

MTR08114 Robotics

Kinematics

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REMINER 1: Rotation Representation

1. Direction Cosines
 2. Euler Angle
 3. Roll-Pitch-Yaw
 4. Axis/Angle
- *Any 3D object possesses only 3 rotational degrees of freedom*

REMINDER 2: Rigid Transformation

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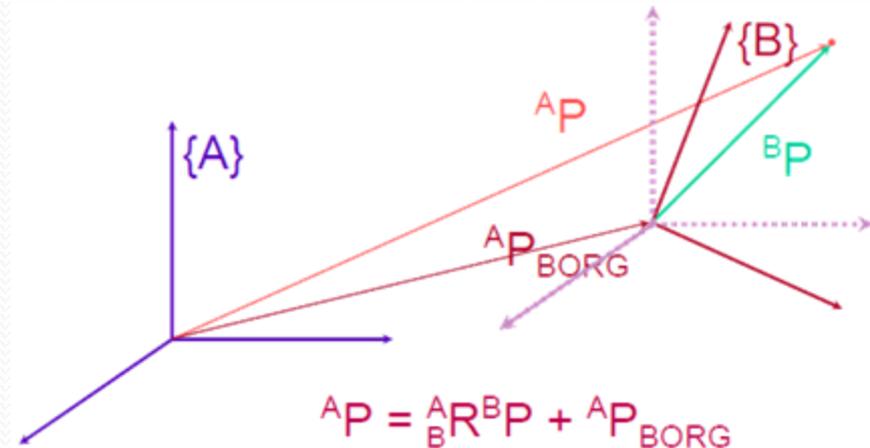
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$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$$

$$d_2^0 = d_1^0 + R_1^0 d_2^1$$

REMINDER 3: Inverse Homogeneous

$$H^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -R^T d \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^0 = \begin{bmatrix} p^0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^1 = \begin{bmatrix} p^1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^0 = H_1^0 P^1$$

REMINDER 4: Composition Rules

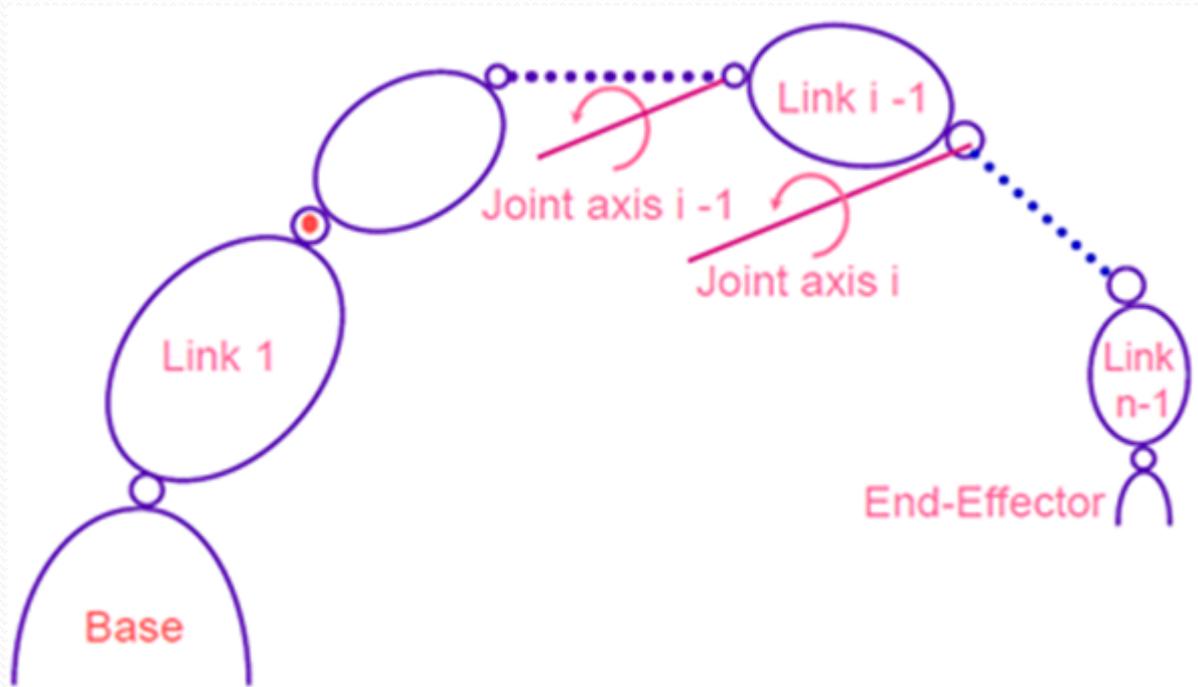
- Around current axis

$$H_2^0 = H_1^0 H$$

- Around fixed axis

$$H_2^0 = H H_1^0$$

Manipulator/ Kinematic Chain



Joint Variables

$$q_i = \begin{cases} d_i & \textit{prismatic} \\ \theta_i & \textit{revolute} \end{cases}$$

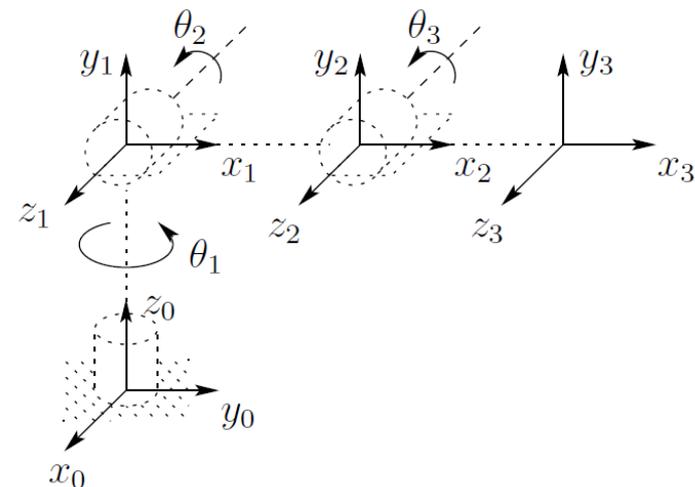
Steps of Kinematic Analysis

1. Attach frame i $\langle o_i x_i y_i z_i \rangle$ to link i .
 - Coordinates of points in link i in frame i are constant
2. Find the transformation from each frame to the next
 - Origin of frame i in frame $i-1$
 - $A_j = T_j^{j-1} = A_j(q_j)$
3. Find the end effector origin in the base frame
 - $T_n^0 = T_1^0 T_2^1 \dots T_{n-1}^{n-2} T_n^{n-1}$

$$T_j^i = A_{i+1} \dots A_j = \begin{bmatrix} R_j^i & o_j^i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

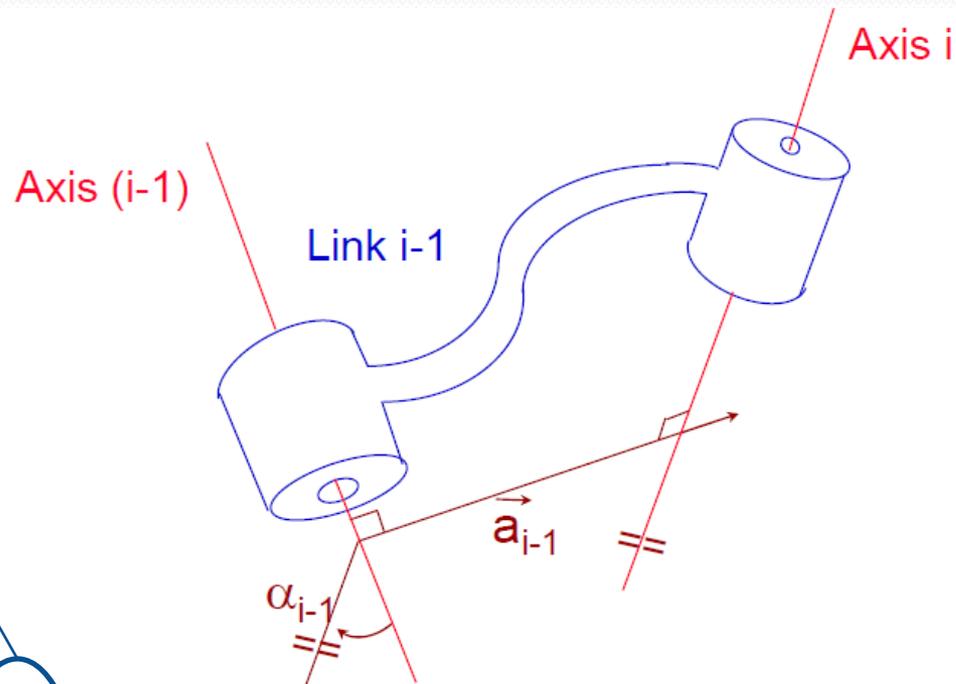
$$R_j^i = R_{i+1}^i \dots R_j^{j-1}$$

$$o_j^i = o_{j-1}^i + R_{j-1}^i o_j^{j-1}$$



Link Description

Constants once design is done

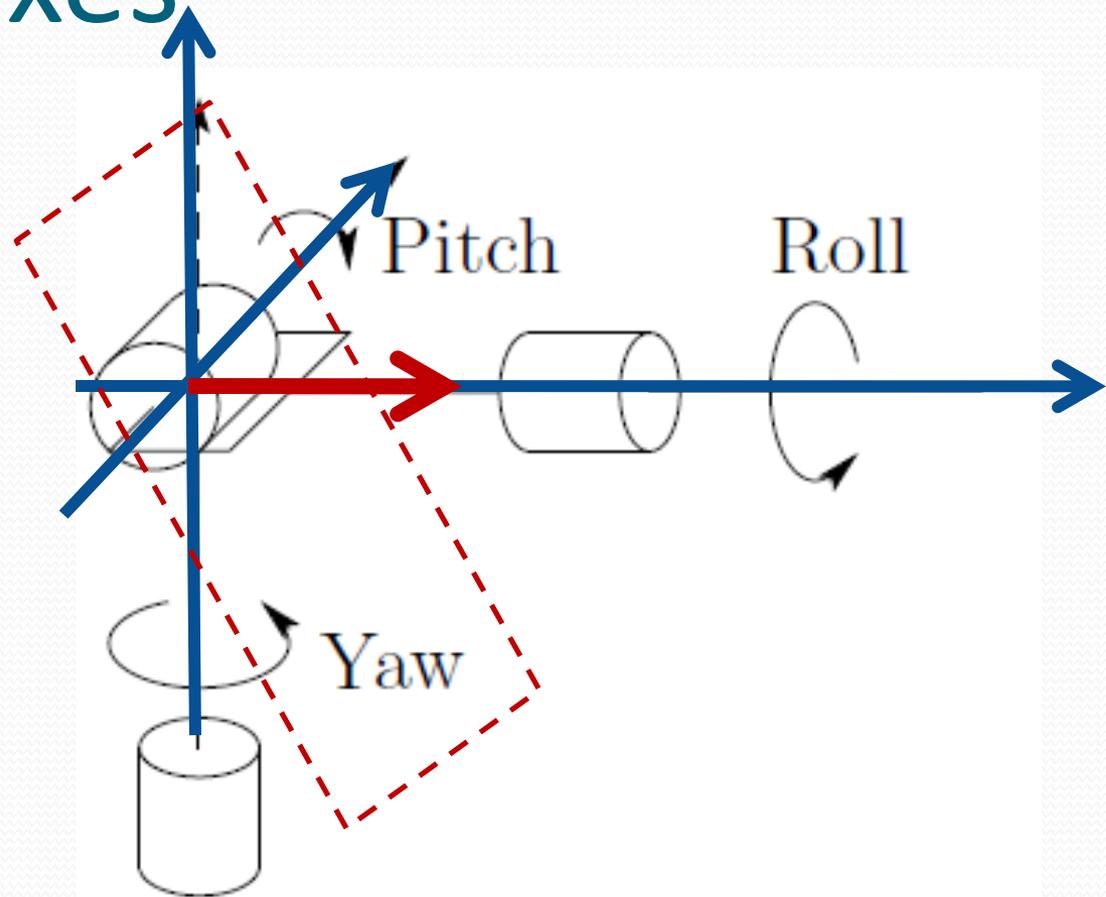


a_{i-1} : Link Length - mutual perpendicular
unique except for parallel axis

α_{i-1} : Link Twist - measured in the right-hand sense about \vec{a}_{i-1}

Intersecting axes

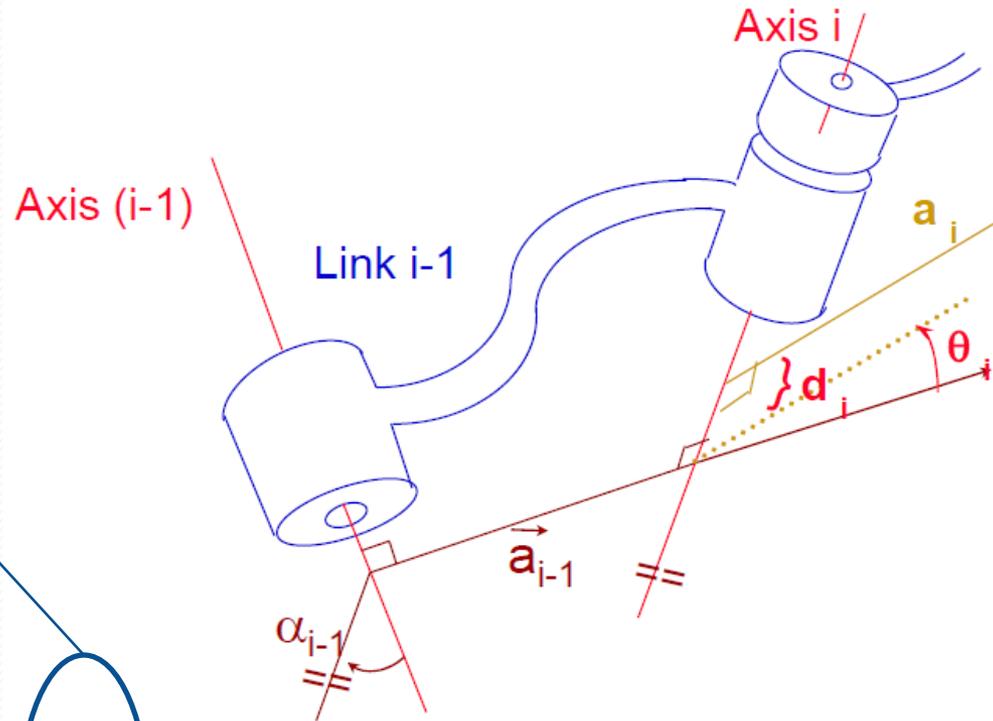
- What is the common normal??????
 - Normal to the plane containing both axes
- Which direction
 - Direction of end effector
- What is the twist
 - Angle in this plane



Joint parameters

VARIABLE once design is done
Constant per configuration

q_i



Variable for prismatic ←

d_i : Link Offset -- variable if joint i is *prismatic*

Variable for revolute ←

θ_i : Joint Angle -- variable if joint i is *revolute*

Denavit-Hartenberg Parameters

- Constants by design

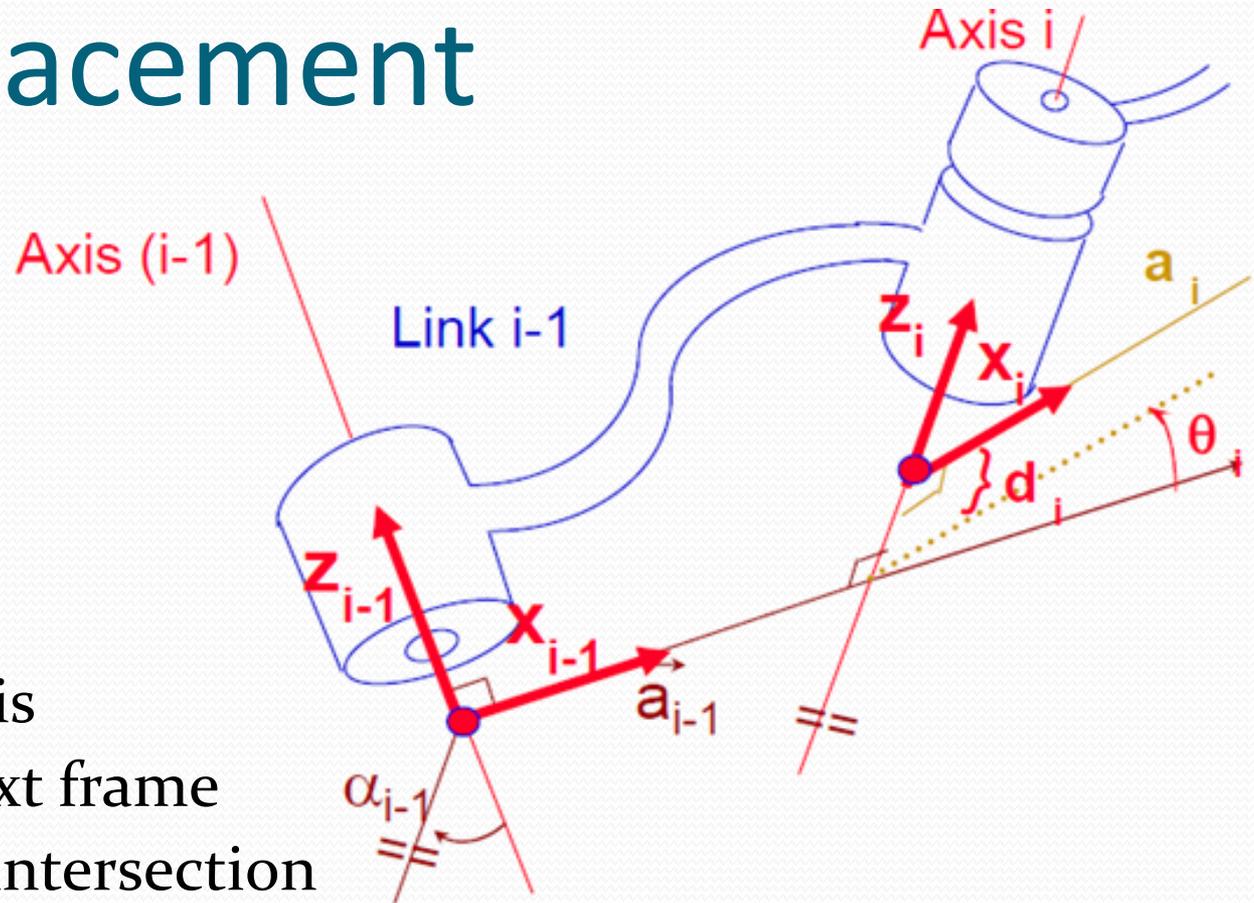
- Link twist α_i
- Link length a_i

- Joint parameters

- Link Offset d_i (variable in prismatic)
- Joint Angle θ_i (variable in revolute)

- *All frame transformations are functions in these four parameters*

Frame Placement



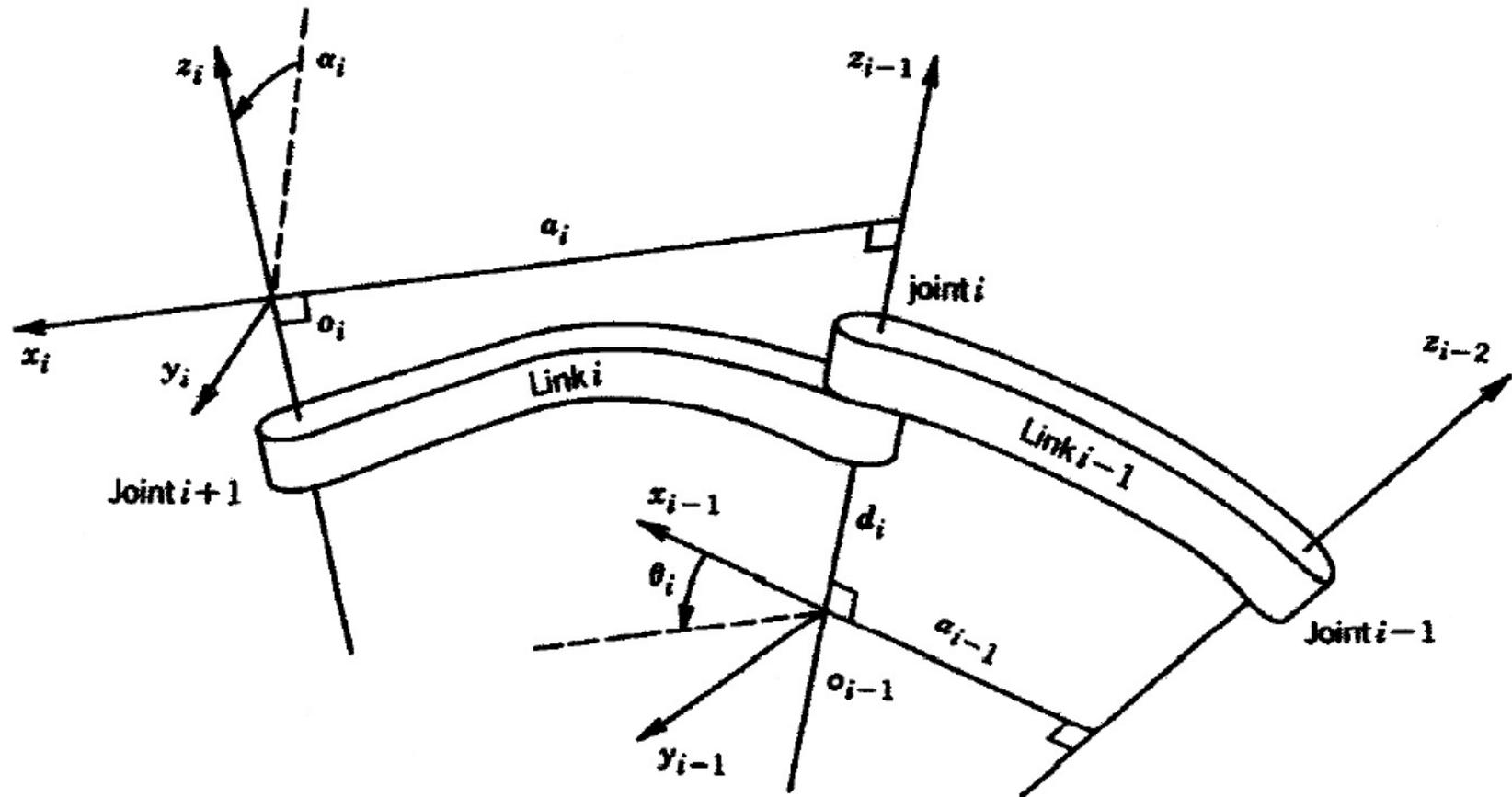
- Z along the axis
- X points to next frame
- Origin in X,Z intersection
- Y using right hand rule

The four six dilemma

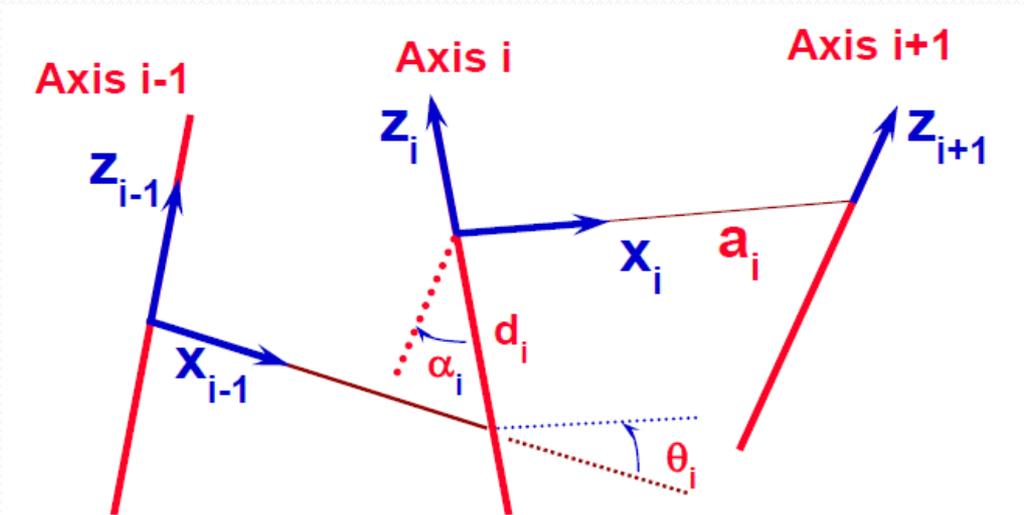
- Homogeneous transformation needs 6 parameters
- DH parameters are 4
- Yet DH parameters are enough!!!!
- HOW?
- We have two assumptions:
 - X_i is perpendicular to Z_{i-1}
 - X_i intersects Z_{i-1}



DH (All together)



DH parameters summary



a_i : distance (z_i, z_{i+1}) along x_i

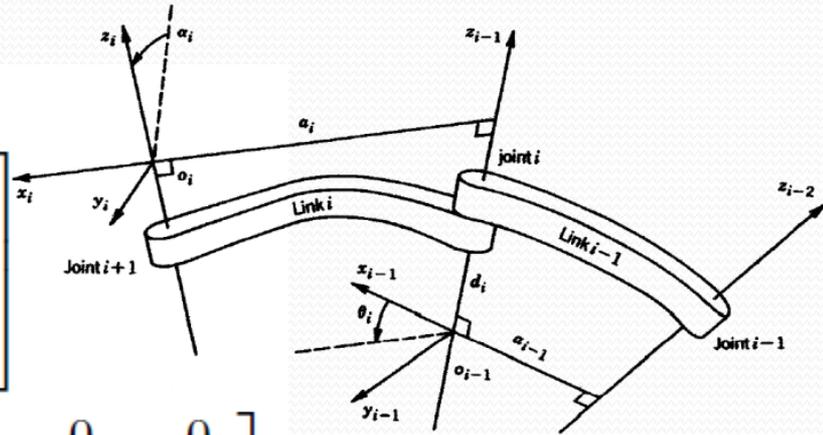
α_i : angle (z_i, z_{i+1}) about x_i

d_i : distance (x_{i-1}, x_i) along z_i

θ_i : angle (x_{i-1}, x_i) about z_i

Frame transformation from DH

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_i &= Rot_{z,\theta_i} Trans_{z,d_i} Trans_{x,a_i} Rot_{x,\alpha_i} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i & 0 & 0 \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\quad \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a_i \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\alpha_i & -s\alpha_i & 0 \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i c\alpha_i & s\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i c\theta_i \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i c\alpha_i & -c\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i s\theta_i \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$



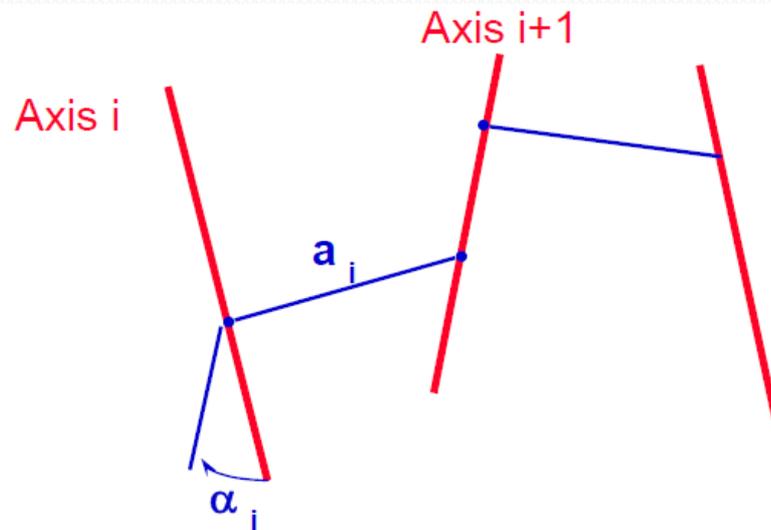
Notes about placement

- Z_i and Z_{i-1} are not coplanar
 - Unique common perpendicular (unique a_{i-1} and α_{i-1}).
- Z_i and Z_{i-1} are parallel
 - Infinite number of possible perpendicular. We put the origin as we like to simplify the equations ($\alpha_i = 0$).
- Z_i and Z_{i-1} are intersecting
 - X_i is chosen normal to the common plane in the direction of end effector ($a_i = 0$)

First and Last Frames

- Frames 1 to n correspond to the n joints
- Frame 0 corresponds to the base (no need to be on the base!!)
- Frame n+1 corresponds to end effector (no need to be on it!!)
- *Rule: maximize zeros to simplify forward kinematics*
- How?
 - Put frame 0's origin, X, and Z in the same location as frame 1 when its variable is zero
 - Put frame n+1's origin, X, and Z in the same location as frame n when its variable is zero

First and Last Link's a & α



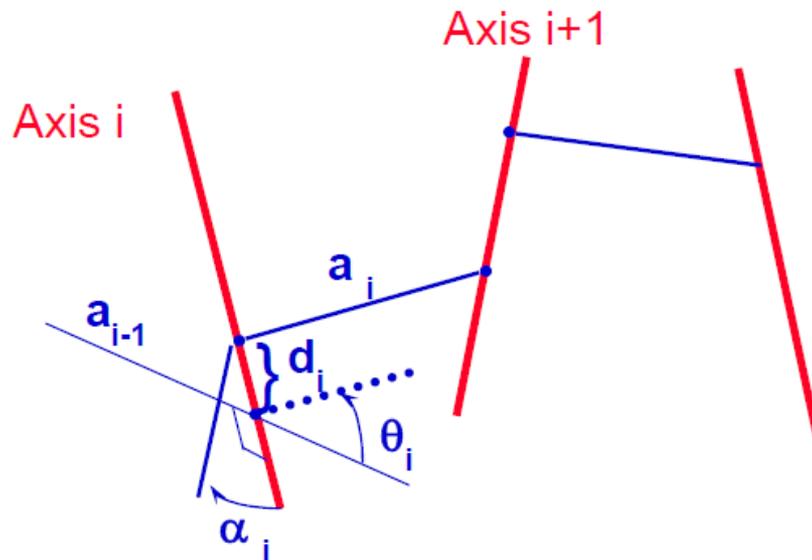
a_i and α_i depend on joint axes i and $i+1$

Axes 1 to n : determined

➔ $a_1, a_2 \dots a_{n-1}$ and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{n-1}$

Convention: $a_0 = a_n = 0$ and $\alpha_0 = \alpha_n = 0$

First & Last Link's d and Θ



θ_i and d_i depend on links $i-1$ and i

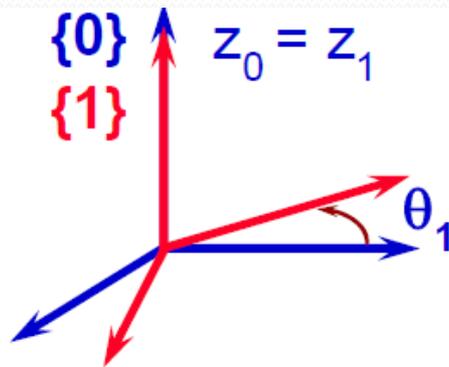
➔ $\theta_2, \theta_3, \dots, \theta_{n-1}$ and d_2, d_3, \dots, d_{n-1}

Convention: set the constant parameters to zero

Following joint type: d_1 or $\theta_1 = 0$ and d_n or $\theta_n = 0$

Placement of Base Frame

Revolute



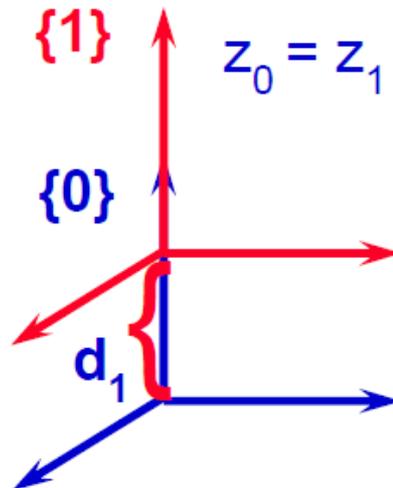
$$a_0 = 0$$

$$\alpha_0 = 0$$

$$d_1 = 0$$

$$\theta_1 = 0 \longrightarrow \{0\} \equiv \{1\}$$

Prismatic



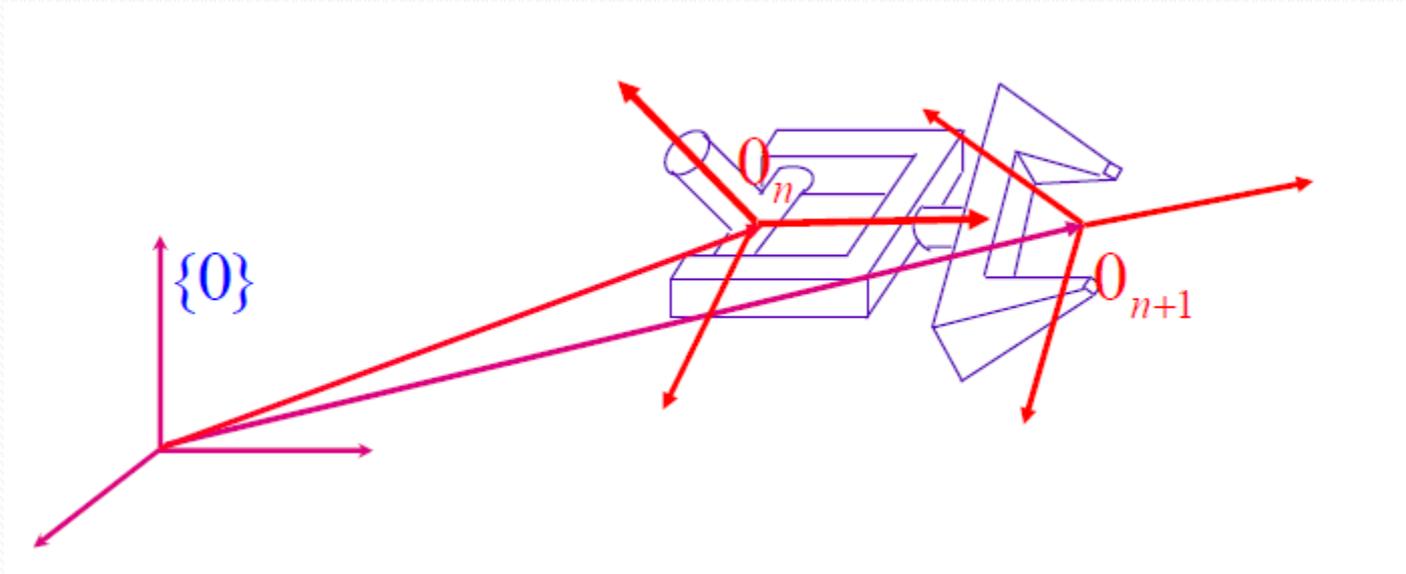
$$a_0 = 0$$

$$\alpha_0 = 0$$

$$\theta_1 = 0$$

$$d_1 = 0 \longrightarrow \{0\} \equiv \{1\}$$

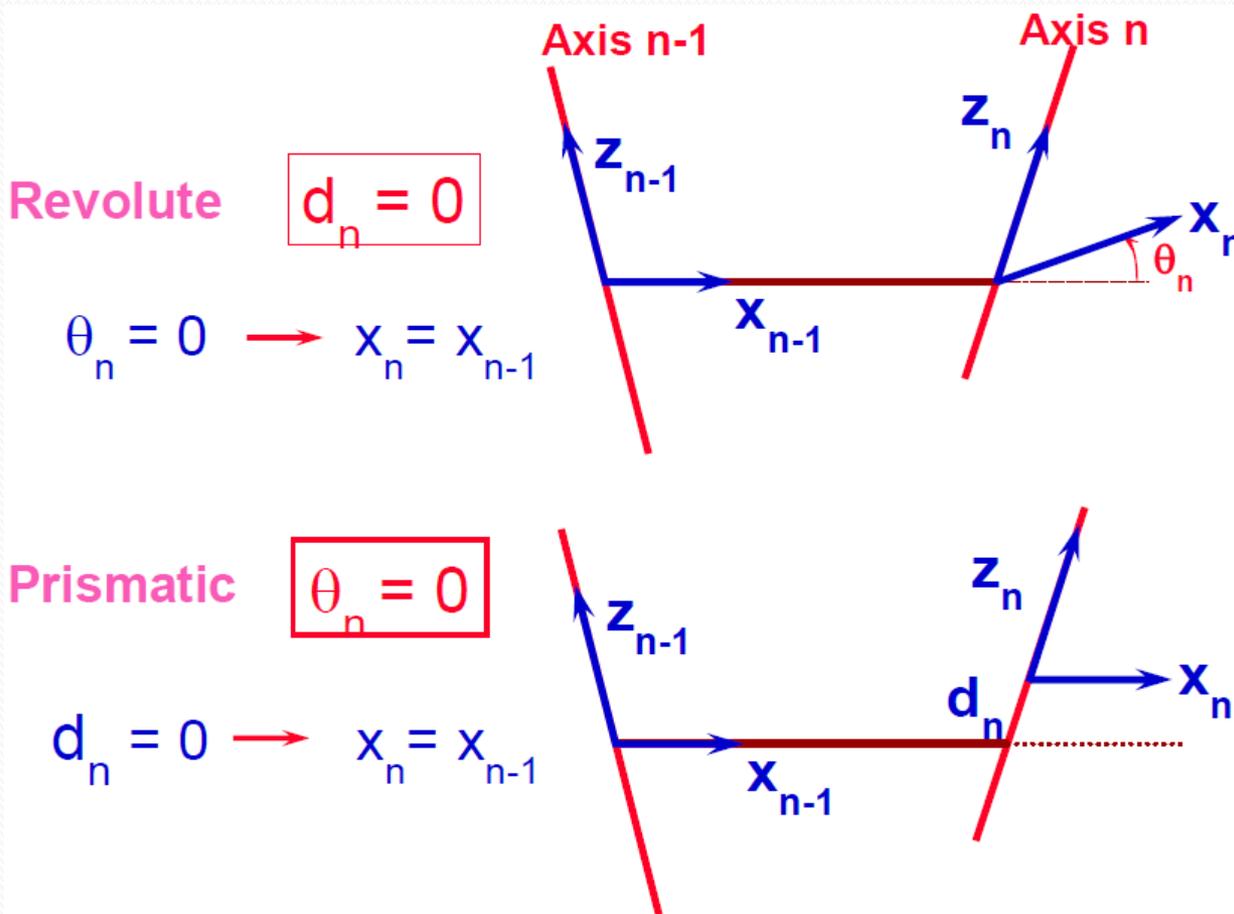
End Effector's frame



Placement of End Effector

- If specified use the specified frame
- If not specified:
 - Put the origin with the origin of frame n
 - Align Z and X with frame n 's Z and X when joint variable n is zero

Placement of Last Frame Summary

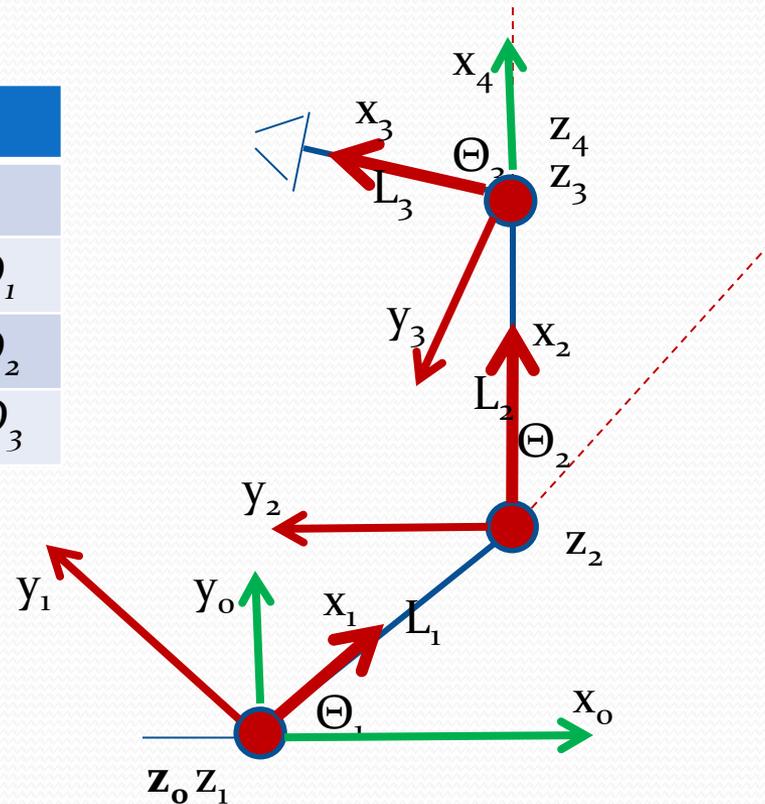


Example RRR

Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	Θ_i
0	0	0	-	-
1	L_1	0	0	Θ_1
2	L_2	0	0	Θ_2
3	0	0	0	Θ_3

$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i c\alpha_i & s\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i c\theta_i \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i c\alpha_i & -c\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i s\theta_i \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Place Zs
2. Place Xs
3. Place Origins



- a_i : distance (z_i, z_{i+1}) along x_i
- α_i : angle (z_i, z_{i+1}) about x_i
- d_i : distance (x_{i-1}, x_i) along z_i
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Planar Elbow

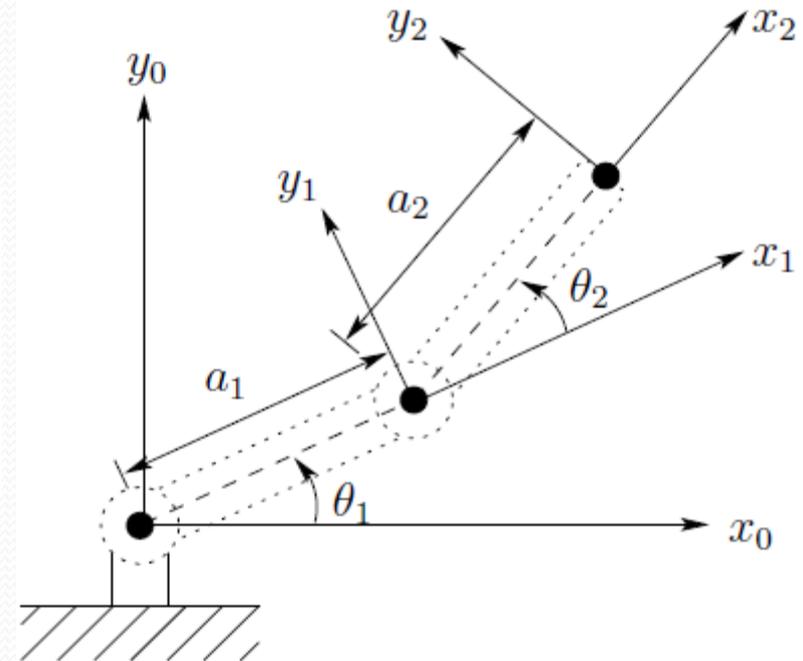
Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	Θ_i
0	0	0	-	-
1	a_1	0	0	Θ_1
2	a_2	0	0	Θ_2

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 & 0 & a_1 c_1 \\ s_1 & c_1 & 0 & a_1 s_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & -s_2 & 0 & a_2 c_2 \\ s_2 & c_2 & 0 & a_2 s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_1^0 = A_1$$

$$T_2^0 = A_1 A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & -s_{12} & 0 & a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{12} \\ s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 & a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i c\alpha_i & s\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i c\theta_i \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i c\alpha_i & -c\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i s\theta_i \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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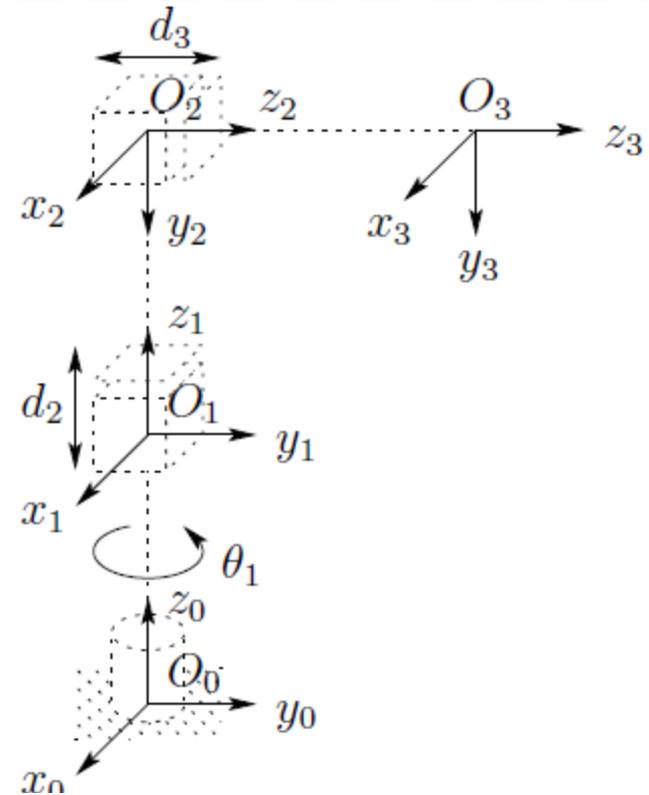
3-Link Cylindrical M.

Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	Θ_i
1	0	0	a_1	Θ_1
2	0	-90	d_2	0
3	0	0	d_3	0

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ s_1 & c_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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



$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_i} & -s_{\theta_i} c_{\alpha_i} & s_{\theta_i} s_{\alpha_i} & a_i c_{\theta_i} \\ s_{\theta_i} & c_{\theta_i} c_{\alpha_i} & -c_{\theta_i} s_{\alpha_i} & a_i s_{\theta_i} \\ 0 & s_{\alpha_i} & c_{\alpha_i} & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a_i : distance (z_i, z_{i+1}) along x_i
- α_i : angle (z_i, z_{i+1}) about x_i
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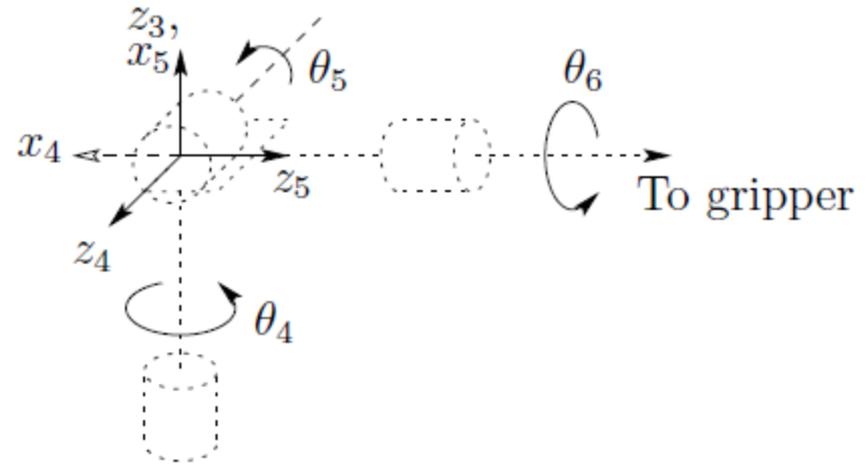
Spherical Wrist

Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	Θ_i
4	0	-90	0	Θ_4
5	0	90	0	Θ_5
6	0	0	a_6	Θ_6

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} c_4 & 0 & -s_4 & 0 \\ s_4 & 0 & c_4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} c_5 & 0 & s_5 & 0 \\ s_5 & 0 & -c_5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_6 = \begin{bmatrix} c_6 & -s_6 & 0 & 0 \\ s_6 & c_6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_6^3 &= A_4 A_5 A_6 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R_6^3 & o_6^3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6 & -c_4 c_5 s_6 - s_4 c_6 & c_4 s_5 & c_4 s_5 d_6 \\ s_4 c_5 c_6 + c_4 s_6 & -s_4 c_5 s_6 + c_4 c_6 & s_4 s_5 & s_4 s_5 d_6 \\ -s_5 c_6 & s_5 s_6 & c_5 & c_5 d_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i c\alpha_i & s\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i c\theta_i \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i c\alpha_i & -c\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i s\theta_i \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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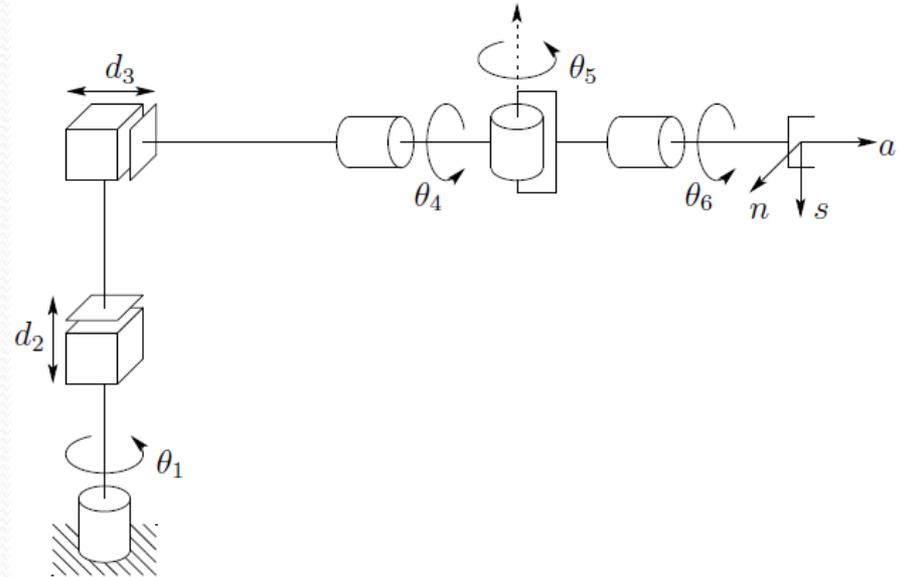
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θ_i : angle (x_{i-1}, x_i) about z_i

Cylindrical Manipulator with Spherical Wrist

Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	Θ_i
1	0	0	a_1	Θ_1
2	0	-90	d_2	0
3	0	0	d_3	0
4	0	-90	0	Θ_4
5	0	90	0	Θ_5
6	0	0	a_6	Θ_6



$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i c\alpha_i & s\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i c\theta_i \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i c\alpha_i & -c\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i s\theta_i \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

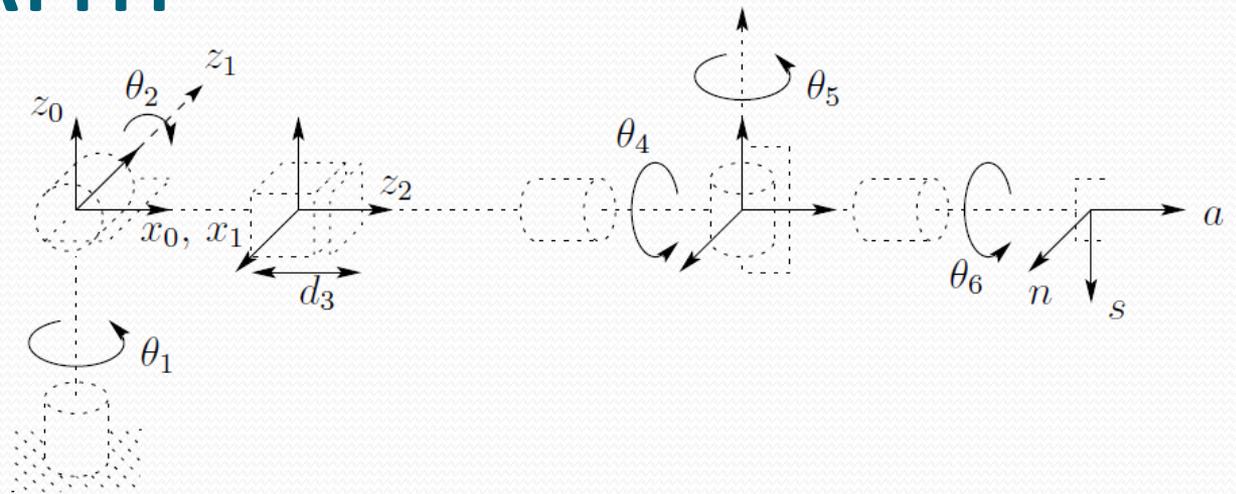
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Stanford Arm



Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	Θ_i
1	0	-90	0	Θ_1
2	0	90	a_2	Θ_2
3	0	0	d_3	0
4	0	-90	0	Θ_4
5	0	90	0	Θ_5
6	0	0	a_6	Θ_6

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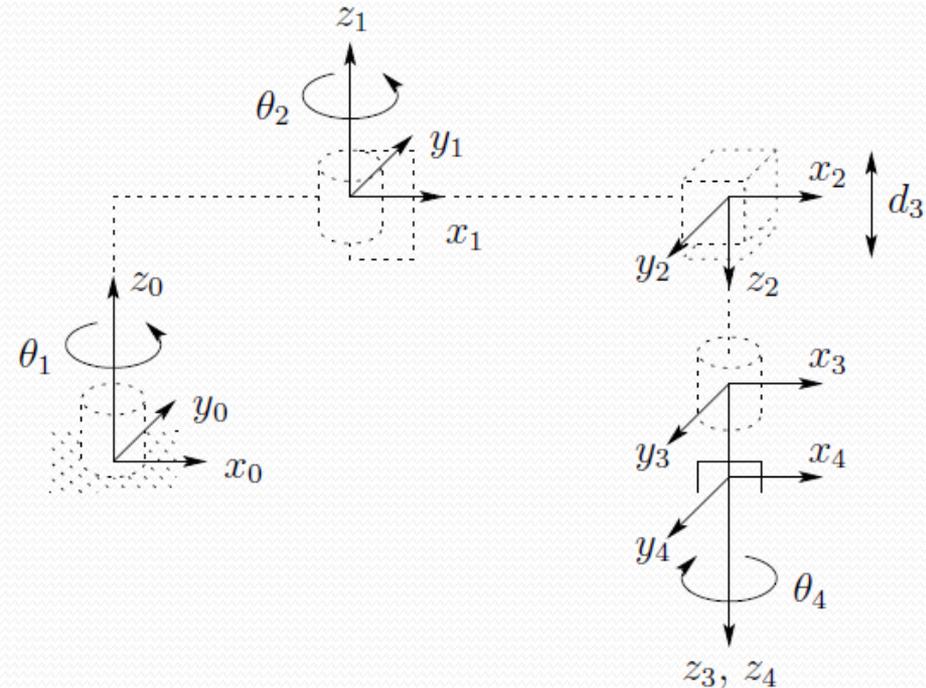
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SCARA

Link	a_i	α_i	d_i	Θ_i
1	a_1	0	0	Θ_1
2	a_2	180	0	Θ_2
3	0	0	d_3	0
4	0	0	a_4	Θ_4



$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_i & -s\theta_i c\alpha_i & s\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i c\theta_i \\ s\theta_i & c\theta_i c\alpha_i & -c\theta_i s\alpha_i & a_i s\theta_i \\ 0 & s\alpha_i & c\alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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