

Kinematics

Manipulator Kinematics

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(A final note on) Mobile Kinematics

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- ◆ Given this setup:

$$\xi^r = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

- ◆ We can map $\{X_I, Y_I\}$ (global) \leftrightarrow $\{X_R, Y_R\}$ (robot)
 - ◆ Use rotation matrices and velocity vector in x, y, θ
- ◆ Why do we care so much?

(A final note on) Mobile Kinematics

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- ◆ Goal: take robot from A_I to B_I
 - ◆ We know where we want it in the *global* setting
 - ◆ What do we actually control? (In what frame of reference?)

$$\xi_A = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xi_B = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \theta' \end{bmatrix}$$

- ◆ Point: Convert from A_I to B_I by changing ξ_R

Manipulator Kinematics

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- ◆ Kinematics (possible motion of a body) for manipulator robots
 - ◆ End effector position and orientation, wrt. an arbitrary initial frame
- ◆ A manipulator is moved by changing its...
 - ◆ Joints: revolute and prismatic

2D		
3D		

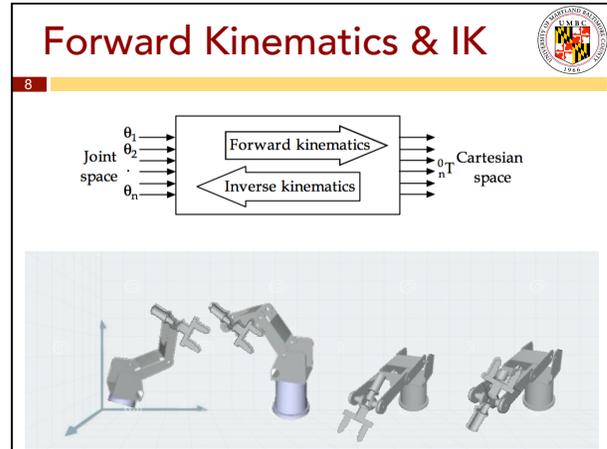
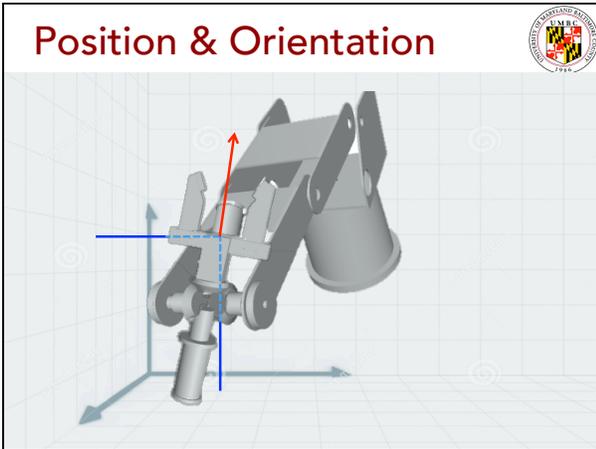
Manipulator State

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- ◆ Configuration: where is every point on manipulator?
 - ◆ Instantaneous description of geometry of a manipulator
- ◆ State: a set of variables which describe
 - ◆ Change of configuration in time in response to joint forces
 - ◆ Control inputs
 - ◆ External influences

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Position & Orientation



Mobile vs. Manipulator

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- ◆ Description: how many terms...
 - ◆ ...to describe planar position & orientation?
 - ◆ ...to describe 3D position & orientation?
- ◆ AKA, how many
 - ◆ Degrees of freedom

$$\xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Kinematics Problem

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- ◆ The **state space** is the set of all possible states
- ◆ The **state** of the manipulator is:
 - ◆ A set of variables which describe changes in **configuration** over time, in response to joint forces + external forces
- ◆ Where do joint forces come from?
 - ◆ Controllers!
- ◆ So, given some set of joints, what signals do we send?
- ◆ In joint space vs. Cartesian space

Goal

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- ◆ Goal: take robot end effector from A_1 to B_1
 - ◆ We know where we want it in the *global* setting
 - ◆ What do we actually control? (In what frame of reference?)
- ◆ Point: Convert from A_1 to B_1

- ◆ Now a 6 ↔ 6 transformation

Review: Z Rotation Matrix*

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- ◆ We derived this geometrically in class:
 - ◆ If we assume frame axes are of length 1
 - ◆ $a = \cos \theta$
 - ◆ $b = \sin \theta$
 - ◆ $c = -\sin \theta$
 - ◆ $d = \cos \theta$
 - ◆ Rotations around $z \rightarrow 0s$ and $1s$

$$R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

* AKA orthogonal rotation matrix

Review: Z Rotation Matrix*

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- In practice, it's really this:
- Rotations around $z \rightarrow 0$ s and 1s

$$R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

* AKA orthogonal rotation matrix

Other Rotation Matrices

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- Similarly derived from axis of rotation and trigonometric values of projections

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

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

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

(Last time I threw in a few 2D rotations around y
 2D \rightarrow a 2x2 matrix
 So, don't do that)

Complex Rotations

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- What if we don't just rotate around a single axis?
- Any rotation in 3D space can be broken down into single-axis rotations
 - Given orthogonal axes
- Multiply rotation matrices!

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

- Can do any number of rotations; just multiply out

Mobile to Manipulator

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- Add a number of chained frames of reference

Multiframe Kinematics

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- How many frames of reference do we have?
 - We've been translating among frames based on possible motion
- How do they relate?

Kinematic Chaining

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- Do you need to do every transformation?
- What do we really care about?

Describing A Manipulator

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- ◆ Arm made up of links in a chain
- ◆ Joints **each** have $\langle x,y,z \rangle$ and roll/pitch/yaw
 - ◆ So, each joint has a coordinate system
- ◆ We label links, joints, and angles

Forward Kinematics

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- ◆ We will sometimes use the vector Φ to represent the array of M joint values:

$$\Phi = [\phi_1 \ \phi_2 \ \dots \ \phi_M]$$
- ◆ We will sometimes use the vector e to represent an array of N values that describe the end effector in world space:

$$e = [e_1 \ e_2 \ \dots \ e_N]$$
- ◆ Example: If we need end effector position and orientation, e would contain 6 DOFs: 3 translations and 3 rotations. If we only need end effector position, e would just contain the 3 translations.

Forward & Inverse

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- ◆ Forward:
 - ◆ Inputs: joint angles
 - ◆ Outputs: coordinates of end-effector
- ◆ Inverse:
 - ◆ Inputs: desired coordinates of end-effector
 - ◆ Outputs: joint angles
- ◆ Inverse kinematics are tricky
 - ◆ Multiple solutions
 - ◆ No solutions
 - ◆ Dead spots

Describing A Manipulator

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- ◆ Arm made up of links in a chain
 - ◆ How to describe each link?
 - ◆ Many choices exist
 - ◆ DH parameters, quaternions **are** widely used, Euler angles...
- ◆ Joints **each** have coordinate system
 - ◆ $\{x,y,z\}$, r/p/y

Forward: $i \rightarrow i-1$

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- ◆ We are we looking for transformation matrix T_i going from frame i to frame $i-1$:

$$T_i^{i-1} \quad (\text{or } i-1T_i) \quad (\text{or } i-1T_i)$$
- ◆ Determine position and orientation of end-effector as function of displacements in joints
- ◆ Why?
 - ◆ We can multiply out along all joints

Forward Kinematics and IK

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- ◆ Joint angles \leftrightarrow end effector configuration
- ◆ Can string together rotations with multiplication
 - ◆ So, can get end effector rotation by ?
- ◆ Finding rotation from $[joint\ i-1\ to\ i] \times [joint\ i\ to\ i+1] \times \dots$

$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$$
- ◆ **Rotation of end effector frame, relative to base frame**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVjFhNv2N8o

Matrices for Pure Translation

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$${}^I T_R = \begin{bmatrix} x_I \\ y_I \\ z_I \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^R T_I = \begin{bmatrix} x_R \\ y_R \\ z_R \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Origin point of R in I:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In 3D:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Generally:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrices for Pure Rotation

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$${}^I T_R = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \theta_I \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^R T_I = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \theta_R \end{bmatrix}$$

Around z:

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

Review?
Introduction to Homogeneous Transformations & Robot Kinematics
 Jennifer Kay 2005

ce.aut.ac.ir/~shiry/lecture/robotics/amr/kinematics.pdf

Describing A Manipulator

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- ◆ Arm made up of links in a chain
 - ◆ How to describe each link?
 - ◆ Many choices exist
 - ◆ DH parameters widely used
 - ◆ Although it's not true that quaternions are not widely used
- ◆ *DH parameters*
 - ◆ Denavit-Hartenberg
 - ◆ $a_{i-1}, \alpha_{i-1}, d_i, \theta_2$

Denavit-Hartenberg Method

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- ◆ **Efficient method for finding transformation matrices**
 1. Set frames for all joints
 - ◆ This is actually the tricky part.
 2. Calculate all DH parameters from frames
 - ◆ 4 DH parameters fully define position and orientation (not 6)
 3. Populate DH parameter table
 4. Populate joint-to-joint DH transformation matrices
 - ◆ Matrix for 0-1, matrix for 1-2, etc.
 5. Multiply all matrices together, in order
 - ◆ $0-1 \times 1-2 \times 2-3 \times \dots$

Defining Frames for Joints

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- ◆ What's the frame of reference for a joint?
 - ◆ Actually, completely flexible
- ◆ We usually choose:
 - ◆ 1 axis through the center of rotation/direction of displacement
 - ◆ 2 more perpendicular to that
 - ◆ Which can be any orientation!
- ◆ We can move the origin
 - ◆ P is no longer $\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$
- ◆ To use DH method, choose frames carefully

Choosing Frames for DH

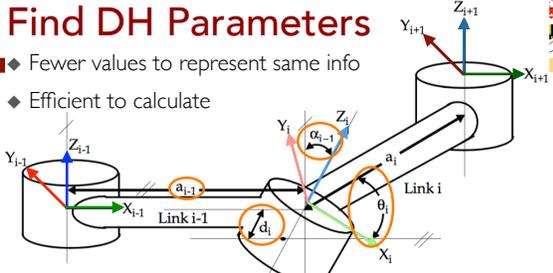
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- ◆ z axis must be axis of motion
 - ◆ Rotation around z for revolute
 - ◆ Translation along z for prismatic
- ◆ x_i axis orthogonal to z_i and z_{i-1}
 - ◆ There's always a line that satisfies this
- ◆ y axis must follow the right-hand rule
 - ◆ Fingers point $+x$
 - ◆ Thumb points $+z$
 - ◆ Palm faces $+y$
- ◆ x_i axis must intersect z_{i-1} axis (may mean translating origin)

Find DH Parameters

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- ♦ Efficient to calculate



a_{i-1} : link length – distance Z_{i-1} and Z_i along X_{i-1}
 α_{i-1} : link twist – angle Z_{i-1} and Z_i around X_{i-1}
 d_i : link offset – distance X_{i-1} to X_i along Z_i
 θ_i : joint angle – angle X_{i-1} and X_i around Z_i

Denavit-Hartenberg Method

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- ♦ A way of finding transformation matrix (quickly)

- Assign DH frames to DoFs (previous slide)
 - ♦ This takes practice.
- Create a parameter table
 - ♦ Rows = (# frames – 1)
 - ♦ Columns = 4 (always) ← your DH parameters θ, α, a, d

	θ	α	a	d
frame 0-1	θ_{0-1}	α_{0-1}	a_{0-1}	d_{0-1}
frame 1-2	θ_{1-2}	α_{1-2}	a_{1-2}	d_{1-2}
frame 2-3

Denavit-Hartenberg Method

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- ♦ Given parameter table,

- Fill out transformation matrix* for each transition:

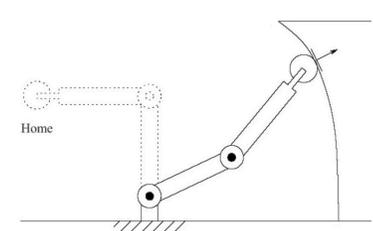
$$R_i^{i-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_i & -\sin \theta_i \cos \alpha_{i,j+1} & \sin \theta_i \sin \alpha_{i,j+1} & a_{i,j+1} \cos \theta_i \\ \sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i \cos \alpha_{i,j+1} & -\cos \theta_i \sin \alpha_{i,j+1} & a_{i,j+1} \sin \theta_i \\ 0 & \sin \alpha_{i,j+1} & \cos \alpha_{i,j+1} & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
- And multiply. Ex: $R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$

- ♦ R_2^0 is the same matrix as would be found by other methods. DH is fast and efficient.

* If you'd like the derivation of this, I'll provide a link.

Example: Rotation in Plane

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$x = a_1 \cos \theta_1 + a_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$
 $y = a_1 \sin \theta_1 + a_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$
 $a_i = \text{the length of } i\text{th link}$

Transformation i to i-1

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a_{i-1} : distance Z_{i-1} and Z_i along X_{i-1} } together: screw displacement
 α_{i-1} : angle Z_{i-1} and Z_i around X_{i-1} }

$$[X_i] = \text{Trans}_{X_{i-1}}(a_{i,i+1}) \text{Rot}_{X_{i-1}}(\alpha_{i,i+1})$$

d_i : distance X_{i-1} to X_i along Z_i } together: screw displacement
 θ_i : angle X_{i-1} and X_i around Z_i }

$$[Z_i] = \text{Trans}_{Z_i}(d_i) \text{Rot}_{Z_i}(\theta_i)$$

- ♦ Coordinate transformation:

$${}^{i-1}T_i = [Z_i][X_i] = \text{Trans}_{Z_i}(d_i) \text{Rot}_{Z_i}(\theta_i) \text{Trans}_{X_{i-1}}(a_{i,i+1}) \text{Rot}_{X_{i-1}}(\alpha_{i,i+1}),$$

Transformation i to i-1

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$$\text{Trans}_{X_i}(d_i) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Rot}_{Z_i}(\theta_i) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_i & -\sin \theta_i & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Trans}_{X_{i-1}}(a_{i,i+1}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a_{i,i+1} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Rot}_{X_{i-1}}(\alpha_{i,i+1}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha_{i,i+1} & -\sin \alpha_{i,i+1} & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \alpha_{i,i+1} & \cos \alpha_{i,i+1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transformation in DH:

$${}^{i-1}T_i = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_i & -\sin \theta_i \cos \alpha_{i,i+1} & \sin \theta_i \sin \alpha_{i,i+1} & a_{i,i+1} \cos \theta_i \\ \sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i \cos \alpha_{i,i+1} & -\cos \theta_i \sin \alpha_{i,i+1} & a_{i,i+1} \sin \theta_i \\ 0 & \sin \alpha_{i,i+1} & \cos \alpha_{i,i+1} & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$