Kinematic mapping - recent results and applications

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Euclidean displacement:

$$\gamma \colon \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3, \quad \mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a} \tag{1}$$

A proper orthogonal 3 \times 3 matrix, $\boldsymbol{a} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \dots$ vector

group of Euclidean displacements: SE(3)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{o}^T \\ \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}.$$
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 $[x_0 : \cdots : y_3]^T$ Study parameters = parametrization of SE(3) with dual quaternions



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Translation part:

$$2y_0 = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3, \quad 2y_1 = -a_1x_0 + a_3x_2 - a_2x_3, \\ 2y_2 = -a_2x_0 - a_3x_1 + a_1x_3, \quad 2y_3 = -a_3x_0 + a_2x_1 - a_1x_2.$$
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Image space transformations



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- The relative displacement α depends on the choice of fixed and moving frame.
- Coordinate systems are usually attached to the base and the end-effector of a mechanism.
- Changes of fixed and moving frame induce transformations on S²₆, impose a geometric structure on S²₆.
- Canonical frames.



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$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{T}_f \mathbf{T}_m \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{T}_m = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{T}_f = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix},$$
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and **O** is the four by four zero matrix.

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- ► **T**_m and **T**_f commute
- ► **T**_m and **T**_f induce transformations of P^7 that fix S_6^2 , the exceptional generator \mathcal{E} the exceptional quadric \mathcal{Y} the Null-cone \mathcal{N} and the pencil $\mathcal{D} = \lambda S_6^2 + \mu \mathcal{N}$
- Clifford translations on S²₆



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- \blacktriangleright a constraint that removes one degree of freedom maps to a hyper-surface in \mathbb{P}^7
- a set of constraints corresponds to a set of polynomial equations



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Global Kinematics - Methods: Derivation of constraint equations

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- 1. Constraint equations are algebraic equations as long as no helical joint is in the mechanism
- 2. Derive at first the constraint equations for a canonical chain (= best adapted coordinate systems to base and end effector)
- 3. Change of frames is linear in algebraic (dual quaternion) parameters



1. Geometric constraint equations

For simple chains



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Abbildung: 3-RPS parallel robot

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three legs \rightarrow 6 equations (6 polynomials) = complete description of the manipulator



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three legs \rightarrow 6 equations (6 polynomials) = complete description of the manipulator

This method was used 20 years ago to derive the constraint equations of the Stewart Gough platform and solve the DK



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Conjugation - invariant objects

Line v and 5-dim. Subspace w in \mathbb{P}^7

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix} s, \ \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix} t_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix} t_2 + \ldots + \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix} t_6,$$
with $t, s, t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_6 \in \mathbb{R}$



- \blacktriangleright Inverting a constraint \rightarrow projective transformation in the image space
- topology of the objects is invariant
- $\blacktriangleright\,$ rulings of $\mathcal Y$ are interchanged $\rightarrow\,$ "chirality" in kinematics
- geometric constraints dualize



Cardan Motion (Trammel-, Elliptic- motion) \leftrightarrow Oldham motion



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Operation Modes - Ideal Decomposition Example: 3-UPU-Parallel Manipulator



Abbildung: 3-UPU-Model



Abbildung: 3-UPU-manipulator

Six constraint equations

- 1. 3 (quadratic) sphere constraint equations $g_1 g_3$
- 2. 3 (bilinear) plane constraint equations $g_4 g_6$

$$g_4: 4 x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \sqrt{3} x_2 y_3 + \sqrt{3} x_3 y_2 + 3 x_3 y_3 = 0$$
(13)

$$g_5: 4 x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 - \sqrt{3} x_2 y_3 - \sqrt{3} x_3 y_2 + 3 x_3 y_3 = 0$$
(14)

$$g_6: x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 = 0$$

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the subsystem $\mathcal{J}=< g_4, g_5, g_6, g_7>$ is independent of the design parameters splits into 10 subsystems

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_{1} &= \langle y_{0}, y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3} \rangle, \ \mathcal{J}_{2} &= \langle x_{0}, y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3} \rangle, \ \mathcal{J}_{3} &= \langle y_{0}, x_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3} \rangle, \ \mathcal{J}_{4} &= \langle x_{0}, x_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3} \rangle, \\ \mathcal{J}_{5} &= \langle y_{0}, y_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3} \rangle, \ \mathcal{J}_{6} &= \langle x_{0}, y_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3} \rangle, \ \mathcal{J}_{7} &= \langle y_{0}, x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3} \rangle, \\ \mathcal{J}_{8} &= \langle x_{2} - i \, x_{3}, y_{2} + i \, y_{3}, x_{0} \, y_{0} + x_{3} \, y_{3}, x_{1} \, y_{1} + x_{3} \, y_{3} \rangle, \\ \mathcal{J}_{9} &= \langle x_{2} + i \, x_{3}, y_{2} - i \, y_{3}, x_{0} \, y_{0} + x_{3} \, y_{3}, x_{1} \, y_{1} + x_{3} \, y_{3} \rangle, \\ \mathcal{J}_{10} &= \langle x_{0}, x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

- Manipulator with the same actuator lengths has 72 solutions of the direct kinematics.
- Manipulator with different actuator lengths has 78 solutions of the direct kinematics.



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Relations between the different components, which relate to different operation modes of the manipulator

	κ_1	κ_2	κ_3	κ_4	κ_5	κ_6	κ_7
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Path planning in kinematic image space

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- one can achieve a geometric continuity of order *n* for the motion with trajectories of degree 2(n + 1)
- At possible intersection points of interpolant and exceptional generator *E*, the map κ^{-1} becomes singular and a degree reduction of the trajectories occurs



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Much more complicated than DK Stewart-Gough platform

DK solutions for cable configuration

Number of cables	2	3	4	5
Number of solutions over $\mathbb C$	24	156	216	140



Numbers are due to additional equilibrium constraints!

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Thanks for your attention!



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