

# On the Differential Model of a Mitsubishi Robot

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## Abstract

*The paper analyses the differential model of the Mitsubishi RV-1A robot system. The steps for the calculus of the preferential Jacobean matrix corresponding to the Mitsubishi robot mechanism are emphasized. Finally, the expression of the preferential Jacobean matrix is presented.*

**Key words:** robot, differential model, preferential Jacobean matrix

## Introduction

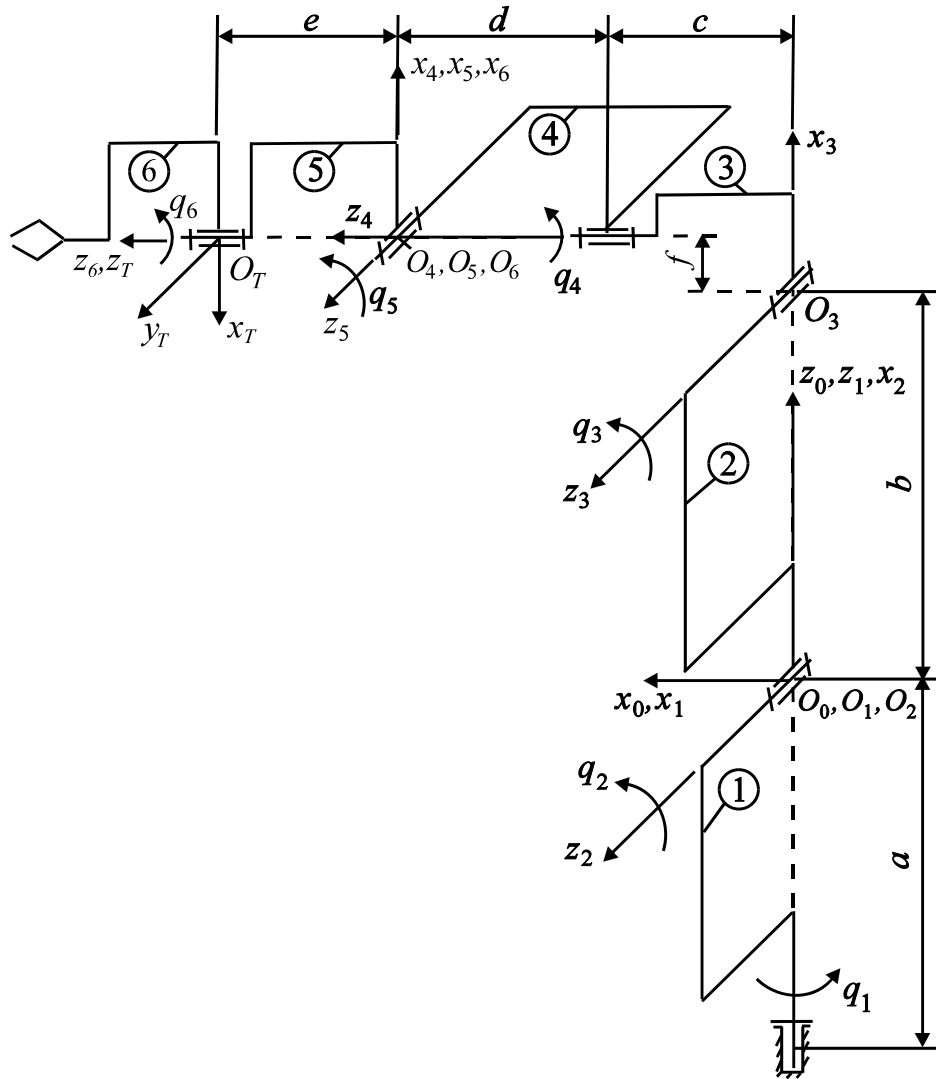
The differential model of a robotic mechanism makes the connection between the variation of the operational coordinates and the variation of the generalized coordinates of the robot. This connection is realized using the Jacobean matrix [1,2]. The calculus of the Jacobean matrix for a robot mechanism with  $n$  modules is based on the calculus of the base Jacobean matrix  $J_n$  which verifies the relation [2]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_n \\ \delta_n \end{bmatrix} = J_n \cdot dq \quad (1)$$

where:  $d_n$  and  $\delta_n$  are the differential translation and rotation vectors corresponding to the system of coordinates attached to the last module of the robot and  $dq$  is the vector that contains the differential variations of generalized coordinates of the robot mechanism. The base Jacobean matrix can be decomposed in three matrices [2]: the first two matrices are of full rank and their inverses are immediate and the third matrix (called the preferential Jacobean matrix) has a very simple form so that its inverse can be very easy calculated (which ensures a rapid use in the control process). In the paper the steps for the calculus of the preferential Jacobean matrix corresponding to the Mitsubishi RV-1A robot mechanism are emphasized. Finally, the expression of the preferential Jacobean matrix is presented.

## Theoretical Considerations and Simulation Results

In figure 1, the cinematic scheme of the mechanism of the Mitsubishi RV-1A robot system is presented. The systems of coordinates  $(O_i x_i y_i z_i), i = \overline{0,6}$ , have been attached to each component module  $i, i = \overline{0,6}$ , using the Khalil-Kleinfinger method [1,2].



**Fig. 1.** Mitsubishi Melfa RV-1A robot mechanism

In figure 2 the parameters of this method are presented. The values corresponding to the Khalil-Kleinfinger parameters are given in table 1.

**Table 1.** The values of the Khalil-Kleinfinger parameters

$i$	$\alpha_i$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$	$r_i$
1	0	0	$q_1$	0
2	$-90^\circ$	0	$q_2$	0
3	0	$b$	$q_3$	0
4	$-90^\circ$	$f$	$q_4$	$d+c$
5	$90^\circ$	0	$q_5$	0
6	$-90^\circ$	0	$q_6$	0

The systems of coordinates attached to the consecutive modules  $i+1$  and  $i$  are relatively positioned using four parameters [1,2] (fig. 2): the angle  $\alpha_{i+1}$  between the axes  $(O_i z_i)$  and  $(O_{i+1} z_{i+1})$ , the distance  $d_{i+1}$  between the same axes, the angle  $\theta_{i+1}$  between the axes  $(O_i x_i)$  and  $(O_{i+1} x_{i+1})$  and the distance  $r_{i+1}$  between  $(O_i x_i)$  and  $(O_{i+1} x_{i+1})$ , measured on the positive direction of the axis  $(O_{i+1} z_{i+1})$ .

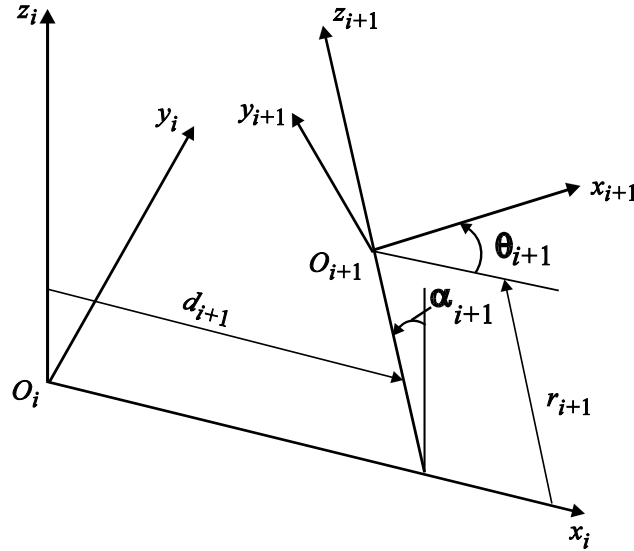


Fig. 2. Khalil-Kleinfinger parameters

The homogeneous matrix corresponding to the relative position and orientation of two consecutive modules  $i$  and  $i+1$  has the following general form [1,2]:

$${}^i T_{i+1} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^i R_{i+1} & ({}^i)O_i O_{i+1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_{i+1} & -\sin \theta_{i+1} & 0 & d_{i+1} \\ \cos \alpha_{i+1} \cdot \sin \theta_{i+1} & \cos \alpha_{i+1} \cdot \cos \theta_{i+1} & -\sin \alpha_{i+1} & -r_{i+1} \cdot \sin \alpha_{i+1} \\ \sin \alpha_{i+1} \cdot \sin \theta_{i+1} & \sin \alpha_{i+1} \cdot \cos \theta_{i+1} & \cos \alpha_{i+1} & r_{i+1} \cdot \cos \alpha_{i+1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where:  ${}^i R_{i+1}$  is the rotation matrix corresponding to the relative orientation of the modules.

By applying the relation (2) and by taking into account the values of the Khalil-Kleinfinger parameters in table 1, the following expressions for the homogeneous matrices  ${}^i T_{i+1}, i = \overline{0,5}$ , are obtained:

$${}^0 T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c1 & -s1 & 0 & 0 \\ s1 & c1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$${}^1 T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c2 & -s2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s2 & -c2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$${}^2T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c3 & -s3 & 0 & b \\ s3 & c3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$${}^3T_4 = \begin{bmatrix} c4 & -s4 & 0 & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d+c \\ -s4 & -c4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$${}^4T_5 = \begin{bmatrix} c5 & -s5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ s5 & c5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$${}^5T_6 = \begin{bmatrix} c6 & -s6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s6 & -c6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

where:

$$\begin{cases} si = \sin q_i \\ ci = \cos q_i \end{cases} \quad i = \overline{1,6} \quad (9)$$

For a robotic mechanism with  $n$  modules the base Jacobean matrix  $J_n$ , projected on the system of coordinates attached to the last module is given by the following relation [2]:

$${}^{(n)}J_n = \begin{bmatrix} {}^nR_i & 0 \\ 0 & {}^nR_i \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} I_3 & -{}^iR_j \cdot ({}^{(j)}O_jO_n)^v \cdot {}^jR_i \\ 0 & I_3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot ({}^{(i)}J_j) \quad (10)$$

where:  $I_3$  is the identity matrix of rank three;  $j = [n/2] + 1$ ;  $i = [n/2]$ ;  $({}^{(i)}J_j)$  is the preferential Jacobean matrix; the matrix  $({}^{(j)}O_jO_n)^v$  is obtained by taking into account the following rule: if  $f = [f_x \quad f_y \quad f_z]^T$  is a vector, then:

$$f^v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -f_z & f_y \\ f_z & 0 & -f_x \\ -f_y & f_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

In the case of the Mitsubishi RV-1A robot mechanism:  $n = 6$ ;  $i = 3$ ;  $j = 4$  and  $O_4O_6 = 0$  (fig. 1), so that the relation (10) becomes:

$${}^{(6)}J_6 = \begin{bmatrix} {}^6R_3 & 0 \\ 0 & {}^6R_3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot ({}^{(3)}J_4) \quad (12)$$

The preferential Jacobean matrix  $({}^{(i)}J_j)$ , when the robotic system has only rotation modules, has the following expression [2]:

$${}^{(i)}J_j = \begin{bmatrix} {}^iR_1 \cdot {}^{(1)}k_1^v \cdot {}^{(1)}O_1O_j & {}^iR_2 \cdot {}^{(2)}k_2^v \cdot {}^{(2)}O_2O_j & \vdots & {}^iR_n \cdot {}^{(n)}k_n^v \cdot {}^{(n)}O_nO_j \\ {}^iR_1 \cdot {}^{(1)}k_1 & {}^iR_2 \cdot {}^{(2)}k_2 & \vdots & {}^iR_n \cdot {}^{(n)}k_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

where:  ${}^{(l)}k_l = [0 \ 0 \ 1]^T$  is the unit vector corresponding to the  $z_l$  axis of the system of coordinates attached to the  $l$  module of the robot and the matrix  ${}^{(l)}k_l^v$  is obtained by taking into account the rule explained using the relation (11).

In the case of the Mitsubishi RV-1A robot mechanism the relation (13) becomes:

$${}^{(3)}J_4 = \begin{bmatrix} {}^3R_1 \cdot {}^{(1)}k_1^v \cdot {}^{(1)}O_1O_4 & {}^3R_2 \cdot {}^{(2)}k_2^v \cdot {}^{(2)}O_2O_4 & {}^{(3)}k_3 \cdot {}^{(3)}O_3O_4 & 0 & {}^3R_5 \cdot {}^{(5)}k_5^v \cdot {}^{(5)}O_5O_4 & {}^3R_6 \cdot {}^{(6)}k_6^v \cdot {}^{(6)}O_6O_4 \\ {}^3R_1 \cdot {}^{(1)}k_1 & {}^3R_2 \cdot {}^{(2)}k_2 & {}^{(3)}k_3 & {}^3R_4 \cdot {}^{(4)}k_4 & {}^3R_5 \cdot {}^{(5)}k_5 & {}^3R_6 \cdot {}^{(6)}k_6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

where:

$$\begin{cases} {}^3R_1 = ({}^1R_3)^T = ({}^1R_2 \cdot {}^2R_3)^T \\ {}^3R_2 = ({}^2R_3)^T \\ {}^3R_5 = {}^3R_4 \cdot {}^4R_5 \\ {}^3R_6 = {}^3R_5 \cdot {}^5R_6 \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

The vectors:  ${}^{(j)}O_jO_4, j=1,2,3,5,6$ ; can be found on the last column of the matrices:  ${}^jT_4, j=1,2,3,5,6$ ; where:

$$\begin{cases} {}^1T_4 = {}^1T_2 \cdot {}^2T_3 \cdot {}^3T_4 \\ {}^2T_4 = {}^2T_3 \cdot {}^3T_4 \\ {}^5T_4 = ({}^4T_5)^{-1} \\ {}^6T_4 = ({}^4T_5 \cdot {}^5T_6)^{-1} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

By transposing the relations above in a computer program the following expression for the preferential Jacobean matrix of the Mitsubishi RV-1A robot has been obtained:

$${}^3J_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -d-c+s3 \cdot b & -d-c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f+c3 \cdot b & f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c23 \cdot f - s23 \cdot (d+c) + c2 \cdot b & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -s23 & 0 & 0 & 0 & s4 & c4 \cdot s5 \\ -c23 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & c5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & c4 & s4 \cdot s5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

where:

$$\begin{cases} s23 = \sin(q_2 + q_3) \\ c23 = \cos(q_2 + q_3) \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

## Conclusions

In this paper the differential model of the Mitsubishi RV-1A robot system is analyzed. The steps for the calculus of the base Jacobean matrix and of the preferential Jacobean matrix corresponding to the Mitsubishi robot mechanism are emphasized. Khalil-Kleinfinger

parameters have been used for obtaining the relative position and orientation between the component modules of the robot. Finally, the expression of the preferential Jacobean matrix is presented.

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## Asupra modelului diferențial al unui robot Mitsubishi

### Rezumat

*Articolul analizează modelul diferențial al sistemului robot Mitsubishi RV-1A. Sunt evidențiate etapele de calcul ale matricei Jacobiene preferențiale corespunzătoare mecanismului robotului Mitsubishi. În final este prezentată expresia matricei Jacobiene preferențiale.*