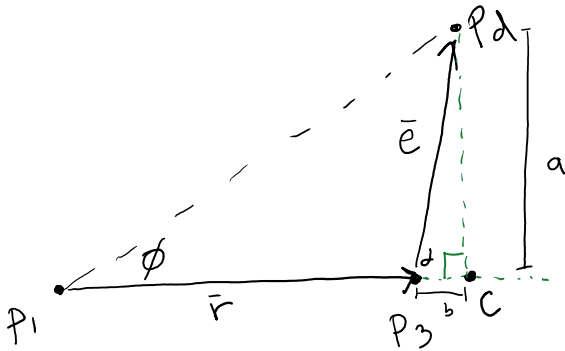


Last class, we discussed a method based on euler angles for computing the orientation of p_1 (ex. "shoulder").

Alternate method (based on tangent)



Goal: point the direction r towards P_d

Let $\bar{e} = P_d - P_3$

$\bar{r} = P_3 - P_1$

ϕ = angle between \bar{r} + $(P_d - P_1)$

Insight: Form a right triangle $P_1 C P_d$ and right triangle $P_3 C P_d$

Let α be an angle in $P_3 C P_d$

Let a, b be lengths

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{a}{\|e\|}, \quad \cos \alpha = \frac{b}{\|e\|} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} a &= \|e\| \sin \alpha \\ b &= \|e\| \cos \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{a}{b + \|r\|} = \frac{\|e\| \sin \alpha}{\|e\| \cos \alpha + \|r\|} \quad \text{multiply by } \frac{\|r\|}{\|r\|}$$

$$= \frac{\|r\| \|e\| \sin \alpha}{\|r\| \|e\| \cos \alpha + \|r\| \|r\|}$$

$$= \frac{\|r \times e\|}{r \cdot e + r \cdot r}$$

If we rotate \bar{r} by ϕ around the axis $\frac{r \times e}{\|r \times e\|}$, r points toward P_d .

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Caveats #1 This approach computes a relative rotation, e.g. it's based on the current direction of \bar{r}

→ multiply this rotation w/ current rotation at each joint

→ can result in unnatural rotations (such as twisting)
 ↳ to workaround, set joint rot. to a neutral rotation first (such as I)

#2: All calculations need to be in the same frame (aka coordinate system)

→ choose either global or local coordinates
 ↳ be careful, a joint's local frame is its parent.

Ex Consider the previous example where $l_1 = 3, l_2 = 2, p_d = (-3, \sqrt{7}, 0)^T$

(A) The desired length is still 4

(B) The angles ϕ, θ_{2z} are still the same, e.g. $\phi \sim 104^\circ, \theta_{2z} \sim -75^\circ$

(C) Instead of computing $\gamma, \beta, \theta_{1z}$, we compute ϕ (from above) + axis $\frac{r \times e}{\|r \times e\|}$.

First, we need the position of P_3 in global coordinates after we set $\phi \sim 104^\circ$ for elbow + $\theta_{2z} \sim -75^\circ$ for the shoulder.

$$P_3^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 3.517 \\ -1.931 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

← aside, this comes from

$$P_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 R_2^1 d_3^2 + R_1^0 d_2^1 + d_1^0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $R_1^0 = I$

$$R_2^1 = R_z(\theta_{2z}) = R_z(-75^\circ)$$

$$d_3^2 = \begin{pmatrix} l_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(2 | 1) (3 | 1)

$$d_3^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{0} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_2^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 81 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_1^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{r} = P_3 - P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3.517 \\ -1.931 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{e} = P_d - P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ \sqrt{7} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3.517 \\ -1.931 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6.5 \\ 4.6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r \times e = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3.5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad r \cdot r = 16.106, \quad r \cdot e = -31.77$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \arctan 2(\|r \times e\|, r \cdot r + r \cdot e) = 2.9211 \sim 167^\circ \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{set} \\ R_{\text{axis}}(\phi) \\ \text{for } P_1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{axis} = (0, 0, 1)^T$$

IK Method #2: Cyclic Coordinate Descent (CCD)

Idea: Nudge each joint in a chain towards a goal position

P_d

EX Imagine a joint chain from the left hand to the root

Algorithm:

P = end effector's position (in global)

while $\|P_d - P\| > \text{threshold}$ and #iterations $< \text{maxIterations}$:

for each joint in the chain from end effector to root

"nudge" the joint towards P_d

update P with the new end effector position

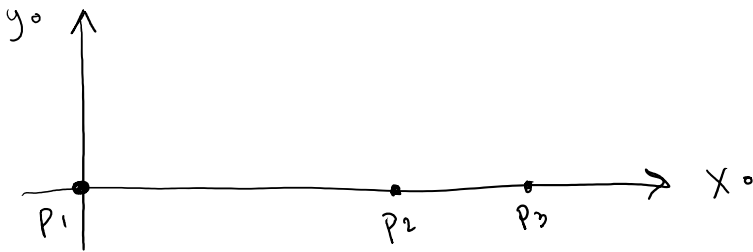
What is a nudge?

→ Use the tangent method to compute an angle ϕ & axis $\frac{r \times e}{\|r \times e\|}$, but only rotate a fraction

of ϕ , e.g.

nudge will be $\Delta\phi = c \operatorname{atan2}(\|r \times e\|, r \cdot r + r \cdot e)$
 where $c \in [0, 1]$ (typically, ~ 0.1 is good)

EX 3 Link chain.



$$R_1 = R_z(45)$$

$$R_2 = R_z(-45)$$

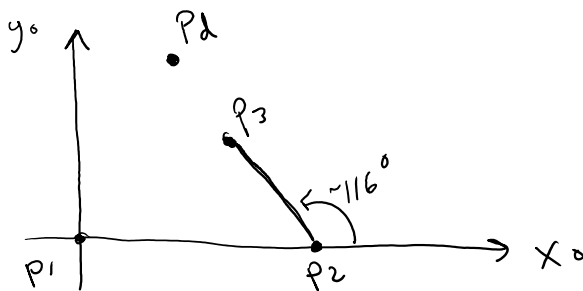
$$d_2^1 = (2, 0, 0)^T$$

$$d_3^2 = (1, 0, 0)^T$$

$$P_d = (1, 2, 0)^T$$

Use CCD w/nudge factor $c=1$ to move P_3 to P_d

Step 1: Compute ϕ & axis to rotate joint 2



$$\bar{r} = P_3^o - P_2^o = (1, 0, 0)^T$$

$$\bar{e} = P_d^o - P_3^o = (-2, 2, 0)^T$$

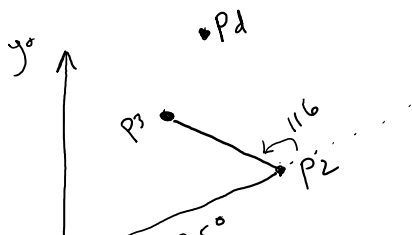
$$\phi \sim 116^\circ$$

Step 2: What is the new global position of P_3 & P_2 ?

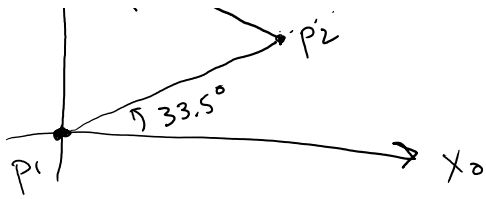
$$P_2^o = (2, 0, 0)^T$$

$$P_3^o = (1.55, 0.89, 0)^T$$

Step 3: Compute ϕ & axis to rotate joint 1



note: we miss \Rightarrow this is why we "nudge" and iterate



and iterate

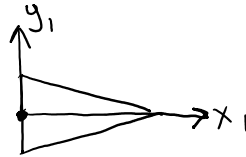
How to "point" my object towards a target
 → exs: steering a character by setting pos & ori of the root joint

by: looking at a target with the head

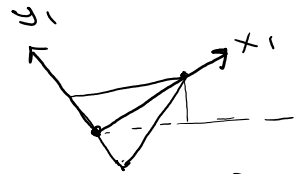
Idea: Use the fact that the columns of a rotation matrix correspond to the axes of the frame.

EX $R = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 & 0 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow
 x axis y axis z axis



In local frame
 x dir is always $(1, 0, 0)$, y is $(0, 1, 0)$,
 z is $(0, 0, 1)$



In global frame
 x dir is $R(1, 0, 0)^T$
 y is $R(0, 1, 0)$ &
 z is $R(0, 0, 1)$

Insight: We can directly compute R so the forward direction points towards a target Pd.

EX Suppose the forward direction is X, the global pos of our object is $(1, 1, 0)$ and $P_d = (4, -3, 0)$

Our desired direction is $P_d - (1, 1, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Normalize the direction; $\left(\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{4}{5}, 0\right)^T$, and set as first column

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3/5 & | & Y & | & Z \\ -4/5 & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

To get perpendicular Y & Z directions, assume Y is up and do:

$Z = X \text{ cross } (0, 1, 0)$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} -1/5 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & \end{array} \right)$$

do:

$$Z = X \text{ cross } (0, 1, 0)$$

$$Y = Z \text{ cross } X$$

where X is our desired forward direction

$$= \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} 3/5 & +4/5 & 0 \\ \hline -4/5 & 3/5 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

In general, if Z corresponds to the forward direction of a character (or object), the corresponding rotation R_{local}^{global} is

$$Z = \text{target} - \text{character Pos}$$

$$X = U_p \times Z, \text{ where } U_p = (0, 1, 0) \text{ in our base code}$$

$$Y = Z \times X$$

$$R_{local}^{global} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} X & Y & Z \\ \hline \|X\| & \|Y\| & \|Z\| \end{array} \right)$$

where X, Y, Z are computed in global coordinates