

# Tavole applicative

Corso di Controllo dei Robot

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# Delta robot

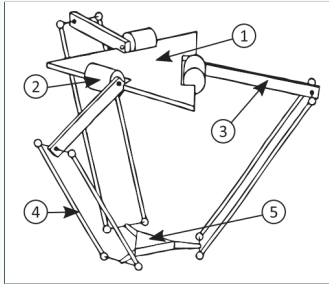
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The Delta robot is a 3-DOF parallel kinematic machine developed by Reymond Clavel<sup>1</sup> in 1991. It mainly consists of three actuated kinematic chains linked at a common moving platform. Each chain is a serial connection of a revolute actuator, a rear-arm and a forearm (composed of two parallel rods forming a parallelogram). The rear-arms and the forearms are linked through ball-and-socket passive joints. The parallelogram structure of the forearms ensures that the moving platform stays always parallel to the fixed base. Figure 1 shows a schematic view of the Delta robot with its main elements highlighted.

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<sup>1</sup>Reymond Clavel. *Conception d'un robot parallele rapide à 4 degres de liberté*. 1991.

# Delta robot - Schematic view



1. Fixed base-plate
2. Actuator
3. Rear-arm
4. Forearm
5. Moving platform

**Figure 1:** Schematic view of Delta robot

We consider a model with a ternary symmetric configuration with three kinematic chains disposed with a period of  $120^\circ$

# Delta robot - Parameters

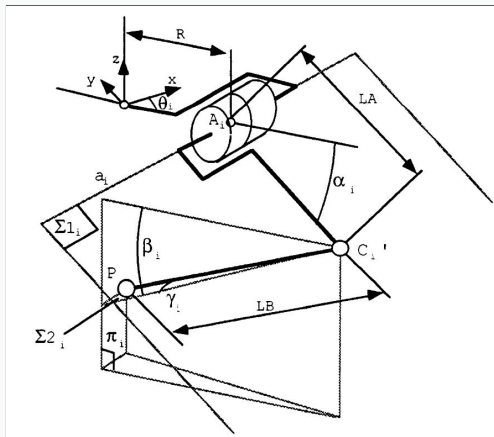


Figure 2: Delta robot length parameters and characteristic angles

# Delta robot - Parameters

Parameter	Description	Value
$l_A$	Rear-arm length	$0.2m$
$m_A$	Rear-arm mass	$0.1Kg$
$R$	Base platform dimension	$0.126m$
$l_B$	Forearm length	$0.4m$
$m_B$	Forearm mass	$0.045Kg$
$m_c$	Elbow mass	$0.018Kg$
$m_n$	Moving platform mass	$0.1Kg$
$I_{bi}$	Rear-arm inertia	$Kg \times m^2$

**Table 1:** Delta robot geometric and dynamic parameters

Analytical studies on the working volume of the Delta robot<sup>2</sup> demonstrated that:

- A ratio  $r = R/l_A < 0.63$  gives the most regular shape for the surface of the lower part of the working volume.
- If  $r > 0.0484$  and  $b = l_A/l_B > 1.75$  there is no singularity occurrence within the robot working volume.

Thus the parameters shown in table 1 have been chosen for the Delta model used in this project.

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<sup>2</sup>L Rey and Reymond Clavel. "The Delta Parallel Robot". In: *Parallel Kinematic Machines. Advanced Manufacturing*. Springer, London (1999).



Since the moving platform is only translating we can study the model in figure 2 without loss of generality.

In this model the moving platform is reduced to an ideal point with a translation of the three kinematic chains.

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Direct kinematic is found following the method presented by Clavel in 1991.

Taking in mind the Delta robot representation of figure 2 one can simply find that  $C_i$  coordinates are given by the intersection of three circles of radius  $L_A$  belonging to the plane  $\pi_i$  and the sphere centred in  $P$  having radius  $L_B$ . Those conditions give a three equations system that can be solved to find the coordinates of the end-effector.

Coordinates of the point  $C_i$  in the base frame:

$$C_i = \begin{pmatrix} (R + L_A \cos \alpha_i) \cos \theta_i \\ (R + L_A \cos \alpha_i) \sin \theta_i \\ -L_A \sin \alpha_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Equation of the sphere centred in P:

$$((R + L_A \cos \alpha_i) \cos \theta_i - x)^2 + ((R + L_A \cos \alpha_i) \sin \theta_i - y)^2 + (L_A \sin \alpha_i + z)^2 = L_B^2 \quad (2)$$

The system has two possible solutions. The one with negative  $z$  coordinate that belongs to the Delta robot workspace is selected.

The inverse kinematic model let calculate the joint angles  $q_i$  as functions of the position of the end effector. The model here presented have been developed by Codourey<sup>3</sup> and has the advantage of removing the points of singularity contained in the model previously introduced by Clavel.

The rationale is still the intersection of a sphere and three circles but the computation is made for each angle in a frame centred in the centre of the  $i - th$  joint and rotated with respect to the base frame of an angle  $\theta_i$ .

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<sup>3</sup>Alain Codourey. "Contribution à la commande des robots rapides et précis application au robot delta à entraînement direct". In: (1991), p. 188. DOI: 10.5075/epfl-thesis-922. URL: <http://infoscience.epfl.ch/record/31400>.

## Delta robot - Dynamic model assumptions

- Ideal joints are considered.
- The rotational inertia of the forearm is neglected.
- The mass of each forearm is split up into two point-masses located at both ends of the forearm.

$$\begin{pmatrix} p - R_b (\bar{R} - L_A \cos(\bar{q}_i)) \\ p \\ p + L_A R_b \sin(\bar{q}_i) \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$





## Delta robot - Working volume

## PD with gravity compensation

Control equation:

$$\tau_{PD} = K_P e + K_D \dot{e} + G(q) \quad (4)$$

with

$$K_P = \text{diag}(1500, 1500, 1500)$$

and

$$K_D = \text{diag}(60, 60, 60)$$





# Adaptive backstepping