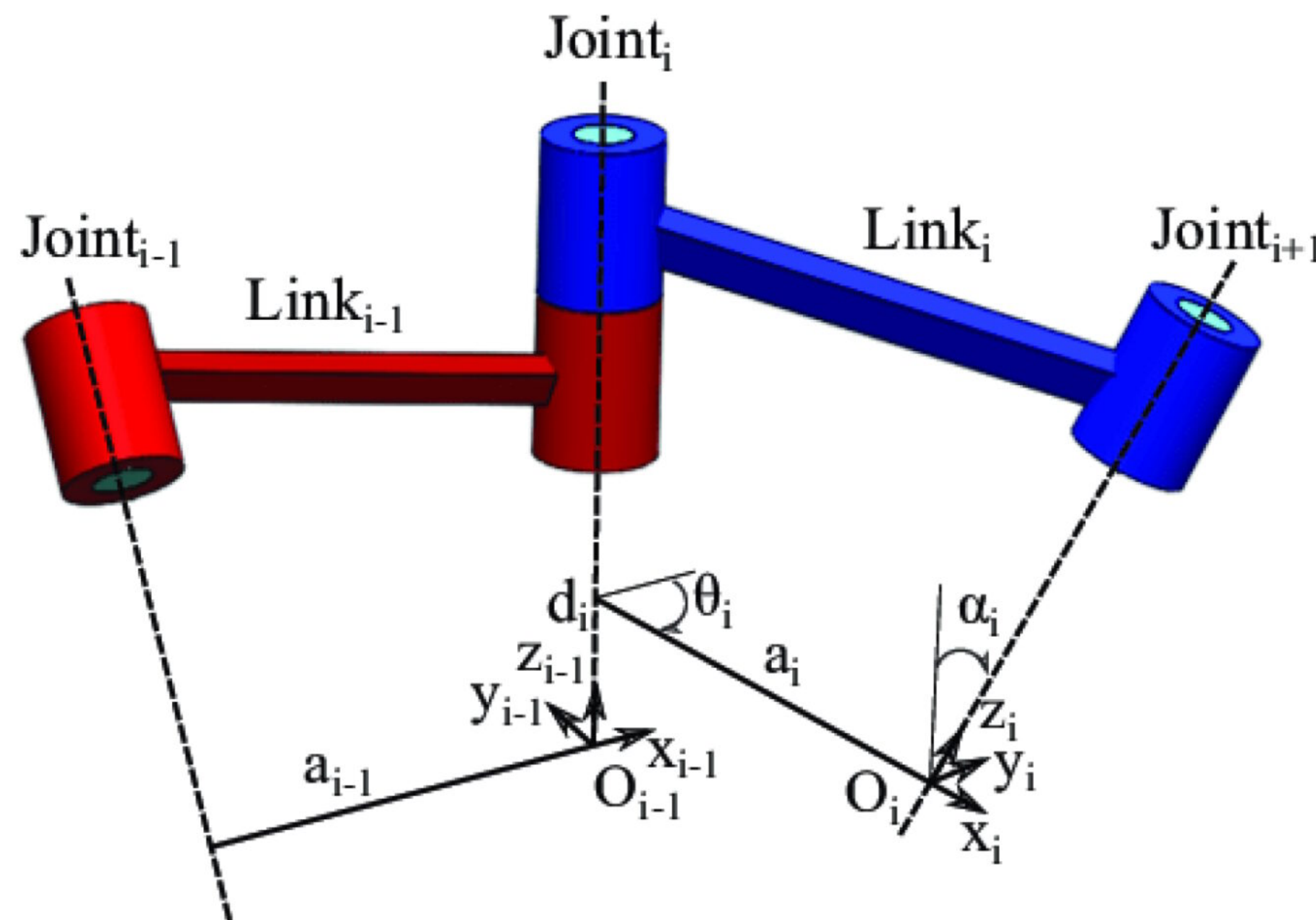


# Lecture 05A - Forward Kinematics





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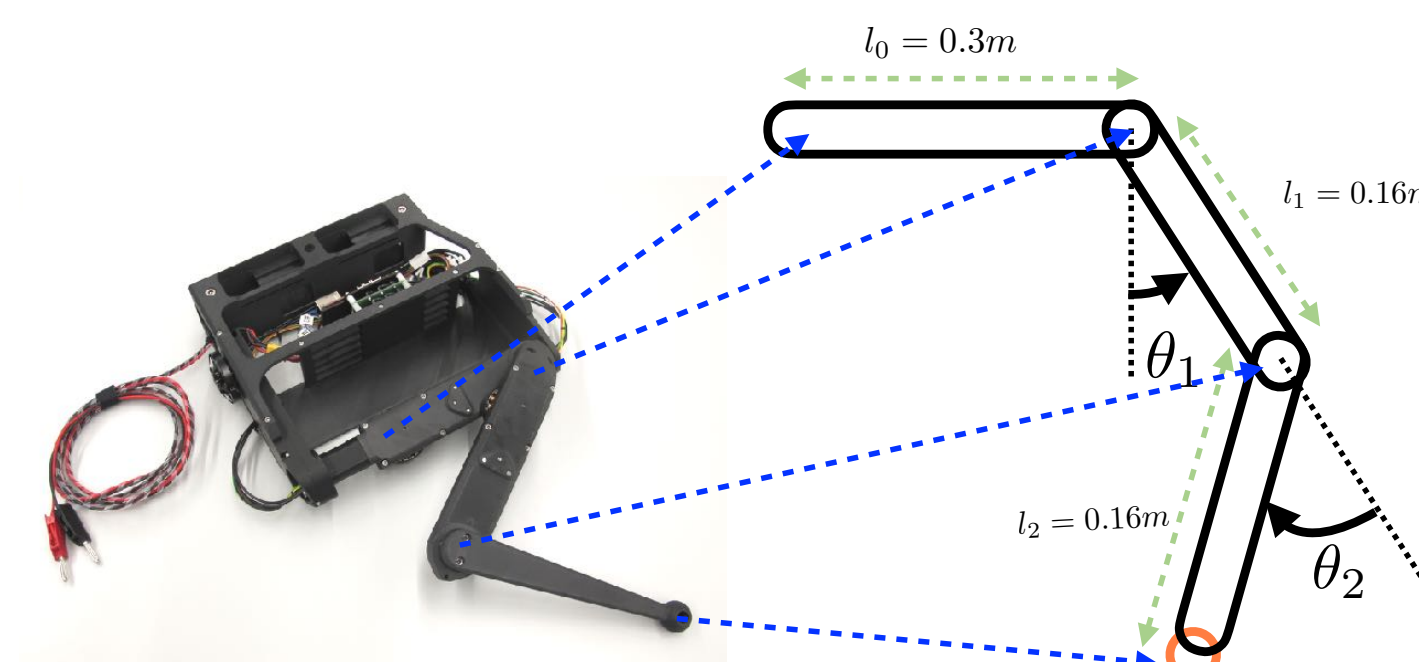
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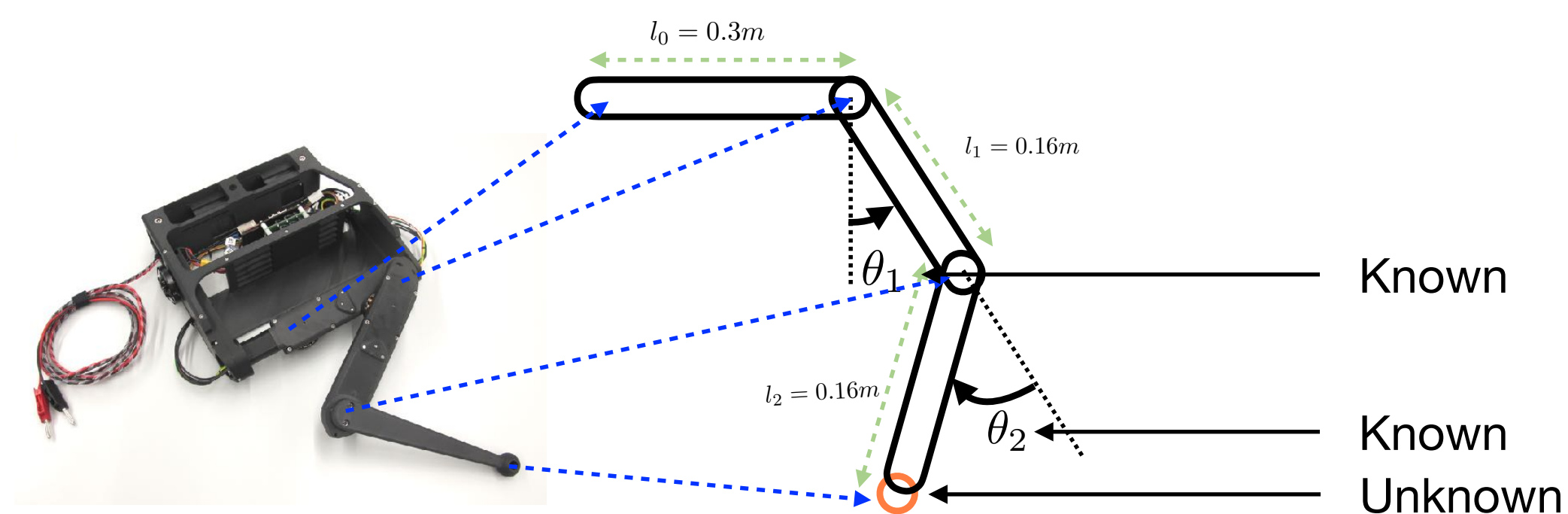
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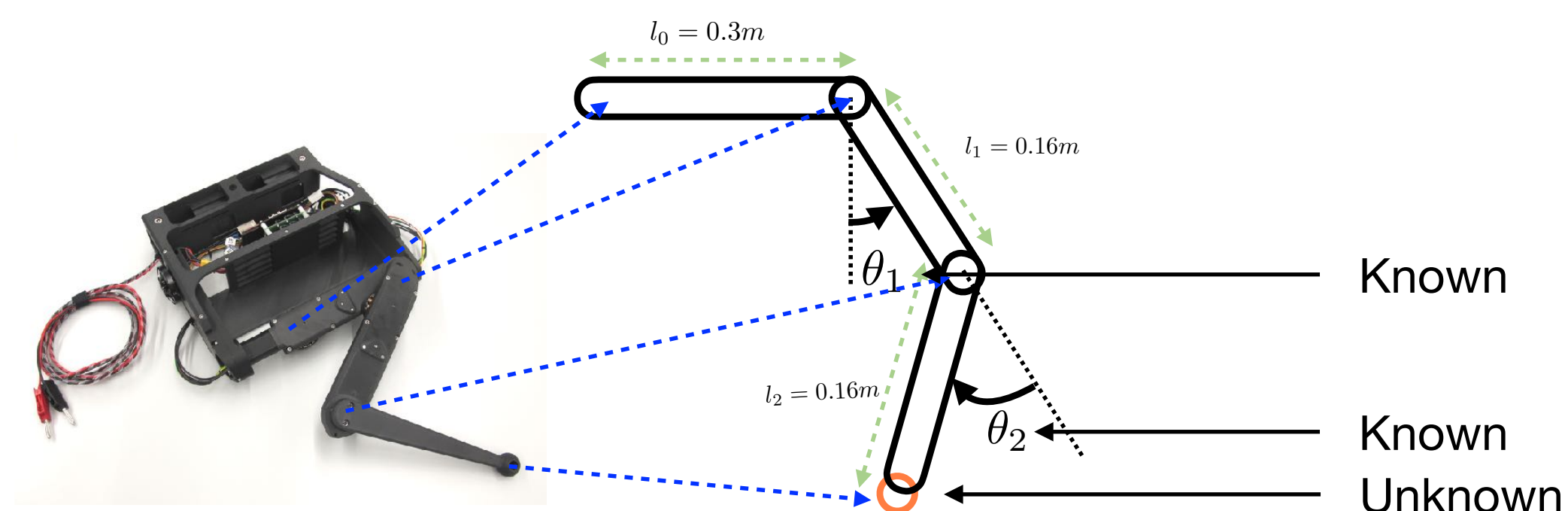
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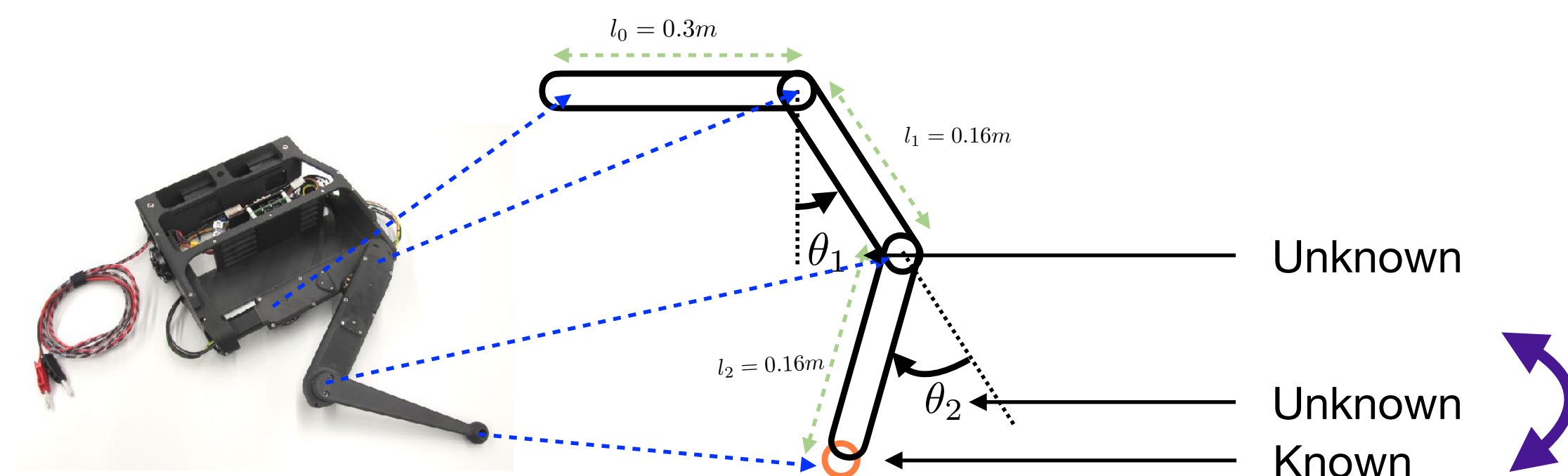
### Forward Kinematics (more precise)

- Determine the pose of the end-effector (or some specific part of the robot) with respect to a stationary base frame, given the joint angles of the robot's revolute joints, (and/or lengths of the robot's prismatic joints).



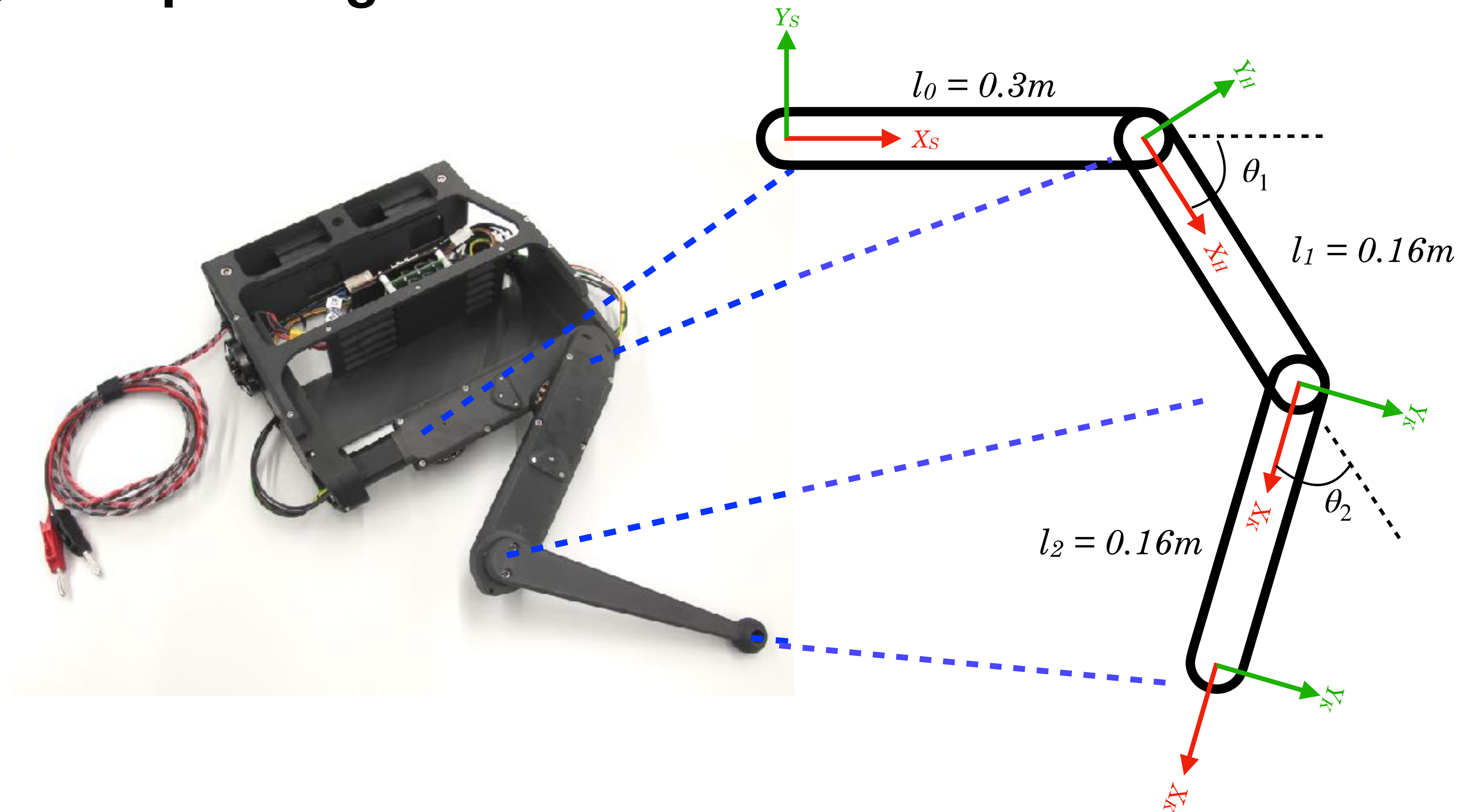
### Inverse Kinematics

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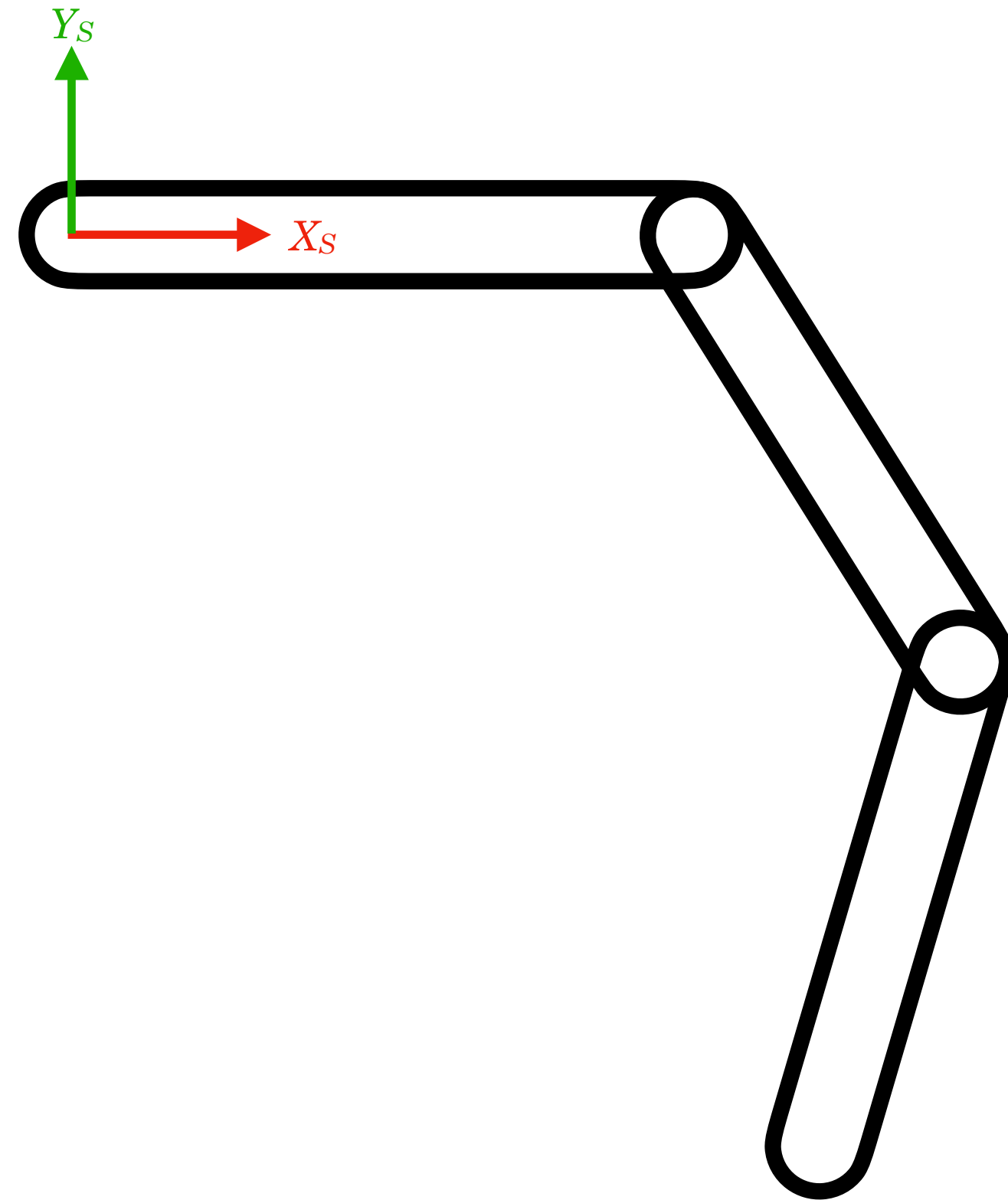




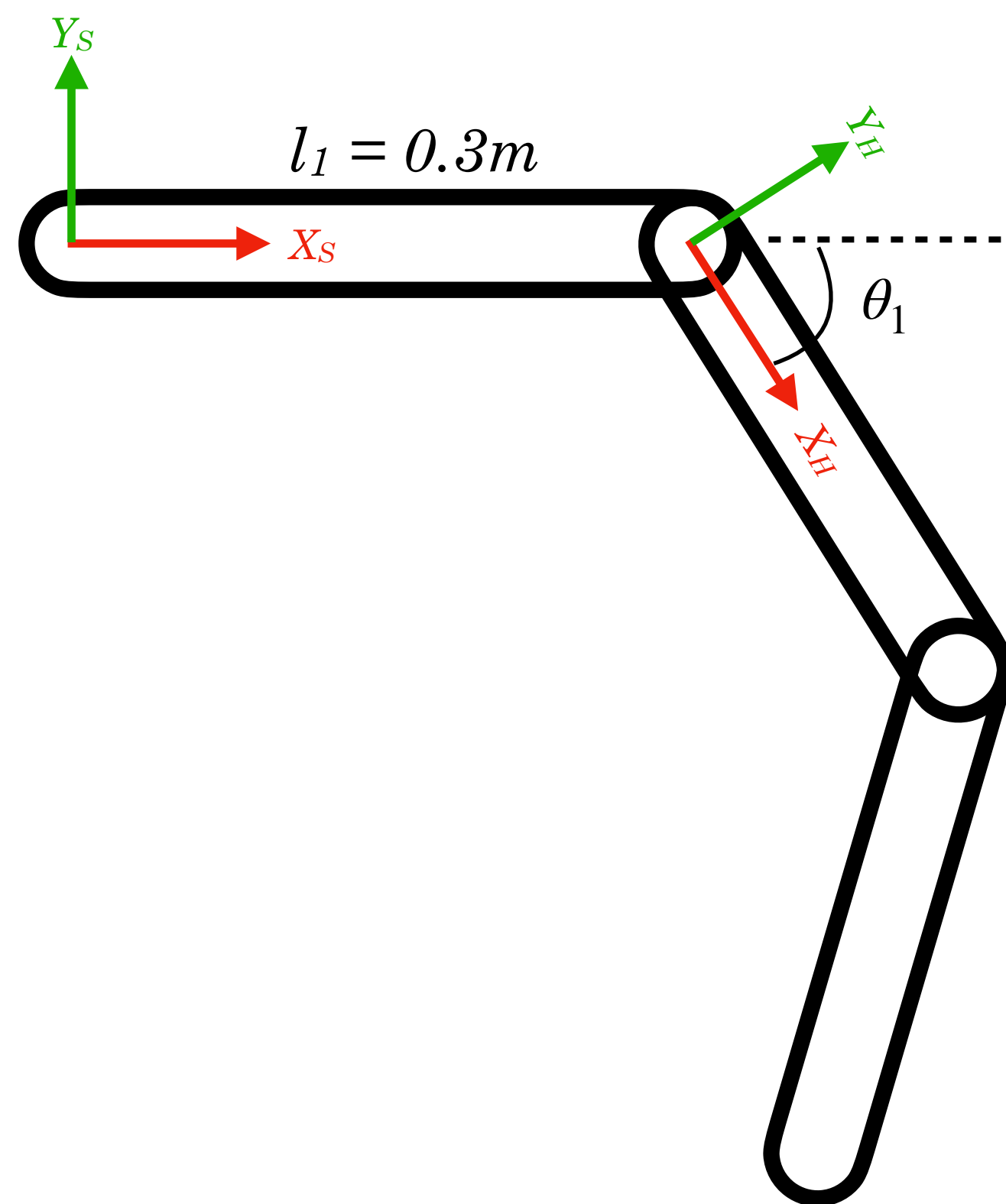
### Example - Quadraped Leg



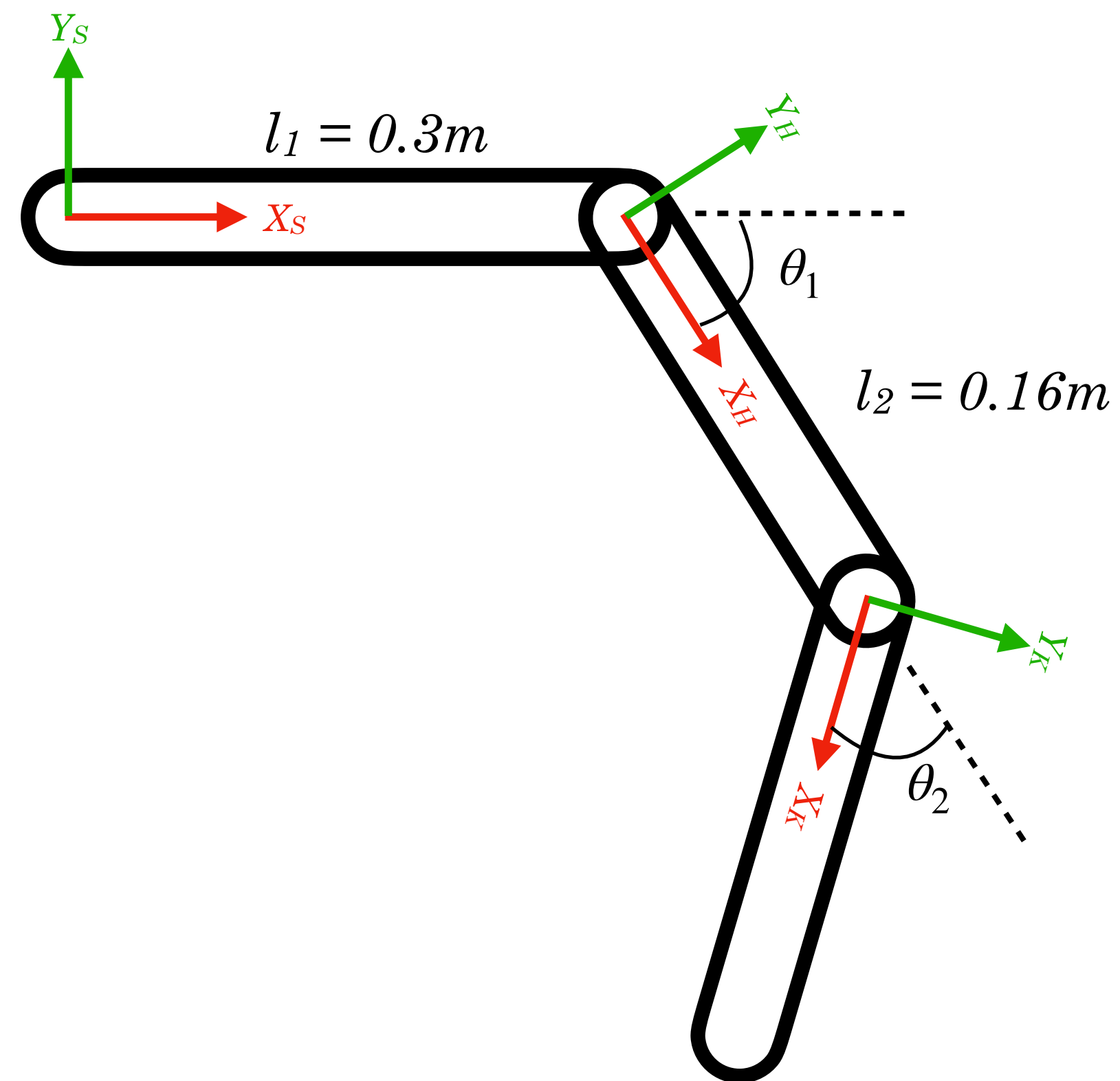




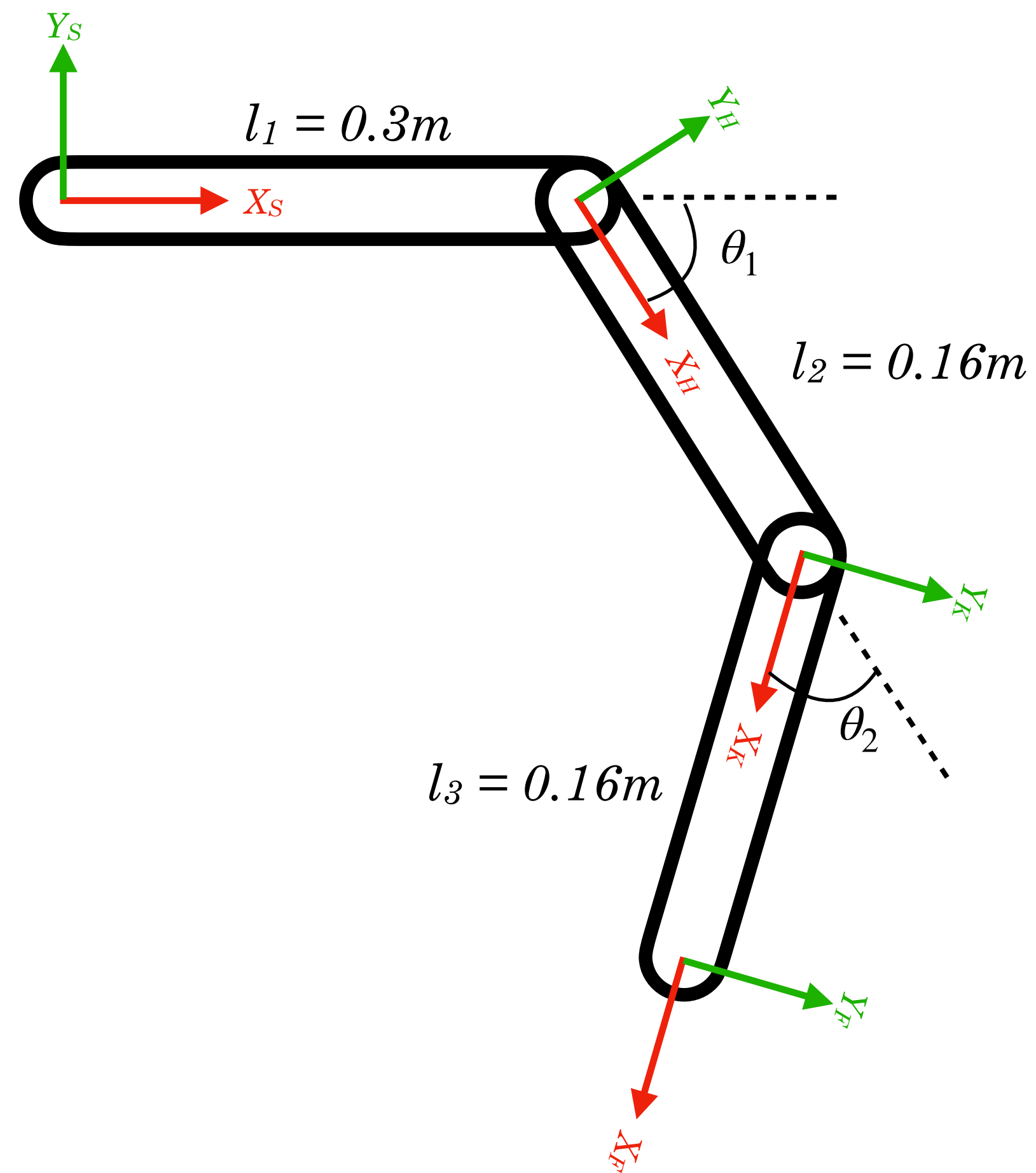
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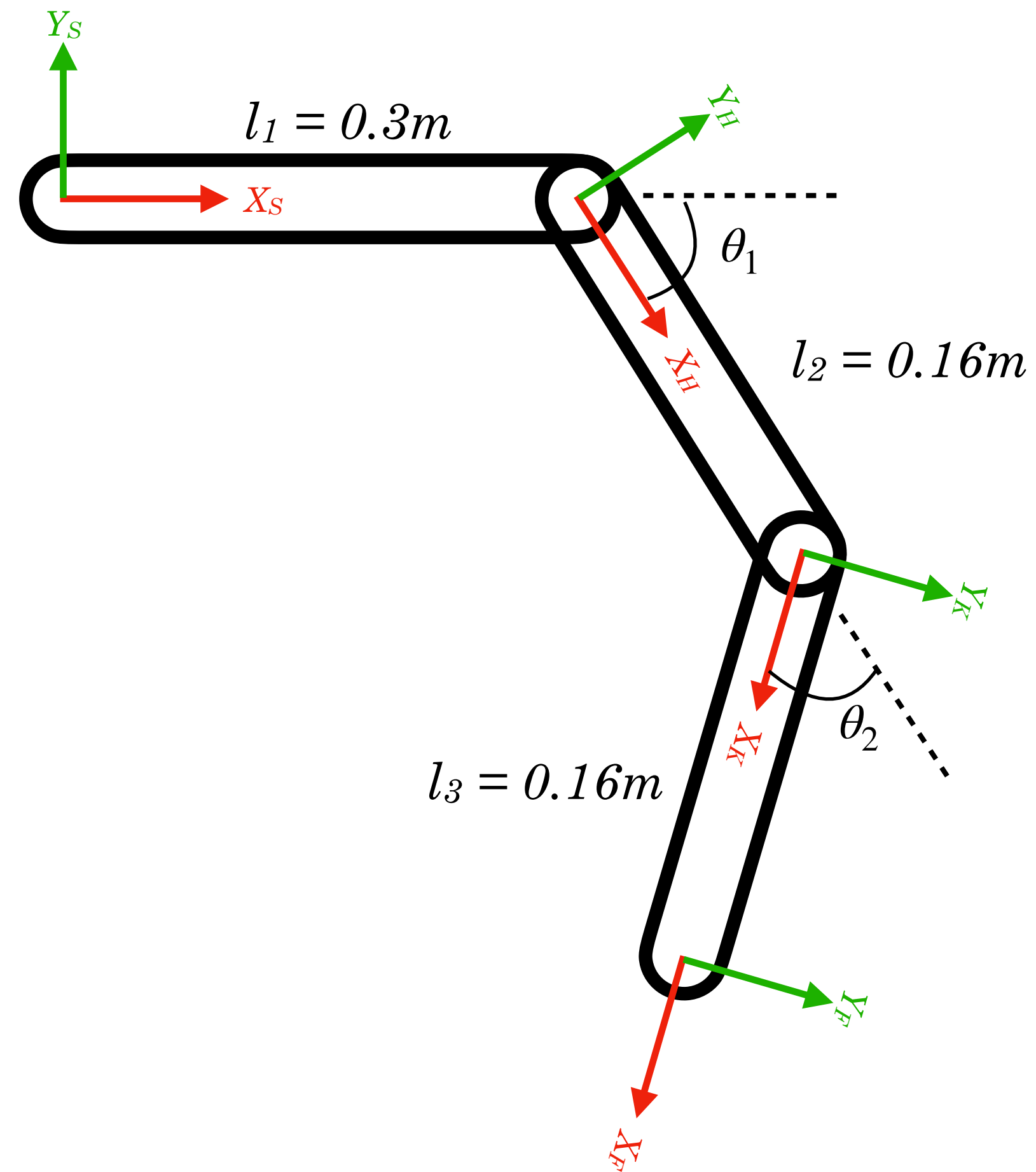
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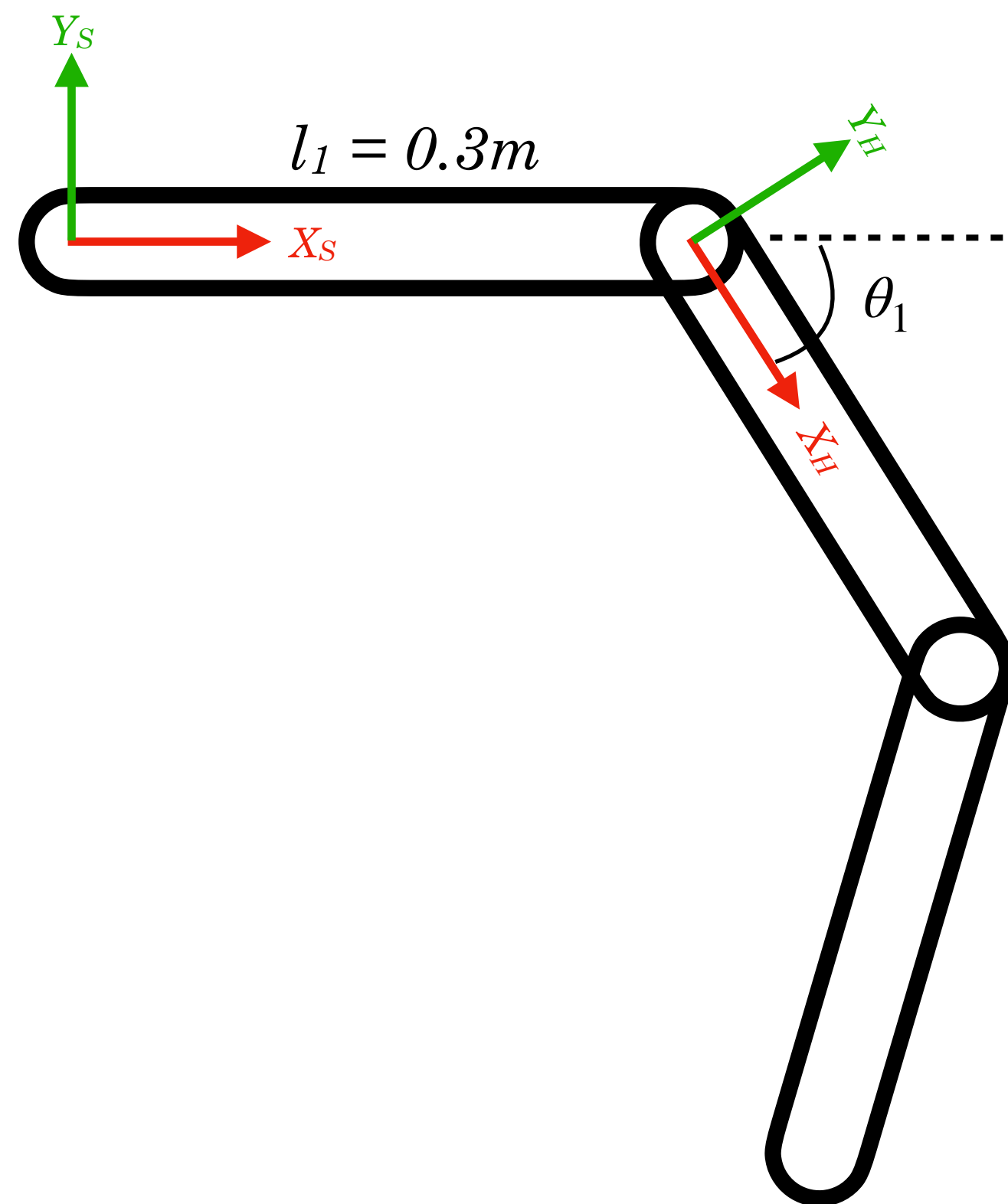


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- The foot frame  $\{F\}$  is translated by  $l_3$  with respect to frame  $\{K\}$ .

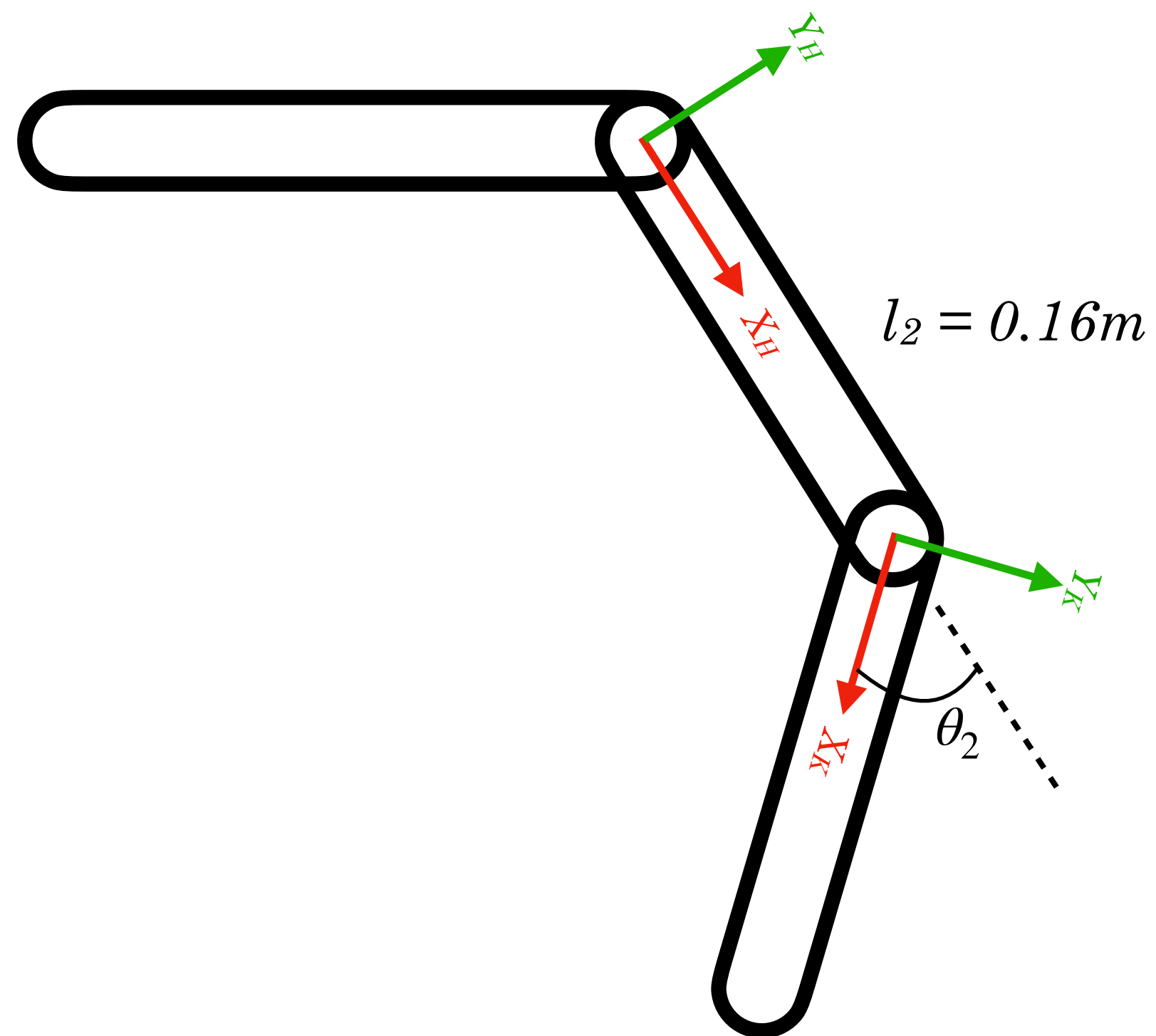




- The frame  $\{H\}$ , relative to  $\{S\}$ , is translated by  $l_1$  and then rotated around its  $z$  axis by  $\theta_1$

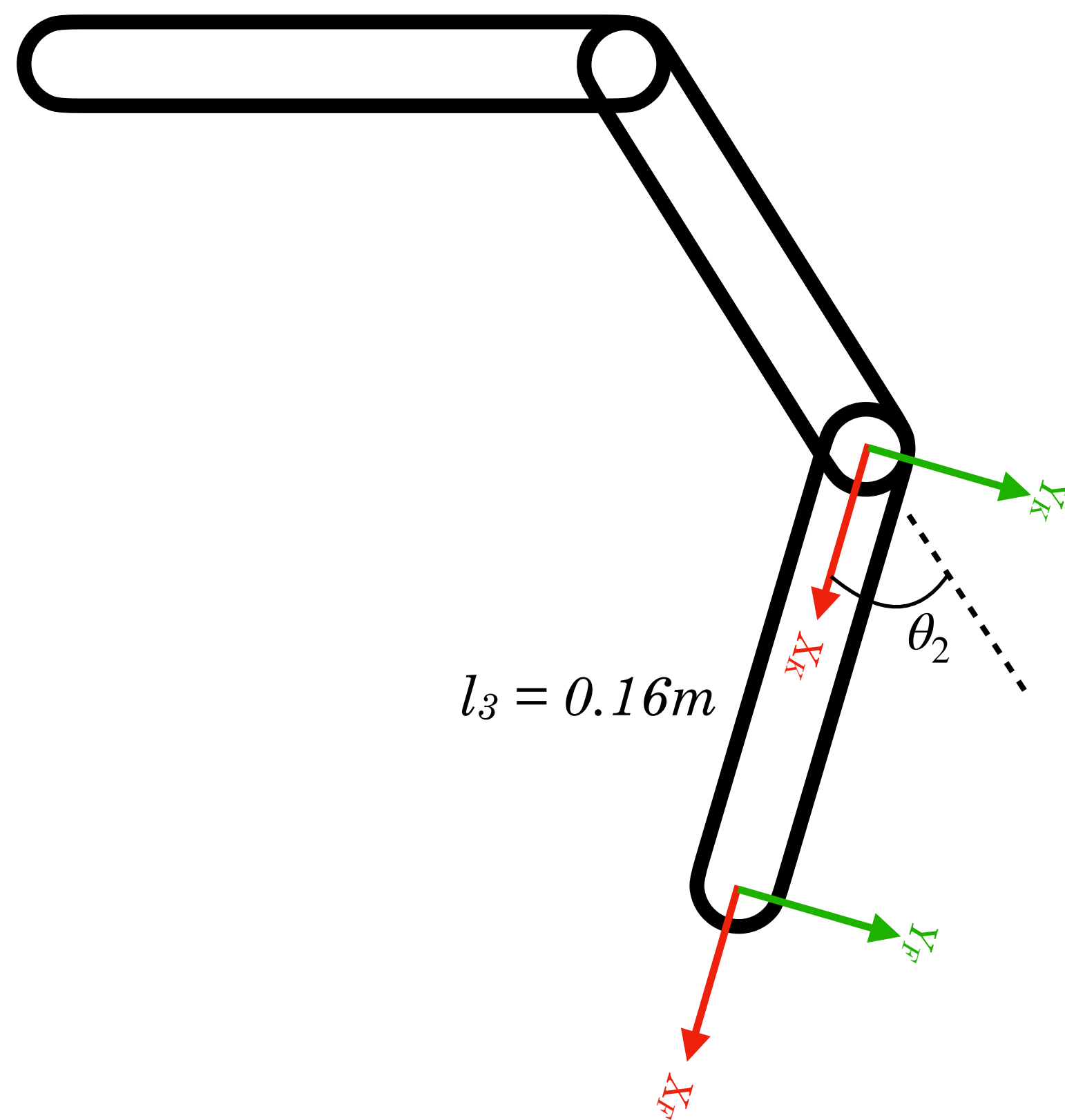
$$T_{SH} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_1 & -\sin\theta_1 & 0 & l_1 \\ \sin\theta_1 & \cos\theta_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





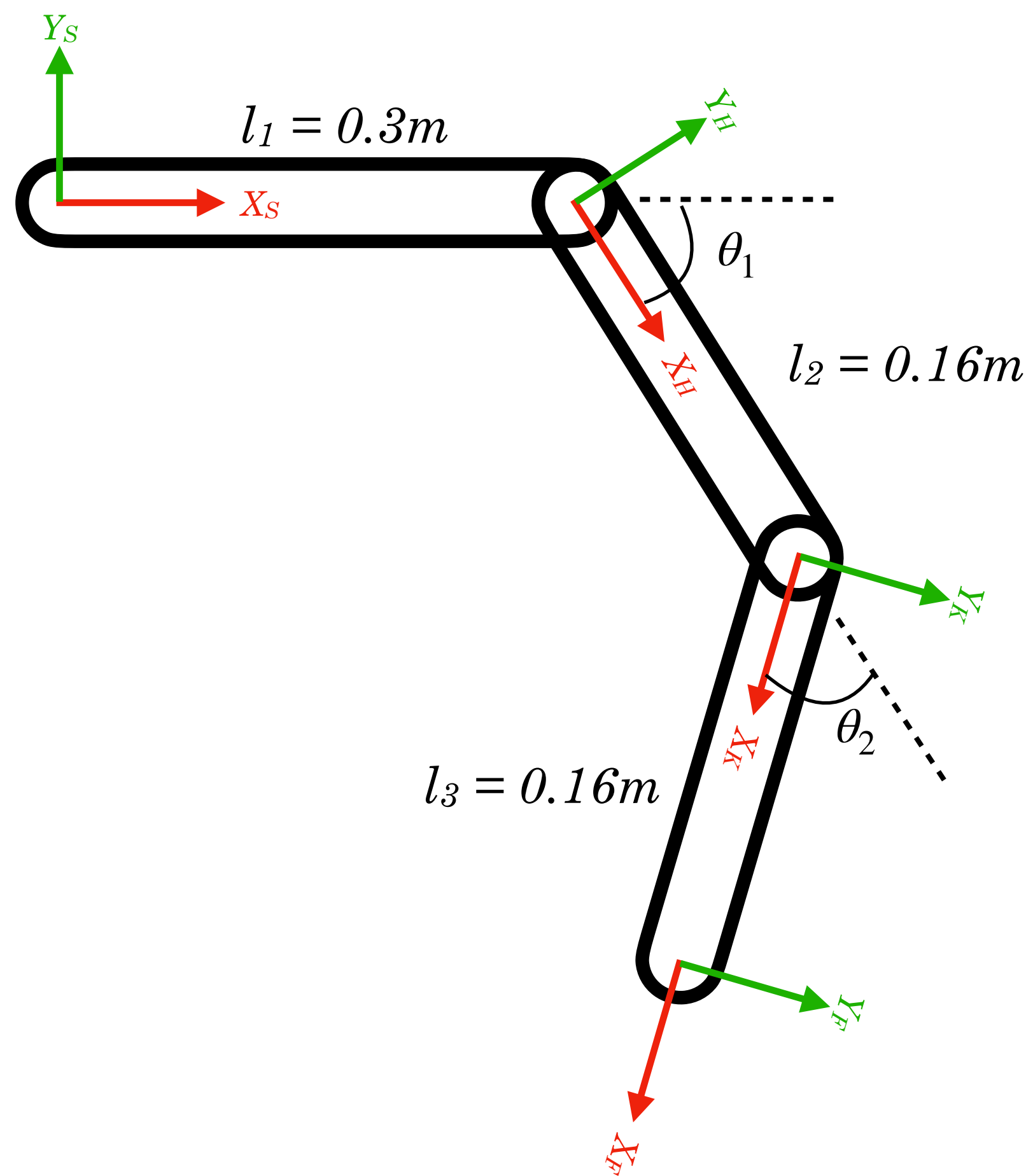
- The frame  $\{K\}$ , relative to  $\{H\}$ , translated by  $l_2$  and then rotated around its  $z$  axis by  $\theta_2$

$$T_{HK} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_2 & -\sin\theta_2 & 0 & l_2 \\ \sin\theta_2 & \cos\theta_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



- The frame  $\{F\}$ , relative to  $\{K\}$ , is only translated by  $l_3$

$$T_{KF} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & l_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Only some variables  
will change as a  
function of time!



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$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_1 & -\sin\theta_1 & 0 & l_1 \\ \sin\theta_1 & \cos\theta_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_2 & -\sin\theta_2 & 0 & l_2 \\ \sin\theta_2 & \cos\theta_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & l_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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A homogeneous transformation matrix!



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A rotation of  $\theta_1 + \theta_2$  about the  $z$  axis!



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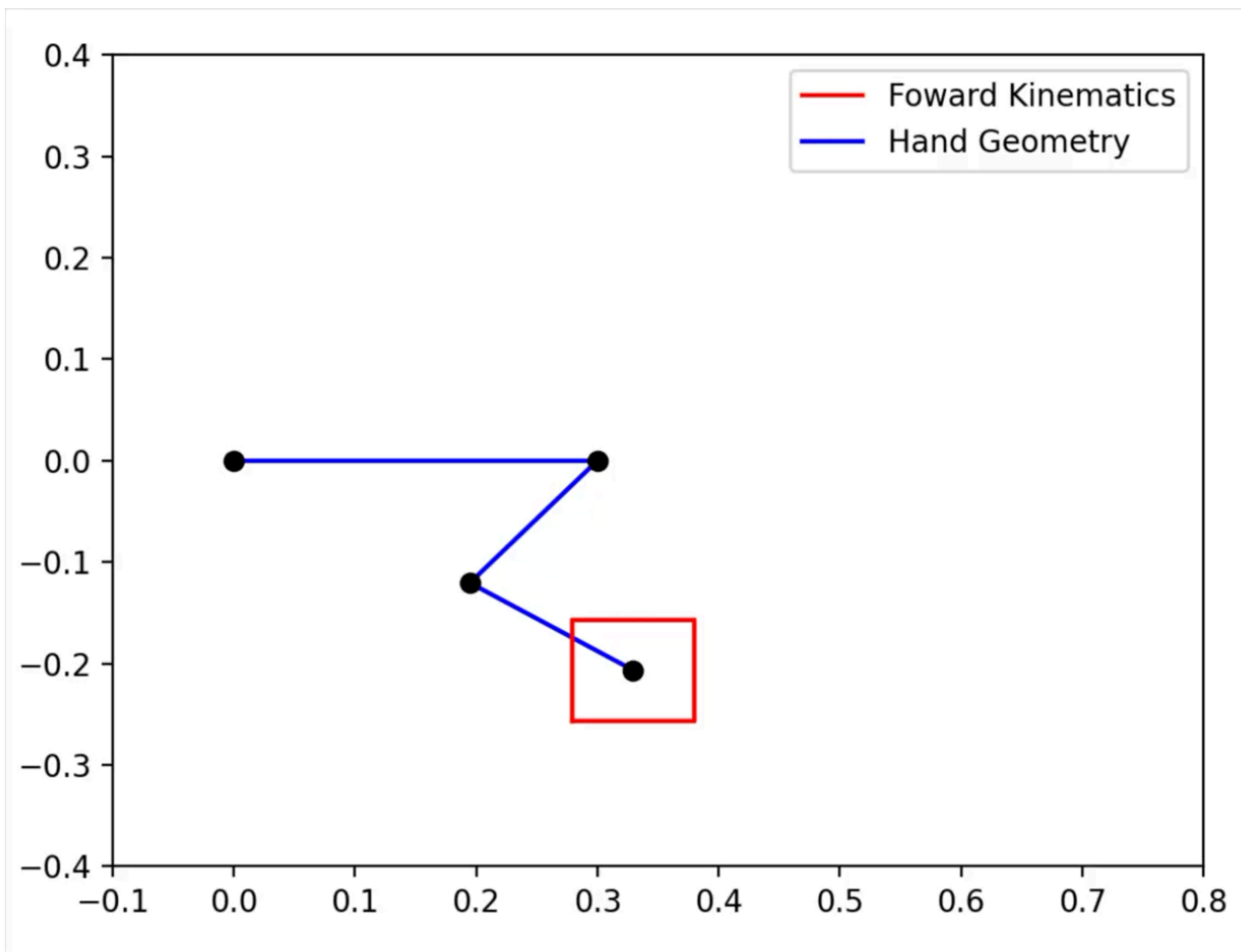
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The position of the foot in the frame  $\{S\}$ !



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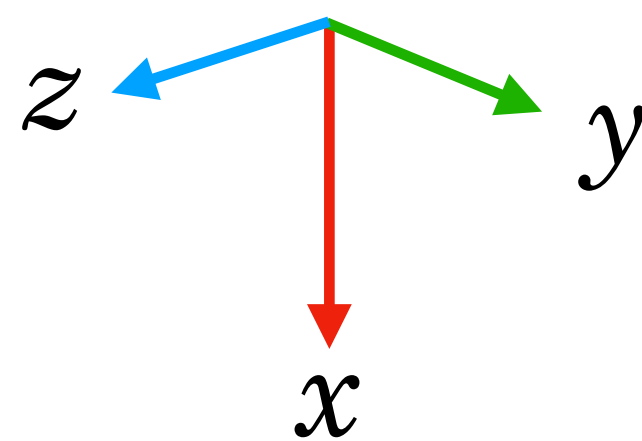
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**Forward Kinematics Is not 2  
Dimensional!**



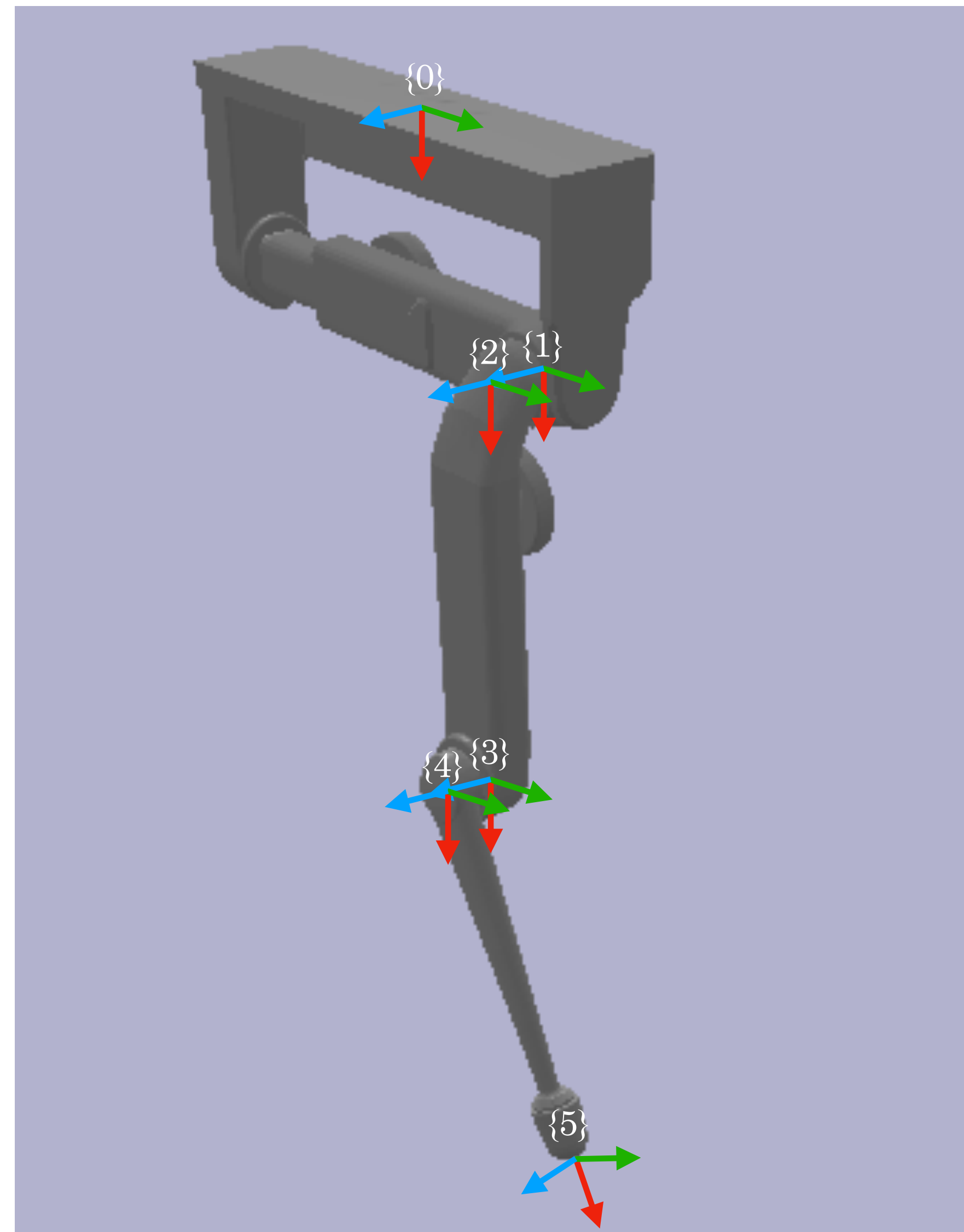
### Forward Kinematics Is not 2 Dimensional!

- It is sometimes easier to add extra coordinate frames



$$T_{05}(l_{0x}, l_{0y}, l_{1z}, \theta_2, l_{3z}, \theta_4, l_{4x})$$

$$= T_{01}(l_{0x}, l_{0y})T_{12}(l_{1z})T_{23}(\theta_2)T_{34}(l_{3z})T_{45}(\theta_4, l_{4x})$$

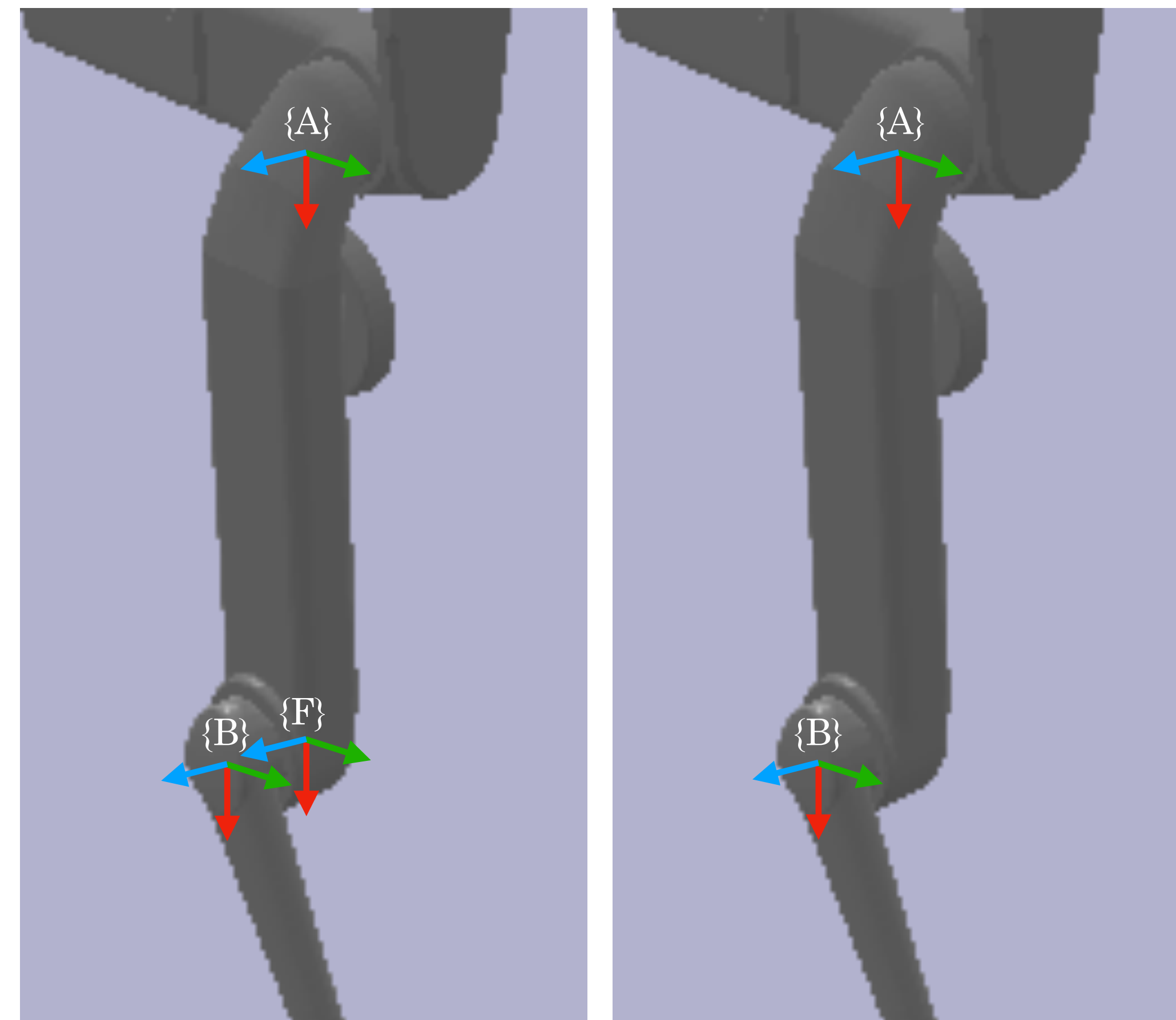


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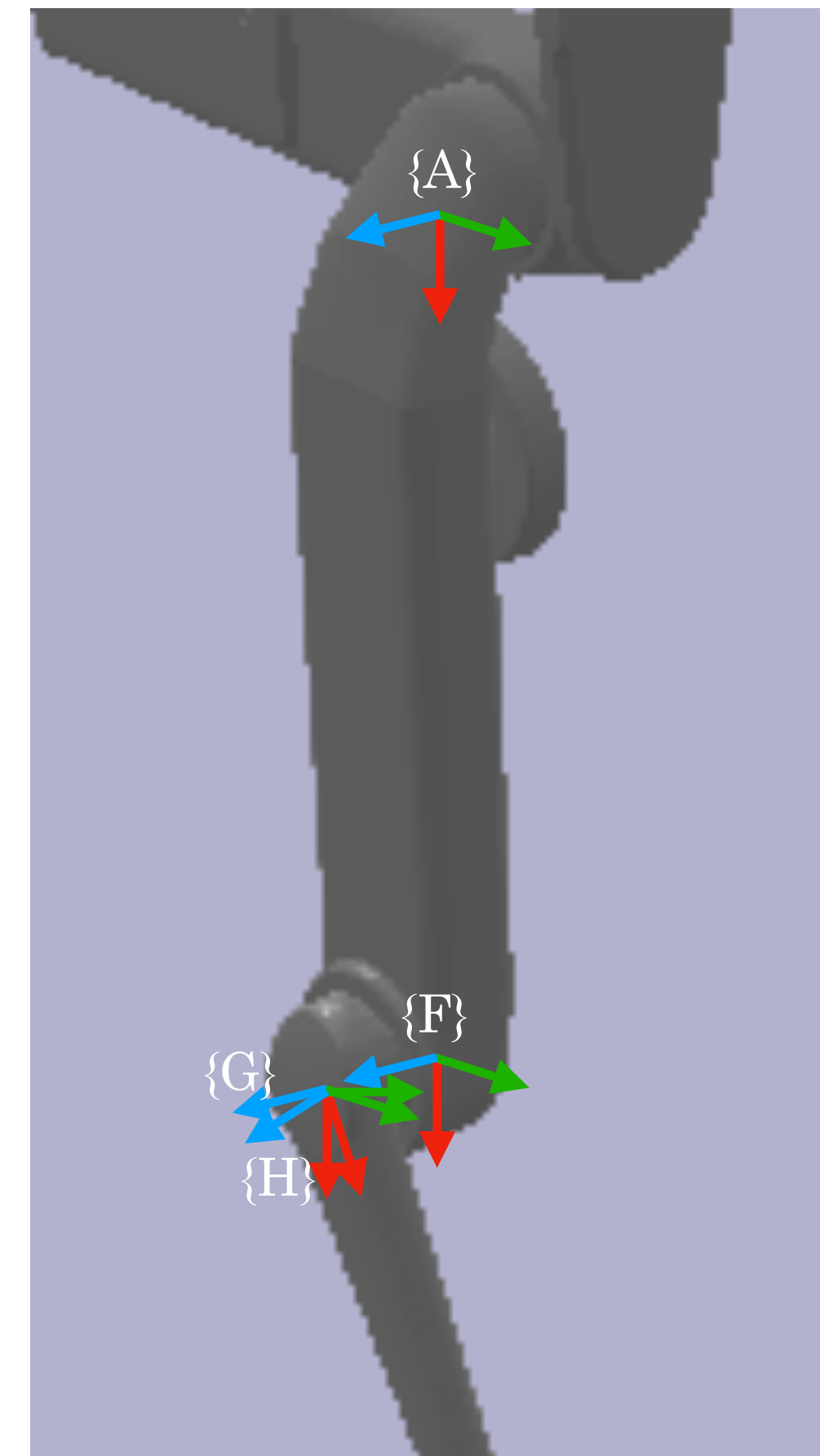
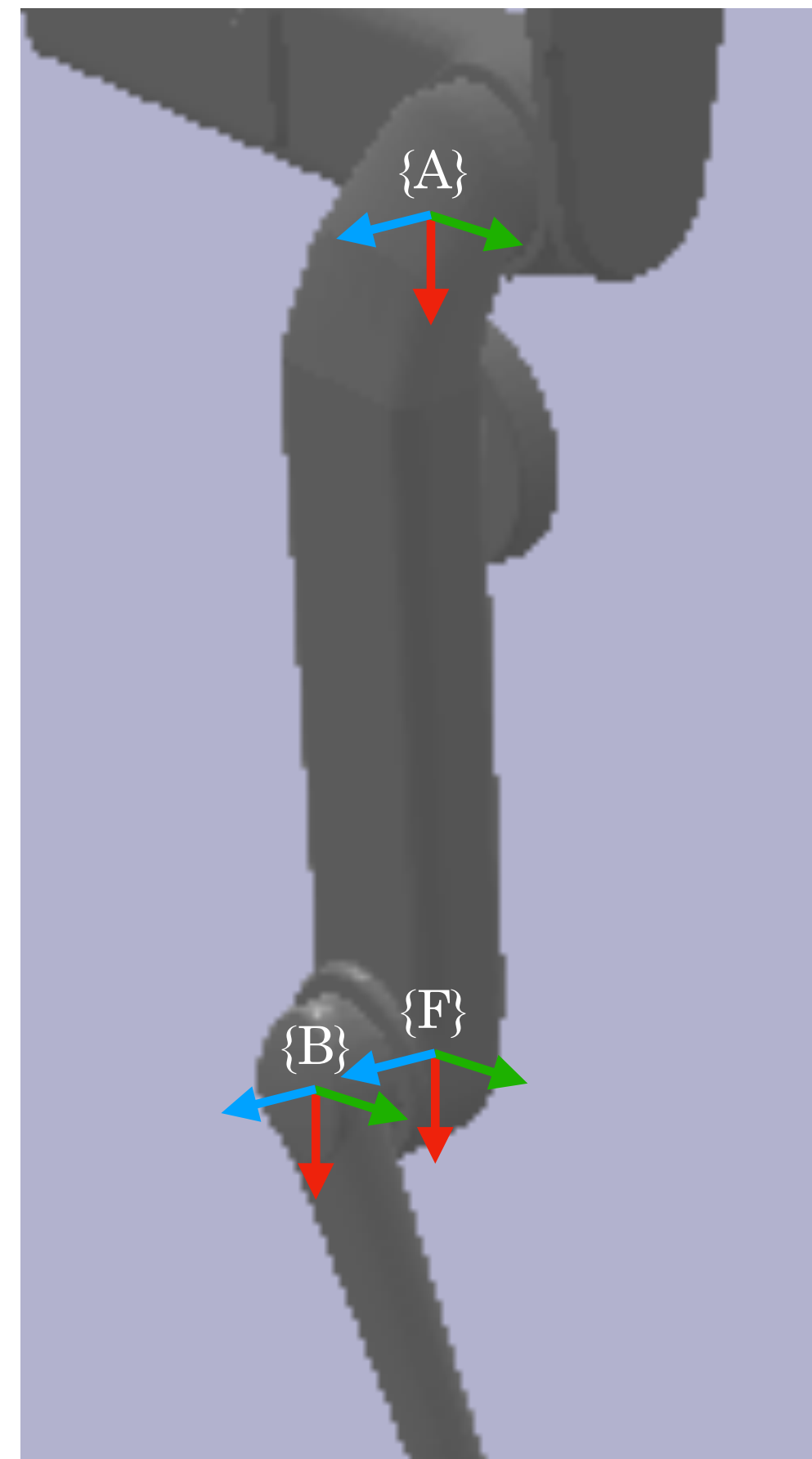
- The FK will be the same, if between any two frames  $\{A\}$  and  $\{B\}$ , you
- Add an extra coordinate frame, e.g.  $\{F\}$  that is co-axial with  $\{A\}$  in one direction, and co-axial with  $\{B\}$  in another direction

OR

- Include the same rotations and translations between  $\{A\}$  and  $\{B\}$









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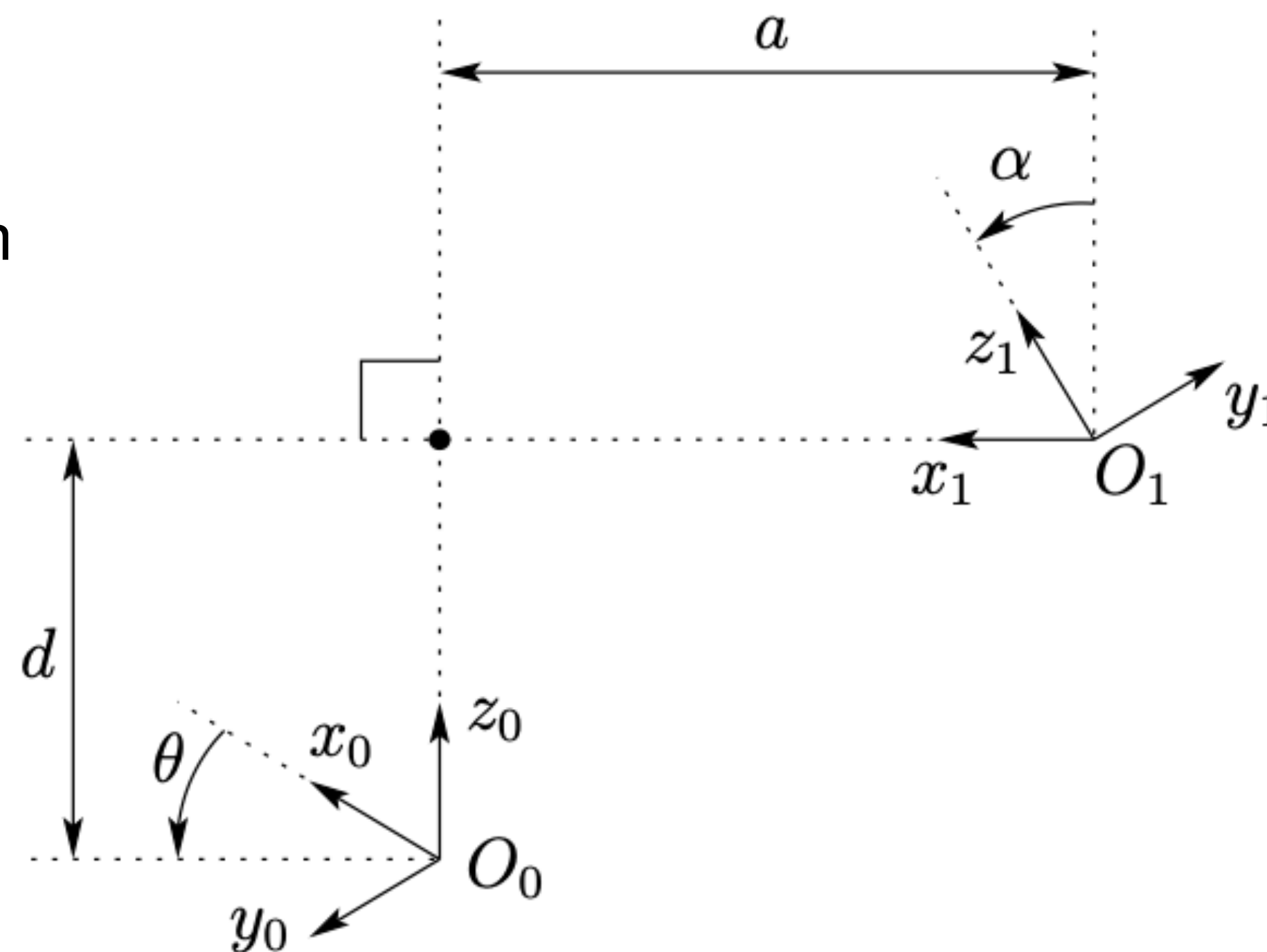
### Chapter 3

# FORWARD KINEMATICS: THE DENAVID-HARTENBERG CONVENTION

<https://users.cs.duke.edu/~brd/Teaching/Bio/asmb/current/Papers/chap3-forward-kinematics.pdf>

### D-H Convention

1. From one frame to the next, there are 4 possible transformations that come from variables
  1. Link length  $a_i$
  2. Link twist  $\alpha_i$
  3. Link offset  $d_i$
  4. Joint angle  $\theta_i$



$$\begin{aligned}
 A_i &= R_{z,\theta_i} \text{Trans}_{z,d_i} \text{Trans}_{x,a_i} R_{x,\alpha_i} \quad (3.10) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i & 0 & 0 \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a_i \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\alpha_i & -s\alpha_i & 0 \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i c\alpha_i & s\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i c\theta_i \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i c\alpha_i & -c\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i s\theta_i \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$



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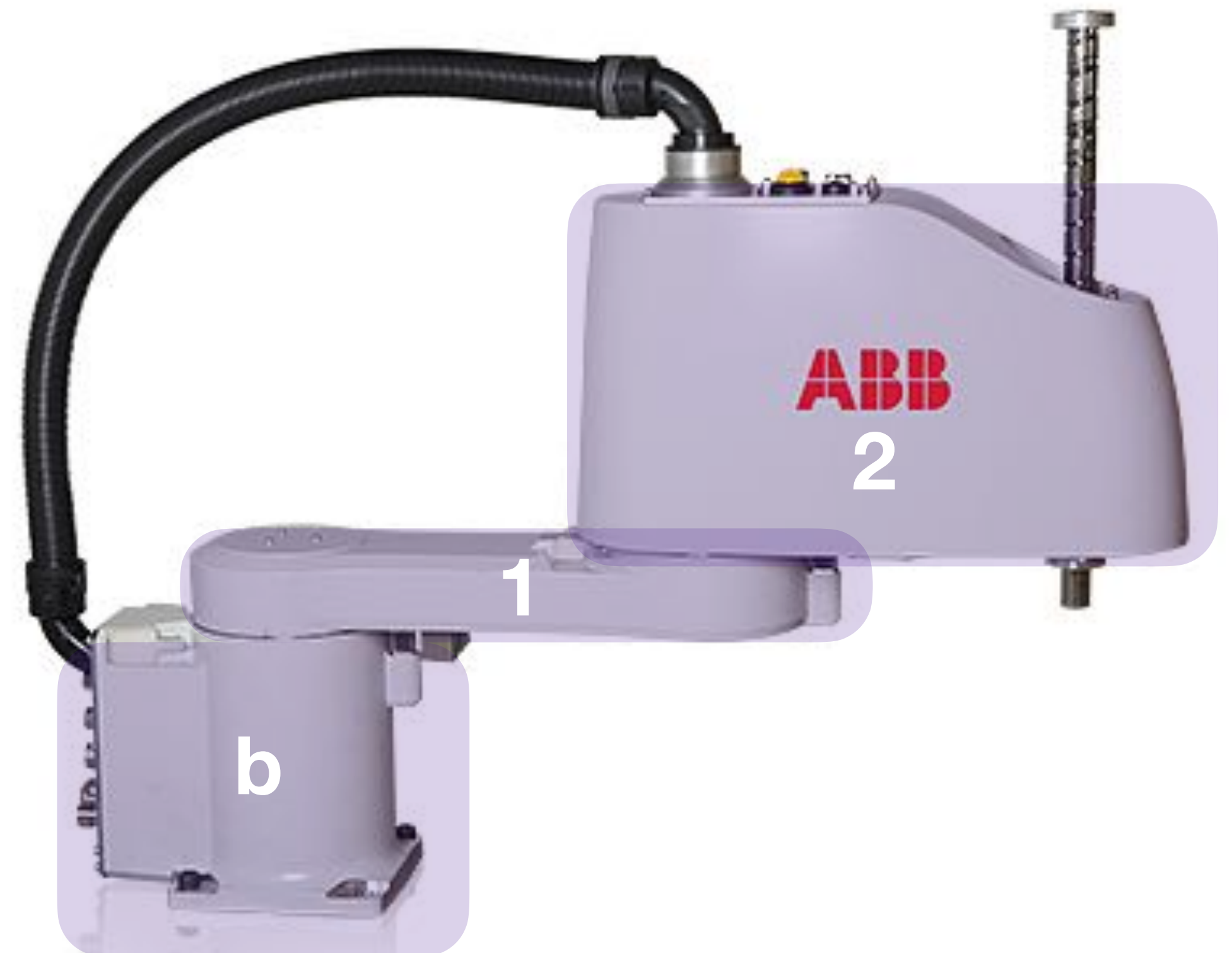
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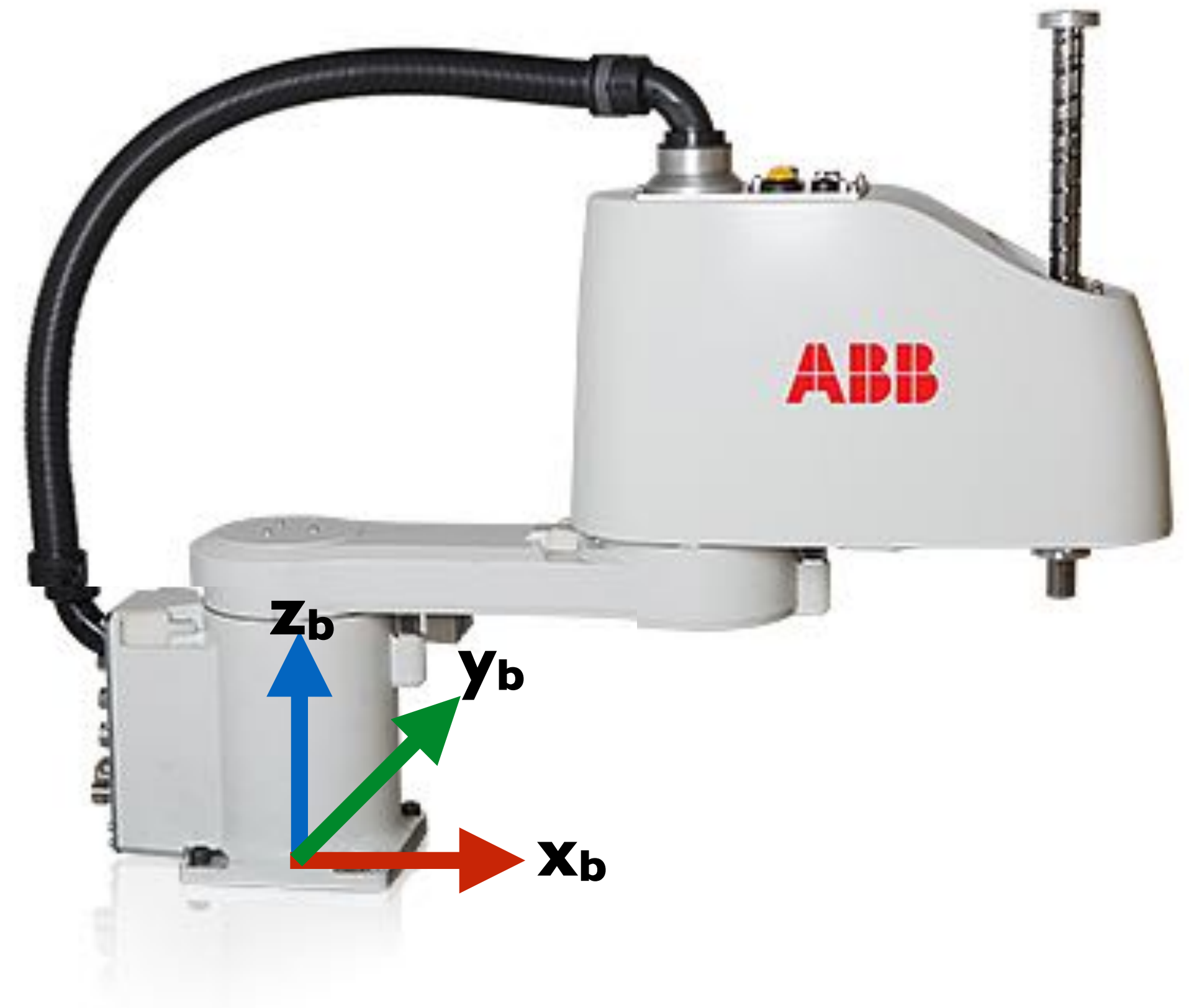
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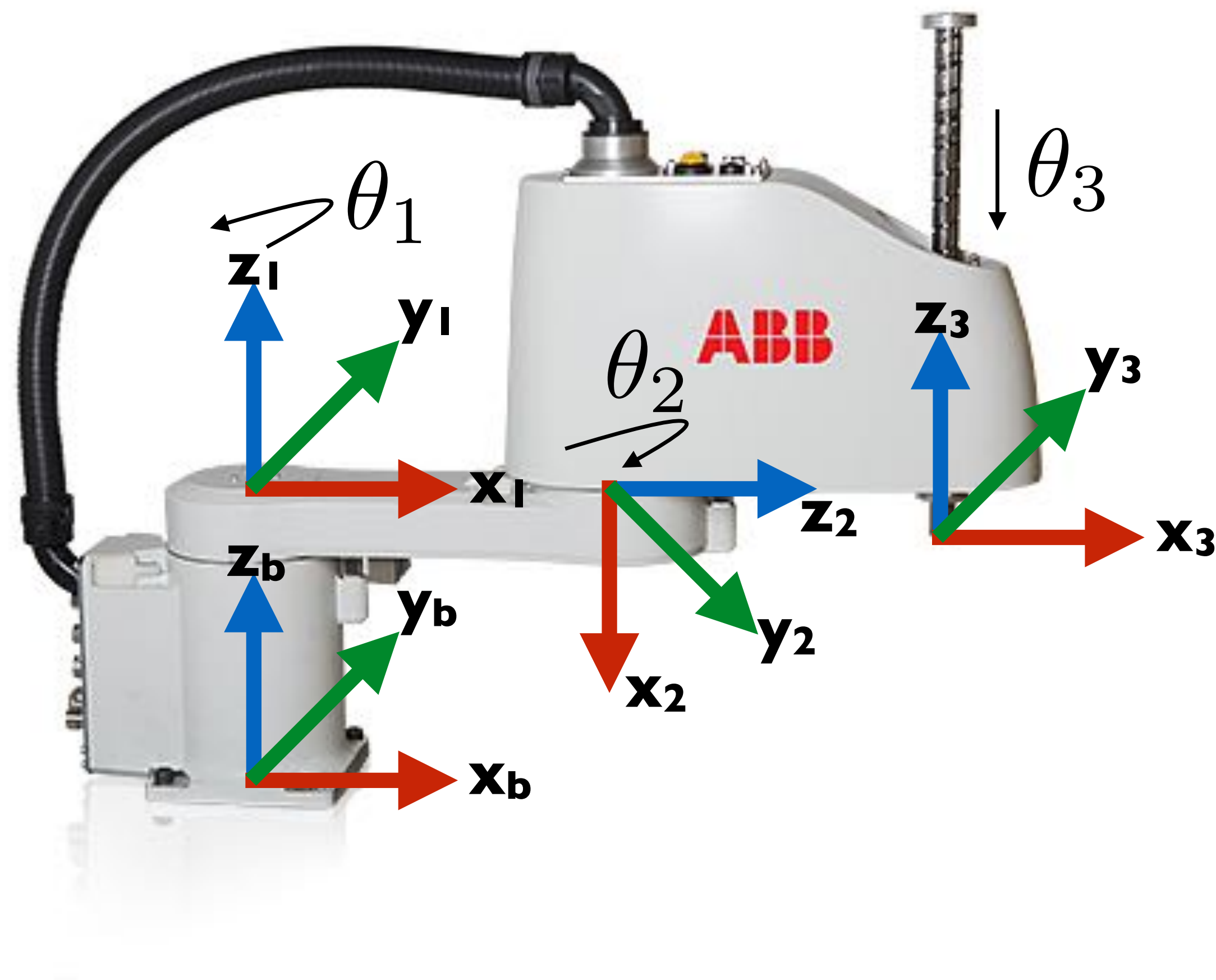
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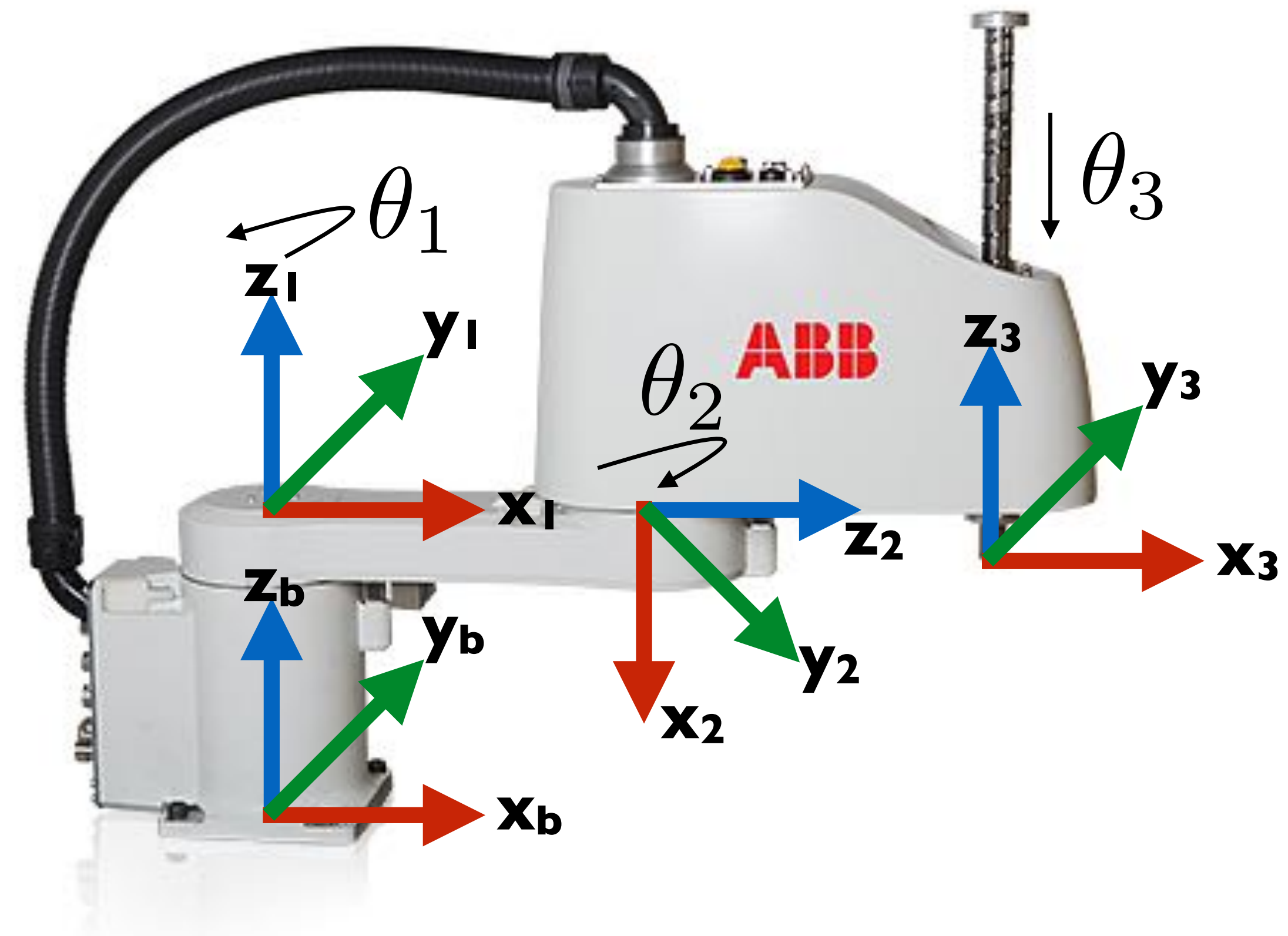
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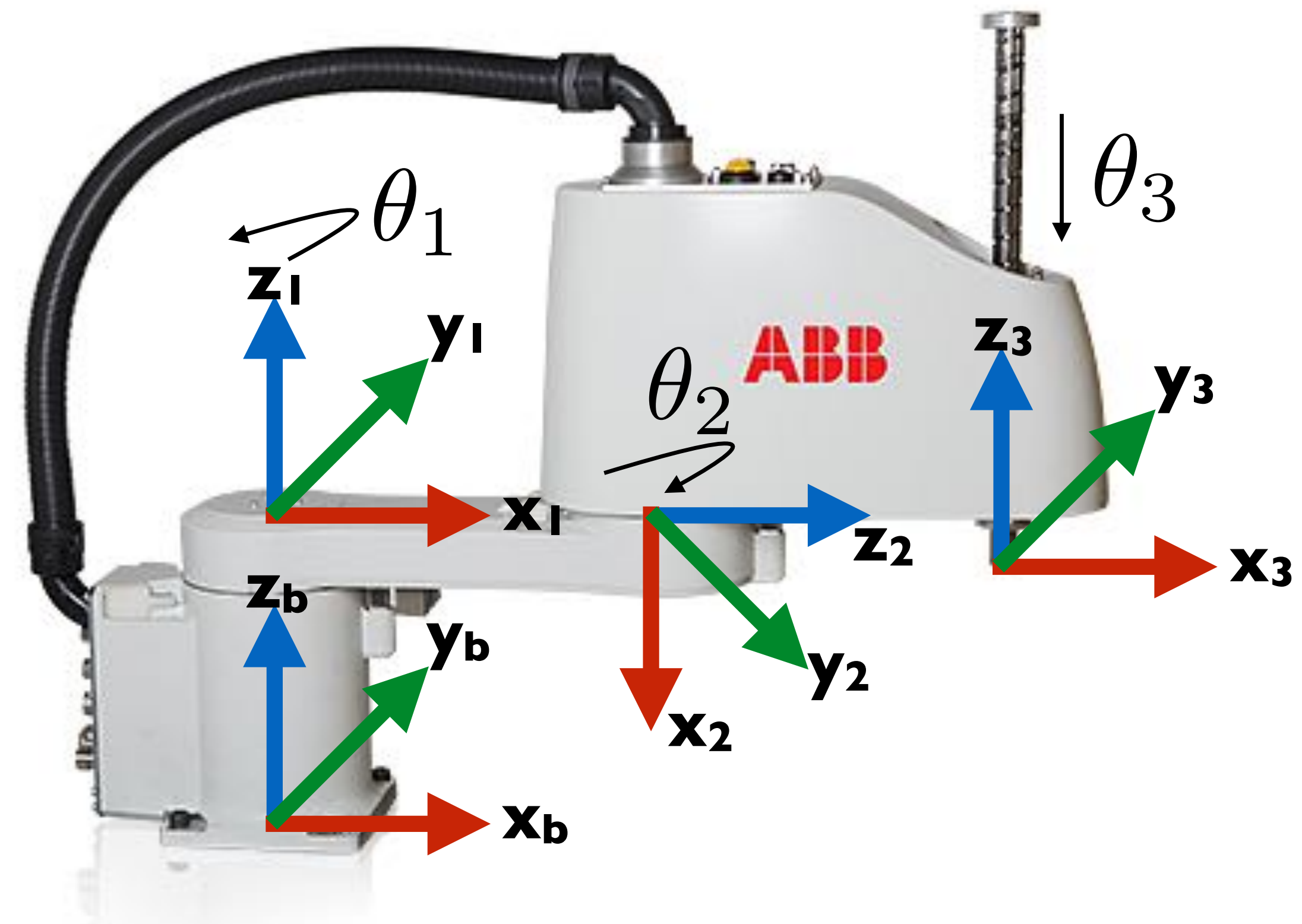


$$T_{b1}(\theta_1) = \dots \quad T_{12}(\theta_2) = \dots \quad T_{23}(\theta_3) = \dots$$



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5. Forward kinematics is found by multiplication of all the frames down the chain



$$FK(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = T_{b1}(\theta_1)T_{12}(\theta_2)T_{23}(\theta_3)$$



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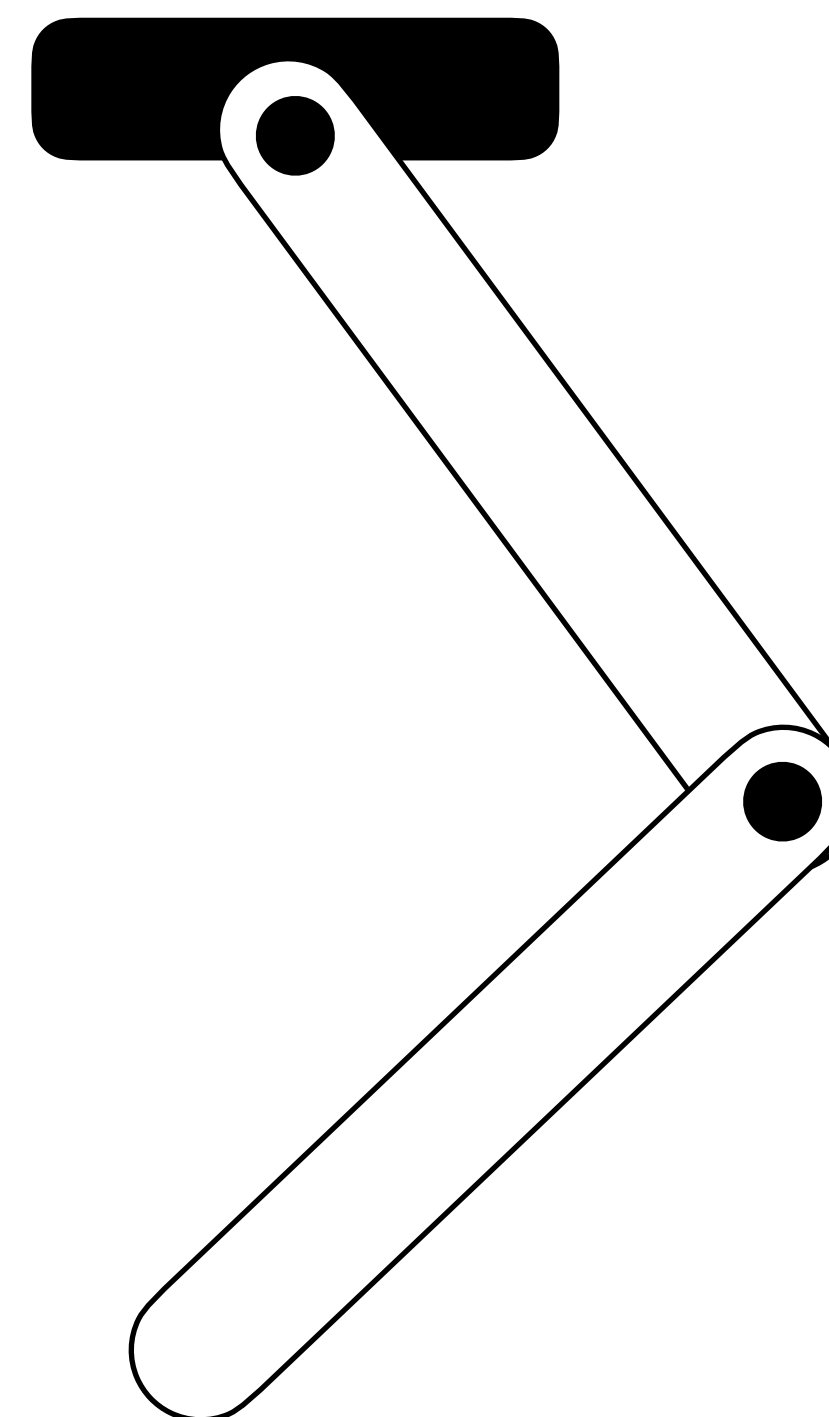
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### URDF - Unified Robotics Description Format

1. Is a geometrical model of a multi-body system
2. XML specification
3. Key model elements are
  1. Robots
  2. Links
  3. Joints
4. Elements are related to each other via a tree structure of:
  1. Parents
  2. Children

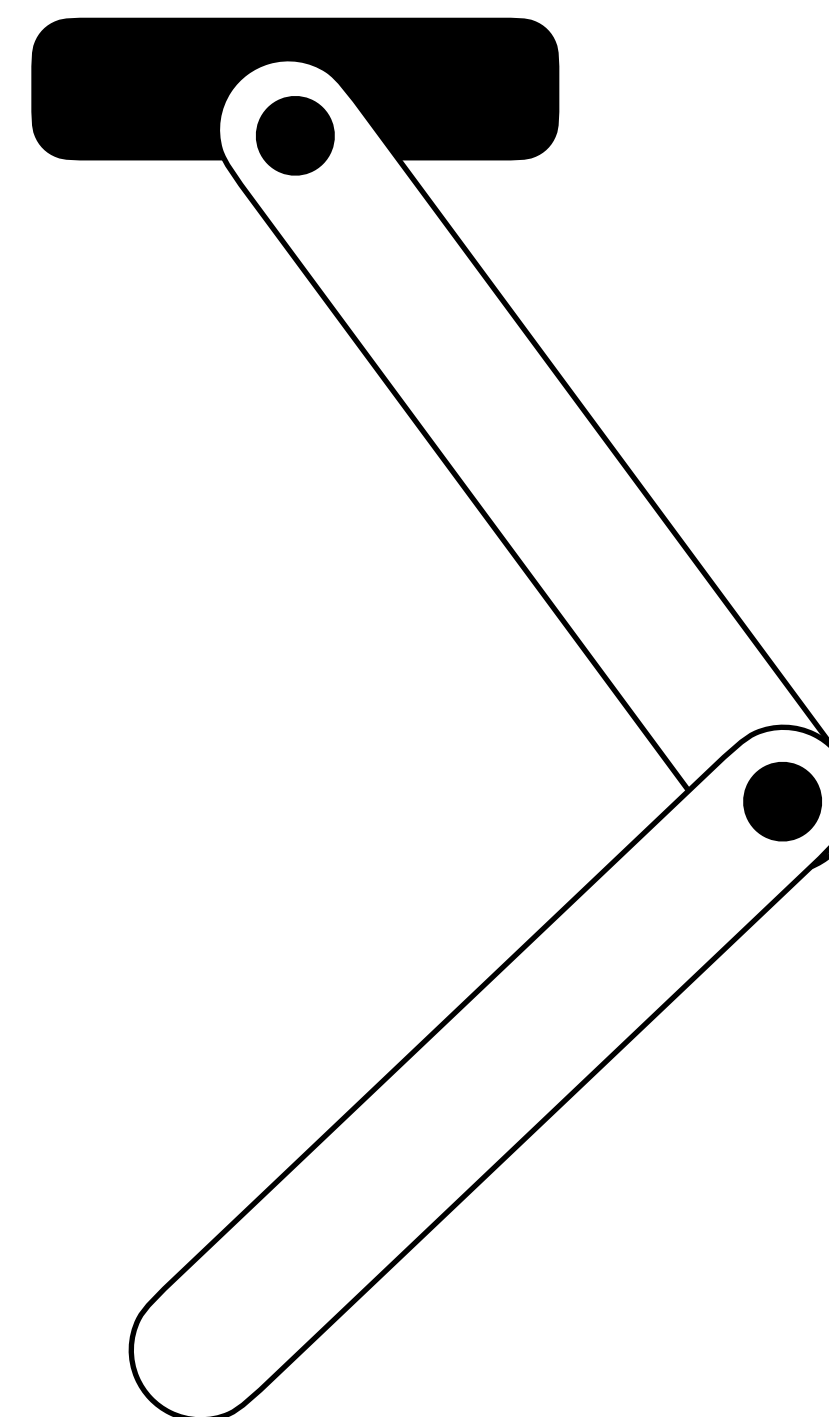


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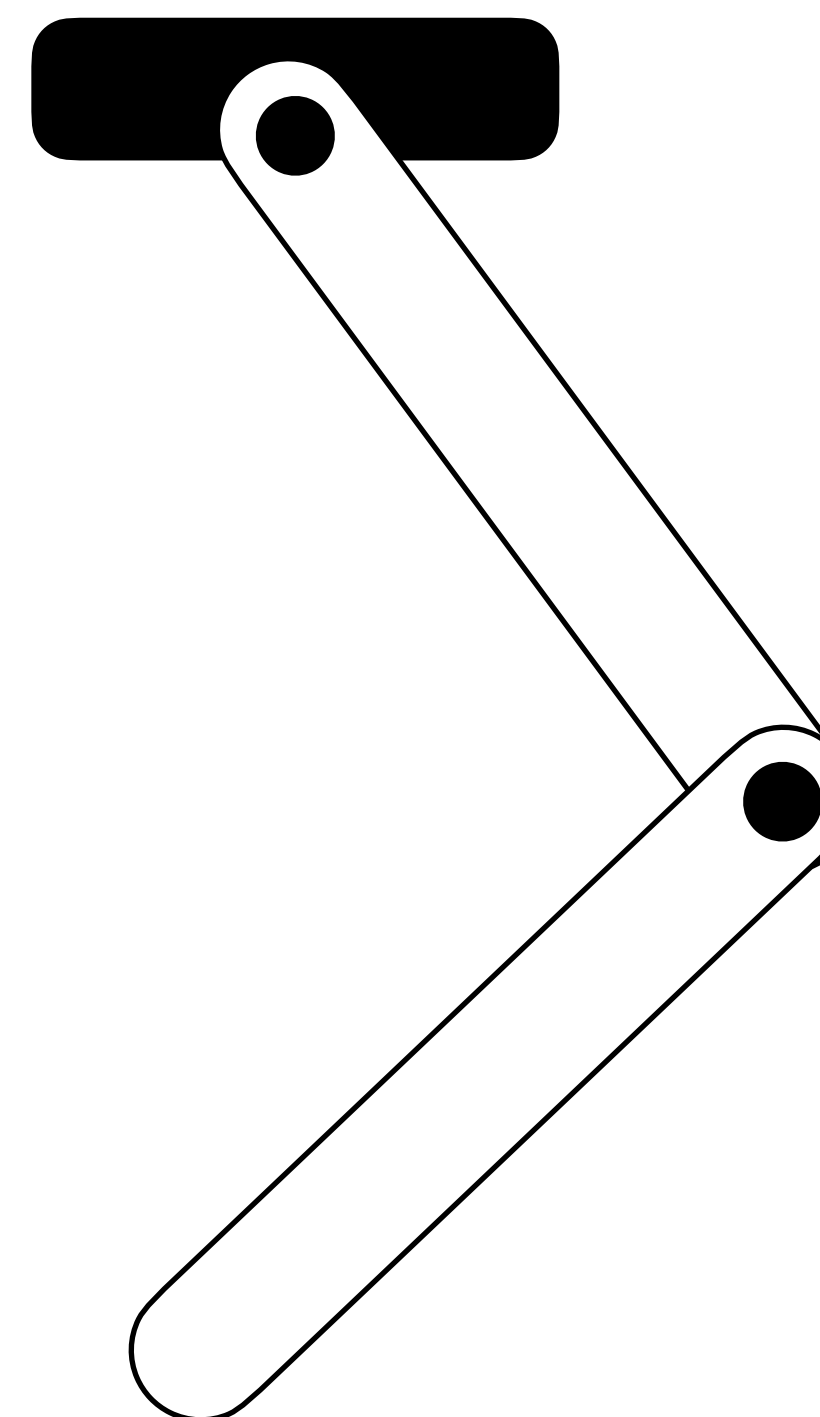
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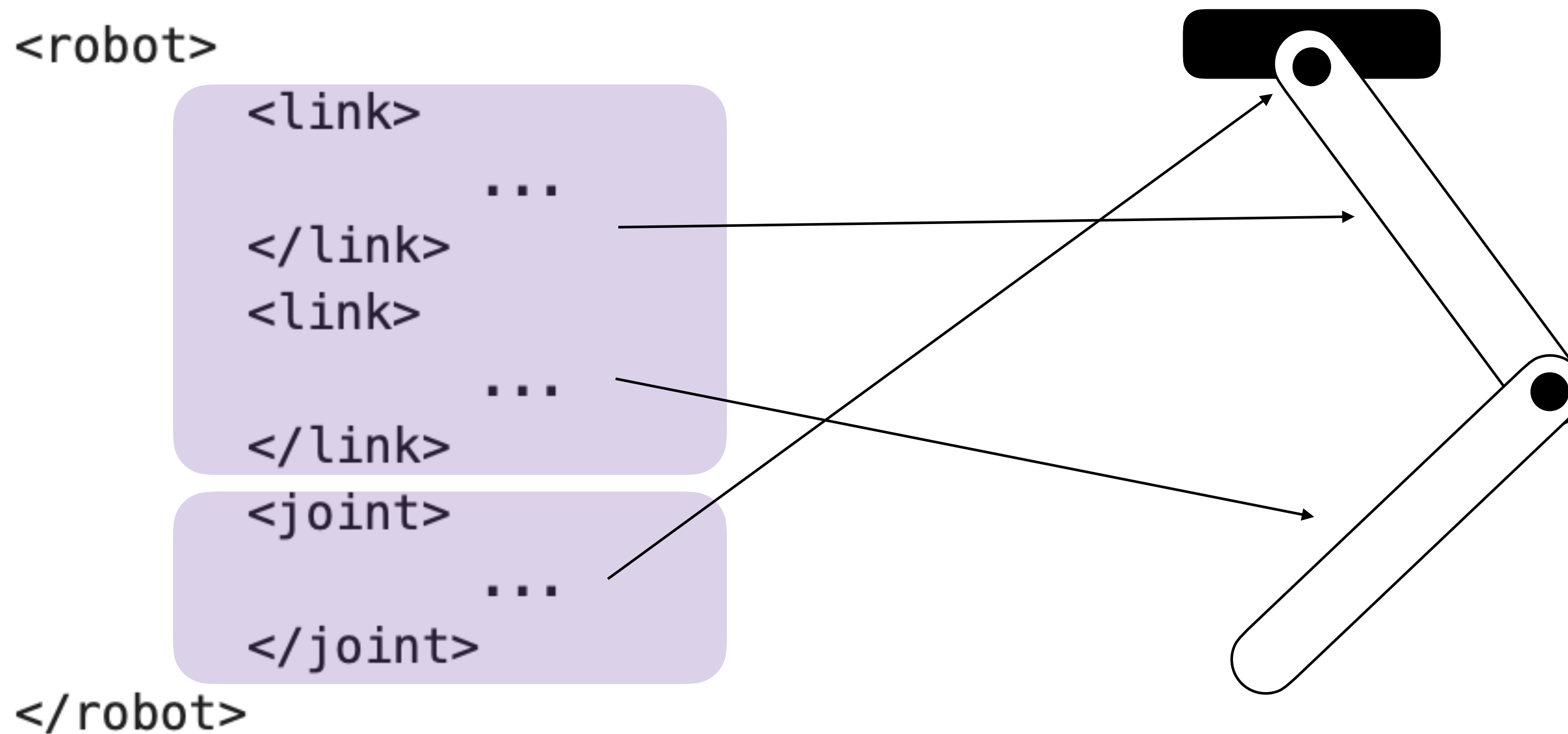
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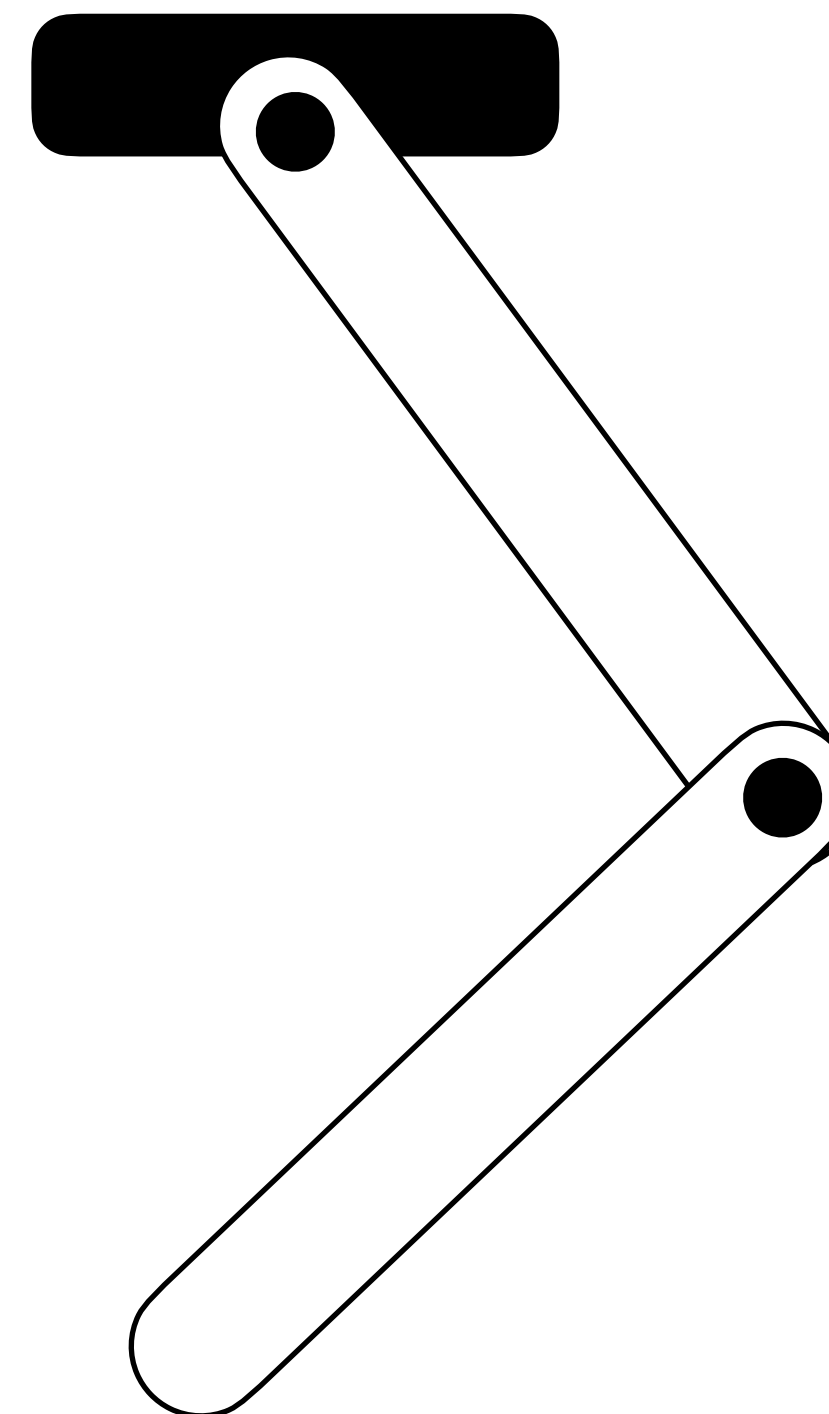


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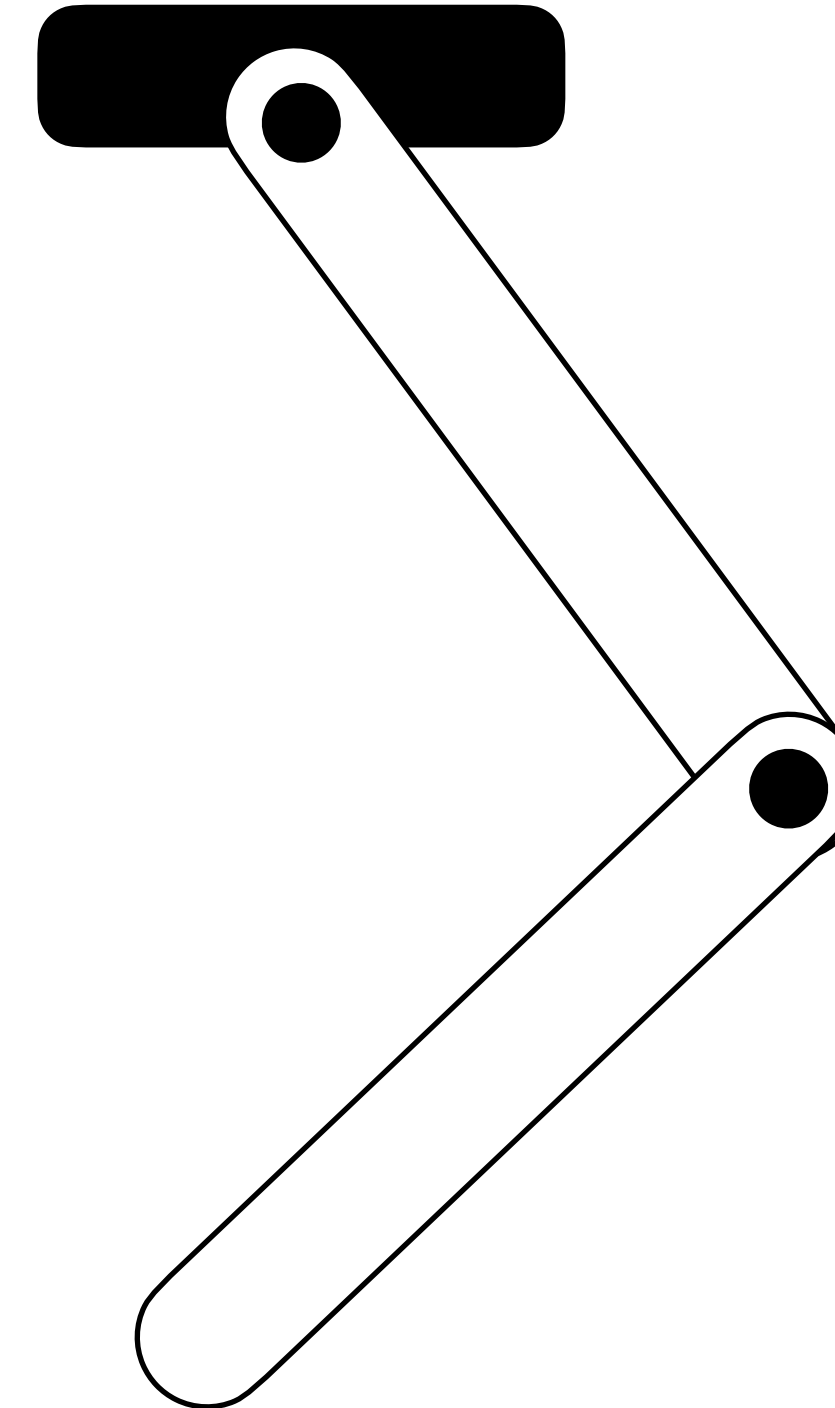
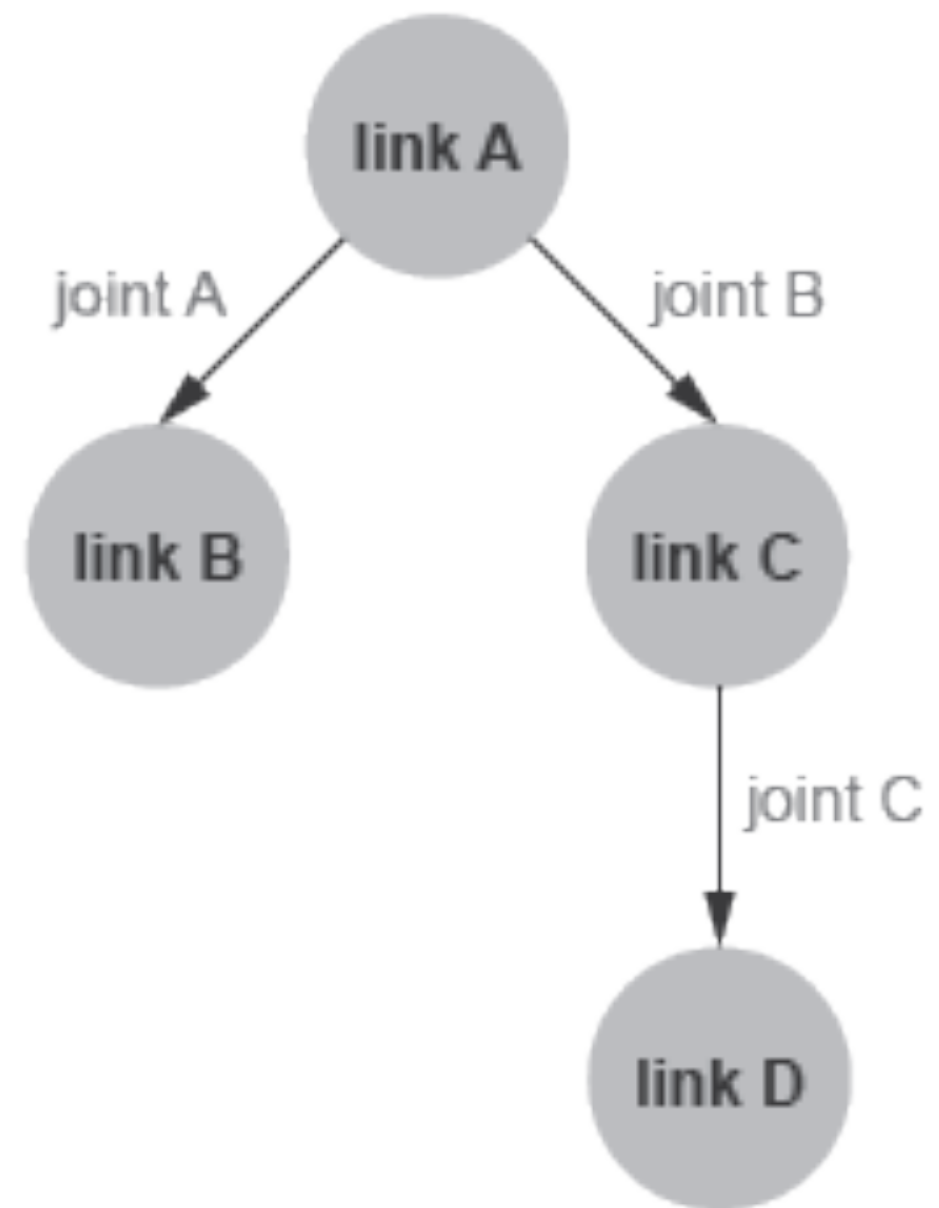
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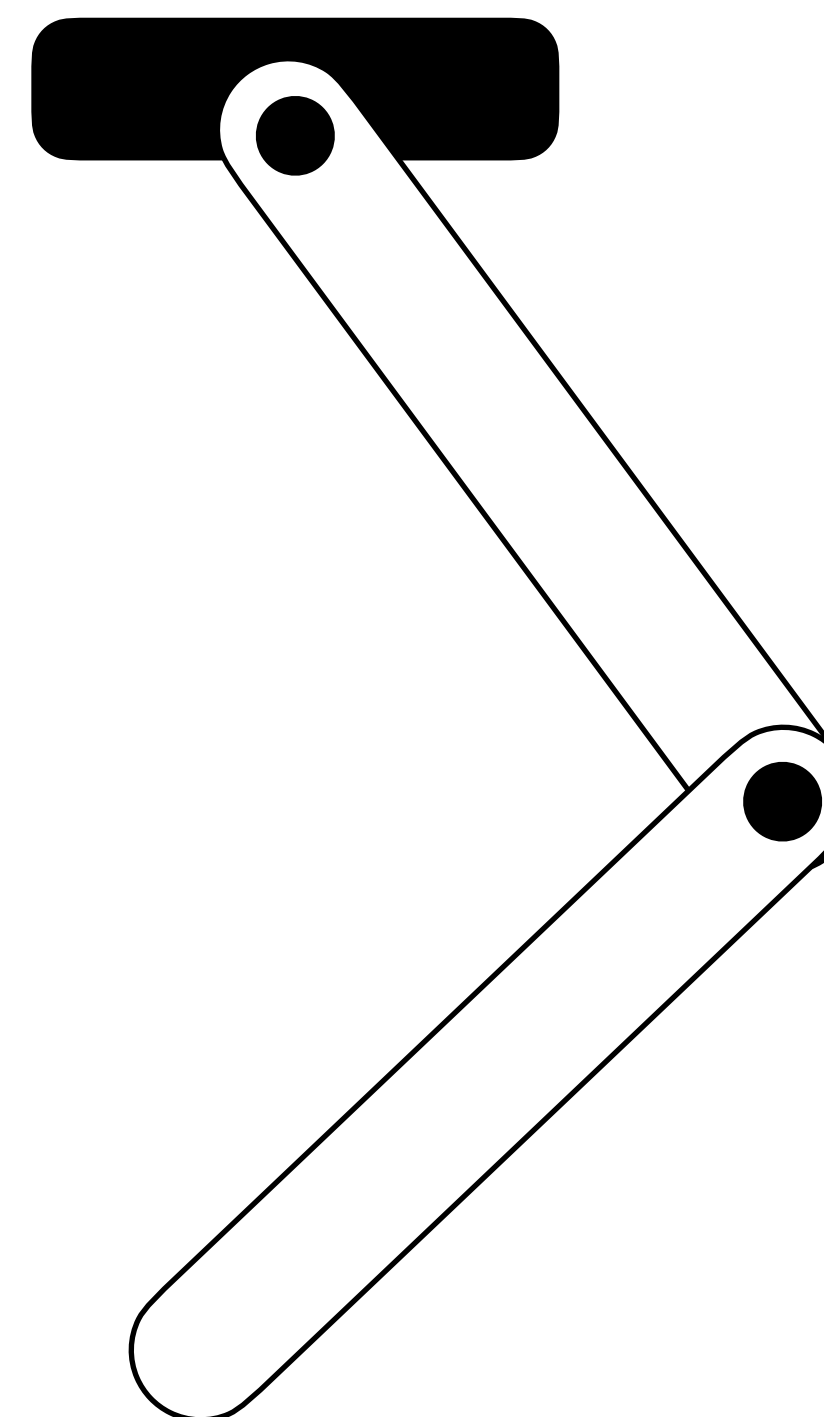


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#### URDF file

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URDFpy  
Or  
Pinocchio

$$FK(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = T_{b1}(\theta_1)T_{12}(\theta_2)T_{23}(\theta_3)$$



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### Agenda

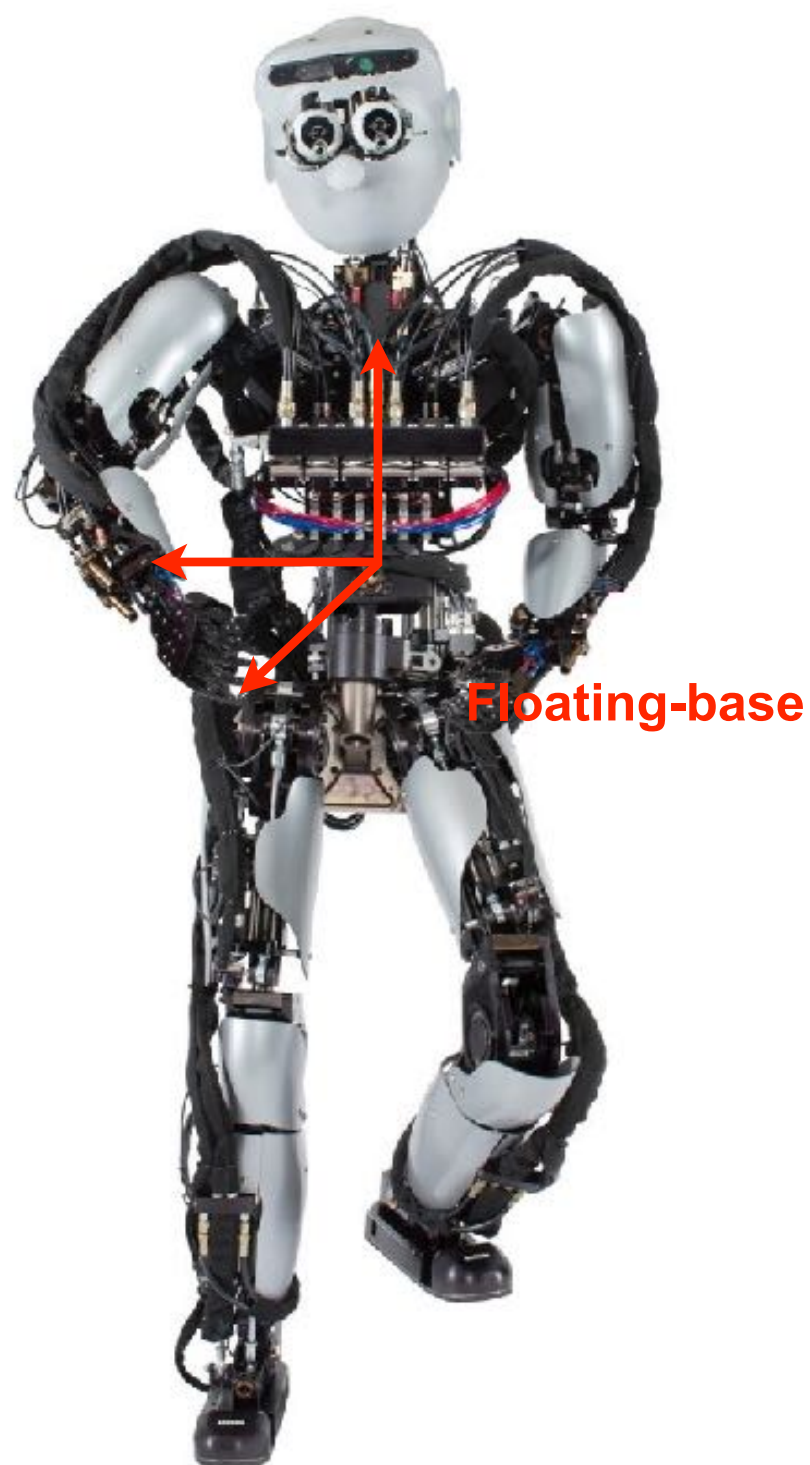
1. Forward Kinematics Introduction
2. DH Convention
3. Systematic Approach to FK
4. URDF
- 5. Kinematic Trees**



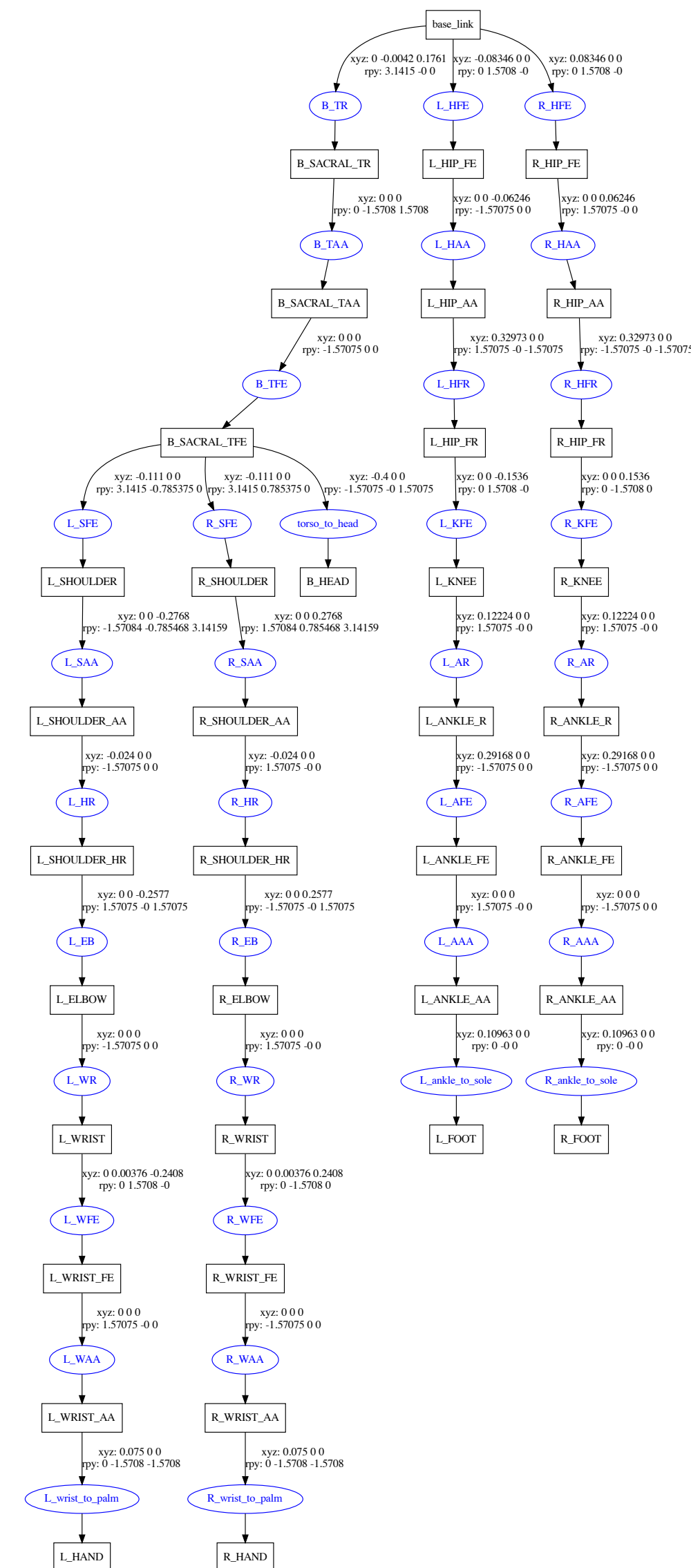
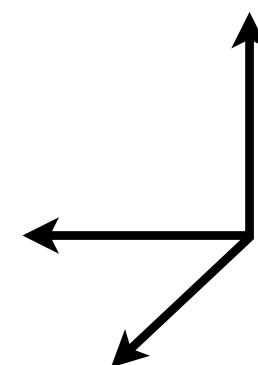


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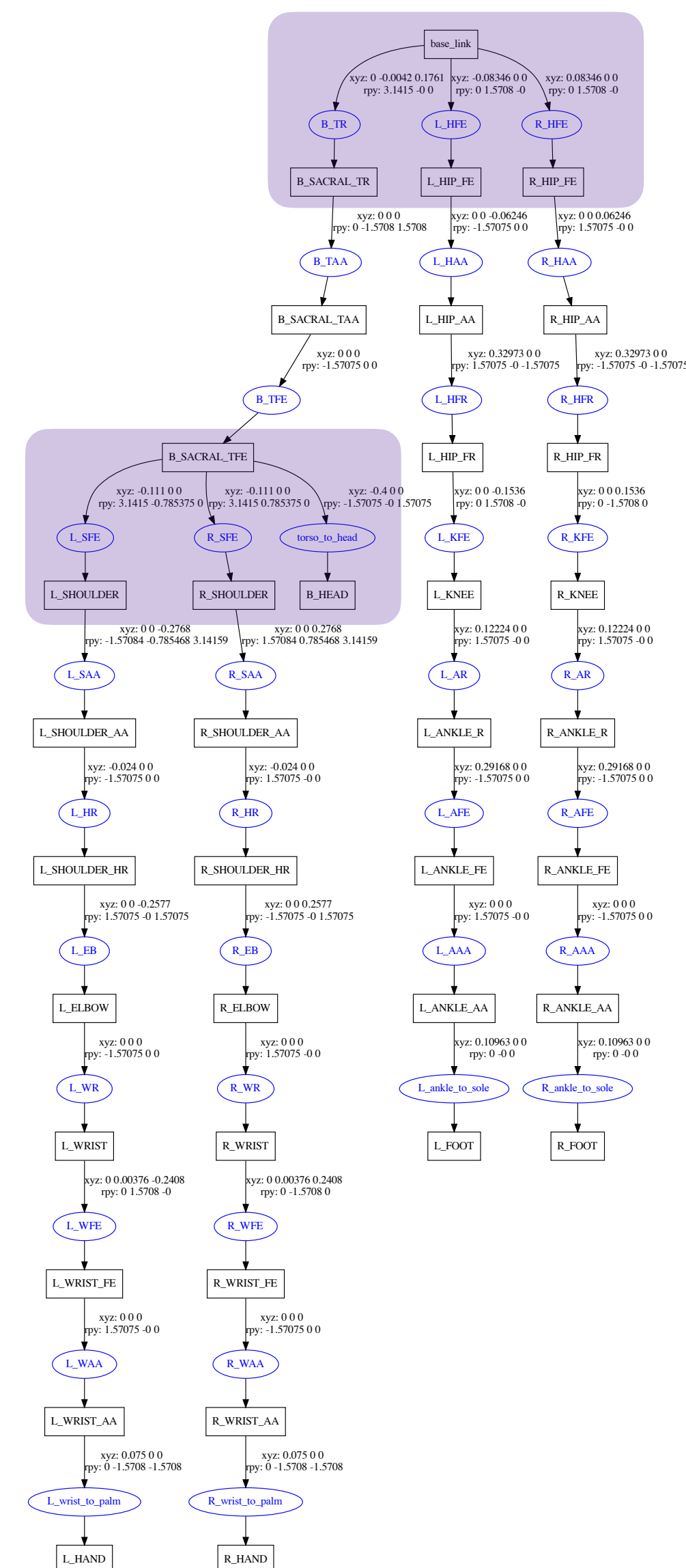
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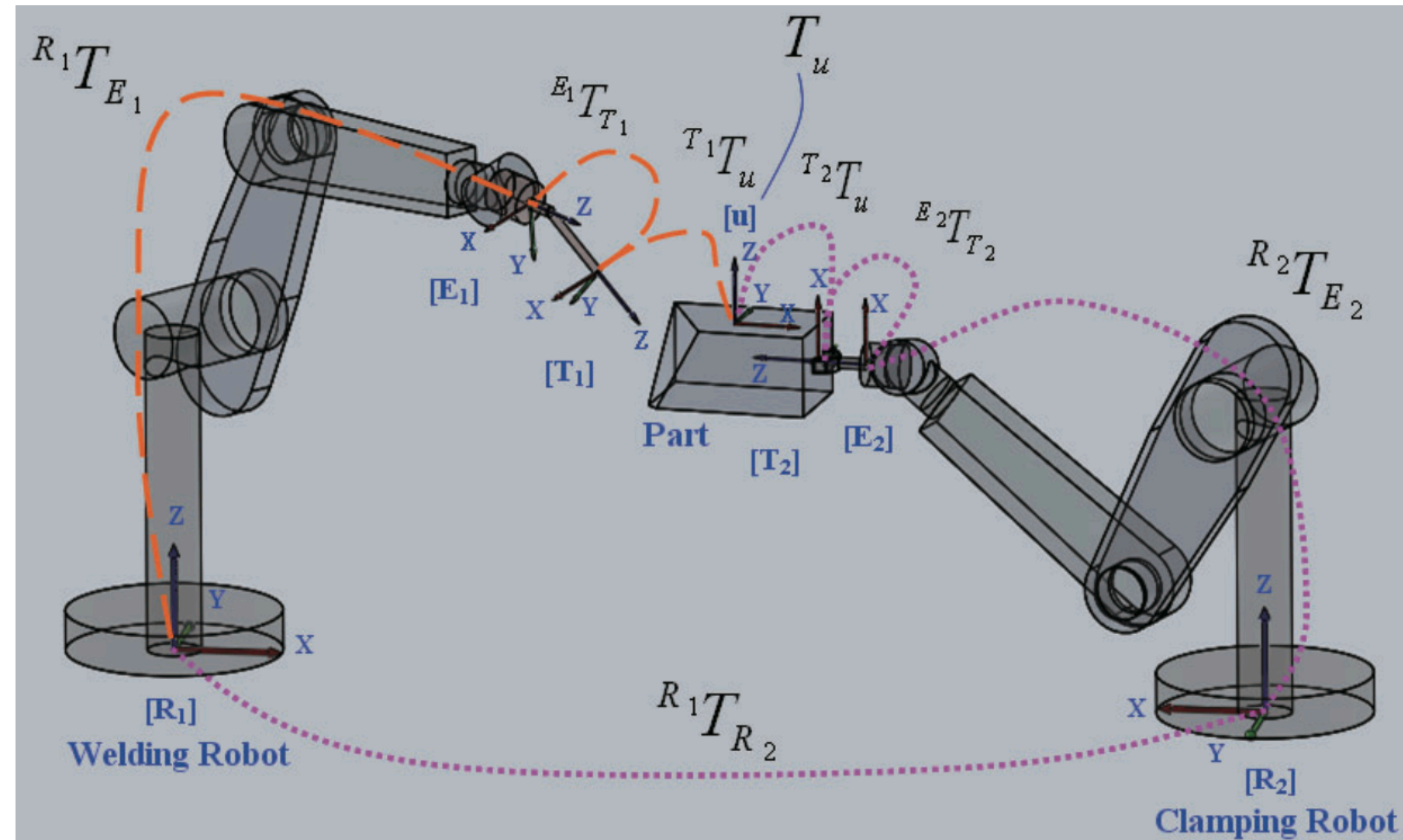


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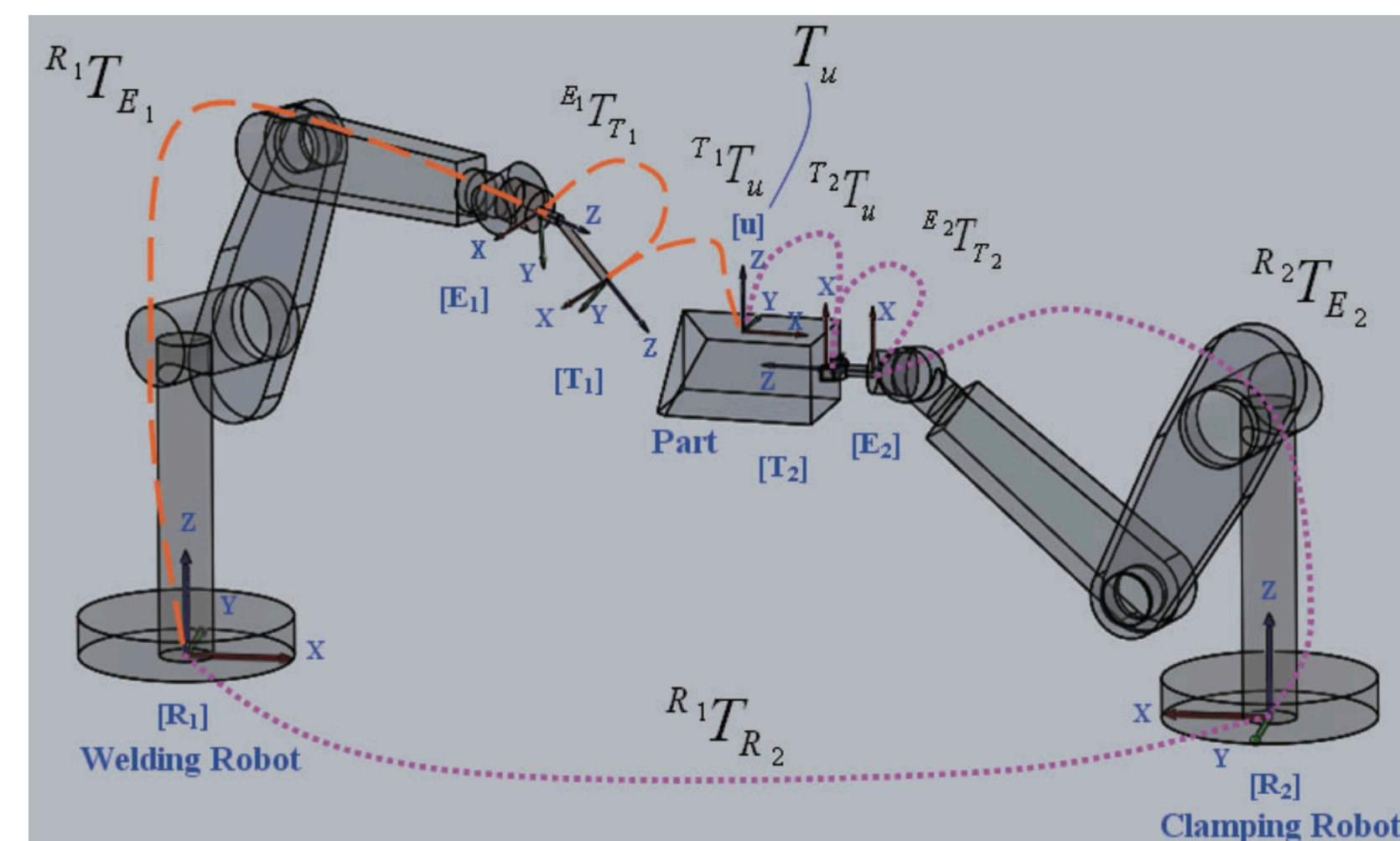




Ouyang et. Al. , Offline Kinematics Analysis and Path Planning of Two-Robot Coordination in Exhaust Manifold Welding, 2012

### Take-aways

- **Homogeneous Transformations** are matrices comprised of rotations and translations
- They are useful for:
  - Describing a pose
  - Coordinate transformations
  - Moving an object
  - Forward Kinematics





### Take-aways

- **Forward Kinematics** are homogeneous transformations
- They are useful for:
  - Reachability calculations (workspace mapping)
  - Collision checking
  - Motion planning
  - Jacobian computation

