### CSE4421/5324: Introduction to Robotics

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## General Course Information

introduces the basic concepts of robotic manipulators and autonomous systems. After a review of some fundamental mathematics the course examines the mechanics and dynamics of robot arms, mobile robots, their sensors and algorithms for controlling them.

## Textbook

- no required textbook
- first 6 weeks of course uses notation consistent with Robot Modeling and Control by MW Spong, S Hutchinson, M Vidyasagar

### Assessment

- labs/assignments 6 x 5%
- midterm, 30%
- exam, 40%

### Introduction to manipulator kinematics

**Robotic Manipulators** 

- a robotic manipulator is a kinematic chain
  - i.e. an assembly of pairs of rigid bodies that can move respect to one another via a mechanical constraint
- the rigid bodies are called links
- the mechanical constraints are called joints

### A150 Robotic Arm



# Joints

- most manipulator joints are one of two types
- I. revolute (or rotary)
  - like a hinge
- 2. prismatic (or linear)
  - like a piston
- our convention: joint *i* connects link i 1 to link *i* 
  - when joint i is actuated, link i moves

# Joint Variables

- revolute and prismatic joints are one degree of freedom (DOF) joints; thus, they can be described using a single numeric value called a joint variable
- $q_i$ : joint variable for joint i
- I. revolute
  - $q_i = \theta_i$  : angle of rotation of link *i* relative to link i 1
- 2. prismatic
  - $q_i = d_i$ : displacement of link *i* relative to link *i* 1

## Revolute Joint Variable

- revolute
  - like a hinge
  - allows relative rotation about a fixed axis between two links
    - axis of rotation is the z axis by convention
- b joint variable  $q_i = \theta_i$ : angle of rotation of link *i* relative to link i 1



## Prismatic Joint Variable

- prismatic
  - like a piston
  - allows relative translation along a fixed axis between two links
    - $\blacktriangleright$  axis of translation is the *z* axis by convention
  - b joint variable  $q_i = d_i$ : displacement of link *i* relative to link i 1



# Common Manipulator Arrangments

- most industrial manipulators have six or fewer joints
  - the first three joints are the arm
  - the remaining joints are the wrist
- it is common to describe such manipulators using the joints of the arm
  - R: revolute joint
  - P: prismatic joint

Articulated Manipulator

- RRR (first three joints are all revolute)
- joint axes
  - $z_0$  : waist
  - >  $z_1$  : shoulder (perpendicular to  $z_0$ )
  - $z_2$  : elbow (parallel to  $z_1$ )



# Spherical Manipulator

- ► RRP
- Stanford arm
  - http://infolab.stanford.edu/pub/voy/museum/pictures/display/robots/IMG\_2404ArmFrontPeekingOut.JPG



Common Manipulator Arrangements

## SCARA Manipulator

► RRP

#### Selective Compliant Articulated Robot for Assembly

http://www.robots.epson.com/products/g-series.htm



## Parallel Robots

- all of the preceding examples are examples of serial chains
  - base (link 0) is connected to link 1 by a joint
  - link I is connected to link 2 by a joint
  - link 2 is connected to link 3 by a joint ... and so on
- a parallel robot is formed by connecting two or more serial chains
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plLrz0gPvOA

given the joint variables and dimensions of the links what is the position and orientation of the end effector?



- choose the base coordinate frame of the robot
  - we want (x, y) to be expressed in this frame



notice that link 1 moves in a circle centered on the base frame origin



choose a coordinate frame with origin located on joint 2 with the same orientation as the base frame



notice that link 2 moves in a circle centered on frame 1



• because the base frame and frame 1 have the same orientation, we can sum the coordinates to find the position of the end effector in the base frame  $(a_1 \cos \theta_1 + a_2 \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2),$ 



we also want the orientation of frame 2 with respect to the base frame



• without proof I claim:



#### • find $(x, y), x_2$ , and $y_2$ expressed in frame 0



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given the position (and possibly the orientation) of the end effector, and the dimensions of the links, what are the joint variables?



*y*<sub>2</sub>

 $x_2$ 

 harder than forward kinematics because there is often more than one possible solution



law of cosines

$$b^{2} = a_{1}^{2} + a_{2}^{2} - 2a_{1}a_{2}\cos(\pi - \theta_{2}) = x^{2} + y^{2}$$



$$-\cos(\pi - \theta_2) = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - a_1^2 - a_2^2}{2a_1a_2}$$

and we have the trigonometric identity

 $-\cos(\pi - \theta_2) = \cos(\theta_2)$ 

therefore,

$$\cos\theta_2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - a_1^2 - a_2^2}{2a_1a_2} = C_2$$

We could take the inverse cosine, but this gives only one of the two solutions.

Instead, use the two trigonometric identities:

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta_2 = 1$$
  $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$ 

to obtain

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{\pm \sqrt{1 - C_2^2}}{C_2}$$

which yields both solutions for  $\theta_2$ . In many programming languages you would use the four quadrant inverse tangent function <code>atan2</code>

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c2 = (x*x + y*y - a1*a1 - a2*a2) / (2*a1*a2);
s2 = sqrt(1 - c2*c2);
theta21 = atan2(s2, c2);
theta22 = atan2(-s2, c2);
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Exercise for the student: show that

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a_2\sin\theta_2}{a_1 + a_2\cos\theta_2}\right)$$

# **Spatial Descriptions**

Points and Vectors

- point : a location in space
- vector : magnitude (length) and direction between two points



### Coordinate Frames

 choosing a frame (a point and two perpendicular vectors of unit length) allows us to assign coordinates


Coordinate Frames

the coordinates change depending on the choice of frame





Vector Projection and Rejection





• suppose we are given  $o_1$  expressed in  $\{0\}$ 

$$o_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



• the location of  $\{1\}$  expressed in  $\{0\}$ 

$$\begin{array}{c}
 d_{1}^{0} = o_{1}^{0} - o_{0}^{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
rector from  $o_{0}$  to  $o_{1}$ 

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1. the translation vector  $d_j^i$  can be interpreted as the location of frame  $\{j\}$  expressed in frame  $\{i\}$ 



•  $p^1$  expressed in  $\{0\}$ 



2. the translation vector  $d_j^i$  can be interpreted as a coordinate transformation of a point from frame  $\{j\}$  to frame  $\{i\}$ 



•  $q^0$  expressed in  $\{0\}$ 

$$q^{0} = d + p^{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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3. the translation vector d can be interpreted as an operator that takes a point and moves it to a new point in the same frame

• suppose that frame  $\{1\}$  is rotated relative to frame  $\{0\}$ 



• the orientation of frame  $\{1\}$  expressed in  $\{0\}$ 



1. the rotation matrix  $R_j^i$  can be interpreted as the orientation of frame  $\{j\}$  expressed in frame  $\{i\}$ 

Rotation 2  

$$p^{1} = |\hat{x}_{1} + |\hat{y}_{1}$$

$$p^{2} = |\hat{x}_{0} + |\hat{y}_{1} + |\hat{y}_{1}$$

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2. the rotation matrix  $R_j^i$  can be interpreted as a coordinate transformation of a point from frame  $\{j\}$  to frame  $\{i\}$ 

•  $q^0$  expressed in  $\{0\}$ 



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

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3. the rotation matrix R can be interpreted as an operator that takes a point and moves it to a new point in the same frame

### **Properties of Rotation Matrices**

- ▶  $R^T = R^{-1}$  ~ inverse of a rotation matrix is its transpose
- the columns of R are mutually orthogonal
- each column of R is a unit vector
- det R = 1 (the determinant is equal to 1)

### **Rotation and Translation**



## Rotations in 3D

$$R_{1}^{0} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \cdot x_{0} & y_{1} \cdot x_{0} & z_{1} \cdot x_{0} \\ x_{1} \cdot y_{0} & y_{1} \cdot y_{0} & z_{1} \cdot y_{0} \\ x_{1} \cdot z_{0} & y_{1} \cdot z_{0} & z_{1} \cdot z_{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} x_{0} \\ y_{0} \\ y_{1} \\ z_{0} \\ z_{1} \\ z_{0} \\ z_{1} \\ z_{1$$

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#### Rotations in 3D



#### Rotation About z-axis



#### **Rotation About x-axis**



#### **Rotation About y-axis**



#### **Relative Orientation Example**



Successive Rotations in Moving Frames

- I. Suppose you perform a rotation in frame  $\{0\}$  to obtain  $\{1\}$ .
- 2. Then you perform a rotation in frame  $\{I\}$  to obtain  $\{2\}$ .

What is the orientation of  $\{2\}$  relative to  $\{0\}$ ?



Successive Rotations in a Fixed Frame

- I. Suppose you perform a rotation in frame {0} to obtain {1}.
- 2. Then you rotate  $\{1\}$  in frame  $\{0\}$  to obtain  $\{2\}$ .

What is the orientation of  $\{2\}$  relative to  $\{0\}$ ?



**Composition of Rotations** 

- I. Given a fixed frame {0} and a current frame {1} and  $R_1^0$ 
  - if  $\{2\}$  is obtained by a rotation R in the *current frame*  $\{1\}$  then use postmulitplication to obtain:

$$R = R_{2}^{1}$$
 and  $R_{2}^{0} = R_{1}^{0}R_{2}^{1}$ 

- 2. Given a fixed frame  $\{0\}$  and a frame  $\{1\}$  and
  - if  $\{2\}$  is obtained by a rotation R in the fixed frame  $\{0\}$  then use premultiplication to obtain:

$$R_{2}^{0} = RR_{1}^{0}$$



# **Rigid Body Transformations**

- translation represented by a vector d
  - vector addition
- rotation represented by a matrix R
  - matrix-matrix and matrix-vector multiplication
- convenient to have a uniform representation of translation and rotation
  - obviously vector addition will not work for rotation
  - can we use matrix multiplication to represent translation?

• consider moving a point p by a translation vector d

$$p+d = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d_x \\ d_y \\ d_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_x + d_x \\ p_y + d_y \\ p_z + d_z \end{bmatrix}$$

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not possible as matrix-vector multiplication always leaves the origin unchanged

• consider an augmented vector  $p_h$  and an augmented matrix D



• the augmented form of a rotation matrix  $R_{3x3}$ 

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} R_{3x3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$P_{x} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{3x3} & 0 & p_{x} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{z} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{3x3} & p_{z} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$


- suppose  $\{1\}$  is a rotated and translated relative to  $\{0\}$
- what is the pose (the orientation and position) of  $\{1\}$  expressed in  $\{0\}$ ?

 $T_{1}^{0} = ?$ 



 suppose we use the moving frame interpretation (postmultiply transformation matrices)



 suppose we use the fixed frame interpretation (premultiply transformation matrices)

R

- I. rotate in  $\{0\}$  to get  $\{0'\}$
- 2. and then translate in  $\{0\}$  in to get  $\{1\}$  DR



both interpretations yield the same transformation



Homogeneous Representation

- every rigid-body transformation can be represented as a rotation followed by a translation in the same frame
  - ▶ as a 4x4 matrix

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} R & d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where R is a 3x3 rotation matrix and d is a 3x1 translation vector

Homogeneous Representation

- in some frame *i* 
  - points

$$P^{i} = \begin{bmatrix} p^{i} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

vectors

$$V^{i} = \begin{bmatrix} v^{i} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \text{because you can't translate} \\ \text{or vector} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} R & d \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse Transformation

 the inverse of a transformation undoes the original transformation

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} R & d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$TP = g$$

then

▶ if

$$T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -R^T d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T = T = T p$$
$$= T p$$
$$= P$$



give expressions for:

$$T_{2}^{0} = T_{1}^{\circ} T_{2}^{\prime} = T_{3}^{\circ} T_{4}^{3} T_{2}^{4}$$
$$T_{4}^{3} = (T_{3}^{\circ})^{-1} T_{1}^{\circ} T_{2}^{\prime} (T_{2}^{4})^{-1}$$
$$= T_{3}^{3} T_{1}^{\circ} T_{1}^{\prime} T_{2}^{\prime} T_{2}^{\prime}$$



how can you find

$$T_{1}^{0} - \text{reference frame of robot}$$

$$T_{2}^{0} - \text{pixe of workspace relative to robot (Via Calibration)}$$

$$T_{3}^{2} - \text{pose of workspace velocities to workspace}$$

$$T_{3}^{1} = \left(\left(\top_{3}^{2}\right)^{-1} \left(\left(\top_{2}^{0}\right)^{-1} \top_{1}^{0}\right)^{-1}\right)$$