

# Ca\_bot Inverse Kinematics

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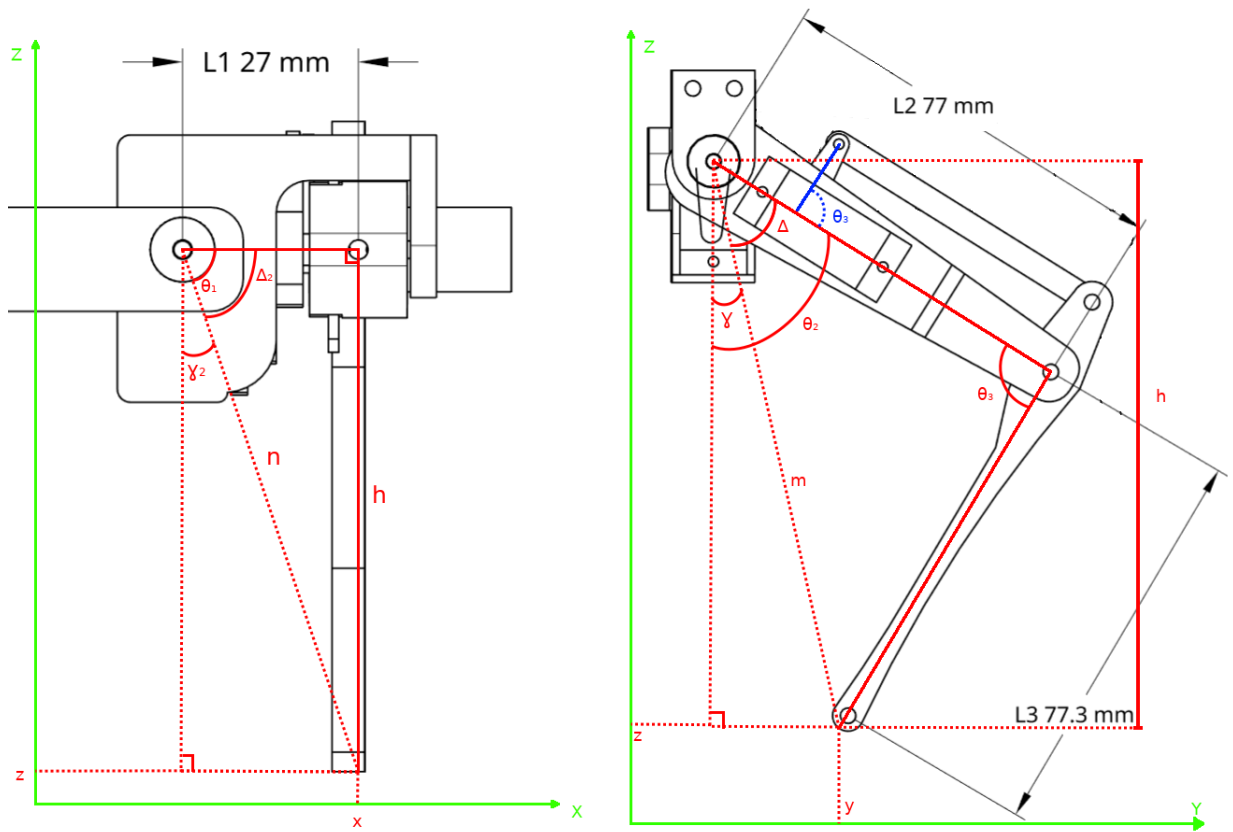


Figure 1: We use trigonometry to compute the inverse kinematics of the leg

We want to find the values of the angles  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  given the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  position of the end of the leg (see Figure ??).

For  $\theta_1$ , we first need to compute the angles  $\gamma_2$  and  $\Delta_2$ . Using the Pythagorean theorem, we have :

$$n = \sqrt{z^2 + x^2}$$

$$h = \sqrt{n^2 - L1^2}$$

Which allow us to compute  $\gamma_2$  :

$$\gamma_2 = \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$$

And  $\Delta_2$  using Al-Kashi's theorem :

$$\Delta_2 = \arccos\left(\frac{-h^2+n^2+L1^2}{2 \cdot n \cdot L1}\right)$$

Then,

$$\boxed{\theta_1 = \gamma_2 + \Delta_2}$$

Same process for  $\theta_2$ , this time we need to compute  $\gamma$  and  $\Delta$ . Using the Pythagorean theorem, we have :

$$m = \sqrt{y^2 + h^2}$$

Thus,

$$\gamma = \arcsin\left(\frac{y}{m}\right)$$

And using Al-Kashi's theorem again :

$$\Delta = \arccos\left(\frac{-L3^2+m^2+L2^2}{2 \cdot m \cdot L2}\right)$$

Then,

$$\boxed{\theta_2 = \gamma + \Delta}$$

Eventually, we find  $\theta_3$  using Al-Kashi's theorem again :

$$\boxed{\theta_3 = \arccos\left(\frac{-m^2 + L2^2 + L3^2}{2 \cdot L2 \cdot L3}\right)}$$

**Note** : The blue  $\theta_3$  on Figure ?? is the actual angle being actuated, but as we have a parallel mechanism here, it is actually the same value as the red one.