



Chap 4 Inverse Manipulator Kinematics

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Let's start here...

- Forward kinematics of manipulators

Given θ_i in w_iT , calculate ${}^w\{H\}$ or wP

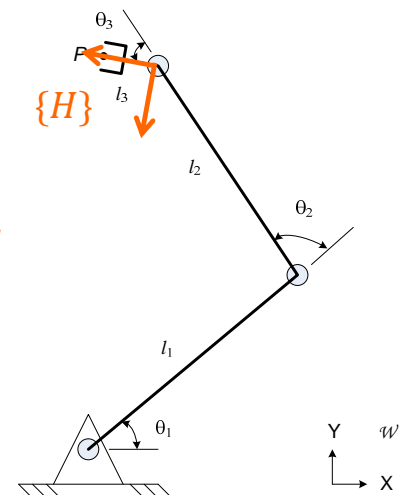
$${}^w_HT = f(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \dots, \theta_n)$$

$${}^wP = {}^w_iT \ iP, i = 1, \dots, n$$

- Inverse kinematics – This chapter

Given ${}^w\{H\}$ or wP , calculate θ_i in w_iT

$$[\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \dots, \theta_n] = f^{-1}({}^w_HT)$$

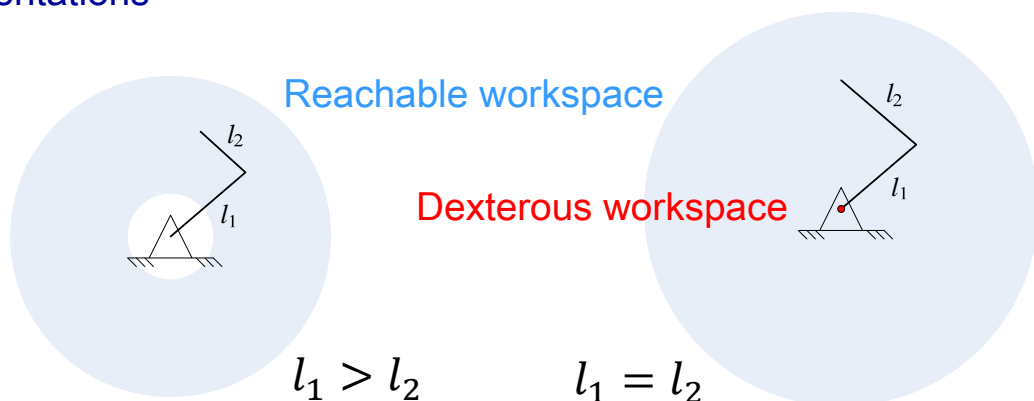


Solvability -1

- Assuming a robot has 6 DOFs
 - ◆ 6 unknown joint angles (or displacements) $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6)$
- Given 6_0T : 16 values
 - ◆ 9 from rotation matrix (6 constraints, only 3 independent equations)
 - ◆ 3 from translational displacement (3 independent equations)
 - ◆ 4 trivial (4th row: [0 0 0 1])
- Thus, 6 equations & 6 unknowns
 - ◆ Nonlinear transcendental equations

Solvability -2

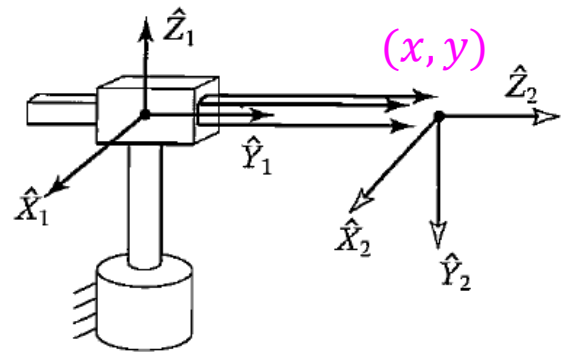
- Reachable workspace
 - ◆ The volume of space that the robot end-effector can reach in **at least one** orientation
- Dexterous workspace
 - ◆ The volume of space that the robot end-effector can reach with **all** orientations



Subspace

Using a 2-DOF RP manipulator as an example

- Variables (x, y)



$${}^0_2T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & 0 & \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & x \\ \frac{-x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & 0 & \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & y \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} {}^0\hat{Z}_2 \quad {}^0P_2 \text{ ORG}$$

Solvability -3

Number of solutions

- Depend on number of joints
- Also depends on link parameters

Ex: A manipulator with 6 rotational joints

| a_i | Number of solutions |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| $a_1 = a_3 = a_5 = 0$ | ≤ 4 |
| $a_3 = a_5 = 0$ | ≤ 8 |
| $a_3 = 0$ | ≤ 16 |
| All $a_i \neq 0$ | ≤ 16 |

Solvability -4

□ Ex: PUMA (6 rotational joints)

- ◆ 8 different solutions
- ◆ Four by variation of position structure

Shown here

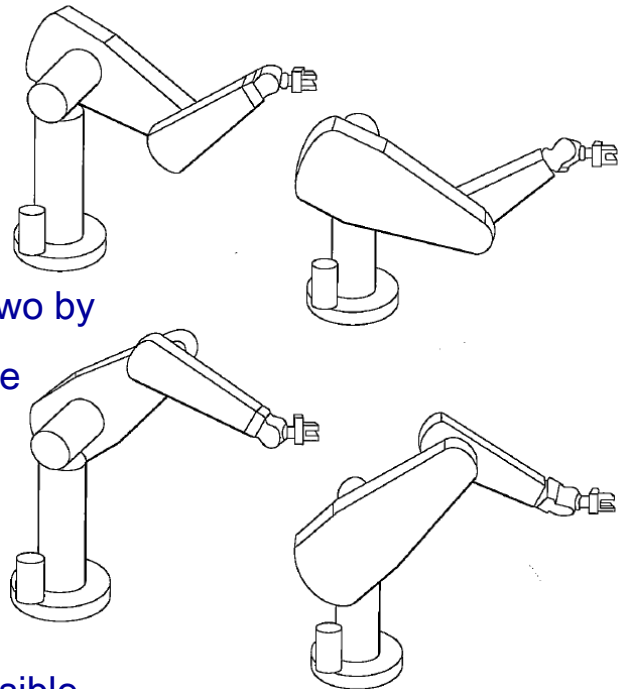
- ◆ (For each position structure), two by variation of orientation structure

$$\theta'_4 = \theta_4 + 180^\circ$$

$$\theta'_5 = -\theta_5$$

$$\theta'_6 = \theta_6 + 180^\circ$$

- ◆ Some of them may be inaccessible



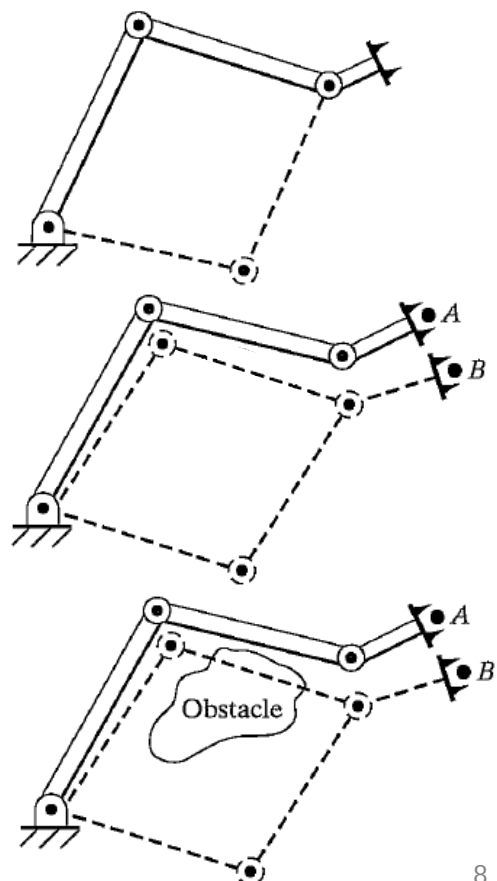
Solvability -5

□ When multiple solutions exist

- ◆ Solution selection criteria

- Closest solution

- Avoid Obstacles



Solvability -6

□ Method of solution

- ◆ Solvable: the joint variables can be determined by an algorithm that allows one to determine **ALL** the sets of joint variables associated with a given position and orientation
 - Closed-form solutions – by **algebraic method** or **geometric method**
 - Numerical solutions
- ◆ Now virtually all industrial manipulators has a closed-form solution
 - Sufficient condition: three neighboring joint axes intersect at a point
 - P is “necessary” for Q: Q can’t be true unless P is true
 - P is “sufficient” for Q: knowing P to be true is adequate to conclude that Q is true

Example: A 3-DOF RRR Manipulator -1

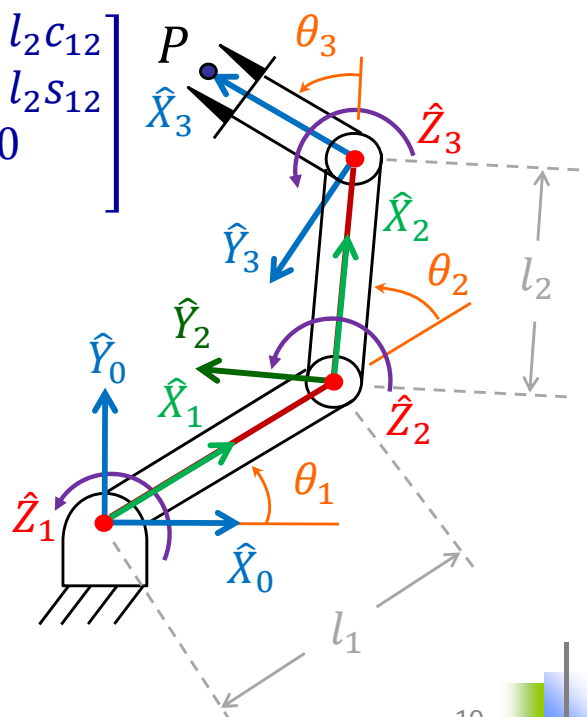
□ Inverse kinematics problem $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = ?$

◆ Forward kinematics

$${}^0_3T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{123} & -s_{123} & 0.0 & l_1c_1 + l_2c_{12} \\ s_{123} & c_{123} & 0.0 & l_1s_1 + l_2s_{12} \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

◆ Goal point

$${}^0_3T = \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi & -s_\phi & 0.0 & x \\ s_\phi & c_\phi & 0.0 & y \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Example: A 3-DOF RRR Manipulator -2

- Geometric solution: Decompose the spatial geometry into several plane-geometry problems

$$x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 - 2l_1l_2\cos(180^\circ - \theta_2)$$

$$c_2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1l_2}$$

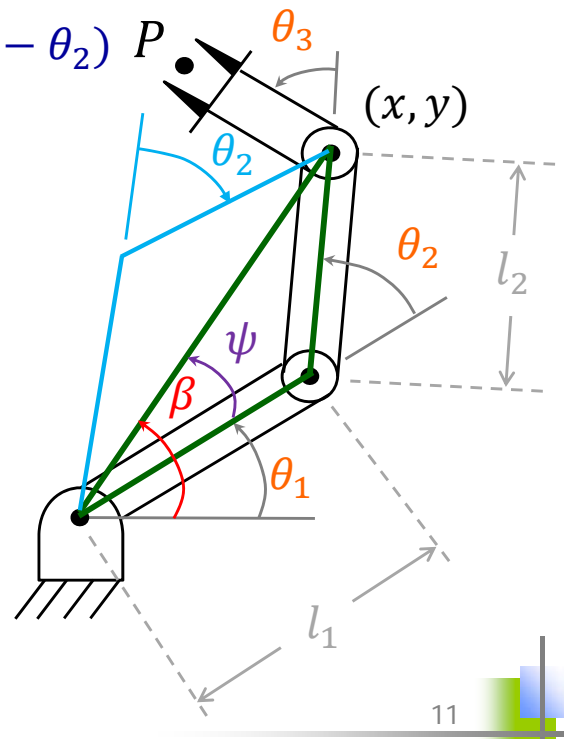
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$$\cos\psi = \frac{x^2 + y^2 + l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

三角形內角 $0^\circ < \psi < 180^\circ$

$$\theta_1 = \begin{cases} \text{atan2}(y, x) + \psi & \theta_2 < 0^\circ \\ \text{atan2}(y, x) - \psi & \theta_2 > 0^\circ \end{cases}$$

$$\theta_3 = \phi - \theta_1 - \theta_2$$



Example: A 3-DOF RRR Manipulator -3

- Algebraic Solution

- Setup equations

$$c_\phi = c_{123}$$

$$s_\phi = s_{123}$$

$$x = l_1c_1 + l_2c_{12}$$

$$y = l_1s_1 + l_2s_{12}$$

- Solve θ_2

$$x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1l_2c_2$$

$$c_2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1l_2}$$

> 1 or < -1: too far for the manipulator to reach



within 1: "two solutions" $\theta_2 = \cos^{-1}(c_2)$

$${}^0_3T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{123} & -s_{123} & 0.0 & l_1c_1 + l_2c_{12} \\ s_{123} & c_{123} & 0.0 & l_1s_1 + l_2s_{12} \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi & -s_\phi & 0.0 & x \\ s_\phi & c_\phi & 0.0 & y \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: A 3-DOF RRR Manipulator -4

- Put θ_2 back to the equations

$$x = (l_1 + l_2 c_2) c_1 + (-l_2 s_2) s_1 \triangleq k_1 c_1 - k_2 s_1$$

$$y = (l_1 + l_2 c_2) s_1 + (l_2 s_2) c_1 \triangleq k_1 s_1 + k_2 c_1$$

- Change variables

define

$$r = +\sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2}$$

$$\gamma = \text{Atan2}(k_2, k_1)$$

then

$$k_1 = r \cos \gamma$$

$$k_2 = r \sin \gamma$$

And then

$$\frac{x}{r} = \cos \gamma \cos \theta_1 - \sin \gamma \sin \theta_1 = \cos(\gamma + \theta_1)$$

$$\frac{y}{r} = \cos \gamma \sin \theta_1 + \sin \gamma \cos \theta_1 = \sin(\gamma + \theta_1)$$

Example: A 3-DOF RRR Manipulator -5

- Solve θ_1

$$\gamma + \theta_1 = \text{Atan2}\left(\frac{y}{r}, \frac{x}{r}\right) = \text{Atan2}(y, x)$$

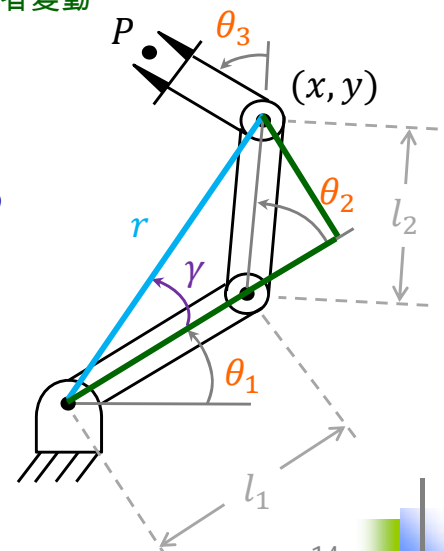
$$\Rightarrow \theta_1 = \text{Atan2}(y, x) - \text{Atan2}(k_2, k_1)$$

當 θ_2 選不同解, c_2 和 s_2 變動, k_1 和 k_2 變動, θ_1 也跟著變動

- Solve θ_3

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = \text{Atan2}(s_\phi, c_\phi) = \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_3 = \phi - \theta_1 - \theta_2$$



Solution by Reduction to Polynomial -1

□ Transcendental equations (nonlinear)

- ◆ Ex: How to solve θ of the following this equation?

$$a\cos\theta + b\sin\theta = c$$

- ◆ Method: Change to polynomials

Polynomials closed-form-solvable – up to 4 degree

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = u, \quad \cos\theta = \frac{1 - u^2}{1 + u^2}, \quad \sin\theta = \frac{2u}{1 + u^2}$$

Solution by Reduction to Polynomial -2

- ◆ Solution:

$$a\cos\theta + b\sin\theta = c$$

$$a \frac{1 - u^2}{1 + u^2} + b \frac{2u}{1 + u^2} = c$$

$$(a + c)u^2 - 2bu + (c - a) = 0$$

$$u = \frac{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 + a^2 - c^2}}{a + c} \quad \text{a, b, c大小有限制, 不一定有解}$$

$$\theta = 2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 + a^2 - c^2}}{a + c}\right)$$

$$\text{If } a + c = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \theta = 180^\circ$$

Pieper's Solution -1

- A 6-DOF manipulator which has **three consecutive axes intersect at a point**

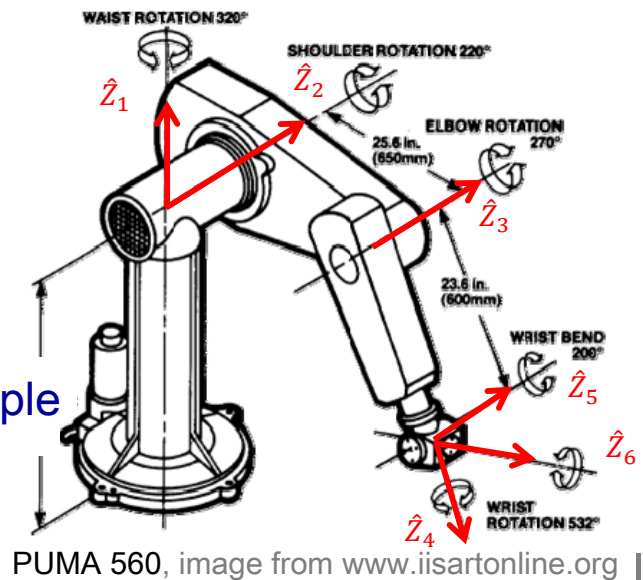
has a closed-form solution

- Usually, the last three joints intersect

- ◆ First 3 DOFs – positioning
- ◆ Last 3 DOFs – orientation

- Here, RRRRRR as an example

- ◆ ${}^0P_6 ORG = {}^0P_4 ORG$



Pieper's Solution -2

- Positioning structure

- ◆ 法則：讓 $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ 層層分離

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^0P_4 ORG = {}^0T_1 {}^1T_2 {}^2T_3 {}^3P_4 ORG$$

Note: ${}^{i-1}T_i = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i & 0 & a_{i-1} \\ s\theta_i c\alpha_{i-1} & c\theta_i c\alpha_{i-1} & -s\alpha_{i-1} & -s\alpha_{i-1} d_i \\ s\theta_i s\alpha_{i-1} & c\theta_i s\alpha_{i-1} & c\alpha_{i-1} & c\alpha_{i-1} d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= {}^0T_1 {}^1T_2 {}^2T_3 \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ -d_4 s\alpha_3 \\ d_4 c\alpha_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^0T_1 {}^1T_2 \begin{bmatrix} f_1(\theta_3) \\ f_2(\theta_3) \\ f_3(\theta_3) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4th column of 3T_4

so

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_1(\theta_3) \\ f_2(\theta_3) \\ f_3(\theta_3) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^2T_3 \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ -d_4 s\alpha_3 \\ d_4 c\alpha_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

讓 $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ 層層分離， f 為 θ_3 函數

$$f_1(\theta_3) = a_3 c_3 + d_4 s\alpha_3 s_3 + a_2$$

$$f_2(\theta_3) = a_3 c\alpha_2 s_3 - d_4 s\alpha_3 c\alpha_2 c_3 - d_4 s\alpha_2 c\alpha_3 - d_3 s\alpha_2$$

$$f_3(\theta_3) = a_3 s\alpha_2 s_3 - d_4 s\alpha_3 s\alpha_2 c_3 + d_4 c\alpha_2 c\alpha_3 + d_3 c\alpha_2$$

Pieper's Solution -3

◆ Next

$${}^0P_{4ORG} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^0T_1 {}^1T_2 \begin{bmatrix} f_1(\theta_3) \\ f_2(\theta_3) \\ f_3(\theta_3) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^0T_1 \begin{bmatrix} g_1(\theta_3) \\ g_2(\theta_3) \\ g_3(\theta_3) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 g_1 - s_1 g_2 \\ s_1 g_1 + c_1 g_2 \\ g_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

讓 $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ 層層分離 · g 為 θ_2, θ_3 函數

$$g_1(\theta_2, \theta_3) = c_2 f_1 - s_2 f_2 + a_1$$

$$g_2(\theta_2, \theta_3) = s_2 c \alpha_1 f_1 + c_2 c \alpha_1 f_2 - s \alpha_1 f_3 - d_2 s \alpha_1$$

$$g_3(\theta_2, \theta_3) = s_2 c \alpha_1 f_1 + c_2 c \alpha_1 f_2 + c \alpha_1 f_3 + d_2 c \alpha_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} r = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= g_1^2 + g_2^2 + g_3^2 && r \text{ 僅為 } \theta_2, \theta_3 \text{ 函數} \\ &= f_1^2 + f_2^2 + f_3^2 + a_1^2 + d_2^2 + 2d_2 f_3 + 2a_1(c_2 f_1 - s_2 f_2) \\ &= (k_1 c_2 + k_2 s_2) 2a_1 + k_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$k_1(\theta_3) = f_1$$

$$k_2(\theta_3) = -f_2$$

$$k_3(\theta_3) = f_1^2 + f_2^2 + f_3^2 + a_1^2 + d_2^2 + 2d_2 f_3$$

Pieper's Solution -4

◆ In addition

$$z = g_3 = (k_1 s_2 - k_2 c_2) s \alpha_1 + k_4 \quad z \text{ 僅為 } \theta_2, \theta_3 \text{ 函數}$$

$$k_1(\theta_3) = f_1$$

$$k_2(\theta_3) = -f_2$$

$$k_4(\theta_3) = f_3 c \alpha_1 + d_2 c \alpha_1$$

◆ Consider r and z together

$$\begin{cases} r = (k_1 c_2 + k_2 s_2) 2a_1 + k_3 \\ z = (k_1 s_2 - k_2 c_2) s \alpha_1 + k_4 \end{cases}$$

○ If $a_1 = 0$, $r = k_3(\theta_3) = f_1^2 + f_2^2 + f_3^2 + a_1^2 + d_2^2 + 2d_2 f_3$

○ If $s \alpha_1 = 0$, $z = k_4(\theta_3) = f_3 c \alpha_1 + d_2 c \alpha_1$

○ Else

$$\frac{s \alpha_1 (r - k_3)^2}{4a_1^2} + \frac{(z - k_4)^2}{s^2 \alpha_1} = k_1^2 + k_2^2$$



Solve θ_3 of all three cases by using " $u = \tan\left(\frac{\theta_3}{2}\right)$ "

Pieper's Solution -5

- ◆ Finally

Using $r = (k_1c_2 + k_2s_2)2a_1 + k_3$ to solve θ_2

Using $x = c_1g_1(\theta_2, \theta_3) - s_1g_2(\theta_2, \theta_3)$ to solve θ_1

- Orientation

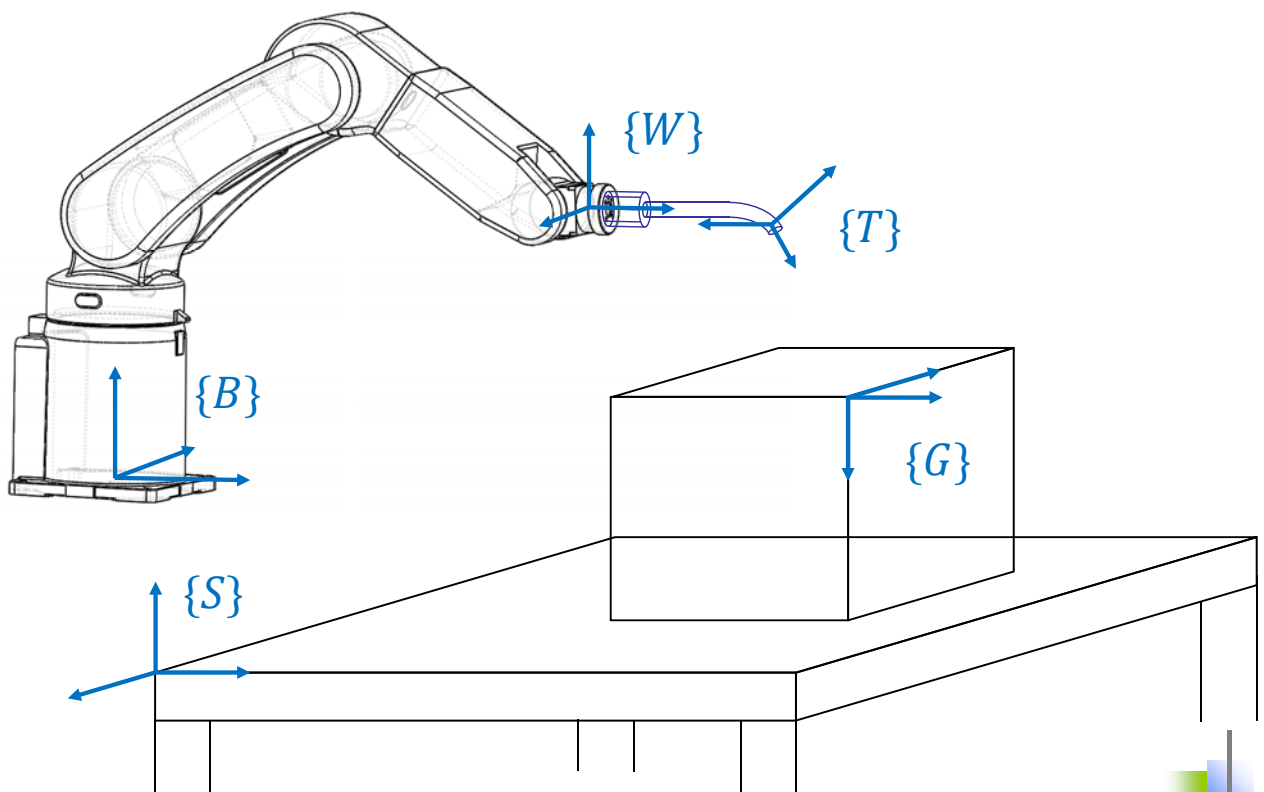
- ◆ $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ are known

$${}^3_6R = {}^0_3R^{-1} {}^0_6R$$

- ◆ Using Z-Y-Z Euler angle to solve $\theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6$

The Standard Frames

- Base, wrist, tool, station, and goal frames



Technical terms

- Resolution (Repeatability)
 - ◆ How precise a manipulator can return to a given point

- Accuracy
 - ◆ The precision with which a computed point can be attained

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- Questions?

