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Forward and Inverse Kinematic Analysis and Validation of the ABB IRB 140 Industrial Robot

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Abstract - The main goal of this paper is to derive the forward and inverse kinematic model of the ABB IRB 140 industrial manipulator. Denavit-Hartenberg analysis (DH) is presented to write the forward kinematic equations. Initially, a coordinate system is attached to each of the six links of the manipulator. Then, the corresponding four link parameters are determined for each link to construct the six transformation matrices (^{i-1}IT) that define each frame {i} relative to the previous one {i-1}. While, to develop the kinematics that calculates the required joint angles ($\theta_1 - \theta_6$), both geometrical and analytical approaches are used to solve the inverse kinematic problem. After introducing the forward and inverse kinematic models, a MATLAB code is written to obtain the solutions of these models. Then, the forward kinematics is validated by examining a set of known positions of the robot arm, while the inverse kinematics is checked by comparing the results obtained in MATLAB with a simulation in Robot Studio.

Keywords - Robotics, forward kinematics, inverse kinematics, ABB IRB 140 manipulator

1. Introduction

'Kinematics is the science of geometry in motion' [1]. This means it deals only with geometrical issues of motion such as the position and orientation regardless the force that causes them. There are two types of kinematics, the forward and inverse kinematics. Forward kinematic analysis is concerned with the relationship between the joint angle of the robot manipulator and the position and orientation of the end-effector [2]. In other words, it deals with finding the homogeneous transformation matrix that describes the position and orientation of the tool frame with respect to the global reference frame. On the other hand, inverse kinematics is used to calculate the joint angles required to achieve the desired position and orientation. The same transformation matrix which resulted from the forward kinematics in order to describe the position and the orientation of the tool frame relative to the robot base frame is used here in the inverse kinematics to solve for the joint angles.

The IRB 140, shown in Figure 1 below, is compact six axes (6 DOF) industrial manipulator. It is designed with six revolute joints providing a flexible use at an outstanding accuracy to be suitable for a wide range of applications such as welding, packing, assembly, etc.

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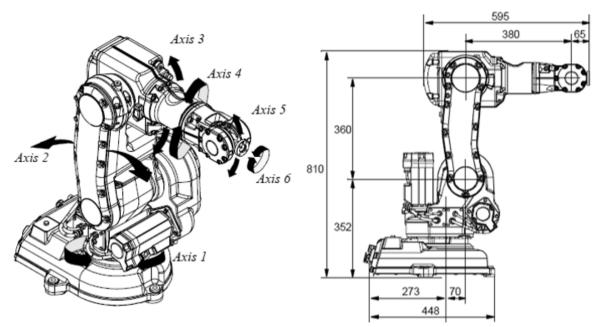


Figure 1. The ABB IRB 140 manipulator

2. Forward Kinematics

To mathematically model a robot and hence determine the position and orientation of the end effector with respect to the base or any other point, it is necessary to assign a global coordinate frame to the base of the robot and a local reference frame at each joint. Then, the Denavit-Hartenberg analysis (DH) is presented to build the homogeneous transformations matrices between the robot joint axes [3]. These matrices are a function of four parameters resulted from a series of translations and rotations around different axes. The illustration of how frame $\{i\}$ is related to the previous frame $\{i-1\}$ and the description of the frame parameters are shown in Figure 2 below.

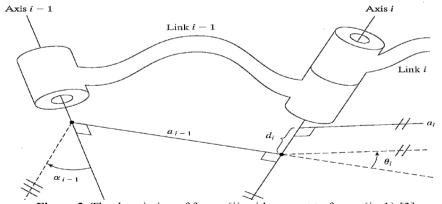


Figure 2. The description of frame $\{i\}$ with respect to frame $\{i-1\}$ [3]

From Figure 2, the modified D-H parameters can be described as:

- α_{i-1} : Twist angle between the joint axes Z_i and Z_{i-1} measured about X_{i-1} .
- a_{i-1} : Distance between the two joint axes Z_i and Z_{i-1} measured along the common normal.
- θ_i: Joint angle between the joint axes Xi and Xi-1 measured about Zi.
- d_i: Link offset between the axes Xi and Xi-1 measured along Zi.

Thus, the four Transformations between the two axes can be defined as:

$$_{i}^{i-1}T = Rot(X_{i-1}, \alpha_{i-1}) \times Trans(X_{i-1}, \alpha_{i-1}) \times Rot(Z_i, \theta_i) \times Trans(0, 0, d_i)$$

After finishing the multiplication of these four transformation, the homogeneous transform can be obtained as:

The ABB IRB140 frames assignment is shown below in Figure 3.

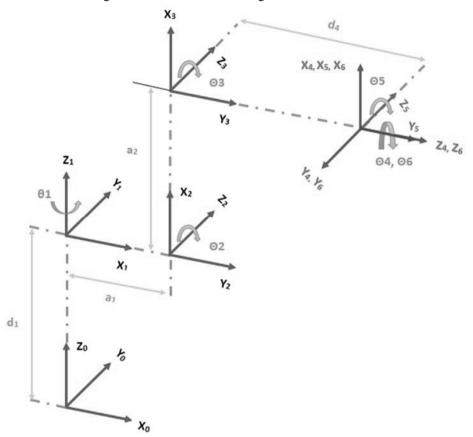


Figure 3. ABB IRB140 frames assignment

According to our particular frame assignment, the modified D-H parameters are defined in Table 1 below.

Axis (i)	α_{i-1}	a_{i-1}	d_{i}	$\theta_{\rm i}$
1	0	0	$d_1 = 352$	θ1
2	-90	$a_1 = 70$	0	θ2-90
3	0	$a_2 = 360$	0	θ3
4	-90	0	$d_4 = 380$	θ4
5	90	0	0	θ5
6	-90	0	0	θ6

Table 1. Hata! Belgede belirtilen stilde metne rastlanmadı.. The ABB IRB 140 D-H parameters

For the simplicity of calculations and matrix product, it can be assumed that $s_2 = \sin(\theta 2-90)$, $c_2 = \cos(\theta 2-90)$. After achieving the D-H Table 1, the individual transformation matrix for each link is achieved by substituting the link parameters into the general homogeneous transform derived above in (1.1).

$${}_{0}^{0}T = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\theta_{1}} & -s_{\theta_{1}} & 0 & a_{0} \\ s_{\theta_{1}}c_{\alpha_{0}} & c_{\theta_{1}}c_{\alpha_{01}} & -s_{\alpha_{0}} & -d_{1}s_{\alpha_{0}} \\ s_{\theta_{1}}s_{\alpha_{0}} & c_{\theta_{1}}s_{\alpha_{0}} & c_{\alpha_{0}} & d_{1}c_{\alpha_{0}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}_{1}^{0}T = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1} & -s_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ s_{1} & c_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}_{1}^{0}T = \begin{pmatrix} c_{2} & -s_{\theta_{2}} & 0 & a_{1} \\ s_{\theta_{2}}c_{\alpha_{1}} & c_{\theta_{2}}c_{\alpha_{1}} & -s_{\alpha_{1}} & -d_{2}s_{\alpha_{1}} \\ s_{\theta_{2}}s_{\alpha_{1}} & c_{\theta_{2}}s_{\alpha_{1}} & c_{\alpha_{1}} & d_{2}c_{\alpha_{1}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}_{2}^{0}T = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\theta_{3}} & -s_{\theta_{3}} & 0 & a_{2} \\ s_{\theta_{3}}c_{\alpha_{2}} & c_{\theta_{3}}c_{\alpha_{2}} & -s_{\alpha_{2}} & -d_{3}s_{\alpha_{2}} \\ s_{\theta_{3}}s_{\alpha_{2}} & c_{\theta_{3}}s_{\alpha_{2}} & -s_{\alpha_{2}} & -d_{3}s_{\alpha_{2}} \\ s_{\theta_{3}}s_{\alpha_{2}} & c_{\theta_{3}}s_{\alpha_{2}} & -s_{\alpha_{2}} & -d_{3}s_{\alpha_{2}} \\ s_{\theta_{3}}s_{\alpha_{2}} & c_{\theta_{3}}s_{\alpha_{2}} & -s_{\alpha_{2}} & -d_{3}s_{\alpha_{2}} \\ s_{\theta_{3}}s_{\alpha_{3}} & c_{\theta_{4}}s_{\alpha_{3}} & -s_{\alpha_{2}} & -d_{3}s_{\alpha_{2}} \\ s_{\theta_{3}}s_{\alpha_{2}} & c_{\theta_{3}}s_{\alpha_{2}} & -s_{\alpha_{2}} & -d_{3}s_{\alpha_{2}} \\ s_{\theta_{3}}s_{\alpha_{3}} & c_{\theta_{4}}s_{\alpha_{3}} & -s_{\alpha_{3}} & -d_{4}s_{\alpha_{3}} \\ s_{\theta_{4}}s_{\alpha_{3}} & c_{\theta_{4}}s_{\alpha_{3}} & -s_{\alpha_{3}} & -d_{4}s_{\alpha_{3}} \\ s_{\theta_{4}}s_{\alpha_{3}} & c_{\theta_{4}}s_{\alpha_{3}} & -s_{\alpha_{3}} & -d_{4}s_{\alpha_{3}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}_{3}T = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\theta_{4}} & -s_{\theta_{4}} & 0 & \alpha_{3} \\ s_{\theta_{4}}c_{\alpha_{3}} & c_{\theta_{4}}s_{\alpha_{3}} & -s_{\alpha_{4}} & -d_{5}s_{\alpha_{4}} \\ s_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{4}} & c_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{4}} & -s_{\alpha_{4}} & -d_{5}s_{\alpha_{4}} \\ s_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{4}} & c_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{4}} & -s_{\alpha_{4}} & -d_{5}s_{\alpha_{4}} \\ s_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{4}} & c_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{4}} & -s_{\alpha_{5}} & -d_{6}s_{\alpha_{5}} \\ s_{\theta_{6}}c_{\alpha_{5}} & c_{\theta_{6}}c_{\alpha_{5}} & -s_{\alpha_{5}} & -d_{6}s_{\alpha_{5}} \\ s_{\theta_{6}}s_{\alpha_{5}} & c_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{5}} & c_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{5}} & c_{\alpha_{5}} & d_{6}c_{\alpha_{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}_{5}T = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\theta_{6}} & -s_{\theta_{6}} & 0 & a_{5} \\ s_{\theta_{6}}c_{\alpha_{5}} & c_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{5}} & -s_{\alpha_{5}} & -d_{6}s_{\alpha_{5}} \\ s_{\theta_{6}}s_{\alpha_{5}} & c_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{5}} & c_{\alpha_{5}} & -s_{\alpha_{5}} & -d_{6}s_{\alpha_{5}} \\ s_{\theta_{6}}s_{\alpha_{5}} & c_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{5}} & c_{\theta_{5}}s_{\alpha_{5}} & -$$

Once the homogeneous transformation matrix of each link is obtained, forward kinematic chain can be applied to achieve the position and orientation of the robot end-effector with respect to the global reference frame (robot base).

$$\begin{split} & \frac{2}{3}T = \frac{2}{3}T \times \frac{2}{5}T \\ & = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ s_1 & c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & X \begin{pmatrix} c_2 & -s_2 & 0 & a_1 \\ -s_2 & -c_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & -\frac{2}{5}C_2 - c_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \frac{2}{5}C_2 - s_1s_2 & c_1 & s_1a_1 \\ -s_2 & -c_2 & 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \frac{2}{3}T = \begin{pmatrix} c_1c_2 & -c_1s_2 & -s_1 & c_1a_1 \\ -s_2 & -c_1s_2 & -s_1 & c_1a_1 \\ -s_2 & -c_2 & 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & X \begin{pmatrix} c_3 & -s_3 & 0 & a_2 \\ s_3 & c_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \frac{2}{3}T = \begin{pmatrix} c_1c_2s_3 - c_1s_2s_3 & -(c_1c_2s_3 + c_1s_2c_3) & -s_1 & c_1c_2a_2 + c_1a_1 \\ -s_2c_3 + c_2s_3 & -(s_1c_2s_3 + s_1s_2c_3) & c_1 & s_1c_2a_2 + s_1a_1 \\ -(s_2c_3 + c_1s_2s_3 & -c_1s_2s_3 + c_1s_2c_3) & c_1 & s_1c_2a_2 + s_1a_1 \\ -(s_2c_3 + c_1s_2s_3 & c_1 & s_1(c_2a_2 + a_1) \\ -(s_2c_3 + c_1s_2s_3 & c_1 & s_1(c_2a_2 + a_1) \\ -(s_2c_3 + c_1s_2s_3 & c_1 & s_1(c_2a_2 + a_1) \\ -(s_2c_3 - c_1s_2s_3 & c_1 & s_1(c_2a_2 + a_1) \\ -(s_2c_3 - c_1s_2s_3 & c_1 & s_1(c_2a_2 + a_1) \\ -(s_2c_3 - c_1s_2s_3 & c_1 & s_1(c_2a_2 + a_1) \\ -(s_2c_3 - c_2s_3 & 0 & -s_2a_2 + d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \frac{2}{6}T = \frac{4}{3}T \times \frac{6}{5}T \\ & \frac{2}{6}T = \frac{4}{3}T \times \frac{6}{4}T \\ & \frac{2}{6}T = \begin{pmatrix} c_1c_2s_3 - c_1s_2s_3 & -s_1 & c_1(c_2a_2 + a_1) \\ -s_2c_3 - c_2s_3 & 0 & -s_2s_2 + d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \frac{2}{6}X = \frac{2}{3}X \times \frac{6}{6}T \\ & \frac{2}{6}X + \frac{2}{$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{r}_{11} = \ c_1c_{23} \ (c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - c_1s_{23}s_5 \ c_6 + s_1(s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) \\ \mathbf{r}_{12} = \ c_1c_{23} (-c_4c_5s_6 - s_4c_6) + c_1s_{23}s_5 \ s_6 - s_1(s_4c_5s_6 - c_4c_6) \\ \mathbf{r}_{13} = \ -c_1c_{23}c_4s_5 - c_1s_{23}c_5 - s_1s_4s_5 \\ \mathbf{r}_{21} = \ s_1c_{23} \ (c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - s_1s_{23}s_5 \ c_6 - c_1(s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) \\ \mathbf{r}_{22} = \ s_1c_{23} (-c_4c_5s_6 - s_4c_6) + s_1s_{23}s_5 \ s_6 + c_1(s_4c_5s_6 - c_4c_6) \\ \mathbf{r}_{23} = \ -s_1c_{23}c_4s_5 - s_1s_{23}c_5 + c_1s_4s_5 \\ \mathbf{r}_{31} = \ -s_{23} \ (c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - c_{23}s_5 \ c_6 \\ \mathbf{r}_{32} = \ -s_{23} \ (-c_4c_5s_6 - s_4c_6) + c_{23}s_5 \ s_6 \\ \mathbf{r}_{33} = \ s_{23}c_4s_5 - c_{23}c_5 \\ \mathbf{x} = \ -d_4c_1s_{23} + c_1(c_2a_2 + a_1) \\ \mathbf{y} = \ -d_4s_1s_{23} + s_1(c_2a_2 + a_1) \\ \mathbf{z} = \ -s_2a_2 + d_1 - d_4c_{23} \end{array}$$

Now, it is also possible to find the position of the tip (TCP) with respect to the robot base. According to the robot frame assignment, it is simply a transition along the z axis of frame {6} by d6 (65 mm). Therefore, the final position of the end effector with respect to the robot global reference frame can be expressed as:

$$Ptip = {}_{6}^{0}T X P^{6}$$

Ptip =
$$\begin{pmatrix} r11 & r12 & r13 & x \\ r21 & r22 & r23 & y \\ r31 & r32 & r33 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ d6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d6 X r13 + x \\ d6 X r23 + y \\ d6 X r33 + z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Forward Kinematic Validation

After finding the homogeneous transformation matrix $\binom{0}{6}T$) that describes the end effector position and orientation with respect to the robot global reference frame, the position of the robot in space is expressed by the vector ${}^{0}P_{6ORG}$ which gives the values of x, y and z vectors as follow:

$$x = -d_4c_1s_{23} + c_1(c_2a_2 + a_1)$$

 $y = -d_4s_1s_{23} + s_1(c_2a_2 + a_1)$
 $z = -s_2a_2 + d_1 - d_4c_{23}$
1 that: $S_2 = \sin(\theta 2-90)$, $C_2 = \cos(\theta 2-90)$, $d1 = 352$ mm, $d4 = 380$ mm, $d4 = 380$ mm, $d4 = 380$ mm, $d4 = 380$ mm.

These equations are programmed in Matlab and a set of eight positions, illustrated below in Figure 4, were chosen randomly to validate the forward kinematic model. The joint angles of each position are entered manually by the user to obtain the x, y and z vectors as shown in Table 2 below. It can be clearly seen that there is no y component corresponding to these particular positions because $\Theta1$ is always given to be zero. The same joint angle values were entered through the robot operating software in the lab and the results were similar to the x, y and z vectors obtained from Matlab which proves the validity of this model.

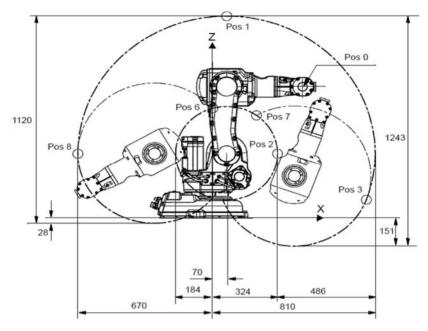


Figure 4. Set of different robot positions

4. Inverse Kinematics

Inverse kinematics is used to calculate the joint angles required to achieve the desired position and orientation in the robot workspace. In general, there are two methods of solution, the analytical and geometrical approaches. Since three consecutive axes of the robot intersect at a common point, Pieper's solution can be applied. Pieper's approach works on the principle of separating the position solution for $\Theta1$, $\Theta2$ and $\Theta3$ from the orientation solution to solve for $\Theta4$, $\Theta5$ and $\Theta6$ [4]. Therefore, a geometrical approach is initially implemented to find the joint variables $\Theta1$, $\Theta2$ and $\Theta3$ that define the end effector position in space, while an analytical solution is applied to calculate the angles $\Theta4$, $\Theta5$ and $\Theta6$ which describe the end-effector orientation.

4.1 Geometrical solution

According to the frame assignment shown in Figure 1, x and y components of frame $\{1\}$ is the same as frame $\{0\}$ because there is only a Z-directional offset between the two frames.

Position	Joint angles	X vector	Y vector	Z vector
0	$\Theta 1 = 0, \Theta 2 = 0, \Theta 3 = 0$	450	0	712
1	$\Theta 1 = 0, \Theta 2 = 0, \Theta 3 = -90$	70	0	1092
2	$\Theta 1 = 0, \Theta 2 = 0, \Theta 3 = 50$	314	0	420.9
3	$\Theta 1 = 0, \Theta 2 = 110, \Theta 3 = -90$	765	0	98.9
6	$\Theta 1 = 0, \Theta 2 = -90, \Theta 3 = 50$	1.1	0	596
7	$\Theta 1 = 0, \Theta 2 = 110, \Theta 3 = -230$	218	0	558
8	$\Theta 1 = 0$ $\Theta 2 = -90$ $\Theta 3 = -90$	-670	0	352

Table 2. Numerical calculation for the values x, y and z of each positions

Therefore, the projection of the wrist components on x-y plane of frame $\{0\}$ has the same components on frame $\{1\}$ [5, 6]. In addition, since both link two and three are planar, the position vector in y direction changes with respect to $\theta 1$ only. Thus, two possible solutions for $\theta 1$ can be achieved by simply applying the arctangent function.

$$\theta 1 = atan2 (Py, Px),$$
 $\theta 1 1 = \Pi + \theta 1.$
(4.1)
(4.2)

The solutions of $\theta 2$ and $\theta 3$ are obtained by considering the plane, shown in Figure 5, formed by the second and third planar links with respect to the robot global reference frame.

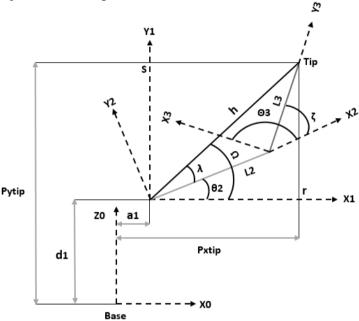


Figure 5. Projection of links two and three onto the x y plane

The cosine low is used to solve for θ 3 as follow:

$$h^2 = (L_2)^2 + (L_3)^2 - 2 \times L_2 \times L_3 \cos(180 - \zeta)$$

Since the position is given with respect to the robot tip (TCP), L₃ should be equal to d4 + d6. While, $L_2 = a_2$, $h^2 = s^2 + r^2$, $\cos(180 - \zeta) = -\cos(\zeta)$.

$$s^{2} + r^{2} = (a_{2})^{2} + (d_{4} + d_{6})^{2} + 2 \times a_{2} \times (d_{4} + d_{6}) \cos(\zeta)$$

$$\cos(\zeta) = \frac{[s_{2} + r_{2} - (a_{2})_{2} - (d_{4} + d_{6})_{2}]}{2 \times a_{2} \times (d_{4} + d_{6})}$$
(4.3)

Now, we should have the value of (s) and (r) in term of P_{xtip} , P_{ytip} , P_{ztip} and $\theta 1$. $S = (P_{ztip} - d1)$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{(\text{Pxtip} - \text{a1}\cos{(\theta 1)})^2 + (\text{Pytip} - \text{a1}\sin{(\theta 1)})^2}$$
, Sub. (s) and (r) in (4.3) yield:

$$\cos{(\zeta)} = \frac{[(Pztip - d1)2 + (Pxtip - a1\cos{(\theta 1)})2 + (Pytip - a1\sin{(\theta 1)})2 - (a2)2 - (d4 + d6)2]}{2 \times a2 \times (d4 + d6)}$$
$$\sin{(\zeta)} = \pm \sqrt{1 - \cos{2(\zeta)}}$$

$$\zeta = atan2 (Sin (\zeta), Cos (\zeta))$$

Finally,
$$\theta 3 = -(90 + \zeta)$$
 (4.4)

The negative sign in θ 3 indicates that the rotation occurred in the opposite direction. Likewise, we can follow the same procedure to solve for θ 2 using similar trigonometric relationships.

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\begin{array}{l} \theta 2 = \Omega - \lambda \\ \Omega = atan2 \; (s,\, r) \\ \lambda = atan2 \; ((d_4 + d_6) \sin{(\zeta)}, \, a_2 + (d_4 + d_6) \cos{(\zeta)}) \\ \theta 2 = atan2 \; (s,\, r) - atan2 \; [(d_4 + d_6) \sin{(\zeta)}, \, a_2 + (d_4 + d_6) \cos{(\zeta)}], \, sub \; the \; values \; of \; (s) \; and \; (r) \; yield: \\ \theta 2 = atan2 \; [(P_{ztip} - d1), \pm \sqrt{\; (Pxtip - a1 \cos{(\theta1)})2 \; + \; (Pytip - a1 \sin{(\theta1)})2})] \\ - atan2 \; [(d_4 + d_6) \; x \sin{(\zeta)}, \, a_2 + (d_4 + d_6) \cos{(\zeta)}]. \end{array}
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Again the rotation occurred in the opposite direction of the z axis as well as there are an initial rotation of 90° between axis 1 and axis 2. Therefore, the final value of θ 2 equal to:

$$\theta 2 = -((\Omega - \lambda) - 90). \tag{4.5}$$

It is important to say that any position within the robot workspace can be achieved with many orientations. Therefore, multiple solutions exist for the variables $\Theta1$, $\Theta2$ and $\Theta3$ due to the nature of trigonometric functions.

As noticed above, every solution step resulted in two values that will be used in the next step, and so on. For example, there are four solutions for ζ that resulted from two different values of $\theta 1$ ($\theta 1$ and $\theta 11$), this procedure gives four solutions for $\theta 3$, each solution corresponds to different robot configurations of elbow-up and elbow-down representations. These solutions can be listed in Table 3 below to illustrate all the possible solution set.

Solution	THETA1	THETA3	THETA2	Set
1	θ1	Θ3	Θ2	SET 1
2	θ1	Θ3	Θ22	
3	θ1	Ө33	Ө2і	SET 2
4	Θ1	Ө33	Θ22i	
5	θ11	ӨЗі	Ө2ј	SET 3
6	θ11	ӨЗі	Ө22j	
7	θ11	Ө33і	Θ2k	SET 4
8	θ11	ӨЗЗі	⊖22k	

Table 3. Possible solution set

4.2 Analytical solution

After solving the first inverse kinematic sub-problem which gives the required position of the end effector, the next step of the inverse kinematic solution will deal with the procedure of solving the orientation sub-problem to find the joint angles $\Theta4$, $\Theta5$ and $\Theta6$. This can be done using Z-Y-X Euler's formula. As the orientation of the tool frame with respect to the robot base frame is described in term of Z-Y-X Euler's rotation, this means that each rotation will take place about an axis whose location depends on the previous rotation [3]. The Z-Y-X Euler's rotation is shown below in Figure 6.

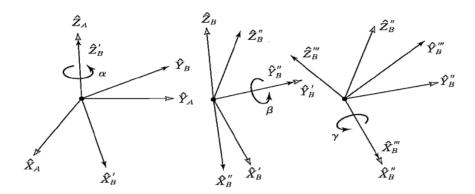


Figure 6. Z—Y—X Euler rotation [3]

The final orientation matrix that results from these three consecutive rotations will be as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} & {}^{0}_{6}R = R_{z'y'x'} = R_{z} \left(\alpha \right) \, R_{y} \left(\beta \right) \, R_{x} \left(\gamma \right) \\ & {}^{0}_{6}R = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\alpha} & -s_{\alpha} & 0 \\ s_{\alpha} & c_{\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \, X \begin{pmatrix} c_{\beta} & 0 & s_{\beta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{\beta} & 0 & c_{\beta} \end{pmatrix} \, X \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\gamma} & -s_{\gamma} \\ 0 & s_{\gamma} & c_{\gamma} \end{pmatrix} \\ & {}^{0}_{6}R = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\alpha}c_{\beta} & c_{\alpha}s_{\beta}s_{\gamma} - s_{\alpha}c_{\gamma} & c_{\alpha}s_{\beta}c_{\gamma} + s_{\alpha}s_{\gamma} \\ s_{\alpha}c_{\beta} & s_{\alpha}s_{\beta}s_{\gamma} + c_{\alpha}c_{\gamma} & s_{\alpha}s_{\beta}c_{\gamma} - c_{\alpha}s_{\gamma} \\ -s_{\beta} & c_{\beta}s_{\gamma} & c_{\beta}c_{\gamma} \end{pmatrix}$$

Recall the forward kinematic equation,

$${}^{0}_{3}R = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1}c_{23} & -c_{1}s_{23} & -s_{1} \\ s_{1}c_{23} & -s_{1}s_{23} & c_{1} \\ -s_{23} & -c_{23} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}^{3}_{6}R = \begin{pmatrix} {}^{0}_{3}R \end{pmatrix}^{T} {}^{0}_{6}R$$

$${}^{3}_{6}R = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1}c_{23} & s_{1}c_{23} & -s_{23} \\ -c_{1}s_{23} & -s_{1}s_{23} & -c_{23} \\ -s_{1} & c_{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} x \begin{pmatrix} c_{\alpha}c_{\beta} & c_{\alpha}s_{\beta}s_{\gamma} - s_{\alpha}c_{\gamma} & c_{\alpha}s_{\beta}c_{\gamma} + s_{\alpha}s_{\gamma} \\ s_{\alpha}c_{\beta} & s_{\alpha}s_{\beta}s_{\gamma} + c_{\alpha}c_{\gamma} & s_{\alpha}s_{\beta}c_{\gamma} - c_{\alpha}s_{\gamma} \\ -s_{\beta} & c_{\beta}s_{\gamma} & c_{\beta}c_{\gamma} \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}^{3}_{6}R = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} & g_{13} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} & g_{23} \\ g_{31} & g_{32} & g_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

However, it can be concluded that the last three intersected joints form a set of ZYZ Euler angles with respect to frame {3}. Therefore, these rotations can be expressed as:

$$\begin{split} R_{z'yz'} &= {}^3_6 R = R_z \left(\alpha\right) R_y \left(\beta\right) R_z \left(\gamma\right) \\ {}^3_6 R &= \begin{pmatrix} c_\alpha & -s_\alpha & 0 \\ s_\alpha & c_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X \begin{pmatrix} c_\beta & 0 & s_\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\beta & 0 & c_\beta \end{pmatrix} X \begin{pmatrix} c_\gamma & -s_\gamma & 0 \\ s_\gamma & c_\gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ {}^3_6 R &= \begin{pmatrix} c_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma - s_\alpha s_\gamma & -c_\alpha c_\beta s_\gamma - s_\alpha c_\gamma & c_\alpha s_\beta \\ s_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\gamma & -s_\alpha c_\beta s_\gamma + c_\alpha c_\gamma & s_\alpha s_\beta \\ -s_\beta c_\gamma & s_\beta s_\gamma & c_\beta \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

Where ${}_{6}^{3}R$ is given above as

$${}_{6}^{3}R = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} & g_{13} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} & g_{23} \\ g_{31} & g_{32} & g_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

It is possible now to use the ZYZ Euler's angles formula to obtain the solutions for Θ 4, Θ 5 and Θ 6 where

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_5 &= \beta = atan2 \left(+ \sqrt{g_{31}^2 + g_{32}^2}, g_{33} \right) \\ \theta_4 &= \alpha = atan2 \left(\frac{g_{32}}{s_\beta}, \frac{-g_{31}}{s_\beta} \right) \\ \theta_6 &= \gamma = atan2 \left(\frac{g_{23}}{s_\beta}, \frac{g_{13}}{s_\beta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

For each of the eight solutions achieved from the geometric approach for $\Theta1$, $\Theta2$ and $\Theta3$, there is another flipped solution of $\Theta4$, $\Theta5$ and $\Theta6$ that can be obtained as:

$$\theta_{55} = \beta' = atan2 \left(-\sqrt{g_{31}^2 + g_{32}^2}, g_{33} \right)$$
, Or simply $\Theta 55 = -\Theta 5$
 $\theta_{44} = \alpha = atan2 \left(\frac{g_{32}}{s_{\beta'}}, \frac{-g_{31}}{s_{\beta'}} \right)$, Or simply $\Theta 44 = 180 + \Theta 5$
 $\theta_{66} = \gamma = atan2 \left(\frac{g_{23}}{s_{\beta'}}, \frac{g_{13}}{s_{\beta'}} \right)$, Or simply $\Theta 66 = 180 + \Theta 6$

Now, if $\beta = 0$ or 180, this means that the robot in a singular configuration where the joint axes 4 and 6 are parallel. This results in a similar motion of the last three intersection links of the robot manipulator.

Alternatively:

If
$$\beta = \theta_5 = 0$$
, the solution will be $\theta_4 = \alpha = 0$
 $\theta_6 = \gamma = atan2 (-g12, g11)$
If $\beta = \theta_5 = 180$, the solution will be $\theta_4 = \alpha = 0$
 $\theta_6 = \gamma = atan2 (g12, -g11)$

5. Inverse Kinematic Validation

The home position of the robot in space is chosen to check the validity of the inverse kinematic solution. This position can be represented by a point (P_{tip}) in the robot workspace. This point describes the position of the end effector (TCP) with respect to the robot base frame. By applying the inverse kinematic equations derived above, a set of joint angles is achieved. However, some of these angles do not yield a valid solution which is simply due to the fact that not all the joints can be rotated by 360° .

$$P_{\text{tip}}$$
 (Home Position) = [pxtip pytip pztip] $^{\text{T}}$ = [515 0 712] $^{\text{T}}$

After performing the calculations in MATLAB, four sets of solution were obtained as follow:

θ1	Θ3	Θ2	Set
0	-180	102	SET 1
0	-180	0	
0	0	0	SET 2
0	0	-102	
180	-153	93.7	SET 3
180	-153	-23	
180	-27	23	SET 4
180	-27	-93.7	

Table 4. Inverse kinematic solution sets

However, because of the limitation on the joint angle range of movement [7], especially joints 2 and 3, some of these solutions (marked in red) are not valid. The ABB IRB 140 joint angle limits are listed below in Table 5.

Joint Angle	MAX	MIN
θ1	180	-180
Θ2	110	-90
Ө3	50	-230
Θ4	200	-200
Θ5	115	-115
Θ6	400	-400

Table 5. ABB IRB 140 joint angle limits [7]

After checking all the possible solutions with joint angle limitation table, only three valid solutions [(0, 0, 0), (180, -23, -153), (0, 102, -180)] were achieved which represent different robot configurations of the home position, elbowup and elbow-down representations. The elbow-up configuration that corresponds to joint angles (180, -23, -153) is shown in Figure 7 below, while Figure 8 shows the elbow-down configuration that corresponds to joint angles (0, 102, -180) and (0, 180). Finally, the set (0, 0, 0) represents the home position by default. It is important to note that the position vector in Robot Studio is given for the TCP with respect to the robot global reference frame. Thus to match our solution with the simulation in Robot Studio, the inverse kinematics was solved with respect to the robot TCP.

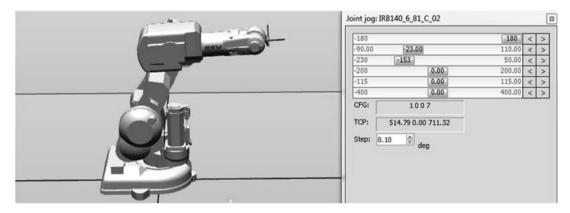


Figure 7. Elbow-up configuration

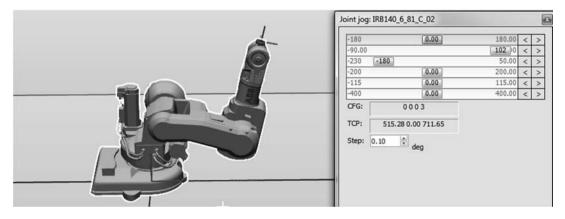


Figure 8. Elbow-down configuration

6. Conclusion

This work was undertaken to build the forward and inverse kinematic models of the ABB IRB 140 industrial manipulator. The Denavit-Hartenberg analysis (DH) is introduced to form the homogeneous transformation matrices. From the derived kinematic equations, it can be concluded that the position of the robot is given as a function of $\Theta1$, $\Theta2$ and $\Theta3$ only, while the three last intersection joint angles ($\Theta4$, $\Theta5$ and $\Theta6$) are used to give the desired orientation in space. The position vectors (x, y and z) obtained from the kinematic equations were matched with the actual robot position in the lab for the same joint angle input. Therefore, it can be declared that the kinematic derivation was carried out successfully. Two approaches have been presented to solve the inverse kinematic problem. Those were the geometrical and analytical approaches. Multiple solutions have been produced due to the nature of trigonometric functions. However, it has been shown that not all the solutions that resulted from the inverse kinematics were valid. This is basically due to the physical restrictions on the joint angle range of movement. A simulation of the manipulator in Robot Studio has been introduced to prove the validity of the inverse kinematic model. It is also used to validate the written Matlab code.

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Appendices

I. Forward kinematics script

% THIS PROGRAM IS USED TO SOLVE THE FORWARD KINEMATIC OF THE ABB IRB140

% NON RETURN FUNCTION OF THE MAIN PROGRAM TO COMBINE ALL THE FUNCTIONS TOGETHER IN ONE SCRIPT

function [NONRETURNFN] = FORWARD()

% DECLARATION OF THE MDH PARAMETERS

```
a0 = 0;
            d1 = 352;
                          alpha0 = 0;
a1 = 70;
            d2 = 0;
                          alpha1 = -pi/2;
a2 = 360:
            d3 = 0:
                          alpha2 = 0:
a3 = 0;
            d4 = 380;
                          alpha3 = -pi/2;
a4 = 0;
            d5 = 0;
                          alpha4 = pi/2;
                          alpha5 = -pi/2;
a5 = 0;
            d6 = 0:
% USER INTERFACE
theta1 = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE VALUE OF THETA1 IN DEGREE = ');
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theta2 = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE VALUE OF THETA2 IN DEGREE = '); theta3 = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE VALUE OF THETA3 IN DEGREE = ');

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theta4 = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE VALUE OF THETA4 IN DEGREE = ');
theta5 = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE VALUE OF THETA5 IN DEGREE = ');
theta6 = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE VALUE OF THETA6 IN DEGREE = ');
% CALL THE DH FUNCTION TO CALCULATE THE HOMOGENOUS TRANSFORMATION MATRICES
T10 = DHFUNCTION(a0,alpha0,d1,theta1*pi/180)
T21 = DHFUNCTION(a1,alpha1,d2,(theta2-90)*pi/180)
T32 = DHFUNCTION(a2,alpha2,d3,theta3*pi/180)
T43 = DHFUNCTION(a3,alpha3,d4,theta4*pi/180)
T54 = DHFUNCTION(a4,alpha4,d5,theta5*pi/180)
T65 = DHFUNCTION(a5,alpha5,d6,theta6*pi/180)
T20 = T10*T21;
T30 = T20*T32;
T64 = T54*T65;
T63 = T43*T64:
T60 = T30*T63
% THE POSTION OF THE END EFEECTOR AT JOINT 6
Xw = T60(1.4):
Yw = T60(2,4);
Zw = T60(3.4);
P6 = [Xw; Yw; Zw]
% THE POSTION OF THE END EFEECTOR AT THE TCP
PTCP= T60*[0;0;65;1]
% Modifed DH TRANSFORM FUNCTION
function T = DHFUNCTION(ai,alphai,di,thetai)
T = [\cos(\text{thetai})]
                               -1.*sin(thetai),
                                                              0,
                                                                                     ai;
     sin(thetai).*cos(alphai),
                             cos(thetai).*cos(alphai).
                                                       -1.*sin(alphai),
                                                                               1*di.*sin(alphai);
    sin(thetai).*sin(alphai),
                              cos(thetai).*sin(alphai),
                                                        cos(alphai),
                                                                               di.*cos(alphai);
    0.
                             0,
                                                  0,
                                                                          1
                                                                                   1;
end
end
II.
     Inverse kinematics script
% THIS PROGRAM IS USED TO SOLVE THE INVERSE KINEMATIC OF THE ABB IRB 140
% DEFINE A NON RETURN FUNCTION TO COMBINE ALL THE INVERSE FUNCTIONS TOGETHER
  IN ONE SCRIPT
function [ NONRETURNFUNCTION] = INVERSE( )
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% DECLERATION OF THE ROBOT PARAMETER
d1 = 352;
a1 = 70;
a2 = 360;
d4 = 380;
NOSOLUTION=1000;
% THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO SOLVE THE INVERSE WITH RESPECT TO Porg6 OR TCP
ACCORDING TO USER SELECTION
sel = input ('TO SOLVE THE INVERSE WITH RESPECT TO FRAME6 PRESS 1 WHILE, TO SOLVE THE
INVERSE WITH RESPECT TO TCP ENTER 2: '):
if (sel == 1)
d6 = 0;
elseif (sel == 2)
d6 = 65;
else
d6 = 65;
end
% USER INTERFACE
xtip = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE GOAL POSTION X = ');
vtip = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE GOAL POSTION y = 1);
ztip = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE GOAL POSTION z = ');
alpha= input ('PLEASE ENTER THE VALUE OF alpha IN DEGREE = ');
beta = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE VALUE OF beta IN DEGREE = ');
gama = input ('PLEASE ENTER THE VALUE OF gama IN DEGREE = ');
% CALCULATING ALL THE POSSIBLE VALUES FOR THETA1
theta1= atan2 (ytip,xtip);
theta11= pi + theta1;
THETA1 = theta1 * 180/pi;
THETA11= theta11 * 180/pi;
% CALCULATING ALL THE POSSIBLE VALUES FOR THETA3
s = (ztip - d1);
r = sqrt((xtip - a1*cos (theta1))^2 + (ytip - a1*sin(theta1))^2);
czeta = (r^2 + s^2 - (a^2)^2 - (d^4 + d^6)^2)/(2 * a^2 * (d^4 + d^6));
% SINGULARTIY CONDTION, CHECK IF THE POSTION WITHIN THE WORKSPACE OR NOT
if (abs(czeta) \le 1)
szeta = sqrt(1-(czeta)^2);
szeta1 = -szeta;
zeta= atan2(szeta,czeta);
zeta1= atan2(szeta1,czeta);
theta3 = -(pi/2 + zeta);
theta33 = -(pi/2 + zeta1);
THETA3 = conversion( theta3,50,-230);
THETA33 = conversion( theta33,50,-230);
else
theta3 = NOSOLUTION;
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theta33= NOSOLUTION:
THETA3 = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA3');
THETA33 = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA33');
End
s = (ztip - d1);
r = sqrt((xtip - a1*cos (theta11))^2 + (ytip - a1*sin(theta11))^2);
czetai = (r^2 + s^2 - (a^2)^2 - (d^4 + d^6)^2)/(2 * a^2 * (d^4 + d^6));
% SINGULARTIY CONDTION, CHECK IF THE POSTION WITHIN THE WORKSPACE OR NOT
if (abs(czetai) \le 1)
szetai = sqrt(1-(czetai)^2);
szeta1i = -szetai;
zetai= atan2(szetai,czetai);
zeta1i= atan2(szeta1i,czetai);
theta3i = -(pi/2 + zetai);
theta33i = -(pi/2 + zeta1i);
THETA3i = conversion( theta3i,50,-230);
THETA33i = conversion( theta33i,50,-230);
theta3i=NOSOLUTION;
theta33i=NOSOLUTION;
THETA3i = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA3i');
THETA33i = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA33i');
end
% CALCULATING ALL THE POSSIBLE VALUES FOR THETA2
if (theta3 == NOSOLUTION)
THETA2 = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA2');
THETA22 = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA22');
theta2 = THE2(xtip,ytip,ztip,theta1,zeta);
theta22 = THE2COMP(xtip,ytip,ztip,theta1,zeta);
THETA2 = conversion( theta2,110,-90);
THETA22 = conversion( theta22,110,-90);
end
if (theta33 == NOSOLUTION)
THETA2i = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA2i');
THETA22i = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA22i');
theta2i = THE2(xtip,ytip,ztip,theta1,zeta1);
theta22i = THE2COMP(xtip,ytip,ztip,theta1,zeta1);
THETA2i = conversion( theta2i,110,-90);
THETA22i = conversion( theta22i,110,-90);
end
if (theta3i == NOSOLUTION)
THETA2j = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA2j');
THETA22j = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA22j');
theta2j = THE2(xtip,ytip,ztip,theta11,zetai);
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theta22j = THE2COMP(xtip,ytip,ztip,theta11,zetai);
THETA2<sub>j</sub> = conversion( theta2<sub>j</sub>,100,-90);
THETA22j = conversion( theta22j,100,-90);
end
if (theta33i == NOSOLUTION)
THETA2k = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA2k');
THETA22k = ('GOAL OUT OF WORKSPACE, THERE IS NO VAILD VALUS FOR THETA22k');
theta2k = THE2(xtip,ytip,ztip,theta11,zeta1i);
theta22k = THE2COMP(xtip,ytip,ztip,theta11,zeta1i);
THETA2k = conversion(theta2k,110,-90);
THETA22k = conversion( theta22k,110,-90);
end
% DISPLAY ALL THE POSSIBLE EIGHT SOLUTIONS, NOTE THAT EVERY TWO SOLUTIONS FORM
  ONLY ONE SOLUTION SET
disp ('THETA 1,2,3 SOLUTIONS')
disp ( ' SET 1')
SOL1 = [THETA1, THETA2, THETA3]
SOL2 = [THETA1, THETA22, THETA3]
disp ( ' SET 2')
SOL3 = [THETA1, THETA2i, THETA33]
SOL4 = [THETA1, THETA22i, THETA33]
disp ( ' SET 3')
SOL5 = [ THETA11, THETA2i, THETA3i]
SOL6 = [THETA11, THETA22j, THETA3i]
disp ( ' SET 4')
SOL7 = [THETA11, THETA2k, THETA33i]
SOL8 = [THETA11, THETA22k, THETA33i]
% SOLVING THE SECOND KINEMATIC SUB-PROBLEM (ORIENTATION)
alpha = alpha * pi/180;
beta = beta * pi/180;
gama = gama * pi/180;
R60 = [\cos(alpha).*\cos(beta), (\cos(alpha).*\sin(beta).*\sin(gama)) - \sin(alpha).*\cos(gama),
      (cos(alpha).*sin(beta).*cos(gama)) + sin(alpha).*sin(gama);
       sin(alpha).*cos(beta),
                                 (sin(alpha).*sin(beta).*sin(gama)) + cos(alpha).*cos(gama),
      (sin(alpha).*sin(beta).*cos(gama)) - cos(alpha).*sin(gama);
      - sin (beta),
                                 cos (beta).*sin (gama),
                                                             cos (beta).*sin (gama)]
R30 = [\cos(\text{theta1}).*\cos(\text{theta2+theta3}),
                                            -cos(theta1).*sin(theta2+theta3),
                                                                                           sin(theta1);
      sin (theta1).*cos(theta2+theta3).
                                            -sin(theta1).*sin(theta2+theta3),
                                                                                           cos(theta1);
      -sin(theta2+theta3),
                                            -cos(theta2+theta3),
                                                                                               0 ];
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RT30= transpose (R30);
R63 = RT30 * R60;
g11 = R63(1,1);
g12 = R63(1,2);
g23 = R63(2.3);
g31 = R63(3,1);
g32 = R63(3,2);
g33 = R63(3,3);
% THETA 4,5,6 CALCULATION
theta5 = atan2 ( sqrt((g31)^2 + (g32)^2), g33);
if(theta5 == 0)
THETA4 = 0
THETA5=0
theta6 = atan2 (-g12, g11);
THETA6= theta6*180/pi
elseif (theta5 == pi)
THETA4=0
THETA5 = 0
theta6 = atan2 (g12,-g11);
THETA6= theta6*180/pi
theta4 = atan2 (g32/\sin (theta5), - g31/\sin (theta5));
theta6 = atan2 (g23/\sin(theta5)); g31/ \sin(theta5));
THETA4= conversion( theta4,200,-200);
THETA5= conversion(theta5.115.-115):
THETA6= conversion(theta6,400,-400);
% FLIPPED POSTION
theta44 = theta4 + pi;
theta55 = -theta5;
theta66 = \text{theta}6 + \text{pi};
THETA44= conversion( theta44,200,-200);
THETA55= conversion(theta55,115,-115);
THETA66= conversion( theta66,400,-400);
disp ('THETA 4,5,6 SOLUTIONS')
Solution1 = [THETA4.THETA5.THETA6]
Solution2 = [THETA44,THETA55,THETA66]
end
% FIRST POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THETA2 FUNCTION
function RES = THE2(xtip,ytip,ztip,theta1,zeta)
s = (ztip - d1);
r = sqrt((xtip - a1*cos (theta1))^2 + (ytip - a1*sin(theta1))^2);
omega = atan2 (s, r);
lenda = atan2 (( d4+d6) * sin (zeta), a2+(d4+d6)* cos (zeta));
RES = -((omega - lenda) - (pi/2));
End
```

% SECOND POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THETA2 FUNCTION

```
function RES1 = THE2COMP(xtip,ytip,ztip,theta1,zeta)
s = (ztip - d1);
r = - \operatorname{sqrt}((\operatorname{xtip} - a1 * \cos(\operatorname{theta1}))^2 + (\operatorname{ytip} - a1 * \sin(\operatorname{theta1}))^2);
omega = atan2 (s, r);
lenda = atan2 ((d4+d6) * sin (zeta), a2+(d4+d6)* cos (zeta));
RES1 = - ((omega - lenda) - (pi/2));
end
% JOINT ANGLES LIMIT FUNCTION
function OUT = conversion( theta,upperlimit,lowerlimit)
upperlimit = upperlimit * pi / 180;
lowerlimit = lowerlimit * pi / 180;
if (theta > upperlimit)
OÙT = ('THE SOLÚTION OUT OF JOINT ANGLE LIMIT');
elseif (theta < lowerlimit)
OUT = ('THE SOLUTION OUT OF JOINT ANGLE LIMIT');
else
OUT = theta * 180 / pi;
end
end
```

end