

# ECE447: Robotics Engineering

## Lecture 7: Inverse Kinematics

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## Lecture Outline:

- 1 IK Problem Formulation.
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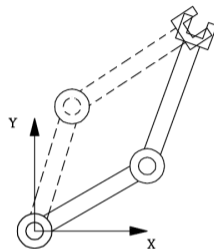
$$H = \begin{bmatrix} R_n^0 & o_n^0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The task is to find a solution (possibly one of many) of the equation:

$$T_n^0(q_1, \dots, q_n) = A_1(q_1) A_2(q_2) \dots A_n(q_n) = H$$

It is 12 equations with respect to  $n$  variables  $q_1, \dots, q_n$

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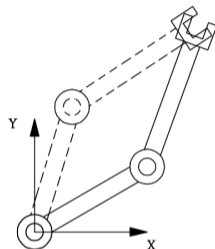
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It is often advantageous to find  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  in a **closed rather than numerical** form:

$$q_k = f_k(h_{11}, h_{12}, \dots, h_{34}), \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

This will allow fast and deterministic computation of the joints variables instead of searching for a possible solution.

## Inverse Kinematics



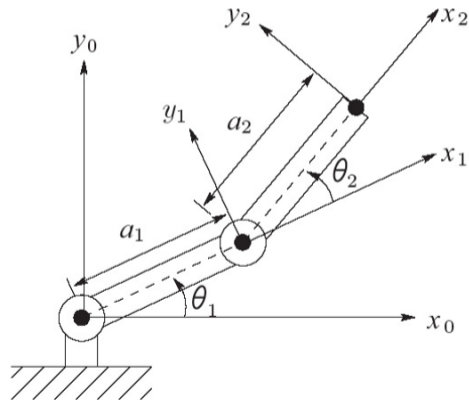
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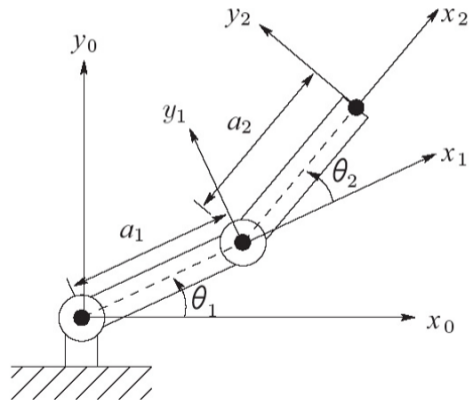
link	$a_i$	$\alpha_i$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$
1	$a_1$	0	0	$\theta_1$
2	$a_2$	0	0	$\theta_2$



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$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 & 0 & a_1 c_1 \\ s_1 & c_1 & 0 & a_1 s_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & -s_2 & 0 & a_2 c_2 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 & a_2 s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





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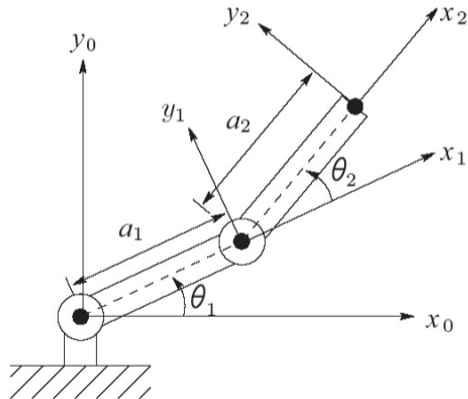
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**Forward Kinematics:**

$$x = a_1 \cos(\theta_1) + a_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

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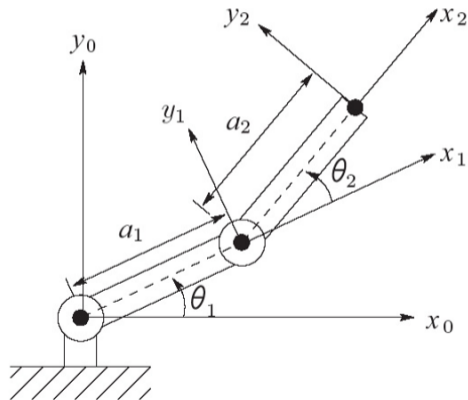
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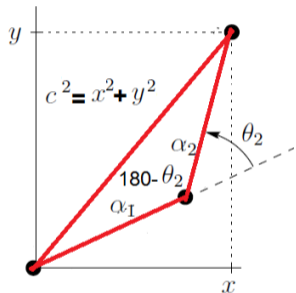
In Inverse Kinematics, we need the joint variables  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$  in terms of the given  $x$  and  $y$ .

- The Forward Kinematic equations are **non-linear** of sine and cosine terms.
- It is not easy to find a solution or a unique solution in general.



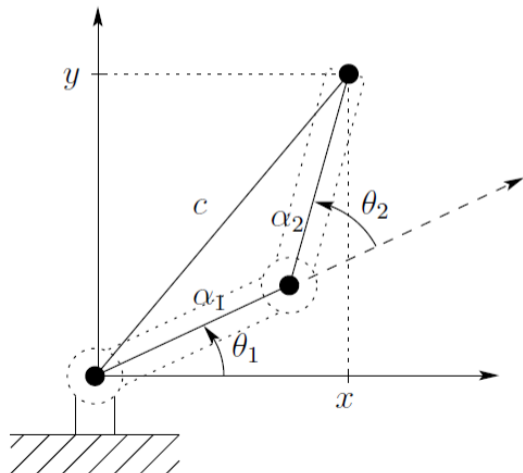
# Geometrical Approach:

## Example: Two link manipulator



$$c^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 - 2a_1a_2\cos(180 - \theta_2)$$

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



## Geometrical Approach:

### Example: Two link manipulator

If  $\cos\theta_2$  is known,

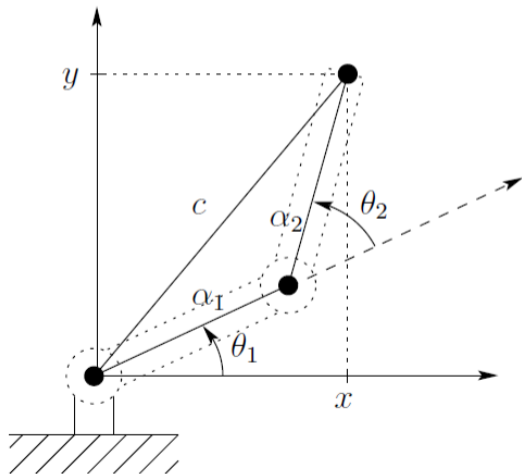
$$\sin(\theta_2) = \pm\sqrt{1 - D^2}$$

So,

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{\pm\sqrt{1 - D^2}}{D} \quad \text{Two Solutions}$$

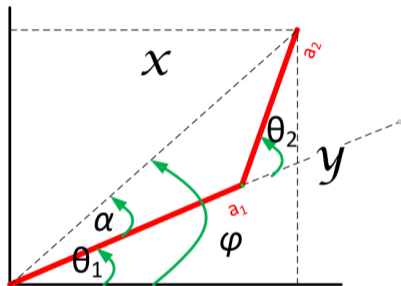
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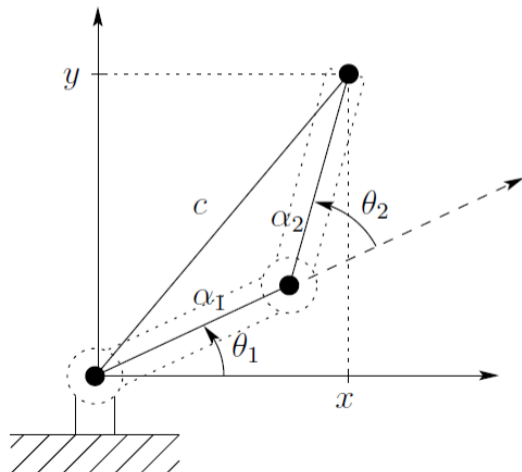
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$$\theta_1 = \phi - \alpha$$

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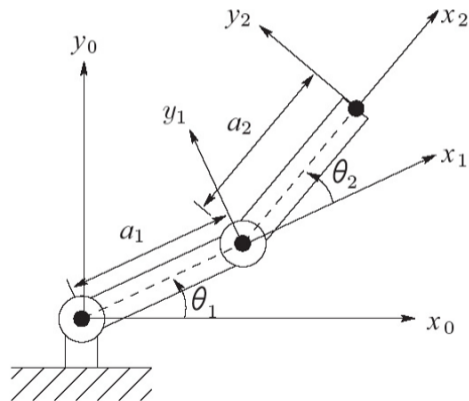
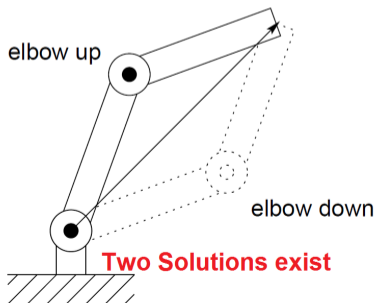


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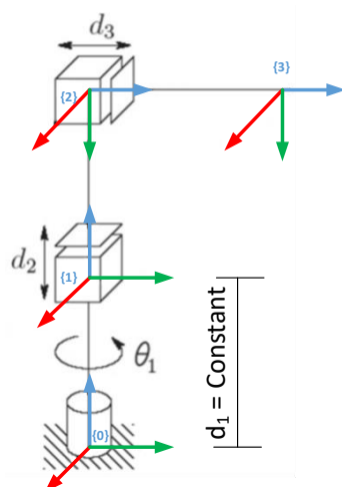
$$T_3^0 = A_1 A_2 A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & -s_1 & -s_1 d_3 \\ s_1 & 0 & c_1 & c_1 d_3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & d_1 + d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Forward Kinematics:

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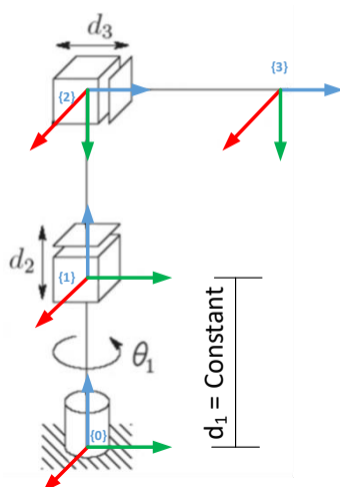
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### Inverse Kinematics:

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \frac{-x}{y}$$

$$d_2 = z - d_1$$

$$d_3 = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$



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$$A_2^0 = A_1^0 * A_2^1$$

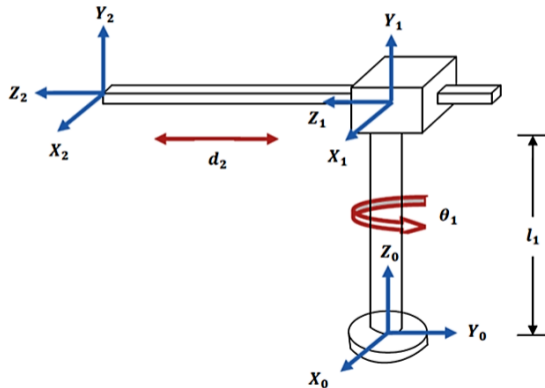
$$A_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} C\theta_1 & 0 & S\theta_1 & 0 \\ S\theta_1 & 0 & -C\theta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & l_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & S\theta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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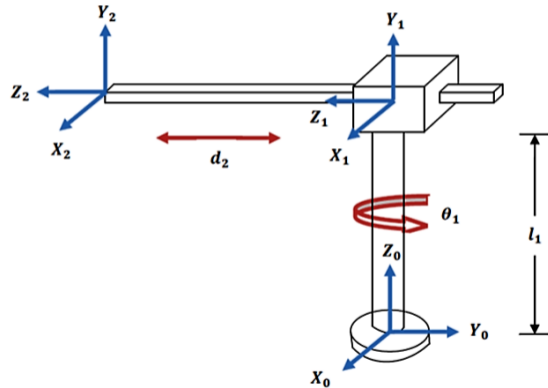
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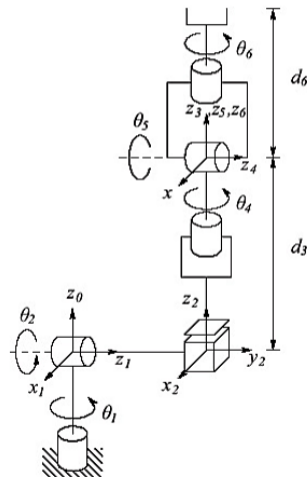


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Not easy to find the IK in direct form!

$$r_{11} = c_1 [c_2 (c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6) - s_2 s_5 c_6] - d_2 (s_4 c_5 c_6 + c_4 s_6)$$

$$r_{21} = s_1 [c_2 (c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6) - s_2 s_5 c_6] + c_1 (s_4 c_5 c_6 + c_4 s_6)$$

$$r_{31} = -s_2 (c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6) - c_2 s_5 c_6$$

$$r_{12} = c_1 [-c_2 (c_4 c_5 s_6 + s_4 c_6) + s_2 s_5 s_6] - s_1 (-s_4 c_5 s_6 + c_4 c_6)$$

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$$r_{32} = s_2 (c_4 c_5 s_6 + s_4 c_6) + c_2 s_5 s_6$$

$$r_{13} = c_1 (c_2 c_4 s_5 + s_2 c_5) - s_1 s_4 s_5$$

$$r_{23} = s_1 (c_2 c_4 s_5 + s_2 c_5) + c_1 s_4 s_5$$

$$r_{33} = -s_2 c_4 s_5 + c_2 c_5$$

$$d_x = c_1 s_2 d_3 - s_1 d_2 + d_6 (c_1 c_2 c_4 s_5 + c_1 c_5 s_2 - s_1 s_4 s_5)$$

$$d_y = s_1 s_2 d_3 + c_1 d_2 + d_6 (c_1 s_4 s_5 + c_2 c_4 s_1 s_5 + c_5 s_1 s_2)$$

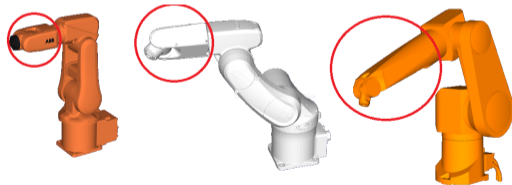
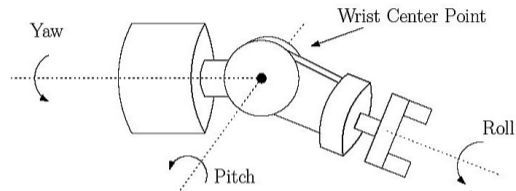
$$d_z = c_2 d_3 + d_6 (c_2 c_5 - c_4 s_2 s_5)$$

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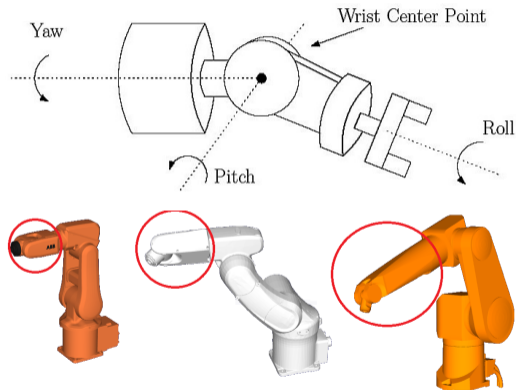
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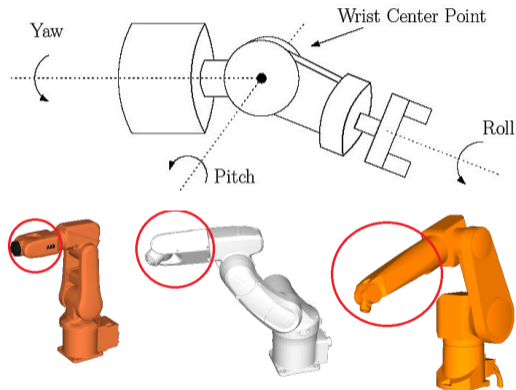
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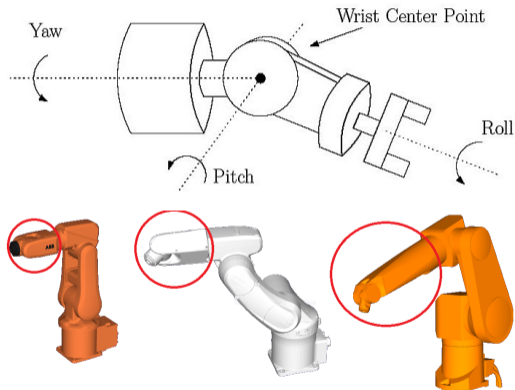
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- The spherical wrist simplifies the robot kinematics. It allows the decoupling of the position and orientation in the Inverse Kinematic analysis.



# Kinematic Decoupling:

Given the desired end-effector pose:  $R_6^0 \in SO(3)$  and  $O_6^0 \in R^3$

- Problem of inverse kinematics is quite difficult.
- If the manipulator has:
  - Six joints (DOF = 6).
  - The last 3 joint axes intersecting in one point (**Spherical Wrist**).

then the problem is decoupled into two sub-problems:

- Inverse position kinematics.
- Inverse orientation kinematics



Do fun with robots!

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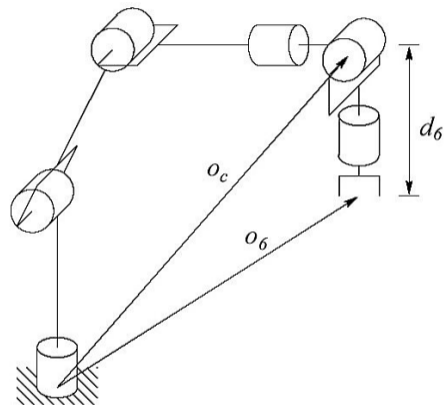
$$H = \begin{bmatrix} R_6^0 & o_6 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 1 The spherical wrist assumption makes the position of the wrist center point  $O_c$  is **independent on the end-effector orientation**.
- 2 The orientation of the end-effector **depends on the last three joints**.

**Inverse Position:** Solve the IK for the position of  $O_c$ .

**Inverse Rotation:** Solve the IK for the orientation  $R_6^3$

How to compute  $O_c$  and  $R_6^3$  ?



Elbow Manipulator with Spherical Wrist

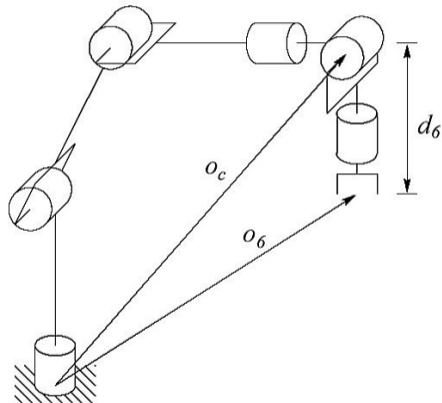
# Kinematic Decoupling:

## [1] Calculation of the wrist center $O_c$ :

- The position of the end-effector center,  $O_6$ , is obtained by a translation of distance  $d_6$  along  $z_5$  from  $O_c$ . Since  $z_5$  and  $z_6$  are on the same axis, we can choose the **third column of the desired rotation**  $R_6^0$  as the direction of  $z_6$  and  $z_5$  w.r.t. base frame.

$$O_6 = O_c + d_6 R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow O_c = O_6 - d_6 R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Required } \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} O_x - d_6 r_{13} \\ O_y - d_6 r_{23} \\ O_z - d_6 r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Given}$$



## Kinematic Decoupling:

[2] Calculation of the orientation matrix  $R_6^3$ :

- We know that:

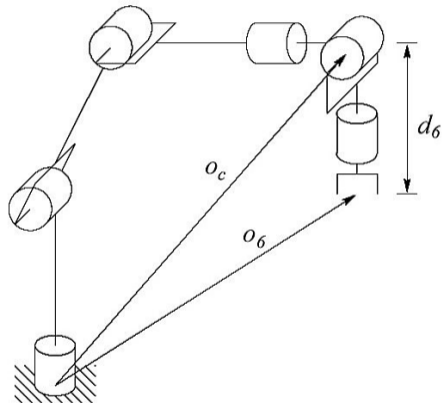
$$R_6^0 = R_3^0 R_6^3$$

So,

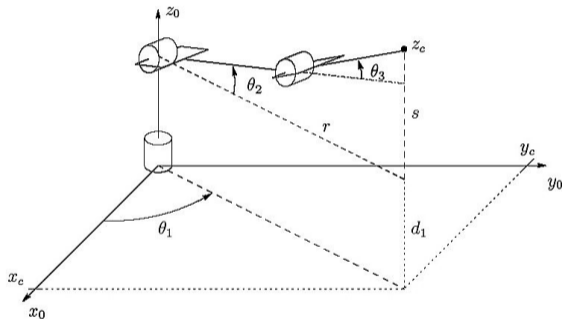
$$R_6^3 = [R_3^0]^{-1} R_6^0 \Rightarrow [R_3^0]^T R_6^0$$

Since  $R_3^0$  **depends on the first three joints variable**, we can find its value by **solving the forward kinematics** after knowing the three joints values.

$$\text{Required } R_6^3 = [R_3^0]^T R_6^0 \quad \text{Given}$$



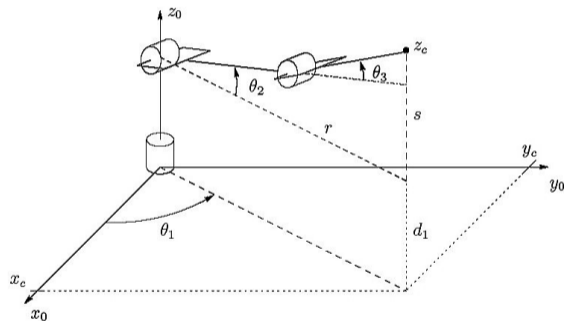
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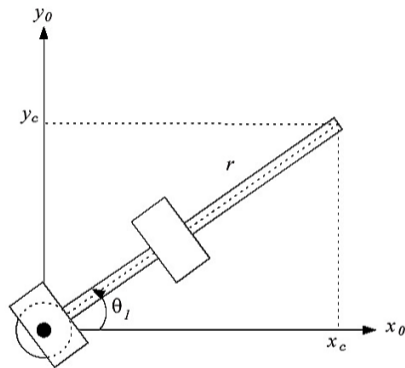
- What is the value of  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  to get

$$O_c = \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix} ?$$

# Kinematic Decoupling: (1) Inverse Position Problem



- Projection on the x-y plane:

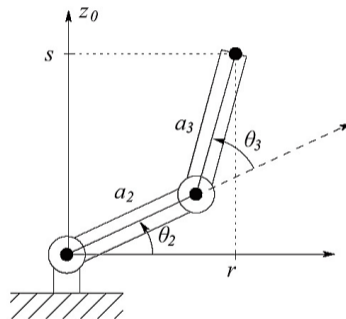
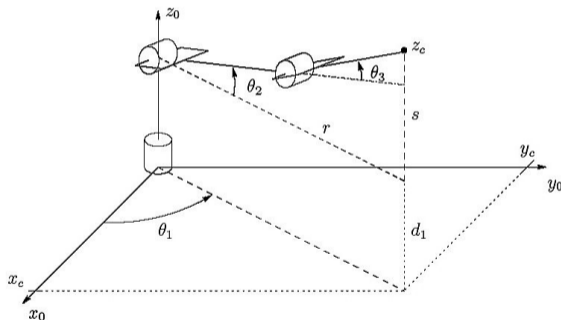


$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \frac{y_c}{x_c} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta_1 = \pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{y_c}{x_c}$$



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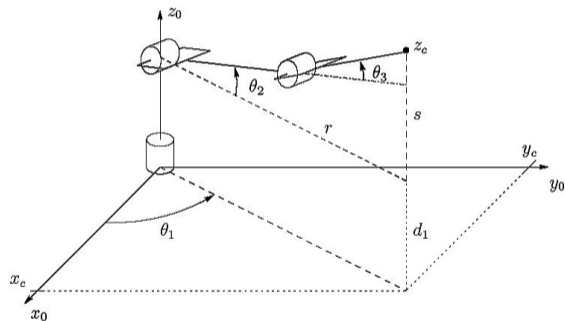
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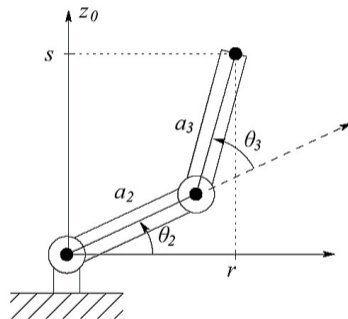
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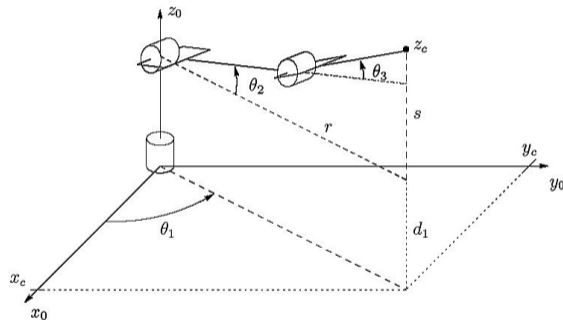
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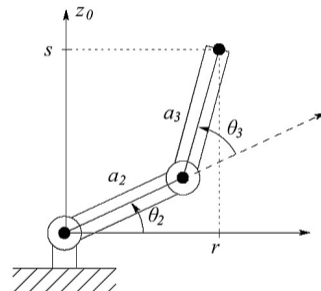
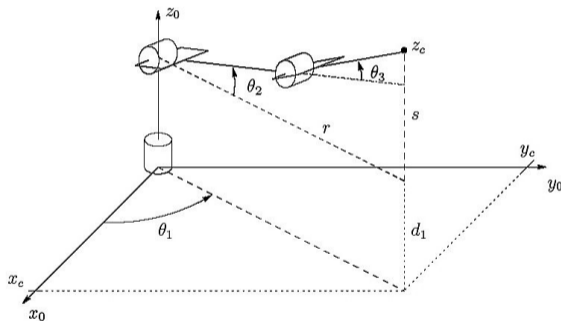
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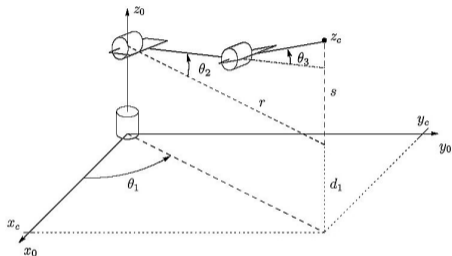


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## Inverse Position Problem:



What is the value of  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  to get

$$O_c = \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix} ?$$

$$\theta_1 = \text{atan2}(y_c, x_c) \quad \text{OR} \quad \theta_1 = \text{atan2}(y_c, x_c) + \pi$$

$$\theta_3 = \text{atan2}(\pm\sqrt{1 - D^2}, D)$$

$$\theta_2 = \text{atan2}(s, r) - \text{atan2}(a_3 \sin \theta_3, a_2 + a_3 \cos \theta_3)$$

where,

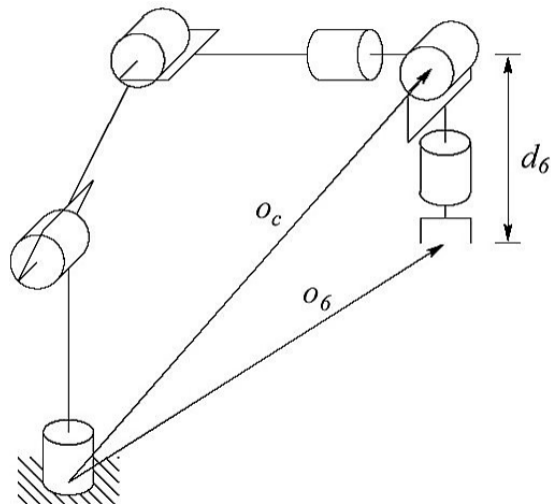
$$r^2 = x_c^2 + y_c^2; \quad s^2 = (z_c - d_1)^2$$

$$D = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - a_2^2 - a_3^2}{2a_2a_3}$$

## Kinematic Decoupling: (2) Inverse Orientation Problem

$R_3^0 = \text{Rotation}(H_3^0)$  From DH parameters

Link	$a_i$	$\alpha_i$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$
1	0	90	$d_1$	$\theta_1^*$
2	$a_2$	0	0	$\theta_2^*$
3	$a_3$	0	0	$\theta_3^*$



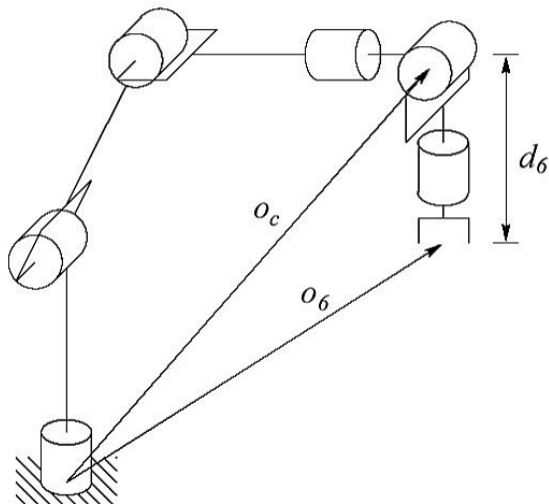
## Kinematic Decoupling: (2) Inverse Orientation Problem

$R_3^0 = \text{Rotation}(H_3^0)$  From DH parameters

$$R_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_{23} & -c_1 s_{23} & s_1 \\ s_1 c_{23} & -s_1 s_{23} & -c_1 \\ s_{23} & c_{23} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_6^3 = [R_3^0]^{-1} R = [R_3^0]^T R$$

$R$  is the given rotation matrix of the end-effector.



## Kinematic Decoupling: (2) Inverse Orientation Problem

$$R_6^3 = [R_3^0]^T R$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6 & -c_4 c_5 s_6 - s_4 c_6 & c_4 s_5 \\ s_4 c_5 c_6 + c_4 s_6 & -s_4 c_5 s_6 + s_4 c_6 & c_4 s_5 \\ -s_5 c_6 & s_5 s_6 & c_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_{23} & s_1 c_{23} & s_{23} \\ -c_1 s_{23} & -s_1 s_{23} & c_{23} \\ s_1 & -c_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_4 s_5 = c_1 c_{23} r_{13} + s_1 c_{23} r_{23} + s_{23} r_{33}$$

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### Inverse Orientation Problem:

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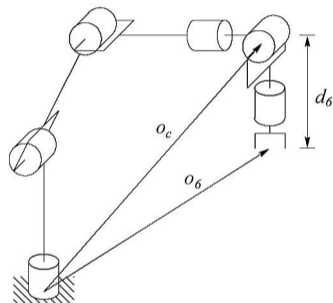
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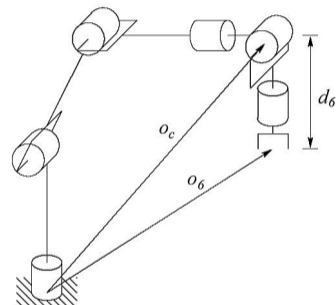
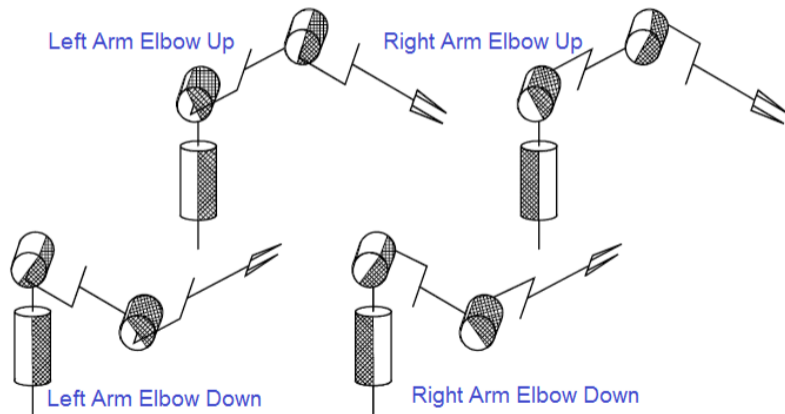
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Four Solutions exist for the  $O_c$ !



Elbow Manipulator with Spherical Wrist

# Kinematic Decoupling: IK solution for the Elbow Manipulator



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# End of Lecture

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