### **INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS** (Kinematics, Dynamics, and Design)

# SESSION # 6: GEOMETRICAL CONFIGURATIONS

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### Cartesian/Rectangular (**PPP**) Robots (i.e. IBM-7565)

#### **Advantages:**

- ➢ High resolution and accuracy.
- No counterbalance problem.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Large structural framework.
- Complex mechanical design for linear sliding motions.
- Confinement of the workspace (limited).



### Cylindrical Robots (**RPP**) (i.e. Zymark Robot)

#### **Advantages:**

- Almost no counterbalance problem.
- Mechanical design is less complex than Cartesian robots.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Large structural framework.
- Lower accuracy compared with the Cartesian robots.
- Restriction of the workspace.





### Spherical/Polar Robots (**RRP**) (i.e. Unimation-2000B)

#### **Advantages:**

- Low weight and minimal structural complexity.
- Short joint travel for many motions.
- ➢ Good accuracy and resolution.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Large variable torque on second joint creating counterbalance problem.
- Position error is large due to rotary joints.





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# Revolute/Articulated Robots (i.e. PUMA-500/600/250)

#### **Advantages:**

- Flexibility to reach over or under an object.
- Good workspace.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Counterbalance problem.
- Poor resolution and accuracy due to rotary joints.
- High moment of inertia, and dynamic instability (i.e. vibrations).



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- 2. Intelledix

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### Snakelike/Tensor-Arm Robots (i.e. Anderson & Horn Arm 1970)

#### **Advantages:**

- Flexibility to take any shape in 3-Dim. space.
- Great workspace.
- Ability to pass through a restricted passage or canal.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Direct drive arm.
- > Low payload.
- Complex dynamics and control.





### Parallel Manipulators (i.e. Stewart Platform with 6-DOF)

#### Advantages:

- Flexibility to take any shape in 3-Dim. space.
- Great workspace.
- Higher payload due to the increased stiffness for being a closed-loop structure.

#### Disadvantages:

Complex dynamics and control.











# Dual-Arm Cam-Lock Robots (i.e. Meghdari-Arm 1993)

#### **Advantages:**

- Flexibility to take many shapes in 3-Dim. space.
- Great reachable workspace that can be readily extended.
- Variable Geometry Variable Stiffness Arm.
- Can be placed in compact/portable form.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Direct drive arm.
- Low payload.
- Complex dynamics and control.







### Mobile Robots and Manipulators (AGV: Autonomous Guided Vehicles)

#### **Advantages:**

- Extended workspace.
- > Applicable to various environments.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Complex mechanical design.
- Complex dynamics and control.





# **Mobile Manipulators**







### **The Brachiation Robots**





# The Modular Self-Reconfigurable Robots







### Walking/Climbing Robots (Robotic Insects, etc.)

#### **Advantages:**

- Extended workspace.
- Applicable for various tracks.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Complex mechanical design.
- Complex dynamics and control.



## **The Harvard Microrobotic Fly**

- Goal: create a robotic insect capable of sustained autonomous flight
- Key Specs.: 3cm wingspan, 60mg, 2 wings





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## Humanoid Robot



LEAD MCMP/MJPEG Decoder Eval



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Design and Fabrication of a System of Modular Robotic Grippers

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### **The Animated Robotic Work Station**







### **Animated Models of Robotic Grippers**



### Animated Model of AMRC Quick Change System



Part of Quick Change System attached to robot.



Part of Quick Change System attached to gripper.







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## **Mechanics of Mechanical Manipulators**

To describe the **Position** and **Orientation** of a body in space:

Rigidly attach a coordinate system (frame {x, y, z}) to the object, then

Describe the Pos. & Orien. of this frame with respect to a reference frame {X, Y, Z}

{Reference Coordinate System}

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object

### **Basic Elements of Manipulator Arms**

Manipulators consist of:

- Links (nearly rigid), and
- ➢ Joints:
  - Revolute (Displacement = Joint Angle)
  - Prismatic/Sliding (Translation = Joint Offset)



Revolute

1 Translation 1 Rotation





The Six Possible Lower-Pair Joints

### Degrees-of-Freedom (Mobility) of a Robot

The number of input parameters (i.e. joint variables) which must be independently controlled in order to bring the robotic arm into a particular position/orientation.

- In open kinematics chains (i.e. Industrial Manipulators):
  - {# of D.O.F. = # of Joints }
  - 3R = An Arm with 3 successive Revolute Joints.
  - 3P = An Arm with 3 successive Sliding/Prismatic Joints.



A 3-DOF Manipulator Arm

# **Simple Examples**



A three degree-of-freedom open-loop mechanism

