

$$s = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}_I = \text{Pose in Global Frame } \{X_I, Y_I\}$$

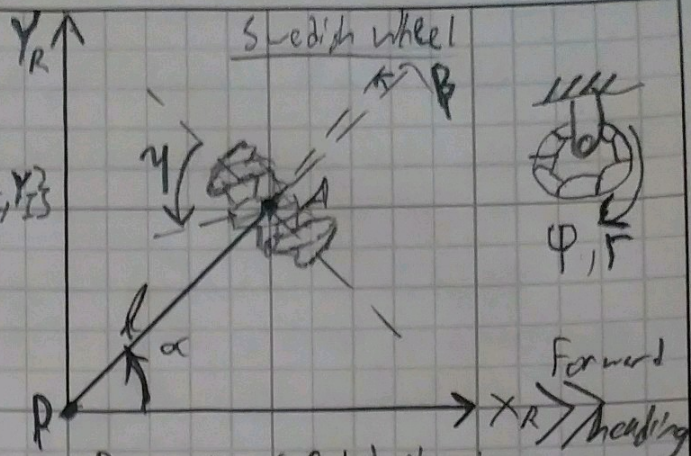
* X_R is forward heading of robot

* Refer to [1] Sec. 3.2.1 for how to represent the robot position w.r.t. the global frame

2 types of Constraints for Wheels

Rolling Constraint = the wheel must roll when motion takes place in the appropriate direction

Sliding Constraint = the wheel must not slide orthogonal to the wheel plane



P = center of Robot chassis

A = position of wheel in $\{X_R, Y_R\}$ in polar coordinates (l, α)

l = dist. from robot's origin P to center of wheel A

α = angle of PA w.r.t. $\{X_R, Y_R\}$

β = angle of wheel plane relative to the robot's chassis

r = radius of wheel

$\phi(t)$ = angular position of the wheel w.r.t. time

γ = angle between main wheel plane and axis of circumferential rollers

Swedish Wheel

* Note: Swedish 45-degree wheel has $\gamma = 45^\circ$, and would be considered fixed

Rolling Constraint: ****

$$[\sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma), -\cos(\alpha + \beta + \gamma), (-l)\cos(\beta + \gamma)] R(\theta) \dot{s}_I - r \dot{\phi} \cos \gamma = 0$$

"Sliding Constraint":

$$[\cos(\alpha + \beta + \gamma), \sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma), l \sin(\beta + \gamma)] R(\theta) \dot{s}_I - r \dot{\phi} \sin \gamma - r_{sw} \dot{\phi}_{sw} = 0$$

* Note:

r_{sw} = radius of circumferential rollers

$\dot{\phi}_{sw}$ = angular velocity of circumferential rollers

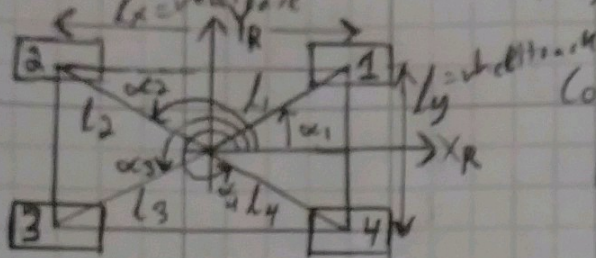
$R(\theta)$ = orthogonal rotation matrix for mapping motion in Global frame $\{X_I, Y_I\}$ to motion in terms of Local frame $\{X_R, Y_R\}$

\dot{s} = velocity of the robot in Global frame $\{X_I, Y_I\}$ as $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix}$

Given a robot of M wheels ($M = \#$ of wheels): 4 Swedish wheels

*Note: Swedish wheels impose no kinematic constraints on robot chassis since $\dot{\theta}$ can range freely in all cases due to the internal dof.

*So for 4 Swedish wheels: $L_i, \omega_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i (= 45^\circ \text{ or } -45^\circ \rightarrow \text{depending on left/right wheel config})$, r (constant between wheels), ϕ_i



Combining all wheels rolling constraints into a matrix equation:
(and since no steerable wheels exist $[J_1(\beta_i) \rightarrow J_{if}]$)

$$J_{1f} R(\theta) \dot{\xi}_I - J_2 \dot{\phi} = 0$$

where:

$$R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_{1f} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\alpha_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1) & -\cos(\alpha_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1) & -L \cos(\beta_1 + \gamma_1) \\ \dots 2 & \dots 2 & \dots 2 \\ \dots 3 & \dots 3 & \dots 3 \\ \dots 4 & \dots 4 & \dots 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\xi}_I = \text{forward Kinematic Model (velocity)} \\ \dot{\xi}_I = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}_I = f(L_i, \omega_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i, \theta, \dot{\phi}_i)$$

$$J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \cos \gamma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_2 \cos \gamma_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r_3 \cos \gamma_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & r_4 \cos \gamma_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi}_1 \\ \dot{\phi}_2 \\ \dot{\phi}_3 \\ \dot{\phi}_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Rearrange Rolling Constraint Matrix gives

$$\dot{\xi}_I = R(\theta)^T J_{1f}^{-1} J_2 \dot{\phi} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}_I$$

Forward Kinematic Model
for a
4 Swedish Wheeled
Robot chassis

*Note: Using the combination of sliding constraints $(C_{if} R(\theta) \dot{\xi}_I = 0)$

the mobility (δ_m) of this robot can be shown to be $\delta_m = 3$
(and is therefore, omnidirectional)

Additionally, the degree of steerability (δ_s) is $\delta_s = 0$, because wheel velocities are used to control motion.

And therefore, the degree of maneuverability (δ_m) is $\delta_m = 3$

*Refer to Section 3.3
from Ref [7]

Need to verify!!!

4 wheeled Mecanum Robot \rightarrow Forward Kinematics

*Note: $\gamma = 45^\circ$ means top roller of Mecanum Wheel has its axis of rotation directed inward towards robot chassis so
 $\gamma_1 = \gamma_3 = 45^\circ$ and $\gamma_2 = \gamma_4 = -45^\circ$

Also $r_1 = r_2 = r_3 = r_4 = r$ is the radius of wheel

* Also ignoring $R(\theta)^{-1}$ for the moment to find $\dot{\mathbf{p}}_R$ w.r.t. robot chassis

Also $\alpha_2 = 180^\circ - \alpha_1$, $\alpha_3 = 180^\circ + \alpha_1$, $\alpha_4 = -\alpha_1$

Also $\beta_1 = 90^\circ - \alpha_1$, $\beta_2 = -\beta_1$, $\beta_3 = \beta_1$, $\beta_4 = -\beta_1$

Also $l_1 = l_2 = l_3 = l_4 = l$ is length from center of robot chassis to wheel

* derived in [2] in Eq. 14, 15, and 16

[Define Robot Parameters as defined in Table 1, [2]] where L and r are constant

so Forward Kinematics is ... and Inverse Kinematics is

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_R = \mathbf{J}_f^{-1} \mathbf{J}_2 \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = -\mathbf{J}_f \mathbf{J}_2^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{p}}_R$$

Need to verify!!!!

[2] Kinematic Model of a Four Mecanum Wheeled Mobile Robot