



Representing Position & Orientation & State

(+ Forward Kinematics ☺)

METR 4202: Advanced Control & **Robotics**

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Schedule of Events

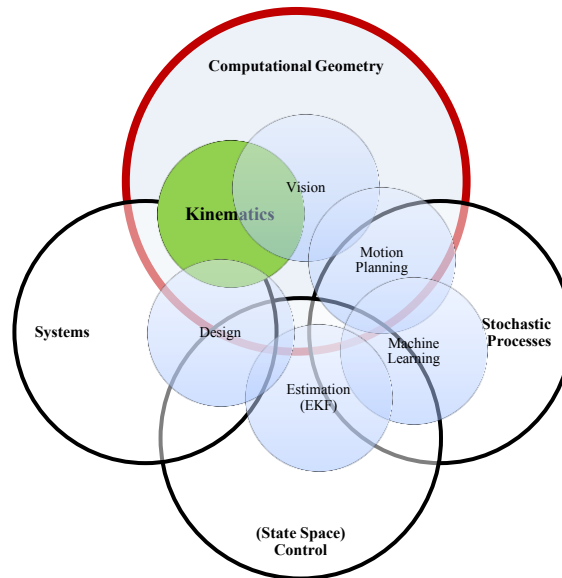
Week	Date	Lecture (W: 12:05-1:50, 50-N201)
1	29-Jul	Introduction
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3	12-Aug	Robot Kinematics Review (& Ekka Day)
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5	26-Aug	Robot Motion
6	2-Sep	Robot Sensing: Perception & Multiple View Geometry
7	9-Sep	Robot Sensing: Features & Detection using Computer Vision
8	16-Sep	Navigation & Localization
9	23-Sep	Localization & Quiz
	30-Sep	<i>Study break</i>
10	7-Oct	Motion Planning
11	14-Oct	State-Space Modelling
12	21-Oct	Shaping the Dynamic Response
13	28-Oct	Linear Observers & LQR + Course Review



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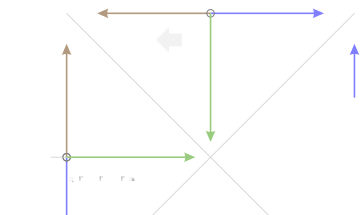
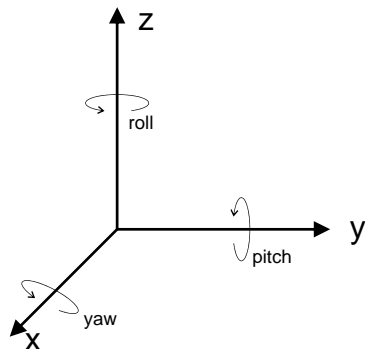
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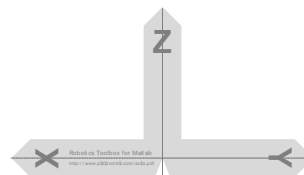


Today's Lecture is about: Frames & Their Mathematics

- Make one (online):
 - SpnS Template



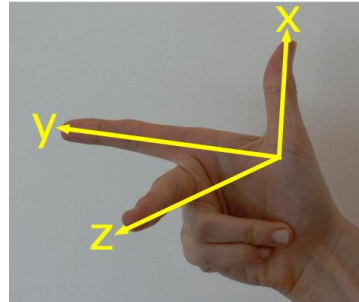
- Peter Corke's template



Don't Confuse a Frame with a Point

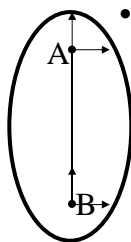
- Points
 - Position Only –
 - Doesn't Encode Orientation

- Frame
 - Encodes both position and orientation
 - Has a “handedness”

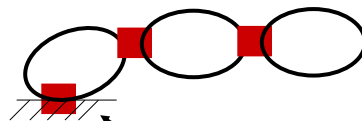


Kinematics Definition

- **Kinematics**: The study of motion in space (without regard to the forces which cause it)



- Assume:
 - Points with *right-hand Frames*
 - *Rigid-bodies* in 3D-space (6-dof)
 - **1-dof joints**: Rotary (R) or Prismatic (P) (5 constraints)



N links
M joints
→ $DOF = 6N - 5M$
→ If $N=M$, then $DOF=N$.

The ground is also a link

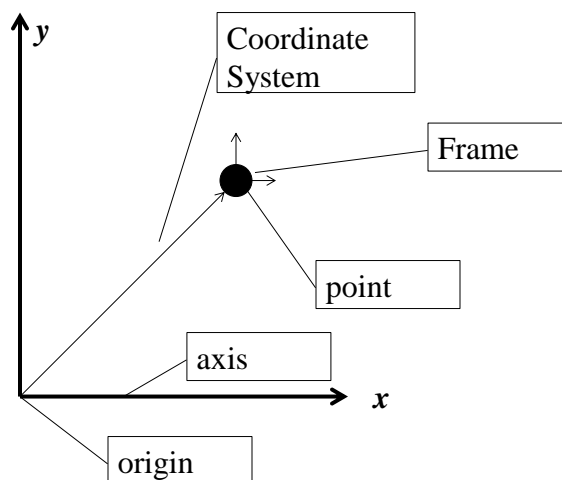


Kinematics

- Kinematic modelling is one of the most important analytical tools of robotics.
- Used for modelling mechanisms, actuators and sensors
- Used for on-line control and off-line programming and simulation
- In mobile robots kinematic models are used for:
 - steering (control, simulation)
 - perception (image formation)
 - sensor head and communication antenna pointing
 - world modelling (maps, object models)
 - terrain following (control feedforward)
 - gait control of legged vehicles

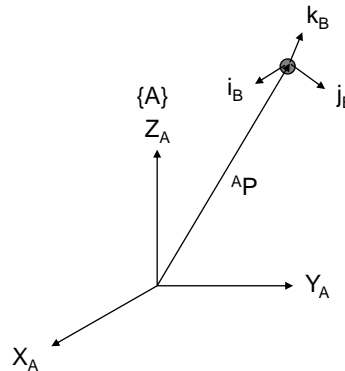


Basic Terminology



Coordinate System

- The position and orientation as specified only make sense with respect to some coordinate system



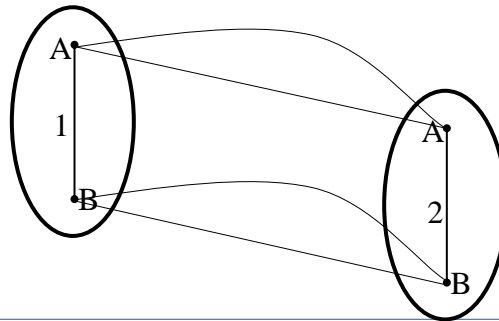
Frames of Reference

- A frame of reference defines a coordinate system relative to some point in space
- It can be specified by a position and orientation relative to other frames
- The *inertial frame* is taken to be a point that is assumed to be fixed in space
- Two types of motion:
 - Translation
 - Rotation



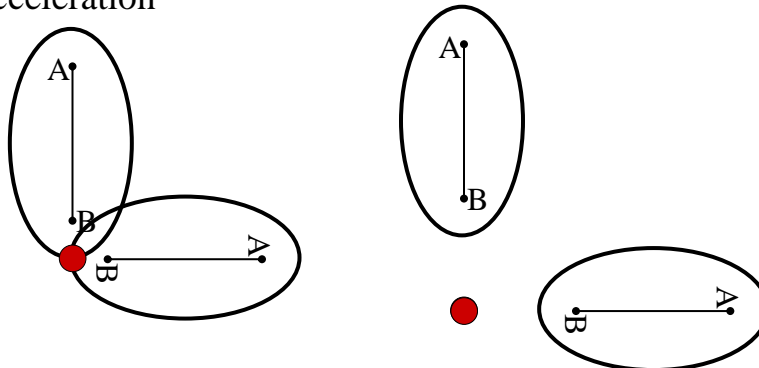
Translation

- A motion in which a straight line within the body keeps the same direction during the
 - **Rectilinear Translation:** Along straight lines
 - **Curvilinear Translation:** Along curved lines



Rotation

- The particles forming the rigid body move in parallel planes along circles centered around the same fixed axis (called the **axis of rotation**).
- Points on the axis of rotation have zero velocity and acceleration



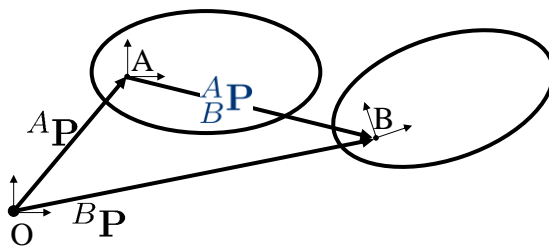
Rotation: Representations

- Orientation are not “Cartesian”
 - Non-commutative
 - Multiple representations
- Some representations:
 - **Rotation Matrices:** Homegenous Coordinates
 - Euler Angles: 3-sets of rotations in sequence
 - Quaternions: a 4-paramameter representation that exploits $\frac{1}{2}$ angle properties
 - Screw-vectors (from Charles Theorem) : a canonical representation, its reciprocal is a “wrench” (forces)



Position and Orientation [1]

- A **position** vectors specifies the location of a **point** in 3D (Cartesian) space



$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\mathbf{P} + A\mathbf{P}^B - B\mathbf{P} = 0$$

$$A\mathbf{P}^B = A\mathbf{P}_B = {}^A_B\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B p_x \\ {}^B p_y \\ {}^B p_z \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} {}^A p_x \\ {}^A p_y \\ {}^A p_z \end{bmatrix}$$

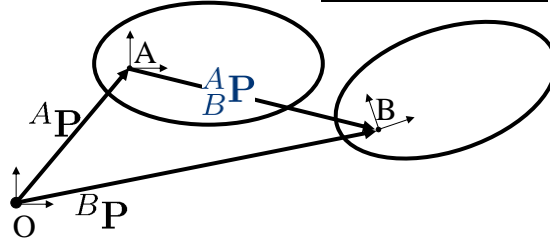
- BUT we **also** concerned with its orientation in 3D space.
This is specified as a matrix based on each **frame's unit vectors**



Position and Orientation [2]

- Orientation in 3D space:

This is specified as a matrix based on each frame's unit vectors



- Describes {B} relative to {A}
→ The orientation of frame {B} relative to coordinate frame {A}
- Written “from {A} to {B}” or “given {A} getting to {B}”

$${}^A\mathbf{R}_B = {}^A_B\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\hat{i}_B & {}^A\hat{j}_B & {}^A\hat{k}_B \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Columns** are **{B} written in {A}**



Position and Orientation [3]



- The rotations can be analysed based on the unit components ...
- That is: the components of the orientation matrix are the unit vectors projected **onto** the unit directions of the reference frame

$${}^A_B\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} {}^A_B\mathbf{R} \\ (a_x)\hat{i}_A \\ (a_y)\hat{j}_A \\ (a_z)\hat{k}_A \end{array} \begin{array}{l} (b_x)\hat{i}_B \quad (b_y)\hat{j}_B \quad (b_z)\hat{k}_B \\ \hline \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A \\ \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A \\ \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$



Position and Orientation [4]

- Rotation is orthonormal

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} (b_x) \hat{i}_B & (b_y) \hat{j}_B & (b_z) \hat{k}_B \\ (a_x) \hat{i}_A & (a_y) \hat{j}_A & (a_z) \hat{k}_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A \\ \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A \\ \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A \end{bmatrix}$$

- The of a rotation matrix inverse = the transpose

$$\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{1}$$

→ thus, the rows are {A} written in {B}

$${}^B_A \mathbf{R} = {}^A_B \mathbf{R}^T = {}^A_B \mathbf{R}^{-1}$$



Position and Orientation [5]: A note on orientations

- Orientations, as defined earlier, are represented by three orthonormal vectors
- Only three of these values are unique and we often wish to define a particular rotation using three values (it's easier than specifying 9 orthonormal values)
- There isn't a unique method of specifying the angles that define these transformations



Euler Angles

- Minimal representation of orientation (α, β, γ)
- Represent a rotation about an axis of a **moving** coordinate frame
 - ${}^A_B\mathbf{R}$: Moving frame **B** w/r/t fixed A
- The location of the axis of each successive rotation depends on the previous one! ...
- So, Order Matters (12 combinations, why?)
- Often Z-Y-X:
 - α : rotation about the **z** axis
 - β : rotation about the rotated **y** axis
 - γ : rotation about the twice rotated **x** axis
- Has singularities! ... (e.g., $\beta = \pm 90^\circ$)



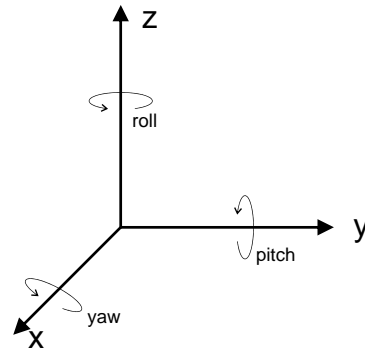
Fixed Angles

- Represent a rotation about an axis of a **fixed** coordinate frame.
- Again 12 different orders
- Interestingly:
3 rotations about 3 axes of a **fixed** frame define the same orientation as the same 3 rotations taken in the **opposite order** of the **moving** frame
- For X-Y-Z:
 - ψ : rotation about **x_A** (sometimes called “yaw”)
 - θ : rotation about **y_A** (sometimes called “pitch”)
 - ϕ : rotation about **z_A** (sometimes called “roll”)

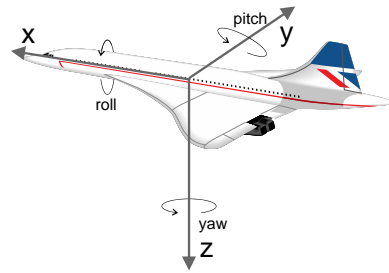


Roll – Pitch – Yaw

- In many Kinematics References:



- In many Engineering Applications:



→ Be careful:

This name is given to other conventions too!



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Euler Angles [1]: X-Y-Z Fixed Angles

(Roll-Pitch-Yaw)

- One method of describing the orientation of a Frame {B} is:
 - Start with the frame coincident with a known reference {A}. Rotate {B} first about X_A by an angle γ , then about Y_A by an angle β and finally about Z_A by an angle α .

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^A R_{BXYZ}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) &= R_Z(\alpha) R_Y(\beta) R_X(\gamma) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha & -s_\alpha & 0 \\ s_\alpha & c_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\beta & 0 & s_\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\beta & 0 & c_\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_\gamma & -s_\gamma \\ 0 & s_\gamma & c_\gamma \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha c_\beta & c_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma - s_\alpha c_\gamma & c_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma + s_\alpha s_\gamma \\ s_\alpha c_\beta & s_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma + c_\alpha c_\gamma & s_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma - c_\alpha s_\gamma \\ -s_\beta & c_\beta s_\gamma & c_\beta c_\gamma \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$



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Euler Angles [2]:

Z-Y-X Euler Angles

- Another method of describing the orientation of {B} is:
 - Start with the frame coincident with a known reference {A}. Rotate {B} first about Z_B by an angle α , then about Y_B by an angle β and finally about X_B by an angle γ .

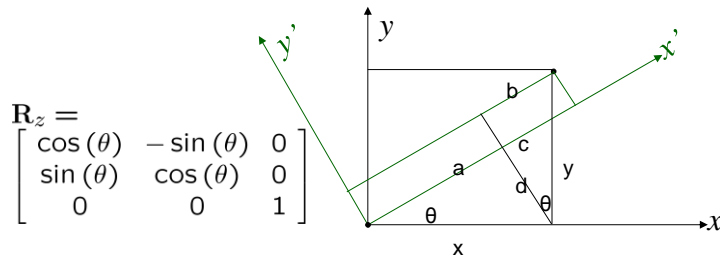
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 \end{aligned}$$



Position and Orientation [6]:

“Proof” of Principal Rotation Matrix Terms

- Geometric:



$$a = x \cos \theta, \quad b = y \sin \theta$$

$$c = y \cos \theta, \quad d = x \sin \theta$$

Thus:

$$x' = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$$

$$y' = -x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta$$



Unit Quaternion ($\epsilon_0, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$) [1]

- Does not suffer from singularities

$$\epsilon \equiv \epsilon_0 + (\epsilon_1 \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \epsilon_2 \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \epsilon_3 \hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

- Uses a “4-number” to represent orientation

$$ii = jj = kk = -1$$

$$ij = k, jk = i, ki = j, ji = -k, kj = -i, ik = -j$$

- Product:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{ab} = & (a_0b_0 - a_1b_1 - a_2b_2 + a_3b_3) \\ & + (a_0b_1 + a_1b_0 + a_2b_3 - a_3b_2) \hat{\mathbf{i}} \\ & + (a_0b_2 + a_2b_0 + a_3b_1 + a_1b_3) \hat{\mathbf{j}} \\ & + (a_0b_3 + a_3b_0 + a_1b_2 - a_2b_1) \hat{\mathbf{k}} \end{aligned}$$

- Conjugate:

$$\tilde{\epsilon} \equiv \epsilon_0 - \epsilon_1 \hat{\mathbf{i}} - \epsilon_2 \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \epsilon_3 \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\epsilon \tilde{\epsilon} = \tilde{\epsilon} \epsilon = \epsilon_0^2 + \epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2 + \epsilon_3^2$$



Unit Quaternion [2]: Describing Orientation

- Set $\epsilon_0 = 0$

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{p} = (p_x, p_y, p_z) \rightarrow \mathbf{p} = p_x \hat{\mathbf{i}} + p_y \hat{\mathbf{j}} + p_z \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

- Then given ϵ

the operation $\epsilon \mathbf{p} \tilde{\epsilon}$: rotates \mathbf{p} about $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3)$

- Unit Quaternion \rightarrow Rotation Matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2(\epsilon_2^2 + \epsilon_3^2) & 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_0\epsilon_3) & 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_0\epsilon_2) \\ 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_0\epsilon_3) & 1 - 2(\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_3^2) & 2(\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_0\epsilon_1) \\ 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_0\epsilon_2) & 2(\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_0\epsilon_1) & 1 - 2(\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2) \end{pmatrix}$$



Direction Cosine

- Uses the Direction Cosines (read dot products) of the Coordinate Axes of the moving frame with respect to the fixed frame

$${}^A\mathbf{u} = u_x\mathbf{i} + u_y\mathbf{j} + u_z\mathbf{k}$$

$${}^A\mathbf{v} = v_x\mathbf{i} + v_y\mathbf{j} + v_z\mathbf{k}$$

$${}^A\mathbf{w} = w_x\mathbf{i} + w_y\mathbf{j} + w_z\mathbf{k}$$

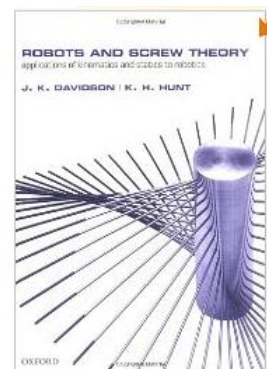
- It forms a rotation matrix!

$${}^A_B R = \begin{matrix} & (b_x)\hat{i}_B & (b_y)\hat{j}_B & (b_z)\hat{k}_B \\ \begin{matrix} (a_x)\hat{i}_A \\ (a_y)\hat{j}_A \\ (a_z)\hat{k}_A \end{matrix} & \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A \\ \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A \\ \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A \end{array} \right] \end{matrix}$$



Screw Displacements

- Comes from the notion that all motion can be viewed as a rotation (Rodrigues formula)
- Define a vector along the axis of motion (screw vector)
 - Rotation (screw angle)
 - Translation (pitch)
 - Summations → via the screw triangle!



Generalizing

Special Orthogonal & Special Euclidean Lie Algebras

- $SO(n)$: Rotations

$$SO(n) = \{R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : RR^T = I, \det R = +1\}.$$

$$\exp(\hat{\omega}\theta) = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = I + \theta\hat{\omega} + \frac{\theta^2}{2!}\hat{\omega}^2 + \frac{\theta^3}{3!}\hat{\omega}^3 + \dots$$

- $SE(n)$: Transformations of EUCLIDEAN space

$$SE(n) := \mathbb{R}^n \times SO(n).$$

$$SE(3) = \{(p, R) : p \in \mathbb{R}^3, R \in SO(3)\} = \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(3).$$



Projective Transformations ...

Group	Matrix	Distortion	Invariant properties
Projective 8 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix}$		Concurrency, collinearity, order of contact : intersection (1 pt contact); tangency (2 pt contact); inflections (3 pt contact with line); tangent discontinuities and cusps. cross ratio (ratio of ratio of lengths).
Affine 6 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & t_x \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Parallelism, ratio of areas, ratio of lengths on collinear or parallel lines (e.g. midpoints), linear combinations of vectors (e.g. centroids). The line at infinity, \mathbf{l}_∞ .
Similarity 4 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} sr_{11} & sr_{12} & t_x \\ sr_{21} & sr_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Ratio of lengths, angle. The circular points, \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{J} (see section 2.7.3).
Euclidean 3 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Length, area

p.44, R. Hartley and A. Zisserman. *Multiple View Geometry in Computer Vision*



Homogenous Coordinates

$$\hat{p} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho p_x & \rho p_y & \rho p_z & \rho \end{bmatrix}^T$$

- ρ is a scaling value



Homogenous Transformation


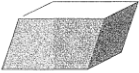




$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & {}^A p \\ \gamma & \rho \end{bmatrix}$$

- γ is a projective transformation
- The Homogenous Transformation is a **linear operation** (even if projection is not)



Projective Transformations & Other Transformations of 3D Space

Group	Matrix	Distortion	Invariant properties
Projective 15 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} A & t \\ v^T & v \end{bmatrix}$		Intersection and tangency of surfaces in contact. Sign of Gaussian curvature.
Affine 12 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} A & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Parallelism of planes, volume ratios, centroids. The plane at infinity, π_∞ , (see section 3.5).
Similarity 7 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} sR & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		The absolute conic, Ω_∞ , (see section 3.6).
Euclidean 6 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Volume.

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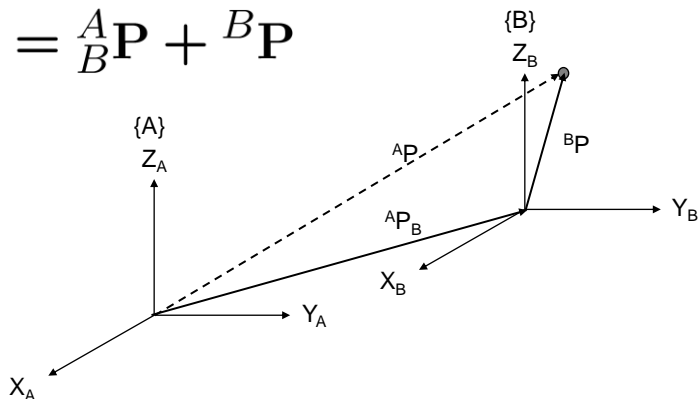
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Coordinate Transformations [1]

- Translation Again:

If $\{B\}$ is translated with respect to $\{A\}$ **without rotation**, then it is a vector sum

$${}^A P = {}^A_B P + {}^B P$$



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Coordinate Transformations [2]

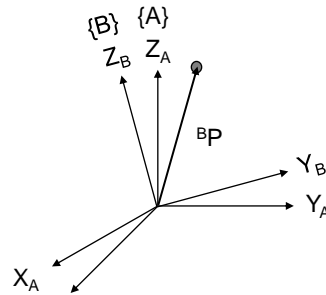
- Rotation Again:
 $\{B\}$ is rotated with respect to $\{A\}$ then
 use rotation matrix to determine new components

• NOTE:
$${}^A\mathbf{P} = {}^A_B\mathbf{R} {}^B\mathbf{P}$$

- The Rotation matrix's **subscript** matches the position vector's **superscript**

$${}^A\mathbf{P} = {}^A_{[B]}\mathbf{R} [{}^B\mathbf{P}]$$

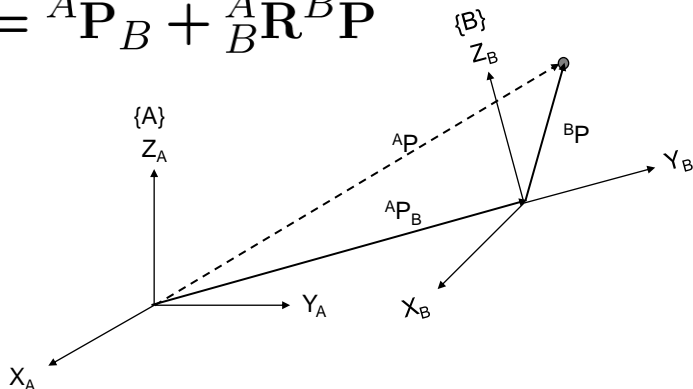
- This gives Point Positions of $\{B\}$ ORIENTED in $\{A\}$



Coordinate Transformations [3]

- Composite transformation:
 $\{B\}$ is moved with respect to $\{A\}$:

$${}^A\mathbf{P} = {}^A\mathbf{P}_B + {}^A_B\mathbf{R} {}^B\mathbf{P}$$



General Coordinate Transformations [1]

- A compact representation of the translation and rotation is known as the **Homogeneous Transformation**

$${}^A_B\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B\mathbf{R} & {}^A\mathbf{P}_B \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

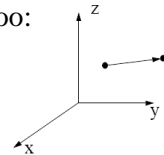
- This allows us to cast the rotation and translation of the general transform in a single matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A\mathbf{P} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^A_B\mathbf{T} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{P} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

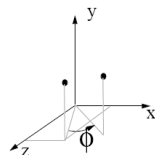


General Coordinate Transformations [2]

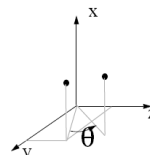
- Similarly, fundamental orthonormal transformations can be represented in this form too:



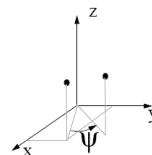
$$\text{Trans}(u, v, w) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & u \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\text{Rot}_y(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} c\phi & 0 & s\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -s\phi & 0 & c\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\text{Rot}_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\theta & -s\theta & 0 \\ 0 & s\theta & c\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\text{Rot}_z(\psi) = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi & -s\psi & 0 & 0 \\ s\psi & c\psi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



General Coordinate Transformations [3]



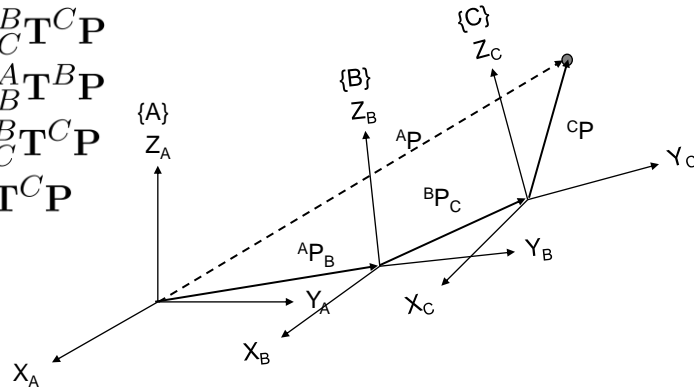
- Multiple transformations compounded as a chain

$${}^B\mathbf{P} = {}^B_C\mathbf{T} {}^C\mathbf{P}$$

$${}^A\mathbf{P} = {}^A_B\mathbf{T} {}^B\mathbf{P}$$

$$= {}^A_B\mathbf{T} {}^B_C\mathbf{T} {}^C\mathbf{P}$$

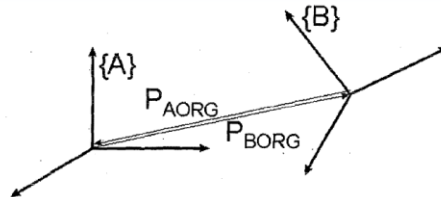
$$= {}^A_C\mathbf{T} {}^C\mathbf{P}$$



$${}^A_C\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B\mathbf{R} & {}^B_C\mathbf{R} & {}^A\mathbf{P}_B + {}^A_B\mathbf{R} {}^B\mathbf{P}_C \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Inverse of a Homogeneous Transformation Matrix



- The inverse of the transform is **not** equal to its transpose because this 4×4 matrix is not orthonormal ($T^{-1} \neq T^T$)
- Invert by parts to give:

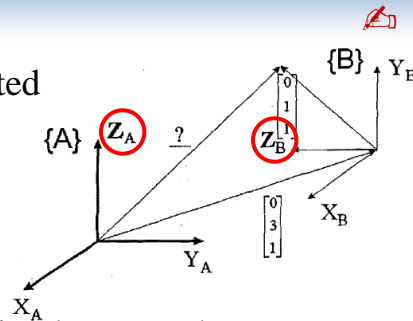
$${}^A_B\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B\mathbf{R} & {}^A\mathbf{p}_{Borg/O_A} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A_B\mathbf{T}^{-1} = {}^B_A\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_A\mathbf{R}^T & -{}^B_A\mathbf{R}^T \cdot {}^A\mathbf{p}_{Borg/O_A} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_A\mathbf{R} & {}^B\mathbf{p}_{Aorg/O_B} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Tutorial Problem

The origin of frame $\{B\}$ is translated to a position $[0 \ 3 \ 1]$ with respect to frame $\{A\}$.



We would like to find:

1. The homogeneous transformation between the two frames in the figure.
2. For a point P defined as $[0 \ 1 \ 1]$ in frame $\{B\}$, we would like to find the vector describing this point with respect to frame $\{A\}$.

Tutorial Solution

- The matrix ${}^B T^A$ is formed as defined earlier:

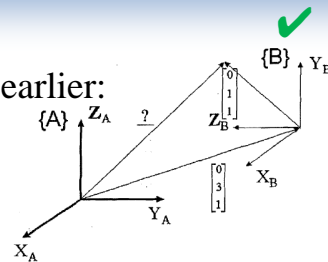
$${}^A T^B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Since P in the frame is: ${}^B \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

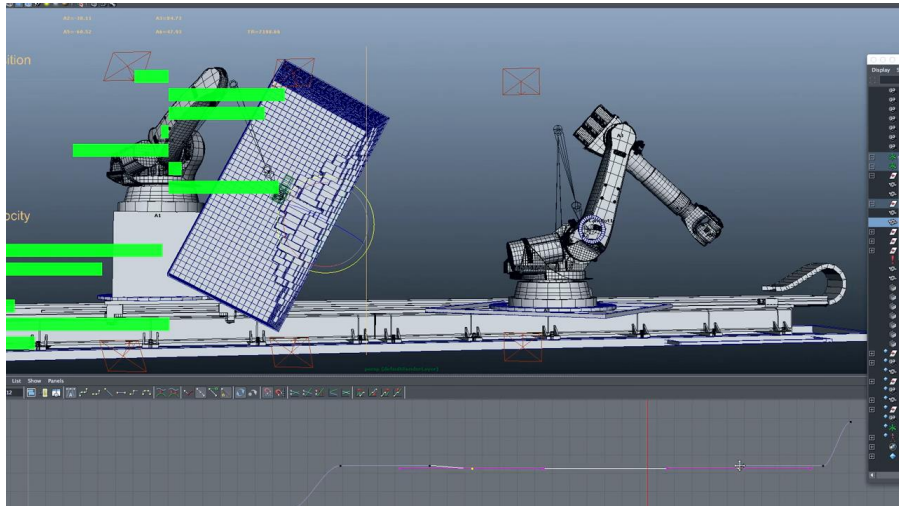
- We find vector \mathbf{p} in frame $\{A\}$ using the relationship

$${}^A \mathbf{p} = {}^A T^B {}^B \mathbf{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^A \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Part II: Forward & Inverse Kinematics

1. Forward Kinematics ($\theta \rightarrow x$)
2. Inverse Kinematics ($x \rightarrow \theta$)
3. Denavit Hartenberg [DH] Notation
4. Affine Transformations &
5. Theoretical (General) Kinematics



Forward Kinematics [1]

- Forward kinematics is the process of chaining homogeneous transforms together. For example to:
 - Find the articulations of a mechanism, or
 - the fixed transformation between two frames which is known in terms of linear and rotary parameters.
- Calculates the final position from the **machine** (**joint variables**)
- Unique for an open kinematic chain (**serial arm**)
- “Complicated” (multiple solutions, etc.) for a closed kinematic chain (**parallel arm**)



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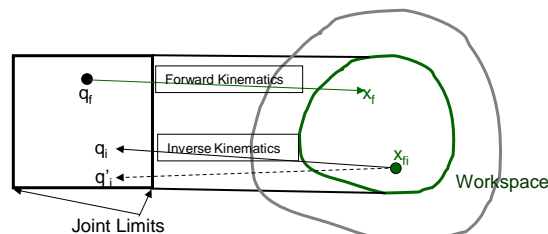
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Forward Kinematics [2]

- Can think of this as “spaces”:
 - Workspace (x,y,z,α,β,γ):
The robot’s position & orientation
 - Joint space (θ₁ ... θ_n):
A state-space vector of joint variables

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{p} \\ \vec{\Theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_n \end{bmatrix}$$



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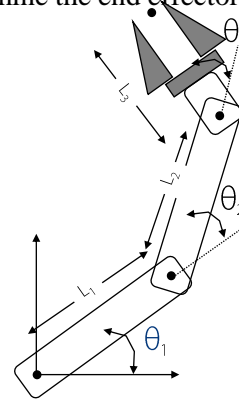
Forward Kinematics [3]

- Consider a planar RRR manipulator
- Given the joint angles and link lengths, we can determine the end effector pose:

$$x = L_1 \cos \theta_1 + L_2 \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2) + \dots \\ L_3 \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3)$$

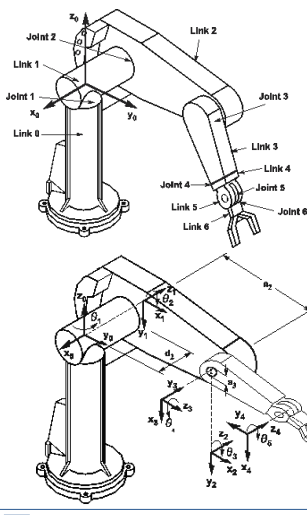
$$y = L_1 \sin \theta_1 + L_2 \sin (\theta_1 + \theta_2) + \dots \\ L_3 \sin (\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3)$$

- This isn't too difficult to determine for a simple, planar manipulator. BUT ...



Forward Kinematics [4]: The PUMA 560!

- What about a more complicated mechanism?



$$\begin{pmatrix} n_x & s_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & s_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & s_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1(s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) \\ s_1(-s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) \\ s_1(s_4c_5s_6 + c_4s_6) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1(s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) \\ s_1(-s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) \\ s_1(s_4c_5s_6 + c_4s_6) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_x &= c_1(c_{23}c_4s_5) \\ a_y &= s_1(c_{23}c_4s_5) \\ a_z &= -s_{23}c_4s_5 \\ p_x &= c_1(d_6(c_{23} \\ p_y &= s_1(d_6(c_{23} \\ p_z &= d_6(c_{23}c_5 \end{aligned}$$



Inverse Kinematics

- Forward: angles \rightarrow position

$$\mathbf{x} = f(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- Inverse: position \rightarrow angles

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = f^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$$

- Analytic Approach

- Numerical Approaches:

- Jacobian:

$$J = \frac{\delta x}{\delta q} \rightarrow \delta q \approx J^{-1} \delta x$$

- J^T Approximation:

$$\tau = J^T \cdot \mathbf{F} \rightarrow \Delta q \approx J^T \Delta x$$

- Slotine & Sheridan method

- Cyclical Coordinate Descent



Inverse Kinematics

- Inverse Kinematics is the problem of finding the joint parameters given only the values of the homogeneous transforms which model the mechanism (i.e., the pose of the end effector)
- Solves the problem of where to drive the joints in order to get the hand of an arm or the foot of a leg in the right place
- In general, this involves the solution of a set of simultaneous, non-linear equations
- Hard for serial mechanisms, easy for parallel



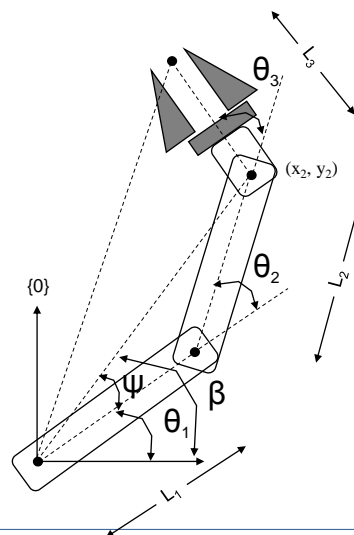
Solution Methods

- Unlike with systems of linear equations, there are no general algorithms that may be employed to solve a set of nonlinear equation
- **Closed-form** and **numerical** methods exist
- Many exist: Most general solution to a 6R mechanism is Raghavan and Roth (1990)
- Three methods of obtaining a solution are popular:
(1) **geometric** | (2) **algebraic** | (3) **DH**



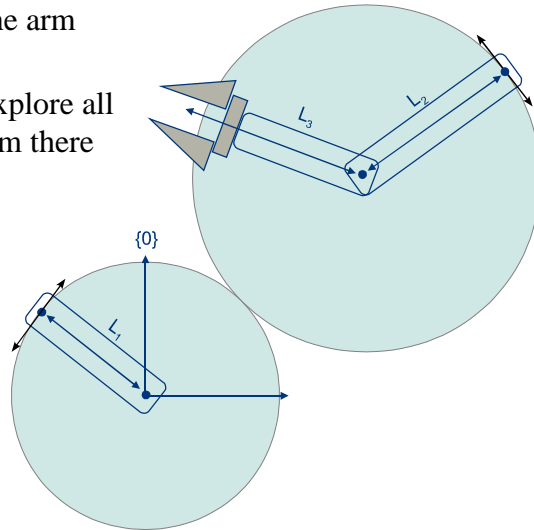
Inverse Kinematics: Geometrical Approach

- We can also consider the geometric relationships defined by the arm



Inverse Kinematics: Geometrical Approach [2]

- We can also consider the geometric relationships defined by the arm
- Start with what is fixed, explore all geometric possibilities from there



Inverse Kinematics: Algebraic Approach

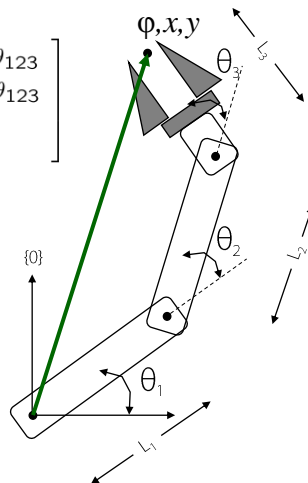
- We have a series of equations which define this system
- Recall, from Forward Kinematics:

$${}^0T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_{123}} & -s_{\theta_{123}} & 0 & L_1c_{\theta_1} + L_2c_{\theta_{12}} + L_3c_{\theta_{123}} \\ s_{\theta_{123}} & c_{\theta_{123}} & 0 & L_1s_{\theta_1} + L_2s_{\theta_{12}} + L_3s_{\theta_{123}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The end-effector pose is given by

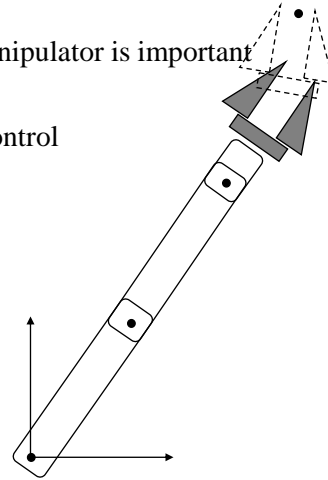
$${}^0T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi & -s_\phi & 0 & x \\ s_\phi & c_\phi & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Equating terms gives us a set of algebraic relationships



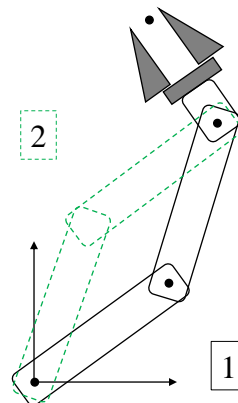
No Solution - Singularity

- Singular positions:
- An understanding of the workspace of the manipulator is important
- There will be poses that are not achievable
- There will be poses where there is a loss of control
- Singularities also occur when the manipulator loses a DOF
 - This typically happens when joints are aligned
 - $\det[\text{Jacobian}] = 0$



Multiple Solutions

- There will often be multiple solutions for a particular inverse kinematic analysis
- Consider the three link manipulator shown. Given a particular end effector pose, two solutions are possible
- The choice of solution is a function of proximity to the current pose, limits on the joint angles and possible obstructions in the workspace

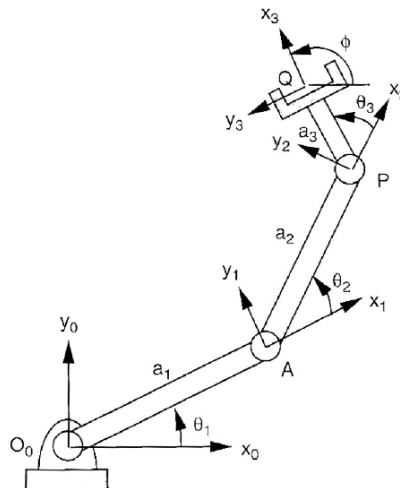


Inverse Kinematics [More Generally]

- Freudenstein (1973) referred to the inverse kinematics problem of the most general **6R** manipulator as the “Mount Everest” of kinematic problems.
- Tsai and Morgan (1985) and Primrose (1986) proved that this has at most 16 real solutions.
- Duffy and Crane (1980) derived a closed-form solution for the general **7R** single-loop spatial mechanism.
 - The solution was obtained in the form of a 16×16 determinant in which every element is a second-degree polynomial in one joint variable. The determinant, when expanded, should yield a 32nd-degree polynomial equation and hence confirms the upper limit predicted by Roth *et al.* (1973).
- Tsai and Morgan (1985) used the homotopy continuation method to solve the inverse kinematics of the general 6R manipulator and found only 16 solutions
- Raghavan and Roth (1989, 1990) used the dalytic elimination method to derive a 16th-degree polynomial for the general 6R inverse kinematics problem.



Example: FK/IK of a 3R Planar Arm



- Derived from Tsai (p. 63)



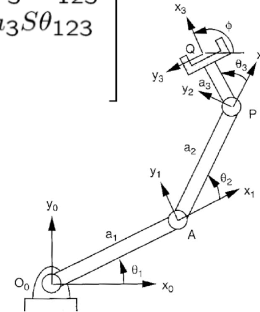
Example: 3R Planar Arm [2]

Position Analysis: 3-Planar 1-R Arm rotating about **Z** [Z]

$${}^0A_3 = {}^0A_1 \cdot {}^1A_2 \cdot {}^2A_3$$

Substituting gives:

$${}^0A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} C\theta_{123} & -S\theta_{123} & 0 & a_1C\theta_1 + a_2C\theta_{12} + a_3C\theta_{123} \\ S\theta_{123} & C\theta_{123} & 0 & a_1S\theta_1 + a_2S\theta_{12} + a_3S\theta_{123} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Example: 3R Planar Arm [2]

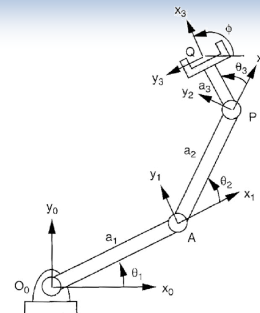
Forward Kinematics

(solve for **x** given **θ** → **x** = **f**(**θ**))

Fairly straight forward:

$${}^0R_3 = \begin{bmatrix} C\theta_{123} & -S\theta_{123} & 0 \\ S\theta_{123} & C\theta_{123} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^0P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} a_1C\theta_1 + a_2C\theta_{12} + a_3C\theta_{123} \\ a_1S\theta_1 + a_2S\theta_{12} + a_3S\theta_{123} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Example: 3R Planar Arm [3]

Inverse Kinematics

(solve for θ given $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = f(\theta)$)

- Start with orientation ϕ :

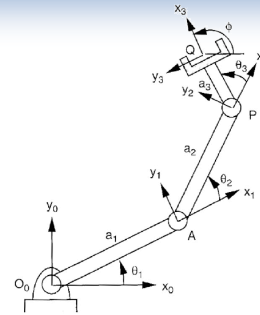
$$C\theta_{123} = C\phi, S\theta_{123} = S\phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_{123} = \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = \phi$$

- Get overall position $\mathbf{q} = [q_x \quad q_y]$:

$$q_x - a_3 C\phi = a_1 C\theta_1 + a_2 C\theta_{12}$$

$$q_y - a_3 S\phi = a_1 S\theta_1 + a_2 S\theta_{12} \dots$$



Example: 3R Planar Arm [4]

- Introduce $\mathbf{p} = [p_x \quad p_y]$ before “wrist”

$$p_x = a_1 C\theta_1 + a_2 C\theta_{12}, p_y = a_1 S\theta_1 + a_2 S\theta_{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_x^2 + p_y^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 C\theta_2$$

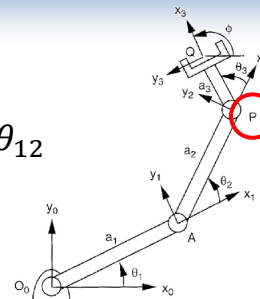
- Solve for θ_2 :

$$\theta_2 = \cos^{-1} \kappa, \kappa = \frac{p_x^2 + p_y^2 - a_1^2 - a_2^2}{2a_1 a_2} \quad (2 \text{ } \mathbb{R} \text{ roots if } |\kappa| < 1)$$

- Solve for θ_1 :

$$C\theta_1 = \frac{p_x(a_1 + a_2 C\theta_2) + p_y a_2 S\theta_2}{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 C\theta_2}, S\theta_1 = \frac{-p_x a_2 S\theta_2 + p_y(a_1 + a_2 C\theta_2)}{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 C\theta_2}$$

$$\theta_1 = \text{atan2}(S\theta_1, C\theta_1)$$



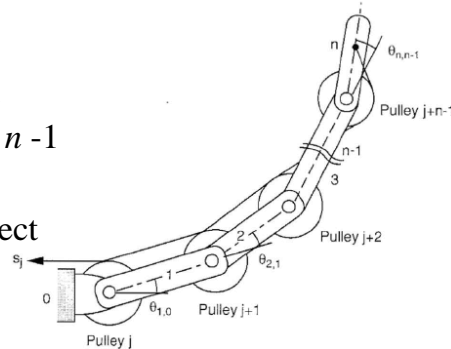
Advanced Concept: Tendon-Driven Manipulators

- Tendons may be modelled as a transmission line
- in which the links are labeled sequentially from 0 to n and the pulleys are labeled from j to $j + n - 1$
- Let θ_{ji} denote the angular displacement of link j with respect to link i .
- We can write a circuit equation once for each pulley pair as follows:

$$r_{j+i-1}\theta_{j+i-1,i} = \pm r_{j+i}\theta_{j+i,i} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

$$\theta_{j+i-1,i} = \theta_{j+i-1,j-1} - \theta_{i,j-1} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\theta_{j,0} = \theta_{1,0} \pm (r_{j+1}/r_j)\theta_{2,1} \pm \dots \pm (r_{j+n-1}/r_j)\theta_{n,n-1}.$$

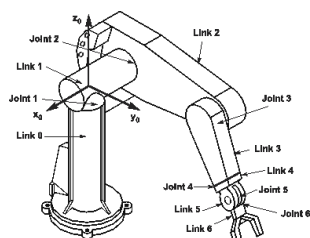


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Inverse Kinematics

- What about a more complicated mechanism?



» A sufficient condition for a serial manipulator to yield a closed-form inverse kinematics solution is to have any three consecutive joint axes intersecting at a common point or any three consecutive joint axes parallel to each other. (Pieper and Roth (1969) via 4×4 matrix method)

» Raghavan and Roth 1990
"Kinematic Analysis of the 6R Manipulator of General Geometry"

Tsai and Morgan 1985, "Solving the Kinematics of the Most General Six and Five-Degree-of-Freedom Manipulators by Continuation Methods" (posted online)

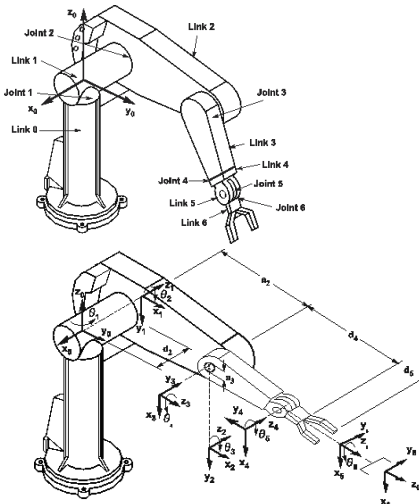


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Inverse Kinematics

- What about a more complicated mechanism?



$${}^0T_6 = {}^0T_1 {}^1T_2 {}^2T_3 {}^3T_4 {}^4T_5 {}^5T_6 = \begin{pmatrix} n_x & s_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & s_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & s_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

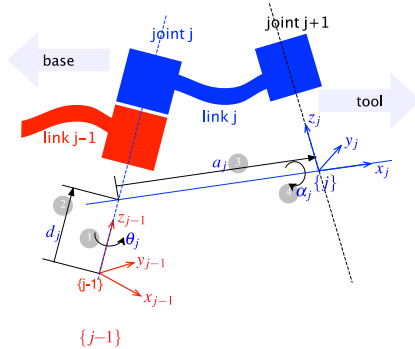
$$\begin{aligned} n_x &= c_1(c_{23}(c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - s_{23}s_5c_6) - s_1(s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) \\ n_y &= s_1(c_{23}(c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - s_{23}s_5c_6) + c_1(s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) \\ n_z &= -s_{23}(c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - c_{23}s_5c_6 \\ s_x &= c_1(-c_{23}(c_4c_5s_6 + s_4c_6) + s_{23}s_5s_6) - s_1(-s_4c_5s_6 + c_4c_6) \\ s_y &= s_1(-c_{23}(c_4c_5s_6 + s_4c_6) + s_{23}s_5s_6) + c_1(-s_4c_5s_6 + c_4c_6) \\ s_z &= s_{23}(c_4c_5s_6 + s_4c_6) - c_{23}s_5s_6 \\ a_x &= c_1(c_{23}c_4s_5 + s_{23}c_5) - s_1s_4s_5 \\ a_y &= s_1(c_{23}c_4s_5 + s_{23}c_5) + c_1s_4s_5 \\ a_z &= -s_{23}c_4s_5 + c_{23}c_5 \\ p_x &= c_1(d_6(c_{23}c_4s_5 + s_{23}c_5) + s_{23}d_4 + a_3c_{23} + a_2c_2) - s_1(d_6s_4s_5 + d_2) \\ p_y &= s_1(d_6(c_{23}c_4s_5 + s_{23}c_5) + s_{23}d_4 + a_3c_{23} + a_2c_2) + c_1(d_6s_4s_5 + d_2) \\ p_z &= d_6(c_{23}c_5 - s_{23}c_4s_5) + c_{23}d_4 - a_3s_{23} - a_2s_2 \end{aligned}$$

Denavit Hartenberg [DH] Notation

- J. Denavit and R. S. Hartenberg first proposed the use of homogeneous transforms for articulated mechanisms
(But B. Roth, introduced it to robotics)
- A kinematics “short-cut” that reduced the number of parameters by adding a structure to frame selection
- For two frames positioned in space, the first can be moved into coincidence with the second by a sequence of 4 operations:
 - rotate around the x_{i-1} axis by an angle α_i
 - translate along the x_{i-1} axis by a distance a_i
 - translate along the new z axis by a distance d_i
 - rotate around the new z axis by an angle θ_i

Denavit-Hartenberg Convention

- link length a_i the offset distance between the z_{i-1} and z_i axes along the x_i axis;
- link twist α_i the angle from the z_{i-1} axis to the z_i axis about the x_i axis;



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- link offset d_i the distance from the origin of frame $i-1$ to the x_i axis along the z_{i-1} axis;
- joint angle θ_i the angle between the x_{i-1} and x_i axes about the z_{i-1} axis.



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DH: Where to place frame?

- Align an axis along principal motion
 - Rotary (R): align rotation axis along the z axis
 - Prismatic (P): align slider travel along x axis
- Orient so as to position x axis towards next frame
- $\theta_{(\text{rot } z)} \rightarrow d_{(\text{trans } z)} \rightarrow a_{(\text{trans } x)} \rightarrow \alpha_{(\text{rot } x)}$



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Denavit-Hartenberg → Rotation Matrix

- Each transformation is a product of 4 “basic” transformations (instead of 6)

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^{i-1}A_i &= Rot_{z,\theta_i} Trans_{z,d_i} Trans_{x,a_i} Rot_{x,\alpha_i} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i & 0 & 0 \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a_i \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdots \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\alpha_i & -s\alpha_i & 0 \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i c\alpha_i & s\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i c\theta_i \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i c\alpha_i & -c\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i s\theta_i \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$



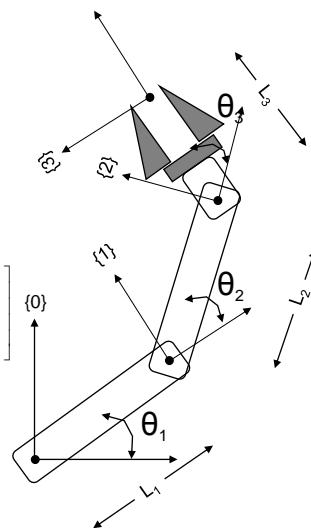
DH Example [1]: RRR Link Manipulator

- Assign the frames at the joints ...
- Fill DH Table ...

Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	θ_i
1	L_1	0	0	θ_1
2	L_2	0	0	θ_2
3	L_3	0	0	θ_3

$${}^0A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_1} & -s_{\theta_1} & 0 & L_1 c_{\theta_1} \\ s_{\theta_1} & c_{\theta_1} & 0 & L_1 s_{\theta_1} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} {}^1A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_2} & -s_{\theta_2} & 0 & L_2 c_{\theta_2} \\ s_{\theta_2} & c_{\theta_2} & 0 & L_2 s_{\theta_2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} {}^2A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_3} & -s_{\theta_3} & 0 & L_3 c_{\theta_3} \\ s_{\theta_3} & c_{\theta_3} & 0 & L_3 s_{\theta_3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^0T_3 &= {}^0A_1 {}^1A_2 {}^2A_3 \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_{123}} & -s_{\theta_{123}} & 0 & L_1 c_{\theta_1} + L_2 c_{\theta_{12}} + L_3 c_{\theta_{123}} \\ s_{\theta_{123}} & c_{\theta_{123}} & 0 & L_1 s_{\theta_1} + L_2 s_{\theta_{12}} + L_3 s_{\theta_{123}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$



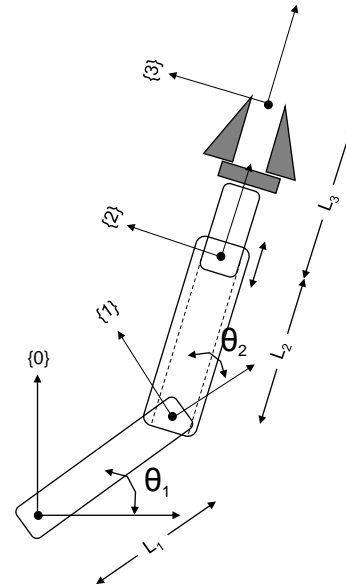
DH Example [2]: RRP Link Manipulator

1. Assign the frames at the joints ...
2. Fill DH Table ...

Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	θ_i
1	L_1	0	0	θ_1
2	L_2	0	0	θ_2
3	L_3	0	0	0

$${}^0A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_1} & -s_{\theta_1} & 0 & L_1 c_{\theta_1} \\ s_{\theta_1} & c_{\theta_1} & 0 & L_1 s_{\theta_1} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} {}^1A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_2} & -s_{\theta_2} & 0 & L_2 c_{\theta_2} \\ s_{\theta_2} & c_{\theta_2} & 0 & L_2 s_{\theta_2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} {}^2A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & L_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^0T_3 = {}^0A_1 {}^1A_2 {}^2A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} & -s_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} & 0 & L_1 c_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} + (L_2 + L_3) c_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} \\ s_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} & c_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} & 0 & L_1 s_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} + (L_2 + L_3) s_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

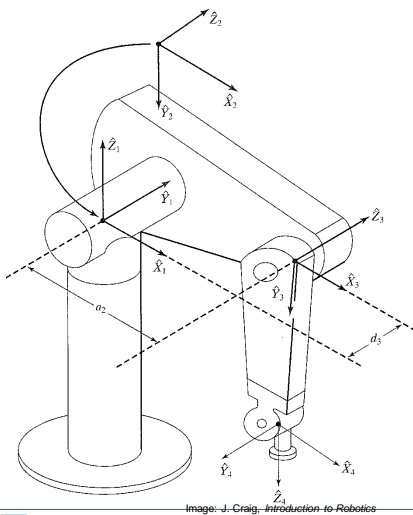


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DH Example [3]: Puma 560

- “Simple” 6R robot exercise for the reader ...



Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	θ_i
1	0	0	0	θ_1
2	0	$-\pi/2$	0	θ_2
3	L_2	0	D_3	θ_3
4	L_3	$-\pi/2$	D_4	θ_4
5	0	$\pi/2$	0	θ_5
6	0	$-\pi/2$	0	θ_6

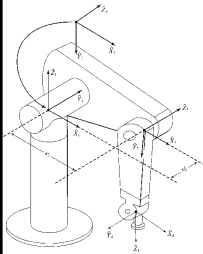


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Image: J. Craig, Introduction to Robotics
3rd Ed., 2005

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DH Example [3]: Puma 560 [2]



$${}^0A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ s_1 & c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^1A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & -s_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_2 \\ -s_2 & -c_2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^2A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_3 & -s_3 & 0 & L_2 \\ s_3 & c_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^3A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} c_4 & -s_4 & 0 & L_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_4 \\ -s_4 & -c_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^4A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} c_4 & -s_5 & 0 & L_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_4 \\ -s_5 & -c_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^5A_6 = \begin{bmatrix} c_6 & -s_6 & 0 & L_3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -s_6 & -c_6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^0T_6 = {}^0A_1 {}^1A_2 {}^2A_3 {}^3A_4 {}^4A_5 {}^5A_6$$

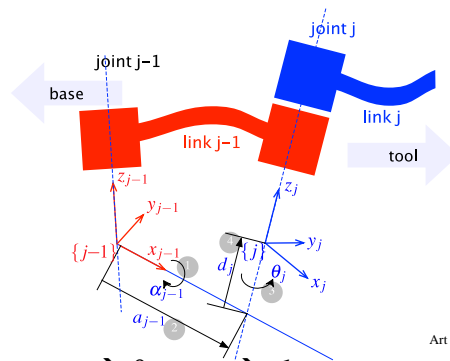


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Modified DH

- Made “popular” by Craig’s *Intro. to Robotics* book
- Link coordinates attached to the near by joint



Art c/o P. Corke

- a (trans x -I) $\rightarrow \alpha$ (rot x -I) $\rightarrow \theta$ (rot z) $\rightarrow d$ (trans z)

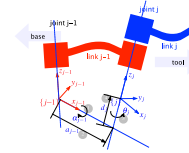


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Modified DH [2]

- Gives a similar result
(but it's not commutative)



$$\Rightarrow {}^{i-1}A_i = R_x(\alpha_{i-1}) T_x(a_{i-1}) R_z(\theta_i) T_x(d_i)$$

- Refactoring Standard \rightarrow to Modified

$$\underbrace{\{R_z(\theta_1) T_z(d_1) T_x(a_1) R_x(\alpha_1)\}}_{\text{DH}_1} \cdot \underbrace{\{R_z(\theta_2) T_z(d_2) T_x(a_2) R_x(\alpha_2)\}}_{\text{DH}_2} \cdot \underbrace{\{R_z(\theta_3) T_z(d_3)\}}_{\text{End Effector}}$$

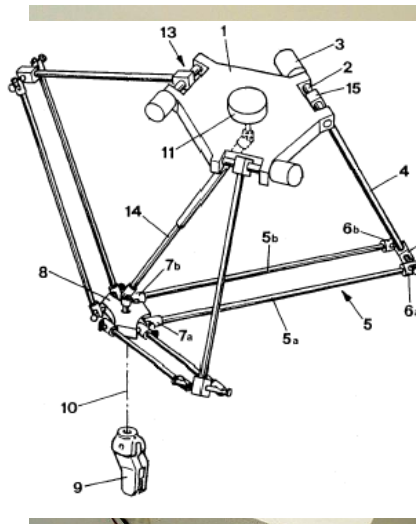
$$= \underbrace{\{R_z(\theta_1) T_z(d_1)\}}_{\text{Base}} \cdot \underbrace{\{T_x(a_1) R_x(\alpha_1) R_z(\theta_2) T_z(d_2)\}}_{\text{MDH}_1} \cdot \underbrace{\{T_x(a_2) R_x(\alpha_2) R_z(\theta_3) T_z(d_3)\}}_{\text{MDH}_2}$$



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Parallel Manipulators



Sources: Wikipedia, "Delta Robot", ParallelMic.Org, "Delta Parallel Robot", and www.parallel-robot.org

- The "central" Kinematic structure is made up of closed-loop chain(s)

Compared to Serial Mechanisms:

- + Higher Stiffness
- + Higher Payload
- + Less Inertia
- Smaller Workspace
- Coordinated Drive System
- More Complex & \$\$\$



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Symmetrical Parallel Manipulator

A sub-class of Parallel Manipulator:

- # Limbs (m) = # DOF (F)
- The joints are arranged in an identical pattern
- The # and location of actuated joints are the same

Thus:

- Number of Loops (L): One less than # of limbs

$$L = m - 1 = F - 1$$

- Connectivity (C_k)

$$\sum_{k=1}^m C_k = (\lambda + 1) F - \lambda$$

Where: λ : The DOF of the space that the system is in (e.g., $\lambda=6$ for 3D space).



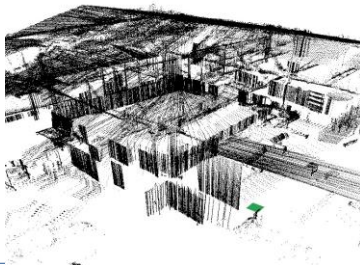
Mobile Platforms

- The preceding kinematic relationships are also important in mobile applications
- When we have sensors mounted on a platform, we need the ability to translate from the sensor frame into some world frame in which the vehicle is operating
- Should we just treat this as a P(*) mechanism?



Mobile Platforms [2]

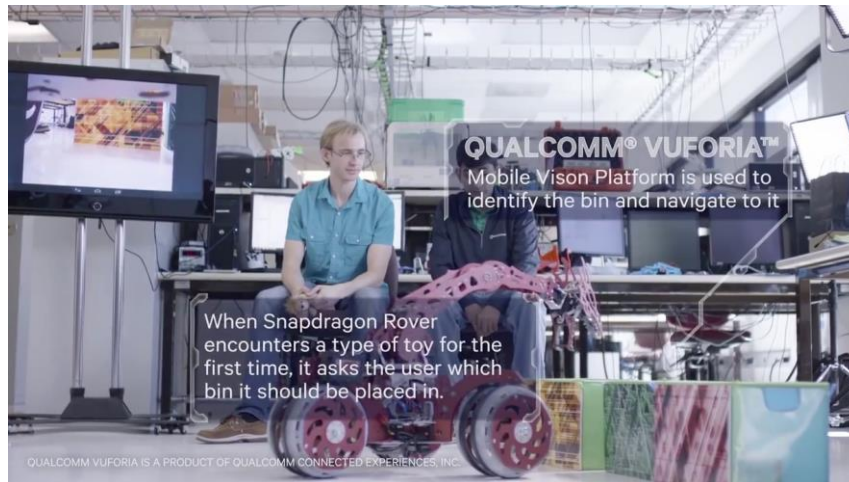
- We typically assign a frame to the base of the vehicle
- Additional frames are assigned to the sensors
- We will develop these techniques in coming lectures



Summary

- Many ways to view a rotation
 - Rotation matrix
 - Euler angles
 - Quaternions
 - Direction Cosines
 - Screw Vectors
- Homogenous transformations
 - Based on homogeneous coordinates

Cool Robotics Share



<https://www.qualcomm.com/invention/research/projects/robotics>



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