PROGRAM MOTION OF UNLOADING MANIPULATORS

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Abstract. In the paper, the program motion of an unloading manipulator which is treated as a first integral of the considered system, is investigated. Currently, the popular way to solve such problem is the method of Lagrange multipliers only. In the paper, the authors use another approach, the Principle of Compatibility, in which the required program is treated as one of motion equations of the system. In the particular case, the program is considered as one of first integrals of the system. For illustrating the proposed method, the motion of an unloading manipulator of three degrees of freedom is considered.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Consider a manipulator whose grippers must move a load along a prescribed trajectory. Such problem has been studied in many works in [1-4] and still come into much attention by many researchers. Up to now, the problem is solved by the Lagrange multipliers method only. However, the method owns some inconveniences due to adding more variables, Lagrange multipliers, to equations of motion. It is important that by using this method the opportunity of controlling the manipulator will be taken away. In this paper the proposed method overcome such inconveniences by not using the Lagrange multipliers and therefore the motion of the considered system is described in terms of generalized coordinates only.

For solving the stated problem it is used the method proposed in [5], in that work, the method of transmission matrix is applied to derive the system equations of motion and the equation of trajectory of the required program is treated as the first integral [6].

2. DYNAMICAL MODEL

Let consider a scleronomous holonomic system, whose position is defined by the Lagrange coordinates \( q_j (j = 1, n) \) and the generalized forces noted as \( Q_j (j = 1, n) \), respectively. From now on
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on the symbols are used: matrices in bold letters, vectors considered as column matrices, the letter T at upper right corner denotes the matrix transposition.

Assume that (nxn) inertia matrix is denoted by A, (nx1) matrix of generalized forces is denoted by \( Q^{(0)} \), the equations of mechanical systems are written in matrix form [5-8]:

\[
A \ddot{q} = Q^{(0)} + Q^{(1)} + Q^{(2)}
\]  \(\text{(1)}\)

where: \( A=\left[ a_{ij} \right]_{n \times n} \) is a (nxn) regular matrix called the inertia matrix; \( \ddot{q} \) is a (nx1) matrix of generalized accelerations, \( \dot{q} = q_1, q_2, \ldots q_n^\tau \); \( Q^{(0)} \) - a (nx1) matrix of generalized forces derived from the system’s potential, the active and dissipation forces; \( Q^{(1)}, Q^{(2)} \) - (nx1) matrices, which are determined by the inertia matrix as described in [5-8].

As known, the motion of the system subjected to the program motion can be written as follows [5-8]:

\[
g_{\alpha}(t, q_1, q_2, \ldots, q_n) = 0 \quad ; \quad \alpha = 1, r
\]  \(\text{(2)}\)

There exist two approaches to solve the stated problem as follows:

Method 1. The required program is treated as ideal constraints and the method of Lagrange multipliers is used. As known, the method is not simple because it requires to calculate the Lagrange multipliers.

Method 2. The stated problem is solved by means of the Principle of Compatibility. According to this, the program is considered as part of the motion equations of the system. Thus, it is necessary to add some forces as the control inputs on the considered system. According to this method the motion equations are written as follows:

\[
A \ddot{q} = Q^{(0)} + Q^{(1)} + Q^{(2)} + U
\]  \(\text{(3)}\)

where \( U \) is the (nx1) matrix of the form:

\[
U = U_1 \quad U_2 \ldots \quad U_n^\tau
\]  \(\text{(4)}\)

Its components are defined by means of following equations [6]:

\[
G A^{-1} U + G^{(\alpha)} = 0
\]  \(\text{(5)}\)

where:

\[
G = \left[ g_{ij} \right] ; g_{ij} = \frac{\partial g_{i\alpha}}{\partial q_j} ; G^* = G^{(0)} + G A^{-1} (Q^{(0)} + Q^{(1)} - Q^{(2)}) _{\alpha = 1, r} (\alpha = 1, r ; j = 1, n)
\]  \(\text{(6)}\)

and \( Q^{(1)}, Q^{(2)} \) are (nx1) matrices of inertia forces defined by the inertia matrix A [5-8].

In this paper the following method is proposed

By using the method in [6], the required program is treated as a first integral of the system. Originally, the program motion is not described by the system’s equations of motion (1). Therefore, it is necessary to act some control forces on the system. By doing that, the motion equations of the system are written as follows:

\[
A \ddot{q} = Q^{(0)} + Q^{(1)} + Q^{(2)} + U + R
\]  \(\text{(7)}\)
for the given program being the first integral of the system, it is necessary to realize the condition.

\[ DR = 0 \]

where \( D \) is \((k \times n)\) matrix whose elements are the coefficients to express all of the generalized acceleration \( \ddot{q}_i (i=1,n) \) in terms of the independent generalized accelerations \( \ddot{q}_\sigma \).

\( (\sigma = 1, k = n - r) \). Therefore, we have:

\[
D(\dddot{q} - Q^{(0)} - Q^{(1)} - Q^{(2)} - U) = 0 \\
g_\sigma (t, q_j, \dot{q}_j) = 0
\]  

(8)

It is noted that the control forces \( U_j \) are the forces acting on the system of interest. In the particular case, they may be components of the force \( Q^{(0)} \).

3. MOTION INVESTIGATION OF AN UNLOADING MANIPULATOR

Consider the motion of three-link unloading manipulator: link OA has length \( l_1 \), mass \( m_1 \) with the mass center at the rotatory joint O. Link AD, a cylinder rotating about the axis A, has mass \( m_2 \), and the mass center at \( C_2 \) \((AC_2 = c_2)\). Piston BC has mass \( m_3 \), and the mass center \( C_3 \) \((BC_3 = c_3)\). The inertia moment of the link OA about the rotatory axis O denoted by \( J_1 \). The inertia moments of the links AD and BC about the its mass center denoted by \( J_2, J_3 \), respectively. The links OA and AD are exerted by the couples \( M_1 \) and \( M_2 \), respectively. Cylinder B is subjected to the expulsive force \( F \). The friction forces in the articulated joints and the slip joint are neglected. The load is treated a point mass. The required program is of the form:

\[
y - 2x + 2(l_1 + l_2) = 0
\]  

(9)

where \( y \) and \( x \) are the coordinates of the load. It means that the load must be moved along the trajectory described by the equation (9), i.e. the inclined line KL (Fig.1).

![Figure 1. The Investigated unloading manipulator.](image)
where

\[ OK = 2(l_1 + l_2); \quad OL = l_1 + l_2 \]

The considered manipulator of interest is of 3 degrees of freedom. Let choose \( q_1 \), \( q_2 \), \( q_3 \) as the generalized coordinates, where \( q_1 \) is the position angle of the link OA with respect to the fixed axis Ox, \( q_3 \) is the position angle of the link AD with respect to the link OA, and \( q_3 \) is the displacement of the piton BC with respect to the cylinder AD (see Fig. 1).

The motion equations of the manipulator are rewritten from (8) as:

\[
DA\dot{q} = D(Q^{(0)} + Q^{(1)} + Q^{(2)} + U)
\]

(10)

where \( A \)-the (3x1) inertia matrix, \( Q^{(0)} \)-the (3x1) matrix of the potential forces and dissipative forces, \( Q^{(1)} \), \( Q^{(2)} \)-the (3x1) inertia forces, \( U \)-the (3x1) control forces, which are of the form:

\[ U = M_1 M_2 F^T \]

In order to calculate the above matrices, we use the method of transmission matrix [7,8].

For this aim, let us introduce the symbols:

\[
q_t = \frac{dq_1}{dt}; \quad q_2 = \frac{dq_2}{dt}; \quad q_3 = \frac{dq_3}{dt}; \quad q_{\dot{t}} = \frac{d^2q_1}{dt^2}; \quad q_{\ddot{t}} = \frac{d^2q_2}{dt^2}; \quad q_{\dddot{t}} = \frac{d^2q_3}{dt^2}
\]

(11)

and develop the matrices:

\[
t_2 = \begin{bmatrix}
\cos q_1 & -\sin q_1 & 0 \\
\sin q_1 & \cos q_1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
; \quad t_3 = \begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
; \quad t_{\dot{t}} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
; \quad t_{\ddot{t}} = \begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(12)

The coordinates of the mass centers \( C_1 \), \( C_2 \), \( C_3 \) and of the load are defined by following formulas:

\[
r_{\dot{t}} = t_2 r_1; \quad r_{\ddot{t}} = t_2 t_3 r_1; \quad r_{\dddot{t}} = t_2 t_3 t_3 r_1; \quad r_0 = t_2 t_3 t_3 r_1
\]

(13)

Potential energy \( \pi \) can be written as:

\[
\pi = r_{\dot{t}}^T P + r_{\ddot{t}}^T P_2 + r_{\dddot{t}}^T P_3 + r_0^T P
\]

\[ = -(m_2 c_1 + m_2 m_3 l_1) g \sin q_2 - [m_2 c_2 + m_2 c_3 + m l_3 + (m_3 + m) q_3] g \sin(q_1 + q_2) \]

(14)

Therefore, generalized forces \( Q^{(0)} \) and the matrices of control forces can be expressed as:
\[
\mathbf{Q}^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix}
-\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial q_1} - \alpha_1 q_4 \\
-\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial q_5} - \alpha_2 q_4 \\
-\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial q_2} - \alpha_3 q_5 \\
\end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix}
M_1 \\
M_2 \\
F \\
\end{bmatrix}
\] (15)

where \(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\) are viscous resistance coefficients of moments and forces acting on links OA, AD, and BC, respectively.

To calculate matrix \(\mathbf{D}\), we substitute the expression of \(y\), and \(x\) in terms of the generalized coordinates:

\[
x = l_i \cos q_i + (l_s + q_i) \cos (q_s + q_2); \quad y = l_i \sin q_i + (l_s + q_i) \sin (q_s + q_2)
\] (16)

into the expressions (9), we obtain now:

\[
f \equiv l_i \sin q_i + (l_s + q_i) \sin (q_s + q_2) - 2(l_i \cos q_i + (l_s + q_s) \cos (q_s + q_2)) + 2(l_i + l_s) = 0
\] (17)

and we have:

\[
f = \frac{df}{dt} = [(\cos(q_s + q_2) + 2\sin(q_s + q_2))l_s + q_3] + (2\sin q_2 + \cos q_1)l_1 q_i
\] (18)

Hence, matrix \(\mathbf{D}\) is given by:

\[
\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & D_{13} \\
0 & 1 & D_{23} \\
\end{bmatrix}; \quad D_{13} = d_{31} / d_{33}; \quad D_{23} = d_{32} / d_{33}; \quad d_{31} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_1}, \quad d_{32} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_2}, \quad d_{33} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_3}
\] (19)

where:

\[
d_{31} = [(\cos(q_s + q_2) + 2\sin(q_s + q_3))(l_i + q_i) + (\cos q_1 + 2\sin q_1)l_1];
\]
\[
d_{32} = [\cos(q_s + q_2) + 2\sin(q_s + q_2))(l_i + q_i)];
\]
\[
d_{33} = [\sin(q_s + q_2) \cdot \cos(q_s + q_3)]
\] (20)

The \(\mathbf{Q}^{(1)}\) and \(\mathbf{Q}^{(2)}\) – generalized forces of inertia forces are calculated by means of the inertia matrix \(\mathbf{A}\). By means of the method of the transmission matrix, the elements of inertia matrix are follows [6-8]:

\[
a_{11} = m_1 r_1^2 t_{11}^2 t_{11} t_{11} t_{11} t_{11} t_{11} t_{11} t_{11} t_{11} r_1 + m_2 r_2^2 t_2^2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 r_2 + m_3 r_3^2 t_3^2 t_3 t_3 t_3 t_3 t_3 t_3 t_3 r_3 + m r_4^2 t_4^2 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 r + J_1 + J_2 + J_3 = m_1 l_i^2 + c_i^2
\]
\[
+ m_1 (l_i^2 + c_i^2 + q_3^2 + 2c_iq_3 + 2l_i \cos q_2(c_i + q_3)) + m(l_i^2 + l_s^2 + c_i^2 + q_3^2 + 2q_3l_s + 2(l_i \cos q_2(c_i + q_3)))
\]
\[
+ J_1 + J_2 + J_3
\]
\[
a_{12} = m_2 r_2^2 t_2^2 t_2^2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 r_2 + m_2 r_2^2 t_2^2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 r_2 + m r_4^2 t_4^2 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 r + J_2 + J_3 = m_2 c_i^2 + c_i l_i \cos q_2
\]
\[
+ m_1 (c_i^2 + q_3^2 + c_i q_3 + l_i \cos q_2(c_i + q_3)) + m(l_i^2 + q_3^2 + q_3l_s + l_i \cos q_2(l_i + q_3)) + J_2 + J_3
\]
\[
a_{13} = m_3 r_3^2 t_3^2 t_3^2 t_3^2 t_3 t_3 t_3 t_3 t_3 r_3 + m r_4^2 t_4^2 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 r = (m + m_1) l_2 \sin q_2
\]
\[
a_{22} = m_2 r_2^2 t_2^2 t_2^2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 r_2 + m_2 r_2^2 t_2^2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 t_2 r_2 + m r_4^2 t_4^2 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 t_4 r = m_2 c_i^2 + m_1 c_i^2 + q_3^2 + 2c_iq_3
\]
\[
+ m(l_i^2 + q_3^2 + 2q_3l_s) + J_2 + J_3
\]

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\[ a_{23} = m_3 r_3^3 t_3^3 l_3^3 T_3 T_2 T_3 = m_l \sin q_2 \]
\[ a_{33} = m_3 r_3^3 t_3^3 l_3^3 T_3 T_2 T_3 = \left( m + m_3 \right) \]

\[ Q^{(i)}, Q^{(r)} - (3 \times 1) \text{ matrices can be written as:} \]
\[ Q^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} Q^{(i)}_1 & Q^{(i)}_2 & Q^{(i)}_3 \end{bmatrix}^T ; \]
\[ Q^{(r)} = 0.5 q^T D_A q ; \quad Q^{(r)} = 0.5 q^T D_A q \]

\[ D_A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial a_{11}}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_3} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_3} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_3} \end{bmatrix} = 0 ; \quad D_A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial a_{11}}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_3} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_3} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_3} \end{bmatrix} = 0 ; \quad D_A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial a_{11}}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_3} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_3} & \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_3} \end{bmatrix} = 0 ; \quad (23) \]

The equations of motion for robotic arm are of the form:

\[ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & D_{31} \\ 0 & 1 & D_{32} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Q^{(0)}_1 \\ Q^{(0)}_2 \\ Q^{(0)}_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Q^{(1)}_1 \\ Q^{(1)}_2 \\ Q^{(1)}_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Q^{(r)}_1 \\ Q^{(r)}_2 \\ Q^{(r)}_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24) \]

which can be written as:

\[ (a_{11} + D_{31}) q_1 + (a_{12} + D_{32}) q_2 + (a_{13} + D_{33}) q_3 = Q^{(0)}_1 + Q^{(1)}_1 + Q^{(r)}_1 + M_1 + D_{31} F \]
\[ (a_{21} + D_{31}) q_1 + (a_{22} + D_{32}) q_2 + (a_{23} + D_{33}) q_3 = Q^{(0)}_2 + Q^{(1)}_2 + Q^{(r)}_2 + M_2 + D_{32} F \]

The system of equations (25) and (18) to solve the problem is a system of differential equations. In the work [5], a solution to the problem is proposed by solving the secondary differential equations when the equations of motion are expressed as:

\[ f_1 \equiv a_{11} q_1 + a_{12} q_2 + a_{13} q_3 = 0 \quad (26) \]

The problem is solved by the system of equations (25) and (27) now

\[ f_2 \equiv \frac{df_1}{dt} = a_{11} q_1 + a_{12} q_2 + a_{13} q_3 \quad + \left( \frac{\partial a_{11}}{\partial q_1} q_1 + \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_1} q_2 + \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_1} q_3 \right) q_1 \]
\[ + \left( \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_1} q_1 + \frac{\partial a_{11}}{\partial q_2} q_2 + \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_2} q_3 \right) q_2 + \left( \frac{\partial a_{13}}{\partial q_1} q_1 + \frac{\partial a_{11}}{\partial q_3} q_2 + \frac{\partial a_{12}}{\partial q_3} q_3 \right) q_3 \]

To solve these equations, it is possible to use software. Here the Maple software is used.

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Numerical simulation of robotic arm is performed with the following parameters:

\( l_1 = 1 \text{ m} \), \( l_3 = 0.5 \text{ m} \), \( m_1 = 1 \text{ kg} \), \( m_2 = 1 \text{ kg} \), \( m = 5 \text{ kg} \), \( \alpha_0 = 0 \text{ rad} \), \( \alpha_2 = 0 \text{ rad} \), \( \alpha_3 = 0.1 \text{ rad} \), \( c_1 = 0.5 \text{ m} \), \( c_2 = 0.25 \text{ m} \), \( c_3 = 0.25 \text{ m} \), \( J_1 = 0.02 \text{ kgm}^2 \), \( J_2 = 0.01 \text{ kgm}^2 \), \( J_3 = 0.05 \text{ kgm}^2 \), \( g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2 \), \( l_0 = 0.01 \text{ m} \), \( M_1 = 25 \text{ Nm} \), \( M_2 = 0.1 \text{ Nm} \), \( F = 0.05 \text{ N} \).

The initial conditions are:

\( q_1(0) = 0 \text{ rad} \), \( q_2(0) = 0 \text{ rad} \), \( q_3(0) = 0 \text{ m} \), \( q_4(0) = 0.03 \text{ rad/s} \), \( q_5(0) = -0.01 \text{ rad/s} \), \( q_6(0) = 0 \text{ m/s} \).

**Figure 2.** Graph of rotation angle \( q_1 \) and \( q_2 \) and the displacement \( q_3 \) of the plunger.

**Figure 3.** Graph of angular velocities \( q_4 \), \( q_5 \) and velocity \( q_6 \).
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In the paper a new method for controlling the manipulator to move a load along a required trajectory is considered. Such problem belongs to type of controlling the program motion. This is one of the most important problems in controlling manipulators. This paper proposes a method for the problem of interest based on of a new point of view that the program motion can be treated as a first integral of the considered system.

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