

# Advanced Robotics

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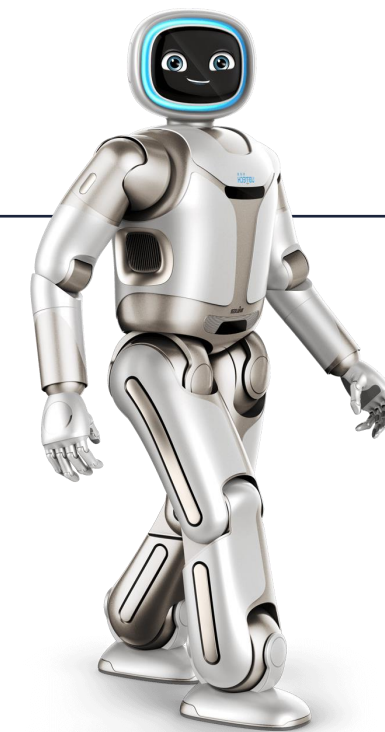
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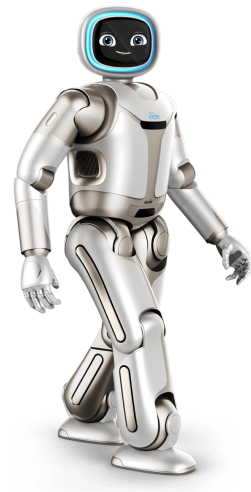
Topics:

- Dynamic model of robots: Newton-Euler approach

Readings:

- Siciliano: Sec. 7.5



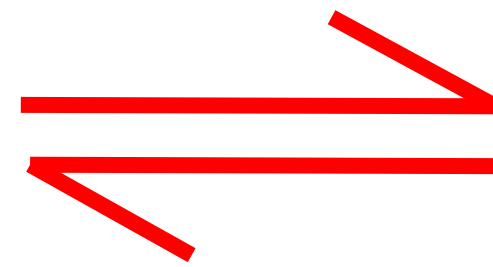


# Comparison of Two Methods

Approaches to dynamic modeling (reprise)

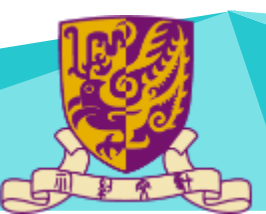
## energy-based approach (Euler-Lagrange)

- multi-body robot seen as a whole
- constraint (internal) reaction forces between the links are automatically eliminated: in fact, they do not perform work
- closed-form (symbolic) equations are directly obtained
- best suited for study of dynamic properties and **analysis** of control schemes



## Newton-Euler method (balance of forces/torques)

- dynamic equations written separately for each link/body
- **inverse dynamics in real time**
  - equations are evaluated in a **numeric** and **recursive** way
  - best for **synthesis** (=implementation) of model-based control schemes
- by elimination of reaction forces and back-substitution of expressions, we still get closed-form dynamic equations (identical to those of Euler-Lagrange!)





# Vector in Moving Frame

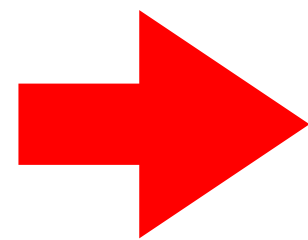
Derivative of a vector in a moving frame

... from velocity to acceleration

$${}^0v_i = {}^0R_i {}^iv_i$$

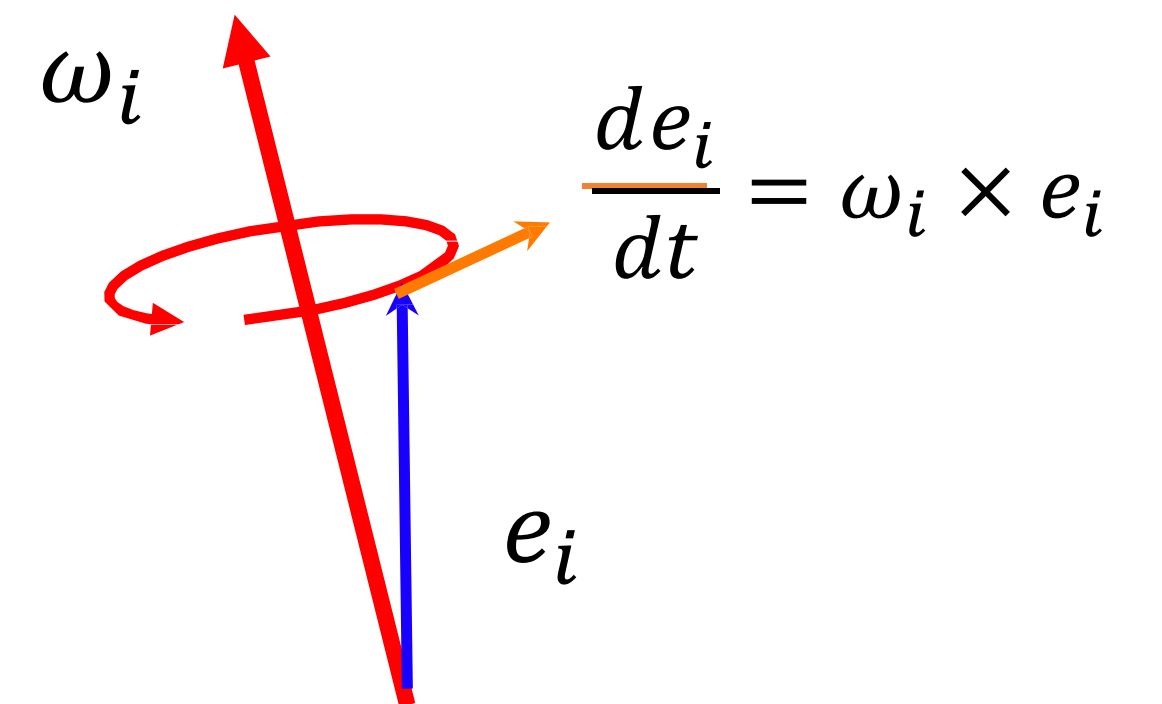
$${}^0\dot{R}_i = S({}^0\omega_i) {}^0R_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^0\dot{v}_i &= {}^0a_i = {}^0R_i {}^i\dot{v}_i + {}^0\dot{R}_i {}^iv_i \\ &= {}^0R_i {}^i\dot{v}_i + {}^0\omega_i \times {}^0R_i {}^iv_i = {}^0R_i ({}^i\dot{v}_i + {}^i\omega_i \times {}^iv_i) \end{aligned}$$



$${}^ia_i = {}^i\dot{v}_i + {}^i\omega_i \times {}^iv_i$$

derivative of “unit” vector





# Dynamics of a Rigid Body

Dynamics of a rigid body

- **Newton** dynamic equation
  - **balance**: sum of forces = variation of **linear** momentum

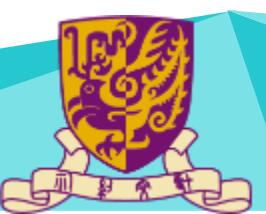
$$\sum f_i = \frac{d}{dt}(mv_c) = m\dot{v}_c$$

- **Euler** dynamic equation
  - **balance**: sum of torques = variation of **angular** momentum

$$\sum \mu_i = \frac{d}{dt}(I\omega) = I\dot{\omega} + \frac{d}{dt}(R\bar{I}R^T)\omega = I\dot{\omega} + (\dot{R}\bar{I}R^T + R\bar{I}\dot{R}^T)\omega$$

$$= I\dot{\omega} + S(\omega)R\bar{I}R^T\omega + R\bar{I}R^T S^T(\cancel{\omega})\omega = I\dot{\omega} + \omega \times I\omega$$

- principle of **action and reaction**
  - forces/torques: applied **by** body ***i*** **to** body ***i* + 1**  
= **—** applied **by** body ***i* + 1** **to** body ***i***



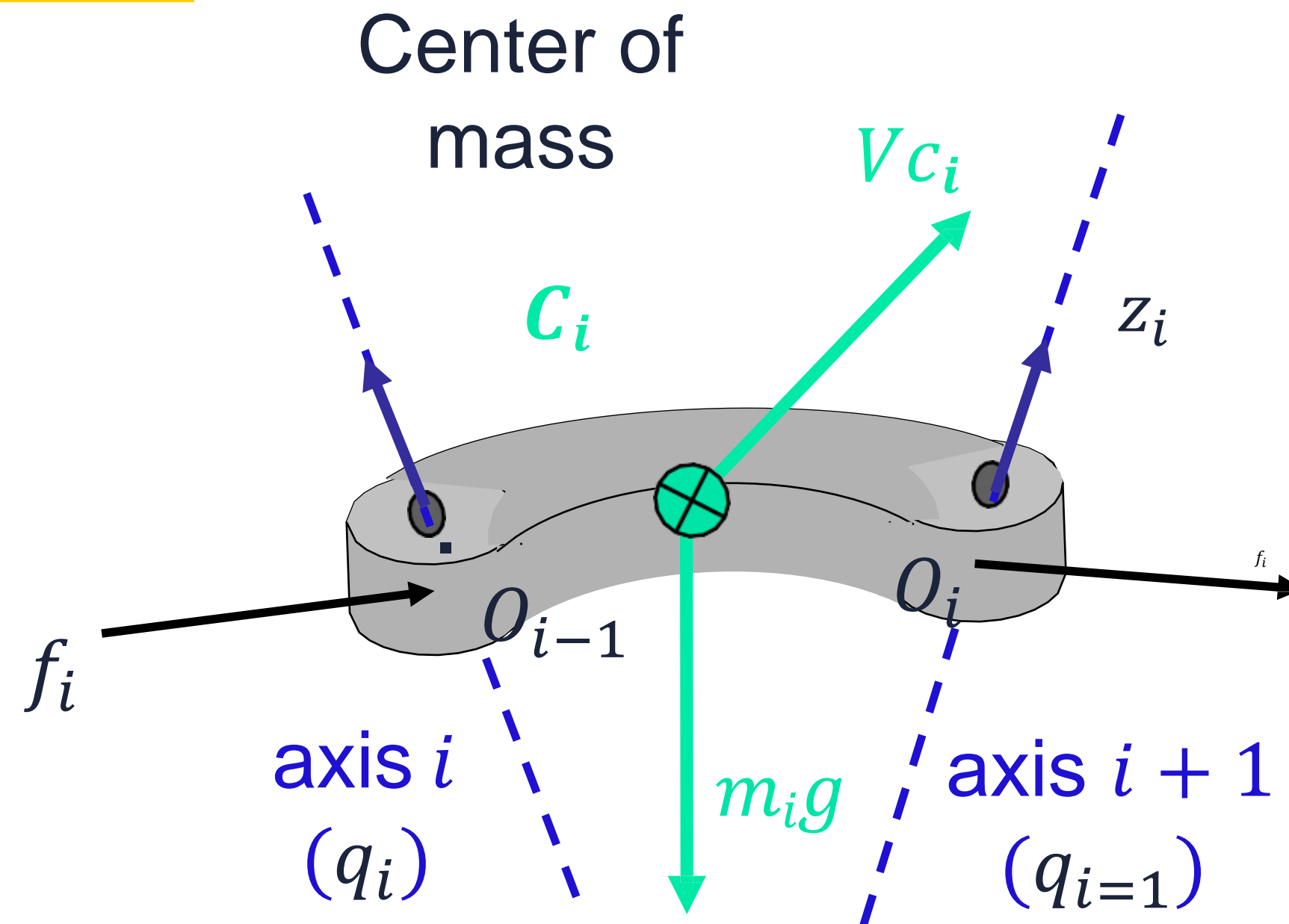




# Newton-Euler Equations

link  $i$

FORCES



$f_i$  force applied from link  $i - 1$  on link  $i$

$f_{i+1}$  force applied from link  $i$  on link  $i + 1$

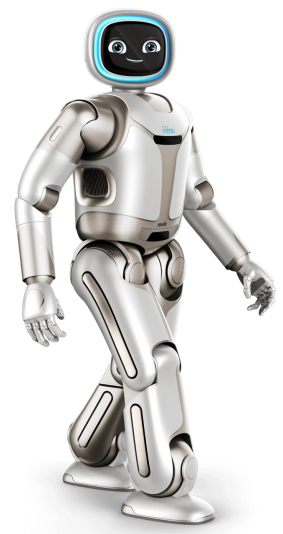
$m_i g$  gravity force

all vectors expressed in the same  $RF$   
(better  $RF_i$ )

$$f_i - f_{i-1} + m_i g = m_i a_{ci}$$

N Newton equation

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linear acceleration of  $C_i$

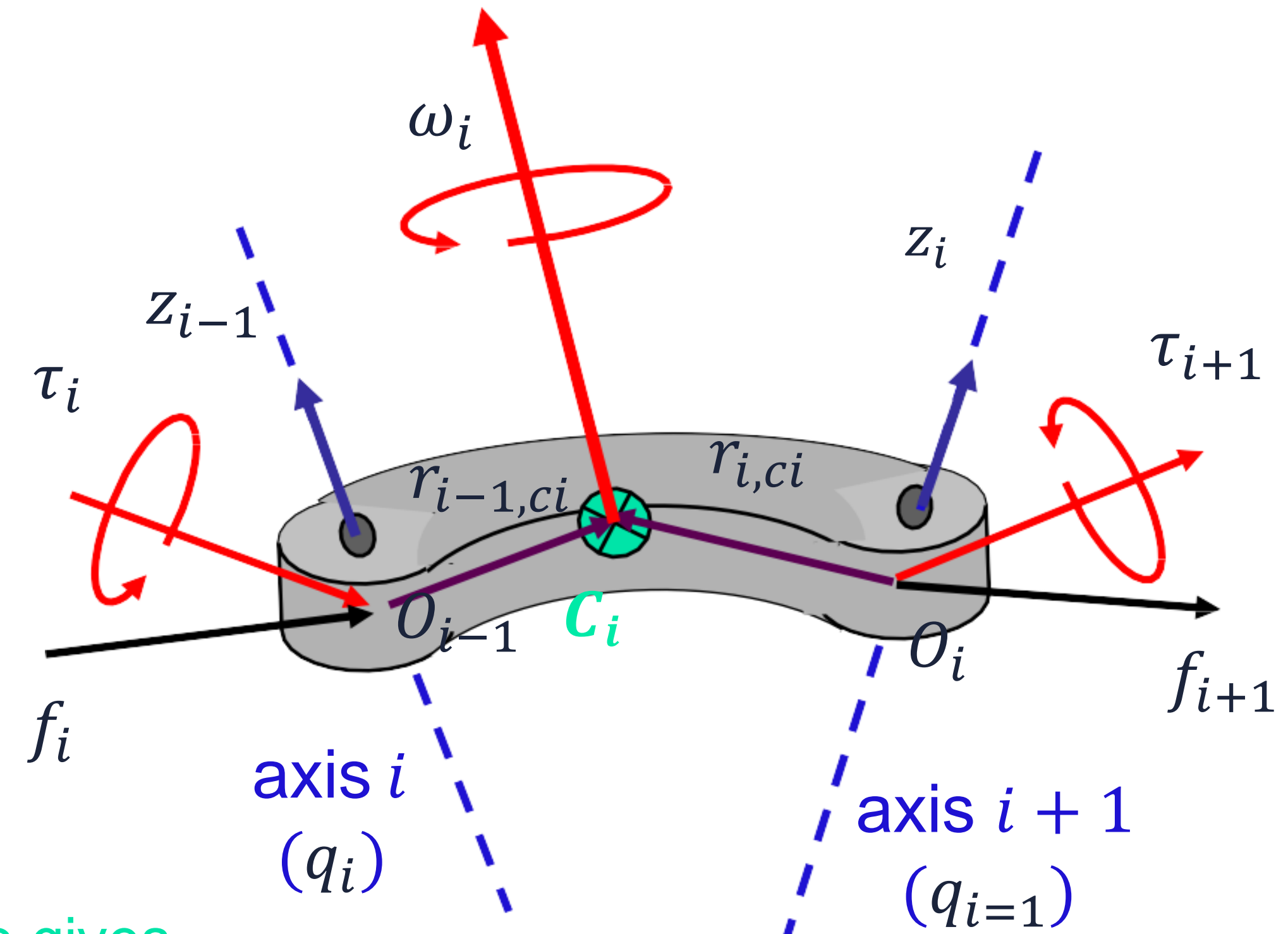


# Newton-Euler Equations

link  $i$

## TORQUES

- $\tau_i$  torque applied from link  $(i - 1)$  on link  $i$
- $\tau_{i+1}$  torque applied from link  $i$  on link  $(i + 1)$
- $f_i \times r_{i-1,ci}$  torque due to  $f_i$  w.r.t.  $C_i$
- $-f_{i+1} \times r_{i,ci}$  torque due to  $-f_{i+1}$  w.r.t.  $C_i$

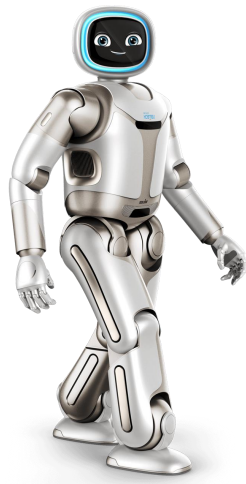


E Euler equation

$$\tau_i - \tau_{i+1} + f_i \times r_{i-1,ci} - f_{i+1} \times r_{i,ci} = I_i \dot{\omega}_i + \omega_i \times (I_i \omega_i)$$

angular acceleration of body  $i$

all vectors expressed in the same RF (RF <sub>$i$</sub> !!)



# Forward Recursion

Forward recursion (Computing velocities and accelerations)

- “moving frames” algorithm (as for velocities in Lagrange)
  - wherever there is no leading superscript, it is the same as the subscript  $\omega_i = {}^i \omega_i$
  - for simplicity, only revolute joints
- (see [textbook](#) for the more general treatment)

initializations

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$$\omega_i = {}^{i-1} R_i^T [\omega_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i z_{i-1}]$$



$\omega_0$

$$\dot{\omega}_i = {}^{i-1} R_i^T [\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i z_{i-1} - \dot{q}_i z_{i-1} \times (\omega_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i z_{i-1})]$$

$$= {}^{i-1} R_i^T [\dot{\omega}_{i-1} + \ddot{q}_i z_{i-1} + \dot{q}_i \omega_{i-1} \times z_{i-1}]$$



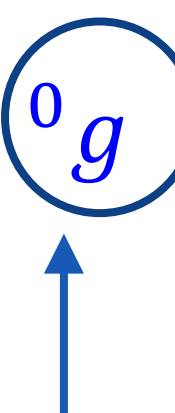
$\dot{\omega}_0$

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

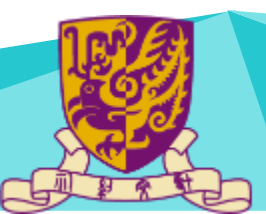


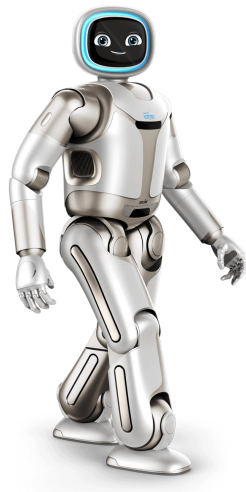
$a_0 = {}^0 g$

$$a_{ci} = a_i + \dot{\omega}_i \times r_{i,ci} + \omega_i \times (\omega_i \times r_{i,ci})$$



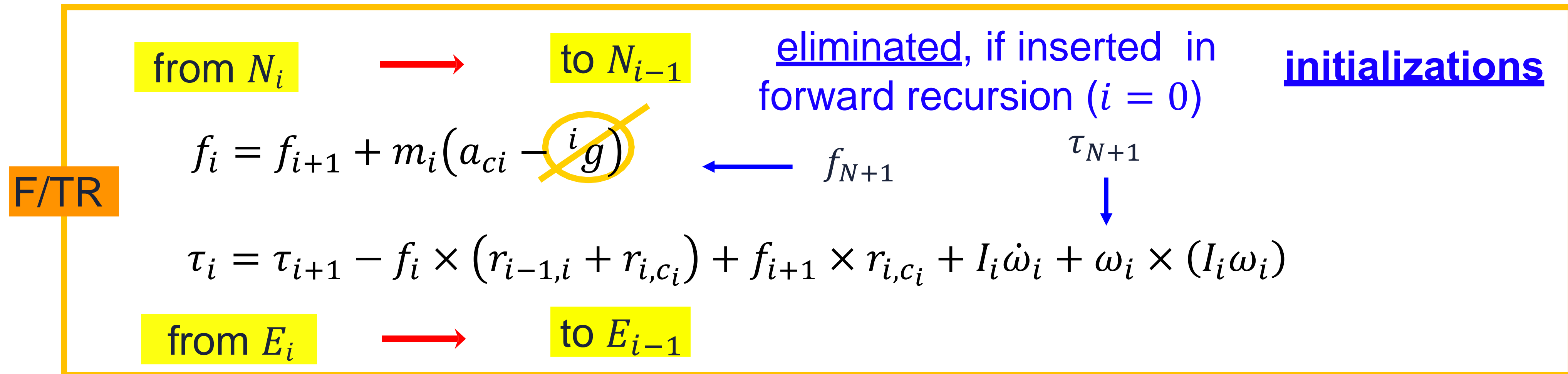
the gravity force term can be skipped in Newton equation, if added here





# Backward Recursion

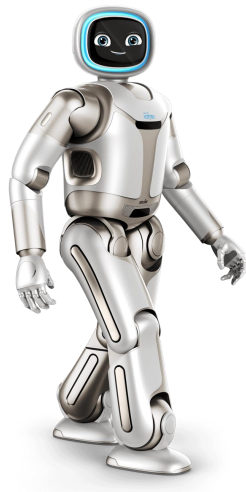
Backward recursion (Computing forces and torques)



at each step of this recursion, we have two vector equations ( $N_i + E_i$ ) at the joint providing  $f_i$  and  $\tau_i$ : these contain ALSO the **reaction forces/torques** at the joint axis  $\Rightarrow$  they should be “projected” next along/around this axis



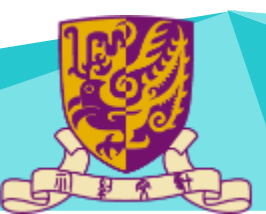


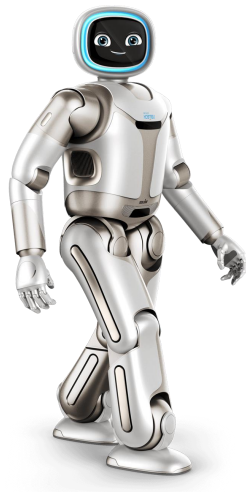


# Comments

## Comments on Newton-Euler method

- the previous forward/backward recursive formulas can be evaluated in symbolic or numeric form
  - **symbolic**
    - substituting expressions in a recursive way
    - at the end, a closed-form dynamic model is obtained, which is identical to the one obtained using Euler-Lagrange (or any other) method
    - there is **no** special convenience in using N-E in this way
  - **numeric**
    - substituting numeric values (numbers!) at each step
    - **computational complexity** of each step remains constant  $\Rightarrow$  grows **in a linear fashion** with the number  $N$  of joints ( $O(N)$ )
    - strongly recommended for real-time use, especially when the number  $N$  of joints **is large**

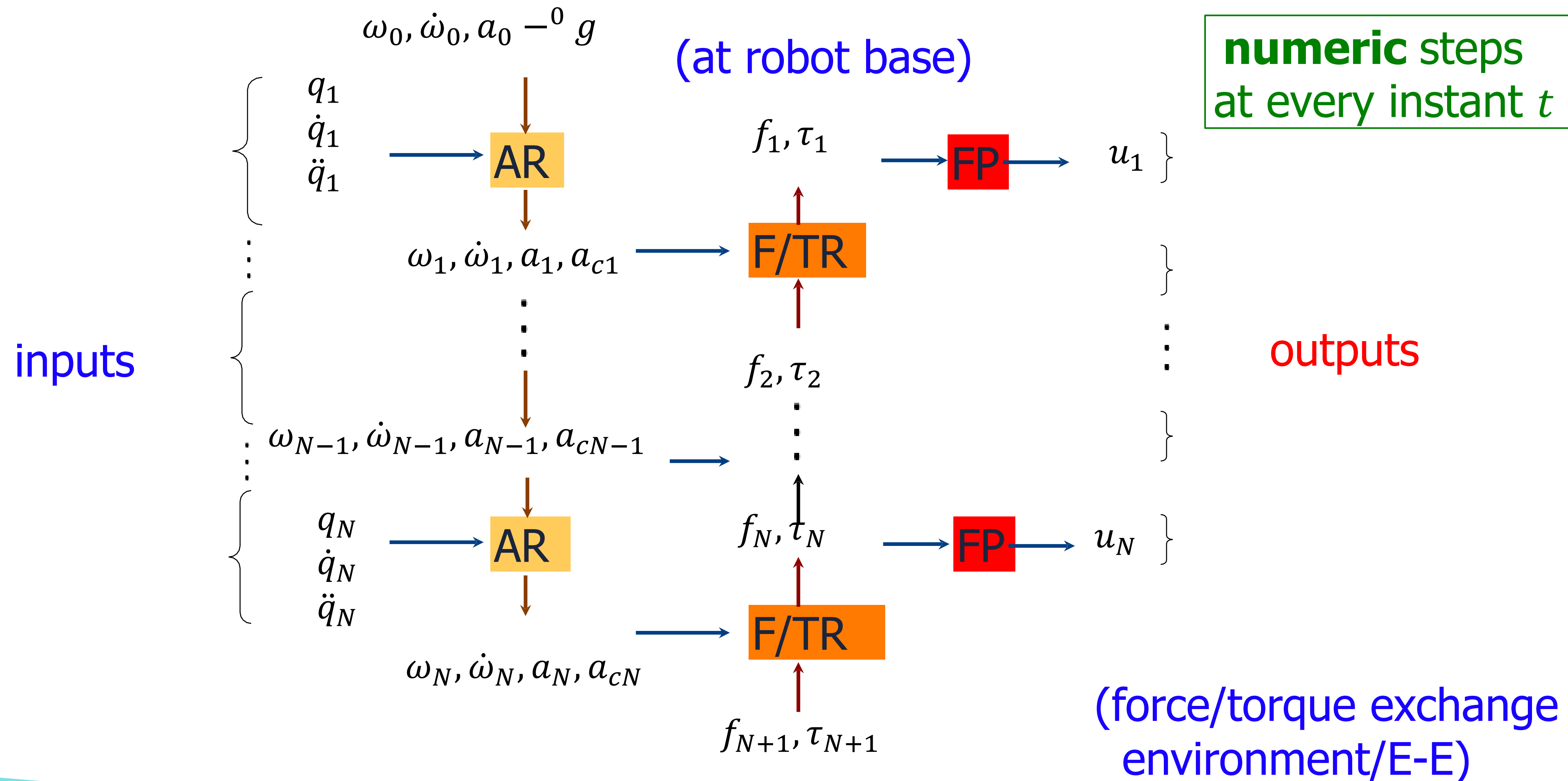




# Newton-Euler Algorithm

Newton-Euler algorithm  
(efficient computational scheme for inverse dynamics)

**numeric steps**  
at every instant  $t$



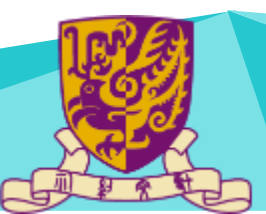


# Coding

Matlab (or C, Python) script

general routine  $NE_{\alpha}(\arg_1, \arg_2, \arg_3)$

- data file (of a specific robot)
  - number  $N$  and types  $\sigma = \{0,1\}^N$  of joints (revolute/prismatic)
  - table of DH kinematic parameters
  - list of **ALL** dynamic parameters of the links (and of the motors)
- input
  - vector parameter  $\alpha = \{ {}^0g, 0 \}$  (presence or absence of gravity)
  - three ordered **vector arguments**
    - typically, samples of joint **position**, **velocity**, **acceleration** taken from a desired trajectory
- output
  - generalized force  $u$  for the **complete** inverse dynamics
  - ... or **single terms** of the dynamic model





# Output

## Examples of output

- complete inverse dynamics

$$u = NE_0(q_d, \dot{q}_d, \ddot{q}_d) = M(q_d)\ddot{q}_d + c(q_d, \dot{q}_d) + g(q_d) = u_d$$

- gravity terms

$$u = NE_0(q, 0, 0) = g(q)$$

- centrifugal and Coriolis terms

$$u = NE_0(q, \dot{q}, 0) = c(q, \dot{q})$$

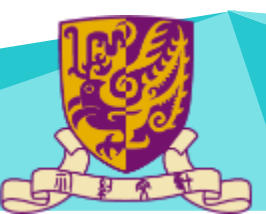
- $i$ -th column of the inertia matrix

$$u = NE_0(q, 0, e_i) = M_i(q)$$

$e_i = i$  - th column of  
identity matrix

- generalized momentum

$$u = NE_0(q, 0, \dot{q}) = M(q)\dot{q} = p$$

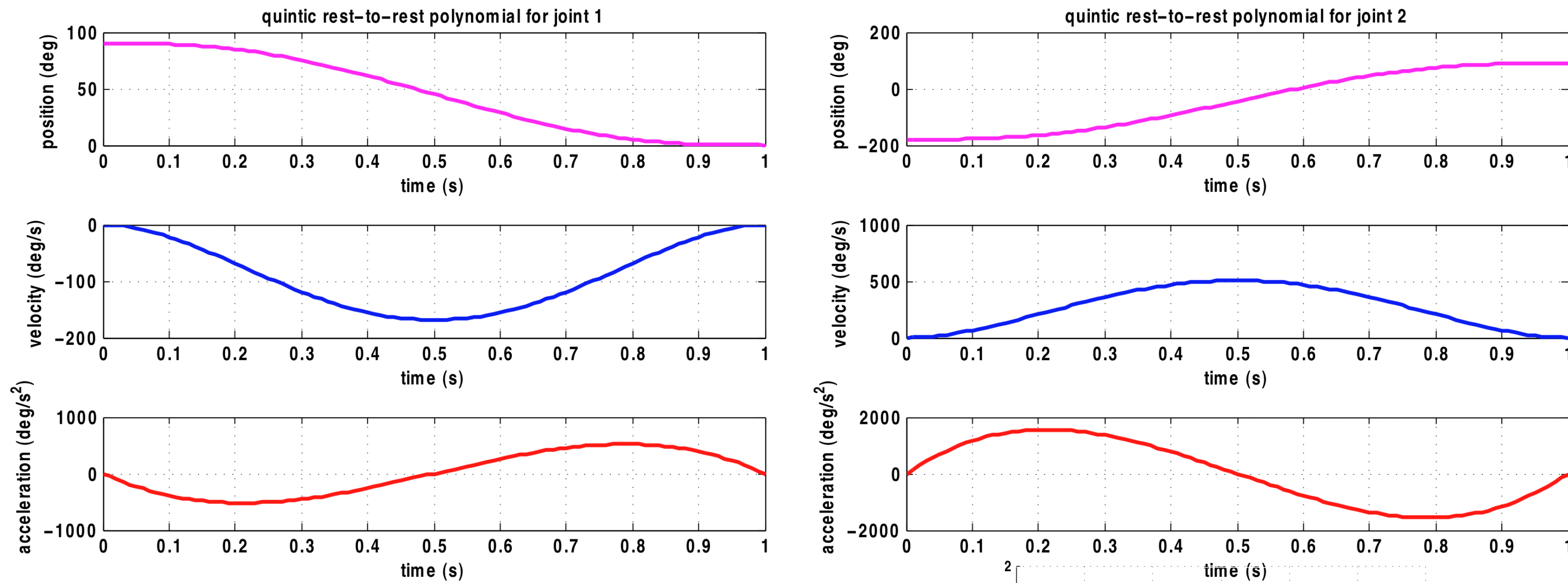




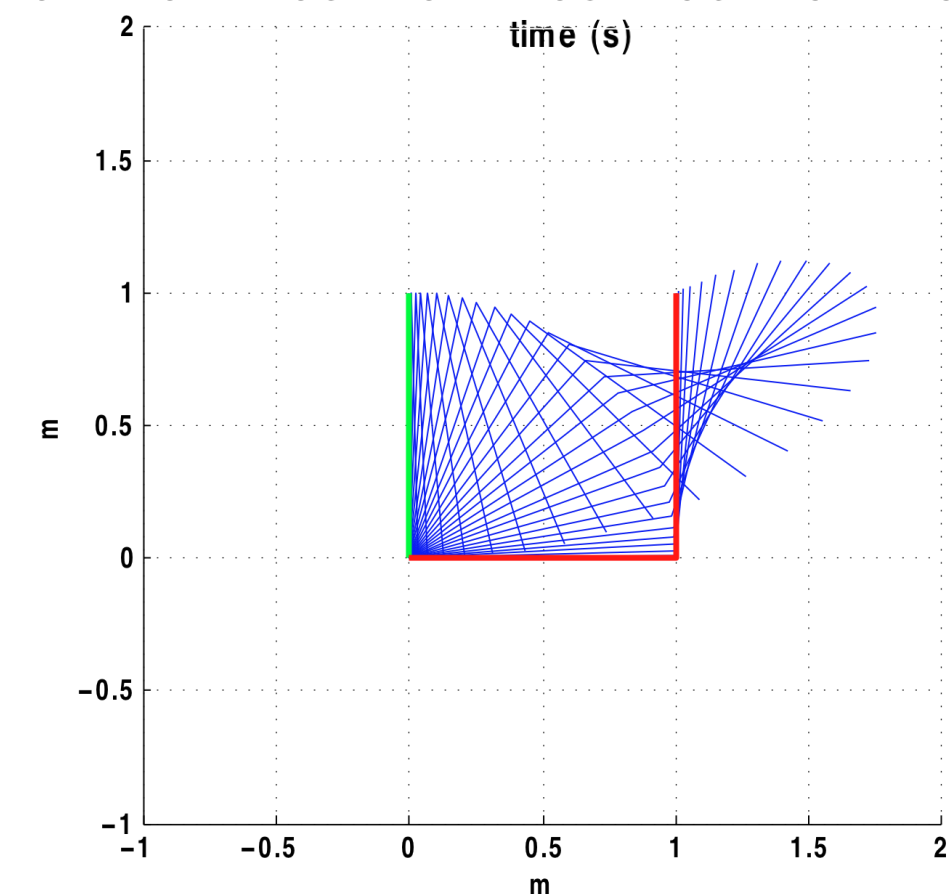
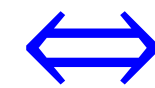


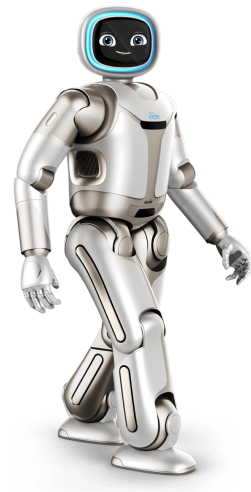
# Example

## Inverse dynamics of a 2R planar robot



desired (smooth) joint motion: **quintic polynomials** for  $q_1, q_2$  with zero vel/acc boundary conditions from  $(90^\circ, -180^\circ)$  to  $(0^\circ, 90^\circ)$  in  $T = 1$  s

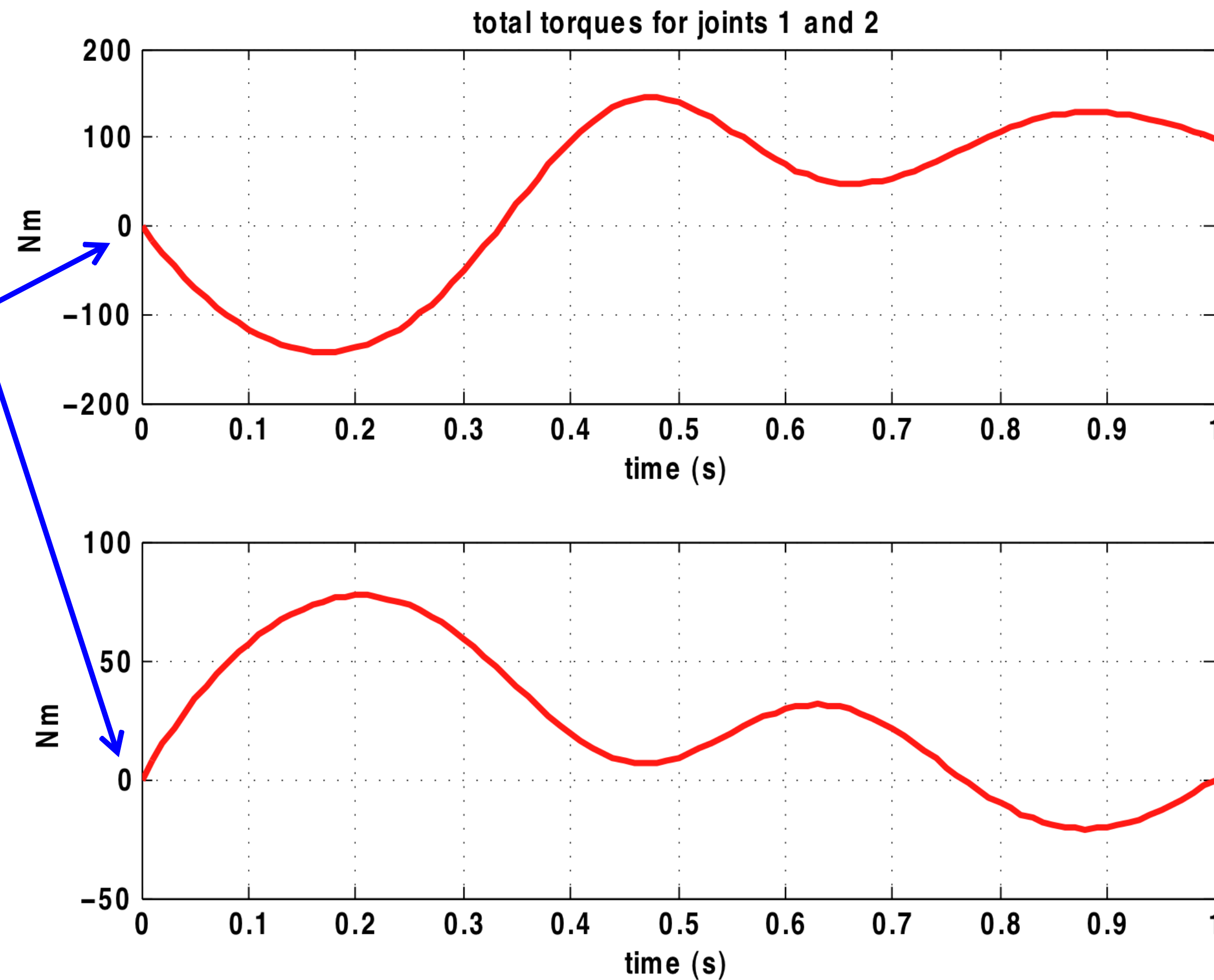




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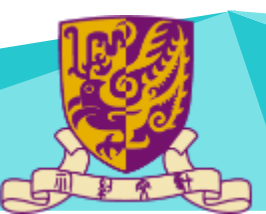
zero initial  
torques = free  
equilibrium  
configuration  
+  
zero initial  
accelerations

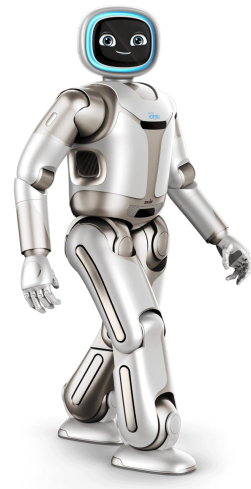


final torques  
 $u_1 \neq 0, u_2 = 0$   
balance link  
weights  
in final  $(0^\circ, 90^\circ)$   
configuration

motion in vertical plane (under gravity)

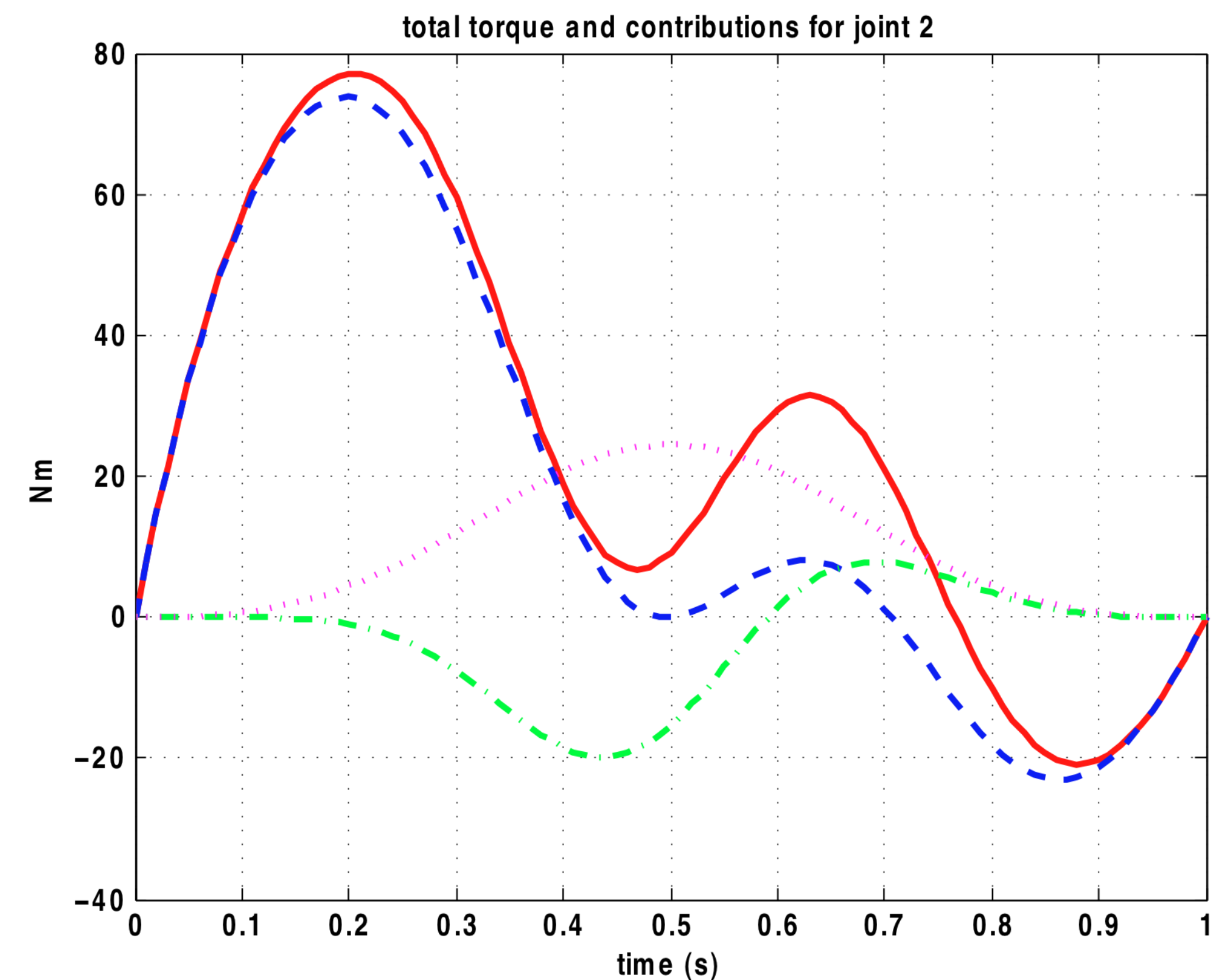
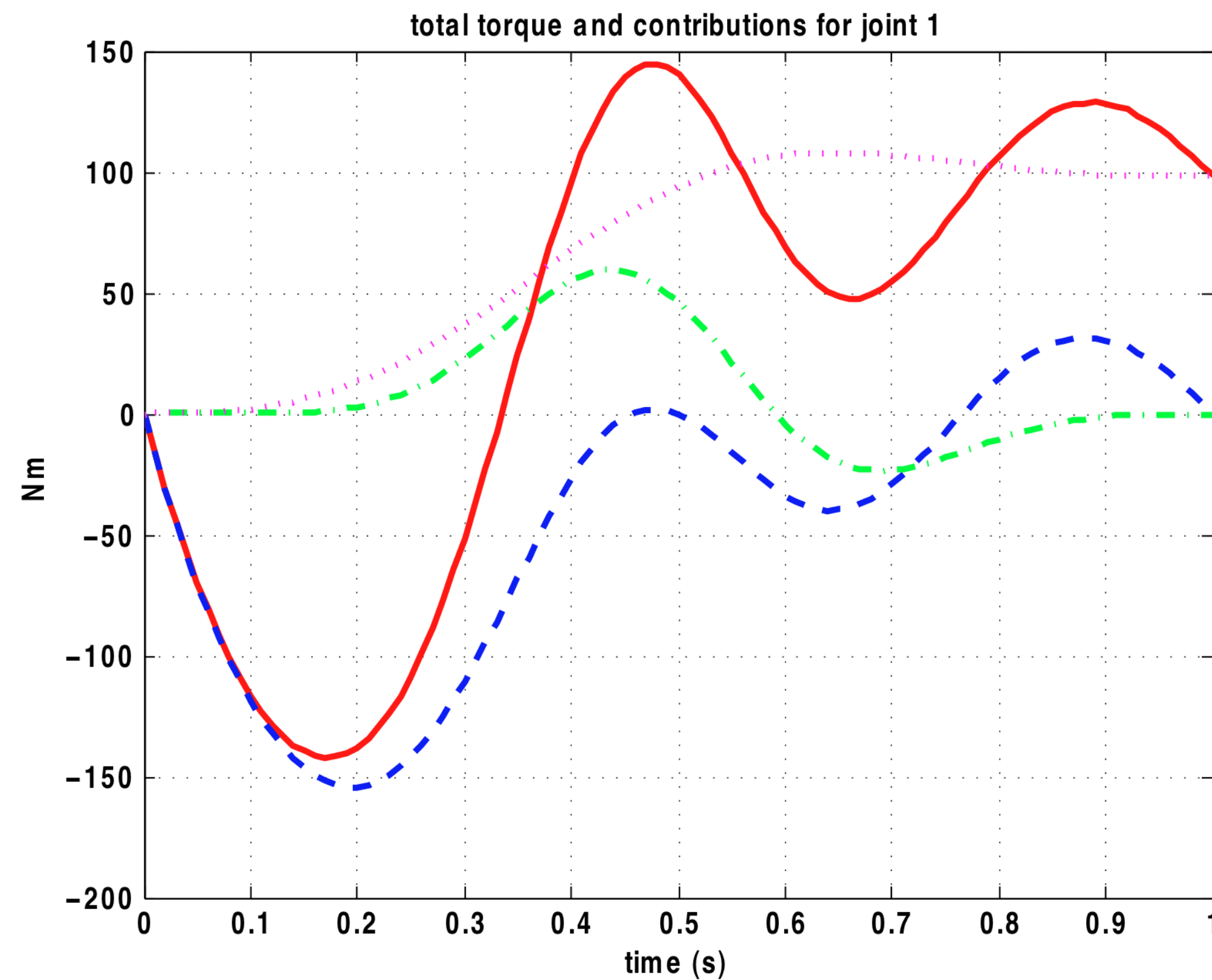
both links are thin rods of uniform mass  $m_1 = 10 \text{ kg}, m_2 = 5 \text{ kg}$





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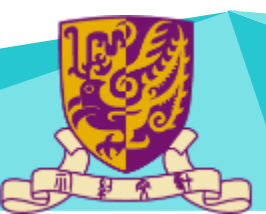
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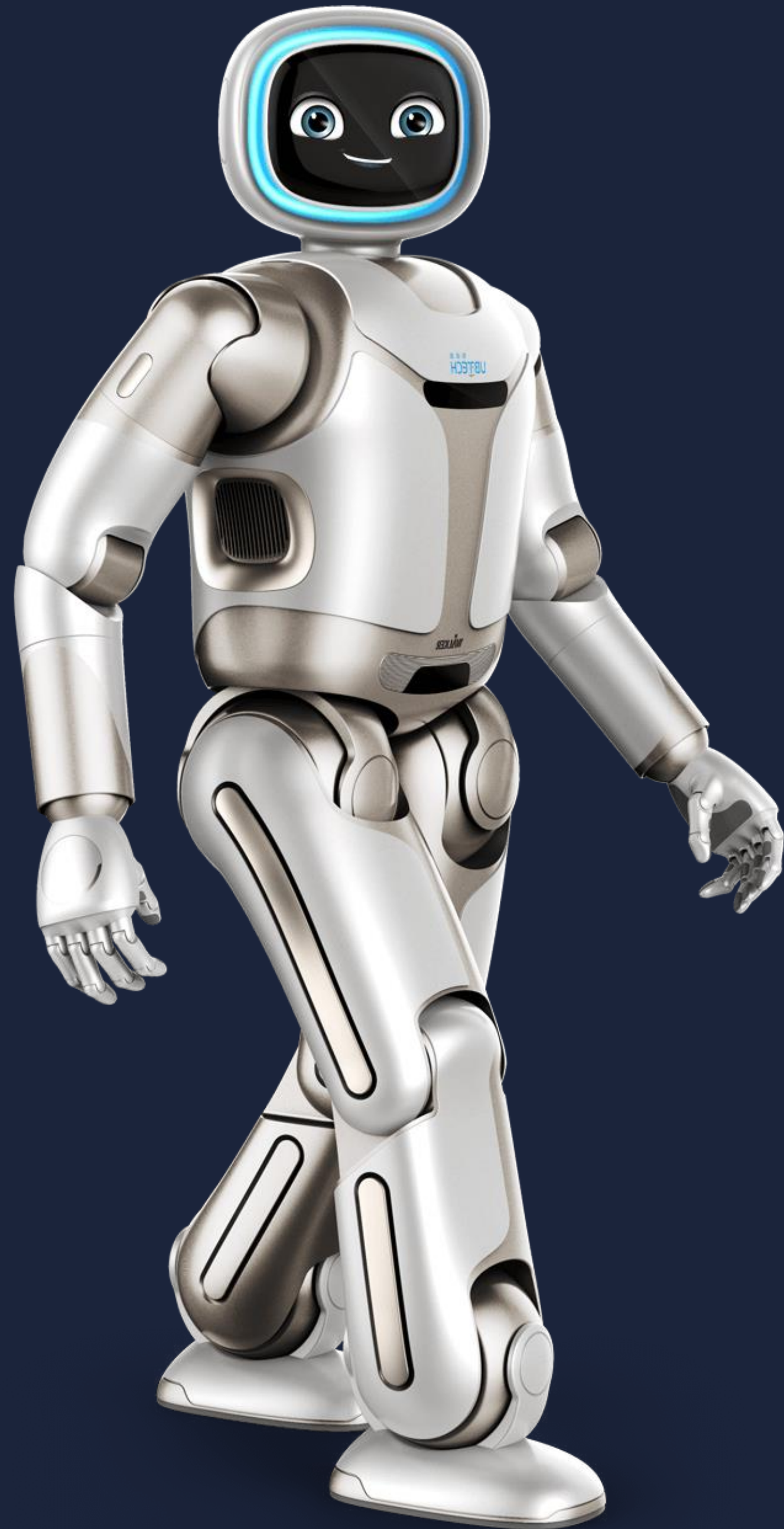
torque contributions at the two joints for the desired motion

———— = total,  
- . - . - . = Coriolis/centrifugal,

- - - - = inertial  
..... = gravitational







Q&A