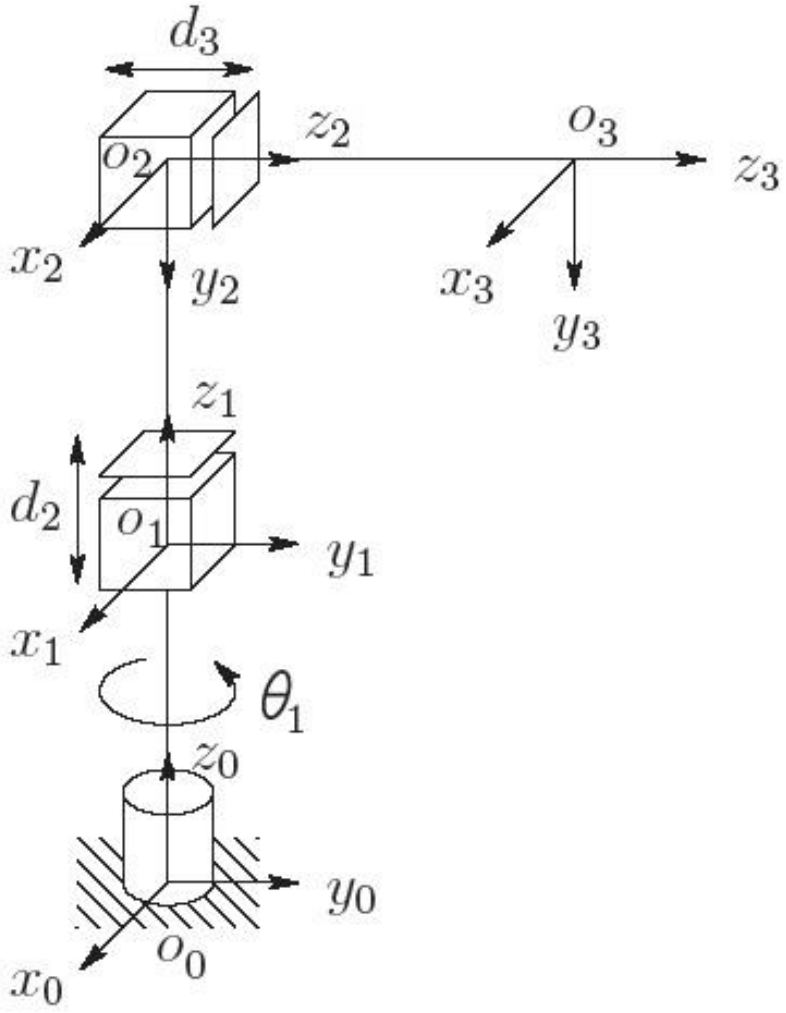
Day 06

Denavit-Hartenberg

DH Parameters

- a_i : link length
  - distance between z_{i-1} and z_i measured along x_i
- α_i : link twist
  - angle from z_{i-1} and z_i measured about x_i
- d_i : link offset
  - distance between o_{i-1} to the intersection of x_i and z_{i-1} measured along z_{i-1}
- θ_i : joint angle
  - angle from x_{i-1} and x_i measured about z_{i-1}

Example with Frames Already Placed



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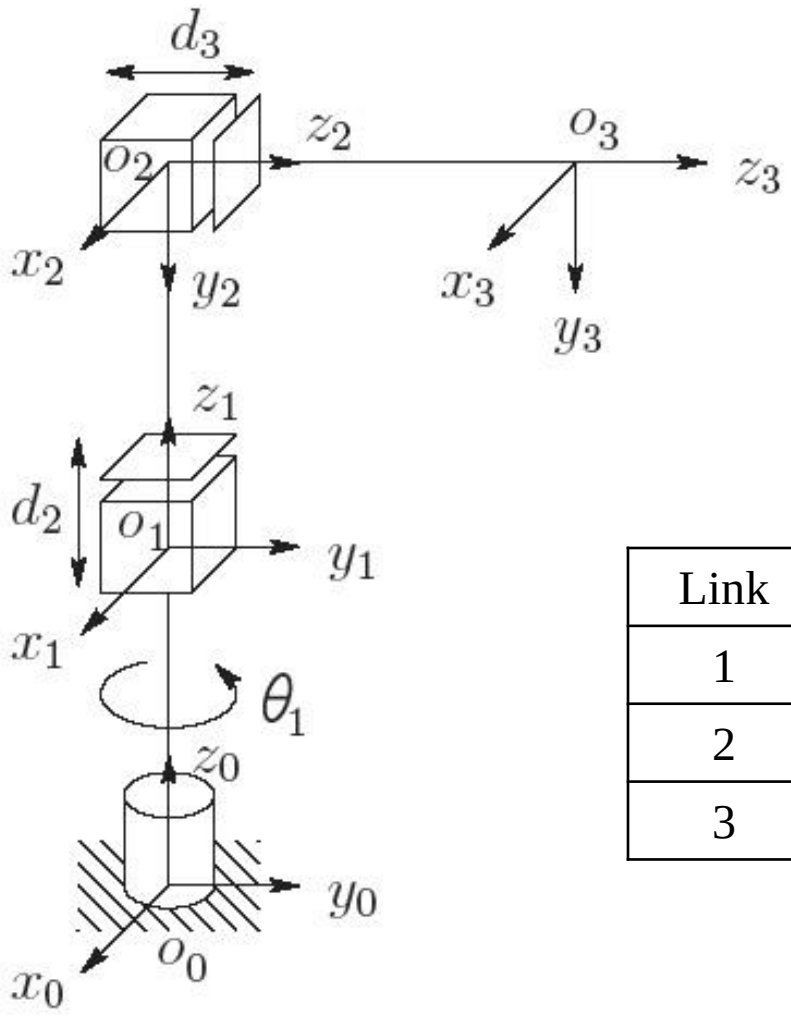

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- RPP cylindrical manipulator
  - http://strobotics.com/cylindrical-format-robot.htm

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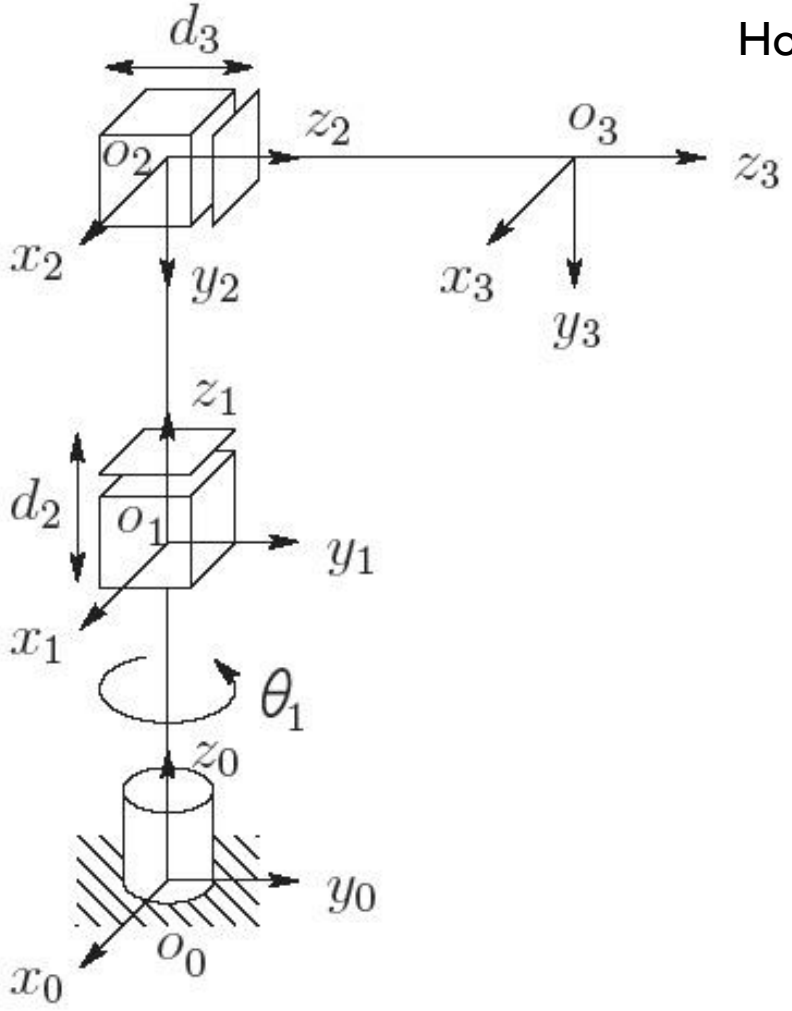
How do we place the frames?



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Step 1: Choose the z-axis for each frame

- recall the DH transformation matrix

$$T_i^{i-1} = R_{z,\theta_i} T_{z,d_i} T_{x,a_i} R_{x,\alpha_i}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_i} & -s_{\theta_i} c_{\alpha_i} & s_{\theta_i} s_{\alpha_i} & a_i c_{\theta_i} \\ s_{\theta_i} & c_{\theta_i} c_{\alpha_i} & -c_{\theta_i} s_{\alpha_i} & a_i s_{\theta_i} \\ 0 & s_{\alpha_i} & c_{\alpha_i} & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\hat{x}_i^{i-1}$ $\hat{y}_i^{i-1}$ $\hat{z}_i^{i-1}$

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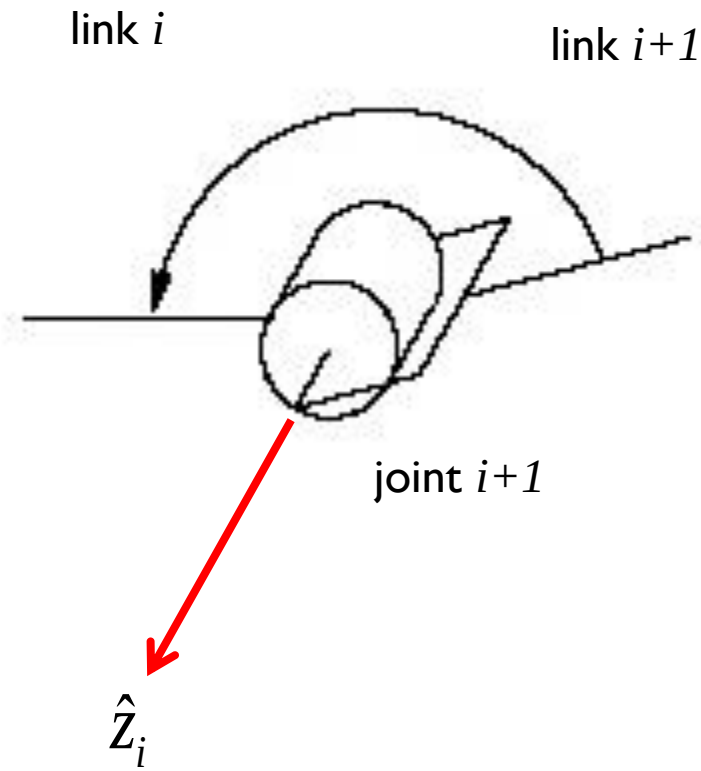
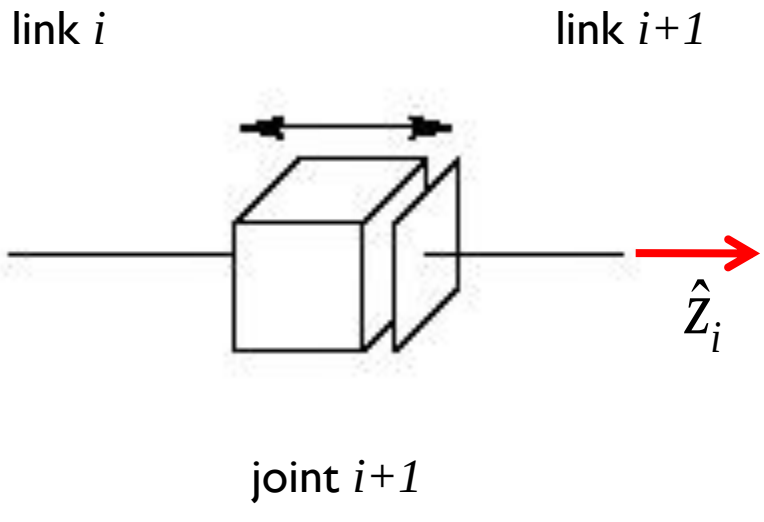
- $\hat{z}_i \equiv$ axis of actuation for joint $i+1$





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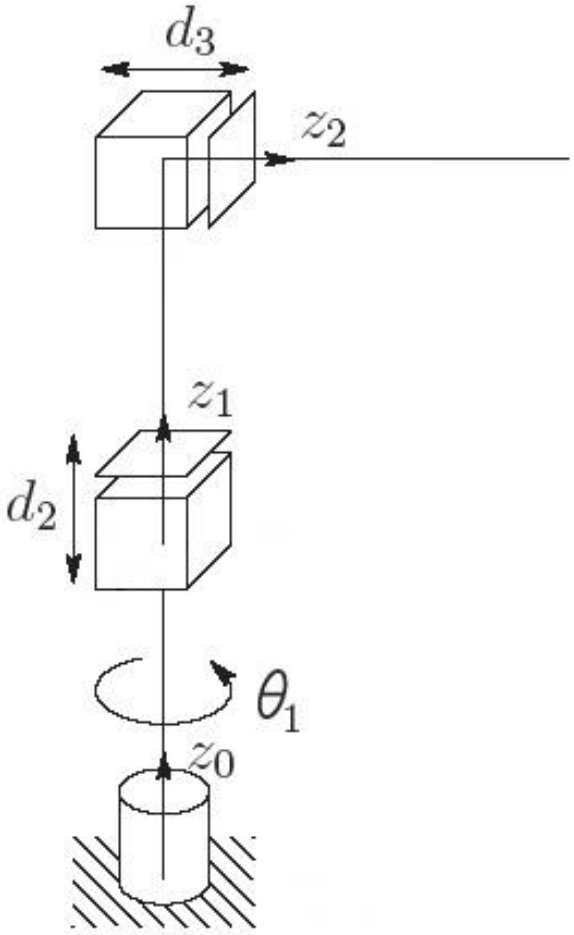

- Warning: the picture is deceiving. We do not yet know the origin of the frames; all we know at this point is that each z_i points along a joint axis

Step 2: Establish frame {0}

- place the origin o_0 anywhere on z_0
  - often the choice of location is obvious
- choose x_0 and y_0 so that $\{0\}$ is right-handed
  - often the choice of directions is obvious

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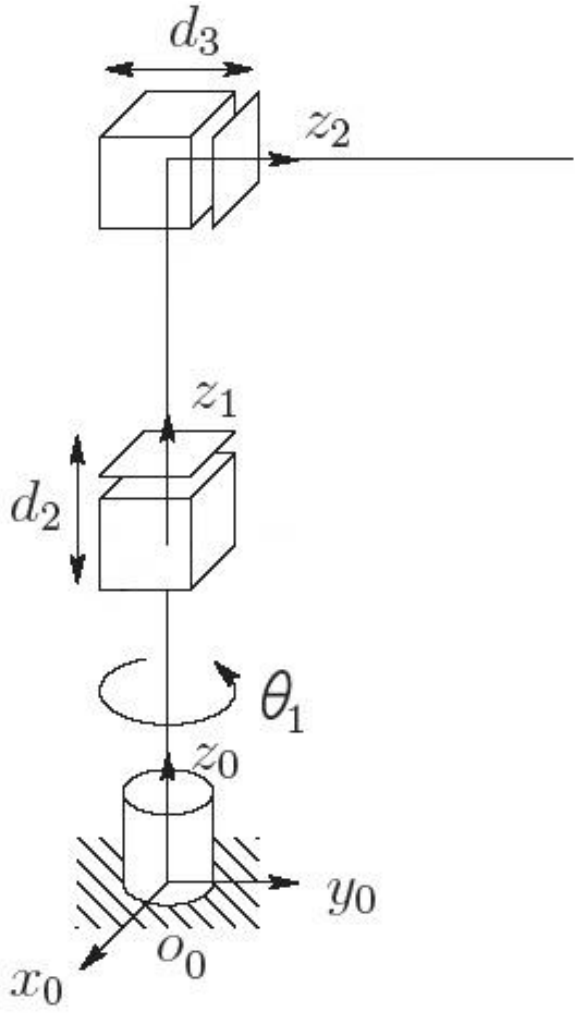
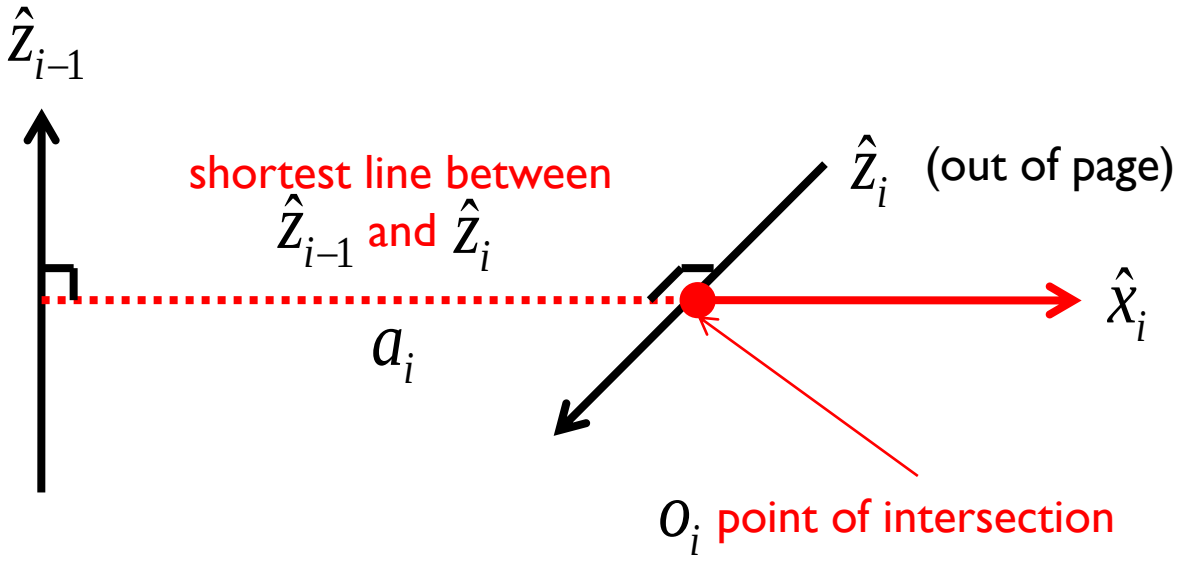


Step 3: Iteratively construct {1}, {2}, … {n-1}

- using frame {i-1} construct frame {i}
  - DH1: x_i is perpendicular to z_{i-1}
  - DH2: x_i intersects z_{i-1}
- 3 cases to consider depending on the relationship between z_{i-1} and z_i

Step 3: Iteratively construct {1}, {2}, … {*n*-1}

- Case 1
  - z_{i-1} and z_i are not coplanar (skew)



  - α_i angle from z_{i-1} to z_i measured about x_i

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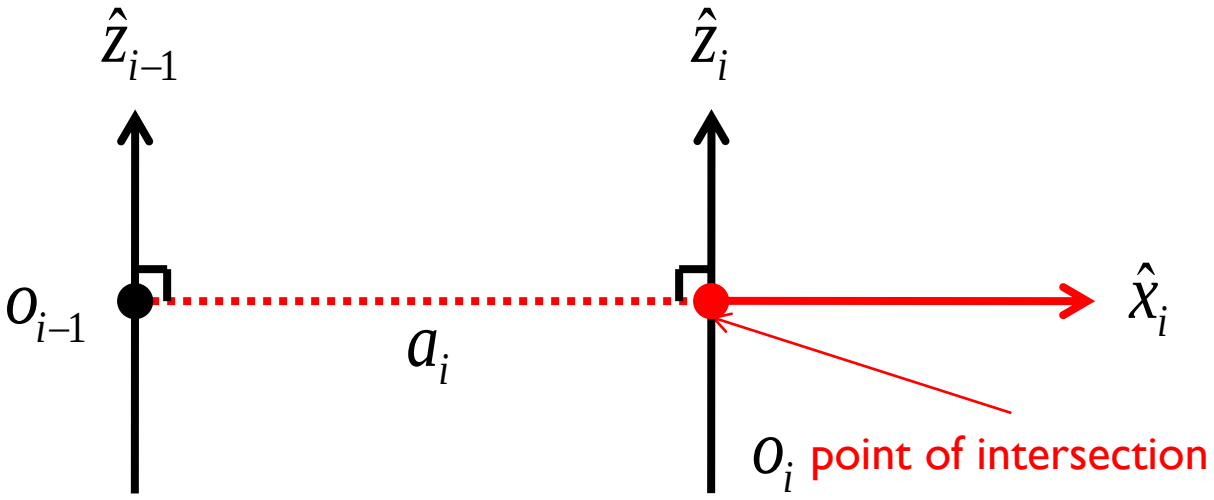
- Case 2
  - z_{i-1} and z_i are parallel ($\alpha_i = 0$)



  - notice that this choice results in $d_i = 0$

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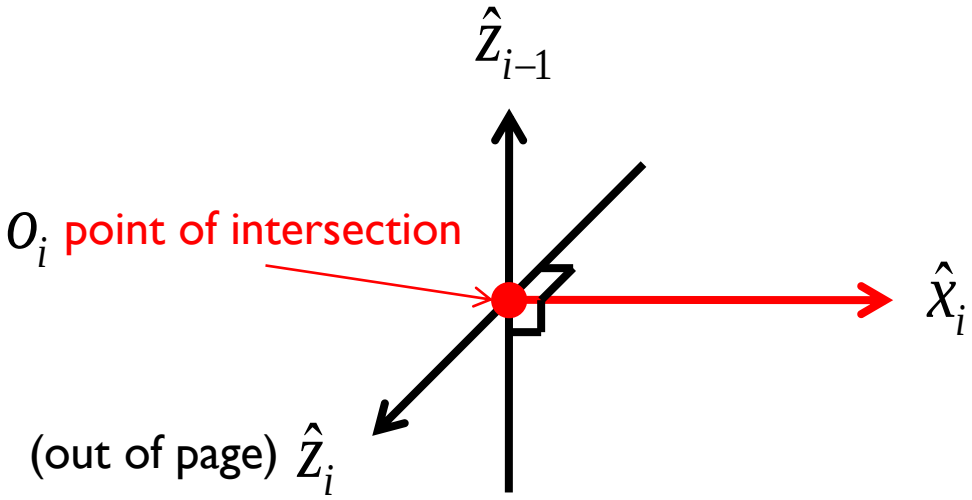
- Case 3
  - z_{i-1} and z_i intersect ($a_i = 0$)



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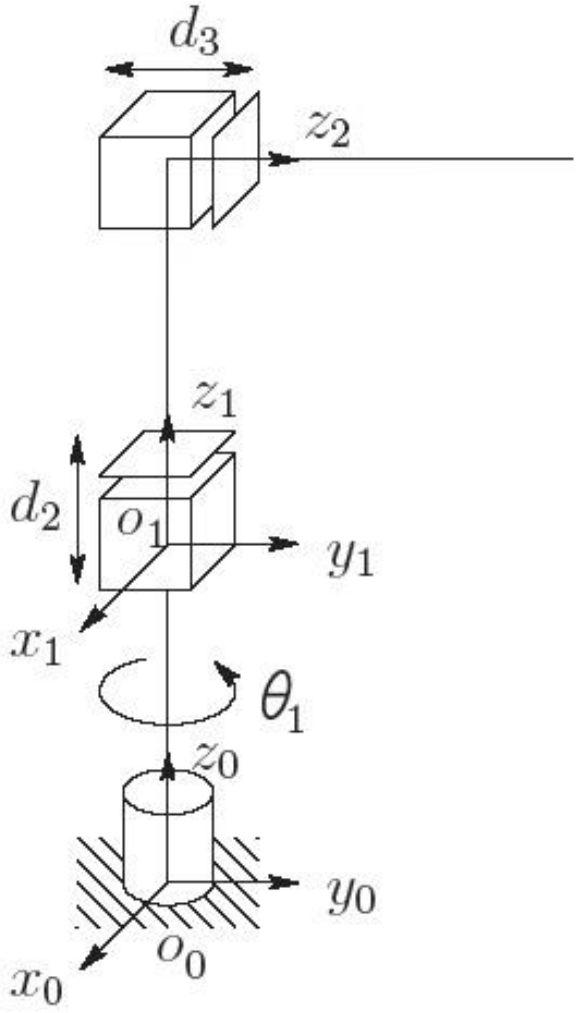

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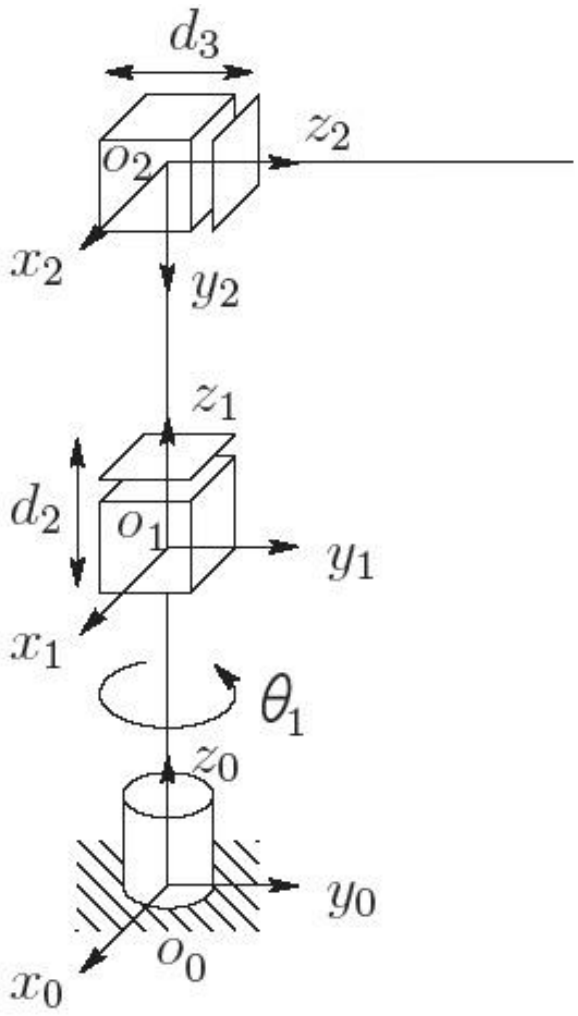

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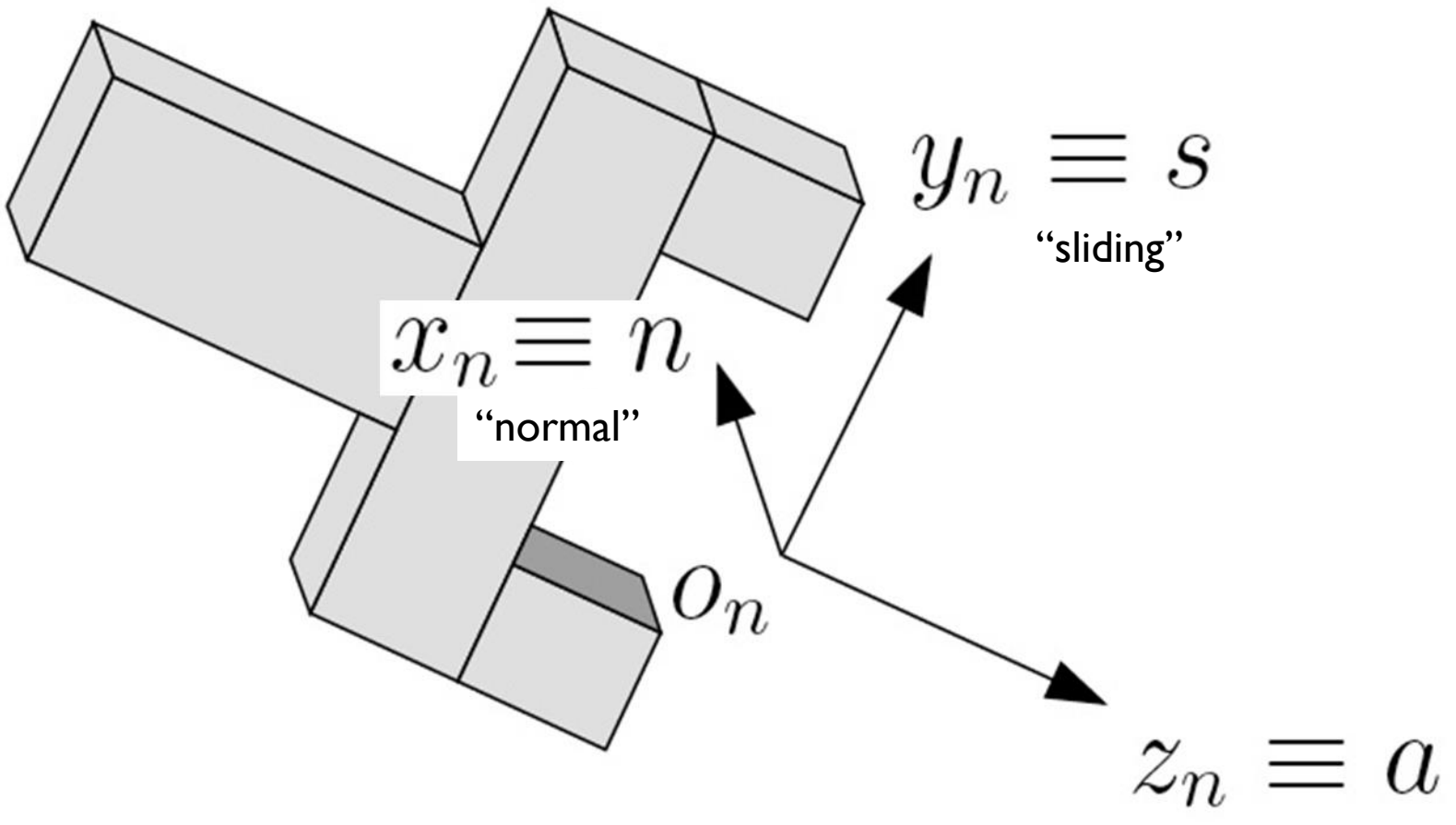

Figure 3.5: Tool frame assignment.

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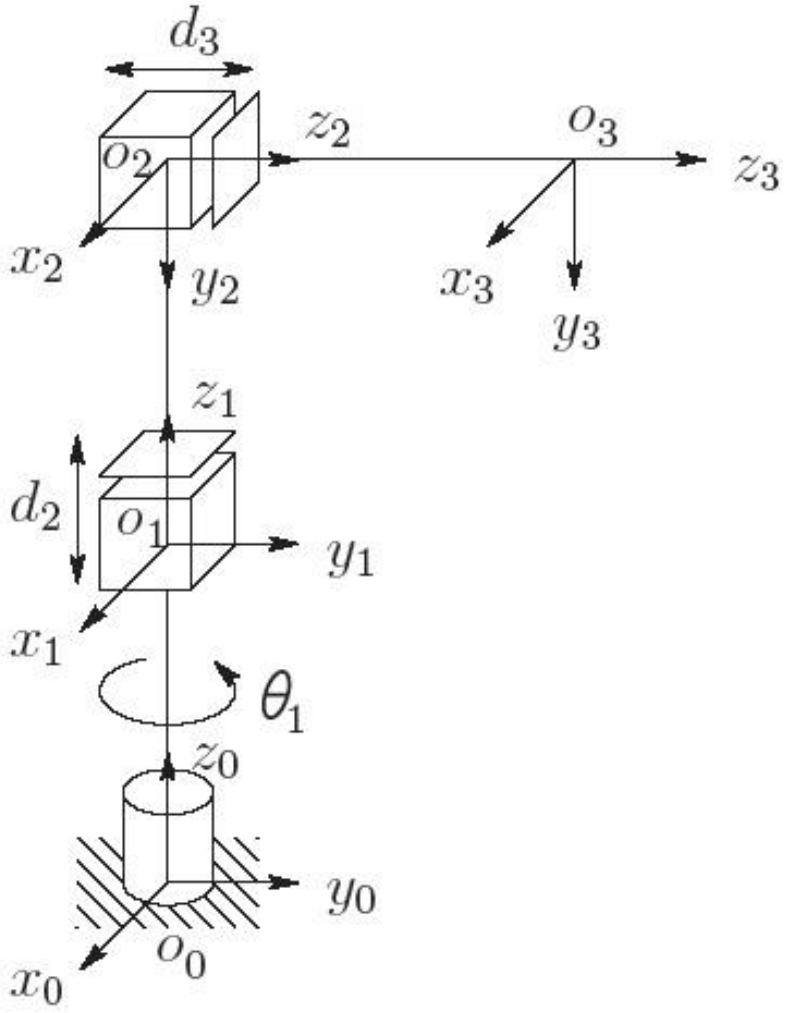

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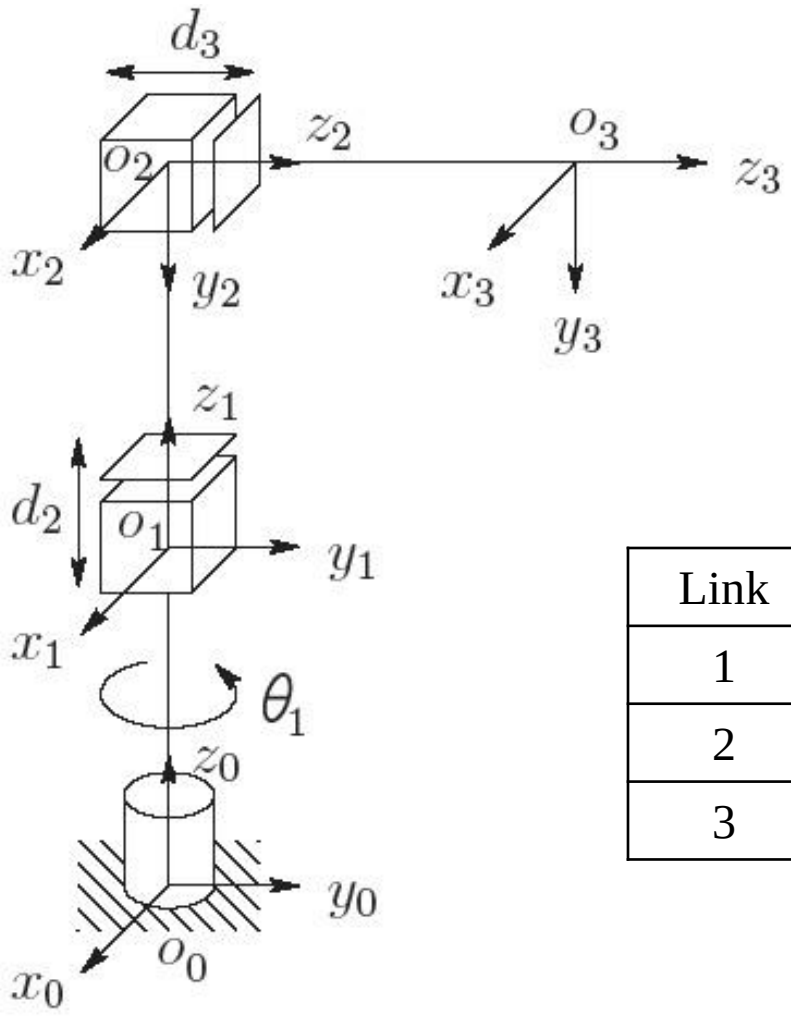

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