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# Robot Modeling & Control **ME331**

## Section 7: Kinematics VI

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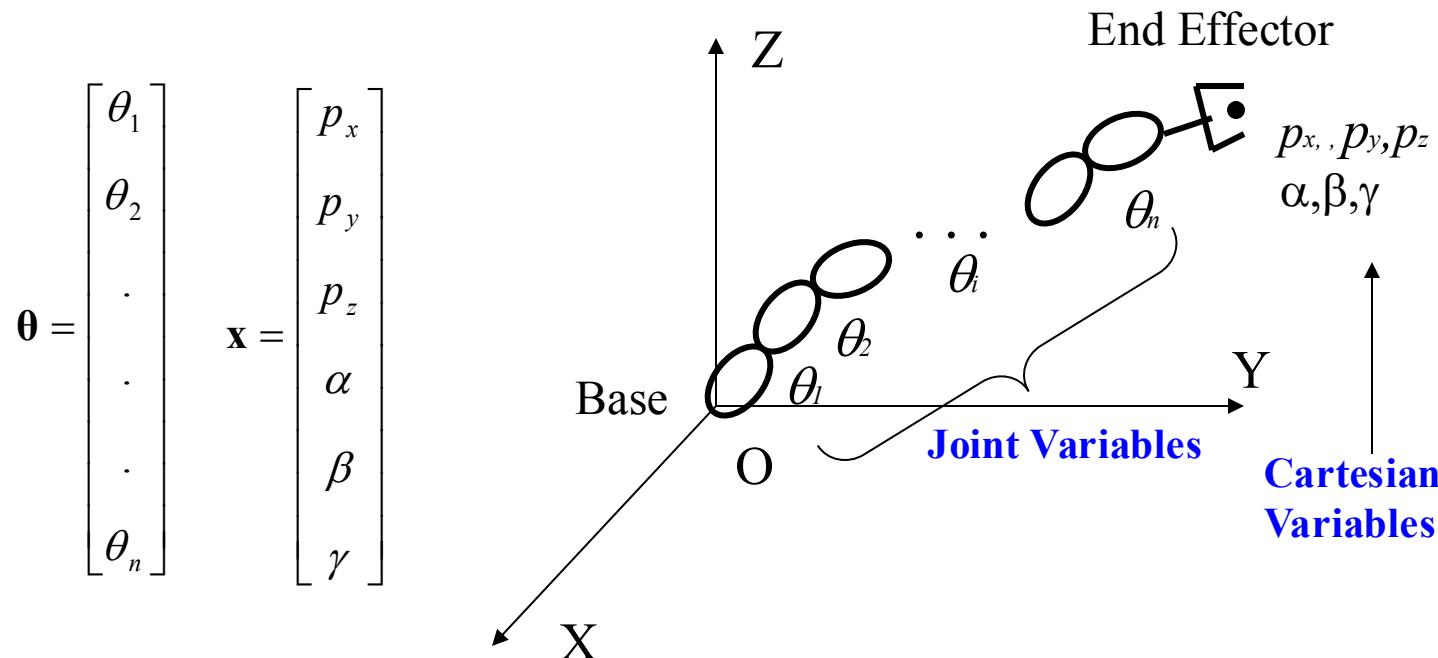
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# Inverse Kinematics

Given the position and orientation of the end-effector, find the joint variables that achieve such configuration.



(Joint)  $\theta$   $\xleftarrow{\hspace{10em}}$  x (Cartesian)  
Inverse Kinematics

# Inverse Kinematics

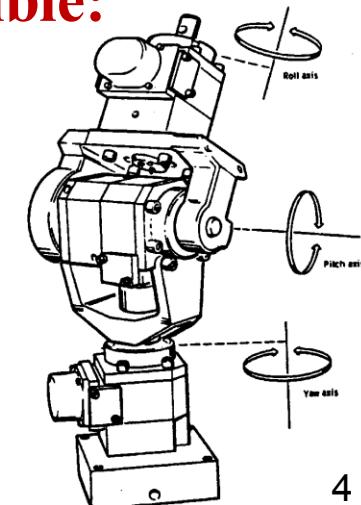
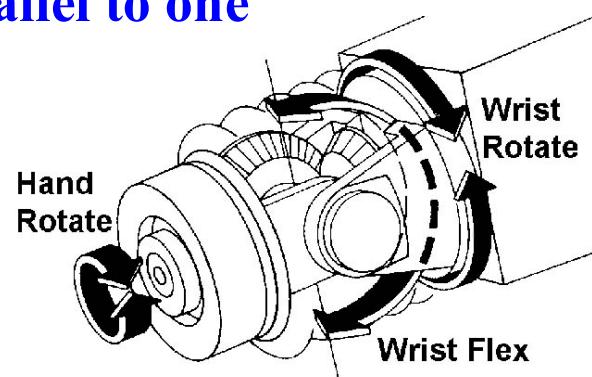
## • Transformation Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} n_x & s_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & s_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & s_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = T_0^1 T_1^2 T_2^3 T_3^4 T_4^5 T_5^6 = T(\theta) \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 \\ \theta_5 \\ \theta_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

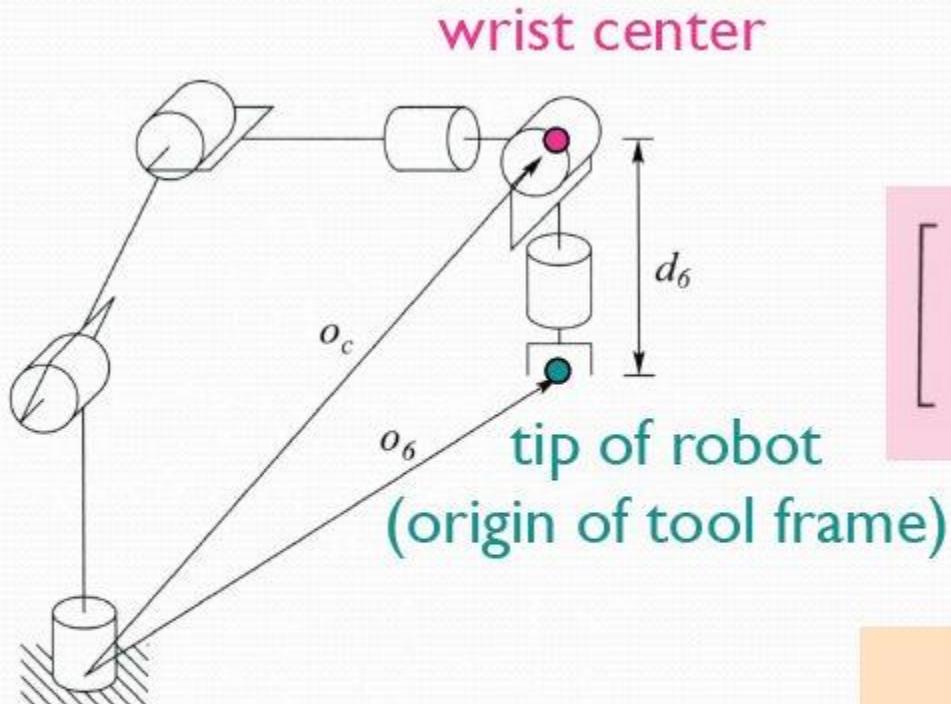
Special cases make the closed-form arm solution possible:

1. Three adjacent joint axes intersecting
2. Three adjacent joint axes parallel to one



# Inverse Kinematics

## Kinematic Decoupling



$$o = o_c^0 + d_6 R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} o_x - d_6 r_{13} \\ o_y - d_6 r_{23} \\ o_z - d_6 r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

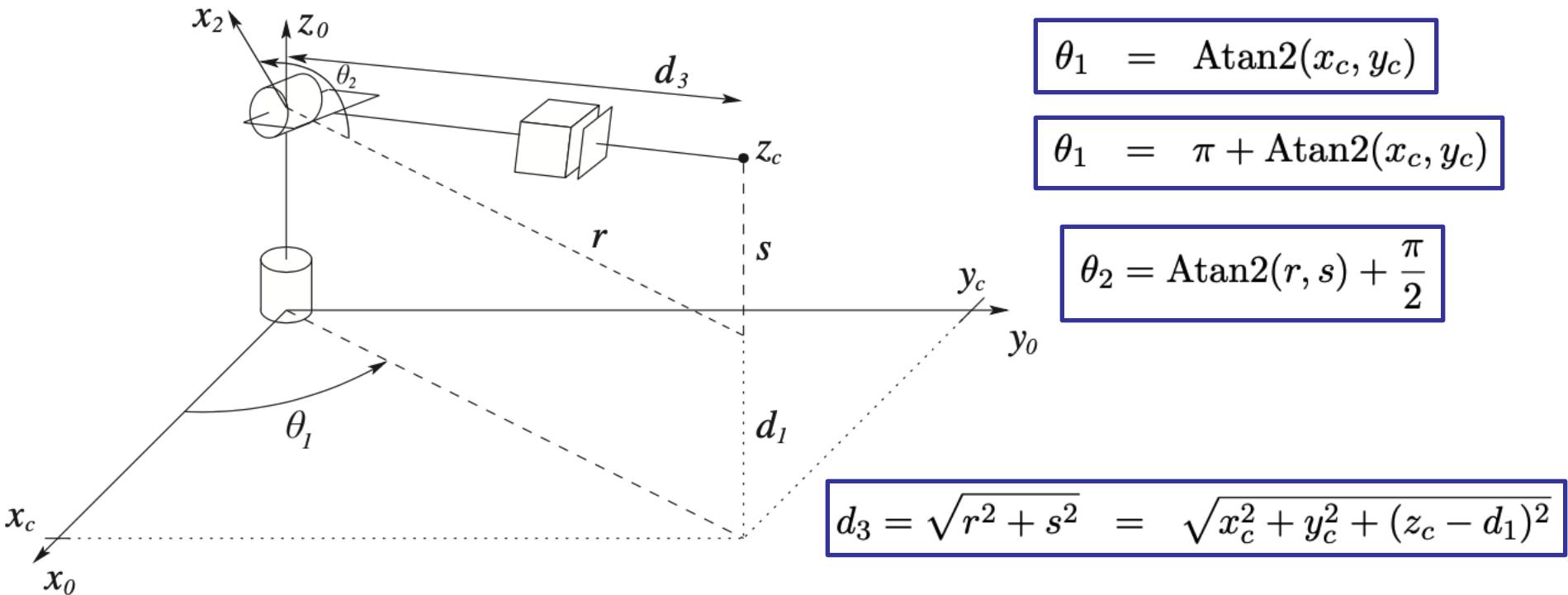
position

$$R = R_3^0 R_6^3$$
$$R_6^3 = (R_3^0)^{-1} R = (R_3^0)^T R$$

orientation

# Inverse Position

## A Geometric Approach



- The general idea of the geometric approach is to solve for joint variable  $\theta_i$  by projecting the manipulator onto the  $x_{i-1} - y_{i-1}$  plane and solving a simple trigonometry problem.
- For example, to solve for  $\theta_1$ , we project the arm onto the  $x_0 - y_0$  plane and use trigonometry to find  $\theta_1$ .

# Inverse Orientation

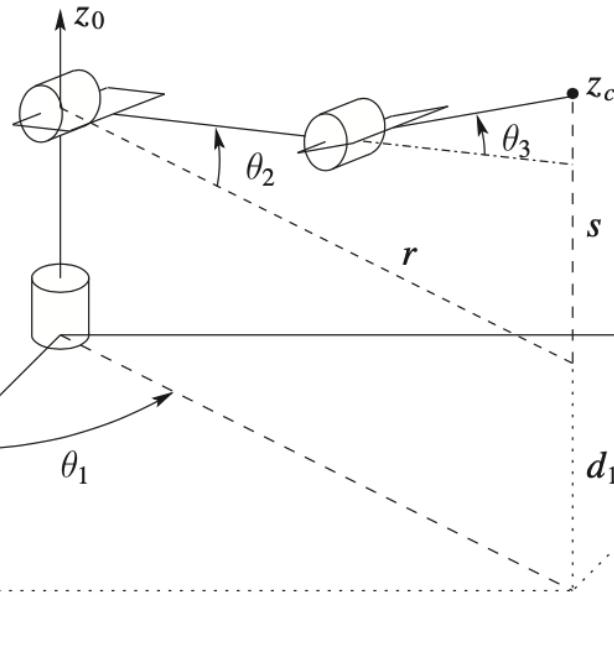
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- The inverse orientation problem is to find the values of the final three joint variables corresponding to a given orientation with respect to the frame  $o_3x_3y_3z_3$ .
- For a spherical wrist, this can be interpreted as the problem of finding a set of Euler angles corresponding to a given rotation matrix  $R$ .
- The rotation matrix obtained for the spherical wrist has the same form as the rotation matrix for the Euler transformation. Therefore, we can use the previous method to solve for the three joint angles of the spherical wrist.

$$\theta_4 = \varphi, \theta_5 = \theta, \theta_6 = \psi$$

# Inverse Orientation

## Example: Articulated Manipulator with Spherical Wrist



Link	$a_i$	$\alpha_i$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$
1	0	90	$d_1$	$\theta_1$
2	$a_2$	0	0	$\theta_2$
3	$a_3$	0	0	$\theta_3$

$$R_6^3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_{23} & -c_1 s_{23} & s_1 \\ s_1 c_{23} & -s_1 s_{23} & -c_1 \\ s_{23} & c_{23} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_6^3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6 & -c_4 c_5 s_6 - s_4 c_6 & c_4 s_5 \\ s_4 c_5 c_6 + c_4 s_6 & -s_4 c_5 s_6 + c_4 c_6 & s_4 s_5 \\ -s_5 c_6 & s_5 s_6 & c_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The equation to be solved for the final three variables is therefore  $R_6^3 = (R_3^0)^T R$

The three equations given by the third column in the above matrix equation are

$$c_4 s_5 = c_1 c_{23} r_{13} + s_1 c_{23} r_{23} + s_{23} r_{33} \quad \theta_5 = \text{Atan2}\left(s_1 r_{13} - c_1 r_{23}, \pm \sqrt{1 - (s_1 r_{13} - c_1 r_{23})^2}\right)$$

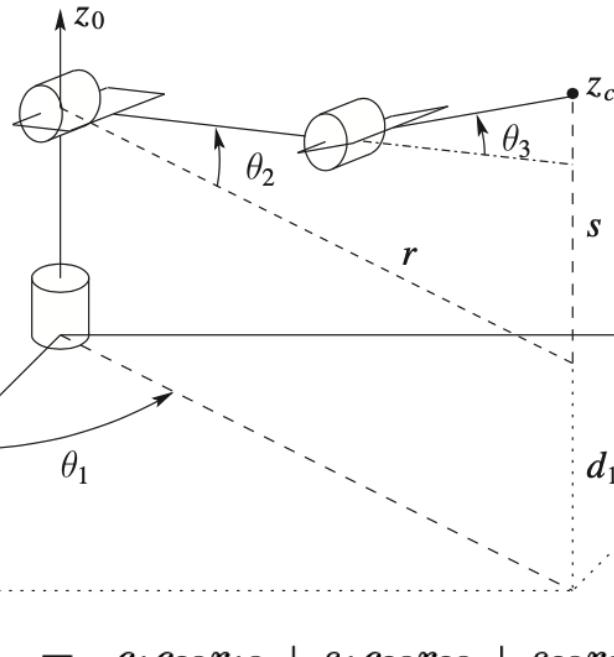
$$s_4 s_5 = -c_1 s_{23} r_{13} - s_1 s_{23} r_{23} + c_{23} r_{33} \quad \theta_4 = \text{Atan2}(c_1 c_{23} r_{13} + s_1 c_{23} r_{23} + s_{23} r_{33},$$

$$c_5 = s_1 r_{13} - c_1 r_{23} \quad -c_1 s_{23} r_{13} - s_1 s_{23} r_{23} + c_{23} r_{33})$$

$$\theta_6 = \text{Atan2}(-s_1 r_{11} + c_1 r_{21}, s_1 r_{12} - c_1 r_{22})$$

# Inverse Orientation

## Example: Articulated Manipulator with Spherical Wrist



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$$R_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_{23} & -c_1 s_{23} & s_1 \\ s_1 c_{23} & -s_1 s_{23} & -c_1 \\ s_{23} & c_{23} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_6^3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6 & -c_4 c_5 s_6 - s_4 c_6 & c_4 s_5 \\ s_4 c_5 c_6 + c_4 s_6 & -s_4 c_5 s_6 + c_4 c_6 & s_4 s_5 \\ -s_5 c_6 & s_5 s_6 & c_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_4 s_5 = c_1 c_{23} r_{13} + s_1 c_{23} r_{23} + s_{23} r_{33}$$

$$s_4 s_5 = -c_1 s_{23} r_{13} - s_1 s_{23} r_{23} + c_{23} r_{33}$$

$$c_5 = s_1 r_{13} - c_1 r_{23}$$

$$\theta_4 = \text{Atan2}(c_1 c_{23} r_{13} + s_1 c_{23} r_{23} + s_{23} r_{33}, -c_1 s_{23} r_{13} - s_1 s_{23} r_{23} + c_{23} r_{33})$$

- If  $s_5 = 0$ , then joint axes  $z_3$  and  $z_5$  are collinear.
- This is a singular configuration and only the sum  $\theta_4 + \theta_6$  can be determined.
- One solution is to choose  $\theta_4$  arbitrarily and then determine  $\theta_6$ .

# Inverse Orientation

## Example: Complete Solution

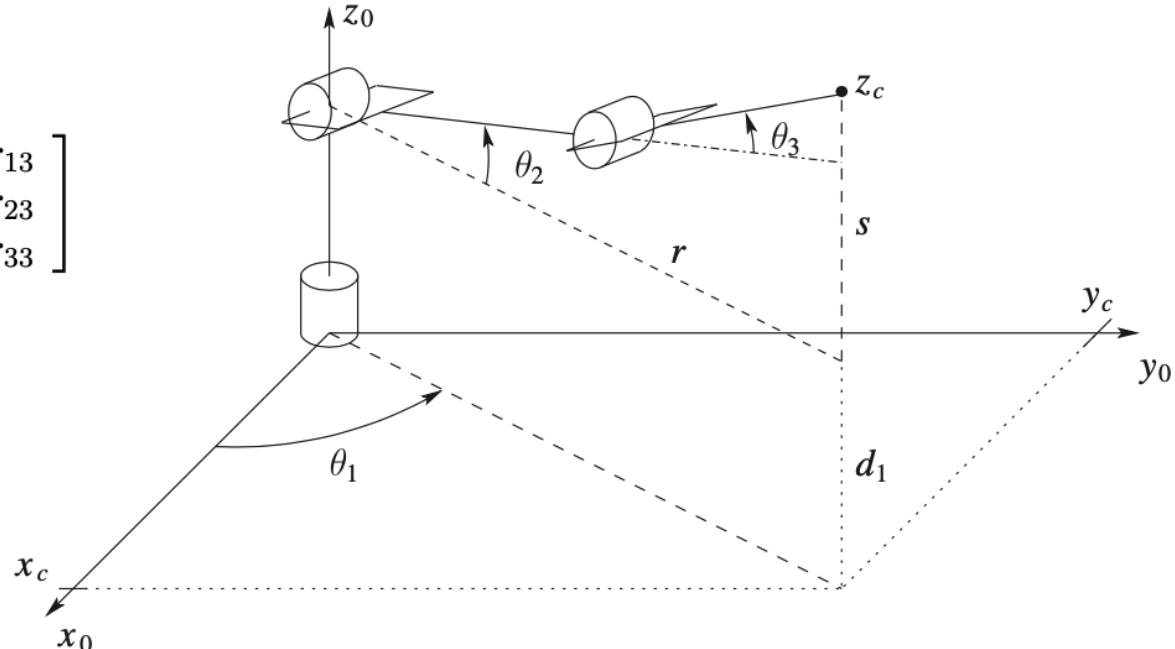
To summarize the geometric approach for solving the inverse kinematics equations, we give here one solution to the inverse kinematics of the six DOF elbow manipulator.

Given

$$o = \begin{bmatrix} o_x \\ o_y \\ o_z \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

then with

$$\begin{aligned} x_c &= o_x - d_6 r_{13} \\ y_c &= o_y - d_6 r_{23} \\ z_c &= o_z - d_6 r_{33} \end{aligned}$$



$$\theta_1 = \text{Atan2}(x_c, y_c)$$

$$\theta_2 = \text{Atan2} \left( \sqrt{x_c^2 + y_c^2 - d^2}, z_c - d_1 \right) - \text{Atan2}(a_2 + a_3 c_3, a_3 s_3)$$

$$\theta_3 = \text{Atan2} \left( D, \pm \sqrt{1 - D^2} \right),$$

$$\text{with } D = \frac{x_c^2 + y_c^2 - d^2 + (z_c - d_1)^2 - a_2^2 - a_3^2}{2a_2 a_3}$$

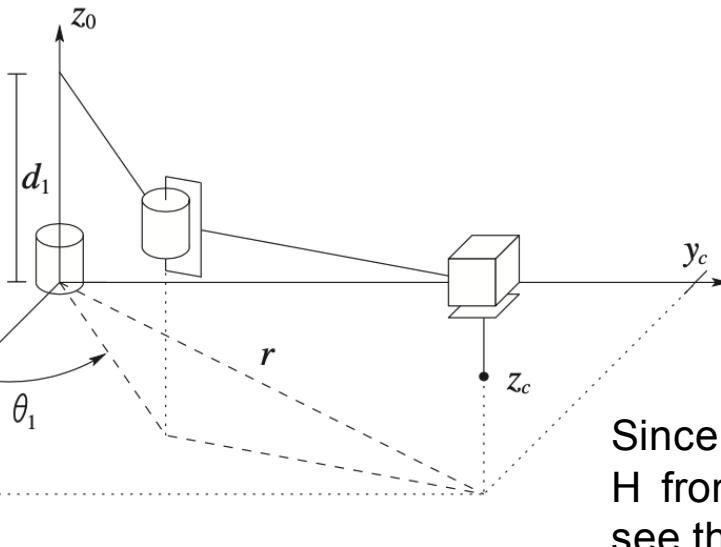
$$\theta_4 = \text{Atan2}(c_1 c_{23} r_{13} + s_1 c_{23} r_{23} + s_{23} r_{33}, -c_1 s_{23} r_{13} - s_1 s_{23} r_{23} + c_{23} r_{33})$$

$$\theta_5 = \text{Atan2} \left( s_1 r_{13} - c_1 r_{23}, \pm \sqrt{1 - (s_1 r_{13} - c_1 r_{23})^2} \right)$$

$$\theta_6 = \text{Atan2}(-s_1 r_{11} + c_1 r_{21}, s_1 r_{12} - c_1 r_{22})$$

# Inverse Orientation

## Example: SCARA Manipulator



The inverse kinematics solution is given as the set of solutions of the equation

$$T_4^0 = \begin{bmatrix} R & o \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12}c_4 + s_{12}s_4 & s_{12}c_4 - c_{12}s_4 & 0 & a_1c_1 + a_2c_{12} \\ s_{12}c_4 - c_{12}s_4 & -c_{12}c_4 - s_{12}s_4 & 0 & a_1s_1 + a_2s_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -d_3 - d_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the SCARA has only four DOF, not every possible  $H$  from  $SE(3)$  allows a solution. In fact we can easily see that there is no solution unless  $R$  is of the form

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha & s_\alpha & 0 \\ s_\alpha & -c_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

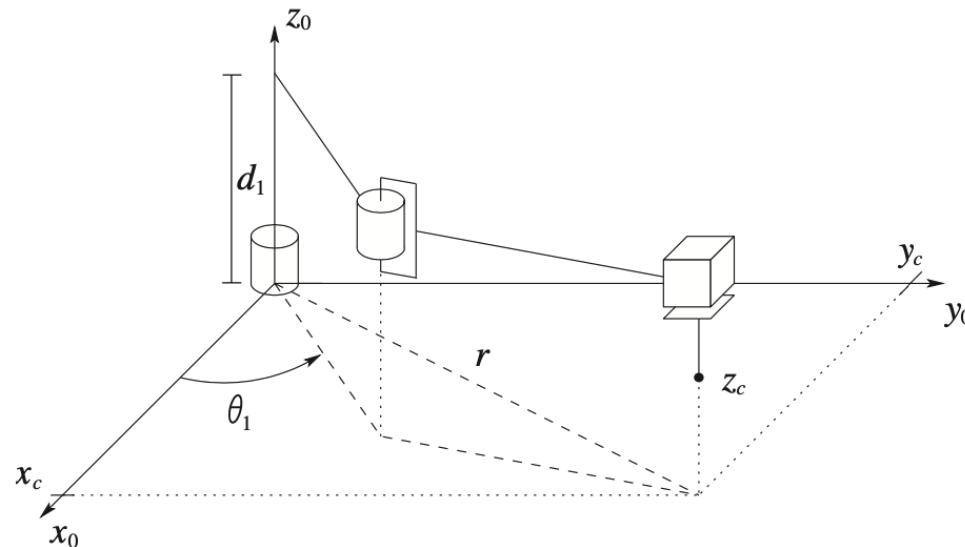
The sum  $\theta_1 + \theta_2 - \theta_4$  is determined by  $\theta_1 + \theta_2 - \theta_4 = \alpha = \text{Atan2}(r_{11}, r_{12})$

Projecting the manipulator configuration onto the  $x_0 - y_0$  plane yields the geometry shown in the above figure. Using the law of cosines

$$c_2 = \frac{o_x^2 + o_y^2 - a_1^2 - a_2^2}{2a_1a_2} \rightarrow \theta_2 = \text{Atan2}\left(c_2, \pm\sqrt{1 - c_2^2}\right)$$

# Inverse Orientation

## Example: SCARA Manipulator



$$\theta_2 = \text{Atan2}\left(c_2, \pm\sqrt{1 - c_2^2}\right)$$

The sum  $\theta_1 + \theta_2 - \theta_4$  is determined by

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 - \theta_4 = \alpha = \text{Atan2}(r_{11}, r_{12})$$

The value for  $\theta_1$  is then obtained as  $\theta_1 = \text{Atan2}(o_x, o_y) - \text{Atan2}(a_1 + a_2 c_2, a_2 s_2)$

We may now determine  $\theta_4$  from the sum equation as

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_4 &= \theta_1 + \theta_2 - \alpha \\ &= \theta_1 + \theta_2 - \text{Atan2}(r_{11}, r_{12})\end{aligned}$$

Finally  $d_3$  is given as  $d_3 = d_1 - o_z - d_4$

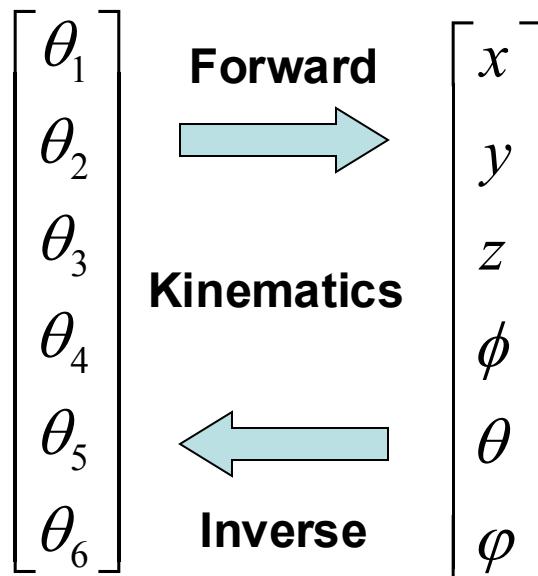
# Jacobian Matrix

Joint space

Task space

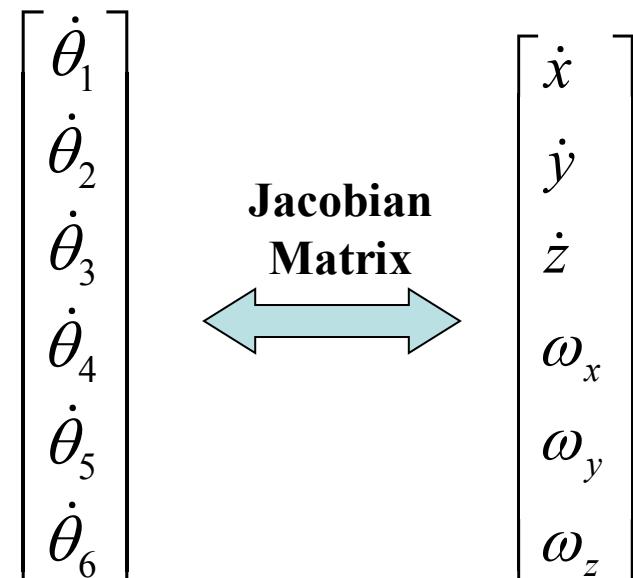
Joint velocity  
space

Task velocity  
space



Joint Space

Task Space

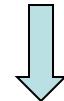


Jacobian Matrix: Relationship between joint space velocity with task space velocity

# Jacobian Matrix

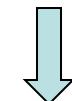
## Forward kinematics

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \phi \\ \theta \\ \varphi \end{bmatrix} = h \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ q_4 \\ q_5 \\ q_6 \end{pmatrix}_{6 \times 1} \begin{bmatrix} h_1(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_6) \\ h_2(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_6) \\ h_3(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_6) \\ h_4(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_6) \\ h_5(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_6) \\ h_6(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_6) \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times 1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y_{6 \times 1} = h(q_{n \times 1})$$

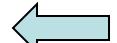


$$\dot{Y}_{6 \times 1} = \frac{d}{dt} h(q_{n \times 1}) = \frac{dh(q)}{dq} \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{dh(q)}{dq} \dot{q}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \frac{dh(q)}{dq} \right]_{6 \times n} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$



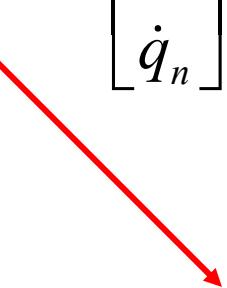
$$J = \frac{dh(q)}{dq}$$



$$\dot{Y}_{6 \times 1} = J_{6 \times n} \dot{q}_{n \times 1}$$

# Jacobian Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dh(q)}{dq} \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times n} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$



**Jacobian is a function  
of  $q$ , it is not a constant!**

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dh(q)}{dq} \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial q_n} \\ \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial q_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial h_6}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial h_6}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial h_6}{\partial q_n} \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times n}$$

# Jacobian Matrix

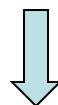
## Forward Kinematics

$$T_0^6 = \begin{bmatrix} n & s & a & p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$$

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1(q) \\ h_2(q) \\ h_3(q) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\{n, s, a\} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \phi(q) \\ \theta(q) \\ \psi(q) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_4(q) \\ h_5(q) \\ h_6(q) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y_{6 \times 1} = h(q) = \begin{bmatrix} h_1(q) \\ h_2(q) \\ \vdots \\ h_6(q) \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\dot{Y}_{6 \times 1} = J_{6 \times n} \dot{q}_{n \times 1}$$

$$\dot{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V \\ \Omega \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear velocity

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Angular velocity

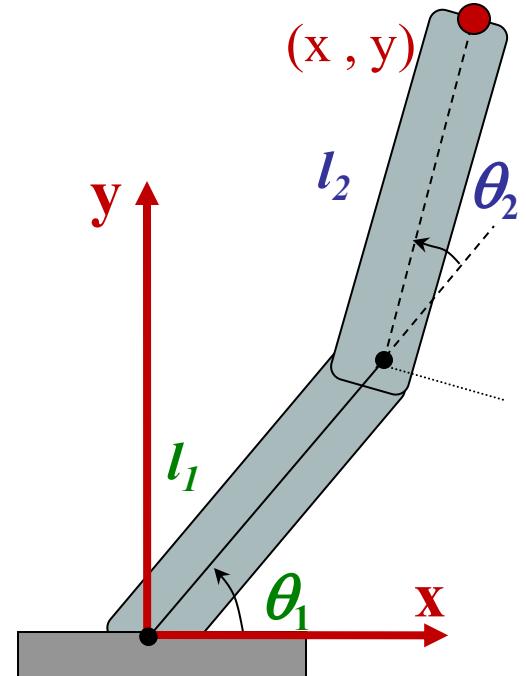
# Example

- **2-DOF planar robot arm**
  - Given  $l_1, l_2$ , Find: Jacobian

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 \cos \theta_1 + l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ l_1 \sin \theta_1 + l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1(\theta_1, \theta_2) \\ h_2(\theta_1, \theta_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = J \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial \theta_2} \\ \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial \theta_1} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial \theta_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 \sin \theta_1 - l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -l_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ l_1 \cos \theta_1 + l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{bmatrix}$$



# Jacobian Matrix

- **Physical Interpretation**

$$\dot{Y} = J\dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & J_{12} & \cdots & J_{16} \\ J_{21} & J_{22} & \cdots & J_{26} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ J_{61} & J_{62} & \cdots & J_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \dot{q}_3 \\ \dot{q}_4 \\ \dot{q}_5 \\ \dot{q}_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{11}\dot{q}_1 + J_{12}\dot{q}_2 + \cdots + J_{16}\dot{q}_6 \\ J_{21}\dot{q}_1 + J_{22}\dot{q}_2 + \cdots + J_{26}\dot{q}_6 \\ J_{31}\dot{q}_1 + J_{32}\dot{q}_2 + \cdots + J_{36}\dot{q}_6 \\ J_{41}\dot{q}_1 + J_{42}\dot{q}_2 + \cdots + J_{46}\dot{q}_6 \\ J_{51}\dot{q}_1 + J_{52}\dot{q}_2 + \cdots + J_{56}\dot{q}_6 \\ J_{61}\dot{q}_1 + J_{62}\dot{q}_2 + \cdots + J_{66}\dot{q}_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

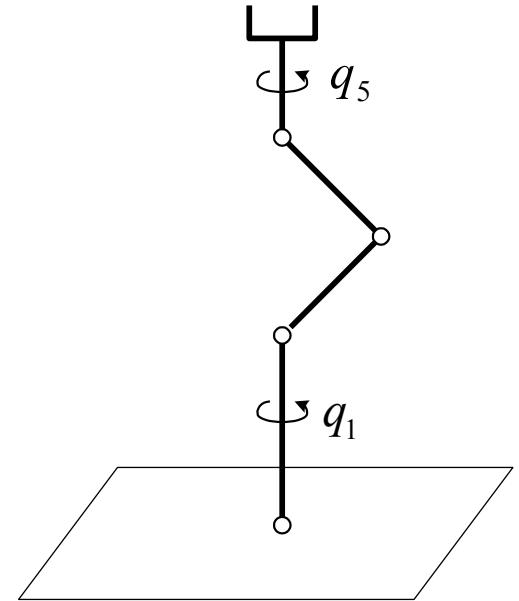
How each individual joint space velocity contribute to task space velocity.

# Jacobian Matrix

- **Inverse Jacobian**

$$\dot{Y} = J\dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & J_{12} & \cdots & J_{16} \\ J_{21} & J_{22} & \cdots & J_{26} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ J_{61} & J_{62} & \cdots & J_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \dot{q}_3 \\ \dot{q}_4 \\ \dot{q}_5 \\ \dot{q}_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{q} = J^{-1}\dot{Y}$$



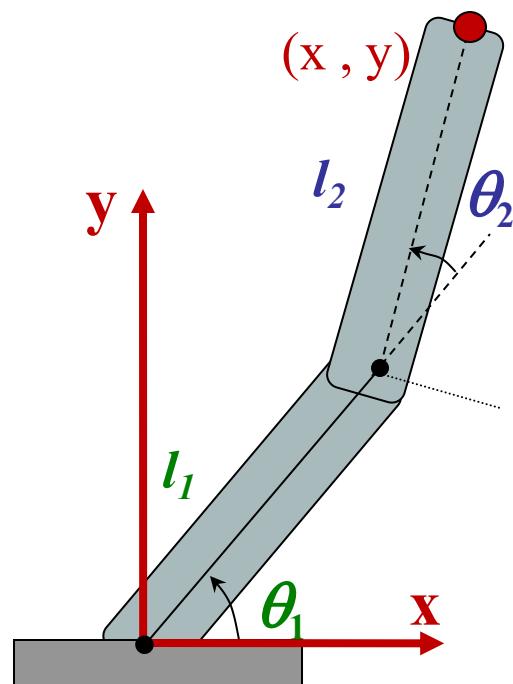
- **Singularity**

- $\text{rank}(J) < \min\{6,n\}$ , Jacobian Matrix is less than full rank
- Jacobian is non-invertable
- **Boundary Singularities**: occur when the tool tip is on the surface of the work envelop.
- **Interior Singularities**: occur inside the work envelope when two or more of the axes of the robot form a straight line, i.e., collinear

# Exercise

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- Find the singularity configuration of the 2-DOF planar robot arm



# Jacobian Matrix

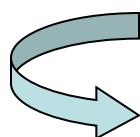
## Pseudoinverse (伪逆)

- Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, and let  $A^+$  be the pseudoinverse of  $A$ . If  $A$  is of full rank, then  $A^+$  can be computed as:

$$A^+ = \begin{cases} A^T [AA^T]^{-1} & m \leq n \\ A^{-1} & m = n \\ [A^T A]^{-1} A^T & m \geq n \end{cases}$$

- Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x = A^+ b = 1/9 [-5, 13, 16]^T$$

$$A^+ = A^T [AA^T]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -5 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Velocity Kinematics

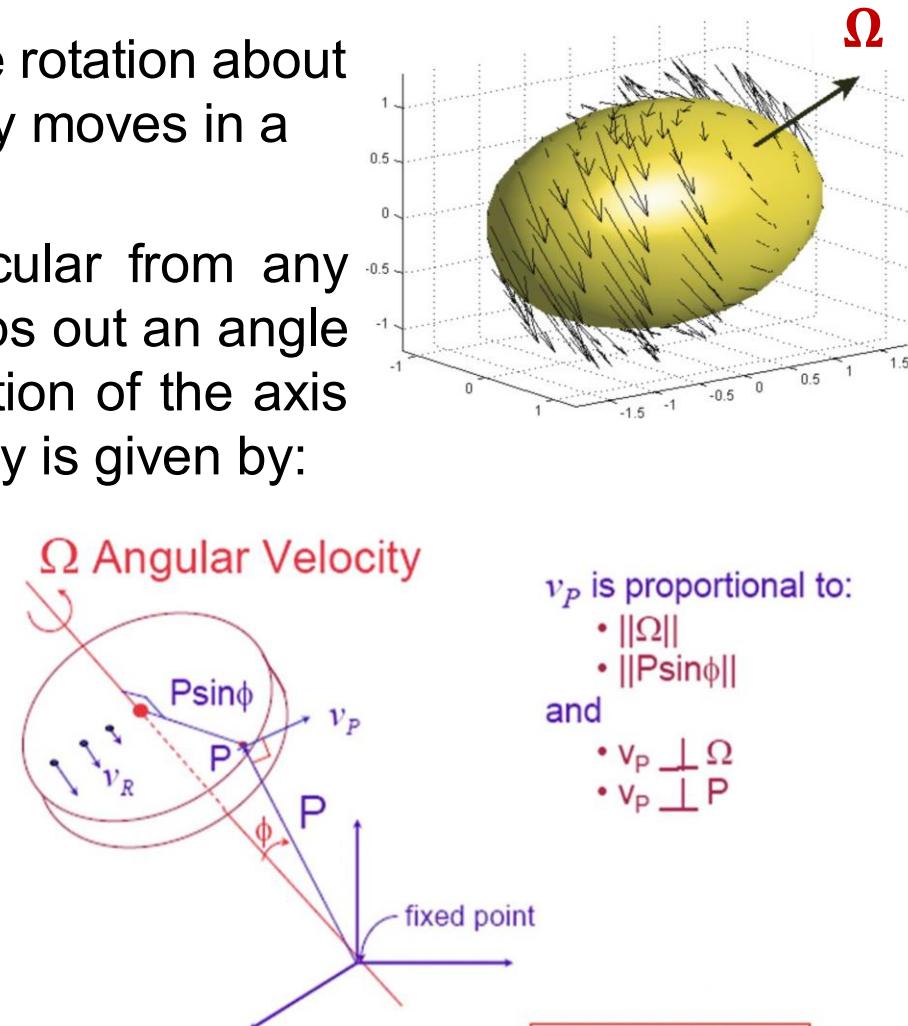
## Angular Velocity: The Fixed Axis Case

- When a rigid body moves in a pure rotation about a fixed axis, every point of the body moves in a circle.
- As the body rotates, a perpendicular from any point of the body to the axis sweeps out an angle  $\theta$ . If  $\mathbf{k}$  is a unit vector in the direction of the axis of rotation, then the angular velocity is given by:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \dot{\theta} \mathbf{k}$$

- Given the angular velocity of the body, the linear velocity of any point on the body is given by the cross product  $\mathbf{v}_P$ :

$$\mathbf{v}_P = \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{P}$$



# Velocity Kinematics

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## Skew-Symmetric Matrices

A  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  is **skew symmetric** (反对称) , if and only if  
$$\mathbf{S}^T + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{0}$$

If  $\mathbf{S} \in so(3)$  has components  $s_{ij}$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ ) , then the above equation is equivalent to the nine equations :

$$s_{ij} + s_{ji} = 0 \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$$

Therefore,

- the diagonal terms of  $\mathbf{S}$  are zero:  $s_{ii} = 0$ ;
- the off-diagonal terms  $s_{ij}$  ( $i \neq j$ ) satisfy  $s_{ij} = -s_{ji}$ .

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -s_3 & s_2 \\ s_3 & 0 & -s_1 \\ -s_2 & s_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Velocity Kinematics

## Skew-Symmetric Matrices

If  $a = (a_x, a_y, a_z)^T$  is a 3-vector, we define the skew symmetric  $S(a)$  as:

$$S(a) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_z & a_y \\ a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & a_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example:** Define the the skew symmetric matrices with

$$\mathbf{i} = [1 \ 0 \ 0]^T, \ \mathbf{j} = [0 \ 1 \ 0]^T, \ \mathbf{k} = [0 \ 0 \ 1]^T.$$

$$S(\mathbf{i}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad S(\mathbf{j}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad S(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Velocity Kinematics

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## Properties of Skew-Symmetric Matrices

- Operator  $S$  is linear, that is  $S(\alpha a + \beta b) = \alpha S(a) + \beta S(b)$   
for any vectors  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and scalars  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$
- For any vectors  $a, p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $S(a)p = a \times p$
- For  $R \in SO(3)$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $RS(a)R^T = S(Ra)$

To show this, we use the fact that  $R(a \times b) = Ra \times Rb$ .

It says that if we first rotate the vectors  $a$  and  $b$  using the rotation transformation  $R$  and then form the cross product of the rotated vectors  $Ra$  and  $Rb$ , the result is the same as that obtained by first forming the cross product  $a \times b$  and then rotating to obtain  $R(a \times b)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} RS(a)R^T b &= R(a \times R^T b) \\ &= (Ra) \times (RR^T b) \\ &= (Ra) \times b \\ &= S(Ra)b \end{aligned}$$

# Velocity Kinematics

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## Properties of Skew-Symmetric Matrices

- For  $R \in SO(3)$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $RS(a)R^T = S(Ra)$

The left-hand side of the equation represents a similarity transformation of the matrix  $S(a)$ . The equation says, therefore, that the matrix representation of  $S(a)$  in a coordinate frame rotated by  $R$  is the same as the skew-symmetric matrix  $S(Ra)$  corresponding to the vector  $a$  rotated by  $R$ .

- For  $n \times n$  Skew-Symmetric Matrix  $S$ , and any vector  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$X^T S X = ?$$

$$X^T S X = 0$$

# Velocity Kinematics

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## The Derivative of a Rotation Matrix

Suppose  $R = R(\theta) \in SO(3)$ . Since  $R$  is orthogonal, it follows

$$R(\theta)R(\theta)^T = I$$

Differentiating both sides of the equation with respect to  $\theta$  using the product rule gives

$$\left[ \frac{d}{d\theta} R \right] R(\theta)^T + R(\theta) \left[ \frac{d}{d\theta} R^T \right] = 0 \quad (*)$$

Define  $S := \left[ \frac{d}{d\theta} R \right] R(\theta)^T$ , then  $S^T = R(\theta) \left[ \frac{d}{d\theta} R^T \right]$

Eqn (\*) indicates  $S$  is skew-symmetric, then:

$$\left[ \frac{d}{d\theta} R \right] = SR(\theta)$$

Computing the derivative of the rotation matrix  $R$  is equivalent to a matrix multiplication by a skew-symmetric matrix  $S$ .

# Velocity Kinematics

## The Derivative of a Rotation Matrix

**Example:** if  $R = R_{x,\theta}$ , find  $\frac{d}{d\theta} R_{x,\theta}$

$$R_{x,\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \left[ \frac{d}{d\theta} R \right] R^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & -\cos \theta \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = S(i)$$

Thus,  $\frac{d}{d\theta} R_{x,\theta} = S(i) R_{x,\theta}$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} R_{k,\theta} = S(k) R_{k,\theta}$$

# Summary

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## Inverse Kinematics

- Inverse Orientation

## Jacobian Matrix

- Definition
- Calculation (derivative method)

## Angular Velocity: The Fixed Axis Case

## Skew Symmetric Matrix

# Homework 7

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