

# ROBOTICS - Tutorial 1 : Direct and inverse kinematics

## Introduction

We propose to study the **geometric** and **kinematic** modeling of a manipulator arm developed by the *Interactive Robotics Laboratory* of the *CEA List*. This robot, which kinematic chain is of serial type, has 6 revolute joints ( $j_i$  with  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ ).



The numerical values of the robot parameters, required for the completion of this tutorial, are specified in the following table.

Table. Numerical values of the robot parameters.

Parameters	Numerical values	Type of parameter
$d_3$	0.7m	Geometric parameter
$r_1$	0.5m	Geometric parameter
$r_4$	0.2m	Geometric parameter
$r_E$	0.1m	Geometric parameter

The use of *Python* is required to perform the tutorial. Please import the following required mathematical libraires to start the tutorial.

In [1...]

```
import numpy as np
import math as m
import functools as fu
from numpy.linalg import eig
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
import random

%matplotlib inline
```

In the following, you will progressively update a *Dictionary* in Python containing the robot parameters, named **robotParameters**.

Please initialize it as follows: `robotParameters = { 'nJoints': 6, 'jointsType': ['R','R','R','R','R','R'] }`

```
In [1...]: robotParameters = { 'nJoints': 6, 'jointsType': ['R','R','R','R','R','R'] }
```

You will also progressively build a *Class* containing some *attributes* related to the robot. To do so, you will be asked to program some of its *methods* in the tutorial. This class is named **RobotModel** and is defined in the file *ClassRobotModel*.

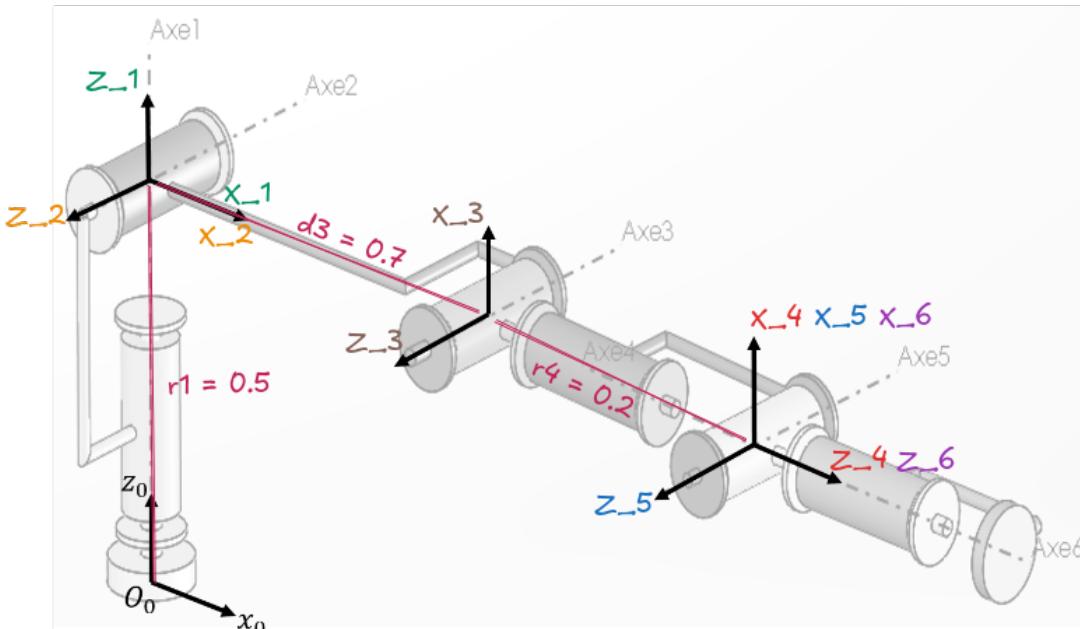
Please initialize it as follows. You will see printing the resulting *attributes* of the *Class RobotModel*.

```
In [1...]: from ClassRobotModel import RobotModel  
RobotTutorials = RobotModel( **robotParameters )
```

```
Attribute (int): self.numberJoints = 6  
Attribute (list): self.jointsType = ['R', 'R', 'R', 'R', 'R', 'R']  
Attribute (list - 0 if self.jointsType[i] == 'R' / 1 if self.jointsType[i] == 'P'): self.sigma = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
```

## Direct geometric model

**Q1.** *Modified Denavit-Hartenberg (MDH) parameters defining the spatial arrangement of the robot structure.*



**Q2.** Geometric parameters of the robot:

$i$	$\alpha_i$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$	$r_i$
1	0	0	0	0.5
2	$pi/2$	0	0	0
3	0	0.7	$pi/2$	0
4	$pi/2$	0	0	0.2
5	$-pi/2$	0	0	0
6	$pi/2$	0	0	0

also in *DHM\_parameters.txt*

```
In [1...]: robotParameters['fileDHM'] = "DHM_parameters.txt"
RobotTutorials = RobotModel( **robotParameters )

Attribute (int): self.numberJoints = 6
Attribute (list): self.jointsType = ['R', 'R', 'R', 'R', 'R', 'R']
Attribute (list - 0 if self.jointsType[i] == 'R' / 1 if self.jointsType[i]
== 'P'): self.sigma = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
Attribute (list - float): self.tableDHM = [[1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.5],
[2.0, 1.5707963267948966, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0], [3.0, 0.0, 0.7, 1.5707963267948966, 0.0], [4.0, 1.5707963267948966, 0.0, 0.0, 0.2], [5.0, -1.5707963267948966, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0], [6.0, 1.5707963267948966, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]]
```

**Q3-a.** Write a generic function  $TransformMatElem(\alpha_i, d_i, \theta_i, r_i)$  which output argument is the homogeneous transform matrix  $g$  between two successive frames.

```
In [1...]: @staticmethod
def TransformMatElem(alpha_i, d_i, theta_i, r_i):
    """
    Computation of the homogeneous transform matrix between two successive
    frames given four DH parameters.

    Input:
        - Four scalar parameters given by the Modified Denavit-Hartenberg
          convention.

    Output:
        - Homogeneous transform matrix g_(i-1,i) as a "np.array"
    """
    ca = np.cos(alpha_i)
    sa = np.sin(alpha_i)
    ct = np.cos(theta_i)
    st = np.sin(theta_i)

    return np.array([
        [ct, -st, 0, d_i],
        [st*ca, ct*ca, -sa, -sa*r_i],
        [st*sa, ct*sa, ca, ca*r_i],
        [0, 0, 0, 1]
    ])

RobotModel.TransformMatElem = TransformMatElem
```

**Q3-b.** Write a function *ComputeDGM*(*self, q*) which computes the direct geometric model of any robot with series open kinematic chain, taking as input arguments the current configuration.

In [1...]

```
def ComputeDGM(self, q_cur):
    """
        Computation of the Direct Geometric Model (DGM) of the robot given by

    Inputs:
        - List of robot's geometric parameters "self.tableDHM" given by the
        - Number of joints of the robot "self.numberJoints"
        - List of type of joints of the robot: "self.sigma"
        - Current joint configuration "q_cur"

    Outputs:
        - List of the successive homogeneous transform matrices: "self.list_g_i_1_i"
        - List of the successive resulting homogeneous transform matrices
    """
    self.list_g_i_1_i = []

    for i, alpha, d, theta, r in self.tableDHM:
        idx = int(i) - 1
        if self.sigma[idx] == 0:
            d_i = d
            theta_i = theta + q_cur[idx]
        else:
            d_i = d + q_cur[idx]
            theta_i = theta

        self.list_g_i_1_i.append(self.TransformMatElem(alpha, d_i, theta_i))

    self.list_g_0i = [self.list_g_i_1_i[0]]
    for g_i_1_i in self.list_g_i_1_i[1:]:
        self.list_g_0i.append(self.list_g_0i[-1] @ g_i_1_i)

    return self.list_g_i_1_i, self.list_g_0i

RobotModel.ComputeDGM = ComputeDGM
```

**Q3-c.** We consider an end-effector mounted at the end of the robot arm. The frame  $\mathcal{R}_E$  attached to the end-effector of the robot is defined by a translation of the frame  $\mathcal{R}_6$  by a distance  $r_E$  along the  $z_6$  axis.

Specify the four DHM parameters for the tool frame description in the field below.

In [1...]

```
robotParameters['toolFrameDHM'] = [0, 0, 0, 0.1]
RobotTutorials = RobotModel(**robotParameters)
```

```

Attribute (int): self.numberJoints = 6
Attribute (list): self.jointsType = ['R', 'R', 'R', 'R', 'R', 'R']
Attribute (list - 0 if self.jointsType[i] == 'R' / 1 if self.jointsType[i]
== 'P'): self.sigma = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
Attribute (list - float): self.tableDHM = [[1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.5],
[2.0, 1.5707963267948966, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0], [3.0, 0.0, 0.7, 1.5707963267948966, 0.0], [4.0, 1.5707963267948966, 0.0, 0.0, 0.2], [5.0, -1.5707963267948966, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0], [6.0, 1.5707963267948966, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]]
Attribute (list - float): self.toolDHM = [0, 0, 0, 0.1]

```

Using the results of previous questions, write a function *ComputeToolPose(self)* that computes the homogeneous transform matrix  $\bar{g}_{0E}$ . This matrix gives the position and the orientation of the frame  $\mathcal{R}_E$  attached to the end-effector of the robot, expressed in the base frame  $\mathcal{R}_0$ .

```

In [1...]: def ComputeToolPose(self):
    """
        Computation of the homogeneous transform matrix g0E which gives the position and orientation of the frame R_E attached to the end-effector of the robot, expressed in the base frame R_0.

    Inputs:
        - List of the successive homogeneous transform matrices "self.list_g_0i"
        - Number of joints of the robot "self.numberJoints"
        - List of the geometric parameters of the tool "self.toolDHM" given by the DHM table

    Output:
        - Homogeneous transform matrix "self.g_0E"
    """

    alpha, d, theta, r = self.toolDHM
    self.g_0E = self.list_g_0i[-1] @ self.TransformMatElem(alpha, d, theta, r)

    return self.g_0E

RobotModel.ComputeToolPose = ComputeToolPose

```

In the following, we consider two joint configurations  $q = [q_1, \dots, q_6]^T$  of the robot:  
 $q_i = \left[ -\frac{\pi}{2}, 0, -\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2} \right]^T$  and  $q_f = \left[ 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 \right]^T$ .

Indicate what are the homogeneous transform matrices  $\bar{g}_{0E}$  evaluated in these two configurations.

```

In [1...]: # Will be used in future cells

q_i = [-np.pi/2,
        0,
        -np.pi/2,
        -np.pi/2,
        -np.pi/2,
        -np.pi/2]

q_f = [0,
        np.pi/4,
        0,
        np.pi/2,
        np.pi/2,
        0]

```

```
In [1...]: RobotTutorials.ComputeDGM(q_i)
print(f'g_0E(q_i) = \n{RobotTutorials.ComputeToolPose()}' )

RobotTutorials.ComputeDGM(q_f)
print(f'g_0E(q_f) = \n{RobotTutorials.ComputeToolPose()}' )

g_0E(q_i) =
[[ -6.12323400e-17 -6.12323400e-17 -1.00000000e+00 -1.00000000e-01]
 [ 1.00000000e+00 -1.23259516e-32 -6.12323400e-17 -7.00000000e-01]
 [-1.23259516e-32 -1.00000000e+00 6.12323400e-17 3.00000000e-01]
 [ 0.00000000e+00 0.00000000e+00 0.00000000e+00 1.00000000e+00]]
g_0E(q_f) =
[[ -7.07106781e-01 7.07106781e-01 3.01573569e-33 6.36396103e-01]
 [-4.32978028e-17 -4.32978028e-17 -1.00000000e+00 -1.00000000e-01]
 [-7.07106781e-01 -7.07106781e-01 6.12323400e-17 1.13639610e+00]
 [ 0.00000000e+00 0.00000000e+00 0.00000000e+00 1.00000000e+00]]
```

**Q4.** What are the values of positions  $P_x, P_y, P_z$  and the parameters related to the orientation  $R_{n,q}$  ( $n$  being the direction vector and  $q \in [0, \pi]$  the rotation angle such that  $R_{n,q} = R_{0E}$ ) of the end-effector frame for the two joint configurations

$$q_i = \left[ -\frac{\pi}{2}, 0, -\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2} \right]^t \text{ and } q_f = \left[ 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 \right]^t \quad (q = [q_1, \dots, q_6]^t)$$

? To do so, write a function *DescribeToolFrame(self)* that computes the position vector and the parameters related to the orientation of the end-effector frame for the current configuration.

```
In [1...]: def DescribeToolFrame(self):
    """
        Computation of the position vector and the parameters related to the
        orientation of the end-effector frame for the current configuration.

        Input:
            - Direct Geometric Model (DGM) of the robot including its
                kinematic chain and tool frame definition.

        Outputs:
            - Values of positions P=[Px, Py, Pz]' (in m) of the origin of the
                end-effector frame.
            - Orientation parameters R_n,q, as follows:
                - "self.n": being the direction vector
                - "self.q" in [0,pi] the rotation angle in rad such that
                    R_n,q = R_0E * self.n
    """

    g_0E = self.g_0E
    self.P = g_0E[0:3, 3]
    self.n = g_0E[0:3, 0]
    self.q = np.arccos((np.trace(g_0E[0:3, 0:3]) - 1)/2)

    return self.P, self.n, self.q

RobotModel.DescribeToolFrame = DescribeToolFrame
```

```
In [1...]: def printToolFrame(joint, desc):
    print(f'{desc} = {joint}')
    RobotTutorials.ComputeDGM(joint)
    RobotTutorials.ComputeToolPose()
    P, n, q = RobotTutorials.DescribeToolFrame()

    print(f'P = {P}\nn = {n}\nq = {q}')
```

```

printToolFrame(q_i, "Qi")
print("=*75")
printToolFrame(q_f, "Qf")

Qi = [-1.5707963267948966, 0, -1.5707963267948966, -1.5707963267948966,
-1.5707963267948966, -1.5707963267948966]
P = [-0.1 -0.7 0.3]
n = [-6.12323400e-17 1.00000000e+00 -1.23259516e-32]
q = 2.0943951023931957
=====
=
Qf = [0, 0.7853981633974483, 0, 1.5707963267948966, 1.5707963267948966, 0]
P = [ 0.6363961 -0.1 1.1363961]
n = [-7.07106781e-01 -4.32978028e-17 -7.07106781e-01]
q = 2.5935642459694805

```

## Direct kinematic model

**Q5.** Write a function *ComputeJac* (*self, q*) which output is the Jacobian matrix  ${}^0J(q)$  (computed by the method of velocities composition).

Reminder: the Jacobian matrix relates the velocities in the task coordinates of the end-effector frame in  $\mathcal{R}_0$ , for a given joint configuration  $q$ , to the joint velocities:

$${}^0\mathcal{V}_{0,E} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0V_{0,E}(O_E) \\ {}^0\omega_{0,E} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0J_v(q) \\ {}^0J_\omega(q) \end{bmatrix} \dot{q} = {}^0J(q) \dot{q}$$

```

In [1...]: def ComputeJac(self, q_cur):
    """
        Computation of the Jacobian matrix mapping the joint velocities to the
        task velocities in the end-effector frame.

        Inputs:
            - List defining the types of joints : "self.jointsType"
            - Number of joints of the robot: "self.numberJoints"
            - Current configuration "q_cur"

        Output:
            - Jacobian matrix {}_0J in R_0: "self.oJ" as np.array
    """

    self.ComputeDGM(q_cur)
    p_0E, _, _ = self.DescribeToolFrame()

    z_i = np.array([0, 0, 1]).T

    self.oJ = np.zeros((6, self.numberJoints))

    for i in range(self.numberJoints):
        R_0i = self.list_g_0i[i][0:3, 0:3]
        p_0i = self.list_g_0i[i][0:3, 3]

        p_iE = p_0E - p_0i

        if self.jointsType[i] == 'R':
            self.oJ[0:3, i] = np.cross(R_0i.dot(z_i), p_iE)
            self.oJ[3:6, i] = R_0i.dot(z_i)

```

```

        elif self.jointsType[i] == 'P':
            self.oJ[0:3, i] = R_0i.dot(z_i)
            self.oJ[3:6, i] = np.array([[0], [0], [0]])

    return self.oJ

RobotModel.ComputeJac = ComputeJac

```

What are the values of the twists at  $O_E$  evaluated with  $q = q_i$  and  $q = q_f$  with the joint velocities  $\dot{q} = [0.5, 1.0, -0.5, 0.5, 1.0, -0.5]^T$ ?

```

In [1...]: def compute_and_print_twist(robot, q, q_dot, config_name):
    twist = robot.ComputeJac(q) @ q_dot

    print(f"Jac({config_name})=\n{np.round(robot.oJ, 3)}")

    print(f"\nTwist at O_E for {config_name}")
    print(f"V_0E = [{twist[0]:.4f}, {twist[1]:.4f}, {twist[2]:.4f}]^T m/s")
    return twist

q_dot = np.array([0.5, 1.0, -0.5, 0.5, 1.0, -0.5])
q_dot_str = ', '.join([f'{v:.1f}' for v in q_dot])

print(f"Using q_dot = [{q_dot_str}]^T:")

twist_qi = compute_and_print_twist(RobotTutorials, q_i, q_dot, "Qi")
twist_qf = compute_and_print_twist(RobotTutorials, q_f, q_dot, "Qf")

#print(twist_qi)
#print(twist_qf)

```

Using  $q\_dot = [0.5, 1.0, -0.5, 0.5, 1.0, -0.5]^T$ :

$Jac(Q_i) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & -0. & -0. & 0.6 & -0.836 & -0. & \\ 0.636 & 0.636 & 0.636 & -0.636 & -0. & 0.836 & \\ -0. & 0.1 & -0.6 & -0. & 0.636 & -0.6 & \\ 0. & -1. & -1. & -0. & -0. & -1. & \\ 0. & -0. & -0. & -0. & -1. & -0. & \\ 1. & 0. & 0. & -1. & -0. & 0. & \end{bmatrix}$$

Twist at  $O_E$  for  $Q_i$

$V_{0E} = [-0.4864, -0.1000, 1.3364]^T \text{ m/s} \mid \omega_{0E} = [0.0000, -1.0000, -0.0000]^T \text{ rad/s}$

$Jac(Q_f) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & -0.636 & -0.141 & 0.071 & -0.071 & 0. & \\ 0.636 & 0. & 0. & 0. & -0. & 0. & \\ -0. & 0.636 & 0.141 & -0.071 & -0.071 & -0. & \\ 0. & 0. & 0. & 0.707 & 0.707 & 0. & \\ 0. & -1. & -1. & -0. & -0. & -1. & \\ 1. & 0. & 0. & 0.707 & -0.707 & 0. & \end{bmatrix}$$

Twist at  $O_E$  for  $Q_f$

$V_{0E} = [-0.5510, 0.3182, 0.4596]^T \text{ m/s} \mid \omega_{0E} = [1.0607, -0.0000, 0.1464]^T \text{ rad/s}$

**Q6.** In the rest of the study, we restrict the analysis of operational end-effector velocities to translational velocities via  ${}^0 J_v(q)$ .

Qualify the transmission of velocities between the joint and task spaces for the

corresponding  $q_i$  and  $q_f$  configurations:

- what is the preferred direction to transmit velocity in the task space when the manipulator configuration is  $q_i$ ? Same question for  $q_f$ ?
- What are the corresponding velocity manipulabilities?

To help, you can program a function  $QualifyVelocityTransmission(self)$  that analyses the property of the Jacobian matrix. Explain your results.

```
In [ ]: def QualifyVelocityTransmission(self, q_cur):
    """
    Qualifying the transmission of velocities

    Input:
        - Jacobian matrix "self.oJ" to be analysed
        - Configuration q_to_analyse to compute the Jacobian at
    """

    J_v = self.ComputeJac(q_cur)[0:3, :]

    U, Sigma, Vt = np.linalg.svd(J_v)
    V = Vt.T

    sigma_max = Sigma[0]          # Maximum singular value
    sigma_min = Sigma[-1]         # Minimum singular value
    u_max = U[:, 0]               # Best direction (task space)
    u_min = U[:, -1]              # Worst direction (task space)

    W = np.prod(Sigma)           # Velocity manipulability measure

    # Singularity analysis
    singularity_threshold = 1e-4  # Threshold for singularity detection
    is_singular = W < singularity_threshold

    q_to_analyse_str = '[' + ', '.join([f'{v:.1f}' for v in q_cur]) + ']'
    print(f"==> Velocity Transmission Analysis @ {q_to_analyse_str} ==\n")
    print(f"Singular values: {Sigma}")
    print(f"Velocity manipulability (w): {W:.6f}")

    if is_singular:
        print("Configuration is near singularity!")
        print(f"Manipulability w = {W:.2e} < threshold = {singularity_threshold}")
    else:
        print(f"Configuration is well-conditioned (w > {singularity_threshold})")

    print("Principal directions in task space (columns of U):")
    for i in range(3):
        print(f"  Direction u{i+1}: [{U[0,i]:7.4f}, {U[1,i]:7.4f}, {U[2,i]:7.4f}]")

    print(f"\nBest transmission direction: [{u_max[0]:7.4f}, {u_max[1]:7.4f}, {u_max[2]:7.4f}]")
    print(f"Worst transmission direction: [{u_min[0]:7.4f}, {u_min[1]:7.4f}, {u_min[2]:7.4f}]")

    fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12, 10))
    ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')

    u_sphere = np.linspace(0, 2 * np.pi, 50)
    v_sphere = np.linspace(0, np.pi, 50)
    x_sphere = np.outer(np.cos(u_sphere), np.sin(v_sphere))
```

```
y_sphere = np.outer(np.sin(u_sphere), np.sin(v_sphere))
z_sphere = np.outer(np.ones(np.size(u_sphere)), np.cos(v_sphere))

ellipsoid_points = []
for i in range(len(u_sphere)):
    for j in range(len(v_sphere)):
        sphere_pt = np.array([x_sphere[i,j], y_sphere[i,j], z_sphere[:])
        ellipsoid_pt = U @ np.diag(Sigma) @ sphere_pt
        ellipsoid_points.append(ellipsoid_pt)

ellipsoid_points = np.array(ellipsoid_points)
x_ellipsoid = ellipsoid_points[:, 0].reshape(len(u_sphere), len(v_sphere))
y_ellipsoid = ellipsoid_points[:, 1].reshape(len(u_sphere), len(v_sphere))
z_ellipsoid = ellipsoid_points[:, 2].reshape(len(u_sphere), len(v_sphere))

P_E = self.g_0E[0:3, 3]

ax.plot_surface(x_ellipsoid + P_E[0], y_ellipsoid + P_E[1], z_ellipsoid,
                 alpha=0.3, color='cyan', edgecolor='none')

colors = ['red', 'green', 'blue']
labels = ['Max', 'Mid', 'Min']
for i in range(3):
    direction = U[:, i] * Sigma[i]
    ax.quiver(P_E[0], P_E[1], P_E[2],
               direction[0], direction[1], direction[2],
               color=colors[i], arrow_length_ratio=0.15, linewidth=2.5,
               label=f'{labels[i]} (sigma={Sigma[i]:.3f})')

ax.scatter([P_E[0]], [P_E[1]], [P_E[2]], color='black', s=100,
          label='End-effector', marker='o')

ax.set_xlabel('X [m]', fontsize=10)
ax.set_ylabel('Y [m]', fontsize=10)
ax.set_zlabel('Z [m]', fontsize=10)

title = 'Velocity Manipulability Ellipsoid\n' + f'Manipulability w = {w}'
if is_singular:
    title += ' SINGULARITY'

ax.set_title(title, fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')

max_range = np.array([x_ellipsoid.max()-x_ellipsoid.min(),
                     y_ellipsoid.max()-y_ellipsoid.min(),
                     z_ellipsoid.max()-z_ellipsoid.min()]).max() / 2

mid_x = (x_ellipsoid.max()+x_ellipsoid.min()) * 0.5 + P_E[0]
mid_y = (y_ellipsoid.max()+y_ellipsoid.min()) * 0.5 + P_E[1]
mid_z = (z_ellipsoid.max()+z_ellipsoid.min()) * 0.5 + P_E[2]

ax.set_xlim(mid_x - max_range, mid_x + max_range)
ax.set_ylim(mid_y - max_range, mid_y + max_range)
ax.set_zlim(mid_z - max_range, mid_z + max_range)

ax.legend(loc='upper right', fontsize=9)
ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

```
RobotModel.QualifyVelocityTransmission = QualifyVelocityTransmission
```

To answer the previous question we run the QualifyVelocityTransmission function for each joint configuration:

```
In [ ]: RobotTutorials.QualifyVelocityTransmission(q_i)
```

```
== Velocity Transmission Analysis @ [-1.6, 0.0, -1.6, -1.6, -1.6, -1.6] ==
==
```

Singular values: [1.65528661 1.23908257 0.4988161 ]

Velocity manipulability (w): 1.023090

Configuration is well-conditioned (w > 1.00e-04)

Principal directions in task space (columns of U):

Direction u1: [ 0.0277, -0.8938, 0.4475]^T (sigma1 = 1.6553)

Direction u2: [ 0.7978, -0.2500, -0.5487]^T (sigma2 = 1.2391)

Direction u3: [ 0.6023, 0.3722, 0.7062]^T (sigma3 = 0.4988)

Best transmission direction: [ 0.0277, -0.8938, 0.4475]^T

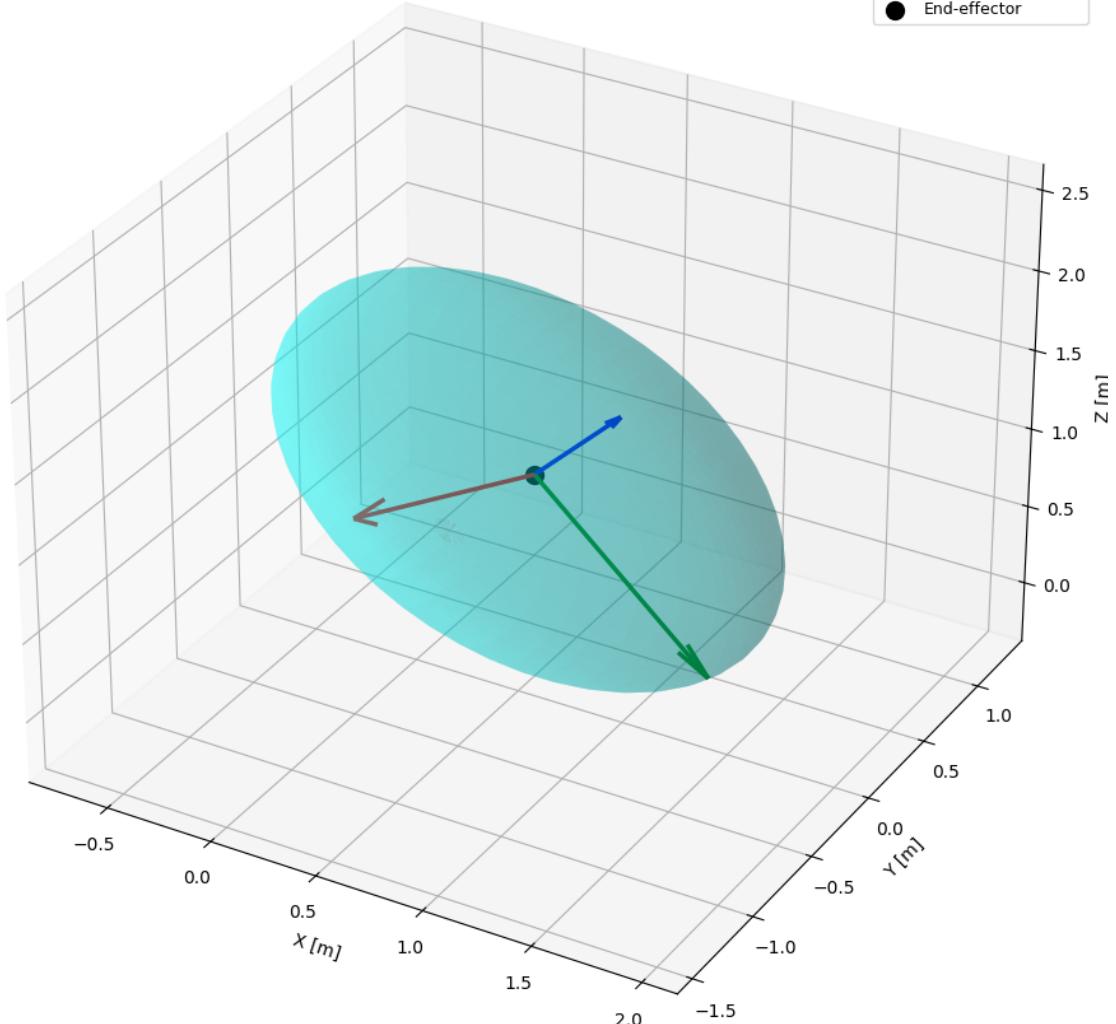
Worst transmission direction: [ 0.6023, 0.3722, 0.7062]^T

#### Velocity Manipulability Ellipsoid

Manipulability w = 1.0231

q=[-1.6, 0.0, -1.6, -1.6, -1.6, -1.6]

- Max (sigma=1.655)
- Mid (sigma=1.239)
- Min (sigma=0.499)
- End-effector



```
In [ ]: RobotTutorials.QualifyVelocityTransmission(q_f)
```

```
== Velocity Transmission Analysis @ [0.0, 0.8, 0.0, 1.6, 1.6, 0.0] ==
```

Singular values: [0.93244996 0.63691605 0.09937314]

Velocity manipulability (w): 0.059017

Configuration is well-conditioned (w > 1.00e-04)

Principal directions in task space (columns of U):

Direction u1: [-0.7114, -0.0975, 0.6959]<sup>T</sup> (sigma1 = 0.9324)

Direction u2: [-0.0103, -0.9888, -0.1490]<sup>T</sup> (sigma2 = 0.6369)

Direction u3: [ 0.7027, -0.1132, 0.7025]<sup>T</sup> (sigma3 = 0.0994)

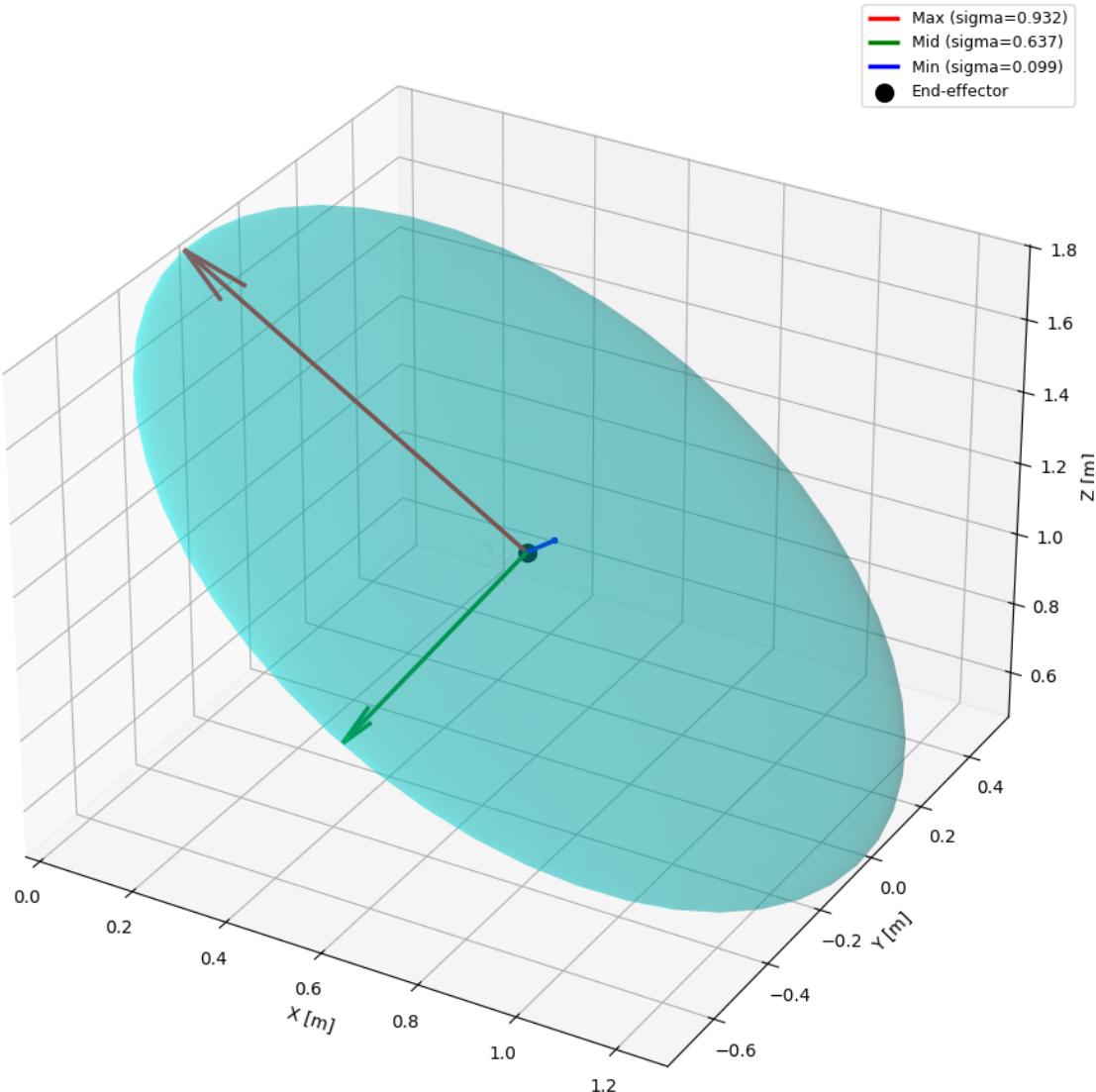
Best transmission direction: [-0.7114, -0.0975, 0.6959]<sup>T</sup>

Worst transmission direction: [ 0.7027, -0.1132, 0.7025]<sup>T</sup>

#### Velocity Manipulability Ellipsoid

Manipulability w = 0.0590

q=[0.0, 0.8, 0.0, 1.6, 1.6, 0.0]



## Inverse geometric model

**Q7.** In this study, the resolution of the inverse geometric model is considered numerically by exploiting the inverse differential model. Moreover, the study is restricted to the position only of the robot's end-effector frame in the task space (no

constraint on the orientation of the end-effector frame).

Using an iterative procedure exploiting the pseudo-inverse of the Jacobian matrix, program a function  $ComputeIGM(\text{self}, X_d, q_0, k_{max}, \epsilon_x)$  having as input arguments the desired task position  $X_d$  and the initial condition  $q_0$ . Both the maximum number of iterations  $k_{max}$  of the algorithm and the norm of the tolerated Cartesian error  $|X_d - DGM(q_k)| < \epsilon_x$ , define the stopping criteria of the algorithm.

```
In [ ]: def ComputeIGM(self, X_d, q_0, k_max, eps_x):
    """
        Computation of the Inverse Geometric Model (IGM) mapping the Cartesian
        Inputs:
            - Desired Cartesian vector "X_d" as a np.array to be reached by the
            - Initial condition "q_0" as a np.array
            - Number "k_max" of maximal iteration in the recursive algorithm
            - Norm of the tolerated Cartesian error "eps_x"
        Outputs:
            - List "self.list_q_IGM" of the joint vectors computed at each iteration
            - Returned "self.list_q_IGM[-1]" of the final found joint vector, so
    """
    self.list_q_IGM = []
    qk = q_0

    for k in range(k_max):
        self.list_q_IGM.append(qk)
        # update error #####
        self.ComputeDGM(qk)
        self.ComputeToolPose()
        Xk = self.g_0E[0:3, 3]
        error = X_d - Xk
        error_norm = np.linalg.norm(error)
        ##### self.ComputeJac(qk)

        if error_norm < eps_x:
            #print(f"Converged in {k} iterations! Final error = {error_norm*1000:.1f} mm")
            return self.list_q_IGM[-1], k

        qk = qk + np.linalg.pinv(self.oJ[0:3, :]) @ error
        #qk = qk + self.oJ[0:3, :].T @ error

    #print(f"no convergence (error = {error_norm*1000:.1f} mm)")
    return self.list_q_IGM[-1], -1

RobotModel.ComputeIGM = ComputeIGM
```

Compute  $q^*$  when the function is called with the following arguments:

- a)  $X_d = X_{d_i} = (-0.1, -0.7, 0.3)^t$ ,  
 $q_0 = [-1.57, 0.00, -1.47, -1.47, -1.47, -1.47]$ ,  $k_{max} = 100$ ,  $\epsilon_x = 1mm$  ?

b)  $X_d = X_{d_f} = (0.64, -0.10, 1.14)^t$ ,  $q_0 = [0, 0.80, 0.00, 1.00, 2.00, 0.00]$ ,  $k_{max} = 100$ ,  $\epsilon_x = 1mm$  ?

Check the accuracy of the results using the function calculated in **Q3**.

```
In [ ]: k_max = 100
eps_x = 0.001

def calculate_igm(X_d, q_0):
    igm, steps = RobotTutorials.ComputeIGM(X_d, q_0, k_max, eps_x)
    pos = RobotTutorials.g_0E[0:3, 3]
    error = np.linalg.norm(X_d - pos)
    print(f"")
    print(f'q_0 = {q_0}\nq*= {igm}\nX_d: {X_d}\nX*: {pos}\nerror norm {error}')

print("---- IGM tests ----")
calculate_igm(X_d = np.array([-0.1, -0.7, 0.3]), q_0 = np.array([-1.57, 0, 0]))
print("-----")
calculate_igm(X_d = np.array([0.64, -0.1, 1.14]), q_0 = np.array([0, 0.8, 0.001]))

---- IGM tests ----

q_0 = [-1.57  0.   -1.47 -1.47 -1.47 -1.47]
q*= [-1.57239062  0.01358612 -1.52368211 -1.44494862 -1.48204603 -1.47
      ]
X_d: [-0.1 -0.7  0.3]
X*: [-0.09993478 -0.6999681   0.30027285]
error norm 0.282mm (in steps=1)
-----

q_0 = [0.  0.8 0.  1.  2.  0. ]
q*= [-2.44142745e-02  7.64266396e-01 -1.78033951e-01  1.00185485e+00
      1.57056629e+00  2.94879089e-17]
X_d: [ 0.64 -0.1   1.14]
X*: [ 0.63989594 -0.09989798  1.1399421 ]
error norm 0.157mm (in steps=2)
```

## Inverse kinematic model

In this question, the trajectory of the end-effector to be followed in the task space must allow the desired final position  $X_{d_f}$  to be reached by following a straight line in the task space starting at the initial position  $X_{d_i}$ . This rectilinear motion is carried out at a constant speed  $V = 1m.s^{-1}$  and is sampled at a period  $T_e = 1ms$ . The position of the end effector at the time instant  $kT_e$  is noted  $X_{d_k}$ . The initial configuration of the robot is given by  $q_i$  (found in question **Q4**).

**Q8.** Using the inverse differential kinematic model, write a function entitled *ComputeIKM(self, X<sub>d<sub>i</sub></sub>, X<sub>d<sub>f</sub></sub>, V, T<sub>e</sub>, q<sub>i</sub>)* realizing the coordinate transform to provide the series of setpoint values  $q_{d_k}$  corresponding to the  $X_{d_k}$  to the joint drivers. To do this, after having programmed the time law corresponding to the required motion, you can use the function developed in question **Q7** capable of calculating the iterative MGI from the pseudo-inverse of the Jacobian matrix.

```
In [ ]: def ComputeIKM(self, X_d_i, X_d_f, V, Te, q_i, k_max=10, eps_x=0.001):
    # Discretization of movement
    distance = np.linalg.norm(X_d_f - X_d_i)
    duration = distance / V
    steps = int(duration / Te)

    self.discreteTime = np.array([k * Te for k in range(steps + 1)])
    self.list_X_d_k = [X_d_i + k / steps * (X_d_f - X_d_i) for k in range(steps + 1)]

    # Iterate over discretization
    q_k = q_i
    self.list_q_d_k = []

    for X_d_k in self.list_X_d_k:
        q_k, steps = self.ComputeIGM(X_d_k, q_k, k_max, eps_x)
        self.list_q_d_k.append(q_k)

RobotModel.ComputeIKM = ComputeIKM
```

Check that the successively reached positions of the end-effector is following the desired trajectory. To do so, you can plot the error between the sequence of positions reached by the end device and the position set points at each time step.

```
In [ ]: RobotTutorials.ComputeDGM(q_i)
RobotTutorials.ComputeToolPose()
X_di, _, _ = RobotTutorials.DescribeToolFrame()

RobotTutorials.ComputeDGM(q_f)
RobotTutorials.ComputeToolPose()
X_df, _, _ = RobotTutorials.DescribeToolFrame()

print(f"X_di = {X_di}\nX_df = {X_df}")

RobotTutorials.ComputeIKM(X_di, X_df, 1.0, 0.001, q_i, 1000)
```

X\_di = [-0.1 -0.7 0.3]  
X\_df = [ 0.6363961 -0.1 1.1363961]

```
In [ ]: def plot_limits(self, discrete_time, q, q_min, q_max):
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 16))

    for i in range(self.numberJoints):
        ax = plt.subplot(6, 1, i+1)
        plt.plot(discrete_time, q[i], label=f'q_{i+1}')
        plt.axhline(y=q_min[i], color='r', linestyle='--', label='q_min')
        plt.axhline(y=q_max[i], color='g', linestyle='--', label='q_max')

        if i == 5:
            plt.xlabel('time [s]')

    plt.yticks([
        -4*np.pi/4, -3*np.pi/4, -2*np.pi/4, -1*np.pi/4, 0,
        +1*np.pi/4, +2*np.pi/4, +3*np.pi/4, +4*np.pi/4
    ])
    plt.xlim([0, 1.4])
    plt.ylim([-np.pi - 0.1, +np.pi + 0.1])
    plt.ylabel(f'q_{i+1} [rad]')
    plt.legend(loc="upper left")
    plt.grid(True)
```

```
# Make axis limits visible
ax.spines['top'].set_visible(True)
ax.spines['right'].set_visible(True)
ax.spines['bottom'].set_visible(True)
ax.spines['left'].set_visible(True)
ax.tick_params(axis='both', which='both', direction='in', top=True)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

**Q9.** Plot the temporal evolution of the joint variables  $q_1$  to  $q_6$  calculated in the previous question. For each joint variable, graphically overlay the allowable extreme values corresponding to the joint limits:

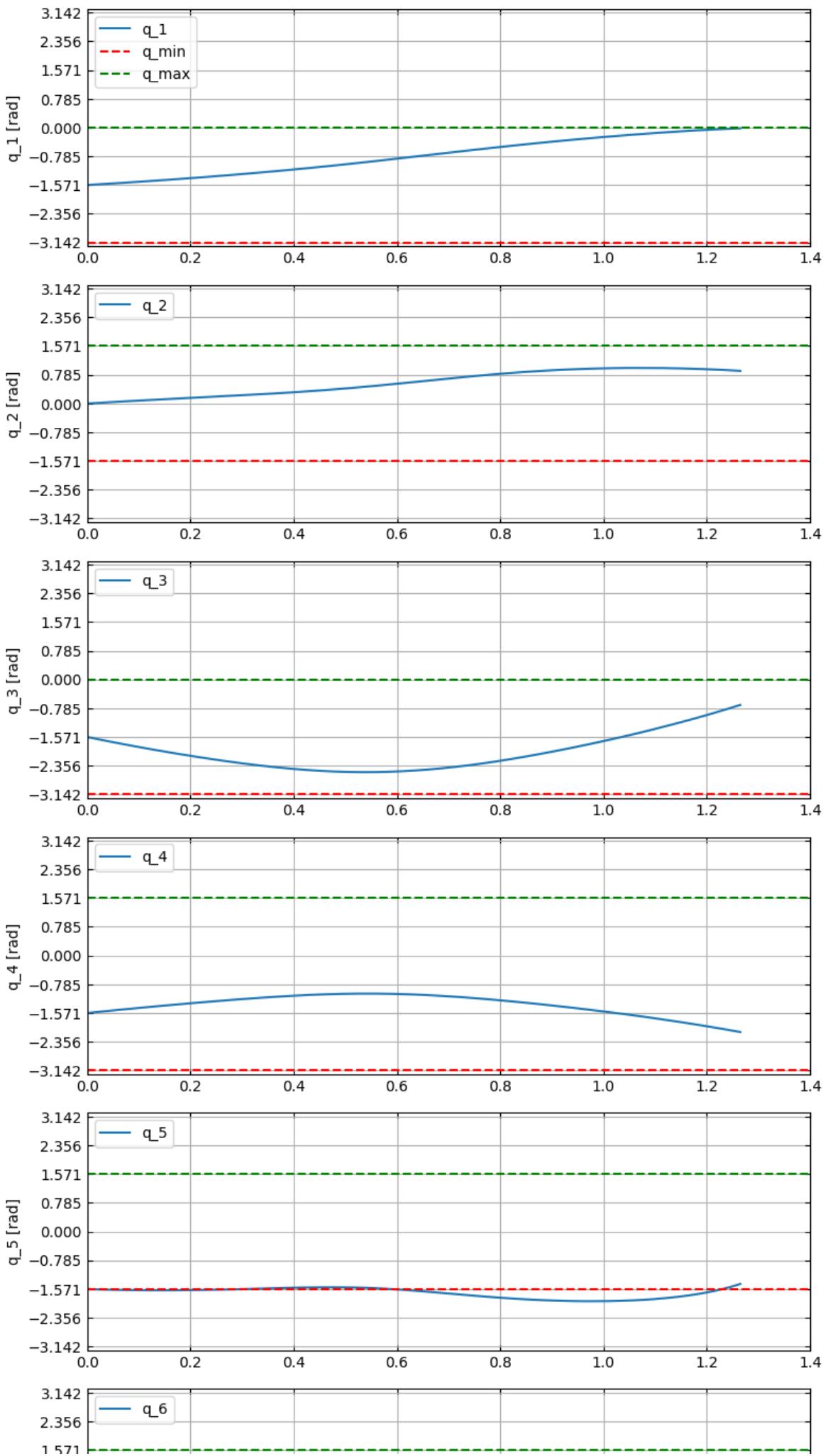
$$q_{min} = \left[ -\pi, -\frac{\pi}{2}, -\pi, -\pi, -\frac{\pi}{2}, -\pi \right]$$

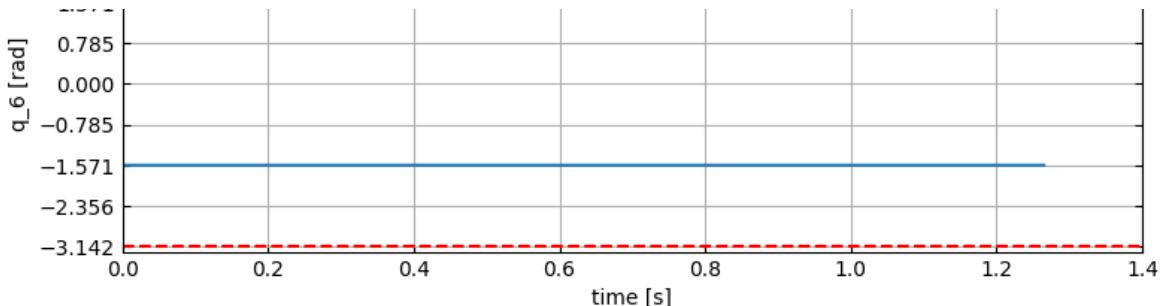
and

$$q_{max} = \left[ 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

```
In [ ]: q_min = np.array([-np.pi, -np.pi/2, -np.pi, -np.pi, -np.pi/2, -np.pi])
q_max = np.array([0, np.pi/2, 0, np.pi/2, np.pi/2, np.pi/2])
```

```
In [ ]: plot_limits(RobotTutorials,
                    RobotTutorials.discreteTime,
                    np.array(RobotTutorials.list_q_d_k).T,
                    q_min,
                    q_max,
                    )
```





Comment on the evolution of the joint variables obtained previously.

Answer **Q9**:

Within the plots above we can see that most joints do evolve in between their desired limits except for "q\_5". It is expected and by pure luck it is just one as we have not specified the limits in any part of the algorithm (which was left for next question (Q10)).

**Q10.** In this question, we modify the algorithm developed in question **Q8**. We wish to take into account the distance of the values taken by the joint variables from their limits in the computation of the inverse kinematic model.

To do so, you will need to consider a secondary task aiming at keeping some distance from the articular stops  $q_{min}$  and  $q_{max}$ . By the technique of the gradient projected into the null space of  ${}^0J_v(q)$ , you will consider minimizing the following potential function:

$$H_{lim}(q) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{q_i - \bar{q}_i}{q_{max} - q_{min}} \right)^2 \text{ where } \bar{q}_i = \frac{q_{max} + q_{min}}{2}$$

First, provide below the theoretical analytical solution for the joint variables to this problem.

Answer: Theoretical Solution for **Q10**

The potential function  $H_{lim}(q) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{q_i - \bar{q}_i}{q_{max} - q_{min}} \right)^2$  where  $\bar{q}_i = \frac{q_{max} + q_{min}}{2}$  acts as a gravitational attractor toward the center of the joint limits. This quadratic function is minimized when all joints are at their central positions and increases as they approach their boundaries. To minimize this potential and track the desired Cartesian trajectory. The negative gradient direction naturally pulls joints toward their center positions.

The primary task ensures the end-effector reaches the desired Cartesian position  $X_d$  by applying the pseudo-inverse update  $J_v^\dagger(X_d - X_k)$ . The secondary task minimizes the potential function by projecting the negative gradient  $-\alpha \nabla H_{lim}(q)$  into the null space of the Jacobian using the projector  $N = I - J_v^\dagger J_v$ .

The complete iterative update law becomes:

$q_{k+1} = q_k + J_v^\dagger(q_k) (X_d - X_k) - \alpha \left( I - J_v^\dagger(q_k) J_v(q_k) \right) \nabla H_{lim}(q_k)$ , where  $\alpha > 0$  is a tunable gain controlling how hard the algorithm avoids the joint limits. The pseudo-inverse  $J_v^\dagger = J_v^T (J_v J_v^T)^{-1}$  can be computed using a damped least-squares formula.

Then, develop a new function

`ComputeIKMlimits(self, X_d_i, X_d_f, V, Te, q_i, q_min, q_max)` which implements the inverse kinematic model able to take into account the previous secondary task.

```
In [ ]: def ComputeIKMlimits(self, X_d_i, X_d_f, V, Te, q_i, k_max, eps_x, q_min,
    """
        Computation of the Inverse differential Kinematic Model (IKM) making
        Inputs:
            - Trajectory of the end effector to be followed in the task space
                - the initial position "X_d_i"
                - the desired final position "X_d_f" to be reached.
            - Rectilinear motion carried out :
                - at a constant speed "V"
                - sampled at a period "Te"
            - Initial configuration of the robot "q_i"
            - Number "k_max" of maximal iteration in the recursive algorithm
            - Norm of the tolerated Cartesian error "eps_x"
            - Vector of lower bound of joint variable "q_min"
            - Vector of upper bound of joint variable "q_max"

        Outputs:
            - List "self.list_q_dk_limits" of the joint vectors computed at each
            - List "self.list_X_d_k" of the intermediate Cartesian poses to
    """
    distance = np.linalg.norm(X_d_f - X_d_i)
    duration = distance / V
    num_steps = int(duration / Te)

    self.discreteTime = np.array([k * Te for k in range(num_steps + 1)])
    self.list_X_d_k = [X_d_i + k / num_steps * (X_d_f - X_d_i) for k in range(num_steps + 1)]
    self.list_q_dk_limits = []

    q_mid = (q_max + q_min) / 2
    alpha = 0.5

    q_k = np.array(q_i, dtype=float)

    for X_d_k in self.list_X_d_k:
        for iteration in range(k_max):
            self.ComputeDGM(q_k)
            self.ComputeToolPose()
            X_k = self.g_0E[0:3, 3]

            error = X_d_k - X_k
            error_norm = np.linalg.norm(error)

            if error_norm < eps_x:
                break
```

```
        self.ComputeJac(q_k)
        J_v = self.oJ[0:3, :]

        grad_H = 2 * (q_k - q_mid) / ((q_max - q_min)**2)

        J_pinv = J_v.T @ np.linalg.inv(J_v @ J_v.T + 1e-6 * np.eye(3))

        N = np.eye(len(q_k)) - J_pinv @ J_v

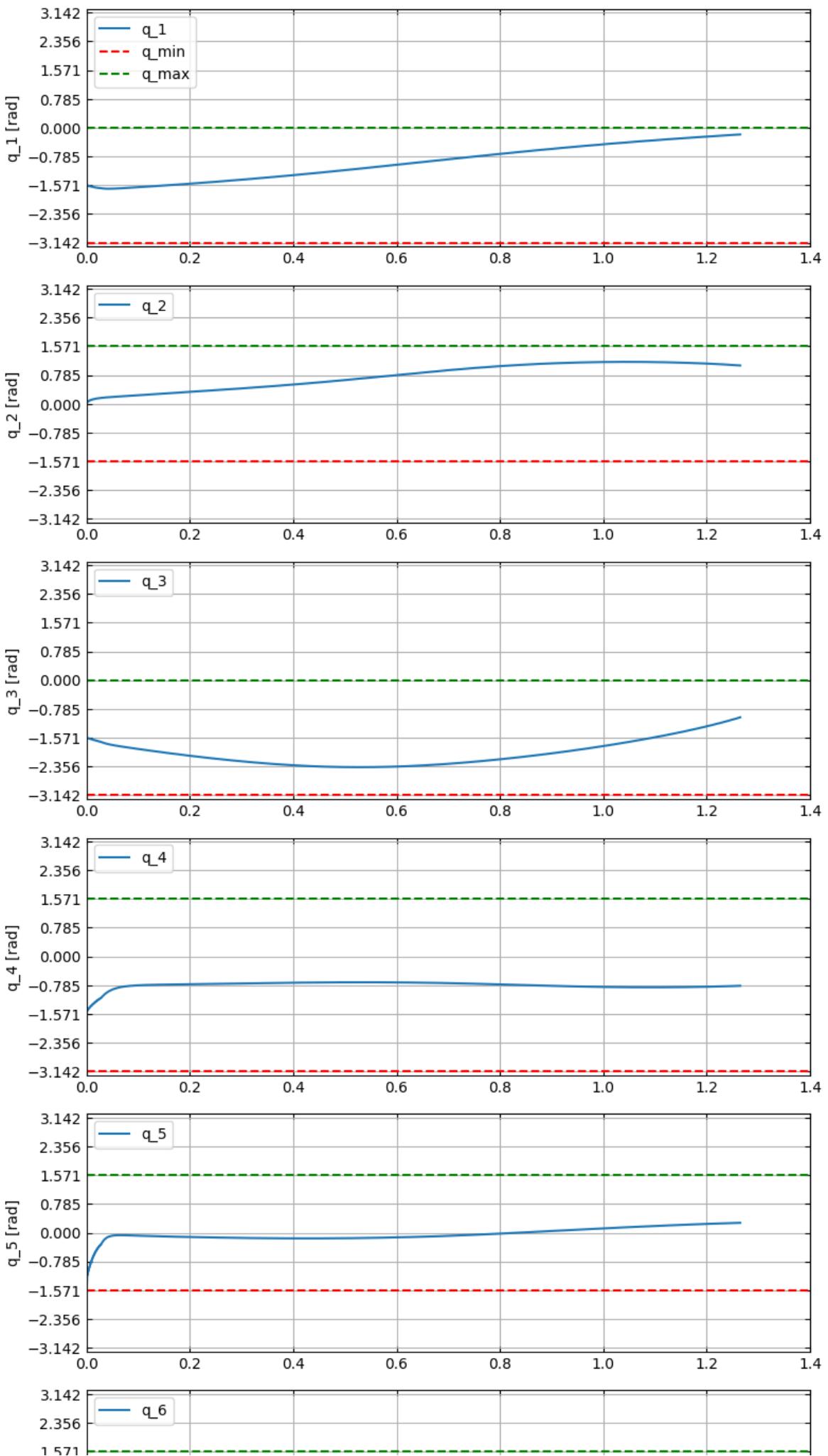
        q_k = q_k + J_pinv @ error - alpha * N @ grad_H

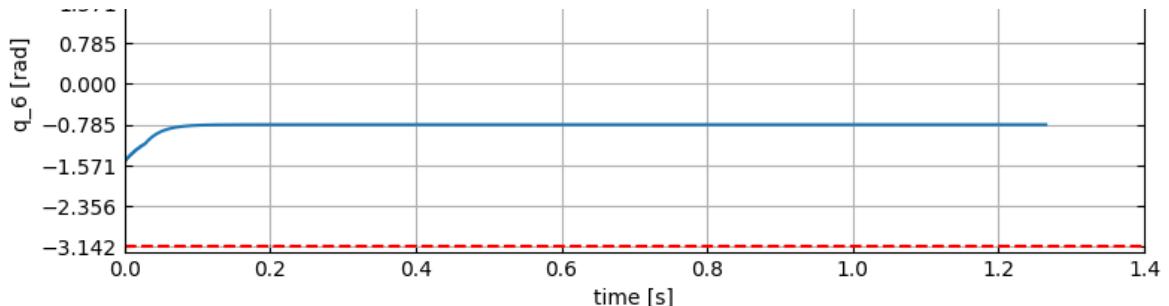
        self.list_q_d_k_limits.append(q_k.copy())

RobotModel.ComputeIKMlimits = ComputeIKMlimits
```

Plot the new temporal evolution of the joint variables  $q_1$  to  $q_6$  for the reference trajectory given in the question **Q9**.

```
In [ ]: RobotTutorials.ComputeIKMlimits(X_di, X_df, 1.0, 0.001, q_i, 1000, 0.001,
                                         plot_limits(
                                             RobotTutorials,
                                             RobotTutorials.discreteTime,
                                             np.array(RobotTutorials.list_q_d_k_limits).T,
                                             q_min,
                                             q_max,
                                         ))
```





Comment on the values taken by the joint variables.

All the 6 joints seems are safelly controlled, avoiding their respective limites letting the end effector move safelly. Even considering noisy implementation, the example with tested make it look like there is room for small "overshoots" as there is a big boundary around almost all joint.