



# Formalized 3D Geometry for Robot Manipulators

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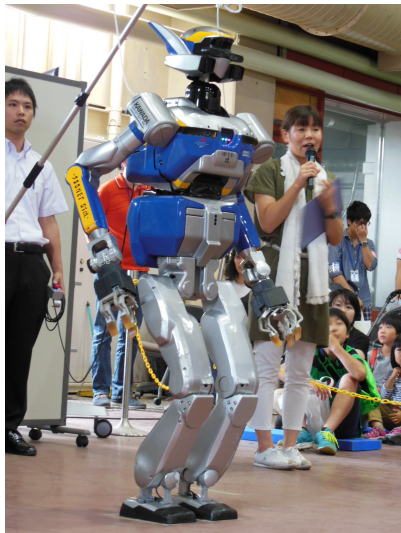
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In summer 2016, Reynald attended a demonstration of the **rescue** capabilities of the HRP-2 robot.



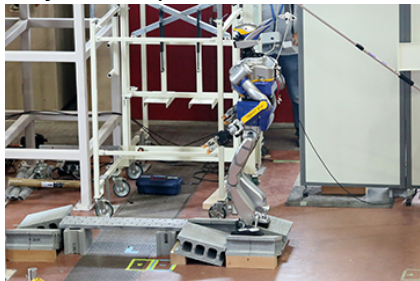
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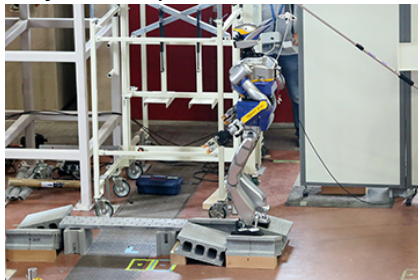
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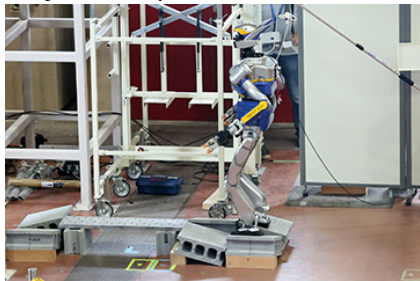


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# Motivation and Contribution

- There is a need for safer robots
  - As of today, even a good robot can unexpectedly fail
    - HRP-2 was number 10 among 23 participants at the Finals of the 2015 DARPA Robotics Challenge
- Our work
  - (does not solve any issue with HRP-2 yet)
  - provides formal theories of
    - 3D geometry
    - *rigid body transformations*
  - for describing *robot manipulators*
  - in the Coq proof-assistant [Inria, 1984~]
  - using the Mathematical Components library
  - <https://github.com/affeldt-aist/coq-robot>

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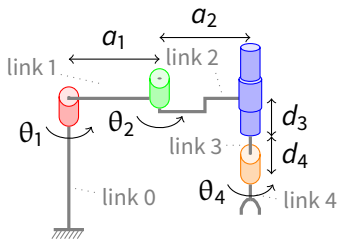
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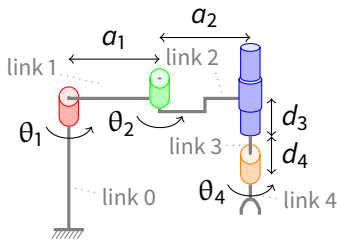
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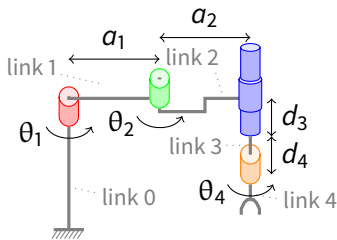
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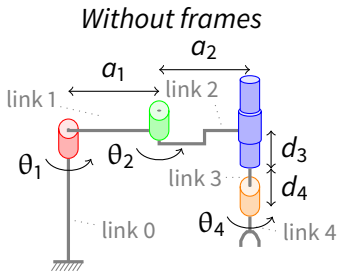
**NB:** A humanoid robot can be seen as made of robot manipulators

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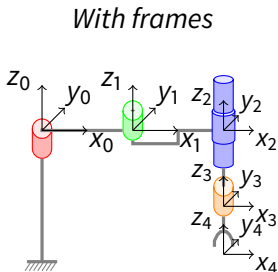
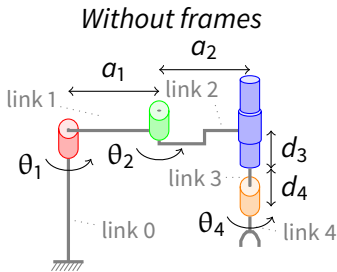
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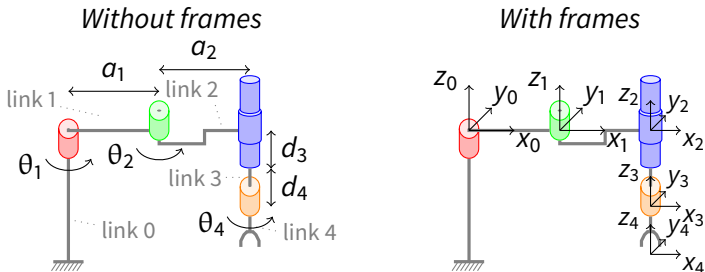
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⇒ Approach: use the MATHEMATICAL COMPONENTS library [INRIA/MSR, 2007~]

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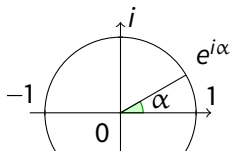
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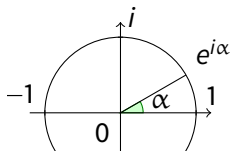


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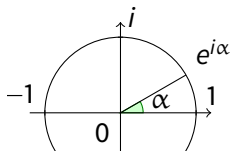
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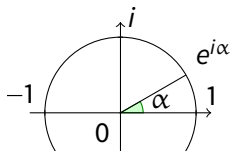
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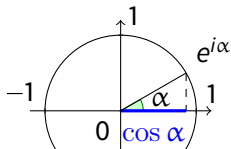
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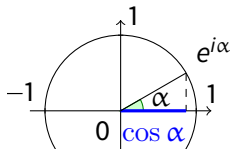
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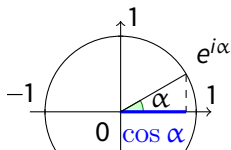
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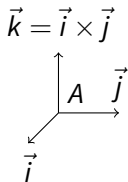
Standard trigonometric relations recovered easily:

- **Lemma**  $\text{acosK } x : -1 \leq x \leq 1 \rightarrow \cos(\text{acos } x) = x$ .
- **Lemma**  $\text{sinD } a \ b : \sin(a+b) = \sin a * \cos b + \cos a * \sin b$ .
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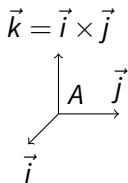
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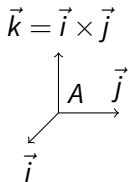
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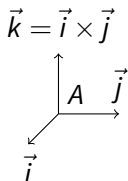


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**Definition** `crossmul u v :=`

`\row_(k < 3) \det (col_mx3 'e_k u v).`

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  - Factors bi-linearity theorems and triple product.
  - Generalizes cross product to higher dimensions.
  - Generalizations of exterior algebras are Clifford algebras, also very useful in robotics [Ma et al., 2016]
  - May help the study of differentials.

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## Robot Manipulators with Matrices



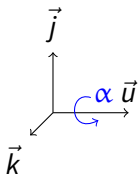
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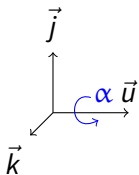
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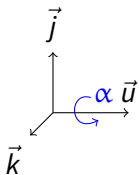
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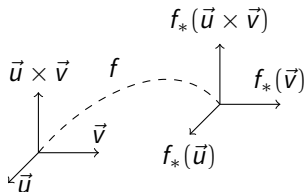
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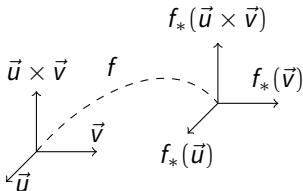
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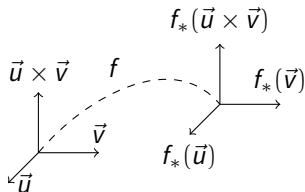
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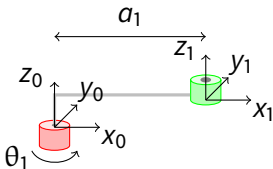
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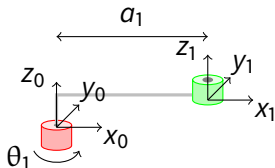
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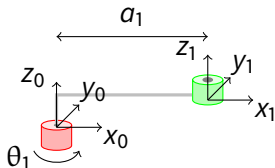


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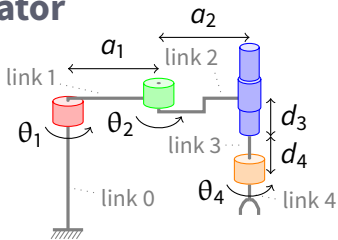
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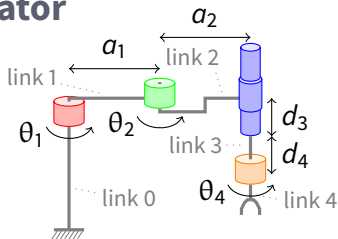
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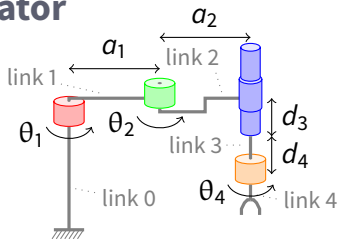
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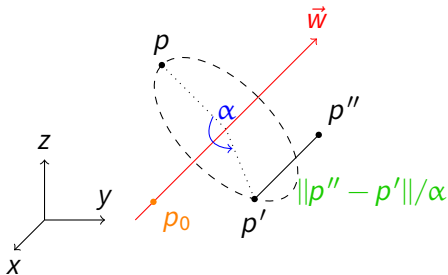
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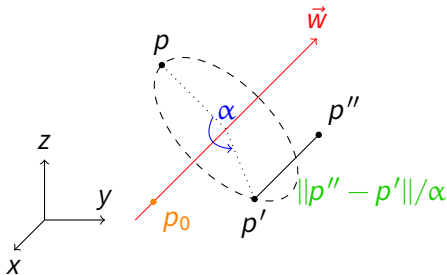
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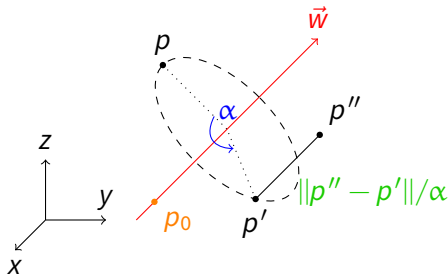
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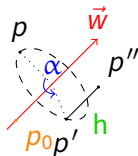
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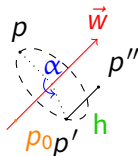
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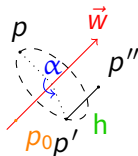


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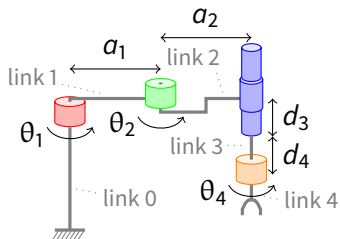
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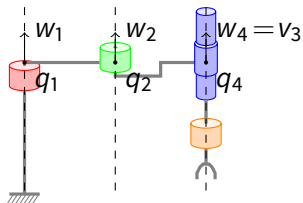
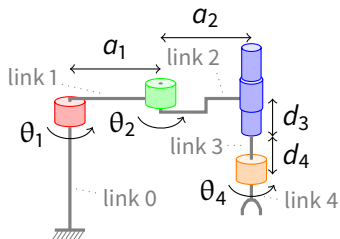
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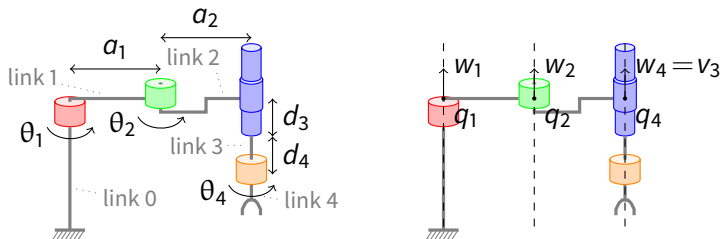
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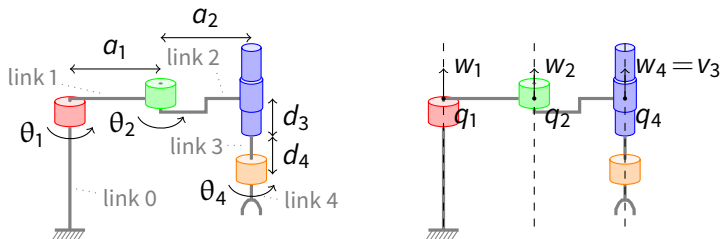


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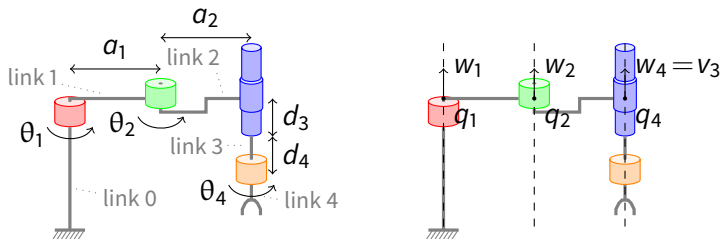


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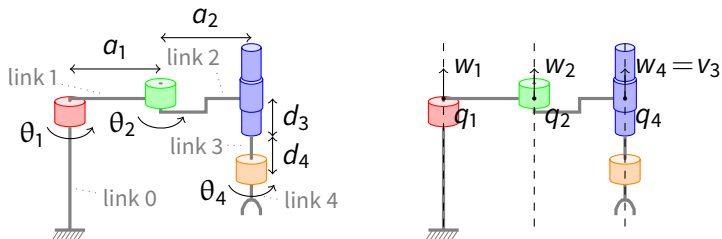
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## Velocity and Jacobian of a Robot

- If  $q = (q_0, \dots, q_k)$  are the joint parameters, and  $P_n = (X_n, Y_n, Z_n, \omega_{X_n}, \omega_{Y_n}, \omega_{Z_n})$  the position and orientation of the final frame. We should establish a relation  $\dot{P}_n = J(q) \cdot \dot{q}$ .
- $J$  is called the *Jacobian* of the robot.
- We want to certify a closed algebraic expression for  $J$  for our chains. *E.g.*

$$J = S(\theta_0) + A_0 S(\theta_1) A_0^{-1} + A_0 A_1 S(\theta_1) A_1^{-1} A_0^{-1} + \dots$$

- We must rely on an analysis library, compatible with mathematical components.



## Analysis with Mathematical Components (WIP)

- The Coquelicot Library [Boldo et al.] is a good start.
- It does not contain matrices and thus no Jacobian.
- “Halfway” between constructive and classical

We are in the process of re-implementing a *classical* analysis based on Coquelicot’s ideas, but compatible with Mathematical Components.

- <https://github.com/math-comp/analysis>  
(Reynald Affeldt, C.C., Damien Rouhling)
- **Lemma** `diff_locally (x : V) (f : V → W) : differentiable x f → f \o shift x = cst (f x) + 'd_x f + o_(0 : V) id.`

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## Libraries Overview (Merge in progress)

- <https://github.com/affeltdt-aist/coq-robot>: homogeneous coordinates, cross products, angles, rotations, RBT, Denavit-Hartenberg, screw motions, quaternions, exponential of skew-matrices, *future work: velocity kinematics*
- <https://github.com/CohenCyril/spectral>: generalized eigenspaces, Gram-Schmidt, cotrigoalization, codiagonalization, spectral theorem for normal, unitary and hermitian matrices, *future work: systematic study of quadratic forms*
- <https://github.com/CohenCyril/Clifford>: exterior algebra (WIP), *future work: Clifford algebras*
- <https://github.com/math-comp/analysis>: filter based **classical** topology, continuity, Landau notations, differential, Jacobian, *future work: integration*

- Collision avoidance algorithm for a vehicle moving in a plane in Isabelle [Walter et al., SAFECOMP 2010]
- Gathering algorithms for autonomous robots and impossibility results [Auger et al., SSS 2013] [Courtieu et al., IPL 2015, DISC 2016]
- Planar manipulators in HOL-Light [Farooq et al., ICFEM 2013]
- Event-based programming framework in Coq [Anand et al., ITP 2015]
- (in 3D) Conformal geometric algebra in HOL-Light [Ma et al., Advances in Applied Clifford Algebras 2016]

# Applications?

- by showing preservation of invariants
- we could use CoRN ideas to bridge with a computable alternative [Kaliszyk and O'Connor, CoRR 2008] [Krebbers and Spitters, LMCS 2011]
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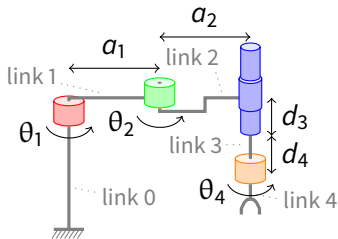


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2	0	$a_2$	0	$\theta_2$
3	0	0	$d_3$	0
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# Angle-axis Representation of a Rotation

- A even more direct computation method for the exponential coordinates:

- $\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \arccos\left(\frac{\text{tr}(M)-1}{2}\right) \xrightarrow{\text{in Coq}} \text{Aa.angle}$

- $\vec{w} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{unskew} \frac{1}{2\sin(\alpha)} (M - M^T) \xrightarrow{\text{in Coq}} \text{Aa.vaxis}$

*(with special cases when the angle is 0 or  $\pi$ )*

- Correctness:

**Lemma** `angle_axis_eskew`  $M : M \text{ is } \text{SO}[\mathbb{R}]_3 \rightarrow$   
 $M = \text{e}^{\wedge}(\text{Aa.angle } M, \text{normalize } (\text{Aa.vaxis } M)).$

# Exponential of Twists are RBT

Notation:  $e^{at} \xrightarrow{\text{in Coq}} 'e\$(a, t)$

→  $'e\$(a, t)$  represents some RBT

- the shape of the matrix corresponds to some homogeneous representation

← Any RBT can be represented by some  $'e\$(a, t)$ :

**Lemma** `etwist_is_onto_SE3`  $f: f \text{ is } 'SE3[R] \rightarrow$   
exists  $t a, f = 'e\$(a, t)$ .

- constructive proof:

- from  $f$ , extract rotation  $r$  and translation  $p$
- $a$  and  $w$  are the exponential coordinates of  $r$
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