
CS485 AUTONOMOUS ROBOTICS

Homework 1 Kinematics

Due: February 24 before class

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1 Transformations

1.1 Which two components does a rigid body transformation entail? How do we represent such a transformation? (10 points)

1.2 List all five types of transformations in a plane, how their transformation matrices look like, and how many degrees of freedom they have. (15 points)

1.3 Why do we need pose, instead of position, to represent a robot configuration? (5 points)

1.4 List (at least) two ways to represent rotations. (10 points)

1.5 Frame Transformation for Navigation (20 points)

During the BARN Challenge, the Jackal starts at $(x, y, \text{yaw}) = (0, 0, 0^\circ)$ and navigates to a goal at $(x, y) = (5, 6)$, both expressed in the world frame. Now the Jackal reaches $(1, 1, 45^\circ)$. What are the coordinates of the goal expressed in the current robot frame of the Jackal?

Please provide detailed derivation and schematics if necessary to illustrate your derivation.

2 Kinematics

2.1 Forward Kinematics (20 points)

You have a three-link manipulator robot. The 1st link is attached to the ground with a 0.3m length and a 30° angle with respect to the horizontal axis (towards right); The 2nd link is 0.2m and attached to the end of the 1st link with a 45° angle with respect to the 1st link; The 3rd link is 0.3m and attached to the end of the 2nd link with a 30° angle with respect to the 2nd link. Please draw a diagram of this manipulator and derive the position of the end-effector.

2.2 Inverse Kinematics (20 points)

For the same manipulator robot above, the end-effector is at $(0.2, 0.6)$. How many degrees do all three joints need to rotate from $(0^\circ, 0^\circ, 0^\circ)$ so that the effector can reach this position? Please at least provide one solution (you will get extra 10 points if you provide a 2nd solution).