

Robotics Toolbox for Matlab

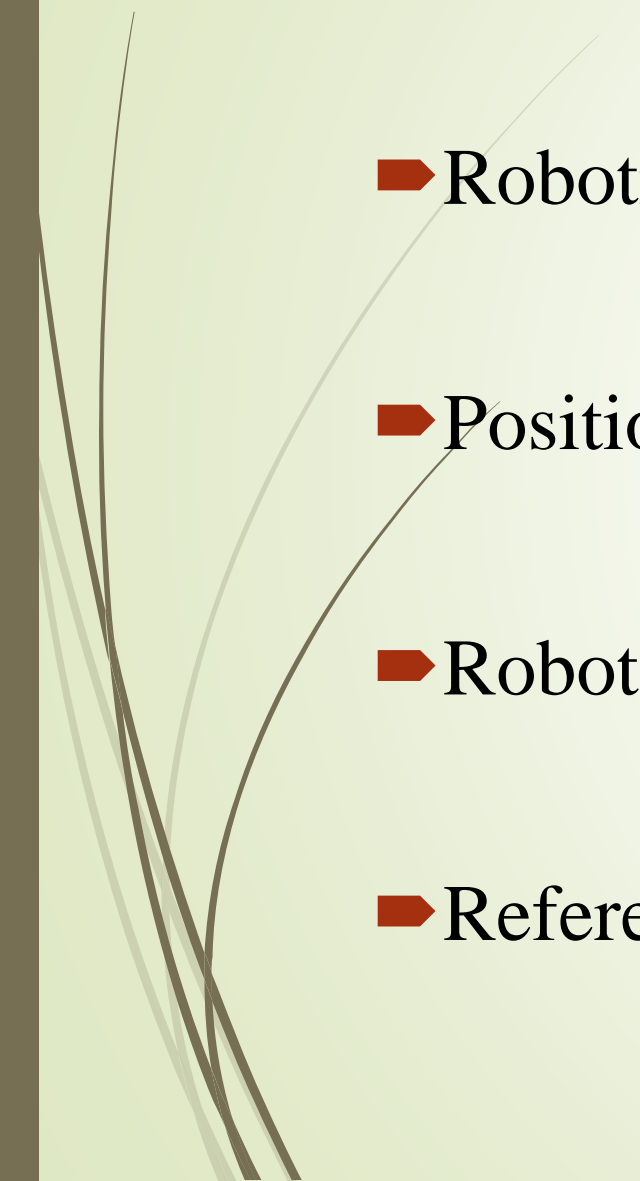
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Robotics Toolbox Download and Setup

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<https://petercorke.com/wordpress/toolboxes/robotics-toolbox>

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- [Download RTB-10.3.1 mltbx format \(23.2 MB\)](#) in MATLAB toolbox format (.mltbx)
 - From within the MATLAB file browser double click on this file, it will install and configure the paths correctly
- [Download RTB-10.3.1 zip format \(22.5 MB\)](#) as a zip file (.zip)
 - Unpack the archive which will create the directory (folder) rvctools, and within that the directories robot, simulink, and common.
 - Adjust your MATLABPATH to include rvctools
 - Execute the startup file rvctools/startup_rvc.m and this will place the correct directories in your MATLAB path.

Position and Orientation Representation

- Homogenous transformation in 2D using the function (**SE2**)

```
>> T1 = se2(1, 2, 30*pi/180)
```

```
T1 =
```

```
0.8660      -0.5000      1.0000
0.5000      0.8660      2.0000
0           0           1.0000
```

which represents a translation of (1, 2) and a rotation of 30°.

We can plot this, relative to the world coordinate frame, by

```
>> axis([0 5 0 5]);
```

```
>> trplot2(T1, 'frame', '1', 'color', 'b')
```

Similarly:

Position and Orientation Representation

- Homogenous transformation in 2D using the function (**SE2**)

```
>> T2 = se2(2, 1, 0)
```

```
T2 =
```

```
    1    0    2
    0    1    1
    0    0    1
```

```
>> T3 = T1*T2
```

```
T3 =
```

```
    0.8660   -0.5000   2.2321
    0.5000    0.8660   3.8660
         0         0   1.0000
```

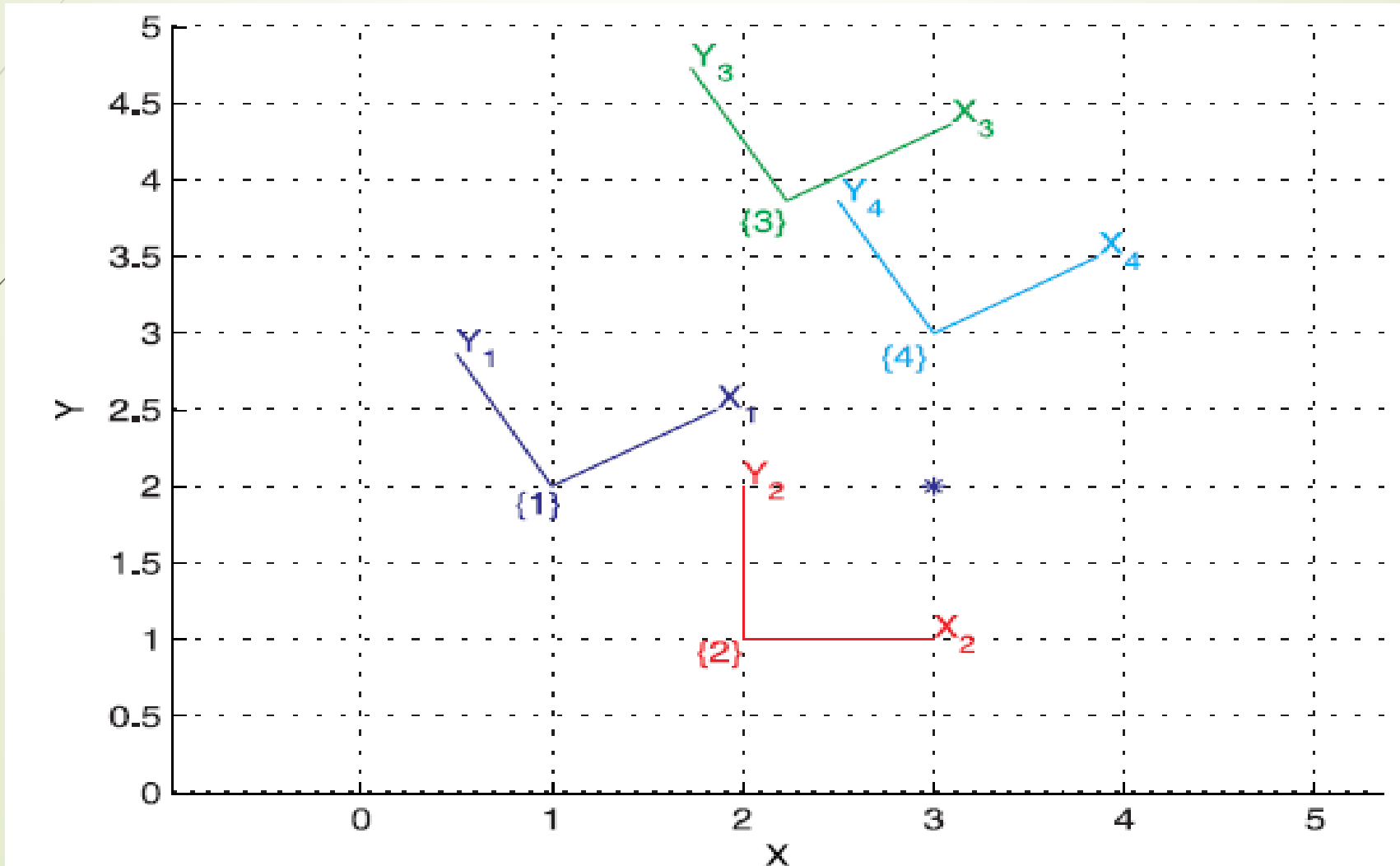
Position and Orientation Representation

- Homogenous transformation in 2D using the function (**SE2**)

```
>> hold on
>> trplot2(T2, 'frame', '2', 'color', 'r');
>> trplot2(T3, 'frame', '3', 'color', 'g');
>> T4 = T2*T1;
>> trplot2(T4, 'frame', '4', 'color', 'c');
```

Position and Orientation Representation

- Homogenous transformation in 2D using the function (**SE2**)



Position and Orientation Representation

- Rotation by angle θ around x axis using the function (**rotx**)

```
>> R = rotx(pi/2)
R =
    1.0000         0         0
         0    0.0000   -1.0000
         0    1.0000    0.0000
```

The corresponding coordinate frame can be displayed graphically

```
>> trplot(R)
```

Toolbox function `tranimate` which animates a rotation

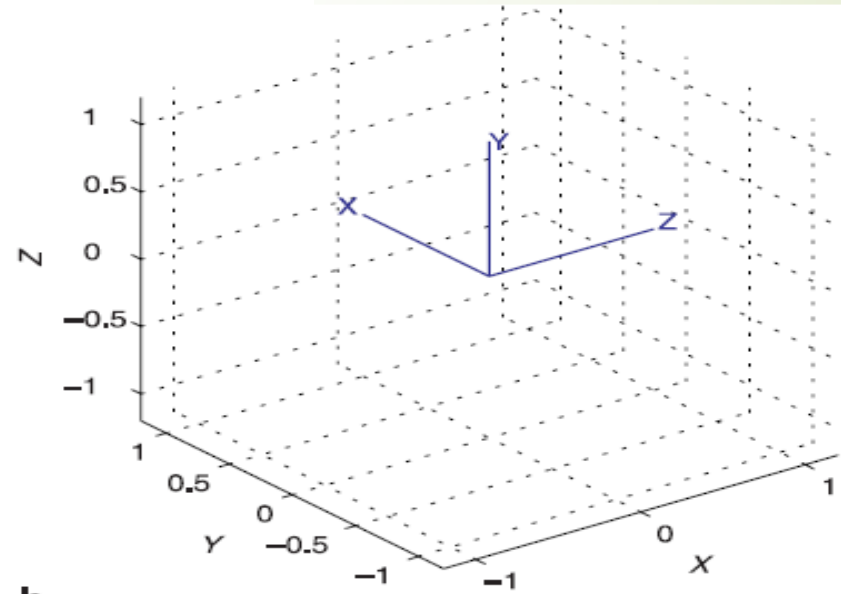
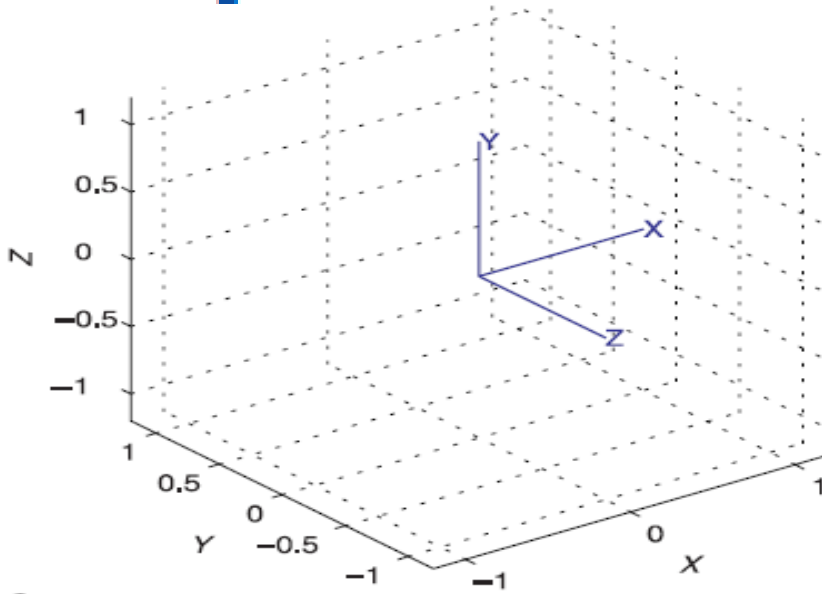
```
>> tranimate(R)
```

Position and Orientation Representation

- Rotation by angle θ around x axis using the function (**rotx**)

```
>> rotx(pi/2) * roty(pi/2)
ans =
    0.0000    0    1.0000
    1.0000    0.0000   -0.0000
   -0.0000    1.0000    0.0000

>> trplot(R)
```



Position and Orientation Representation

- Composition of transforms of (translations & rotations)

```
>> T = transl(1, 0, 0) * trotx(pi/2) * transl(0, 1, 0)
T =
    1.0000    0.0000    0.0000    1.0000
         0    0.0000   -1.0000    0.0000
         0    1.0000    0.0000    1.0000
         0    0.0000    0.0000    1.0000
```

The rotation matrix component of T is

```
>> t2r(T)
ans =
    1.0000    0.0000    0.0000
         0    0.0000   -1.0000
         0    1.0000    0.0000
```

and the translation component is a vector

```
>> transl(T) '
ans =
    1.0000    0.0000    1.0000
```

Robot Arm Kinematics

- Robots are usually defined based on the links using the object (**Link**) as follows

```
L = Link([0 1.2 0.3 pi/2]);  
L = Link('revolute', 'd', 1.2, 'a', 0.3, 'alpha', pi/2);  
L = Revolute('d', 1.2, 'a', 0.3, 'alpha', pi/2);
```

- The input parameters for the function Link are basically the DH parameters of each link and they are usually in the order θ , d , a , α .
- If not specified, the link is set to be a revolute by default.

Robot Arm Kinematics

```
>>L.A(pi/2); % returns transformation matrix for (theta=pi/2)
>>L.type % returns the robot type (revolute or prismatic)
>>L.a % returns the value a
>>L.d % returns the value d
>>L.alpha % returns the value of alpha
```

Robot Arm Kinematics

► For the following two link robot

```
>> L(1) = Link([0 0 1 0]);
>> L(2) = Link([0 0 1 0]);
>> L
L =
  theta=q1, d=0, a=1, alpha=0 (R,stdDH)
  theta=q2, d=0, a=1, alpha=0 (R,stdDH)
```

which are passed to the constructor SerialLink

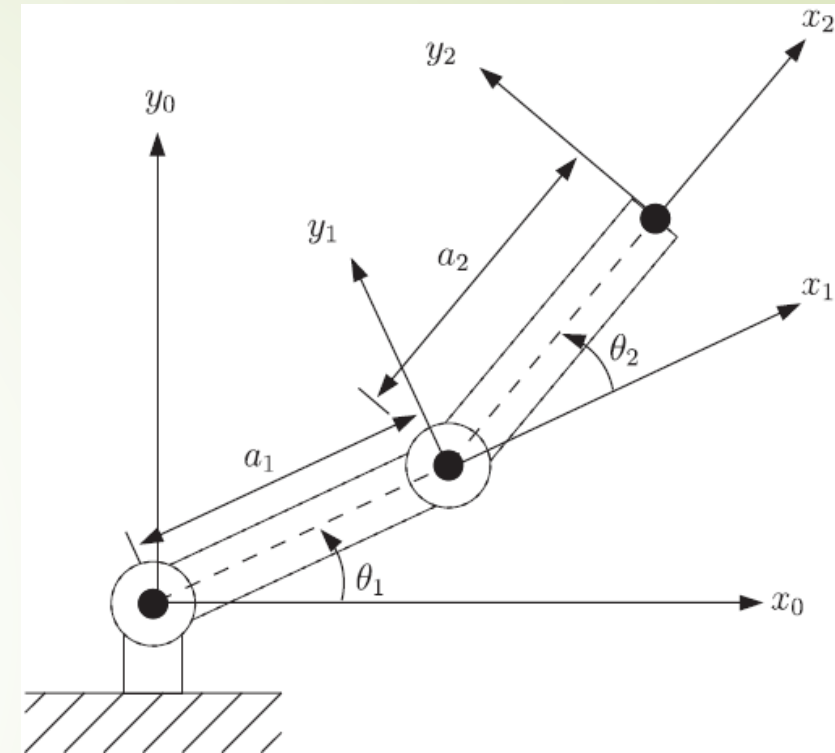
```
>> two_link = SerialLink(L, 'name', 'two link');
```

which returns a SerialLink object that we can display

```
>> two_link
two_link =
two link (2 axis, RR, stdDH)
```

j	theta	d	a	alpha
1	q1	0	1	0
2	q2	0	1	0

```
grav =      0  base = 1  0  0  0  tool = 1  0  0  0
          0          0  1  0  0          0  1  0  0
          9.81      0  0  1  0          0  0  1  0
                   0  0  0  1          0  0  0  1
```



Link	θ_i	d_i	a_i	α_i
1	q_1	0	1	0
2	q_2	0	1	0

Robot Arm Kinematics

► Forward kinematics using (**fkine**)

Now we can put the robot arm to work. The forward kinematics are computed using the `fkine` method. For the case where $q_1 = q_2 = 0$

```
>> twolink.fkine([0 0])
ans =
     1     0     0     2
     0     1     0     0
     0     0     1     0
     0     0     0     1
```

the method returns the homogenous transform that represents the pose of the second link coordinate frame of the robot, T_2 . For a different configuration the tool pose is

```
>> twolink.fkine([pi/4 -pi/4])
ans =
  1.0000         0         0  1.7071
         0  1.0000         0  0.7071
         0         0  1.0000         0
         0         0         0  1.0000
```

The robot can be visualized graphically

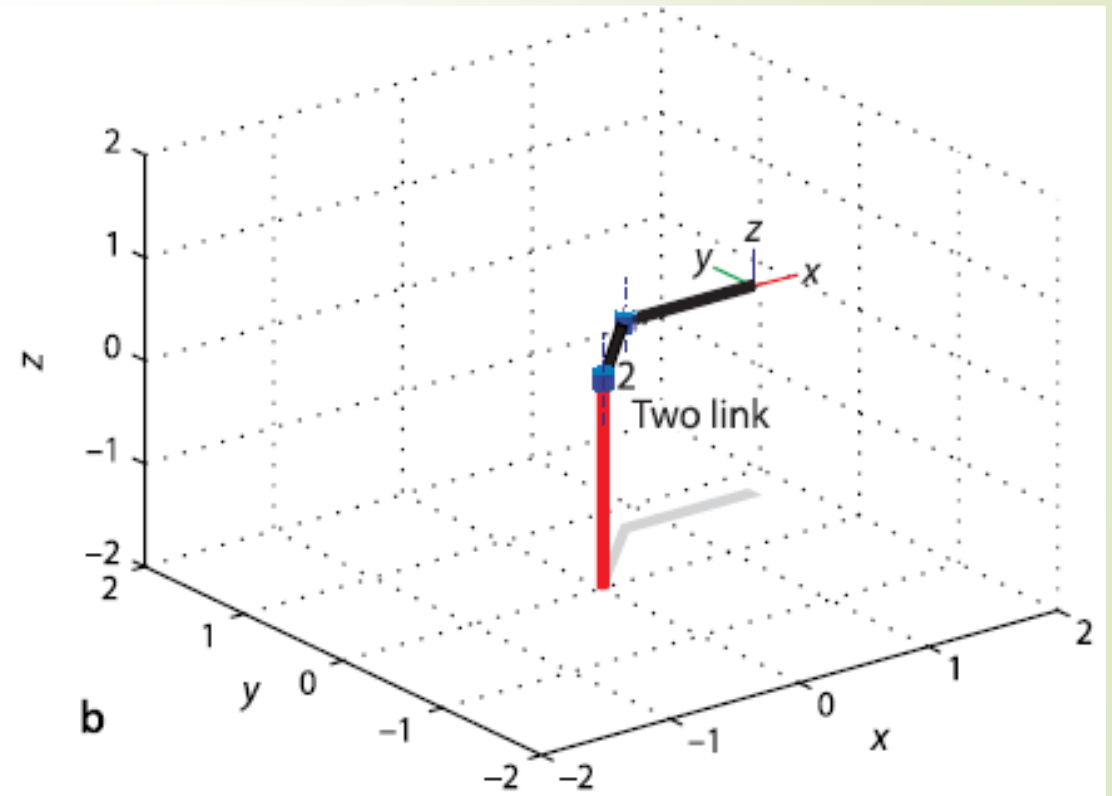
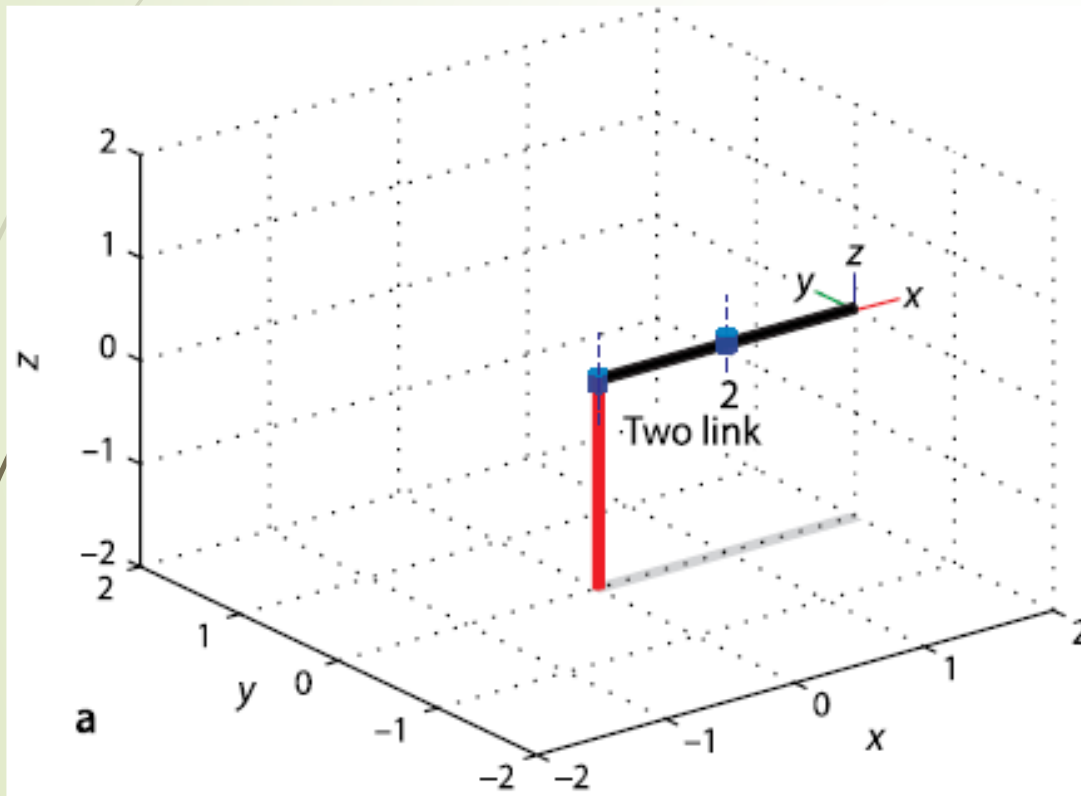
```
>> twolink.plot([0 0])
>> twolink.plot([pi/4 -pi/4])
```

By convention, joint coordinates with the Toolbox are row vectors.

Robot Arm Kinematics

➤ Forward kinematics using (**fkine**)

➤ Matlab Model



Robot Arm Kinematics

► Puma 560 model

```
>> mdl_puma560
```

which creates a `SerialLink` object, `p560`, in the workspace

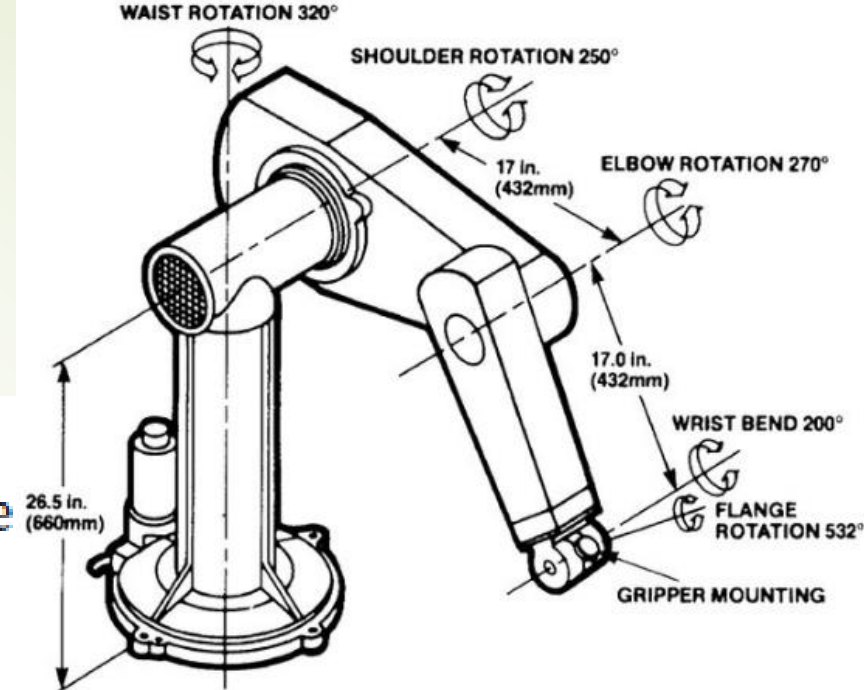
```
>> p560
```

```
p560 =
```

```
Puma 560 (6 axis, RRRRRR, stdDH)
```

```
Unimation; viscous friction; params of 8/95;
```

j	theta	d	a	alpha
1	q1	0	0	1.571
2	q2	0	0.4318	0
3	q3	0.15	0.0203	-1.571
4	q4	0.4318	0	1.571
5	q5	0	0	-1.571
6	q6	0	0	0



Robot Arm Kinematics

► Puma 560 model

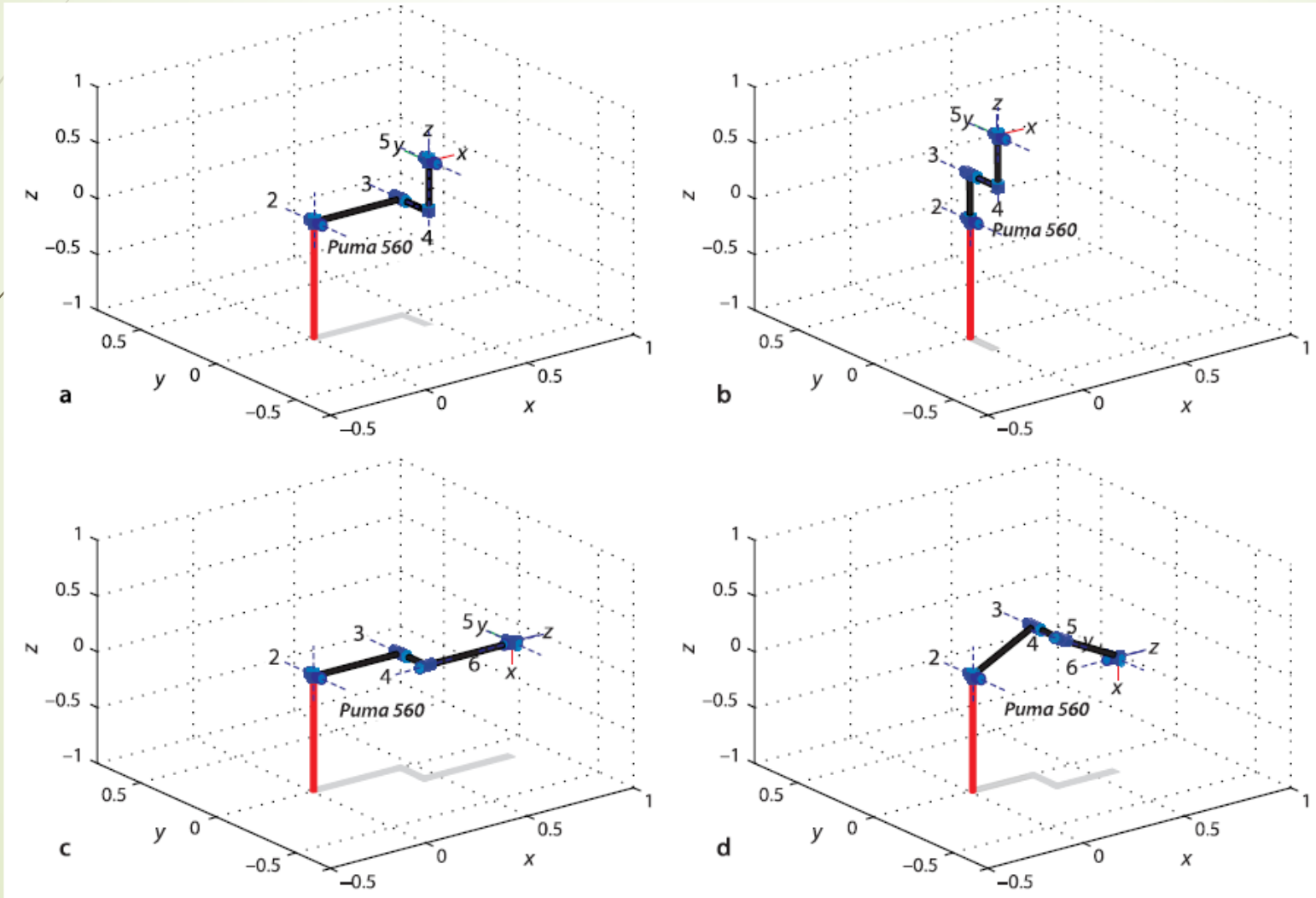
```
grav =      0   base =  1   0   0   0   tool =  1   0   0   0
          0           0   1   0   0           0   1   0   0
          9.81        0   0   1   0           0   0   1   0
                   0   0   0   1           0   0   0   1
```

```
qz (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)   zero angle
qr (0,  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ , 0, 0, 0)   ready, the arm is straight and vertical
qs (0, 0,  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ , 0, 0, 0)   stretch, the arm is straight and horizontal
qn (0,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ ,  $-\pi$ , 0,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ , 0)   nominal, the arm is in a dextrous working pose
```

```
>> p560.plot(qz)
```

Robot Arm Kinematics

➤ Puma 560 model (Forward kinematics)



Robot Arm Kinematics

► Puma 560 model (Inverse kinematics)

At the *nominal* joint coordinates

```
>> qn
qn =
      0      0.7854      3.1416      0      0.7854      0
```

the end-effector pose is

```
>> T = p560.fkine(qn)
T =
 -0.0000      0.0000      1.0000      0.5963
 -0.0000      1.0000     -0.0000     -0.1501
 -1.0000     -0.0000     -0.0000     -0.0144
      0          0          0          1.0000
```

Since the Puma 560 is a 6-axis robot arm with a spherical wrist we use the method `ikine6s` to compute the inverse kinematics using a closed-form solution. ◀ The required joint coordinates to achieve the pose T are

```
>> qi = p560.ikine6s(T)
qi =
  2.6486  -3.9270  0.0940  2.5326  0.9743  0.3734
```

Robot Arm Kinematics

► Puma 560 model (Inverse kinematics)

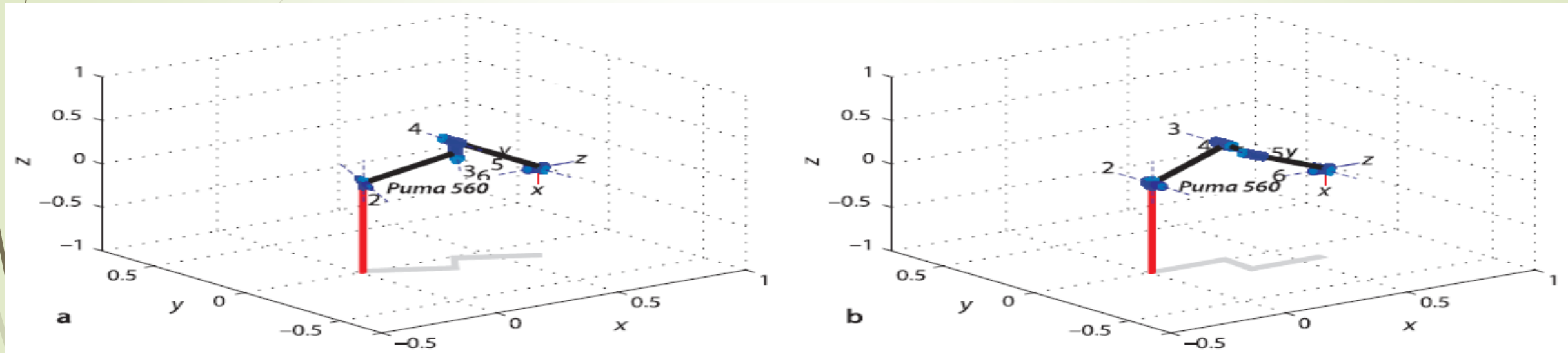
Surprisingly, these are quite different to the joint coordinates we started with. However if we investigate a little further

```
>> p560.fkine(qi)
ans =
   -0.0000    0.0000    1.0000    0.5963
    0.0000    1.0000   -0.0000   -0.1500
   -1.0000    0.0000   -0.0000   -0.0144
         0         0         0         1.0000
```

- These two different sets of joint coordinates result in the same end-effector pose.

Robot Arm Kinematics

► Puma 560 model (Inverse kinematics)



- Two solutions to the inverse kinematic problem, **left-handed** and **right-handed** solutions. The shadow shows clearly the two different configurations

Robot Arm Kinematics

- Puma 560 model (Inverse kinematics)

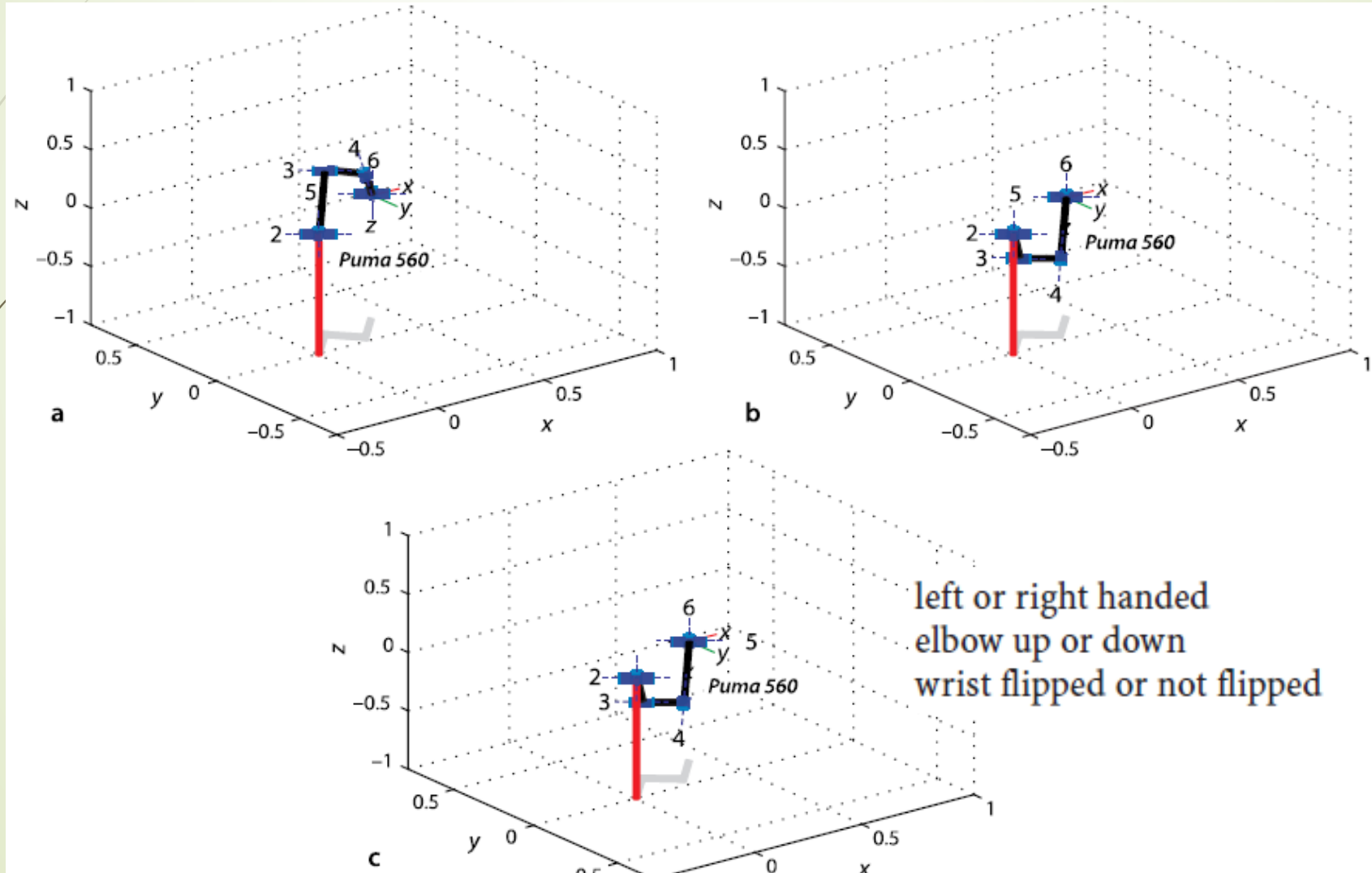
We can *force* the right-handed solution

```
>> qi = p560.ikine6s(T, 'ru')  
qi =  
-0.0000    0.7854    3.1416    0.0000    0.7854   -0.0000
```

- **Ikine6s** functions is used for closed form solution
- **Ikine6s** can't be used with robot of less than 6 dof
- Sometimes, inverse kinematics fails if the point is unreachable.
- Make sure the pose of interest is already within the workspace.

Robot Arm Kinematics

➤ Inverse kinematics (Different possible solutions)



left or right handed
elbow up or down
wrist flipped or not flipped

'l', 'r'
'u', 'd'
'f', 'n'

Robot Arm Kinematics

- Inverse kinematics (Numerical Solution & under actuated)
 - Using **ikine** function
 - Depends on optimization techniques to find the inverse kinematics solution
 - `Ikine(T, qi, 'mask', [1 1 1 0 0 0]);`

Where T is the desired pose, q_i is initial vector required for the optimization problem, number of 1's of the mask refers to the number of dof of the robot actuated links.

➤ Matlab Demo

Robot Arm Kinematics

- Trajectory planning (Joint Space)
 - Using **jtraj** function
 - A joint-space trajectory is formed by smoothly interpolating between two joints' configurations q_1 and q_2 .
- Matlab Demo

Robot Arm Kinematics

- Trajectory planning (cartesian Space)
 - Using **ctrj** function
 - For many applications we require straight-line or obstacle avoidance motion in Cartesian space which is known as Cartesian motion
 - Depends mainly on interpolating between two poses of the end effector in the cartesian space in the start and end points T1 and T2.

➤ Matlab Demo

References

