

How to express the coordinate transformations

$$\begin{aligned} [\vec{t}]_{i-1} &= \mathcal{T}_i \circ [\vec{t}]_i \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_i & -\sin \theta_i \\ \sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i \end{bmatrix} [\vec{t}]_i + \vec{l}_i \end{aligned}$$

Using Homogenous Coordinates
We can write translation as matrix multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{i-1} &= \mathcal{T}_i \circ \begin{bmatrix} \vec{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_i \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_i & -\sin \theta_i & l_{i,x} \\ \sin \theta_i & \cos \theta_i & l_{i,y} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_i \end{aligned}$$

The complete transformation
for (n+1)-link serial chain robot

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{e} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_0) & -\sin(\theta_0) & 1 \\ \sin(\theta_0) & \cos(\theta_0) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{T}_0} \cdots \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_n) & -\sin(\theta_n) & 1 \\ \sin(\theta_n) & \cos(\theta_n) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{T}_n} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Short hand notation when tool vector is constant

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{e} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \vec{F}(\vec{\theta}) \\ &= \vec{F}(\vec{\theta}, \vec{t}) \\ &= \mathbf{T}_0 \cdots \mathbf{T}_n \begin{bmatrix} \vec{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The Inverse Kinematics Problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{g} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{F}(\vec{\theta})$$

$$\vec{\theta}^* = \arg \min_{\vec{\theta}} \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \vec{F}(\vec{\theta}) \right|$$

When Solving the Optimization Problem

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{\theta}} \left(\vec{F}(\vec{\theta}) \begin{bmatrix} \vec{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = ???$$

We often need to compute the gradient wrt parameters