



INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS

(Kinematics, Dynamics, and Design)

SESSION # 6:

GEOMETRICAL CONFIGURATIONS

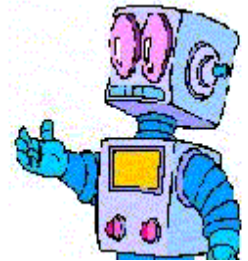
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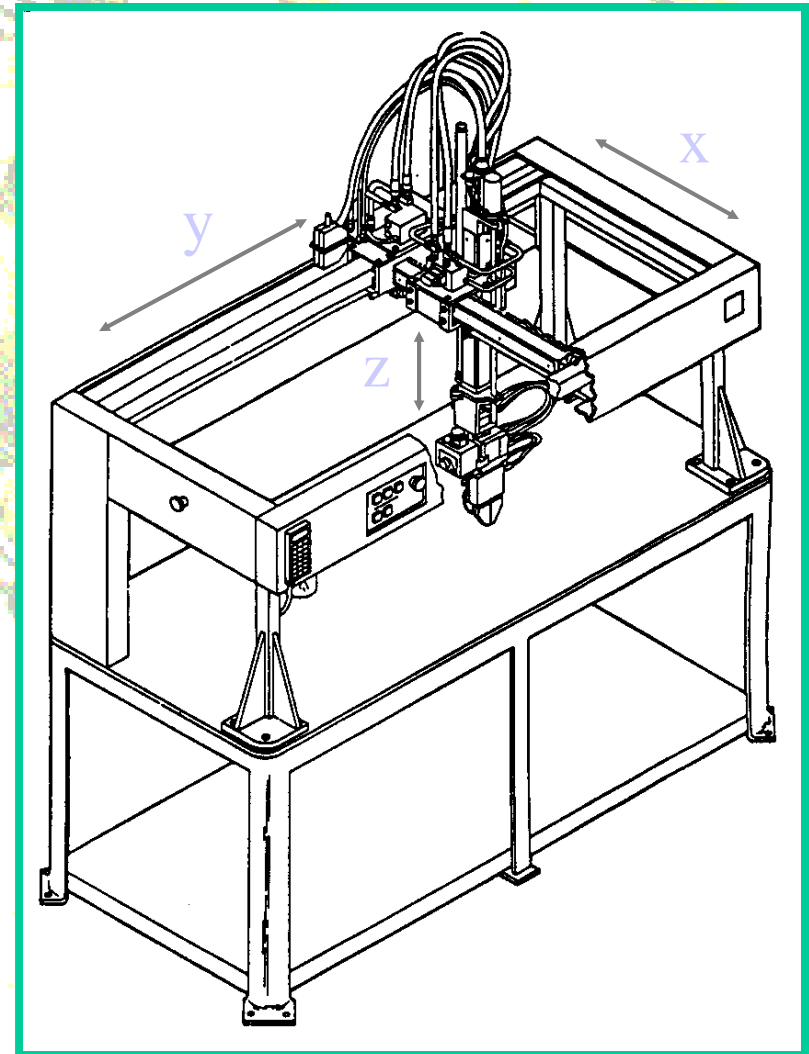
Cartesian/Rectangular (PPP) Robots (i.e. IBM-7565)

Advantages:

- High resolution and accuracy.
- No counterbalance problem.

Disadvantages:

- Large structural framework.
- Complex mechanical design for linear sliding motions.
- Confinement of the workspace (limited).



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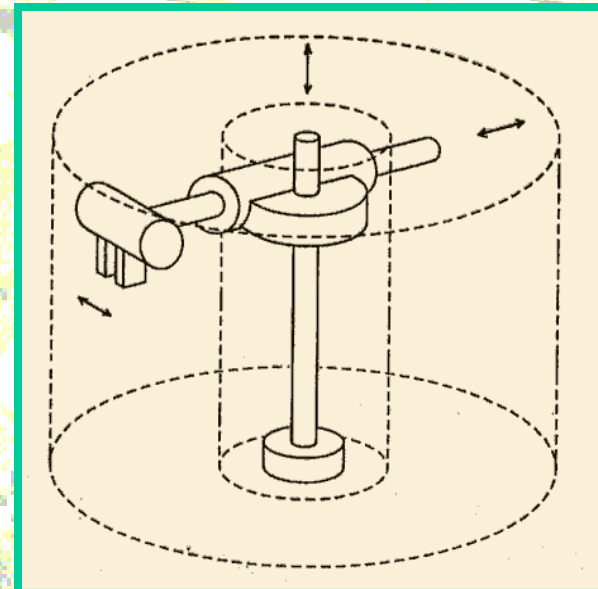
Cylindrical Robots (**RPP**) (i.e. Zymark Robot)

Advantages:

- Almost no counterbalance problem.
- Mechanical design is less complex than Cartesian robots.

Disadvantages:

- Large structural framework.
- Lower accuracy compared with the Cartesian robots.
- Restriction of the workspace.



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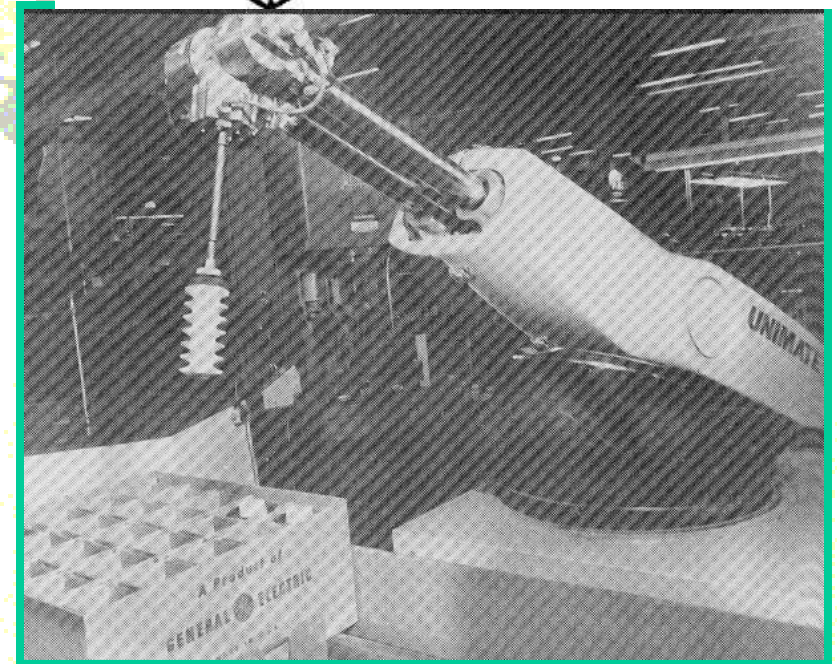
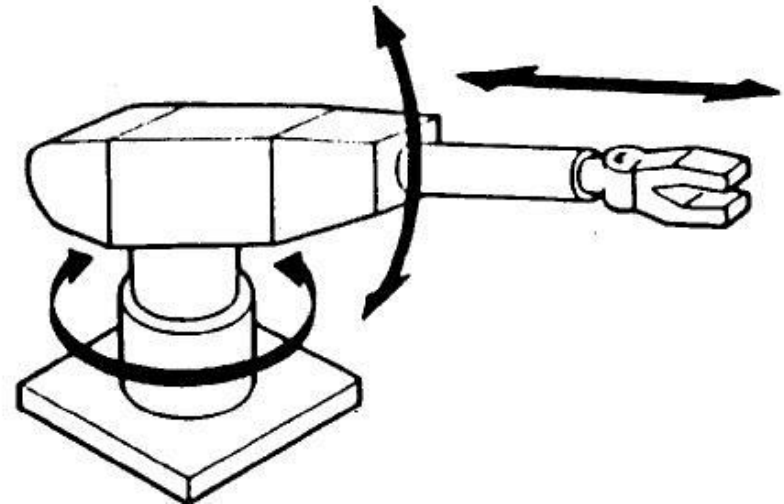
Spherical/Polar Robots (**RRP**) (i.e. Unimation-2000B)

Advantages:

- Low weight and minimal structural complexity.
- Short joint travel for many motions.
- Good accuracy and resolution.

Disadvantages:

- Large variable torque on second joint creating counterbalance problem.
- Position error is large due to rotary joints.



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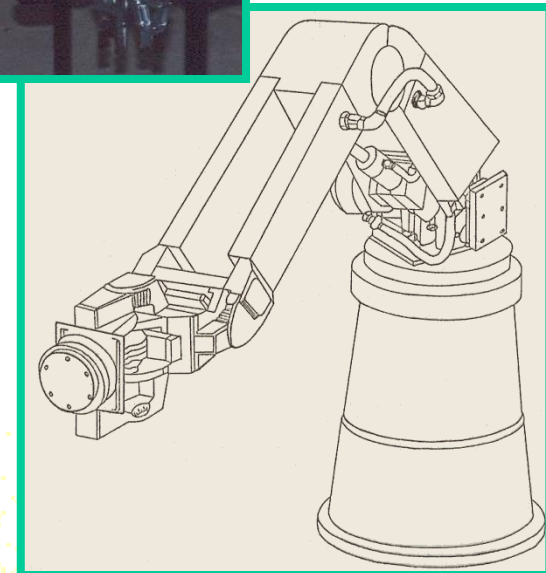
Revolute/Articulated Robots (i.e. PUMA-500/600/250)

Advantages:

- Flexibility to reach over or under an object.
- Good workspace.

Disadvantages:

- Counterbalance problem.
- Poor resolution and accuracy due to rotary joints.
- High moment of inertia, and dynamic instability (i.e. vibrations).



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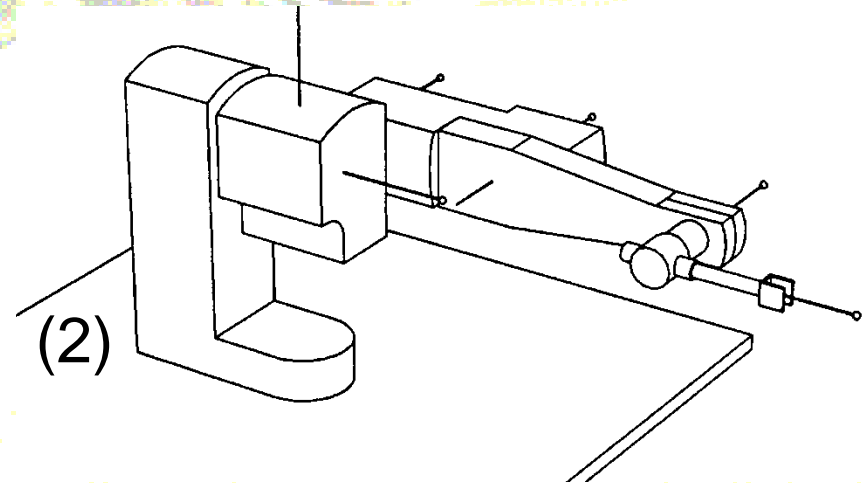
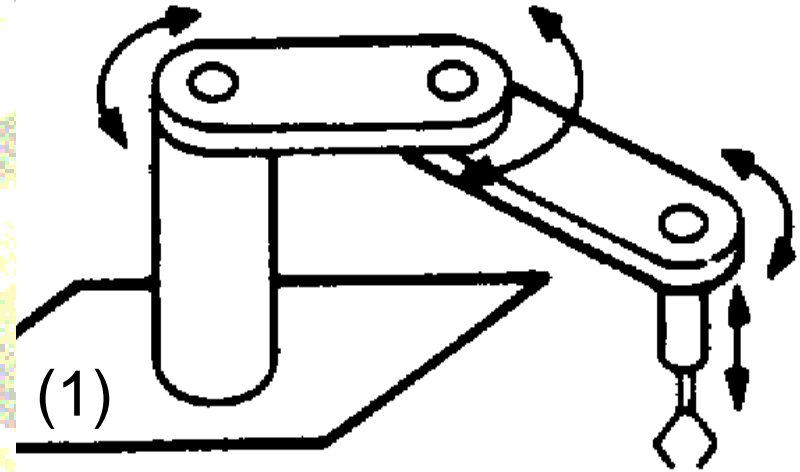
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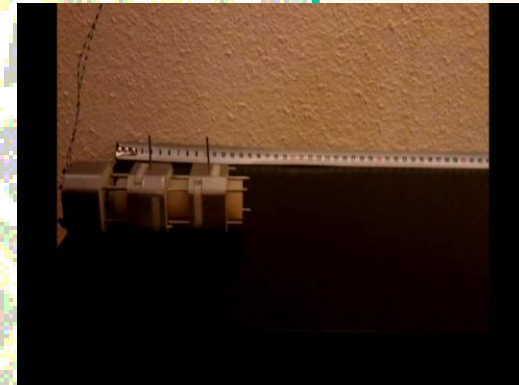
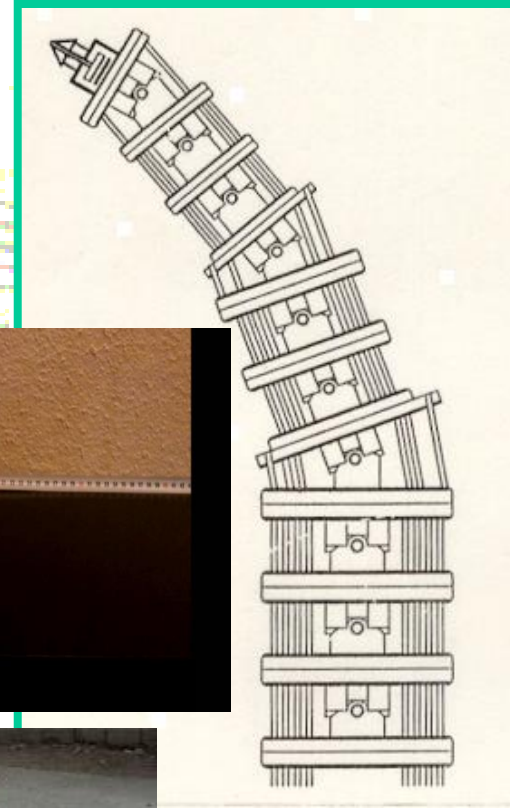
Snakelike/Tensor-Arm Robots (i.e. Anderson & Horn Arm 1970)

Advantages:

- Flexibility to take any shape in 3-Dim. space.
- Great workspace.
- Ability to pass through a restricted passage or canal.

Disadvantages:

- Direct drive arm.
- Low payload.
- Complex dynamics and control.



Robots Geometrical Configurations

Parallel Manipulators

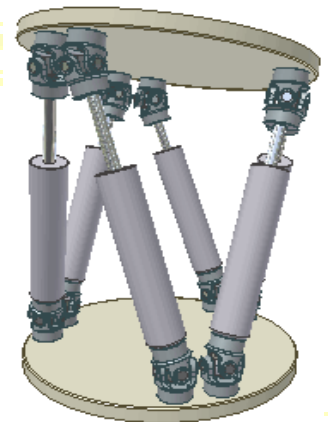
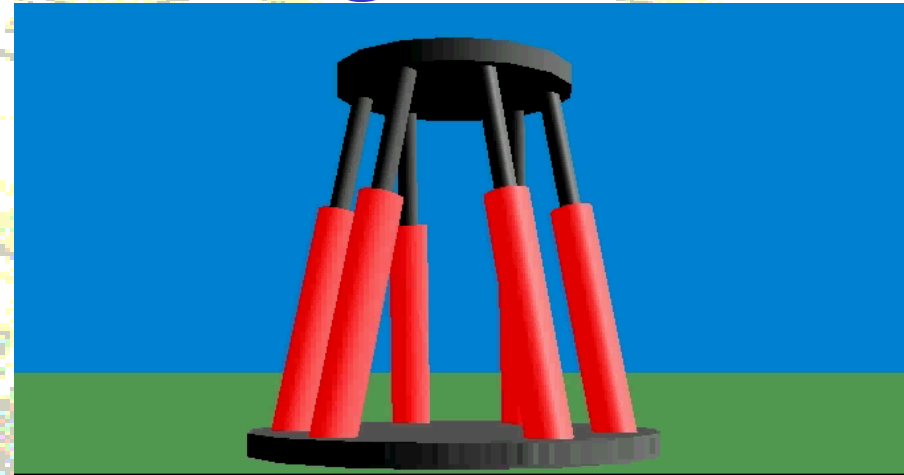
(i.e. Stewart Platform with 6-DOF)

Advantages:

- Flexibility to take any shape in 3-Dim. space.
- Great workspace.
- Higher payload due to the increased stiffness for being a closed-loop structure.

Disadvantages:

- Complex dynamics and control.



6DOF Stewart platform



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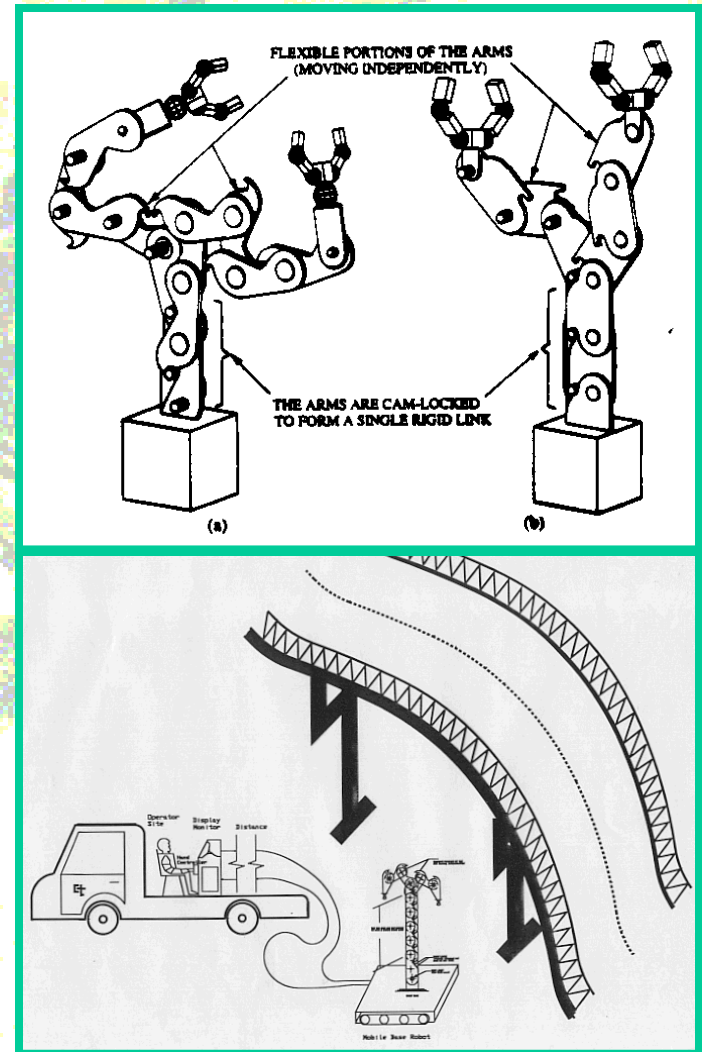
Dual-Arm Cam-Lock Robots (i.e. Meghdari-Arm 1993)

Advantages:

- Flexibility to take many shapes in 3-Dim. space.
- Great reachable workspace that can be readily extended.
- Variable Geometry Variable Stiffness Arm.
- Can be placed in compact/portable form.

Disadvantages:

- Direct drive arm.
- Low payload.
- Complex dynamics and control.



Robots Geometrical Configurations

Mobile Robots and Manipulators (AGV: Autonomous Guided Vehicles)

Advantages:

- Extended workspace.
- Applicable to various environments.

Disadvantages:

- Complex mechanical design.
- Complex dynamics and control.

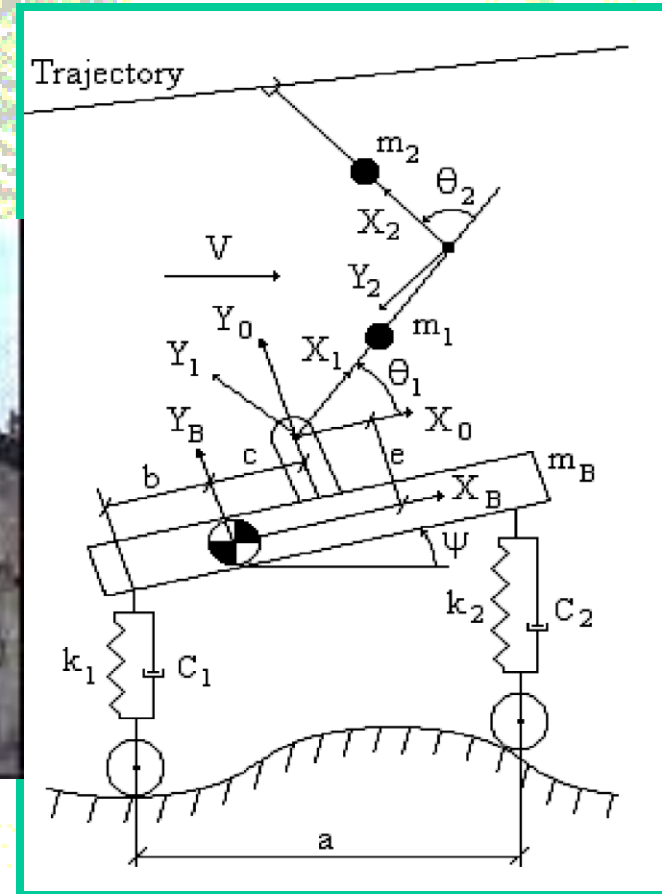
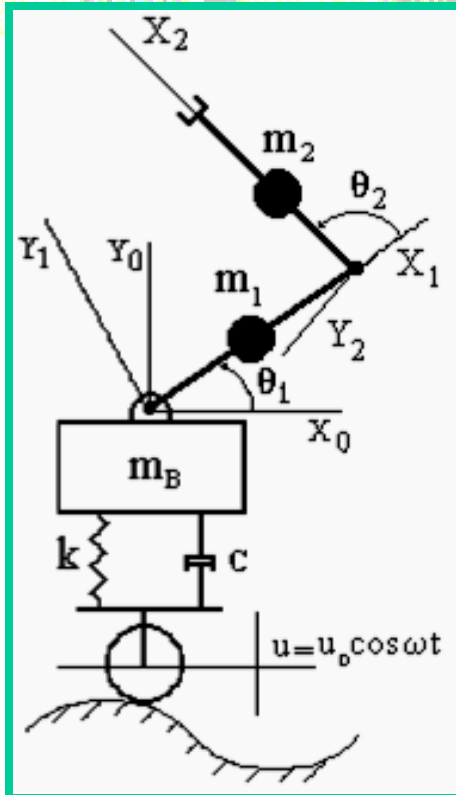


Configuration

- A *configuration* of the manipulator is a complete specification of the location of every point on the manipulator.
- If you know the values for the **joint variable** (*joint angle* for revolute joints or *joint offset* for prismatic joints), it is straightforward to infer the position of any point on the manipulator.
- A configuration is represented by a set of values for the joint variable



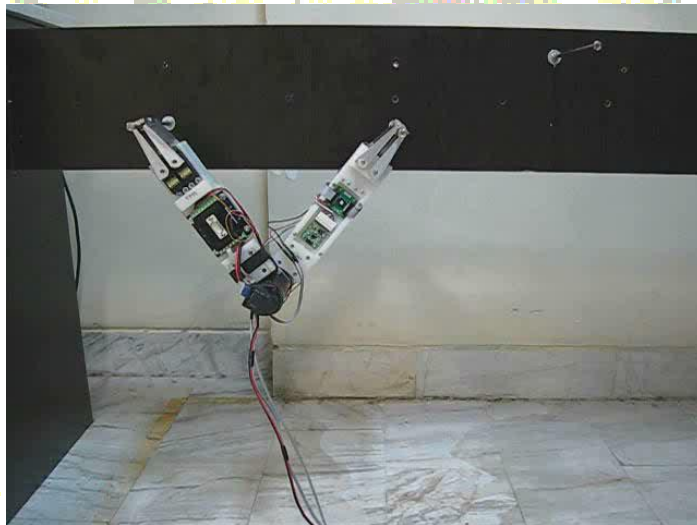
Mobile Manipulators



The Brachiation Robots



Robot Brachiation (Modified)



The Modular Self-Reconfigurable Robots



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Walking/Climbing Robots

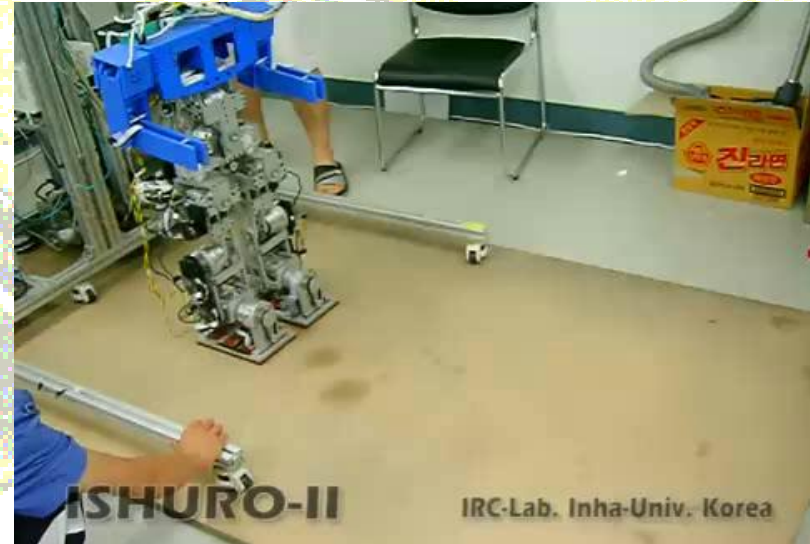
(Robotic Insects, etc.)

Advantages:

- Extended workspace.
- Applicable for various tracks.

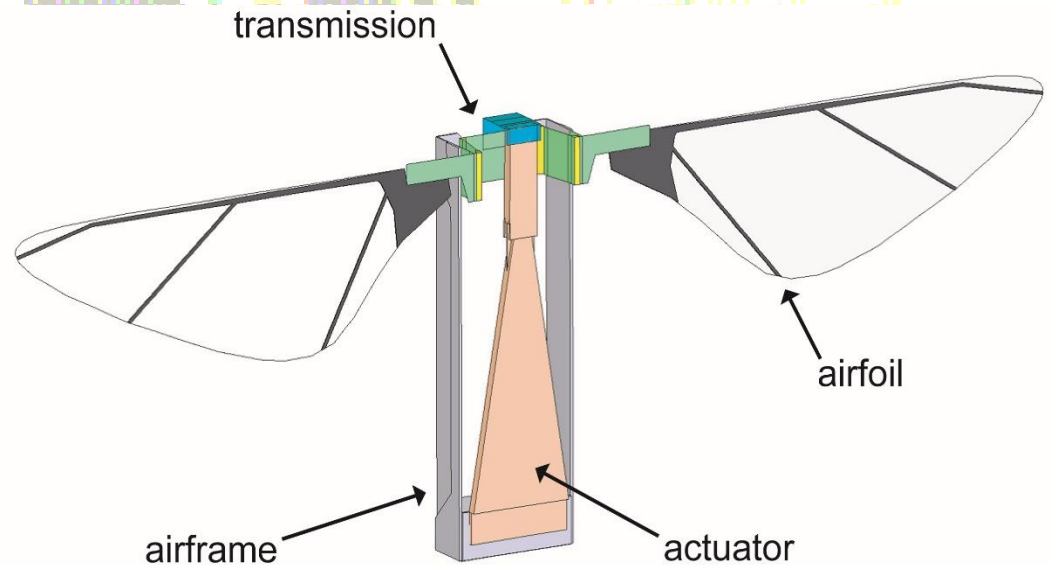
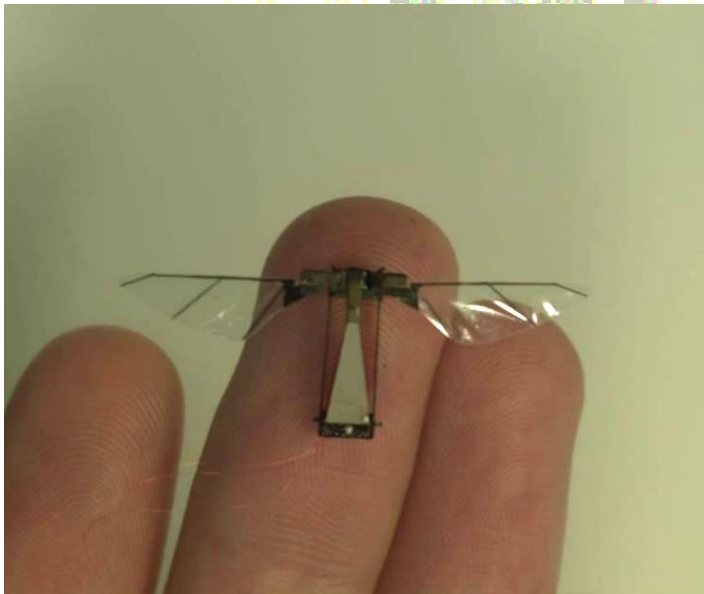
Disadvantages:

- Complex mechanical design.
- Complex dynamics and control.



The Harvard Microrobotic Fly

- Goal: create a robotic insect capable of sustained autonomous flight
- Key Specs.: 3cm wingspan, 60mg, 2 wings



Humanoid Robot





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Design and Fabrication of a System of Modular Robotic Grippers

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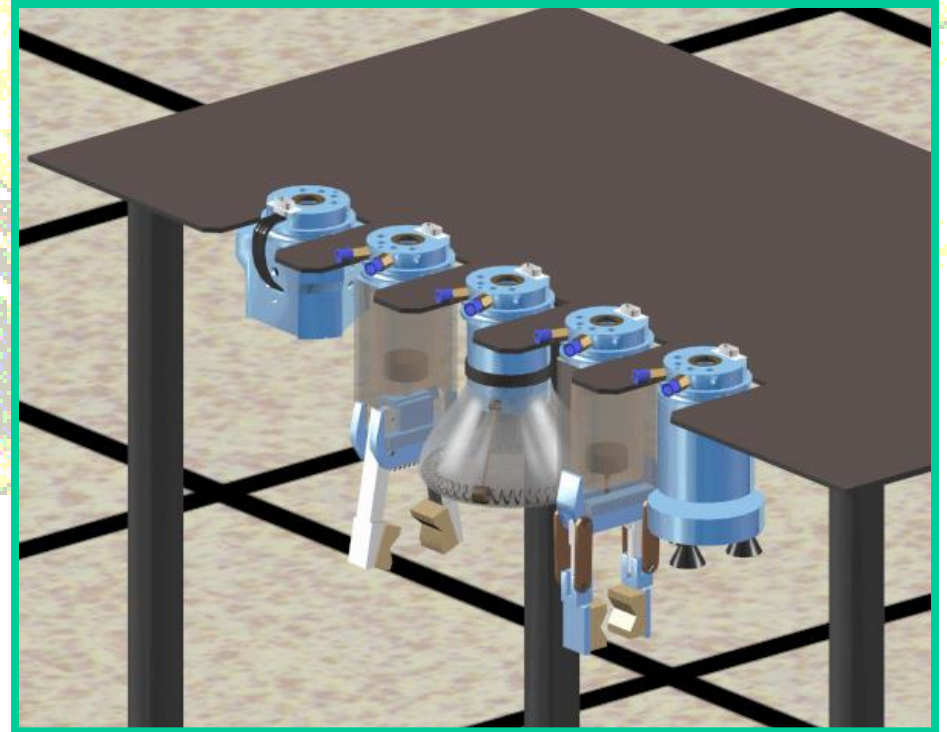
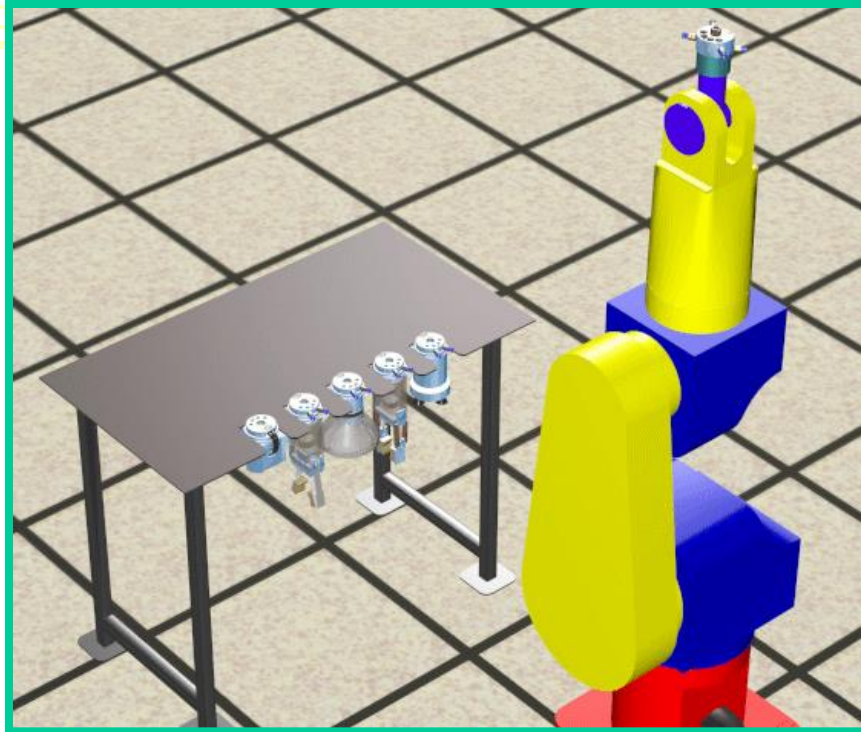
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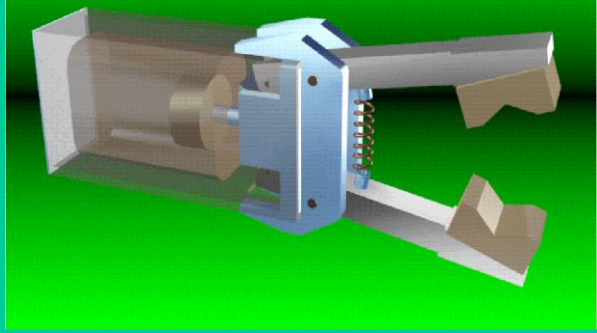
The Animated Robotic Work Station



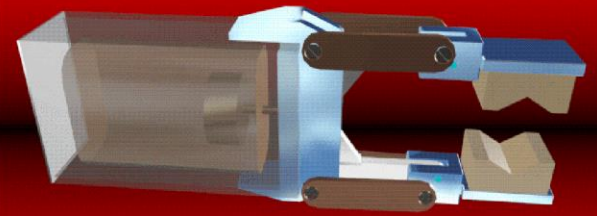
Animated Models of Robotic Grippers & The AMRC Quick Change System

گیربیر لولایی با بادامک گوهای

Pivoting End Effector With Wedge Cam



گیربیر چهار میللمای موازی



Parallel Four-bar Linkage Gripper

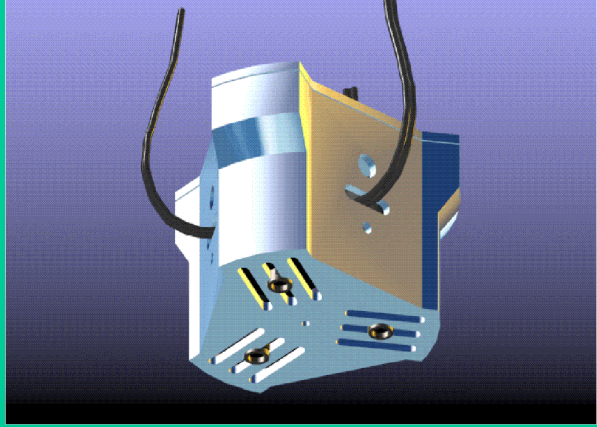
Quick Change System

سیستم تعویض سریع



Magnetic Gripper

گیربیر مغناطیسی



Inflatable Gripper

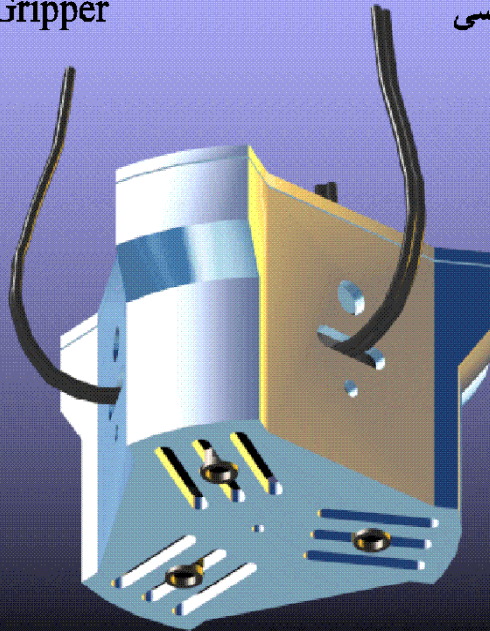
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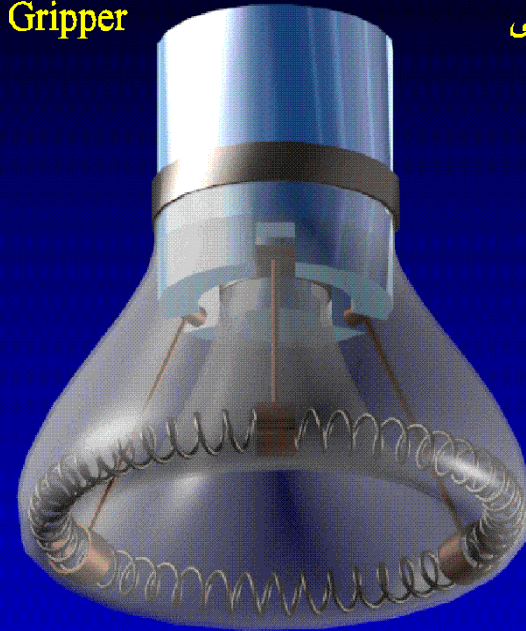
Magnetic Gripper

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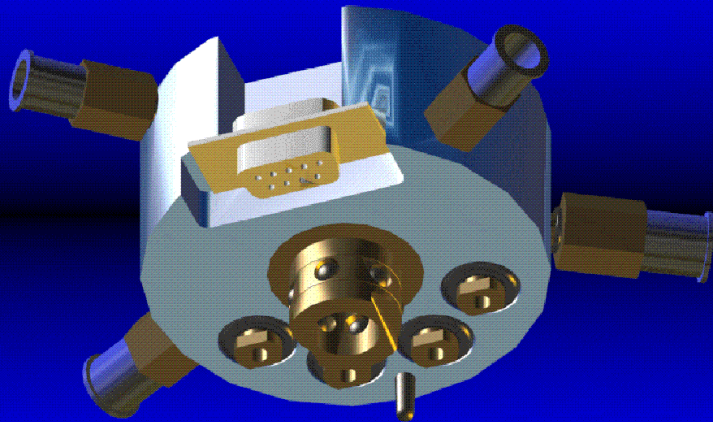
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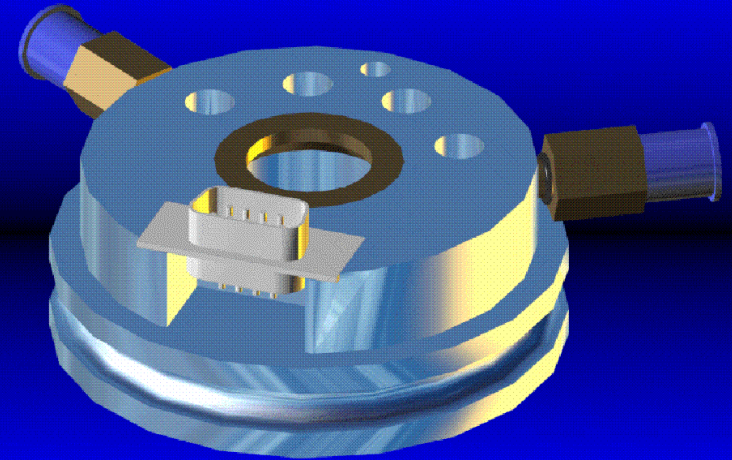
Animated Model of AMRC Quick Change System

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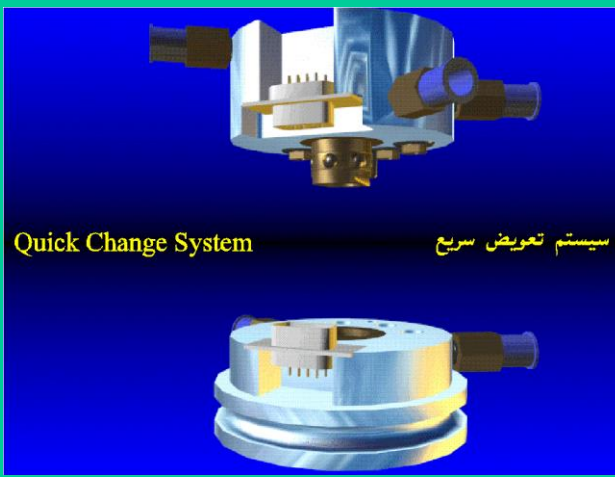


Part of Quick Change System attached to robot.

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Part of Quick Change System attached to gripper.

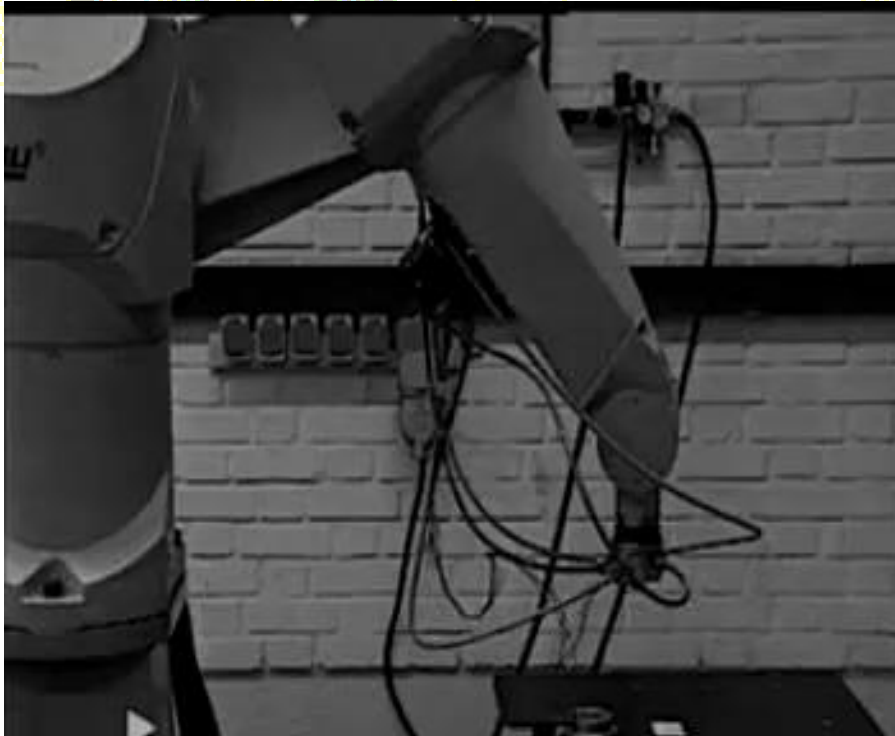


Quick Change System

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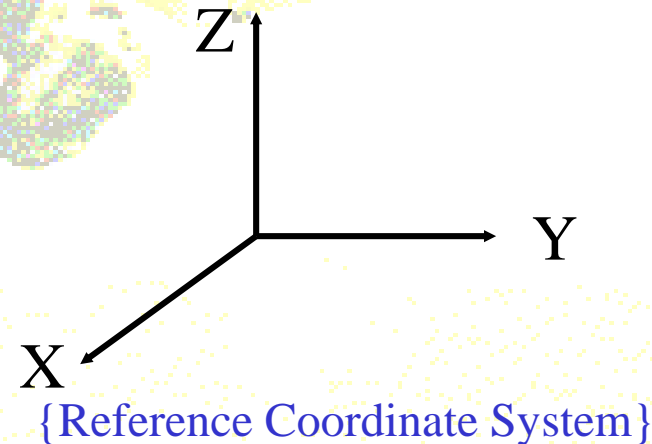
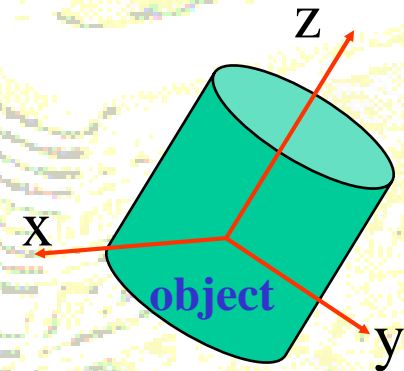
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Mechanics of Mechanical Manipulators

To describe the **Position** and **Orientation** of a body in space:

- Rigidly attach a coordinate system (frame $\{x, y, z\}$) to the object, then
- Describe the Pos. & Orien. of this frame with respect to a reference frame $\{X, Y, Z\}$



Basic Elements of Manipulator Arms

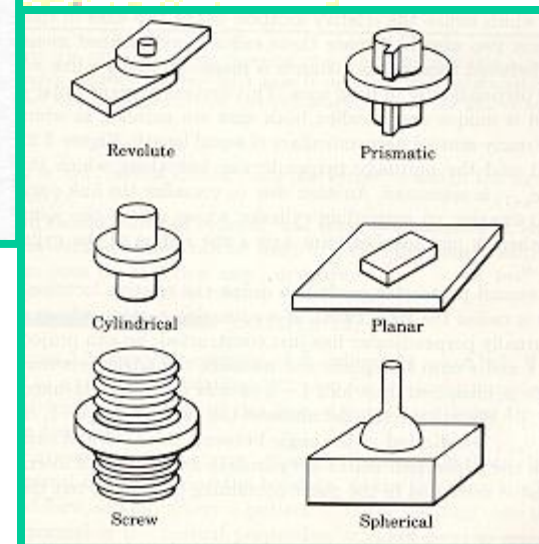
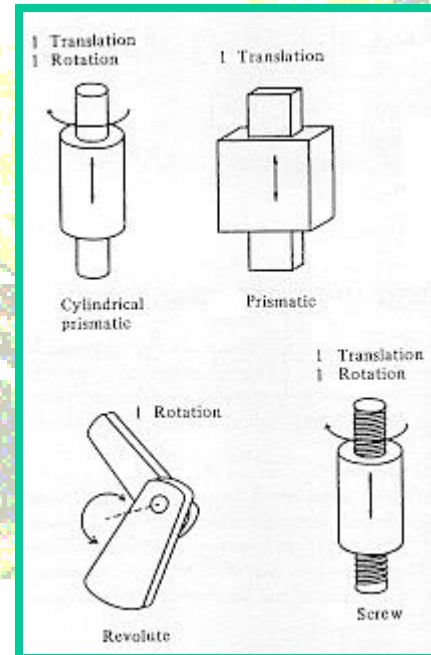
Manipulators consist of:

➤ Links (nearly rigid), and

➤ Joints:

➔ Revolute (Displacement = **Joint Angle**)

➔ Prismatic/Sliding (Translation = **Joint Offset**)



The Six Possible Lower-Pair Joints



Degrees-of-Freedom (Mobility) of a Robot

- An object is said to have “ n ” **degrees of freedom (*DOF*)**, if its configuration can be minimally specified by “ n ” *parameters*.
- For a robot manipulator, the number of joints determine the number of **DOF**.
- To reach any point in the space with an arbitrary orientation: **6 *DOF*** (3 *DOF* for positioning and 3 *DOF* for orientation)



Degrees-of-Freedom (Mobility) of a Robot

- **Less than 6 DOF:** the arm cant reach any point in the space with an arbitrary orientation.
- **More than 6 DOF:** Kinematically **Redundant Manipulator**. A redundant joint is one that is unnecessary because other joints provide the needed position and/or orientation.
- Certain applications may require more than 6-DOF, for example:
 - Obstacle Avoidance.



Degrees-of-Freedom (Mobility) of a Robot

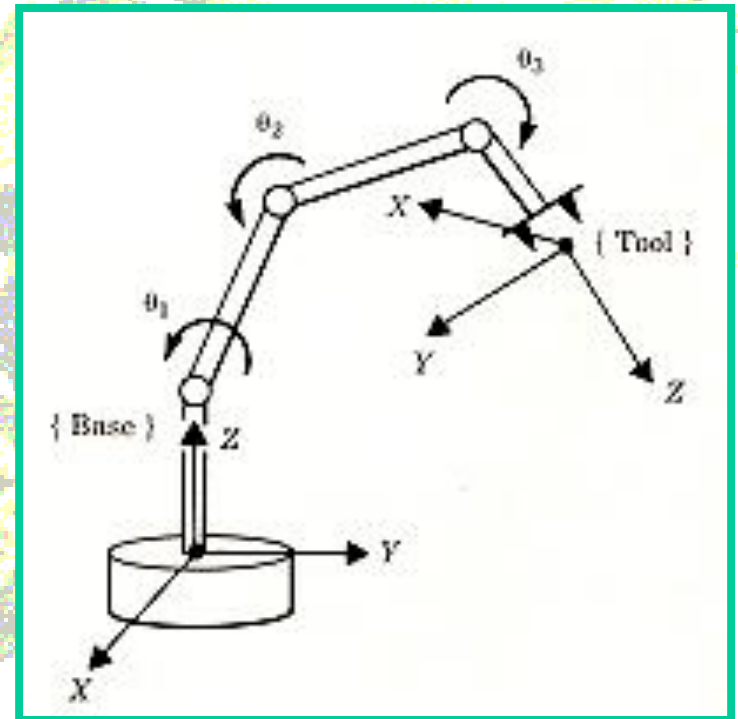
The number of input parameters (i.e. joint variables) which must be independently controlled in order to bring the robotic arm into a particular position/orientation.

→ In **open kinematics chains** (i.e. Industrial Manipulators):

$$\{ \# \text{ of D.O.F.} = \# \text{ of Joints} \}$$

3R = An Arm with 3 successive Revolute Joints.

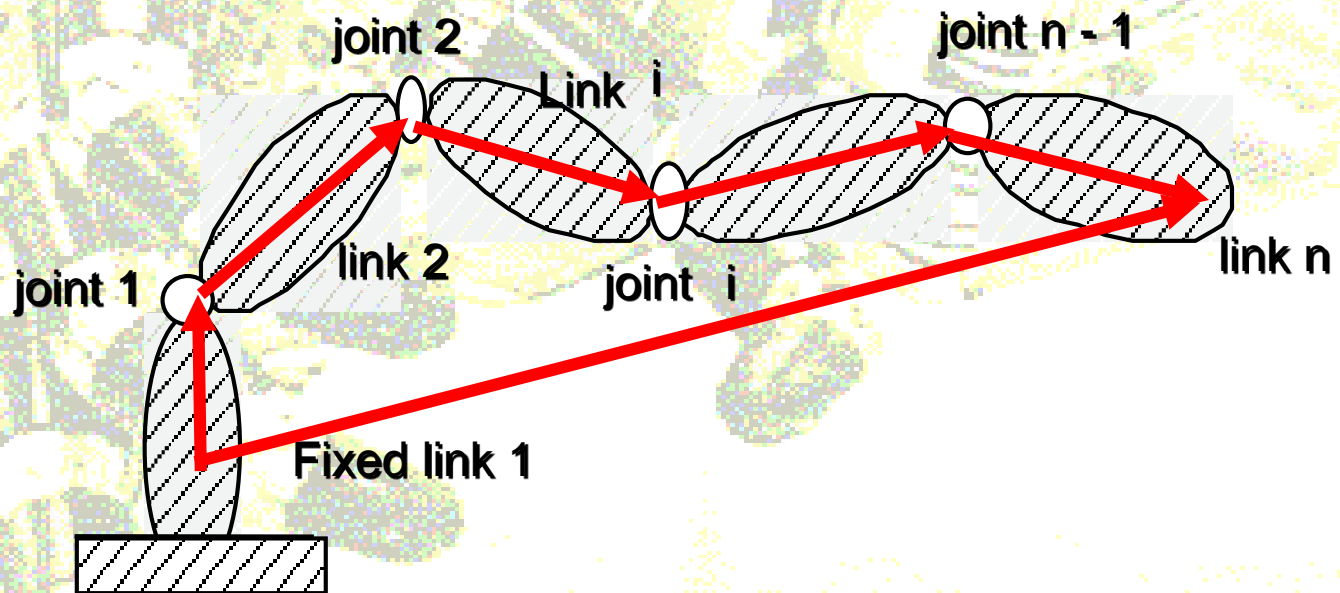
3P = An Arm with 3 successive Sliding/Prismatic Joints.



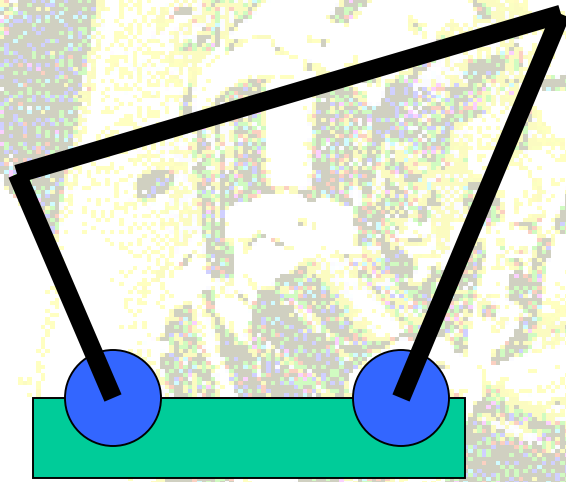
A 3-DOF Manipulator Arm

Kinematics chain

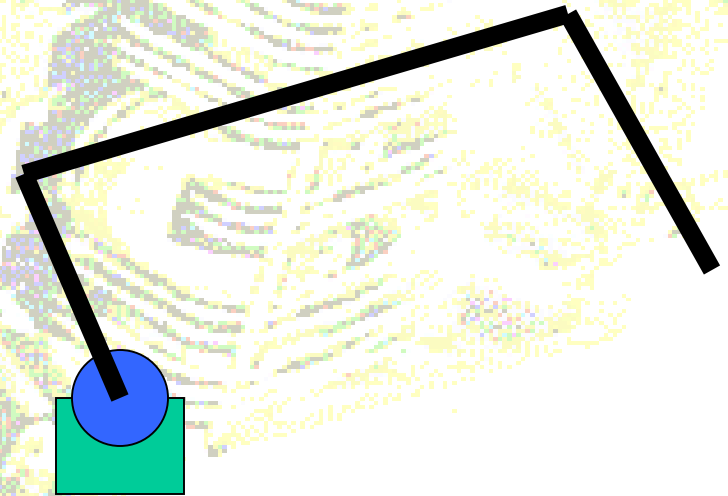
Mechanisms can be configured as kinematics chains. The chain is closed when the ground link begins and ends the chain; otherwise, it is open.



Simple Examples



A one degree-of-freedom closed-loop mechanism

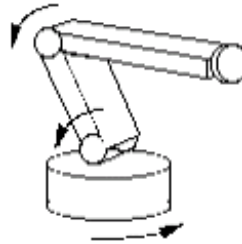


A three degree-of-freedom open-loop mechanism

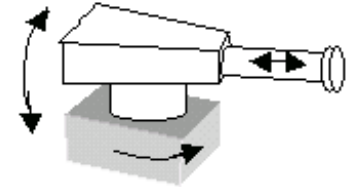
Serial Robot Types

Serial robots can be classified as revolute, spherical, cylindrical, or rectangular (translational, prismatic, or Cartesian).

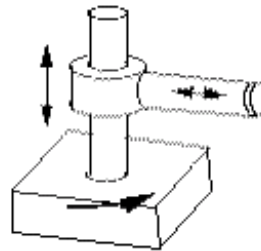
These classifications describe the primary DOF (degrees-of-freedom) which accomplish the global motion as opposed to the distal (final) joints that accomplish the local orientation.



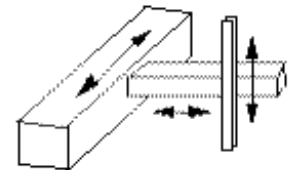
Revolute



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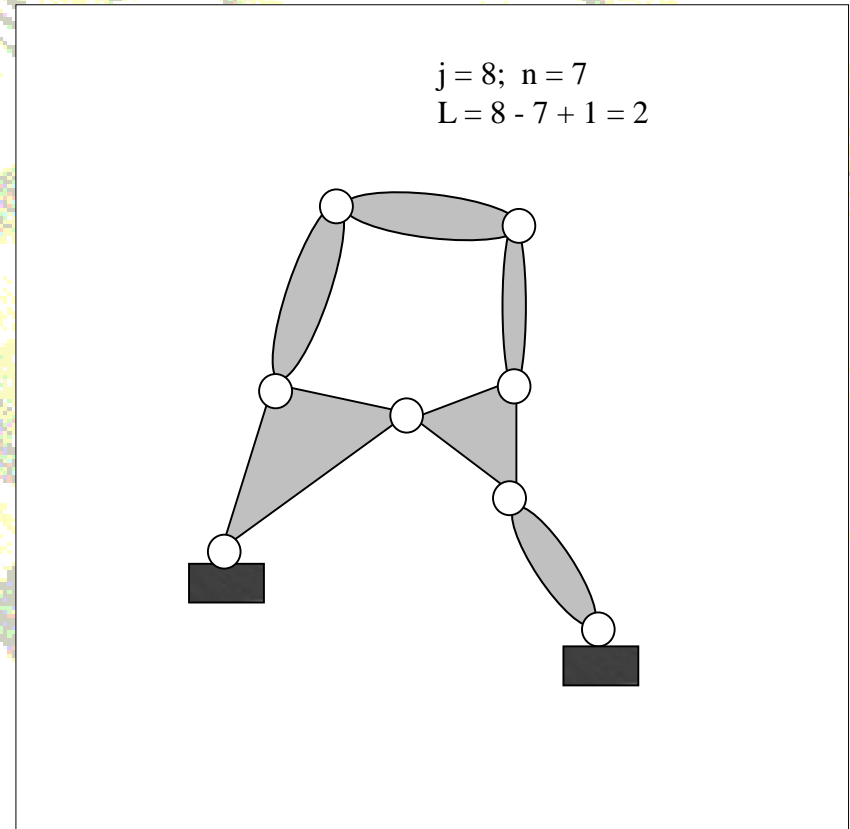
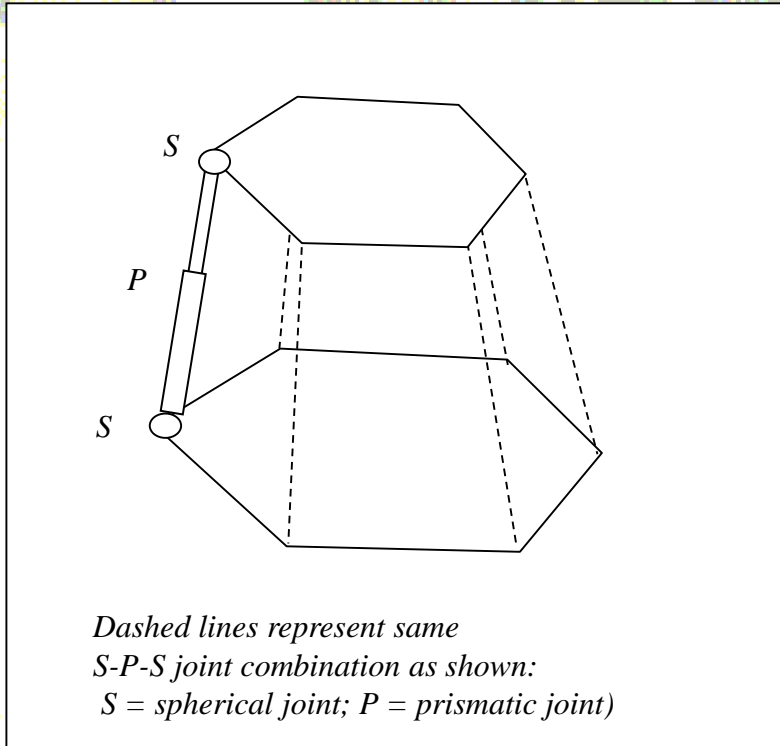
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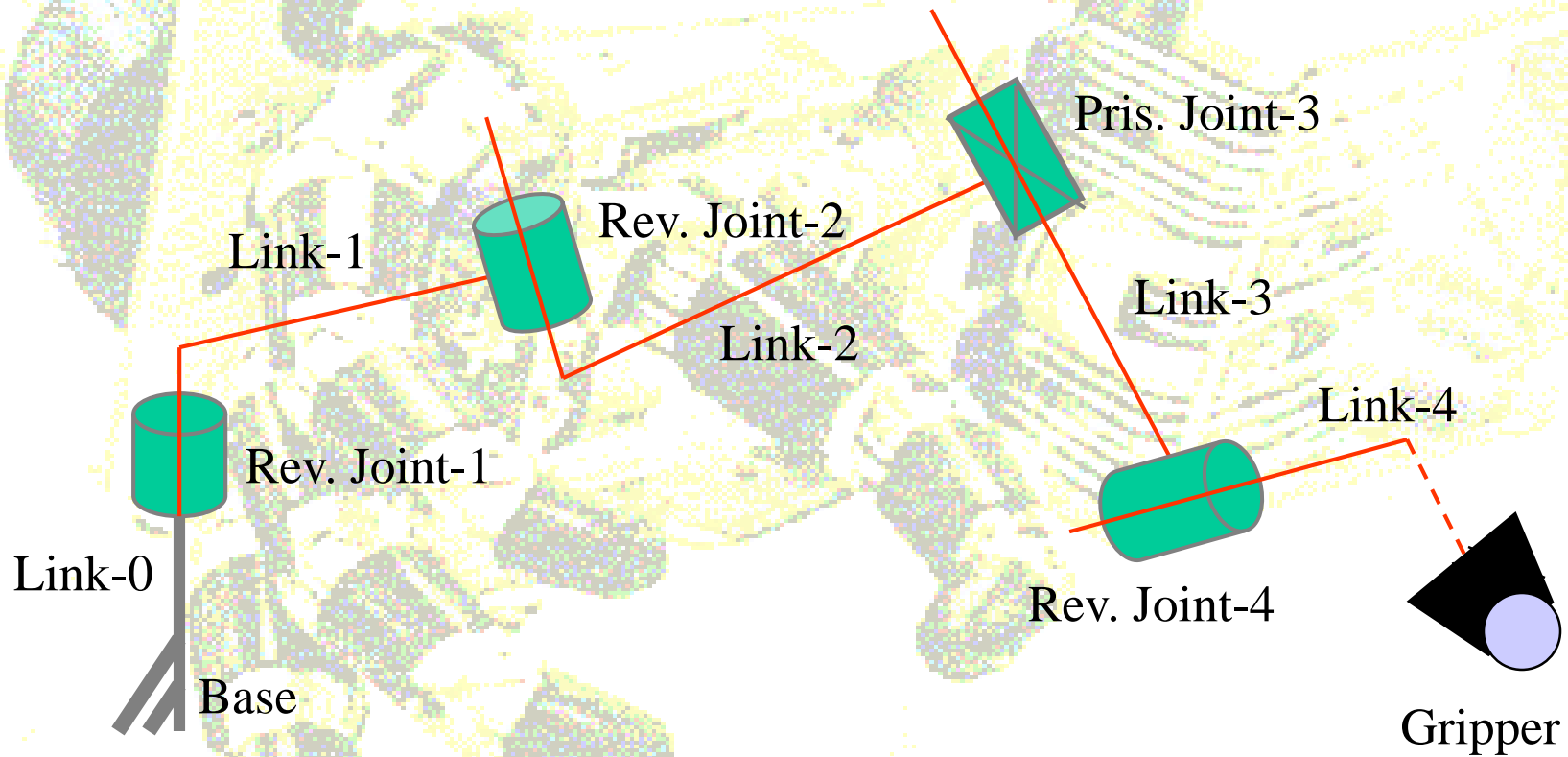
Closed Loop Robot Types

Closed loop robots/mechanisms

like: Stewart Platform/Parallel Robots, and Multiple-Loop Mechanism/Robots).



Degrees-of-Freedom (Mobility) of a Robot



A **2R1P1R** Robot Manipulator

