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Leveraging kinematic analysis to transfer robot behavior learned from demonstration

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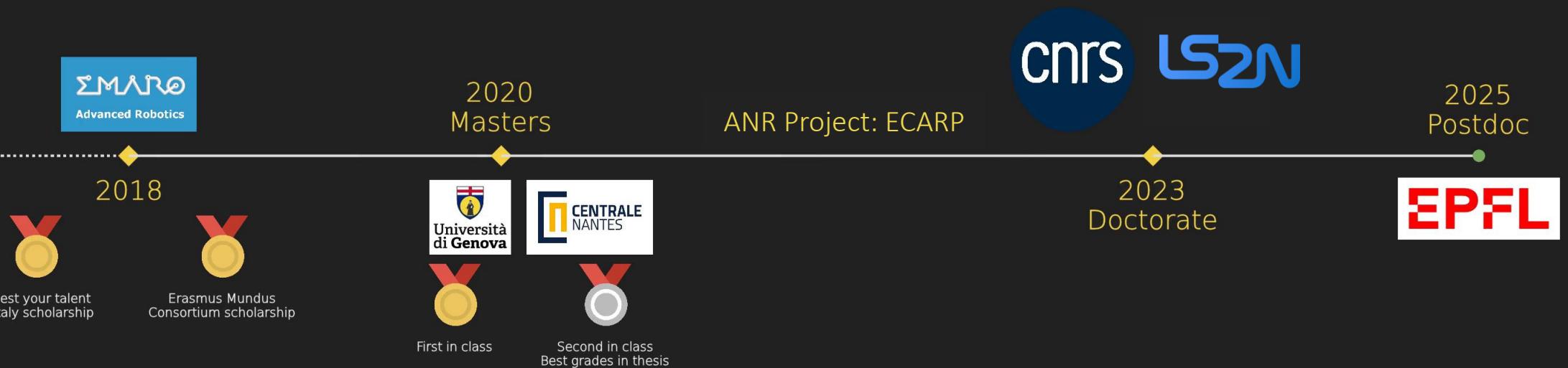
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CNRS laboratory proposed:

1. ICube, Team RDH, Strasbourg
2. LAAS, Team Gepetto, Toulouse



Research Activity: Timeline



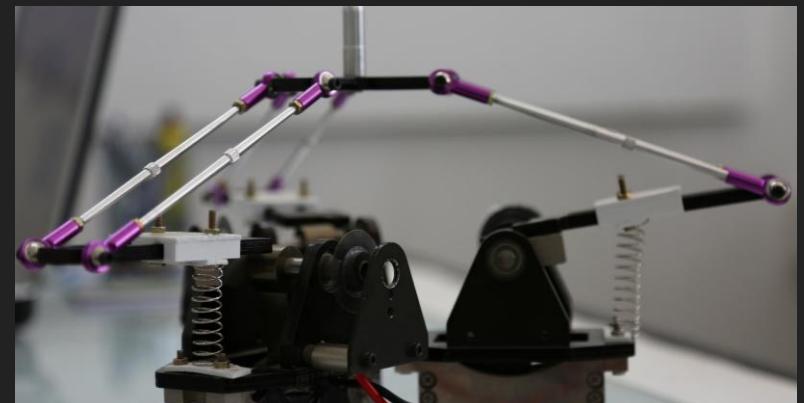
Parallel robots

1. Worked on active and passive compliance of parallel robots.
2. Studied workspace analysis relevant to otological and nasal surgery
3. Developed novel optimisation methodology to handle non-smooth constraints and complex objective function.

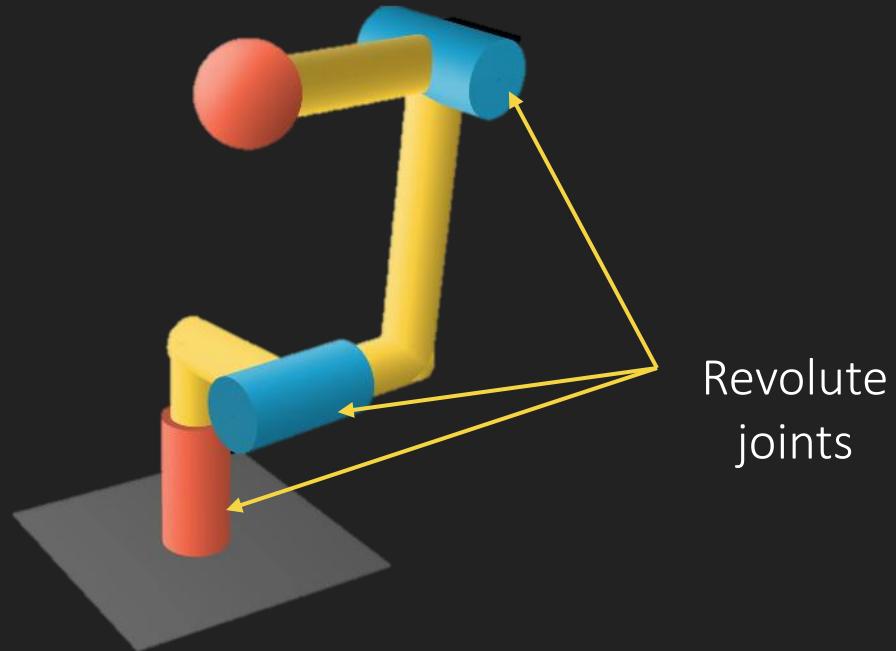
Medical robotics



Optimisation



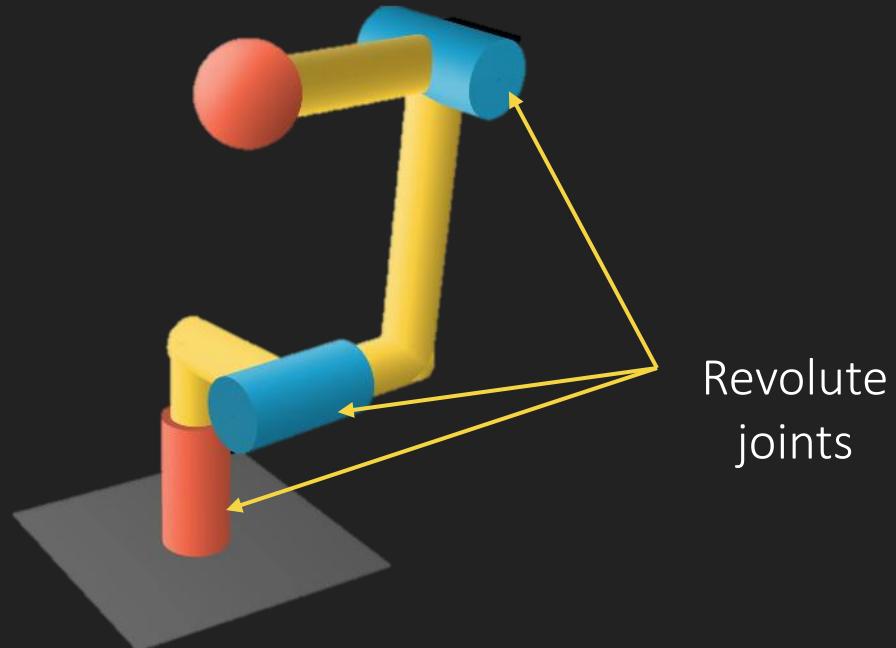
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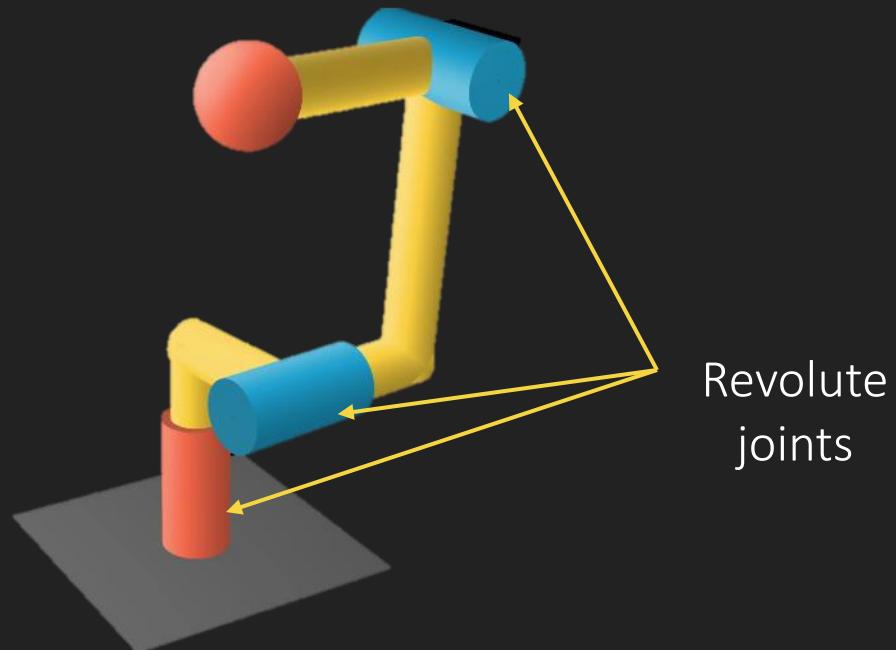
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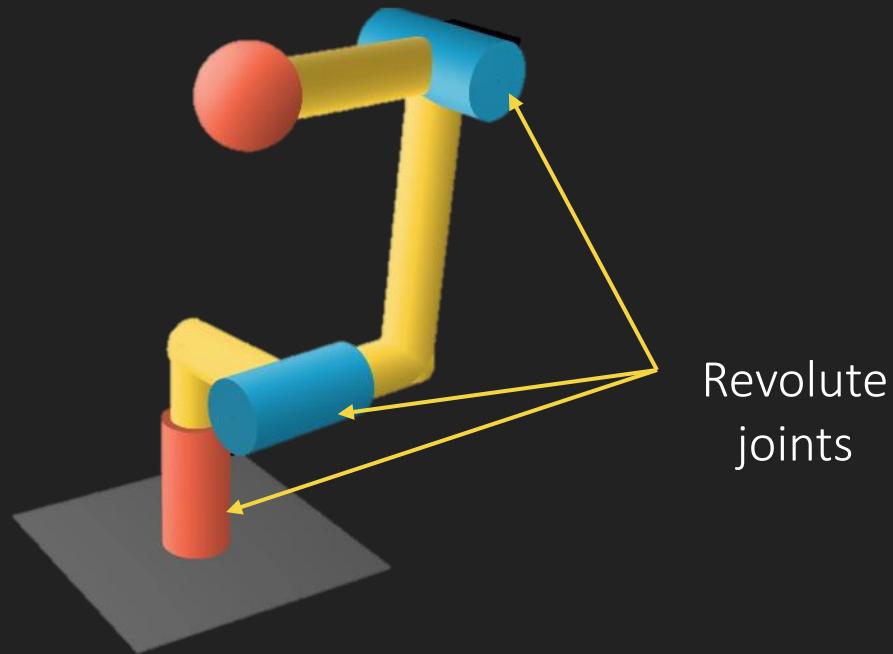


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> A robot with multiple inverse kinematic solutions in a singularity-free region is called a cuspidal robot (Wenger et El Omri, 1996).

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Cuspidality analysis of single 6R robot (Capco et al., 2020)

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Study workspace and types of paths for generic 6R robots (ICRA 2023, IJRR 2024)

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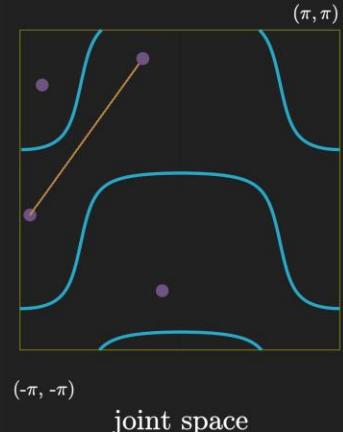
Theoretical contribution:

1. Necessary and sufficient condition for a generic 3R robot to be cuspidal
2. Proof of existence of reduced aspects in generic 3R robots.

Practical contribution:

1. Develop a unified framework for nonredundant robots with safety guaranteed path planning.

Path planning



joint space

Kinematic analysis

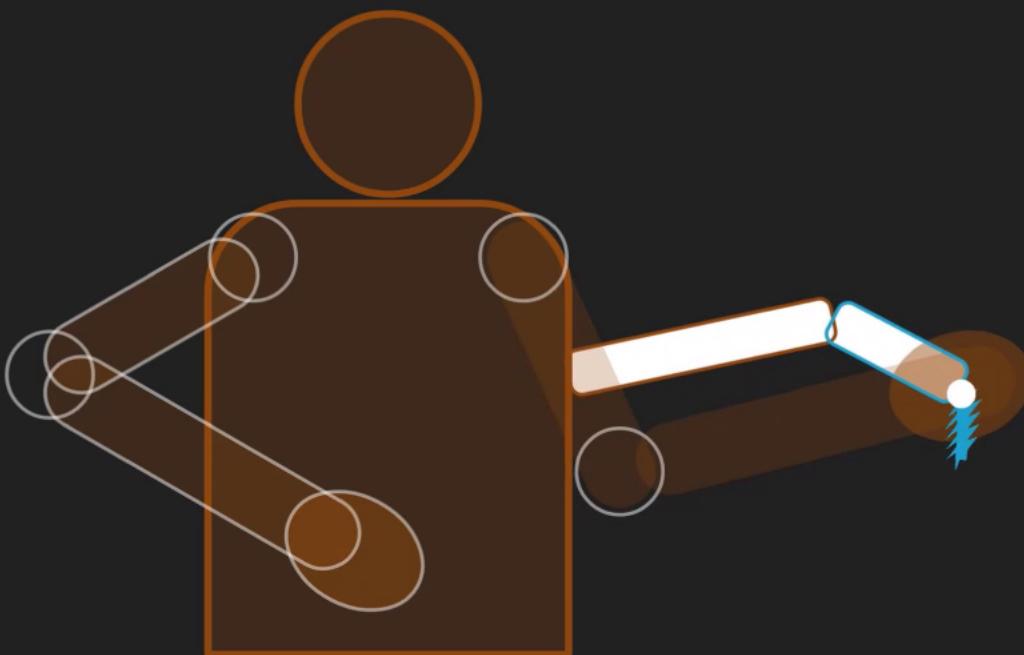


work space projection
on ρ - z plane
 $(\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})$



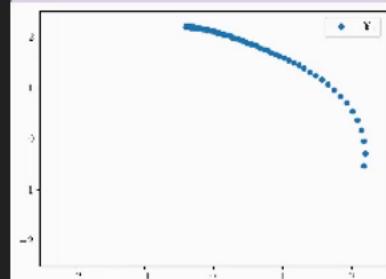
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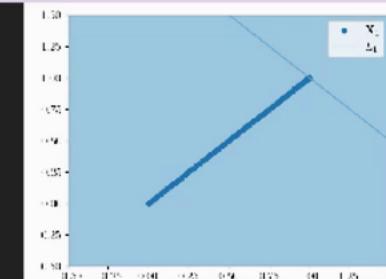


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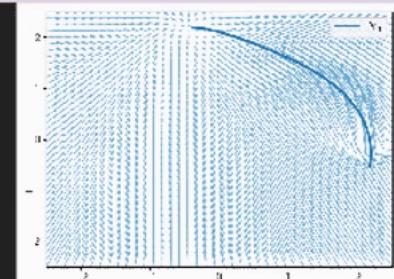
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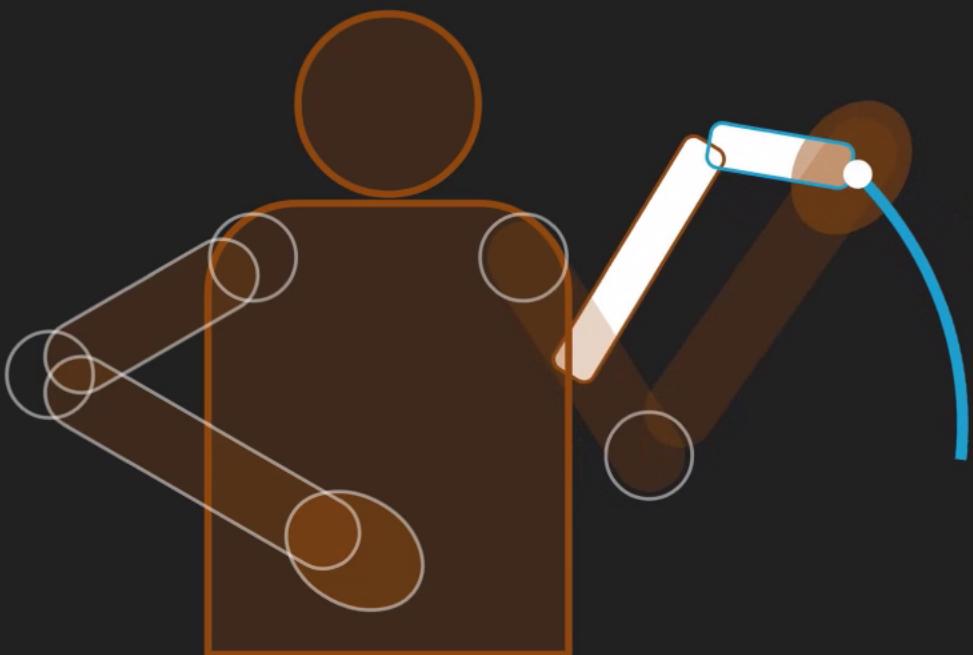


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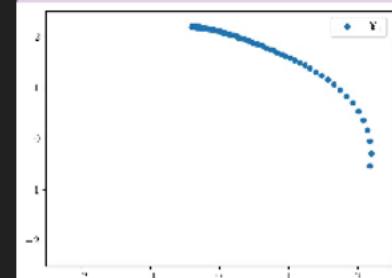
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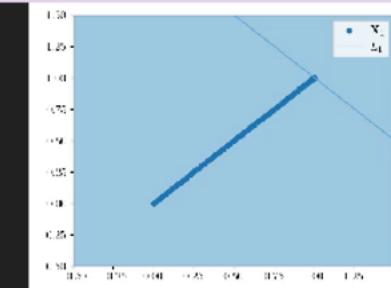


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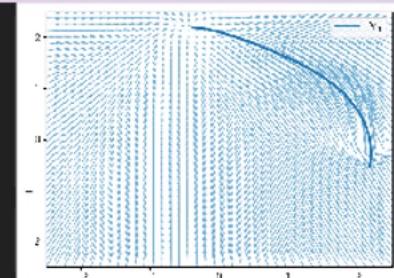
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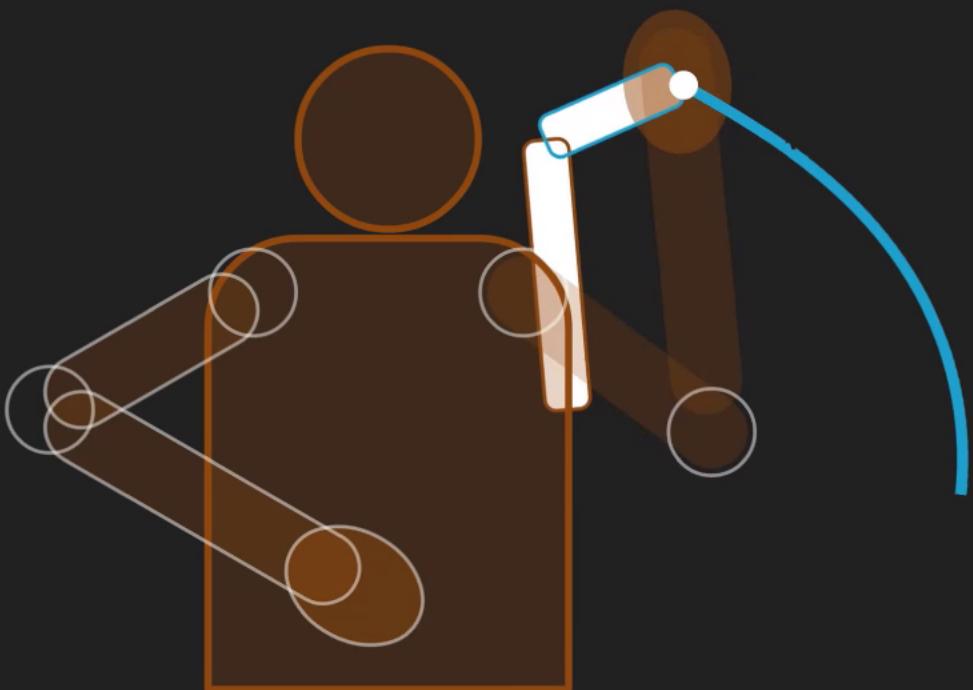


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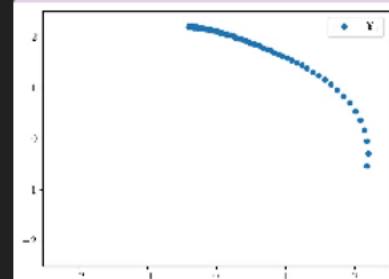
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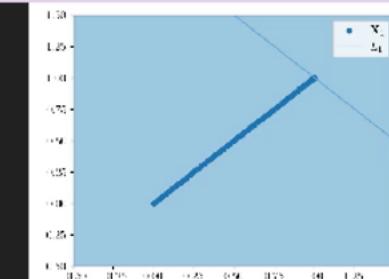


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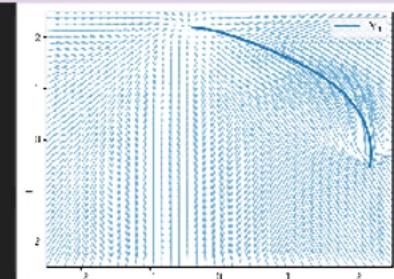
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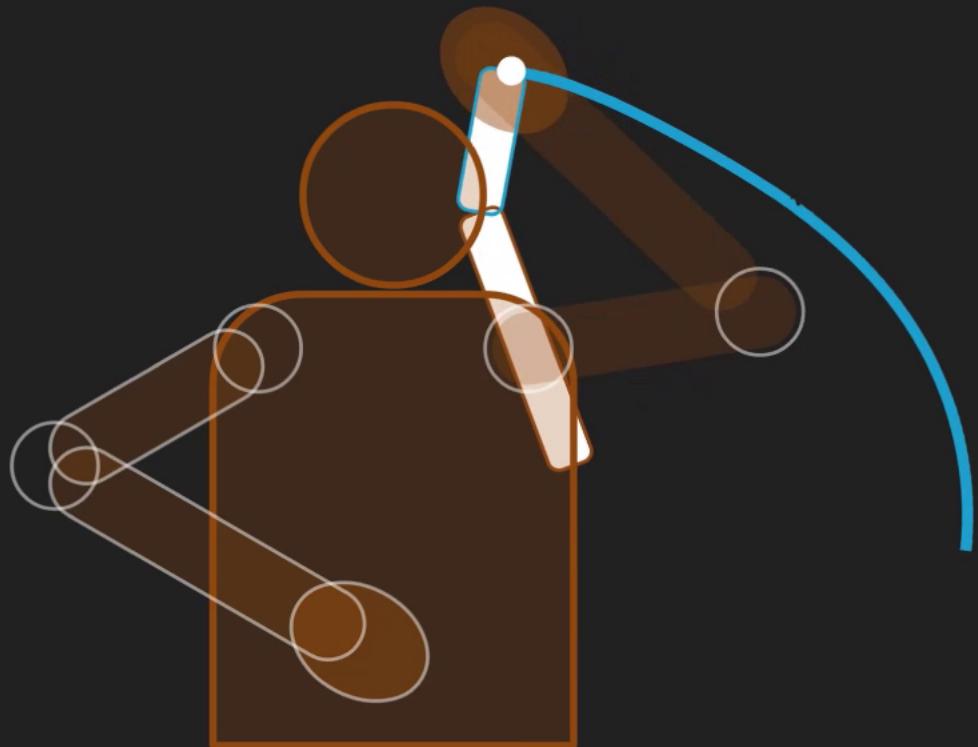


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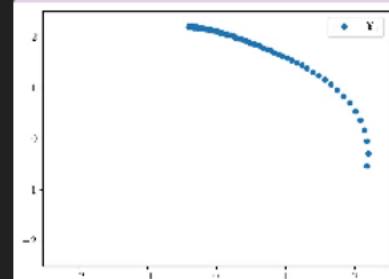
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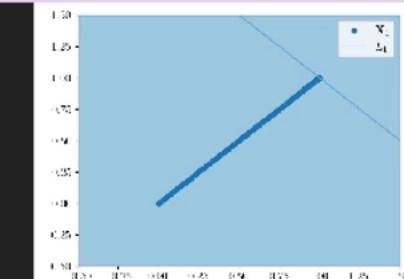


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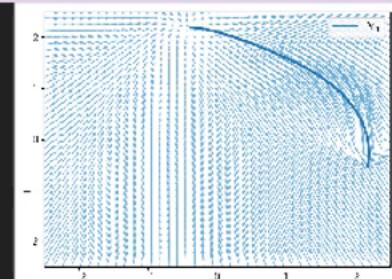
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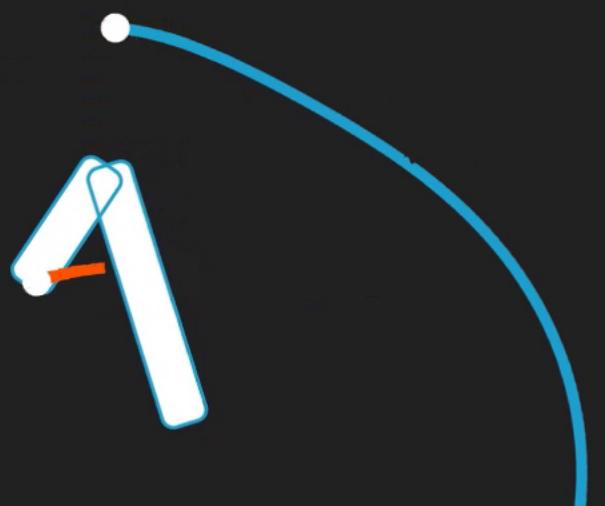


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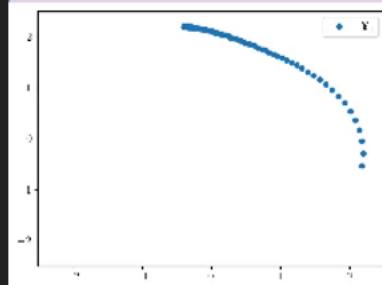
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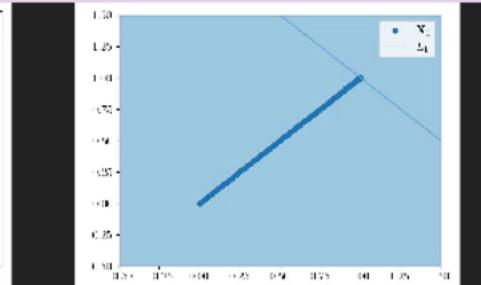


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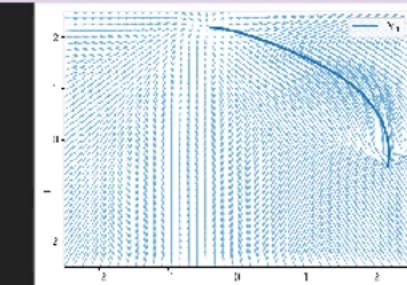
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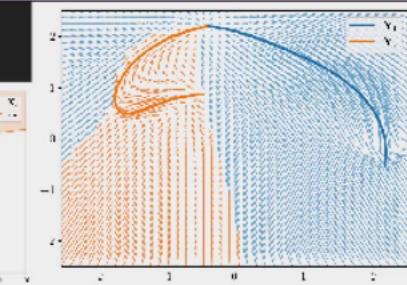
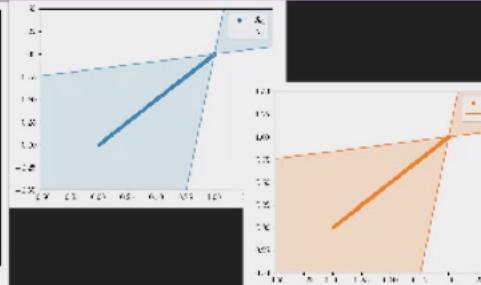
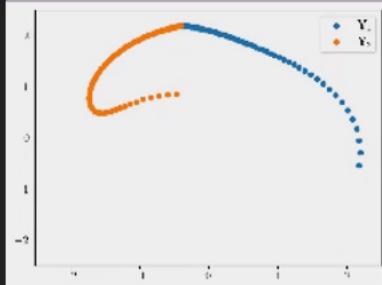
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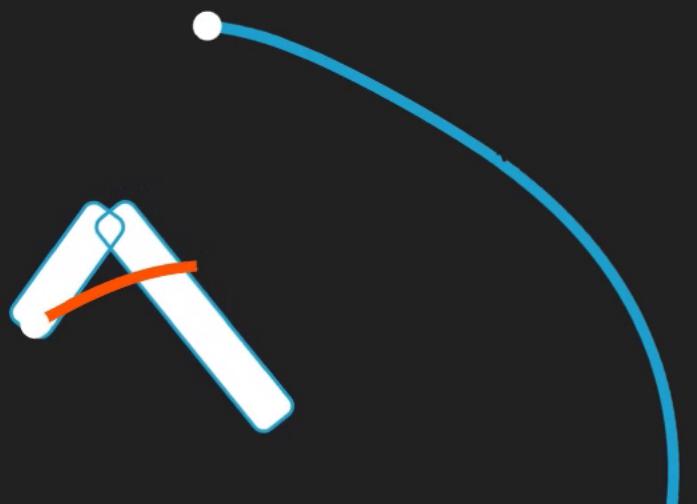


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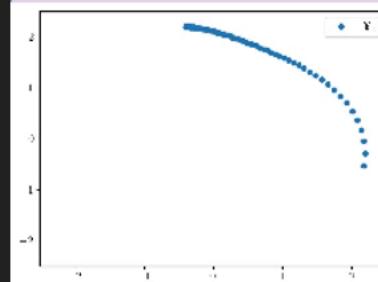
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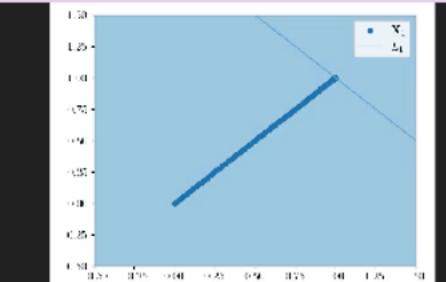


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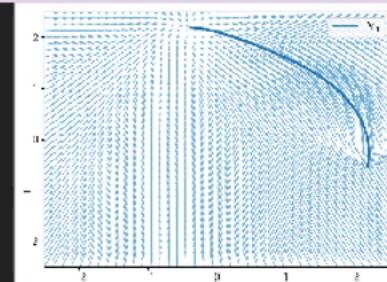
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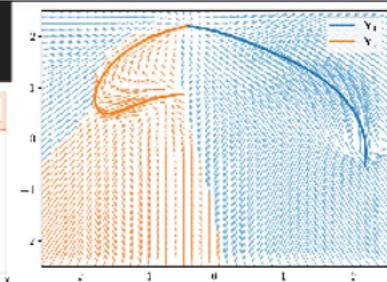
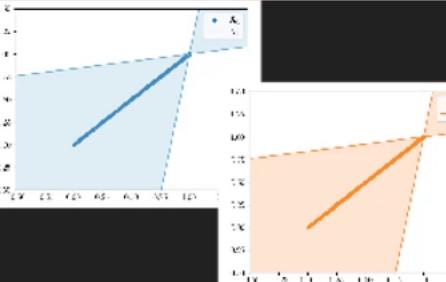
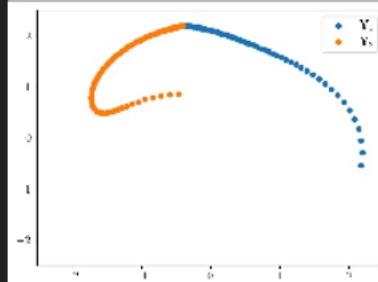
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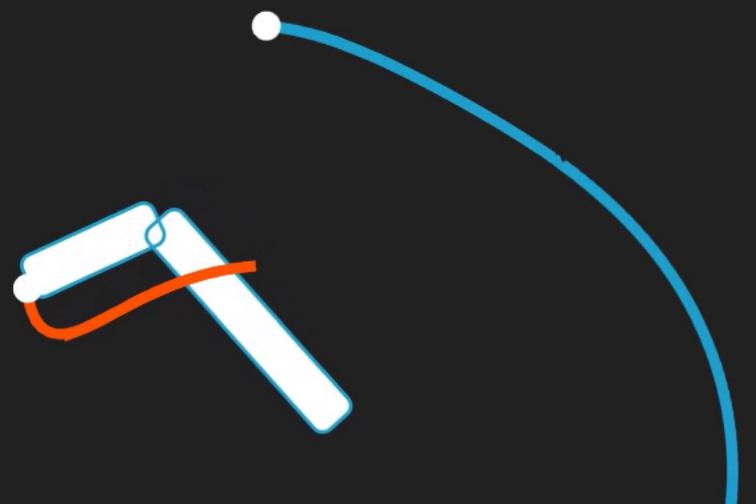


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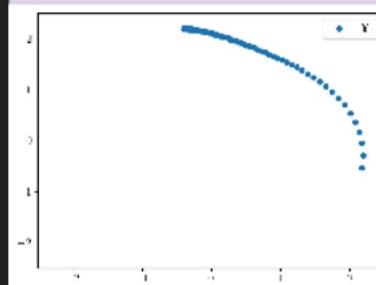
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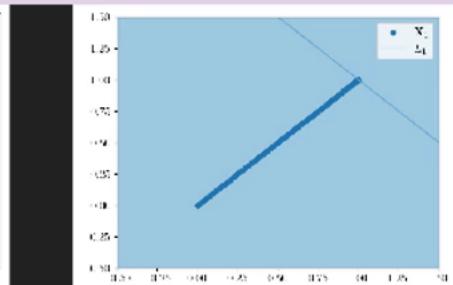


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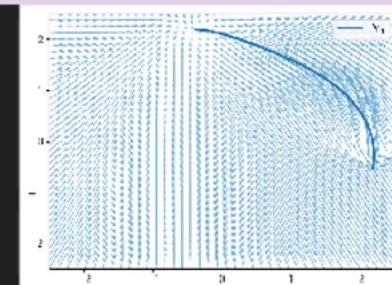
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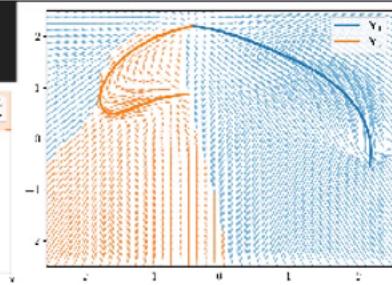
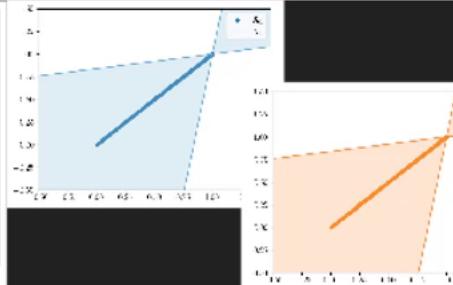
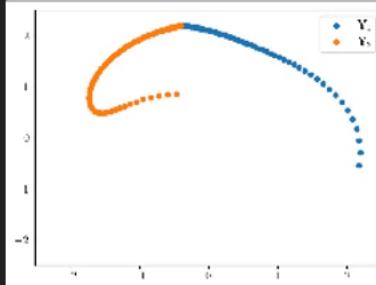
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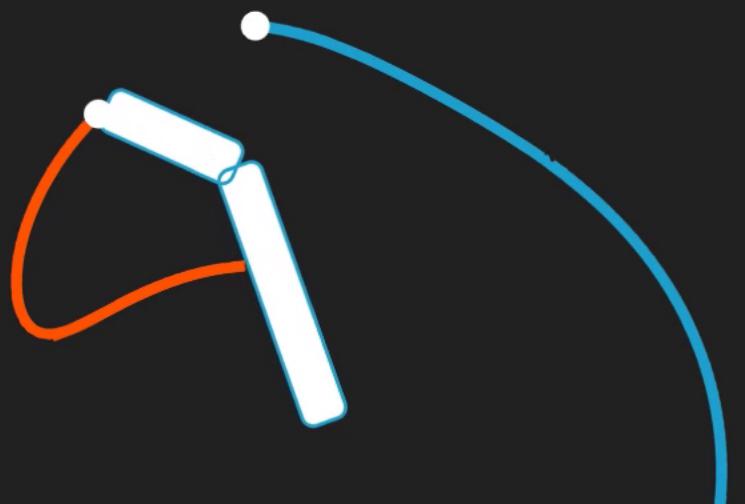


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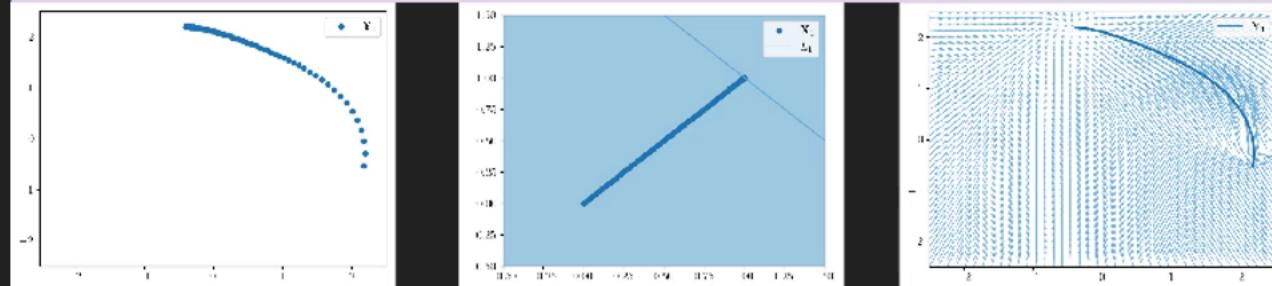
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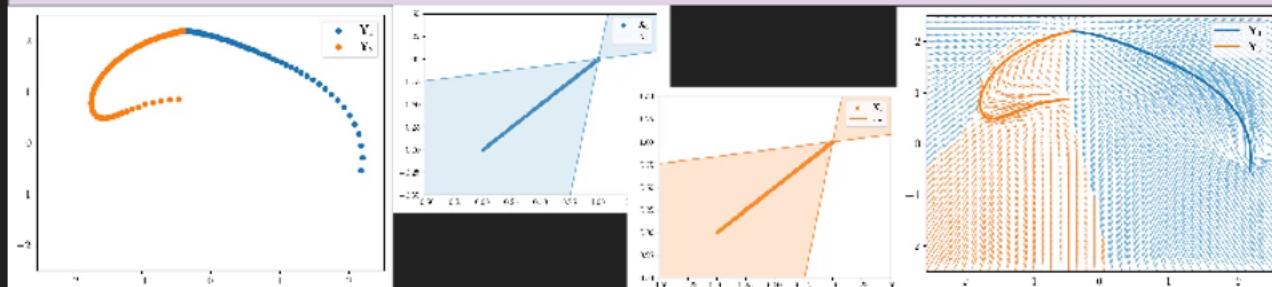
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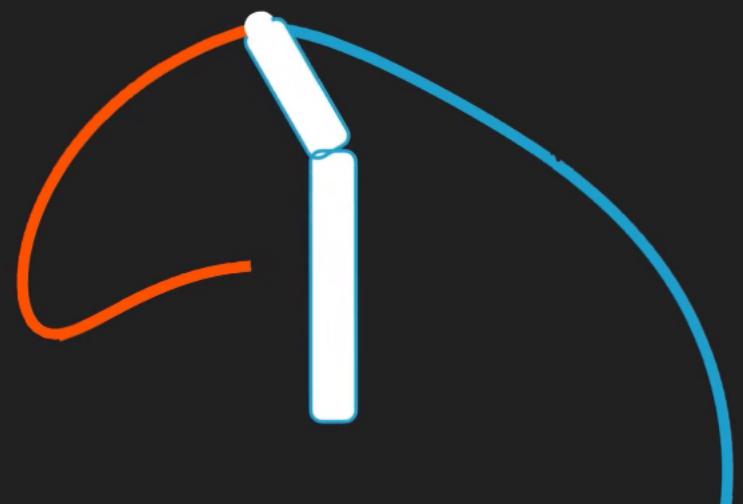
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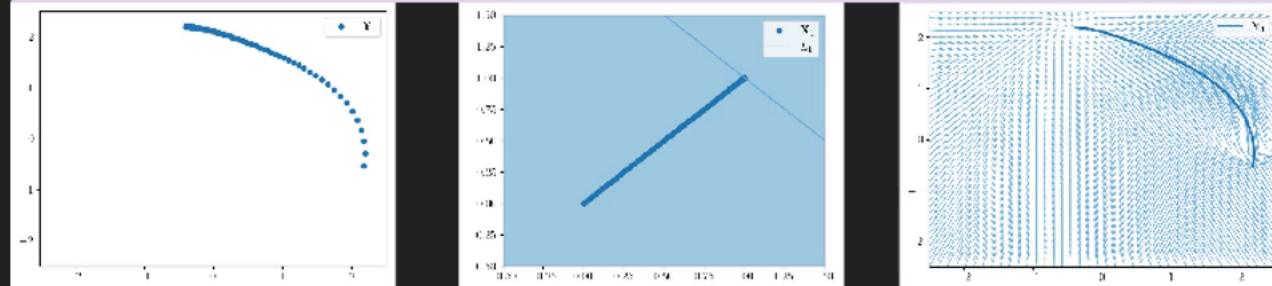
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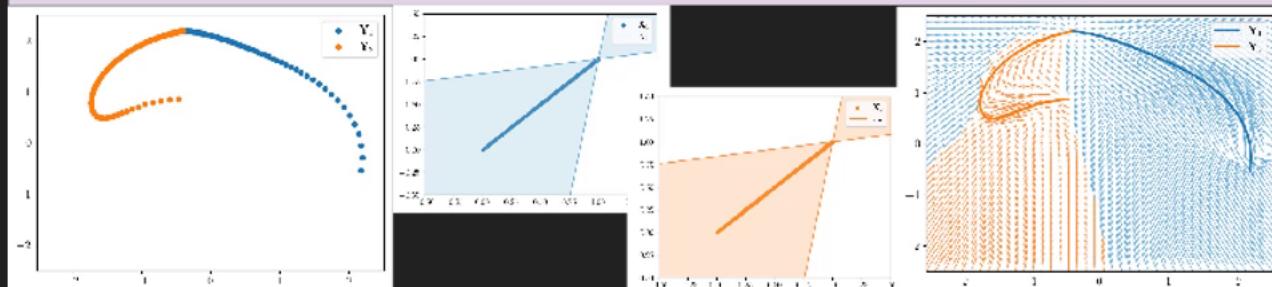
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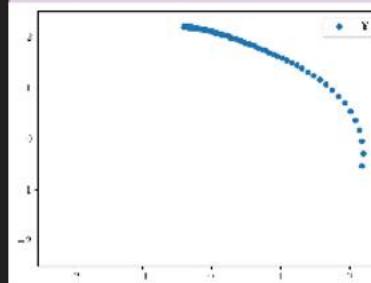
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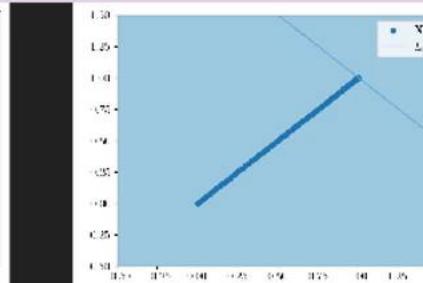


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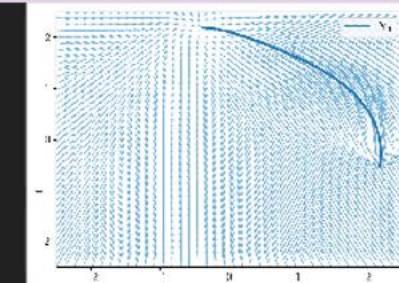
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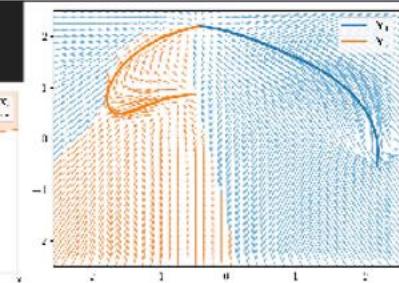
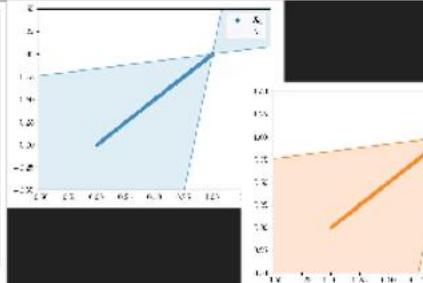
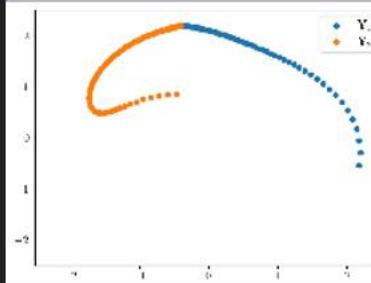
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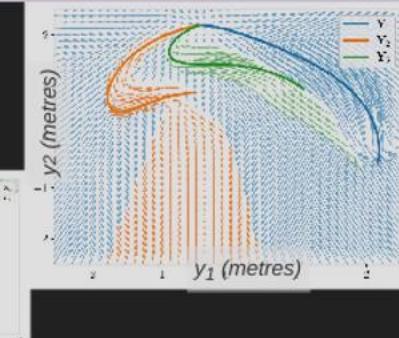
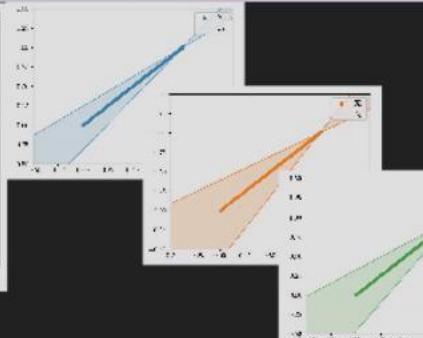
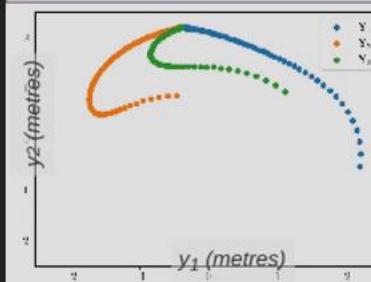
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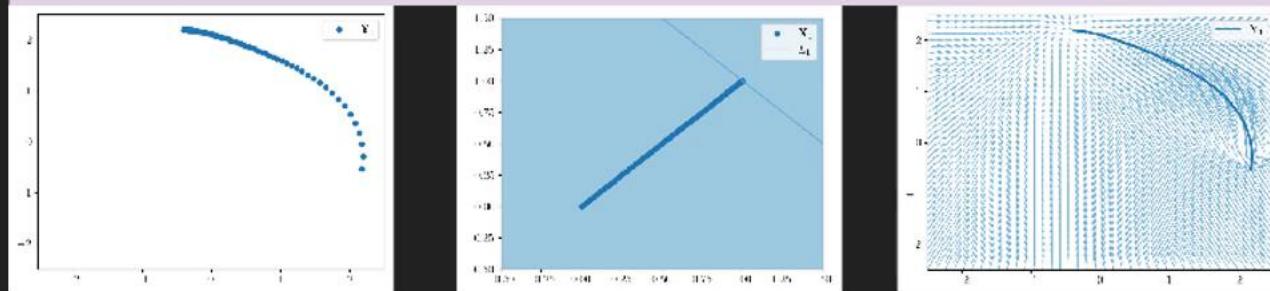
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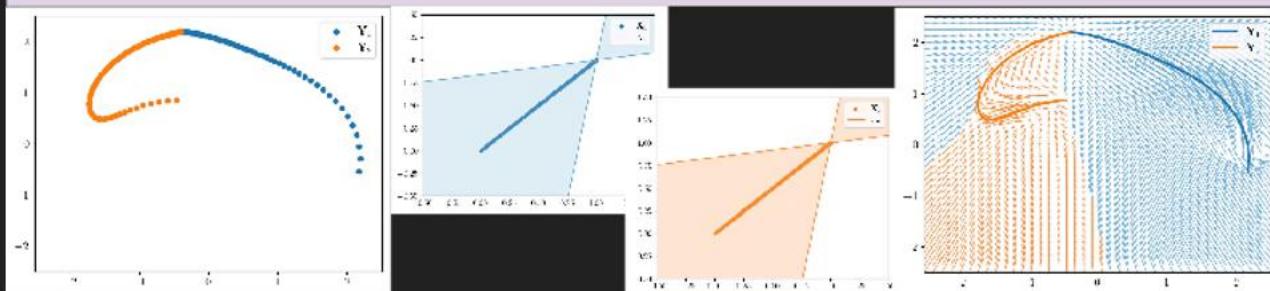
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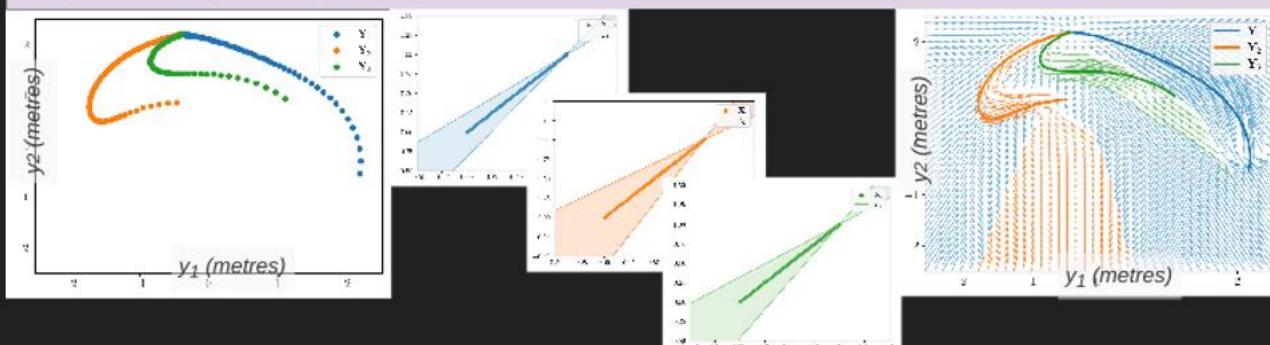
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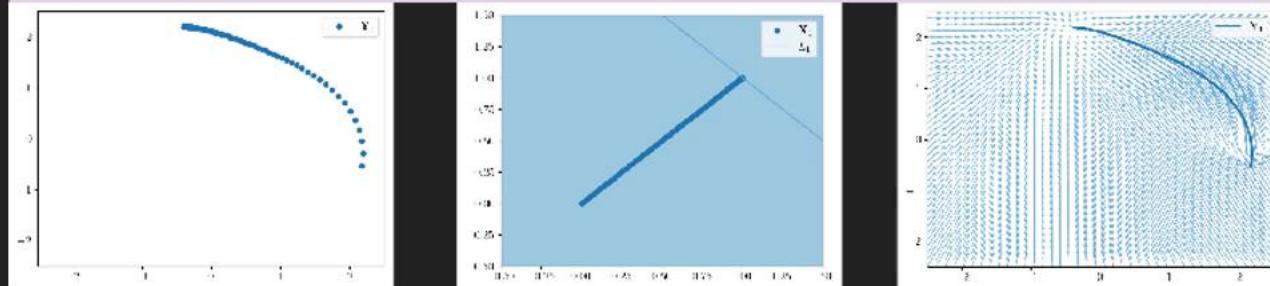
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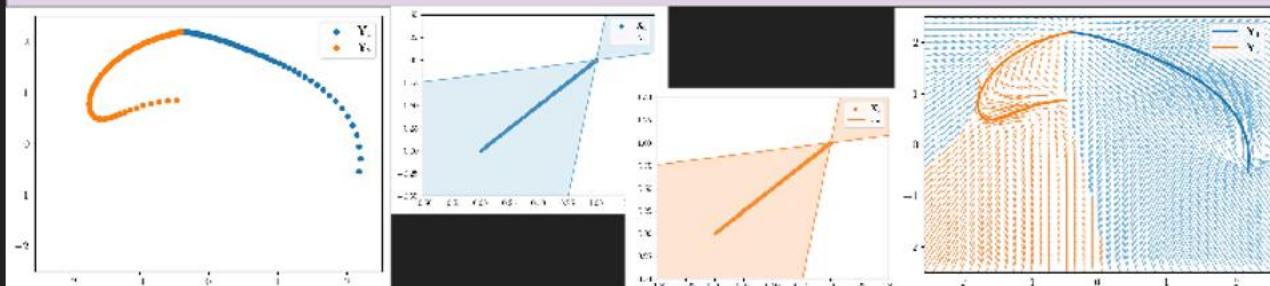
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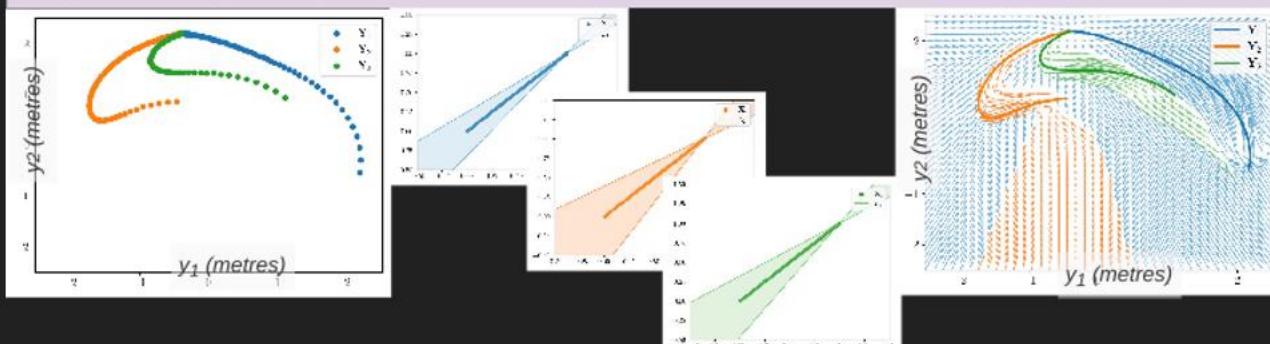
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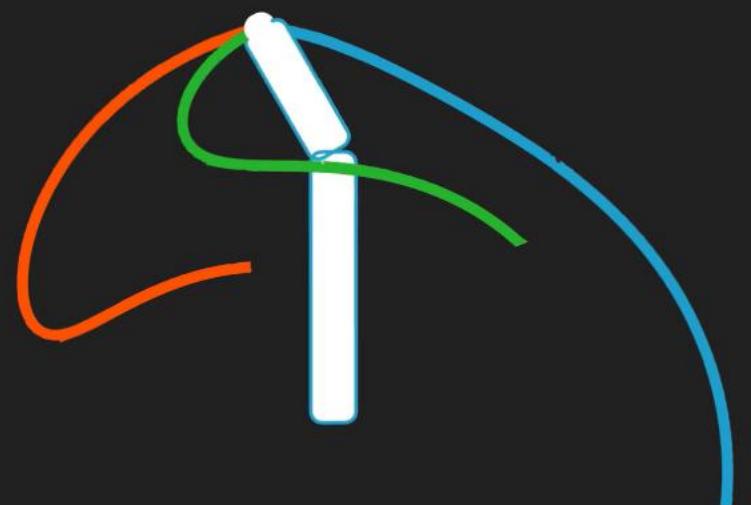
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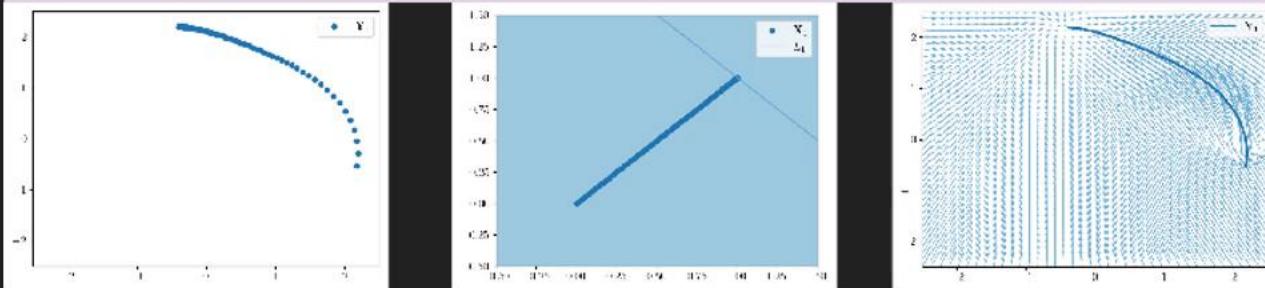
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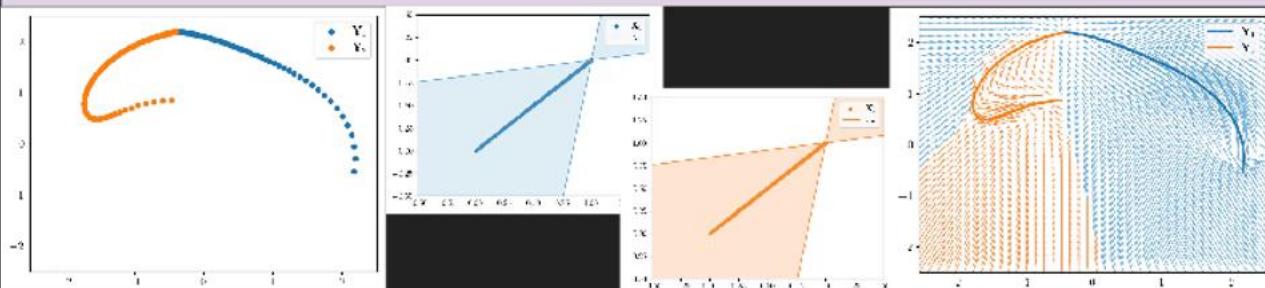
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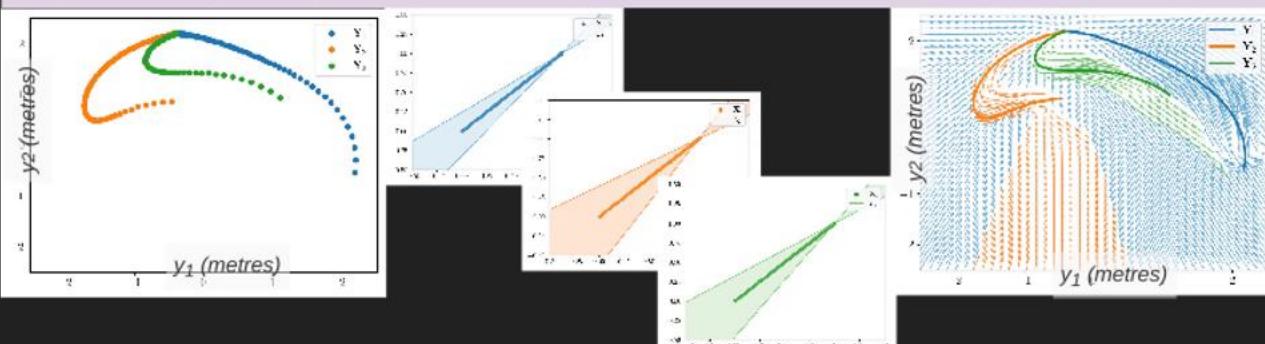
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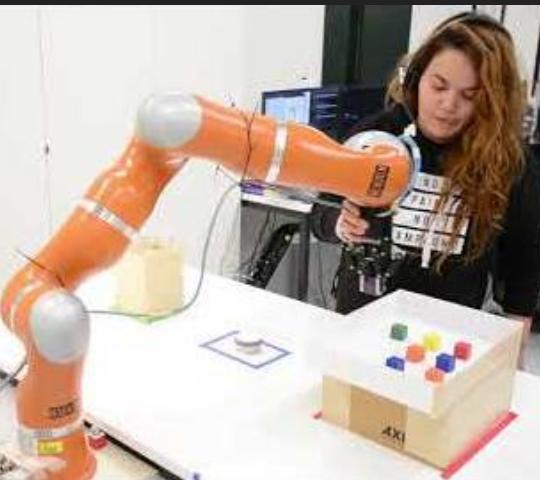


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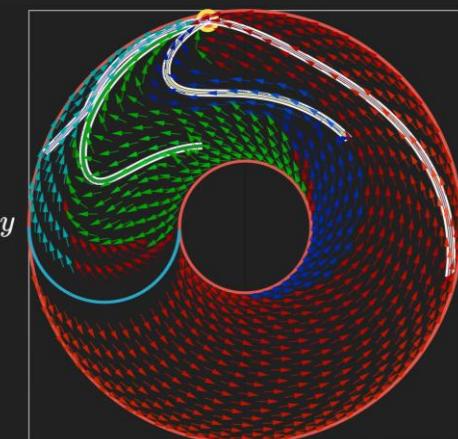
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<https://nbfigueroa.github.io>

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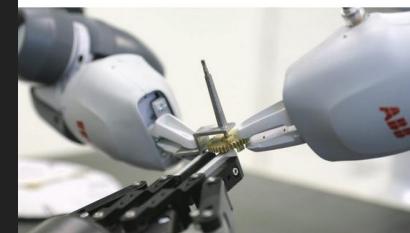
1. Investigating the efficiency of transferring a sub-domain to redundant robots.



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Conformal geometric algebra:

1. Necessary and sufficient conditions for a generic 3R robot to have four inverse kinematic solutions.



<https://www.epfl.ch/labs/lasa/fr/sahr-fr/>

Research activity: Summary

Journals (x 6) + 2 submitted

- 1: International Journal of Robotics Research (**IJRR**)
- 2, 3: Mechanism and Machine Theory (**MMT**)
- 4, 5, 6: RCIM, JMD, SI

Conferences (x 9) + 2 submitted

1. International Conference on Robotics and Automation (**ICRA**)
2. International Conference on Robotic Systems (**IROS**)
- 3 - 9 ISSAC, ARK, RAHA, AIR, CASE, CFM, RAAD

Invited Talks (x 4)

1. Summer school on Singularities (**SIMERO**)
2. RICAM Workshop on kinematics (**RICAM WS5**)
3. EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland
4. ICube, Strasbourg, France

Book Chapter (x 1) + 1 submitted

1. Biologically inspired Series-Parallel Hybrid robots, Academic Press

Open source software

1. ParaOpt: Open source optimization tool for design of complex mechanisms.

Teaching and Supervision

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RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Research proposal: Overall scheme (1/ 5)

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The future of learning from demonstration



Robots learning from demonstration and share workspace with humans



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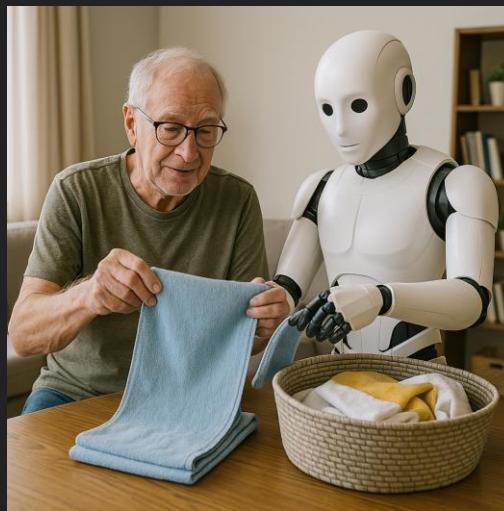
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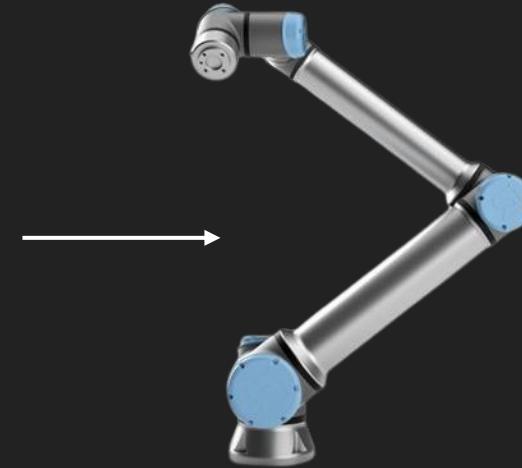
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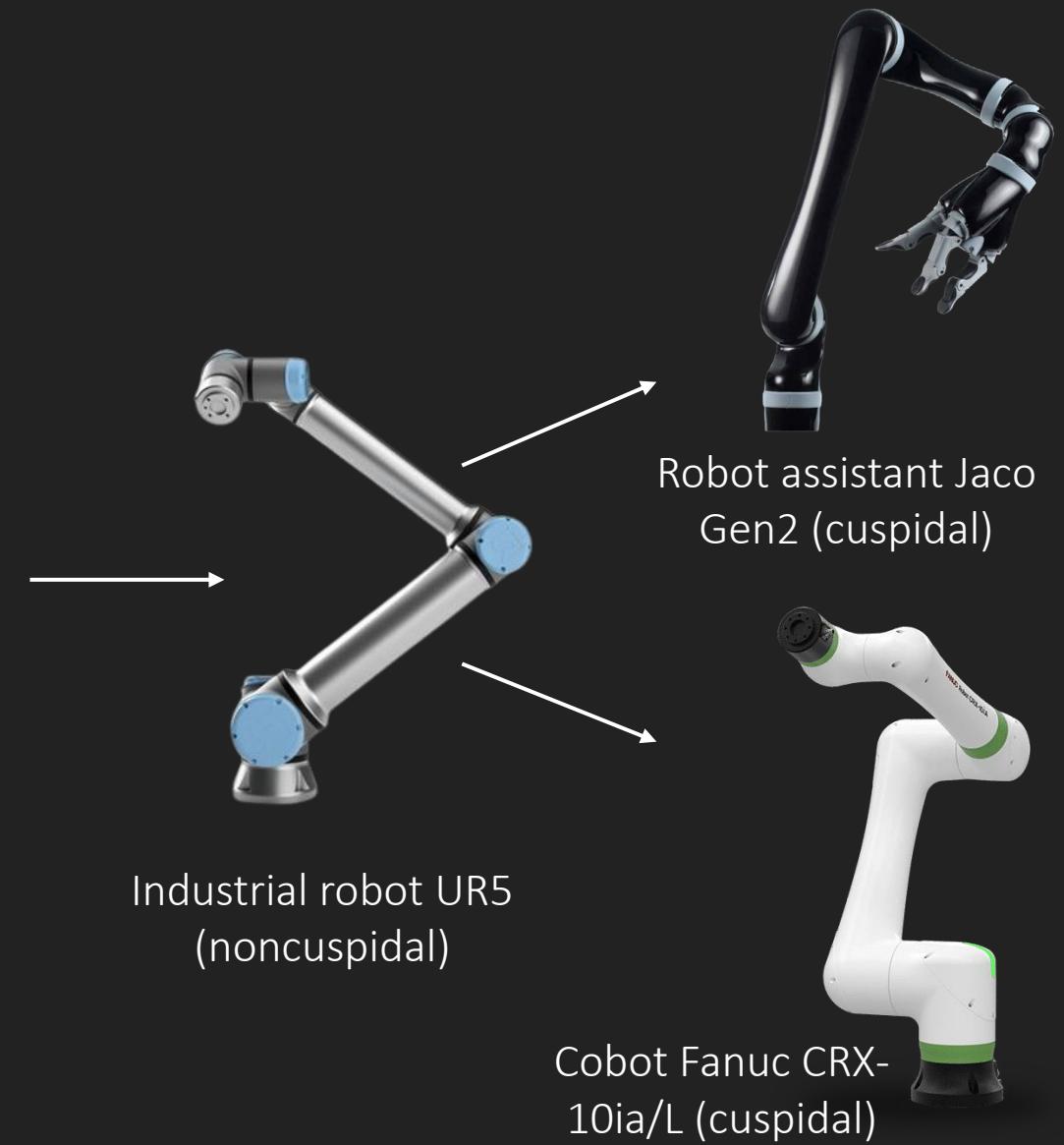
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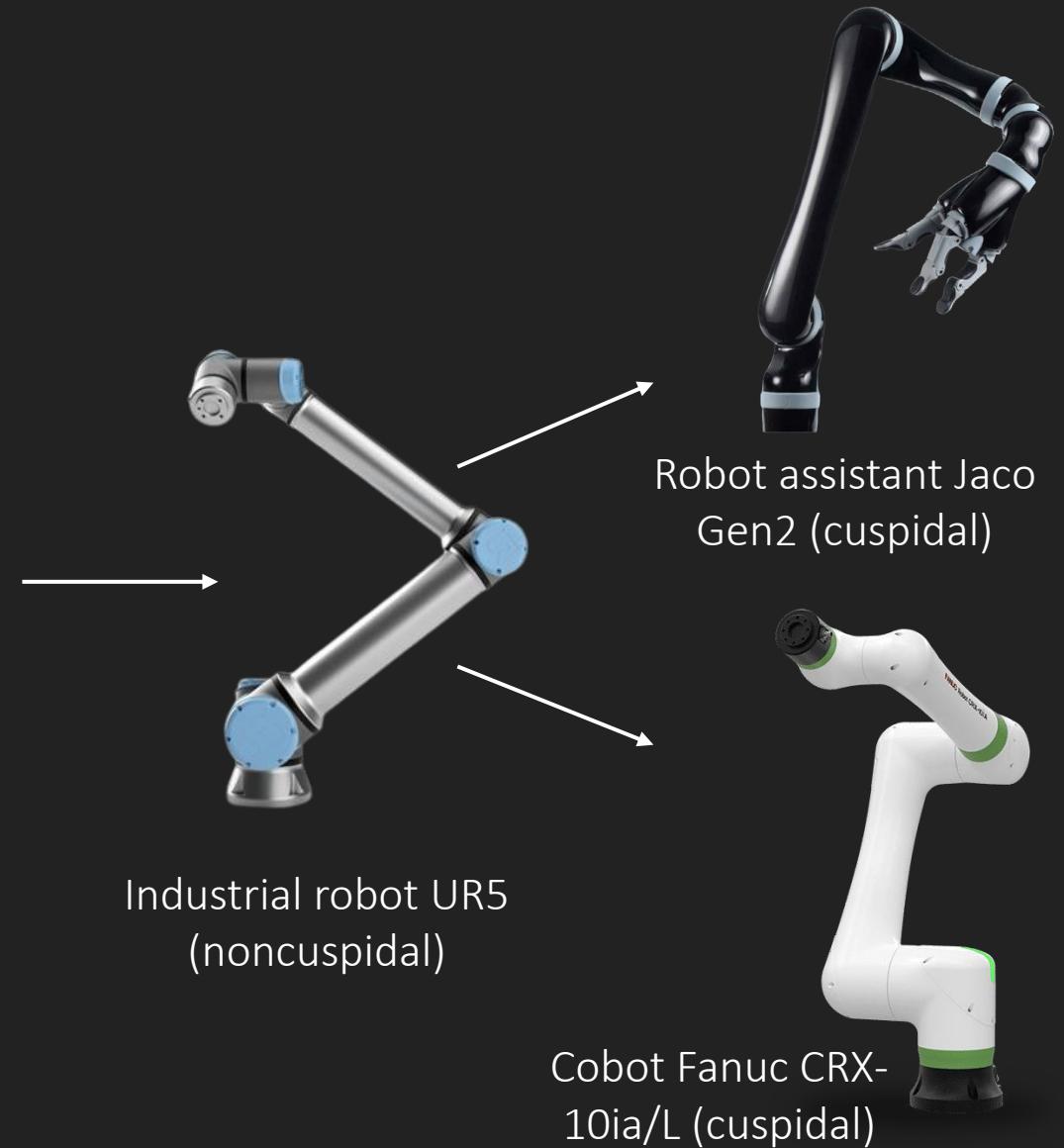
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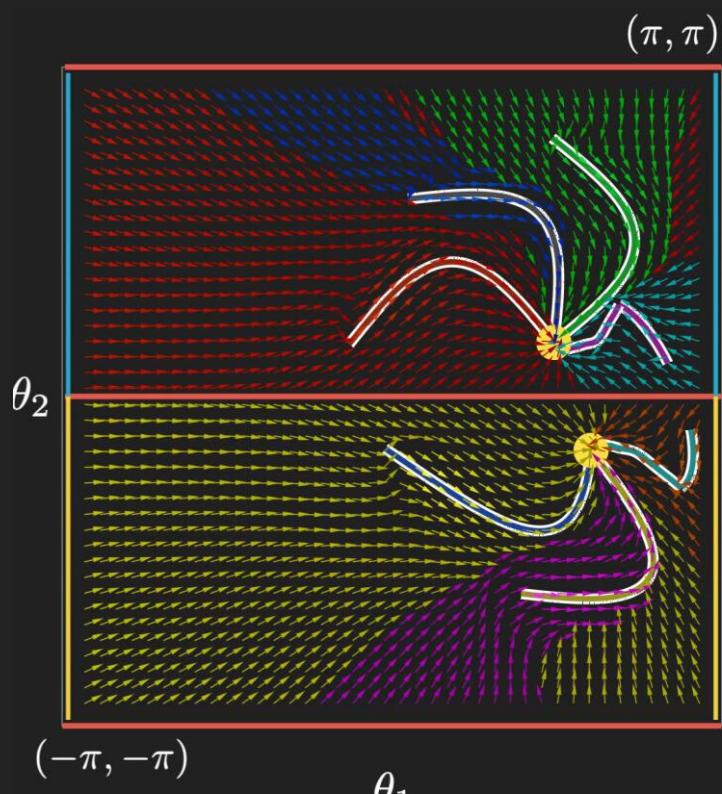


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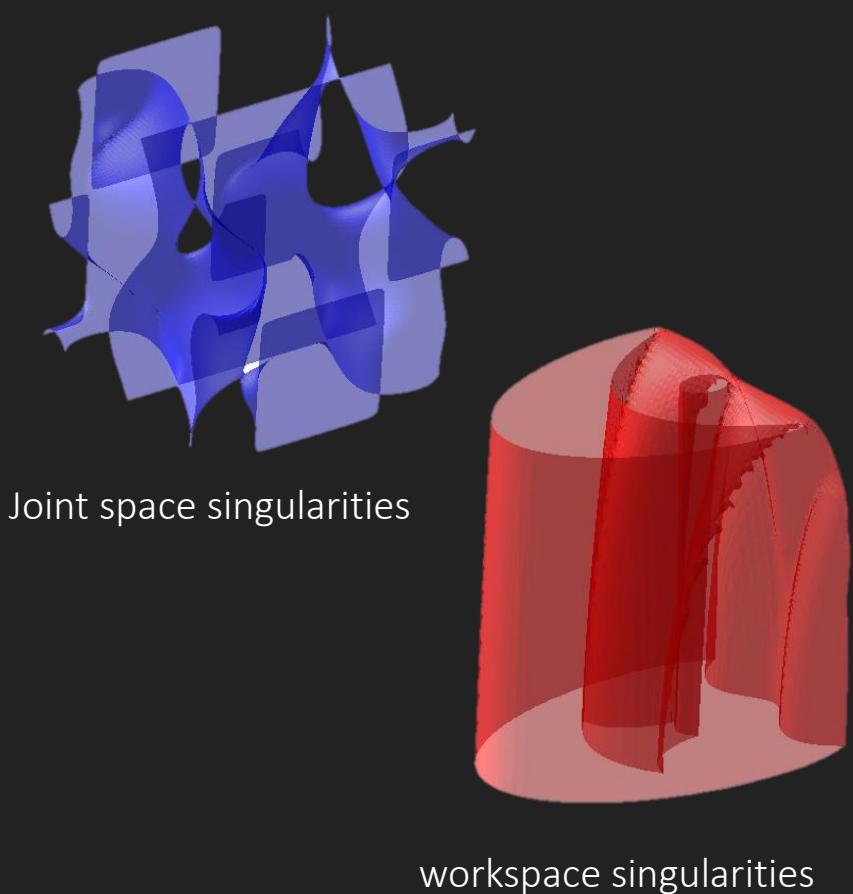


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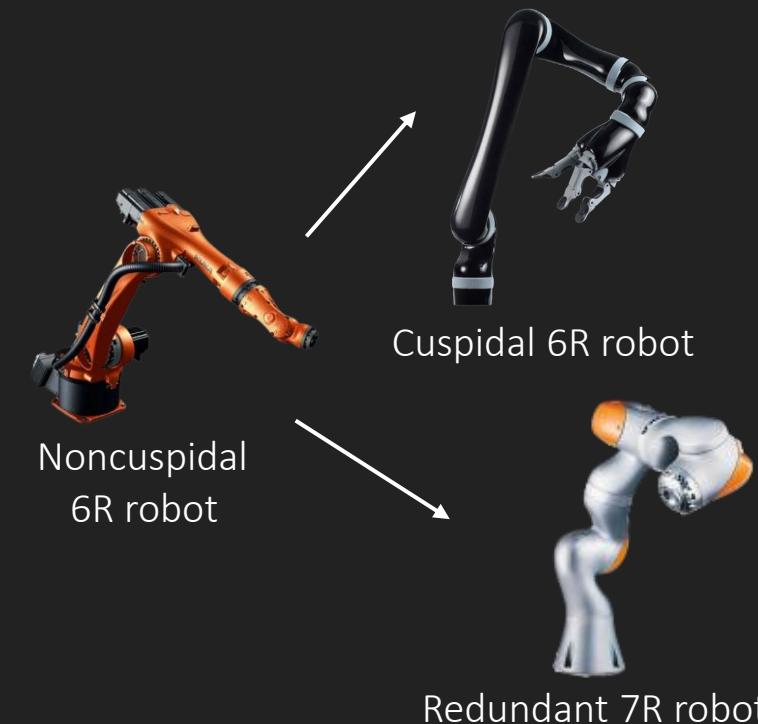
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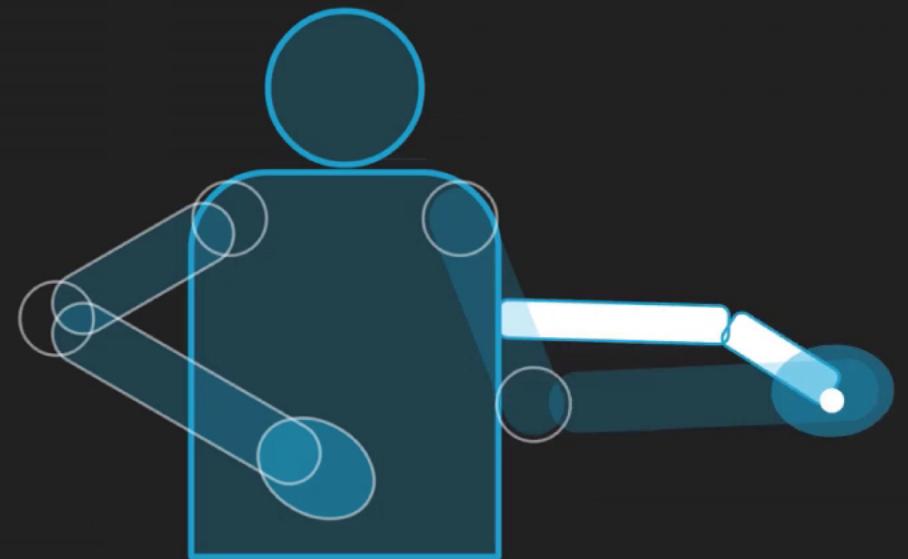
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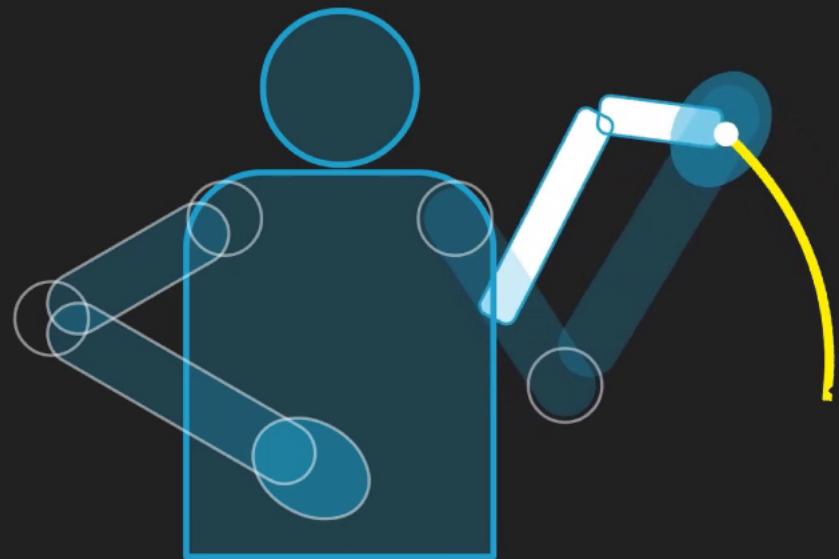
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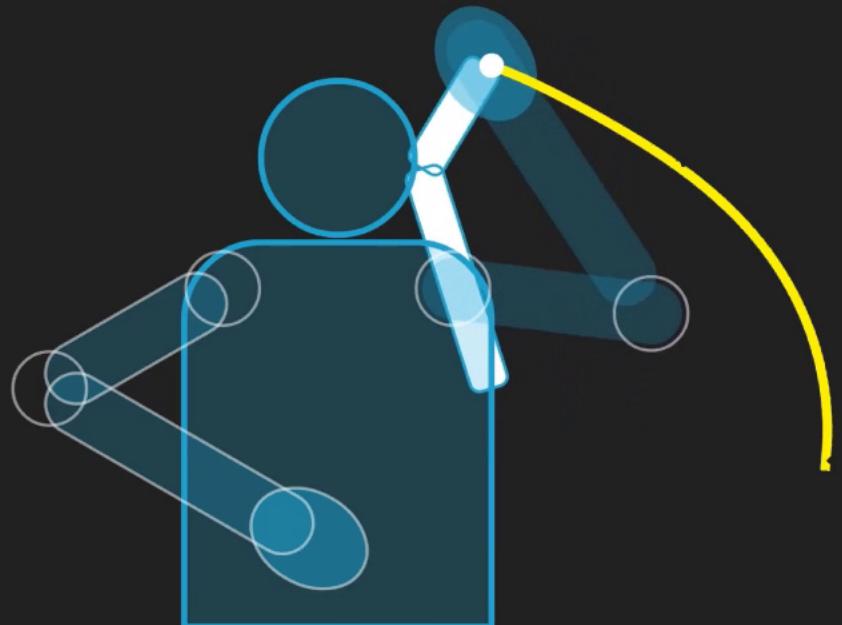
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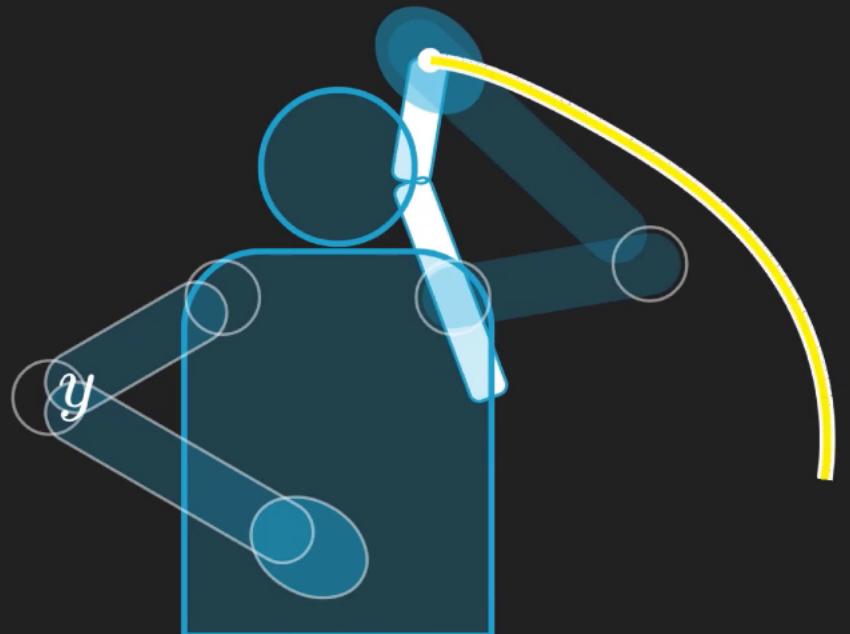
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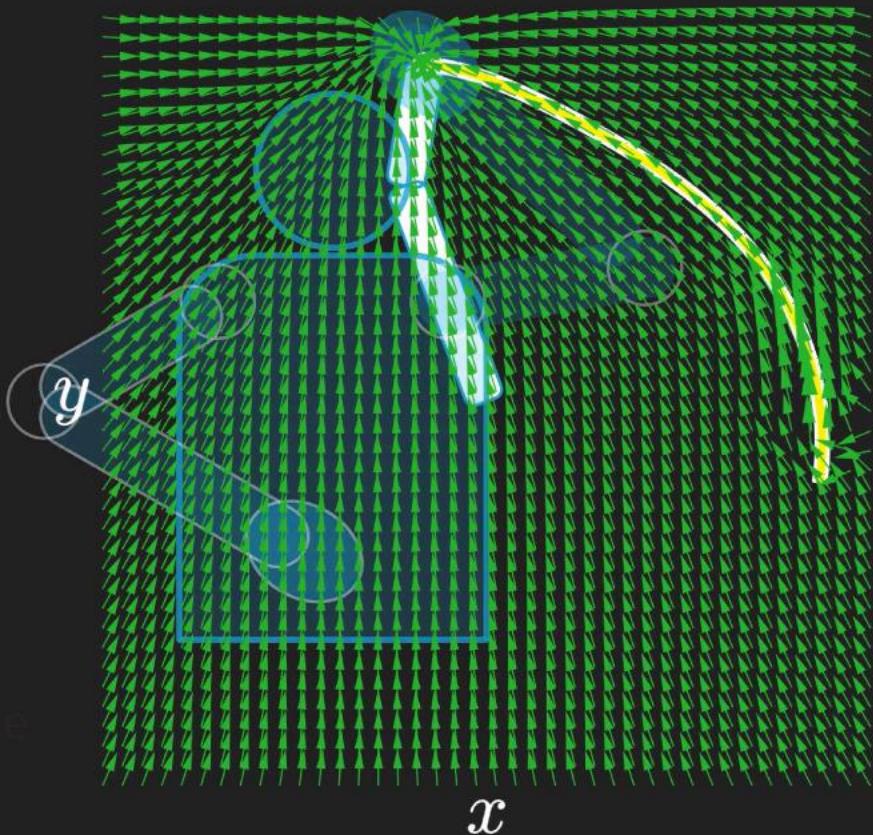
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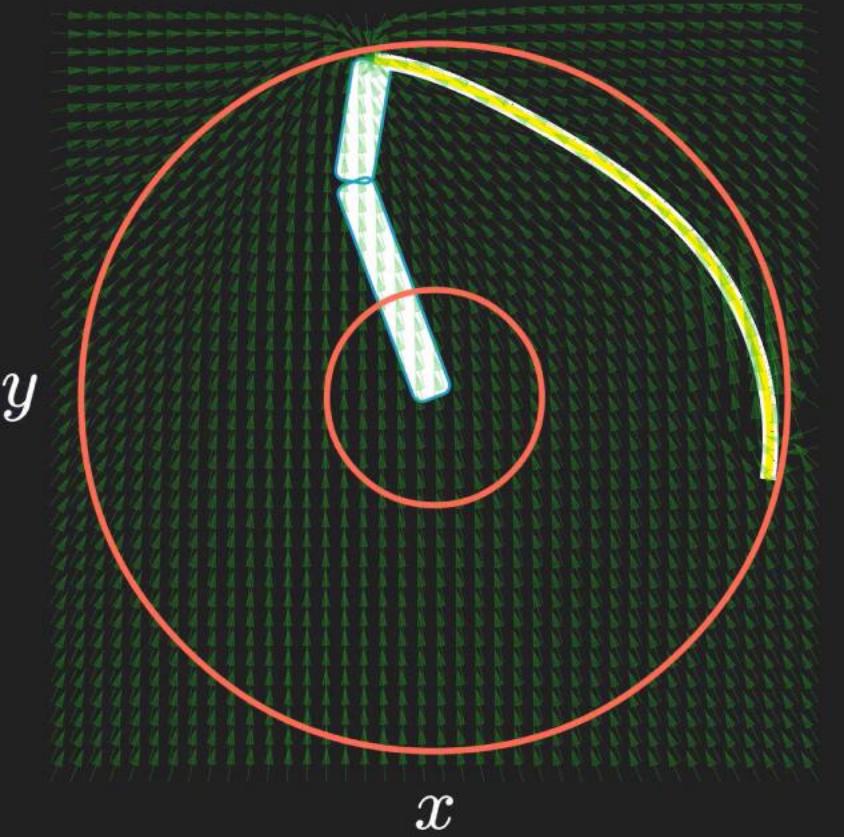


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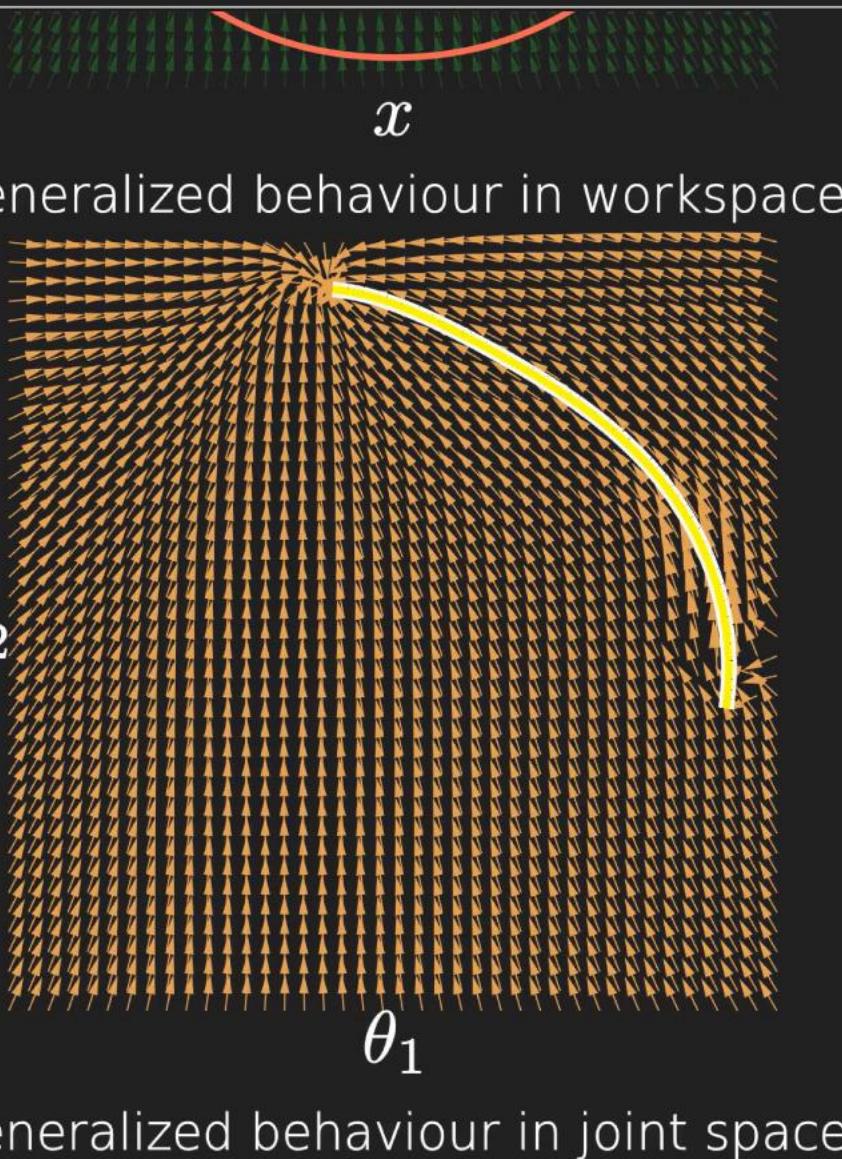


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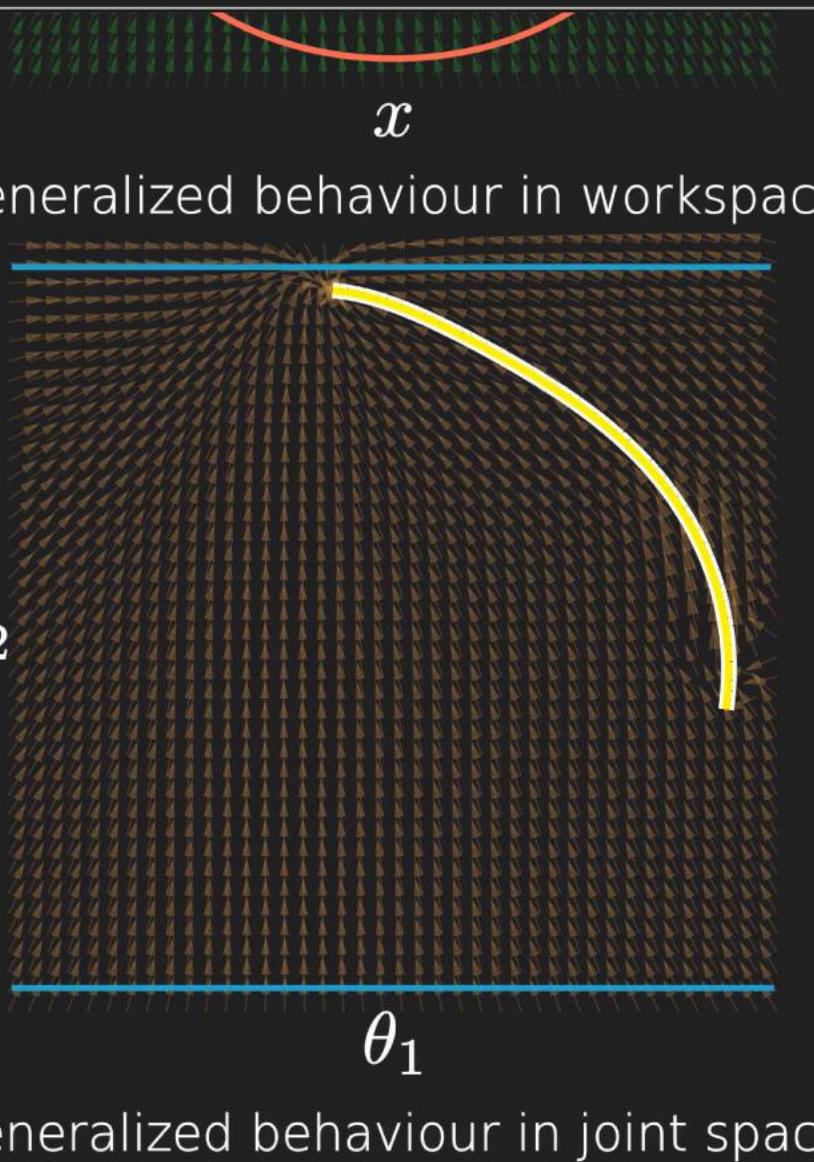
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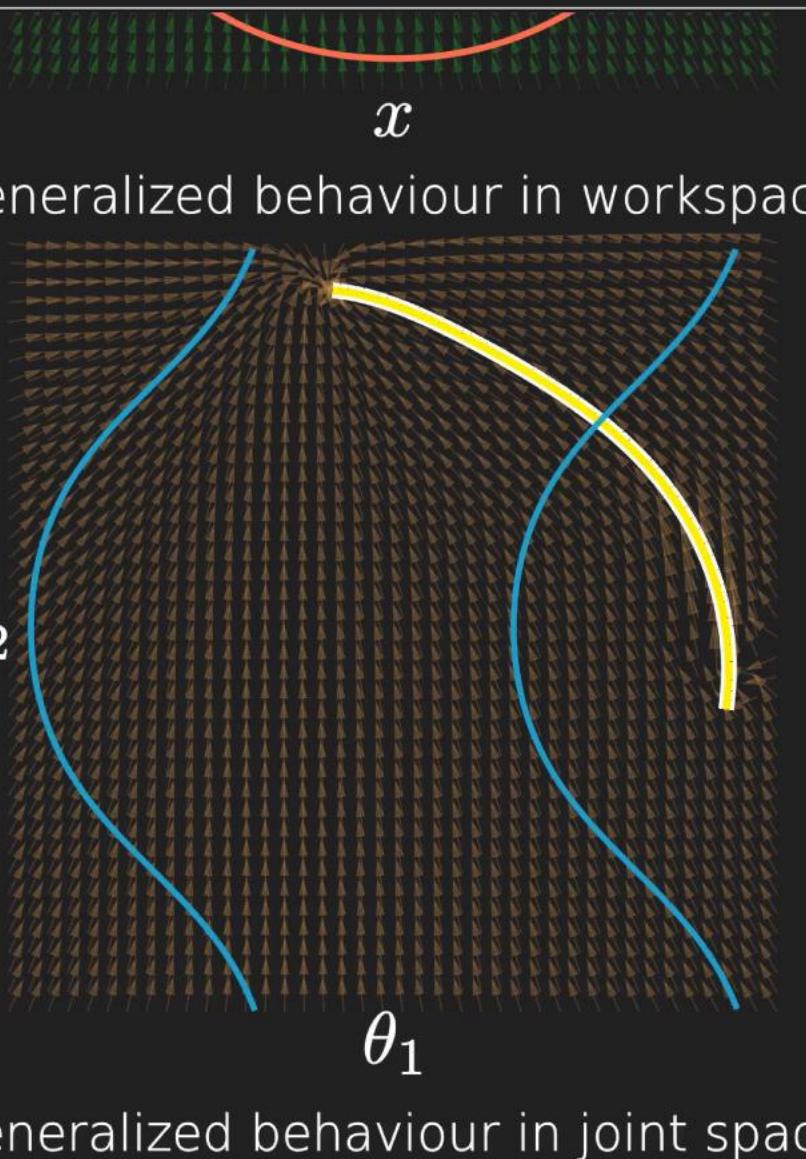
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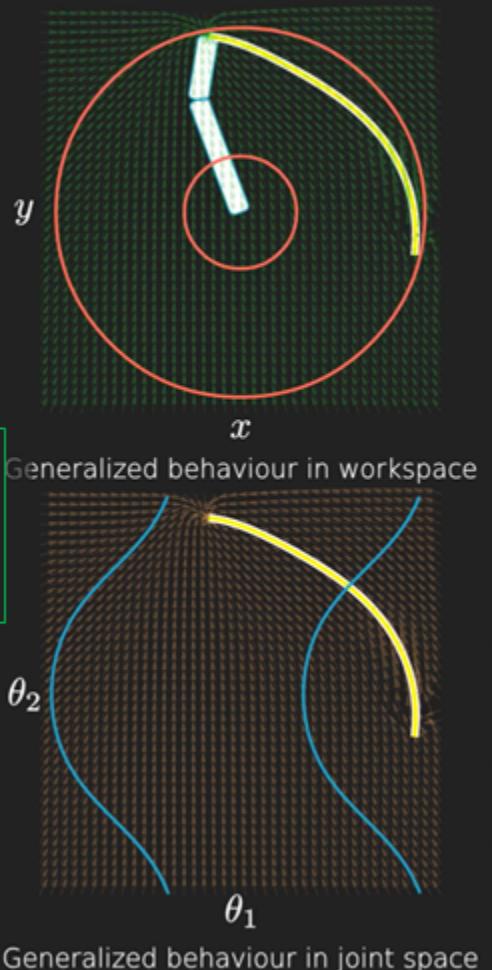
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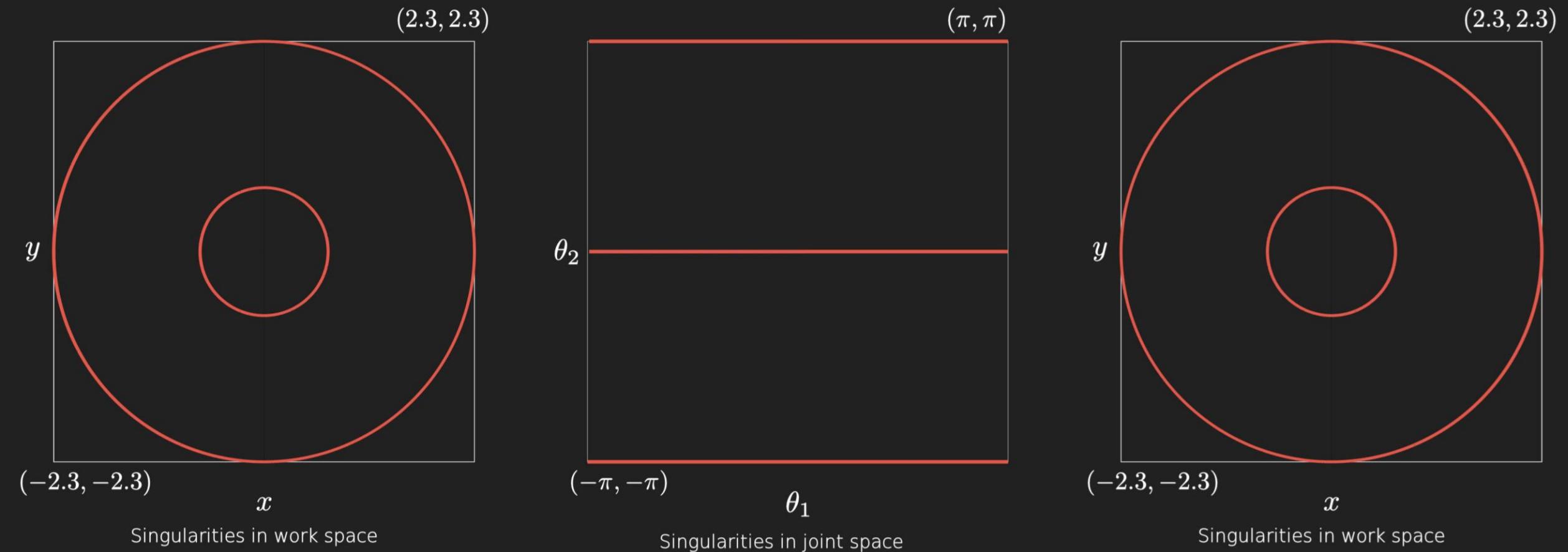


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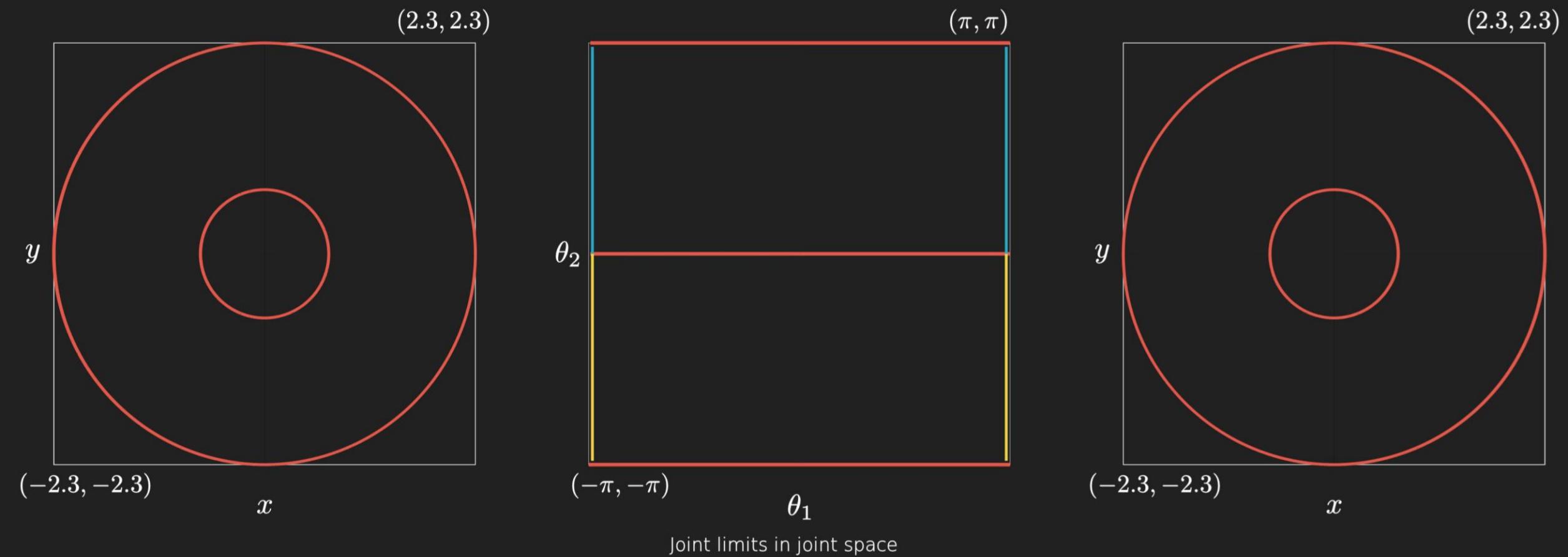
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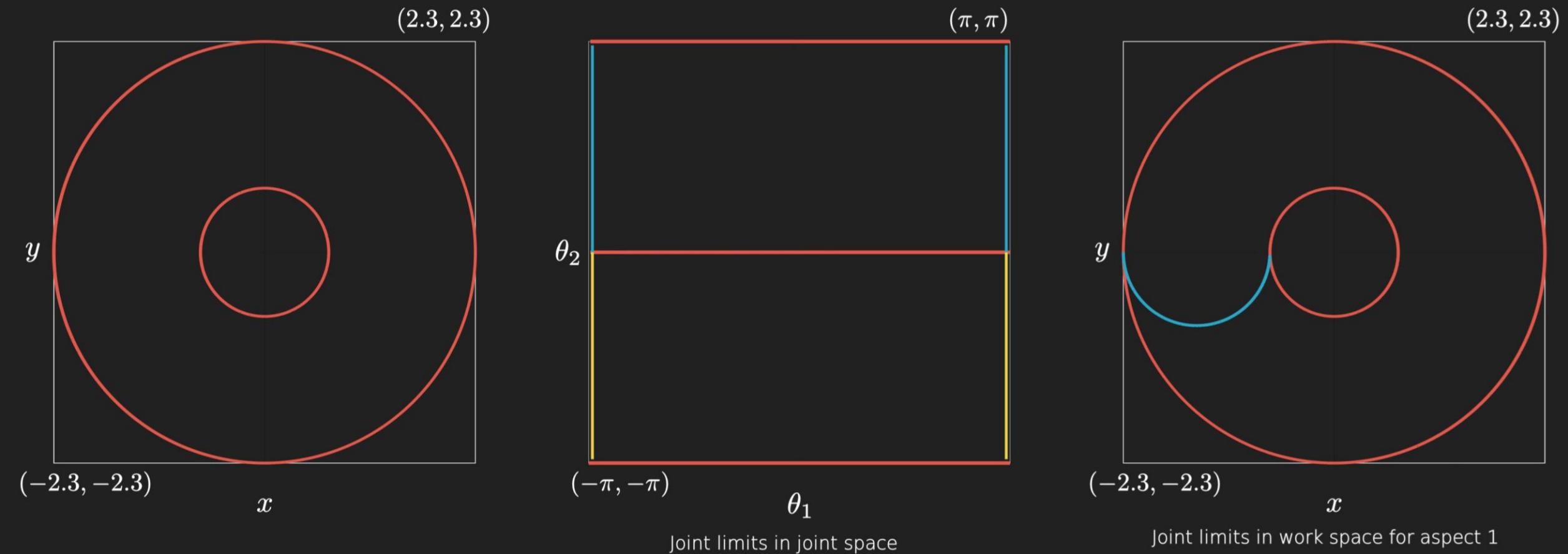
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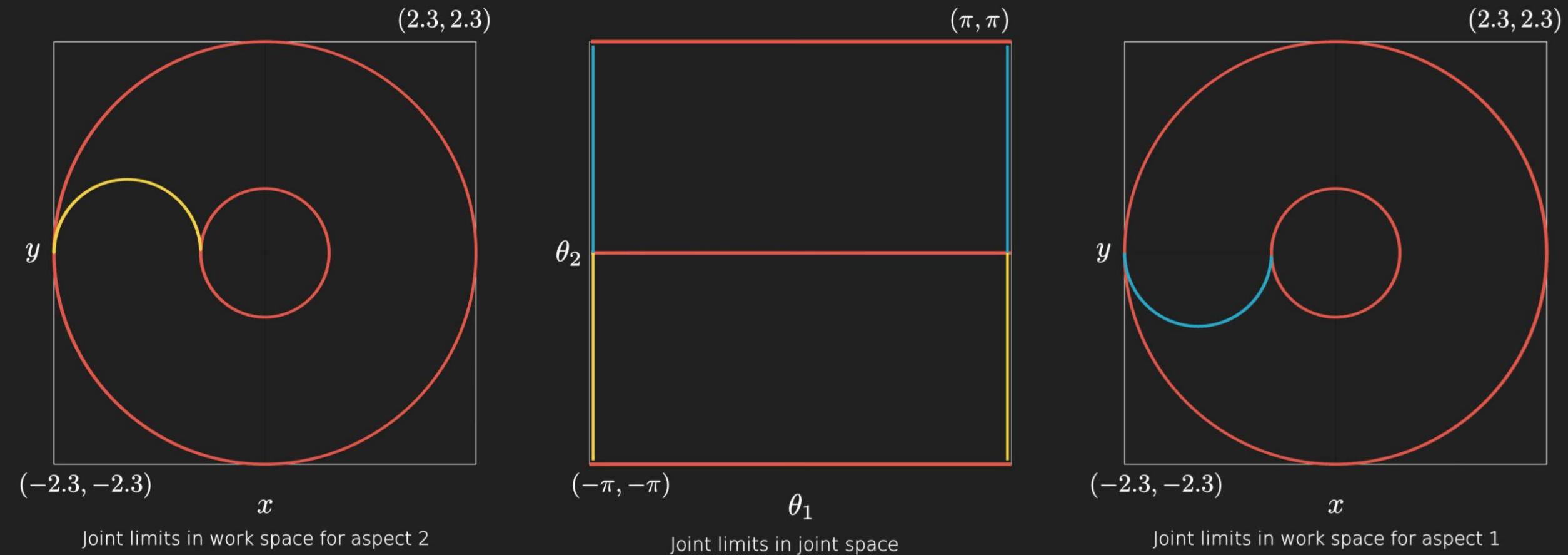
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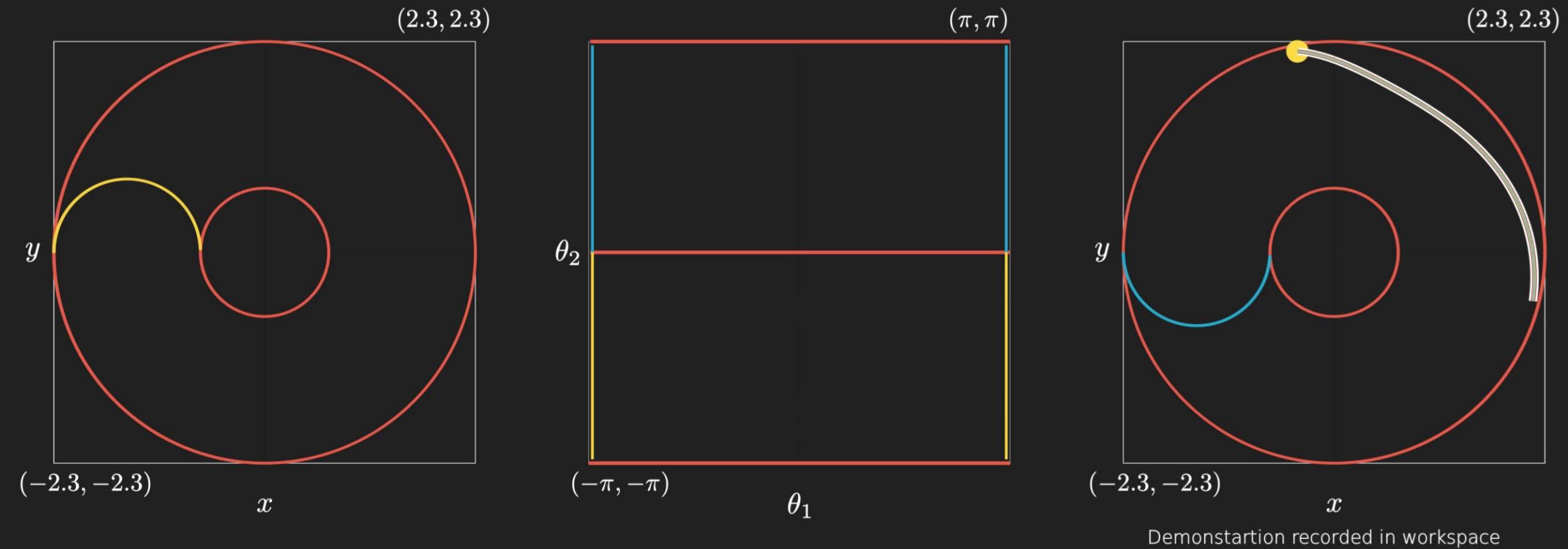
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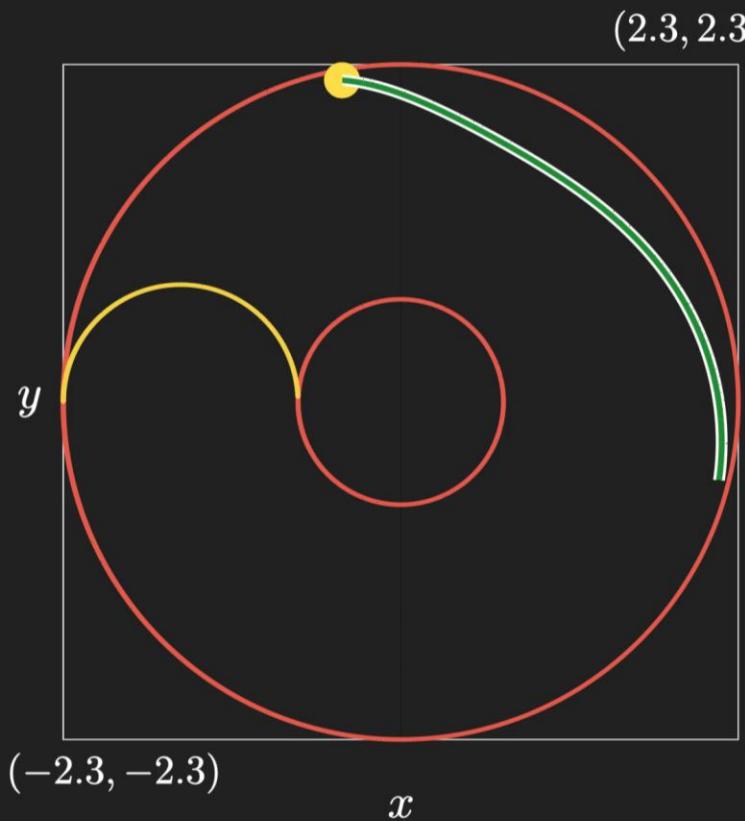
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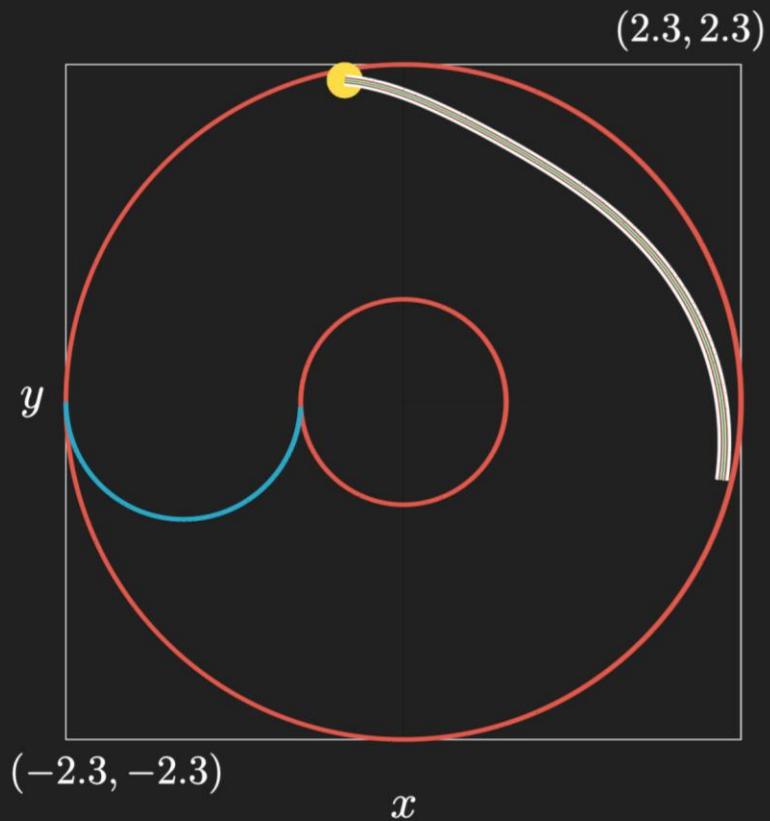
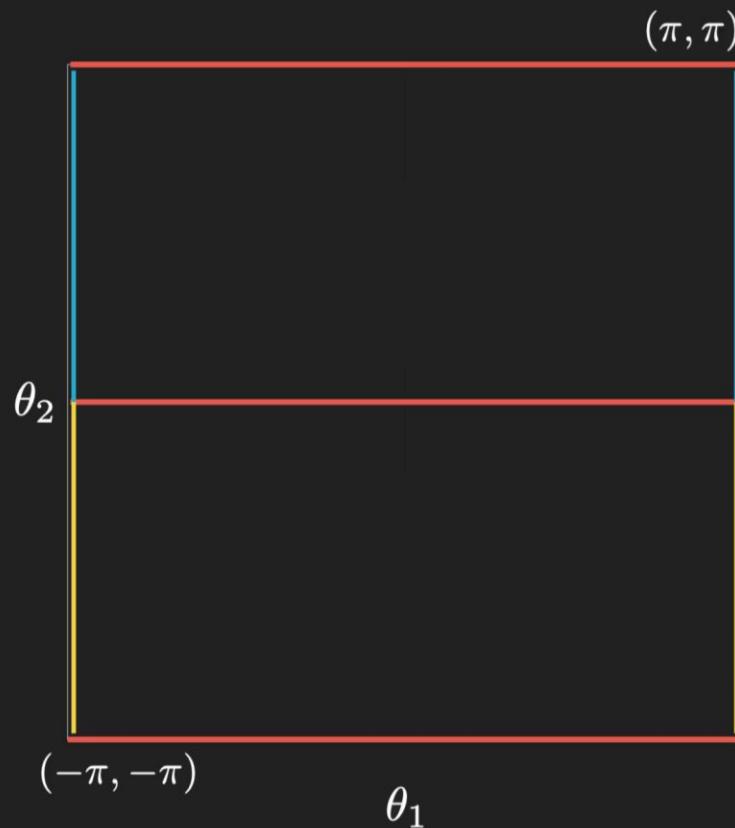


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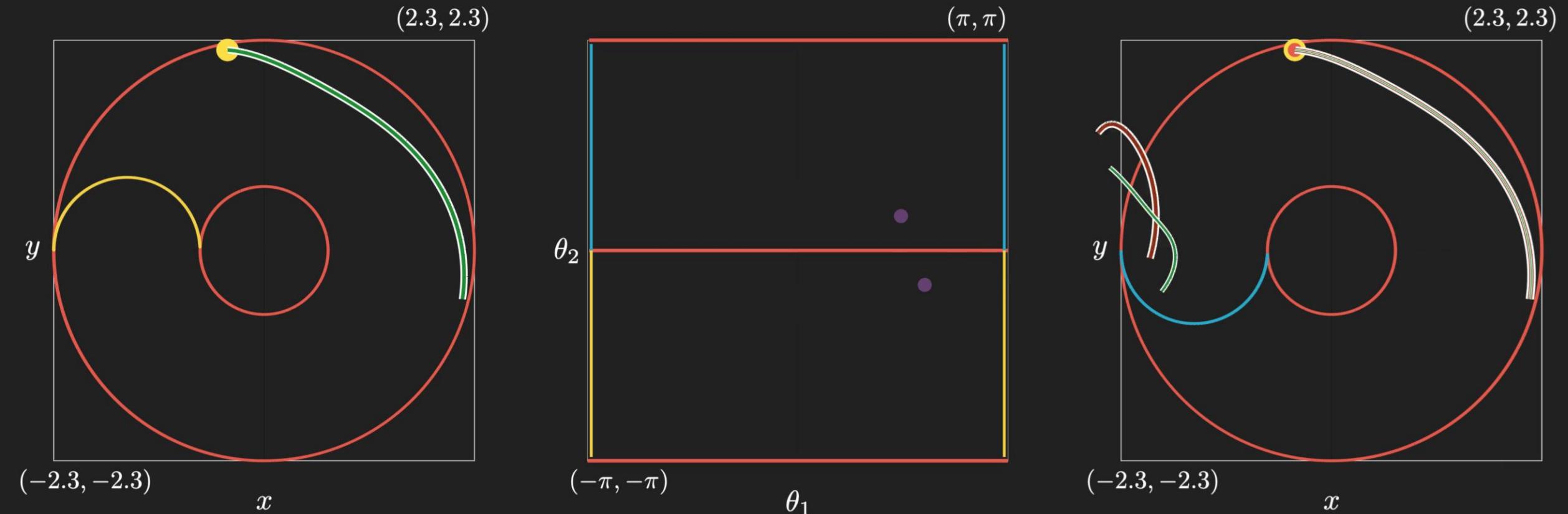
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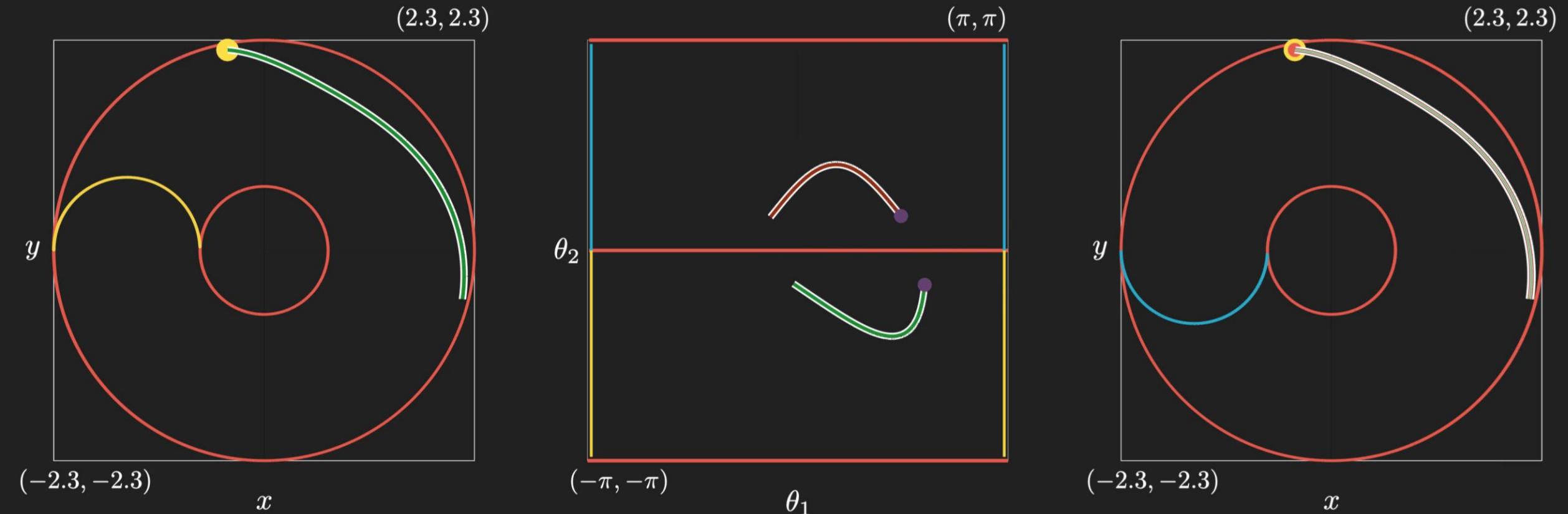
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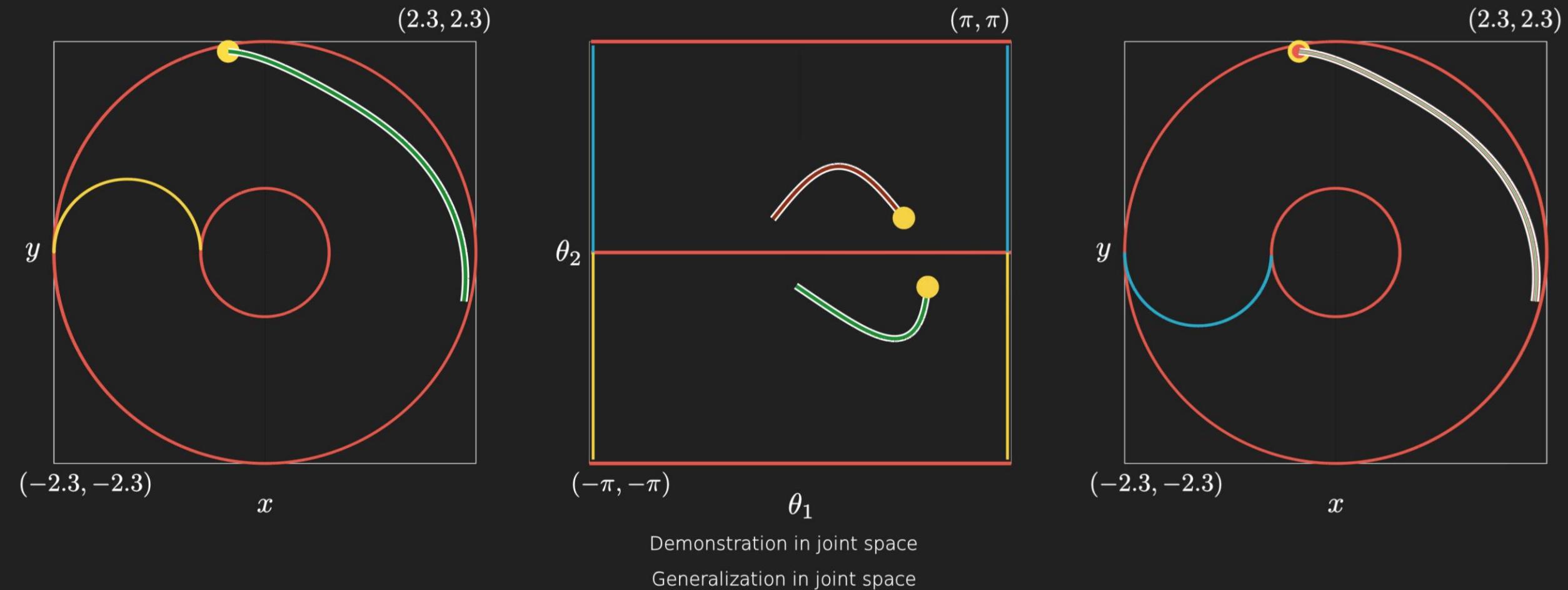
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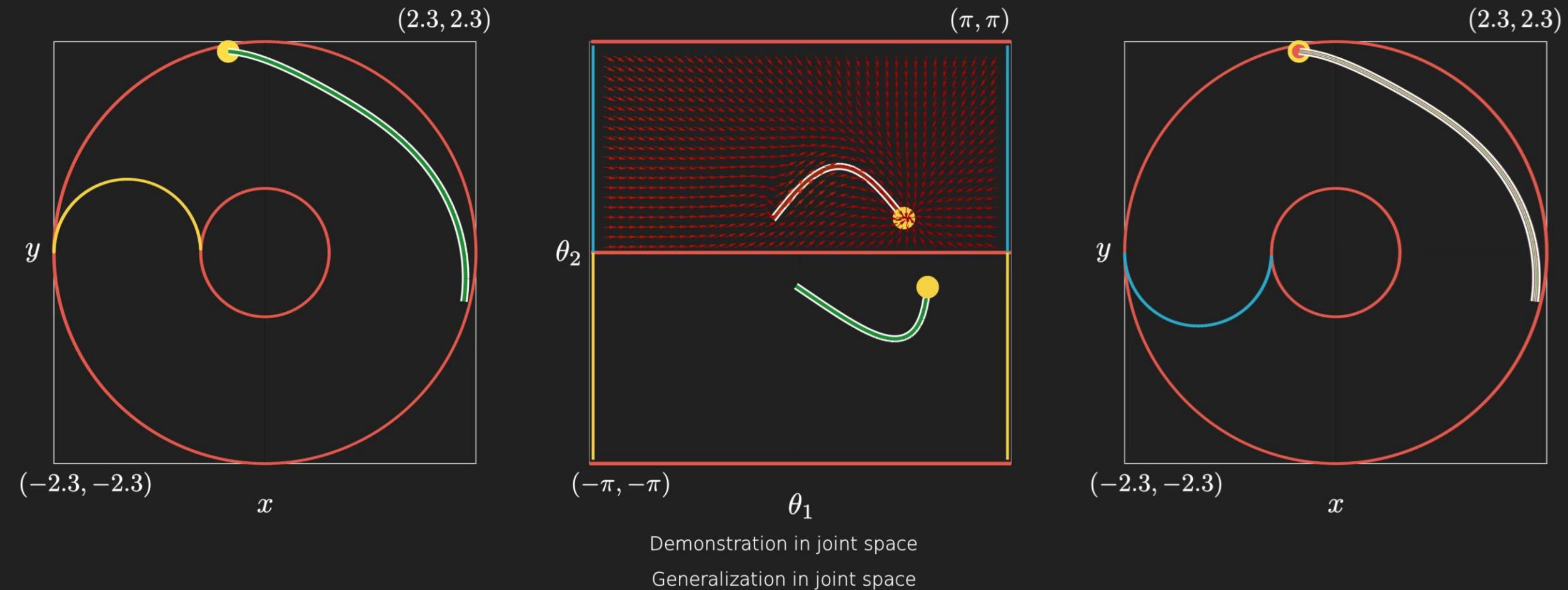
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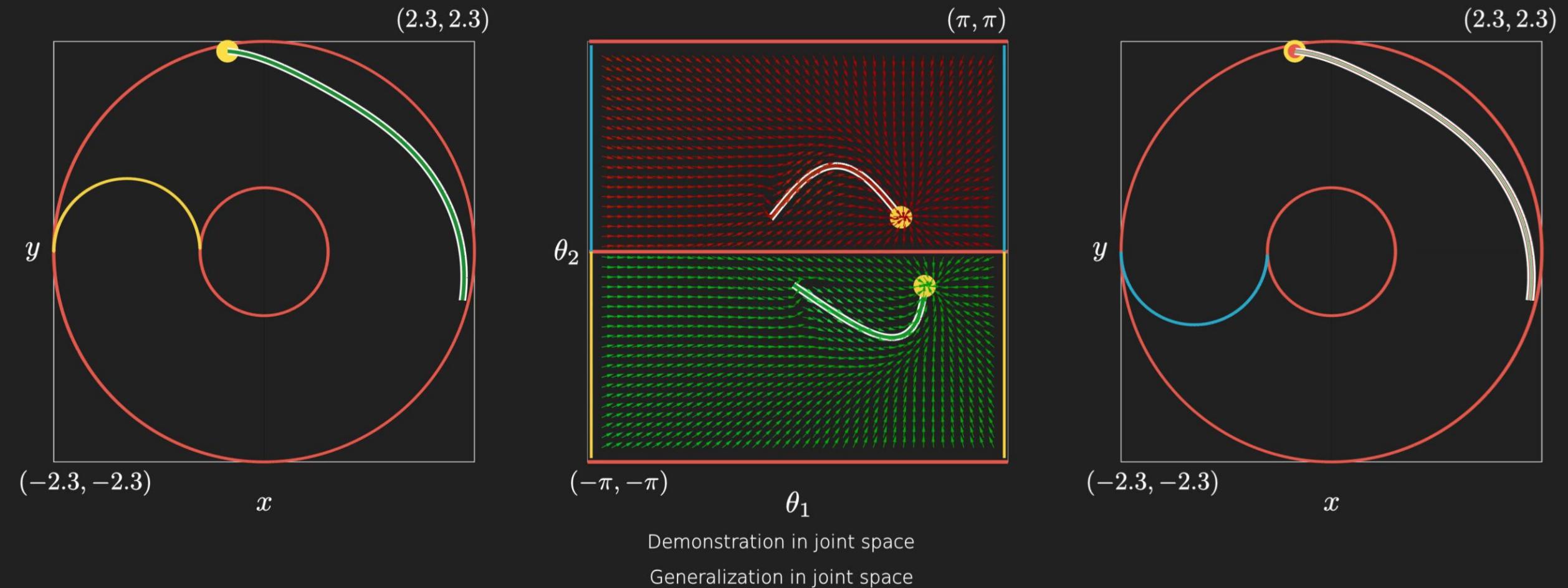
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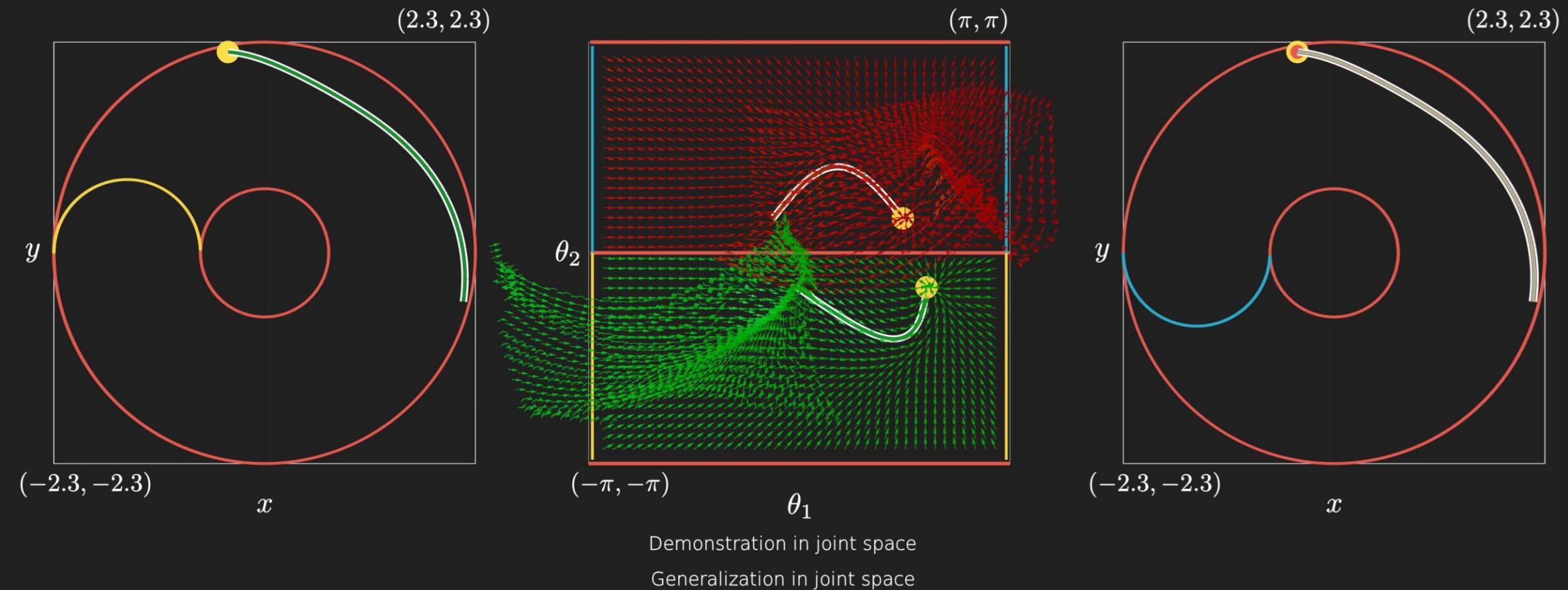
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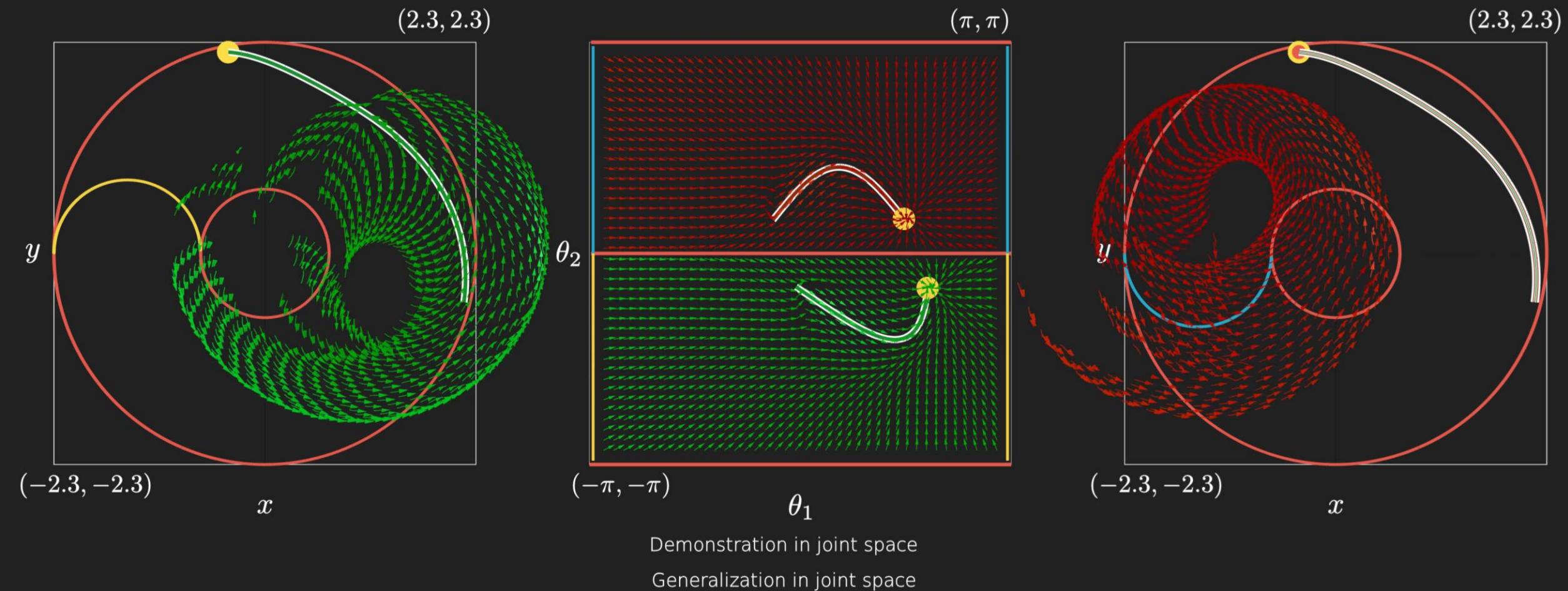
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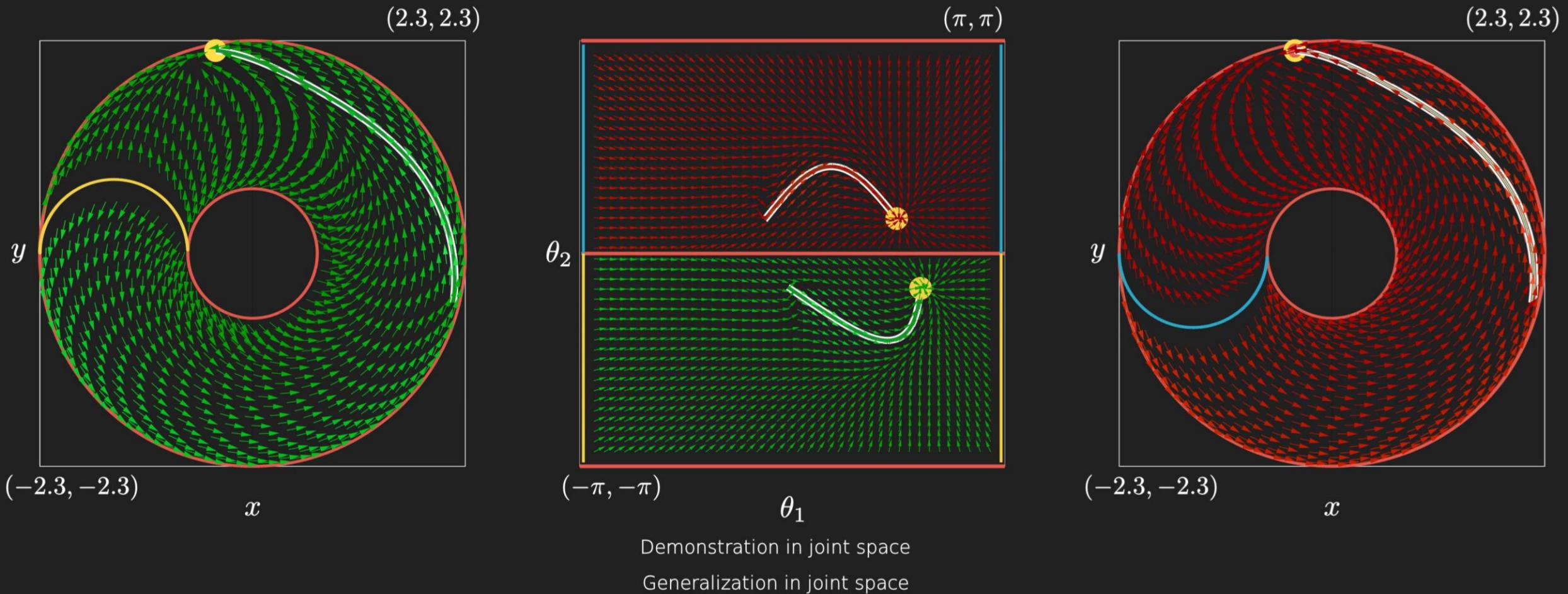
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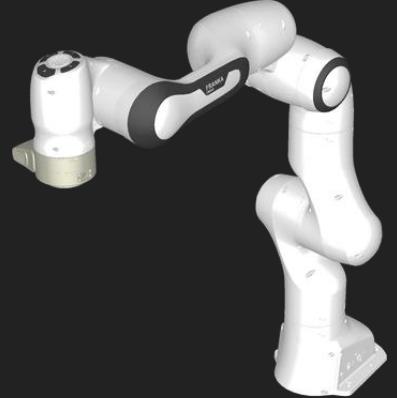
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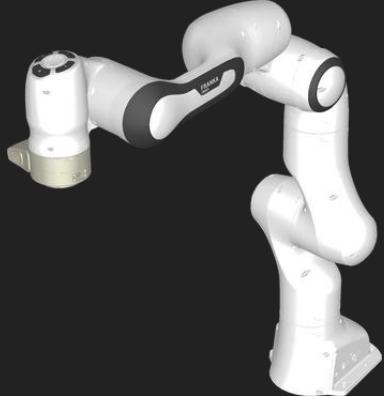


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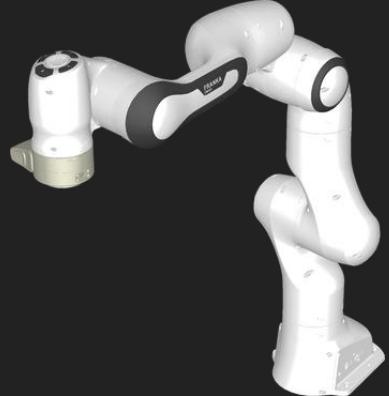
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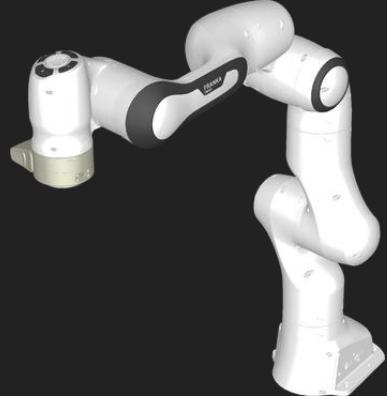
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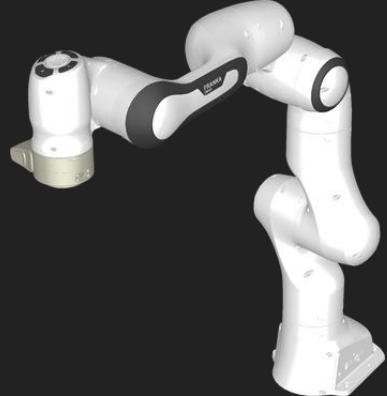
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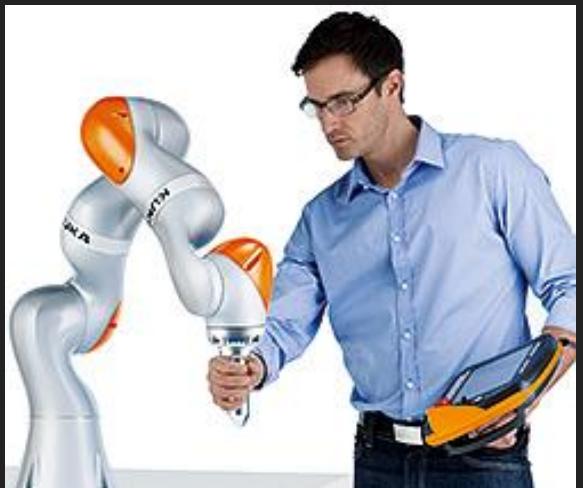
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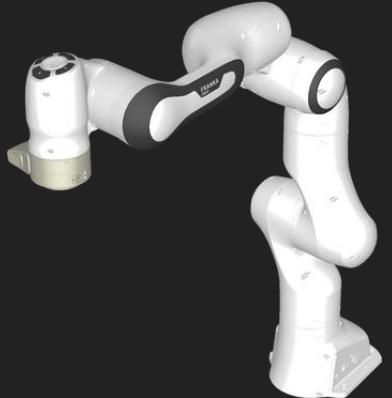
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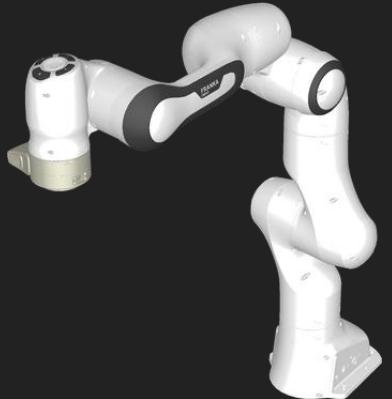
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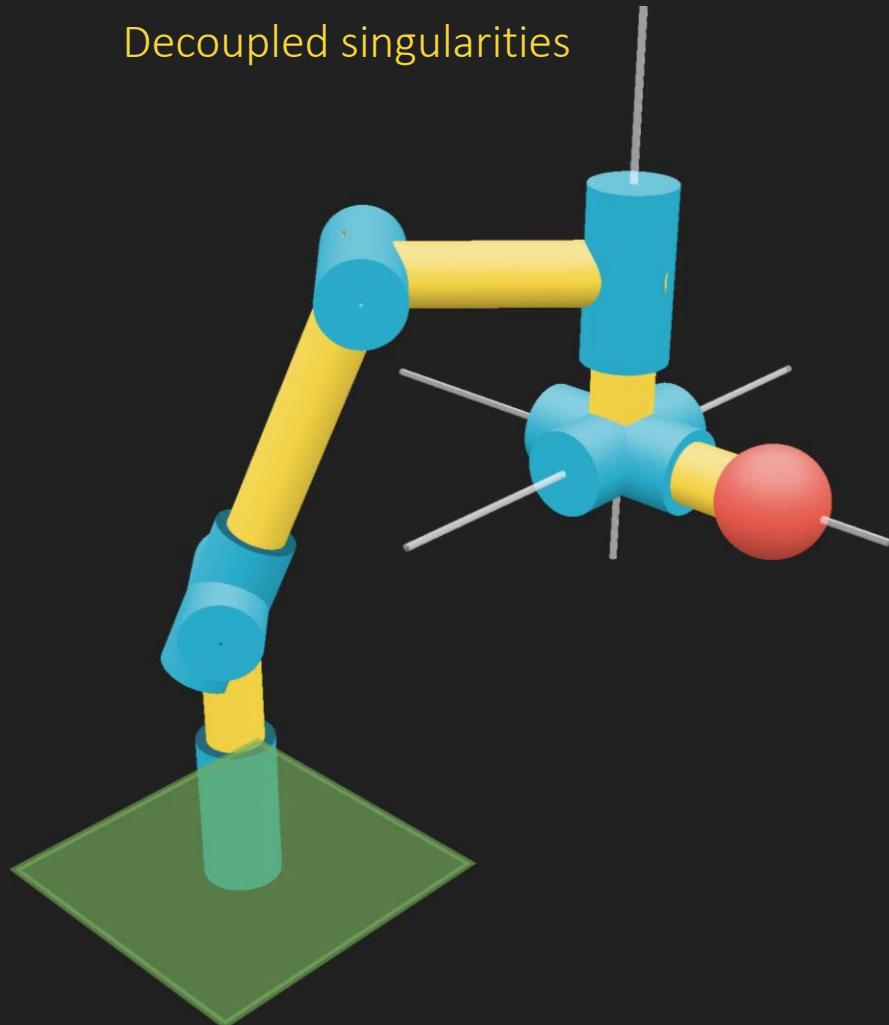


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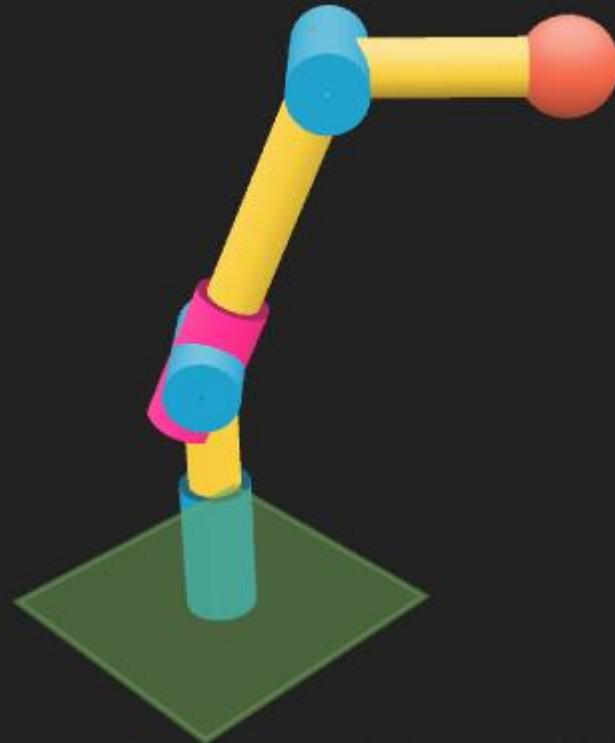
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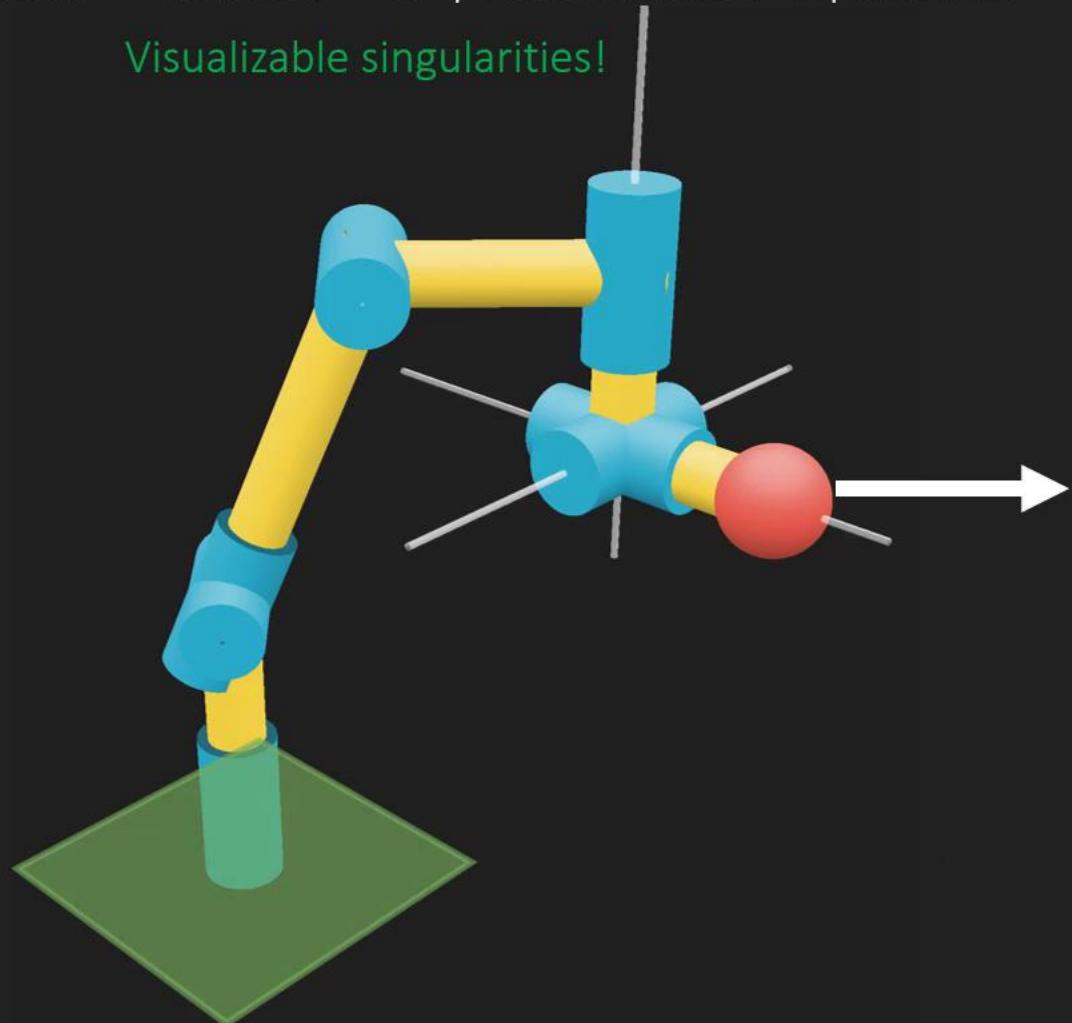
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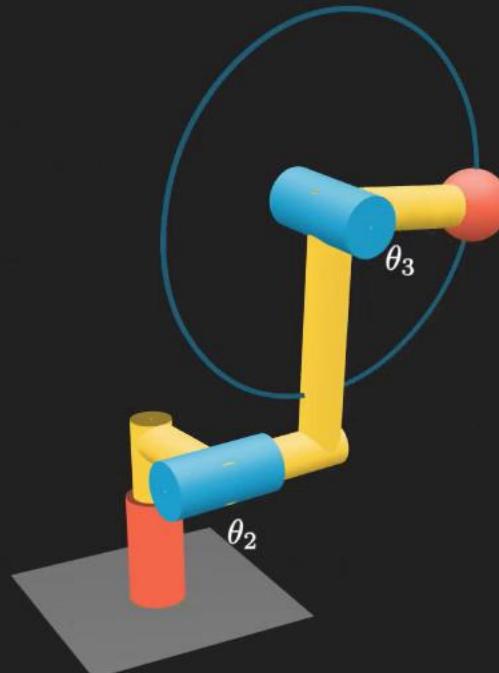
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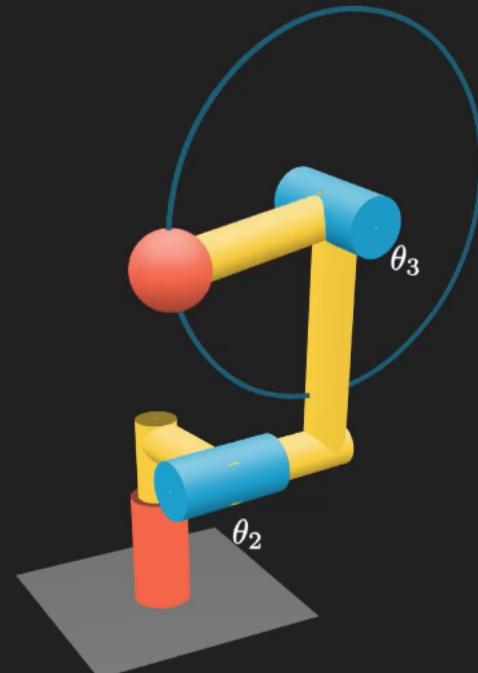
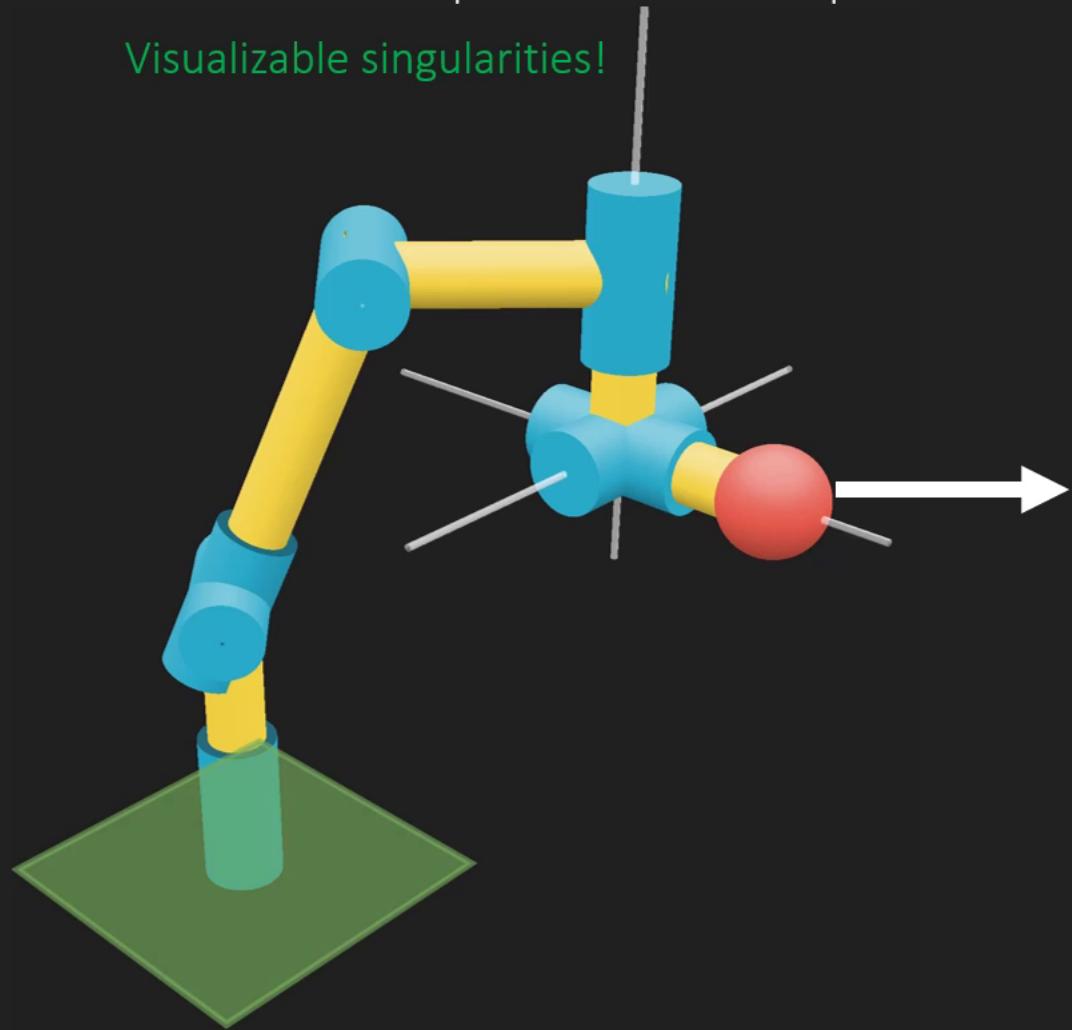
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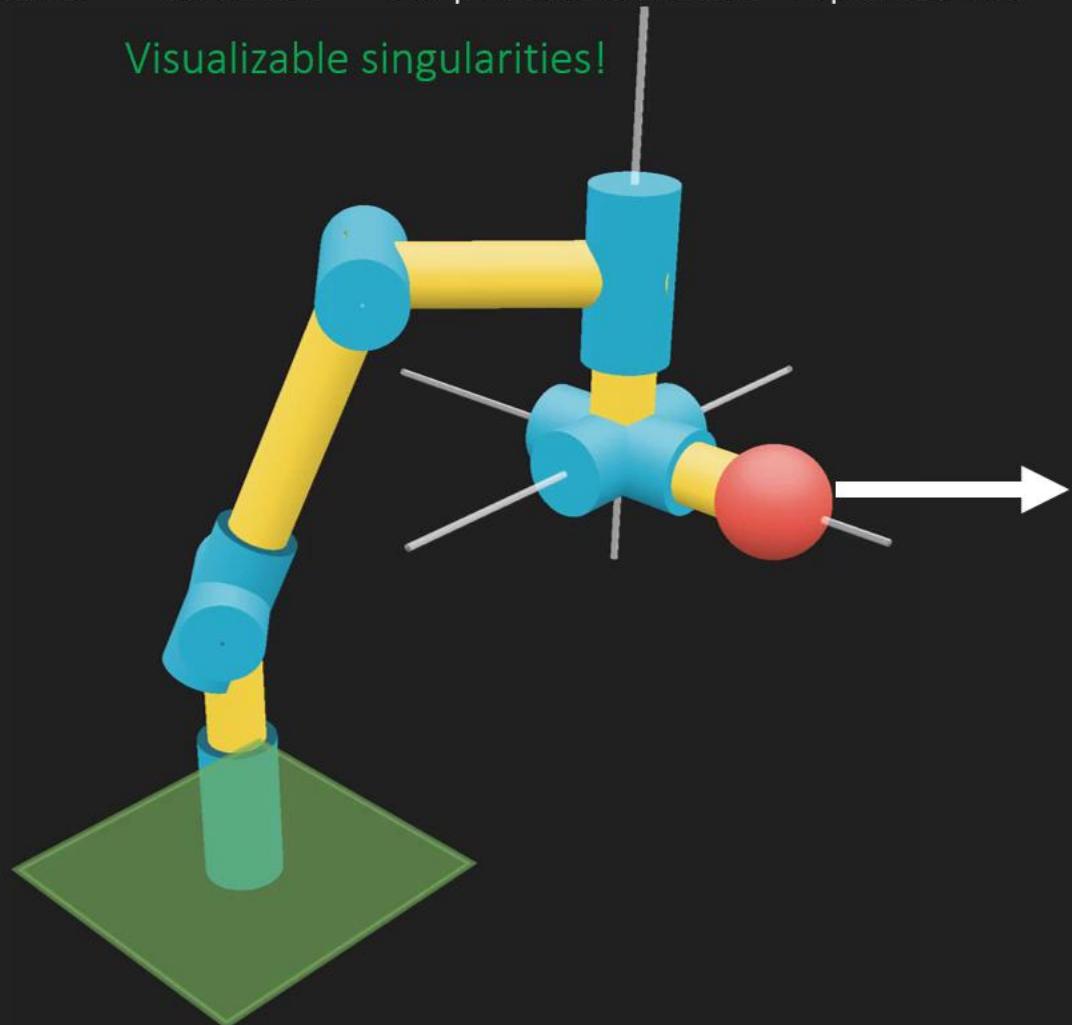
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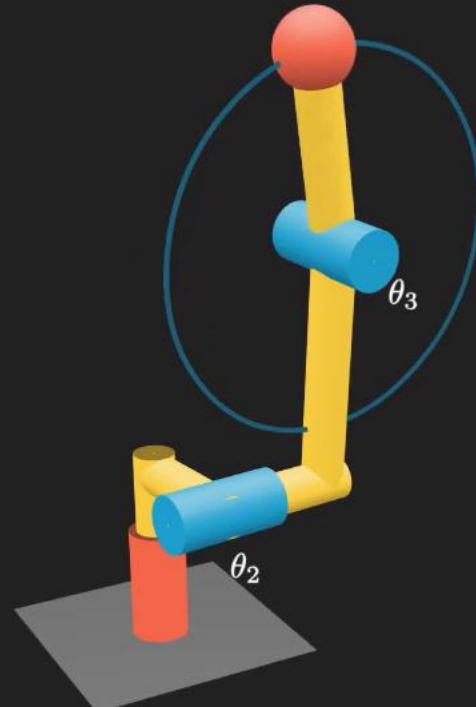
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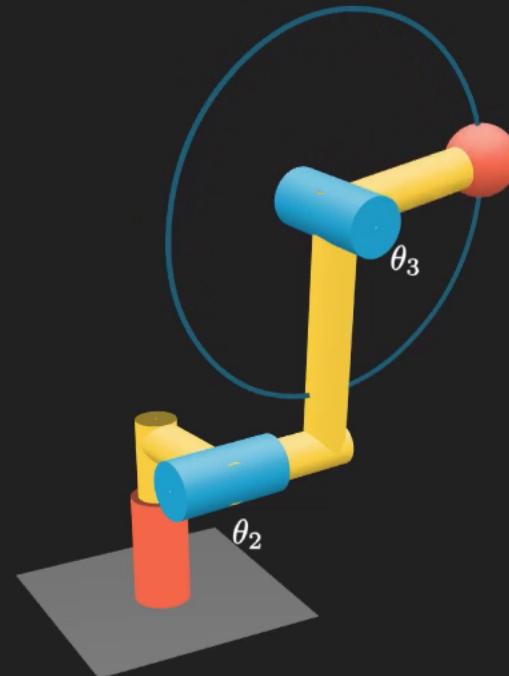
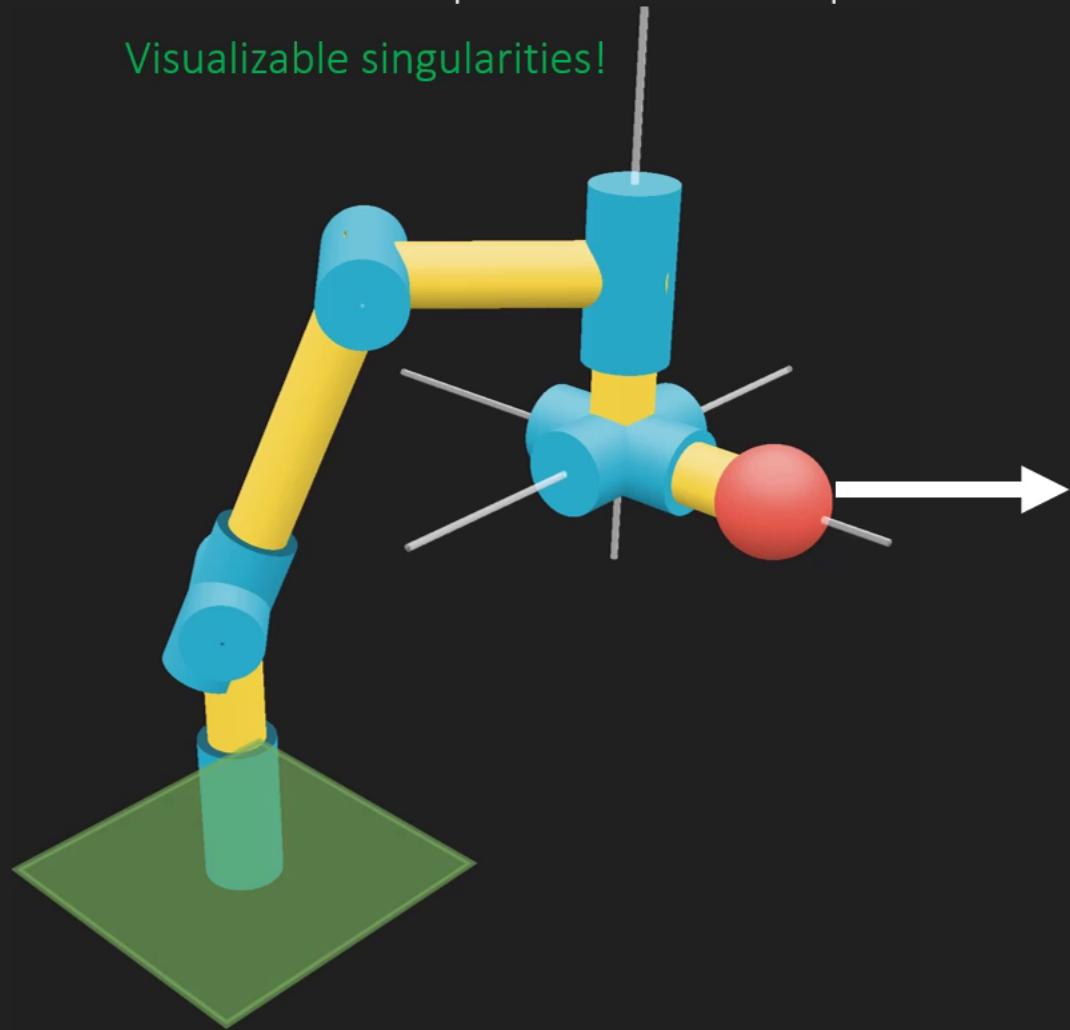
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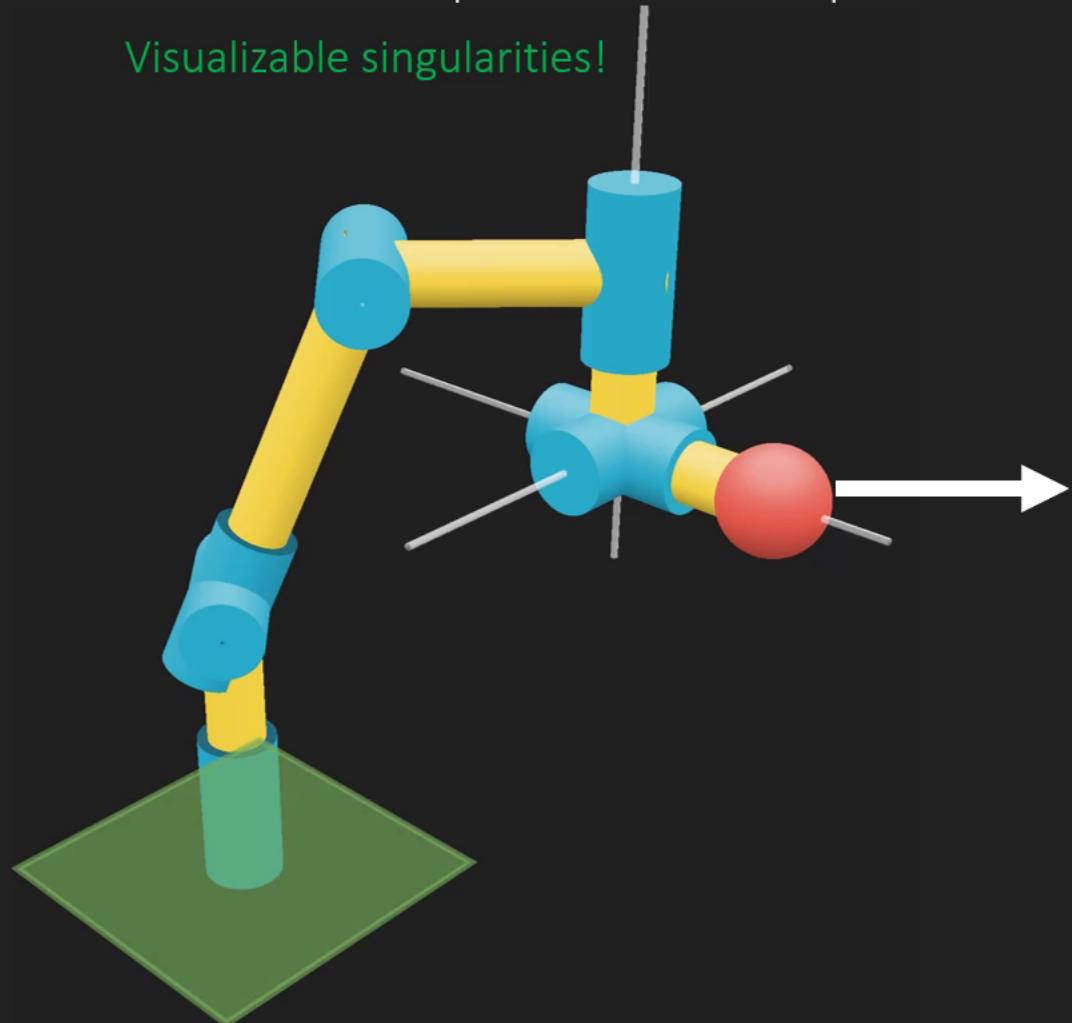
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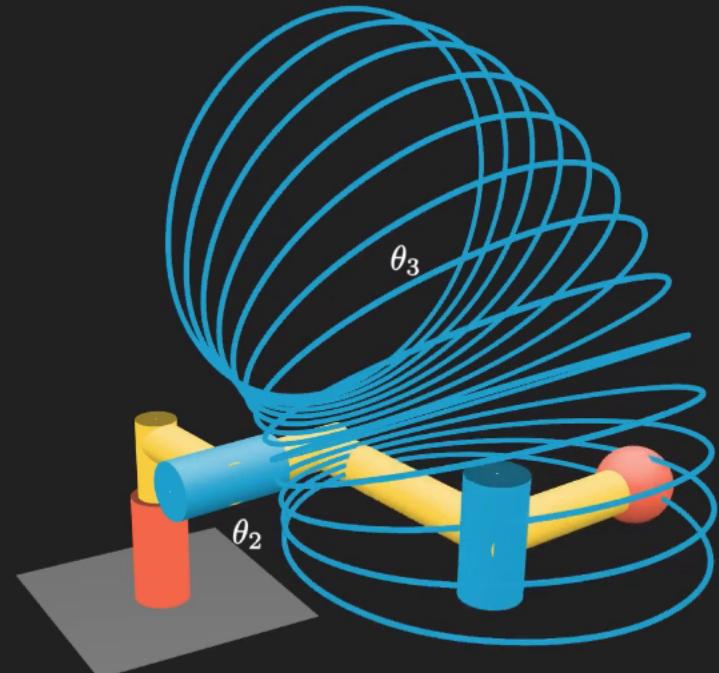
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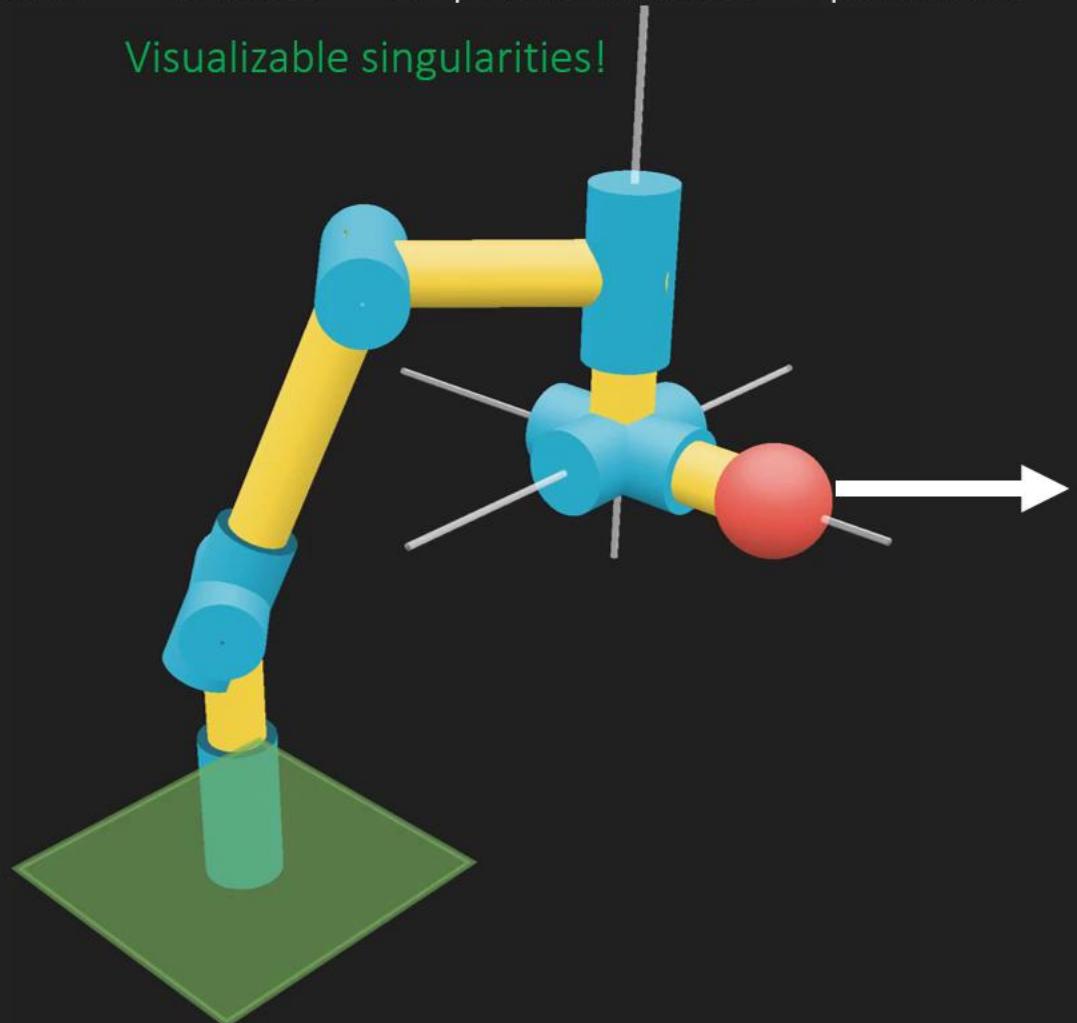
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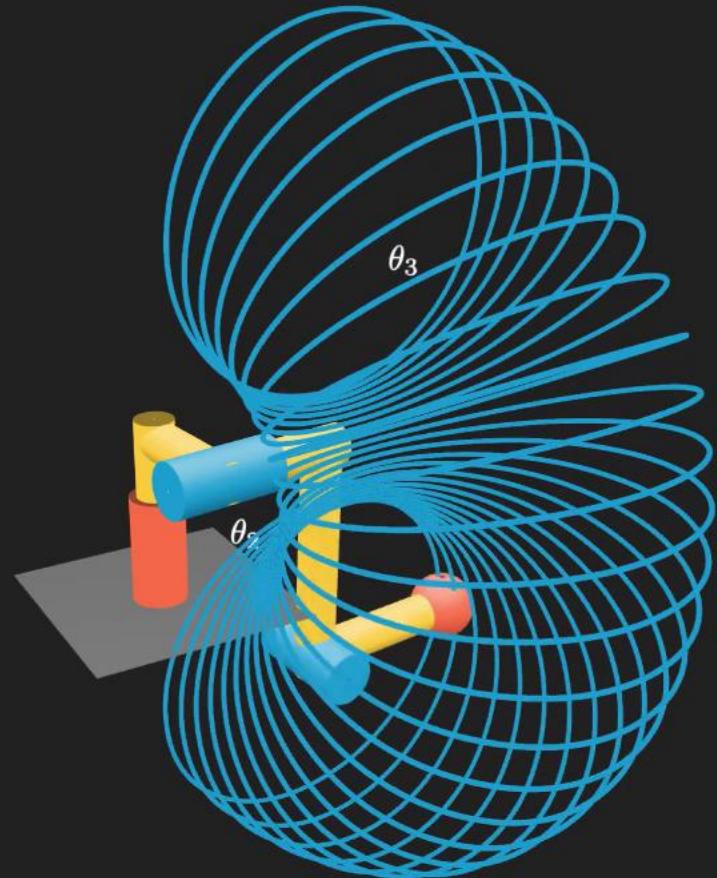
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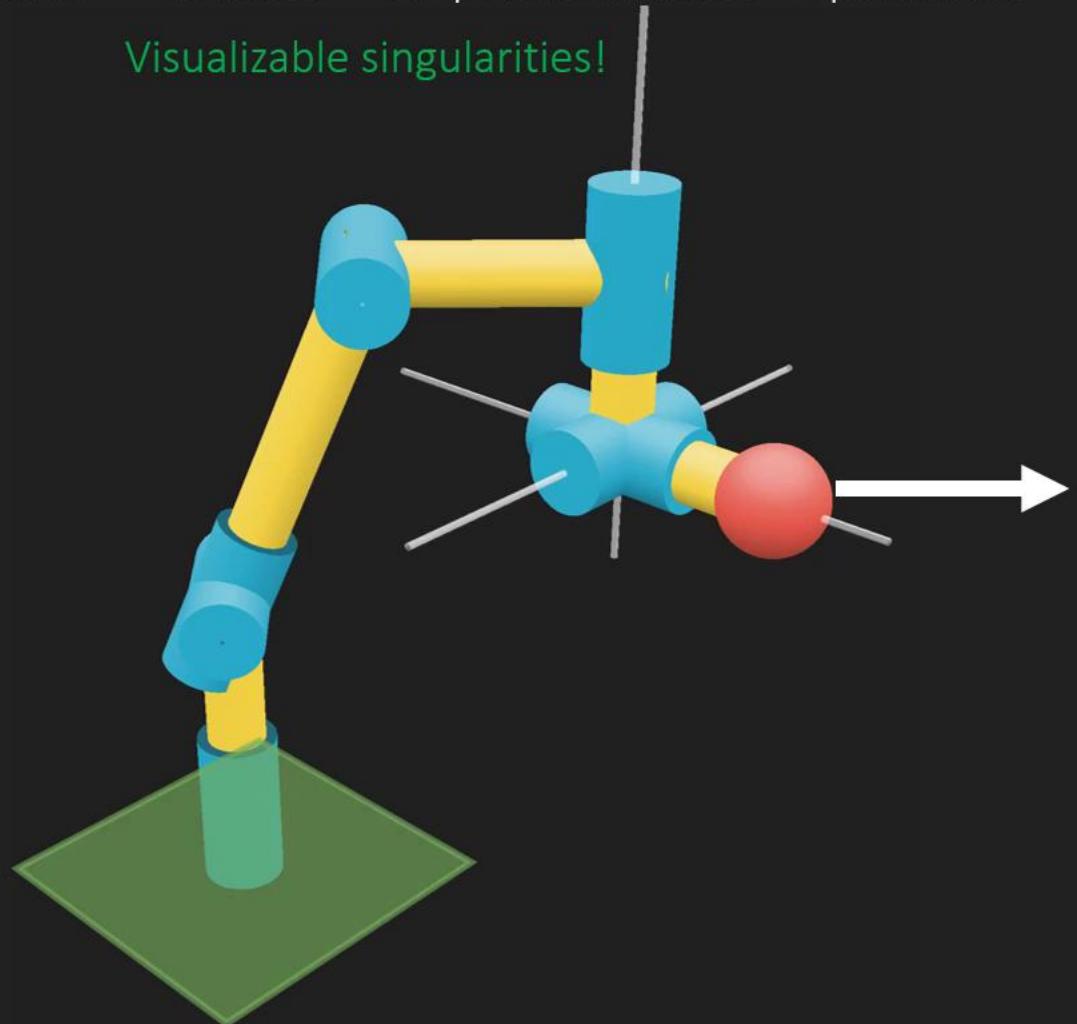
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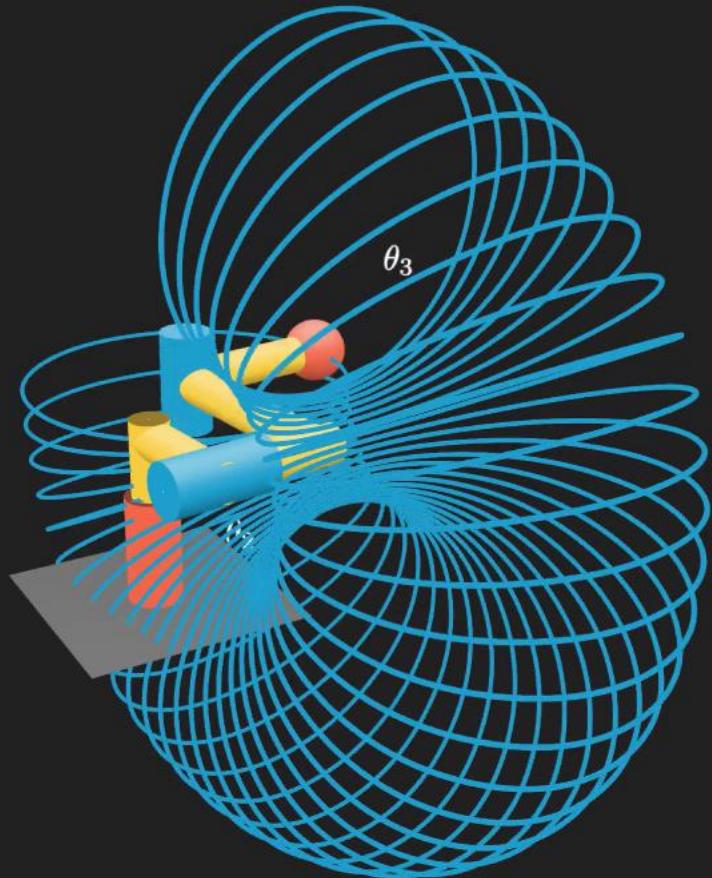
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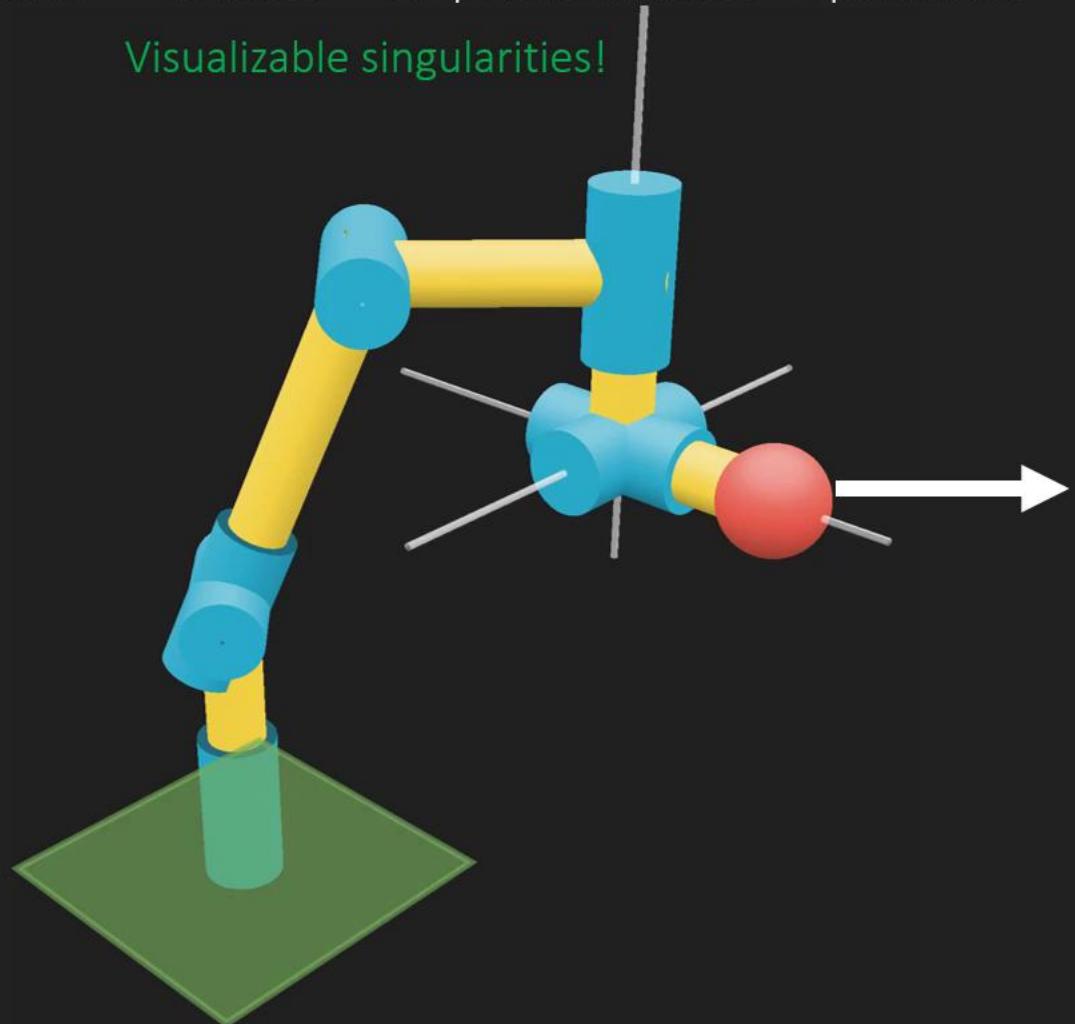
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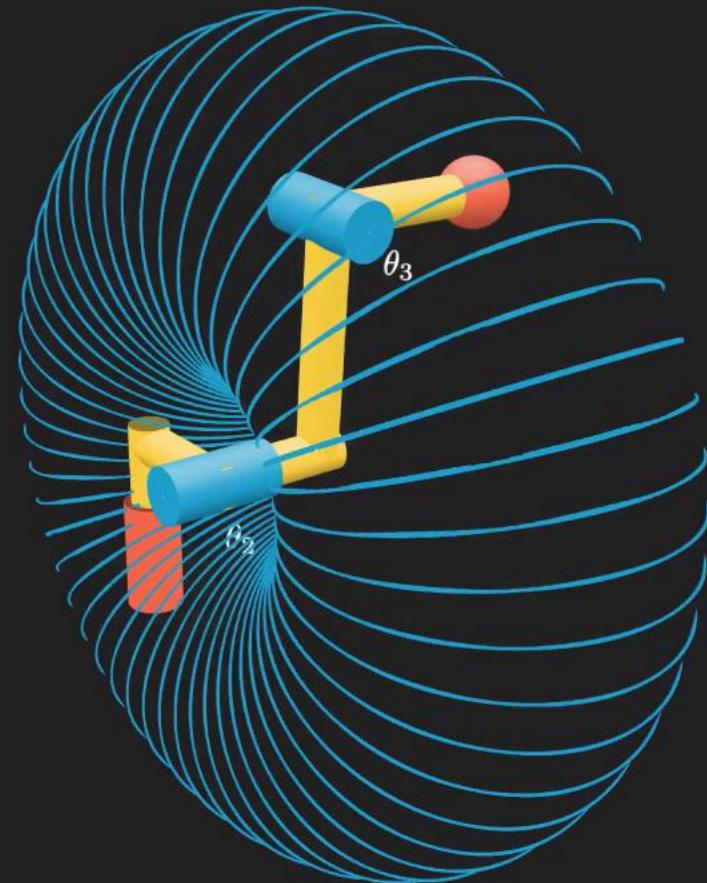
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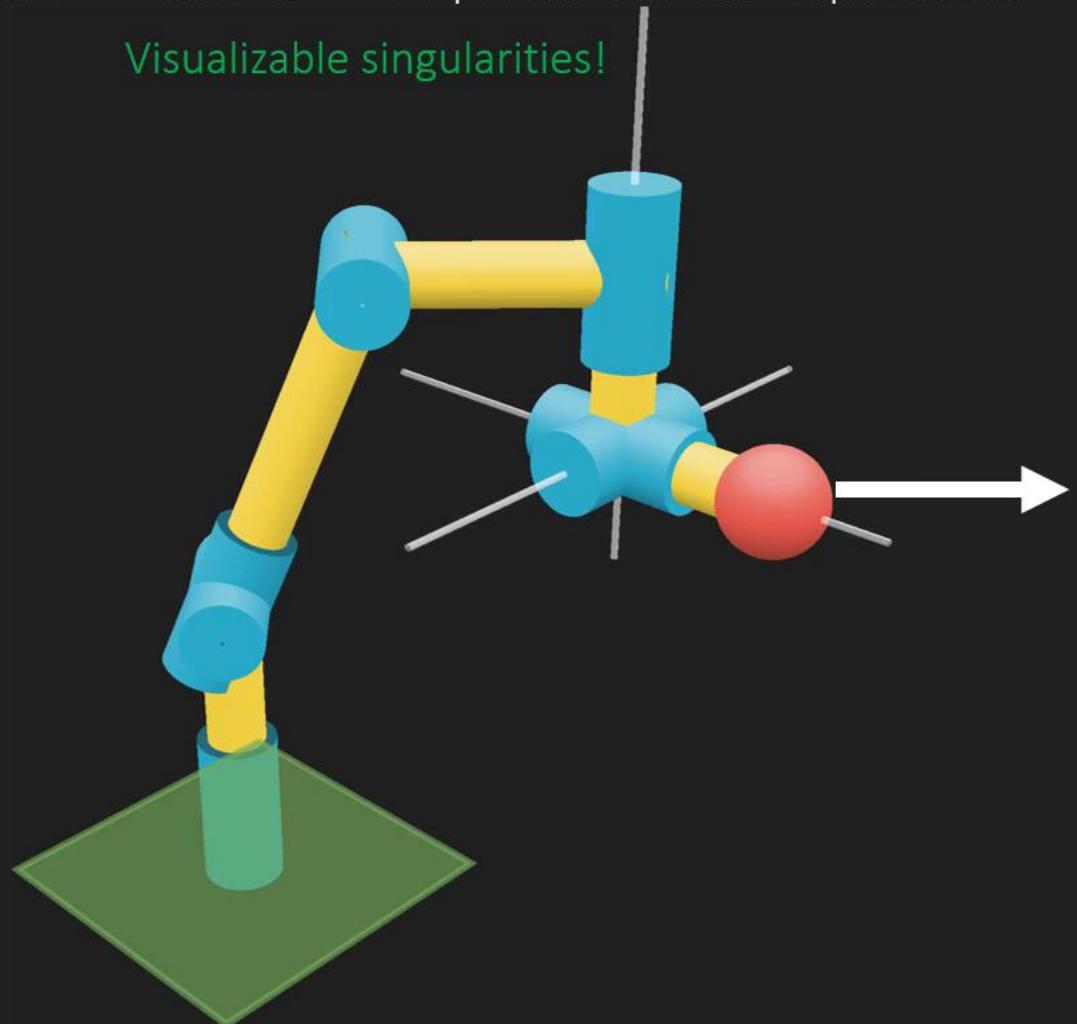
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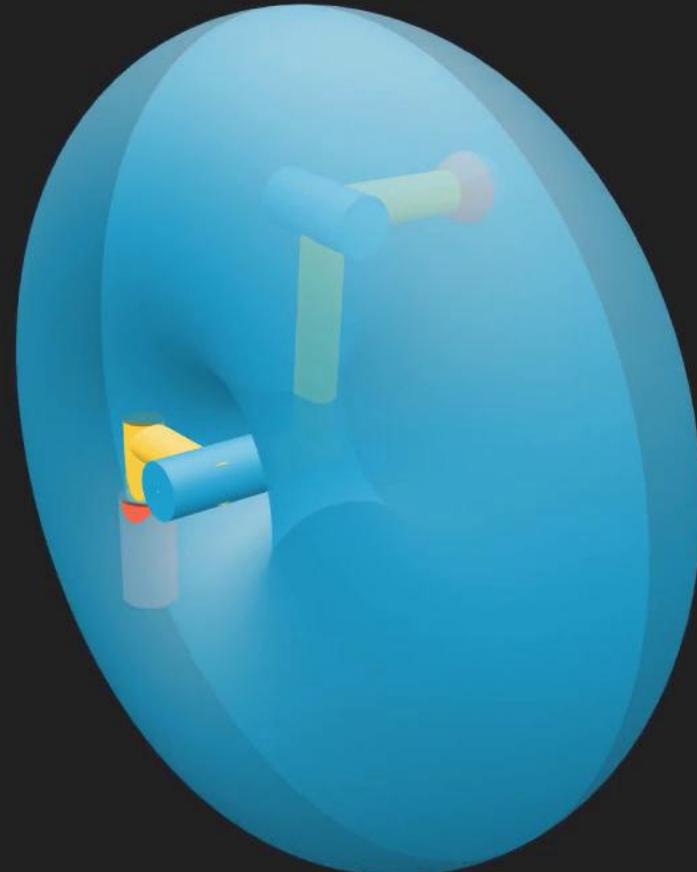
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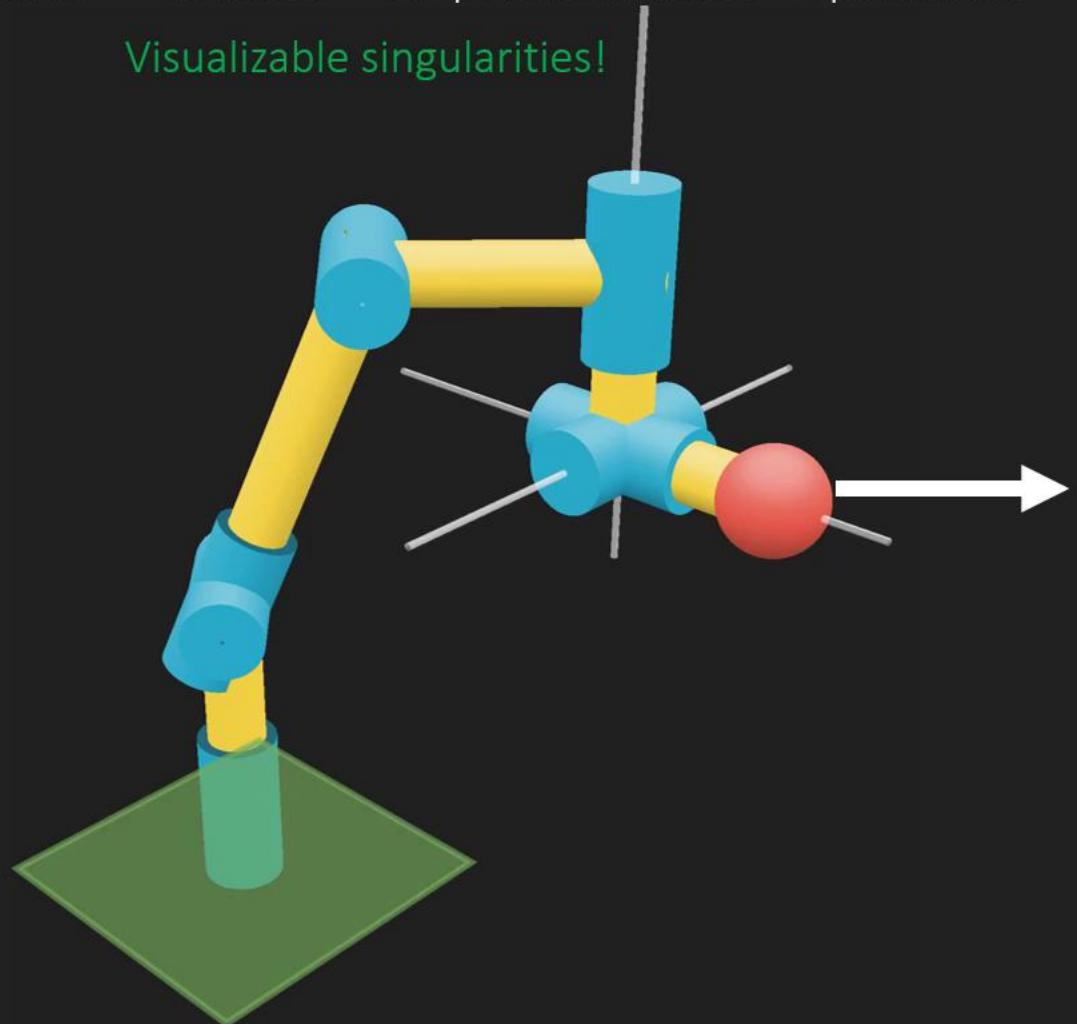
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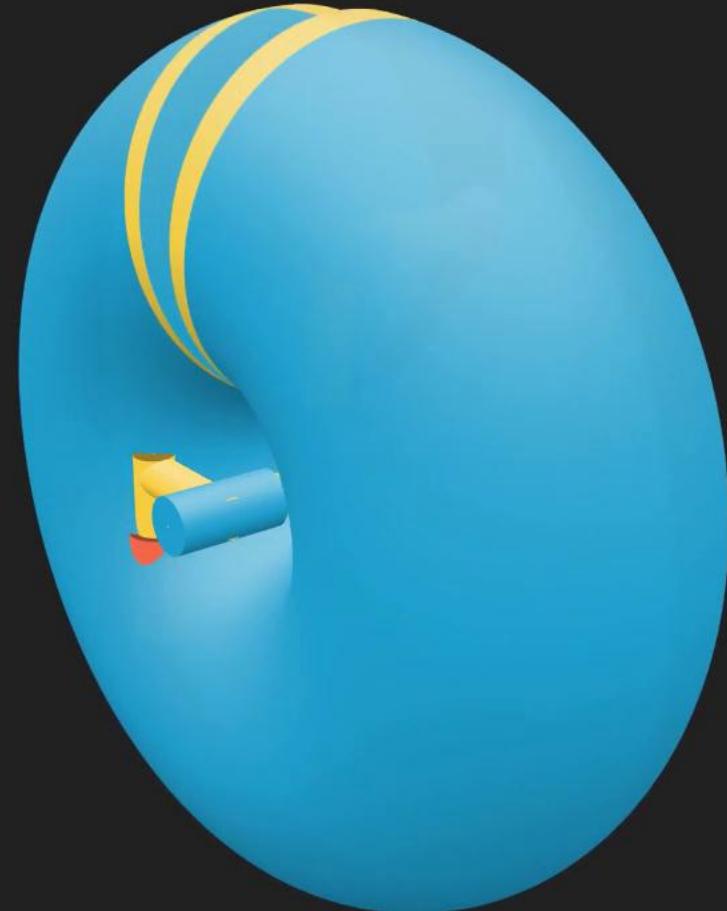
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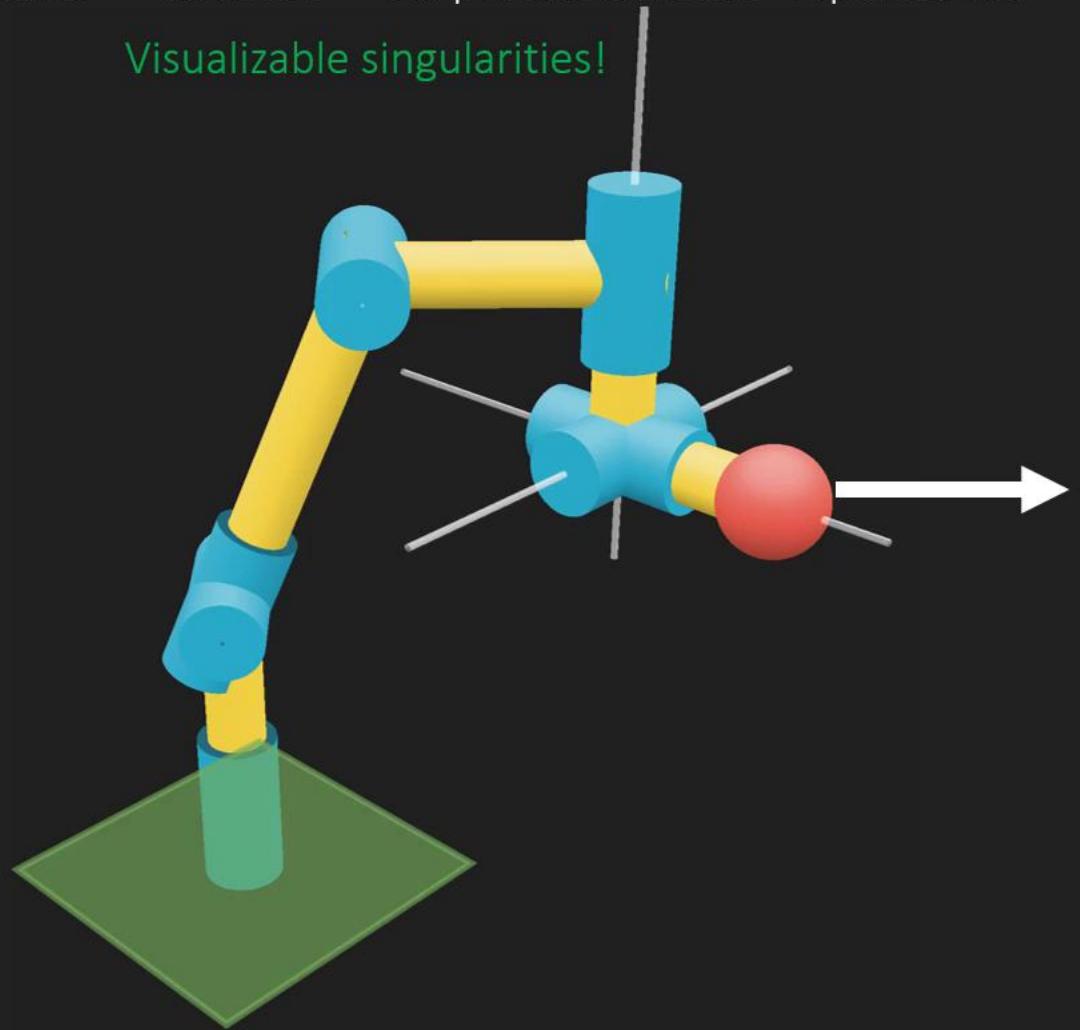
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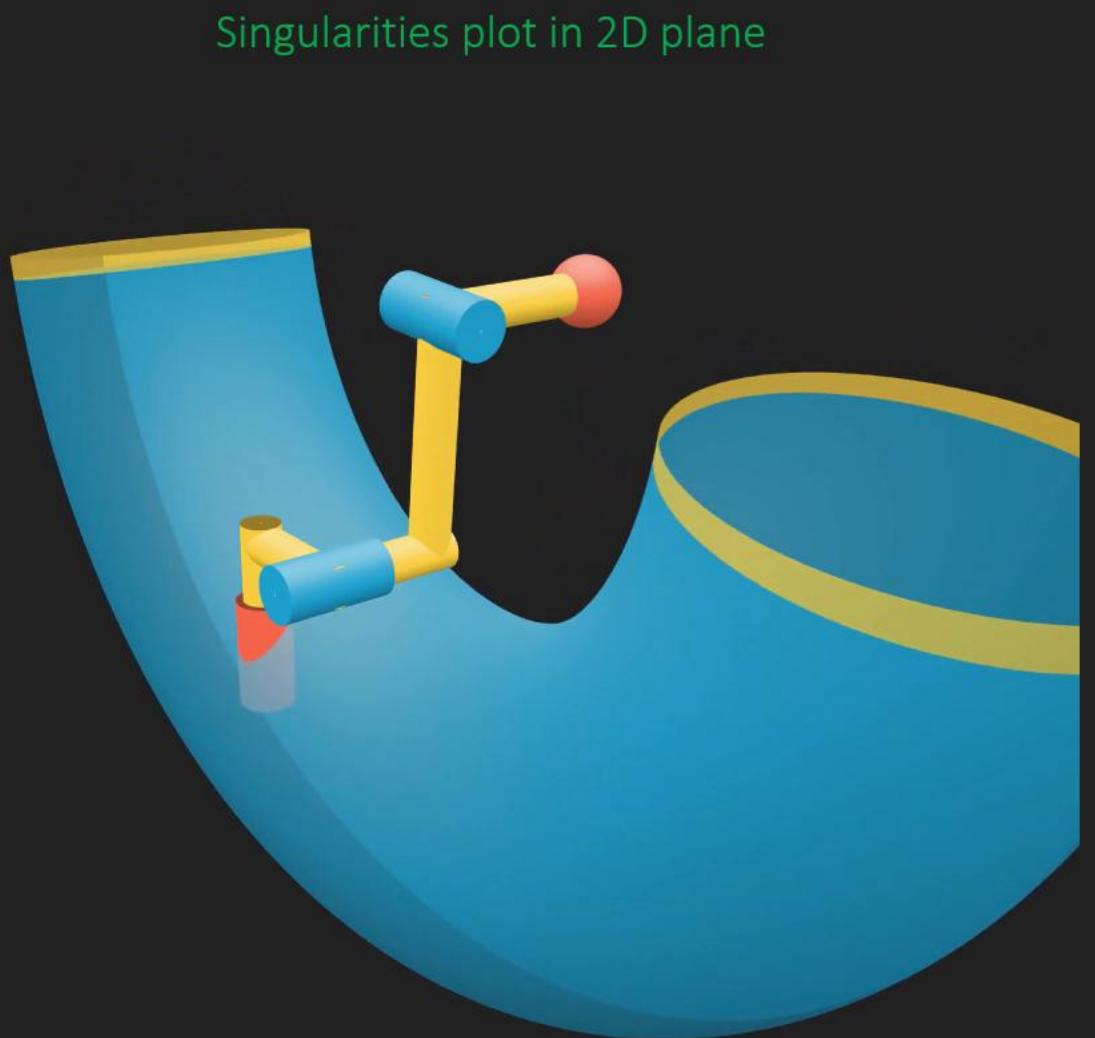


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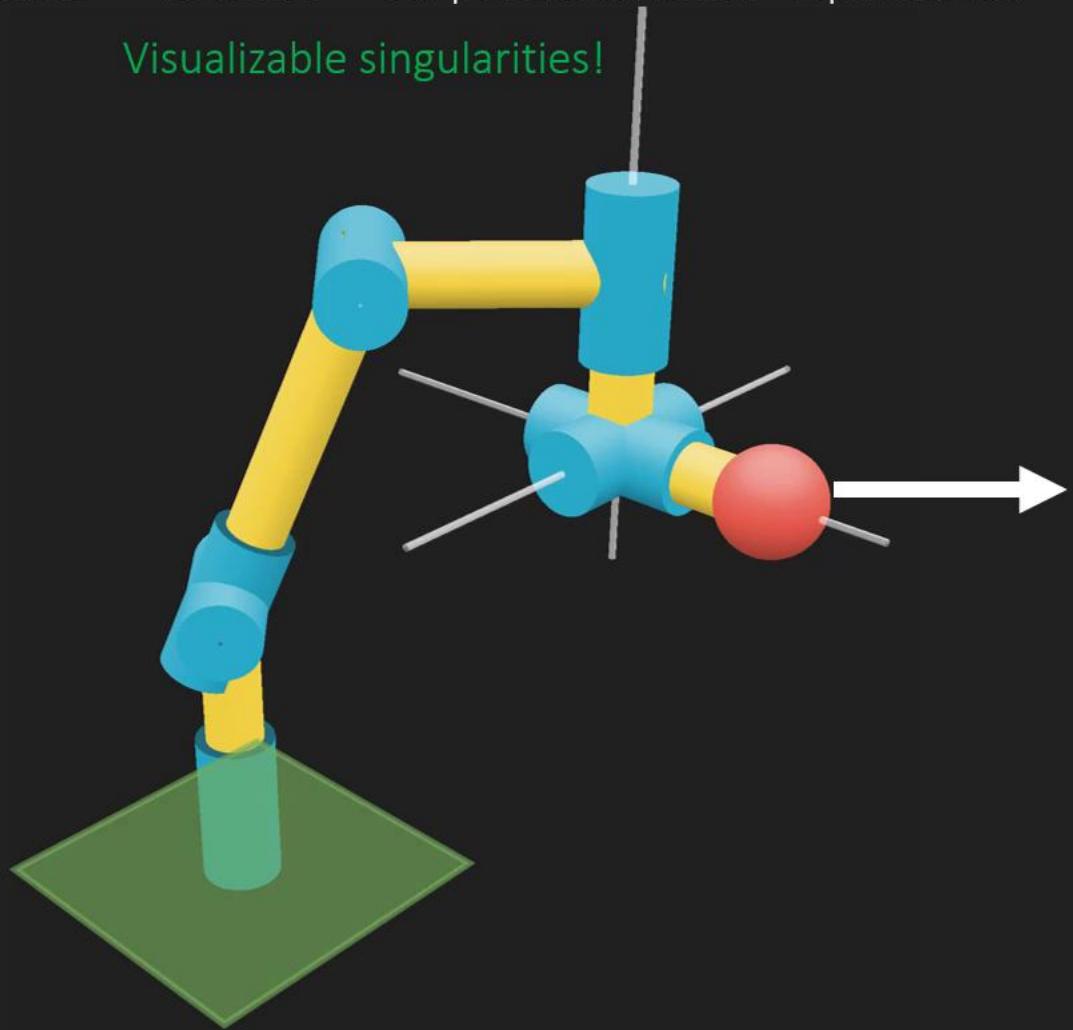
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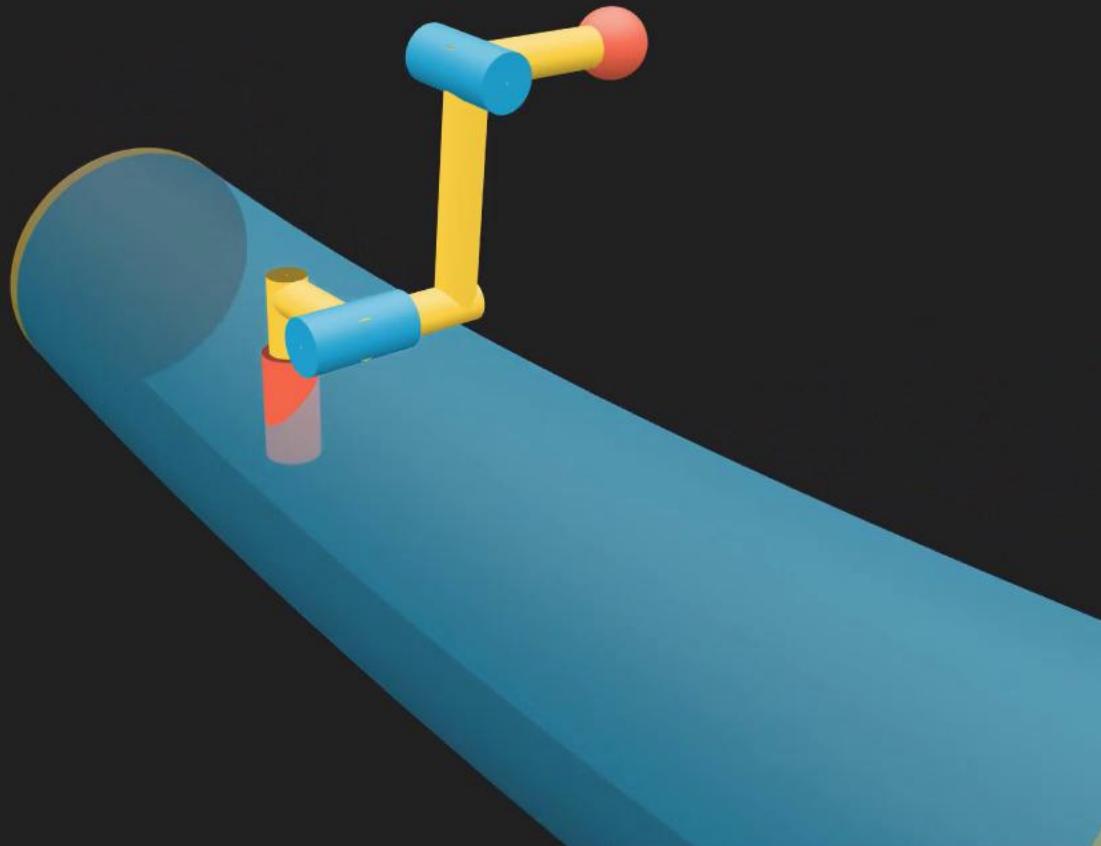
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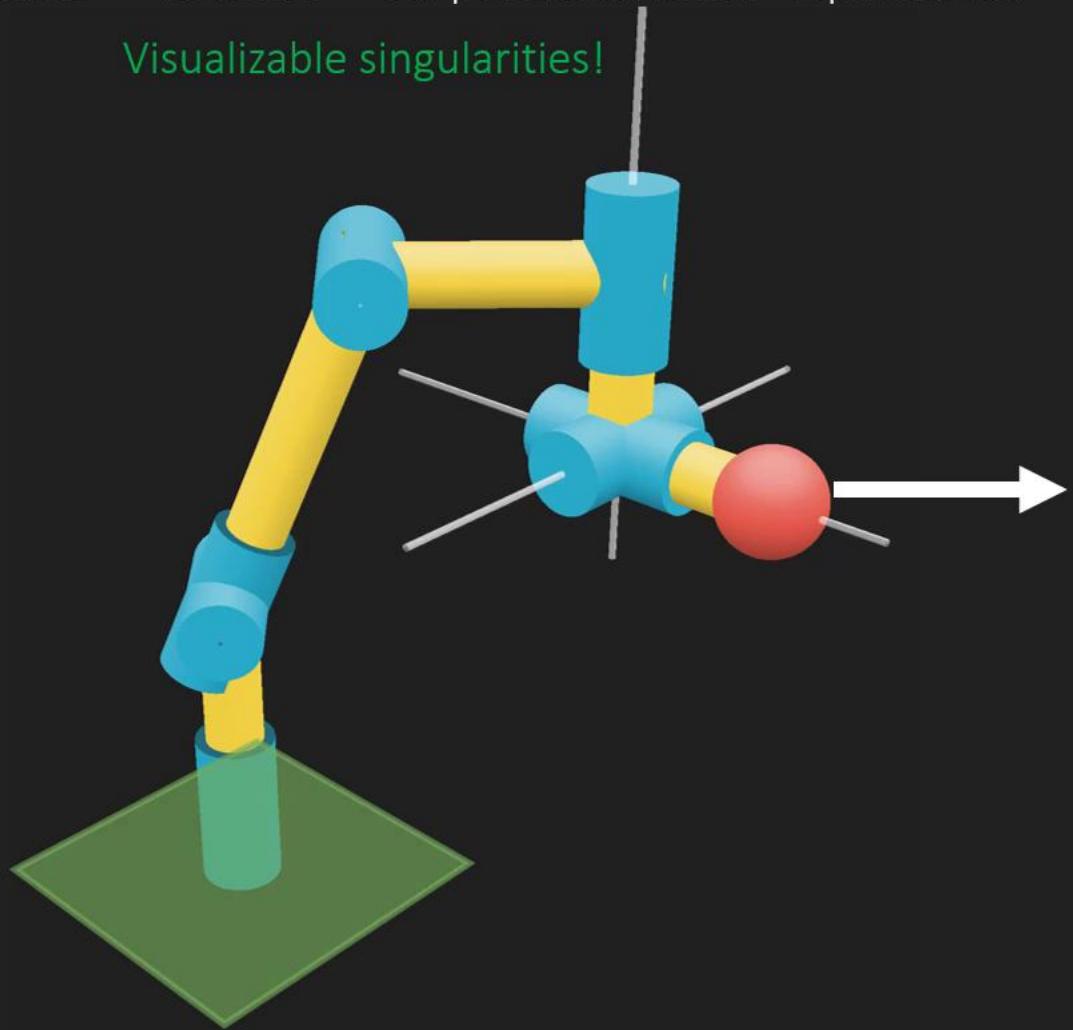
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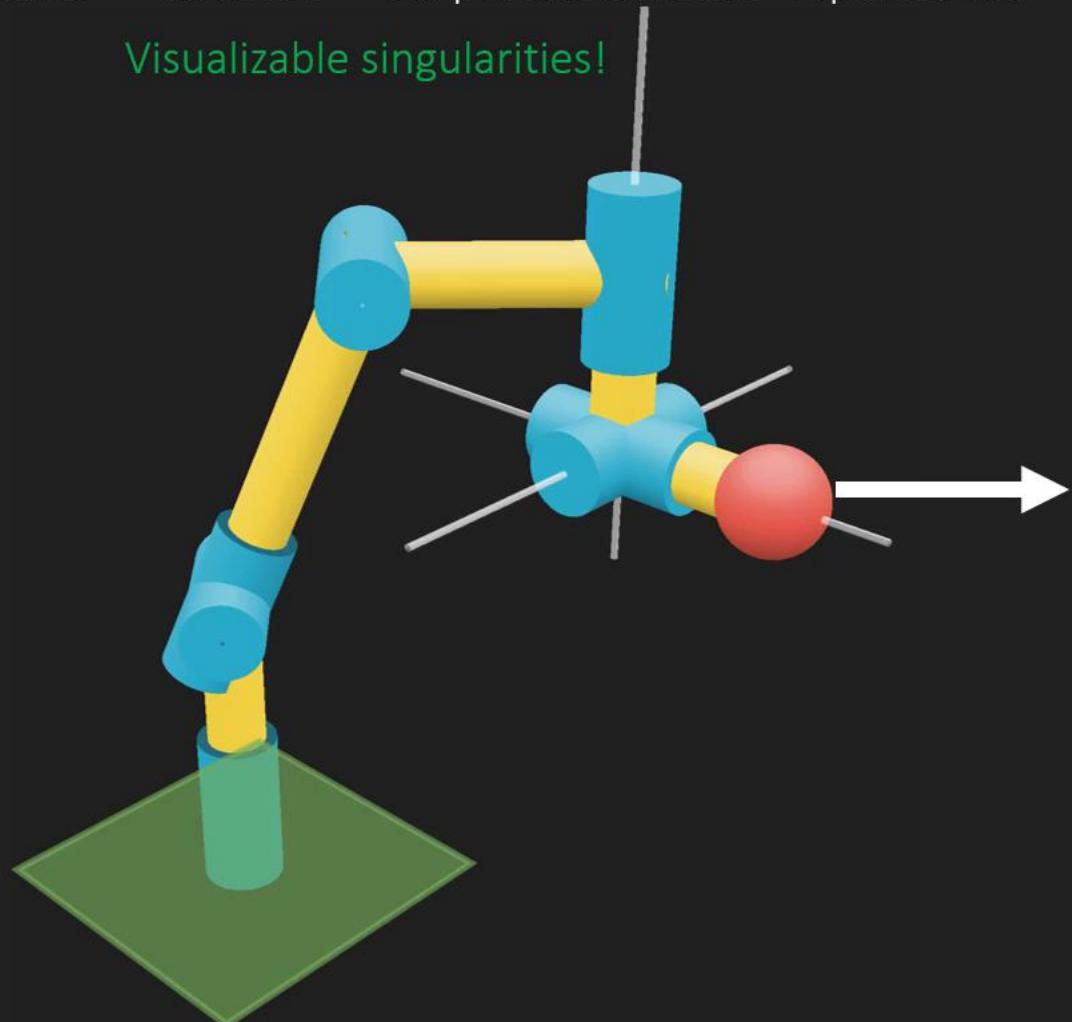
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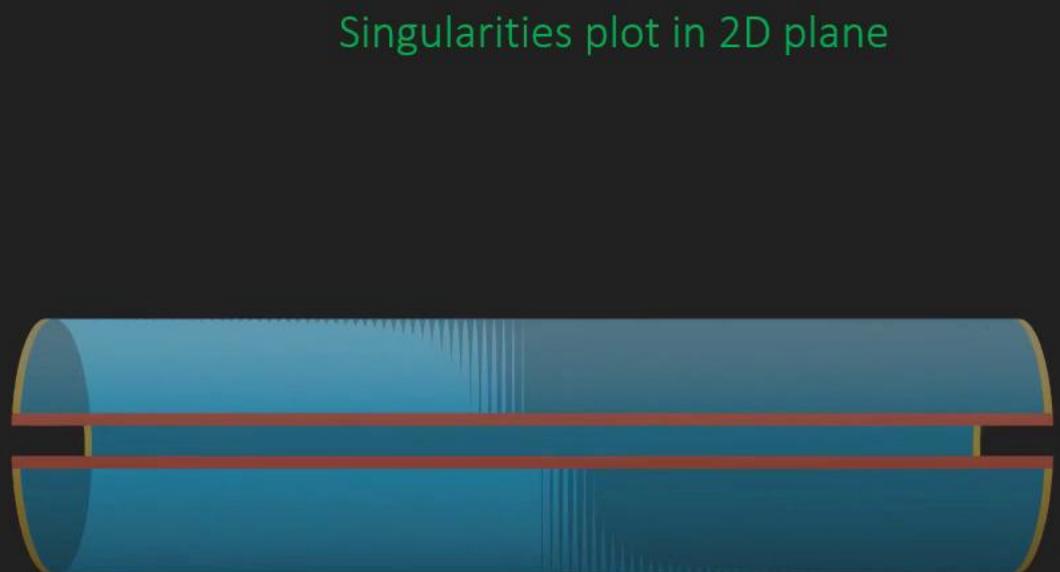


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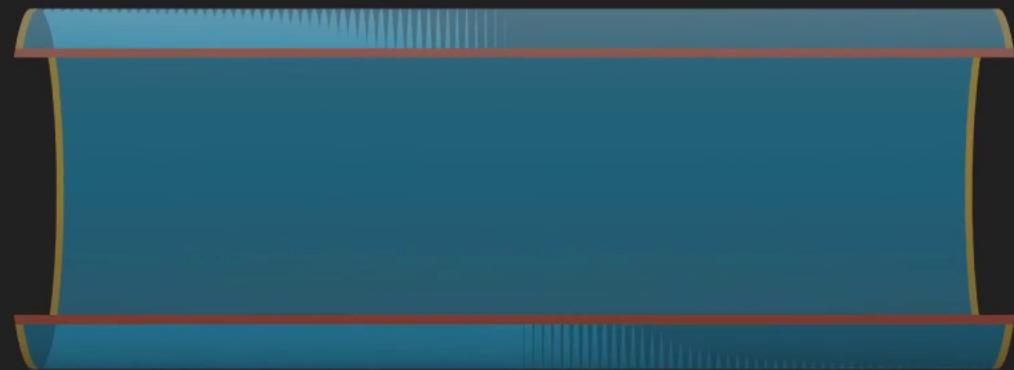
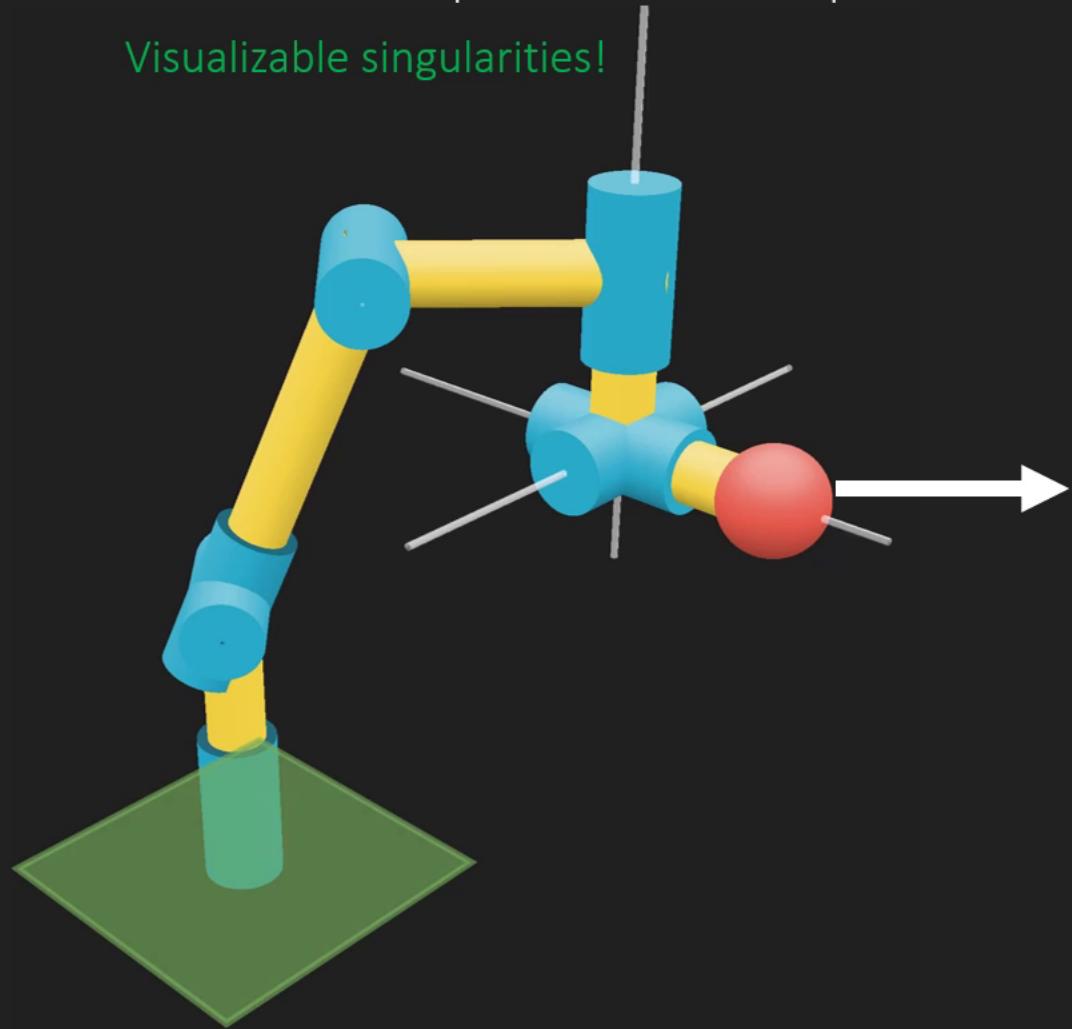
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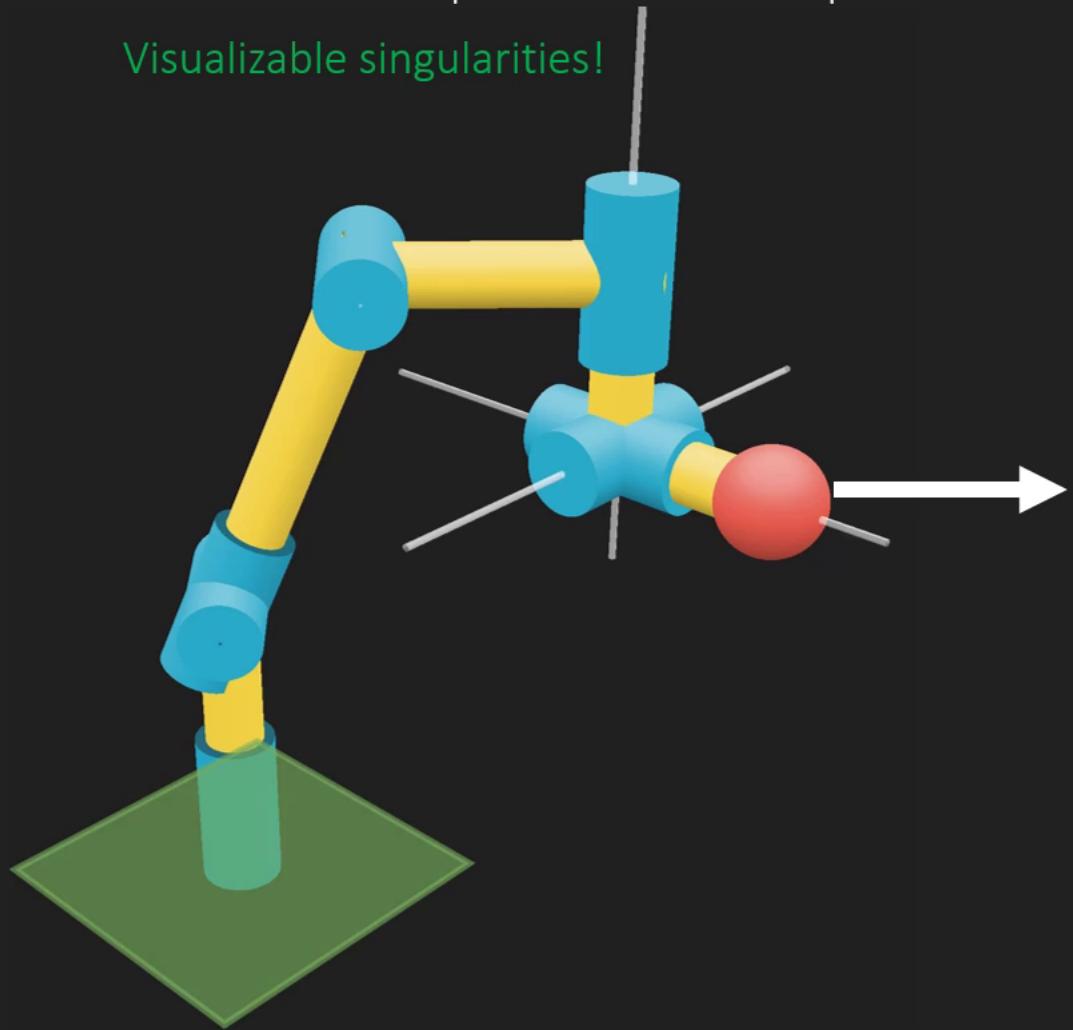
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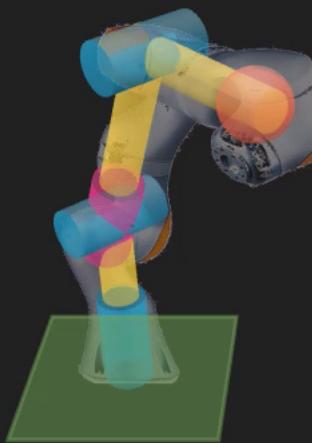
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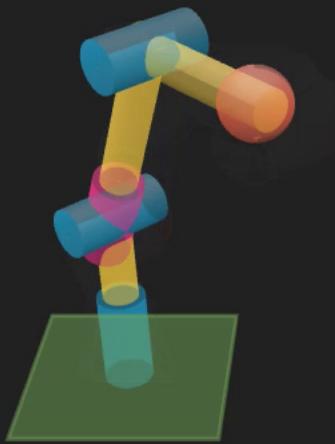
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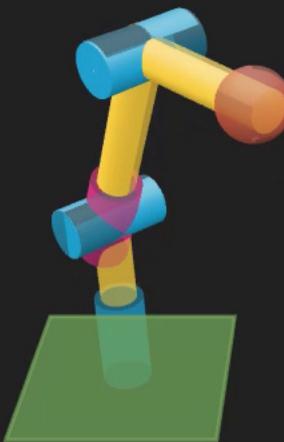
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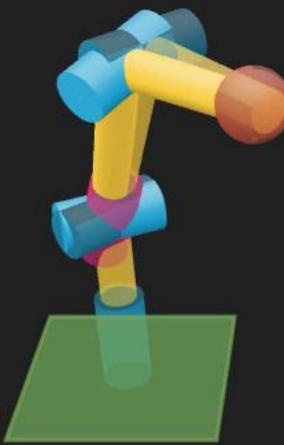


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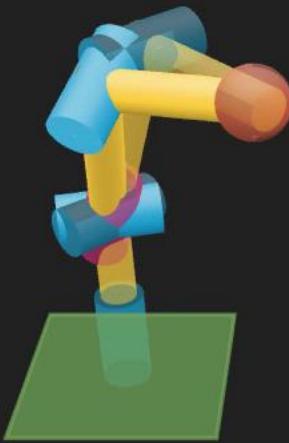


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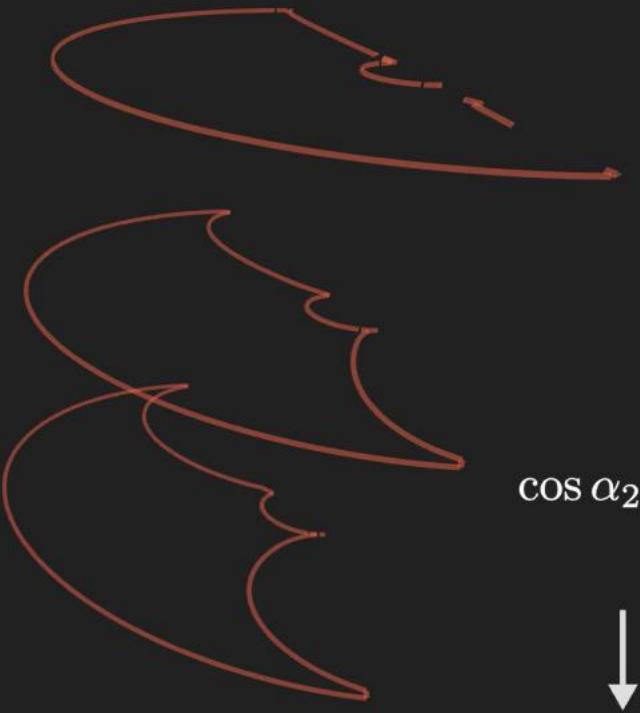
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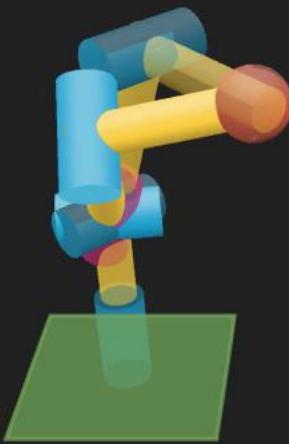
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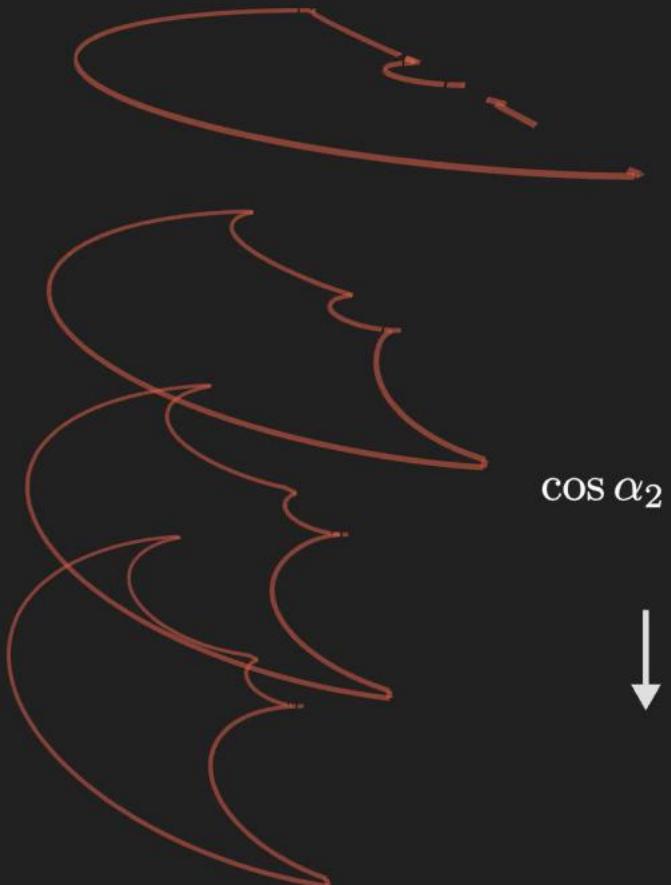
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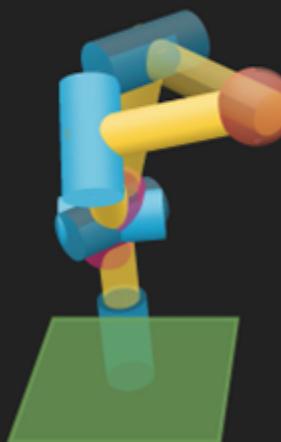
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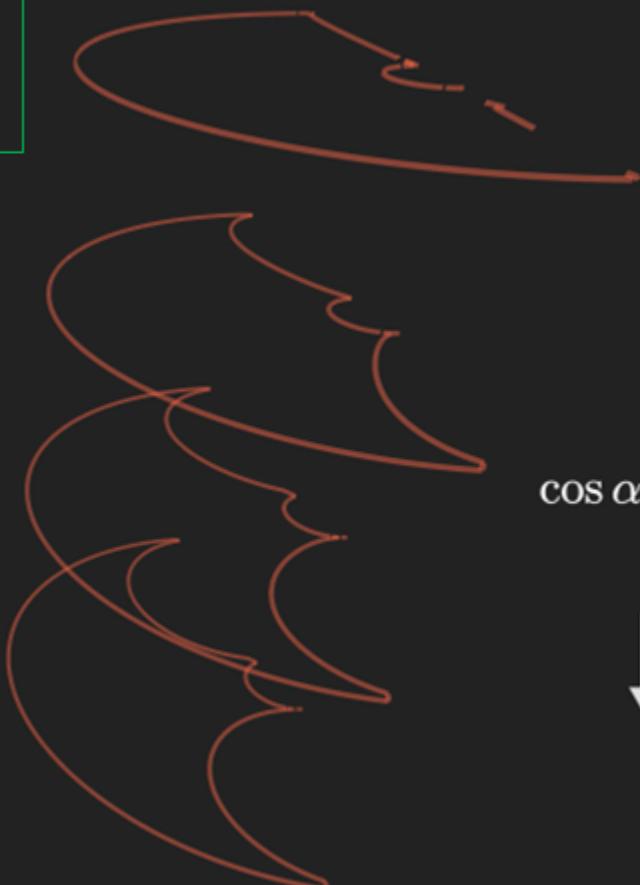
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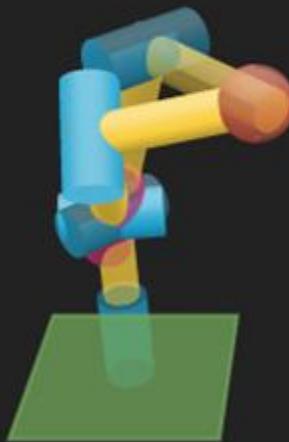
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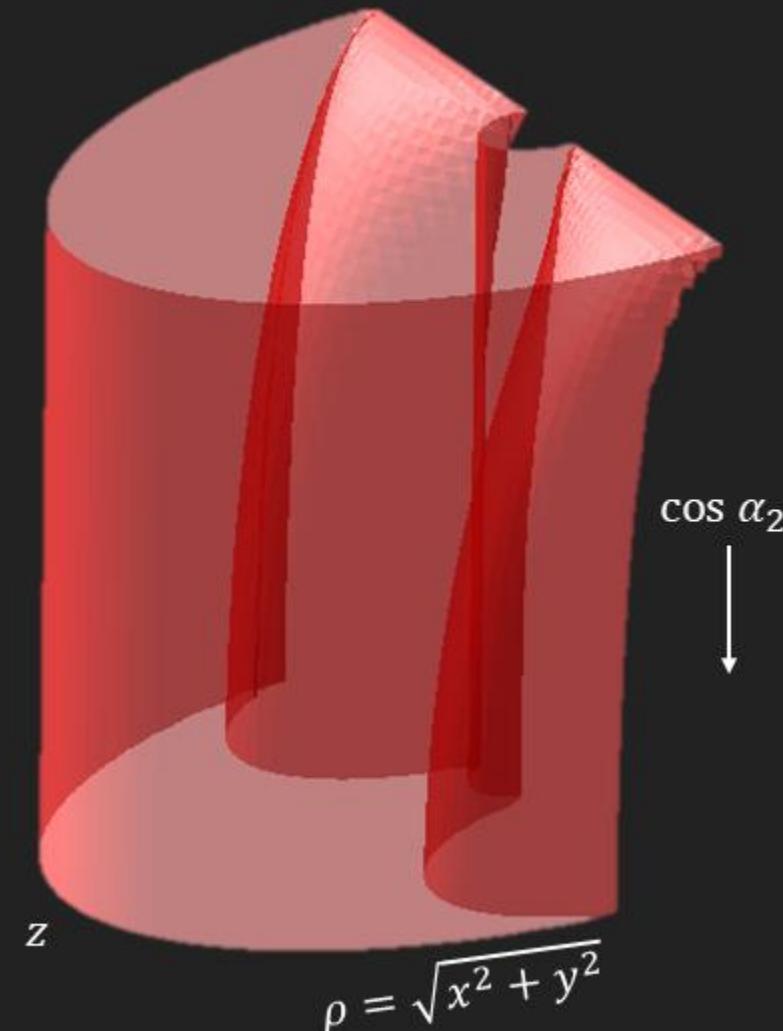


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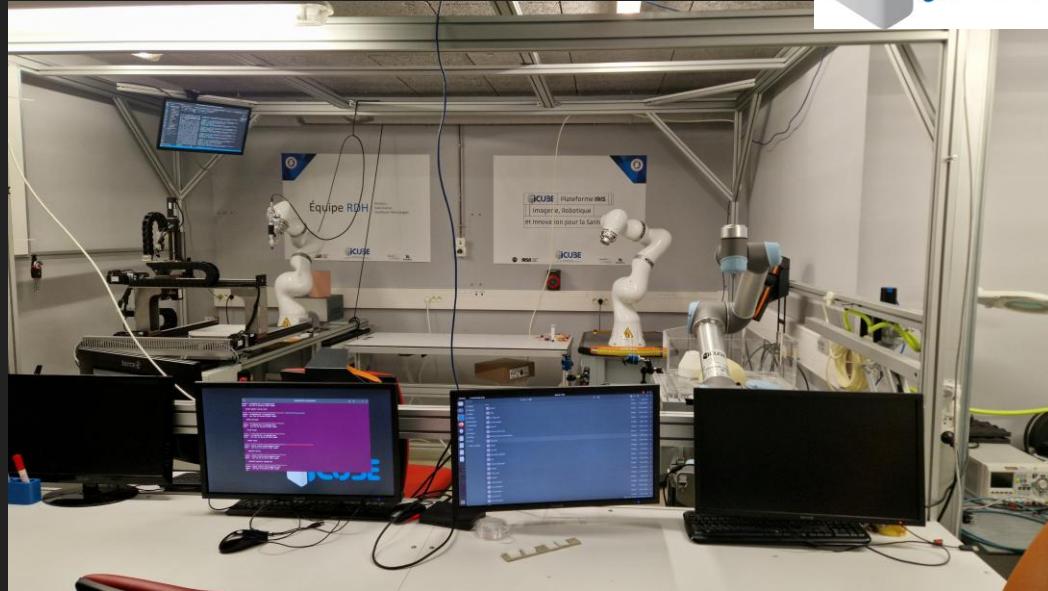
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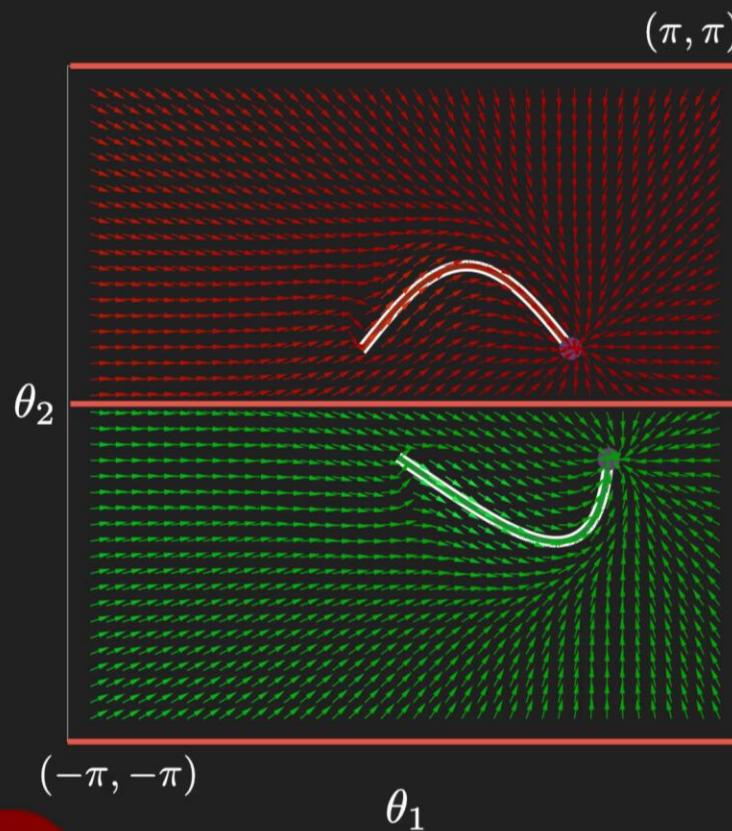
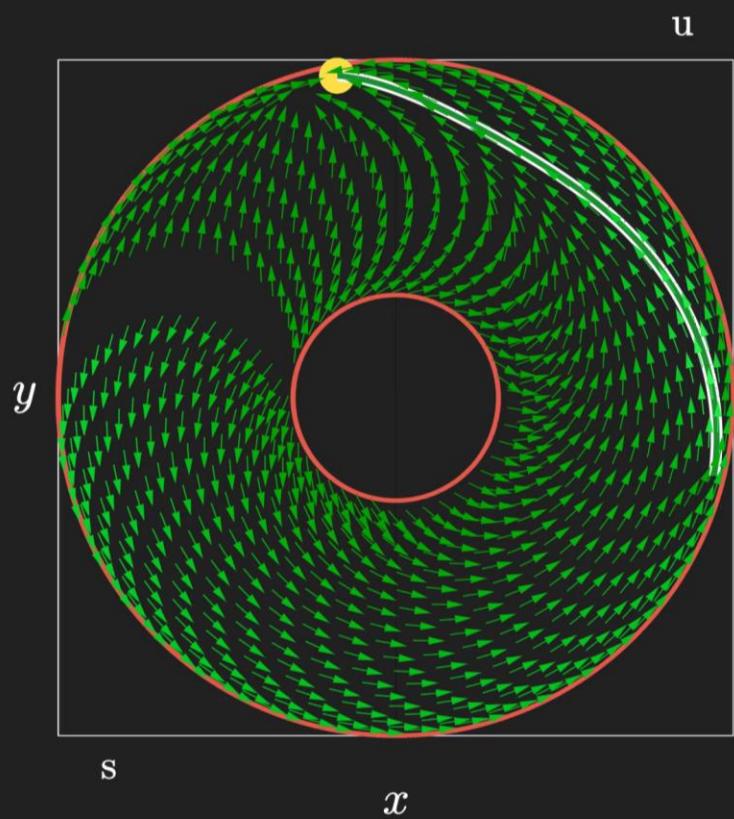
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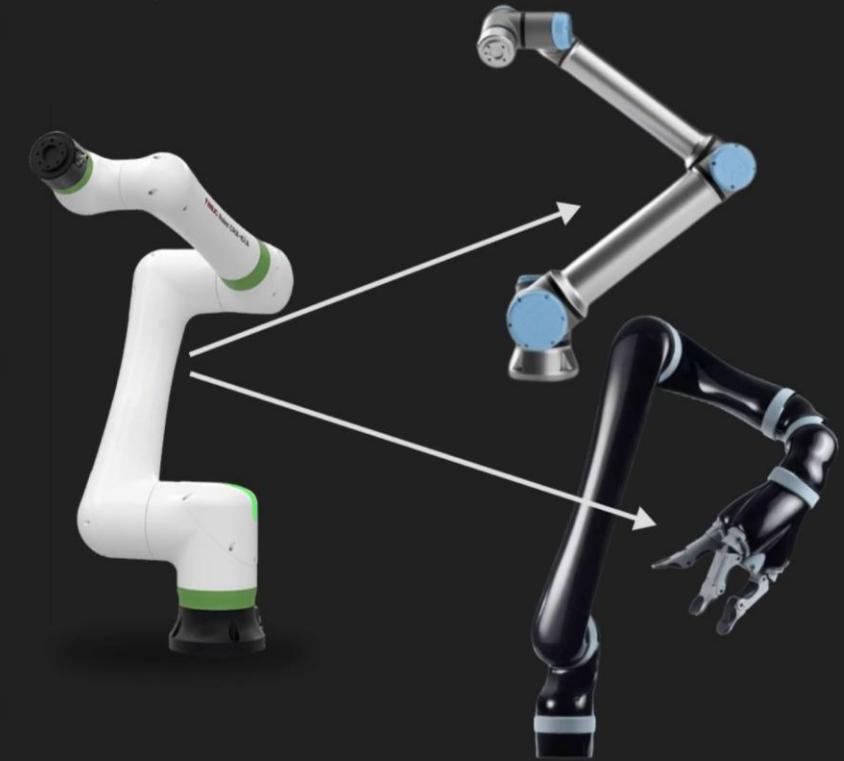
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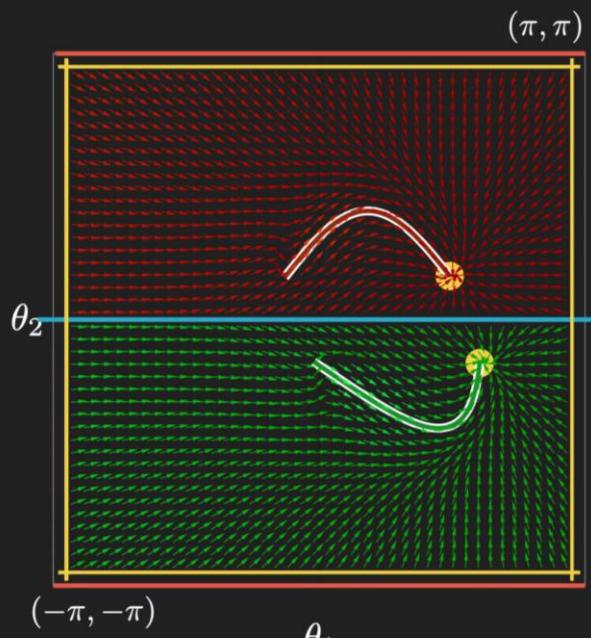
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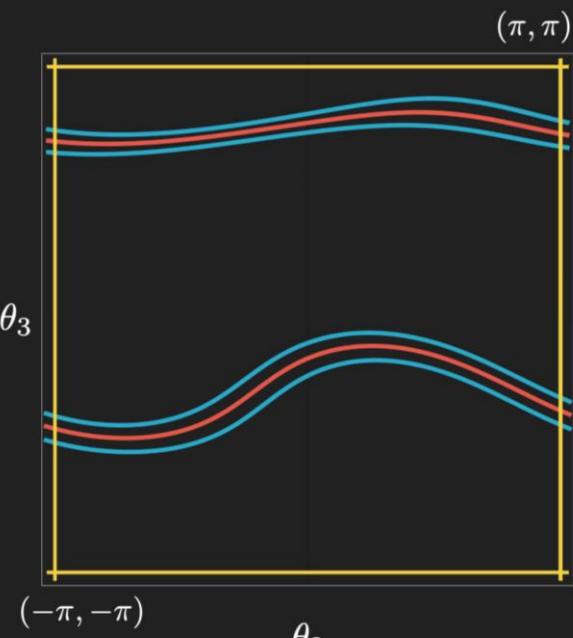
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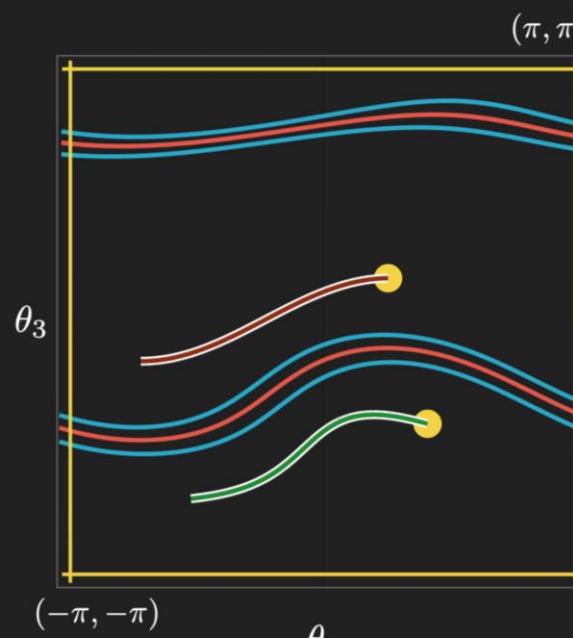
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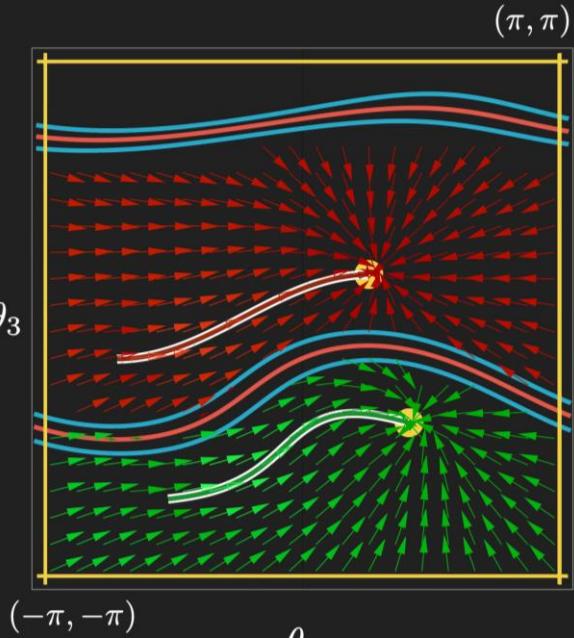
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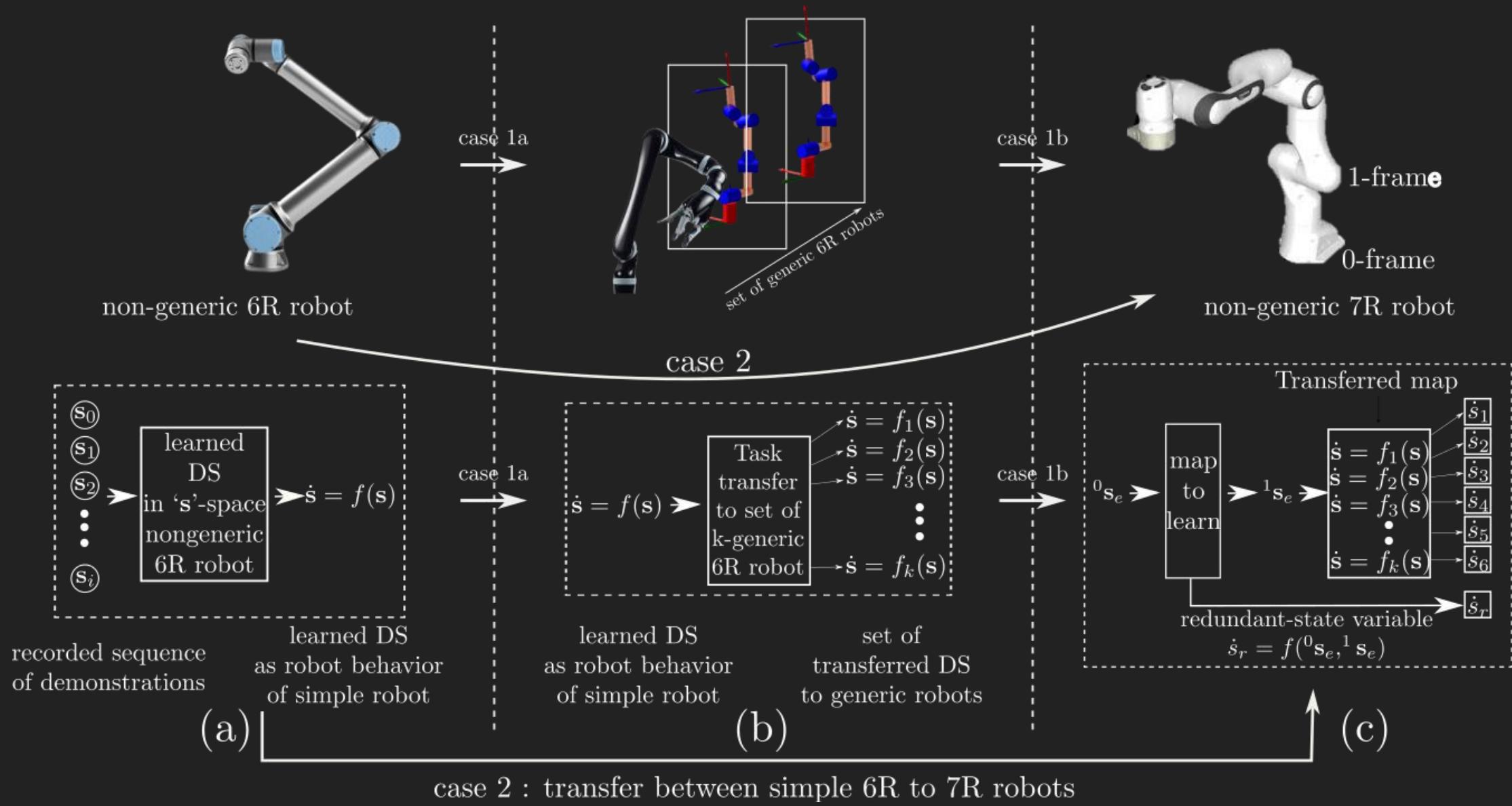
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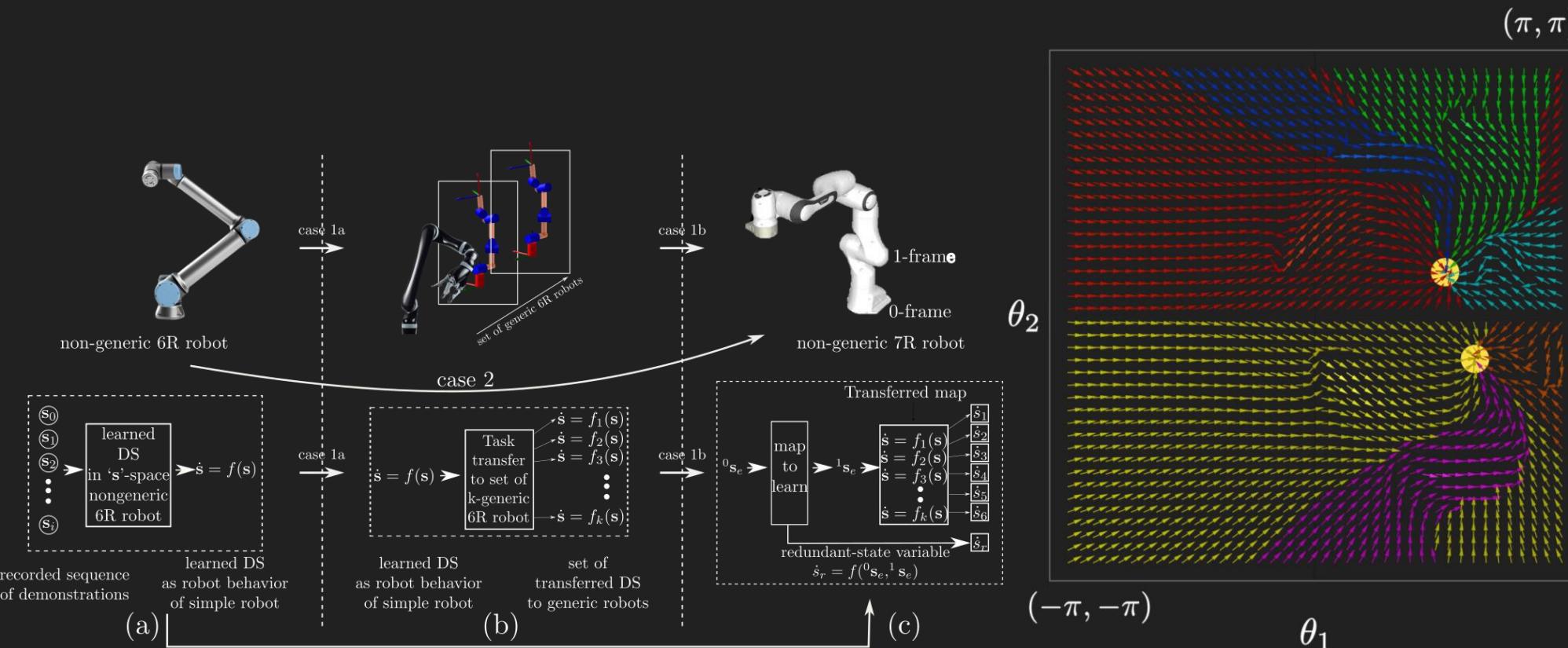
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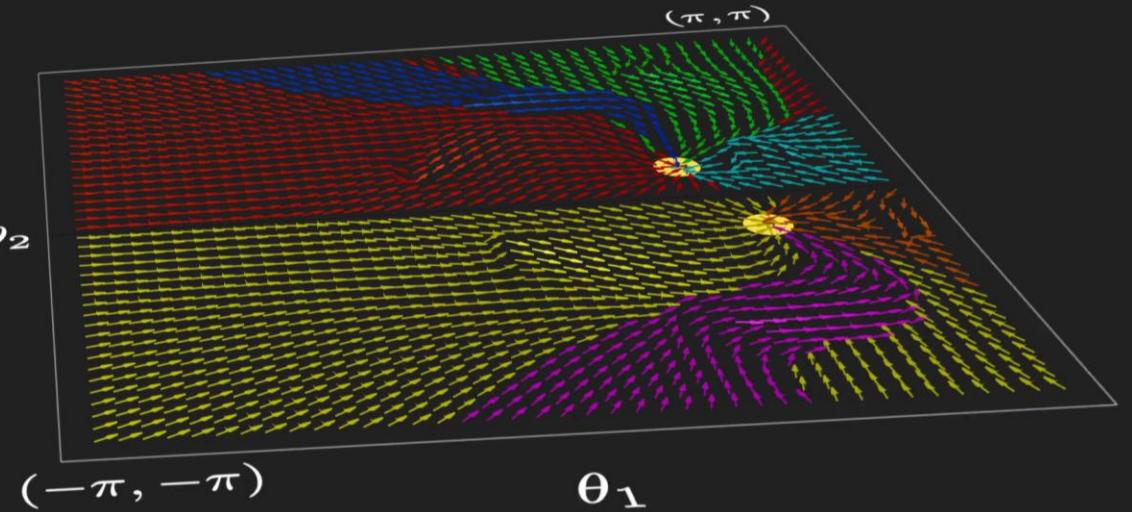
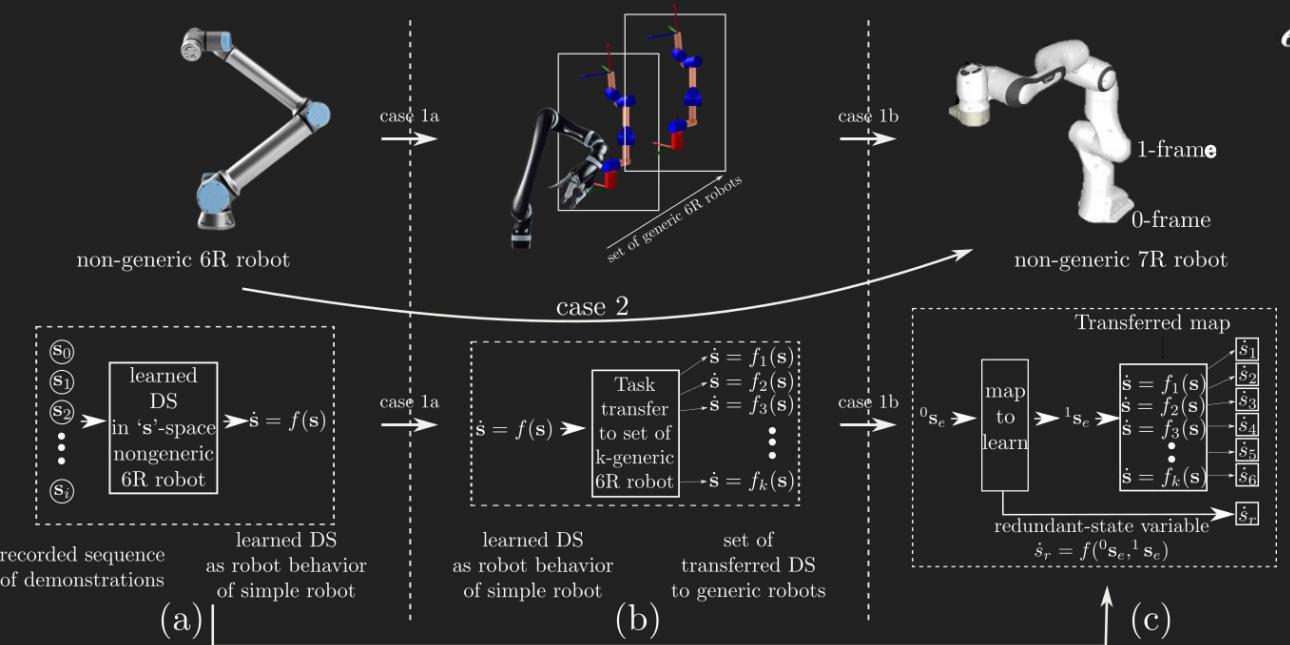
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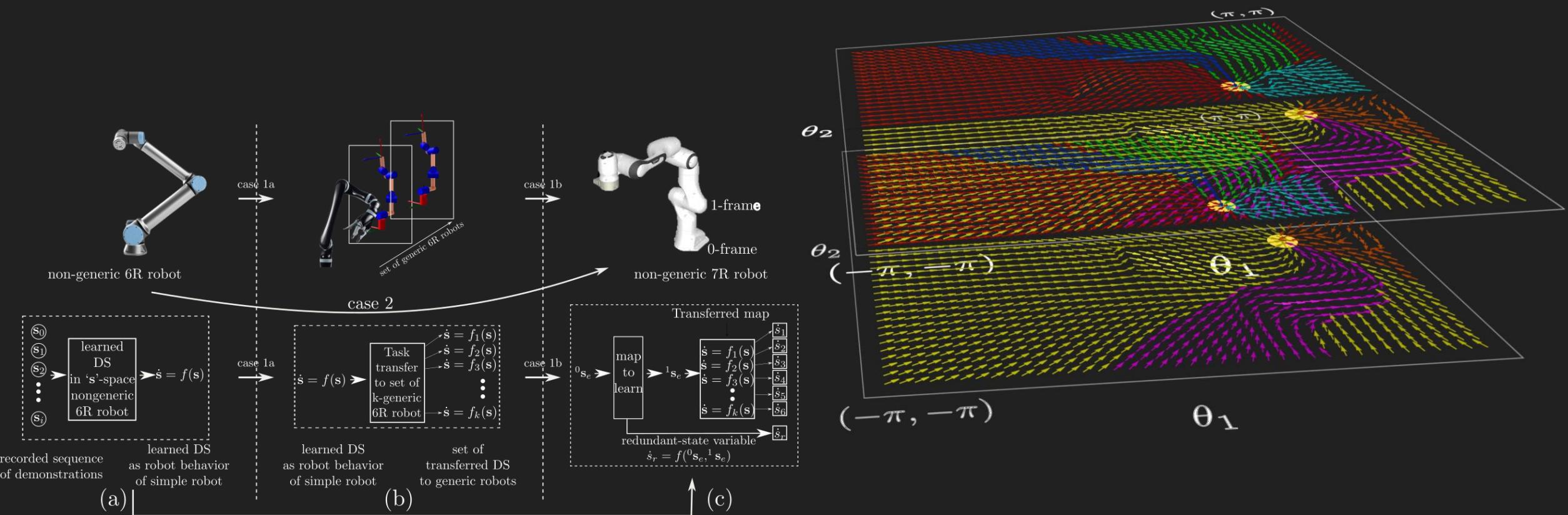


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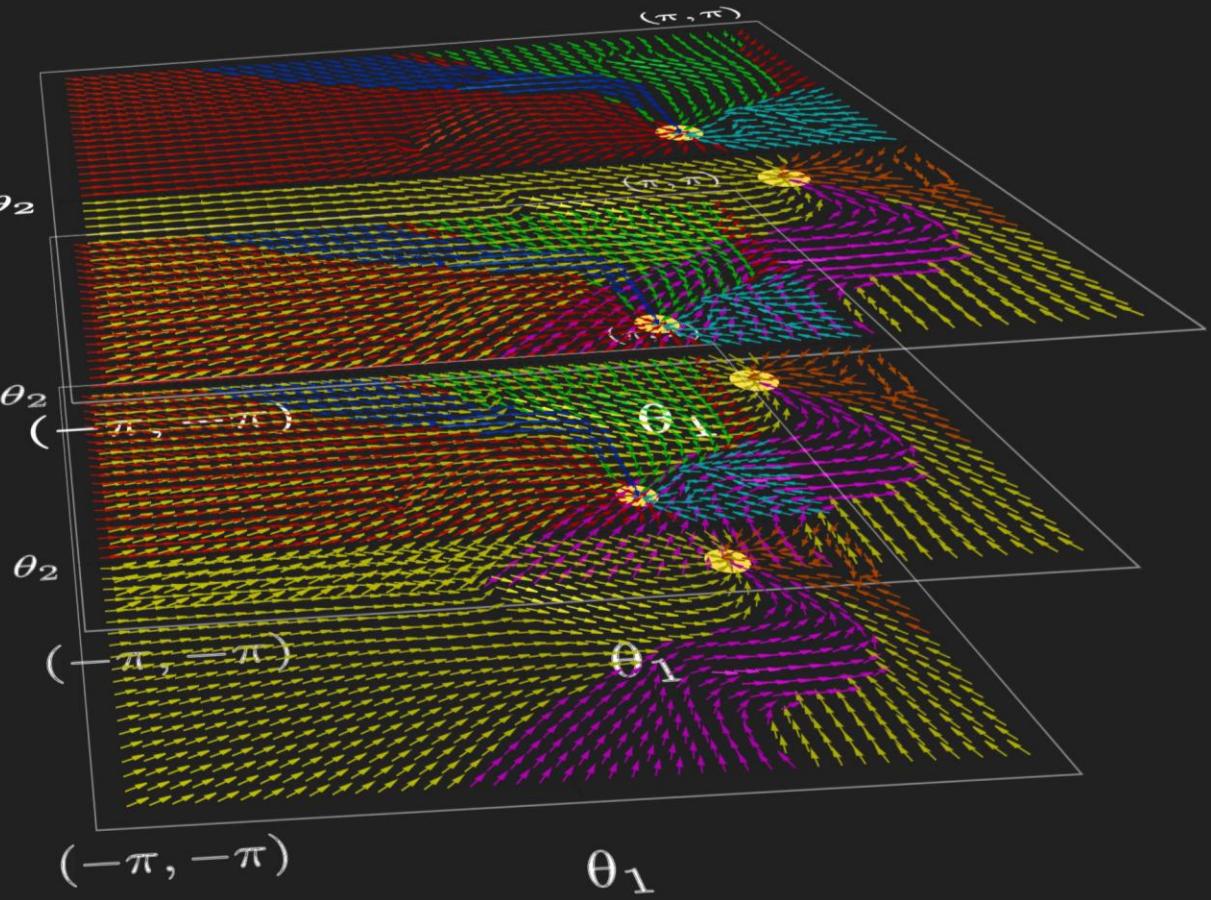
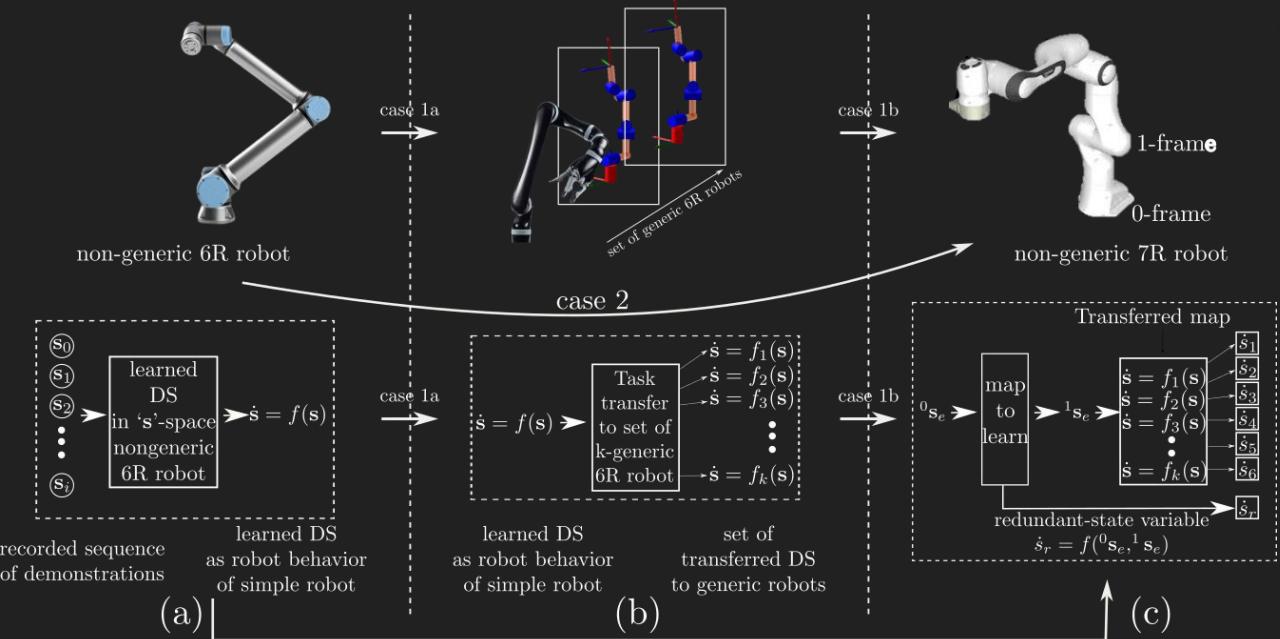


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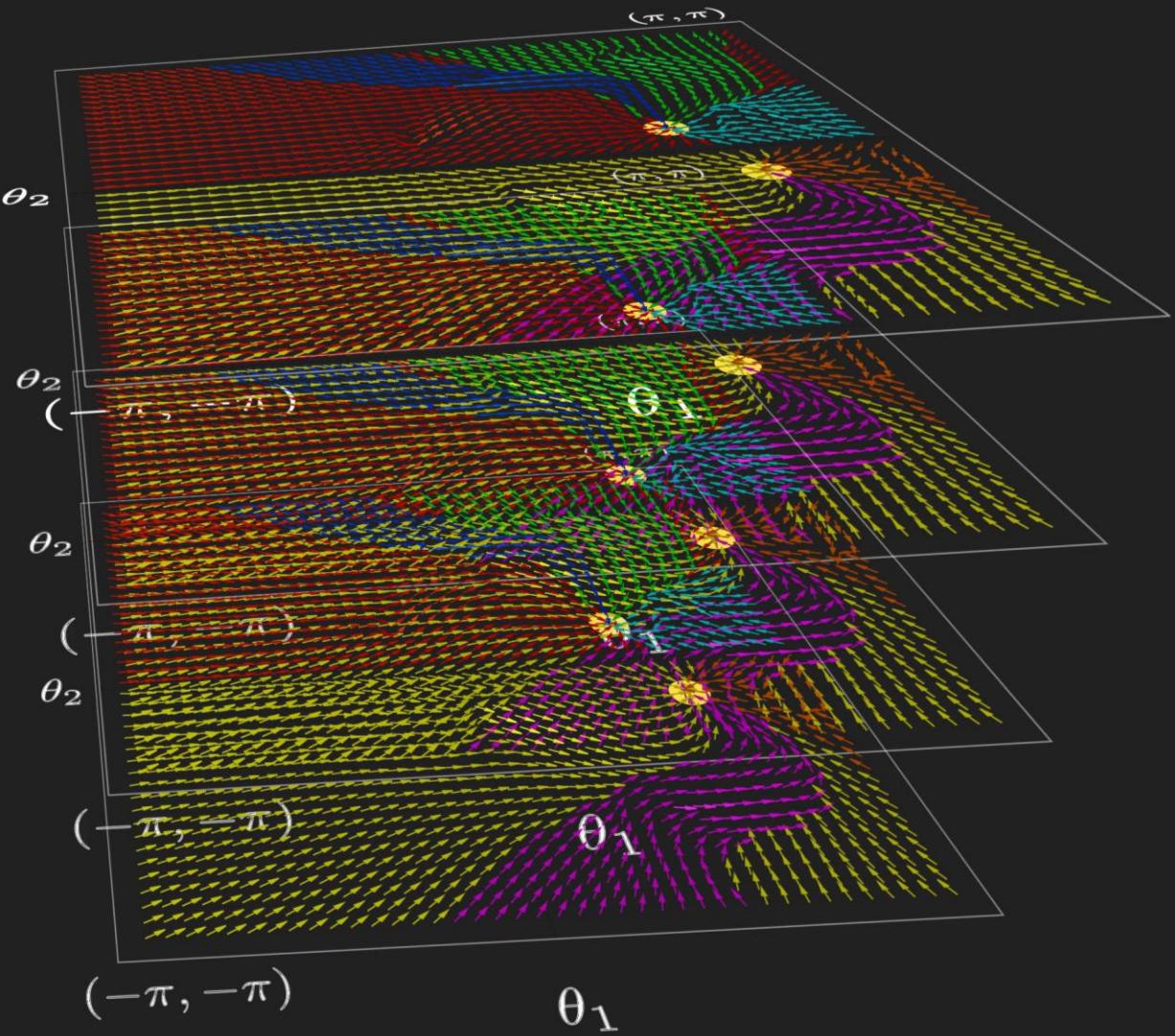
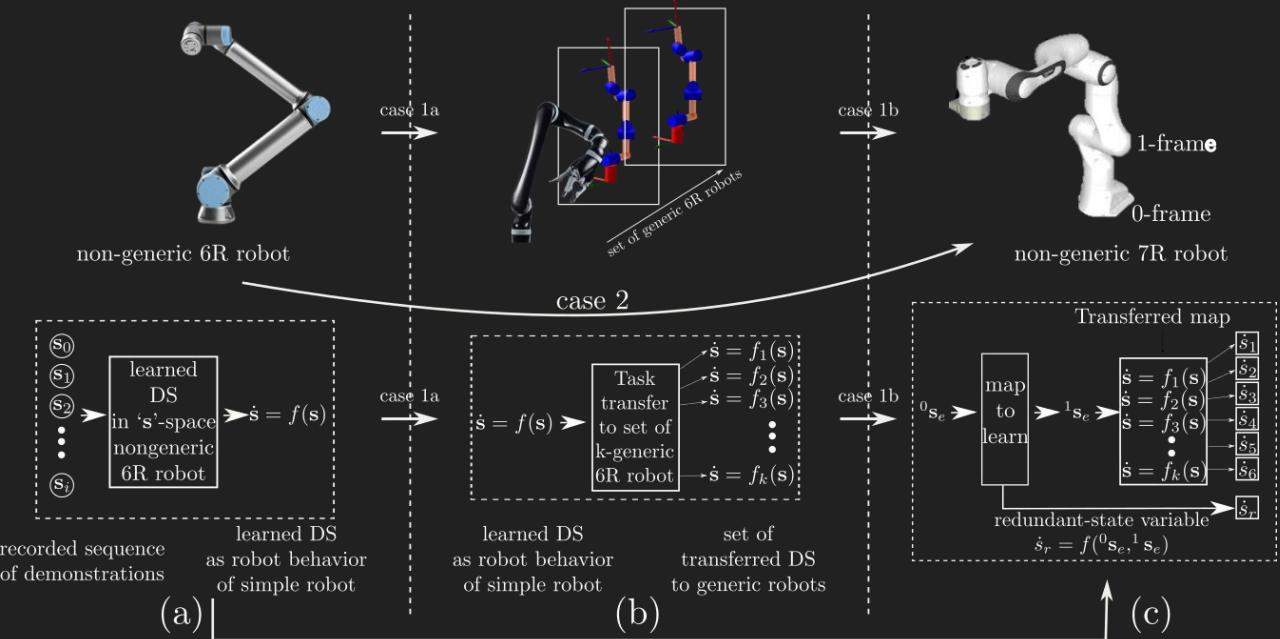
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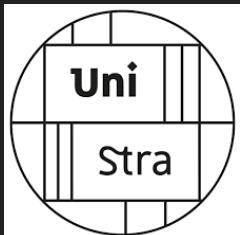
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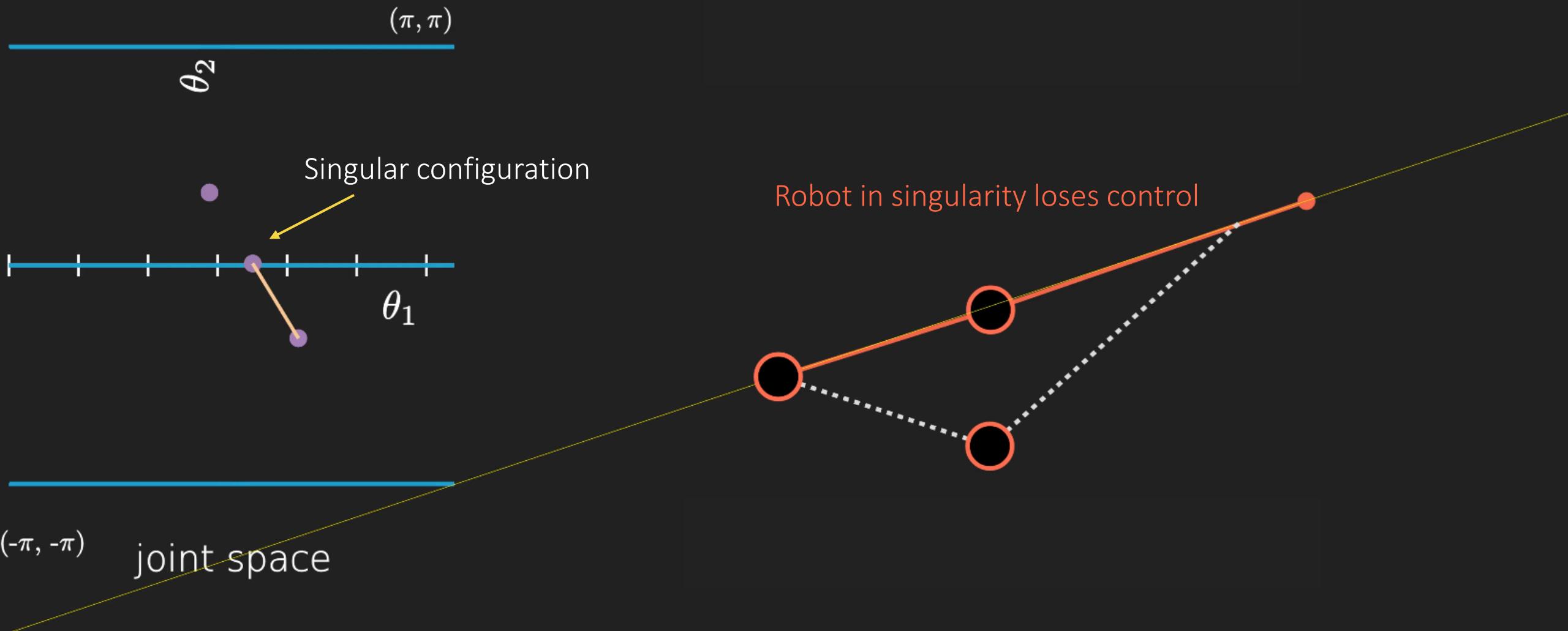
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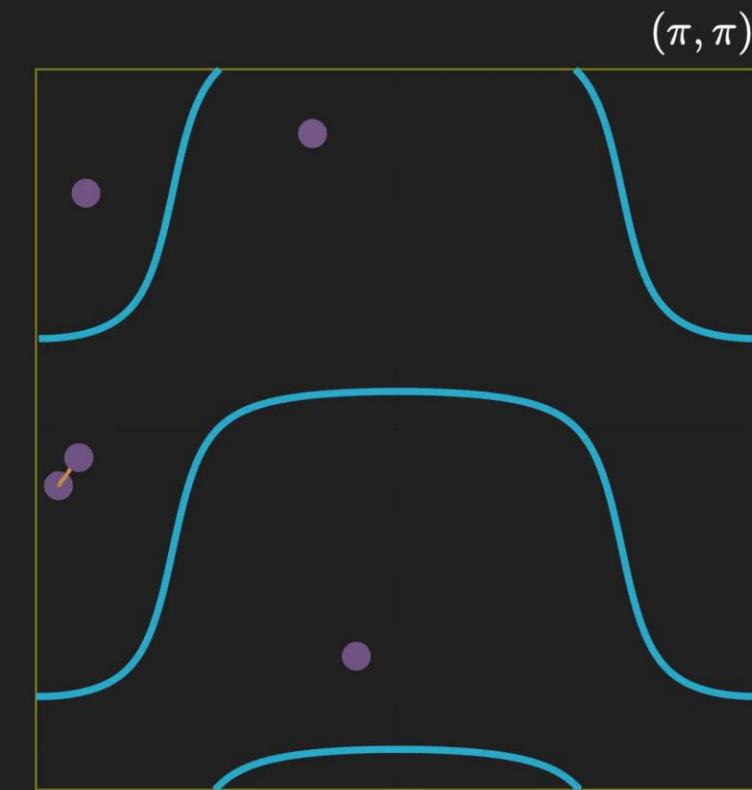
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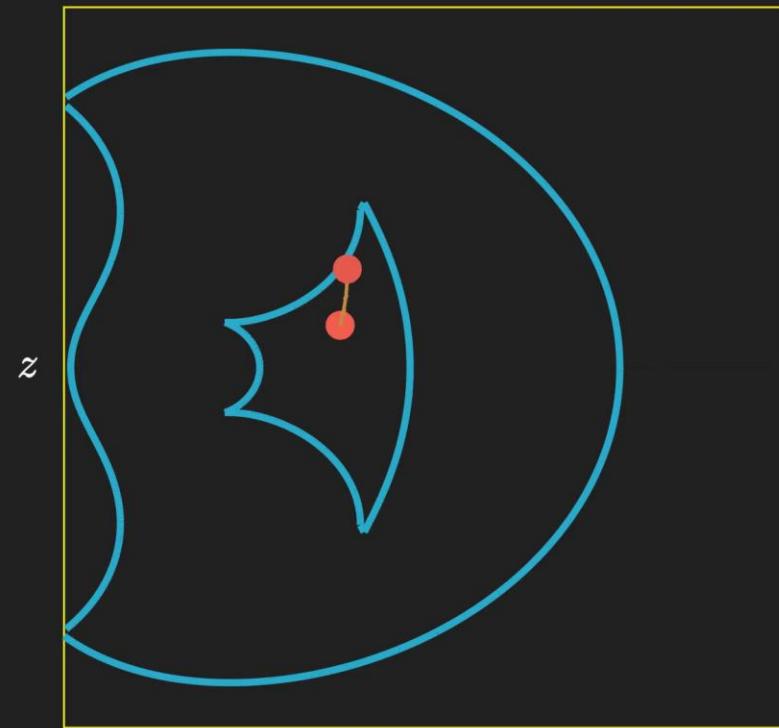
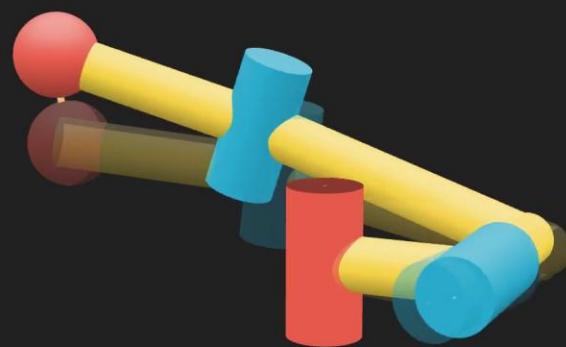


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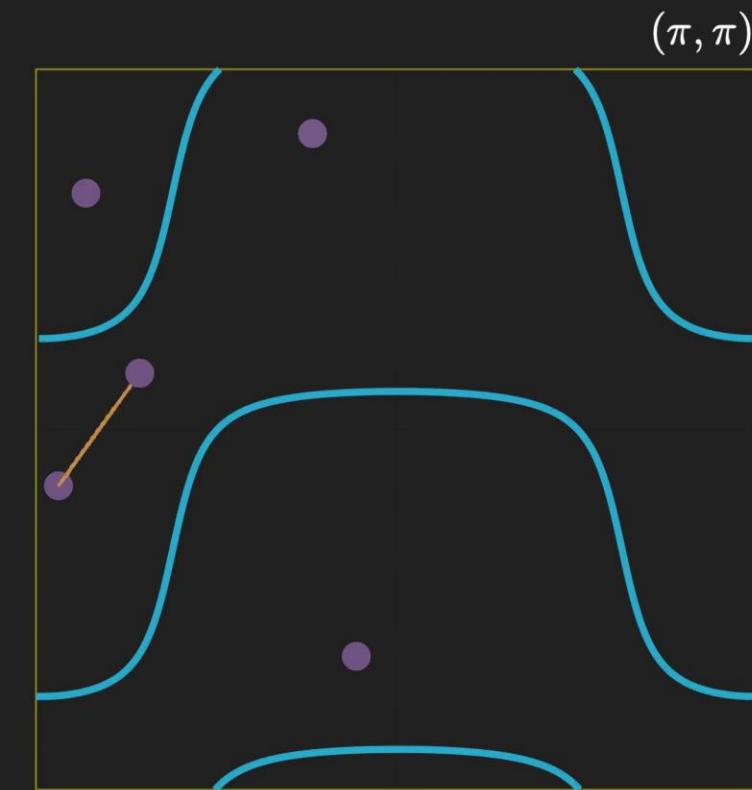


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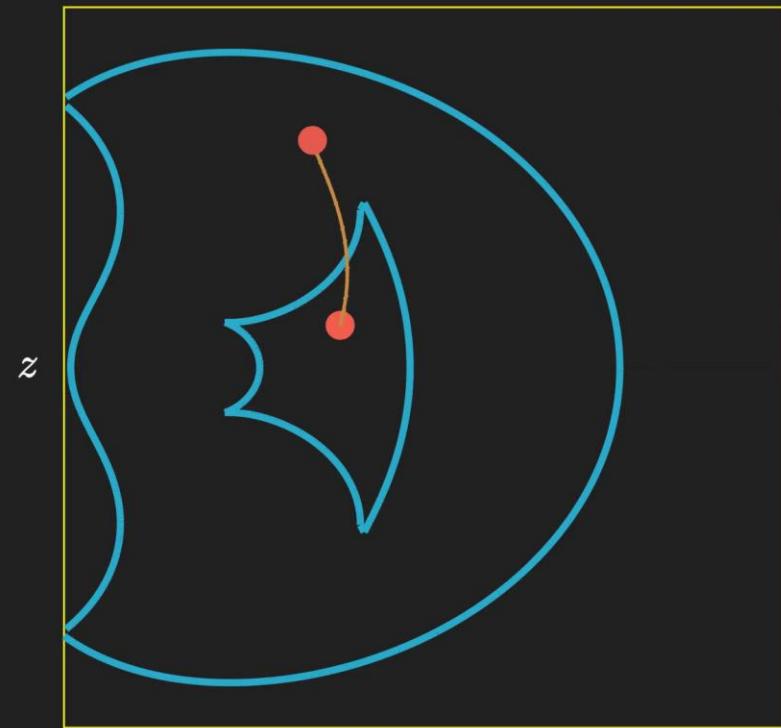
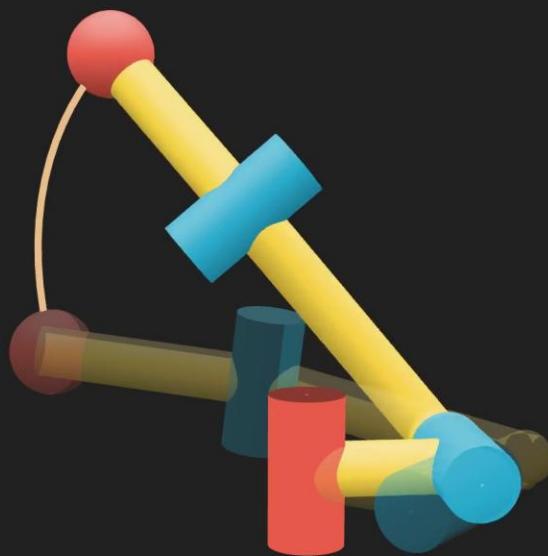


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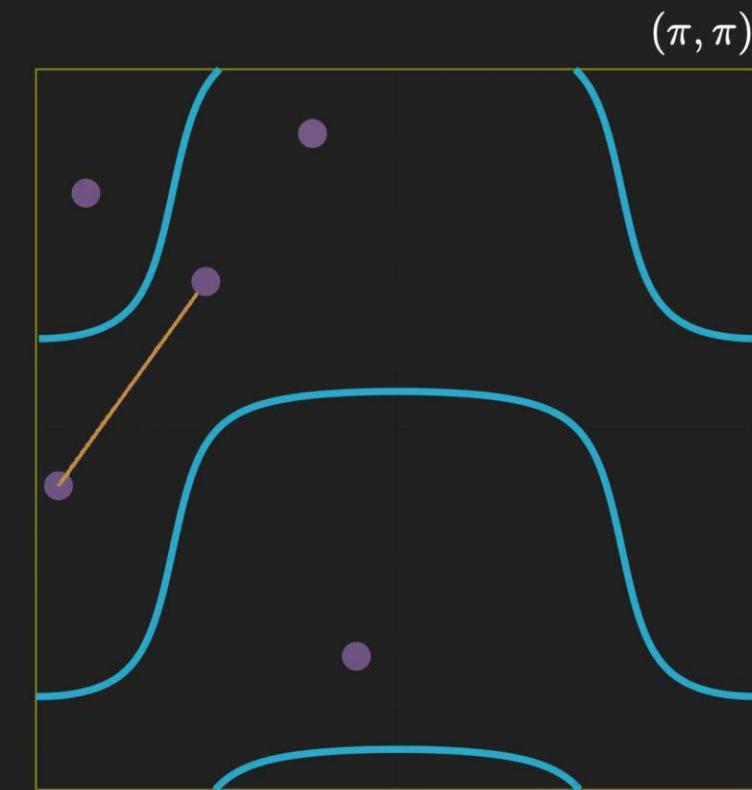


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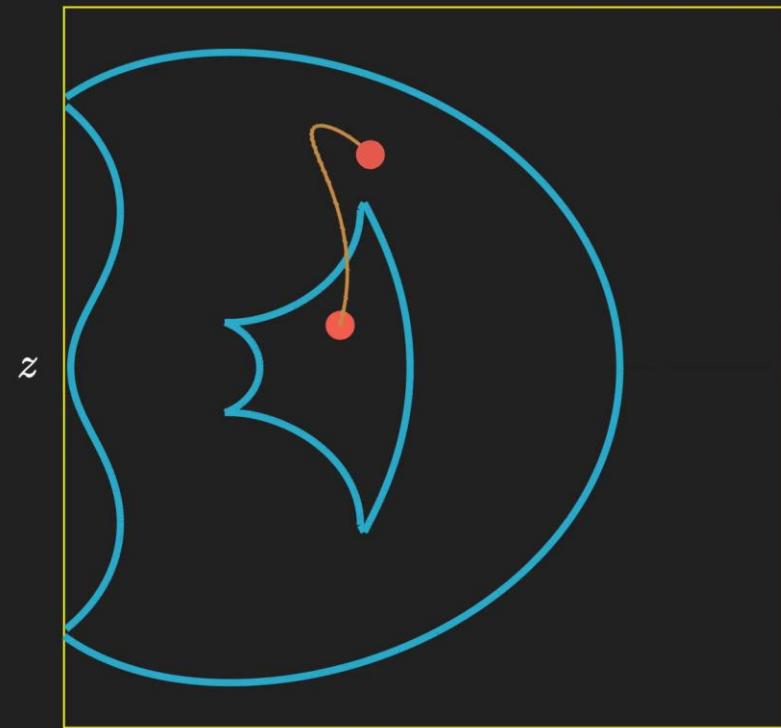
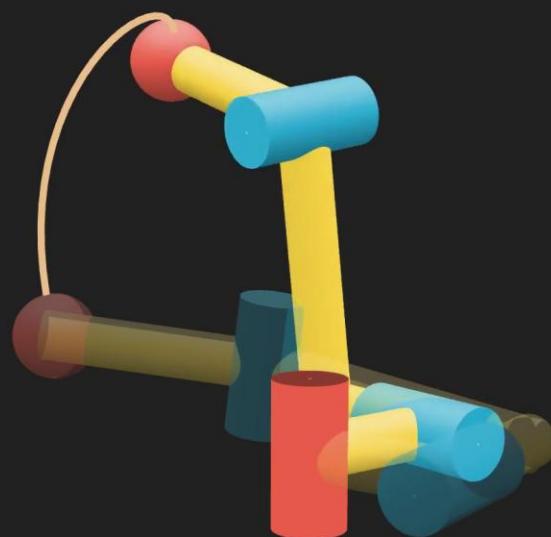


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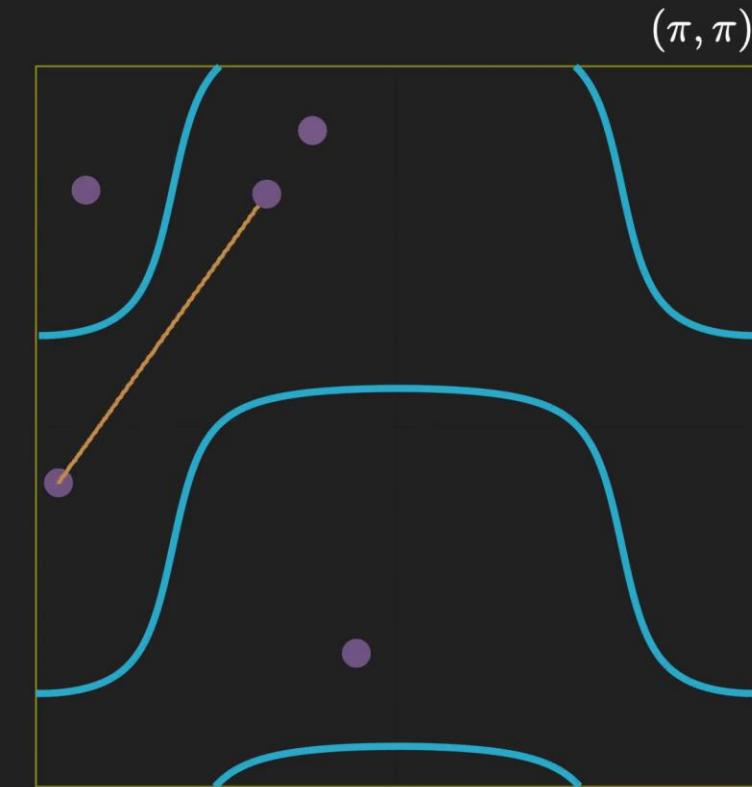


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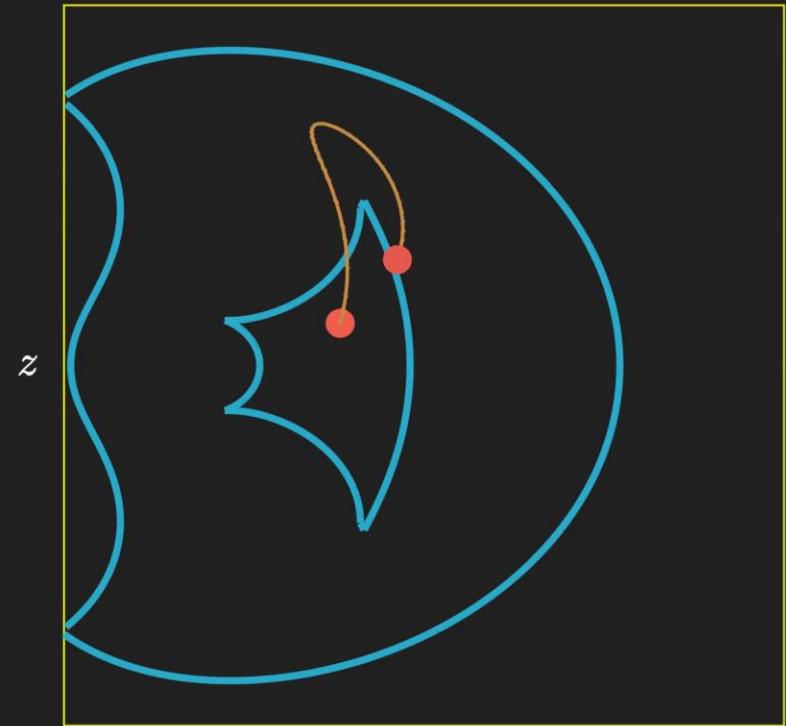
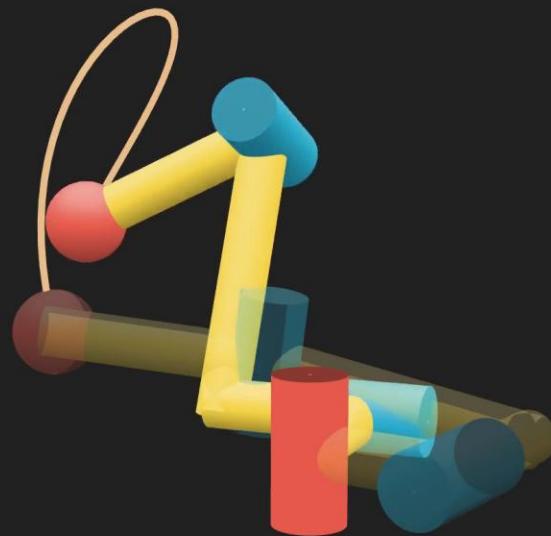


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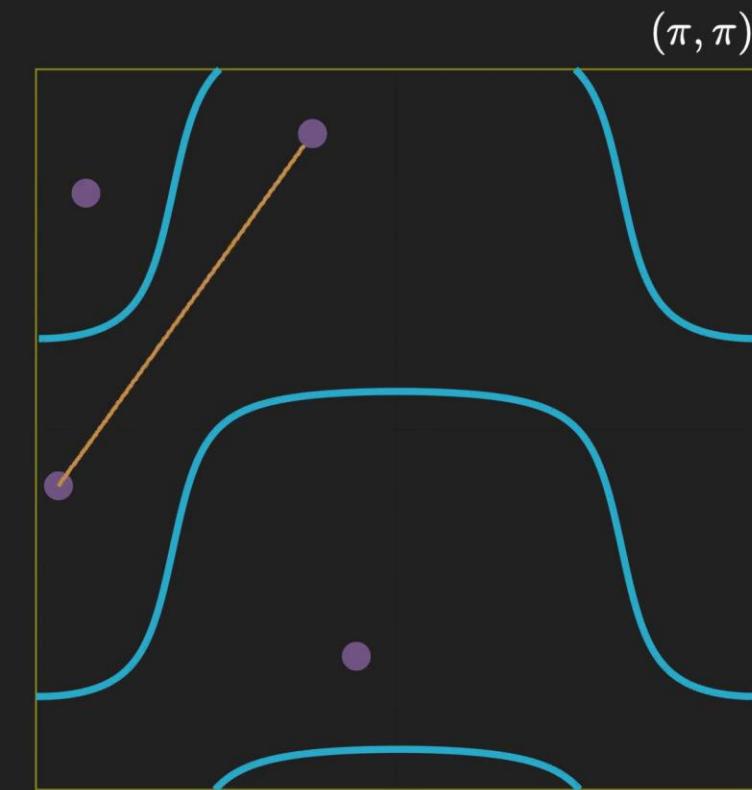


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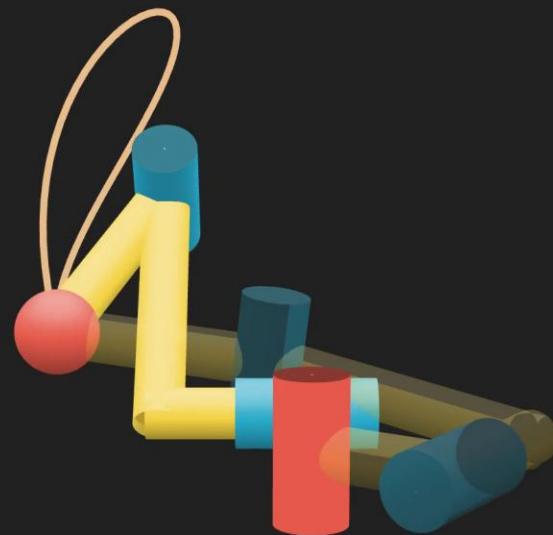


work space projection
on ρ - z plane
 $(\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})$

Robot changing its inverse kinematic solution without crossing singularity!

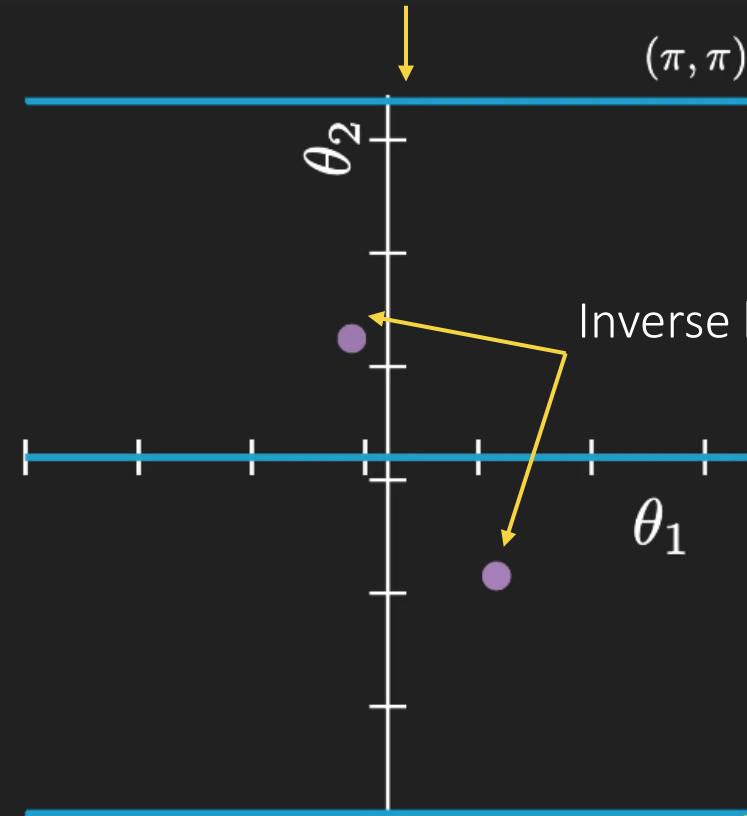


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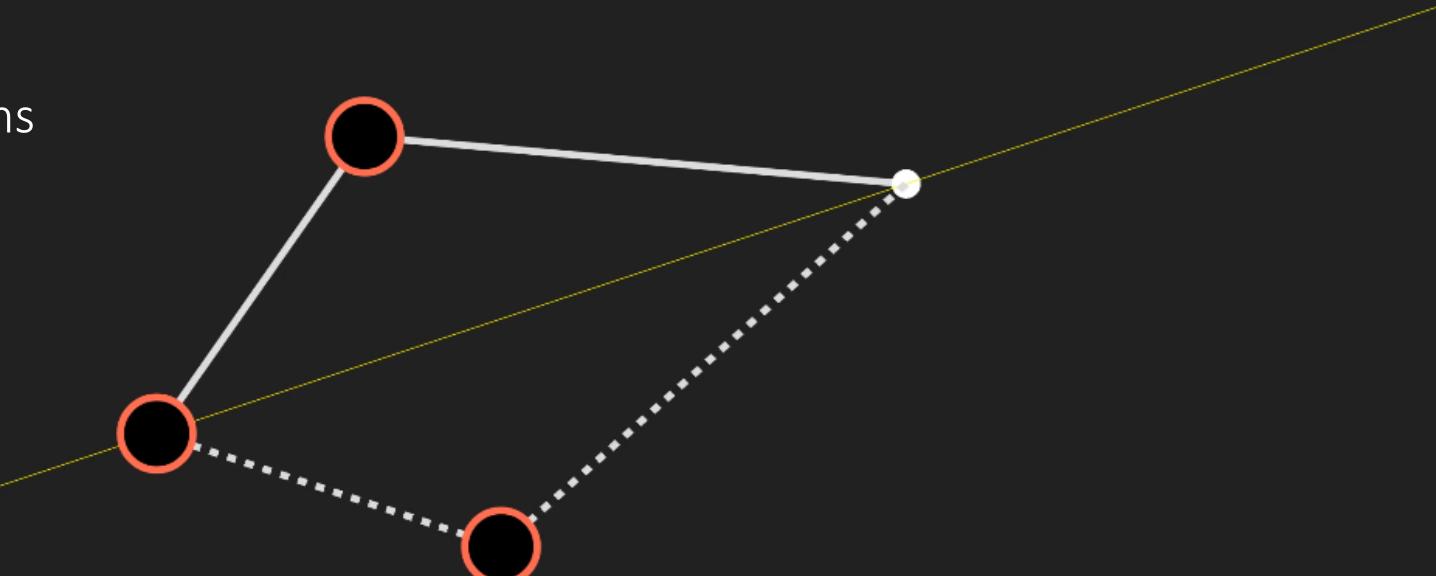


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Singularities in joint space



Elbow Up configuration

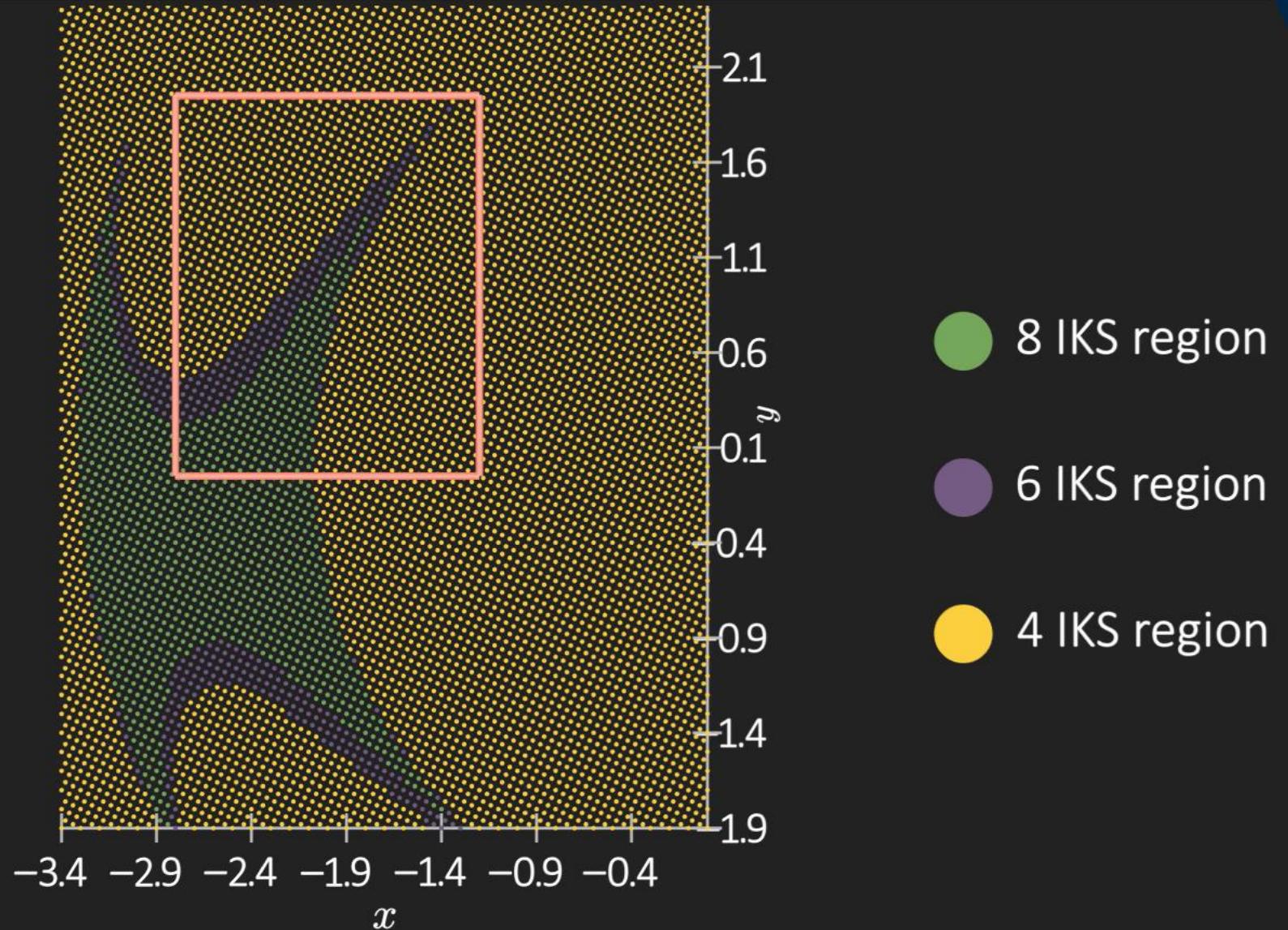


Elbow Down configuration

joint space

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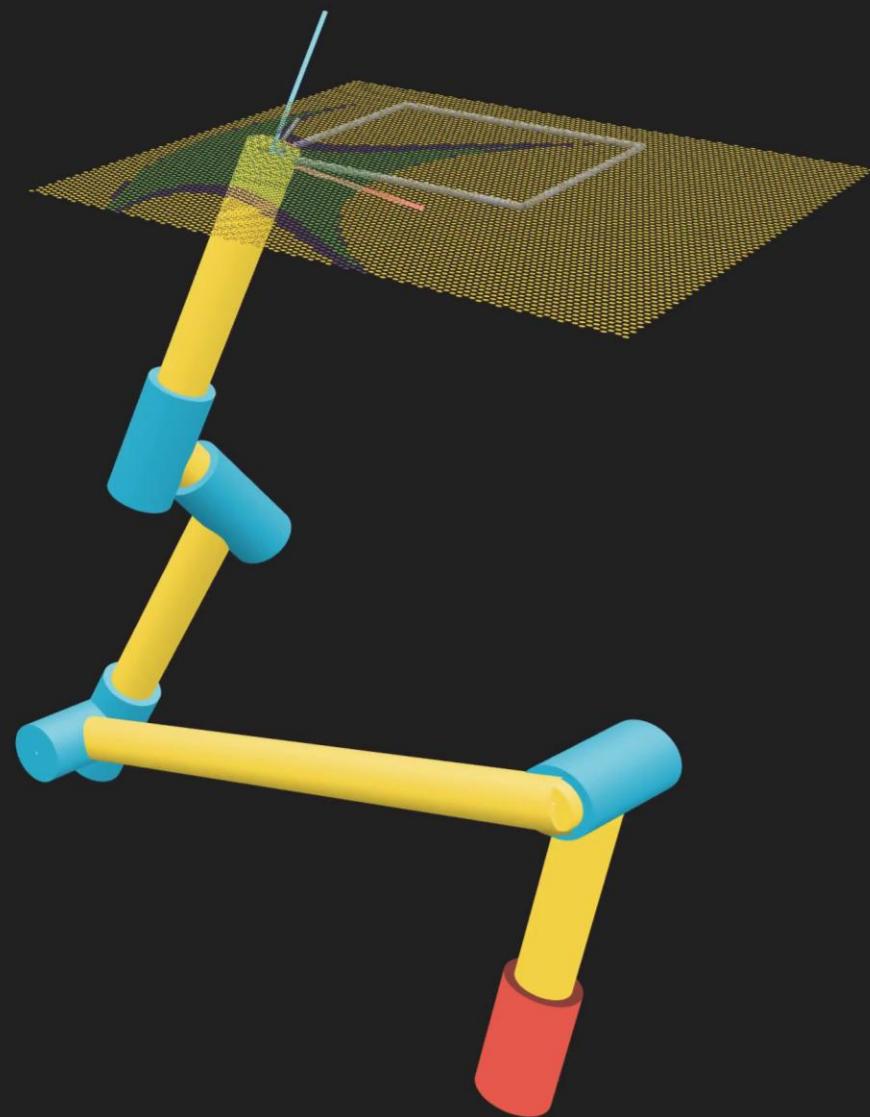
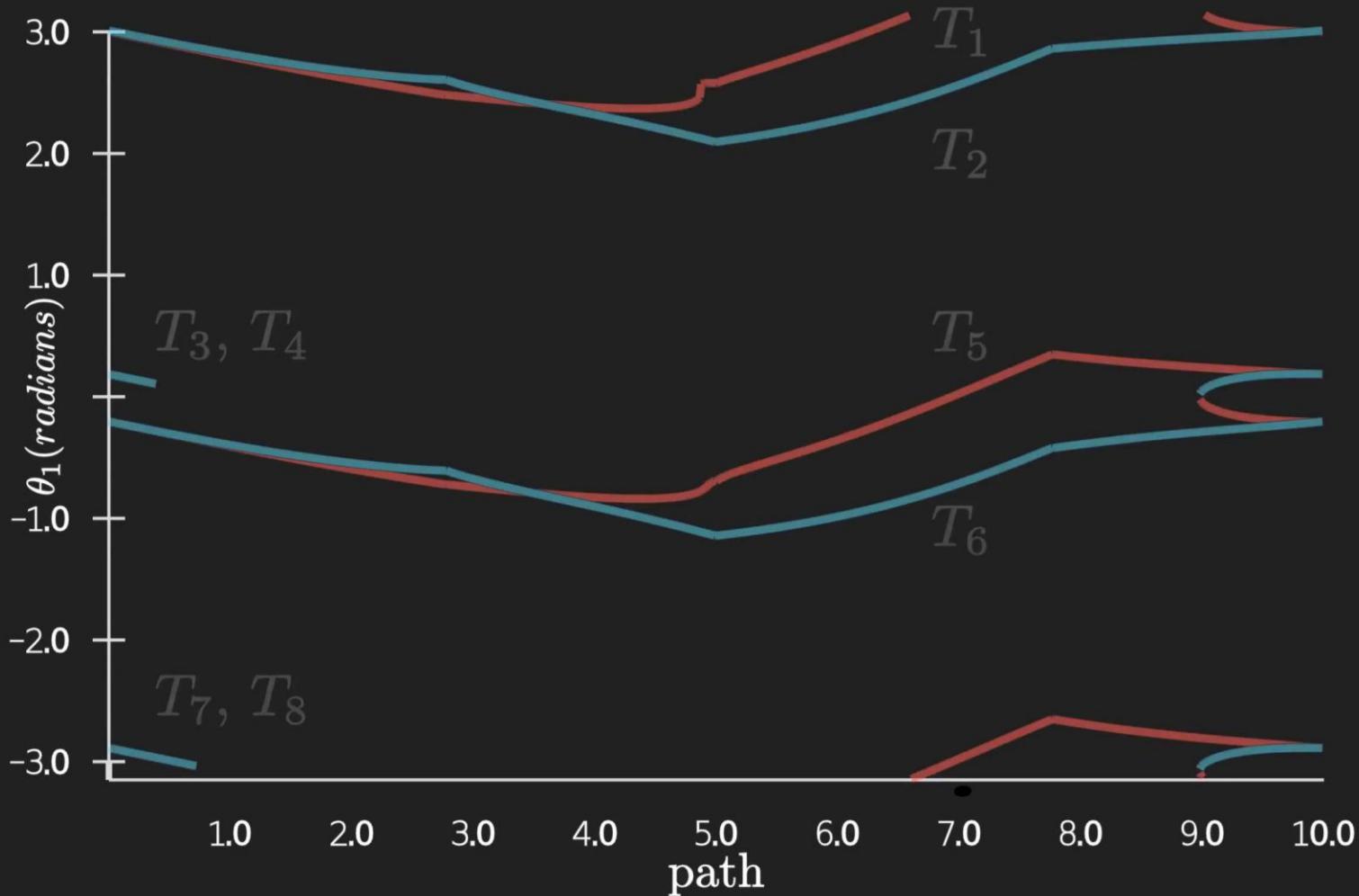
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Eight possible paths to follow the given loop



Axis 1: Learning behaviour from demonstration

Motion planning in the workspace is preferred as the demonstration is performed in task space

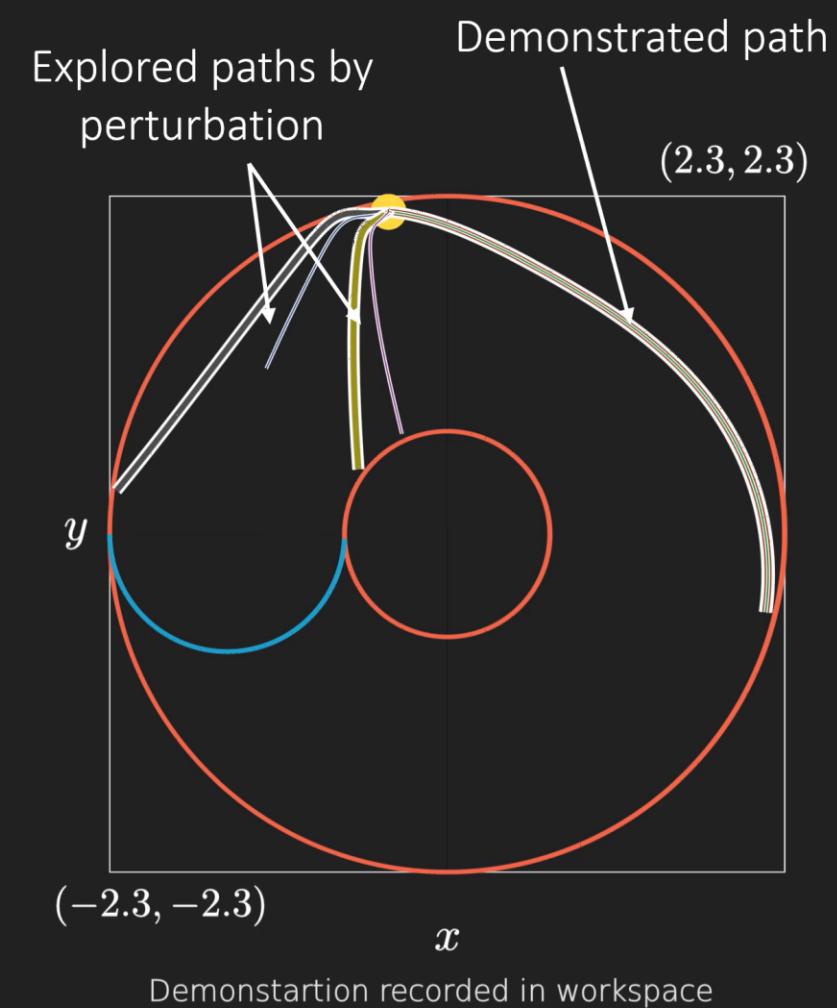
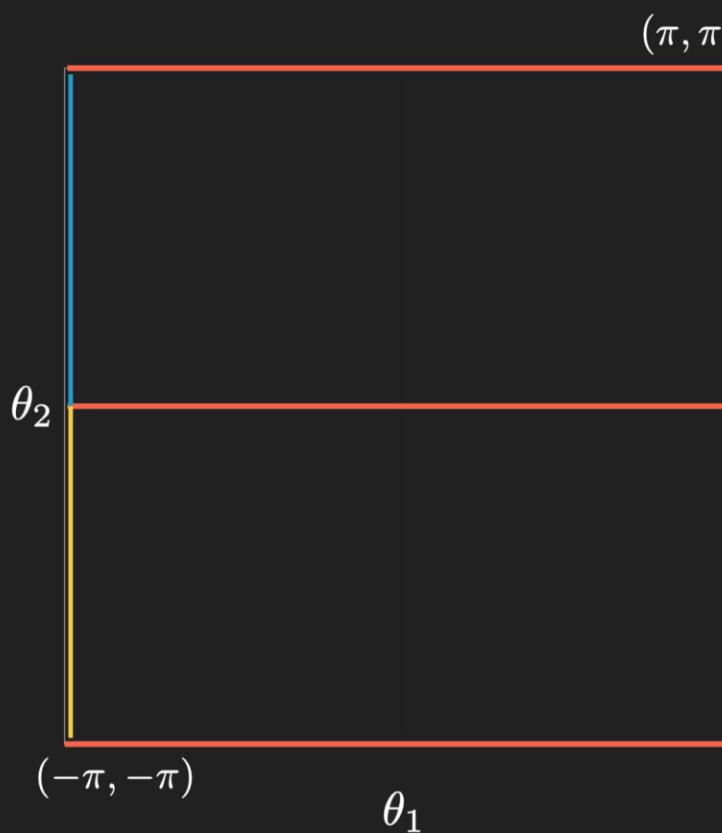
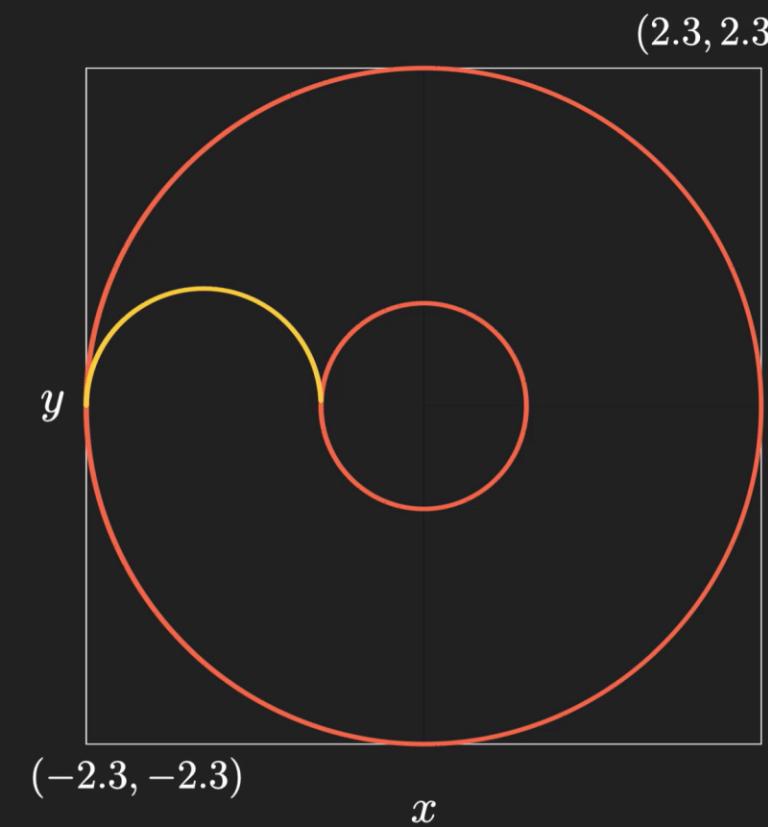
Motion planning in workspace	Motion planning in joint space
Hard to derive singularities in workspace --	Smooth singularities +
Joint limits are dependent on aspect in which path is to be tracked --	Joint limits are easy to handle +
Space is not homogenous as we go from 3R to 6R (position + orientation) --	Homogenous space as the degrees of freedom increases +
The behavior is native to the space of demonstration +	Multiple regions exist that can map the same behavior --
The behavior upon perturbation is well captured +	Slight perturbations may cause large change in path --



Learn behavior in joint space by exploring paths upon perturbation in workspace

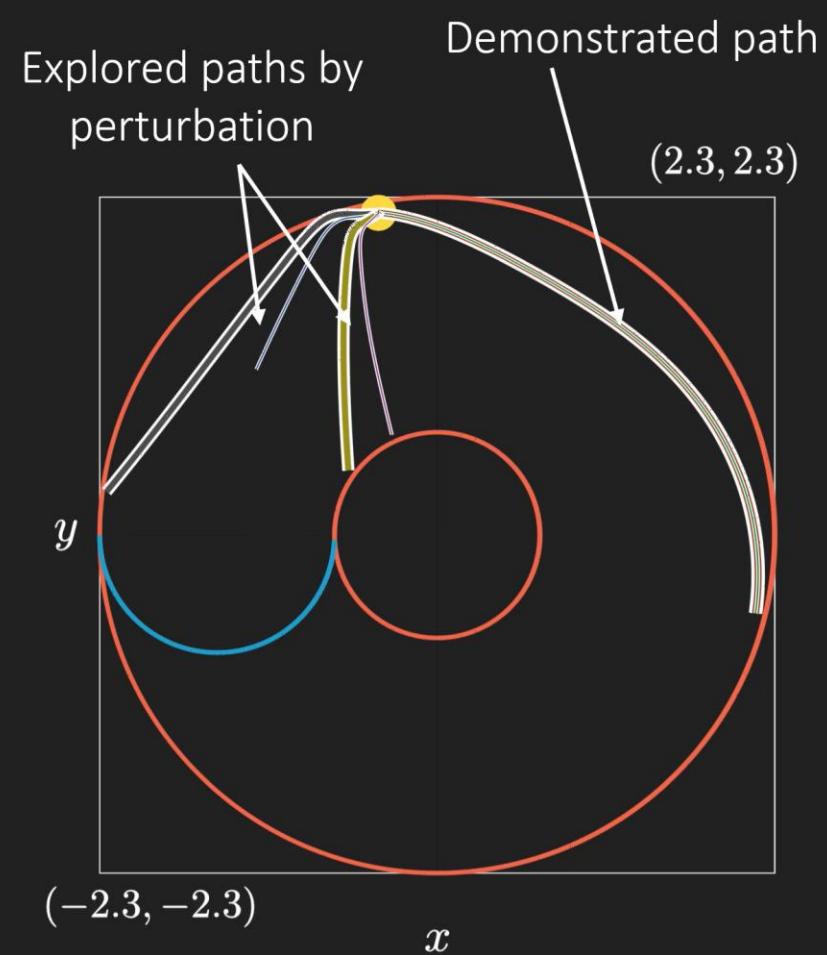
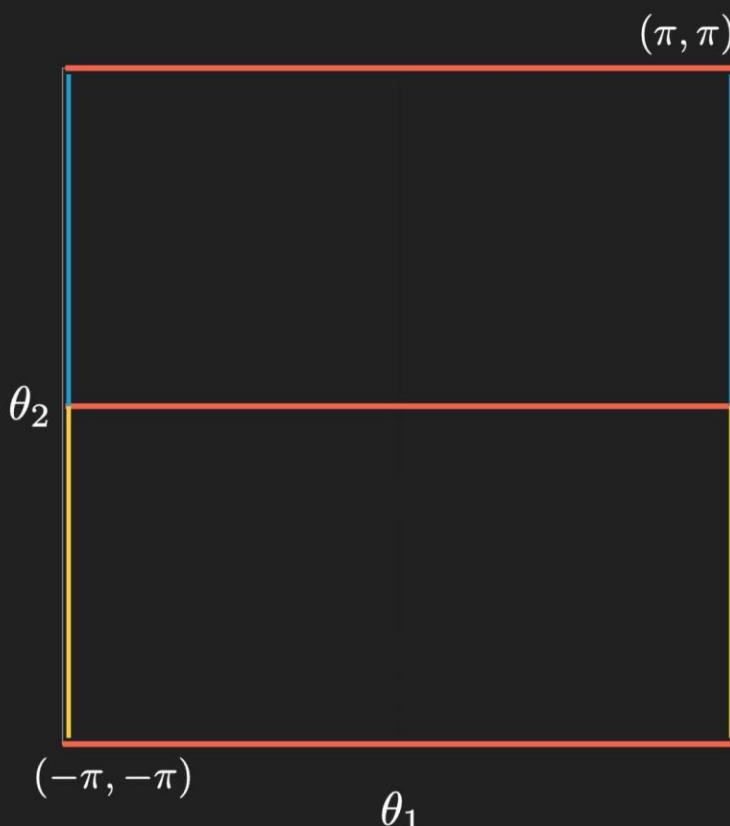
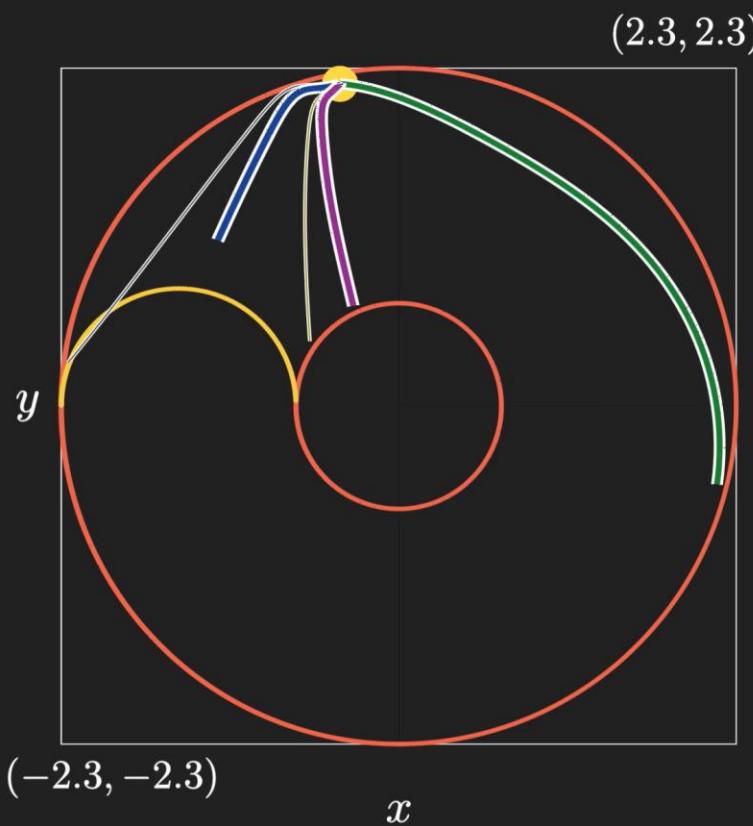
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Robust behavior by exploring perturbation in workspace



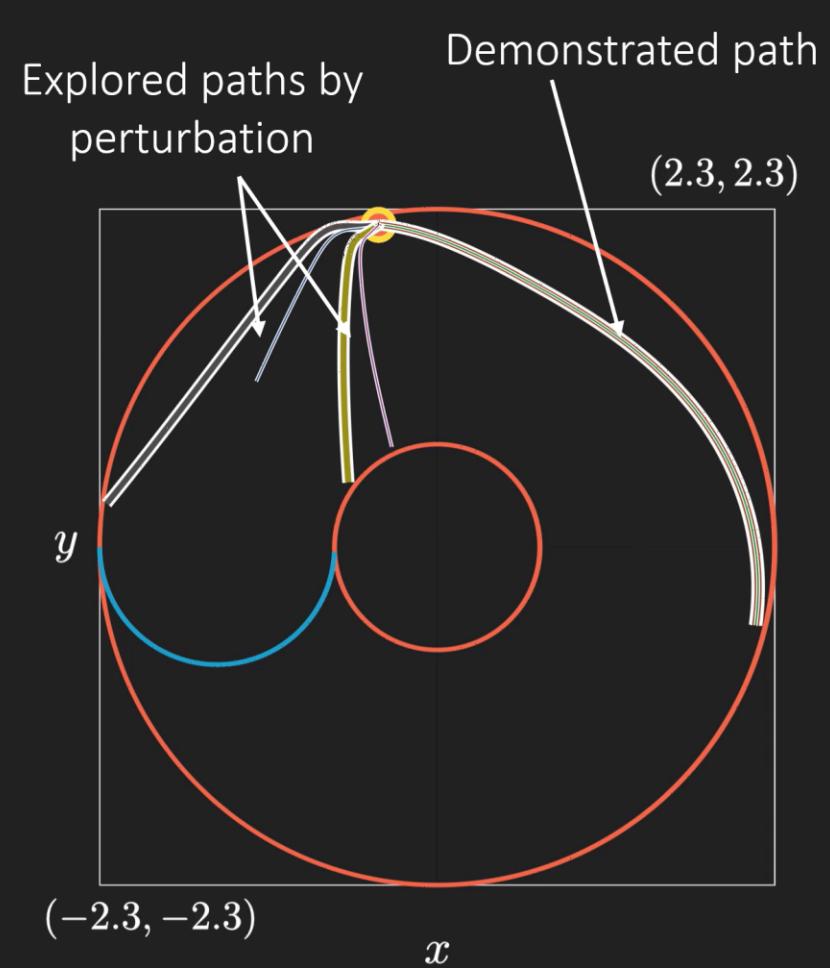
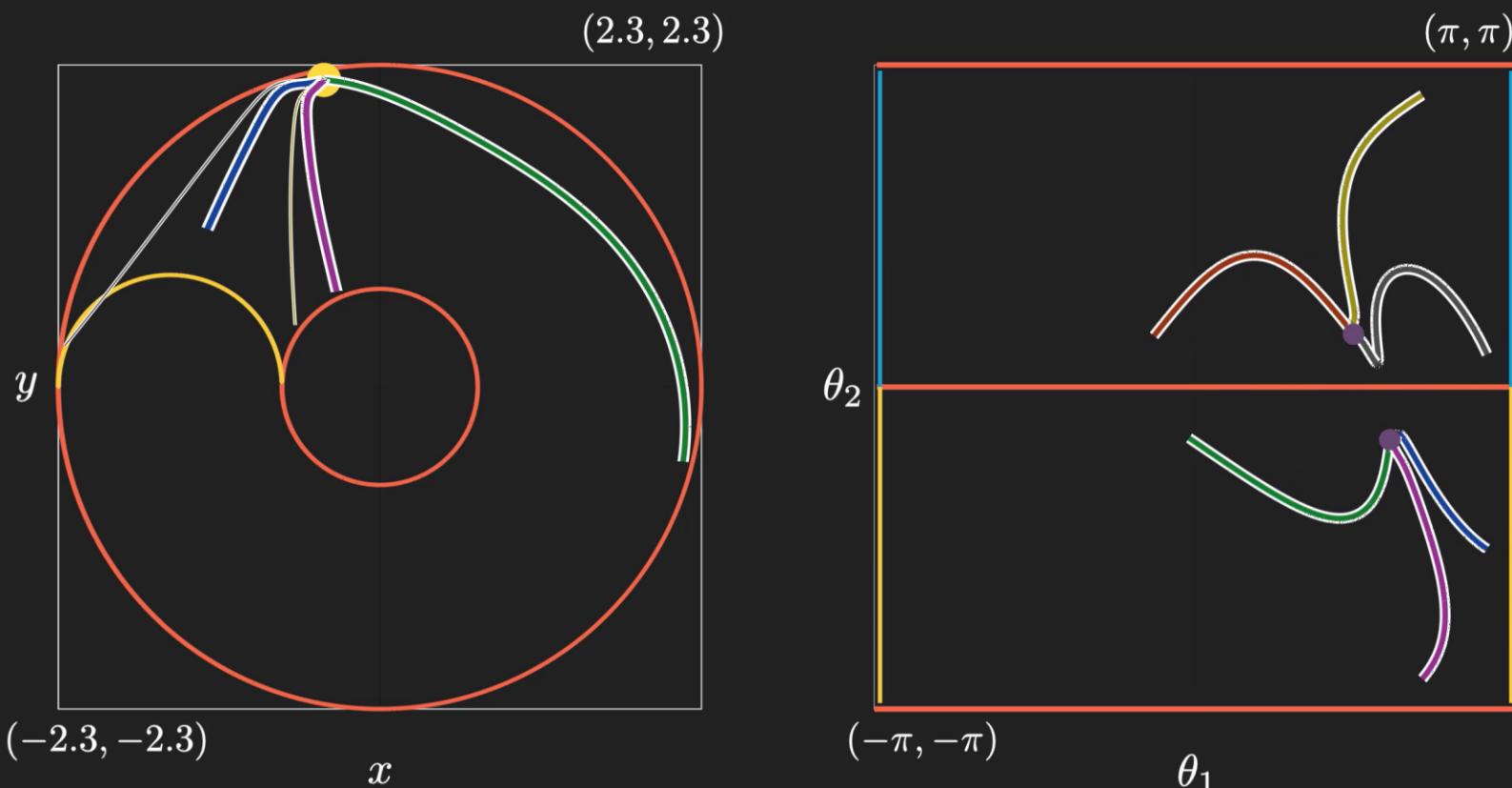
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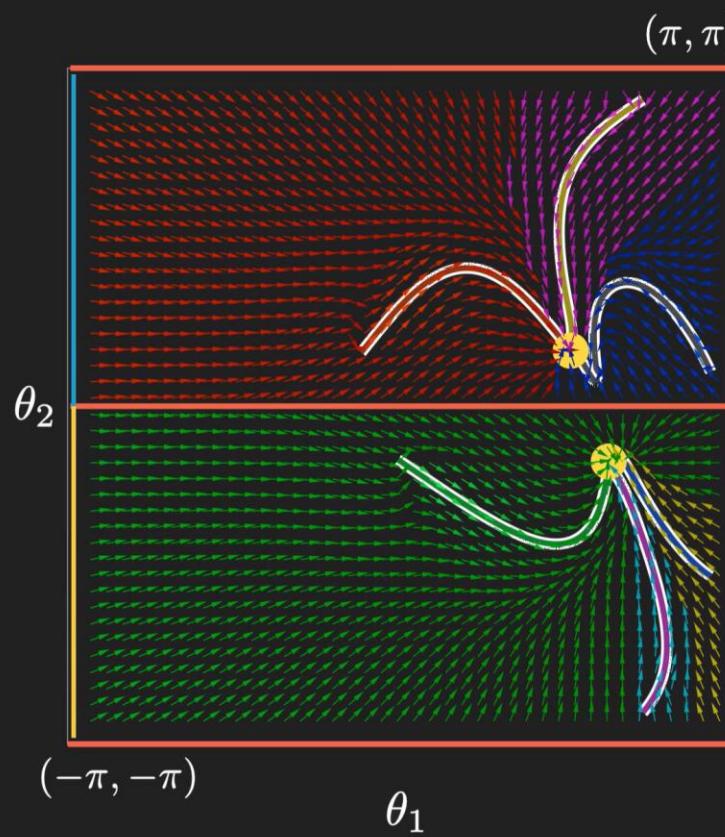
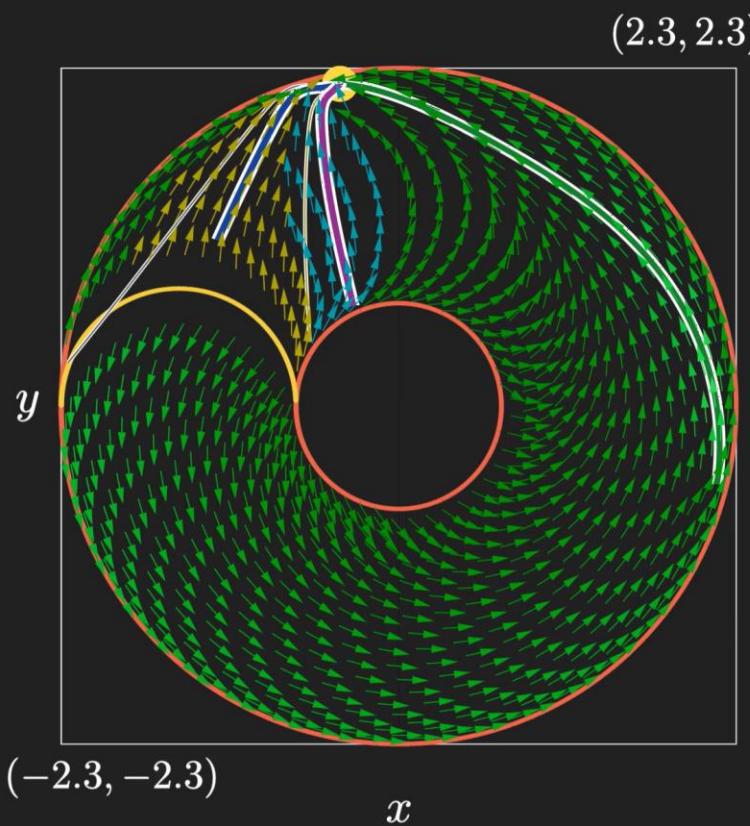
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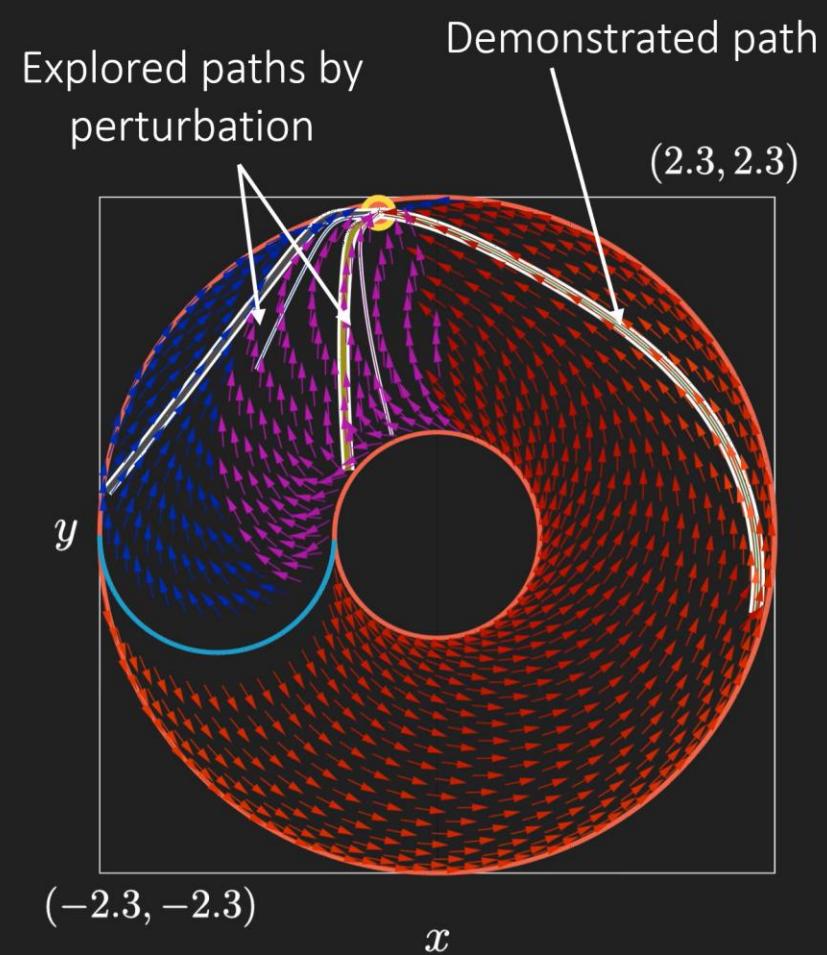


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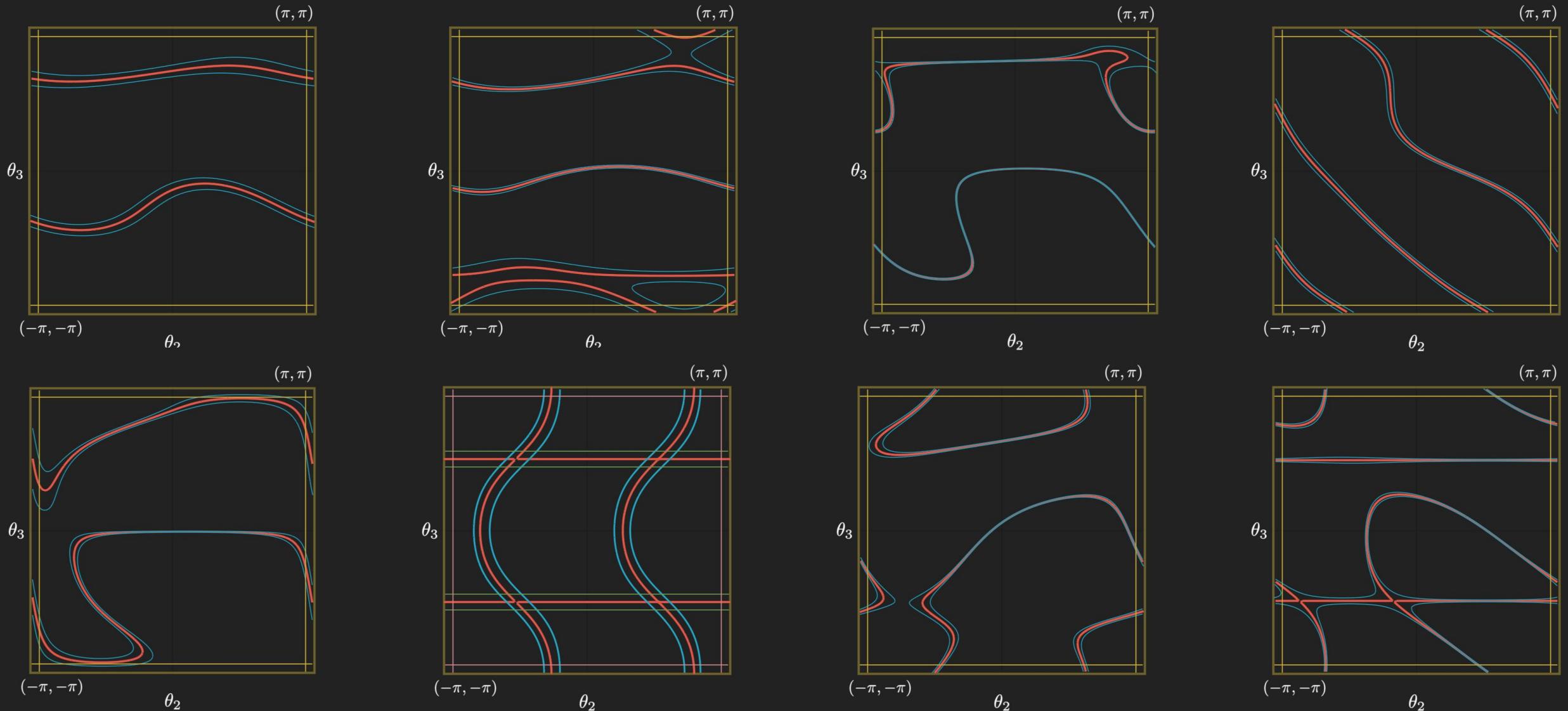
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Demonstration in joint space
Generalization in joint space



Axis 2: Kinematic analysis



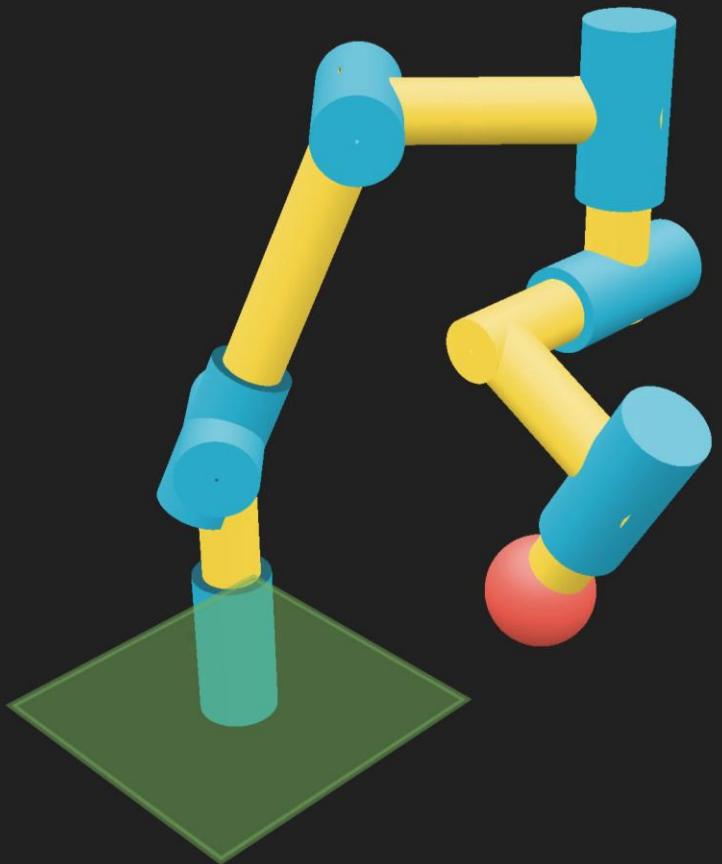
Different types of joint space singularities in 3R robots

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7R robots have singularities in 4 dimensions + 1 parameter

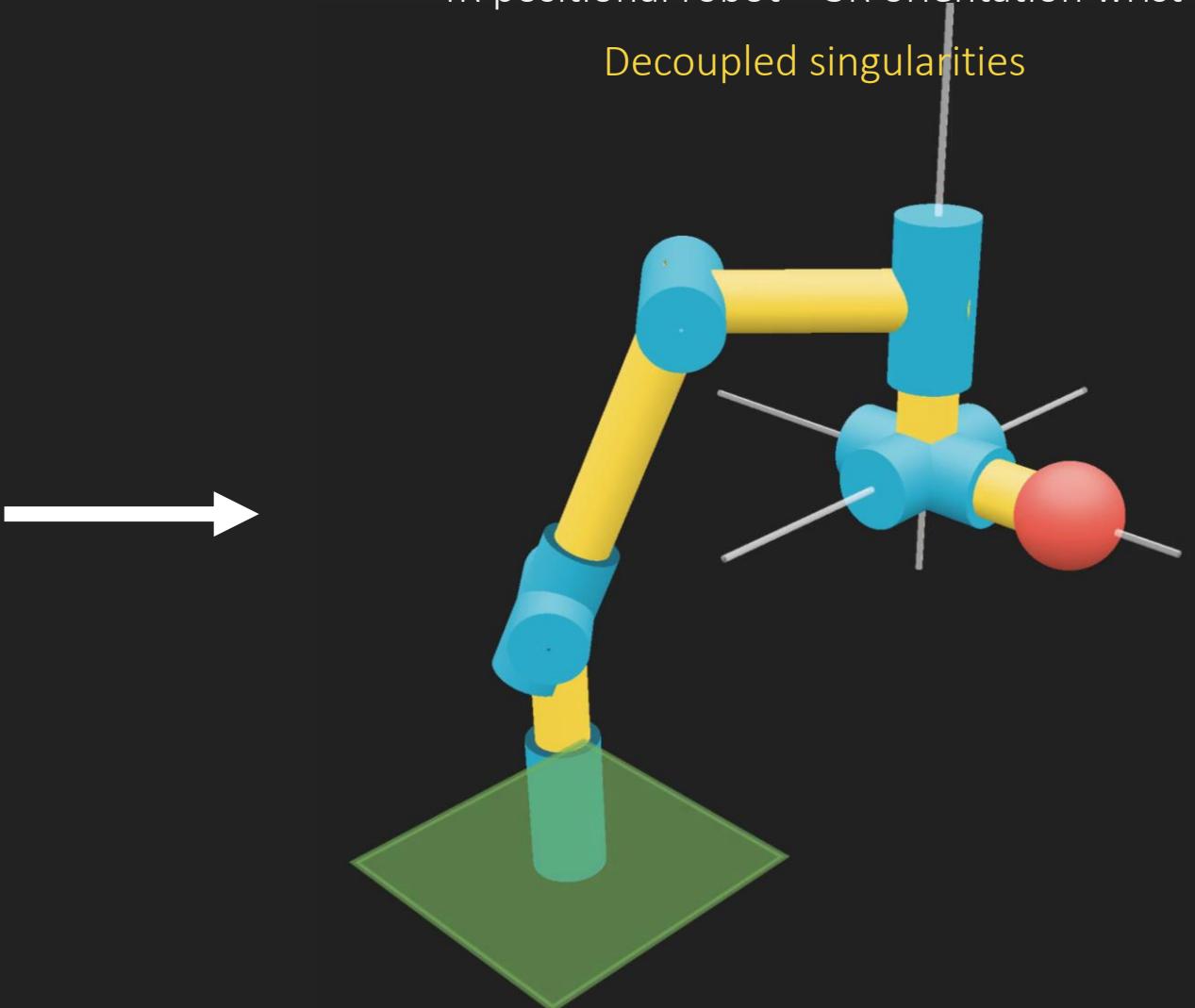
Impossible to visualize



Generic 7R robot

4R positional robot + 3R orientation wrist

Decoupled singularities

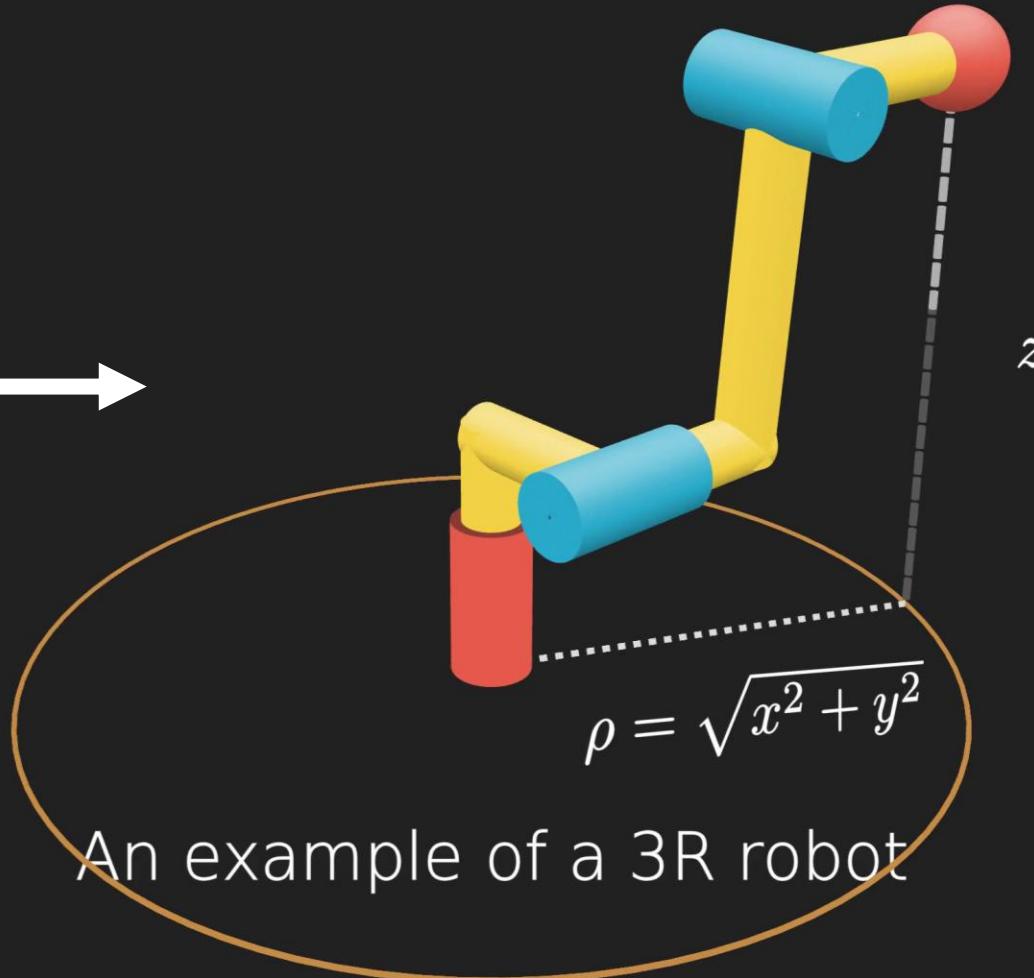
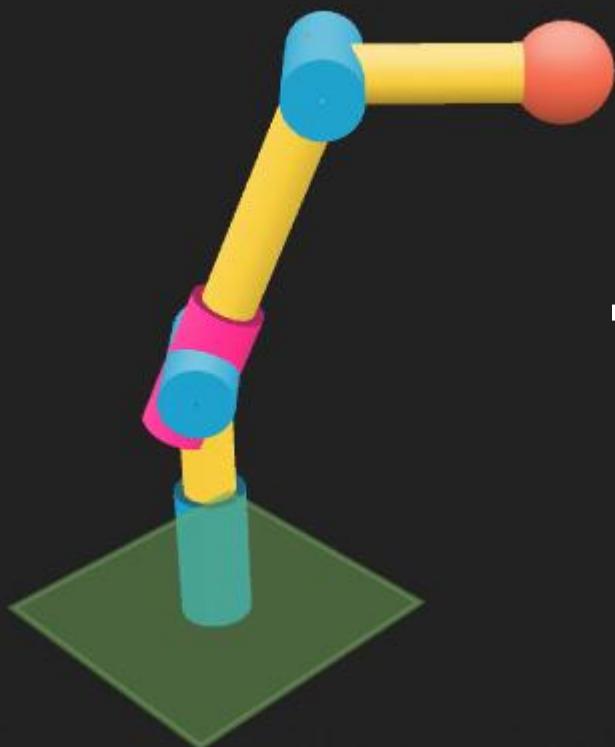


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4R robot => 3R positional robot+ 1 parameter

Visualizable singularities!



3R positional robot => reduced to only 2 parameters

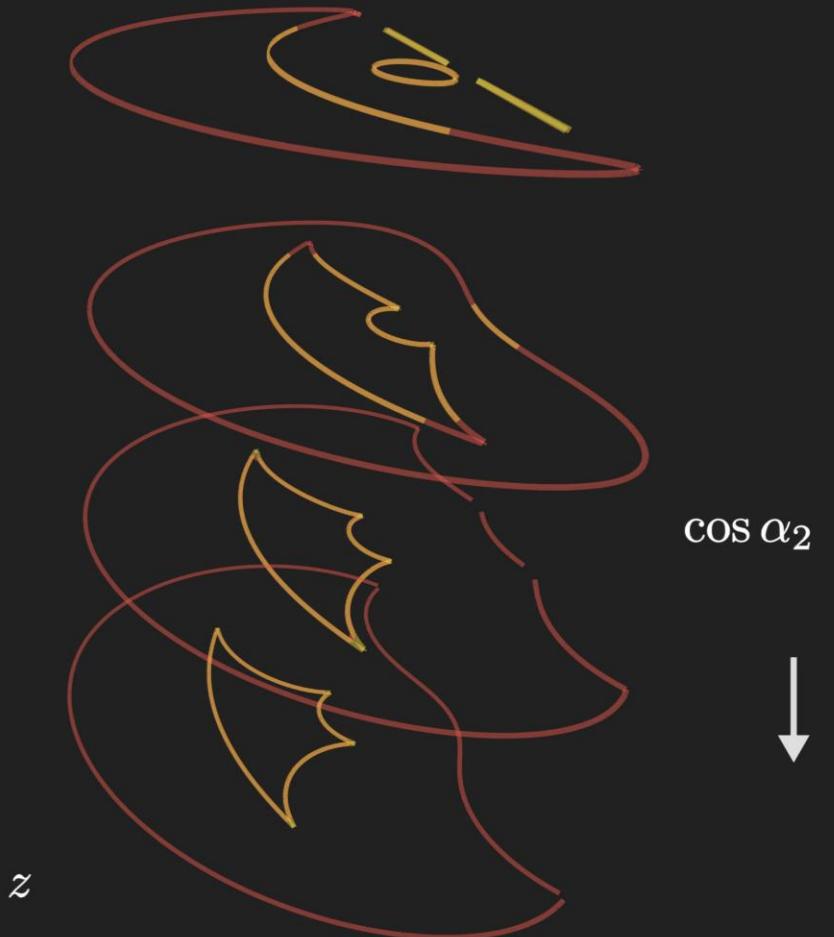
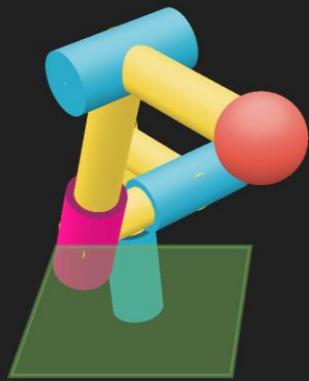
Singularities plot in 2D plane

$$\theta_1 \notin \det(\mathbf{J})$$

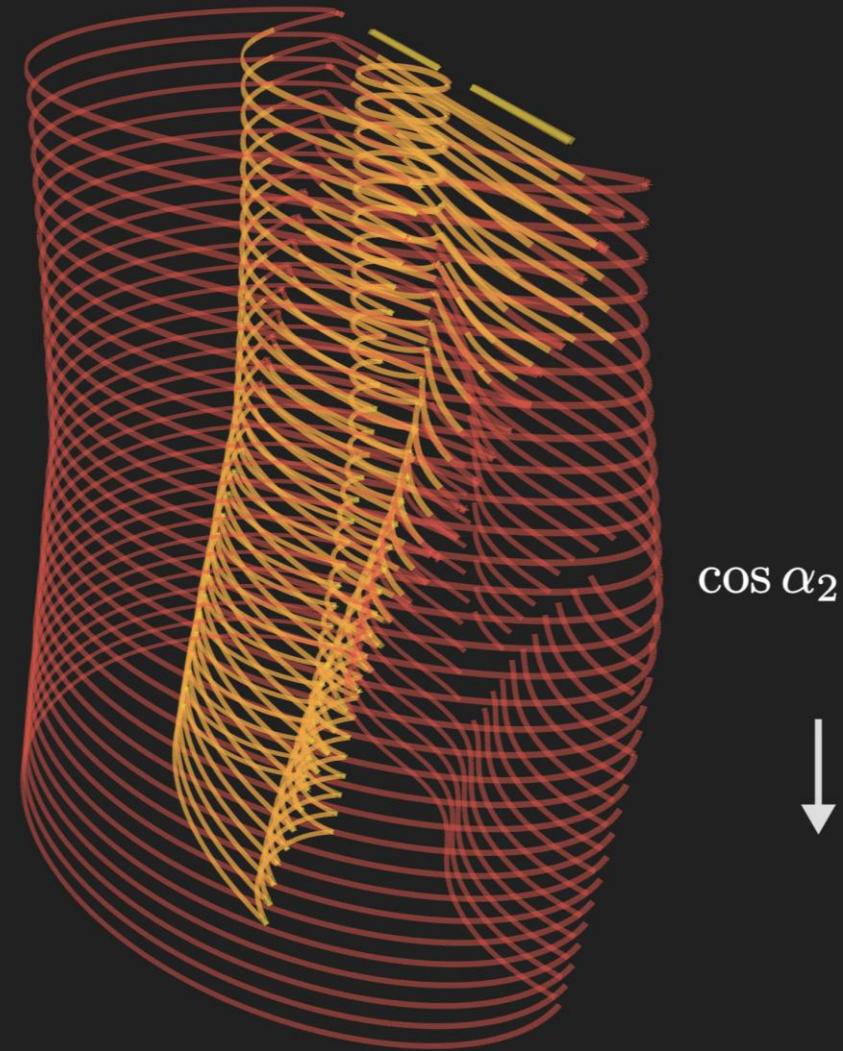
singularity depends
only on $\theta_2, \theta_3 \in \mathbb{T}^2$

Axis 2: Kinematic analysis

What happens when a 7R robot is cuspidal?



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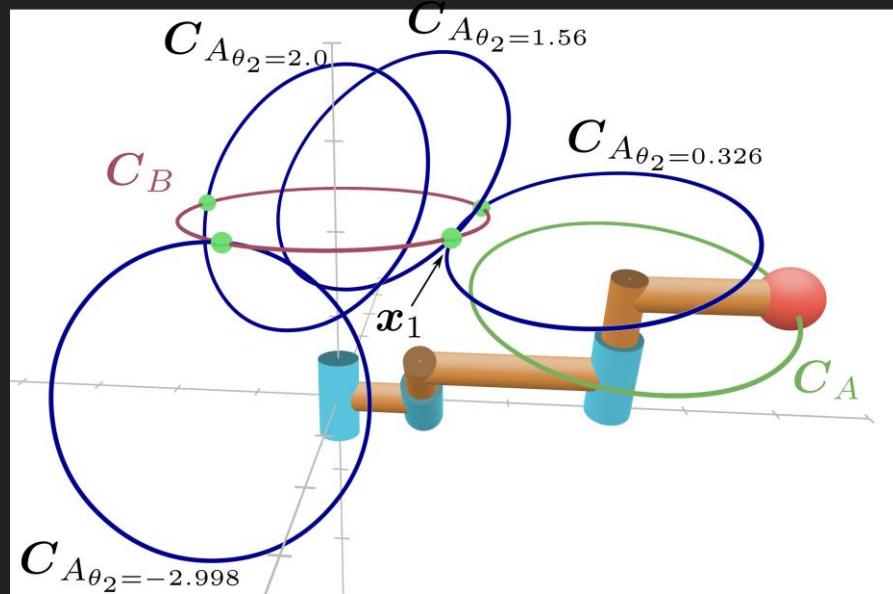
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What is Conformal Geometric Algebra?

- CGA is a framework to represent and manipulate:
 - Points, lines, planes, circles, spheres
 - Rigid & conformal transformations (rotate, translate, scale, invert)
- Embeds 3D space into 5D using:
- Two extra basis vectors: e_0 and e_∞
- Combines position + metric info
- Enables distance, angle, and intersection as algebraic operations

$$X = \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 e_\infty + e_0$$

Conformal embedding of a point



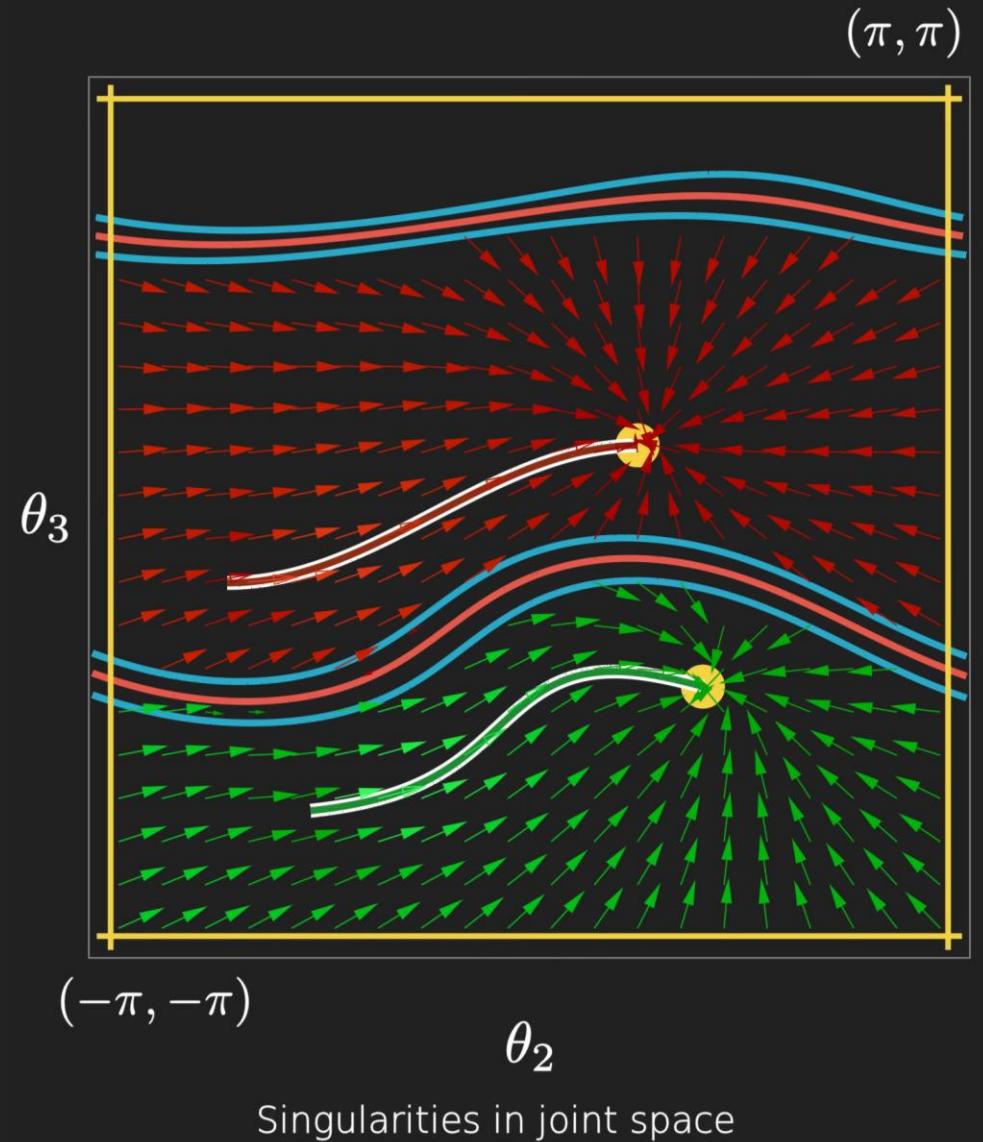
Inverse kinematics using CGA

CGA primitives	Direct/primal (OPNS)	Dual (OPNS)
Point p	x	x
Point pair A	$p_1 \wedge p_2$	$S_1 \vee S_2 \vee S_3$
Sphere S	$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge p_4$	$p_S - \frac{1}{2}r^2 e_\infty$
Plane E	$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge e_\infty$	$n + d e_\infty$
Line L	$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge e_\infty$	$E_1 \vee E_2$
Circle C	$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3$	$S_1 \vee S_2 \text{ or } S_1 \vee E_1$

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Axis 1: Learning behaviour from demonstartion

Respecting constraints for a generic 3R robot



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