

# From Singularities in Parallel Mechanisms to Singularities in Visual Servoing

Towards the discovery of common issues and  
potential methods for solving them



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## Serial robots vs. Parallel robots



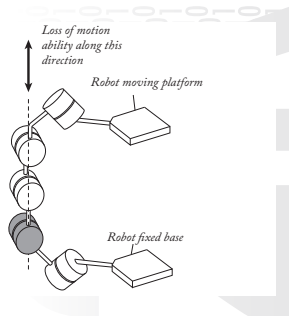


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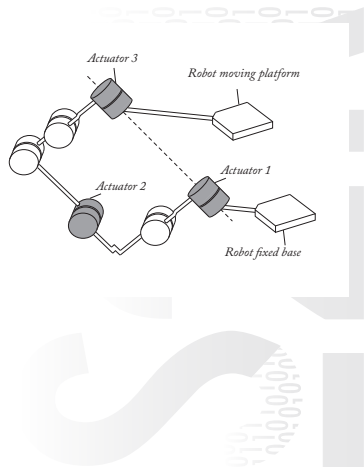


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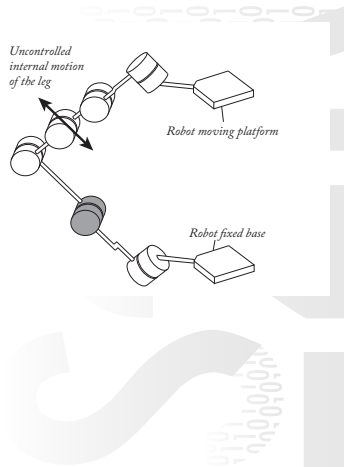
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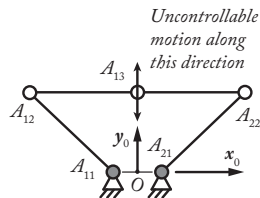


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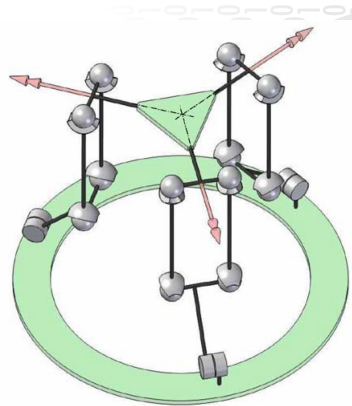


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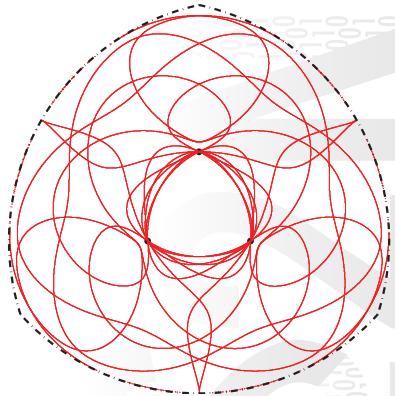
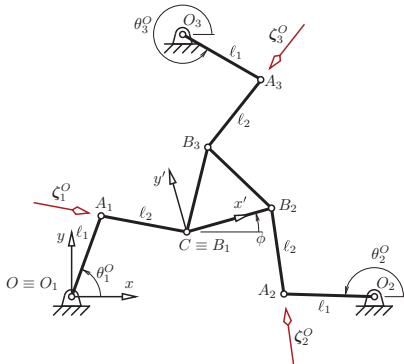
## Special types of singularities

In Type 2, constraint and LPJTS singularities

- Loss of stiffness (uncontrollable / gained motions)
- Considerable decrease of performance (deformation, vibration, effort transmission, dynamics, positioning error, etc.)
- Singularities located IN the workspace (not on the boundaries)

## Type 2 (parallel) singularities of PKM

Probably, the most important drawback of PKM



Type 2 Singularities of a 3-RRR planar robot [Bonev 2001]

## Type 2 (parallel) singularities of $PKM$

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Normally, impossible to cross these singularities

Because near these singularities, the input torques tend to infinity

**TRAVERSEE Type 2**

## Type 2 (parallel) singularities of *PKM*

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But...

By proper trajectory planning respecting a dynamics criterion [Briot et Arakelian 2008] and an adequate controller [Pagis et al, 2015]

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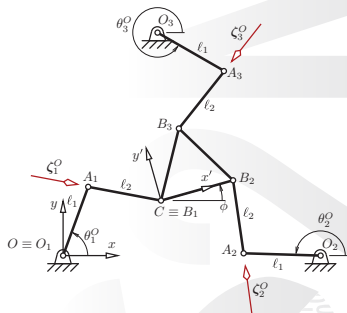
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- Constraint singularities:
  - Discovered at the early 2000's
  - Cannot be found using the previous method

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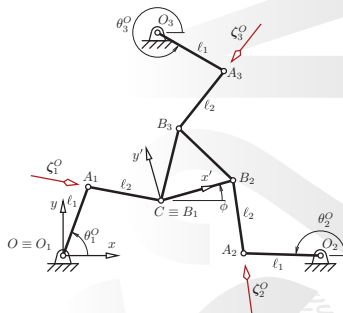


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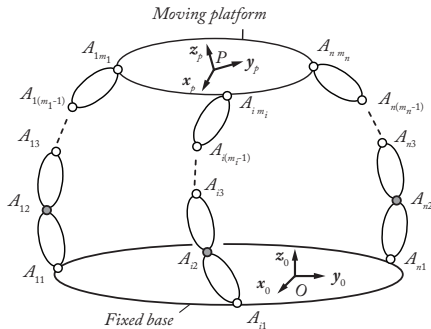
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- Find the system of wrenches applied by the legs on the platform using the Screw Theory
- Analyze the degeneracy of this system of wrenches using the Grassmann geometry

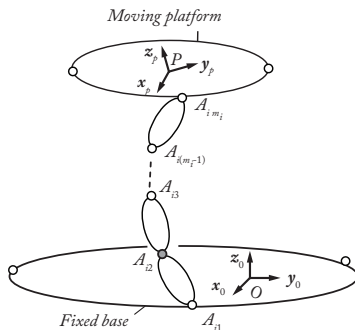


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For serial leg (the  $i$ th leg of the parallel robot)



$$\mathbf{t}_p = \mathbf{J}_i(\mathbf{q}_i)\dot{\mathbf{q}}_i \text{ where } \mathbf{J}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\$}_{i1} & \dots & \mathbf{\$}_{im_i} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$\mathbf{\$}_{ij}$  is unit a twist representing the twist of the platform when joint  $ij$  is moving only

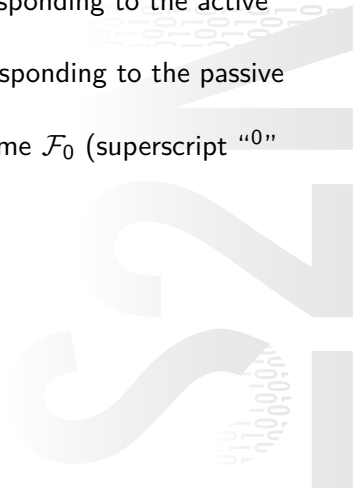
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Thus

$${}^0\mathbf{t}_p = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0\mathcal{S}_{ia} & {}^0\mathcal{S}_{id} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{ai} \\ \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{di} \end{bmatrix} = {}^0\mathcal{S}_{ia} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{ai} + {}^0\mathcal{S}_{id} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{di}. \quad (3)$$

## Determination of the system of wrenches

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For the leg  $i$ ,

- The constraint wrenches (i.e. the wrenches applied by the leg even if it is not actuated) are the wrenches  $\zeta_{id}$  which are reciprocal to both  ${}^0S_{ia}$  and  ${}^0S_{id}$ , i.e. they are defined such that

$$\zeta_{id} \circ {}^0S_{ia} = 0, \quad \zeta_{id} \circ {}^0S_{id} = 0 \quad (4)$$

- The actuation wrenches (i.e. the wrenches applied by the leg because of the presence of the actuator) are the wrenches  $\zeta_{ia}$  which are reciprocal to  ${}^0S_{id}$  and are not included in the system of constraint wrenches  $\zeta_{id}$ , i.e. they are defined such that

$$\zeta_{ia} \circ {}^0S_{id} = 0, \quad \zeta_{ia} \notin \zeta_{id} \quad (5)$$

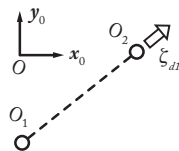
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### Example of a RR leg with R axes along $z_0$

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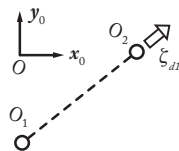
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$$\zeta_{d2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \Rightarrow \text{a pure force along } z_0 \quad (9)$$



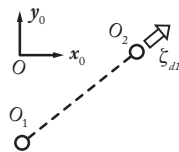
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$$\zeta_{d3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \Rightarrow \text{a pure moment along } \mathbf{x}_0 \quad (8)$$

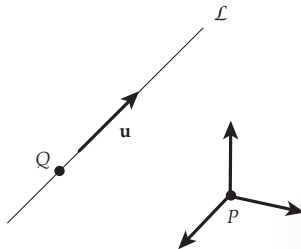
$$\zeta_{d4} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \Rightarrow \text{a pure moment along } \mathbf{y}_0 \quad (9)$$



# Singularities of parallel robots

## Grassmann geometry

- Gives conditions on degeneracy of systems of lines
- Plücker representation of a line  $\mathcal{L} : [\mathbf{u}^T (\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \mathbf{u})^T]^T$ 
  - A direction  $\mathbf{u}$
  - Moment of the direction  $\mathbf{u}$  wrt a given point  $P$





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A pure force wrench is given by (at point  $P$ , if  $\mathbf{f}$  is applied at point  $Q$ )

$$\zeta_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \mathbf{f} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

A pure moment wrench is given by, for any application point

$$\zeta_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{m} \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$









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## Thanks to Grassmann geometry

Possibility to analyze the conditions of deficiency of a system whose basis is represented by a set of lines

## It is still quite complicated

However for 2 and 3DOF planar robots, the conditions are quite simple to analyze

## For planar robots

- **2 DOF:** degeneracy if the two lines are parallel
- **3 DOF:** degeneracy if the three (coplanar) lines intersect in the same point (that may be at infinity)  $\Rightarrow$  instantaneous center of rotation

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## A few notations

- **a**, **b**: two points located at the position **a** and **b** in the Cartesian space (if applying coordinates, using the Plücker representation with 4 coordinates, the last one is equal to  $w \neq 0$ )
- **A**, **B**: two points located at the position **A** and **B** in the projective plane at infinity (if applying coordinates, using the Plücker representation with 4 coordinates, the last one is equal to  $w = 0$ )
- **ab**, the line passing through points **a** and **b**
- **abc**, the plane passing through points **a**, **b** and **c**
- **[abcd]**: the determinant of the  $(4 \times 4)$  matrix whose columns are the expressions of the points **a**, **b**, **c** and **d** (in other words, the volume of the tetrahedron)
- $\wedge$ : the “meet operator”

# Singularities of parallel robots

## Superbracket decomposition

$$[\mathbf{ab}, \mathbf{cd}, \mathbf{ef}, \mathbf{gh}, \mathbf{ij}, \mathbf{kl}] = \sum_{i=1}^{24} y_i \quad (12)$$

where

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 y_1 = -[\mathbf{abcd}][\mathbf{efgi}][\mathbf{hjkl}] & y_2 = [\mathbf{abcd}][\mathbf{efhi}][\mathbf{gjkl}] & y_3 = [\mathbf{abcd}][\mathbf{efgj}][\mathbf{hikl}] \\
 y_4 = -[\mathbf{abcd}][\mathbf{efhj}][\mathbf{gikl}] & y_5 = [\mathbf{abce}][\mathbf{dfgh}][\mathbf{ijkl}] & y_6 = -[\mathbf{abde}][\mathbf{cfgh}][\mathbf{ijkl}] \\
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By an adequate choice of the points for representing the lines (intersection points, points are infinity, etc)

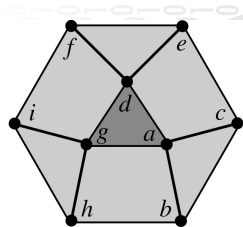
Many monomials  $y_i$  can be deleted

Example [Ben Horin and Shoham 2006]

$$[ab, ac, de, df, gh, gi] = [adfg][abcd][eigh] = \mathbf{edf} \wedge \mathbf{igh} \wedge \mathbf{abc} \wedge \mathbf{adg}$$

Geometric interpretation

Intersection of four planes



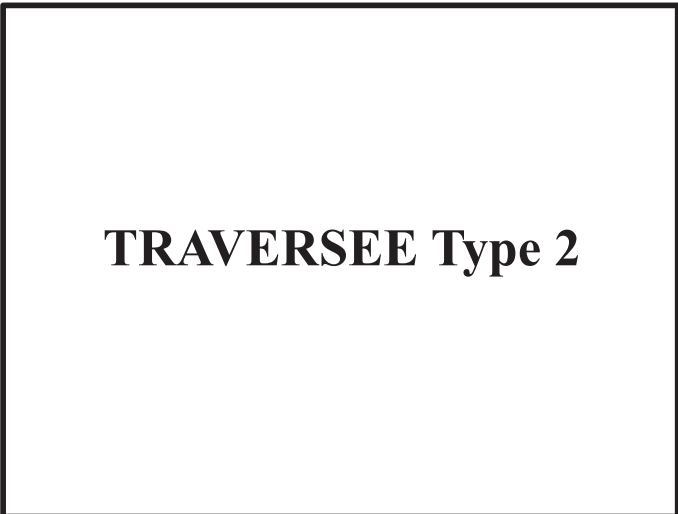
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## Remarks

- These tools for singularity analysis are difficult to be used by non expert
- But a lot of scientific litterature  $\Rightarrow$  If we know the general formulation of the system of wrenches, for instance
  - 3 forces + 3 moments
  - 6 forces, but only three points of applications, two forces by pointsgeometric interpretation of results are already given (see the next slides)
- Sometimes, we still must do the analysis
- **These tools were primarily used for singularities of PKM, we will show now that they can be used for other singularity analyses**

# What is visual servoing?



## What is visual servoing?

- to 3D features observed  $\Rightarrow$  measures in the camera frame  $\mathbf{s}$
- we can set a kinematic relationship between the twist  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$  of the relative motion between the object and camera frames and the velocity of the measurements  $\dot{\mathbf{s}}$ :

$$\dot{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{L}\boldsymbol{\tau} \quad (14)$$

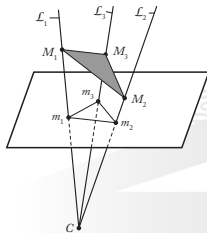
- $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x})$  is called the interaction matrix, in which  $\mathbf{x}$ : relative configuration between the object and camera frames
- standard controller (wishing an exponential decay  $\dot{\mathbf{e}} = -\lambda\mathbf{e}$  of error  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}^* \Rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{s}} = -\lambda\mathbf{e}$ ):

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{L}\boldsymbol{\tau} = -\lambda\mathbf{L}^+\mathbf{e} \quad (15)$$

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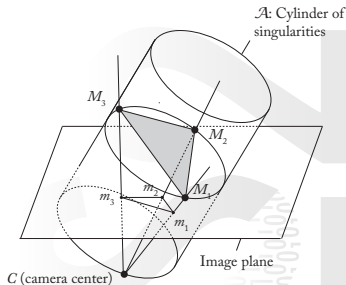
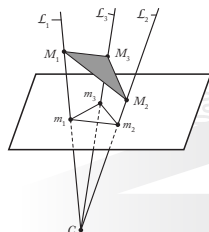
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- To the best of our knowledge, only known for three 3-D image points (*singularity cylinder*)
- Issue with singularities: interaction matrix cannot be inverted anymore = **loss of controllability**



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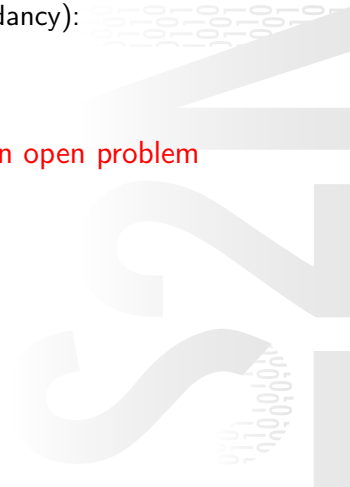
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## In order to avoid singularities

Increased number of image features (redundancy):

- Pb of local minima
- Proof that there is no singularity?

Determining the singularity cases stays an open problem



# Introduction to singularities in visual servoing

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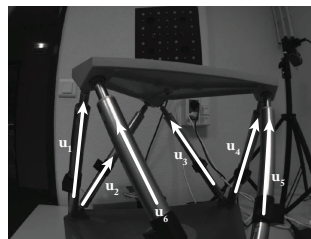
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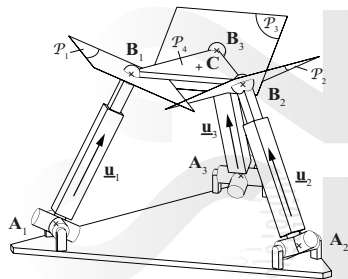
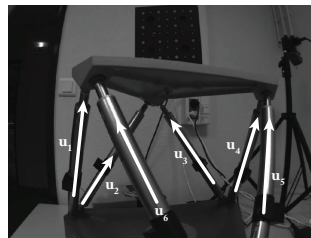
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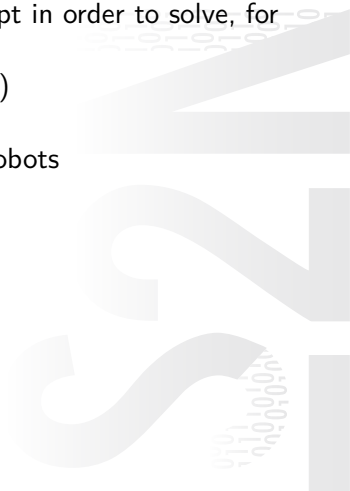
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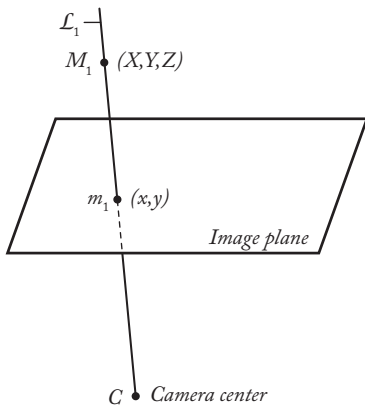
I show how we used the hidden robot concept in order to solve, for the first time, the singularities in

1. the observation of  $n$  image points ( $n \geq 3$ )
2. the observation of three lines
3. the leg-based visual servoing of parallel robots



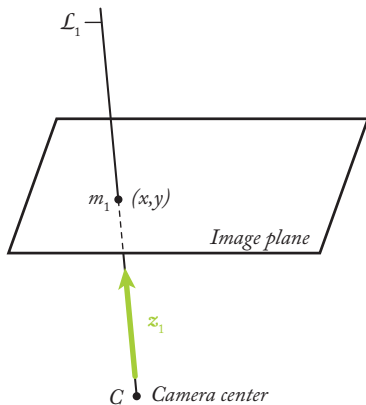
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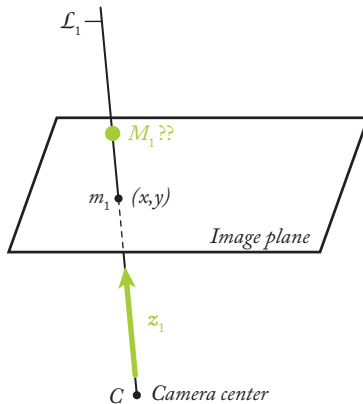
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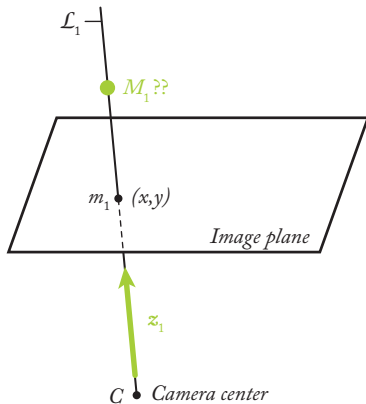




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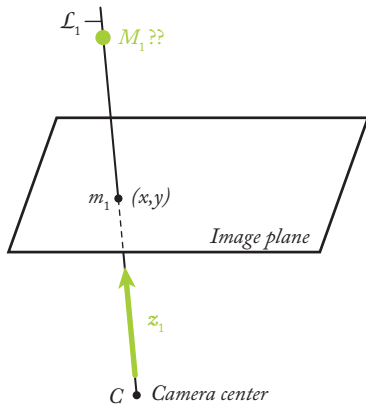


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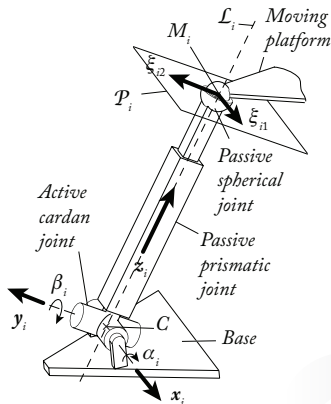


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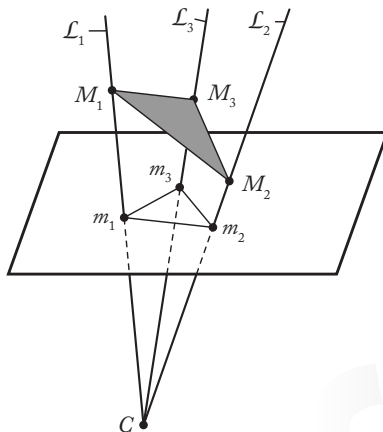


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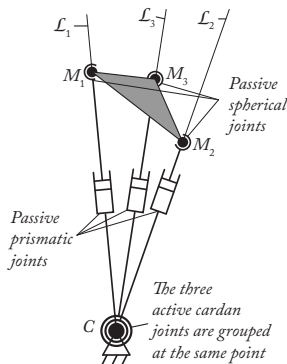


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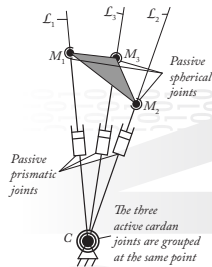
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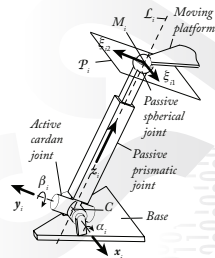
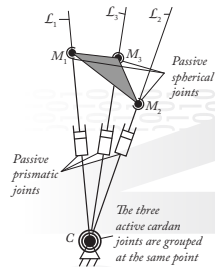
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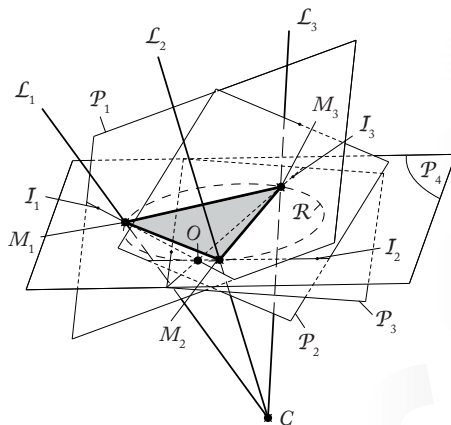
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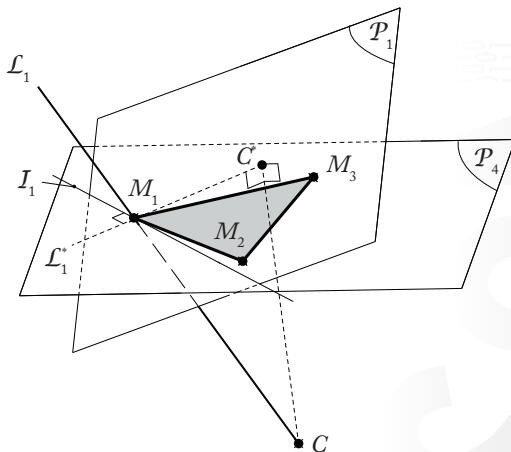




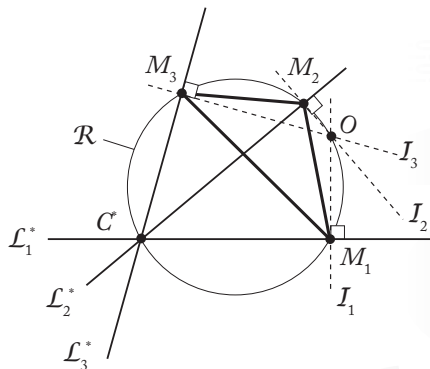
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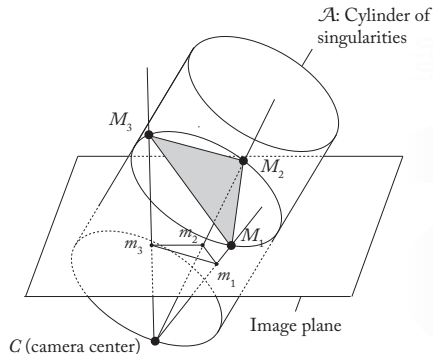
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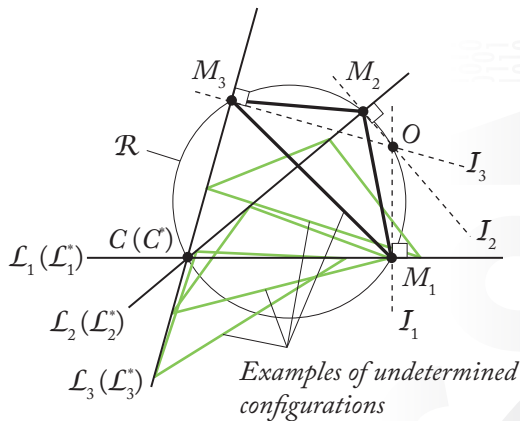
### Possible if and only if

- All singularity cylinders associated with any subset of 3 points have a common intersection
- AND all kernels of the interaction matrices are identical

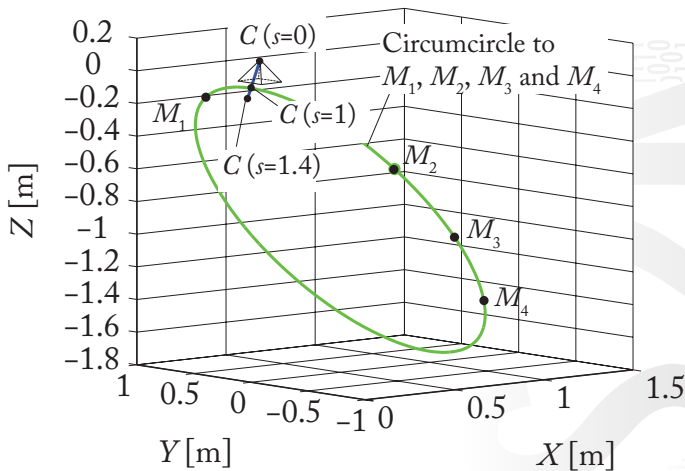
After (more complex) mathematical derivations, we proved that

The conditions of singularity when  $n$  coplanar points are observed only appear if and only if all 3-D points and the optical center are located on the same circle

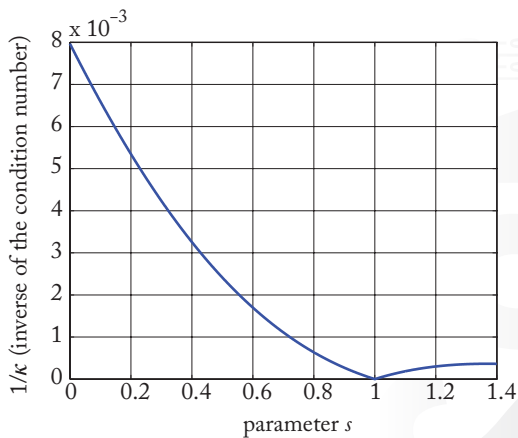
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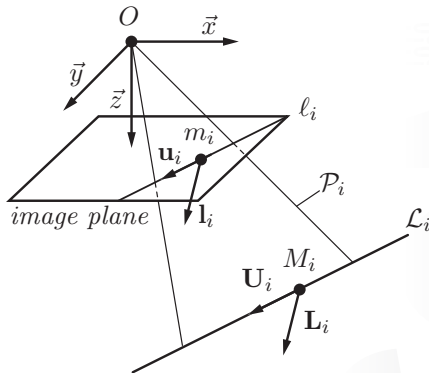


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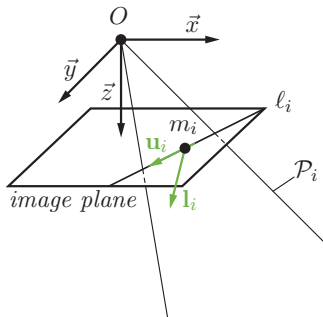




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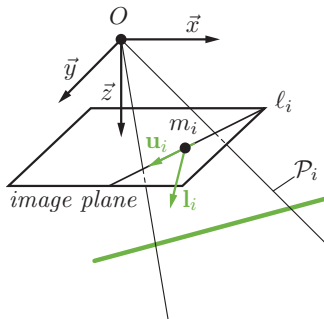


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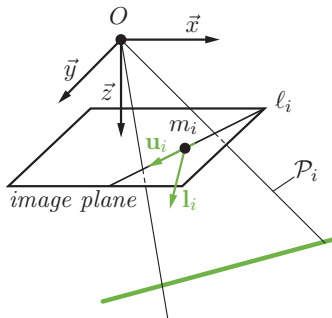
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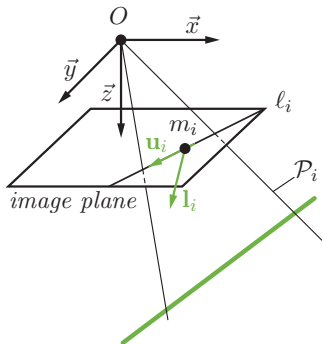
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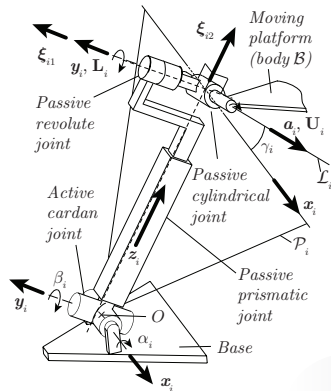
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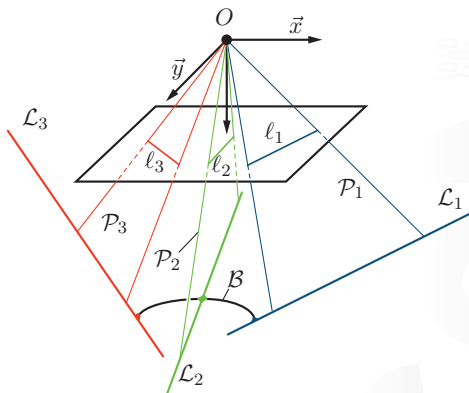
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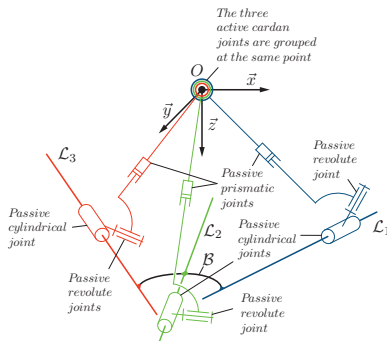


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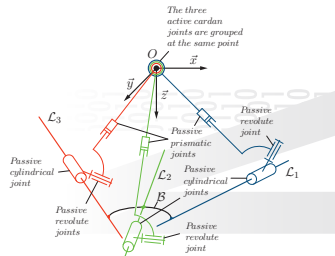
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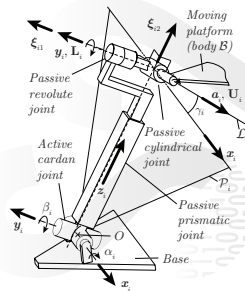
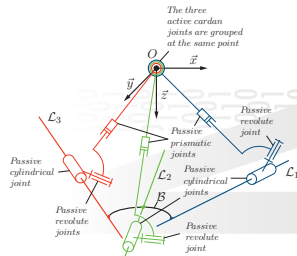
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In our case (3 lines), singu. cond. iff

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= \mathbf{f}_{11}^T (\mathbf{f}_{21} \times \mathbf{f}_{31}) = 0 \text{ or} \\ f_2 &= \mathbf{m}_{12}^T (\mathbf{m}_{22} \times \mathbf{m}_{32}) = 0 \\ \text{where } \xi_{ij} &= [\mathbf{f}_{ij}^T \ \mathbf{m}_{ij}^T]^T \end{aligned}$$



# Singularities

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## In order to simplify the problem

- Consider the “zero” platform orientation
- General case obtained by a simple rotation

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & Y & Z \end{bmatrix}^T = \mathcal{R} \begin{bmatrix} X' & Y' & Z' \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (16)$$

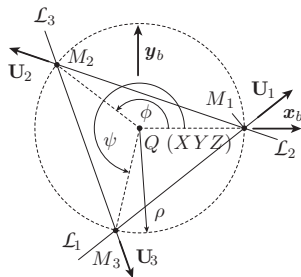
where

$X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$ : position of the origin of the object frame  $\mathcal{F}_b$  in the camera frame when considering the “zero” platform orientation

$X'$ ,  $Y'$  and  $Z'$ : position of the origin of the object frame for the considered “non-zero” platform orientation

$\mathcal{R}$  the rotation matrix between the two cases

## Three coplanar lines with no common intersection point



$$f_1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow Z = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Lines + optical center in the same plane}$$

$$f_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow Z(X^2 + Y^2 - \rho^2) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Singularity cylinder!} \quad (17)$$

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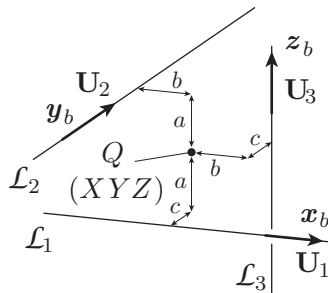
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$f_1 = 0 \Rightarrow$  For any object configuration

$$\begin{aligned}f_2 = 0 &\Leftrightarrow b(adeY^3 + ((-ad^2 + bcd + ae^2)Z \\ &+ (ac - bd)eX)Y^2 - e(bcX^2 + (ad - bc)Z^2 \\ &+ 2beXZ)Y + ((-ad^2 + bcd - ae^2)X^2Z \\ &+ (bd + ac)eXZ^2)) = 0\end{aligned}\quad (19)$$

$\Rightarrow$  The origin of the body frame belongs to a cubic surface parameterized by  $f_2 = 0$ .

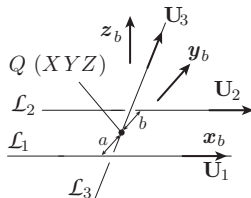
## Three orthogonal lines in space



$$\begin{aligned}
 f_1 = 0 &\Leftrightarrow aXY + bYZ - cXZ - abc = 0 \\
 f_2 = 0 &\Leftrightarrow acX - abY + bcZ - XYZ = 0
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{20}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Expression  $f_1$  represents a quadric surface while expression  $f_2$  is a cubic surface

## Three lines, two of them being parallel

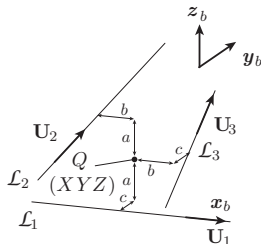


$$f_1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow Z(dZ - eY) = 0 \quad (21)$$

$$f_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow Z(X(d^2 + e^2) - cYd - cZe) = 0$$

- $Z = 0$ , which occur when the plane  $\mathcal{P}$  containing  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  also contains the optical center,
- $eY - dZ = 0$  is the plane containing  $\mathbf{U}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_3$  and the optical center,
- $X(d^2 + e^2) - cdY - ceZ = 0$  is the plane containing  $(\mathbf{U}_1 \times \mathbf{U}_3)$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_3$  and the optical center.

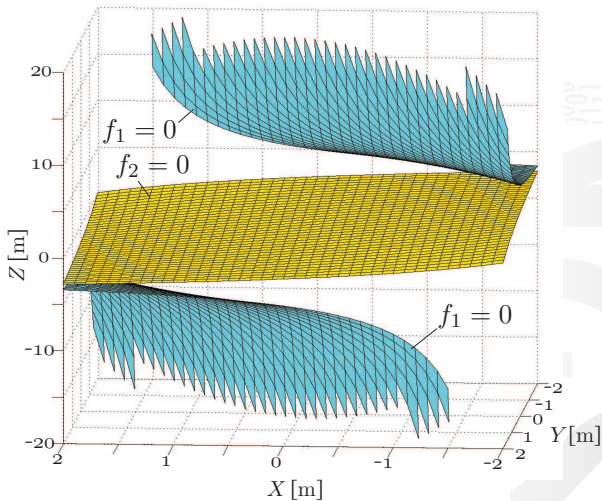
## Three general lines in space



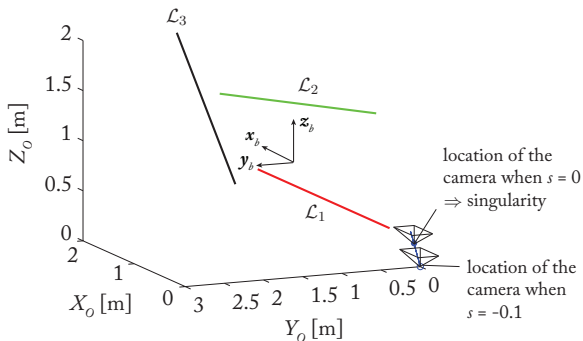
Condition  $f_1 = 0$  provides the expression of a quadric surface while  $f_2 = 0$  leads to a cubic surface.



## Example for three general lines in space

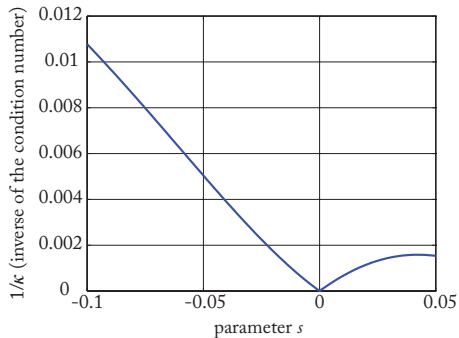


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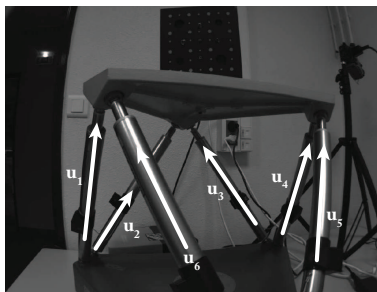
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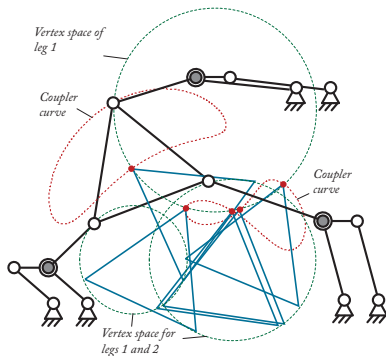
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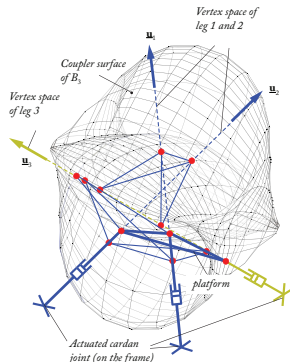
Planar robots: Example of the 3-RRR robot



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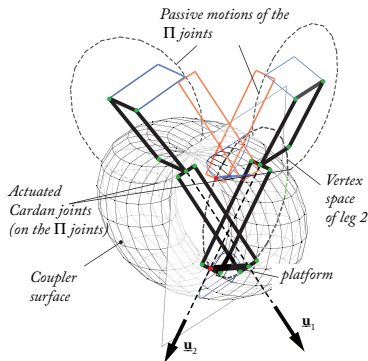
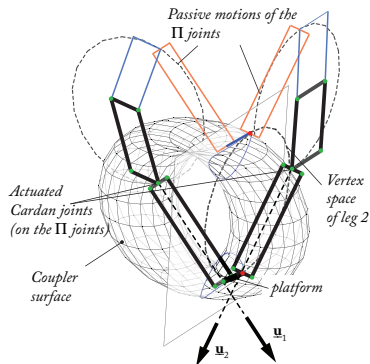
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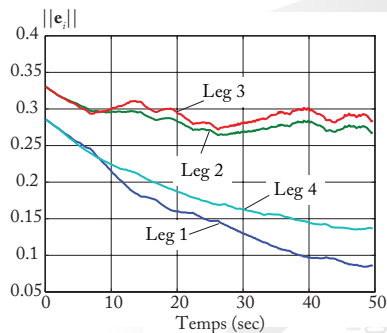
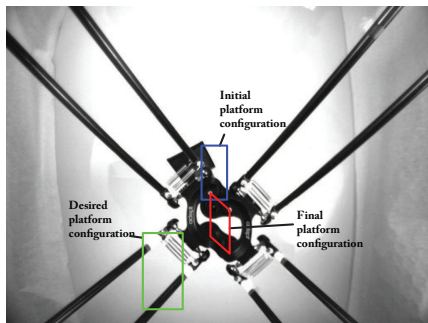
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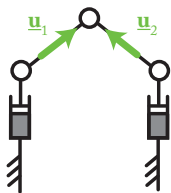




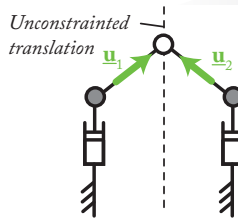
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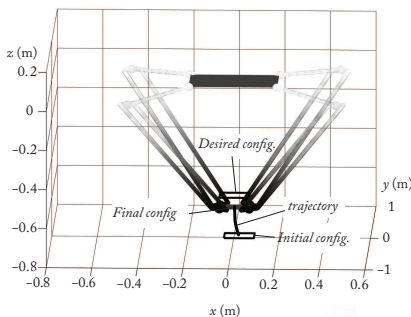


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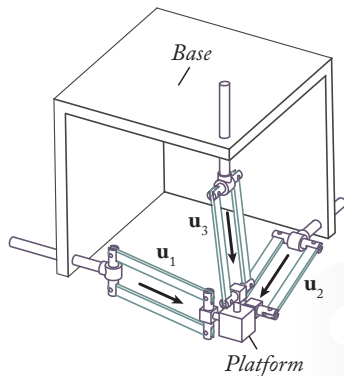
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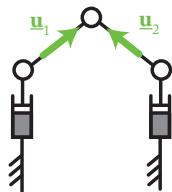
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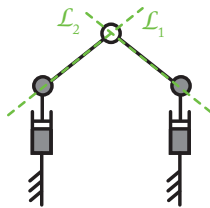
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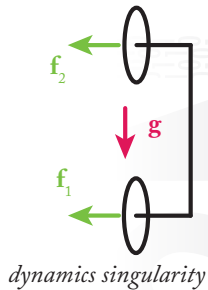
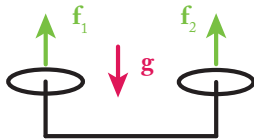
## Fleets of agents

**TRAVERSEE Type 2**



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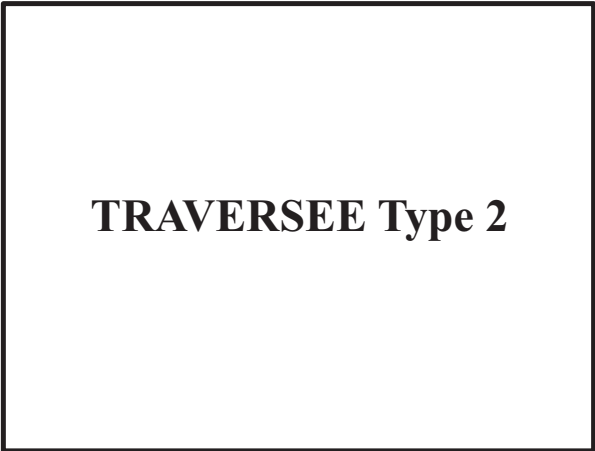




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## Reconfigurable drones





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## GG and AGC needs adaption

Because propellers apply force and torque which are linked (non zero and non infinite pitch screws)



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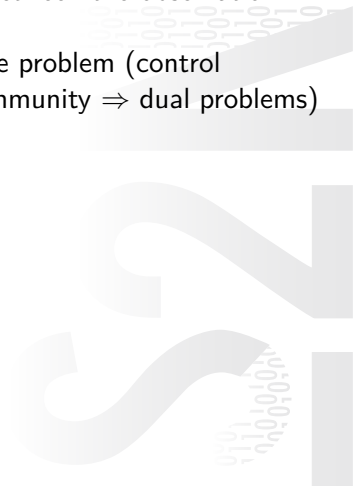
- I presented a tool named the “hidden robot concept” able to solve the determination of the singularity cases visual servoing based on the observation of geometric features
- we proved the conditions of singularity for  $n$  coplanar points and 3 lines
- we discussed about the generalization of the “hidden robot concept” to other case studies

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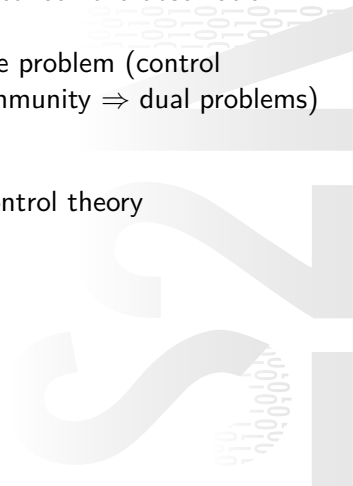
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## Tools used here

- Easily extendable to the rigidity-based control theory
- And maybe other problems
- **But useful for you?**



## Concluding remarks

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