



CIS009-2, MECHATRONICS STATIC KINEMATICS

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Definition Science of motion that treats a subject without considering forces that cause the motion positions (x) velocity (x') accelerate (x'') high order of derivatives of position ($x(n)$) Static kinematics of a manipulator Study of position of a manipulator (x)



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A manipulator consists of a set of links and joints that connect the links
Links – rigid bodies
Joints – different types



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Degree of freedom (DOF) DOF are the set of independent displacements that specify completely the displaced or deformed position of the body. In general, a rigid body in d -dimensions has $d(d+1)/2$ degrees of freedom (d translations + $d(d-1)/2$ rotations).



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DOF of a robot arm A robot with 4 axes of motion but 3 DOF
3-DOF allows a robot to place its end-effector in any position but
not at any angle Adding mechanical wrist increases DOF which
allows end-effector to be placed at any angle

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Link Rigid body between two neighbouring joints
Position of a link – described using the following two parameters: Link length (a) – measured along a line that is mutually perpendicular to the axes of both joints
Link twist (α) – angle of the projections of the two axes onto a plane whose normal is mutually perpendicular to the two axes

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Mechanical drawing – three views

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Calculation of link length and link twist from mechanical drawing

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Exercise 1 The arm with three degrees of freedom. Calculate a_1 , a_1 , and a_2 , a_2

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Joint Connection of two neighbouring links Two parameters Link offset (d) – a measure about how far the two links are away from each other Joint angle (θ) – a measure about difference between directions of the two links

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Calculation of link offset and joint angle for intermediate links in a chain
Link offset calculation: distance from one link to its neighbouring one along a common axis
Joint angle calculation – rotation on the common axis between two neighbouring links
Assumptions to the first and last links in the chain
If Joint 1 is revolute, $d_1 = 0$ and θ_1 is arbitrary
If Joint 1 is prismatic, $\theta_1 = 0$ and d_1 is arbitrary

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Exercise 2: Calculate d_2 Two links given on slide 2 are jointed together with Joint 2 $d_2=0$

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Special cases Case1 – all joints are revolute Axes of all joints are in parallel $a_1 = L_1$ $a_1 = 0$ $d_2 = 0$?2 arbitrary

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Case2 – cylindrical joints involved Axis of Joint 1 intersects the axis of Joint 2 $a_1 = \min(L_1, L_2)$, L_1+L_2 $a_1 = 90$ $d_2 = 0$ $\theta_2 = 0$

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Case3 – prismatic joint involved Axis of Joint 1 and axis of joint 2
are in perpendicular $a_1 = L_1$ $\alpha_1 = 90$ $d_2 = 0$, $L_2 = 0$

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For intermediate links in the chain Frame I defined for Joint i in the following way: Z_i – coincident with the joint axis i X_i – pointing along link length a_i Origin – the point where a_i perpendicular intersects the joint axis i First and last links in the chain Conventions: Frame 0 coincides with frame 1 Frame N : Revolute: X_n aligns with X_{n-1} so that $\theta_n = 0$ and origin chosen to let $d_n = 0$ Prismatic: X_n chosen so that $\theta_n = 0$ and the origin chosen to let $d_n = 0$

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Revolute joint

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Prismatic joint

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Example 2: A 3 DOF manipulator with two revolute and one prismatic joints

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Schematic diagram Assign frames

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Example 3: a 3 DOF manipulator with three revolute joints

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Schematic diagram Assign frames

Calculate parameters $a_1 = L_1$, $\alpha_1 = 90^\circ$, $d_1 = 0$, $q_1 = x$ $a_2 = L_2$, $\alpha_2 = 0^\circ$, $d_2 = L_1$, $q_2 = 90^\circ$ $a_3 = 0$, $\alpha_3 = 0^\circ$, $d_3 = 0$, $q_3 = x$

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Position and Transformation Position of end-effector in different frames Transform from frame i to frame $i-1$ – representing joint i 's position in frame $i-1$

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Three intermediate frames R, Q, and P Translating i d_i units along axis i derives P: Rotating P θ_i along Z_p yields Q: Translating Q a_{i-1} units along X_q gives R: Rotating R α_{i-1} gives $i-1$:



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End-effector is a vector iP in frame i

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6 DOFs Details of joints 3, 4, 5, and 6 are shown in the diagram

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Manipulator kinematics Representing the position of joint 6 in
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Example 4 For a 2-link manipulator shown in the following figures, the link-transformation matrices were constructed

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The product is

The link-frame assignment used are indicated in figure (b). Note that the frame 0 is coincident with frame 1 when $q_1 = 0$. The length of the second link is l_2 . Find an expression for the vector ${}^0P_{tip}$ which locates the tip of the arm relative to the 0 frame.

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Example 5 The figure in the following shows the schematic of a wrist which has three intersecting axes that are not orthogonal. Assign link frames to the wrist (as if it were a 3-DOF manipulator), and give the link parameters.

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Manipulator Position of a link Description of connections Frame
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