
CS686: Configuration Space I

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Announcements

- **Make a project team of 2 persons for your project**
 - **Each student needs a clear role**
 - **Declare team members at KLMS by Sep-26; you don't need to define the topic by then**
- **Each student**
 - **Present two papers related to the project; 15 min for each talk**
 - **Declare your papers at KLMS by Oct-10**
- **Each team**
 - **Give a mid-term presentation for the project**
 - **Give the final project presentation**

Tentative schedule

- **Oct. 23: no class (reserved)**
- **Oct. 25: Students Presentation I (2 talks per each class)**
- **Oct. 30/Nov-1:**
- **Nov. 6,**
- **Nov 8, 13: Mid-term project presentation**
- **Nov. 15 : Students Presentation II**
- **Nov. 20, 22**
- **Nov. 27**
- **Nov. 29: no class (no class due to undergraduate interview)**
- **Dec. 4/6: Final project presentation**
- **Dec. 11, 13 Reserved (final exam week; no exam for us)**

Deadlines

- **Declare project team members**
 - **By 9/26 at KLMS**
 - **Confirm schedules of paper talks and project talks at 9/27**

- **Declare two papers for student presentations**
 - **First come, first served**
 - **Paper title, conf. name, publication year**
 - **by 10/10 at KLMS**
 - **Discuss them at the class of 10/11**
 - **Choose papers from 2019 ~ now, published on top-tier conf./journals**

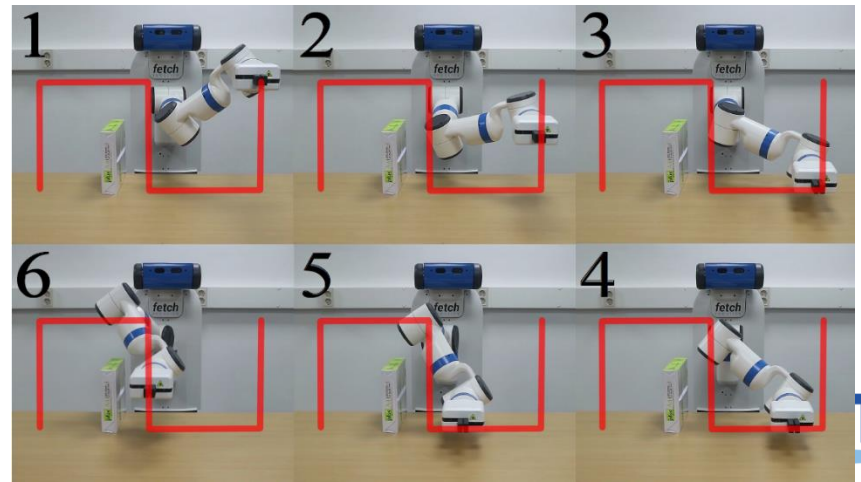
Class Objectives (Ch. 3)

- **Configuration space**
 - **Definitions and examples**
 - **Obstacles**
 - **Paths**
 - **Metrics**
- **Last time:**
 - **Classic motion planning approaches including roadmap, cell decomposition and potential field**

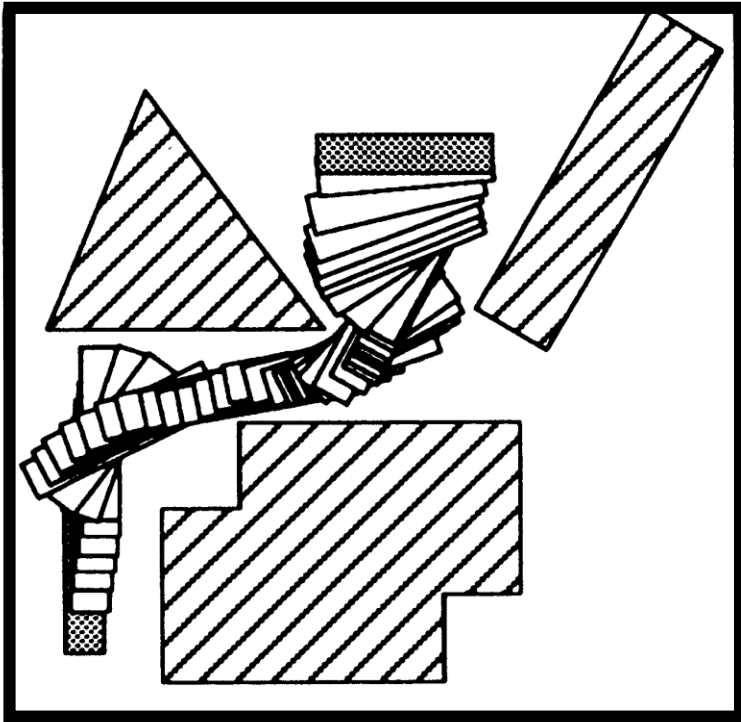
Questions

- Are all path planning problems solved by graph navigation problems?
 - Trajectory optimization is also useful
- TORM: Fast and Accurate Trajectory Optimization of Redundant Manipulator given an End-Effector Path, by Mincheul Kang, Heechan Shin, Donghyuk Kim, and Sung-Eui Yoon**

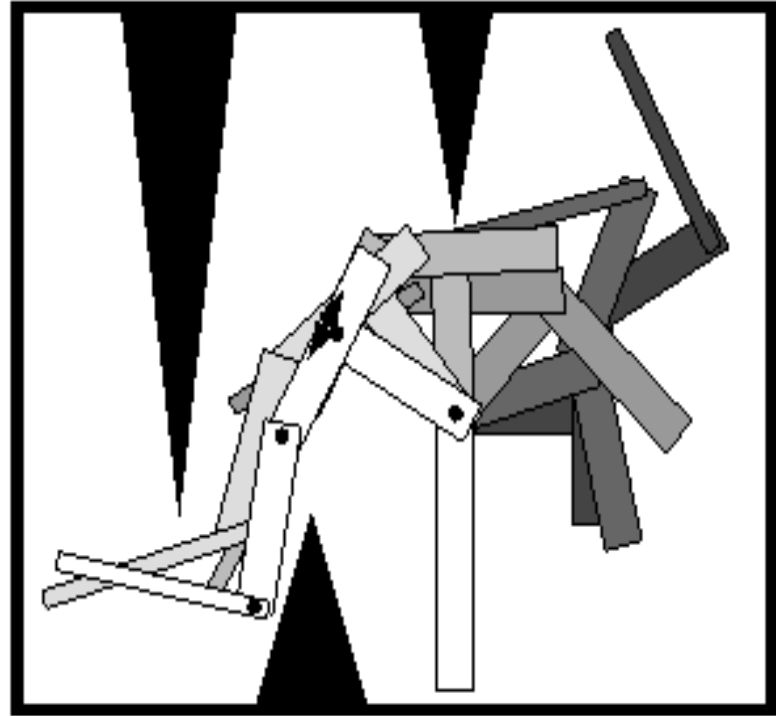
<http://sglab.kaist.ac.kr/TORM/>



What is a Path?



A box robot



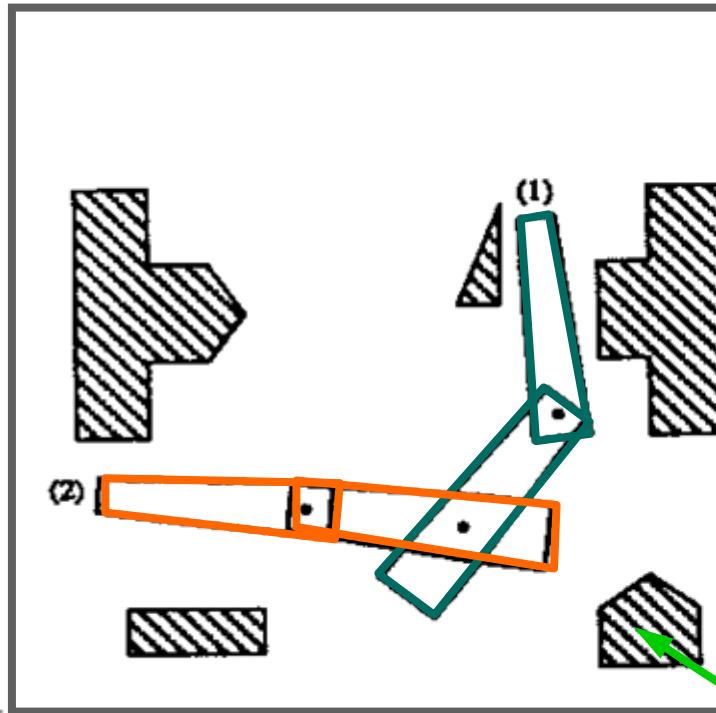
Linked robot

Rough Idea of C-Space

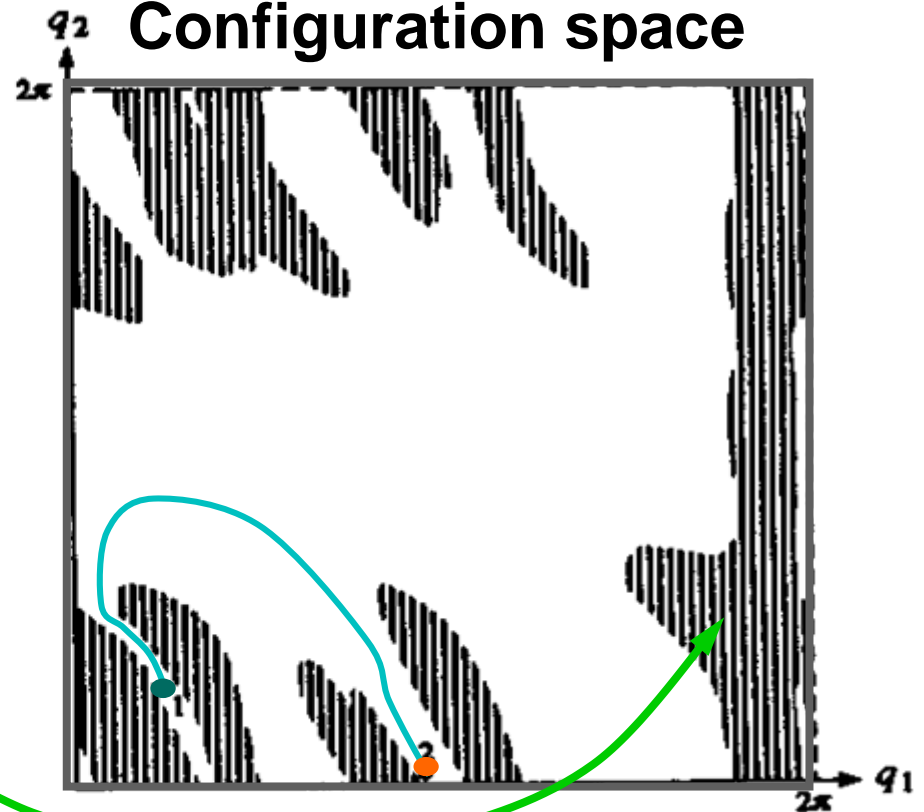
- **Represent degrees-of-freedom (DoFs) of rigid robots, articulated robots, *etc.* into points**
- **Apply algorithms in that space, in addition to the workspace**

Mapping from the Workspace to the Configuration Space

Workspace



Configuration space



Configuration Space

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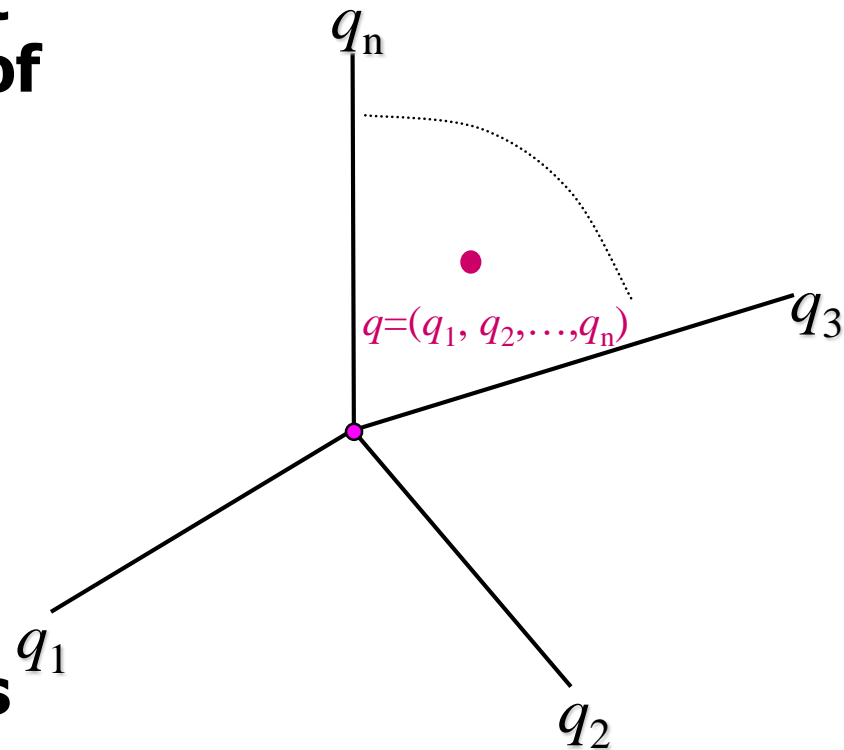
Configuration Space (C-space)

- The **configuration** of a robot is a complete specification of the position of every point on the robot

- Usually a configuration is expressed as a vector of position & orientation parameters: $q = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n)$

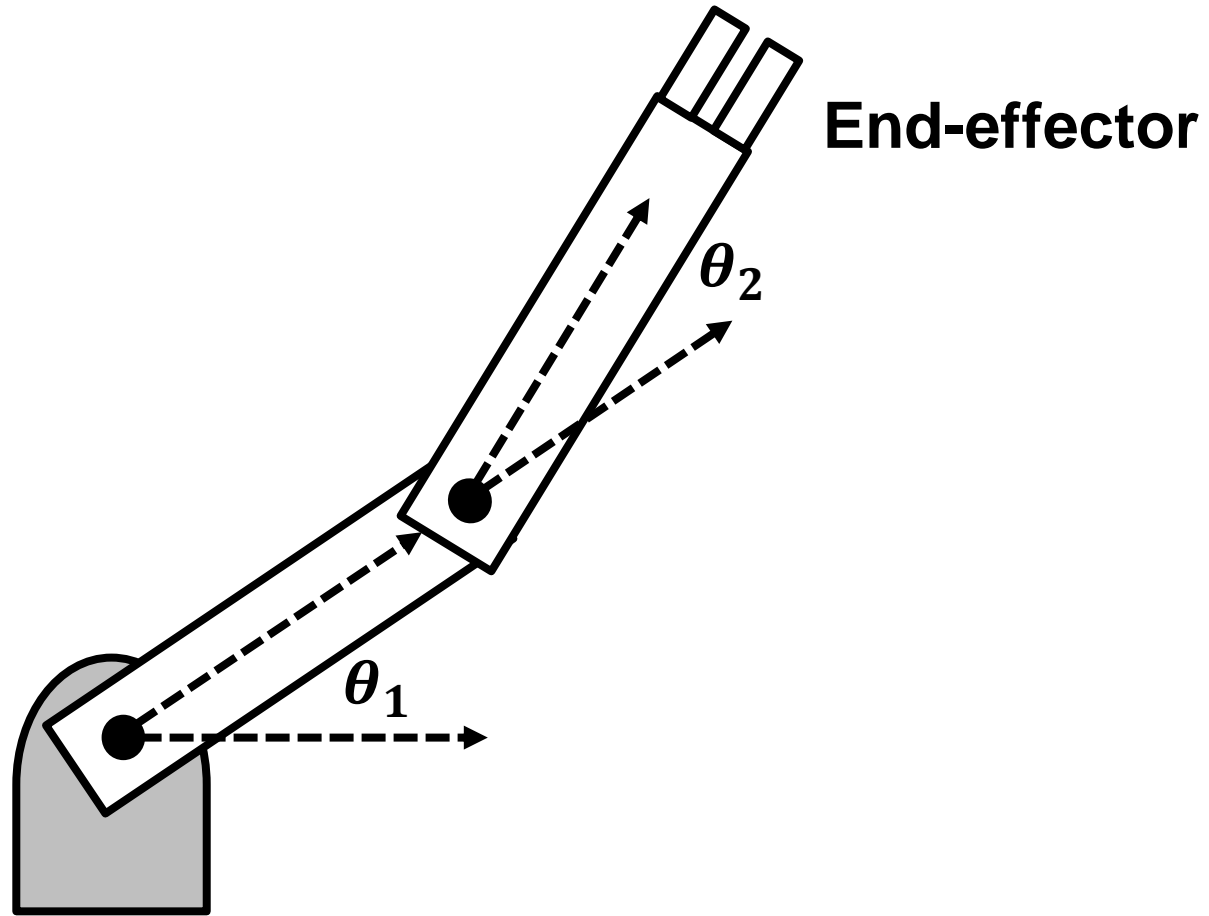
- The configuration space C is the set of all possible configurations

- A configuration is a point in C



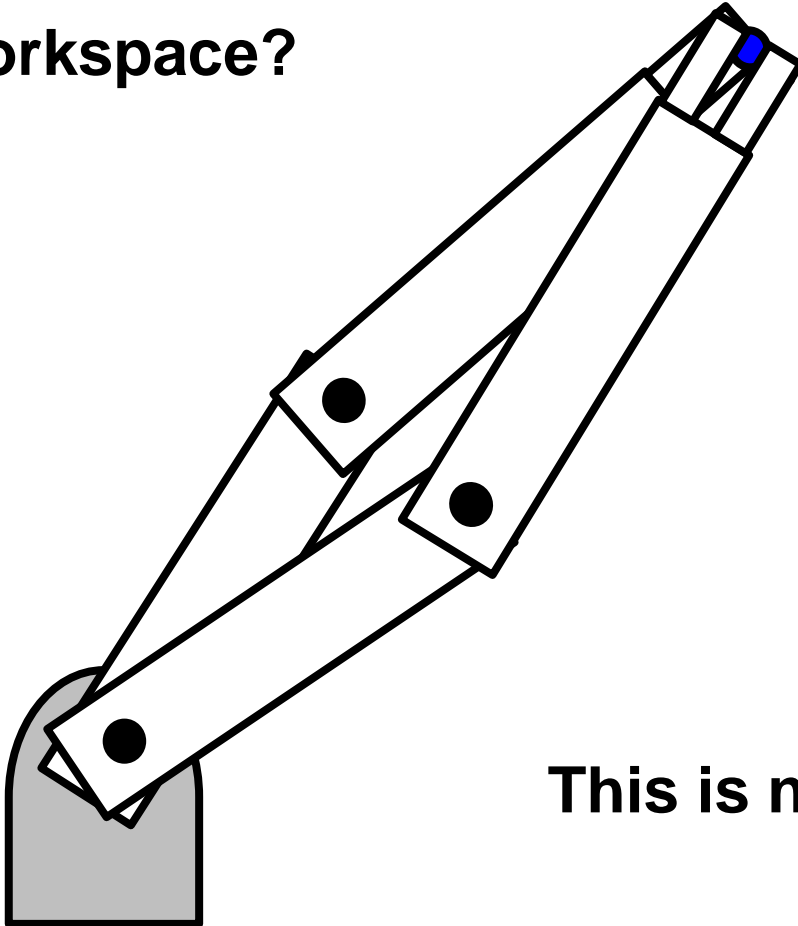
C-space formalism:
Lozano-Perez '79

Examples of Configuration Spaces



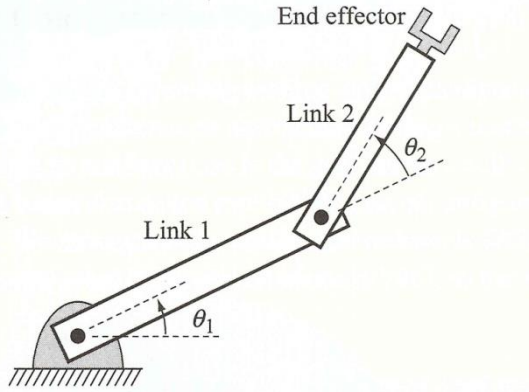
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Consider the end-effector in the workspace?

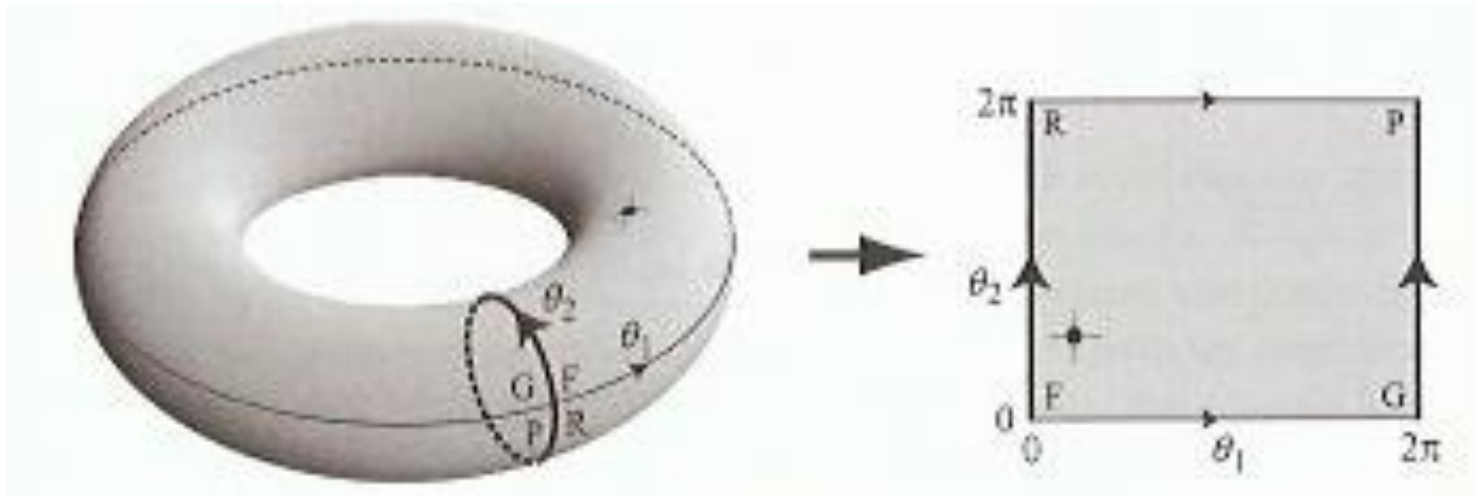


This is not a valid C-space!

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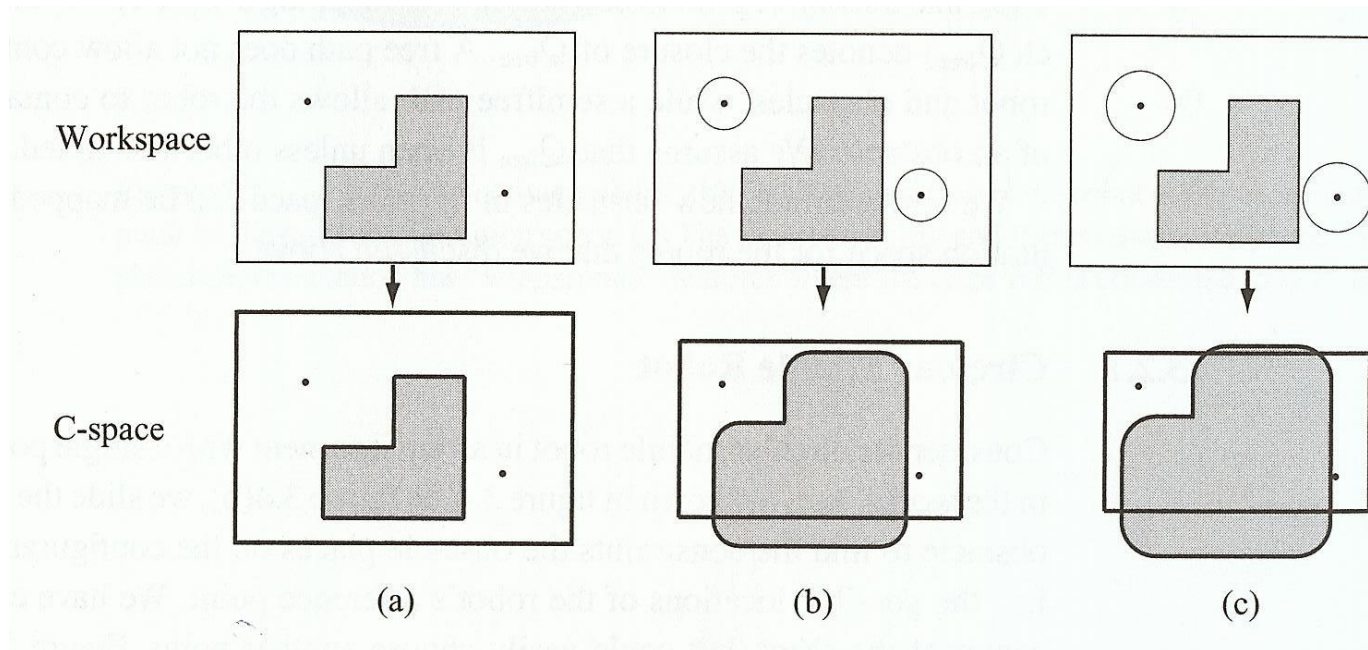
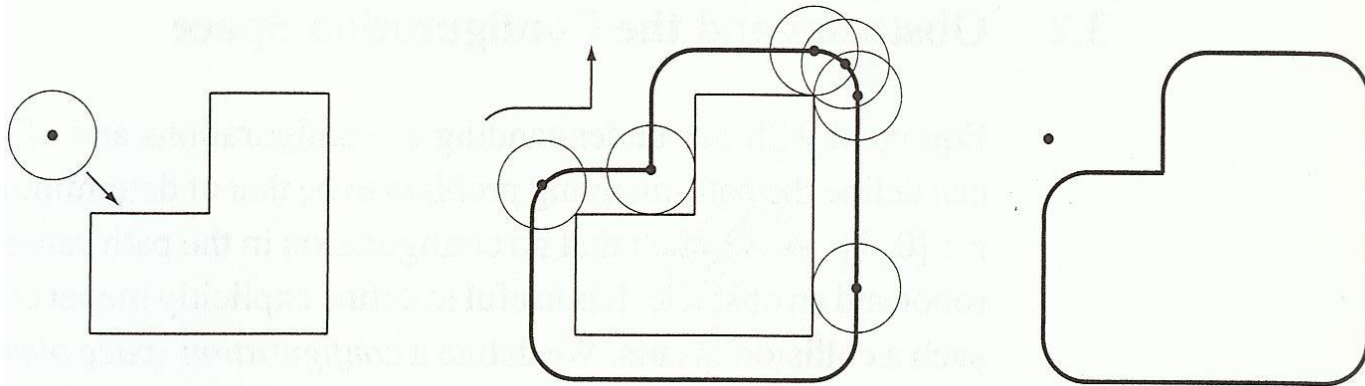


The topology of C is usually **not** that of a Cartesian space R^n .



$$S^1 \times S^1 = T^2$$

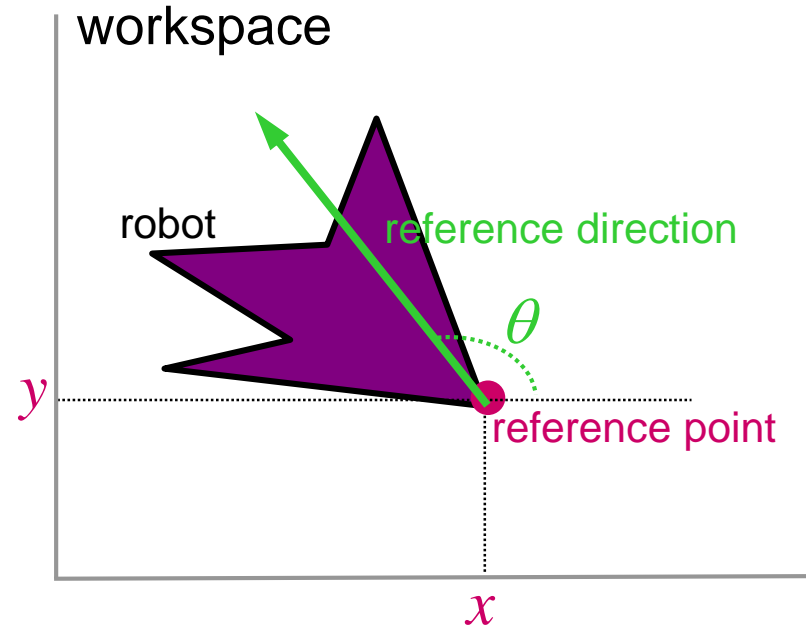
Examples of Circular Robot



Dimension of Configuration Space

- The **dimension of the configuration space** is the **minimum** number of parameters needed to specify the configuration of the object completely
- It is also called the number of **degrees of freedom** (dofs) of a moving object

Example: Rigid Robot in 2-D Workspace



- **3-parameter specification:** $q = (x, y, \theta)$ with $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$.
 - **3-D configuration space**

Example: Rigid Robot in 2-D workspace

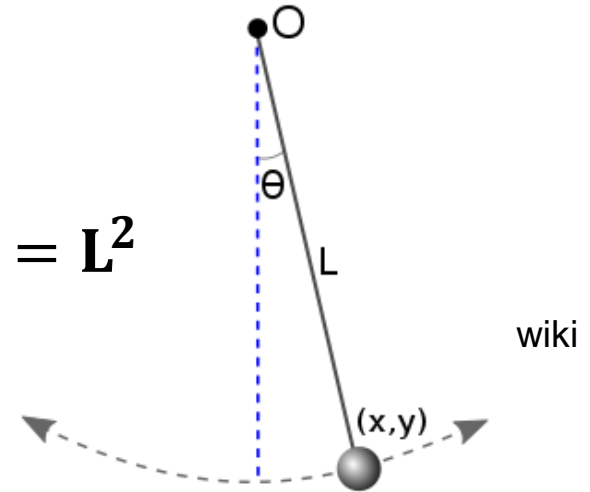
- **4-parameter specification: $q = (x, y, u, v)$ with $u^2 + v^2 = 1$. Note $u = \cos \theta$ and $v = \sin \theta$**
- **dim of configuration space = 3**
 - **Does the dimension of the configuration space (number of dofs) depend on the parametrization?**

Holonomic and Non-Holonomic Constraints

- **Holonomic constraints**

- $g(q, t) = 0$

- E.g., pendulum motion: $x^2 + y^2 = L^2$



- **Non-holonomic constraints**

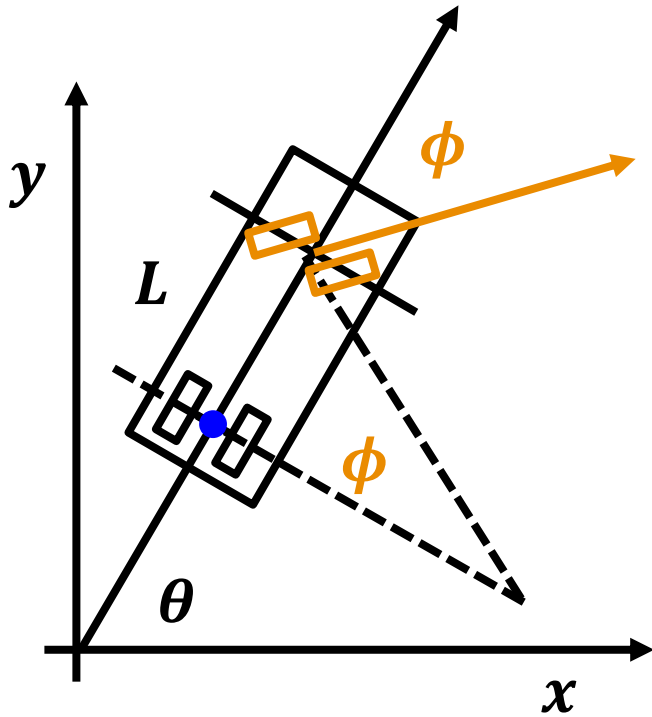
- $g(q, q', t) = 0$ (or $q' = f(q, u)$, where u is an action parameter)

- This is related to the kinematics of robots

- To accommodate this, the C-space is extended to include the position and its velocity

Example of Non-Holonomic Constraints

See Kinematic Car Model of my draft



$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\sin(\theta)dx - \cos(\theta)dy = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v \cdot \cos(\theta), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = v \cdot \sin(\theta),$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{v}{L} \tan(\phi)$$

Note that v, ϕ are action parameters

Holonomic and Non-Holonomic Constraints

- **Dynamic constraints**

- **Dynamic equations are represented as $G(q, q', q'') = 0$**
- **These constraints are reduced to non-holonomic ones when we use the extended C-space such as the state space:**

$$S = (X, X'), \text{ where } X = (q, q')$$

Computation of Dimension of C-Space

- **Suppose that we have a rigid body that can translate and rotate in 2D workspace**
 - **Start with three points: A, B, C (6D space)**
- **We have the following (holonomic) constraints**
 - **Given A, we know the dist to B: $d(A,B) = |A-B|$**
 - **Given A and B, we have similar equations:
 $d(A,C) = |A-C|$, $d(B,C) = |B-C|$**
- **Each holonomic constraint reduces one dim.**
 - **Not for non-holonomic constraint**

Example: Rigid Robot in 3-D Workspace

- **We can represent the positions and orientations of such robots with matrices (i.e., $SO(3)$ and $SE(3)$)**

SO (n) and SE (n)

- **Special orthogonal group, SO(n)**, of n x n matrices R ,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

that satisfy:

$$r_{1i}^2 + r_{2i}^2 + r_{3i}^2 = 1 \text{ for all } i,$$

$$r_{1i}r_{1j} + r_{2i}r_{2j} + r_{3i}r_{3j} = 0 \text{ for all } i \neq j,$$

$$\det(R) = +1$$

Refer to the 3D Transformation at the undergraduate computer graphics.

<http://sgvr.kaist.ac.kr/~sungeui/render/raster/transformation.pdf>

- Given the orientation matrix R of SO (n) and the position vector p , **special Euclidean group, SE (n)**, is defined as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

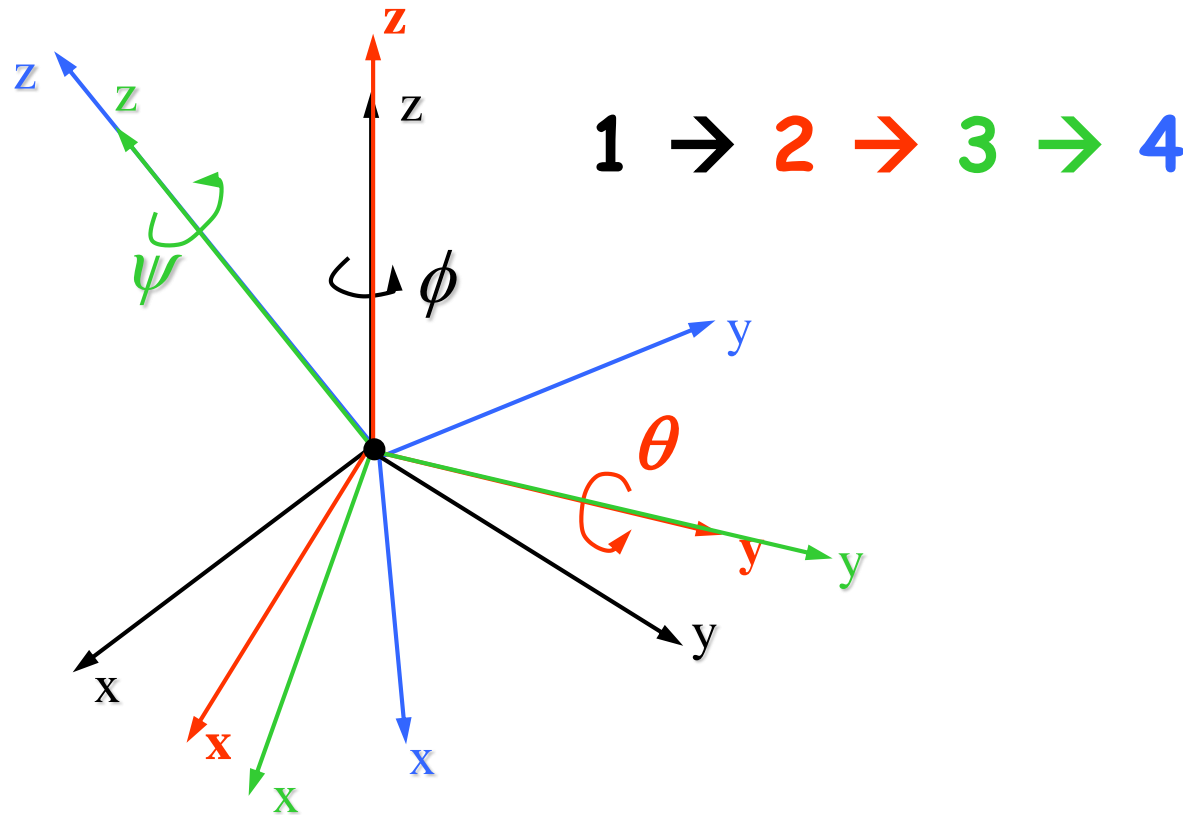
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- $q = (\text{position, orientation}) = (x, y, z, ???)$
- **Parametrization of orientations by matrix:**
 $q = (r_{11}, r_{12}, \dots, r_{33}, r_{33})$ where $r_{11}, r_{12}, \dots, r_{33}$ are the elements of rotation matrix

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{pmatrix} \in SO(3)$$

Example: Rigid Robot in 3-D Workspace

- Parametrization of orientations by Euler angles:
(ϕ, θ, ψ)

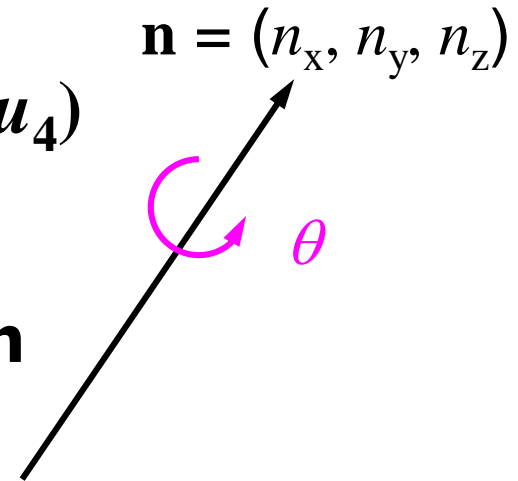


Example: Rigid Robot in 3-D Workspace

- **Parametrization of orientations by unit quaternion:** $u = (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4)$ with $u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2 + u_4^2 = 1$.

- **Note** $(u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) = (\cos \theta/2, n_x \sin \theta/2, n_y \sin \theta/2, n_z \sin \theta/2)$ with $n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2 = 1$

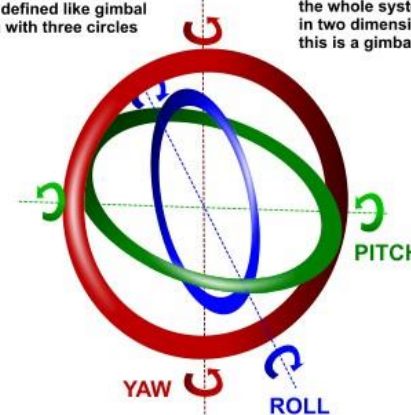
- **Compare with representation of orientation in 2-D:**
 $(u_1, u_2) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$



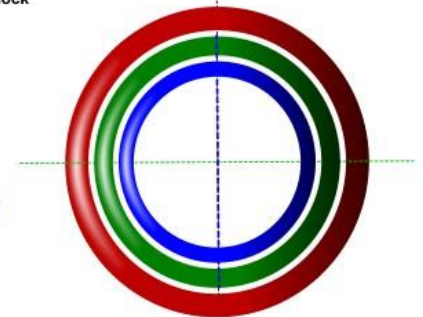
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- **Advantage of unit quaternion representation**
 - **Compact**
 - **No singularity (no gimbal lock indicating two axes are aligned)**
 - **Naturally reflect the topology of the space of orientations**
- **Number of dofs = 6**
- **Topology: $\mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(3)$**

1. Rotations in Euler angles can be defined like gimbal system with three circles



2. When all three circles are lined up, the whole system can only move in two dimensions from this configuration, this is a gimbal lock



3. Usage of quaternions can help to avoid such situations

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Next Time....

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Homework

- **Come up with one question on what we have discussed today**
 - **Write a question two times before the mid-term exam**
- **Browse two papers**
 - **Submit their summaries online before the Mon. Class**