

# Geometric Modeling for a Tendon Actuated CR Prototype

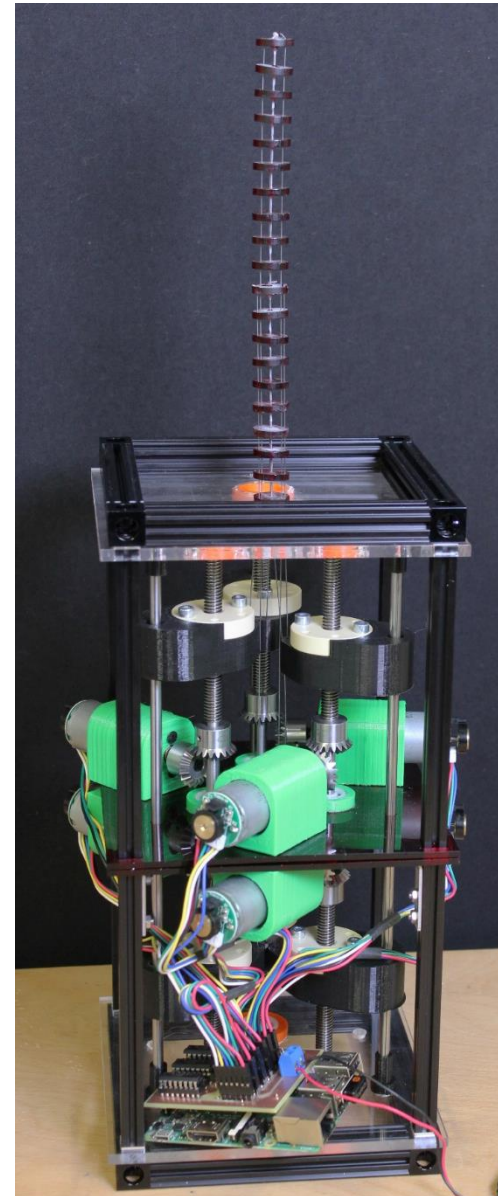
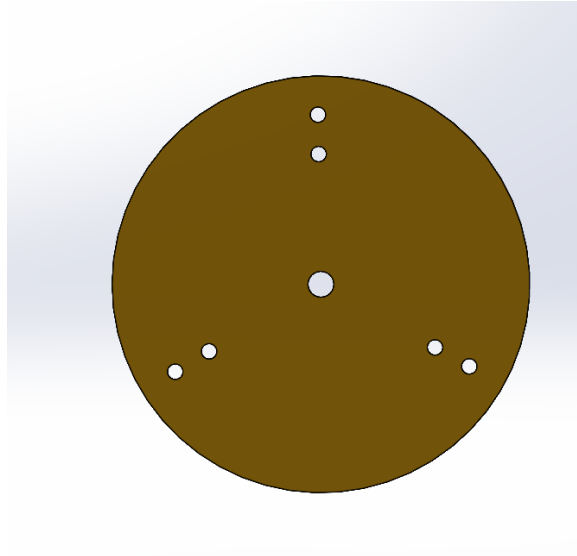
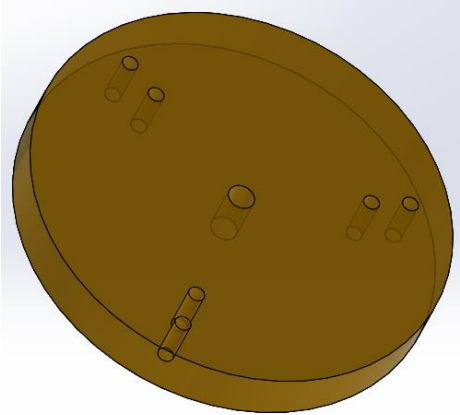
## TUTORIAL CONTINUUM ROBOTICS

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# Prototype

- 2 segments
- 3 tendons per segment
- 6 motors to control each tendon

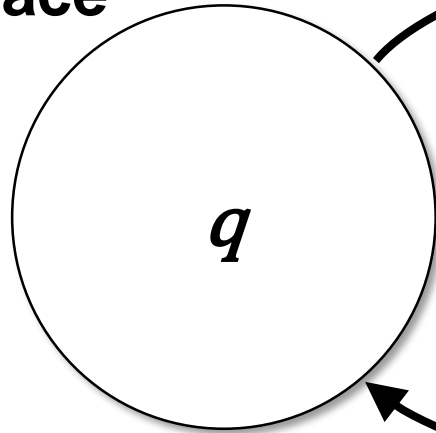


# Direct and Inverse Kinematics for a Tendon Actuated Continuum Robot

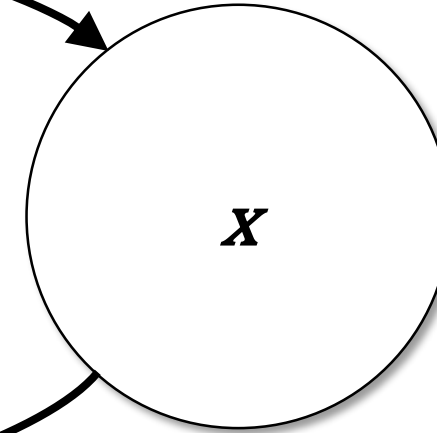
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- Length of tendons/rods



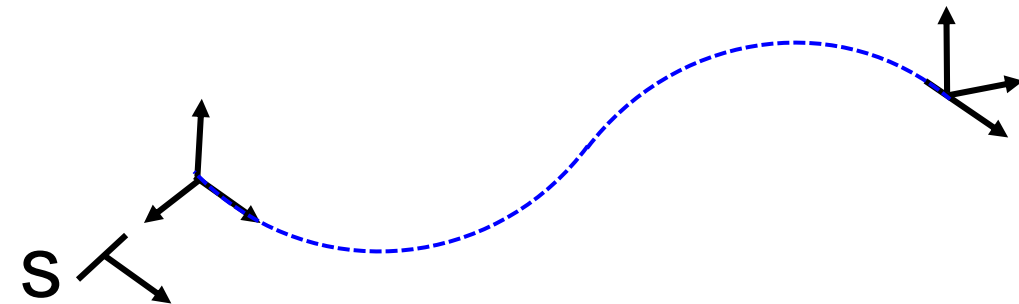
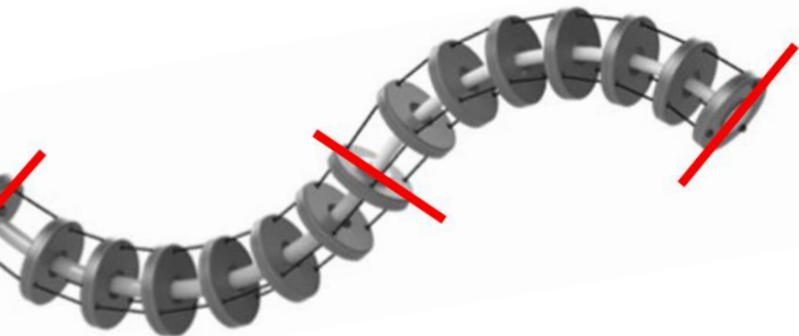
$$f(q)$$



- Position
- Orientation
- Space Curve

$$f^{-1}(x)$$

$$q = [\Delta\ell_{11}, \Delta\ell_{12}, \Delta\ell_{13}, \Delta\ell_{21}, \Delta\ell_{22}, \Delta\ell_{23}]$$



# Geometric Modeling Assumptions

- Simplified linear beam deflection
  - Circular bending shape
- Neglected influencing factors
  - Gravitational energy
  - Friction
  - Weight of disks
  - External forces
- Fixed distances
  - between first and secondary backbones
  - between disks

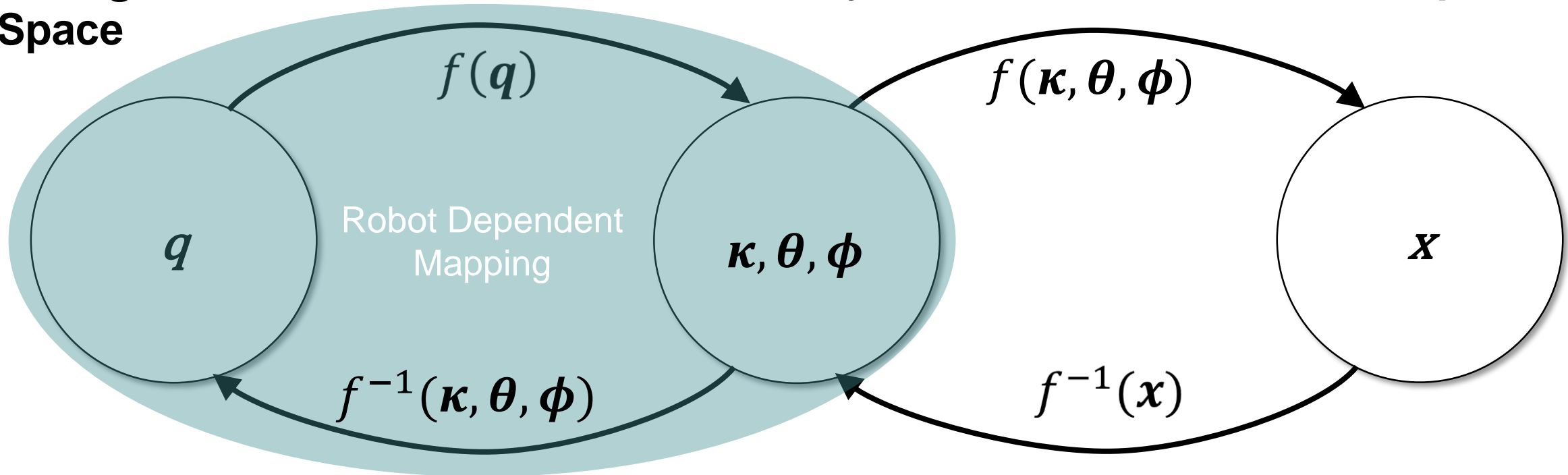




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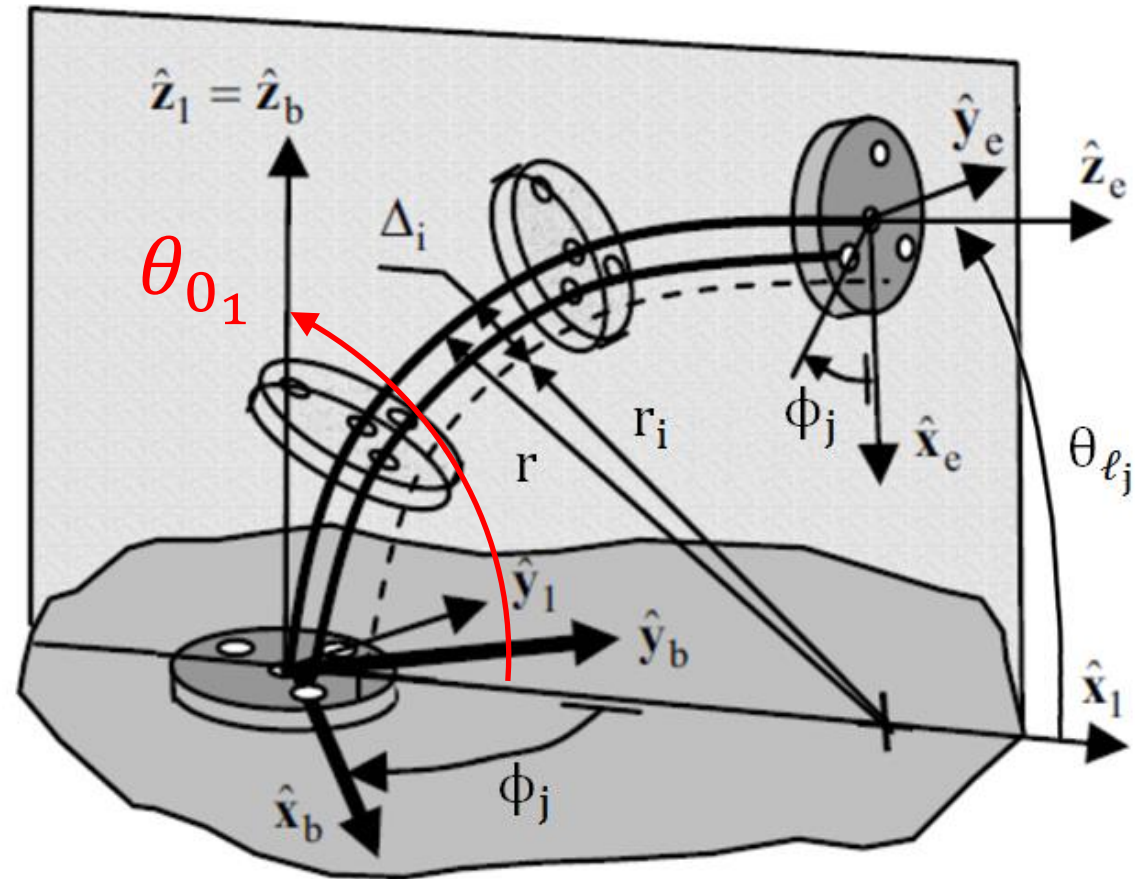


- Determine geometrical parameters first:
  - Curvature  $\kappa$
  - Rotation and bending angle  $\phi, \theta$

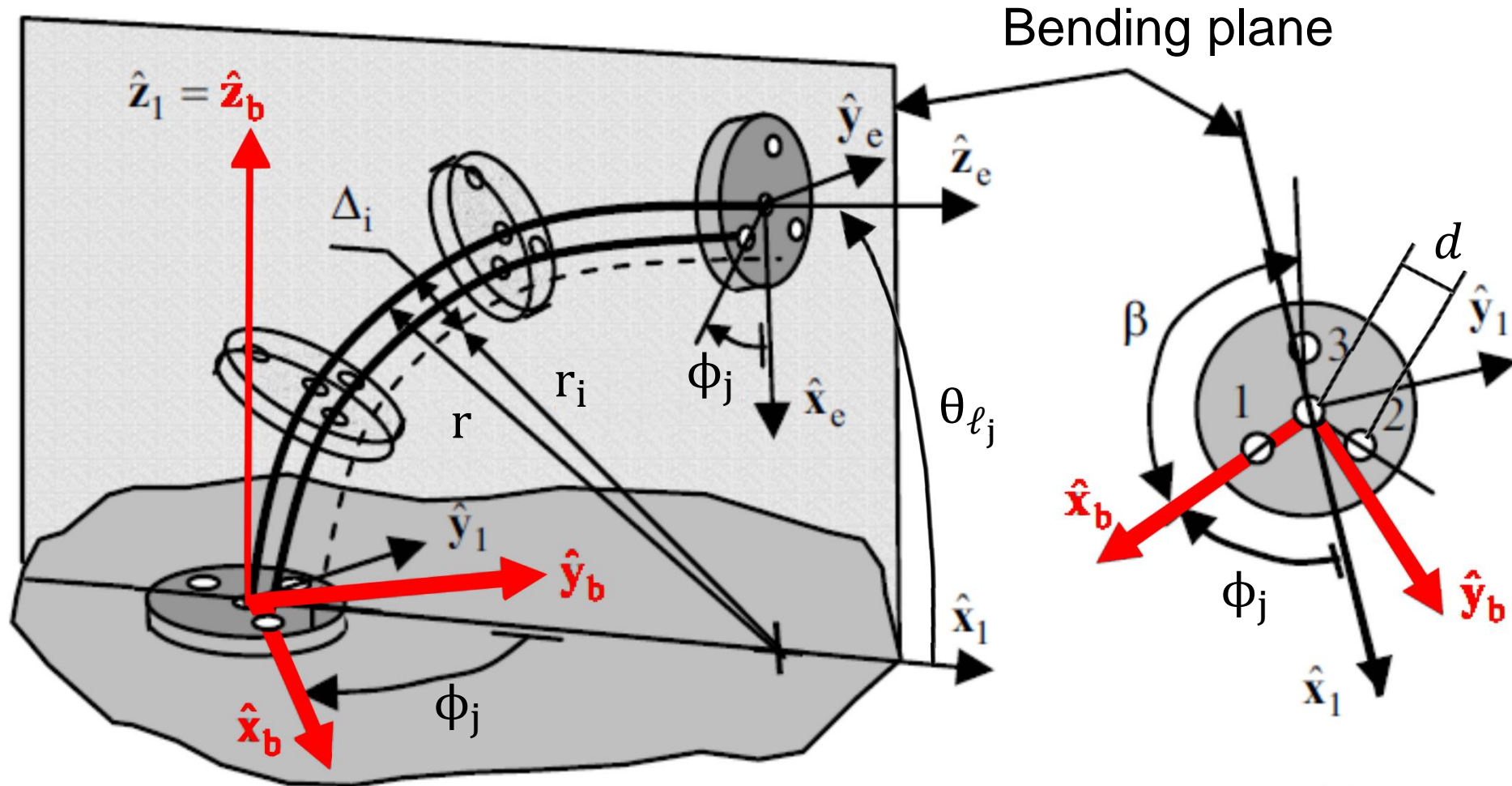
# Geometrical Parameters

# Single Segment

- Three tendons
- Indices
  - $j$ : segment
  - $i$ : secondary backbone
- Angle of the tangent backbone in the bending plane:
  - $\theta_{0_1} = \theta_{0_2} = \dots = \pi/2$

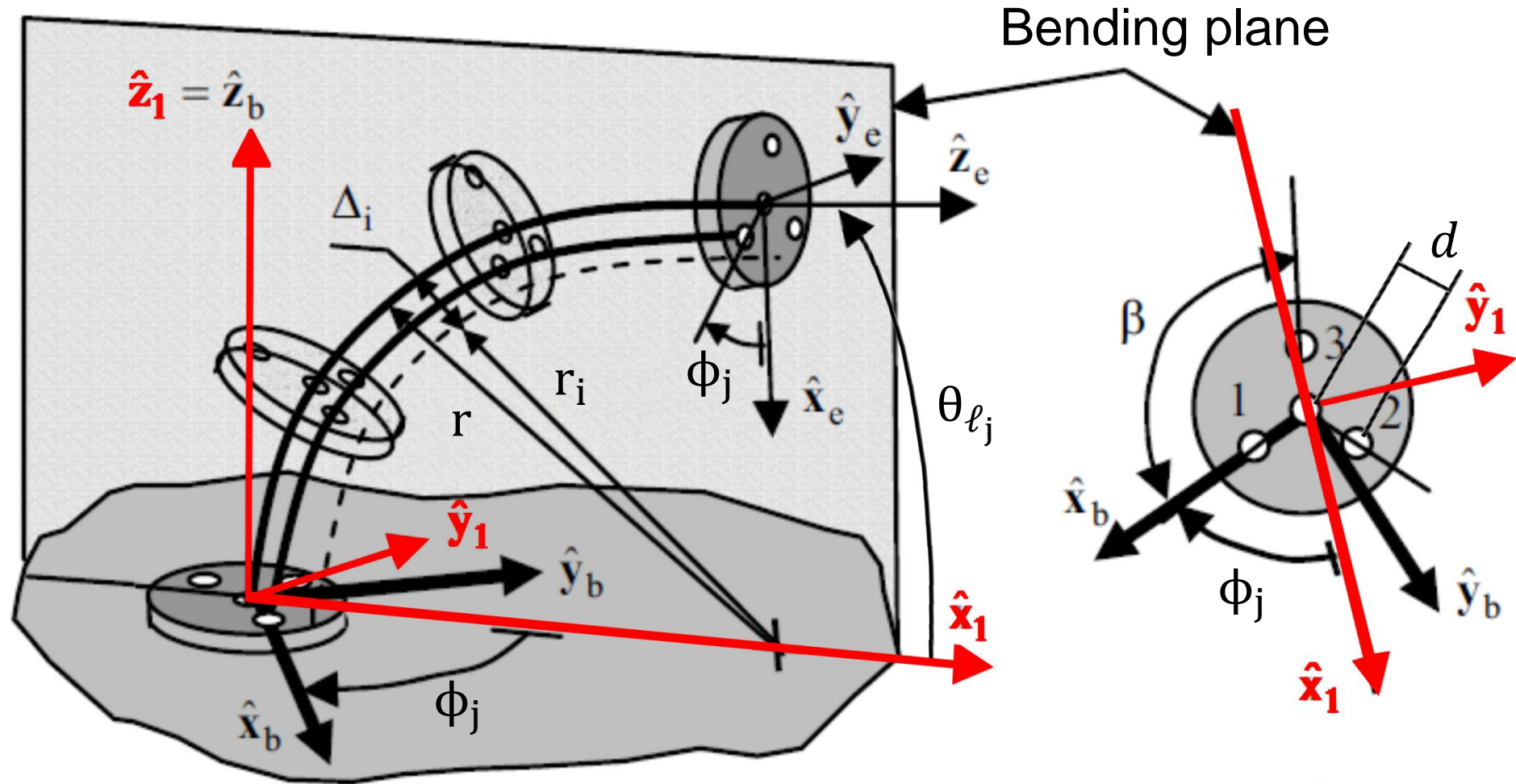


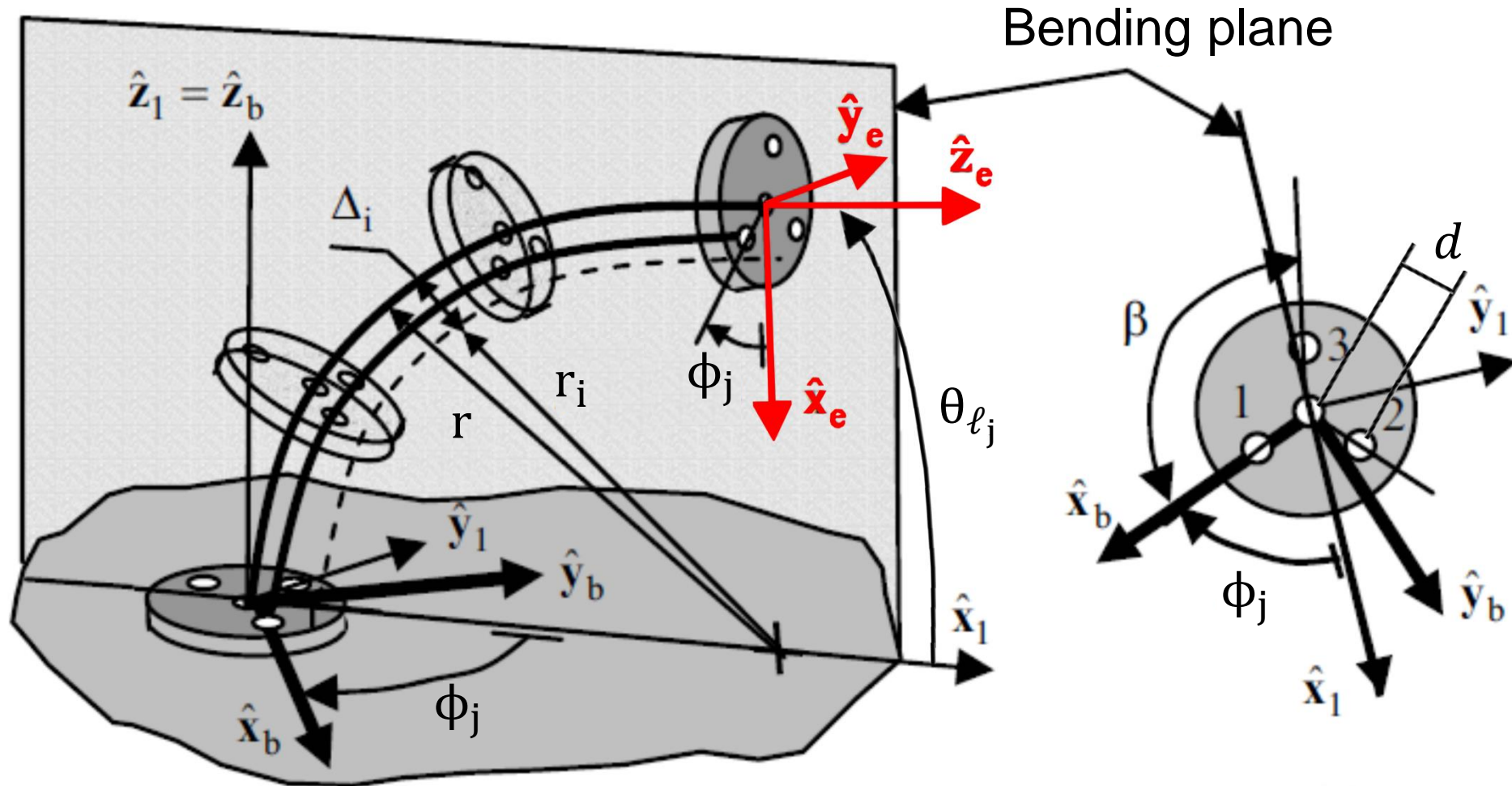
# Base Disk Coordinate System



- $x_b$ -axis points from the center to the first secondary backbone



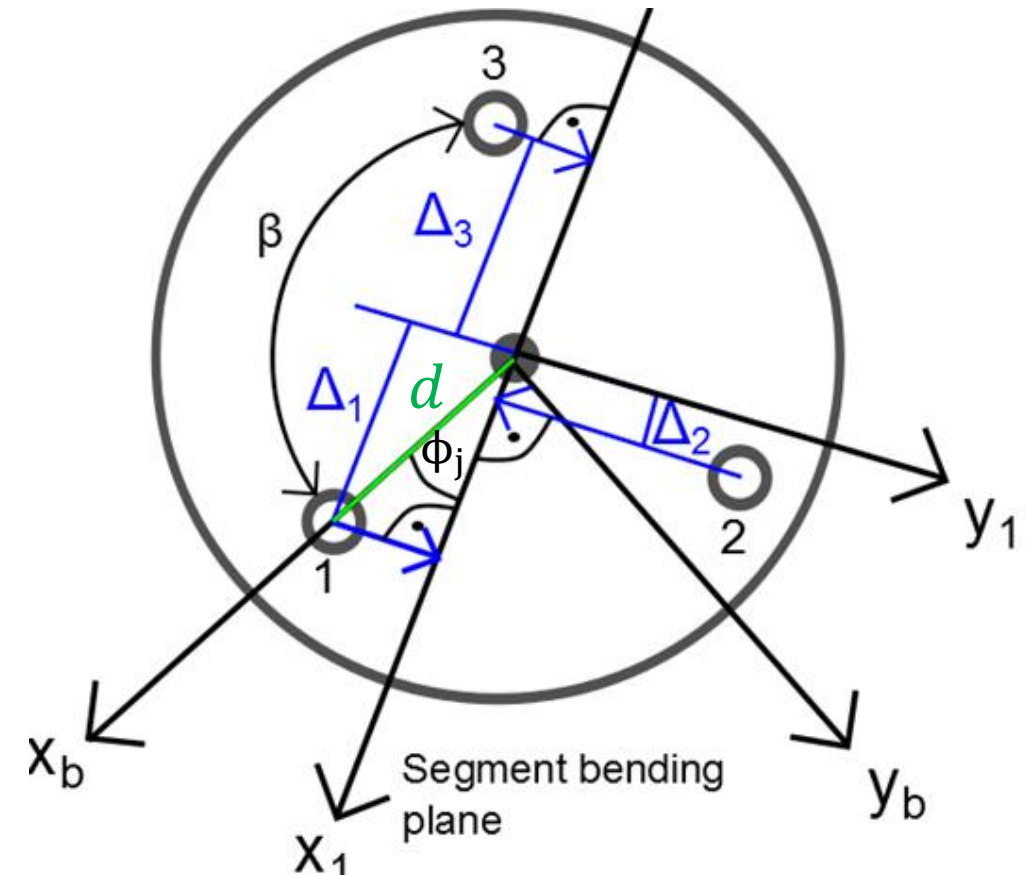
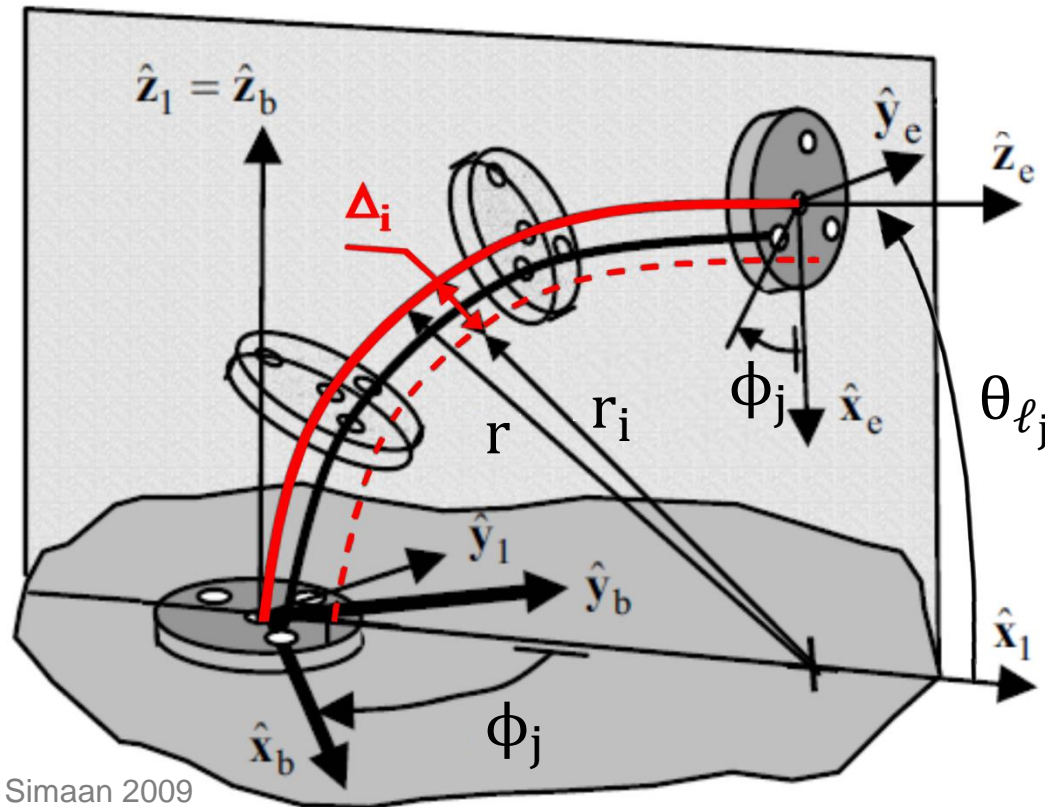




- Position and orientation of end disk coordinate system?

# Secondary Backbones

- Secondary backbone is offset by  $\Delta_i$  from the primary backbone



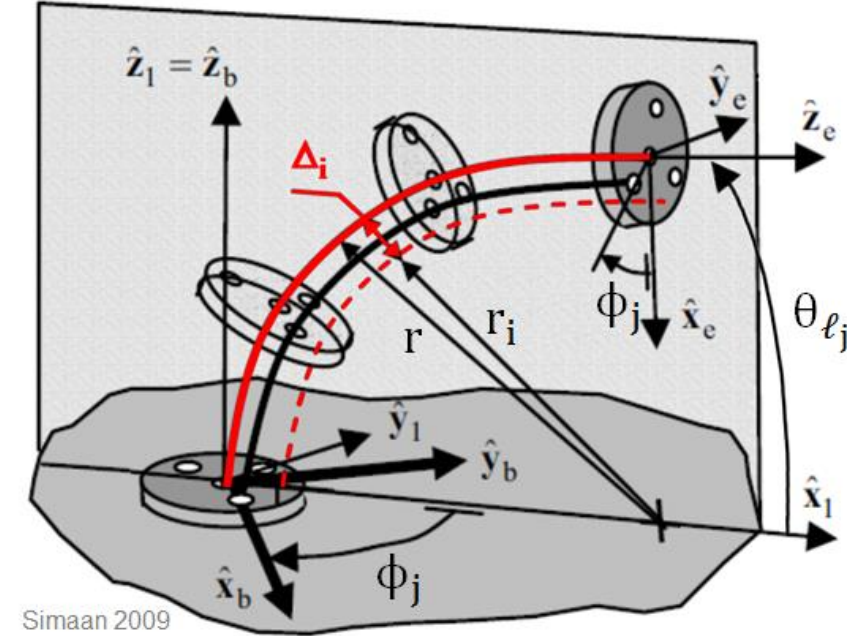
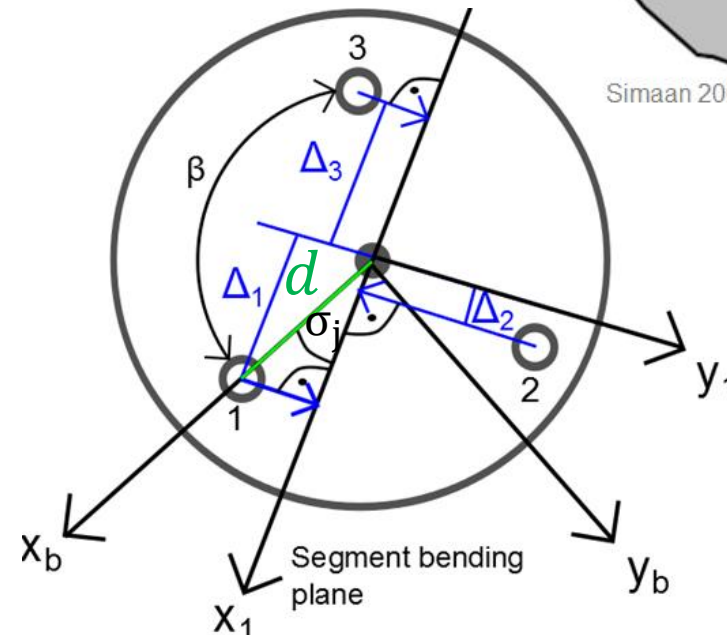
# Offset $\Delta_i$

- Secondary backbone is offset by  $\Delta_i$  from the primary backbone

$$\Delta_i = d \cdot \cos(\sigma_j) \quad \sigma_1 = \phi_j$$

$$\Delta_i = d \cdot \cos(\phi_j + (i - 1) \beta)$$

$$\beta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$



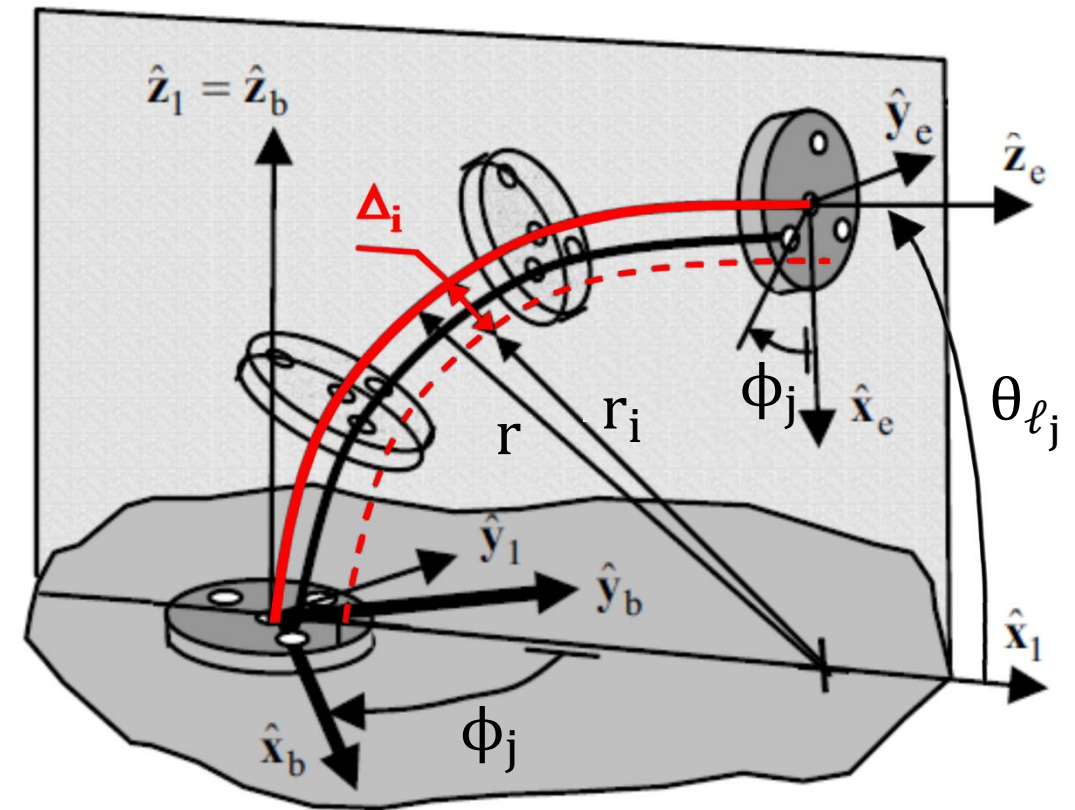


# Radius of Curvature

- Radius of curvature of primary backbone and secondary backbone are related according to:

$$r = r_i + \Delta_i$$

$$\frac{1}{\kappa} = \frac{1}{\kappa_i} + \Delta_i$$



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# Bending Angle $\theta_{\ell_j}$

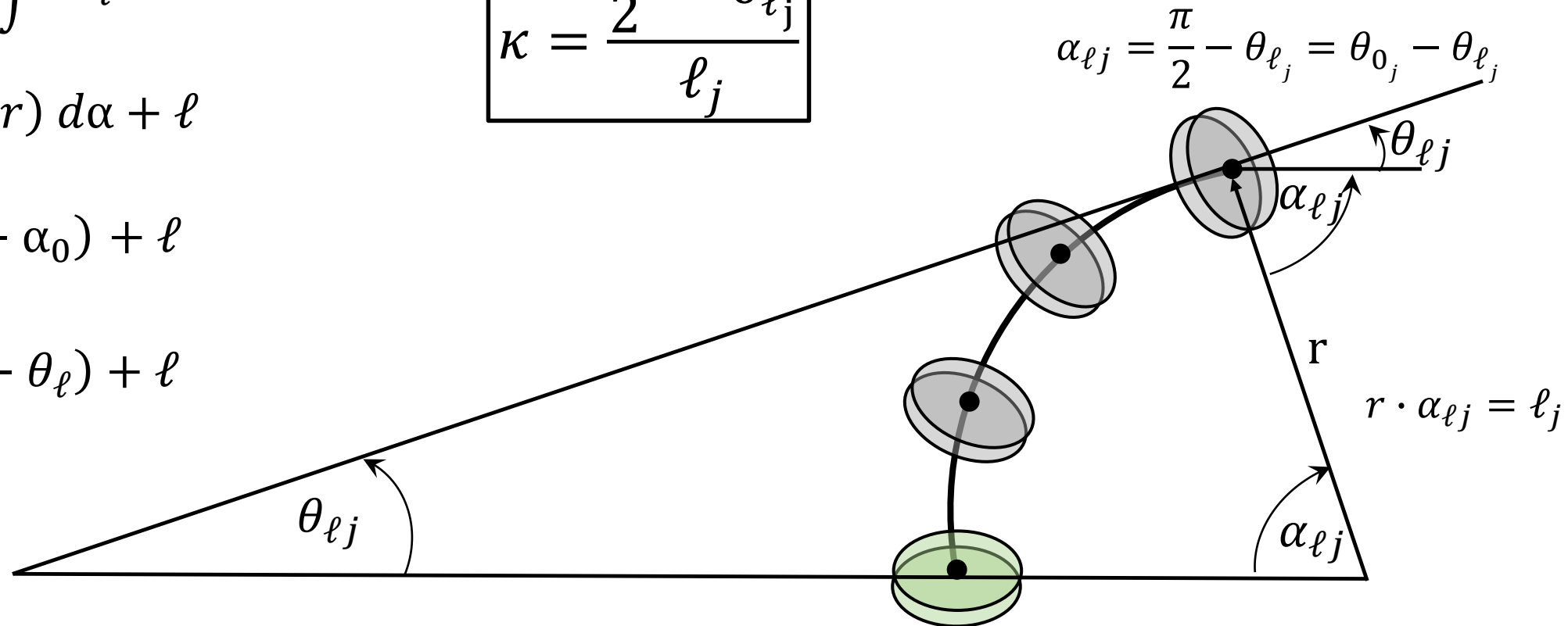
- s: arc length
- For one segment:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_{s_i} &= \int ds_i = \int ds_i - ds + ds \\ &= \int_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha_\ell} (r_i - r) d\alpha + \ell \\ &= -\Delta_i (\alpha_\ell - \alpha_0) + \ell \\ &= -\Delta_i (\theta_0 - \theta_\ell) + \ell\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \theta_\ell = \theta_0 + \frac{\ell_{s_i} - \ell}{\Delta_i}$$

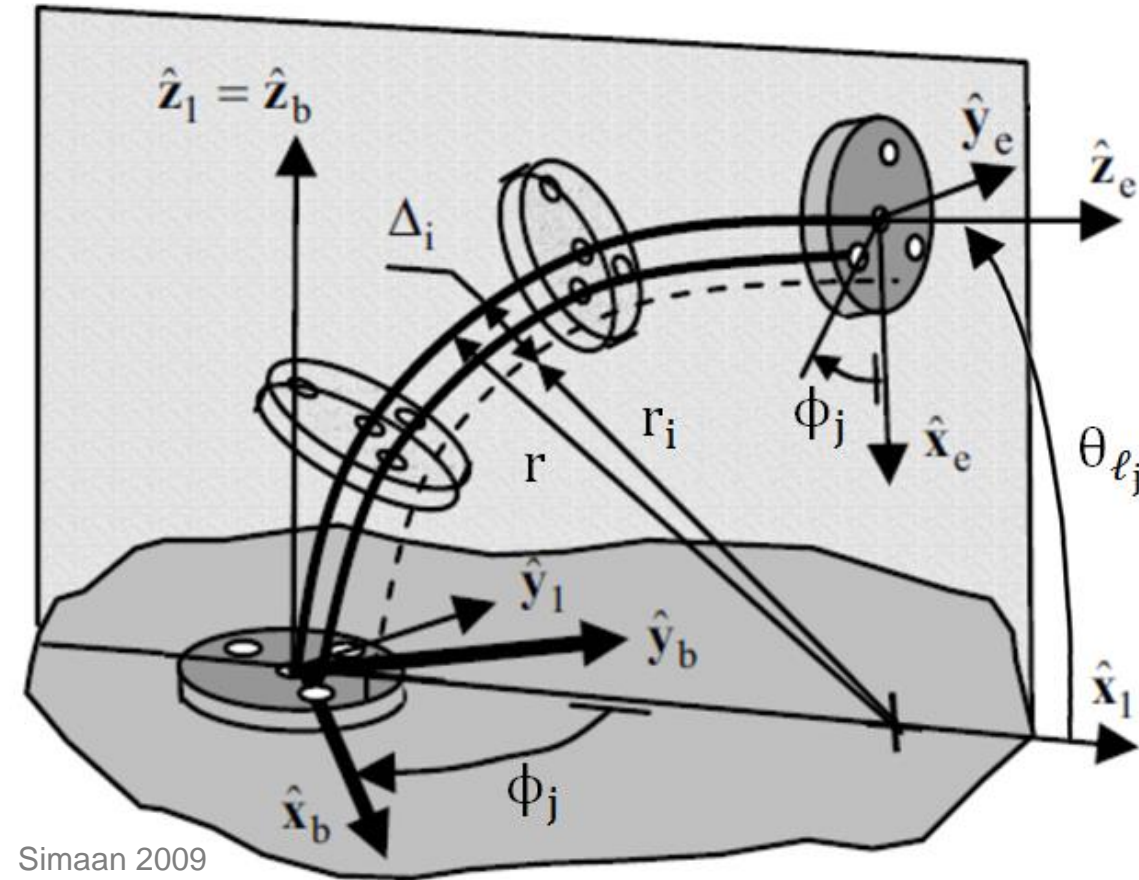
$$\theta_{\ell_j} = \theta_{0_j} + \frac{\Delta \ell_{ji}}{\Delta_{ji}}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_{\ell_j}}{\ell_j}$$



- $\theta_{\ell_j}$  is identical, if e.g. tendon 1 and 2 are being actuated

$$\theta_{0j} + \frac{\Delta \ell_{11}}{\Delta 1} = \theta_{0j} + \frac{\Delta \ell_{12}}{\Delta 2}$$



# Exercise

- Use the kinematic compatibility condition to derive an equation for the rotation angle  $\phi$

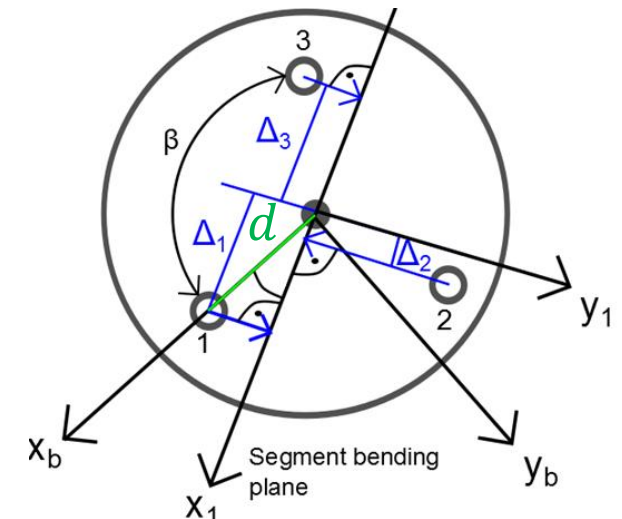
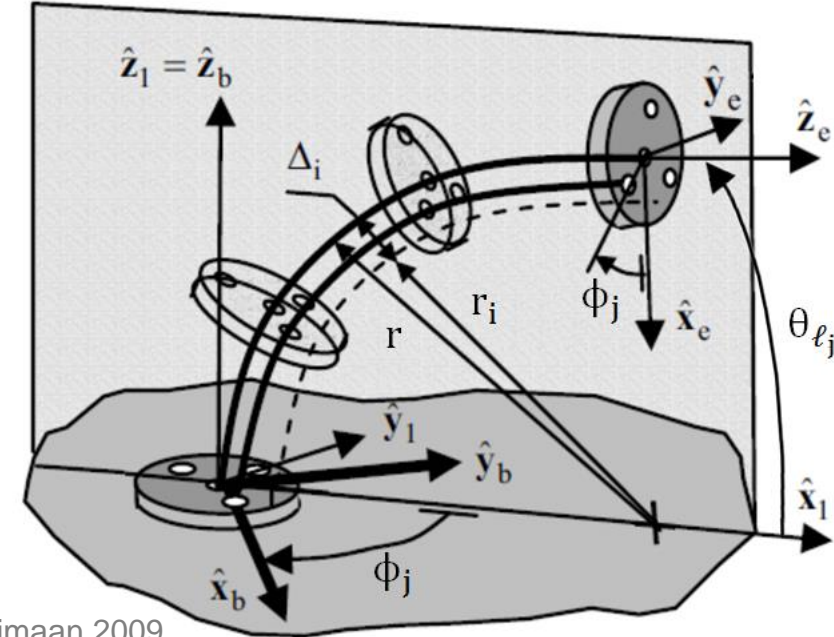
Bending angle  $\theta_{\ell_j} = \theta_{0j} + \frac{\Delta \ell_{ji}}{\Delta_i}$

Kinematic compatibility condition  $\theta_{0j} + \frac{\Delta \ell_{11}}{\Delta_1} = \theta_{0j} + \frac{\Delta \ell_{12}}{\Delta_2}$

Offset  $\Delta_i = d \cdot \cos(\phi_j + (i - 1) \beta)$

$\phi = ?$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(x + y) &= \cos(x) \cos(y) \\ &\quad - \sin(x) \sin(y) \end{aligned}$$



# Rotation Angle $\phi_j$

Kinematic compatibility  
condition

$$\theta_{0_1} + \frac{\Delta \ell_{11}}{\Delta_1} = \theta_{0_1} + \frac{\Delta \ell_{12}}{\Delta_2}$$

Offset  $\Delta_i = d \cdot \cos(\phi_j + (i - 1) \beta)$

$$\theta_{0_j} + \frac{\Delta \ell_{j1}}{\Delta_1} = \theta_{0_j} + \frac{\Delta \ell_{j2}}{\Delta_2}$$

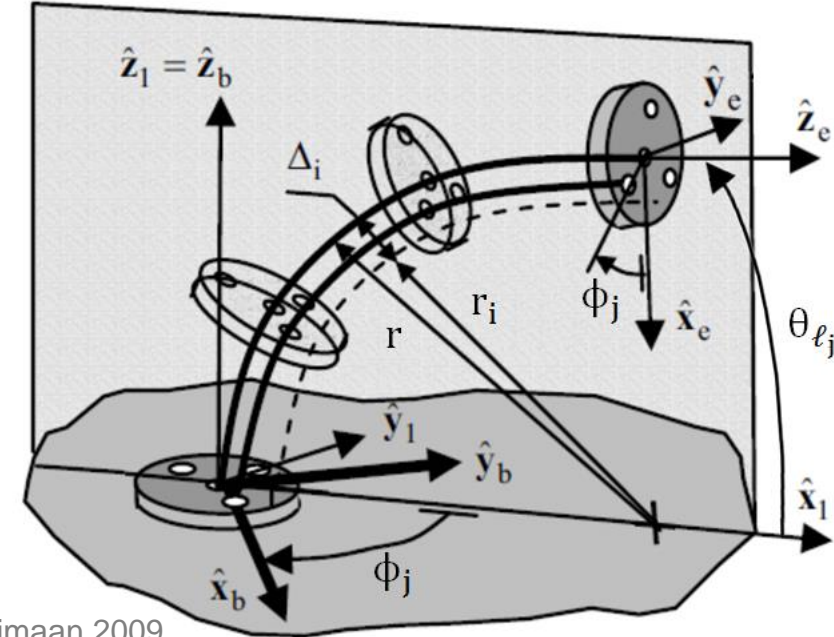
$$\frac{\Delta \ell_{j1}}{d \cos(\phi_1)} = \frac{\Delta \ell_{j2}}{d \cos(\phi_1 + \beta)}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \ell_{j1}}{\cos(\phi_1)} = \frac{\Delta \ell_{j2}}{\cos(\phi_1) \cos(\beta) - \sin(\phi_1) \sin(\beta)}$$

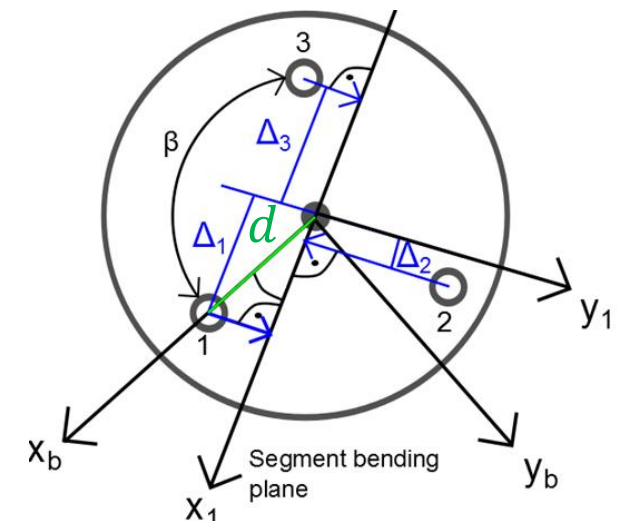
$$(\Delta \ell_{j1} \cos(\beta) - \Delta \ell_{j2}) \cos(\phi_1) = \Delta \ell_{j1} \sin(\beta) \sin(\phi_1)$$

$$\frac{\sin(\phi_j)}{\cos(\phi_j)} = \frac{\Delta \ell_{j1} \cos(\beta) - \Delta \ell_{j2}}{\Delta \ell_{j1} \sin(\beta)}$$

$$\phi_j = \text{atan2} \frac{\Delta \ell_{j1} \cos(\beta) - \Delta \ell_{j2}}{\Delta \ell_{j1} \sin(\beta)}$$



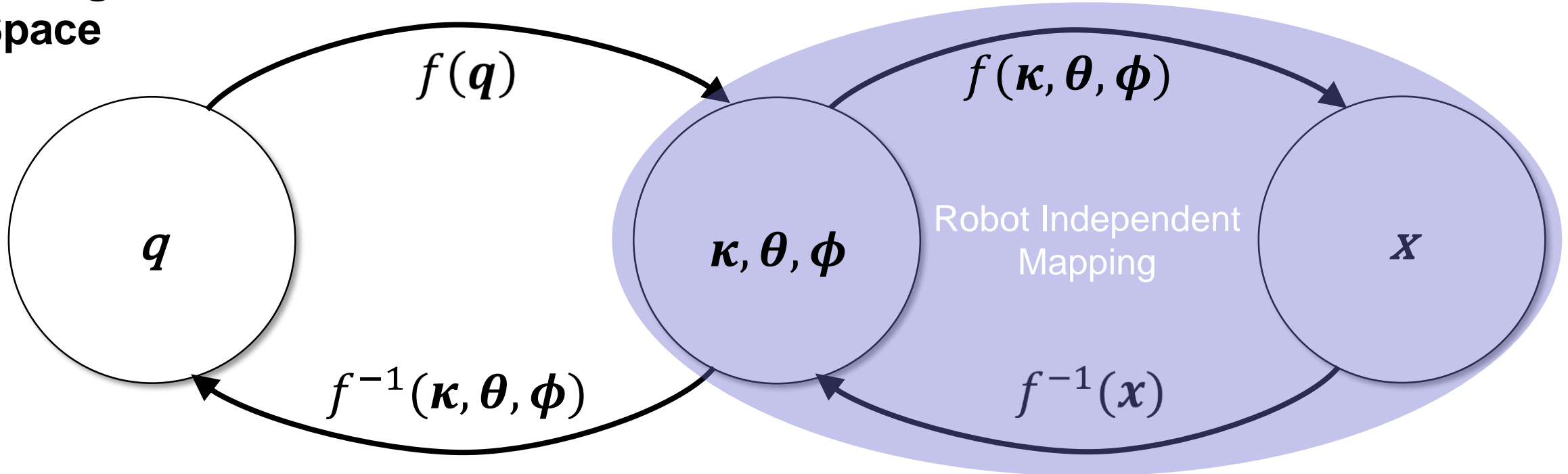
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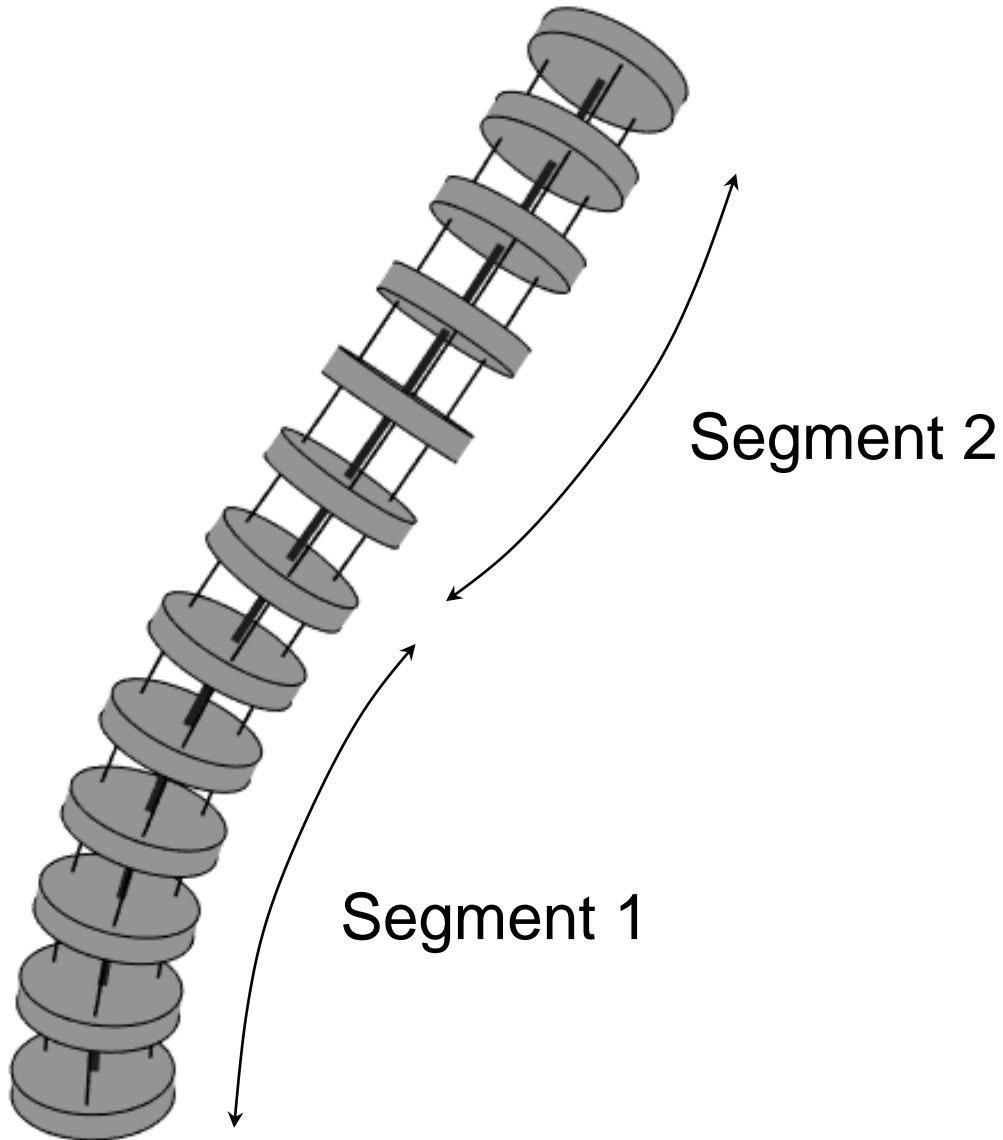
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- Position
- Orientation
- Space Curve



# 3D Space Curve

# Frames along Backbone



- Generate frames at each disk's centerpoint and determine their position and orientation
- Output of your model is space curve
- Robot independent mapping:
  - Transformation matrices with bending and rotation angle
  - Frenet-Serret Frames

# Implement the Geometric Model



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- `runGeometricModeling.m`
  - Define robot parameters
  - Run implemented model
  - Input of configurational parameters
- `GeometricModel.m`
  - Determine position and orientation of robot's space curve
- `drawRobot.m`
  - Visualize robot in 3D space
- Document your code!

- Script file

```
% 2 segment tendon actuated continuum robot
TACR.ndisks = [10;10];           % number of disks per segment
TACR.diskRadius = [8;8];         % disk radius
TACR.diskHeight = 3;             % height of the disks
TACR.diskPitchRadius = [6.5;5]; % pitch circle radius of disks
TACR.segmentLength = [92;102];   % segment length = length of first backbone per segment

q = [4,-2,0;2,2,0];              % actuation parameters (delta l per tendon);
                                  % Remember: only 2 tendons can be
                                  % retracted at once, the 3rd tendon has
                                  % to extend

% compute robot's space curve
robotShape = GeometricModel(TACR,q);

% visualize the robot
drawRobot(robotShape,TACR);
```

- Function file
- Input: struct TACR,  $q$ :  $[j \times 3]$  configurational parameters
- Output: robotShape

```
function[robotShape] = GeometricModel(TACR,q)
%% GeometricModel.m
% This function computes the space curve of a tendon actuated continuum
% robot with 2 segments and utilizes a geometric forward kinematics model
%
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% Email: continuumrobotics@lkr.uni-hannover.de
%
% Version: 1
% Date: 11/16/2016
%
% input: struct TACR, q:[jx3] configurational parameters
%
% output: robotShape.diskPoints: n rows for n disks, 12 columns for coordinates
%         (x,y,z) for central backbone, points tendon 1, points tendon 2,
%         points tendon 3
%         robotShape.diskRotation: n rows for n disks, columns represent
%         rotation matrices (3x3): columns 1-3 are matrix elements (1,1; 1,2; 1,3),
%         columns 4-6 are matrix elements (2,1; 2,2; 2,3),
%         columns 7-9 are matrix elements (3,1; 3,2; 3,3),
%
%% implement the geometric model here

robotShape.diskPoints=[];
robotShape.diskRotation=[];

end
```



- Function file
- Input: robotShape
- Output: []

robotShape.diskPoints

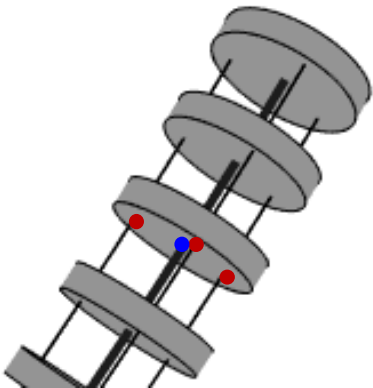
	• Central Backbone			• Tendon 1			• Tendon 2			• Tendon 3		
Disks	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z
1												
2												
3												

3rd row, 3rd column of matrix

robotShape.diskRotation

Disks	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)
1									
2									
3									

- Rotation matrices for each backbone point with respect to base frame



→ Points measured at bottom of disk

# Find your team member today

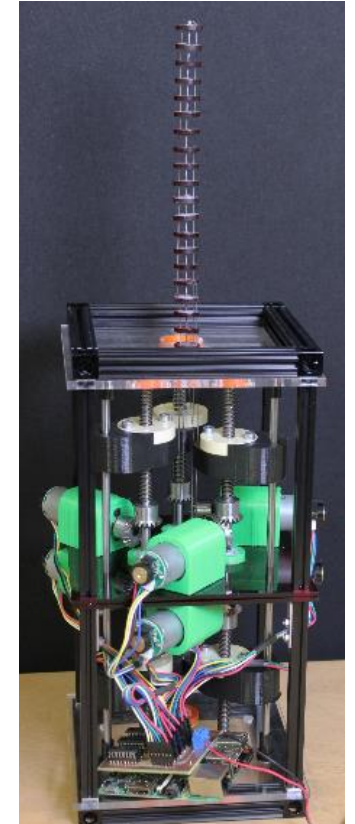
- 2 students per team
- Send Email until 11/25/16 with:
  - your name & matriculation number
  - your team member's name & matriculation number

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- Make appointment for experimental evaluation in our lab during office hours



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