

RBE 500 : FINAL ASSIGNMENT - PART 1 REPORT

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Three python scripts were developed (one for each node), for the implementation of the assignment. Following is a summary of each of the scripts:

- 1) Forward Kinematics : We have a node “SCARA_T7_FK_Server” which has a service “SCARA_T7_FK”. This service receives the joint state (q_1, q_2, q_3) and returns the end effector pose $(x, y, z, \theta_{z0}, \theta_y, \theta_{z1})$. It uses the DH parameters and transformation matrices for this calculation. The Euler angles used here is Z-Y-Z.
- 2) Inverse Kinematics : We have a node “SCARA_T7_IK_Server” which has a service “SCARA_T7_IK”. This service receives the end effector pose $(x, y, z, \theta_{z0}, \theta_y, \theta_{z1})$ and returns the joint state (q_1, q_2, q_3) . By using x, y, z we get two sets of (q_1, q_2, q_3) . To choose the correct one, $\theta_{z0}, \theta_y, \theta_{z1}$ is used. We compare the angle between “end-effector frame x-axis” and “base frame x-axis” w.r.t “base frame z-axis”. With this we get a condition “ $180^\circ + \theta_{z0} - \theta_{z1} = q_1 + q_2$ ”. Both sides of the equation were normalized to be between 0° and 360° before comparing. The set of q_1, q_2, q_3 for which this equation was satisfied was used as the solution.
- 3) Read from Gazebo and Check : Based on the SCARA related files (config.yaml, .urdf etc.) which was defined, Gazebo publishes the joint states of SCARA to a topic named “SCARA_T7/joint_states”. We create a node “SCARA_T7_Check”, which subscribes to this topic. Let’s call this set of data as Q1. Now, a service call is made to “SCARA_T7_FK” with input as Q1, which returns the Pose P1. Further, another service call is made to “SCARA_T7_IK” with input as P1, which returns the Joint States Q2. Finally, this Q1 and Q2 are compared, and these should match exactly if our IK and FK calculations were correct.

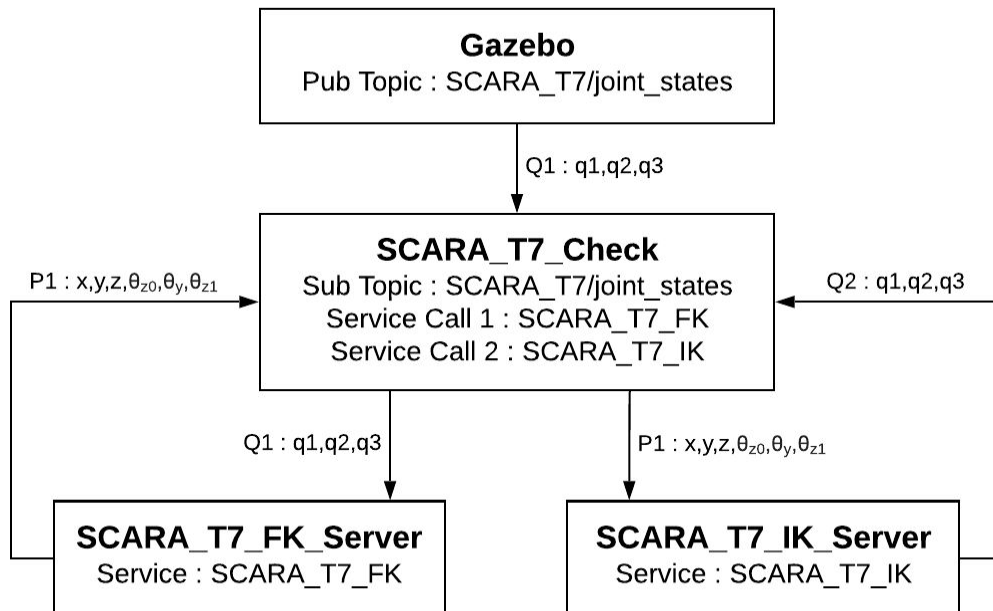


Figure 1. Flowchart showing the various nodes and information flow.

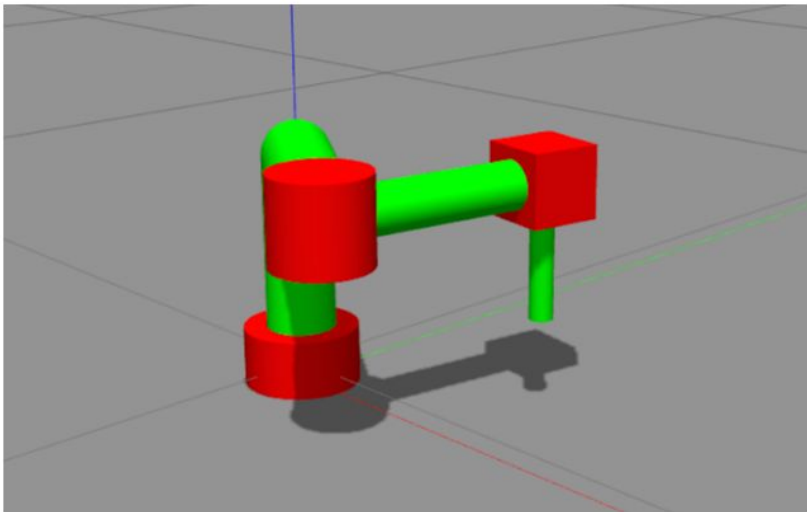


Figure 2. Screenshot of SCARA robot in Gazebo

To run random test cases, the robot was spawned in gazebo and using rqt's "Message Publisher" plugin, the Joint values for Joint 1, Joint 2 & Joint 3 were published to follow a sinusoidal pattern. Figure 2 shows the SCARA robot at a random instant.

The python script having the node "SCARA_T7_Check" was run at different time instances to run the test cases. Figure 3 shows the results for 3 different test cases.

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sabhari@sabhari-G3-3590: ~
sabhari@sabhari-G3-3590:~$ rosrn final_project A3_Read_Check.py

Waiting for the required services...
Required services up and running...
Starting subscriber
Joint Positions Read (Q1) = [-86.83 -39.22  0.02]
Calculated Pose (P1) = [ -0.11 -0.36  0.08  0.  180.  -53.94]
Calculated Joint Position (Q2) = [-86.83 -39.22  0.02]
Test successful : Q1 and Q2 match

sabhari@sabhari-G3-3590:~$ rosrn final_project A3_Read_Check.py

Waiting for the required services...
Required services up and running...
Starting subscriber
Joint Positions Read (Q1) = [ 89.68  63.53 -0.03]
Calculated Pose (P1) = [ -0.18  0.29  0.13  0.  180.  26.79]
Calculated Joint Position (Q2) = [ 89.68  63.53 -0.03]
Test successful : Q1 and Q2 match

sabhari@sabhari-G3-3590:~$ rosrn final_project A3_Read_Check.py

Waiting for the required services...
Required services up and running...
Starting subscriber
Joint Positions Read (Q1) = [ 16.4 -80.25  0.01]
Calculated Pose (P1) = [  0.28 -0.12  0.09  0.  180.  -116.15]
Calculated Joint Position (Q2) = [ 16.4 -80.25  0.01]
Test successful : Q1 and Q2 match

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Figure 3. Results for the 3 test cases

As we can see in Figure 3, the test has passed for the three random test case and hence the FK & IK codes are working as required.

Attachments : final_project.zip

- 1) Scripts - A1_FK_Server.py, A2_IK_Server.py , A3_Read_Check.py
- 2) Robots - A_SCARA.urdf.xacro
- 3) Config - A_SCARA_config.yaml
- 4) Launch - A_Load_SCARA.launch
- 5) Srv - FK_srv.srv, IK_srv.srv