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Coursework: Serial and Parallel Robot Kinematics

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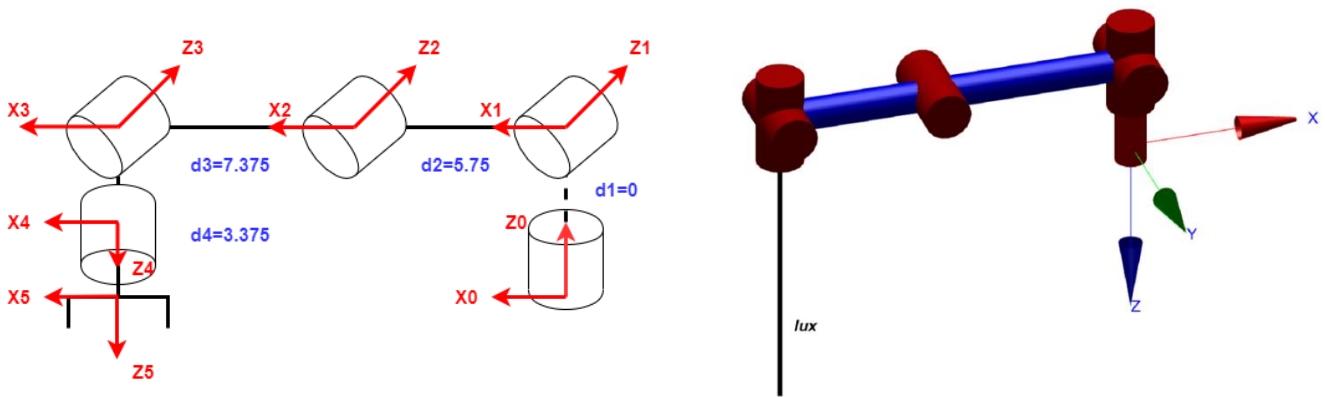
PART I:

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1.1 FK and IK for the Lynxmotion arm.

1.1.1 Forward Kinematics

From the lecture note and the observation of the Lynxmotion arm. The arm could simplify to the graph as shown below:



Graph 1: structure view of the Lynxmotion arm

The Denavit-Hartenberg parameters for the kinematic scheme presented in Table 1.

N	a_i	α_i	d_n	Θ_i
1	0	90°	d_1	q_1
2	d_2	0	0	q_2
3	d_3	0	0	q_3
4	0	90°	0	q_4
5	0	0	d_4+d_5	q_5

Table 1: Distal Table

1. Link length a_i : offset distance from o_i to the intersection of the z_{i-1} and x_i axes along x_i
2. Link twist α_i : angle about x_i from z_{i-1} axis to the z_i
3. Link offset d_i : distance from o_{i-1} to the intersection of z_{i-1} with x_i along z_{i-1}
4. Joint angle θ_i : angle about z_{i-1} from x_{i-1} to x_i

From the data on the website, the detail length of Lynxmotion arm was:

$$d1 = 0inch$$

$$d2 = 5.75 inch$$

$$d3 = 7.375 inch$$

$$d4 + d5 = 3.375 inch$$

To reduce the complexity of the calculation, we substitute the $d4 + d5$ with $d5$ in the following report.

Besides, there are some ranges of limitation for q .

$$q_1: 0^\circ \sim 180^\circ$$

$$q_2: 0^\circ \sim 150^\circ$$

$$q_3: -150^\circ \sim 0^\circ$$

$$q_4: 0^\circ \sim 180^\circ$$

$$q_5: 0^\circ \sim 180^\circ$$

These parameters could calculate the relative position and orientation of links by using the transition matrixes show below:

$${}^{n-1}_nT = \begin{bmatrix} c_n & -c_{an} \cdot s_n & s_{an} \cdot s_n & a_n \cdot c_n \\ s_n & c_{an} \cdot c_n & -s_{an} \cdot c_n & a_n \cdot s_n \\ 0 & s_{an} & c_{an} & d_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where $c_n = \cos\theta_i$

$$s_n = \sin\theta_i$$

$$c_{an} = \cos\alpha_n$$

$$s_{an} = \sin\alpha_n$$

From the data in table 1:

$${}^0_1T = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & -s_1 & 0 \\ s_1 & 0 & c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$${}^1_2T = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & -s_2 & 0 & d_2 \times c_2 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 & d_2 \times s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$${}^2_3T = \begin{bmatrix} c_3 & -s_3 & 0 & d_3 \times c_3 \\ s_3 & c_3 & 0 & d_3 \times s_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$${}^3_4T = \begin{bmatrix} c_4 & 0 & -s_4 & 0 \\ s_4 & 0 & c_4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$${}^4_5T = \begin{bmatrix} c_5 & -s_5 & 0 & 0 \\ s_5 & c_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

The homogeneous transformation matrix 0_5T can be calculated:

$${}^0_5T = {}^0_1T \times {}^1_2T \times {}^2_3T \times {}^3_4T \times {}^4_5T$$

$${}^0_5T = \begin{bmatrix} c_1c_{234}c_5 + s_1s_5 & -c_1c_{234}s_5 + s_1c_5 & c_1s_{234} & c_1(d_5s_{234} + d_3c_{23} + d_2c_2) \\ c_1c_{234}c_5 - s_1s_5 & -s_1c_{234}s_5 - c_1c_5 & s_1s_{234} & s_1(d_5s_{234} + d_3c_{23} + d_2c_2) \\ -s_{234}c_5 & -s_{234}s_5 & -c_{234} & d_2s_2 + d_3s_{23} - d_4c_{234} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Where $c_{ijk} = \cos(q_i + q_j + q_k)$, and $s_{ijk} = \sin(q_i + q_j + q_k)$.

MATLAB and FK check:

*We wrote our forward kinematic function named FowKi for lynxmotion arm in Matlab, the input is the angle of five joints q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4 and q_5 , and the output is its corresponding transformation matrix T, the form of the equation is $T = \text{FowKi}(q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5)$. For details, please see [FowKi.m](#). Our forward kinematic function FowKi can be checked by comparing with the answer calculated by robotics toolbox, as shown in Table 2. And our forward kinematic function perform well in the following sessions.

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Table 2: FK check

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1.1.2 Workspace of Lynxmotion arm

The method of generating the workspace of lynxmotion arm in Matlab is: Dividing the range of each joint by a specific interval, then go through the range of each joint and generate a series of joint angle sets $q = [q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5]$. Next to calculating forward kinematic of each joint angle set to obtain their transformation matrix. Plotting the last column of the transformation matrix, which is the x, y, z position. For the best display effect, we divide the range of q_1 by $\pi/60$, and q_2, q_3, q_4 by $\pi/15$. We set $q_5=0$ because it doesn't affect the end-effector position. For details see [workspace.m](#)

2D view of workspace:

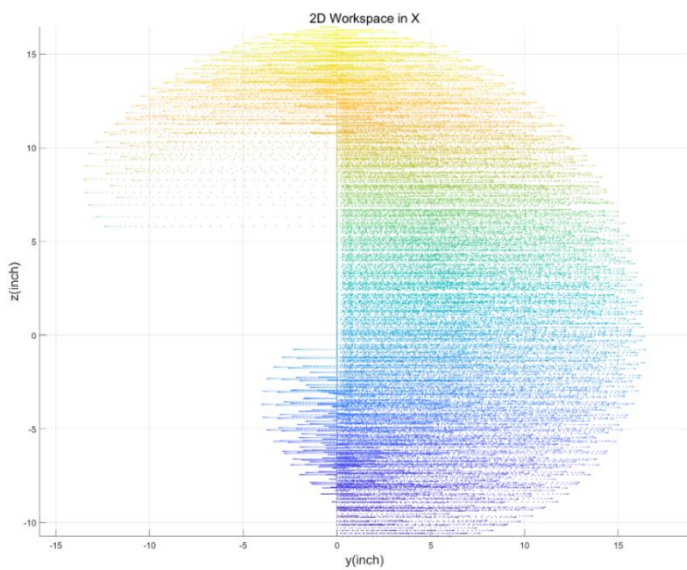


Figure 2: 2D workspace in X.

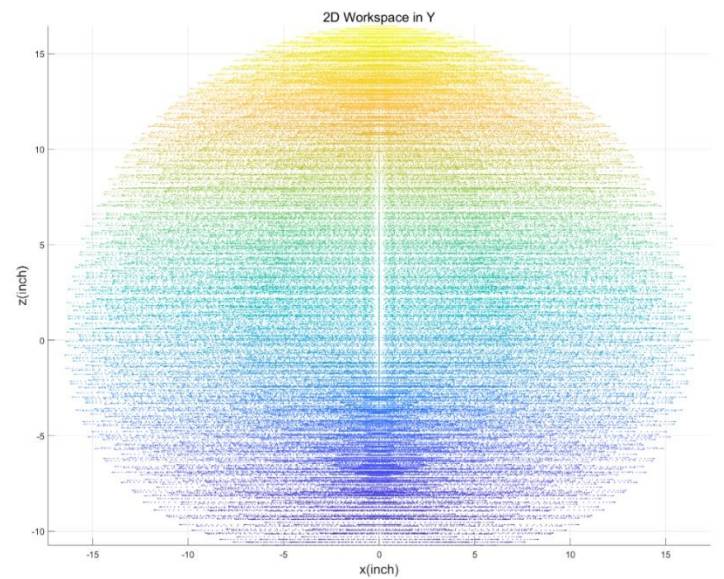


Figure 3: 2D workspace in Y

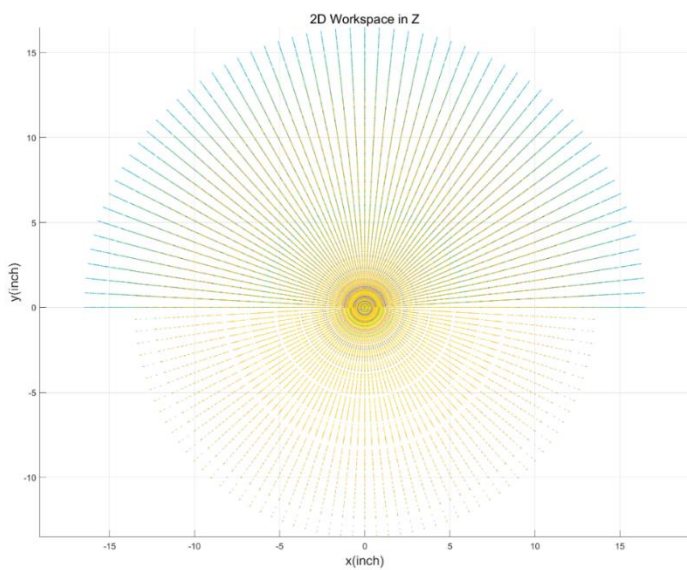


Figure 4: 2D workspace in Z

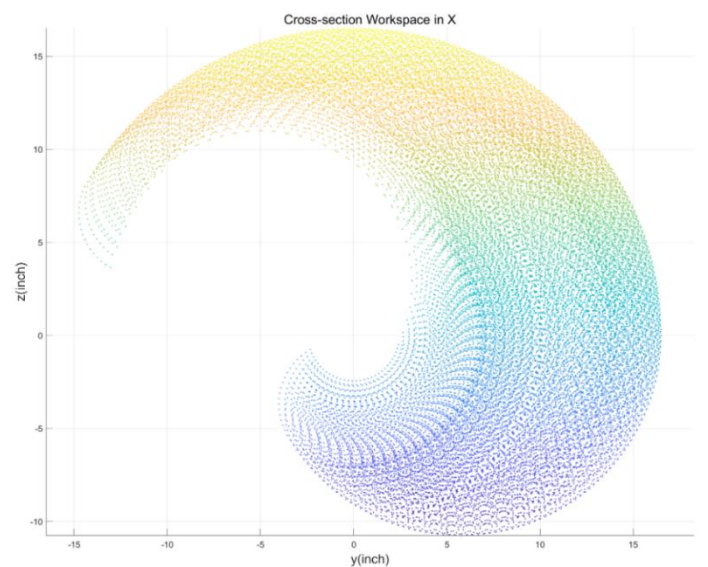


Figure 5: cross-section in X direction

3D view of workspace:

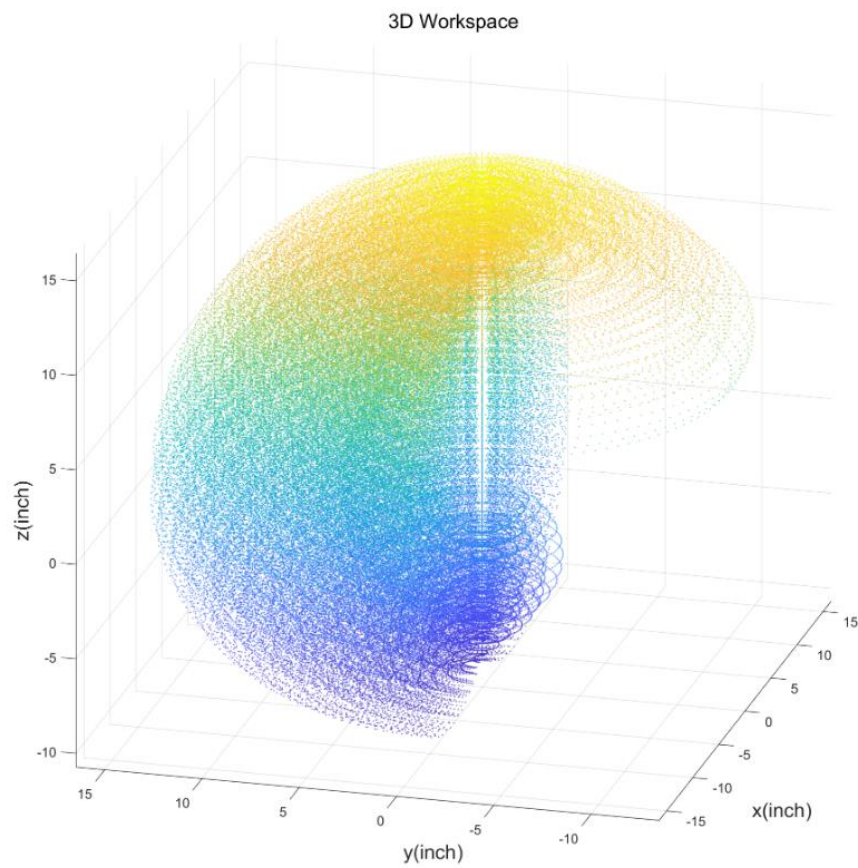


Figure 6: side view of 3D workspace

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1.1.3 Derive the inverse kinematics model for the manipulator (analytical solution).

To calculate the q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4 , and q_5 , set a transition matrix shown below:

$${}^5_0T = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & x_e \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & y_e \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & z_e \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The q_1, q_5 can be calculated according to geometric relationship:

$$q_1 = \text{atan2}(y_e, x_e)$$

Where (y_e, x_e) is the endpoint coordinated of the arm.

But there is a special case that, when the manipulator has a very large elevation angle, it will make the $y_e < 0$, which make the calculation result of q_1 and a π less than it is, so q_1 should be:

$$q_1 = \begin{cases} \text{atan2}(y_e, x_e), & y_e \geq 0 \\ \text{atan2}(y_e, x_e) + \pi, & y_e < 0 \end{cases}$$

q_5 can be calculated by:

$$q_5 = \text{atan2}(o_x p_y - n_y p_x, o_x p_x - o_y p_y)$$

To solve q_2 and q_3 , 4_0T equal to:

$${}^4_0T = {}^5_0T \times {}^5_4T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} n_x c_5 - o_x s_5 & o_x c_5 + n_x s_5 & a_x & x_e - a_x d_4 \\ n_y c_5 - o_y s_5 & o_y c_5 + n_y s_5 & a_y & y_e - a_y d_4 \\ n_z c_5 - o_z s_5 & o_z c_5 + n_z s_5 & a_z & z_e - a_z d_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

And 4_0T also can be expressed as:

$${}^4_0T = {}^0_1T \times {}^1_2T \times {}^2_3T \times {}^3_4T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{234}c_1 & s_1 & s_{234}c_1 & c_1(d_3c_{23} + d_2c_2) \\ c_{234}s_1 & -c_1 & s_{234}s_1 & s_1(d_3c_{23} + d_2c_2) \\ s_{234} & 0 & -c_{234} & d_3s_{23} + d_2c_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

The equation in blue circles should be the same, and we can get:

$$\begin{aligned} x_e - a_x d_4 &= c_1(d_3c_{23} + d_2c_2) \\ y_e - a_y d_4 &= s_1(d_3c_{23} + d_2c_2) \\ z_e - a_z d_4 &= d_3s_{23} + d_2c_2 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} d_3 \cos(q_2 + q_3) &= \frac{x_e - a_x d_4}{\cos q_1} - d_2 \cos q_2 \\ d_3 \sin(q_2 + q_3) &= z_e - a_z d_4 - d_2 \sin q_2 \end{aligned}$$

To reduce the complexity of the equation, we define two intermediate parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_4 &= z_e - a_z d_4 \\ D_4 &= \frac{x_e - a_x d_4}{\cos q_1} \end{aligned}$$

So the equation becomes:

$$d_3 \cos(q_2 + q_3) = D_4 - d_2 \cos q_2 \quad (10)$$

$$d_3 \sin(q_2 + q_3) = Z_4 - d_2 \sin q_2 \quad (11)$$

Firstly for q_2 , use the above equation, $(10)^2 + (11)^2$, we can obtain:

$$d_3^2 = (D_4 - d_2 \cos q_2)^2 + (Z_4 - d_2 \sin q_2)^2$$

Then applying the auxiliary angle method:

$$D_4 \times \cos q_2 + Z_4 \times \sin q_2 = \sqrt{Z_4^2 + D_4^2} \times \sin (q_2 + \text{atan2}(D_4, Z_4))$$

There would be two solutions for q_2 :

$$q_{2(1)} = \arcsin\left(\frac{Z_4^2 + D_4^2 + d_2^2 + d_3^2}{2d_2\sqrt{Z_4^2 + D_4^2}}\right) - \text{atan2}(D_4, Z_4)$$

$$q_{2(2)} = \pi - q_{2(1)}$$

Secondly, to solve q_3 , divide Eqn(11) by Eqn(10):

$$\tan (q_2 + q_3) = \frac{Z_4 - d_2 \sin q_2}{D_4 - d_2 \cos q_2}$$

And q_3 could present as:

$$q_3 = \text{atan2}(Z_4 - d_2 \sin q_2, D_4 - d_2 \cos q_2) - q_2$$

Finally to solve q_4 , 5_1T equal to:

$${}^5_1T = {}^1_0T^{-1} \times {}^5_0T = \begin{bmatrix} n_x c_1 + n_y s_1 & o_x c_1 + o_y s_1 & a_x c_1 + a_y s_1 & x_e c_1 + y_e s_1 \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & z_z \\ n_x s_1 - n_y c_1 & o_x s_1 - o_y c_1 & a_x s_1 - a_y c_1 & x_e s_1 - y_e c_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

And 5_1T also can be expressed as:

$${}^5_1T = {}^1_2T \times {}^2_3T \times {}^3_4T \times {}^5_4T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{234}c_5 & -c_{234}s_5 & s_{234} & d_3c_{23} + d_2c_2 + d_4s_{234} \\ s_{234}c_5 & -s_{234}s_5 & -c_{234} & d_3c_{23} + d_2c_2 - d_4s_{234} \\ s_5 & c_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

The equation in blue circles should be the same, and we can get:

$$c_{234}c_5 = n_x c_1 + n_y s_1 \quad (14)$$

$$s_{234}c_5 = n_z \quad (15)$$

Divide eqn13 by eqn12:

$$\tan_{234} = \frac{n_z}{n_x c_1 + n_y s_1}$$

So q_4 can be obtained as:

$$q_4 = \text{atan2}(n_z, n_x c_1 + n_y s_1) - q_2 - q_3 \quad (16)$$

because there are **two solutions** for q_2 , so there are also two corresponding solutions for q_3 , q_4 and q_5 . But because of the limit range of each joint angle, every position and orientation of lynxmotion arm only have one set of corresponding joints angle, so we need to screen out the correct solution from two sets of joint angle solution, and according to the range of joint angle, the screening condition is: "in a set of solution, if $q_2 < 0$ or $q_3 > 0$, this solution is incorrect, and the other solution is correct. "

MATLAB and FK check:

We wrote our inverse kinematic function named InvKi for lynxmotion arm in Matlab, the input is the transformation matrix and the output is the joints angle q_1 , q_2 , q_3 , q_4 and q_5 . Because q_5 doesn't affect the position of end effector, we let $q_5 = 0$ in our function. For details, please see InvKi.m. and we also write a checking script for our inverse kinematic function InvKi, it will randomly generate a set of q_1 - q_5 , and after the process of forward kinematic and inverse kinematic, check whether the answer is equal to the input q_1 - q_5 . Our function has gone through more than 100000 times of checking and perform well, for details, please see IKRandomCheck.m.

<pre>>> InvKi(FowKi(3, 2, -0.2, 1, 0)) ans = 3.0000 2.0000 -0.2000 1.0000 0 >> InvKi(FowKi(0.2, 2.5, -2, 1, 0)) ans = 0.2000 2.5000 -2.0000 1.0000 0</pre>	<pre>>> InvKi(FowKi(1, 2, -2, 0, 0)) ans = 1 2 -2 0 0 >> InvKi(FowKi(0.2, 0.3, -0.8, 0.23, 0)) ans = 0.2000 0.3000 -0.8000 0.2300 0</pre>
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Table 5: IK check

B. Complete the following:

1.2 Trajectory planning of Lynxmotion arm.

In this part, we will infer the function of free motion and the function of straight-line motion. And every motion between 2 points (both free motion and straight-line motion) will consist of three parts: acceleration part, constant velocity part and deceleration part. After obtaining the function of free motion and straight-line motion, we will operate the manipulator to do a specific task in Matlab.

1.2.1 Linear function with parabolic blends

For the motion with constant velocity (the velocity could be the joint angle velocity, spatial position velocity, etc.), the corresponding path is linear. However, if the motion has more than one segment, at each endpoint, there will be a discontinuity of velocities. To avoid this discontinuity, we must accelerate and decelerate the motion. And we use the parabolic path at the transition parts as figure 7 shown.

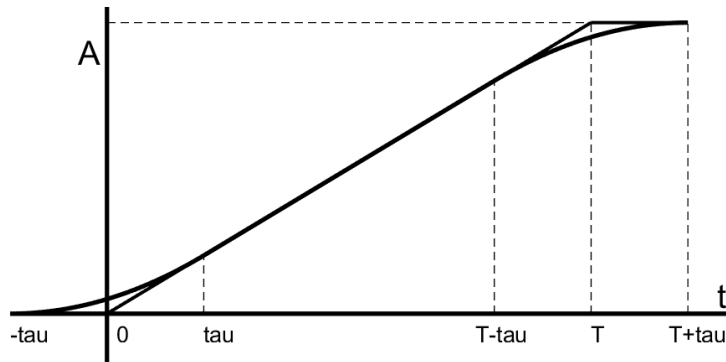


Figure 7: parabolic path at the transition parts

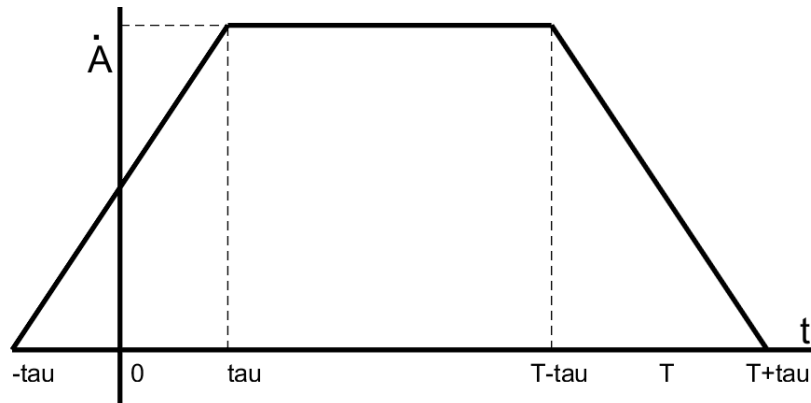


Figure 8: parabolic path velocities at the transition parts

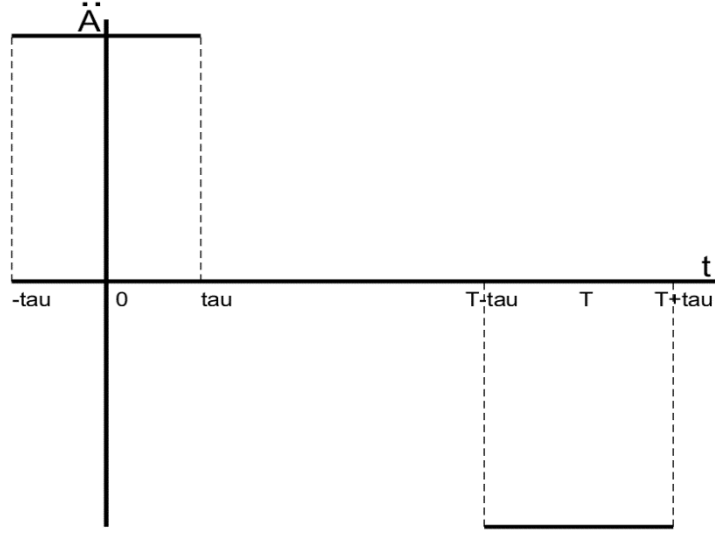


Figure 9: parabolic path acceleration at the transition parts

In a single motion segment between two points, we assume it takes time 2τ to accelerate from zero velocity to the constant velocity and takes 2τ as well to decelerate from constant velocity to zero.

The total time of the motion we assume is $T + 2\tau$.

The path, velocity and acceleration for $-\tau < t < \tau$:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \Delta A \frac{(t + \tau)^2}{4T\tau} \\ \dot{A} &= \Delta A \frac{t + \tau}{2T\tau} \\ \ddot{A} &= \Delta A \frac{1}{2T\tau} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The path, velocity and acceleration for $\tau < t < T - \tau$:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \Delta A \frac{t}{T} \\ \dot{A} &= \Delta A \frac{1}{T} \\ \ddot{A} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

The path, velocity and acceleration for $T - \tau < t < T + \tau$:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \Delta A \frac{t}{T} - \Delta A \frac{(t - T + \tau)^2}{4T\tau} \\ \dot{A} &= \Delta A \frac{1}{T} - \Delta A \frac{t - T + \tau}{2T\tau} \\ \ddot{A} &= -\Delta A \frac{1}{2T\tau} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

In which, A could be the position, joint angle and orientation:

$$A = x, y, z, q1, q2, q3, q4, q5, \theta$$

1.2.2 Free Motion (FMTraj.m)

In free motion, there is no a specific requirement for the shape and path of trajectory, so we choose the easiest way for motors to make the free motion: Make all the joint angles move from the current angles to the target angles with a constant velocity, but at the beginning and the end of the motion we need to accelerate and decelerate respectively, and the acceleration is a constant value.

Applying the linear function with parabolic blends we mentioned above, we can obtain the function of joint angles q with time:

$$q(t) = \begin{cases} qs + (qe - qs) \frac{(t + \tau)^2}{4T\tau} & , -\tau < t < \tau \\ qs + (qe - qs) \frac{t}{T} & , \tau < t < T - \tau \\ qs + (qe - qs) \left(\frac{t}{T} - \frac{(t - T + \tau)^2}{4T\tau} \right) & , T - \tau < t < T + \tau \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

$$q = [q1, q2, q3, q4, q5]$$

In which, the $q(t)$ is the five joint angles vector of the lynxmotion arm at the time t , qs and qe are the vectors of joint angles at the initial point and endpoint of the motion respectively. The acceleration and deceleration time are 2τ , and the total time of motion is $T+2\tau$.

We wrote our free motion function named FMTraj in Matlab. The form is: $[] = \text{FMTraj}(qs, qe, tt, ta)$, the input qs is the vector of initial joint angles, qe is the vector of final joint angles, tt is the total motion time and ta is the acceleration as well as deceleration time. The function will output the animation plot of free motion. Here is an example:

Entering FMTraj ([0,0,0,0,0], [1.2,0.9,-0.68,1,0],3,1) and we can get:

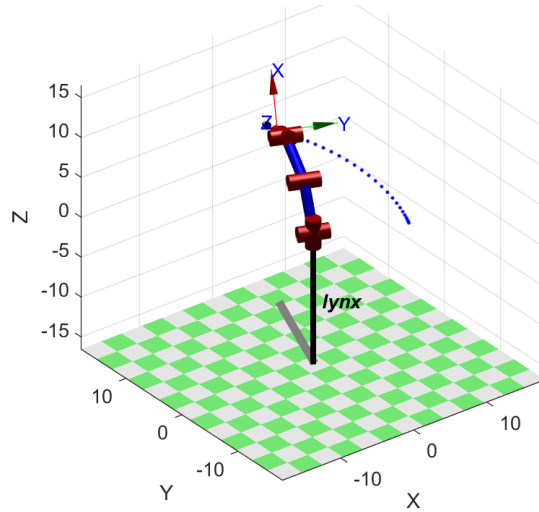


Figure 10: Free motion

And the relationship between joint angle and time (take q_2 as an example):

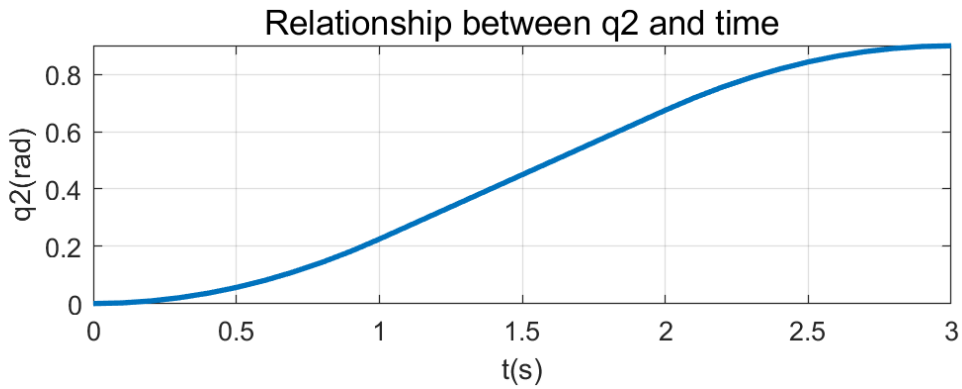


Figure 11: the relationship between q_2 and time

1.2.3 Straight-line Motion (SLTraj.m)

The straight-line motion can generate the shortest path between two points. Unlike the free motion, it is hard to generate the straight-line trajectory by manipulating in joint space directly. So we divided the process of straight-line motion into two parts: position and orientation.

Firstly we inferring the relationship between position and time, the position information is in the first three rows of the last column in the transformation matrix. In this part, the end effector will move from one point to another point with constant spatial velocity (x,y,z velocity) and accelerate at the beginning and decelerate at the end of the motion. Applying the linear function with parabolic blends, we can obtain the function of end effector position (x,y,z) with time as follow:

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} ps + (pe - ps) \frac{(t + \tau)^2}{4T\tau} & , -\tau < t < \tau \\ ps + (pe - ps) \frac{t}{T} & , \tau < t < T - \tau \\ ps + (pe - ps) \left(\frac{t}{T} - \frac{(t - T + \tau)^2}{4T\tau} \right) & , T - \tau < t < T + \tau \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

$$p = [x, y, z]^T$$

In which, the $p(t)$ is the position vector of the end effector at time t , ps and pe are the position vectors at the initial point and endpoint of the motion, respectively. The acceleration and deceleration time are 2τ , and the total time of motion is $T+2\tau$.

Secondly, we were inferring the relationship between orientation and time. The orientation information is in the first three rows and the first three columns of the transformation matrix, which named a rotation matrix. In the motion process, the orientation of the end effector also changes, but we cannot directly interpolate the rotation matrix to control the orientation. But if we transfer the rotation matrix into Euler angles and then transfer into quaternions, which means we use four parameters in quaternions to represent the 3×3 rotation matrix, according to the properties of quaternions, we can interpolate the quaternions to achieve manipulating the orientation. The form of a quaternion is:

$$Q = a + bi + cj + dk$$

We interpolate quaternions also by applying the linear function with parabolic blends, the function of orientation represented by quaternions with time is:

$$Q(t) = \begin{cases} Qs + (Qe - Qs) \frac{(t + \tau)^2}{4T\tau} & , -\tau < t < \tau \\ Qs + (Qe - Qs) \frac{t}{T} & , \tau < t < T - \tau \\ Qs + (Qe - Qs) \left(\frac{t}{T} - \frac{(t - T + \tau)^2}{4T\tau} \right) & , T - \tau < t < T + \tau \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

In which, $Q(t)$ is the orientation of end effector represented by quaternion at time t , Qs and Qe are the quaternion-represented orientation of end effector at the initial point and endpoint of the motion respectively.

So the whole process of generating the straight-line trajectory can be shown as:

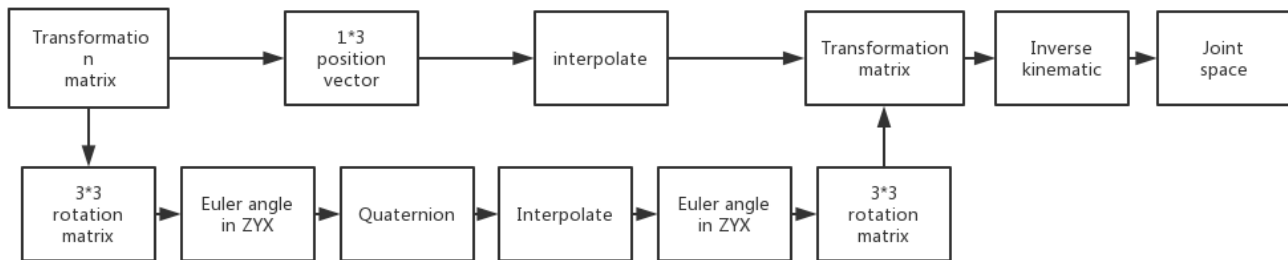


Figure 12: Flow chart of the straight-line motion

We wrote our straight-line motion function named SLTraj in Matlab, the form is: $[] = \text{SLTraj}(T_s, T_e, t_t, t_a)$, the input T_s is the transformation matrix of initial posture, T_e is the transformation matrix of final posture, t_t is the total motion time and t_a is the acceleration as well as deceleration time. The function will output the animation plot of straight-line motion. Here is an example: Letting $T_s = \text{FowKi}(2\pi/3, 0, 0, 0, 0)$, $T_e = \text{FowKi}(75\pi/180, \pi/6, -\pi/6, 0, 0)$, and then enter $\text{SLtraj}(T_s, T_e, 5, 2)$, we can get:

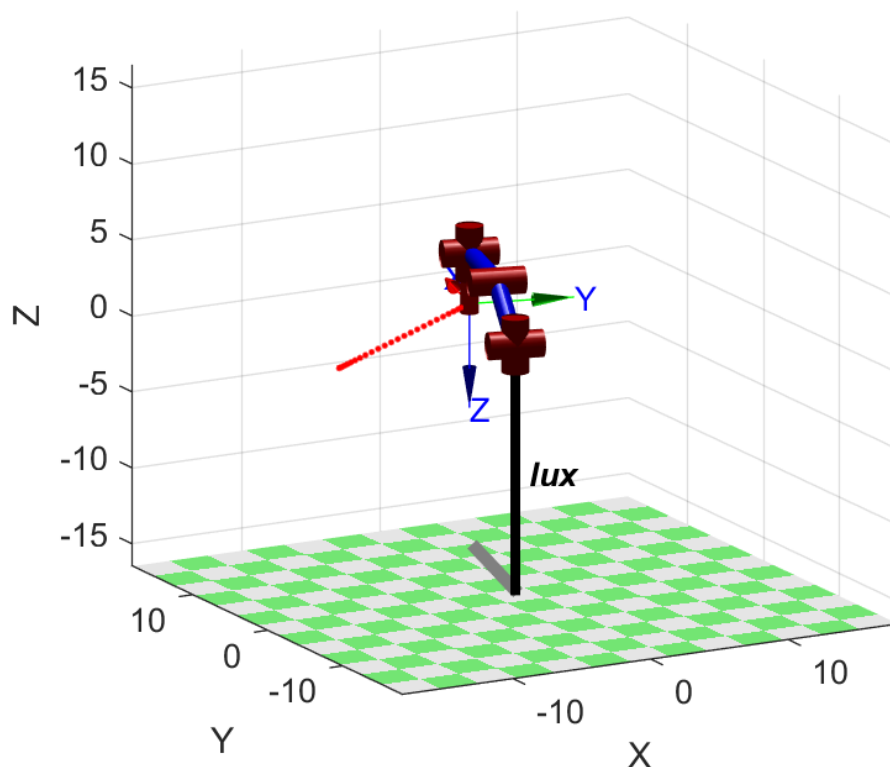


Figure 13: Straight-line Motion

And the relationship between position and time (take x as an example):

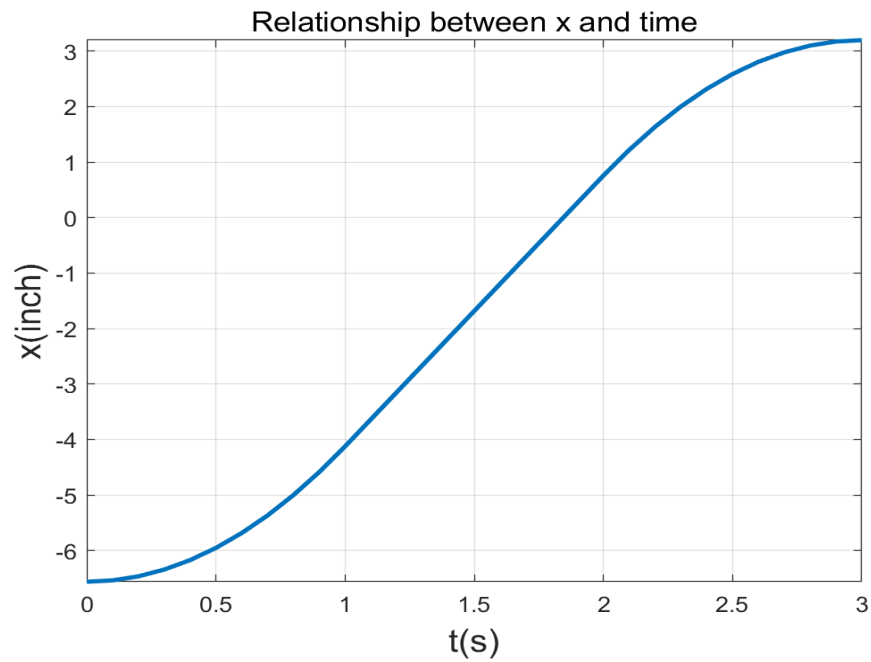


Figure 14: the relationship between x and time

We also infer another different way to generate a straight-line trajectory, but using quaternion is clearer and quicker in Matlab, we will introduce the other method in the appendix.

1.3: Trajectory test: writing 'OK' and avoid 2 obstacles.

1.3.1: 'OK' task planning.

The task we plan is: Using the lynxmotion arm to write a letter "OK" in a slant plane, and after finishing the writing, the manipulator will move back to the initial position and orientation ($[q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5]=0$). The plane is in the y-direction, and the angle between the plane and the XOY plane is 20 degree to the base coordinate. To write an "OK", the manipulator needs to move through 9 specific points. And in the task the manipulator needs to avoid two obstacles, one is between the word 'O' and 'K', and the other is in the path when the manipulator moves back to the initial position and orientation. We made a model in Solidworks software to make a clearer display, as shown in figure 14.

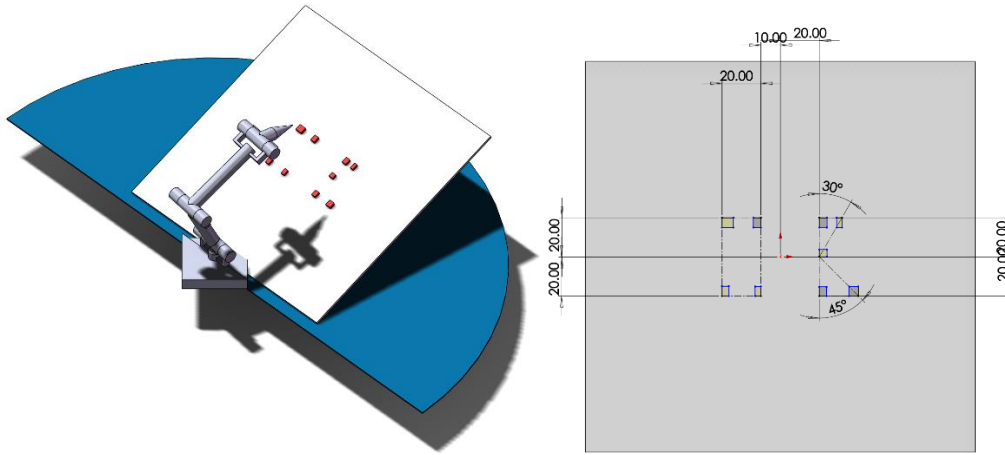


Figure 15: Solidworks modal for the Lynxmotion arm

In figure 14, the white plane is the writing plane, and the red points represent the word "O" and "K", the blue plane represents the range of q_1 . The geometric relationship of the 9 points, as shown in figure x+1. In the task, the writing part will be consisting of straight line trajectories, and the obstacle avoidance part will be consists of free motion trajectories, the details will discussed in the last section of Part 1 after deriving the free motion function and straight-line function.

1.3.2: Trajectory generation

To write the word "O", the end effector needs to go through four-points: O_1, O_2, O_3 and O_4 . To write the work "K", the end effector needs to go through 5 points: K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4 and K_5 . After writing "OK", the end effector will back to the initial position and orientation I. To avoid the two obstacles, the end effector needs to go through two intermediate points: I_1 and I_3 , and to write the word "K", we

also need an intermediate point I_2 . According to the measurement in Solidworks, the transformation matrixes of these points are:

$$T_{O1} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1906 & 0.9703 & -0.1489 & -3.0434 \\ 0.7646 & 0.2419 & 0.5974 & 12.2604 \\ 0.6157 & 0 & -0.7880 & 1.9054 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{O2} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3196 & 0.9455 & -0.0621 & -2.8966 \\ 0.9281 & 0.3256 & 0.1804 & 8.4123 \\ 0.1908 & 0 & -0.9816 & 0.5472 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{O3} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1192 & 0.9925 & -0.0253 & -1.0430 \\ 0.9709 & 0.1219 & 0.2064 & 8.4946 \\ 0.2079 & 0 & -0.9781 & 0.6217 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{O4} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0696 & 0.9962 & -0.0525 & -1.0695 \\ 0.7956 & 0.0872 & 0.5995 & 12.2243 \\ 0.6018 & 0 & -0.7986 & 1.8983 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{K1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1249 & 0.9877 & 0.0941 & 1.9196 \\ 0.7888 & -0.1564 & 0.5944 & 12.1199 \\ 0.6018 & 0 & -0.7986 & 1.8983 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{K2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2088 & 0.9770 & 0.0425 & 1.8137 \\ 0.9574 & -0.2140 & 0.1948 & 8.3183 \\ 0.1994 & 0 & -0.9799 & 0.5533 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{K3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1946 & 0.9681 & 0.1576 & 3.1613 \\ 0.7524 & -0.2504 & 0.6093 & 12.2240 \\ 0.6293 & 0 & -0.7771 & 1.9421 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{K4} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1769 & 0.9816 & 0.0715 & 2.0132 \\ 0.9101 & -0.1908 & 0.3677 & 10.3571 \\ 0.3746 & 0 & -0.9272 & 1.3752 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{K5} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4238 & 0.9041 & 0.0550 & 3.9994 \\ 0.8966 & -0.4274 & 0.1164 & 8.4608 \\ 0.1288 & 0 & -0.9917 & 0.6096 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{I1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.8660 & 6.6103 \\ 0.8660 & 0 & -0.5 & 10.4494 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{I_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0866 & 0.9770 & 0.1946 & 1.6476 \\ 0.3974 & -0.2140 & 0.8926 & 7.5568 \\ 0.9135 & 0 & -0.4067 & 9.0305 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{I_3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0.8660 & 6.1163 \\ 0 & -0.8660 & 0.5 & 3.5312 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 12.1369 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using our inverse kinematic function InvKi, we can obtain the joint angles of these points, the motion sequence, motion type and joint angles are shown in the table:

No.	Point	q ₁ (degree)	q ₂ (degree)	q ₃ (degree)	q ₄ (degree)	q ₅ (degree)	Motion type (i to i+1)
1	O_1	104	57	-59	40	0	Straight line
2	O_2	109	79	-93	25	0	Straight line
3	O_3	97	83	-97	26	0	Straight line
4	O_4	95	60	-63	40	0	Straight line
5	O_1	104	57	-59	40	0	Free motion
6	I_1	90	90	-30	0	0	Free motion
7	K_1	81	60	-63	40	0	Straight line
8	K_2	77.7	83	-97.5	26	0	Free motion
9	I_2	77.7	100	-60	26	0	Free motion
10	K_3	75.5	57	-59	41	0	Straight line
11	K_4	79	70	-77	29	0	Straight line
12	K_5	64.7	72.7	-84.7	19.4	0	Free motion
13	I_3	30	90	-30	30	0	Free motion
14	I	0	0	0	0	0	

The trajectory of the whole task is shown as follow, the red trajectories represent the straight-line motion, and the blue trajectories represent free motion:

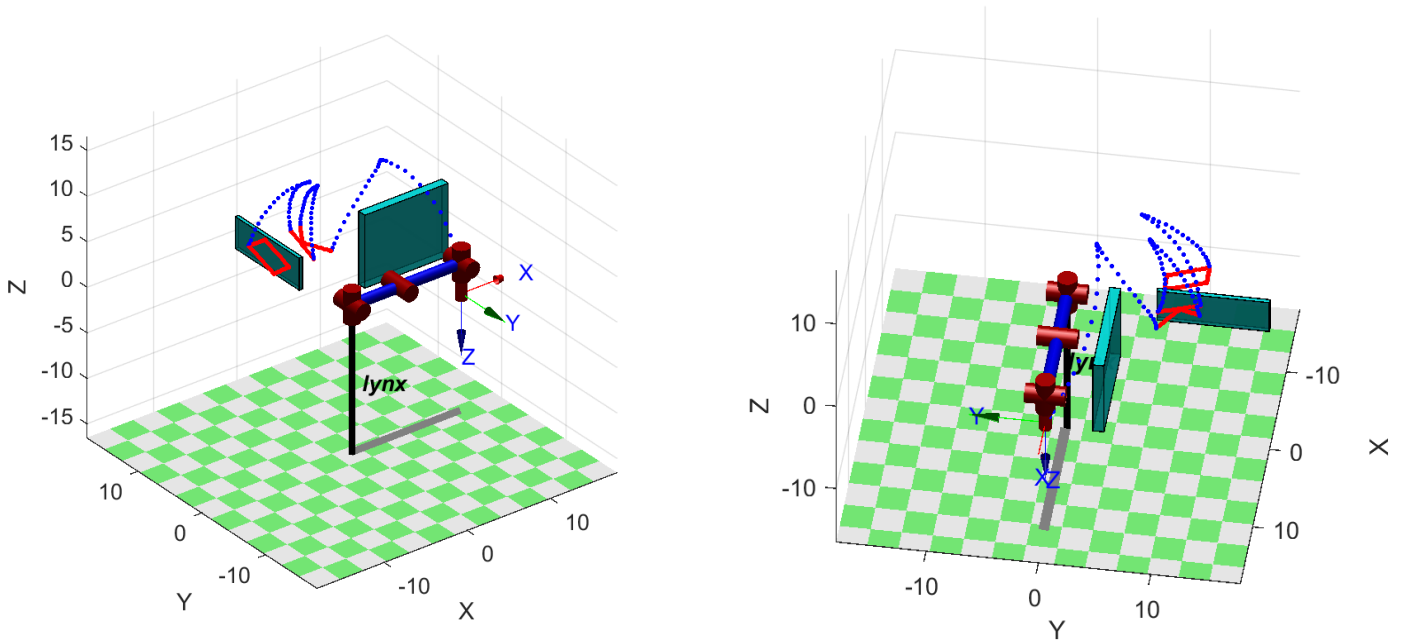


Figure 16: side view of "OK" motion task

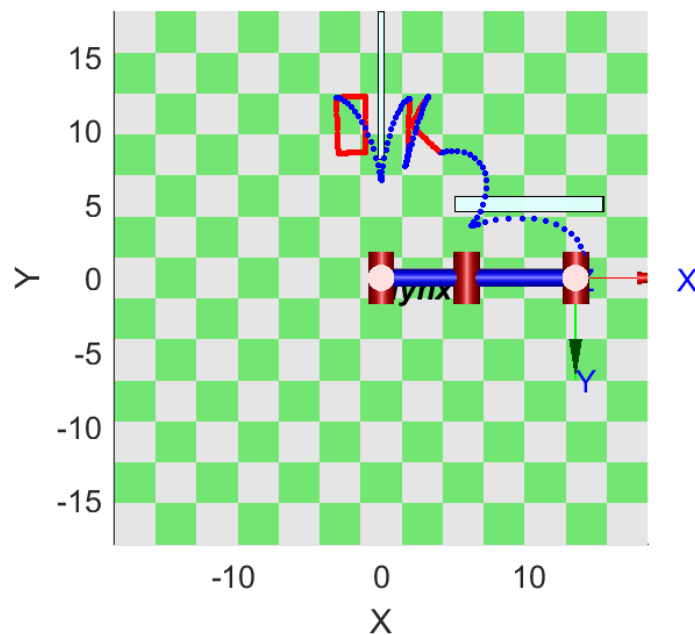


Figure 17: top view of "OK" motion task

To operate the robot arm safe, we should set appropriate velocity and acceleration. In our task, we should set appropriate motion total time t_t and acceleration time t_a when we input the function FMTraj and SLTraj.

PART II:

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2.1: Inverse Kinematics for parallel robot.

2.1.1: Inverse Kinematics

The base has 3 points: PA, PB, PC.

the platform has 3 points: A, B, C.

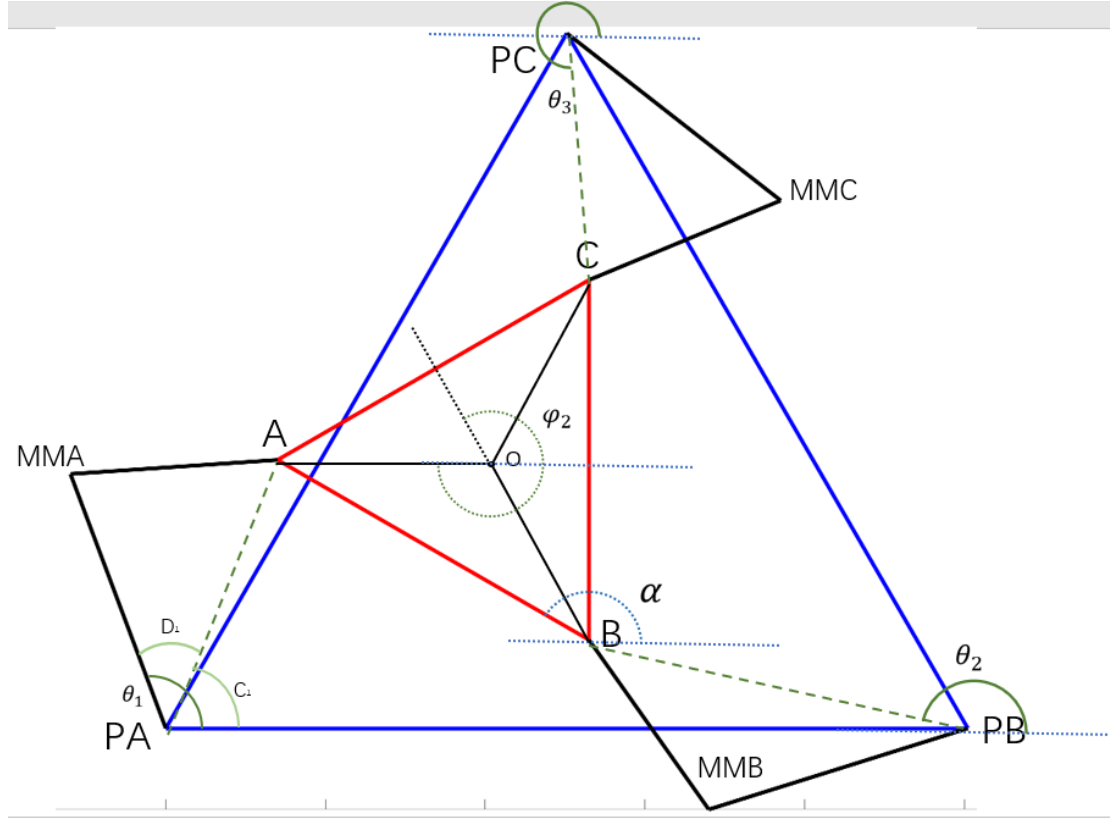


Figure 18: Planar Parallel robot kinematic model

As shown in the figure, θ_i is the angle between the positive direction of the horizontal line and the first rod (SA) at three corners the triangle.

α is the angle between the positive direction of the horizontal line and the bottom side of the plate triangle.

φ_i is the angle between the horizontal line and the extension line for the line between the centre and the corner of the plate triangle.

$$\varphi_1 = \alpha + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\varphi_2 = \alpha + \frac{5\pi}{6} \quad (23)$$

$$\varphi_3 = \alpha + \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

Solve and implement parallel robot Inverse Kinematics

Solution 1

From figure 18,

Connect the line between PA and A. We get the triangle (PA, A, MMA)

For point A, θ_1 can be present:

$$\theta_1 = c_1 \pm d_1$$
$$\varphi_1 = \alpha + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$c_1 = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y_c - r_p \times \sin \varphi_1}{x_c - r_p \times \cos \varphi_1} \right) \quad (24)$$

Use the law of cosines for the triangle (PA, A, MMA)

$$\theta_c = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} \right)$$
$$d_1 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{S_A^2 + (x_c - r_p \cos \varphi_1)^2 + (y_c - r_p \sin \varphi_1)^2 - L^2}{2S_A \sqrt{(x_c - r_p \cos \varphi_1)^2 + (y_c - r_p \sin \varphi_1)^2}} \right) \quad (25)$$

For point B:

Connect the line between PA and A. We get the triangle (PB, B, MMB)

$$\theta_2 = c_2 \pm d_2$$
$$\varphi_2 = \alpha + \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

The x-coordinate for PB is $\sqrt{3} * 290$, besides, θ_2 is an obtuse angle, so the c_2 can be express as:

$$c_2 = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y_c - r_p \times \sin (\pi - \varphi_2)}{x_c + r_p \times \cos (\pi - \varphi_2) - \sqrt{3}r_b} \right) \quad (26)$$

Use the law of cosines for the triangle (PB, B, MMB)

$$d_2 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{S_A^2 + (x_c + r_p \times \cos (\pi - \varphi_2) - \sqrt{3}r_b)^2 + (y_c - r_p \times \sin (\pi - \varphi_2))^2 - L^2}{2S_A \sqrt{(x_c + r_p \times \cos (\pi - \varphi_2) - \sqrt{3}r_b)^2 + (y_c - r_p \times \sin (\pi - \varphi_2))^2}} \right) \quad (27)$$

For point C:

Connect the line between PA and A. We get the triangle (PC, C, MMC)

$$\theta_3 = c_3 \pm d_3$$

$$\varphi_3 = \alpha + \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

The x-coordinate for Pc is $(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} * 290)$, and y-coordinate is $(\frac{3}{2} * 290)$ besides, θ_2 is the angle in the third and fourth quadrant, so the c_3 can be express as:

$$c_3 = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y_c + r_p \times \sin(2\pi - \varphi_3) - \frac{3}{2}r_b}{x_c - r_p \times \cos(2\pi - \varphi_3) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}r_b} \right) \quad (28)$$

Use the law of cosines for the triangle (PC, C, MMC)

$$d_3 = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{S_A^2 + \left(x_c - r_p \times \cos(2\pi - \varphi_2) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}r_b \right)^2 + \left(y_c + r_p \times \sin(2\pi - \varphi_3) - \frac{3}{2}r_b \right)^2 - L^2}{2S_A \sqrt{\left(x_c - r_p \times \cos(2\pi - \varphi_2) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}r_b \right)^2 + \left(y_c + r_p \times \sin(2\pi - \varphi_3) - \frac{3}{2}r_b \right)^2}} \right) \quad (29)$$

We write our own parallel inverse kinematic function named ParallelIKPlot. The form of this function is $\theta = \text{ParallelIKPlot}(x_c, y_c, \alpha)$. The input x_c and y_c are the coordinate of the needle, and α is the angle between the platform and horizontal direction. And the function will output a 8×3 matrix, its each line is a set of solution of three active angles. The function will also output the plot of eight postures. The example will be shown in next section, and for details please see ParallelIKPlot.m.

*There is another way, which use the algebraic method to figure out the θ_i , the process of the solution was in the appendix.

Also the FK for parallel robot was in the appendix.

2.1.2: Kinematic model in two different positions.

From the solution of the inverse kinematics for parallel robot mentioned before. Every θ would have two solutions. So one set of the parameters (x, y, α) would have 8 ($2 \times 2 \times 2$) different postures.

Applying our Parallel inverse kinematic function ParallelIKPlot:

Position 1 :

$$x = 260\text{mm} \quad y = 180\text{mm} \quad \alpha = 30^\circ$$

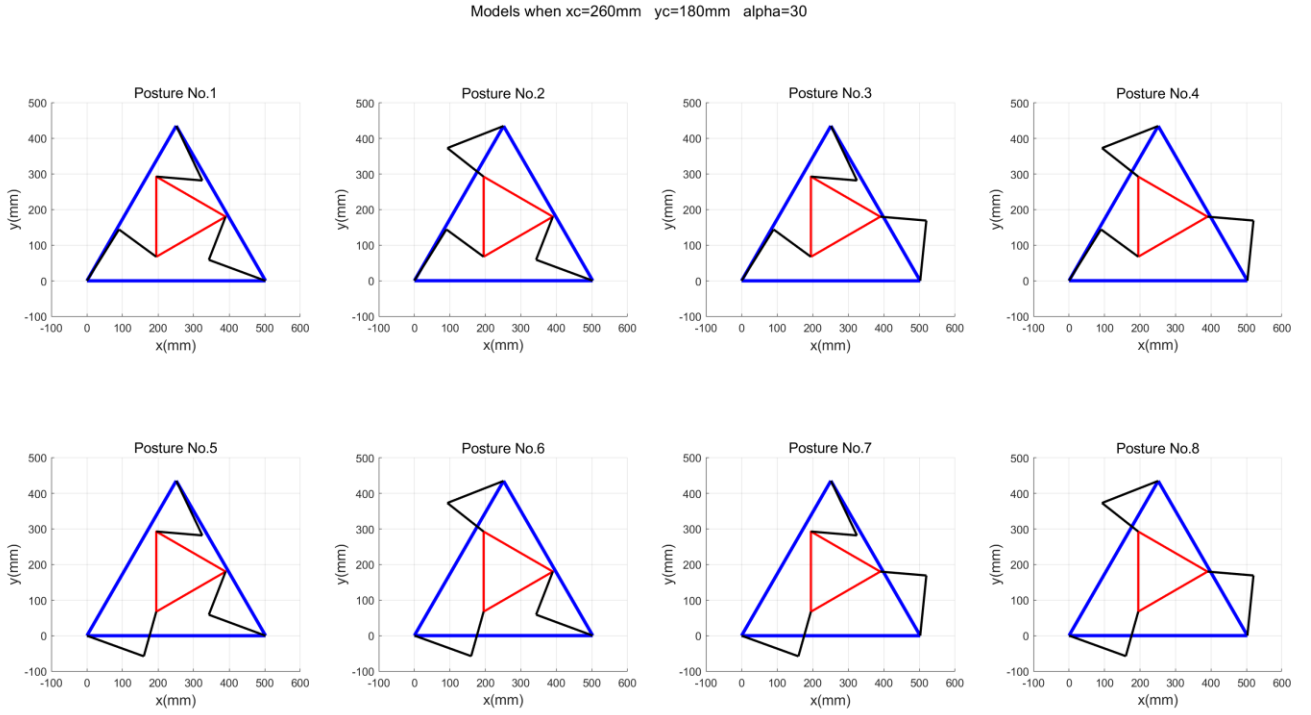


Figure 19: 8 different postures

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>> ParallelIKPlot(260, 180, 30)
```

ans :

θ_1	θ_2	θ_3
58.0030	159.7404	-64.4231
58.0030	159.7404	-158.6103
58.0030	84.1763	-64.4231
58.0030	84.1763	-158.6103
-19.8598	159.7404	-64.4231
-19.8598	159.7404	-158.6103
-19.8598	84.1763	-64.4231
-19.8598	84.1763	-158.6103

Table 4: Different θ for 8 postures

Position 2:

$$x = 213\text{mm} \quad y = 185\text{mm} \quad \alpha = -10^\circ$$

Models when xc=213mm yc=185mm alpha=-10

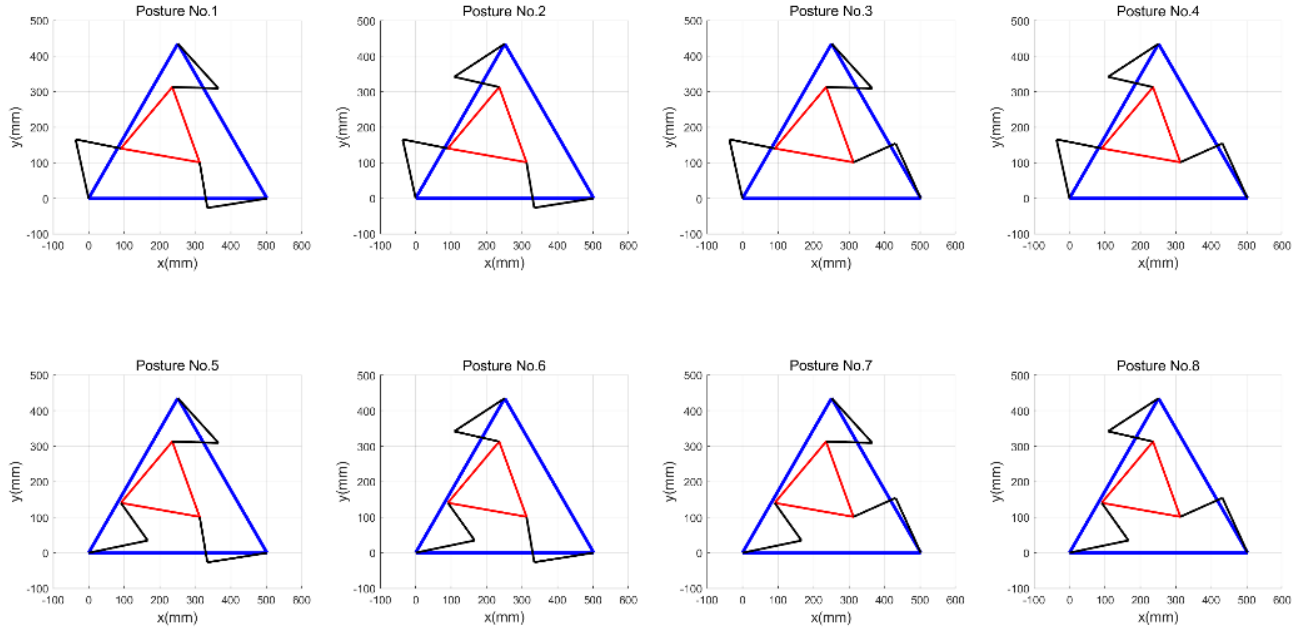


Figure 20: 8 different postures

>> ParallelIKPlot(213, 185, -10)

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ans =
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	θ_1	θ_2	θ_3
102.4470	189.0423	-47.7186	
102.4470	189.0423	-146.8331	
102.4470	114.6908	-47.7186	
102.4470	114.6908	-146.8331	
11.7977	189.0423	-47.7186	
11.7977	189.0423	-146.8331	
11.7977	114.6908	-47.7186	
11.7977	114.6908	-146.8331	

Table 4: Different θ for 8 postures

2.2 parallel robots' workspace for a given orientation.

In this section, we detect the workspace of parallel robot at specific angle α by using our inverse kinematic function ParallelIK (ParallelIK and ParallelIKPlot are basically the same, the only difference is the function ParallelIK doesn't output the plot). The basic idea is, First determining a big range of x and y which include all the needle possible position. Then, given alpha, applying the function ParallelIK to every point in the range, and when the function can find correct inverse kinematic solutions, record the needle position x and y. And after go through the whole range, the recorded set of needle positions is the workspace for a specific α .

We wrote our own workspace function named ParallelWorkspace for parallel robot, the form of function is: `[] = ParallelWorkspace(alpha)`. The input is the angle of platform α , and the function will output the plot of workspace.

Here are two examples of parallel robot workspace for specific α .

$$\alpha = 20^\circ$$

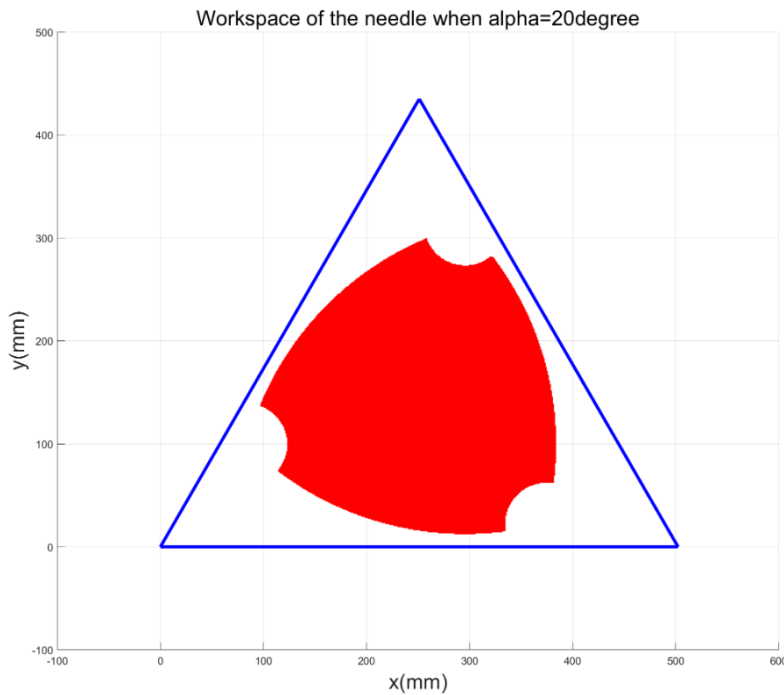


Figure 21: workspace when $\alpha = 20^\circ$

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$$\alpha = -10^\circ$$

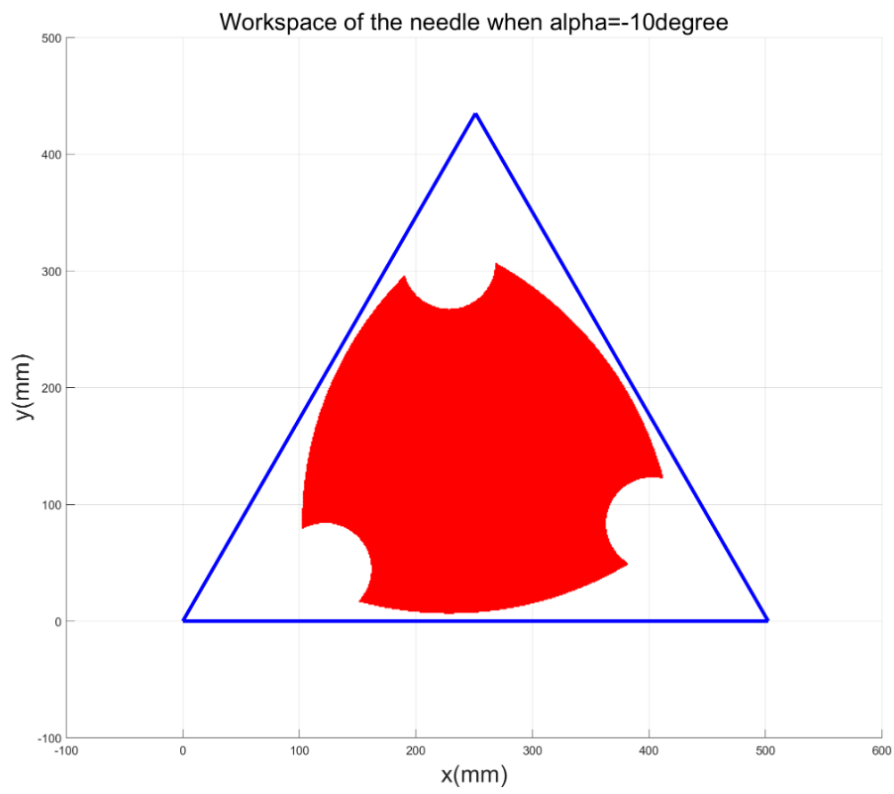


Figure 22: workspace when $\alpha = -10^\circ$

PART III:

the methods and algorithms that can be used to avoid problems when operating close to a singularity in robots' workspace

3.1 methods to avoid singularity point.

This is an issue that remains current and an open problem for the world of industry. Singularity is the point; the mobility of a manipulator is reduced. Usually, the arbitrary motion of the manipulator in a Cartesian direction is lost. This is referred to as "Losing a DOF". They are usually caused by a full extension of a joint and asking the manipulator to move beyond where it can be positioned. Typically, this is trying to reach out of the workspace at the farthest extent of the workspace.

Methods:

Solution 1: the robot had been programmed with a maximum speed for each joint. When the wrist joint was commanded "to infinity", this caused the software to reduce the velocity of the tip. The robot slowed down when it reached the middle of the line. When it passed the singularity, it was able to continue doing the rest of the line at the correct velocity. The paint job still would have been ruined, but the robot nevertheless functions correctly and doesn't get stuck.

Solution 2: add more axes that a robot has more possibilities for singularities. This is because there are more axes which can line up with each other. However extra axes can also reduce the effect of singularities by allowing alternative positions to reach the same point.

Solution 3: This technique is still a good way to avoid singularities. Mounting a spray-painting gun at a very slight angle (5-15 degrees) can sometimes ensure that a robot avoids singularities completely.

3.2 Algorithms to avoid singularity.

Task Reconstruction Method:

Step:

1. Define the singularity measure,
2. Calculate the vector describing the contour of the measure using the task space rather than the joint space,
3. Eliminate the degenerate component on-line, and
4. Add restoring action.

The normal Jacobian is

$$\dot{X} = J(q)\dot{q} \quad (30)$$

and the δq can be express as:

$$\delta q = J^+(q)\delta X + (I_n - J(p)J^+(q))y \quad (m \leq n) \quad (31)$$

$J^+(q)$ is the Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse of $J(p)$, y is an arbitrary vector.

Assume $J(p)$ Always has a full row rank, that is, it never meets singular points. This somewhat strong assumption will always be satisfied unless the TR-method fails to work correctly.

If $y = 0$, $\delta q = J^+(q)\delta r$.

We define $m(q)$ is the singularity point. To reconstruct the desired task using the singularity measure, using the task variables to define constant surfaces of the singularity measure. The small variation of the measure can acquire it.

$$\delta m(q) = \frac{\partial m(q)}{\partial q} \delta q = \frac{\partial m(q)}{\partial q} J^+ \delta r \quad (32)$$

In order to have $m(q) = 0$, let:

$$d = \left(\frac{\partial m(q)}{\partial q} J^+ \right)^T$$

Let n_m be the unitary vector orthogonal,

$$n_m = \frac{d}{||d||}$$

The component approaching singularity should be:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta r_p &= \delta r - (\delta r \times n_m)n_m = \delta r - (n_m \times n_m^T)\delta r \\ &= (I_m - n_m \times n_m^T)\delta r \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

And then insert a shape function k_1 .

$$\delta r_p = (I_m - k_1(m)n_m \times n_m^T)\delta r \quad (34)$$

For shape function k_1

$$k_1(m) = \begin{cases} 0, & \bar{m} + \sigma < m \\ 2 \left(\frac{m - \bar{m}}{\sigma} \right)^3 - 3 \left(\frac{m - \bar{m}}{\sigma} \right)^2 + 1, & \bar{m} < m < \bar{m} + \sigma \\ x, & \bar{m} \geq m \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

Besides, to ensure that the trajectory leaves the surface by acting the task correction only when the scalar product $\delta r \times n_m$ is negative.

$$\delta r_p = \left(I_m - \frac{1 - (\delta r \times n_m)}{2} k_1(n_m \times n_m^T) \right) \delta r \quad (36)$$

That when $m(q)$ is already smaller than the value on the surface, the equation mentioned before does not guarantee an escape from within the volume enclosed by the same. To avoid this situation:

$$\delta r_p = \left(I_m - \frac{1 - (\delta r \times n_m)}{2} k_1(n_m \times n_m^T) \right) \delta r + k_2 n_m$$

$$k_2(m) = \begin{cases} 0, & \bar{m} < m \\ k_r(\bar{m} - m), & \bar{m} \geq m \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

Finally, the reconstructed task trajectory can be obtained as:

$$\delta r_p = TR - process(J, m(p), \delta r) \quad (38)$$

For the equation before:

\bar{m} : the threshold value for safety.

σ : the acting range for $TR - process$.

k_r : the escape gain.

Each parameter should be adjusted to find optimal values by the trial-and-error method. The guideline for \bar{m} and σ is 3%-5% of the maximum workspace.

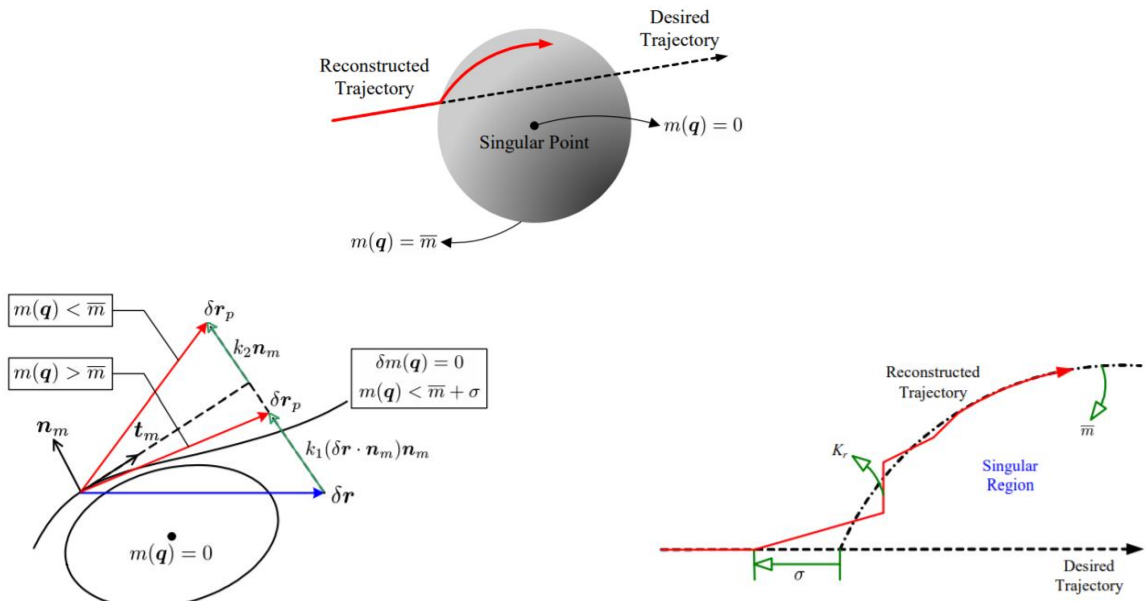


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Appendix

4.1 Solution 2 to solve IK for the parallel robot.

For point B:

$$\begin{aligned}x_B &= x_A + h \times \cos \varphi \\y_B &= y_A + h \times \sin \varphi\end{aligned}$$

Hence Point C:

$$\begin{aligned}x_c &= x_A + h \times \cos \left(\varphi + \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \\y_c &= y_A + h \times \sin \left(\varphi + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)\end{aligned}$$

And the x_i and y_i can be present as:

Set PA is (0,0), so PB is (502.29,0). PC is (251.15,435)

$$x_i = x_{Pi} + r_{SA} \times \cos(\theta_1) + L \times \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \quad (39)$$

$$y_i = y_{Pi} + r_{SA} \times \sin(\theta_1) + L \times \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \quad (40)$$

Combine these two equations:

$$x_A^2 + y_A^2 - 2 \times r_{SA} \times (x_A \times \cos \theta_1 + y_A \times \sin \theta_1) + r_{SA}^2 - L^2 = 0 \quad (41)$$

To reduce the complexity of this equation

$$\begin{aligned}e_1 &= -2 \times y_A \times r_{SA} \\e_2 &= -2 \times x_A \times r_{SA} \\e_3 &= x_A^2 + y_A^2 + r_{SA}^2 - L^2\end{aligned}$$

So the equation becomes:

$$e_1 \times \sin \theta_1 + e_2 \times \cos \theta_1 + e_3 = 0$$

Use the tangent half-angle substitution:

$$\begin{aligned}t &= \tan \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) \\ \sin \theta &= \frac{2t}{1+t^2} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}\end{aligned}$$

And the equation could become:

$$(e_3 - e_2) \times t^2 + 2 \times e_1 \times t + (e_2 + e_3) = 0 \quad (42)$$

The solution of the equation could be:

$$\theta_1 = 2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-e_1 \pm \sqrt{e_1^2 + e_2^2 - e_3^2}}{e_3 - e_2} \right) \quad (43)$$

4.2 FK for parallel robot

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A_x - M_{1x})^2 + (A_y - M_{1y})^2 &= L^2 \\
 (B_x - M_{2x})^2 + (B_y - M_{2y})^2 &= L^2 \\
 (C_x - M_{3x})^2 + (C_y - M_{3y})^2 &= L^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

From the graph, where:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_x &= s_A \times \cos\theta_1 + L \times \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_{12}) \\
 M_{1x} &= s_A \times \cos\theta_1 \\
 A_y &= s_A \times \sin\theta_1 + L \times \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_{12}) \\
 M_{1y} &= s_A \times \sin\theta_1
 \end{aligned}$$

And also

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_x &= A_x + \sqrt{3} \times r_p \times \cos(a) \\
 B_y &= A_y + \sqrt{3} \times r_p \times \sin(a) \\
 C_x &= A_x + \sqrt{3} \times r_p \times \cos\left(a + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
 C_y &= A_y + \sqrt{3} \times r_p \times \sin\left(a + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

And the equation can become:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A_x - M_{1x})^2 + (A_y - M_{1y})^2 &= L^2 \\
 (A_x + \sqrt{3} \times r_p \times \cos(a) - M_{2x})^2 + (A_y + \sqrt{3} \times r_p \times \sin(a) - M_{2y})^2 &= L^2 \\
 \left(A_x + \sqrt{3} \times r_p \times \cos\left(a + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) - M_{3x}\right)^2 + \left(A_y + \sqrt{3} \times r_p \times \sin\left(a + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) - M_{3y}\right)^2 &= L^2 \tag{45}
 \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{1x} &= s_A \times \cos\theta_1 \\
 M_{1y} &= s_A \times \sin\theta_1 \\
 M_{2x} &= s_A \times \cos\theta_2 + \sqrt{3} \times 290
 \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{2y} &= s_A \times \sin\theta_2 \\
 M_{3x} &= s_A \times \cos\theta_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times 290 \\
 M_{3y} &= s_A \times \sin\theta_1 + \frac{3}{2} \times 290
 \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

4.3 Second way to generate straight line trajectory.

The position and orientation of the manipulator is defined by a homogeneous transformation 4*4 matrix as shown below, the first 3 columns*3 rows known as the rotation matrix, it contains the orientation information; The forth column is the position vector, contains the x y z information of the end effector.

$$P(h) = \begin{bmatrix} nx & ox & ax & px \\ ny & oy & ay & py \\ nz & oz & az & pz \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [n \ o \ a \ p] \quad (48)$$

In this method, we decomposed the motion between two points into one translation and two rotations. The translation indicates the position changes, and for two rotations, one is to align the tool in the required final direction and the second rotation means the rotation of the final joint. And the process of the straight-line motion between Point A and Point B can be expressed in an intermediate matrix D(h) as

$$D(h) = P(h) \cdot Ra(h) \cdot Ro(h) \quad (49)$$

where $h = t/T$, t is the time since the motion start and T is the whole time of the motion. P(h),Ra(h),Ro(h) indicate the process of one translation and two rotations as mentioned above in the order respectively. And when $h=1$ means the motion complete and the end effector has arrived point B from point A, it can be expressed as

$$T_2 = T_1 \cdot D(1) \quad (50)$$

Where T2 and T1 are the homogeneous transformation matrix in point2 and point1 respectively. And the P, Ra and Ro have the following form:

$$P(h) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & hx \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & hy \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & hz \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (51)$$

$$Ra(h) = \begin{bmatrix} s\phi^2v(h\theta) + c(h\theta) & -s\phi c\phi v(h\theta) & c\phi s(h\theta) & 0 \\ -s\phi c\phi v(h\theta) & c\phi^2v(h\theta) + c(h\theta) & s\phi s(h\theta) & 0 \\ -c\phi s(h\theta) & -s\phi s(h\theta) & c(h\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (52)$$

$$Ro(h) = \begin{bmatrix} c(h\gamma) & -s(h\gamma) & 0 & 0 \\ s(h\gamma) & c(h\gamma) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

And

$$v(h\theta) = 1 - \cos(h\theta) \quad (53)$$

$R_a(h)$ represents a rotation about a unit vector which is the orientation vector of A, the rotation angle is θ , and φ is the angle indicating the A_o rotating about the approach vector of A. $R_o(h)$ expresses a rotation of γ about the approach vector of the end effector.

By combining the equation (2)(3) with equations (4)(5)(6) we can obtain:

$$\begin{cases} x = An' \cdot (Bp - Ap) \\ y = Ao' \cdot (Bp - Ap) \\ z = Aa' \cdot (Bp - Ap) \end{cases} \quad (54)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan\varphi &= \frac{Ao' \cdot Ba}{An' \cdot Ba} \\ \tan\theta &= \frac{\sqrt{(An' \cdot Ba)^2 + (Ao' \cdot Ba)^2}}{Aa' \cdot Ba} \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin\gamma &= -s\varphi c\varphi v(h\theta)(An' \cdot Bn) + (c\varphi^2 v(h\theta) + c(h\theta)) \cdot (Ao' \cdot Bn) - s\varphi s(h\theta) \\ &\quad \cdot (Aa' \cdot Bn) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos\gamma &= -s\varphi c\varphi v(h\theta)(An' \cdot Bo) + (c\varphi^2 v(h\theta) + c(h\theta)) \cdot (Ao' \cdot Bo) - s\varphi s(h\theta) \\ &\quad \cdot (Aa' \cdot Bo) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan\gamma = \frac{\sin\gamma}{\cos\gamma} \quad (56)$$

We test this method in Matlab, for details see SLTraj2.m

4.4 MatLab code for the coursework

We wrote a total program for the coursework, includes both the examples of Lynxmotion arm and parallel robot, it will be shown in the end of this section.

1.1 FowKi.m (function, solve the forward kinematic)

```
%%%%%%%%%%%%Function of Forward Kinematic %%%%%%%%%%%%%%
% The input (q1,q2,q3,q4,q5) is the 5 joint angle in the order
% The output is the 4*4 transformation matrix
% The range of the input angle is:
% q1: 0----pi;
% q2: 0----5*pi/6
% q3: -5*pi/6---0
% q4: 0-----pi
% q5: 0-----pi
% Example: T = FowKi(2*pi/3,pi/3,-pi/4,pi/4,0)
% Example: T = FowKi(1.2,0.5,-0.8,1,0)
function [T] = FowKi(q1,q2,q3,q4,q5)
T = [ sin(q1)*sin(q5) + cos(q2 + q3 + q4)*cos(q1)*cos(q5),    cos(q5)*sin(q1) -
cos(q2 + q3 + q4)*cos(q1)*sin(q5), sin(q2 + q3 + q4)*cos(q1),
(cos(q1)*(27*sin(q2 + q3 + q4) + 59*cos(q2 + q3) + 46*cos(q2)))/8;
cos(q2 + q3 + q4)*cos(q5)*sin(q1) - cos(q1)*sin(q5), - cos(q1)*cos(q5) -
cos(q2 + q3 + q4)*sin(q1)*sin(q5), sin(q2 + q3 + q4)*sin(q1),
(sin(q1)*(27*sin(q2 + q3 + q4) + 59*cos(q2 + q3) + 46*cos(q2)))/8;
                                sin(q2 + q3 + q4)*cos(q5),
-sin(q2 + q3 + q4)*sin(q5),          -cos(q2 + q3 + q4),    (59*sin(q2 + q3))/8 -
(27*cos(q2 + q3 + q4))/8 + (23*sin(q2))/4;
                                0,
0,                                0,
1];
```

1.2 Workspace.m (script, solve the workspace)

```
%% Caculate the position
i = 0;
xwork=zeros(1,100048);
ywork=zeros(1,100048);
zwork=zeros(1,100048);
for q1=0:pi/60:pi
    for q2=0:pi/15:5*pi/6
        for q3=-5*pi/6:pi/15:0
            for q4=0:pi/15:pi
                i=i+1;
                T0e = FowKi(q1,q2,q3,q4,0);
                xwork(i) = T0e(1,4);
                ywork(i) = T0e(2,4);
```

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                                zwork(i) = T0e(3,4);
                                end
                            end
                        end
                    end
                end
            end
        end
    end
end

```

```
%% 3D plot
```

```

c=zwork;
figure
scatter3(xwork,ywork,zwork,6,c,'.')
title('3D Workspace','FontSize',15)
xlabel('x(inch)','FontSize',15)
ylabel('y(inch)','FontSize',15)
zlabel('z(inch)','FontSize',15)
grid on
axis equal
view(-75,20);

```

```
%% 2D plot in Z direction
```

```

figure
scatter(xwork,ywork,6,c,'.')
title('2D Workspace in Z','FontSize',15)
xlabel('x(inch)','FontSize',15)
ylabel('y(inch)','FontSize',15)
grid on
axis equal

```

```
%% 2D plot in Y direction
```

```

figure
scatter(xwork,zwork,6,c,'.')
title('2D Workspace in Y','FontSize',15)
xlabel('x(inch)','FontSize',15)
ylabel('z(inch)','FontSize',15)
grid on
axis equal

```

```
%% 2D plot in X direction
```

```

figure
scatter(ywork,zwork,6,c,'.')
title('2D Workspace in X','FontSize',15)
xlabel('y(inch)','FontSize',15)
ylabel('z(inch)','FontSize',15)
grid on
axis equal

```

1.3 InvKi.m (function, solve the inverse kinematic)

```

%%%%%%%%%%%%Function of Inverse Kinematic %%%%%%%%%%%%%%
% The input is the 4*4 transformation matrix of the manipulator
% The output is the vector contains 5 joint angle in the order of: [q1 q2
% q3 q4 q5]
% Example1: InvKi([ 0.1492 0.4794 0.8648 10.5954;
% 0.0815 -0.8776 0.4724 5.7883;
% 0.9854 0 -0.1700 9.0159;
% 0 0 0 1.0000;])
% Example2: InvKi(FowKi(0.5,1,-0.3,0.7,0))
% i1,i2,i3,i4,i5 correspond to q1,q2,q3,q4,q5 respectively
% There are 2 sets of solution, but only one set is correct

```

```
function ik = InvKi(T0e)
```

```
d2=5.75; d3=7.375; d4=3.375;
```

```
nx = T0e(1,1); ny = T0e(2,1); nz = T0e(3,1);
```

```
ox = T0e(1,2); oy = T0e(2,2); oz = T0e(3,2);
```

```
ax = T0e(1,3); ay = T0e(2,3); az = T0e(3,3);
```

```
xe = T0e(1,4); ye = T0e(2,4); ze = T0e(3,4);
```

```
%% Solving q1
```

```
i1 = atan2(ye,xe);
```

```
if i1<0 % When the elevation angle of the manipulator is very
large and makes ye<0, atan2(ye,xe) will be smaller than 0.
```

```
    i1 = i1+pi; % At this situation, we need to modify q1
```

```
end
```

```
%% Solving q2
```

```
Z4 = ze-az*d4; D4 = (xe-ax*d4)/cos(i1);
```

```
if D4 == 0
```

```
    D4 = ((xe-ax*d4)^2+(ye-ay*d4)^2)^0.5;
```

```
end
```

```
beta = atan2(D4,Z4);
```

```
i2 = zeros(1,2); % There are two solutions for q2
```

```
s2beta = (Z4^2+D4^2+d2^2-d3^2)/(2*d2*(Z4^2+D4^2)^0.5);
```

```
c2beta1 = (1-s2beta^2)^0.5;
```

```
c2beta2 = -(1-s2beta^2)^0.5;
```

```
i2(1) = atan2(s2beta,c2beta1)-beta; % the first solution of q2
```

```
i2(2) = atan2(s2beta,c2beta2)-beta; % the second solution for q2
```

```

%% Solving q3
i3 = zeros(1,2); % Because q3 is related to q2, so q3 also has two solutions
i3(1) = atan2(Z4-d2*sin(i2(1)),D4-d2*cos(i2(1)))-i2(1); % the first solution for
q3
i3(2) = atan2(Z4-d2*sin(i2(2)),D4-d2*cos(i2(2)))-i2(2); % the second solution
for q3

%% Solving q4
i4 = zeros(1,2); % Because q4 is related to q2 and q3, so q4 also has two
solutions
i4(1) = atan2(nz,nx*cos(i1)+ny*sin(i1))-i2(1)-i3(1); % the first solution for q4
i4(2) = atan2(nz,nx*cos(i1)+ny*sin(i1))-i2(2)-i3(2); % the second solution for
q4

if i2(1)<0 || i3(1)>0 % According to the range of the joint angle, the correct
solution should follow q2>0 and q3<0
    ik = [i1 i2(2) i3(2) i4(2) 0];
else
    ik = [i1 i2(1) i3(1) i4(1) 0];
end

if ik(4)<0
    ik(4) = ik(4)+2*pi;
elseif ik(4)>pi
    ik(4) = ik(4)-pi;
end

```

1.4 IKRandomCheck.m (script, IK function self-inspection)

```

% This program is for check the correctness of the inverse kinematic
function: InvKi
% It randomly generate 100000 sets of joint angle (q1,q2,q3,q4,q5) in their
range
% And check the answer of InvKi(FowKi(q1,q2,q3,q4,q5)) whether is equal to
% (q1,q2,q3,q4,q5)
% If the answer doesn't equal to (q1,q2,q3,q4,q5), the program will break
% and show that answer and its correspond (q1,q2,q3,q4,q5)
for i = 1:100000
    q1 = rand()*pi; %Randomly generate q1,q2,q3,q4,q5
    q2 = rand()*2*pi/3;
    q3 = -rand()*2*pi/3;
    q4 = rand()*pi;
    q5=0;

```

```

ik = InvKi(FowKi(q1,q2,q3,q4,q5));
i

if abs(ik(1)-q1)>10e-10 || abs(ik(2)-q2)>10e-10 || abs(ik(3)-q3)>10e-10 ||
abs(ik(4)-q4)>10e-10 % Checking
    ik
    [q1 q2 q3 q4 q5]
    break
end
end
end

```

1.5 FMTraj.m (function, generate free motion trajectory)

```

%%%%%%%%%%%%%% Function of Free Motion%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
% This function will output the anime plot of the free motion, and the free
% motion process consists of three part: acceleration section, constant
% velocity section and deceleration section
% This function has 5 input:
%     qs is the joint angles at the starting point of motion, it should be a
%     1*5 vector [q1,q2,q3,q4,q5]
%     qe is the joint angles at the ending point of motion, it should be a
%     1*5 vector [q1,q2,q3,q4,q5]
%     tt is the total time of the motion
%     ta is the time of acceleration as well as deceleration
% The input parameters tt and ta should obey this relation: tt >= 2*ta
% The color of free motion trajectory is blue

% Example: FMTraj([0,0,0,0,0],[1.2,0.9,-0.68,1,0],3,1)

function [] = FMTraj(qs,qe,tt,ta)
tau=ta/2;T=tt-2*tau;
m=10*(T+2*tau)+1;
qi = cell(1,m);
Tmi = cell(1,m);

%% Define the lux manipulator in robotics toolbox (in order to plot by toolbox)
L1=Link('a',0,'d',0,'alpha',pi/2);
L2=Link('a',5.75,'d',0,'alpha',0);
L3=Link('a',7.375,'d',0,'alpha',0);
L4=Link('a',0,'d',0,'alpha',pi/2);
L5=Link('a',0,'d',3.375,'alpha',0);
lynx = SerialLink([L1 L2 L3 L4 L5], 'name', 'lynx');

%% The acceleration section

```

```

for t = -tau:0.1:tau
    k = round(10*(t+tau)+1);
    qi{k} = qs+(qe-qs).*(t+tau)^2./(4*T*tau);
    TMI{k} = FowKi(qi{k}(1),qi{k}(2),qi{k}(3),qi{k}(4),qi{k}(5));
end

%% The constant velocity section
for t = tau+0.1:0.1:T-tau
    k = round(10*(t+tau)+1);
    qi{k} = qs+(qe-qs).*t./T;
    TMI{k} = FowKi(qi{k}(1),qi{k}(2),qi{k}(3),qi{k}(4),qi{k}(5));
end

%% The deceleration section
for t = T-tau+0.1:0.1:T+tau
    k = round(10*(t+tau)+1);
    j = k-10*T;
    qi{k} = 2.*qs+(qe-qs).*t./T-qi{j};
    TMI{k} = FowKi(qi{k}(1),qi{k}(2),qi{k}(3),qi{k}(4),qi{k}(5));
end

%% plotting
for k = 1:m
    lynx.plot(qi{k}, 'tilesize',3); % Plot the manipulator by robotics toolbox
    Te = TMI{k};
    hold on
    plot3(Te(1,4),Te(2,4),Te(3,4), 'b.') % Plot the trajectory point
    hold off
    pause(0.01);
end

1.6 SLTraj.m (function, generate straight-line trajectory)
%%%%%% Function of straight line trajectory %%%%%%%%%%
% This function will output the anime plot of the straight line motion, and
% the the straight line motion process consists of three part: acceleration
% section, constant velocity section and deceleration section
% This function has 4 input:
%     T1 is the transformation matrix of the starting point of motion, it should
be a
%     4*4 matrix
%     T2 is the transformation matrix of the ending point of motion, it should
be a
%     4*4 matrix
%     tt is the total time of the motion
%     ta is the time of acceleration as well as deceleration

```

% The input parameters tt and ta should obey this relation: $tt \geq 2 \cdot ta$

% The color of straight line motion trajectory is red

%Example:

% Ts=FowKi(2*pi/3,0,0,0,0);

% Te=FowKi(75*pi/180,pi/6,-pi/6,0,0);

% SLTraj(Ts,Te,3,1)

function [] = SLTraj(Ts,Te,tt,ta)

tau=ta/2; T = tt-2*tau;

m=10*(T+2*tau)+1;

Roti = cell(1,m);

Posi = cell(1,m);

Ti = cell(1,m);

qi = cell(1,m);

TMi = cell(1,m);

pos1 = Ts(1:3,4);

pos2 = Te(1:3,4);

rot1 = Ts(1:3,1:3);

rot2 = Te(1:3,1:3);

%% Define the lux manipulator in robotics toolbox (in order to plot by toolbox)

L1=Link('a',0,'d',0,'alpha',pi/2);

L2=Link('a',5.75,'d',0,'alpha',0);

L3=Link('a',7.375,'d',0,'alpha',0);

L4=Link('a',0,'d',0,'alpha',pi/2);

L5=Link('a',0,'d',3.375,'alpha',0);

lynx = SerialLink([L1 L2 L3 L4 L5], 'name', 'lynx');

%% Transfer the rotation matrix to Euler angle(ZYX), and then transfer the Euler angle to quaternion

eul1 = rotm2eul(rot1);

eul2 = rotm2eul(rot2);

quat1 = quaternion(eul1,'eulerd','ZYX','frame');

quat2 = quaternion(eul2,'eulerd','ZYX','frame');

InterpoQuat = quaternion();

%% The acceleration section

for t = -tau:0.1:tau

 i = round(10*(t+tau)+1);

 InterpoQuat(i) = quat1+(quat2-quat1).*(t+tau)^2./(4*T*tau);

 Posi{i} = pos1+(pos2-pos1)*(t+tau)^2/(4*T*tau);

end


```

%% The constant velocity section
for t = tau+0.1:0.1:T-tau
    i = round(10*(t+tau)+1);
    InterpoQuat(i) = quat1+(quat2-quat1).*t./T;
    Posi{i} = pos1+(pos2-pos1)*t/T;
end

%% The deceleration section
for t = T-tau+0.1:0.1:T+tau
    i = round(10*(t+tau)+1);
    j = i-10*T;
    InterpoQuat(i) = 2.*quat1+(quat2-quat1).*t./T-InterpoQuat(j);
    Posi{i} = 2.*pos1+(pos2-pos1)*t/T-Posi{j};
end

%% Generate the transformation matrix and joint angle for each point
q = eulerd(InterpoQuat,'ZYX','frame'); % transfer all the quaternion to euler
angle

for k = 1:m
    try
        Roti{k} = eul2rotm(q(k,:)); % transfer the euler angle to rotation matrix
        Ti{k} = [Roti{k}, Posi{k}; 0 0 0 1]; % combine the rotation matrix and
position vector to generate the transformation matrix
        qi{k} = InvKi(Ti{k}); % Use the function of inverse kinematic to generate
the joint angle [q1 q2 q3 q4 q5]
        TMi{k} = FowKi(qi{k}(1),qi{k}(2),qi{k}(3),qi{k}(4),qi{k}(5)); % Use the
function of forward kinematic to generate the transformation matrix
corresponding to joint angle qi
    end
end

%% Plotting
for k = 1:m
    try
        lynx.plot(qi{k}, 'tilesize',3); % Plot the manipulator by robotics toolbox
        Te = TMi{k};
        hold on
        plot3(Te(1,4),Te(2,4),Te(3,4),'r.') % Plot the trajectory point
        hold off
        pause(0.01);
    end
end

```

1.7 TrajectoryTask.m (script, doing the "OK" task)

```
% This programm will complete the coursework trajectory task.
% in our task, the manipulator will writing a letter "OK" in a clined plane
% There are an obstacle between the word "O" and "K", and an obstacle in
% the returning path, the manipulator will avoid them
%% Define the task points
clear
T1=FowKi(104*pi/180,57*pi/180,-59*pi/180,40*pi/180,0);
T2=FowKi(109*pi/180,79*pi/180,-93*pi/180,25*pi/180,0);
T3=FowKi(97*pi/180,83*pi/180,-97*pi/180,26*pi/180,0);
T4=FowKi(95*pi/180,60*pi/180,-63*pi/180,40*pi/180,0);
q1 = [104*pi/180 57*pi/180 -59*pi/180 40*pi/180 0];
q2 = [pi/2 pi/2 -pi/6 0 0];
q3 = [81*pi/180 60*pi/180 -63*pi/180 40*pi/180 0];
T5=FowKi(81*pi/180,60*pi/180,-63*pi/180,40*pi/180,0);
T6=FowKi(77.7*pi/180,83*pi/180,-97.5*pi/180,26*pi/180,0);
q4 = [77.7*pi/180 83*pi/180 -97.5*pi/180 26*pi/180 0];
q5 = [77.7*pi/180 100*pi/180 -60*pi/180 26*pi/180 0];
q6 = [75.5*pi/180 57*pi/180 -59*pi/180 41*pi/180 0];
T7=FowKi(75.5*pi/180,57*pi/180,-59*pi/180,41*pi/180,0);
T8=FowKi(79*pi/180,70*pi/180,-77*pi/180,29*pi/180,0);
T9=FowKi(64.7*pi/180,72.7*pi/180,-84.7*pi/180,19.4*pi/180,0);
q7=[64.7*pi/180 72.7*pi/180 -84.7*pi/180 19.4*pi/180 0];
q8=[30*pi/180 90*pi/180 -30*pi/180 30*pi/180 0];
q9=[0 0 0 0 0];

%% Plotting
plotcube([0.4 10 3.5],[-0.2 8 -2],.8,[0 1 1]) % generate a cube obstacle
plotcube([10 1 8],[5 4.5 -2],.8,[0 1 1]) % generate a cube obstacle
SLTraj(T1,T2,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T2,T3,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T3,T4,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T4,T1,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q1,q2,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q2,q3,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T5,T6,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q4,q5,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q5,q6,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T7,T8,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T8,T9,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q7,q8,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q8,q9,2,0.5);
```

1.7 SLTraj2.m (script, second way to generate straight-line)

```
clear
clc
L1=Link('a',0,'d',0,'alpha',pi/2);
L2=Link('a',5.75,'d',0,'alpha',0);
L3=Link('a',7.375,'d',0,'alpha',0);
L4=Link('a',0,'d',0,'alpha',pi/2);
L5=Link('a',0,'d',3.375,'alpha',0);
robot = SerialLink([L1 L2 L3 L4 L5], 'name', 'my robot');

T1=FowKi(2*pi/3,0,0,0,0);
T2=FowKi(75*pi/180,pi/6,-pi/6,0,0);

An = T1(:,1); Ao = T1(:,2); Aa = T1(:,3); Ap = T1(:,4);
Bn = T2(:,1); Bo = T2(:,2); Ba = T2(:,3); Bp = T2(:,4);

x = An*(Bp-Ap); y = Ao*(Bp-Ap); z = Aa*(Bp-Ap);

fai = atan2(Ao'*Ba,An'*Ba);
theta = atan2(((An'*Ba)^2+(Ao'*Ba)^2)^0.5,Aa'*Ba);
sf = sin(fai); cf = cos(fai); st = sin(theta); ct = cos(theta); vt = 1-cos(theta);
sg = -sf*cf*vt*(An'*Bn)+((cf^2)*vt+ct)*(Ao'*Bn)-sf*st*(Aa'*Bn);
cg = -sf*cf*vt*(An'*Bo)+((cf^2)*vt+ct)*(Ao'*Bo)-sf*st*(Aa'*Bo);
gama = atan2(sg,cg);

Ti = cell(1,11);
qi = cell(1,11);
TMi = cell(1,11);
Ti{1} = T1;
qi{1} = InvKi(T1);
TMi{1} = FowKi(qi{1}(1),qi{1}(2),qi{1}(3),qi{1}(4),qi{1}(5));

for k=0.1:0.1:1
    vtk = 1-cos(k*theta);
    ctk = cos(k*theta);
    stk = sin(k*theta);
    cgk = cos(k*gama);
    sgk = sin(k*gama);

    Th = [1 0 0 x*k;0 1 0 y*k;0 0 1 z*k; 0 0 0 1];
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Rah = [(sf^2)*vtk+ctk, -sf*cf*vtk, cf*stk, 0;
       -sf*cf*vtk, (cf^2)*vtk+ctk, sf*stk, 0;
       -cf*stk, -sf*stk, ctk, 0;
       0 0 0 1];

Roh = [cgk -sgk 0 0;sgk cgk 0 0; 0 0 1 0;0 0 0 1];

i = 10*k+1;
Ti{i} = T1*Th*Rah*Roh;
try
    qi{i} = InvKi(Ti{i});
    Tmi{i} = FowKi(qi{i}(1),qi{i}(2),qi{i}(3),qi{i}(4),qi{i}(5));
end
end

for m = 1:11
    try
        robot.plot(qi{m}, 'tilesize',3);
        Te = Tmi{m};
        hold on
        plot3(Te(1,4),Te(2,4),Te(3,4), 'r.')
        hold off
        pause(0.3);
    end
end
end

```

2.1 ParallelIKPlot.m (function, solve parallel IK and plot)

```

% This function will solve the inverse kinematic problem of the coursework
parallel robot.
% The input xc and yc are the coordinate of the needle, and alpha is the angle
% between the platform and horizontal direction. And the function will output a
% 8x3 matrix,
% its each line is a set of solution of three active angles.
% The function will also output the plot of eight postures.
function theta = ParallelIKPlot(xc,yc,alpha)
theta1=zeros(1,2); theta2=zeros(1,2); theta3=zeros(1,2);
q1 = zeros(1,2); q2 = zeros(1,2); q3 = zeros(1,2);
alpha=alpha*pi/180;
rp=130; rb=290; S=170; L=130;
f1 = alpha+pi/6; f2 = alpha+5*pi/6; f3 = alpha+3*pi/2;

%% theta1

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p1= atan2(yc-rp*sin(f1),xc-rp*cos(f1));
cq1 = (S^2-L^2+(xc-rp*cos(f1))^2+(yc-rp*sin(f1))^2)/(2*S*((xc-
rp*cos(f1))^2+(yc-rp*sin(f1))^2)^0.5);
sq1 = (1-cq1^2)^0.5;
q1(1) = atan2(sq1,cq1);
q1(2) = atan2(-sq1,cq1);
p1 = p1.*180./pi;
q1 = q1.*180./pi;
theta1(1) = p1+q1(1); theta1(2) = p1+q1(2);

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%% theta2
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p2 = atan2(yc-rp*sin(pi-f2),xc+rp*cos(pi-f2)-(3^0.5)*rb);
cq2 = (S^2-L^2+(xc+rp*cos(pi-f2)-(3^0.5)*rb)^2+(yc-rp*sin(pi-
f2))^2)/(2*S*((xc+rp*cos(pi-f2)-(3^0.5)*rb)^2+(yc-rp*sin(pi-f2))^2)^0.5);
sq2 = (1-cq2^2)^0.5;
q2(1) = atan2(sq2,cq2);
q2(2) = atan2(-sq2,cq2);
p2 = p2.*180./pi;
q2 = q2.*180./pi;
theta2(1) = p2+q2(1); theta2(2) = p2+q2(2);

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% if alpha < 0
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%      theta2 = 360+theta2;
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% end
```

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%% theta3
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p3 = atan2(yc+rp*sin(2*pi-f3)-3*rb/2, xc-rp*cos(2*pi-f3)-(3^0.5)*rb/2);
cq3 = (S^2-L^2+(xc-rp*cos(2*pi-f3)-(3^0.5)*rb/2)^2+(yc+rp*sin(2*pi-f3)-
3*rb/2)^2)/(2*S*((xc-rp*cos(2*pi-f3)-(3^0.5)*rb/2)^2+(yc+rp*sin(2*pi-f3)-
3*rb/2)^2)^0.5);
sq3 = (1-cq3^2)^0.5;
q3(1) = atan2(sq3,cq3);
q3(2) = atan2(-sq3,cq3);
p3 = p3.*180./pi;
q3 = q3.*180./pi;
theta3(1) = p3+q3(1); theta3(2) = p3+q3(2);

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```
%% solution
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theta = [theta1(1) theta2(1) theta3(1); theta1(1) theta2(1) theta3(2); theta1(1)
theta2(2) theta3(1); theta1(1) theta2(2) theta3(2);
        theta1(2) theta2(1) theta3(1); theta1(2) theta2(1) theta3(2);
theta1(2) theta2(2) theta3(1); theta1(2) theta2(2) theta3(2)];

```

```
%% Plotting
```

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thetai = theta.*pi./180;
bax=0; bay=0; bbx=290*3^0.5; bby=0; bcx=145*3^0.5; bcy=435;
pax=xc-rp*cos(f1); pay=yc-rp*sin(f1);
pbx=xc+rp*cos(pi-f2); pby=yc-rp*sin(pi-f2);
pcx=xc-rp*cos(2*pi-f3); pcy=yc+rp*sin(2*pi-f3);

for kk = 1:8
    max = 170*cos(thetai(kk,1)); may = 170*sin(thetai(kk,1));
    mbx = 170*cos(thetai(kk,2))+290*3^0.5; mby = 170*sin(thetai(kk,2));
    mcx = 170*cos(thetai(kk,3))+145*3^0.5; mcy =
170*sin(thetai(kk,3))+435;
    subplot(2,4,kk);
    hold on
    plot([pax,pbx,pcx,pax],[pay,pby,pcy,pay],'r','Linewidth',2)
    plot([bax,bbx],[bay,bby],'b','Linewidth',3)
    plot([bax,bcx],[bay,bcy],'b','Linewidth',3)
    plot([bbx,bcx],[bby,bcy],'b','Linewidth',3)
    plot([bax,max],[bay,may],'k','Linewidth',2)
    plot([bbx,mbx],[bby,mby],'k','Linewidth',2)
    plot([bcx,mcx],[bcy,mcy],'k','Linewidth',2)
    plot([max,pax],[may,pay],'k','Linewidth',2)
    plot([mbx,pbx],[mby,pby],'k','Linewidth',2)
    plot([mcx,pcx],[mcy,pcy],'k','Linewidth',2)
    xlabel('x(mm)','FontSize',13)
    ylabel('y(mm)','FontSize',13)
    title(['Posture No.',num2str(kk)],'FontSize',13)
    axis equal
    axis([-100 600 -100 500]);
    grid on
    hold off
end
suptitle(['Models when xc=',num2str(xc),'mm   yc=',num2str(yc),'mm
alpha=',num2str(alpha*180/pi)]);

```

2.2 ParallelWorkspace.m (function, generate the workspace)

% This function will plot the workspace for a given orientation alpha

function []=ParallelWorkspace(alpha)

%% Recording the workspace

i=0;

x = zeros(1,10000); y = zeros(1,10000);

for xc = 70:1:420

for yc = 0:1:320

try

ParallelIK(xc,yc,alpha);

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        i = i+1;
        x(i) = xc;
        y(i) = yc;
    end
end
end
x = x(x~=0); y = y(y~=0);

%% Plotting
bax=0; bay=0; bbx=290*3^0.5; bby=0; bcx=145*3^0.5; bcy=435;
hold on
plot([bax,bbx],[bay,bby],'b','Linewidth',3)
plot([bax,bcx],[bay,bcy],'b','Linewidth',3)
plot([bbx,bcx],[bby,bcy],'b','Linewidth',3)
plot(x,y,'r.')
xlabel('x(mm)','FontSize',20)
ylabel('y(mm)','FontSize',20)
title(['Workspace of the needle when\nalpha=',num2str(alpha),'degree'],'FontSize',20)
axis equal
axis([-100 600 -100 500]);
grid on
hold off

```

Coursework.m (Total program of our coursework)

```

clear
clc
%% Part 1
disp('Part 1');
%% Forward kinematic
disp('A forward kinematic example q1=[2*pi/3,pi/3,-pi/4,pi/4,0]');
T1 = FowKi(2*pi/3,pi/3,-pi/4,pi/4,0)
disp('Another forward kinematic example q2=[1.2,0.5,-0.8,1,0] ');
T2 = FowKi(1.2,0.5,-0.8,1,0)
input('Foward kinematic done. Press enter to continue \n');
%% Inverse kinematic
disp('Using InvKi to solve the inverse kinematic of T1');
q1 = InvKi(T1)
disp('Using InvKi to solve the inverse kinematic of T2');
q2 = InvKi(T2)
disp('Another inverse kinematic example q=[0.5,1,-0.3,0.7,0]');
q3 = InvKi(FowKi(0.5,1,-0.3,0.7,0))
input('Inverse kinematic done. Press enter to continue \n');
%% Workspace

```

```

clear
disp('The workspace of Lynxmotion arm')
i = 0;
xwork=zeros(1,100048);
ywork=zeros(1,100048);
zwork=zeros(1,100048);
for q1=0:pi/60:pi
    for q2=0:pi/15:5*pi/6
        for q3=-5*pi/6:pi/15:0
            for q4=0:pi/15:pi
                i=i+1;
                T0e = fk(q1,q2,q3,q4,0);
                xwork(i) = T0e(1,4);
                ywork(i) = T0e(2,4);
                zwork(i) = T0e(3,4);
            end
        end
    end
end
end

```

```

c=zwork;
figure('Position', [30,550,560,420]);
scatter3(xwork,ywork,zwork,6,c,'.')
title('3D Workspace','FontSize',15)
xlabel('x(inch)','FontSize',15)
ylabel('y(inch)','FontSize',15)
zlabel('z(inch)','FontSize',15)
grid on
axis equal
view(-75,20);

```

```

figure('Position', [830,550,560,420]);
scatter(xwork,ywork,6,c,'.')
title('2D Workspace in Z','FontSize',15)
xlabel('x(inch)','FontSize',15)
ylabel('y(inch)','FontSize',15)
grid on
axis equal

```

```

figure('Position', [30,50,560,420]);
scatter(xwork,zwork,6,c,'.')
title('2D Workspace in Y','FontSize',15)
xlabel('x(inch)','FontSize',15)
ylabel('z(inch)','FontSize',15)

```



```

grid on
axis equal

figure('Position', [830,50,560,420]);
scatter(ywork,zwork,6,c,'.')
title('2D Workspace in X','FontSize',15)
xlabel('y(inch)','FontSize',15)
ylabel('z(inch)','FontSize',15)
grid on
axis equal
input('Workspace done. Press enter to continue \n');
close
close
close
close
%% Free motion
disp('A free motion trajectory example')
figure
FMTraj([0,0,0,0,0],[1.2,0.9,-0.68,1,0],3,1)
input('Free motion done. Press enter to continue \n');
close
%% Straight-line motion
disp('A straight-line trajectory example')
figure
Ts=FowKi(2*pi/3,0,0,0,0);
Te=FowKi(75*pi/180,pi/6,-pi/6,0,0);
SLTraj(Ts,Te,3,1)
input('Straight-line motion done. Press enter to continue \n');
close
%% Trajectory task
disp('The trajectory task: writing a "OK" and avoid the obstacles')
clear
T1=FowKi(104*pi/180,57*pi/180,-59*pi/180,40*pi/180,0);
T2=FowKi(109*pi/180,79*pi/180,-93*pi/180,25*pi/180,0);
T3=FowKi(97*pi/180,83*pi/180,-97*pi/180,26*pi/180,0);
T4=FowKi(95*pi/180,60*pi/180,-63*pi/180,40*pi/180,0);
q1 = [104*pi/180 57*pi/180 -59*pi/180 40*pi/180 0];
q2 = [pi/2 pi/2 -pi/6 0 0];
q3 = [81*pi/180 60*pi/180 -63*pi/180 40*pi/180 0];
T5=FowKi(81*pi/180,60*pi/180,-63*pi/180,40*pi/180,0);
T6=FowKi(77.7*pi/180,83*pi/180,-97.5*pi/180,26*pi/180,0);
q4 = [77.7*pi/180 83*pi/180 -97.5*pi/180 26*pi/180 0];
q5 = [77.7*pi/180 100*pi/180 -60*pi/180 26*pi/180 0];
q6 = [75.5*pi/180 57*pi/180 -59*pi/180 41*pi/180 0];

```

```

T7=FowKi(75.5*pi/180,57*pi/180,-59*pi/180,41*pi/180,0);
T8=FowKi(79*pi/180,70*pi/180,-77*pi/180,29*pi/180,0);
T9=FowKi(64.7*pi/180,72.7*pi/180,-84.7*pi/180,19.4*pi/180,0);
q7=[64.7*pi/180 72.7*pi/180 -84.7*pi/180 19.4*pi/180 0];
q8=[30*pi/180 90*pi/180 -30*pi/180 30*pi/180 0];
q9=[0 0 0 0 0];

```

figure

```

plotcube([0.4 10 3.5],[-0.2 8 -2],.8,[0 1 1]) % generate a cube obstacle
plotcube([10 1 8],[5 4.5 -2],.8,[0 1 1]) % generate a cube obstacle
SLTraj(T1,T2,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T2,T3,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T3,T4,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T4,T1,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q1,q2,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q2,q3,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T5,T6,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q4,q5,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q5,q6,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T7,T8,2,0.5);
SLTraj(T8,T9,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q7,q8,2,0.5);
FMTraj(q8,q9,2,0.5);
input('Task done. Press enter to continue \n');
close
%% Part 2
disp('Part 2');
%% inverse kinematic parallel robot
disp('A inverse kinematic example of parallel robot xc=260mm, yc=180mm,
alpha=30degree');
theta1 = ParallelIKPlot(260,180,30)
input('For better display please magnify the figure. Press enter to continue
\n');
close

%% Workspace space of parallel robot
disp('A workspace example of parallel robot alpha=-10degree');
ParallelWorkspace(-10)
input('For better display please magnify the figure. Press enter to finish \n');
disp('All done');
close

```