

Assignment-2

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Q-1 Show that $R S(a) R^T = S(Ra)$, where R is a rotation matrix.

A-1 Given, $R S(a) R^T = S(Ra)$, here R is rotation matrix
↳ R has the property that its transpose is its inverse, i.e., $R^T = R^{-1}$. Also it preserves the length of vectors, i.e., $\|Ra\| = \|a\|$ for any vector a .

A skew symmetric matrix $S(a)$ for a vector a in 3D is defined as

$$S(a) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now let's compute $R(S(a))R^T$ and $S(Ra)R$

$$R S(a) R^T = R \times S(a) \times R^{-1}$$

$$S(Ra) R = S(R \times a) \times R$$

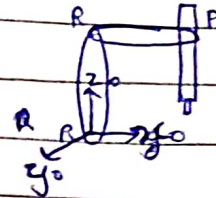
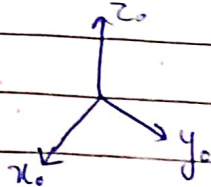
Since R is a rotation matrix, it rotates the vector ' a ' to a new position ' Ra ' but does not change its length. Therefore, the skew-symmetric matrix $S(Ra)$ is just a rotated version of $S(a)$, and multiplying it by R on the right corresponds to rotating the vectors it would act upon in the opposite direction.

∴ We have $R(S(a))R^T = S(Ra)R$. This shows that the action of skew symmetric matrix on vector (which corresponds to a cross product with ' a ') commutes with rotation - you can either first rotate and then take cross product, or first take the cross product and then rotate, and the result will be same.



A-7 Example: RRP - LCARA

$$P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -l_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$R_0^1 = R_{z, q_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos q_1 & -\sin q_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin q_1 & \cos q_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, d_0^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1^2 = R_{y, q_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos q_2 & -\sin q_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin q_2 & \cos q_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, d_1^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2^3 = R_{z, q_3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & l_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & q_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, d_2^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_2 \\ -q_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

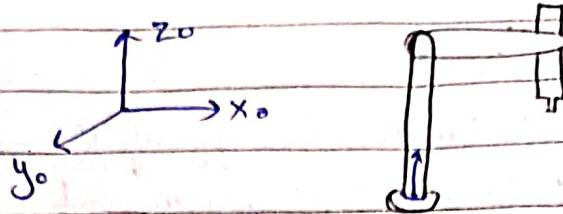
Zero rotation means identity matrix.

∴ End effector position $\Rightarrow E = R_0^1 \cdot R_1^2 \cdot R_2^3$

↳ first row, 3 elements ^{at E} are coordinates of end effector.



Q-2 Various coordinate point frames & po using a composition of homogeneous transformations for the RRP SCARA configuration.



- $$R_2' = [R_{2,q_1}] = \begin{bmatrix} cq_1 & -sq_1 & 0 \\ sq_1 & cq_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, d_2' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1^2 = R_{x, \pi/2} R_{z, q_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \pi/2 & -\sin \pi/2 \\ 0 & \sin \pi/2 & \cos \pi/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos q_2 & -\sin q_2 & 0 \\ \sin q_2 & \cos q_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, d_1^2$$

$$\therefore H_0 = \begin{bmatrix} R_0 & d_0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad H_1 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & d_1 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_0^1 = \begin{bmatrix} c q_1 & -s q_1 & 0 & 0 \\ s q_1 & c q_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, H_0^2 = \begin{bmatrix} c q_2 & -s q_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ s q_2 & c q_2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Q-7 Derive the Manipulator Jacobian for RRP SCARA configuration.

We know,

$$J = [J_1 \ J_2 \ \dots \ J_n],$$

where, i^{th} column is $J_i = \begin{bmatrix} z_{i-1} \times (o_n - o_{i-1}) \\ z_{i-1} \end{bmatrix}$ (for revolute joint)

$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} z_{i-1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (for prismatic joint).

here i is number of joint, n is total joints.

For RRP SCARA configuration

$$1^{\text{st}} R_0 \Rightarrow J_1 = \begin{bmatrix} z_{1-1} \times (o_3 - o_0) \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} R_0 \Rightarrow J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} z_{2-1} \times (o_3 - o_1) \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1^{\text{st}} P \Rightarrow J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} z_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore J = [J_1 \ J_2 \ J_3]$$

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Q-9 Derive the Manipulator Jacobian for PRR config with all rotations axis parallel to each other (entire robot is planar like the elbow manipulator)

We know,

$$J = [J_1 \ J_2 \ J_3]$$

where, i^{th} column is $J_i = \begin{bmatrix} z_{i-1} \times (o_n - o_{i-1}) \\ z_{i-1} \end{bmatrix}$ (for revolute joint)

$$1R \Rightarrow J_1 = \begin{bmatrix} z_0 \times (o_3 - o_0) \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2R \Rightarrow J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \times (o_3 - o_1) \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3R \Rightarrow J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} z_2 \times (o_3 - o_2) \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore J = [J_1 \ J_2 \ J_3]$$

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Q-5

A-5 Let's consider an inertial frame attached at a base station with z -axis pointing straight up and x and y axes along the ground forming a right hand system. The drone takes off from the base station and travels 10m straight up, which would be 10m in the z direction. This can be represented by a translation matrix T_1 :

$$T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

At hover point, the drone orientation is as if it completed a 30° rotation about the x -axis followed by a 60° rotation about the resulting new (current) z -axis. These rotations can be represented by rotation matrices R_1 & R_2 :

$$R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(30) & -\sin(30) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(30) & \cos(30) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 60 & -\sin 60 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin 60 & \cos 60 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is then observed using a lidar installed on the drone that an obstacle is 3m exactly above the drone (in the drone frame). This can be represented by a translation matrix T_2 ,

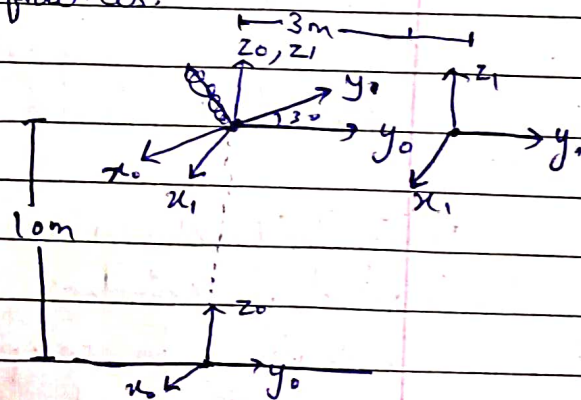
$$T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The position vector of obstacle w.r.t base coordinate frame can be calculated by multiplying these matrices together:

$$T = T_1 \cdot R_1 \cdot R_2 \cdot T_2$$

\therefore coordinates are first 3 element of T^{st} row.

This gives us the position vector of the obstacle with respect to the base coordinates frames.





Q-6

A-6 There are several types of gearboxes that are typically used with motors in robotics applications. Some of the most common types include planetary gearboxes, harmonic drives, and cycloid drives.

- ① Planetary gearboxes are compact and versatile devices that can provide high torque and speed reduction in a small package. They are often used in industrial robots and other heavy-duty applications.
- ② Harmonic drives, also known as strain wave gearboxes, are lightweight and provide zero backlash, making them ideal for precise positioning applications. They are commonly used in industrial robots and other high-precision machinery.
- ③ In drone applications, gearboxes are not typically used along with motors. Drones usually use brushless motors that provide high power to weight ratio and efficiency without the need for a gearbox.
- ④ Cycloid drives are another type of gearbox commonly used in robotics. They provide high torque and speed reduction in a compact package and are often used in applications where high precision is not required.