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# 3. Exercise

## Foundations of Robotics

# Task 1

## Workspace

Consider the planar robot shown in Figure 1 with lengths  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ . The first link is rotated by the angle  $q_1$  via a revolute joint, the second link is adjusted to the length  $q_2$  via a prismatic joint.

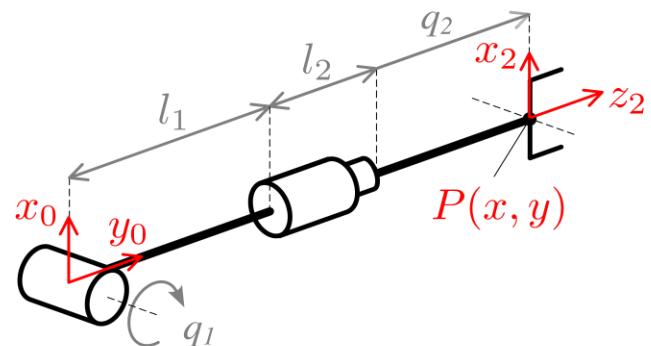
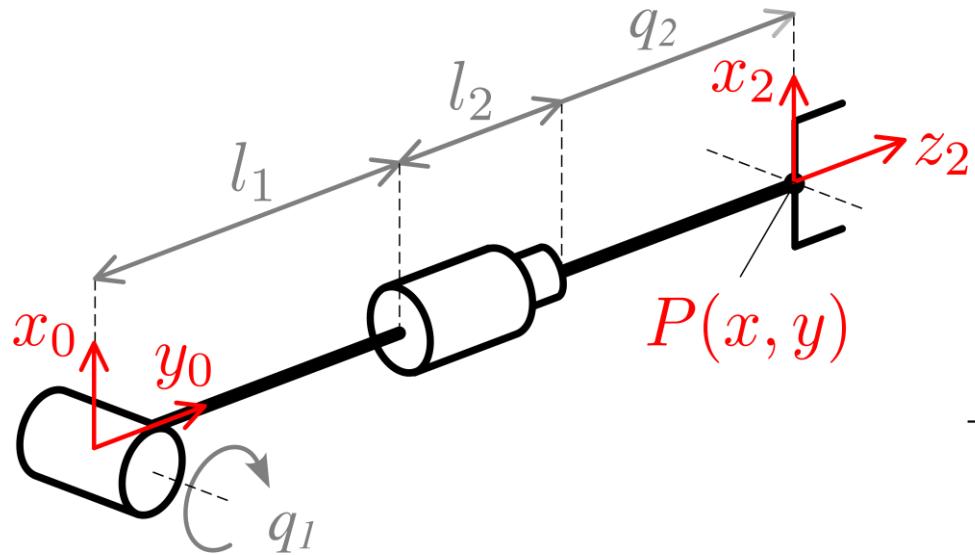


Abbildung 1: Arm with one revolute and one prismatic joint

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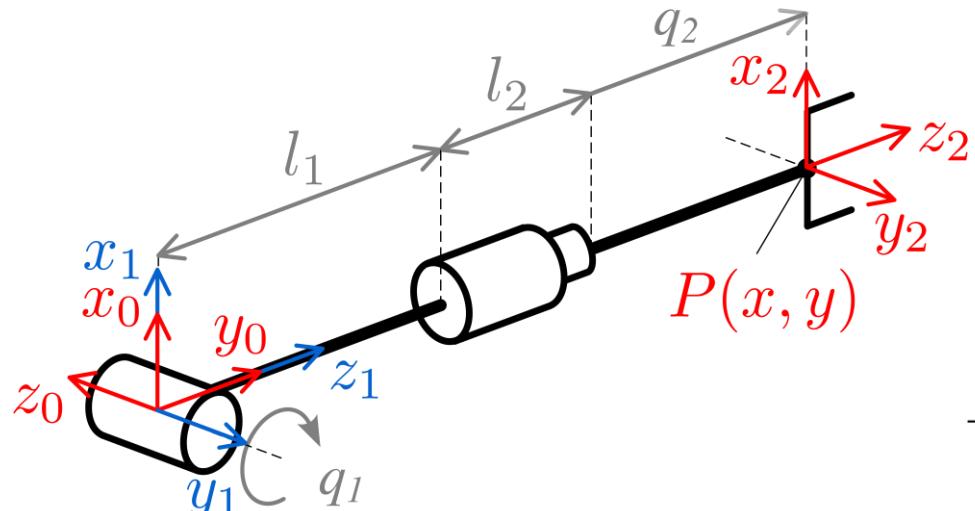


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b) Now determine the forward kinematics model  ${}^0\mathbf{T}_2$  from the DH parameters. Also provide  ${}^0\mathbf{T}_1$  and  ${}^1\mathbf{T}_2$ .

$${}^0\mathbf{T}_1 = \underbrace{\text{Rot}(z; \underbrace{\theta_1}_{q_1})}_{E_4} \cdot \underbrace{\text{Trans}(0, 0, \underbrace{d_1}_{0})}_{E_4} \cdot \underbrace{\text{Trans}(\underbrace{a_1}_{0}, 0, 0)}_{E_4} \cdot \underbrace{\text{Rot}(x; \underbrace{\alpha_1}_{-\frac{\pi}{2}})}_{E_4}$$

$$= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} \cos(q_1) & 0 & -\sin(q_1) & 0 \\ \sin(q_1) & 0 & \cos(q_1) & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$${}^1\mathbf{T}_2 = \underbrace{\text{Rot}(z; \underbrace{\theta_2}_{q_2})}_{E_4} \cdot \underbrace{\text{Trans}(0, 0, \underbrace{d_2}_{q_2 + l_1 + l_2})}_{E_4} \cdot \underbrace{\text{Trans}(\underbrace{a_1}_{0}, 0, 0)}_{E_4} \cdot \underbrace{\text{Rot}(x; \underbrace{\alpha_1}_{0})}_{E_4}$$

$$= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & q_2 + l_1 + l_2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^0\mathbf{T}_2 = {}^0\mathbf{T}_1 {}^1\mathbf{T}_2$$

$$= \left( \begin{array}{ccccl} \cos(q_1) & 0 & -\sin(q_1) & -(q_2 + l_1 + l_2) \sin(q_1) \\ \sin(q_1) & 0 & \cos(q_1) & (q_2 + l_1 + l_2) \cos(q_1) \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

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c) Determine analytically the inverse kinematics solution for the robot using  ${}^0\mathbf{T}_2$ . Provide the functions  $q_1(x_p, y_p)$  and  $q_2(x_p, y_p)$ . Note that the dependence should be exclusively on  $x_p$  and  $y_p$ . You may assume the lengths  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  as given.

*Hint:*  $\sin(x)^2 + \cos(x)^2 = 1$ .

$$\text{I: } x_p = -(q_2 + l_1 + l_2) \sin(q_1)$$

$$\text{II: } y_p = (q_2 + l_1 + l_2) \cos(q_1)$$

$$\frac{\text{I}}{\text{II}}: \frac{x_p}{y_p} = -\frac{(q_2 + l_1 + l_2) \sin(q_1)}{(q_2 + l_1 + l_2) \cos(q_1)} = -\tan(q_1) \Rightarrow q_1(x_p, y_p) = -\text{atan2}(x_p, y_p)$$

$$(-\text{I})^2 + \text{II}^2: (-x_p)^2 + y_p^2 = (q_2 + l_1 + l_2)^2 \underbrace{(\sin^2(q_1) + \cos^2(q_1))}_{=1}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_2(x_p, y_p) = \pm \sqrt{(-x_p)^2 + y_p^2} - l_1 - l_2$$

Verification necessary to determine which solution is valid, as only one solution exists!

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- d) Based on the result of the inverse kinematics, provide criteria for point  $P$  that must be satisfied for  $P$  to lie in the workspace and for a solution of the inverse kinematics to exist. You may assume joint limits  $q_1 \in [q_{1,min}, q_{1,max}]$  and  $q_2 \in [0, q_{2,max}]$  in general and presuppose  $l_1, l_2 > 0$ .

The resulting angle for  $q_1$  must lie within the joint angle limits:

$$q_{1,min} \leq -\text{atan2}(x_p, y_p) \leq q_{1,max}$$

Point  $P$  must lie within the annulus:

$$l_1 + l_2 \leq +\sqrt{x_p^2 + y_p^2} \leq l_1 + l_2 + q_{2,max}$$

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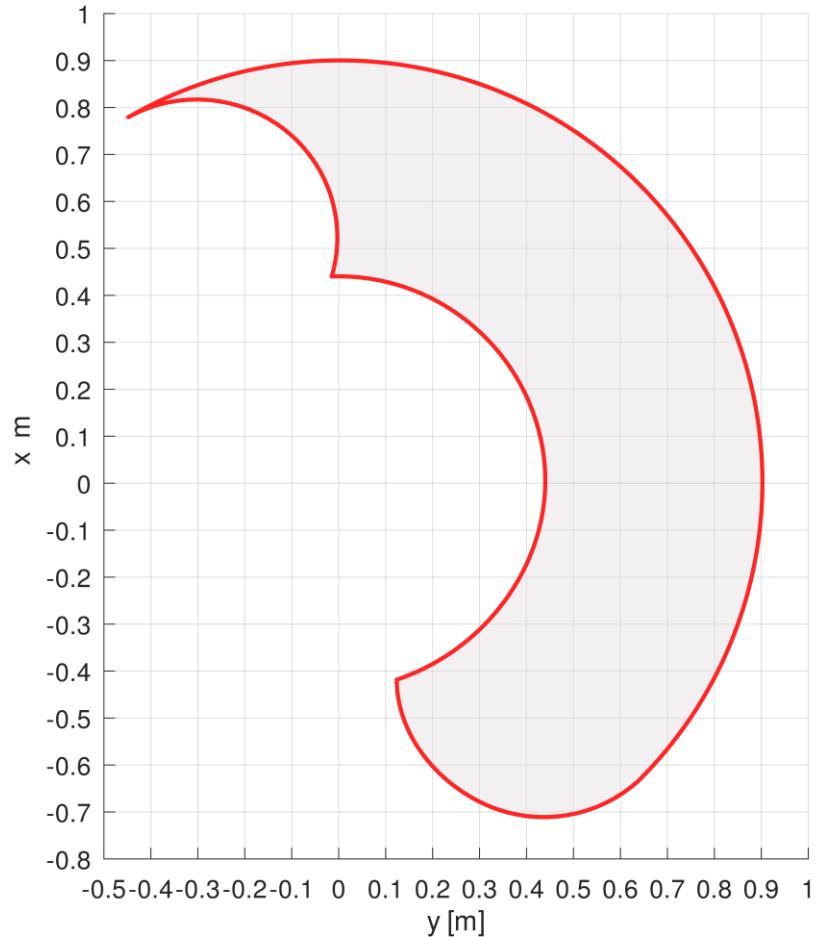
- e) Draw schematically a robot arm matching the workspace shown in Figure 2 with as few revolute and prismatic joints as possible. The origin of the coordinate system  $S_0$  is located in the plot at position  $(0, 0)$ . Also provide the link lengths.

$$l_1 = 0.6 \text{ m}$$

$$l_2 = 0.3 \text{ m}$$

$$q_1 \in [-30^\circ, 135^\circ]$$

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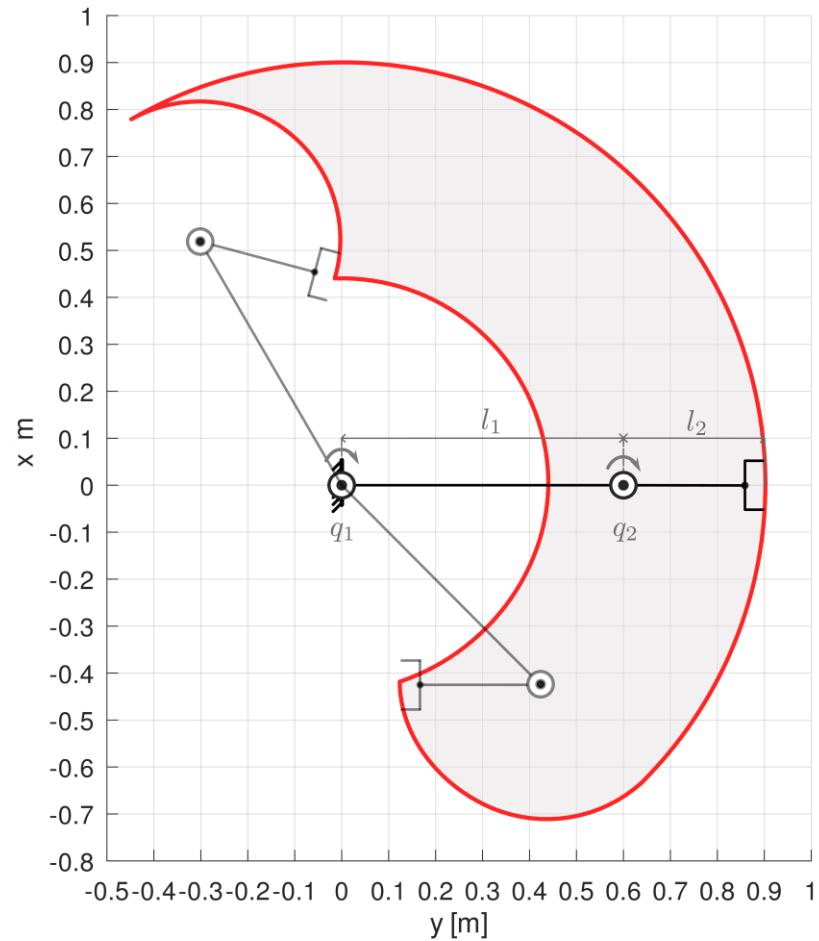
- e) Zeichnen Sie schematisch einen zum in Abbildung 2 dargestellten Arbeitsbereich passenden Roboterarm mit so wenigen Dreh- und Schubgelenken wie möglich. Der Ursprung des Koordinatensystems  $S_0$  befindet sich im Plot an Stelle  $(0, 0)$ . Geben Sie zudem die Gliedlängen an.

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# Task 2

## Inverse Kinematics of a 3-DOF-Manipulator

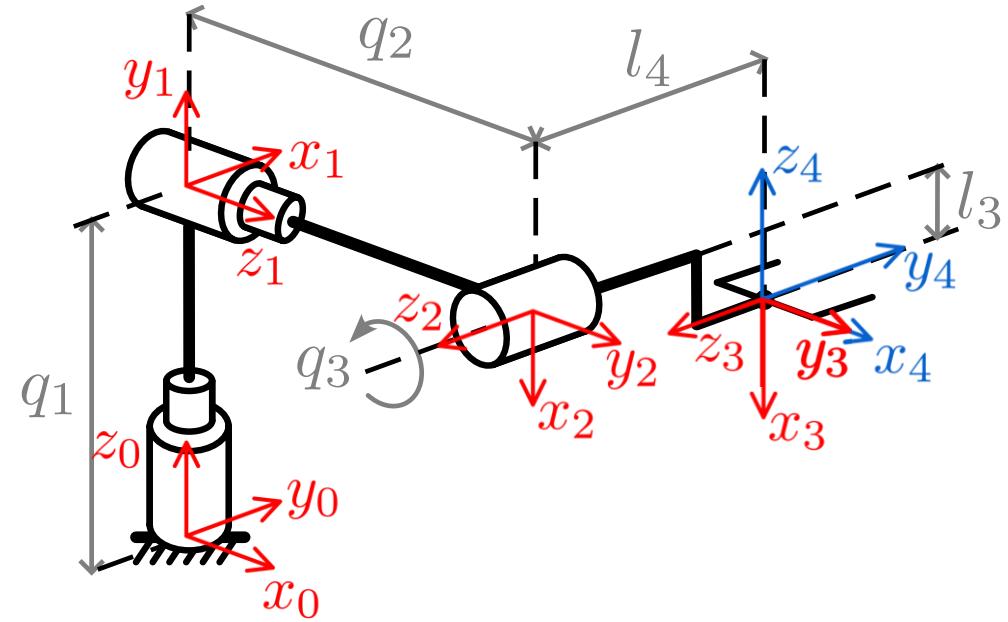
A manipulator with three joints is described by the DH parameters

$i$	$\theta_i$	$d_i$	$a_i$	$\alpha_i$
1	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$q_1$	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
2	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$q_2$	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
3	$q_3$	$-l_4$	$l_3$	0
4	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	0	0	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$

where the first and second joints  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$  are prismatic joints and the third joint  $q_3$  is a revolute joint. The lengths  $l_3$  and  $l_4$  are given by the mechanics of the manipulator and are  $l_3 = 0.1$  m and  $l_4 = 0.35$  m. The fourth row of the table is only required to orient the coordinate system of the end-effector in the desired orientation and does not contain a joint variable.

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## Inverse Kinematics of a 3-DOF-Manipulator



- $q_1, q_2$  prismatic joints
- $q_3$  revolute joint

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## Inverse Kinematics of a 3-DOF-Manipulator

- b) Specify the transformation  ${}^0\mathbf{T}_4$  that describes the pose of the end-effector coordinate system relative to the base coordinate system. Also specify all transformations  ${}^{i-1}\mathbf{T}_i$ .

$${}^0\mathbf{T}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & q_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad {}^1\mathbf{T}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & q_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad {}^2\mathbf{T}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(q_3) & -\sin(q_3) & 0 & l_3 \cos(q_3) \\ \sin(q_3) & \cos(q_3) & 0 & l_3 \sin(q_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -l_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$${}^3\mathbf{T}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$${}^0\mathbf{T}_4 = {}^0\mathbf{T}_1 {}^1\mathbf{T}_2 {}^2\mathbf{T}_3 {}^3\mathbf{T}_4$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(q_3) & 0 & -\sin(q_3) & l_3 \sin(q_3) + q_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & l_4 \\ \sin(q_3) & 0 & \cos(q_3) & -l_3 \cos(q_3) + q_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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## Inverse Kinematics of a 3-DOF-Manipulator

- c) Specify all possible tuples of joint positions for which the end-effector coordinate system  $S_4$  has its origin at the point  $(0.5 \text{ m} \quad 0.35 \text{ m} \quad 1.2 \text{ m})^T$  with respect to  $S_0$  and is rotated in orientation by  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$  rad relative to  $S_0$  about the  $y_0$ -axis, i.e.,  ${}^0\mathbf{R}_4 = \text{rot}(y; -\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad})$ .

$${}^0\mathbf{T}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(q_3) & 0 & -\sin(q_3) & l_3 \sin(q_3) + q_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & l_4 \\ \sin(q_3) & 0 & \cos(q_3) & -l_3 \cos(q_3) + q_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- From  ${}^0\mathbf{R}_4 = \text{rot}(y; -q_3)$  follows  $q_3 = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- With the now known angle  $q_3$ , the lengths  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  can be determined. We obtain

$$r_x = l_3 \sin(q_3) + q_2 \tag{1}$$

$$r_z = -l_3 \cos(q_3) + q_1 \tag{2}$$

- By substituting  $r_x = 0.5 \text{ m}$  and  $r_z = 1.2 \text{ m}$ , the only possible set of parameters is  $(q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3)^T = (1.2 \text{ m} \quad 0.4 \text{ m} \quad \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad})^T$

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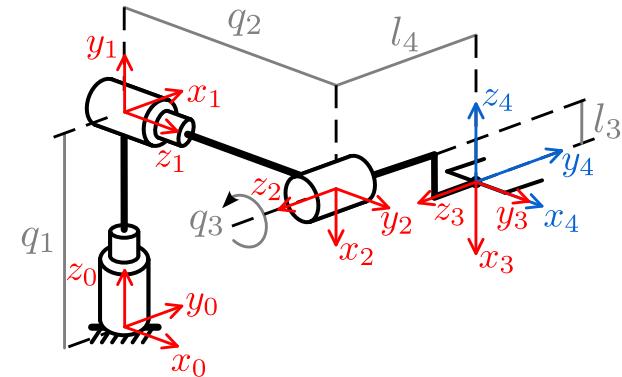
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- d) What are the possible tuples of joint positions if only the origin of the end-effector coordinate system is fixed at  $(0.5 \text{ m} \quad 0.35 \text{ m} \quad 1.2 \text{ m})^T$  with respect to  $S_0$ , but the orientation is arbitrary? No joint angle limits need to be considered.

- Orientation arbitrary  $\Rightarrow q_3$  can be chosen freely
- For a given angle  $q_3$ , the lengths  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  can be calculated as in the previous task with

$$q_1 = r_z + l_3 \cos(q_3)$$

$$q_2 = r_x - l_3 \sin(q_3)$$

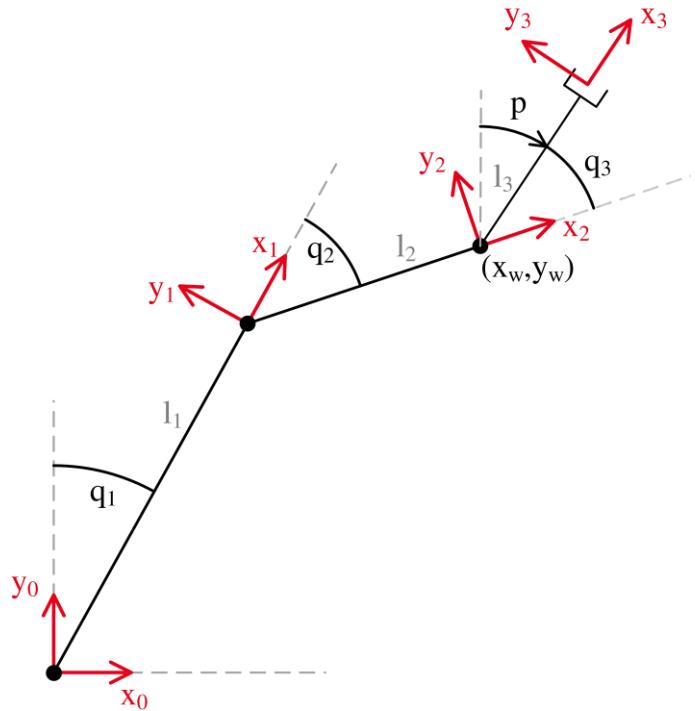


- By substituting  $r_x = 0.5 \text{ m}$  and  $r_z = 1.2 \text{ m}$ , all possible parameter tuples are thus  $(q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3)^T = (1.2 + 0.1 \cos(q_3) \text{ m} \quad 0.5 - 0.1 \sin(q_3) \text{ m} \quad q_3)^T$

# Task 3

## Inverse Kinematics of a 3-DOF-SCARA Manipulator

- Element lengths  $l_1, l_2, l_3$
  - Joint angles  $q_1, q_2, q_3$
  - Positive rotation direction according to  $z_i$ -axis
  - $p = \angle(y_0, 3. \text{ element})$
1. Determine the joint parameters  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  as a function of the position of the third revolute joint  $(x_w, y_w)$ . Provide the solution for both possible elbow positions.
  2. The joint angle  $q_3$  can be calculated using the computed joint angles  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  as well as the given pitch  $p$ .



# Task 3

## Inverse Kinematics of a 3-DOF-SCARA Manipulator

- From  $q_2 = \pi - \gamma$  and the properties of the cosine function it follows

$$\cos(q_2) = \cos(\pi - \gamma) = -\cos(-\gamma) = -\cos(\gamma) \quad (1)$$

- Using  $c^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 - 2l_1l_2 \cos(\gamma)$  and (1) one obtains

$$-\cos(\gamma) = \left( \frac{c^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1l_2} \right) \Rightarrow \cos(q_2) = \left( \frac{c^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1l_2} \right)$$

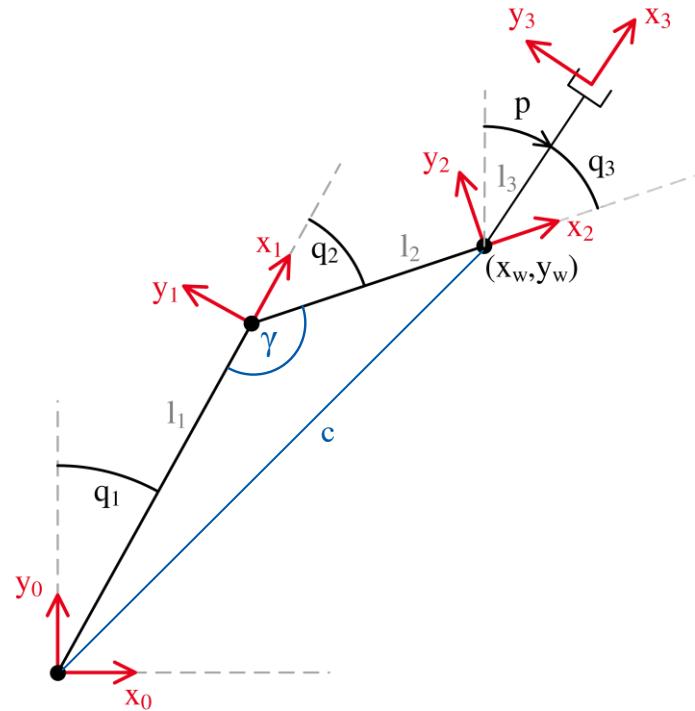
- From  $\sin(x)^2 + \cos(x)^2 = 1$  follows elbow "down"

$$\sin(q_2) = \pm \sqrt{1 - \cos(q_2)^2}$$

elbow "up"

- Finally

$$\Rightarrow q_2 = \text{atan2}(\sin(q_2), \cos(q_2))$$



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## Inverse Kinematics of a 3-DOF-SCARA Manipulator

- By constructing a right-angled triangle,  $\beta$  can be determined

$$\beta = \text{atan2}(l_2 \sin(q_2), l_1 + l_2 \cos(q_2))$$

- With  $\phi = \text{atan2}(y_w, x_w)$  one obtains

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = \phi - \beta - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

- By using the relation (note positive rotation direction)

$$-p = q_1 + q_2 + q_3 ,$$

the angle of joint 3 can be determined

$$\Rightarrow q_3 = -p - q_1 - q_2$$

