



Figure 1: Schematics of the PUMA560 robot

By extracting the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $R_6^0$  and the  $3 \times 1$  vector  $o_6^0$  from  $H_6^0$ , the forward kinematics computation is complete. Recall the geometric meaning of  $R_6^0$  and  $o_6^0$ : the columns of  $R_6^0$  are the unit axes of the end effector frame 6 represented in the coordinates of frame 0:  $R_6^0 = [x_6^0 \mid y_6^0 \mid z_6^0]$ ; the vector  $o_6^0$  is the origin of frame 6 expressed in the coordinates of frame 0.

## 2.2 Inverse Kinematics

Given a desired position  $o_d^0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and desired orientation  $R_d \in \text{SO}(3)$  of the end effector, the inverse kinematics problem is to find  $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_6)$  such that  $R_6^0(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_6) = R_d$  and  $o_6^0(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_6) = o_d^0$ .

Since the PUMA 560 has six links and a spherical wrist, one can solve the inverse kinematics problem by the technique of kinematic decoupling. In kinematic decoupling, the problem is divided in two parts: inverse position and inverse orientation.

**Inverse position.** The position of the wrist centre  $o_c$  only depends on the angles of the first three joints,  $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$ . The idea is to compute the desired location of the wrist centre and then find  $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$  accordingly.

- Compute the vector

$$o_d^0 - R_d \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ d_6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

With  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ , we have  $R_3^0$

$$R_b^3 = (R_3^0)^T R_d$$

$$R_b^3 = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & c_4 s_5 \\ * & * & s_4 s_5 \\ -s_5 c_6 & s_5 s_6 & c_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} \\ M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Using ZYZ Euler angles:

Case 1 if  $M_{13}^2 + M_{23}^2 \neq 0$

①  $s_5 > 0$

②  $s_5 < 0$

$$\theta_4 = \text{atan2}(M_{23}, M_{13})$$

$$\theta_4 = \text{atan2}(-M_{23}, -M_{13})$$

$$\theta_5 = \text{atan2}(\sqrt{1 - M_{33}^2}, M_{33})$$

$$\theta_5 = \text{atan2}(\sqrt{1 - M_{33}^2}, M_{33})$$

$$\theta_6 = \text{atan2}(M_{32}, -M_{31})$$

$$\theta_6 = \text{atan2}(-M_{32}, M_{31})$$

Case 2 if  $M_{13}^2 + M_{23}^2 = 0$

①  $M_{33} = 1$

②  $M_{33} = -1$

$$\theta_5 = 0$$

$$\theta_5 = \pi$$

$$\theta_4 + \theta_6 = \text{atan2}(M_{21}, M_{11})$$

$$\theta_4 + \theta_6 = \text{atan2}(-M_{12}, -M_{11})$$

$$H_3^0 = H_1^0(\theta_1) H_2^0(\theta_2) H_3^0(\theta_3)$$

$$H_n^{n-1} = \begin{bmatrix} c_n & -s_n c_n & s_n s_n & d_n c_n \\ s_n & c_n c_n & -c_n s_n & d_n s_n \\ 0 & s_n & c_n & d_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & s_1 & 0 \\ s_1 & 0 & -c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & -s_2 & 0 & a_2 c_2 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 & a_2 s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_3 & 0 & s_3 & 0 \\ s_3 & 0 & -c_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_2 c_3 - c_1 s_2 s_3 & s_1 & c_1 c_2 s_3 + c_1 c_3 s_2 & d_2 s_1 + a_2 c_1 c_2 \\ c_2 c_3 s_1 - s_1 s_2 s_3 & -c_1 & c_2 s_1 s_3 + c_3 s_1 s_2 & a_2 c_2 s_1 - c_1 d_2 \\ c_2 s_3 + c_3 s_2 & 0 & s_2 s_3 - c_2 c_3 & d_1 + a_2 s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

From Matlab

$$R_b^3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_2 c_3 - c_1 s_2 s_3 & c_2 c_3 s_1 - s_1 s_2 s_3 & c_2 s_3 + c_3 s_2 \\ s_1 & -c_1 & 0 \\ c_1 c_2 c_3 + c_1 c_3 s_2 & c_2 s_1 s_3 + c_3 s_1 s_2 & s_2 s_3 - c_2 c_3 \end{bmatrix} R_d$$

$$R_3^0{}^T$$



## Inverse Kinematics

Using hints diagrams:

$$\boxed{\theta_1 = \text{atan2}(y_c, x_c) - \text{atan2}(d_2, \sqrt{x_c^2 + y_c^2 - d_2^2})}$$

$$PQ^2 + QR^2 - PR^2 = 2(PQ)(QR)\cos(\pi - (\theta_3 - \frac{\pi}{2}))$$

$$a_2^2 + d_4^2 - (z_c - d_1)^2 - x_c^2 - y_c^2 + d_2^2 = -2a_2d_4\sin(\theta_3)$$

$$\sin\theta_3 = \frac{a_2^2 + d_4^2 - (z_c - d_1)^2 - x_c^2 - y_c^2 + d_2^2}{-2a_2d_4}$$

$$\sin\theta_3 = \frac{(z_c - d_1)^2 + x_c^2 + y_c^2 - d_2^2 - a_2^2 - d_4^2}{2a_2d_4} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\theta_3 = \text{atan2}(0, \pm\sqrt{1 - 0^2})}$$

$$\phi_2 = \text{atan2}(RT, PT)$$

$$\phi_2 = \text{atan2}(z_c - d_1, \sqrt{x_c^2 + y_c^2 - d_2^2})$$

$$\phi_1 = \text{atan2}(RS, PS)$$

$$\phi_1 = \text{atan2}(d_4\sin(\theta_3 - \frac{\pi}{2}), a_2 + d_4\cos(\theta_3 - \frac{\pi}{2}))$$

$$\phi_1 = \text{atan2}(-d_4\cos\theta_3, a_2 + d_4\sin\theta_3)$$

$$\theta_2 = \phi_2 - \phi_1$$

$$\boxed{\theta_2 = \text{atan2}(z_c - d_1, \sqrt{x_c^2 + y_c^2 - d_2^2}) - \text{atan2}(-d_4\cos\theta_3, a_2 + d_4\sin\theta_3)}$$