The Dynamics Workbench

Documentation Notebook

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The Dynamics Workbench is a Mathematica package for doing dynamics. It enables the user to generate equations of motion primarily for rigid body mechanical systems. These equations may then be exported for use in other programs, or may be integrated directly in Mathematica. The Workbench provides just a few basic commands which are sufficient for generating equations of motion. Lower level commands give advanced users access to a the actual steps involved, but are not necessary in the majority of cases. This package uses Kane's method to generate equations, but can be used to implement the method of Lagrange as well.

How to Get Started

To begin learning to use the Dynamics Workbench, read the sections below up to and including Basic Commands. Skip the sections on Intermediate and Lower Level Commands, and proceed directly to the example. At this point you are ready to try your own models. Refer back to the sections you skipped if you require more information.

Initialization

Load the Dynamics Workbench package using a command like the following:

```
Needs["DynamicsWorkbench"]
```

You must configure your system so that the package DynamicsWorkbench.m is in Mathematica's path.

Configuration

Bodies and Frames

The Dynamics Workbench describes a mechanical system using body's and reference frame's. One or more body's may be used to describe a rigid body to be modeled, and one or more reference frame's may be attached to that body. Most often, there will be a single body and reference frame associated with a rigid body.

body's are organized relative to each other in the description of a system. Each body is defined with respect to an inboard body which precedes it. These two body's are connected by a joint, of which there are many types. The Dynamics Workbench requires information regarding the location of that joint relative to both body's. On body, the
vector \texttt{BodyToJnt} describes the joint location with respect to body's center of mass. On the \texttt{inboard} body, the vector \texttt{InbToJnt} describes the joint location with respect to \texttt{inboard}'s center of mass. The figure below illustrates these vectors and the two bodies with their joints separated.

**Configuration of bodies and frames**

![Diagram of bodies and frames]

The Dynamics Workbench uses reference \texttt{frame}'s to describe vectors fixed to certain \texttt{body}'s. Each \texttt{body} generally has one or more \texttt{frame}'s fixed to it. Any point fixed to a \texttt{body} can be described using any of these \texttt{frame}'s. Associated with a \texttt{frame} is a set of three mutually-orthogonal unit vectors, labeled with names of the form frame\[i\] where \(i\) takes on value 1, 2, or 3.

There is a single default \texttt{body} and associated \texttt{frame} defined in the Dynamics Workbench, corresponding to the Newtonian reference frame and called \texttt{ground}. All additional \texttt{body}'s and \texttt{frame}'s are defined relative to \texttt{ground}, using a variety of joint types to describe the kinematic relationship.

**Notation**

The Dynamics Workbench uses a very simple notation for referring to generalized coordinates, vectors, and reference frames.

**Generalized coordinates and speeds**

Generalized coordinates are referred to as \(q[n]\), and generalized speeds as \(u[n]\). Both of these variables are implicitly functions of time.

**Vectors in reference frames**
A reference frame named, for example, \texttt{a}, will generally be fixed to a body also named \texttt{a}, which will have axes \texttt{a[1]}, \texttt{a[2]}, \texttt{a[3]}. These axes will be aligned respectively with the axes of the inboard body, when the generalized coordinates for \texttt{a} are set to zero. Thus, a vector in reference frame \texttt{a} might be \(0.5 \, \texttt{a[1]} + 0.3 \, \texttt{a[2]}\).

\section*{Dyadics}

A dyadic is expressed using the ** symbol, which normally signifies NonCommutativeMultiply. In this case, the dyadic is not commutative, and is of the form \(I_{11} \, \texttt{a[1]}**\texttt{a[1]} + I_{12} \, \texttt{a[1]}**\texttt{a[2]} + I_{22} \, \texttt{a[2]}**\texttt{a[2]} + I_{33} \, \texttt{a[3]}**\texttt{a[3]}\).

\section*{Basic Commands}

\subsection*{NewModel}

The command \texttt{NewModel[]} is used to clear the internal variables storing parameters of a model.

\subsection*{Example}

\begin{verbatim}
NewModel[]
\end{verbatim}

\subsection*{AddBody}

\texttt{AddBody[ new_body, inboard_body, joint_type ]} adds a body, \texttt{new_body}, which is attached to the previously-defined \texttt{inboard_body} with a joint specified by \texttt{joint_type}. After a call to \texttt{NewModel[]}, the only existing body is \texttt{ground}, the Newtonian reference frame. Currently supported joint types are \texttt{Hinge}, \texttt{Slider}, \texttt{UJoint}, \texttt{Ball}, and \texttt{SixDOF} (see section on joints). The output of AddBody is a list of two lists containing the generalized coordinates and generalized speeds for the new body.

\subsection*{Options}

\begin{verbatim}
BodyToJnt->0 | bodytojoint is the vector, specified in any reference frame or frames, from the new body's center of mass to the joint connecting it to the inboard body.

InbToJnt->0 | inboardtojoint is the vector, specified in any reference frame or frames, from the inboard body's center of mass to the joint connecting it to the new body.

Mass-> 0 | mass is the mass of the new body.
\end{verbatim}
Inertia-> 0 | inertia is the central inertia dyadic of the new body. There are three possible forms for this dyadic: a full dyadic representation such as $I_{12} a[1]**a[2]$; an inertia matrix for the body's reference frame; and a list of the diagonal entries of that matrix, if the reference frame's axes are principal axes.

Qdof->Automatic | qdof_# is the number to be given to the generalized coordinate for the new degree of freedom. If Automatic, the Workbench automatically chooses a number. If the joint type has more than one generalized coordinate, these are named Qdof1, Qdof2, ...

Udof->Automatic | udof_# is the number to be given to the generalized speed for the new degree of freedom. If Automatic, the Workbench automatically chooses a number. If the joint type has more than one degree of freedom, these are named Udof1, Udof2, ...

RelativeTo->Automatic | body specifies the reference frame which the new reference frame is relative to. If Automatic, the inboard body's reference frame is used. It is common to use ground, so that the generalized coordinate for a hinge joint would be a segment angle.

Axis->{0,0,1} | dir_cos gives the axis of the joint using direction cosines in the new body's reference frame. Alternative expressions for Axis are the coordinate number ($\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$) with the sign signifying counter-clockwise (+) or clockwise (-) rotation, or a vector in the inboard body's reference frame. If the joint type has more than one axis, these are named Axis1, Axis2, 

TAxis->{0,0,1} | dir_cos gives the translational axis of the joint using direction cosines in the new body's reference frame, as used for Slider or SixDOF joints. Alternative expressions for TAxis are the coordinate number ($\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$) with the sign signifying movement measured in the positive or negative direction of the axis, or a vector in the inboard body's reference frame. If the joint type has more than one translational axis, these are named TAxis1, TAxis2, 

Frme->Automatic | frme_name sets the name of the reference frame which is fixed to the new body. By default, the frame is given the same name as the body.

Basefrm->Automatic | base_frame sets the reference frame which the new reference frame is relative to, as in RelativeTo. Options Frme and Basefrm are rarely necessary.

Joint Types

Fixed is a zero degree-of-freedom joint, in which the inboard and reference bodies do not move relative to each other. It is often used to perform a change of coordinates or to accommodate an unusual geometric arrangement of bodies. Its axes can be offset from those of the base reference frame using the Offset option. Offset may be a matrix of direction cosines or a list of vectors specifying the offset axes in terms of the base frame. Examples: Offset-> [{0,1,0},{1,0,0},{0,0,1}], Offset->{body[2],body[1],body[3]}. A Fixed joint has no generalized speeds or coordinates associated with it.
**Hinge** is a single degree-of-freedom rotatory joint. The axis about which the joint rotates is specified by the option Axis, which may be the coordinate number, a list of direction cosines, or a vector in the base reference frame (the frame of the inboard body). Examples: Axis->3, Axis->{0,0,1}, Axis->body[1]. The generalized speed, Udof, is defined to be the time-derivative of generalized coordinate Qdof.

**Slider** is a single degree-of-freedom prismatic joint. Its location and home position are specified by the BodyToJoint option. The slider joint is at a home position when its generalized coordinate has a value of zero. In this position, the joints for the inboard and outboard bodies are coincident. As the generalized coordinate changes in value, these two joints separate along a translational axis specified by TAxis, which may be a coordinate number, a list of direction cosines, or a vector in the base reference frame. Examples: TAxis->3, TAxis->{0,0,1}, TAxis->body[1]. The generalized speed, Udof, is defined to be the time-derivative of generalized coordinate Qdof.

**UJoint** is a two degree-of-freedom rotatory joint. Its home position is coincident with the base reference frame (the frame of the inboard body). The generalized coordinates describing the rotations are the successive rotation angles about the two specified rotation axes, Axis1 and Axis2. The generalized speeds, Udof1 and Udof2, are defined to be the time-derivatives of the respective generalized coordinates, Qdof1 and Qdof2.

**Ball** is a three degree-of-freedom rotatory joint with orientation described by euler parameters. Its home position is coincident with the base reference frame (the frame of the inboard body). The generalized coordinates Qdof1 through Qdof4 describing the rotations are in the form of euler parameters \( \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\} \), where \( e_4 \) is the cosine of the half-rotational angle. Use **Gimbal** if different generalized coordinates are desired. The generalized speeds Udof1 through Udof3 are the angular velocities about the body’s reference frame axes.

**Gimbal** is a three degree-of-freedom rotatory joint with orientation described by euler angles. Its home position is coincident with the base reference frame (the frame of the inboard body). The generalized coordinates describing the rotations are the successive rotation angles about the three specified rotation axes, described by options Axis1, Axis2, and Axis3. Use **Ball** if euler parameters are preferred as generalized coordinates. Axes may be specified by coordinate number, or a list of direction cosines. Examples: Axis1->3, Axis2->1, Axis3->2; Axis1->\{0,0,1\}, Axis2->\{0,.707,.707\}, Axis3->\{.707,0,.707\}.

**SixDOF** is a six degree-of-freedom joint which allows for full translational and rotational movement between bodies. Its location and home position are specified by the BodyToJoint option. The translational axes are specified by TAxis1, TAxis2, and TAxis3. The translations along those axes are specified by generalized coordinates Qdof1, Qdof2, and Qdof3, and by generalized speeds Udof1, Udof2, and Udof3. The rotational orientation is described by four euler parameters, specified by generalized coordinates Qdof4 through Qdof7. The angular velocities about the base frame’s axes are specified by generalized speeds Udof1, Udof2, and Udof3.

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**Example**

```
AddBody[a, ground, Hinge]

{{{1}, {1}}}
```
In this example, Qdof1 and Udof1 are not specified by the user. The Dynamics Workbench has automatically selected values of 1 for each.

- **AppFrc**

\[ \text{AppFrc[ body, force, point ]} \]

AppFrc applies a force specified by vector force (in any reference frame or frames) at a point specified by vector force (relative to the center of mass) of body.

- **Example**

\[ \text{AppFrc[a, -ground[1], 2 a[1]]} \]

A force of magnitude 1 directed in the negative direction of the ground[1] axis, is applied to body a. The point of application is specified by the vector 2 a[1] from body a's center of mass.

- **AppTrq**

\[ \text{AppTrq[ body, torque ]} \]

AppTrq applies a torque (or moment) specified by vector torque (in any reference frame or frames) to body.

- **Example**

\[ \text{AppTrq[a, 10 a[3]]} \]

A torque of magnitude 10 directed in the direction of the ground[3] axis, is applied to body a.

- **EOM**

The command \( \text{EOM[]} \) assembles equations of motion for the system with previously entered bodies, forces, and torques.

The command \( \text{AtT0[ expr ]} \) is used to set initial conditions by applying to an expression such as \( q[1] == 0 \), and making that expression valid for time zero.

- **Kinematics**

**Kinematics** returns the set of kinematical differential equations. The Dynamics Workbench usually uses equations \( q[n]'[t] == u[n][t] \), but the user may define arbitrary relationships, e.g., for complex kinematical joints.
**Intermediate Level Commands**

The Dynamics Workbench provides several useful intermediate level commands, which are not required for formulation of equations of motion, but aid analysis or rearrangement of these equations.

- **CollectE**

  The command `CollectE[ equations ]` collects together terms in equations which are linear in the time-derivative of the generalized speeds, making the equations somewhat more readable.

  The command `CollectE[ equations, expr ]` collects together terms in equations which are linear in `expr`, making the equations somewhat more readable.

- **AddFrame**

  The command `AddFrame[ frame, baseframe, jointtype, options ]` adds a new reference frame to the system, just as `AddBody`, but without a body attached to the reference frame. This command is useful for defining custom joints or body configurations, by decoupling body specifications from reference frame specifications.

- **AsmStateEqn**

  `AsmStateEqn[ eom, kinematics ]` assembles the state equations, using input arguments corresponding to the equations of motion and the kinematical differential equations. The resulting equations are differential equations in the generalized coordinates and speeds, and are suitable for use by `RungeKutta`.

- **RHS**

  `RHS[ eqns ]` returns the right-hand-side of each equation in a list of equations.

- **SolveEqn**

  `SolveEqn[ eqn, vars ]` rearranges a list of equations in terms of the variables `vars`. The command also sorts this list.
- **MassMatrix**

Given the equations of motion, `MassMatrix[ eom ]` provides a list of two outputs: the mass matrix (terms linear in the time-derivatives of generalized speeds $u$), and the right-hand side. These outputs can be used in the linear system $M.u\dot{} == rhs$, as when integrating the equations of motion.

- **AtT0**

`AtT0[expr]` returns $expr$ set at time zero. This command is useful for providing initial conditions to `NDSolve`.

- **FindEquil**

`FindEquil[ eqn, \{x, x0\} ]` finds the equilibrium point in the given equation, for variable $x$. The initial guess of $x0$ is used to start a Newton search. For a list of equations, use `FindEquil[ eqns, \{x, x0\}, \{y, y0\},...]` to find equilibrium points in several variables $x, y,$ etc.

- **PosCOM**

`PosCOM[body]` returns a vector describing the position of the center of mass of body with respect to the ground reference frame.

- **PosPnt**

`PosPnt[point, body]` returns the vector describing the position of point (entered as a vector relative to the center of mass) fixed to body.

- **Tmtx**

`Tmtx[frame]` is the transformation matrix which maps between frame and the inertial (ground) reference frame. `Tmtx` returns a list of coordinates of the three axes of frame, each in the form of a sublist comprising coefficients for axes of reference frame.

- **Lower Level Commands**
At the lowest level of simplification, the Dynamics Workbench provides routines which enable one to assemble equations of motion "by hand," save for the most basic mathematical operations. The Workbench makes it easy to manipulate vectors in various reference frames by providing a simple notation and framework for these operations.

- **Accelerations**

  \texttt{AccCOM[body]} returns a vector describing the acceleration of the center of mass of body with respect to the ground reference frame.

  \texttt{AccJnt[body]} returns the velocity of the point on the inboard body which corresponds to the location of the joint connecting the two.

  \texttt{AngAcc[body]} returns the angular acceleration of the body with respect to ground.

- **Velocities**

  \texttt{AngVel[body]} returns the angular velocity of the body with respect to ground.

  \texttt{VelCOM[body]} returns a vector describing the velocity of the center of mass of body with respect to the ground reference frame.

  \texttt{VelJnt[body]} returns the velocity of the point on the inboard body which corresponds to the location of the joint connecting the two.

  \texttt{VelJnt2[body]} returns the velocity of the point on body which instantaneously corresponds to the location of the joint between body and the inboard body. Used in slider joints.

- **Model Structure**

  \texttt{Bodies} returns a list of the currently defined bodies.

  \texttt{Force[body]} returns a list of the forces acting on the body.

  \texttt{Frames} returns a list of the currently defined reference frames.

  \texttt{Inboard[body]} returns the name of the body inboard to the argument.

  \texttt{Inertia[body]} is the inertia dyadic of the body.

  \texttt{Kids[frame]} returns a list of reference frames below the argument's entry in the frame tree.
Mass[body] is the mass of the body.

Parents[frame] returns a list of reference frames above the argument's entry in the frame tree.

Torque[body] returns a list of the torques acting on the body.

**Kane's Method**

PrtVel[expr, n] or PrtVel[expr, u[n]] returns the partial velocity of expression with respective to the nth generalized speed.

ResltF[body] returns the resultant of the forces acting on the body.

ResltT[body] returns the resultant of the torques or moments acting on the body.

Rstar[body] returns the inertia forces acting on body.

Tstar[body] returns the inertia torque acting on body.

GActFrc[body, n] returns the generalized active force of body with respect to the nth generalized speed. GActFrc[body] returns the generalized active forces for body with respect to each of the generalized speeds. GActFrc[All] returns the sum of the generalized active forces for all bodies, with respect to each of the generalized speeds.

GInerFrc[body, n] returns the generalized inertia force of body with respect to the nth generalized speed. GInerFrc[body] returns the generalized inertia forces for body with respect to each of the generalized speeds. GInerFrc[All] returns the sum of the generalized inertia forces for all bodies, with respect to each of the generalized speeds.

**Transformation between reference frames**

CastMtx[from, to] returns the transformation matrix needed to cast a vector from one reference frame to another.

CastV[vector, frame] will cast any vector into a specified reference frame.

Tmtx[frame] is the transformation matrix which maps between frame and the inertial (ground) reference frame. Tmtx returns a list of coordinates of the three axes of frame, each in the form of a sublist comprising coefficients for axes of reference frame.
■ Vector Operations

**Cross**\[vector1, vector2\] or \(\text{vector1 } \sim \times \text{ vector2}\) performs the cross product of two vectors.

**Dot**\[vector1, vector2\] or \text{vector1} . \text{vector2} performs the dot product of two vectors (or a vector and a dyadic).

A **dyadic** may be performed by using \text{vector1} ** \text{vector2}. The symbol ** denotes a noncommutative multiply within *Mathematica*, in accordance with the fact that dyadics are not commutative.

**Dist**\[point1, point2\] returns the distance between two points, which need not be described in the same reference frames.

■ Example: Ballistic walker

This example is an analysis of ballistic walking, described by Mochon & McMahon (1980). Given the correct initial conditions, it is possible for a biped to walk one step with no external input. This ballistic motion resembles actual human walking to a surprising degree. The model consists of three segments, including a stance leg and the thigh and shank of the swing leg. Segments are joined by Hinge joints. All motion is planar.


If you haven't already, be sure to load the Dynamics Workbench (but don't execute this command if the Workbench is already loaded):

```
Needs["DynamicsWorkbench`"]
```

Initialize variables by using this command:

```
NewModel[]
```

Add rigid bodies to the model by specifying a new body name, which is connected to the specified inboard body. Here we are attaching body \text{a} to \text{ground} with a \text{Hinge} joint. The central moment of inertia is specified in dyadic form. Vectors
specify the location of the joint relative to the body’s center of mass, and relative to the inboard body’s center of mass. The axis of the hinge joint is also specified.

```
AddBody[a, ground, Hinge, Mass → M0, Inertia → I0 a[3] ** a[3],
BodyToJnt → (lc0 - 10) a[2], InbToJnt → 0, Axis → {0, 0, 1}]

{{1}, {1}}
```

The output of `AddBody` includes the generalized coordinate and the generalized speed for the new body.

Now we add second and third bodies:

```
AddBody[b, a, Hinge, RelativeTo → ground, Mass → M1, Inertia → I1 b[3] ** b[3],
BodyToJnt → lc1 b[2], InbToJnt → lc0 a[2], Axis → {0, 0, 1}]

{{2}, {2}}
```

```
AddBody[c, b, Hinge, RelativeTo → ground, Mass → M2, Inertia → I2 c[3] ** c[3],
BodyToJnt → lc2 c[2], InbToJnt → (lc1 - 1) b[2], Axis → {0, 0, 1}]

{{3}, {3}}
```

Forces are applied using `AppFrc`, specifying the body, the force applied to the body, and the location of the force relative to the center of mass. Other commands can apply torques to bodies as well. Here we add gravitational forces.

```
AppFrc[a, Mass[a] grav, 0]

1
```

The output of `AppFrc` is a count of the number of forces applied so far.

```
AppFrc[b, Mass[b] grav, 0]

1
```

```
AppFrc[c, Mass[c] grav, 0]

1
```

Make sure `g` is gravity, in the vertical direction.

```
grav = -g ground[2];
```

Equations of motion are generated by the command `EOM[]`. This command takes a few seconds on a PowerMac 7100/66.

```
Timing[eom = EOM[]]
```
\{3.28333 \text{Second},
\{ -g (-10 + 1c0) M0 \sin[q_1] + g10 M1 \sin[q_1] + g10 M2 \sin[q_1] + (10 lcl M1 + 10 l1 M2) \sin[q_1 - q_2]
\quad u_2^2 + 10 l1 c2 M2 \sin[q_1 - q_2] u_2 + (-I0 - 10^2 M0 + 210 l0 c0 M0 - 1c0^2 M0 - 10^2 M1 - 10^2 M2) u_2
\quad + (10 l1 c1 M1 + 10 l1 M2) \cos[q_1 - q_2] u_2 + 10 l1 c2 M2 \cos[q_1 - q_3] u_2 + (10 l1 c1 M1 + 10 l1 M2) \cos[q_1 - q_2] u_2
\quad + (11 - 1c1^2 M1 + 11^2 M2) u_2 - 11 l1 c2 M2 \cos[q_1 - q_3] u_2 = 0,
\quad -g l1 c2 M2 \sin[q_3] - 10 l1 c2 M2 \sin[q_3] - q_3] u_2 + 11 l1 c2 M2 \sin[q_3 - q_3] u_2 +
\quad 10 l1 c2 M2 \cos[q_1 - q_3] u_2 - 11 l1 c2 M2 \cos[q_1 - q_3] u_2 + (-I2 - 1c2^2 M2) u_3 = 0 \}

\text{Commands like } \texttt{MassMatrix} \text{ manipulate the equations so you can look at select portions:}

\texttt{MassMatrix[eom]}

\{\{0 + l1 c0^2 M0 - 2 l1 c0 10 M0 + 10^2 M0 + 10^2 M1 + 10^2 M2,
\quad (-(1c1 10 M1 + 10 l1 M2) \cos[qt[1][t] - qt[2][t]]), -(1c2 10 M2 \cos[qt[1][t] - qt[3][t]]),
\quad (-(1c1 10 M1 + 10 l1 M2) \cos[qt[1][t] - qt[2][t]]),
\quad I1 + 1c1^2 M1 + 11^2 M2, l2 11 M2 \cos[qt[2][t] - qt[3][t]]), I2 + 1c2^2 M2)\},
\{-g (1c0 - 10 M0 \sin[qt[1][t]] + g10 M1 \sin[qt[1][t]] + g10 M2 \sin[qt[1][t]] +
\quad (1c1 10 M1 + 10 l1 M2) \sin[qt[1][t] - qt[2][t]] ut[2][t]^2 +
\quad l2 10 M2 \sin[qt[1][t] - qt[3][t]] ut[3][t]^2, -(g l1 c1 M1 \sin[qt[2][t]]) -
\quad g l1 M2 \sin[qt[2][t]] + (-(1c1 10 M1 - 10 l1 M2) \sin[qt[1][t] - qt[2][t]] ut[1][t]^2 -
\quad l2 11 M2 \sin[qt[2][t] - qt[3][t]] ut[3][t]^2, -g l1 c2 M2 \sin[qt[3][t]] - l2 10 M2 \sin[qt[1][t] - qt[3][t]] ut[1][t]^2 +
\quad l2 11 M2 \sin[qt[2][t] - qt[3][t]] ut[2][t]^2)\}

\text{Set the values for the constants:}

\texttt{constants = \{\{eta1 -> 0.5411, eta2 -> 0.73512, m1 -> 0.097, m2 -> 0.06, l1 -> 0.43311, l2 -> 0.43712, l1 -> 0.5, l2 -> 0.5, M1 -> m1 65, M2 -> m2 65, M0 -> (m1 + m2) 65, 10 -> 11 + 12, l0 -> (m1 lcl + m2 (l1 + l2c)) / (m1 + m2), I1 -> m1 eta1^2 - m1 lcl^2, I2 -> m2 eta2^2 - m2 l1c2^2, I0 -> m1 eta1^2 + (m2 eta2^2 + m2 l1^2) - (m1 + m2) l0^2, g -> 9.8};

\texttt{Degrees = N[\frac{\pi}{180}];}

\text{To set the initial conditions, write equations for each of the states (q's and u's), and apply } \texttt{AtT0} \text{ to specify that the equations hold for time zero.}

\texttt{initcond = AtT0\{q[1] == 14 Degrees, u[1] == -120 Degrees, q[2] == -14 Degrees,

\text{The trajectory can be generated by solving the set of differential equations including the equations of motion, the kinematical differential equations (which are generated automatically by the Dynamics Workbench), subject to the initial conditions. Here we integrate from time 0 to 0.5 seconds.}

\texttt{trajectory = NDSolve[Join[eom, Kinematics, initcond] //. constants,
\quad \{q[1], u[1], q[2], u[2], q[3], u[3]\}, \{t, 0., 0.5\};}
This plot shows how knee velocity approaches zero just before stance and swing legs reach the same angle for heel strike. The solid line is the stance leg angle, the dashed line is the swing leg thigh angle, and the dotted line is the angle between the swing thigh and shank (also known as knee angle).

```
Plot[Evaluate[180. (q[1], q[2], q[2] - q[3]) / trajectory], {t, 0, 0.35},
PlotStyle -> {{Thickness[0.005]}, {Thickness[0.005], Dashing[{0.02, 0.01}]},
{Thickness[0.005], Dashing[{0.003, 0.008}]}},
AxesLabel -> {"time (s)", "angle (deg)"}]
```

Now let's calculate the total energy during the swing cycle, to verify that the Dynamics Workbench model conserves energy.

Looking at the axes on the plot, it is evident that energy is conserved within machine precision.

```
1/2 Mass[c] VelCOM[c].VelCOM[c] + 1/2 Inertia[a].AngVel[a].AngVel[a] +
1/2 Inertia[b].AngVel[b].AngVel[b] + 1/2 Inertia[c].AngVel[c].AngVel[c] -
constants /. trajectory], {t, 0, .35}]
```
Sample low level operations

- Cross products

\[ a[1] \times b[1] \]
\[ \text{pkgV[}{-\text{Sin}[\text{qt}[1][t] - \text{qt}[2][t]], b, 3}] \]

- Dot products

\[ a[1] \cdot c[2] \]
\[ \text{Sin}[\text{qt}[1][t] - \text{qt}[3][t]] \]

- Here's a dyadic

\[ r = a[1] ** a[2] \]
\[ \text{PV[}{\text{PV[}{1, a, 1}], a, 2}] \]

- And you can use it like this:

\[ r . b[1] \]
\[ \text{PV[}{\text{Cos}[\text{qt}[1][t] - \text{qt}[2][t]], a, 2}] \]

- Time derivatives of vectors

\[ Dt[3 \times a[1] \times b[1], t] \]
\[ \text{PV[}{-3 \text{Cos}[\text{qt}[1][t] - \text{qt}[2][t]] (\text{qt}[1]'[t] - \text{qt}[2]'[t]), b, 3}] \]