

# Robotics\_Mock\_Exam

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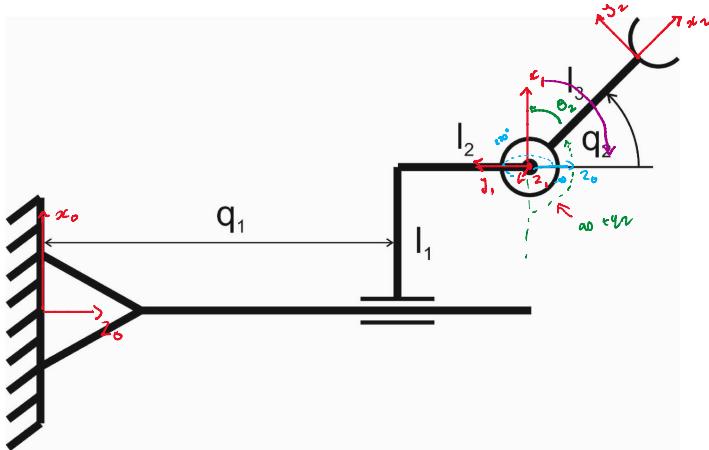
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**Task 1:** (points)



$x_2 - \text{about } z_1$

$-90 + q_2$

A planar robot with two joints is considered. The first joint is a prismatic one, while the second is revolute. Furthermore  $q_1 > 0$  and  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq q_2 \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  holds.

a) (points)

Draw the coordinate systems according to the Denavit-Hartenberg algorithm into the illustration of the robot under consideration.

b) (points)

Compute the parameters according to the Denavit-Hartenberg algorithm of the robot under consideration.

$\theta$	0	$-\frac{\pi}{2} + q_2$
$d$	$q_1 + L_1$	0
$a$	$L_2$	$L_3$
$\alpha$	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	0

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c) (points)

Compute the local transformation matrices  $\mathbf{A}_i$ .

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & l_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & q_1 + l_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$0$   
 $q_1 + l_2$   
 $l_1$   
 $-90^\circ$

$$\mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} s_{q_2} & c_{q_2} & 0 & l_3 \cdot s_{q_2} \\ -c_{q_2} & s_{q_2} & 0 & -l_3 \cdot c_{q_2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$-\frac{\pi}{2} + q_2$   
 $d$   
 $a$   
 $d$

$\mathbf{A}_1 \cdot \mathbf{A}_2$  rows  $\times$  last column

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_{q_2} & l_3 \cdot s_{q_2} + l_1 \\ l_3 \cdot c_{q_2} + l_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hint:  $\cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin(x)$ ,  $\sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\cos(x)$

d) (points)

Compute the forward kinematics of the robot under consideration.

$$x = l_3 \cdot s_{q_2} + l_1$$

$$y = 0$$

$$z = l_3 \cdot c_{q_2} + q_1 + l_2$$

e) (points)

Compute the inverse kinematics of the robot under consideration.

$$q_1 = 2 - l_2 - l_3 \cdot q_2$$

$$q_2 = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x - l_1}{l_3}\right)$$

$$x = l_3 \cdot s_{q_2} + l_1 \Rightarrow q_2 = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x - l_1}{l_3}\right)$$

$$z = l_3 \cdot c_{q_2} + q_1 + l_2 \quad q_1 = z - l_2 - l_3 \cdot \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x - l_1}{l_3}\right)^2}$$

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f) (points)

Compute the  $2 \times 2$  Jacobian matrix of the robot under consideration.

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 & l_1 \cdot \cos q_2 \\ 0 & l_1 \cdot \sin q_2 \\ l_2 & -l_2 \cdot \sin q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\delta f_x}{\delta q_1} \quad \frac{\delta f_x}{\delta q_2}$$
$$\frac{\delta f_y}{\delta q_1} \quad \frac{\delta f_y}{\delta q_2}$$

d) (points)

Calculate possible singular configurations of the robot under consideration.

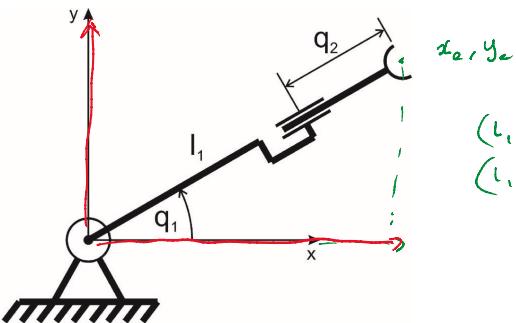
$$\det(\mathbf{J}) = 0 = l_2 \cdot \cos q_2$$

$$q_2 = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Explanatory statement: Boundary singularity

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**Task 2:** (points)



$x_a, y_a$

$$(l_1 + q_2) \cos q_1 = x_a$$

$$(l_1 + q_2) \sin q_1 = y_a$$

A planar robot with a rotational and a prismatic joint is considered.

a) (points)

Compute the Jacobian matrix of the system under consideration.

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ \dot{x}_c & \dot{y}_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} - (l_1 + q_2) \sin q_1 & (l_1 + q_2) \cos q_1 \\ \cos q_1 & \sin q_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{q}) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{J}^{-1} \cdot \dot{x}$$

b) (points)

For a current configuration  $\mathbf{q} = \left[ \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \frac{1}{4} \right]'$ ,  $\dot{x} = \left[ 1 \quad \frac{1}{2} \right]'$  and  $l_1 = \frac{3}{4}$  holds. Compute the appropriate joint velocities.

$$\dot{q}_1 = \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{4} \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\dot{q}_2 = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4} \quad \leftarrow$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{J} \dot{\mathbf{q}} \quad \times \mathbf{J}^T$$

$$\mathbf{J}^T \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}}$$

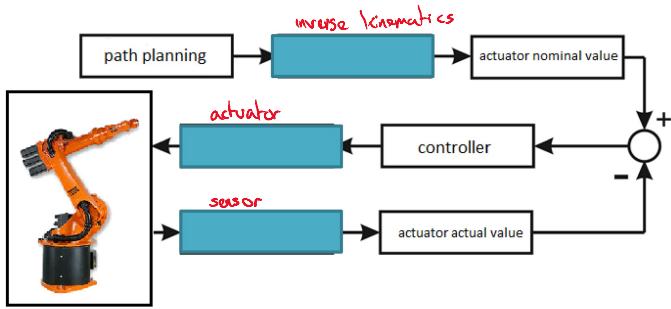
$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = (\mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{J}^T \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{J})} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \\ \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Task 3:** (points) Label all blocks in the diagram



**Task 4:** (points)

Is the given matrix a rotation matrix (give an explanatory statement)?

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = R^T$$

$$R^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = R^T$$

∴ is a rotation matrix

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**Task 5:** (42 points)

1.) (2 points)

The values of the joint variables for a given end effector pose are calculated by use of

- the inverse kinematics.
- the recursive Newton-Euler-algorithm.
- the Jacobian matrix.
- a path planning method.

2.) (2 points)

How many degrees of freedom does the end effector of a spatial robot have at maximum?

- 3
- 2
- 6
- 8

3.) (2 points)

What are the properties of a rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$ ?

- $\mathbf{R}$  is square.
- $\mathbf{R}$  is orthogonal.
- $\mathbf{R}$  is diagonal.
- $\mathbf{R}$  is singular.

4.) (2 points)

A homogenous transformation matrix describes

- a compact description of a rigid body transformation.
- an algorithm for the derivation of the Jacobian.
- the mapping of a non-square matrix into the nullspace.
- an algorithm for the derivation of the pseudo-inverse.

5.) (2 points)

How many solutions does the forward kinematics of a spatial serial manipulator usually have?

- 3
- 6
- 1
- none

6.) (2 points)

The mapping of the joint velocities onto the end effector velocities by use of a Jacobian is

- linear.
- non-linear.
- singular.
- proportional.

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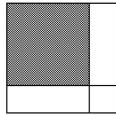
7.) (2 points)

How many independent parameters does a rotation matrix have at maximum to describe the orientation of a coordinate system with respect to another coordinate system?

- 9
- 1
- 3
- 0

8.) (2 points)

The upper left  $3 \times 3$  sub-matrix of a homogenous transformation matrix has the meaning of a



- translation.
- rotation.
- bias.
- scaling.

9.) (2 points)

The determinant of a rotation matrix for a „right-handed“ system is equal to

- 1.
- 0.
- 1.
- $-\pi$ .

10.) (2 points)

The norm of a row or a line of a rotation matrix is equal to

- 1.
- $\pi$ .
- $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .
- 1.

11.) (2 points)

The workspace of a plain robot with two rotational joints can have the shape of



- a circle.
- a circular ring.
- a square.
- an ellipse.

12.) (2 points)

In which cases is the pseudo-inverse of a Jacobian typically used?

- The Jacobian is square and diagonal.
- The TCP is outside the workspace.
- The Jacobian is of non-square type.

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- The number of joints is larger than the amount of degrees of freedom of the end effector.

13.) (2 points)

Singularities appear typically if

- the Jacobian matrix is singular.  
 the robot is in a stretched position.  
 the Jacobian matrix is square.  
 the end effector leaves the planned path.

14.) (2 points)

How many possible solutions does the inverse kinematics of the pictured robot have, assuming only the position of the tool center point is given?



- one solution  
 no solution  
 two solutions  
 infinite amount of solutions

15.) (2 points)

What is the dimension of the Jacobian of a robot with 7 actuators and 6 end effector degrees of freedom?

- 7x6  
 6x7x6  
 6x7  
 6x6

16.) (2 points)

How many actuators does a robot need at least, assuming three independent degrees of freedom for the end effector are required?

- 1 actuator  
 6 actuators  
 3 actuators  
 5 actuators

*Good luck!*

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## Appendix:

### Denavit-Hartenberg algorithm

Definition of the coordinate systems:

1. Definition of the initial coordinate system at the base of the robot. The  $z_0$ -axis lies within the axis of movement of the first joint in direction of the kinematic chain. Define the  $x_0$ - and  $y_0$ -axes in order to generate an orthogonal right-handed system.
2. For  $i=1, \dots, n-1$  do the following steps:
3. The  $z_i$ -axis is to arrange in direction of the axis of movement of joint  $i+1$  (rotational translational joint)
4. The origin of coordinate system lies within the intersection point of the  $z_{i-1}$ - and  $z_i$ -axes or within the intersection point of the  $z_i$ -axis with the collective perpendicular of the  $z_i$ - and  $z_{i-1}$ -axes
5. In case of an intersection of  $z_{i-1}$ - and  $z_i$ -axis, the  $x_i$ -axis is orthogonal to both  $z_{i-1}$ - and  $z_i$ -axis. Otherwise the  $x_i$ -axis lies in direction of the perpendicular between  $z_{i-1}$ - and  $z_i$ -axis.
6. Choose the  $y_i$ -axis in order to generate an orthogonal right-handed system  $(x_i, y_i, z_i)$ .
7. Definition of the TCP coordinate system: The  $z_n$ -axis lies in direction of  $z_{n-1}$ -axis. The  $x_n$ -axis is orthogonal to both  $z_n$ - and  $z_{n-1}$ -axis.

Denavit-Hartenberg parameters:

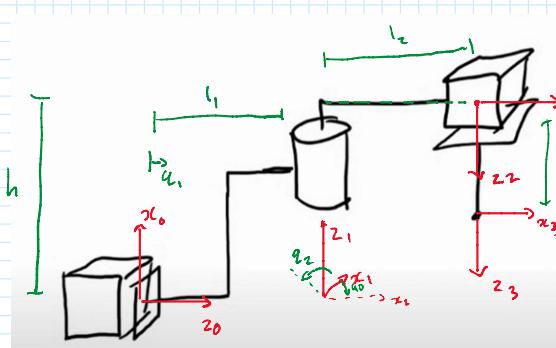
- $\theta_i$  Angle between  $x_{i-1}$ -axis and  $x_i$ -axis around the  $z_{i-1}$ -axis.
- $d_i$  Distance from origin of coordinate system  $(x, y, z)_{i-1}$  to the intersection point of  $z_{i-1}$ -axis and  $x_i$ -axis, measured along the  $z_{i-1}$ -axis.
- $a_i$  Distance from intersection point of  $z_{i-1}$ -axis and  $x_i$ -axis to the origin of coordinate system  $(x, y, z)_i$ , measured along the  $x_i$ -axis (or the shortest distance between  $z_{i-1}$ -axis and  $z_i$ -axis).
- $\alpha_i$  Angle between the  $z_{i-1}$ -axis and  $z_i$ -axis around the  $x_i$ -axis.

### Transformation matrix

$$A_i = \text{Rot}_{z, \theta_i} \text{Trans}_{z, d_i} \text{Trans}_{x, a_i} \text{Rot}_{x, \alpha_i} =$$

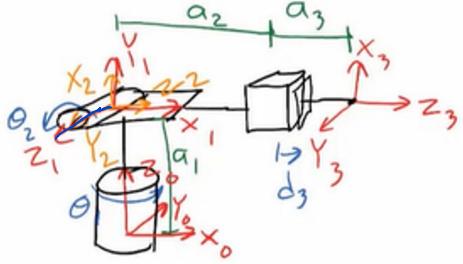
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_i) & -\sin(\theta_i) \cos(\alpha_i) & \sin(\theta_i) \sin(\alpha_i) & a_i \cos(\theta_i) \\ \sin(\theta_i) & \cos(\theta_i) \cos(\alpha_i) & -\cos(\theta_i) \sin(\alpha_i) & a_i \sin(\theta_i) \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha_i) & \cos(\alpha_i) & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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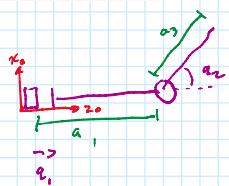
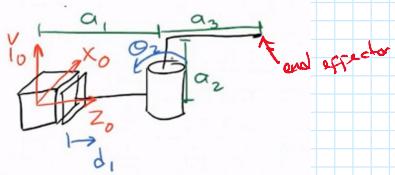
	$a$	$d$	$\alpha$	$\theta$
1	0	$l_1 + q_1$	90	-40
2	$l_2$	$h_1$	180	$-90 - q_2$
3	0	$q_3 + l_4$	0	0

Diagram below shows a circular path with angles  $270 - q_2$  and  $-60 - q_2$  indicated.



$$\begin{array}{l}
 x_i \quad z_{i-1} \quad \infty \quad z_{i+1} \\
 \theta \quad \theta \\
 \hline
 1 \quad 0 \quad d_1 \quad \theta_1 \quad \theta \\
 0 \quad a_1 \quad \theta_0 \quad \theta \\
 2 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 90 \quad 90 - \theta_2 \\
 0 \quad a_2 + a_3 + d_3 \quad 0 \quad 0
 \end{array}$$

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & -s_0 \\ s_0 & c_0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 x_c &= a_3 \cdot \sin \theta_2 & \Rightarrow \theta_2 &= \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x_c}{a_3} \right) \\
 z_c &= a_1 + a_3 \cdot \cos \theta_2 \cdot \theta_1 & \theta_1 &= z_c - a_1 - a_3 \cdot \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{x_c}{a_3} \right)^2} \\
 & & \theta_1 &= z_c - a_1 \mp \sqrt{a_3^2 - x_c^2}
 \end{aligned}$$