



# Robotics

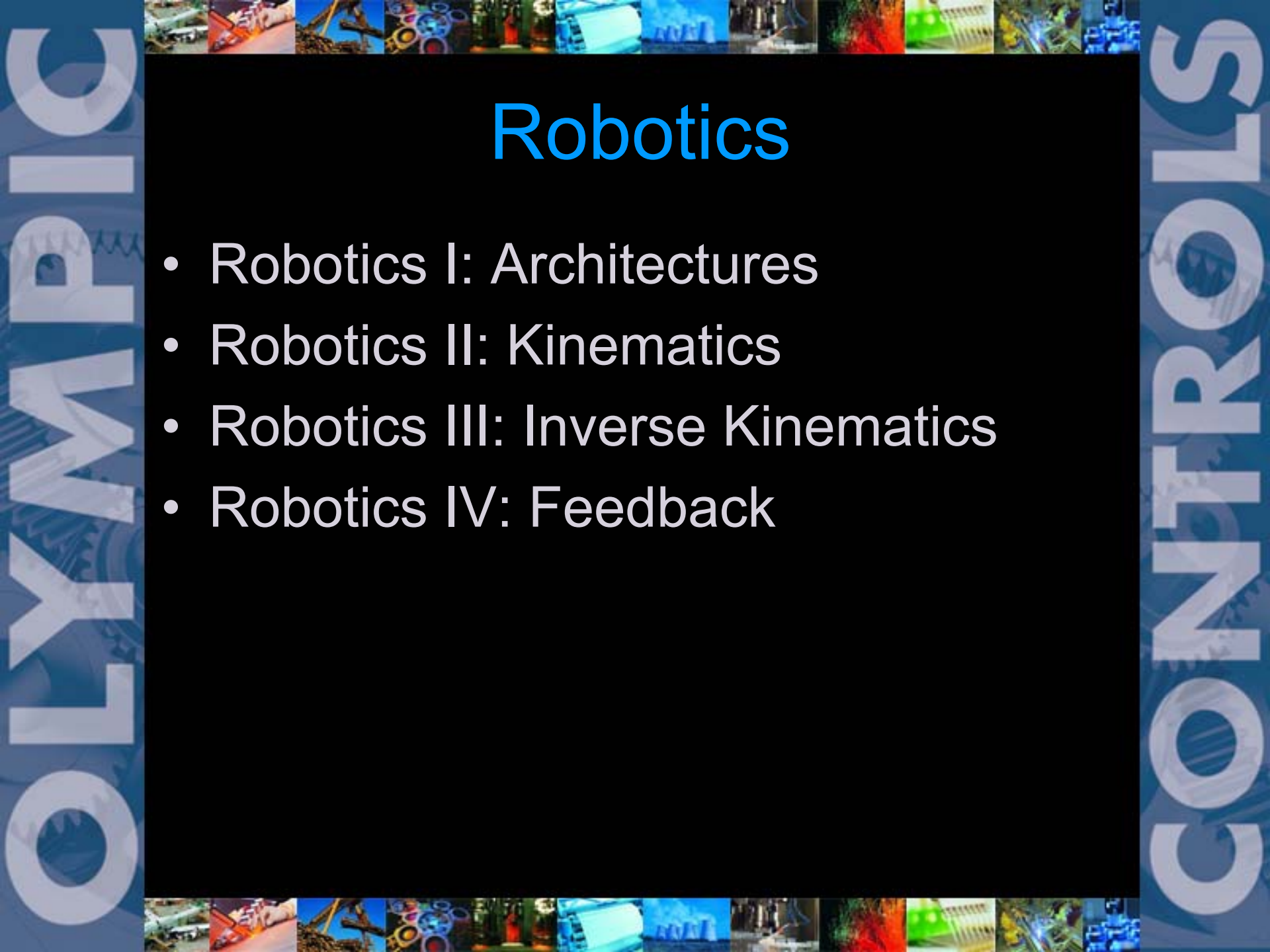
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# Robotics Definition

- Robotics, the combination of motion control and remote manipulation





# Robotics

- Robotics I: Architectures
- Robotics II: Kinematics
- Robotics III: Inverse Kinematics
- Robotics IV: Feedback



# Robotics I

## Architectures



# Architecture – Cartesian

- Direct Control for X, Y, Z and  $\theta$
- Stiff Structure
- Large Workspace



# Architecture – Articulated Arm



- Most recognizable robot.
- Compact when not in use
- Can enter a workspace for various angles



# Architecture - SCARA

- High Speed motion in a plane
- Extremely precise
- Low carrying capacity



# Architecture – Stewart Platform



- Very Stiff Base
- Small workspace
- 6 DOF
- Complex positioning mathematics
- Great Disneyland rides



# Robotics II

## Kinematics



# Gantry Kinematics

- To move the robot 10 inches in the x direction, move the x axis 10 inches in the x direction.
- Can anyone tell me how to move in the y direction?



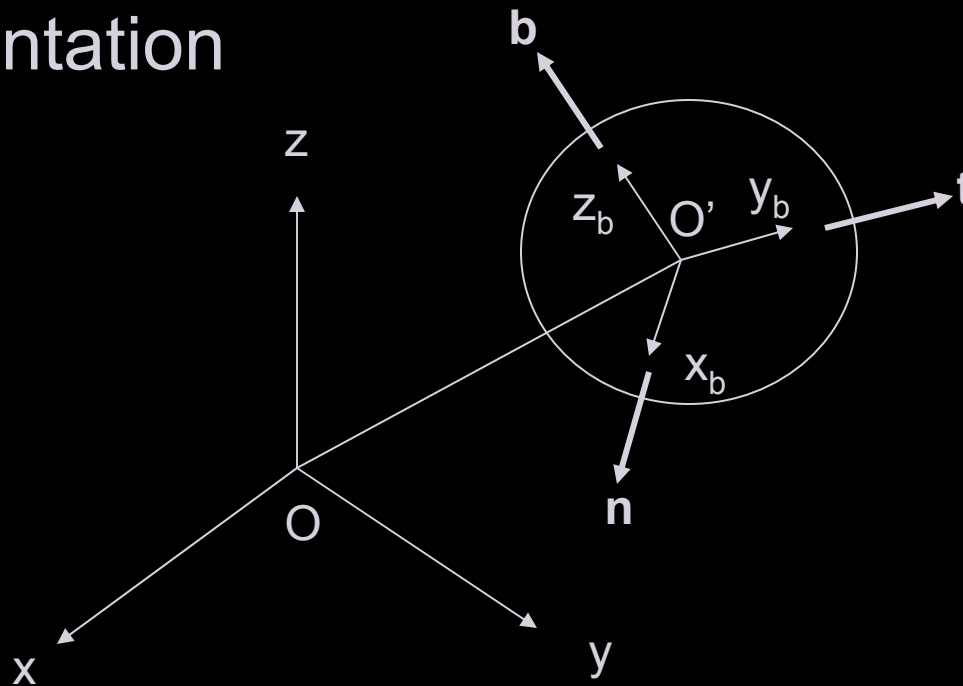


# Articulated Arm Kinematics

- Model the physical relationship between joint positions and end-effector position.

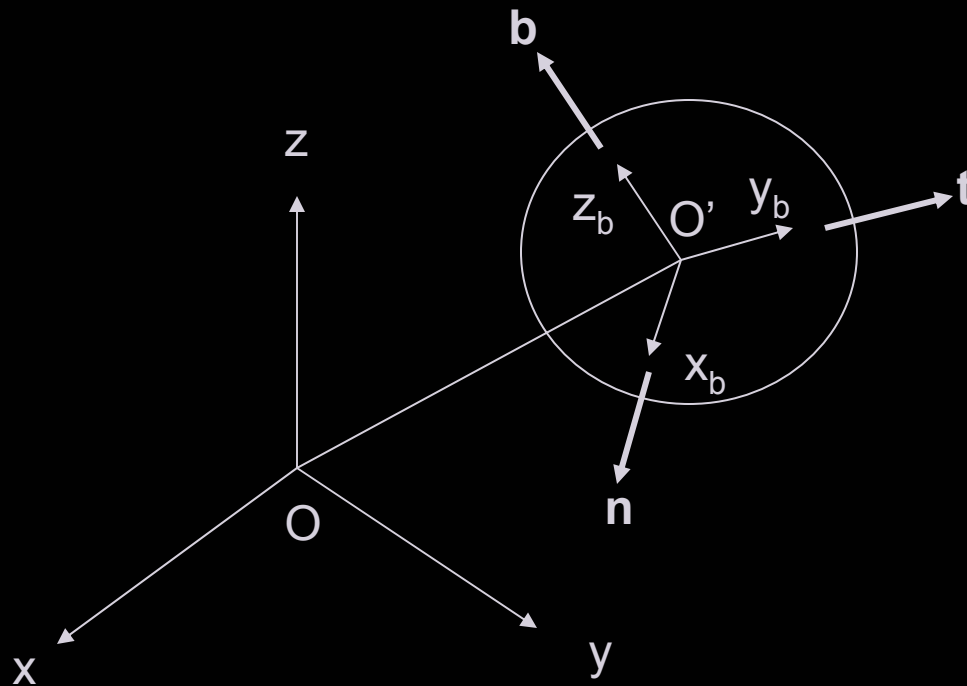
# Position and Orientation

- Arm linkages can be modeled as rigid bodies.
- Each body is defined by its position and orientation



# Define Position

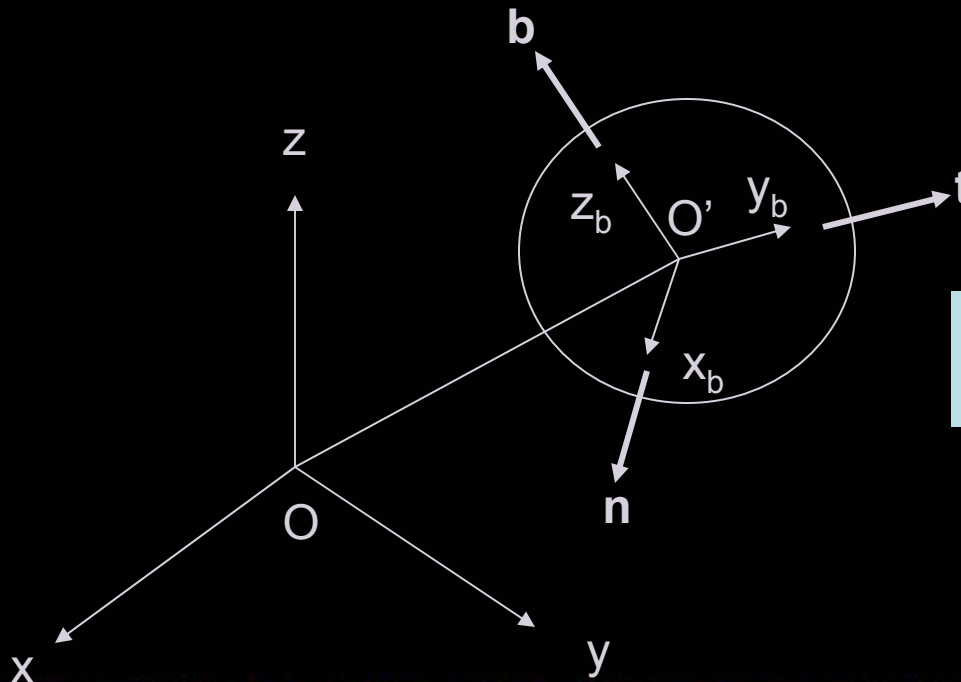
- The position can be defined from an arbitrary coordinate system



$$\mathbf{x}_o = \begin{pmatrix} x_o \\ y_o \\ z_o \end{pmatrix}$$

# Define Orientation

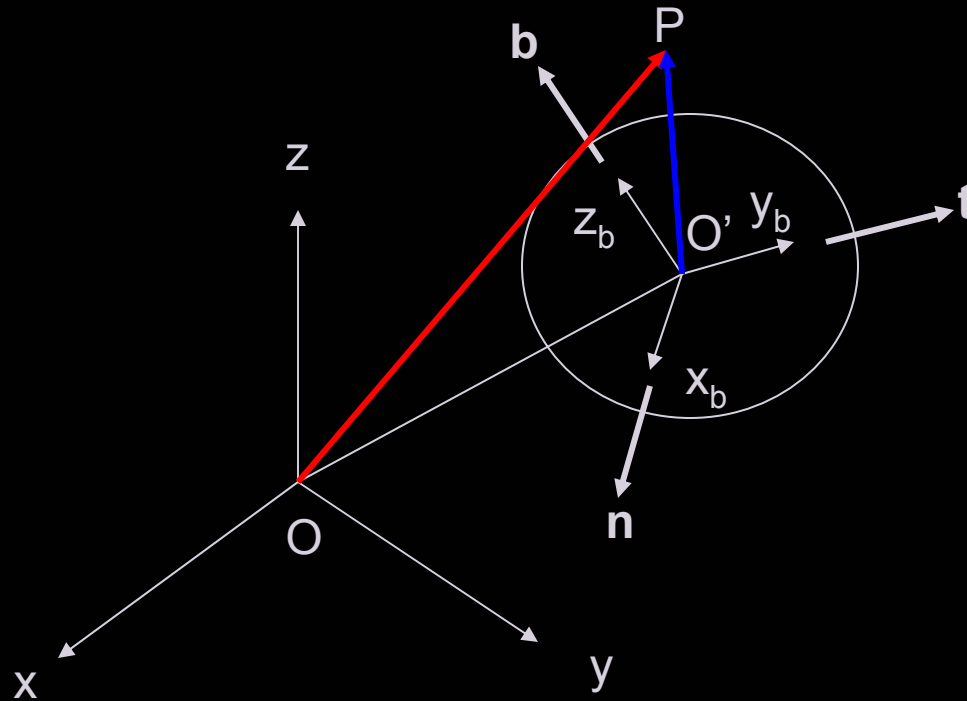
- Three unit vectors  $\mathbf{n}$ ,  $\mathbf{t}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  pointing toward  $x_b$ ,  $y_b$  and  $z_b$ .
- $\mathbf{R}$  is a 3x3 matrix



$$\mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{b}]$$

# Coordinate Transformation

- Select an arbitrary point  $P$



# Coordinate Transformation

- Point P from frame 0-xyz
- Point P from frame 0'-x<sub>b</sub>y<sub>b</sub>z<sub>b</sub>

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

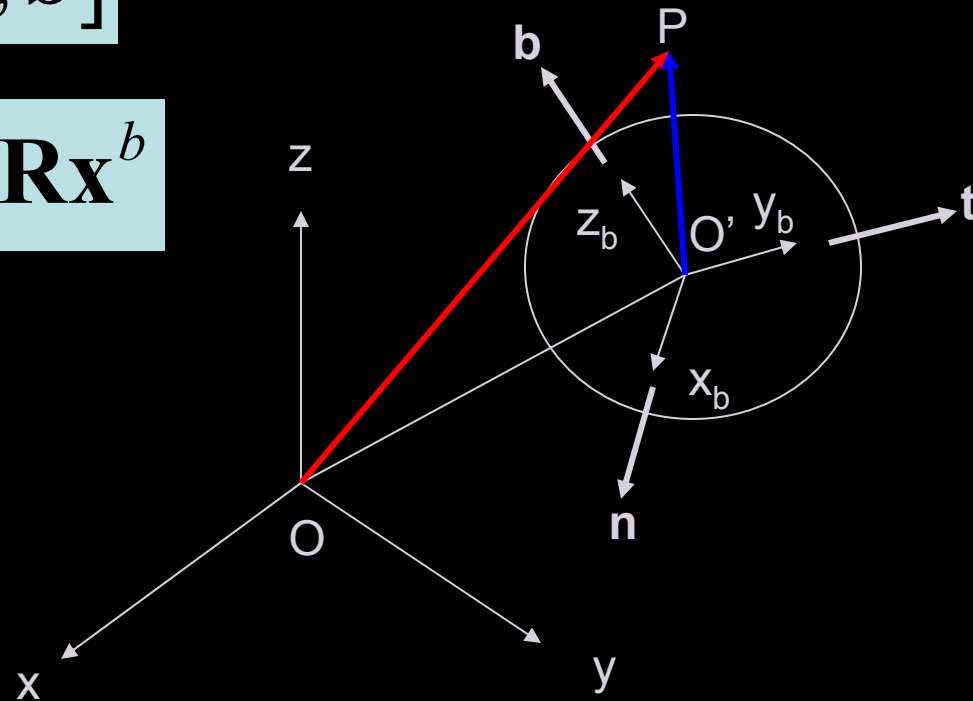
$$\mathbf{x}^b = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

# Coordinate Transformation

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_o + u\mathbf{n} + v\mathbf{t} + w\mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{b}]$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_o + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}^b$$





# Inverse Transformation

Forward Transformation

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_o + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}^b$$

Multiply by the  
Transpose of R

$$\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{x}_o + \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}^b$$

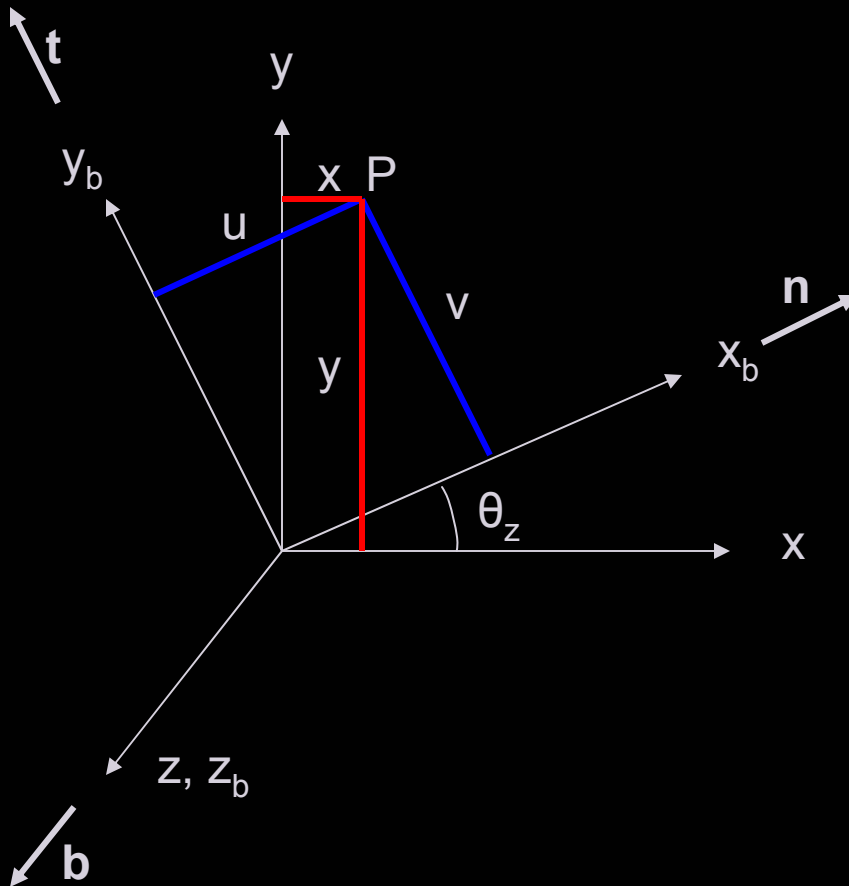
Because n, t and  
b are orthogonal

$$\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse Transformation

$$\mathbf{x}^b = -\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{x}_o + \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{x}$$

# Example: Define n, t, b

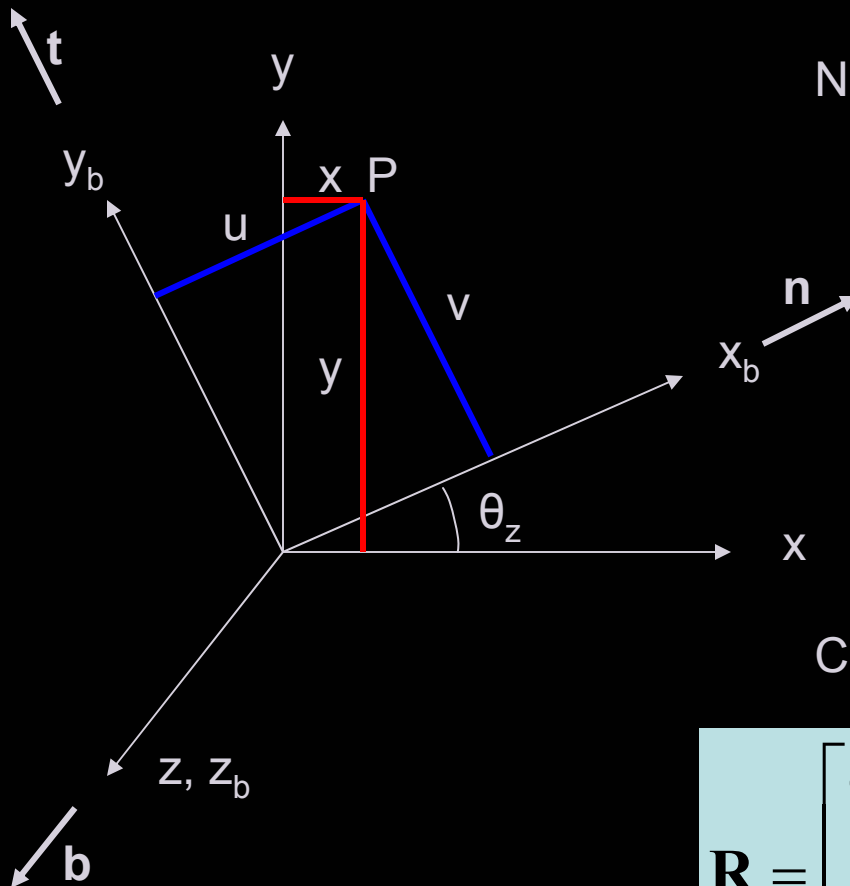


$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_z \\ \sin \theta_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta_z \\ \cos \theta_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Example: Define R and $x_o$



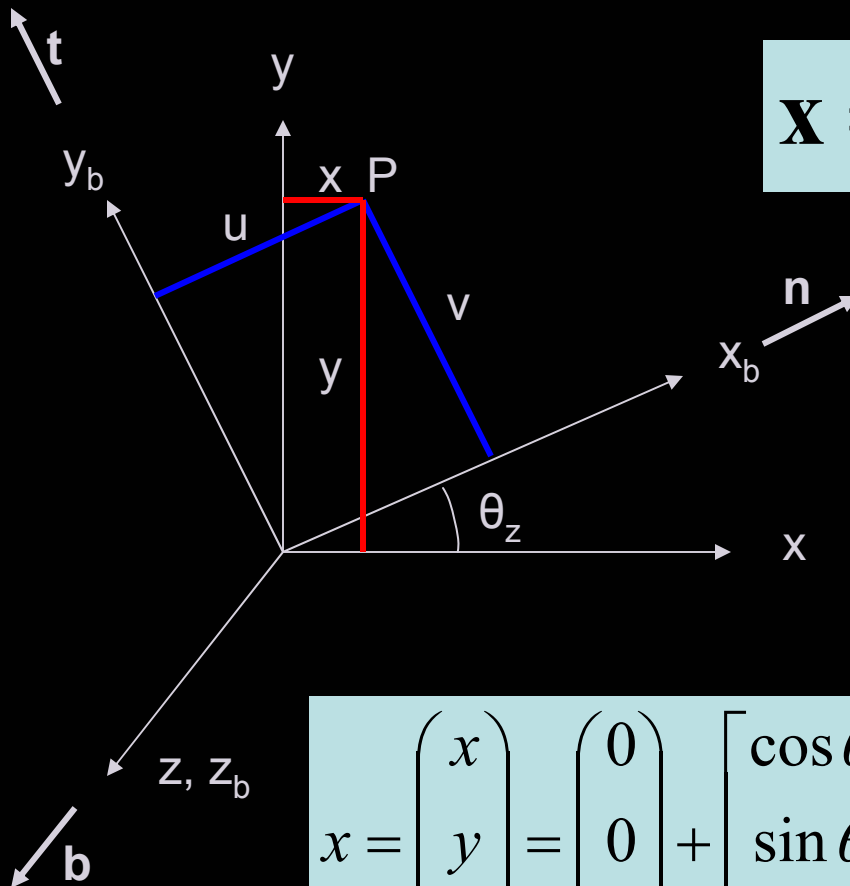
No Translation Means:

$$\mathbf{x}_o = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Combining  $n$ ,  $t$  and  $b$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_z & -\sin \theta_z & 0 \\ \sin \theta_z & \cos \theta_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Substitute



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_o + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}^b$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_z & -\sin \theta_z & 0 \\ \sin \theta_z & \cos \theta_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$



# Rotation Matrix

- R is called the rotation matrix
- R represents the rotation from  $O\text{-}xyz$  to  $O'\text{-}x_b y_b z_b$



# Homogeneous Transformation

- A shorthand notation to combine the translation and rotation matrices

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X}^b = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_o \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \end{bmatrix}$$





# Concise Notation

- Multiple Transformations with standard notation

$$x = x_o + Rx'_o + RR'x^c$$

- Multiple Transformations with homogeneous transformation

$$X^0 = A_1^0 A_2^1 \dots A_n^{n-1} X^n$$





# Inverse Transformation

- Derive the inverse by comparing

$$\mathbf{x}^b = -\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{x}_o + \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{x}$$

- And homogeneous transformation

$$\mathbf{X}^b = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{X}$$

- To get

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ & \mathbf{R}^T & \\ & & \end{array} \right] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \left( \begin{array}{c} -\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{x}_o \\ 1 \end{array} \right)$$



# Modeling Manipulators

- Apply this theory to modeling manipulator arms
- Modeling of open kinematic chains
- First link is 0, last link is n
- Attach  $O_n-x_ny_nz_n$  to the end effector
- Attach  $O_i-x_iy_iz_i$  to each link
- Attach  $O_0-x_0y_0z_0$  to the base





# Denavit-Hartenberg Notation

- Uses a minimum number of parameters to describe link geometry
- Describes links consistently



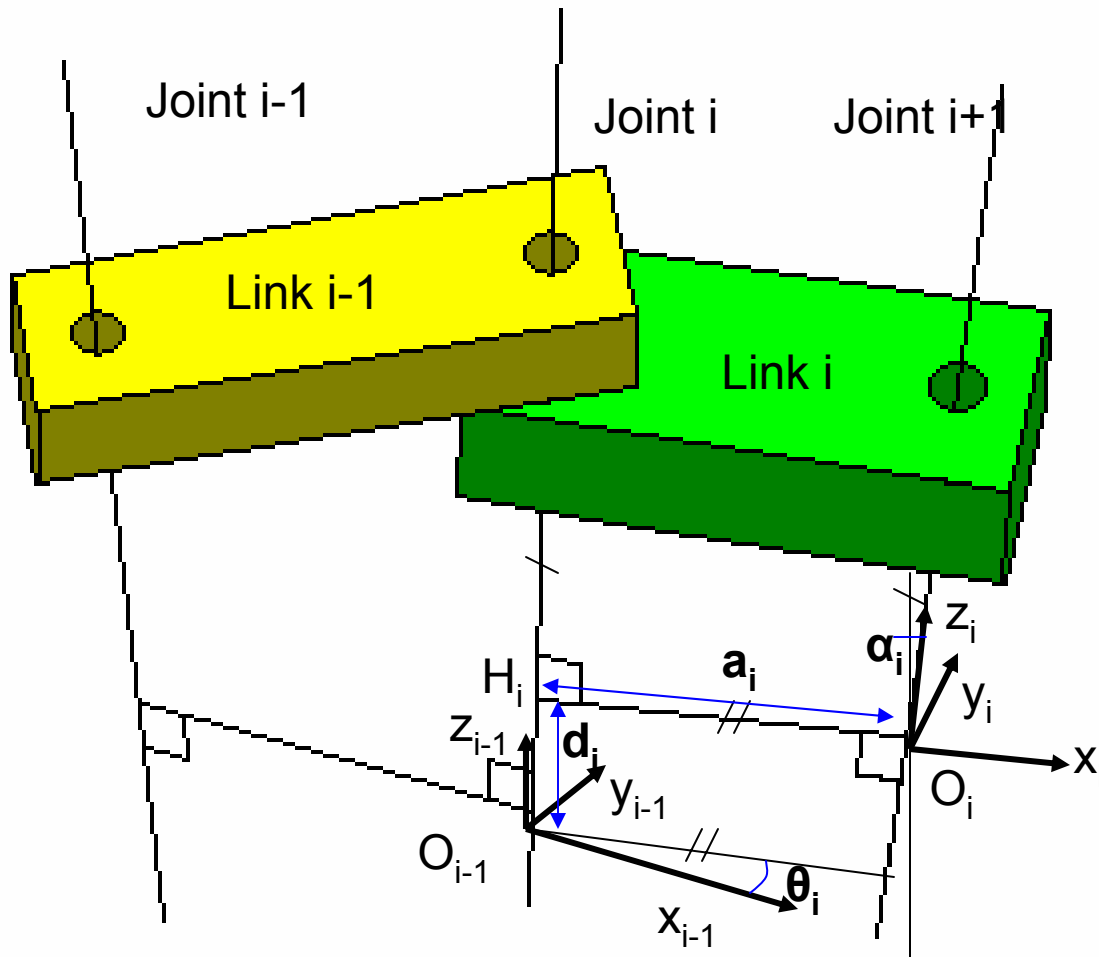


# Denavit-Hartenberg Rules

- The origin of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate frame is located at the intersection of joint axis  $i+1$  and the common normal between joint axis  $i$  and  $i+1$ .
- The  $x_i$  axis is directed along the common normal
- The  $z_i$  axis is along the joint axis  $i+1$
- The  $y_i$  axis is chosen to create a right-handed coordinate system



# DH Example





# DH Definitions

- $a_i$  – the length of the common normal
- $d_i$  – the distance between the origin  $O_{i-1}$  and the point  $H_i$
- $\alpha_i$  – the angle between the joint axis  $i$  and the  $z_i$  axis in the right-hand sense
- $\theta_i$  – the angle between the  $x_{i-1}$  axis and the common normal  $H_iO_i$  measured about the  $z_{i-1}$  axis in the right-hand sense





# DH Parameters

- Link Parameters
  - $a_i$  and  $\alpha_i$  are constants that represent the length of the link and the twist angle between the joints
- Joint Parameters
  - $d_i$  and  $\theta_i$  are vary as the joint moves
  - For prismatic joints, only  $d_i$  varies
  - For revolute joints, only  $\theta_i$  varies





# The Joint Relationship

- For each joint there is an equation

$$\mathbf{X}^{i-1} = \mathbf{A}_i^{i-1} \mathbf{X}^i$$

- Where

$$\mathbf{A}_i^{i-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_i & -\sin \theta_i \cos \alpha_i & \sin \theta_i \sin \alpha_i & a_i \cos \theta_i \\ \sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i \cos \alpha_i & -\cos \theta_i \sin \alpha_i & a_i \sin \theta_i \\ 0 & \sin \alpha_i & \cos \alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Kinematic Equation

- Since joints can only be prismatic or revolute we use  $q_i$  to denote  $d_i$  &  $\theta_i$
- $T$  is a 4x4 matrix representing the position of the end effector with reference to the base frame

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{A}_1^0(q_1)\mathbf{A}_2^1(q_2)\dots\mathbf{A}_n^{n-1}(q_n)$$

- This is the kinematic equation



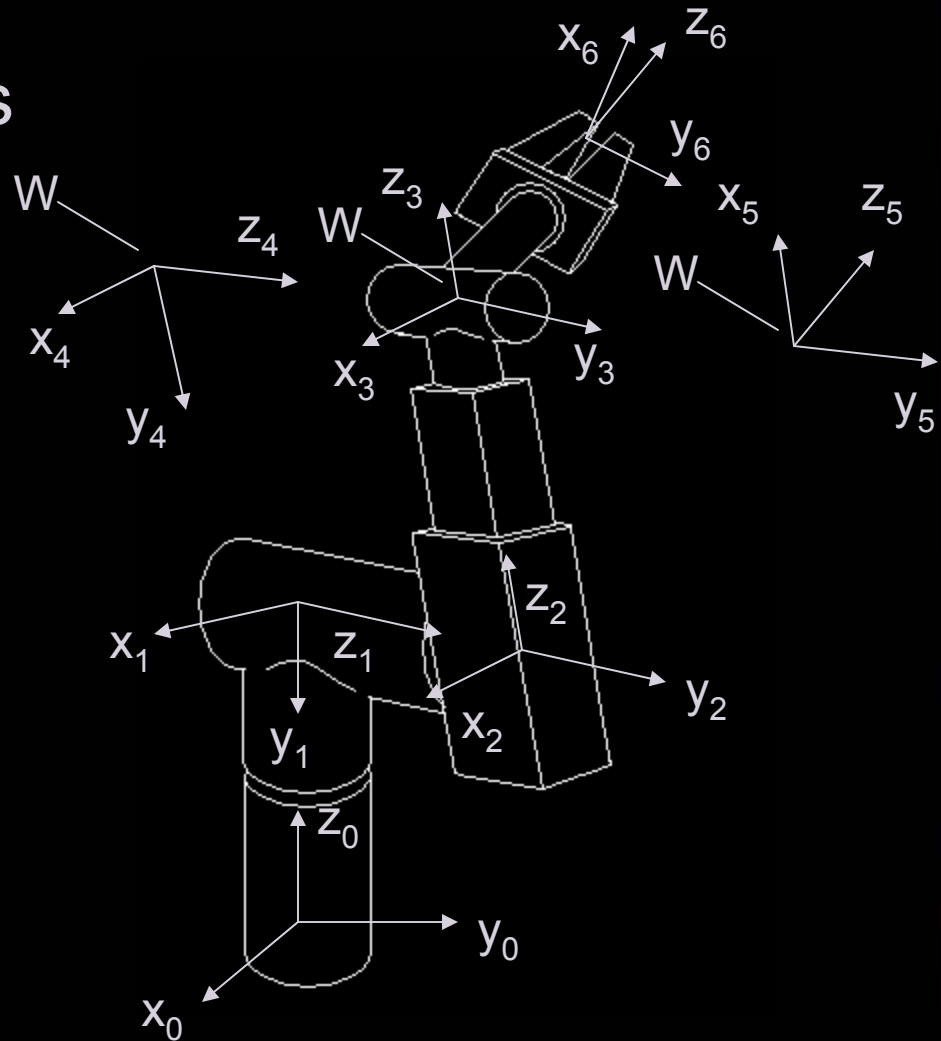


# Special DH Rules

- End Effector Link
  - Coordinate frame can be located conveniently.
  - $x_n$  must intersect the last joint axis at a right angle
- Base Link
  - Origin can be located conveniently along joint axis 1
  - $z_0$  must be parallel to joint axis 1

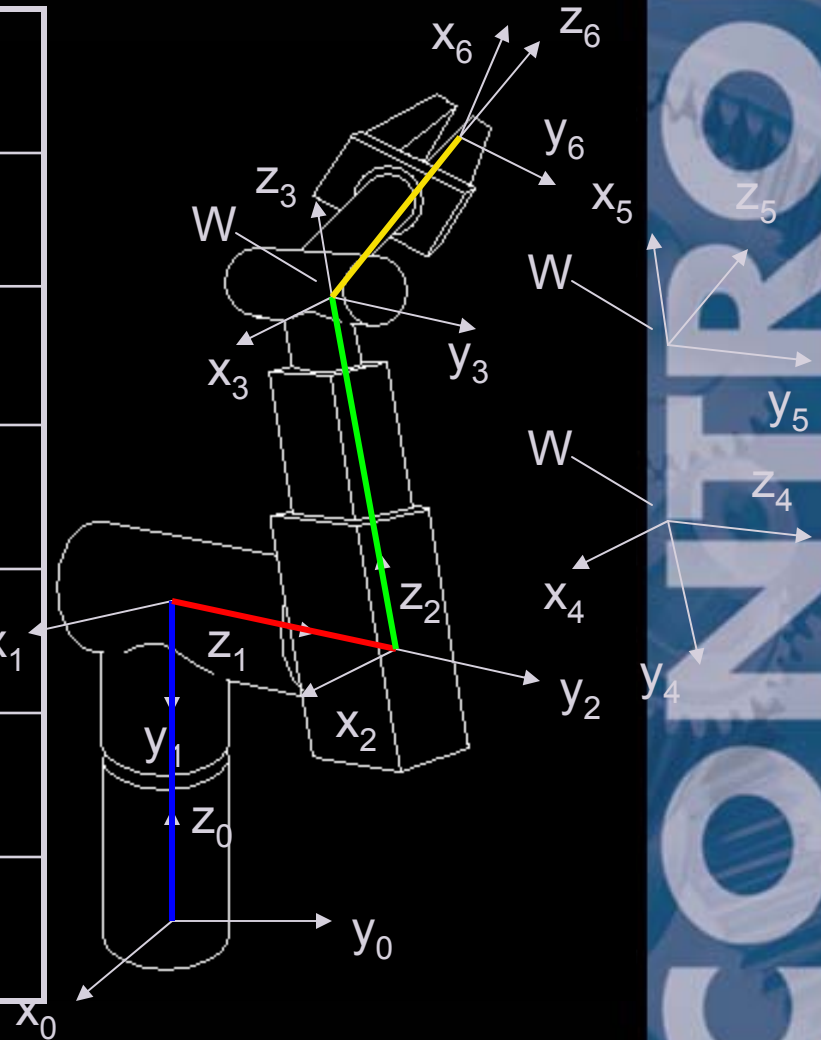
# 5-R-1-P Example

- Identify Joints
- Place  $O_0$
- Place  $O_1$
- Place  $O_2$
- Place  $O_3$
- Place  $O_4$
- Place  $O_5$



# 5-R-1-P Example

|   | $a_i$ | $\alpha_i$ | $d_i$ | $\theta_i$ |
|---|-------|------------|-------|------------|
| 1 | -90   | 0          | $l_0$ | $\theta_1$ |
| 2 | 90    | 0          | $l_1$ | $\theta_2$ |
| 3 | 0     | 0          | $d_3$ | 0          |
| 4 | -90   | 0          | 0     | $\theta_4$ |
| 5 | 90    | 0          | 0     | $\theta_5$ |
| 6 | 0     | 0          | $l_2$ | $\theta_6$ |



# 5-R-P-1 Example

$$\mathbf{A}_1^0(\theta_1) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 & -s_1 & 0 \\ s_1 & 0 & c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & l_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_3^4(\theta_4) = \begin{bmatrix} c_4 & 0 & -s_4 & 0 \\ s_4 & 0 & c_4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_2^1(\theta_2) = \begin{bmatrix} c_2 & 0 & s_2 & 0 \\ s_2 & 0 & -c_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & l_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_5^4(\theta_5) = \begin{bmatrix} c_5 & 0 & s_5 & 0 \\ s_5 & 0 & -c_5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_3^2(d_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_6^5(\theta_6) = \begin{bmatrix} c_6 & -s_6 & 0 & 0 \\ s_6 & c_6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & l_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## 5-R-P-1 Example

- Finally the Kinematic Equation is given by

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{A}_1^0(\theta_1)\mathbf{A}_2^1(\theta_2)\mathbf{A}_3^2(d_3)\mathbf{A}_4^3(\theta_4)\mathbf{A}_5^4(\theta_5)\mathbf{A}_6^5(\theta_6)$$

- Now we can move on to inverse kinematics
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# Robotics II

## Inverse Kinematics





# Inverse Kinematics

- Find the angles that provide a specific end effector position and orientation
- $N$  equations and  $n$  unknowns





# Solvability

- Given a 6 axis robot
- If three axis intersect at a point
- The equations can be divided into sets of 3 simultaneous equations
- It can be proven that there exists a closed form solution for divided simultaneous equations with three unknowns.



# R-5-P-1 Example

$$p_x^* = p_x - l_2 b_x$$

$$p_y^* = p_y - l_2 b_y$$

$$p_z^* = p_z - l_2 b_x$$

$$\theta_1 = 2 \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{-p_z^* \pm \sqrt{p_z^{*2} + p_y^{*2} + l_1^2}}{l_1 + p_y^*} \right]$$

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{p_z^* c_1 + p_y^* s_1}{p_z^* - l_0} \right]$$

$$d_3 = \pm \sqrt{(p_z^* c_1 + p_y^* s_1)^2 + (p_z^* - l_0)^2}$$

# R-5-P-1 Example

$$\theta_4 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{b_{y'}}{b_{z'}} \right)$$

$$\theta_5 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{b_{x'}c_4 + b_{y'}s_4}{b_{z'}} \right)$$

$$\theta_6 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-n_{x'}s_4 + n_{y'}c_4}{-t_{x'}s_4 + t_{y'}c_4} \right)$$



# Robotics IV

Feedback





# Feedback Challenges

- Robots can do remote tasks if communications can keep up.
- Slow connections or long distances limit human operators





# Feedback Solutions

- Extra Intelligence and Sensors at the end-effector reduces the communications bandwidth
- Laser Gauges, Radar, Sonar, Vision, Touch probes can help operators do things previously impossible with their own skills.





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