ME451 Kinematics and Dynamics of Machine Systems

Review of Elements of Calculus – 2.5 Vel. and Acc. of a Point fixed in a Ref Frame – 2.6 Absolute vs. Relative Generalized Coordinates

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"If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading." Lao Tzu, Chinese Philosopher, 600 BC-531 BC

Before we get started...



• NOTE:

- Next Tu there will be a MATLAB "Getting Started" tutorial
 - TA Toby will run it in room 2261EH (NOT THIS ROOM)
- Next Th there will be an ADAMS "Getting Started" tutorial
 - Justin Madsen will run it in room 2261EH (NOT THIS ROOM)
- HW Assigned (due next Th in class, or 23:59 PM in electronic form):
 - 2.4.4, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.5.7 + problem on slide 19
 - MATLAB component emailed to you separately
- Last time:
 - Discussed about how to position a point P on a body that is offset from the GRF by a translation and a rotation
 - Brief linear algebra review
- Today:
 - Computing the partial derivate of functions
 - Discuss chain rule for taking time derivatives
 - Time derivatives of vectors and matrices
 - Computing the velocity and acceleration of a point attached to a moving rigid body
 - Absolute vs. relative generalized coordinates

Derivatives of Functions



• GOAL: Understand how to

• Take time derivatives of vectors and matrices

- Take **partial derivatives** of functions with respect to its arguments
 - We will use a matrix-vector notation for computing these partial derivs.
 - Taking partial derivatives might be challenging in the beginning
 - It will be used a lot in this class

Taking time derivatives of a time dependent vector

- FRAMEWORK:
 - Vector r is represented as a function of time, and it has two components, that is, x(t) and y(t):

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{ coming from...} \quad \overrightarrow{\mathbf{r}}(t) = x(t)\overrightarrow{\mathbf{i}} + y(t)\overrightarrow{\mathbf{j}}$$

 Its components change, but the vector is represented in a <u>fixed</u> reference frame; i.e., the basis vectors i and j don't change

• THEN:

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} , \quad \ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}(t) \\ \ddot{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} , \quad etc.$$

Time Derivatives, Vector Related Operations



• Assume that $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ depend on time. Then it can be proved that the following hold:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\alpha \mathbf{a}) = \frac{d\alpha}{dt}\mathbf{a} + \alpha \frac{d\mathbf{a}}{dt} = \dot{\alpha}\mathbf{a} + \alpha \dot{\mathbf{a}}$$
$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = \frac{d\mathbf{a}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{b}}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{a}} + \dot{\mathbf{b}}$$
$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{b}) = \frac{d\mathbf{a}^T}{dt}\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a}^T\frac{d\mathbf{b}}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{a}}^T\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a}^T\dot{\mathbf{b}}$$
$$\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{a} = \text{const} \Rightarrow \mathbf{a}^T\dot{\mathbf{a}} = 0$$

Taking time derivatives of MATRICES



- By <u>definition</u>, the time derivative of a matrix is obtained by taking the time derivative of each entry in the matrix
- A simple extension of what we've seen for vector derivatives
- Assume that $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, and $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ depend on time. Then it can be proved that the following hold:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\alpha \mathbf{A}) = \frac{d\alpha}{dt}\mathbf{A} + \alpha \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} = \dot{\alpha}\mathbf{A} + \alpha \dot{\mathbf{A}}$$
$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{A}} + \dot{\mathbf{B}}$$
$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}) = \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt}\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}\frac{d\mathbf{C}}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{A}\dot{\mathbf{C}}$$



End Time Derivatives

... Discuss Partial Derivatives

The Concept of Partial Derivative



- What's the meaning of a partial derivative?
 - It captures the "sensitivity" of a function wrt a variable that the function depends upon
 - Shows how much the function changes when the variable changes a bit
- Simplest case of partial derivative: you have one function that depends on one variable:

$$f(x) = \ln x$$
, $g(z) = sin(4z + \pi)$, etc.

• Then,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x}$$
, $\frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = 4\cos(4z + \pi)$, etc.

Partial Derivative, Warming Up: Scalar Function that Depends on Two Variables

Suppose you have one function but it depends on <u>two</u> variables, say x and y:

 $f(x,y) = \sin(x^2 + 3y^2)$

• To simplify the notation, an <u>array</u> **q** is introduced:

$$\mathbf{q} = \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \end{array} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

 $\begin{bmatrix} m \end{bmatrix}$



- Algebraic Vector
- Array (sometimes called "vector")
- With this, the partial derivative of f wrt **q** is defined as

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}] \equiv f_{x,y} \equiv \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \equiv f_{\mathbf{q}} = [2x\cos(x^2 + 3y^2) \quad 6y\cos(x^2 + 3y^2)]$$



Partial Derivative, As Good As It Gets: Vector Function, Depending on Many Arguments

 You have a group of "m" functions that are gathered together in an array, and they depend on a collection of "n" variables:

$$f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_m$$
 depend on x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n

 The array that collects all "m" functions is called F:

$$\mathbf{F}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ \dots \\ f_m(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

• The array that collects all "n" variables is called **q**: $\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdots \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Most general partial derivative (Vector Function, Cntd.)

• Then, in the most general case, we have **F**(**q**), and

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \equiv \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{q}} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \\ \dots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

• Example 2.5.2:

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{r}^P = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_1 + l \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ \sin \theta_1 + l \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{r}^P_{\mathbf{q}} = ?$$

This is an m x n matrix!

A Word on Notation: Left and Right mean the <u>same</u> thing

- Let x, y, and φ be three generalized coordinates
- Define, for instance, the function r of x, y, and \u03c6 as

$$\mathbf{r}(x, y, \phi) = \left[\begin{array}{c} x + 2l\cos\phi\\ y - 2l\sin\phi \end{array}\right]$$

 $\mathbf{r}_{x,y,\phi} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \varphi} \end{bmatrix}$

• Verbose notation

• Let x, y, and
$$\phi$$
 be three
generalized coordinates, and
define the array **q**
 $\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \phi \end{bmatrix}$
• Define the function **r** of **q**:
 $\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} x + 2l\cos\phi \\ y - 2l\sin\phi \end{bmatrix}$
• Terse notation

 $\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{q}}$



Example



$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} x + 2l\cos\phi \\ y - 2l\sin\phi \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = ?$$

[PO] Another Example (builds on Example 2.4.1)

• Let
$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Find the partial derivative of the position of P with respect to the array of generalized coordinates **q**



$$s'^P = \begin{bmatrix} 3\\2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\|\overrightarrow{OQ}\| = 5$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{q}}^{P} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}^{P}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}^{P}}{\partial \theta_{1}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}^{P}}{\partial \theta_{2}} \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

Figure 2.4.5 Two-body positioning mechanism.

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Partial Derivatives: Good to Remember...

- In the most general case, you start with "m" functions in "n" variables, and end with an (m x n) matrix of partial derivatives.
 - You start with a column vector of functions and then end up with a matrix
- Taking a partial derivative leads to a *higher dimension* quantity
 - Scalar Function leads to row vector
 - Vector Function leads to matrix
 - I call this the "accordion rule"
- In this class, taking partial derivatives can lead to one of the following:
 - A row vector
 - A full blown matrix
 - If you see something else chances are you made a mistake...



Done with Partial Derivatives

Moving on to Chain Rule of Differentiation

Scenario 1: <u>Scalar</u> Function



- f is a function of "n" variables: $q_1, ..., q_n$ $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$
- However, each of these variables q_i in turn depends on a set of "k" other variables x₁, ..., x_k.

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1(x_1, \dots, x_k) \\ \cdots \\ q_n(x_1, \dots, x_k) \end{bmatrix} : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^n$$

• The composition of f and **q** leads to a new function $\phi(\mathbf{x})$:

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = f \circ \mathbf{q} = f(\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x})) : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}$$

Chain Rule for a <u>Scalar</u> Function

- The question: how do you compute ϕ_x ?
 - Using our notation:

$$\phi = f \circ \mathbf{q} = f(\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x})) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \phi_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = ??$$

• Chain Rule for scalar function:

$$\phi_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = f_{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{x}}$$

Assignment [due 09/22]



Assume that $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$ and a function ϕ of \mathbf{y} is defined as: $\phi(\mathbf{y}) = 3y_1^2 + \sin y_2$. In turn, \mathbf{y} depends on a variable $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ as follows:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ y_2(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + \log x_2 + \sqrt{x_3} \\ (x_1 - x_2)^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, since ϕ depends on **y** and **y** depends on **x**, it means that ϕ depends on **x**. Apply the chain rule of differentiation to find the partial derivative of ϕ with respect to **x**, that is,

$$\phi_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} \end{bmatrix} = ?$$
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Scenario 2: <u>Vector</u> Function



- **F** is a function of "n" variables: q₁, ..., q_n **F** : $\mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$
- However, each of these variables q_i in turn depends on a set of "k" other variables x₁, ..., x_k.

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1(x_1, \dots, x_k) \\ \cdots \\ q_n(x_1, \dots, x_k) \end{bmatrix} : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^n$$

• The composition of **F** and **q** leads to a new function $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F} \circ \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x})) : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^m$$

Chain Rule for a <u>Vector</u> Function

• How do you compute the partial derivative of Φ ?

$$\Phi: \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\Phi = \Phi(\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x})) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \Phi_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = ??$$

• Chain rule for vector functions:

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$



Example



Assume that
$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and a function \mathbf{f} of \mathbf{y} is defined as: $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2y_1 + y_2^2 \\ y_1y_2 \end{bmatrix}$.
In turn, \mathbf{y} depends on a variable $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ as follows:
 $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ y_1(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

 $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(\mathbf{y}) \\ y_2(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, since \mathbf{f} depends on \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{y} depends on \mathbf{x} , it means that \mathbf{f} depends on \mathbf{x} . Find the partial derivative of \mathbf{f} with respect to \mathbf{x} , that is,

$$\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

Scenario 3: Function of Two Vectors



• **F** is a vector function of 2 vector variables **q** and **p**:

$$\mathbf{F}:\mathbb{R}^n
ightarrow\mathbb{R}^m$$

• Both **q** and **p** in turn depend on a set of "k" other variables $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, ..., x_k]^T$: $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}(x_1, ..., x_k) : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}(x_1, \dots, x_k) : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$$

$$n = n_1 + n_2$$

• A new function $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$ is defined as:

$$\mathbf{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x})) : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^m$$

• Example: a force (which is a vector quantity), depends on the generalized positions and velocities

The Chain Rule



• How do you compute the partial derivative of Φ with respect to **x** ?

$$\Phi : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^m$$
$$\Phi = \Phi(\mathbf{x}) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \Phi_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = ??$$

• Chain rule for function of two vectors:

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \equiv \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}}.$$

Example:

Assume that $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, and $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Show that:

$$\frac{\partial (\mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{p})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{x}}$$

Scenario 4: Time Derivatives



- In the previous slides we talked about functions f of y, while y in turn depended on yet another variable x
- The most common scenario in ME451 is when the variable x is actually time, t
 - You have a function that depends on the generalized coordinates **q**, and in turn the generalized coordinates are functions of time (they change in time, since we are talking about kinematics/dynamics here...)
 - Case 1: scalar function that depends on an array of m generalized coordinates that in turn depend on time

$$\Phi = \Phi(\mathbf{q}(t)) \in \mathbb{R}$$

 Case 2: vector function (of dimension n) that depends on an array of m generalized coordinates that in turn depend on time

$$\mathbf{\Phi} = \mathbf{\Phi}(\mathbf{q}(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
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A Special Case: Time Derivatives (Cntd)

- We are interested in finding the time derivative of Φ and Φ
- Apply the chain rule, the scalar function Φ case first:

$$\dot{\Phi} = \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \frac{d\Phi(\mathbf{q}(t))}{dt} = \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\mathbf{q}} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{dt} = \Phi_{\mathbf{q}}\dot{\mathbf{q}} \in \mathbb{R}$$

• For the vector function case, applying the chain rule leads to the same formula, only the size of the result is different...

$$\dot{\mathbf{\Phi}} = \frac{d\mathbf{\Phi}}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{\Phi}(\mathbf{q}(t))}{dt} = \frac{\partial\mathbf{\Phi}}{\partial\mathbf{q}} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{dt} = \mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{q}}\dot{\mathbf{q}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$



Example, Scalar Function Φ

 Assume a set of generalized coordinates is defined through array **q**. Also, a scalar function Φ of **q** is provided:

$$\mathbf{q}(t) = \left[\begin{array}{c} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ \theta(t) \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{q}) = 3x(t) + 2L\sin\theta(t)$$

• Find time derivative of Φ

$$\dot{\Phi} = ?$$

Example, Vector Function Φ

- Assume a set of generalized coordinates is defined through array **q**. Also, a vector function Φ of **q** is provided:

$$\mathbf{q}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ \theta(t) \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{\Phi}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x(t) + 2L\sin\theta(t) \\ y(t) - 2L\cos\theta(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

• Find time derivative of Φ

$$\dot{\Phi} = ?$$

Useful Formulas

• A couple of useful formulas, some of them you had to derive as part of the HW

$$\frac{\partial (\mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{p})}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{q}}$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{q}} (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{C}$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{C}^T$$
$$\frac{d}{dt} (\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{C}\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{\dot{p}}^T \mathbf{C}\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{C}\mathbf{\dot{q}}$$

Assumptions:

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q})$$

 $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{q})$
 \mathbf{C} - constant matrix
 \mathbf{y} doesn't depend on \mathbf{x}

The dimensions of the vectors and matrix above such that all the operations listed can be carried out. 30



Example

- Derive the last equality on previous slide
- Can you expand that equation further?

 $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{\dot{p}}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{\dot{q}}$



Assumptions: $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{q})$ \mathbf{C} - constant matrix