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End Effector



- Essential to every robotics application
- Connects your manipulator to the environment
- Needs to be custom made for the application



End Effector



- Pneumatics work best for “gripping” applications
- Actuators can be dead-headed at limits without damage
- Motorized grippers require limit switches and controls
- Motorized grippers also need gear reduction
 - Angle of attack important to consider, too



End Effector



- Magnetic grippers are useful for applications involving steel
- Hooks and straight members can be implemented to interact with targets
- Other means of actuation?



Sensors

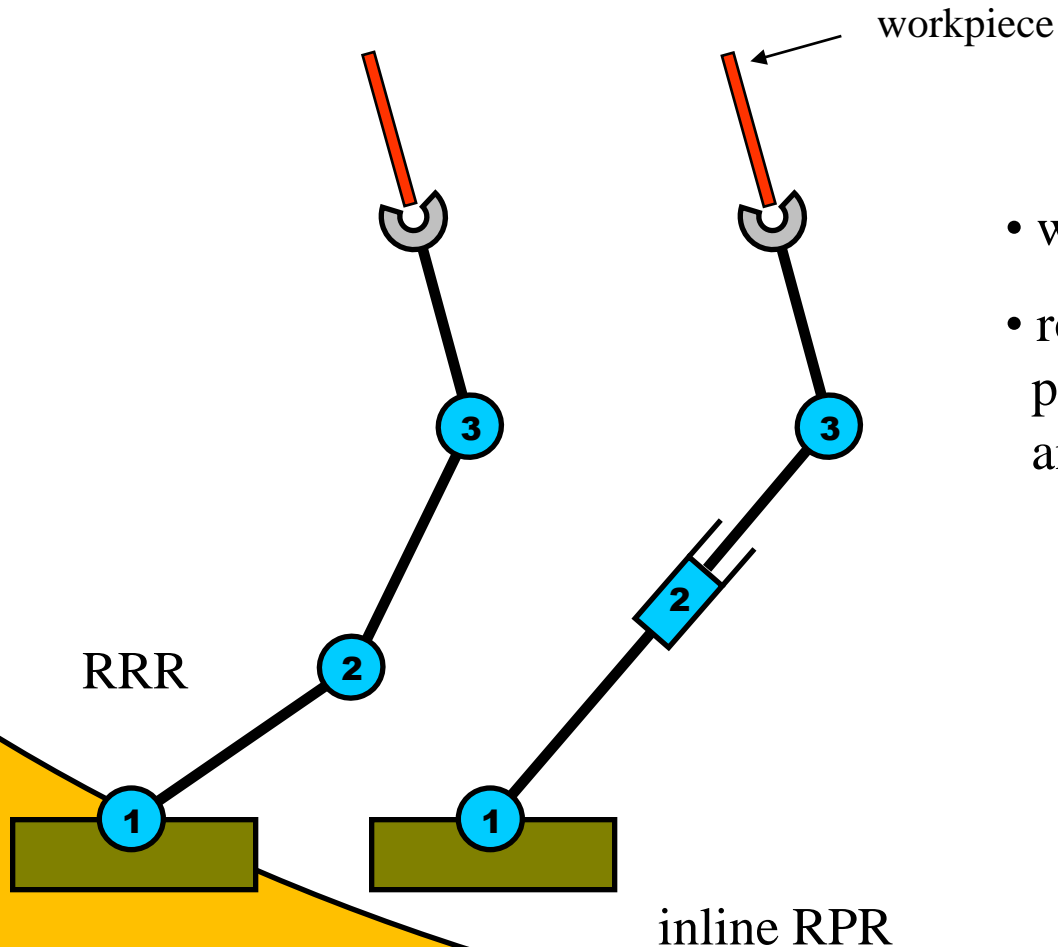


- You may need to know feedback from your manipulator
- Sensors can be placed on joints to feedback the exact positions
- Potentiometers, encoders, etc



Displacement analysis – serial robots

RRR and inline RPR robots

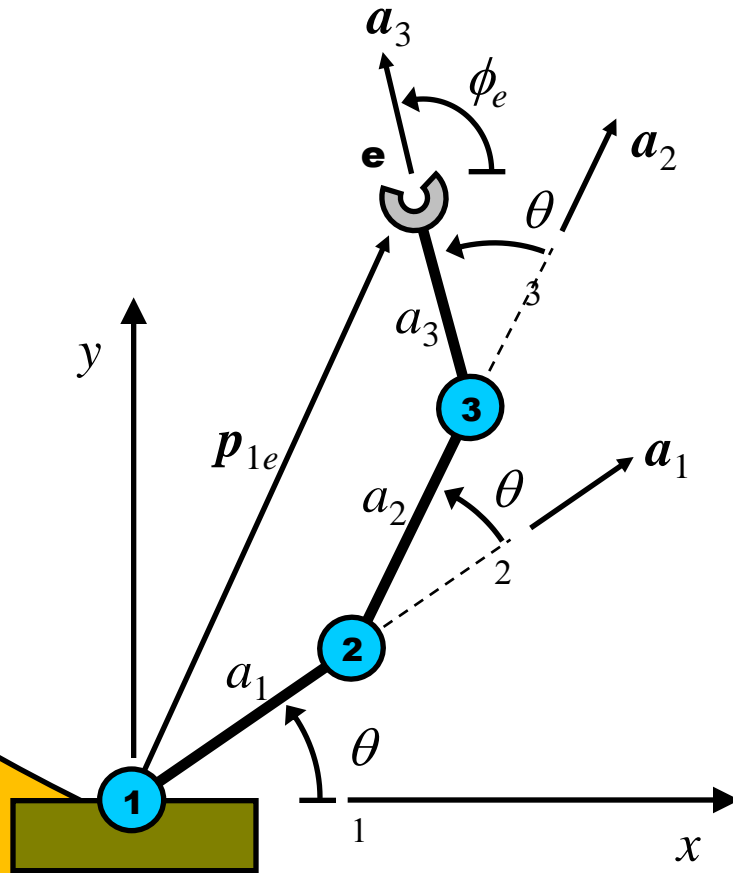


- workpiece has 3 dof
- robots also require 3 dof to place workpiece with position and orientation.



Displacement analysis – serial robots

RRR robot - notation



Joints and links

θ_i – i^{th} joint angle

a_i – i^{th} link length (fixed)

a_i – i^{th} link direction (unit vector)

End-effector

p_{1e} – end-effector position (vector)

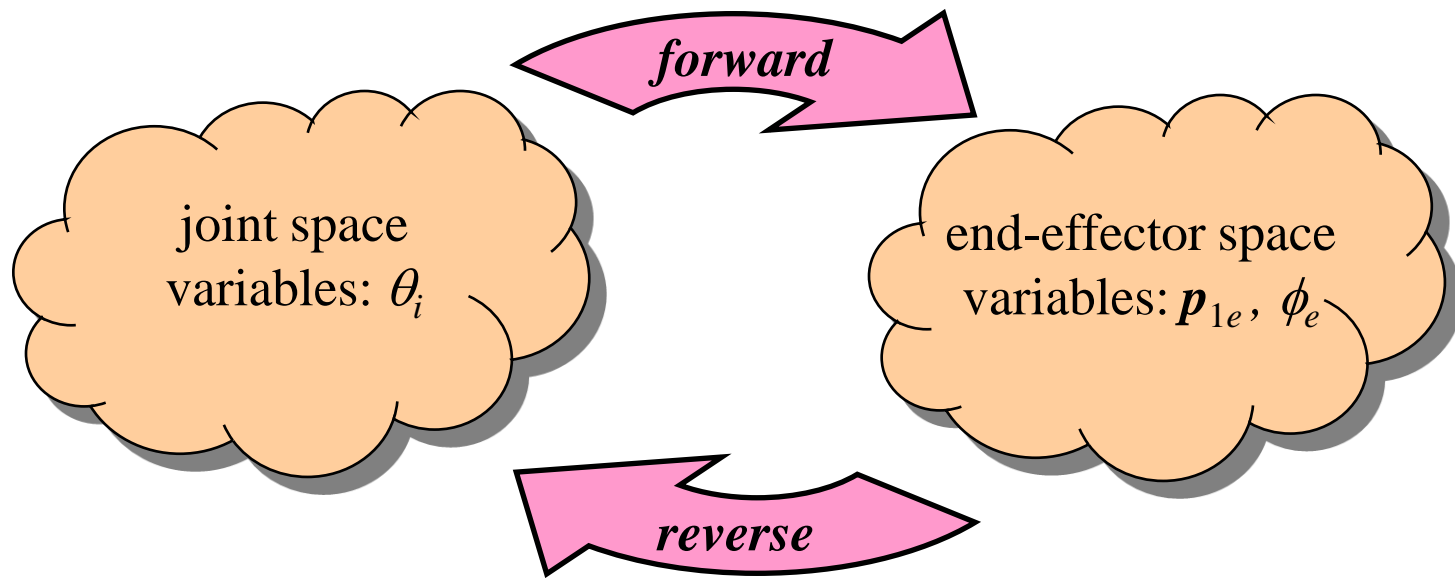
ϕ_e – end-effector angle with x axis



Displacement analysis – serial robots



RRR forward and reverse displacement analysis



all a_i (fixed lengths) assumed known



Displacement analysis – serial robots

RRR robot – forward displacement analysis



Given : $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$

Find : \mathbf{p}_{1e}, ϕ_e

Solution :

angle : $\phi_e = \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 \quad \Leftarrow \text{answer}$

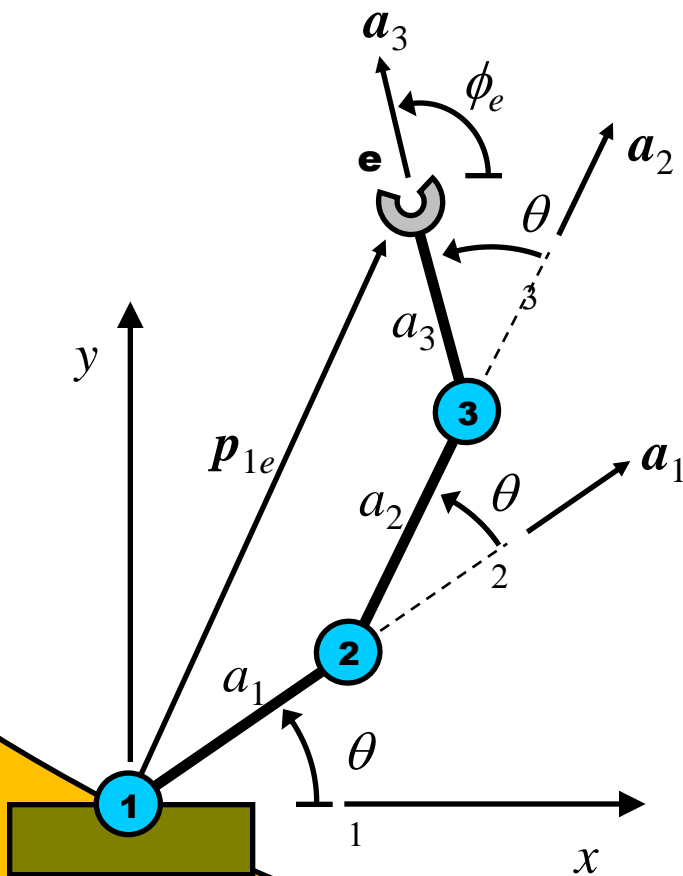
position: $\mathbf{p}_{1e} = a_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + a_3 \mathbf{a}_3$ (vector add)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{1e} \\ y_{1e} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{1+2} + a_3 c_{1+2+3} \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{1+2} + a_3 s_{1+2+3} \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \text{answer}$$

where,

$$c_{i+j} \equiv \cos(\theta_i + \theta_j)$$

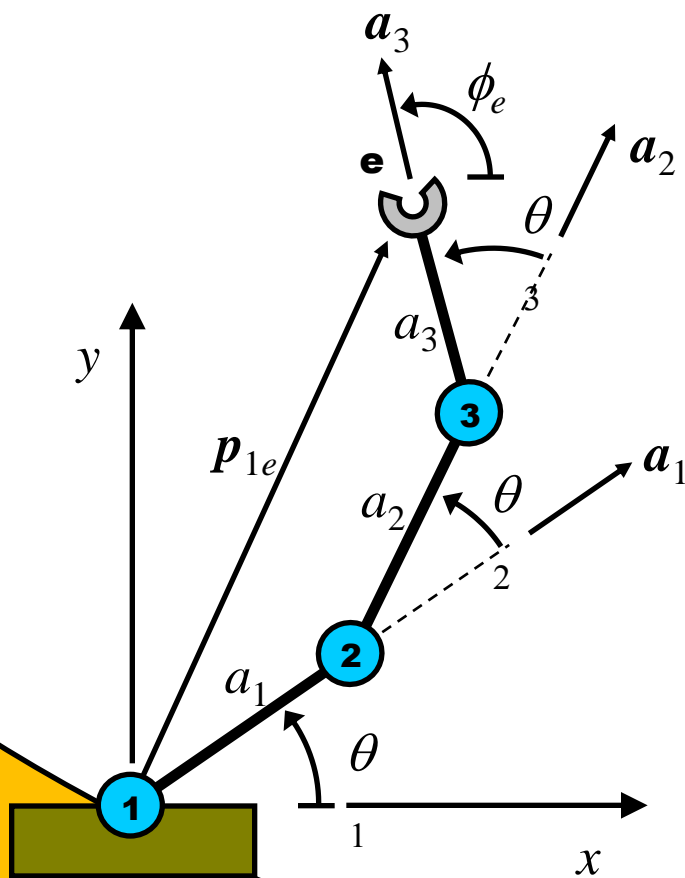
$$s_{i+j} \equiv \sin(\theta_i + \theta_j)$$





Displacement analysis – serial robots

RRR robot – reverse displacement analysis



Given : \mathbf{p}_{1e}, ϕ_e

Find : $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$

Solution :

$$\phi_e = \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 \text{ (FDA)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{1e} \\ y_{1e} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{1+2} + a_3 c_{1+2+3} \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{1+2} + a_3 s_{1+2+3} \end{bmatrix} \text{ (FDA)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{1e} - a_3 c_e \\ y_{1e} - a_3 s_e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 c_{1+2} \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 s_{1+2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ (sub, move, then square)}$$

$$(x_{1e} - a_3 c_e)^2 + (y_{1e} - a_3 s_e)^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 c_2$$

$$c_2 = \frac{(x_{1e} - a_3 c_e)^2 + (y_{1e} - a_3 s_e)^2 - a_1^2 - a_2^2}{2a_1 a_2}$$

$$s_2^{(\pm)} = \pm \sqrt{1 - c_2^2}$$

$$\theta_2^{(\pm)} = \text{ATAN2}(s_2^{(\pm)}, c_2) \Leftarrow \text{answer}$$

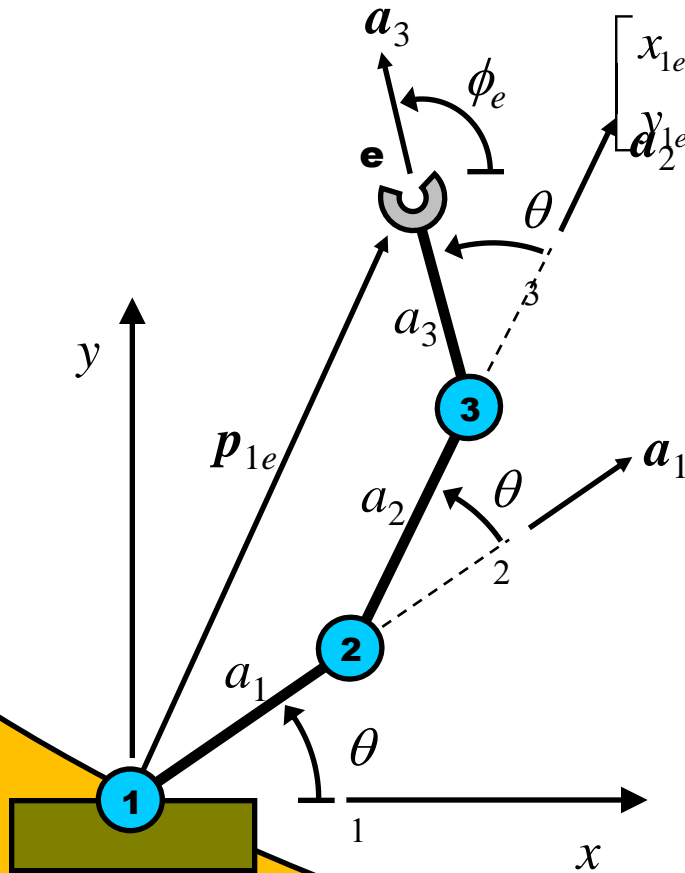


Displacement analysis – serial robots

RRR robot – reverse displacement analysis



Solution (continued) :



$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{1e} - a_3 c_e \\ y_{1e} - a_3 s_e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 c_1 + a_2 (c_1 c_2 - s_1 s_2) \\ a_1 s_1 + a_2 (s_1 c_2 + s_2 c_1) \end{bmatrix} \text{ (expand, backsub) } \\ = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + a_2 c_2 & -a_2 s_2 \\ a_2 s_2 & a_1 + a_2 c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ s_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{(x_{1e} - a_3 c_e)(a_1 + a_2 c_2) - (-a_2 s_2)(y_{1e} - a_3 s_e)}{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 c_2}$$

$$s_1 = \frac{(a_1 + a_2 c_2)(y_{1e} - a_3 s_e) - (x_{1e} - a_3 c_e)(a_2 s_2)}{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 c_2}$$

$$\theta_1 = \text{ATAN2}(s_1, c_1) \Leftarrow \text{answer}$$

$$\theta_3 = \phi_e - \theta_1 - \theta_2 \Leftarrow \text{answer}$$

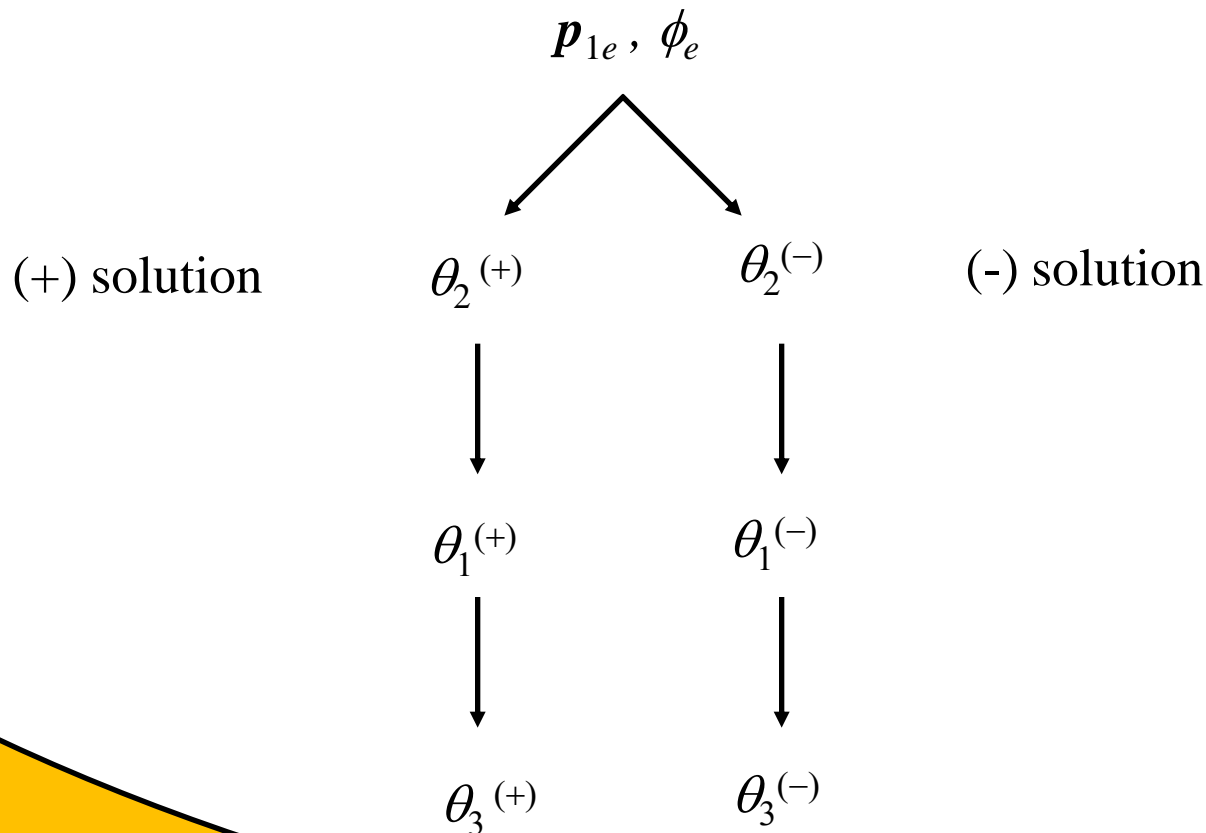


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RRR robot – reverse displacement analysis



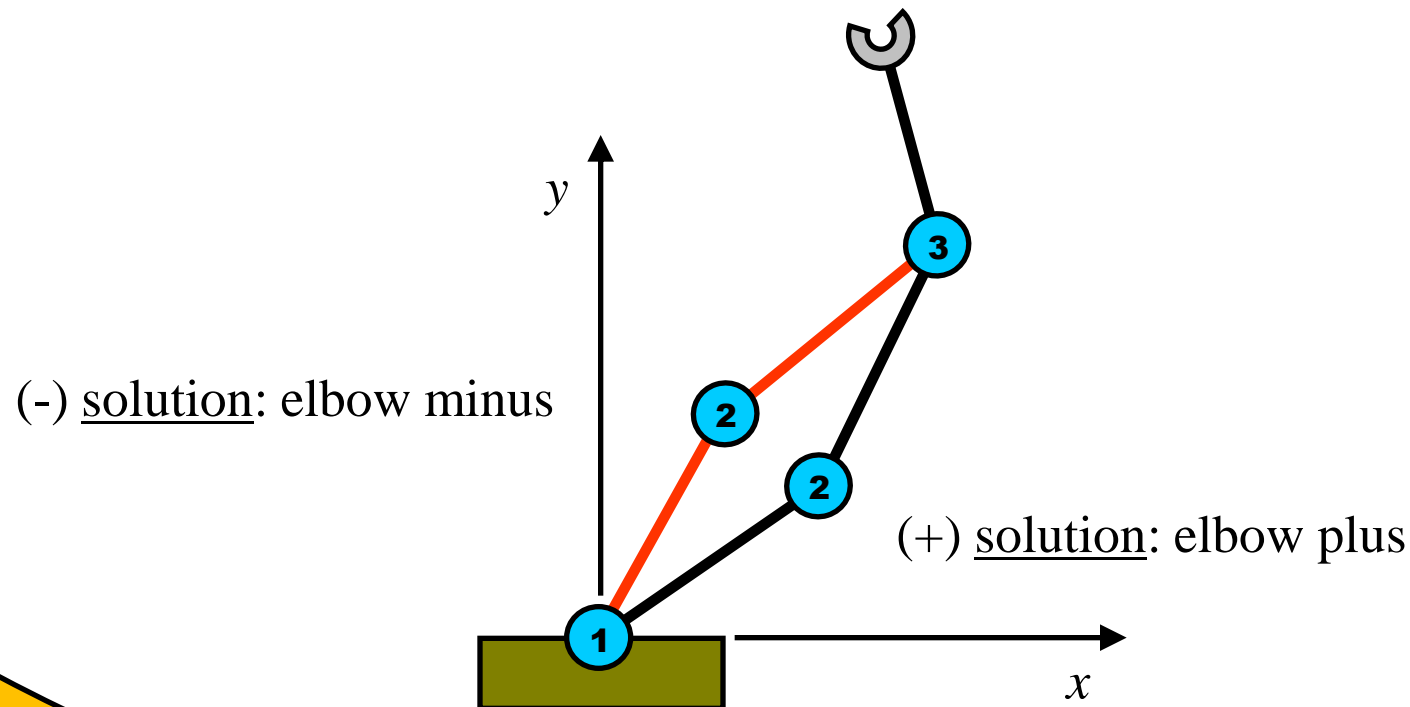
Solution tree





Displacement analysis – serial robots

RRR robot – reverse displacement analysis





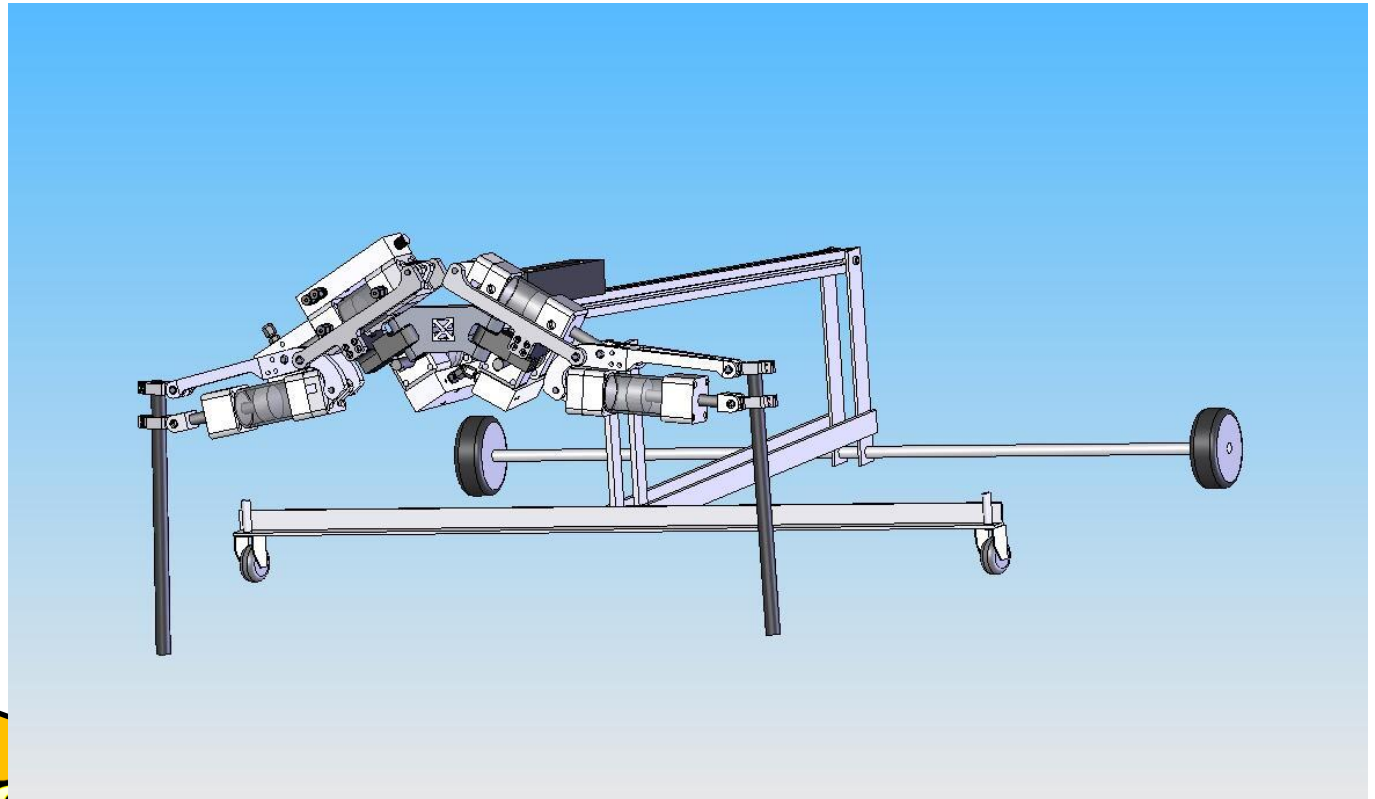
Check it out in real time



We can now see this algorithm being solved in real time

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RRR

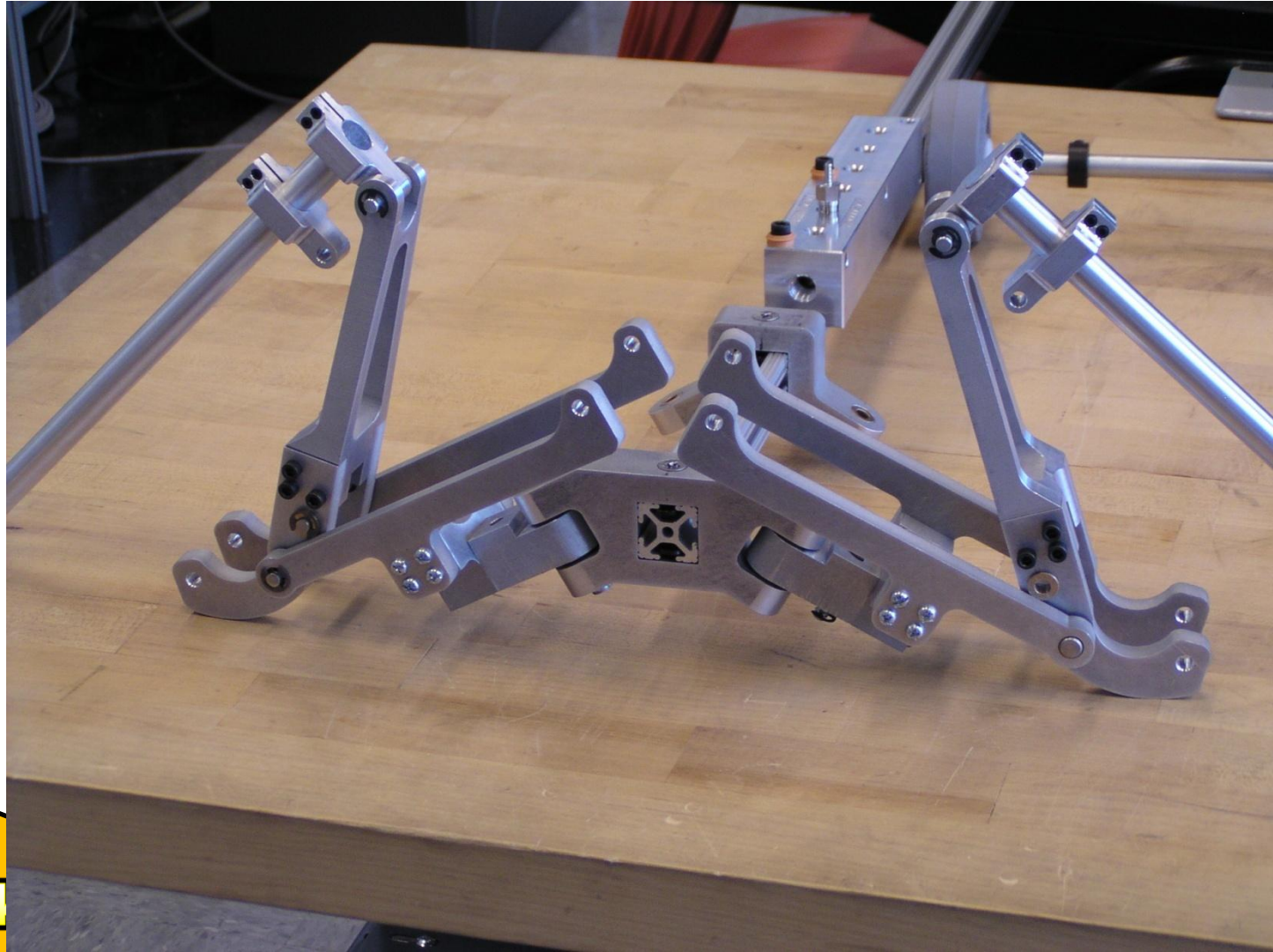




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Evolution



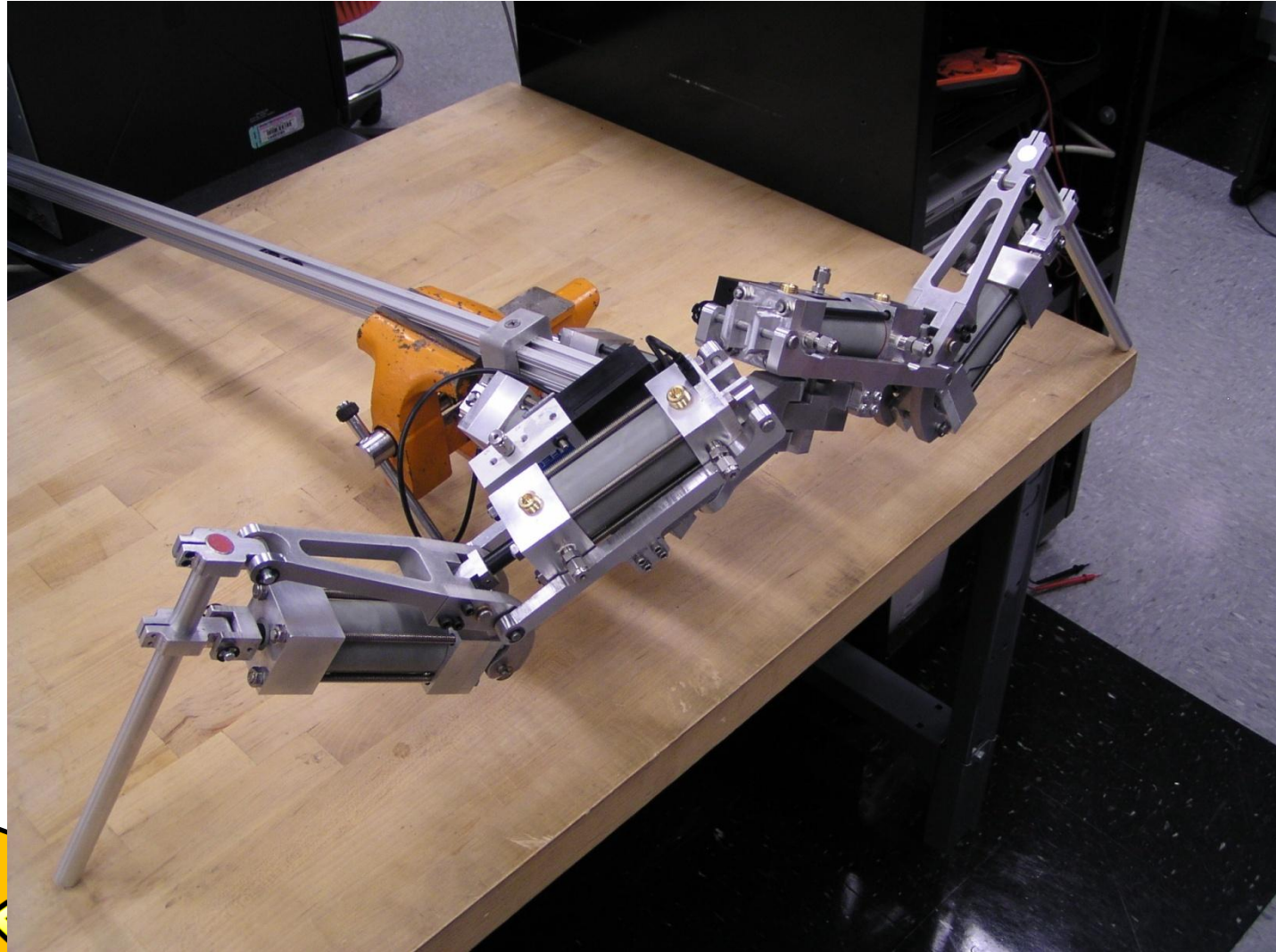
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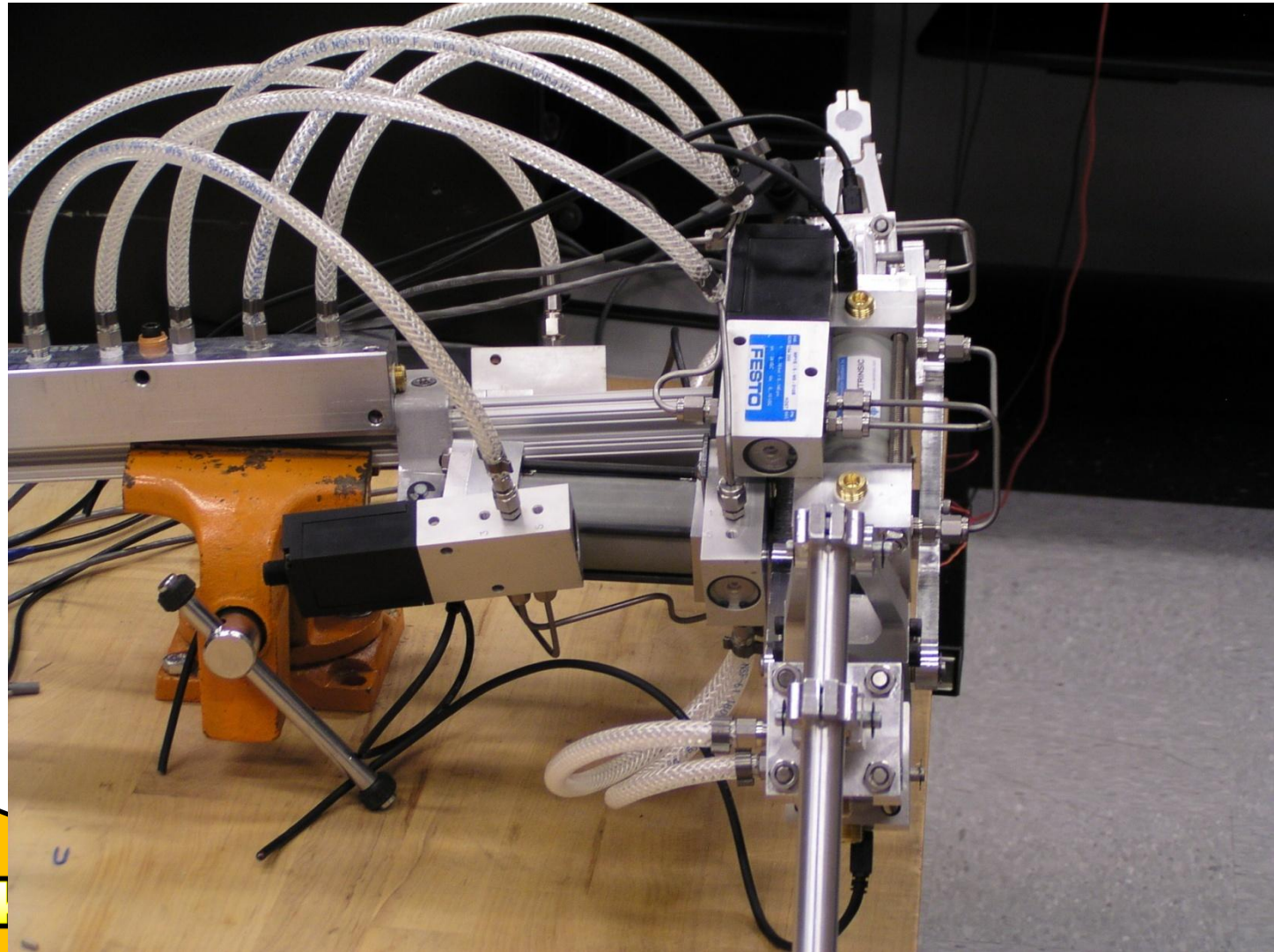
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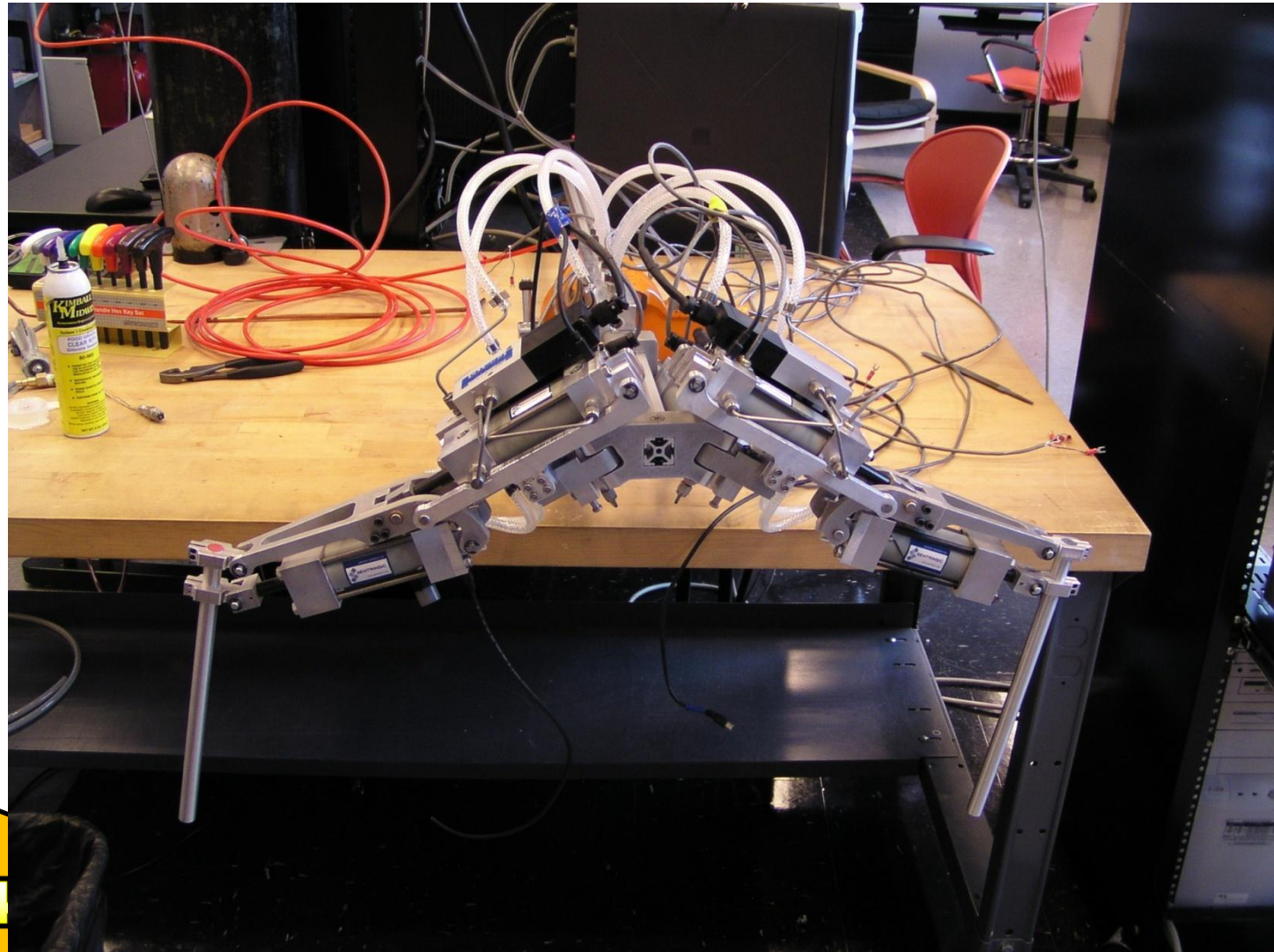
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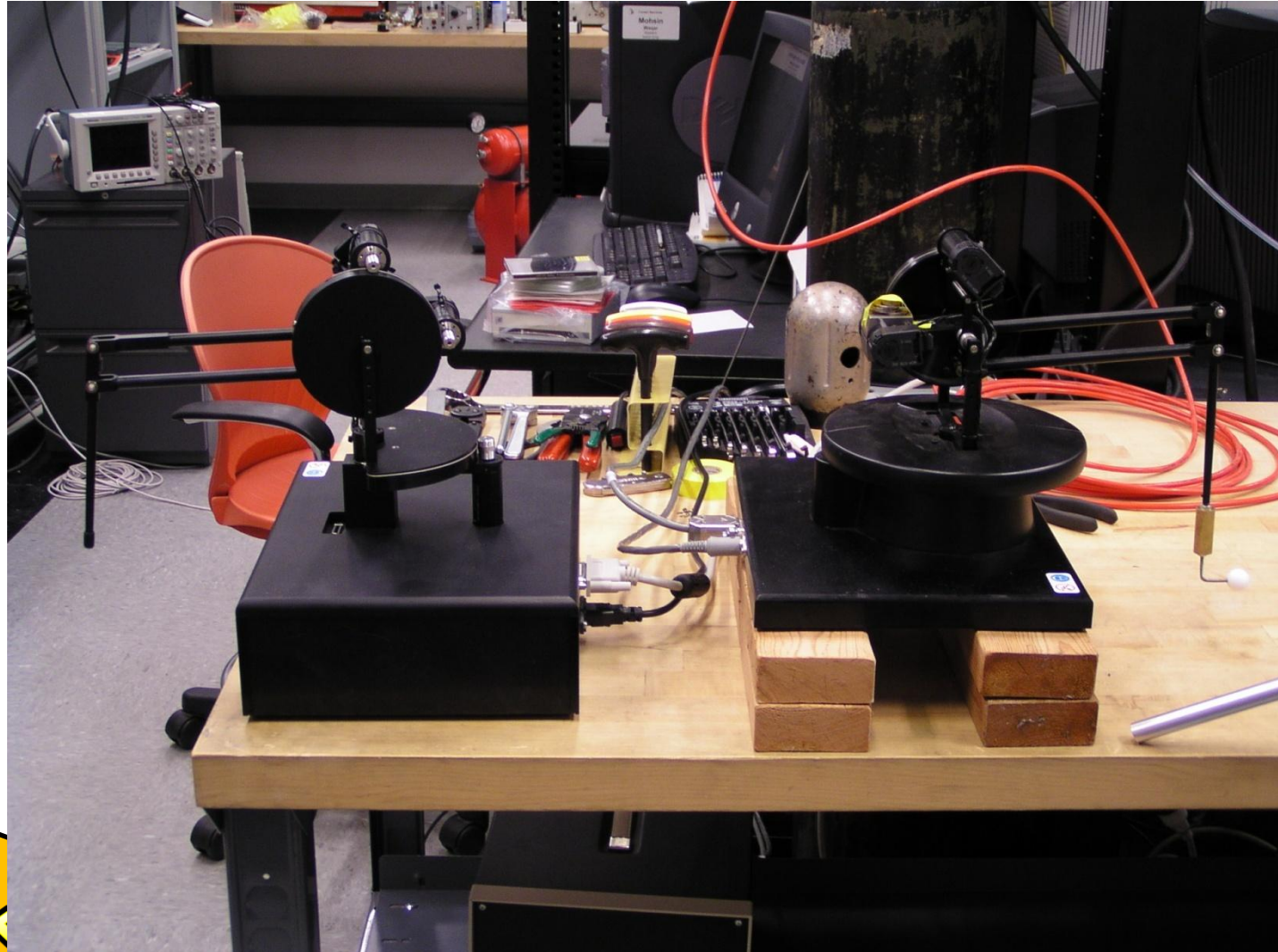
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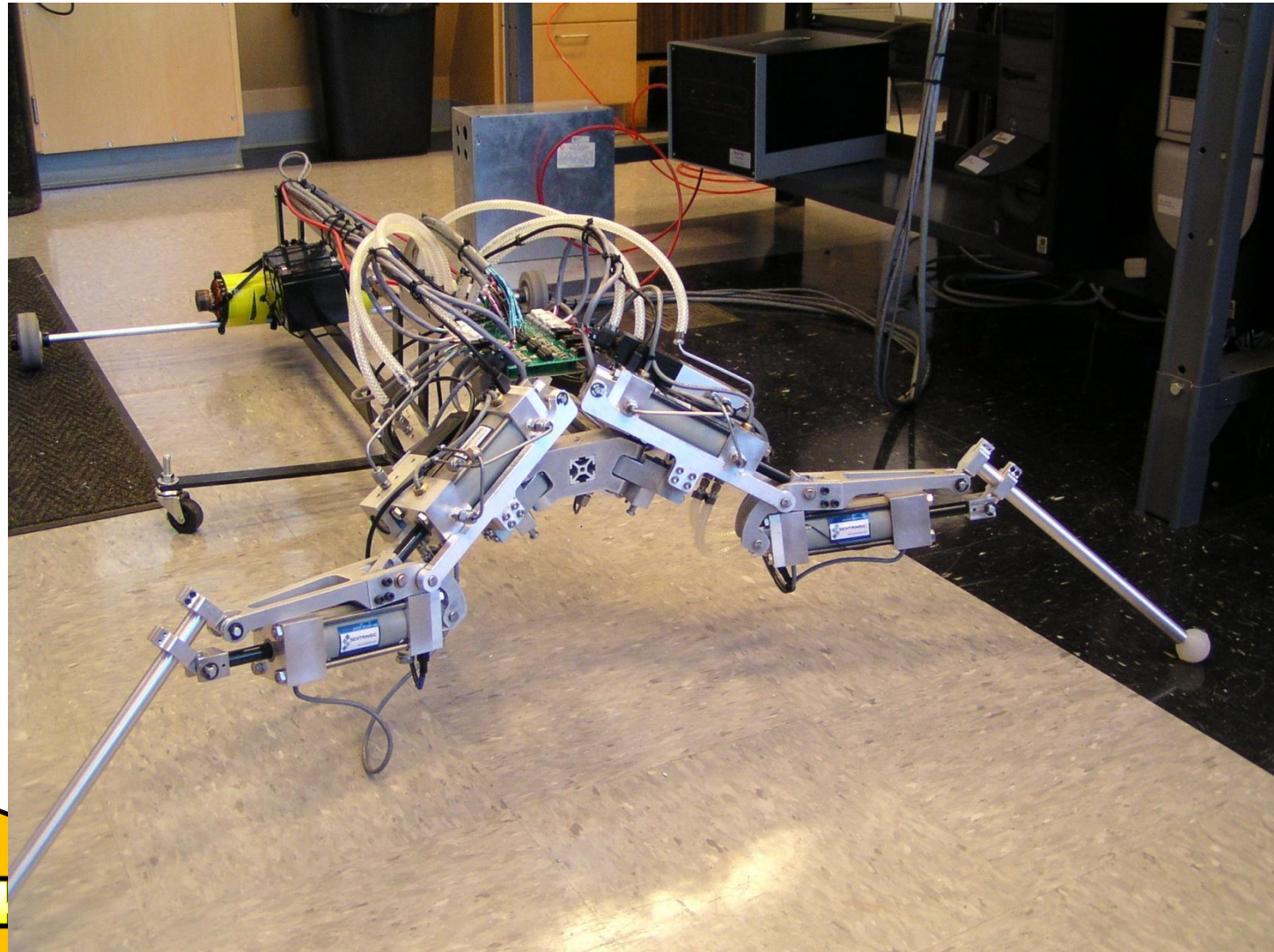
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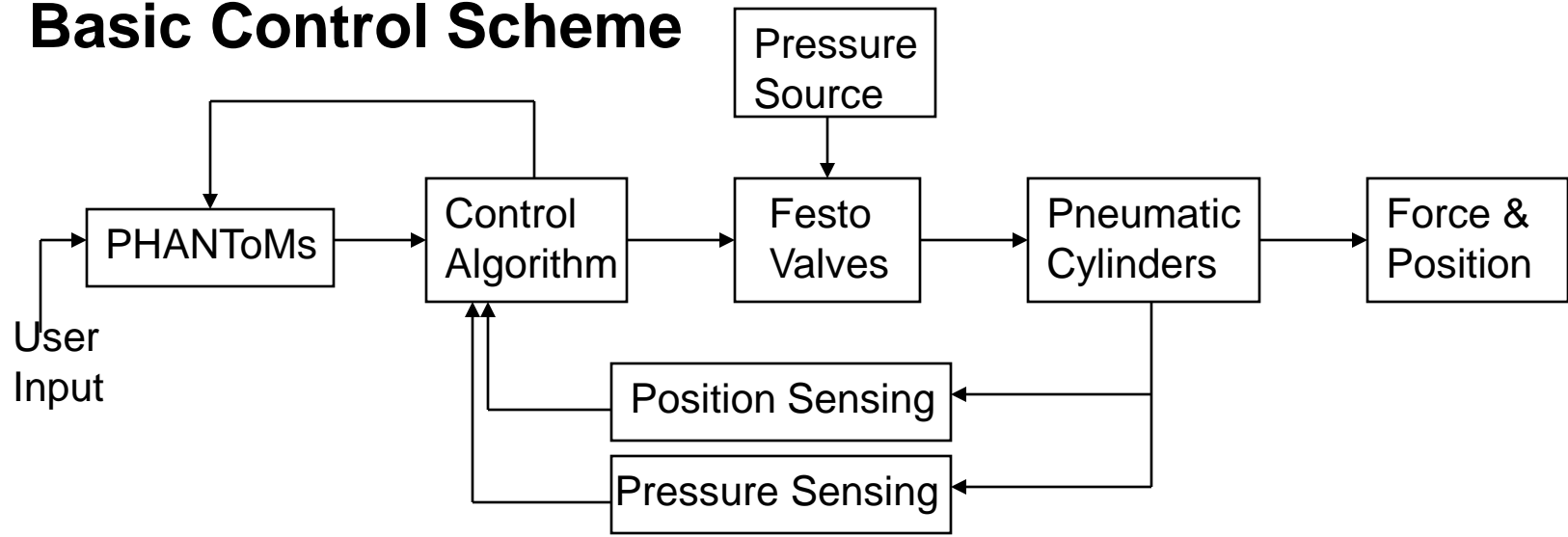
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CRC: Compact Rescue Crawler



Basic Control Scheme





CRC: Compact Rescue Crawler



Control Step 1

- PHANToM output position signal must be read by main control algorithm
- Inputs from user to the PHANToM controller determine the final position of the leg
- User input must direct the path of the end of the leg, or foot.



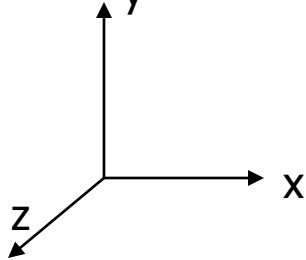
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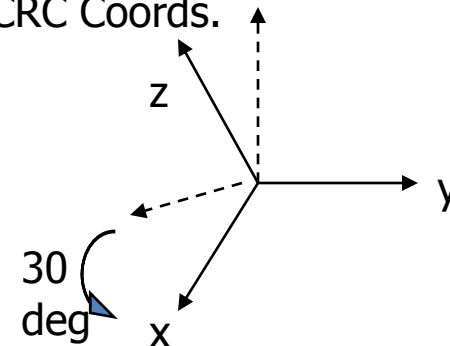
Control Step 2

- Position inputs (X,Y,Z) are read and converted from PHANToM space coordinates to CRC space

PHANToM Coords.



CRC Coords.





CRC: Compact Rescue Crawler



Control Step 3

- Position commands converted from x,y,z to joint space (angle commands)
- Angle commands converted into stroke length commands in cylinder space
- Stroke lengths (0 – 1.5”) scaled to 0-10V command



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Control Step 4

- Position feedback from current stroke lengths are unbiased and rescaled to 0-10V
- 0-10V feedback is compared with 0-10V position signal to create an error signal for each cylinder
- Error signal is sent through a discrete PID gain block to create a signal to the valve spool

$$e = v_{desired} - v_{actual}$$

$$u = K_p \cdot e + K_i \cdot \int e dt + K_d \cdot de / dt$$

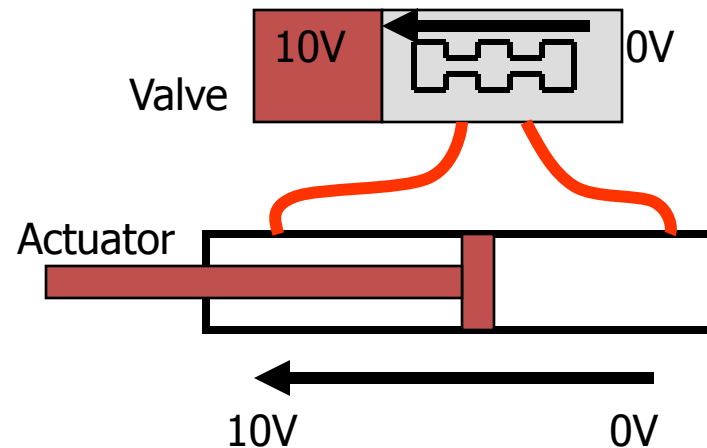


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Control Step 4

- PID adjusted error signal is sent to the valves as the spool reference position
- Spool moves to position based on error signal, allowing pressure and flow to adjust stroke length to zero error.





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