

Manipulator Modeling & Control

1 Content of this lab

The goal of this lab is to program in C++ the three fundamentals models for robot manipulators:

- Direct Geometric Model: what is the pose of the end-effector for a given joint configuration?
- Inverse Geometric Model: what joint values correspond to a given end-effector pose?
- Kinematic Model: what is the velocity screw of the end-effector when the joints move?

These models will be applied on three different robots, and used to perform basic point-to-point control.

As it is not a lab on C++, most of the code is already written and you only have to fill the required functions:

- `Robot::init_wMe()` to initialize the fixed transform between the wrist and end-effector
- `Robot::fMw(q)` for the direct geometric model wrist-to-fixed frame
- `Robot::inverseGeometry(M)` for...well, the inverse geometry
- `Robot::fJw` for the kinematic model wrist-to-fixed frame

This project uses the ROS¹ framework which imposes some particular steps to configure the environment. They are detailed in Appendix A.

The **only** files to be modified are:

- `control.cpp`: main file where the control is done depending on the current robot mode
- `robot_turret.cpp`: model of the RRP turret robot
- `robot_kr16.cpp`: model of the industrial Kuka KR16 robot
- `robot_ur10.cpp`: model of the Universal Robot UR-10

We will use the ViSP² library to manipulate mathematical vectors and matrices, including frame transforms, rotations, etc. The main classes are detailed in Appendix C.

¹Robot Operating System, <http://www.ros.org>

²Visual Servoing Platform, <http://visp.inria.fr>

2 The robots

Three robots are proposed with increasing complexity. You should start with the Turret, then the Kuka KR16 then the UR-10.

For each of these robots, the table of Modified Denavit-Hartenberg parameters should be defined. As we saw during the lectures, once you have the table then the Direct Geometric and Direct Kinematic Models can be almost automatically derived. A tool is provided in this package to generate C++ code for the Geometric and Kinematic models, see Appendix D for details on this tool.

The robots are detailed in Appendix B. The fixed frame and the end-effector frames are imposed by the schematics. All intermediary frames have to be placed according to MDH convention, with a final fixed transform between the wrist and end-effector frames.

2.1 Running the simulation

Once everything is installed and compiled (see Appendix A), the base simulation can be run from a terminal (only 1 line depending on the robot you work on):

```
roslaunch ecn_manip turret.launch  
roslaunch ecn_manip kr16.launch  
roslaunch ecn_manip ur10.launch
```

2.2 Direct Geometric Model

The first part is to build the direct geometric model, depending on the current value of \mathbf{q} . This is to be done in two functions:

- `Robot::init_wMe()` where you have to write the constant matrix ${}^e\mathbf{M}_w$ from the end-effector to the wrist frame
- `Robot::fMw(q)` where you have to write and return the transform \mathbf{M} between the fixed and wrist frames.

3 Building the models

A How to load the C++ project inside Qt Creator

An actual ROS course will be held in the second semester, for now just configure as follows. You should have a folder named `ros` in your home directory. Open a terminal inside and follow these steps:

1. Clone this project inside `ros/src`

```
cd ~/ros  
mkdir src  
cd src  
git clone https://github.com/oKermorgant/ecn_manip.git
```

2. Compile using catkin (you'll discover soon enough what it is) : `catkin build`

3. Run Qt Creator from the top icon
4. Load the `ros/src/ecn_manip/CMakeLists.txt` file through `File...open project`
5. QtCreator asks for a compilation folder: give `ros/build/ecn_manip`
6. The files should be displayed and ready to compile and run
7. Compilation is done by clicking the bottom-left hammer
8. Run your program with the green triangle. It can be stopped by clicking on the red square

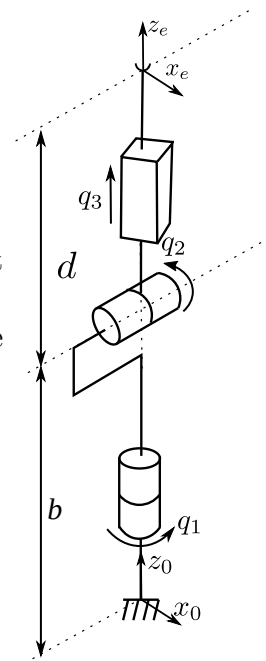
B Robots to be modeled

B.1 Turret RRP robot

This is a very simple robot to begin the modeling, as shown in the next figure.

The fixed frame \mathcal{F}_0 and end-effector frame \mathcal{F}_e are imposed, as well as the joint direction.

The constant values for this model are: $b = 0.5$ m and $d = 0.1$ m.



B.2 Kuka KR16 anthropomorphic robot

This robot is a classical 6R architecture with a spherical wrist, as shown in the next figure:

C Using ViSP

D Code generation from Modified Denavit-Hartenberg parameters

The core of robot modeling is to build the MDH table. From this, the DGM and KM can be derived automatically. The Inverse Geometry still has to be done by hand (even if some advanced tools allow code-generation for the IG resolution).

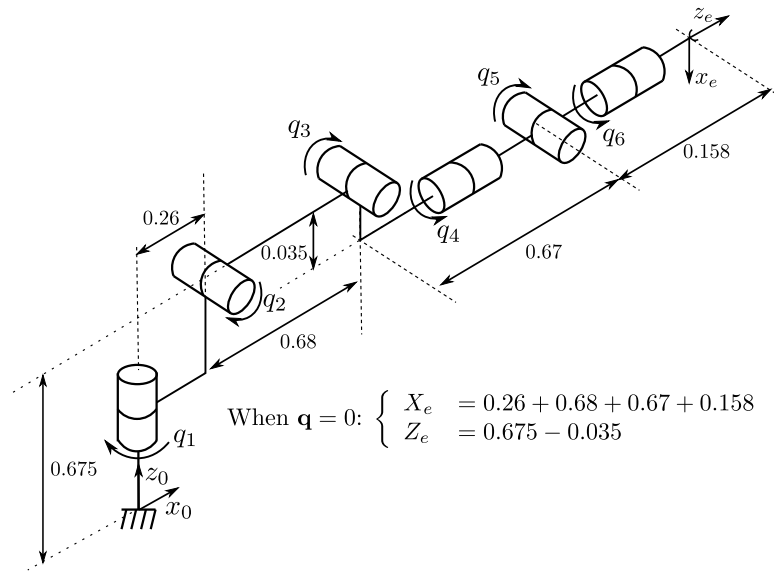


Figure 1: Model of the Kuka KR16 with imposed fixed and end-effector frames

As it is quite tedious to have to recompute all matrices when we see the MDH parameters are wrong, a tool is provided to generate the C++ code. An example can be found in the file `dh_example.yml`:

```
notation: [alpha, a, theta, r]
joint:
1: [0, 0, q1, 0]
2: [-pi/2, 0, 0, q2]
3: [pi/2, 0, q3, r3]
4: [-pi/2, a4, q4+pi/2, 0]
```