

Inverse Kinematics for Kuka KR30–L16: Positioning of the wrist

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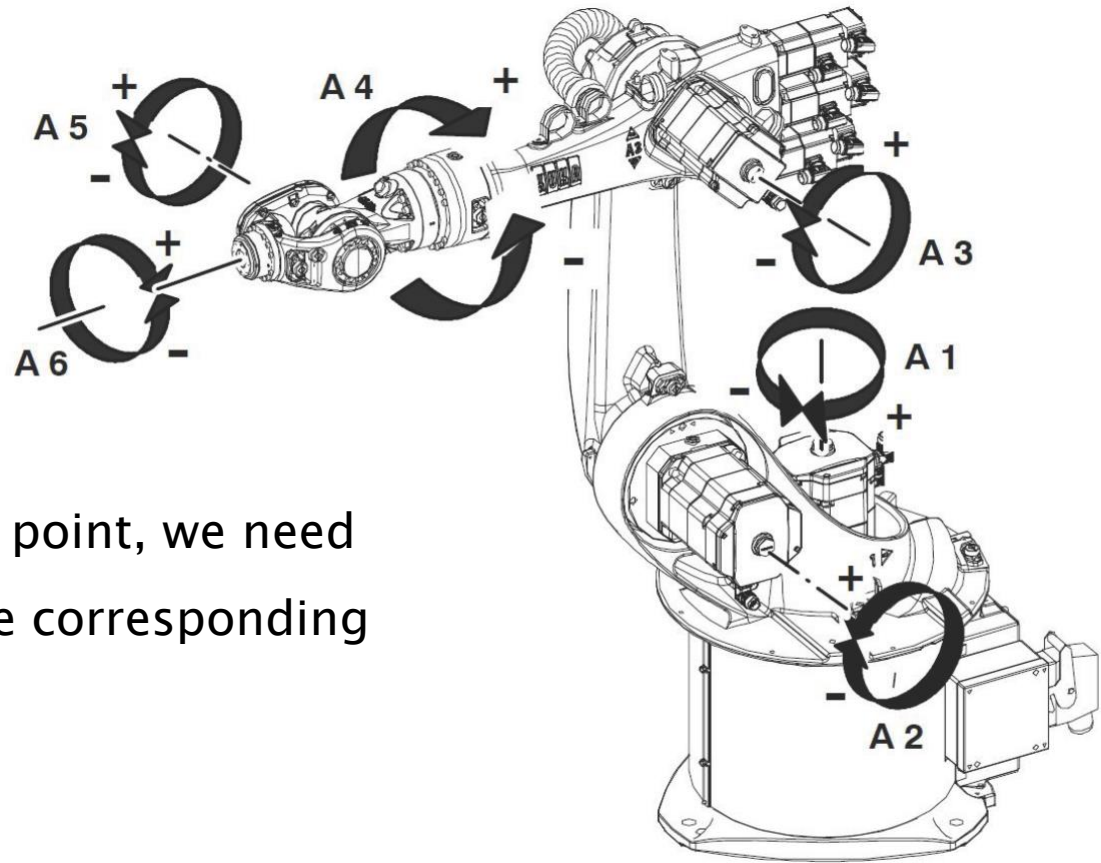
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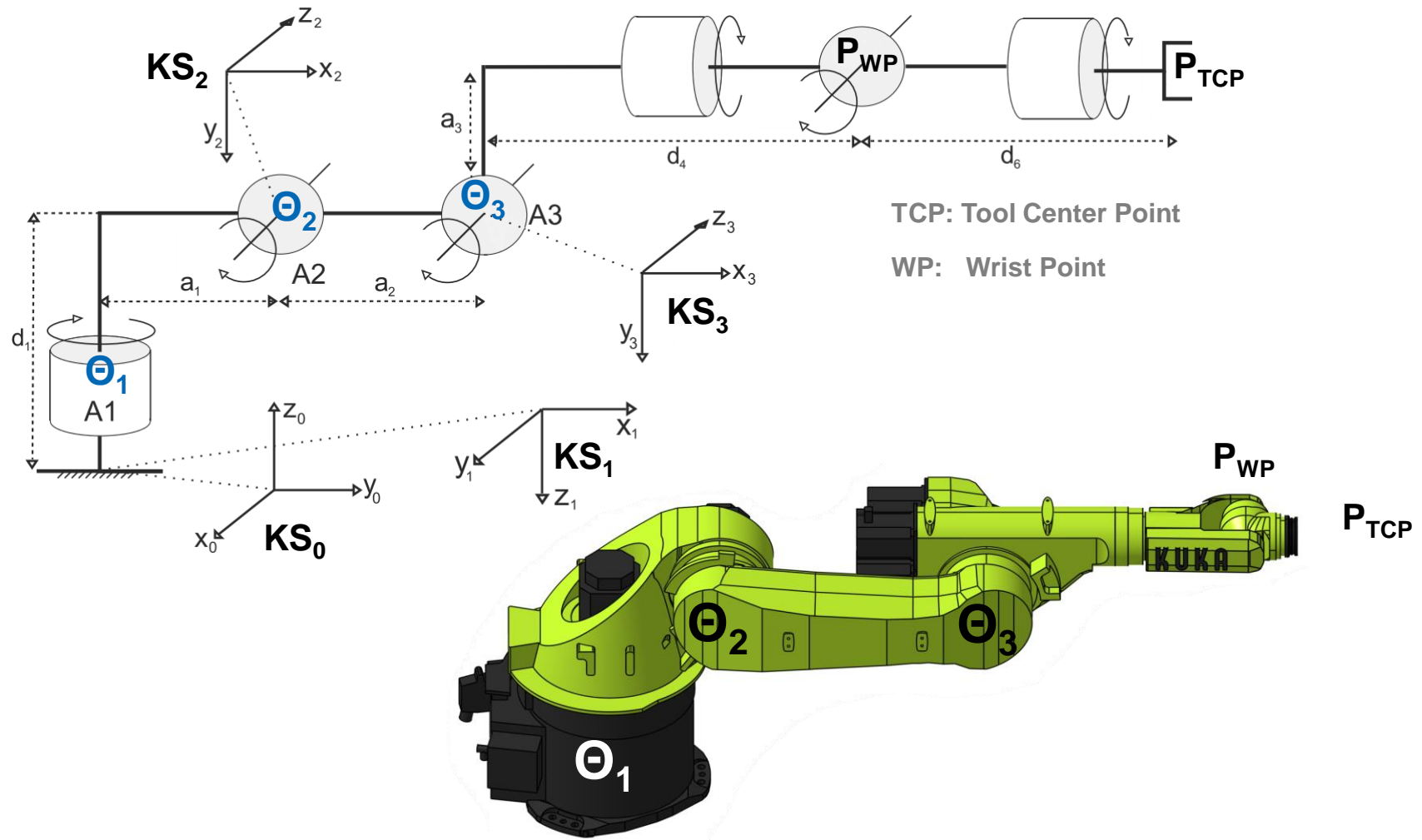
1.Overview: Structure of Kuka KR30-L16



For positioning of wrist point, we need joint A1, A2, A3 and the corresponding angles θ_1 , θ_2 , and θ_3 .

1. Overview: Zero Configuration of KR30-L16

Angles Θ_1 , Θ_2 , and $\Theta_3 = 0^\circ$



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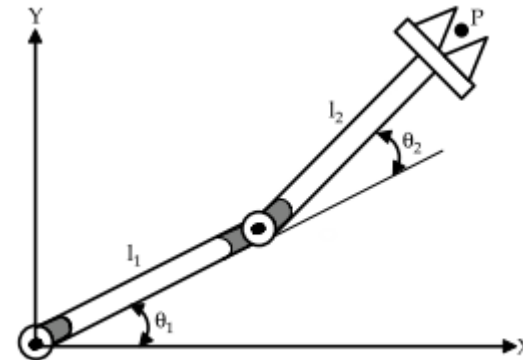
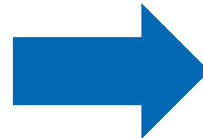
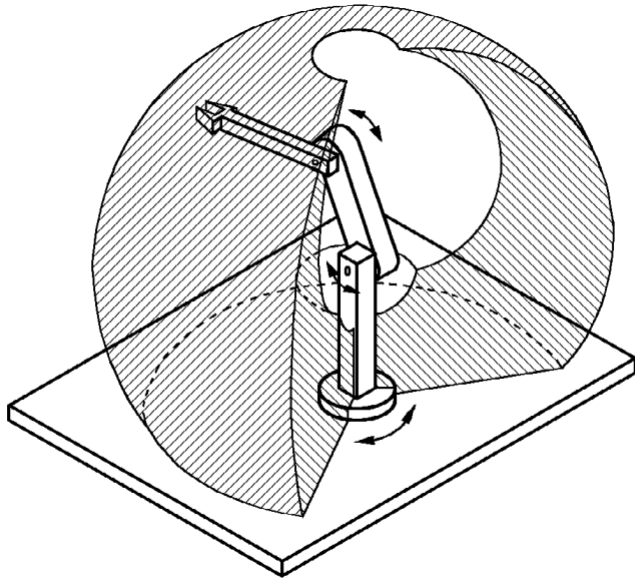
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2. Solution statement

Split 3D problem of inverse kinematics in several 2D problems:



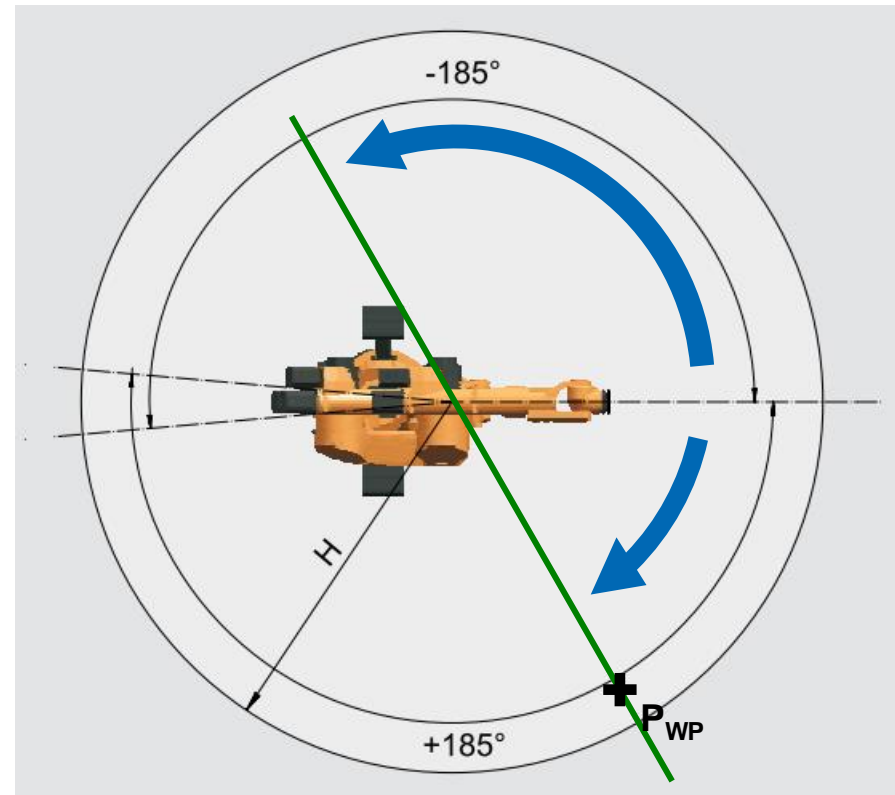
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Task: Reach the target point P_{WP} with the wrist of the robot

First 2D problem in topview:

Rotation of the robot arm to
the plane of the wrist point
(P_{WP}) [Θ_1].

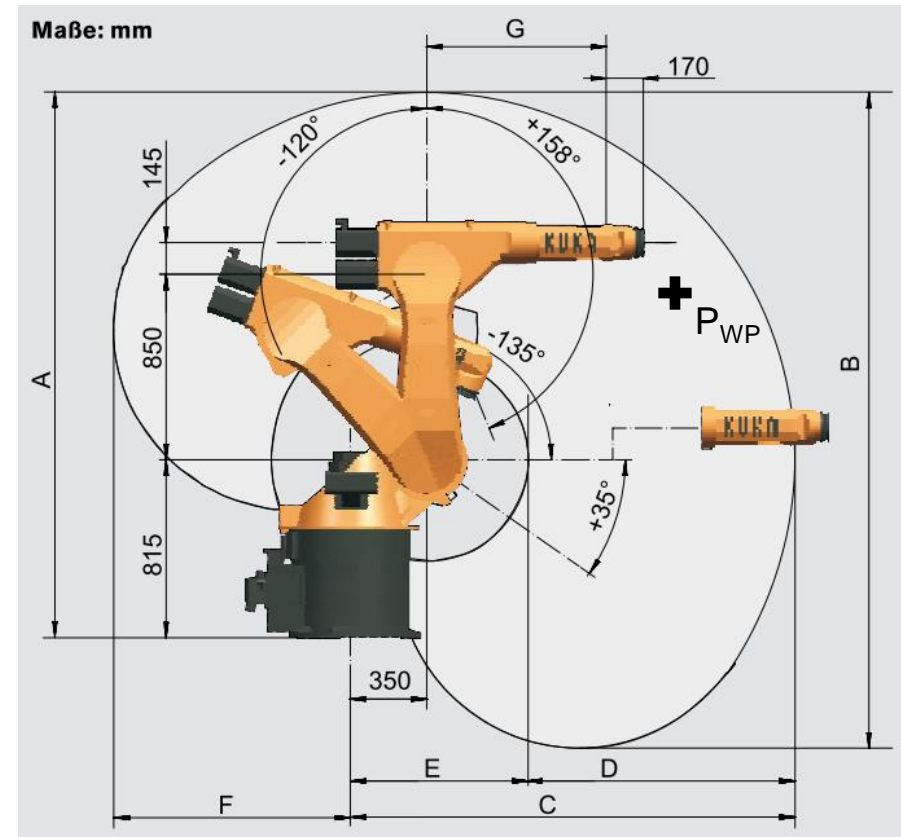
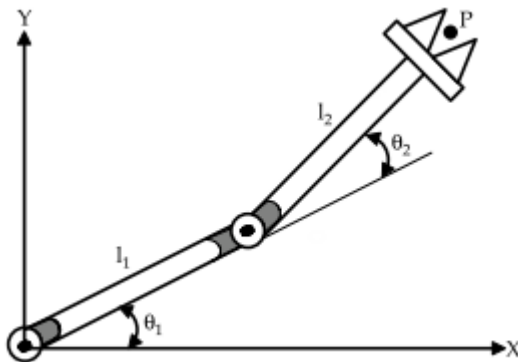
→ „WP Plane“



2. Solution statement [3]

Second 2D problem in lateral view:

Calculation of the other
angles $[\Theta_2, \Theta_3]$ in the „**WP Plane**“



2. Solution statement: Possible Solutions

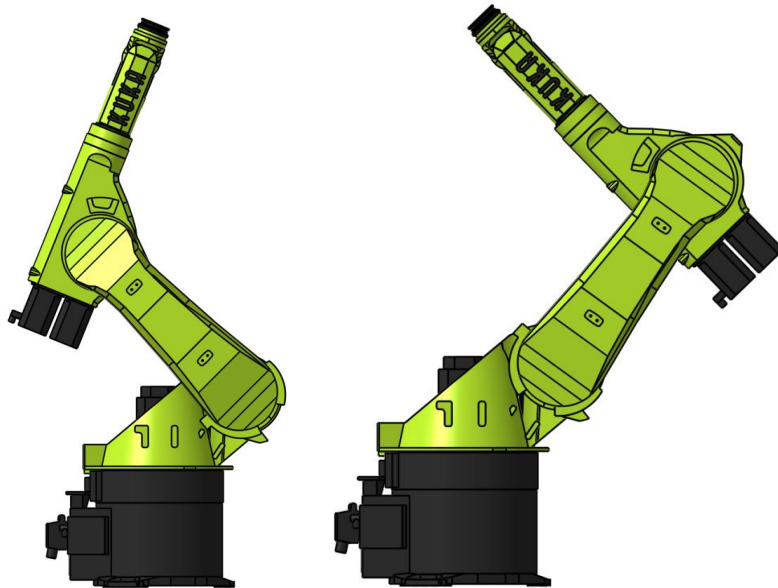
4 possible solutions:

Shoulder:

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Elbow: up

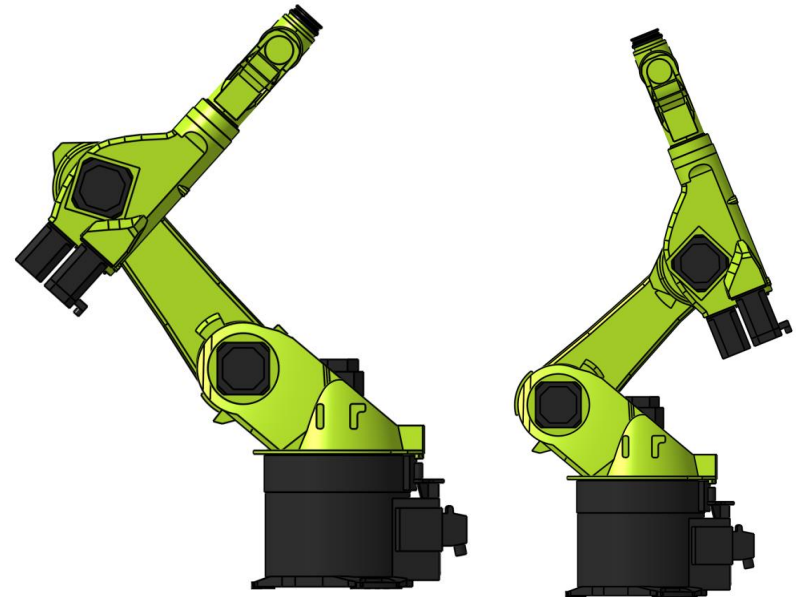
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left

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up



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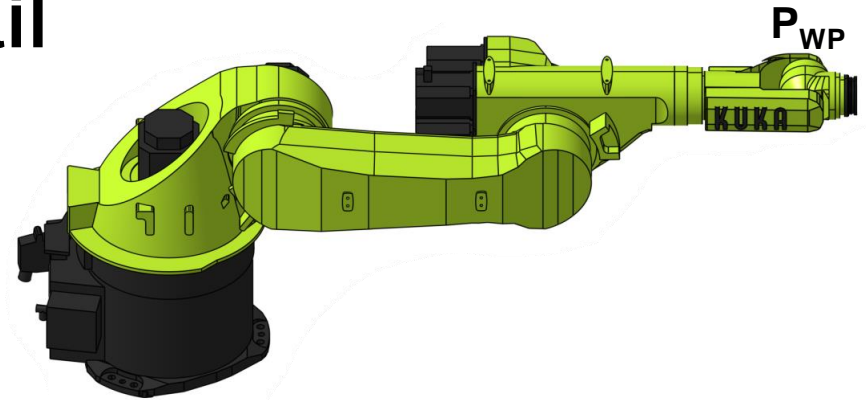
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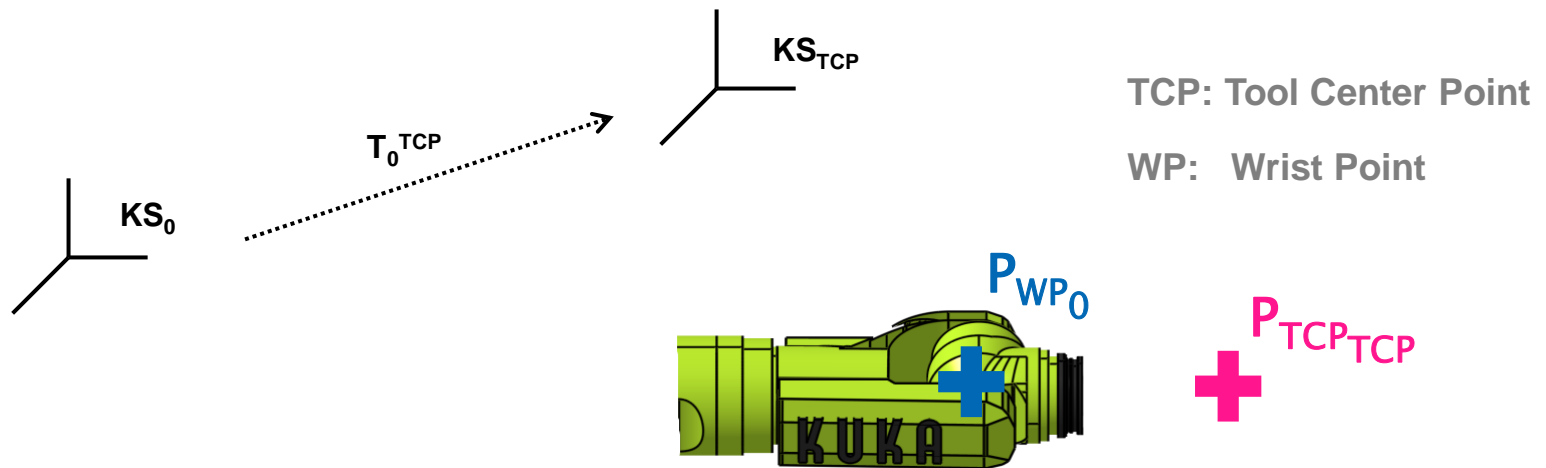
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3.1 P_{WP} : Calculation of Wrist Point

Input: T_0^{TCP} (transformation of KS_0 to KS_{TCP})



$P_{WP_{TCP}} = (0, 0, -d_6) \dots$ (depends on how KS_{TCP} looks like)

$$P_{WP_0} = T_0^{TCP} \cdot (0, 0, -d_6)$$

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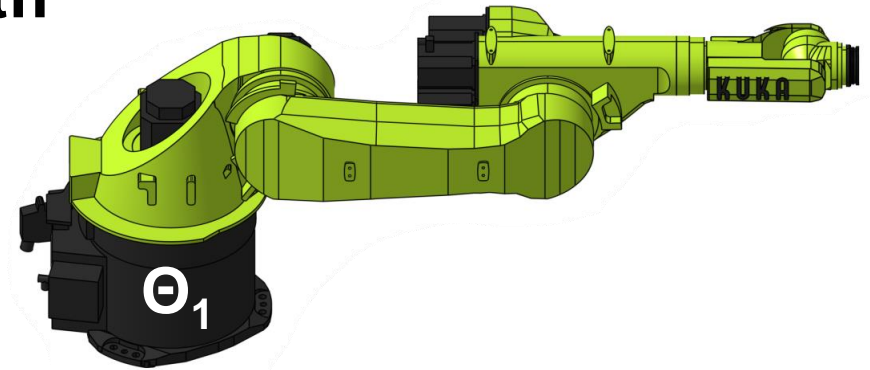
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3.2 Θ_1 : Transformation of P_{WP_0} to KS_1

For Calculation of Θ_1 in $KS_1 \rightarrow$ Transformation of P_{WP_0} to P_{WP_1}

$$T_0^1 = \text{Rot}_{z_0}(\Theta_0) \cdot \text{Trans}_{z_0}(d_0) \cdot \text{Trans}_{x_1}(a_0) \cdot \text{Rot}_{x_1}(\alpha_0)$$

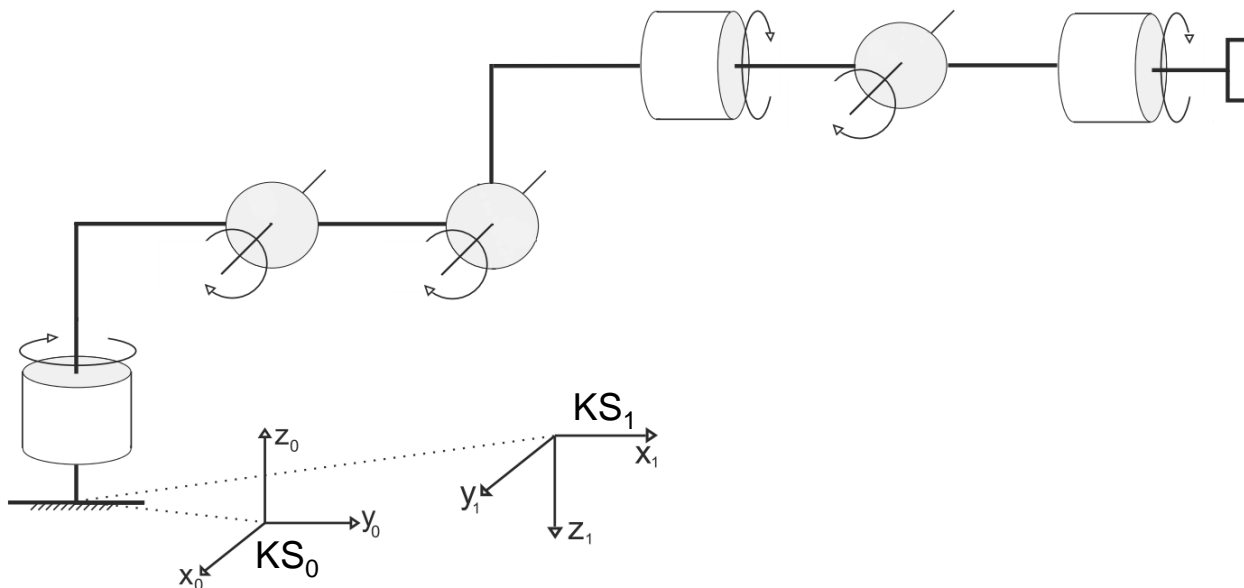
$$P_{WP_0} = T_0^1 \cdot P_{WP_1} \rightarrow P_{WP_1} = (T_0^1)^{-1} \cdot P_{WP_0}$$

$$\Theta_0 = \pi/2$$

$$d_0 = 0$$

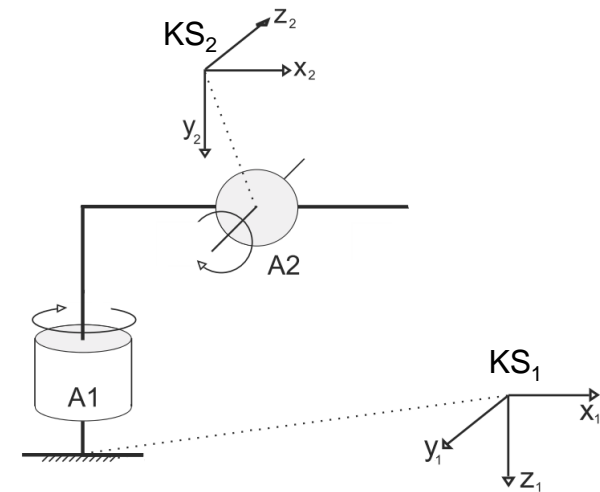
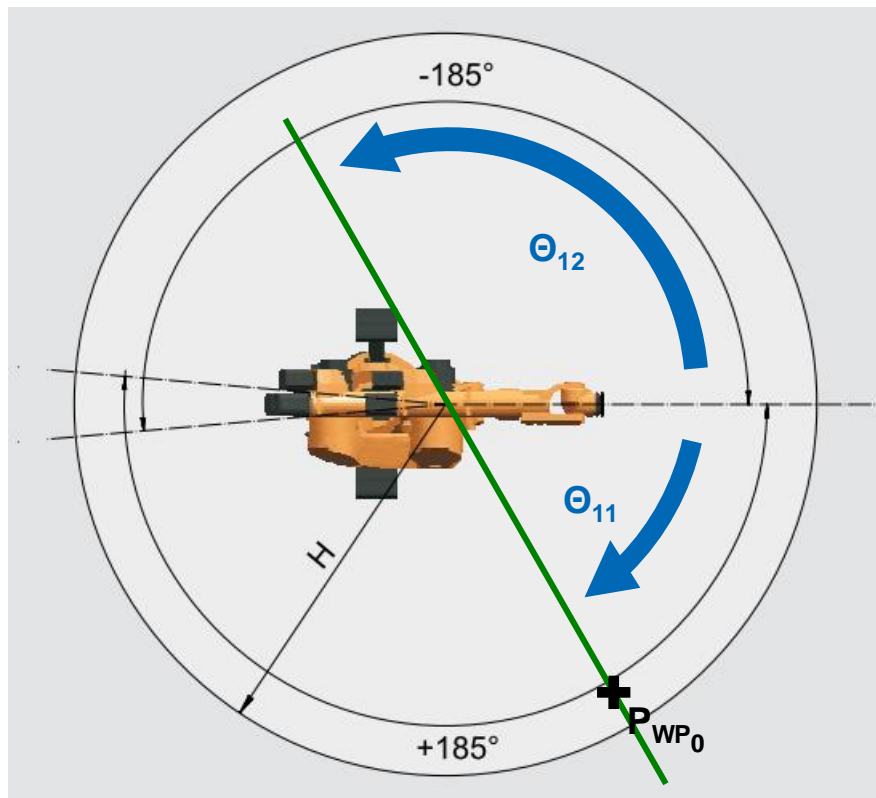
$$a_0 = 0$$

$$\alpha_0 = \pi$$



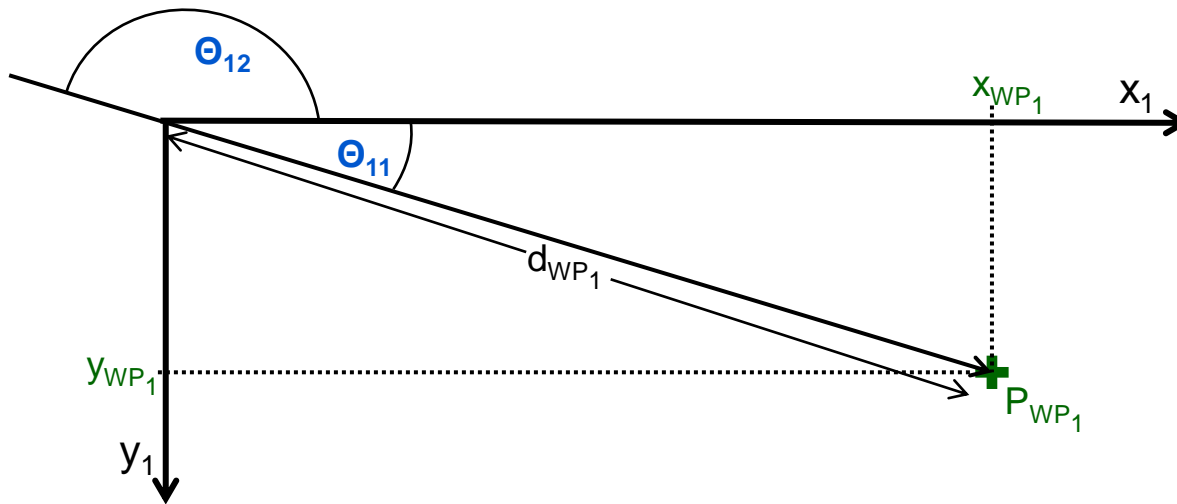
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Calculation of Θ_1 (top view) in KS_1



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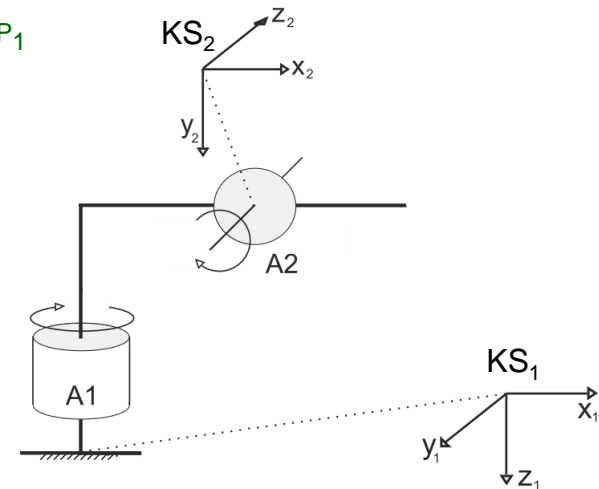


$$\begin{aligned}\tan(\Theta_{11}) &= \frac{\sin(\Theta_{11})}{\cos(\Theta_{11})} \\ \sin(\Theta_{11}) &= \frac{y_{WP1}}{d_{WP1}} \\ \cos(\Theta_{11}) &= \frac{x_{WP1}}{d_{WP1}} \\ d_{WP1} &= \sqrt{x_{WP1}^2 + y_{WP1}^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Theta_{11} = \text{atan2}(x_{WP1}, y_{WP1})$$

$$\text{if } (\Theta_{11} < 0) \quad \text{then } \Theta_{12} = \Theta_{11} + \pi$$

$$\text{else } \Theta_{12} = \Theta_{11} - \pi$$



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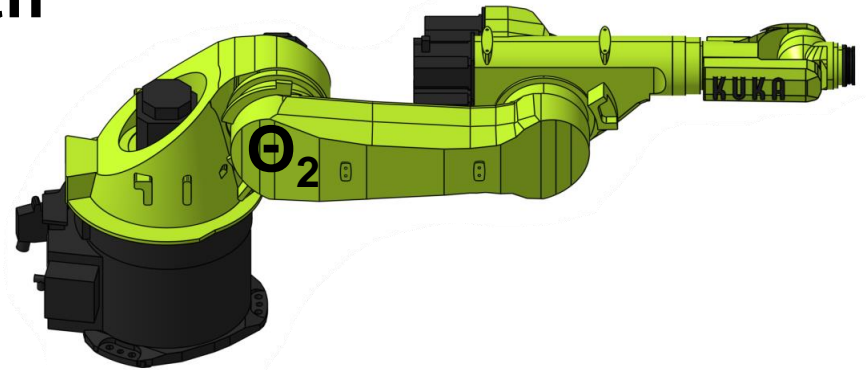
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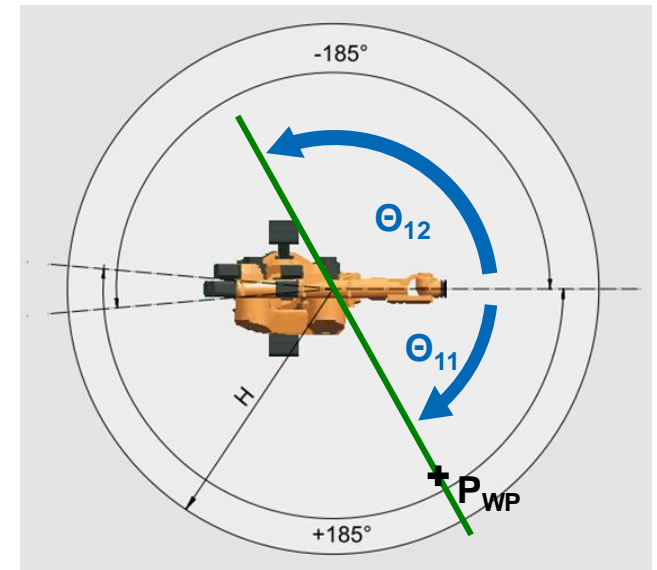
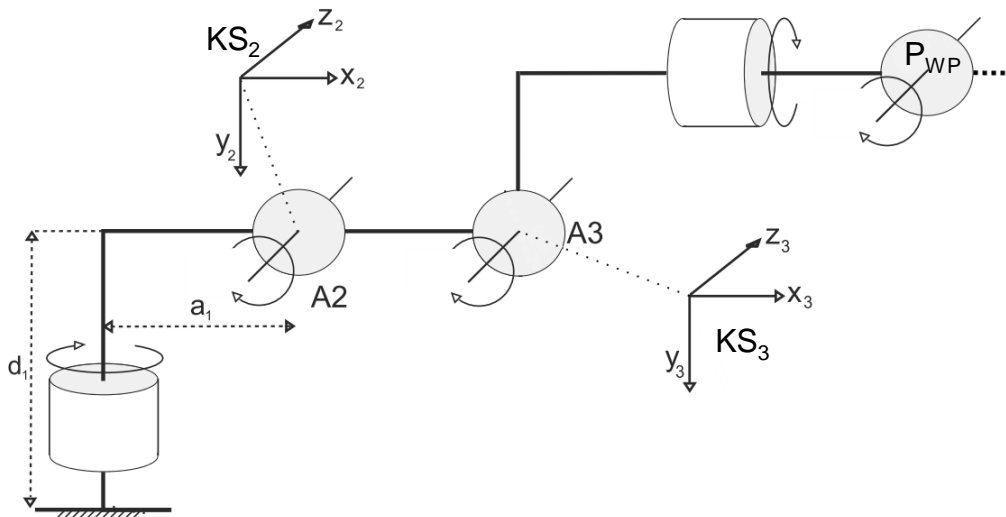
3.3 Θ_2 : Distinction of cases for Θ_1

For Calculation of Θ_2 in $KS_2 \rightarrow$ Transformation of P_{WP_1} to P_{WP_2}

$$T_1^2 = \text{Rot}_{z_1}(\Theta_1) \cdot \text{Trans}_{z_1}(d_1) \cdot \text{Trans}_{x_2}(a_1) \cdot \text{Rot}_{x_2}(\alpha_1)$$

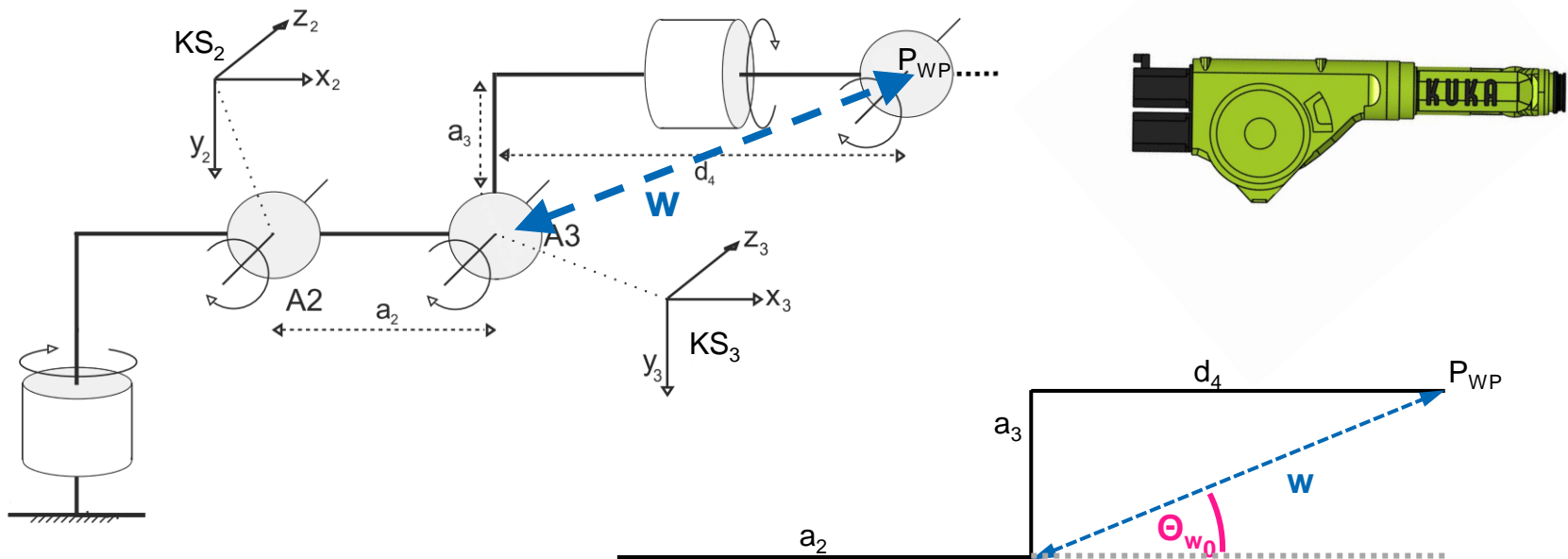
$$P_{WP_1} = T_1^2 \cdot P_{WP_2} \rightarrow P_{WP_2} = (T_1^2)^{-1} \cdot P_{WP_1}$$

Distinction of cases for Θ_{11} and $\Theta_{12} \rightarrow P_{WP_{21}}$ and $P_{WP_{22}}$



3.3 Θ_2 : Simplification of the problem

For simplification: uniquely calculation of w and Θ_{w0}



$$w = \sqrt{a_3^2 + d_4^2}$$

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Calculation of Θ_2

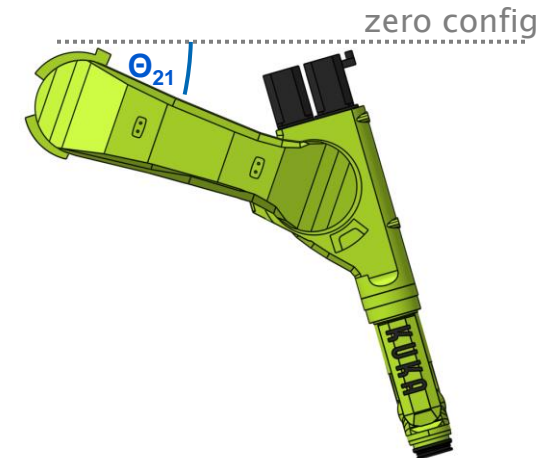
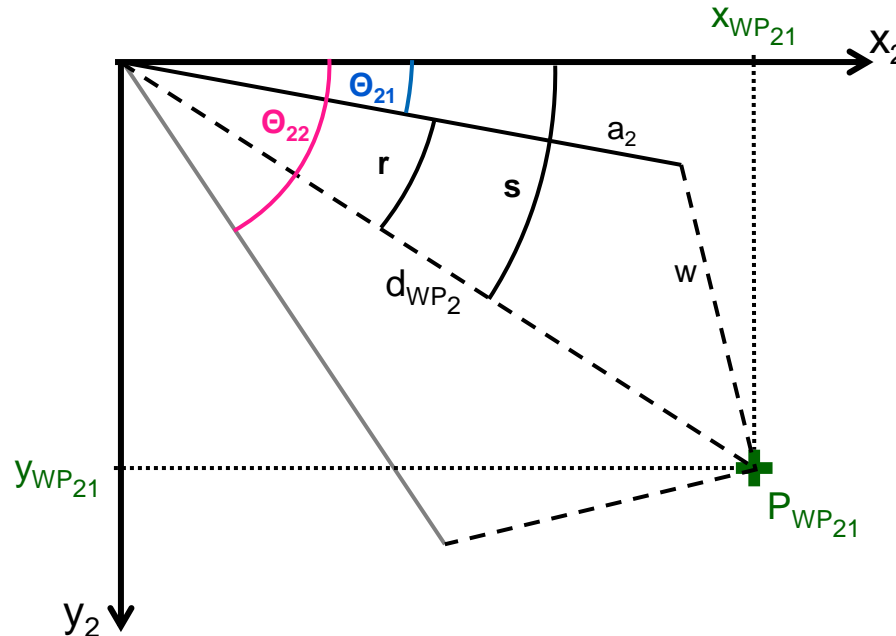
$$\Theta_{w0} = \text{atan2}(d_4, a_3)$$

→

Calculation of Θ_3

3.3 Θ_2 : Calculation of Θ_2

Calculation of Θ_{21} and Θ_{22} with $P_{WP_{21}}$ in x_2 - y_2 -plane (KS_2)



$$\Theta_{21} = s - r$$

$$\Theta_{22} = s + r$$

$$s = \text{atan2}(x_{WP_{21}}, y_{WP_{21}})$$

cosine rule $\rightarrow w^2 = d_{WP_{21}}^2 + a_2^2 - 2 \cdot d_{WP_{21}} \cdot a_2 \cdot \cos(r)$

conversion $\rightarrow r = \text{acos}\left(\frac{w^2 - d_{WP_{21}}^2 - a_2^2}{-2 \cdot d_{WP_{21}} \cdot a_2}\right)$

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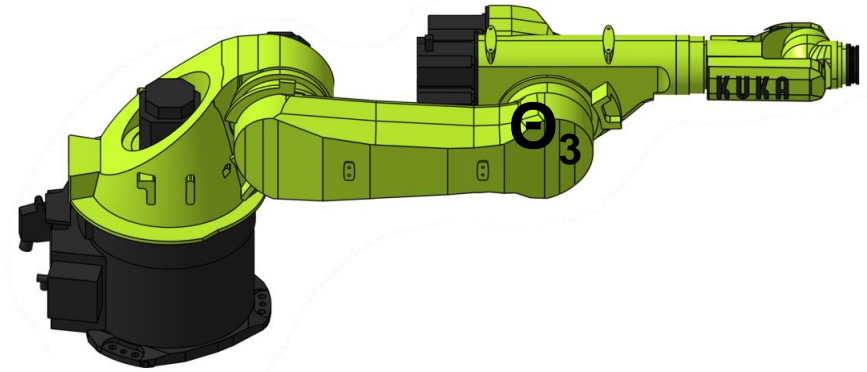
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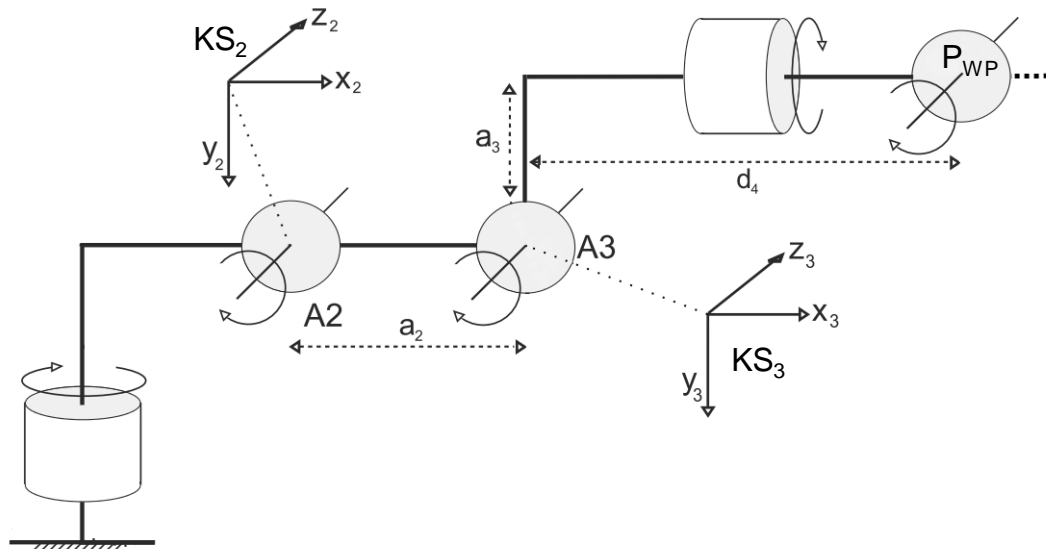
3.4 Θ_3 : Distinction of cases for Θ_2

For Calculation of Θ_3 in $KS_3 \rightarrow$ Transformation of P_{WP_2} to P_{WP_3}

$$T_2^3 = \text{Rot}_{z_2}(\Theta_2) \cdot \text{Trans}_{z_2}(d_2) \cdot \text{Trans}_{x_3}(a_2) \cdot \text{Rot}_{x_3}(\alpha_2)$$

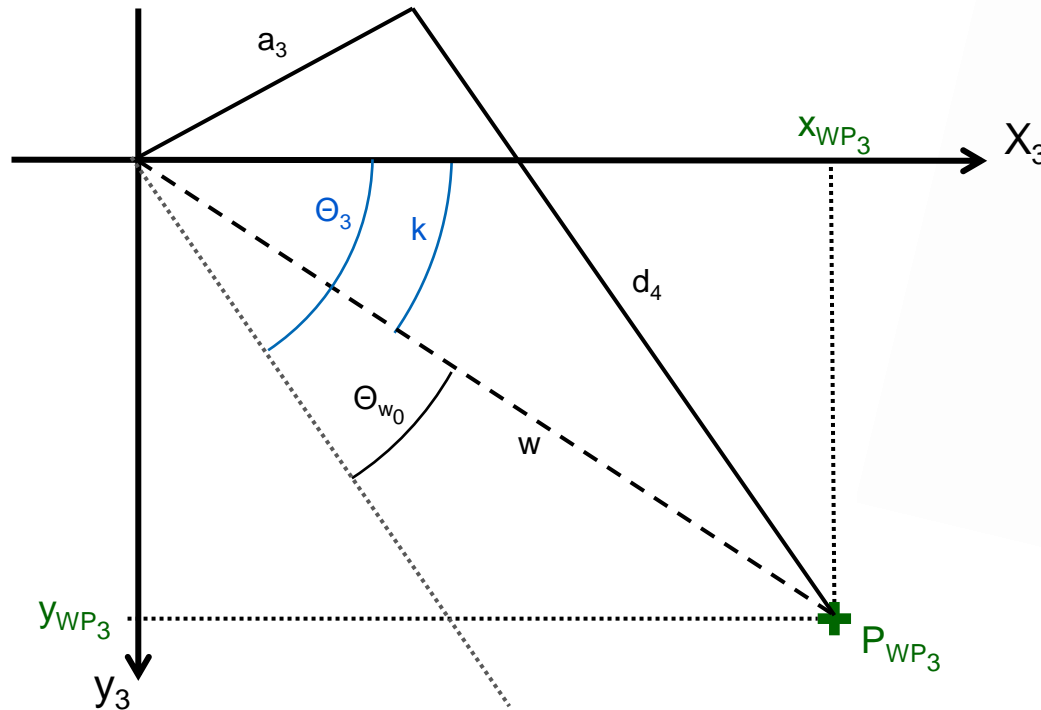
$$P_{WP_2} = T_2^3 \cdot P_{WP_3} \rightarrow P_{WP_3} = (T_2^3)^{-1} \cdot P_{WP_2}$$

Distinction of cases for Θ_{21} and $\Theta_{22} \rightarrow P_{WP_{31}}$ and $P_{WP_{32}}$



3.4 Θ_3 : Calculation of Θ_3

Calculation of Θ_3 with P_{WP_3} in x_3 - y_3 -plane (KS_3)



$$\Theta_3 = \Theta_{w_0} + k$$

$$k = \text{atan2}(x_{WP_3}, y_{WP_3})$$



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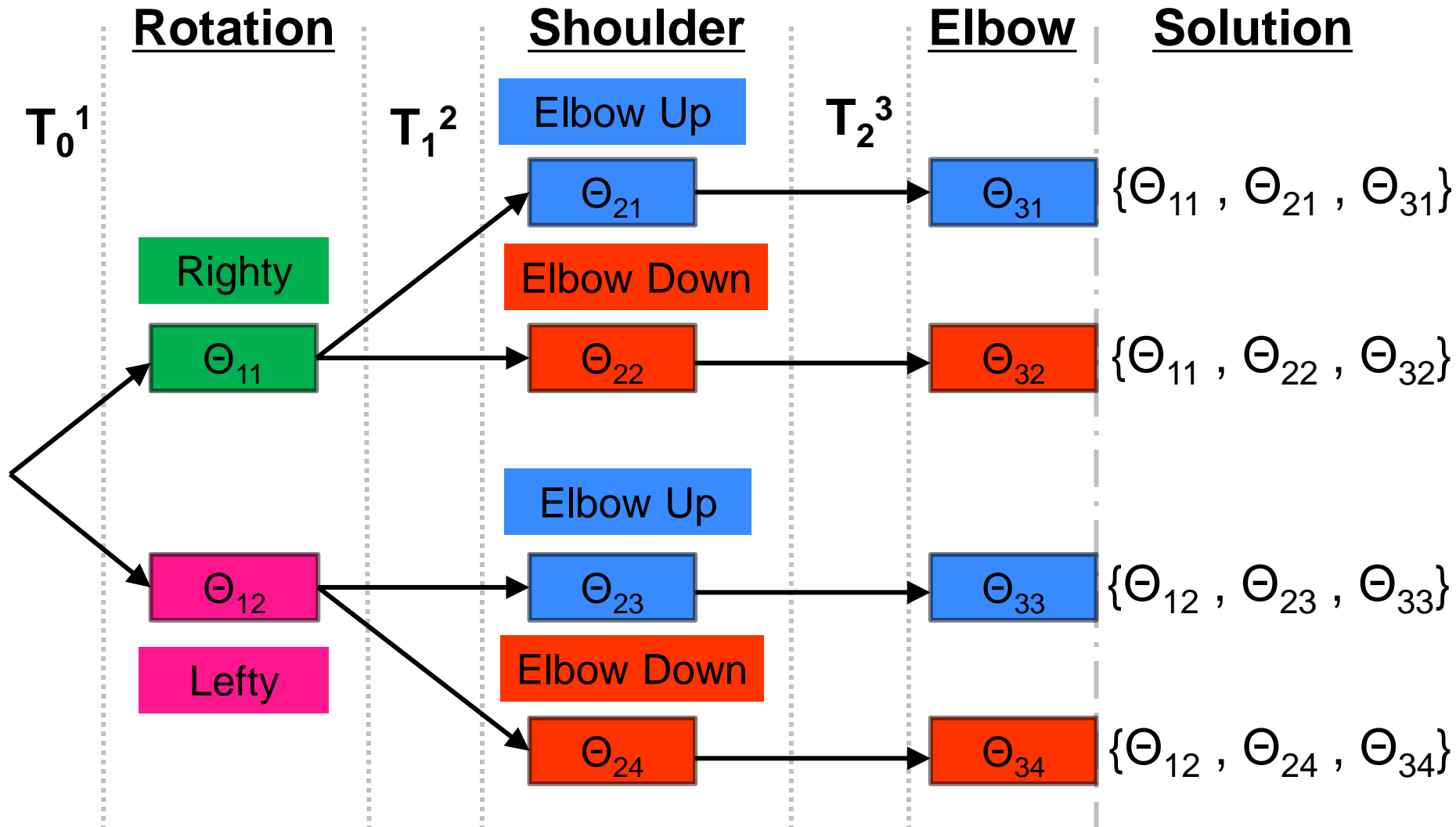
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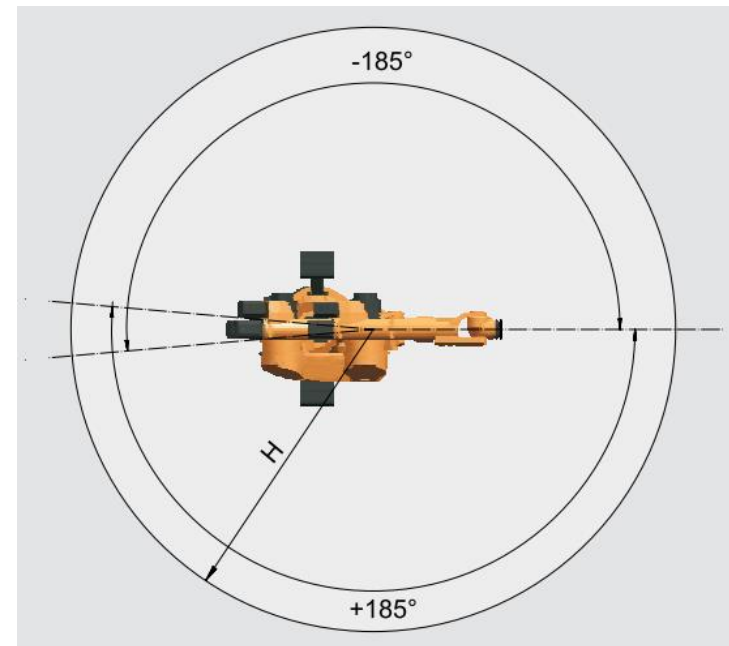
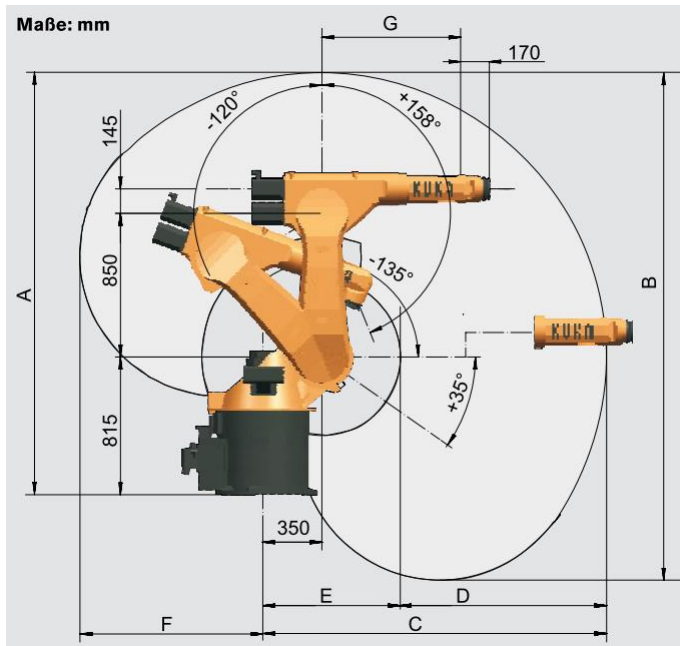
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4. Conclusion: Overview of Solutions



4. Conclusion: Control of joint constraints

angle	min value	max value
Θ_1	-185°	+185°
Θ_2	-135°	+35°
Θ_3	-120°	+158°



4. Formula summery

$$P_{WP_0} = T_0^{TCP} \cdot (0, 0, -d_6)$$

Calculation of wrist point (KS_0)

$$P_{WP_1} = (T_0^1)^{-1} \cdot P_{WP_0}$$

Transformation of wrist point to KS_1

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_{11} &= \text{atan2}(x_{WP_1}, y_{WP_1}) \\ &\rightarrow \Theta_{12} = \Theta_{11} + / - \pi \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of Θ_1 in KS_1
[independent]

$$P_{WP_2} = (T_1^2)^{-1} \cdot P_{WP_1}$$

Transformation of P_{WP_1} with Θ_1 to KS_2

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_2 &= \text{atan2}(x_{WP_{21}}, y_{WP_{21}}) \\ &\quad + / - \arccos\left(\frac{w^2 - d_{WP_{21}}^2 - a_2^2}{-2 \cdot d_{WP_{21}} \cdot a_2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of Θ_2 in KS_2
[depends on Θ_1]

$$P_{WP_3} = (T_2^3)^{-1} \cdot P_{WP_2}$$

Transformation of P_{WP_2} with Θ_2 to KS_3

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_3 &= \text{atan2}(d_4, a_3) \\ &\quad + \text{atan2}(x_{WP_3}, y_{WP_3}) \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of Θ_3 in KS_3
[depends on Θ_2]

Many thanks for your attention!

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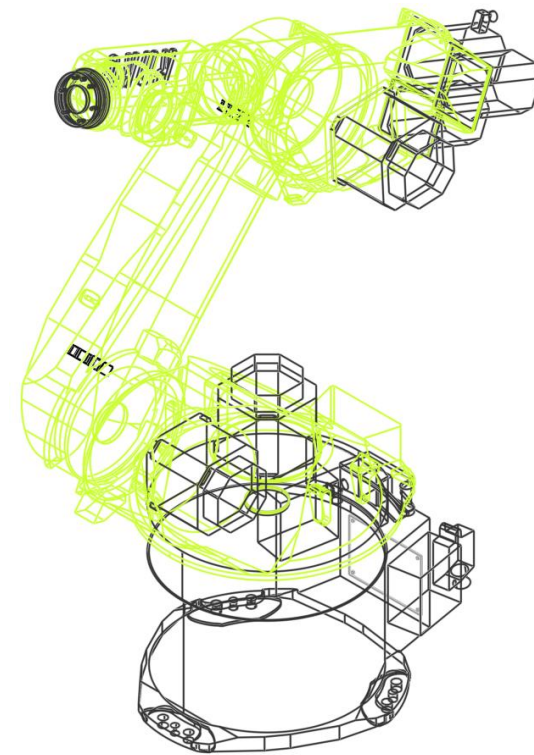
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5. Appendix: DH parameters

$$T_i^{i+1} = \text{Rot}_{z_i}(\Theta_i) \cdot \text{Trans}_{z_i}(d_i) \cdot \text{Trans}_{x_{i+1}}(a_i) \cdot \text{Rot}_{x_{i+1}}(\alpha_i)$$

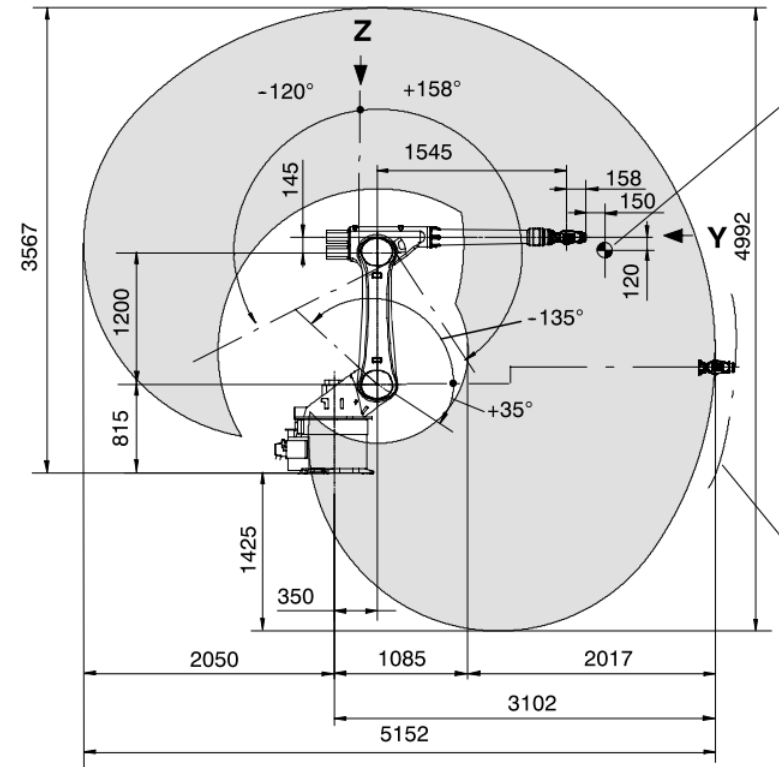
i	Θ	d	a	α
0	$\pi/2$	0	0	π
1	Θ_1	$-d_1$	a_1	$\pi/2$
2	Θ_2	0	a_2	0
3	$\pi/2 + \Theta_3$	0	a_3	$-\pi/2$
4	Θ_4	$-d_4$	0	$\pi/2$

Compute Θ_1 , Θ_2 , and Θ_3

Θ_4 is not relevant for positioning problem

5. Appendix: Dimensions of KR30-L16

Constants	Value in mm
d_1	815
a_1	350
a_2	1200
a_3	145
d_4	1545
d_6	158



Selfmade parameters	Calculation	Value
w	$\sqrt{a_3^2 + d_4^2}$	ca. 1551,789mm
Θ_{w0}	$\text{atan2}(d_4, a_3)$	ca. $5,362^\circ$

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5. Appendix: Why we use *atan2*(x, y)?

- Two arguments: Information on the signs of inputs
 - Distinction between opposite directions in KS
- Programming: No need to take care of KS quadrants
 - less programm logic
- $\text{atan2}(y, x)$ is the angle in radians between the positive x-axis of a plane and the point given by the coordinates (x, y)

$$\text{atan2}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) & x > 0 \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \pi & y \geq 0, x < 0 \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \pi & y < 0, x < 0 \\ +\frac{\pi}{2} & y > 0, x = 0 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & y < 0, x = 0 \\ \text{undefined} & y = 0, x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$y > 0$: upper half-plane
 $y < 0$: lower half-plane

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