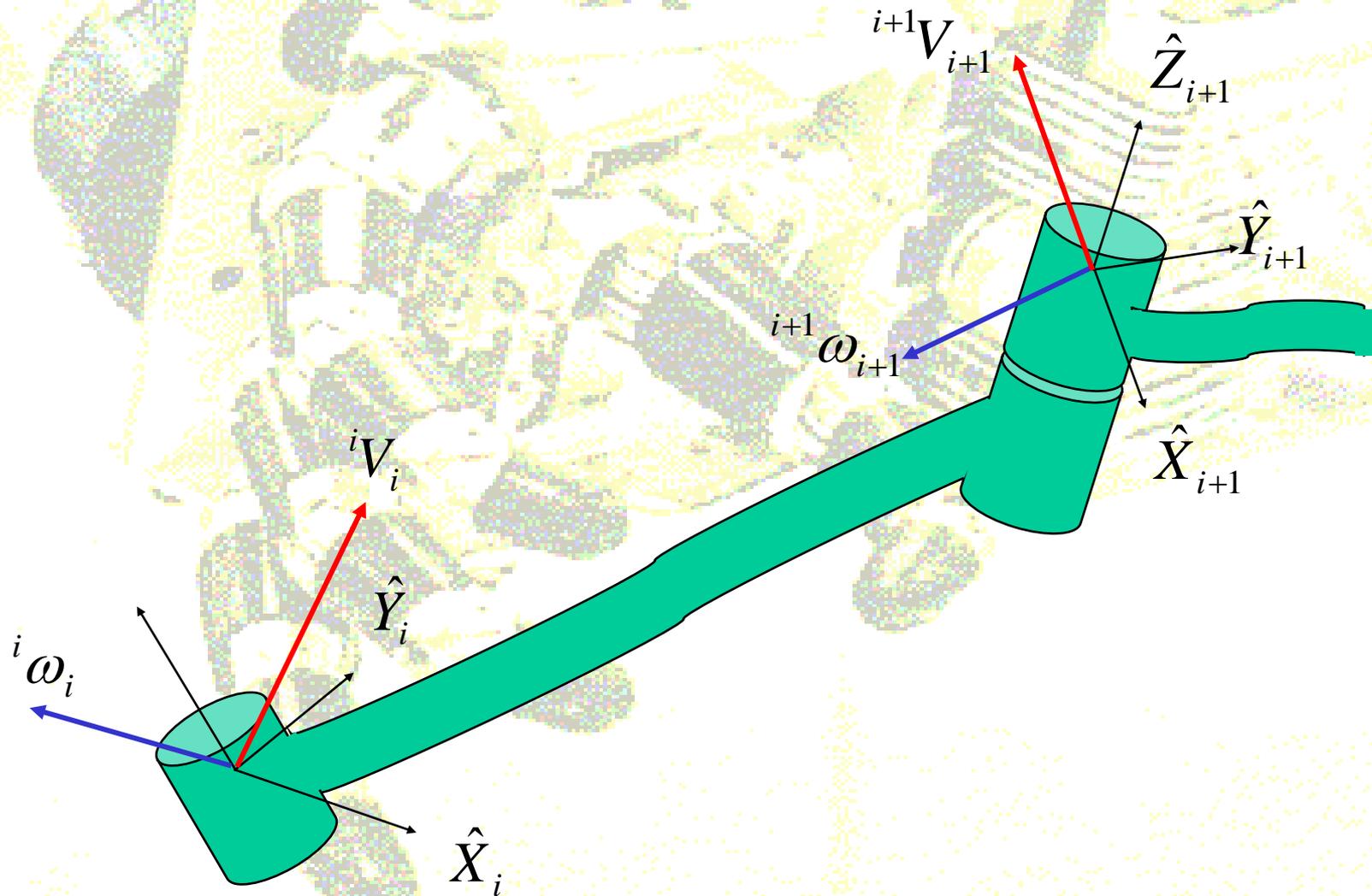
- ❖ Start from base, and work out to link n.
- ❖ Each link is a R.B. with some  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  expressed in the link's frame.
- ❖ Angular velocities from link to link may be added as long as they are expressed in the same frame.

$${}^i\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i+1} = {}^i\boldsymbol{\omega}_i + {}_{i+1}R\dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^{i+1}\hat{Z}_{i+1}$$

$${}^{i+1}\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_{i+1} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Velocity Propagation



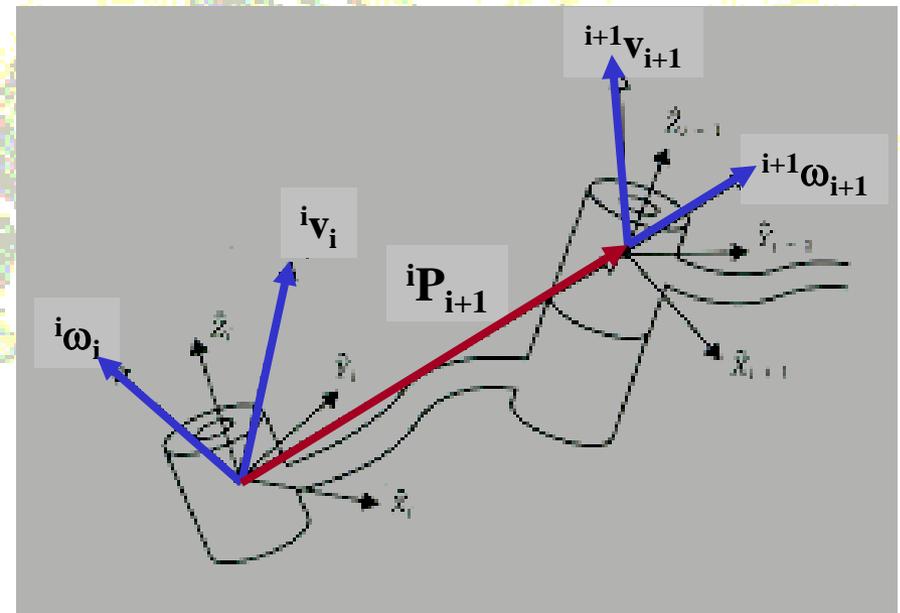
# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

## ➤ Velocity Propagation from Link to Link:

- ❖ Angular velocity of link  $i+1$  is equal to the angular velocity of link  $i$  plus the new angular velocity component at joint  $i+1$ , all expressed in frame  $\{i\}$ .

$${}^i\omega_{i+1} = {}^i\omega_i + {}_{i+1}R\dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^{i+1}\hat{Z}_{i+1}$$

$${}^{i+1}\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_{i+1} \end{bmatrix}$$



- ❖ The **R-matrix** is used to express the new angular velocity at joint  $i+1$  in frame  $\{i\}$ .



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

## ➤ Velocity Propagation from Link to Link:

- ❖ Pre-multiplying both sides of this equation by  ${}^{i+1}_i R$ , we have:

$${}^{i+1}\omega_{i+1} = {}^{i+1}_i R^i \omega_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^{i+1}\hat{Z}_{i+1}$$

\* An Important Relation

$${}^{i+1}\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_{i+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

- ❖ Dynamics has a *Recursive* nature in manipulators. If you know **i**, you can find **i+1**.



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

## ➤ Velocity Propagation from Link to Link:

- ❖ **Linear Velocity** of the origin of **frame {i+1}** is **equal** to the linear velocity of origin of **frame {i}** **plus** the new velocity component due to the rotation of **link i**, all expressed in frame **{i}**. Similar to:

$$v_B = v_A + \omega \times r_{B/A}$$

$${}^i v_{i+1} = {}^i v_i + {}^i \omega_i \times {}^i P_{i+1}$$

- ❖ Pre-multiplying both sides of this equation by  ${}^i R^{i+1}$ , we have:

$${}^{i+1} v_{i+1} = {}^i R ({}^i v_i + {}^i \omega_i \times {}^i P_{i+1})$$

**\*\* An Important Relation**

- ❖ Equations (\*) and (\*\*) are for when the **joint i+1** is **Revolute**.



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

## ➤ Velocity Propagation from Link to Link:

- ❖ If the joint  $i+1$  is *Prismatic (Sliding)*, then we have:

$${}^{i+1}\omega_{i+1} = {}^i R^{i+1} \omega_i$$

**3\*** An Important Relation

$${}^{i+1}v_{i+1} = {}^i R ({}^i v_i + \omega_i \times {}^i P_{i+1}) + \dot{d}_{i+1} \hat{Z}_{i+1}$$

**4\*** An Important Relation

- ❖ Using these relations from link to link one can compute the linear “ ${}^n v_n$ ” and angular “ ${}^n \omega_n$ ” velocities of the last link of the manipulator.
- ❖ If we wish to compute the linear and angular velocities of the **last link  $n$**  in terms of frame  $\{0\}$ , we can compute them as follows:

$${}^0 \omega_n = {}^0 R^n \omega_n, \quad \text{and} \quad {}^0 v_n = {}^0 R^n v_n$$



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

➤ **Example:** Consider the 2-link manipulator shown. Find the tip velocity as a function of joint rates  $(\dot{\theta}_1, \dot{\theta}_2)$  in terms of frames  $\{0\}$  and  $\{3\}$ ?

❖ Since the joints are *Revolute*, then:

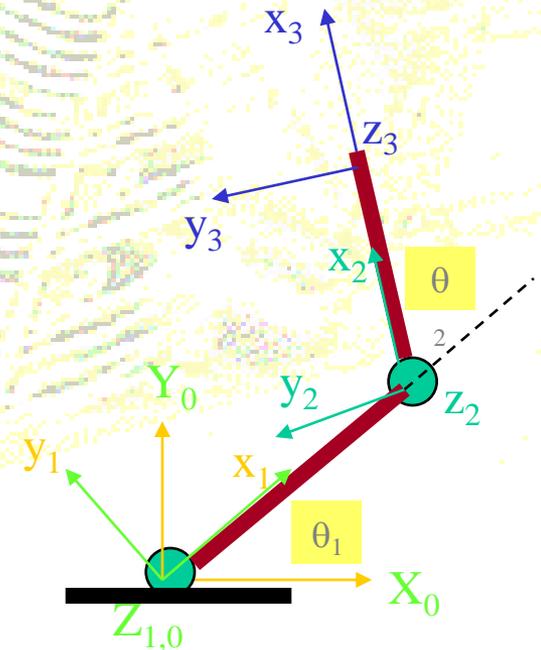
$${}^{i+1}\omega_{i+1} = {}^{i+1}R^i \omega_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} {}^{i+1}\hat{Z}_{i+1}$$

$${}^{i+1}v_{i+1} = {}^{i+1}R(i v_i + {}^i\omega_i \times {}^i P_{i+1})$$

$${}^0_1T = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & -S_1 & 0 & 0 \\ S_1 & C_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^1_2T = \begin{bmatrix} C_2 & -S_2 & 0 & \ell_1 \\ S_2 & C_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^2_3T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \ell_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- Start from the fixed frame  $\{0\}$ , or  $i=0$ :

$${}^1\omega_1 = {}^1R^0 \omega_0 + \dot{\theta}_1 {}^1\hat{Z}_1 = \dot{\theta}_1 {}^1\hat{Z}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad {}^1v_1 = {}^1R^0 ({}^0v_0 + {}^0\omega_0 \times {}^0P_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ❖ For  $i=1$ :

$${}^2\omega_2 = {}^2R^1 \omega_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 {}^2\hat{Z}_2 = \dot{\theta}_1 \begin{bmatrix} C_2 & S_2 & 0 \\ -S_2 & C_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^2v_2 = {}^2R^1 ({}^1v_1 + {}^1\omega_1 \times {}^1P_2) = {}^2R^1 (\ell_1 \dot{\theta}_1 {}^1\hat{Y}_1) = {}^2R^1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \ell_1 \dot{\theta}_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \ell_1 S_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \ell_1 C_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^1\omega_1 \times {}^1P_2 = (\dot{\theta}_1 {}^1\hat{Z}_1) \times (\ell_1 {}^1\hat{X}_1) = (\ell_1 \dot{\theta}_1 {}^1\hat{Y}_1)$$



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

➤ For  $i=2$ :

$${}^3\omega_3 = {}^3R^2\omega_2 + \dot{\theta}_3 \hat{Z}_3 = {}^2\omega_2$$

**I**

**0**

$${}^3v_3 = {}^3R({}^2v_2 + {}^2\omega_2 \times {}^2P_3) = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 S_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \\ l_1 C_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_2 (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 S_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \\ l_1 C_2 \dot{\theta}_1 + l_2 (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**I**

$$\begin{aligned} {}^2\omega_2 \times {}^2P_3 &= (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)^2 \hat{Z}_2 \times (l_2 {}^2\hat{X}_2) \\ &= l_2 (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)^2 \hat{Y}_2 \end{aligned}$$

$${}^0v_3 = {}^0R^3v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 S_1 \dot{\theta}_1 - l_2 S_{12} (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \\ l_1 C_1 \dot{\theta}_1 + l_2 C_{12} (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^0_3R = \begin{bmatrix} C_{12} & -S_{12} & 0 \\ S_{12} & C_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- **Jacobians in Robotics:** Relates joint velocities to Cartesian velocities of the tip of the manipulator arm.
- **In Mathematics = Multidimensional Derivative**
- **Given a vector function of several variables such as;**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6) \\ y_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6) \\ y_3 = f_3(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6) \\ y_4 = f_4(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6) \\ y_5 = f_5(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6) \\ y_6 = f_6(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{In Vector Form: } Y = F(X)$$



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- Using *Chain-Rule*, differentials of  $y_i$  as a function of differentials of  $x_j$  are expressed as:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta y_1 = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_6} \delta x_6 \\ \delta y_2 = \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_6} \delta x_6 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \delta y_6 = \frac{\partial f_6}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \frac{\partial f_6}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f_6}{\partial x_6} \delta x_6 \end{array} \right.$$



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- Presenting the differentials using vector notation as:

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

(6×1) Vector (6×6) Matrix (6×1) Vector

- ❖ **Jacobian of Partial Derivatives**  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$J \equiv \frac{\partial F}{\partial X}$$

- ❖ If the functions  $f_1(X) \dots f_6(X)$  are non-linear, then the partial derivatives are a function of  $x_i$ , therefore:

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



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

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

- Dividing both sides by the differential time element:

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

- **Jacobians** are time varying linear transformations. At any particular instant, **X** has a certain value, and **J(X)** is a linear transformation. At each new instant, **X** has changed and therefore so has the linear transformation.



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- **In Robotics:** Jacobian relates joint velocities to Cartesian velocities of the tip of the manipulator arm in a linear fashion.

$${}^0V = {}^0J(\Theta)\dot{\Theta}$$

- **Where:**

**Vector of joint angles:**  $\Theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots\}$

**Vector of joint rates:**  $\dot{\Theta} = \{\dot{\theta}_1, \dot{\theta}_2, \dots\}$

**Jacobian expressed in frame {0}:**  ${}^0J(\Theta)$

**Vector of Cartesian tip velocities in frame {0}:**  ${}^0V$



# Jacobians: Velocities & Static Forces

- Note that this is an instantaneous relationship, since in the next instant the Jacobian has changed slightly.
- For a robot with 6-joints:
- Jacobian is a  $(6 \times 6)$  matrix:  ${}^0J(\Theta)$
- Vector of joint rates is a  $(6 \times 1)$  vector:  $\dot{\Theta} = \{\dot{\theta}_1, \dot{\theta}_2, \dots\}$
- Vector of Cartesian tip velocity is a  $(6 \times 1)$  vector:

$${}^0V = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0v_{(3 \times 1)} \\ {}^0\omega_{(3 \times 1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear Velocity Vector

Rotational Velocity Vector

Jacobian in general is an  $(m \times n)$  matrix =  $J_{m \times n}$  :

- # of Rows = # of D.O.F. in Cartesian Space =  $m$
- # of Columns = # of Joints of the Manipulator =  $n$

