

Kinematics: overview, transforms, and wheels

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Kinematics

- What is kinematics?
 - The study of the motion of objects.
 - The study of the **geometrically possible motion** of a body or system of bodies
 - Regardless of causes and effects of motion
- Movement determines the (eventual) position and orientation of the robot
 - Mobile: position and orientation wrt. some initial frame
 - Manipulator: position and orientation of end effector
- But... what are we trying to do??
 - **Get a robot where we want it to be!**

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Review: Kinematic Models

- Models **how a system can move in the world**
 1. With respect to the world and its own parts
 2. Configuration: where are all the points on the system?
- Manipulators: links, joints, base
 - Manipulator links from a chain
 - Serial or parallel (mostly)
- Mobile robots: possible x/y/z movement
 - Omni wheels \neq wheels \neq flying

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Review: Kinematic Chains

Multiple links and joints are called a *kinematic chain*.

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Review: Frames of Reference

- What's a frame of reference?
 - A coordinate system + point(s) to locate and orient it
 - Usually x , y , and sometimes z coordinates, plus origin
- Things move with respect to some frame of reference.

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Kinematics and IK

- Need **position** and **orientation** of the robot
 - Mobile: with respect to an arbitrary initial frame
 - Manipulator: position and orientation of **end effector**
- Forward kinematics: from parameters to configuration
 - A configuration is _____
- Inverse Kinematics (IK): from a desired configuration to parameters that make it so

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Forward Kinematics

- Find position and orientation **from** parameters
 - Mobile: robot center
 - Manipulator: end effector
- Manip. Forward Kinematics (angles to position)
 - Given:**
 - Kinematic model *plus*
 - Angle/displacement of each joint
 - Find:**
 - The position of any point
 - E.g.: Paintbrush is at these coordinates, pointed *this way*

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Inverse Kinematics (IK)


- Find parameters from position and orientation
 - Mobile: robot center
 - Manipulator: end effector
- Manip. **Inverse** Kinematics (position to angles)
 - Given:**
 - Parameters and kinematics model
 - Desired position/orientation of robot
 - Find:**
 - Parameters: angle/displacement to obtain that position

Why?


We have *direct* control over joints.

We have *indirect* control over robot's position in the world.

If we want the paintbrush here...








we need to know what to tell joints to do.



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Position and Orientation


What do these mean for...	Position: Where is it?	What's its orientation?
Mobile Robot	On an $\{x,y\}$ plane 	Heading θ 
Manipulator	In some $\{x,y,z\}$ space 	$\{r/p/y\}$ of end effector 



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Mobile Robot Kinematics

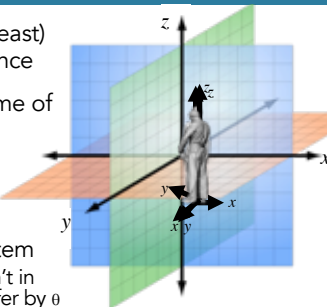

- Description of mechanical behavior of the robot for **design** and **control**
 - Similar to manipulator kinematics
- However, mobile robots can move unbounded with respect to the environment
 - No direct way to measure robot's position
 - Position must be integrated over time
 - Leads to inaccuracies of the position (motion) estimate



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Global + Local FoR

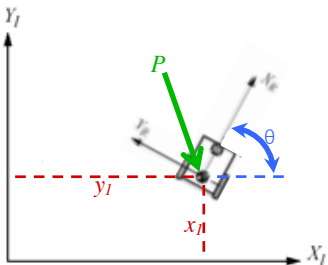

- We always have (at least) two frames of reference
- Global** (or initial) frame of reference: the world the system exists in
- Local** (or robot) frame of reference: grounded in the system
 - If she turns, they aren't in agreement – they differ by θ
- Transform** coordinates from one to the other

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Kinematics

Transforms & Wheels

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Mobile Kinematics: Concepts

- Forward Kinematics:
 - Parameters \rightarrow Configuration
- Inverse Kinematics (IK):
 - Configuration \rightarrow Parameters
 - I want to be in this configuration. What motions should I make?
- Mobile **configuration** = position and orientation with respect to an arbitrary initial frame I
- Understanding mobile robot motion starts with understanding **constraints on the robot's mobility**

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Wheeled Motion Control

- Requirements for controlling motion:
 - Kinematic / dynamic models of the robot
 - Model of interaction between the wheel and the ground
 - Definition of required motion
 - What speed and position controls are there? Are possible?
 - A control policy that satisfies the requirements

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What We're Trying to Do

- Sequence of events:
 - Power on: position = (0,0), orientation = due north
 - Rotate 15° right
 - Move forward 2 meters
 - Observe obstacle
 - Rotate 30° left
 - Move forward 1 meter
- Position - (? , ?), orientation = ?°
- Where's the obstacle?

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Projections

- A projection of a vector v onto an axis is the amount of change along that axis along v
- Here:
 - $a = \Delta x_i$
 - $b = \Delta y_i$
- This is the change in position in that axis
- So now we can talk about where something is on x_i, y_i axes, given v

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Specifying Transforms

- How does a robot (or system) relate to the global frame of reference?
 - Configuration = position and orientation
- Position: x, y coordinates $x_{I,t}$ and $y_{I,t}$
 - I = initial (global)
 - t = timestep
- Orientation: θ
 - Angle between robot's coordinate system and initial coordinate system

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Mobile Position & Orientation

Frames of reference:

- $\{X_I, Y_I\}$: Global
- $\{X_R, Y_R\}$: Robot

Robot: point P

Position (of P): $\{x_{I,I}, y_{I,I}\}$

Heading: $\{\theta\}: I \angle R$

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Mobile Position Change

$\{x_1, y_1\} \rightarrow \{x_1, y_2\}$

Position Change

$\xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$

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Mobile Orientation Change

$\{\theta_1\} \rightarrow \{\theta_2\}$

Orientation Change

$\xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$

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Mapping Between Frames

- Representing robot in an arbitrary initial frame
 - Initial frame: $\{X_I, Y_I\}$
 - Robot frame: $\{X_R, Y_R\}$
 - Robot: $\xi_1 = [x \ y \ \theta]^T$
 - Just the transpose notation
- Goal
 - Map motions from global reference frame to local reference frame (and vice versa)

$\Delta \{X_R, Y_R\} \rightarrow \Delta \{X_I, Y_I\}$

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Mapping Between Frames

- Global reference frame $\{X_I, Y_I\}$ and local reference frame $\{X_R, Y_R\}$
 - Map motion from **axes** of one to **axes** of the other
 - This mapping depends on current pose
- How do you do this mapping?
 - How do you perform a rotation in Euclidean spaces?

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Mapping Between Frames

- With a **rotation matrix**
- Any point $\langle x, y \rangle$ in space (aka $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$) can be multiplied by some matrix...
 - (spoiler: it's usually) $R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$
- The result is the coordinates in the **other** frame, rotated by θ around z .
- This matrix rotates points in the x - y plane counter-clockwise, through θ , around the origin.

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Mapping Between Frames

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 - Mapping depends on current pose
- Use the **orthogonal reference frame***:

$$R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**this one rotates around z*

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The Z Rotation Matrix

$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$

*AKA orthogonal rotation matrix 26

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The Z Rotation Matrix*

$\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$

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The Z Rotation Matrix

- If we assume frame axes are of length 1...

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*AKA orthogonal rotation matrix 29

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The Z Rotation Matrix

- If we assume frame axes are of length 1
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 - $b = \sin \theta$
 - $c = -\sin \theta$
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Now Watch
<https://youtu.be/IVjFhNv2N8o>
 She goes through the same material, but a bit slower; she also derives these rotation matrices, which can help.

*AKA orthogonal rotation matrix 34

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Mapping Between Frames

- Rotation matrices (in Euclidean space)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_R \\ y_R \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_I \\ y_I \end{bmatrix}$$
- Rotates points in the x - y plane counter-clockwise, through θ , around the origin.
- To use R , the position of each point is represented by a **vector**.
- A rotated vector is then obtained with matrix multiplication.

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Orthogonal Rotation Matrix

- This mapping function is called $R(\theta) \xi_I$ because it depends on θ .

$$R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\xi_R = R(\pi/2) \xi_I$

Example: $R(\pi/2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ Why?

Z rotation matrix

$\cos(\pi/2)=0$
 $\sin(\pi/2)=1$
 $\tan(\pi/2)=\text{infty}$
 $\cot(\pi/2)=0$
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Orthogonal Rotation Matrix

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 For another (brief) explanation and an example.

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Next time...

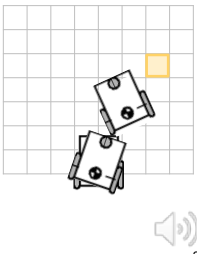
- Whoosh!
- Class: let's actually do some of this!
- Next lecture: calculating movement using displacement vectors
- Some of the kinematics of 3D movement



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Remember this?

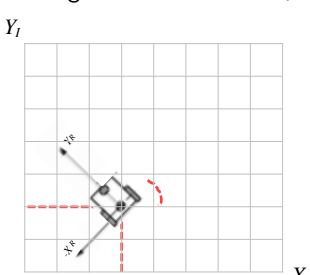
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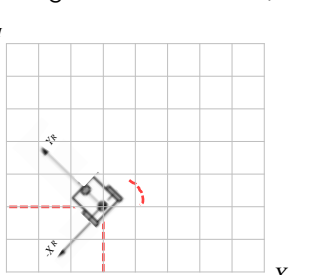
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Rotation matrices, ex 1

- What is the current configuration of the robot, by eye?

$\xi_I =$

- Configuration in the initial frame is denoted by ξ_I



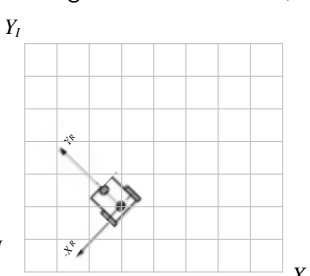
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Rotation matrices, ex 1

- What is the current configuration of the robot, by eye?

$\xi_I = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$

- Configuration in the initial frame is denoted by ξ_I
- x , y , and θ denote the coordinates and rotation in I



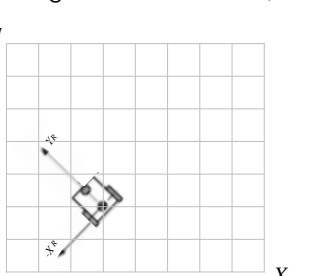
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Rotation matrices, ex 1

- What is the current configuration of the robot, by eye?

$\xi_I = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 45^\circ \end{bmatrix}$

- Configuration in the initial frame is denoted by ξ_I
- x , y , and θ denote the coordinates and rotation in I
- This looks right



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Rotation matrices, ex 1

- What is the current configuration of the robot, by eye?

$$\xi_I = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 45^\circ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ \pi/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Configuration in the initial frame is denoted by ξ_I
- x , y , and θ denote the coordinates and rotation in I
- This looks right
- It's always easier to use radians

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Discussion

- Why is it 45° and not 315°?
 - Because this is the *counterclockwise* rotation matrix
- Why does the robot show axis $-X_R$ instead of X_R ?
 - To make it easier to line up with X_I
 - Because I don't have space to draw the arrow pointing the other way

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Rotation matrices, ex 2

- What is the (solved) instantaneous rotation matrix of the robot below?

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- First, the configuration

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- First, the configuration
- This looks right
 - Why is it 315°?

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Rotation matrices, ex 2

- What is the (solved) instantaneous rotation matrix of the robot below?

$$\xi_I = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 315^\circ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 7\pi/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- First, the configuration
- This looks right
 - Why is it 315°?
- Always easier in radians

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Rotation matrices, ex 2

- What is the (solved) instantaneous rotation matrix of the robot below?

Y_I

$$\xi_I = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 7\pi/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Okay, how do we get a matrix from this vector?

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- (Let's make some space)

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Rotation matrices, ex 2

- What is the (solved) instantaneous rotation matrix of the robot below?

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- We apply the z rotation matrix

X_I

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Rotation matrices, ex 2

- What is the (solved) instantaneous rotation matrix of the robot below?

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- We apply the z rotation matrix
- Plug in theta...

X_I

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Rotation matrices, ex 2

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- This is it.

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- We apply the z rotation matrix
- Plug in theta...
- This is it.
- The instantaneous rotation matrix of this guy:

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Rotations matrices, ex 3

- So far we have been working with the z-axis orthogonal rotation matrix, derived:
 - Here: <https://youtu.be/lViFhNv2N8o>
 - Here: <https://youtu.be/OYuoPTRVzxY>
 - Here (new): <https://youtu.be/8XRvpDhTJpw>
- What if we want to rotate something around another axis, say, x?
 - "Pitch"

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Rotations matrices, ex 3

- Consider: what's the instantaneous rotation matrix for this robot?
- How would you **derive** the orthogonal rotation matrix for going counterclockwise around X?
 - Or some arbitrary axis?

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Rotations matrices, ex 3

- What's the instantaneous rotation matrix for this robot?
- You won't need to do such a derivation on this week's quiz
- But it's a good idea to consider the source of the math
 - In general!
- Solution: <https://youtu.be.com/wg9bl8-Qx2Q>

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