

# Mason Lecture 9

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## Screw Coords for Differential Twists

Recall def. of Screw

$\theta$  = angle of rotation

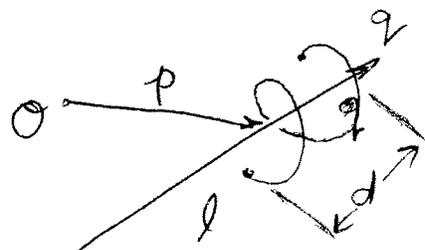
$d$  = length of ~~the~~ translation

$l$  = line of screw axis

$$\rho = p = \text{pitch} = \frac{d}{\theta}$$

$$\text{screw} \triangleq \left( \theta \frac{s}{\|s\|}, \theta \frac{s_0}{\|s\|} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\|q\|} (\theta q, \theta q_0 + dq)$$



Consider differential motion occurring over differential time,  $dt$

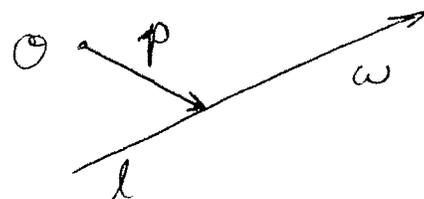
$\theta = \omega dt$ , where  $\omega$  is the angular velocity

Plücker coords  $(q, q_0) = (\omega, p \times \omega)$

$$\text{pitch} = \frac{\|\omega\|}{\|p \times \omega\|}$$

~~Screw coords for diff twist:~~

~~$$(s, s_0) = (\omega, p \times \omega)$$~~



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Screw coords for diff. twist:  $\omega$  plays role of  $q$ . <sup>(2)</sup>

$$(s, s_0) = (\omega, p \times \omega + \frac{\|N\|}{\|\omega\|} \omega)$$

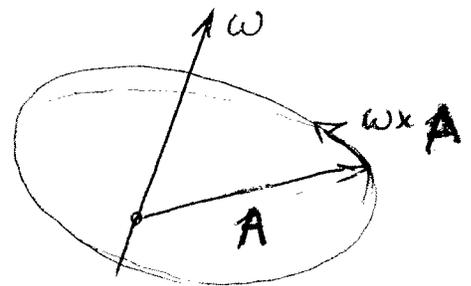
note that  $N$  is  $\parallel$  to  $\omega$  (by construction)

$$\therefore N = \frac{\omega}{\|\omega\|}$$

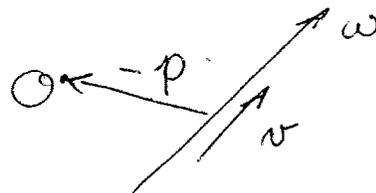
$$(s, s_0) = (\omega, p \times \omega + N)$$

what is the physical interp.?

given a vector  $A$ ,  
 $\omega \times A =$  velocity  
 or time rate of  
 change of  $A$



What is  
 the twist?  $\rightarrow (\omega, \omega \times (-p) + N)$



$$\omega \times -p + N$$

= velocity of point attached to moving body  
 that is instantaneously coincident  
 with the origin.

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# Kinematic Constraints - First Order

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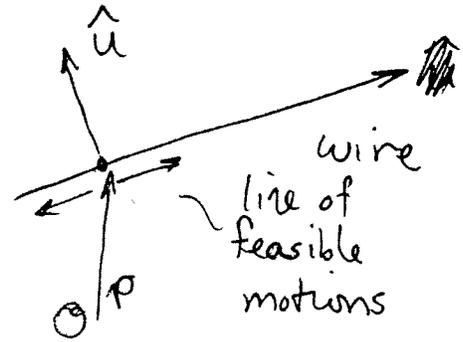
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Let  $N_p$  be a point of interest

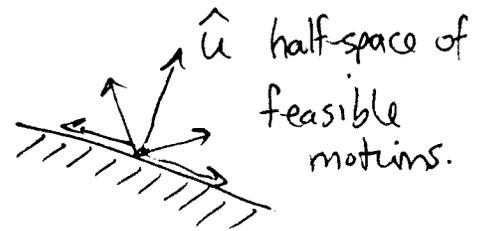
Let  $\hat{u}$  be a direction, then

$$\hat{u} \cdot N_p = 0$$

constrains the point to move along the ~~direction~~ 

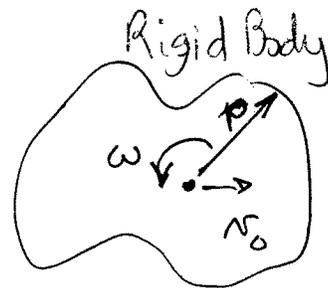


$$\hat{u} \cdot N_p \geq 0$$



Recall  $N_p = N_o + \omega \times p$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u} \cdot N_p &= \\ &= \hat{u} \cdot N_o + (\omega \times p) \cdot \hat{u} \\ &= \hat{u} \cdot N_o + \underline{(p \times \hat{u})} \cdot \omega \end{aligned}$$



$N_o$  = velocity of origin

Looks like reciprocal product defined for Plücker coordinates

$$(q, q_o) * (p, p_o) = q \cdot p_o + p \cdot q_o$$

Define contact screw

$$(c, c_o) = (\hat{u}, p \times \hat{u})$$

Consideration of constraint gives rise to a "contact screw"

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Kinematic Constraint can now  
be written as :

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$$(c, c_0) * (\omega, \nu_0) = c \cdot \nu_0 + c_0 \cdot \omega = 0$$

Call  $\text{virtual product}$ , because contact screw can be  $> 0$   
 $< 0$

Definition: Two screws are reciprocal, contrary, or repelling  
if the reciprocal product is  $= 0$ ,  $< 0$ , or  $> 0$ .

Bilateral constraints must be reciprocal

Unilateral constraints are reciprocal or repelling

Note:

Every point on <sup>a</sup>rigid body has same  $\omega$

Diff twist represents velocity of pt at origin

In  $(c, c_0)$ ,  $c$  represents direction of constraint

$c_0$  is moment of constraint about origin.

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Example : Contact constraints

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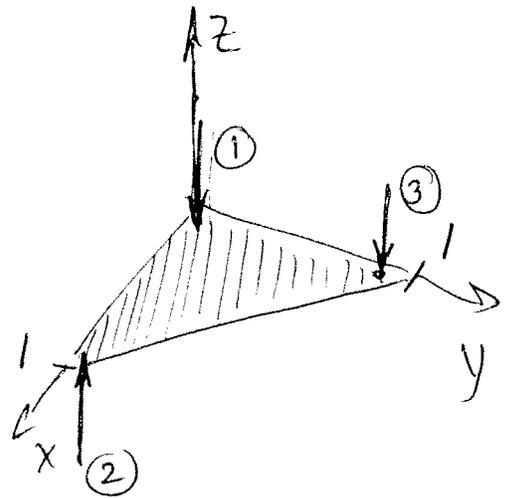
for planar motion

Let contact points  
be at :

$$r_1 = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$r_2 = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$r_3 = (0, 1, 0)$$

Contact screws,  $(C_i, C_{oi})$   $i=1,2,3$ 

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \left( \underbrace{0 \ 0 \ -1}_S ; \underbrace{0 \ 0 \ 0}_{r \times S = S_0} \right)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (0 \ 0 \ 1 ; 0 \ -1 \ 0)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad (0 \ 0 \ -1 ; -1 \ 0 \ 0)$$

Recall that moment  
about origin = moment  
about each of the axes.

Moment between || lines  $S=C$   
Moment || intersecting " " "

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How can we determine possible motion of "grasped" triangle?

Let  $(t, t_0) = (\omega, \nu_0)$  be the diff. twist of the  $\Delta$ .

Assume bilateral contacts.

$$(t, t_0) \cdot (c_i, c_{0i}) = 0 \quad \forall i=1,2,3.$$

$$t \cdot c_{0i} + t_0 \cdot c_i = 0 \quad i=1,2,3$$

$$c_i \cdot \nu_0 + c_{0i} \cdot \omega = 0$$

reverse to match book examples

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{1i} & c_{01} \\ c_{2i} & c_{02} \\ c_{3i} & c_{03} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{0x} \\ \nu_{0y} \\ \nu_{0z} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{0x} \\ \nu_{0y} \\ \nu_{0z} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Det = 1

$$\textcircled{1} \quad -\nu_{0z} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \nu_{0z} - \omega_y = 0 \Rightarrow \omega_y = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad -\nu_{0z} - \omega_x = 0 \Rightarrow \omega_x = 0$$

Note that  $\nu_{0x}, \nu_{0y}, \omega_z$  are unconstrained!  
Planar motion.

- 1.) Twist axis direction  
 $(t, t_0) = (\omega, \mathcal{N}_0)$

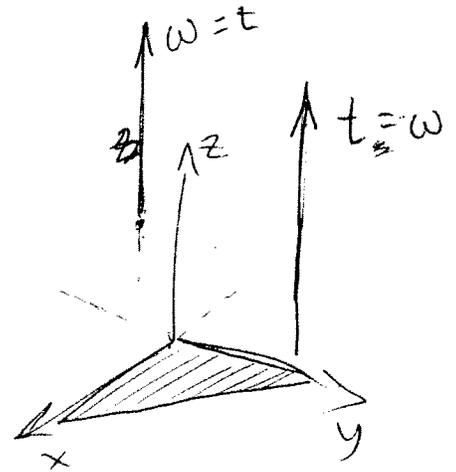
$$t = \omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$

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- 2.) Find twist ~~axis~~ pitch

$$(t, t_0) = (\omega, \mathcal{N}_0) = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{N}_{0x} \\ \mathcal{N}_{0y} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$



$$p = \frac{t \cdot t_0}{t \cdot t} = 0$$

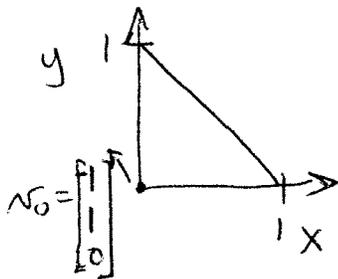
- 3.) Find (closest point on twist axis to origin) (Instantaneous center of rotation)

$$\frac{t \times t_0}{t \cdot t} = \frac{\omega \times \mathcal{N}_0}{\omega \cdot \omega} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathcal{N}_{0y}/\omega_z \\ \mathcal{N}_{0x}/\omega_z \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ 0 & 0 & \omega_z \\ \mathcal{N}_{0x} & \mathcal{N}_{0y} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\omega_z = 1/2$

Let  $\mathcal{N}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$



$$\omega_z \begin{bmatrix} -\mathcal{N}_{0y} \\ \mathcal{N}_{0x} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(-2,2)  $\cdot \frac{1}{2} = \omega_z$   
 twist axis

Suppose we use a different origin?

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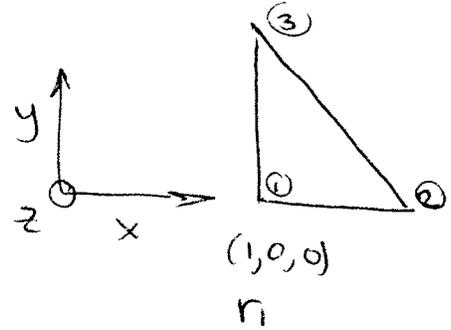
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Suppose we use a different origin

$$r_1 = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$r_2 = (2, 0, 0)$$

$$r_3 = (1, 1, 0)$$



Contact screws

$\xi_{s_1, s_2, s_3}$  are not changed

$r \times s_i$  is changed by

$$r_{i, \text{new}} = r_{i, \text{old}} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore s_{i, \text{new}} = s_{i, \text{old}} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \times s_{i, \text{old}}}_{\Delta s_i}$$

$$\Delta s_{1,3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} i+k & & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta s_2 = -\Delta s_3$$

①	$(0 \ 0 \ -1, \ 0 \ 1 \ 0)$	$N_{0x}$
②	$(0 \ 0 \ 1, \ 0 \ -2 \ 0)$	$N_{0y}$
③	$(0 \ 0 \ -1, \ -1 \ 1 \ 0)$	$N_{0z}$
	$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Determinant still } \neq 0 = 1}$	$w_x$
		$w_y$
		$w_z$

Check for freedoms.

Same result as before,  $N_{0z} = w_x = w_y = 0$

Freedoms:  $N_{0x}, N_{0y}, w_z$

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1. Check twist axis direction

$$\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{same as before}$$

2. Find pitch

$$\rho = \frac{t \cdot t_0}{t \cdot t} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} N_{0x} \\ N_{0y} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{t \cdot t} = 0$$

Same as before.

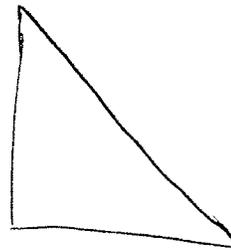
3. Find closest point on twist axis to origin

Only one difference from before

Since origin was changed,

$(N_{0x}, N_{0y})$

specifies velocity of ↗



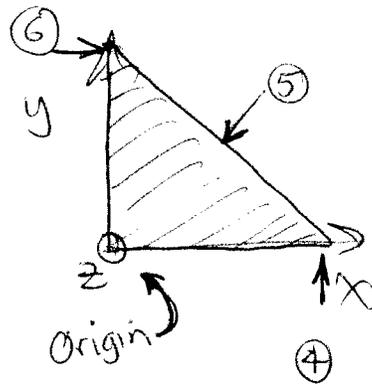
Further constraint in the plane

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} N_{ox} \\ N_{oy} \\ N_{oz} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{array}$$

already eliminated by contacts 1, 2, 3.



Ask: will triangle be able to move?

Can this move?

Assume bilateral constraints

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} N_{ox} \\ N_{oy} \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

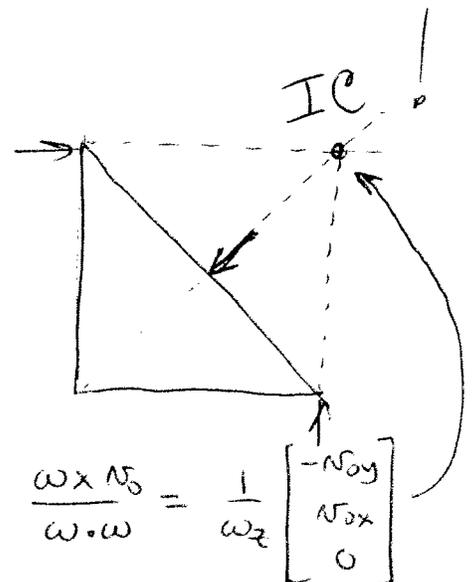
$$\text{Det}(A) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 0$$

Null Space is 1D

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_{ox} \\ N_{oy} \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

location of center of rotation

$$\frac{t \times t_0}{t \cdot t} = \frac{\omega \times N_0}{\omega \cdot \omega} = \frac{1}{\omega_z} \begin{bmatrix} -N_{oy} \\ N_{ox} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Suppose we move frame of representation?

Constraints

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} N_{0x} \\ N_{0y} \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_{0x} \\ N_{0y} \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \text{Null Sp}(A) \gamma$$

↑ arbitrary scalar

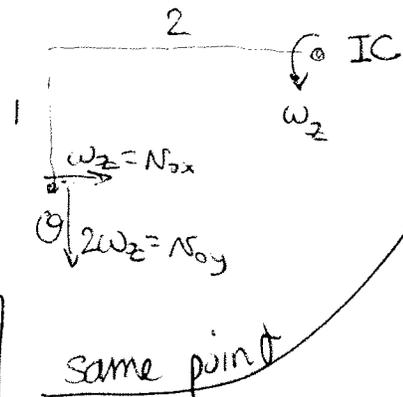
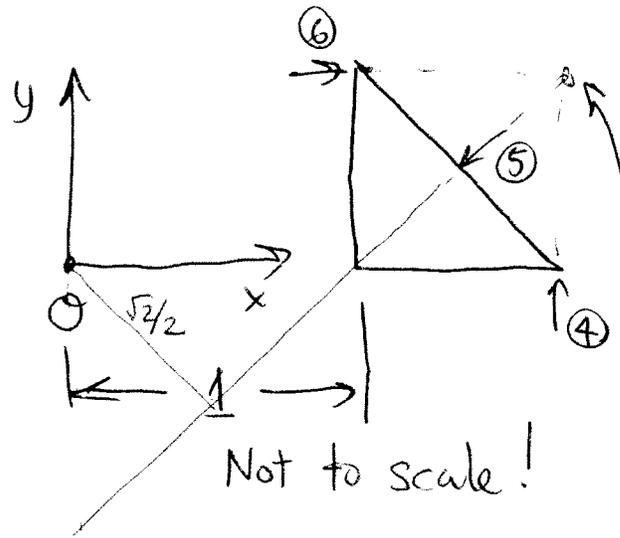
Matlab gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_{0x} \\ N_{0y} \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \gamma$$

Intuitive Check

∴ Center of rotation is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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# Revisit Reuleaux's Method

## Repelling screws

$$(c, c_0) * (\omega, \mathcal{N}_0) \geq 0$$

$$(0 \ 1 \ \phi, \ \phi \ \phi \ 0) \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{N}_{0x} \\ \mathcal{N}_{0y} \\ \mathcal{N}_{0z} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{0y} \geq 0$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{0x}, \omega_z$  arbitrary

What are IC locations such that  $\mathcal{N}_{0y} \geq 0$ ?

~~$$t \times t_0$$~~

$$\frac{t \times t_0}{t \cdot t} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathcal{N}_{0y}/\omega_z \\ +\mathcal{N}_{0x}/\omega_z \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

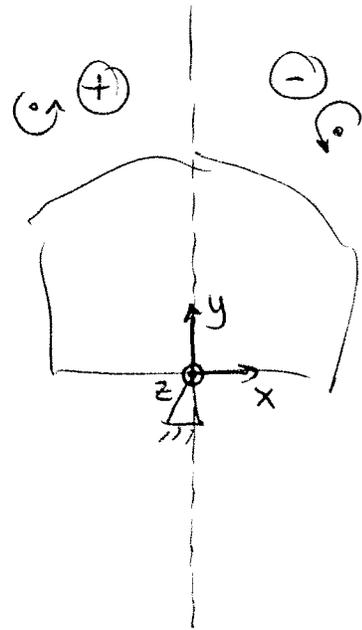
Must have  $\mathcal{N}_{0y} > 0$

Case 1: ~~choose~~  $\omega_z > 0, \mathcal{N}_{0y} > 0$

$$\Rightarrow p_x < 0$$

Case 2:  $\omega_z < 0, \mathcal{N}_{0y} > 0$

$$\Rightarrow p_x > 0$$



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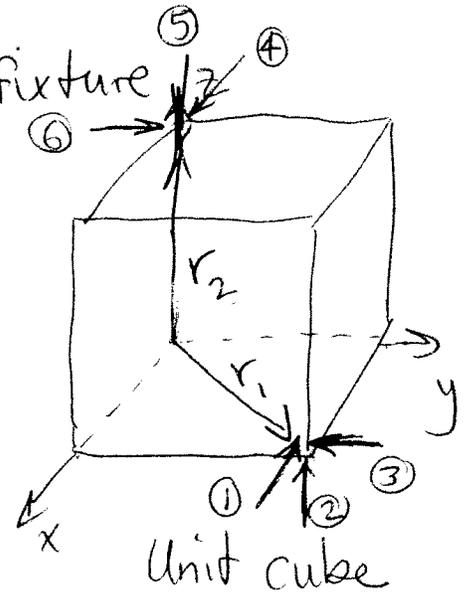
Contact constraint example: grasping

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Let  $(c_i, c_{oi})$   
 Let  $(s_i, s_{oi})$  be the contact screw for  
 the  $i$ th contact in a grasp/fixture

Let  $(\omega, v_0)$   
 Let  $(t, t_0)$  be the differential  
 twist of the object.

Determine instantaneous  
 motions allowed by grasp.



$$r_1 = (1, 1, 0)$$

$$r_2 = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$s_1 = (-1 \ 0 \ 0) \quad s_{o1} = (0 \ 0 \ 1)$$

$$s_2 = (0 \ 0 \ 1) \quad s_{o2} = (1 \ -1 \ 0)$$

$$s_3 = (0 \ -1 \ 0) \quad s_{o3} = (0 \ 0 \ -1)$$

$$s_4 = (1 \ 0 \ 0) \quad s_{o4} = (0 \ 1 \ 0)$$

$$s_5 = (0 \ 0 \ -1) \quad s_{o5} = (0 \ 0 \ 0)$$

$$s_6 = (0 \ 1 \ 0) \quad s_{o6} = (-1 \ 0 \ 0)$$

Note: moment about origin = (moment about  
 x-axis, y-axis, z-axis)

has  
 3 components

Moment between // lines = 0

Moment between intersecting lines = 0

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Assume constraints are bilateral

differential  
Find legal twists if any exist.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \textcircled{1} \\
 \textcircled{2} \\
 \textcircled{3} \\
 \textcircled{4} \\
 \textcircled{5} \\
 \textcircled{6}
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\
 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 N_{ox} \\
 N_{oy} \\
 N_{oz} \\
 \omega_x \\
 \omega_y \\
 \omega_z
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

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⑤  $\Rightarrow N_{oz} = 0$

Null space has 1 dimension

$$\text{Null}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right\} N_o = t_o \Rightarrow$   
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{array} \right\} \omega = t$

Note, if origin had been chosen to lie on axis of rotation, then first 3 elements would be zero

corner of cube at origin cannot move up or down.

axis of rotation is along line  $\parallel$  to cube diagonal between grasp points.

Point closest to origin

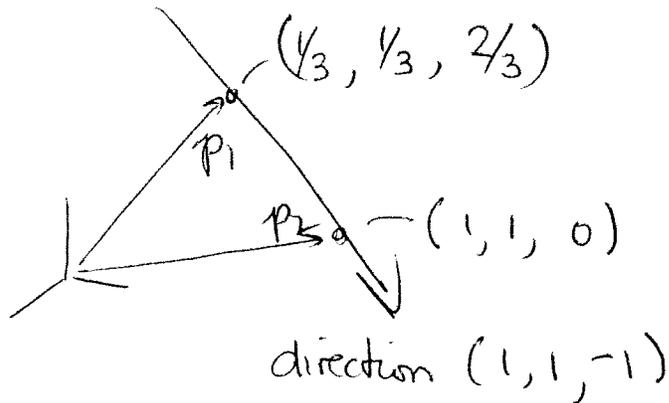
$$\frac{t \cdot t_o}{t \cdot t} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Point ~~s~~ seems wrong.

Test to see if it is on axis.



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p_2 - p_1 = \begin{matrix} i & j & k \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \end{matrix} \\ \text{cross with } \begin{matrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{matrix} \end{array} \right\} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Yes! It is on the line.

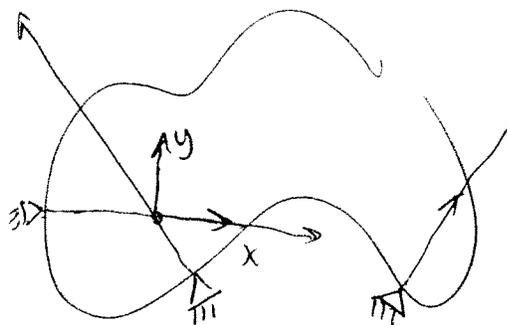
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A final point about screw systems.

Choose ~~for~~ your coordinate frame to make your own life easy.

Results ~~are not so~~

$(c, c_0) \neq (t, t_0)$  are independent of coordinate frame location & orientation!



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ .8 & .6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑   ↑   ↑  
 $l_i$