



# Robot dynamic modeling



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# Agenda

- Background
- Dynamics
- The Lagrangian
- Dynamic and Kinetic energy
- Inertia and moments of inertia



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## Recap

We defined a matrix that we called the Jacobian, that maps joint velocities to link velocities.

$$u = J\dot{q}$$



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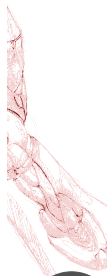
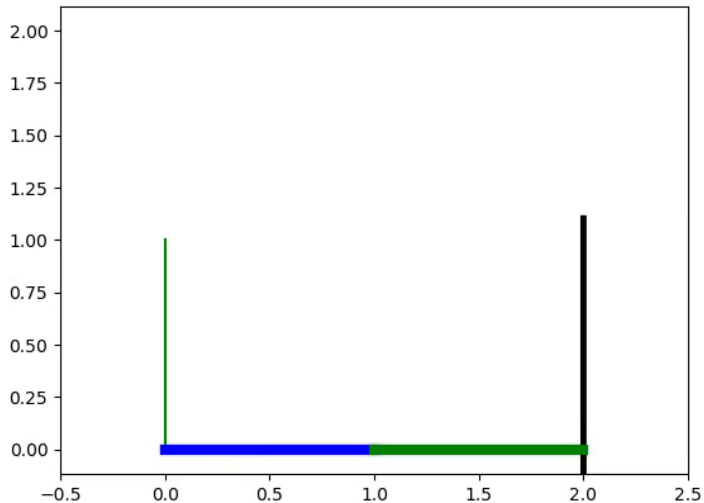
We split this matrix into two parts, one for the angular and one for the linear velocity of the links.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= J_u \dot{q} \\ \omega &= J_{\omega} \dot{q}\end{aligned}$$



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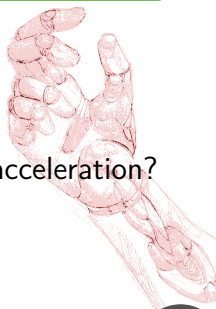
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Do you know of any equation that relates force with acceleration?



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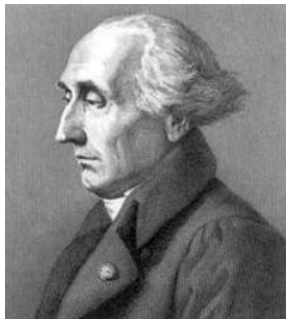
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We won't be using it though due to the complex equations it will result when modeling kinematic chains.



# Dynamic modeling

## Lagrange-Euler formulation of mechanics



Between 1772 and 1788, Lagrange formulated mechanics in a more general way, more suitable for robotics later on.



# Lagrangian mechanics

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Lagrange defined a basic quantity for any system of bodies as the difference between its kinetic and potential energy.

$$L = K - P$$

We call this quantity the Lagrangian of the system.



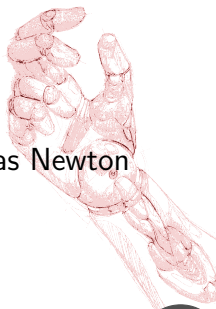
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Using this quantity, we can describe the evolution of any system of bodies under the influence of a set of external forces using the following equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = \tau$$

Let's see if we can show it gives us the same results as Newton





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In robotics, we deal with rigid objects, electrically neutral. What are the sources of potential energy?



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But height from where? What is the reference?



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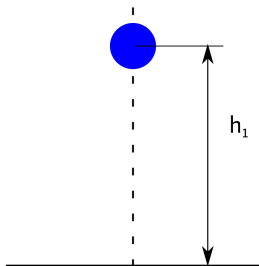


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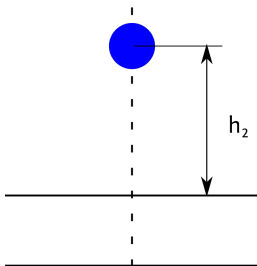
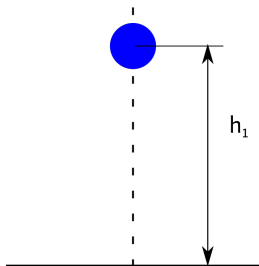


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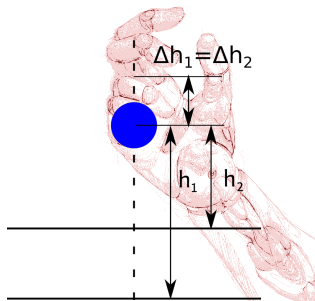
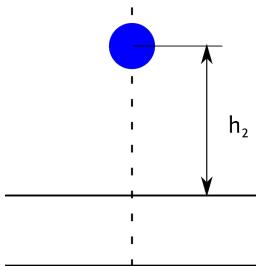
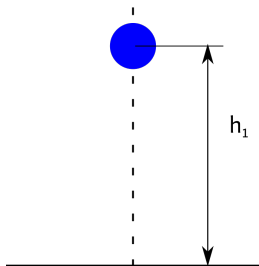


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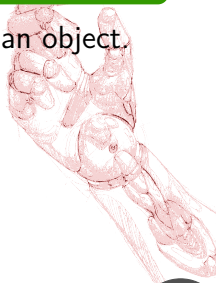
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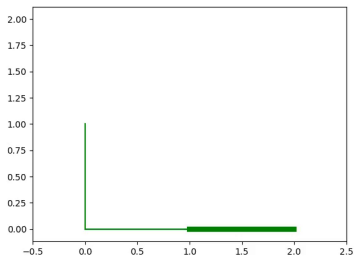
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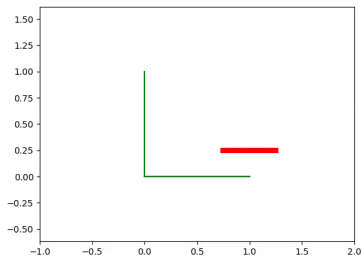


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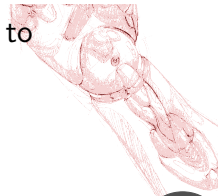
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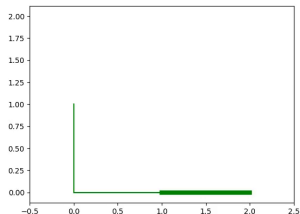


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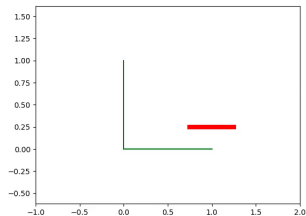
$$K_{linear} = \frac{1}{2}mu^2$$

Where  $m$  is the mass of the object and  $u$  is the magnitude of its velocity (i.e. regardless of direction).



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The equation of kinetic energy due to angular velocity is:

$$K_{angular} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

Where  $I$  is the moment of inertia of the object, and  $\omega$  is its angular velocity.



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## Kinetic energy

### Total kinetic energy

The total kinetic energy of an object is the sum of its linear and angular kinetic energy.

$$K_{total} = K_{linear} + K_{angular} = \frac{1}{2}(mu^2 + I\omega^2)$$





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## Moment of inertia

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A tensor that determines the torque needed for a desired angular acceleration about a rotational axis.

The moment of inertia is the equivalent of mass, but for rotational movements.



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The moment of inertia shows us how 'difficult' is it to rotate an object around an arbitrary axis. It is related with how the mass of the object is distributed in space.

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

This 'difficulty' might be different for the same object, but different axes.



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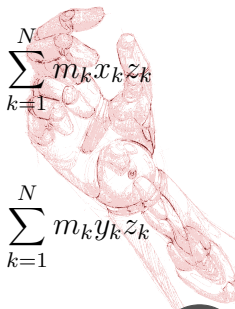
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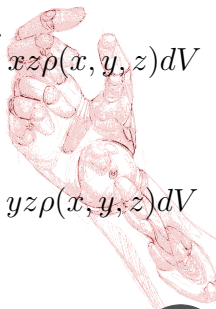
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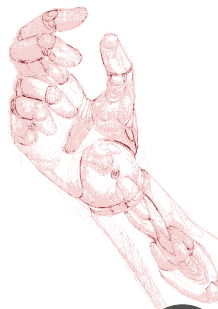
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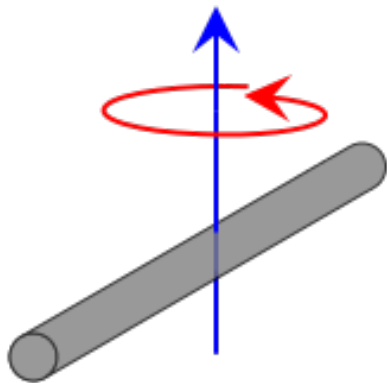


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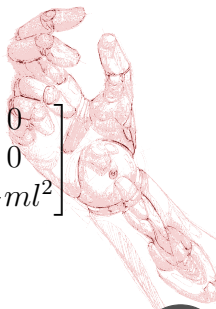
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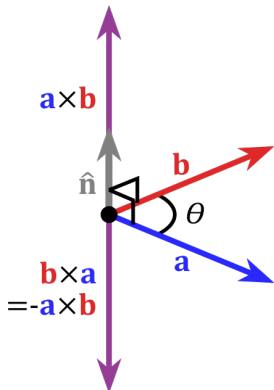
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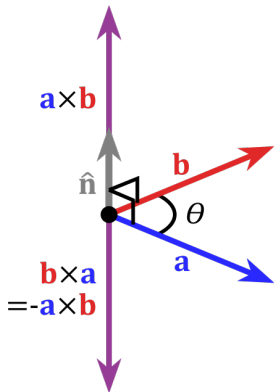
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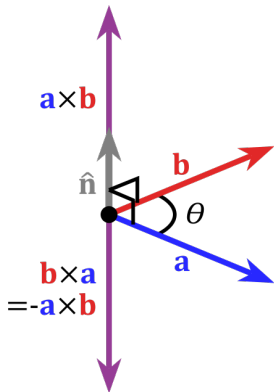
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$$K_{angular} = \frac{1}{2} \omega^T I \omega$$



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## Bringing it all together

We define the Lagrangian as the difference between Kinetic and Potential energy of our system

$$L = K - P$$

where:

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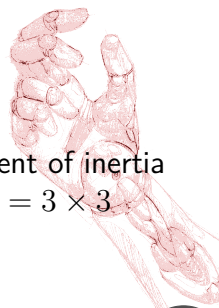
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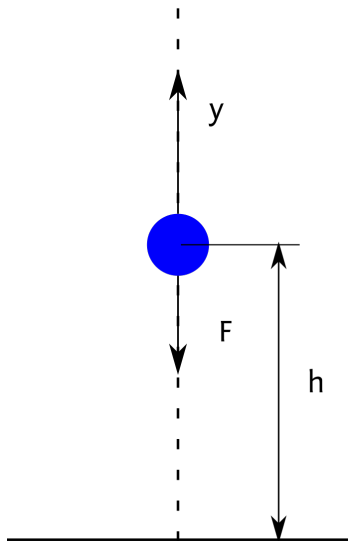
Moment of inertia

$$I = 3 \times 3$$



# Lagrangian mechanics

Equivalence with Newton

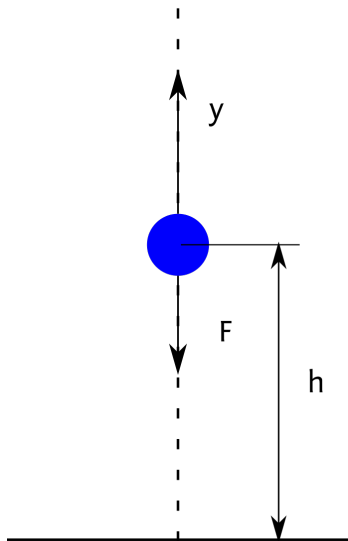


Let's see if the Lagrangian mechanics are giving us the same results



# Lagrangian mechanics

## Equivalence with Newton



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Kinetic energy:

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Therefore:

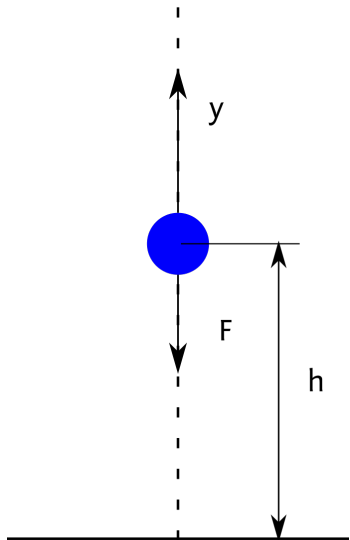
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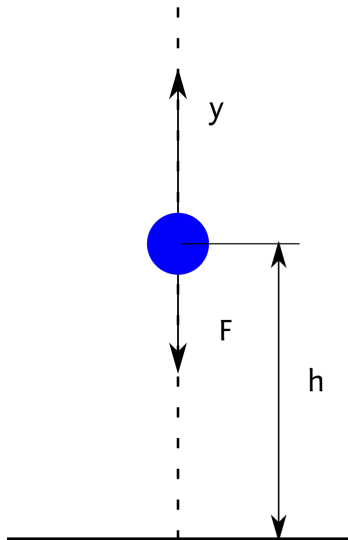
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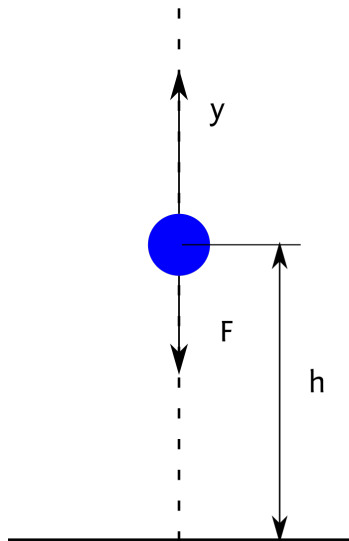
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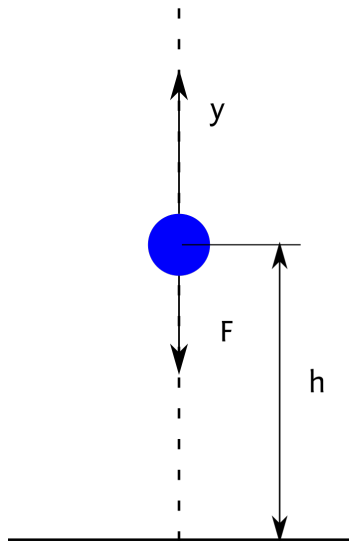
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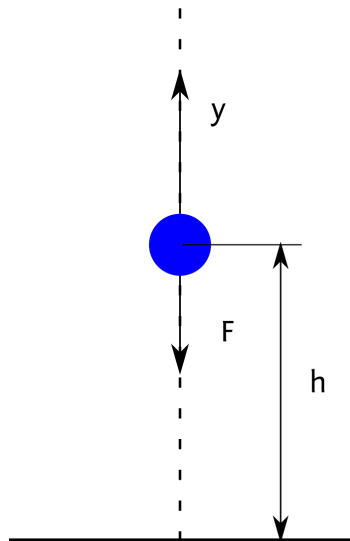
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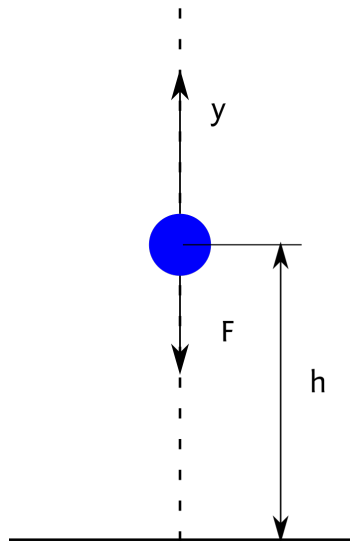
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Same as Newton's second law!





Questions?