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EECS 367

Intro. to Autonomous Robotics

ROB 320

Robot Operating Systems

Winter 2022

Inverse Kinematics: Optimization



New Robot Definition

- Feature for assignment 3
 - Everyone will submit as a pair of students
 - You can choose pairs or come to interactive session
- **This Wednesday, February 23rd**
 - Every team will showcase their robot during interactive session (with pizza!)
 - Push your new definition to “robots/new_robot_description.js” by the showcase
- 1 point for working forward kinematics
- 1 point for showcasing their robot

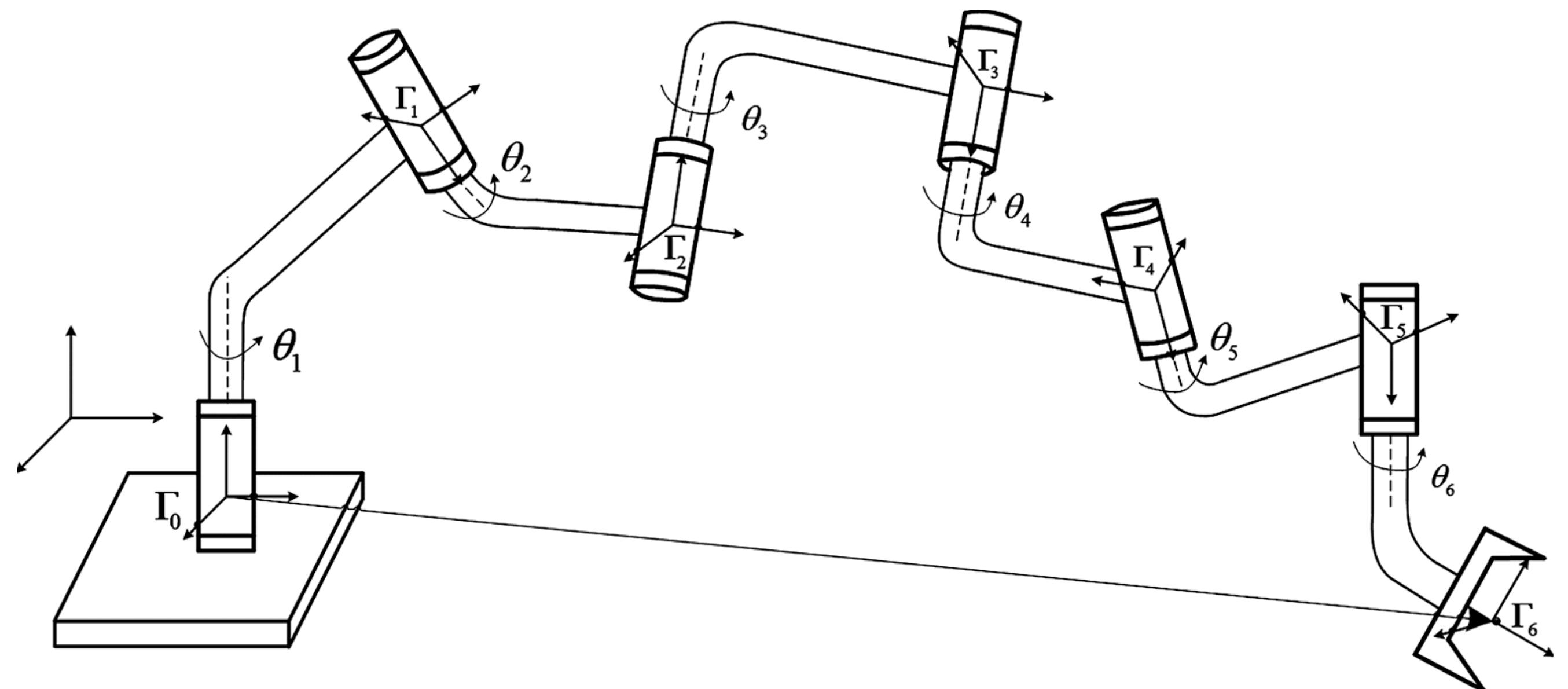
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Robot Applications

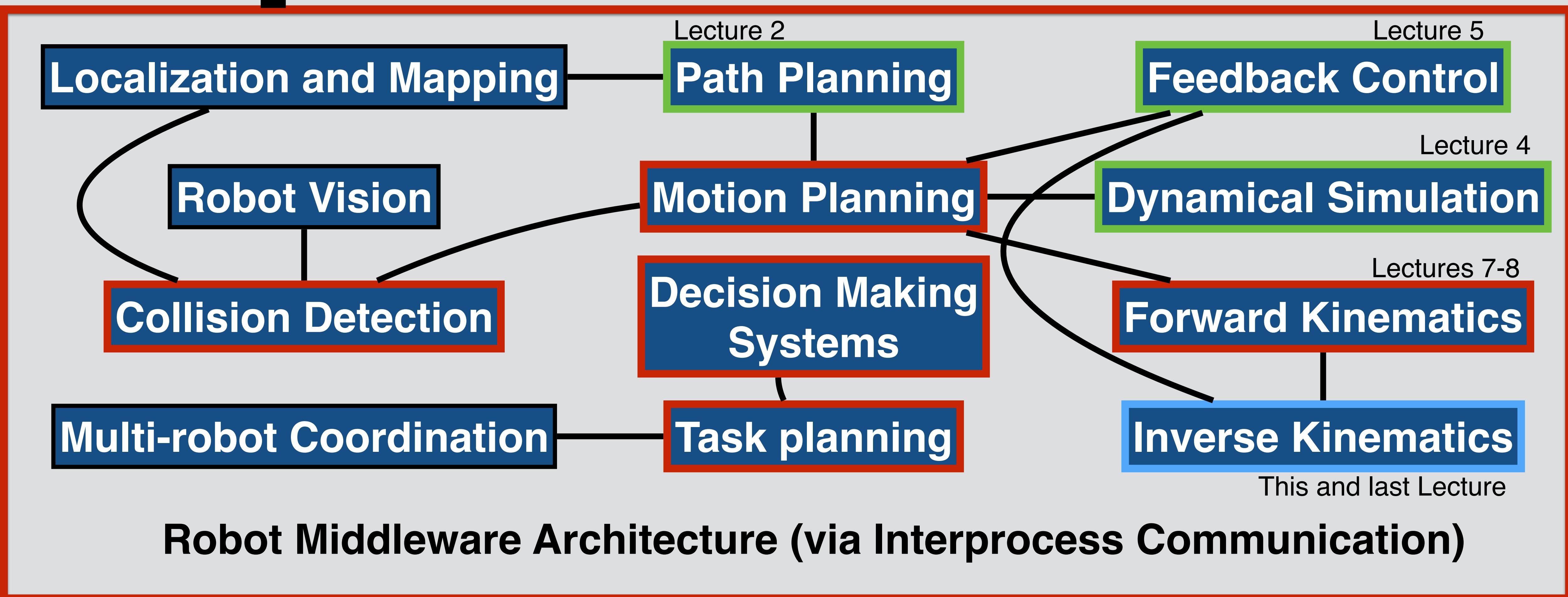
Robot Operating System

Operating System

Hardware

Robot Operating System

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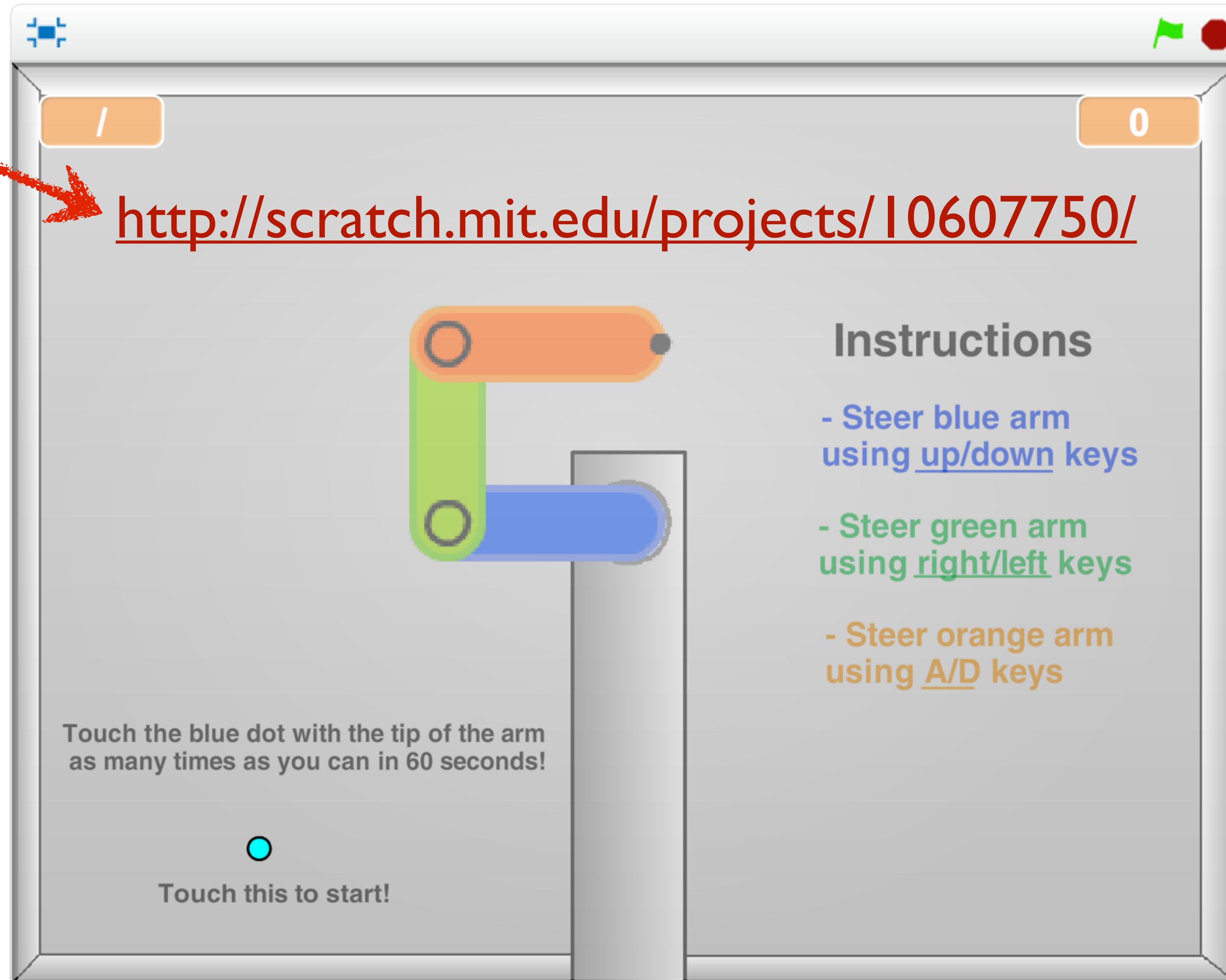


Inverse Kinematics: 2 possibilities

- **Closed-form solution:** geometrically infer satisfying configuration
(Lecture 11)
 - *Speed:* solution often computed in constant time
 - *Predictability:* solution is selected in a consistent manner
- **Solve by optimization:** minimize error of endeffector to desired pose
(Lecture 12)
 - often some form of Gradient Descent (a la Jacobian Transpose)
 - *Generality:* same solver can be used for many different robots

What was your best score?

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Robot Arm^3ik2

<http://scratch.mit.edu/projects/98124079/>

by ohseejay

DRAFT

8 scripts
2 sprites

See inside



Instructions

My remix

Tell people how to use your project
(such as which keys to press).

Notes and Credits

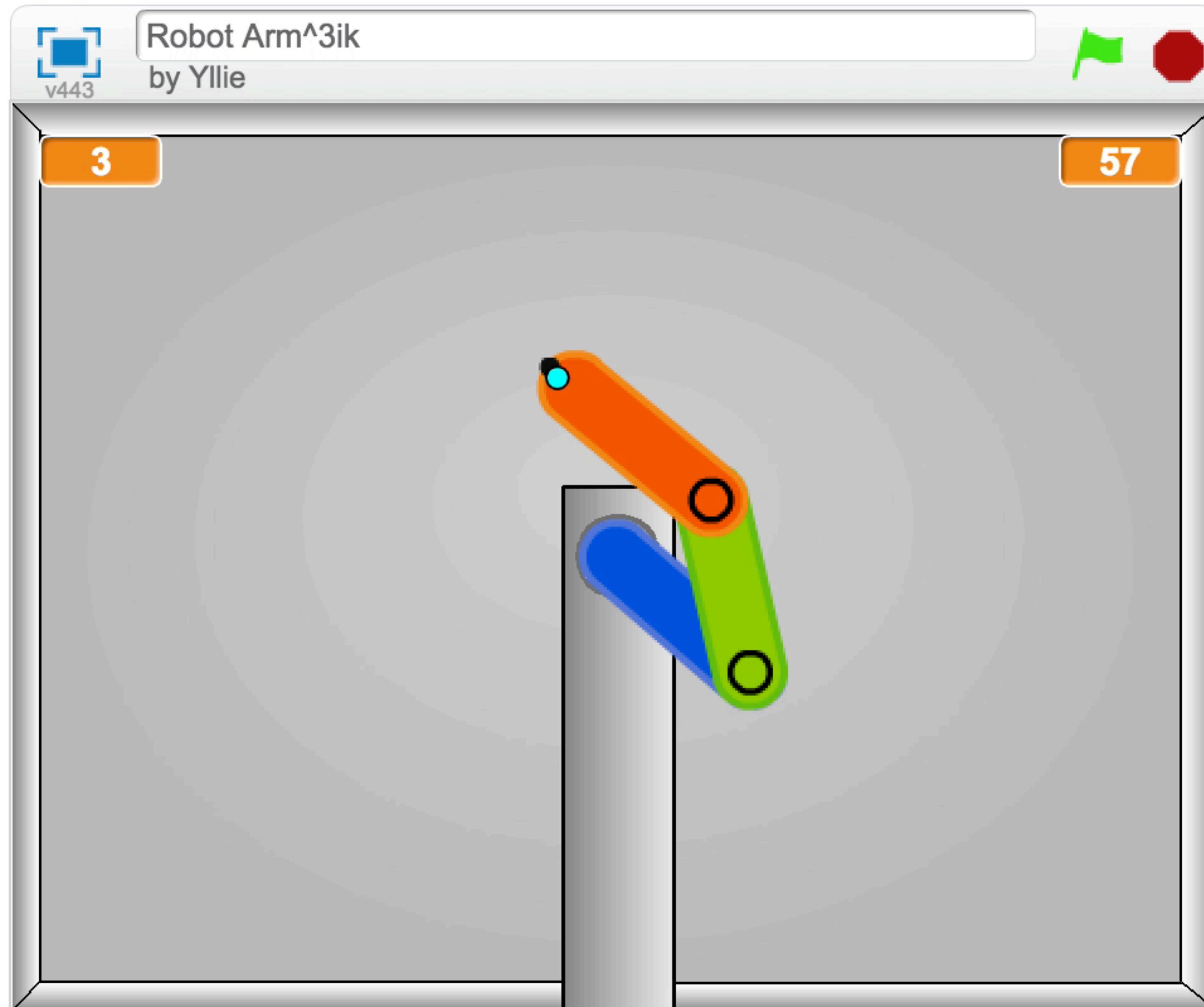
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Add project tags.

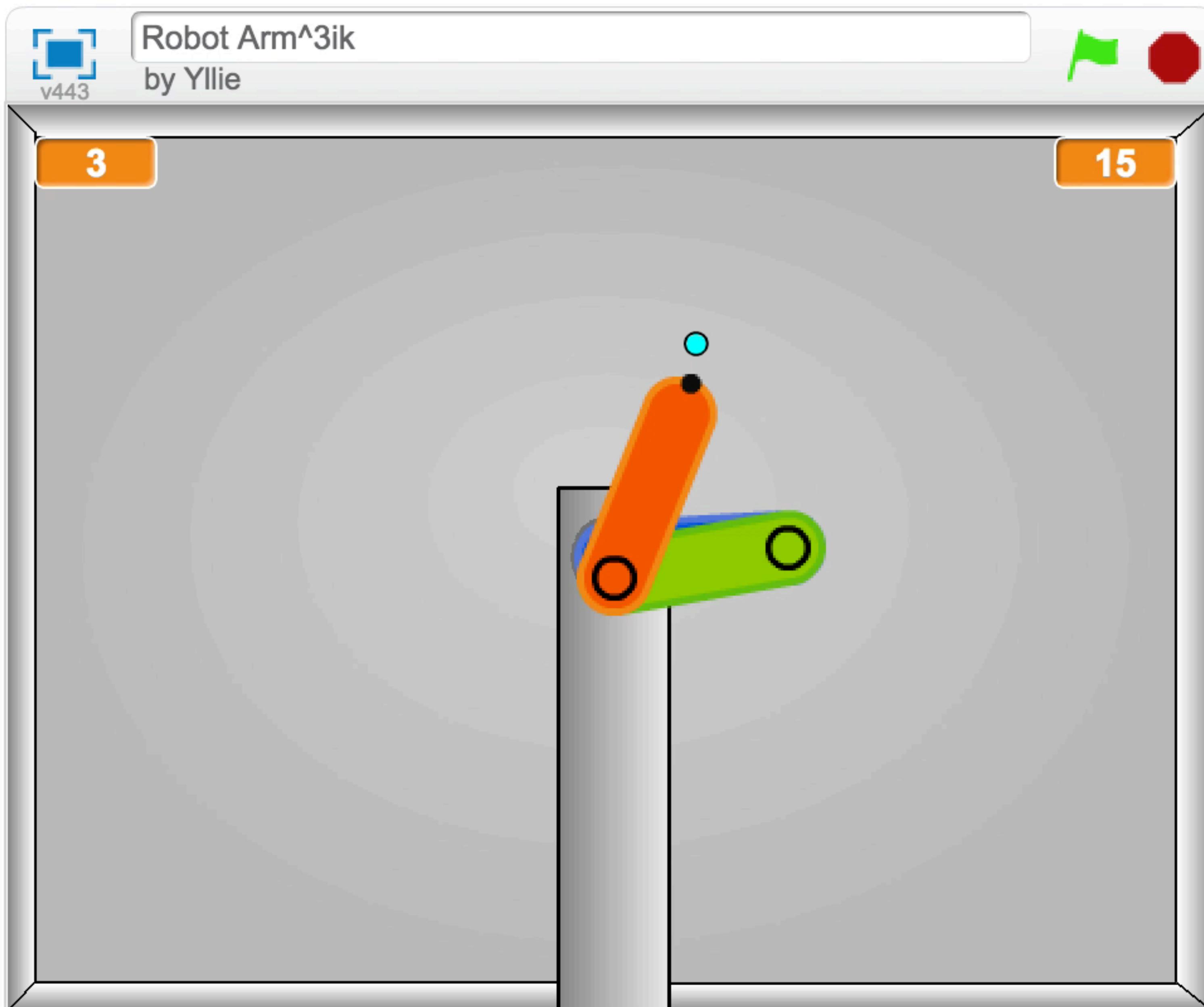
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Aggressively tuned IK



Conservatively tuned IK



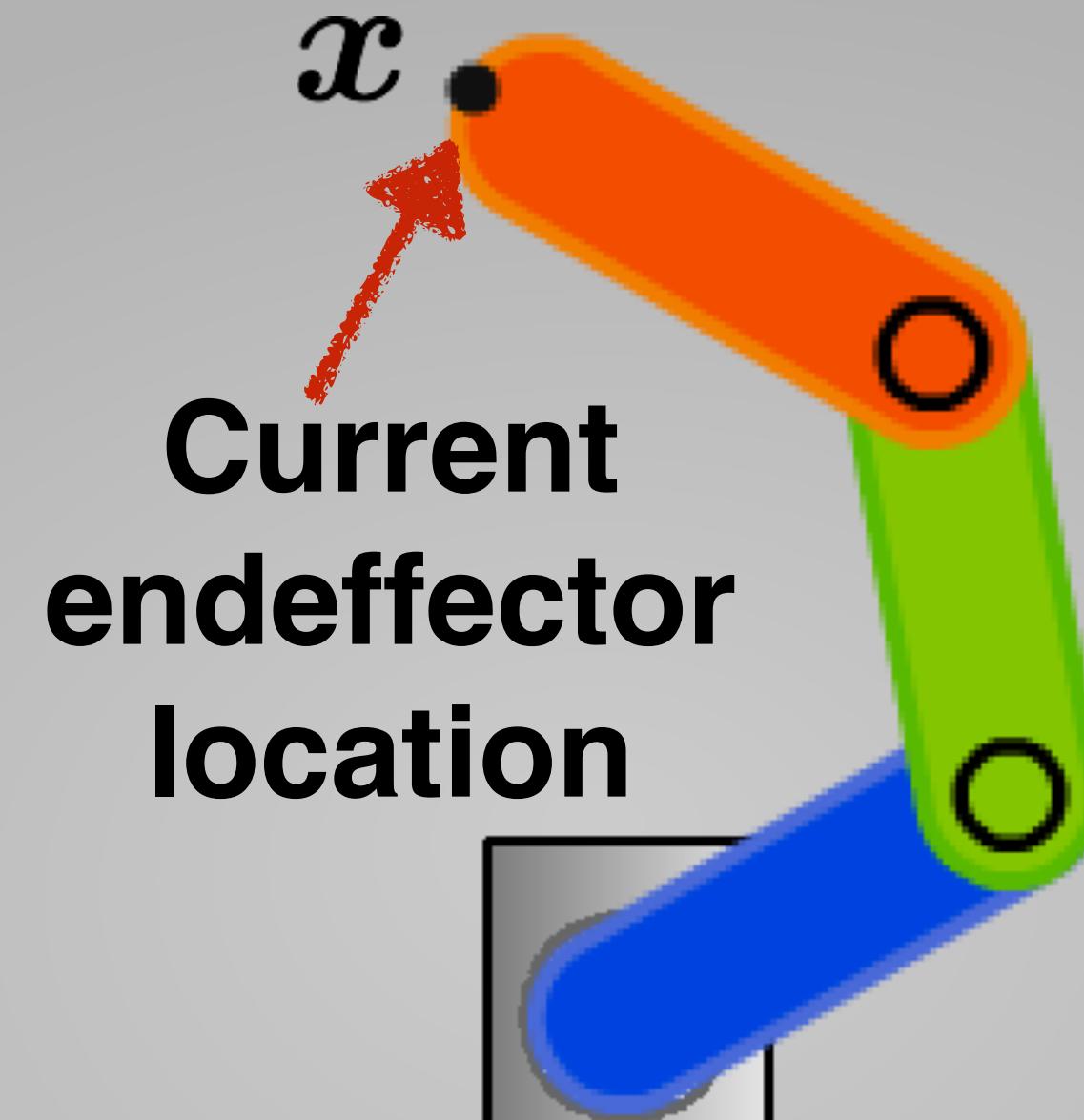
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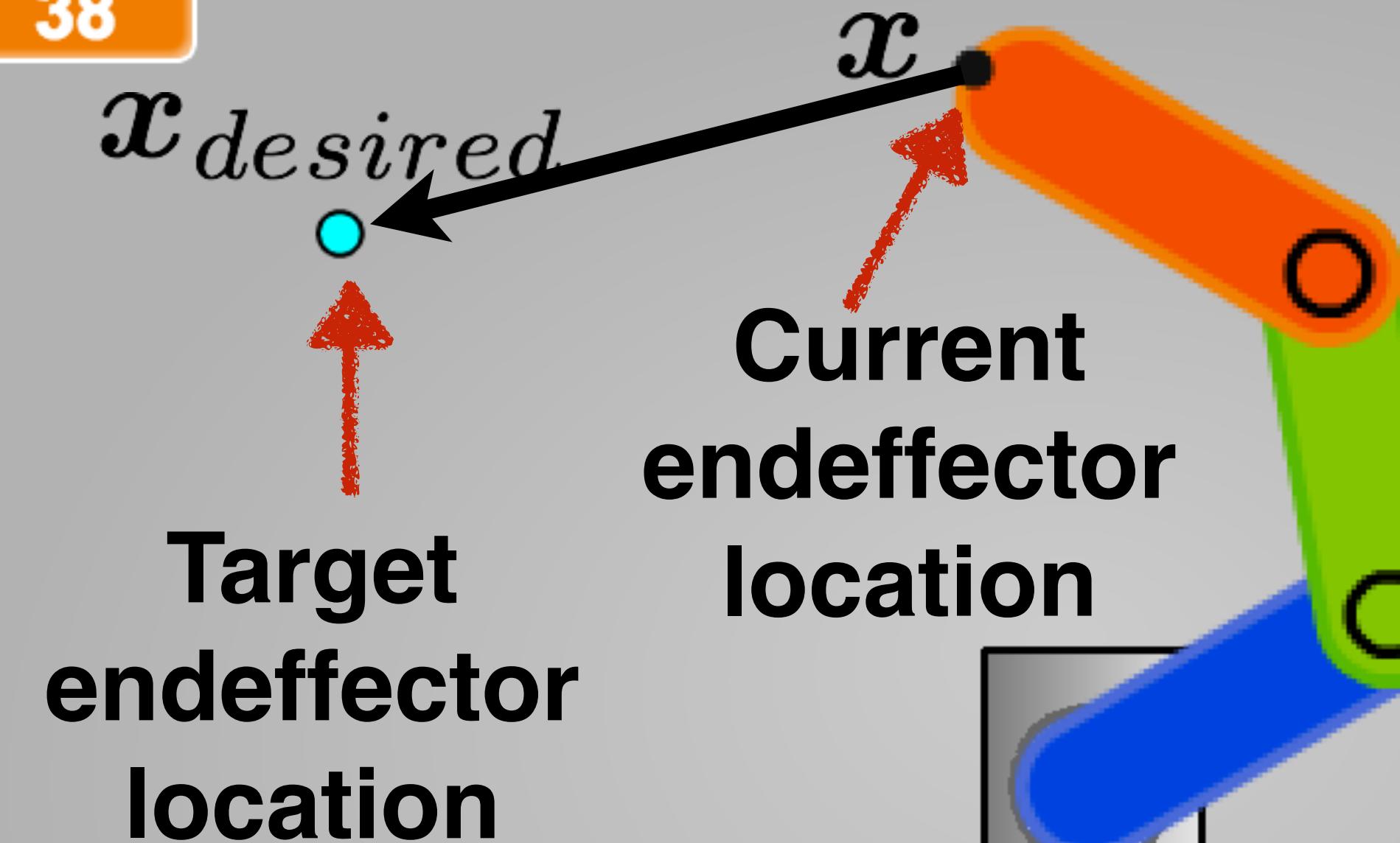
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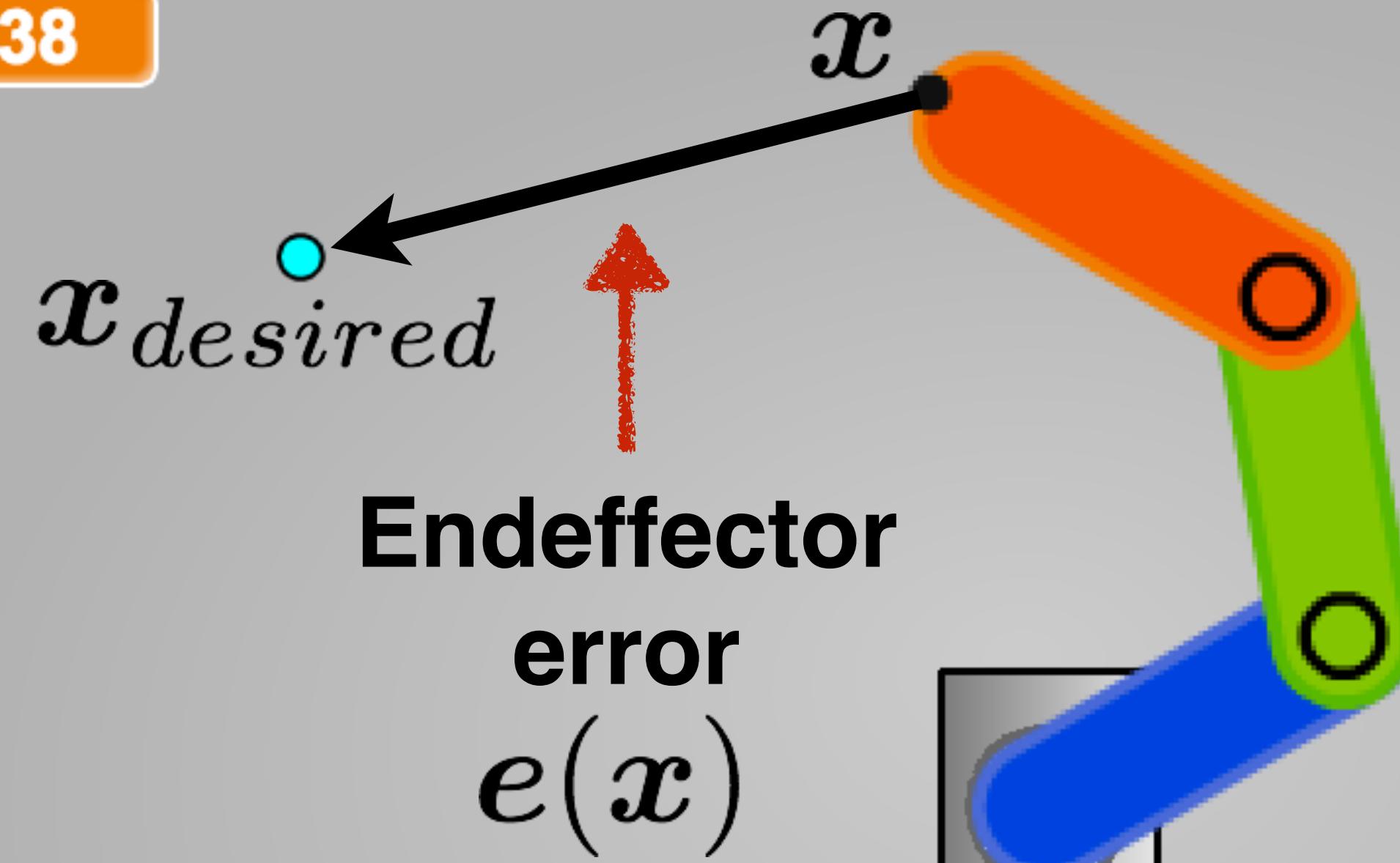
Jacobian Transpose

$x_{desired}$ 

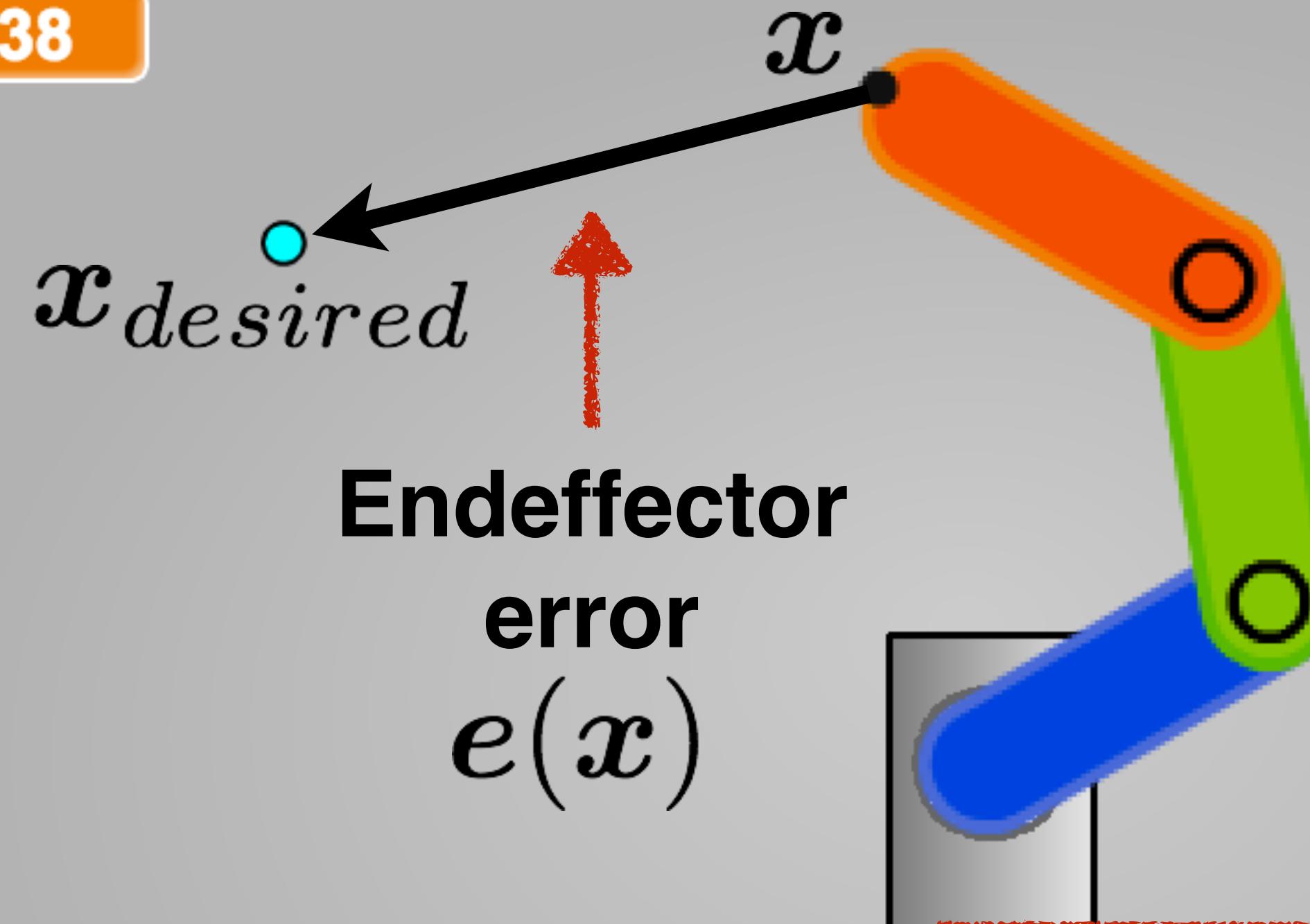
Target
endeffector
location







Can we move the
endeffector to
minimize error?



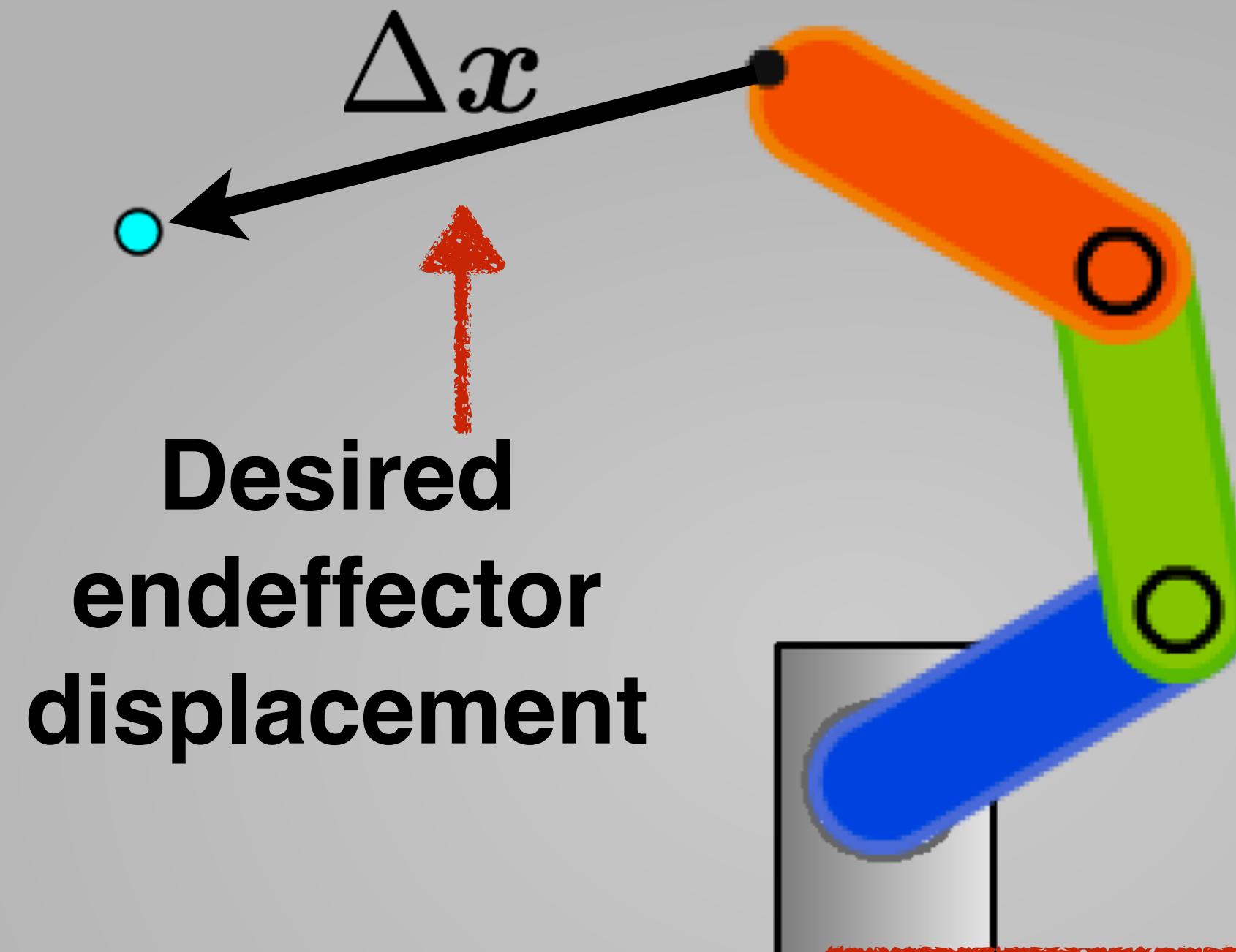
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convert linear velocity at end effector
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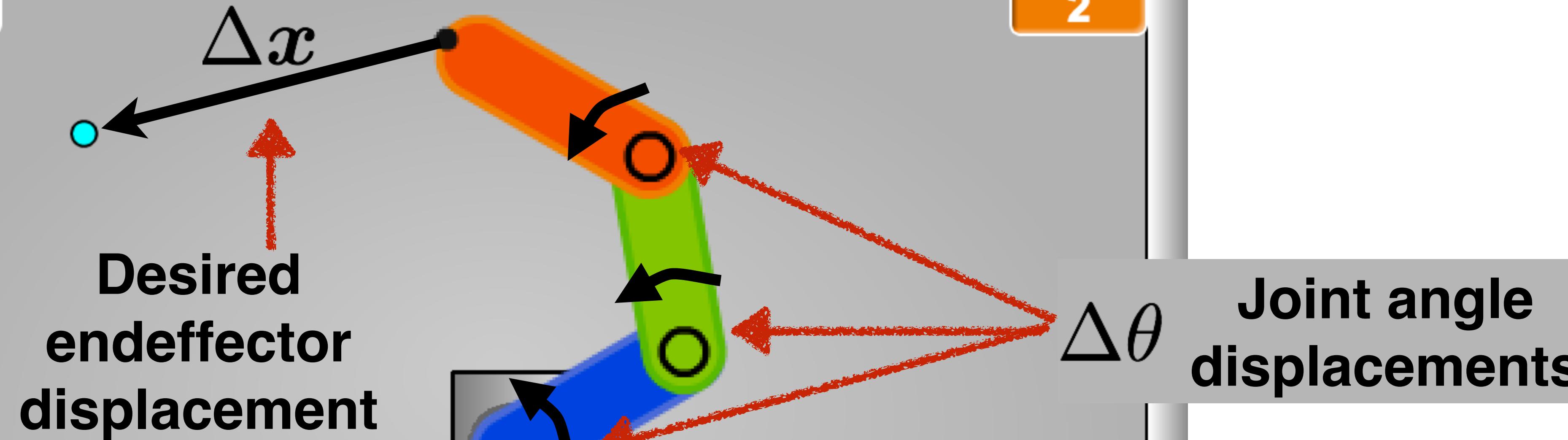
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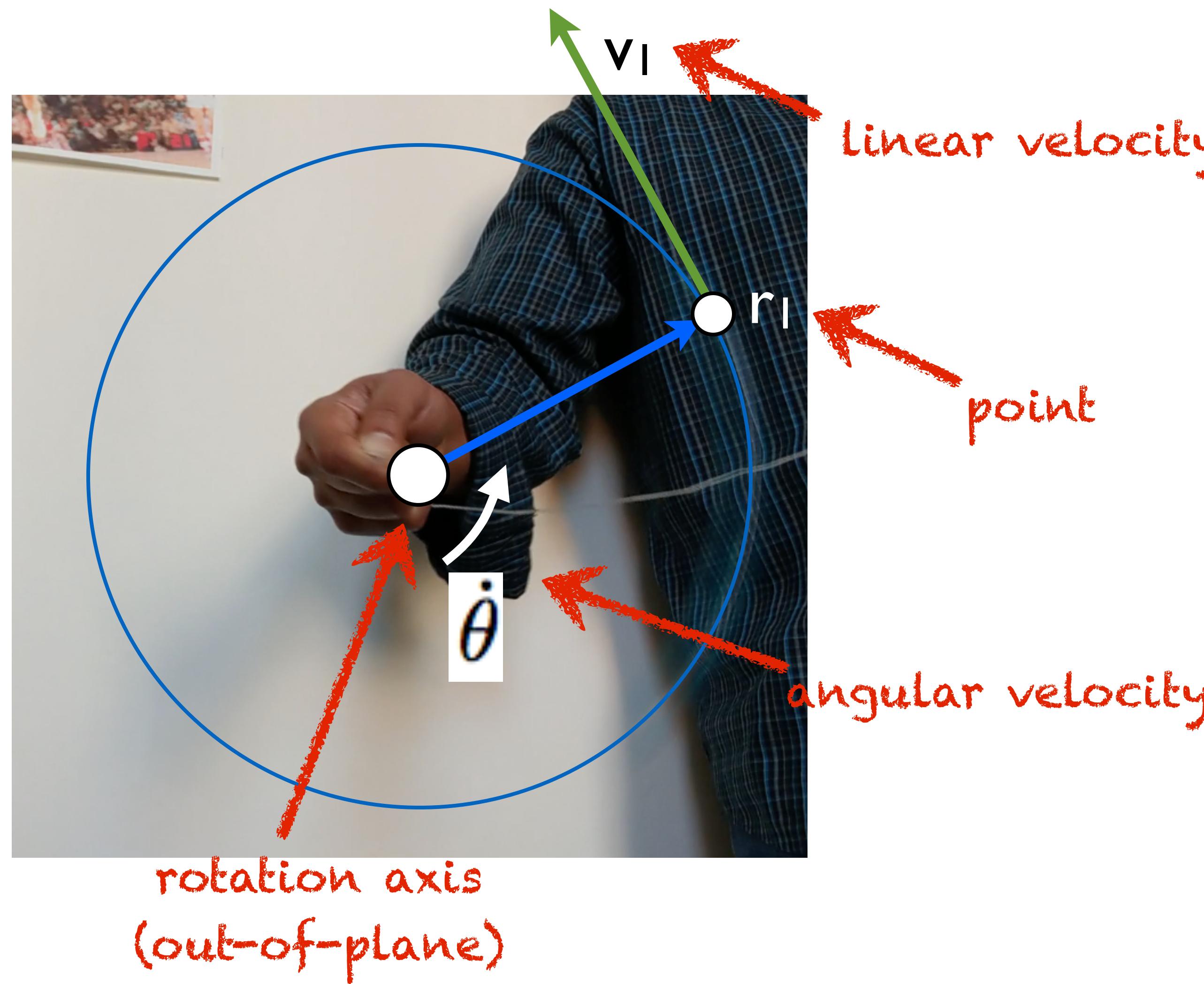


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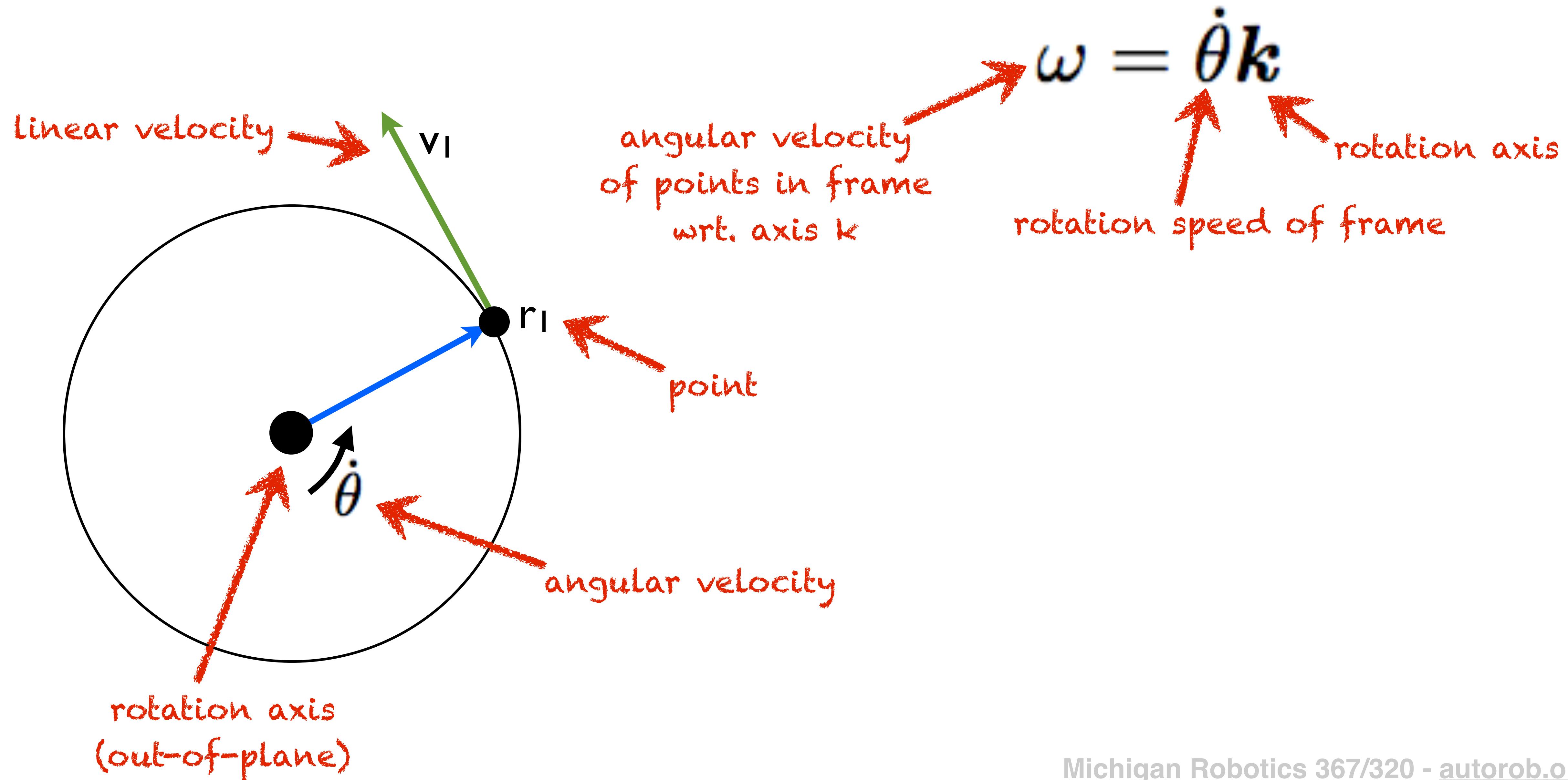


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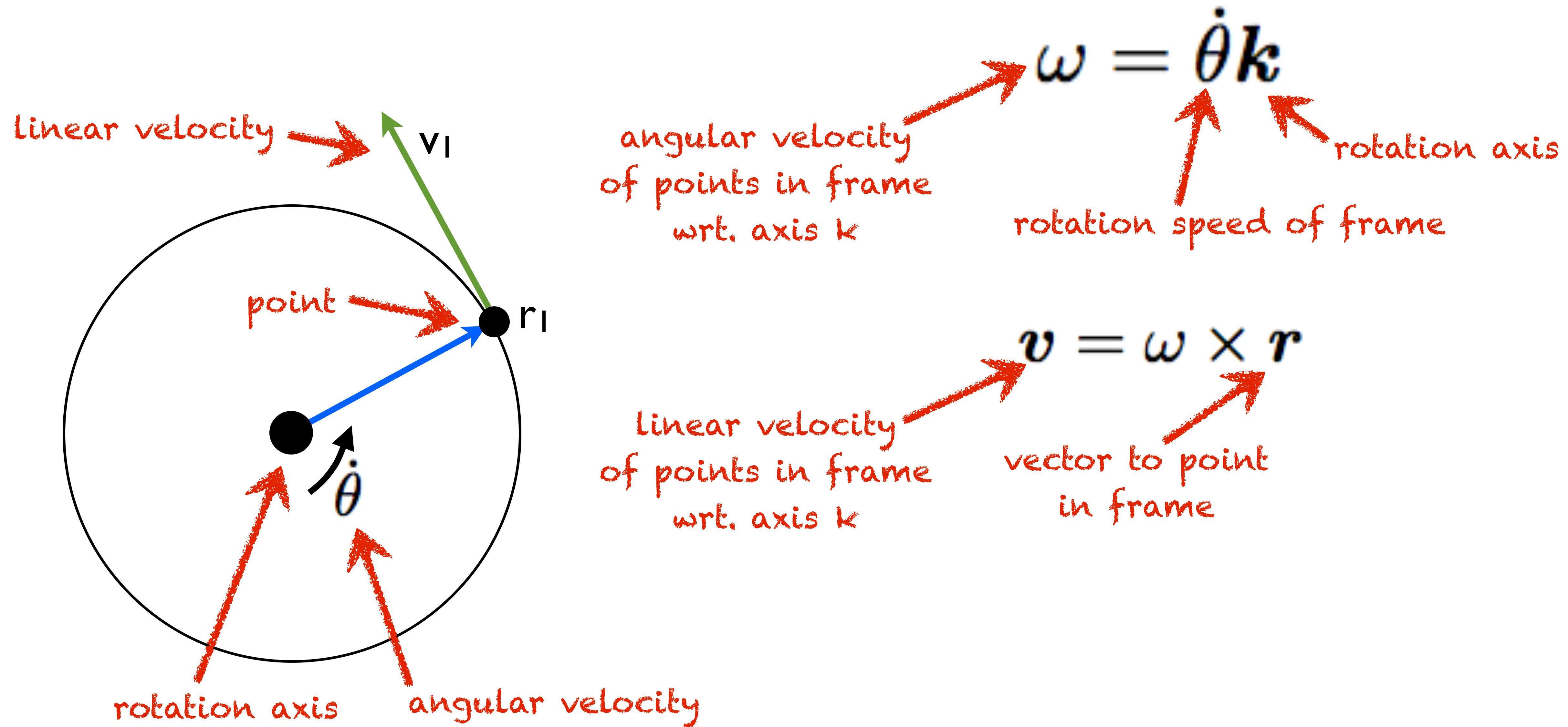
Velocity of Point Rotating in Fixed Frame



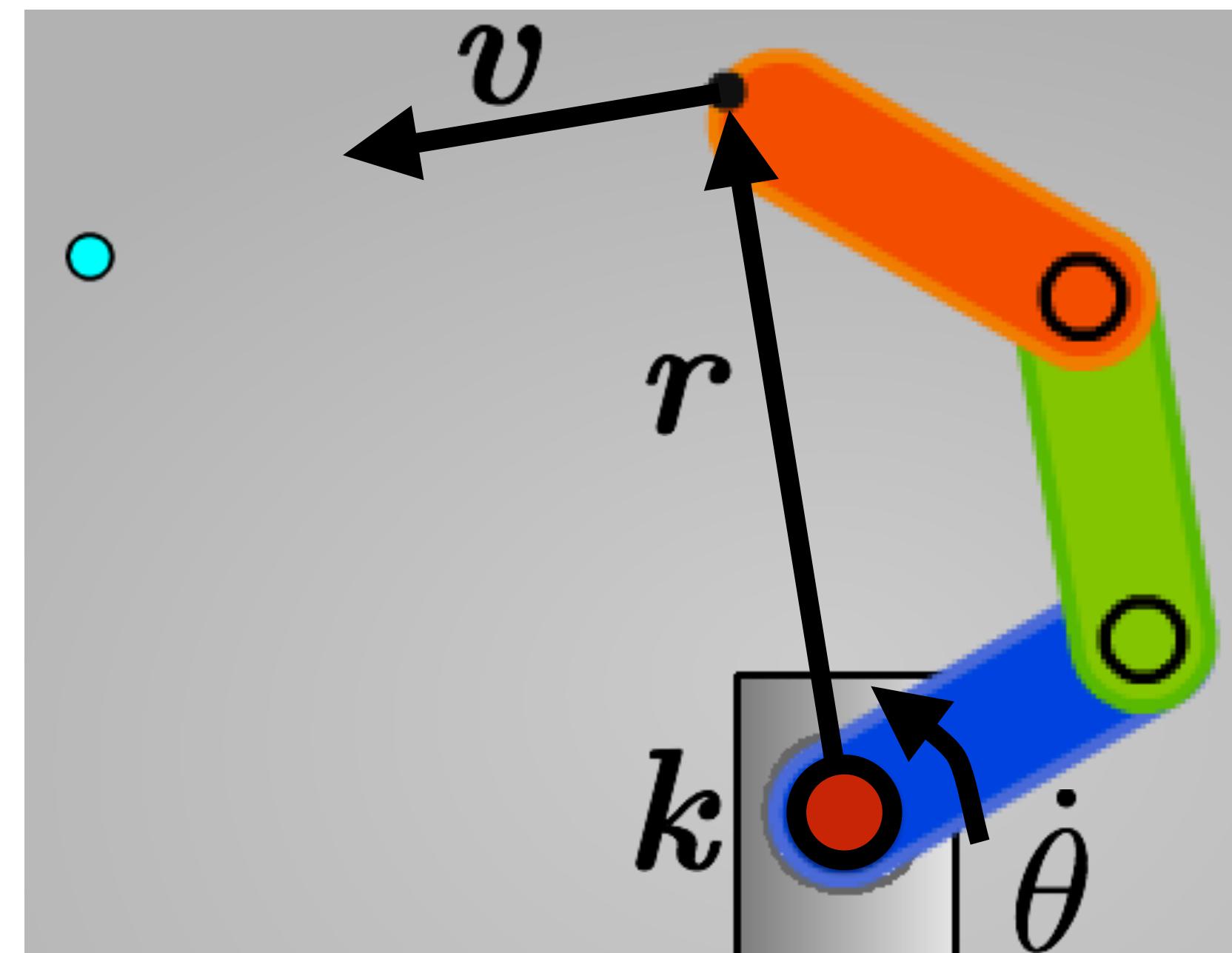
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angular velocity
of points in frame
wrt. axis k

Linear velocity
of points in frame
wrt. axis k

endeffector
Linear velocity

$$\omega = \dot{\theta}k$$

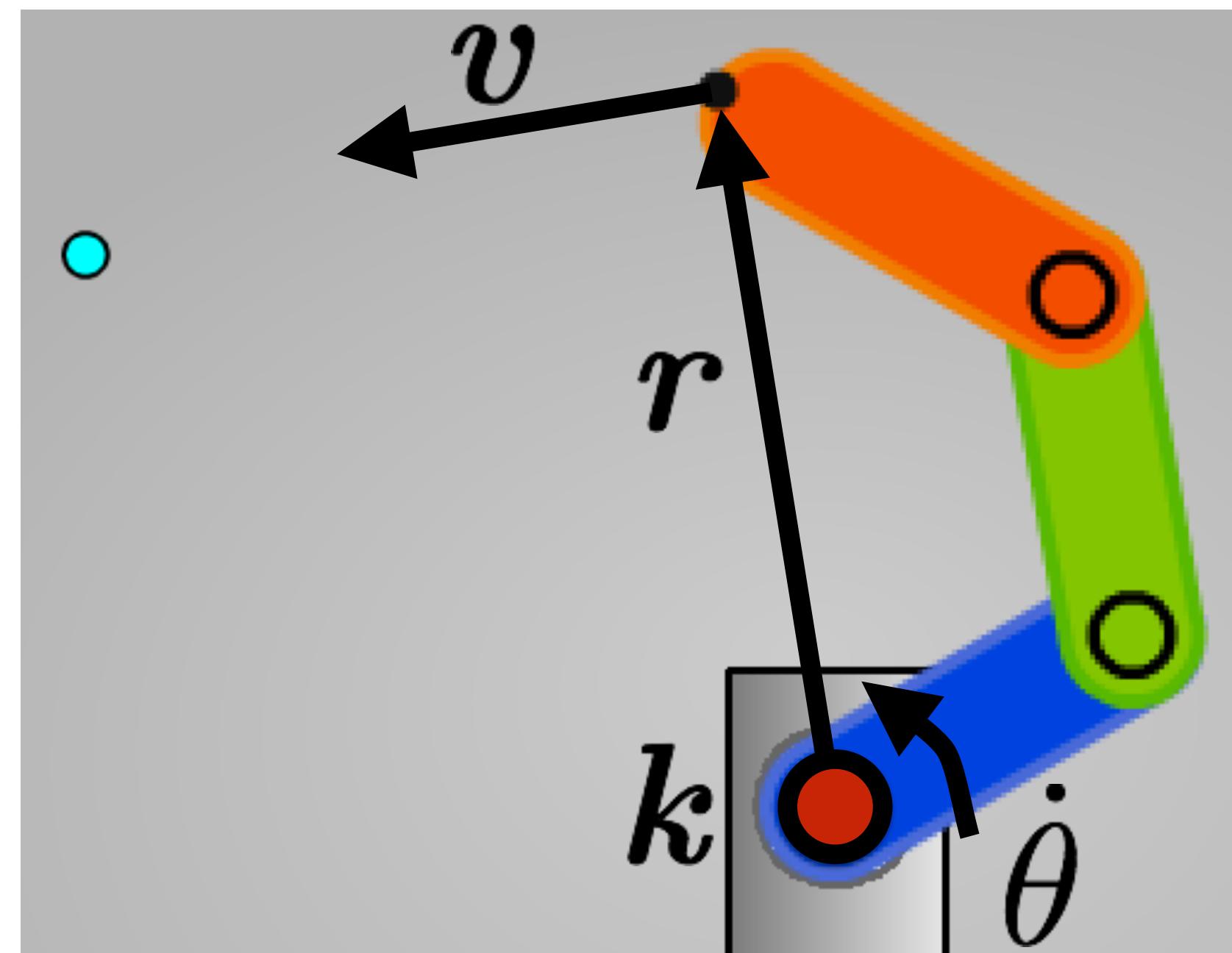
rotation axis
rotation speed of frame

$$v = \omega \times r$$

vector to point
in frame

$$v = \dot{\theta}k \times r$$

vector from
joint origin to
endeffector
joint rotation axis



$$\vec{v} = \dot{\theta} \vec{k} \times \vec{r}$$

endeffector
Linear velocity

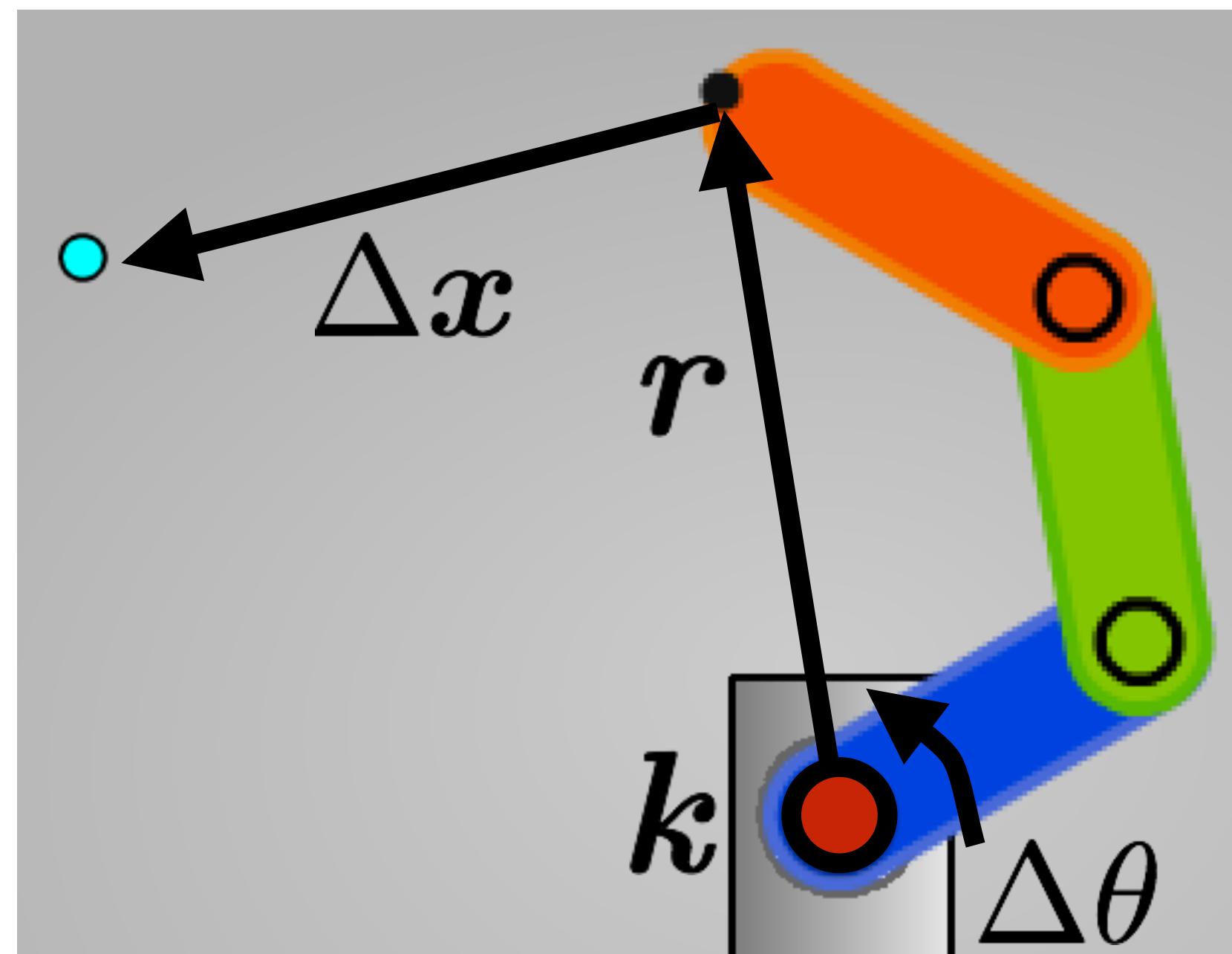
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This is not what we wanted.

Why?

Jacobian Transpose



endeffector
Linear velocity

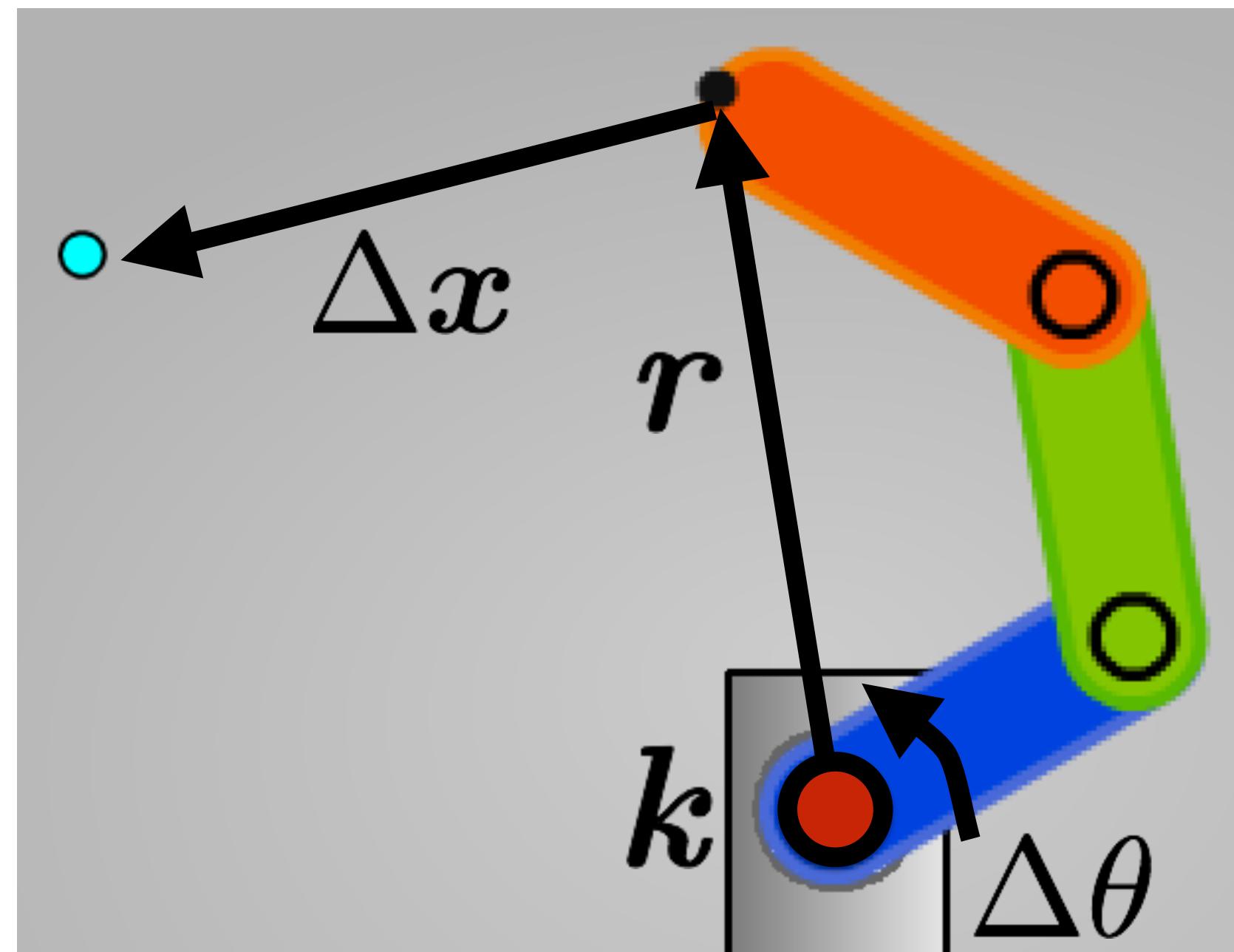
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Linear velocity?

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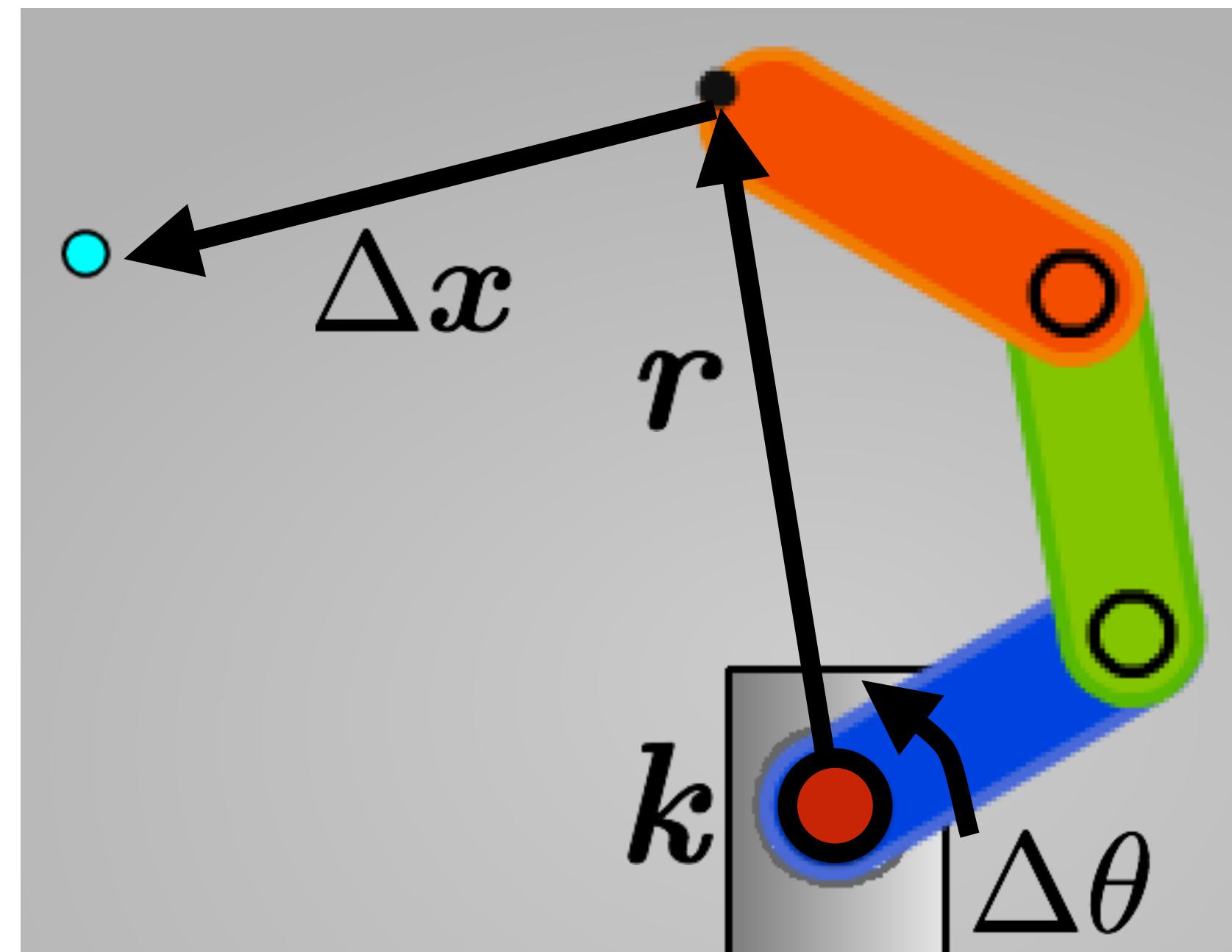
vector from joint origin to endeffector
joint rotation axis
endeffector Linear velocity

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How to obtain joint angular velocity from endeffector Linear velocity?

$$\Delta\theta = (k \times r)^T \Delta x$$

Jacobian Transpose



$$\Delta\theta = \frac{(\underline{k} \times \underline{r})^T \Delta x}{\text{desired endeffector displacement}}$$

joint rotation axis
vector from joint origin to endeffector
Angular displacement for joint i
Jacobian for joint i
desired endeffector displacement

Procedure (for each joint):

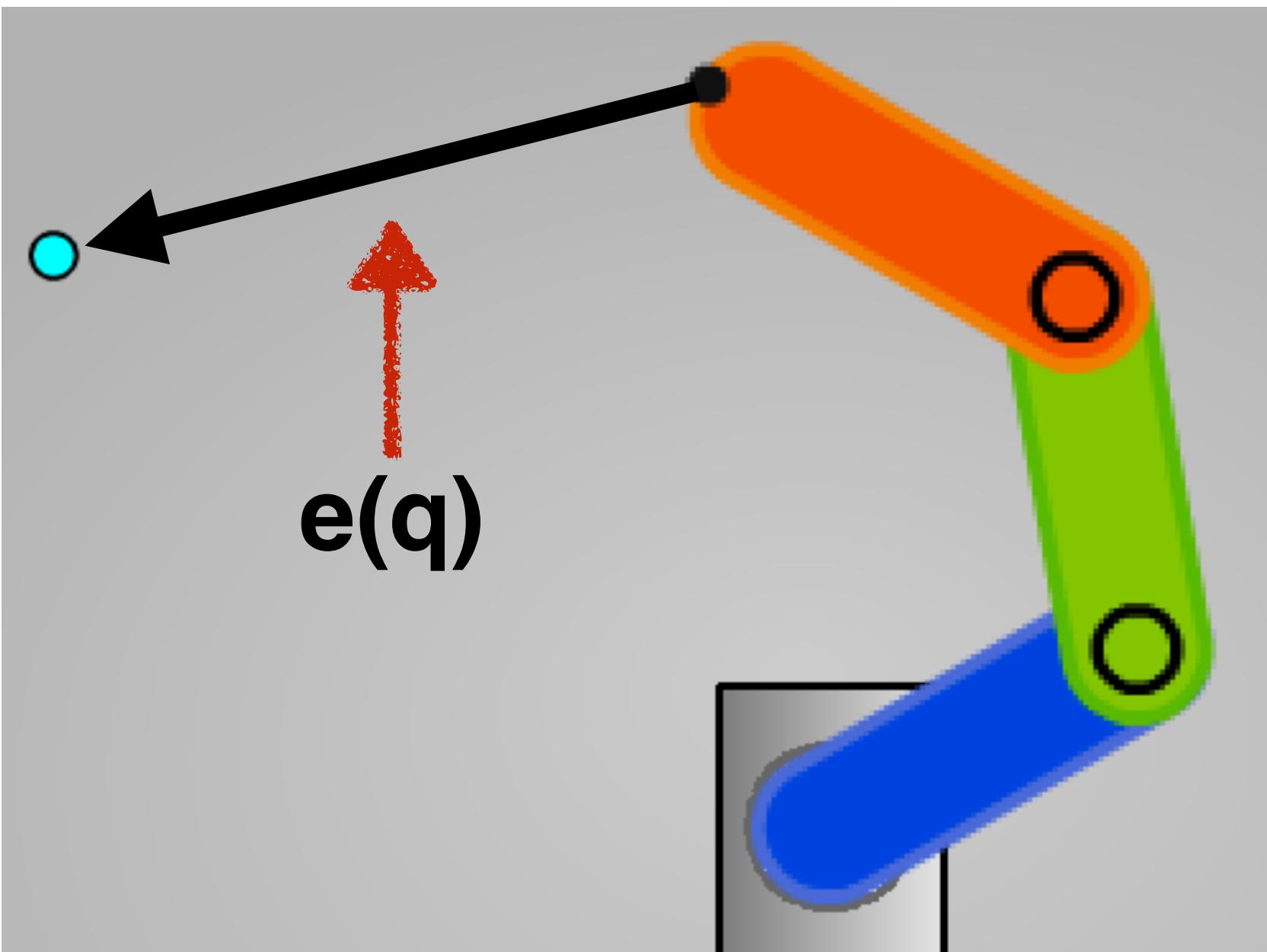
- 1) Compute Jacobian
- 2) Update joint angles using Jacobian transpose
- 3) Repeat forever (or until error minimized)

IK as Error Minimization

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Gradient Descent Optimization

Inverse kinematics as error minimization

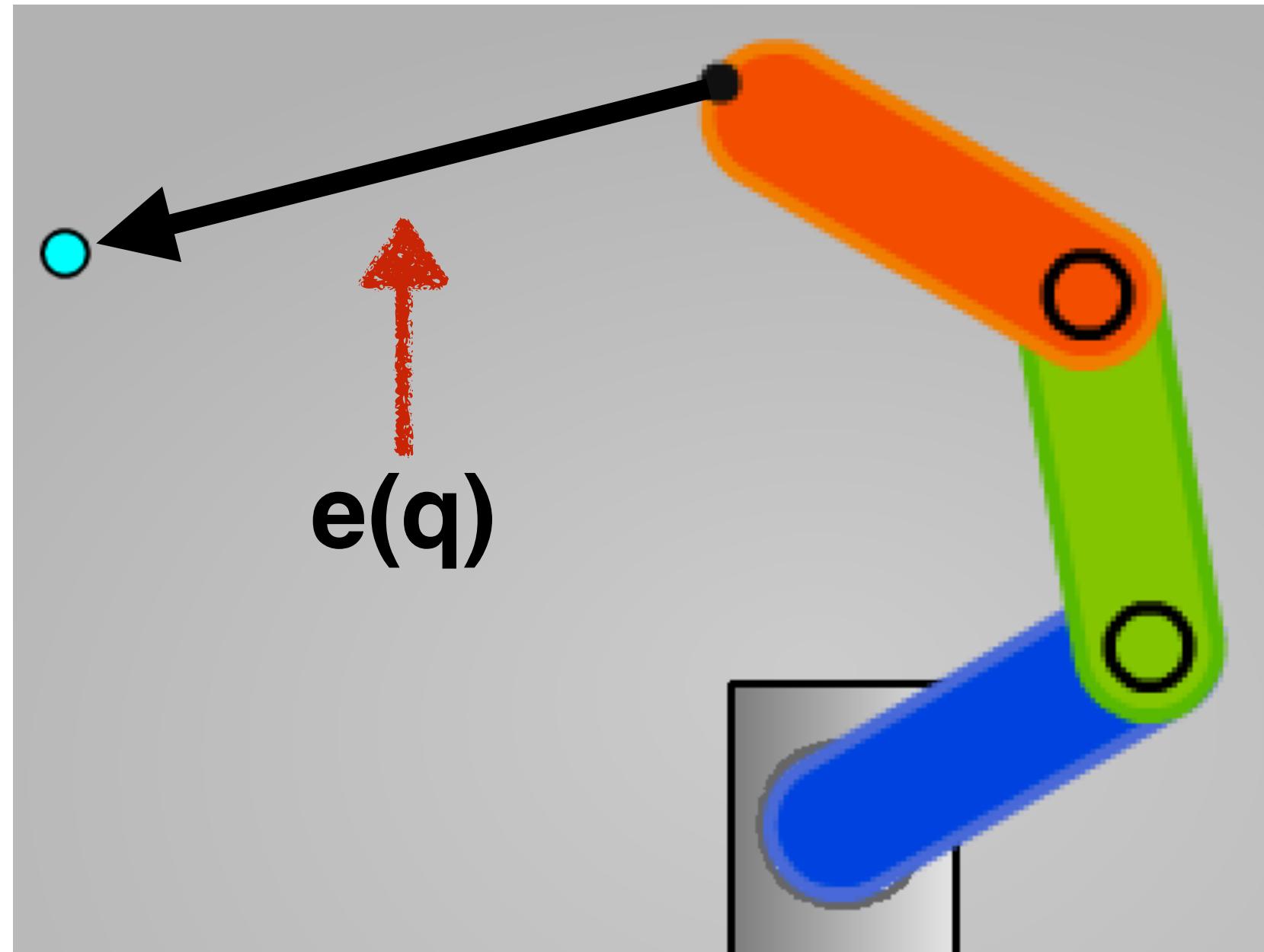


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How could we find $\text{argmin}_{\mathbf{q}} e(\mathbf{q})$ if we knew $e(\mathbf{q})$ in closed form?

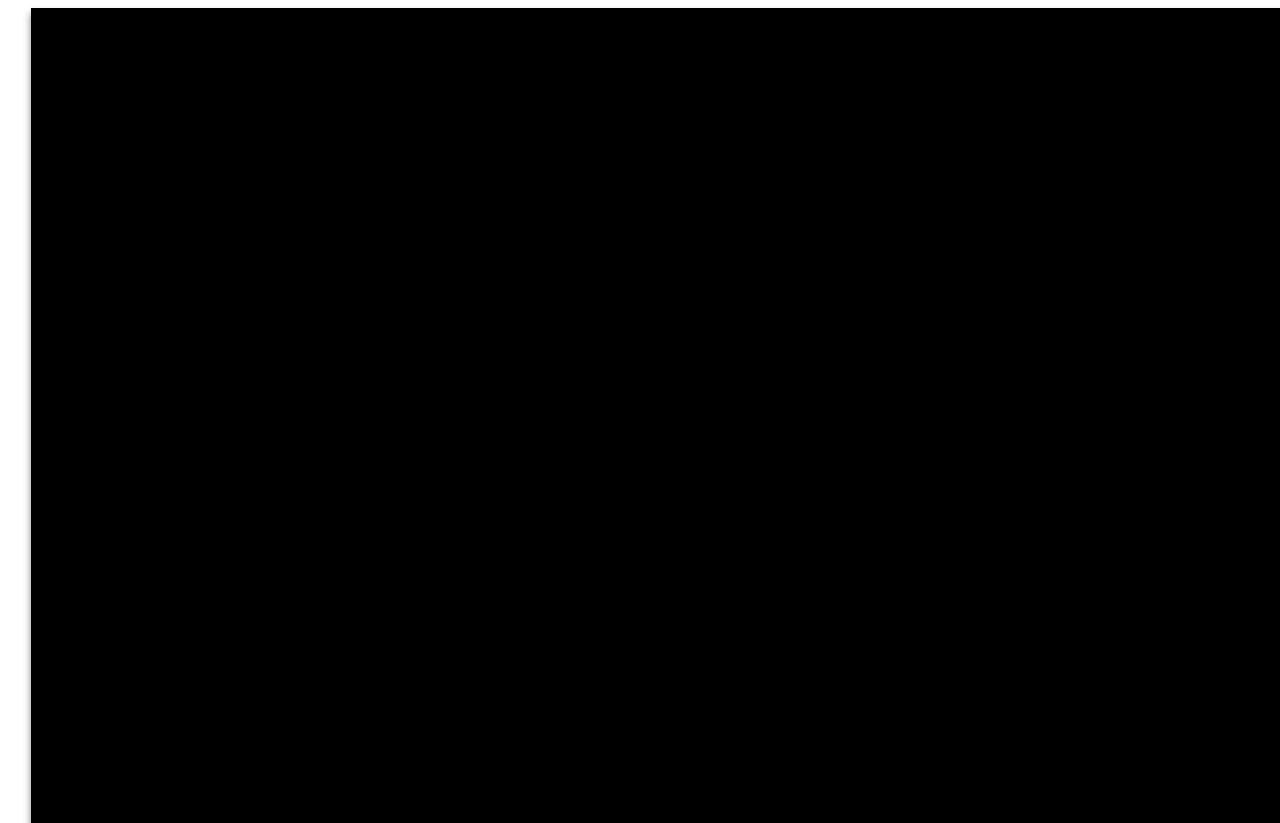
Example: Find global minimum of function

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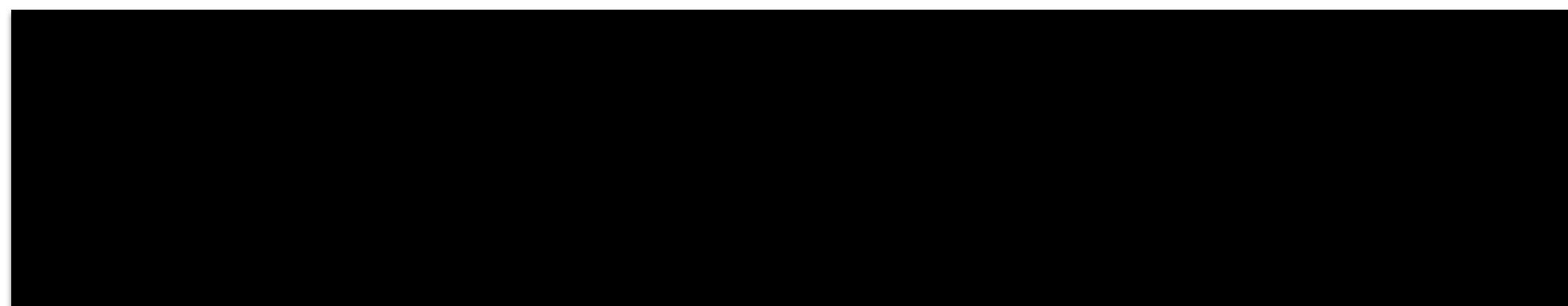
Take derivative



Solve for x where derivative is zero



Verify



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$$\frac{df}{dx} = 6(x - 2)$$

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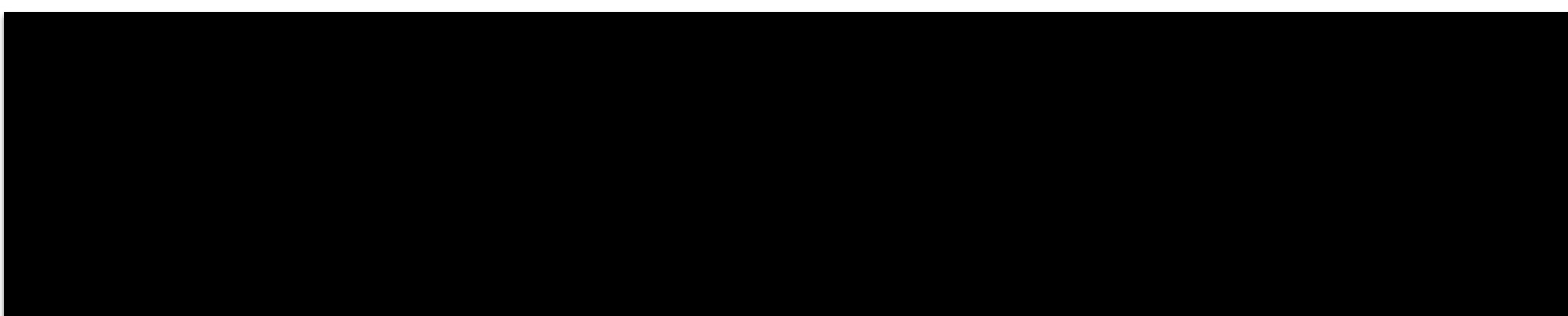
Solve for x where derivative is zero

$$6(x - 2) = 0$$

$$6x - 12 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

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Verify $f(2) = 3((2) - 2)^2 = 0$

Toggle graphs:

$f(x)$

$f'(x)$

Table of values:

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$f(x) =$

$f'(x) =$

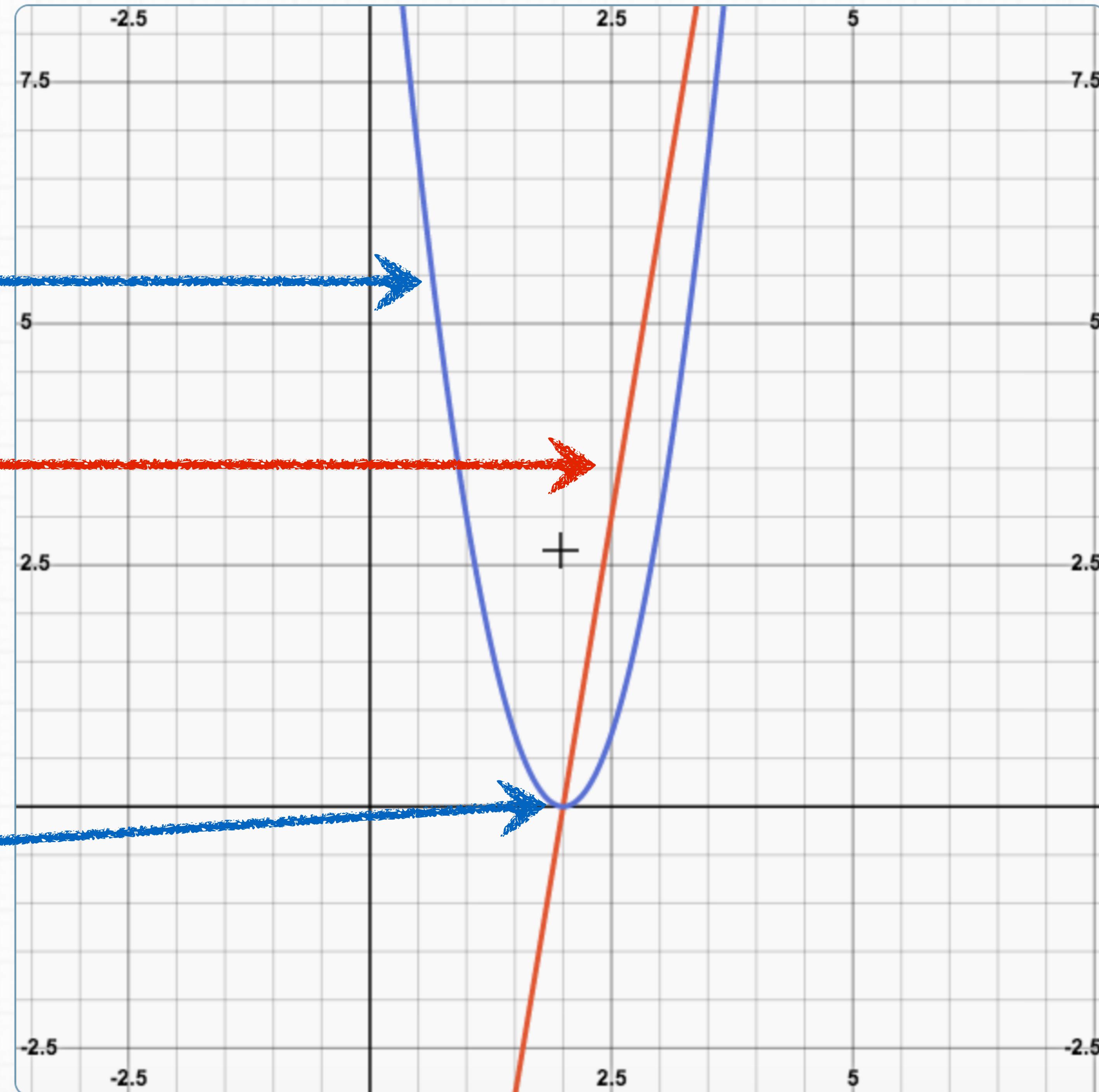
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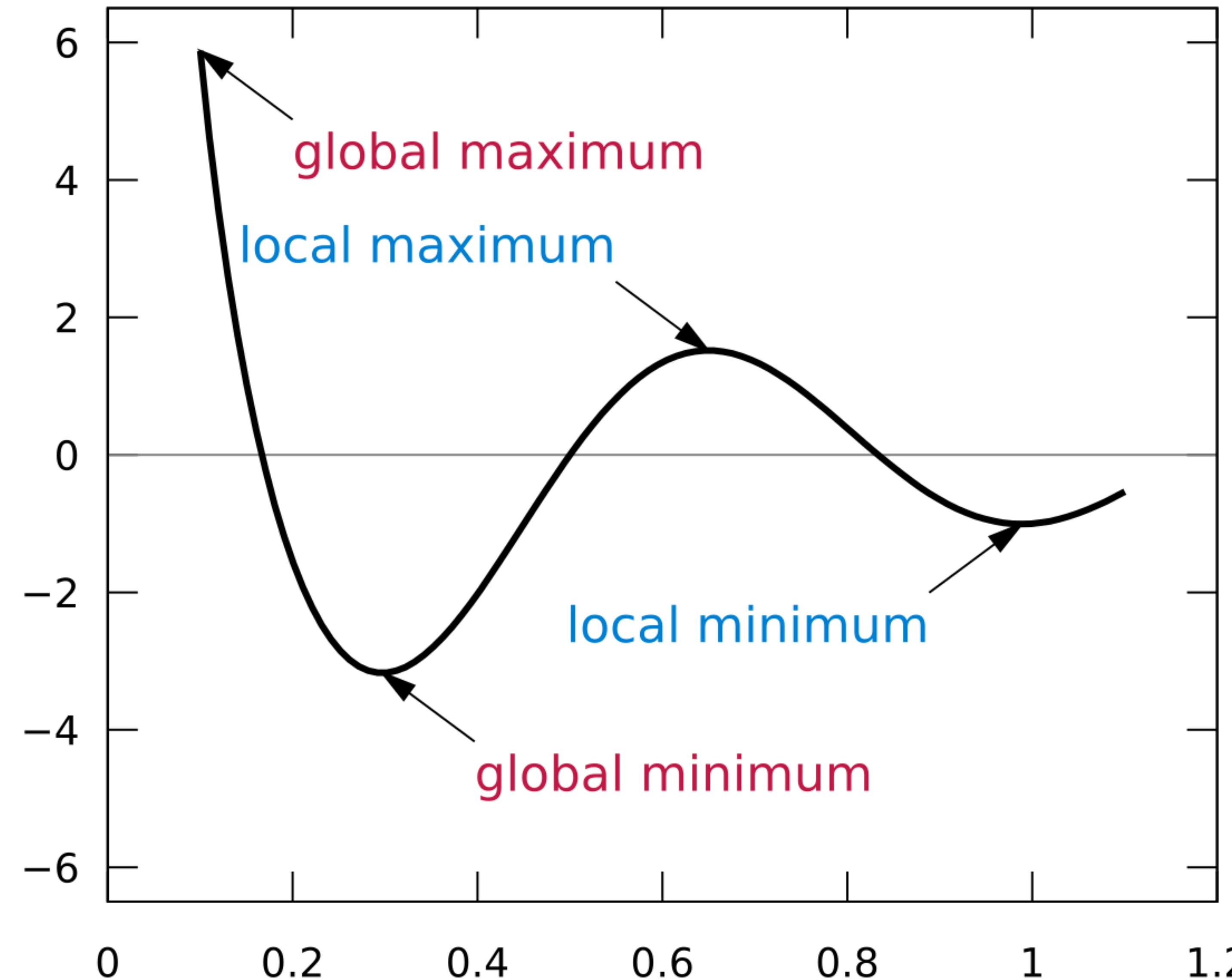
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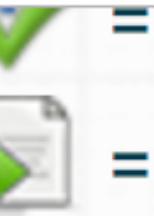
$$\frac{df}{dx} = 6(x - 2)$$

$$f(2) = 3((2) - 2)^2 = 0$$



Example: $\cos(3\pi x)/x$, $0.1 \leq x \leq 1.1$

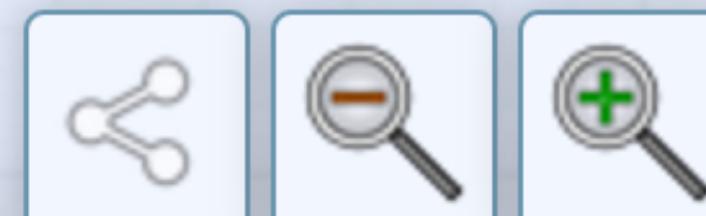


 = Check your own answer
 = Export the expression

commendation

Calculus for Dummies (2nd Edition)

An extremely well-written book for students taking Calculus for the first time as well as those who need a refresher. This book makes you realize that Calculus isn't that tough after all. → [to the book](#)



YOUR INPUT:

$$f(x) =$$

$$\frac{\cos(3\pi x)}{x}$$

Simplify **Roots/zeros**

FIRST DERIVATIVE:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] = f'(x) =$$

$$-\frac{3\pi \sin(3\pi x)}{x} - \frac{\cos(3\pi x)}{x^2}$$

Simplify/rewrite:

$$-\frac{3\pi x \sin(3\pi x) + \cos(3\pi x)}{x^2}$$

Simplify **Show steps** **Roots/zeros**

Did You Know? 

((SXM))

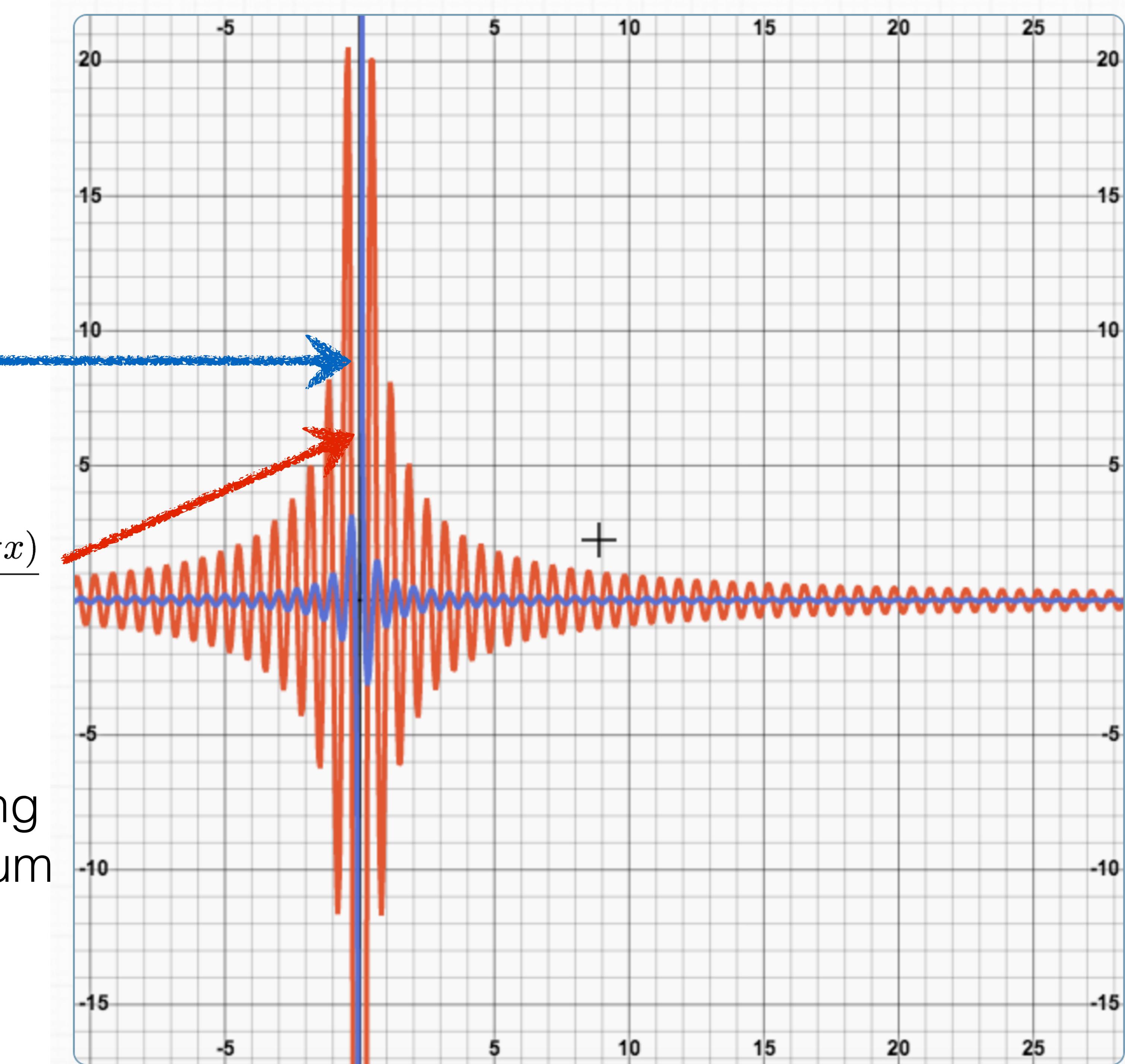
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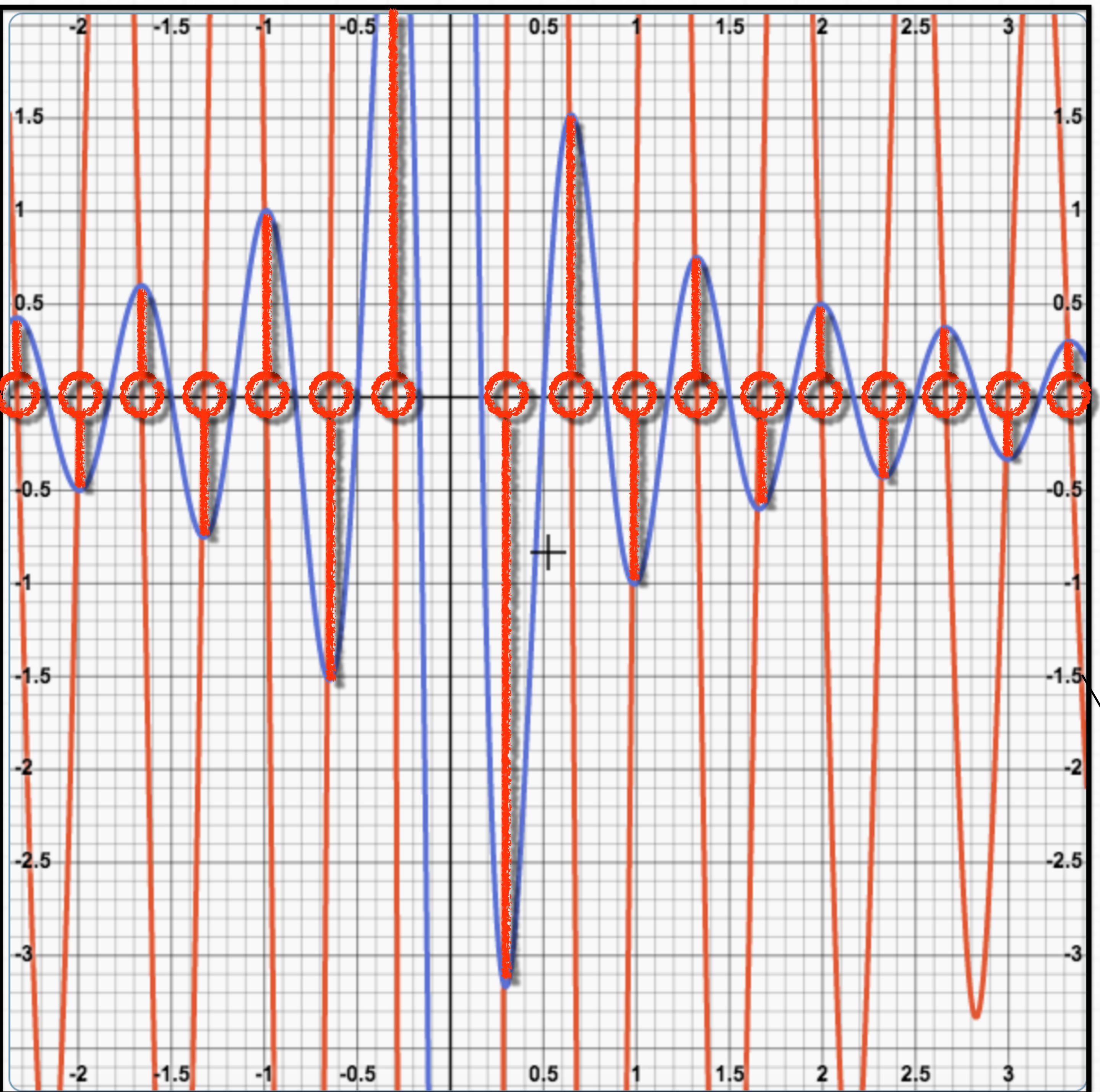
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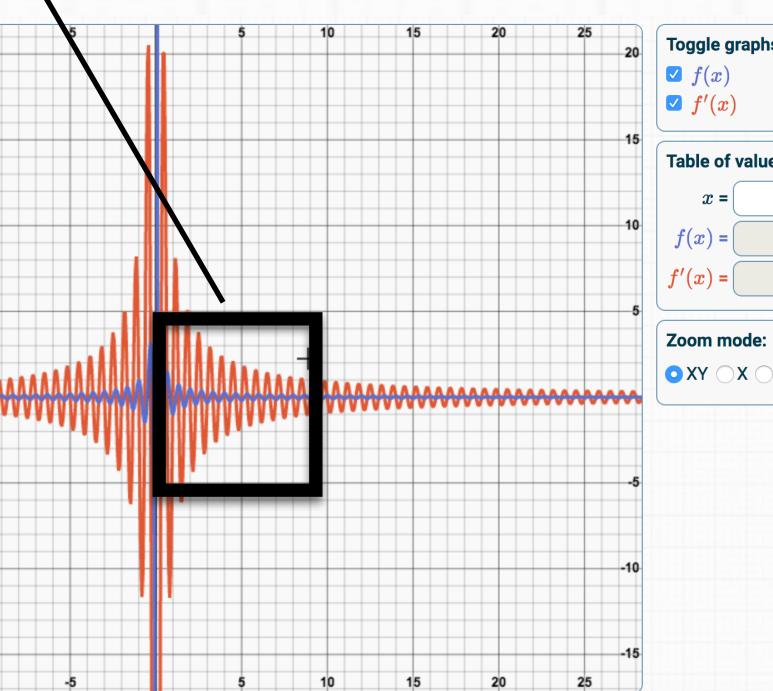
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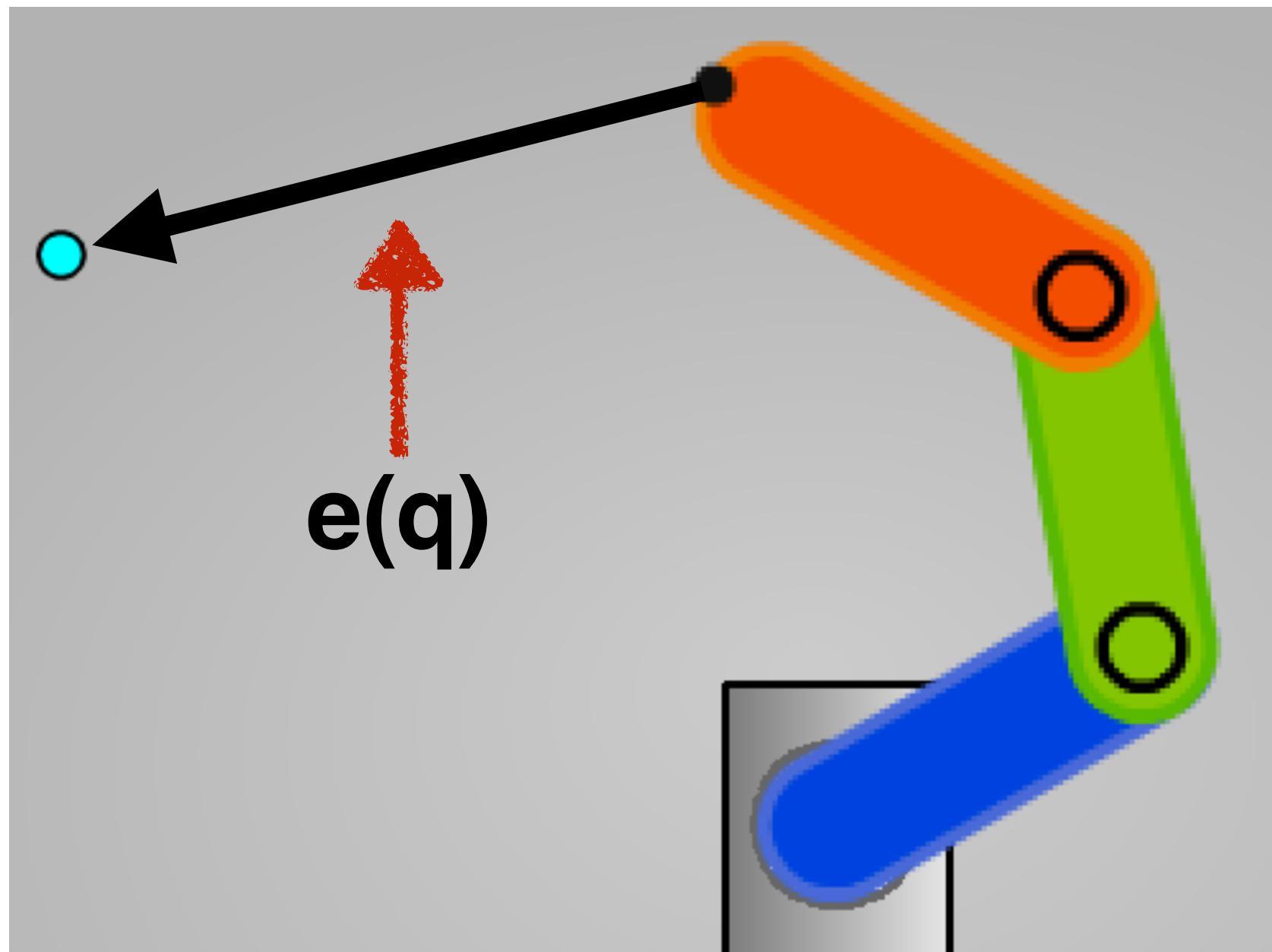
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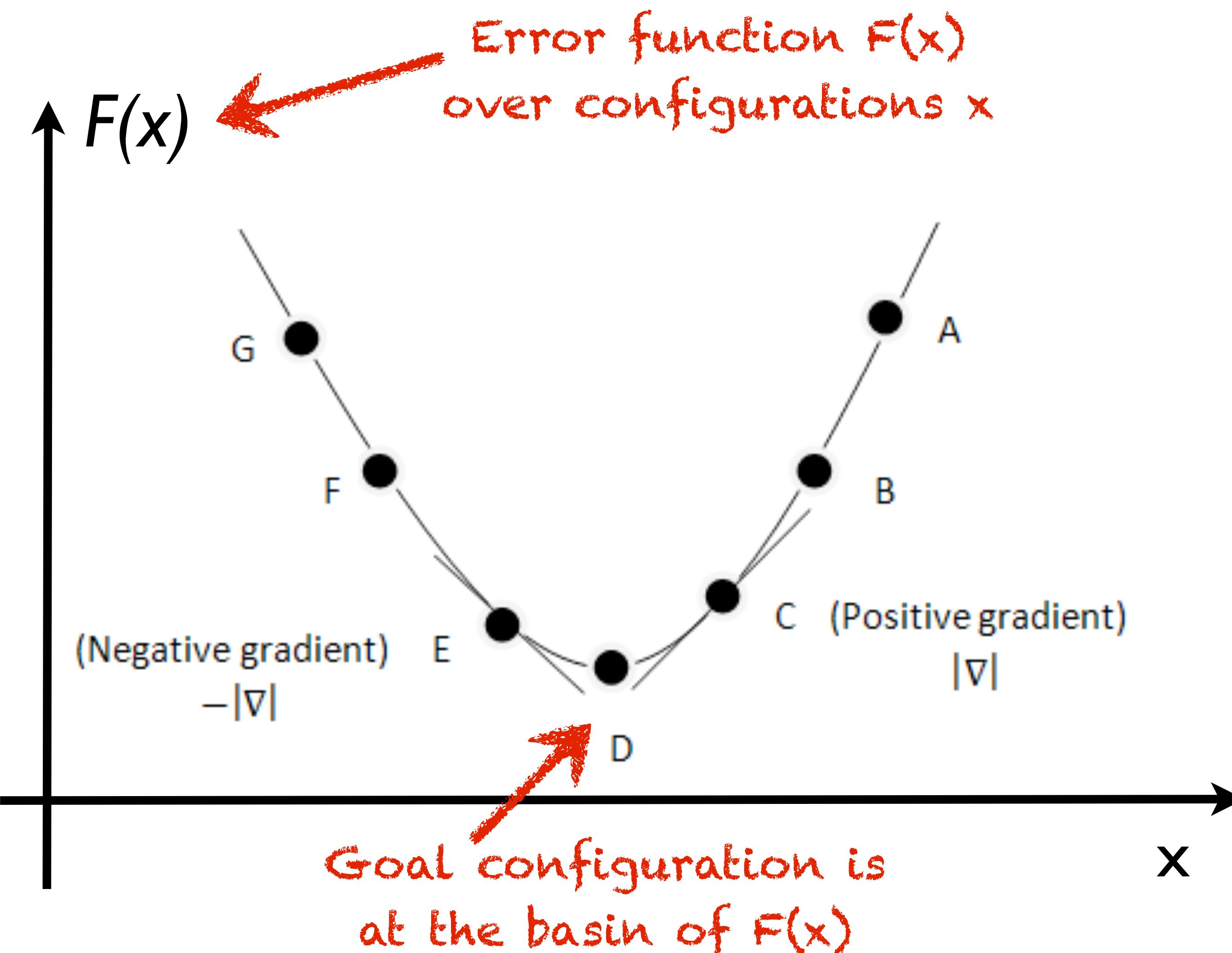
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Find global minimum of $e(\mathbf{q})$,
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But, do we know $e(\mathbf{q})$ in closed form?

Gradient descent

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



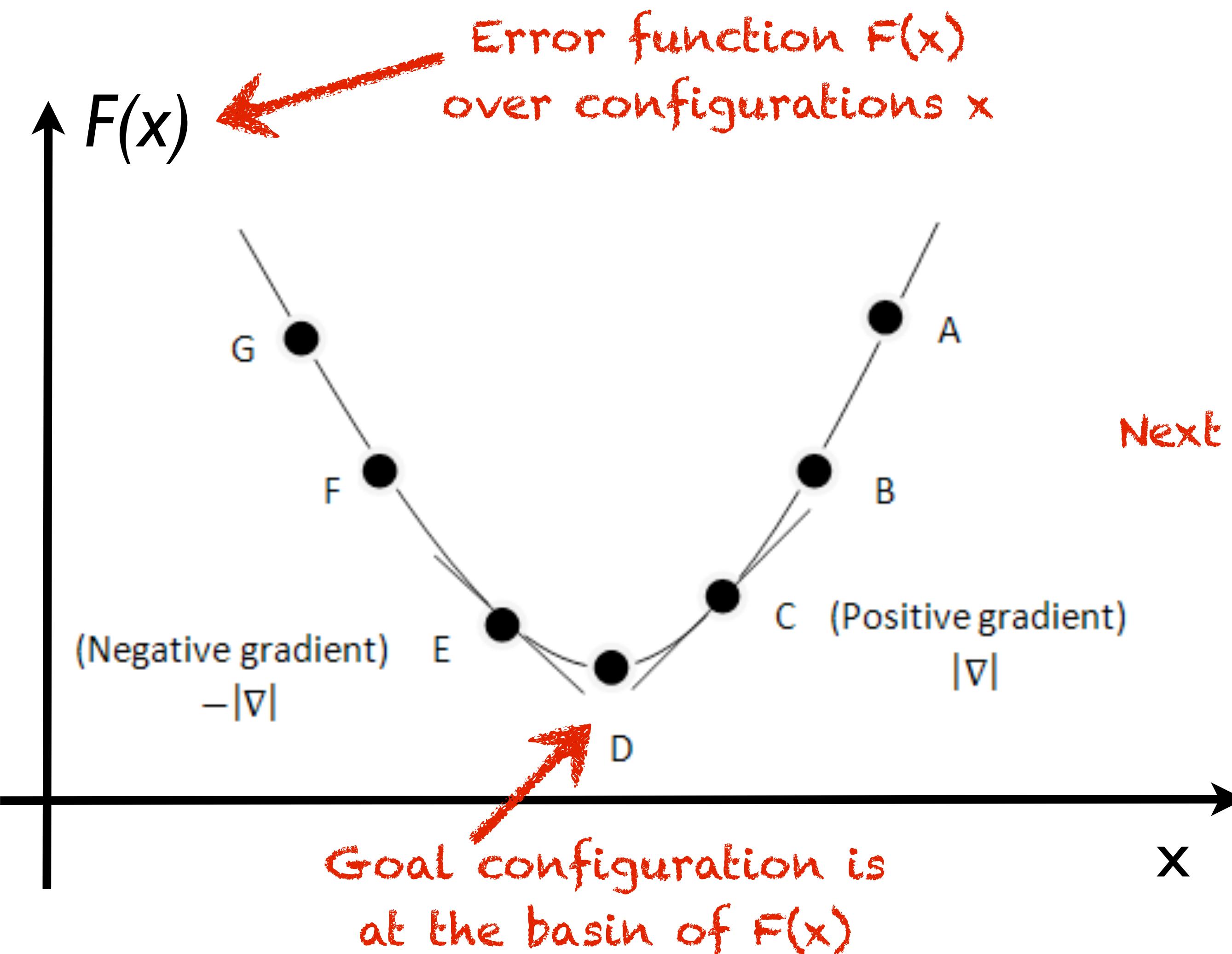
Assign initial solution guess \mathbf{x}_0

Repeat $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{x}_i - \gamma_i \nabla F(\mathbf{x}_i)$

until $\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{i-1}\|$ is “small”

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Current solution "Learning rate"

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \gamma \nabla F(x_i)$$

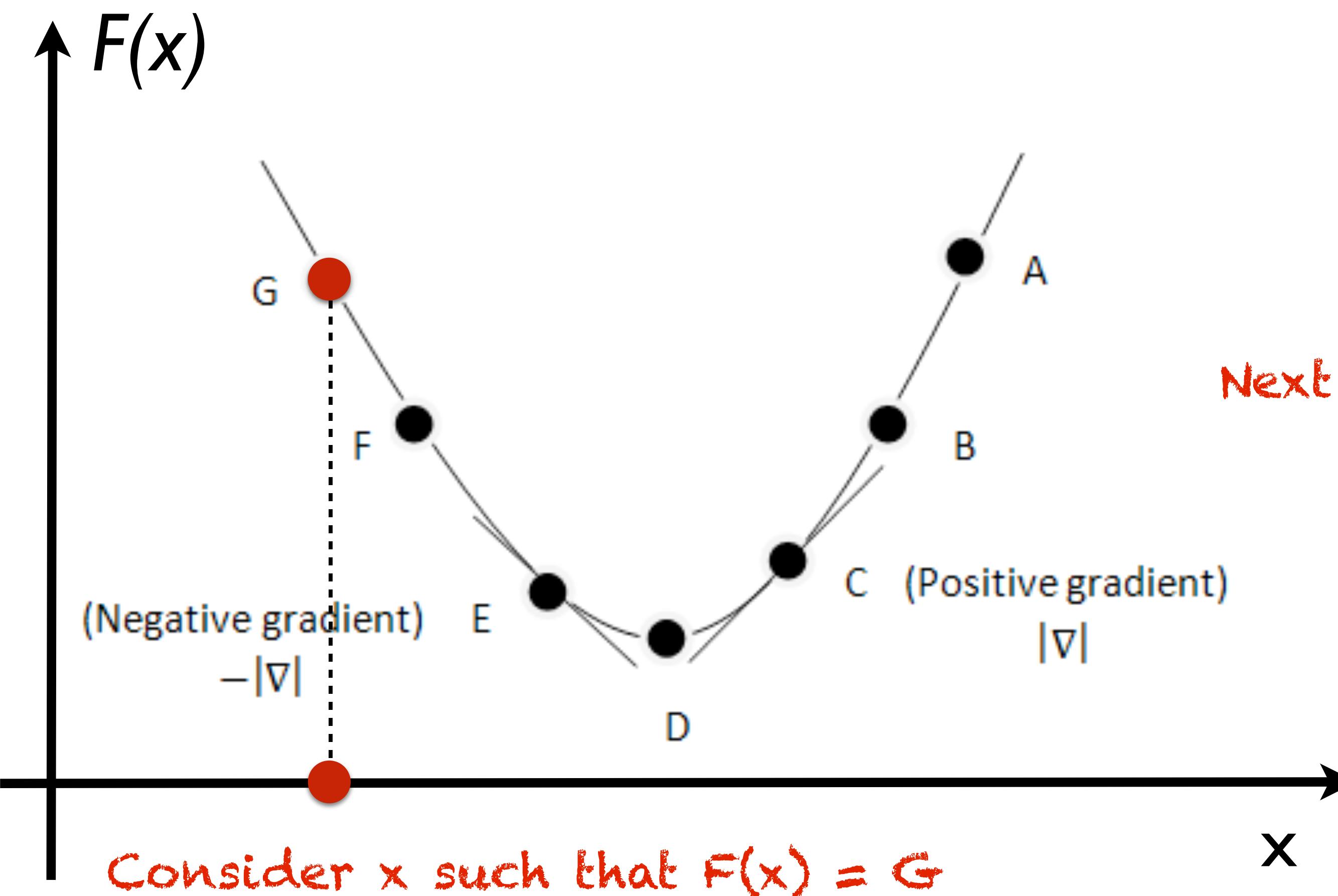
Next solution

$$\uparrow$$
$$\overline{\gamma}$$

Derivative assumed to be direction of steepest ascent away from goal

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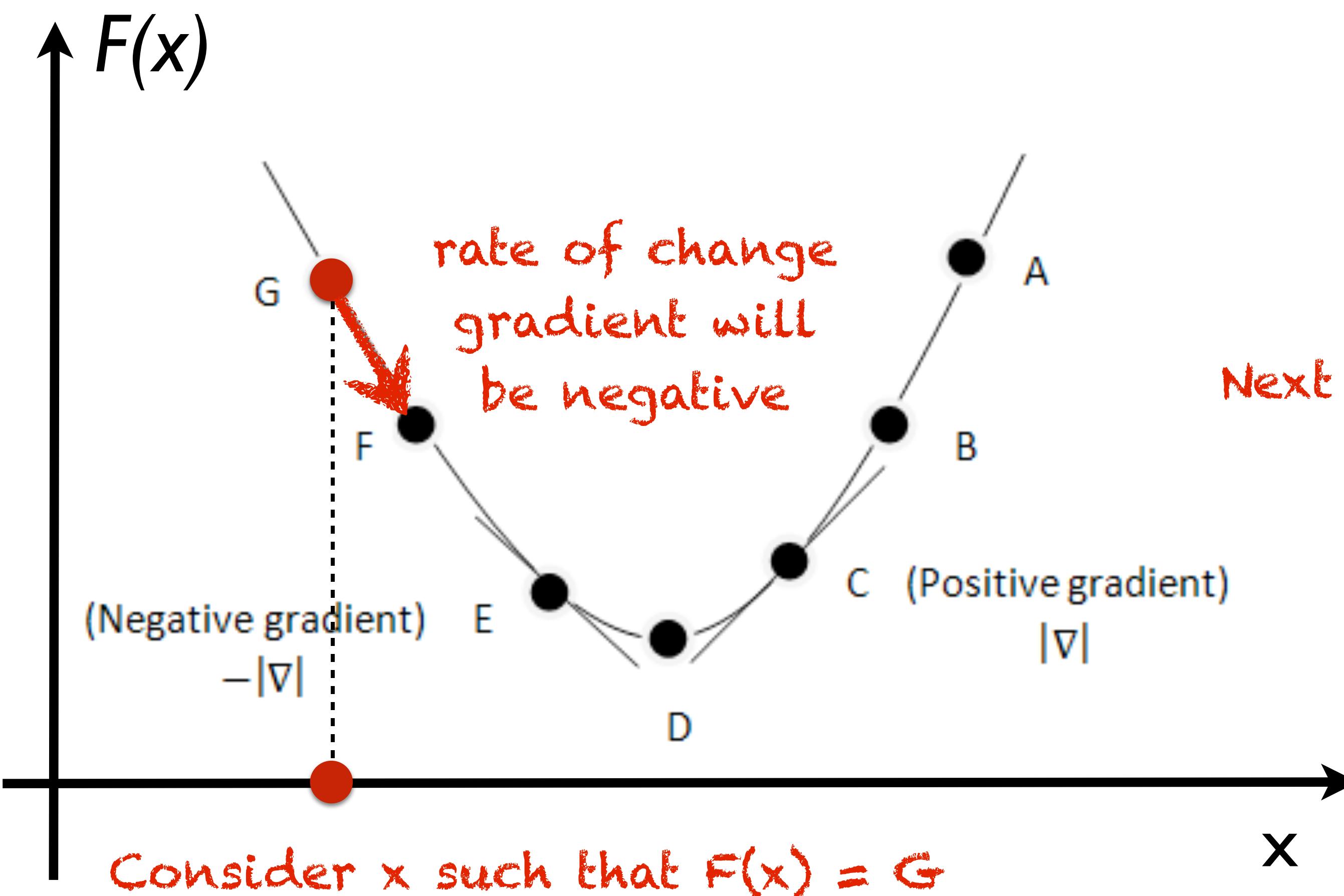
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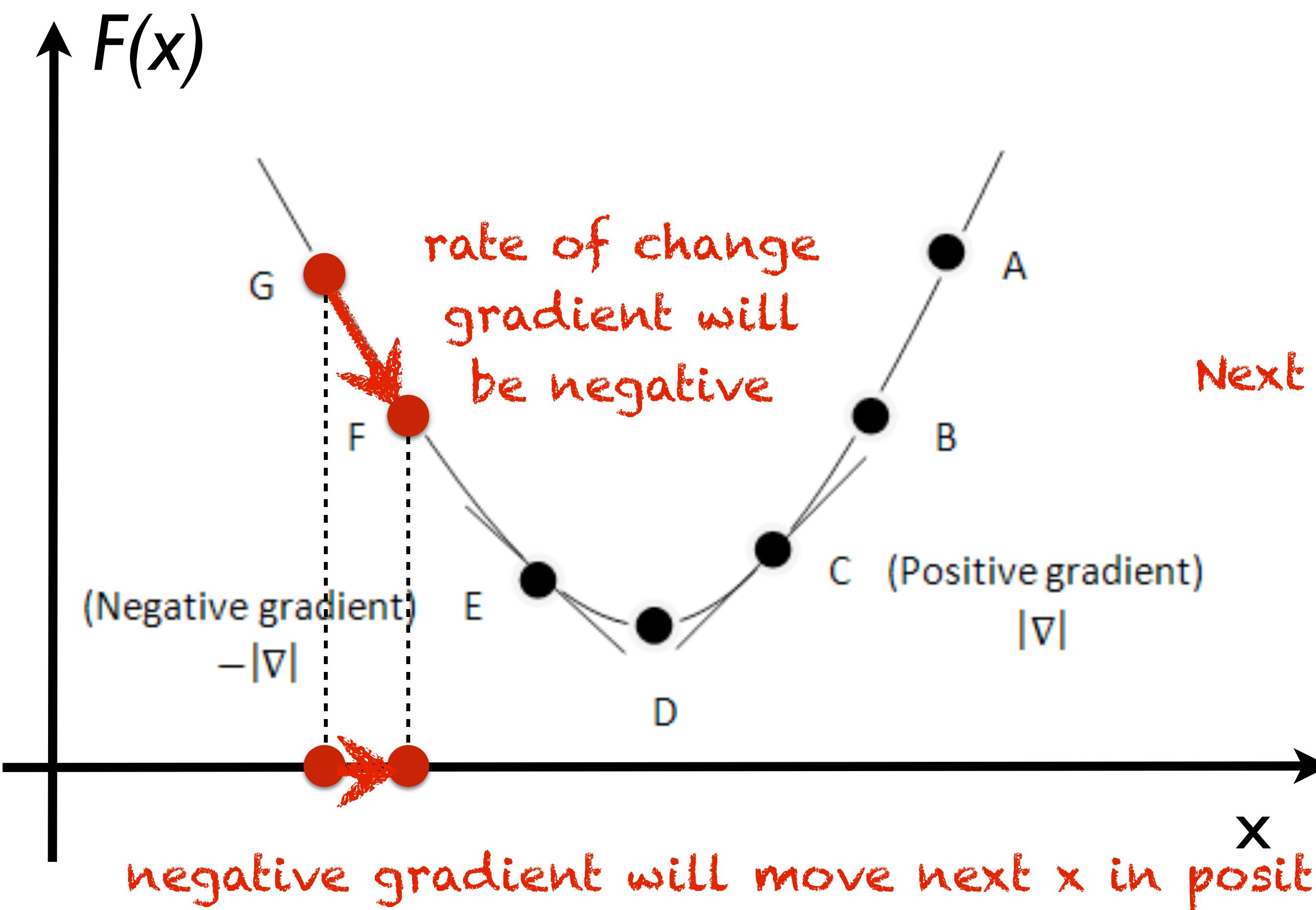
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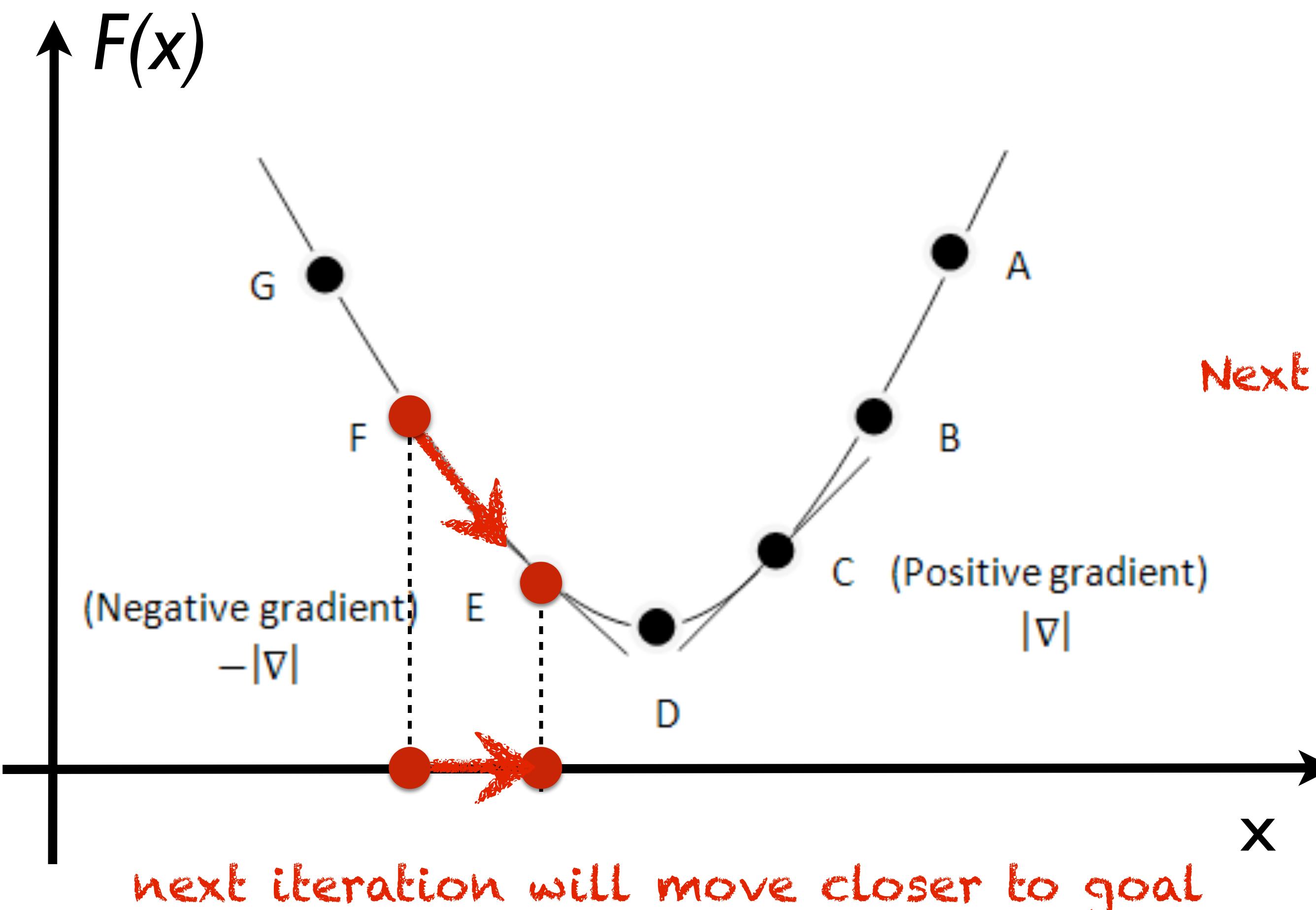
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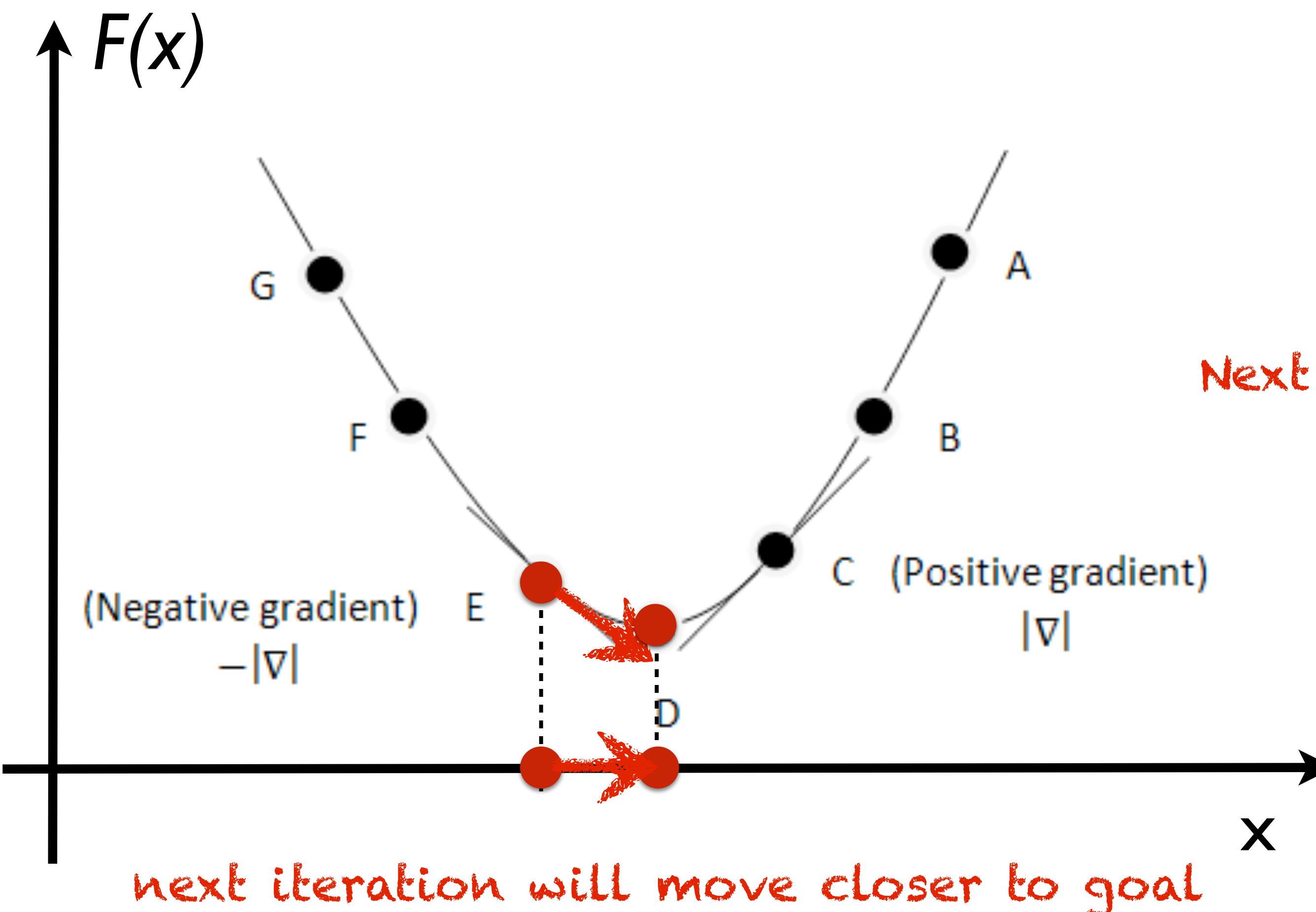
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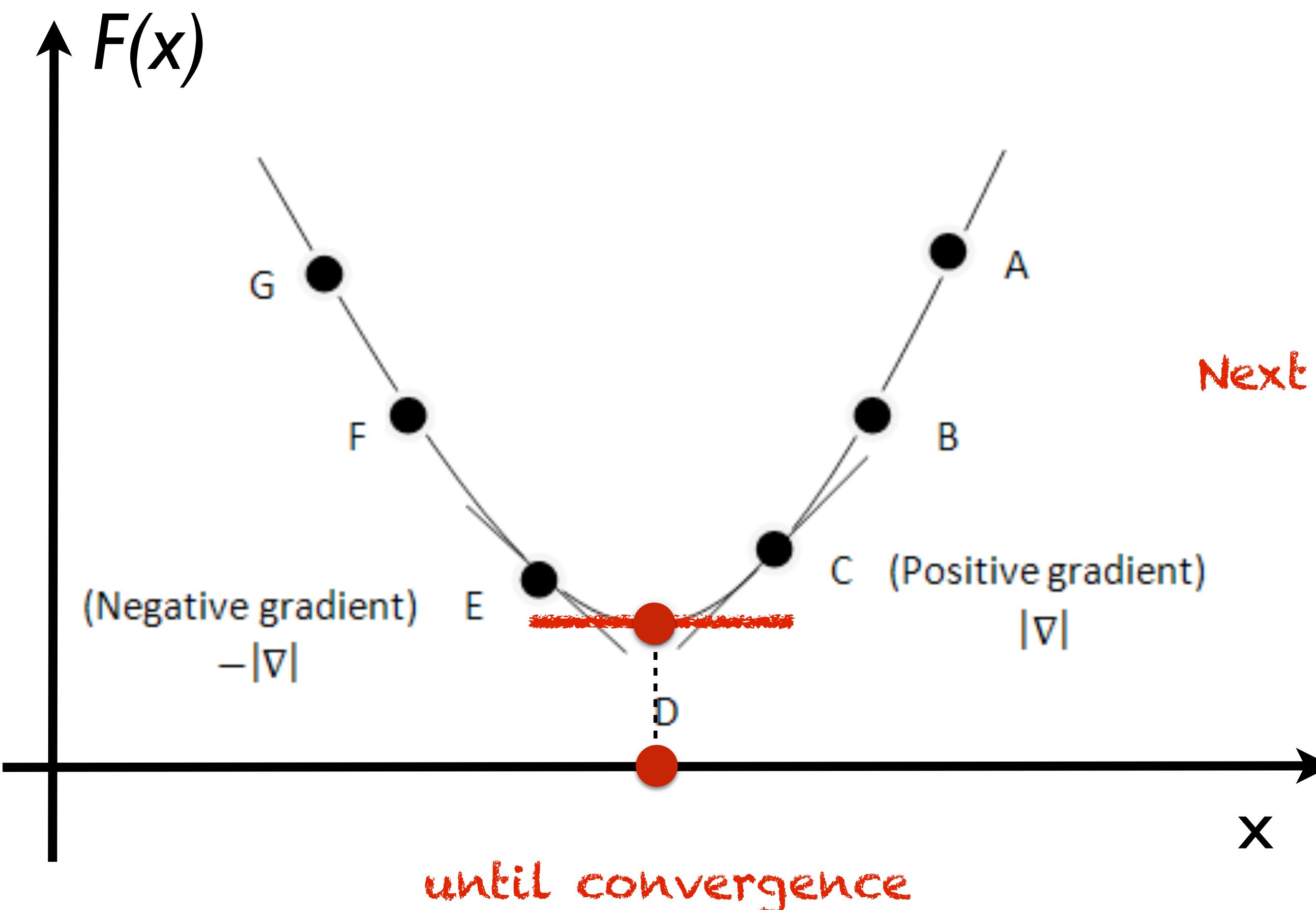
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What is the derivative of
robot configuration?

rate of change of
the endeffector
with respect to

What is the ~~-derivative of -~~
robot configuration?

What is the derivative of
robot configuration?

Geometric Jacobian

Geometric The V Jacobian

A $6 \times N$ matrix

$$J = [J_1 \ J_2 \ \dots \ J_n]$$

assuming forward kinematics:

$$\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{q})$$

represents partial derivative:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = J(\mathbf{q})$$

3D N-link arm

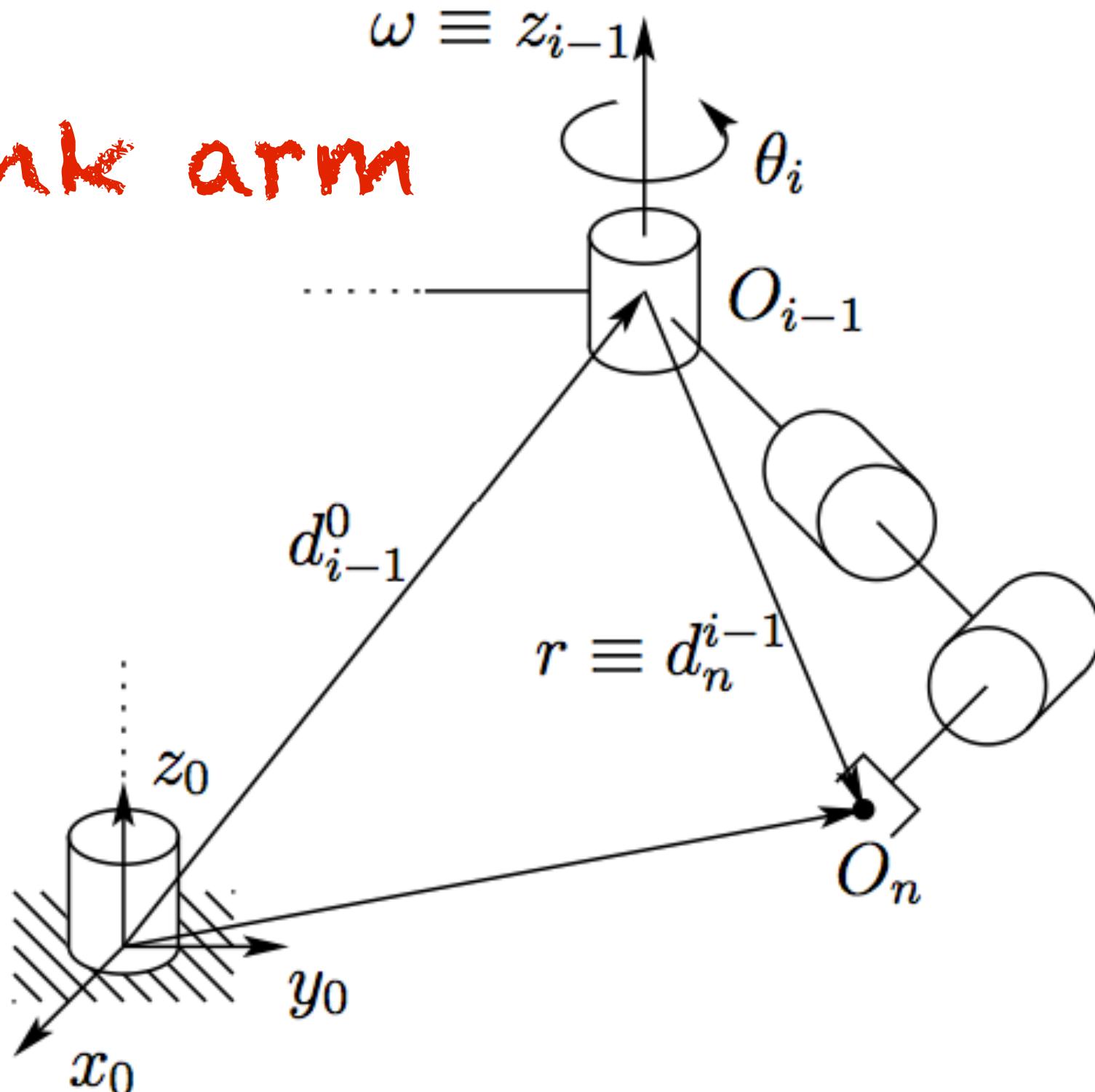
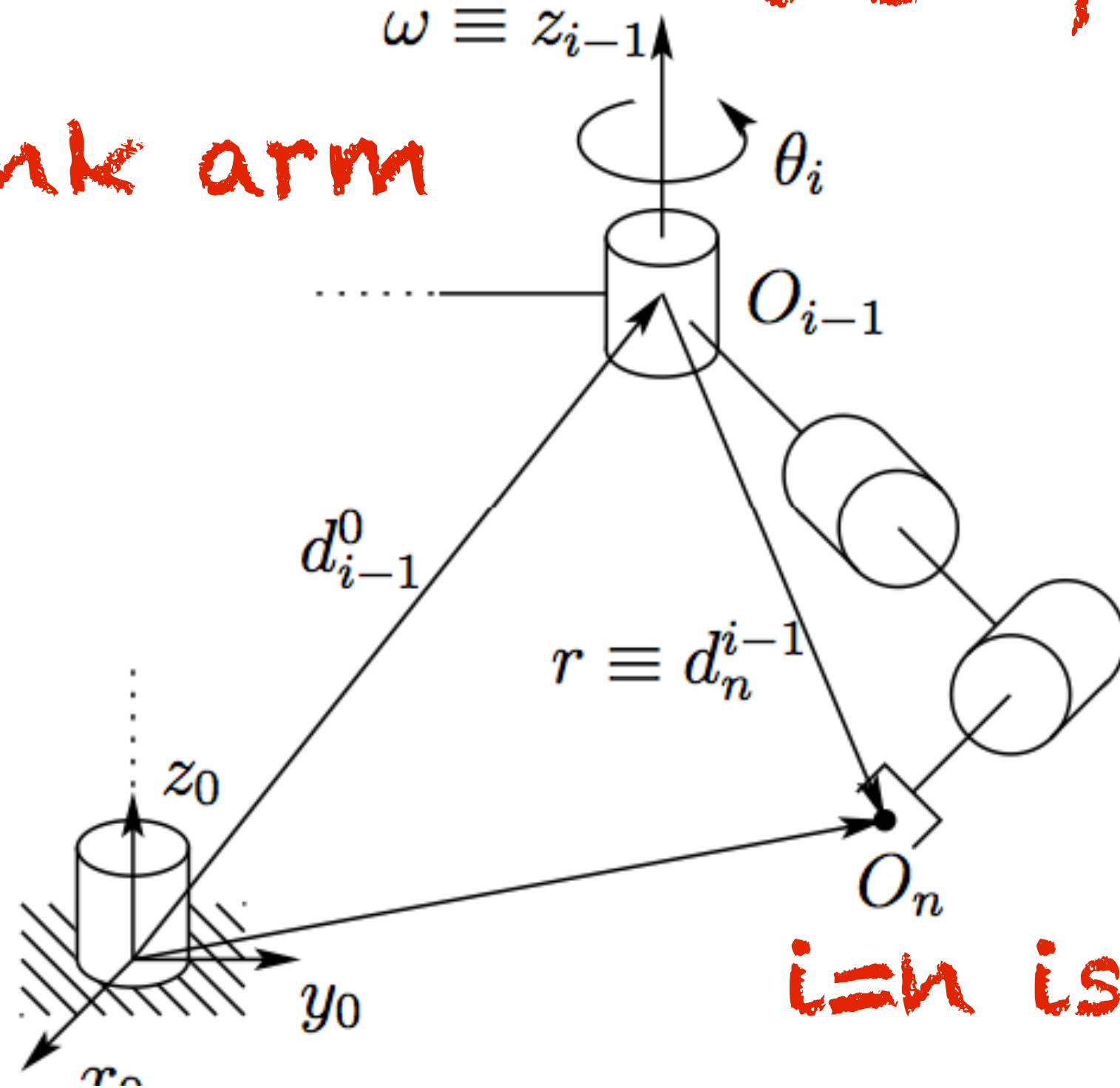


Figure 5.1: Motion of the end-effector due to link i .

Each column transforms
velocity at the endeffector
to velocity at a DOF

3D N-link arm



i=0 is base frame

effector due to link i.

i=n is endeffector frame

i-1th frame maps to ith column

The Jacobian

A 6xN matrix

$$J = [J_1 \ J_2 \ \dots \ J_n]$$

$$T_n^0(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} R_n^0(\mathbf{q}) & o_n^0(\mathbf{q}) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: figure taken from Spong et al.

textbook, which assumes D-H
parameters and offset column index

3D N-link arm

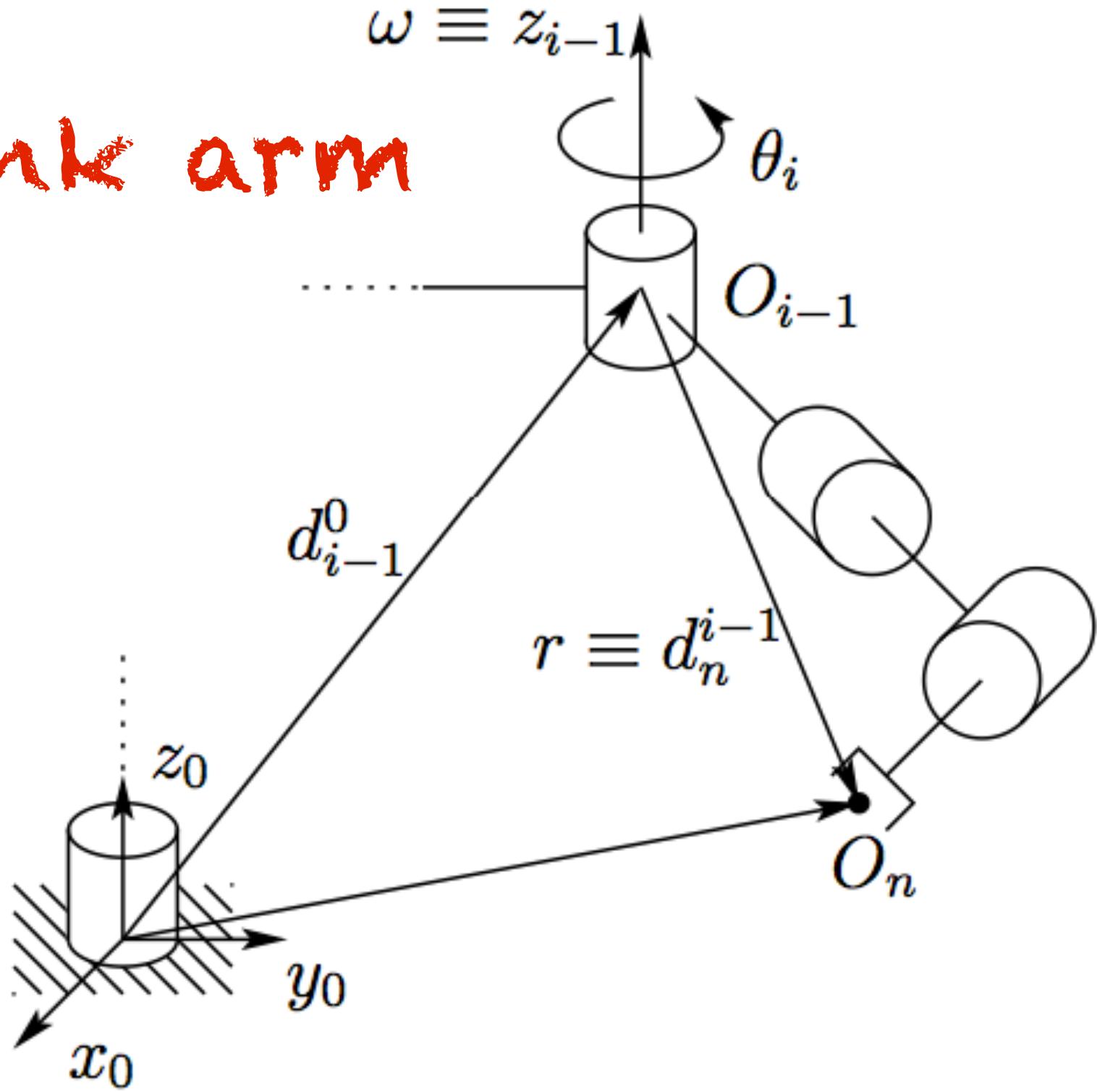


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$$\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_1}$$

Change in an endeffector
variable wrt. change in a
joint variable

The Jacobian

A $6 \times N$ matrix

$$J = [J_1 \ J_2 \ \dots \ J_n]$$

consisting of two $3 \times N$ matrices

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} J_v \\ J_\omega \end{bmatrix}$$

with overall form

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_m}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

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angular

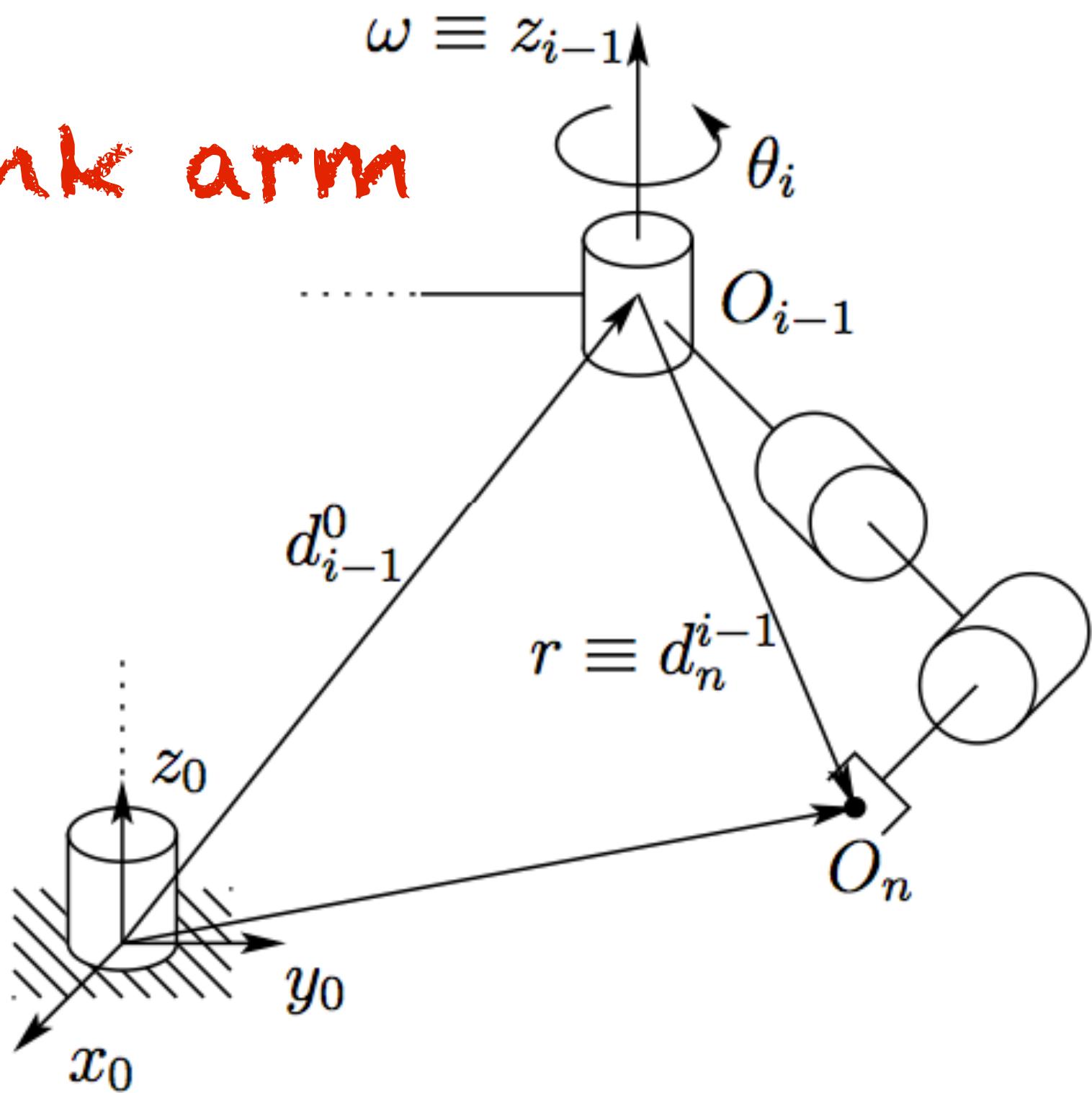


Figure 5.1: Motion of the end-effector due to link i .

linear velocity of endeffector \longrightarrow

$$v_n^0$$

$$= J_v \dot{q}$$

vector of
of joint
angle
velocities

angular velocity of endeffector \longrightarrow

$$\omega_n^0$$

$$= J_\omega \dot{q}$$

3D N-link arm

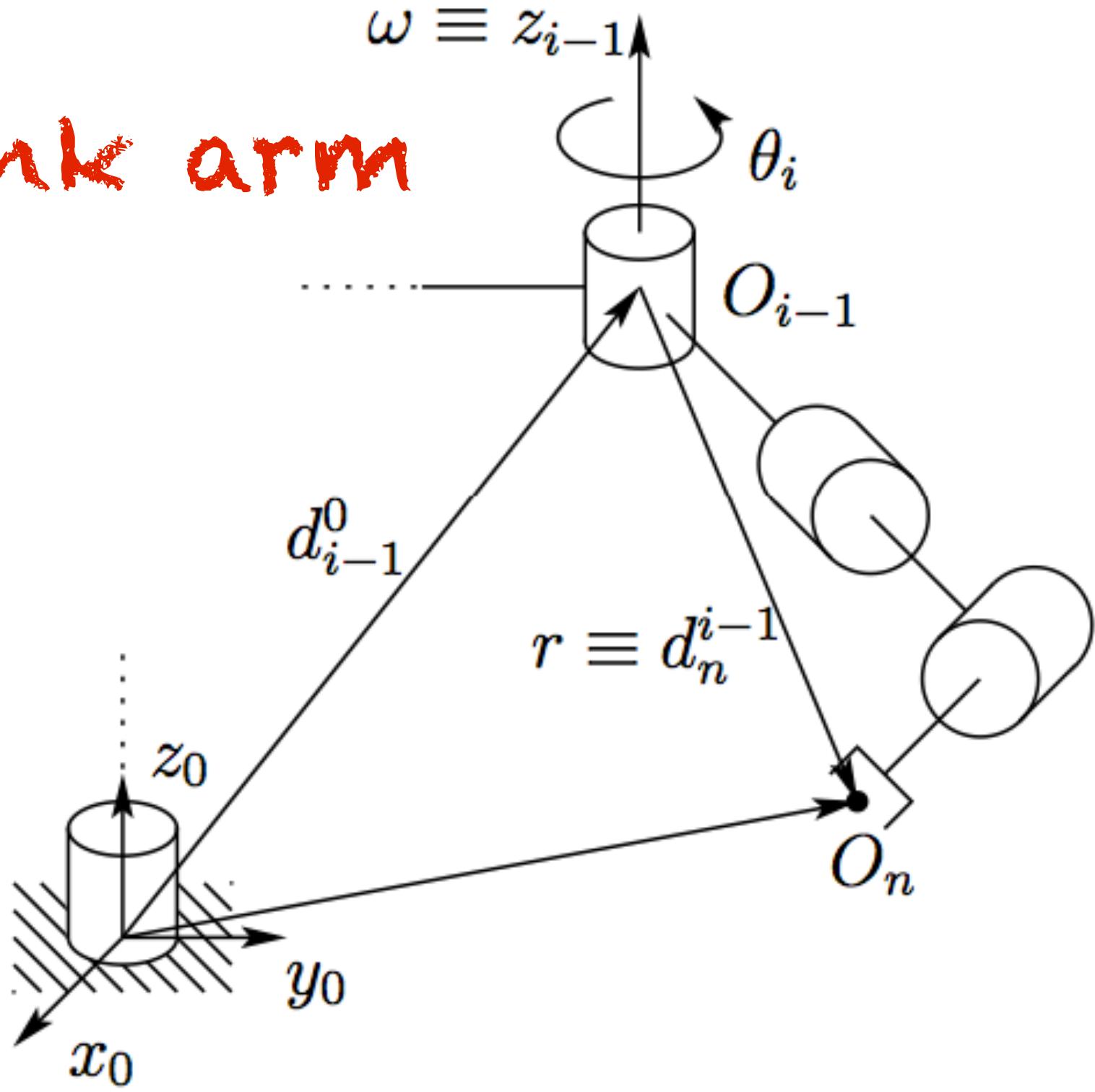


Figure 5.1: Motion of the

J_i is a single column
of the Jacobian matrix

Z is joint axis in
world coordinates
(overloaded notation)

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Linear
angular

J_i for a prismatic joint

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} z_{i-1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

J_i for a rotational joint

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} z_{i-1} \times (o_n - o_{i-1}) \\ z_{i-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

vectors in
base frame

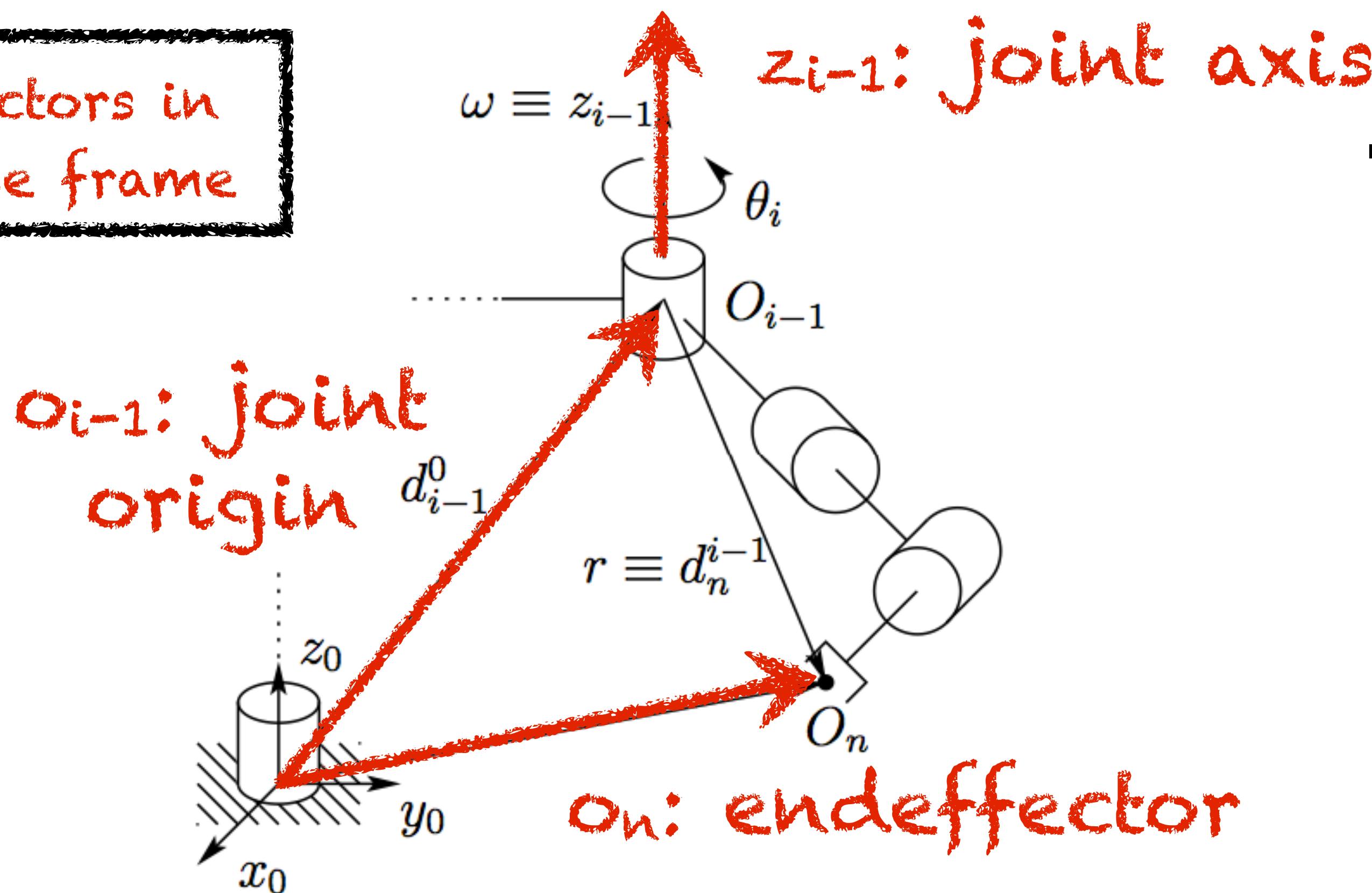


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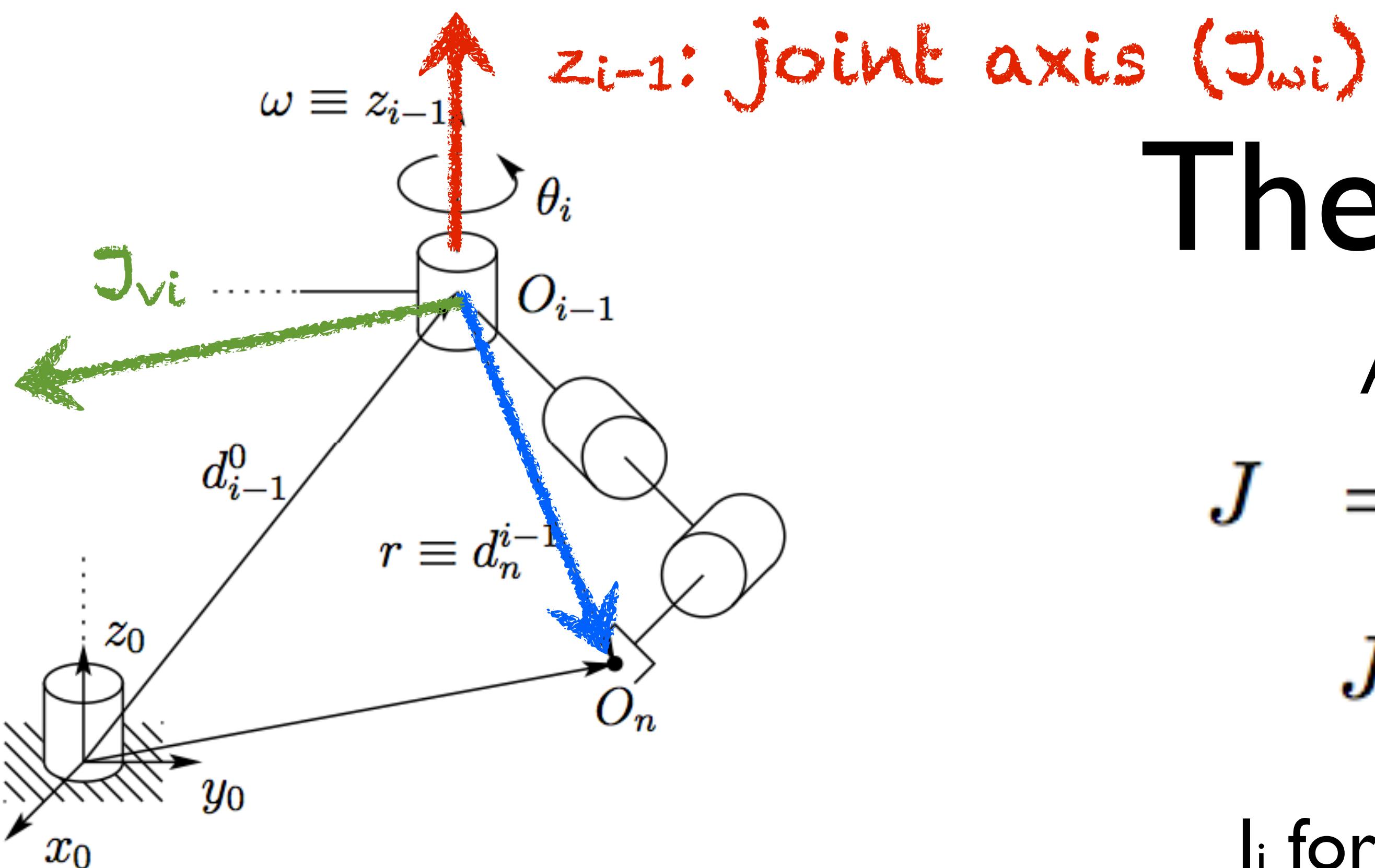


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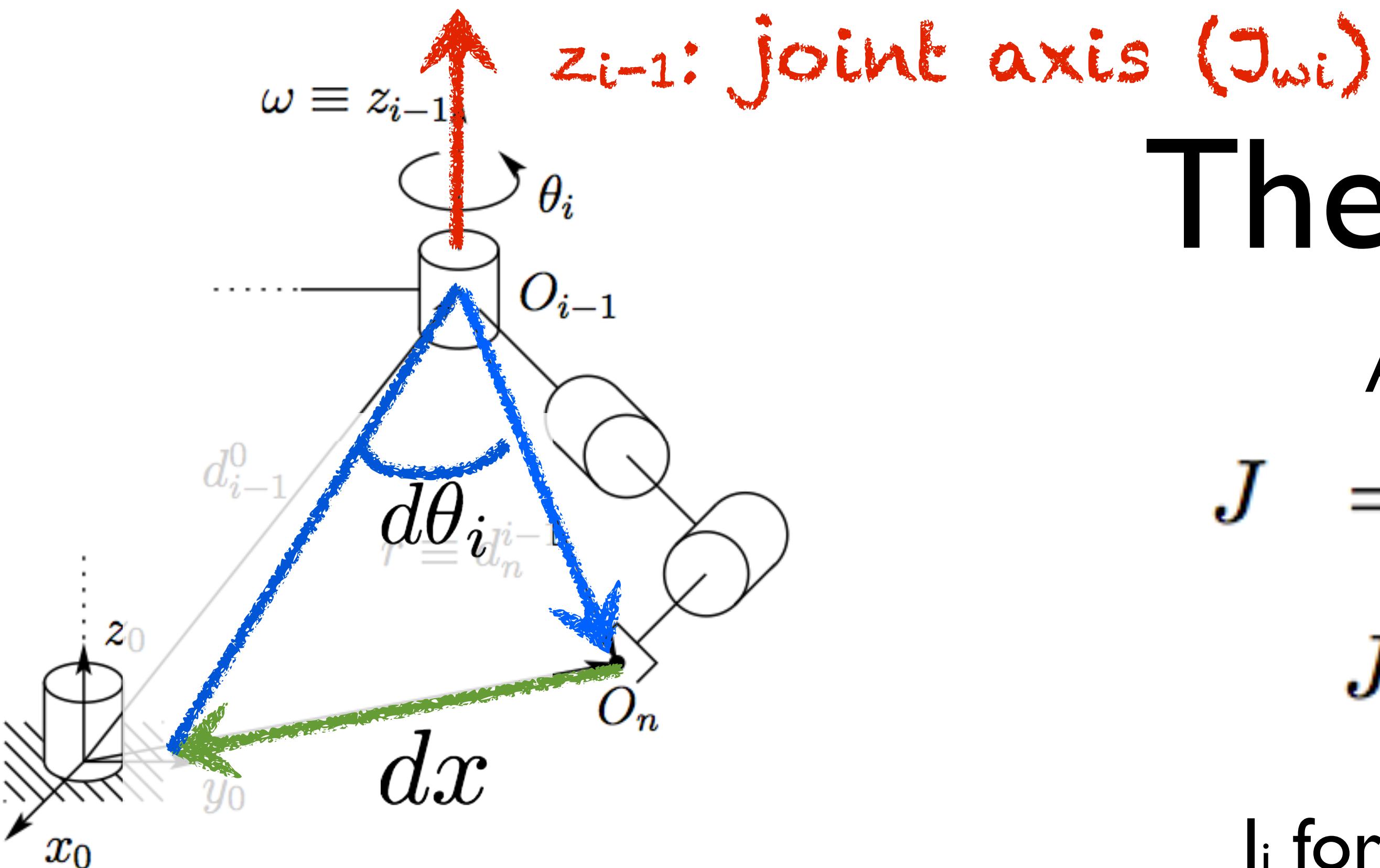


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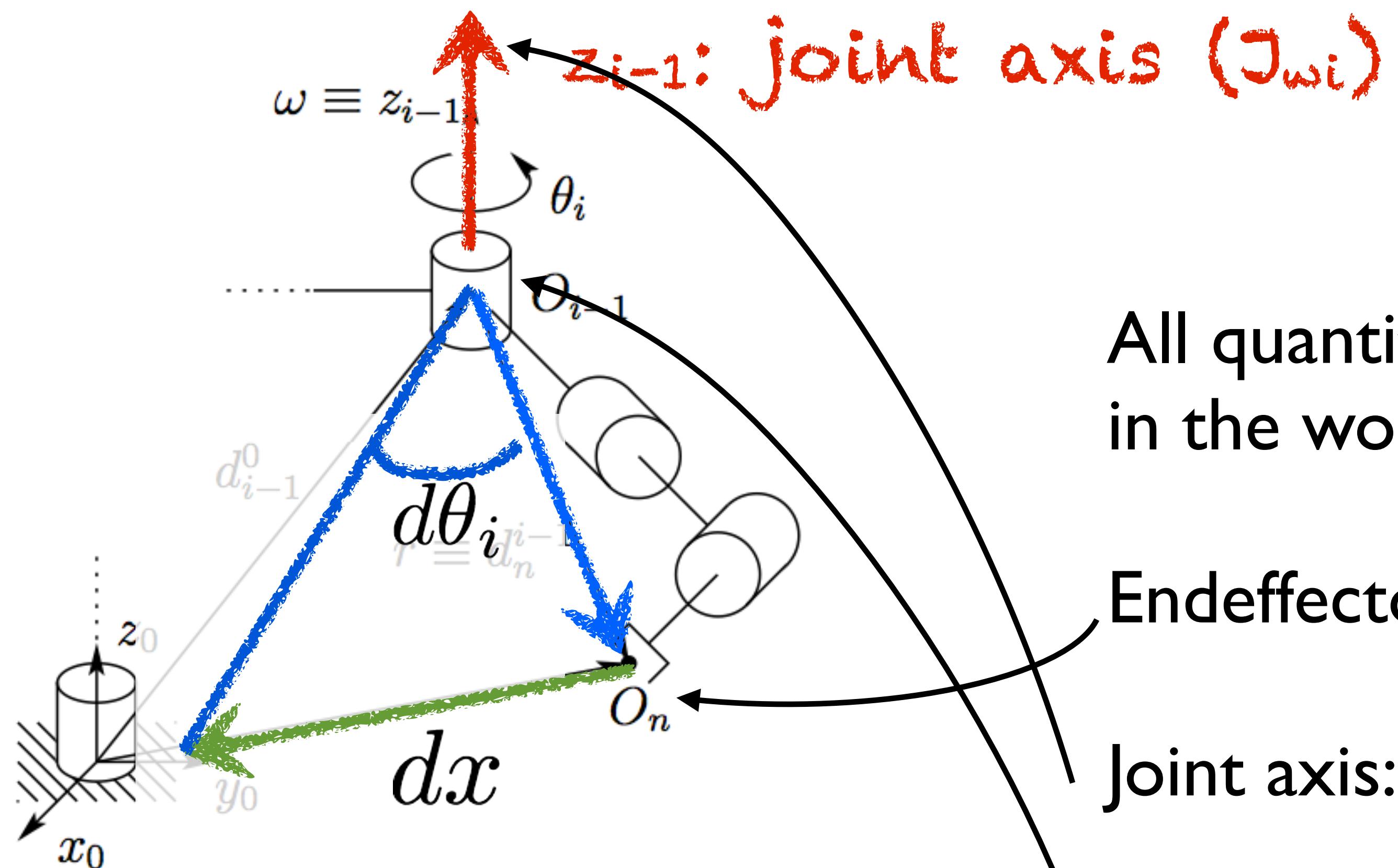


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Important

All quantities must be expressed in the world frame

$$\text{Endeffector: } \{\mathbf{p}_{\text{tool}}\}^w = T_n^w \{\mathbf{p}_{\text{tool}}\}^i$$

$$\text{Joint axis: } \{\mathbf{k}_i\}^w = T_i^w \{\mathbf{k}_i\}^i$$

$$\text{Joint origin: } \{\mathbf{o}_i\}^w = T_i^w \{\mathbf{o}_i\}^i$$

$$J_{vi} = (\{\mathbf{k}_i\}^w - \{\mathbf{o}_i\}^w) \times (\{\mathbf{p}_{\text{tool}}\}^w - \{\mathbf{o}_i\}^w)$$

$$J_{\omega i} = \{\mathbf{k}_i\}^w - \{\mathbf{o}_i\}^w$$

How did we get the
Geometric Jacobian?

Velocity of Point Rotating on N-link Arm

$$T_n^0(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} R_n^0(\mathbf{q}) & o_n^0(\mathbf{q}) \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Angular Velocity

$$R_n^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1 \cdots R_{n-1}^{n-1}$$

assuming velocities expressed in the same frame

$$\omega_n^0 = \omega_1^0 + R_1^0 \omega_2^1 + R_2^0 \omega_3^2 + R_3^0 \omega_4^3 + \cdots + R_{n-1}^0 \omega_n^{n-1}$$

$$z_{i-1}^0 = R_{i-1}^0 \mathbf{k}$$

$$J_\omega = [z_0^0 \ z_1^0 \ \dots \ z_{n-1}^0]$$

Velocity of Point Rotating on N-link Arm

$$\begin{aligned} T_n^0(\mathbf{q}) &= \begin{bmatrix} R_n^0(\mathbf{q}) & o_n^0(\mathbf{q}) \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= T_n^0 \\ &= T_{i-1}^0 T_i^{i-1} T_n^i \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R_{i-1}^0 & o_{i-1}^0 \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_i^{i-1} & o_i^{i-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_n^i & o_n^i \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R_n^0 & R_i^0 o_n^i + R_{i-1}^0 o_i^{i-1} + o_{i-1}^0 \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

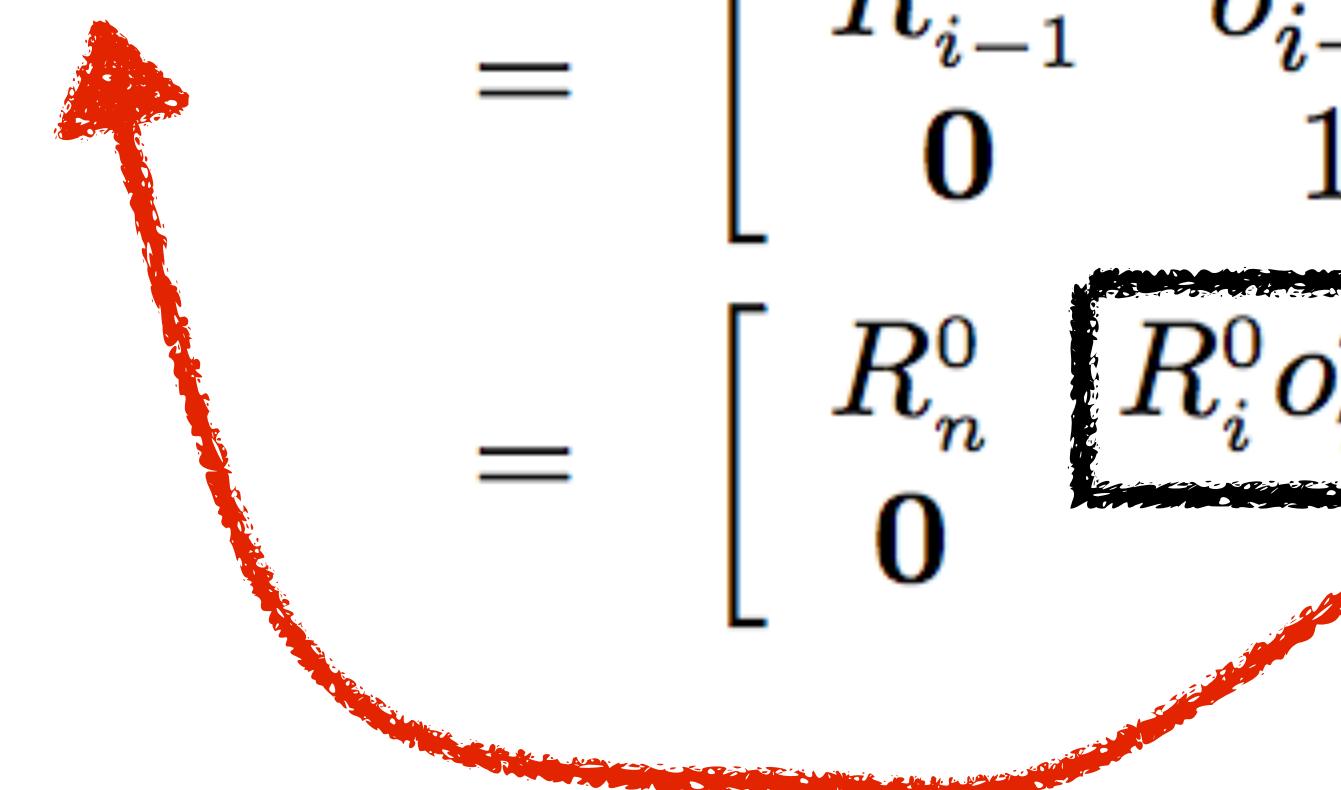
consider effect of all frames
(o..n) on endeffector

Velocity of Point Rotating on N-link Arm

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Linear Velocity for Rotational Joint

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position of endeffector frame

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} o_n^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} [R_i^0 o_n^i + R_{i-1}^0 o_i^{i-1}]$$

take derivative wrt.
ith joint angle

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IK Procedure Restated

Geometric The ~~V~~Jacobian

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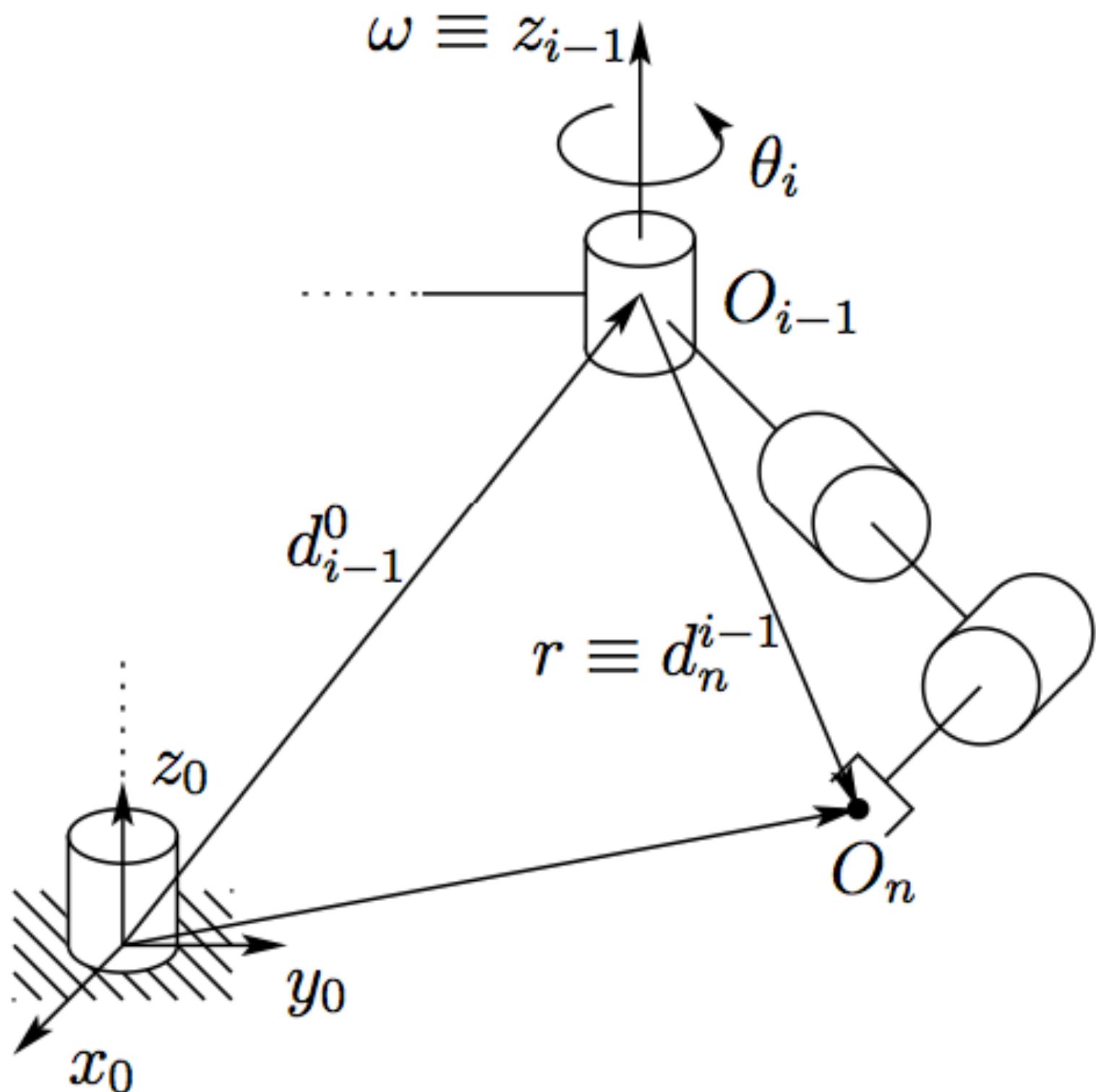
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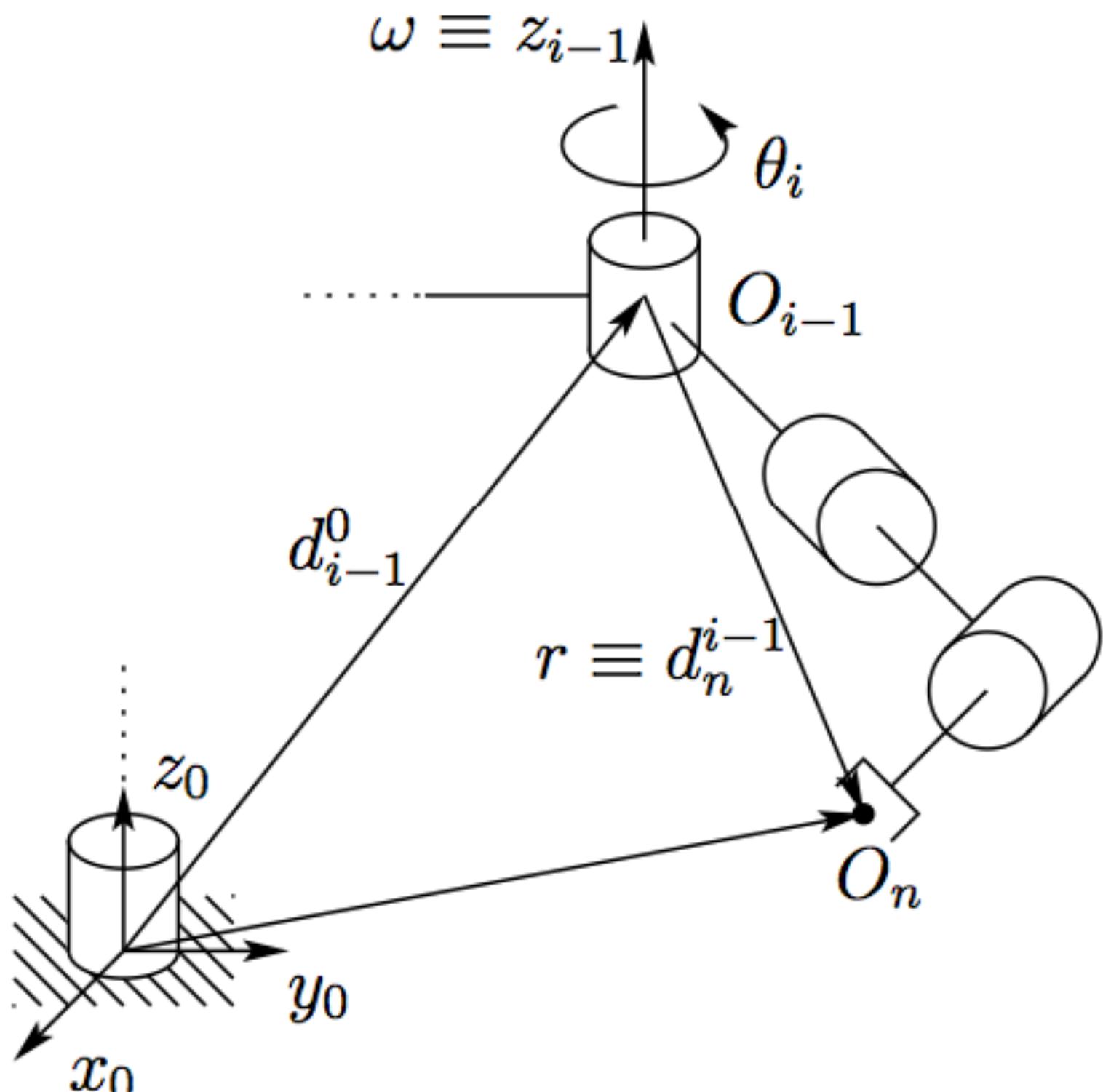
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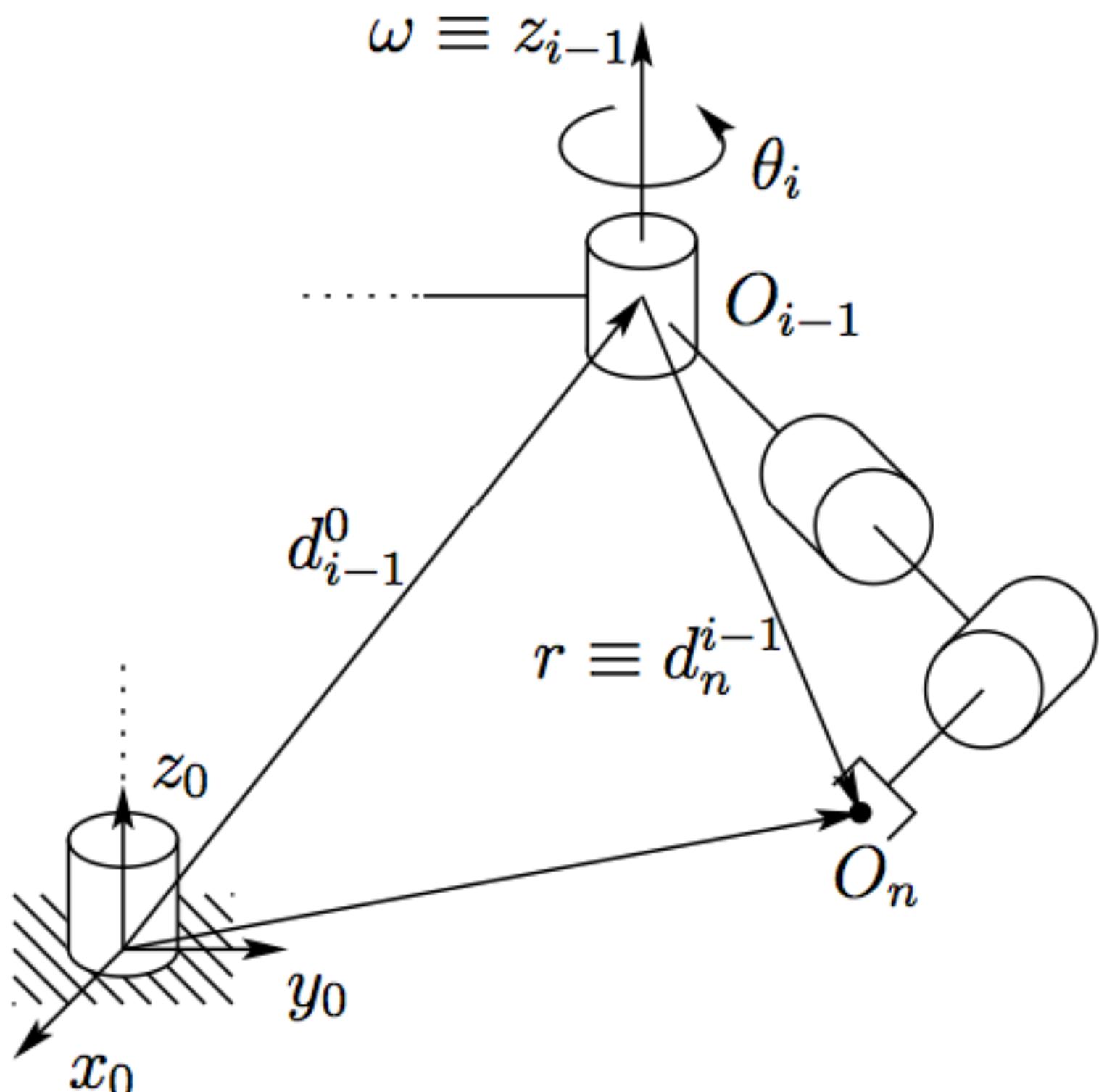
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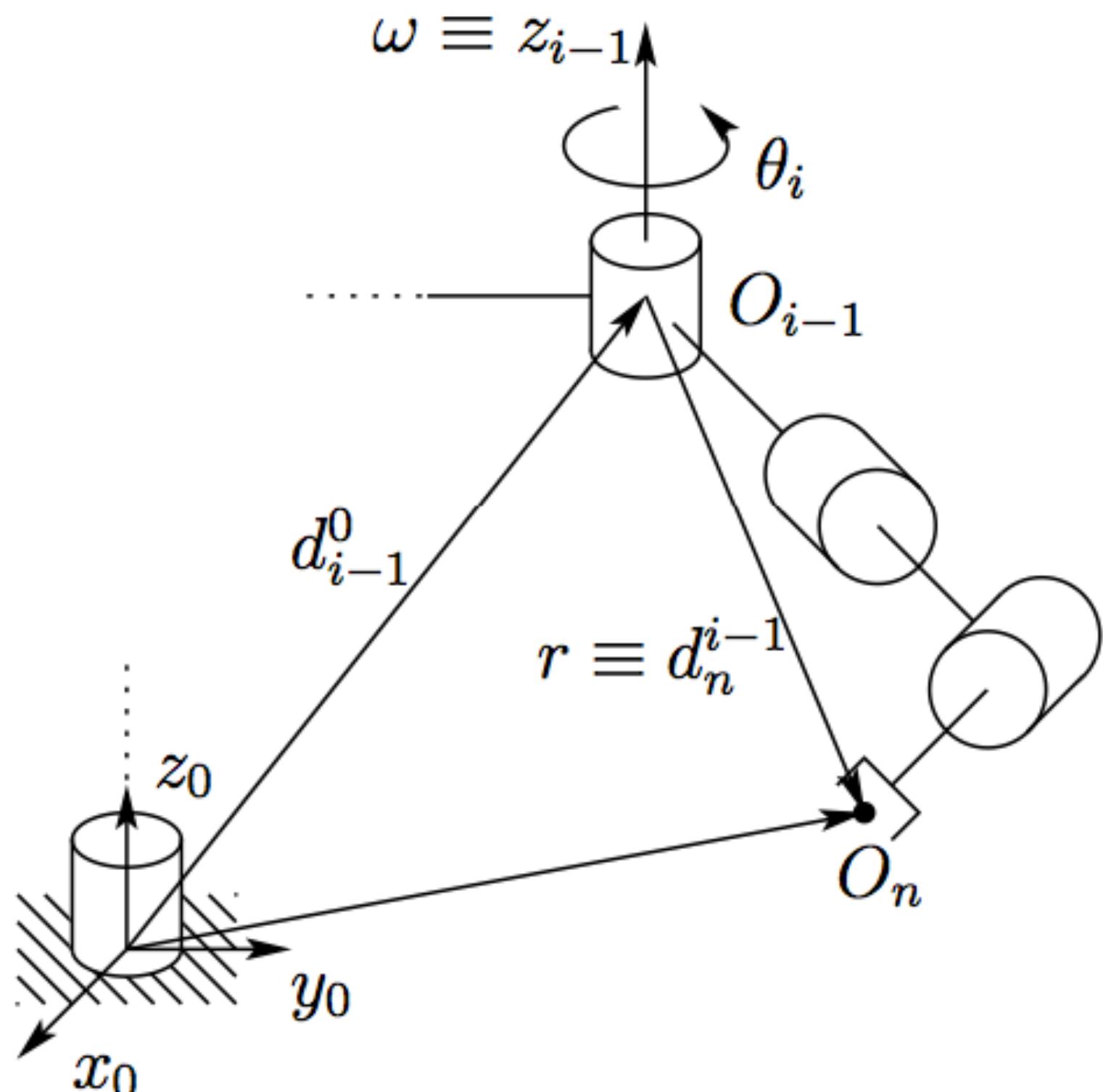
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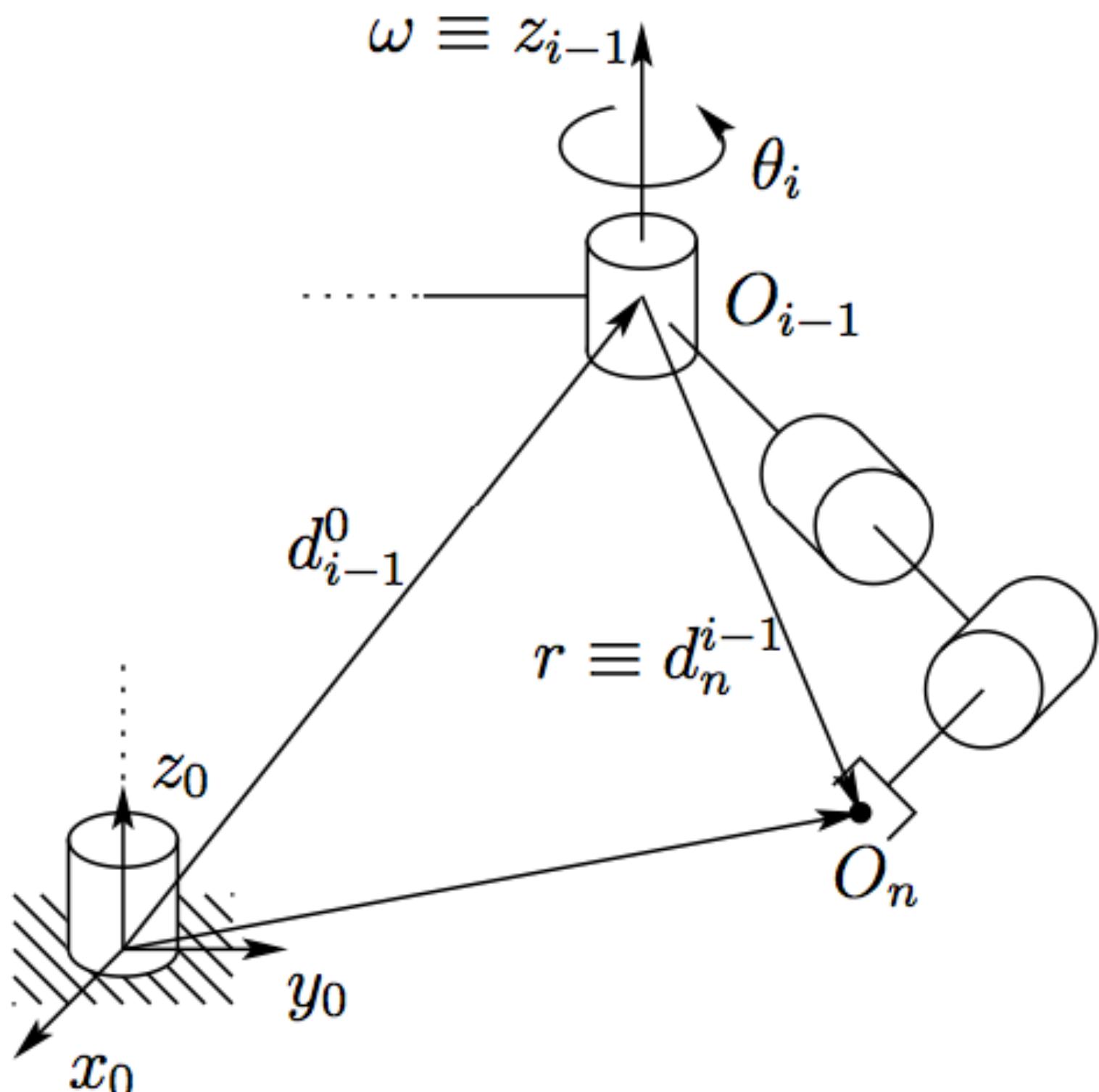
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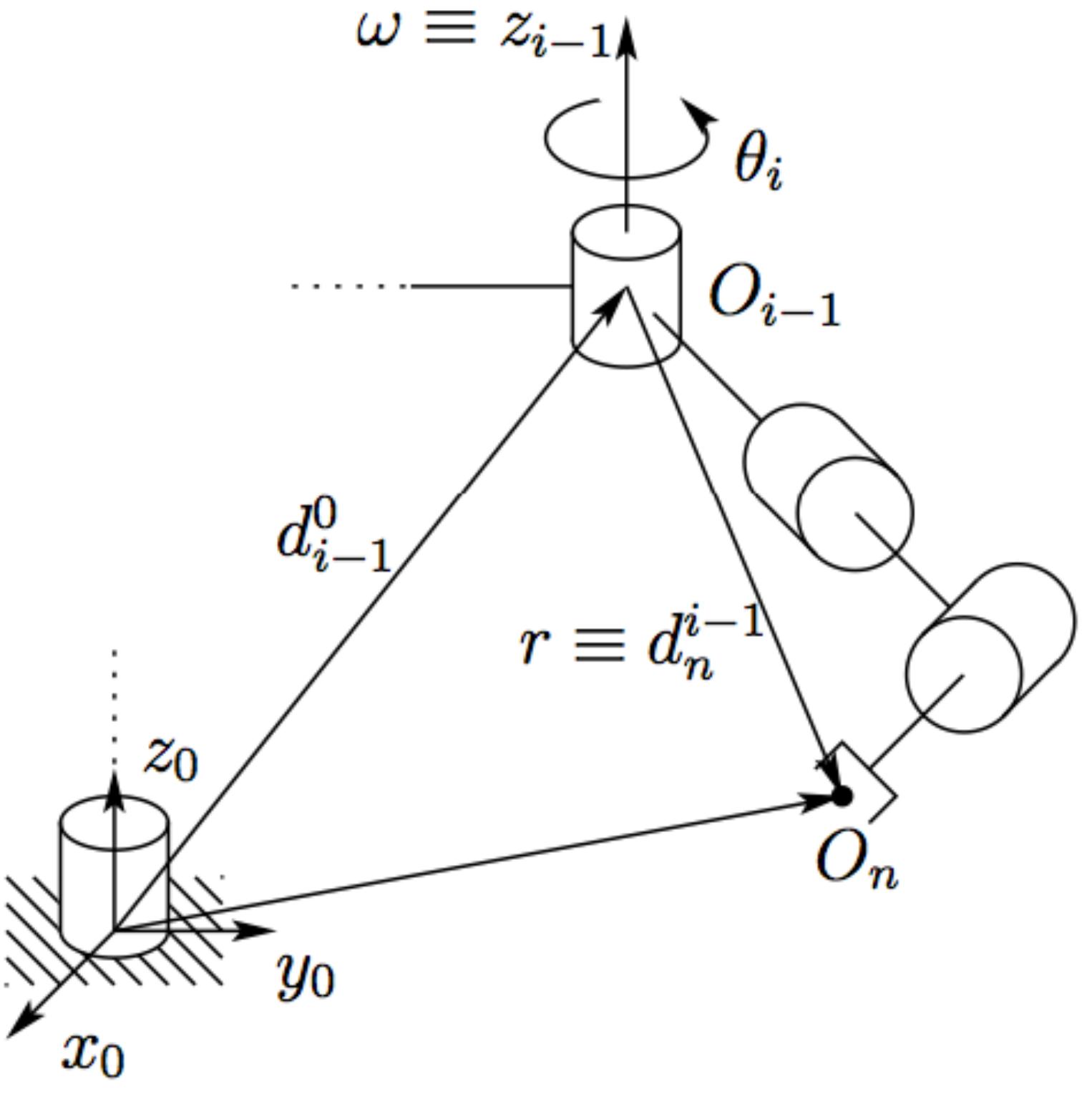
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when can we invert $J(q)$?

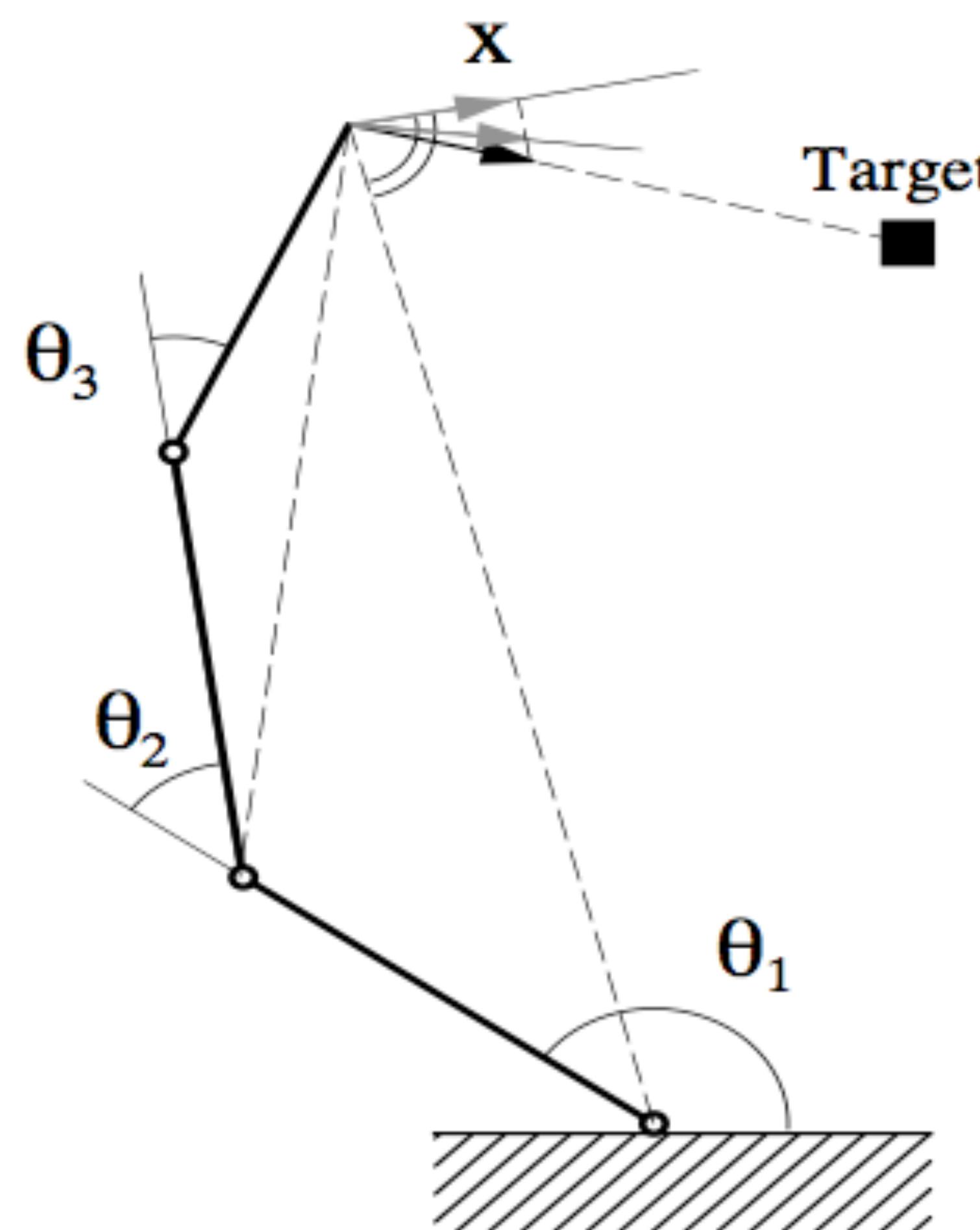
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Jacobian Transpose revisited

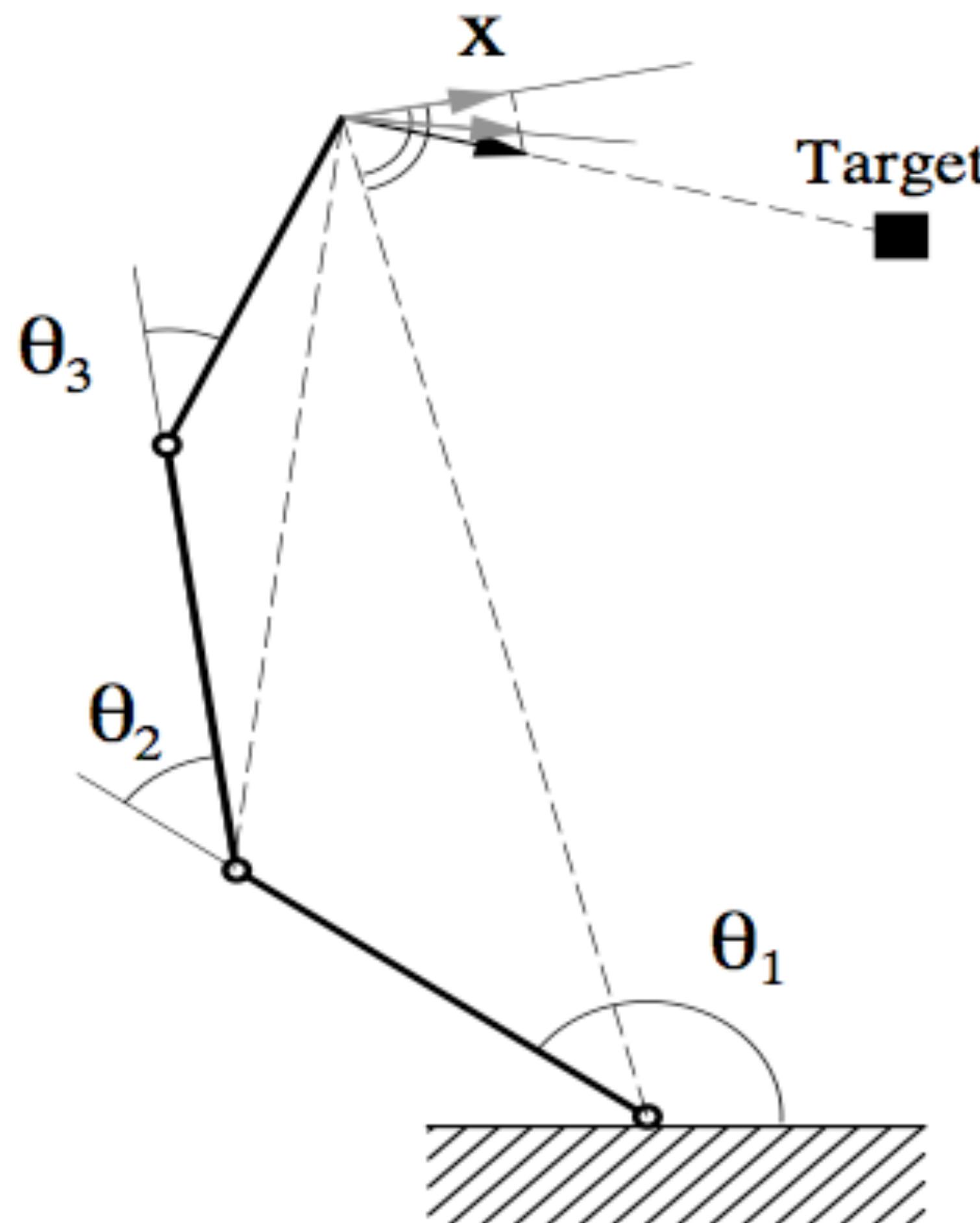
Jacobian Transpose



$$\Delta\theta = \alpha J^T(\theta) \Delta x$$

- Operating Principle:
 - Project difference vector Δx on those dimensions q which can reduce it the most
- Advantages:
 - Simple computation (numerically robust)
 - No matrix inversions
- Disadvantages:
 - Needs many iterations until convergence in certain configurations (e.g., Jacobian has very small coefficients)
 - Unpredictable joint configurations
 - Non conservative

Jacobian Transpose



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Minimize cost function } F &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_{target} - \mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{x}_{target} - \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_{target} - f(\theta))^T (\mathbf{x}_{target} - f(\theta))\end{aligned}$$

with respect to θ by gradient descent:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\theta &= -\alpha \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta} \right)^T \\ &= \alpha \left((\mathbf{x}_{target} - \mathbf{x})^T \frac{\partial f(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^T \\ &= \alpha J^T(\theta) (\mathbf{x}_{target} - \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \alpha J^T(\theta) \Delta\mathbf{x}\end{aligned}$$

Error Minimization by Gradient Descent using Jacobian Transpose

Jacobian gives mapping from configuration displacement to endeffector displacement

$$J(\mathbf{q})\Delta\mathbf{q} = \Delta\mathbf{x}$$

Inverse of Jacobian maps endeffector displacement to configuration displacement

$$\arg \min_q \|F(\mathbf{q}) - \mathbf{x}_d\|^2$$

But, inverse of Jacobian is rarely an option. Why?

Instead, find configuration that minimizes endeffector error squared

where $F(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{x}_n$ denotes endeffector pose given current configuration, \mathbf{q}

Error Minimization by Gradient Descent using Jacobian Transpose

$$\arg \min_q ||F(q) - x_d||^2$$

Instead, find configuration
that minimizes endeffector
error squared

$$\begin{aligned} C &= (F(q) - x_d)^2 \\ &= (F(q) - x_d)^T (F(q) - x_d) \\ &= F(q)^T F(q) - F(q)^T x_d - x_d^T F(q) + x_d^T x_d \\ &= F(q)^T F(q) - 2F(q)^T x_d + x_d^T x_d \end{aligned}$$

Define cost function
expressing squared error

Error Minimization by Gradient Descent using Jacobian Transpose

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Define cost function
expressing squared error

$$\frac{dC}{dq} = 2J(q)^T F(q) - 2J(q)^T x_d + 0$$

Take cost derivative
wrt. configuration

$$= 2J(q)^T (F(q) - x_d)$$

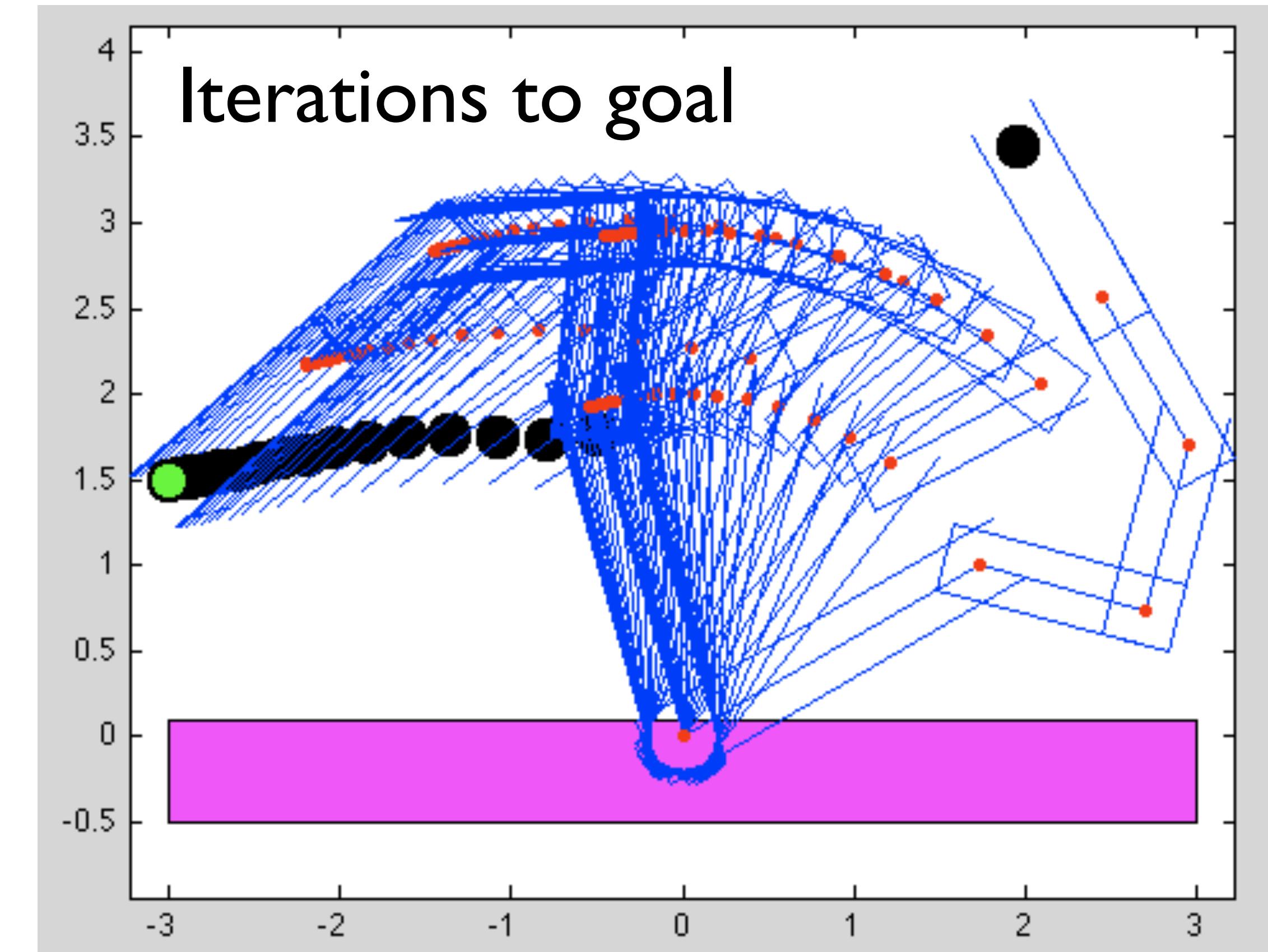
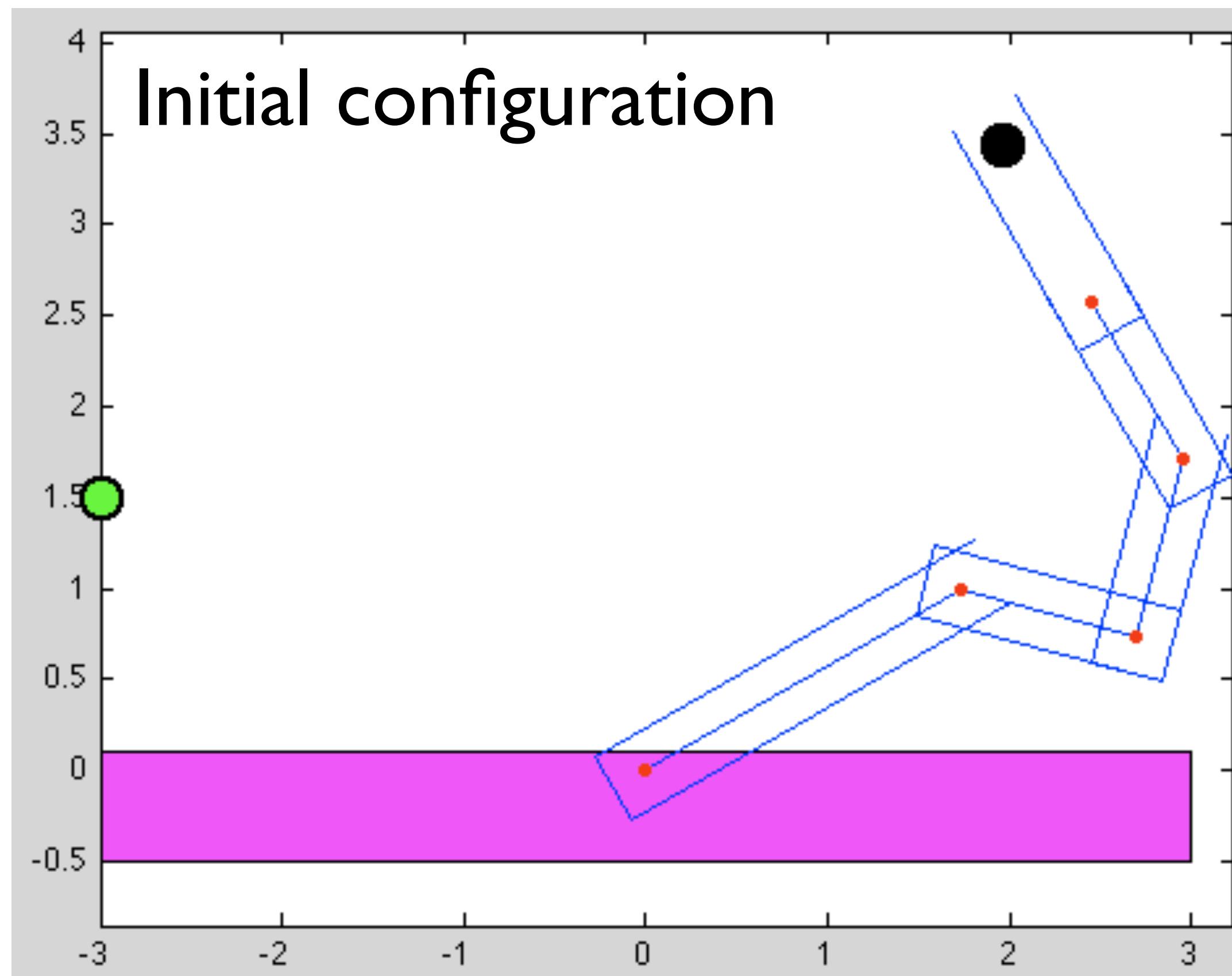
$$= -2J(q)^T \Delta x$$

Take step in negative direction of
gradient to descend cost

$$\rightarrow \frac{-dC}{dq} \rightarrow \gamma J(q)^T \Delta x \rightarrow \Delta q$$

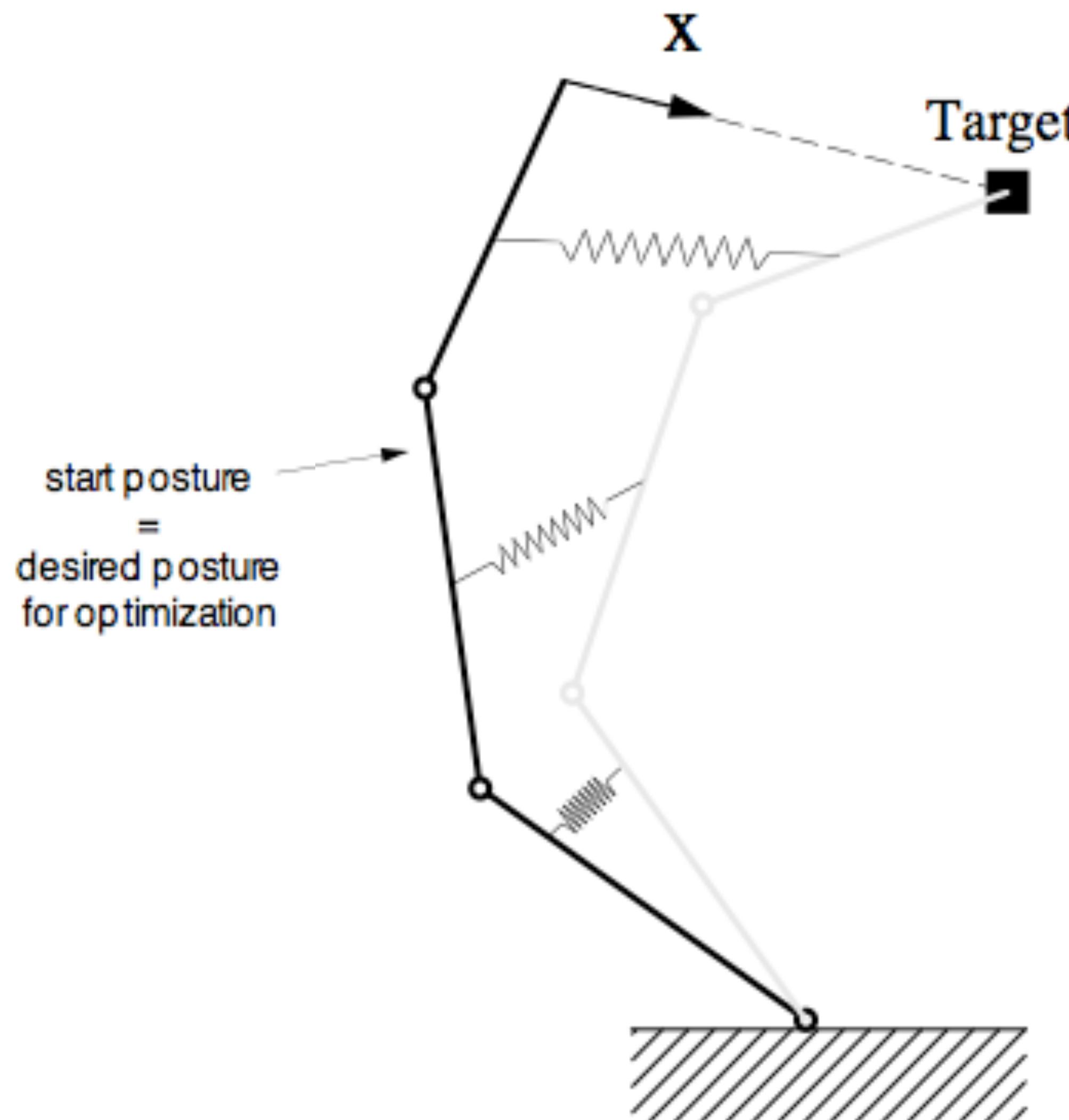
step length (gamma) chosen
as update step scale

Matlab 5-link arm example: Jacobian transpose



Jacobian Pseudoinverse

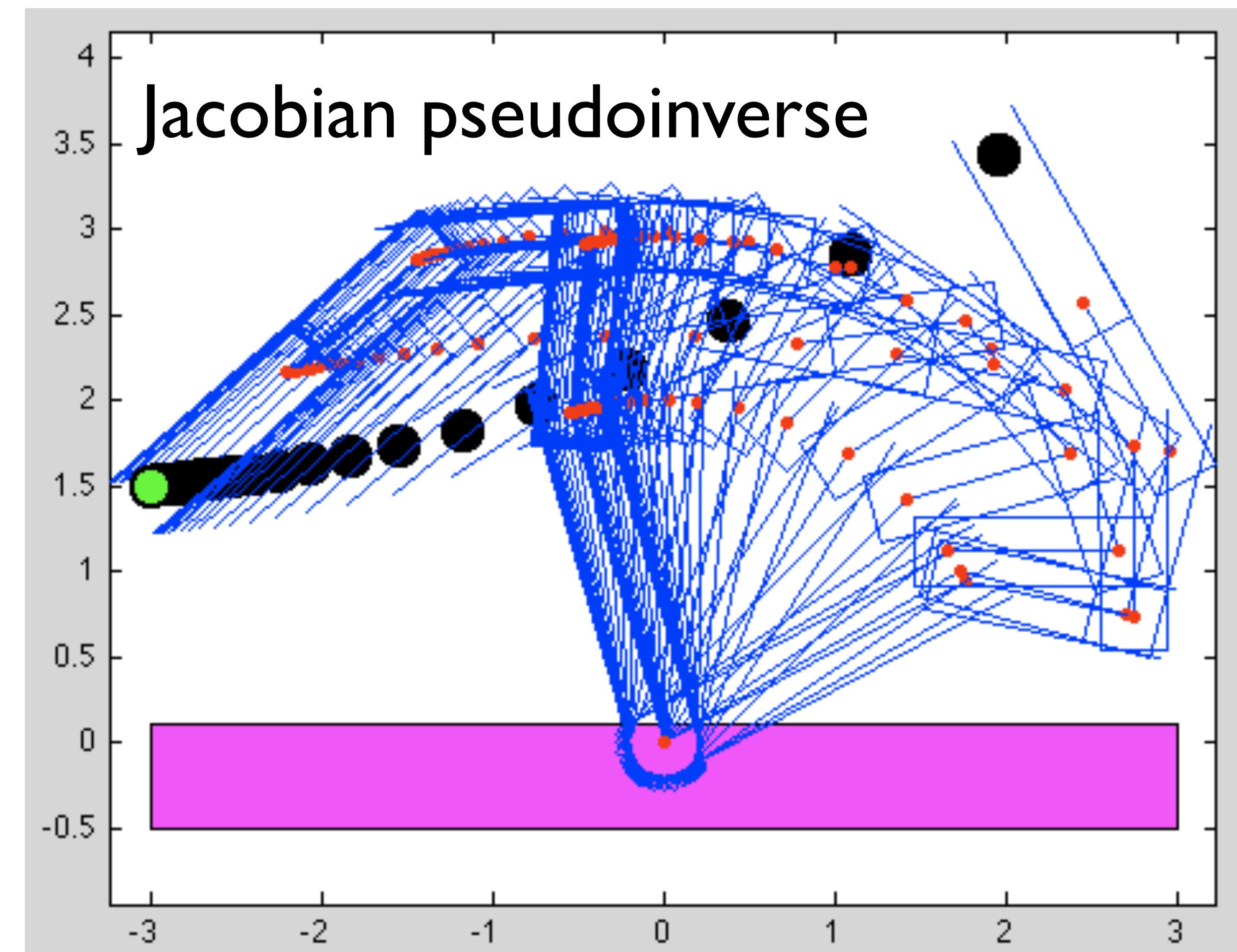
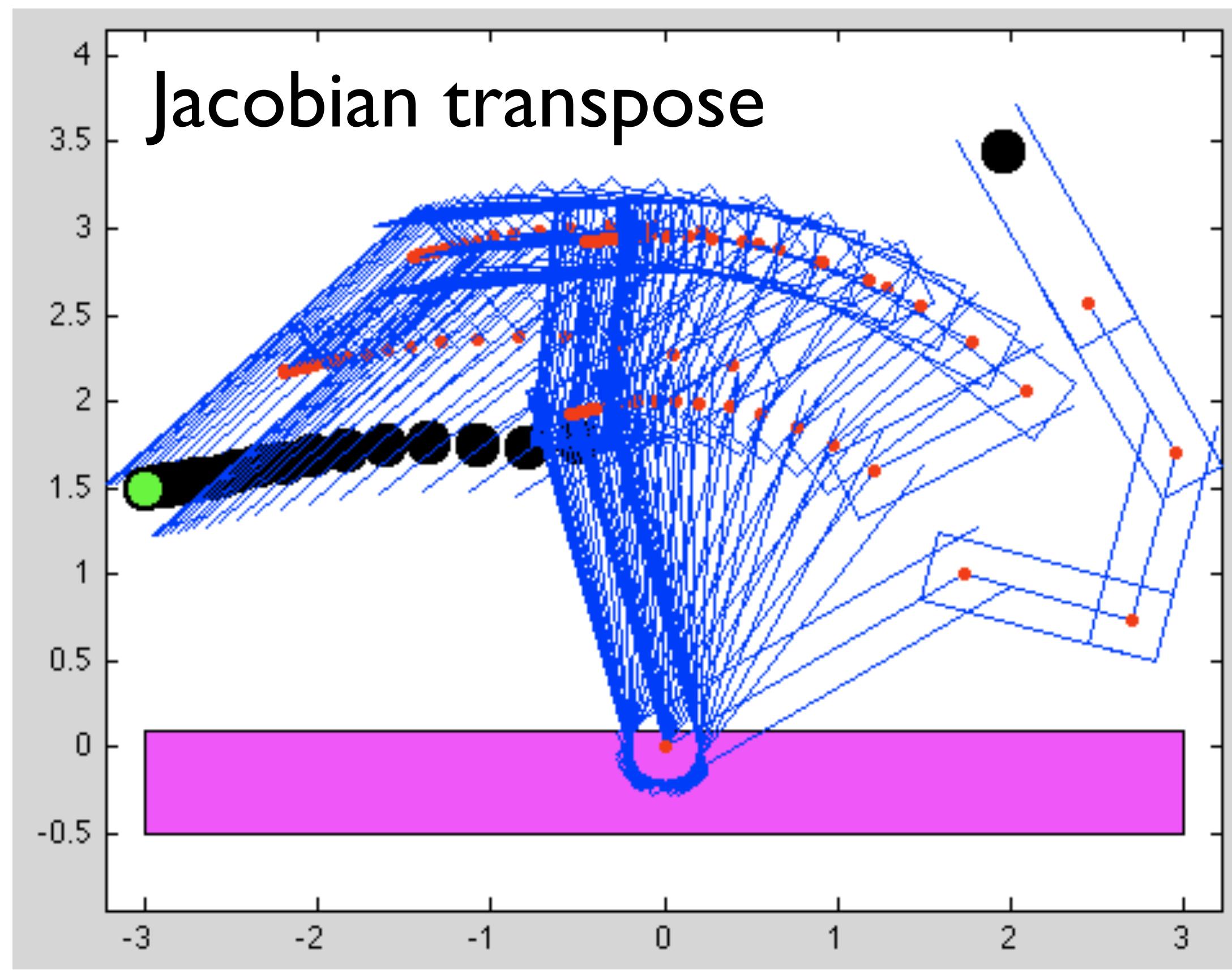
Pseudo Inverse



$$\Delta\theta = \alpha J^T(\theta) (J(\theta)J^T(\theta))^{-1} \Delta x$$

- Operating Principle:
 - Shortest path in q-space
- Advantages:
 - Computationally fast (second order method)
- Disadvantages:
 - Matrix inversion necessary (numerical problems)
 - Unpredictable joint configurations
 - Non conservative

Matlab 5-link arm example: Jacobian Pseudoinverse



Error Minimization by Jacobian Pseudoinverse

Define cost function
expressing squared error

$$C = \Delta\mathbf{q}^T J(\mathbf{q})^T J(\mathbf{q}) \Delta\mathbf{q} - 2\Delta\mathbf{q}^T J(\mathbf{q})^T \Delta\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}^T \Delta\mathbf{x}$$

$$\frac{dC}{d\Delta\mathbf{q}} = 2J(\mathbf{q})^T J(\mathbf{q}) \Delta\mathbf{q} - 2J(\mathbf{q})^T \Delta\mathbf{x} + 0$$

Take cost derivative

Set to zero and solve for configuration displacement

$$0 = 2J(\mathbf{q})^T J(\mathbf{q}) \Delta\mathbf{q} - 2J(\mathbf{q})^T \Delta\mathbf{x}$$

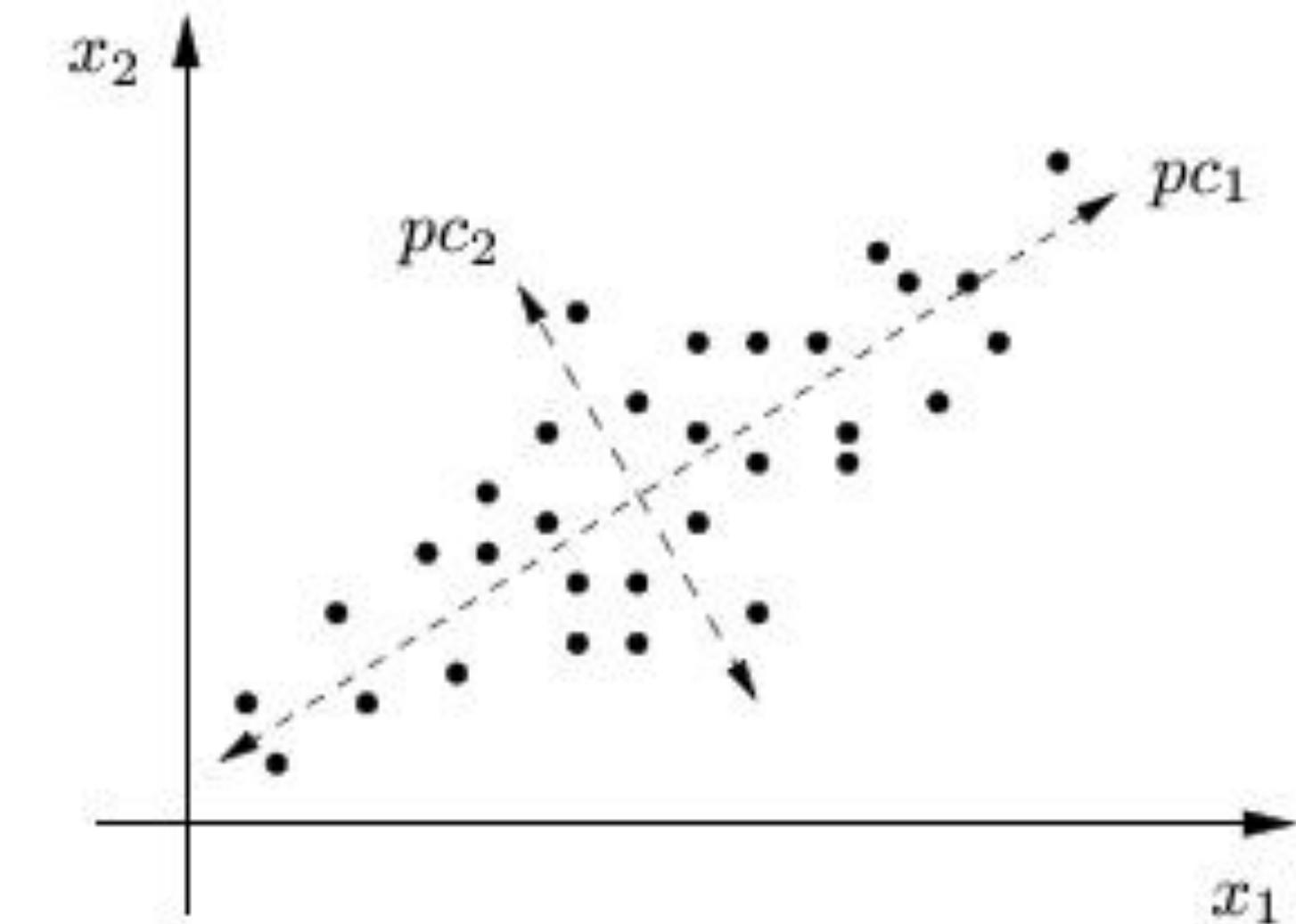
$$J(\mathbf{q})^T J(\mathbf{q}) \Delta\mathbf{q} = J(\mathbf{q})^T \Delta\mathbf{x}$$

Normal form

$$\Delta\mathbf{q} = (J(\mathbf{q})^T J(\mathbf{q}))^{-1} J(\mathbf{q})^T \Delta\mathbf{x}$$

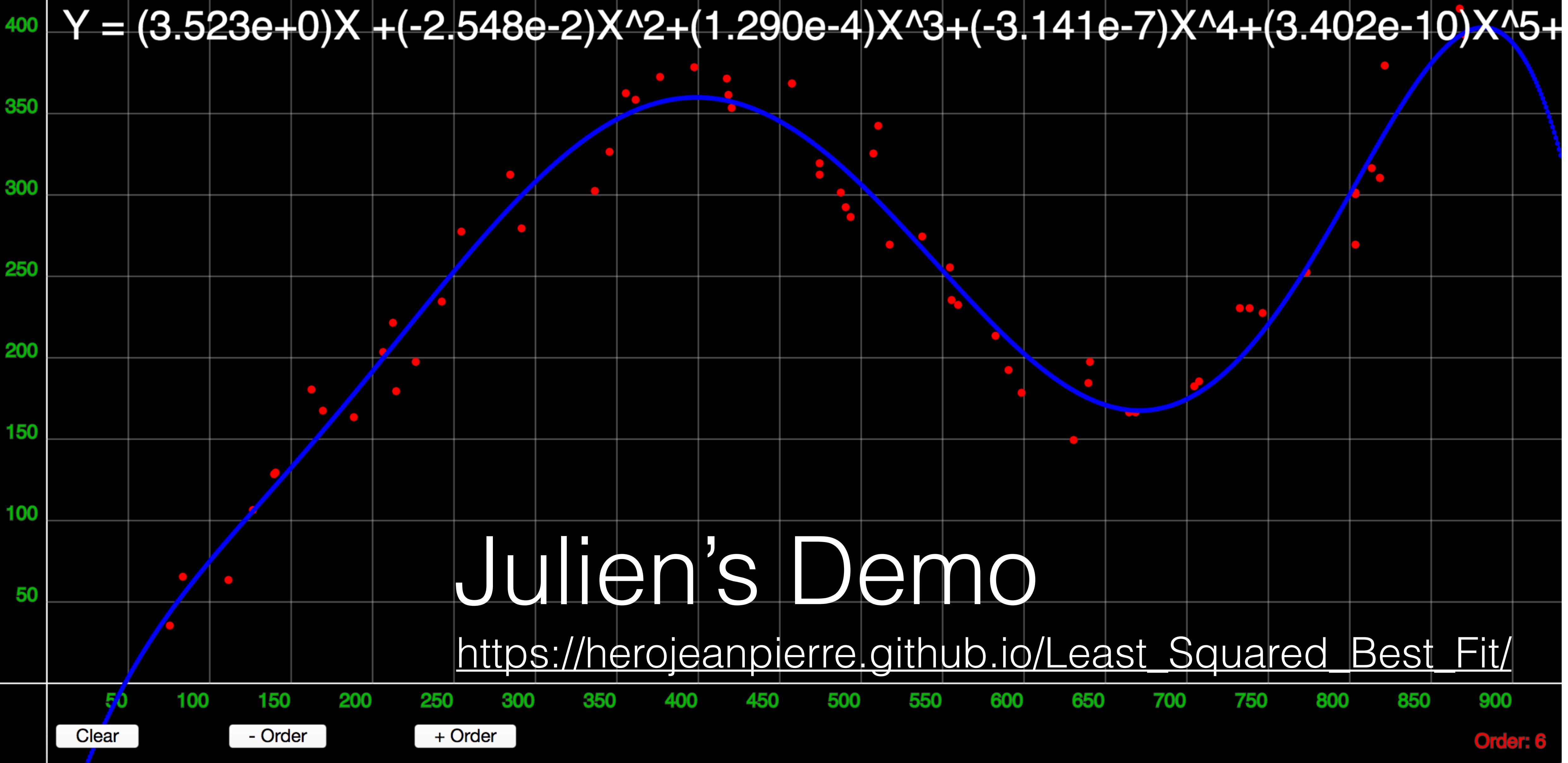
Fitting polynomials to data

Pseudoinverse, More Generally



- Pseudoinverse of matrix A : $A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ approximates solution to linear system $Ax=b$
- The pseudoinverse A^+ is a least squares “best fit” approximate solution of an overdetermined system $Ax=b$, where there are more equations (m) than unknowns (n), or vice versa
- Often used for data fitting, as a singular value decomposition

$Y = (3.523e+0)X + (-2.548e-2)X^2 + (1.290e-4)X^3 + (-3.141e-7)X^4 + (3.402e-10)X^5 +$



Which Pseudoinverse

- For matrix A with dimensions $N \times M$ with full rank
- Left pseudoinverse, for when $N > M$, (i.e., “tall”, less than than 6 DoFs)

$$A_{\text{left}}^{-1} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \quad \text{s.t.} \quad A_{\text{left}}^{-1} A = I_n$$

- Right pseudoinverse, for when $N < M$, (i.e., “wide”, more than 6 DoFs)

$$A_{\text{right}}^{-1} = A^T (A A^T)^{-1} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad A A_{\text{right}}^{-1} = I_m$$

Optimization considerations

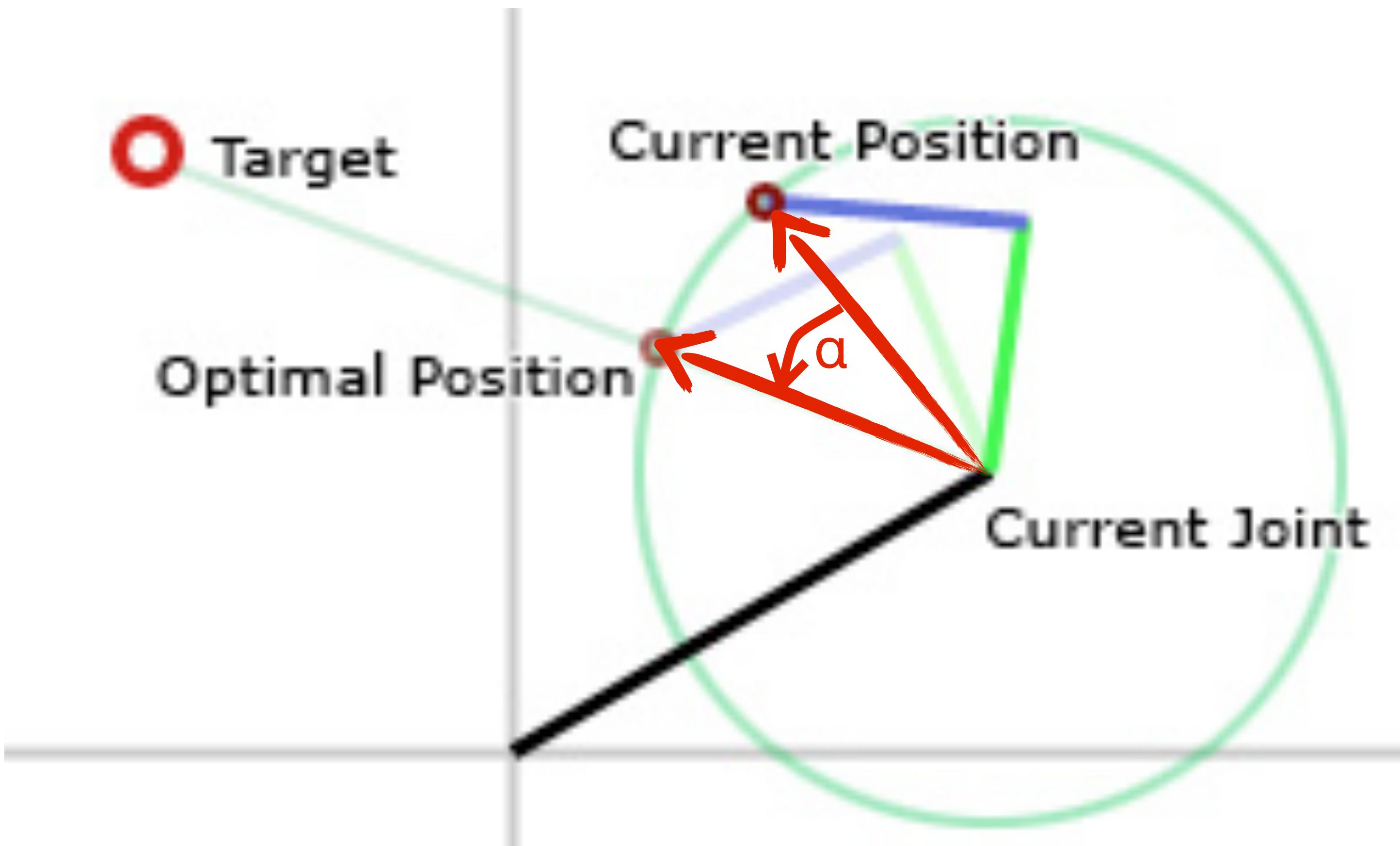
Optimization considerations

- How to add constraints: joint limits, multiple endeffectors, preferred poses
- Null-space optimization: hierarchical application of additive constraints
- Resolved rate: constant magnitude control of endeffector velocity
- Stochastic gradient descent: one randomly chosen column at a time
- Downhill simplex optimization: no derivatives required
- Manipulability: analysis of Jacobian to relate configuration velocity to scaling ellipsoid for resulting endeffector velocities

Maybe there is a simpler
approach to IK?

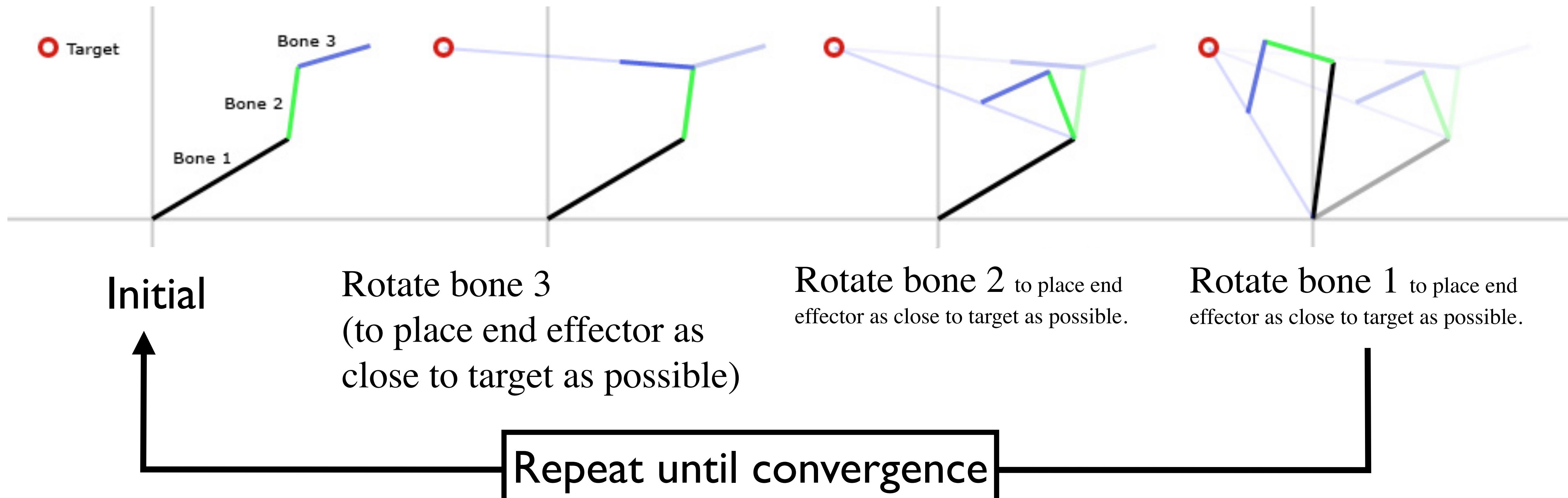
Cyclic Coordinate Descent

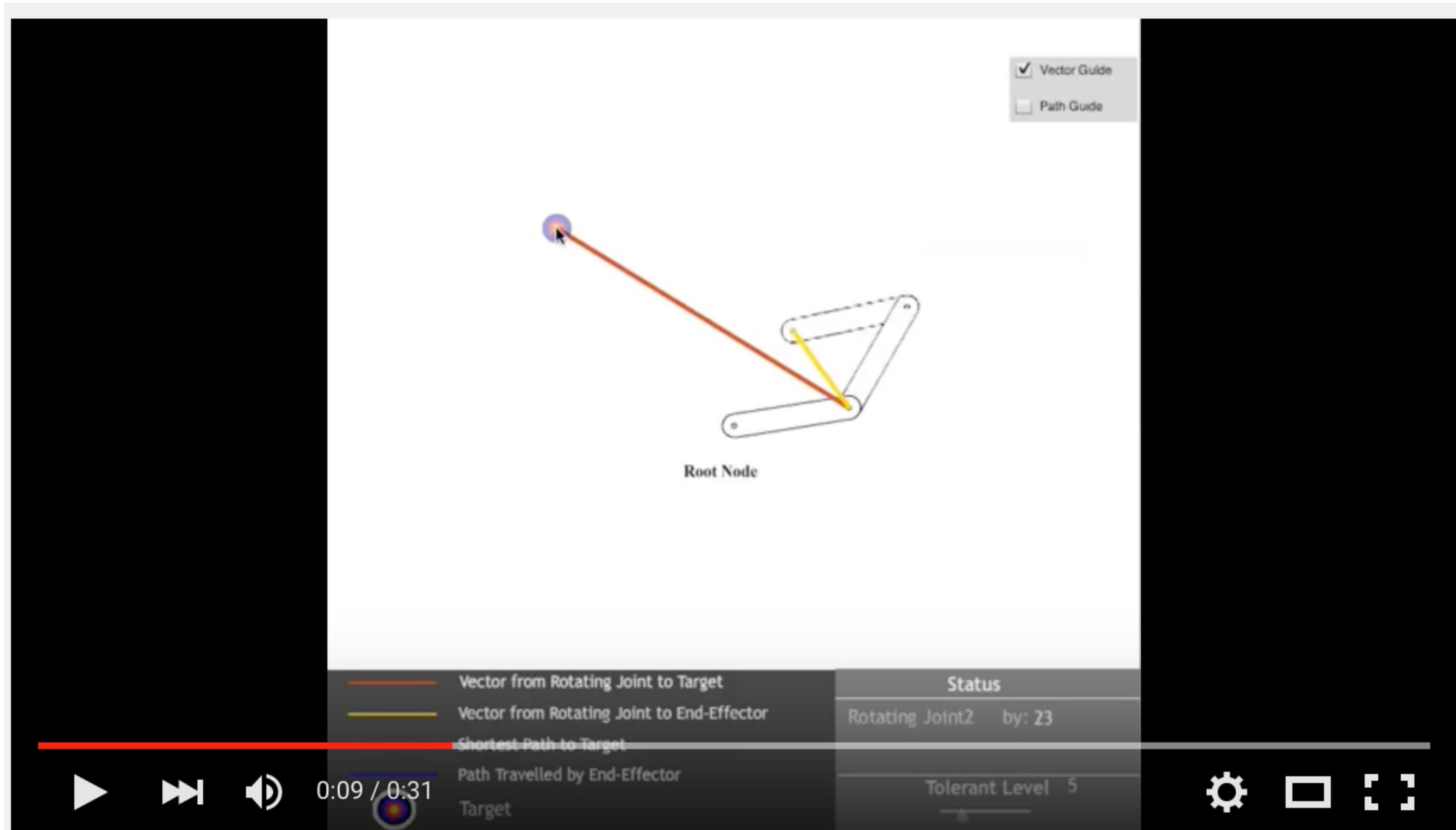
[Wang, Chen 1991]



Rotate joint s.t.
endeffector lies within
plane containing target
location and joint origin

Cyclic Coordinate Descent





Inverse Kinematics CCD's concept demo



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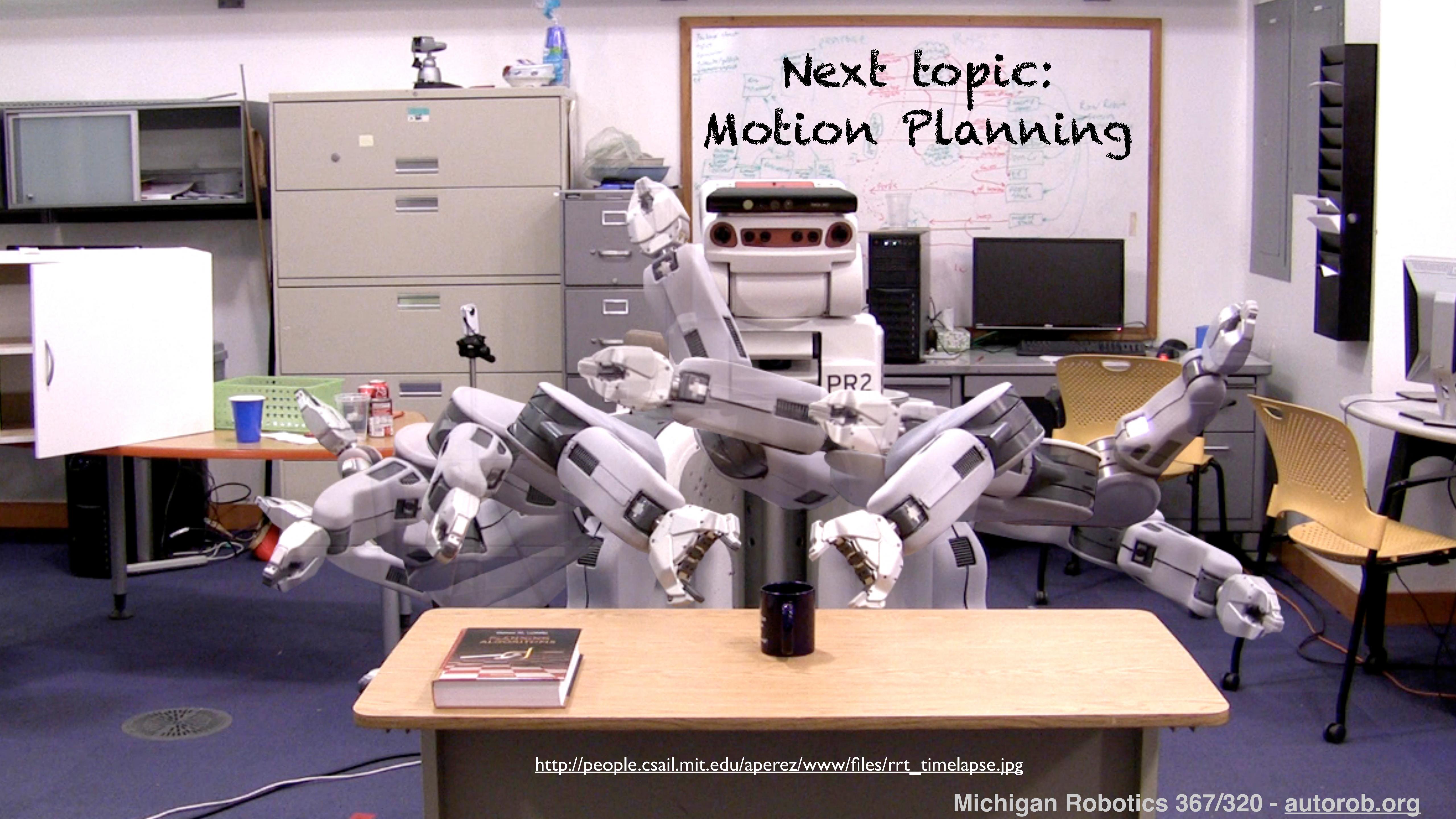
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mvu09ZHGr6k>

Pros and Cons

- Cyclic Coordinate Descent
 - + Fast to compute and simple to implement
 - Smoothness over time not considered
- Jacobian-based methods
 - + General transform of velocities and wrenches between frames
 - Slower and subject to numerical issues and local minima

Next topic:
Motion Planning



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