

Geometric Controllability of The Purcell's Swimmer and its Symmetrized Cousin

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Abstract: We analyse weak and strong controllability notions for the locomotion of the 3-link Purcell's swimmer, the simplest possible swimmer at low Reynolds number, from a geometric framework. After revisiting a purely kinematic form of the equations, we apply an extension of Chow's theorem to analyze controllability in the strong and weak sense. Further, the connection form for the symmetric version of the Purcell's swimmer is derived, based on which the controllability analysis utilizing the Abelian nature of the structure group is presented. The novelty in our approach is the usage of geometry and the principal fiber bundle structure of the configuration manifold of the system to arrive at strong and weak controllability results.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Swimming at micro scales is a topic of growing interest. A vast majority of living organisms are found to perform motion at microscopic scales. There has been a lot of research and a growing interest in exploring new and efficient ways to generate propulsion at these scales, see [Becker et al. (2003)], [Dreyfus et al. (2005)]. A better understanding of the mechanism of swimming can lead to many useful applications in several fields such as medicine, micro-machining or micro and nano technology. Microbial motion occurs in a fluid medium with very low Reynolds number, which is the ratio of the inertial to viscous forces acting on the swimmer's body. The Reynolds number in such regimes is of the order of 10^{-4} [Najafi and Golestanian (2004)]. The environmental interactions experienced by such microorganisms are essentially different from those experienced by larger animals, which have prominent inertial effects. On the contrary, the viscous forces strongly dominate the motion at low Reynolds number.

E. M. Purcell, in his lecture on Life at Low Reynolds Number [Purcell (1977)], presented a three-link swimmer that can propel itself in such regime. This swimmer can be considered as a simplified flagellum made of three slender rods articulated at two hinges. This proposition gave rise to a lot of research in modelling, control, optimal gait design etc. of this swimmer, see [Tam and Hosoi (2007)], [Passov and Or (2012)], [Avron and Raz (2008)], [Melli et al. (2006)], and the references therein.

Geometric mechanics and control theory play a crucial role in the analysis of robotic and animal locomotion as emphasized in [Bloch (2003)], [Holm et al. (2009)], [Ostrowski and Burdick (1998)]. For a large class of locomotion systems, including underwater vehicles, fishlike swimming, flapping winged vehicles, spacecraft with rotors and wheeled or legged robots, it is possible to model the motion using the mathematical structure of a connection

on a principal bundle, see [Cabrera (2008)], [Kelly et al. (2012)], [Ostrowski and Burdick (1998)].

Although it seems relevant to apply geometric mechanics and control theoretic concepts to the Purcell's swimmer, the literature shows few geometric-oriented approaches. One of the recent works on the Purcell's swimmer in [Hatton and Choset (2013)] studies the problem in such a geometric framework by introducing the connection form for modelling it as a purely kinematic system. We shall base our work on this model for the basic Purcell's swimmer, and will proceed to controllability analysis in the geometric framework, which shall be an extension of that by just invoking Chow's theorem. Furthermore, we derive the connection form followed by the controllability analysis for the symmetrized version of the swimmer, also referred to as the symmetrized cousin of the Purcell's swimmer in [Avron and Raz (2008)].

1.1 Contribution:

The main contributions of this paper consist of highlighting the particular geometry of a trivial principal fiber bundle that the configuration space of this swimmer follows. In [Giraldi et al. (2013)] the controllability of the swimmer using Chow's theorem is analyzed by modelling it as a control affine, driftless, non-linear system. In our work, the recognition of the geometric structure is utilized to bring the controllability results in the light of strong and weak notions, which gives a more complete description to controllability results for a locomotion problem. Moreover, the derivation of the connection form for the symmetrized version of the Purcell's swimmer, followed by identification of its structure group's Abelian nature to generate the local controllability results are the novel contributions of this paper.

1.2 Organization of paper:

In the next section we show the geometry that typical locomotion systems have, followed by the example of the Purcell's swimmer. In section 3, we review the kinematic model of this swimmer and define the ideas of strong and weak controllability. In section 4, the expression for the connection form for the symmetrized version of the Purcell's swimmer is derived. We then identify 3 sets on its base space at which system shows different controllability properties.

2. GEOMETRY OF CONFIGURATION SPACE OF THE PURCELL'S SWIMMER

While studying problem of locomotion using internal shape change, the geometry of the configuration space, which is generally a differential manifold requires attention for an elegant and insightful solution.

Definition : For Q a configuration manifold and G a Lie group, a trivial principal fiber bundle with base M and structure group G is a manifold $Q = M \times G$ with a free left action of G on Q given by left translation in the group variable: $\phi_h(x, g) = (x, hg)$ for $x \in M$ and $g \in G$. [Kelly and Murray (1995)]

The base manifold M describes the configuration of the internal shape variables of the mechanism. The Lie group G depicts the macro position of the locomoting body, which is displacement of the body coordinate frame with respect to the reference frame. Figure 1 shows a schematic of a fiber bundle. A point in the fiber $q = (x, g) \in Q = M \times G$ projects down to the point $x \in M$ under the projection map $\pi : Q \rightarrow M$ defining the principal fiber bundle [Kobayashi and Nomizu (1963)]. With such a separation of the configuration manifold in base space and group space, locomotion is readily seen as the means by which changes in shape affect the macro position. We refer to [Bloch et al. (1996)], [Kelly and Murray (1995)] for more on the topology of locomoting systems.

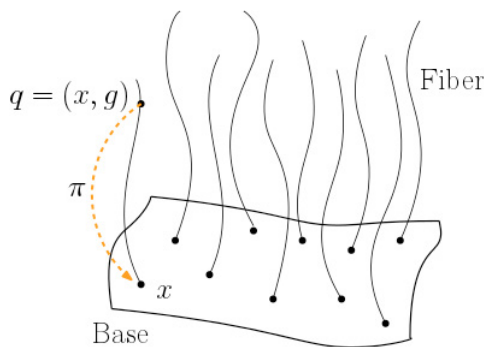


Fig. 1. Schematic of a principal fiber bundle

The Purcell's swimmer is a 3 link mechanism moving in a fluid at low Reynolds number. Each link of the swimmer is modelled as a rigid slender body of length $2L$. The original form of Purcell's swimmer, shown in fig. 2, has three links that move in a plane. The outer 2 links are actuated through rotary joints with the base link. For a Lie group G , its associated Lie algebra is denoted by \mathfrak{g} . The Lie group in our example is the Special Euclidean

group $SE(2)$. We denote by $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$ the body frame velocity of the base link such that $\xi = [\xi_x, \xi_y, \xi_\theta]^T$, with ξ_x, ξ_y being the translational components of velocity of the base link and ξ_θ is its rotational component. It is to be noted that we follow notation similar to that in [Hatton and Choset (2013)].

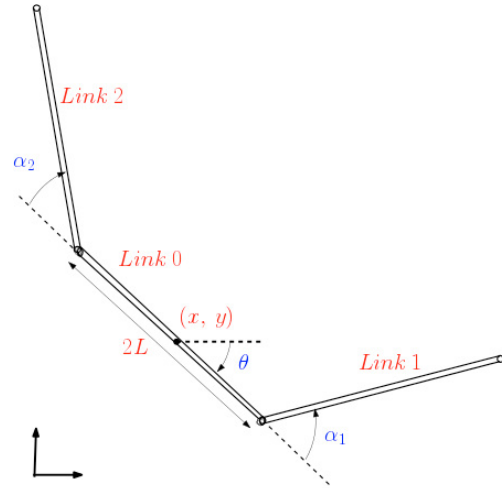


Fig. 2. Purcell's swimmer

We represent the orientation of the outer links with respect to the base link through shape variables. The position of the three-link system in Fig. 2 is defined by location of the midpoint of the base link and its orientation. This is represented by g , which belongs to the Special Euclidean group $SE(2)$, parametrized by (x, y, θ) . The shape space of the mechanism is parametrized by the two joint angles $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$. Hence, the configuration space is

$$Q = SE(2) \times \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1 \quad (1)$$

Since all the points $q \in Q$ are represented by (α_1, α_2, g) with $g \in G$, Q has global product structure of the form $M \times G$. Moreover, $SE(2)$ acts via matrix multiplication, giving free left action of group $\Phi_h : (x, g) \rightarrow (x, hg)$ for $x \in M$ and $h, g \in G$.

Thus, according to the definition, the configuration space of the basic Purcell's swimmer satisfies the trivial principal fiber bundle structure.

3. BASIC PURCELL'S SWIMMER

3.1 Reconstruction equation and local connection form

In this section we briefly revisit the model of the Purcell's swimmer presented in [Hatton and Choset (2013)]. It uses resistive force theory, according to which hydrodynamic forces exerted on the swimmer can be approximated with local drag forces, which depend linearly on the velocity of each point [Friedrich et al. (2010)]. The resulting model in equation (2) is in a purely kinematic form. See [Shammas et al. (2007)] for details on purely kinematic systems.

$$\xi = -A(x)\dot{x} \quad (2)$$

here $A(x)$ is the local connection form defined at each $x \in M$. We recall that for a shape manifold M , its tangent space at a point $x \in M$ is denoted by $T_x M$, and the shape velocity $\dot{x} = (\dot{\alpha}_1, \dot{\alpha}_2) \in T_x M$. The local connection form

is thus defined as $A(x) : T_x M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$. For the Purcell's swimmer local connection form $A(x)$ is a 3×3 matrix which appears in the form of $\omega_1^{-1}\omega_2$. The matrices ω_1 and ω_2 are of size 3×3 and 3×2 , respectively, and they depend on the lengths of the limbs, viscous drag coefficient k and the shape of mechanism (α_1, α_2) . We refer to [Hatton and Choset (2013)] for explicit form of ω_1 and ω_2 . The connection form and the other notions mentioned here have roots in geometric mechanics, see [Bloch (2003)], [Holm et al. (2009)] for details.

3.2 Controllability analysis

With the principal fiber bundle framework, we now proceed to analyze the controllability of the Purcell's swimmer in a geometric setting. Since control in our case is the shape velocity itself, (2) can be written in driftless control affine form as -

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ A(x) \end{bmatrix} u \quad (3)$$

where, the negative sign in equation (2) is absorbed in $A(x)$, I is a 2×2 identity matrix and $u = [\dot{\alpha}_1, \dot{\alpha}_2]^T \in T_x M$ is the control input.

3.3 Strong and weak controllability

Since our configuration space is naturally split into a shape and a structure group, we write a point in the configuration space as $q = (x, g) \in M \times G = Q$. We recall that for a curve $x(t) \in M$, the horizontal lift $x^*(t) \in Q$ is a curve which projects to $x(t)$ under the projection map defining the principal fiber bundle and the components of its tangent vectors $\dot{x}^*(t) \in T_q Q$ satisfy the reconstruction equation (2). We refer to [Kelly and Murray (1995)] for more details on this and also for the following 2 controllability notions.

- A locomotion system is said to be strongly controllable if, for any initial $q_0 = (x_0, g_0)$ and final $q_f = (x_f, g_f)$, there exists a time $T > 0$ and a curve passing through q_0 satisfying $x^*(0) = q_0$ and $x^*(T) = q_f$.
- A locomotion system is said to be weakly controllable if, for any initial position $g_0 \in G$, and final position $g_f \in G$, and initial shape $x_0 \in M$, there exists a time $T > 0$ and a curve in the base space $x(t)$ satisfying $x(0) = x_0$ such that the horizontal lift of $x(t)$ passing through (x_0, g_0) satisfies $x^*(0) = q_0$ and $x^*(T) = (x(T), g_f)$.

Use of the principal fiber bundle structure in controllability analysis gives rise to such strong and weak controllability notions which define controllability ideas in more detail. Moreover, these notions are of practical relevance since many times just reaching the desired group component without strict requirement on shape of the system is sufficient. As mentioned in the introduction, Giraldi [2013] analyzes controllability of the Purcell's swimmer by applying Chow's theorem (see [Bullo and Lewis (2004)]) to the system in equation (3) by treating it as a driftless, control-affine system. It does so by checking span of the space formed by the successive Lie brackets of the vector fields corresponding to the two control inputs $\dot{\alpha}_1$ and $\dot{\alpha}_2$.

We extend this result by additional strong and weak controllability results. We now define following vector spaces, referred from [Kelly and Murray (1995)].

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_1 &= \text{span}\{A(x)(X) : X \in T_x M\}, \\ \mathfrak{h}_2 &= \text{span}\{DA(x)(X, Y) : X, Y \in T_x M\}, \\ \mathfrak{h}_3 &= \text{span}\{L_Z DA(x)(X, Y) - [A(x)(Z), DA(x)(X, Y)], \\ &\quad [DA(x)(X, Y), DA(x)(W, Z)] : W, X, Y, Z \in T_x M\} \\ &\vdots \\ \mathfrak{h}_k &= \text{span}\{L_X \xi - [A(x)(X), \xi], [\eta, \xi] : X \in T_x M, \\ &\quad \xi \in \mathfrak{h}_{k-1}, \eta \in \mathfrak{h}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{h}_{k-1}\} \end{aligned}$$

Then a system defined on a trivial principal bundle Q is locally weakly controllable near $q \in Q$ if and only if the space of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of the structure group G is spanned by the vector fields $\mathfrak{h}_1, \mathfrak{h}_2, \dots$ as follows

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{h}_2 \oplus \dots \quad (4)$$

Whereas, the system is locally strongly controllable if and only if

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{h}_3 \oplus \dots \quad (5)$$

The term corresponding to \mathfrak{h}_1 is just the space spanned by the columns of the local connection form $A(x)$, which in our case is a 3×2 matrix. \mathfrak{h}_2 is the column corresponding to the curvature DA , which is a differential 2-form over $T_x M$. The explicit calculation is done using $DA = dA - [A, A]$, where $d(*)$ is the exterior derivative, and $[*, *]$ is the Lie bracket of the columns of $A(x)$. The terms from \mathfrak{h}_3 onwards are the spaces spanned by the bracketing operation of terms from the connection form and its curvature, along with the $L_X \xi$ term, which is a Lie derivative with respect to the tangent vector field in the base space.

For the Purcell's swimmer we explicitly calculated $A(x)$, followed by terms $\mathfrak{h}_1, \mathfrak{h}_2, \mathfrak{h}_3$. The term $L_X \xi$ is evaluated using Cartan's magic formula [Bloch (2003)]. From the analytical computations it was found that the rank of $\mathfrak{h}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{h}_3$ is always 3, hence satisfying the strong controllability conditions at all the points. Since all of these terms have a large expressions and are unwieldy to mention in the paper, we did a numerical calculation at few points in shape space M and have shown the results in the Appendix A.

4. SYMMETRIC PURCELL'S SWIMMER

Now we turn our attention to the symmetrized version of the Purcell's swimmer, discussed in [Avron and Raz (2008)]. Fig. 3 shows the schematic of the swimmer. As compared to the original Purcell's swimmer, this has an additional limb at each of the 2 joints. Moreover, the limbs located at the same point rotate symmetrically about the base link ($\alpha_3 = -\alpha_1, \alpha_4 = -\alpha_2$). Thus the shape space of this swimmer is 2 dimensional, parametrized by (α_1, α_2) . In the following section we derive the connection form for the symmetric Purcell's swimmer to show that it can perform motion in only one dimension, which is along the length of the base link.

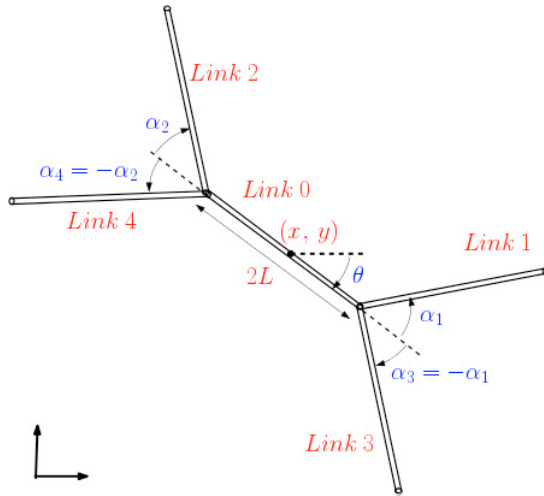


Fig. 3. Symmetric Purcell's swimmer

4.1 Connection form

In order to calculate the connection form, we extend the approach used for the basic Purcell's swimmer in [Hatton and Choset (2013)]. Each of the limbs moves in the Special Euclidean group $SE(2)$. We assign index i to each link with $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. We represent the velocity of i 'th link by $\xi_i = [\xi_{i,x}, \xi_{i,y}, \xi_{i,\theta}]^T$. As a consequence of modelling of the limbs according to Cox theory [Cox (1970)] and the resistive force theory [Tam and Hosoi (2007)] at low Reynolds number, for k as the differential viscous drag, we get the force acting on each limb through a linear relationship as

$$F_i = H\xi_i, \quad H = \begin{bmatrix} kL & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2kL & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3}kL^3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

The velocity of the i 'th link ξ_i depends on the velocity of the base link and shape velocities $(\dot{\alpha}_1, \dot{\alpha}_2)$. This relationship is given by the following relation -

$$\xi_i = B_i \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \dot{\alpha}_1 \\ \dot{\alpha}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \xi = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{0,x} \\ \xi_{0,y} \\ \xi_{0,\theta} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

where,

$$B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha_1 & -\sin \alpha_1 & L \sin \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \alpha_1 & \cos \alpha_1 & -L(\cos \alpha_1 + 1) & L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha_2 & \sin \alpha_2 & L \sin \alpha_2 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha_2 & \cos \alpha_2 & -L(\cos \alpha_2 + 1) & L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

B_3 and B_4 are obtained by replacing α_1 by $-\alpha_3$ and α_2 by $-\alpha_4$ in B_1 and B_2 respectively, and multiplying the last 2 columns of B_1 and B_2 by -1 , since the direction of motion of the symmetric limb would always be equal in magnitude and opposite in direction. Since the link 0 is the base link, the coordinate frame attached to this is the reference body frame, we have

$$B_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

We transform the force acting on the each link to the coordinate frame attached to the base link. The force transformation matrices for link 1 and 2 are given by

$$T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha_1 & \sin \alpha_1 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha_1 & \cos \alpha_1 & 0 \\ L \sin \alpha_1 & -L(\cos \alpha_1 + 1) & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha_2 & -\sin \alpha_2 & 0 \\ \sin \alpha_2 & \cos \alpha_2 & 0 \\ L \sin \alpha_2 & L(\cos \alpha_2 + 1) & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Due to symmetry, these force transformation matrices for links 3 and 4 are obtained by replacing α_1 by $-\alpha_3$ and α_2 by $-\alpha_4$, respectively. Again, since the link 0 is the reference link, we get T_0 as the identity transformation. The total force is summation of the forces acting on the individual links, transformed to the coordinate frame of the base link.

$$F_{total} = \sum_{i=0}^4 T_i H B_i \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \dot{\alpha}_1 \\ \dot{\alpha}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

The consequence of being at low Reynolds number is that the net forces and moments on an isolated system is zero [Hatton and Choset (2013)]. Moreover, in order to bring the system of equations in a pure kinematic form, [Shammas et al. (2007)], we write the terms $T_i H B_i$ in the block matrix form to separate those columns which are being multiplied by group velocity term ξ and those being multiplied by shape velocity term $[\dot{\alpha}_1, \dot{\alpha}_2]^T$. This yields

$$0 = \sum_{i=0}^4 [[T_i H B_i]_{3 \times 3} \quad [T_i H B_i]_{3 \times 2}] \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \dot{\alpha}_1 \\ \dot{\alpha}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Thus we write the system in a pure kinematic form, like in equation (2), as

$$\sum_{i=0}^4 [T_i H B_i]_{3 \times 3} \xi = \sum_{i=0}^4 [T_i H B_i]_{2 \times 2} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\alpha}_1 \\ \dot{\alpha}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

with local connection form as

$$A = \left[\sum_{i=0}^4 [T_i H B_i]_{3 \times 3} \right]^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^4 [T_i H B_i]_{3 \times 2} \quad (12)$$

Without loss of generality, for $k = 1, L = 1$, on explicit calculation, we get connection form as a 2×2 matrix whose columns \mathfrak{h}_1 and \mathfrak{h}_2 are given as

$$\mathfrak{h}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4 \sin \alpha_1}{2 \sin^2 \alpha_1 + 2 \sin^2 \alpha_2 + 5} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathfrak{h}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-4 \sin \alpha_2}{2 \sin^2 \alpha_1 + 2 \sin^2 \alpha_2 + 5} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

The rows of the connection form corresponding to velocity directions ξ_y and ξ_θ are identically zero, which implies that the motion of the swimmer is always along the length of the base link. Thus the configuration space of the swimmer is obtained as $Q = \mathbb{R}^1 \times [0, \pi] \times [0, \pi]$.

4.2 Controllability of the symmetric Purcell's swimmer

Since the structure group of the symmetric Purcell's swimmer is just the real line \mathbb{R} , which is an Abelian group, in order to prove the controllability we use the special case of the Ambrose-Singer theorem, referred from [Kelly and Murray (1995)]. It says that a locomotion system on an

Abelian principal bundle is strongly controllable at $x \in M$, if and only if

$$\text{span}\{dA(X, Y) : X, Y \in T_x M, x \in M\} = \mathfrak{g} \quad (14)$$

A similar argument as that for the basic Purcell's swimmer shows that the symmetric Purcell's swimmer also conforms to a trivial principal fiber bundle structure. Hence, we can apply this test for its controllability. From equation (13), by taking the exterior derivative, we get the expression for dA , a differential 2-form as

$$dA = \frac{16 \sin \alpha_1 \sin \alpha_2 (\cos \alpha_1 - \cos \alpha_2)}{(2 \sin^2 \alpha_1 + 2 \sin^2 \alpha_2 + 5)^2} d\alpha_1 \wedge d\alpha_2 \quad (15)$$

We define following 3 sets

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_1 &= (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in M \setminus \{(0, *), (*, 0), (\pi, *), (*, \pi), \\ &\quad (c, c), \forall c \in (0, \pi)\} \\ \mathcal{S}_2 &= (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \{M \setminus \mathcal{S}_1\} \setminus \{(0, 0), (\pi, \pi)\} \\ \mathcal{S}_3 &= (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \{(0, 0), (\pi, \pi)\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we conclude the weak and strong controllability for the symmetric version of the swimmer as below

- The system is strongly controllable when

$$\text{span}\{dA\} = 1, \text{ which is true } \forall (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathcal{S}_1$$

In this case, the Lie algebra generated by the lifted vector fields X_i^h at a given point in \mathcal{S}_1 spans the group as well as the base velocity directions.

- The system is weakly controllable when

$$\text{span}\{\mathfrak{h}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{h}_2\} = 1, \text{ span}\{dA\} = 0$$

which happens $\forall (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathcal{S}_2$. In this case, the Lie algebra generated by the lifted vector fields X_i^h at a given point in \mathcal{S}_2 spans just the group velocity directions.

- The system is not controllable when

$$\text{span}\{\mathfrak{h}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{h}_2\} = \text{span}\{dA\} = 0, \forall (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathcal{S}_3$$

These 3 sets are represented in figure 4 below. It is to be noted that the set \mathcal{S}_1 where the system is strongly controllable is dense in the base space M .

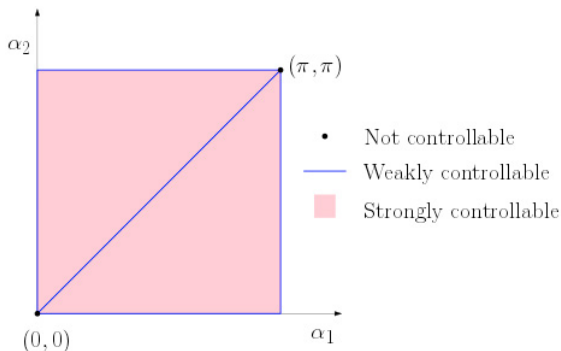


Fig. 4. Controllable sets of symmetric Purcell's swimmer

5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper we explored the geometry of the Purcell's swimmer's configuration and showed its strong controllability by using an extension of Chow's theorem for systems on a principal fiber bundle. We then used the resistive force theory to derive the kinematic form of the symmetric

version of the Purcell's swimmer. We showed that its structure group is Abelian and used the Ambrose-Singer theorem to characterize the points in the configuration space at which the system is locally strongly and weakly controllable and uncontrollable.

This work and many other contributions in the Purcell's swimmers modelling, control and controllability revolve around the basic planar swimmer. Even the N-link extension of the Purcell's swimmer [Giraldi et al. (2013)] studies controllability and optimal gait design for planar swimming alone. It seems pertinent to explore the applicability of the underlying theory of low Reynold's number for slender members to 3-dimensional motion. This extension can open up many avenues for replicating more realistic microbial motion, followed by subsequent mechanistic and control theoretic analysis.

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Appendix A. BASIC PURCELL’S SWIMMER’S CONTROLLABILITY CONDITION

We take a few points from the configuration space of the basic Purcell’s swimmer, and tabulate numerical values of the terms \mathfrak{h}_1 , \mathfrak{h}_2 , \mathfrak{h}_3 , explained in section 2. It is to be noted that differential viscous drag k and half of the limb lengths L are both taken to be unity for simplicity. We observe that the dimension of the space spanned by these terms is 3 at all these points.

(α_1, α_2)	\mathfrak{h}_1	\mathfrak{h}_2	\mathfrak{h}_3	$span\{\mathfrak{h}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{h}_3\}$
(0, 0)	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.333 \\ -0.259 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.333 \\ 0.259 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -0.469 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.228 \\ -0.242 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.821 \\ -0.329 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	3
$(0, \pi/4)$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -0.106 \\ 0.317 \\ -0.277 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -0.226 \\ 0.306 \\ 0.243 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -0.389 \\ -0.185 \\ -0.058 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -0.087 \\ 0.233 \\ -0.237 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -0.341 \\ 0.778 \\ -0.348 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	3
$(0, \pi/2)$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -0.16 \\ 0.271 \\ -0.320 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -0.395 \\ 0.283 \\ 0.209 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -0.223 \\ -0.321 \\ -0.064 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -0.024 \\ 0.308 \\ -0.167 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -0.339 \\ 0.812 \\ -0.301 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	3
$(0, 3\pi/4)$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -0.127 \\ 0.222 \\ -0.366 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -0.416 \\ 0.714 \\ 0.343 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -0.289 \\ -0.317 \\ 0.037 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -0.033 \\ 1.261 \\ 0.227 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -0.418 \\ 2.828 \\ 0.325 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	3
$(0, \pi)$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.333 \\ -0.333 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5.66 \\ 2.33 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2.888 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 34.481 \\ 12.481 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 77.629 \\ 10.518 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	3
$(\pi, 0)$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -0.629 \\ 0.185 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -0.037 \\ 0.481 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0.419 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -0.059 \\ -0.372 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -0.166 \\ -0.232 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$	3