

EECS 367
Intro. to Autonomous Robotics

ROB 320
Robot Operating Systems

Winter 2022

Inverse Kinematics

Administrative

- Assignment #3: Forward Kinematics
 - Due Friday, February 18, 11:59pm
- New quiz policy
 - Late quizzes will be accepted (including quiz 1-3)
 - Late policy follows that of projects
 - Up to 80% within 2 weeks
 - 60% within 4 weeks
 - 50% by end of grading period
 - Quiz questions can't be discussed on general slack
 - Discussion limited to direct course staff or during office hours

New Robot Definition

- Feature for assignment 3
 - Everyone will submit as a pair of students
 - You can choose pairs or come to interactive session
- Next Wednesday, February 16th
 - Dedicated course time for paired programming
- Following 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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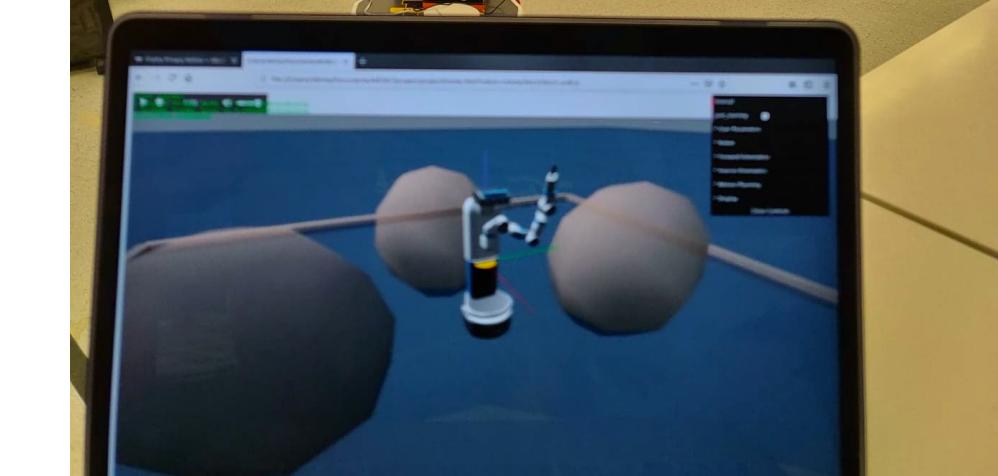
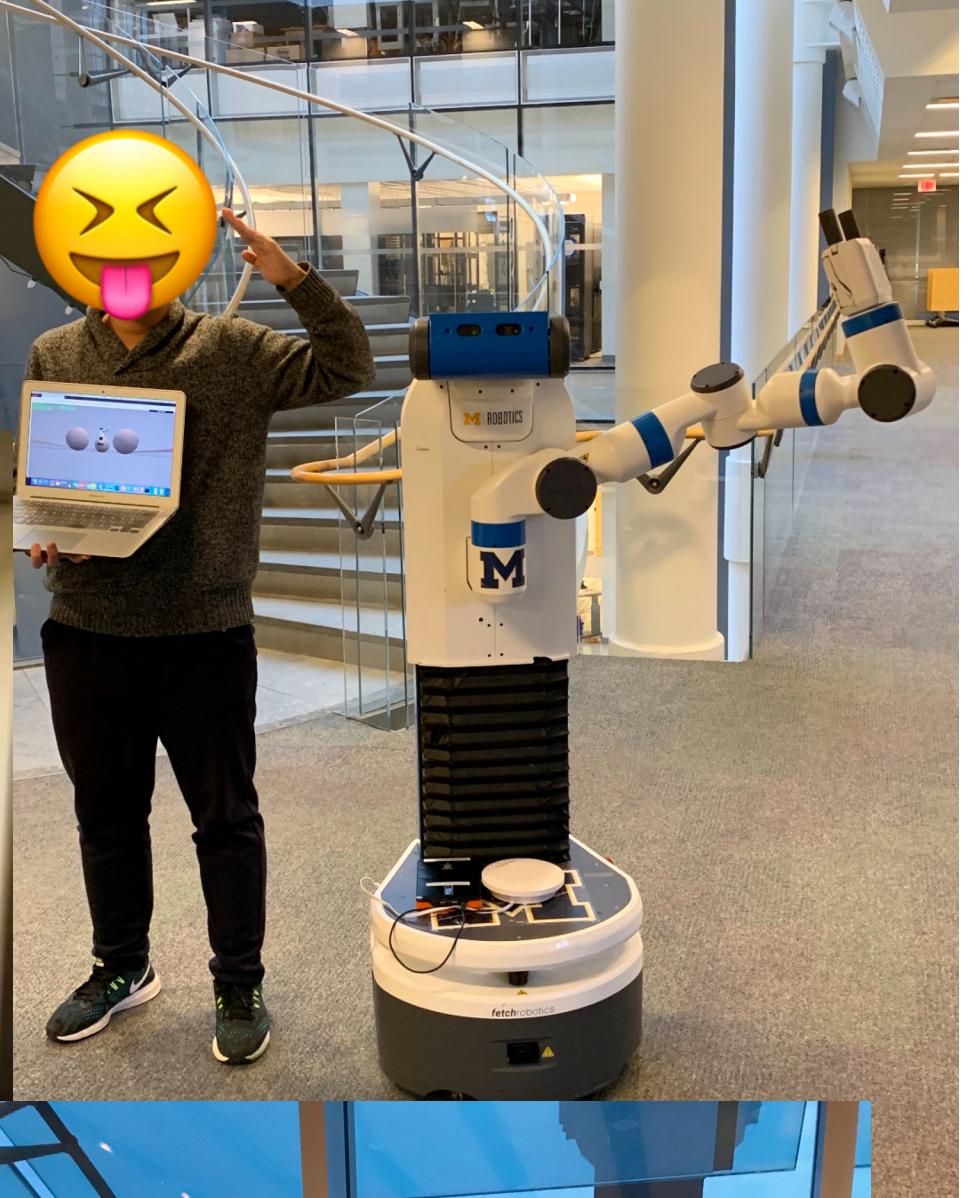
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In non-COVID-19 semesters...

You would connect your working FK code to a real robot (Michigan Progress Fetch)

and take a picture together

For those who are interested, let the course staff know over slack. This will be possible following winter break



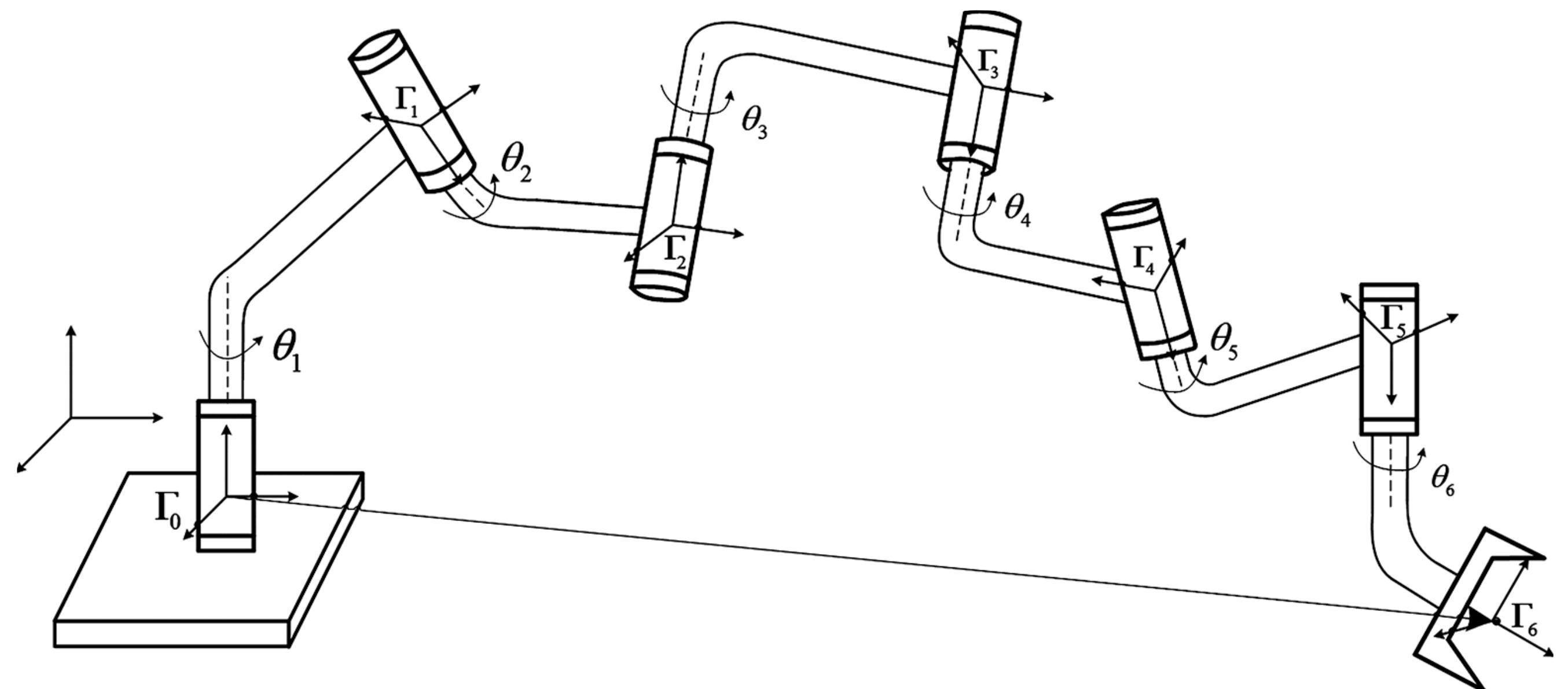
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Users

Robot Applications

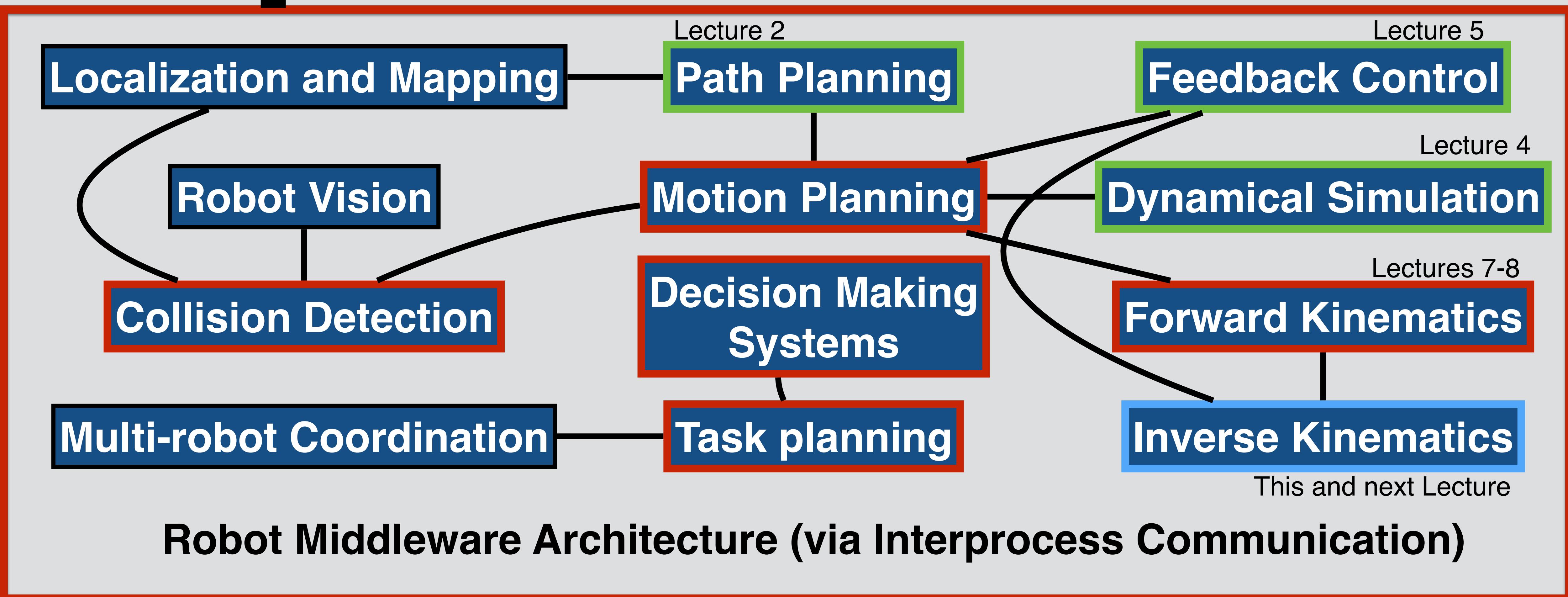
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Operating System

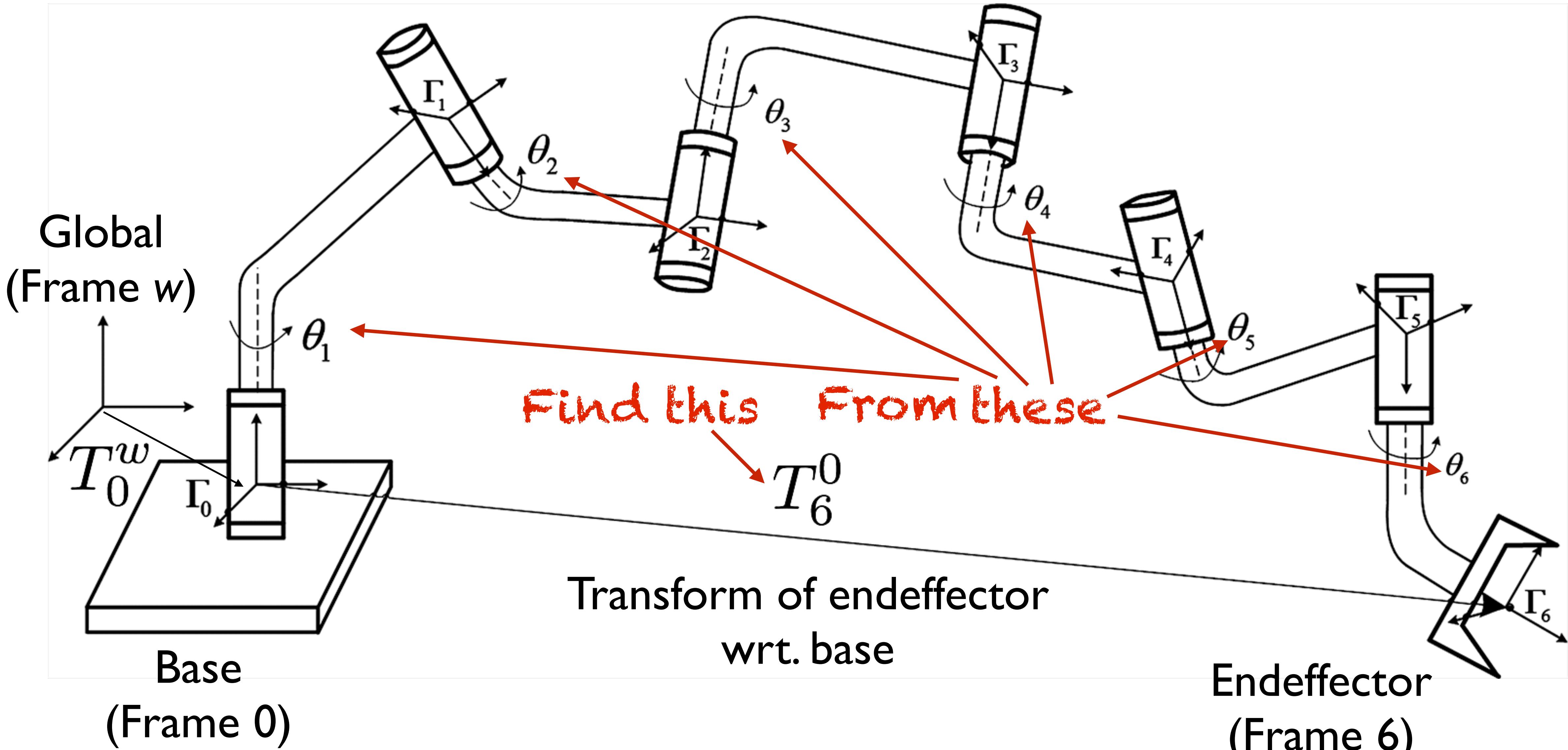
Hardware

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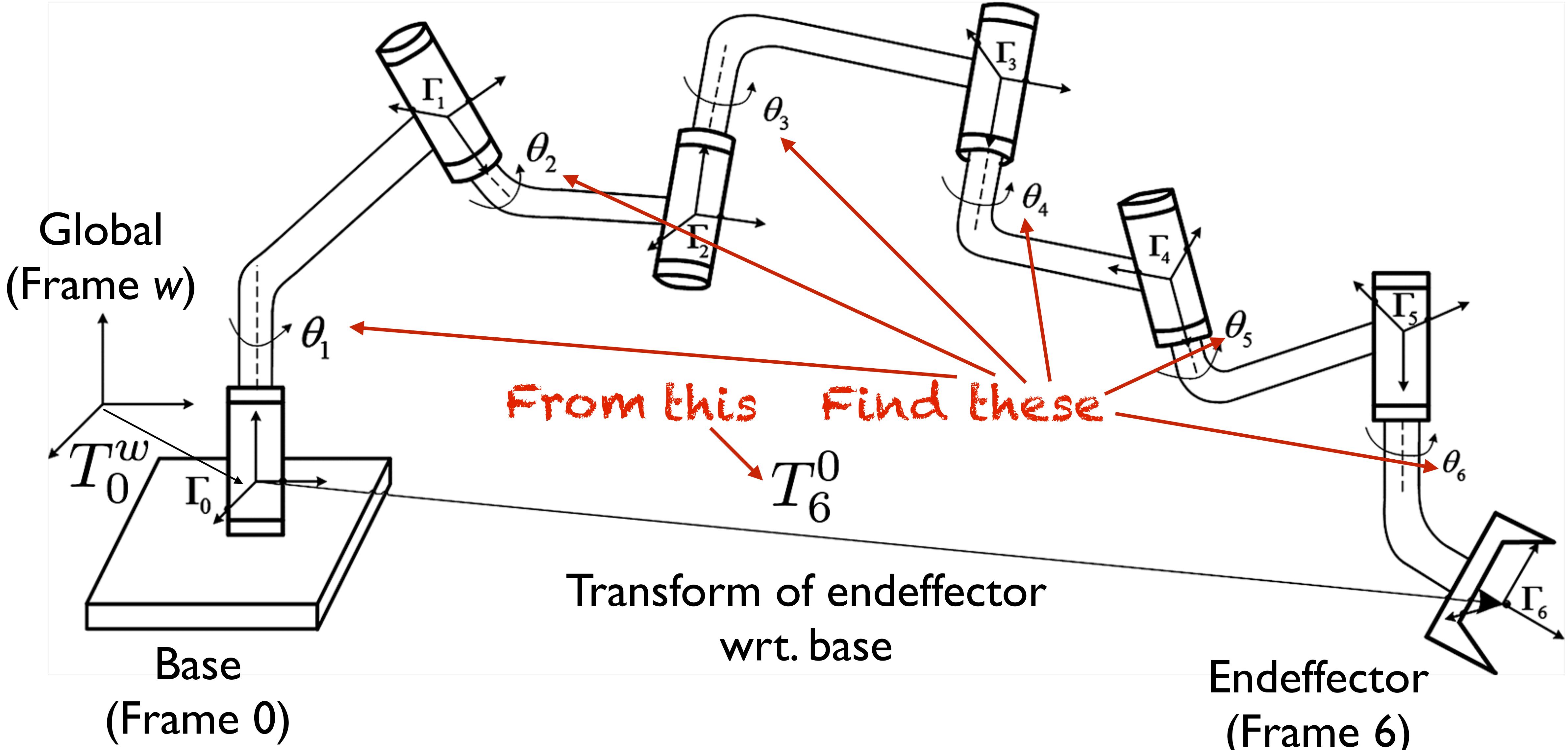
Covered at breadth in AutoRob



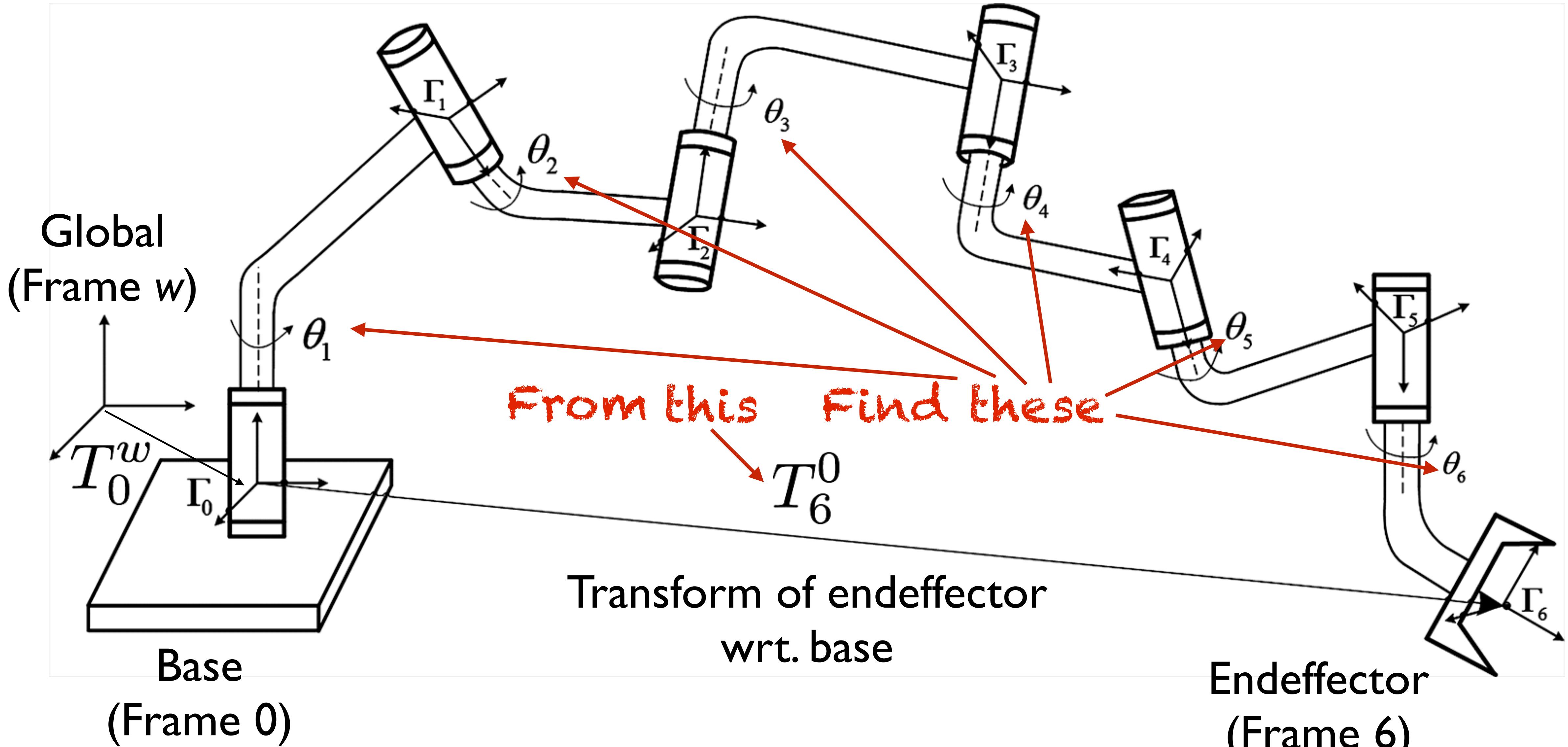
Forward kinematics: many-to-one mapping of robot configuration to reachable workspace endeffector poses



Inverse kinematics: one-to-many mapping of workspace endeffector pose to robot configuration



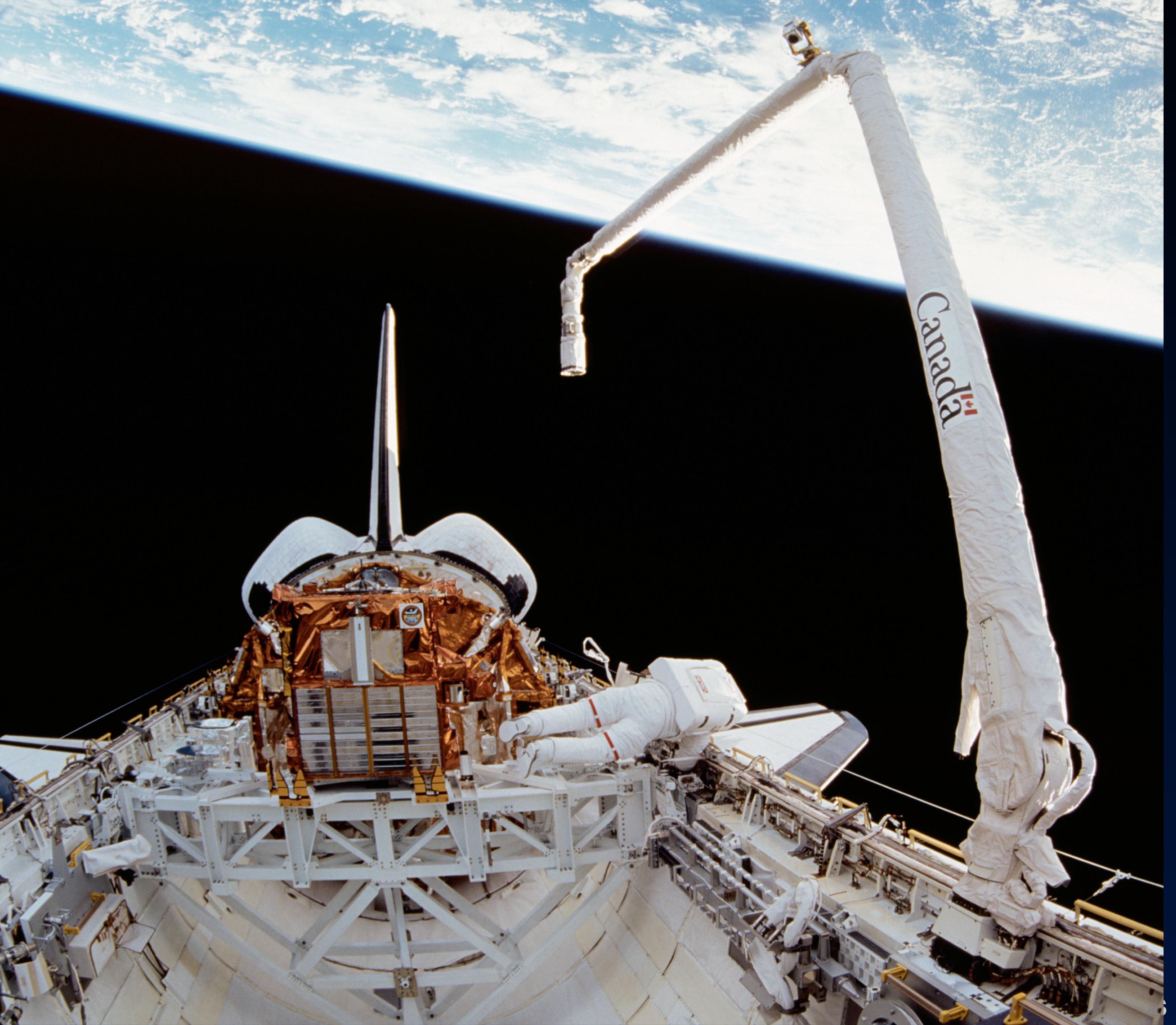
Inverse kinematics: how to solve for $q = \{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N\}$ from T^0_N ?



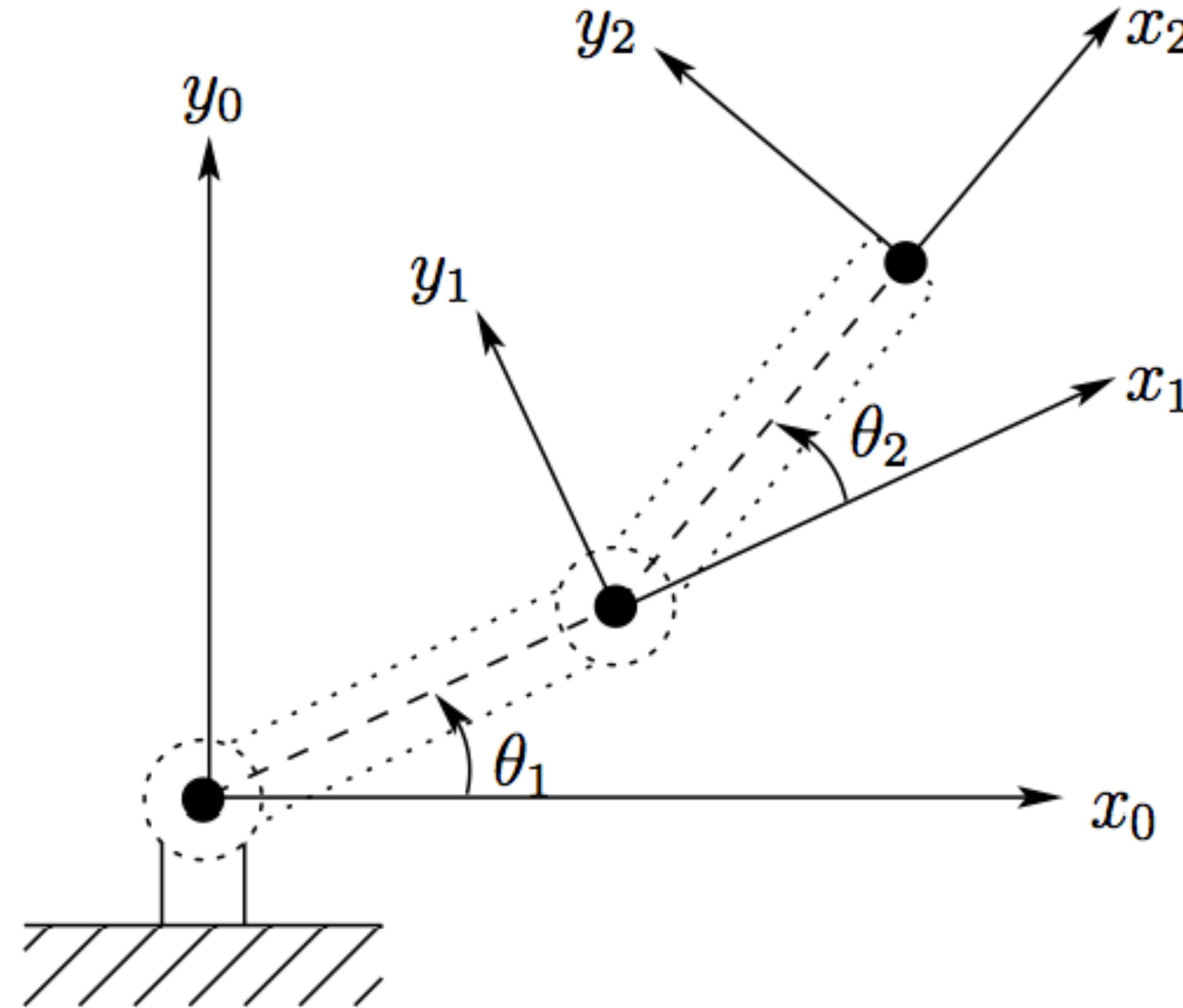
Inverse Kinematics: 2 possibilities

- **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

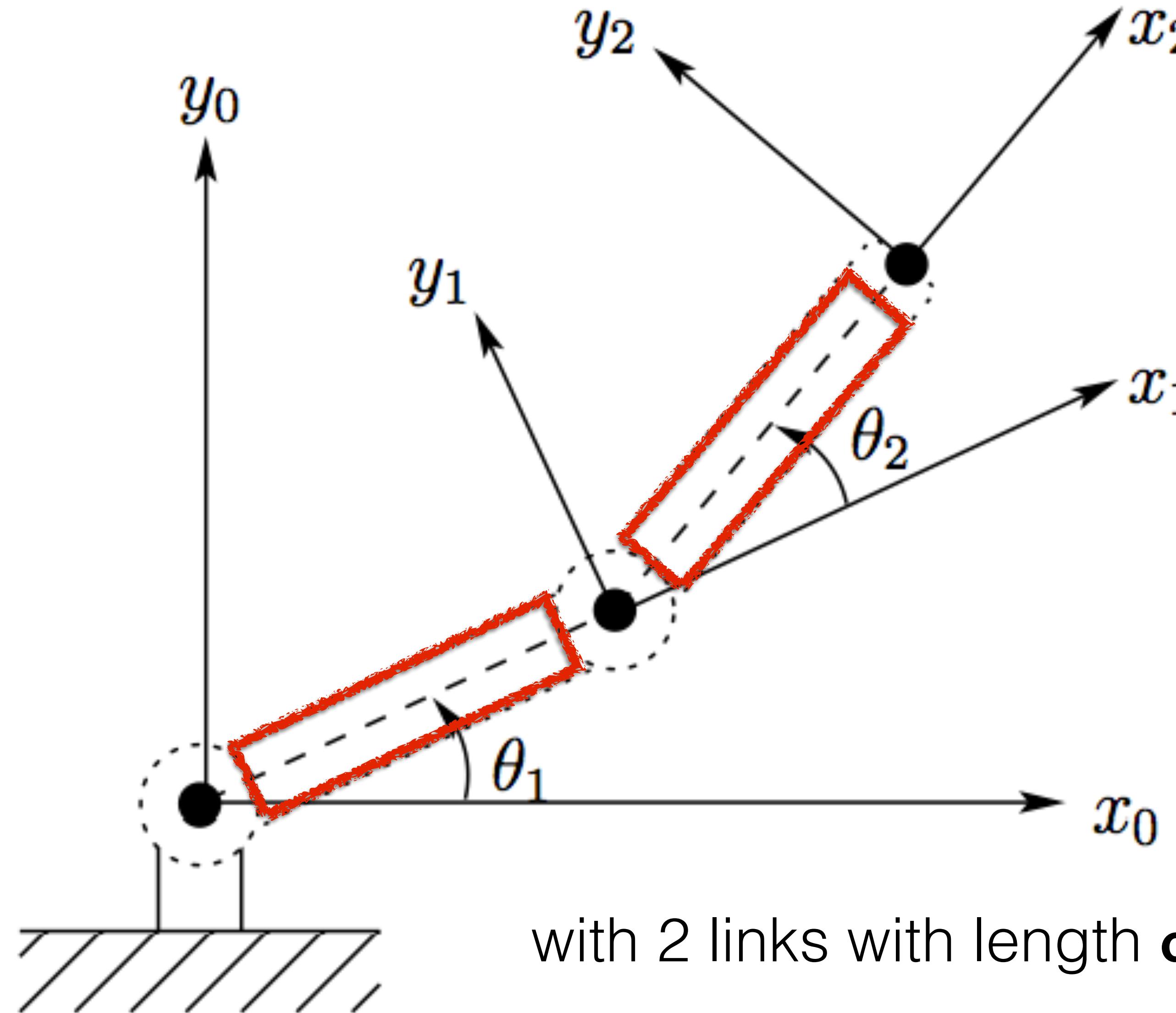
Let's define IK
starting from FK



Consider a planar 2-link arm as an example

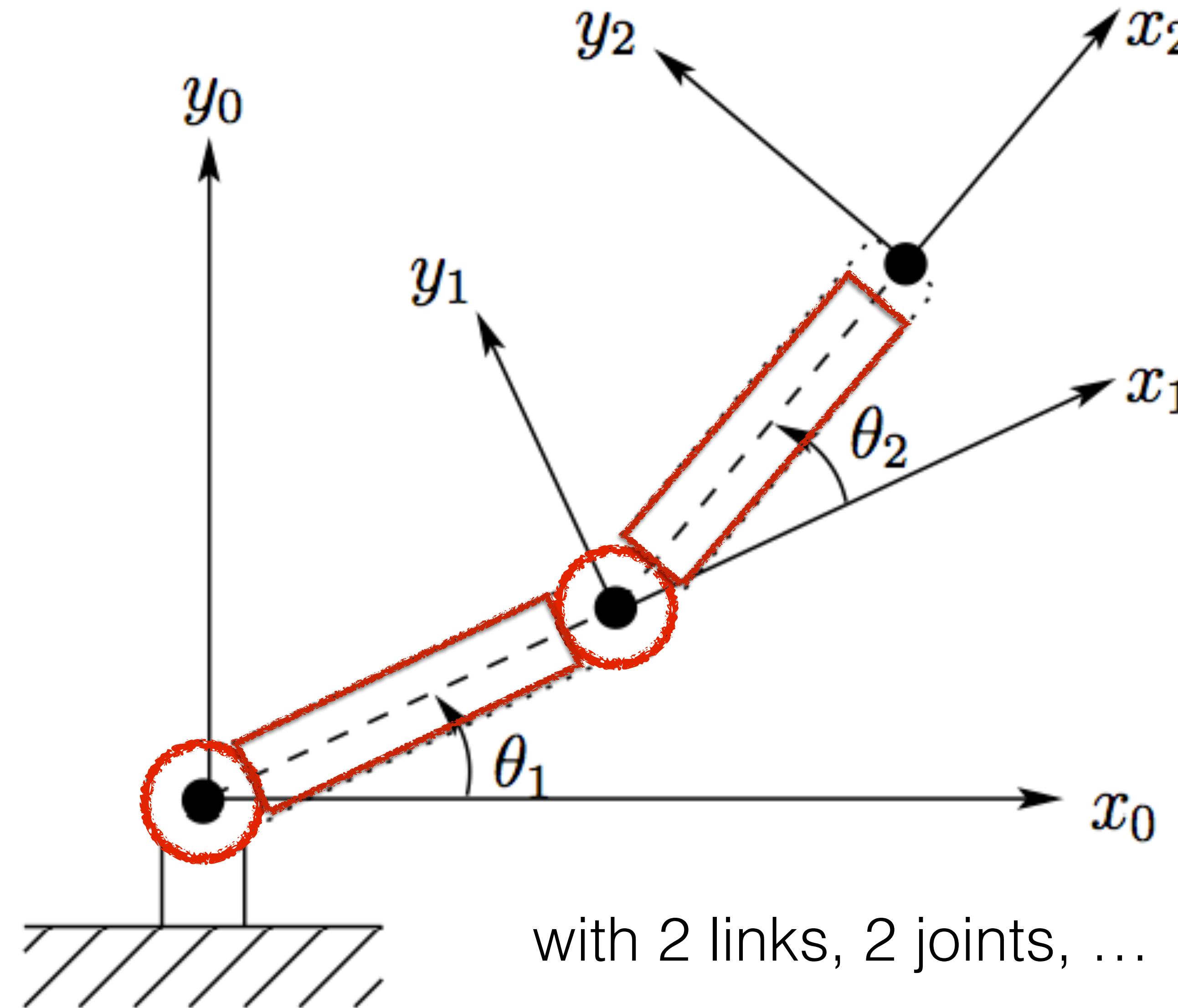


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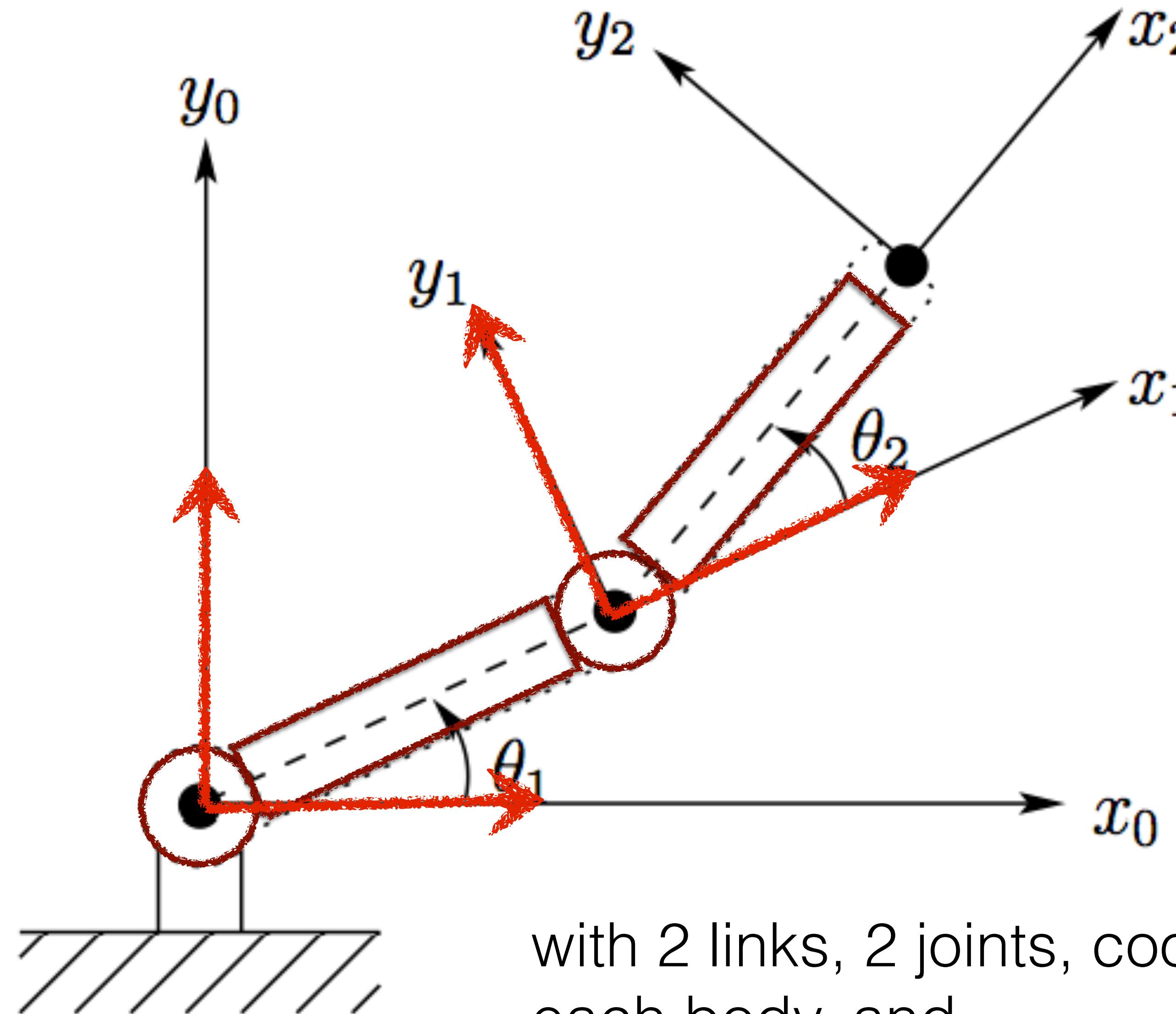
with 2 links with length α_i, \dots

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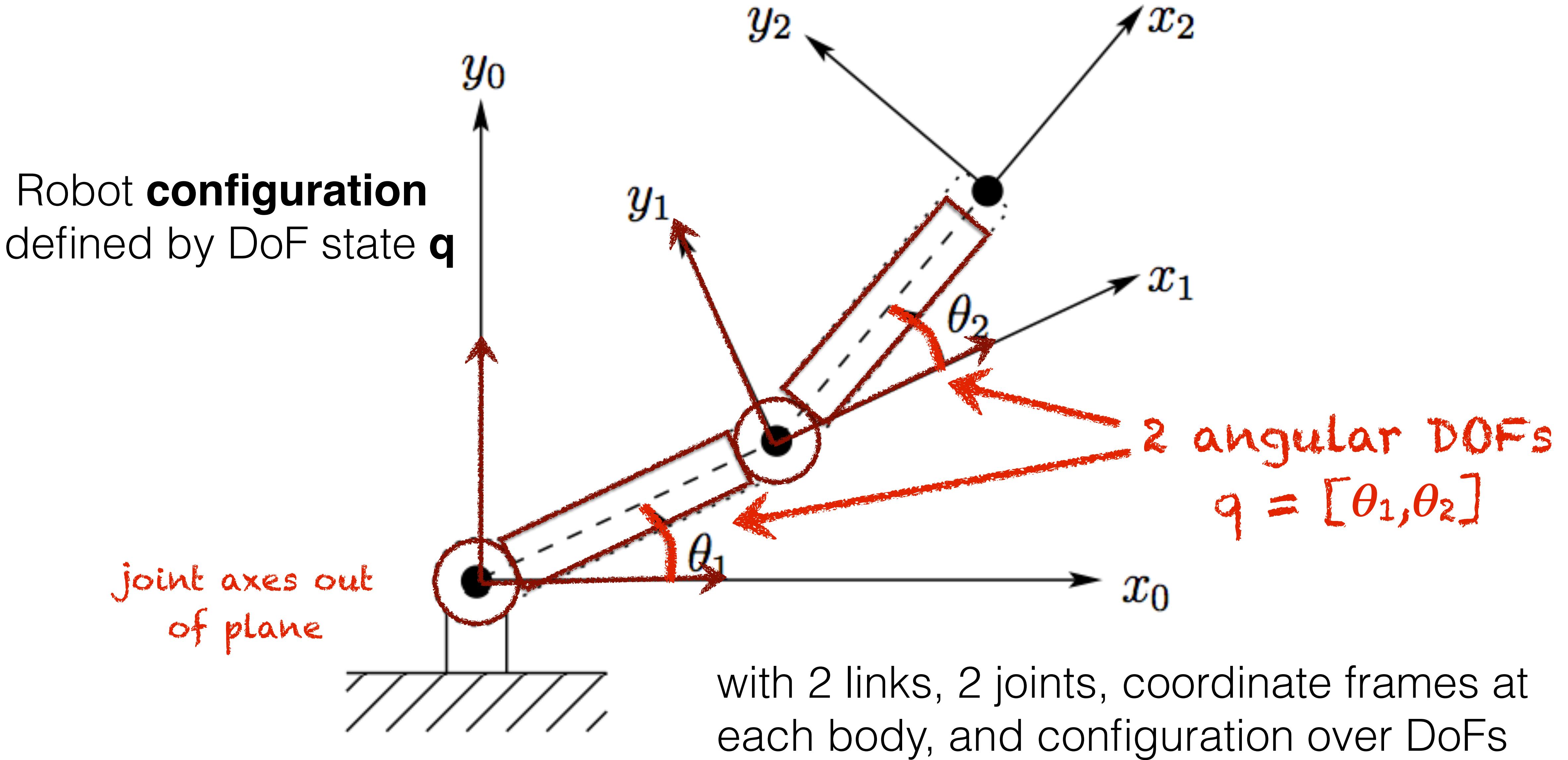
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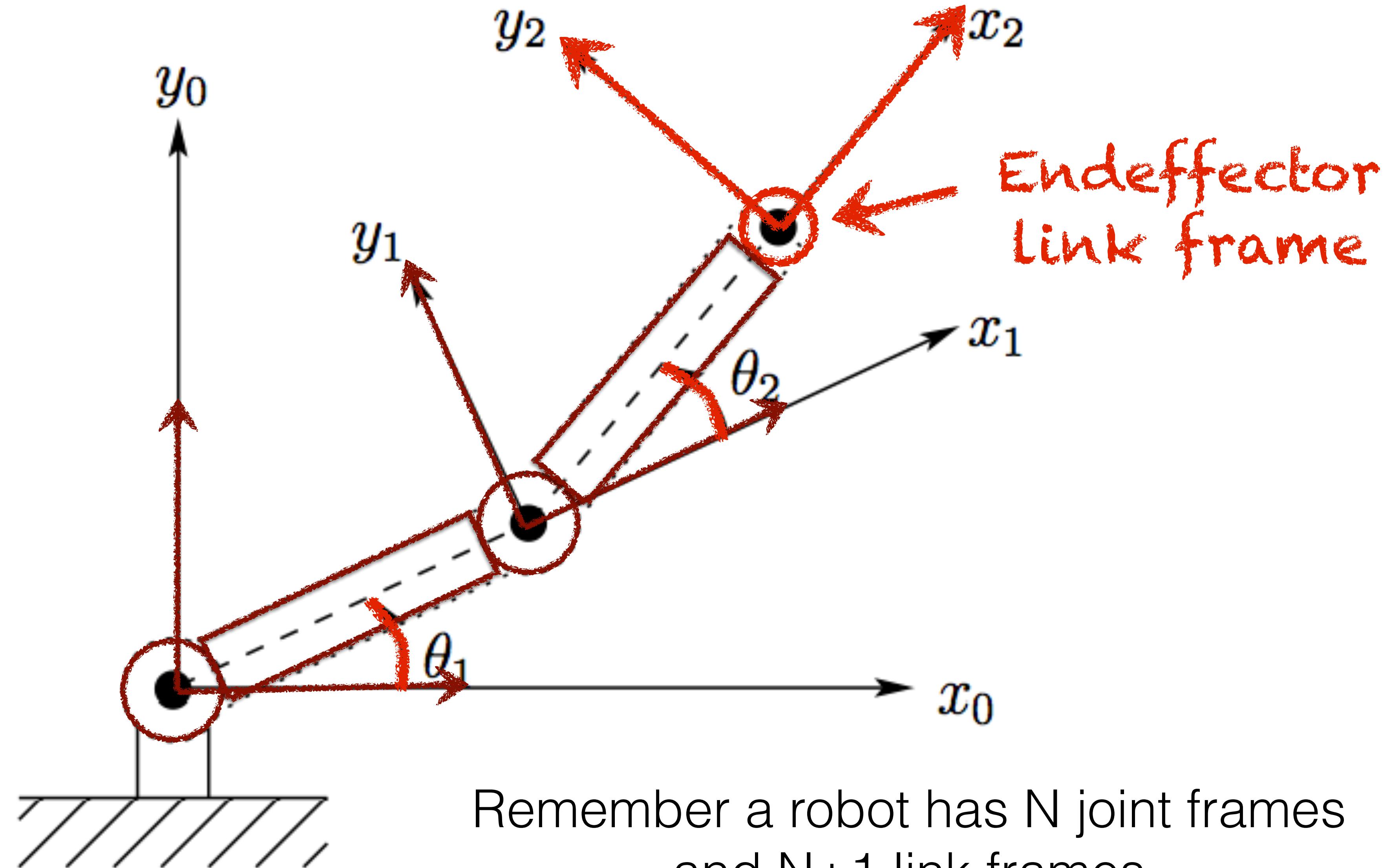


with 2 links, 2 joints, coordinate frames at each body, and ...

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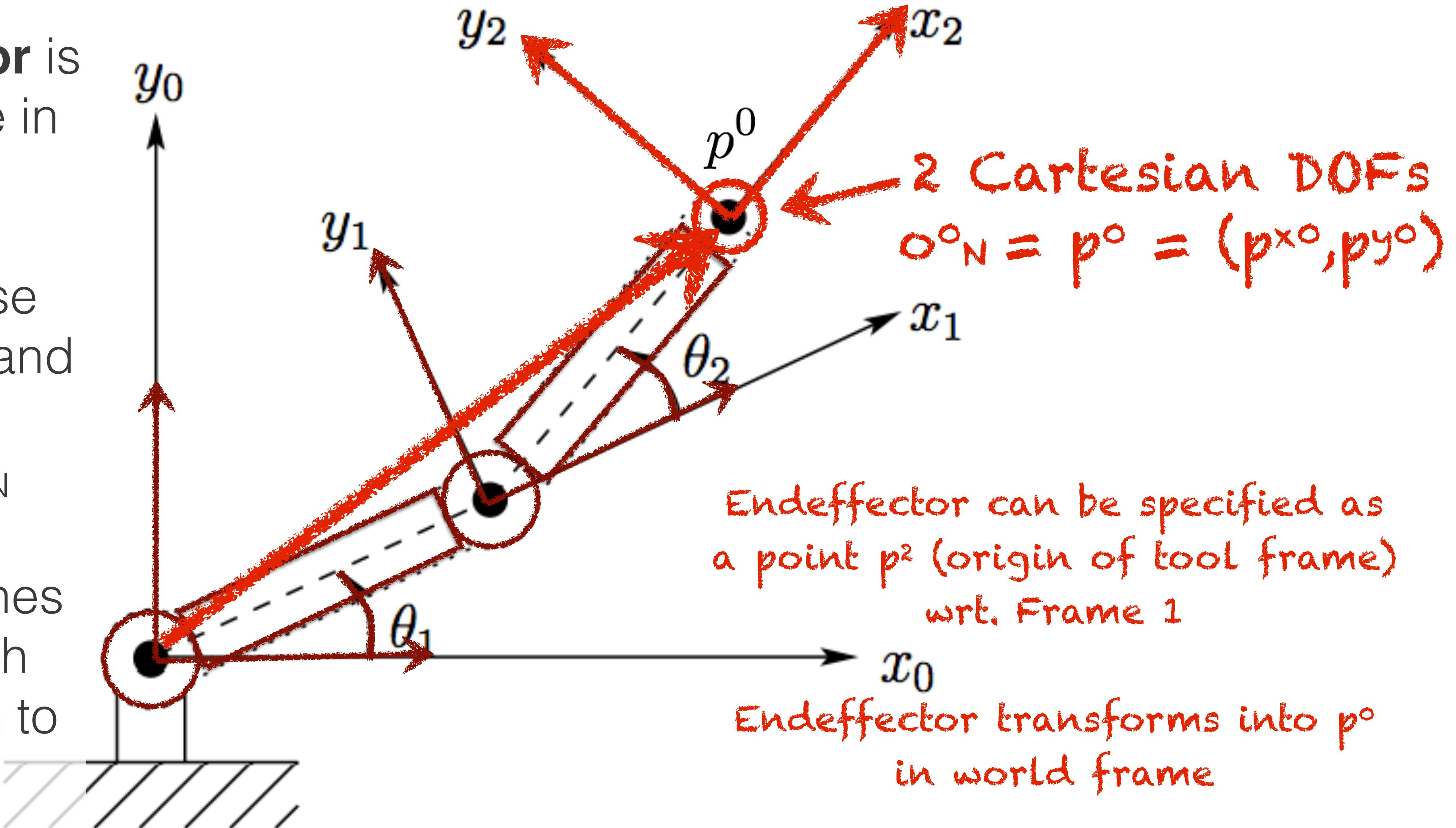
Remember a robot has N joint frames
and $N+1$ link frames

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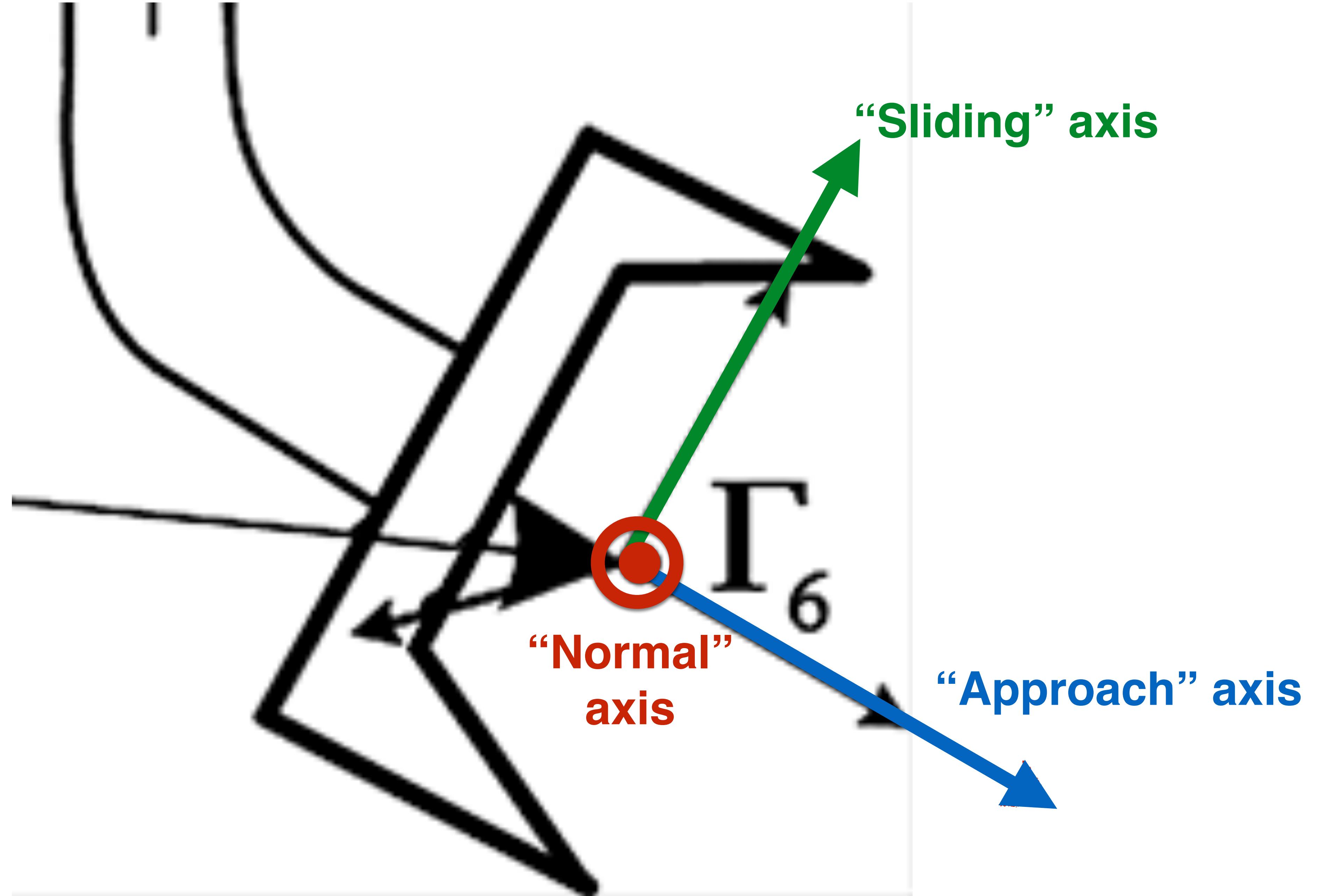
Robot **endeffector** is
the gripper pose in
world frame

Endeffector pose
has position \mathbf{o}^0_N and
can consider
orientation \mathbf{R}^0_N

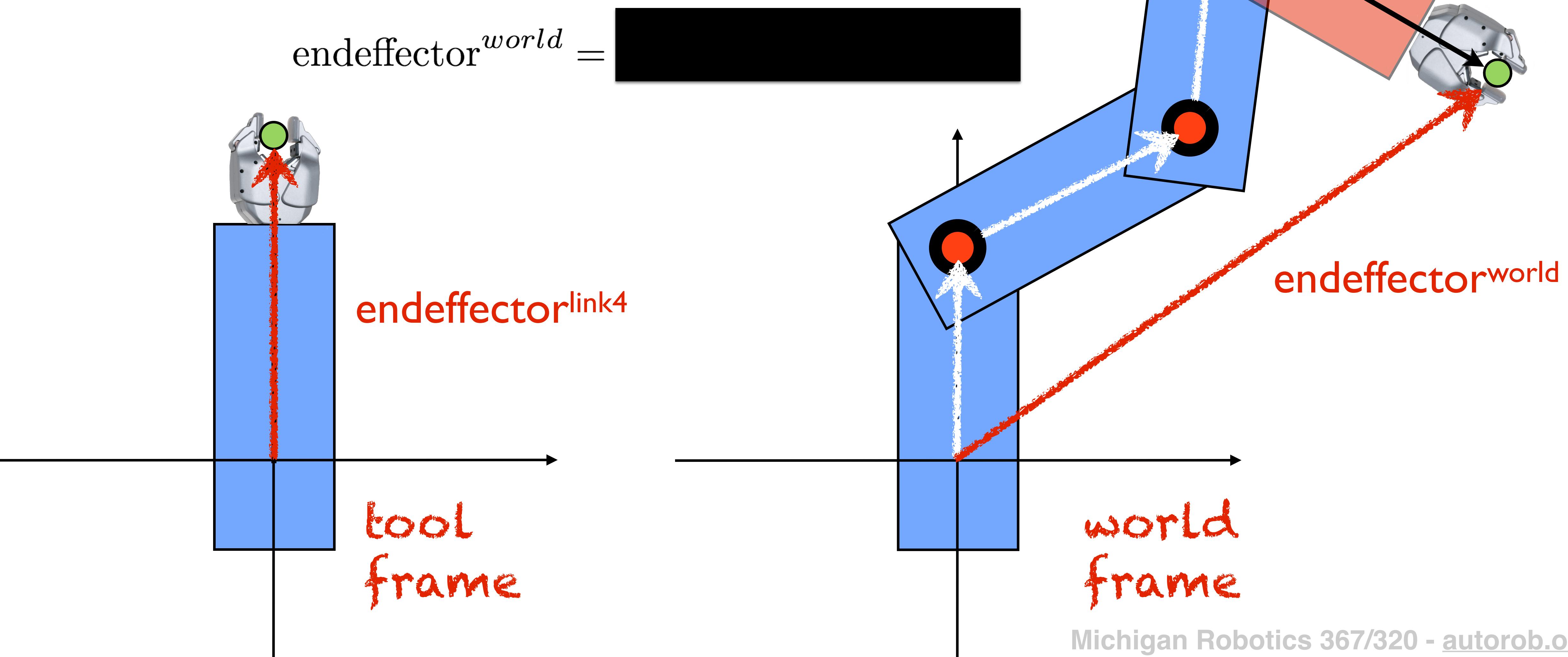
Endeffector defines
“tool frame” with
transform $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{T}^0_N$ to
world frame



Endeffector axes

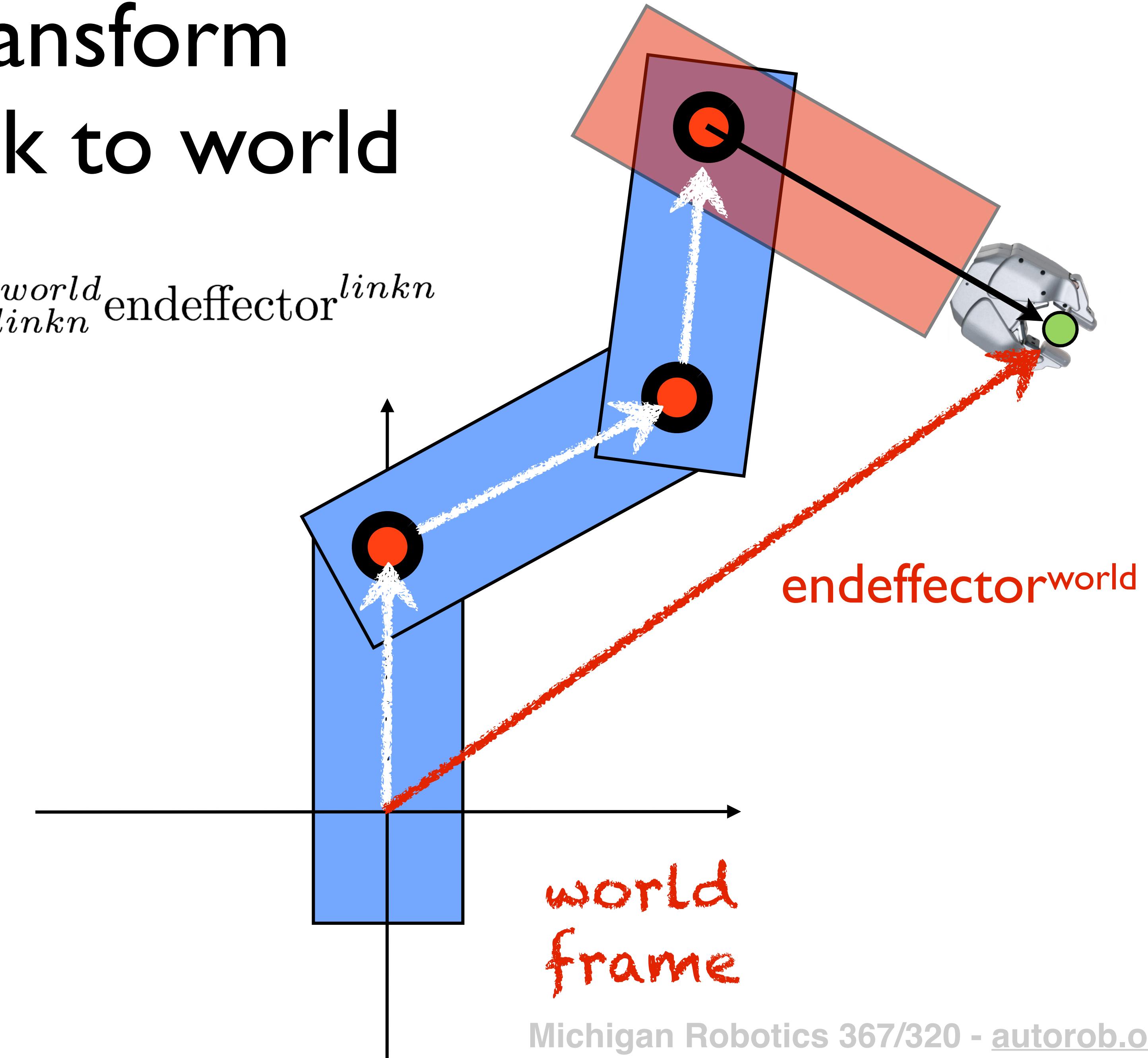
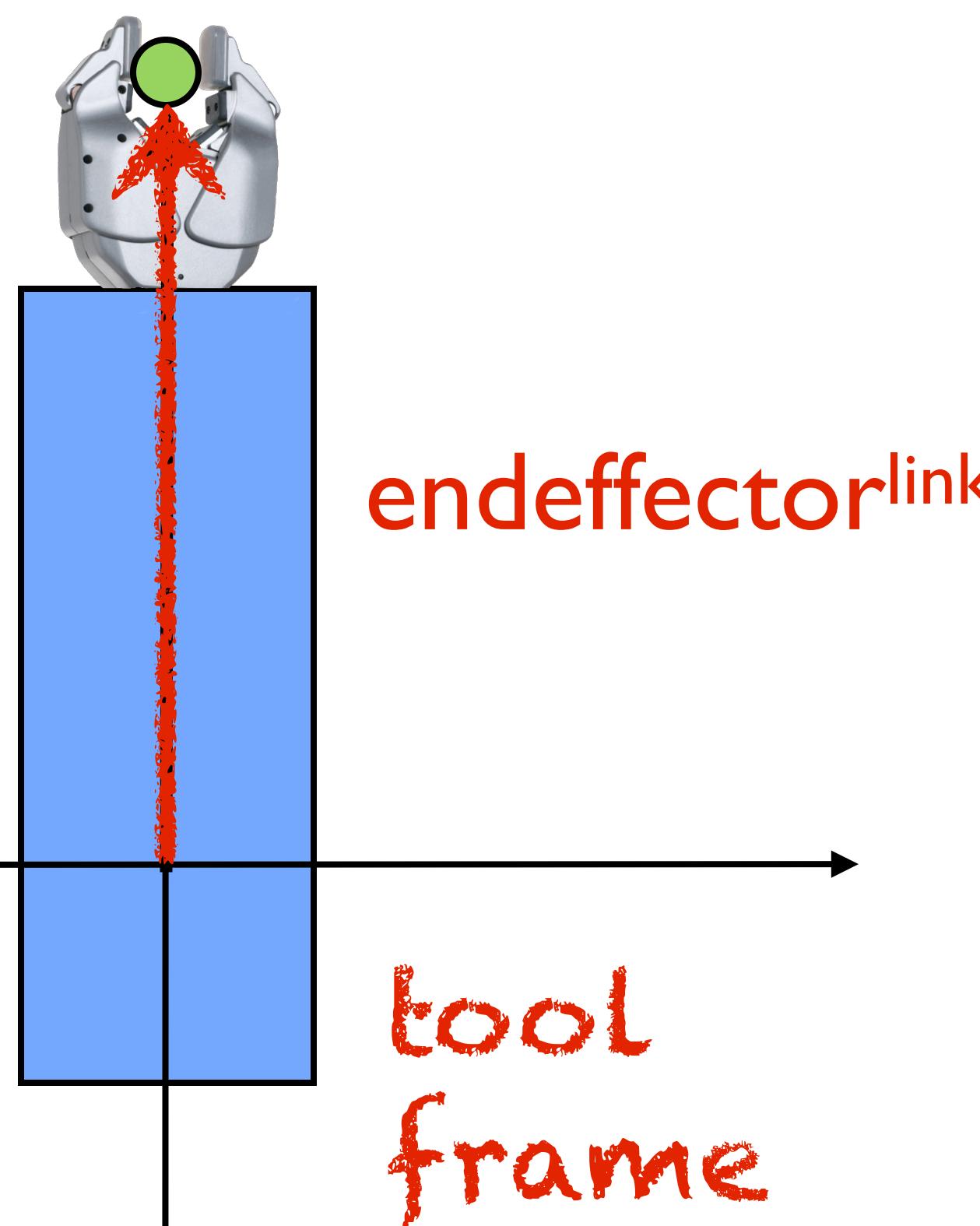


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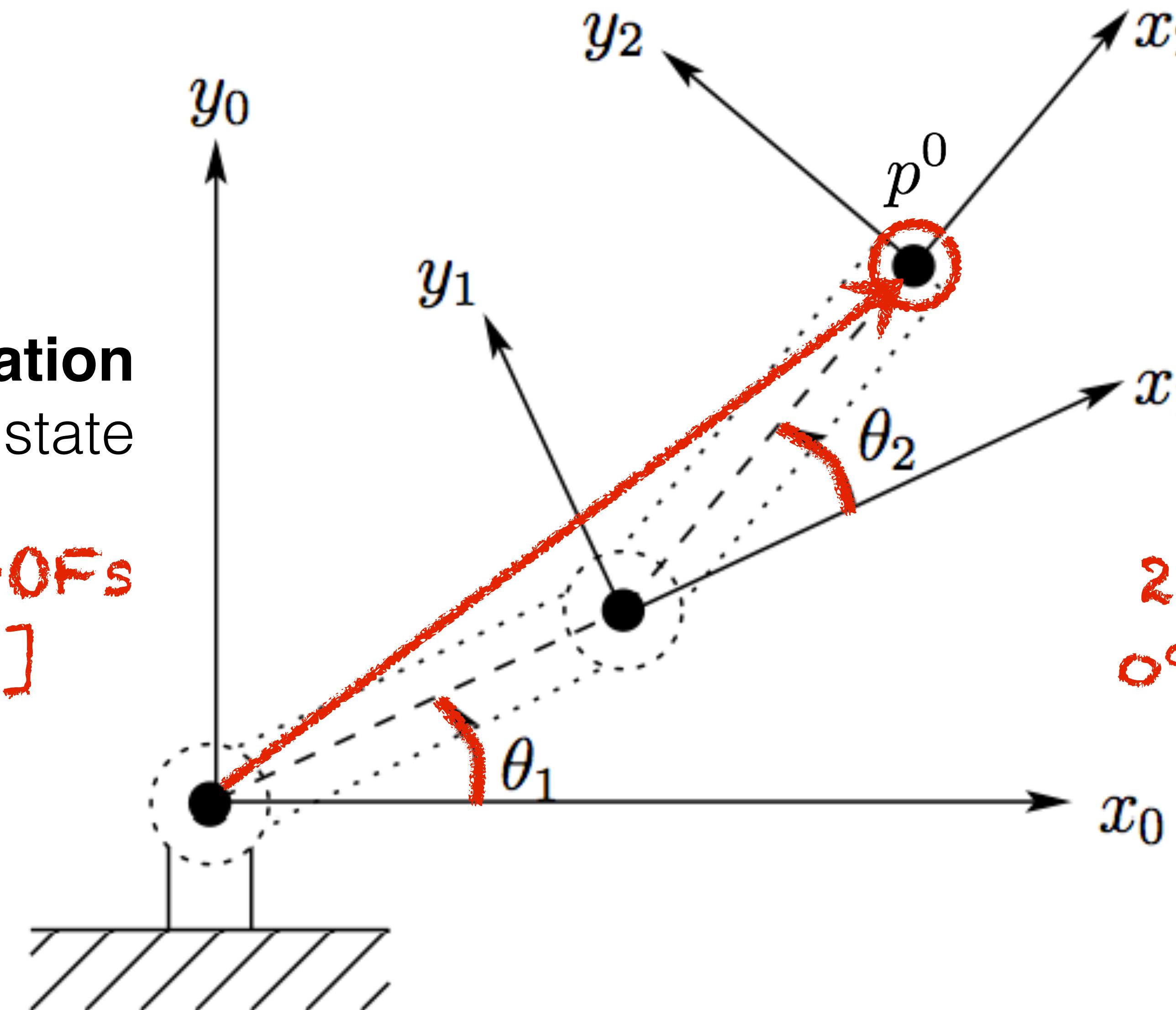
$$\text{endeffector}^{world} = T_{linkn}^{world} \text{endeffector}^{linkn}$$



Forward kinematics: “given configuration, compute endeffector”

Robot **configuration**
defined by DoF state

2 angular DOFs
 $q = [\theta_1, \theta_2]$



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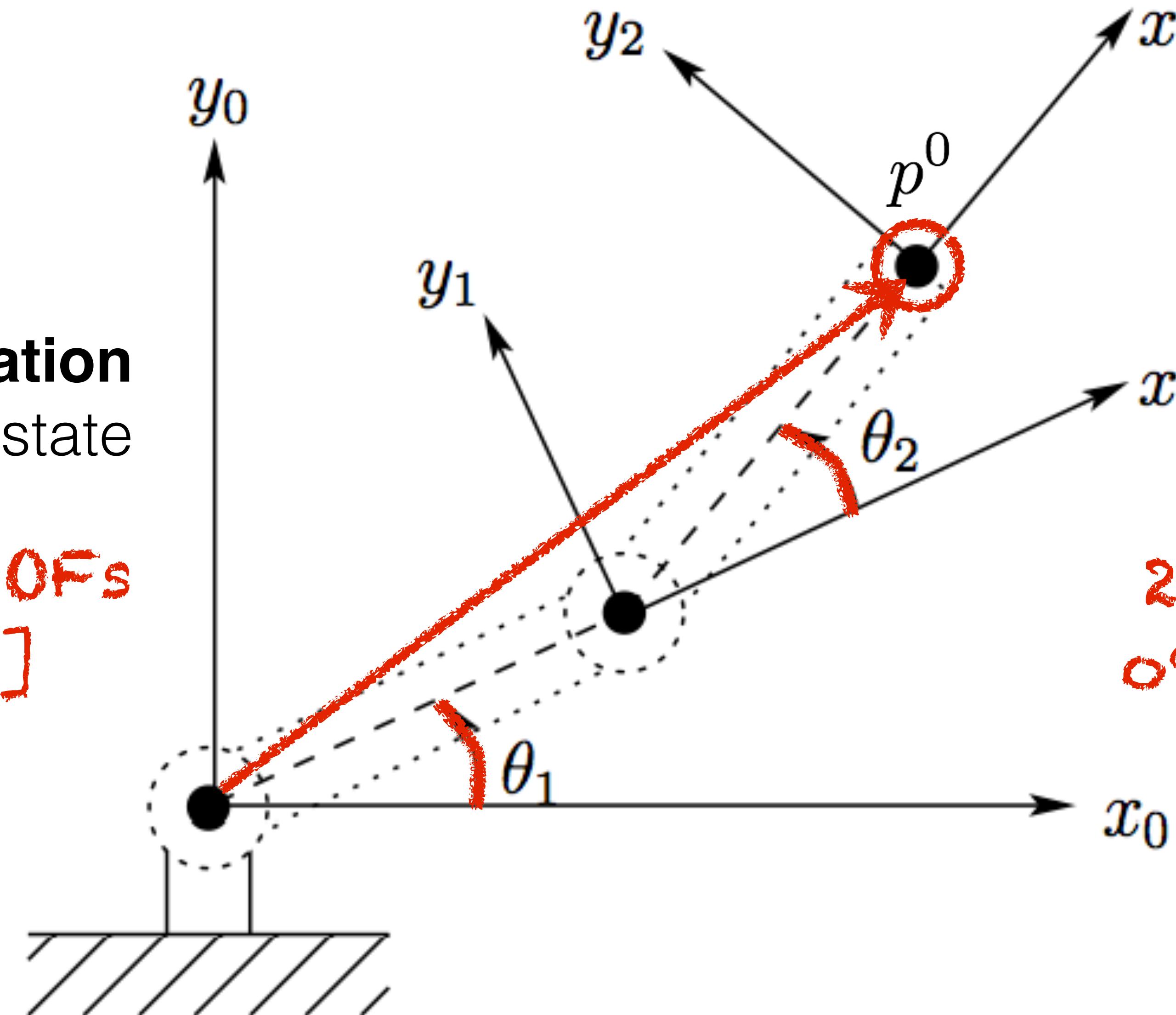
2 Cartesian DOFs
 $o^0_N = p^0 = (p_x^0, p_y^0)$

Forward kinematics: $[o^0_N, R^0_N] = f(q)$

$$p^o = f(\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

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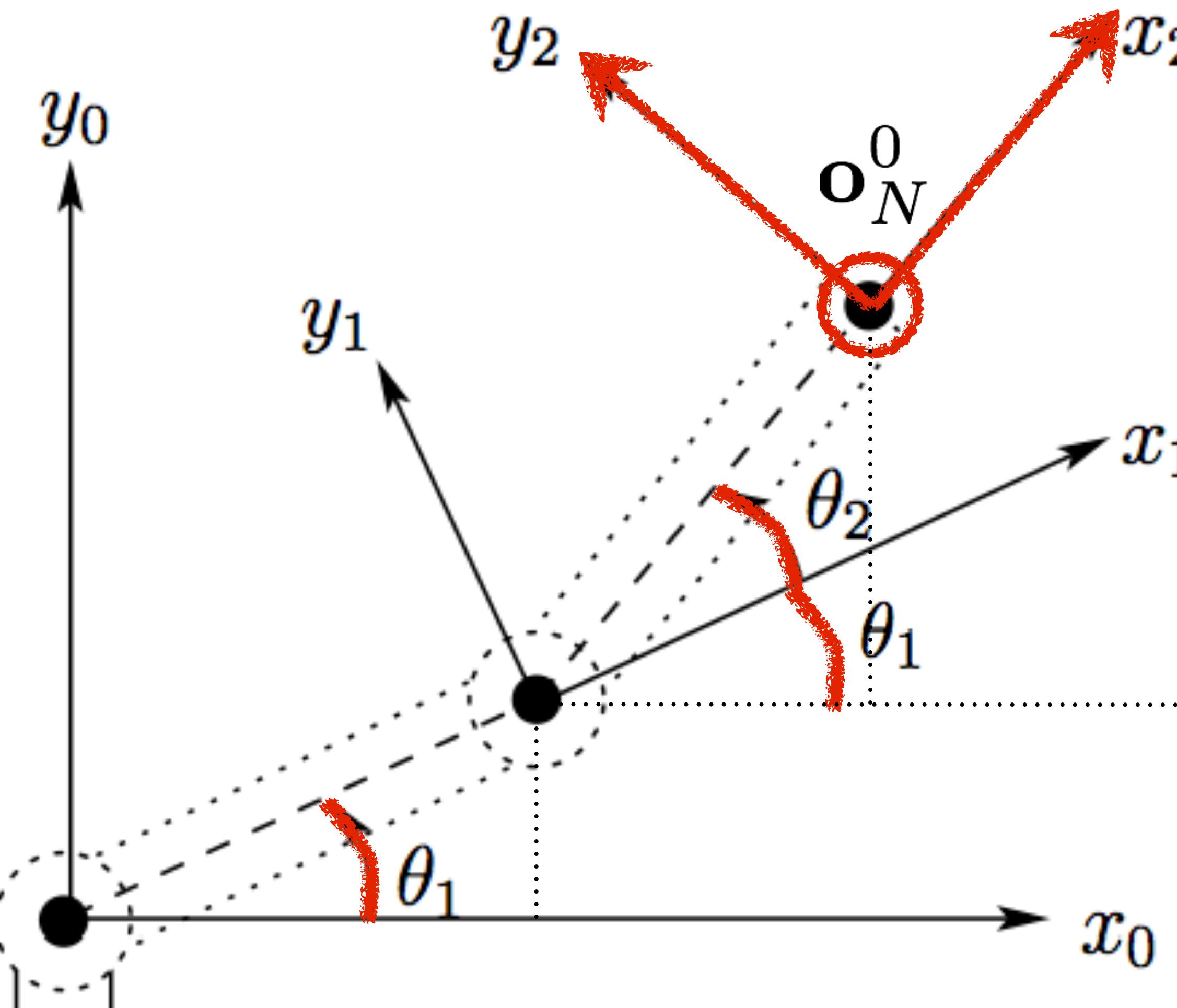
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What is the position and orientation of the tool wrt. the world?

remember:

$$p^0 = T_1^0 T_2^1 p^2$$

$$R^0_N = \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{What are the elements of this matrix?} \end{array} \right]$$

$$o^0_N = \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{What are the elements of this vector?} \end{array} \right]$$

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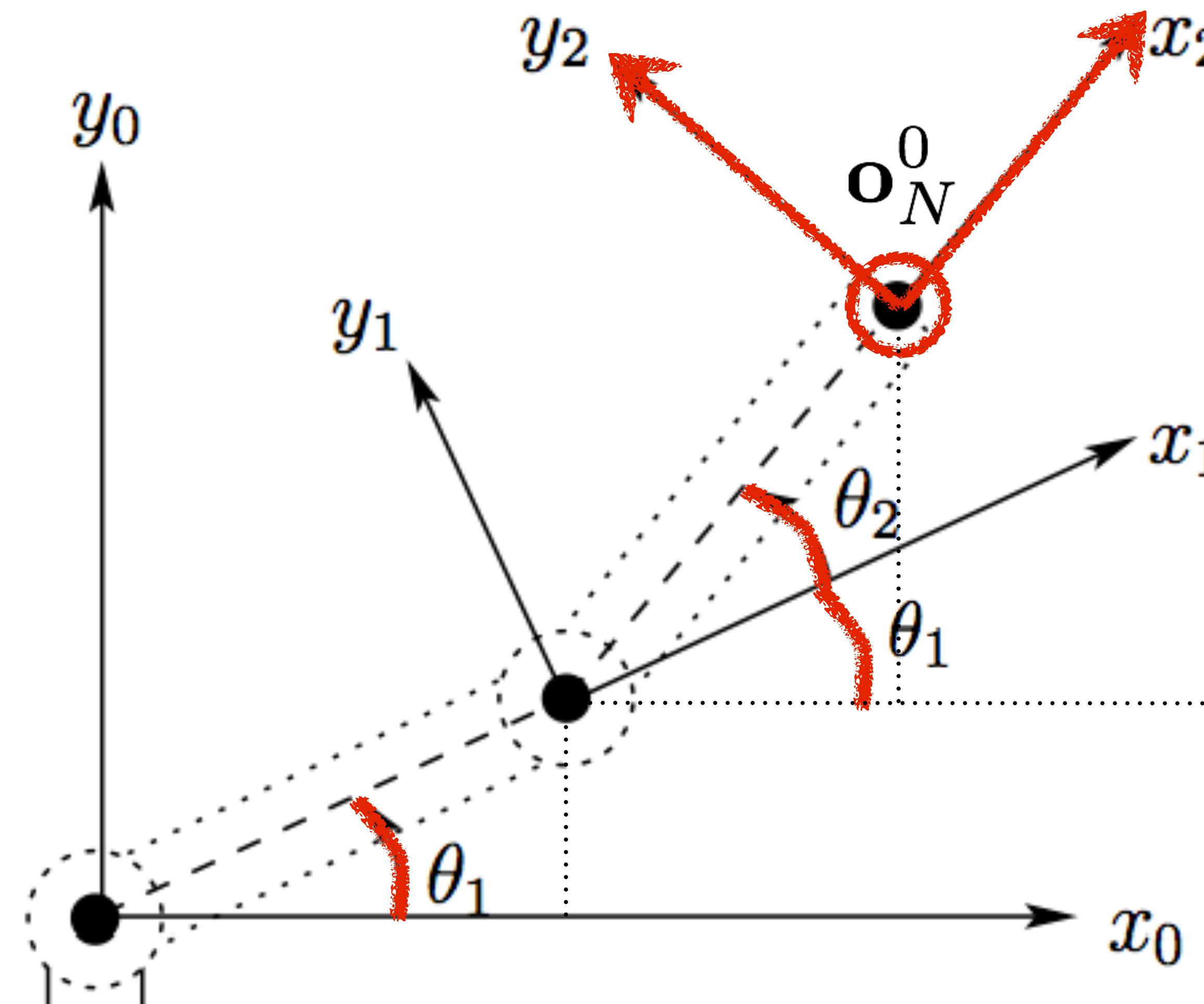
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$$p^0 = T_1^0 T_2^1 p^2$$

$$p^0 = R_2^0 p^2 + d_2^0$$

where

$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$$



$$R_N^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$o_N^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \text{What are the elements} \\ \text{of this vector?} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Start with:

$$d_2^0 = R_1^0 d_2^1 + d_1^0$$

substitute in variables then perform operations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_1 & -\sin\theta_1 \\ \sin\theta_1 & \cos\theta_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \cos\theta_2 \\ \alpha_2 \sin\theta_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \cos\theta_1 \\ \alpha_1 \sin\theta_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

then substitute trig identities

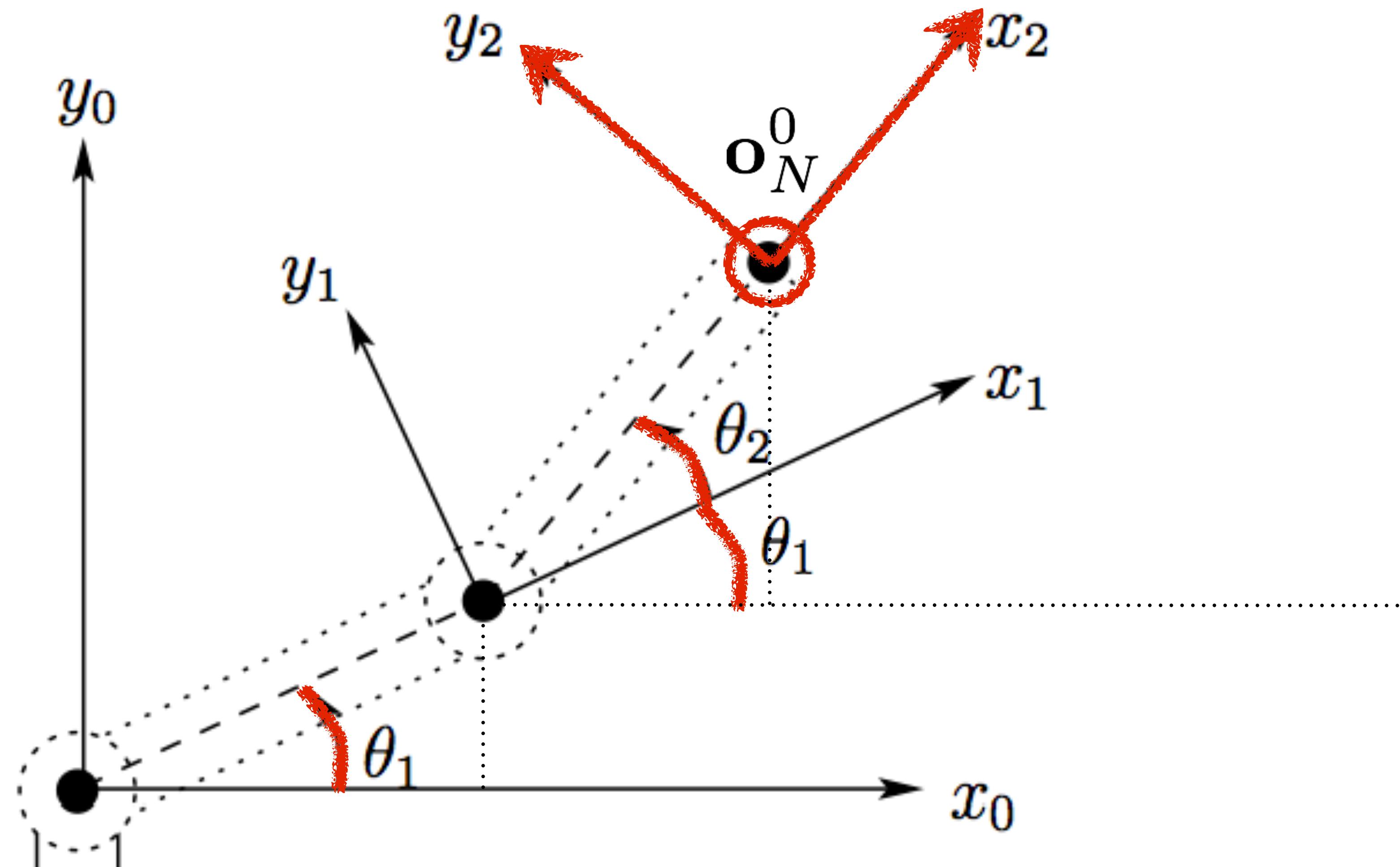
$$\cos(x + y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) - \sin(x)\sin(y)$$

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) + \cos(x)\sin(y)$$

to get:

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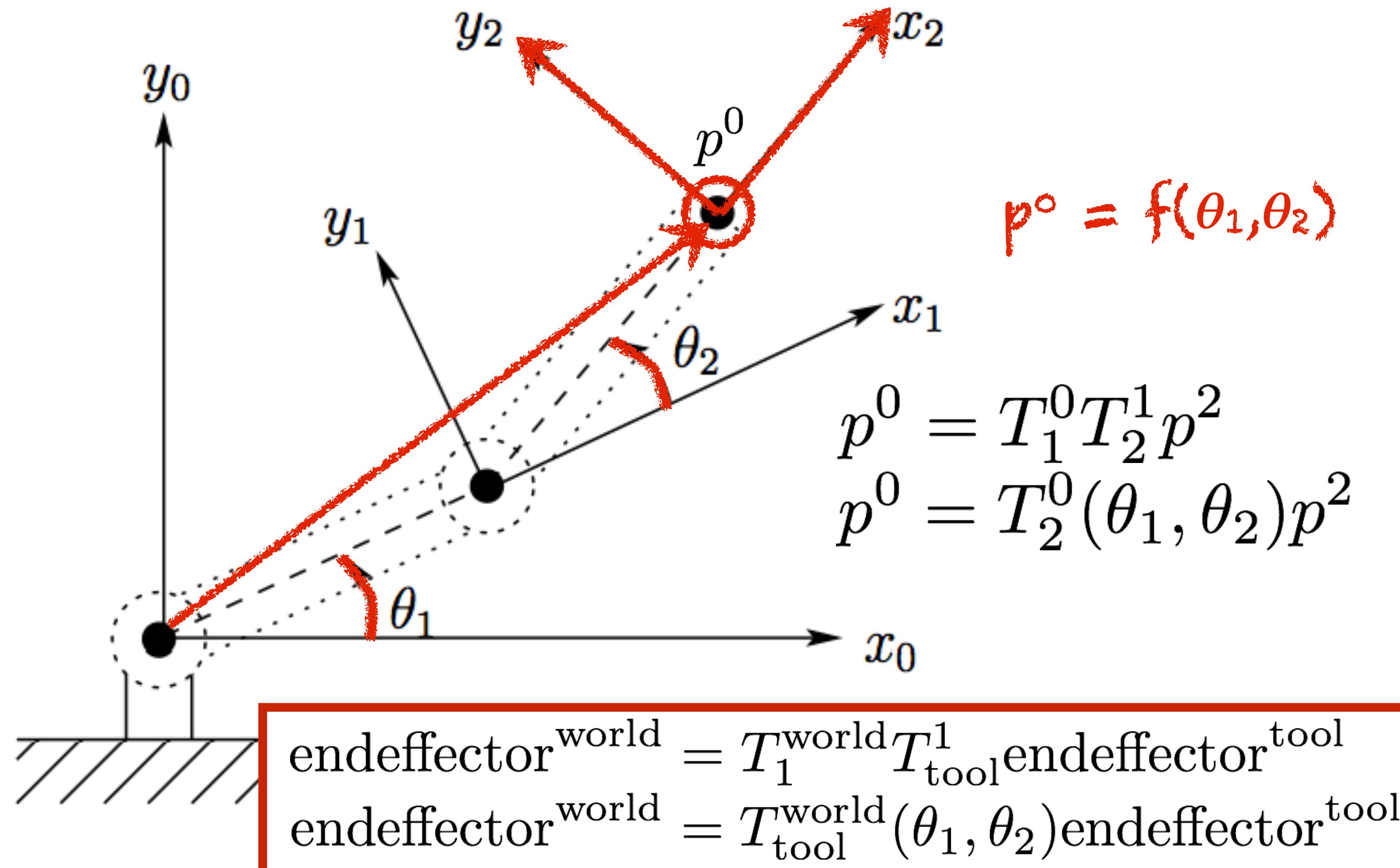
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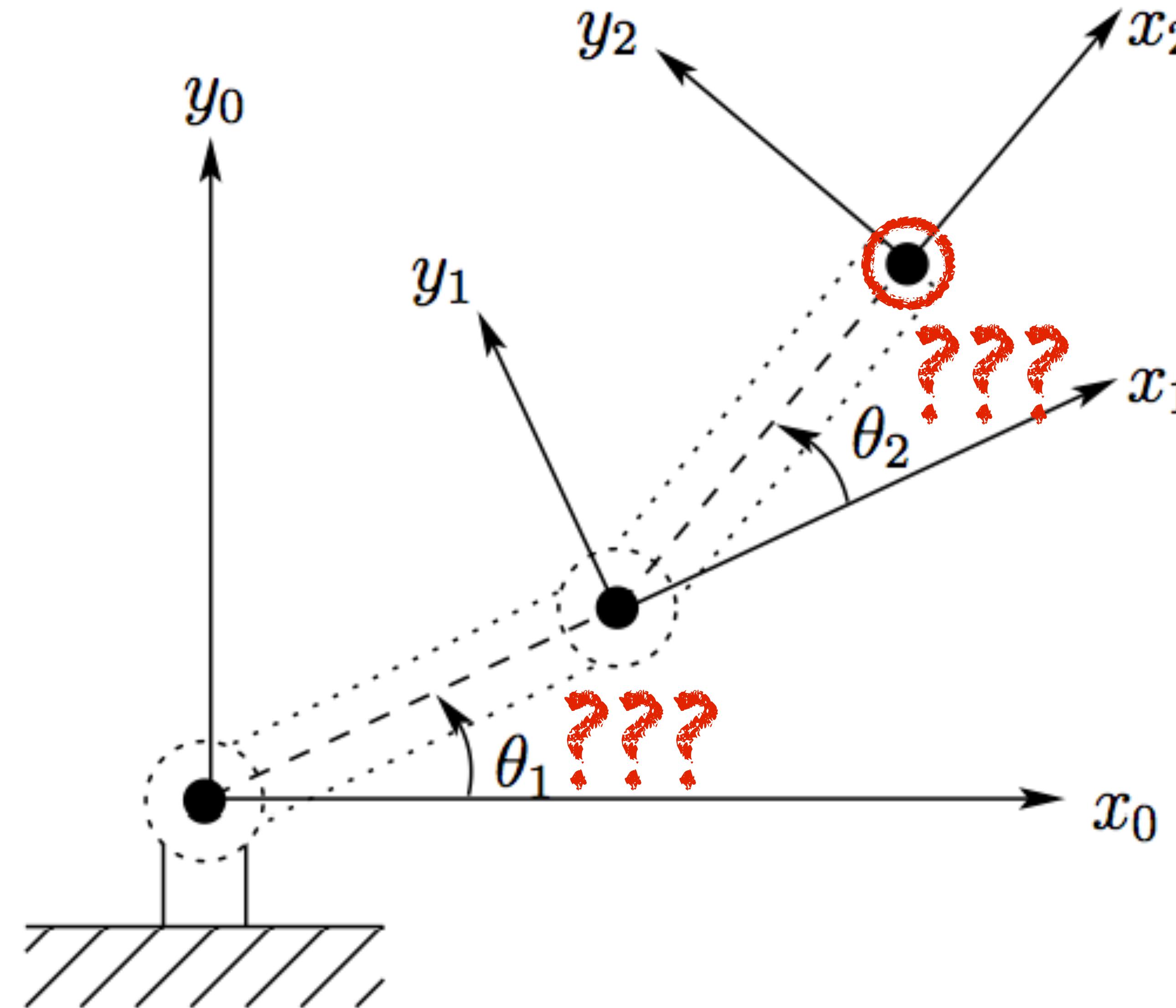
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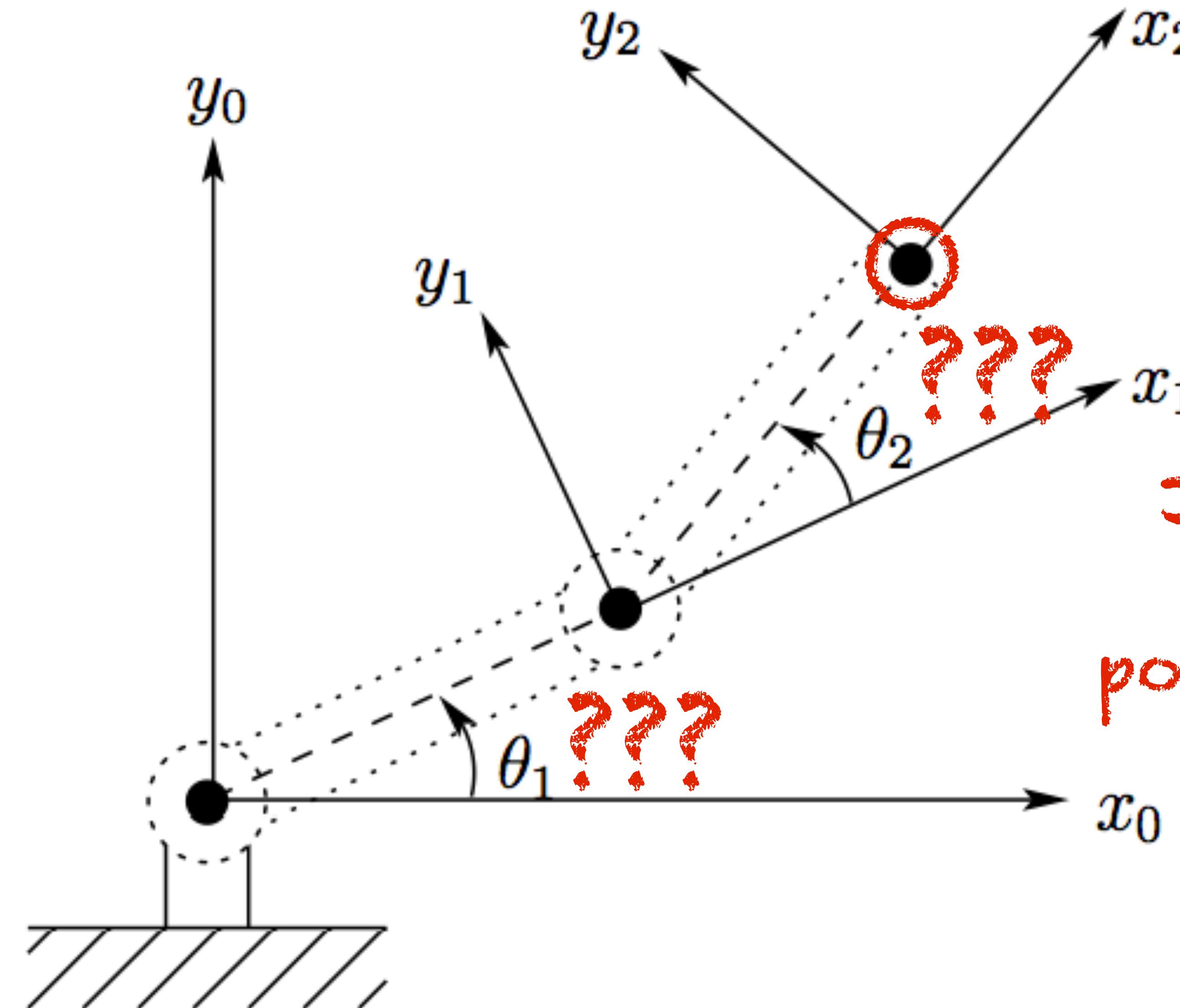


Inverse kinematics: “given endeffector, compute configuration”



Inverse kinematics: $\mathbf{q} = f^{-1}([\mathbf{o}_N^0, \mathbf{R}_N^0])$

$$[\theta_1, \theta_2] = f^{-1}(p^o)$$



Just consider
endeffector
position for now

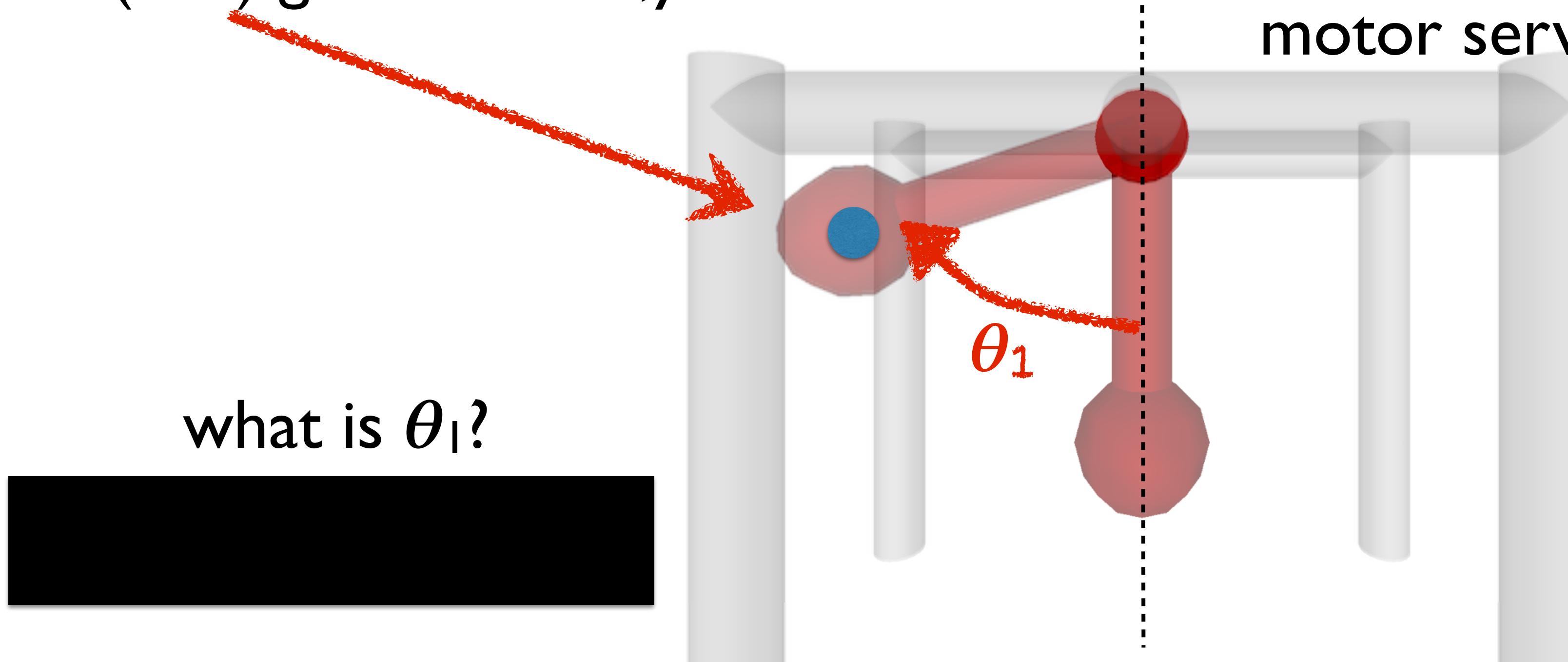
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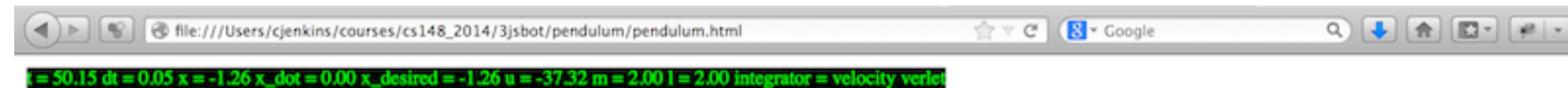
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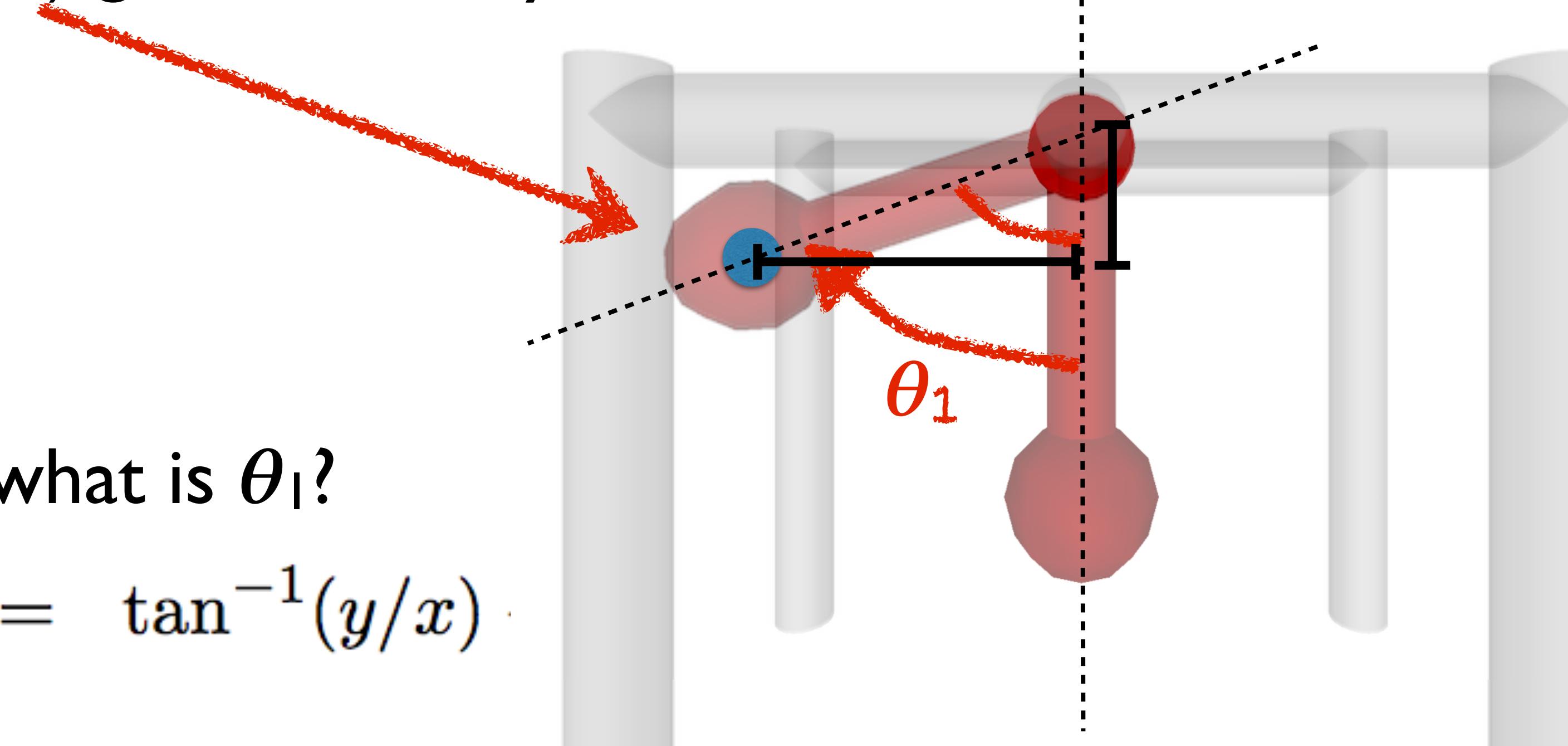
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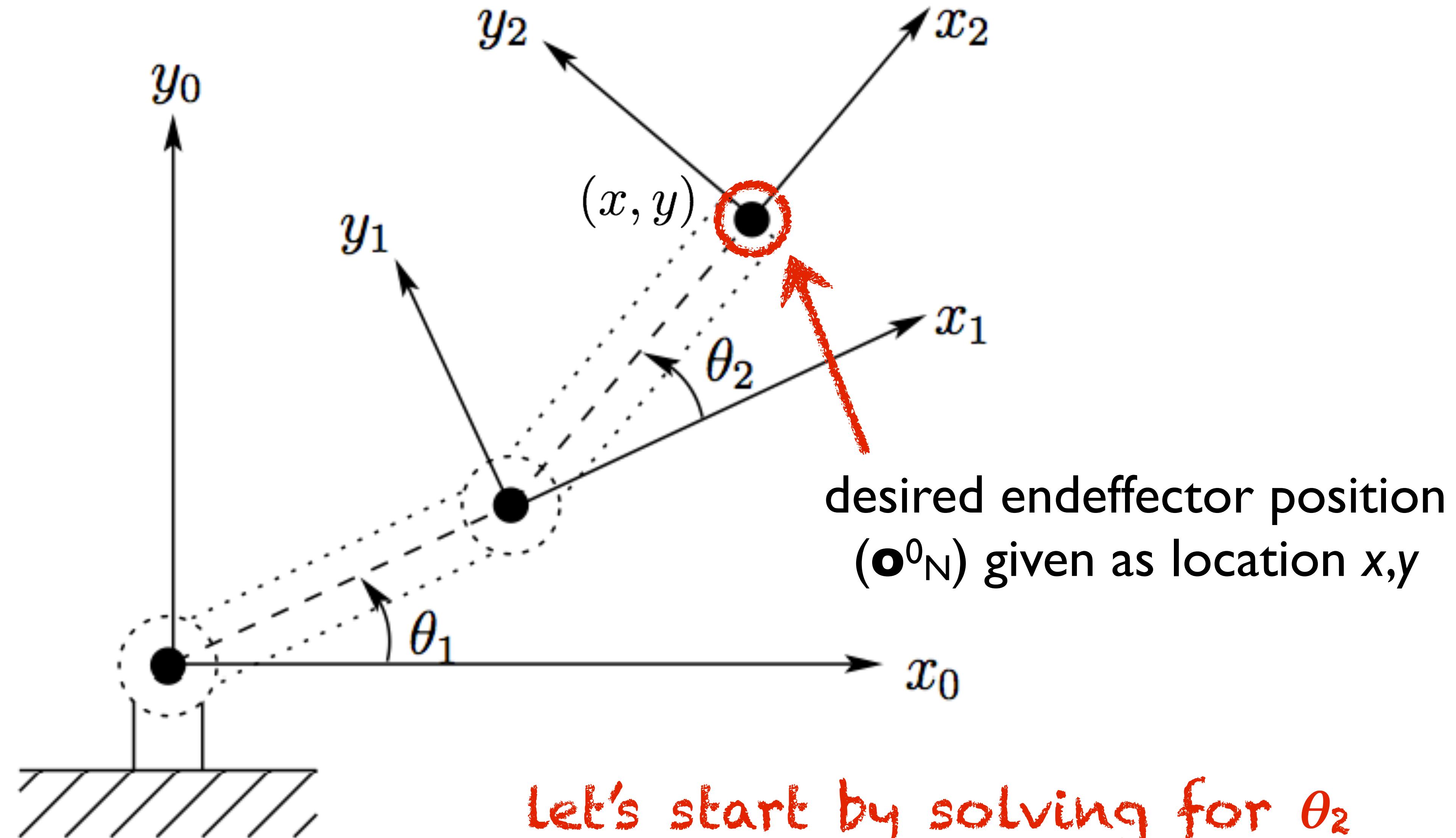
what is θ_1 ?

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$



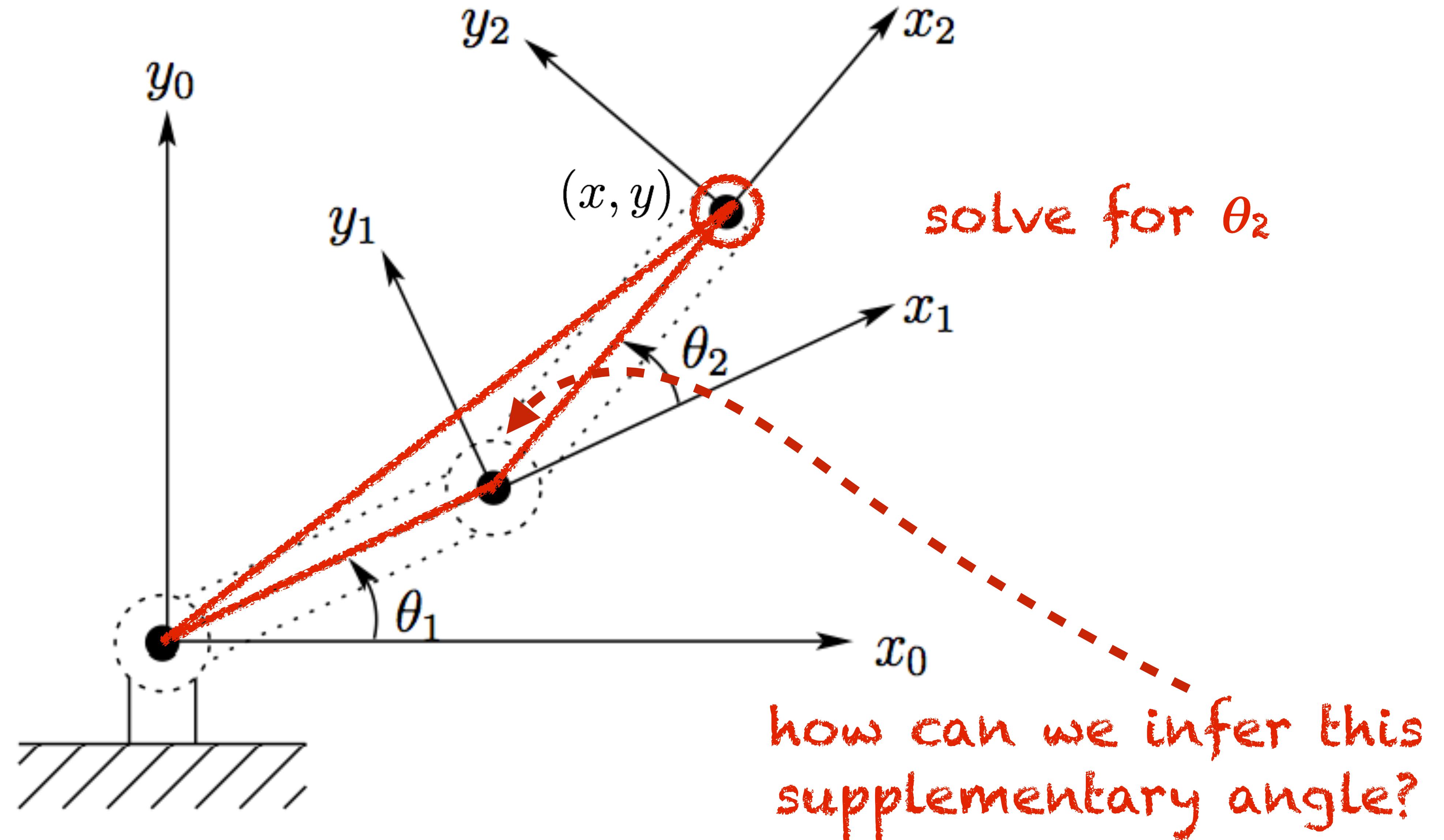
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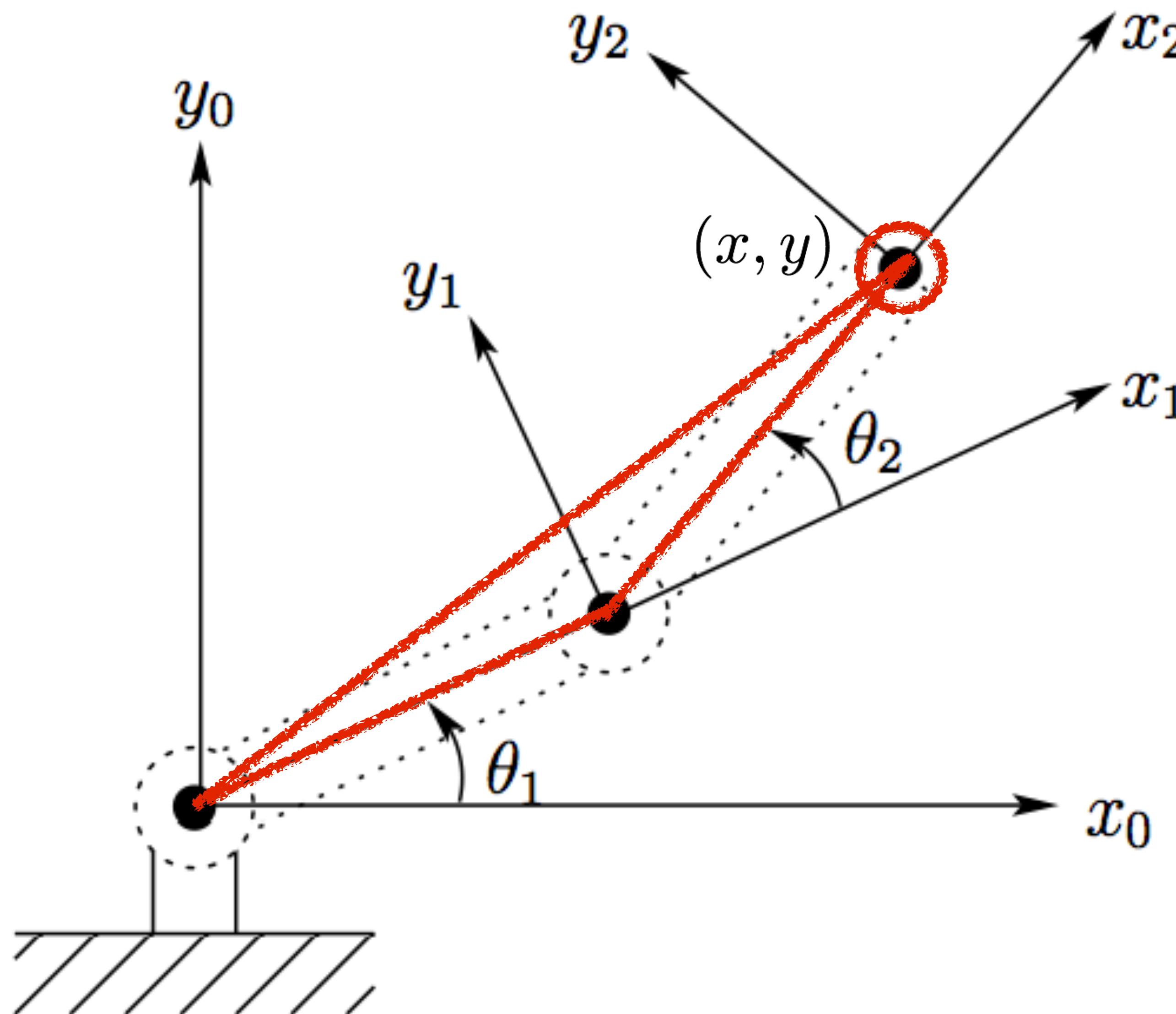
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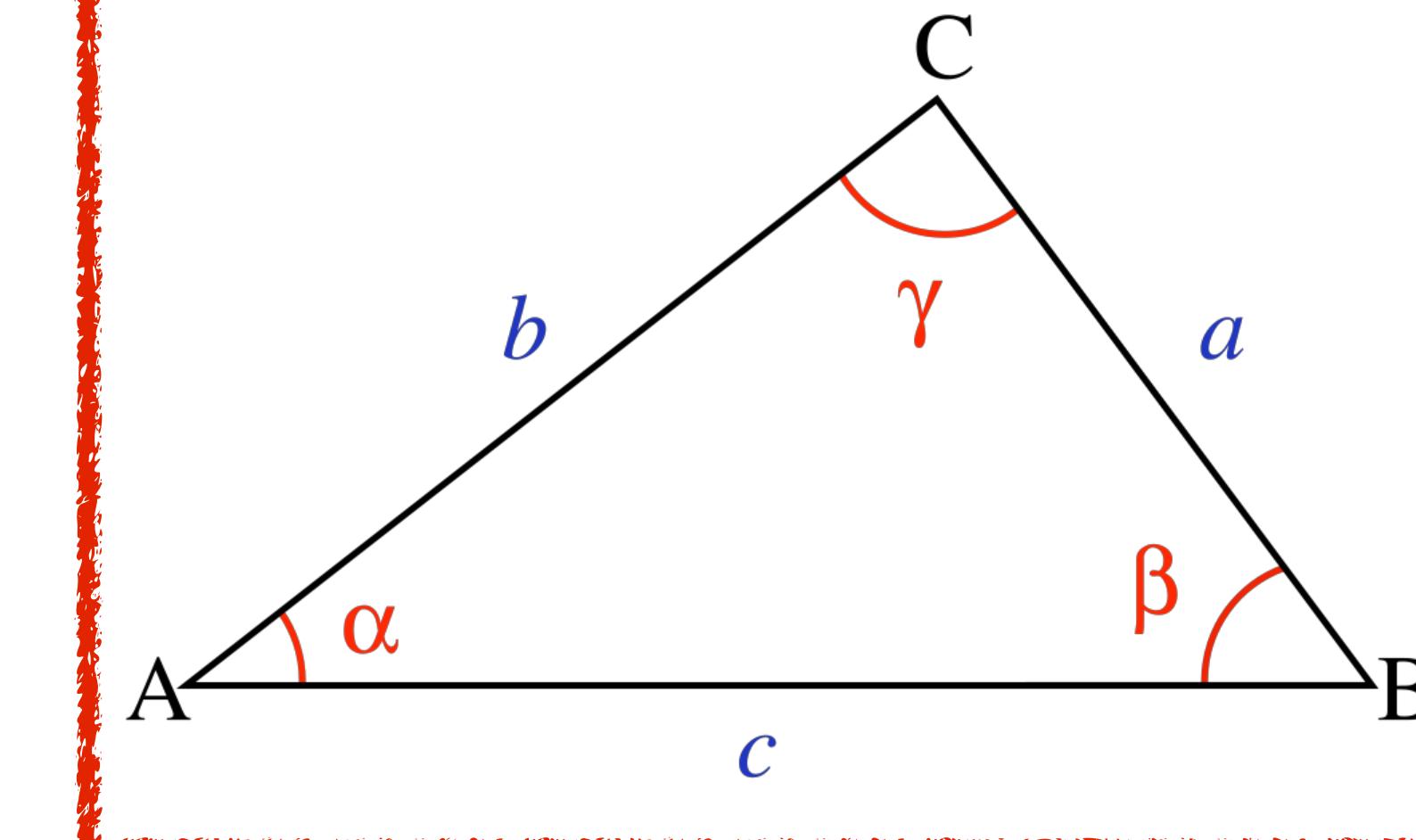
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solve for θ_2

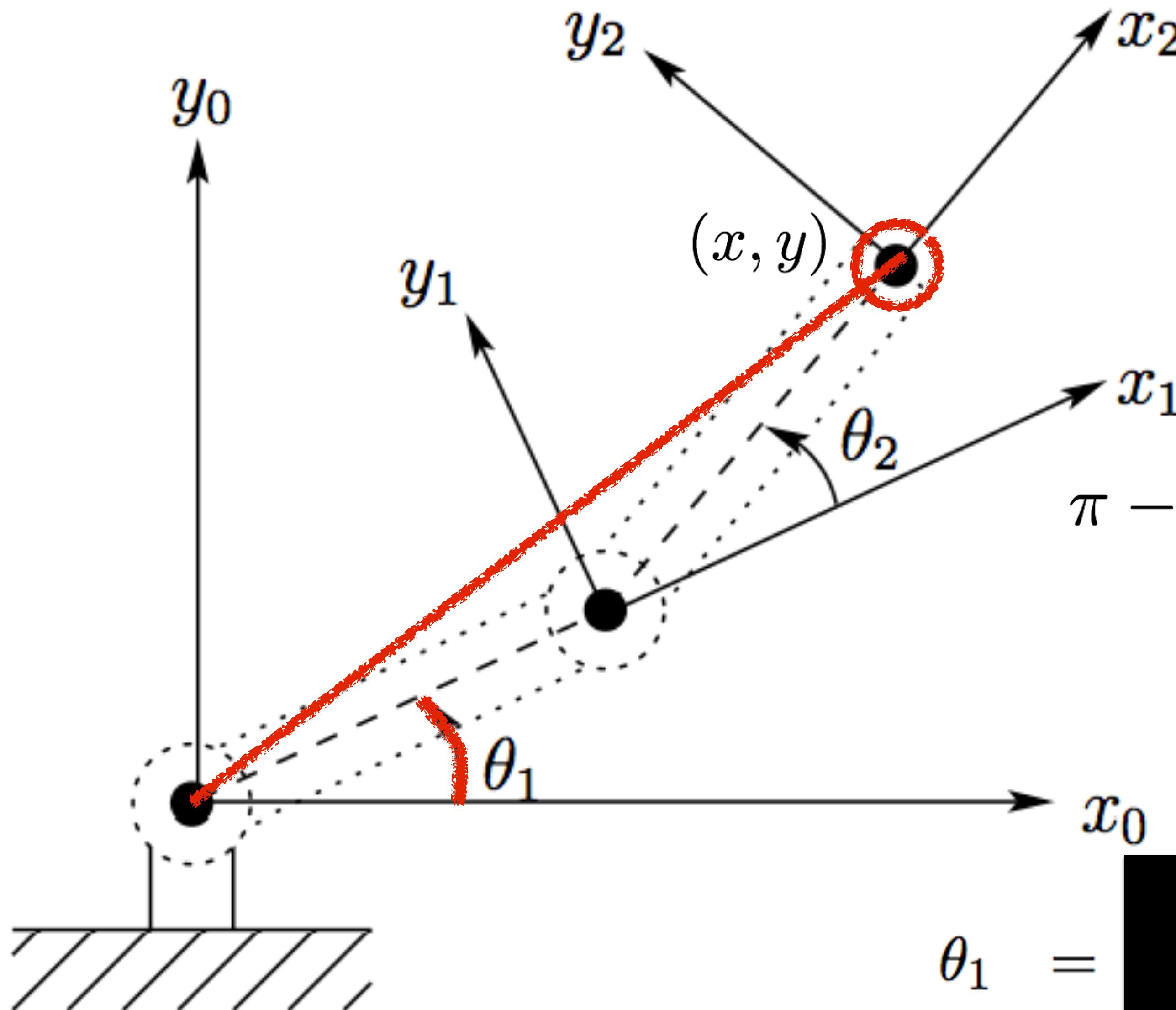
Law of Cosines

$$\gamma = \arccos \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} \right)$$



Inverse kinematics: $\mathbf{q} = f^{-1}([\mathbf{o}_N^0, \mathbf{R}_N^0])$

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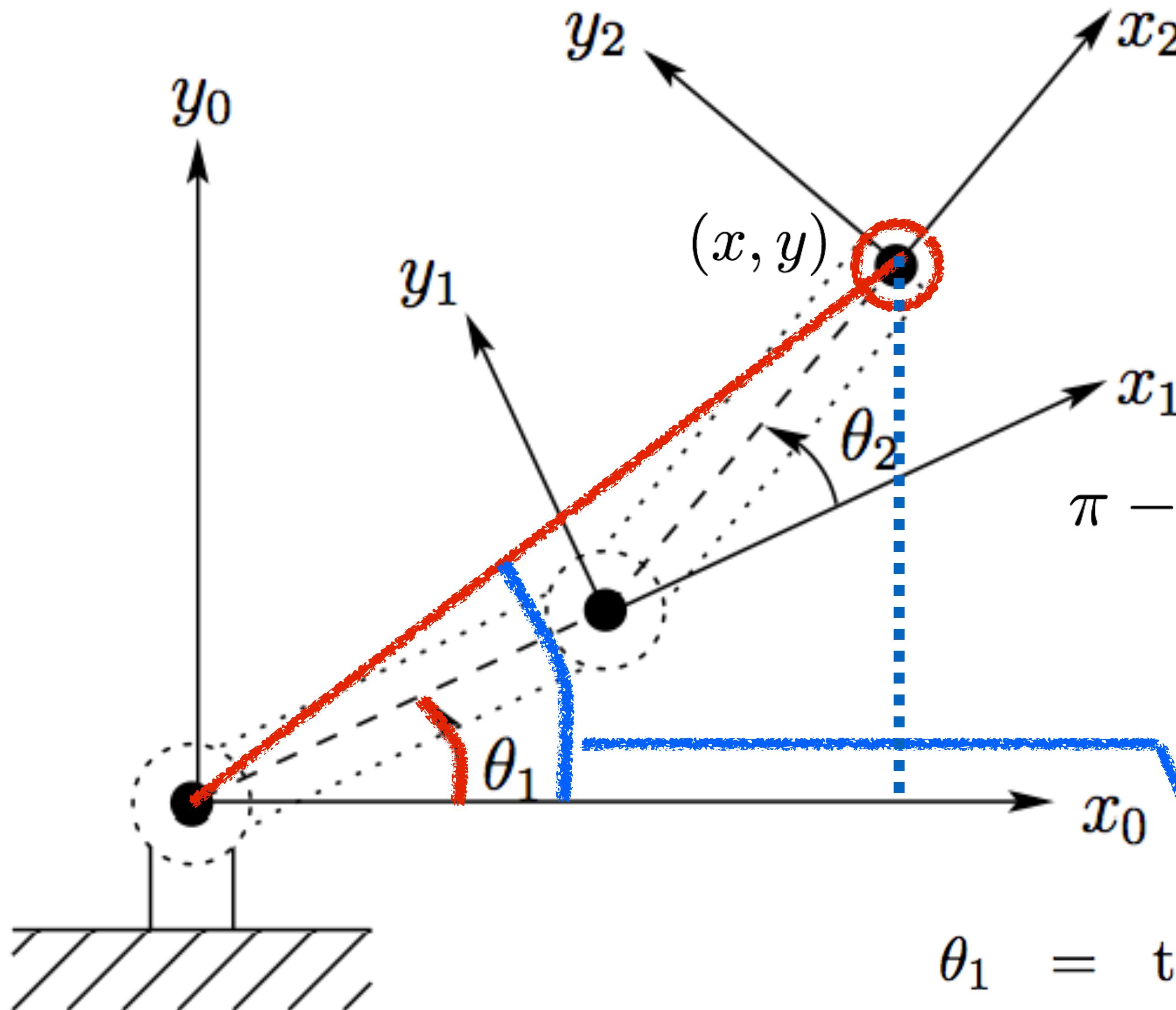
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$$\theta_1 =$$

Consider two triangles

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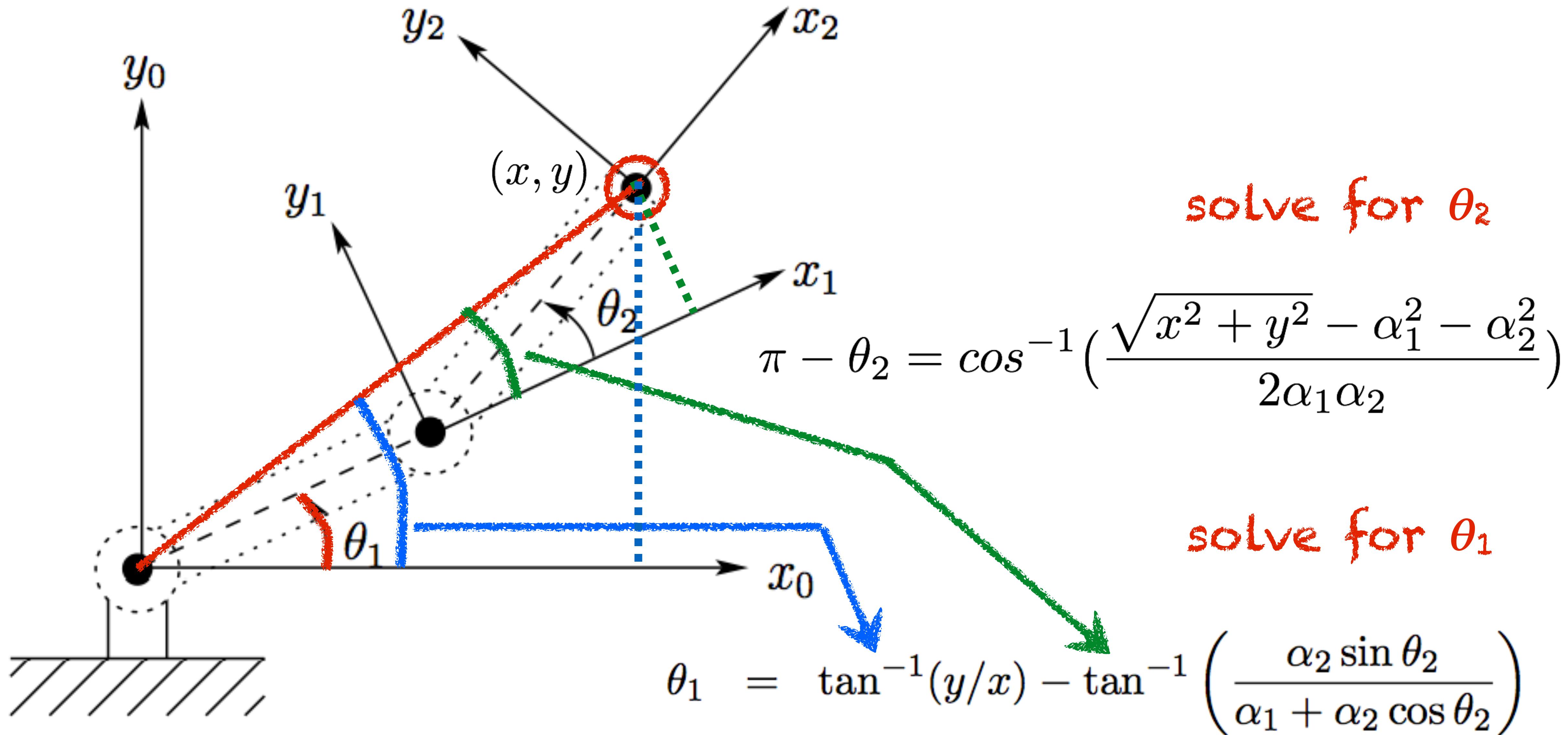
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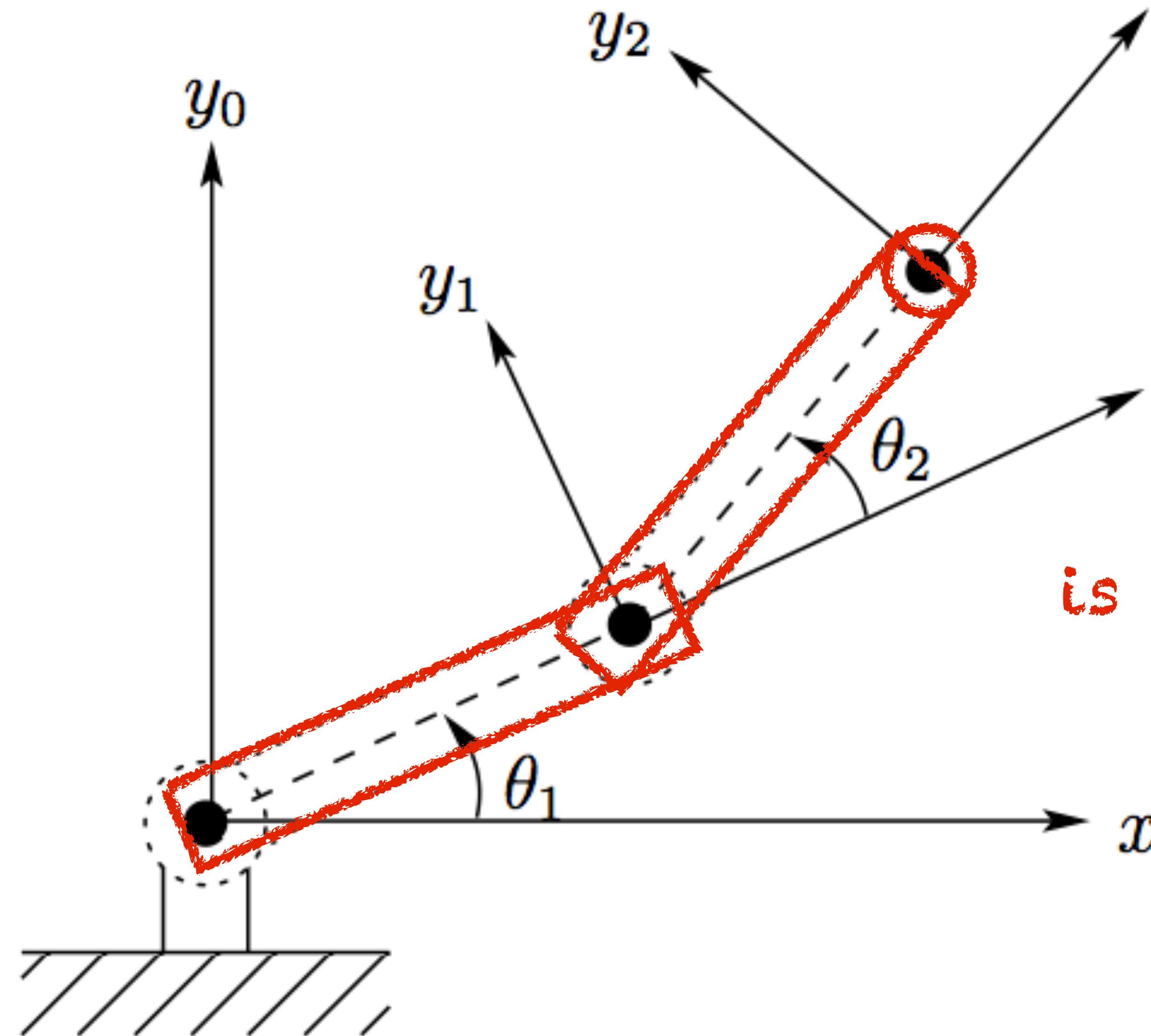
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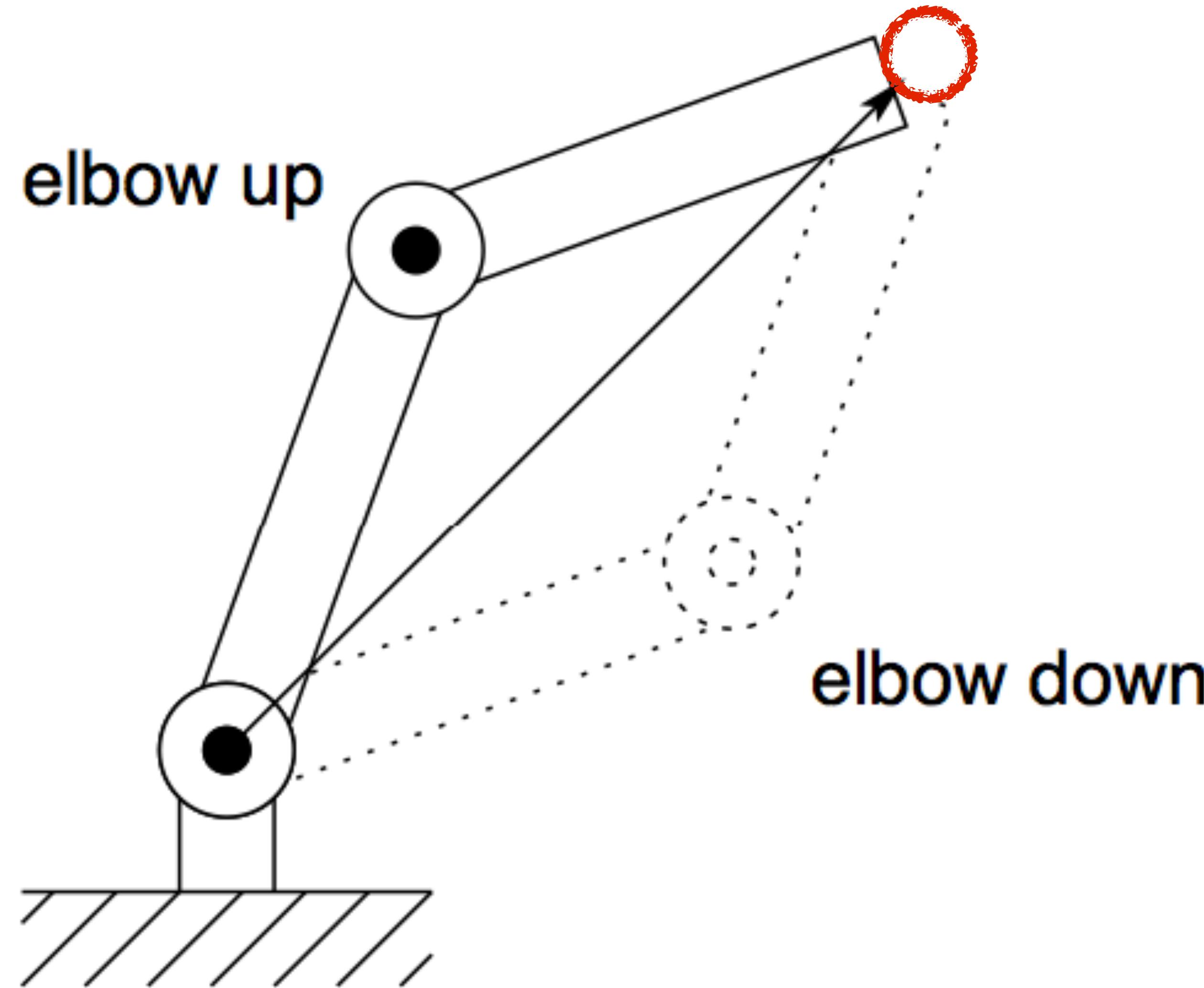
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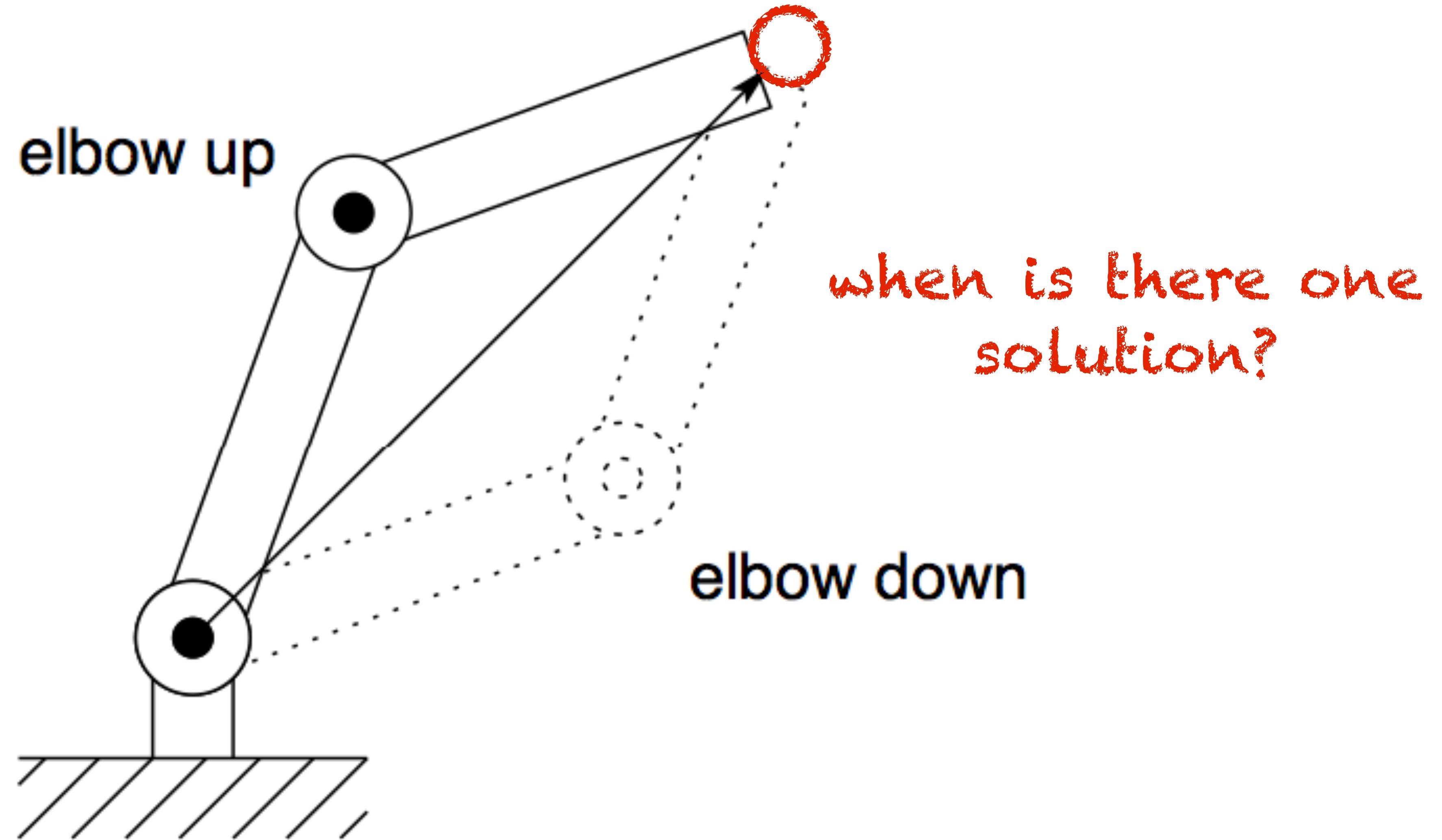
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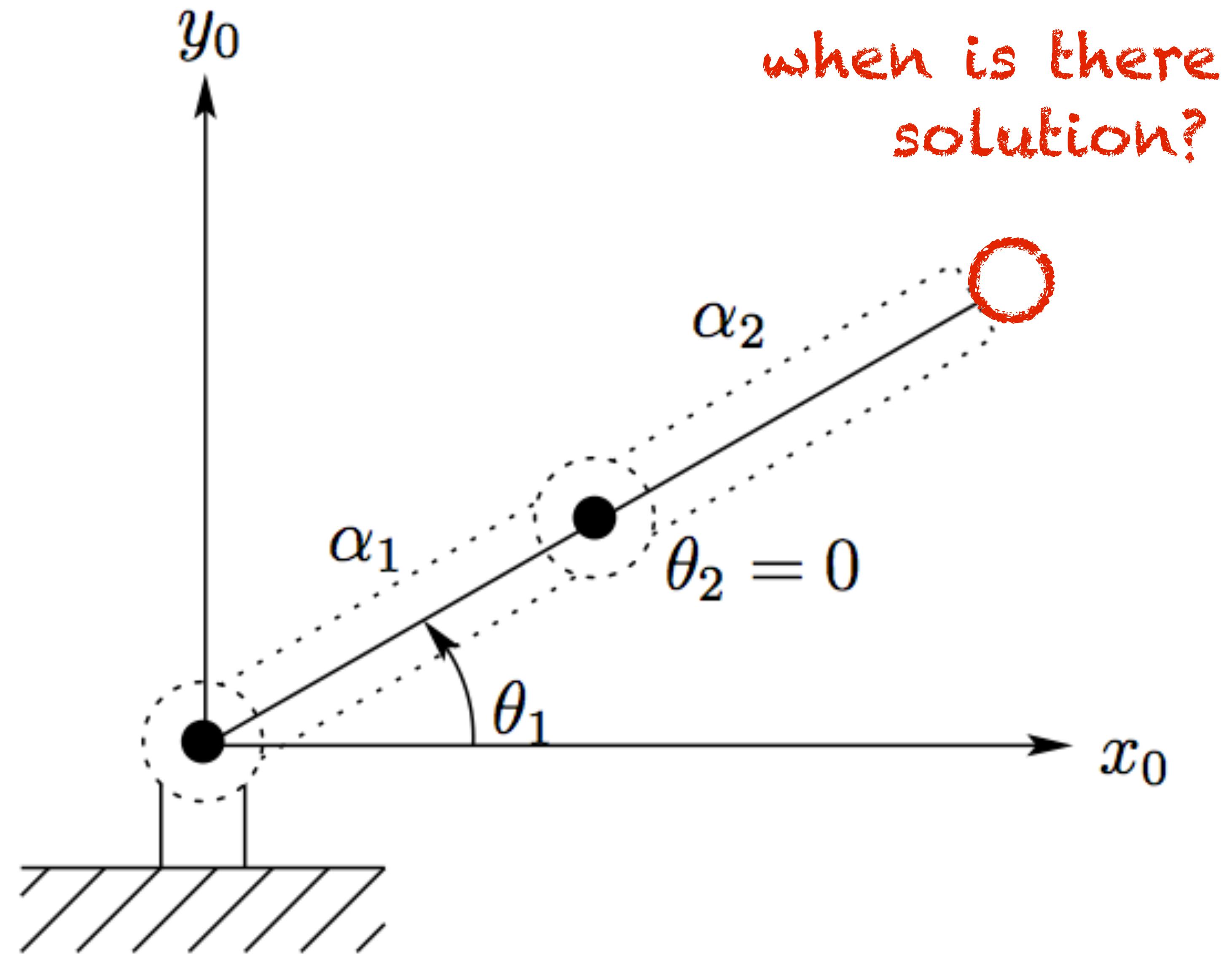


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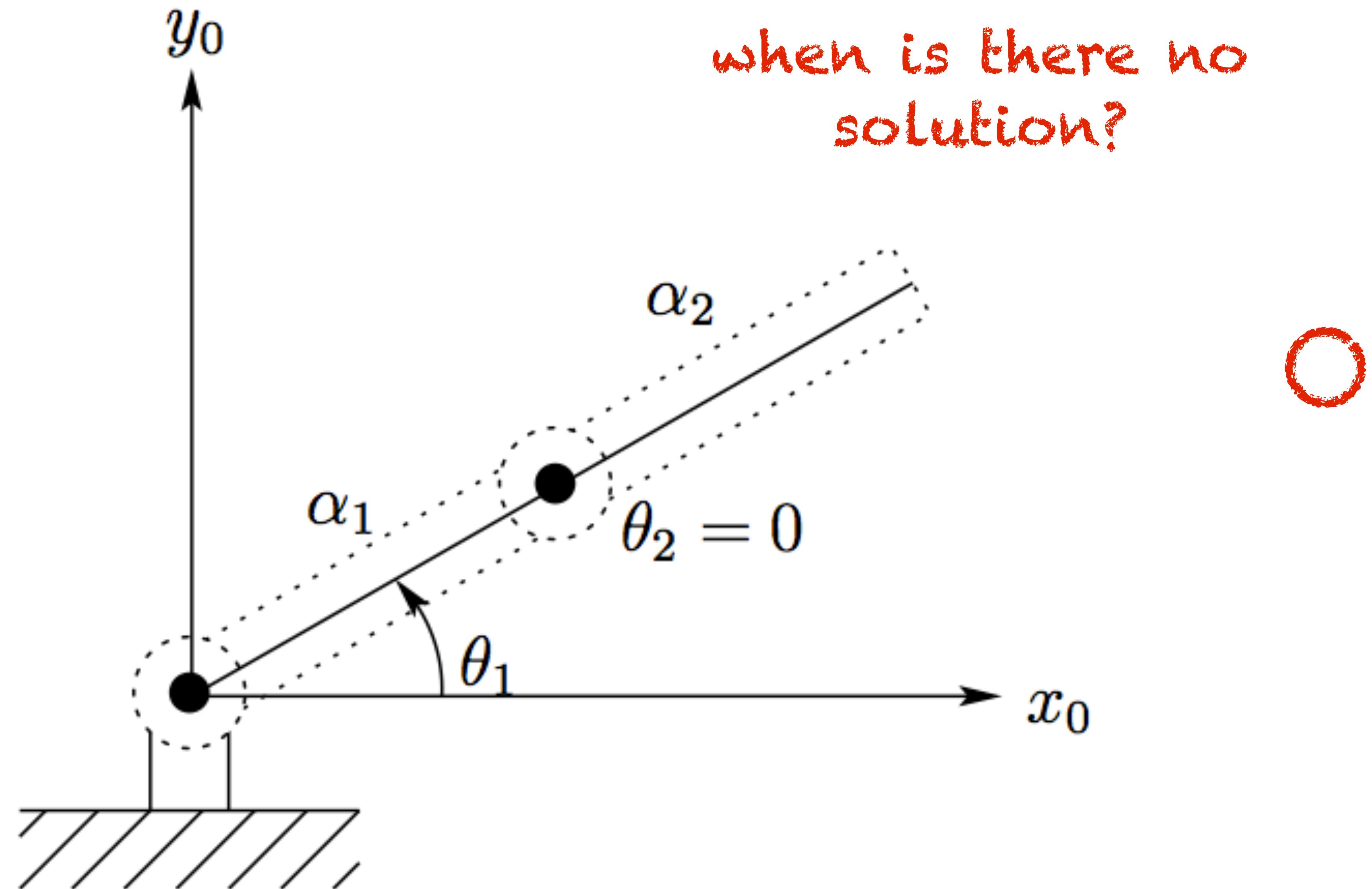








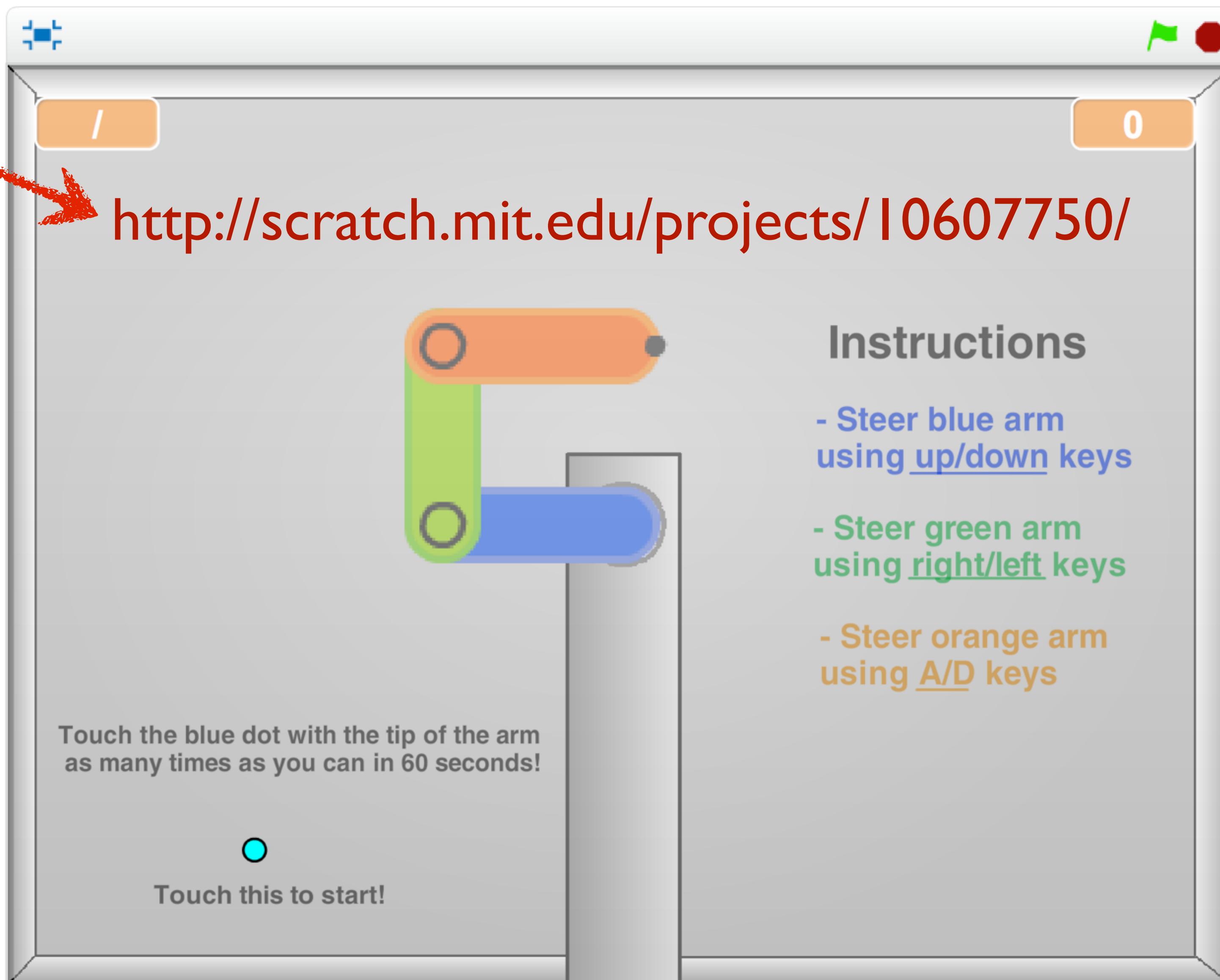
when is there no
solution?



Can we do IK for 3 links?

SHALL HE PLAY A GAME?

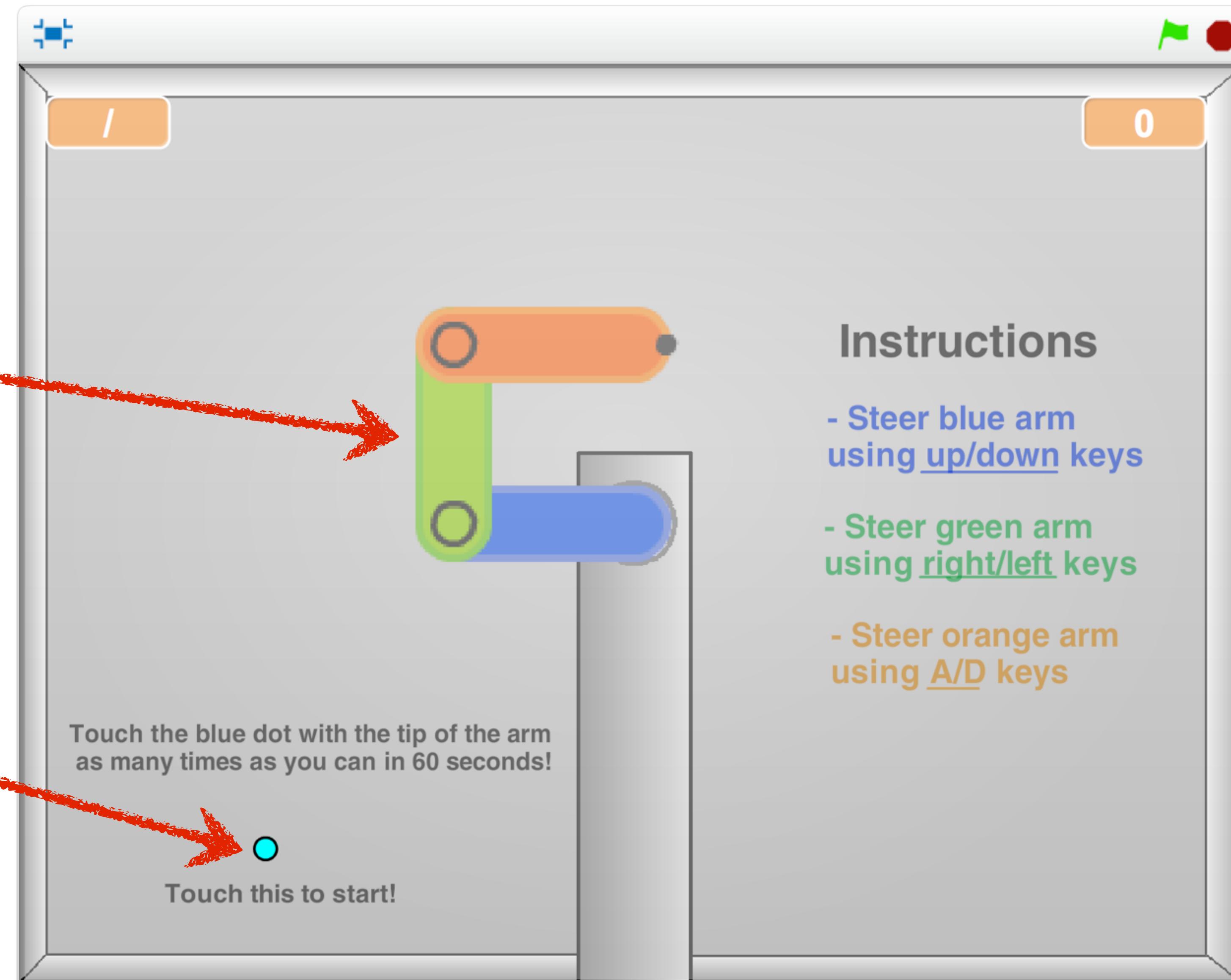
Try this



How many solutions for this arm?

3
unknowns

2
constraints

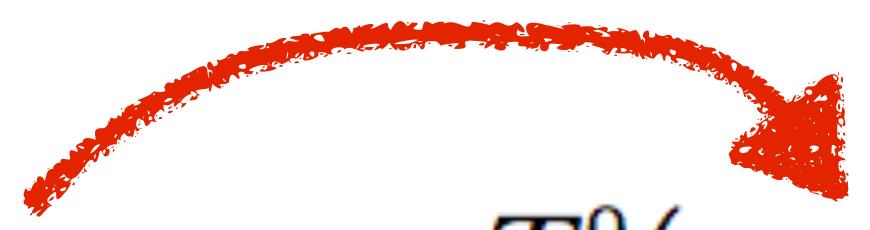


Remember:
 $Ax=b$

Inverse Kinematics: 2D

$$T_n^0(q_1, \dots, q_n) = H$$

Inverse Kinematics: 2D

Configuration 

$$T_n^0(q_1, \dots, q_n) = H \quad \text{Transform from endeffector frame to world frame}$$

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \dots \\ q_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} R & o \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & o_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & o_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse Kinematics: 2D

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Inverse orientation

$$R_n^0(q_1, \dots, q_n) = R$$

$$o_n^0(q_1, \dots, q_n) = o$$

Inverse position

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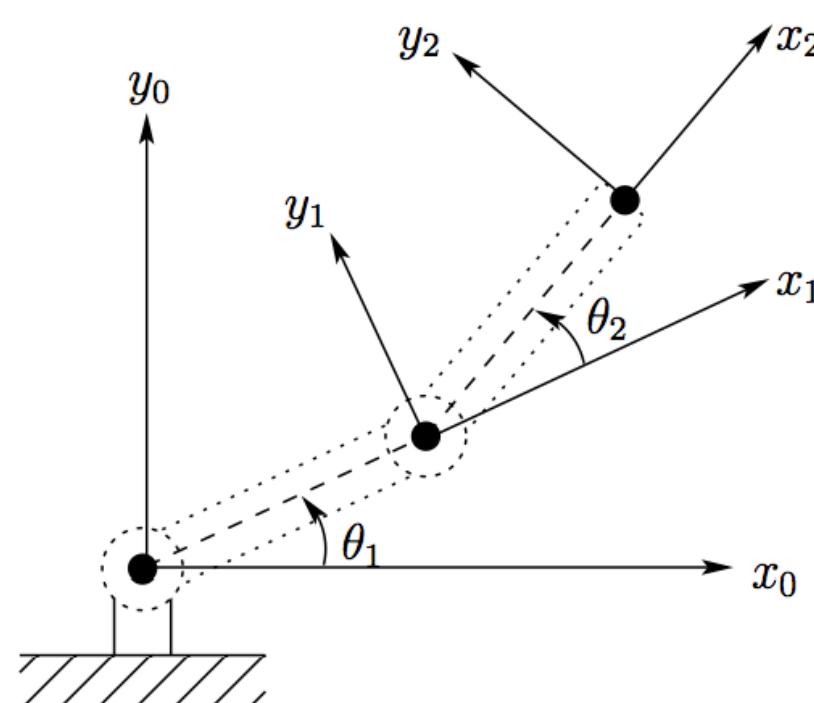
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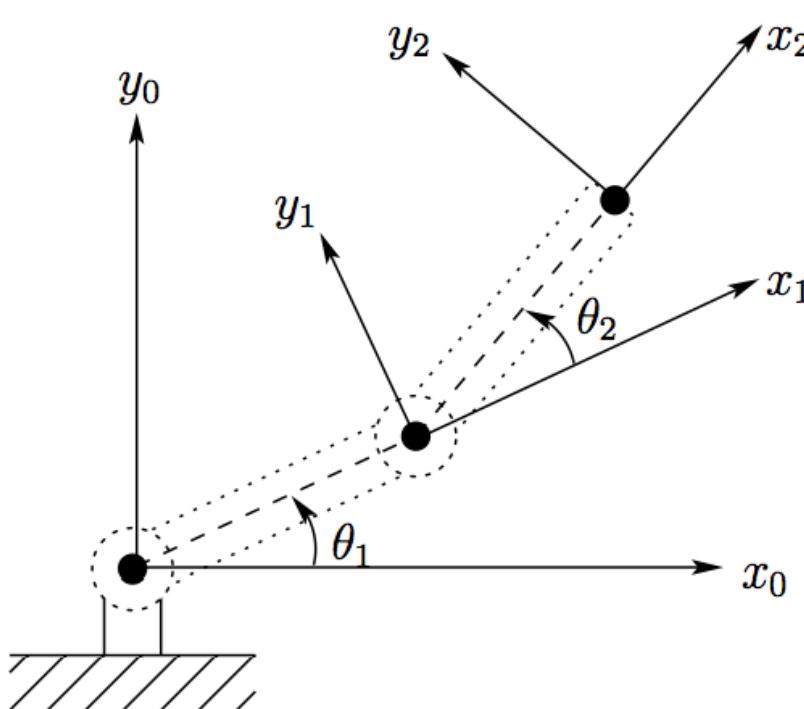
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$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}(y/x) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\alpha_2 \sin \theta_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \cos \theta_2}\right)$$

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Inverse Kinematics: 3D

Configuration 

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6 DOF position and orientation of endeffector

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} R & o \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & o_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & o_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & o_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse Kinematics: 3D

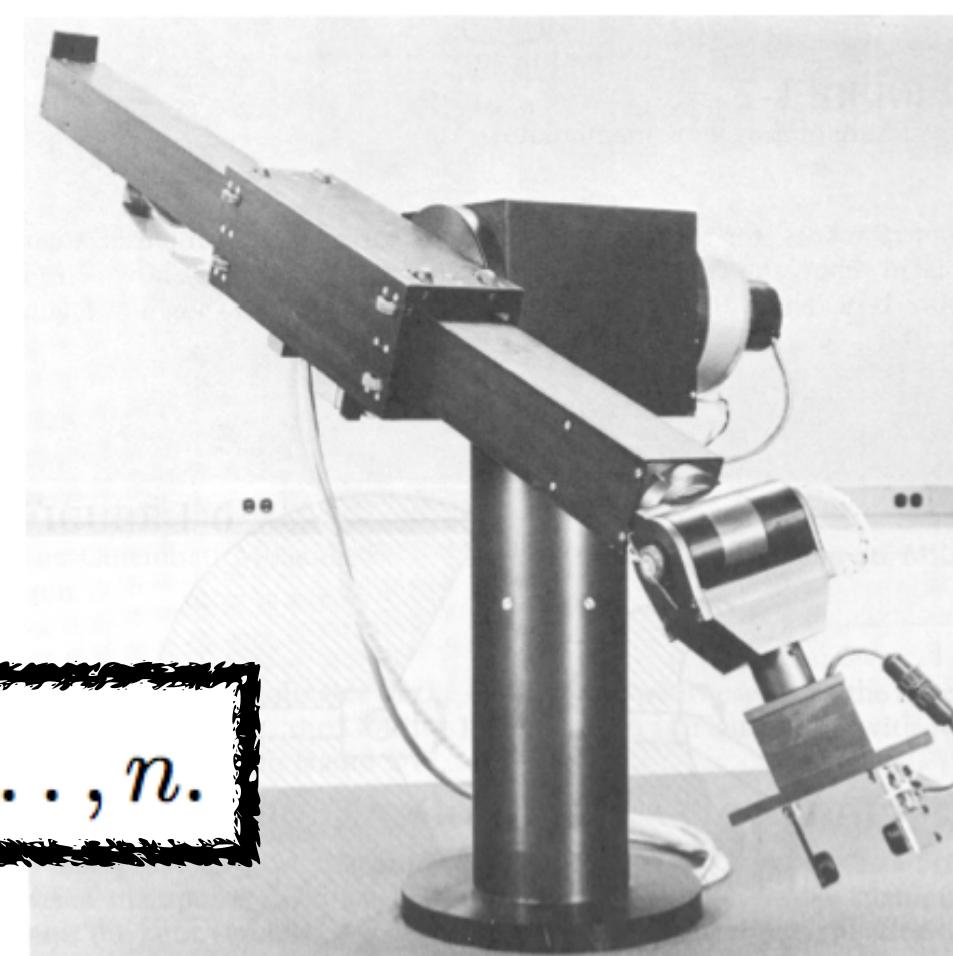
Configuration

$$T_n^0(q_1, \dots, q_n) = H \quad \text{Transform from endeffector}$$

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \dots \\ q_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Closed form solution?

$$q_k = f_k(h_{11}, \dots, h_{34}), \quad k = 1, \dots, n.$$

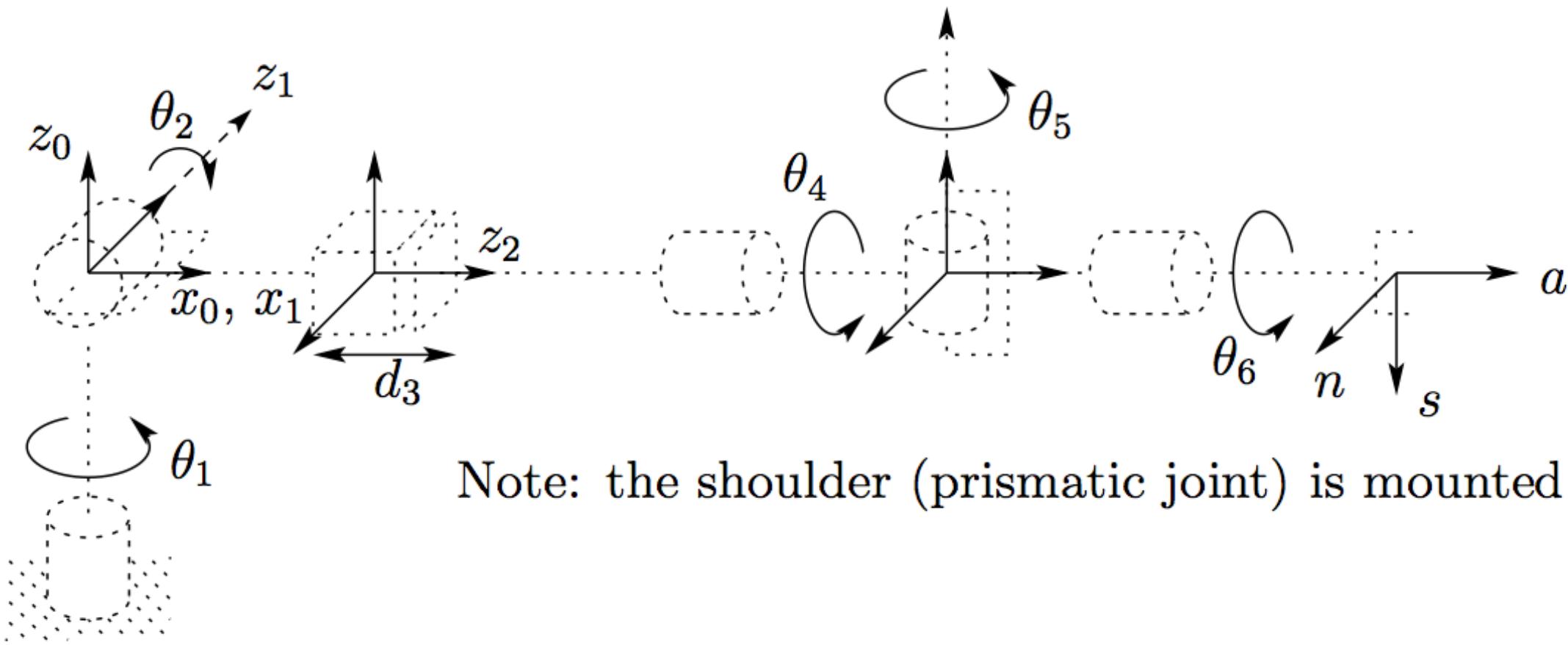


$$H = \begin{bmatrix} R & o \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

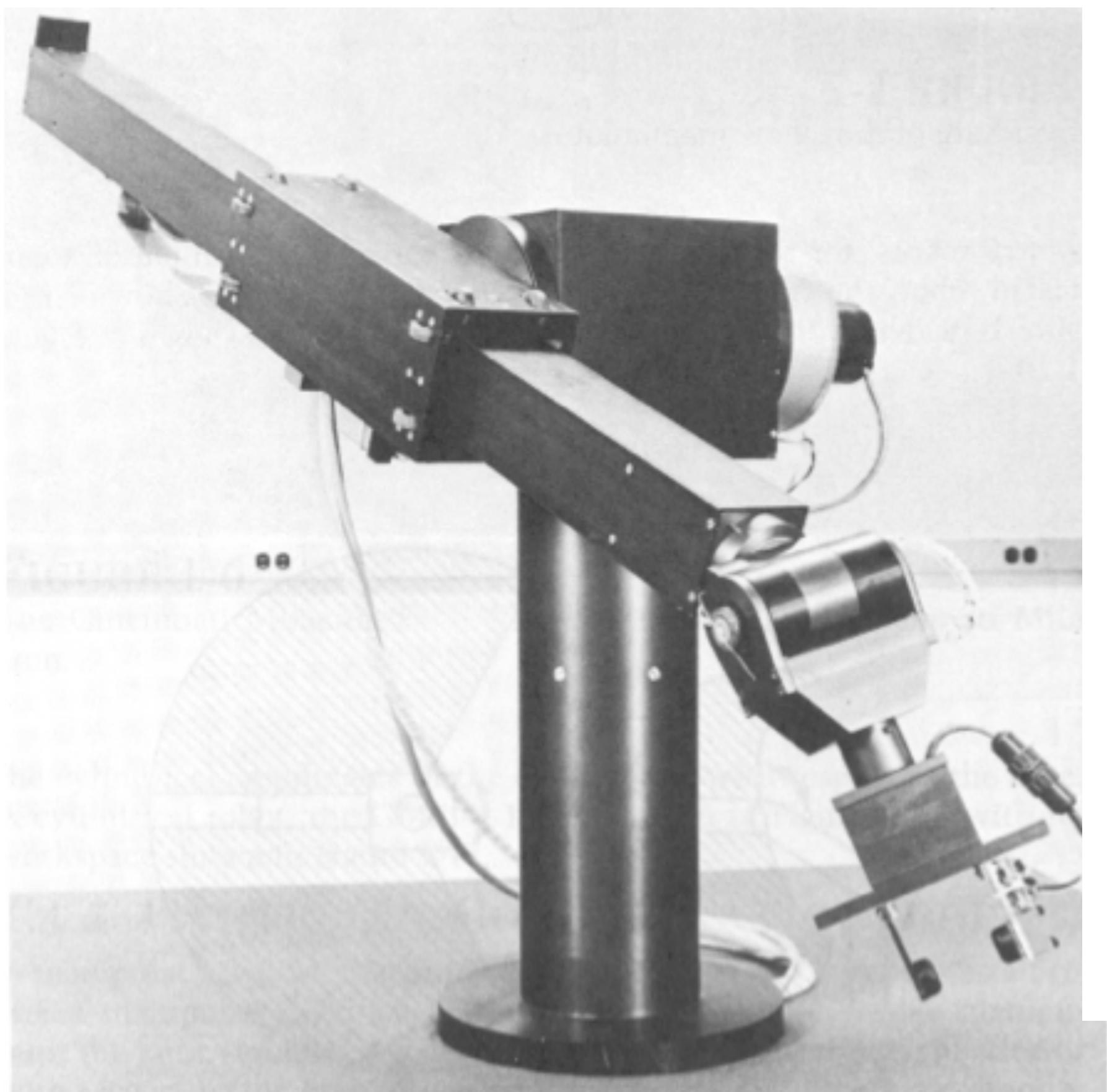
$$H = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & o_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & o_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & o_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

6 DOF position and orientation of endeffector

Stanford Manipulator



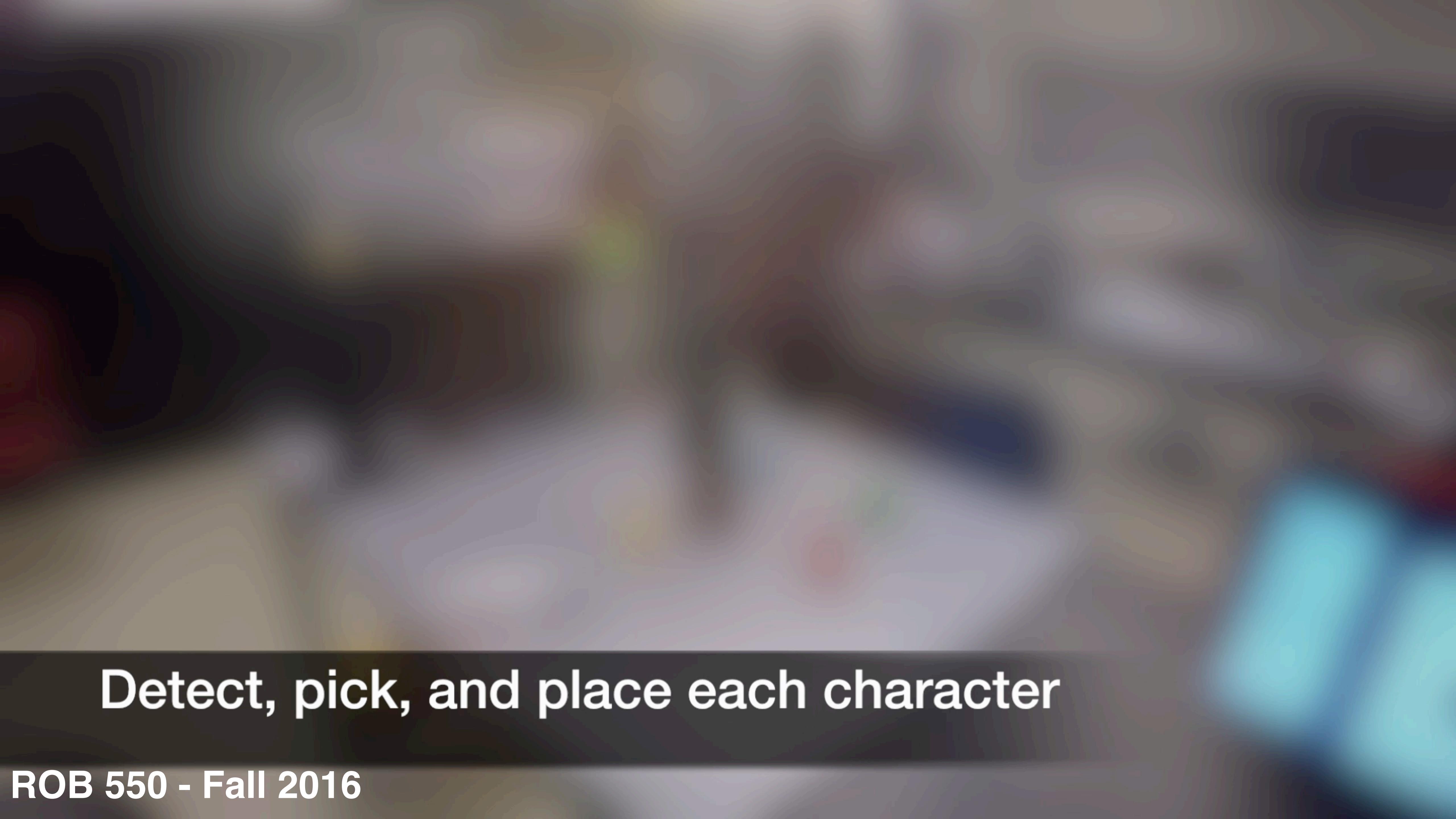
Note: the shoulder (prismatic joint) is mounted wrong.



$$\begin{aligned}
 c_1[c_2(c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - s_2s_5c_6] - s_1(s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) &= r_{11} \\
 s_1[c_2(c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - s_2s_5c_6] + c_1(s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) &= r_{21} \\
 -s_2(c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - c_2s_5s_6 &= r_{31} \\
 c_1[-c_2(c_4c_5s_6 + s_4c_6) + s_2s_5s_6] - s_1(-s_4c_5s_6 + c_4c_6) &= r_{12} \\
 s_1[-c_2(c_4c_5s_6 + s_4c_6) + s_2s_5s_6] + c_1(-s_4c_5s_6 + c_4c_6) &= r_{22} \\
 s_2(c_4c_5s_6 + s_4c_6) + c_2s_5s_6 &= r_{32} \\
 c_1(c_2c_4s_5 + s_2c_5) - s_1s_4s_5 &= r_{13} \\
 s_1(c_2c_4s_5 + s_2c_5) + c_1s_4s_5 &= r_{23} \\
 -s_2c_4s_5 + c_2c_5 &= r_{33} \\
 c_1s_2d_3 - s_1d_2 + d_6(c_1c_2c_4s_5 + c_1c_5s_2 - s_1s_4s_5) &= o_x \\
 s_1s_2d_3 + c_1d_2 + d_6(c_1s_4s_5 + c_2c_4s_1s_5 + c_5s_1s_2) &= o_y \\
 c_2d_3 + d_6(c_2c_5 - c_4s_2s_5) &= o_z.
 \end{aligned}$$



Recognize this robot?



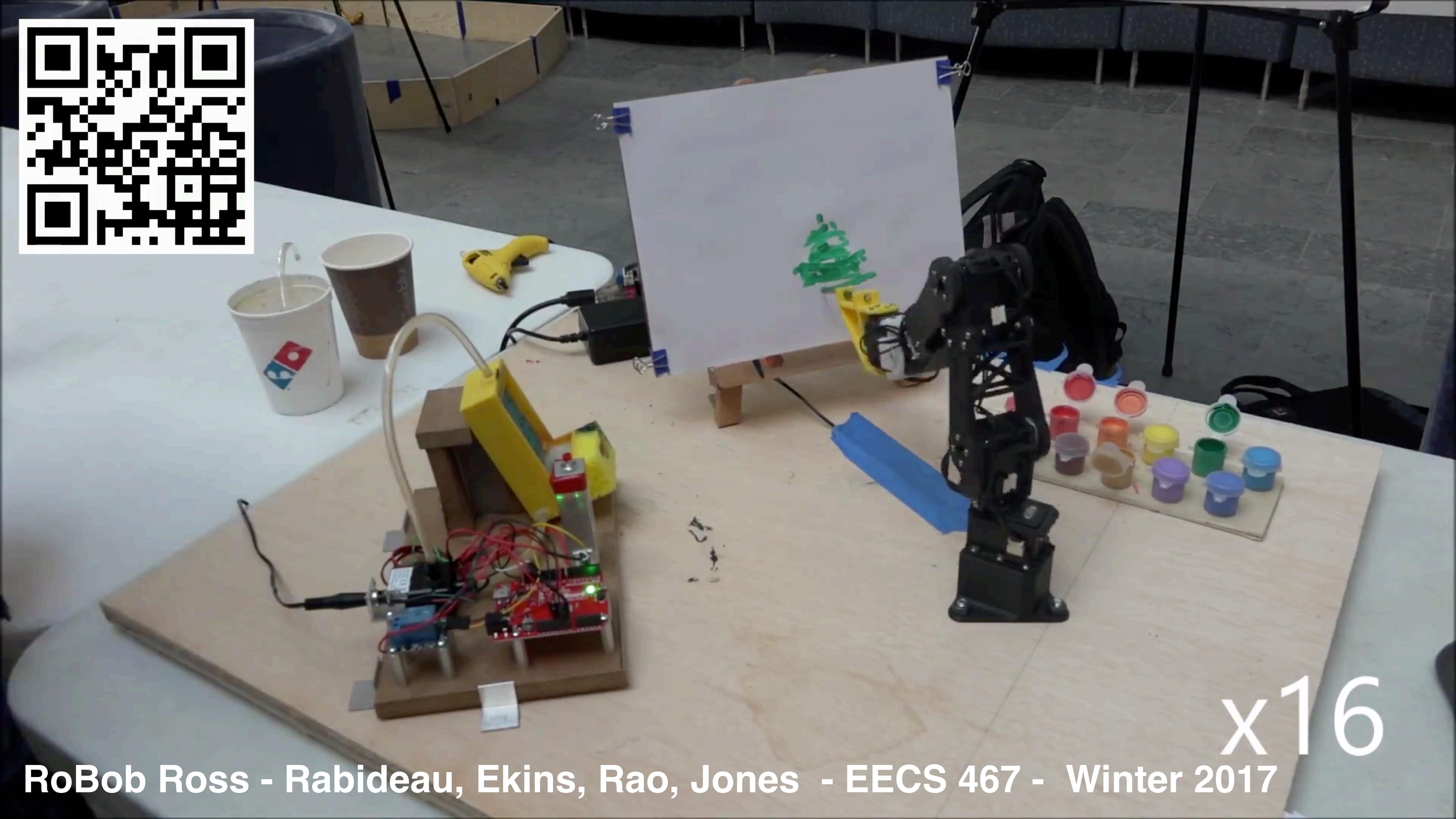
Detect, pick, and place each character



Robot Air Hockey - Attisha, Jiminez, Mulani - EECS 467 - Winter 2017



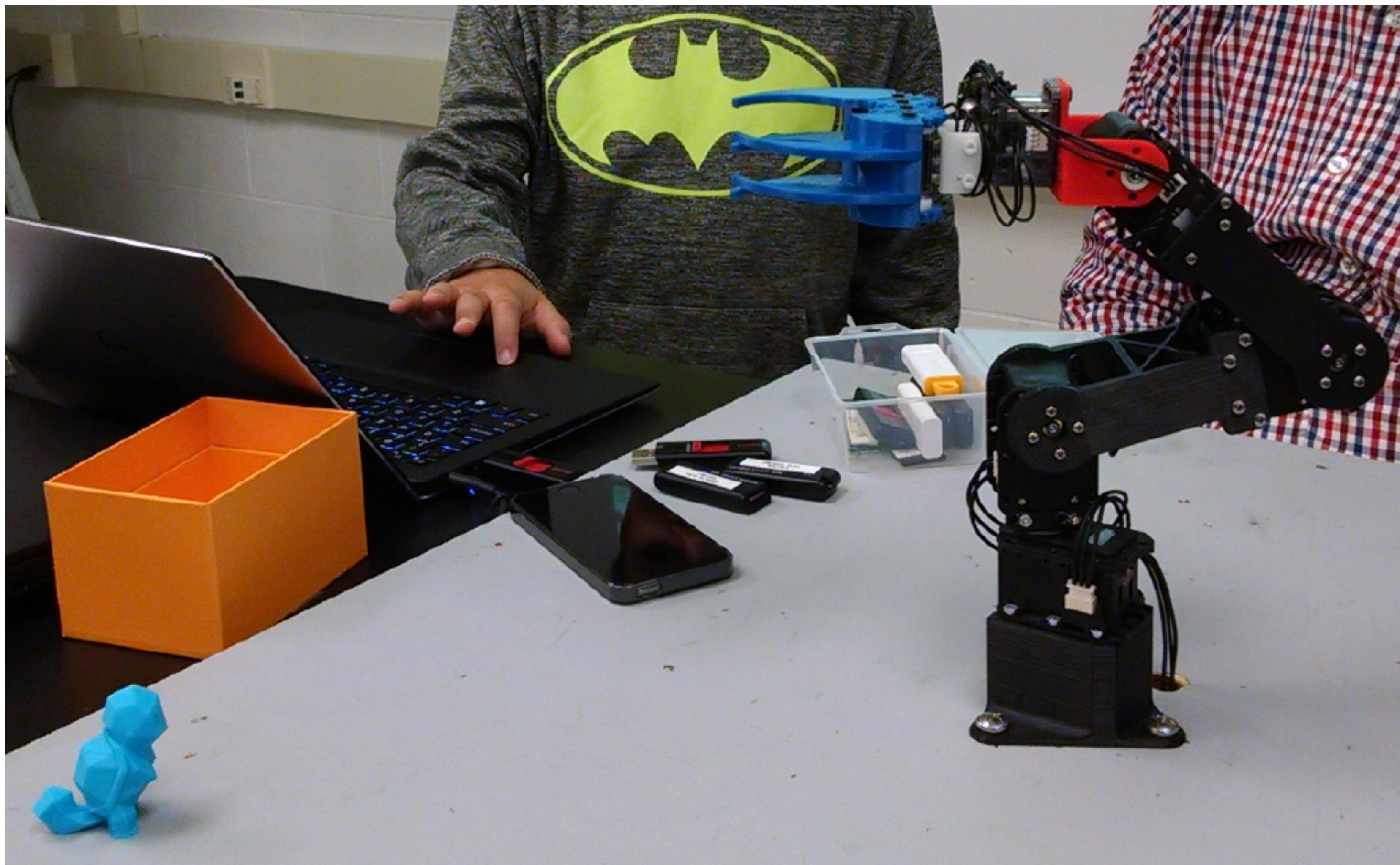
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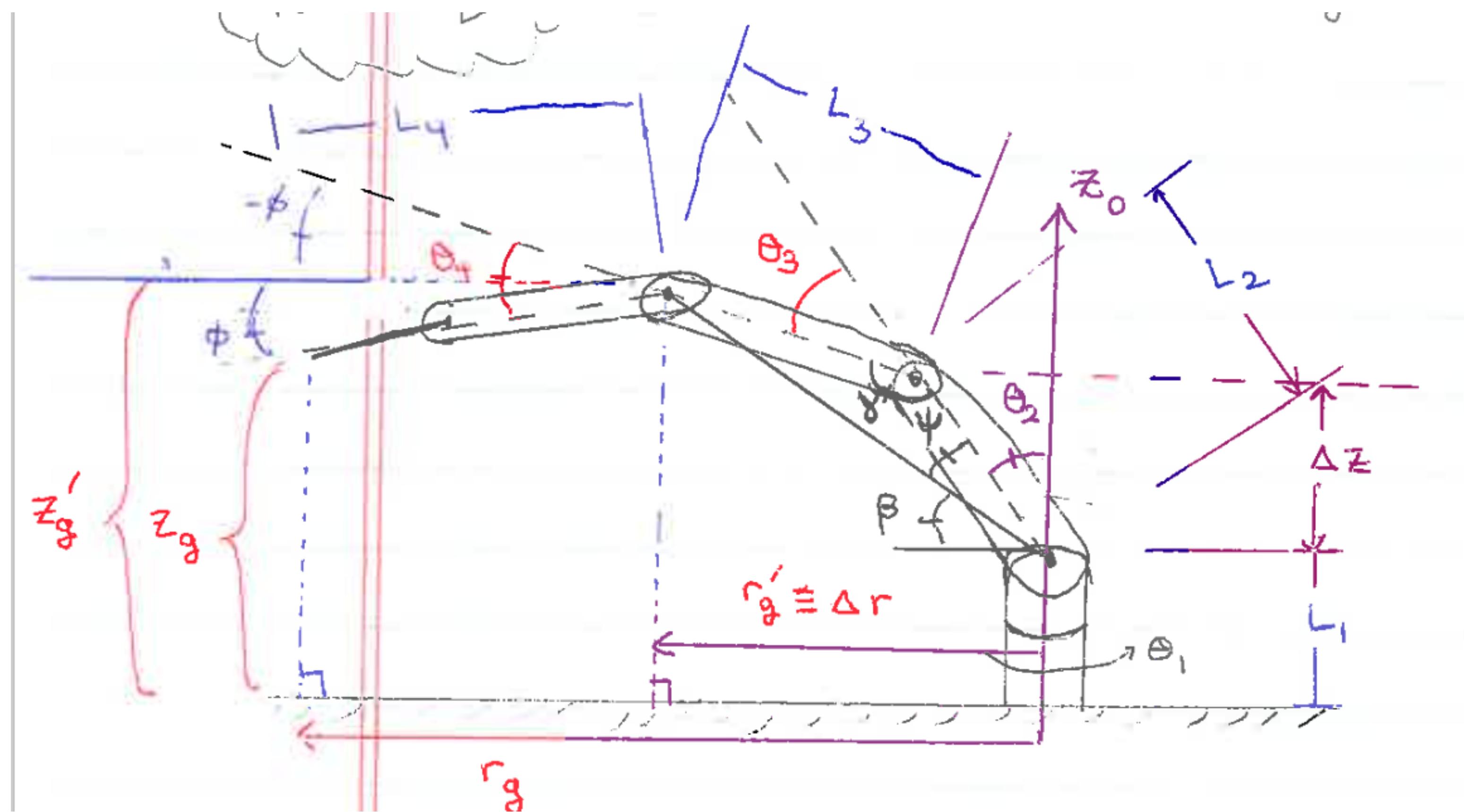
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RexArm (EECS 467 / ROB 550)



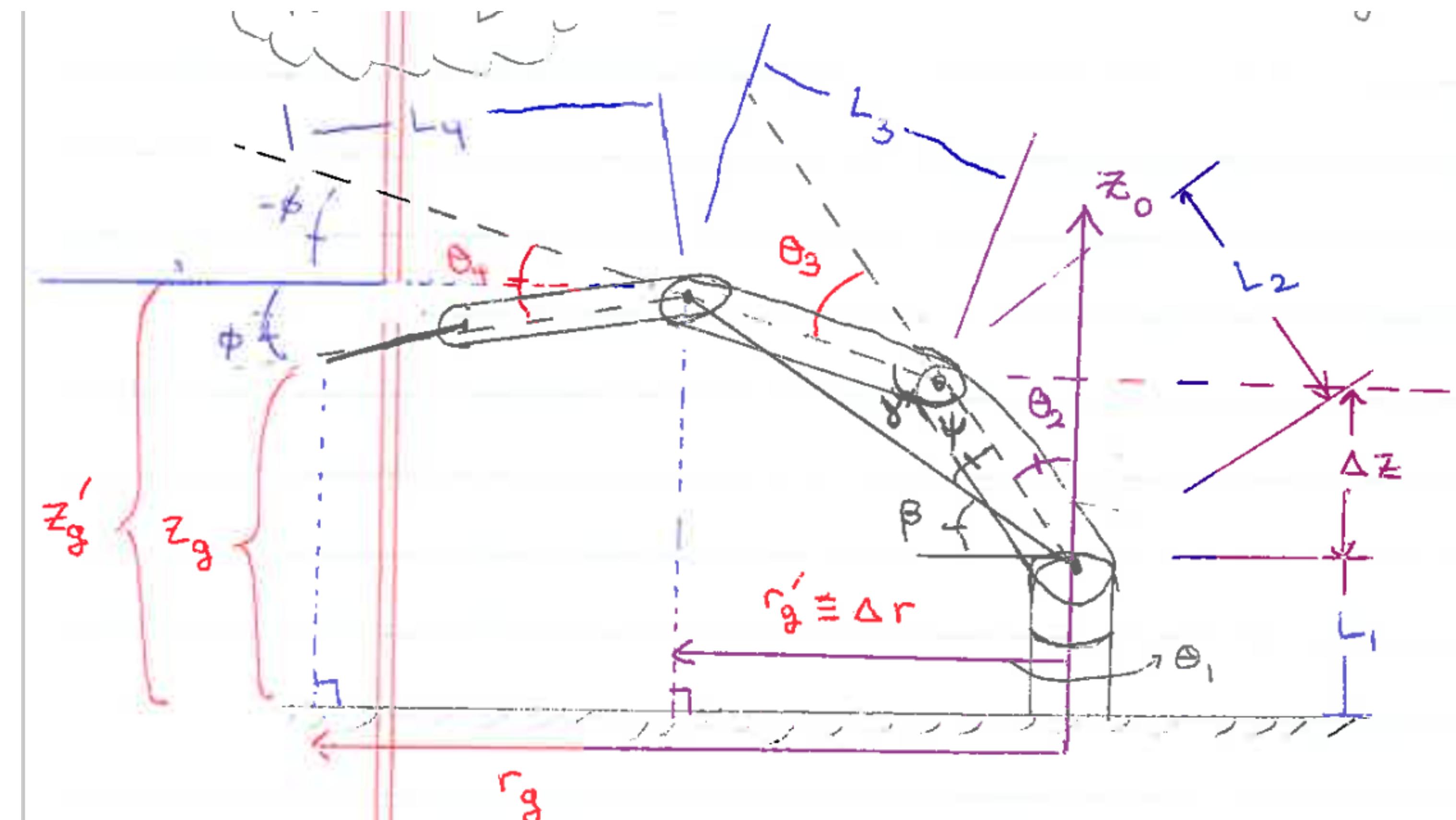
RexArm (EECS 467 / ROB 550)



Find: configuration
 $q = [\theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_3 \theta_4]$
as robot joint angles

Given:

Find: configuration
 $\mathbf{q} = [\theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_3 \theta_4]$
as robot joint angles



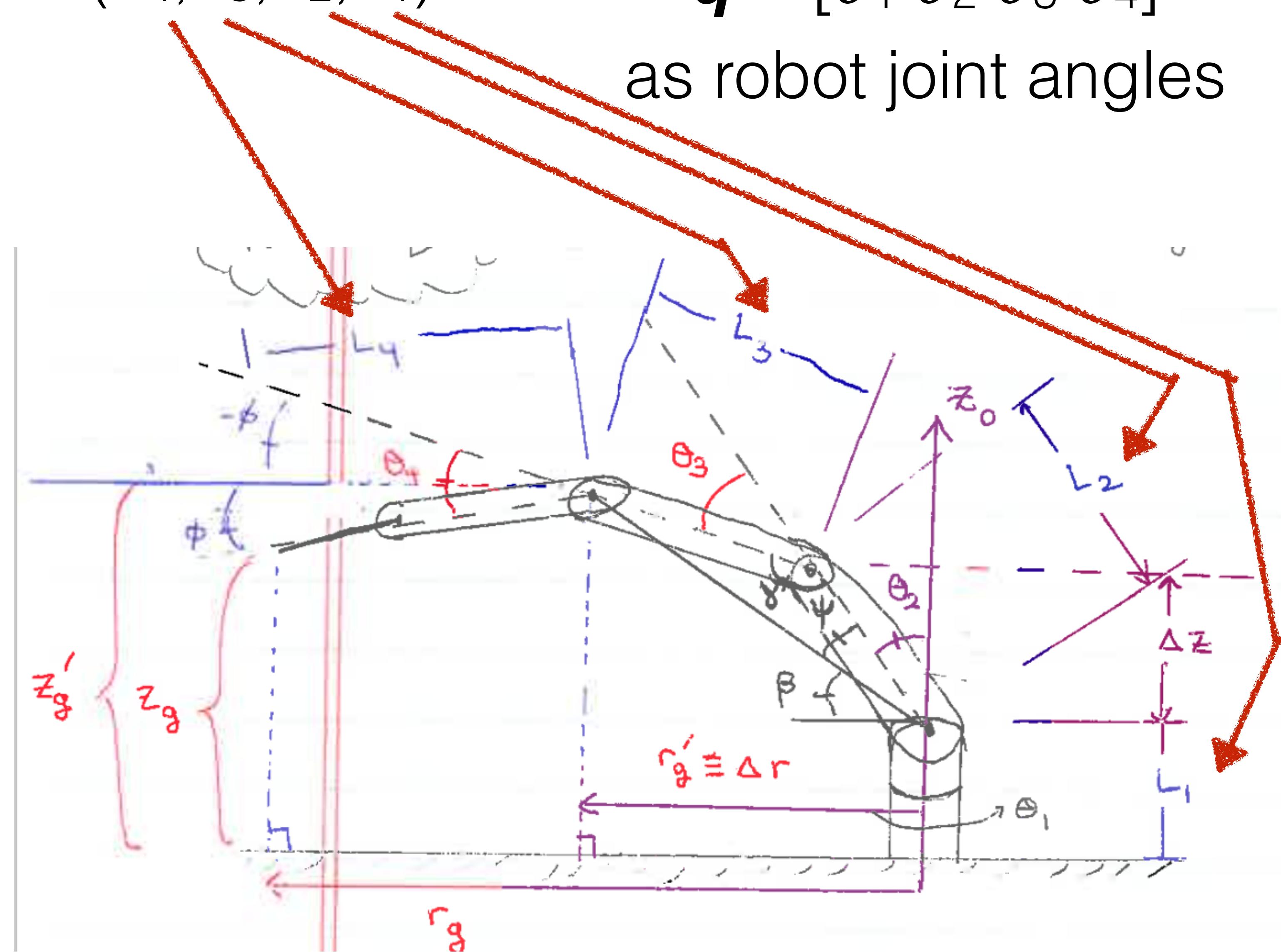
Given:

link lengths (L_4, L_3, L_2, L_1)

Find: configuration

$$\mathbf{q} = [\theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_3 \theta_4]$$

as robot joint angles

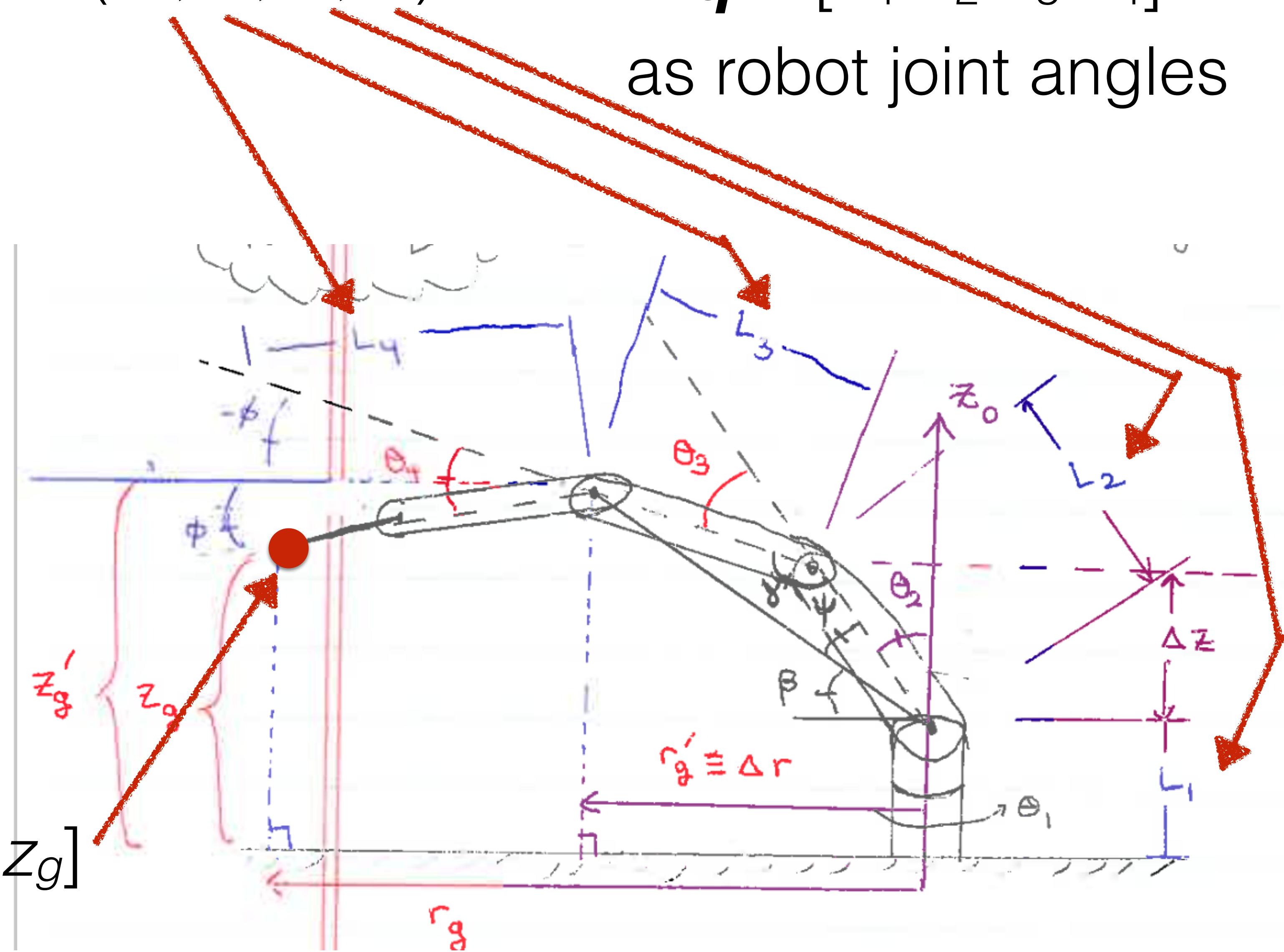


Given:

link lengths (L_4, L_3, L_2, L_1)

endeffector position $[x_g \ y_g \ z_g]$
wrt. base frame

Find: configuration
 $\mathbf{q} = [\theta_1 \ \theta_2 \ \theta_3 \ \theta_4]$
as robot joint angles



Given:

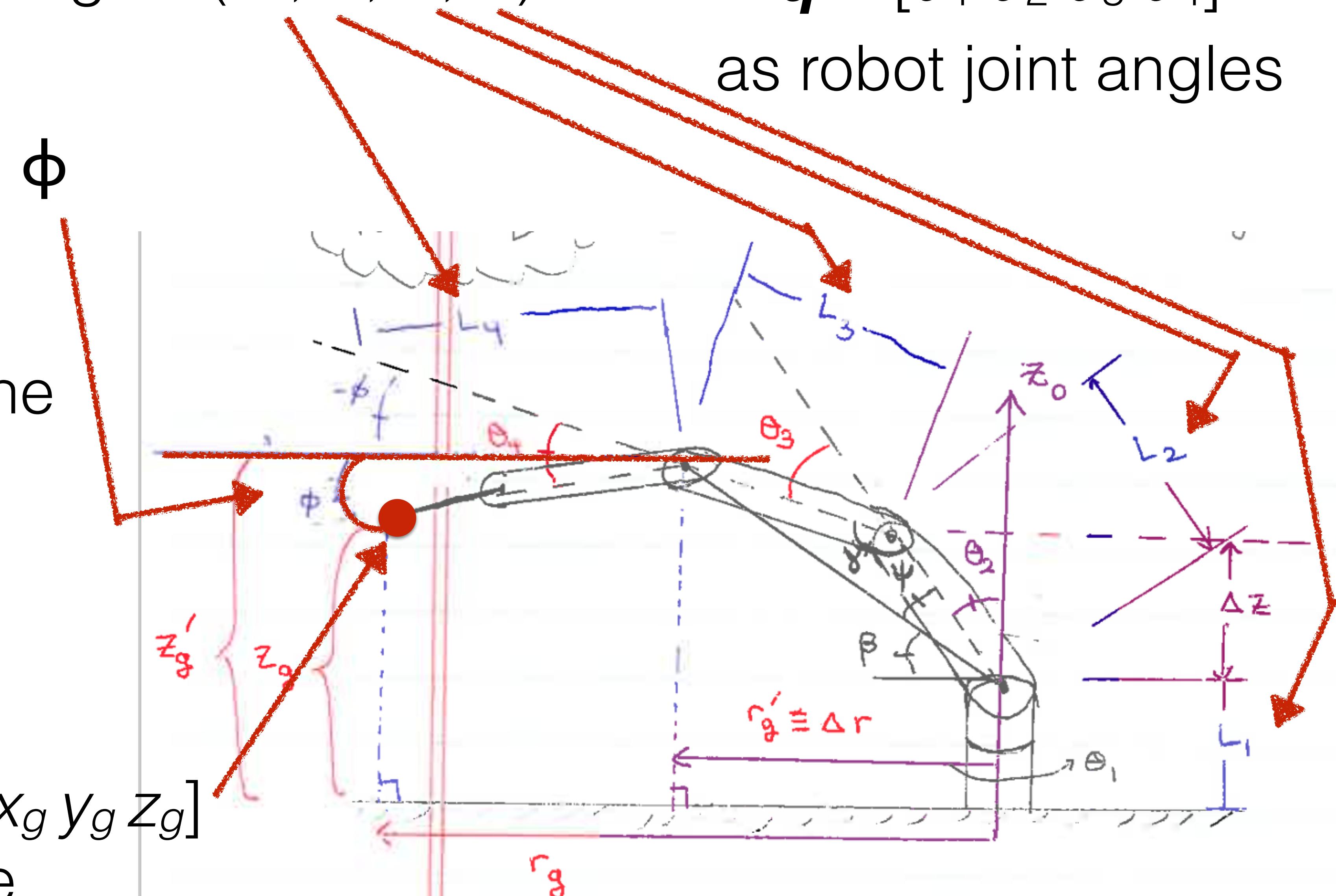
endeffector orientation ϕ

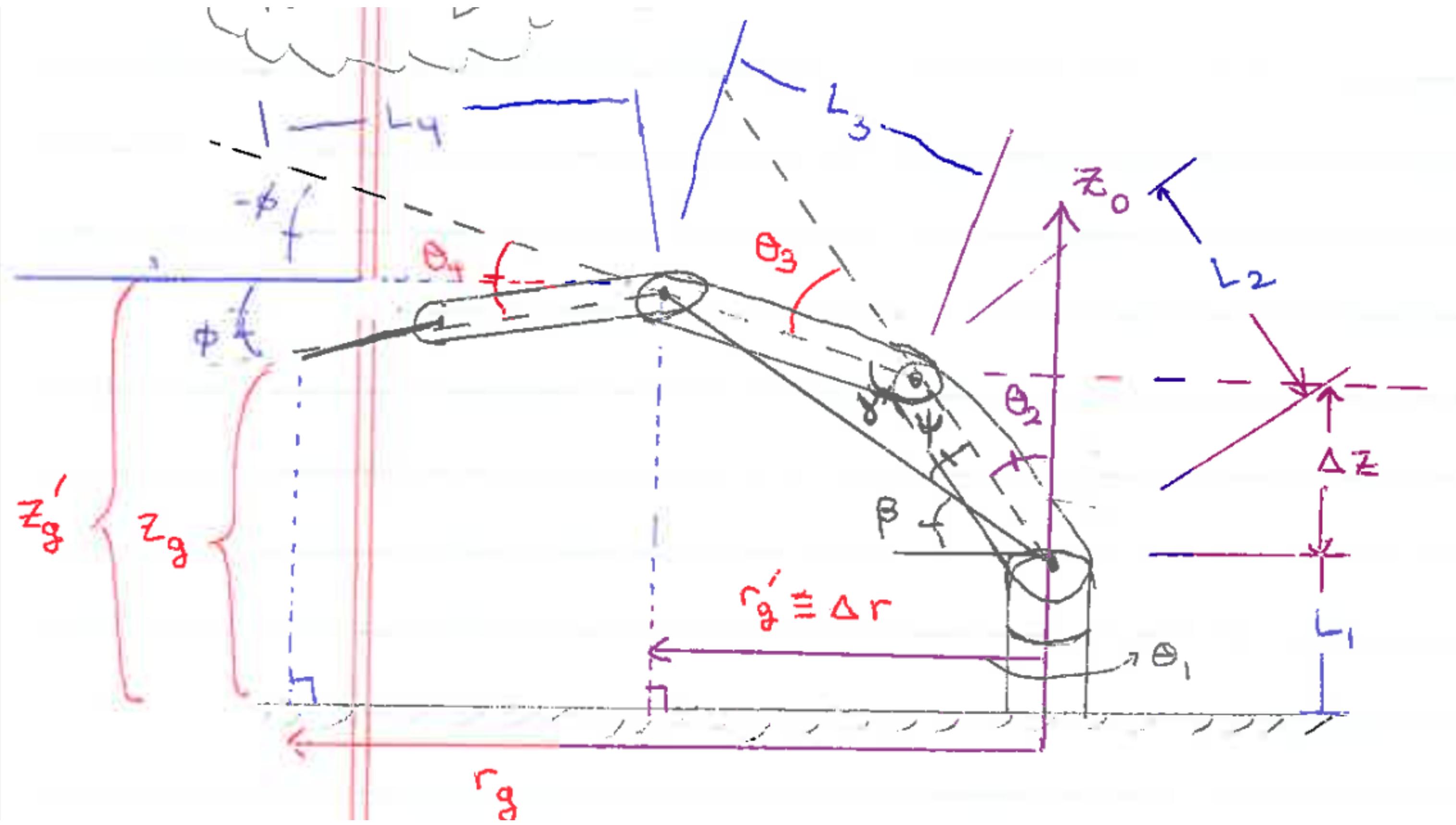
as angle wrt. plane
centered at \mathbf{o}_3 and
parallel to ground plane

endeffector position $[x_g \ y_g \ z_g]$
wrt. base frame

link lengths (L_4, L_3, L_2, L_1)

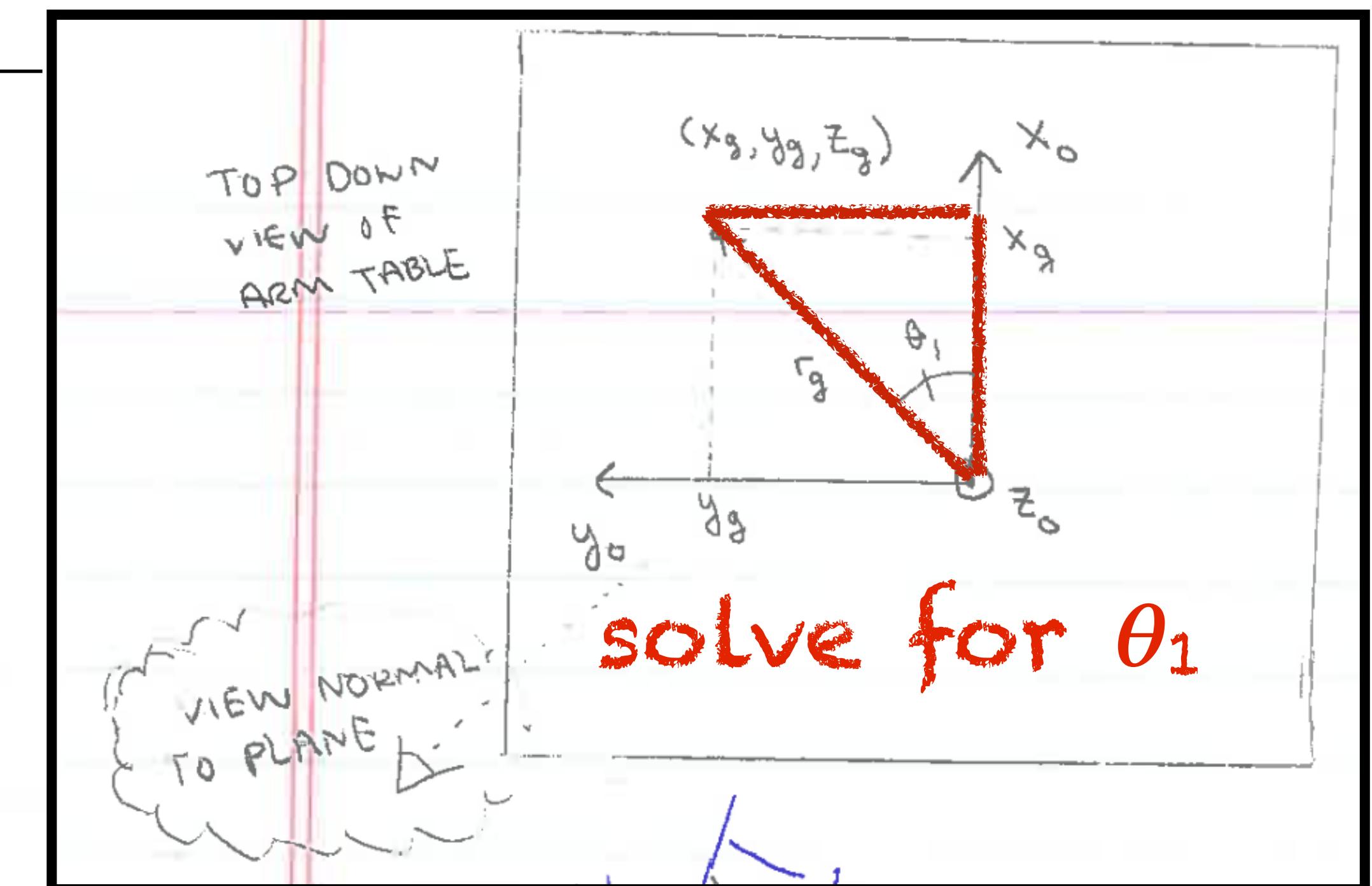
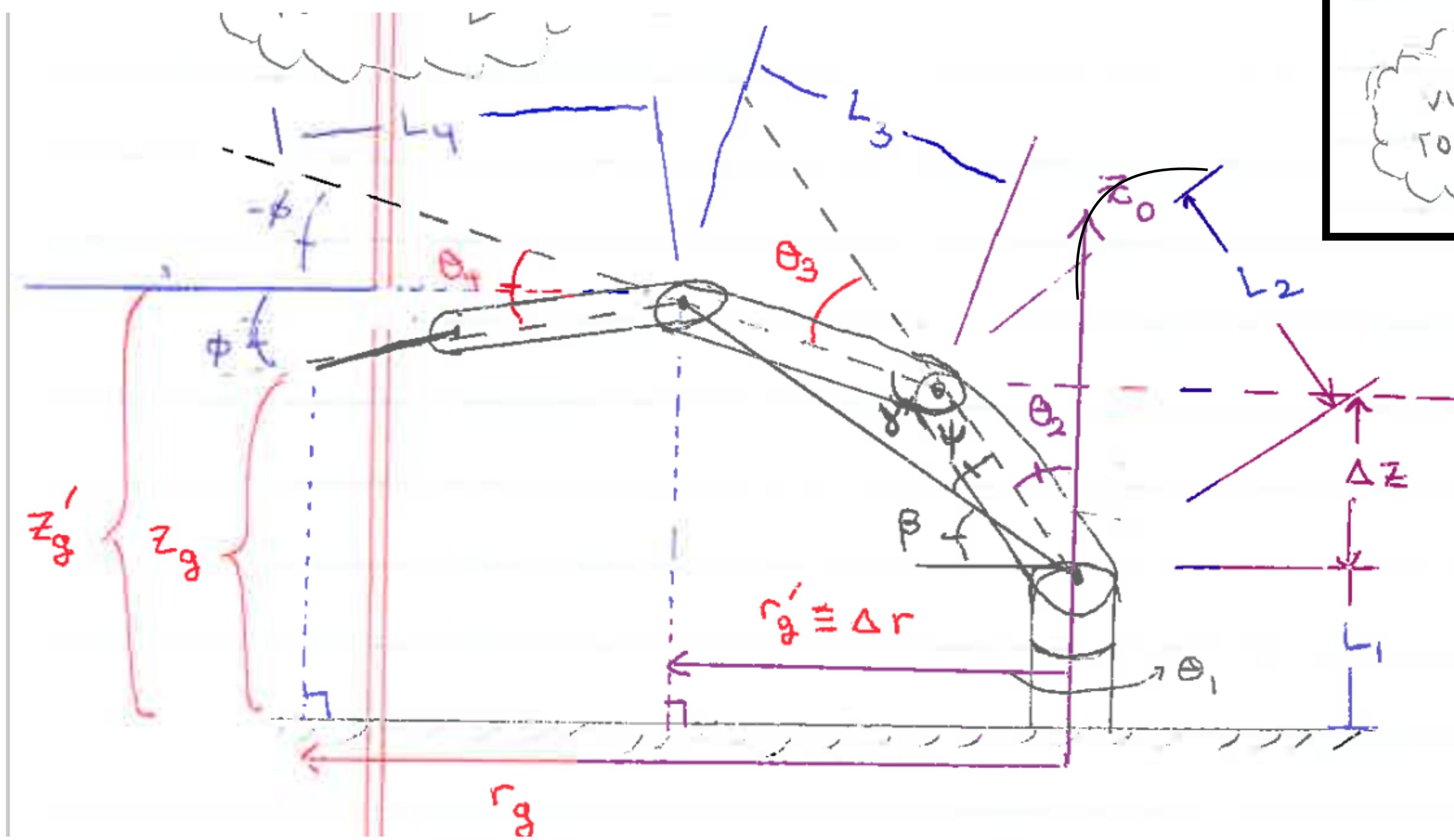
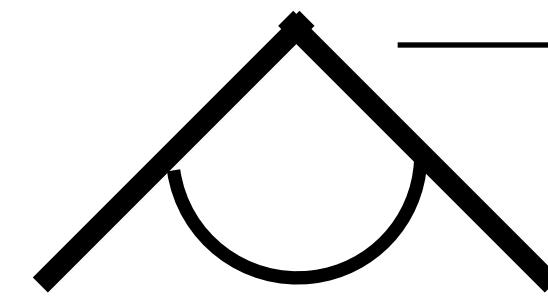
Find: configuration
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as robot joint angles



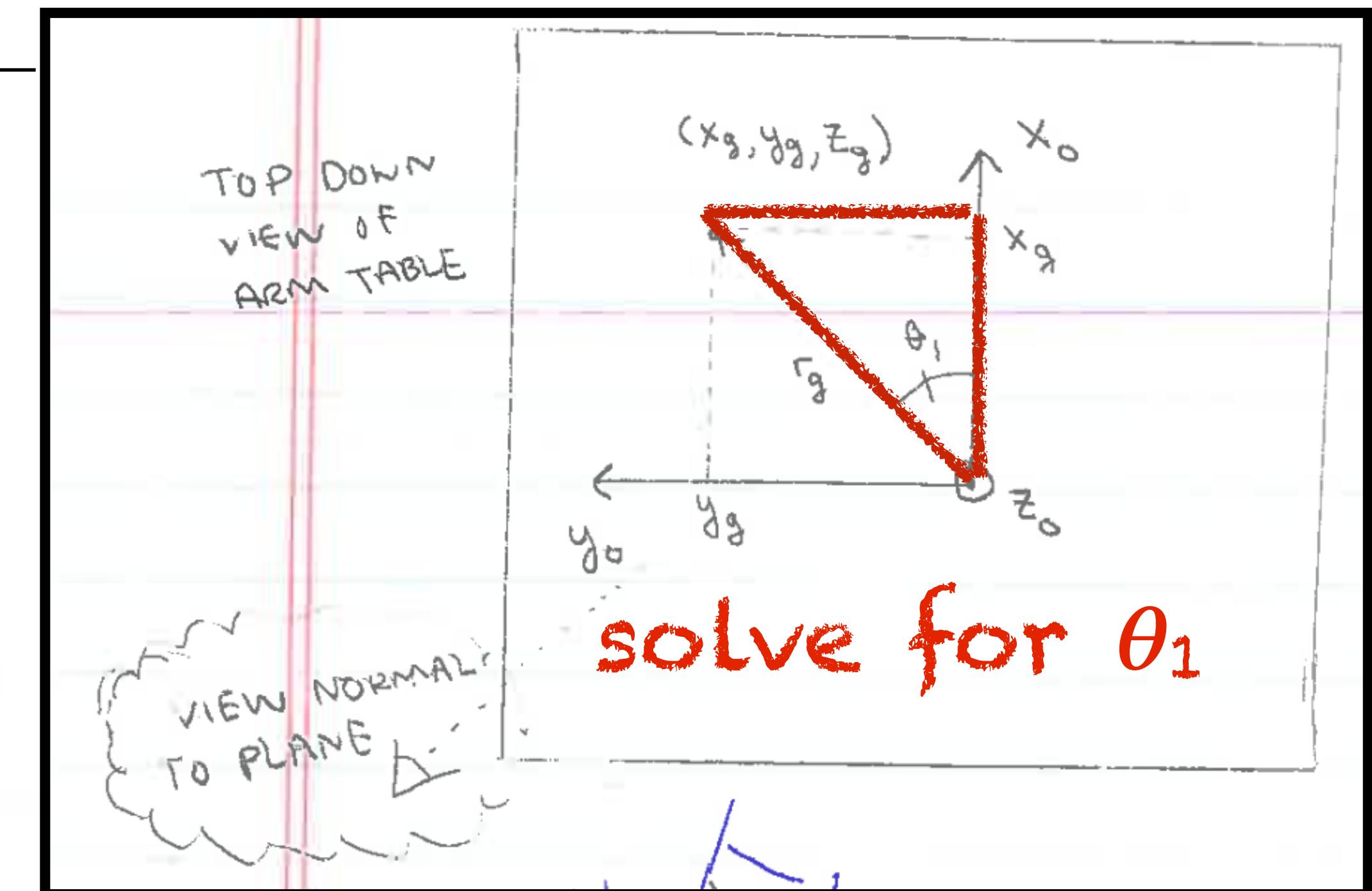
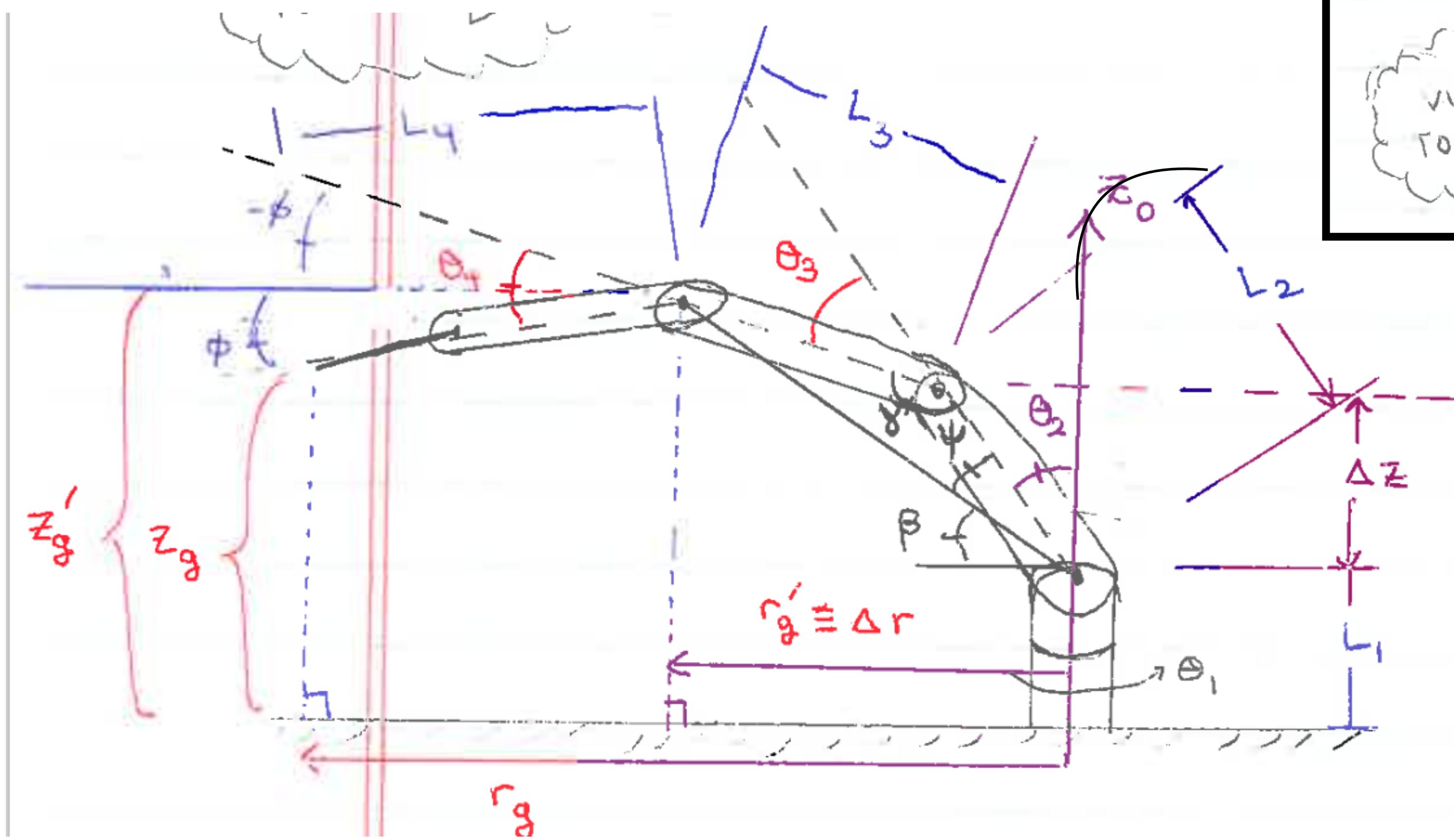
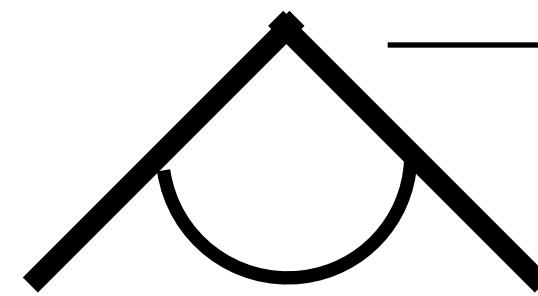


solve for θ_1

overhead view



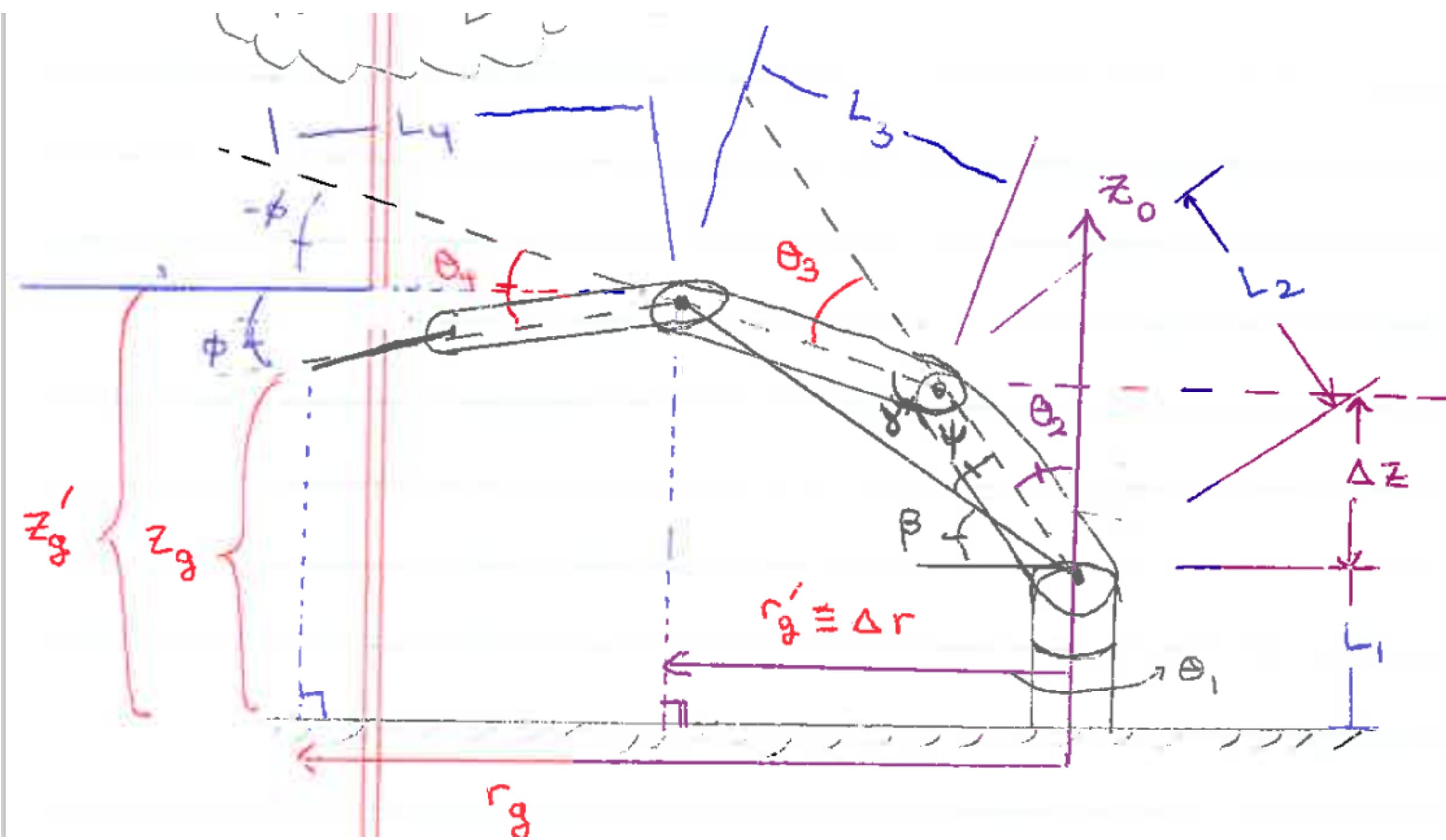
overhead view



$$\theta_1 = \text{atan2}(y_g, x_g)$$

solve for θ_1

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solve for θ_3

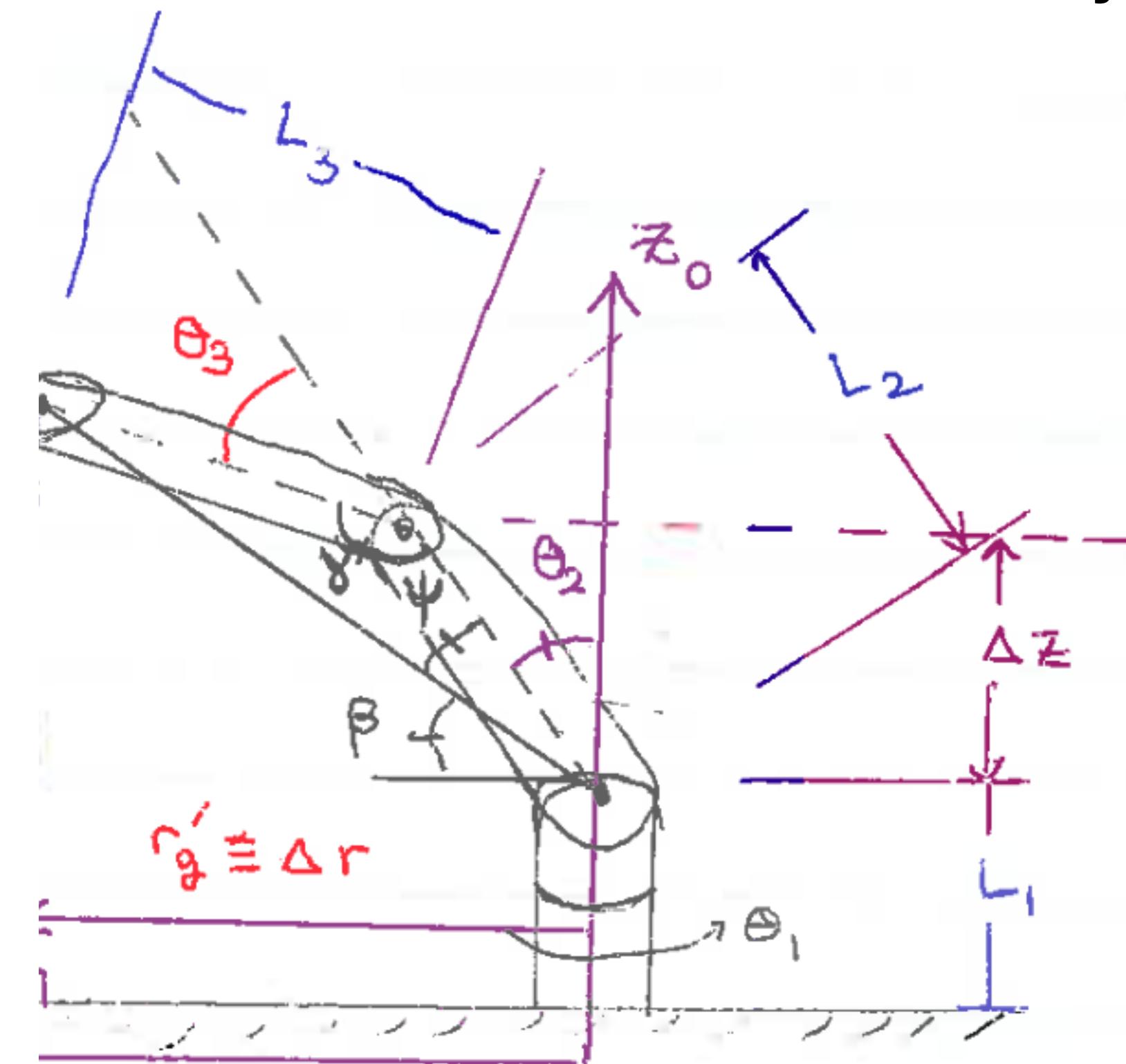
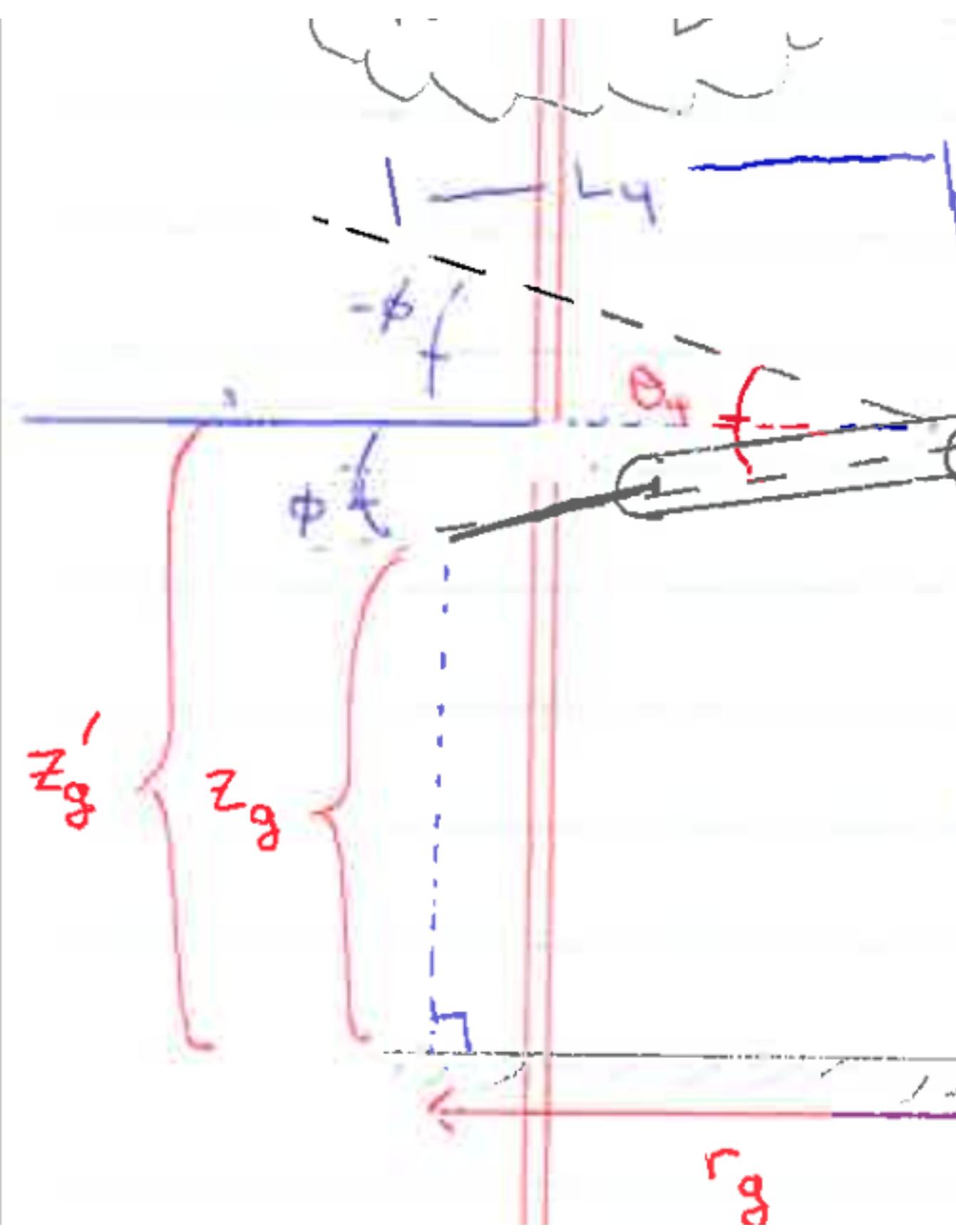
solve for θ_1

$$\theta_1 = \text{atan2}(y_g, x_g)$$

Decoupling:

solve for θ_3

separate endeffector from
rest of the robot at last joint



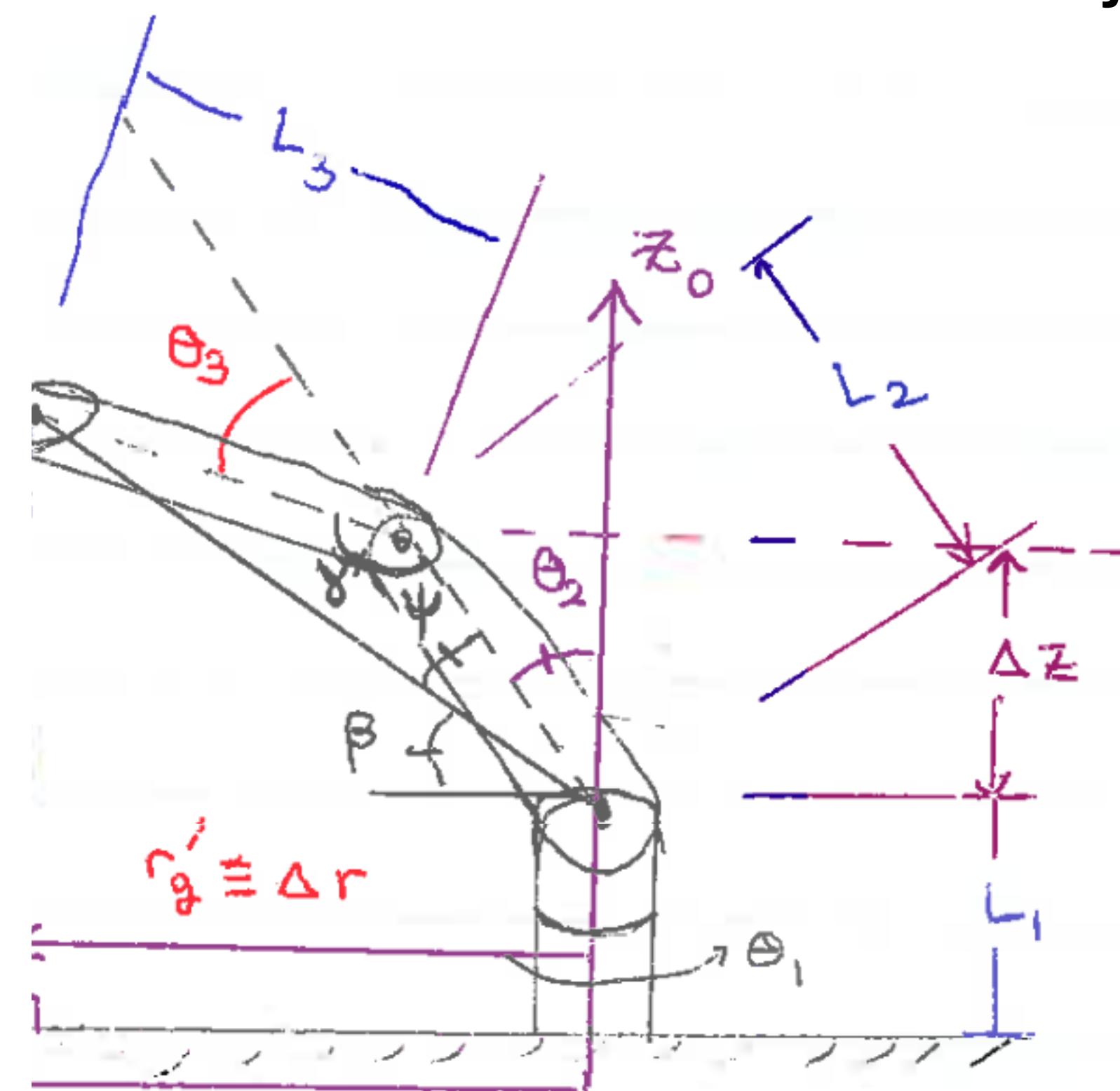
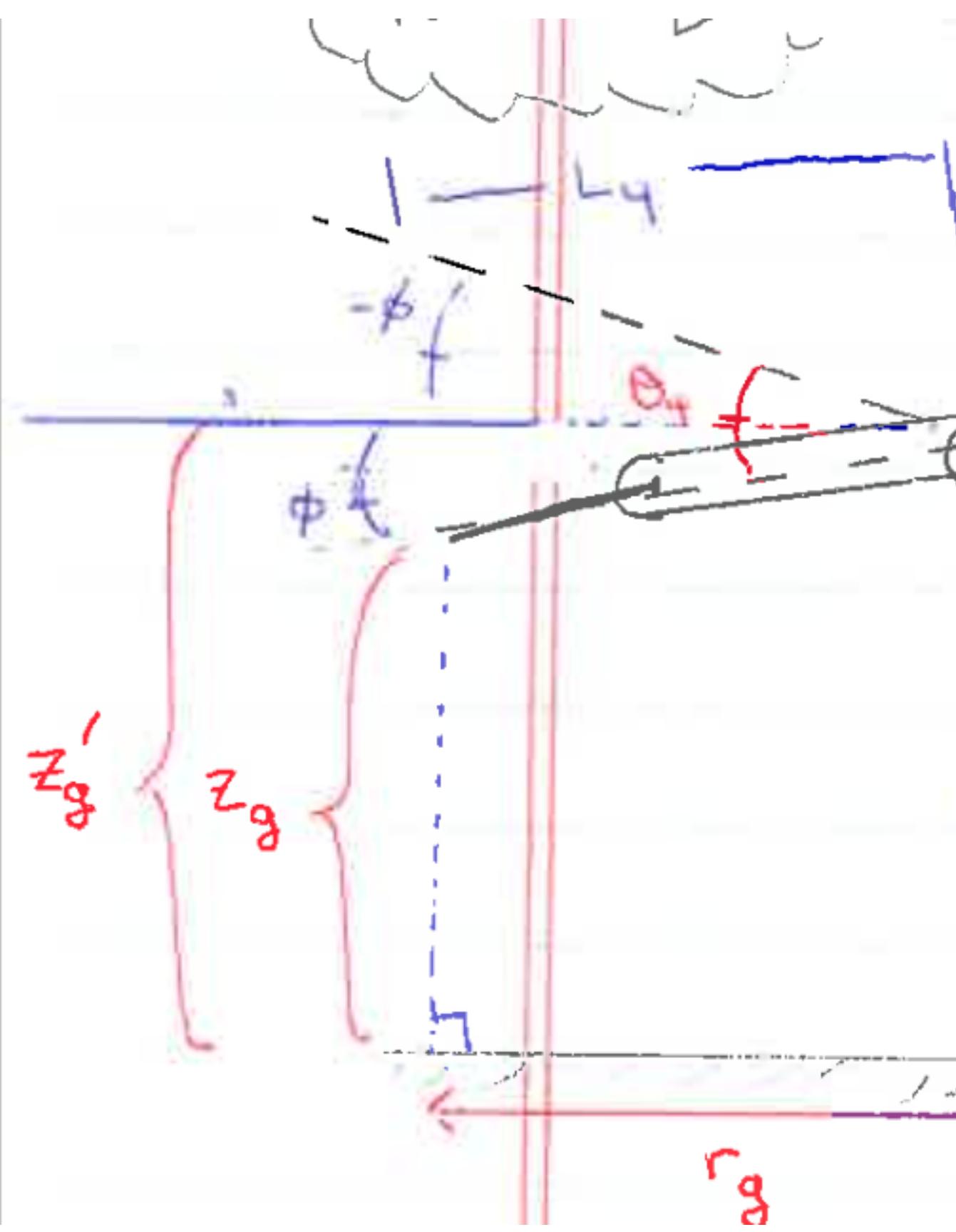
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Decoupling:

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and...

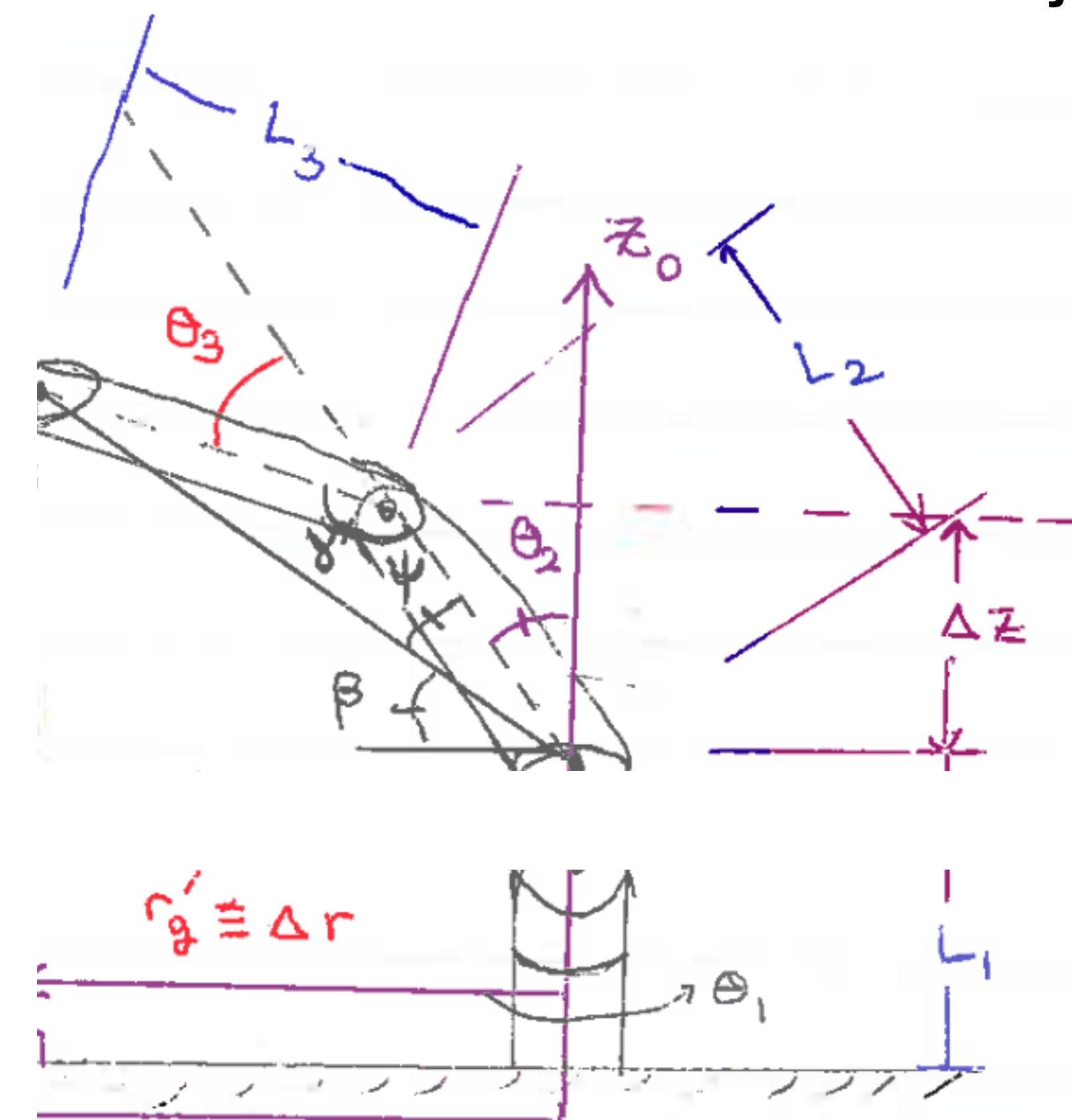
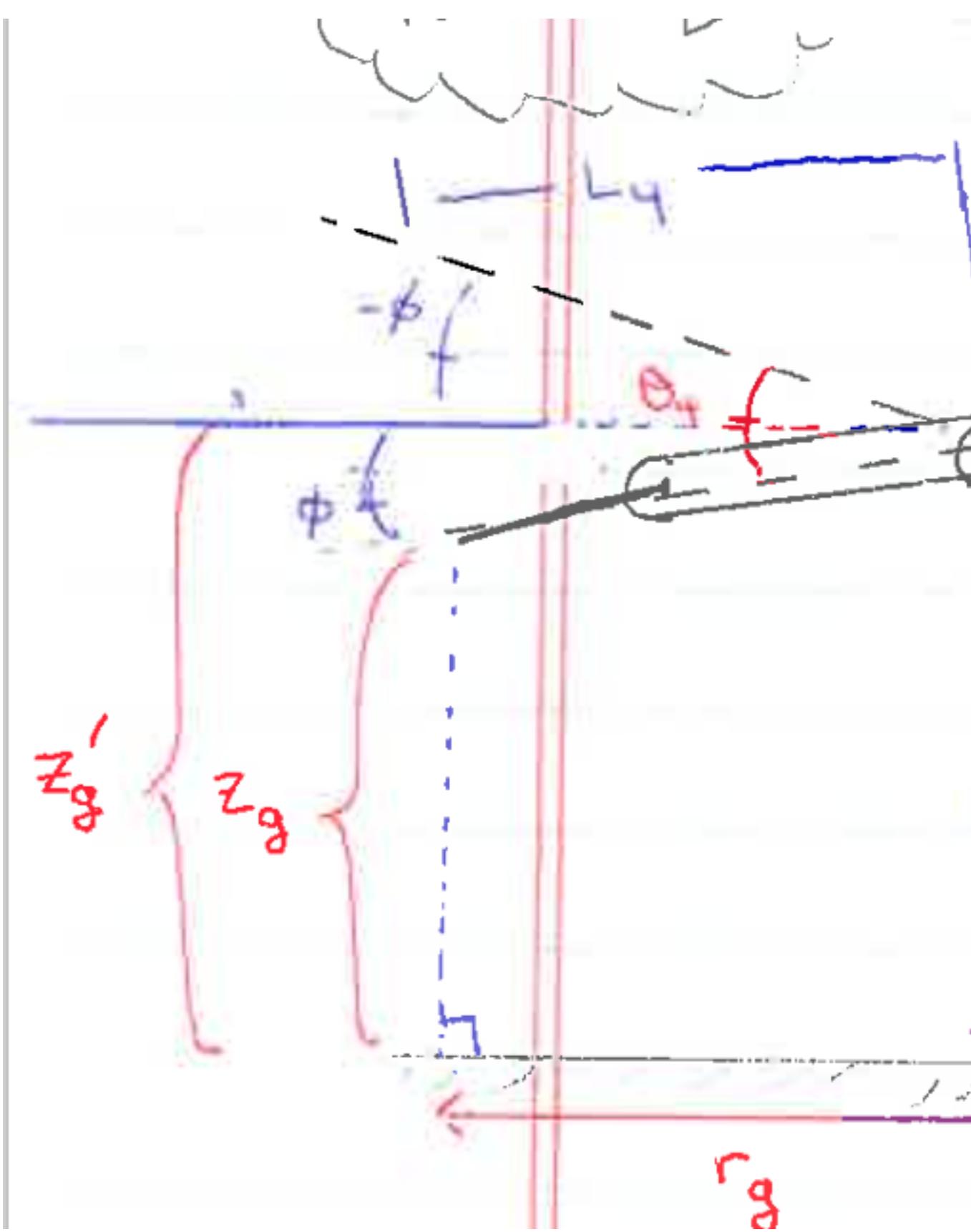
Solve for θ_1

$$\Theta_1 = \text{atan2}(y_g, x_g)$$

Decoupling

solve for θ_3

separate endeffector from
rest of the robot at last joint



and joint 1 from rest
of robot

solve for θ_1

$$\theta_1 = \text{atan2}(y_g, x_g)$$

solve for θ_3

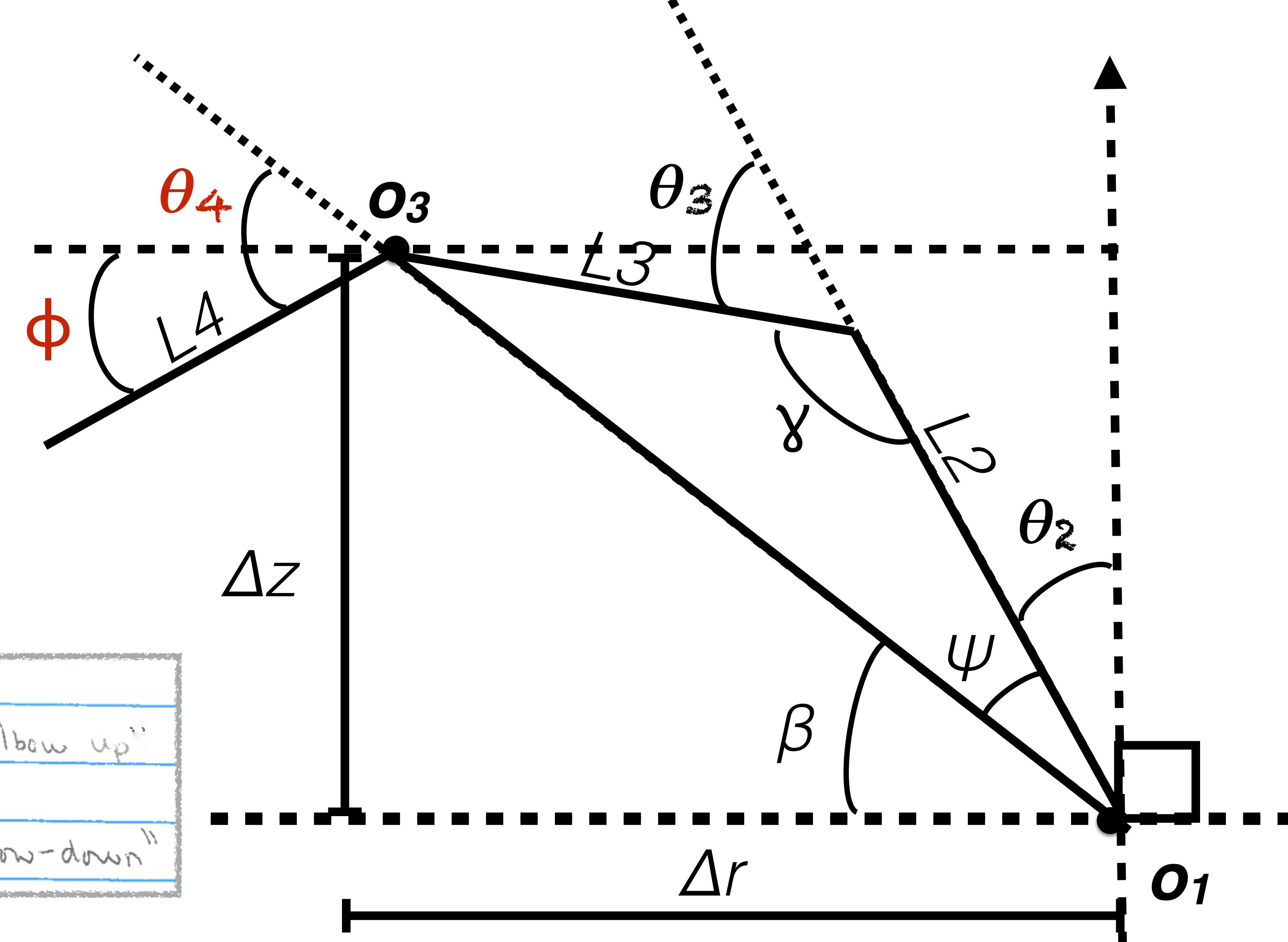
$$\cos \theta_3 = \frac{\Delta z^2 + \Delta r^2 - L_2^2 - L_3^2}{2 L_2 L_3}$$

solve for θ_2

$$\theta_2 = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta - \psi & \text{if } \theta_3 \geq 0 \quad \text{"Elbow up"} \\ \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta + \psi & \text{if } \theta_3 < 0 \quad \text{"Elbow-down"} \end{cases}$$

solve for θ_4

$$\theta_4 = \phi - \theta_2 - \theta_3 + \frac{\pi}{2}$$



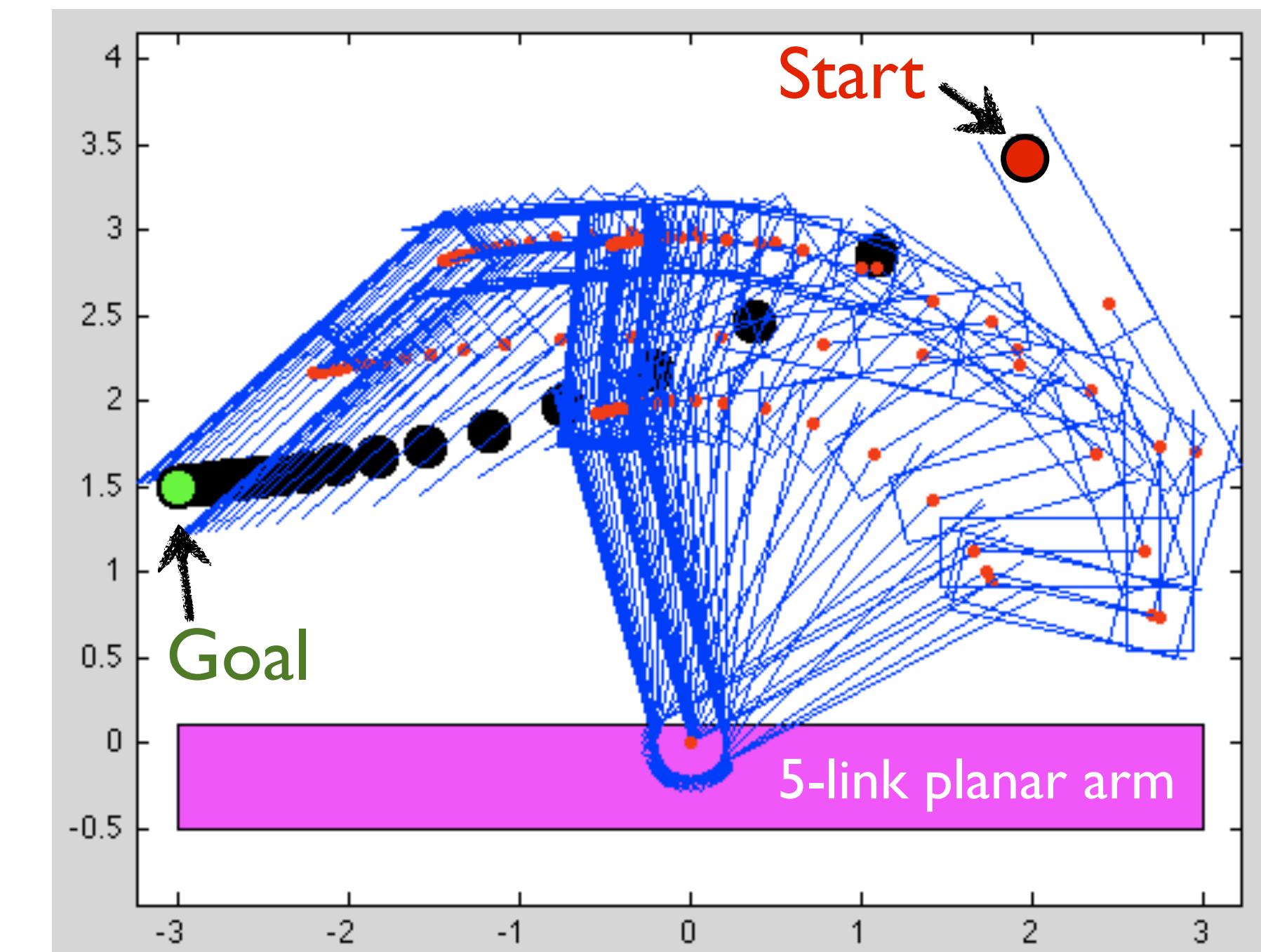
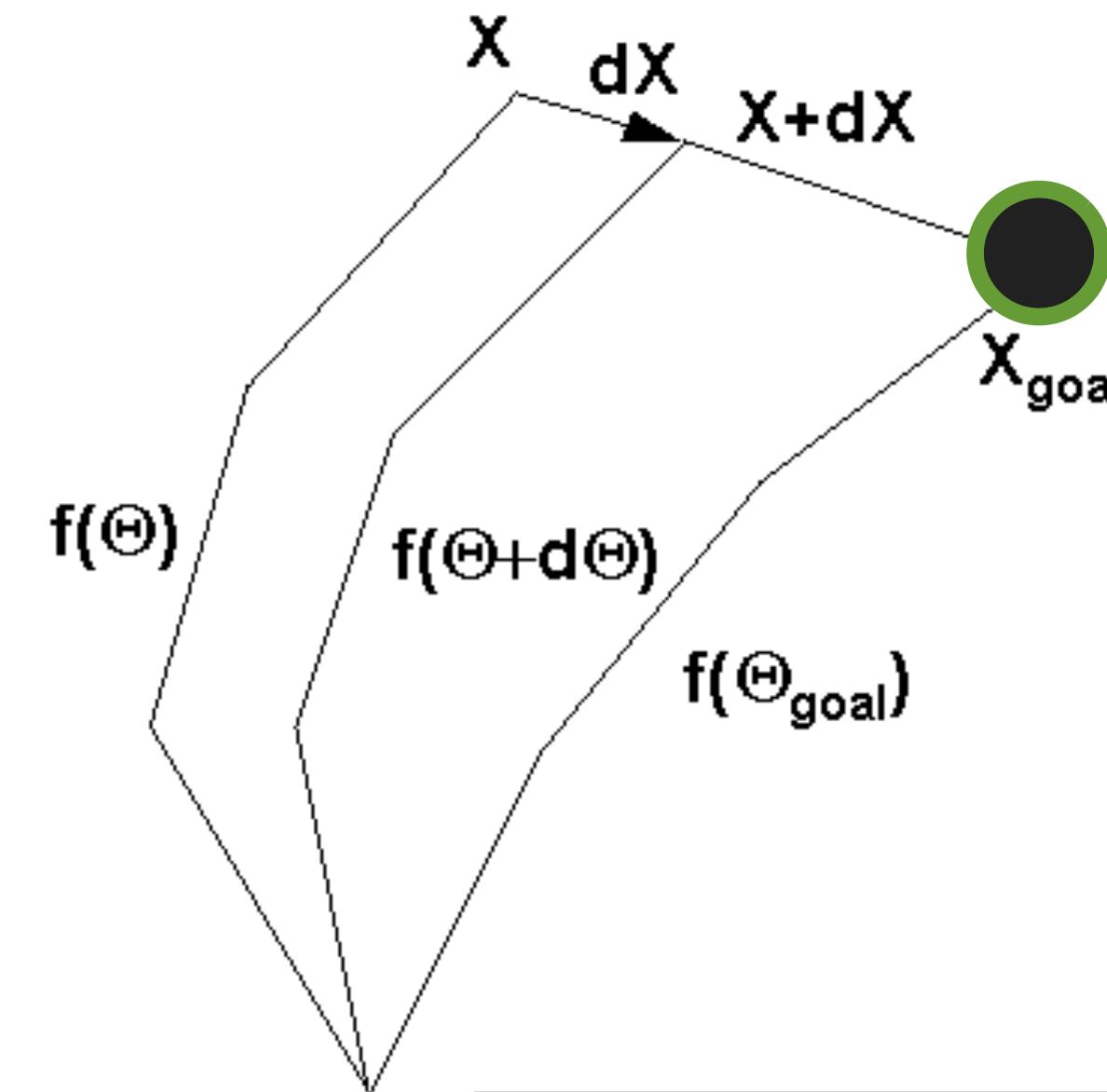
(Addition of angles in arm plane starting from \mathbf{z}_0)

Why Closed Form?

- Advantages
 - Speed: IK solution computed in constant time
 - Predictability: consistency in selecting satisfying IK solution
- Disadvantage
 - Generality: general form for arbitrary kinematics difficult to express

Iterative Solutions to IK

- Minimize error between current endeffector and its desired position
- Transform desired endeffector velocity into configuration space
- Repeatedly step to convergence at desired endeffector position



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

Next Class

- IK as an optimization problem
 - Gradient descent optimization
 - Manipulator Jacobian as the derivative of configuration
- Advanced: IK by Cyclic Coordinate Descent



Inverse Kinematics: Manipulator Jacobian