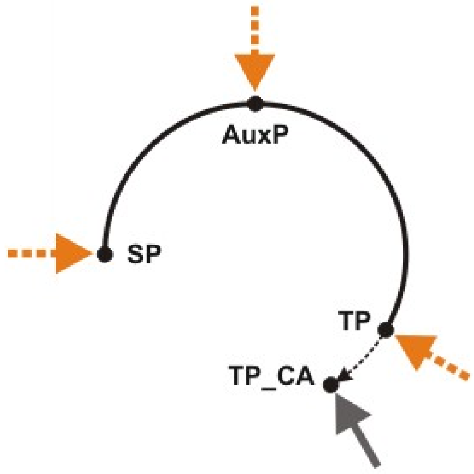

Fig. 8-31: #EXTRAPOLATE

8.9 Status and Turn

Overview

The position (X, Y, Z) and orientation (A, B, C) values of the TCP are not sufficient to define the robot position unambiguously, as different axis positions are possible for the same TCP. Status and Turn serve to define an unambiguous position that can be achieved with different axis positions.

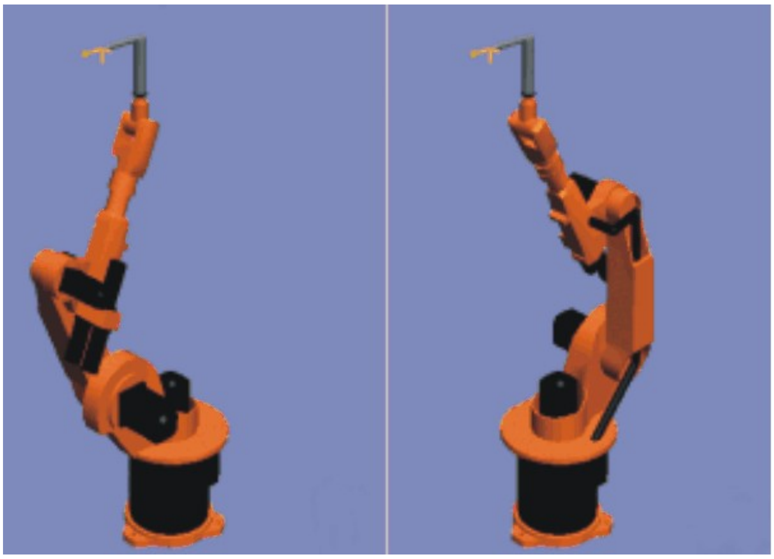

Fig. 8-32: Example: Same TCP position, different axis position

Status (S) and Turn (T) are integral parts of the data types POS and E6POS:

```
STRUC POS REAL X, Y, Z, A, B, C, INT S, T
```

```
STRUC E6POS REAL X, Y, Z, A, B, C, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, INT S, T
```

KRL program

The robot controller only takes the programmed Status and Turn values into consideration for PTP motions. They are ignored for CP motions.

The first motion instruction in a KRL program must therefore be one of the following instructions so that an unambiguous starting position is defined for the robot:

- A complete PTP instruction of type POS or E6POS
- Or a complete PTP instruction of type AXIS or E6AXIS

“Complete” means that all components of the end point must be specified. The default HOME position is always a complete PTP instruction.

Status and Turn can be omitted in the subsequent instructions:

- The robot controller retains the previous Status value.
- The Turn value is determined by the path in CP motions. In the case of PTP motions, the robot controller selects the Turn value that results in the shortest possible path.

8.9.1 Status

The Status specification prevents ambiguous axis positions.

Bit 0

Bit 0 specifies the position of the intersection of the wrist axes (A4, A5, A6).

Position	Value
Overhead area If the x-value of the intersection of the wrist axes, relative to the A1 coordinate system, is negative, the robot is in the overhead area.	Bit 0 = 1
Basic area If the x-value of the intersection of the wrist axes, relative to the A1 coordinate system, is positive, the robot is in the basic area.	Bit 0 = 0

The A1 coordinate system is identical to the $ROBROOT coordinate system if axis 1 is at 0°. For values not equal to 0°, it moves with axis 1.

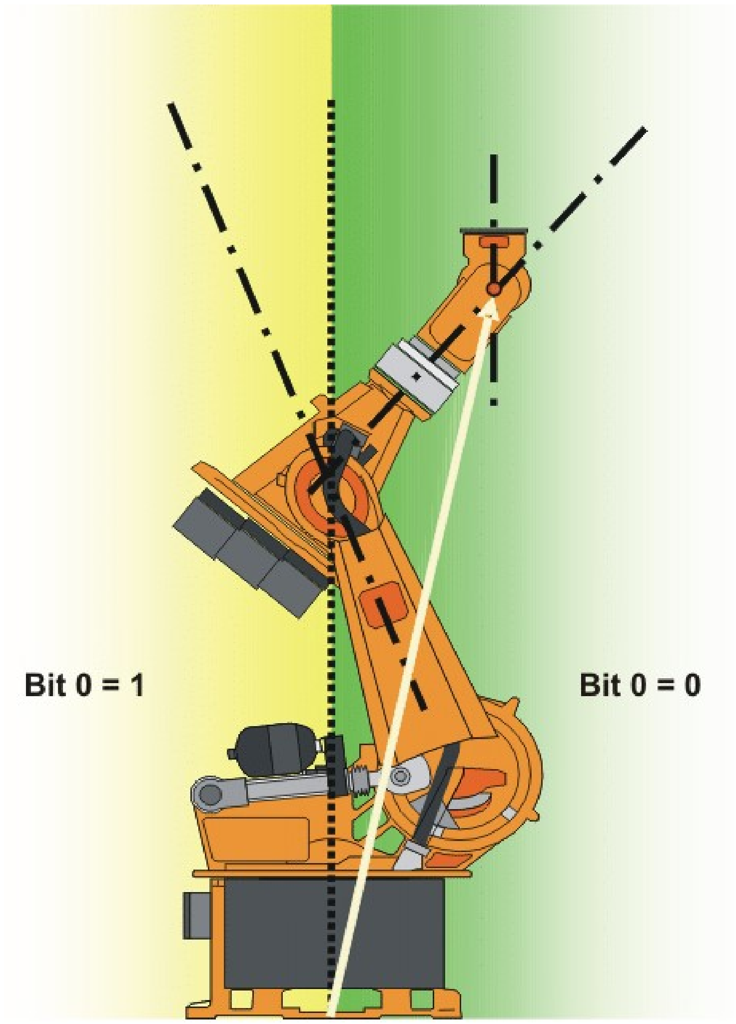

Fig. 8-33: Example: The intersection of the wrist axes (red dot) is in the basic area.

Bit 1

Bit 1 specifies the position of axis 3. The angle at which the value of bit 1 changes depends on the robot type.

For robots whose axes 3 and 4 intersect, the following applies:

Position	Value
A3 ≥ 0°	Bit 1 = 1
A3 < 0°	Bit 1 = 0

For robots with an offset between axis 3 and axis 4, the angle at which the value of bit 1 changes depends on the size of this offset.

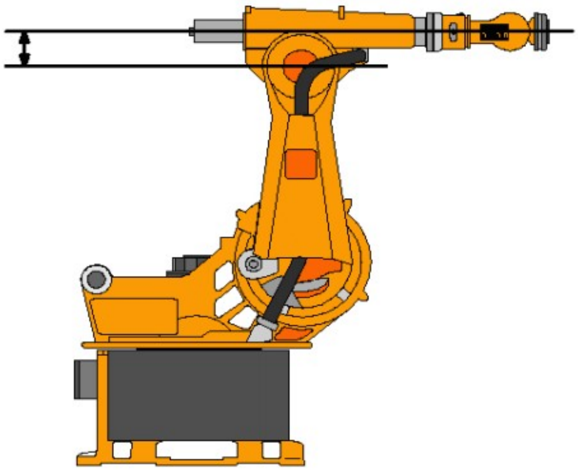

Fig. 8-34: Offset between A3 and A4 – example: KR 30

Bit 2

Bit 2 specifies the position of axis 5.

Position	Value
A5 > 0	Bit 2 = 1
A5 ≤ 0	Bit 2 = 0

Bit 3

Bit 3 is not used and is always 0.

Bit 4

Bit 4 specifies whether or not the point was taught using an absolutely accurate robot.

Depending on the value of the bit, the point can be executed by both absolutely accurate robots and non-absolutely-accurate robots. Bit 4 is for information purposes only and has no influence on how the robot calculates the point. This means, therefore, that when a robot is programmed offline, bit 4 can be ignored.

Description	Value
The point was not taught with an absolutely accurate robot.	Bit 4 = 0
The point was taught with an absolutely accurate robot.	Bit 4 = 1

8.9.2 Turn

Description

The Turn specification makes it possible to move axes through angles greater than +180° or less than -180° without the need for special motion strategies (e.g. auxiliary points). With rotational axes, the individual bits determine the sign before the axis value in the following way:

Bit = 0: angle ≥ 0°

Bit = 1: angle < 0°

Value	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
0	A6 ≥ 0°	A5 ≥ 0°	A4 ≥ 0°	A3 ≥ 0°	A2 ≥ 0°	A1 ≥ 0°
1	A6 < 0°	A5 < 0°	A4 < 0°	A3 < 0°	A2 < 0°	A1 < 0°

Example

```
DECL POS XP1 = {X 900, Y 0, Z 800, A 0, B 0, C 0, S 6, T 19}
```

T 19 corresponds to T 'B010011'. This means:

Axis	Angle
A1	negative
A2	negative
A3	positive
A4	positive
A5	negative
A6	positive

8.10 Singularities

KUKA robots with 6 degrees of freedom have 3 different singularity positions.

- Overhead singularity
- Extended position singularity
- Wrist axis singularity

A singularity position is characterized by the fact that unambiguous reverse transformation (conversion of Cartesian coordinates to axis-specific values) is not possible, even though Status and Turn are specified. In this case, or if very slight Cartesian changes cause very large changes to the axis angles, one speaks of singularity positions.

Overhead

In the overhead singularity, the wrist root point (intersection of axes A4, A5 and A6) is located vertically above axis 1.

The position of axis A1 cannot be determined unambiguously by means of reverse transformation and can thus take any value.

If the end point of a PTP motion is situated in this overhead singularity position, the robot controller may react as follows by means of the system variable $SINGUL_POS[1]:

- **0**: The angle for axis A1 is defined as 0 degrees (default setting).
- **1**: The angle for axis A1 remains the same from the start point to the end point.

Extended position

In the extended position singularity, the wrist root point (intersection of axes A4, A5 and A6) is located in the extension of axes A2 and A3 of the robot.

The robot is at the limit of its work envelope.

Although reverse transformation does provide unambiguous axis angles, low Cartesian velocities result in high axis velocities for axes A2 and A3.

If the end point of a PTP motion is situated in this extended position singularity, the robot controller may react as follows by means of the system variable $SINGUL_POS[2]:

- **0**: The angle for axis A2 is defined as 0 degrees (default setting).
- **1**: The angle for axis A2 remains the same from the start point to the end point.

Wrist axes

In the wrist axis singularity position, the axes A4 and A6 are parallel to one another and axis A5 is within the range ±0.01812°.

The position of the two axes cannot be determined unambiguously by reverse transformation. There is an infinite number of possible axis positions for axes A4 and A6 with identical axis angle sums.

If the end point of a PTP motion is situated in this wrist axis singularity, the robot controller may react as follows by means of the system variable $SINGUL_POS[3]:

- **0**: The angle for axis A4 is defined as 0 degrees (default setting).
- **1**: The angle for axis A4 remains the same from the start point to the end point.

> In the case of SCARA robots, only the extended position singularity can arise. In this case, the robot starts to move extremely fast.