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Technical Aspects of Multimodal Systems

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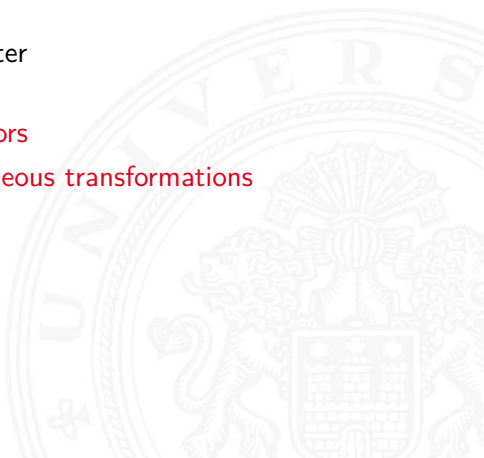
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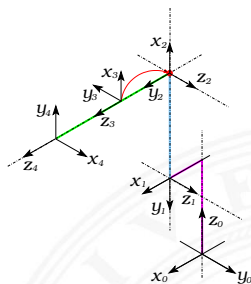
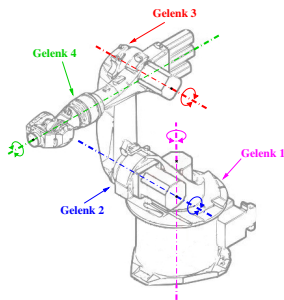


- ▶ universal minimal robot description
- ▶ based on frame transformations
- ▶ **four** parameters per frame transformation
- ▶ serial chain of transformations
- ▶ unique description of T_6

Drawbacks

- ▶ ambiguous convention
- ▶ only kinematic chain described
- ▶ missing information on geometry, physical constraints, dynamics, collisions, inertia, sensors, ...

Definition of joint coordinate systems



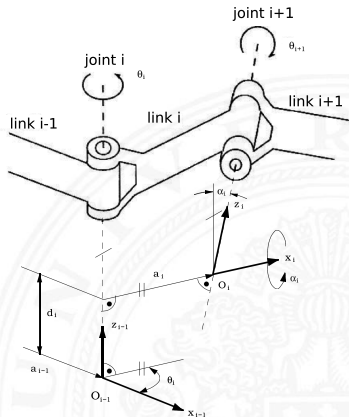
- ▶ CS_0 is the stationary origin at the base of the manipulator
- ▶ axis z_{i-1} is set along the axis of motion of the i^{th} joint
- ▶ axis x_i is the common normal of $z_{i-1} \times z_i$
- ▶ axis y_i concludes a right-handed coordinate system

Parameters for description of two arbitrary links

Two parameters for the description of the link structure i

- ▶ a_i : shortest distance between the z_{i-1} -axis and the z_i -axis
- ▶ α_i : rotation angle around the x_i -axis, which aligns the z_{i-1} -axis to the z_i -axis

a_i and α_i are constant values due to construction



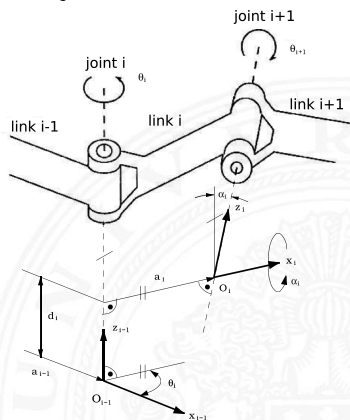
Parameters for description of two arbitrary links (cont.)

Two for relative distance and angle of adjacent links

- ▶ d_i : distance origin O_{i-1} of the $(i-1)^{\text{st}}$ CS to intersection of z_{i-1} -axis with x_i -axis
- ▶ θ_i : joint angle around z_{i-1} -axis to align x_{i-1} -parallel to x_i -axis into x_{i-1}, y_{i-1} -plane

θ_i and d_i are variable

- ▶ rotational: θ_i variable, d_i fixed
- ▶ translational: d_i variable, θ_i fixed



Documentation

<http://wiki.ros.org/urdf>

<http://wiki.ros.org/urdf/XML>

- ▶ robot description format used in ROS²
- ▶ hierarchical description of components
- ▶ XML format representing robot model
 - ▶ kinematics and dynamics
 - ▶ visual
 - ▶ collision
 - ▶ configuration

²<http://ros.org>

links geometrical properties

- ▶ visual
- ▶ inertial
- ▶ collision

joints geometrical connections

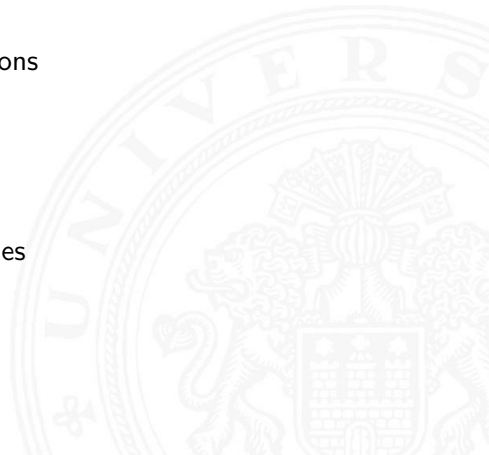
- ▶ geometry
- ▶ structure
- ▶ config

sensors attached sensors

transmissions transmission properties

gazebo simulation properties

model_state robot state



- ▶ Filename: robotname.urdf
- ▶ XML prolog:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
```

- ▶ XML element types

```
<tag attribute="value"/>
```

```
<tag attribute="value">  
  text or element(s)  
</tag>
```

- ▶ XML comments

```
<!-- Comments are placed within these tags -->
```

URDF: XML Tree Structure (cont.)

- ▶ 1st-level structure

```
<robot name="samplerobot">  
</robot>
```

- ▶ 2nd-level structure

`link`, `joints`, `sensors`, `transmissions`, `gazebo`, `model_state`

- ▶ 3rd-level structure

`visual`, `inertia`, `collision`, `origin`, `parent`, ...

- ▶ 4th-level structure

⋮



```
<link name="sample_link">  
  <!-- describes the mass and inertial properties of  
    the link -->  
  <inertial/>  
  
  <!-- describes the visual appearance of the link.  
    can be describe using geometric primitives or  
    meshes -->  
  <visual/>  
  
  <!-- describes the collision space of the link.  
    is described like the visual appearance -->  
  <collision/>  
</link>
```

Geometric primitives for describing visual appearance of the link

```
<link name="base_link">
  <visual>
    <origin xyz="0 0 0.01" rpy="0 0 0"/>
    <geometry>
      <box size="0.2 0.2 0.02"/>
    </geometry>
    <material name="cyan">
      <color rgba="0 1.0 1.0 1.0"/>
    </material>
  </visual>
</link>
```

- ▶ Geometric primitives: `<box>`, `<cylinder>`, `<sphere>`
- ▶ Materials: `<color>`, `<texture>`

3D meshes for describing visual appearance of the link

```
<link name="base_link">
  <visual>
    <origin xyz="0 0 0.01" rpy="0 0 0"/>
    <geometry>
      <mesh filename="meshes/base_link.dae"
    </geometry>
  </visual>
</link>
```

- ▶ the `<collision>` element is described identically to the `<visual>` element
- ▶ an additional `<collision_checking>` primitive can be used to approximate

Parameters describing the physical properties of the link

```
<link name="base_link">
  <inertial>
    <origin xyz="0 0 0" rpy="0 0 0"/>
    <mass value="1">
      <inertia ixx="100" ixy="0" ixz="0"
        iyy="100" iyz="0" izz="100" />
    </inertial>
  </link>
```

- ▶ center of gravity `<origin xyz>`
- ▶ object mass `<mass value>`
- ▶ inertia tensor `<inertia>`



Inertial tensor describes the dynamic physical properties of the link

- ▶ orientation and position of the inertia CS described by `<origin>` tag
- ▶ tensor is a symmetric 3×3 matrix
- ▶ diagonal values describe main inertial axes `ixx`, `iyy`, `izz`
- ▶ `ixy`, `ixz`, `iyz` are 0 for geometric primitives
- ▶ rotations around largest and smallest inertial axis are most stable


```
<joint name="base_link_to_cyl" type="revolute">
  <!-- describes joint position and orientation -->
  <origin xyz="0 0 0.07" rpy="0 0 0"/>

  <!-- describes the related links -->
  <parent link="base_link"/>
  <child link="base_cyl"/>

  <!-- describes the axis of rotation-->
  <axis xyz="0 0 1"/>

  <!-- describes the joint limits-->
  <limit velocity="1.5707963267"
          lower="-3.1415926535" upper="3.1415926535"/>
</joint>
```

URDF: Joint (cont.)

type `revolute`, `continuous`, `prismatic`, `fixed`,
`floating`, `planar`

parent_link link which the joint is connected to

child_link link which is connected to the joint

axis joint axis relative to the joint CS. Represented
using a normalized vector

limit joint limits for motion (**lower**, **upper**),
velocity and **effort**

dynamics damping, friction

calibration rising, falling

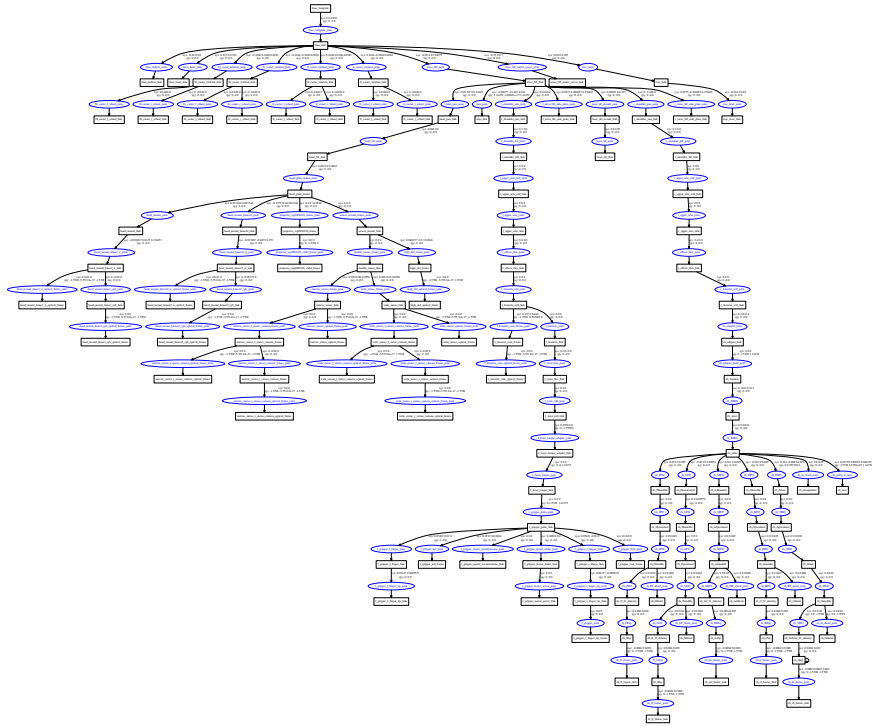
mimic joint, multiplier, offset

safety_controller `soft_lower_limit`, `soft_upper_limit`,
`k_position`, `k_velocity`

- ▶ sensor
 - ▶ position and orientation relative to link
 - ▶ sensor properties
 - ▶ update rate
 - ▶ resolution
 - ▶ minimum / maximum angle
- ▶ transmissions
 - ▶ relation of motor to joint motion
- ▶ gazebo
 - ▶ simulation properties
- ▶ model state
 - ▶ description of different robot configurations

Complex Hierachy

Full URDF hierarchy of the TAMS PR2 with the Shadow Hand.





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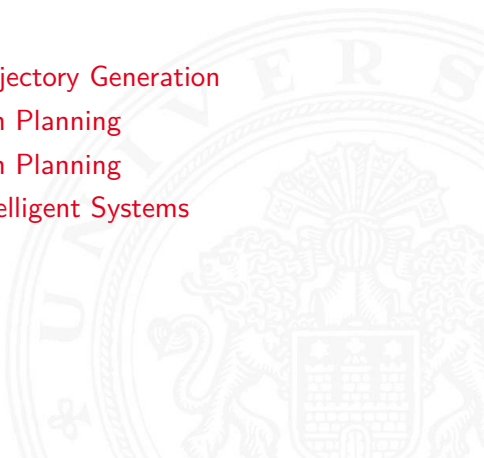
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Set of problems

- ▶ In the majority of cases the control of robot manipulators takes place in the *joint space*,
- ▶ The informations about objects are mostly given in the *cartesian space*.

For getting a specific tool frame T related to the world, joint values $\theta(t) = (\theta_1(t), \theta_2(t), \dots, \theta_n(t))^T$ should be calculated in two steps:

1. Calculation of $T_6 = Z^{-1}BGE^{-1}$;
2. Calculation of $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n$ via T_6 .

\implies In this case the inverse kinematics is more important than the forward kinematics.



The solution using the example of PUMA 560

$$T_6 = T' T'' = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$n_x = C_1[C_{23}(C_4 C_5 C_6 - S_4 S_6) - S_{23} S_5 C_6] - S_1(S_4 C_5 C_6 + C_4 S_6) \quad (11)$$

$$n_y = S_1[C_{23}(C_4 C_5 C_6 - S_4 S_6 - S_{23} S_5 S_6) + C_1(S_4 C_5 C_6 + C_4 S_6)] \quad (12)$$

$$n_z = -S_{23}[C_4 C_5 C_6 - S_4 S_6] - C_{23} S_5 C_6 \quad (13)$$



The solution using the example of PUMA 560 (cont.)

$$o_x = \dots \quad (14)$$

$$o_y = \dots \quad (15)$$

$$o_z = \dots \quad (16)$$

$$a_x = \dots \quad (17)$$

$$a_y = \dots \quad (18)$$

$$a_z = \dots \quad (19)$$

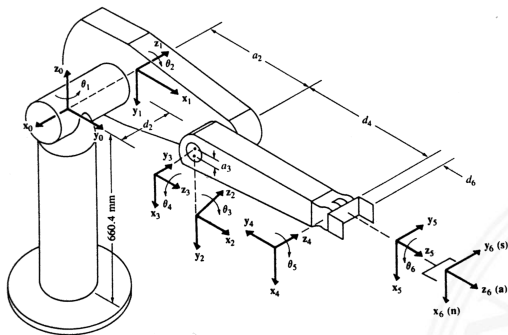
$$p_x = C_1[d_6(C_{23}C_4S_5 + S_{23}C_5) + S_{23}d_4 + a_3C_{23} + a_2C_2] - S_1(d_6S_4S_5 + d_2) \quad (20)$$

$$p_y = S_1[d_6(C_{23}C_4S_5 + S_{23}C_5) + S_{23}d_4 + s_3C_{23} + a_2C_2] + C_1(d_6S_4S_5 + d_2) \quad (21)$$

$$p_z = d_6(C_{23}C_5 - S_{23}C_4S_5) + C_{23}d_4 - a_3S_{23} - a_2S_2 \quad (22)$$



- ▶ Non-linear equations
- ▶ Existence of solutions
Workspace: the volume of space that is reachable for the tool of the manipulator.
 - ▶ dexterous workspace
 - ▶ reachable workspace
- ▶ Many joint positions produce a similar TCP position using the example of PUMA 560
 - ▶ Ambiguity of solutions for $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ related to given \mathbf{p} .
 - ▶ For each solution of $\theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6$ the alternative solution exists



$$\theta'_4 = \theta_4 + 180^\circ$$

$$\theta'_5 = -\theta_5$$

$$\theta'_6 = \theta_6 + 180^\circ$$

- Different solution strategy: closed solutions vs. numerical solutions

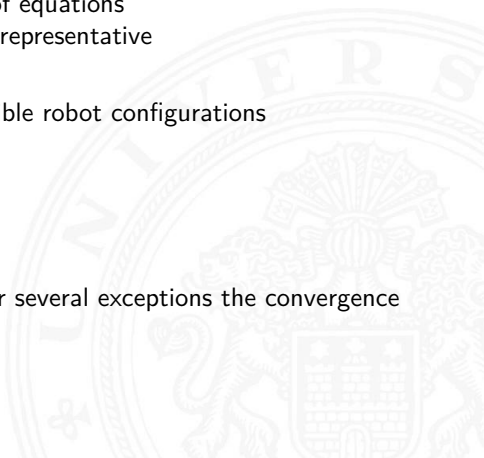


Closed form (analytical):

- ▶ algebraic solution
 - + accurate solution by means of equations
 - solution is not geometrically representative
- ▶ geometrical solution
 - + case-by-case analysis of possible robot configurations
 - robot specific

Numerical form:

- ▶ iterative methods
 - + the methods are transferable
 - computationally intensive, for several exceptions the convergence can not be guaranteed





Solvability

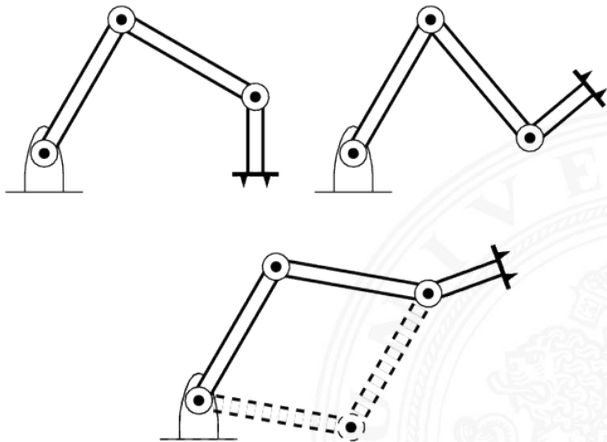
"The inverse kinematics for all systems with 6 DOF (translational or rotational joints) in a simple serial chain is always numerical solvable."

The closed solution exists if specific constraints (sufficient constraints) for the arm geometry are satisfied:

- If 3 sequent axes intersect in a given point
- or if 3 sequent axes are parallel to each other

- ▶ manipulators should be designed regarding these constraints
- ▶ most of them are
 - ▶ PUMA 560: axes 4, 5 & 6 intersect in a single point
 - ▶ Mitsubishi PA10, KUKA LWR, PR2
 - ▶ 3-DOF planar (RPC)

Example: a planar 3 DOF manipulator



Example: a planar 3 DOF manipulator (cont.)

Joint	α_{i-1}	a_{i-1}	d_i	θ_i
1	0	0	0	θ_1
2	0	l_1	0	θ_2
3	0	l_2	0	θ_3

$$T_6 = {}^0T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} C_{123} & -S_{123} & 0 & l_1 C_1 + l_2 C_{12} \\ S_{123} & C_{123} & 0 & l_1 S_1 + l_2 S_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



The algebraical solution for the 3 DOF planar

Specification for the TCP: (x, y, ϕ) . For such kind of vectors applies:

$${}^0T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} C_\phi & -S_\phi & 0 & x \\ S_\phi & C_\phi & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Resultant, four equations can be derived:

$$C_\phi = C_{123} \quad (23)$$

$$S_\phi = S_{123} \quad (24)$$

$$x = l_1 C_1 + l_2 C_{12} \quad (25)$$

$$y = l_1 S_1 + l_2 S_{12} \quad (26)$$

The algebraical solution for the 3 DOF planar (cont.)

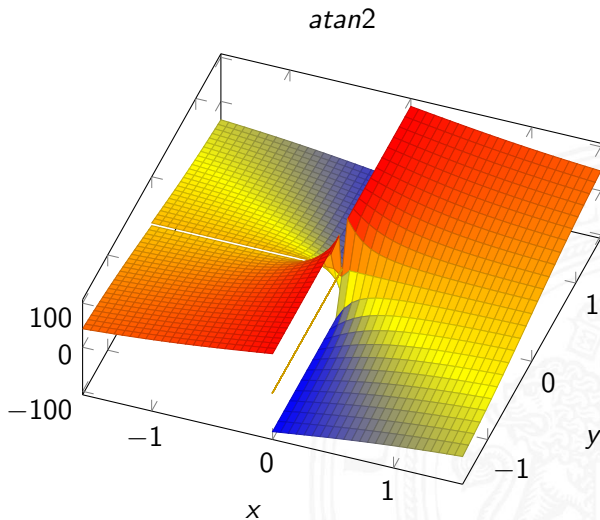
We define the function $atan2_m$ as:

$$\theta = atan2(y, x) = \begin{cases} atan(\frac{y}{x}) & \text{for } +x \\ atan(\frac{y}{x}) + \pi & \text{for } -x, +y_0 \\ atan(\frac{y}{x}) - \pi & \text{for } -x, -y \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{for } x = 0, +y \\ \frac{-\pi}{2} & \text{for } x = 0, -y \\ NaN & \text{for } x = 0, y = 0 \end{cases}$$

The algebraical solution for the 3 DOF planar (cont.)

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The algebraical solution for the 3 DOF planar (cont.)

Square and add (25) ($x = l_1 C_1 + l_2 C_{12}$) and (26) ($y = l_1 S_1 + l_2 S_{12}$)

$$x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 C_2$$

using

$$C_{12} = C_1 C_2 - S_1 S_2, S_{12} = C_1 S_2 + S_1 C_2$$

giving

$$C_2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 l_2}$$

for goal in workspace

$$S_2 = \pm \sqrt{1 - C_2^2}$$

solution

$$\theta_2 = \text{atan2}(S_2, C_2)$$

The algebraical solution for the 3 DOF planar (cont.)

solve (25) ($x = l_1 C_1 + l_2 C_{12}$) and (26) ($y = l_1 S_1 + l_2 S_{12}$) for θ_1

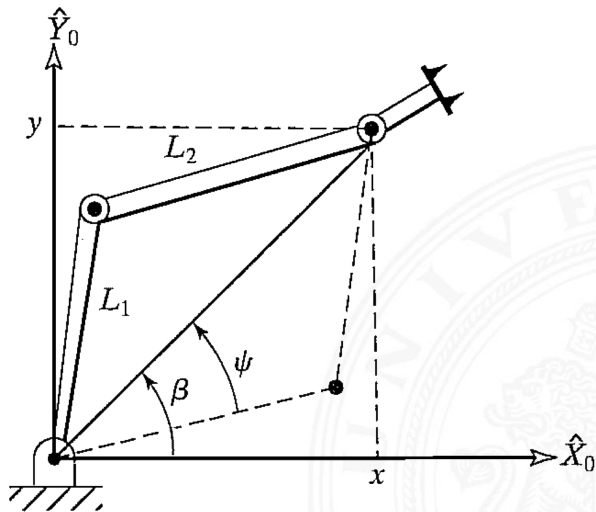
$$\theta_1 = \text{atan2}(y, x) - \text{atan2}(k_2, k_1)$$

where $k_1 = l_1 + l_2 C_2$ and $k_2 = l_2 S_2$.

solve θ_3 from (23) ($C_\phi = C_{123}$) and (24) ($S_\phi = S_{123}$)

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = \text{atan2}(S_\phi, C_\phi) = \phi$$

The geometrical solution for the example 1



The geometrical solution for the example 1 (cont.)

Calculate θ_2 via the law of cosines:

$$x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 - 2l_1l_2 \cos(180 + \theta_2)$$

The solution:

$$\theta_2 = \pm \cos^{-1} \frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1l_2}$$

$$\theta_1 = \beta \pm \psi$$

where:

$$\beta = \text{atan2}_m(y, x), \quad \cos \psi = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

For $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ applies:

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = \phi$$

Algebraical solution (polynomial conversion)

The following substitutions are used for the polynomial conversion of transcendental equations:

$$u = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1 - u^2}{1 + u^2}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{2u}{1 + u^2}$$

Algebraical solution (polynomial conversion) (cont.)

Example:

The following transcendental equation is given:

$$a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta = c$$

After the polynomial conversion:

$$a(1 - u^2) + 2bu = c(1 + u^2)$$

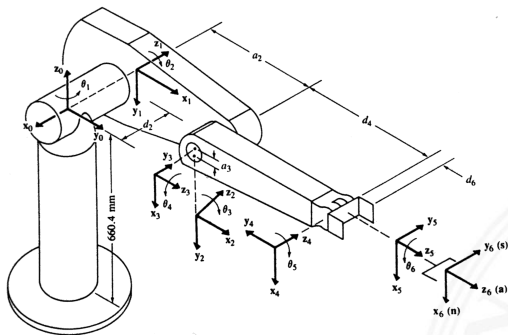
The solution for u :

$$u = \frac{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - a^2 - c^2}}{a + c}$$

Then:

$$\theta = 2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - a^2 - c^2}}{a + c} \right)$$

The PUMA560



$$\theta'_4 = \theta_4 + 180^\circ$$

$$\theta'_5 = -\theta_5$$

$$\theta'_6 = \theta_6 + 180^\circ$$

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Calculation of $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$:

The first three joint angles $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ affect the position of the TCP $(p_x, p_y, p_z)^T$ (in case $d_6 = 0$).

$$p_x = C_1[S_{23}d_4 + a_3C_{23} + a_2C_2] - S_1d_2 \quad (27)$$

$$p_y = S_1[S_{23}d_4 + a_3C_{23} + a_2C_2] + C_1d_2 \quad (28)$$

$$p_z = C_{23}d_4 - a_3S_{23} - a_2S_2 \quad (29)$$

The outcome of this is:

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\mp p_y \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2 - d_2^2} - p_x d_2}{\mp p_x \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2 - d_2^2} + p_y d_2} \right)$$

Algebraic solution using the PUMA 560 (cont.)

$$\theta_3 = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\mp A_3 \sqrt{A_3^2 + B_3^2 - D_3^2} + B_3 D_3}{\mp B_3 \sqrt{A_3^2 + B_3^2 - D_3^2} + A_3 D_3} \right)$$

where

$$A_3 = 2a_2a_3$$

$$B_3 = 2a_2d_4$$

$$D_3 = p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2 - a_2^2 - a_3^2 - d_2^2 - d_4^2$$

Algebraic solution using the PUMA 560 (cont.)

and

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\mp B_2 \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2 - d_2^2} + A_2 p_z}{\mp A_2 \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2 - d_2^2} + B_2 p_z} \right)$$

where

$$A_2 = d_4 C_3 - a_3 S_3$$

$$B_2 = -a_3 C_3 - d_4 S_3 - a_2$$

J. Craig, *Introduction to Robotics: Pearson New International Edition: Mechanics and Control*. Always learning, Pearson Education, Limited, 2013

The solution for Orientation of PUMA560

$$T = R_{z,\phi} R_{y,\theta} R_{x,\psi}$$

The solution for following equation is sought:

$$R_{z,\phi}^{-1} T = R_{y,\theta} R_{x,\psi}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{11}(\mathbf{n}) & f_{21}(\mathbf{o}) & f_{31}(\mathbf{a}) & 0 \\ f_{12}(\mathbf{n}) & f_{22}(\mathbf{o}) & f_{32}(\mathbf{a}) & 0 \\ f_{13}(\mathbf{n}) & f_{23}(\mathbf{o}) & f_{33}(\mathbf{a}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C\theta & S\theta S\psi & S\theta C\psi & 0 \\ 0 & C\psi & -S\psi & 0 \\ -S\theta & C\theta S\psi & C\theta C\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$f_{11} = C\phi x + S\phi y$$

$$f_{12} = -S\psi x + C\phi y$$

$$f_{13} = z$$



The solution for Orientation of PUMA560 (cont.)

The equation for $f_{12}(\mathbf{n})$ leads to:

$$-S\phi n_x + C\phi n_y = 0$$

\Rightarrow

$$\phi = \text{atan2}(n_y, n_x)$$

and

$$\phi = \phi + 180^\circ$$

The solution with the elements f_{13} and f_{11} are as appropriate:

$$-S\theta = n_z$$

The solution for Orientation of PUMA560 (cont.)

and

$$C\theta = C\phi n_x + S\phi n_y$$

\Rightarrow

$$\theta = \text{atan2}(-n_z, C\phi n_x + S\phi a_y)$$

The solution with the elements f_{23} and f_{22} are as appropriate:

$$-S\psi = -S\phi a_x + C\phi a_y$$

$$C\psi = -S\phi o_x + C\phi o_y$$

\Rightarrow

$$\psi = \text{atan2}(S\phi a_x - C\phi a_y, -S\phi o_x + C\phi o_y)$$



Definition of different arm configurations

shoulder RIGHT-arm, LEFT-arm

elbow ABOVE-arm, BELOW-arm

wrist WRIST-down, WRIST-up

Solution for arm configurations (cont.)

Adapted from this following variable can be defined:

$$ARM = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{RIGHT-arm} \\ -1 & \text{LEFT-arm} \end{cases}$$

$$ELBOW = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{ABOVE-arm} \\ 1 & \text{BELOW-arm} \end{cases}$$

$$WRIST = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{WRIST-down} \\ -1 & \text{WRIST-up} \end{cases}$$

The complete solution for the inverse kinematics can be achieved by analysis of such arm configurations.



Problem

- ▶ Software was hard-coded for a certain robot model / type.
- ▶ Software specialized on the robot skills and geometry
- ▶ Consequently, the extending and porting software to new hardware was difficult and time consuming

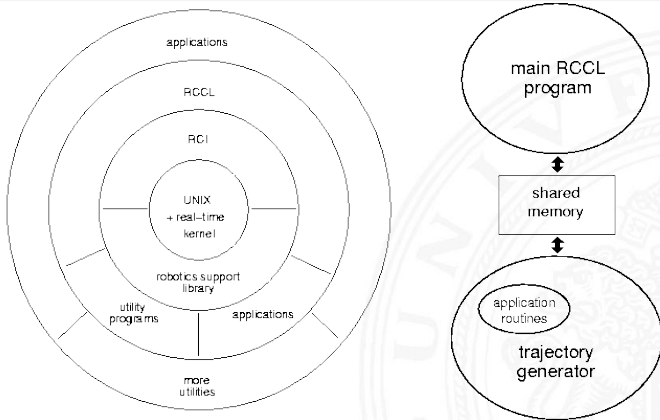
Solution

Develop a control software with the following capabilities

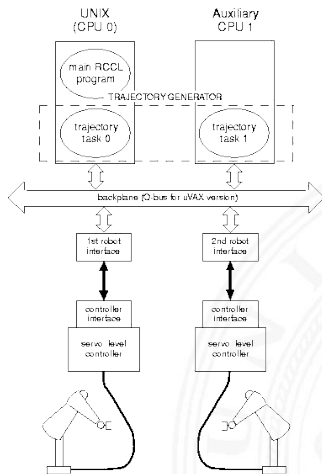
- ▶ Possibility to control low-level hardware properties
- ▶ Maximum portability to different platforms
- ▶ Maximum flexibility for fast programming of applications

RCCL

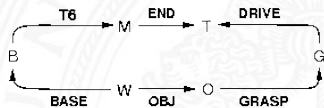
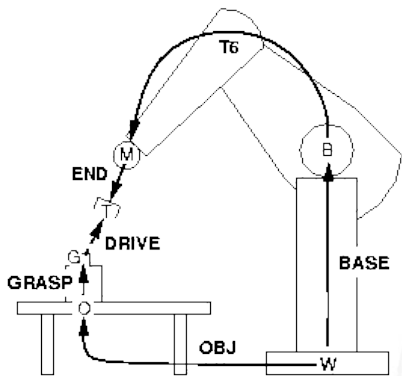
Robot Control C Library



Ability to control multiple robots



Motion description with position equations



Code sample for robot control in RCCL

```
#include <rccl.h>
#include "manex.560.h"

main()
{
    TRSF_PTR p, t;           /*#1*/
    POS_PTR pos;           /*#2*/
    MANIP *mnp;           /*#3*/
    JNTS rcclpark;         /*#4*/
    char *robotName;       /*#5*/

    rcclSetOptions (RCCL_ERROR_EXIT);           /*#6*/
    robotName = getDefaultRobot();              /*#7*/
    if (!getRobotPosition (rcclpark.v, "rcclpark", robotName))
    { printf (''position 'rcclpark' not defined for robot\n'');
      exit(-1);
    }                                           /*#8*/

    t = allocTransXyz ("T", UNDEF, -300.0, 0.0, 75.0);
    p = allocTransRot ("P", UNDEF, P_X, P_Y, P_Z, xunit, 180.0);
    pos = makePosition ("pos", T6, EQ, p, t, NULL); /*#9*/
}
```

Code sample for robot control in RCCL (cont.)

```
    mnp = rcclCreate (robotName, 0);                               /*#10*/
    rcclStart();

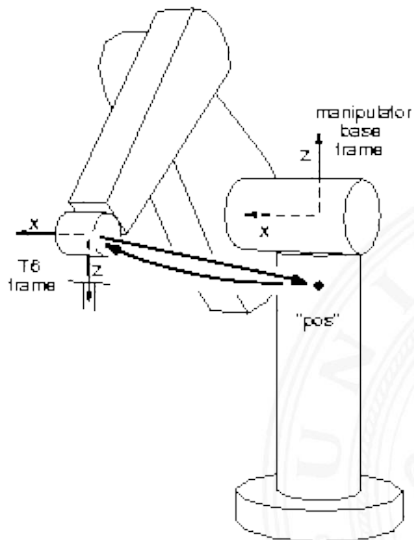
    movej (mnp, &rcclpark);                                       /*#11*/

    setMod (mnp, 'c');                                           /*#12*/
    move (mnp, pos);                                             /*#13*/
    stop (mnp, 1000.0);

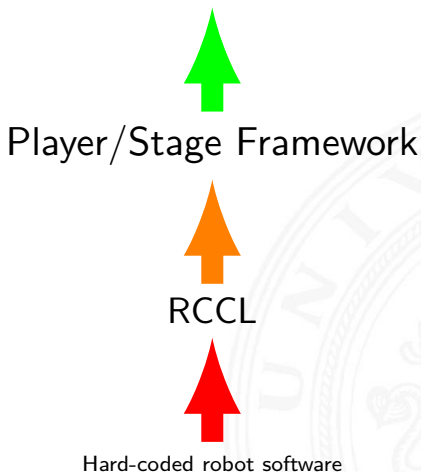
    movej (mnp, &rcclpark);                                       /*#14*/
    stop (mnp, 1000.0);

    waitForCompleted (mnp);                                       /*#15*/
    rcclRelease (YES);                                           /*#16*/
}
```


Code sample for robot control in RCCL (cont.)



Robot Operating System (ROS)





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