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# ABB Robot Studio, using a pen tool

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# 1 Introduction

The task is to write the first letters of a name and surname using manipulator and pen tool. In this lab these letters are "A" and "K" (Artem Kondratev). To complete this task, ABB Robot Studio was used to simulate RAPID instructions for the manipulator and to visualize the robot's movement.

## 2 Methods

### 2.1 Simulation

Firstly, a simulation was created using the ABB IRB 1600 manipulator. A pen was used as a tool, and a table with paper was added to the simulation environment (shown in Figure 1). To test the generated RAPID code, a virtual controller identical to the real ABB controller in the laboratory was created.

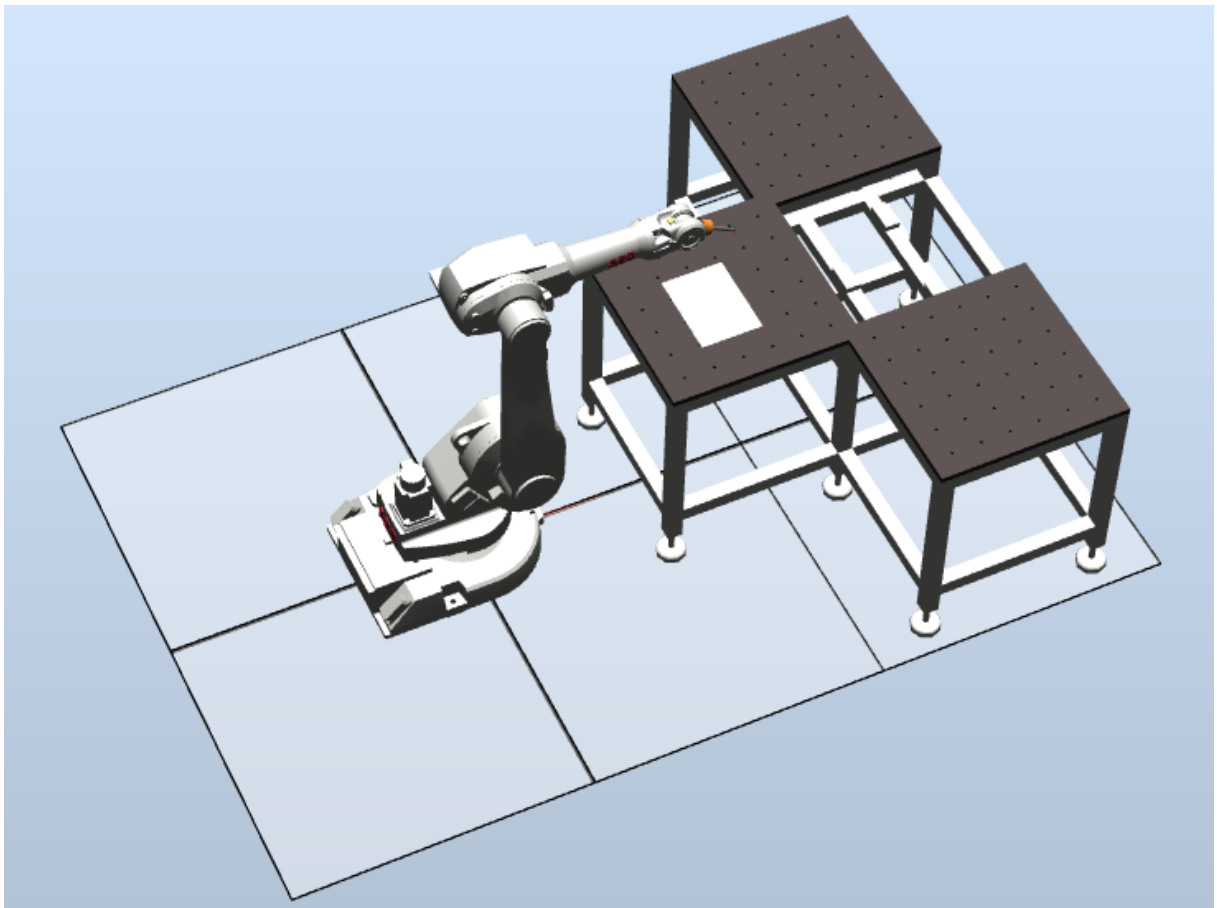


Figure 1: Simulation environment setup

Secondly, a new Workobject attached to the paper was created via three points on the paper surface (shown in Figure 2).

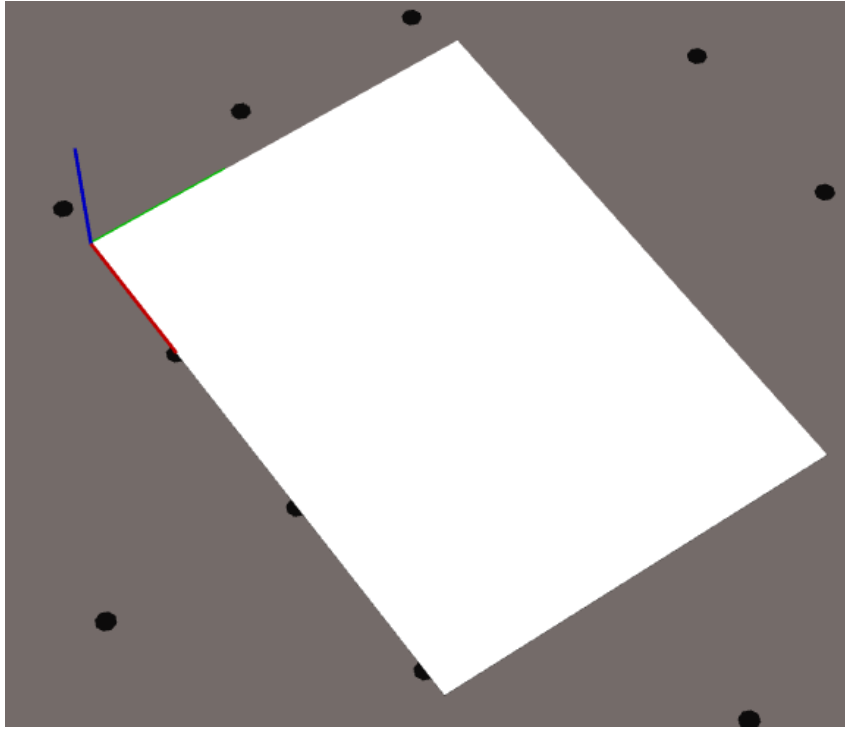


Figure 2: Paper Workobject

Points representing the required letters were created in the paper Workobject (shown in Figure 3). The MoveJ and MoveL instructions were used to draw lines between created points. The MoveJ is used to move the robot from one point to another when that movement does not need to follow a straight line. The MoveL is used to move the tool center point (TCP) linearly from one point to another.

To describe the robot's trajectory, a velocity of 100 mm/s was set. Additionally, a zone of 200 was configured to ensure smoothness in the trajectory.

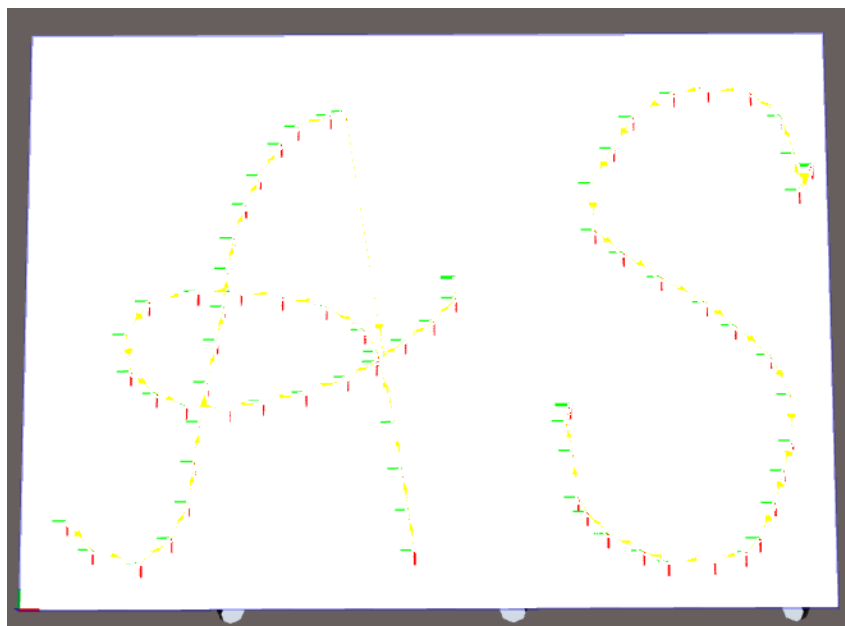


Figure 3: Letter points

## 2.2 Transfer program to reality

To provide the program to the real robot controller, the laptop was connected via Ethernet and a one-click connection was established. This approach allows to correct program online, both from the laptop and directly via the FlexPendant.

The main challenge in transferring the prepared program to reality is that the paper Workobject in the real setup differs from the Workobject in the simulation. Therefore, the translation vector of the paper Workobject needs to be corrected. To determine the translation error, jogging in manual mode was used. The simulated equivalent of the jogging mode in the FlexPendant is shown in Figure 4).

The correction of the translation vector is performed in the ProgramData mode in the FlexPendant. After the paper Workobject pose correction, the program is transferred to the robot.

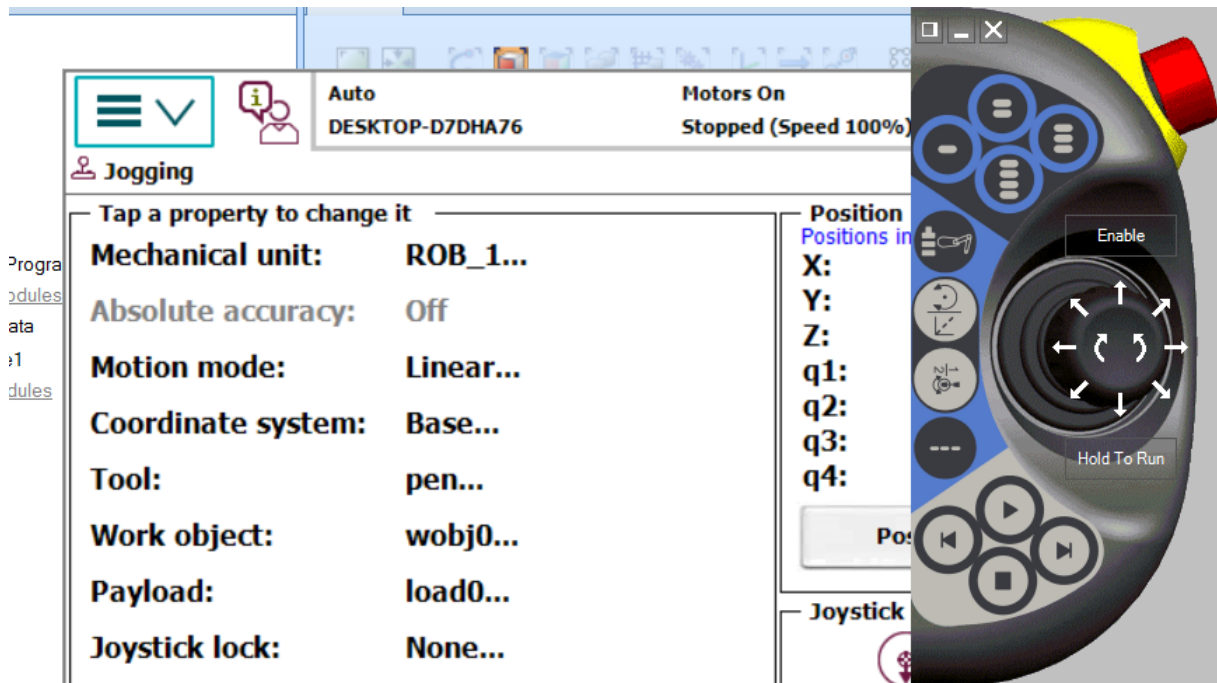


Figure 4: Jogging mode in FlexPendant

## 3 Results

The results are shown in Figure 5. The height of the paper Workobject in the base frame is 273 mm. The final code is provided in Appendix A. A video demonstration is available via the following demonstration.

The thickness of drawn lines depends on the pencil pressure which can be adjusted by using a spring.

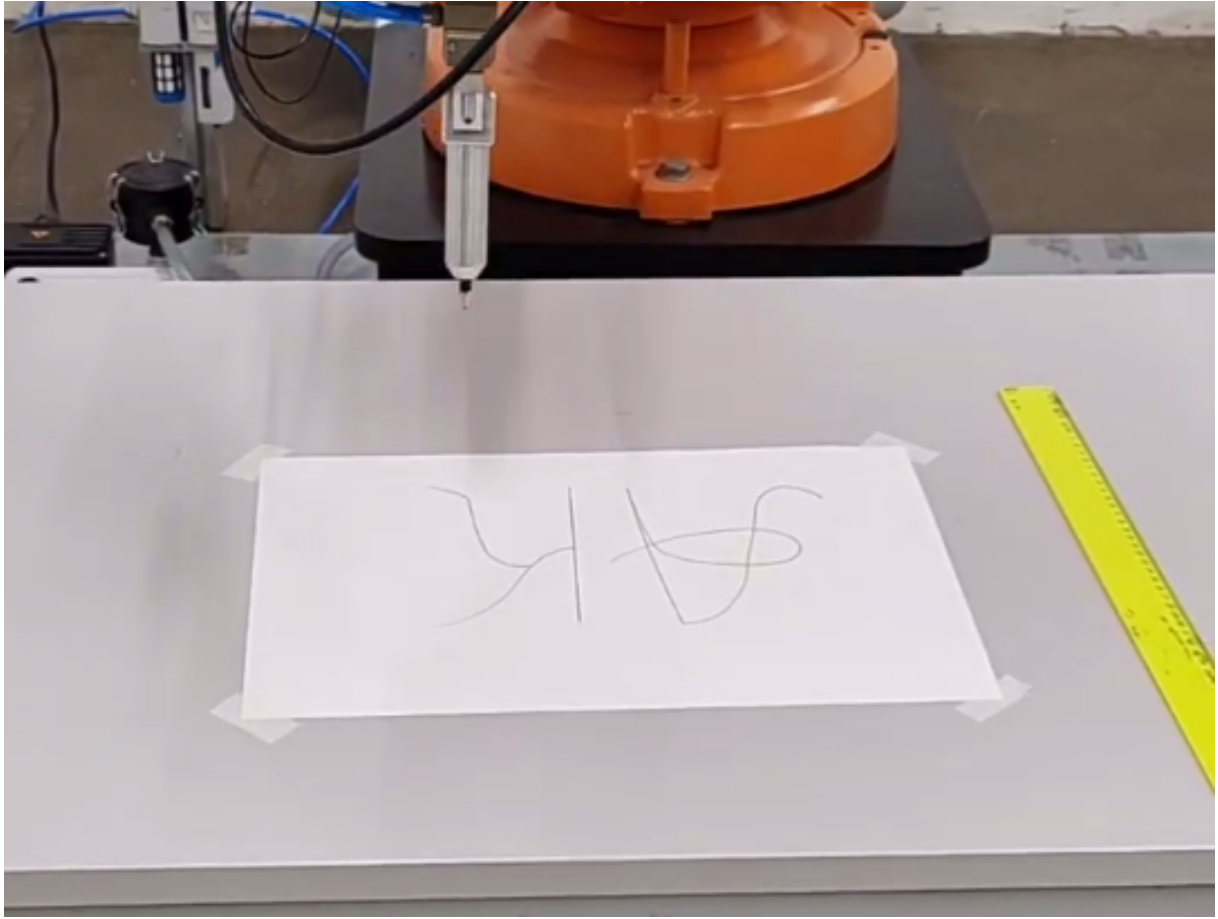


Figure 5: Results

## 4 Discussion

Creating points within the paper Workobject is useful, because in this case it allows the paper's position to be changed without requiring corrections to the points' coordinates. If points are created in the base Workobject, any movement of the paper would necessitate adjusting the points' coordinates.

The spring is an essential component of the tool, because in reality the table is not perfectly flat—it is a surface with irregularities. So, in some points, which are created under the assumption that the table is an ideal plane, pencil contact cannot be achieved. In this case, the quality of the lettering may be unclear.

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## Appendix A: The RAPID code

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MODULE Module1
CONST robtarget Target_10=[[16.37,31.293,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_20=[[25.662,21.05,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_30=[[42.851,16.33,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
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CONST robtarget Target_50=[[59.613,38.027,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_60=[[61.498,52.402,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_70=[[63.384,66.792,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
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CONST robtarget Target_100=[[71.382,108.637,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_110=[[73.809,122.618,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_120=[[74.699,133.809,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_130=[[78.926,146.398,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_140=[[84.086,157.122,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
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CONST robtarget Target_160=[[97.679,175.301,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_170=[[109.372,179.455,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_180=[[114.984,180.831,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_190=[[139.977,20.464,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_200=[[138.04,34.832,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_210=[[135.501,49.671,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_220=[[132.972,66.385,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_240=[[126.702,92.009,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
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CONST robtarget Target_270=[[92.366,112.258,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_280=[[77.454,114.199,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
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CONST robtarget Target_330=[[47.572,77.101,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_340=[[58.274,72.861,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
CONST robtarget Target_350=[[73.634,71.853,0],[0,-0.707106781,0.707106781,0],[0,0,0,0],[9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
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