

SCARA robot (inverse kinematics and singular configurations)

① SCARA inverse kinematics: Here the idea is to express q_1, q_2, q_3 and q_4 according to $b, l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4, p_x$ and p_y (p_x and p_y are the coordinates of the end effector).

1.1 q_4 ?

we know from the FK that $\alpha = q_1 + q_2 + q_4$

$$\Rightarrow q_4 = \alpha - q_1 - q_2$$

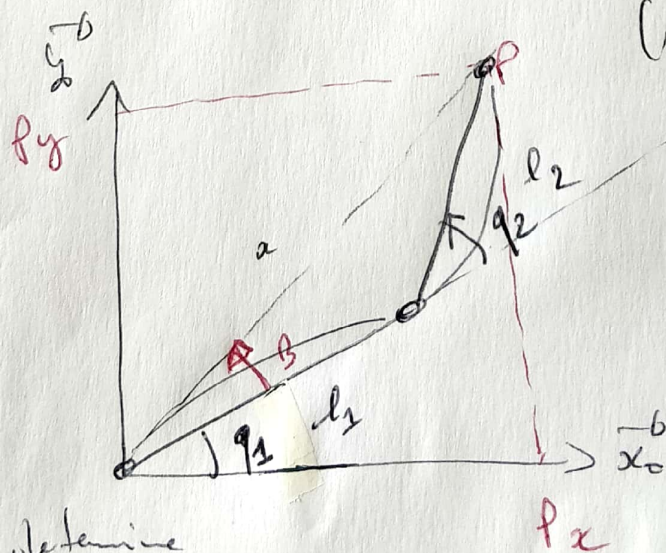
1.2 q_3 ? we know from the FK that

$$p_3 = l_0 - l_3 - l_4 + q_3$$

$$\Rightarrow q_3 = p_3 - l_0 + l_3 + l_4$$

1.3 q_1, q_2 ?

top view of the robot



Here the geometric method can be used to determine

q_1 and q_2 .

Let start with γ_2 :

$$a^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 - 2l_1 l_2 \cos(\pi - \gamma_2)$$

$$\cos \gamma_2 = \frac{a^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 l_2}$$

therefore $\gamma_2 = \arccos \left(\frac{a^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 l_2} \right)$

$$\text{or } \gamma_2 = -\arccos \left(\frac{a^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 l_2} \right)$$

with $\boxed{a^2 = p_x^2 + p_y^2}$

Let calculate γ_1 :

Here we have

$$l_2^2 = a^2 + l_1^2 - 2al_1 \cos \beta$$

$$\beta = \arccos \left(\frac{a^2 + l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2al_1} \right) \left| \begin{array}{l} \cos(\beta) \text{ is positive} \\ \beta \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \end{array} \right.$$

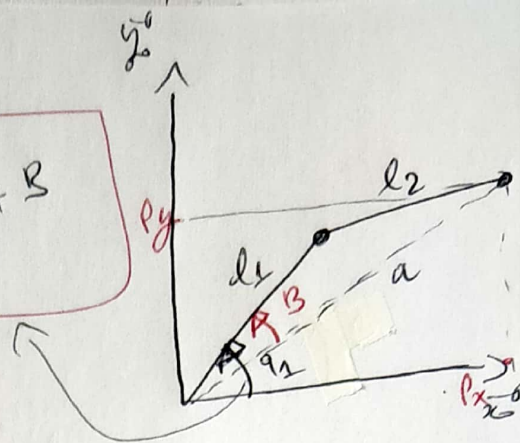
here: if $\gamma_2 > 0$ (am right).

$$\tan(\gamma_1 + \beta) = \frac{p_y}{p_x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\gamma_1 = \arctan 2(p_y, p_x) - \beta}$$

if $q_2 < 0$ (arm left).

$$\theta_1 = \text{atan2}(p_y, p_x) + \beta$$



3. SCARA robot singular configuration.

The FKA of the SCARA model is given by the following model:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_{12} \\ l_1 s_1 + l_2 s_{12} \\ d_0 - l_3 - l_4 + q_3 \\ q_1 + q_2 + q_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \\ l_3 \\ l_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

To determine the singular configuration, we need first to derive the Jacobian matrix. Then all the configurations that verify $\det(\text{Jacobian matrix}) = 0$ are considered as singular configurations.

3.1 Jacobian matrix.

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l_1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial l_2}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial l_3}{\partial q_3} & \frac{\partial l_4}{\partial q_4} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial l_4}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial l_4}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial l_4}{\partial q_4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 s_1 - l_2 s_{12} & -l_2 s_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_{12} & l_2 c_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(J) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -l_1 s_1 - l_2 s_{12} & -l_2 s_{12} \\ l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_{12} & l_2 c_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(J) &= (-l_1 s_1 - l_2 s_{12})(l_2 c_{12}) - (l_1 c_1 + l_2 c_{12})(-l_2 s_{12}) \\ &= -l_1 l_2 s_1 c_{12} - l_2^2 s_{12} c_{12} + l_1 l_2 c_1 s_{12} + l_2^2 c_{12} s_{12} \\ &= l_1 l_2 (s_{12} c_1 - s_1 c_{12}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\det(J) = l_1 l_2 s q_2}$$

$$\det(J) = 0 \Rightarrow s q_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{q_2 = 0}$$

$q_2 = 0 \Rightarrow$ singular configuration.

trigonometric formulas. $s_{12} c_1 - s_1 c_{12} = s(q_1 + q_2 - q_1) = s q_2 = s_2$