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Experimental study on motion control of
dual-arm full/semi-autonomous underwater robots

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Research overview

1.1.1 The significant contributions of underwater robots

It is unquestionable that two most exciting and intriguing exploration of this century are space and ocean. “Space: the final frontier” is a phrase from the 1960’s television movie called Star Trek, portraying the effort of humanity exploring deep space hoping to meet other life forms and civilization [1]. The phrase became popular in the early stages of space exploration race, between the United States of America and Soviet Union. Since the Soviet successfully launched the first artificial satellite Sputnik 1 into the orbit in 1957, tremendous efforts involving money, time and exposure have been put forward towards the space-age exploration. But, only few knew that ocean exploration have been done by humans for thousands of years ago.

Undocumented facts suggested that ocean exploration started around 4500 B.C. in coastal cultures such as in Greece and China. Human began diving into the sea as a source for food gathering and commerce. While in between 1519 to 1522, Ferdinand Magellan’s ship explored the surface of the ocean by being the first to circumnavigate the world [2]. On 23rd January 1960, oceanographer Jacques Piccard and Lt. Don Walsh of United States Navy explored to the deepest part of the Earth’s ocean. Both were the only crew inside a submersible vehicle called Trieste, the first manned or unmanned vessel to reach the deepest point of Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench, believed to be the deepest point of the sea at a depth of 10,916[m] [3]. Though, despite these achievements, hundred of millions of dollars are still being spent in high-tech earth based telescope, designing space rocket thrusters and sending space probes for studying planets and beyond our solar system.

The author need to stress that Earth’s ocean still have a lot to offer in term

of exploring new world that still never been seen by human. Water covers 71% of Earth surface [4–6]. To be more specific, 96.5% of Earth’s water can be found in the ocean [6]. Ocean covers a large of the earth, which is relatively less explored. Until recently, to discover the secret in the depth of the sea seems impossible. Furthermore, ocean exploratory activities involving manned underwater vehicle exposed the operator to extreme conditions which may be dangerous such as underwater pressure, visual visibility and oxygen supply problems. These problems have been resolved by underwater vehicle involving robotic manipulator technology.

Underwater vehicles have been heavily involved in various underwater activities especially related to intervention tasks [7–11]. Many of these robots utilized master-slave system where human operators remotely controlling the motions of underwater vehicles and robotic manipulators using controllers from the surface. Since the technology of fully autonomous underwater vehicles for intervention tasks are still in research and developing stages, master-slave control of underwater robots are still the most relevant today. Underwater robots have been utilized in various fields such as scientific explorations, oceans construction, oil and gas explorations, military and even search and rescue operations.

On 12th August 2000, Russian submarine K-141 Kursk sank into the bottom of the Barents Sea after an explosion of one of its torpedo, resulting to the catastrophic second detonation of further torpedoes. With no capability of rescuing on this type of disaster and the delay of accepting aid from other countries by the Russian government resulting to the death of 23 crews who actually remained alive and trapped in one of the submarine’s compartment. Remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), Sea Owl and SCV 006 assisted human divers to inspect signs of life on board the submarine using high-tech cameras and powerful underwater torch [7]. However, the deployment of these vehicles to assist the rescue mission was far too late. Another Russian mini-submarine called AS-28 Priz get caught on nets and antenna cables off the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia. Seven Russian sailors trapped inside the submarine were rescued using a British remotely-controlled ROV called Scorpio 45 [12, 13]. The single-manipulator arm equipped ROV sliced through nets that entangled the submarine, and freed the sailors. Since then, the Russian have been busy preparing the navy fleet with underwater vehicle technology [14, 15]. Whereas, the United States navy have gone further steps, recognizing the high impact of underwater vehicle technology by developing underwater spy robot for military purposes [16].

An autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) called SeaBED was used by a group of antarctic scientists to demonstrate that the Antarctic sea ice are much thicker and more deformed than previously reported [8, 17]. The scientists utilized a combination of data based on multi-beam sonar from the AUV with satellite data to present a

3-dimensional maps of sea-ice draft for ten floes (large floating ice), near coastal regions of the Weddel, Bellingshausen and Wilkes Land sectors of Antarctica. The mean drafts thickness ranged from 1.4 to 5.5[m], with the thickest draft measuring 16[m], and an average of 76 percent of the ice volume showed deformity.

In the Deepwater Horizon oil spill tragedy in the Gulf of Mexico, about a dozen of tethered ROVs were utilized to contain the oil spill successfully [9]. Deep Horizon was a deepwater semi-submersible mobile oil platform that was capable to operate in waters up to 2,400[m] deep, and maximum drill depth of 9,100[m]. The tragedy that killed 11 workers was caused by an explosion of the offshore oil platform that eventually sinking the platform and causing the largest marine oil spill in history. ROVs equipped with robotic manipulators were used to saw off the platform's busted pipe and positioned a four-story dome over the oil well, and installed a smaller oil-collecting cap in its place to seal off the oil from gushing out of the drill pipe [18]. On July 15, 2010, the flow of oil was stopped for the first time in 86 days [9].

A HUGIN 3000 AUV and Oceaneering Millennium VI ROV were used for archaeological and historically related work to investigate a sunken shipwreck SS Robert E. Lee and a Russian submarine U-166 in the Gulf of Mexico [10, 19]. In 2001, the untethered HUGGIN AUV surveyed a 2-mile by 1.5-mile of underwater area and detected the shipwreck SS Robert E. Lee and U-166 using sonar and multi-beam bathymetry images. The tethered Millennium ROV was used to visually confirmed the findings. U-boats such as U-166 were sent by Germany's Hitler during World War 2 to destroy petroleum and merchant related ships. U-166 was the only of such submarine destroyed in the gulf of Mexico. On the hand, SS Robert E. Lee was the last ship destroyed by the U-166. Due to the use of underwater robotics in the surveys and verifications, one of the most fascinating historical finds of World War 2 was solved.

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution's AUV called Sentry combined with mass spectrometer and various sensors was deployed to track, localize and characterize a sub-sea hydrocarbon plume caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill incident [11, 20]. By doing this, scientists were able to assess the impact of the incident towards biological communities deep underwater. The scientists discovered that the depth of the plume was approximately 1100[m] and extending 30[km] from the Deepwater Horizon site. Sentry was also used to identify biological communities that grow on rugged seafloors due to its capabilities for long range missions, durability and speed.

From the above explanations regarding the significant contribution of underwater vehicles in various activities, it is clearly understood that underwater vehicles are the perfect tools to enable human to execute impossible tasks. There are many more examples that show underwater robotic technologies has been widely accepted

and became an essential part of researchers and related works [21–25]. Based on these examples, the various types of underwater robots that are built for various specialized missions will be explained in the next section.

1.1.2 Research and development on underwater robots

Generally, underwater vehicles can be classified into Manned Underwater Vehicles (MUVs) and Unmanned Underwater Vehicles (UUVs) [26, 40].

According to Blidberg [26], MUVs can be further classified into military submarines and non-military submarines. There are various types and classes of military submarines operated by navies around the world. These submarines are usually massive in term of size and can occupy large number of crew. Non-military submarines are usually allow small number of crew due to its smaller size. Usually non-military submarines are utilized for underwater scientific missions such as sub-sea biological communities observations and sample collections. These type of submarines are also equipped with various sensors and robotic manipulators.

UUVs are basically underwater robots that can be classified into Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV). ROVs are underwater robots that are linked to a remotely located human operator on surface platform/ship via tether. Usually skilled human operators will use specialized interface device/master controllers to perform various underwater intervention tasks. The power supplies for the ROV and data communications are made possible using tether. Examples of studies related to ROVs are VORTEX from France [27], KAIKO from JAMSTEC, Japan [28] and HEMIRE from KORDI, Korea [29]. A collection of manufacturers of ROVs can be found in [40]. On the other hand, AUVs are UUVs that can be either fully-Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (fully-AUV) or semi-Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (semi-AUV). Both of these vehicles are equipped with on-board power supplies and control system to accomplish a predefined mission [41]. AUVs are usually not physically linked to a surface ship/platform via tether. However, there are semi-AUVs that have functionality that similar as ROV, where the power supplies, data communications and commands are transferred via tether system [30–32]. AUVs are mainly developed by research institutes focusing on designing intelligent decision-making capabilities of AUVs robotic architecture for autonomy. They are commonly utilized for autonomous underwater monitoring or survey operations. AUVs have been studied and developed extensively by researchers concerned with underwater robotics such as the OTTER from Stanford University [33], ODIN and SAUVIM from University of Hawaii [34, 35], RAUVI, ALIVE and AMADEUS from groups of European universities [36–38] and

Twin Burgers from the University of Tokyo [39]. Many more AUV models can be found in [41] and [42].

ROVs and AUVs that are equipped with a single or multiple robotic manipulators are usually called Underwater Vehicle-Manipulator System (UVMS). These manipulators are essential especially for underwater intervention missions.

1.2 Underwater vehicle-manipulator system

1.2.1 Autonomous control methods

Since the 1990s, there are very few research studies related to underwater vehicles equipped with manipulators due to various problems [42]. However, a major common problem is the control of the UVMS due to the external disturbances (hydrodynamic effects), kinematic redundancy of UVMS, dynamic coupling forces between the underwater vehicle and manipulators and gravity forces which can affect the trajectory performances of the manipulator's end-tips. The movement or buoyancy created from the motion of the manipulators also can affect the overall vehicle control performance.

To design an effective control system, it is important to design a robust, stable and precise coordinated motions control between the underwater vehicle and manipulators. There are very few studies on control method for coordinated motion control of the vehicle and manipulator. Furthermore, nearly all of these studies utilized numerical simulations to verify the effectiveness of the proposed methods.

Dunnigan et al. [43] focused on dynamic coupling between vehicle and a manipulator with simple hydrodynamic effects by using Slotine's sliding mode to reduce the effect of the hydrodynamics from manipulator movement. Their work determined that the control of the vehicle's yaw angle was the most important factor in reducing the end-tip error variation. Moreover, they concluded that sliding mode control is suited to trajectory tracking applications compared to the fixed-gain PI-speed limited controller. Xu et al. [44] presented a sliding mode controller to control the trajectory of a single-arm UVMS based on the decentralized form of UVMS's dynamics. The study focused on achieving accurate control using low switching gains with only estimating bounds on parameters with hydrodynamic disturbances. Simulations using a five degrees of freedom UVMS were conducted that showed the high performance of trajectory tracking of the UVMS in the presence of uncertainties of vehicle dynamics and hydrodynamic disturbances. There was also a study on a comprehensive scheme for coordinated control of a ROV and a spatial manipulator was developed based on unified dynamic model of the system [45]. In this study,

a novel two-layered sliding mode method containing adjustable PID gains and unknown vector estimator have been proposed. They demonstrated that the proposed method effectively controls UVMS through robust control which is insensitive to inaccuracies in the dynamic model of the UVMS through simulations. However, the stability of the sliding control system is a concern because usually high gain is chosen in order to achieve system stability. In turn, high gain leads to high frequency chattering effect and excites unmodelled dynamics of UVMS.

It is also important to design a control system for the UVMS which can self-tune itself to adapt to changes in the dynamics of the robot and its surrounding environment which in turn provide a fast responsive performance of manipulator. This method of self-tuning is called adaptive control method. One of the early studies on adaptive control method for UVMS was done by Mahesh et al. [46]. They proposed an adaptive controller for the whole UVMS system by considering both underwater vehicle and manipulator as a single unit. The effectiveness of the controller required a discrete-time approximation of the nonlinear UVMS dynamic and rely on the ability of the controller to adapt to the alternating hydrodynamic coefficients. The performance of the controller has been demonstrated through numerical simulation. The study was followed by Sarkar et al. [47], where a non-regressor based adaptive control is introduced based on bound estimation method for a coordinated motions of a 6-DOF spherical-shaped vehicle with a 3-DOF planar manipulator. The trajectory planning was coordinated and centralized but the control was decentralized and separate for each system (vehicle and manipulator). The developed controller does not require prior knowledge of the system except numbers of joints and actuator inputs of the system. Antonelli et al. [48] proposed a novel adaptive controller based on virtual decomposition of the manipulator's links and the vehicle resulting to a modular structure of controller. The modular structure simplifies the system by reducing the computational burden by using a reduced-order regressor by taking into account thruster dynamics and unknown ocean currents. The effectiveness of the proposed controller was demonstrated through numerical simulations on a 6-DOF underwater vehicle equipped with 6-DOF manipulator. In a more recent study, Mohan and Kim [49] presented an indirect adaptive control method based on extended Kalman Filter (EKF) for a 6-DOF underwater vehicle and a 3-DOF manipulator. Payload and disturbance compensation were used to compensate the reaction effects during manipulation tasks.

There were several researchers that utilized fuzzy controllers for coordination motion control of UVMS. Antonelli and Chiaverini [50] proposed a task priority inverse kinematic approach to redundancy resolution merged with fuzzy controllers to manage coordinated motion of a 6-DOF underwater vehicle equipped with a 6-

DOF manipulator. A fault-tolerant fuzzy-based redundancy resolution method to distribute the human pilot end-effector command over a ROV with a 4-DOF manipulator was proposed in [51]. The fault-tolerant property demonstrated several advantages such as that it can be used to tolerate faulty joints and impose dynamic joint-velocity constraints for better control of the UVMS. Using numerical simulations, they demonstrated that detailed spatial end-effector motions can be completed in real-time through coordination between ROV and manipulator with the fault-tolerant capacity.

In addition to the above studies, several other researchers proposed various control methods for UVMS that incorporate hydrodynamic effects into the system. McMillan et al. [52] developed an efficient dynamic simulation based on $O(N)$ algorithm (N is the number of links) for a UUV with a robotic manipulator taking into account of hydrodynamic forces. A dynamic equations for an underwater vehicle with an n -axis robot arm was introduced based on Kane's method by considering external hydrodynamic forces such as added mass, profile drag, fluid acceleration and buoyancy [53]. There was also a unique study on coordinated motions of an underwater vehicle and multiple arms presented in [54]. Mukherjee and Nakamura proposed inverse kinematics and dynamics of an underwater vehicle based on the formulation of inverse dynamics for space robots in the presence of external generalized forces [55]. Simulation results showed that precise position control of the end-tip of a single main arm was achieved by using two units of stabilizing arms as paddles to counter the forces and moment existed on the shoulder of the main arm, and disturbances acting on the vehicle.

Sarkar and Podder [56] proposed a motion coordination algorithm based on acceleration level kinematic redundancy resolution technique. The proposed method generates the desired trajectories for both vehicle and manipulator that capable to minimize the total hydrodynamic drag acting on the system. The dynamics of the UVMS is included with thruster dynamics and formulated based on the Lagrangian approach. A unified adaptive force control approach incorporating a direct adaptive impedance control method for a 6-DOF underwater vehicle equipped with a 3-DOF robot arm was proposed in [57]. The proposed method merges the adaptive impedance control with hybrid position/force control by means of fuzzy switching to enable autonomous underwater manipulation. Han et al. [58] introduced a performance index for redundancy resolution to generate trajectories for the vehicle and manipulators. The proposed performance index was designed to minimize the vehicle's restoring moments that affect the attitude of the UVMS during manipulation tasks. Based on the simulation results, by optimizing the index using gradient projection method, restoring moments of the UVMS can be reduced without imped-

ing the control performance of the end-effector. Recently, [59] proposed an inverse dynamic control method by assigning separate task for the end-effector and vehicle. The proposed method considered external hydrodynamic effects and thruster dynamics into the control system. State feedback linearization method is used to solve the non-linearities of the UVMS's dynamic.

All of the studies explained above are based on numerical simulation. Only a few number of studies that were able to verify their proposed coordinated motion control methods for UVMS through experimental results using actual vehicle. The following research studies are based on experimental studies using actual UVMS.

One of the most significant studies was done by McLain et al. [60], where they developed a coordinated-control scheme for UVMS and provided the first experimental results to verify the coordinated motion control using an actual underwater vehicle called OTTER mounted with a single-link arm. The experiments demonstrated that hydrodynamic coupling forces between the underwater vehicle and single arm are the major reason in disrupting the stability of the UVMS during manipulation task. They reported that substantial performance improvements can be realized by incorporating model-based information about the hydrodynamic coupling into the control of the system. The model-based approach contains highly accurate model of the arm and vehicle hydrodynamic interaction forces. Based on the experimental results, good station-keeping capability has been achieved and significant reduction of errors and settling times of the end-tip.

Another study that was based on experimental studies was done by Sagara et al. in [30]. In this study, a Resolved Acceleration Control (RAC) method that consider hydrodynamic effect for coordinated motion control of a free-floating underwater robot with a 2-link horizontal planar single manipulator was proposed. The method demonstrated that the end-tip was able to follow the desired trajectory in spite of the influence of hydrodynamic forces towards the UVMS. Then, a continuous-time and discrete-time Resolved Acceleration Control (RAC) methods for an underwater vehicle equipped with a 2-link vertical planar single manipulator have been presented [61]. The proposed digital RAC method was developed by taking into consideration of the singular configuration of the manipulator. From the experimental results, the vehicle and end-tip of the manipulator were able to follow the reference trajectories in spite of the hydrodynamic forces acting on the overall UVMS. Experimental results showed small tracking errors of the manipulator's end-tip in spite of large underwater vehicle motions. The work was further expanded to include a disturbance compensation control method based on the proposed RAC method [62]. The influence of the hydrodynamic force with respect to the vehicle was treated as a disturbance. These are the only experiment-oriented studies that

the authors are aware of.

Basically, in literature related to the design of control system for coordinated motions of underwater vehicle and manipulator, there are many more studies that verified the results through extensive numerical simulations compared to experiment-oriented studies using actual UVMSs. Furthermore, although majority of the control methods considered hydrodynamic effects acting on the UVMSs, nearly all of these studies utilized only a single manipulator except for the work done in [54]. This is easily understood because researchers need to address additional external forces problems related to multiple manipulators such as hydrodynamic forces due to added mass and moment, restoring forces due to gravity and buoyancy and hydrodynamic damping [63]. Therefore, it would be interesting to see how a control method performs with actual underwater vehicle equipped with multiple manipulators.

1.2.2 Master-slave system

Underwater robotic technologies allow humans to execute intervention tasks in an efficient and safe way by reducing the risks fatalities and injuries during underwater operations. Underwater intervention capabilities using robotic arms are necessary to execute tasks such as valve manipulation in oil and gas related operations; conducting science experiments or collection of rocks and marine organisms; and maybe can be deployed for deep-sea search and rescue operation.

In the previous subsection, various autonomous control methods that were specifically designed for coordinated motions of an underwater vehicle and manipulators have been described. However, even with the recent advancement in robotic technologies, the development of fully autonomous underwater manipulation capabilities are still hampered by various common problems such as the precision of control strategies and the ability to avoid unexpected obstacles, and thus limits the ability of the vehicles to underwater survey and monitoring applications only. Due to this reason, human operators are necessary for operating robotic arms because fully autonomous robotic arm manipulation technologies are still far from being perfected.

Apart from autonomous control, another common technique in controlling an underwater robot equipped with manipulators is master-slave system. In this system, a human operator controls the position and attitude of a robot slave in 3-dimensional space from a remote location using a master controller. ROVs are remotely controlled vehicles that implement master-slave system. On the other hand, semi-AUVs is a type of underwater robot that implement master-slave system to an AUV system. The author believe that the control performance of the underwater robot can be improved by maintaining the ability of direct human intervention in an autonomous

robotic system. Thus, semi-AUVs are highly suitable for underwater intervention tasks especially for underwater vehicles attached with multiple robotic arms for object manipulation task.

One of the main component in a master-slave system is the master controller. The master controller is an interface device that sends and possibly receives signals from a control system used, to move a slave robot that includes manipulators [64]. There are various type of master controller such as rate control, position control and force feedback control [40, 65]. Master controllers design based on rate control are commonly utilizing joystick, switches or buttons [66, 67]. On the other hand, position control is usually implemented in the design of manipulator master controllers where it requires the position or angular information of the joints using potentiometers, encoders or servo motors [68]. It utilizes ambidextrous design of master controller, that is a small replica of the manipulator having links and joints similar to the links and joints of the slave manipulator. Position control can also be called unilateral control because when the slave manipulator is exerted by an external force, the master controller will not imitate the motions of the slave manipulator. Force feedback control is similar to position control, except that the master controller will imitate the motions of slave manipulator whenever force is exerted on it (slave manipulator) [29, 69]. Thus, force feedback control can also be known as bilateral control. Usually, the design of the master controllers that has bilateral control utilize actuators inside the joints of the manipulator. There are also master controller designs that have the combination of any type of these controls [70, 71].

Yao et al. [69] utilized an ambidextrous manipulator master controller to control a 6-DOF hydraulically powered manipulator for an underwater vehicle. However, there are no further details about the master controller was developed in-house or off-the-shelf device. Researchers from Korea Ocean Research Development Institute (KORDI) developed a master-slave system for a ROV called HEMIRE consisting of an off-the-shelf master and a workspace-control system to precisely control two ORION manipulators [29]. The off-the-shelf master controller has two units of ambidextrous manipulator master controller to control the two manipulators. The work proposed a workspace-control system that was composed of a computer (for controlling jaw motions and vehicle position and attitude) and a joystick (for controlling end-tips), with the purpose to increase the efficiency manipulation tasks that require precise control of the end-tips such as drilling and coring. In this system, more than a single operator is needed for efficient control of the UVMS. A master controller for a dual-arm UVMS that can be controlled by a single operator was developed and tested in a series of experiments including a field trial in Lake Biwa, Japan [70]. The developed master controller utilized joysticks that control the the position and

attitude motions of the vehicle. The joysticks are mounted on two parallel link mechanisms that work as ambidextrous master manipulator controllers with a total of 10-DOF. Each joint on the links is consisted of pulse encoder for measuring the rotational angle. However, there are no method to determine the amount of commands sent via the joysticks. Thus, the operator needs to rely heavily on the visual provided by the camera system to determine the actual position and attitude of the vehicle.

Soylu et al. [68] utilized a master controller in the form of a parallel architected 6-DOF joystick to control a small ROV attached with a manipulator. The idea was to unify the UVMS as single redundant manipulator. Thus, the motions of the ROV dependent on the desired end-tip motion using the parallel joystick. A preliminary computer graphical interface was developed to emulate the motion of the robot.

Kawano et al. [71] developed a master-slave system for a 2-link single-arm UVMS. The underwater vehicle's position and attitude motions can be controlled using potentiometers and command-type servo motors, respectively. The 2-link planar slave manipulator can be controlled using an ambidextrous master manipulator controller that utilized command-type servo motors on each joint. An advantage of the design is the operator can easily determine the amount of angles required to control the attitude of the vehicle based on the usage of the command-type servo motors.

A group of researchers from Spain have developed a new approach for semi-autonomous manipulation of unknown objects with underwater robot using laser stripe emitter combined with vision system to reconstruct 3D structure of the location of target objects [72]. Based on the reconstructed 3D structure of the location, a user needs to only indicate the target position for grabbing the target object. Grasping of the target object was done autonomously by the robot. However, the underwater experiments were carried out by assembling the slave manipulator onto a fixed structure, not an actual underwater vehicle that moves. Other works in UVMS studies have utilized video games consoles to control vehicles and arms motions [66, 67].

Most of the studies described above are focusing on developing interface devices for single-arm manipulator applications. Therefore, development of a novel master controller that can control vehicle and multiple robotic arms movement simultaneously is necessary for efficient underwater intervention tasks. Furthermore, the design of the master controller has to be simple and intuitive.

1.3 Problem statements

The motions control of underwater robots are challenging due to many factors. First, underwater robots are not fixed on a stable foundation as the earth-fixed manipulator. Thus, external non-linear forces such as hydrodynamic (buoyant forces and drag forces), moment of inertia and gravity forces applied on the manipulator and the base vehicle can undermine the performance of the system. Moreover, underwater robots equipped with single or more robotic manipulators pose additional complex control problems. Apart from external hydrodynamic forces, each movement of any parts for instance a manipulator, also produce hydrodynamic reaction forces that may effects the other parts and excites each other. Although these reaction forces may have negligible effects on large UVMSs such as [28], [29] and [35], but for small-scaled UVMSs, this may significantly disturbs its system dynamics, especially the control precision of manipulator's end-tip as described in [30] and [60]. Therefore, in order to demonstrate good control performances of the manipulator's end-tip for small UVMSs, the design of control methods are required to not only consider the effect of hydrodynamic forces acting on the vehicle but also the hydrodynamic reaction forces produced by the motions of the manipulator which are challenging.

Next, most of UVMSs control methods are based on methods of AUVs, where the desired accelerations and velocities of manipulator's end-tip are transformed to the desired manipulator's joint accelerations and velocities by using only the kinematic relation [73, 74]. Moreover, computed torque method with joint angle and angular velocity feedbacks are used. Put differently, the computed torque method utilizes errors consisting of manipulator's joint-space signals and vehicle's task-space signals. Due to these reasons, precise position control of the end-tip to follow a pre-defined trajectory is impossible because the control performance of the end-tip depends on the control performance of the vehicle. As a result, if the control performance of the vehicle is not good, it is difficult to have a precise control performance of the end-tip [62]. Thus, control methods that consider coordinated motions between manipulator and the vehicle are very important for precise manipulator's end-tip control.

Furthermore, based on the studies described in the previous section, there are large number of studies related to the design of control method for UVMSs focusing on UVMSs that utilize single manipulator compared to multiple manipulators. Although many control methods described in the previous section demonstrated encouraging results of coordinated motion between vehicle and single manipulator, the studies only verified the effectiveness of the proposed control methods through numerical simulations. As far as this author knows, there are no experiment-oriented

studies that are related to the coordinated motions of underwater vehicle and multiple manipulators. Thus, the lack of verification of control methods for multiple arm UVMS through experimental results in real-world need to be addressed by researchers in the field of UVMSs.

Robotic technologies related to autonomous intervention tasks or object manipulation in underwater environment are still in incubation period. Hence, intervention tasks using master-slave system are still relevant as proved in various real-world events as described in subsection 1.1.1. Although commercially available master-slave systems offer precise and reliable handling of the UVMSs, the cost of the system is a burden especially for educational purposes in higher education institutions. Moreover, although there are companies that have developed master controllers for commercial use, the developed master controllers require more than a single operator to control both manipulators and vehicle at the same time. As far as the author's knowledge, there are no research-based or even commercially available master controller that enables a single operator to operate a vehicle and multiple manipulators simultaneously.

1.4 Objectives of the study

The objectives of the research are described below:

1. To propose a RAC method for multi-link multi-manipulators UVMSs that consider the effects of external hydrodynamic forces and vehicle/arm interaction forces based on work done in [62].
2. To develop a RAC method based on the proposed RAC method for multi-link multi-arm UVMSs for coordinated motion control of
 - (a) a fully AUV and 2-link dual-arm,
 - (b) a fully AUV and 3-link dual-arm.
3. To verify and demonstrate through experimental results regarding the effectiveness of the proposed RAC method for coordinated motion control of
 - (a) a fully AUV and 2-link dual-arm,
 - (b) a fully AUV and 3-link dual-arm.
4. To develop a novel master controller for a master-slave system that is capable of controlling a semi-AUV and 3-link dual-arm simultaneously. The term semi-AUV is being used in this work to describe that the control of the motions for the AUV is supported by an autonomous control system using direct human operator's input from the developed master controller. Whereas the robotic

arms are directly controlled by the operator without the assist of autonomous control.

5. To demonstrate the effectiveness of the developed master controller by controlling the semi-AUV to catch a target object in actual underwater experiment.

1.5 Outline of research

The dissertation is organized as follows:

Chapter 2 describes a Resolved Acceleration Control (RAC) method for multi-link and multi-arm underwater vehicle-manipulator system (UVMS). A model of a multi-link multi-arm UVMS is presented. Based on this model, the kinematic equation for the UVMS is described. In addition, the momentum equation consisting of linear and rotational momentum of the UVMS considering hydrodynamic added mass and added inertia moment acting on the UVMS is explained. Hydrodynamic drag forces, drag moment and buoyant forces acting on the UVMS are derived. Then, the dynamic equation to obtain the desired motion of the UVMS is described. At the end of the chapter, the detail explanation about the proposed RAC method for a precise control of manipulator's end-tips is introduced.

In Chapter 3, as a first step to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed method described in Chapter 2, a RAC method for a 2-link planar dual-arm UVMS is developed based on the proposed RAC method described in Chapter 2. An experimental system containing an actual fully-AUV equipped with 2-link planar dual-arm that can move in 2-dimensional space is explained. The detail structure and circuitry design of the 2-link planar arm that utilizes servo magnetic coupling mechanism in the joint design is described. Finally, the main objective of this chapter which is to show the effectiveness of the proposed method through experimental results are presented and discussed in detail. To date, this is the first study that verify the effectiveness of a control method for multiple arm UVMS through experiment.

Chapter 4 presents the experimental results that further demonstrate the effectiveness of the RAC method to control the positions of the end-tips in 3-dimensional space. Since a 2-link planar dual-arm UVMS is utilized in the experiment in Chapter 3, the proposed RAC method can only control the end-tips in a 2-dimensional space only. In this chapter, two units of newly developed 3-link arm for UVMS that can move in 3-dimensional space are developed and presented. Furthermore, a RAC method for a 3-link dual-arm UVMS is proposed. Then, experimental results showing the effectiveness and usefulness of the proposed RAC method in controlling the positions of both arm's end-tips in 3-dimensional space are reported and discussed.

In Chapter 5, a simple and intuitive master controller for controlling an experimental semi-AUV equipped with 3-link dual-arm is introduced. As explained in the previous section, there are no research-based or even commercially available master controller that enables a single operator to operate a vehicle and multiple manipulators simultaneously. Therefore, in this chapter, a master controller that enables a single operator to operate a vehicle and multiple manipulators simultaneously is presented. The detail designs of the master controller which include a vehicle main master controller and two units of 3-link manipulator master controller are described. Moreover, the developed master controller also consists of two units of vehicle sub-master controller that allow the operator to simultaneously control two units of 3-link dual-arm and the position and attitude of the vehicle. At the end of this chapter, experimental results on controlling an actual dual-arm underwater robot to catch a target object in underwater environment using the proposed master controller are presented and discussed.

Chapter 6 summarized the whole dissertation and describes recommendations for future research.

Chapter 2

Resolved acceleration control (RAC) method for underwater vehicle-manipulator systems

2.1 Introduction

In this chapter, a Resolved Acceleration Control (RAC) method for multi-link and multi-arm underwater vehicle-manipulator system (UVMS) is proposed. Using the RAC method, a coordinated motion control of an underwater vehicle and manipulator's end-tips can be achieved. First, the mathematical model of a UVMS is introduced. Next, the kinematic equation for the UVMS expressed by the relationship between the linear and angular velocity of the arm's end-tips with the linear and angular velocity of the vehicle and angular velocity of arm's joints is described. In addition, the momentum equation consisting of linear and rotational momentum of the UVMS considering hydrodynamic added mass and added inertia moment acting on the UVMS is presented. Then, the dynamic equation to obtain the desired motion of the UVMS is described. At the end of the chapter, the detail explanation about the proposed RAC method is introduced.

2.2 Modeling of a UVMS

Fig. 2.1 shows the three-dimensional model of a floating underwater vehicle equipped with multi-link dual-arm that is considered in this work.

The model consists of an inertial coordinate frame Σ_I and vehicle coordinate frame Σ_0 . Here, Σ_I is introduced to describe the motion of the entire UVMS system. The vehicle (robot base) is denoted as link 0. The links of the dual-arm are assigned

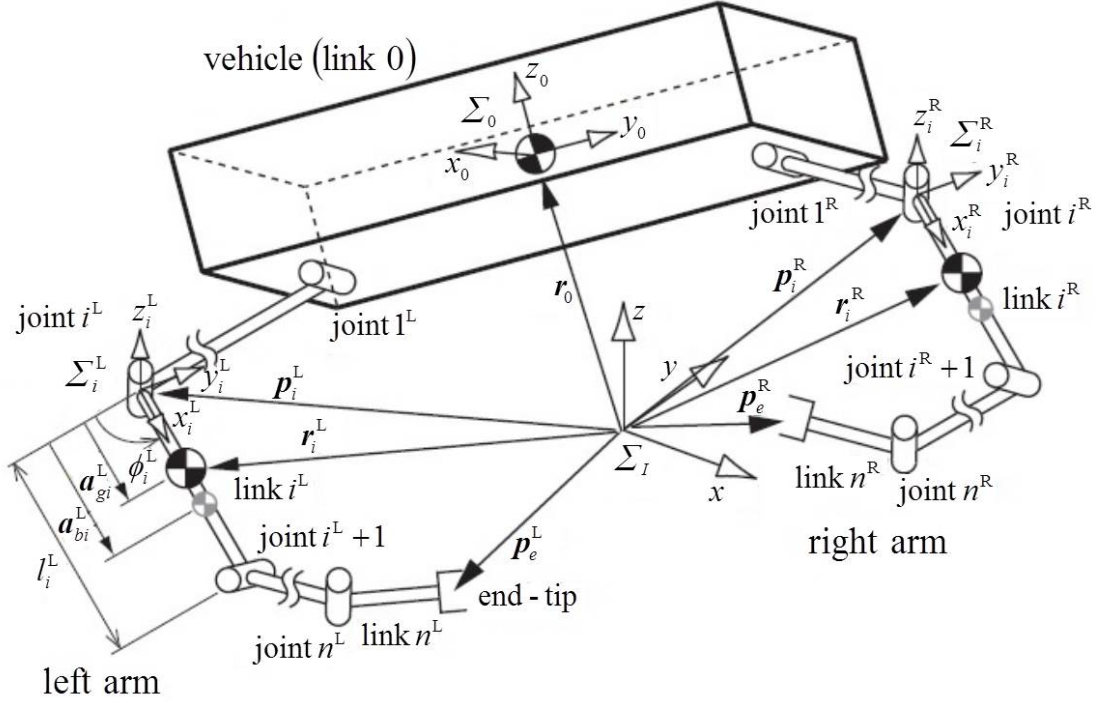


Fig. 2.1: Model of underwater robot equipped with multiple-links dual-arm

with numbers consecutively, starting from the base. Each links of the right arm is numbered from 1 to n . Similarly, each links of the left arm is numbered from 1 to n . The joint between link i and link $(i + 1)$ is denoted as joint i . Therefore, the parameters related to both right and left arm can be expressed such as n^* , where $*$ symbol is fixed on the upper right.

In describing the mathematical model of the UVMS, three important assumptions were made:

- The structure of the robot is a collection of rigid bodies connected by joints.
- Although the forces of gravity (weight) and forces of buoyancy of the robot base and each link are not coincide, the whole system of the robot is in the state of equilibrium.
- The surrounding fluid is in a static condition.

Symbols used in the model are defined as follows:

- i^* : number of joint and link for arm $*$ ($=R$: Right arm, $=L$: Left arm)
- n^* : number of joint for arm $*$ ($=R$: Right arm, $=L$: Left arm)
- Σ_I : inertial coordinate frame
- Σ_0 : robot base (vehicle) coordinate frame

- Σ_i^* : link i coordinate frame for arm $*$ ($*=R$: Right arm, $*=L$: Left arm)
 ${}^i\mathbf{R}_j^*$: coordinate transformation matrix of arm $*$ from Σ_j^* to Σ_i^*
 \mathbf{r}_0 : position vector of center of gravity for robot base with respect to Σ_I
 \mathbf{p}_e^* : position vector of end-tip of arm $*$ with respect to Σ_I
 \mathbf{p}_i^* : position vector of origin of Σ_i^* with respect to Σ_I
 \mathbf{r}_i^* : position vector of center of gravity for link i^* with respect to Σ_I
 $\boldsymbol{\psi}_0$: roll-pitch-yaw attitude vector of Σ_0 with respect to Σ_I
 $\boldsymbol{\psi}_e^*$: roll-pitch-yaw attitude vector of end-tip for arm $*$ with respect to Σ_I
 $\boldsymbol{\omega}_0$: angular velocity vector of Σ_0 with respect to Σ_I
 $\boldsymbol{\omega}_i^*$: angular velocity vector of Σ_i^* with respect to Σ_I
 $\boldsymbol{\omega}_e^*$: angular velocity vector of end-tip for arm $*$ with respect to Σ_I
 ϕ_i^* : relative angle of joint i^*
 $\boldsymbol{\phi}$: relative joint angle vector ($= [(\boldsymbol{\phi}^R)^T, (\boldsymbol{\phi}^L)^T]^T$), ($\boldsymbol{\phi}^* = [\phi_1^*, \phi_2^*, \dots, \phi_{n^*}^*]^T$)
 \mathbf{k}_i^* : unit vector indicating a rotational axis of joint i^*
 m_0 : mass of robot base
 m_i^* : mass of link i^*
 $\mathbf{M}_{a_i}^*$: added mass matrix of link i^* with respect to Σ_i^*
 \mathbf{I}_i^* : inertia tensor of link i^* with respect to Σ_i^*
 $\mathbf{I}_{a_i}^*$: added inertia tensor of link i^* with respect to Σ_i^*
 \mathbf{x}_0 : position and attitude vector of Σ_0 with respect to Σ_I ($= [\mathbf{r}_0^T, \boldsymbol{\psi}_0^T]^T$)
 \mathbf{x}_e^* : position and attitude vector of end tip for arm $*$ with respect to Σ_I ($= [(\mathbf{p}_e^*)^T, (\boldsymbol{\psi}_e^*)^T]^T$)
 $\boldsymbol{\nu}_0$: linear and angular velocity vector of Σ_0 with respect to Σ_I ($= [\dot{\mathbf{r}}_0^T, \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_0^T]^T$)
 $\boldsymbol{\nu}_e^*$: linear and angular velocity vector of end-tip for arm $*$ with respect to Σ_I ($= [(\dot{\mathbf{p}}_e^*)^T, (\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_e^*)^T]^T$)
 l_i^* : length of link i^*
 $a_{g_i}^*$: length between joint i^* to the center of gravity of link i^*
 $a_{b_i}^*$: length between joint i^* to the center of buoyancy of link i^*
 ${}^i\mathbf{l}_i^*$: position vector of joint $(i^* + 1)$ with respect to Σ_i
 $\mathbf{a}_{g_i}^*$: position vector from joint i^* to the center of gravity of link i^* with respect to Σ_I
 $\mathbf{a}_{b_i}^*$: position vector from joint i^* to the center of buoyancy of link i^* with respect to Σ_I
 D_i^* : width of link i^*
 V_i^* : volume of link i^*
 ρ : fluid density
 $C_{d_i}^*$: drag force coefficient for link i^*
 \mathbf{g} : gravitational acceleration vector

\mathbf{E}_j : $j \times j$ unit matrix

$\tilde{\cdot}$: tilde operator stands for a cross product such that $\tilde{\mathbf{r}}\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{a}$

In the field of underwater robotics, when an object moves in a fluid, external hydrodynamic forces comprises of in-line and transverse forces (generated from shedding of vortices) are taken into consideration [75]. However, the motions permitted for underwater robots are usually very slow and the magnitude of the transverse forces are relatively small compared to the in-line forces [75, 76]. Thus, only in-line forces containing drag, added mass and fluid-acceleration forces are usually affecting the motions of a slow moving underwater robot. In [75], accurate modeling of added mass and drag forces can be achieved by state-dependent coefficients. However, in general, added mass are identified experimentally using added mass of a simplified shape as the initial value [77]. Thus, the added mass, added moment of inertia and drag coefficient are based on constant values that depends on the shape of the robots that is usually called strip theory [73, 76, 78]. Therefore, in this work, the hydrodynamic forces is obtained by applying the same principle.

2.2.1 Kinematic equation

In order to derive the kinematic and momentum equations, the center of mass for the robot base and arm links, and angular velocities of the arm joints are determined.

First, the position vector \mathbf{p}_i^* of each joint i^* ($i^* = 1, 2, \dots, n^*$) for both arms, and the position vector \mathbf{r}_i^* of the center of mass for each link i^* can be described as

$$\mathbf{p}_i^* = \mathbf{p}_{i-1}^* + {}^I\mathbf{R}_{i-1}^{*i} \mathbf{l}_{i-1}^*, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_i^* = \mathbf{p}_i^* + {}^I\mathbf{R}_i^{*i} \mathbf{a}_{g_i}^*, \quad (2.2)$$

where ${}^i\mathbf{l}_i^* = [l_i^*, 0, 0]^T$ and ${}^i\mathbf{a}_{g_i}^* = [a_i^*, 0, 0]^T$ are the position vectors with respect to Σ_i^* . Note that $\mathbf{p}_0 = \mathbf{r}_0$. Similarly, the position \mathbf{p}_e^* of each end-tip for both arms is

$$\mathbf{p}_e^* = \mathbf{p}_{n^*}^* + {}^I\mathbf{R}_{n^*}^{*n^*} \mathbf{l}_{n^*}^*. \quad (2.3)$$

Next, the linear velocity vector and angular velocity vector for joint i^* can be described as

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_i^* = \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i-1}^* + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i-1}^* \times ({}^I\mathbf{R}_{i-1}^{*i} \mathbf{l}_{i-1}^*), \quad (2.4)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_i^* = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i-1}^* + {}^I\mathbf{R}_i^{*i} \mathbf{k}_i^* \dot{\phi}_i^*. \quad (2.5)$$

Similarly, the linear velocity vector for the center of mass for link i^* and each end-tip are

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i^* = \dot{\mathbf{p}}_i^* + \boldsymbol{\omega}_i^* \times ({}^I\mathbf{R}_i^{*i} \mathbf{a}_{g_i}^*), \quad (2.6)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_e^* = \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{n^*}^* + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{n^*}^* \times ({}^I \mathbf{R}_{n^*}^{*n^*} \mathbf{l}_{n^*}^*). \quad (2.7)$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} {}^I \mathbf{R}_{i-1}^{*i-1} \mathbf{l}_{i-1}^* &= \mathbf{p}_i^* - \mathbf{p}_{i-1}^*, \\ {}^I \mathbf{R}_i^{*i} \mathbf{a}_{g_i}^* &= \mathbf{r}_i^* - \mathbf{p}_i^*, \end{aligned}$$

and \mathbf{k}_i^* is defined as

$$\mathbf{k}_i^* = {}^I \mathbf{R}_i^{*i} \mathbf{k}_i^*.$$

As a result, the linear velocity and angular velocity for joint i^* based on Equations (2.4) and (2.5) are expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{p}}_i^* &= \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{i-1}^* + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{i-1}^* (\mathbf{p}_i^* - \mathbf{p}_{i-1}^*) \\ &= \dot{\mathbf{r}}_0 - (\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i^* - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0) \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \tilde{\mathbf{k}}_j^* (\mathbf{p}_i^* - \mathbf{p}_j^*) \dot{\phi}_j^*, \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_i^* = \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^i \mathbf{k}_j^* \dot{\phi}_j^*. \quad (2.9)$$

In a similar manner, the linear velocity and angular velocity for the center of mass for link i^* and both end-tips based on Equation (2.7) become

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i^* = \dot{\mathbf{r}}_0 - (\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i^* - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0) \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^i \tilde{\mathbf{k}}_j^* (\mathbf{r}_i^* - \mathbf{p}_j^*) \dot{\phi}_j^*, \quad (2.10)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_e^* = \dot{\mathbf{r}}_0 - (\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_e^* - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0) \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{n^*} \tilde{\mathbf{k}}_j^* (\mathbf{p}_e^* - \mathbf{p}_j^*) \dot{\phi}_j^*, \quad (2.11)$$

and,

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_e^* = \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{n^*} \mathbf{k}_j^* \dot{\phi}_j^*. \quad (2.12)$$

The kinematic and momentum equations can be determined based on the aforementioned equations.

First, based on Equations (2.11) and (2.12), the relationship between the linear and angular velocity vector for both end-tips $\boldsymbol{\nu}_e^* = [(\dot{\mathbf{p}}_e^*)^T, (\boldsymbol{\omega}_e^*)^T]^T$, the linear and angular velocity vector of robot base $\boldsymbol{\nu}_0 = [\dot{\mathbf{r}}_0^T, \boldsymbol{\omega}_0^T]^T$ and angular velocity vector of each joint for both arms $\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^* = [\dot{\phi}_1^*, \dot{\phi}_2^*, \dots, \dot{\phi}_{n^*}^*]^T$ can be expressed with

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_e^* = \mathbf{A}^* \boldsymbol{\nu}_0 + \mathbf{B}^* \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^* \quad (* = \text{R, L}), \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}^* &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_3 & -(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_e^* - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0) \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{E}_3 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{B}^* &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1^* & \mathbf{b}_2^* & \cdots & \mathbf{b}_n^* \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{b}_i^* &= [\{\tilde{\mathbf{k}}_i^*(\mathbf{p}_e^* - \mathbf{p}_i^*)\}^T, (\mathbf{k}_i^*)^T]^T.\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, based on Equation (2.13), linear and angular velocity vector for both end-tips $\boldsymbol{\nu}_e = [(\boldsymbol{\nu}_e^R)^T, (\boldsymbol{\nu}_e^L)^T]^T$, linear and angular velocity vector for robot base $\boldsymbol{\nu}_0 = [\dot{\mathbf{r}}_0^T, \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_0^T]^T$ and angular velocity of each joint on both arms $\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = [(\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^R)^T, (\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^L)^T]^T$ can be summarized into a single kinematic equation as

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_e = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\nu}_0 + \mathbf{B}\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}, \quad (2.14)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^R \\ \mathbf{A}^L \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{B} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}^R & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{B}^L \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

2.2.2 Momentum equation

In this section, the linear momentum of the robot overall system $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ and angular momentum around the center of mass of the robot base $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ containing hydrodynamic added mass ${}^i M_{a_i}^*$ and added inertia moment ${}^i I_{a_i}^*$ are determined. Here, the linear momentum of the robot overall system $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ is considered to consist of linear momentum of the robot base $\boldsymbol{\eta}_0$, linear momentum of the right arm $\boldsymbol{\eta}^R$ and linear momentum of the left arm $\boldsymbol{\eta}^L$. Similarly, the angular momentum around the center of mass of the robot base $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ is also considered to consist of angular momentum of the robot base $\boldsymbol{\mu}_0$, angular momentum of right arm $\boldsymbol{\mu}^R$ and angular momentum of left arm $\boldsymbol{\mu}^L$.

Therefore, linear momentum $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ and angular momentum $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ are expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\eta} &= \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\eta}^R + \boldsymbol{\eta}^L \\ &= M_{T_0} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0 + \boldsymbol{\eta}^R + \boldsymbol{\eta}^L,\end{aligned}\tag{2.15}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\mu} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 + \boldsymbol{\mu}^R + \boldsymbol{\mu}^L - \boldsymbol{r}_0 \times \boldsymbol{\eta} \\ &= \boldsymbol{I}_{T_0} \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \boldsymbol{r}_0 \times M_{T_0} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0 + \boldsymbol{\mu}^R + \boldsymbol{\mu}^L - \boldsymbol{r}_0 \times \boldsymbol{\eta},\end{aligned}\tag{2.16}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\eta}^* &= \sum_{i=1}^{n^*} M_{T_i}^* \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^*, \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}^* &= \sum_{i=1}^{n^*} \boldsymbol{I}_{T_i}^* \boldsymbol{\omega}_i^* + \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^* M_{T_i}^* \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^*, \\ M_{T_0} &= m_0 \boldsymbol{E}_3 + {}^I \boldsymbol{R}_0^0 M_{a_0} {}^0 \boldsymbol{R}_I, \\ \boldsymbol{I}_{T_0} &= {}^I \boldsymbol{R}_0 ({}^0 \boldsymbol{I}_0 + {}^0 \boldsymbol{I}_{a_0}) {}^0 \boldsymbol{R}_I, \\ M_{T_i}^* &= m_i^* \boldsymbol{E}_3 + {}^I \boldsymbol{R}_i^{*i} M_{a_i}^* {}^i \boldsymbol{R}_I^*, \\ \boldsymbol{I}_{T_i}^* &= {}^I \boldsymbol{R}_i^* ({}^i \boldsymbol{I}_i^* + {}^i \boldsymbol{I}_{a_i}^*) {}^i \boldsymbol{R}_I^*.\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, by applying Equations (2.9) and (2.10) into Equations (2.15) and (2.16), linear velocity of robot base $\dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0$, angular velocity of robot base $\boldsymbol{\omega}_0$ and angular velocity for the arm joint $\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i^*$ can be summarized into linear momentum $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ and angular

momentum $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ that can be described as

$$\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{\eta} &= M_{T_0} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} M_{T_i}^R \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} M_{T_i}^L \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L \\
&= M_{T_0} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0 + M_{T_i}^R \left\{ \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0 - (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^i \tilde{\boldsymbol{k}}_j^R (\boldsymbol{r}_i^R - \boldsymbol{p}_j^R) \dot{\phi}_j^R \right\} \\
&\quad + M_{T_i}^L \left\{ \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0 - (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^i \tilde{\boldsymbol{k}}_j^L (\boldsymbol{r}_i^L - \boldsymbol{p}_j^L) \dot{\phi}_j^L \right\} \\
&= \left\{ M_{T_0} + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} M_{T_i}^R + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} M_{T_i}^L \right\} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0 \\
&\quad - \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} M_{T_i}^R (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) - \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} M_{T_i}^L (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) \right\} \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} \sum_{j=i}^{n^R} M_{T_i}^* \tilde{\boldsymbol{k}}_i^R (\boldsymbol{r}_j^R - \boldsymbol{p}_i^R) \dot{\phi}_i^R + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} \sum_{j=i}^{n^L} M_{T_i}^* \tilde{\boldsymbol{k}}_i^L (\boldsymbol{r}_j^L - \boldsymbol{p}_i^L) \dot{\phi}_i^L, \tag{2.17}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{\mu} &= \boldsymbol{I}_{T_0} \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \boldsymbol{r}_0 \times M_{T_0} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} (\boldsymbol{I}_{T_i}^R \boldsymbol{\omega}_i^R + \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R M_{T_i}^R \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R) + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} (\boldsymbol{I}_{T_i}^L \boldsymbol{\omega}_i^L + \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L M_{T_i}^L \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L) \\
&\quad - \boldsymbol{r}_0 \times \left\{ M_{T_0} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} M_{T_i}^R \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} M_{T_i}^L \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L \right\} \\
&= \boldsymbol{I}_{T_0} \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} \{ \boldsymbol{I}_{T_i}^R \boldsymbol{\omega}_i^R + (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) M_{T_i}^R \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R \} + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} \{ \boldsymbol{I}_{T_i}^L \boldsymbol{\omega}_i^L + (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) M_{T_i}^L \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L \} \\
&= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) M_{T_i}^R + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) M_{T_i}^L \right\} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_0 \\
&\quad + \left\{ \boldsymbol{I}_{T_0} + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} \{ \boldsymbol{I}_{T_i}^R - (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) M_{T_i}^R (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^R - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) \} + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} \{ \boldsymbol{I}_{T_i}^L - (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) M_{T_i}^L (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_i^L - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) \} \right\} \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} \sum_{j=i}^{n^R} \left\{ \boldsymbol{I}_{T_j}^R - (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_j^R - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) M_{T_j}^R (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_j^R - \tilde{\boldsymbol{p}}_i^R) \right\} \boldsymbol{k}_i^R \dot{\phi}_i^R \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} \sum_{j=i}^{n^L} \left\{ \boldsymbol{I}_{T_j}^L - (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_j^L - \tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_0) M_{T_j}^L (\tilde{\boldsymbol{r}}_j^L - \tilde{\boldsymbol{p}}_i^L) \right\} \boldsymbol{k}_i^L \dot{\phi}_i^L. \tag{2.18}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, based on Equations (2.17) and (2.18), the following momentum equation can be obtained:

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\eta} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\nu}_0 + \mathbf{D}\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}, \quad (2.19)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{11} & \mathbf{c}_{12} \\ \mathbf{c}_{21} & \mathbf{c}_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{D} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}_{11}^R & \mathbf{d}_{12}^R & \cdots & \mathbf{d}_{1n^R}^R & \mathbf{d}_{11}^L & \mathbf{d}_{12}^L & \cdots & \mathbf{d}_{1n^L}^L \\ \mathbf{d}_{21}^R & \mathbf{d}_{22}^R & \cdots & \mathbf{d}_{2n^R}^R & \mathbf{d}_{21}^L & \mathbf{d}_{22}^L & \cdots & \mathbf{d}_{2n^L}^L \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{c}_{11} &= \mathbf{M}_{T_0} + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} \mathbf{M}_{T_i}^R + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} \mathbf{M}_{T_i}^L, \\ \mathbf{c}_{12} &= -\sum_{i=1}^{n^R} \mathbf{M}_{T_i}^R(\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i^R - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0) - \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} \mathbf{M}_{T_i}^L(\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i^L - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0), \\ \mathbf{c}_{21} &= -\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0 \mathbf{M}_{T_0} + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i^R \mathbf{M}_{T_i}^R + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i^L \mathbf{M}_{T_i}^L, \\ \mathbf{c}_{22} &= \mathbf{I}_{T_0} + \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} \mathbf{I}_{T_i}^R - \sum_{i=1}^{n^R} (\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i^* - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0) \mathbf{M}_{T_i}^R (\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i^R - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} \mathbf{I}_{T_i}^L - \sum_{i=1}^{n^L} (\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i^* - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0) \mathbf{M}_{T_i}^L (\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i^L - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0), \\ \mathbf{d}_{1i}^* &= \sum_{j=i}^{n^*} \mathbf{M}_{T_j}^* \tilde{\mathbf{k}}_i^* (\mathbf{r}_j^* - \mathbf{p}_i^*), \\ \mathbf{d}_{2i}^* &= \sum_{j=i}^{n^*} \mathbf{I}_{T_j}^* \mathbf{k}_i^* + (\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i^* - \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_0) \mathbf{M}_{T_j}^* \tilde{\mathbf{k}}_i^* (\mathbf{r}_j^* - \mathbf{p}_i^*). \end{aligned}$$

2.2.3 Drag forces and buoyant forces

The hydrodynamic drag forces, drag moment and buoyant forces acting on an object that moves in 3-dimensional space are described in this section. Drag force on x_i axis direction element ${}^i f_x^*$, and drag moment ${}^i \mathbf{n}_{f_x}^*$ generated by ${}^i f_x^*$ that acted on link i^* can be expressed as follows [77]:

$${}^i f_x^* = \frac{\rho}{2} C_{D_i}^* \int_{-l_{z2}}^{l_{z1}} \int_{-l_{y2}}^{l_{y1}} w_{i_x}^* |w_{i_x}^*| dy_i dz_i, \quad (2.20)$$

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