

ON SOME COHOMOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF THE LIE  
ALGEBRA OF EUCLIDEAN MOTIONS

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*Abstract.* The external derivative  $d$  on differential manifolds inspires graded operators on complexes of spaces  $\Lambda^r g^*$ ,  $\Lambda^r g^* \otimes g$ ,  $\Lambda^r g^* \otimes g^*$  stated by  $g^*$  dual to a Lie algebra  $g$ . Cohomological properties of these operators are studied in the case of the Lie algebra  $g = se(3)$  of the Lie group of Euclidean motions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In robotics a basic theoretical tool is the Lie group  $SE(3)$  of Euclidean motions (rotations, translations, helical motions) in the Euclidean space  $E_3$ . Then every property of this group, its Lie algebra  $se(3)$  and its dual space  $se^*(3)$  has useful applications in robotics. Throughout this paper we prefer the matrix form of investigation. It means that the elements of  $se(3)$  are considered as couples of two vectors called twists (this notion is often used in robotic literature). Analogously the elements of  $se^*(3)$  are couples of two vectors called wrenches.

In the second chapter of this paper we recall some basic notions of the Lie algebra  $se(3)$  such as the representation  $Ad: SE(3) \rightarrow GL(se(3))$  of the group  $SE(3)$  in the vector space  $se(3)$ , the representation  $ad: se(3) \rightarrow \text{end}(se(3))$  of the Lie algebra  $se(3)$  in the vector space  $se(3)$ , Klein's and Killing's bilinear forms in  $se(3)$ . The third chapter is devoted to the space  $se^*(3)$ . We recall robotic interpretations of the wrench such as pure forces, pure torques, the internal map  $i^{Kl}: se(3) \rightarrow se^*(3)$ , (its inversion) determined by Klein's form  $Kl$ , the representation of  $se(3)$  in  $se^*(3)$  which is dual to  $ad$  and their properties. The main goal of this paper is to investigate some cohomological properties of the Lie algebra  $se(3)$ . In the fourth chapter we deal with

some graded operators on the complexes of spaces  $\Lambda^r g^*$ ,  $\Lambda^r g^* \otimes g$ ,  $\Lambda^r g^* \otimes g^*$  inspired by the external derivative  $d$  on differential manifolds and by the 0-representation of  $se(3)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , by the representations  $ad$  and  $ad^*$ . We compute the first cohomological groups of these operators. The basic literature we refer to is [1], [2], [3], [5], [6], [7], [8], especially [9] for the matrix twist and wrench calculus in robotics and [4] for the cohomological considerations and its technical applications.

## 2. SOME PROPERTIES OF THE LIE ALGEBRA $se(3)$

The Lie group  $SE(3)$  of Euclidean motions (rotations, translations, helical motions) in the Euclidean space  $E_3$  and its Lie algebra  $se(3)$  are the basic means for the description of robot activities. In this chapter we briefly recall some basic notions of  $SE(3)$  and first of all  $se(3)$  which we will need. For details we refer to [1], [9].

Let  $\mathcal{S}_0$  be a coordinate system in  $E_3$ . If we use homogeneous coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, 1)^T \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in E_3$ , where  $\bar{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T$  are the coordinates of the position vector  $\overline{OL}$  in  $\mathcal{S}_0$  then the left action  $L' = HL$  of  $SE(3)$  in  $E_3$ ,  $H \in SE(3)$ , has the matrix form

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & \bar{p} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} A & \bar{p} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $A$  is an orthogonal  $3 \times 3$  matrix,  $\det A = 1$  and  $\overline{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{pmatrix} = \bar{p}$  is the position vector of the point  $P$  at which the origin  $O$  goes in the action of the element  $H \in SE(3)$ . It is easy to see that the coordinate system  $\mathcal{S}_0$  determines the isomorphism  $SE(3) \simeq SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3$  where  $SO(3)$  denotes the Lie group of all orthogonal matrices  $A$ ,  $\det A = 1$ , which represents the Lie group of all spherical motions around  $O$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3$  means the Lie group of all translations in  $E_3$  and  $\times$  denotes the semidirect product of these groups. In this paper we deal only with structural properties of the group  $SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3$  and its Lie algebra with the dual space. Taking into account the isomorphism  $SE(3) \simeq SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3$  all our assertions about these properties are true for the group  $SE(3)$  and its Lie algebra  $se(3)$  with the dual space  $se^*(3)$ .

A Euclidean motion  $\kappa(t)$  can be written in the form  $L(t) = H(t)L_0$ , where  $H(0) = E$  is the unit matrix. Differentiation of the matrix  $H(t)$  at  $t = 0$  gives  $\dot{H}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} C^{\bar{\omega}} & \bar{b} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $C^{\bar{\omega}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is skewsymmetric and  $\bar{b} =$

$(b_1, b_2, b_3)^T$ ,  $\bar{\omega} = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)^T$  are vectors where  $\bar{b}$  is the instantaneous velocity of the origin  $O$  and  $\bar{\omega}$  is the angular velocity of the instantaneous helical motion  $\rho$  around the axis  $o$  through the point  $C$ ,  $\overline{OC} = \bar{\omega} \times \bar{b}/\bar{\omega}^2$ , with the direction vector  $\bar{\omega}$ . If  $\bar{\omega} \cdot \bar{b} = 0$ ,  $\bar{\omega} \neq \bar{0}$ , then  $\rho$  is a rotation. If  $\bar{\omega} = \bar{0}$  the  $\rho$  is a translation with the vector  $\bar{b}$ . Recall that the velocities of any point  $L_0$  at the motion  $\rho$  and  $\kappa(t)$  at  $t = 0$  are equal. Throughout this paper we use the column coordinate form of vectors,  $\bar{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)^T$  where  $T$  denotes the transpose of a matrix. Let us recall that  $C^{\bar{\omega}}\bar{v} = (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{v})$  where  $\bar{\omega} \times \bar{v}$  denotes the cross product of the vectors  $\bar{\omega}$  and  $\bar{v}$ .

In robotics the “twist” form  $X = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} := \dot{H}(0)$  or  $(\bar{\omega}, \bar{b})^T = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}$  is often used. All twists form the Lie algebra  $se(3)$  in which the Lie bracket is

$$(1) \quad [X_1, X_2] = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_1 \times \bar{\omega}_2 \\ \bar{\omega}_1 \times \bar{b}_2 + \bar{b}_1 \times \bar{\omega}_2 \end{pmatrix} \approx \dot{H}_1 \dot{H}_2 - \dot{H}_2 \dot{H}_1.$$

Let us recall two representations.

1. The adjoint representation  $Ad: SE(3) \rightarrow GL(se(3))$  of the group  $SE(3)$  in the vector space  $se(3)$  where  $Ad_H$  is determined by the tangential prolongation of the internal automorphism  $\mathbf{H} \mapsto H\mathbf{H}H^{-1}$  at the unit  $e \in SE(3)$ ,  $\mathbf{H} \in SE(3)$  and it has the matrix form (see [9])

$$(2) \quad Ad_H(X) = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ C^{\bar{p}}A & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A\bar{\omega} \\ C^{\bar{p}}A\bar{\omega} + A\bar{b} \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. The representation  $ad$  of the Lie algebra  $se(3)$  in the vector space  $se(3)$  is deduced from  $Ad$  and its matrix form is (see [9])

$$(3) \quad ad_{X_1}X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} C^{\bar{\omega}_1} & 0 \\ C^{\bar{b}_1} & C^{\bar{\omega}_1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_2 \\ \bar{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C^{\bar{\omega}_1}\bar{\omega}_2 \\ C^{\bar{b}_1}\bar{\omega}_2 + C^{\bar{\omega}_1}\bar{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_1 \times \bar{\omega}_2 \\ \bar{b}_1 \times \bar{\omega}_2 + \bar{\omega}_1 \times \bar{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} = [X_1, X_2].$$

Let us recall the well known relations which we will use:

$$(4) \quad Ad_H[X_1, X_2] = [Ad_H X_1, Ad_H X_2],$$

$$(5) \quad ad_X[X_1, X_2] = [ad_X X_1, X_2] + [X_1, ad_X X_2],$$

$$(6) \quad Ad_{\exp X} = \exp ad_X,$$

where  $\exp$  denotes the exponential map  $\exp: g \rightarrow G$  from any Lie algebra  $g$  into its Lie group  $G$ .

We will use two bilinear forms defined in  $se(3)$ .

1. Klein's form  $Kl$  is defined by the rule

$$(7) \quad Kl(X_1, X_2) = \bar{\omega}_1 \cdot \bar{b}_2 + \bar{b}_1 \cdot \bar{\omega}_2, \quad X_i = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_i \\ \bar{b}_i \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

where dot denotes the scalar product of a vector in the Euclidian space.

2. Killing's form  $K$  fulfils

$$(8) \quad K(X_1, X_2) = \bar{\omega}_1 \cdot \bar{\omega}_2.$$

It is well known that the forms  $Kl$  and  $K$  are  $Ad$ -invariant and thus their values do not depend on the choice of the coordinate system  $\mathcal{S}_0$ . In the case of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of a general Lie group  $G$ , Killing's form is defined by the prescription  $\tilde{K}(X_1, X_2) = \text{tr}(ad_{X_1}ad_{X_2})$  where on the right hand side there is the trace of the linear map  $ad_{X_1}ad_{X_2} \in \text{end}(\mathfrak{g})$ , where  $\text{end}(\mathfrak{g})$  denotes the space of all linear maps the on the vector space  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Using (3) in the case of  $\mathfrak{g} = se(3)$  we have

$$\text{tr}(ad_{X_1}ad_{X_2}) = \text{tr} \left( \begin{pmatrix} C^{\bar{\omega}_1} & 0 \\ C^{\bar{b}_1} & C^{\bar{\omega}_1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C^{\bar{\omega}_2} & 0 \\ C^{\bar{b}_2} & C^{\bar{\omega}_2} \end{pmatrix} \right) = 2 \text{tr} C^{\bar{\omega}_1} C^{\bar{\omega}_2} = -4\bar{\omega}_1 \cdot \bar{\omega}_2.$$

So we have

$$(9) \quad \tilde{K}(X_1, X_2) = -4K(X_1, X_2).$$

Killing's form is evidently singular since  $K(X, X) = 0$  for any translating twist  $X = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{0} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}$ . Recall that a twist  $X = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}$  is translating or rotational or helical if  $K(X, X) = 0$ , i.e.  $\bar{\omega} = \bar{0}$  or  $Kl(X, X) = 2\bar{\omega} \cdot \bar{b} = 0$ ,  $\bar{\omega} \neq \bar{0}$  or  $\bar{\omega} \neq \bar{0}$ ,  $\bar{\omega} \cdot \bar{b} \neq 0$  respectively. The maps  $Ad$  preserve the kind of twists (for example if  $X$  is rotational then  $Ad_H(X)$  is also rotational). The maps  $ad$  preserve only translating twists.

### 3. ON THE SPACE $se^*(3)$ DUAL TO $se(3)$

The dual space  $se^*(3)$  to the vector space  $se(3)$  is the vector space of all linear functions (1-forms)  $\xi: se(3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We consider  $se(3)$  as the space of twists (of couples  $X = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}$  of vectors); then an element of  $se^*(3)$  is also a couple  $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{m} \\ \bar{f} \end{pmatrix}$  of vectors called the wrench (see [9], [3]), where the value of  $\xi$  on  $X$  (the evaluation of  $\xi$  on  $X$ ) can be expressed in the form

$$(10) \quad \xi \circ X = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{m} \\ \bar{f} \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} := (\bar{m}, \bar{f}) \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} = \bar{m} \cdot \bar{\omega} + \bar{f} \cdot \bar{b}.$$

Evidently it does not depend on the choice on  $\mathcal{S}_0$ .

**Remark 1.** A wrench  $(\bar{m}, \bar{f})^T$  can be interpreted by momenta and force:

- (a)  $(\bar{m} = \bar{r} \times \bar{f}, \bar{f})^T$ ,  $\bar{f}$  is the force and  $\bar{m} = \bar{r} \times \bar{f}$  is the moment of force  $\bar{f}$  at the point with the position vector  $\bar{r}$ . In general the wrench  $(\bar{m}, \bar{f})^T$ ,  $\bar{m} \cdot \bar{f} = 0$ ,  $\bar{f} \neq \bar{0}$ , is called the pure force.
- (b)  $\xi = (\bar{m}, \bar{0})^T$  is the so-called pure torque and represents a double force.
- (c) Every wrench  $\xi = (\bar{m}, \bar{f})^T$  is a linear combination of the pure force and the pure torque.

The evaluation  $\xi \circ X$  we interpret as the work of  $\xi$  on  $X$ .

**Remark 2.** Klein's form  $Kl$  determines a (1,1)-correspondence  $i^{Kl}: se(3) \rightarrow se^*(3)$  by the rule  $i^{Kl}(X) \equiv i_X Kl \in se^*(3)$ , where  $i_X Kl(Y) = Kl(X, Y)$ , i.e.  $i_X Kl = Kl(X, \cdot)$ . If  $X = (\bar{\omega}_X, \bar{b}_X)^T$ ,  $Y = (\bar{\omega}_Y, \bar{b}_Y)^T$  then  $i^{Kl}(X) = (\bar{b}_X, \bar{\omega}_X)^T$  as  $i_X Kl(Y) = Kl(X, Y) = \bar{\omega}_X \cdot \bar{b}_Y + \bar{b}_X \cdot \bar{\omega}_Y$ . In the matrix form  $i^{Kl} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E \\ E & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  as  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & E \\ E & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_X \\ \bar{b}_X \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{b}_X \\ \bar{\omega}_X \end{pmatrix}$ . The inverse matrix is the same, i.e.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & E \\ E & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Remark 3.** A twist  $X = (\bar{\omega}, \bar{b})^T$ ,  $\bar{\omega} \neq \bar{0}$  determines a line  $p$  (axis of  $X$ ) through the point  $C$  with the position vector  $\overline{OC} = (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{b})/\bar{\omega}^2$  and with the direction vector  $\bar{\omega}$ . Analogously the line of a wrench  $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{m} \\ \bar{f} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\bar{f} \neq \bar{0}$ , goes through the point  $C$ ,  $\overline{OC} = (\bar{f} \times \bar{m})/\bar{f}^2$  and  $\bar{f}$  is its direction vector. Then the axis of  $X$  and the line of  $i_X Kl$  coincide.

From the relation (2) it is clear that by the rule  $H \mapsto (Ad_{H^{-1}})^*$  dual to  $Ad_{H^{-1}}$  determines a representation  $\rho$  of the group  $SE(3)$  in the vector space  $se^*(3)$ . Then the map  $X \mapsto (ad_{-X})^*$  dual to  $ad_{-X}$  determines the so-called from  $ad$  deduced representation of the Lie algebra  $se(3)$  in the vector space  $se^*(3)$ , i.e. the homomorphism  $ad^*: se(3) \rightarrow \text{end}(se^*(3))$  where  $\text{end}(se^*(3))$  is the Lie algebra of all linear maps on  $se^*(3)$  with the Lie bracket  $[\alpha, \beta] = \alpha\beta - \beta\alpha \in \text{end}(se^*(3))$ . The relation (3) implies that the matrix of the map  $ad^*(X) = (ad_{-X})^*$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} C^{\bar{\omega}} & C^{\bar{b}} \\ 0 & C^{\bar{\omega}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C^{-\bar{\omega}} & 0 \\ C^{-\bar{b}} & C^{-\bar{\omega}} \end{pmatrix}^T.$$

Let us denote (see [9])

$$(11) \quad \{X, \xi\} := (ad_{-X})^* \xi, \quad \xi \in se^*(3), \quad X \in se(3).$$

In the matrix form we have for  $X = (\bar{\omega}, \bar{b})^T$ ,  $\xi = (\bar{m}, \bar{f})^T$

$$(11') \quad \{X, \xi\} = \begin{pmatrix} C^{\bar{\omega}} & C^{\bar{b}} \\ 0 & C^{\bar{\omega}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{m} \\ \bar{f} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C^{\bar{\omega}} \bar{m} + C^{\bar{b}} \bar{f} \\ C^{\bar{\omega}} \bar{f} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \times \bar{m} + \bar{b} \times \bar{f} \\ \bar{\omega} \times \bar{f} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Recall that the space  $\Lambda^r se^*(3)$  is the vector space of all scalar skewsymmetric forms of degree  $r$  (shortly of  $r$ -forms on  $se(3)$ ). In general,  $\Lambda^r se^*(3)(V) \equiv \Lambda^r se^*(3) \otimes V$  denotes the space of all skewsymmetric forms of degree  $r$  with values in a vector space  $V$ . In this spirit,  $\Lambda^r se^*(3) \equiv \Lambda^r se^*(3)(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\Lambda se^*(3)$  denotes the graded algebra of all skewsymmetric scalar forms with external product of scalar forms which is in the case of 1-forms of the form  $\alpha \wedge \beta(X, Y) = \alpha(X)\beta(Y) - \alpha(Y)\beta(X)$ . Analogously we use the notation  $\Lambda^r g^*$ ,  $\Lambda^r g^*(V) = \Lambda^r g^* \otimes V$  for any Lie algebra  $g$ .

#### 4. OPERATORS $\hat{d}, \tilde{d}$ AND $\tilde{d}^*$ . COHOMOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

First we recall the operator  $d: \Lambda^r g \otimes V \rightarrow \Lambda^{r+1} g \otimes V$  which is inspired by the external differentiation on manifolds, see for example [4]. Let  $\varrho$  be a representation of a Lie algebra  $g$  in a vector space  $V$ , i.e.  $\varrho: g \rightarrow \text{end}(V)$  is a homomorphism of Lie algebras. Let  $\alpha \in \Lambda^r g^* \otimes V$ . Then the operator  $d$  is defined by the rule

$$(12) \quad d\alpha(X_1, \dots, X_{r+1}) = \sum_{j=1}^{r+1} (-1)^{j+1} \varrho(X_j) \alpha(X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{r+1}) \\ + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \alpha([X_i, X_j], \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{r+1}), \quad X_1, \dots, X_{r+1} \in g,$$

where  $\hat{X}$  denotes the omission of  $X$ . For  $r = 0, 1, 2$  this gives

$$(12_0) \quad \bar{v} \in V \Rightarrow d\bar{v}(X) = \varrho(X)\bar{v},$$

$$(12_1) \quad \alpha \in g^* \otimes V \Rightarrow d\alpha(X, Y) = \varrho(X)\alpha(Y) - \varrho(Y)\alpha(X) - \alpha([X, Y]),$$

$$(12_2) \quad \alpha \in \Lambda^2 g^* \otimes V \Rightarrow d\alpha(X, Y, Z) = \varrho(X)\alpha(Y, Z) - \varrho(Y)\alpha(X, Z) \\ + \varrho(Z)\alpha(X, Y) - \alpha([X, Y], Z) + \alpha([X, Z], Y) - \alpha([Y, Z], X).$$

It is clear that  $d^2 = dd = 0$  and we get the cohomological complex

$$V \xrightarrow{d} g^* \otimes V \xrightarrow{d} \Lambda^2 g^* \otimes V \xrightarrow{d} \dots \xrightarrow{d} \Lambda^n g^* \otimes V \xrightarrow{d} 0, \quad n = \dim g.$$

We use the standard notation:

$$B^r = d(\Lambda^{r-1} g^* \otimes V) \subset \Lambda^r g^* \otimes V \text{—the } r\text{th co-boundary of } d,$$

$$Z^r = \{\alpha \in \Lambda^r g^* \otimes V, d\alpha = 0 \in \Lambda^{r+1} g^* \otimes V\} \text{—the } r\text{th co-cycle of } d,$$

$$H^r = Z^r / B^r \text{—the } r\text{th cohomological group of } d.$$

We will treat three cases:

- (a)  $V = \mathbb{R}$ , with the trivial zero-representation  $\varrho = 0$ ,
- (b)  $V = g$ , with the representation  $\varrho = ad$ ,
- (c)  $V = g^*$ , with the representation  $\varrho = ad^*$ .

(a) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\varrho = 0$  and let the operator  $d$  be rewritten as  $\hat{d}$ . We have

$$(\widehat{12}_0) \quad c \in \mathbb{R}, \hat{d}c(X) = 0 \text{ and thus } B^1(\hat{d}) = 0,$$

$$(\widehat{12}_1) \quad \alpha \in g^*, \hat{d}\alpha(X, Y) = -\alpha([X, Y]),$$

$$(\widehat{12}_2) \quad \alpha \in \Lambda^2 g^*, \hat{d}\alpha(X, Y, Z) = -\alpha([X, Y], Z) + \alpha([X, Z], Y) - \alpha([Y, Z], X),$$

$$\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\hat{d}} g^* \xrightarrow{\hat{d}} \Lambda^2 g^* \xrightarrow{\hat{d}} \dots \xrightarrow{\hat{d}} \Lambda^n g^* \xrightarrow{\hat{d}} 0.$$

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $A \subset g$  be a subspace. Let  $A^\perp = \{\alpha \in g^*, \alpha(A) = 0\}$  be the subspace of all 1-forms  $\alpha \in g^*$  for which  $\alpha(X) = 0$  for all  $X \in A$ . Then  $A$  is a subalgebra of  $g$  iff  $\hat{d}\alpha|_A = 0$ , i.e. iff  $\hat{d}\alpha(X, Y) = 0$  for all  $X, Y \in A$  and any  $\alpha \in A^\perp$ .*

**Proof.** The proof follows from (12<sub>1</sub>) as  $\hat{d}\alpha(X, Y) = -\alpha([X, Y])$  is zero for all  $X, Y \in A$  and any  $\alpha \in A^\perp$  iff  $[X, Y] \in A$ . □

**Corollary 1.** *As in  $g = se(3)$  there is no 5-dimensional subalgebra (see [6]) therefore the restriction  $\hat{d}\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in se^*(3)$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$  to the space  $\ker \alpha = \{X \in se(3), \alpha(X) = 0\}$  cannot be zero.*

**Proof.** In the case  $\alpha \neq 0$  we have  $\dim(\ker \alpha) = 5$ . If  $\hat{d}\alpha|_{\ker \alpha} = 0$  then by Proposition 1  $\ker \alpha$  is a subalgebra but this is impossible. □

**Remark 4.** Recall that the Jacobian of an  $n$ -parametric robot (robot with  $n$  joints) is a map  $J: \mathbb{R}_n \rightarrow se(3)$ ,  $J(\dot{u}_1, \dots, \dot{u}_n) = \dot{u}_1 Y_1 + \dots + \dot{u}_n Y_n$  where  $\dot{u}_1(t), \dots, \dot{u}_n(t)$  are the joint velocities and  $Y_i(t)$  is the twist determined by the position of the  $i$ -th joint at time  $t$ . The map  $J^*: se^*(3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_n$  dual to  $J$  maps wrenches into joint moments such that, if  $X = J(\dot{u} = (\dot{u}_1, \dots, \dot{u}_n))$  and  $\alpha \in se^*(3)$  then  $\alpha(X) = J^*\alpha(\dot{u})$ . So if  $\alpha \in \ker J^*$  and  $X = J(\dot{u})$  then  $\alpha(X) = 0$ . Therefore  $(J(\mathbb{R}_n))^\perp = \ker J^*$ . Therefore  $J(\mathbb{R}_n)$  is a subalgebra of  $se(3)$  iff  $\hat{d}\alpha|_{J(\mathbb{R}_n)} = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \ker J^*$ .

Recall that the Lie bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  in a Lie algebra  $g$  is a skew bilinear map  $[\cdot, \cdot]: g \times g \rightarrow g$ . Let  $\text{Im}[\cdot, \cdot]$  denote the set of all images of the map  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ . Evidently we have: if  $\alpha \in g^*$  then  $\hat{d}\alpha = 0$  iff  $\text{Im}[\cdot, \cdot] \subset \ker \alpha$ .

In what follows we will use the fact that  $se(3) = so(3) \bar{\oplus} \mathbb{R}_3$  is a semi-direct sum where  $so(3) = \left\{ X = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}, \bar{b} = \bar{0} \right\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_3 = \left\{ X = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}, \bar{\omega} = \bar{0} \right\}$  and thus  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_1 \\ \bar{0} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_2 \\ \bar{0} \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_1 \times \bar{\omega}_2 \\ \bar{0} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} \bar{0} \\ \bar{b}_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \bar{0} \\ \bar{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{0} \\ \bar{0} \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\alpha \in se^*(3)$ . Then  $\hat{d}\alpha = 0$  iff  $\alpha = 0$ .*

*Proof.* It is sufficient to show that  $\text{Im}[\cdot, \cdot] = g$ . Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} \in g$ . Then there are such vectors  $\bar{\omega}_1, \bar{\omega}_2, \bar{b}_2$  that  $\bar{\omega} = \bar{\omega}_1 \times \bar{\omega}_2$  and  $\bar{b} = \bar{\omega}_1 \times \bar{b}_2$ . In detail, if  $\bar{\omega}, \bar{b}$  are collinear then  $\bar{\omega}_1, \bar{\omega}_2, \bar{b}_2$  are coplanar with a plane orthogonal to  $\bar{\omega}$ . If  $\bar{\omega}, \bar{b}$  are not collinear then  $\bar{\omega}_1$  is collinear to the intersection of two planes when one of them is orthogonal to  $\bar{\omega}$  and the other to  $\bar{b}$ . We have  $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_1 \\ \bar{0} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_2 \\ \bar{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} \right]$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *The co-cycle  $Z^1$  of  $\hat{d}$  is  $Z^1(\hat{d}) = 0$  and so  $H^1 = Z^1(\hat{d})/B^1(\hat{d}) = 0$ .*

**Proposition 2.** *The second co-cycle of  $\hat{d}$  is isomorphic to  $se(3)^*$ , i.e.  $Z^2(\hat{d}) \approx se(3)^*$ .*

*Proof.* By the relation  $(\widehat{12}_1)$  the second co-boundary of  $\hat{d}$  is isomorphic to  $se(3)^*$ ,  $B^2(\hat{d}) \approx se(3)^*$ . Therefore it is sufficient to show that  $\dim Z^2(\hat{d}) = \dim se(3)^*$ . We choose basis vectors  $E_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)^T = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{e}_1 \\ \bar{0} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{e}_2 \\ \bar{0} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{e}_3 \\ \bar{0} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $E_6 = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{0} \\ \bar{e}_3 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $se(3)$  and the dual basis  $E^1 = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{e}_1 \\ \bar{0} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $E^6 = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{0} \\ \bar{e}_3 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $se(3)^*$ , (i.e.  $E^i(E_j) = E^i \circ E_j = \delta_j^i = 1$  for  $i = j$  or  $\delta_j^i = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \bar{e}_3$  is an orthonormal basis in the Euclidian vector space  $\mathbb{E}_3$ ). Any 2-form  $\alpha \in \Lambda^2 se^*(3)$  is of the coordinate form  $\alpha = \sum_{i < j}^6 \alpha_{ik} E^i \wedge E^k$ ,  $\alpha_{ik} = -\alpha_{ki}$ . We have  $E^i \wedge E^k(E_j, E_h) = (E^i \circ E_j)(E^k \circ E_h) - (E^i \circ E_h)(E^k \circ E_j) = \delta_j^i \delta_h^k - \delta_h^i \delta_j^k$ . If  $(i, k) \neq (j, h)$  then  $E^i \wedge E^k(E_j, E_h) = 0$ ,  $E^i \wedge E^k(E_i, E_k) = 1$ . Evidently  $\dim \Lambda^2 se^*(3) = 15$ . The condition  $\hat{d}\alpha = 0$  is satisfied iff  $\hat{d}\alpha(E_i, E_j, E_k) = 0$  for  $i, j, k = 1, \dots, 6, i < j < k$ . Using the relation  $(\widehat{12}_2)$  we obtain 9 independent linear equations for  $\alpha_{ik}$ . For example:  $0 = \hat{d}\alpha(E_1, E_3, E_6) = -\alpha([E_1, E_3], E_6) + \alpha([E_1, E_6], E_3) - \alpha([E_3, E_6], E_1) = -\alpha(-E_2, E_6) + \alpha(-E_5, E_3) - \alpha(\bar{0}, E_1) = \alpha_{26} + \alpha_{35}$ . Therefore all 2-forms  $\alpha$  fulfilling  $\hat{d}\alpha = 0$  form a  $15 - 9 = 6$  dimensional vector space. Therefore  $\dim Z^2(\hat{d}) = 6$  and  $Z^2(\hat{d}) \approx se^*(3)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** *The second cohomological group of  $\hat{d}$  is zero:  $H^2(\hat{d}) = Z^2(\hat{d})/B^2(\hat{d}) = se^*(3)/se^*(3) = 0$ .*

**Remark 5.** Recall that if  $G$  is a semi-simple group (its Killing's form is regular) then  $H^1(\hat{d}) = 0$ ,  $H^2(\hat{d}) = 0$ . Killing's form of the group  $SE(3)$  is singular. Also in this case  $H^1(\hat{d}) = 0$ ,  $H^2(\hat{d}) = 0$ .



We will show the connections of the bracket  $\{X, \alpha\}$  to the operator  $\hat{d}$ . Our considerations will be general for any Lie group  $G$ , its Lie algebra  $g$  and  $g^*$ . Recall that the map  $(Ad_{\exp(-X)})^*: g^* \rightarrow g^*$  is dual to the map  $Ad_{\exp(-X)} = (Ad_{\exp X})^{-1}$ . In general, if  $f: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is a linear map from a vector space  $V_1$  into another vector space  $V_2$  then the dual map  $f^*: V_2^* \rightarrow V_1^*$  to  $f$  is defined by the relation  $f^*(\alpha) \circ X = \alpha \circ f(X)$ ,  $X \in V_1$ ,  $\alpha \in V_2^*$ . This relation for  $V_1 = V_2$  and for a regular  $f$  gives  $\alpha \circ X = (f^*)^{-1}(\alpha) \circ f(X) = (f^{-1})^*(\alpha) \circ f(X)$ . As

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(Ad_{\exp tX})_{t=0}Y &= ad_X Y = [X, Y], \\ \frac{d}{dt}(Ad_{\exp(-tX)})_{t=0}^*(\alpha) &= (ad_{-X})^*(\alpha) = \{X, \alpha\}, \end{aligned}$$

the differentiation of the relation

$$(Ad_{\exp(-tX)})^*(\alpha) \circ Ad_{\exp tX}(Y) = \alpha \circ Y$$

with respect to  $t$  at  $t = 0$  gives  $(ad_{-X})^*(\alpha) \circ Y + \alpha \circ ad_X Y = 0$ , i.e.

$$(13) \quad \{X, \alpha\} \circ Y = -\alpha \circ [X, Y].$$

**Proposition 3.** *If  $\alpha \in g^*$ ,  $X, Y \in g$  then  $\hat{d}\alpha(X, Y) = \{X, \alpha\} \circ Y$ .*

**Corollary 4.**  $i_X \hat{d}\alpha = \{X, \alpha\}$ .

**Remark 6.** The relation  $L_X = i_X d + di_X$  well known for the Lie derivation on differentiable manifolds can be thought of as the definition of  $L_X$  in  $g^*$ . Then for  $\alpha \in g^*$  we get  $L_X \alpha = i_X \hat{d}\alpha + \hat{d}i_X \alpha = i_X \hat{d}\alpha = \{X, \alpha\}$ .

(b) We turn to the case when  $V = se(3)$  and  $\varrho = ad$ ,  $\varrho(X) = ad_X$ . The operator  $d$  will be denoted by  $\tilde{d}$ . So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{d}\alpha(X_1, \dots, X_{r+1}) &= \sum_{j=1}^{r+1} (-1)^{j+1} [X_j, \alpha(X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{r+1})] \\ &+ \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \alpha([X_i, X_j], \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{r+1}), \end{aligned}$$

$$(\widetilde{12}_0) \quad X \in se(3) \Rightarrow \tilde{d}X(Y) = ad_X Y = [X, Y],$$

$$(\widetilde{12}_1) \quad \alpha \in L(se(3), se(3)) \equiv se^*(3) \otimes se(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{d}\alpha(X, Y) = [X, \alpha(Y)] - [Y, \alpha(X)] - \alpha([X, Y]),$$

$$se(3) \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}} se^*(3) \otimes se(3) \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}} \Lambda^2 se^*(3) \otimes se(3) \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}} \dots \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}} \Lambda^n se^*(3) \otimes se(3) \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}} 0.$$

The relation  $(\widetilde{12}_0)$  gives  $\tilde{d}X = ad_X$  and so the first co-boundary  $B^1(\tilde{d})$  is isomorphic to  $se(3)$ . Let  $\alpha \in L(se(3), se(3)) = se^*(3) \otimes se(3)$ . Then by  $(\widetilde{12}_1)$ ,  $\alpha \in Z^1(\tilde{d}) = \{\beta \in se^*(3) \otimes se(3), \tilde{d}\beta = 0\}$  iff  $\alpha[X, Y] = [\alpha(X), Y] + [X, \alpha(Y)]$ , i.e. iff  $\alpha$  is a derivation on the Lie algebra  $se(3)$ . The equation (5) gives that  $ad_X \in Z^1(\tilde{d})$ . It is well known, see for example [4], that in the case of the Lie algebra  $so(3)$  all derivations on  $so(3)$  are of type  $ad_X$ . This immediately follows from the property that  $so(3)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the Lie bracket  $[\bar{y}, \bar{z}] = \bar{y} \times \bar{z}$  and that the only matrices of type  $3 \times 3$  for which  $A(\bar{y} \times \bar{z}) = A\bar{y} \times \bar{z} + \bar{y} \times A\bar{z}$  are skewsymmetric matrices. We find all derivations on  $se(3)$ . We will use again the fact that  $se(3) = so(3) \bar{\oplus} \mathbb{R}_3$  where the bracket on  $\mathbb{R}_3$  is trivial, i.e.  $[\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2] = \bar{0}$ .

The matrix form of any linear map on  $se(3)$  is  $X' = \mathcal{H}X$ , i.e.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{w}' \\ \bar{b}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1 & \mathcal{H}_2 \\ \mathcal{H}_3 & \mathcal{H}_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{w} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1\bar{w} + \mathcal{H}_2\bar{b} \\ \mathcal{H}_3\bar{w} + \mathcal{H}_4\bar{b} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_1, \dots, \mathcal{H}_4$  are  $3 \times 3$  matrices. We find the conditions for  $\mathcal{H}_1, \dots, \mathcal{H}_4$  to satisfy the relation

$$(14) \quad \mathcal{H}[X, Y] = [\mathcal{H}X, Y] + [X, \mathcal{H}Y] \text{ for all } X = (\bar{w}_X, \bar{b}_X)^T, Y = (\bar{w}_Y, \bar{b}_Y)^T \in se(3).$$

The restriction of (14) to  $so(3) \bar{\oplus} \bar{0}$ ,  $\bar{b}_X = \bar{0}$ ,  $\bar{b}_Y = \bar{0}$  gives  $\mathcal{H}_1(\bar{w}_X \times \bar{w}_Y) = \mathcal{H}_1\bar{w}_X \times \bar{w}_Y + \bar{w}_X \times \mathcal{H}_1\bar{w}_Y$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_3(\bar{w}_X \times \bar{w}_Y) = \mathcal{H}_3\bar{w}_X \times \bar{w}_Y + \bar{w}_X \times \mathcal{H}_3\bar{w}_Y$ . Therefore the matrices  $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_3$  are skewsymmetric. Restricting (14) to the subalgebra  $0 \bar{\oplus} \mathbb{R}_3(\bar{w}_X = \bar{0}, \bar{w}_Y = \bar{0})$  we get  $\bar{0} = \mathcal{H}_2\bar{b}_X \times \bar{b}_Y + \bar{b}_X \times \mathcal{H}_2\bar{b}_Y$  for all  $\bar{b}_X, \bar{b}_Y \in \mathbb{R}_3$ . This is possible iff  $\mathcal{H}_2 = 0$ . If  $X = (\bar{w}_X, \bar{0})^T$ ,  $Y = (\bar{0}, \bar{b}_Y)^T$  then  $\mathcal{H}_4(\bar{w}_X \times \bar{b}_Y) = \mathcal{H}_1\bar{w}_X \times \bar{b}_Y + \bar{w}_X \times \mathcal{H}_4\bar{b}_Y$ . As  $\mathcal{H}_1$  is skewsymmetric therefore  $\mathcal{H}_1\bar{w}_X \times \bar{b}_Y = \mathcal{H}_1(\bar{w}_X \times \bar{b}_Y) - \bar{w}_X \times \mathcal{H}_1\bar{b}_Y$ . Then  $(\mathcal{H}_4 - \mathcal{H}_1)(\bar{w}_X \times \bar{b}_Y) = \bar{w}_X \times (\mathcal{H}_4 - \mathcal{H}_1)\bar{b}_Y$ . This is true iff  $\mathcal{H}_4 - \mathcal{H}_1 = kE$ , where  $E$  is the  $3 \times 3$  unit matrix and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . We conclude: A linear map  $se(3) \rightarrow se(3)$  is a derivation iff it is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{w}' \\ \bar{b}' \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} C^{\bar{v}}, & 0 \\ C^{\bar{z}}, & C^{\bar{v}} + kE \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{w} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} C^{\bar{v}}\bar{w} \\ C^{\bar{z}}\bar{w} + C^{\bar{v}}\bar{b} + k\bar{b} \end{pmatrix} = ad_{(\bar{v}, \bar{z})^T} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{w} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} \bar{0} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $pr_2: (\bar{w}, \bar{b})^T \rightarrow (\bar{0}, \bar{b})^T$  be the projection  $se(3) = so(3) \bar{\oplus} \mathbb{R}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_3$  onto the second factor. We have proved

**Proposition 4.** *A linear map  $d$  on  $se(3)$  is a derivation on  $se(3)$  iff it is of the form  $ad_X + k pr_2$ .*

**Corollary 5.** *The co-cycle  $Z^1$  of the operator  $\tilde{d}$  is isomorphic to  $se(3) \oplus \mathbb{R}$  and thus the first cohomology group of  $\tilde{d}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $H^1 \approx \mathbb{R}$ .*

(c) Let  $\tilde{d}^*$  denote the operator  $d$  when  $V = g^*$  and  $\varrho = ad^*$ ,  $ad^*(X) = (ad_{-X})^*$ ,  $(ad_{-X})^*(\alpha) = \{X, \alpha\}$ ,  $X \in g$ ,  $\alpha \in g^*$ . Now for  $\alpha \in \Lambda^r g^* \otimes g^*$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{d}^* \alpha(X_1, \dots, X_{r+1}) &= \sum_{j=1}^{r+1} (-1)^{j+1} \{X_j, \alpha(X_1, \dots, \widehat{X}_j, \dots, X_{r+1})\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \alpha([X_i, X_j], \dots, \widehat{X}_i, \dots, \widehat{X}_j, \dots, X_{r+1}), \end{aligned}$$

$$(12_0^*) \quad \alpha \in g^* \Rightarrow \tilde{d}^* \alpha(X) = \{X, \alpha\}, \tilde{d}^* \alpha \in g^* \otimes g^*,$$

$$(12_1^*) \quad \lambda \in g^* \otimes g^* \Rightarrow \tilde{d}^* \lambda(X, Y) = \{X, \lambda(Y)\} - \{Y, \lambda(X)\} - \lambda([X, Y]),$$

$$g^* \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}^*} g^* \otimes g^* \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}^*} \Lambda^2 g^* \otimes g^* \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}^*} \dots \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}^*} \Lambda^n g^* \otimes g^* \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}^*} 0.$$

From (12<sub>0</sub><sup>\*</sup>) it is clear that for  $\alpha \in g^*$  we have  $\tilde{d}^* \alpha = 0$  iff  $\alpha = 0$ . Then  $B^1(\tilde{d}^*) \approx g^*$ . We are interested in  $Z^1(\tilde{d}^*)$  in the case of  $g = se(3)$ ,  $g^* = se^*(3)$ . We find all  $\lambda \in se^*(3) \otimes se^*(3)$ , i.e. the linear maps  $\lambda: se(3) \rightarrow se^*(3)$  for which  $\tilde{d}^* \lambda = 0$ . If  $\alpha \in se^*(3)$  then  $\tilde{d}^* \alpha \in se^*(3) \otimes se^*(3)$  determines a linear map  $\lambda_\alpha: se(3) \rightarrow se^*(3)$ ,  $\lambda_\alpha(X) = \{X, \alpha\}$ . Equation (11') implies that the matrix of  $\lambda_\alpha$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} -C\bar{m} & -C\bar{f} \\ -C\bar{f} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{m} \\ \bar{f} \end{pmatrix}$ . Indeed, if  $X = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}$  then

$$\begin{pmatrix} -C\bar{m} & -C\bar{f} \\ -C\bar{f} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -C\bar{m}\bar{\omega} - C\bar{f}\bar{b} \\ -C\bar{f}\bar{\omega} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega} \times \bar{m} + \bar{b} \times \bar{f} \\ \bar{\omega} \times \bar{f} \end{pmatrix} = \{X, \alpha\}.$$

The map  $i^{Kl}: se(3) \rightarrow se^*(3)$  is regular and the matrix of its inversion is again  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & E \\ E & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Denote  $(i^{Kl})^{-1} \alpha \equiv X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in se^*(3)$ . Using (3) we get  $\lambda_\alpha = -i^{Kl} ad_{X_\alpha}$ . Then  $\{X, \alpha\} = \lambda_\alpha(X) = -i^{Kl} ad_{X_\alpha} X = -i^{Kl} [X_\alpha, X]$ . Every  $\lambda$  can be expressed in the form  $\lambda = i^{Kl} \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}: se(3) \rightarrow se(3)$ . We have  $\{X, \lambda(Y)\} = -i^{Kl} [X_{\lambda(Y)}, X] = -i^{Kl} [X_{i^{Kl} \mathcal{H}(Y)}, X] = -i^{Kl} [\mathcal{H}Y, X] = i^{Kl} [X, \mathcal{H}Y]$ . Then (12<sub>1</sub><sup>\*</sup>) is of the form  $\tilde{d}^* \lambda(X, Y) = i^{Kl} ([X, \mathcal{H}Y] + [\mathcal{H}X, Y] - \mathcal{H}[X, Y])$ .

**Proposition 5.** *A linear map  $\lambda: se(3) \rightarrow se^*(3)$  has the property  $\tilde{d}^* \lambda = 0$  iff it is of the form  $\lambda = \lambda_\alpha + k i^{Kl} pr_2$ .*

**Proof.**  $\tilde{d}^* \lambda(X, Y) = 0$  iff  $[X, \mathcal{H}Y] + [\mathcal{H}X, Y] = \mathcal{H}[X, Y]$ . By Proposition 4 this is possible iff  $\mathcal{H} = ad_X + k pr_2$ , i.e. iff  $\lambda = i^{Kl}(ad_{-X} + k pr_2) = \lambda_\alpha + k i^{Kl} pr_2$ ,  $X = X_{-\alpha}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 6.**  $Z^1(\tilde{d}^*) \approx se(3)^* \oplus \mathbb{R}$ ,  $B^1(\tilde{d}^*) \approx se(3)$  and  $H^1(\tilde{d}^*) \approx \mathbb{R}$

**Example 1.** Recall the linear map  $i^{Kl}: se(3) \rightarrow se^*(3)$ ,  $i^{Kl}(X) = i_X Kl$  introduced in Remark 2. We have  $\tilde{d}^*i^{Kl}(X, Y) = \{X, i^{Kl}Y\} - \{Y, i^{Kl}X\} - i^{Kl}[X, Y] = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_X \\ \bar{b}_X \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \bar{b}_Y \\ \bar{\omega}_Y \end{pmatrix} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_Y \\ \bar{b}_Y \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \bar{b}_X \\ \bar{\omega}_X \end{pmatrix} \right\} - \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_X \times \bar{b}_Y + \bar{b}_X \times \bar{\omega}_Y \\ \bar{\omega}_X \times \bar{\omega}_Y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_X \times \bar{b}_Y + \bar{b}_X \times \bar{\omega}_Y - \bar{\omega}_Y \times \bar{b}_X + \bar{b}_Y \times \bar{\omega}_X - \bar{\omega}_X \times \bar{b}_Y - \bar{b}_X \times \bar{\omega}_Y \\ \bar{\omega}_X \times \bar{\omega}_Y - \bar{b}_Y \times \bar{\omega}_X - \bar{\omega}_X \times \bar{\omega}_Y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\omega}_X \times \bar{b}_Y + \bar{b}_X \times \bar{\omega}_Y \\ \bar{\omega}_X \times \bar{b}_Y \end{pmatrix} = \{X, i^{Kl}Y\}$ . We get  $\tilde{d}^*i^{Kl}(X, Y) = \{X, i^{Kl}Y\}$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $N$  be the general inertia bilinear form on  $se(3)$  connected with a solid body with mass  $\bar{m}$  and with the position vector  $\bar{r}$  of its centre of mass. Its  $6 \times 6$  matrix is  $N = \begin{pmatrix} I & \bar{m}C\bar{r} \\ -\bar{m}C\bar{r} & \bar{m}E \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $I$  is the inertia tensor in  $\mathbb{E}_3$ ,  $SE$  is the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix, see [9]. Recall that  $SE_K = \frac{1}{2}N(X, X)$  is the kinetic energy of the body at the motion  $\exp tX$ . It determines a map  $i^N: se(3) \rightarrow se^*(3)$ ,  $i^N(X) = i_X N$ ,  $i_X N(Y) = N(X, Y)$ . By direct calculation we get that the values of the form  $\tilde{d}^*i^N \in \Lambda^2 se^*(3) \otimes se^*(3)$  are pure torques.

**Remark 7.** Remark 4 and Example 2 show the possibilities of some applications of our considerations in robotics. We intend to direct our further investigations to deeper applications of cohomological properties of the spaces  $se(3)$  and  $se^*(3)$  in dynamic and statics in the spirit of the papers [2], [5], [8].

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