# Day 08

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# Denavit-Hartenberg Forward Kinematics

#### RPP cylindrical manipulator

- http://strobotics.com/cylindrical-format-robot.htm
- http://strobotics.com/robodem.htm



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How do we place the frames?

Figure 3.7: Three-link cylindrical manipulator.

### Step 1: Choose the z-axis for each frame

recall the DH transformation matrix

$$T_{i}^{i-1} = R_{z,\theta_{i}} T_{z,d_{i}} T_{x,a_{i}} R_{x,\alpha_{i}}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_{i}} & -s_{\theta_{i}} c_{\alpha_{i}} & s_{\theta_{i}} s_{\alpha_{i}} & a_{i} c_{\theta_{i}} \\ s_{\theta_{i}} & c_{\theta_{i}} c_{\alpha_{i}} & c_{\theta_{i}} s_{\alpha_{i}} & a_{i} s_{\theta_{i}} \\ 0 & s_{\alpha_{i}} & c_{\alpha_{i}} & d_{i} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{x}_{i}^{i-1} \quad \hat{y}_{i}^{i-1} \quad \hat{z}_{i}^{i-1}$$

Step 1: Choose the *z*-axis for each frame  $\hat{z}_i \equiv axis$  of actuation for joint i+1



Step 1: Choose the z-axis for each frame



• Warning: the picture is deceiving. We do not yet know the origin of the frames; all we know at this point is that each  $z_i$  points along a joint axis

# Step 2: Establish frame {0}

- place the origin  $o_0$  anywhere on  $z_0$ 
  - often the choice of location is obvious
- choose  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  so that  $\{0\}$  is right-handed
  - often the choice of directions is obvious

# Step 2: Establish frame {0}



- using frame {i-1} construct frame {i}
  - DHI:  $x_i$  is perpendicular to  $z_{i-1}$
  - **DH2:**  $x_i$  intersects  $z_{i-1}$
- 3 cases to consider depending on the relationship between  $z_{i-1}$  and  $z_i$

Case I

•  $z_{i-1}$  and  $z_i$  are not coplanar (skew)



•  $\alpha_i$  angle from  $z_{i-1}$  to  $z_i$  measured about  $x_i$ 

Case 2

▶  $z_{i-1}$  and  $z_i$  are parallel (  $\alpha_i = 0$  )



• notice that this choice results in  $d_i = 0$ 

Case 3

▶  $z_{i-1}$  and  $z_i$  intersect (  $a_i = 0$  )







Step 4: Place the end effector frame



#### Step 4: Place the end effector frame



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# Step 5: Find the DH parameters

- $a_i$ : distance between  $z_{i-1}$  and  $z_i$  measured along  $x_i$
- $\alpha_i$  : angle from  $z_{i-1}$  and  $z_i$  measured about  $x_i$
- d<sub>i</sub>: distance between o<sub>i-1</sub> to the intersection of x<sub>i</sub> and z<sub>i-1</sub> measured along z<sub>i-1</sub>
- $\theta_i$  : angle from  $x_{i-1}$  and  $x_i$  measured about  $z_{i-1}$

Step 5: Find the DH parameters



Link	$a_i$	$lpha_i$	$d_i$	$ heta_i$
1	0	0	$d_1$	$ heta_1^*$
2	0	-90	$d_2^*$	0
3	0	0	$d_3^*$	0

\* joint variable

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