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Notations

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upper case: vectors and matrices. Lower case: scalars

• leading subscripts and superscripts: identify which coordinate system a quantity is written in

Example: $A_P \rightarrow$ position vector P in $\{A\}$

$\{A\}, \{B\}$

${}^A_B R \rightarrow$ rotation matrix R : specifies the relation between coordinates

• Trailing ^{super}subscripts are used for indicating the inverse or transpose of a matrix

$$R^{-1}, R^T$$

• Trailing subscripts are not subject to strict convention, but may indicate a component or a specific vector or matrix: P_x, P_y, P_z, P_{60}

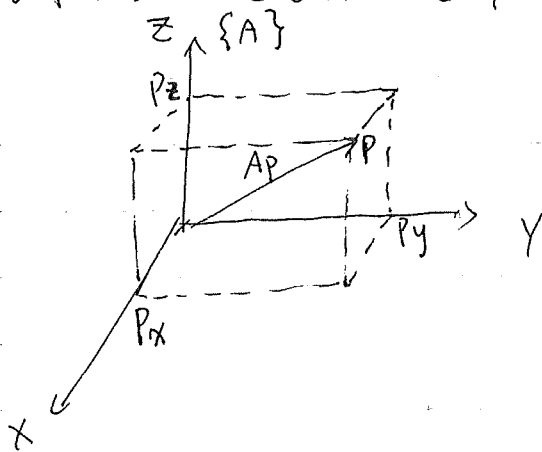
Trigonometric function $\cos \theta_1 = C\theta_1 = C_1$ $\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = S\theta_{12} = S_{12}$

vector sum ${}^0W_4 \neq {}^0W_1 + {}^1W_2 + {}^2W_3 + {}^3W_4$

$${}^0W_4 = {}^0W_1 + {}^0W_2 + {}^0W_3 + {}^0W_4$$

Remarks: Don't sum vectors unless they are in the same coordinate systems

def: universe coordinate system: A coordinate system to which everything can be referenced.



Position $\rightarrow P$
 3 D vector $\begin{bmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{bmatrix} = A_P$

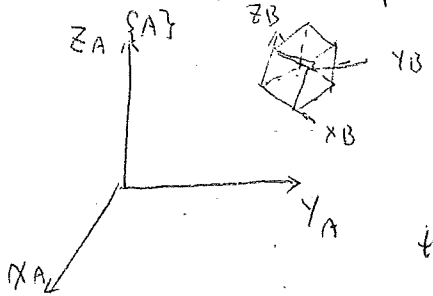
where

P_x = the projection of A_P onto XA axis

P_y = the projection of A_P onto YA axis

P_z = the projection of A_P onto ZA axis

Orientation of a 3-D body: Rotation Matrix.



object in frame {A}

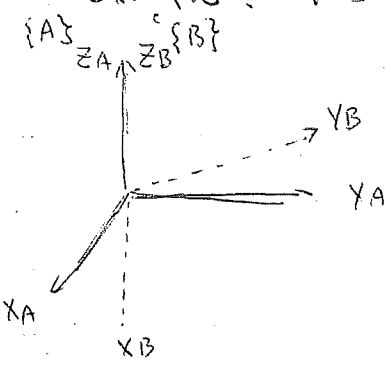
attach a coordinate system to the body {B}

then the orientation of the body can be described by frame {B}, i.e. by the three unit vectors along its ~~princ~~ principal axes:

$${}^A\hat{x}_B, {}^A\hat{y}_B, {}^A\hat{z}_B$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rotation matrix } {}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\hat{x}_B & {}^A\hat{y}_B & {}^A\hat{z}_B \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: {B} is obtained by rotating {A} about ZA by 30°. Find ${}^A_B R$



$${}^A\hat{z}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^A\hat{y}_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^A\hat{x}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } {}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\hat{x}_B & {}^A\hat{y}_B & {}^A\hat{z}_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{recall: } {}^A_B R &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\hat{x}_B & {}^A\hat{y}_B & {}^A\hat{z}_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\hat{x}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{x}_A & {}^A\hat{y}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{x}_A & {}^A\hat{z}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{x}_A \\ {}^A\hat{x}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{y}_A & {}^A\hat{y}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{y}_A & {}^A\hat{z}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{y}_A \\ {}^A\hat{x}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{z}_A & {}^A\hat{y}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{z}_A & {}^A\hat{z}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{z}_A \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\hat{x}_B \cdot {}^B\hat{x}_A & {}^B\hat{y}_B \cdot {}^B\hat{x}_A & {}^B\hat{z}_B \cdot {}^B\hat{x}_A \\ {}^B\hat{x}_B \cdot {}^B\hat{y}_A & {}^B\hat{y}_B \cdot {}^B\hat{y}_A & {}^B\hat{z}_B \cdot {}^B\hat{y}_A \\ {}^B\hat{x}_B \cdot {}^B\hat{z}_A & {}^B\hat{y}_B \cdot {}^B\hat{z}_A & {}^B\hat{z}_B \cdot {}^B\hat{z}_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\hat{x}_A^T \\ {}^B\hat{y}_A^T \\ {}^B\hat{z}_A^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [{}^B\hat{x}_A \quad {}^B\hat{y}_A \quad {}^B\hat{z}_A]^T = {}^B A R^T \end{aligned}$$

$${}^A_B R^T {}^A_B R = ? \quad \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\hat{x}_B \\ {}^A\hat{y}_B \\ {}^A\hat{z}_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\hat{x}_B & {}^A\hat{y}_B & {}^A\hat{z}_B \end{bmatrix} = I_3 \Rightarrow {}^A_B R^{-1} = {}^A_B R^T$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^A_B R = {}^B A R^T = {}^B A R^{-1}$$

Description of a Frame :

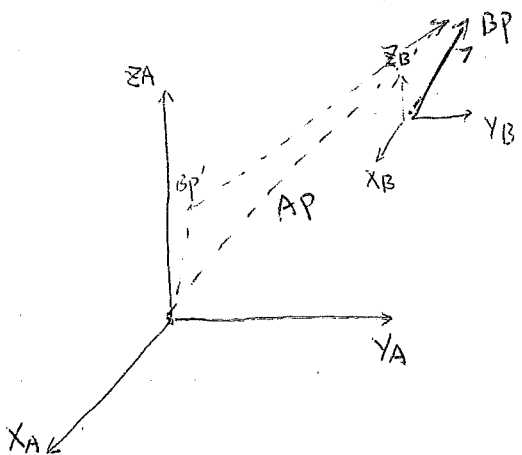
A frame $\{B\}$ is characterized by the ~~Def~~ position of its origin and the orientation of the frame relative to a reference frame $\{A\}$

$$\{B\} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} {}^A_B R & A P_{BORG} \end{matrix} \right\}$$

Two special case : ① ${}^A_B R = I$ $\{B\}$ represents a position
 ② $A P_{BORG} = 0$. $\{B\}$ represents an orientation.

Changing description from Frame to Frame .

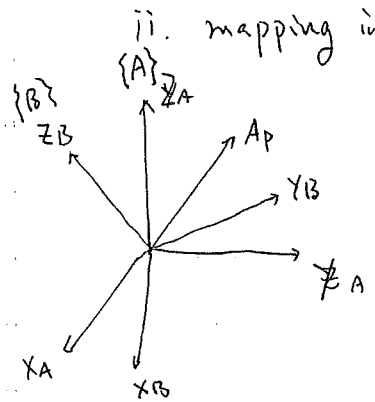
i. mapping involving translated frames



$A P ? \quad B P$

$$\begin{aligned} A P &= B P' + A P_{BORG} \\ &= B P + A P_{BORG} \end{aligned}$$

ii. mapping involving rotated frames



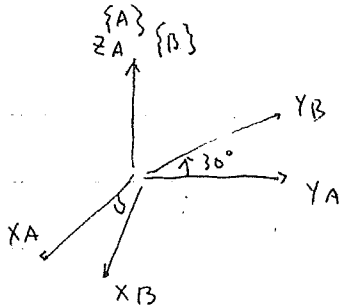
$A P ? \quad B P$

$$A P = \begin{bmatrix} A P_x \\ A P_y \\ A P_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A X_A^T \cdot A P \\ A Y_A^T \cdot A P \\ A Z_A^T \cdot A P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B X_A^T \cdot B P \\ B Y_A^T \cdot B P \\ B Z_A^T \cdot B P \end{bmatrix}$$

$Q_1^T Q_2 = Q_2^T Q_1 = |Q_1| |Q_2| \omega(\hat{Q}_1, \hat{Q}_2)$
 $\Rightarrow Q_1^T Q_2$ is scalar
 \Rightarrow projection is frame independent!

$$\text{So } A P = \begin{bmatrix} B X_A^T \\ B Y_A^T \\ B Z_A^T \end{bmatrix} \cdot B P = {}^B A R^T \cdot B P = {}^A B R \cdot B P$$

Example: $\{B\}$ is obtained by rotating $\{A\}$ about Z_A axis by 30° .



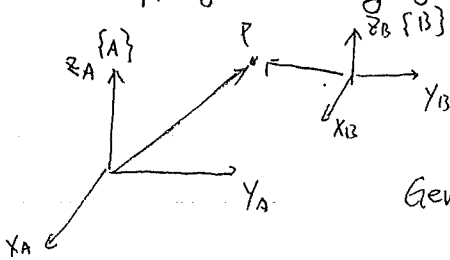
Given $B_P \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ find A_P

Solution: $A \hat{X}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $A \hat{Y}_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $A \hat{Z}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_P = {}^A_B R B_P = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & -1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ \sqrt{3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

iii mapping involving general frames:



Translation only $A_P = B_P + A_{P_{BORG}}$

Rotation only: $A_P = {}^A_B R B_P$

General: $A_P = {}^A_B R B_P + A_{P_{BORG}}$

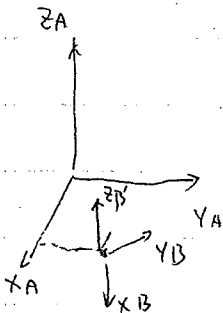
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A_P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R & A_{P_{BORG}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A_P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = A_{BT} \begin{bmatrix} B_P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogeneous Coordinates

$$A_{BT} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R & A_{P_{BORG}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$$

is called homogeneous transform

Example: $\{B\}$ is obtained by rotating $\{A\}$ about Z_A axis by 30° and translating 10 units in X_A direction and 5 units in Y_A direction.



Given $B_P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ find A_P

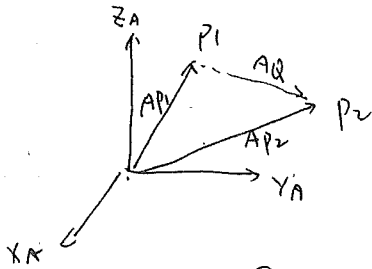
$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{P_{BORG}} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{BT} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R & A_{P_{BORG}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 & 0 & 10 \\ 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_P = A_{BT} B_P = \begin{bmatrix} 9.36 \\ 8.09 \\ 5.0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A_P = \begin{bmatrix} 9.36 \\ 8.09 \\ 5.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Operators : Translations, Rotations.

i) Translation operators.



Given frame $\{A\}$, we want to move point P_1 to P_2 .

$$AP_2 = AP_1 + AQ.$$

Moving P_1 to P_2 is equivalent to adding vector AQ to AP_1 .

$$\text{Since } \begin{bmatrix} AP_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_3 & AQ \\ 000 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} AP_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

translation can be accomplished by the matrix operator

$$\begin{bmatrix} AP_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Trns}(\hat{Q}, |Q|) \begin{bmatrix} AP_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \text{Trns}(\hat{Q}, |Q|) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & q_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & q_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & q_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark: Since $\overline{P_1 P_2} = AQ$, moving a point from one location to another is the same as the transform describing a frame obtained by translating frame $\{A\}$ by AQ .

ii) rotation operator

Given $\{A\}$, we rotate a vector AP_1 about a vector \hat{k} by θ degrees and call the resulting vector AP_2 . Denote the action as operator $\text{ROT}(\hat{k}, \theta)$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} AP_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{ROT}(\hat{k}, \theta) \begin{bmatrix} AP_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \text{ROT}(\hat{k}, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} R & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \\ 000 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

How to find R ?

$$\text{ROT}(\hat{x}, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{ROT}(\hat{y}, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & \sin\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{ROT}(\hat{z}, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

prove by self

Remark: operator which rotates a vector by R is the same as the transform which describe a frame rotated by R relative to reference frame $\{A\}$.

General operator that rotates and translates a vector

Given $\{A\}$ and a vector A_{P_1} , let T be an operator that rotates the vector about a rotation axis by θ $\{R\}$, and translate it by a vector Q to get A_{P_2}

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{P_2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = T \begin{bmatrix} A_{P_1} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } T = \begin{bmatrix} R & Q \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R \text{ first, } T \text{ second } R+T = \begin{bmatrix} I & Q \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & Q \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Wrong } T+R = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & Q \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & RQ \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark: T is same as the transformation which describes a frame rotated by R and translated by Q relative to the reference frame $\{A\}$

$$\text{Given } \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} T \text{ and } \begin{matrix} B \\ C \end{matrix} T \text{ then } \begin{matrix} A \\ C \end{matrix} T = \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} T \begin{matrix} B \\ C \end{matrix} T$$

$$\text{inverse: } \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} T^{-1} = \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} T$$

$$\begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} T = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} R & \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} R & \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} P_{AORG} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} R^T & -\begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} R^T \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$? \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} P_{AORG} = -\begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} R^T \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } B \left(\begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG} \right) &= \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} T \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} R \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG} + \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} P_{AORG} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} R & \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} P_{AORG} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} R \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG} + \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} P_{AORG} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} P_{AORG} = -\begin{matrix} B \\ A \end{matrix} R \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG} = -\begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} R^T \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG}$$

$$\text{Remark: } B \left(\begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} P_{AORG} \right) = 0$$

Link parameters : Denavit-Hartenberg notation

Three steps to obtain link parameters using D-H notation.

1. Number the Links and joint axes from base to tip

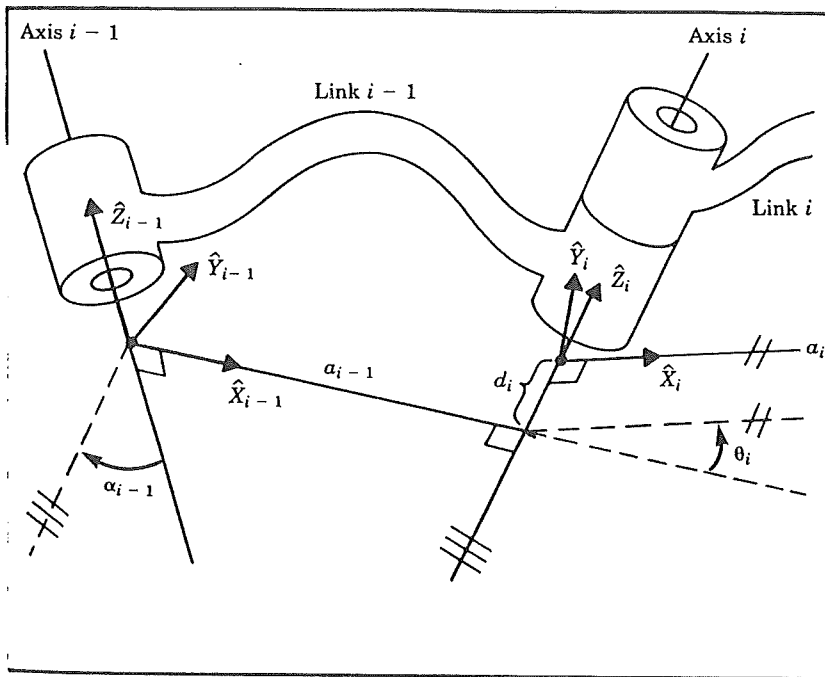


FIGURE 3.5 Link frames are attached so that frame $\{i\}$ is attached rigidly to link i .

2. Attach Link frames as follows
 Z_{i-1} axis coincides with joint axis $i-1$;

X_{i-1} axis coincides with the common normal between joint axis $i-1$ and joint axis i

Y_{i-1} axis can be obtained by using the right hand rule.

3. for each link, four parameters are assigned to describe the link itself and its connection,

For Link i four parameters are as follows

α_{i-1} : link twist (angle from \hat{Z}_{i-1} to \hat{Z}_i measured about along \hat{X}_{i-1})

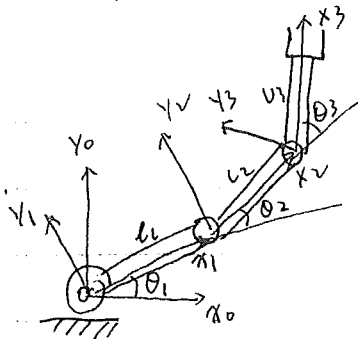
a_{i-1} : link length (distance from \hat{Z}_{i-1} to \hat{Z}_i measured by \hat{X}_{i-1})

d_i : link offset (distance from \hat{X}_{i-1} to \hat{X}_i measured along \hat{Z}_i)

θ_i : joint angle (angle from \hat{X}_{i-1} to \hat{X}_i) measured about \hat{Z}_i

- Remarks:
- ① Each frame, $\{i\}$ is attached rigidly to link (i) , and moves with link;
 - ② α_{i-1}, a_{i-1} always fixed: if robot is made
 - ③ when joint i is rotational, the θ_i is a variable and d_i is fixed
when joint i is prismatic, then d_i is a variable and θ_i is fixed.
 - ④ Frame $\{0\}$ attached to the base is always fixed with its Z_0 axis aligned with joint axis $1 \Rightarrow \alpha_0 = 0, a_0 = 0$

Example 3 d.o.f planar manipulator, Find D-H table parameters.

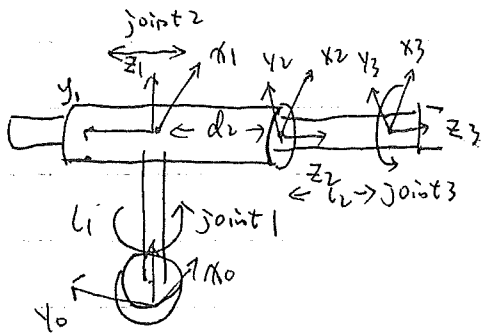


① set up frames $\{0\} \{1\} \{2\} \{3\}$

All Z-axes are going out. $\{0\}$ and $\{1\}$ have same origin. X-axes are coincident with the corresponding links.

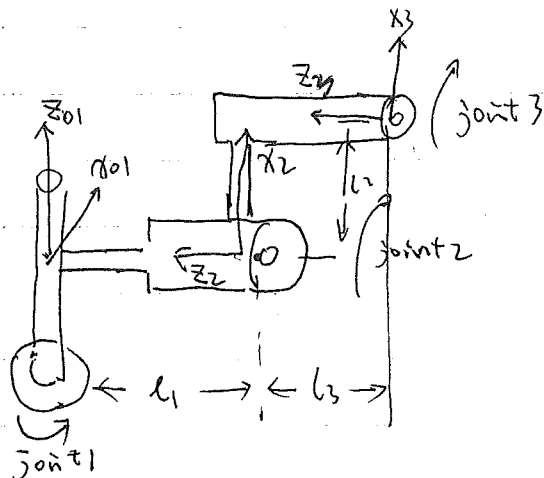
② Fill in the D-H table.

Link i	d_{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



2R-1P non-planar manipulator

Link i	d_{i-1}	a_{i-1}	d_i	θ_i
1	0	0	l_1	θ_1
2	$\pi/2$	0	d_2	0
3	0	0	l_2	θ_3



3R robot

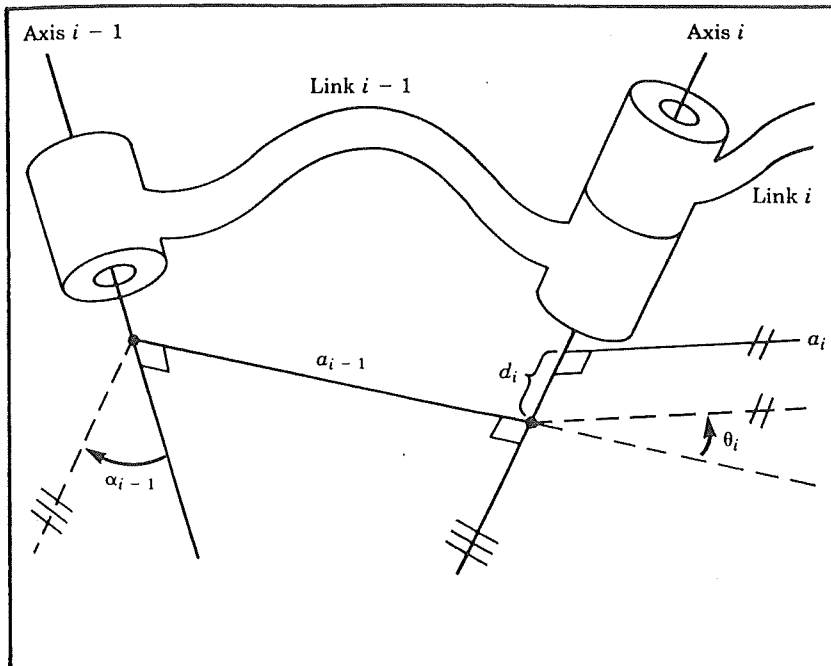
D-H table

Link i	d_{i-1}	a_{i-1}	d_i	θ_i
1	0	0	0	θ_1
2	$-\pi/2$	0	l_1	θ_2
3	0	l_2	$-l_3$	θ_3

Manipulator kinematics:

Let ${}^{i-1}_i T$ be the homogenous transformation associated with frame $\{i\}$ and $\{i-1\}$ that are attached to link i and $i-1$, then any position vector $i^i P$ in frame $\{i\}$, $i^i P$ is related to the same vector in $\{i-1\}$ by ${}^{i-1}_i T \begin{bmatrix} i^i P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^{i-1}_i T \begin{bmatrix} i^i P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

How to compute ${}^{i-1}_i T$



To compute ${}^{i-1}_i T$, we introduce several intermediate frames between frame $\{i\}$ and $\{i-1\}$.

- $\{i-1\}$
- ↓ rotation about X_{i-1} by α_{i-1}
- $\{R\}$
- ↓ translation along X_{i-1} by a_{i-1}
- $\{Q\}$
- ↓
- $\{P\}$ rotation about Z_i by θ_i
- ↓ translation along Z_i by d_i
- $\{i\}$

$${}^{i-1}_i T = R T \cdot Q T \cdot P T \cdot i T$$

$$= ROT(X_{i-1}, \alpha_{i-1}) \cdot Trans(X_{i-1}, a_{i-1}) \cdot ROT(Z_i, \theta_i) \cdot Trans(Z_i, d_i)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\alpha & -s\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & -s\theta & 0 & 0 \\ s\theta & c\theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & -s\theta & 0 & a_{i-1} \\ s\theta c d_{i-1} & c\theta c d_{i-1} & -s d_{i-1} & -s d_{i-1} d_i \\ s\theta s d_{i-1} & c\theta s d_{i-1} & c d_{i-1} & c d_{i-1} d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For n-link robot: The Cartesian ^{position and orientation of the} ~~equation of an n-link manipulator~~ last link in a n-link robot manipulator wrt the base frame {0} is

$${}^0_n T = {}^0_1 T \cdot {}^1_2 T \cdot {}^2_3 T \cdots {}^{n-1}_n T, \quad ? \text{ How to calculate } {}^{i-1}_i T$$

Joint space and Cartesian Space..

An n d.o.f robot ~~arm~~ may be described by a set of n joint variables that form a joint-displacement vector.

ie. $(H) = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 \\ \theta_5 \\ \theta_6 \end{bmatrix}$ for PUMA 560 2R-P $(H) = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ d_2 \\ \theta_3 \end{bmatrix}$

The dimension of the joint space = the d.o.f of the robot = the number of joints in robot

Cartesian space: $(P) \text{ end-effector} = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{position vector} \\ \text{Euler angles} \end{array} \right\}$

$(H) \Rightarrow (P)$ Forward kinematics

$(P) \Rightarrow (H)$ Inverse kinematics. (see previous examples)

other topics related: Dynamics: Velocity, acceleration

$$\tau = M(\theta) \ddot{\theta} + C(\theta, \dot{\theta}) \dot{\theta} + G(\theta)$$

§ 2.3 Kinematics of other Mobile Robots

- ① Aquatic Vehicle: thrusters, propeller
- ② Fly Vehicle: Helicopter control, Fixed-wing control
Biosynthetic vehicle.
- ③ Space robot: Robot manipulator: advantage? microgravity.