

MEAM 520

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Homework 2:
Rotation Matrices and Homogeneous Transformations

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6. SHV 2-43, page 71-72 – Commutativity of Homogeneous Transformations (*4 points*)

Pick up your graded
Homework 2 from
Naomi and Tyler before
or after class.



Naomi Fitter Tyler Barkin

Extra handouts also
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Homework 2 is graded. Scores are on Canvas.

Common mistakes:

- Doing the wrong first problem.
- Not specifying matrix elements when requested.
- Not sketching k-vector in the axis-angle problem.
- Mixing up positive and negative signs in translation part of H.
- Last problem.

Solutions to Homework 2
Rotation Matrices and Homogeneous Transformations

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Many thanks to the
two students who
shared their LaTeX
source code for use in
the solutions.

Homework 3: Flying Box Version 2 *(Updated to Improve Clarity)*

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September 17, 2013

This assignment is due on **Friday, September 20, by midnight (11:59:59 p.m.)** Your code should be submitted via email according to the instructions at the end of this document. Late submissions will be accepted until Sunday, September 22, by midnight (11:59:59 p.m.), but they will be penalized by 10% for each partial or full day late, up to 20%. After the late deadline, no further assignments may be submitted.

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Individual vs. Pair Programming

You may do this assignment either individually or with a partner, according to your personal preference. Read the assignment to decide which option is right for you. If you do this homework with a partner, you may work with anyone you choose, even someone with substantial MATLAB experience. If you are looking for a partner, consider using the "Search for Teammates!" tool on Piazza.

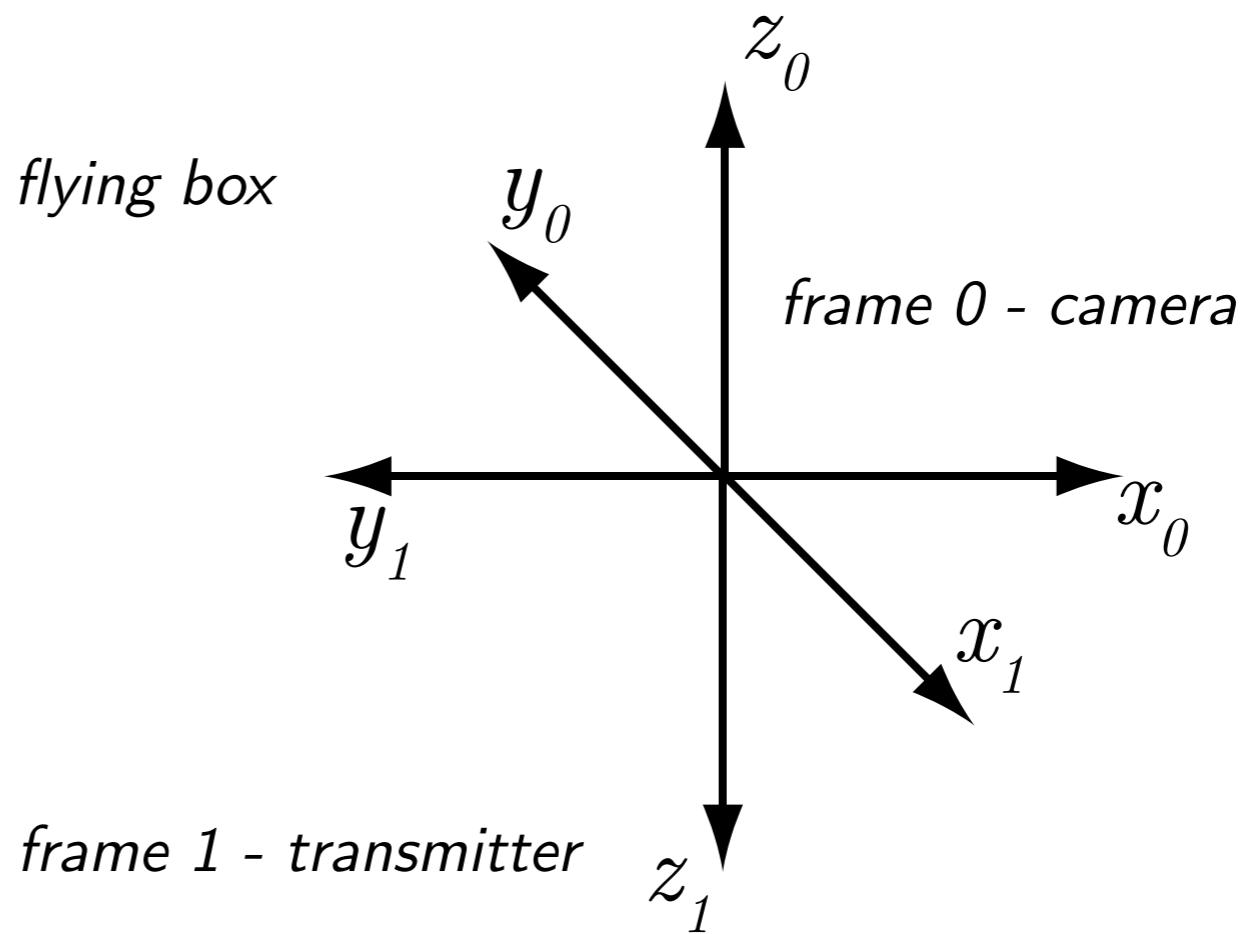
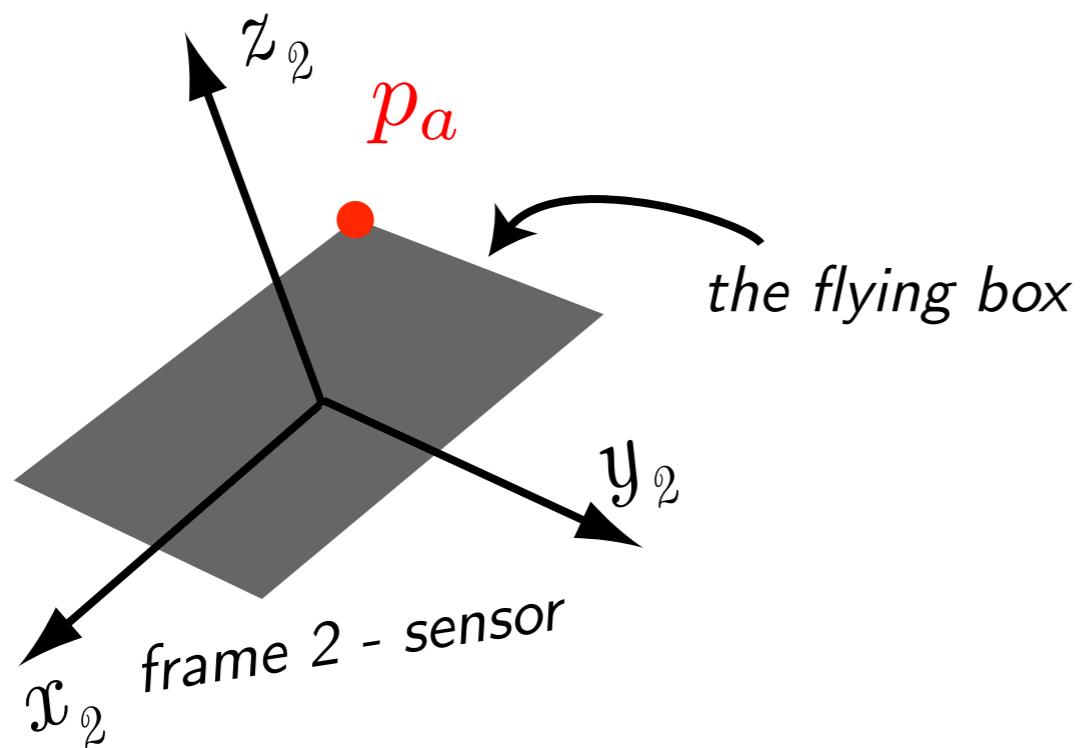
If you are in a pair, you should work closely with your partner throughout this assignment, following the paradigm of pair programming. You will turn in one MATLAB script for which you are both jointly responsible, and you will both receive the same grade. Please follow these pair programming guidelines, which were adapted from "All I really need to know about pair programming I learned in kindergarten," by Williams and Kessler, *Communications of the ACM*, May 2000:

- Start with a good attitude, setting aside any skepticism and expecting to jell with your partner.
- Don't start writing code alone. Arrange a meeting with your partner as soon as you can.
- Use just one computer, and sit side by side; a desktop computer with a large monitor is better for this than a laptop. Make sure both partners can see the screen.
- At each instant, one partner should be driving (using the mouse and keyboard or recording design ideas) while the other is continuously reviewing the work (thinking and making suggestions).
- Change driving/reviewing roles at least every thirty minutes, *even if one partner is much more experienced than the other*. You may want to set a timer to help you remember to switch.
- If you notice a bug in the code your partner is typing, wait until they finish the line to correct them.
- Stay focused and on-task the whole time you are working together.
- Recognize that pair programming usually takes more effort than programming alone, but it produces better code, deeper learning, and a more positive experience for the participants.
- Take a break periodically to refresh your perspective.
- Share responsibility for your project; avoid blaming either partner for challenges you run into.

**Homework 3 is now
being graded.
Scores will be on
Canvas soon.**

Common mistakes:

- Submitting late.
- Incorrect rotation matrices around each axis.
- Incorrect order when multiplying the matrices.
- Not transforming positions from frame 1 to frame 0.



$$p_a^0 = H_1^0 H_2^1 p_a^2$$

Subscript and
superscript cancel



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flying_box_kuchenbe.m

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2 %
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4 % problem on Homework 1 in MEAM 520 at the University of Pennsylvania.
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7 % their own script.
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10 % example, Professor Kuchenbecker's script would be flying_box_kuchenbe.m
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15 clear
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17 % Set student names.
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23 % elevation, and roll angles in degrees.
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26
27 %% DEFINITIONS
28
29 % We need to keep track of three frames in this code.
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33 % it's what we plot in. Its origin coincides with the origin of frame 1.
34 %
35 % Frame 1 is the frame of the TrakStar transmitter, which sits on the desk.
36 % It has x positive straight out, y positive to the left, and z positive
37 % down. This is the frame in which the sensor positions and orientations
38 % are expressed. Its origin is near the center of the transmitter's beige
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script

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flying_box_kuchenbe.m

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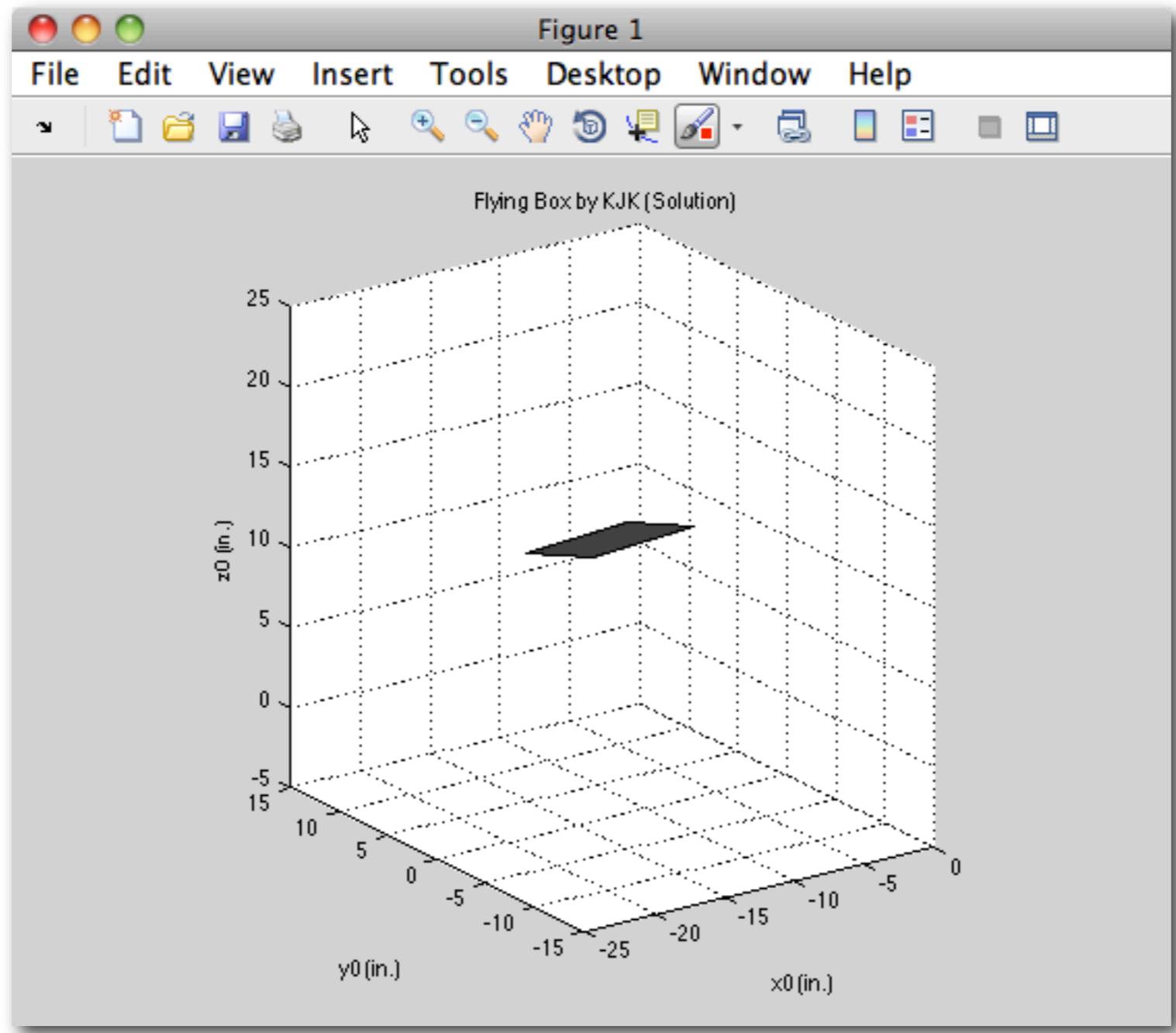
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% down. This is the frame in which the sensor positions and orientations  
% are expressed. Its origin is near the center of the transmitter's beige  
% cube, which can be seen in the video.  
%  
% Frame 2 is the frame of the TrakStar sensor, which is being moved around.  
% Its x-axis is straight out horizontal through the front of the box, in  
% the direction the hand is facing. Its y-axis is mostly horizontal during  
% the video, and its z-axis is mostly vertical.  
  
% Define the locations of the box's four corners (ignoring thickness) in  
% the sensor's frame (frame 2). The length is in the direction of the
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How did I make the flying box move over time?

Homework 4: Forward Kinematics and DH Parameters

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1. Custom problem – Kinematics of Baxter (*2 points*)
Rethink Robotics sells a two-armed manufacturing robot named Baxter. Watch YouTube videos of Baxter (e.g., <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjPFqkFyrOY>) to learn about its kinematics. Draw a schematic of the serial kinematic chain of Baxter's left arm (the one the woman is touching in the picture below.) Use the book's conventions for how to draw revolute and prismatic joints in 3D.



Homework 4

Due Thursday 9/26
by midnight.

Late deadline is Sunday
9/29 at midnight.

2. Custom Problem – DH Convention (*2 points*)

Describing a rigid-body transformation in three dimensions generally requires six numbers. Why then are only four DH parameters (a, α, d, θ) needed to describe link i 's pose relative to link $i - 1$ in a serial manipulator? Be precise.

3. Custom Problem – Interpreting a Transformation Matrix (*2 points*)

Equation (3.24) on page 93 of SHV gives the SCARA manipulator's T_4^0 transformation matrix. What is the practical (geometric) meaning of each of the four columns of this matrix? Note that Figure 3.11 shows frame $o_0x_0y_0z_0$ in the wrong location; it should be translated up along the z_0 axis until x_0 lies along the horizontal line that goes toward joint 1. Keep the intuitive meaning of the elements of these matrices in your mind as you solve the remaining problems in this assignment.

Do the following steps for each of the next three problems:

- Draw a schematic of the robot in its zero configuration.
- Draw your frames on the diagram, following the DH convention.
- Use a superscript star, e.g., θ_1^* , to denote all joint variables.
- Use an arrow labeled with the joint variable name to mark the positive direction for all joint variables on the diagram.
- Use your diagram to create a table of DH parameters for the manipulator.
- Label all DH parameters that you introduce on the diagram.
- Calculate the final transformation matrix.
- Check your work by examining the final transformation matrix to determine whether it gives the answers you expect for simple situations, such as the zero configuration. Fix any problems you uncover.

4. SHV 3-4, page 112 – Forward Kinematics of a Two-Link Planar RP Arm With Offset (*4 points*)

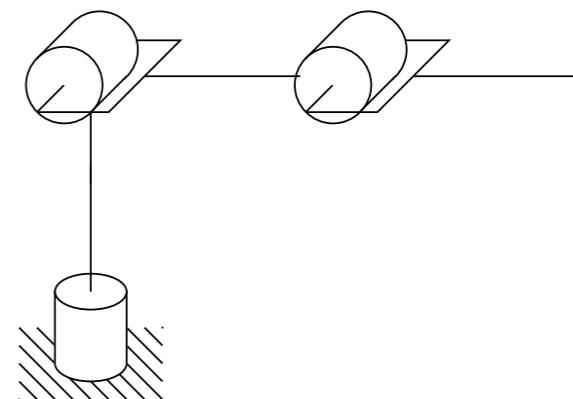
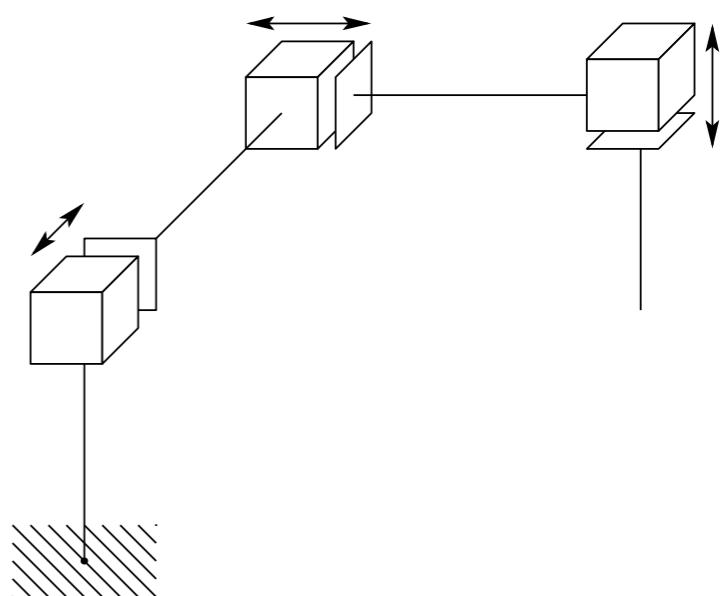
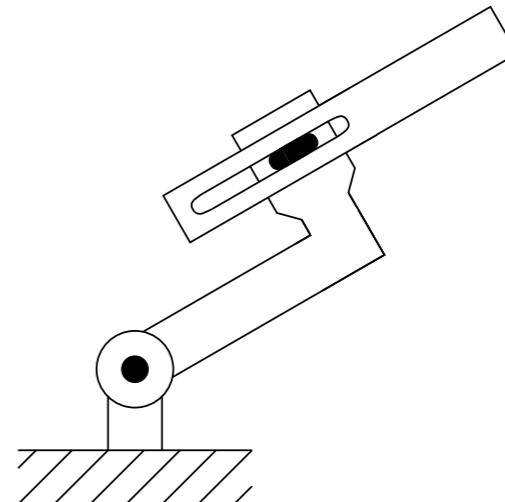
You may choose the zero configuration.

5. SHV 3-7, page 113 – Forward Kinematics of the Three-Link Cartesian Robot (*4 points*)

Use the depicted pose as the zero configuration.

6. SHV 3-6, page 113 – Forward Kinematics of the Three-Link Articulated Robot (*6 points*)

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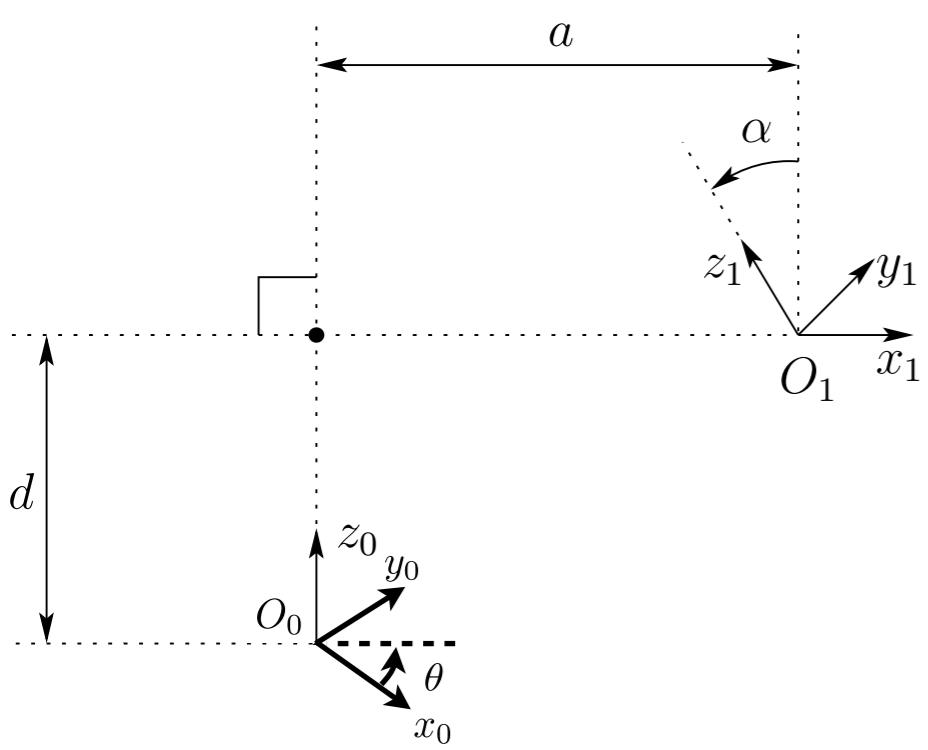


The Denavit-Hartenberg (DH) Convention for Manipulator Forward Kinematics



Given the design of my robot and the current values for its joint variables, where is the end-effector, and how is it oriented?

$$\mathbf{T}_n^0 = A_1(q_1) \cdots A_n(q_n)$$



$$A_i = \text{Rot}_{z,\theta_i} \text{ Trans}_{z,d_i} \text{ Trans}_{x,a_i} \text{ Rot}_{x,\alpha_i}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i c\alpha_i & s\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i c\theta_i \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i c\alpha_i & -c\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i s\theta_i \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	θ_i
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DH Coordinate Frame Assumptions

- (DH1) The axis x_1 is perpendicular to the axis z_0 .
- (DH2) The axis x_1 intersects the axis z_0 .

Great List of DH Steps on page 110-111 in SHV

Procedure for Deriving the Forward Kinematics of a Manipulator

Following the Denavit-Hartenberg (DH) Convention

From "Robot Modeling and Control" by Spong, Hutchinson, and Vidyasagar

Step 1: Locate and label the joint axes z_0, \dots, z_{n-1} .

Step 2: Establish the base frame. Set the origin anywhere on the z_0 -axis. The x_0 and y_0 axes are chosen conveniently to form a right-handed frame.

For $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$, perform Steps 3 to 5.

Step 3: Locate the origin o_i where the common normal to z_i and z_{i-1} intersects z_i . If z_i intersects z_{i-1} locate o_i at this intersection. If z_i and z_{i-1} are parallel, locate o_i in any convenient position along z_i .

Step 4: Establish x_i along the common normal between z_{i-1} and z_i through o_i , or in the direction normal to the $z_{i-1} - z_i$ plane if z_{i-1} and z_i intersect.

Step 5: Establish y_i to complete a right-handed frame.

Step 6: Establish the end-effector frame $o_n x_n y_n z_n$. Assuming the n -th joint is revolute, set $z_n = a$ along the direction z_{n-1} . Establish the origin o_n conveniently along z_n , preferably at the center of the gripper or at the tip of any tool that the manipulator may be carrying. Set $y_n = s$ in the direction of the gripper closure and set $x_n = n$ as $s \times a$. If the tool is not a simple gripper set x_n and y_n conveniently to form a right-handed frame.

Step 7: Create a table of link parameters $a_i, d_i, \alpha_i, \theta_i$.

(fixed!)

a_i = distance along x_i from the intersection of the x_i and z_{i-1} axes to o_i

d_i = distance along z_{i-1} from o_{i-1} to the intersection of the x_i and z_{i-1} axes. d_i is variable if joint i is prismatic.

α_i = the angle between z_{i-1} and z_i measured about x_i .

θ_i = the angle between x_{i-1} and x_i measured about z_{i-1} . θ_i is variable if joint i is revolute.

Step 8: Form the homogeneous transformation matrices A_i by substituting the above parameters into (3.10).

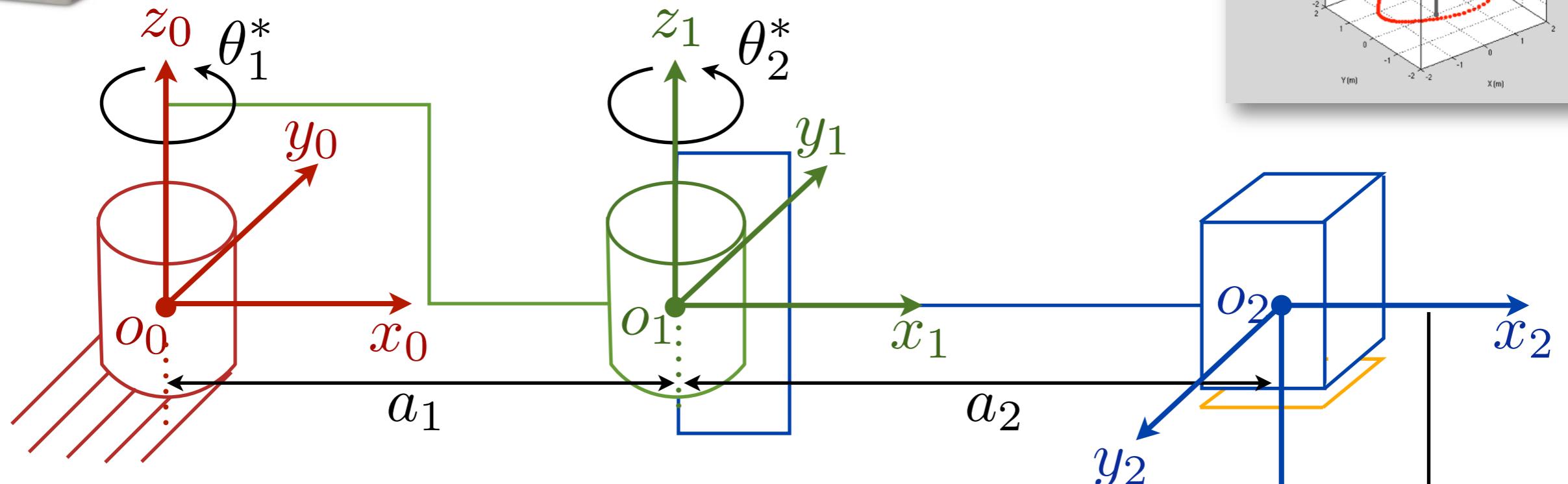
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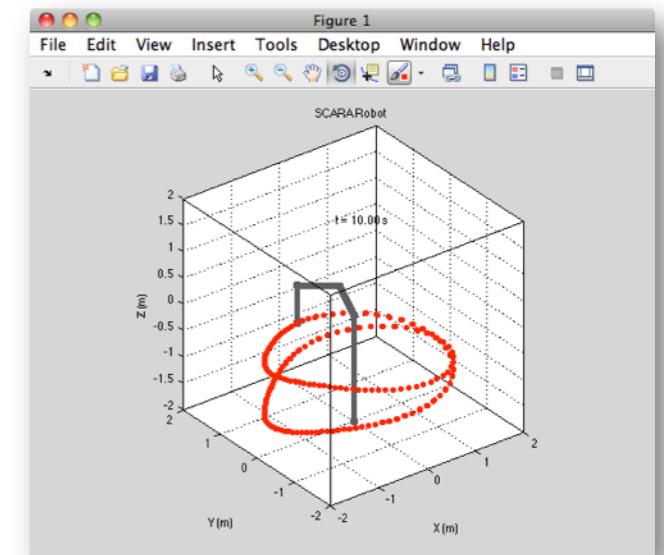


$$T_3^0 = A_1 A_2 A_3$$

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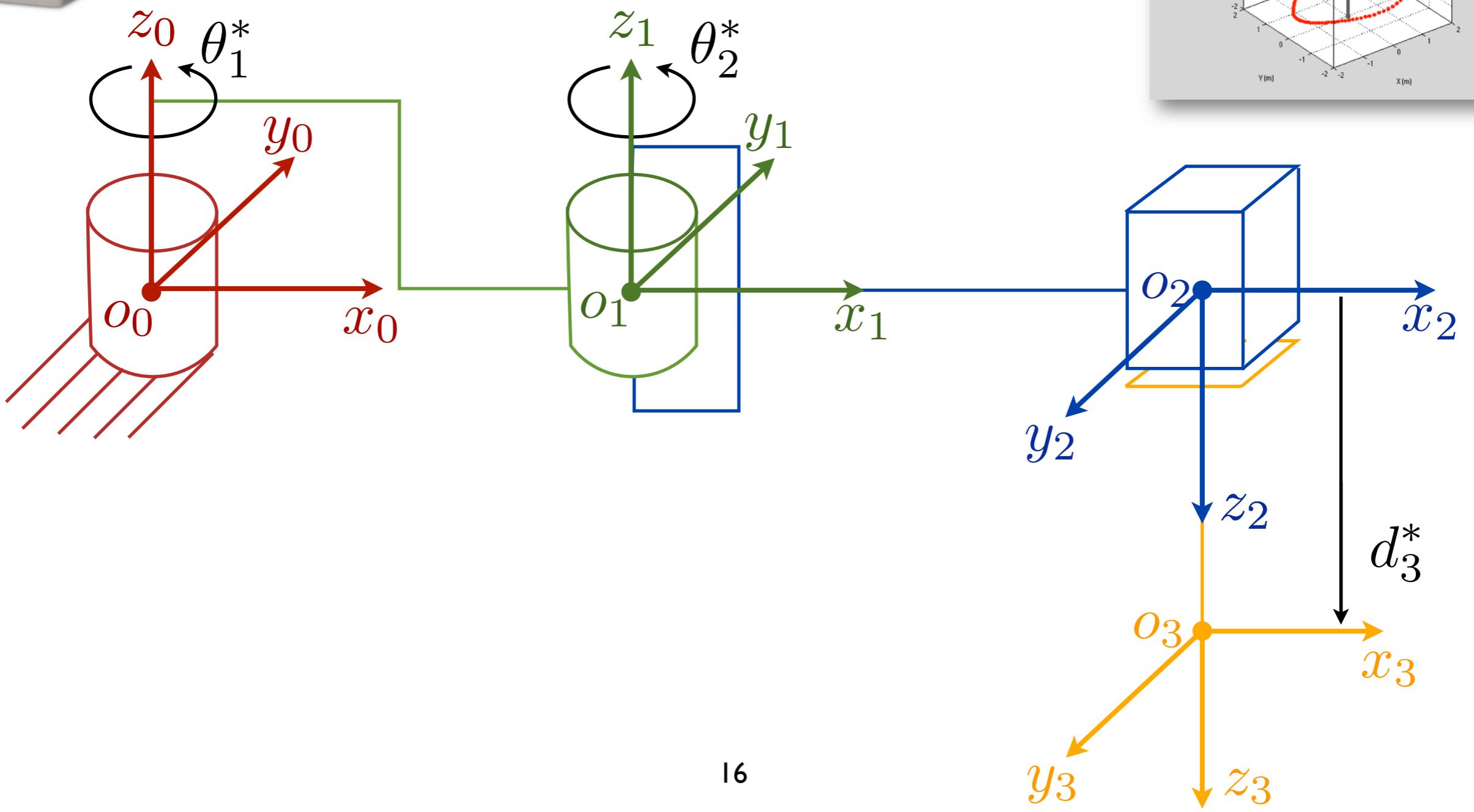


$$T_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12}^* & s_{12}^* & 0 & a_1 c_1^* + a_2 c_{12}^* \\ s_{12}^* & -c_{12}^* & 0 & a_1 s_1^* + a_2 s_{12}^* \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -d_3^* \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





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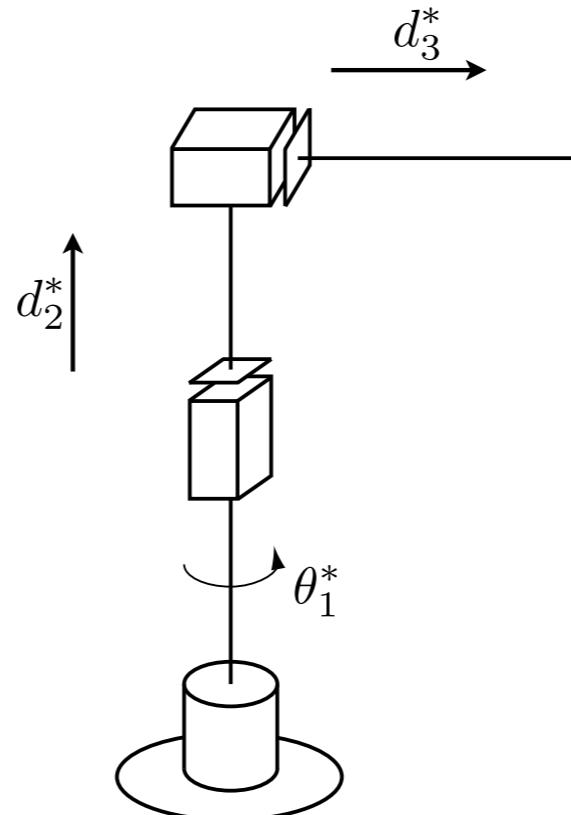


DH Example #1

Cylindrical Robot

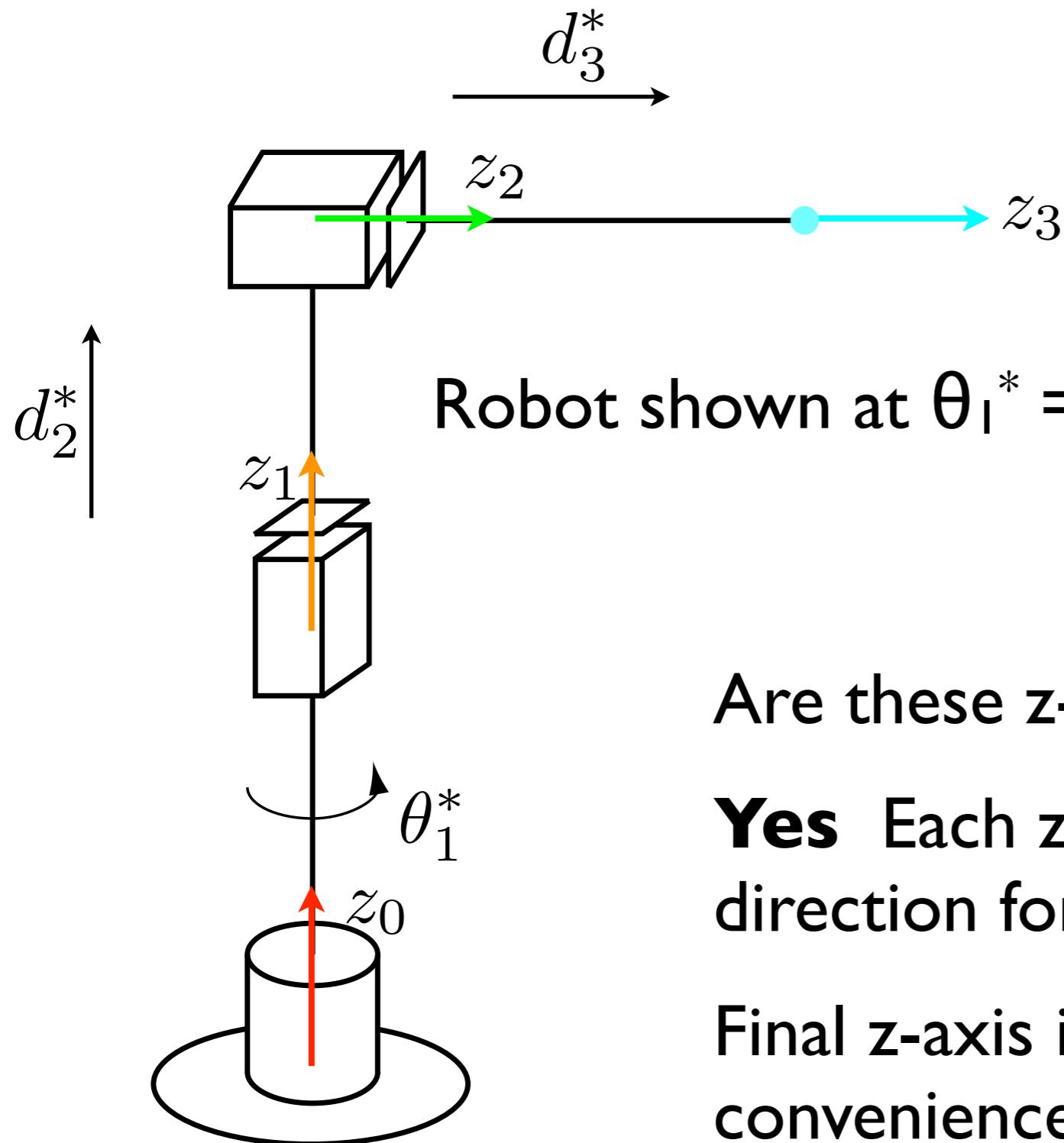


DH Parameters for the Cylindrical Robot



Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	θ_i
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The RPP Cylindrical Robot



Robot shown at $\theta_1^* = 0, d_2^* > 0, d_3^* > 0$

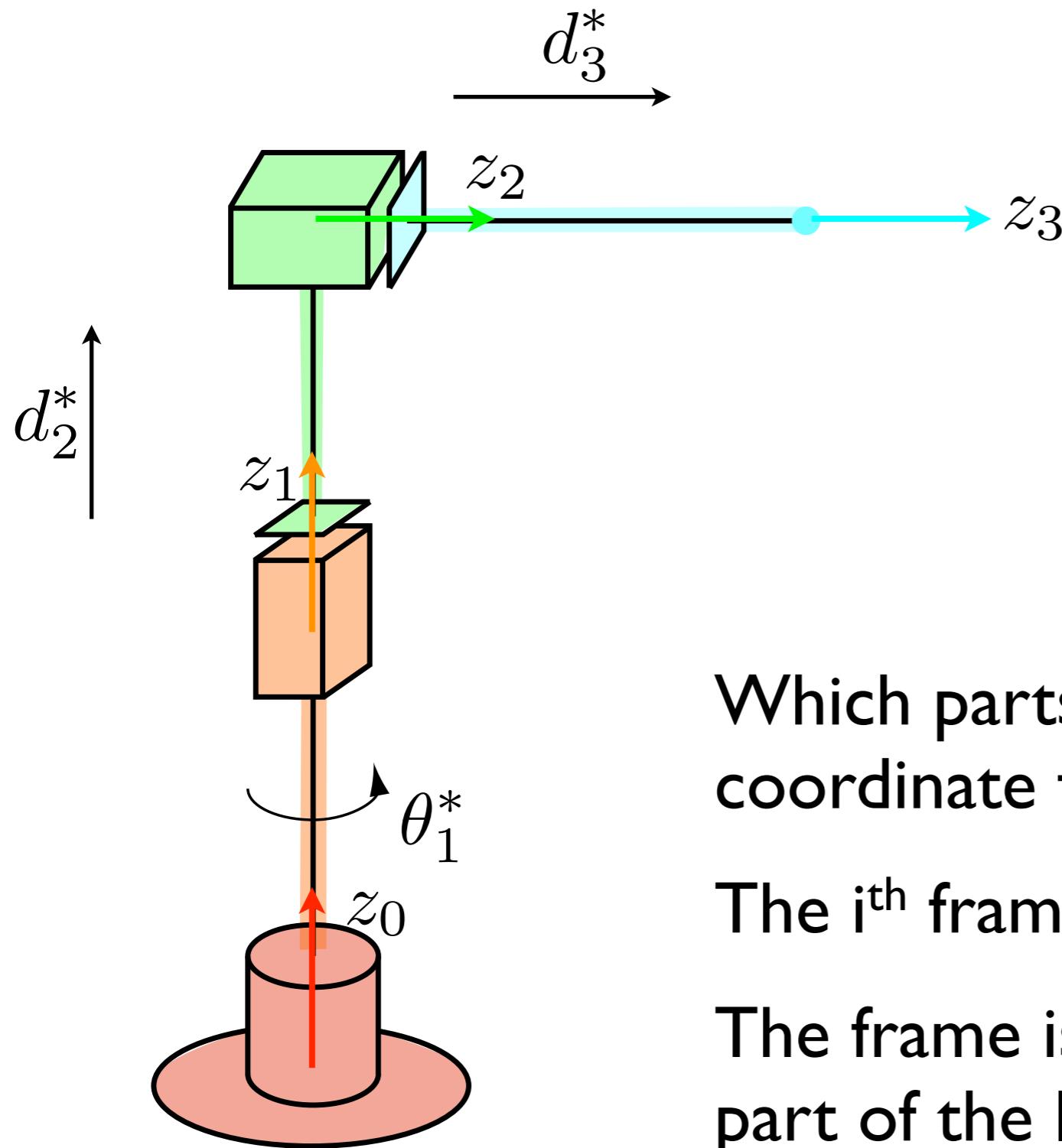


Are these z-axis locations correct?

Yes Each z-axis defines the positive axial direction for the following joint variable.

Final z-axis is parallel to previous one for convenience. Could have chosen other.

The RPP Cylindrical Robot

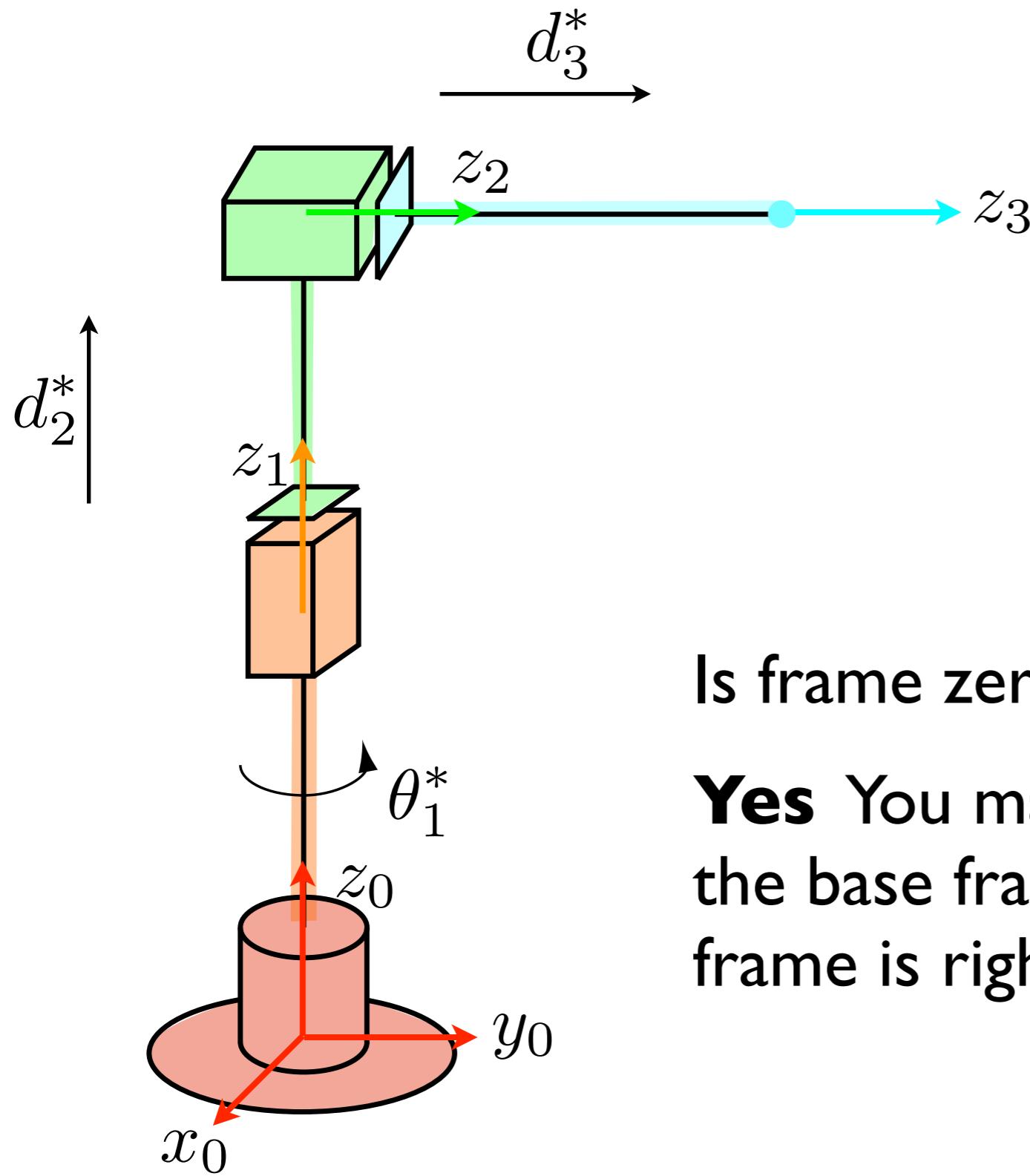


Which parts of the robot move with each coordinate frame?

The i^{th} frame moves with the i^{th} link.

The frame is typically on the most distant part of the link, defining the next axis.

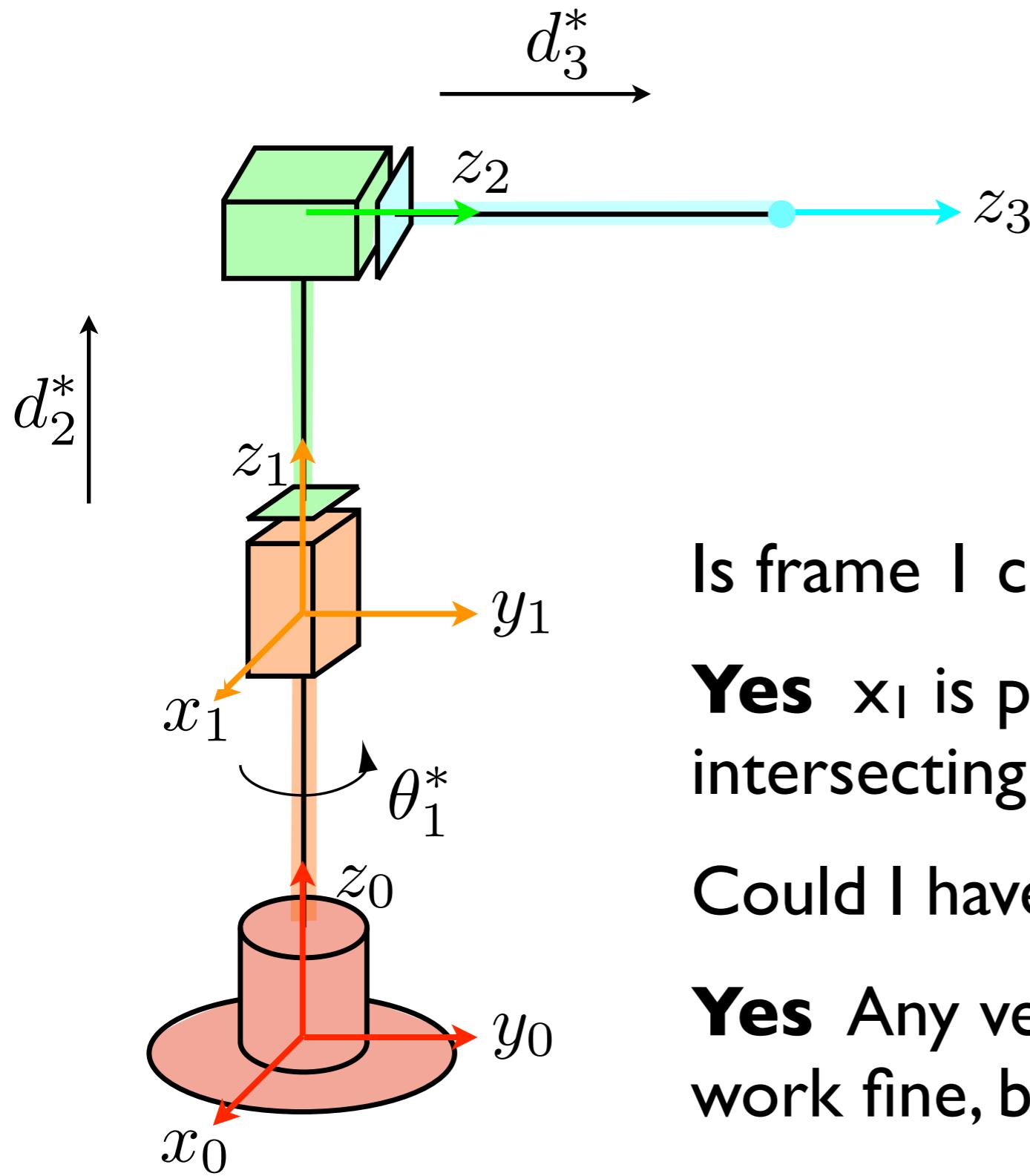
The RPP Cylindrical Robot



Is frame zero correct?

Yes You may pick any x- and y-axes for the base frame as long as the resulting frame is right-handed.

The RPP Cylindrical Robot



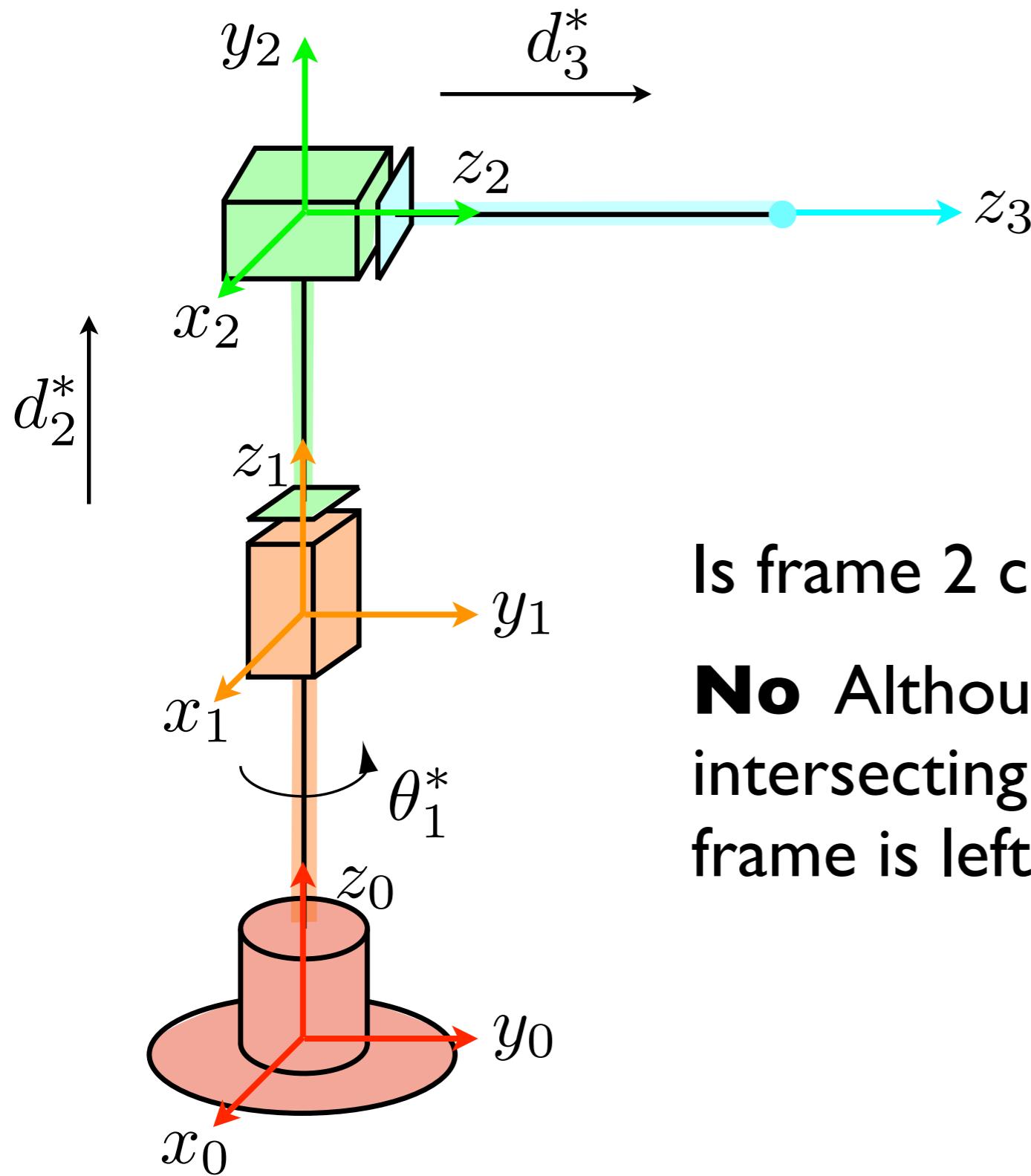
Is frame I correct?

Yes x_1 is perpendicular to and intersecting both z_0 and z_1 .

Could I have chosen any other x_1 ?

Yes Any vector perpendicular to z_1 would work fine, but the parameters would differ.

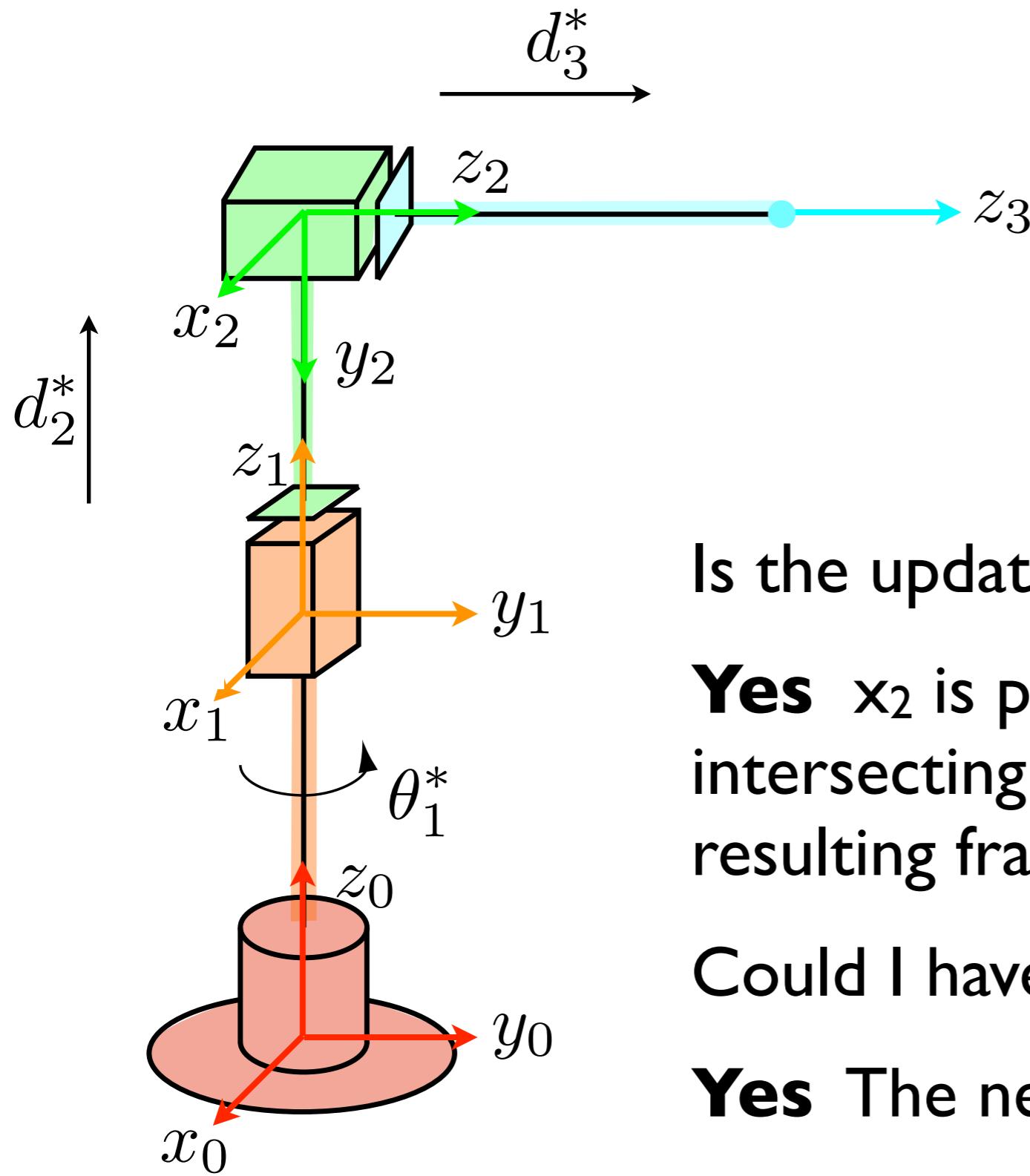
The RPP Cylindrical Robot



Is frame 2 correct?

No Although x_2 is perpendicular to and intersecting both z_1 and z_2 , the resulting frame is left-handed. Must be corrected.

The RPP Cylindrical Robot



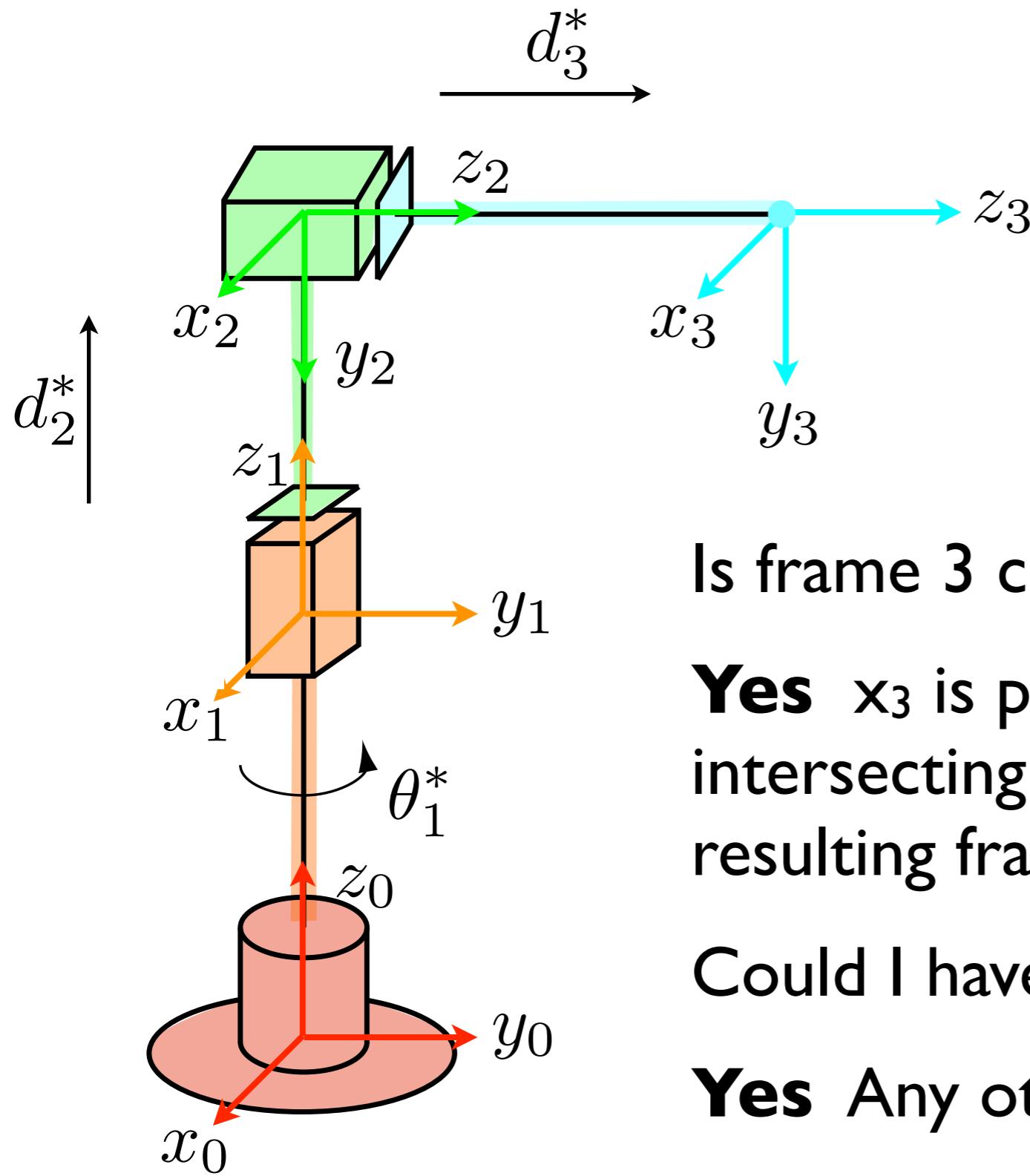
Is the updated frame 2 correct?

Yes x_2 is perpendicular to and intersecting both z_1 and z_2 , and the resulting frame is right-handed.

Could I have chosen any other x_2 ?

Yes The negative of what is shown would also be correct.

The RPP Cylindrical Robot



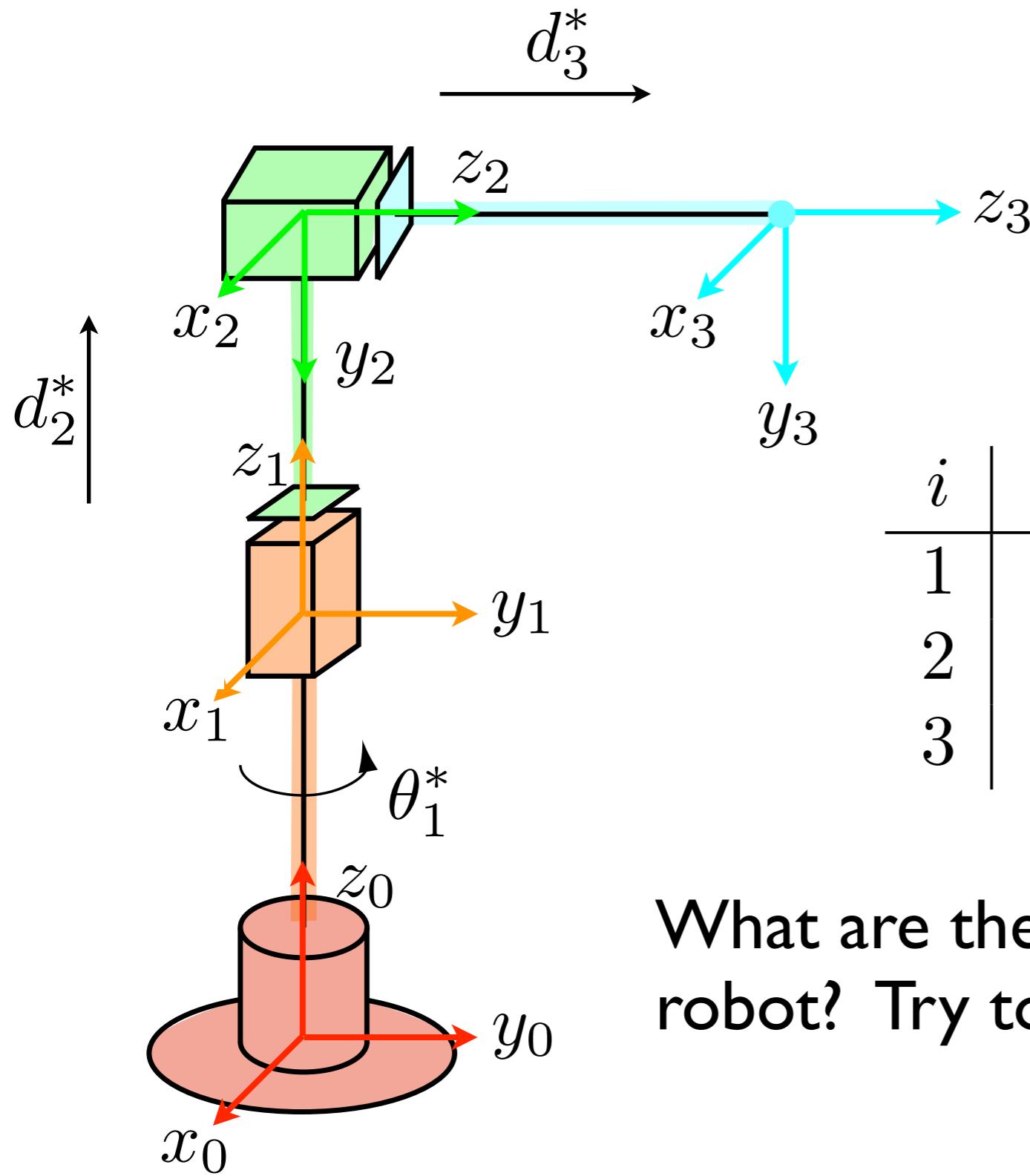
Is frame 3 correct?

Yes x_3 is perpendicular to and intersecting both z_2 and z_3 , and the resulting frame is right-handed.

Could I have picked any other x_3 and y_3 ?

Yes Any other right-handed option is fine.

The RPP Cylindrical Robot

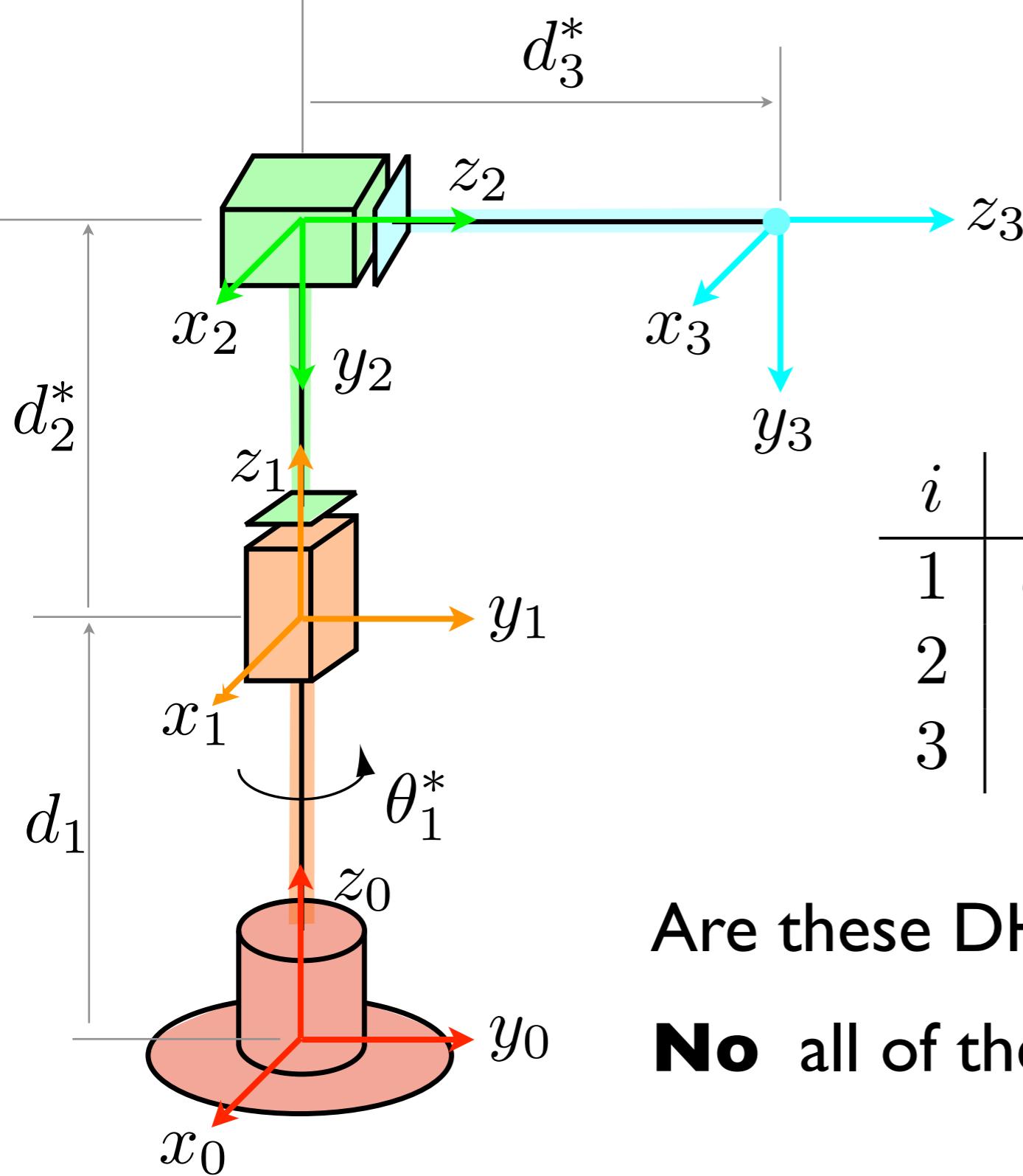


i	a	α	d	θ
1				
2				
3				



What are the DH parameters for this robot? Try to write them down yourself.

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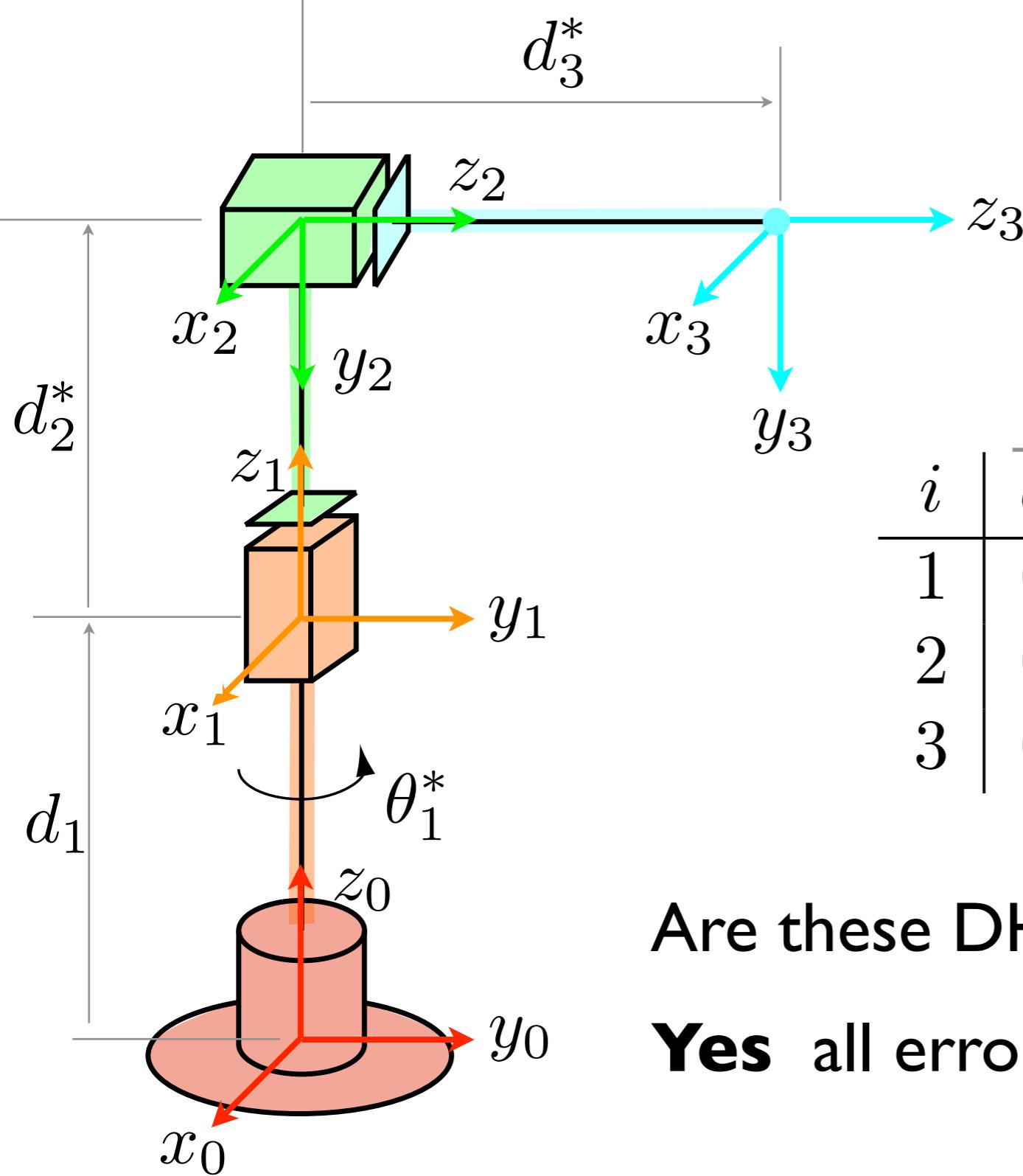


i	x-step		z-step	
	a	α	d	θ
1	a_1	0°	d_1	θ_1^*
2	0	$+90^\circ$	d_2^*	0°
3	0	0°	d_3^*	90°



Are these DH parameters correct?
No all of the rows have errors.

The RPP Cylindrical Robot

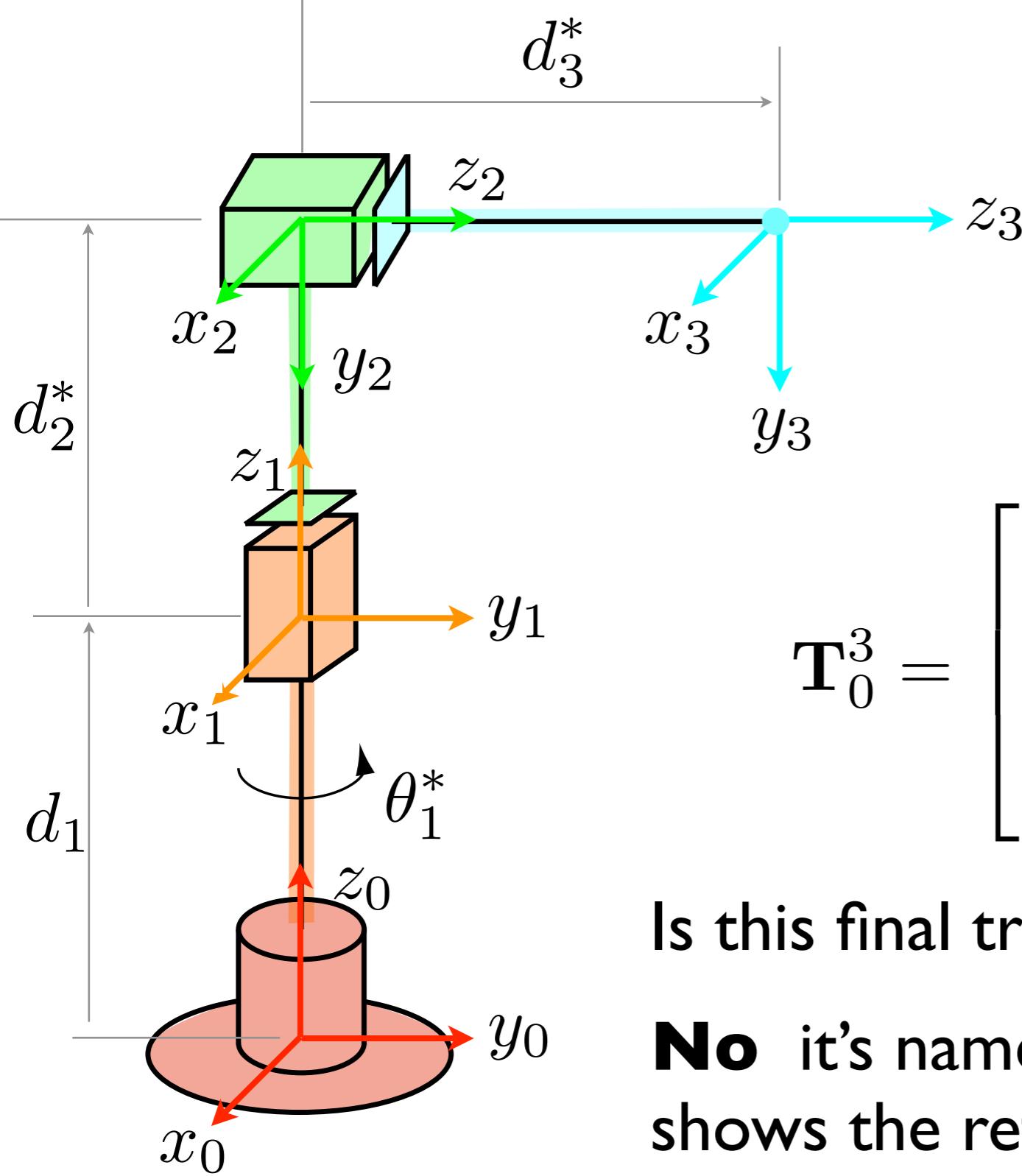


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	a	α	d	θ
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3	0	0°	d_3^*	0°



Are these DH parameters correct?
Yes all errors are corrected.

The RPP Cylindrical Robot



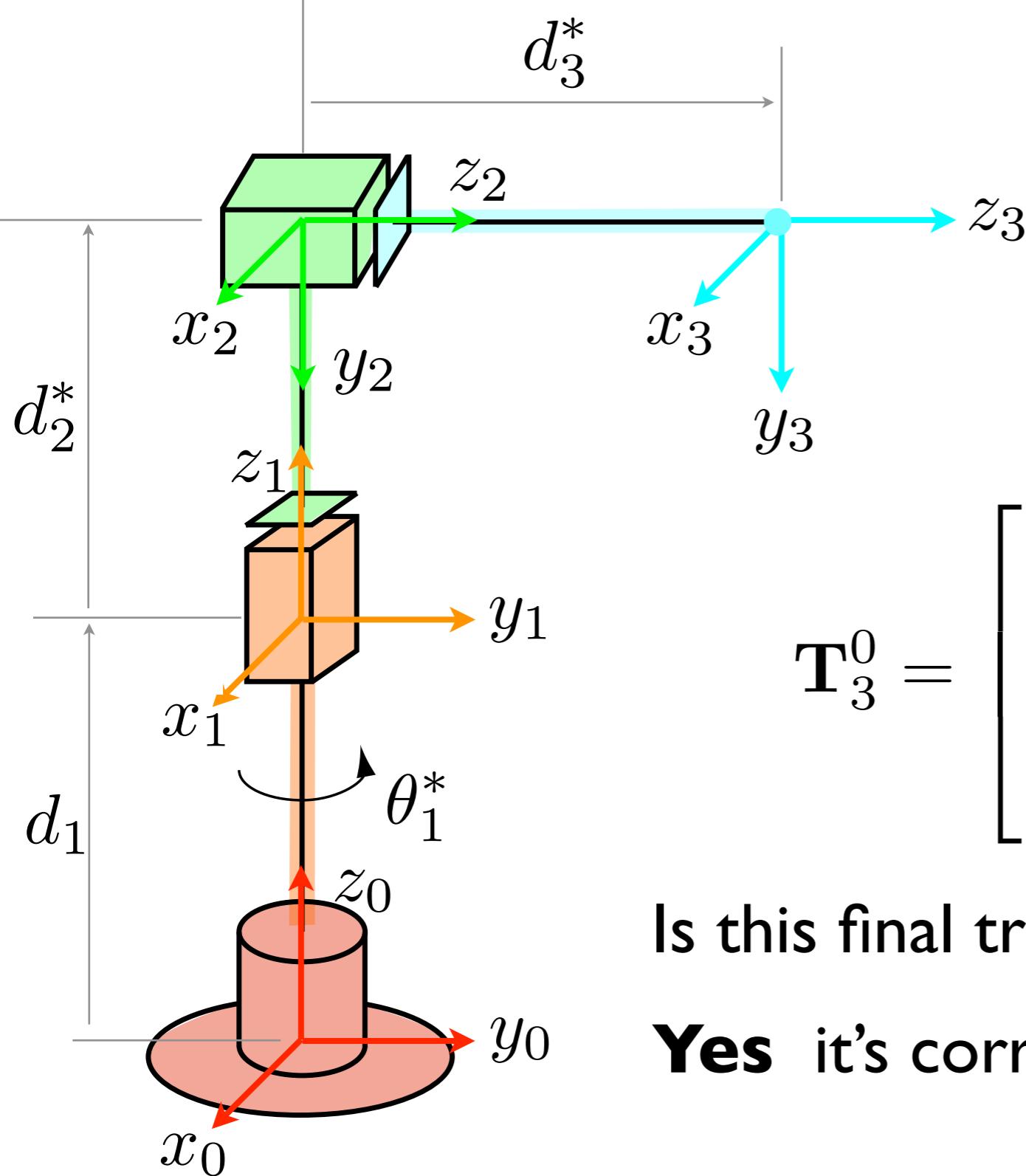
$$T_0^3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1^* & 0 & -s_1^* & -d_3^* s_1^* \\ s_1^* & 0 & c_1^* & d_3^* c_1^* \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & d_1 + d_2^* \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is this final transformation correct?

No it's named incorrectly. Superscript shows the reference frame.



The RPP Cylindrical Robot

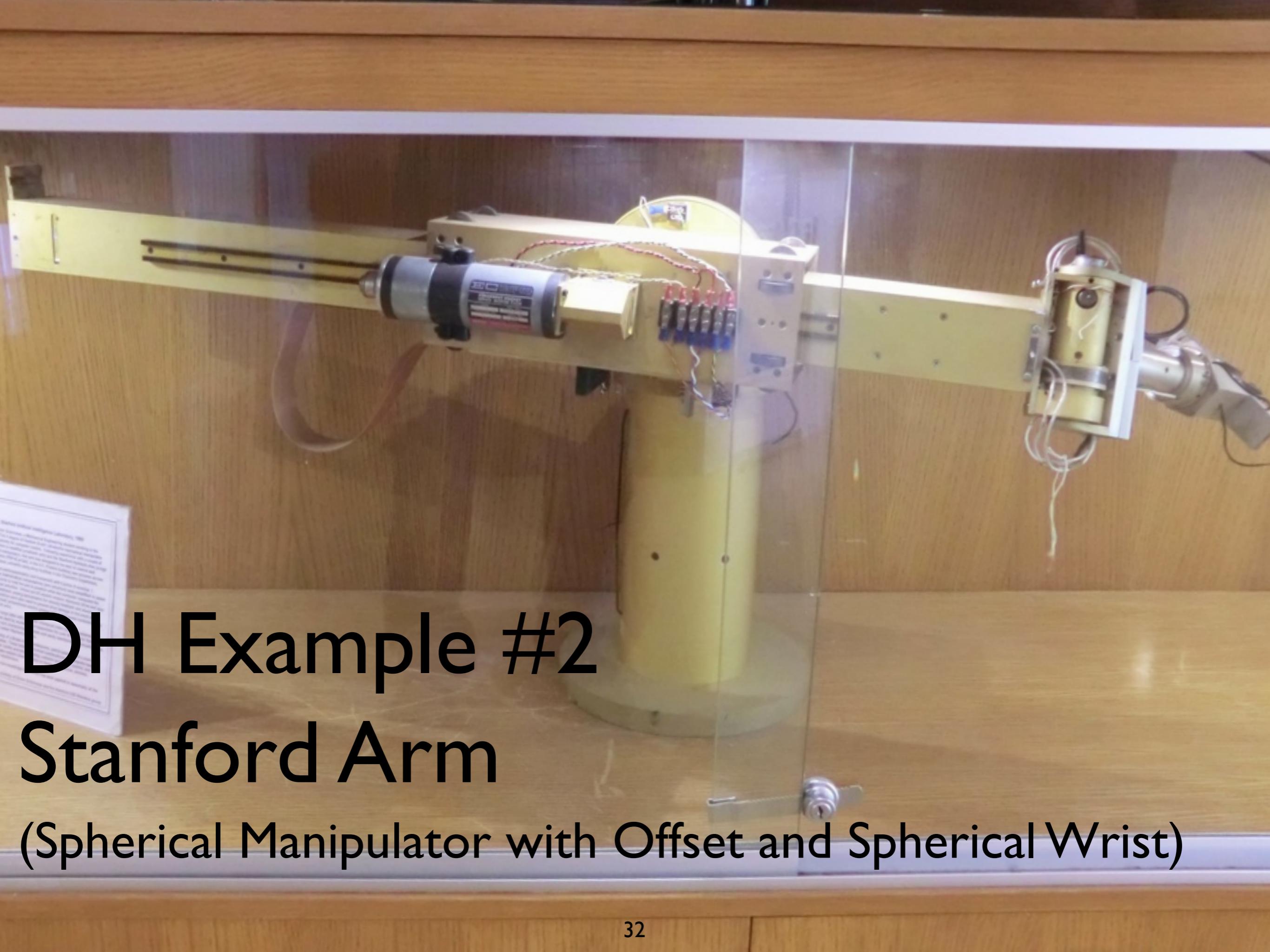


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Is this final transformation correct?
Yes it's correct!



What questions do you have ?

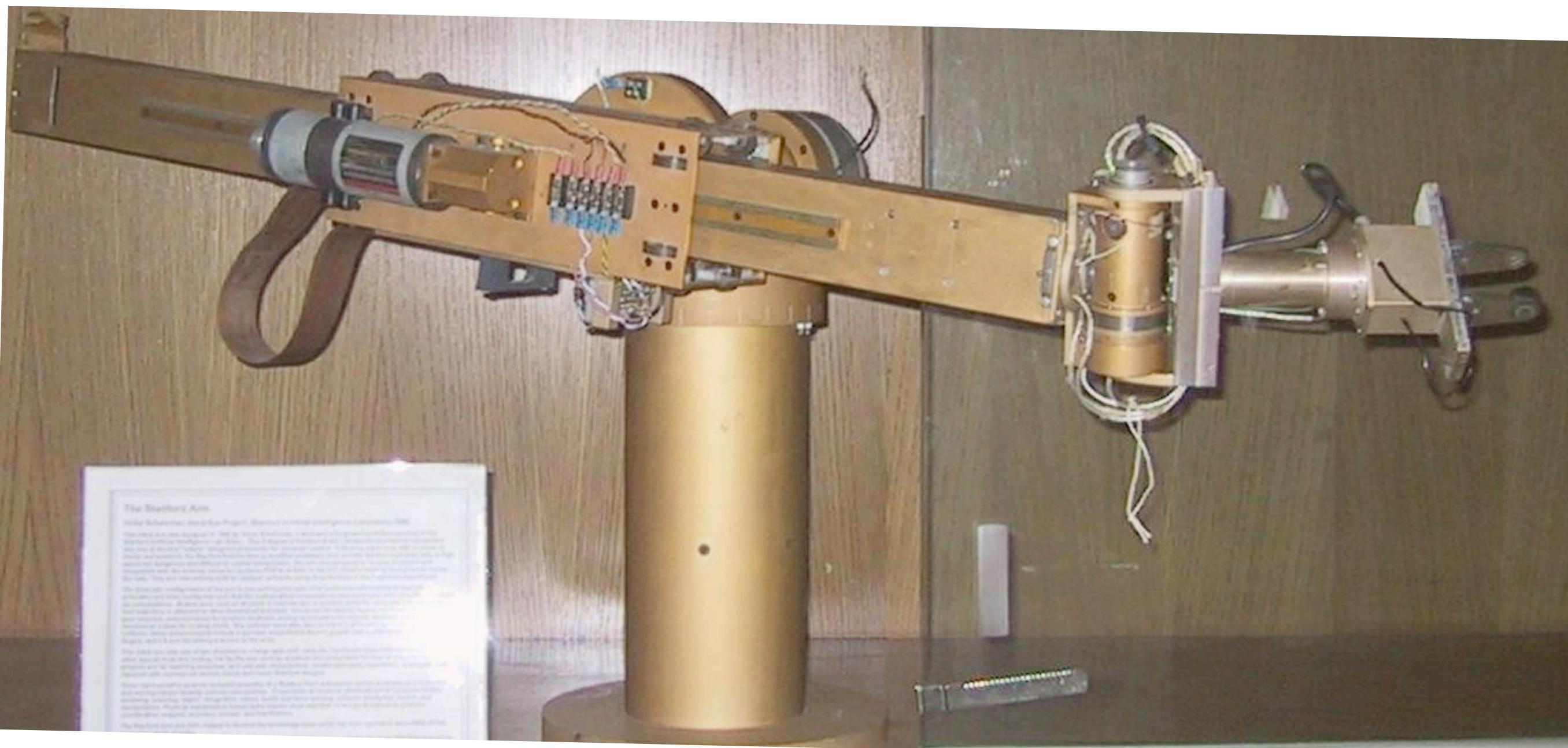


DH Example #2

Stanford Arm

(Spherical Manipulator with Offset and Spherical Wrist)

Stanford Arm: RRPRRR Manipulator





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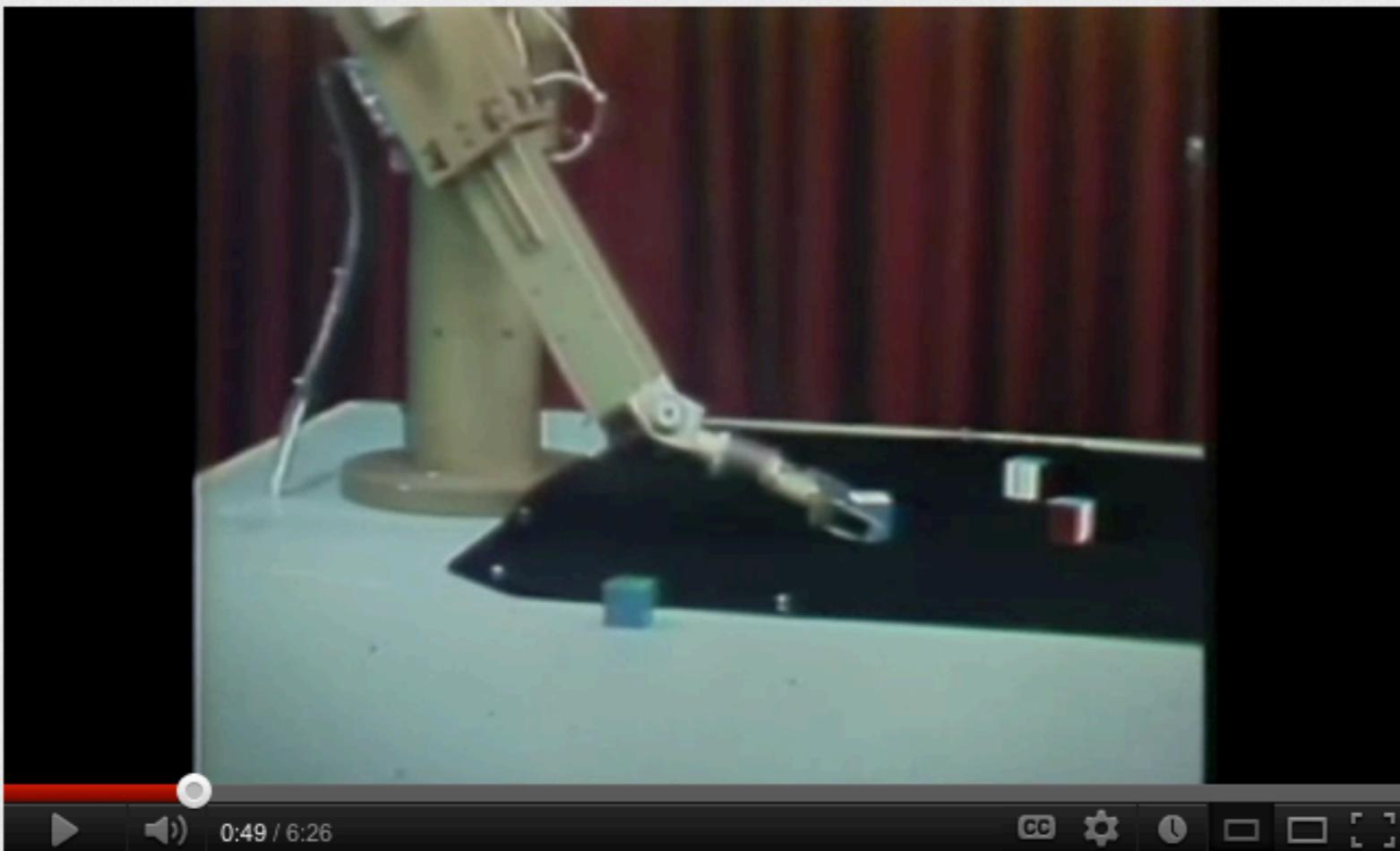
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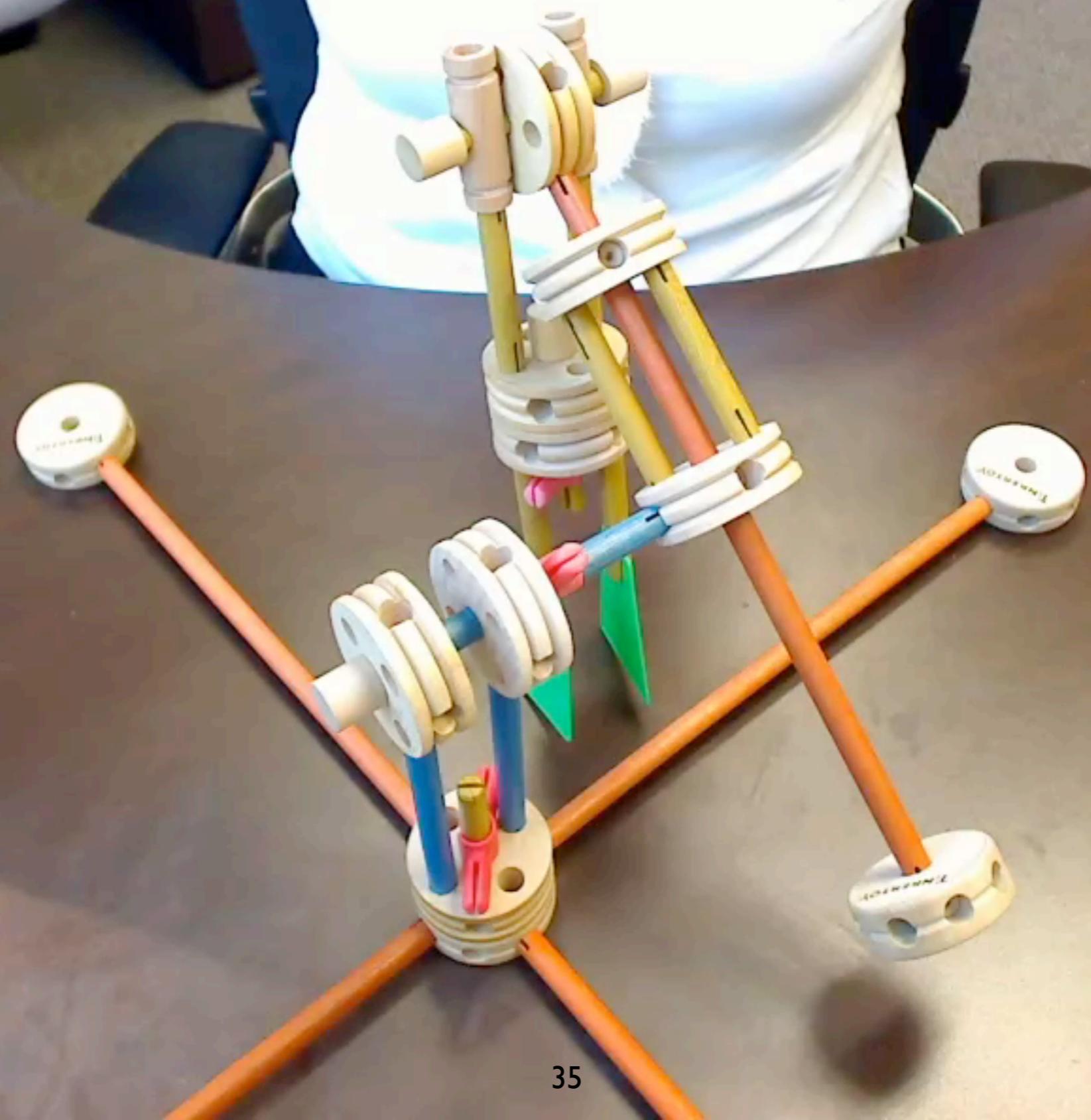
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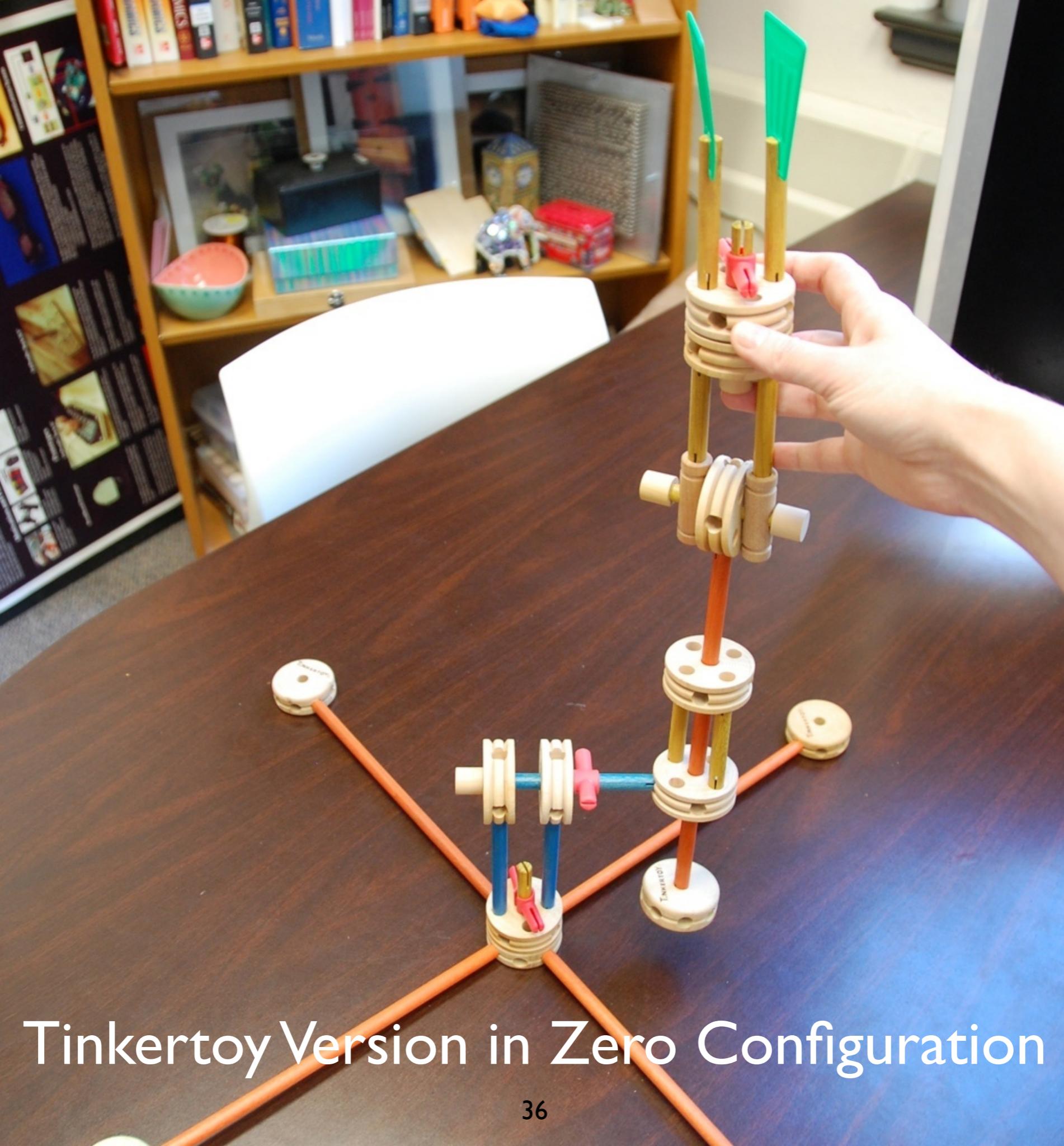
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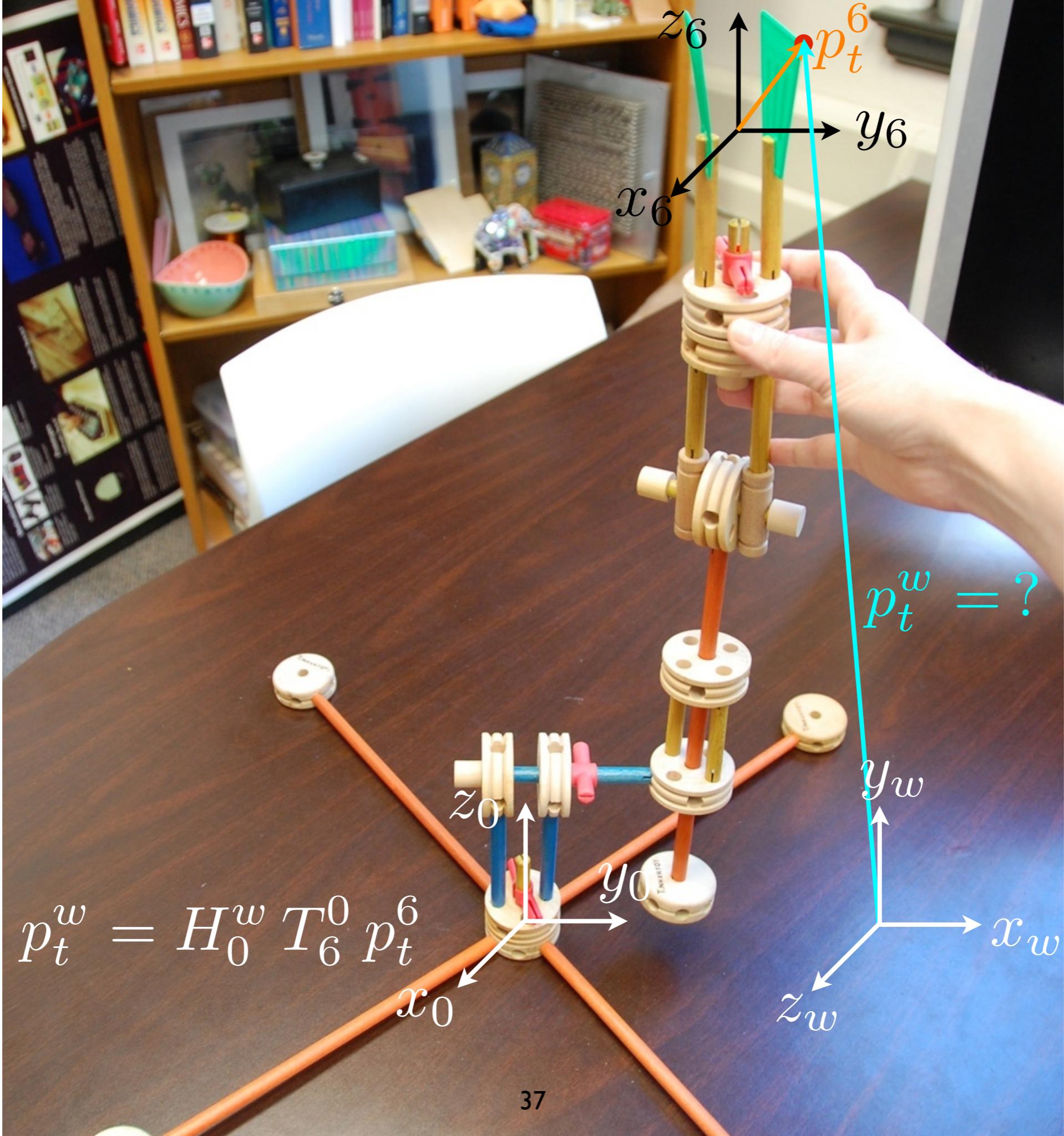


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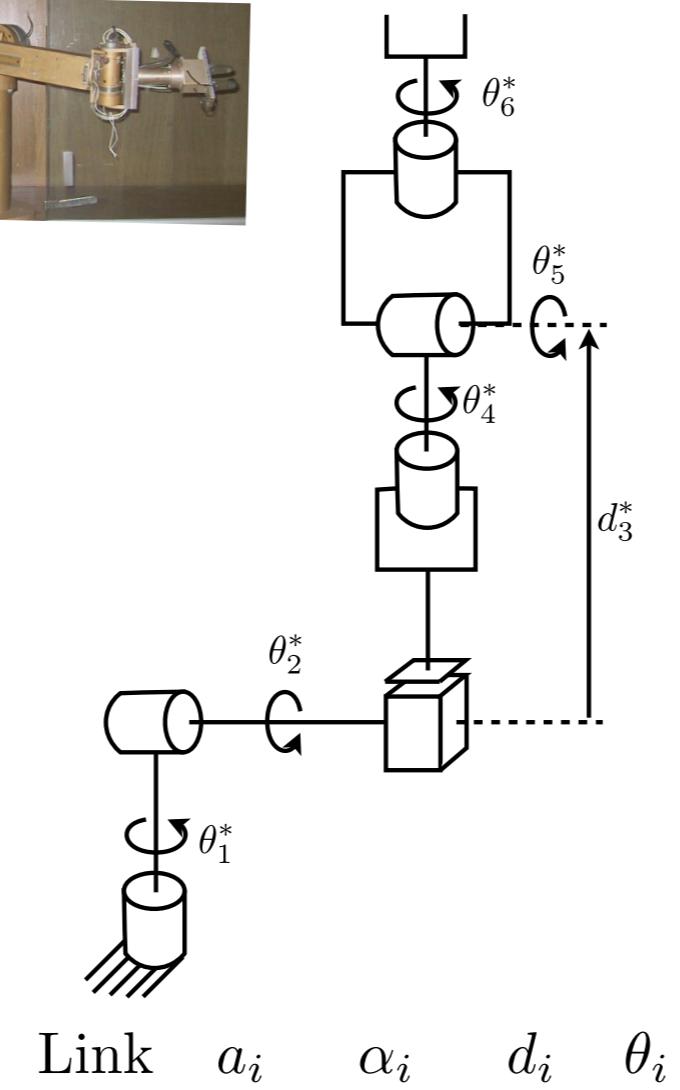


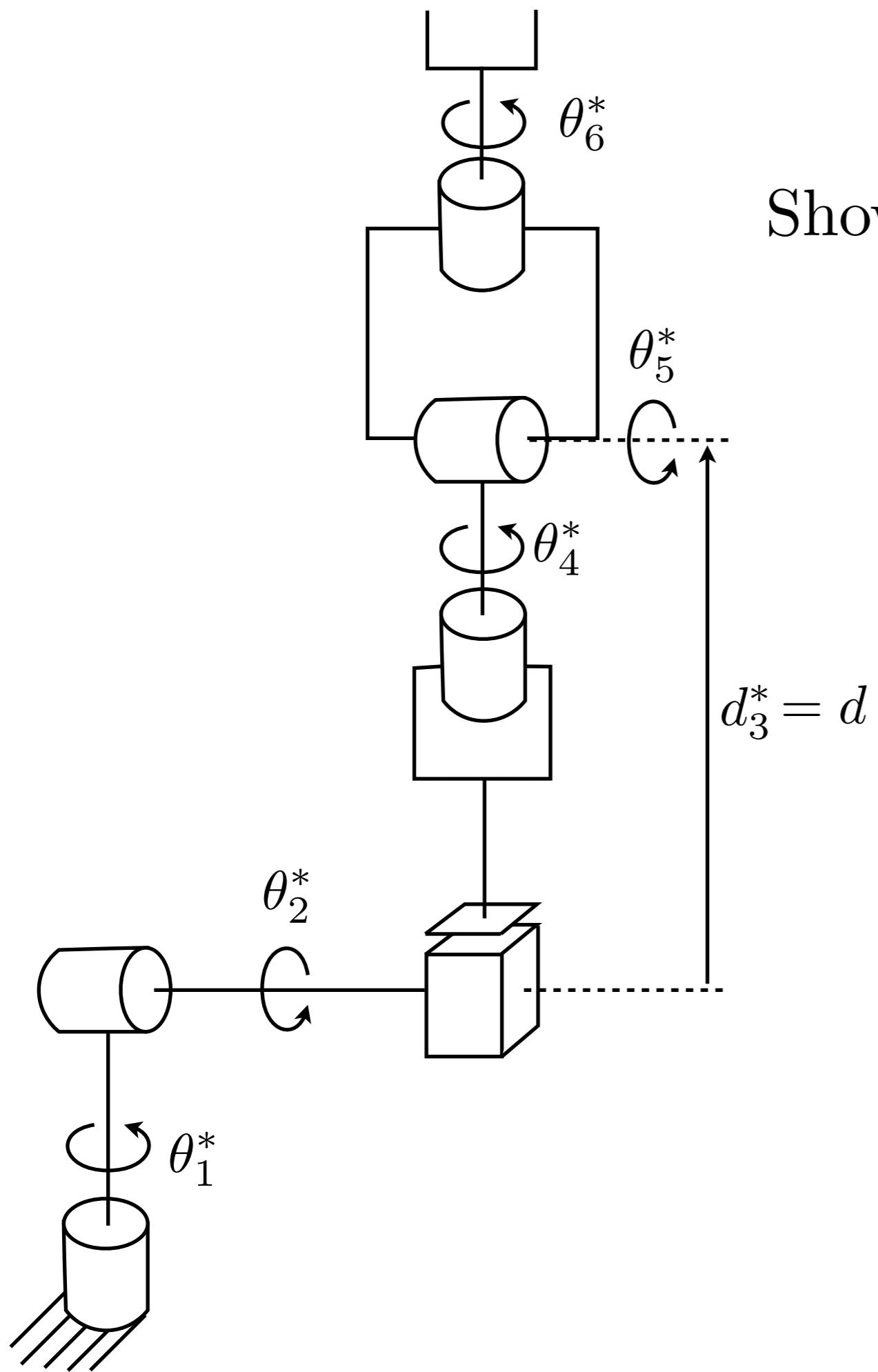


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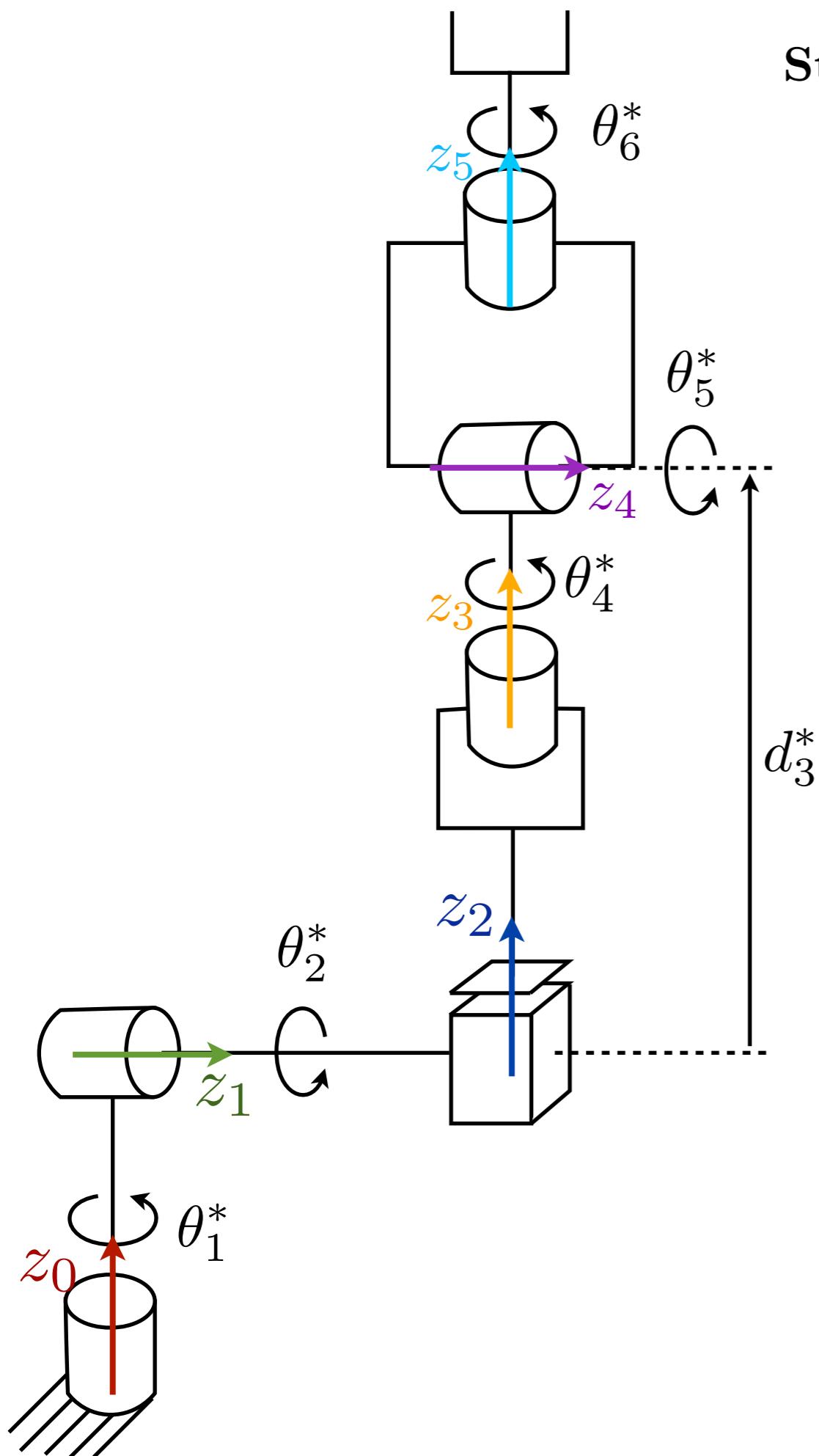


DH Parameters for the Stanford Arm





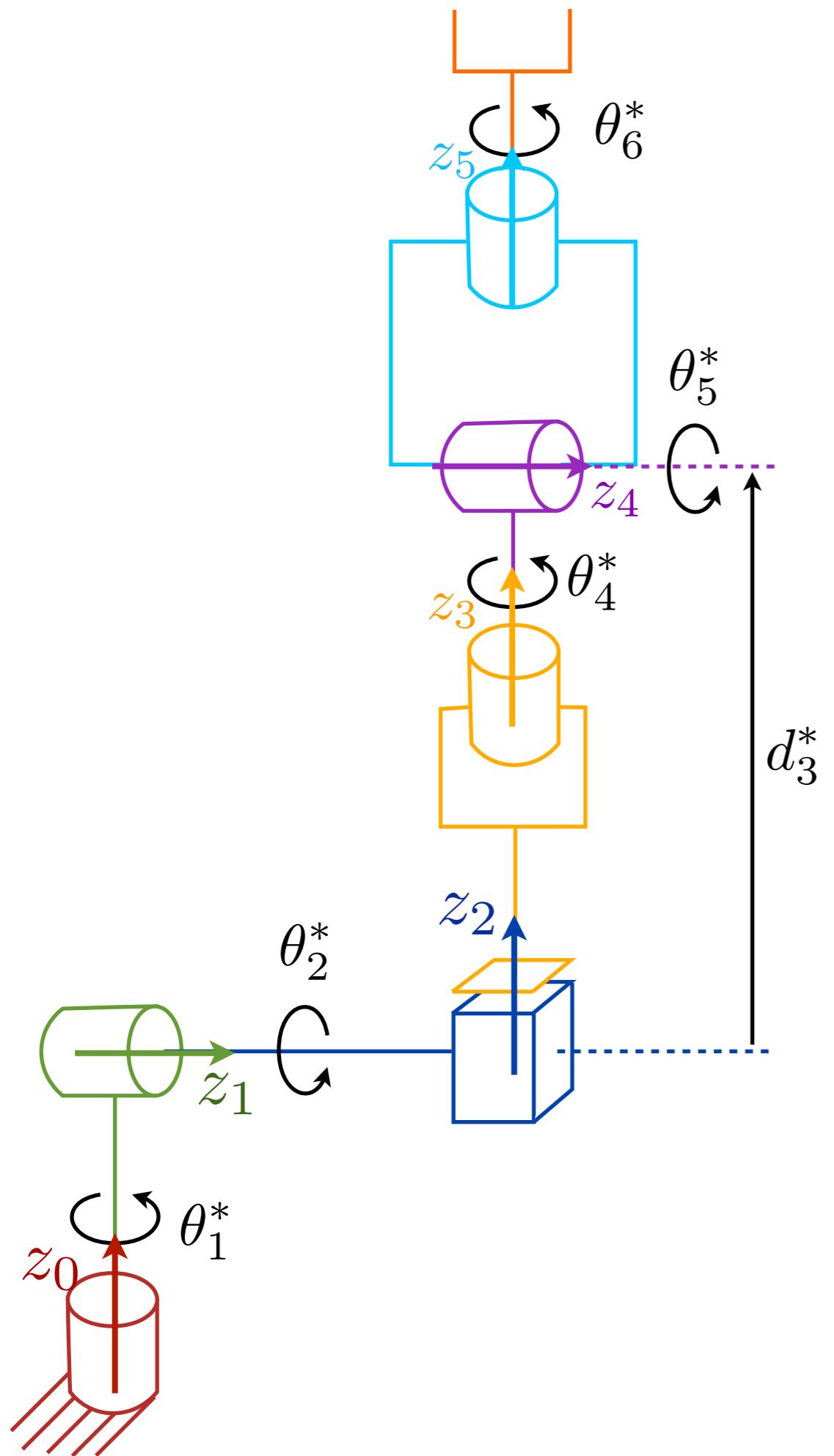
Shown with all $\theta^* = 0$ and $d_3^* = d$



Step 1: Locate and label the joint axes z_0, \dots, z_{n-1} .

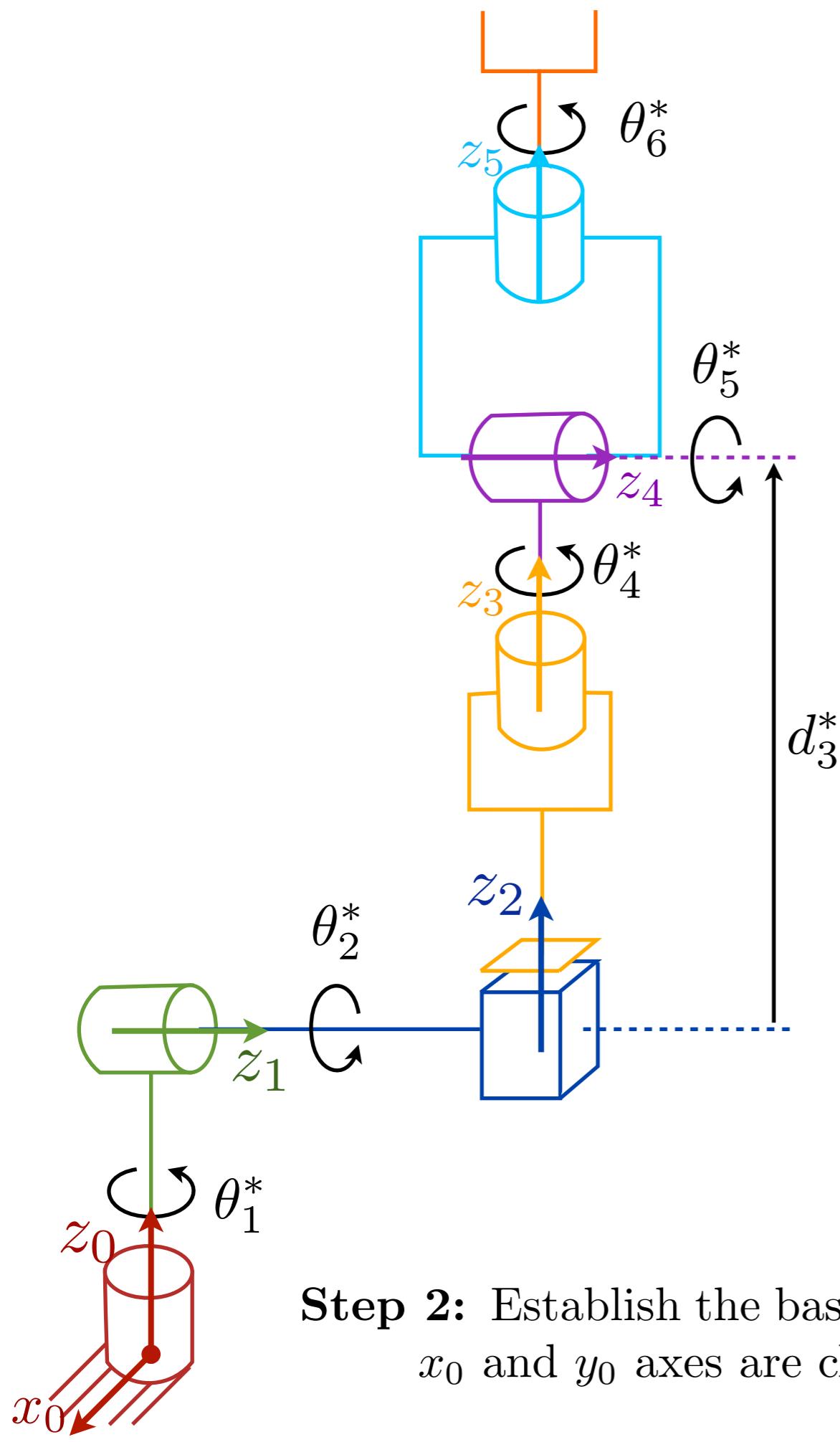
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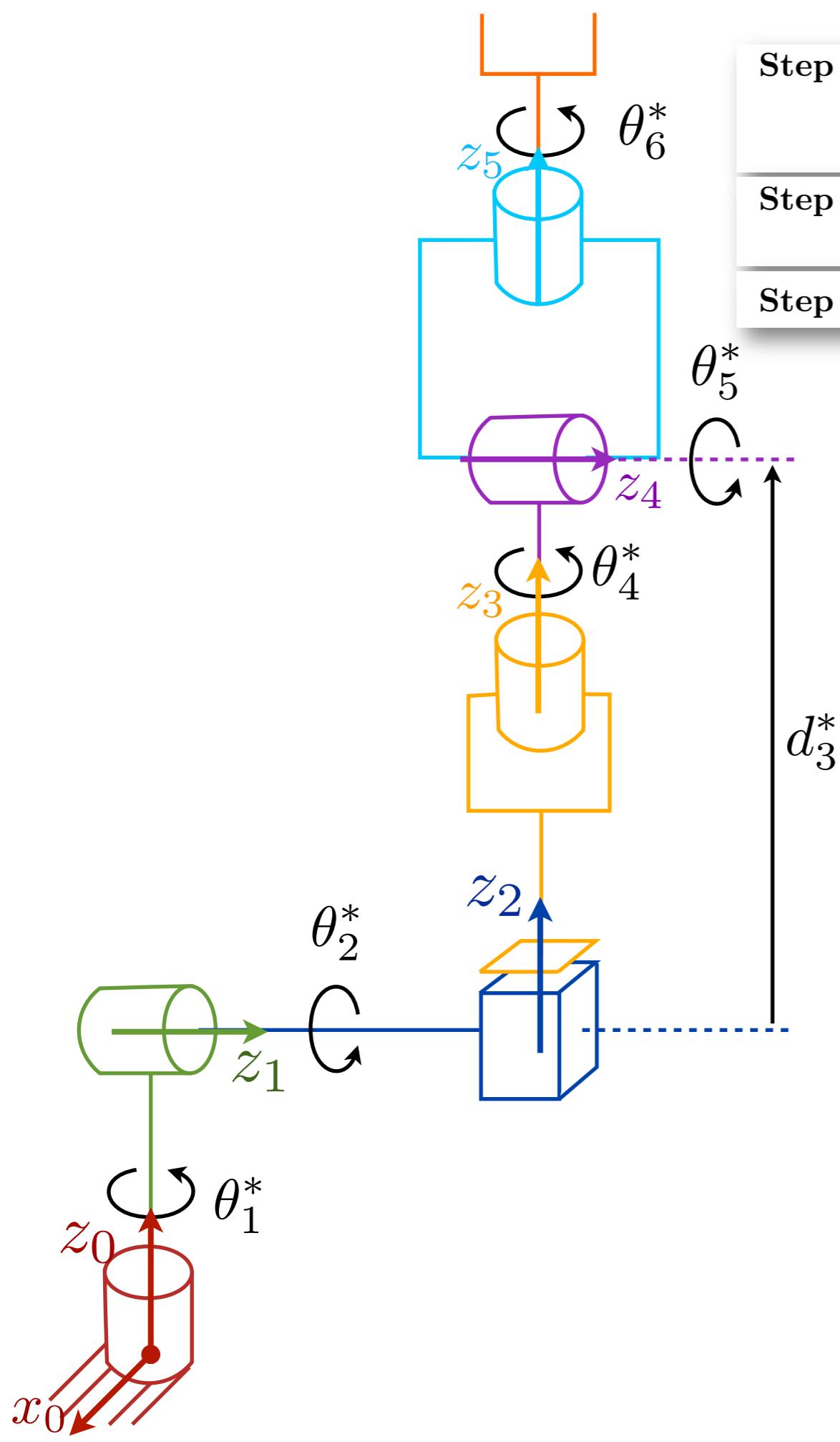
Step 2: Establish the base frame. Set the origin anywhere on the z_0 -axis. The x_0 and y_0 axes are chosen conveniently to form a right-handed frame.

For $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$, perform Steps 3 to 5.

Step 3: Locate the origin o_i where the common normal to z_i and z_{i-1} intersects z_i . If z_i intersects z_{i-1} locate o_i at this intersection. If z_i and z_{i-1} are parallel, locate o_i in any convenient position along z_i .

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Step 5: Establish y_i to complete a right-handed frame.

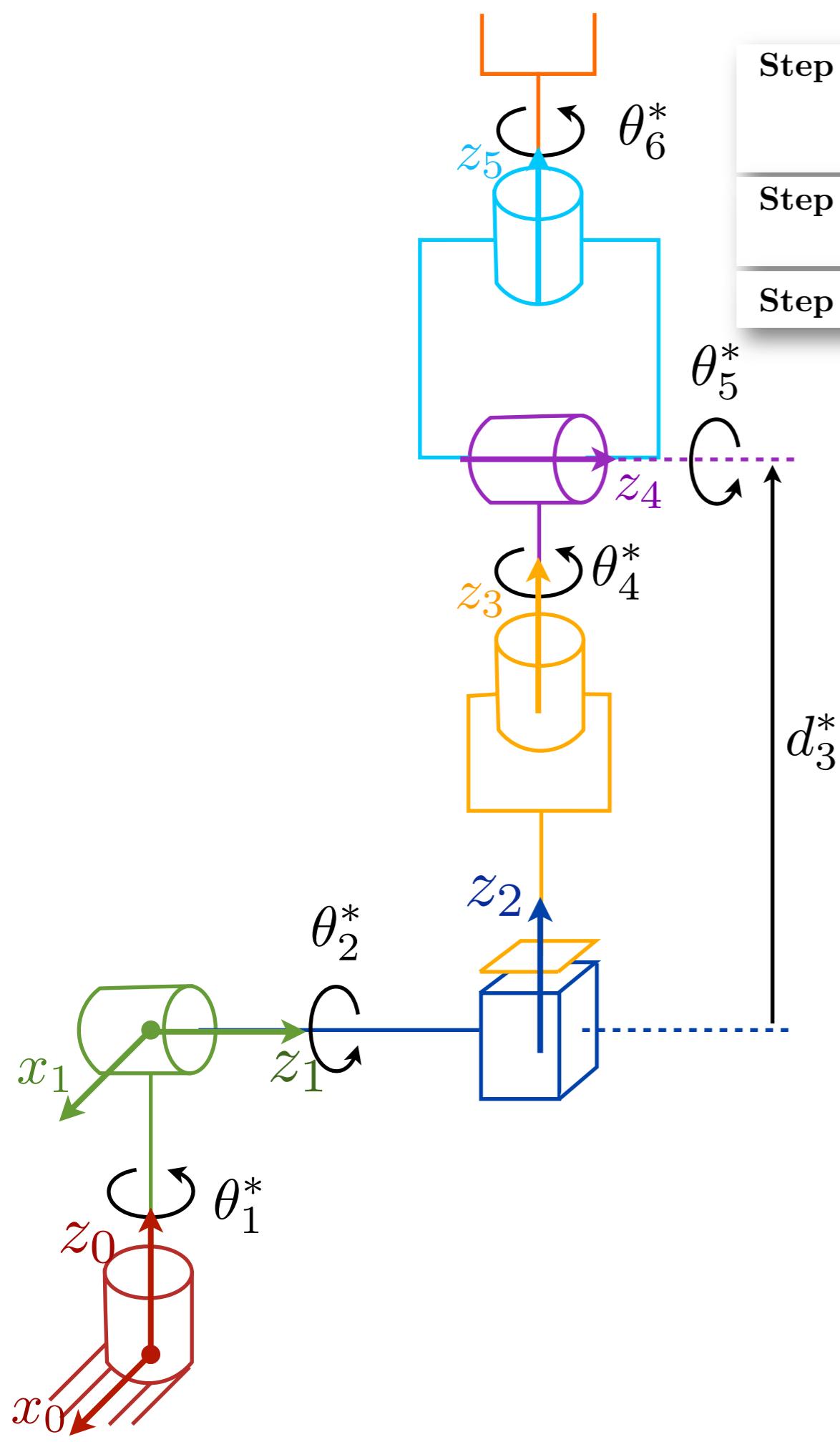


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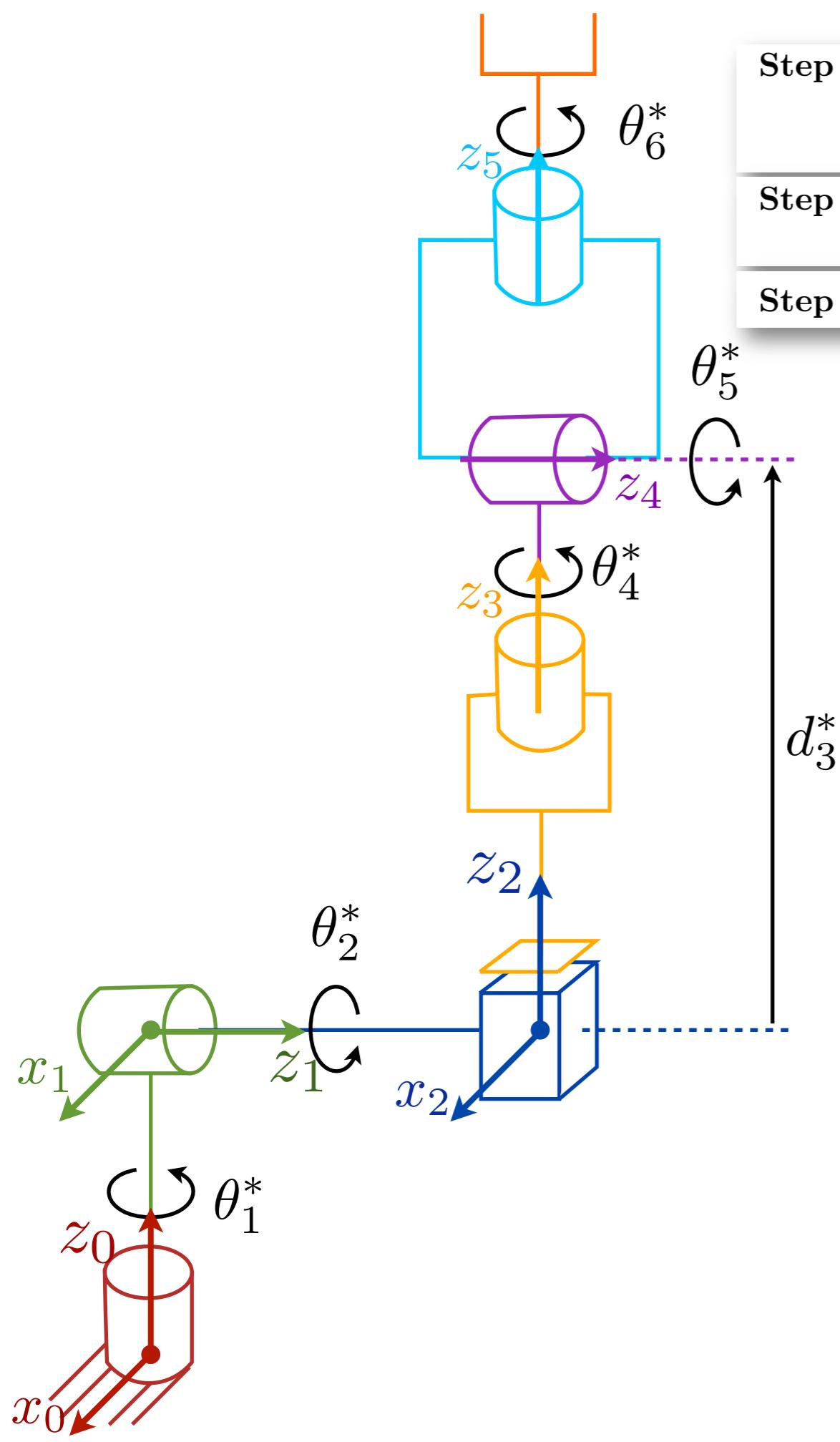


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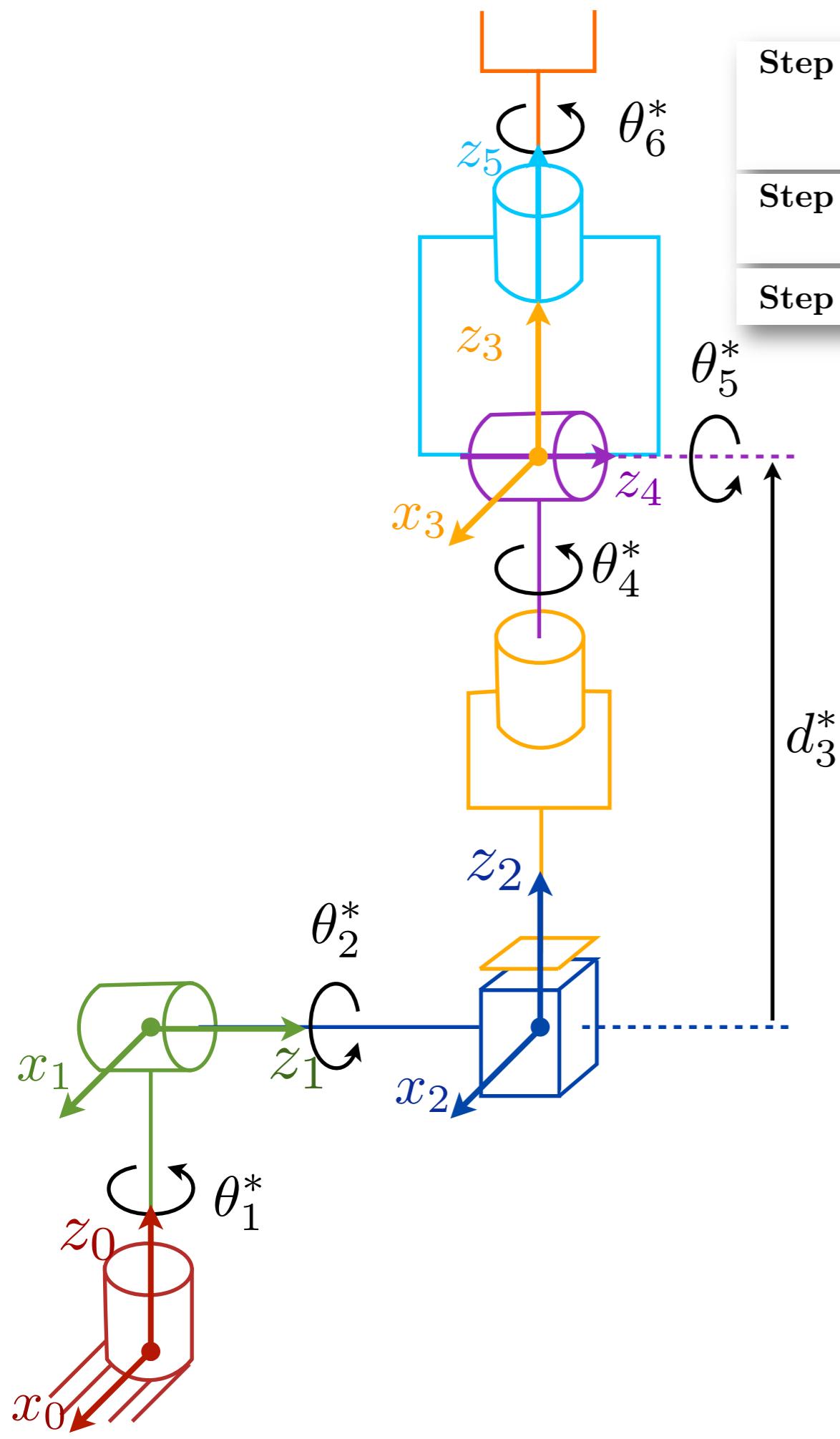


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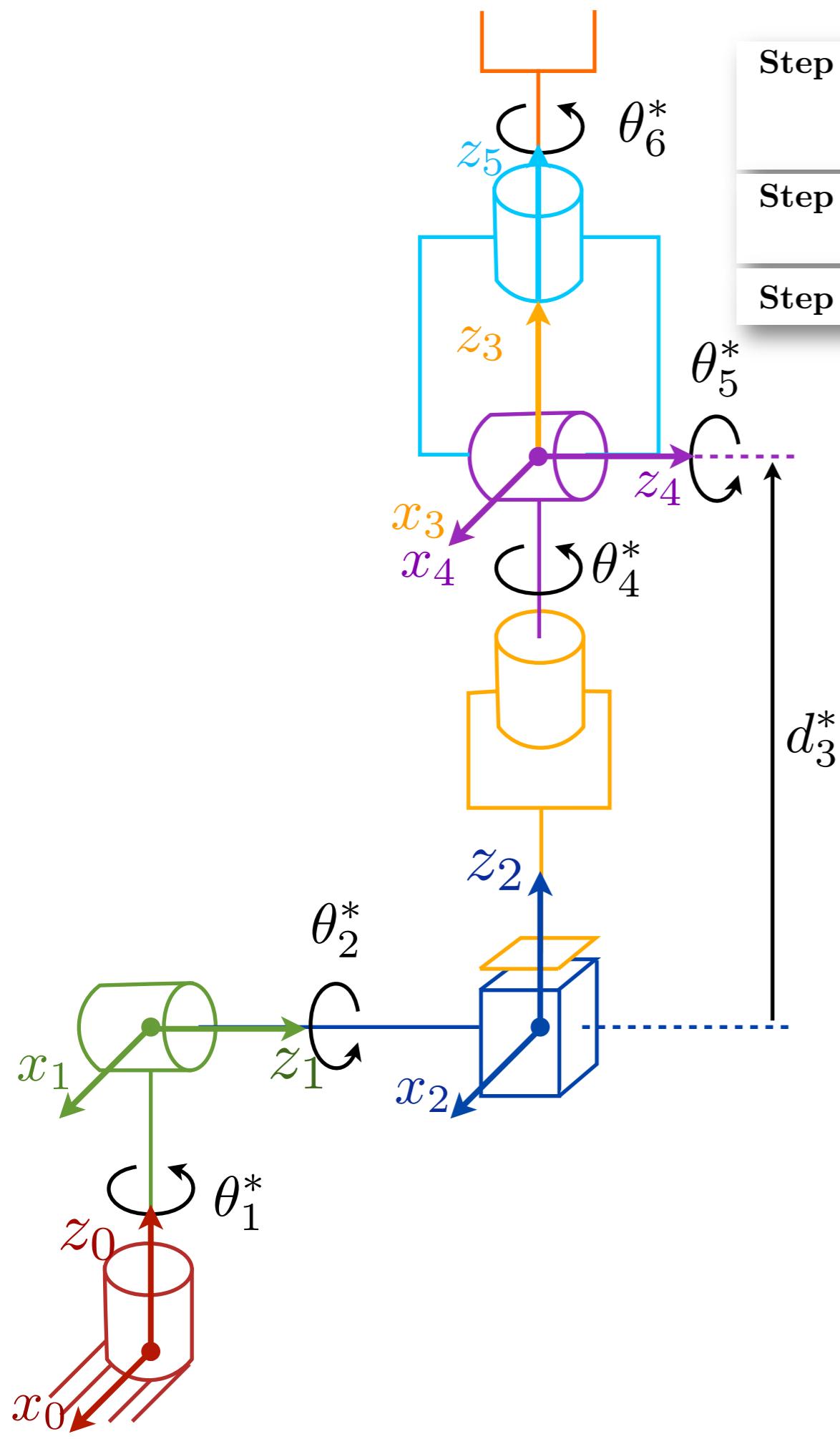


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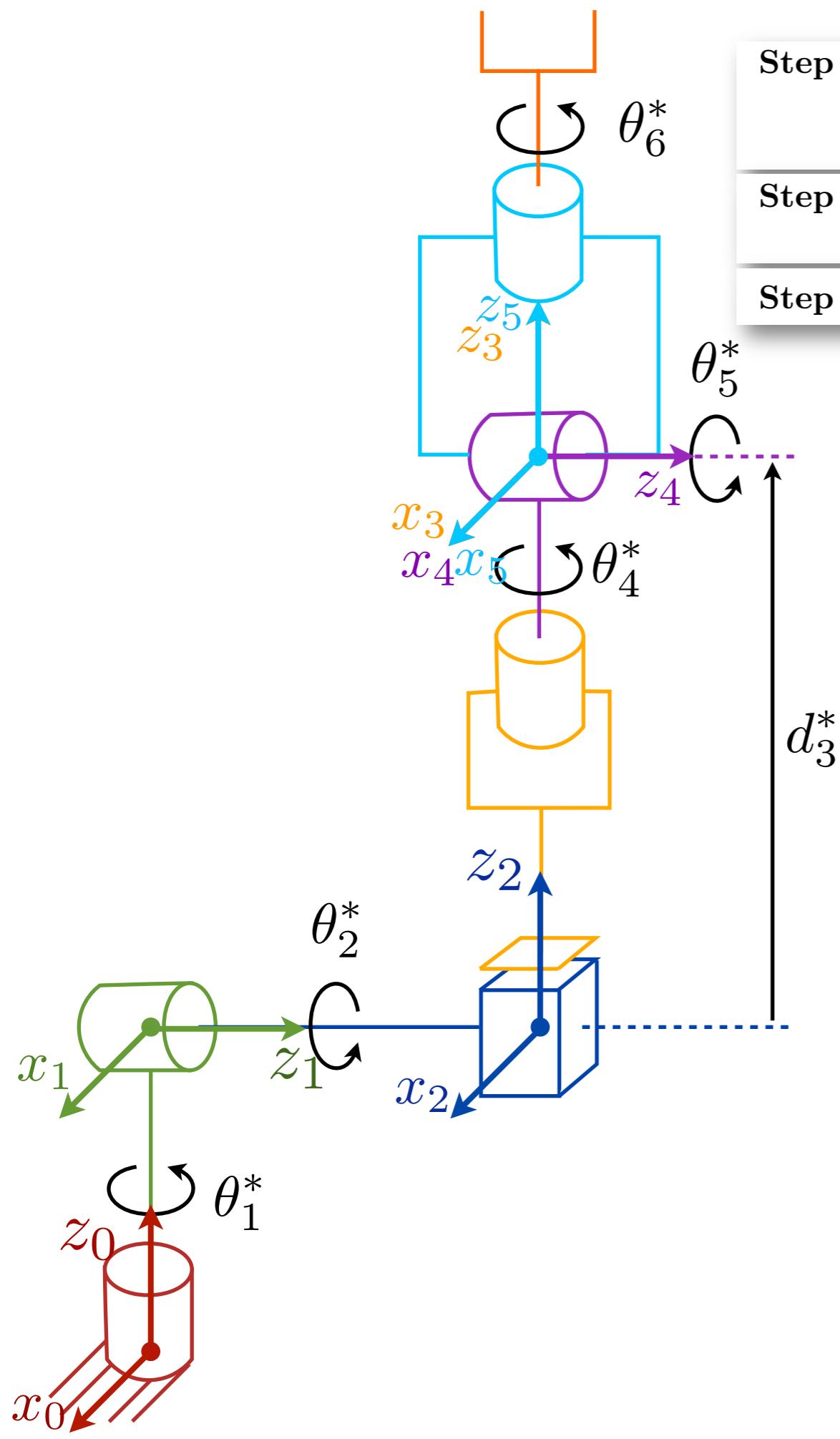


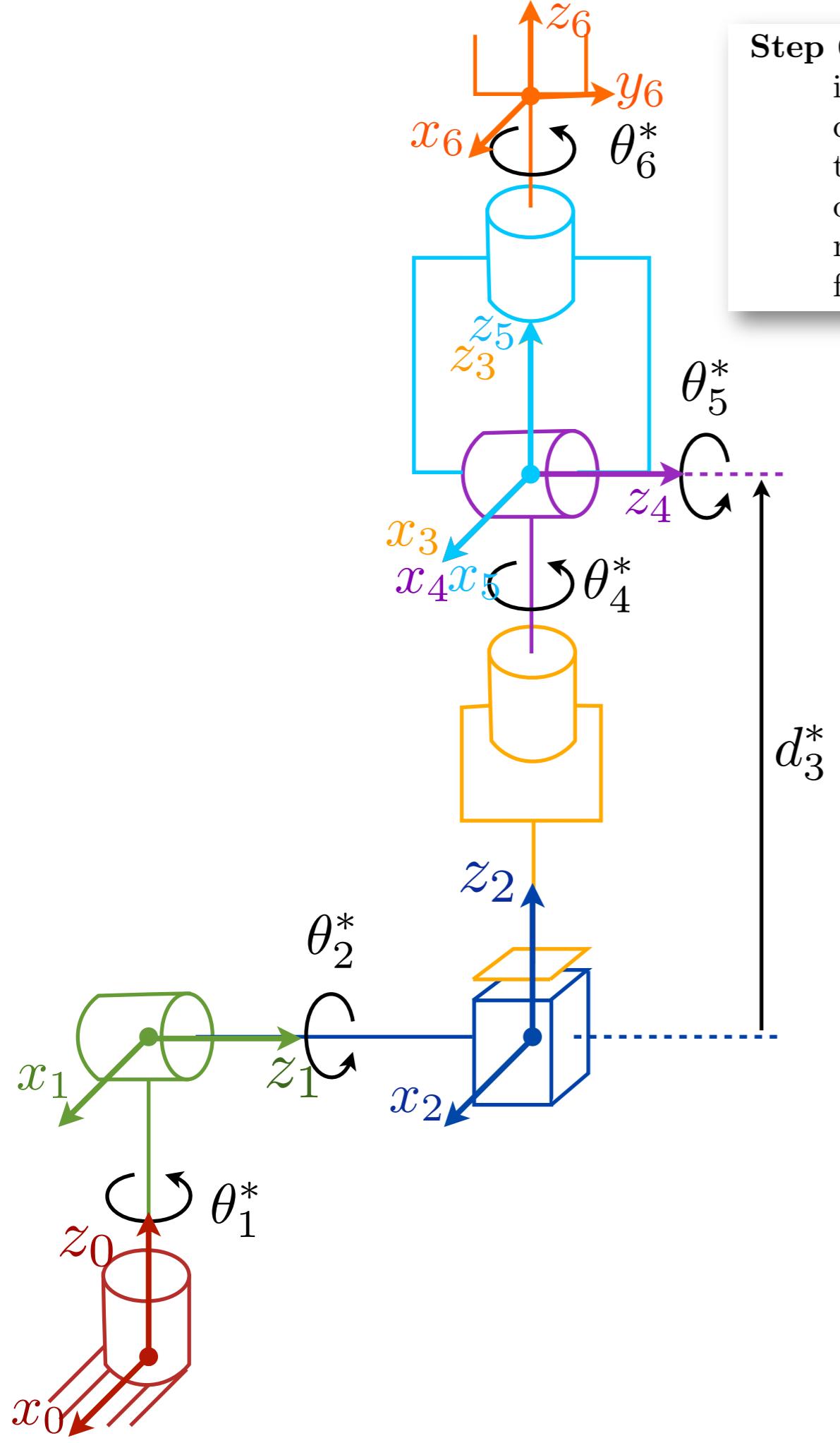
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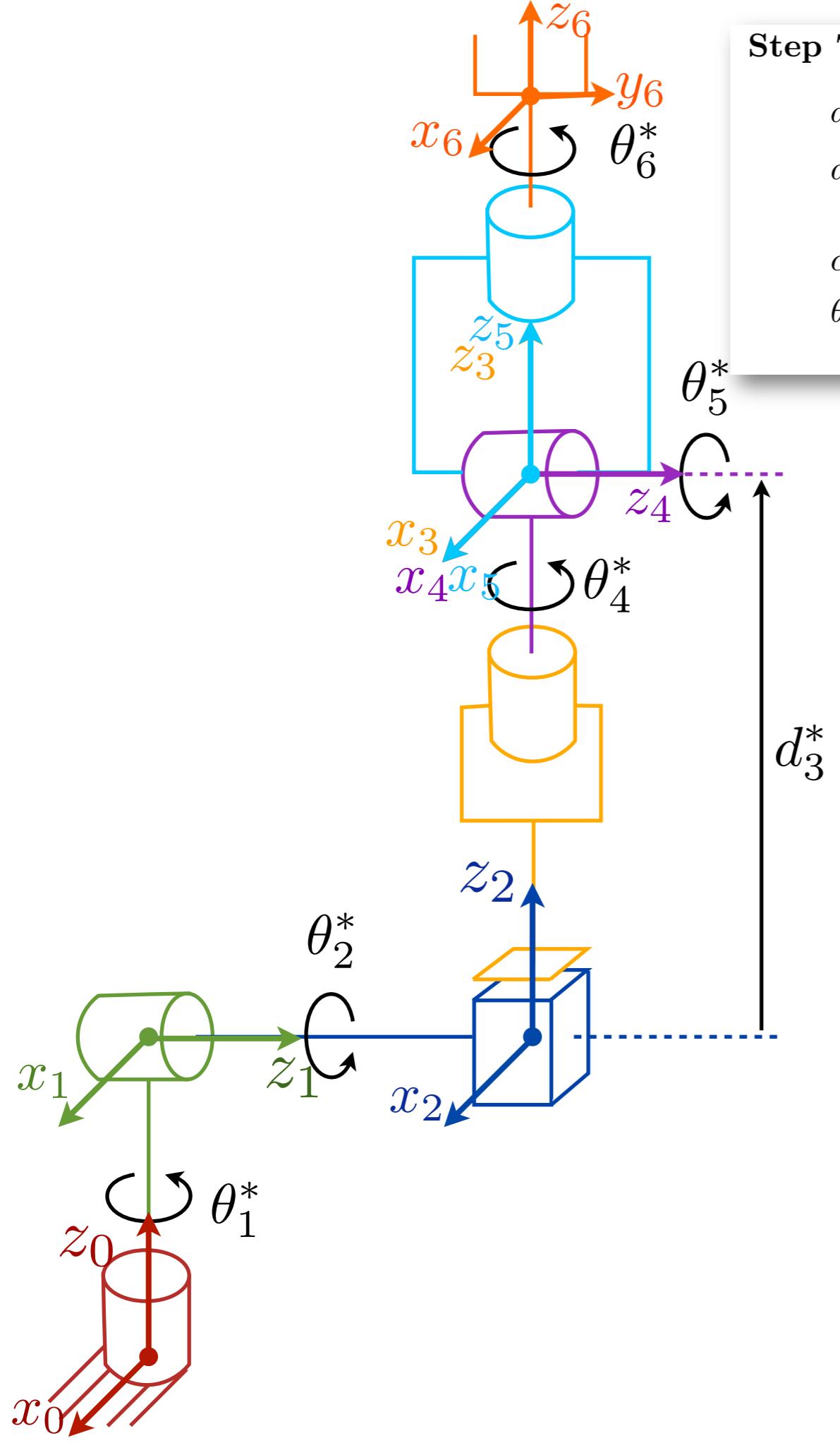
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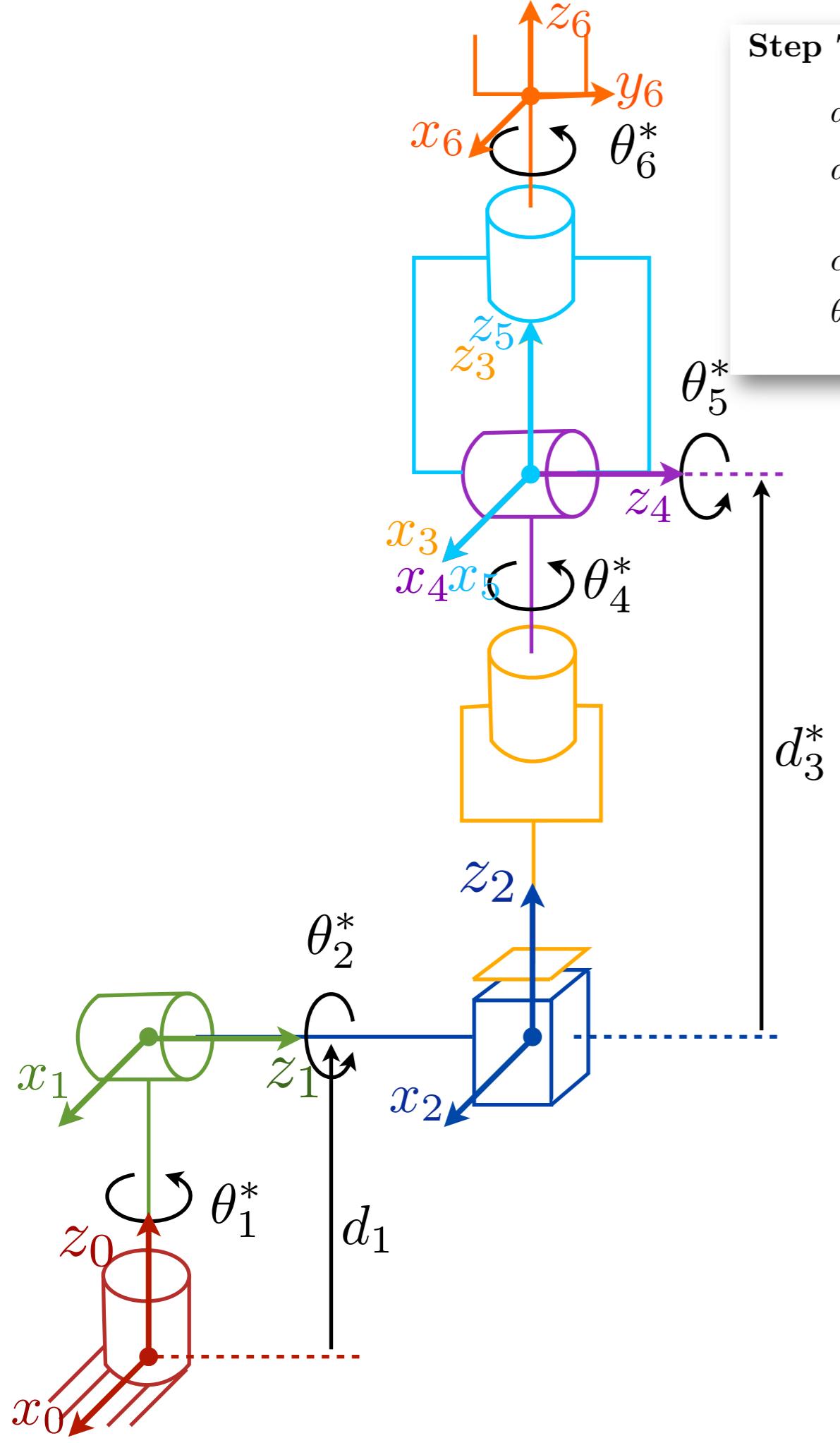
Step 6: Establish the end-effector frame $o_n x_n y_n z_n$. Assuming the n -th joint is revolute, set $z_n = a$ along the direction z_{n-1} . Establish the origin o_n conveniently along z_n , preferably at the center of the gripper or at the tip of any tool that the manipulator may be carrying. Set $y_n = s$ in the direction of the gripper closure and set $x_n = n$ as $s \times a$. If the tool is not a simple gripper set x_n and y_n conveniently to form a right-handed frame.



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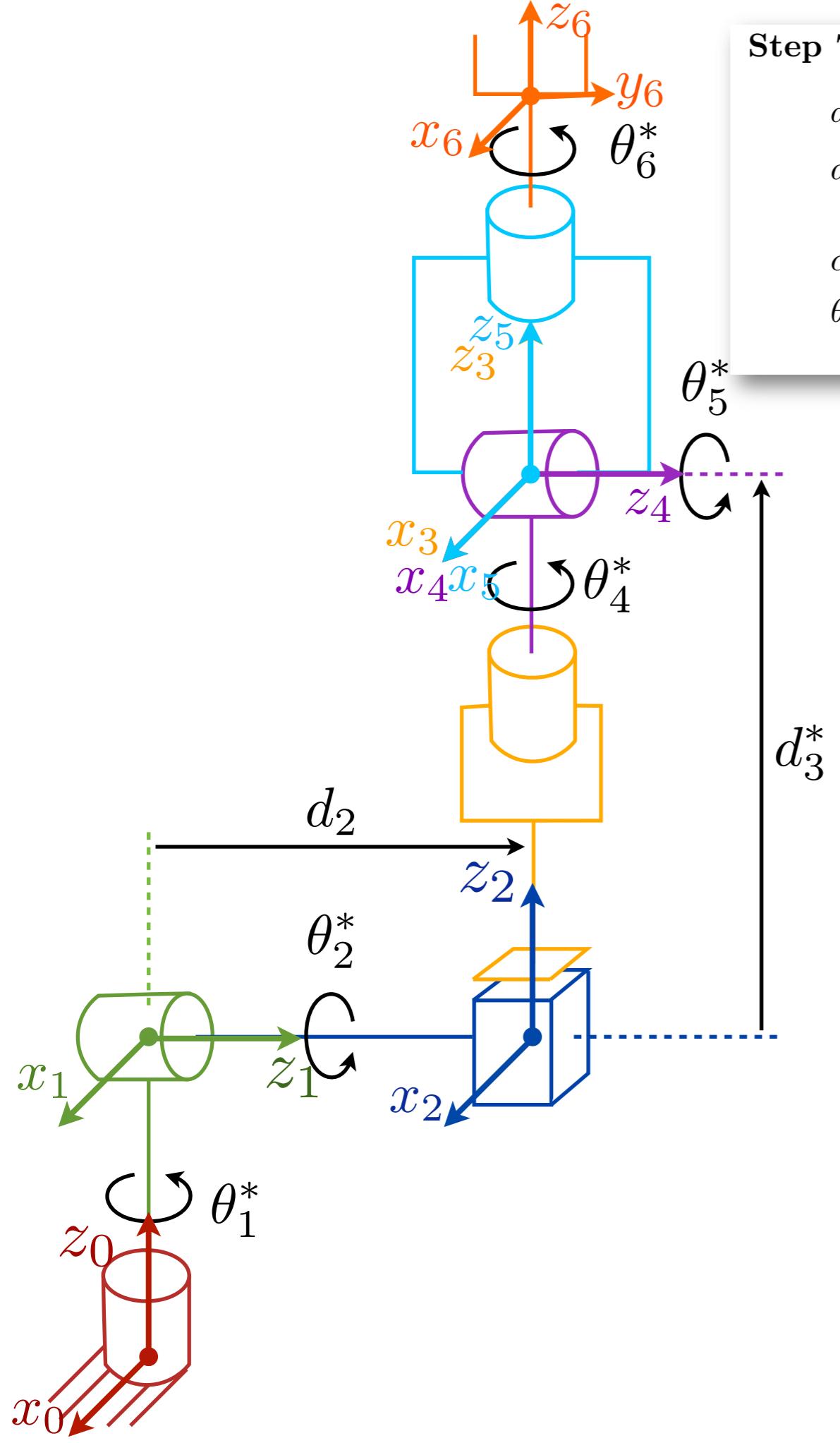
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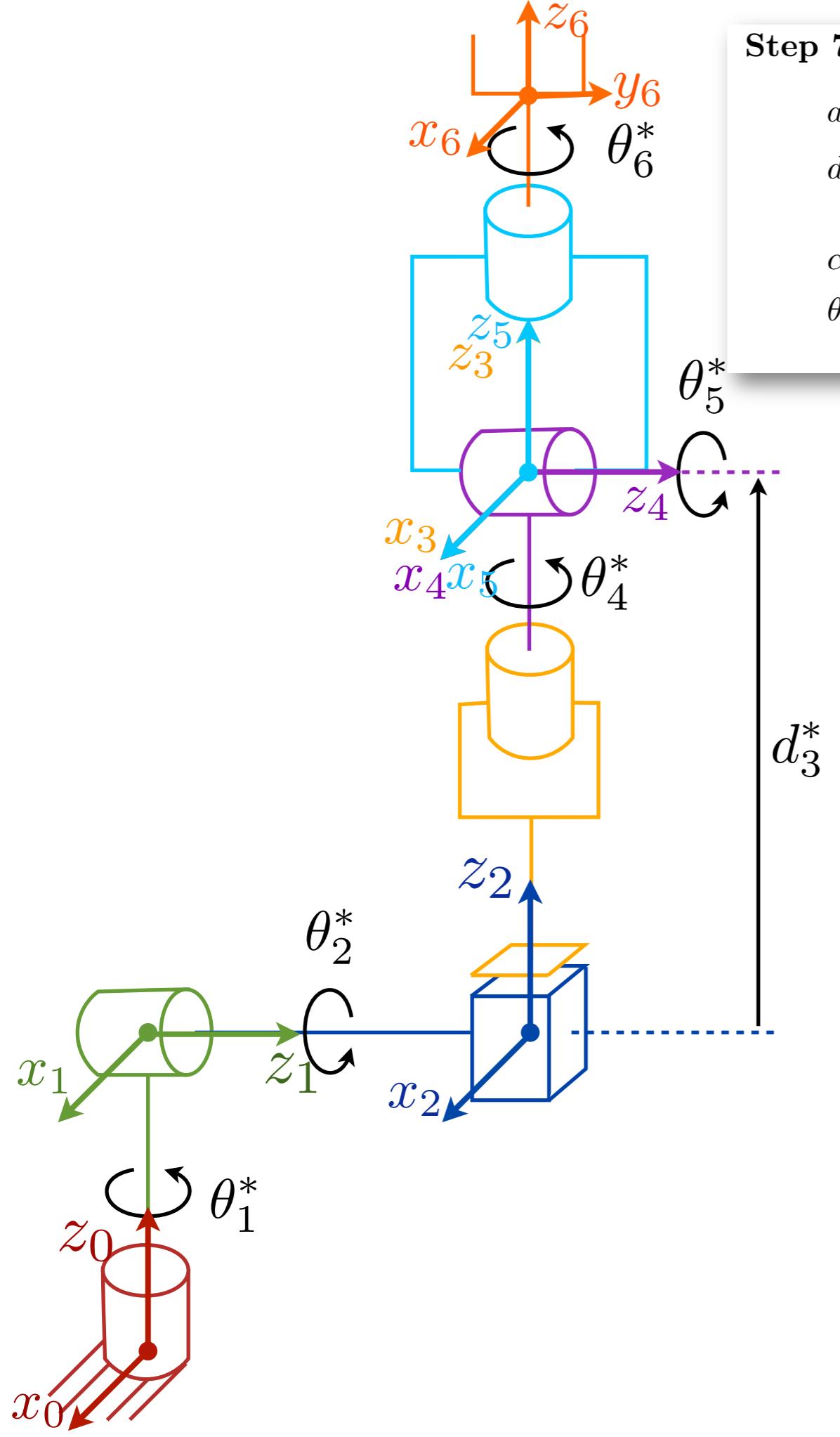


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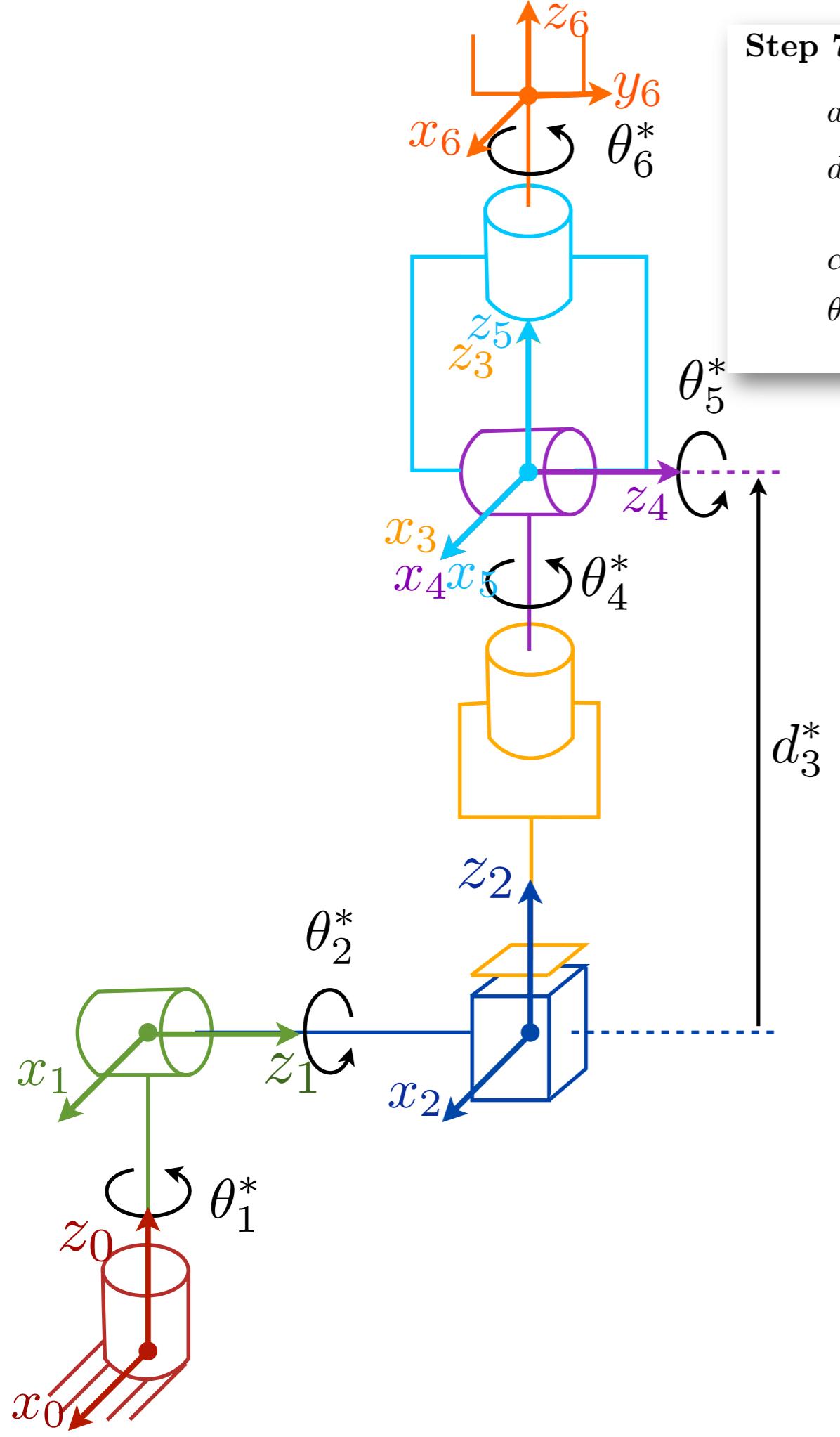
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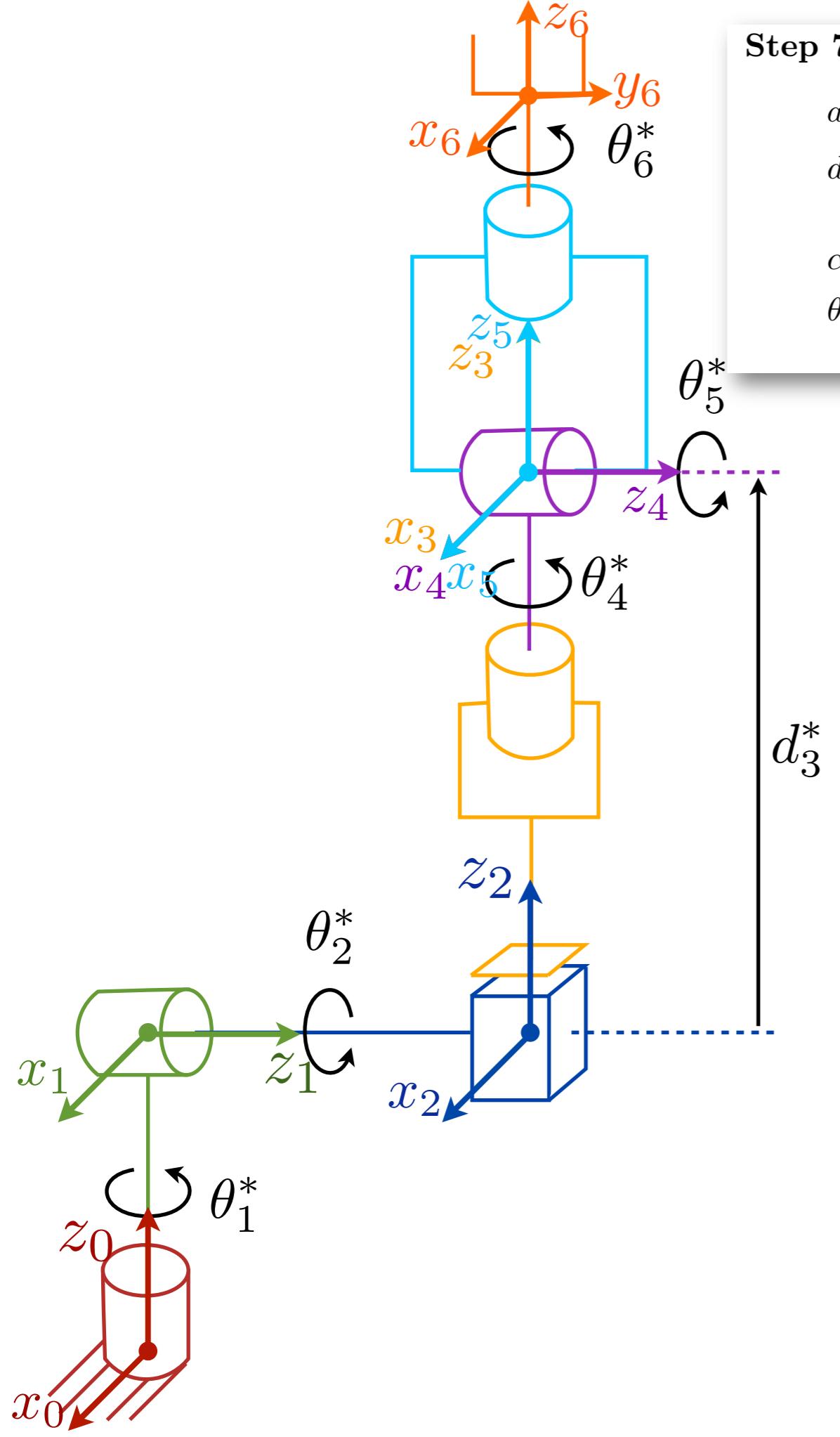


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Legend: Red dot → Green dot: θ_1^* ; Green dot → Blue dot: θ_2^* ; Blue dot → Orange dot: θ_3^* ; Orange dot → Purple dot: θ_4^* .

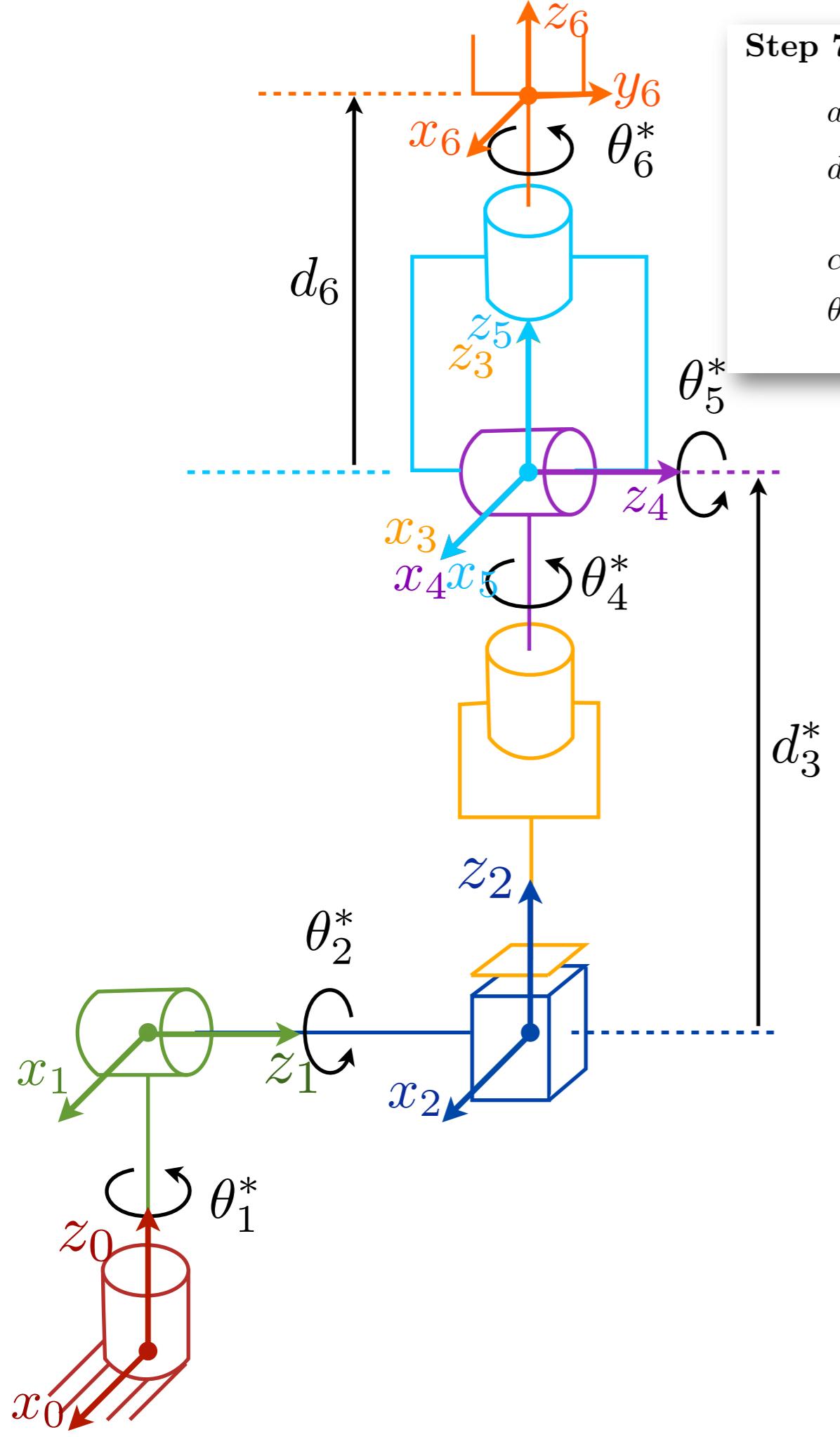


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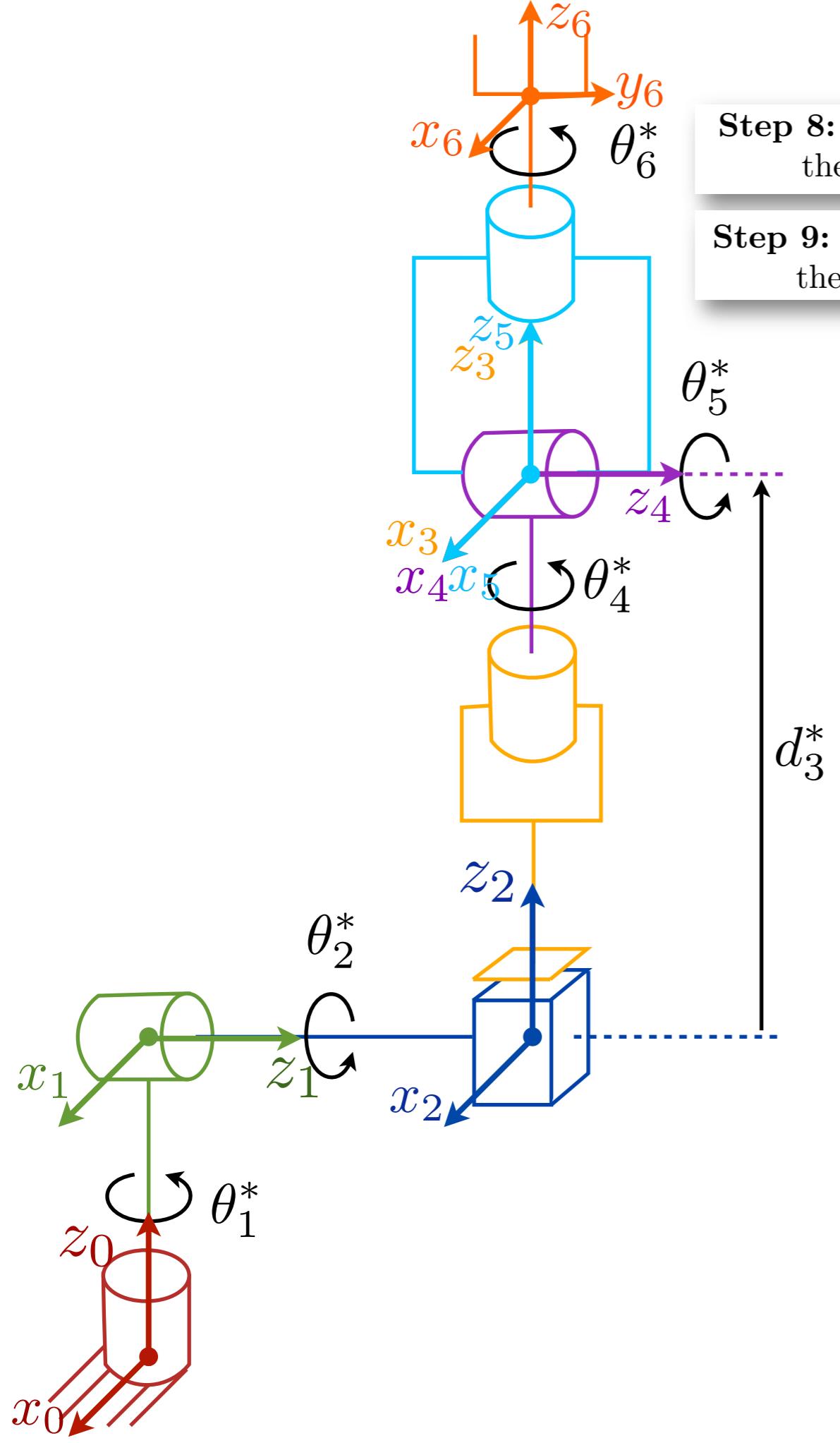
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3	0	0°	d_3^*	0°	• → •
4	0	-90°	0	θ_4^*	• → •
5	0	$+90^\circ$	0	θ_5^*	• → •
6	0	0°	d_6	θ_6^*	• → •



Step 8: Form the homogeneous transformation matrices A_i by substituting the above parameters into (3.10).

Step 9: Form $T_n^0 = A_1 \cdots A_n$. This then gives the position and orientation of the tool frame expressed in base coordinates.

Link	x-step		z-step	
	a_i	α_i	d_i	θ_i
1	0	-90°	d_1	θ_1^*
2	0	$+90^\circ$	d_2	θ_2^*
3	0	0°	d_3^*	0°
4	0	-90°	0	θ_4^*
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6	0	0°	d_6	θ_6^*

Legend for colors:

- Red arrow: \rightarrow Green circle: \bullet
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