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## Midterm Exam

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	Points	Score
Problem 1	20	
Problem 2	15	
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Problem 4	15	
Problem 5	40	
Total		100

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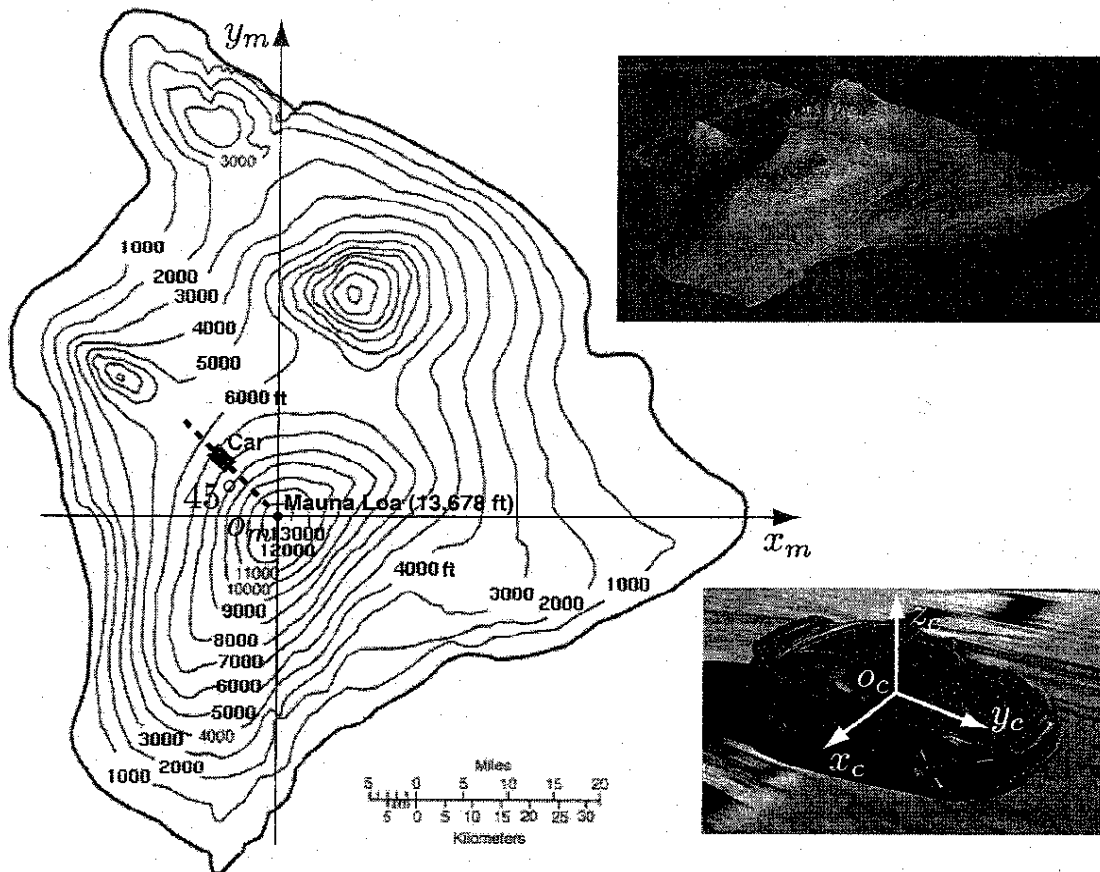
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**Problem 1: Homogeneous Transformations (20 points)**

The diagram below depicts a topographic map of the island of Hawaii. As you can see in the upper inset image, this island has a tall mountain named Mauna Loa plus some other peaks.

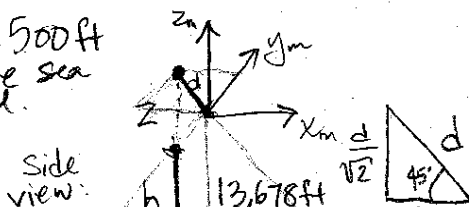
Each contour line on the topographic map marks a line of constant elevation above sea level, which is the outer border of the island. Each successive line shows an elevation (height) increase of 1000 ft, as marked. We place  $o_m$ , the origin of our mountain coordinate frame, at the top of Mauna Loa (elevation of 13,678 ft) with the axes  $x_m$  and  $y_m$  defined as shown;  $z_m$  is positive out of the page. The  $x$  and  $y$  distance scale is below the diagram; 1000 ft  $\approx$  305 m and 1 mile = 5280 ft.

Imagine you are driving your car straight up Mauna Loa, as shown by the dashed line and the rectangle marked "Car". From overhead, your path makes a  $45^\circ$  angle with the negative  $x_m$  axis. We rigidly attach a coordinate frame  $o_c x_c y_c z_c$  to your car, as shown in the lower right image.



- a. What is  $o_c^m$ , the position of the car's center expressed in the mountain frame? Please use either feet or meters for your calculations. (6 points)

$h \approx 7,500$  ft  
above sea level.

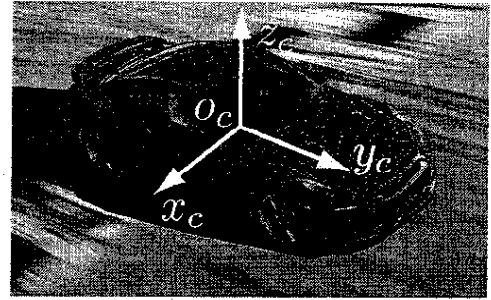
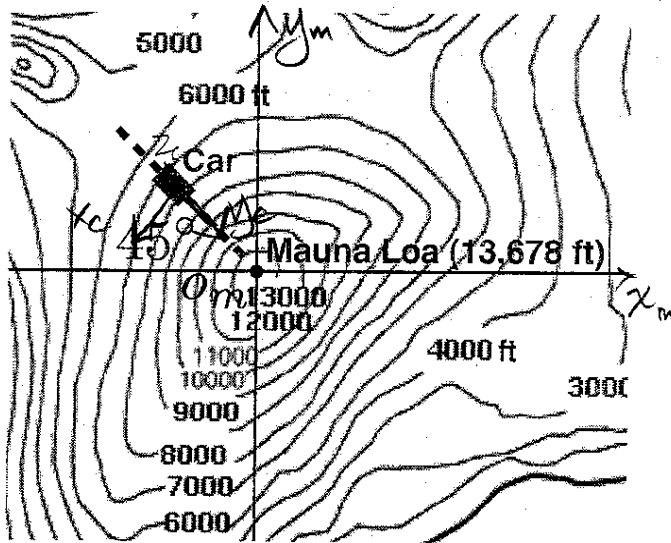


Car is about 10 miles from  $o_m$   
 $d \approx 10 \text{ miles} \cdot \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{\text{mile}} = 52,800 \text{ ft}$

$$o_c^m = \begin{bmatrix} -d/\sqrt{2} \\ d/\sqrt{2} \\ -13,678 \text{ ft} + h \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -37,335 \text{ ft} \\ 37,335 \text{ ft} \\ -6,178 \text{ ft} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -11,387 \text{ m} \\ 11,387 \text{ m} \\ -1884 \text{ m} \end{bmatrix}$$

\* Other numerical values are also reasonable, as the map does not provide precise coordinates, especially in  $x$  and  $y$  directions.

- b. What is  $R_c^m$ , the orientation of the car's coordinate frame expressed in the mountain frame? Clearly show how you get to your answer. (12 points)



Local slope of mountain 1000 ft up for ~3 miles

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{1000 \text{ ft}}{3.5280 \text{ ft}} \approx \tan \alpha \quad \alpha \approx \tan^{-1}(0.06313) \approx 3.61^\circ$$

Second rotate around fixed  $z$  axis  $-135^\circ$  for angle of drive  $R_{z, -135^\circ}$   
First rotate car up around  $x_c$  by  $3.61^\circ$  for Slope.  $R_{x, 3.61^\circ}$

\*Note that you get the same answer by first rotating  $-135^\circ$  around  $z$  axis, then  $3.61^\circ$  about intermediate  $x$  axis, so post multiply...

$$R_c^m = \begin{bmatrix} \cos -135^\circ & -\sin -135^\circ & 0 \\ \sin -135^\circ & \cos -135^\circ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 3.61^\circ & -\sin 3.61^\circ \\ 0 & \sin 3.61^\circ & \cos 3.61^\circ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos -135^\circ & -\sin -135^\circ \cos 3.61^\circ & \sin -135^\circ \sin 3.61^\circ \\ \sin -135^\circ & \cos -135^\circ \cos 3.61^\circ & -\cos -135^\circ \sin 3.61^\circ \\ 0 & \sin 3.61^\circ & \cos 3.61^\circ \end{bmatrix}$$

Check:  $x_c$  is in  $-x_m$  and  $-y_m$  directions ✓  
 $y_c$  is in  $+x_m$ ,  $-y_m$ ,  $+z_m$  directions ✓  
 $z_c$  is in  $+z_m$ ,  $-x_m$ ,  $+y_m$  directions ✓

- c. What is the homogeneous transformation  $H_c^m$ ? (2 points)

$$R_c^m = \begin{bmatrix} -0.707 & 0.7057 & -0.045 \\ -0.707 & -0.7097 & 0.045 \\ 0 & 0.063 & 0.998 \end{bmatrix}$$

\*Other numerical values ok

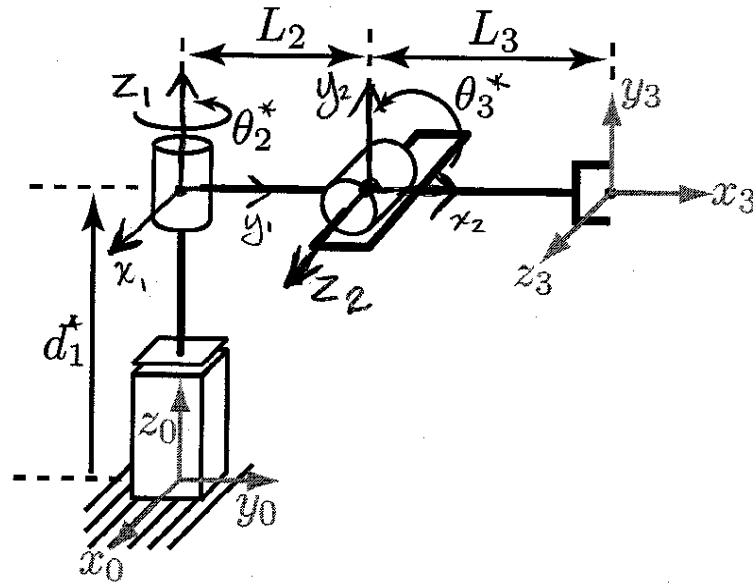
\*Just need correct structure.

$$H_c^m = \begin{bmatrix} R_c^m & o_c^m \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H_c^m = \begin{bmatrix} -0.707 & 0.706 & -0.045 & -11,387\text{m} \\ -0.707 & -0.706 & 0.045 & 11,387\text{m} \\ 0 & 0.063 & 0.998 & -1884\text{m} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 2: DH Parameters (15 points)**

The diagram below shows a PRR manipulator; this same robot appears in the last problem of this exam. The prismatic joint  $d_1$  is drawn at a positive displacement, and the revolute joints  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are drawn at zero. Positive joint directions are marked with arrows. The base frame is frame 0, and the end-effector frame is frame 3.



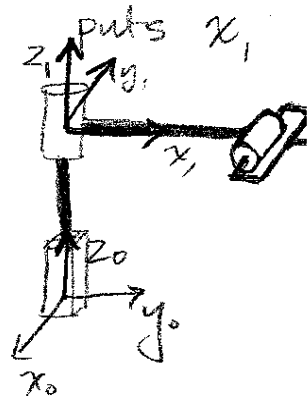
- Follow the Denavit-Hartenberg conventions to **draw your intermediate frames** on the diagram above. (3 points)
- Then fill in the table of **DH parameters** below. (12 points)

$i$	$a$	$\alpha$	$d$	$\theta$
1	0	0	$d_1^*$	0
2	$L_2$	$90^\circ$	0	$\theta_2^* + 90^\circ$
3	$L_3$	$0^\circ$	0	$\theta_3^*$

}  $90^\circ$  is another correct solution

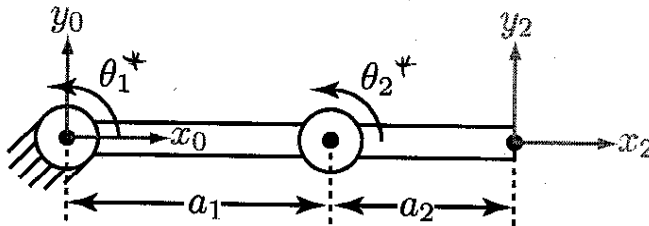
You did not need to use the \* notation

Other solutions also possible.



**Problem 3: More DH Parameters (10 points)**

The diagram below shows a planar manipulator with two revolute joints. Both  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are measured relative to the robot's previous link; the angles are zero in the depicted pose and increase when the links are rotated in the depicted directions. The base frame and the end-effector frame are defined in the drawing, with the base frame (frame 0) being stationary and the end-effector frame (frame 2) moving with the manipulator's distal link. Both  $z_0$  and  $z_2$  are positive out of the page. One correct set of DH parameters is listed below.



$i$	$a$	$\alpha$	$d$	$\theta$
1	$a_1$	0	0	$\theta_1$
2	$a_2$	0	0	$\theta_2$

- a. Write another correct set of DH parameters for this manipulator. They should yield the same  $T_2^0$  matrix as the parameters above but differ in a non-trivial way. (5 points)

The key insight on this problem is that you can change the intermediate

$i$	$a$	$\alpha$	$d$	$\theta$
1	$a_1$	0	$L$	$\theta_1^*$
2	$a_2$	0	$-L$	$\theta_2^*$

frame (Frame 1) but must still follow D-H rules.

↑ puts the intermediate frame out of the plane.

- b. Write a third correct set of DH parameters for this manipulator. They should yield the same  $T_2^0$  matrix but differ in a new non-trivial way from both sets above. (5 points)

Don't forget this negative!  $a_1$  is along  $x_1$ . Flips the direction of  $x_1$  - there are always two choices for  $x$ .

$i$	$a$	$\alpha$	$d$	$\theta$
1	$-a_1$	0	0	$\theta_1^* + 180^\circ$
2	$a_2$	0	0	$\theta_2^* + 180^\circ$

A final trick is to flip the direction of the  $z_1$  axis, since it's not specified, only the positive direction for  $\theta_2$ .

$i$	$a$	$\alpha$	$d$	$\theta$
1	$a_1$	$180^\circ$	0	$\theta_1^*$
2	$a_2$	$180^\circ$	0	$-\theta_2^*$

don't forget this negative sign.

↑ either or both of these could also be  $\theta^* - 180^\circ$  for the same effect.

Matlab code attached to prove equivalence.

## Contents

- Define the problem.
- First alternative.
- Second alternative.
- Third alternative.

% Clear the workspace.

### Define the problem.

% Define symbolic variables

syms a1 a2 theta1 theta2 L pi

% Calculate and simplify the correct transformation for the planar RR robot.

T02 = dh\_kuchenbe(a1,0,0,theta1)\*dh\_kuchenbe(a2,0,0,theta2)

T02 = simple(T02)

T02 =

```
[ cos(theta1)*cos(theta2) - sin(theta1)*sin(theta2), - cos(theta1)*sin(theta2) - cos(theta2)*sin(theta1), 0, 0]
[ cos(theta1)*sin(theta2) + cos(theta2)*sin(theta1),  cos(theta1)*cos(theta2) - sin(theta1)*sin(theta2), 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 1, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 1]
```

T02 =

```
[ cos(theta1 + theta2), -sin(theta1 + theta2), 0, a2*cos(theta1 + theta2) + a1*cos(theta1)]
[ sin(theta1 + theta2),  cos(theta1 + theta2), 0, a2*sin(theta1 + theta2) + a1*sin(theta1)]
[ 0, 0, 1, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 1]
```

### First alternative.

% Calculate and simplify the first alternative, which puts frame 1 out of  
% the plane of the robot by a distance L. Since all the revolute axes are  
% parallel, we can put the intermediate frame wherever we want along z1.

A = dh\_kuchenbe(a1,0,L,theta1)\*dh\_kuchenbe(a2,0,-L,theta2)

A = simple(A)

% Subtract the two matrices to see if they are truly the same.

A - T02

A =

```
[ cos(theta1)*cos(theta2) - sin(theta1)*sin(theta2), - cos(theta1)*sin(theta2) - cos(theta2)*sin(theta1), 0, 0]
[ cos(theta1)*sin(theta2) + cos(theta2)*sin(theta1),  cos(theta1)*cos(theta2) - sin(theta1)*sin(theta2), 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 1, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 1]
```

A =

```
[ cos(theta1 + theta2), -sin(theta1 + theta2), 0, a2*cos(theta1 + theta2) + a1*cos(theta1)]
[ sin(theta1 + theta2),  cos(theta1 + theta2), 0, a2*sin(theta1 + theta2) + a1*sin(theta1)]
[          0,          0, 1,          0]
[          0,          0, 0,          1]
```

ans =

```
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
```

*all zeros,  
so identical.*

## Second alternative.

% Calculate and simplify the second alternative, which flips the direction  
% of x1 to point toward o2 instead of away from it. We can always choose  
% the direction of the x-axis to be toward or away from the previous frame.  
% This change requires adding pi radians (180 degrees) to both thetas and  
% also moving a negative a1 for the first x-step.

```
B = dh_kuchenbe(-a1,0,0,theta1+pi)*dh_kuchenbe(a2,0,0,theta2+pi)
B = simple(B)
```

% Subtract the two matrices to see if they are truly the same.  
B - T02

% Either or both of the positive pi radians offsets can be negative.  
B\_alt = dh\_kuchenbe(-a1,0,0,theta1-pi)\*dh\_kuchenbe(a2,0,0,theta2-pi);  
B\_alt = simple(B\_alt)

% Subtract the two matrices to see if they are truly the same.  
B\_alt - T02

B =

```
[ cos(theta1)*cos(theta2) - sin(theta1)*sin(theta2), - cos(theta1)*sin(theta2) - cos(theta2)*sin(theta1), 0, a2*cos(theta1 + theta2) + a1*cos(theta1)]
[ cos(theta1)*sin(theta2) + cos(theta2)*sin(theta1),  cos(theta1)*cos(theta2) - sin(theta1)*sin(theta2), 0, a2*sin(theta1 + theta2) + a1*sin(theta1)]
[          0,          0, 1,          0]
[          0,          0, 0,          1]
```

B =

```
[ cos(theta1 + theta2), -sin(theta1 + theta2), 0, a2*cos(theta1 + theta2) + a1*cos(theta1)]
[ sin(theta1 + theta2),  cos(theta1 + theta2), 0, a2*sin(theta1 + theta2) + a1*sin(theta1)]
```

```
[
    0,
    0, 1,
    0, 0,
    0]
```

ans =

```
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
```

B\_alt =

```
[ cos(theta1 + theta2), -sin(theta1 + theta2), 0, a2*cos(theta1 + theta2) + a1*cos(theta1)]
[ sin(theta1 + theta2),  cos(theta1 + theta2), 0, a2*sin(theta1 + theta2) + a1*sin(theta1)]
[
    0,
    0, 1,
    0, 0,
    0]
```

ans =

```
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
```

*all zeros*

### Third alternative.

```
% Calculate and simplify the third alternative, which flips the direction
% of z1 to point into the page instead of toward it. Doing so requires us
% to enter -theta2 as the joint angle for that joint, and it also requires
% both alphas to be positive or negative pi radians (180 degrees). This
% alternative might seem to violate the DH rules, but it does yield the
% same final transformation matrix.
```

```
C = dh_kuchenbe(a1,pi,0,theta1)*dh_kuchenbe(a2,pi,0,-theta2)
C = simple(C)
```

```
% Subtract the two matrices to see if they are truly the same.
C - T02
```

C =

```
[ cos(theta1)*cos(theta2) - sin(theta1)*sin(theta2), - cos(theta1)*sin(theta2) - cos(theta2)*sin(theta1),
[ cos(theta1)*sin(theta2) + cos(theta2)*sin(theta1),  cos(theta1)*cos(theta2) - sin(theta1)*sin(theta2),
[
    0,
    0,
```



C =

```
[ cos(theta1 + theta2), -sin(theta1 + theta2), 0, a2*cos(theta1 + theta2) + a1*cos(theta1)]  
[ sin(theta1 + theta2),  cos(theta1 + theta2), 0, a2*sin(theta1 + theta2) + a1*sin(theta1)]  
[      0,      0, 1, 0]  
[      0,      0, 0, 1]
```

ans =

```
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]  
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]  
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]  
[ 0, 0, 0, 0]
```

*all zeros*

**Problem 4: Calculating a Trajectory (15 points)**

We seek a trajectory  $d(t)$  that will move a prismatic robot joint from position  $d_0 = 4$  cm at time  $t_0 = 0$  s to be at position  $d_f = 8$  cm at time  $t_f = 2$  s. The trajectory should have zero initial and final velocity. To avoid colliding with an obstacle in the environment, this trajectory must move through an intermediate point  $d_i = 0$  cm at time  $t_i = 1$  s. The trajectory must be continuous in position, velocity, and acceleration at the midpoint  $t_i = 1$  s.

We will create this trajectory using two different cubic polynomials. Let the trajectory be described as follows:

$$\text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1 \text{ s, } d(t) = \alpha(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3 \quad \ddot{\alpha}(t) = 2a_2 + 6a_3 t$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq t \leq 2 \text{ s, } d(t) = \beta(t) = b_0 + b_1(t-1) + b_2(t-1)^2 + b_3(t-1)^3 \quad \ddot{\beta}(t) = 2b_2 + 6b_3(t-1)$$

- a. Write down all of the **independent equations** that the unknown coefficients ( $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3$ ) must satisfy to obey the constraints listed above. (8 points)

$$\alpha(t=0) = 4 \text{ cm} = a_0 \quad \text{initial position}$$

$$\dot{\alpha}(t=0) = 0 \text{ cm/s} = a_1 \quad \text{init. vel.}$$

$$\dot{\alpha}(t=1) = \dot{\beta}(t=1) \quad \text{intermediate velocity}$$

$$a_1 + 2a_2(1) + 3a_3(1)^2 = b_1 \quad \text{intermediate position}$$

$$\alpha(t=1) = 0 \text{ cm} = a_0 + a_1(1) + a_2(1)^2 + a_3(1)^3$$

$$2a_2 + 6a_3(1) = 2b_2 \quad \text{intermediate acceleration}$$

$$\beta(t=1) = 0 \text{ cm} = b_0 \quad \text{intermediate position}$$

$$\beta(t=2) = 8 \text{ cm} = b_0 + b_1(1) + b_2(1)^2 + b_3(1)^3 \quad \text{final position}$$

$$\dot{\beta}(t=2) = 0 \text{ cm/s} = b_1 + 2b_2(1) + 3b_3(1)^2 \quad \text{final velocity}$$

8 unknowns,  
So need 8 equations.

- b. Given the additional information that  $a_3 = 11 \text{ cm/s}^3$ ,  $b_1 = 3 \text{ cm/s}$ , and  $b_3 = -13 \text{ cm/s}^3$ , solve for the other coefficients. Include appropriate units. (7 points)

$$a_0 = 4 \text{ cm}$$

$$a_2 = ?$$

$$a_1 = 0 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$b_2 = ?$$

$$b_0 = 0 \text{ cm}$$

$$0 \text{ cm/s} = b_1 + 2sb_2 + 3s^2b_3$$

$$0 \text{ cm/s} = (3 \text{ cm/s}) + (2s)b_2 + (3s^2)(-13 \text{ cm/s}^3)$$

$$-(2s)b_2 = 3 \text{ cm/s} - 39 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$-(2s)b_2 = -36 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$b_2 = (36 \text{ cm/s}) / (2s)$$

$$b_2 = 18 \text{ cm/s}^2$$

\*Don't forget units

$$0 \text{ cm} = a_0 + (1s)a_1 + (1s^2)a_2 + (1s^3)a_3$$

$$0 \text{ cm} = 4 \text{ cm} + (1s)(0 \text{ cm/s}) + (1s^2)a_2 + (1s^3)(11 \text{ cm/s}^3)$$

$$-4 \text{ cm} = 0 \text{ cm} + (1s^2)a_2 + 11 \text{ cm}$$

$$(1s^2)a_2 = -15 \text{ cm}$$

$$a_2 = -15 \text{ cm/s}^2$$

$$a_0 = 4 \text{ cm}$$

$$b_0 = 0 \text{ cm}$$

$$a_1 = 0 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$b_1 = 3 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$a_2 = -15 \text{ cm/s}^2$$

$$b_2 = 18 \text{ cm/s}^2$$

$$a_3 = 11 \text{ cm/s}^3$$

$$b_3 = -13 \text{ cm/s}^3$$

Matlab code attached to show the resulting trajectory

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## Clear the workspace.

```
clear
```

## Set coefficient values.

```
a0 = 4; % cm
a1 = 0; % cm/s
a2 = -15; % cm/s^2
a3 = 11; % cm/s^3

b0 = 0; % cm
b1 = 3; % cm/s
b2 = 18; % cm/s^2
b3 = -13; % cm/s^3
```

## Calculate the trajectories.

```
% Create time vector from 0 s to 1 s.
tstep = 0.01;
t = (0:tstep:1)';

% Calculate alpha.
alpha = a0 + a1*t + a2*t.^2 + a3*t.^3;

% Store alpha's time vector.
talpha = t;

% Create time vector from 1 s to 2 s.
t = (1:tstep:2)';

% Calculate beta.
beta = b0 + b1*(t-1) + b2*(t-1).^2 + b3*(t-1).^3;

% Store beta's time vector.
tbeta = t;
```

## Plot the trajectories.

```
% Open figure.
figure(1)
```

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```
clf
```

```
% Plot alpha and beta, both of which are cubic trajectories.
```

```
subplot(3,1,1)
```

```
plot(talpha,alpha,'r',tbeta,beta,'b')
```

```
xlabel('Time (s)')
```

```
ylabel('d (cm)')
```

```
% Plot first derivative (velocity) of both trajectories.
```

```
subplot(3,1,2)
```

```
plot(talpha,a1+2*a2*talpha+3*a3*talpha.^2,'r',tbeta,b1+2*b2*(tbeta-1)+3*b3*(tbeta-1).^2,'b')
```

```
xlabel('Time (s)')
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ylabel('ddot (cm/s)')
```

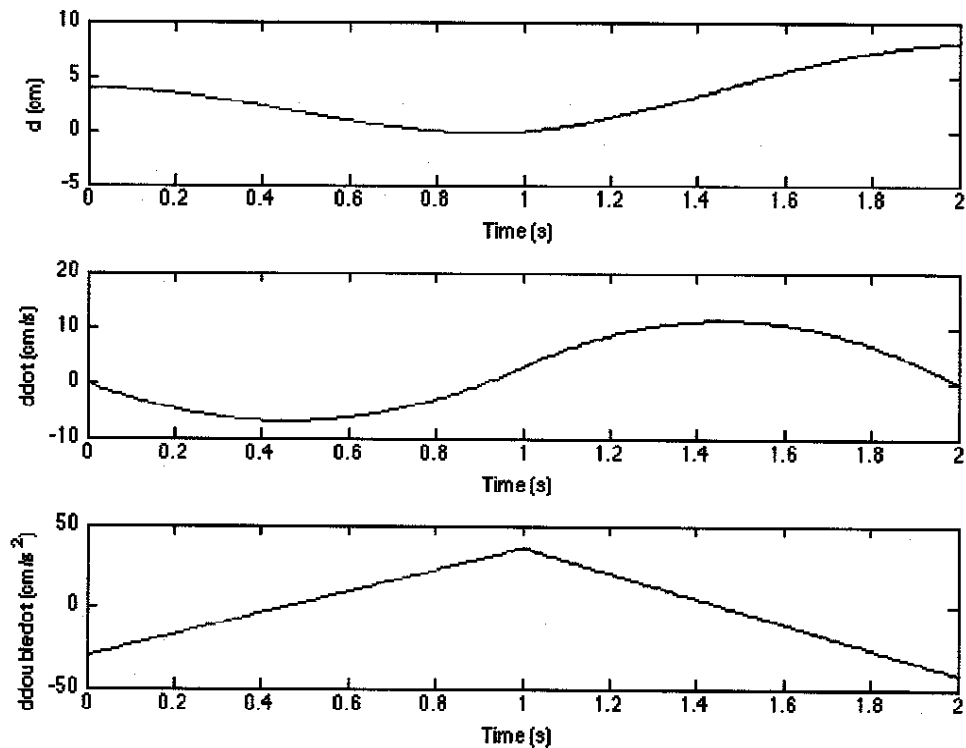
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% Plot second derivative (acceleration) of both.
```

```
subplot(3,1,3)
```

```
plot(talpha,2*a2+6*a3*talpha,'r',tbeta,2*b2+6*b3*(tbeta-1),'b')
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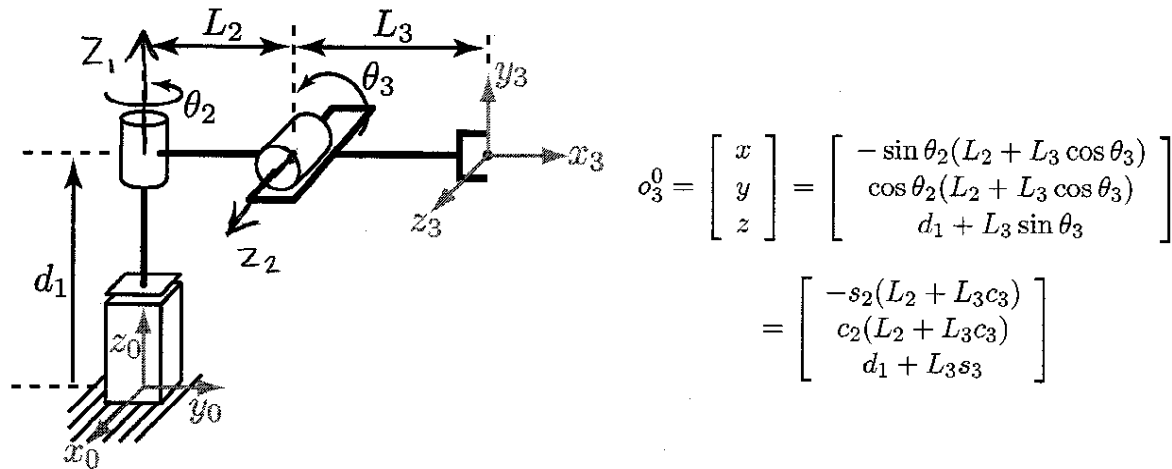
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xlabel('Time (s)')
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ylabel('ddoubledot (cm/s^2)')
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## Problem 5: Velocity Kinematics and Singularities (40 points)



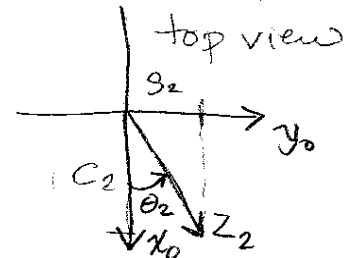
The diagram above shows a PRR manipulator; this same robot appears in the second problem of this exam. The prismatic joint  $d_1$  is drawn at a positive displacement, and the revolute joints  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are drawn at zero. Positive joint directions are marked with arrows. The end-effector frame is frame 3; the position of the end-effector's origin in frame 0 is written above.

- a. What is the **angular velocity Jacobian**  $J_w$  for this robot? (4 points)

$$J_w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cos(\theta_2) \\ 0 & 0 & \sin(\theta_2) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$        $\uparrow$        $\uparrow$   
 prismatic    $z_1^0$        $z_2^0$

\*Common error is to put 0 as third column, but  $z_2$  rotates around  $z_1$ .

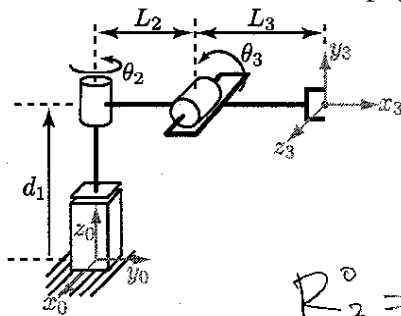


- b. The robot is in the pose depicted above with  $d_1 = 0.1 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\dot{\theta}_2 = -0.2 \text{ rad/s}$ , and  $\dot{\theta}_3 = 0.3 \text{ rad/s}$ . What is  $\omega_{0,3}^0$ , the **angular velocity of the end-effector frame** relative to frame 0, expressed in frame 0? (3 points)

$$\omega_{0,3}^0 = J_w \begin{bmatrix} \dot{d}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & c_2 \\ 0 & 0 & s_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \text{ m/s} \\ -0.2 \text{ rad/s} \\ 0.3 \text{ rad/s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 \cdot 0.3 \text{ rad/s} \\ s_2 \cdot 0.3 \text{ rad/s} \\ -0.2 \text{ rad/s} \end{bmatrix}$$

at pose shown,  $\theta_2 = 0^\circ$  so  $s_2 = 0$   $c_2 = 1$

$$\omega_{0,3}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \text{ rad/s} \\ 0 \text{ rad/s} \\ -0.2 \text{ rad/s} \end{bmatrix}$$



$${}^0_3 \mathbf{o} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -s_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) \\ c_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) \\ d_1 + L_3 s_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

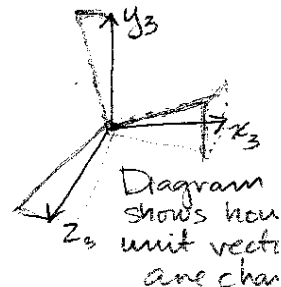
$$R_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ from inspection}$$

- c. For the same conditions (the pose depicted above with  $d_1 = 0.1 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\dot{\theta}_2 = -0.2 \text{ rad/s}$ , and  $\dot{\theta}_3 = 0.3 \text{ rad/s}$ ), what is  $\frac{dR_3^0}{dt}$ , the **time derivative of the rotation matrix** that represents the orientation of the end-effector frame relative to the base frame? (6 points)

$$\frac{dR_3^0}{dt} = S(\vec{\omega}) R_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.2/s & 0 \\ -0.2/s & 0 & -0.3/s \\ 0 & 0.3/s & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \text{ rad/s} \\ 0 \\ -0.2 \text{ rad/s} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{dR_3^0}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \text{ rad/s} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.3 \text{ rad/s} & -0.2 \text{ rad/s} \\ 0.3 \text{ rad/s} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

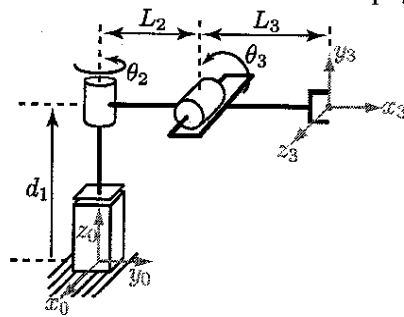


- d. Calculate the **linear velocity Jacobian**  $J_v$  for this robot. (8 points)

$${}^0_3 \mathbf{o} = \begin{bmatrix} -s_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) \\ c_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) \\ d_1 + L_3 s_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad J_v = \begin{bmatrix} \partial x / \partial d_1 & \partial x / \partial \theta_2 & \partial x / \partial \theta_3 \\ \partial y / \partial d_1 & \partial y / \partial \theta_2 & \partial y / \partial \theta_3 \\ \partial z / \partial d_1 & \partial z / \partial \theta_2 & \partial z / \partial \theta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -c_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) & L_3 s_2 s_3 \\ 0 & -s_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) & -L_3 c_2 s_3 \\ 1 & 0 & L_3 c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check: in zero config:  $J_v(0,0,0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -(L_2+L_3) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & L_3 \end{bmatrix}$  ✓



$${}^0_3 \mathbf{o} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -s_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) \\ c_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) \\ d_1 + L_3 s_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- e. Imagine the robot is at  $d_1 = 1\text{ m}$ ,  $\theta_2 = \pi\text{ rad}$ , and  $\theta_3 = \pi/2\text{ rad}$ . What is  $\mathbf{v}_3^0$ , the **linear velocity of the end-effector**, in terms of  $\dot{d}_1$ ,  $\dot{\theta}_2$ ,  $\dot{\theta}_3$ ,  $L_2$ , and  $L_3$ ? Sketch the manipulator in this configuration to check your answer graphically. (4 points)

$d_1 = 1\text{ m}$   
 $\theta_2 = \pi\text{ rad}$   $s_2 = 0$   $c_2 = -1$   
 $\theta_3 = \pi/2\text{ rad}$   $s_3 = 1$   $c_3 = 0$

$$\mathbf{v}_3^0 = \mathbf{J}_v \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{d}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{J}_v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -(L_2 + 0) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -L_3(-1)(1) \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & L_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & L_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{d}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_2 \dot{\theta}_2 \\ L_3 \dot{\theta}_3 \\ \dot{d}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{v}_3^0$$

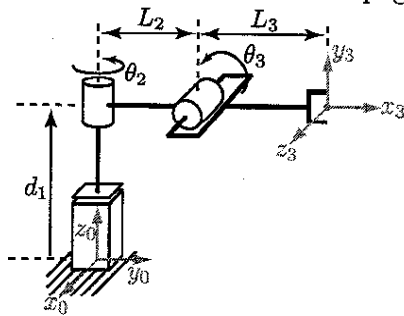
$\dot{\theta}_2 > 0$  moves  $+x_0$ ,  $L_2$  moment arm  
 $\dot{\theta}_3 > 0$  moves  $+y_0$ ,  $L_3$  moment arm  $d_1 \uparrow z_0$  ✓

- f. Imagine you pre-multiplied  $\mathbf{J}_v$  by  $\mathbf{R}_0^3$ . What could you calculate with the resulting matrix  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{R}_0^3 \mathbf{J}_v$ ? (3 points)

$$\mathbf{R}_0^3 \mathbf{J}_v$$

Also,  $\det(\mathbf{R}_0^3 \mathbf{J}_v)$   
 $= \det(\mathbf{R}_0^3) \det(\mathbf{J}_v)$   
 $= 1 \cdot \det(\mathbf{J}_v)$   
 could be used to  
 find singularities... Sometimes easier!

Pre-multiplying by  $\mathbf{R}_0^3$  converts the output to be expressed in frame 3, the end-effector frame. It can be useful to specify the velocity of the end-effector in this way.



$$o_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -s_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) \\ c_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) \\ d_1 + L_3 s_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- g. Use your answers from above to derive the **singular configurations** of the arm, if any, assuming  $L_3 > L_2 > 0$  m. **Sketch** the manipulator in each singular configuration that you find, and explain what effect the singularity has on the robot's motion in that configuration. (12 points)

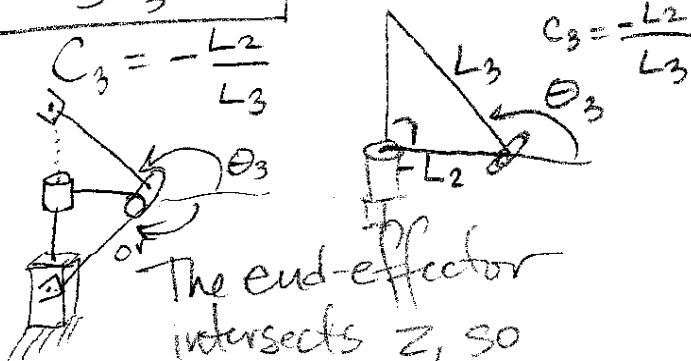
$$J_v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -c_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) & L_3 s_2 s_3 \\ 0 & -s_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3) & -L_3 c_2 s_3 \\ 1 & 0 & L_3 c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(J_v) &= +c_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3)(L_3 c_2 s_3) + L_3 s_2 s_3(s_2(L_2 + L_3 c_3)) \\ &= (L_2 + L_3 c_3) \left[ L_3 c_2^2 s_3 + L_3 s_2^2 s_3 \right] \\ &\quad c_2^2 + s_2^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (L_2 + L_3 c_3)(L_3)(s_3)$$

$$L_2 + L_3 c_3 = 0$$

$$c_3 = -\frac{L_2}{L_3}$$

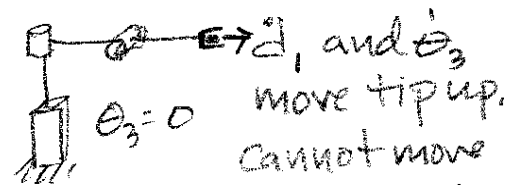


The end-effector intersects  $z_1$ , so that  $\dot{\theta}_2$  causes no motion.

$$\sin(\theta_3) = 0$$

$$\theta_3 = 0 + k\pi$$

where  $k = \dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$



$\theta_3 = 0$  move tip up. cannot move in  $x_3$  direction

Same problem  $\theta_3 = \pi$