Robotics: Forward kinematics of open chains

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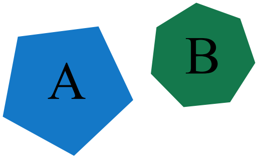
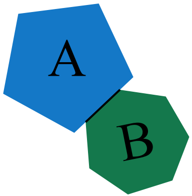
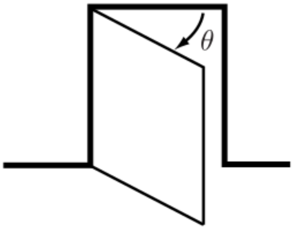
Connecting two rigid bodies



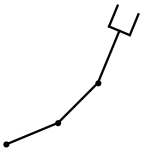


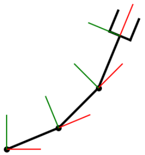
- How many DoF has system of two planar rigid bodies? $(3+3)$ DoF
- How many DoF if we glue/fix them together? 3 DoF
- **Fixed joint**
  - connects two rigid bodies together
  - removes 3 DoF in planar case and 6 DoF in spatial case
- How many DoF for door if there is no joint?
- **Revolute joint**
  - connects two rigid bodies together
  - has 1 DoF
  - removes 2 DoF in planar case and 5 DoF in spatial case

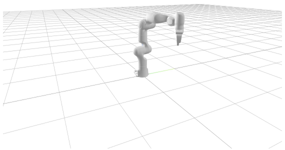


Robotic manipulator

- Constructed from links (typically rigid bodies)
- **Two** links are connected by various joints
- Actuators deliver torque/force to cause link motions
- End-effector/Gripper is attached to some of the links

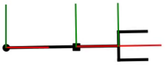




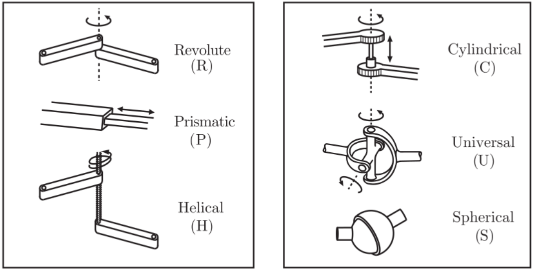


Prismatic joint

- Also sliding or linear joint
- Only translation motion in 1 DoF
- Removes 2 DoF in planar case and 5 DoF in spatial case



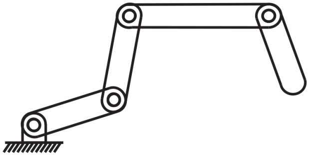
Joints types



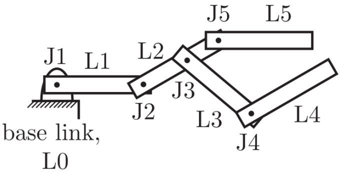
		Constraints between two rigid bodies	
Joint type	DoF	Planar	Spatial
R	1	2	5
P	1	2	5
H	1	-	5
C	2	-	4
U	2	-	4
S	3	-	3

Open/Closed kinematic chain

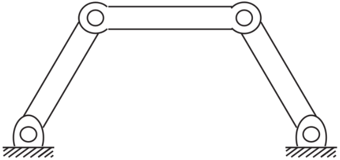
- Open kinematics chains: no loops
- Closed kinematic chains contains loops



Open - sequential

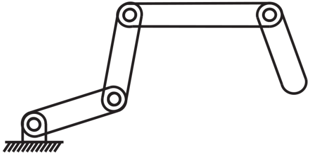


Open - tree

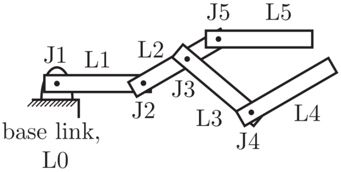


Closed

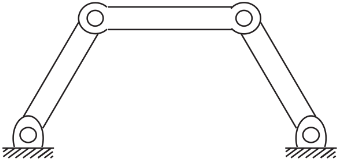
How many DoF?



Easy: 4 DoF



Easy: 5 DoF



More difficult: 1 DoF

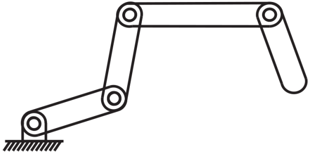
Grübler's formula

- $n_{\text{DoF}} = m\,(L-1) - \sum_{i=1}^{N} c_i = m\,(L-1-N) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} f_i$
- L is number of links including ground
- N is number joints
- m is DoF of rigid body (3 for planar, 6 for spatial)
- c_i number of constrains provided by joint i
- f_i number of freedoms provided by joint i
- $f_i + c_i = m$
- Works for *generic* cases, fails under certain configurations - when joints constrains are not independent

Applications of Grübler's formula

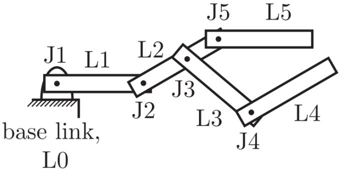
$$n_{\text{DoF}} = m\,(L - 1 - N) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} f_i$$

m - body DoF, L - number of links, N - number of joints, f_i - joint DoF



$3(5-1-4)+(1+1+1+1) =$ 4 DoF

$3(6-1-5)+(1+1+1+1+0) = 4$ DoF (if fixed joint)



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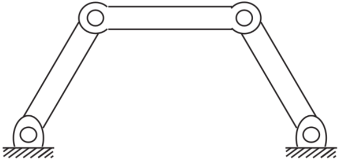
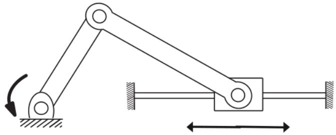


$3(4-1-4)+(1+1+1+1) =$ 1 DoF

$3(5-1-5)+(1+1+1+1+0) = 1$ DoF (if two grounds connected by fixed joint)

Application of Grübler's formula



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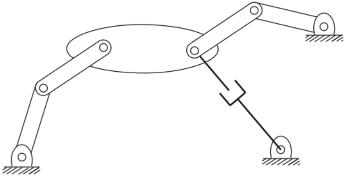
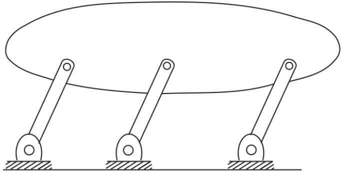


$3(8-1-9)+(9) = 3$ DoF



$3(5-1-6)+(6) = 0$ DoF

Failure: 1 DoF Grübler's formula requires independent constraints provided by the joints.

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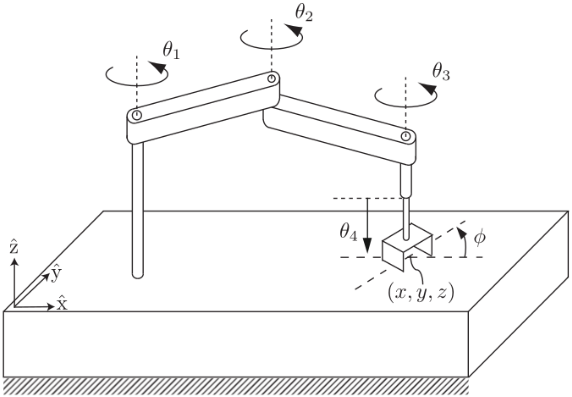


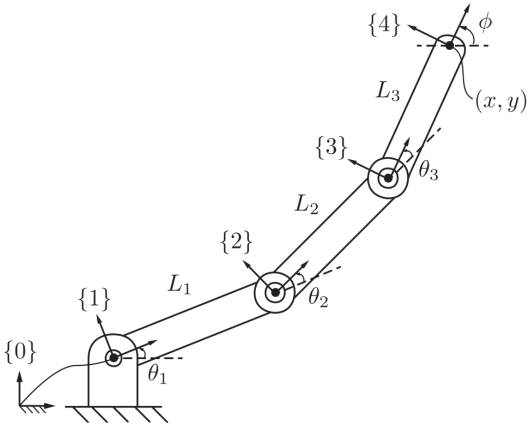
6 $(5 - 1 - 4) + (1 + 1 + 1 + 1) = 4$ DoF

Kinematics tasks

- Forward kinematics (FK)
  - calculation of the pose of the end-effector from joint coordinates
  - $f_{\mathsf{fk}} : \boldsymbol{q} \to T_{ee}$
  - $\boldsymbol{q} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, where N is number of joints
  - $T_{ee} \in SE(2)/SE(3)$
- Inverse kinematics (IK)
  - calculation of joint coordinates from the given end-effector pose
  - $f_{\mathsf{ik}} : T_{ee} \to \boldsymbol{q}$
  - $\boldsymbol{q} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, where N is number of joints
  - $T_{ee} \in SE(2)/SE(3)$

Forward kinematics

Goal: compute FK, *i.e.* x, y, ϕ from $\boldsymbol{q} = \begin{pmatrix}\theta_1 & \theta_2 & \theta_3\end{pmatrix}^\top$



Frame $\{0\}$ origin is located in the first joint axis of rotation.

Solution

- Trigonometry solution:

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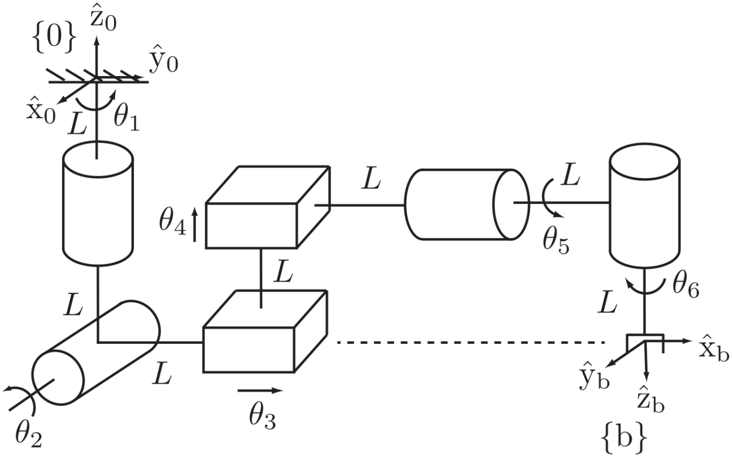
\begin{aligned}
x &= L_1 \cos\theta_1 + L_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + L_3 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3) \\
y &= L_1 \sin\theta_1 + L_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + L_3 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3) \\
\phi &= \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3
\end{aligned}
$$

  - harder to compute for spatial manipulators
- Transformation based solution:

$$
\begin{aligned}
T_{04} = R(\theta_1)T_x(L_1)R(\theta_2)T_x(L_2)R(\theta_3)T_x(L_3) \\
R \in SE(2),\, T_x \in SE(2)
\end{aligned}
$$

  - more systematic solution
  - how to get x, y, ϕ from $T = T_{04}$?
  - $x = T_{13}, \quad y = T_{23}, \quad \phi = \operatorname{atan2}(T_{21}, T_{22})$

Forward kinematics for spatial robot



$T_{0b} =$
$R_z(\theta_1)T_z(-L)R_x(\theta_2)T_y(L)T_y(\theta_3)T_z(L+\theta_4)T_y(L)R_y(\theta_5)R_z(-\theta_6)T_z(L)R_z(\pi/2)R_x(\pi)$

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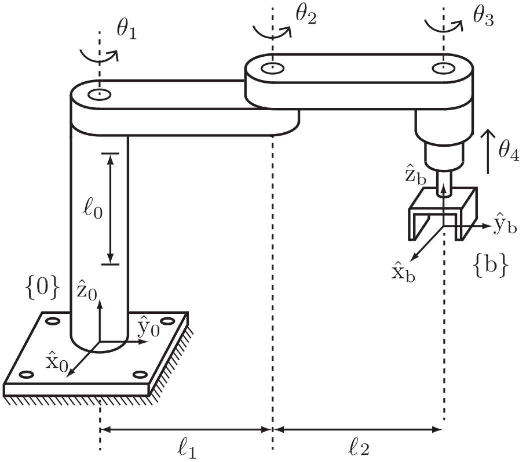
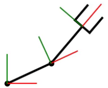
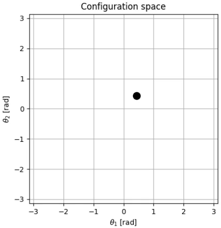


$$T_{0b} = T_z(l_0)R_z(\theta_1)T_y(l_1)R_z(\theta_2)T_y(l_2)R_z(\theta_3)T_z(-\theta_4)$$

Configuration space and Task space

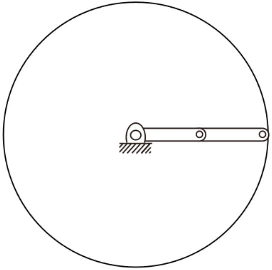
- Configuration space for 2 DoF robot
  - every point corresponds to a configuration
- Task space
  - a space in which the robot's task can be naturally expressed (robot independent)
  - a point in a task-space can be reached by multiple configurations
  - *e.g.* manipulating spatial object, task space is $SE(3)$
  - *e.g.* drawing on a paper, task space is $\mathbb{R}^2$

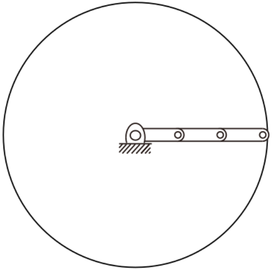


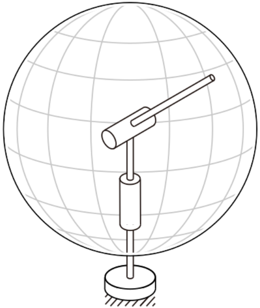


Workspace of the robot

- Specification of the configurations that the end-effector of the robot can reach
- Depends on the robot structure
- End-effector orientation is often ignored (but it depends on the task)





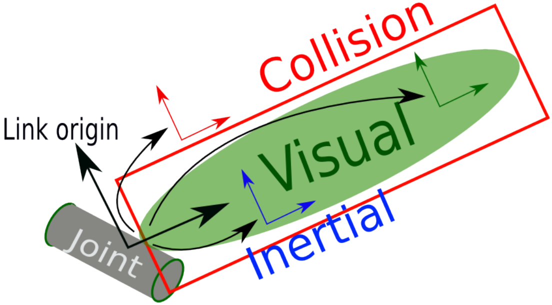


URDF

- Universal Robot Description Format
- XML file that describes robots' kinematics, geometry, dynamics
- Used in Robotic Operating System (ROS)
- Limited to open kinematic chains (including tree structures)
- Robot is described by:
  - Links (rigid body)
  - Joints (connects two links together)

URDF - Links

- Why we need visual and collision?
- RPY: Roll Pitch Yaw
  $R = R_z(\text{yaw})R_y(\text{pitch})R_x(\text{roll})$

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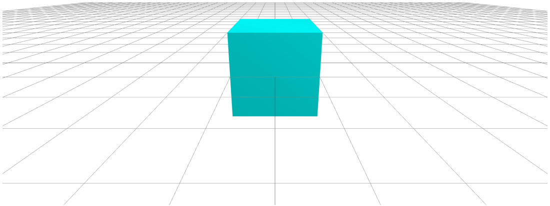

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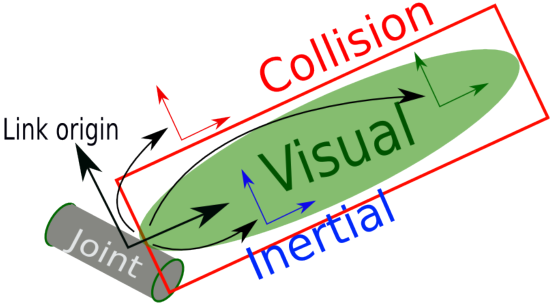

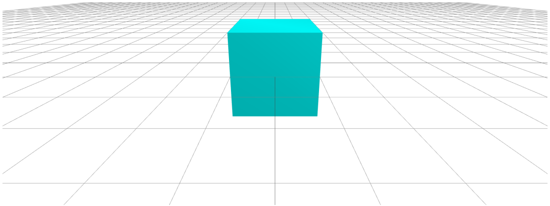

URDF - Joints

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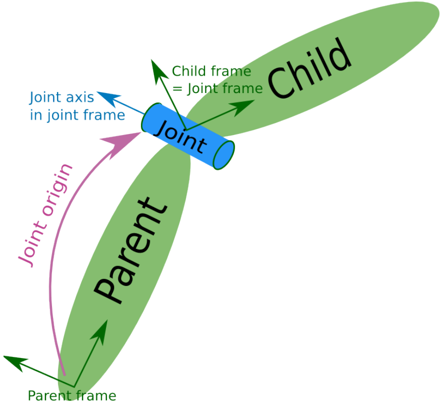

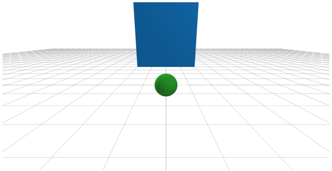

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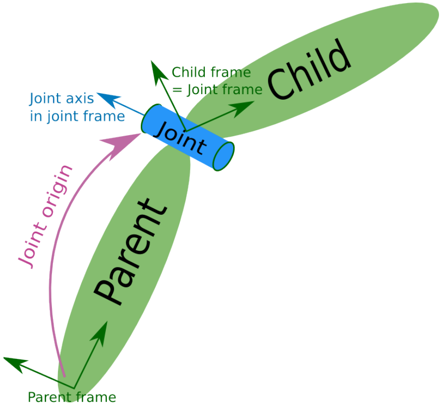

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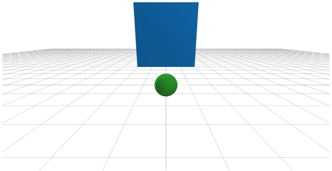
- Can the upper limit be larger than π?
- Other joint types: continuous, planar, floating



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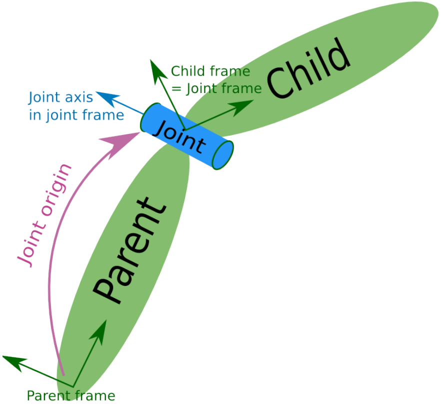


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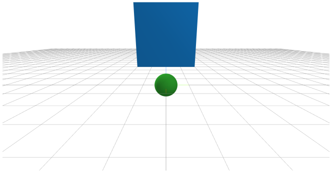

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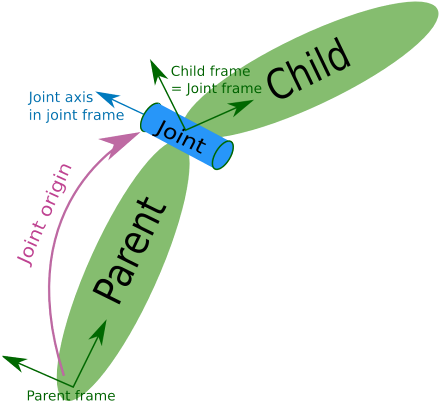


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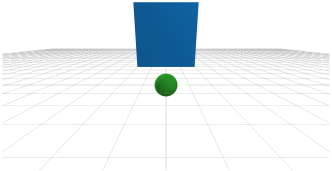

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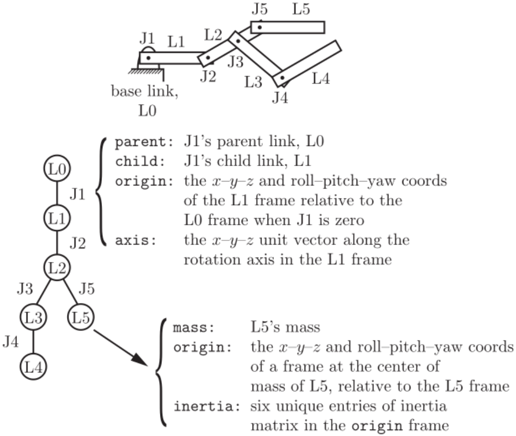

Summary

- Robotic manipulator (joints, links, end-effector)
- Joint types (DoF, constraints)
- Open/Closed kinematic chain
- Grübler's formula
- Forward/Inverse kinematics
- Configuration space / Task space / Workspace
- URDF

Laboratory

- Implement FK for planar manipulator
- Create your own URDF model
- Change of TA: Petr Vanc