

O. Introduction

A device that automates certain, often repetitive

B This course covers two fundamental aspects of robotics:

- a) Manipulators
- b) Mobile robotics ✓

* But not how to make a robot

C. Manipulators Section

- * Spatial representations and transformations
- * Forward kinematics
- * Inverse kinematics
- * Jacobians
- * Motion planning & control



Jacobian links velocity to that of joints \leftrightarrow

D. Assessment

- a) Manipulators assignments (25%)
- c) Exam (50%)



⇒ Learning Outcomes

- LO1) Develop and apply forward kinematics to obtain the end-effector position and orientation in the base coordinate frame as a function of the joint parameters
- LO2) Apply inverse kinematics to calculate all possible sets of joint parameters that result in a given end-effector position and orientation relative to the base coordinate frame
- LO3) Construct the Jacobian matrix for an articulated manipulator and use it to calculate static forces and torques, and derive dynamic equations for each link ✗
- LO4) Apply simple, linear interpolative path planning techniques to control end-effector motion for an articulated manipulator

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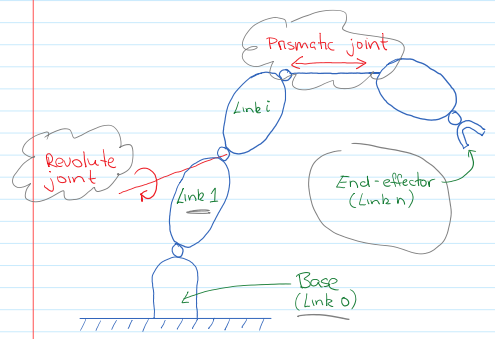
s of joints
torques/forces

1. Spatial Representations

<Hotwire>

A. Describing a manipulator

We have a manipulator - series of links + joints



Spherical joint = 3 re. with before

Links : n moving links (1, 2, ..., n)
1 fixed link (base)

Joints : Revolute $\frac{1}{-}$
Prismatic $\frac{1}{-}$ } DOF?

Q What is the ultimate goal of a manipulator such as this?? (In the simplest sense)

To get the end-effector to a known position & orientation

To do this, we need to be able to describe the end-effector position and orientation...

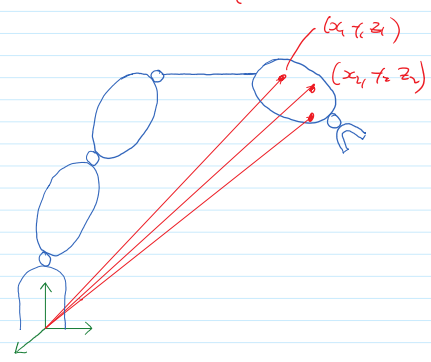
How?? - That's what this first topic covers...

* Configuration parameters: A set of ~~position~~ parameters that describes the full configuration of the system

If we take one of these links, how can we fully describe its:

- * Position? - cartesian, polar coords
- * Orientation? roll-pitch-yaw, rotation matrices, quaternions

How about a free object in space?



Q How many parameters?

points
no distance
between

How many parameters?
3? 6? 9? —

How many independent parameters?
6 — 3 position
3 rotation

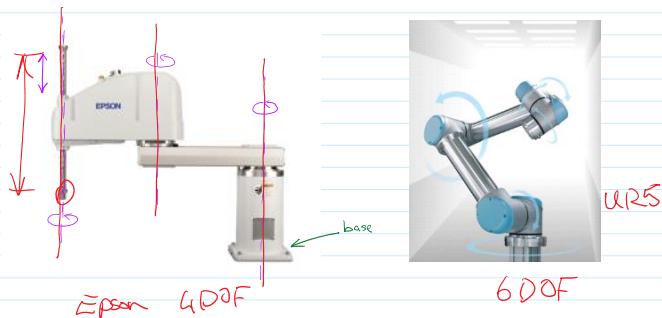
* Generalised Coordinates: A set of independent configuration parameters

How many constraints from a joint? 5

For a link floating in free space, how many parameters? 6

n moving links = $6n$ parameters — if in free-space
 n 1 DOF joints = $5n$ constraints
 $\Rightarrow \text{DOF}_{\text{system}} = 6n - 5n = n$
 = * Generalised coords for system

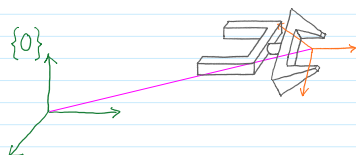
* Degrees of freedom: Number of generalised coordinates



* How many DOF for this SCARA robot?

The end effector is the business-end of the robot
 So we want to consider how we can represent its position and orientation

- End effector config parameters
- $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m_0}\} : m_0$ independent config parameters (generalised coords)



m_0 : * DOF of end effector
 — what is the maximum? 6

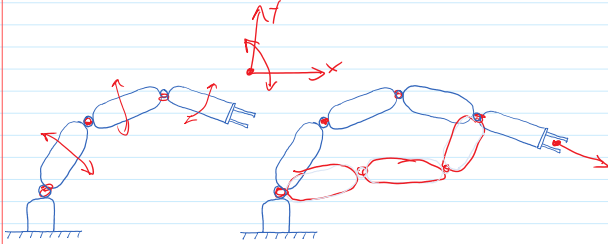
* If we want the end-effector to be able to reach any point in the workspace with any orientation,

how many DOF do we need? 6

* If $n > m_0$, the robot is termed redundant

- The end effector can stay in a fixed pos + orient while the rest of the manipulator can vary

For a planar robot, how many DOF can the end effector have? ($m_{0,planar}$)

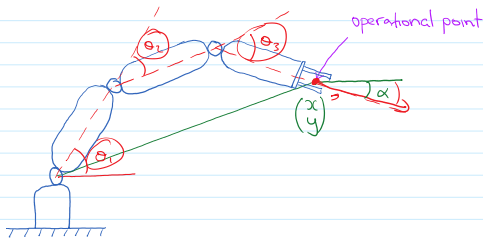


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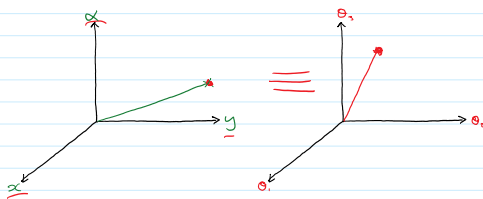
→ There are a number of ways we can represent the configuration of the manipulator and end-effector

* Operational Coordinates → Operational space

* Joint Coordinates → Joint space / Config space



op point changes depending on what robot does
- grip
- wheel



We need to be able to move between these:

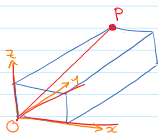
We control in Config space
Obstacles/tasks in Operational space } Kinematics

B. Frames

In operational space we use frames to describe the position and orientation of a rigid body (link)

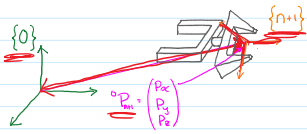
I. We attach a Cartesian frame (axes) to the body

Any point on this body can now be describe by a vector in the attached frame



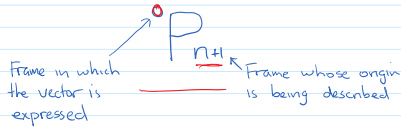
$$P = \underline{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix}$$

II. We can describe the position and orientation of this body frame in another, reference frame



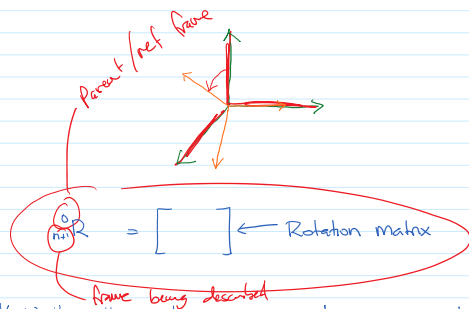
If we change the ref frame, we change the vector

→ Position is given by the vector, ${}^0P_{n+1}$, to the origin



$${}^0P_{n+1} \neq {}^{n+1}P_0$$

→ Orientation is given by describing the rotation of one frame wrt. another



* With these two components, we can transform the coordinates of any point on a rigid body to coordinates in a fixed reference frame

eg. The operational point of the end effector in the base frame of the robot

Summary:

- * Manipulator = Links and Joints
 - Revolute
 - Prismatic
- * Configuration parameters → Generalised coords
 - Constraints
 - DOF
- * Operational space
 - End effector
 - Joint angles
 } Kinematics
- * Frames

