

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER ENGINEERING (8223/10096) TUTORIAL WEEK 10 Assignment

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1. Theoretical Framework First FK Model (25 marks)

1.1 Attach reference frames to the robot following the DH convention.

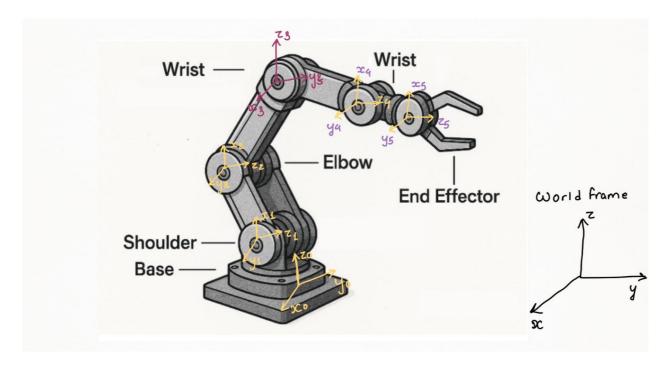


Figure: Assignment of reference frames to the robot joints

1.2 Write down the corresponding DH parameters.

As per the frames attached, the DH convention can be obtained as:

| I | Theta (θ) | Di | Ai | α |
|---|-----------|----|----|-------|
| 1 | Q1 | D1 | 0 | Pi/2 |
| 2 | Q2 | 0 | A2 | 0 |
| 3 | Q3 | 0 | A3 | 0 |
| 4 | Q4 | 0 | 0 | Pi/2 |
| 5 | Q5 | 0 | 0 | -pi/2 |
| 6 | Q6 | D6 | 0 | 0 |

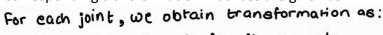


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1.3 Write down corresponding transformation matrices.

The corresponding transformation matrices are given as:







using the formula for Ai, we get

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_2 & -\sin \theta_2 & 0 & \alpha_2 \cdot \cos \theta_1 \\ \sin \theta_2 & \cos \theta_2 & 0 & \alpha_2 \sin \theta_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{4} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Dint 5: $\Theta_8 = \Theta_8$ $G_8 = 0$ $G_8 = Q_8$ $G_8 = Q_8$ joint 3: For

For joint 4:

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 64 & 0 & \sin 64 & 0 \\ \sin 64 & 0 & -\cos 64 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 84 & 0 & \sin 84 & 0 \\ \sin 84 & 0 & -\cos 84 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 5n+5 05 = 05 d5 = 0 $a_5 = 0$ $d_5 = 0$ $d_5 = 0$ $d_5 = -\pi/2$ $\cos = \cos(-\pi/2) = 0$ For joint 5.

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_5 & 0 & -\sin\theta_5 & 0 \\ \sin\theta_5 & 0 & \cos\theta_5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

for joint6: 06=06, d6=d6, a6=0, ≪6=0; sin≪6=sin0=0 06≪6=c080=1

$$AG = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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1.4 Write down the matrix T of transformations (end effector relative to base)

The final transformation matrix can be obtained as: [position of end-effector cort base]:

1.5 Choose a set of suitable pose parameters based on the joint limits shown in the tutorial handout.

The joint angles chosen are as follows: q deg = [30, 35, -10, 20, 10, -100];

1.6 Calculate the transformation matrix T based on the posed proposed in point 1.5 above. You need to use any CAD tool (such as MATLAB) to perform the matrix multiplications.

The transformation matrix T based on the proposed angles are as follows:

The MATLAB code for the following transformation is as follows:

```
% DH parameters
d = [99000060];
a = [0 120 195 0 0 0];
alpha = [pi/2 \ 0 \ 0 \ pi/2 \ -pi/2 \ 0];
pose deg = [30 35 -10 20 10 -100];
theta = deg2rad(pose deg); % converting degrees to radians
% To build the matrix
dh = @(th, d, a, al)[
  cos(th) -sin(th)*cos(al) sin(th)*sin(al) a*cos(th);
  sin(th) cos(th)*cos(al) -cos(th)*sin(al) a*sin(th);
        sin(al)
                    cos(al)
  0
                                d;
  0
                             1];
% transformation matrices
A1 = dh(theta(1), d(1), a(1), alpha(1));
```



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```
A2 = dh(theta(2), d(2), a(2), alpha(2));
A3 = dh(theta(3), d(3), a(3), alpha(3));
A4 = dh(theta(4), d(4), a(4), alpha(4));
A5 = dh(theta(5), d(5), a(5), alpha(5));
A6 = dh(theta(6), d(6), a(6), alpha(6));

% Final transformation TO_6
T06 = A1*A2*A3*A4*A5*A6;

% Extracting position of end effector
pos = T06(1:3,4);

disp('Transformation matrix TO_6 = ')
disp(T06)
disp('End-effector position [x y z] (mm) = ')
disp(pos.')
```

The matrix obtained from the calculation is given as:

```
Transformation matrix T0_6 =

0.4833    0.7857    0.3861    261.3455

0.3138    0.2562    -0.9143    82.6584

-0.8173    0.5630    -0.1228    242.8725

0          0     0     1.0000
```

1.7 Write down the theoretical final position of robot's end effector.

The code for extracting the robot's end effector position with respect to the base is given by % Extracting position of end effector pos = T06(1:3,4);

disp('Transformation matrix T0_6 = ') disp(T06) disp('End-effector position [x y z] (mm) = ') disp(pos.')

The position of the end effector is obtained as:

```
End-effector position [x y z] (mm) = 261.3455 82.6584 242.8725
```



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- 2. Theoretical Framework Second FK Model (15 marks)

The chosen set of limits are

2.1 Choose a set of suitable pose parameters based on the joint limits shown in the tutorial handout.

```
For theta1: -170 to 170

Theta 2: -90 to 90

Theta 3: -120 to 120

Theta 4: -180 to 180

Theta 5: -120 to 120

Theta 6: -180 to 180

We chose the angles to be q \deg = -45^\circ, \gcd = +30^\circ, \gcd = -60^\circ, \gcd = +90^\circ, \gcd = -30^\circ, \gcd = +60^\circ
```

2.2 Calculate the transformation matrix T based on the posed proposed in point 2.1 above (end effector relative to base). You need to use any CAD tool (such as MATLAB) to perform the matrix multiplications.

```
% DH parameters
d = [99000060];
a = [0 120 195 0 0 0];
alpha = [pi/2 \ 0 \ 0 \ pi/2 \ -pi/2 \ 0];
% New joint angles (degrees)
pose deg = [-45 30 -60 90 -30 60];
% Apply joint limits
limits = [
  -170 170;
  -90 90;
  -120 120;
  -180 180;
  -120 120;
  -180 180
];
% Clamp angles to limits
pose_deg = max(min(pose_deg, limits(:,2).'), limits(:,1).');
% Convert to radians
theta = deg2rad(pose_deg);
```



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```
% DH transformation function
dh = @(th, d, a, al)[
  cos(th) -sin(th)*cos(al) sin(th)*sin(al) a*cos(th);
  sin(th) cos(th)*cos(al) -cos(th)*sin(al) a*sin(th);
        sin(al)
                    cos(al)
                                d;
  0
        0
                   0
                             1];
% Compute individual transformation matrices
A1 = dh(theta(1), d(1), a(1), alpha(1));
A2 = dh(theta(2), d(2), a(2), alpha(2));
A3 = dh(theta(3), d(3), a(3), alpha(3));
A4 = dh(theta(4), d(4), a(4), alpha(4));
A5 = dh(theta(5), d(5), a(5), alpha(5));
A6 = dh(theta(6), d(6), a(6), alpha(6));
% Final transformation matrix
T06 = A1*A2*A3*A4*A5*A6;
% Extract end-effector position
pos = T06(1:3,4);
disp('Transformation matrix T0 6 = ')
disp(T06)
disp('End-effector position [x y z] (mm) = ')
disp(pos.')
```

```
>> Solution 2
Transformation matrix T0_6 =
   -0.2005 -0.8775 -0.4356 166.7616
    0.5540
             0.2652
                      -0.7891 -240.2463
            -0.3995
    0.8080
                       0.4330
                                87.4808
                                 1.0000
                  0
                            0
End-effector position [x y z] (mm) =
  166.7616 -240.2463
                      87.4808
```

2.3 Write down the theoretical final position of robot's end effector.

The position of the end effector is as: X = 166.7617 Y = -240.2463and z = 87.4808



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- 3. Simulation of First FK Model Using MATLAB (15 marks)
- **3.1** Using the method *fkine* in MATLAB, obtain the transformation matrix T (end effector relative to base frame).

```
% Forward Kinematics
% Link lengths in metres for RTB (convert mm→m)
L1 = 99e-3; % base to shoulder (d1)
L2 = 120e-3; % shoulder to elbow (a2)
L3 = 195e-3; % elbow to wrist (a3)
L6 = 60e-3; % small tool offset (d6)
% Standard DH using Link('d',d, 'a',a, 'alpha',alpha)
L(1) =Link('d', L1, 'a', 0, 'alpha', pi/2);
L(2) =Link('d', 0, 'a', L2, 'alpha', 0);
L(3) =Link('d', 0, 'a', L3, 'alpha', 0);
L(4) =Link('d', 0, 'a', 0, 'alpha', pi/2);
L(5) =Link('d', 0, 'a', 0, 'alpha', pi/2);
L(6) =Link('d', 0, 'a', 0, 'alpha', 0);
robot = SerialLink(L, 'name', 'RoboDigg6');
robot.qlim = deg2rad([ -170 170; -90 90; -120 120; -180 180; -120 120; -180 180 ]);
q deg = [30, 35, -10, 20, 10, -100];
q = deg2rad(q deg);
% FK
T06 = robot.fkine(q);
disp('End-effector pose ^OT6:'); disp(T06);
disp('Position (x y z) in m:'); disp(transl(T06));
% Visualization
figure(1); clf; robot.plot(q, 'workspace', [-0.4 0.4 -0.4 0.4 0 0.5]);
trplot(T06, 'frame', '6', 'length', 0.05);
title('3.3 Robot configuration after applying transformation T');
view(135, 25); grid on;
hold on;
trplot(T06, 'frame', '6', 'color', 'r', 'length', 0.05);
title('3.4 End effector reference frame after applying transformation T');
```

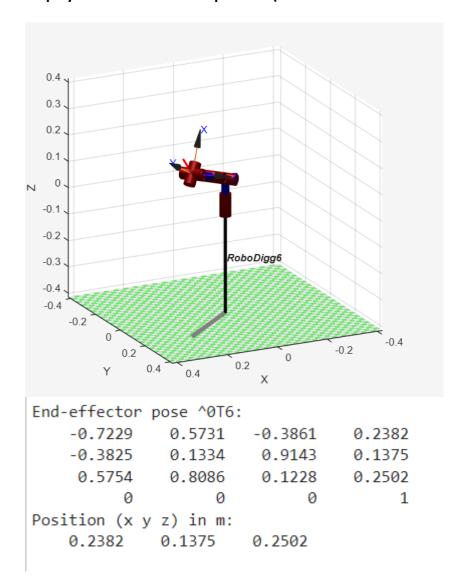


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% Animation of a a small joint-space move q2 = q + deg2rad([10 -15 10 0 0 20]); title('3.5 Animation of joint space move'); figure(2); clf; robot.plot([q; q2], 'fps', 20, 'trail', {'r', 'LineWidth', 2});

3.2 Display robot's end effector position (take a screenshot from MATLAB)



3.3 Plot the state of the robot after applying the transformation T using MATLAB.

From the code used in 3.1 above, the following code block plots the state of the robot after applying transformations:

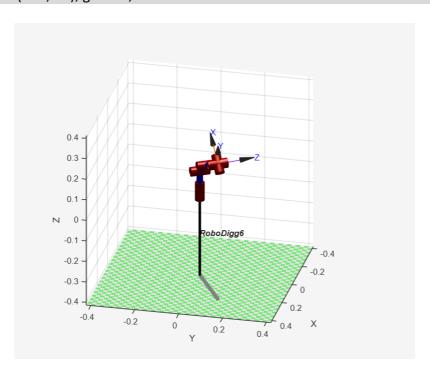
% Visualization figure(1); clf; robot.plot(q, 'workspace', [-0.4 0.4 -0.4 0.4 0 0.5]); trplot(T06, 'frame', '6', 'length', 0.05);



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title('3.3 Robot configuration after applying transformation T'); view(135, 25); grid on;



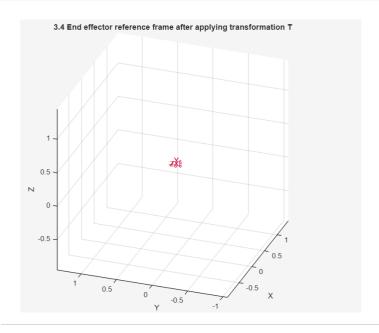
3.4 Plot end effector's reference frame after applying the transformation T using MATLAB.

From the code used in 3.1 above, the following code block plots the end effector's reference after applying the transformation T.

hold on;

trplot(T06, 'frame', '6', 'color', 'r', 'length', 0.05);

title('3.4 End effector reference frame after applying transformation T');





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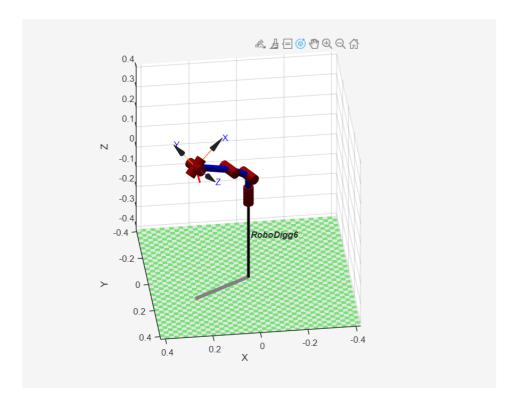
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3.5 Animate a small joint-space move using MATLAB.

In the code used in 3.1, the following segment of code animates the robot arm.

```
% Animate a small joint-space move
q2 = q + deg2rad([10 -15 10 0 0 20]);
figure(2); clf;
while true
% Forward move
robot.plot([q; q2], 'fps', 20, 'trail', {'r', 'LineWidth', 2});
pause(0.5); % short pause

% Backward move (return to start)
robot.plot([q2; q], 'fps', 20, 'trail', {'b', 'LineWidth', 2});
pause(0.5);
end
```



*Note: The simulation video can be accessed through the file Robot_Arm_animation_simulation_3_5



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- 4. Simulation of Second FK Model Using MATLAB (15 marks)
- **4.1** Using the method *fkine* in MATLAB, obtain the transformation matrix T (end effector relative to base frame).

MATLAB code

```
% Link lengths in metres for RTB
L1 = 99e-3; % base to shoulder (d1)
L2 = 120e-3; % shoulder to elbow (a2)
L3 = 195e-3; % elbow to wrist (a3)
L6 = 60e-3; % small tool offset (d6)
% Standard DH using Link('d',d, 'a',a, 'alpha',alpha)
L(1) =Link('d', L1, 'a', 0, 'alpha', pi/2);
L(2) =Link('d', 0, 'a', L2, 'alpha', 0);
L(3) =Link('d', 0, 'a', L3, 'alpha', 0);
L(4) =Link('d', 0, 'a', 0, 'alpha', pi/2);
L(5) = Link('d', 0, 'a', 0, 'alpha', pi/2);
L(6) =Link('d', 0, 'a', 0, 'alpha', 0 );
robot = SerialLink(L, 'name', 'RoboDigg6');
% Joint limits (conservative classroom limits; refine per hardware)
robot.qlim = deg2rad([ -170 170; -90 90; -120 120; -180 180; -120 120; -180 180 ]);
% Example pose (degrees → radians)
q deg = [-45 +30 -60 +90 -30 +60];
q = deg2rad(q deg);
% FK
T06 = robot.fkine(q);
disp('End-effector pose ^0T6:'); disp(T06);
disp('Position (x y z) in m:'); disp(transl(T06));
% Visualize by plotting the resulting frame
figure(1); clf; robot.plot(q, 'workspace', [-0.4 0.4 -0.4 0.4 0 0.5]);
trplot(T06, 'frame', '6', 'length', 0.05);
view(135, 25); grid on;
% Animate a small joint-space move
```

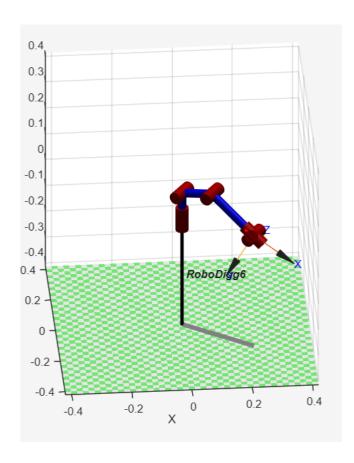


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```
q2 = q + deg2rad([10 -15 10 0 0 20]);
figure(2); clf;
while true
  % Forward move
  robot.plot([q; q2], 'fps', 20, 'trail', {'r', 'LineWidth', 2});
  pause(0.5); % short pause

% Backward move (return to start)
  robot.plot([q2; q], 'fps', 20, 'trail', {'b', 'LineWidth', 2});
  pause(0.5);
end
```



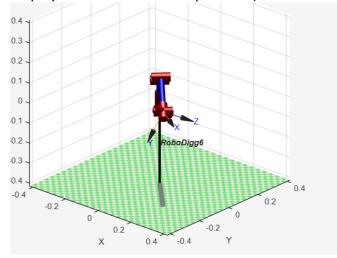


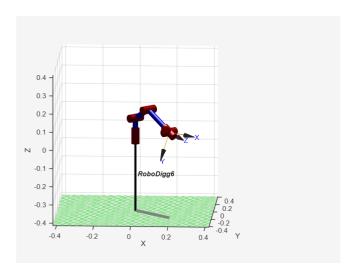
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End-effector pose ^0T6: 0.8602 -0.2652 0.4356 0.1929 -0.5066 -0.3472 0.7891 -0.1929 -0.05801 -0.8995 -0.433 0.0615 0 0 1 0 Position (x y z) in m: 0.1929 -0.1929 0.0615

4.2 Display robot's end effector position (take a screenshot from MATLAB)







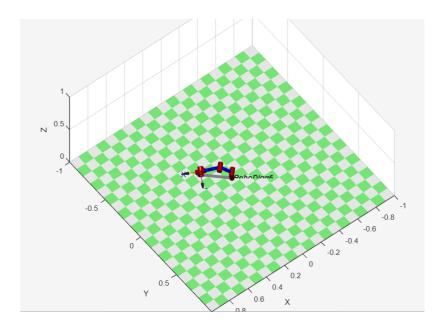
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4.3 Plot the state of the robot after applying the transformation T using MATLAB.

The state of the robot after applying the transformation is plotted using the code block from solution 4.1 as:

figure(2); clf; robot.plot(q, 'workspace', [-1 1 -1 1 0 1]); title('4.3 Robot configuration after applying transformation T'); grid on; view(135, 25);



4.4 Plot end effector's reference frame after applying the transformation T using MATLAB.

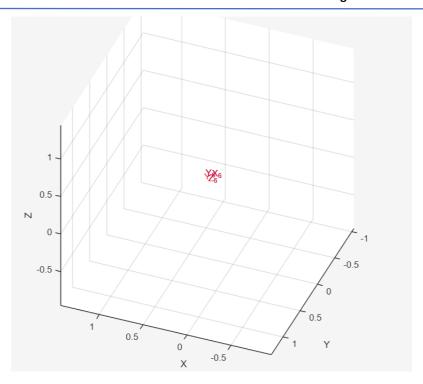
The end effector's reference frame is given using the code block from solution 4.1 is given as:

% Visualize by plotting the resulting frame figure(1); clf; robot.plot(q, 'workspace', [-0.4 0.4 -0.4 0.4 0 0.5]); trplot(T06, 'frame', '6', 'length', 0.05); view(135, 25); grid on;



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4.5 Animate a small joint-space move using MATLAB.

The following code block from the above solution 4.1 is used to animate the robot arm as:

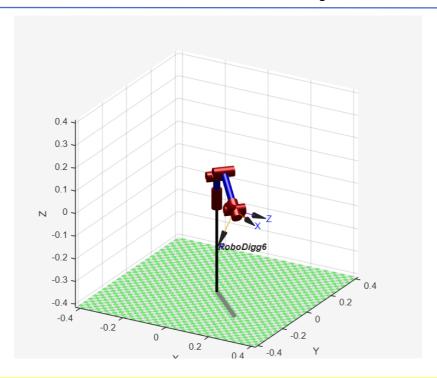
```
% Animate a small joint-space move
q2 = q + deg2rad([10 -15 10 0 0 20]);
figure(2); clf;
while true
% Forward move
robot.plot([q; q2], 'fps', 20, 'trail', {'r', 'LineWidth', 2});
pause(0.5); % short pause

% Backward move (return to start)
robot.plot([q2; q], 'fps', 20, 'trail', {'b', 'LineWidth', 2});
pause(0.5);
end
```



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*Note: The simulation video of the animation can be accessed through the file robotic_arm_animation_4_4

5. Hardware Implementation First FK Model (15 marks)

5.1 Using ARDUINO, configure the joints of your robot according to the parameters simulated in point 1.5 above.

The code used in Arduino is as:

```
#include <Servo.h>

const uint8_t PIN[6] = {3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 9}; // base, shoulder, elbow, wristPitch, wristRoll, gripper int8_t DIR[6] = {+1, -1, +1, +1, +1}; int16_t OFFSET[6] = {90, 90, 90, 90, 90, 45}; int16_t MIN_ANG[6] = { 5, 5, 10, 5, 5, 0}; int16_t MAX_ANG[6] = {175, 175, 170, 175, 175, 100}; Servo servo[6];

int16_t dhToServoDeg(int joint, float dh_deg){
    long v = (long)DIR[joint]* (long)dh_deg + (long)OFFSET[joint]; if(v < MIN_ANG[joint]) v = MIN_ANG[joint]; if(v > MAX_ANG[joint]) v = MAX_ANG[joint]; return (int16_t)v;
}
```



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void moveToPose(float q deg[6], uint16 t ms per step=20, uint16 t steps=50){ int16 t s[6], t[6]; for(int i=0;i<6;++i){ s[i]=servo[i].read(); t[i]=dhToServoDeg(i,q_deg[i]); }</pre> for(uint16_t k=1;k<=steps;++k){</pre> float u=(float)k/steps; float e=u*u*(3-2*u); // smoothstep for(int i=0;i<6;++i){ int val = (int)(s[i] + $e^*(t[i]-s[i])$); servo[i].write(val); } delay(ms per step); } } void setup(){ for(int i=0;i<6;++i) servo[i].attach(PIN[i]); Serial.begin(115200); float q home[6]={0,0,0,0,0,0,0}; moveToPose(q home, 15,60); Serial.println(F("Send q in degrees as: q=a,b,c,d,e,f")); Serial.println(F("Example: q=30,35,-25,20,15,-40")); void loop(){ if(Serial.available()){ String line=Serial.readStringUntil('\n'); line.trim(); if(line.startsWith("q=")){ float q[6]; int last=2; for(int i=0;i<6;++i){ int comma=line.indexOf(',',last); String tok=(comma==-1)? line.substring(last): line.substring(last,comma); q[i]=tok.toFloat(); last=comma+1; if(comma==-1) break; } moveToPose(q,15,60); Serial.println(F("OK")); } }

The serial monitor was used and the angles, q=30, 35, -10, 20, 10, -100 was sent through the serial monitor to obtain the position of the robot arm.

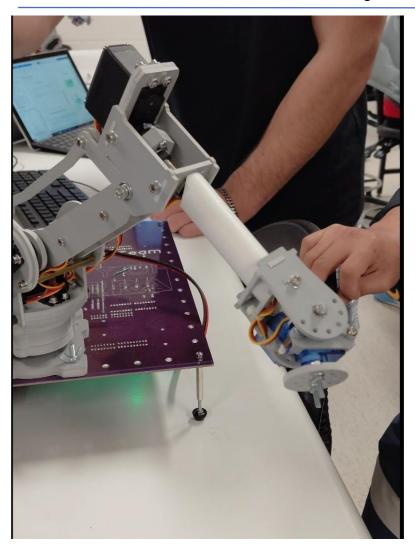
5.2 Verify that the final position of your robot matches the one you calculated in point 1.7 above.

The position of the robot matches the position as obtained through the MATLAB code above. The position of the robot is observed as:



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*Note: The video of the robot arm reaching the pose can be accessed through the file Hardware_simulation_1

Deliverable: ARDUINO code and a short video showing the robot reaching the pose.



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6. Hardware Implementation Second FK Model (15 marks)

5.1 Using ARDUINO, configure the joints of your robot according to the parameters simulated in point 1.5 above.

The code used in Arduino is as:

```
#include <Servo.h>
const uint8_t PIN[6] = {3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 9}; // base, shoulder, elbow, wristPitch, wristRoll, gripper
int8 t DIR[6] = \{+1, -1, +1, +1, +1, +1\};
int16 t OFFSET[6] = { 90, 90, 90, 90, 90, 45};
int16_t MIN_ANG[6] = { 5, 5, 10, 5, 5, 0};
int16 t MAX ANG[6] = {175, 175, 170, 175, 175, 100};
Servo servo[6];
int16 t dhToServoDeg(int joint, float dh deg){
 long v = (long)DIR[joint]* (long)dh_deg + (long)OFFSET[joint];
 if(v < MIN ANG[joint]) v = MIN ANG[joint];</pre>
 if(v > MAX ANG[joint]) v = MAX ANG[joint];
 return (int16 t)v;
void moveToPose(float q_deg[6], uint16_t ms_per_step=20, uint16_t steps=50){
 int16 t s[6], t[6];
 for(int i=0;i<6;++i){ s[i]=servo[i].read(); t[i]=dhToServoDeg(i,q_deg[i]); }
 for(uint16 t k=1;k<=steps;++k){</pre>
  float u=(float)k/steps; float e=u*u*(3-2*u); // smoothstep
  for(int i=0;i<6;++i){ int val = (int)(s[i] + e^*(t[i]-s[i])); servo[i].write(val); }
  delay(ms per step);
 }
void setup(){
 for(int i=0;i<6;++i) servo[i].attach(PIN[i]);</pre>
 Serial.begin(115200);
 float q home[6]={0,0,0,0,0,0,0};
 moveToPose(q home,15,60);
 Serial.println(F("Send q in degrees as: q=a,b,c,d,e,f"));
 Serial.println(F("Example: q=30,35,-25,20,15,-40"));
void loop(){
```



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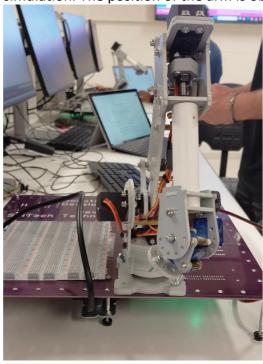
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```
if(Serial.available()){
    String line=Serial.readStringUntil('\n'); line.trim();
    if(line.startsWith("q=")){
        float q[6]; int last=2;
        for(int i=0;i<6;++i){ int comma=line.indexOf(',',last);
        String tok=(comma==-1)? line.substring(last): line.substring(last,comma);
        q[i]=tok.toFloat(); last=comma+1; if(comma==-1) break; }
        moveToPose(q,15,60); Serial.println(F("OK"));
    }
}</pre>
```

The serial monitor was used and the angles, q = -45, 30, -60, 90, -30, 60 was sent through the serial monitor to obtain the position of the robot arm.

5.2 Verify that the final position of your robot matches the one you calculated in point 2.3 above.

The robot arm reaches the pose and matches the pose as shown in the MATLAB code simulation. The position of the arm is observed as:



*Note: The video of the robot arm reaching the pose can be accessed through the file Hardware_simulation_2



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