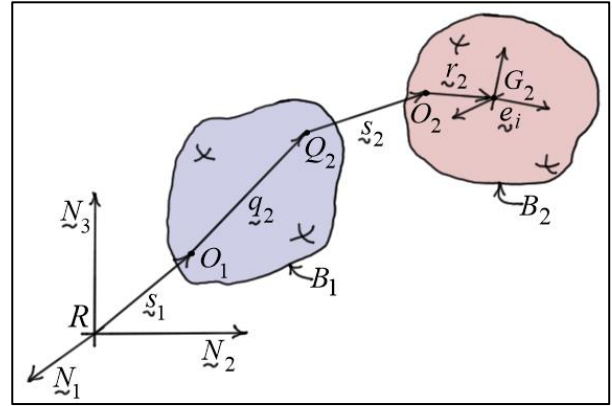


**ME 6590 Multibody Dynamics**  
**Accelerations Using Relative Coordinates**

**Velocities**

Consider again the *two-body system* shown. In previous notes, it was found that the *fixed-frame components* of  ${}^R v_{G_2}$  the *velocity* of  $G_2$  in the fixed frame  $R$  can be written as



$$\{v_{G_2}\} = \{\dot{s}_1\} - \left( [\tilde{q}_2] + [\tilde{s}_2] + [\tilde{r}_2] \right) \{\omega_{B_1}\} + [R_{B_1}]^T \{\dot{s}'_2\} - [\tilde{r}_2] [R_{B_1}]^T \{\hat{\omega}_{B_2}\} \quad (1)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \{v_{G_2}\} = \{\dot{s}_1\} - [R_{B_1}]^T \left( [\tilde{q}'_2] + [\tilde{s}'_2] \right) \{\omega'_{B_1}\} - [R_{B_2}]^T [\tilde{r}'_2] [{}^{B_2}R_{B_1}]^T \{\omega'_{B_1}\} \\ + [R_{B_1}]^T \{\dot{s}'_2\} - [R_{B_2}]^T [\tilde{r}'_2] \{\hat{\omega}'_{B_2}\} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The first equation is written in terms of the *fixed-frame components* of  ${}^R \omega_{B_1}$  and the  $B_1$  *frame components* of  ${}^{B_1} \omega_{B_2}$ , and the second is written in terms of the *body-frame components* of the angular velocities.

**Accelerations**

**Case 1: Fixed-Frame Angular Velocity Components as Generalized Speeds**

If the generalized speeds are defined to be the elements of  $\{\dot{s}_1\}$ ,  $\{\dot{s}'_2\}$ ,  $\{\omega_{B_1}\}$ , and  $\{\hat{\omega}_{B_2}\}$ , then write

$$\boxed{\{v_{G_2}\} = [v_{G_2, \dot{s}_1}] \{\dot{s}_1\} + [v_{G_2, \omega_{B_1}}] \{\omega_{B_1}\} + [v_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] \{\dot{s}'_2\} + [v_{G_2, \hat{\omega}_{B_2}}] \{\hat{\omega}_{B_2}\}} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} [v_{G_2, \dot{s}_1}] \text{ is a } 3 \times 3 \text{ identity matrix} \\ [v_{G_2, \omega_{B_1}}] = - \left( [\tilde{q}_2] + [\tilde{s}_2] + [\tilde{r}_2] \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} v_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \\ \begin{bmatrix} v_{G_2, \dot{\omega}_{B_2}} \end{bmatrix} &= -\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{r}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating Eq. (3), the *fixed-frame components* of the *acceleration* of  $G_2$  can then be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \{a_{G_2}\} &= \begin{bmatrix} v_{G_2, \dot{s}_1} \end{bmatrix} \{\ddot{s}_1\} + \begin{bmatrix} v_{G_2, \omega_{B_1}} \end{bmatrix} \{\dot{\omega}_{B_1}\} + \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_{G_2, \omega_{B_1}} \end{bmatrix} \{\omega_{B_1}\} \\ &+ \begin{bmatrix} v_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2} \end{bmatrix} \{\ddot{s}'_2\} + \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2} \end{bmatrix} \{\dot{s}'_2\} + \begin{bmatrix} v_{G_2, \dot{\omega}_{B_2}} \end{bmatrix} \{\dot{\omega}_{B_2}\} + \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{\omega}_{B_2}} \end{bmatrix} \{\omega_{B_2}\} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where the time derivatives of the partial velocity matrices can be written as follows.

$$\text{a) } \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_{G_2, \omega_{B_1}} \end{bmatrix} = -\left( \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{q}}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{s}}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{r}}_2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

The elements of the three matrices on the right side can be calculated as

$$\{\dot{q}_2\} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \{q'_2\} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{R}_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \{q'_2\} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\omega}_{B_1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \{q'_2\} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{\dot{s}_2\} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \{s'_2\} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{R}_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \{s'_2\} + \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \{\dot{s}'_2\} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\omega}_{B_1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \{s'_2\} + \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \{\dot{s}'_2\} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\{\dot{r}_2\} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_2} \end{bmatrix}^T \{r'_2\} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{R}_{B_2} \end{bmatrix}^T \{r'_2\} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\omega}_{B_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_2} \end{bmatrix}^T \{r'_2\} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{b) } \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{R}_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\omega}_{B_1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (8)$$

$$\text{c) } \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{\omega}_{B_2}} \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{r}}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T - \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{r}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{R}_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T = -\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{r}}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T - \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{r}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\omega}_{B_1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{B_1} \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (9)$$

The elements of  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{r}}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  are calculated in Eq. (7) above.

## Case 2: Body-Frame Angular Velocity Components as Generalized Speeds

If the *generalized speeds* are defined to be the components of  $\{\dot{s}_1\}$ ,  $\{\dot{s}'_2\}$ ,  $\{\omega'_{B_1}\}$ , and  $\{\hat{\omega}'_{B_2}\}$ , then

$$\boxed{\{v_{G_2}\} = [v_{G_2, \dot{s}_1}] \{\dot{s}_1\} + [v_{G_2, \omega'_{B_1}}] \{\omega'_{B_1}\} + [v_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] \{\dot{s}'_2\} + [v_{G_2, \hat{\omega}'_{B_2}}] \{\hat{\omega}'_{B_2}\}} \quad (10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} [v_{G_2, \dot{s}_1}] & \text{ is a } 3 \times 3 \text{ identity matrix} \\ [v_{G_2, \omega'_{B_1}}] & = -[R_{B_1}]^T \left( [\tilde{q}'_2] + [\tilde{s}'_2] \right) - [R_{B_2}]^T [\tilde{r}'_2] [{}^{B_2}R_{B_1}]^T \\ [v_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] & = [R_{B_1}]^T \\ [v_{G_2, \hat{\omega}'_{B_2}}] & = -[R_{B_2}]^T [\tilde{r}'_2] \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating Eq. (10), the *fixed-frame components* of the *acceleration* of  $G_2$  can then be written as

$$\boxed{\{a_{G_2}\} = [v_{G_2, \dot{s}_1}] \{\ddot{s}_1\} + [v_{G_2, \omega'_{B_1}}] \{\dot{\omega}'_{B_1}\} + [\dot{v}_{G_2, \omega'_{B_1}}] \{\omega'_{B_1}\} + [v_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] \{\dot{s}'_2\} + [\dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] \{\dot{s}'_2\} + [v_{G_2, \hat{\omega}'_{B_2}}] \{\dot{\hat{\omega}}'_{B_2}\} + [\dot{v}_{G_2, \hat{\omega}'_{B_2}}] \{\hat{\omega}'_{B_2}\}}$$

where the time derivatives of the partial velocity matrices can be written as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } [\dot{v}_{G_2, \omega'_{B_1}}] & = -[R_{B_1}]^T [\dot{\tilde{s}}'_2] - [\dot{R}_{B_1}]^T \left( [\tilde{q}'_2] + [\tilde{s}'_2] \right) - [\dot{R}_{B_2}]^T [\tilde{r}'_2] [{}^{B_2}R_{B_1}]^T \\ & \quad - [R_{B_2}]^T [\tilde{r}'_2] [{}^{B_1}\dot{R}_{B_2}] \\ & = -[R_{B_1}]^T [\dot{\tilde{s}}'_2] - [R_{B_1}]^T [\tilde{\omega}'_{B_1}] \left( [\tilde{q}'_2] + [\tilde{s}'_2] \right) \\ & \quad - [R_{B_2}]^T [\tilde{\omega}'_{B_2}] [\tilde{r}'_2] [{}^{B_2}R_{B_1}]^T - [R_{B_2}]^T [\tilde{r}'_2] [\tilde{\omega}'_{B_2}] [{}^{B_1}R_{B_2}] \\ \text{b) } [\dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] & = [\dot{R}_{B_1}]^T = [R_{B_1}]^T [\tilde{\omega}'_{B_1}] \\ \text{c) } [\dot{v}_{G_2, \hat{\omega}'_{B_2}}] & = -[\dot{R}_{B_2}]^T [\tilde{r}'_2] = -[R_{B_2}]^T [\tilde{\omega}'_{B_2}] [\tilde{r}'_2] \end{aligned}$$

### **Case 3: Orientation Angle Derivatives as Generalized Speeds**

If, instead, the generalized speeds are defined to be the components of  $\{\dot{s}_1\}$ ,  $\{\dot{s}_2\}$ , and a set of *orientation angle derivatives*, then  $\{\omega_{B_1}\}$  and  $\{\hat{\omega}_{B_2}\}$  (or  $\{\omega'_{B_1}\}$  and  $\{\hat{\omega}'_{B_2}\}$ ) can be written in terms of the orientation angles. Returning to Eq. (1), for example,

$$\begin{aligned} \{v_{G_2}\} &= \{\dot{s}_1\} - \left( [\tilde{q}_2] + [\tilde{s}_2] + [\tilde{r}_2] \right) \{\omega_{B_1}\} + [R_{B_1}]^T \{\dot{s}'_2\} - [\tilde{r}_2] [R_{B_1}]^T \{\hat{\omega}_{B_2}\} \\ &= \{\dot{s}_1\} - \left( [\tilde{q}_2] + [\tilde{s}_2] + [\tilde{r}_2] \right) [\omega_{B_1, \dot{\theta}_{B_1}}] \{\dot{\theta}_{B_1}\} + [R_{B_1}]^T \{\dot{s}'_2\} - [\tilde{r}_2] [\omega_{B_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_2}}] \{\dot{\theta}_{B_2}\} \quad (11) \\ &= [v_{G_2, \dot{s}_1}] \{\dot{s}_1\} + [v_{G_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_1}}] \{\dot{\theta}_{B_1}\} + [v_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] \{\dot{s}'_2\} + [v_{G_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_2}}] \{\dot{\theta}_{B_2}\} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} [v_{G_2, \dot{s}_1}] &\text{ is a } 3 \times 3 \text{ identity matrix} \\ [v_{G_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_1}}] &= - \left( [\tilde{q}_2] + [\tilde{s}_2] + [\tilde{r}_2] \right) [\omega_{B_1, \dot{\theta}_{B_1}}] \\ [v_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] &= [R_{B_1}]^T \\ [v_{G_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_2}}] &= - [\tilde{r}_2] [\omega_{B_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_2}}] \end{aligned}$$

The partial angular velocity matrices are defined in previous notes for a 1-2-3 rotation sequence.

The fixed-frame components of the acceleration of  $G_2$  can then be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \{a_{G_2}\} &= [v_{G_2, \dot{s}_1}] \{\ddot{s}_1\} + [v_{G_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_1}}] \{\ddot{\theta}_{B_1}\} + [\dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_1}}] \{\dot{\theta}_{B_1}\} + [v_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] \{\ddot{s}'_2\} + [\dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] \{\dot{s}'_2\} \\ &\quad + [v_{G_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_2}}] \{\ddot{\theta}_{B_2}\} + [\dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_2}}] \{\dot{\theta}_{B_2}\} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} [\dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_1}}] &= - \left( [\dot{\tilde{q}}_2] + [\dot{\tilde{s}}_2] + [\dot{\tilde{r}}_2] \right) [\omega_{B_1, \dot{\theta}_{B_1}}] - \left( [\tilde{q}_2] + [\tilde{s}_2] + [\tilde{r}_2] \right) [\dot{\omega}_{B_1, \dot{\theta}_{B_1}}] \\ [\dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{s}'_2}] &= [\dot{R}_{B_1}]^T = [\tilde{\omega}_{B_1}] [R_{B_1}]^T \\ [\dot{v}_{G_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_2}}] &= - [\dot{\tilde{r}}_2] [\omega_{B_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_2}}] - [\tilde{r}_2] [\dot{\omega}_{B_2, \dot{\theta}_{B_2}}] \end{aligned}$$