

# Steps

1. Model as a Combination<sup>f N</sup> of Serial Robots.

2. Each arm has different base & orientation<sup>N</sup> but same EE position<sup>N</sup>

3. For each arm :

- a. Perform vector chain
- b. find vector magnitude and attitude (rotation<sup>N</sup>) of vector.

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## Cowsework robot:

We can



$$q_3 = a + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$S_3 = a + \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

See, all angles  
are defined  
relative  
to +ve  
x axis

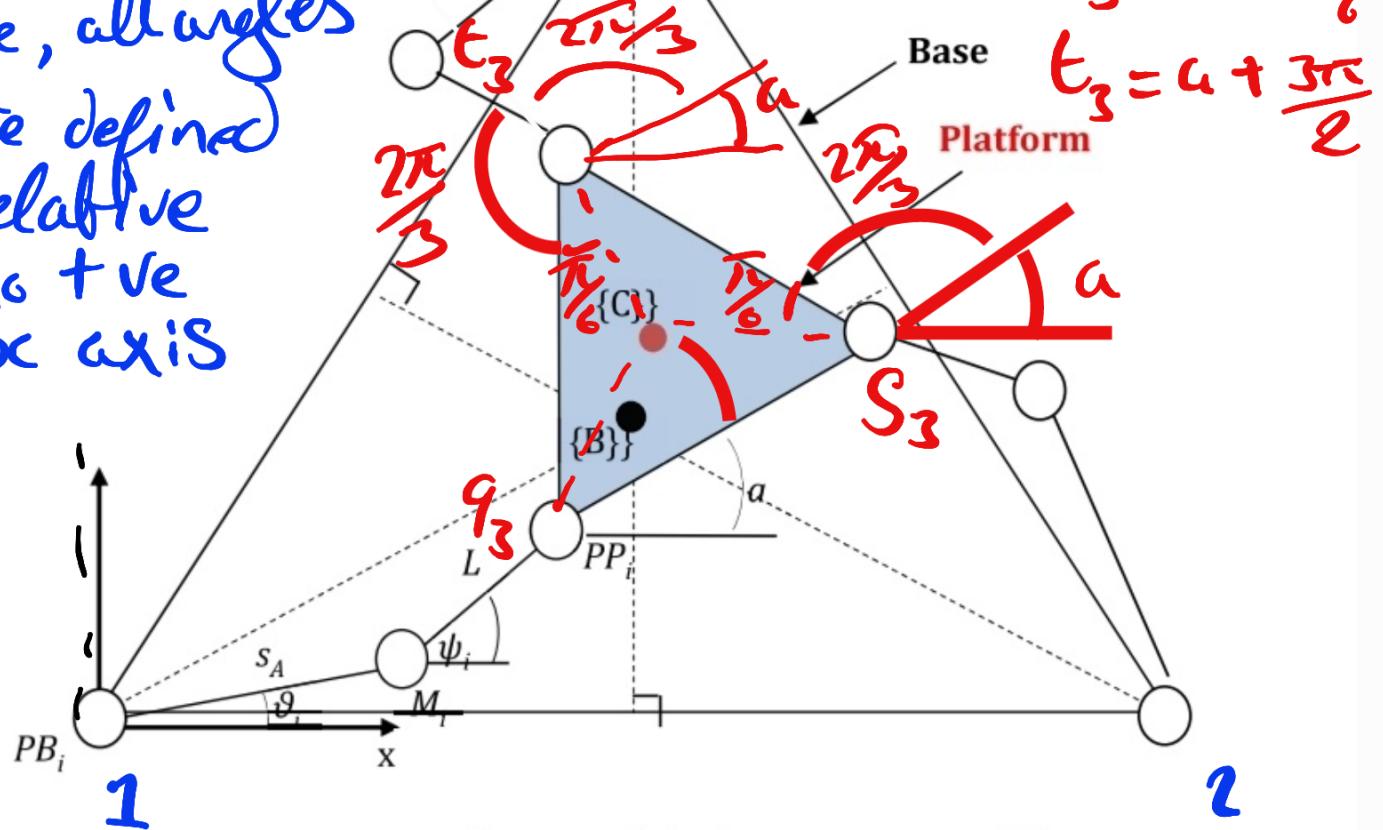
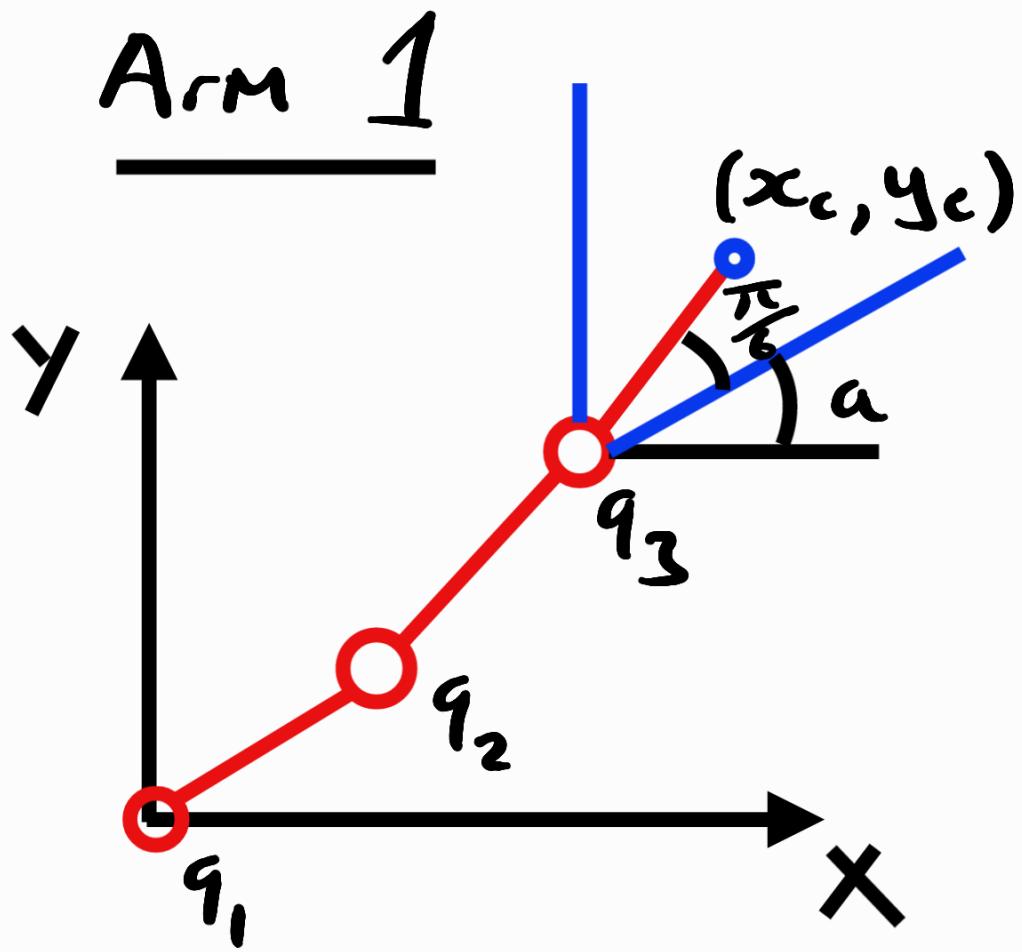


Figure 2: Planar Parallel Robot Kinematic Model

→ Arms are numbered.

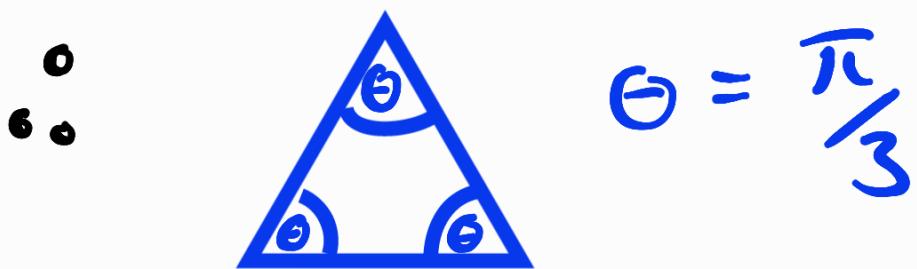
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We Know:  $\begin{pmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$

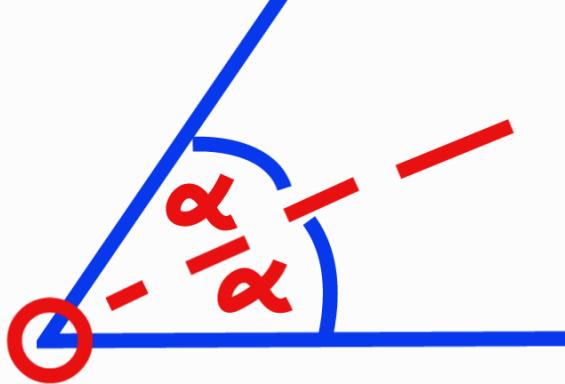
where:

- $x_c, y_c$  = Centre of end effector (EE)
- $\alpha$  = angle between EE and zero point : x axis.
- EE is equilateral triangle



So for line between joint and centre:

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}$$



Clearly angle of final joint is:

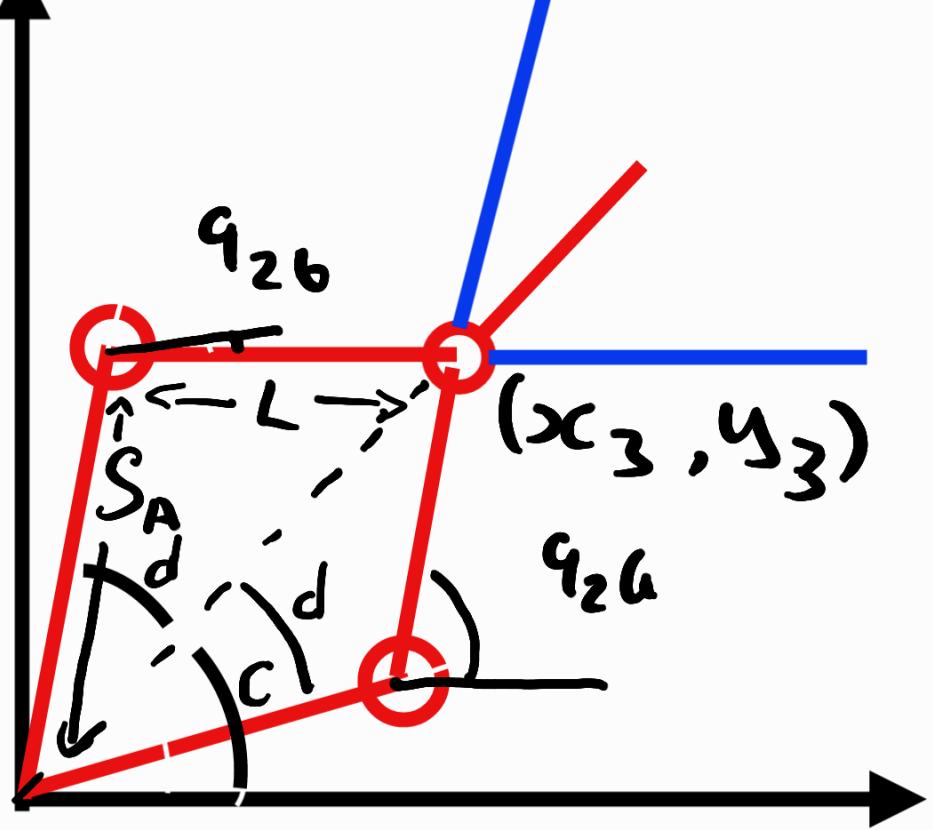
$$q_3 = a + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

only  
1  
possible  
value.

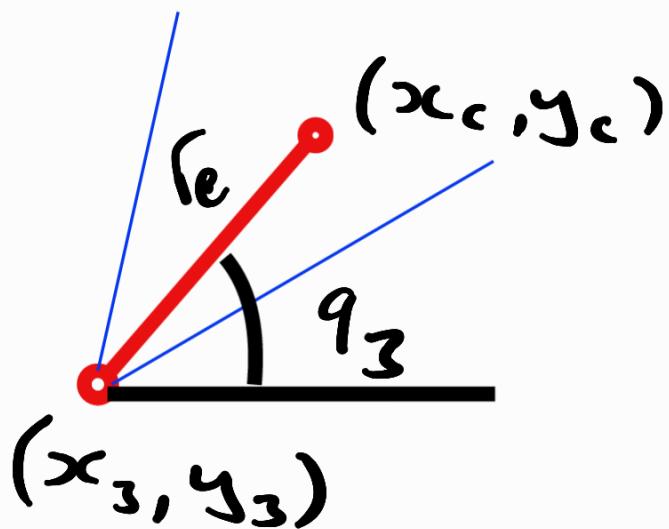
Find  $q_1$  &  $q_2$ :

for any  $\begin{pmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ a \end{pmatrix}$  there  
are two possible  $q_1$  &  $q_2$

Values:



Find  $(x_3, y_3)$

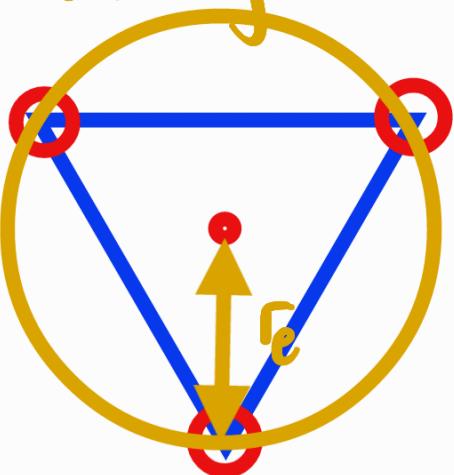


$$x_3 = x_c - r_e \cos(q_3)$$

$$y_3 = y_c - r_e \sin(q_3)$$

$r_e$  = Radius of Circle formed

$r_e$  = radius  
by 3 EE joints:



Find  $q_1$

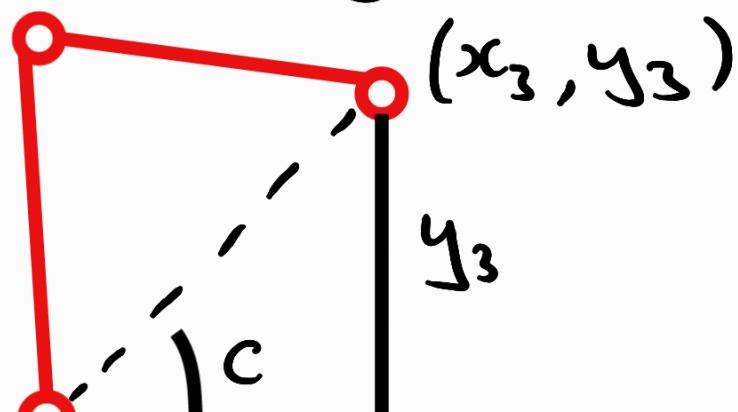
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from the graph above,  
we can see

$$q_1 = c \pm d$$

,  
depending on orientation.

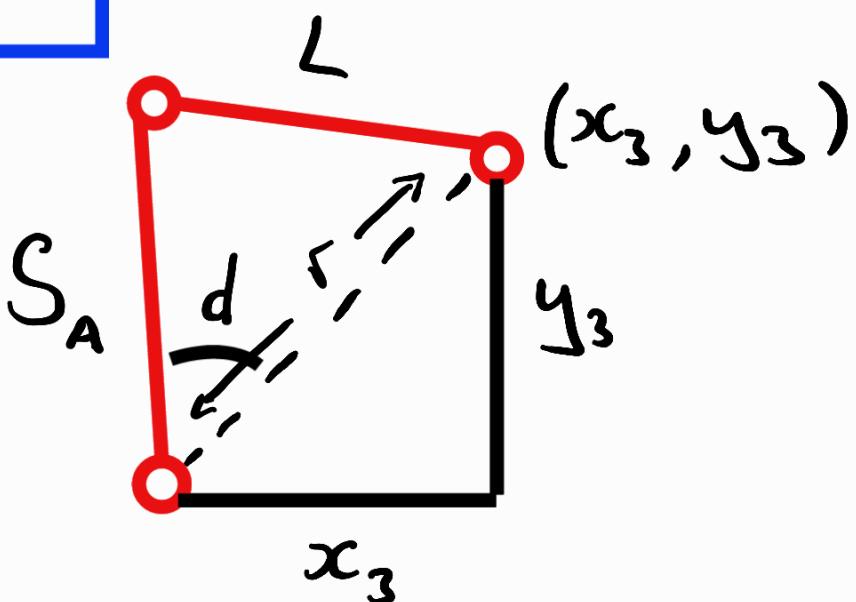
Find  $c$



$x_3$   
We can see then:

$$c = \arctan\left(\frac{y_3}{x_3}\right)$$

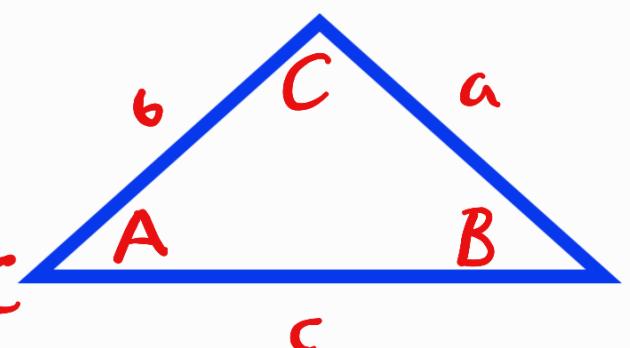
Find d



Pythag :  $r = \sqrt{x_3^2 + y_3^2}$

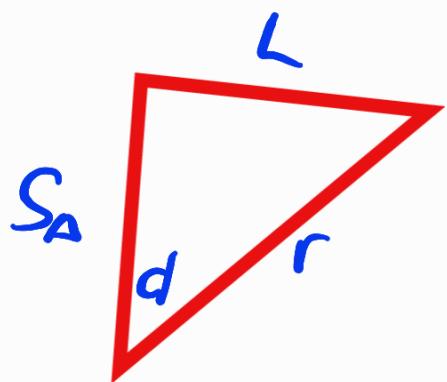
Law of Cosines:

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$



$$\therefore C = \arccos\left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}\right) \quad ①$$

Subbing into 1 with our triangle:



$$d = \arccos \left( \frac{S_A^2 + r^2 - L^2}{2S_A r} \right)$$

$$r = \sqrt{x_3^2 + y_3^2}$$

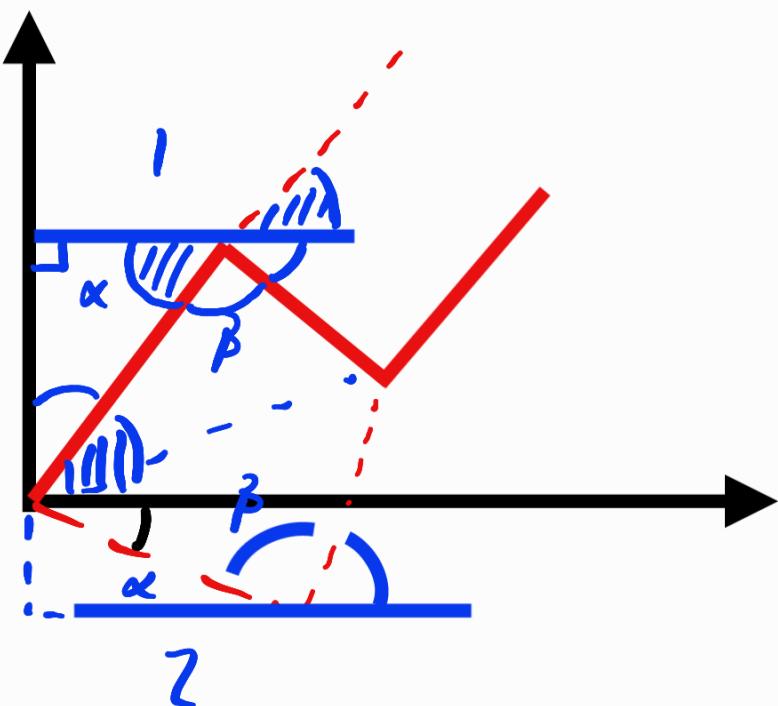
$$d = \arccos \left( \frac{S_A^2 + x_3^2 + y_3^2 - L^2}{2S_A \sqrt{x_3^2 + y_3^2}} \right)$$

Therefore:

$$\theta = \arctan \left( \frac{y_3}{x_3} \right) \pm \arccos \left( \frac{S_A^2 + x_3^2 + y_3^2 - L^2}{2S_A \sqrt{x_3^2 + y_3^2}} \right)$$

1.

Find  $q_2$



$$1: \quad q_2 = \alpha + \beta - \pi, \quad q_1 = c + d$$

$$2: \quad q_2 = \pi - \alpha - \beta, \quad q_1 = c - d$$

$$\therefore q_2 = \pm(\pi - \alpha - \beta)$$

$\alpha$

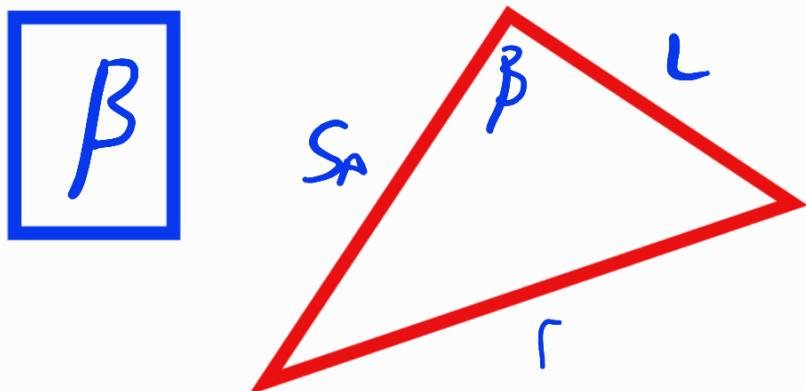
Similar angles

$$\boxed{q_1} \quad \alpha = q_1$$

We need to take  
 $\alpha = \text{abs}(q_1)$

To avoid messing up our  
 $q_2$  eq $\approx$ . as  $\beta$  will never  
 return as -ve but  $q_1$  can

be -ve.



law of cosines:

$$C = \arccos\left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}\right) \quad ①$$

Sub in : above &  $r = \sqrt{x_3^2 + y_3^2}$

$$\beta = \omega \cos \left( \frac{S_A^2 + L^2 - x_3^2 - y_3^2}{2 S_A L} \right)$$

Therefore :

$$q_2 = \pm \left[ \pi - \text{abs}(q_1) - \omega \cos \left( \frac{S_A^2 + L^2 - x_3^2 - y_3^2}{2 S_A L} \right) \right]$$

+ for  $q_1 = C - d$

- for  $q_1 = C + d$

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That's all three angles

for arm 1.

Arm 2 :

$$\text{Base} = (\sqrt{3} r_b, 0)$$

$$S_3 = a + \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

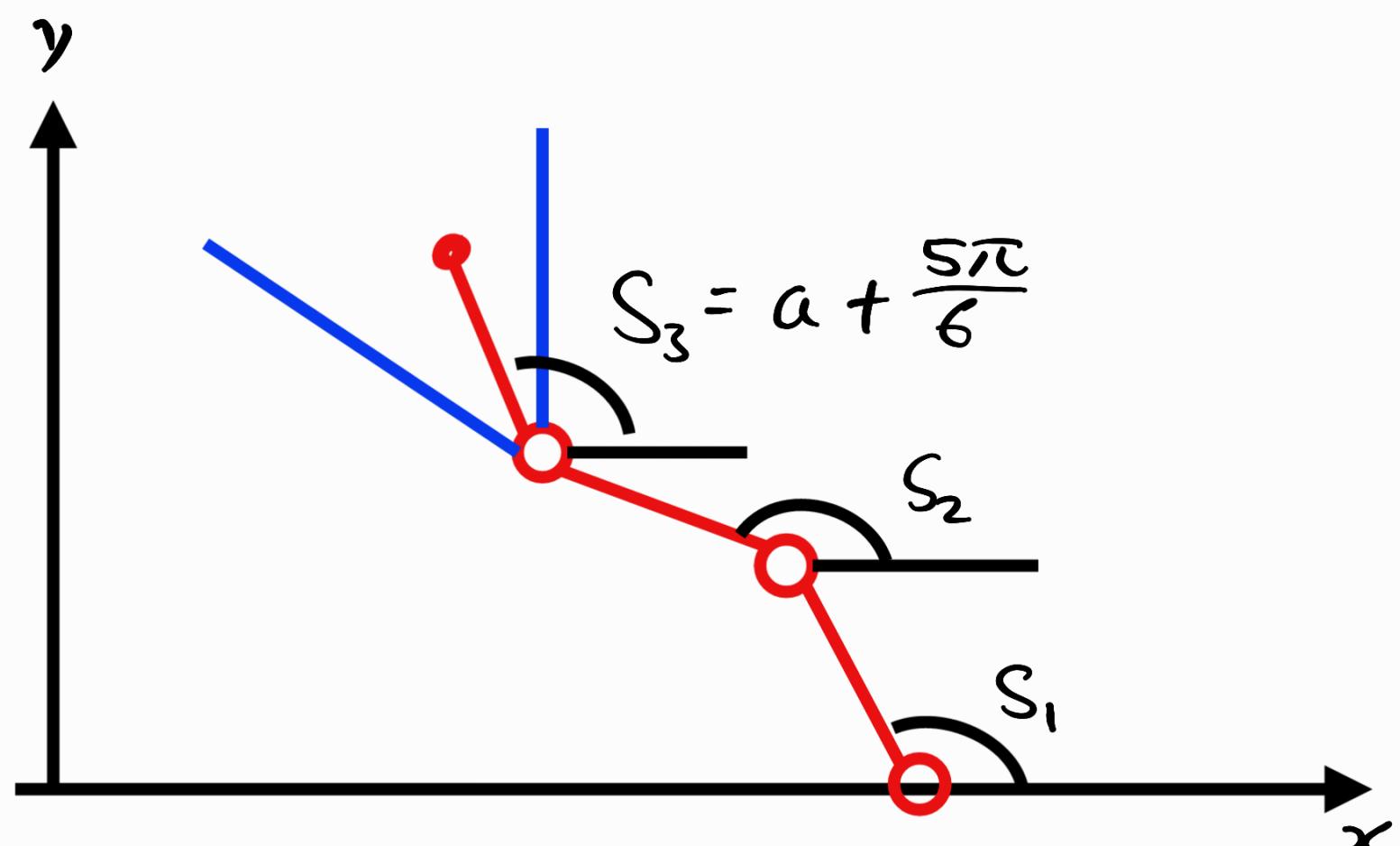
Arm 3 :

$$\text{Base} = \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} r_b, \frac{3}{2} r_b \right)$$

$$t_3 = a + \frac{3}{2}\pi$$

- $S_3$  and  $t_3$  derived above
- Base position given by fact that side length of equilateral triangle inside circle of radius  $r_b$  is  $L_{\text{side}} = \sqrt{3} r_b$ .

Arm 2

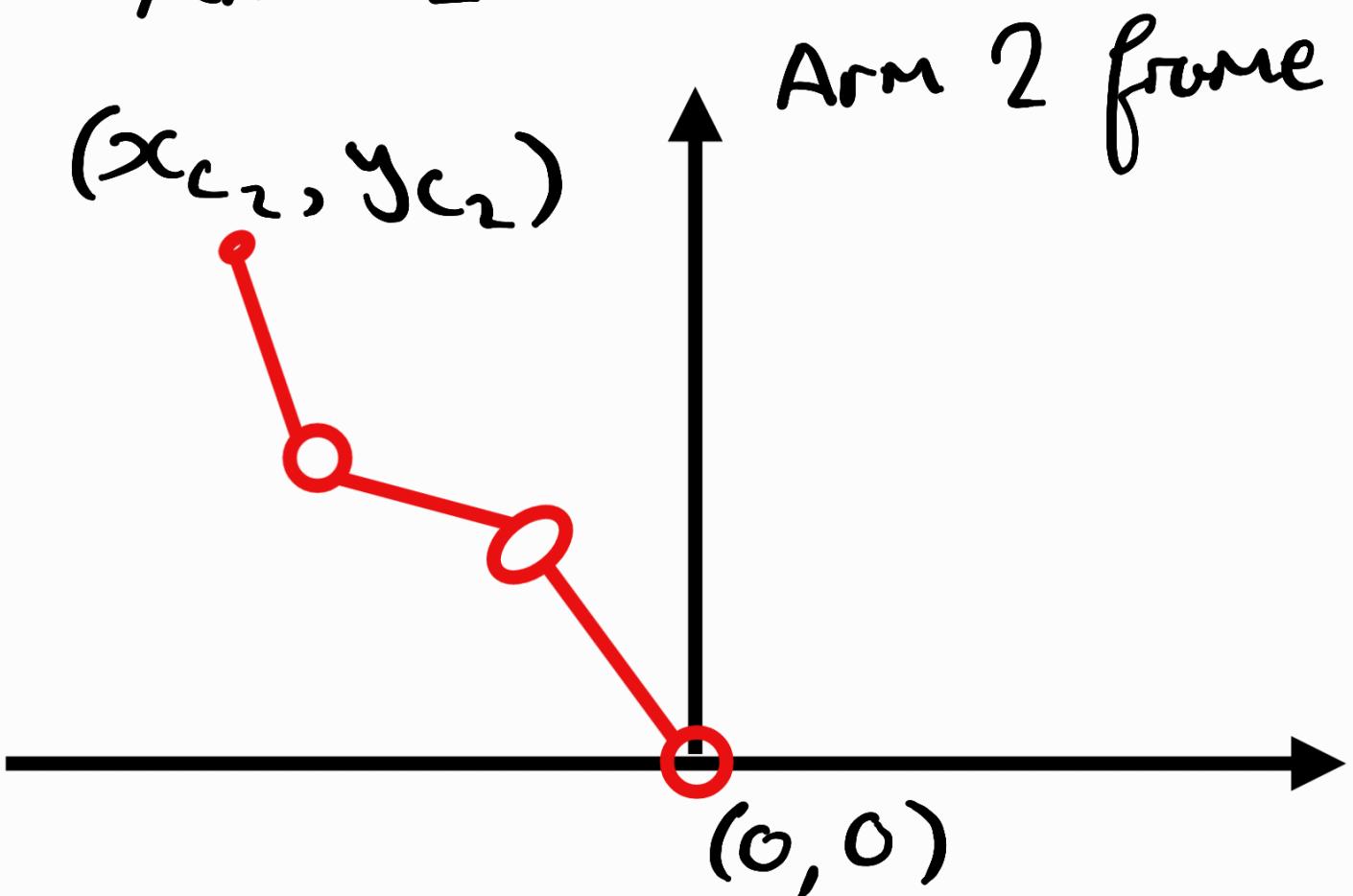


Find  $S_1$  &  $S_2$

These are the same  
as arm 1, just

apply a different  
base axis  $\therefore$  different  
end effector position.

In Base axis of  
Arm 2:



frame 2 to frame 1

is a shift of  
 $\begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{3} r_b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (no change in  
y)

$\overset{\circ}{\bullet}$   
 $\overset{\circ}{\bullet}$

$$x_{c_2} = x_c - \sqrt{3} r_b$$

$$y_{c_2} = y_c$$

Apply this end effect to  
posit<sup>n</sup> to same eq<sup>n</sup>s  
for  $q_1, q_2$  to find  $S_1, S_2$

# Arm 3

AS with arm 2,  
find the force shift

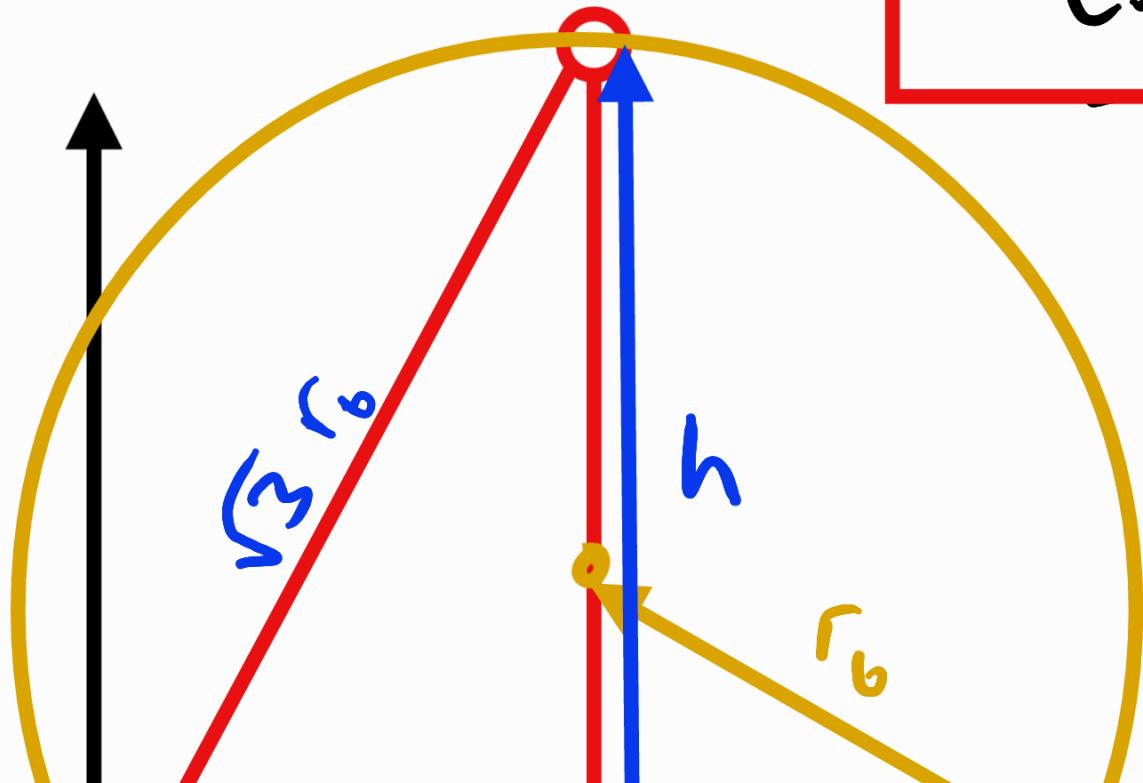
$$\text{Base} = \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} r_6, \frac{3}{2} r_6 \right)$$

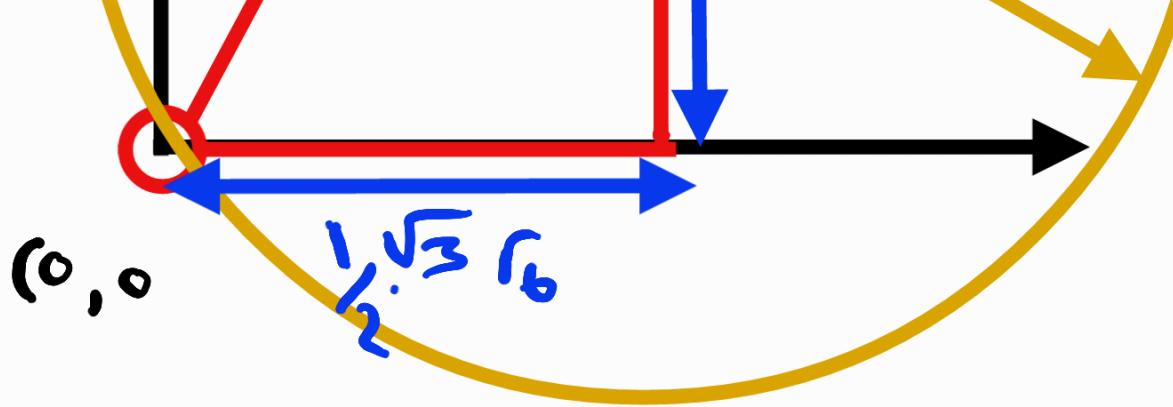
Equilateral  
Triangle  
in a circle  
Identity:



$$l = \sqrt{3} r$$

AS





$\sqrt{3} r_6$

$$h = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3} r_6)^2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} r_6^2}$$

$$h = \sqrt{3r_6^2 - \frac{3}{4}r_6^2}$$

$$h = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}r_6^2} = \frac{3}{2}r_6$$

Frame 3 to frame 1  
is shift of

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} r_6 \\ -\frac{3}{2} r_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴

$$x_{c3} = x_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} r_6$$

$$y_{c3} = y_c - \frac{3}{2} r_6$$

Apply this end effect for  
posit<sup>n</sup> to some eq<sup>n</sup>s  
for  $q_1, q_2$  to find  $t_1, t_2$

We have now derived  
eq $\approx$ s for :

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ s_1 & s_2 & s_3 \\ t_1 & t_2 & t_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matlab implementation

angle 1: manual input

angle 2&3: make a  
funct $\approx$  which takes

- Angle 3
- $x_c, y_c$  in base frame

and outputs:

$$q_1, q_2.$$

