

## Robot modeling – the dynamics



Lecture 3  
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## Background

Kinematics – the geometric behavior of the robot.  
Dynamics – full consideration of the forces / torques necessary to produce the motion.



## Up till now

- Lecture 1
  - Introduction
  - Rigid body motion
  - Representation of rotation
  - Homogenous transformation
- Lecture 2
  - Kinematics
    - Position
    - Jacobians
    - DH parameterization

## Why are the dynamic models so important?

- Important in the manipulator design
  - Virtual prototyping
  - Life time estimation
  - Design optimization
- Fundamental for control design
  - Identification
  - Model based control
- “Must have” in optimal trajectory planning
- ...



## Systematic ways to derive the dynamic equations

- Analytical mechanics
  - Lagrange's equation
  - Newton – Euler iterative technique
  - Kane's method
  - ...
- Graphic / Component modeling
  - Modelica
  - SimMechanics
  - ...
- FEM – modeling
- ...



Isaac Newton  
1643 - 1727



Joseph Louis Lagrange-  
Giuseppe Luigi Lagrange  
1736 - 1813



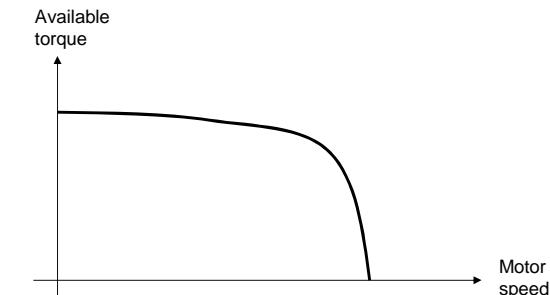
Sir William Rowan  
Hamilton  
1805 - 1865



Leonhard Euler  
1707 - 1783

## Limitations

- Consider open chain robot structures
  - This constraint can be relaxed ...
- Actuator dynamics are neglected (e.g., motors are assumed to be ideal, torque reference in – torque out)
  - Can also be relaxed with an additional modeling effort



## Basic assumptions

Consider a system of  $n$  particles. Newton's second law,

$$F_i = m_i \ddot{r}_i, \quad r_i \in R^3, i=1,...,k$$

The particles are connected. Introduce constraints

$$g_j(r_1, \dots, r_k) = 0 \quad j=1, \dots, l$$

*Holonomic constraint:* Algebraic relation between positions.

*Non holonomic constraints* ...

## Constraint forces

- The constraints form a smooth surface in  $R^{3k}$
- Constraint forces act to keep the system velocity tangent to this surface – hence they are normal to the surface
  - The constraint forces do not produce any work!
- The system equations can be written as

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 I & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & m_k I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{r}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \ddot{r}_k \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{j=1}^l \Gamma_j \lambda_j, \quad g_j(r_1, \dots, r_k) = 0 \quad j=1, \dots, l$$

where  $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_k \in R^{3k}$  are a basis for the constraint forces and  $\lambda_j$  are scale factors.

$\Gamma_j$  can be chosen as gradient of the constraints  $g_j$

## Better system representation

- For a system of  $k$  particles with  $l$  constraints, find  $n = 3k - l$  variables  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  and functions  $f_1, \dots, f_k$

$$r_i = f_i(q_1, \dots, q_n) \quad g_j(r_1, \dots, r_k) = 0 \\ i = 1, \dots, k \quad j = 1, \dots, l$$

$q_i$  are called **generalized coordinates**.

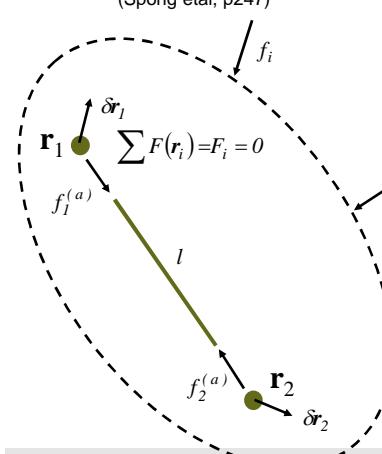
- Generalized forces** are forces acting along the generalized coordinates.

*Example:* Robot manipulator with rotational joints. The generalized forces are **torques** acting around the joints.

- The dynamic equations can be expressed in terms of the new variables.

## Virtual work

**Principal of virtual work:** “The work done by external forces corresponding to any set of virtual displacements is zero.”  
(Spong et al, p247)



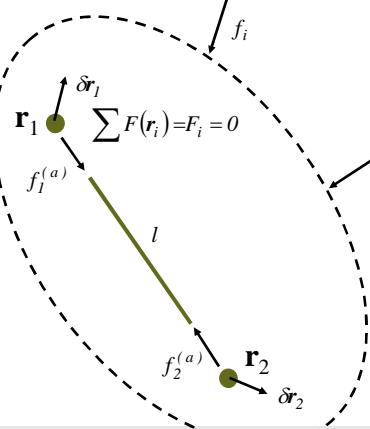
$$\sum_{i=1}^k F_i^T \delta r_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k (f_i^{(a)})^T \delta r_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k f_i^T \delta r_i = 0$$

## Dynamic case (D'Alembert's principle)

“if one introduces a fictitious additional force  $-\dot{p}_i$  on particle  $i$  for each  $i$ , where  $p_i$  is the momentum of the particle, then each particle will be in equilibrium”

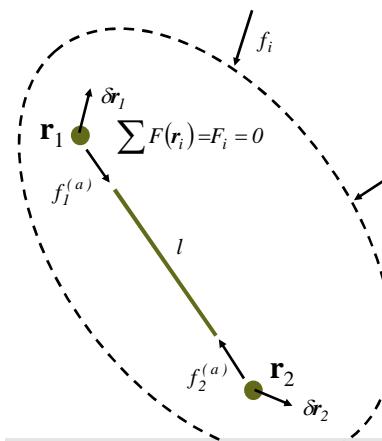


## Dynamic case (D'Alembert's principle)

$$\sum_{i=1}^k f_i^T \delta r_i - \sum_{i=1}^k \dot{p}_i^T \delta r_i = 0$$

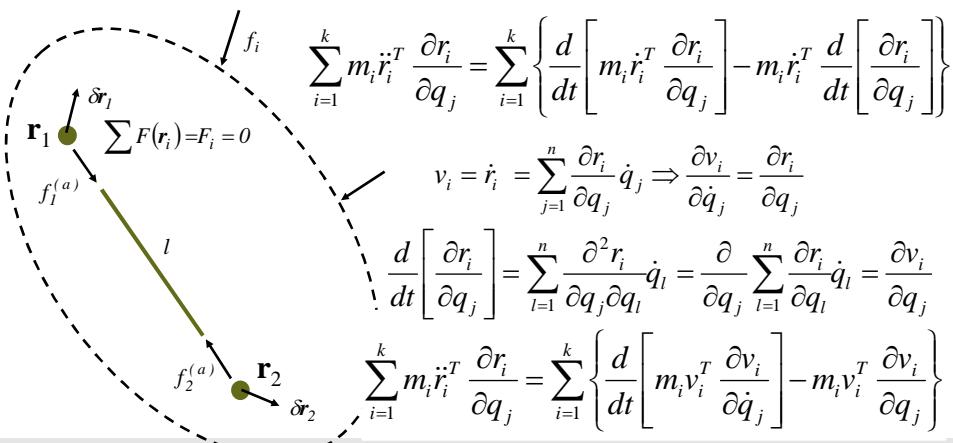
$$\sum_{i=1}^k f_i^T \delta r_i = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^n f_i^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \delta q_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \psi_j \delta q_j$$

$$\psi_j = \sum_{i=1}^k f_i^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_i}{\partial q_j}$$



## Dynamic case (D'Alembert's principle)

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \dot{p}_i^T \delta r_i = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^n m_i \ddot{r}_i^T \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_j} \delta q_j$$



## Dynamic case (D'Alembert's principle)

$$K = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{2} m_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k m_i \ddot{r}_i^T \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_j} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ m_i v_i^T \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right] - m_i v_i^T \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial q_j} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial K}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \frac{\partial K}{\partial q_j}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \dot{p}_i^T \delta r_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial K}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \frac{\partial K}{\partial q_j} \right\} \delta q_j$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial K}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \frac{\partial K}{\partial q_j} - \psi_j \right\} \delta q_j = 0$$

## Lagrangian and Lagrange's equation

- The Lagrangian is defined as

$$L(q, \dot{q}) = K(q, \dot{q}) - P(q)$$

Kinetic energy                      Potential energy

- Lagrange's equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L(q, \dot{q})}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - \frac{\partial L(q, \dot{q})}{\partial q_i} = \tau_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- Newton's law in generalized coordinates

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L(q, \dot{q})}{\partial \dot{q}} = \frac{\partial L(q, \dot{q})}{\partial q} + \tau \quad \frac{d}{dt} (\text{momentum}) = \text{applied force}$$

## Hamilton's principle

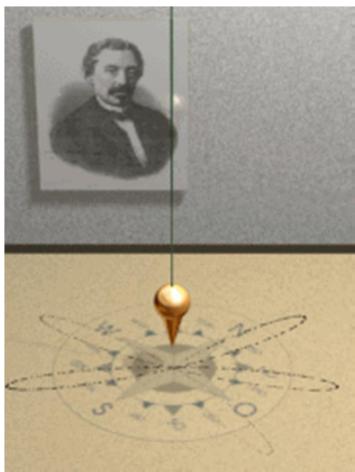
**Hamilton's principle** states that the true evolution of a system described by *m* generalized coordinates between two specified states and at two specified times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  is an extremum of the action functional

$$S(q) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(q, \dot{q}) dt, \quad \frac{\partial S(q)}{\partial q} = 0$$

Trajectory  $q(t)$  is a stationary point of  $S$ . Assume  $\varepsilon$  is a perturbation (0 at  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \partial S &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(q + \varepsilon, \dot{q} + \dot{\varepsilon}) - L(q, \dot{q}) dt = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \varepsilon \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} + \dot{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} dt \\ &= \underbrace{\left[ \varepsilon \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right]_{t_1}^{t_2}}_{=0} + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \varepsilon \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

## Example

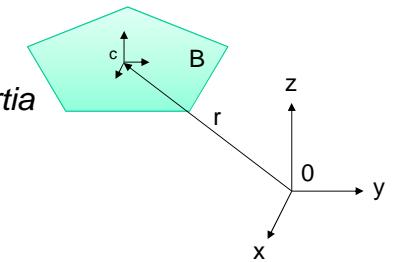


## Kinetic and potential energy

- Kinetic energy for body B

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^T \dot{r} + \frac{1}{2} \omega^T I \omega$$

*m* is the mass and *I* is the *inertia tensor*.



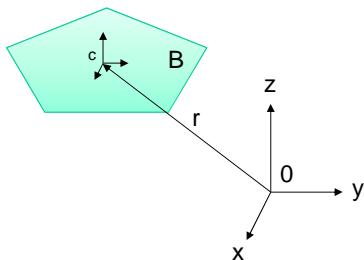
- Inertia tensor

- 3x3 matrix
- Symmetric
- Positive definite
- Constant in a body fixed coordinate system

## Inertia tensor

- Rotational part of *K*
  - $\omega$  expressed in inertial frame
  - With  $I_b$  the inertia tensor in body fixed coordinate system

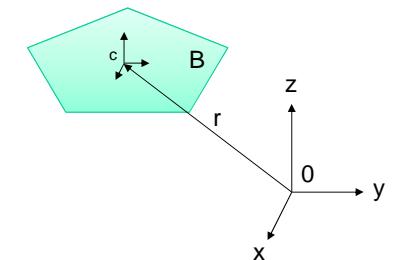
$$\omega^T I \omega = \omega^T R I_b R^T \omega$$



## Inertia tensor

- Computation of the inertia tensor.  $\rho(x,y,z)$  is the mass density as a function of position.

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$



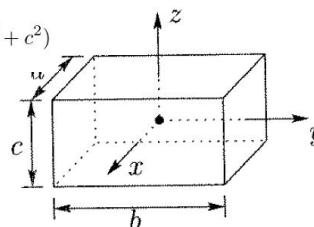
$$\begin{aligned} I_{xx} &= \int \int \int (y^2 + z^2) \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz & I_{xy} = I_{yx} &= - \int \int \int xy \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz \\ I_{yy} &= \int \int \int (x^2 + z^2) \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz & I_{xz} = I_{zx} &= - \int \int \int xz \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz \\ I_{zz} &= \int \int \int (x^2 + y^2) \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz & I_{yz} = I_{zy} &= - \int \int \int yz \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz \end{aligned}$$

## Example: Uniform rectangular solid

Body frame attached to center of gravity.

$$I_{xx} = \int_{-c/2}^{c/2} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} (y^2 + z^2) \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz = \rho \frac{abc}{12} (b^2 + c^2)$$

$$I_{yy} = \rho \frac{abc}{12} (a^2 + c^2) ; I_{zz} = \rho \frac{abc}{12} (a^2 + b^2)$$



Notice that

$$\rho abc = m$$

Inertia of two bodies expressed in the same coordinate frame can be added (subtracted)

## Potential energy for an n-link manipulator

In rigid dynamics, gravity is the only source of potential energy.

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i g^T r_{ci}$$

If the robot contains elastic components the energy stored in the elasticities has to be included in the potential energy.

## Kinetic energy for an n-link manipulator

From lecture 2 we know

$$v_i = J_{v_i}(q)\dot{q}, \quad \omega_i = J_{\omega_i}(q)\dot{q}$$

where  $v_i$  and  $\omega_i$  can be for any point on the manipulator (depends on the Jacobian).

The kinetic energy can now be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^T \sum_{i=1}^n [m_i J_{v_i}(q)^T J_{v_i}(q) + J_{\omega_i}(q)^T R_i(q) I_i R_i(q)^T J_{\omega_i}(q)] \dot{q} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^T D(q) \dot{q} \end{aligned}$$

where  $D(q)$  is the *inertia matrix*.

Properties: Symmetric and positive definite.

## Dynamic equations

$$\text{Lagrangian} \quad L = K - P = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} d_{ij}(q) \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j - P(q)$$

Recall: Lagrange's equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L(q, \dot{q})}{\partial \dot{q}_k} - \frac{\partial L(q, \dot{q})}{\partial q_k} = \tau_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

In terms of  $L$  above this gives

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = \sum_j d_{kj} \dot{q}_j \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = \sum_j d_{kj} \ddot{q}_j + \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial d_{kj}}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial d_{ij}}{\partial q_k} \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j - \frac{\partial P}{\partial q_k}$$

## Dynamic equations, cont'd

$$\sum_j d_{kj} \ddot{q}_j + \sum_{i,j} \left\{ \frac{\partial d_{kj}}{\partial q_i} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial d_{ij}}{\partial q_k} \right\} \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial P}{\partial q_k} = \tau_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_j d_{kj} \ddot{q}_j + \underbrace{\sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\partial d_{kj}}{\partial q_i} + \frac{\partial d_{ki}}{\partial q_j} - \frac{\partial d_{ij}}{\partial q_k} \right\}}_{c_{ijk}} \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial P}{\partial q_k} = \tau_k$$

$c_{ijk} = c_{jik}$

Dynamic equations

$$\sum_j d_{kj} \ddot{q}_j + \sum_{i,j} c_{ijk} \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j + g_k = \tau_k$$

↑  
Christoffel symbols      ↑  
gravity

## Dynamic equations, cont'd

In matrix form

$$D(q) \ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q} + g(q) = \tau$$

State space representation       $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$ ,     $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} & x_2 \\ D^{-1}(x_1)(-C(x_1, x_2)x_2 - g(x_1) + u) \end{pmatrix}$$

Extensions. Friction and joint flexibilities

$$D(q_a) \ddot{q}_a + C(q_a, \dot{q}_a) \dot{q}_a + g(q_a) + f \ddot{q}_a = k(q_a - q_m) + d(q_a - q_m)$$

$$M \ddot{q}_m + f_m \dot{q}_m = -k(q_a - q_m) - d(q_a - q_m) + \tau$$

## Some properties

The following matrix is skew symmetric

$$N(q, \dot{q}) = \dot{D}(q) - 2C(q, \dot{q})$$

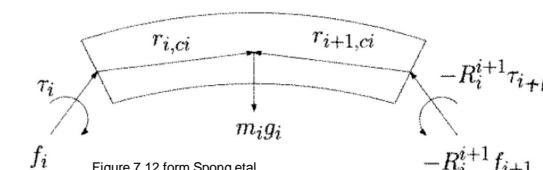
The system is passive.

The inertia matrix is bounded (constant lower/upper bound when only revolute joints)

$$\lambda_m I_{n \times n} \leq D(q) \leq \lambda_M I_{n \times n} < \infty$$

## Newton-Euler

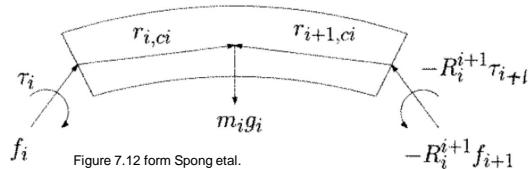
- Different approach to find the dynamic equations
- A more local approach
  - Each link is modeled separately
  - Links interconnected, leads to a forward – backward iteration scheme



$$\tau_i = R_{i+1}^i r_{i+1} + f_i \times r_{i,ci} - (R_{i+1}^i f_{i+1}) \times r_{i+1,ci} = \alpha_i + \omega_i \times (I_i \omega_i)$$

Balance equations:  $f_i - R_{i+1}^i f_{i+1} + m_i g_i = m_i a_{c,i}$

## Newton-Euler, cont'd



Solve from  $i = 0$  to  $n$

$$\omega_i = (R_i^{i-1})^T \omega_{i-1} + b_i \dot{q}_i$$

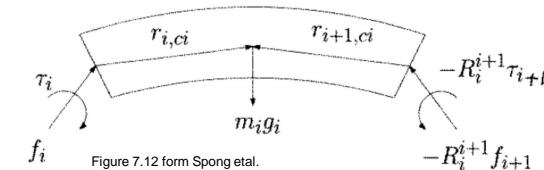
$$b_i = (R_i^0)^T z_{i-1}$$

$$\alpha_i = (R_{i-1}^i)^T \alpha_{i-1} + b_i \ddot{q}_i + \omega_i \times b_i \dot{q}_i$$

$$a_{e,i} = (R_i^{i-1})^T a_{e,i-1} + \dot{\omega}_i \times r_{i,i+1} + \omega_i \times (\omega_i \times r_{i,i+1})$$

$$a_{c,i} = (R_i^{i-1})^T a_{e,i-1} + \dot{\omega}_i \times r_{i,ci} + \omega_i \times (\omega_i \times r_{i,ci})$$

## Newton-Euler, cont'd



Balance equations:

$$f_i - R_{i+1}^i f_{i+1} + m_i g_i = m_i a_{c,i}$$

$$\tau_i - R_{i+1}^i \tau_{i+1} + f_i \times r_{i,ci} - (R_{i+1}^i f_{i+1}) \times r_{i+1,ci}$$

$$= \alpha_i + \omega_i \times (I_i \omega_i)$$

- Find  $f_i$  and  $\tau_i$  by solving the equations from  $f_{n+1} = 0$  and  $\tau_{n+1} = 0$ .

$$f_i = R_{i+1}^i f_{i+1} + m_i a_{c,i} - m_i g_i$$

$$\tau_i = R_{i+1}^i \tau_{i+1} - f_i \times r_{i,ci} + (R_{i+1}^i f_{i+1}) \times r_{i+1,ci} + \alpha_i + \omega_i \times (I_i \omega_i)$$

## Newton-Euler vs Langrangian

- Solves the same problem.
- Lagrangian technique gives the dynamic equations "directly".
- Newton-Euler gives all torques / forces, not just the generalized torques. Will be very important later ...
- ...

## Home assignment, part I

- From a blue-print of a robot (IRB1600-8/1.45) find a
  - Kinematic model
  - Assume the robot to consist of hollow uniform rectangular beams made out of metal (steel, aluminum, iron, ...)
  - Compute the inertia matrix for each link
  - Derive a dynamic model using for example Lagrange's equation
- The dynamic model can be restricted to 3-DOF while the kinematics shall be derived for a full 6-DOF manipulator.
- Inverse kinematic should be implemented (can be numerical)
- Include gear-box in the model (gear ratio [-100 100 100 -60 -60 40]:1), motor inertia can be assumed to be 50 – 100 % link inertia when transformed to the arm-side, i.e., after the gear-box)
- Motor torque max, [6 10 5 0.6 0.6 0.5] Nm

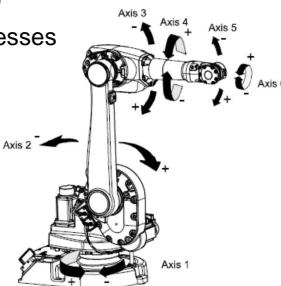
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## The robot in the assignment

A small/mid size robot

Main applications

- Arc Welding
- Machine tending
- Material handling
- Continuous processes



## Kinematic data (pdf-files on the homepage)

