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# **MCT344/MCT342/CSE373/CSE471: Robotics**

## Lecture 1: Introduction

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# Course Assessment



## Assessment Scheme

Mid-term Exam	=	20
Quiz(zes)	=	10
Assignments	=	10
Project activities	=	20
Final Exam	=	<u>40</u>
		100

## Textbooks

- I. M.W. Spong, S. Hutchinson, and M.Vidyasagar, “**Robot Modeling and Control**”, 2nd ed., John Wiley & Sons, **2020**. ISBN: 978-1119523994.

# Lab Plan

Week #	Exp 1	Exp 2	Exp 3	Exp 4	Exp 5	Progress
1_ODD						
2_Even	GA	GB	GC + GD			
3_ODD	GA	GB	GC + GD			
4_Even	GC	GD	GA + GB			
5_ODD	GC	GD	GA + GB			
6_Even	GB	GA		GC + GD		
7_ODD	GB	GA		GC + GD		
8				Midterm		
9_Even	GD	GC		GA + GB		
10_ODD	GD	GC		GA + GB		
11_Even					GA+B+C+D	
12_ODD						Progress
13_Even						Progress
14						Project Submission

# Robotic History

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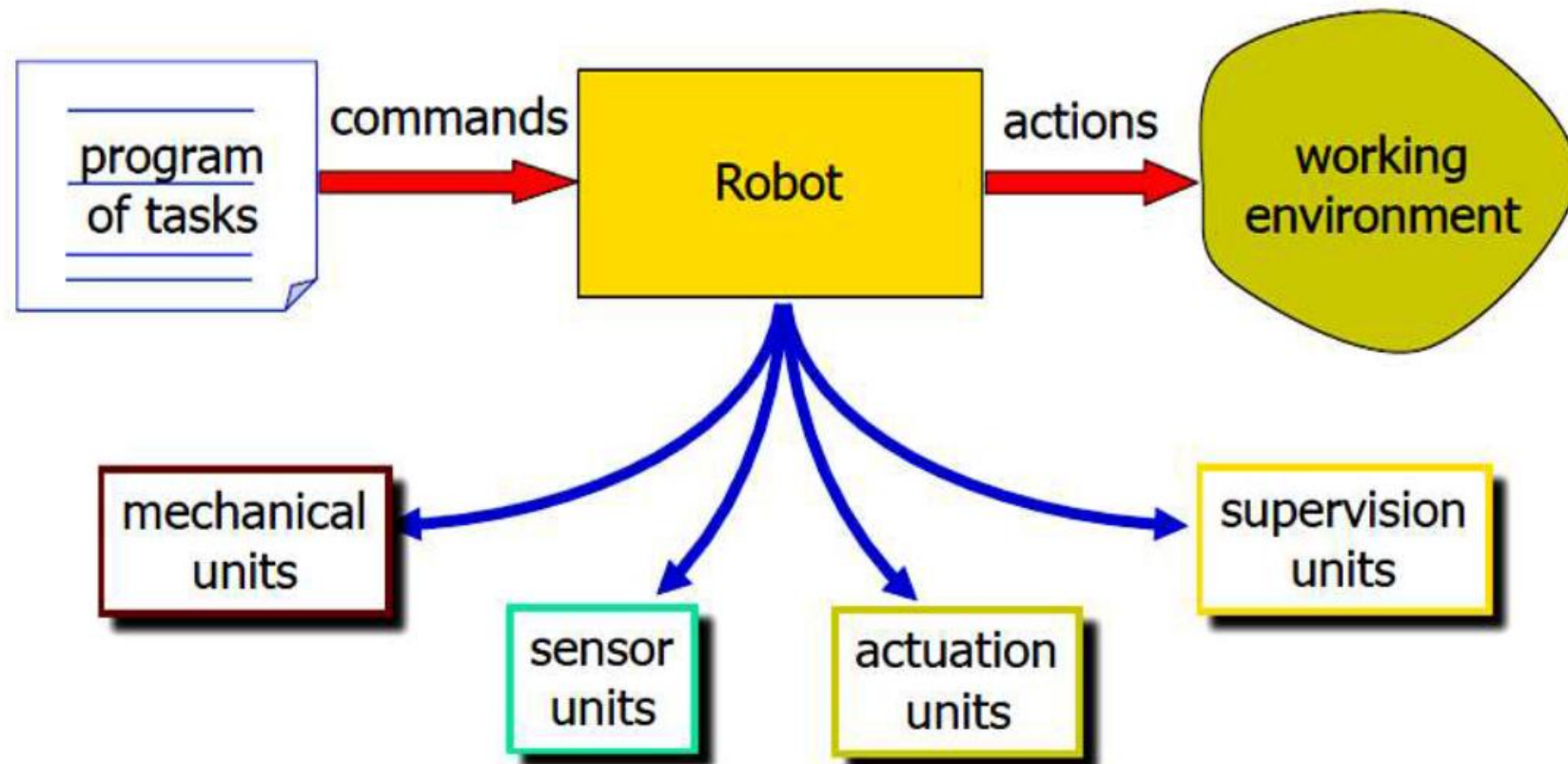
- ❑ The term robot was first introduced by the Czech playwright **Karel Capek** in his **1920** play **Rossum's Universal Robots**, the word **robota** being the Czech word for worker. Since then the term has been applied to a great variety of mechanical devices, such as teleoperators, mobile robots, underwater vehicles, autonomous cars, drones, etc.
- ❑ Anything that operates with some degree of autonomy under computer control has at some point been called a robot.
- ❑ In this course we will focus on industrial manipulators analysis.



# Robot Definition and Structure

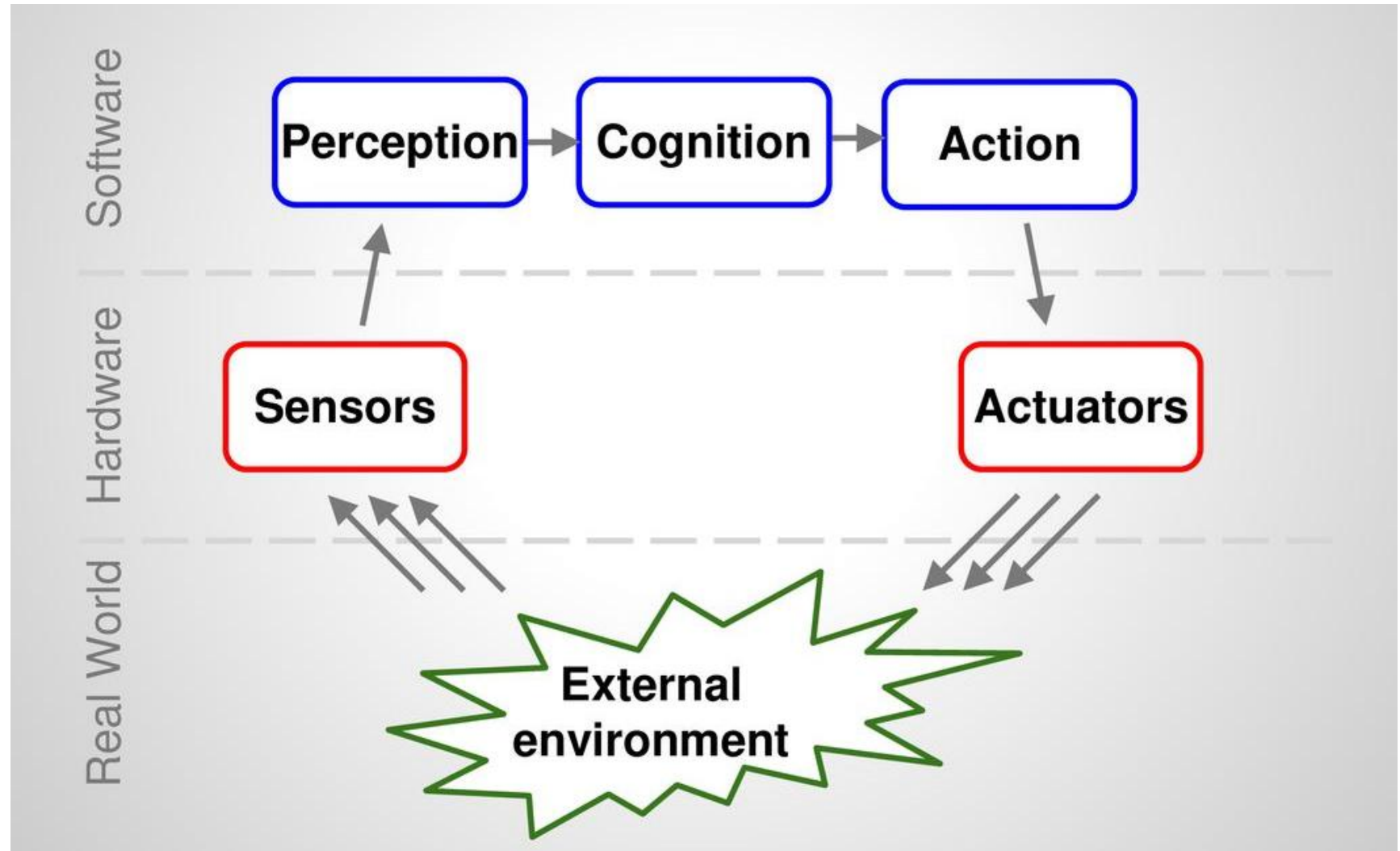
Robot Institute of America (RIA):

A robot is a reprogrammable multifunctional **manipulator** designed to move material, parts, tools, or specialized devices through variable programmed motions for the performance of a variety of tasks.

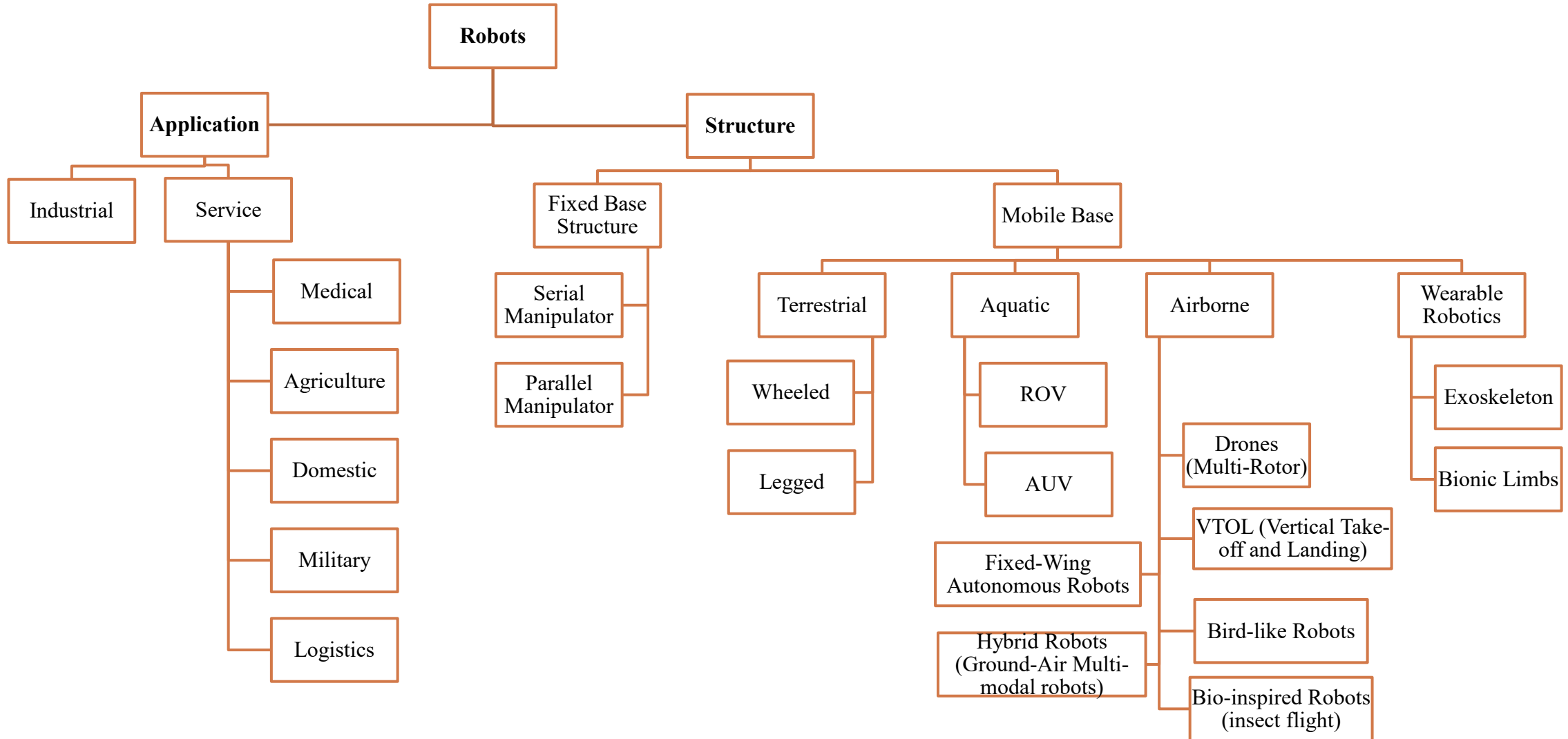


# How does Intelligent Robot Work?

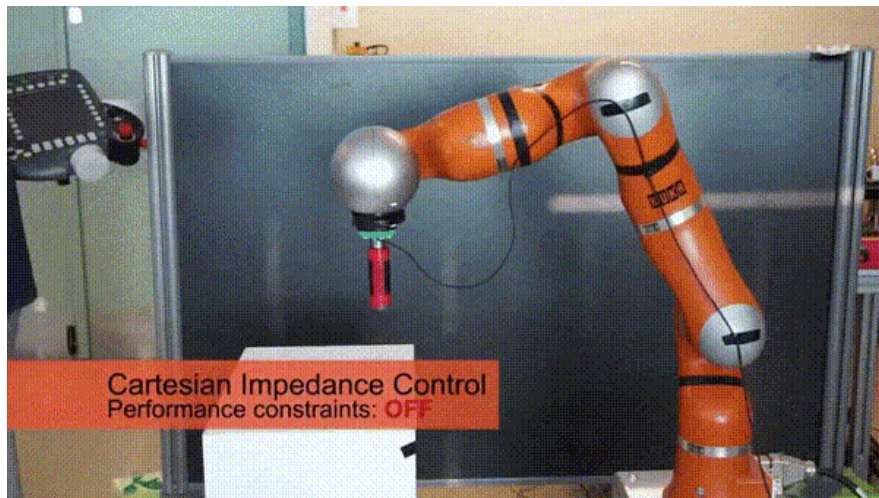
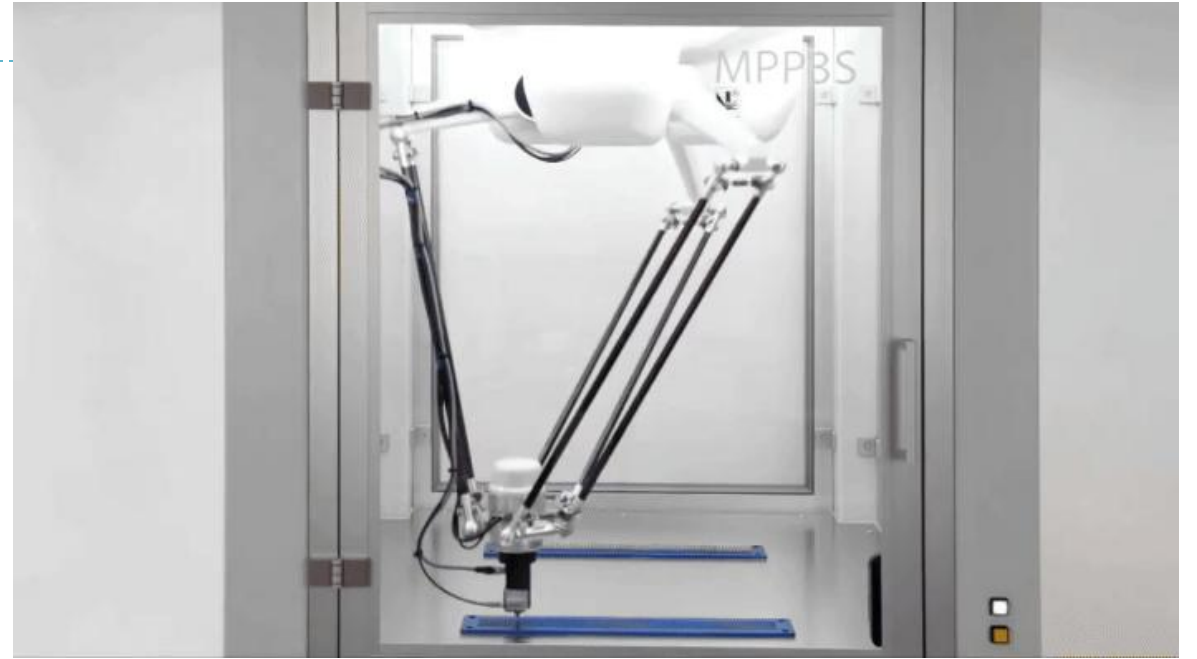
Robotics is the intelligent connection from perception to action.



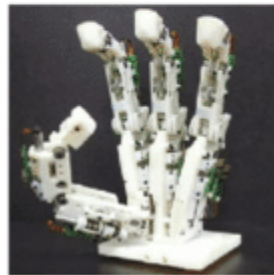
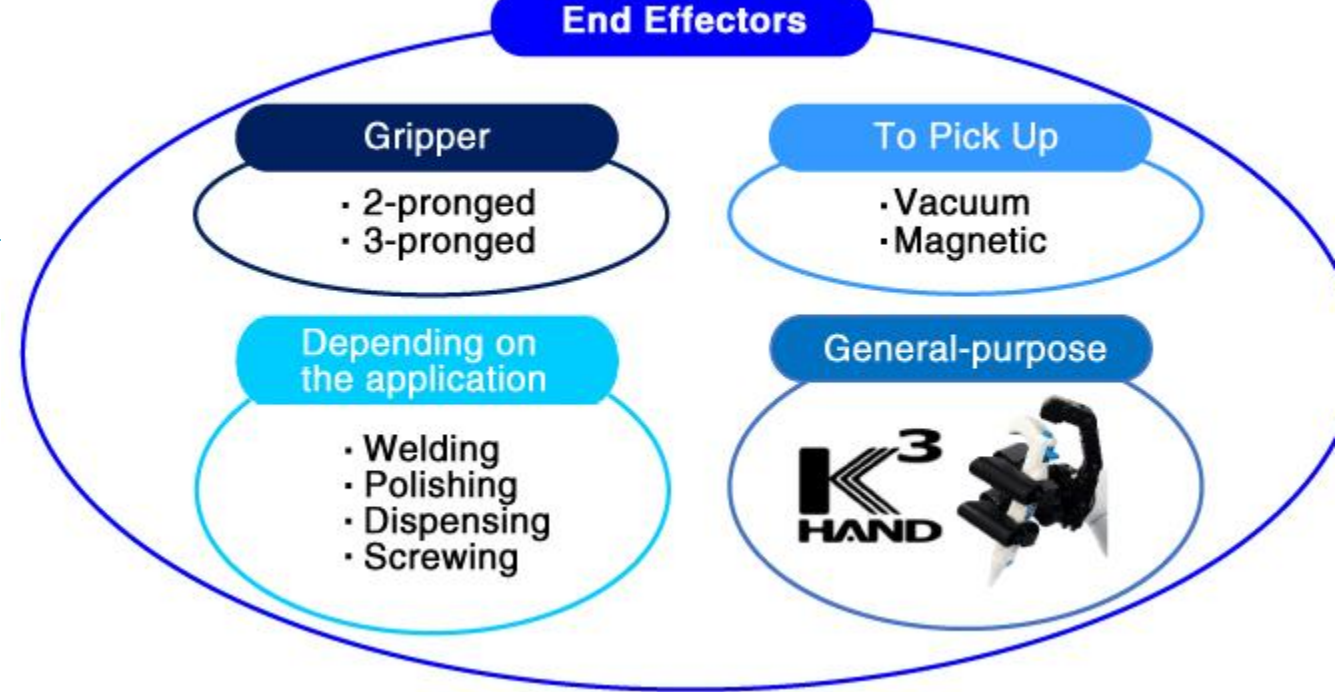
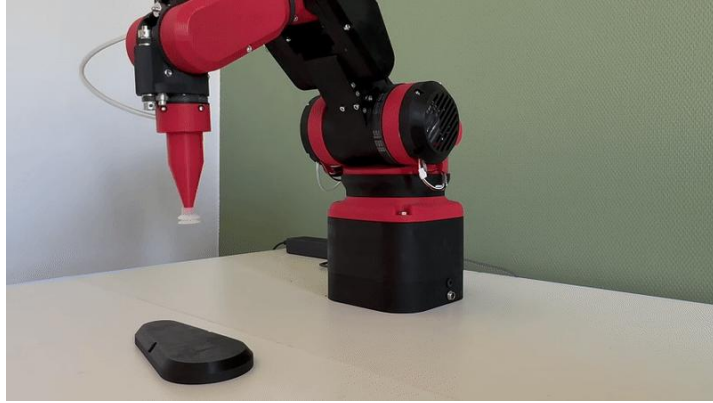
# Robot Classifications



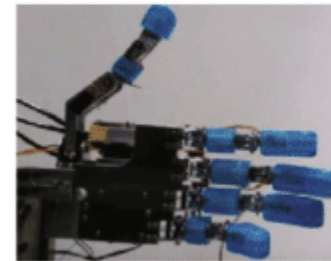
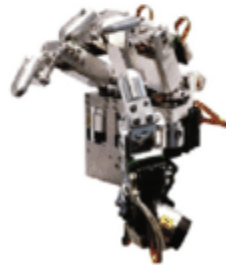
# Fixed Base Structure Robots



# End Effectors/ Grippers



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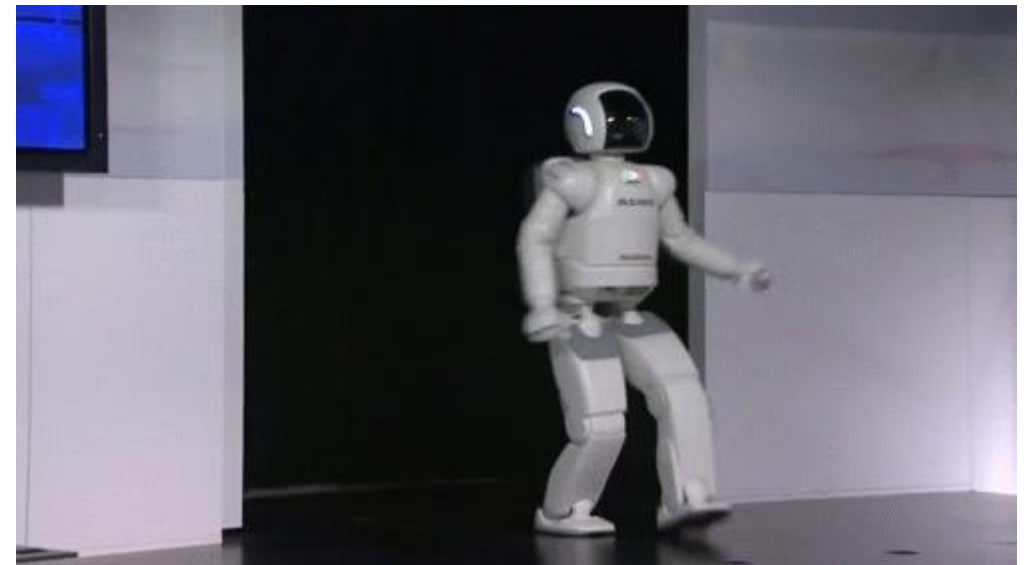
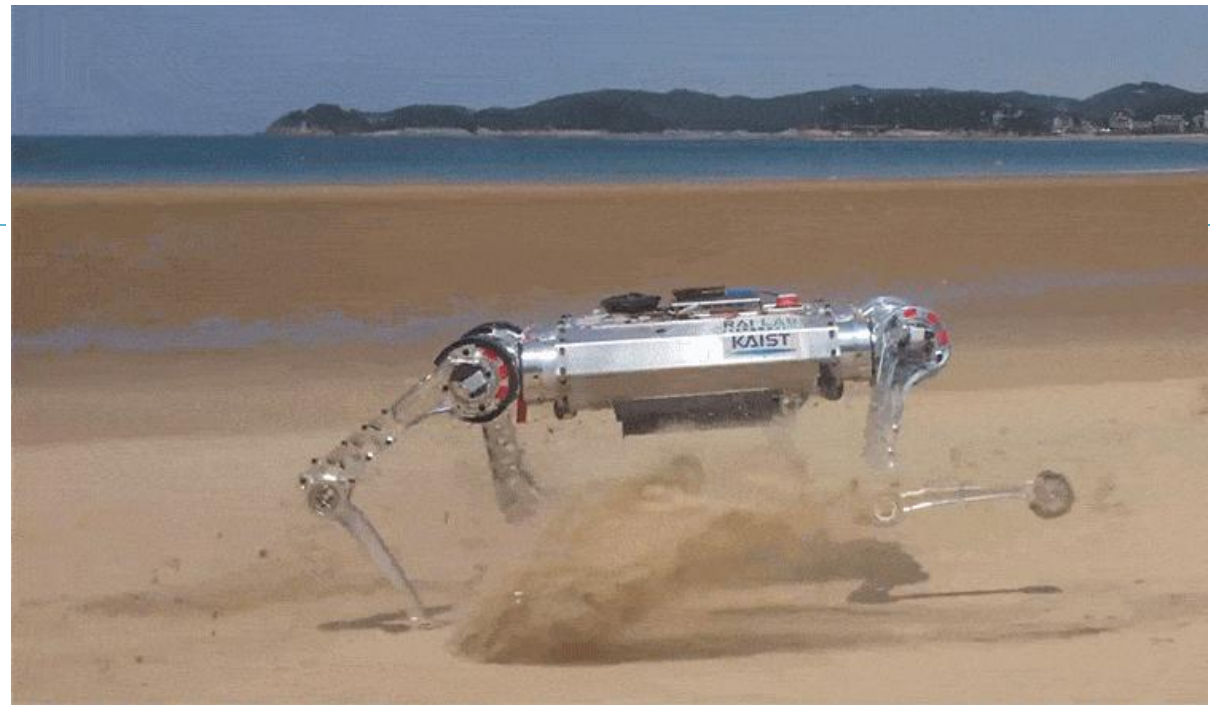


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# Terrestrial Robots

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FOUR-WHEEL DIFFERENTIAL STEERING MODE  
ACKERMANN STEERING MODE



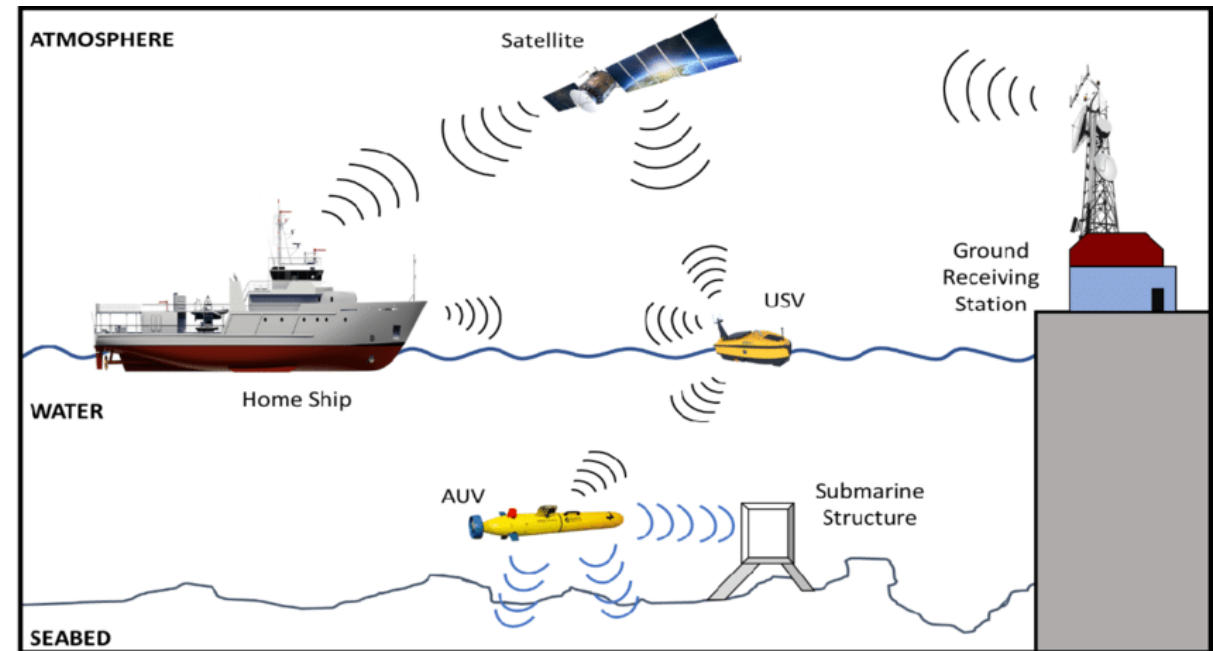
# Terrestrial Robots

## Self Driving Vehicle

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# ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle)/AUV (Autonomous Underwater Vehicle)



# Drones/UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles)

Multi-rotor drones

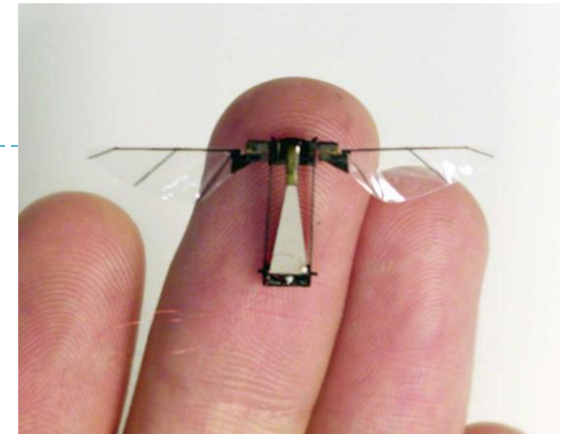


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Fixed Wing drones



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insect flight



c)

Single-rotor drones



d)

Vertical Take-Off and Landing (VTOL)

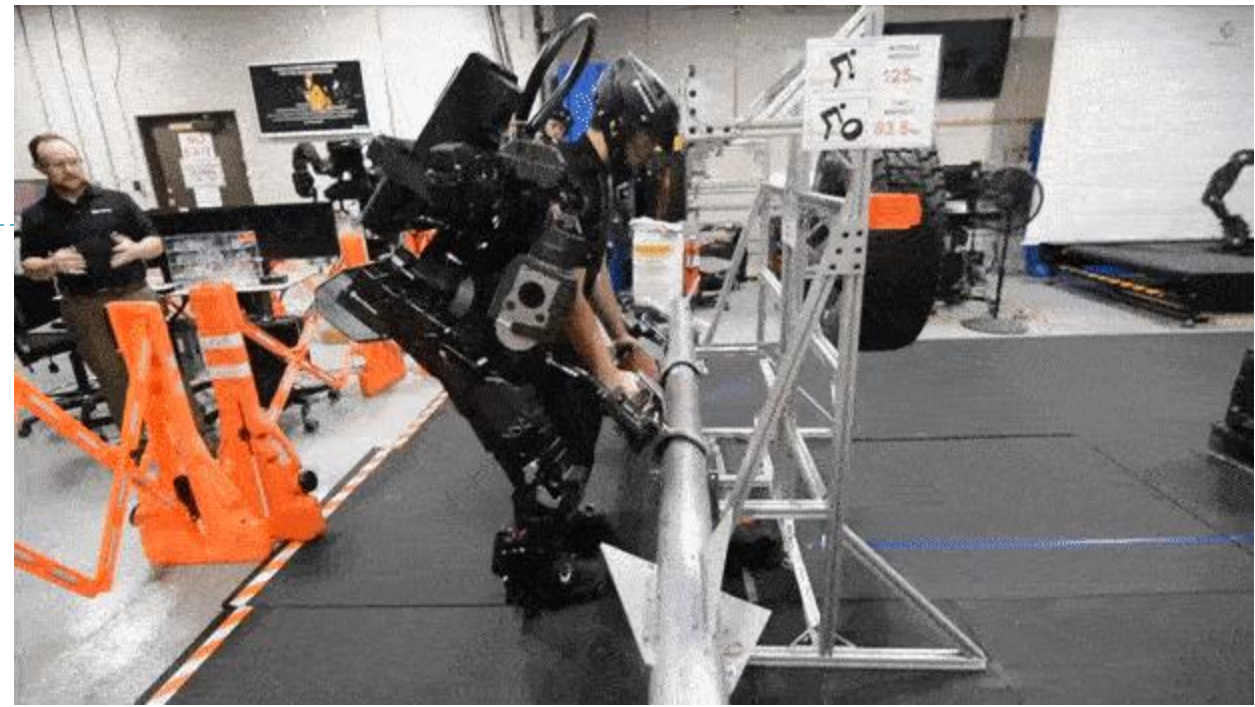


Bird-like Robots

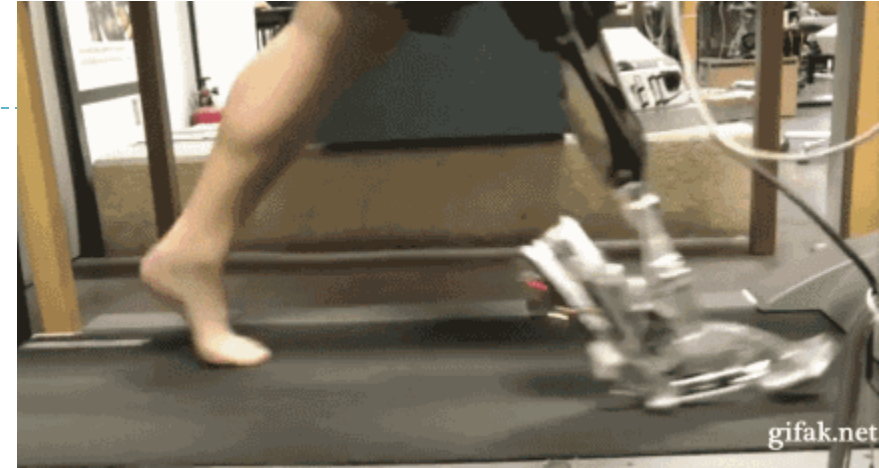
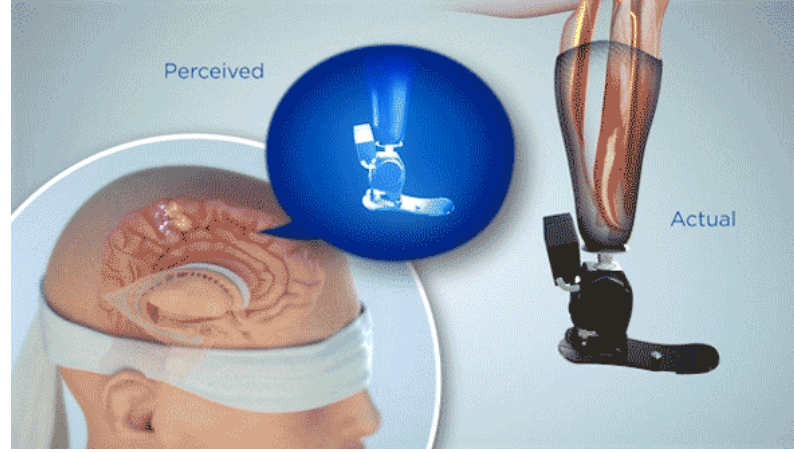


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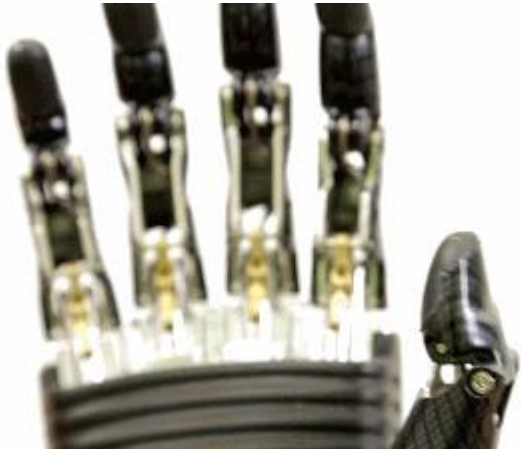
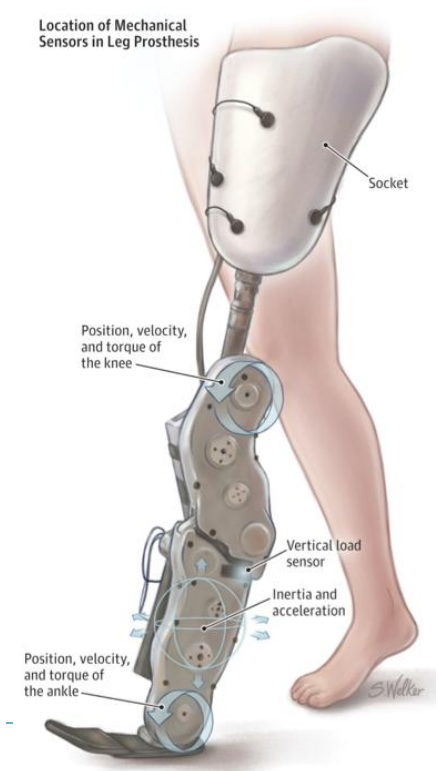
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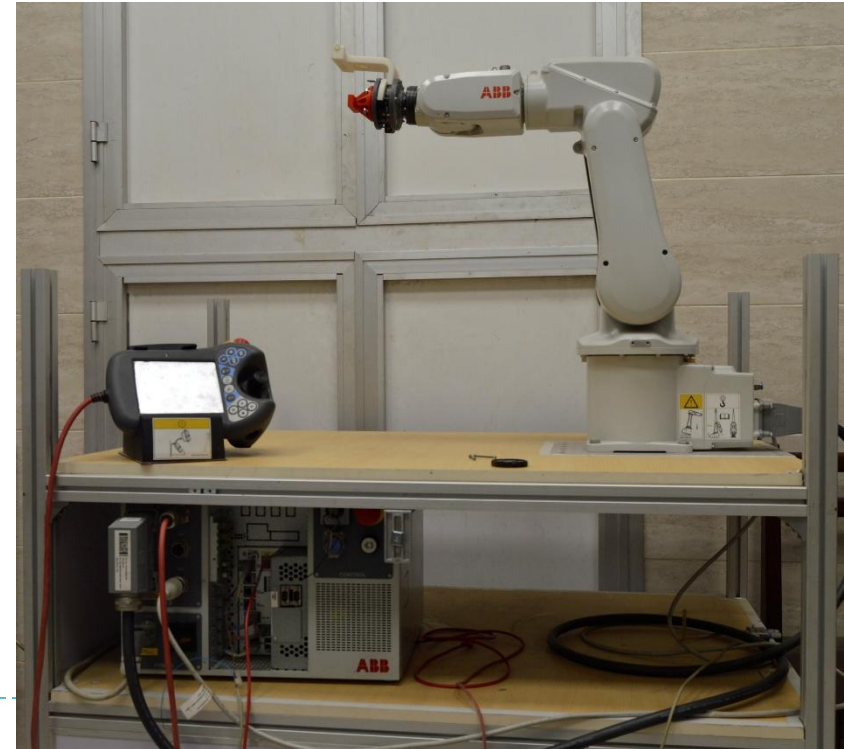
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Location of Mechanical Sensors in Leg Prosthesis

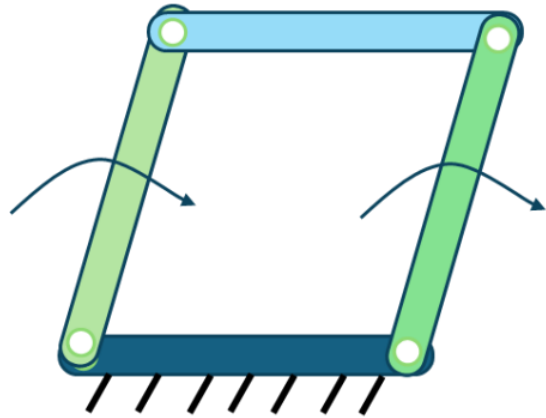


# Robotics at ASU Mechatronics

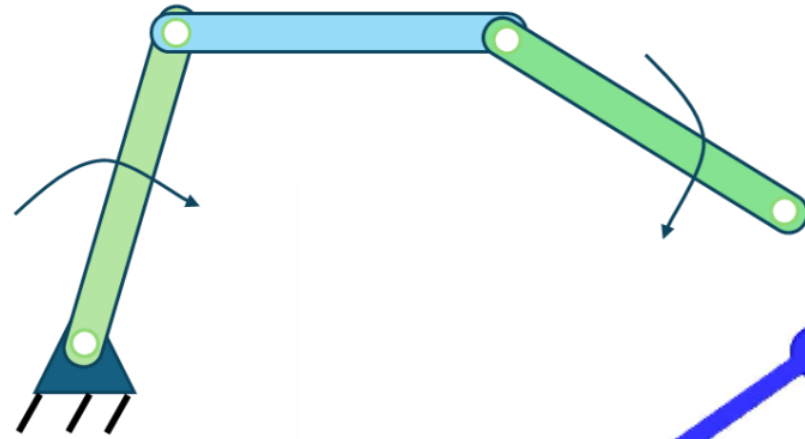


# Open Kinematic Chain Vs Closed Kinematic Chain

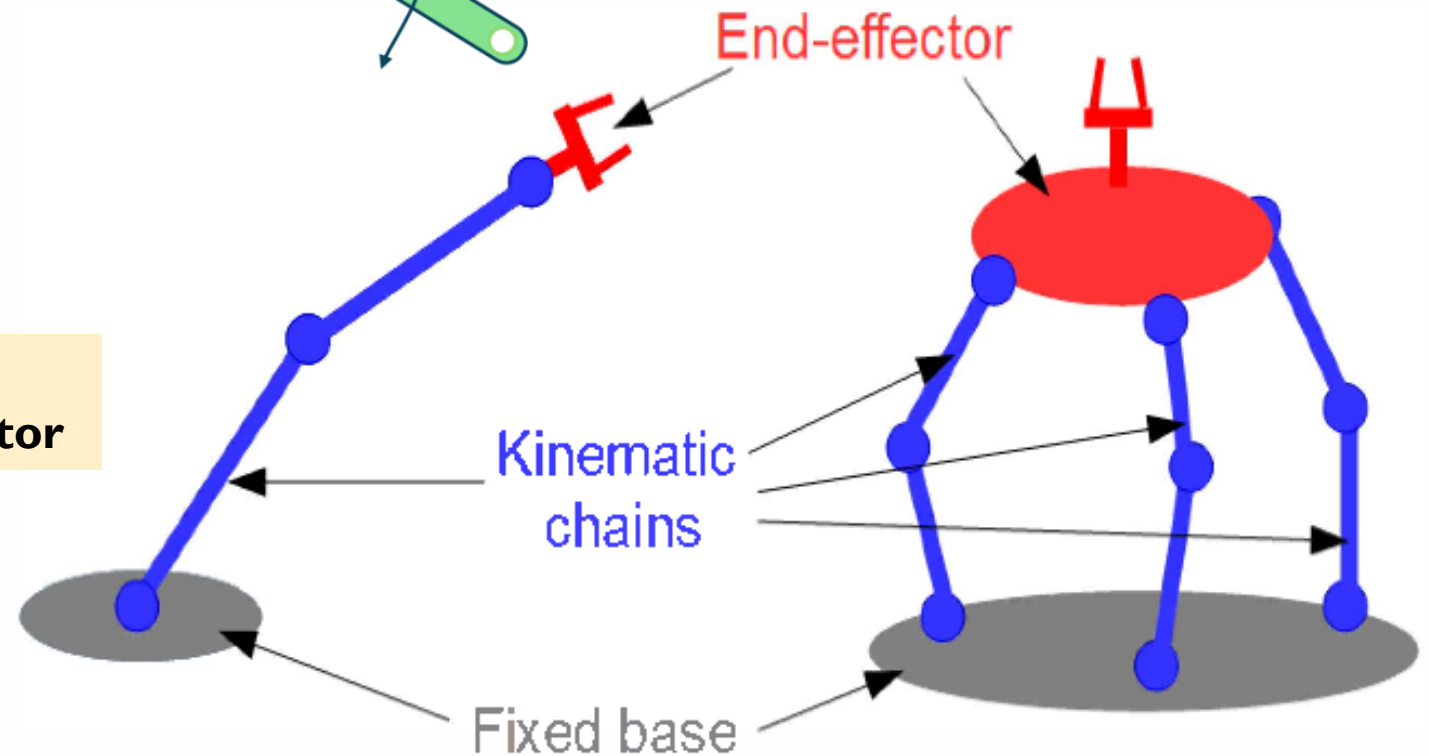
Closed kinematic chain  
4 bar link mechanism



Open kinematic chain  
Robotic arm



Open Kinematic Chain = Serial Manipulator  
Closed Kinematic Chain = Parallel Manipulator



# Serial Manipulator Vs Parallel Manipulator

Factor/Aspect

Type Of Loop

End Effectors

Inertia

Stiffness

Direct Kinematics

Inverse Kinematics

Preferred Application

Parallel

Closed Loop

Platform

Low

High

Complex

Simple

Precise Positioning

Serial

Open Loop

Gripper

High

Low

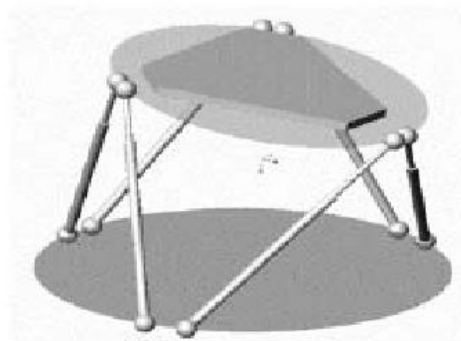
Simple

Complex

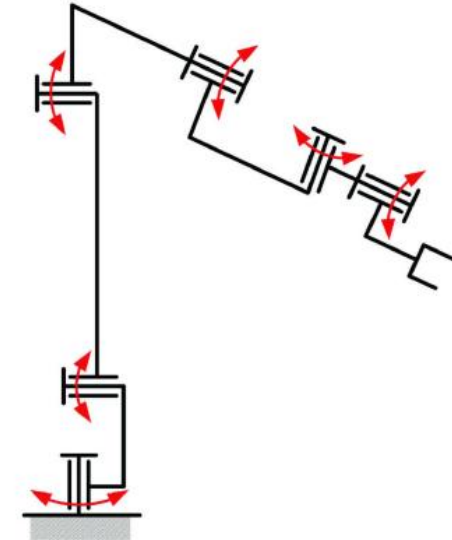
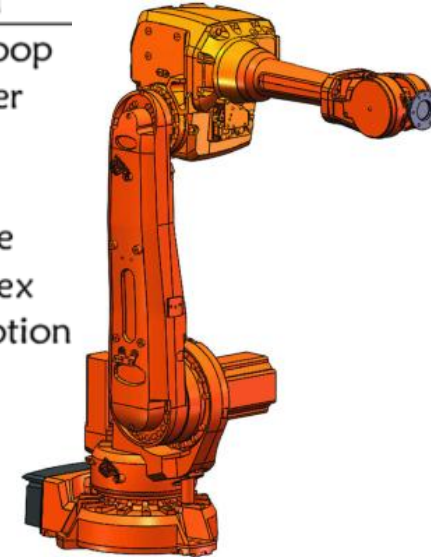
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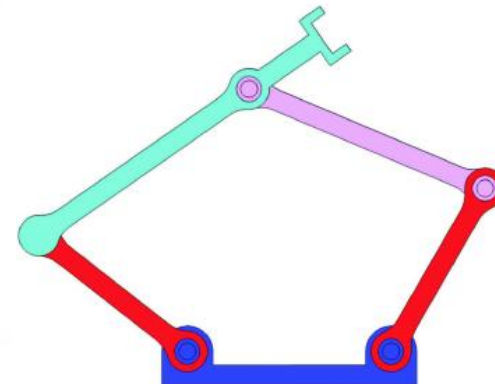
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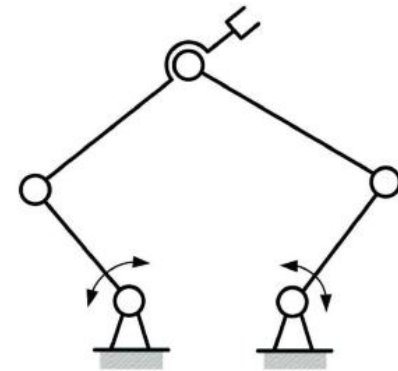
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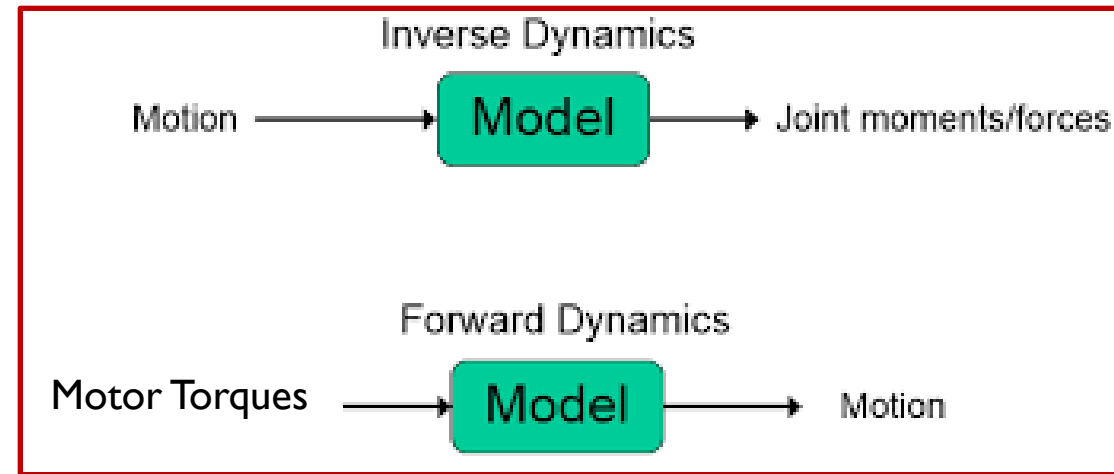
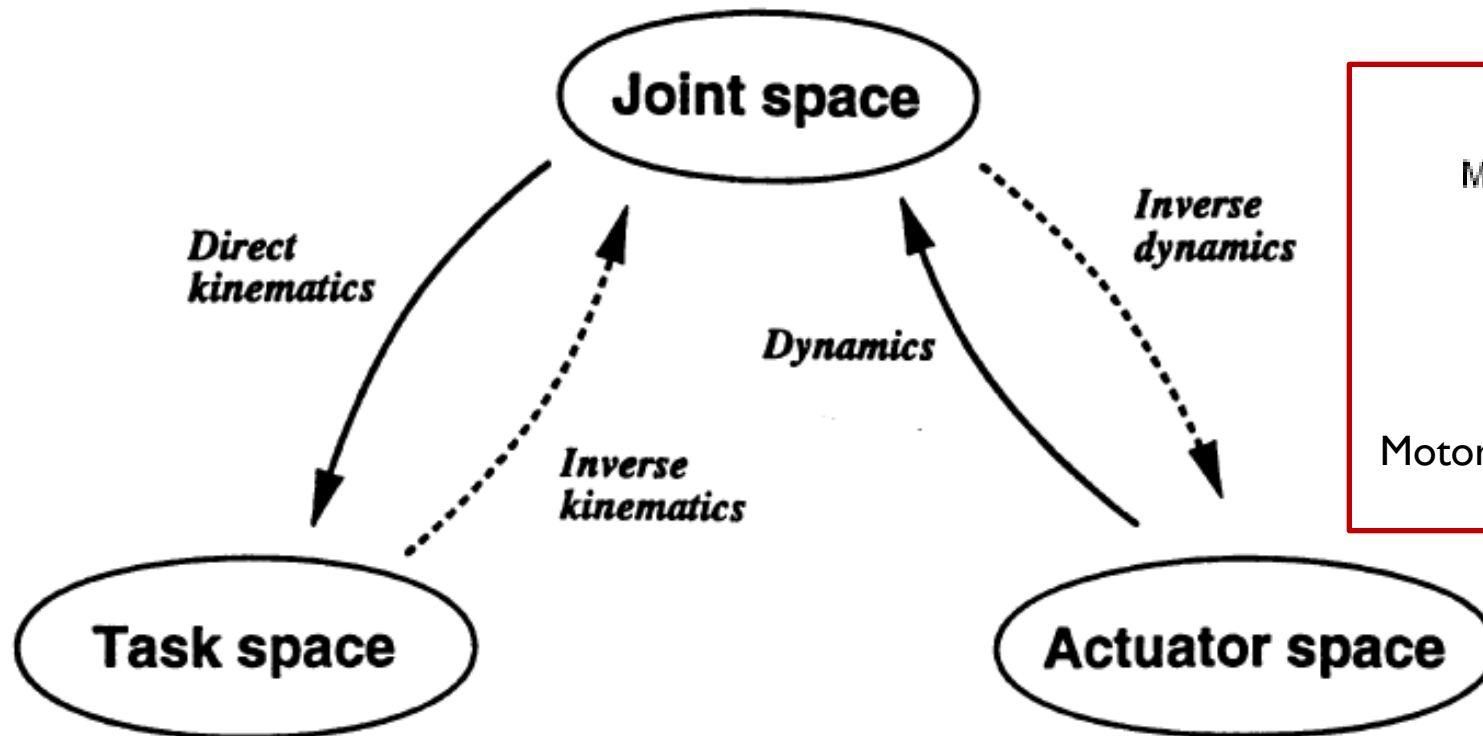
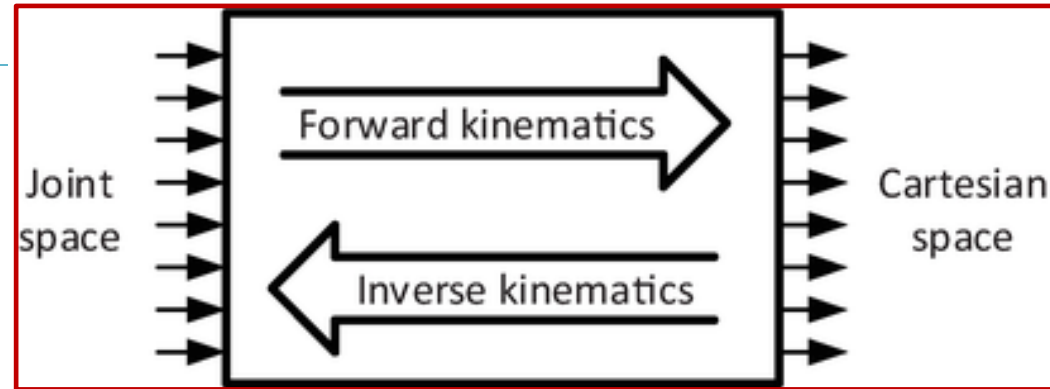
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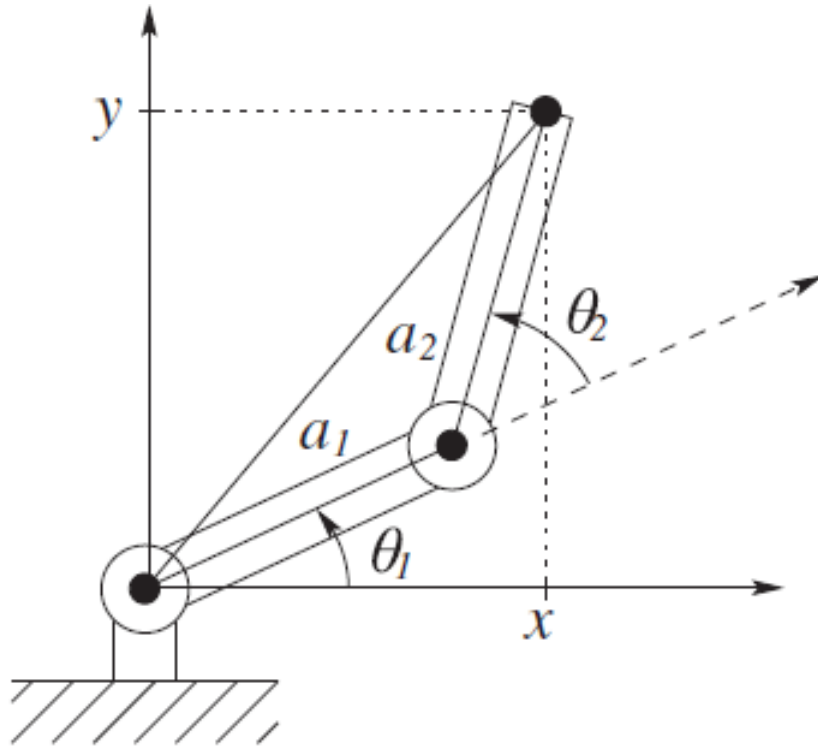
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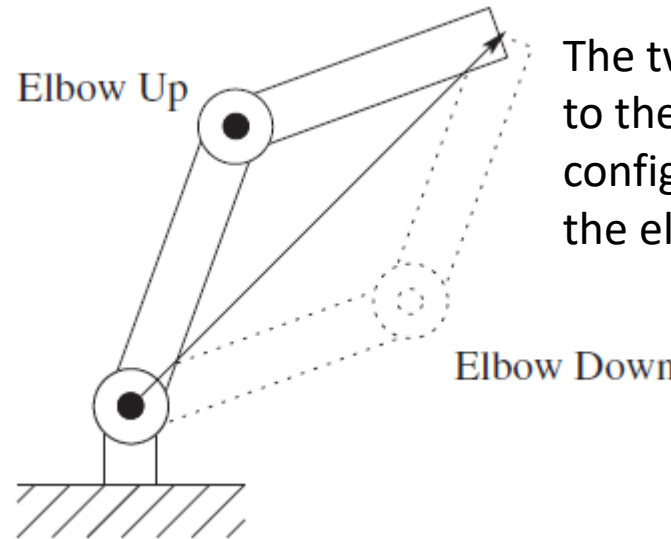
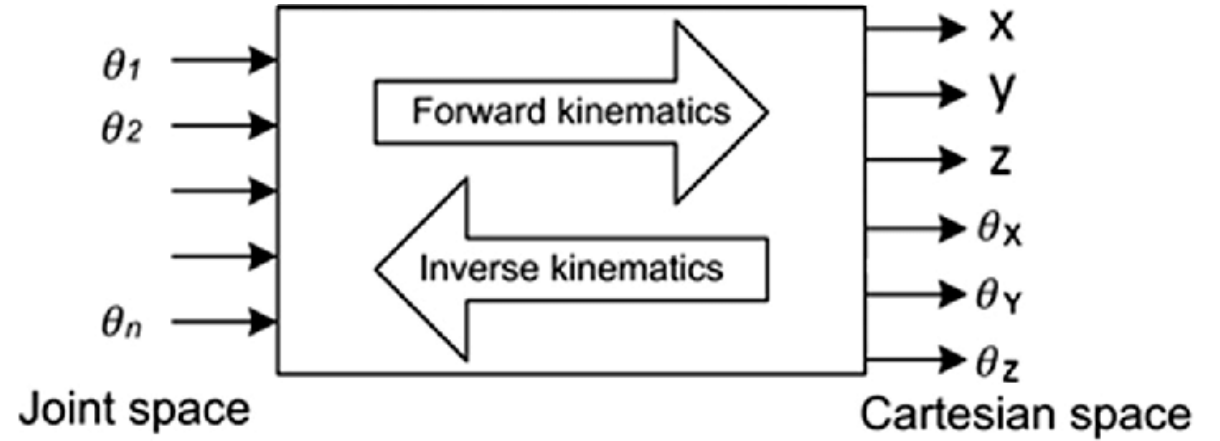
# Spaces in which motion can be observed and mappings between them



# Forward Kinematics Versus Inverse Kinematics in 2DoF Robot



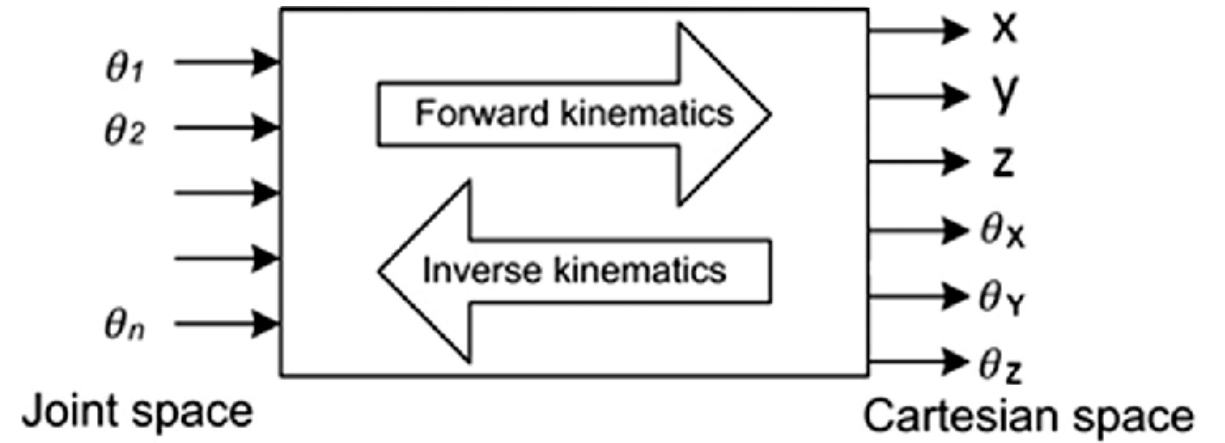
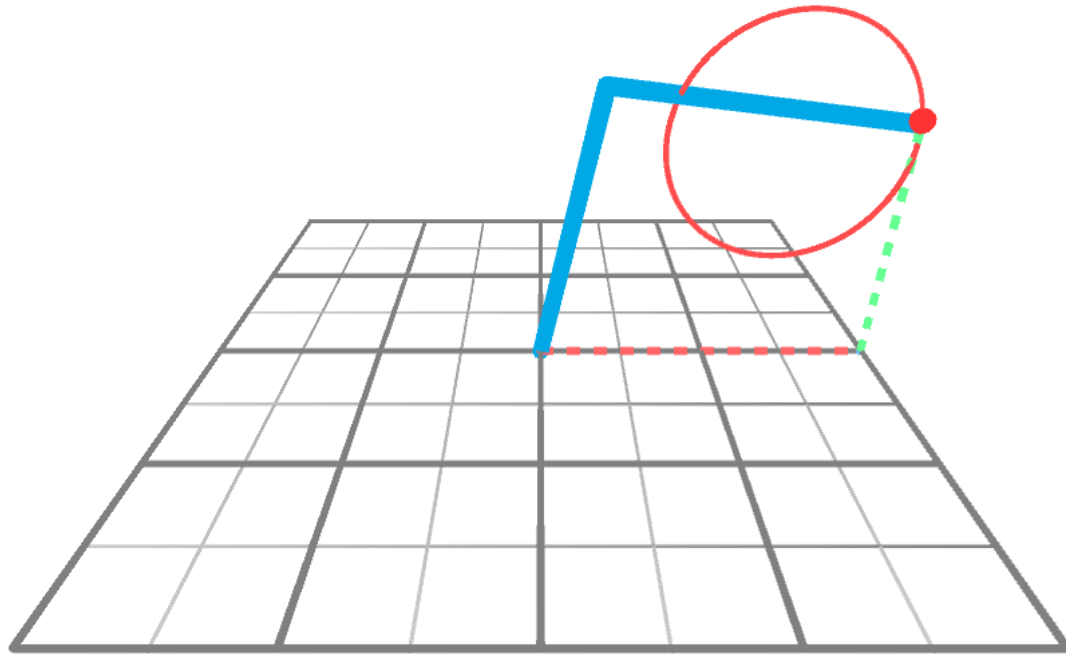
$$x = a_1 \cos \theta_1 + a_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$
$$y = a_1 \sin \theta_1 + a_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$



The two-link elbow robot has **two solutions** to the **inverse kinematics** except at singular configurations, the elbow up solution and the elbow down solution.

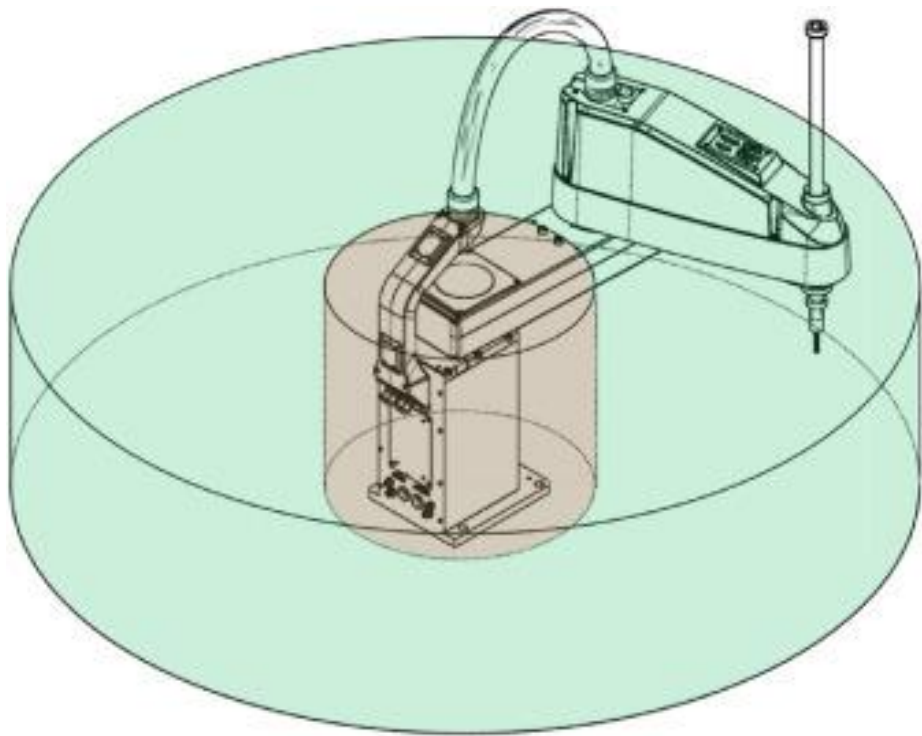


# Inverse Kinematics Problem in 2DoF Robot

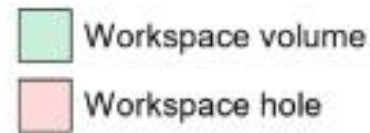
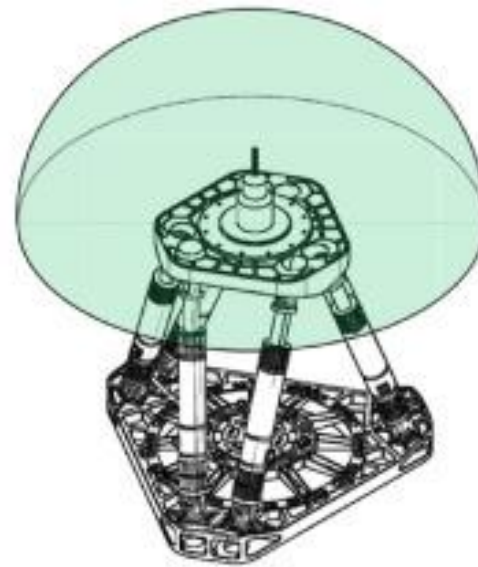


# Workspace

A robot's **workspace** is the three-dimensional region of space that the robot's end-effector (tool center point) can reach, given the robot's joint limits, link geometry, and any physical constraints.

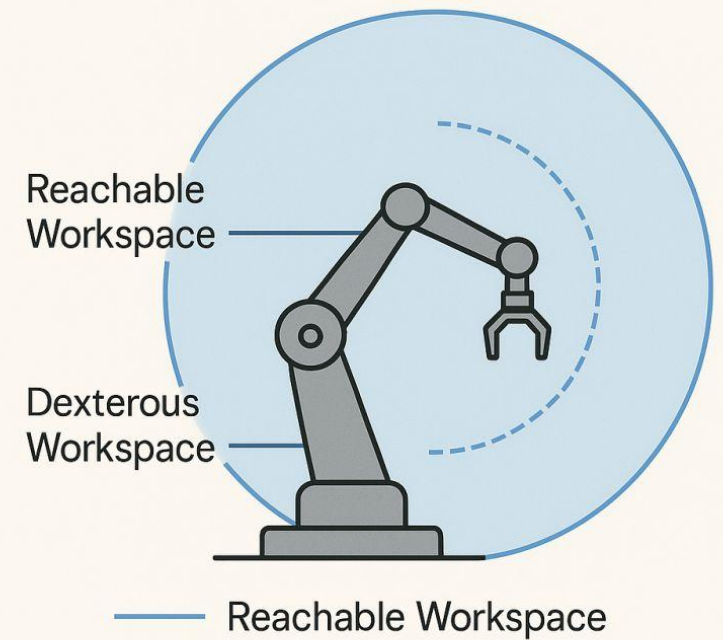


A. Serial



B. Parallel

## Workspace of a Robot



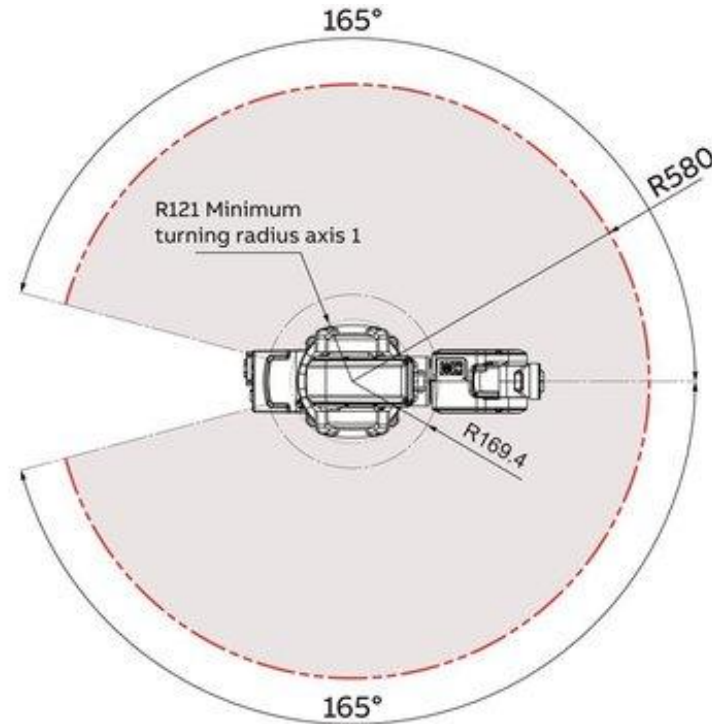
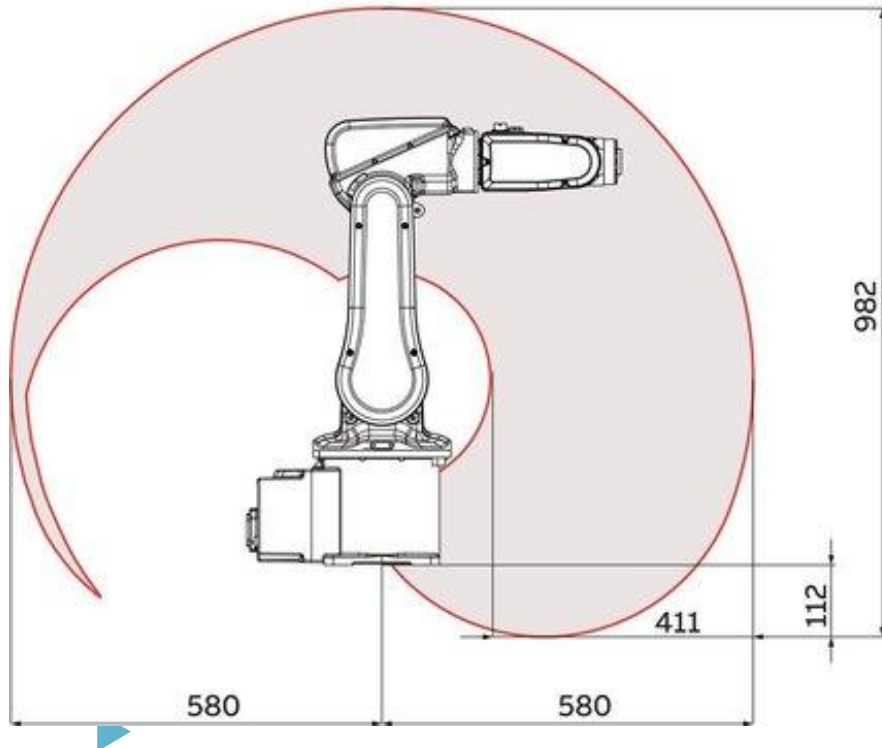
# Workspace

## Reachable workspace:

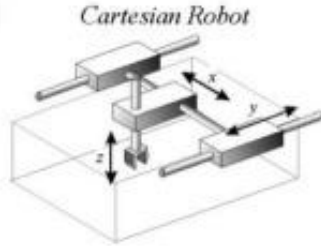



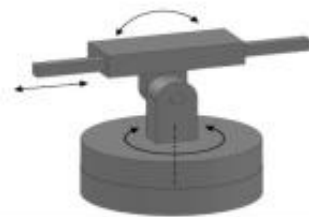
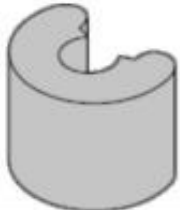
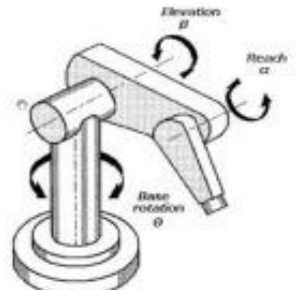

The set of all positions (points in space) that the robot's end-effector can reach with **at least one** valid joint configuration (ignoring orientation, or allowing any orientation that happens to be possible).

## Dexterous workspace:

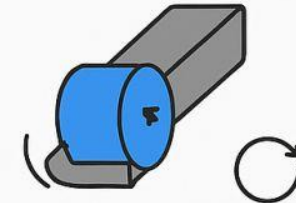
The set of all positions that the robot's end-effector can reach where it can also achieve **all (or a specified range of)** end-effector orientations at that position (i.e., the robot has full/adequate orientation capability there).



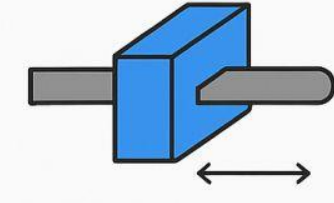
# Types of Joints in Robotics

Types of Robots	Structure	Joint type	Shape of the workspace
Cartesian		P-P-P	
Cylindrical		R-P-P	
Spherical		R-R-P	
Articulated Robot		R-R-R	

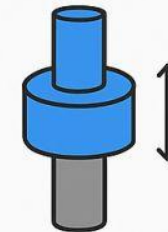
## TYPES OF ROBOTIC JOINTS



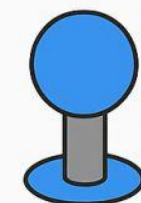
**REVOLUTE JOINT**  
Rotational motion



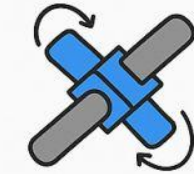
**PRISMATIC JOINT**  
Linear motion



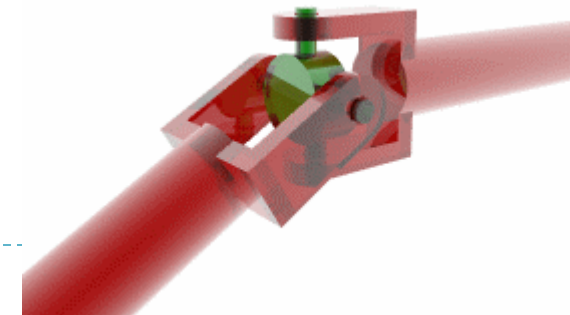
**CYLINDRICAL JOINT**  
Rotation + translation



**SPHERICAL JOINT (S)**  
3 rotational DOF

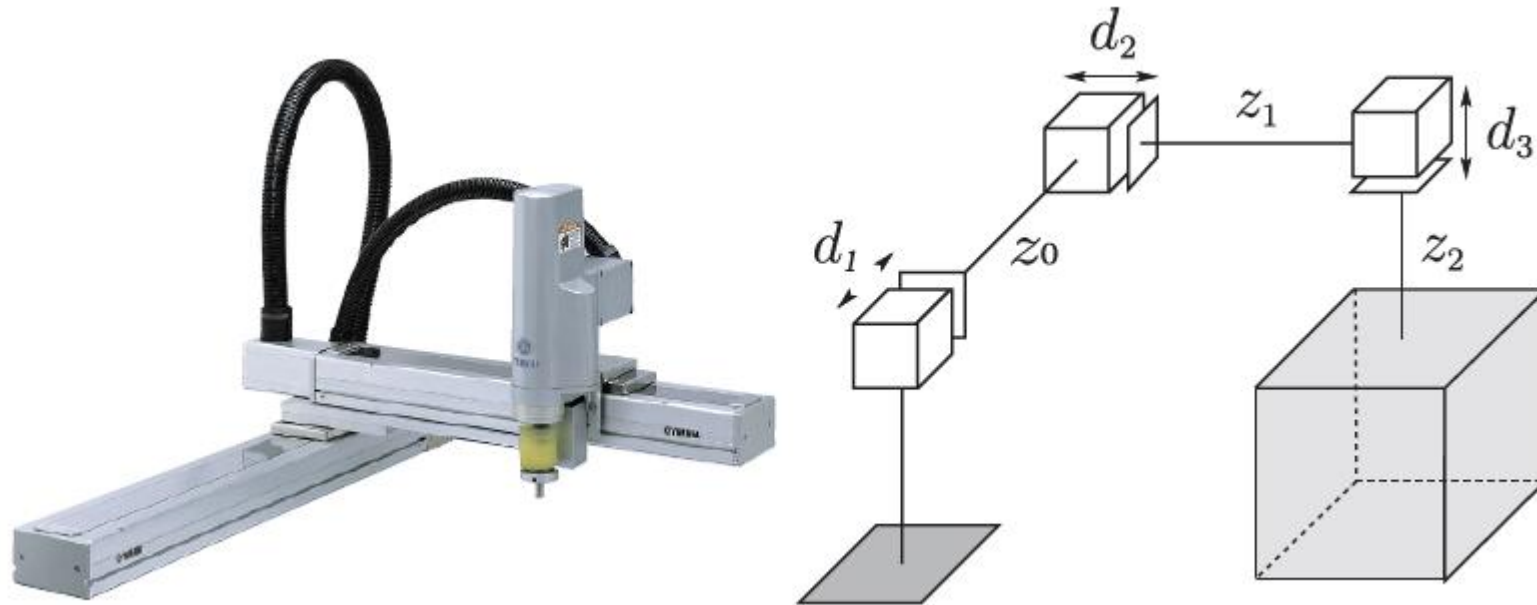


**UNIVERSAL JOINT (U)**  
2 rotational DOF



# Manipulator Examples

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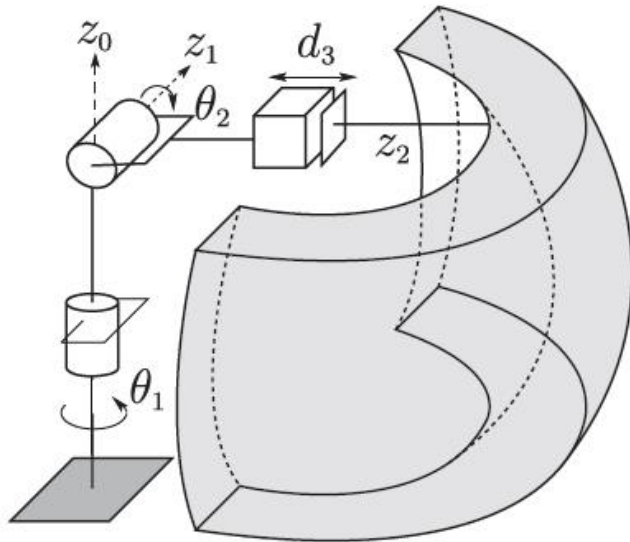


Cartesian robot (PPP)

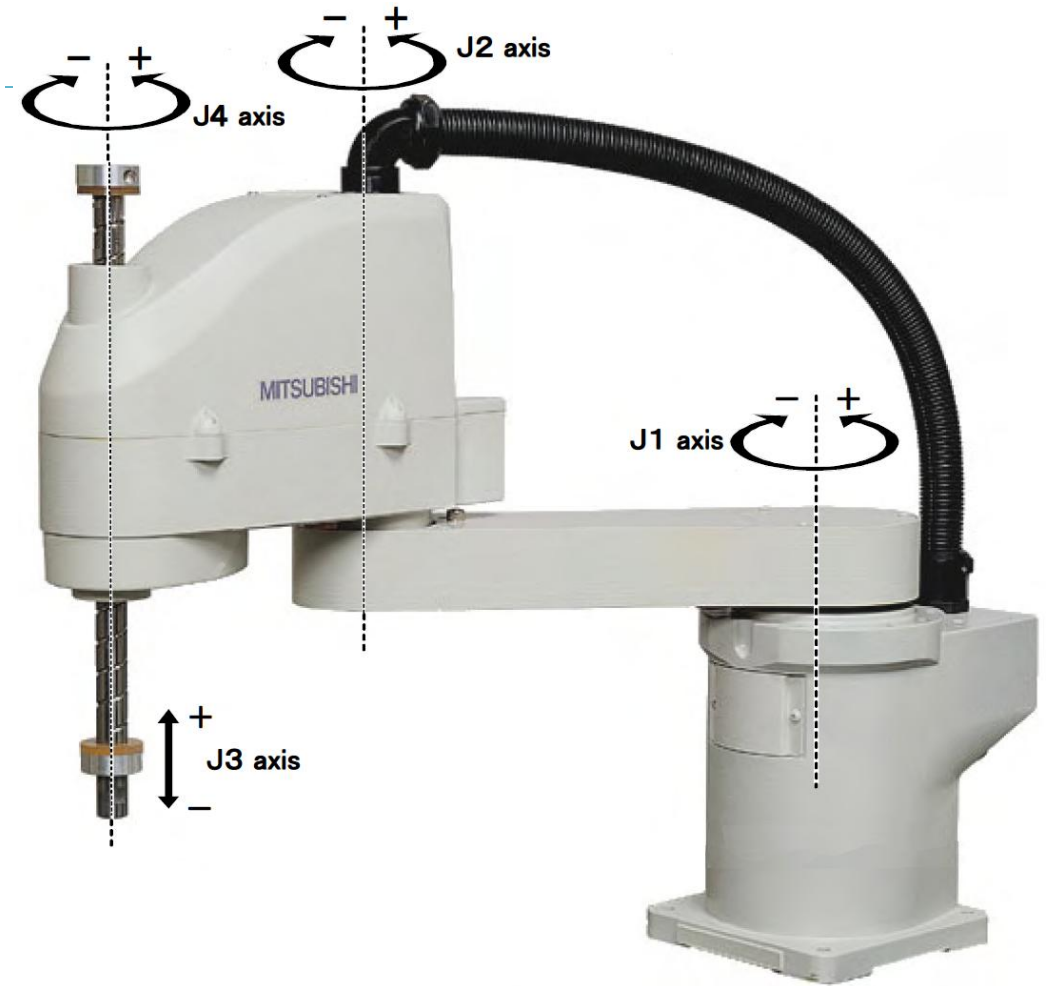
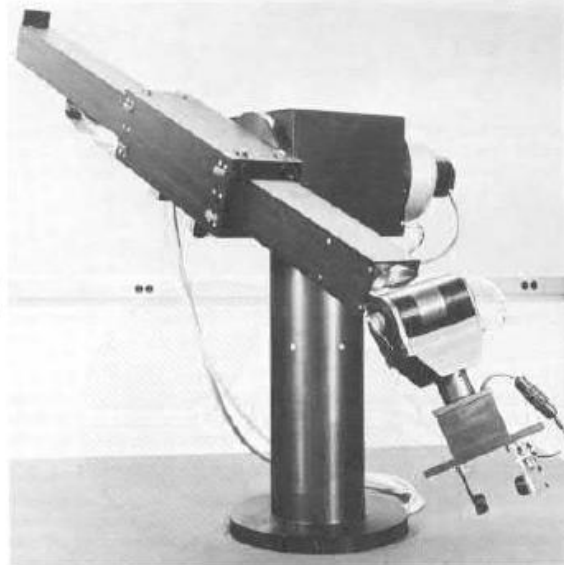
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# Manipulator Examples



Schematic representation of an RRP manipulator, referred to as a spherical robot



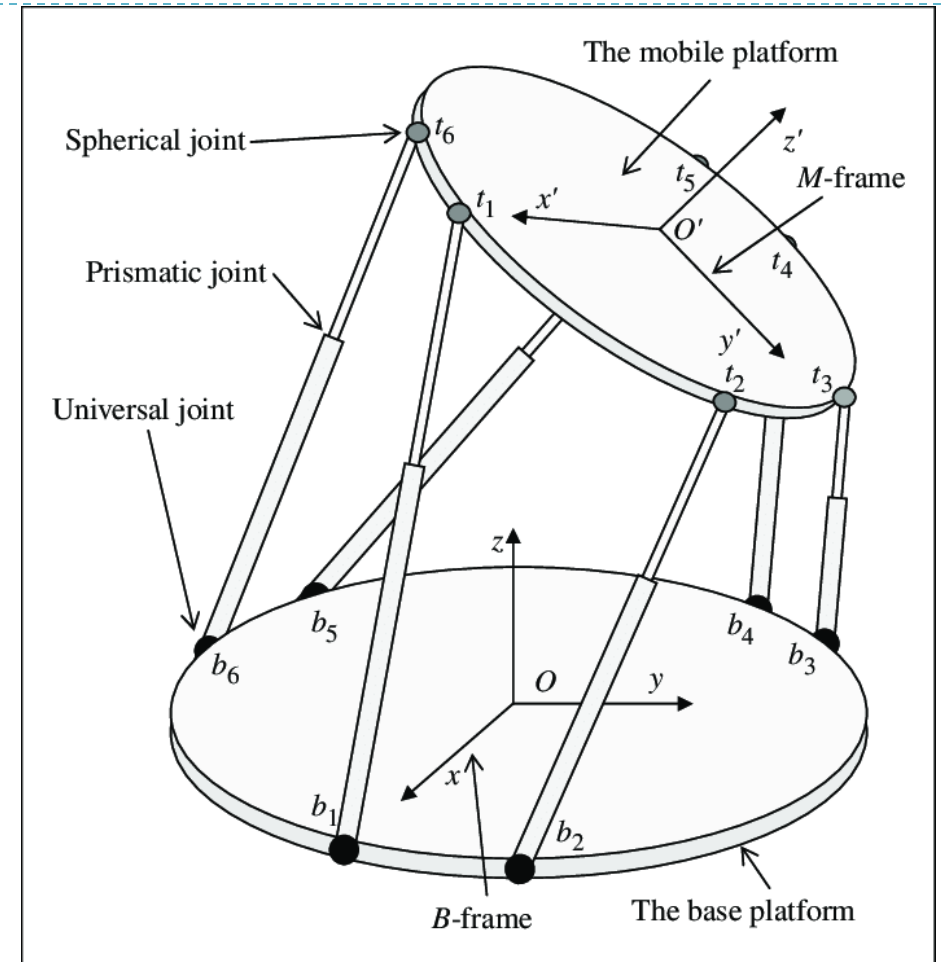
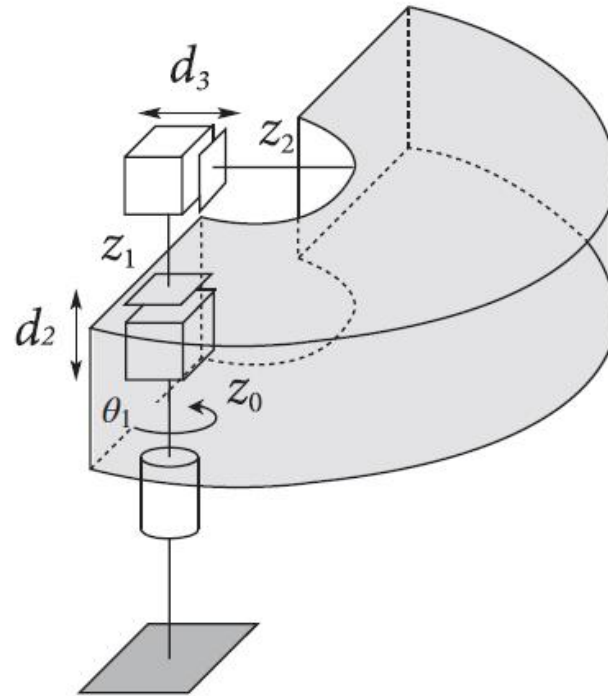
SCARA robot (RRP or RRPR)



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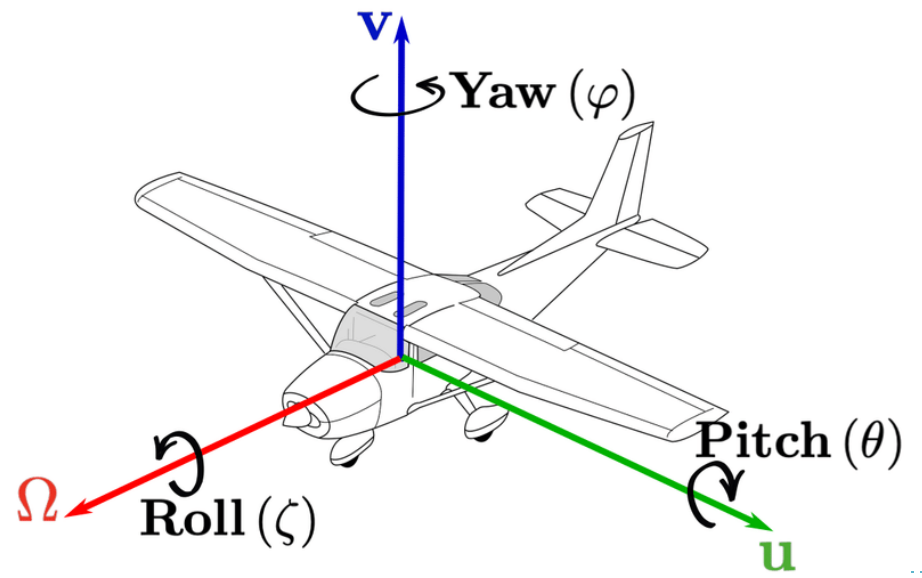
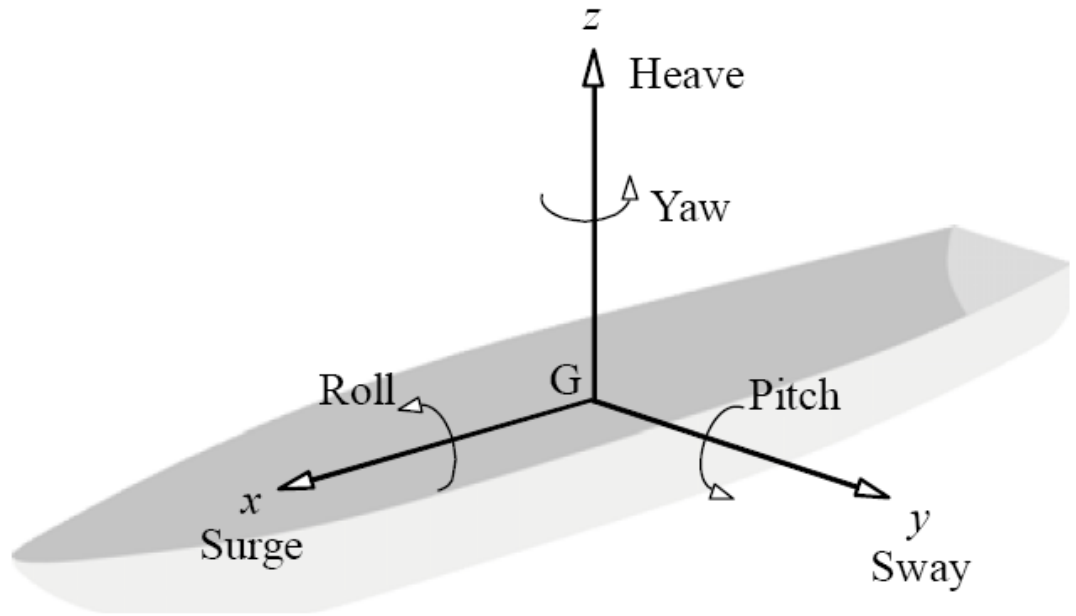
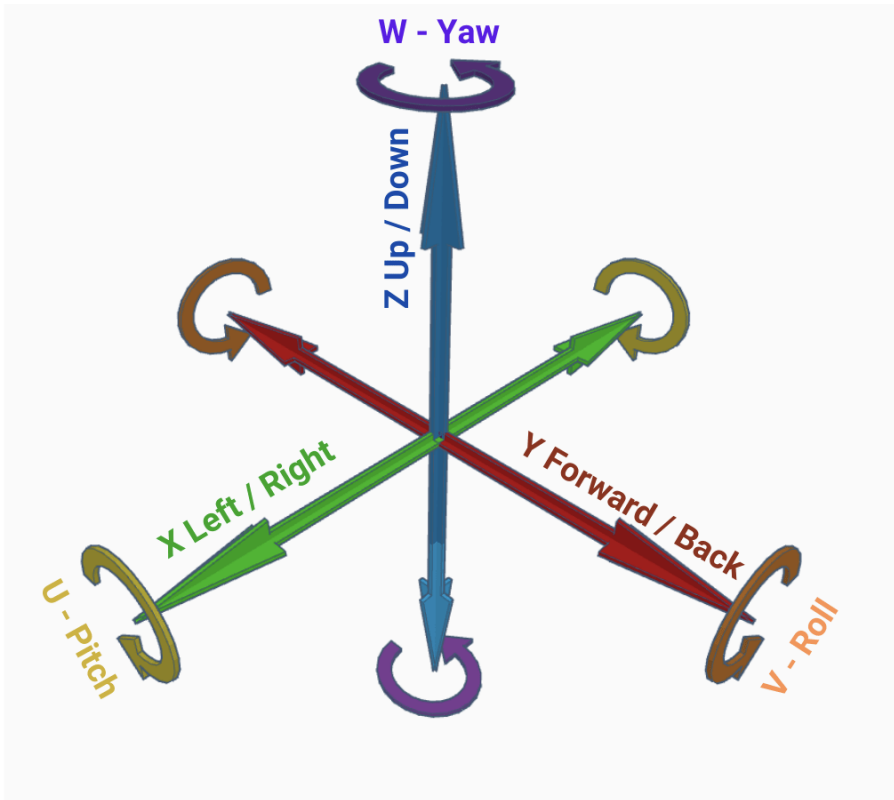
Cylindrical robot (RPP)



Stewart Platform (6-UPS)



# Degrees of Freedom



# Degrees of Freedom (DoF)

## Grubler's criterion

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$$F = \lambda(n - 1) - \sum_{i=1}^j c_i.$$

$c_i$ : number of constraints imposed by joint  $i$ .

$F$ : degrees of freedom of a mechanism.

$f_i$ : degrees of relative motion permitted by joint  $i$ .

$j$ : number of joints in a mechanism, assuming that all the joints are binary.

$j_i$ : number of joints with  $i$  degrees of freedom.

$L$ : number of independent loops in a mechanism.

$n$ : number of links in a mechanism, including the fixed link.

$\lambda$ : degrees of freedom of the space in which a mechanism is intended to function.

$f_p$  be the number of passive degrees of freedom in a mechanism

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## Grubler's criterion

$$F = \lambda(n - j - 1) + \sum_i f_i - f_p.$$



# Degrees of Freedom (DoF)

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**DOF conditions** for a robot/mechanism (DOF = mobility = number of independent motions the mechanism can make).

## 1. **DOF > 0**

- ✓ The mechanism is **movable**.
- ✓ It has **DOF** independent motions (you need that many independent inputs to fully “command” its motion).
- ✓ Example: a planar 2-link arm typically has  $\text{DOF} = 2$ .

## 2. **DOF = 0**

- ✓ The mechanism is a **structure** (no motion).
- ✓ It's **fully constrained**.
- ✓ Example: a rigidly braced frame.

## 3. **DOF < 0**

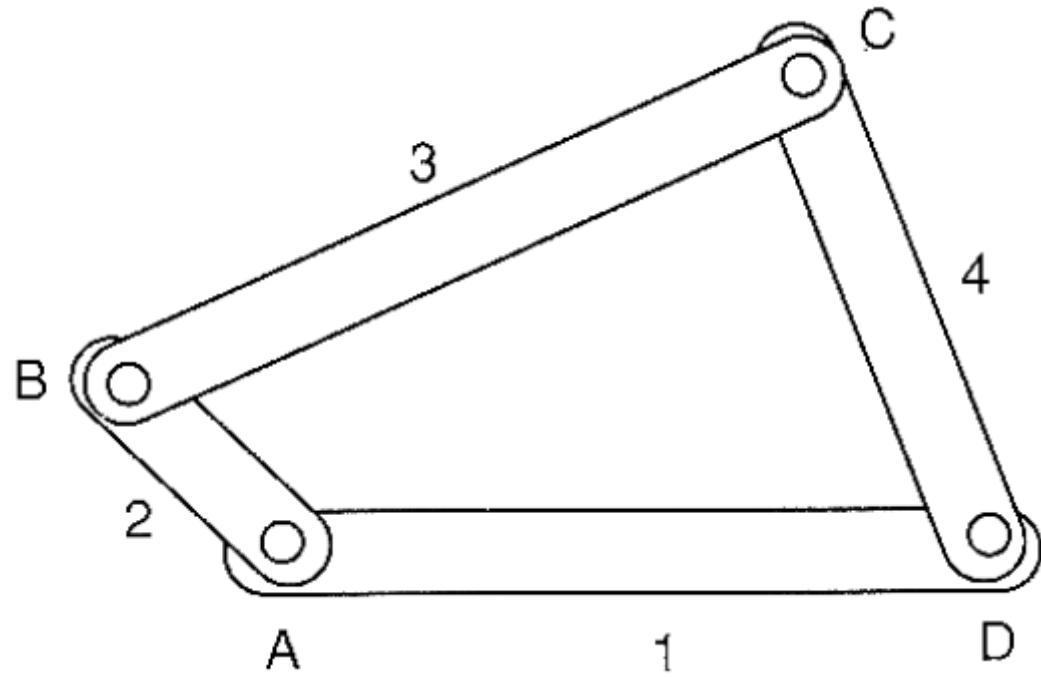
- ✓ The mechanism is **overconstrained** (more constraints than needed).
- ✓ Often indicates **assembly stress**, binding, or that the simple DOF formula doesn't capture special geometry (some mechanisms still move due to compliant parts or special constraints).
- ✓ Practically: “you tried to constrain it too much.”

- **DOF > 0**: moves
- **DOF = 0**: fixed structure
- **DOF < 0**: overconstrained (likely problematic / special case)
- **DOF = actuators**: fully actuated
- **DOF > actuators**: underactuated

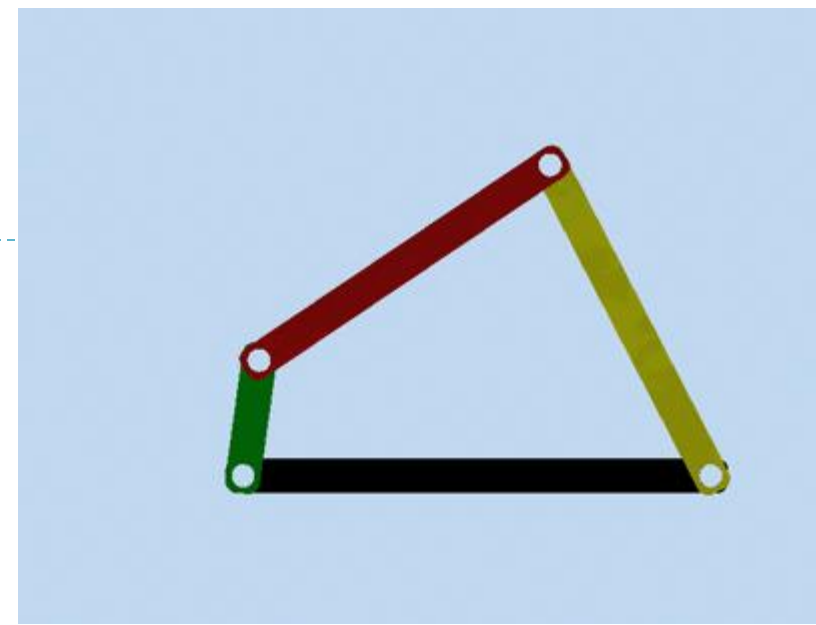


# Degrees of Freedom (DoF)

## Four bar Mechanism



$$\lambda = 3, n = 4, j = j_1 = 4,$$



$$F = \lambda(n - 1) - \sum_{i=1}^j c_i.$$

OR Grubler's criterion

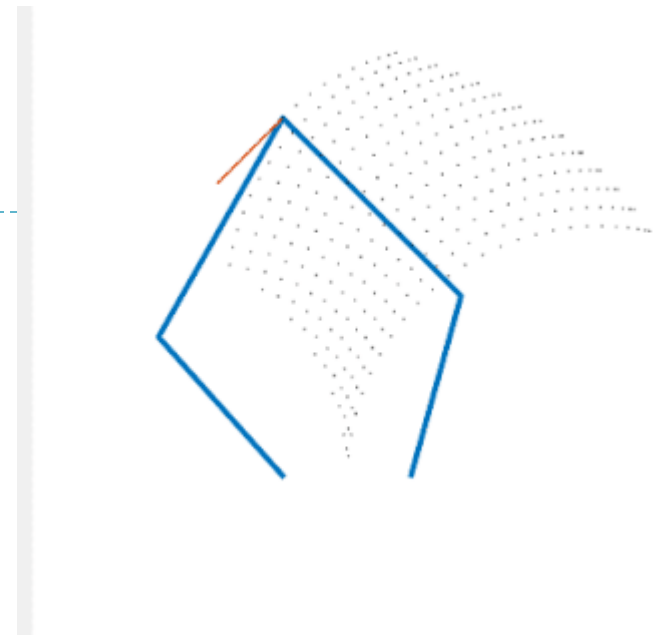
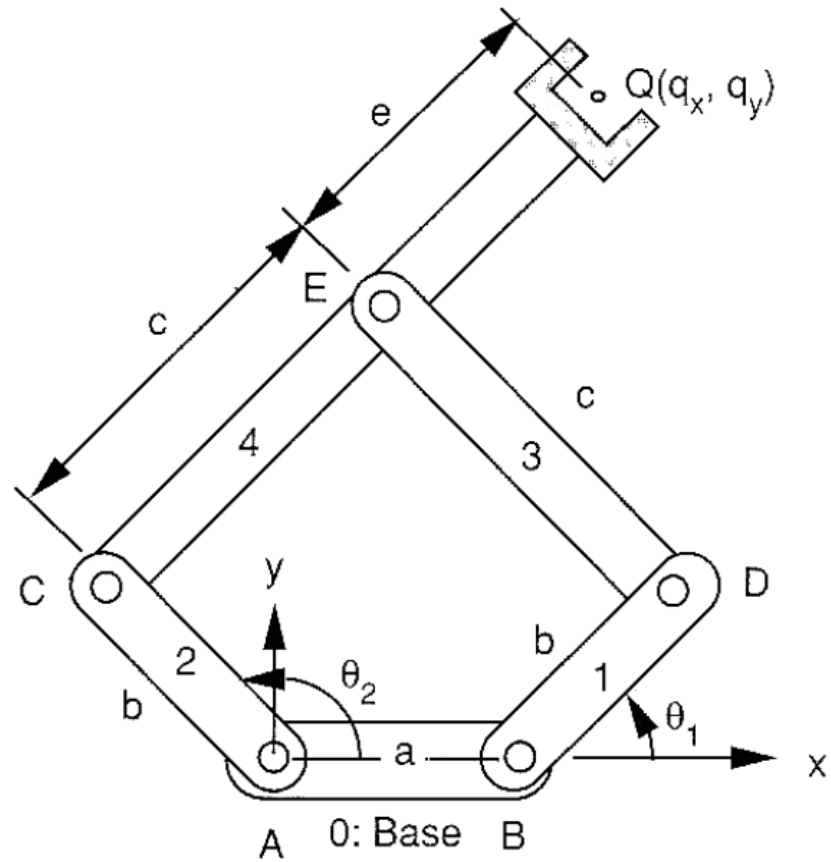
$$F = \lambda(n - j - 1) + \sum_i f_i - f_p.$$

$$F = 3(4 - 4 - 1) + 4 \times 1 = 1.$$



# Degrees of Freedom (DoF)

Five bar mechanism



$$F = \lambda(n - 1) - \sum_{i=1}^j c_i.$$

OR Grubler's criterion

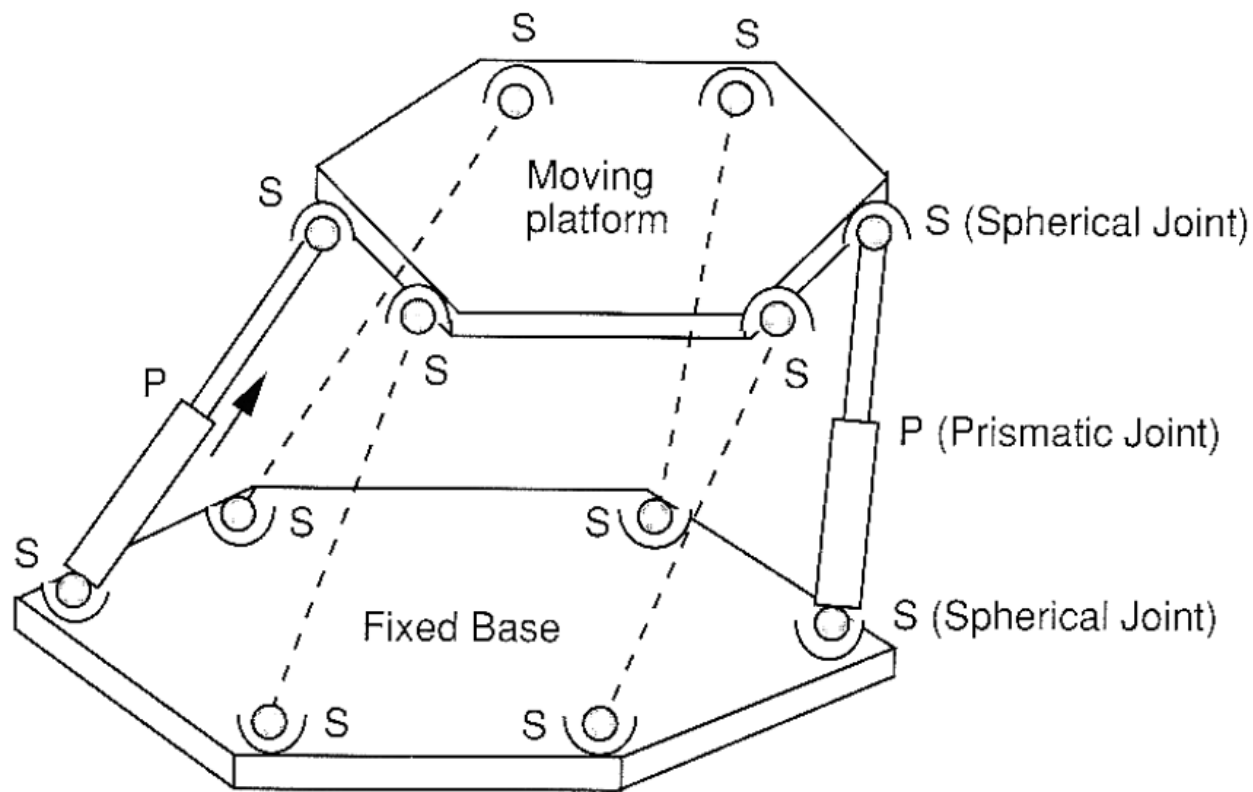
$$F = \lambda(n - j - 1) + \sum_i f_i - f_p.$$

$$\lambda = 3, n = 5, \text{ and } j = 5$$

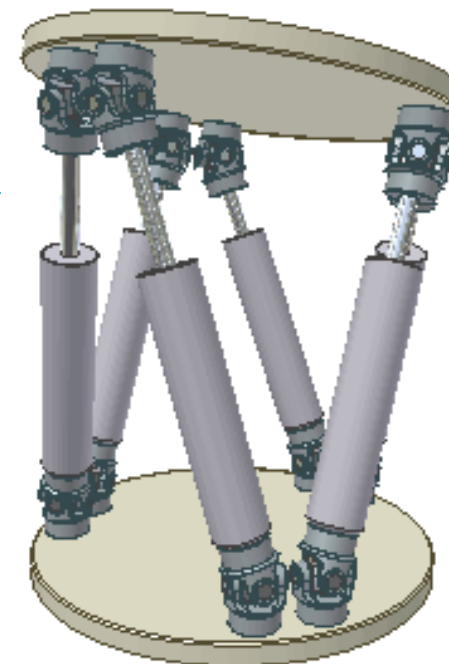
$$F = 3(5 - 5 - 1) + 5 \times 1 = 2$$

# Degrees of Freedom (DoF)

Grubler's criterion



**6-SPS**



**6-UPU**

Apply Grubler's criterion to calculate DoF in **6-SPS** Stewart Platform

$$F = \lambda(n - j - 1) + \sum_i f_i - f_p.$$

$$\lambda = 6, n = 14, j_1 = 6, j_3 = 12, \text{ and } f_p = 6.$$

$$F = 6(14 - 18 - 1) + (12 \times 3 + 6) - 6 = 6.$$

# Underactuated Robotics/Passive Dynamics Walking

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FLEXPENDANT

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ABB  
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VELOCIO  
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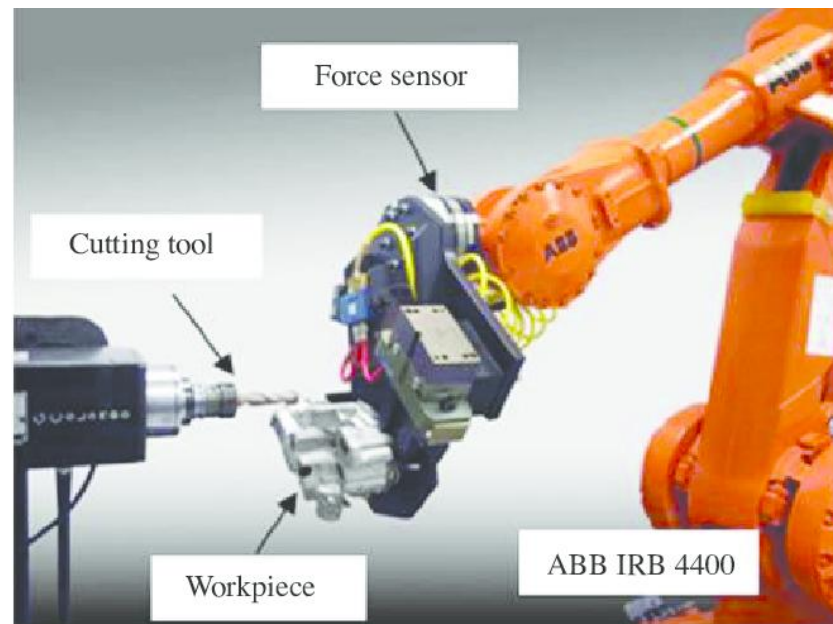


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MASSIVE DIMENSION  
PELLET EXTRUDER



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Force sensor

Cutting tool

Workpiece

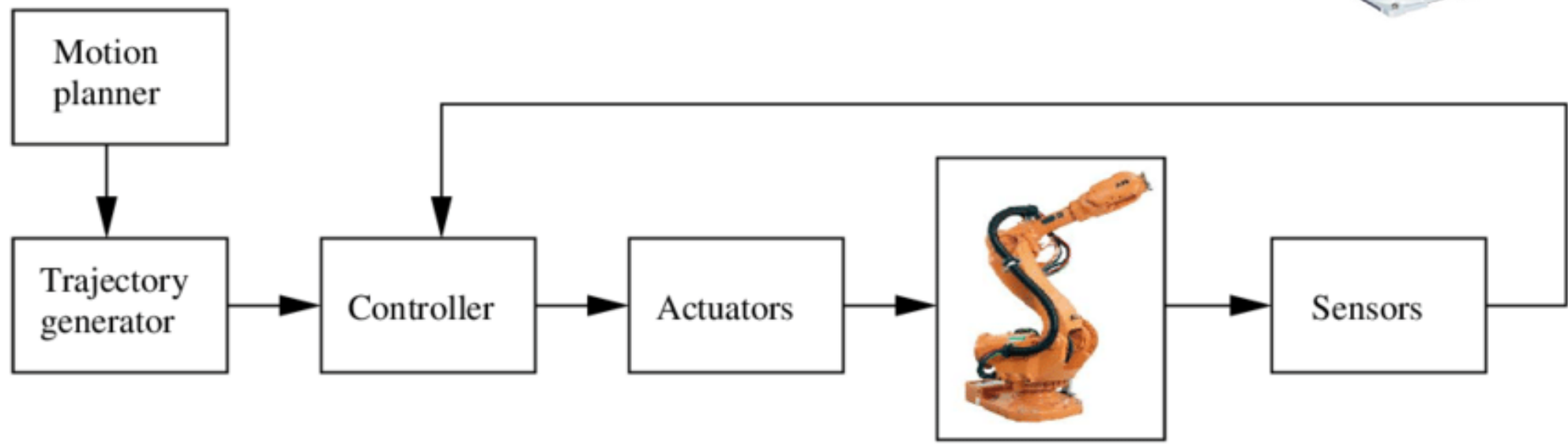
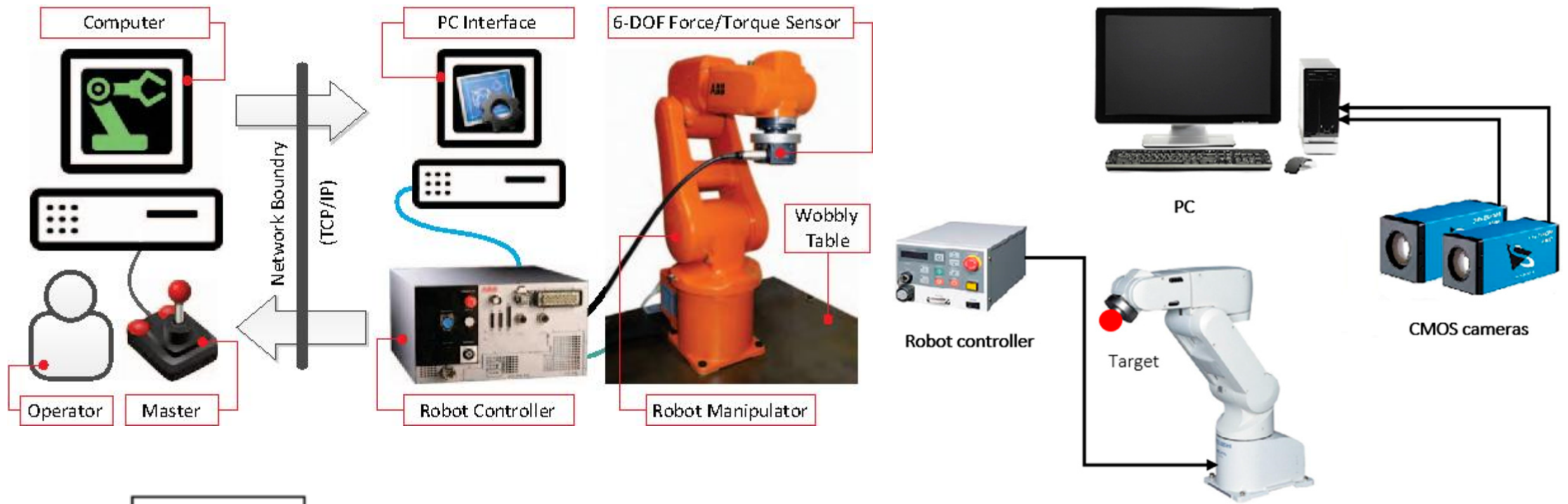
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Flex Pendant



IRC5 Controller



# Questions

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# **Thank You**