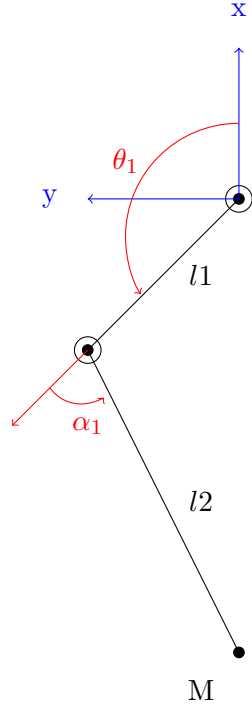


## Minitaur leg kinematics

The goal here is to find the motor angles  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  to give to the two motors in order for the leg end point  $M$  to reach the cartesian coordinates  $(x_M, y_M)$ . You can see on the figure below a schematic of one of the minitaur leg segment :



Now we can write :

$$\begin{aligned} x_M &= l_1 * \cos(\theta_1) + l_2 * \cos(\theta_1 + \alpha_1) \\ y_M &= l_1 * \sin(\theta_1) + l_2 * \sin(\theta_1 + \alpha_1) \end{aligned}$$

If we take the polar coordinates of  $M$  ( $r, \alpha_M$ ) :

$$r^2 = l_1^2 \cos^2(\theta_1) + l_2^2 \cos^2(\theta_1 + \alpha_1) + 2l_1 l_2 \cos(\theta_1) \cos(\theta_1 + \alpha_1) + l_1^2 \sin^2(\theta_1) + l_2^2 \sin^2(\theta_1 + \alpha_1) + 2l_1 l_2 \sin(\theta_1) \sin(\theta_1 + \alpha_1)$$

$$r^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 [\cos(\theta_1) [\cos(\theta_1) \cos(\alpha_1) - \sin(\theta_1) \sin(\alpha_1)] + \sin(\theta_1) [\sin(\theta_1) \cos(\alpha_1) + \sin(\alpha_1) \cos(\theta_1)]]$$

$$r^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1l_2[\cos^2(\theta_1) * \cos(\alpha_1) + \sin^2(\theta_1) * \cos(\alpha_1)]$$

$$r^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1l_2\cos(\alpha_1)$$

Hence we have :

$$\boxed{\alpha_1 = \arccos\left(\frac{r^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1l_2}\right)} \quad (1)$$

Now we can find  $\theta_1$  :

$$\begin{aligned} x_M &= l_1 * \cos(\theta_1) + l_2 * \cos(\theta_1 + \alpha_1) \\ y_M &= l_1 * \sin(\theta_1) + l_2 * \sin(\theta_1 + \alpha_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_M &= l_1 * \cos(\theta_1) + l_2 * [\cos(\theta_1)\cos(\alpha_1) - \sin(\theta_1)\sin(\alpha_1)] \\ y_M &= l_1 * \sin(\theta_1) + l_2 * [\sin(\theta_1)\cos(\alpha_1) + \sin(\theta_1)\sin(\alpha_1)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_M &= \cos(\theta_1)[l_1 + l_2\cos(\alpha_1)] + \sin(\theta_1)[-l_2 * \sin(\alpha_1)] \\ y_M &= \cos(\theta_1)[l_2 * \sin(\alpha_1)] + \sin(\theta_1)[l_1 + l_2\cos(\alpha_1)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_M &= r_1\cos(\theta_1) - r_2\sin(\theta_1) \\ y_M &= r_2\cos(\theta_1) + r_1\sin(\theta_1) \end{aligned}$$

With :

$$\boxed{r_1 = l_1 + l_2\cos(\alpha_1)} \quad (2)$$

$$\boxed{r_2 = l_2 * \sin(\alpha_1)} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_1x_M &= r_1^2\cos(\theta_1) - r_1r_2\sin(\theta_1) \\ r_2y_M &= r_2^1\cos(\theta_1) + r_1r_1\sin(\theta_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$r_1x_M + r_2y_M = (r_1^2 + r_2^2)\cos(\theta_1)$$

$$\boxed{\theta_1 = \arccos\left(\frac{r_1x_M + r_2y_M}{r_1^2 + r_2^2}\right)} \quad (4)$$

Now for the second leg segment and by symmetry we will have the same formulas. Nevertheless the y axis will be in an opposite direction. (Indeed the motor of the second leg segment is facing the motor of the first leg

segment). We will then have to use  $(x_M, -y_M)$  has a desired end leg position. Hence we have :

$$\boxed{\alpha_2 = \alpha_1} \tag{5}$$

$$\boxed{\theta_2 = acos(\frac{r_1x_M - r_2y_M}{r_1^2 + r_2^2})} \tag{6}$$