

Forward Kinematics is a function mapping a robots configuration to the orientation and position of the robots joints in 3D space (most importantly: the end effector position and orientation).

Forward Kinematic is often described using a matrix, also called a Homogenous Transformation matrix, that is structured as follows:

$${}^iA_j = \begin{bmatrix} {}^iR_j & d_j^i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix is of size 4×4 , and it describes the transformation (translation and orientation) of a vector from the axes of joint i , to joint j . The most important transformation matrix is between the base of the robot and the tool, often written as follows: 0A_t .

The matrix is built of several components:

- iR_j - The 3×3 rotation matrix between axis i to axis j .
- d_j^i - The 3×1 translation vector in axes i to the zero position of axis j
- The last row of the matrix is made of three zeros and ends in a 1.

Inverse Kinematics is a function that maps a position and orientation in 3D space to a robot configuration. Note that for a serial manipulator there could be several mappings to the same point.

The function for inverse kinematics given in the HW expects two inputs, a homogenous transformation matrix, and parameters for each manipulator in the laboratory.

In order to find, for example, the robot configuration for a required end effector position, you need to find the transformation matrix relevant to that specific position from the base of the manipulator, to the end effector. d_t^0 is the vector from the base of the robot to the end effector position and 0R_t is the rotation vector describing the orientation of the end effector.

The manipulator's frame of reference is according to the Denavit-Hartenberg convention.

The following example for a Homogenous Transformation Matrix is created using Tait-Bryan angles, which is a formalism similar to Euler angles.

$$R = \underbrace{R_z(\gamma)}_{\text{roll}} \underbrace{R_y(\beta)}_{\text{pitch}} \underbrace{R_x(\alpha)}_{\text{yaw}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta \cos \gamma & \sin \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma - \cos \alpha \sin \gamma & \cos \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma + \sin \alpha \sin \gamma \\ \cos \beta \sin \gamma & \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma + \cos \alpha \cos \gamma & \cos \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma - \sin \alpha \cos \gamma \\ -\sin \beta & \sin \alpha \cos \beta & \cos \alpha \cos \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

Code Usage Examples

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1 import numpy as np
2
3 transform = np.matrix([
4     [np.cos(beta) * np.cos(gamma), np.sin(alpha) * np.sin(
5         beta) * np.cos(gamma) - np.cos(alpha) * np.sin(gamma)
6     ],
7     [np.cos(alpha) * np.sin(beta) * np.cos(gamma) + np.sin(
8         alpha) * np.sin(gamma), tx],
9     [np.cos(beta) * np.sin(gamma), np.sin(alpha) * np.sin(
10        beta) * np.sin(gamma) + np.cos(alpha) * np.cos(gamma)
11    ],
12    [np.cos(alpha) * np.sin(beta) * np.sin(gamma) - np.sin(
13        alpha) * np.cos(gamma), ty],
14    [-np.sin(beta), np.sin(alpha) * np.cos(beta), np.cos(
15        alpha) * np.cos(beta), tz],
16    [0, 0, 0, 1]
17 ])
18
19 IKS = inverse_kinematic_solution(DH_matrix_UR5e,
20     transform)
21
22 ur_params = UR5e_PARAMS(inflation_factor=1)
23 env = Environment(env_idx=env_idx)
24 transform = Transform(ur_params)
25 bb = BuildingBlocks3D(transform=transform, ur_params=
26     ur_params, env=env, resolution=0.1, p_bias=0.05)
27 visualizer = Visualize_UR(ur_params, env=env, transform=
28     transform, bb=bb)
29 candidate_sols = []
30 for i in range(IKS.shape[1]):
31     candidate_sols.append(IKS[:, i])
32 candidate_sols = np.array(candidate_sols)
33
34 # check for collisions and angles limits
35 sols = []
36 for candidate_sol in candidate_sols:
37     if bb.is_in_collision(candidate_sol):
38         continue
39     for idx, angle in enumerate(candidate_sol):
40         if 2*np.pi > angle > np.pi:
41             candidate_sol[idx] = -(2*np.pi - angle)
42         if -2*np.pi < angle < -np.pi:
43             candidate_sol[idx] = -(2*np.pi + angle)
44     if np.max(candidate_sol) > np.pi or np.min(
45         candidate_sol) < -np.pi:
46         continue
47     sols.append(candidate_sol)
48
49 # verify solution:
50 final_sol = []

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40     for sol in sols:
41         transform = forward_kinematic_solution(
42             DH_matrix_UR5e, sol)
43         diff = np.linalg.norm(np.array([transform[0,3],
44             transform[1,3],transform[2,3]])-
45             np.array([tx,ty,tz]))
46         if diff < 0.05:
47             final_sol.append(sol)
48     final_sol = np.array(final_sol)

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