

# EE106/206 HW3: Inverse Kinematics - Solutions

## 1 Paden-Kahan Subproblems (6)

1. Formulate the problem as a PK3:

$$\|q - e^{\hat{\xi}\theta} p\| = \delta$$

Define the relative coordinates  $u$  and  $v$ . Then solve for the projections,  $u'$  and  $v'$ , on the plane of rotation:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= p - r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ u' &= u - \omega\omega^T u \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v &= q - r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ v' &= u - \omega\omega^T u \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Solve for the projection of  $\delta$  on the plane of rotation,  $\delta'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \delta'^2 &= \delta^2 - |\omega^T (p - q)|^2 \\ &= 9 - \left| \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right|^2 \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_d$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_0 &= \text{atan2}(\omega^T (u' \times v'), u'^T v') \\ &= \text{atan2}\left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 12\right) \\ &= \pi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_d &= \cos^{-1} \frac{\|u'\|^2 + \|v'\|^2 - \delta'^2}{2\|u'\|\|u'\|} \\
&= \frac{9 + 16 - 9}{24} \\
&= 0.8411
\end{aligned}$$

The two solutions are:

$$\theta_3 = \theta_0 \pm \theta_d = \{-2.3005, 2.3005\}$$

2. Formulate the problem as a PK2:

$$q = e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} p$$

Define  $u$  and  $v$  in terms  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$ .

$$u = p - r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1.999 \\ -2.235 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v = q - r = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \frac{(\omega_1^T \omega_2) \omega_2^T u - \omega_1 v}{(\omega_1^T \omega_2)^2 - 1} = 1 \\ \beta &= \frac{(\omega_1^T \omega_2) \omega_1^T v - \omega_2 u}{(\omega_1^T \omega_2)^2 - 1} = 0 \\ \gamma^2 &= \frac{\|u\|^2 - \alpha^2 - \beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta\omega_1^T \omega_2}{\|\omega_1 \times \omega_2\|^2} = 7.991 \end{aligned}$$

Plug in  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  to find  $z = c - r$ :

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \alpha \omega_1 + \beta \omega_2 + \gamma (\omega_1 \times \omega_2) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \pm \sqrt{7.991} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \pm 2.8268 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there are two values for the intersection point  $c$ :

$$c = z + r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \pm 2.8268 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

For each  $c$ , solve two PK1 Subproblems for  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_1$ :

$$c = e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} p, \quad c = e^{-\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} q$$

- Intersection point  $c_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2.8268 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

**PK1 for  $\theta_2$  :**

$$c = e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} p \implies \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2.8268 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1.999 \\ 2.765 \end{bmatrix}$$

Define  $u$  and  $v$  in terms  $p$ ,  $q = c$ , and  $r$ . Then solve for the projections onto the plane of rotation  $u'$  and  $v'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} u &= p - r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1.999 \\ -2.235 \end{bmatrix} \\ u' &= u - \omega \omega^T u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1.999 \\ -2.235 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$v = c - r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2.8268 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v' = u - \omega\omega^T u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2.8268 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for  $\theta_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2 &= \text{atan2}(\omega^T(\omega \times v'), u'^T v') \\ &= \text{atan2}(-8.3169, 3.4158) \\ &= -1.18109 \end{aligned}$$

**PK1 for  $\theta_1$  :**

$$c = e^{-\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} q \implies \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2.8268 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = e^{-\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Define  $u$  and  $v$  in terms  $p$ ,  $q = c$ , and  $r$ . Then solve for the projections onto the plane of rotation  $u'$  and  $v'$ :

$$u = p - r = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u' = u - \omega\omega^T u = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v = c - r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2.8268 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v' = u - \omega\omega^T u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2.8268 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for  $\theta_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= \text{atan2}(\omega^T(\omega \times v'), u'^T v') \\ &= \text{atan2}(5.6569, 5.6536) \\ &= 0.7857 \end{aligned}$$

- Intersection point  $c_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2.8268 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

**PK1 for  $\theta_2$  :**

$$c = e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} p \implies \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2.8268 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1.999 \\ 2.765 \end{bmatrix}$$

Define  $u$  and  $v$  in terms  $p$ ,  $q = c$ , and  $r$ . Then solve for the projections onto the plane of rotation  $u'$  and  $v'$ :

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$$\begin{aligned} v &= c - r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2.8268 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ v' &= u - \omega\omega^T u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2.8268 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $\theta_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2 &= \text{atan2}(\omega^T(\omega \times v'), u'^T v') \\ &= \text{atan2}(4.3189, 7.8858) \\ &= 2.6405 \end{aligned}$$

**PK1** for  $\theta_1$  :

$$c = e^{-\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} q \implies \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2.8268 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = e^{-\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Define  $u$  and  $v$  in terms  $p$ ,  $q = c$ , and  $r$ . Then solve for the projections onto the plane of rotation  $u'$  and  $v'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} u &= p - r = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ u' &= u - \omega\omega^T u = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v &= c - r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2.8268 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ v' &= u - \omega\omega^T u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2.8268 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $\theta_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2 &= \text{atan2}(\omega^T(\omega \times v'), u'^T v') \\ &= \text{atan2}(-5.6536, -5.6536) \\ &= -2.3562 \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Forward Kinematics (4)

1. For each joint, find the axis of rotation  $\omega$  and choose a point  $q$  along the axis. For a revolute joint, the twist is:

$$\xi = \begin{bmatrix} -\omega \times q \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2.

$$\begin{aligned} g_{WB}(\theta_1, \theta_2) &= e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} g_{WB}(0) \\ &= e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- 3.

$$\begin{aligned} g_{WD}(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4) &= e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} e^{\hat{\xi}_3 \theta_3} e^{\hat{\xi}_4 \theta_4} g_{WD}(0) \\ &= e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} e^{\hat{\xi}_3 \theta_3} e^{\hat{\xi}_4 \theta_4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- 4.

$$\begin{aligned} g_{WG}(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6) &= e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} e^{\hat{\xi}_3 \theta_3} e^{\hat{\xi}_4 \theta_4} e^{\hat{\xi}_5 \theta_5} e^{\hat{\xi}_6 \theta_6} g_{WG}(0) \\ &= e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} e^{\hat{\xi}_3 \theta_3} e^{\hat{\xi}_4 \theta_4} e^{\hat{\xi}_5 \theta_5} e^{\hat{\xi}_6 \theta_6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Inverse Kinematics (10)

1. Use the known initial configuration to solve for the fixed transform  $g_{FG}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{FG} &= g_{WF}^{-1}(0)g_{WG}(0) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, use the desired end effector configuration  $g_{d,WG}$  to find the desired  $g_{d,WF}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{d,WF} &= g_{d,WG}g_{FG}^{-1} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Define  $g_1$  in terms of known values:

$$g_1 \doteq g_{d,WF}g_{WF}^{-1} = e^{\hat{\xi}_1\theta_1}e^{\hat{\xi}_2\theta_2}e^{\hat{\xi}_3\theta_3}e^{\hat{\xi}_4\theta_4}e^{\hat{\xi}_5\theta_5}e^{\hat{\xi}_6\theta_6}$$

We have the invariant points  $q_{wrist}$  and  $q_{sho}$  with the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{wrist} &= e^{\hat{\xi}_4\theta_4}e^{\hat{\xi}_5\theta_5}e^{\hat{\xi}_6\theta_6}q_{wrist} \\
 q_{sho} &= e^{\hat{\xi}_1\theta_1}e^{\hat{\xi}_2\theta_2}q_{sho}
 \end{aligned}$$

Use the invariant points to obtain a PK3 Subproblem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|g_1q_{wrist} - q_{sho}\|_2 &= \left\| e^{\hat{\xi}_1\theta_1}e^{\hat{\xi}_2\theta_2}e^{\hat{\xi}_3\theta_3}e^{\hat{\xi}_4\theta_4}e^{\hat{\xi}_5\theta_5}e^{\hat{\xi}_6\theta_6}q_{wrist} - q_{sho} \right\|_2 \\
 &= \left\| e^{\hat{\xi}_1\theta_1}e^{\hat{\xi}_2\theta_2}e^{\hat{\xi}_3\theta_3}q_{wrist} - e^{\hat{\xi}_1\theta_1}e^{\hat{\xi}_2\theta_2}q_{sho} \right\|_2 \\
 &= \left\| e^{\hat{\xi}_1\theta_1}e^{\hat{\xi}_2\theta_2} \left( e^{\hat{\xi}_3\theta_3}q_{wrist} - q_{sho} \right) \right\|_2 \\
 &= \left\| e^{\hat{\xi}_3\theta_3}q_{wrist} - q_{sho} \right\|_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Solve for  $\delta$ :

$$\delta = \|g_1q_{wrist} - q_{sho}\|_2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 = 3$$

3. Solved in problem 1.1

4. Apply  $g_1$  to  $q_{wrist}$ :

$$g_1 q_{wrist} = e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} e^{\hat{\xi}_3 \theta_3} q_{wrist}$$

To formulate the PK2 Subproblem, define  $q$  and  $p$ :

$$q = g_1 q_{wrist} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p = e^{\hat{\xi}_3 \theta_3} q_{wrist} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2.7689 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, we have the PK2 Subproblem:

$$q = e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} q$$

Compute  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  as in problem 1.2

5. Solved in problem 1.2

6. Define  $g_2$ :

$$g_2 \doteq e^{-\hat{\xi}_3 \theta_3} e^{-\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} e^{-\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} g_1 = e^{\hat{\xi}_4 \theta_4} e^{\hat{\xi}_5 \theta_5} e^{\hat{\xi}_6 \theta_6}$$

Choose a point on the  $\xi_6$  axis so that it is invariant to rotations of joint 6:

$$p_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 9 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Apply  $g_2$  to  $p_6$ :

$$g_2 p_6 = e^{\hat{\xi}_4 \theta_4} e^{\hat{\xi}_5 \theta_5} p_6$$

To formulate the PK2 Subproblem, define  $q$ ,  $p$ ,  $r$ :

$$q = g_2 p_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.4142 \\ 7.6166 \\ 6.2727 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p = p_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 9 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r = \text{wrist center} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Solving PK2, we obtain:

$$\alpha = 1.2727, \beta = 0, \gamma^2 = 2.3802 \implies c_{1,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \pm 1.5428 \\ 6.2727 \end{bmatrix}$$

7. For both intersection points,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , we solve for the solutions of the PK1 problem:

$$e^{-\hat{\xi}_4 \theta_4} q = c - e^{-\hat{\xi}_4 \theta_4} e^{\hat{\xi}_5 \theta_5} p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet c_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5.4572 \\ 6.2727 \end{bmatrix} &\implies \theta_4 = 1.9820, \theta_5 = -2.4518 \\ \bullet c_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8.5428 \\ 6.2727 \end{bmatrix} &\implies \theta_4 = -1.1596, \theta_5 = -0.6898 \end{aligned}$$

8. Choose a point  $p'_6$  not along the  $\xi_6$  axis:

$$p'_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + p_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 9 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Define  $g_3$ :

$$g_3 \doteq e^{-\hat{\xi}_5 \theta_5} e^{-\hat{\xi}_4 \theta_4} g_2 = e^{\hat{\xi}_6 \theta_6}$$

$$g_2 p'_6 = e^{\hat{\xi}_5 \theta_5} p'_6$$

Solve PK1 Subproblem  $q = e^{\hat{\xi}_6 \theta_6} p$  for  $q$ ,  $p$ , and  $r$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p &= p'_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 9 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ q &= g_3 p_6^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8249 \\ 9 \\ 5.5652 \end{bmatrix} \\ r &= \text{wrist center} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

9. There are 8 sets of unique inverse kinematics solutions:

$$(2 \ \theta_3) \times (2 \ \theta_1, \theta_2) \times (2 \ \theta_4, \theta_5) \times (1 \ \theta_6) = 8$$

10.
  - $\theta_3$  will change to set the radial distance of the wrist  $\delta$
  - $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  will set the polar coordinates of the wrist.  $\theta_2$  will change. The unique values of  $\theta_2$  will remain the same.
  - $\theta_4, \theta_5$ , and  $\theta_6$  may vary to set the orientation of the wrist based on the new  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$