GAMES 105 Fundamentals of Character Animation

Lecture 03:

Character Kinematics: Forward and Inverse Kinematics

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- Instructor:
- Website:
- Lecture:
- Prerequisites:

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- https://games-105.github.io/
- Monday 8:00PM to 9:00PM (12 Weeks)
- linear algebra, calculus, programming skills (python), probability theory, mechanics, ML, RL...

https://github.com/GAMES-105/GAMES-105



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- Exercise:
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 - Submission:
 - Register code:
- BBS:

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Outline

- Character Kinematics
 - Skeleton and forward Kinematics
- Inverse Kinematics
 - IK as a optimization problem
 - Optimization approaches
 - Cyclic Coordinate Descent (CCD)
 - Jacobian and gradient descent method
 - Jacobian inverse method

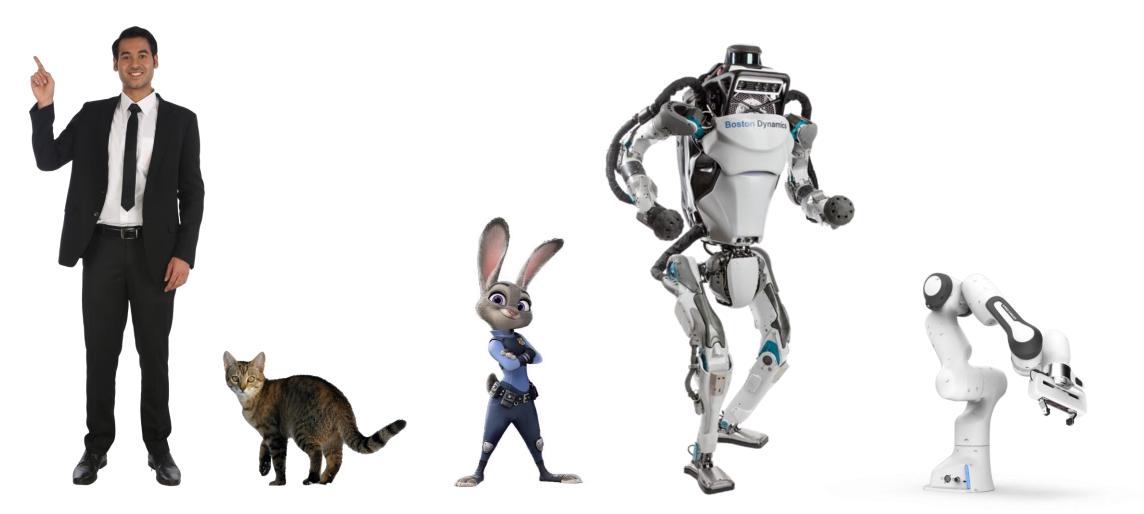
Character Kinematics

kinematics / kını'mætıks/

n. the study of the motion of bodies without reference to mass or force

-- Collins English Dictionary

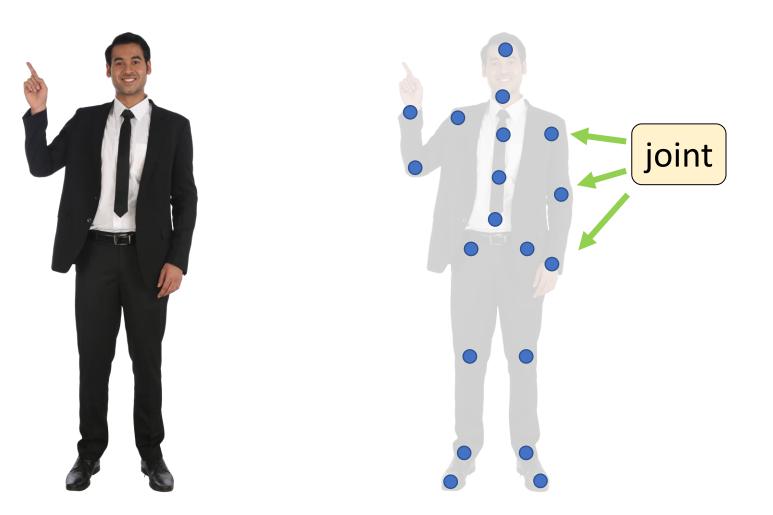






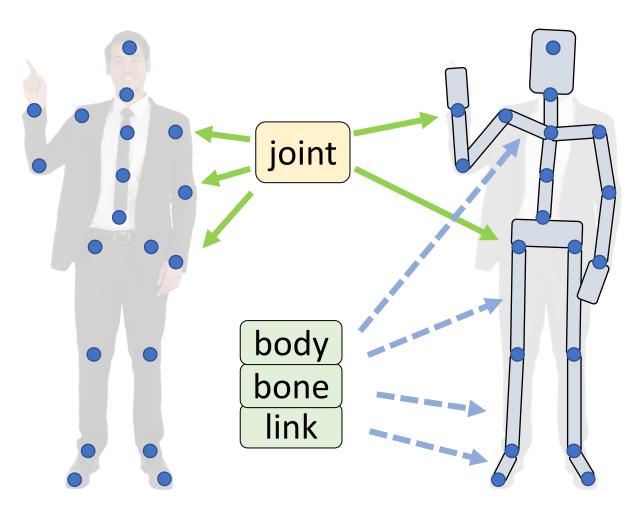




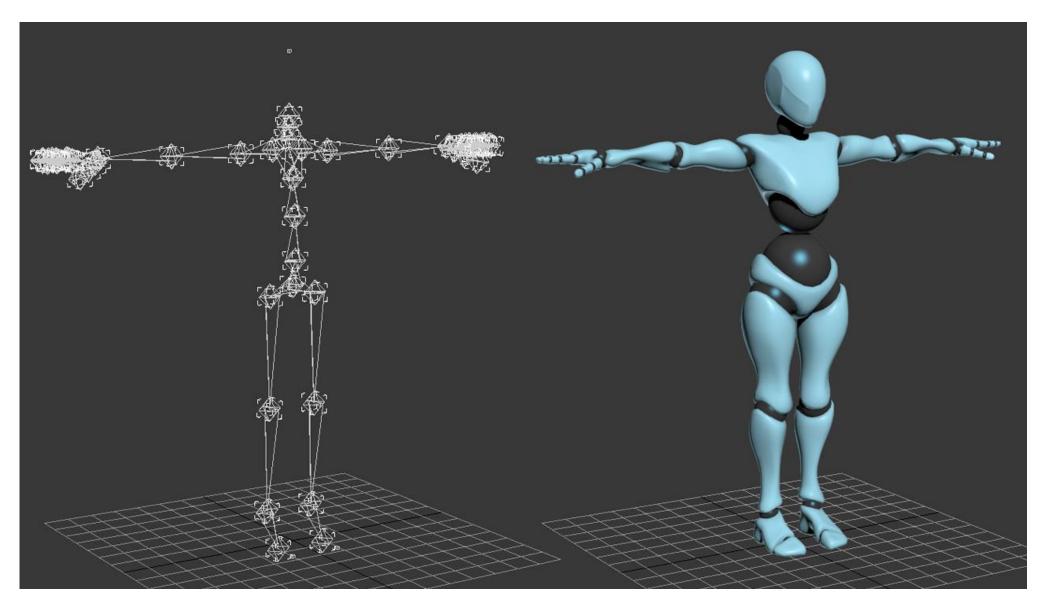




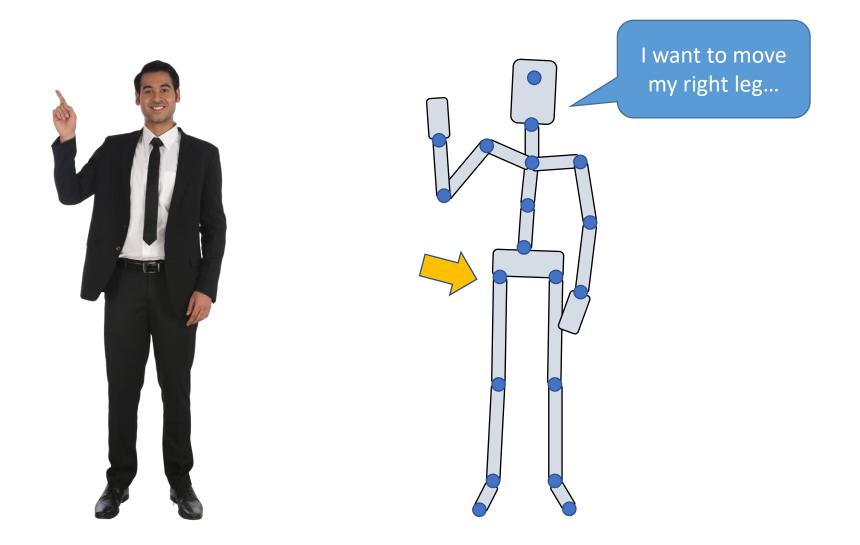




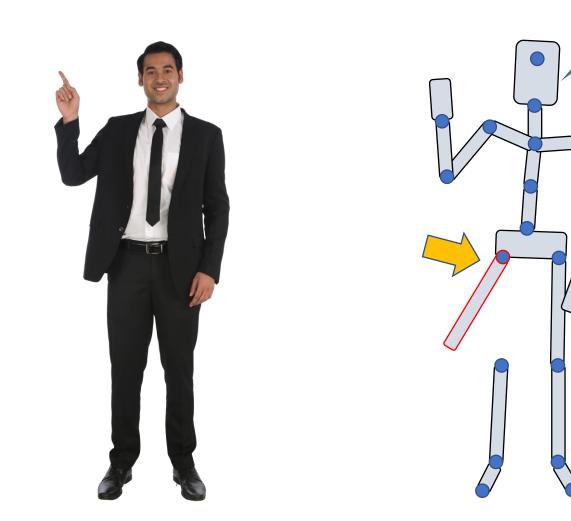




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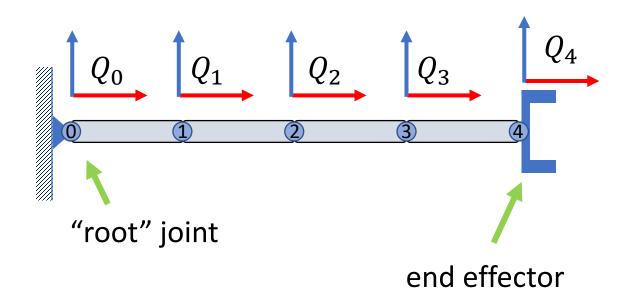
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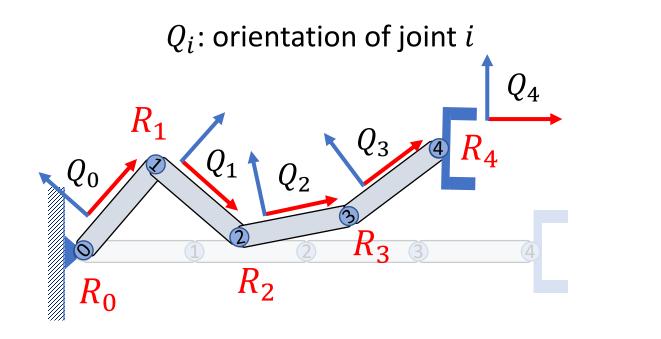


- Joint will not take effect automatically...
- We need to calculate the position and orientation of each bone carefully.
- But how?

Ouch!

 Q_i : orientation of joint i





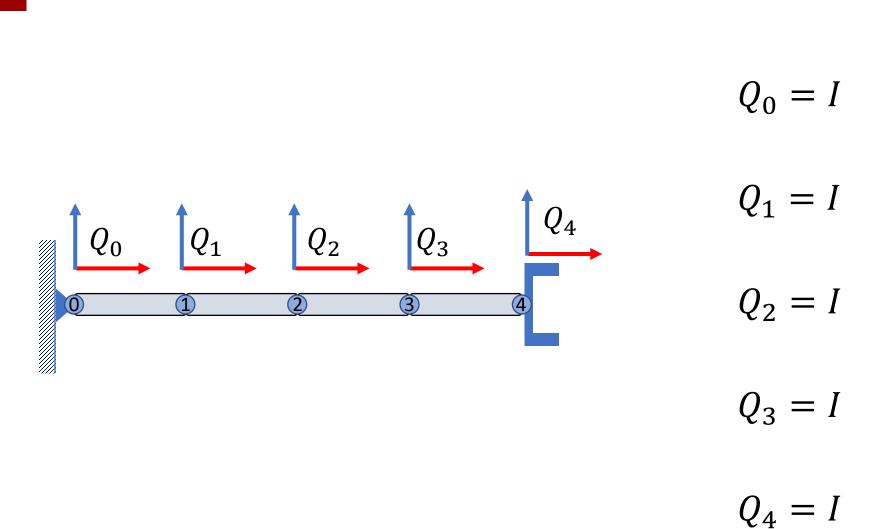
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 $Q_2 = ?$

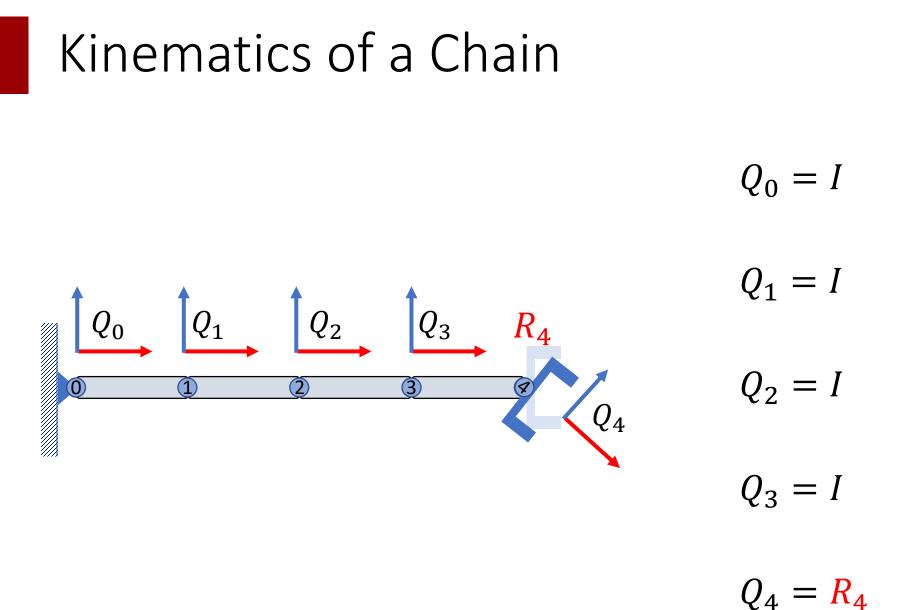
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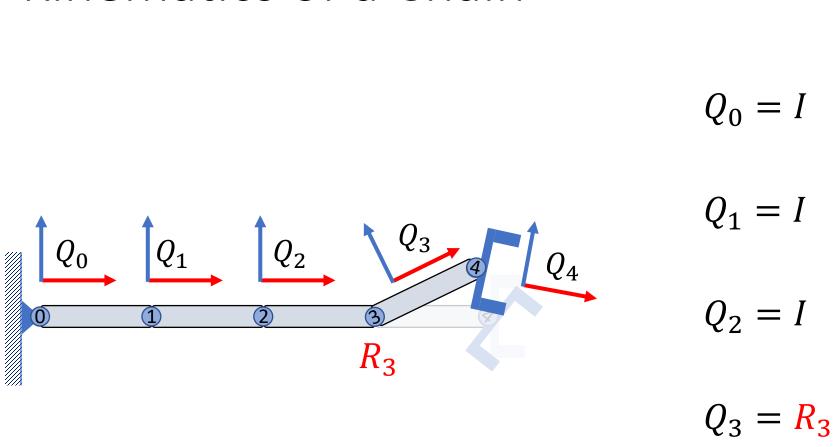
 R_i : rotation of joint *i*

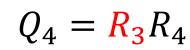
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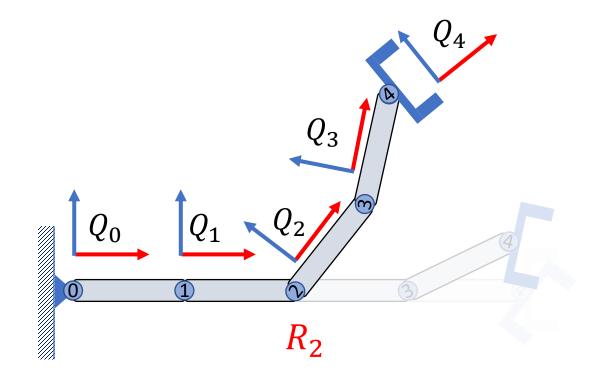


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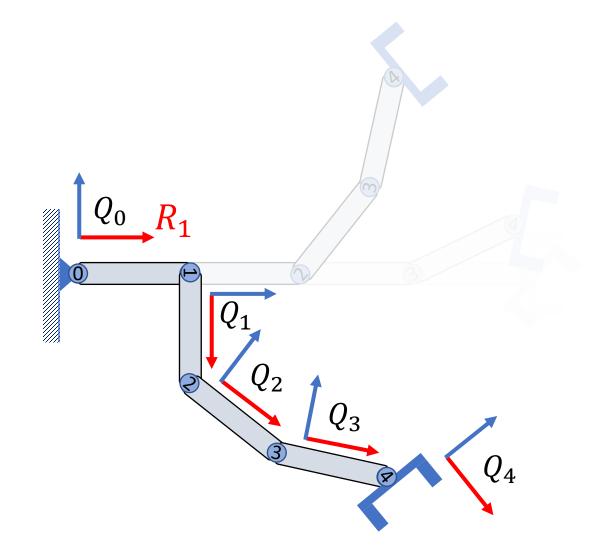
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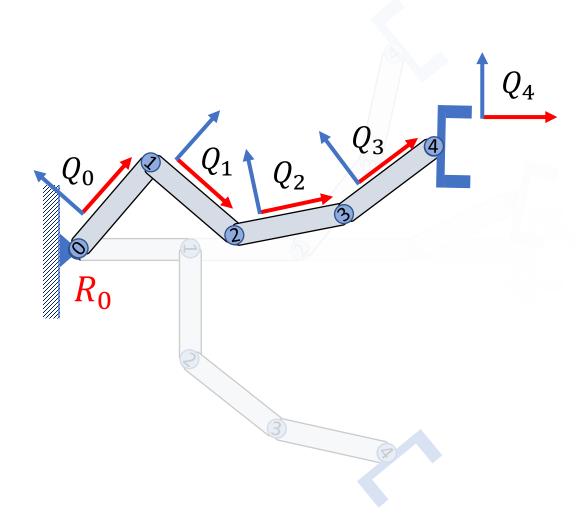
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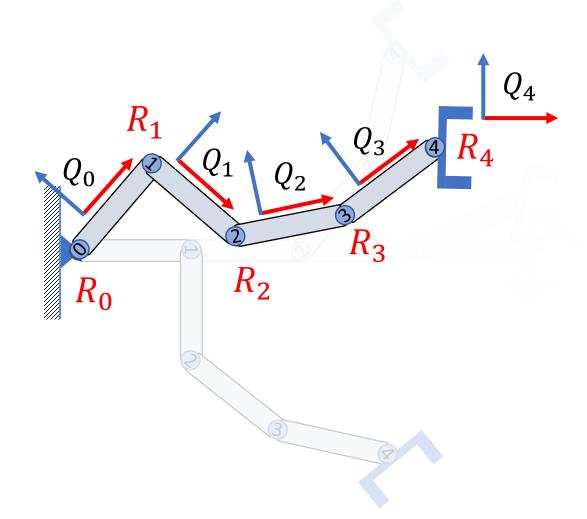


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- $Q_1 = R_1$
- $Q_2 = \frac{R_1}{R_2}$
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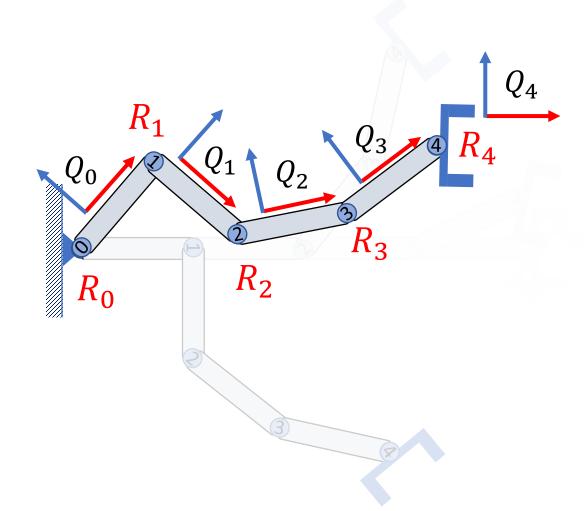
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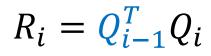
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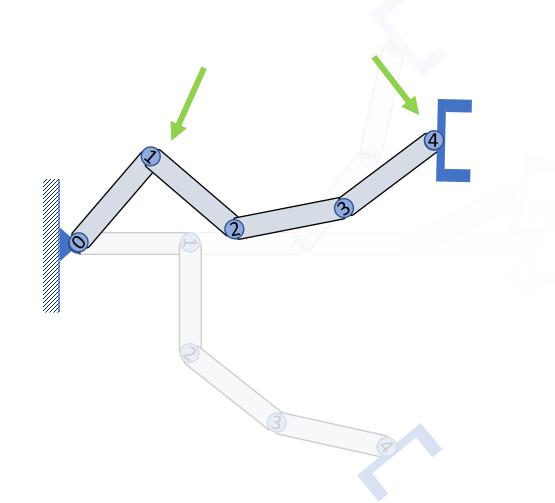


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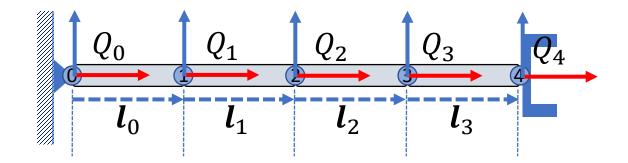
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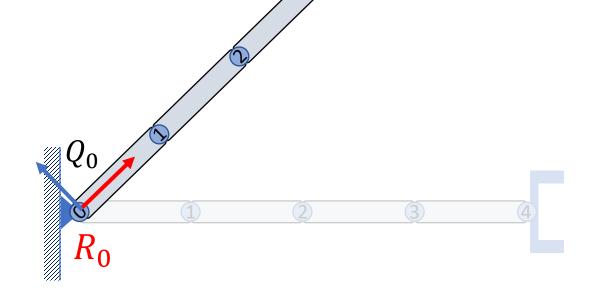
Relative rotation

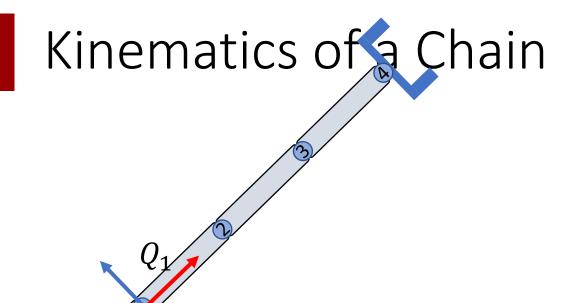
 $R_{4}^{1} = Q_{1}^{T}Q_{4}$ $= (R_{0}R_{1})^{T}R_{0}R_{1}R_{2}R_{3}R_{4}$ $= R_{2}R_{3}R_{4}$





 $Q_0 = R_0$

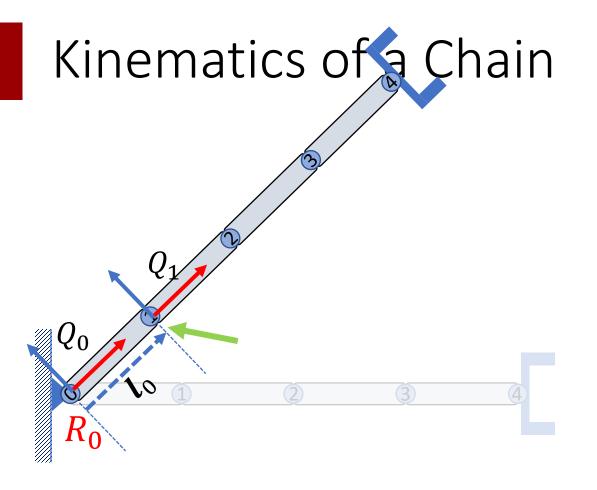




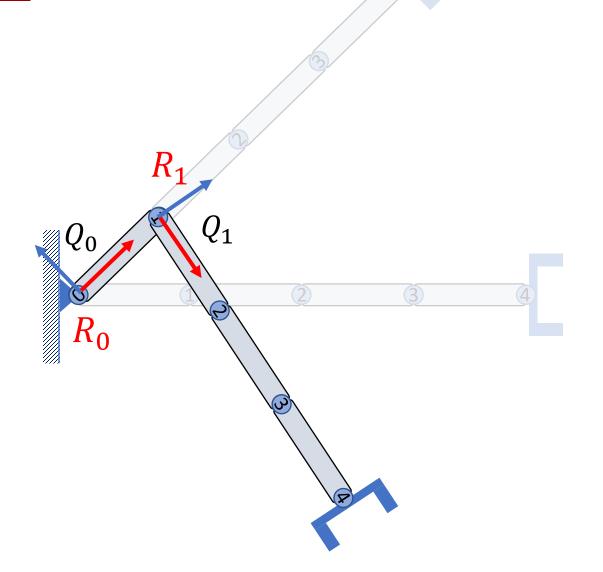
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 Q_0

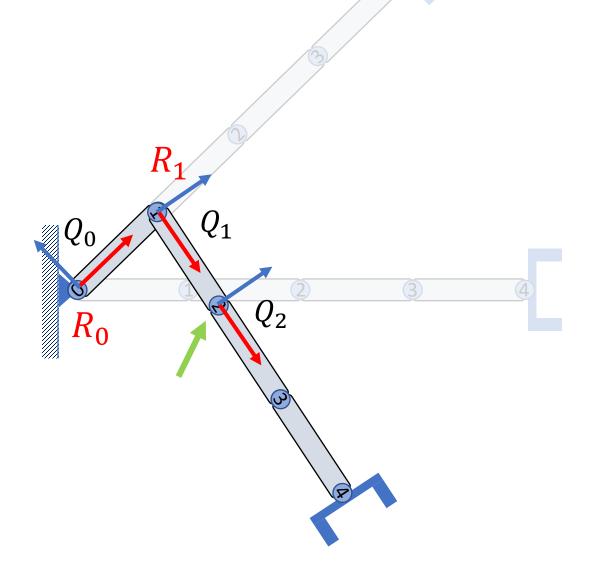
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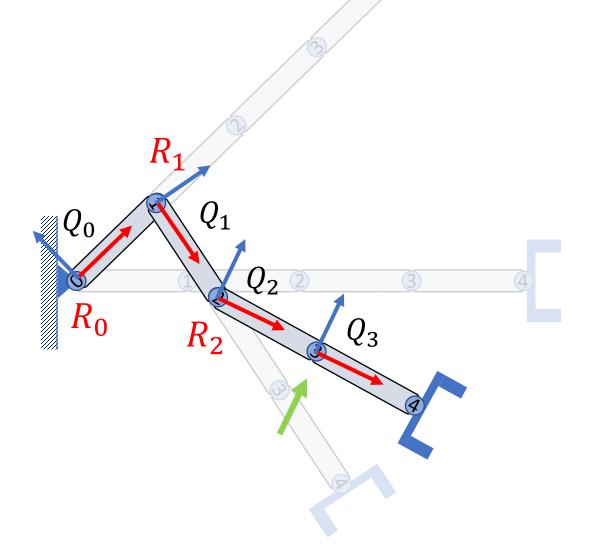
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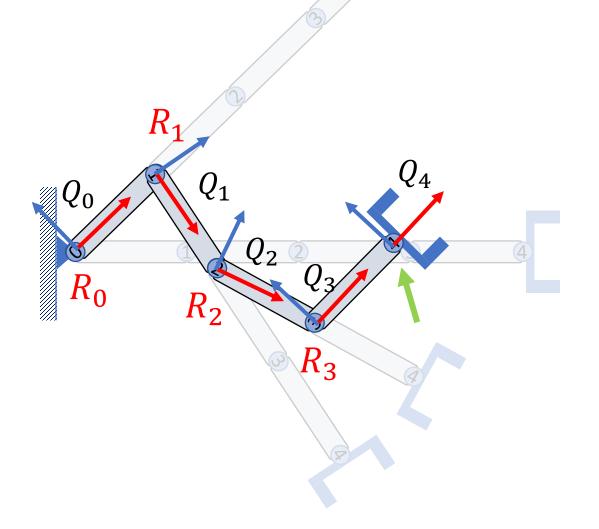
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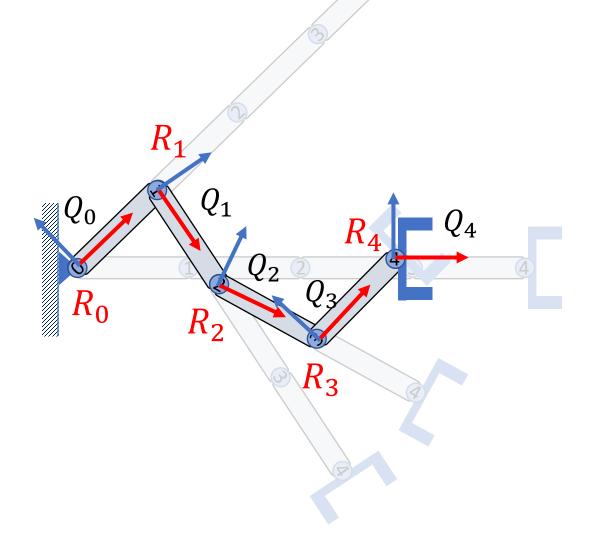
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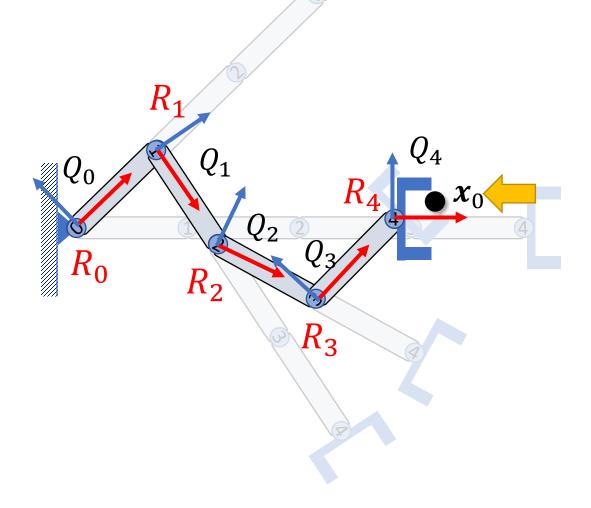
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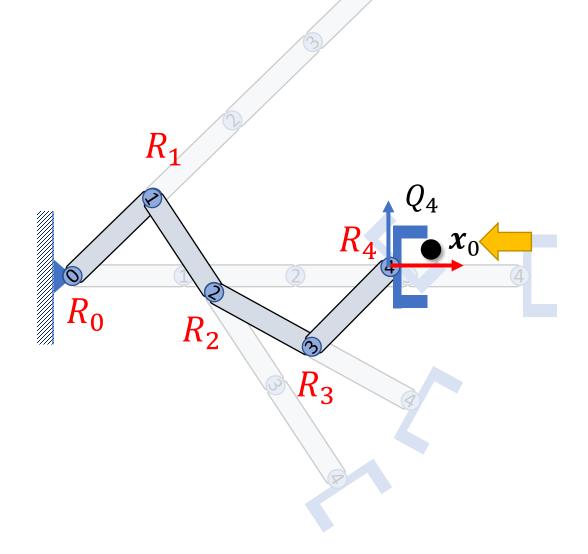
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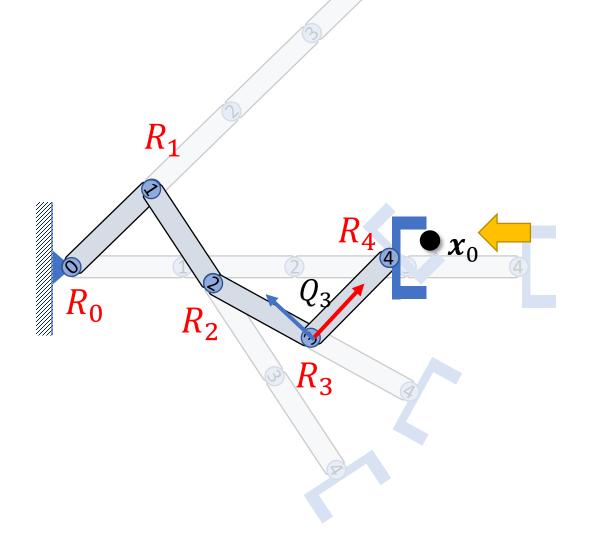
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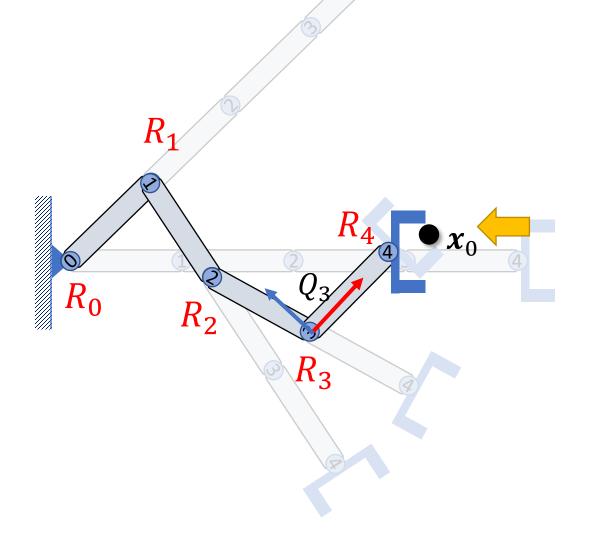
 $x = ?? x_0$



 $\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{p}_4 + \boldsymbol{Q}_4 \boldsymbol{x}_0$



 $x = p_4 + Q_4 x_0$ = $p_3 + Q_3 l_3 + Q_3 R_4 x_0$ = $p_3 + Q_3 (l_3 + R_4 x_0)$

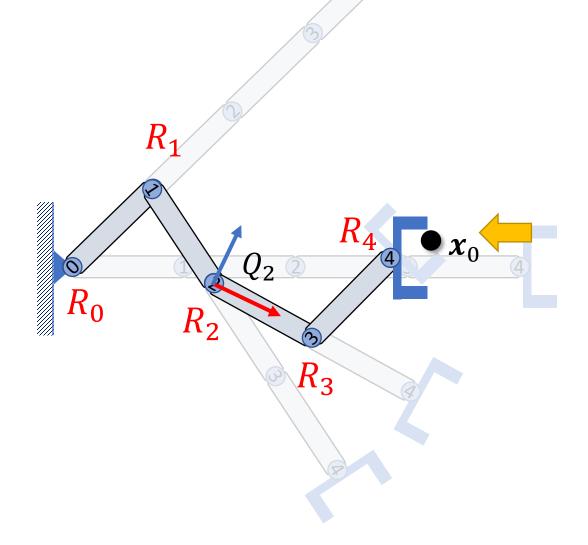


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Local coordinates of x in Q_3

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 $= \boldsymbol{l}_3 + \boldsymbol{R}_4 \boldsymbol{x}_0$

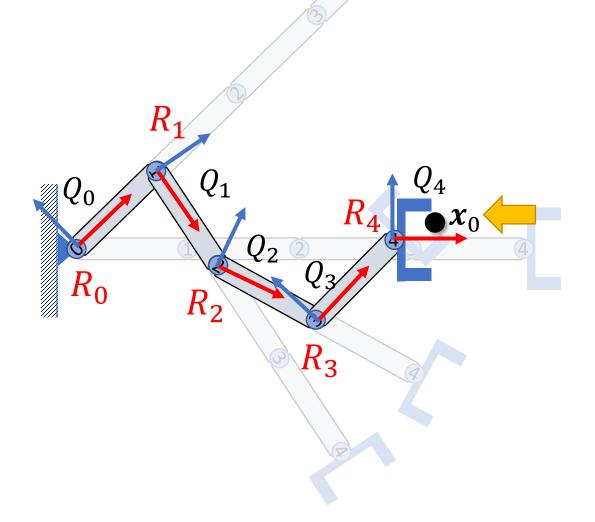


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Local coordinates of \boldsymbol{x} in Q_2

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 $= \boldsymbol{l}_2 + R_3 \boldsymbol{l}_3 + R_3 R_4 \boldsymbol{x}_0$

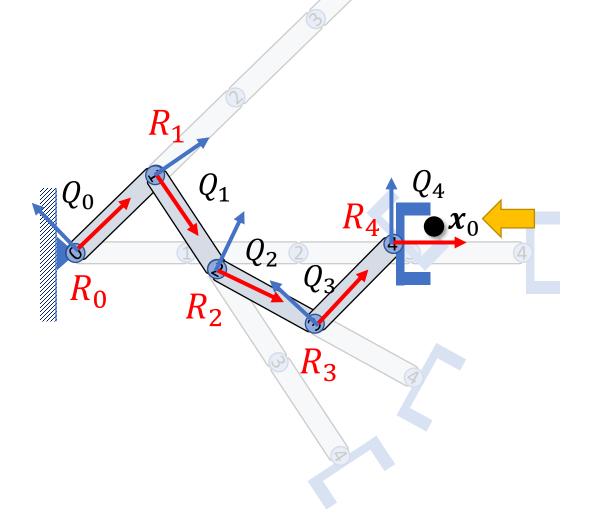


Forward kinematics:

Given the rotations of all joints R_i , find the coordinates of x_0 in the global frame x:

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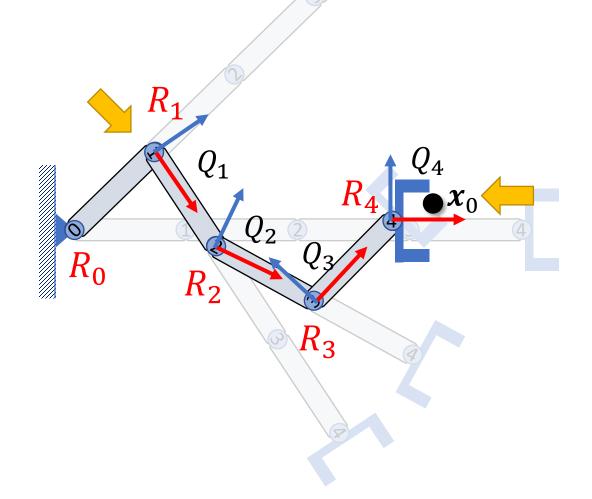
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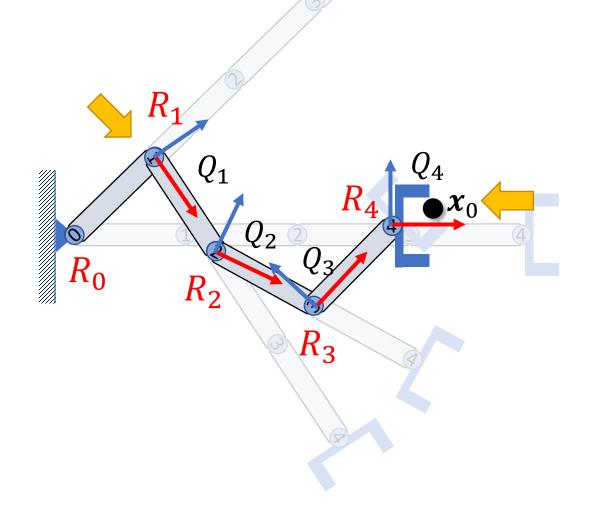


Forward kinematics:

Given the rotations of all joints R_i , find the coordinates of x_0 relative to the local frame of Q_k :

for *i* from joint k + 1 to the end effector: $Q'_i = Q'_{i-1}R_i //(Q'_0 = I)$ $p'_{i+1} = p'_i + Q'_i l_i$

 $\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{p}_{\mathrm{E}}' + \boldsymbol{Q}_{\mathrm{E}}'\boldsymbol{x}_0$

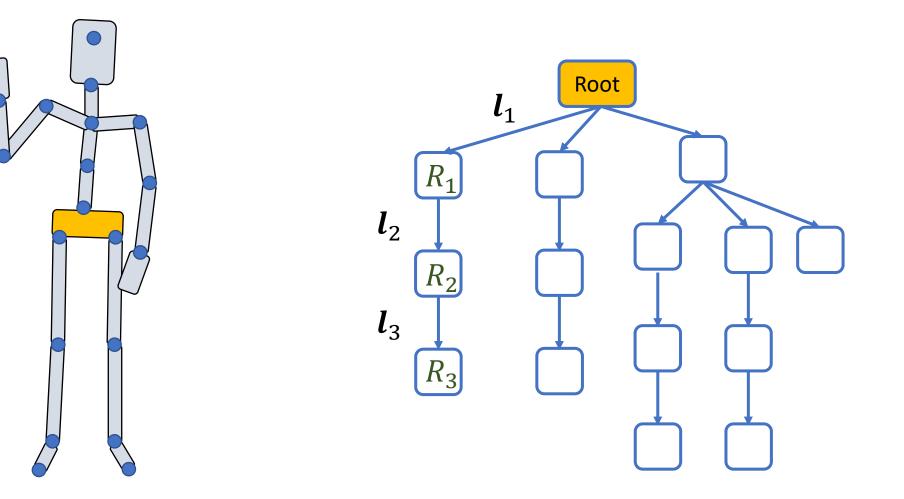


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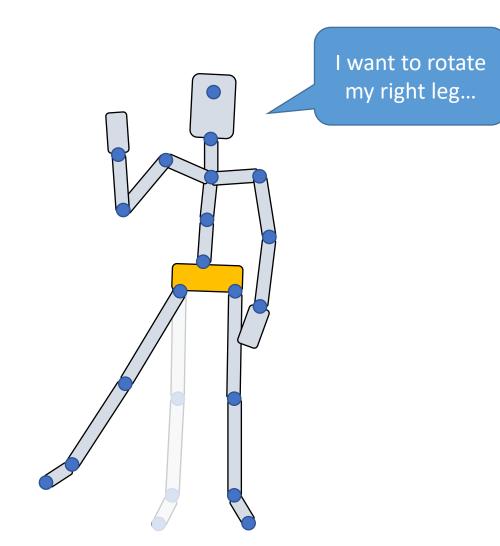
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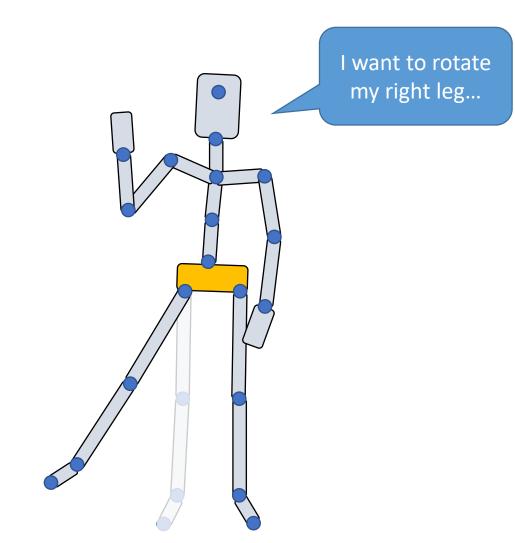
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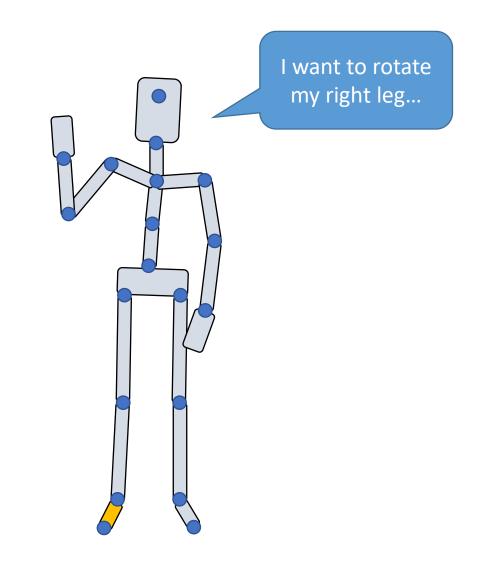


Root Location

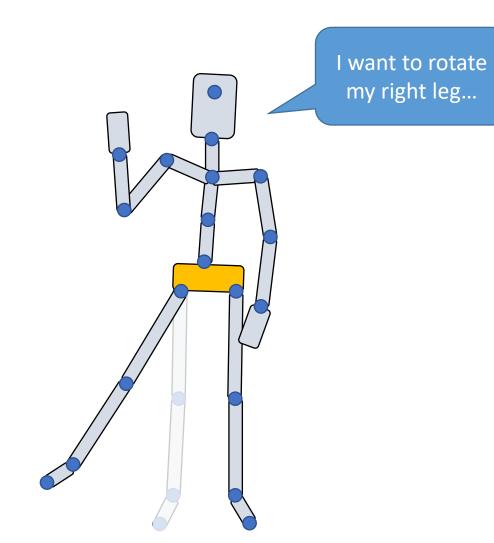


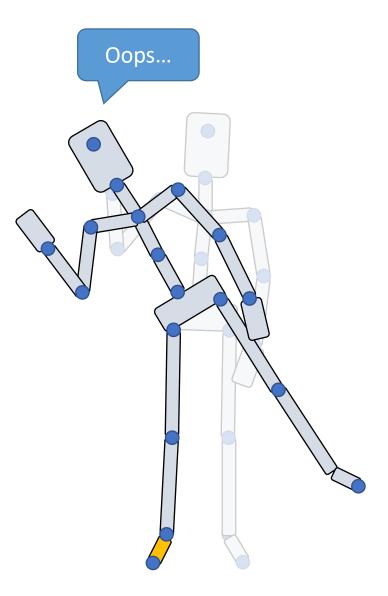
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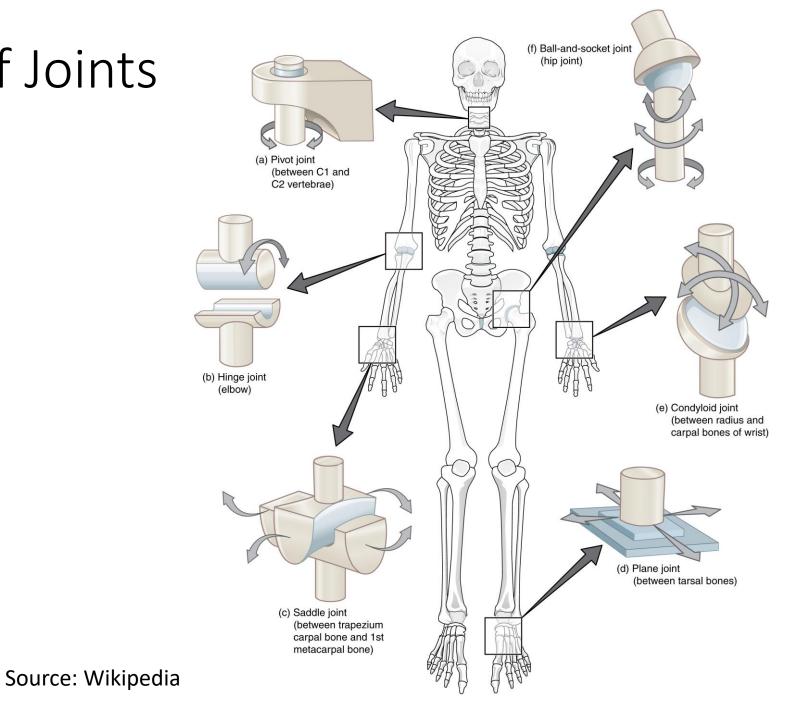


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Types of Joints

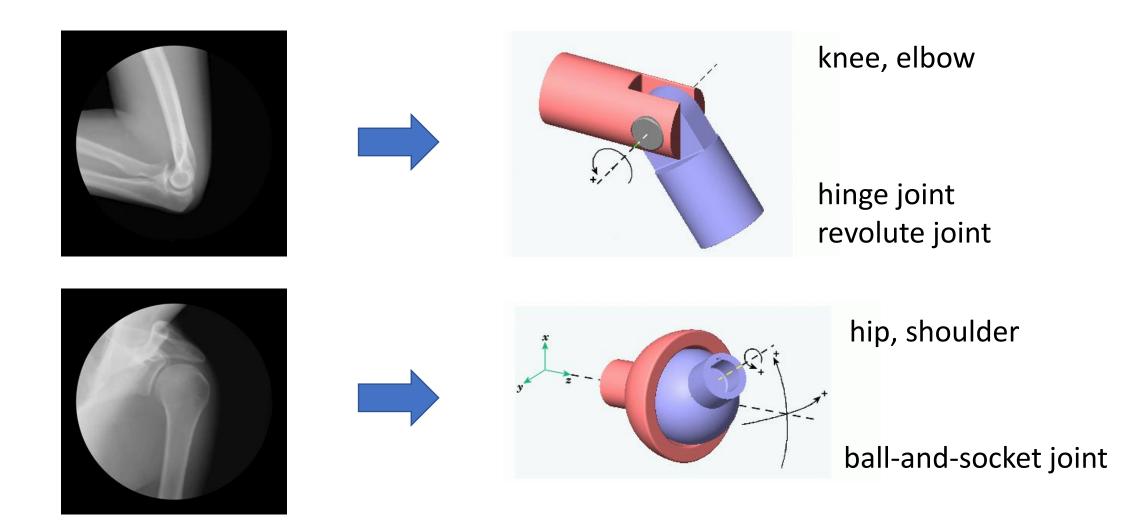


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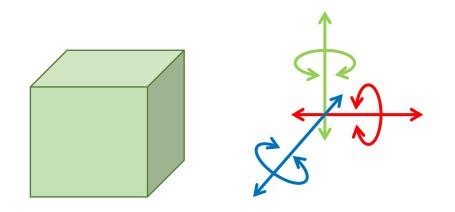
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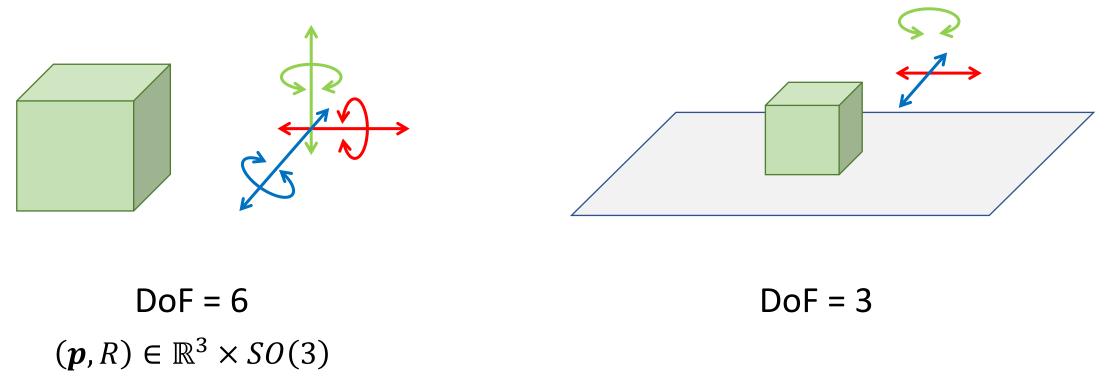


 Number of independent parameters that define the configuration or state of a mechanical system

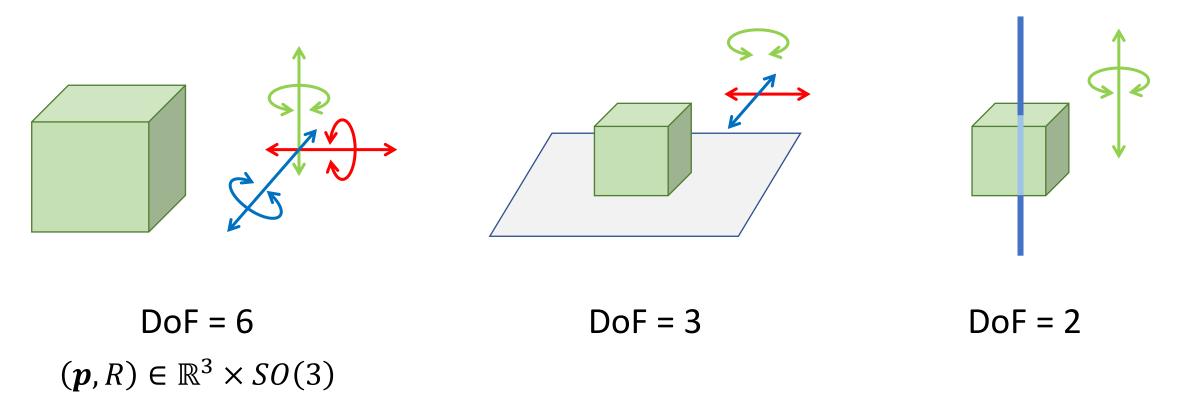


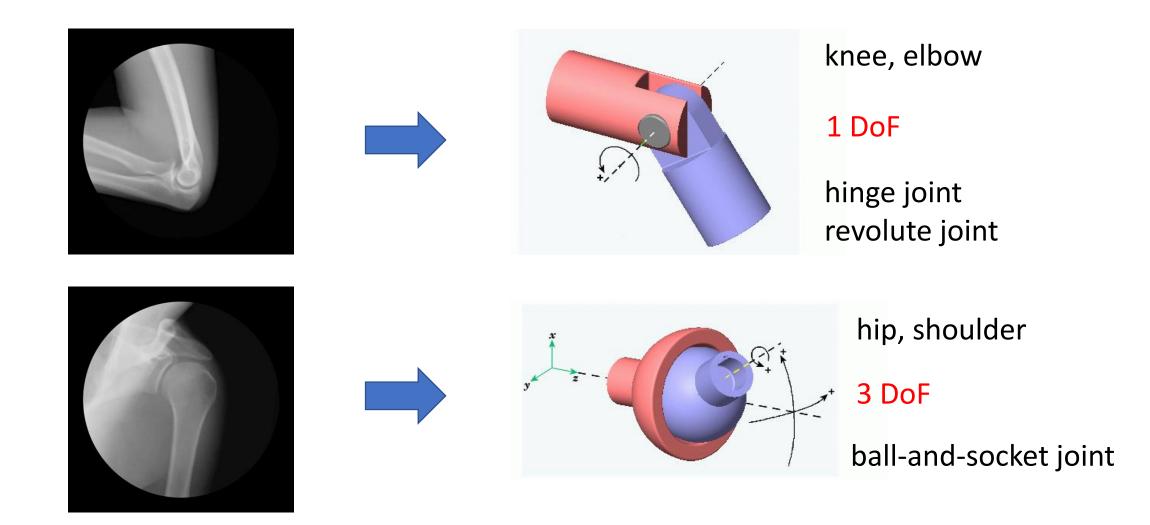
DoF = 6 $(p, R) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(3)$

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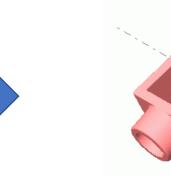


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2 DoF

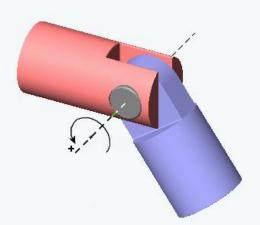
universal joint

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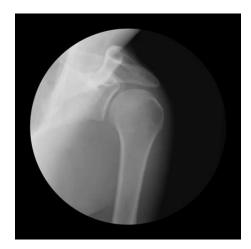
Joint Limits



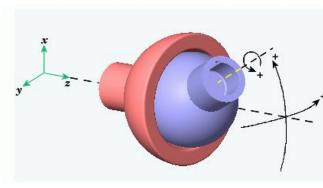




knee, elbow 1 DoF $\theta_{\min} \le \theta \le \theta_{\max}$ hinge joint revolute joint

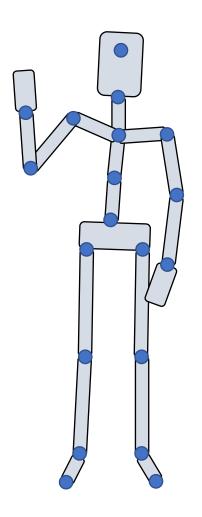




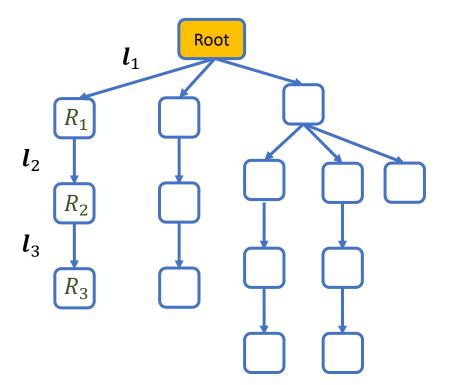


hip, shoulder **3** DoF $\theta_{\min} \leq \theta \leq \theta_{\max}$ ball-and-socket joint

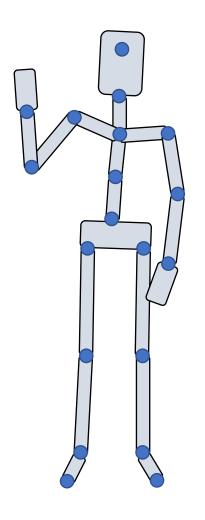




 $(t_0, R_0, R_1, R_2, \dots)$

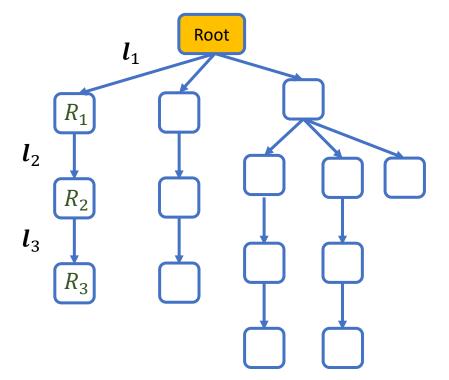


Pose Parameters

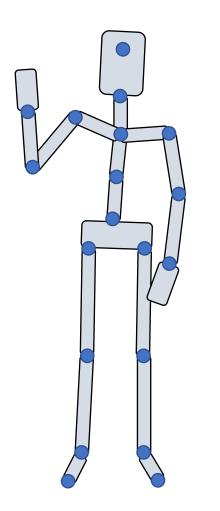


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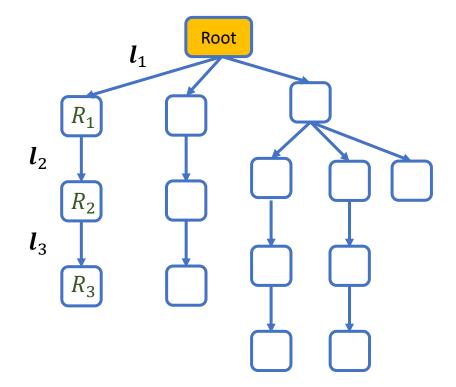
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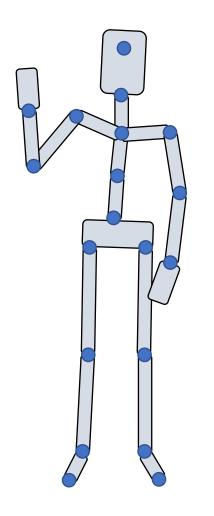
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for i in joint_list:
 $p_i = i$'s parent joint
 $Q_i = Q_{p_i}R_i$ $x_i = x_{p_i} + Q_{pi}I_i$

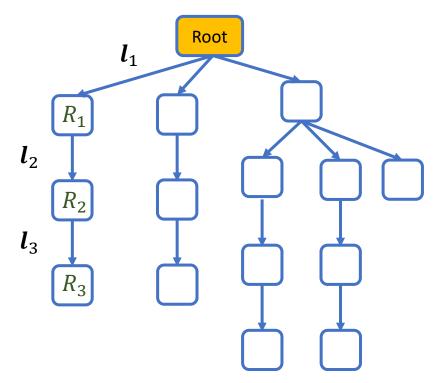


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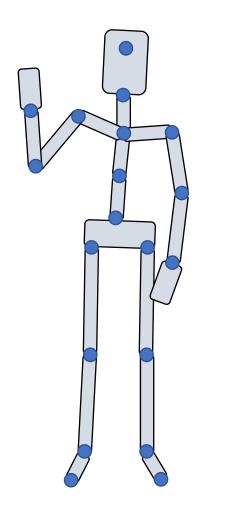


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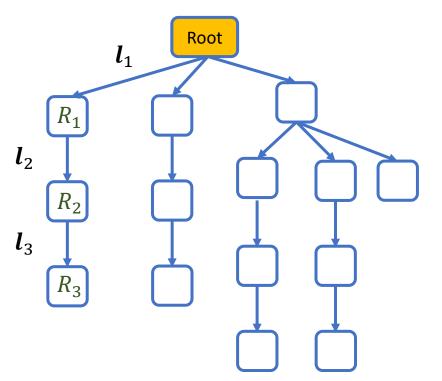
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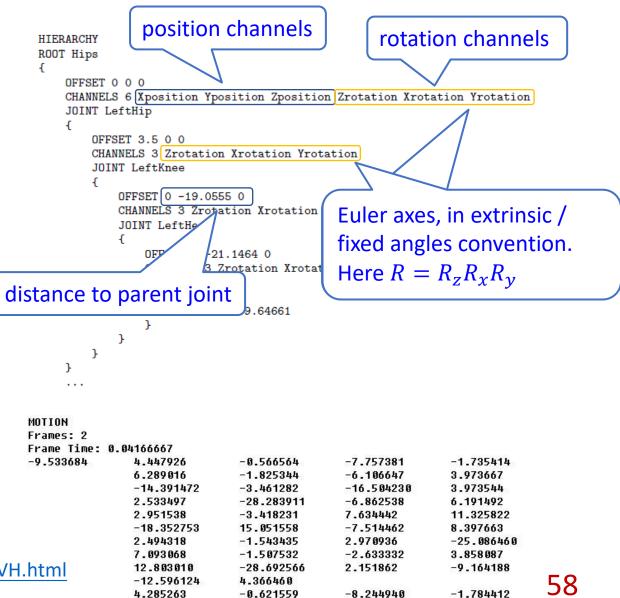
Q2: how should we allow stretchable bones?



Example: motion data in a file

- BVH files
 - One of the most-used file format for motion data
 - View in blender, FBX review, Motion Builder, etc.
 - Text-based, easy to read and edit
- Format
 - HIERARCHY: defining **T-pose** of the character
 - MOTION: root position and Euler angles of each joints

See: https://research.cs.wisc.edu/graphics/Courses/cs-838-1999/Jeff/BVH.html



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Inverse Kinematics Techniques in Computer Graphics: A Survey

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Abstract

Incress kinematics (1K) is the use of kinematic equations to determine the joint parameters of a manipulator so that the ead offector more to a desired positions. It can be applied in many areas, itcaliage mobies, conguering, comparing ergaphics from the computer graphics position of views. The paper starts with the definition of forward and the solutions developed over the years from the computer graphics position of views. The paper starts with the definition of forward and the solutions developed over the years from the computer graphics position of views. The paper starts with the definition of forward and the she involves the proof is divided into four main categories: the matyrix at, the numerical, the data driven and the hybrid method. Is intelline illustrating key methods is presented, explaining how the IK approaches thave progressed over the years. The most popular IK methods are discussed with regord to their performance, computational cost and the smootheres of their rentaling postares, while we suggest which IK family of solvers is best suited for particular problems. Finally, we indicate the limitations of the current IK methodologies and proport fauter research directions.

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Keywords: inverse kinematics, motion capture, biomechanical constraints

ACM CCS: General and reference-Surveys and overviews; Computing methodologies-Animation

1. Introduction

Kinemakic describes the rotational and translational motion of points, bodies (objects) and systems of bodies (groups of objects) without consideration of what causes the motion or any reference to mass, force or torque. Inverse kinematics (KK) was initiated in toobics as the problem of moving a rotndnaft kinematics arm with specific degrees of freedom (IDeFs) to a pre-defined target. Beyond its us in robotics, K has found applications in computer graphics, generating particular interest in the field of animating attralated subjects. This survey focuses on CK septications in computer graphics, aiming to provide insights about IK to young researchers by introducing the mathematical problem, and surveying the most popular lexingues that tack the problem.

Computer graphics applications usually deal with articulated figures, which are convenient models for humans, animals or other legged virtual creatures from films and video games. Animating such articulated characters is a challenging problem. Most vir-

© 2017 The Authors Computer Graphics Forum © 2017 The Eurographics Association and John Wiley & Sons Ltd. Published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd. tual character models are complicated, made up of many joints, thus having a high number of DoA's. In addition, they are required to satisfy numerous constraints, including joint and/eccontecrestrictions. One way to handle this completivity is to manually adjust all the DoFis by carefully modifying the joint rotations to achieve the desired pose and ensure their temporal coherence—an extremely complex and time-consuming process.

Therefore, it was a seccessity to find efficient ways to manipulae systems consisting of complex and multi-init models. It has become one of the fundamental techniques for editing motion data. It, is commonly used for animating articulated figures using only the desired positions and sometimes the orientations of certain joints, commonly referred to as end effectors (e.g. usually end effectors are control points, such as the efforw and knee). The end effector positions are usually specified by the animator or a motion capture system, and must reach the desired positions in order to accomplish the given task. The remaining DoP's of the articulated model are

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Inverse Kinematics

Why do we need Inverse Kinematics?



Human Body Rig in Blender https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAM7mF2v7dE

Forward and Inverse Problems

For a system that can be described by a set of parameters θ , and a property x of the system given by

Forward problem:

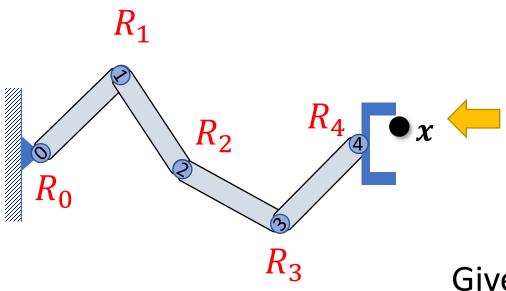
- Given $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, we need to compute \boldsymbol{x}
- Easy to compute since f is known, the result is unique
- DoF of θ is often much larger than that of x. We cannot easily tune θ to achieve a specific value of x.

$$\boldsymbol{x} = f(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Inverse problem:

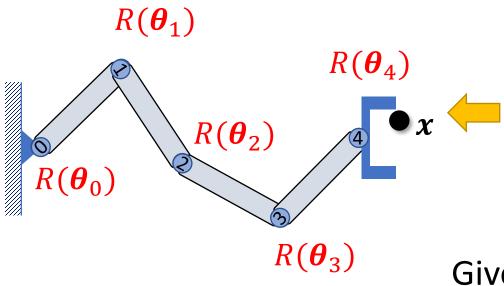
- Given x, we need to find a set of valid parameters θ such that $x = f(\theta)$
- Often need to solve a difficult nonlinear equation, which can have multiple solutions
- *x* is typically meaningful and can be set in intuitive ways

Inverse Kinematics



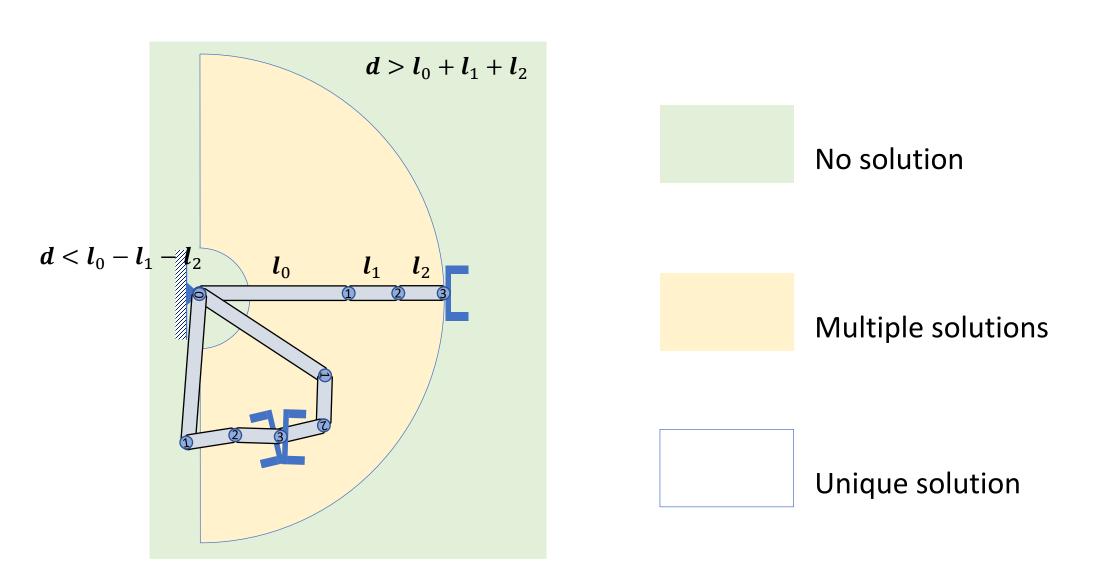
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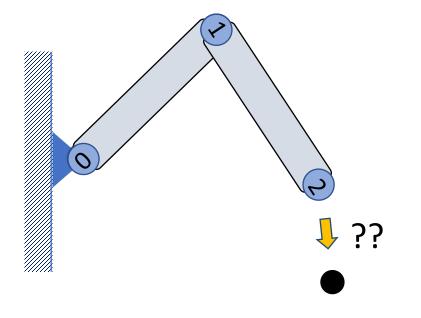
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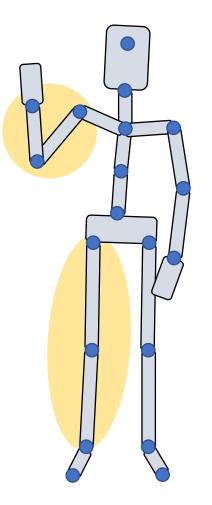
Solutions of IK Problems



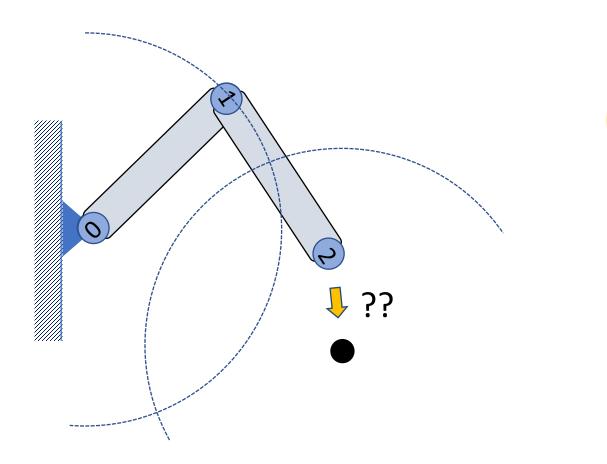
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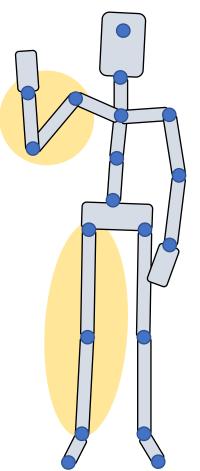
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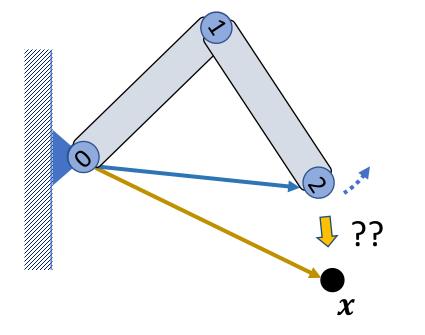




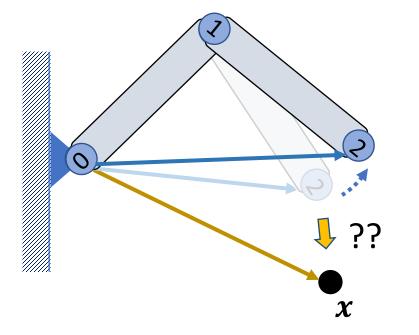
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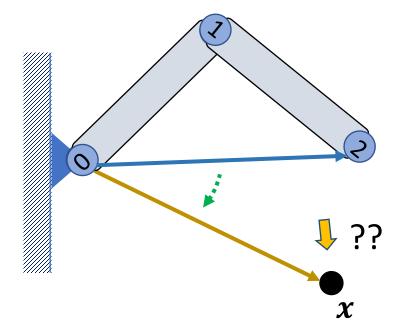




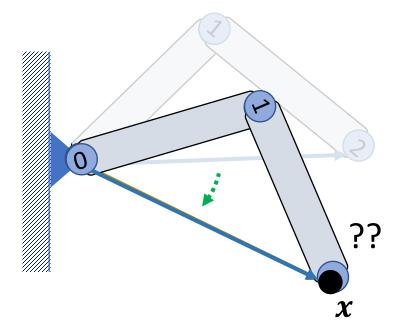
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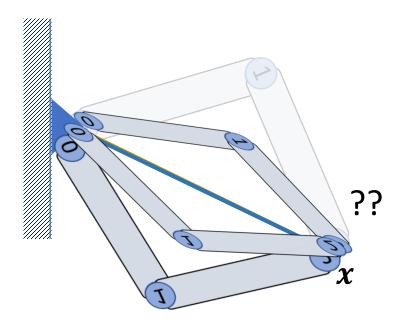


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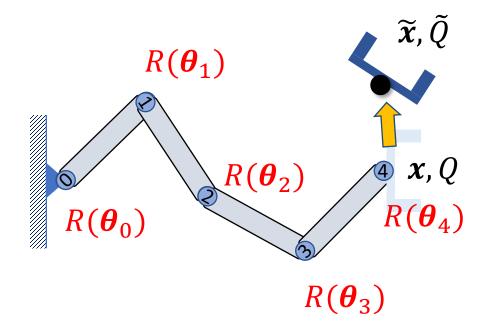


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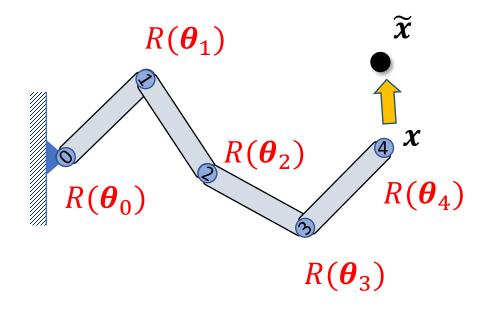
IK as an Optimization Problem



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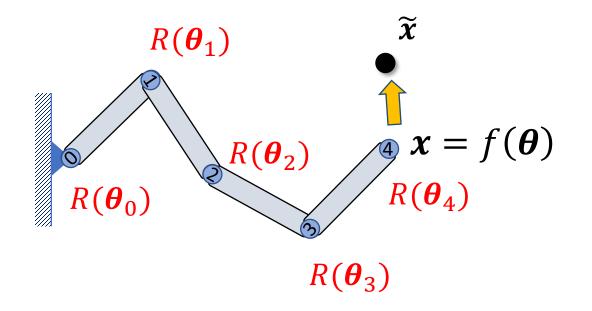
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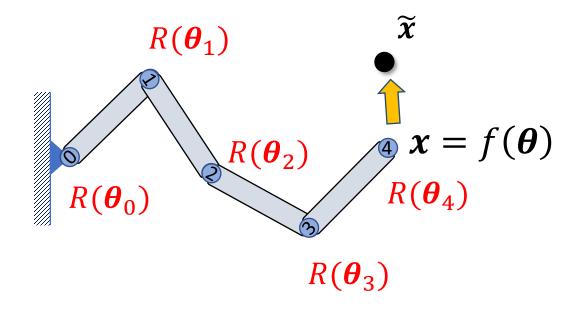
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Find $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ such that

$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}} - f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = 0$$

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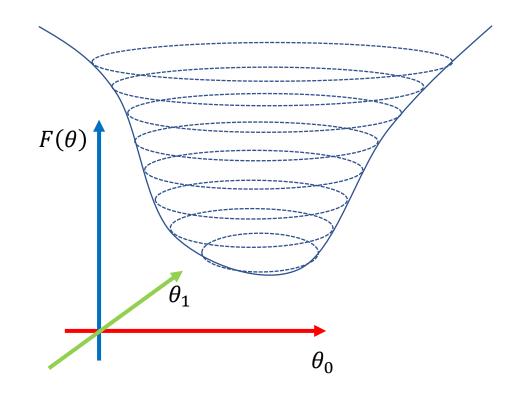


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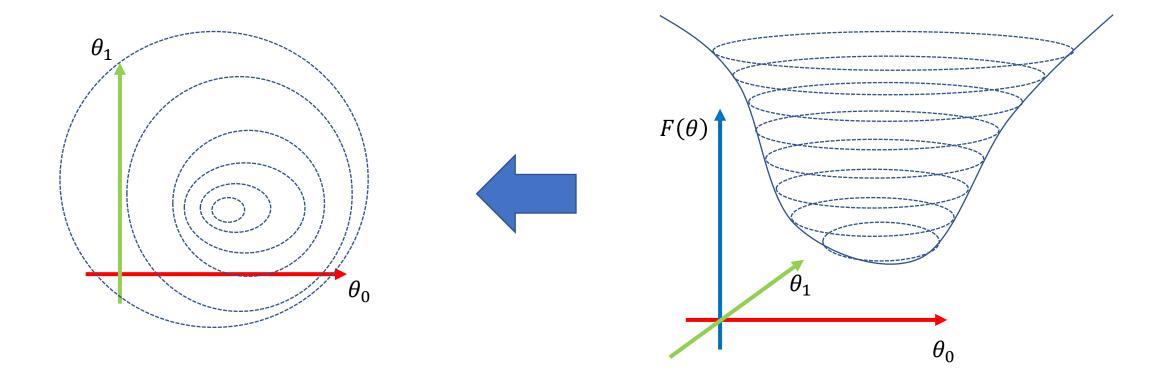
$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{1}{2} \| f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}} \|_2^2$$

Find $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ to optimize $\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} F(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ For an IK problem, we can write

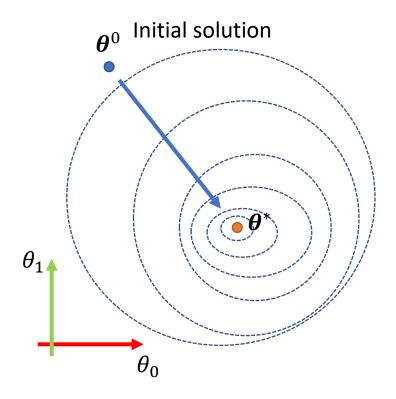
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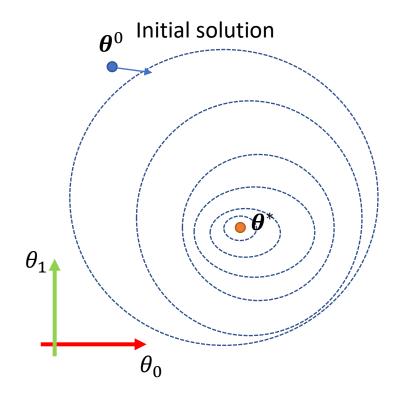


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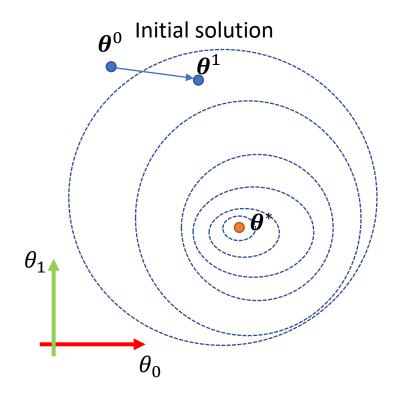


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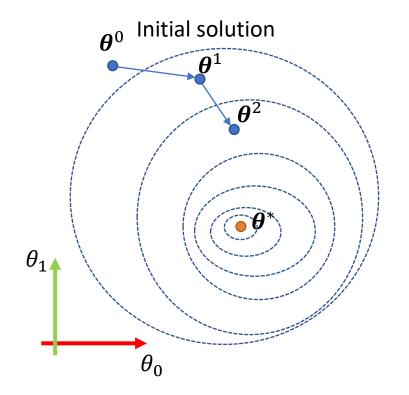




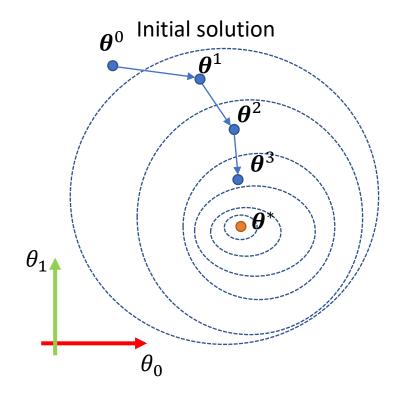
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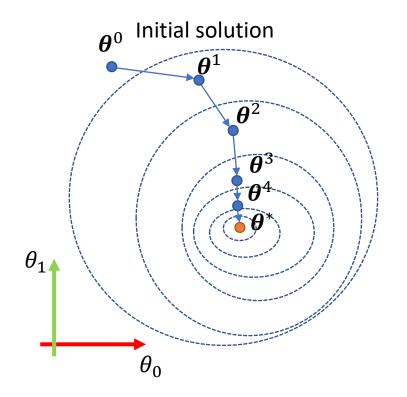
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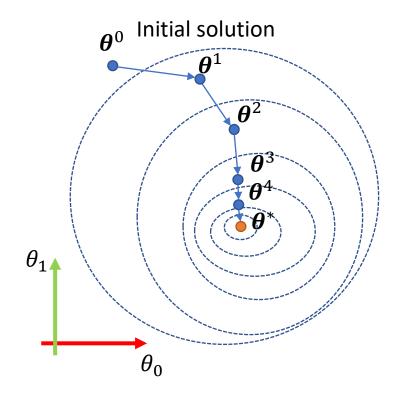
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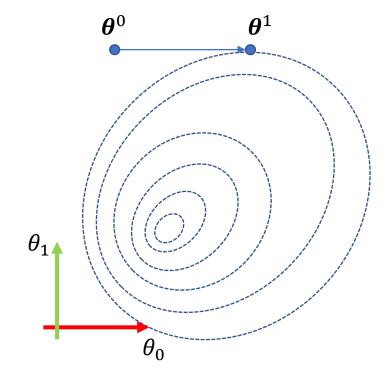


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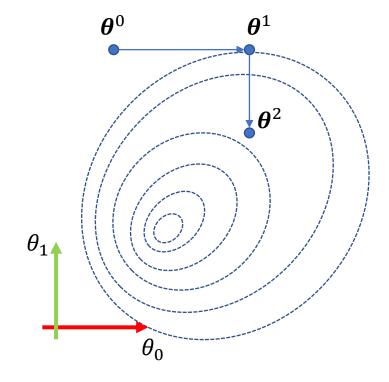
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Coordinate Descent



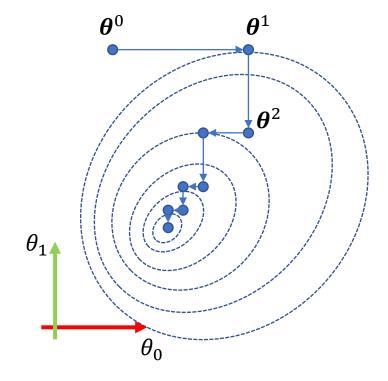
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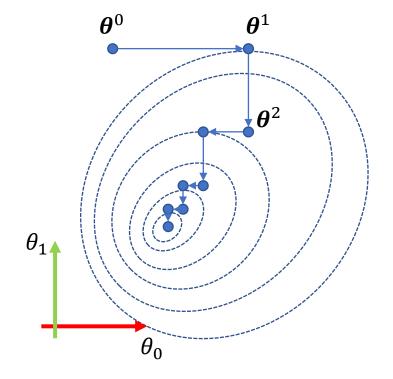


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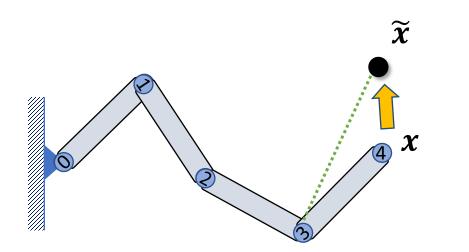


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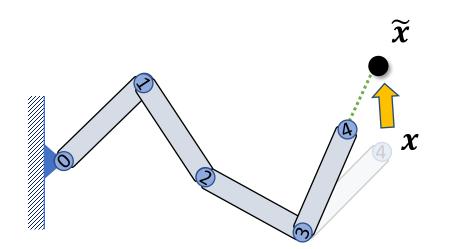


Update parameters along each axis of the coordinate system

Iterate cyclically through all axes



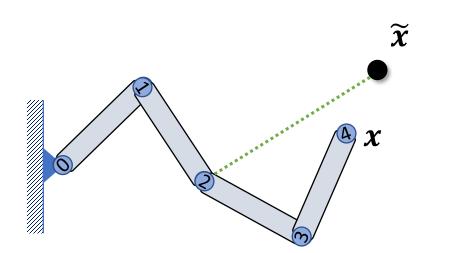
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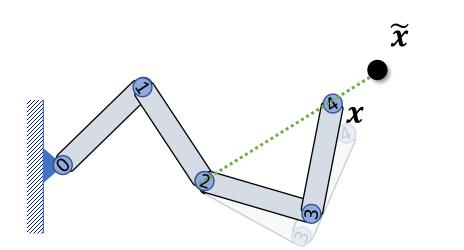
 Rotate joint 3 such that l_{34} points towards \widetilde{x}

 $\min_{\theta_3} F(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ = $\min_{\theta_3} \frac{1}{2} \| f(\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) - \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}} \|_2^2$



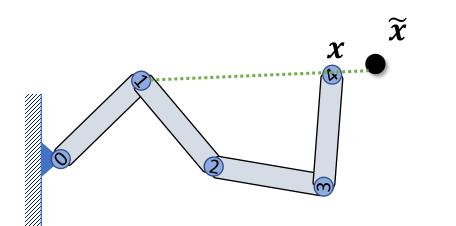
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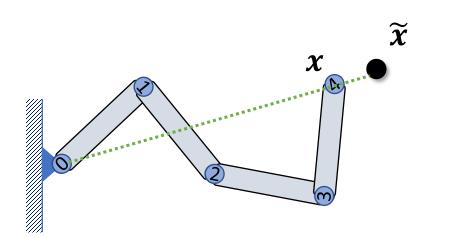
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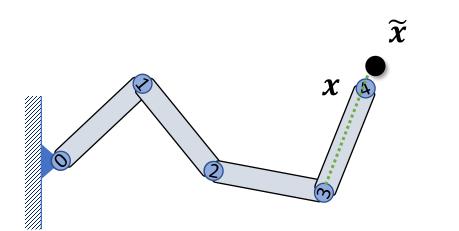


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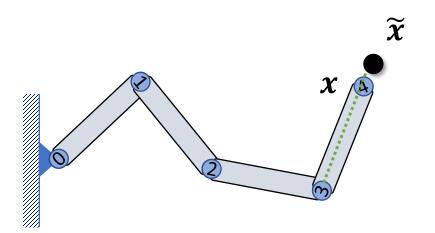
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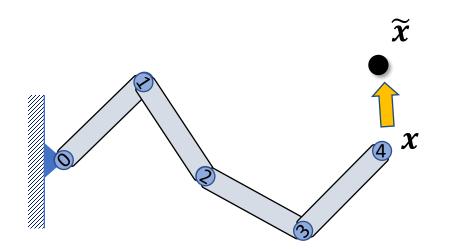
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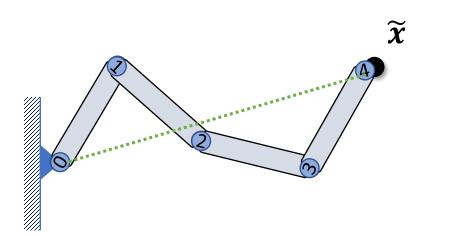
Iteratively rotation each joint to make the end-effector align with vector between the joint and the target

Easy to implement, very fast

The "first" joint moves more than the others May take many iterations to converge Result can be sensitive to the initial solution

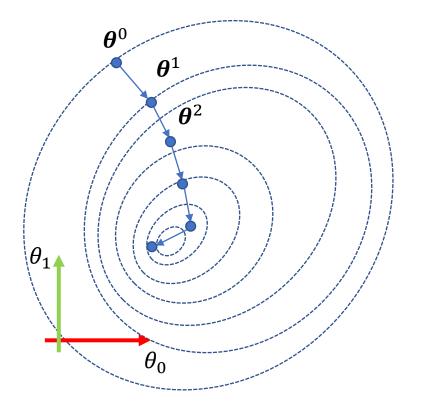


Rotate joint 0 such that l_{04} points towards \widetilde{x}



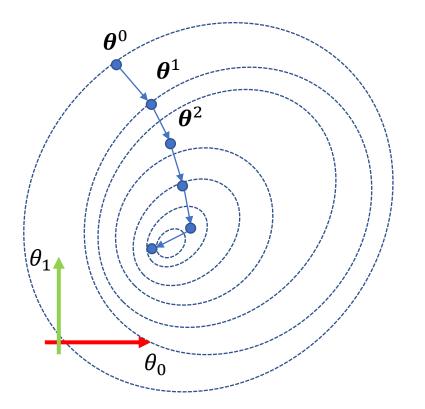
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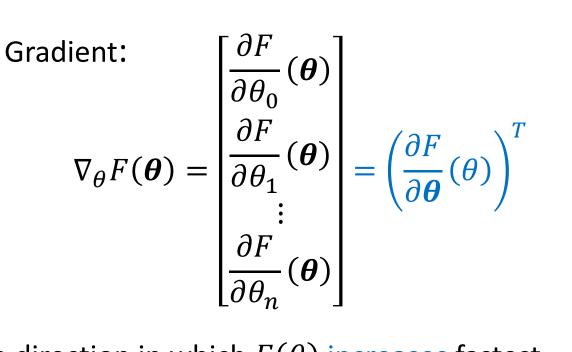


Update parameters against the direction of the gradient of the objective function

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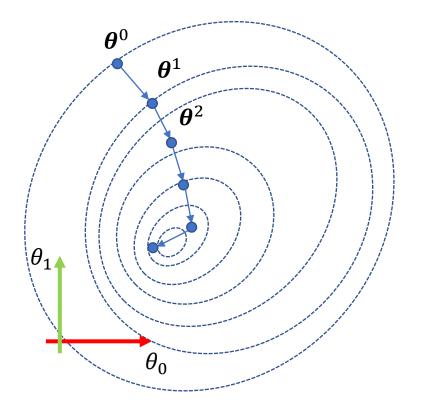


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The direction in which $F(\theta)$ increases fastest

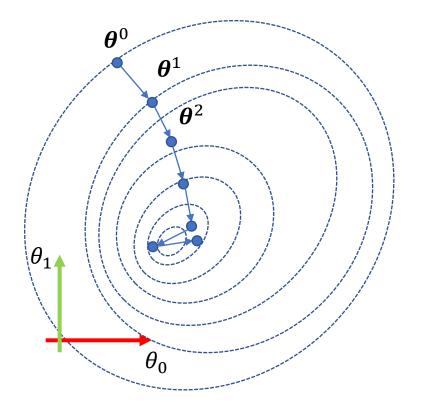
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learning rate

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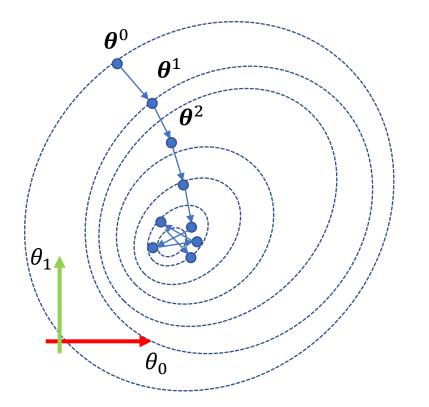
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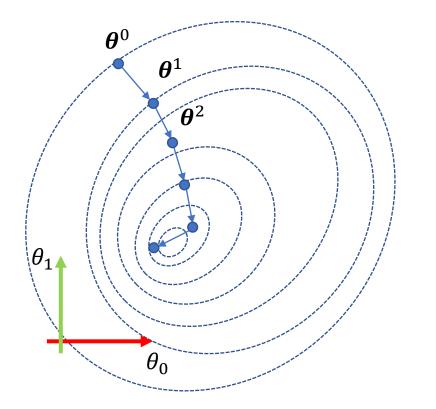
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$$= J^{T} \Delta$$

Jacobian Transpose

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$$\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{\theta})$$
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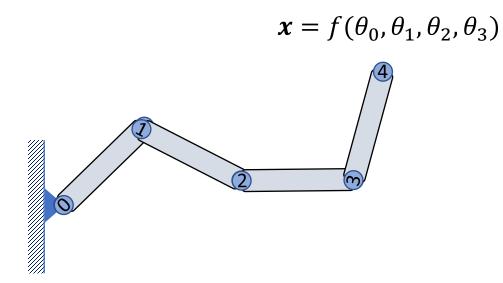
How to compute the Jacobian matrix?

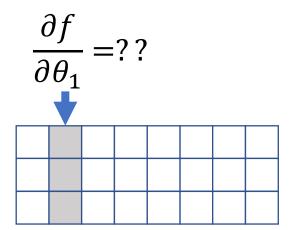
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- Implement $f(\theta)$ using your favorite machine learning framework
 - pytorch, tensorflow,
- Compute gradient using its *autograd* functionality
- Enjoy!

Finite Differencing

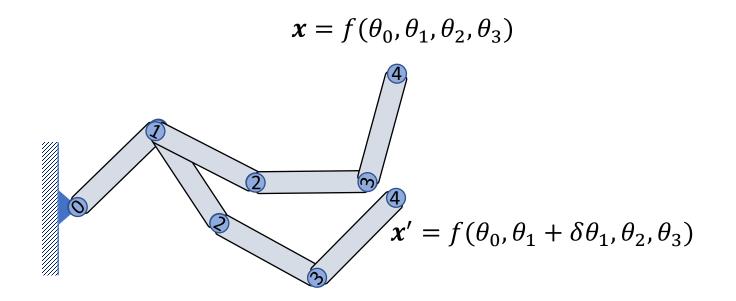
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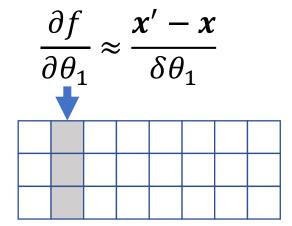




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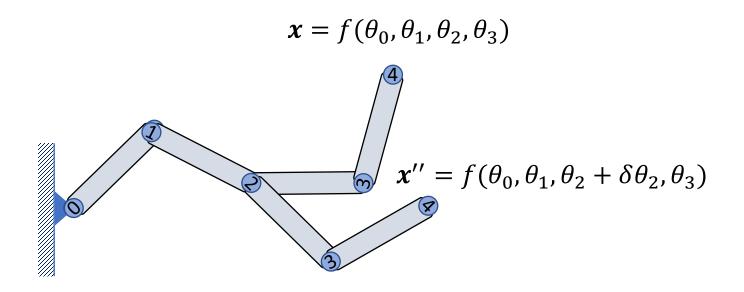


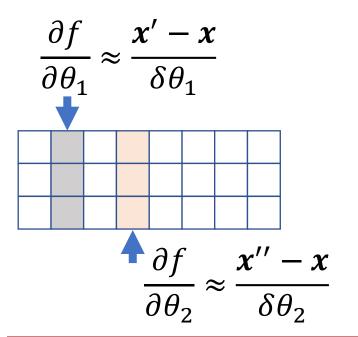
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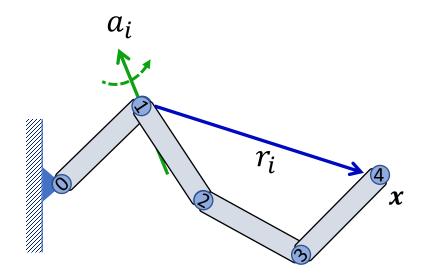


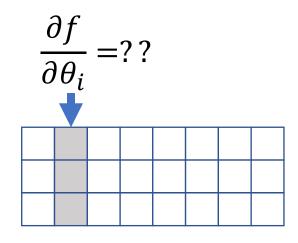


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Assuming all joints are hinge joint

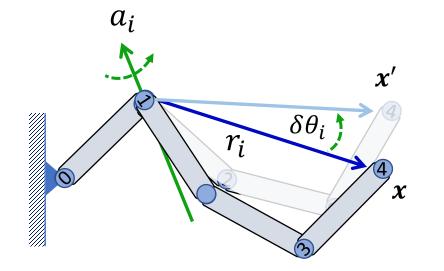




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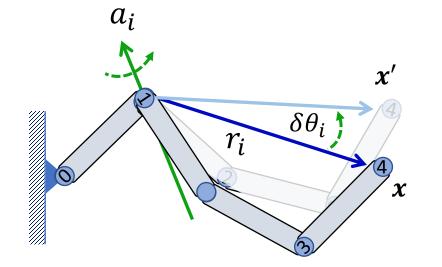


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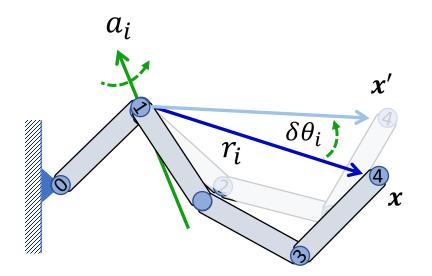


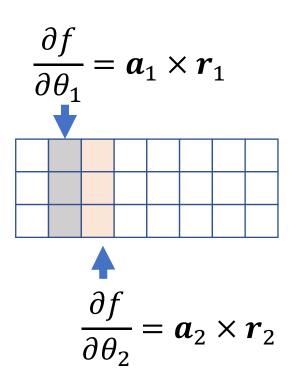
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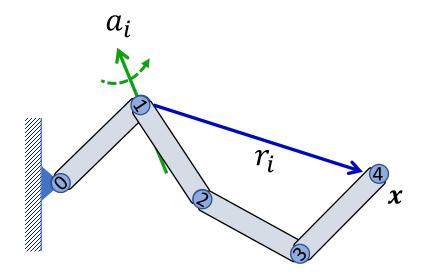


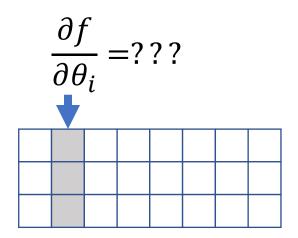
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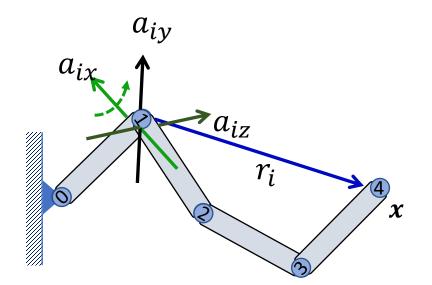
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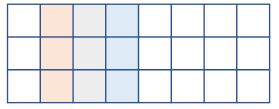
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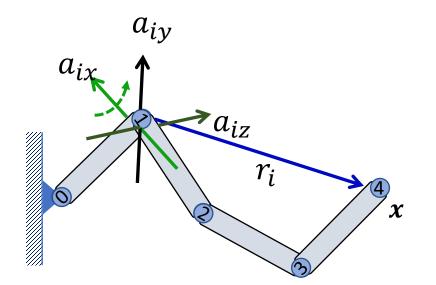
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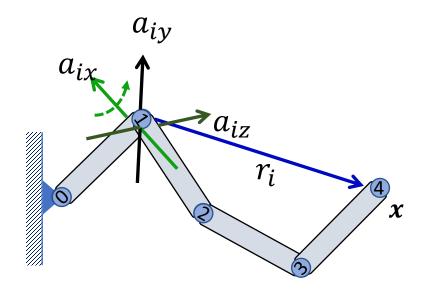


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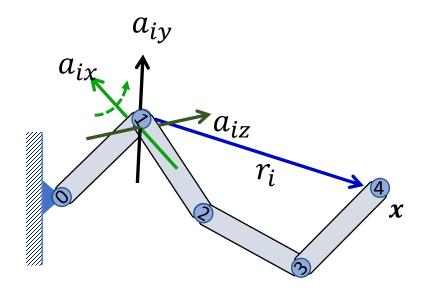
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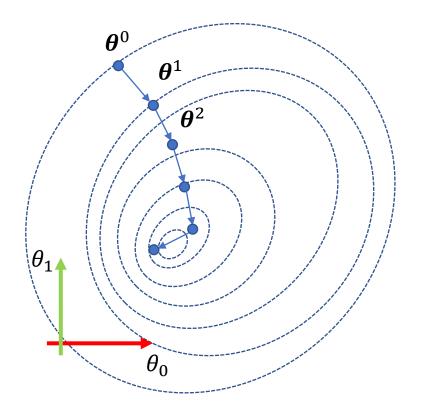
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Jacobian Transpose / Gradient Descent

$$F(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \|f(\theta) - \widetilde{x}\|_2^2$$



Update parameters against the direction of the gradient of the objective function

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{i+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^{i} - \alpha \, \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} F(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{i})$$
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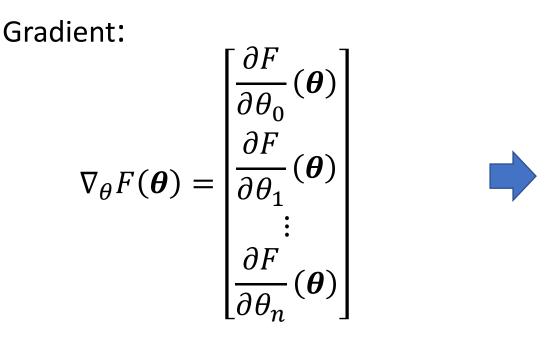
First-order approach, convergence can be slow Need to re-compute Jacobian at each iteration

Optimality Condition $\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} F(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ Gradient: $\nabla_{\theta} F(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta_0}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta_1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta_n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{bmatrix}$

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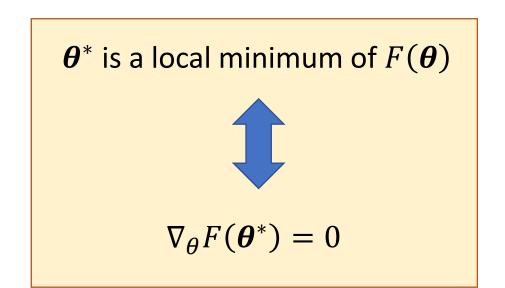
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First-order optimality condition:



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where *A* is **positive definite**:

$$A = A^T$$
, $\boldsymbol{\theta}^T A \boldsymbol{\theta} \ge 0$ for any $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

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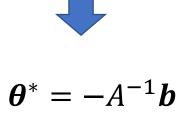
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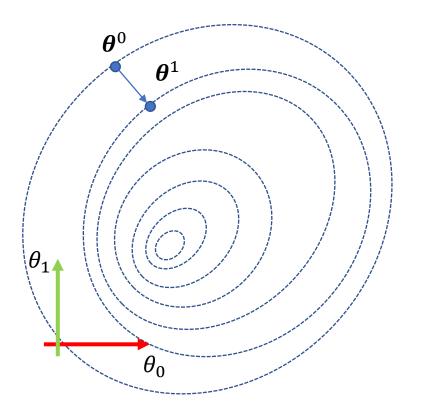
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Optimality condition: $\nabla_{\theta} F(\theta^*) = 0$



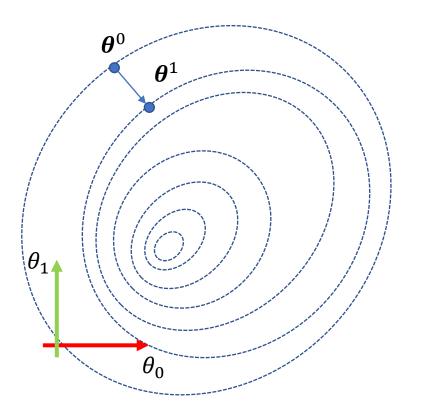
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Consider the first-order approximation of $f(\theta)$ at θ^0

$$f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \approx f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} (\boldsymbol{\theta}^0) (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^0)$$
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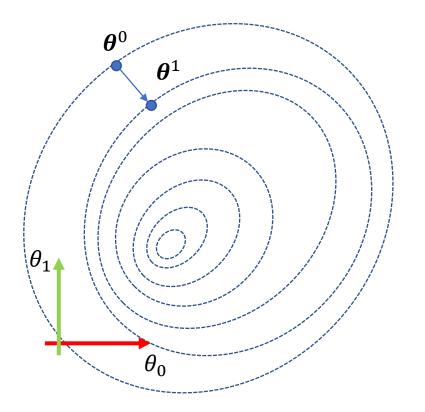
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$$= \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{0})^{T} J^{T} J (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{0})$$
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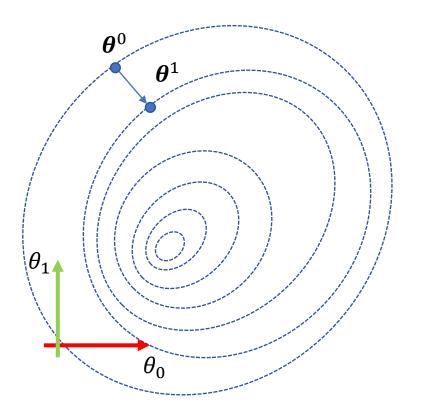
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 $(\nabla F(\theta))^T = J^T J(\theta - \theta^0) + J^T (f(\theta^0) - \tilde{x}) = 0$

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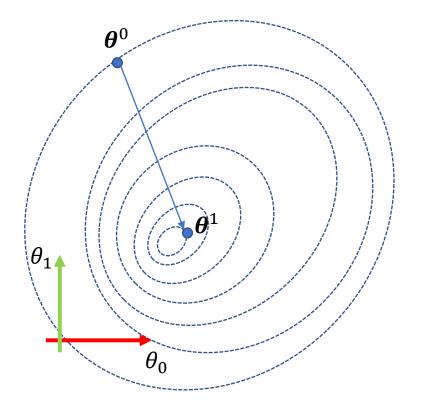
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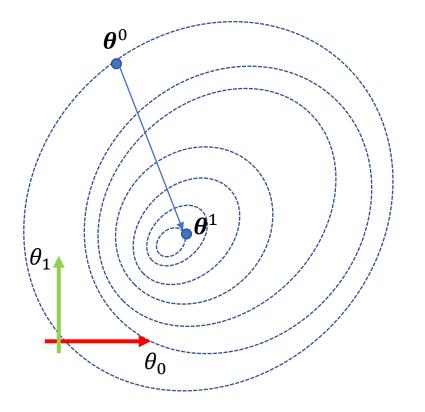


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If $J^T J$ is invertible, we have

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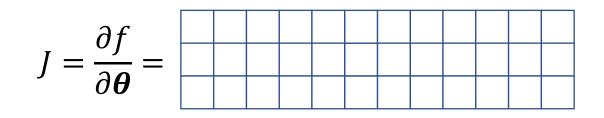


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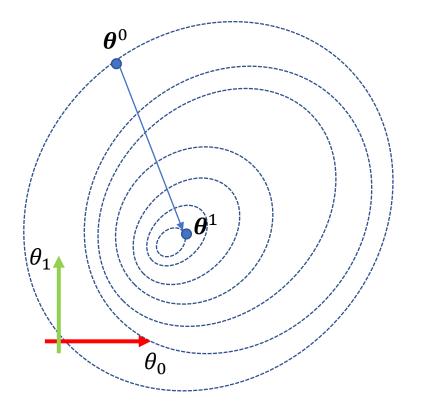
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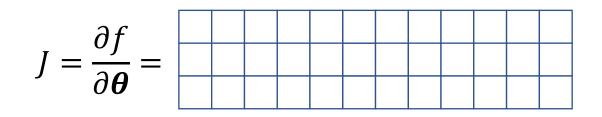


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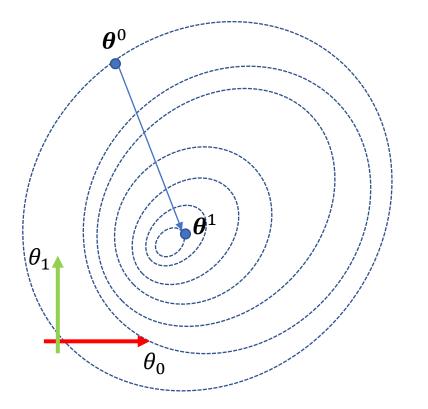
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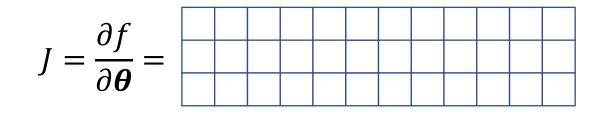


 $J^T J$ is **NOT** invertible, but JJ^T can be invertible

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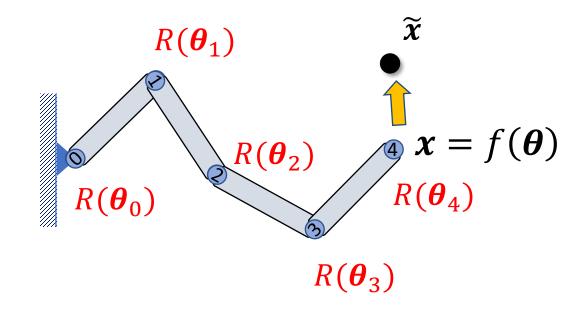


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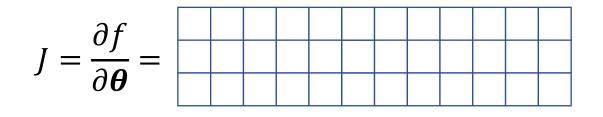
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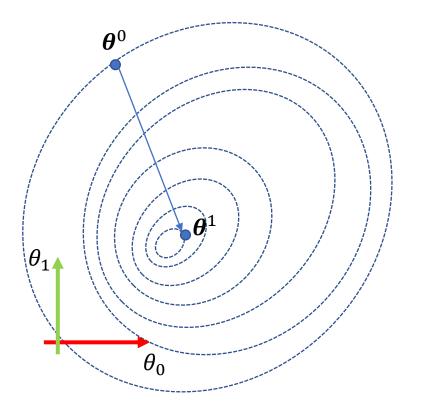


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$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^0) = \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}} - f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^0)$$



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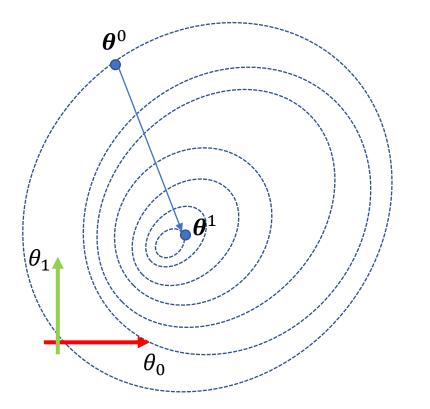
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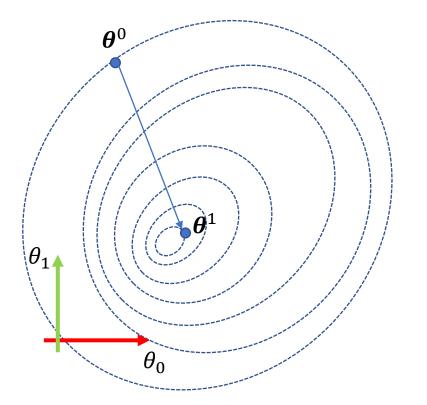
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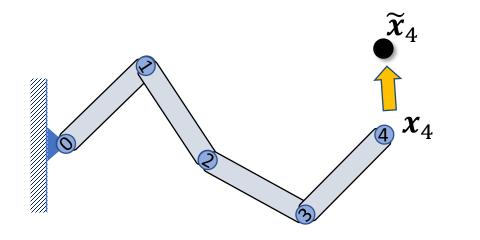
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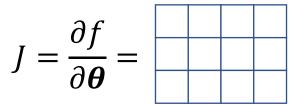


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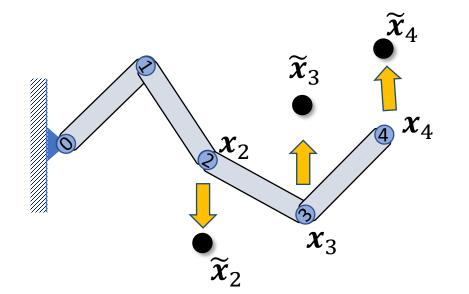
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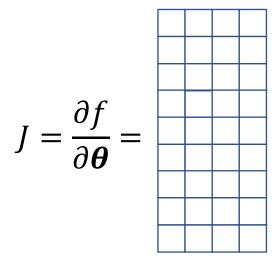
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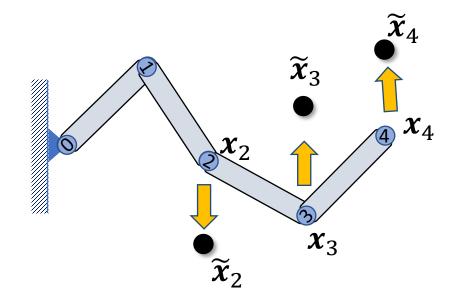
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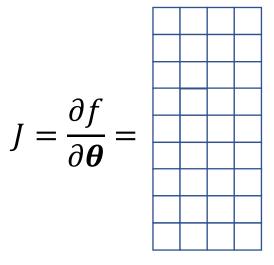
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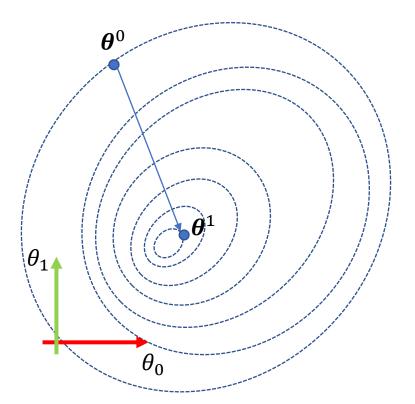
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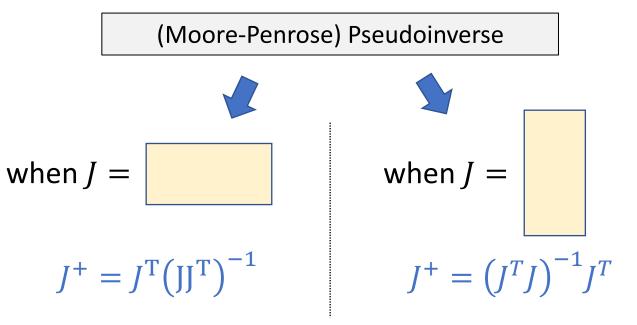
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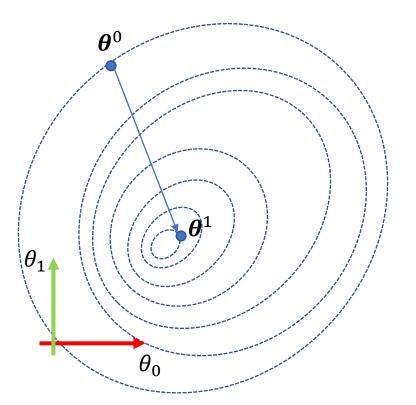
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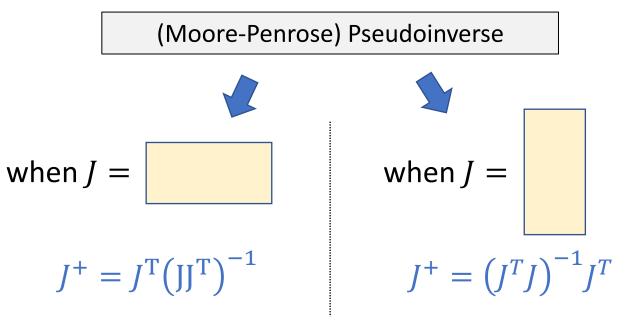
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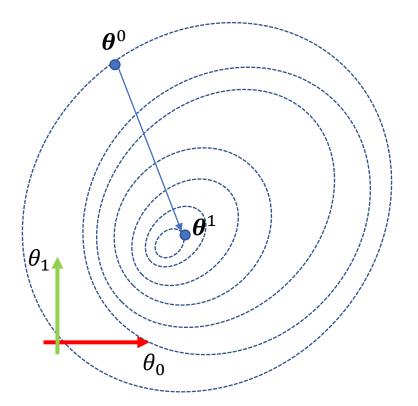
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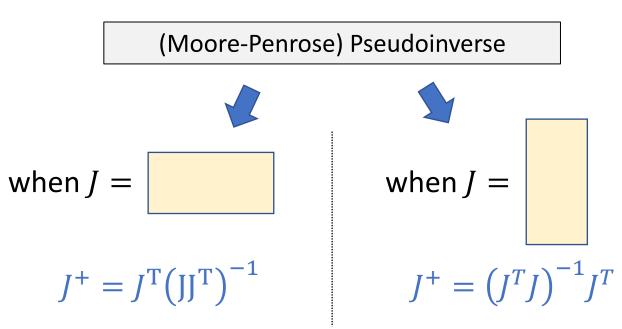
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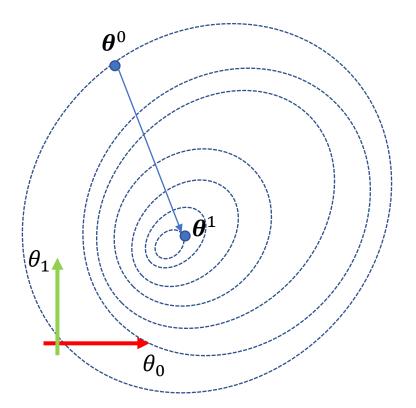


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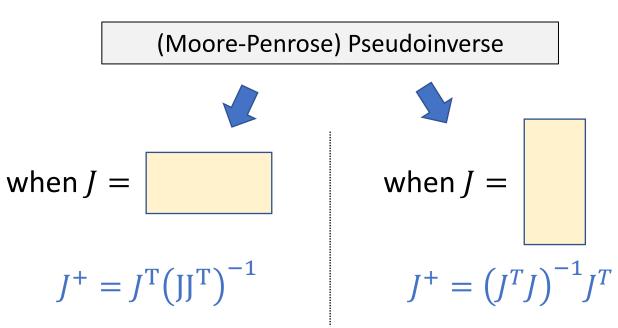
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Jacobian Inverse Method

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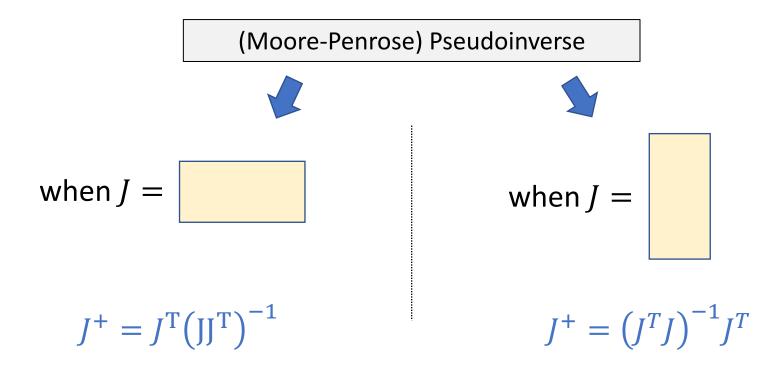
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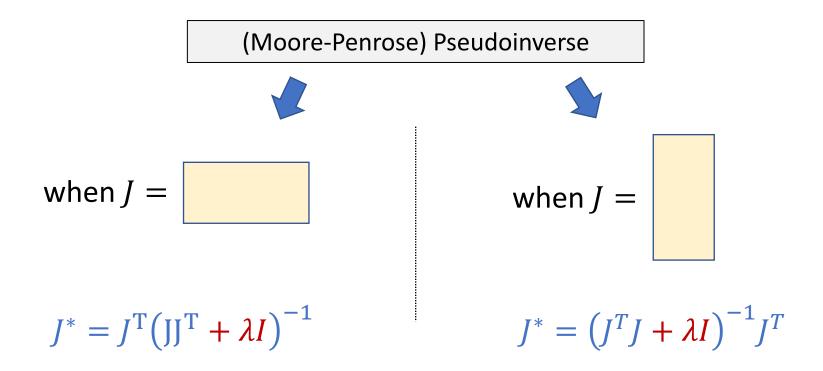
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Any problem? $JJ^T / J^T J$ can be (near) singular! 145

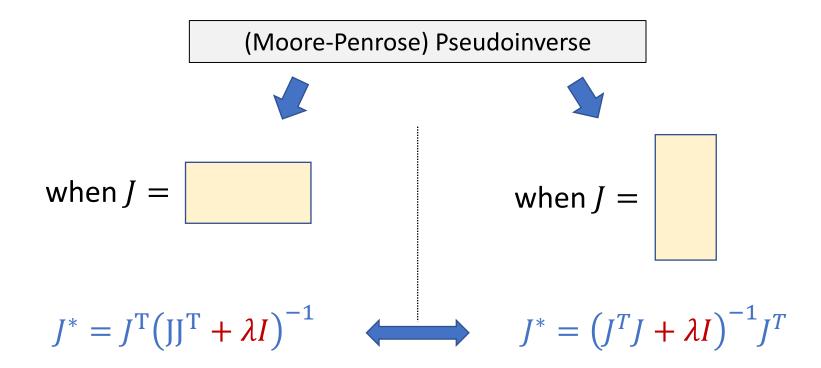
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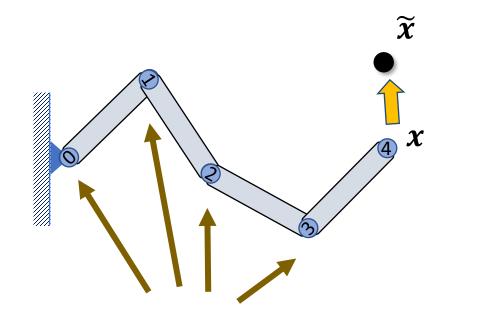


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Also called Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm

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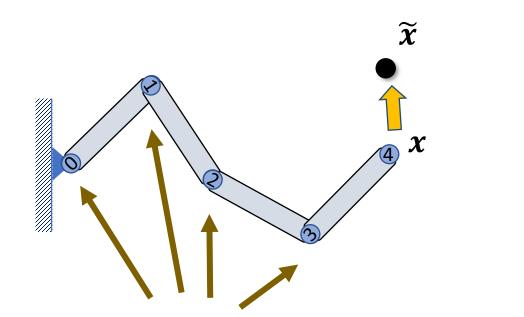
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Using the minimal rotations to reach the target

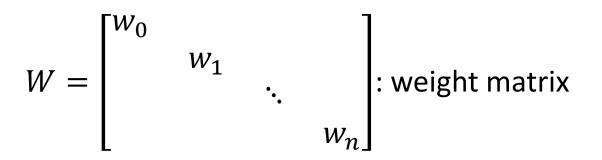
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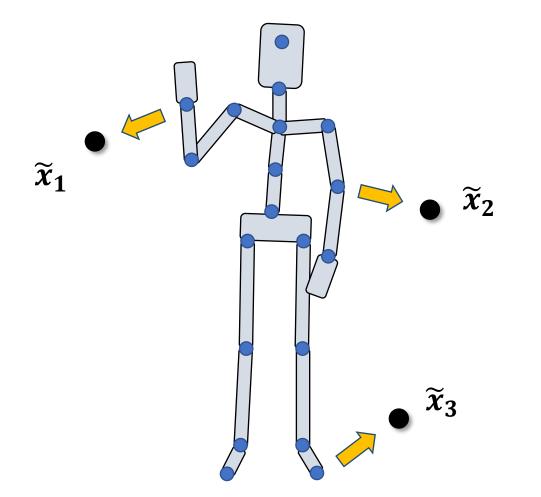
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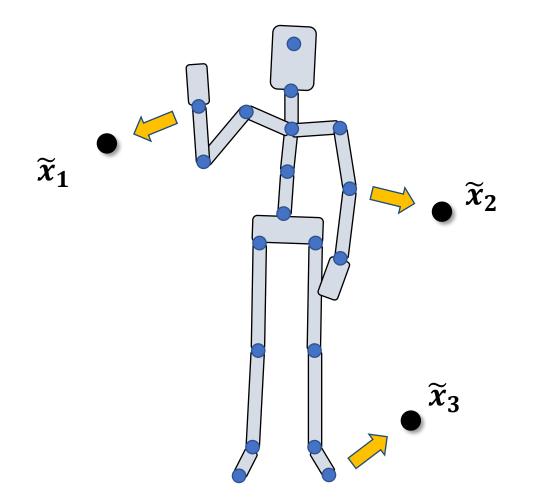
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Character IK



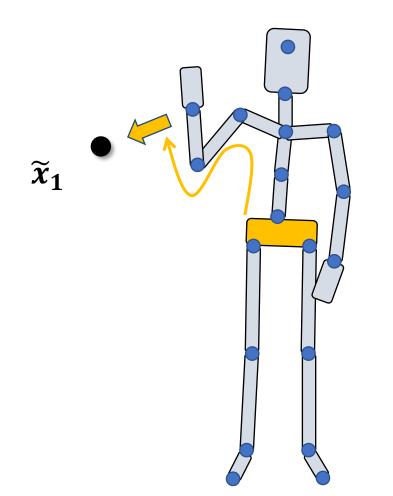




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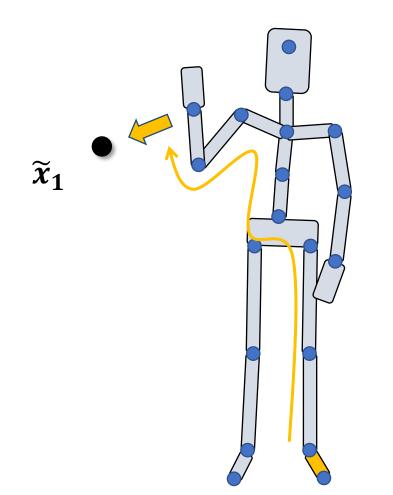




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Artide history: Received 12 February 2010 Received in revised form 24 March 2011 Accepted 9 May 2011 Available online 15 May 2011	Inverse Kinematics is defined as the problem of determining a set of appropriate joint con- figurations for which the end effectors move to desired position as smoothy, rapidly, and as a courably a possible. However, many of the currendly available methods suffer for the high computational cost and production of unrealistic poses. In this paper, a novel heuristication method, called Forward And Backward Reaching Inverse Kinematics (FABK), is described and compared with some of the most popular existing methods regarding reliability, conception putational cost and conversion criteria. FABRIK stowids the use of rotational angles or material eee, and instead finds each joint position via locating a point on a line. Thus, it converges few iterations, has low computational cost and produces visually realistic poses, the starts can easily be incorporated within FABRK, and multiple chains with multiple end	
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1. Introduction		Inverse Kinematics is a method for computing the po- ture via estimating each individual degree of freedom i
This paper addresses the problem ulated figures in an interactive and in design and control of their posture. application in the areas of robotics, ergonomics and gaming. In compute	tuitive fashion for the This problem finds its computer animation, r graphics, articulated	order to satisfy a given task that meets user constraint it plays an important role in the computer animation an simulation of articulated figures. This paper presents new heuristic iterative method, Forward And Backwan Reaching Inverse Kinematics (FABRK), for solving the I
figures are a convenient model for other virtual creatures from films and		problem in different scenarios. FABRIK uses a forwar and backward iterative approach, finding each joint pos
Kinematics (IK) has also been used in cine in order to observe asymmetries	or abnormalities. The	tion via locating a point on line. FABRIK has been utilise in highly complex systems with single and multiple ta
most popular method for animating tion-capture; however, despite the sophisticated techniques and expens lems appear when dealing with com	availability of highly ive tools, many prob-	gets, with and without joint restrictions. It can easily had dle end effector orientations and support, to the best of or knowledge, all chain classes. A reliable method for incorpor rating constraints is also presented and utilised with
tual character models are very comp of many joints giving a system with grees of freedom, thus, it is often diffi istic character animation.	a large number of de-	FABRIK. The proposed method retains all the advantage of FABRIK, producing visually smooth movements withou oscillations and discontinuities. Several experiments has been implemented for comparison purposes between th most popular manipulator solvers, including multiple en thous the several several solution of the several se
	eptance by Jarek Rossignac.	effectors with multiple tasks, and highly constraine joints. The proposed algorithm is very efficient both simple and complex problems resulting in similar or eve

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