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**Improved inverse kinematics and dynamics model research of general parallel mechanisms** 

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**Abstract** Since the classical kinematics model of parallel manipulators cannot accurately reflect the angular velocity and angular acceleration of the limbs, an improved kinematics model is proposed and an inverse dynamic model of the general parallel manipulator is derived based on the improved kinematics model. This paper proves that the shortcoming of the classical kinematics model is that a single model cannot accurately describe the movement of several types of branches in a parallel manipulator. Combined with the principle of angular velocity superposition and vector chain method, the improved kinematic models of the general parallel manipulator's several typical limbs are derived. Then, an explicit inverse dynamic model of a general parallel robot is established based on the principle of virtual work. Finally, to describe the effectiveness of the improved model, we analyzed a new type of UP+SPR+SPU parallel manipulator. The improved models had higher accuracy than the classical models through the comparison.

# **1. Introduction**

Compared with the serial manipulators, the multi-closed-loop structure of parallel manipulators (PMs) has a series of advantages, such as significant structural rigidity, strong carrying capacity, small error, high precision, and good dynamic performance [1, 2] and widely used in vehicle simulators [3], C.N.C. machining centers [4], high-speed picking and sorting [5], highprecision platforms [6]. To make the PMs achieve better results in engineering practice, scholars have carried out more in-depth research on type synthesis [7], kinematics [8], workspace [9], singularity [10], and dynamics [11, 12]. Among this dynamics research is the theoretical basis of dynamic performance evaluation [13], servo motor selection [14, 15], dynamic parameter identification and control [16]. Therefore, the PMs' kinematics and dynamics research is significant, but because of the P.M.s' closed-loop multi-rigid structure, its kinematics and dynamics analysis is very complicated.

At present, the dynamics, several approaches, including the Newton-Euler method, the Lagrange method, the principle of virtual work [14, 15, 17-19], have been commonly applied. Fichter et al. [20] ignored the inertia of limbs and analyzed the Gough-Stewart platform's dynamics. Tsai [21] and Wang et al. [18] introduced the virtual work principle to establish the PM's inverse dynamics model, and the form is relatively simple. Li et al. [22] used the virtual work principle to develop the inverse dynamic model of the 3-DoF (degree of freedom) module of the famous Tricept robot and the new hybrid robot TriVariant compared the dynamic characteristics of the two robots based on the inverse dynamic model. Wang et al. [13] studied the influence of placement directly on the dynamic performance of the 2-UPU+SP PM and compared the dynamic performance of the 2-UPU+SP PM with the traditional Tricept manipulator, where (P, R, U, S) represents the (prismatic, revolute, universal, spherical) joint. Rong et al. [14, 15] estab-

© The Korean Society of Mechanical Engineers and Springer-Verlag GmbH Germany, part of Springer Nature 2023 lished the dynamic model of the 2-UPS+UPU PM configuration of the wheel grinding manipulator using the Lagrange method and estimated its driving parameters. Briot et al. [23] studied the degradation conditions of the dynamic model of the parallel manipulator and analyzed the five-bar linkage as an example.

In the literature cited above [14, 15, 17-22], to obtain the limb's angular velocity expression after deriving the vector chain, it is believed that the limb is connected to the fixed platform by U joint or S joint. The limb's angular velocity is always perpendicular to the limb's axis, and the kinematics and dynamics models are established on this basis. (This article regards the kinematics models based on the assumption that the limb's angular velocity is always perpendicular to the limb's axis as a classic model.)

However, some scholars have gradually pointed out that although this classic model simplifies the derivation process and improves the calculation efficiency, it does not conform to reality and will reduce the model's accuracy. Li et al. [24] proposed an inverse dynamics model considering the rotation of the limbs and analyzed the influence of ignoring the rotation of the outriggers around its rotation axis on the inverse kinematics solution through an example. He et al. [25] considered the rotation degree of freedom of the support rod around its axis. They improved Stewart platform's original classical dynamics model based on the Newton-Euler method. To accurately solve the manipulator's kinematics and dynamics model, Pedrammehr et al. [26] introduced the universal joint's kinematics model, considered the degree of freedom of the axial limb, and established the kinematics and dynamics of the manipulator. Lu et al. [27] used a diagonal symmetric matrix to construct the parallel manipulator motion rod's general acceleration model and Hessian matrix. Yu et al. [28] proposed a new Stewart mechanism 6-RRRPRR and established the angular velocity model of limb by numerical method.

Although previous studies tried to use different methods to establish improved models [24-28], they have mostly focused on the UPS-type limb, ignoring other types of limbs, for example, the limb linked to the base platform as a spherical joint. Therefore, it is necessary to discuss the kinematics of more types of limbs.

Based on the above reasons, we deduced the improved limb angular velocity and angular acceleration model according to the actual situation for the three main types of limbs. Taking the UP+SPR+SPU PM as the research object, the improved model was compared with the classic model, and the quality and advantages of the improved model were verified simultaneously. The research in this article aimed to make up for the shortcomings of the classical model and lay a foundation for more complex parallel manipulators' theoretical modeling.

# **2. Analysis of the classical kinematics model**  *2.1 General parallel manipulators description*

In this paper, we only consider the parallel manipulators con-



Fig. 1. A general PM with *n* limbs.

sisting of a moving platform (*m*), a base platform (*B*), and *n* limbs  $l_i$  ( $i = 1, ..., n \le 6$ ) (Fig. 1) for connecting *m* and *B*, each of  $l_i$  is connected with  $m$  at point  $b_i$  with  $B$  at point  $a_i$ . Let  $\{B\}$  be a coordinate frame {*o-xyz*} attached on *B* at its center *o*, {*m*} be a coordinate frame {*o'-x'y'z'*} attached on m at its center *o'*, *ei* be the vector from  $o'$  to  $b_i$ ,  ${}^B_R R$  be a transform matrix from  $\{m\}$  to {*B*}. Let *v, a* be velocity and acceleration vectors of the point *o'*. Let *ω, ɛ* be angular velocity and angular acceleration of acceleration vectors of {*m*} relative to {*B*}.

#### *2.2 Kinematics model of limb based on principle of angular velocity superposition*

As shown in Figs. 2(a) and (b), the limbs *li* of PM are connected to the base platform (*B*) through a revolute joint *Ri*1. Let ⊥ be a perpendicular constraint, || be a parallel constraint, and | be a collinear constraint, in Fig. 2(a), the geometrical constraints *l*⊥*R*<sub>*i*1</sub>, *R*<sub>*i*1</sub>||*y* are satisfied. In Fig. 2(b), the geometrical constraints *l*⊥*Ri*1, *Ri*1⊥*y* are satisfied. The angular velocity of the limb is derived as follows:

$$
{}^{R}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i}=\dot{\theta}_{i1}\boldsymbol{R}_{i1}
$$
 (1)

where  ${}^R\omega_i$  is the angular velocity of the limb when the connecting joint is an R joint,  $\dot{\theta}_n$  is the rotational angular velocity of  $R_{i1}$ , and  $R_{i1}$  is the unit vector of the direction vector of  $R_{i1}$ . The coordinate axis of  ${}^R\omega_i$  is the axis of  $R_{i1}$  joint, and the unit vector of its axis is  ${}^R w_i$ ,  ${}^R w_i = \mathbf{R}_{i1}$ . Differentiating both sides of Eq. (1) concerning time leads to

$$
{}^{R}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i} = \ddot{\theta}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1}, \dot{\boldsymbol{R}}_{i1} = 0
$$
\n(2)

where,  ${}^{R}$  $\varepsilon_i$  is the limb's angular acceleration velocity when the connecting joint is an R joint.

As shown in Figs. 3(a) and (b), the PM's limbs are connected



Fig. 2. Installation diagram of the revolute joint: (a)  $R_{\text{A}}||y$ ; (b)  $R_{\text{A}} \perp y$ .

to the *B* through U joint. U joint includes two intercrossed R joints,  $R_{i1}$  and  $R_{i2}$ .  $R_{i1}$  and  $R_{i2}$  are fixed on B and limb  $l_i$ , respectively. In Fig. 2(a),  $l_i \perp R_{i2}$ ,  $R_{i2} \perp R_{i1}$ ,  $R_{i1}$ ||*y* are satisfied, in Fig. 2(b),  $l_i \perp R_i$ ,  $R_i \perp R_i$ ,  $R_i \perp y$  are satisfied. The angular velocity of the limb can be expressed as:

$$
U_{\boldsymbol{O}_i} = \dot{\theta}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} + \dot{\theta}_{i2} \boldsymbol{R}_{i2}, \quad {}^{i} \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} = \frac{\boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{w}_{i}}{\|\boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{w}_{i}\|}
$$
(3)

where  $^U\omega_i$  is the angular velocity of the limb when the connecting joint is a U joint,  $w_i$  is the unit vector of the limb  $l_i$ ,  $\dot{\theta}_{ij}$  is the rotational angular velocity of  $R_{ij}$ , and  $R_{ij}$  is the unit vector the direction vector of  $R_{ij}$ . The coordinate axis of  $U_{\omega_i}$  is obtained by the combination of the  $R_{i1}$ ,  $R_{i2}$  joint, and the unit vector of the coordinate axis is  ${}^{U}\mathbf{w}_i$ ,  ${}^{U}\mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{R}_{i1} + \mathbf{R}_{i2}$ . Differentiating both sides of Eq. (3) concerning time leads to

$$
{}^{U}\mathbf{E}_{i} = \ddot{\theta}_{i1} \mathbf{R}_{i1} + \ddot{\theta}_{i2} \mathbf{R}_{i2} + \dot{\theta}_{i2} \dot{\mathbf{R}}_{i2}, \dot{\mathbf{R}}_{i1} = 0
$$
\n(4)

where  ${}^{U}\varepsilon_i$  is the angular acceleration velocity of the limb when the connecting joint is a U joint,  $\dot{\mathbf{R}}_{i2} = {}^{U}\boldsymbol{\omega}_i \times \mathbf{R}_{i2} = \dot{\theta}_{i1} \mathbf{R}_{i1} \times \mathbf{R}_{i2}$ , the angular acceleration velocity  ${}^{U}$  $\varepsilon$ <sub>i</sub> as follows:

$$
{}^{U}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i} = \left[\ddot{\theta}_{i1} \ \ddot{\theta}_{i2}\right] \left[\begin{matrix} \boldsymbol{R}_{1} \\ \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \end{matrix}\right] + \left[\begin{matrix} \dot{\theta}_{i1} \ \dot{\theta}_{i2} \end{matrix}\right] \left[\begin{matrix} \boldsymbol{0}_{1} \\ \dot{\theta}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \end{matrix}\right].
$$
 (5)

Considering that the S joint can be equivalent to three R joints, let  $R_{i1}$  be connected to  $B_i$ ,  $R_{i3}$  connected to the limb,  $R_{i1}$ and  $R_i$ <sub>3</sub> connected through  $R_i$ <sub>2</sub>,  $R_{i1} \perp R_{i2}$ ,  $R_{i2} \perp R_{i3}$ ,  $R_{i3}$ <sub>l</sub> $l_i$ , the angular velocity of the limb can be expressed as follows:

$$
{}^{S}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} = \dot{\theta}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} + \dot{\theta}_{i2} \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} + \dot{\theta}_{i3} \boldsymbol{R}_{i3}, \, \boldsymbol{R}_{i3} = \boldsymbol{w}_{i}
$$
(6)

where *<sup>S</sup> ωi* is the angular velocity of the limb when the connecting joint is an S joint, the coordinate axis of *<sup>S</sup> ωi* is obtained by the combination of the  $R_{i1}$ ,  $R_{i2}$  and  $R_{i3}$  joint, and the unit vector

of the coordinate axis is  ${}^S\mathbf{w}_i$ ,  ${}^S\mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{R}_{i1} + \mathbf{R}_{i2} + \mathbf{R}_{i3}$ . According to  $\dot{w}_i = (\dot{\theta}_{i1} R_{i1} + \dot{\theta}_{i2} R_{i2}) \times R_{i3}$ , the angular acceleration velocity  ${}^s\!\epsilon_i$  is as follows:

$$
{}^{s}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\theta}_{i1} & \ddot{\theta}_{i2} & \ddot{\theta}_{i3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{R}_{11} \\ \boldsymbol{R}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{R}_{13} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{11} \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_{12} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} + \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{i2} \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \end{bmatrix}.
$$
 (7)

#### *2.3 Limitations of the classical kinematics model of the limb*

Suppose  $\boldsymbol{\rho} = [\rho_x \rho_y \rho_z]^T$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\chi} = [\chi_x \chi_y \chi_z]^T$  are two arbitrary vectors and a skew-symmetric matrix

$$
\hat{\rho} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\rho_z & \rho_y \\ \rho_z & 0 & -\rho_x \\ -\rho_y & \rho_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \rho \times \chi = \hat{\rho}\chi . \tag{8}
$$

In the general PM shown in Fig. 1, the velocity of point *bi* can be expressed as

$$
\mathbf{v}_i = \dot{l}_i \mathbf{w}_i + l_i \mathbf{\omega}_i \times \mathbf{w}_i \tag{9}
$$

Cross-multiplying both sides of Eq. (9) by  $w_i$  leads to

$$
\boldsymbol{w}_i \times \boldsymbol{v}_i = l_i \big( \boldsymbol{\omega}_i - \big( \boldsymbol{\omega}_i^T \boldsymbol{w}_i \big) \boldsymbol{w}_i \big) . \tag{10}
$$

The classical model considered that U or S joint could not rotate about its longitudinal axis such that  $\boldsymbol{\omega}^T \boldsymbol{w} = 0$ . Let *v* be the translational velocity of point *o'*, *ω* be angular velocity of {*m*} relative to {*B*}, the angular velocity of the limb can be expressed as

$$
^{\ast}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} = \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{i}\boldsymbol{\nu}_{i}}{l_{i}} = \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{i}}{l_{i}}\left[\boldsymbol{E}_{3} - \hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_{i}\right]\left[\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\nu} \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix}\right] = ^{\ast}\boldsymbol{J}_{\omega}\boldsymbol{V}, \boldsymbol{E}_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
$$
(11)

where  $^*$ <sub>*ω<sub>i</sub>*</sub> is the angular velocity of the classical model; differentiating both sides of Eq. (11) to time leads to

∗

$$
\begin{aligned}\n^* \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i &= \,^* \boldsymbol{J}_{\alpha i} \boldsymbol{V} + \,^* \boldsymbol{J}_{\alpha i} \boldsymbol{V} \\
\boldsymbol{J}_{\alpha i} &= -\frac{\dot{l}_i}{l_i^2} \big[ \hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i \hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_i \big] + \\
&\frac{1}{l_i} \big[ \big( \widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}_i} \times \boldsymbol{w}_i \big) - \big( \widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}_i} \times \boldsymbol{w}_i \big) \hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i \big( \widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \boldsymbol{e}_i \big) \big] \\
\boldsymbol{l}_i &= \boldsymbol{J}_{m i} \boldsymbol{V}, \boldsymbol{J}_{m i} = \big[ \boldsymbol{w}_i^{\mathrm{T}} \big( \boldsymbol{e}_i \times \boldsymbol{w}_i \big)^{\mathrm{T}} \big].\n\end{aligned}\n\tag{12}
$$



Fig. 3. Installation diagram of the universal joint: (a) *Ri*1||*y*; (b) *Ri*1⊥*y*.

Eqs. (11) and (12) together constitute the classical kinematics model. According to Eqs. (10)-(12), the prerequisite for the establishment of the classical model is that  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_i^T \boldsymbol{w}_i = 0$ . It can be seen from Fig. 3 that the U joint consists of  $R_{i1}$  and  $R_{i2}$ ,  $R_{i2} \perp l_i$ ,  $R_{i2} \cdot w_i = 0$ , so there will be

$$
{}^{U}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i}\cdot\boldsymbol{w}_{i}=\left(\dot{\theta}_{i1}\boldsymbol{R}_{i1}+\dot{\theta}_{i2}\boldsymbol{R}_{i2}\right)\cdot\boldsymbol{w}_{i}=\dot{\theta}_{i1}\boldsymbol{R}_{i1}\cdot\boldsymbol{w}_{i}.
$$
\n(13)

According to Eq. (13),  $U \omega_i^T w_i \neq 0$ , so the classical model cannot be applied to the limb in Fig. 3. Similarly, from Eq. (6), there will be  ${}^s\boldsymbol{\omega}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{w}_i = \dot{\theta}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \cdot \boldsymbol{w}_i + \dot{\theta}_{i3} \boldsymbol{R}_{i3} \cdot \boldsymbol{w}_i$ , the limb connected to the based platform through S joint, the kinematics of the limb cannot be represented by the classical model. In addition, the Refs. [24-27] also discusses the limitations of the classic model from other perspectives, which will not be described in this article.

#### **3. Analysis of the improved kinematics model**

Although the angular velocity and angular acceleration models of different types of joints are derived based on the principle of angular velocity superposition in Sec. 2.2, the rotational angular velocity is difficult to obtain directly, so this section will further derive the formula in Sec. 2.3.

# *3.1 Improved kinematics model of R ω and R ɛ*

According to the above description in Sec. 2 , there can be

$$
{}^{R}\omega_{i} = {}^{*}\omega_{i}, {}^{R}\varepsilon_{i} = {}^{*}\varepsilon_{i} \,.
$$

# *3.2 Improved kinematics model of U ω and U ɛ*

Cross multiplying both sides of Eq. (3) by *Ri*1, *Ri*2 leads to

$$
\boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times {}^{U} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} = \dot{\theta}_{i2} \left( \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \right) \tag{15}
$$

$$
\boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \times {}^{U} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} = \dot{\theta}_{i1} \left( \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \right). \tag{16}
$$

Dot multiplying both sides of Eq. (9) by  $R_{i1}$  and  $R_{i2}$ , respec-

tively, leads to

$$
\mathbf{R}_{i1}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{v}_{i} = \mathbf{R}_{i1} \cdot \dot{l}_{i}\mathbf{w}_{i} + l_{i}\mathbf{R}_{i1} \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c} U\mathbf{\omega}_{i} \times \mathbf{w}_{i} \end{array}\right) =
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{R}_{i1}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{w}_{i}\mathbf{w}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}\left(\mathbf{v} - \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{i}\mathbf{\omega}\right) + l_{i}\mathbf{w}_{i} \cdot \left(\mathbf{R}_{i1} \times \begin{array}{c} U\mathbf{\omega}_{i} \end{array}\right)
$$
\n(17)

$$
\mathbf{R}_{i2}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{v}_{i} = \mathbf{R}_{i2} \cdot \mathbf{w}_{i} \left( \mathbf{w}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{i} \right) + l_{i} \mathbf{R}_{i2} \cdot \left( {}^{U} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} \times \mathbf{w}_{i} \right) =
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{R}_{i2}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{w}_{i}\mathbf{w}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}} \left( \mathbf{v} - \hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_{i} \boldsymbol{\omega} \right) + l_{i} \mathbf{w}_{i} \cdot \left( \mathbf{R}_{i2} \times {}^{U} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} \right).
$$
\n(18)

Substituting Eqs. (13) and (14) into Eqs. (15) and (16), respectively, leads to

$$
\dot{\theta}_{i1} = \frac{\left(\boldsymbol{R}_{i2}^{\mathrm{T}}\hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{i}^{2}\right)\left(\boldsymbol{\nu}-\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_{i}\boldsymbol{\omega}\right)}{l_{i}\boldsymbol{\nu}_{i}\cdot\left(\left(\boldsymbol{R}_{i1}\times\boldsymbol{R}_{i2}\right)\right)}, \dot{\theta}_{i2} = \frac{-\left(\boldsymbol{R}_{i1}^{\mathrm{T}}\hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{i}^{2}\right)\left(\boldsymbol{\nu}-\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_{i}\boldsymbol{\omega}\right)}{l_{i}\boldsymbol{\nu}_{i}\cdot\left(\left(\boldsymbol{R}_{i1}\times\boldsymbol{R}_{i2}\right)\right)}.
$$
(19)

Substituting Eq. (19) into Eq. (3),  $U_{\omega_i}$  is derived as follows:

$$
{}^{U}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} = \dot{\theta}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} + \dot{\theta}_{i2} \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} = {}^{U} \boldsymbol{J}_{\alpha i} \boldsymbol{V}
$$
  
\n
$$
{}^{U} \boldsymbol{J}_{\alpha i} = \left[ \frac{\left( \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i2}^{T} - \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1}^{T} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{i}^{2}}{\left( \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \right) \cdot l_{i} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{i}} - \frac{\left( \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i2}^{T} - \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1}^{T} \right) \hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{i}^{2} \hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_{i}}{\left( \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \right) \cdot l_{i} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{i}} \right].
$$
 (20)

Differentiating both sides of Eq. (20) to time leads to

$$
U_{\mathcal{E}_{i}} = U \mathbf{J}_{\alpha} V + U \mathbf{J}_{\alpha} \dot{V} . \tag{21}
$$

Eqs. (20) and (21) are the improved  $^U\omega_i$  and  $^U\varepsilon_i$  models of a limb when the point  $b_i$  is a U joint. Eq. (6) represents the situation where the third R joint of the three R joints equivalent to the S joint at point ai is collinear with the limb, and a more detailed analysis is needed to obtain a general model.

#### *3.3 Improved kinematics model of SPR-type or SR-type limb*

If point  $a_i$  in Fig. 1 is the S joint, and point  $b_i$  is an R joint, then the angular velocity of SPR-type or SR-type limb can be represented as:

$$
SPR \& SR \boldsymbol{\omega}_i = \boldsymbol{\omega} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \,. \tag{22}
$$

Dot multiplying both sides of Eq. (22) by  $w_i$  leads to below

$$
SPRASR \omega_i = \frac{SPRASR}{I_{\alpha i}} V
$$
  
\n
$$
SPRASR \omega_i = \frac{1}{I_i} \left[ \hat{w}_i - \hat{w}_i \hat{e}_i + l_i w_i w_i^T \right].
$$
\n(23)

Differentiating both sides of Eq. (23) for time leads to

*SPR SR SPR SR* && & *SPR SR ii i* = + <sup>ω</sup> <sup>ω</sup> <sup>ε</sup> *J V JV* (24)

where  $SPR\&SPR$ *i* is the angular acceleration velocity of SPR-type or SR-type limb.

#### *3.4 Improved kinematics model of SPU-type or SU-type limb*

If point *ai* in Fig. 1 is the S joint, and point *bi* is the U joint, the U joint at  $b_i$  includes two intercrossed R joints  $R_{i1}$  and  $R_{i2}$ ,  $R_{i1}$ and  $R_{i2}$  base m and limb  $I_i$ , respectively. Then, the angular velocity of SPU-type or SU-type limb can be represented as:

$$
^{SPU\&SU} \omega_i = \omega - \dot{\theta}_{i1} R_{i1} - \dot{\theta}_{i2} R_{i2} \,. \tag{25}
$$

Cross multiplying both sides of Eq. (25) by *Ri*1, *Ri*2 leads to

$$
\boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \mathbf{S}^{PUXASU} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} = \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} - \dot{\theta}_{i2} \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i2}
$$
 (26)

$$
\boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \times \mathbf{S}^{PUASU} \boldsymbol{\omega}_i = \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} - \dot{\theta}_{i1} \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \,. \tag{27}
$$

Dot multiplying both sides of Eq. (9) by *Ri*1 and *Ri*2, respectively, leads to

$$
\mathbf{R}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{v}_{i} = \mathbf{R}_{i1} \cdot \dot{l}_{i}\mathbf{w}_{i} + l_{i}\mathbf{R}_{i1} \cdot (\frac{\text{SPUASU}}{\omega_{i}}\omega_{i} \times \mathbf{w}_{i}) = \n\mathbf{R}_{i1}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{w}_{i}\mathbf{w}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}\left(\mathbf{v} - \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{i}\omega\right) + l_{i}\mathbf{w}_{i} \cdot \left(\mathbf{R}_{i1} \times \omega - \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{i2}\mathbf{R}_{i1} \times \mathbf{R}_{i2}\right)
$$
\n(28)

$$
\begin{aligned}\n\mathbf{R}_{i2}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{v}_{i} &= \mathbf{R}_{i2} \cdot \dot{l}_{i} \mathbf{w}_{i} + l_{i} \mathbf{R}_{i2} \cdot \left( \frac{\text{SPUASU}}{\text{VUASU}} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} \times \boldsymbol{w}_{i} \right) = \\
\mathbf{R}_{i2}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{w}_{i} \mathbf{w}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}} \left( \mathbf{v} - \hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_{i} \boldsymbol{\omega} \right) + l_{i} \mathbf{w}_{i} \cdot \left( \mathbf{R}_{i2} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{i1} \mathbf{R}_{i2} \times \mathbf{R}_{i1} \right).\n\end{aligned} \tag{29}
$$

Substituting Eqs. (28) and (29) into Eqs. (26) and (27), respectively, it leads to

$$
\dot{\theta}_{i1} = \frac{\boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \cdot (l_i \hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_i \boldsymbol{\omega}) - (\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_i^2 \boldsymbol{v} - \hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_i^2 \hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_i \boldsymbol{\omega}) \cdot \boldsymbol{R}_{i2}}{(\boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i2}) \cdot l_i \boldsymbol{w}_i}
$$
\n
$$
\dot{\theta}_{i2} = \frac{-\boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \cdot (l_i \hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_i \boldsymbol{\omega}) + (\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_i^2 \boldsymbol{v} - \hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_i^2 \hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_i \boldsymbol{\omega}) \cdot \boldsymbol{R}_{i1}}{(\boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i2}) \cdot l_i \boldsymbol{w}_i}.
$$
\n(30)

From Eq. (30), the combined rotational angular velocity of *Ri*<sup>2</sup> and  $R_{iI}$ ,  $S^{PUGSU}$   $\omega_i$  is derived as follows:

$$
S^{PU\&SU} \omega_i = \omega - \dot{\theta}_{i1} R_{i1} - \dot{\theta}_{i2} R_{i2} = S^{PU\&SU} J_{\alpha i} V
$$
  
\n
$$
S^{PU\&SU} J_{\alpha i} = \begin{bmatrix} \left( R_{i1} R_{i2}^T - R_{i2} R_{i1}^T \right) \hat{w}_i^2 \\ \left( R_{i1} \times R_{i2} \right) \cdot l_i w_i \\ - \left( R_{i1} R_{i2}^T - R_{i2} R_{i1}^T \right) \left( l_i \hat{w}_i + \hat{w}_i^2 \hat{e}_i \right) \\ \left( R_{i1} \times R_{i2} \right) \cdot l_i w_i \end{bmatrix} . \tag{31}
$$

Differentiating both sides of Eq. (31) to time leads to

$$
S^{PU\&SU} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i} = \frac{S^{PU\&SU}}{J_{\alpha i}} \boldsymbol{V} + \frac{S^{PU\&SU}}{J_{\alpha i}} \boldsymbol{V}
$$
\n(32)

where  $S^{PUGSU}$ <sub> $\varepsilon_i$ </sub> is the angular acceleration velocity of SPR-type or SR-type limb.

Let  $\omega_i$ ,  $\varepsilon_i$ ,  $J_{\omega}$ ,  $\dot{J}_{\omega}$  be the set of angular velocities, angular accelerations, matrices, and differential matrices under different types of limbs in Sec. 3, which can be represented as

$$
\omega_{i} = J_{\omega}V, \varepsilon_{i} = J_{\omega}V + J_{\omega}V,
$$
\n
$$
\omega_{i} = \left\{ {}^{*}\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i}, {}^{R}\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i}, {}^{U}\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i}, {}^{SPRSS}\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i}, {}^{SPU\&SU}\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i} \right\},
$$
\n
$$
\varepsilon_{i} = \left\{ {}^{*}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}, {}^{R}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}, {}^{U}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}, {}^{SPRSS}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}, {}^{SPU\&SU}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i} \right\},
$$
\n
$$
J_{\omega i} = \left\{ {}^{*}J_{\omega i}, {}^{R}J_{\omega i}, {}^{U}J_{\omega i}, {}^{SPRSS}\boldsymbol{I}_{\omega i}, {}^{SPU\&SU}J_{\omega i} \right\},
$$
\n
$$
J_{\omega i} = \left\{ {}^{*}J_{\omega i}, {}^{R}J_{\omega i}, {}^{U}J_{\omega i}, {}^{SPRESR}J_{\omega i}, {}^{SPU\&SU}J_{\omega i} \right\}.
$$
\n(33)

The improved model is more in line with the kinematics of the limb than the classical model; compared with previous studies that mostly considered UPS-type limb, this paper improves the kinematics of multiple types of limbs. Compared with the approximate solution obtained by the numerical iterative method used in the Ref. [28], the model derived in this paper is an analytical solution directly expressed by mathematical expressions.

#### **4. Inverse dynamics model of general parallel manipulators**

Aiming at the limitations of classical kinematics, the third chapter establishes an improved kinematics model. To further discuss the influence of the improved kinematics model on dynamics, a general inverse dynamics model needs to be established.

If each limb of the general PM shown in Fig. 1 is linearly driven, each limb *li* is composed of a piston rod and a cylinder. The piston rod of  $l_i$  is connected with  $m$  at  $b_i$ , the cylinder of  $l_i$  is connected with *B* at  $a_i$ , respectively. Let  $p_i$  be the mass center of the piston rod in  $l_i$ ,  $l_{ni}$  be the distance from  $b_i$  to  $p_i$ ;  $c_i$  be the mass center of the cylinder in  $l_i$  and  $l_{ci}$  be the distance from  $a_i$ to  $c_i$ .

Let  $v_{ci}$ ,  $v_{pi}$ ,  $\omega_{ci}$ ,  $\omega_{pi}$ ,  $a_{ci}$ ,  $a_{pi}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{ci}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{pi}$  be the translational velocity, angular velocity, the translational acceleration, the angular acceleration. The translational velocity  $v_{ci}$  and  $v_{pi}$  in {B} are expressed as follows:

$$
\mathbf{v}_{ci} = \mathbf{J}_{ci} \mathbf{V}, \quad \mathbf{\omega}_{ci} = \mathbf{\omega}_{i}, \quad \mathbf{J}_{ci} = -l_{ci} \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{i} \mathbf{J}_{ai},
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{v}_{pi} = \mathbf{J}_{pi} \mathbf{V}, \quad \mathbf{J}_{pi} = -\left(l_{i} - l_{pi}\right) \hat{\mathbf{w}}_{i} \mathbf{J}_{ai} + \mathbf{w}_{i} \mathbf{J}_{mi},
$$
\n
$$
V_{ci} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{ci} \\ \mathbf{\omega}_{i} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{J}_{ci} \mathbf{V}, \quad \mathbf{J}_{ci} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_{ci} \\ \mathbf{J}_{ai} \end{bmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
V_{pi} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{pi} \\ \mathbf{\omega}_{i} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{J}_{pi} \mathbf{V}, \quad \mathbf{J}_{pi} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_{pi} \\ \mathbf{J}_{ai} \end{bmatrix}
$$
\n(34)

where *ω<sup>i</sup>* , and *Jω<sup>i</sup>* , in Eq. (34) are the set defined in the previous section. If the type of joint in the limb X.P.X. is determined, the corresponding subset in the set can be determined to achieve the role of a universal model; differentiating Eq. (34) to time leads to

$$
\begin{aligned}\na_{ci} &= \dot{J}_{ci} V + J_{ci} \dot{V}, \ \dot{J}_{ci} = -l_{ci} \left( \dot{\hat{w}}_i J_{oi} + \hat{w}_i J_{oi} \right) \\
a_{pi} &= \dot{J}_{pi} V_o + J_{pi} \dot{V}_o\n\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\boldsymbol{j}_{pi} = \begin{pmatrix} -(\boldsymbol{J}_{mi}V)\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i}\boldsymbol{J}_{oi} - (l_{i} - l_{pi})(\boldsymbol{\widehat{\omega_{i}}}\times\boldsymbol{w}_{i})\boldsymbol{J}_{oi} - \\ (l_{i} - l_{pi})\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i}\boldsymbol{J}_{oi} + (\boldsymbol{\omega_{i}}\times\boldsymbol{w}_{i})\boldsymbol{J}_{mi} + \boldsymbol{w}_{i}\boldsymbol{J}_{mi} \end{pmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
\boldsymbol{j}_{mi} = \begin{bmatrix} (\boldsymbol{\omega_{i}}\times\boldsymbol{w_{i}})^{\text{T}} & ((\boldsymbol{\omega_{i}}\times\boldsymbol{e_{i}})\times\boldsymbol{w}_{i} + \boldsymbol{e}_{i}\times(\boldsymbol{\omega_{i}}\times\boldsymbol{w}_{i}))^{\text{T}} \end{bmatrix}.
$$
\n(35)

Let  $m_{\alpha}$ ,  $G_{\alpha}$ ,  $f_{\alpha}$ ,  $n_{\alpha}$ , and  $I_{\alpha}$  be the mass, the gravity, inertia force, inertia torque, and the inertia matrix of the moving platform  $m$ . Let  $m_{ci}$ ,  $G_{ci}$ ,  $f_{ci}$ ,  $n_{ci}$ , and  $I_{ci}$  be the mass, the gravity, inertia force, inertia torque, and the inertia matrix of the cylinder of the limb li, respectively. Let  $m_{pi}$ ,  $G_p$ ,  $f_{pi}$ ,  $n_{pi}$ , and  $I_{pi}$  be the mass, gravity, inertia force, inertia torque, and the piston's inertia matrix rod of the limb *l<sub>i</sub>*, respectively. Let  $R_{il}$  denote the revolute joint fixedly connected with the limb; if the connecting joint is an R joint,  $R_{il} = R_{il}$ , if the connecting joint is a U or S joint,  $R_{il}$  $=R_{i2}$ . Let  $R_{i1}$  is the unit vector of  $R_{i1}$ . The gravity, inertia force, torque, and inertia matrix can be derived as follows:

$$
G_{o} = m_{o}g, f_{o} = -m_{o}a, n_{o} = -\tilde{I}_{o}\varepsilon - \omega \times [\tilde{I}_{o}\omega]
$$
  
\n
$$
G_{ci} = m_{ci}g, f_{ci} = -m_{ci}a_{ci}, n_{ci} = -\tilde{I}_{ci}\varepsilon_{ci} - \omega_{ci} \times [\tilde{I}_{ci}\omega_{ci}]
$$
  
\n
$$
G_{pi} = m_{pi}g, f_{pi} = -m_{pi}a_{pi}, n_{pi} = -\tilde{I}_{pi}\varepsilon_{pi} - \omega_{pi} \times [\tilde{I}_{pi}\omega_{pi}]
$$
 (36)  
\n
$$
R_{i} = [R_{ii} \quad w_{i} \times R_{ii} \quad w_{i}], \tilde{I}_{o} = (\frac{B}{m}R)I_{o} (\frac{B}{m}R)^{T}
$$
  
\n
$$
\tilde{I}_{ci} = (R_{i})I_{ci} (R_{i})^{T}, \tilde{I}_{pi} = (R_{i})I_{pi} (R_{i})^{T}
$$

where *R<sup>i</sup>* denotes the rotational matrix of {*i*} relative to {*B*}. {*i*} is a coordinate frame with  $\boldsymbol{R}_{il}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{w}_i \times \boldsymbol{R}_{il}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{w}_i$  are the diction vectors corresponding to their three orthogonal coordinate axes, which are used to express the inertia matrices.

Let *F* and *T* be the force and torque applied on *m* at *o'*. Let *Fq* be the general dynamic input forces. From the principle of virtual work, it leads to

$$
F_{q}^{\mathrm{T}}J_{mi}\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} F^{\mathrm{T}} + f_{o}^{\mathrm{T}} + G_{o}^{\mathrm{T}} & T^{\mathrm{T}} + \mathbf{n}_{o}^{\mathrm{T}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{n_{\mathrm{c}}^{\mathrm{T}}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{\mathrm{c}} \leq n_{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{s}}} \begin{bmatrix} F_{ci}^{\mathrm{T}} + G_{ci}^{\mathrm{T}} & \mathbf{n}_{ci}^{\mathrm{T}} \end{bmatrix} J_{ci} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} = 0.
$$
 (37)

If  $2 \le n \le 6$ , the PM is shown in Fig. 1 is a limited degrees of freedom PM, and Eq. (37) needs to introduce velocity decoupling matrix  $J_{B}$  in the form of  $6 \times n$ , a formula for solving the inverse dynamic input forces is derived as below:

$$
F_{q} = -(\boldsymbol{J}_{D}^{-1})^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{J}_{B}^{\mathrm{T}} \left[ \begin{matrix} \boldsymbol{F} + \boldsymbol{f}_{o} + \boldsymbol{G}_{o} \\ \boldsymbol{T} + \boldsymbol{n}_{o} \end{matrix} \right] - (\boldsymbol{J}_{D}^{-1})^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{J}_{B}^{\mathrm{T}} \sum_{i=1}^{n(25n56)} \left( \begin{matrix} \boldsymbol{J}_{ci}^{-1} \boldsymbol{f}_{ci} + \boldsymbol{G}_{ci} \\ \boldsymbol{n}_{ci} \\ \boldsymbol{J}_{Pi}^{\mathrm{T}} \left[ \begin{matrix} \boldsymbol{f}_{pi} + \boldsymbol{G}_{pi} \\ \boldsymbol{n}_{pi} \end{matrix} \right] + \right) \\ \boldsymbol{J}_{D} = \boldsymbol{J}_{im} \boldsymbol{J}_{B}. \tag{38}
$$

Substituting Eqs. (33) and (35) into Eq. (38) leads to

$$
F_{q} = D\dot{V} + HV + G + E \tag{39}
$$

According to the description of the physical meanings of the dynamic model in the Ref. [29], *D* is the inertia matrix, *HV* involves the Coriolis and viscous damping forces. *G* is the driving force required to compensate for the gravity factor of the manipulator, and *E* is the driving force needed to compensate for the load of the MP, the complete formula of Eq. (39) is in the Appendix.

## **5. Example**

## *5.1 Parallel manipulators description and position analysis*

In this section, UP+SPR+SPU PM (see Fig. 4) is selected as the research object to compare the classic model and the improved model, this manipulator consists of a base platform *B*, a moving platform  $m$ , and a UP-type limb  $l_1$ , an SPR-type limb  $l_2$ , and an SPU-type limb  $l_3$  so that a UP+SPR +SPU PM can verify the kinematic models of three typical limbs. The *B*, *m* of UP+SPR+ SPU PM are isosceles right-angled triangles with three vertices  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ). UP-type limb connects  $B$ with *m* by a universal joint U at  $a<sub>l</sub>$ , an active limb  $l<sub>1</sub>$  with prismatic joint P along it and the other end of the P joint is fixed to *m*. SPR-type limb connects *B* with *m* by a spherical joint at  $a_2$ , an active limb  $l_2$  with prismatic joint P along it and one revolute joint at  $b_2$ . SPU-type limb connects B with  $m$  by a spherical joint at  $a_3$ , an active limb  $l_3$  with prismatic joint P along it and one universal joint at  $b_3$ .



Fig. 4. Sketch of the UP+SPR+SPU PM.

Let  ${B}$  be a coordinate  $a_1$ -*XYZ* with  $a_1$  as its origin fixed on *B* at  $a_1$ .  $\{m\}$  be a coordinate  $b_1$ -*xyz* with  $b_1$  as its origin fixed on m at *b*<sub>1</sub>. The geometric constraints  $\{X|a_1a_2, Y|a_1a_3, Z \perp B, x|b_1b_2,$ *y* | *b*1*b*3, *z*⊥*m*, R11 |*X*, R 12 ⊥R11, *l*1 ⊥R 12, *l*1 ⊥*m*, R21 || *y*, R21 ⊥*l*2,  $R_{31} | y, R_{31} \perp R_{32}, R_{32} \perp l_3$  are satisfied. Let  ${}^B_m \mathbf{R}$  denote the rotational matrix of relative {*m*} to {*B*}, *α* and *β* are two Euler angles about corresponding axes,  $s_{\theta} = \sin \theta$ ,  $c_{\theta} = \cos \theta$ ,  $t_{\theta} = \tan \theta$ ,  $sec_\theta$  = secant $\theta$ , it leads to

$$
{}_{m}^{B}R = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\beta} & 0 & s_{\beta} \\ s_{\alpha}s_{\beta} & c_{\alpha} & -s_{\alpha}c_{\beta} \\ -c_{\alpha}s_{\beta} & s_{\alpha} & c_{\alpha}c_{\beta} \end{bmatrix}.
$$
 (40)

The points  $a_i$  (i = 1, 2, 3) in  $\{B\}$  can be expressed as follows:

$$
\boldsymbol{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\mathrm{T}, \ \boldsymbol{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} E_2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\mathrm{T}, \ \boldsymbol{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\mathrm{T} . \tag{41}
$$

The points  $b_i$  (i = 1, 2, 3) in  $\{B\}$  can be expressed as follows:

$$
{}^{m}\boldsymbol{b}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T}, {}^{m}\boldsymbol{b}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T}, {}^{m}\boldsymbol{b}_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e_{3} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T}
$$
(42)

where  $E_i$  (*i* = 2, 3) denotes the distance from point  $a_1$  to  $a_i$ ,  $e_i$  (*i*  $=$  2, 3) is the distance from point  $b_1$  to  $b_i$ , the position vectors  $\boldsymbol{b}_i$  $(i = 1, 2, 3)$  in  $\{B\}$  can be expressed as follows:

$$
\boldsymbol{b}_i = \frac{B}{m} \boldsymbol{R}^m \boldsymbol{b}_i + \boldsymbol{b}_1, \boldsymbol{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_{b1} \\ y_{b1} \\ z_{b1} \end{bmatrix} . \tag{43}
$$

Based on the structure constraint  $l_1 \perp m$ , it leads to

$$
x_{b1} = l_1 s_{\beta} = \frac{z_{b1}}{c_a c_{\beta}} s_{\beta} = \frac{z_{b1} t_{\beta}}{c_a}, \quad l_i = ||\boldsymbol{b}_i - \boldsymbol{a}_i||
$$
  

$$
y_{b1} = -l_1 s_a c_{\beta} = -\frac{z_{b1}}{c_a c_{\beta}} s_a c_{\beta} = -t_a z_{b1}
$$
  

$$
z_{b1} = l_1 c_a c_{\beta}, \quad l_1 = \frac{z_{b1}}{c_a c_{\beta}}.
$$
 (44)

#### *5.2 Velocity and acceleration analysis of the UP+SPR+SPU PM*

From Eq. (44), the linear velocity  $v_{b1}$  of point  $b_1$  relative to  $a_1$ can be expressed as follows:

$$
\mathbf{v}_{b1} = \mathbf{J}_{v} V_{q}, V_{q} = \left[ \dot{\alpha} \dot{\beta} \dot{z}_{b1} \right]^{T}
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{J}_{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{z_{b1} t_{\beta} t_{a}}{c_{a}} & \frac{z_{b1}}{c_{a}} \left( \sec_{\beta} \right)^{2} & \frac{t_{\beta}}{c_{a}} \\ -\left( \sec_{a} \right)^{2} z_{b1} & 0 & -t_{a} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} . \tag{45}
$$

From Eq. (40), the angular velocity of {*m*} relative to {*B*} of the UP+SPR+SPU PM can be expressed as:

$$
\boldsymbol{\omega} = {}^{\circ} \boldsymbol{J}_{\omega} \boldsymbol{V}_{q}, {}^{\circ} \boldsymbol{J}_{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & s_{\alpha} & 0 \end{bmatrix} . \tag{46}
$$

From Eqs. (42) and (43) it leads to

$$
V = \begin{bmatrix} v_{b1} \\ \omega \end{bmatrix} = J_{B} V_{q}, J_{B} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{v} \\ \circ J_{\omega} \end{bmatrix}
$$
 (47)

where,  $J_{B}$  is a 6×3 form velocity decoupling matrix of the UP+SPR+SPU PM.

Differentiating both sides of Eq. (47) to time leads to

$$
\vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{\nu} \\ \rho \\ J_{\omega} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\alpha} \\ \ddot{\beta} \\ \ddot{z}_{b1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\alpha} & \dot{\beta} & \dot{z}_{b1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{J}_{\nu} \\ \rho \\ \dot{J}_{\omega} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{\beta} \\ \dot{z}_{b1} \end{bmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
\dot{J}_{\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho J_{\nu1} \\ \rho J_{\nu2} \\ \rho J_{\nu3} \end{bmatrix}, \dot{J}_{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho J_{\omega1} \\ \rho J_{\omega2} \\ \rho J_{\omega3} \end{bmatrix}.
$$
\n(48)

#### *5.3 Comparison of theoretical model with Adams model*

According to the introduction of the improved model and the classical model, the classical/improved inverse dynamics model can be obtained by bringing the classical/improved velocity model into Eq. (39). Therefore,  $J_{\omega 1} = {}^{*}J_{\omega 1}$ ,  $J_{\omega 2} = {}^{*}J_{\omega 2}$ ,  $J_{\omega 3}$ = *\* Jω*3, the classical inverse dynamics model of the UP+SPR+SPU PM can be obtained, and when  $J_{\omega 1} = {}^{U}J_{\omega 1}$ ,  $J_{\omega 2}$  $J_{\omega 2} = \frac{SPR \& SR}{J_{\omega 2}}$ ,  $J_{\omega 3} = \frac{SPU \& SU}{J_{\omega 3}}$ , it will get its improved model. Here, simulation using Adams is carried out to verify the dynamic model, as shown in Fig. 5. Set  $E_2 = E_3 = e_2 = e_3 = 600$  mm,  $I_{ci} =$ 



Fig. 5. Simulation manipulator of the UP+SPR+SPU PM in Adams.

 $l_{pi}$  = 300 mm ( $i$  = 1, 2, 3). Set the mass and inertial parameters as  $m_o = 26.05$  kg,  $m_{c1} = m_{c2} = m_{c3} = 13.23$  kg,  $m_{p1} = m_{p2} = m_{p3} =$ 5.88 kg. *Io* = diag[1.60 1.19 4.25]×106 kg·mm2 , *Ic*1= *Ic*<sup>2</sup> = *Ic*<sup>3</sup> = diag[4.00 4.00 0.06]×10<sup>5</sup> kg·mm<sup>2</sup>,  $I_{p1} = I_{p2} = I_{p3}$  = diag[1.77 1.77 0.01] $\times$ 10<sup>5</sup> kg·mm<sup>2</sup>. Set the independent parameters:  $z_{b1}$  = 1000+100cos(0.2πt+0.5π) mm,  $\alpha = 0.2$ sin(0.2πt+π)rad,  $\beta =$ 0.2cos(0.2πt+π) rad. The velocity and angular velocity, acceleration and angular acceleration of m can be obtained by bringing the motion parameters into Eqs. (44) and (45), see Fig. 6.

The simulation manipulator through theoretical analysis and simulation, the numerical results of the velocities, accelerations, and driving forces are obtained and shown Figs. 7 and 8, the errors, see Tables 1 and 2, respectively. The mean relative error (E) between the simulated and theoretical data was estimated based on the following equation [30]:

$$
E(\%) = \frac{100}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{|\textit{simulated value} - \textit{theoretical value}|}{\textit{simulated value}}. \tag{49}
$$

It can be seen from Figs. 7 and 8 that the curve of the improved model and the classical model have similar trends, but different amplitudes. The improved model is closer to the simulated value and has higher accuracy. Among them, the accuracy improvement of kinematics is more significant, while the improvement of dynamics accuracy is relatively small, which may be due to the following two reasons:

Although the accuracy of the kinematic model has been improved, the value of its angular velocity is very small, and the degree of change in the driving force caused by it is limited, so the dynamic accuracy is not improved significantly.

The dynamic model involves many parameters such as structure size, weight, and motion parameters. It is difficult greatly improve the accuracy of the dynamics model by merely improving the accuracy of the angular velocity of the limb.

Table 1. The mean relative errors between the theoretical solution and simulation solution of kinematics.

%E	Theoretical model		ι,	
$\omega_i$	<b>Classical kinematics</b>	0.8779	0.8753	0.8657
	Improved kinematics	0.1343	0.1324	0.1325
$\varepsilon_i$	<b>Classical kinematics</b>	3.0217	3.0499	3.0801
	Improved kinematics	1.8081	0.3017	0.4061

Table 2. The mean relative errors between the theoretical solution and simulation solution of dynamics.





Fig. 6. The translational velocity of *m* at *b*1 (a); translational accelerations (b); the angular velocity of *m* (c); angular accelerations of *m* (d).



Fig. 7. The angular velocity of UP-type limb *l*1 through simulation, improved/classical model (a); angular acceleration of UP-type limb *l*1 through simulation, improved/classical model (b); angular velocity of SPR-type limb  $l_2$  through simulation, improved/classical model (c); angular acceleration of SPR-type limb  $l_2$ through simulation, improved/classical model (d); angular velocity of SPU-type limb *l*3 through simulation, improved/classical model (e); angular acceleration of SPU-type limb *l*3 through simulation, improved/classical model (f).



Fig. 8. Numerical comparison of actuation forces between theoretical and Adams results: (a) UP-type limb *l*<sub>1</sub>; (b) SPR-type limb *l*<sub>2</sub>; (c) SPU-type limb *l*<sub>3</sub>.

## **6. Conclusions**

The main contribution of this paper involves the limitations of the classical kinematic model. Compared with previous studies, which only improve the kinematics of the UPS-type limb, this paper establishes the improved angular velocity and angular acceleration models of different limb types ( *R ω*, *<sup>U</sup> ω*, *SPR&SRω*, *SPU&SUω*, *<sup>R</sup> ɛ*, *<sup>U</sup> ɛ*, *SPR&SRɛ*, *SPU&SUɛ*).

Based on the improved kinematic model, an explicit inverse dynamic model of a general parallel manipulator with clear physical meaning is established.

Taking the 3-DOF UP+SPR+SPU PM simulation results in the Adams software as the standard, the improved model significantly improves on the classical model.

This paper's improved model has a particular reference value for accurately analyzing the kinematics and dynamics of general parallel manipulators of other configurations. At the same time, it lays the foundation for the model modeling of kinematics and dynamics of parallel manipulators with compound limbs and complex configurations.

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# **Appendix**

Derivation of some formulas in Secs. 3 and 4 of the article. Completion equation for Eq. (21):

$$
{}^{U}E_{i} = {}^{U}\dot{J}_{\alpha i}V + {}^{U}J_{\alpha i}\dot{V},
$$
\n
$$
{}^{U}\dot{J}_{\alpha i} = \left[ \left[ \frac{(R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2}}{(R_{i1} \times R_{i2}) \cdot l_{i}w_{i}} \right] \left[ -\frac{(R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2}\hat{e}_{i}}{(R_{i1} \times R_{i2}) \cdot l_{i}w_{i}} \right] \right],
$$
\n
$$
\left[ \frac{(R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2} + (R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2} + (R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2} + (R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2} \right] - \left[ \frac{(R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2}}{(R_{i1} \times R_{i2}) \cdot l_{i}w_{i}} \right] - \left[ \frac{(R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2}}{(R_{i1} \times R_{i2}) \cdot l_{i}w_{i} + (R_{i1} \times R_{i2}) \cdot (p + \omega \times e_{i})} \right] - \left[ \frac{(R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2}\hat{e}_{i} + (R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2}\hat{e}_{i} + (R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2}\hat{e}_{i} + (R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T} - R_{i2}R_{i1}^{T})\hat{w}_{i}^{2}\hat{e}_{i} \right] - \left[ \frac{(R_{i1}R_{i2}^{T}
$$

#### Completion equation for Eq. (24)

$$
SPRASSE_{i} = SPRASSI_{\text{out}}V + SPRASSI_{\text{out}}V,
$$
\n
$$
SPRASSE_{i} = \frac{\left[\left(\overline{\mathbf{O}_{i}} \times \mathbf{W}_{i}\right) \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{i} - \hat{\mathbf{W}}_{i} \left(\overline{\mathbf{O} \times \mathbf{C}_{i}}\right) + \left[\left(\overline{\mathbf{O}_{i}} \times \mathbf{W}_{i}\right) \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{i} - \hat{\mathbf{W}}_{i} \left(\overline{\mathbf{O} \times \mathbf{C}_{i}}\right) + \left[\left(\overline{\mathbf{H}}_{i} \mathbf{W}_{i}^{T} + \mathbf{I}_{i} \left(\mathbf{O}_{i} \times \mathbf{W}_{i}\right) \mathbf{W}_{i}^{T} + \mathbf{I}_{i} \mathbf{W}_{i} \left(\mathbf{O}_{i} \times \mathbf{W}_{i}\right)^{T}\right)\right]^{T} \mathbf{I}_{i} - \left[\hat{\mathbf{W}}_{i} - \hat{\mathbf{W}}_{i} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{i} + \mathbf{I}_{i} \mathbf{W}_{i} \mathbf{W}_{i}^{T}\right] \hat{\mathbf{I}}_{i}
$$
\n
$$
SPRASSE \hat{\mathbf{J}}_{\text{out}} = \frac{\left[\left(\overline{\mathbf{H}}_{i} \mathbf{W}_{i}^{T} + \mathbf{I}_{i} \left(\mathbf{O}_{i} \times \mathbf{W}_{i}\right) \mathbf{W}_{i}^{T} + \mathbf{I}_{i} \mathbf{W}_{i} \left(\mathbf{O}_{i} \times \mathbf{W}_{i}\right)\right]^{T}}{\mathbf{I}_{i}^{2}}
$$

#### Completion equation for Eq. (32):

$$
^{SPUASU}_{\boldsymbol{\ell}}\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i} = {}^{SPUASU}\boldsymbol{j}_{\alpha i}\boldsymbol{V} + {}^{SPUASU}\boldsymbol{J}_{\alpha i}\boldsymbol{\dot{V}},
$$
  

$$
_{SPUASU}\boldsymbol{j}_{\alpha i} = \left( \left[ \frac{\left( \boldsymbol{R}_{i1}\boldsymbol{R}_{i2}^{\mathrm{T}} - \boldsymbol{R}_{i2}\boldsymbol{R}_{i1}^{\mathrm{T}}\right)\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i}^{2}}{\left( \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{l}_{i}\boldsymbol{w}_{i}} \right] \left[ \frac{-\left( \boldsymbol{R}_{i1}\boldsymbol{R}_{i2}^{\mathrm{T}} - \boldsymbol{R}_{i2}\boldsymbol{R}_{i1}^{\mathrm{T}}\right) \left( \boldsymbol{l}_{i}\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i} + \hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i}^{2}\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_{i} \right)}{\left( \boldsymbol{R}_{i1} \times \boldsymbol{R}_{i2} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{l}_{i}\boldsymbol{w}_{i}} + \boldsymbol{E}_{3\times 1} \right] \right).
$$

$$
\left[\frac{(\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}-\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}})}{(\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}-\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}-\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}})}\right]^{2}=\frac{\left[\begin{bmatrix}(\boldsymbol{\hat{R}}_{n}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}+\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{\hat{R}}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}-\boldsymbol{\hat{R}}_{i}\boldsymbol{R}_{n}^{\mathrm{T}}-\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{R}_{n}^{\mathrm{T}})\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i}^{2}+\begin{bmatrix}(\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}-\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}})(2\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i}(\boldsymbol{\varpi}\times\boldsymbol{w}_{i}))\end{bmatrix}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{R}_{i})\cdot l, \boldsymbol{w}_{i}\end{bmatrix}-\right]}{\left[(\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}-\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{Z}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}})(\boldsymbol{\hat{w}}_{i}^{2}+\begin{bmatrix}(\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}-\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}})(2\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i}(\boldsymbol{\varpi}\times\boldsymbol{R}_{i})\cdot l, \boldsymbol{w}_{i}+\begin{bmatrix}(\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{R}_{i})\cdot l, \boldsymbol{w}_{i}+\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\\\end{bmatrix}-(\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}-\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{Z}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}})(l,\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i}+\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_{i}^{2}\hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_{i})+\left((\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{X})\cdot l, \boldsymbol{w}_{i}\right)^{2}+\left((\boldsymbol{R}_{n}\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{X})\cdot l, \boldsymbol{w}_{i}+\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}-\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\boldsymbol{R}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}}-\boldsymbol{R}_{i}\bold
$$

Completion equation for Eq. (39)

$$
F_q = D\dot{V} + HV + G + E,
$$
\n
$$
D = (J_D^{-1})^T J_B^T \sum_{i=1}^{n(25n56)} (J_{ci}^T J_{ci} m_{ci} + J_{pi}^T J_{pi} m_{pi} + J_{ai}^T (\tilde{I}_{ci} + \tilde{I}_{pi}) J_{ai} + J_Q),
$$
\n
$$
H = (J_D^{-1})^T J_B^T \sum_{i=1}^{n(25n56)} (J_{ci}^T J_{ci} m_{ci} + J_{pi}^T J_{pi} m_{pi} + J_{ai}^T (\tilde{I}_{ci} + \tilde{I}_{pi}) J_{ai} - )
$$
\n
$$
G = - (J_D^{-1})^T J_B^T \sum_{i=1}^{n(25n56)} (J_{ci}^T m_{ci} + J_{pi}^T m_{pi} + J_S),
$$
\n
$$
E = - (J_D^{-1})^T J_B^T \sum_{i=1}^{n(25n56)} (J_{ci}^T m_{ci} + J_{pi}^T m_{pi} + J_S),
$$
\n
$$
F_q = [F_1, \dots F_n]^T (2 \le n \le 6),
$$
\n
$$
J_{E0} = [E_{3\times 3} 0_{3\times 3}], J_{0E} = [0_{3\times 3} E_{3\times 3}],
$$
\n
$$
J_{ai} = \{{}^{*} J_{ai}, {}^{s} J_{ai}, {}^{s} J_{ai}, {}^{s} {}^{s} R 8888} J_{ai}, {}^{s} {}^{s} W 889 J_{ai}\},
$$
\n
$$
V = [V_x V_y V_z \omega_x \omega_y \omega_z]^T, \dot{V} = [a_x a_y a_z \varepsilon_x \varepsilon_y \varepsilon_z]^T,
$$
\n
$$
J_Q = \begin{bmatrix} m_o E_{3\times 3} 0_{3\times 3} \\ 0_{3\times 3} \tilde{I}_o \end{bmatrix}, J_R = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{6\times 6} \\ -(\tilde{I}_{i} \omega) J_{0E} \end{bmatrix}, J_S = [m_o g \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T.
$$

#### Completion equation for Eq. (48):

$$
{}^{3}J_{vi} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{1}}}{\partial \theta \partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{1}}}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{1}}}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{1}}}{\partial \beta \partial \beta} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{1}}}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \beta \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{1}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{1}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{1}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{1}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{1}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} & \frac{\partial^{2}x_{b_{2}}}{\partial \alpha \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^{2
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