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# 1 Introduction

## 2 Robotic arm Kinematic Analysis

### 2.1 Robotic arm, DH parameters & Forward Kinematics

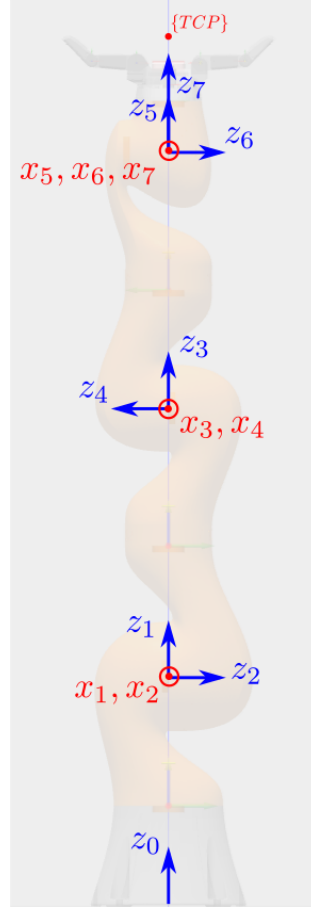


Figure 1: Joint reference frames of the KUKA iiwa14 robot

i	$\theta_i$ (rad)	$L_{i-1}$ (m)	$d_i$ (m)	$\alpha_{i-1}$ (rad)
1	$\theta_1$	0	0.36	0
2	$\theta_2$	0	0	$-\pi/2$
3	$\theta_3$	0	0.36	$\pi/2$
4	$\theta_4$	0	0	$\pi/2$
5	$\theta_5$	0	0.4	$-\pi/2$
6	$\theta_6$	0	0	$-\pi/2$
7	$\theta_7$	0	0	$\pi/2$

$${}^{i-1}T_i = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i & 0 & L_{i-1} \\ s\theta_i c\alpha_{i-1} & c\theta_i c\alpha_{i-1} & -s\alpha_{i-1} & -s\alpha_{i-1}d_i \\ s\theta_i s\alpha_{i-1} & c\theta_i s\alpha_{i-1} & c\alpha_{i-1} & c\alpha_{i-1}d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2.2 Inverse Kinematics

### 2.2.1 Decoupling Technique

In this section the inverse kinematics problem is solved for only the 6 out of the 7 total degrees of freedom. The third joint is not used in this analysis and its angle is set to zero  $\theta_3 = 0$ . The rest of the joints form a special kind of kinematic chain that can be solved using the decoupling technique. In this technique the Inverse kinematics problem is split to 2 separate subproblems, one for the position and one for the orientation of the end-effector. This technique can be applied in this case because the axes of the 3 last joints intersect at the same point and they form an Euler wrist.

To solve for the joints' angles, the transformation matrix  ${}^0T_7$  of the end-effector with respect to the robot's base is required. Usually the transformation  ${}^UT_{tcp}$  is known, which is the pose of Tool's center point (TCP) with respect to the Universal Coordinate Frame  $\{U\}$  from which the required  ${}^0T_7$  can be calculated

$$\begin{aligned} {}^UT_{tcp} &= {}^UT_0 {}^0T_7 {}^7T_{tcp} \\ {}^0T_7 &= {}^UT_0^{-1} {}^UT_{tcp} {}^7T_{tcp}^{-1} \\ {}^0T_7 &= \begin{bmatrix} R_t & \mathbf{p}_t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where  ${}^UT_0$ ,  ${}^7T_{tcp}$  are translation transformations by a constant distance and  $R_t$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_t$  are the target's orientation and position respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} {}^0\mathbf{p}_5 &= {}^0T_4 {}^4\mathbf{p}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} \\ \theta_1 &= \begin{cases} \text{atan2}(p_y, p_x) \\ 2\pi - \text{atan2}(p_y, p_x) \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.1)$$

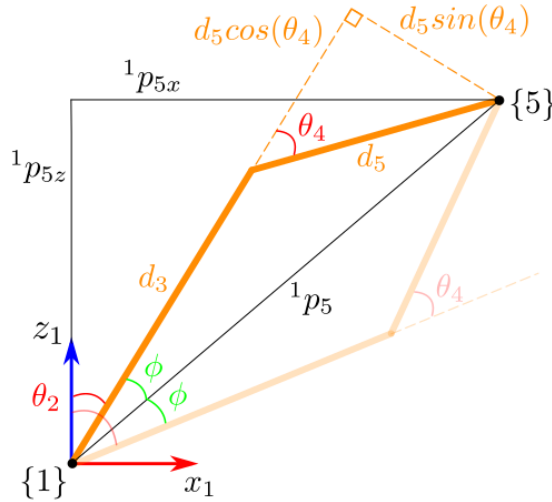


Figure 2: Calculation of angles  $\theta_2, \theta_4$

$$\varphi = \text{acos} \left( \frac{d_3^2 + \|{}^1p_5\|^2 - d_5^2}{2d_3\|{}^1p_5\|} \right)$$

$$\theta_2 = \text{atan2} \left( \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}, {}^1p_{5z} \right) \pm \varphi \quad (2.2.2)$$

$$c_4 = \frac{\|{}^1p_5\|^2 - d_3^2 - d_5^2}{2d_3d_5}$$

$$\theta_4 = \text{atan2} \left( \pm \sqrt{1 - c_4^2}, c_4 \right) \quad (2.2.3)$$

Once  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4$  are known, the orientation matrix of the wrist can be calculated as following

$$R_{target} = \begin{bmatrix} i_x & j_x & k_x \\ i_y & j_y & k_y \\ i_z & j_z & k_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta_6 = \text{atan2} \left( \pm \sqrt{1 - k_y^2}, k_y \right) \quad (2.2.4)$$

$$\theta_7 = \text{atan2} (-j_y, i_y)$$

$$\theta_5 = \text{atan2} (-k_z, k_x)$$

### 2.2.2 Workspace constraints & Singularity points

### 2.2.3 Solutions for 7DoF numerically

### 2.2.4 Comparison of Inverse Kinematics Techniques

## 3 Grasping

### 3.1 Gripper & Forward Kinematics

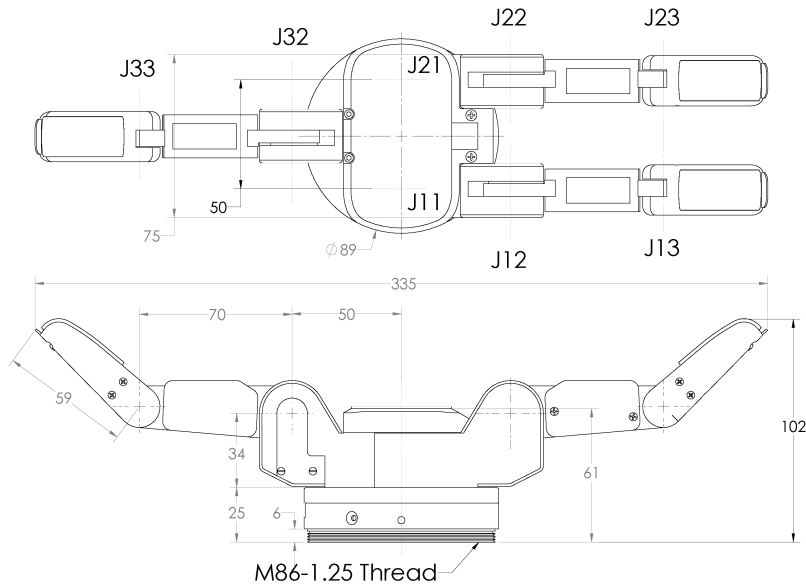


Figure 3: Barrett Hand gripper (model BH8-282) dimensions

### 3.2 Gripper Inverse Kinematics

The following Inverse Kinematics analysis refers to one finger of the Barrett Hand gripper, which has 3 revolute joints. Finger 3 has only 2 revolute joints for which the angle solutions are the same with the solutions of the last 2 joints of the other fingers. Let

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix}$$

be the position of the grasp point for one finger. The first angle can easily be calculated as

$$\varphi_1 = \text{atan2}(p_y, p_x) \quad (3.2.1)$$

Next, we calculate the third angle based on the law of cosines (see fig.)

$$\begin{aligned} \cos\left(\pi - \varphi_3 - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= \frac{L_2^2 + L_3^2 - p^2}{2L_2L_3} \\ \cos\left(\varphi_3 + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= \frac{p^2 - L_2^2 - L_3^2}{2L_2L_3} \\ \varphi_3 &= \text{atan2}\left[\pm\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{p^2 - L_2^2 - L_3^2}{2L_2L_3}\right)^2}, \frac{p^2 - L_2^2 - L_3^2}{2L_2L_3}\right] - \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned} \quad (3.2.2)$$

After having calculated  $\varphi_3$  we can calculate  $\varphi_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(\psi + \varphi_2) &= \frac{p_z}{\sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}} \\ \tan(\psi) &= \frac{L_3 \sin(\varphi_3 + \frac{\pi}{4})}{L_2 + L_3 \cos(\varphi_3 + \frac{\pi}{4})} \\ \varphi_2 &= \text{atan2}\left(p_z, \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}\right) - \text{atan2}\left[L_3 \sin\left(\varphi_3 + \frac{\pi}{4}\right), L_2 + L_3 \cos\left(\varphi_3 + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.2.3)$$

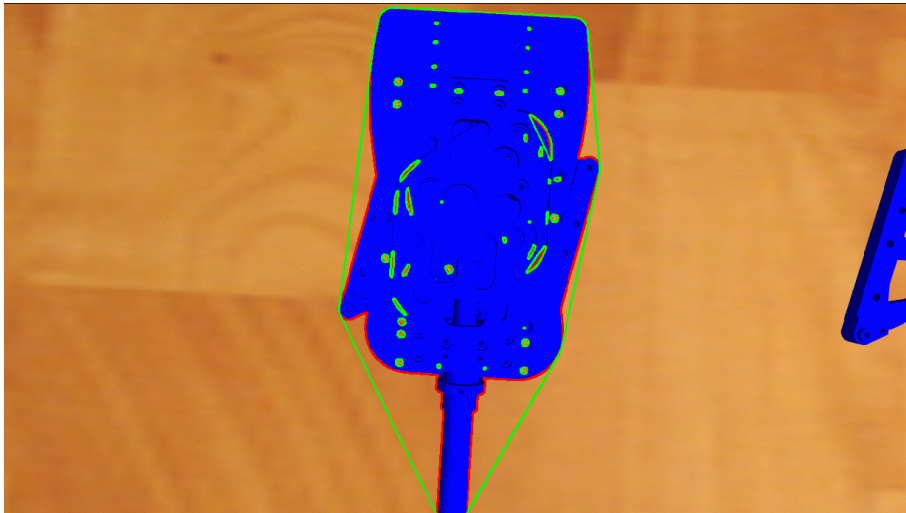
### 3.3 Force closure

The planar case, the spatial case & convex hull test.

### 3.4 Firm grasping algorithm & Force control

## 4 Laparoscopic tool recognition with Computer Vision

### 4.1 Tool detection



## 4.2 Calculation of grasping points

# 5 Laparoscopic tool manipulation

## 5.1 Pivoting motion with respect to Fulcrum Point

# 6 Path Planning

## 6.1 Collision avoidance

Find path points (position and orientation) by avoiding collisions

## 6.2 Pick and place algorithm

# 7 Trajectory Planning

## 7.1 Trajectory planning in cartesian coordinates

Connect the points from path planning with line segments and add more points if needed

## 7.2 Trajectory planning in joint angles space

# 8 Simulation with the ROS framework

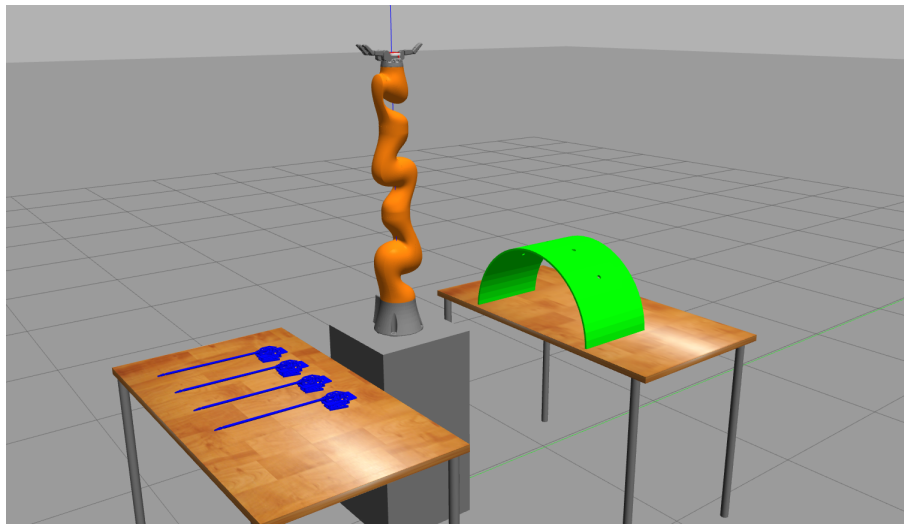


Figure 4: Simulation environment in Gazebo



## Nomenclature

${}^{i-1}\mathbf{p}_{iO}$	Position vector from the origin of the coordinate frame $\{i\}$ to the origin of the coordinate frame $\{i-1\}$
${}^{i-1}R_i$	Rotation matrix from coordinate frame $\{i\}$ to coordinate frame $\{i-1\}$
${}^{i-1}T_i$	Transformation matrix from coordinate frame $\{i\}$ to coordinate frame $\{i-1\}$
$c_i$	Shorthand notation for $\cos\theta_i$
$J^\dagger$	Geometric Jacobian or the Pseudoinverse of the Jacobian
$s_i$	Shorthand notation for $\sin\theta_i$



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