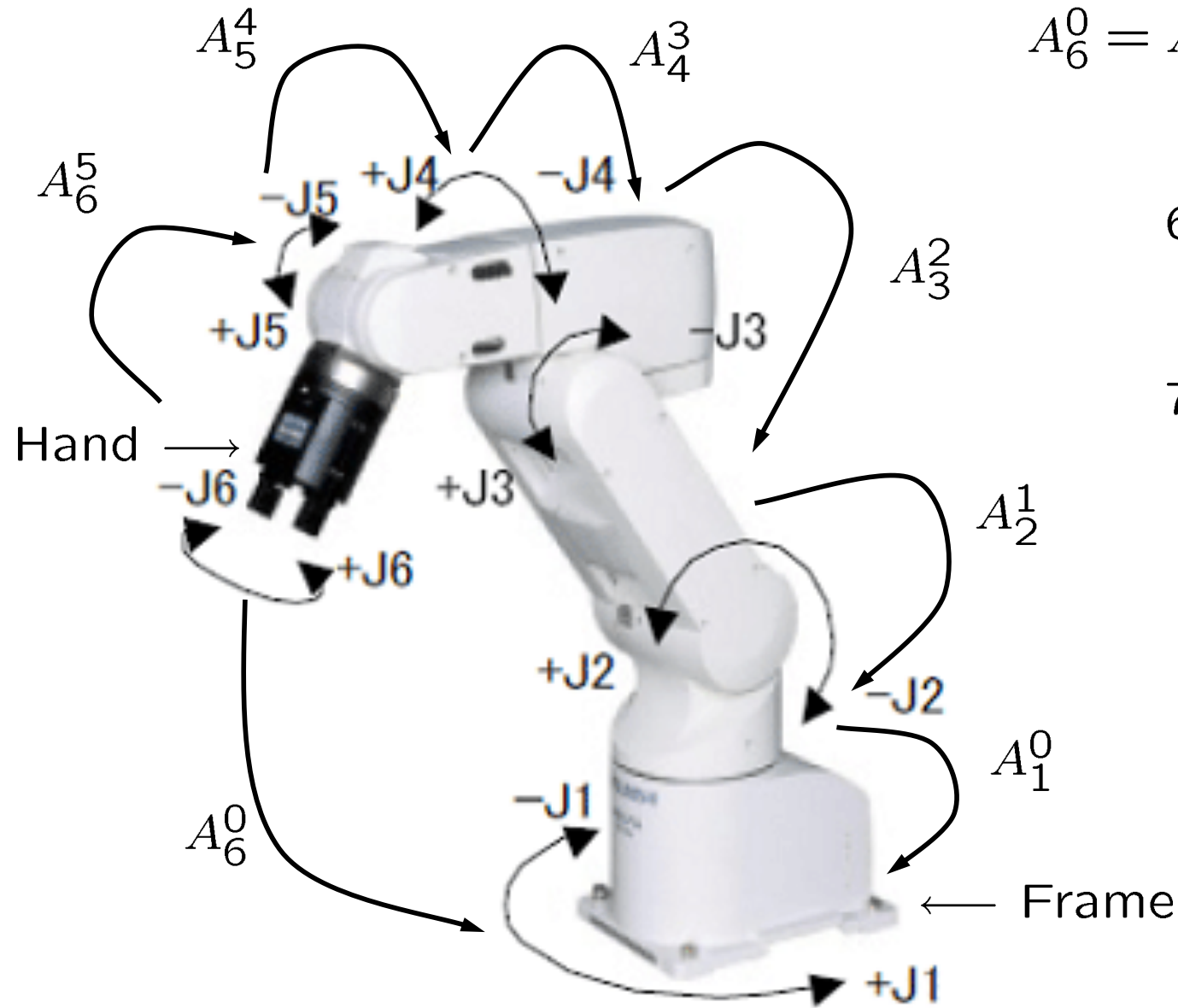# Advanced Robotics

Kinematics of serial manipulators

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Serial manipulator kinematics

$$A_6^0 = A_1^0 A_2^1 A_3^2 A_4^3 A_5^4 A_6^5$$
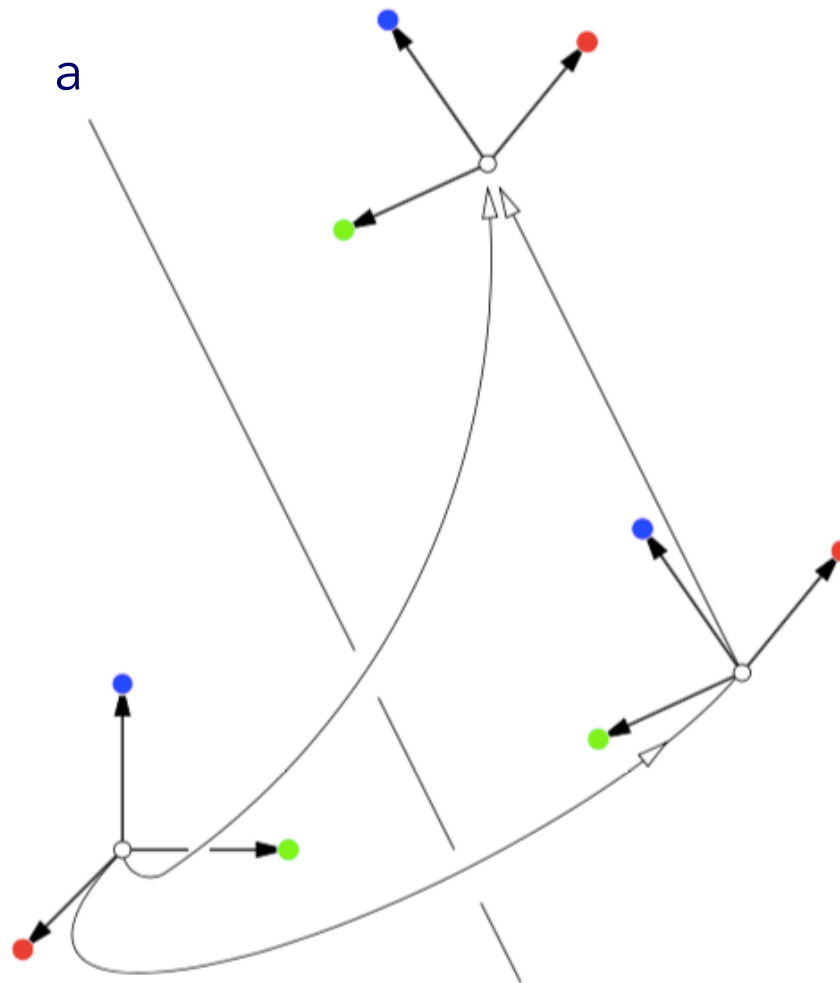
6 transformations

7 coordinate systems
indices 0 . . . 6

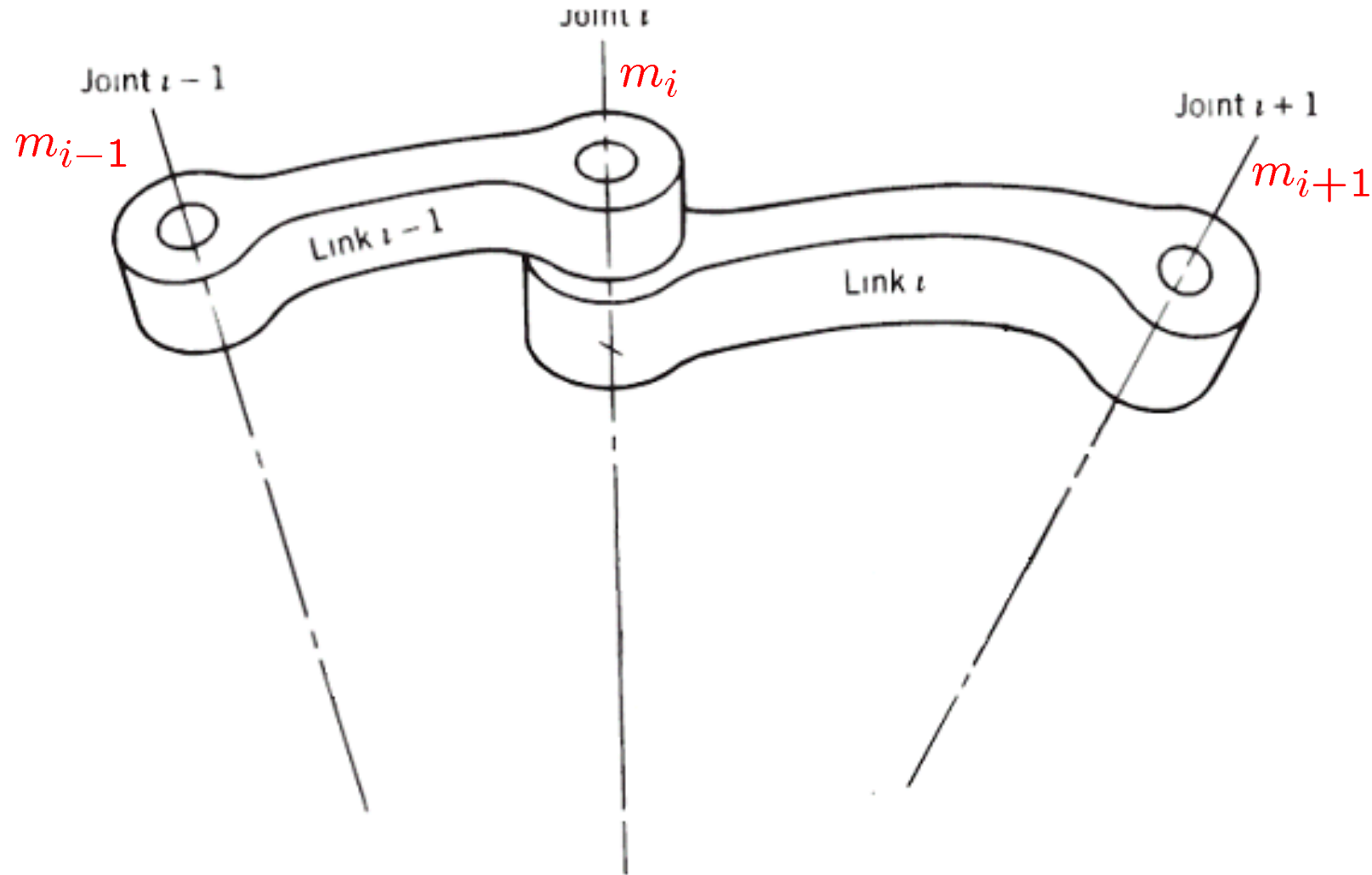# Denavit-Hartenberg convention – step by step

Axis of motion

Every motion in 3D [Chasles' theorem]
  1.   has an axis of motion (a fixed line) a
  2.   is a composition of a rotation around a and translation along a

a

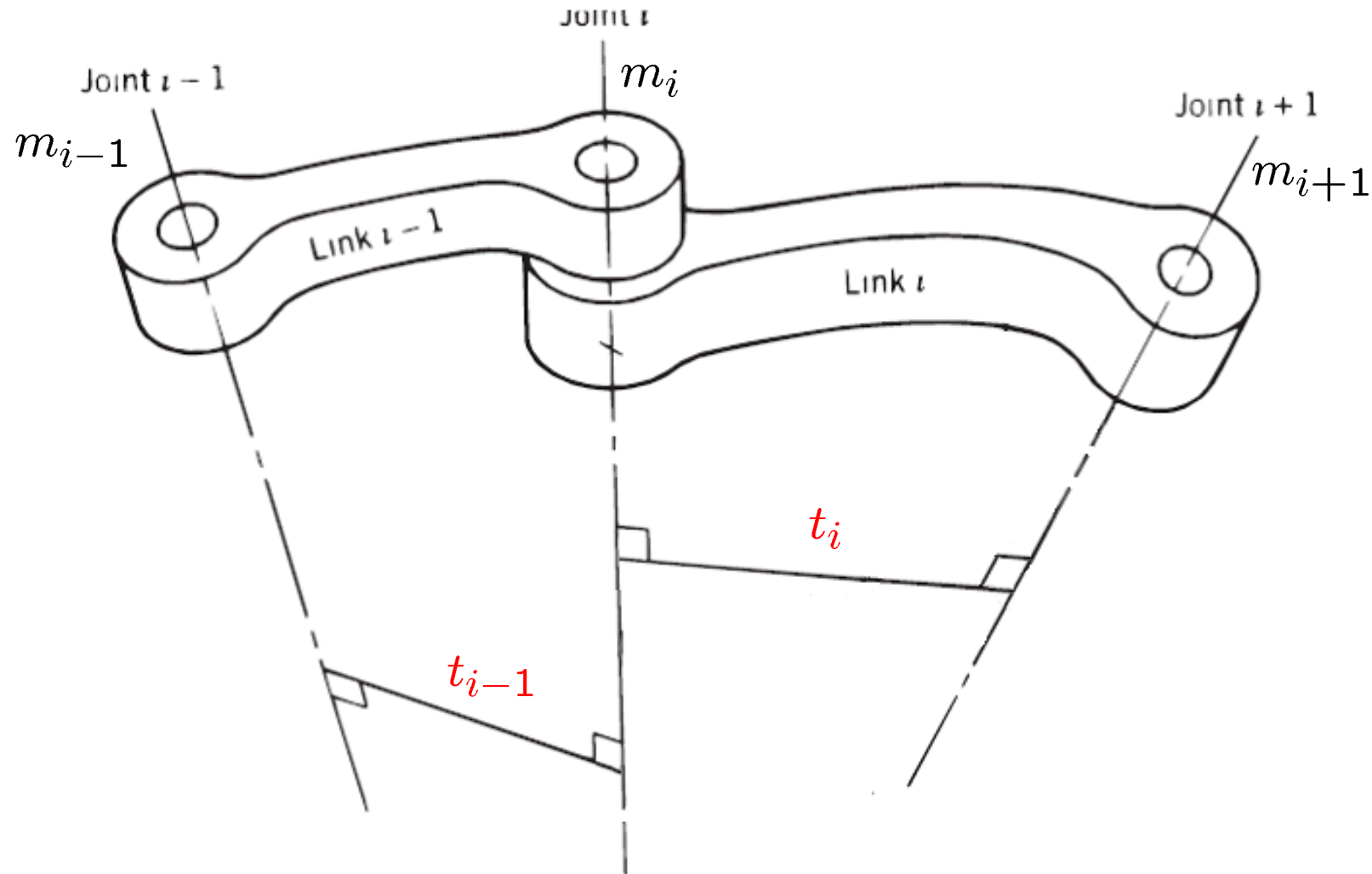Joint ι

m_i

Joint $\iota - 1$

m_{i-1}

Joint $\iota + 1$

m_{i+1}

Link $\iota - 1$

Link ι

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Joint $i-1$

Joint i

Joint $i+1$

m_{i-1}

m_i

m_{i+1}

Link $i-1$

t_i

t_{i-1}
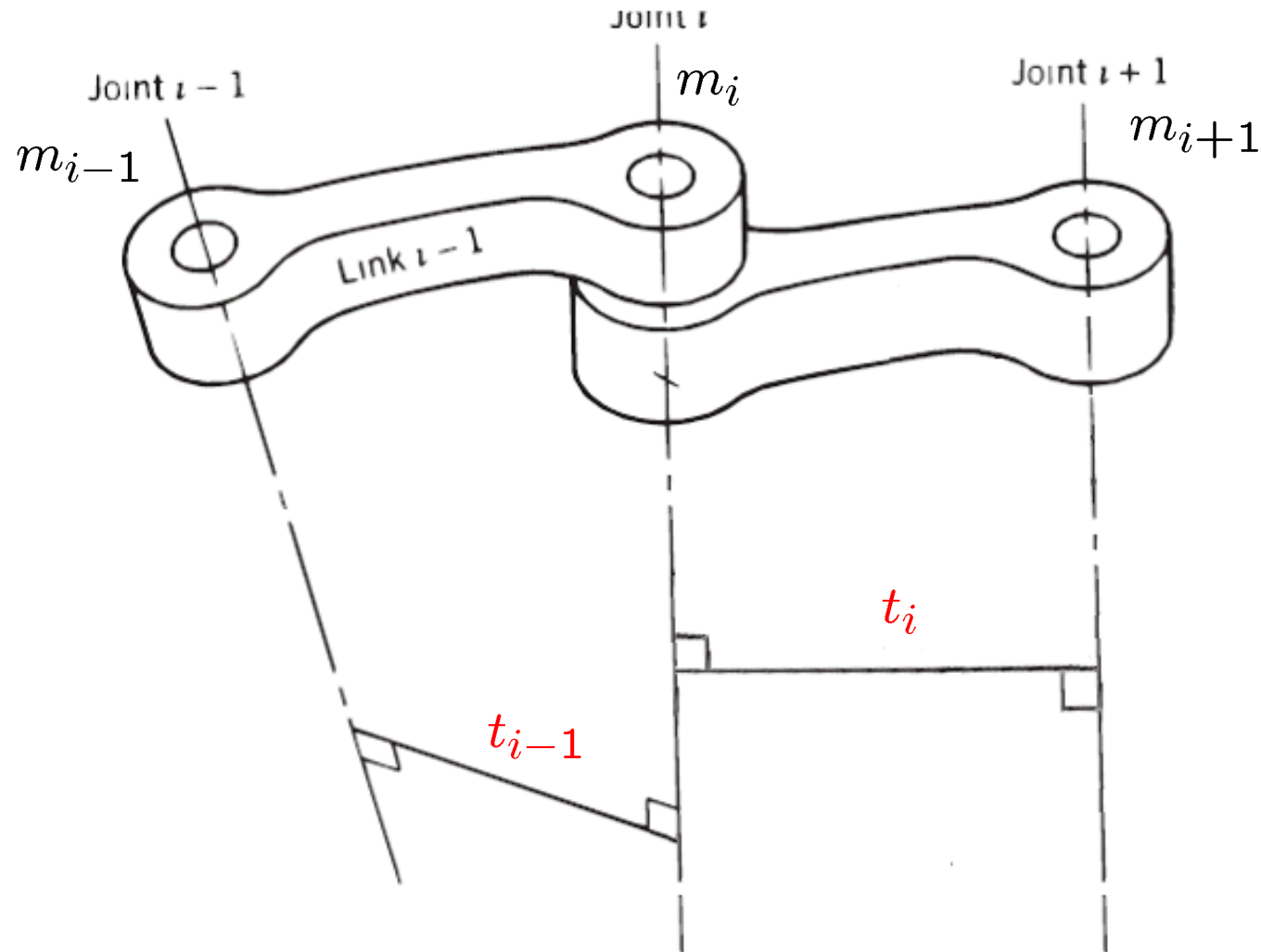
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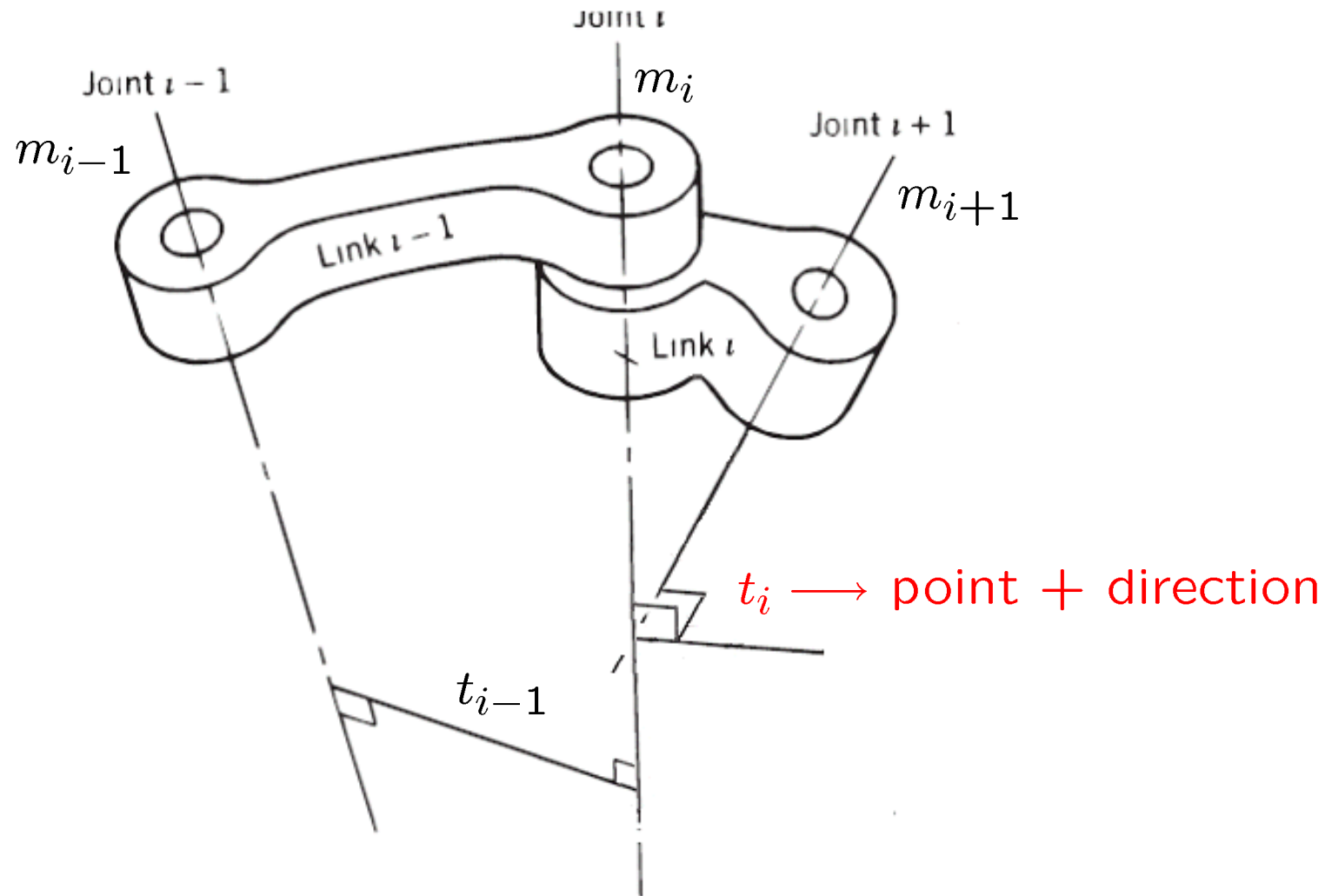# Serial manipulator kinematics in the Denavit-Hartenberg convention

Joint i

m_i

Joint $i-1$

Joint $i+1$

m_{i-1}

m_{i+1}

Link $i-1$

t_{i-1}

t_i

. . . the simplest is to make t_i intersect t_{i-1}.

Joint $i-1$

Joint i

m_i

Joint $i+1$

m_{i-1}

m_{i+1}

Link $i-1$

Link i

$t_i \longrightarrow$ point + direction

t_{i-1}

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Serial manipulator kinematics in the Denavit-Hartenberg convention

Transformation in a joint is described by 4 parameters

$$\mathbf{A}_i^{i-1} = \mathbf{A}_{int}^{i-1} \mathbf{A}_i^{int},$$

$$\alpha_i \mid a_i \mid \theta_i \mid d_i$$

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Serial manipulator kinematics in the Denavit-Hartenberg convention

Determining θ_i

$$\mathbf{X}^{i-1} = \mathtt{A}_{int}^{i-1}\,\mathbf{X}_{int}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{e}_{int_{1_{\beta_{i-1}}}} & \vec{e}_{int_{2_{\beta_{i-1}}}} & \vec{e}_{int_{3_{\beta_{i-1}}}} & \vec{d_i} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{int}$$

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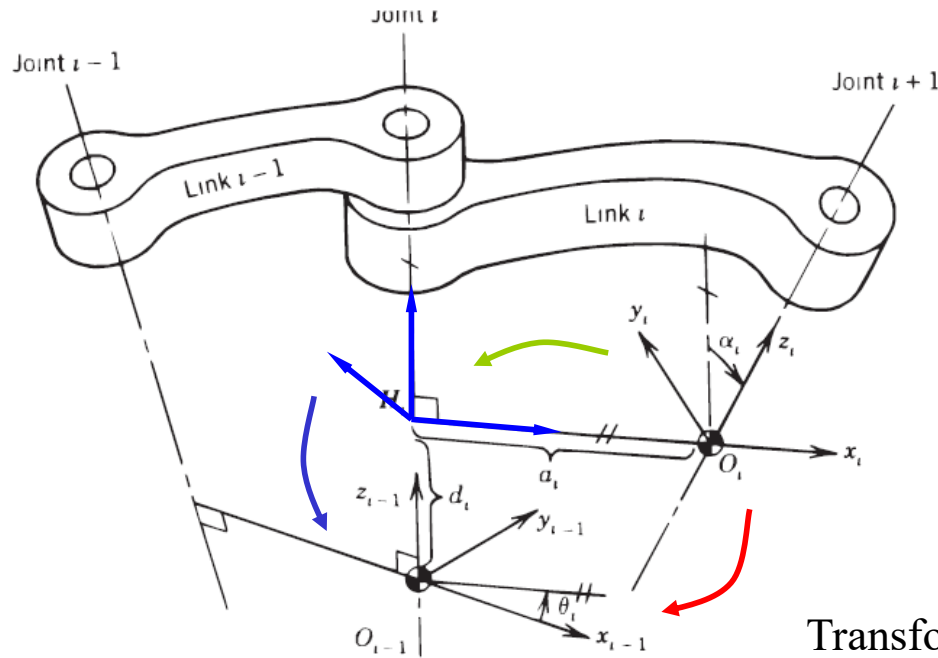
Kinematics of Mitsubishi RV-6S/6SC Robot

RV-6S/6SC

$$\alpha_i \mid a_i \mid \theta_i \mid d_i$$
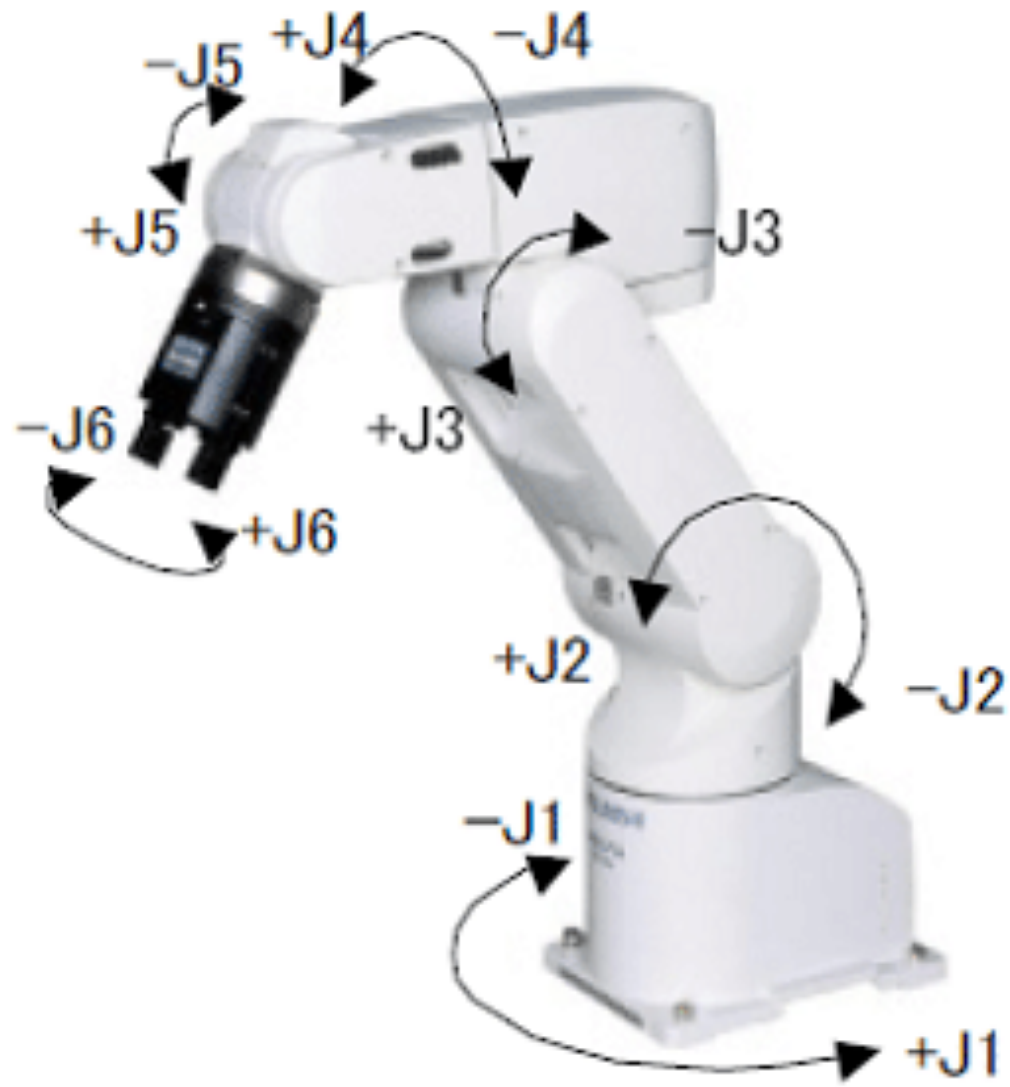
$$A_i^{i-1} \;=\; \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_i & -\sin\theta_i\cos\alpha_i & \sin\theta_i\sin\alpha_i & a_i\cos\theta_i \\ \sin\theta_i & \cos\theta_i\cos\alpha_i & -\cos\theta_i\sin\alpha_i & a_i\sin\theta_i \\ 0 & \sin\alpha_i & \cos\alpha_i & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X_{i-1} = A_i^{i-1} X_i$$

$$A^0_1$$

α_1	a_1	θ_1	d_1
$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	a_1	θ_1	d_1
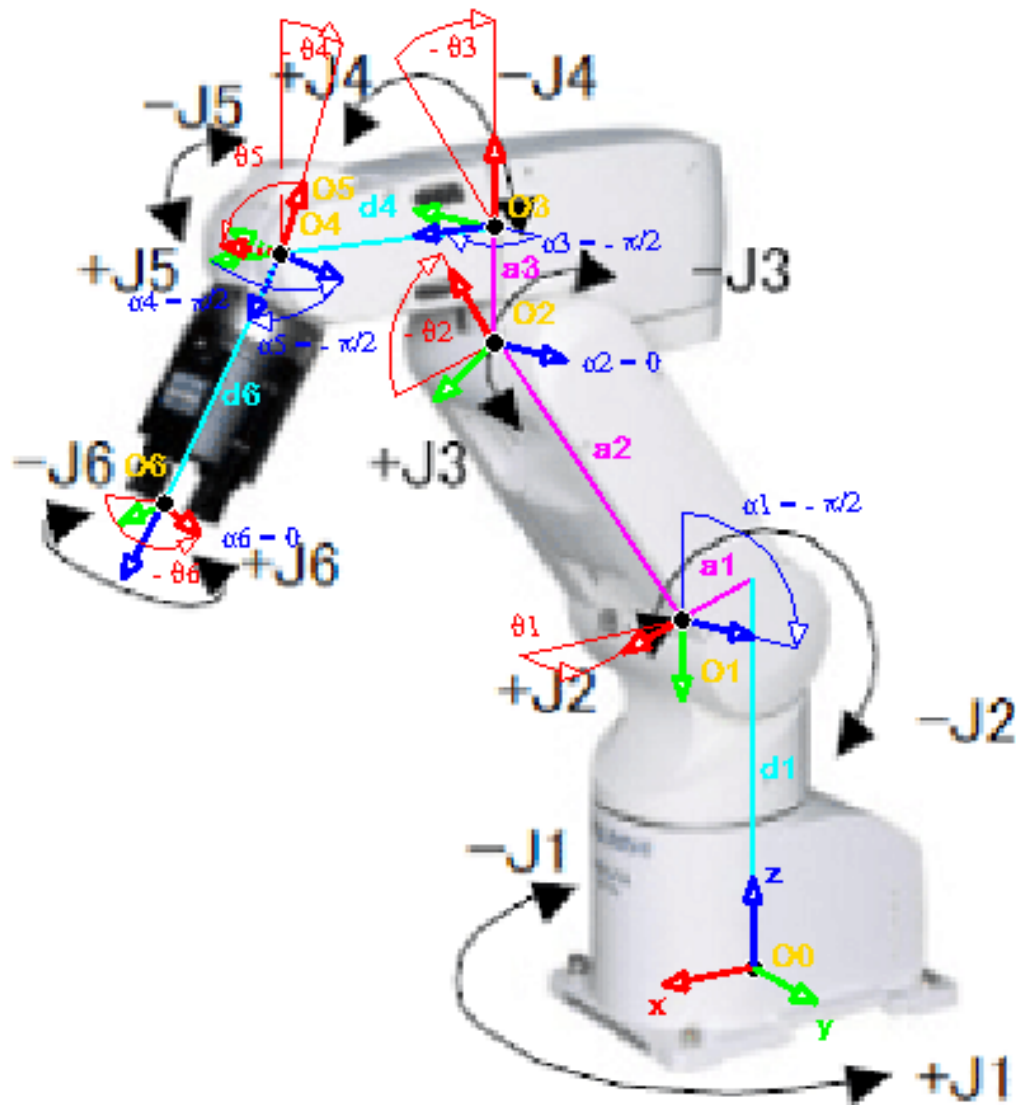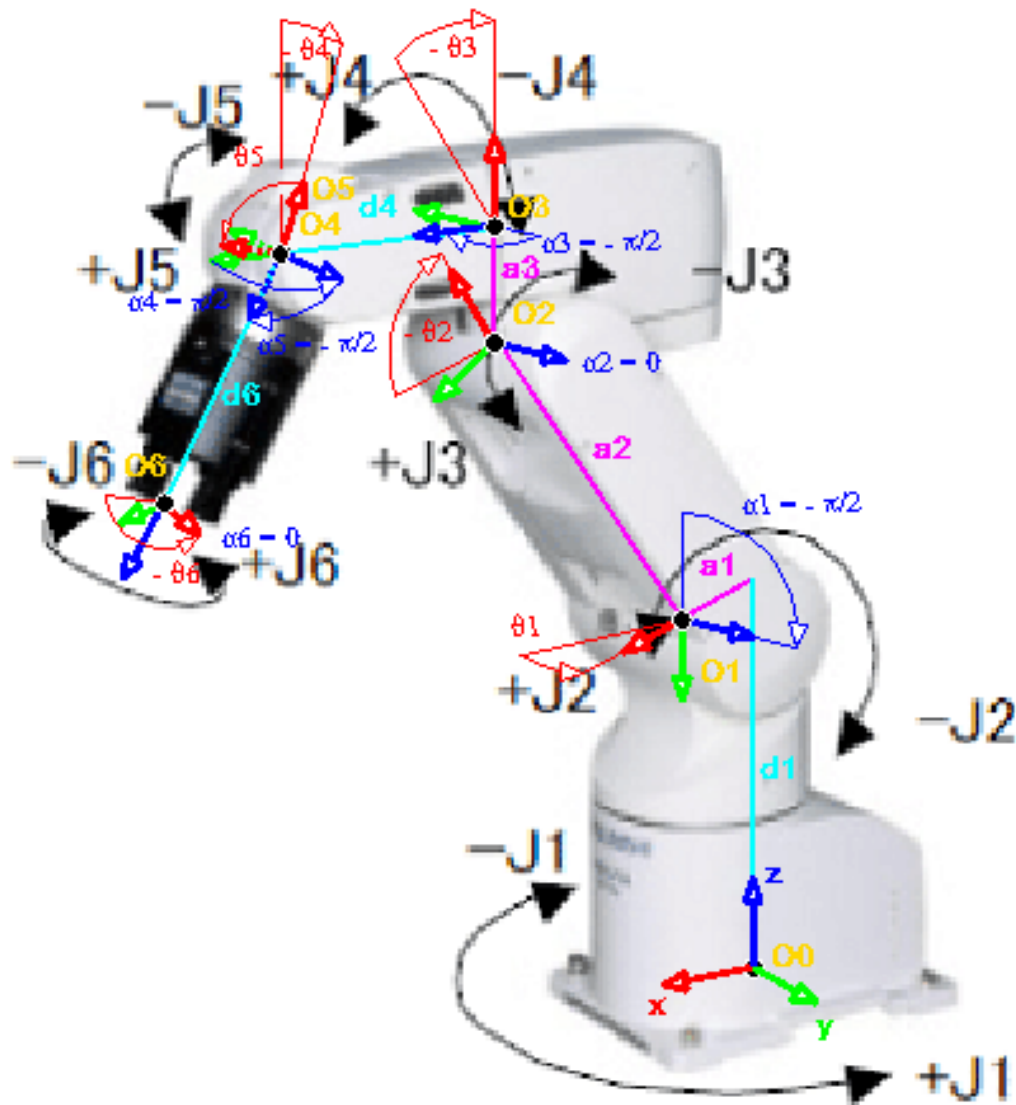
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$$A_2^1$$

α_2	a_2	θ_2	d_2
0	a_2	θ_2	0
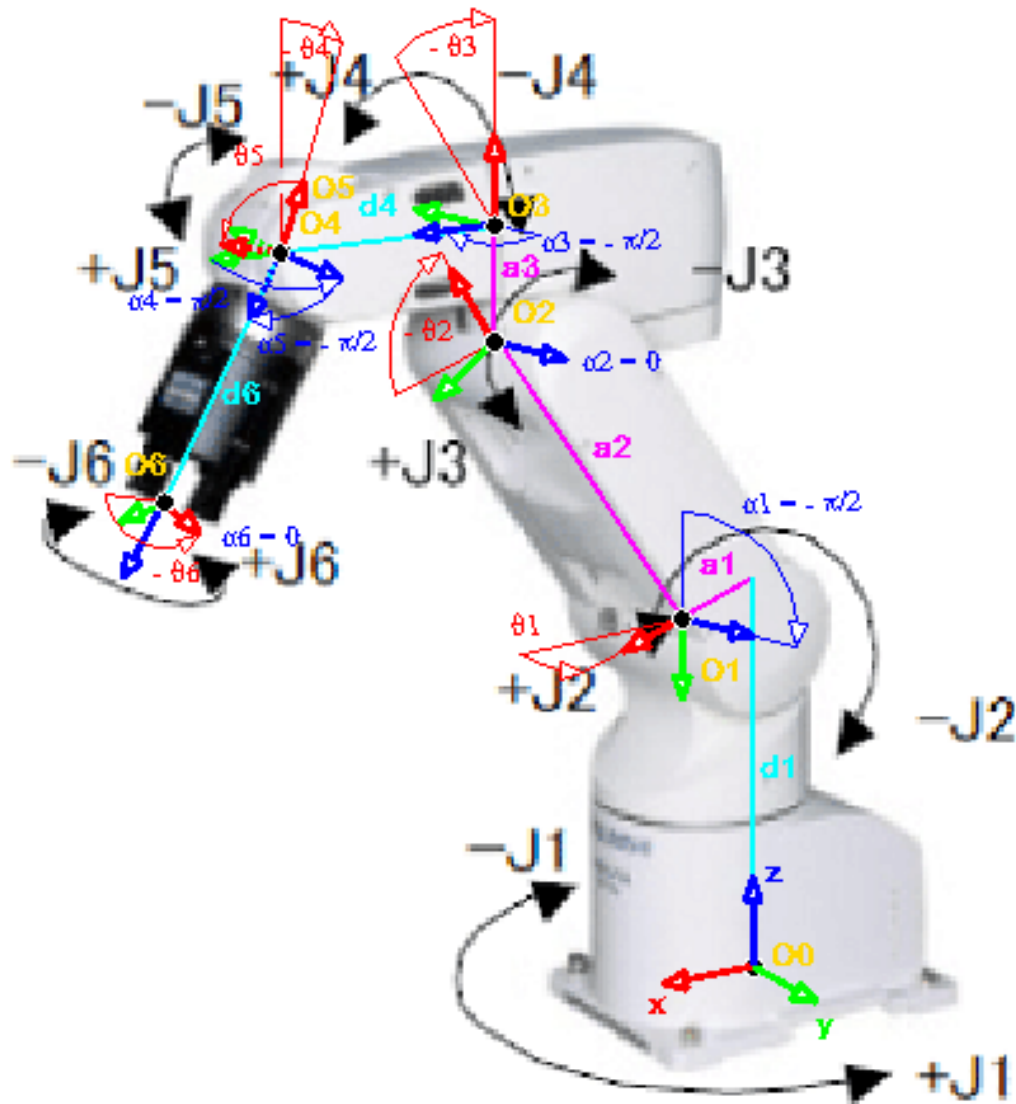
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$$\begin{array}{c|c|c|c}
\alpha_3 & a_3 & \theta_3 & d_3 \\
\hline
-\frac{\pi}{2} & a_3 & \theta_3 & 0
\end{array}$$

$$A_3^2 = \begin{bmatrix}
\cos\theta_3 & -\sin\theta_3\cos\alpha_3 & \sin\theta_3\sin\alpha_3 & a_3\cos\theta_3 \\
\sin\theta_3 & \cos\theta_3\cos\alpha_3 & -\cos\theta_3\sin\alpha_3 & a_3\sin\theta_3 \\
0 & \sin\alpha_3 & \cos\alpha_3 & d_3 \\
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\end{bmatrix}$$

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\end{bmatrix}$$

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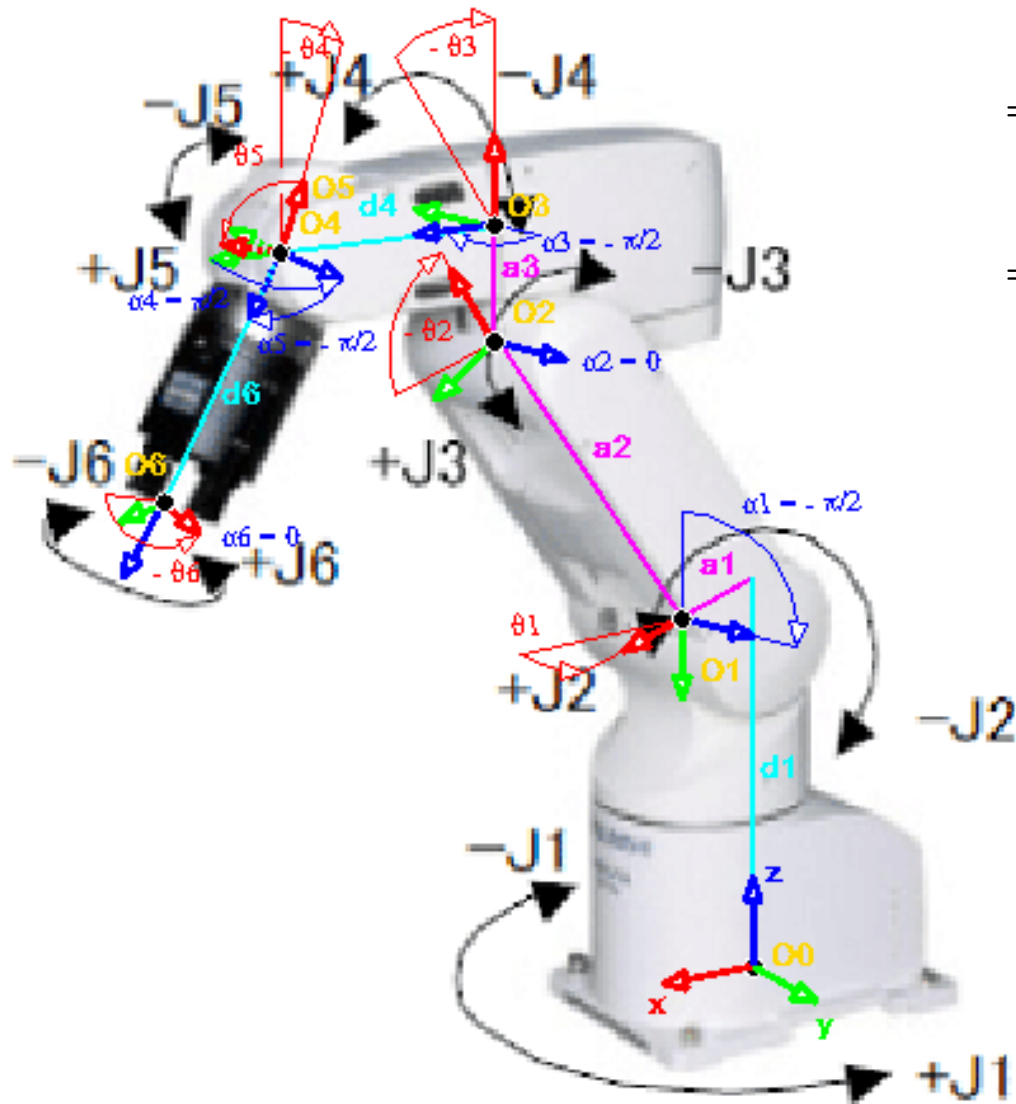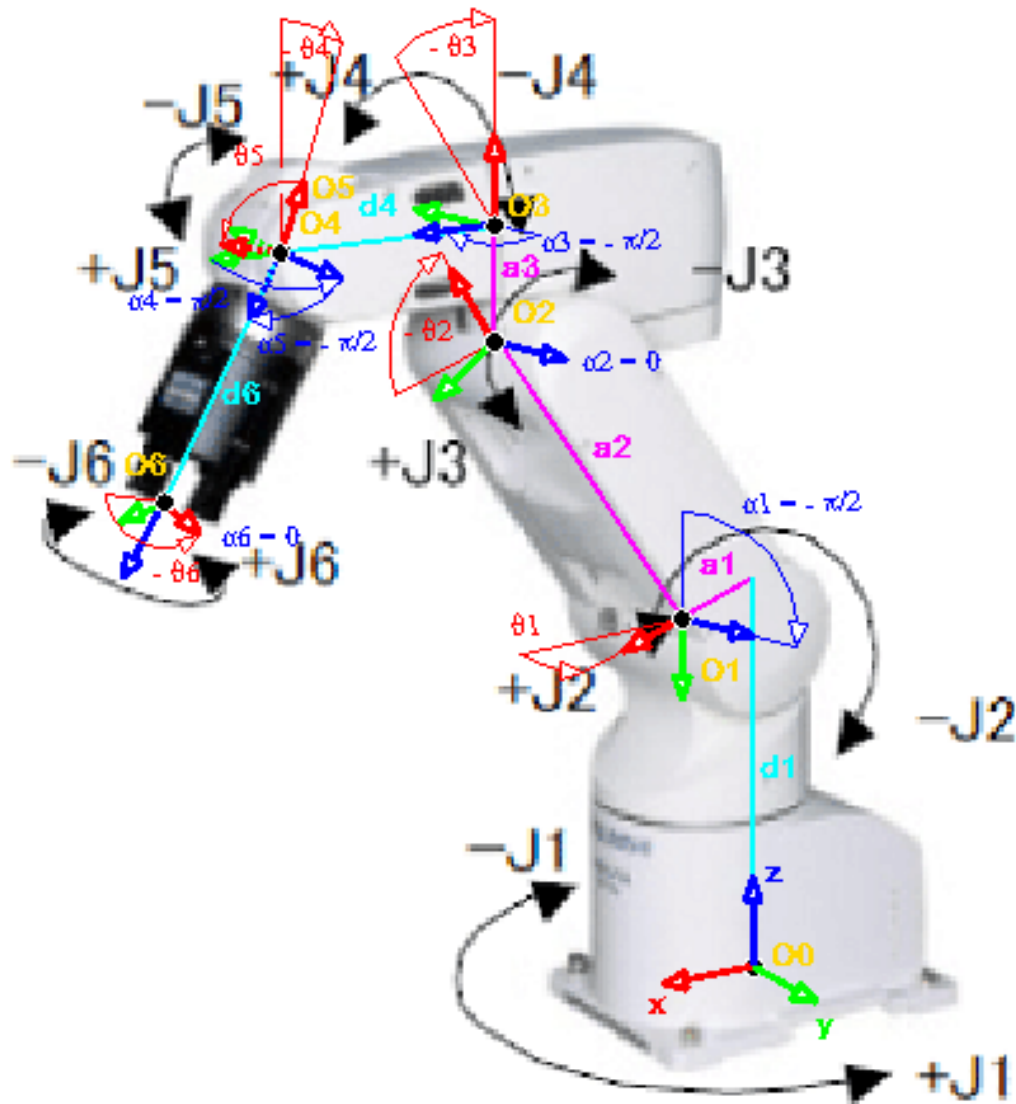0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^3_4$$

α_4	a_4	θ_4	d_4
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	0	θ_4	d_4

$$
A^3_4 = \begin{bmatrix}
\cos\theta_4 & -\sin\theta_4\cos\alpha_4 & \sin\theta_4\sin\alpha_4 & a_4\cos\theta_4 \\
\sin\theta_4 & \cos\theta_4\cos\alpha_4 & -\cos\theta_4\sin\alpha_4 & a_4\sin\theta_4 \\
0 & \sin\alpha_4 & \cos\alpha_4 & d_4 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
$$

$$
= \begin{bmatrix}
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0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
$$

$$
= \begin{bmatrix}
\cos\theta_4 & 0 & \sin\theta_4 & 0 \\
\sin\theta_4 & 0 & -\cos\theta_4 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & d_4 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
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A^4_5

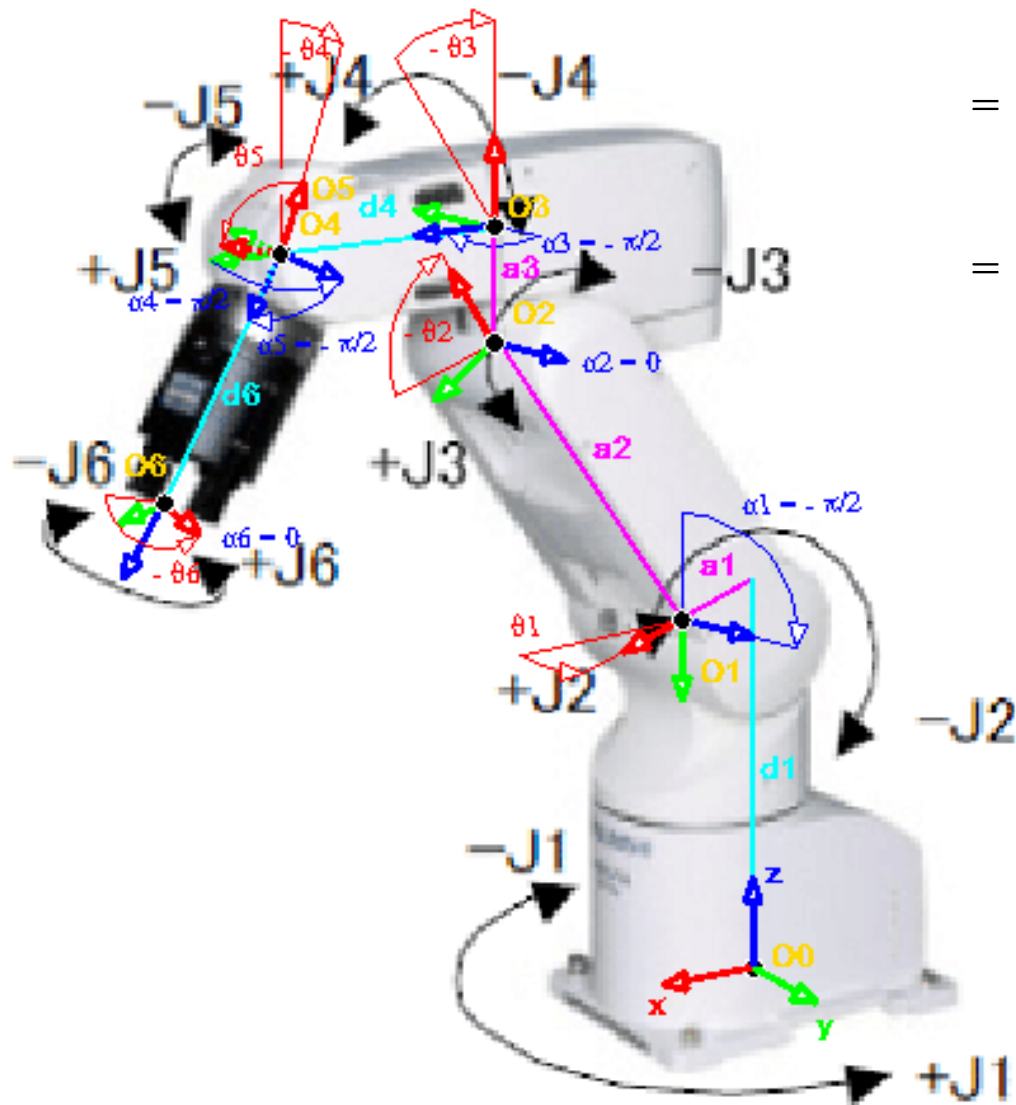| α_5	a_5	θ_5	d_5
$\frac{-\pi}{2}$	0	θ_5	0

$$
\begin{aligned}
A^4_5 &= \begin{bmatrix}
\cos\theta_5 & -\sin\theta_5\cos\alpha_5 & \sin\theta_5\sin\alpha_5 & a_5\cos\alpha_5 \\
\sin\theta_5 & \cos\theta_5\cos\alpha_5 & -\cos\theta_5\sin\alpha_5 & a_5\sin\alpha_5 \\
0 & \sin\alpha_5 & \cos\alpha_5 & d_5 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix} \\[2mm]
&= \begin{bmatrix}
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\sin\theta_5 & \cos\theta_5\cos-\pi/2 & -\cos\theta_5\sin-\pi/2 & 0\sin-\pi/2 \\
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0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix} \\[2mm]
&= \begin{bmatrix}
\cos\theta_5 & 0 & -\sin\theta_5 & 0 \\
\sin\theta_5 & 0 & \cos\theta_5 & 0 \\
0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$A_6^5$$

α_6	a_6	θ_6	d_6
0	0	θ_6	d_6

$$
A_6^5 = \begin{bmatrix}
\cos\theta_6 & -\sin\theta_6\cos\alpha_6 & \sin\theta_6\sin\alpha_6 & a_6\cos\alpha_6 \\
\sin\theta_6 & \cos\theta_6\cos\alpha_6 & -\cos\theta_6\sin\alpha_6 & a_6\sin\alpha_6 \\
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0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
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\end{bmatrix}
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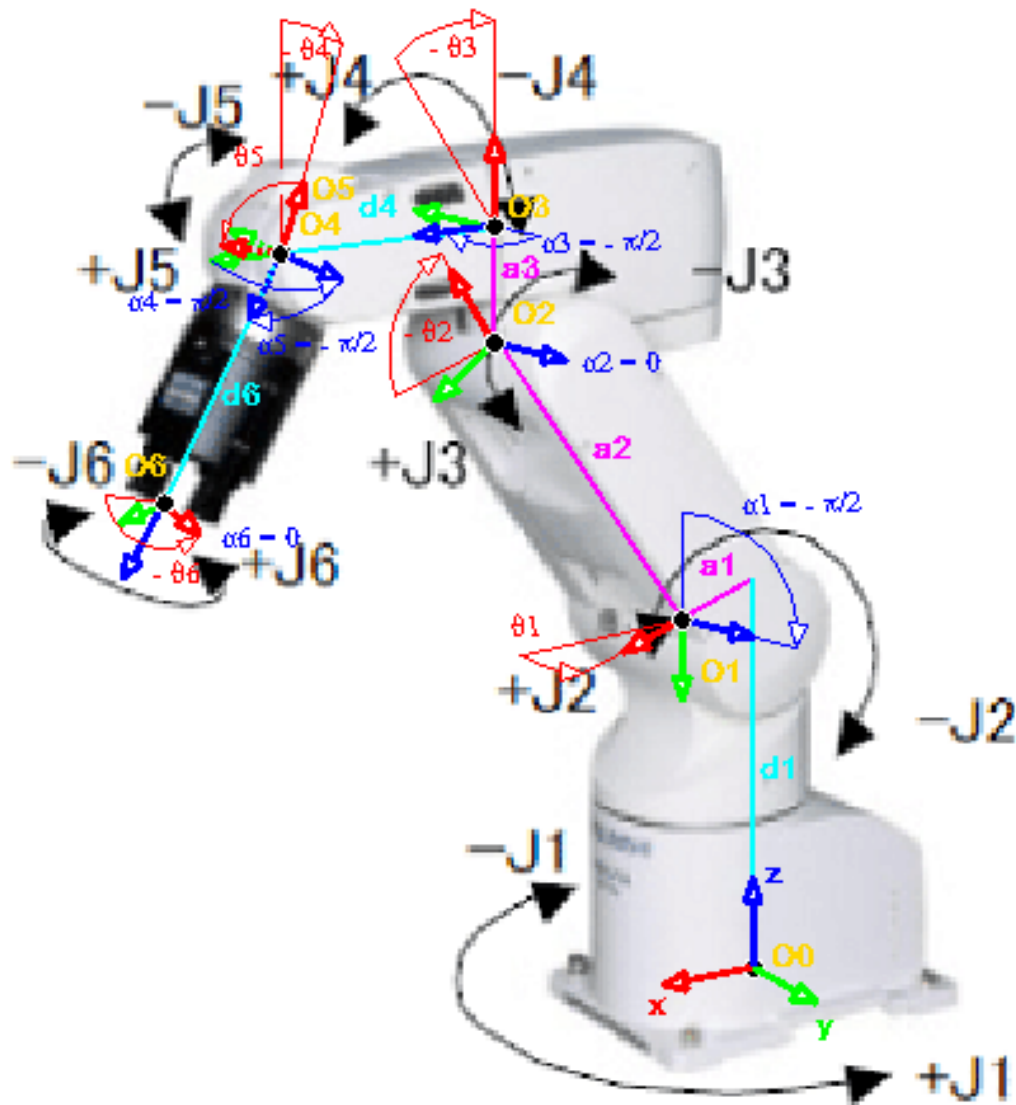
$$G = A_1^0 A_2^1 A_3^2 A_4^3 A_5^4 A_6^5$$

α_1	a_1	θ_1	d_1
$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	a_1	θ_1	d_1

$$A_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_1 & 0 & -\sin\theta_1 & a_1\cos\theta_1 \\ \sin\theta_1 & 0 & \cos\theta_1 & a_1 sin\theta_1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

α_2	a_2	θ_2	d_2
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α_3	a_3	θ_3	d_3
$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	a_3	θ_3	0

$$A_3^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_3 & 0 & -\sin\theta_3 & a_3\cos\theta_3 \\ \sin\theta_3 & 0 & \cos\theta_3 & a_3\sin\theta_3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

α_4	a_4	θ_4	d_4
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	0	θ_4	d_4

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α_5	a_5	θ_5	d_5
$\frac{-\pi}{2}$	0	θ_5	0

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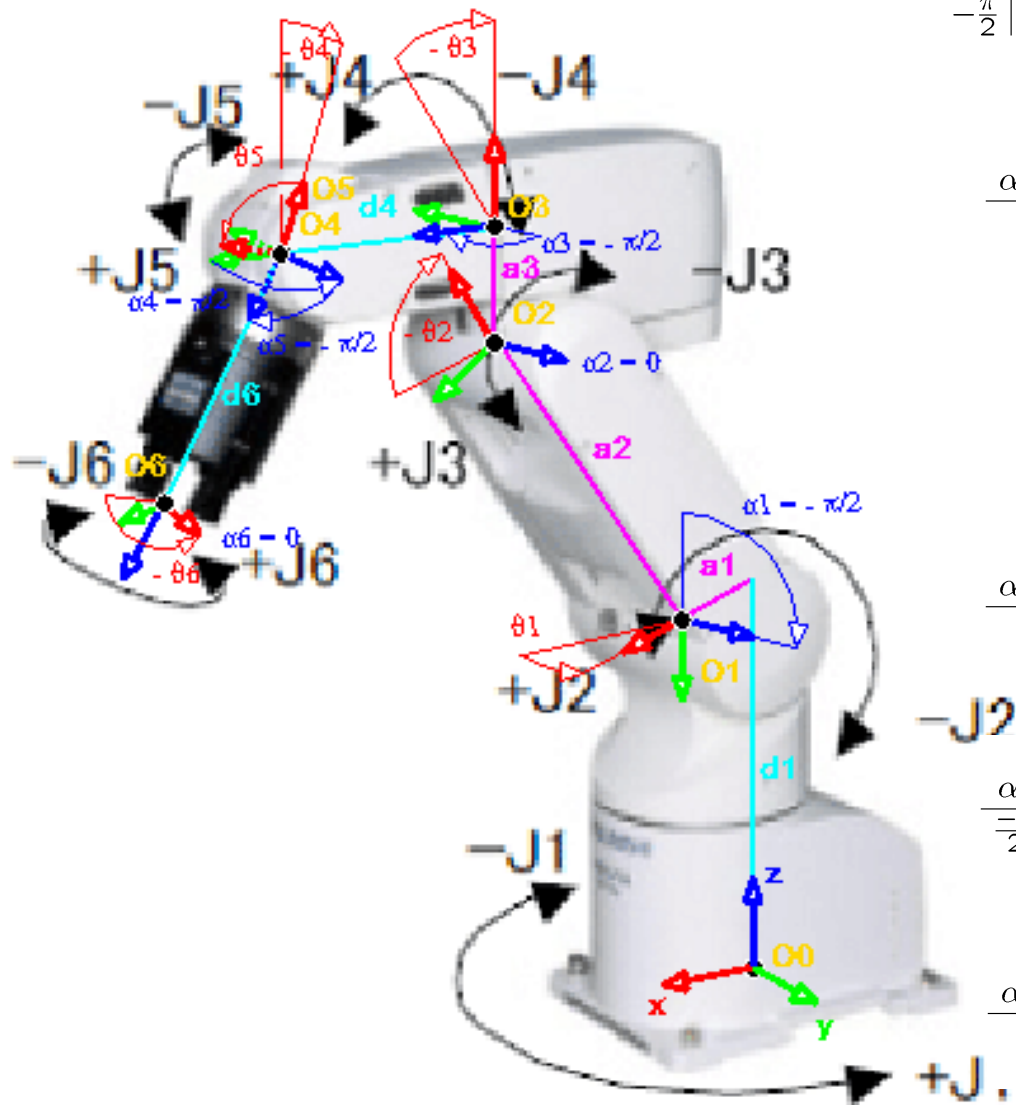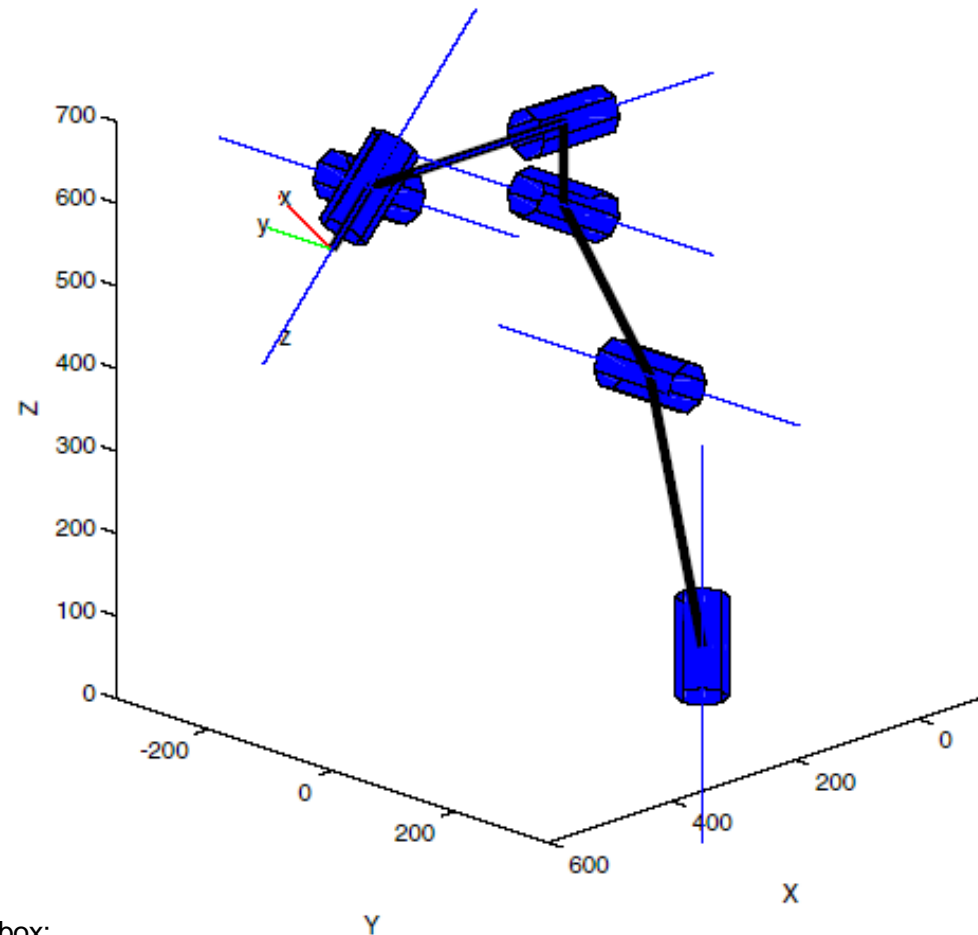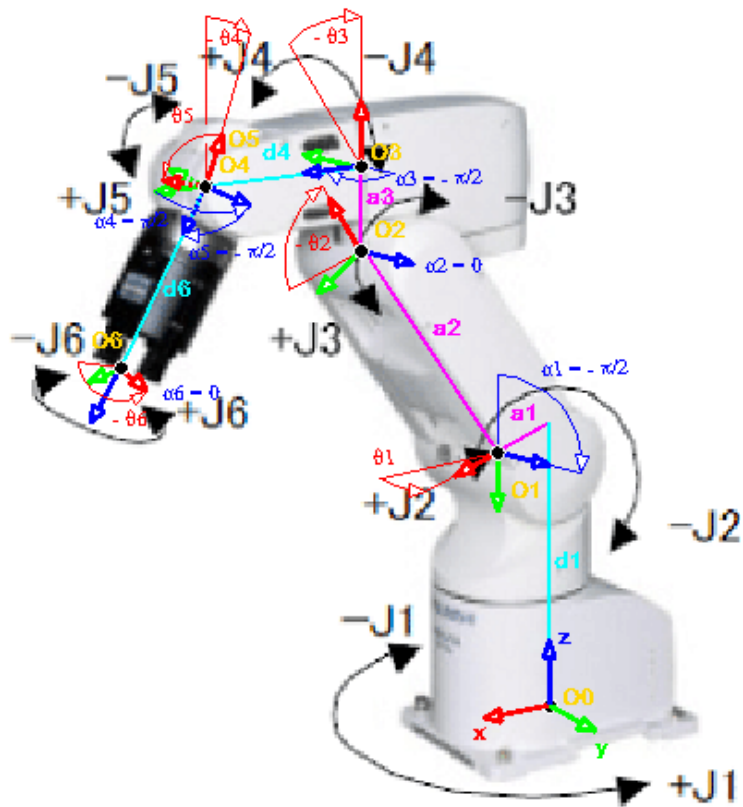| α_6	a_6	θ_6	d_6
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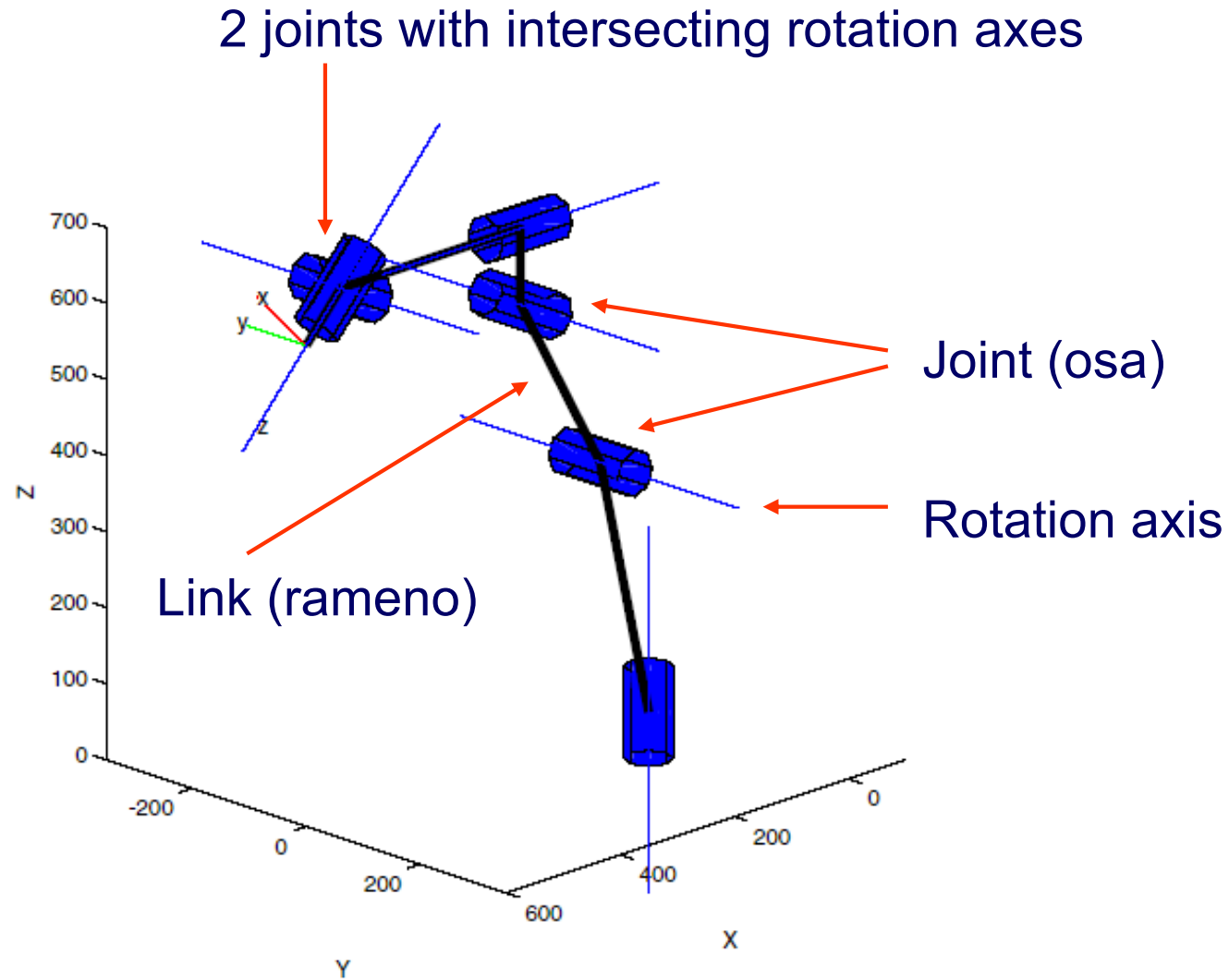
Robot Description — Matlab Robotic Toolbox

MATLAB simulation in ROBOT toolbox:

mRV6S =

RV-6S (6 axis, RRRRRR) [Mitsubishi] <home = [0.000000 -1.047198 -0.523599 0.000000 0.785398 0.000000]>
grav = [0.00 0.00 9.81]

alpha_i	a_i	theta_i	d_i	R/P	standard D&H parameters
-1.570796	85.000	parameter	350.000	R	(std)
0.000000	280.000	parameter	0.000	R	(std)
-1.570796	100.000	parameter	0.000	R	(std)
1.570796	0.000	parameter	315.000	R	(std)
-1.570796	0.000	parameter	0.000	R	(std)
0.000000	0.000	parameter	85.000	R	(std)

2 joints with intersecting rotation axes

Joint (osa)

Rotation axis

Link (rameno)

Robot Description — Drawings

Top view (nárys)

IRO

Joint (osa)

Side view (bokorys)

3D View

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