

ECE447: Robotics Engineering

Lecture 2: Introduction to Robot Manipulator

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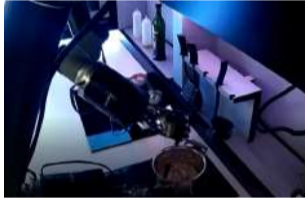


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Non-Industrial Applications of Robot Manipulators:



Rehabilitation



Service (Cooking)



Service (Folding Clothes)

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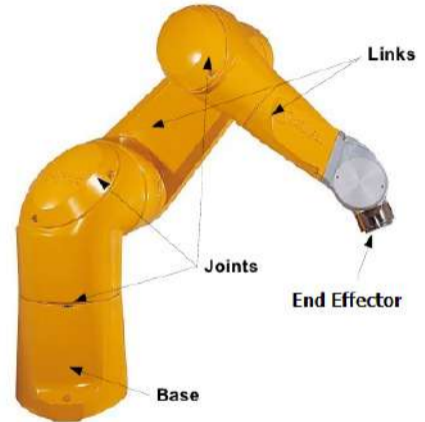
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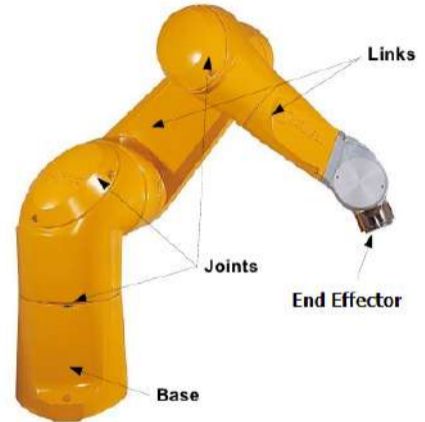


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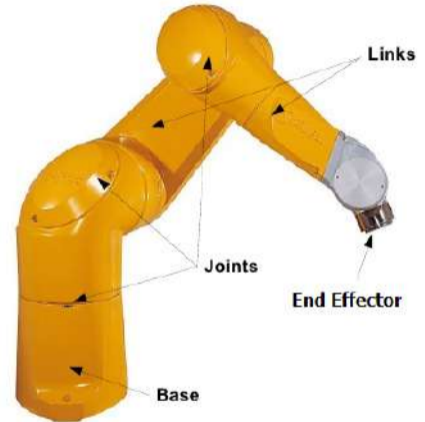


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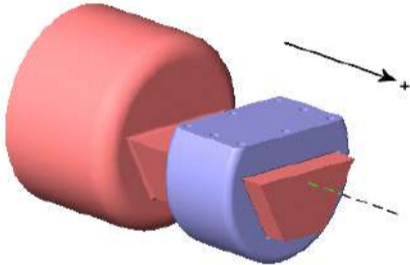


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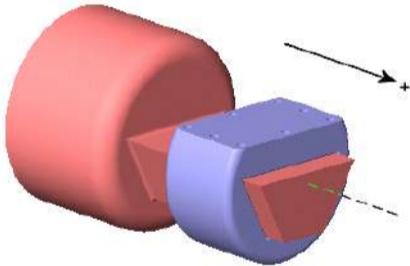


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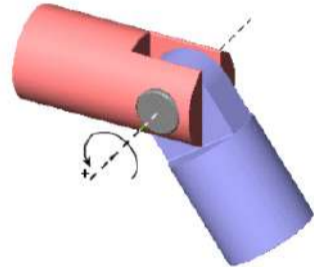
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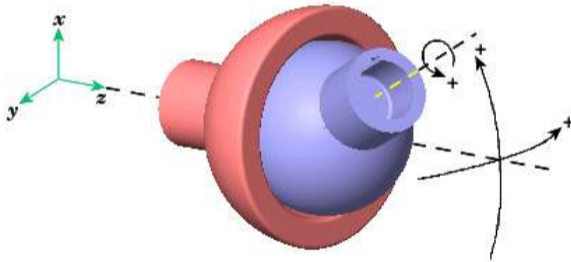


- Allows **rotation** between two links.
- It is represented by symbol R .
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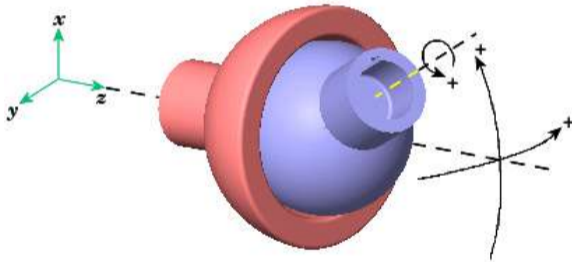


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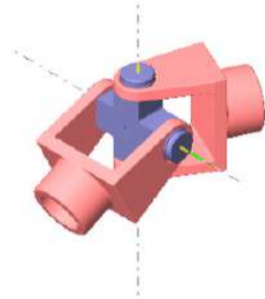
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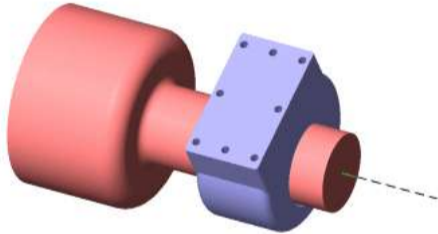


- Allows rotation around two axes.
- It is represented by symbol U .
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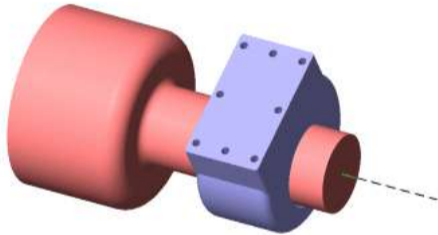


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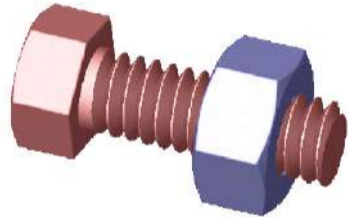
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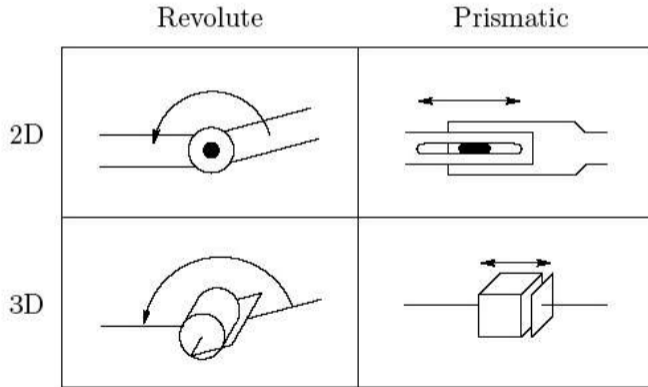


- Allows rotation and a constrained translation.
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The two common joints in serial robot manipulators are (Prismatic and Revolute) joints.



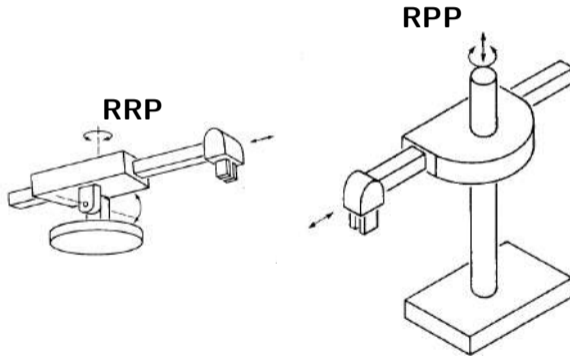
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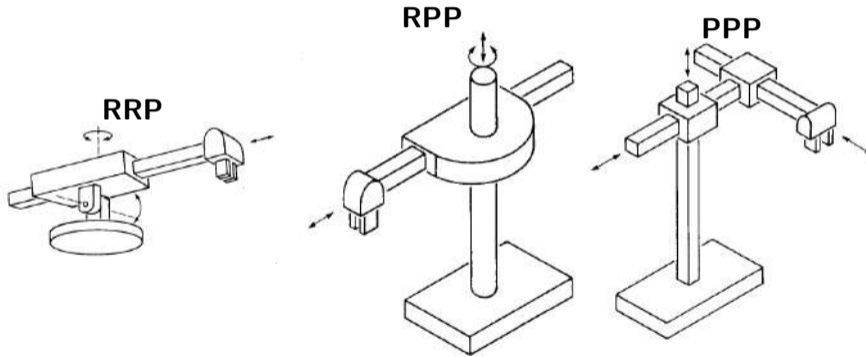
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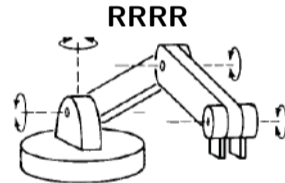
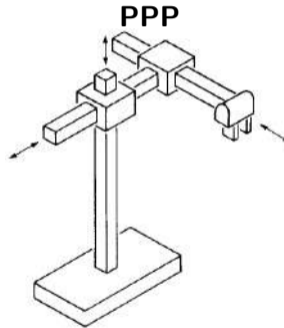
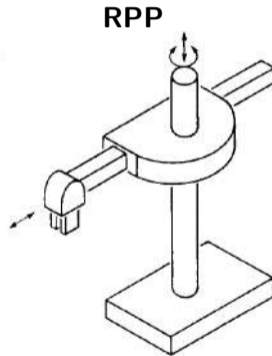
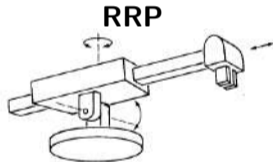


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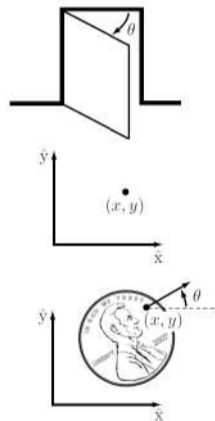
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- The n -dimensional space containing all possible configurations of a robot is called the **configuration space (C-space)**.

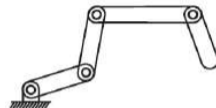


Examples of configuration spaces

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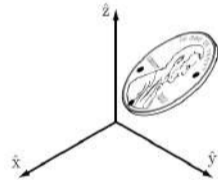
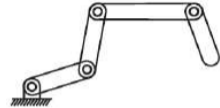
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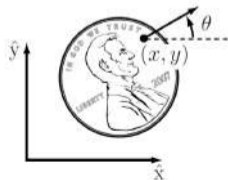
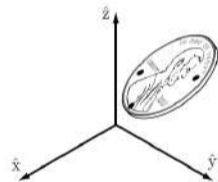
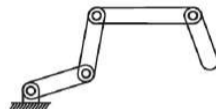
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- A rigid body moving in a two-dimensional plane, which we call a **planar rigid body**, has three degrees of freedom, $m = 3$ (two for position and one for orientation).



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If $n < m$, e.g. $n = 4, 5$ and $m = 6$ (spatial). It is not possible to execute all the possible tasks in the workspace, but only those defined in a proper subspace (e.g. SCARA).



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If $n > m$, for example $n = 7, 8$, and $m = 6$. A given task can be executed in infinite different manners.



SCARA Robot



Redundant Robots

Degree of Freedom (DoF):

Grübler's Formula:

- The number of degrees of freedom of a mechanism with links and joints can be calculated using **Grübler's formula**:

DoF = (sum of freedoms of the bodies) - (number of independent constraints)

- If a mechanism has N links including ground, and J joints, its DoF is determined by:

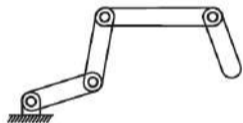
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- $m = 3$ for planar and $m = 6$ for rigid mechanisms.
- f_i is the number of freedoms provided by joint i .

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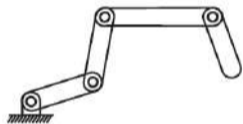
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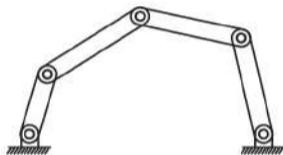
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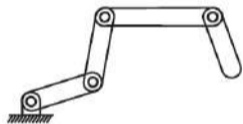
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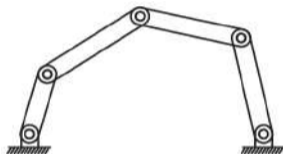
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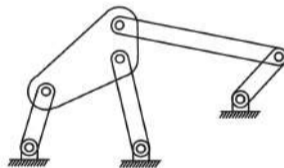
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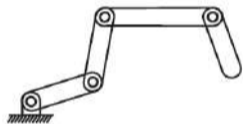
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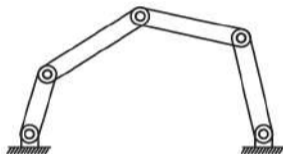
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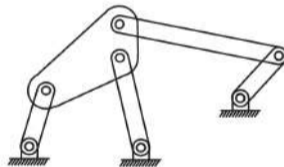
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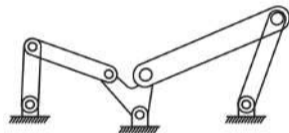
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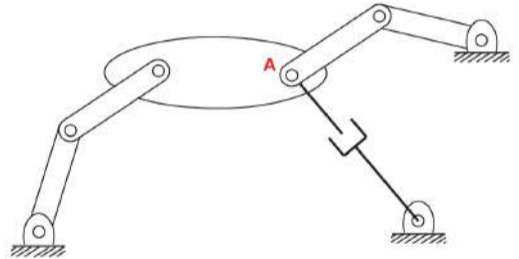
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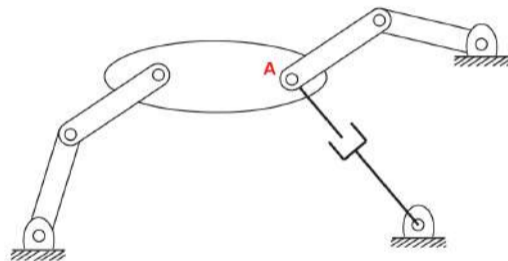
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$$N = 8 \text{ links}$$

$$J = 9 \text{ joints}$$

$$\text{DoF} = 3(8 - 1 - 9) + 9$$

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- The fixed link connected with the slider is considered as ground.

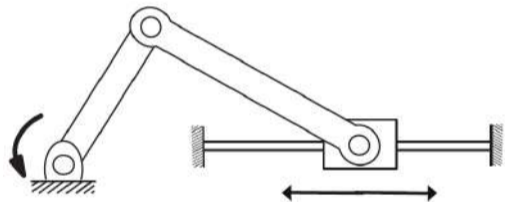
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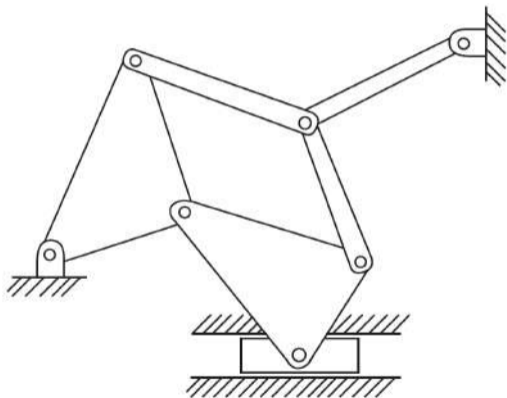


Slider-crank mechanism

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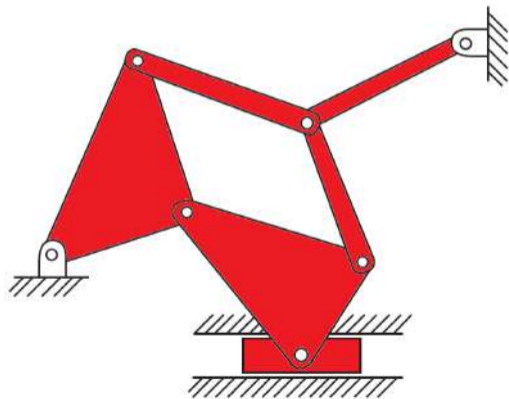
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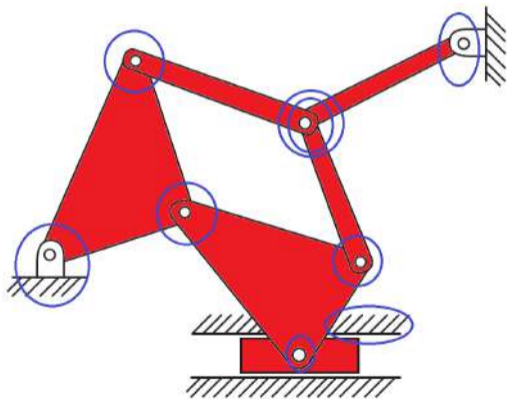
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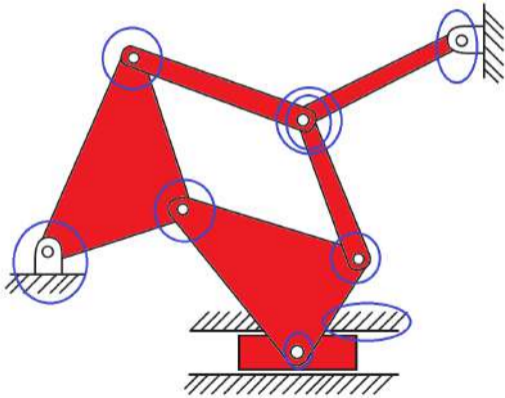
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Parallel Robots:

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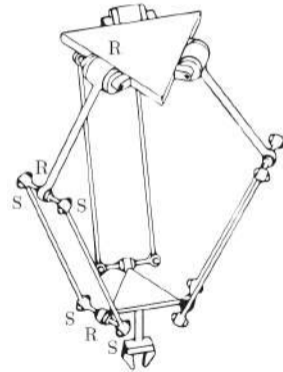
$$N = 17 \text{ links}$$

$$J = 21 \text{ joints}$$

$$\text{DoF} = 6(17 - 1 - 21) + 9(1) + 12(3)$$

$$\text{DoF} = 15$$

However, **only three DoF are visible** at the end effector that moves parallel to the fixed platform. So, the Delta robot acts as an $x - y - z$ Cartesian positioning device.



Delta robot

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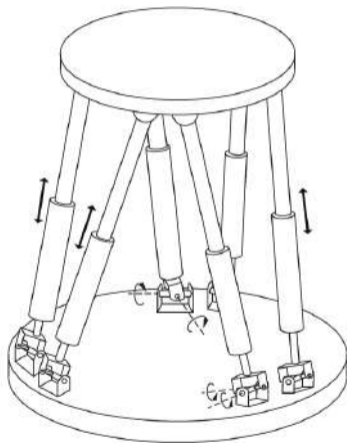
$$N = 14 \text{ links}$$

$$J = 18 \text{ joints } (6 \times P, 6 \times U, 6 \times S)$$

$$\text{DoF} = 6(14 - 1 - 18) + 6(1) + 6(2) + 6(3)$$

$$\text{DoF} = 6$$

- The Stewart-Gough platform is a popular choice for car and airplane cockpit simulators since it moves with the full six degrees of freedom of motion of a rigid body.
- Its parallel structure means that each leg needs to support only a fraction of the weight of the payload.

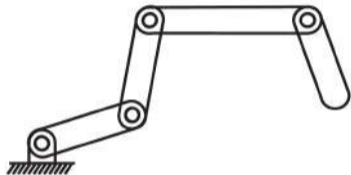


Stewart-Gough platform

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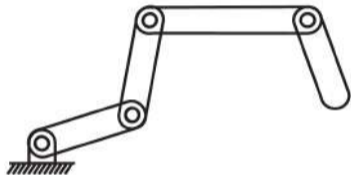
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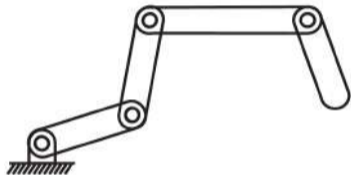
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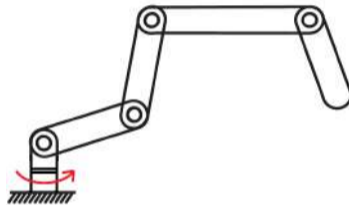
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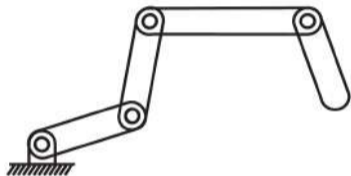
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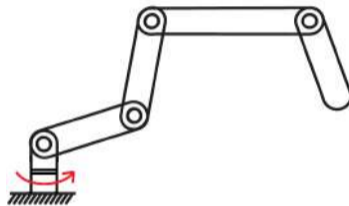
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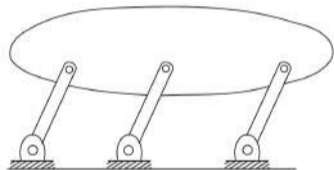
$$\text{DoF} = 6(6 - 1 - 5) + 5$$

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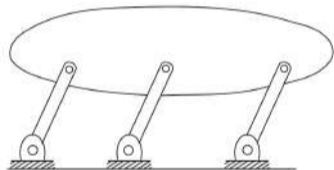


A parallelogram linkage
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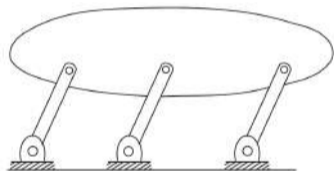


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- If all pivoted links were the same size and the distance between the joints on the frame and coupler were identical, this mechanism is capable of motion, with a **single degree of freedom**.
- The center link is **redundant** and because it is identical in length to the other two links attached to the frame, it can be removed and, $\text{DoF} = 3(4 - 1 - 4) + 4(1) = 1$



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Task Space and Workspace:

Task space

- The task space is a space in which the robot's task can be naturally expressed.
- The decision of how to define the task space is driven by the task, independently of the robot.



Drawing task space: \mathbb{R}^2



Peg-in-hole task space: \mathbb{R}^5

Task Space and Workspace:

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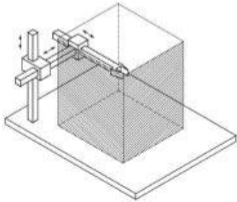
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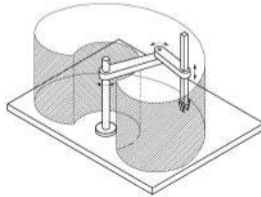
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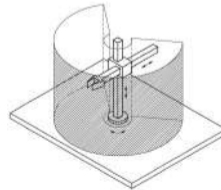
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- Robot's workspace depends on: the kinematic configuration, the links' dimension, the joints' range of motion.



Cartesian Manipulator



SCARA Manipulator



Cylindrical Manipulator



KUKA YouBot ?

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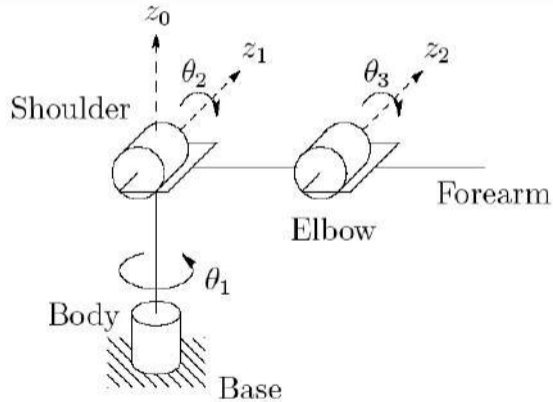
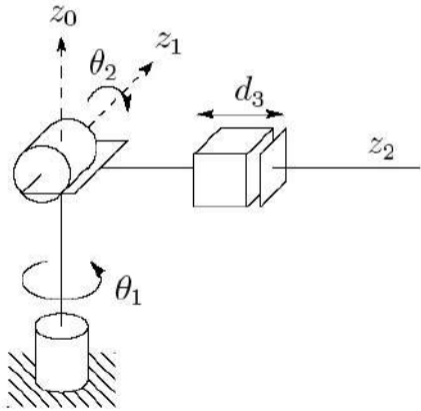


ABB IRB1400 Anthropomorphic Robot

Common Kinematic Arrangements:

[2] Spherical Manipulator (RRP):

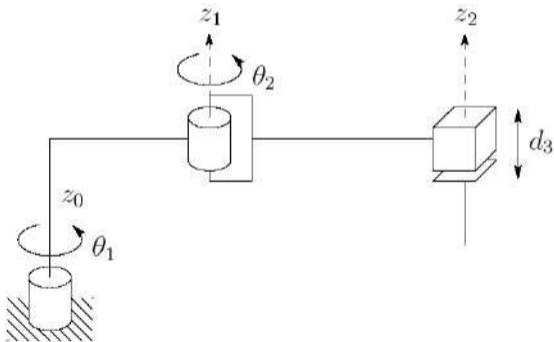


Stanford Arm

Common Kinematic Arrangements:

[3] SCARA Manipulator (RRP):

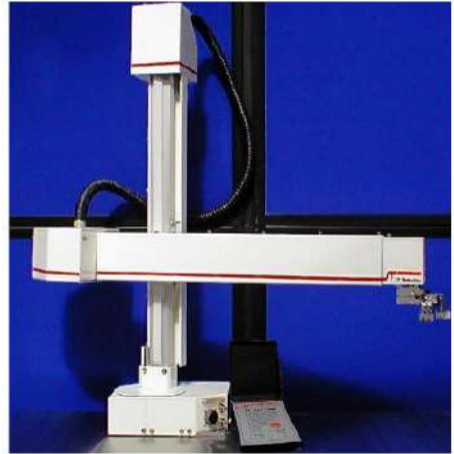
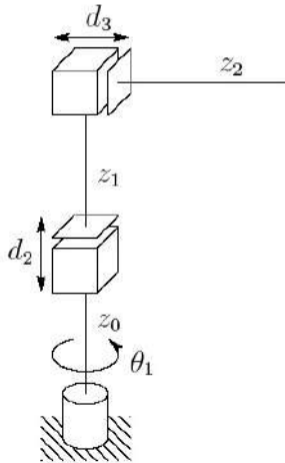
Selective **C**ompliant **A**rticulated **R**obot for **A**ssembly:



Adept Cobra i600

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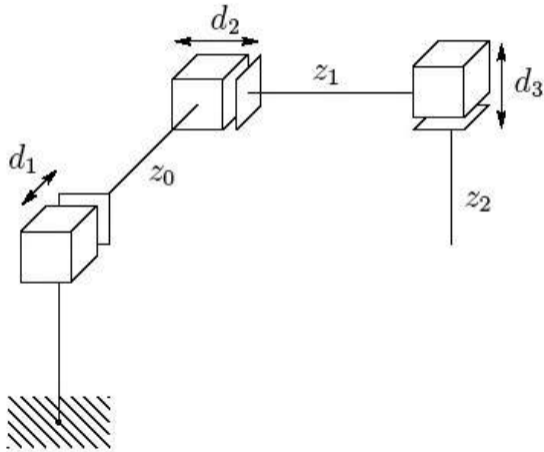
[4] Cylindrical Manipulator (RPP):



Seiko RT3300 Robot

Common Kinematic Arrangements:

[5] Cartesian Manipulator (PPP):

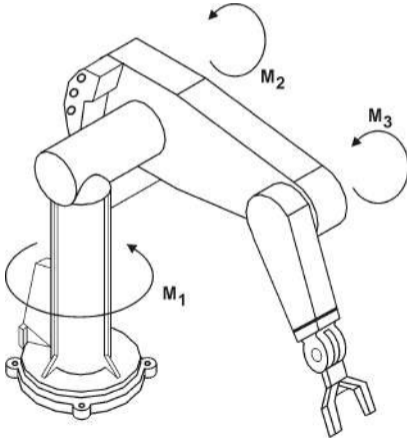


Epson Cartesian Robot

Common Kinematic Arrangements:

[6] PUMA Manipulator (RRR):

Programmable **U**niversal **M**achine for **A**ssembly:

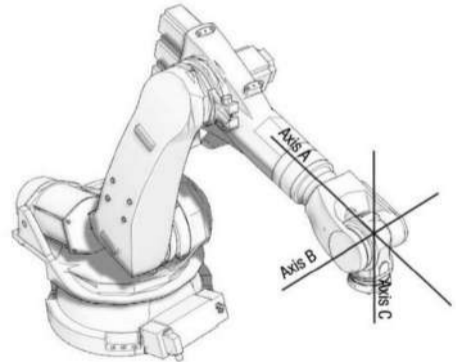
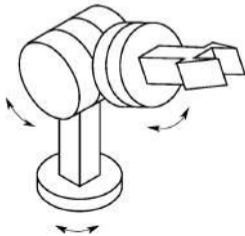


PUMA Robot

Common Kinematic Arrangements:

[7] Spherical Wrist (RRR):

- It is common to attach a spherical wrist to the manipulator end to **allow the orientation of the end-effector**.
- In spherical wrist the axes of the three joints **are intersecting** at the wrist center point.



”Robots are becoming more human, and humans are becoming more robotic”

Bob Metcalfe (1946-), Ethernet inventor.

Questions?

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