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# INVERSE KINEMATICS

## Analytic Solution





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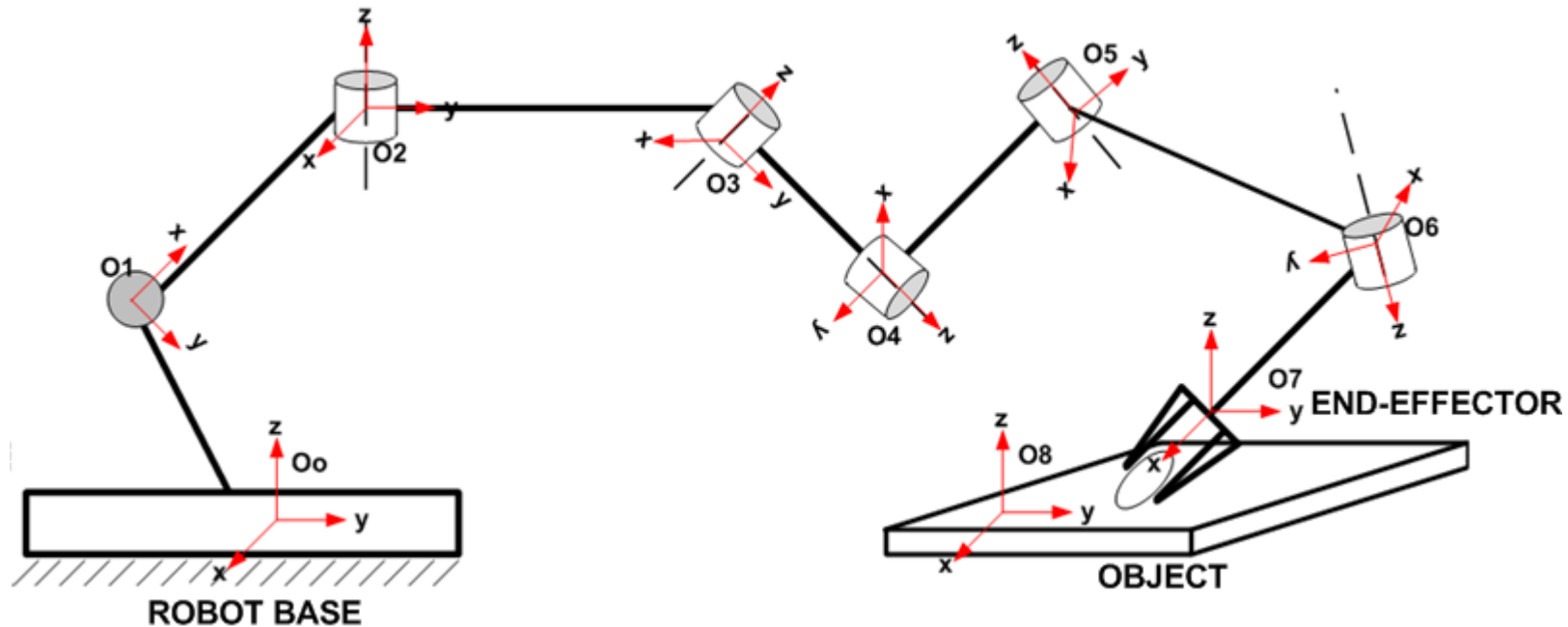
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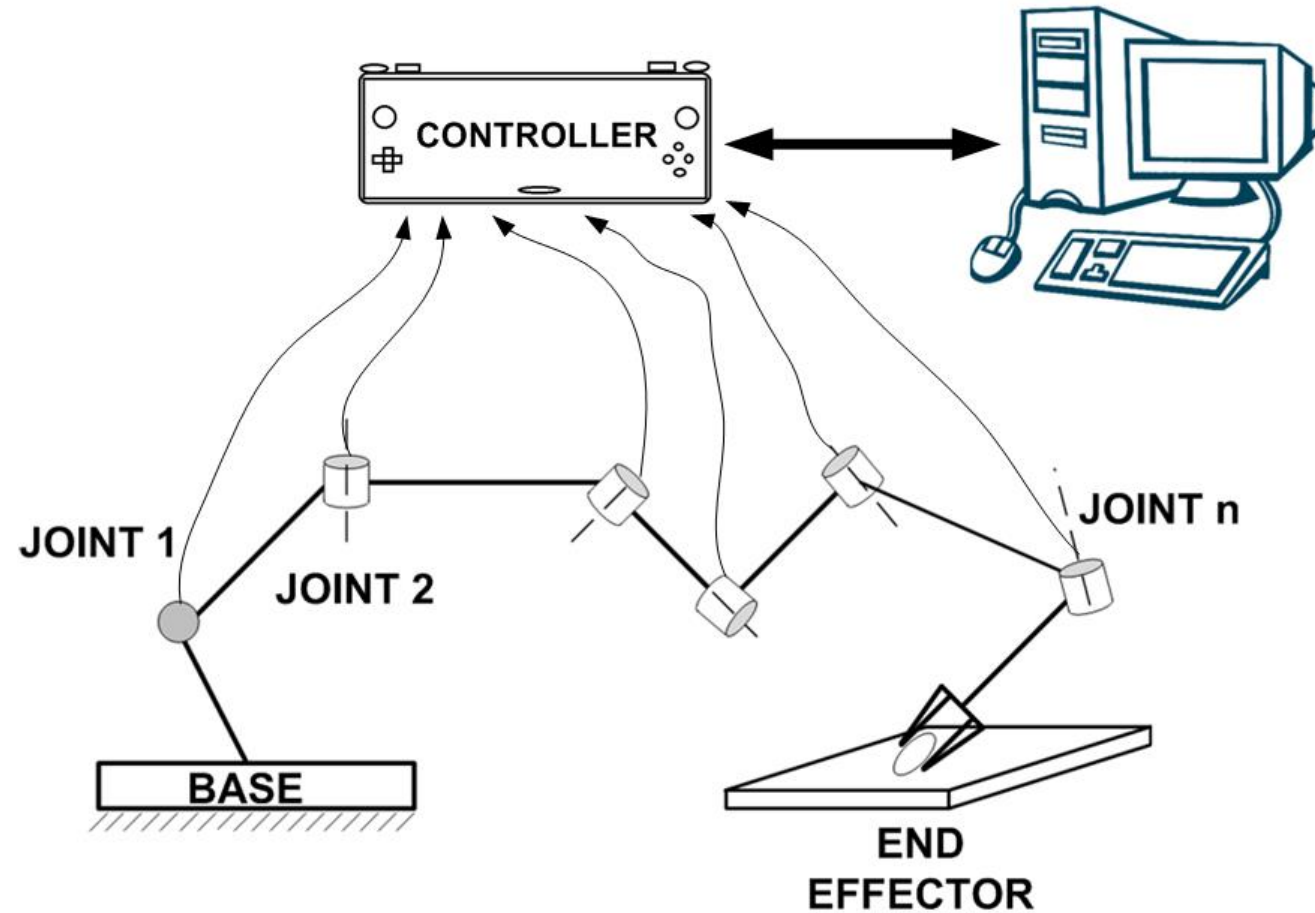
# Robot Kinematics

First problem in programming robots is to describe the position of the «**end-effector**» in relation to a fixed frame usually called «**base**»





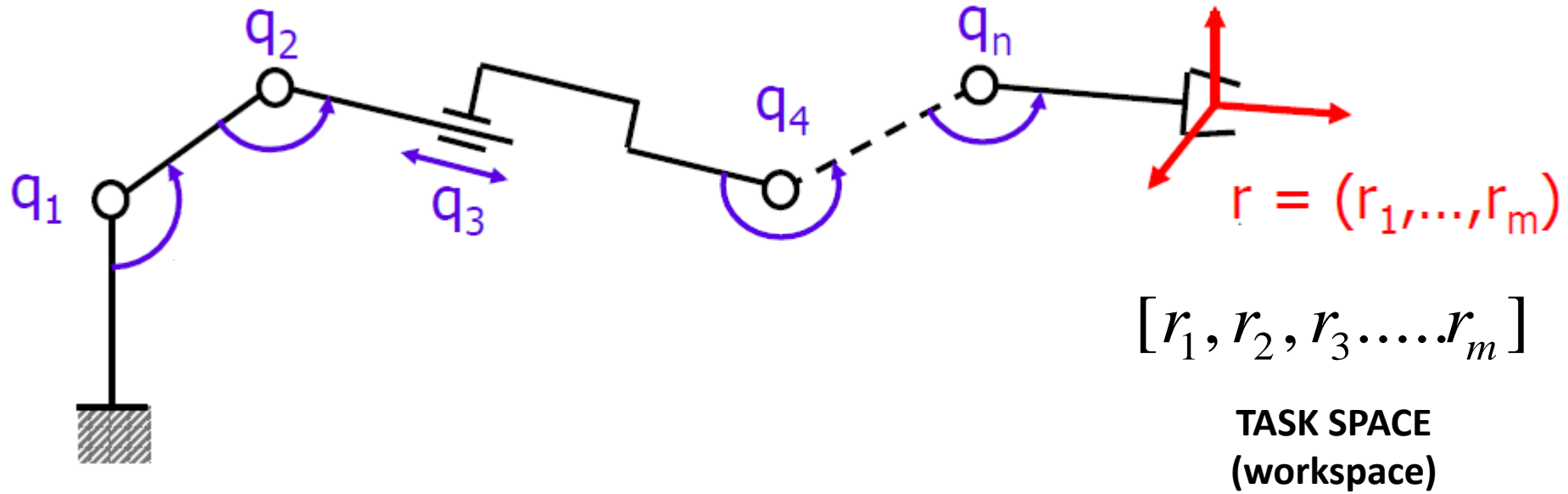
# kinematics



Robot joints are equipped with sensors (encoders or resolvers) feeding back their *rotation* to the central CPU



# kinematics



$$[q_1, q_2, q_3 \dots q_n]$$

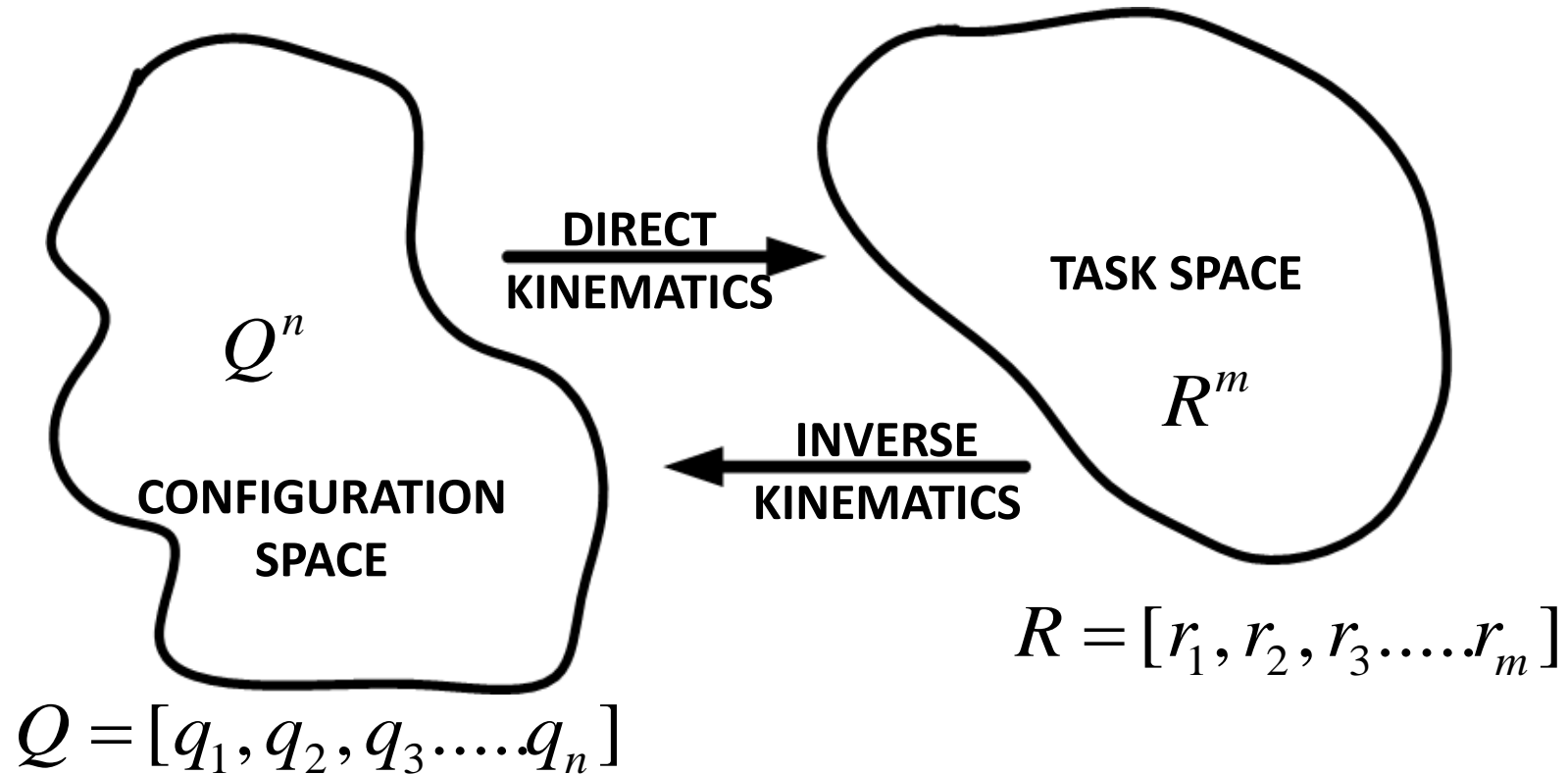
**CONFIGURATION SPACE**  
**SPACE**  
(joints space)

**How to relate the two SPACES?**

$$[q_1, q_2, q_3 \dots q_n] \longleftrightarrow [r_1, r_2, r_3 \dots r_m]$$



# Kinematics



- The dimension of the configuration space must be **larger or equal** to the dimension of the task space  
 $(n \geq m)$
- To ensure the existence of Kinematics solutions.

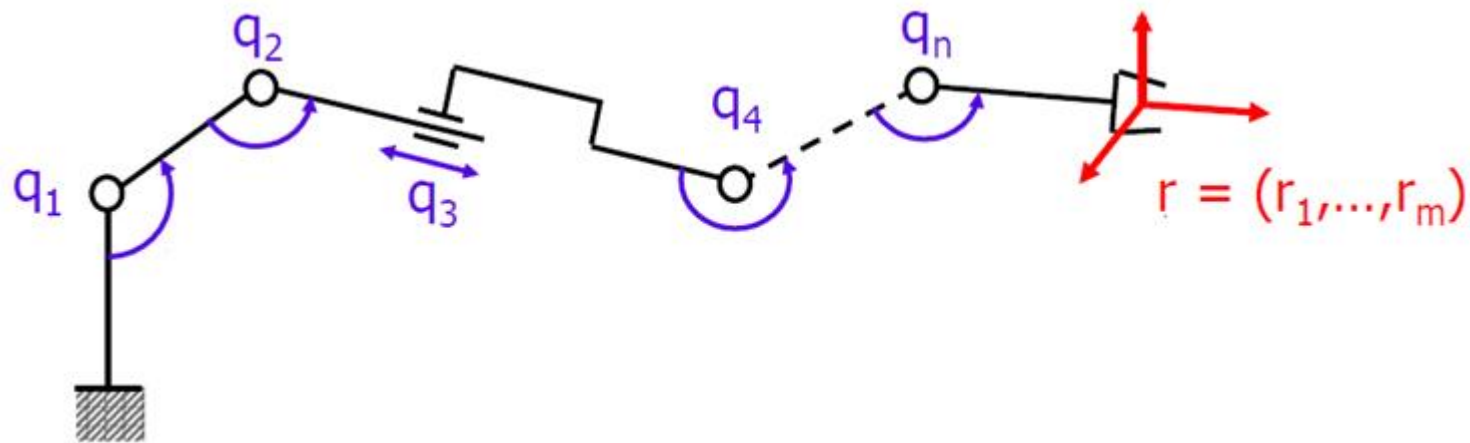




# Inverse Kinematics

The process of finding the joint angles that realizes a given (desired) position/orientation of the end-effector is known as inverse kinematics.

$$(q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_n) = G(r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_m)$$

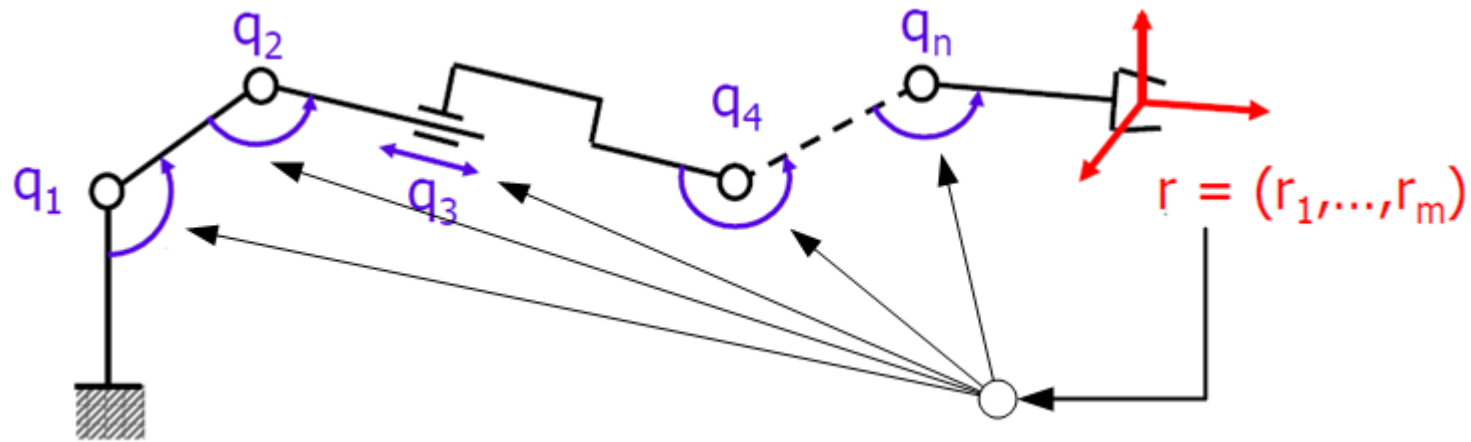




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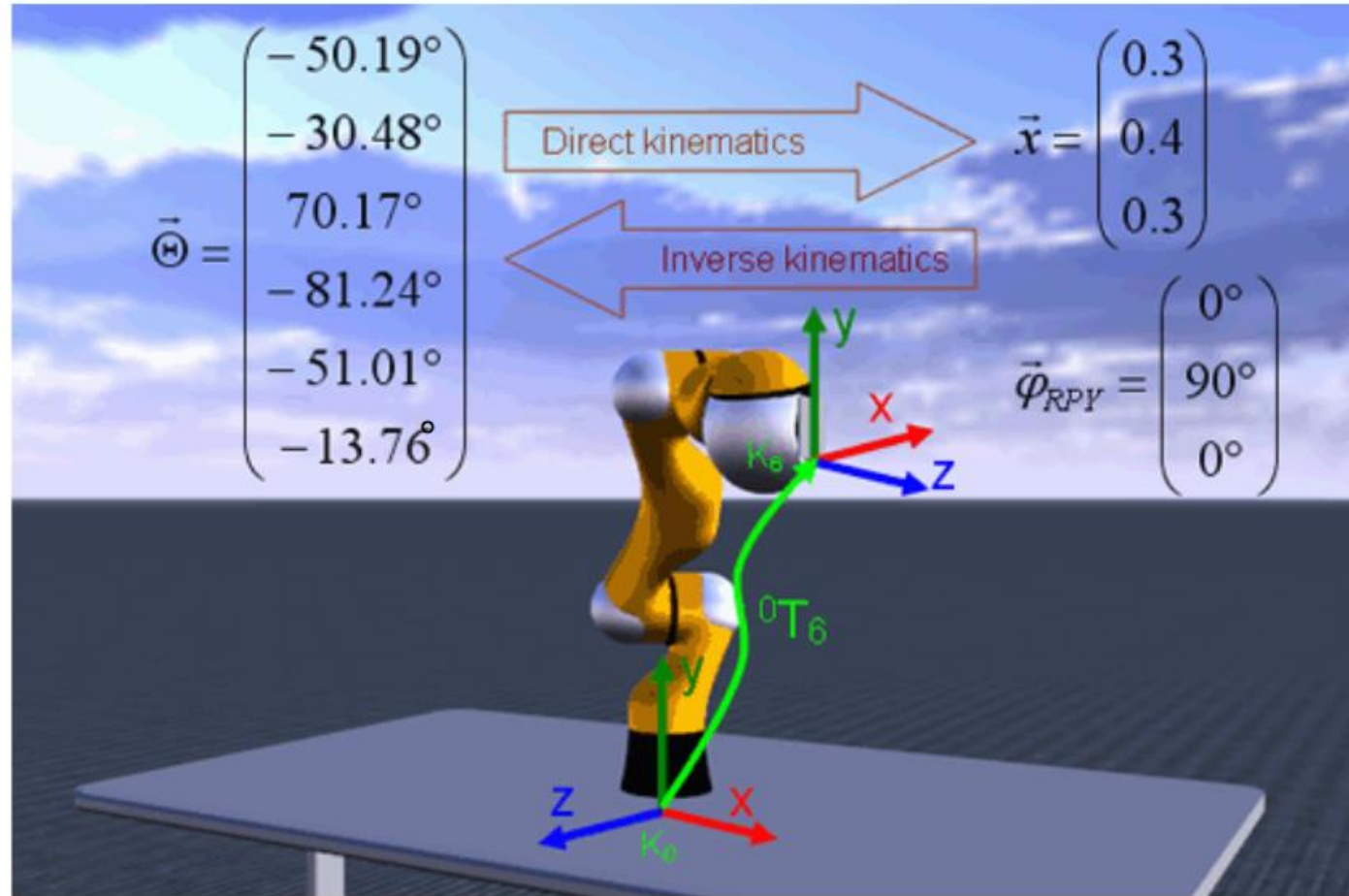






# Inverse kinematics

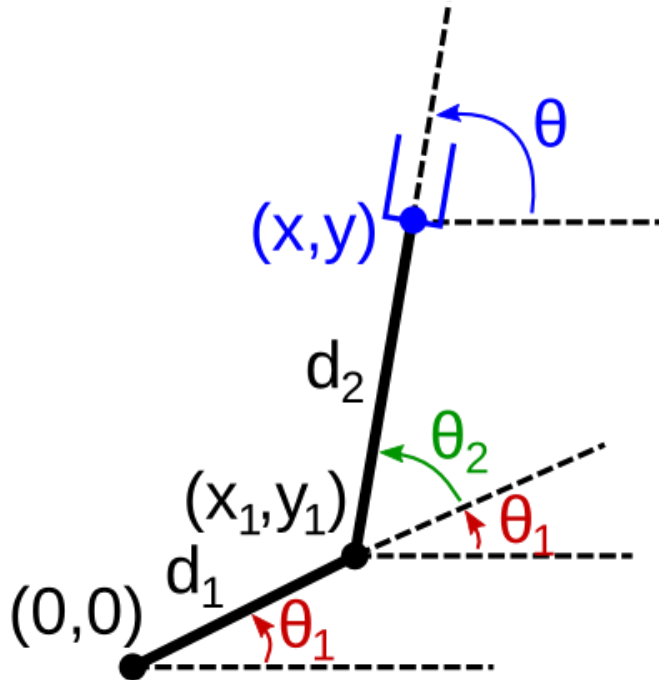
what are we looking for?



direct kinematics is always unique;  
how about inverse kinematics for this 6R robot?



# Example: inverse Kinematics



**TASK:**

to place the gripper at a desired position:

$$\mathbf{p}_{\text{des}} := (x_{\text{des}}, y_{\text{des}})$$

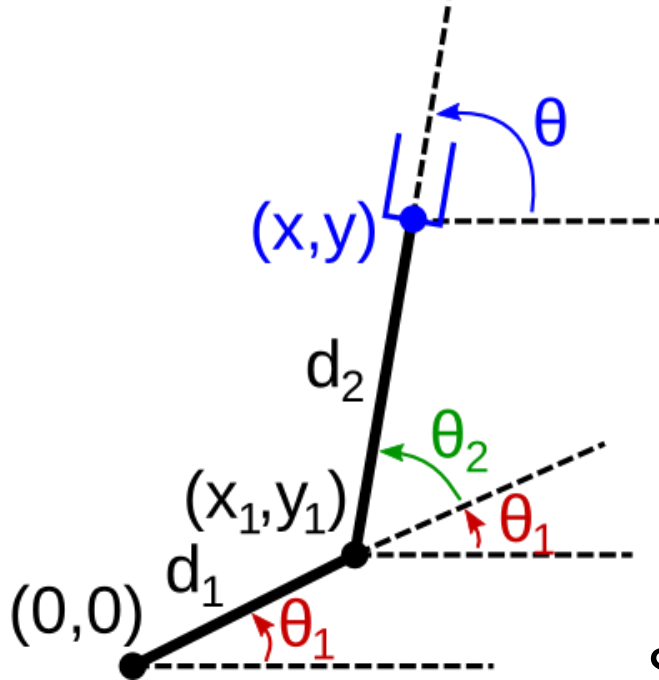
Finding the appropriate joint angles that achieve this position it constitutes the *inverse kinematics* problem:

$$\mathbf{q}^* := (\theta_1^*, \theta_2^*)$$

**Unknown**  $\rightarrow (\theta_1^*, \theta_2^*)$



# Example: inverse Kinematics



The forward kinematic provided:

$$\begin{cases} x_{\text{des}} &= d_1 \cos(\theta_1^*) + d_2 \cos(\theta_1^* + \theta_2^*) \\ y_{\text{des}} &= d_1 \sin(\theta_1^*) + d_2 \sin(\theta_1^* + \theta_2^*) \end{cases}$$

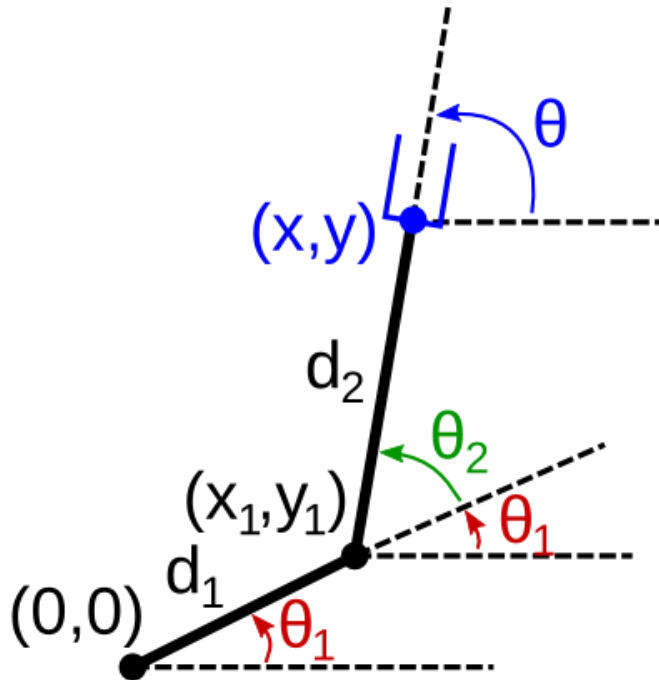
Squaring both sides of equation and summing them up:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{\text{des}}^2 + y_{\text{des}}^2 &= d_1^2 + d_2^2 + 2d_1d_2 (\cos(\theta_1^*) \cos(\theta_1^* + \theta_2^*) + \sin(\theta_1^*) \sin(\theta_1^* + \theta_2^*)) \\ &= d_1^2 + d_2^2 + 2d_1d_2 \cos(\theta_2^*). \end{aligned}$$



# Example: inverse Kinematics

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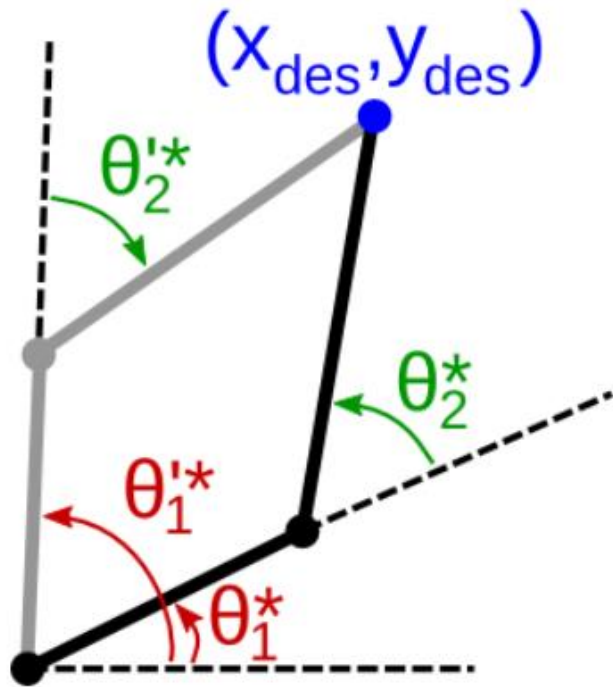
$$\cos(\theta_2^*) = \frac{x_{\text{des}}^2 + y_{\text{des}}^2 - d_1^2 - d_2^2}{2d_1d_2}.$$

$$\theta_2^* = \pm \arccos\left(\frac{x_{\text{des}}^2 + y_{\text{des}}^2 - d_1^2 - d_2^2}{2d_1d_2}\right)$$

There are two values of the angle. Why?



## Example: inverse Kinematics



Next, after [some calculations](#), one can find the expression for the two angles:

$$\theta_2^* = \pm \arccos \left( \frac{x_{\text{des}}^2 + y_{\text{des}}^2 - d_1^2 - d_2^2}{2d_1 d_2} \right)$$

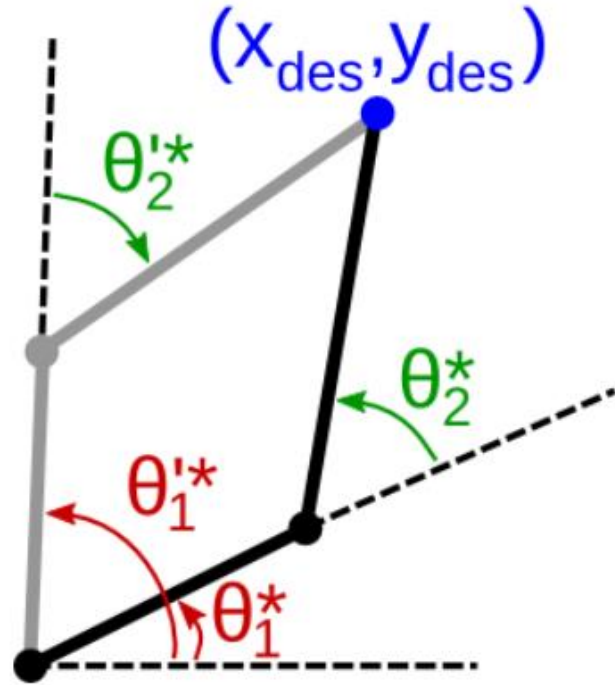
$$\theta_1^* = \arctan 2(y_{\text{des}}, x_{\text{des}}) - \arctan 2(k_2, k_1),$$

where

$$k_1 := d_1 + d_2 \cos(\theta_2^*) \quad \text{and} \quad k_2 := d_2 \sin(\theta_2^*).$$



## EXAMPLE: INVERSE KINEMATICS



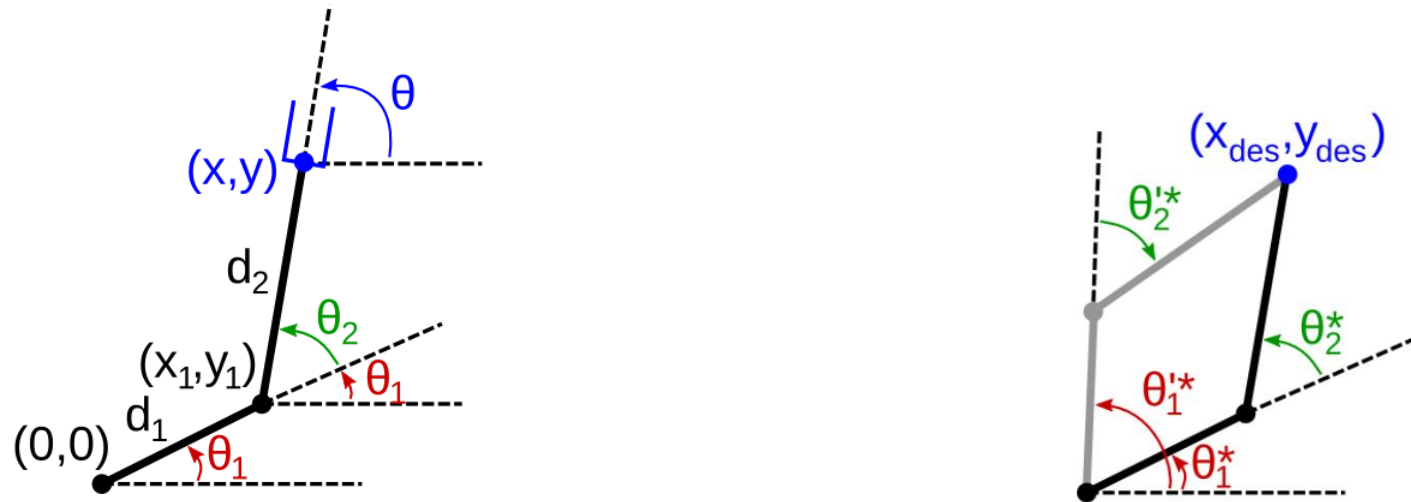
The above derivations raise the following remarks:

- Inverse kinematics calculations are in general much more difficult than forward kinematics calculations;
- While a configuration  $\mathbf{q}$  always yields *one* forward kinematics solution  $\mathbf{p}$ , a given desired end-effector position  $\mathbf{p}_{des}$  may correspond to zero, one, or multiple possible IK solutions  $\mathbf{q}^*$ .



# Redundancy (definition)

**Redundancy** arises when there are multiple Inverse Kinematics solutions for a given desired task value.



Task Space	Configuration Space
$(x_{des}, y_{des})$	$(\theta_1^*, \theta_2^*)$ $(\theta_1'^*, \theta_2'^*)$





# Inverse Kinematics Caveats

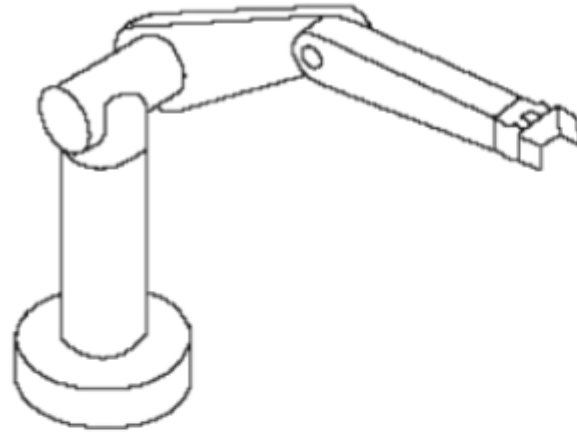
1. May or may not have a solution
2. Even if solution exists, may or may not be unique
3. Because forward kinematics is generally nonlinear, solutions can be hard to obtain even if they exist

**Example: pretend you are a PUMA arm – how many solutions?**

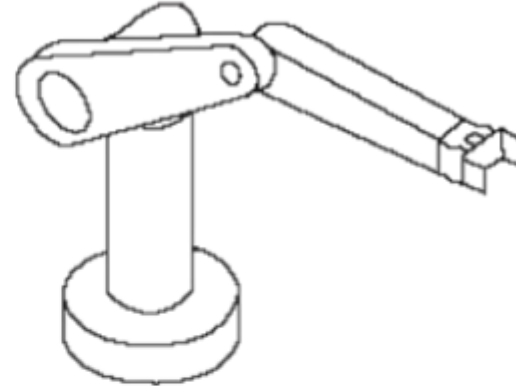




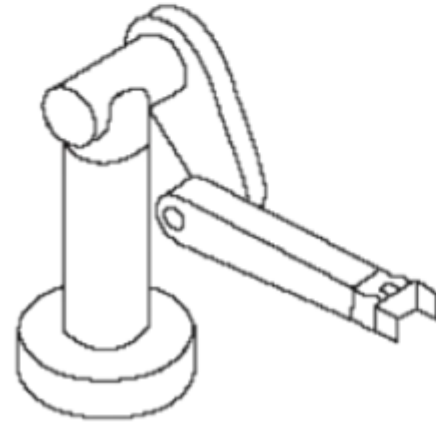
# Multiple solutions



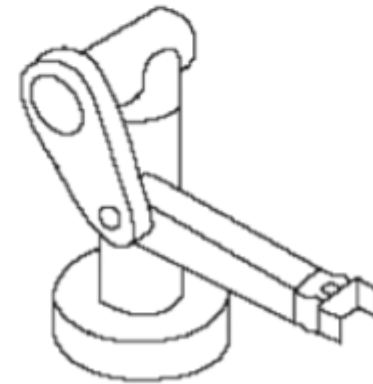
Left Arm Elbow Up



Right Arm Elbow Up



Left Arm Elbow Down



Right Arm Elbow Down



# Inverse kinematics problem

- “given a desired end-effector pose (position + orientation), **find** the values of the joint variables that will realize it”
  - a **synthesis** problem, with input data in the form
    - $T = \begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ \hline 000 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^0A_n(q)$     ■  $r = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} = f_r(q)$ , or for any other task vector
- classical formulation:      generalized formulation:  
inverse kinematics for a given end-effector pose    inverse kinematics for a given value of task variables
- a typical **nonlinear** problem
    - **existence** of a solution (**workspace** definition)
    - uniqueness/**multiplicity** of solutions ( $r \in R^m, q \in R^n$ )
    - solution **methods**



# Solvability and robot workspace

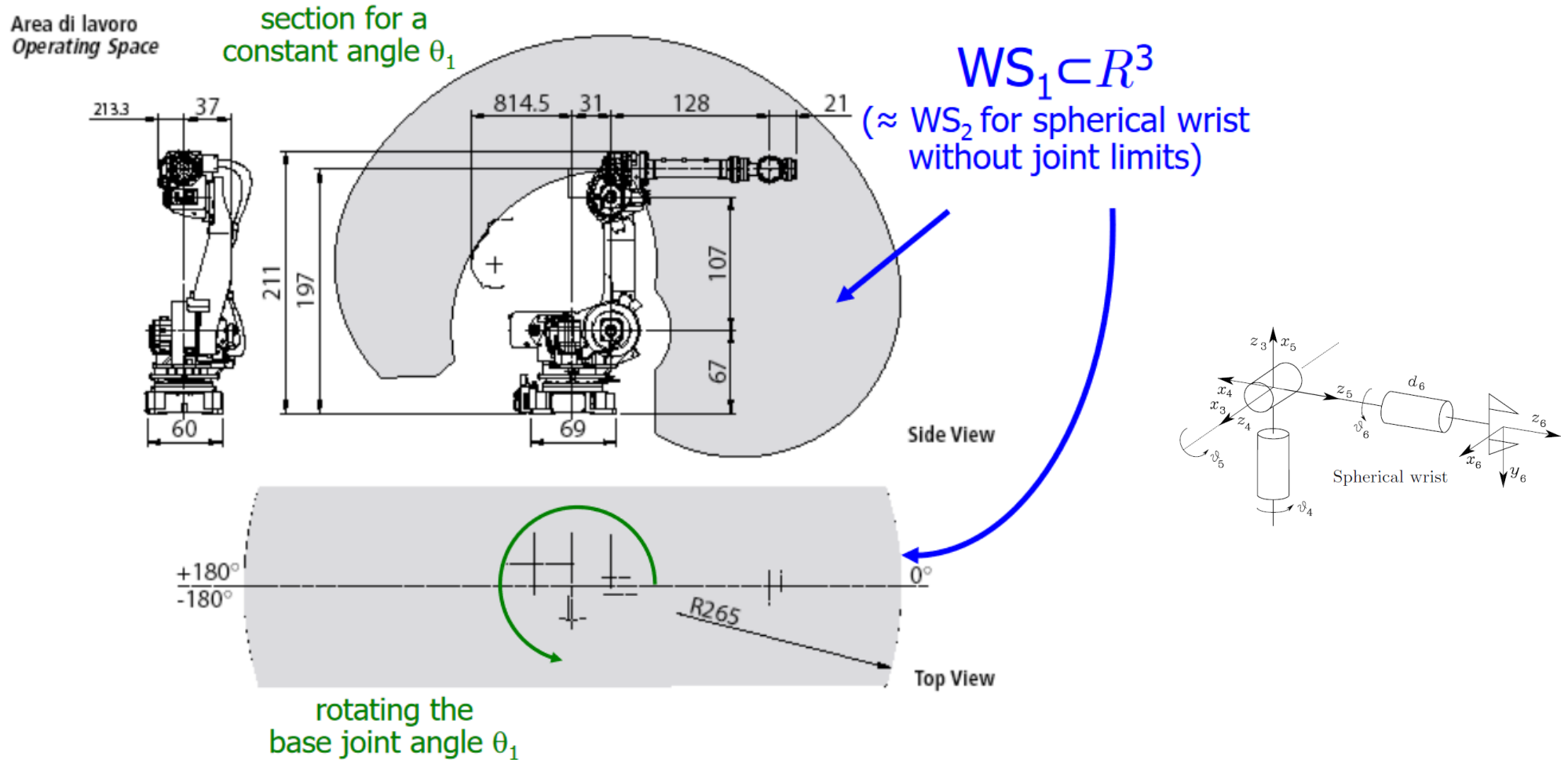
(for tasks related to a desired end-effector Cartesian pose)

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- **primary workspace  $WS_1$** : set of all positions  $p$  that can be reached with **at least one** orientation ( $\phi$  or  $R$ )
  - out of  $WS_1$  there is no solution to the problem
  - when  $p \in WS_1$ , there is a suitable  $\phi$  (or  $R$ ) for which a solution exists
- **secondary (or *dexterous*) workspace  $WS_2$** : set of positions  $p$  that can be reached with **any** orientation (among those **feasible** for the robot direct kinematics)
  - when  $p \in WS_2$ , there exists a solution for any feasible  $\phi$  (or  $R$ )



# Workspace of Fanuc R-2000i/165F

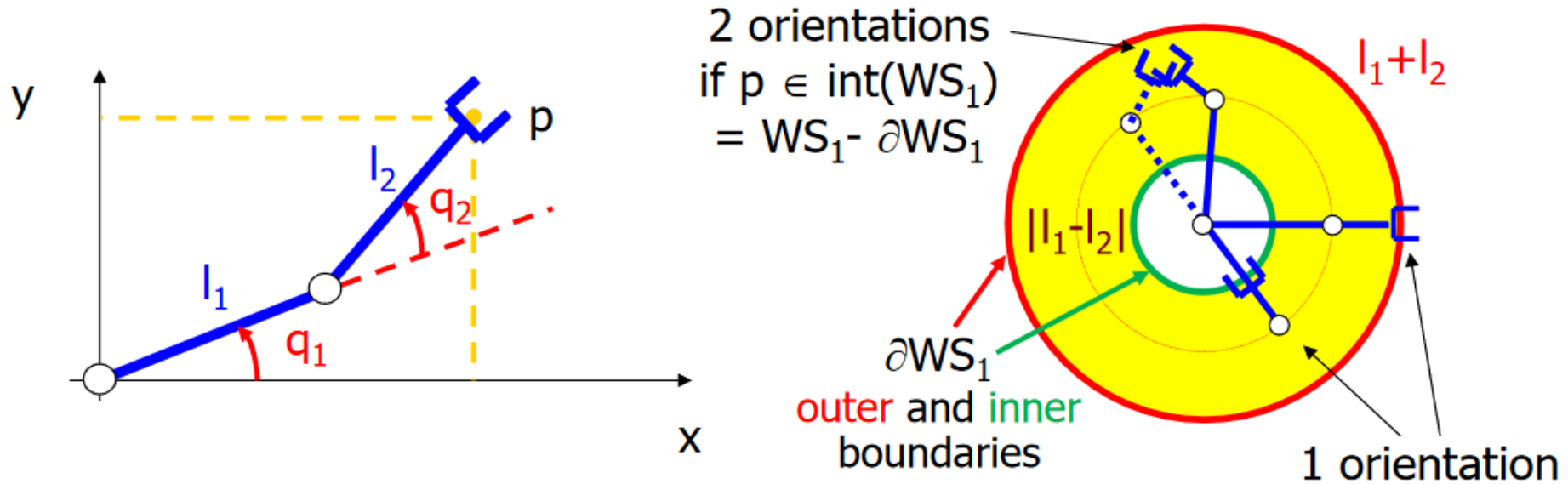


If you assume that the spherical wrist is with no rotational limits **primary and secondary workspace are coincident**, Because for all the position that I reach I can assume any orientation.





# Workspace of planar 2R arm

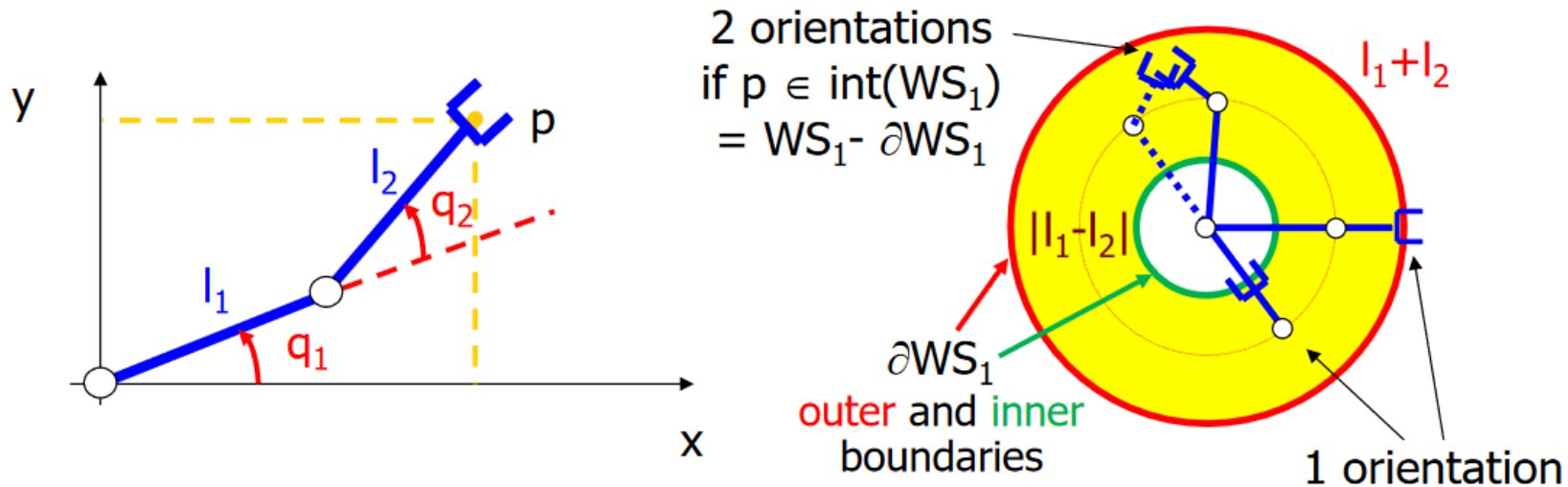


- if  $l_1 \neq l_2$ 
  - $WS_1 = \{p \in R^2: |l_1 - l_2| \leq \|p\| \leq l_1 + l_2\} \subset R^2$
  - $WS_2 = \emptyset$
- if  $l_1 = l_2 = \ell$ 
  - $WS_1 = \{p \in R^2: \|p\| \leq 2\ell\} \subset R^2$
  - $WS_2 = \{p = 0\}$  (infinite number of feasible orientations at the origin)



- E-E positioning ( $m=2$ ) of a planar 2R robot arm
    - 2 **regular** solutions in  $\text{int}(WS_1)$
    - 1 solution on  $\partial WS_1$
    - for  $l_1 = l_2$ :  $\infty$  solutions in  $WS_2$
- } *singular solutions*

## Workspace of planar 2R arm



When we will study differential kinematics using the Jacobian matrix we will see that in Singular configuration the jacobian becomes singular (determinant is zero).



# Possible situations

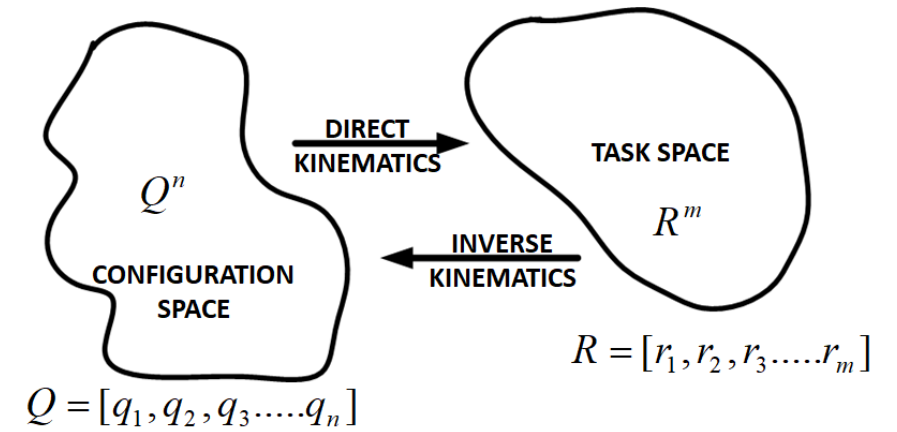
- if  $m = n$ 
  - $\nexists$  solutions
  - a finite number of solutions (**regular/generic** case)
  - "degenerate" solutions: infinite or finite set, but anyway **different in number** from the generic case (**singularity**)
- if  $m < n$  (robot is **redundant** for the kinematic task)
  - $\nexists$  solutions
  - $\infty^{n-m}$  solutions (**regular/generic** case)
  - a finite or infinite number of **singular** solutions

In the case of the Kuka Light arm:

$m=6$

$n=7$

$\infty^{n-m} = \infty^1$





# How to compute the inverse kinematics?

**ANALYTICAL** solution  
(in closed form)

- preferred, if it can be found\*
- use ad-hoc geometric inspection
- algebraic methods (solution of polynomial equations)
- systematic ways for generating a reduced set of equations to be solved



**NUMERICAL** solution  
(in iterative form)

- certainly needed if  $n > m$  (redundant case), or at/close to singularities
- slower, but easier to be set up
- in its basic form, it uses the (analytical) **Jacobian matrix** of the direct kinematics map

$$J_r(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_r(\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{q}}$$

- **Newton** method, **Gradient** method, and so on...

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{f}_r(\mathbf{q}), \text{ or for any other task vector}$$

generalized formulation:  
inverse kinematics for a given value of task variables



# Inverse Kinematics Analytical Solution

the inverse problem of finding the joint variables in terms of the **end-effector position** and **orientation** it is, in general, more difficult than the forward kinematics problem.

## To do list

- we begin by formulating the general inverse kinematics problem.
- we describe the principle of **kinematic decoupling** and how it can be used to simplify the inverse kinematics of most modern manipulators.
- **Using kinematic decoupling**, we can consider the position and orientation problems independently.
- We describe a geometric approach for solving the positioning problem, while we exploit the Euler angle parameterization to solve the orientation problem.



# The General Inverse Kinematics Problem

The general problem of inverse kinematics can be stated as follows. Given a  $4 \times 4$  homogeneous transformation

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} R & o \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in SE(3)$$

with  $R \in SO(3)$ , find (one or all) solutions of the equation

$$T_n^0(q_1, \dots, q_n) = H \quad \text{where} \quad T_n^0(q_1, \dots, q_n) = A_1(q_1) \cdots A_n(q_n).$$

Here,  $H$  represents the desired position and orientation of the end-effector, and our task is to find the values for the joint variables  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  so that  $T_n^0(q_1, \dots, q_n) = H$ .



# Inverse Kinematics Problem

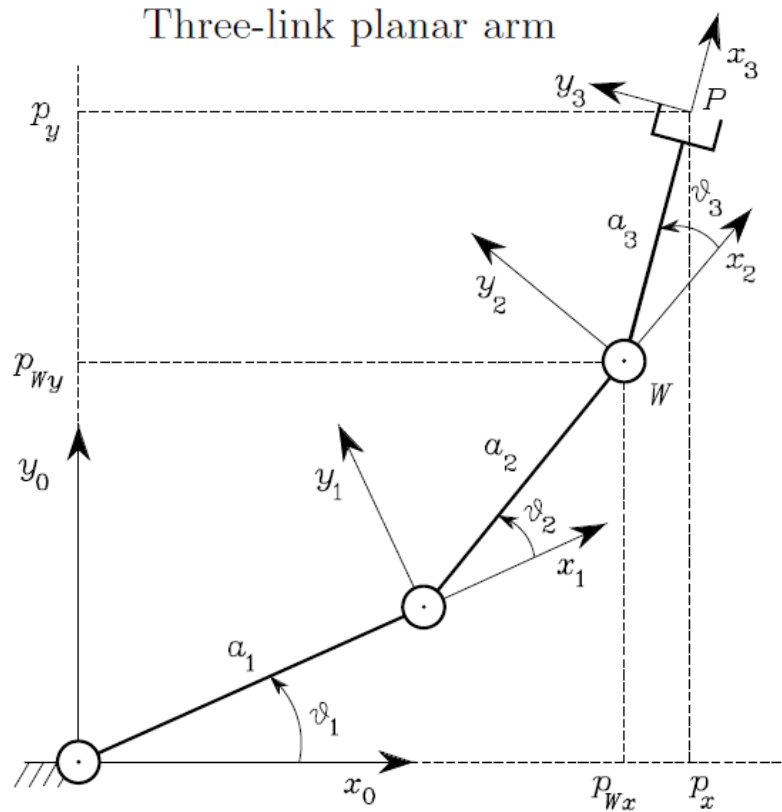
The *inverse kinematics problem* consists of the determination of the joint variables corresponding to a given end-effector position and orientation.

On the other hand, the inverse kinematics problem is much more complex for the following reasons:

- The equations to solve are in general nonlinear, and thus it is not always possible to find a *closed-form solution*.
- *Multiple solutions* may exist.
- *Infinite solutions* may exist, e.g., in the case of a kinematically redundant manipulator.
- There might be no *admissible* solutions, in view of the manipulator kinematic structure.



# Solution of Three-link Planar Arm



Find the joint variables  $\vartheta_1$ ,  $\vartheta_2$ ,  $\vartheta_3$  corresponding to a given end-effector position and orientation.

Remember the kinematic equation:

$$\mathbf{x}_e = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} + a_3 c_{123} \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{12} + a_3 s_{123} \\ \vartheta_1 + \vartheta_2 + \vartheta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\phi = \vartheta_1 + \vartheta_2 + \vartheta_3$$

Position of point P



# Solution of Three-link Planar Arm

$$\begin{aligned} p_{W_x} &= p_x - a_3 c_\phi = a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} \\ p_{W_y} &= p_y - a_3 s_\phi = a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{12} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Squaring and summing

$$p_{W_x}^2 + p_{W_y}^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 c_2$$

$$c_2 = \frac{p_{W_x}^2 + p_{W_y}^2 - a_1^2 - a_2^2}{2a_1 a_2}.$$

Hence, the angle  $\vartheta_2$  can be computed as

$$s_2 = \pm \sqrt{1 - c_2^2},$$

$$\vartheta_2 = \text{Atan2}(s_2, c_2).$$

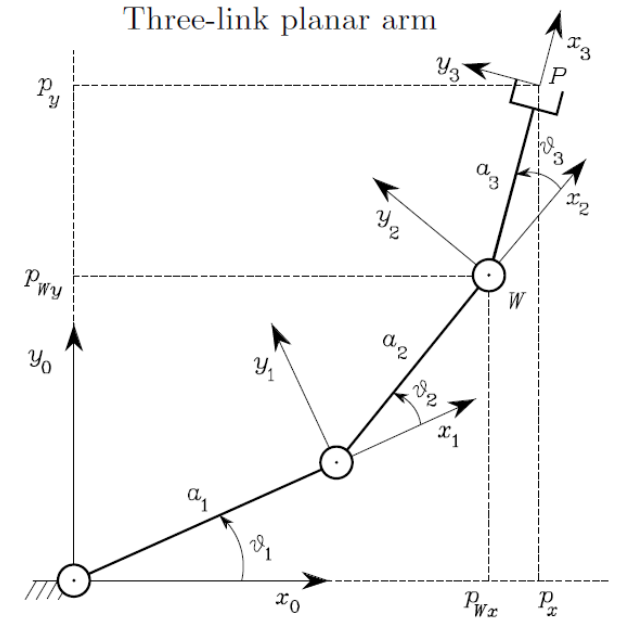
Substituting  $\vartheta_2$  into the (1) yields an algebraic system of two equations in the two unknowns  $s_1$  and  $c_1$ , whose solution is

$$s_1 = \frac{(a_1 + a_2 c_2) p_{W_y} - a_2 s_2 p_{W_x}}{p_{W_x}^2 + p_{W_y}^2}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{(a_1 + a_2 c_2) p_{W_x} + a_2 s_2 p_{W_y}}{p_{W_x}^2 + p_{W_y}^2}.$$

$$\vartheta_1 = \text{Atan2}(s_1, c_1).$$

$$\vartheta_3 = \phi - \vartheta_1 - \vartheta_2.$$

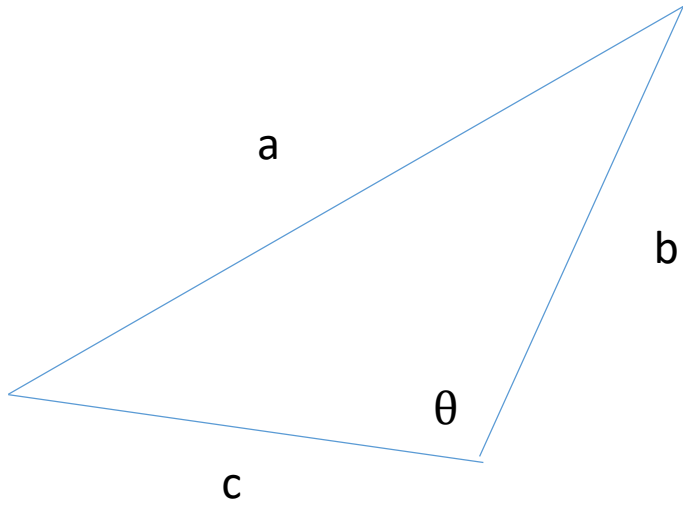




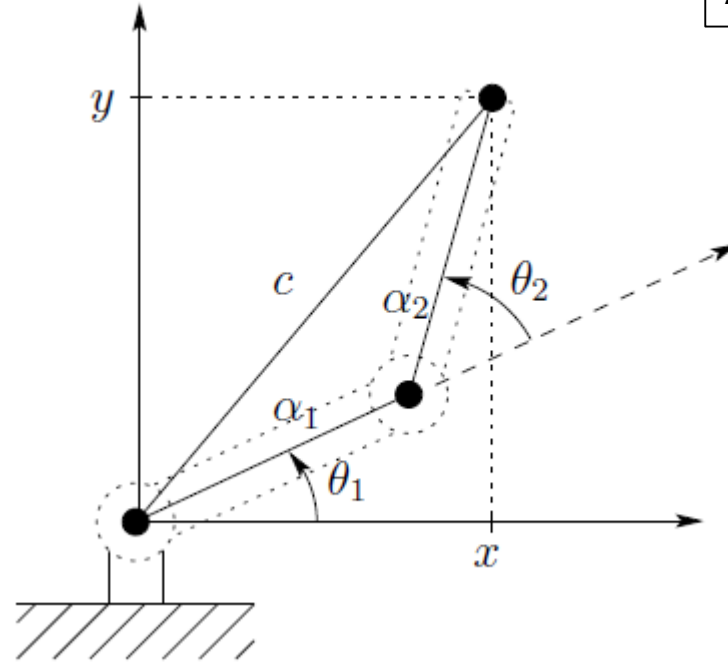


# Law of cosine explained

Articulated Configuration



$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos(\theta)$$



$$c^2 = x^2 + y^2 = \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 - 2\alpha_1\alpha_2 \cos(\pi - \theta_2)$$

$$c^2 = x^2 + y^2 = \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 + 2\alpha_1\alpha_2 \cos(\theta_2)$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - \alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2}{2\alpha_1\alpha_2} = D.$$



# Solution of Three-link Planar Arm

An alternative *geometric solution* technique is presented below.

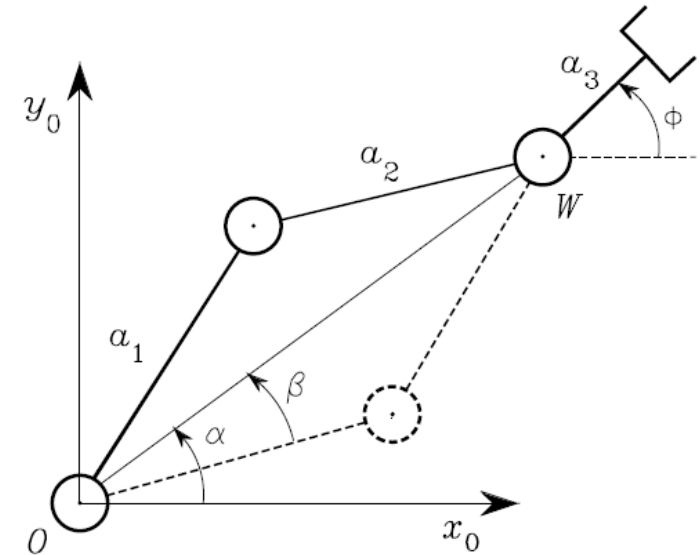
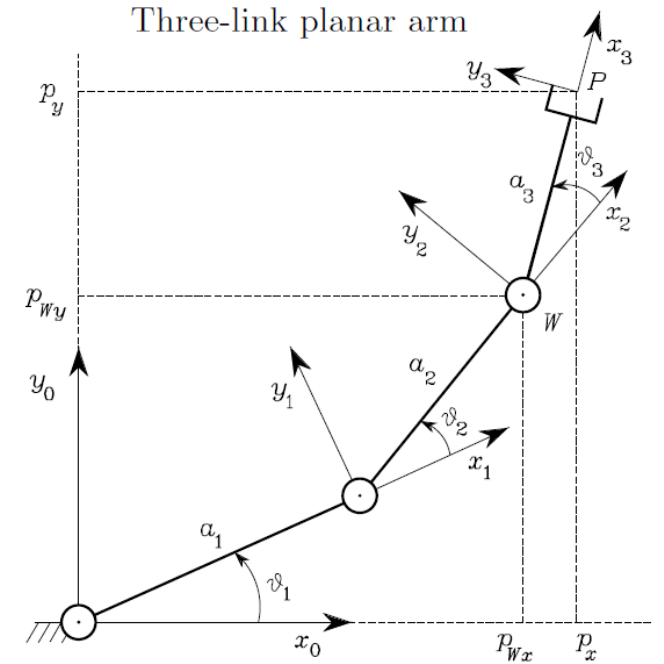
The application of the cosine theorem to the triangle formed by links  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  and the segment connecting points  $W$  and  $O$  gives

$$p_{Wx}^2 + p_{Wy}^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 - 2a_1a_2 \cos(\pi - \vartheta_2)$$

$$\cos(\pi - \vartheta_2) = -\cos \vartheta_2 \quad c_2 = \frac{p_{Wx}^2 + p_{Wy}^2 - a_1^2 - a_2^2}{2a_1a_2}$$

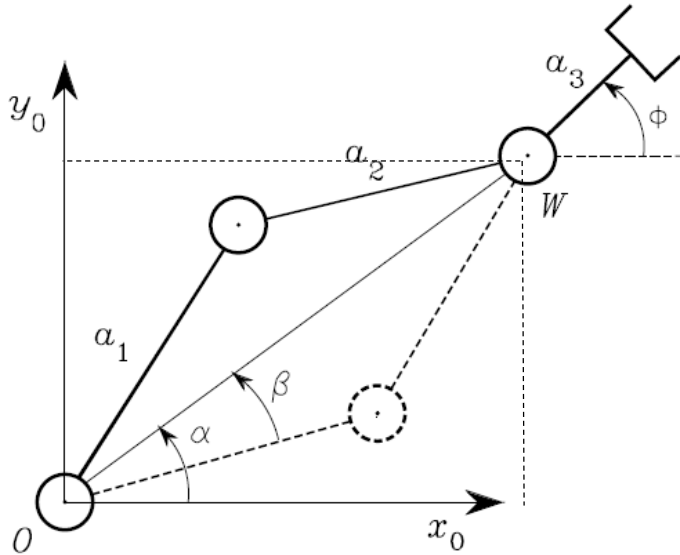
$$\vartheta_2 = \pm \cos^{-1}(c_2)$$

elbow-up  $\vartheta_2 \in (-\pi, 0)$   
elbow-down  $\vartheta_2 \in (0, \pi)$ .





# Solution of Three-link Planar Arm



To find  $\vartheta_1$  consider the angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

$$\alpha = \text{Atan2}(p_{W_y}, p_{W_x}).$$

To compute  $\beta$ , applying again the cosine theorem yields

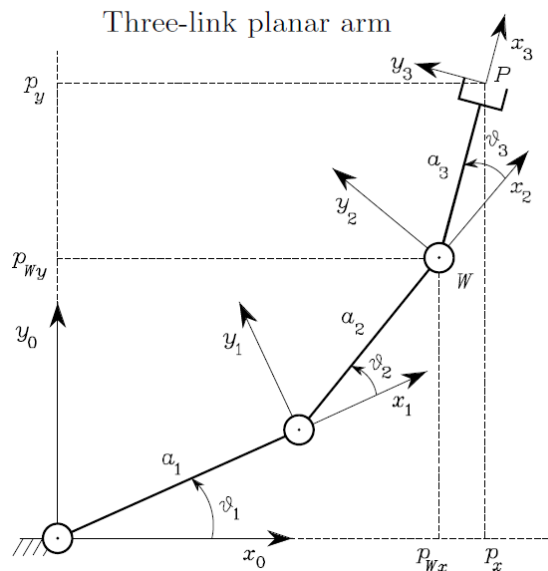
$$c_\beta \sqrt{p_{W_x}^2 + p_{W_y}^2} = a_1 + a_2 c_2$$

and resorting to the expression of  $c_2$  given above leads to

$$\beta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{p_{W_x}^2 + p_{W_y}^2 + a_1^2 - a_2^2}{2a_1 \sqrt{p_{W_x}^2 + p_{W_y}^2}} \right)$$

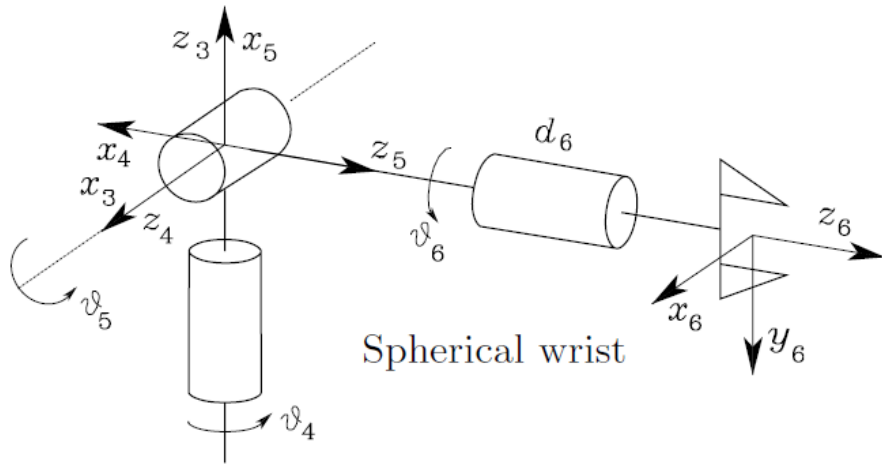
$$\vartheta_1 = \alpha \pm \beta$$

$$\vartheta_3 = \phi - \vartheta_1 - \vartheta_2.$$





# Solution of Spherical Wrist



$$T_6^3(q) = A_4^3 A_5^4 A_6^5 =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6 & -c_4 c_5 s_6 - s_4 c_6 & c_4 s_5 & c_4 s_5 d_6 \\ s_4 c_5 c_6 + c_4 s_6 & -s_4 c_5 s_6 + c_4 c_6 & s_4 s_5 & s_4 s_5 d_6 \\ -s_5 c_6 & s_5 s_6 & c_5 & c_5 d_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_6^3 = \begin{bmatrix} n_x^3 & s_x^3 & a_x^3 \\ n_y^3 & s_y^3 & a_y^3 \\ n_z^3 & s_z^3 & a_z^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $\vartheta_5 \in (0, \pi)$ , and  $\vartheta_4 = \text{Atan2}(a_y^3, a_x^3)$

$$\vartheta_5 = \text{Atan2}\left(\sqrt{(a_x^3)^2 + (a_y^3)^2}, a_z^3\right)$$

$$\vartheta_6 = \text{Atan2}(s_z^3, -n_z^3)$$

for  $\vartheta_5 \in (-\pi, 0)$   $\vartheta_4 = \text{Atan2}(-a_y^3, -a_x^3)$

$$\vartheta_5 = \text{Atan2}\left(-\sqrt{(a_x^3)^2 + (a_y^3)^2}, a_z^3\right)$$

$$\vartheta_6 = \text{Atan2}(-s_z^3, n_z^3)$$

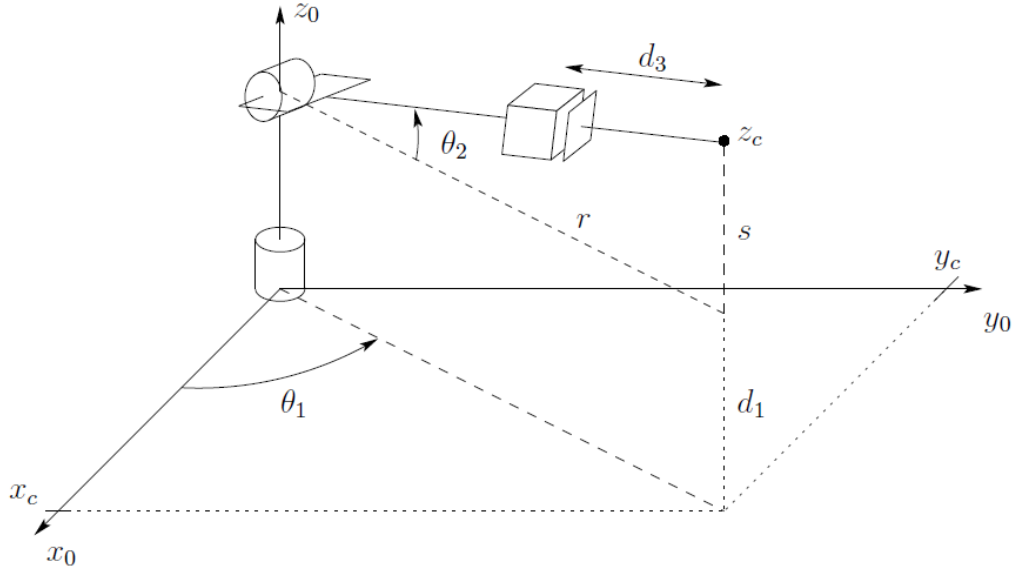
DH parameters for spherical wrist.

Link	$a_i$	$\alpha_i$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$
4	0	-90	0	$\theta_4^*$
5	0	90	0	$\theta_5^*$
6	0	0	$d_6$	$\theta_6^*$



# Solution of Spherical manipulator

Spherical Configuration



As in the case of the elbow manipulator the first joint variable is the base rotation and a solution is given as

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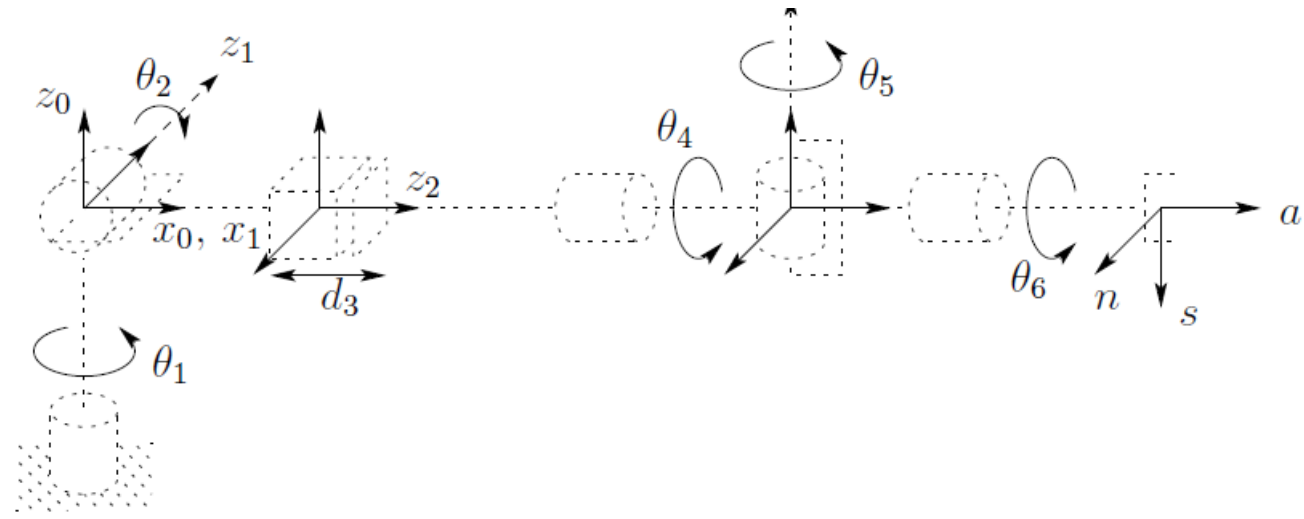
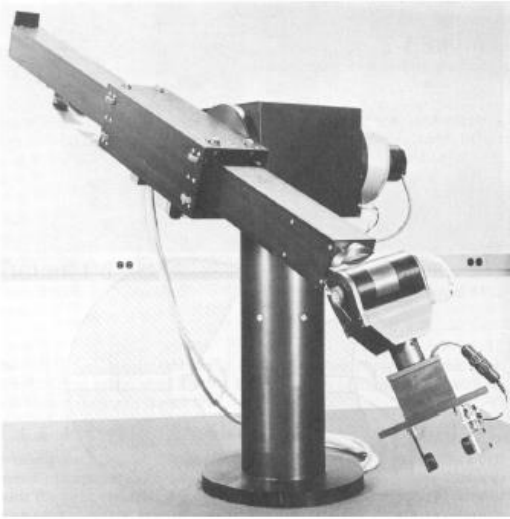
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$$d_3 = \sqrt{r^2 + s^2} = \sqrt{x_c^2 + y_c^2 + (z_c - d_1)^2}.$$

# Example



Recall the Stanford manipulator: Suppose that the desired position and orientation of the final frame are given by

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & o_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & o_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & o_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & o \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in SE(3)$$

*To find the corresponding joint variables  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$ ,  $d_3$ ,  $\theta_4$ ,  $\theta_5$ , and  $\theta_6$  we must solve the following simultaneous set of nonlinear trigonometric equations*



# Example

$$c_1[c_2(c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - s_2s_5c_6] - s_1(s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) = r_{11}$$

$$s_1[c_2(c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - s_2s_5c_6] + c_1(s_4c_5c_6 + c_4s_6) = r_{21}$$

$$-s_2(c_4c_5c_6 - s_4s_6) - c_2s_5s_6 = r_{31}$$

$$c_1[-c_2(c_4c_5s_6 + s_4c_6) + s_2s_5s_6] - s_1(-s_4c_5s_6 + c_4c_6) = r_{12}$$

$$s_1[-c_2(c_4c_5s_6 + s_4c_6) + s_2s_5s_6] + c_1(-s_4c_5s_6 + c_4c_6) = r_{22}$$

$$s_2(c_4c_5s_6 + s_4c_6) + c_2s_5s_6 = r_{32}$$

$$c_1(c_2c_4s_5 + s_2c_5) - s_1s_4s_5 = r_{13}$$

$$s_1(c_2c_4s_5 + s_2c_5) + c_1s_4s_5 = r_{23}$$

$$-s_2c_4s_5 + c_2c_5 = r_{33}$$

$$c_1s_2d_3 - s_1d_2 + d_6(c_1c_2c_4s_5 + c_1c_5s_2 - s_1s_4s_5) = O_x$$

$$s_1s_2d_3 + c_1d_2 + d_6(c_1s_4s_5 + c_2c_4s_1s_5 + c_5s_1s_2) = O_y$$

$$c_2d_3 + d_6(c_2c_5 - c_4s_2s_5) = O_z.$$





# Kinematic Decoupling

Although the general problem of inverse kinematics is quite difficult, it turns out that for manipulators having six joints, with the last three joints intersecting at a point (such as the Stanford Manipulator above), it is possible to decouple the inverse kinematics problem into two simpler problems, known respectively, as **inverse position kinematics**, and **inverse orientation kinematics**.

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} R & o \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in SE(3) \quad T_n^0(q_1, \dots, q_n) = H$$

We express as two sets of equations representing the rotational and positional equations

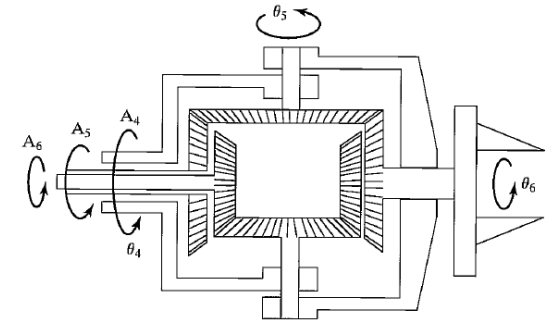
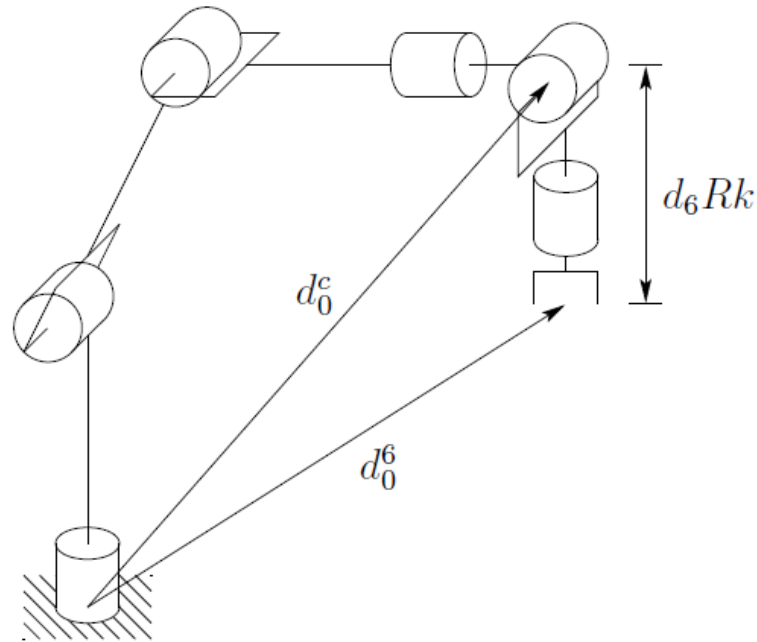
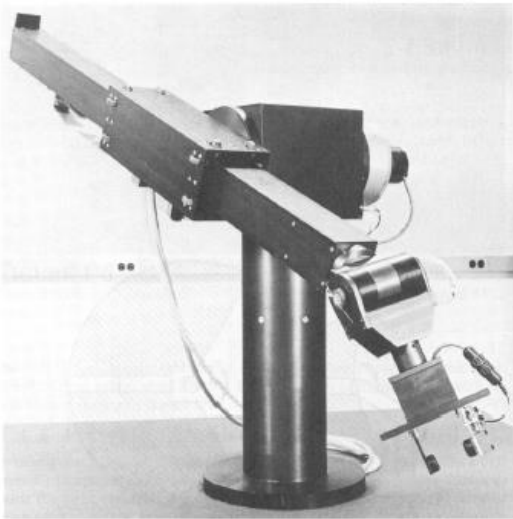
$$\begin{aligned} R_6^0(q_1, \dots, q_6) &= R \\ o_6^0(q_1, \dots, q_6) &= o \end{aligned}$$

where  $o$  and  $R$  are the desired position and orientation of the tool frame



# Kinematic Decoupling (example 1)

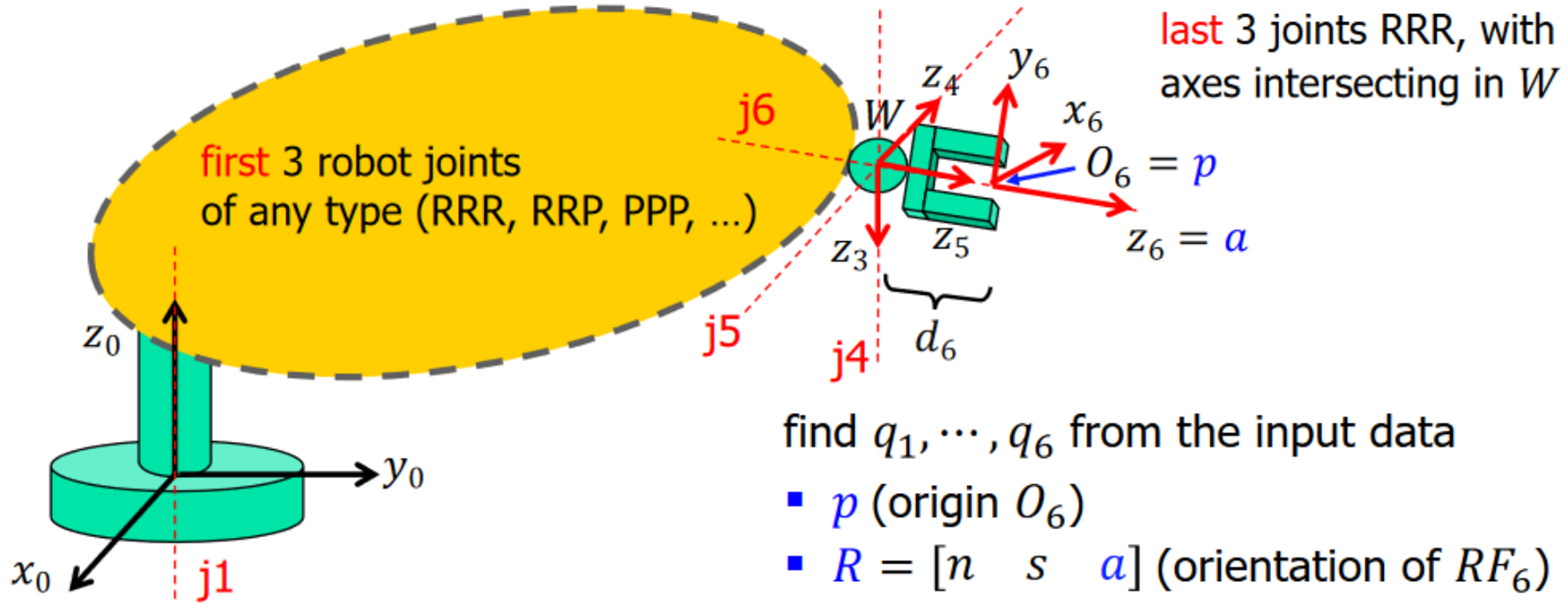
For concreteness let us suppose that there are exactly six degrees-of-freedom and that the last three joint axes intersect at a point  $o_c$ .



The important point of this assumption for the inverse kinematics is that motion of the final three links about these axes will not change the position of  $o_c$ , and thus, the position of the wrist center is thus a function of only the first three joint variables.



# Inverse kinematics for robots with spherical wrist



1.  $W = p - d_6 a \Rightarrow q_1, q_2, q_3$  (inverse "position" kinematics for main axes)

2.  $R = {}^0R_3(q_1, q_2, q_3) \underbrace{{}^3R_6(q_4, q_5, q_6)}_{\text{Euler ZYZ or ZXZ rotation matrix with } q_4, q_5, q_6 (\theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6)} \Rightarrow {}^3R_6(q_4, q_5, q_6) = {}^0R_3^T R \Rightarrow q_4, q_5, q_6$

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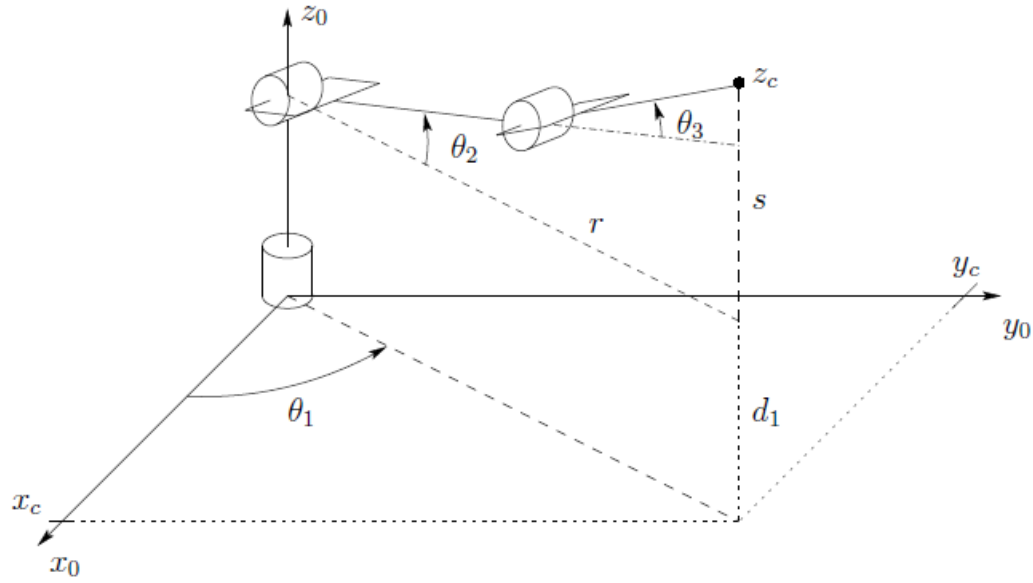
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→ two regular  
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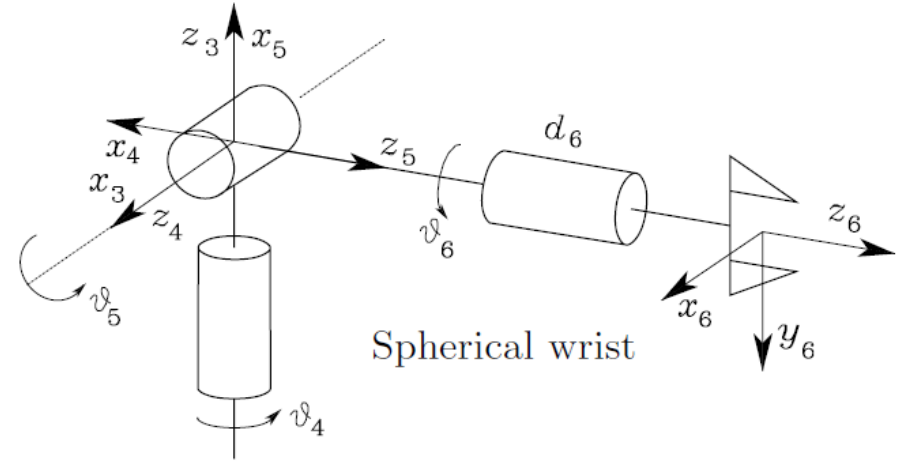
(inverse "orientation"  
kinematics for the wrist)



# We decouple the two manipulators

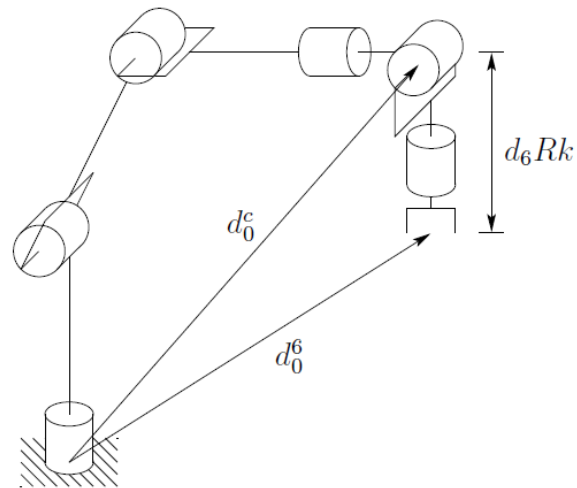


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Spherical wrist

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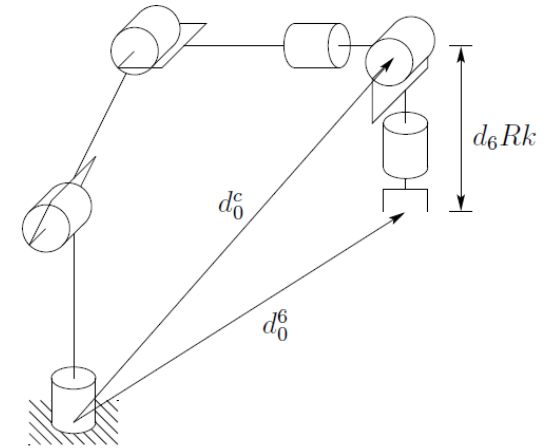
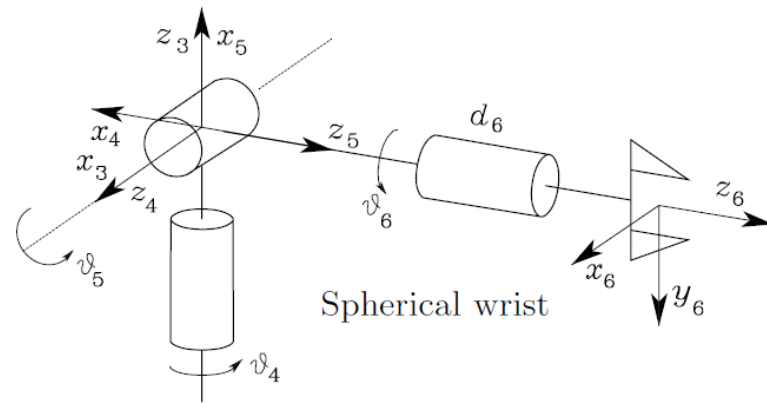


# Kinematic Decoupling (example 1)

The origin of the tool frame (whose desired coordinates are given by  $o$ ) is simply obtained by a translation of distance  $d_6$  along  $z_5$  from  $o_c$ .

DH parameters for spherical wrist.

Link	$a_i$	$\alpha_i$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$
4	0	-90	0	$\theta_4^*$
5	0	90	0	$\theta_5^*$
6	0	0	$d_6$	$\theta_6^*$



In our case,  $z_5$  and  $z_6$  are the same axis, and the third column of  $R$  expresses the direction of  $z_6$  with respect to the base frame. Therefore, we have

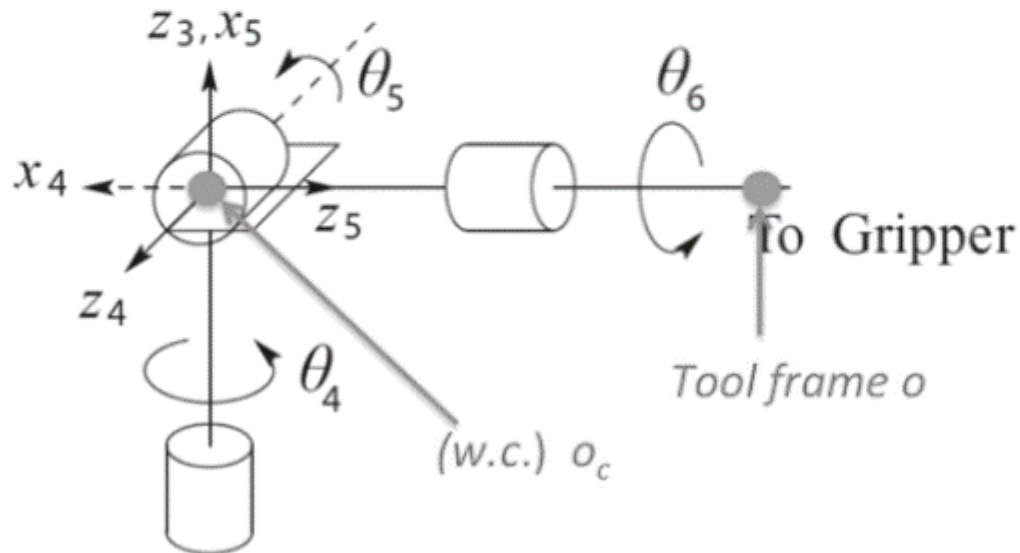
$$o = o_c^0 + d_6 R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Inverse Kinematics Trick: kinematic decoupling

Possible if 6 joints and last 3 joint axis intersect at a point

1. Find position of wrist axes (w.c.)  $o_c$
2. Find orientation of the wrist



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6	0	0	$d_6$	$\theta_6^*$

It is only possible when a set of axis intersect in one point (axes 4 5 6) se also the next slide.





(example 1)

# Solve with kinematic decoupling (position)

Problem: given  $(R, o)$ , solve for  $q_1, \dots, q_6$

$$R_6^0(q_1, \dots, q_6) = R$$

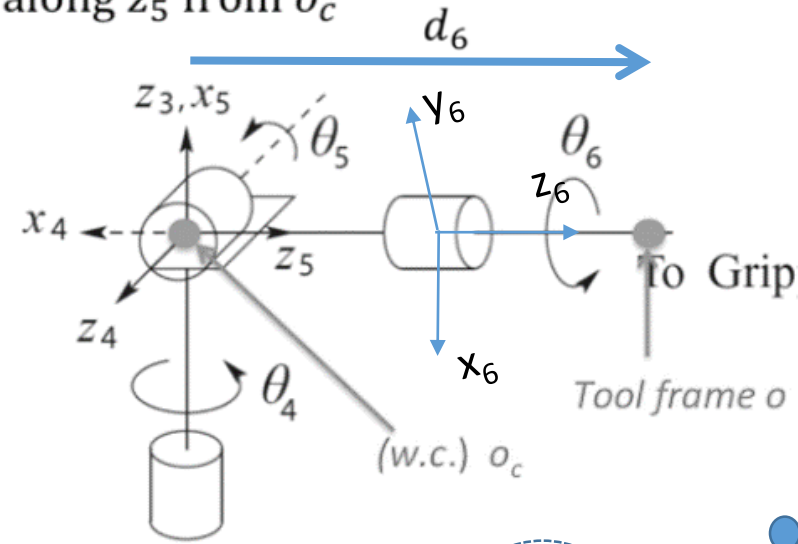
$$o_6^0(q_1, \dots, q_6) = o$$

$z_3, z_4, z_5$  intersect at  $o_c$ ,  $o_c$  is a function of  $q_1, q_2, q_3$

Tool frame origin  $o$  is translation  $d_6$  along  $z_5$  from  $o_c$

$$o = o_c^0 + d_6 R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. solve for  $o_c^0$

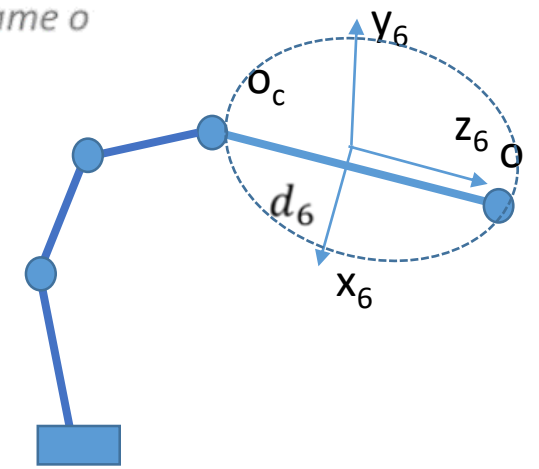
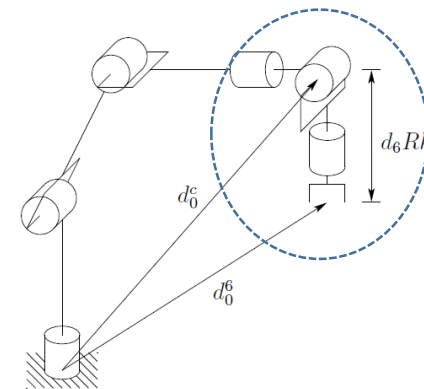


$$R_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_y = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_z = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**O** is known from DH but we don't know **O<sub>c</sub>**







# Answer: kinematic decoupling (position)

Problem: given  $(R, o)$ , solve for  $q_1, \dots, q_6$

$$R_6^0(q_1, \dots, q_6) = R, \quad o_6^0(q_1, \dots, q_6) = o$$

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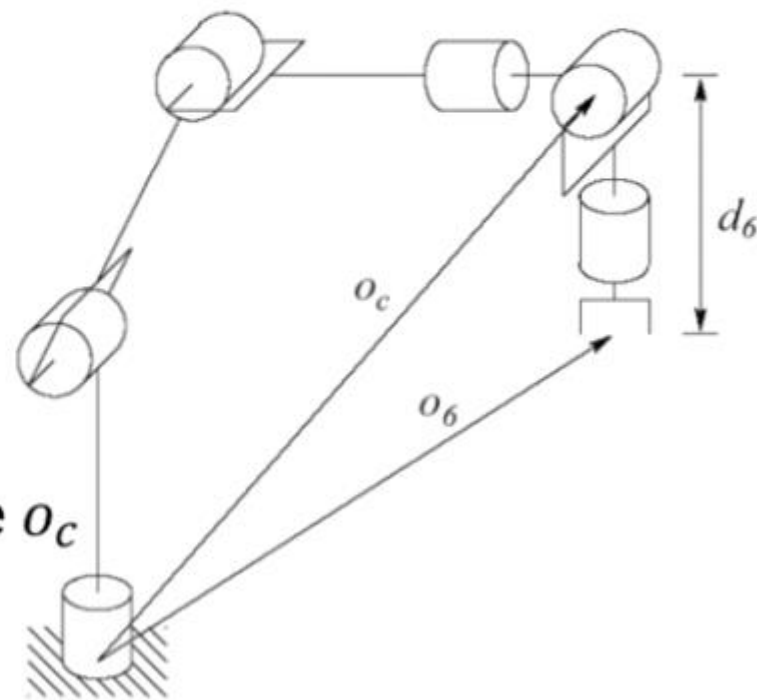
1. solve for  $o_c^0$

$$o_c^0 = o - d_6 R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.  $o = [o_x, o_y, o_z]^T$ ,  $o_c = [x_c, y_c, z_c]^T$ , solve  $o_c$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} o_x - d_6 r_{13} \\ o_y - d_6 r_{23} \\ o_z - d_6 r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Kinematic Decoupling

Thus in order to have the end-effector of the robot at the point with coordinates given by  $o$  and with the orientation of the end-effector given by  $R = (r_{ij})$ , it is necessary and sufficient that the wrist center  $o_c$  have coordinates given by

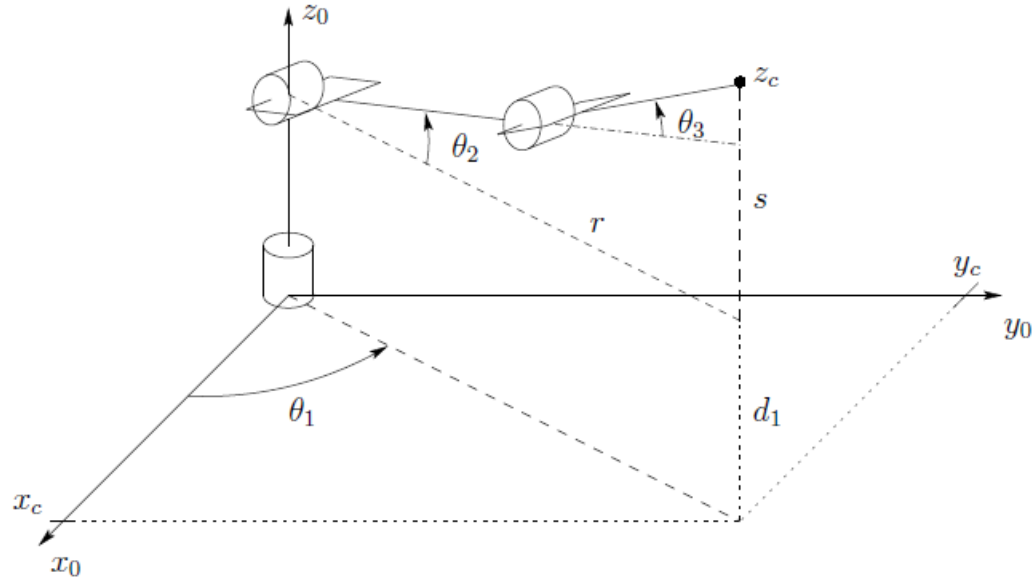
$$o_c^0 = o - d_6 R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

and that the orientation of the frame  $o_6x_6y_6z_6$  with respect to the base be given by  $R$ . If the components of the end-effector position  $o$  are denoted  $o_x, o_y, o_z$  and the components of the wrist center  $o_c^0$  are denoted  $x_c, y_c, z_c$  then

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} o_x - d_6 r_{13} \\ o_y - d_6 r_{23} \\ o_z - d_6 r_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$



# How to evaluate the three angles?



$$\begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} o_x - d_6 r_{13} \\ o_y - d_6 r_{23} \\ o_z - d_6 r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

**See the example for Inverse Kinematics for the Articulate Elbow (Tutorials)**



# Answer kinematic decoupling (orientation)

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & o_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & o_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & o_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

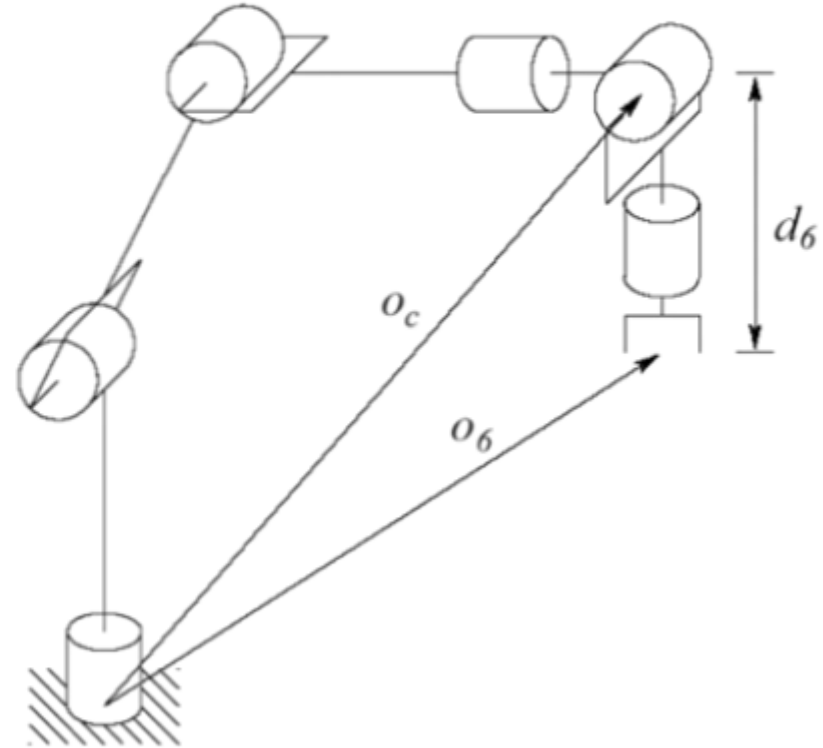
To get orientation of end effector relative to  $o_3x_3y_3z_3$ ,

$$R = R_3^0 R_6^3$$

**Solve**

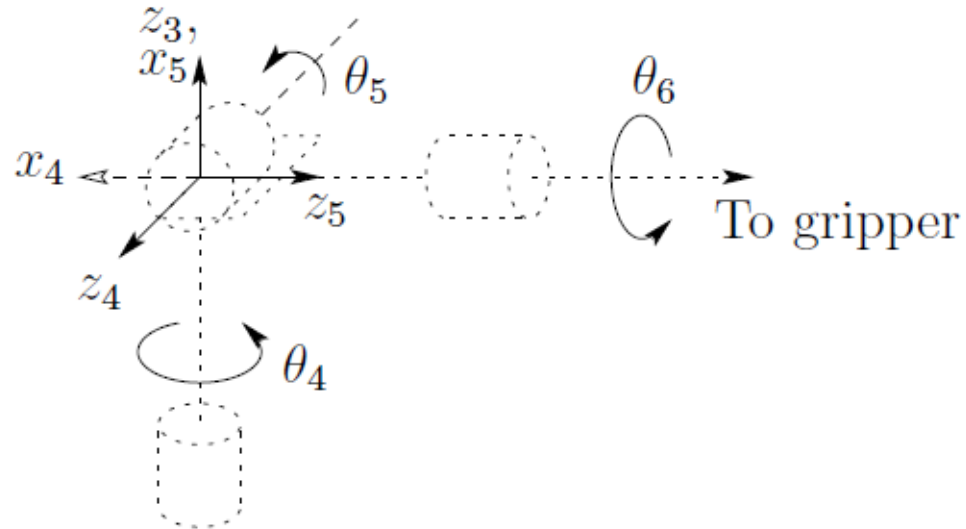
$$\begin{aligned} R_6^3 &= (R_3^0)^{-1} R = (R_3^0)^{-1} R_3^0 R_6^3 \\ &= (R_3^0)^T R \end{aligned}$$

Final 3 joint angles solve Euler angles for  $R_6^3$





## Remember: Spherical Wrist



Link	$a_i$	$\alpha_i$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$
4	0	-90	0	$\theta_4^*$
5	0	90	0	$\theta_5^*$
6	0	0	$d_6$	$\theta_6^*$

\* variable

$$T_6^3 = A_4 A_5 A_6 = \begin{bmatrix} R_6^3 & o_6^3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Coordinates of the end-effector respect to the base (in this case is link 3 the base which is not visible)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6 & -c_4 c_5 s_6 - s_4 c_6 & c_4 s_5 & c_4 s_5 d_6 \\ s_4 c_5 c_6 + c_4 s_6 & -s_4 c_5 s_6 + c_4 c_6 & s_4 s_5 & s_4 s_5 d_6 \\ -s_5 c_6 & s_5 s_6 & c_5 & c_5 d_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation of the end-effector around the frame  $x_4 y_4 z_4$



# kinematic decoupling (orientation)

From Euler Angle (lecture 3)

$$R_{ZYZ} = \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi c_\theta c_\psi - s_\phi s_\psi & -c_\phi c_\theta s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta \\ s_\phi c_\theta c_\psi + c_\phi s_\psi & -s_\phi c_\theta s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta \\ -s_\theta c_\psi & s_\theta s_\psi & c_\theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

From Euler Angle spherical wrist (lecture 3)

$$T_6^3 = A_4 A_5 A_6 = \begin{bmatrix} c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6 & -s_4 c_6 - c_4 c_5 s_6 & c_4 s_5 & d_6^* c_4 s_5 \\ c_5 c_6 s_4 + c_4 s_6 & c_4 c_6 - c_5 s_4 s_6 & s_4 s_5 & d_6^* s_4 s_5 \\ -c_6 s_5 & s_5 s_6 & c_5 & d_6^* c_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\phi = \theta_4^*$ ,  $\theta = \theta_5^*$ , and  $\psi = \theta_6^*$



# From Lecture 2 Inverse problem

$$\mathbf{R}(\phi) = \mathbf{R}_z(\varphi)\mathbf{R}_{y'}(\vartheta)\mathbf{R}_{z''}(\psi) = \begin{bmatrix} c_\varphi c_\vartheta c_\psi - s_\varphi s_\psi & -c_\varphi c_\vartheta s_\psi - s_\varphi c_\psi & c_\varphi s_\vartheta \\ s_\varphi c_\vartheta c_\psi + c_\varphi s_\psi & -s_\varphi c_\vartheta s_\psi + c_\varphi c_\psi & s_\varphi s_\vartheta \\ -s_\vartheta c_\psi & s_\vartheta s_\psi & c_\vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

It is useful to solve the *inverse problem*, that is to determine the **set of Euler** angles corresponding to a given rotation matrix (known)

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

By considering the elements [1, 3] and [2, 3]

$$\varphi = \text{Atan2}(r_{23}, r_{13})$$





# From Lecture 2 Inverse problem

Then, squaring and summing the elements [1, 3] and [2, 3] and using the element [3, 3] yields

$$\vartheta = \text{Atan2}\left(\sqrt{r_{13}^2 + r_{23}^2}, r_{33}\right)$$

The choice of the positive sign for the term  $r_{13}^2 + r_{23}^2$  limits the range of feasible values of  $\vartheta$  to  $(0, \pi)$ .

On this assumption, considering the elements [3, 1] and [3, 2] gives

$$\psi = \text{Atan2}(r_{32}, -r_{31})$$



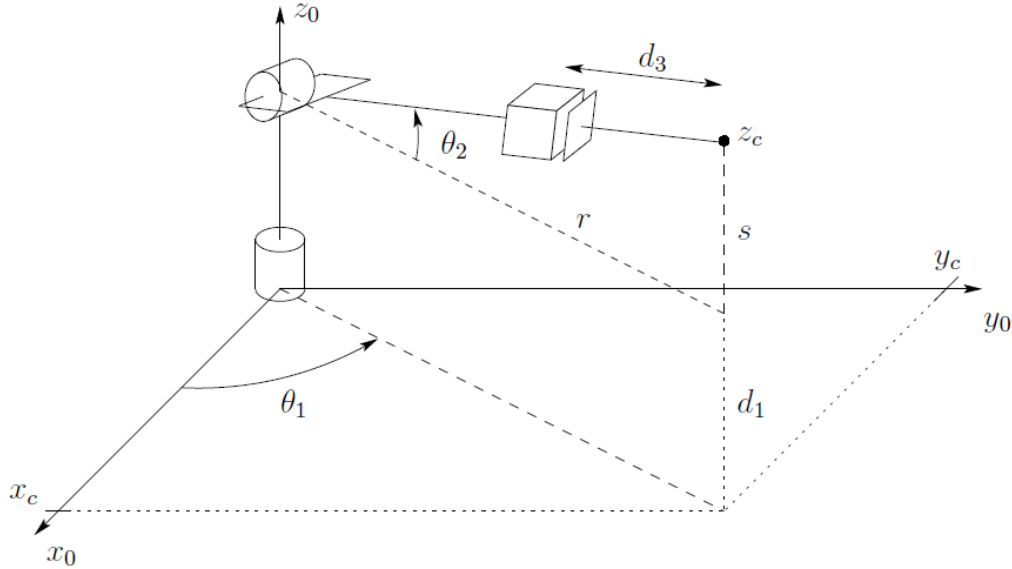
# Kinematic decoupling

- Allows to simplify complex problem by dividing it in two main structures of known kinematics (From DH usually)
- It works only in case of spherical wrists with the three axes which are coincident
- You have anyway to solve two inverse kinematic problems (manipulator and spherical wrist)
- In general we can use a geometric approach on few robotic structures but for the more complex ones we need numerical methods (next class)



# Solution of Spherical Manipulator

Spherical Configuration



As in the case of the elbow manipulator the first joint variable is the base rotation and a solution is given as

$$\theta_1 = A \tan(x_c, y_c)$$

provided  $x_c$  and  $y_c$  are not both zero.

The angle  $\theta_2$  is given from 
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Where: 
$$r^2 = x_c^2 + y_c^2, s = z_c - d_1$$

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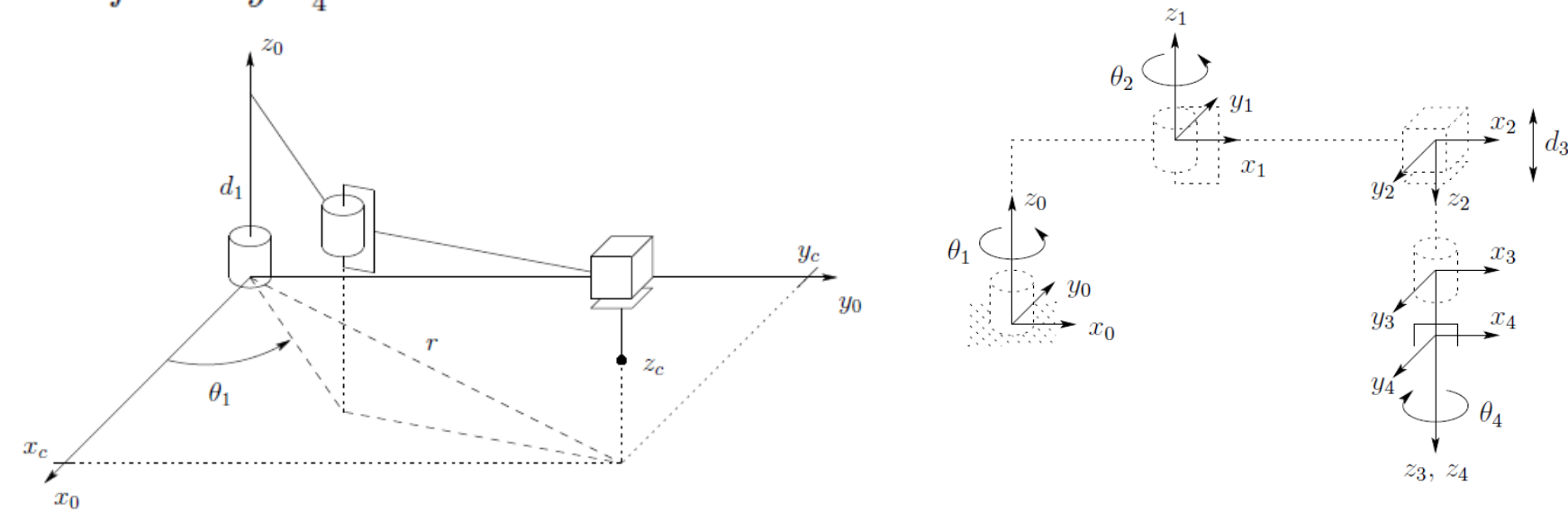
The linear distance  $d_3$  is found as 
$$d_3 = \sqrt{r^2 + s^2} = \sqrt{x_c^2 + y_c^2 + (z_c - d_1)^2}.$$



# Solution of SCARA

As another example, we consider the SCARA manipulator whose forward kinematics is defined by  $T_4^0$ .

SCARA Manipulator



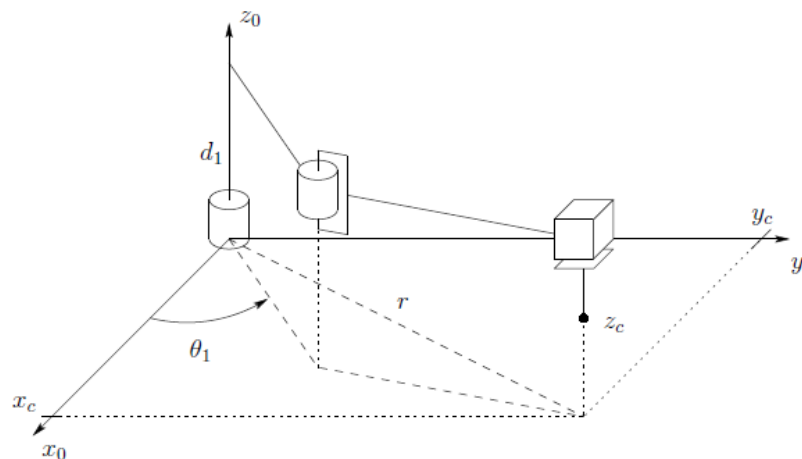
Link	$a_i$	$\alpha_i$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$
1	$a_1$	0	0	$\theta_1$
2	$a_2$	180	0	$\theta_2$
3	0	0	$d_3$	0
4	0	0	$d_4$	$\theta_4$

$$T_4^0 = A_1 \cdots A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12}c_4 + s_{12}s_4 & -c_{12}s_4 + s_{12}c_4 & 0 & a_1c_1 + a_2c_{12} \\ s_{12}c_4 - c_{12}s_4 & -s_{12}s_4 - c_{12}c_4 & 0 & a_1s_1 + a_2s_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -d_3 - d_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





# Solution of SCARA



The transformation from the base 0 to the end effector 4 is a rotation matrix given by:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha & s_\alpha & 0 \\ s_\alpha & -c_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \theta_1 + \theta_2 - \theta_4 = \alpha = A \tan(r_{11}, r_{12})$$

We see from this that  $\theta_2 = A \tan(c_2, \pm \sqrt{1 - c_2^2})$

$$\text{where } c_2 = \frac{o_x^2 + o_y^2 - a_1^2 - a_2^2}{2a_1a_2}$$

$$\theta_1 = A \tan(o_x, o_y) - A \tan(a_1 + a_2c_2, a_2s_2).$$

We may then determine  $\theta_4$  from

$$\theta_4 = \theta_1 + \theta_2 - \alpha = \theta_1 + \theta_2 - A \tan(r_{11}, r_{12}).$$

$$\text{Finally } d_3 \text{ is given as } d_3 = o_z + d_4.$$



# The end!

Thank you for your Attention!!!

Any Questions?

