

Inverse kinematics

From kinematics to joints



UNIVERSITATEA
BABEȘ-BOLYAI

Last update: April 23, 2021

Agenda

- Background
- Better understanding of the FK
- What is inverse kinematics?
- Solving
- Examples



Forward Kinematics

Better understanding

Definition

A transformation matrix that calculates the pose of the segment of interest in terms of the joint coordinates q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} X_X & Y_X & Z_X & P_x \\ X_Y & Y_Y & Z_Y & P_y \\ X_Z & Y_Z & Z_Z & P_z \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$



Forward Kinematics

Better understanding

This is basically a function of $q = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n]$ that returns the pose of the end-effector



Forward Kinematics

Better understanding

This is basically a function of $q = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n]$ that returns the pose of the end-effector

$$f(q) \mapsto P_x, P_y, P_z, R$$



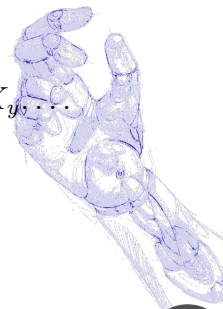
Forward Kinematics

Better understanding

This is basically a function of $q = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n]$ that returns the pose of the end-effector

$$f(q) \mapsto P_x, P_y, P_z, R$$

Where R is the orientation defined in terms of X_x, X_y, \dots



Inverse Kinematics

Definition

Inverse kinematics is the 'inverse' of the forward kinematics



Inverse Kinematics

Definition

Inverse kinematics is the 'inverse' of the forward kinematics

$$g(P_x, P_y, P_z, R) \mapsto q = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n]$$



Inverse Kinematics

Definition

Inverse kinematics is the 'inverse' of the forward kinematics

$$g(P_x, P_y, P_z, R) \mapsto q = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n]$$

A function that given a specific pose, returns the joint coordinates.



Inverse and Forward kinematics

What is the difference?

Forward kinematics

I want to know where will my end-effector be, if I give specific coordinates (values) to each joint



Inverse and Forward kinematics

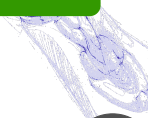
What is the difference?

Forward kinematics

I want to know where will my end-effector be, if I give specific coordinates (values) to each joint

Inverse geometric model

I want to know what should the joint coordinates (values) be in order for my end-effector to reach a specific pose



Inverse and Forward kinematics

What is the difference?

The inverse model is usually more useful.



Inverse and Forward kinematics

What is the difference?

The inverse model is usually more useful.

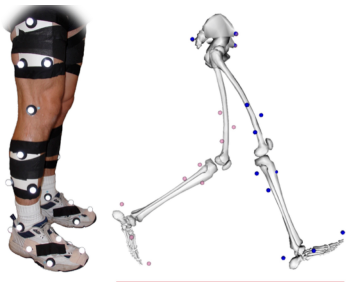
Can you imagine why?



Inverse and Forward kinematics

What is the difference?

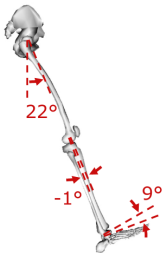
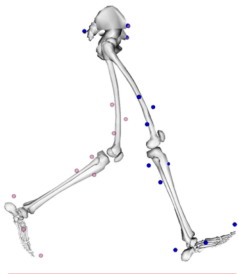
The inverse model is usually more useful.



Inverse and Forward kinematics

What is the difference?

The inverse model is usually more useful.



Inverse and Forward kinematics

What is the difference?

The inverse model is usually more useful.

But it is also most difficult to derive and we need the forward kinematics to derive it.



Inverse and Forward kinematics

What is the difference?

The inverse model is usually more useful.

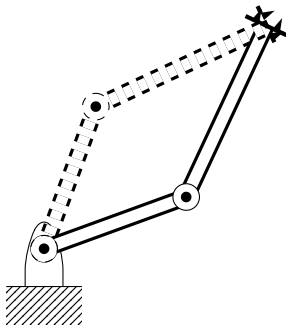
But it is also most difficult to derive and we need the forward kinematics to derive it.

Can you imagine why?



Inverse kinematics model

Why so difficult?

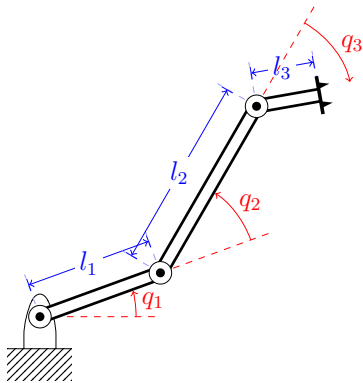


The inverse kinematic model might have more than one solution for a specific pose

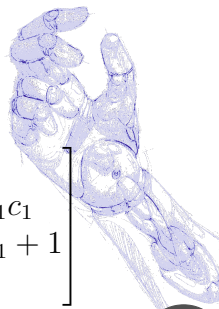


Inverse kinematics model

Why so difficult?



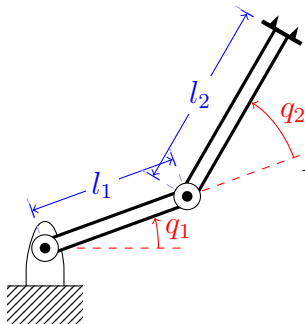
$$R_0^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{1,2,3} & -s_{1,2,3} & l_2 c_{1,2} + l_3 c_{1,2,3} + l_1 c_1 \\ 0 & s_{1,2,3} & c_{1,2,3} & l_2 s_{1,2} + l_3 s_{1,2,3} + l_1 s_1 + 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



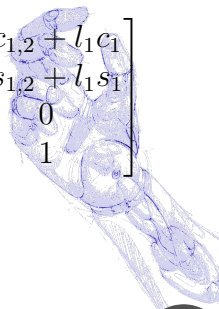
Inverse kinematics model

Derivation

The inverse model can be difficult to solve even for simple models



$$R(q_1, q_2) = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1,2} & -s_{1,2} & 0 & l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1 \\ s_{1,2} & c_{1,2} & 0 & l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Derivation

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{1,2} & -s_{1,2} & 0 & l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1 \\ s_{1,2} & c_{1,2} & 0 & l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_X & Y_X & Z_X & P_x \\ X_Y & Y_Y & Z_Y & P_y \\ X_Z & Y_Z & Z_Z & P_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Derivation

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{1,2} & -s_{1,2} & 0 & l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1 \\ s_{1,2} & c_{1,2} & 0 & l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_X & Y_X & Z_X & P_x \\ X_Y & Y_Y & Z_Y & P_y \\ X_Z & Y_Z & Z_Z & P_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

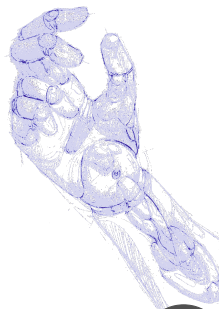
$$\cos(q_1 + q_2) = X_x = Y_y$$

$$\sin(q_1 + q_2) = X_y = -Y_x$$

$$l_2 \cos(q_1 + q_2) + l_1 \cos q_1 = P_x$$

$$l_2 \sin(q_1 + q_2) + l_1 \sin q_1 = P_y$$

$$0 = P_z$$



Inverse kinematics model

Derivation

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{1,2} & -s_{1,2} & 0 & l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1 \\ s_{1,2} & c_{1,2} & 0 & l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_X & Y_X & Z_X & P_x \\ X_Y & Y_Y & Z_Y & P_y \\ X_Z & Y_Z & Z_Z & P_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\cos(q_1 + q_2) = X_x = Y_y$$

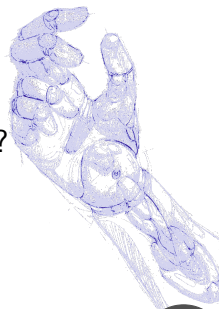
$$\sin(q_1 + q_2) = X_y = -Y_x$$

$$l_2 \cos(q_1 + q_2) + l_1 \cos q_1 = P_x$$

$$l_2 \sin(q_1 + q_2) + l_1 \sin q_1 = P_y$$

$$0 = P_z$$

How do we solve this?



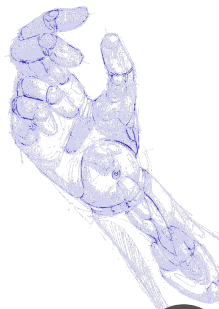
Inverse kinematics model

Derivation

We are looking for this

$$q_1 = f(P_x, P_y)$$

$$q_2 = g(P_x, P_y)$$



Inverse kinematics model

Derivation

We are looking for this

$$q_1 = f(P_x, P_y)$$

$$q_2 = g(P_x, P_y)$$

- Analytical solutions



Inverse kinematics model

Derivation

We are looking for this

$$q_1 = f(P_x, P_y)$$

$$q_2 = g(P_x, P_y)$$

- Analytical solutions
- Geometrical solutions



Inverse kinematics model

Derivation

We are looking for this

$$q_1 = f(P_x, P_y)$$

$$q_2 = g(P_x, P_y)$$

- Analytical solutions
- Geometrical solutions
- Numerical solutions



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solutions

The idea is to try to find an equation for each joint variable q_n that only depends on the pose or on other joint variables that have already been expressed in terms of pose.



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solutions

The idea is to try to find an equation for each joint variable q_n that only depends on the pose or on other joint variables that have already been expressed in terms of pose.

- We equate the FK with the general homogeneous matrix



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solutions

The idea is to try to find an equation for each joint variable q_n that only depends on the pose or on other joint variables that have already been expressed in terms of pose.

- We equate the FK with the general homogeneous matrix
- We identify joint variables that can be isolated

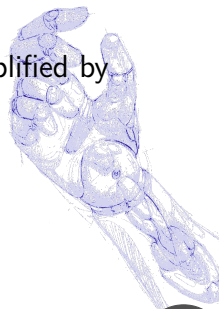


Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solutions

The idea is to try to find an equation for each joint variable q_n that only depends on the pose or on other joint variables that have already been expressed in terms of pose.

- We equate the FK with the general homogeneous matrix
- We identify joint variables that can be isolated
- We identify pair of joint variables that can be simplified by division

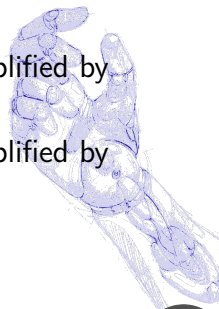


Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solutions

The idea is to try to find an equation for each joint variable q_n that only depends on the pose or on other joint variables that have already been expressed in terms of pose.

- We equate the FK with the general homogeneous matrix
- We identify joint variables that can be isolated
- We identify pair of joint variables that can be simplified by division
- We identify pair of joint variables that can be simplified by trigonometry



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solutions

If not all joint variables are expressed as a function of the pose, we multiply from left(right) the inverse transformation of the first(last) joint.



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solutions

If not all joint variables are expressed as a function of the pose, we multiply from left(right) the inverse transformation of the first(last) joint.

$$R_0^n = R_0^1 R_1^2 \dots R_{n-1}^n = R_g$$



Inverse kinematics model

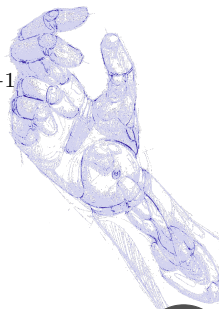
Analytical solutions

If not all joint variables are expressed as a function of the pose, we multiply from left(right) the inverse transformation of the first(last) joint.

$$R_0^n = R_0^1 R_1^2 \dots R_{n-1}^n = R_g$$

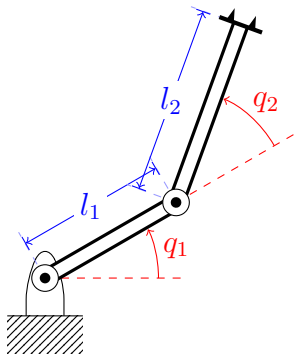
$$(R_0^1)^{-1} R_0^n = (R_0^1)^{-1} R_g \text{ or } R_0^n (R_{n-1}^n)^{-1} = R_g (R_{n-1}^n)^{-1}$$

And we try to isolate again



Inverse kinematics model

Examples



$$R(q_1, q_2) = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1,2} & -s_{1,2} & 0 & l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1 \\ s_{1,2} & c_{1,2} & 0 & l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

$$x = l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1$$

$$y = l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

$$x = l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1$$

$$y = l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 (c_1 c_{1,2} + s_1 s_{1,2})$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

$$x = l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1$$

$$y = l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 (c_1 c_{1,2} + s_1 s_{1,2})$$

Remember:

$$\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos\alpha \cos\beta + \sin\alpha \sin\beta$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

$$x = l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1$$

$$y = l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 (c_1 c_{1,2} + s_1 s_{1,2})$$

Remember:

$$\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos\alpha \cos\beta + \sin\alpha \sin\beta$$

Therefore:

$$x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 c_2$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

$$x = l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1$$

$$y = l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 (c_1 c_{1,2} + s_1 s_{1,2})$$

Remember:

$$\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos\alpha \cos\beta + \sin\alpha \sin\beta$$

Therefore:

$$x^2 + y^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 + 2l_1 l_2 c_2$$

$$c_2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 l_2}$$

$$q_2 = \cos^{-1} \frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 l_2}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

$$\begin{aligned}x &= l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1 \\y &= l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1\end{aligned}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

$$x = l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1$$

$$y = l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1$$

Remember:

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos\alpha\cos\beta - \sin\alpha\sin\beta$$

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \cos\alpha\sin\beta + \cos\beta\sin\alpha$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

$$x = l_2 c_{1,2} + l_1 c_1$$

$$y = l_2 s_{1,2} + l_1 s_1$$

Remember:

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos\alpha\cos\beta - \sin\alpha\sin\beta$$

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \cos\alpha\sin\beta + \cos\beta\sin\alpha$$

Therefore:

$$x = l_2 c_1 c_2 - l_2 s_1 s_2 + l_1 c_1$$

$$y = l_2 c_1 s_2 + l_2 c_2 s_1 + l_1 s_1$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

We can write:

$$x = k_1 c_1 - k_2 s_1$$

$$y = k_1 s_1 + k_2 c_1$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

We can write:

$$x = k_1 c_1 - k_2 s_1$$

$$y = k_1 s_1 + k_2 c_1$$

Where:

$$k_1 = l_1 + l_2 c_2$$

$$k_2 = l_2 s_2$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

We can write:

$$x = k_1 c_1 - k_2 s_1$$

$$y = k_1 s_1 + k_2 c_1$$

Where:

$$k_1 = l_1 + l_2 c_2$$

$$k_2 = l_2 s_2$$

We define:

$$r = \sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2}$$

$$\beta = \text{atan2}(k_2, k_1)$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

We can write:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= k_1 c_1 - k_2 s_1 \\y &= k_1 s_1 + k_2 c_1\end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}k_1 &= r \cos \beta \\k_2 &= r \sin \beta\end{aligned}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned}k_1 &= l_1 + l_2 c_2 \\k_2 &= l_2 s_2\end{aligned}$$

We define:

$$\begin{aligned}r &= \sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2} \\ \beta &= \text{atan2}(k_2, k_1)\end{aligned}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

We can write:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= k_1 c_1 - k_2 s_1 \\y &= k_1 s_1 + k_2 c_1\end{aligned}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned}k_1 &= l_1 + l_2 c_2 \\k_2 &= l_2 s_2\end{aligned}$$

We define:

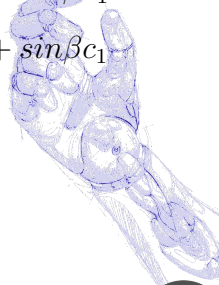
$$\begin{aligned}r &= \sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2} \\ \beta &= \text{atan2}(k_2, k_1)\end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}k_1 &= r \cos \beta \\k_2 &= r \sin \beta\end{aligned}$$

So we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x}{r} &= \cos \beta c_1 - \sin \beta s_1 \\ \frac{y}{r} &= \cos \beta s_1 + \sin \beta c_1\end{aligned}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

We can write:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= k_1 c_1 - k_2 s_1 \\ y &= k_1 s_1 + k_2 c_1\end{aligned}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned}k_1 &= l_1 + l_2 c_2 \\ k_2 &= l_2 s_2\end{aligned}$$

We define:

$$\begin{aligned}r &= \sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2} \\ \beta &= \text{atan2}(k_2, k_1)\end{aligned}$$

Then:

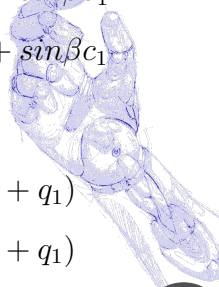
$$\begin{aligned}k_1 &= r \cos \beta \\ k_2 &= r \sin \beta\end{aligned}$$

So we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x}{r} &= \cos \beta c_1 - \sin \beta s_1 \\ \frac{y}{r} &= \cos \beta s_1 + \sin \beta c_1\end{aligned}$$

Or:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x}{r} &= \cos(\beta + q_1) \\ \frac{y}{r} &= \sin(\beta + q_1)\end{aligned}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

Are we there yet??



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

Are we there yet??

$$\frac{x}{r} = \cos(\beta + q_1)$$
$$\frac{y}{r} = \sin(\beta + q_1)$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

Are we there yet??

$$\frac{x}{r} = \cos(\beta + q_1)$$
$$\frac{y}{r} = \sin(\beta + q_1)$$

$$\beta + q_1 = \operatorname{atan2}\left(\frac{y}{r}, \frac{x}{r}\right) = \operatorname{atan2}(y, x)$$



Inverse kinematics model

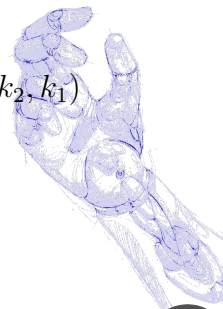
Analytical solution

Are we there yet??

$$\frac{x}{r} = \cos(\beta + q_1)$$
$$\frac{y}{r} = \sin(\beta + q_1)$$

$$\beta + q_1 = \operatorname{atan2}\left(\frac{y}{r}, \frac{x}{r}\right) = \operatorname{atan2}(y, x)$$

$$q_1 = \operatorname{atan2}(x, y) - \beta = \operatorname{atan2}(y, x) - \operatorname{atan2}(k_2, k_1)$$



Inverse kinematics model

Analytical solution

$$q_2 = \cos^{-1} \frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1l_2}$$

$$q_1 = \text{atan2}(x, y) - \beta = \text{atan2}(y, x) - \text{atan2}(k_2, k_1)$$

Where:

$$k_1 = l_1 + l_2 \cos(q_2)$$

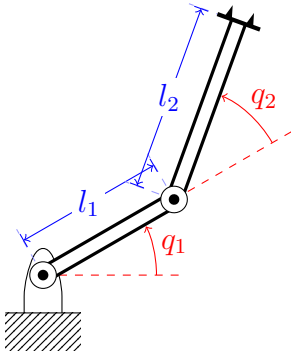
$$k_2 = l_2 \sin(q_2)$$



Inverse kinematics model

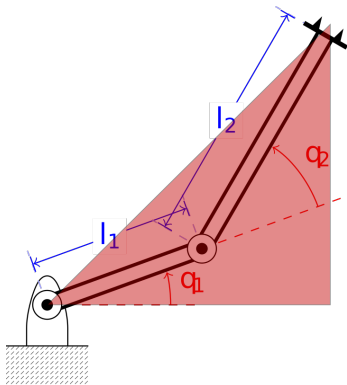
Geometric solutions

We could have solved the previous problem using geometry



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions

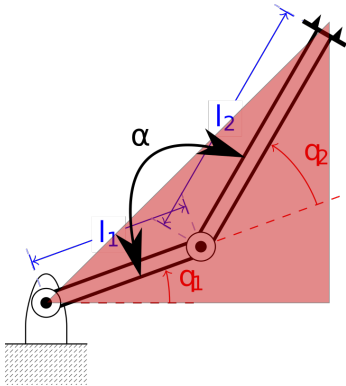


We define the length r using
Pythagoras:
$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions

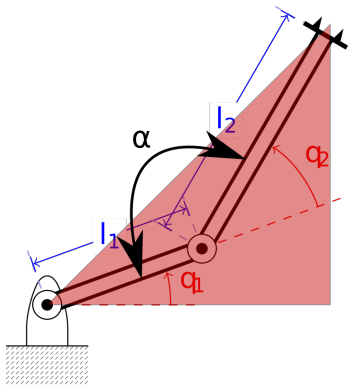


We calculate the angle α using the cosine law:



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions



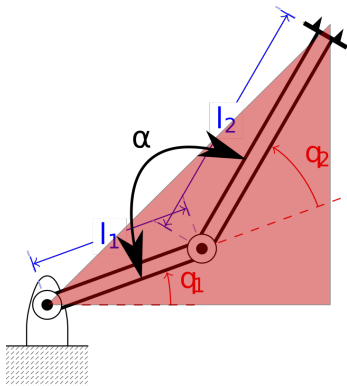
We calculate the angle α using the cosine law:

$$r^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 - 2l_1l_2\cos\alpha$$



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions



We calculate the angle α using the cosine law:

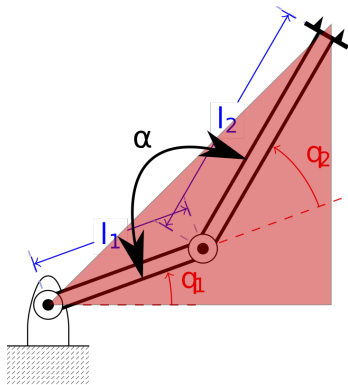
$$r^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 - 2l_1l_2\cos\alpha$$

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{l_1^2 + l_2^2 - r^2}{2l_1l_2}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions



We calculate the angle α using the cosine law:

$$r^2 = l_1^2 + l_2^2 - 2l_1l_2\cos\alpha$$

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{l_1^2 + l_2^2 - r^2}{2l_1l_2}$$

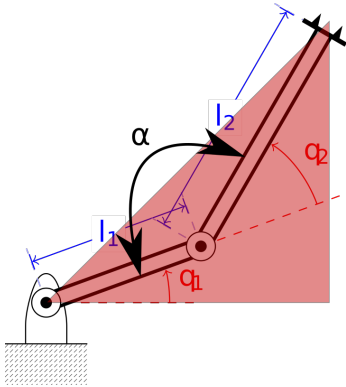
$$\cos\alpha = \frac{l_1^2 + l_2^2 - x^2 - y^2}{2l_1l_2}$$



Inverse kinematics model

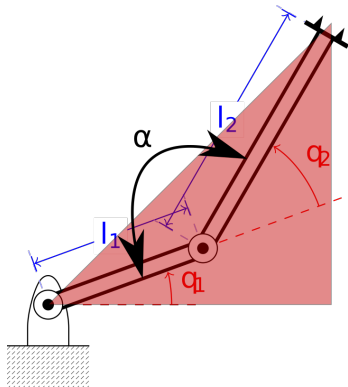
Geometric solutions

We know that: $\alpha = \pi - q_2$



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions



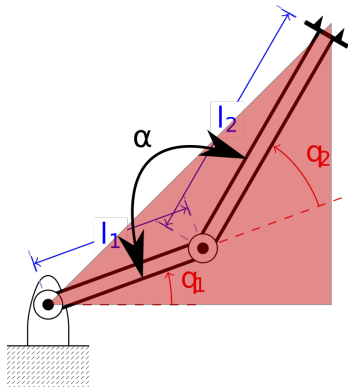
We know that: $\alpha = \pi - q_2$

And: $\cos(\pi - q) = -\cos q$



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions



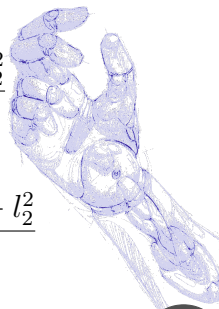
We know that: $\alpha = \pi - q_2$

And: $\cos(\pi - q) = -\cos q$

Therefore:

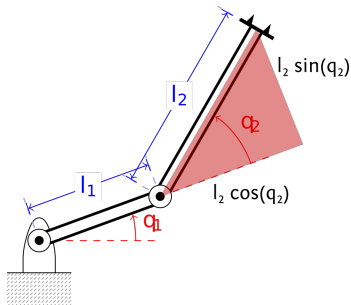
$$\cos q_2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 l_2}$$

$$q_2 = \cos^{-1} \frac{x^2 + y^2 - l_1^2 - l_2^2}{2l_1 l_2}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions

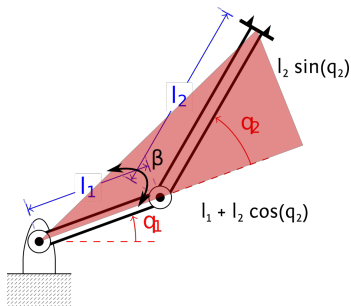


We know that the base of this triangle is $l_2 \cos q_2$ while the height of the triangle is $l_2 \sin q_2$



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions



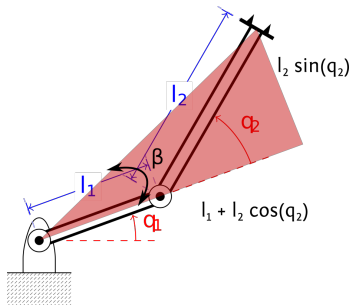
For this triangle, we can calculate the angle β :

$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \frac{l_2 \sin q_2}{l_1 + l_2 \cos q_2}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions



For this triangle, we can calculate the angle β :

$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \frac{l_2 \sin q_2}{l_1 + l_2 \cos q_2}$$

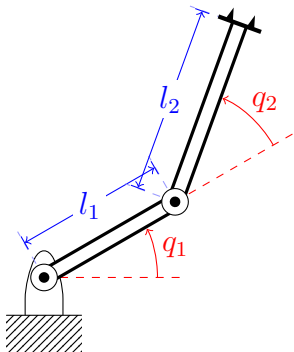
From our initial triangle we know that:

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} = \beta + q_1$$



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions



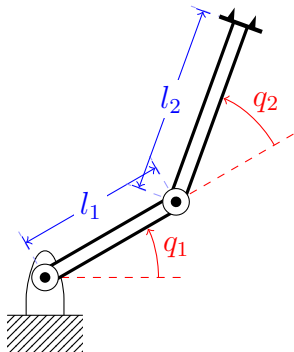
We therefore have:

$$q_1 = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} - \tan^{-1} \frac{l_2 \sin q_2}{l_1 + l_2 \cos q_2}$$



Inverse kinematics model

Geometric solutions

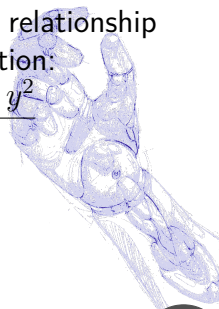


We therefore have:

$$q_1 = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} - \tan^{-1} \frac{l_2 \sin q_2}{l_1 + l_2 \cos q_2}$$

And we already know the relationship of q_2 in terms of the position:

$$q_2 = \cos^{-1} \frac{l_1^2 + l_2^2 - x^2 - y^2}{2l_1 l_2}$$





Questions?