

# Inverse Kinematics

## Chapter 3

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- Inverse kinematics: given end effector pose, find joint positions
  - Assume each joint in the chain has 1 DoF (or is two joints, etc.)
  - More difficult than FK for serial robots
  - Easier than FK for parallel robots



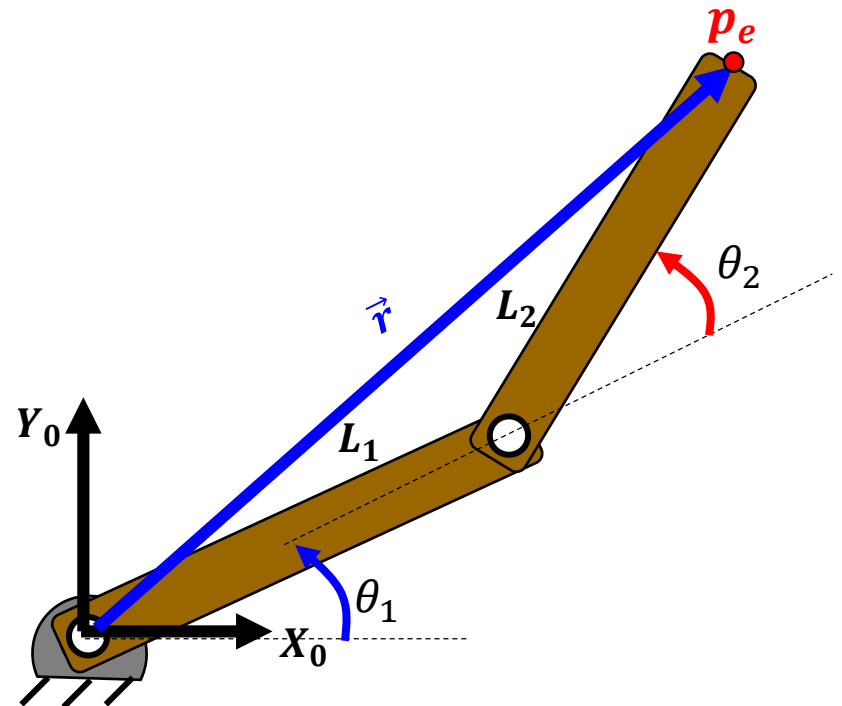
# Inverse Kinematics

$$T_e^0 = \begin{bmatrix} R_e^0 & o_e^0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = H$$

- Goal: Find all solutions to  $T_n^0(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n) = H$
- Method: take 1<sup>st</sup> 3 rows of  $H$  entries and solve for all  $d, \theta$
- Results: 12 equations (3x4),  $n$  unknowns
- Closed-form analytical solutions are ideal. Cases:
  - No solution (outside workspace)
  - One solution (edge of workspace)
  - Multiple solutions (inside workspace)
  - Impossible solutions (inside workspace)

# Example – 2-Link Planar Arm

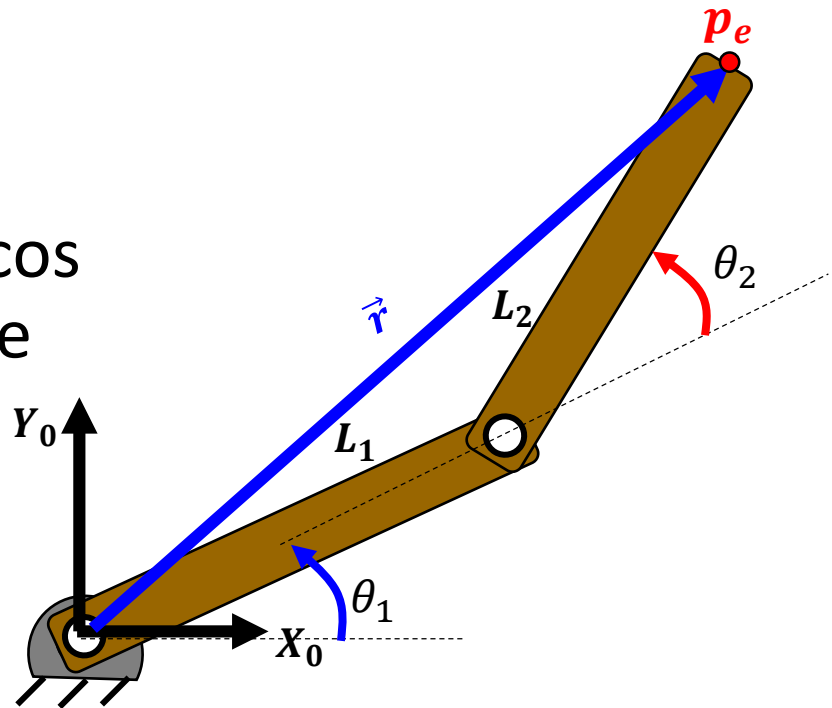
- Given  $p_e = (x_e, y_e)$ , find  $\theta_1, \theta_2$
- Analytical solution: 2 equations, 2 unknowns



# Example – 2-Link Planar Arm

- For  $\theta_2$ :
  - Pythagorean theorem
  - Law of cosines
- For  $\theta_1$ :
  - Position tangent
- Use tan instead of sin or cos for accuracy when possible  
(In Matlab:  $\theta = \text{atan2}(y, x)$ )

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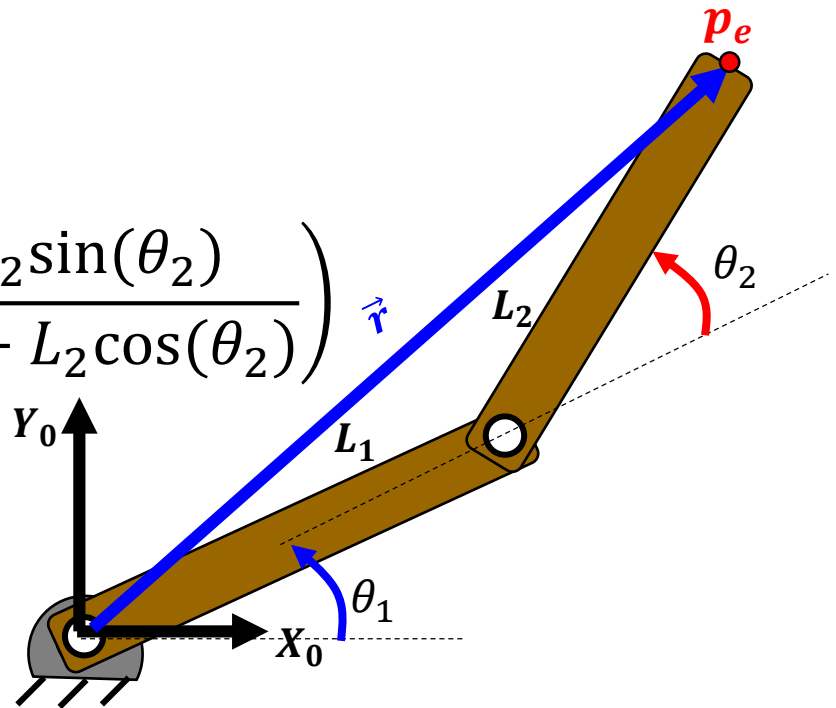


# Example – 2-Link Planar Arm

$$\cos(\theta_2) = \frac{x_e^2 + y_e^2 - L_1^2 - L_2^2}{2L_1L_2} = \text{✌}$$

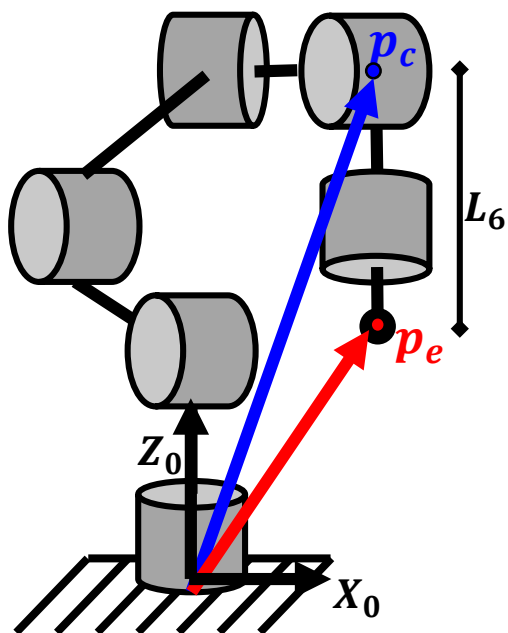
$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{(1 - \text{✌}^2)}}{\text{✌}} \right)$$

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y_e}{x_e} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{L_2 \sin(\theta_2)}{L_1 + L_2 \cos(\theta_2)} \right) \quad \text{✌}$$



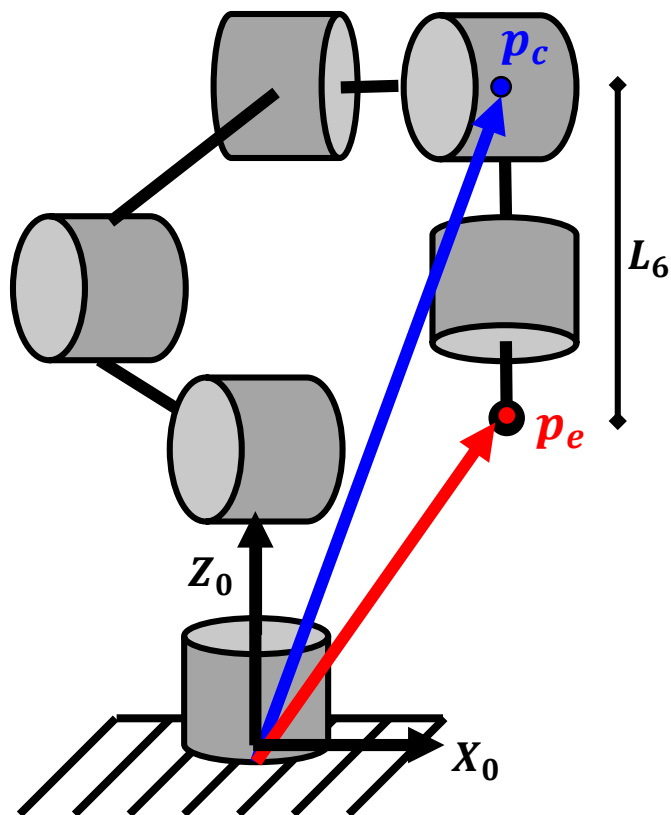
# Example: 6R Serial Arm w/ 3-axis Wrist

- Most industrial robots have 6 DoF but a 3-axis intersecting wrist, so decouple equations
  - Position:  $p_c \rightarrow \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$
  - Orientation:  $R_c^0 \rightarrow \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6$



# Example: 6R Serial Arm w/ 3-axis Wrist

- Given:  $T_e^0 = \begin{bmatrix} R_e^0 & p_e^0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $L_6$  Find:  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6$



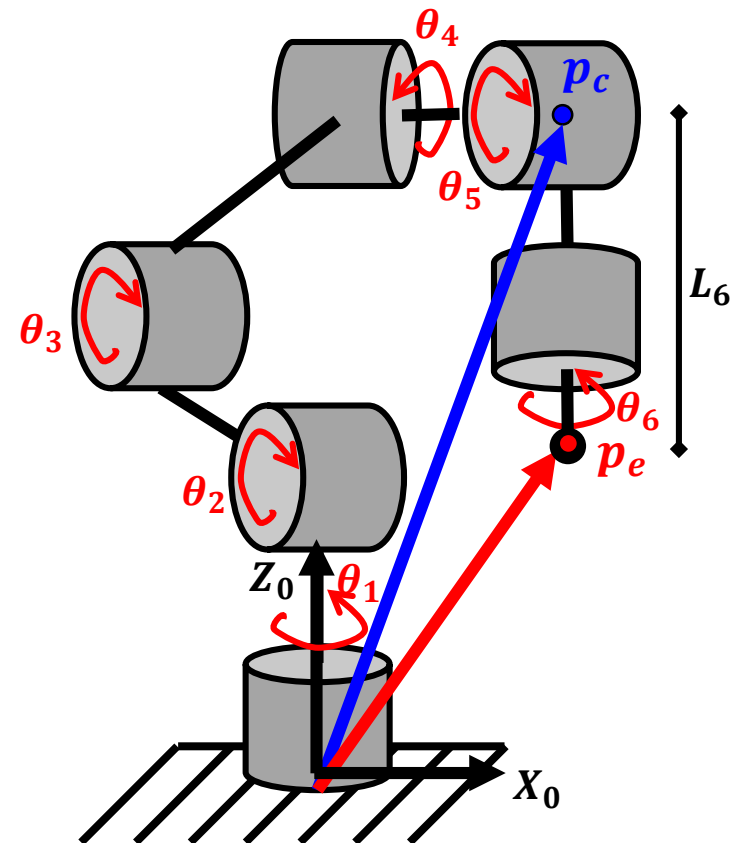
$p_c^0$ : wrist center  
 $p_e^0$ : end effector tip





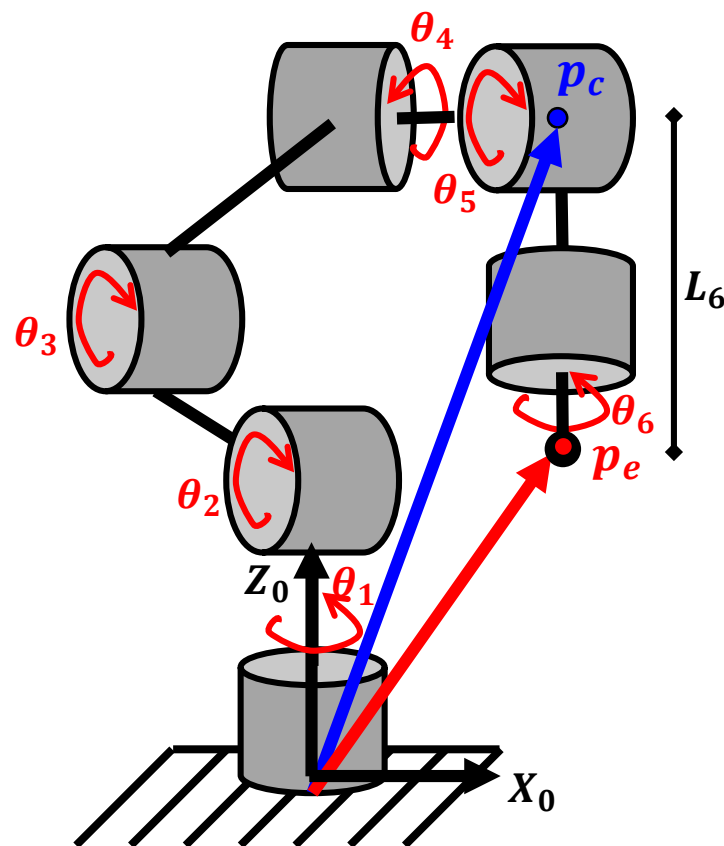
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- 1) Calculate  $p_c^0 = p_e^0 - R_6^0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ L_6 \end{bmatrix}$
- 2) Use  $p_c$  to find  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$
- 3) Calculate  $R_3^0$  from  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$
- 4) Calculate  $R_6^3$  from  $R_3^0, R_6^0$
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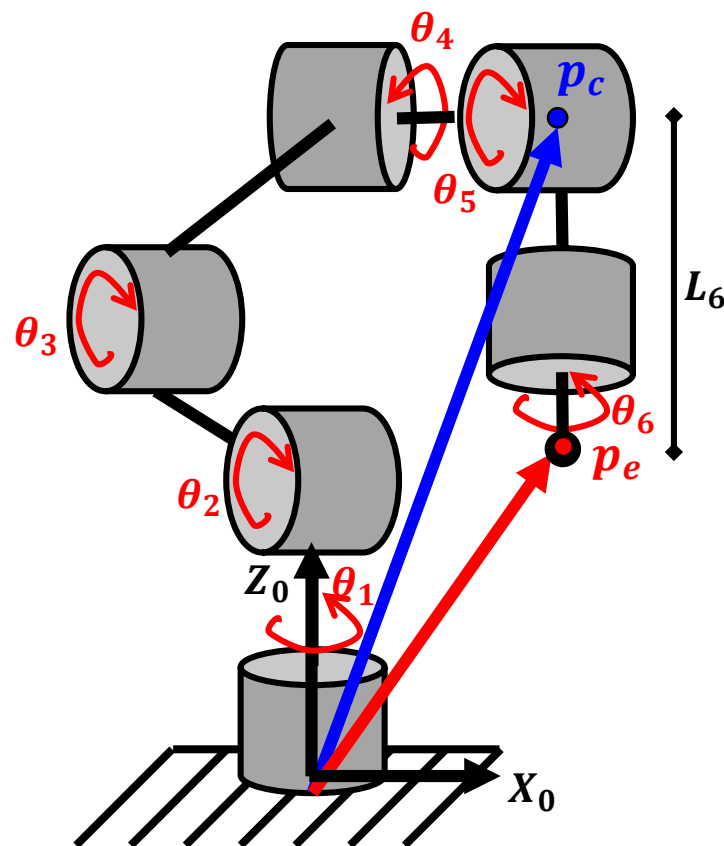
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- 2) Use  $p_c$  to find  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$
- Project onto  $x_0y_0$  plane
  - Solve using trig:  $\theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y_e}{x_e} \right)$
  - Solve for  $\theta_2, \theta_3$  using more trig



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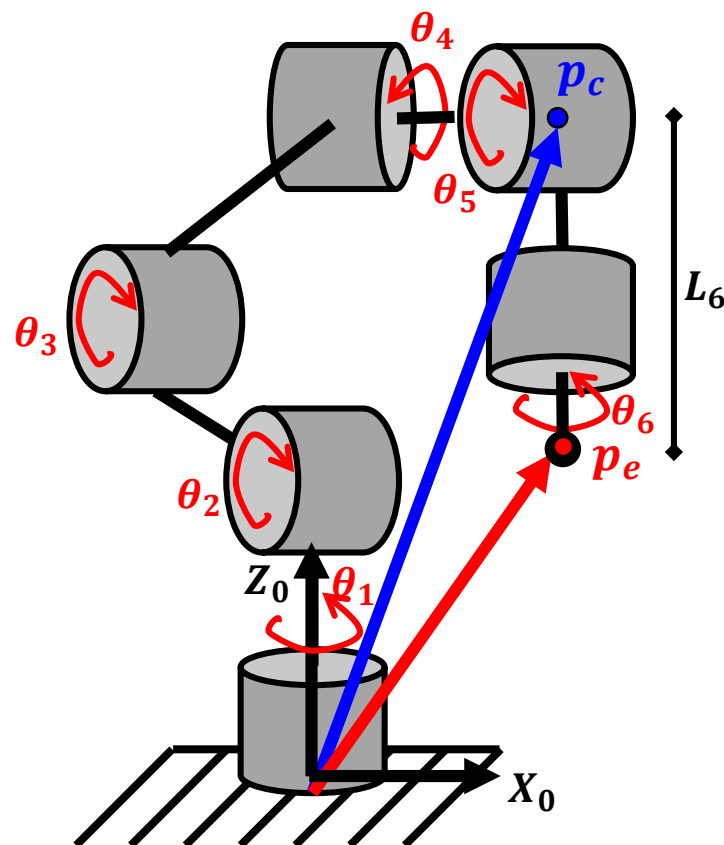
3) Calculate  $R_3^0$   $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$

- Use  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$

- $R_3^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1 R_3^2$

$$= R_{z\theta_1} (R_{x\pi/2} R_{z\theta_2}) R_{z\theta_3}$$

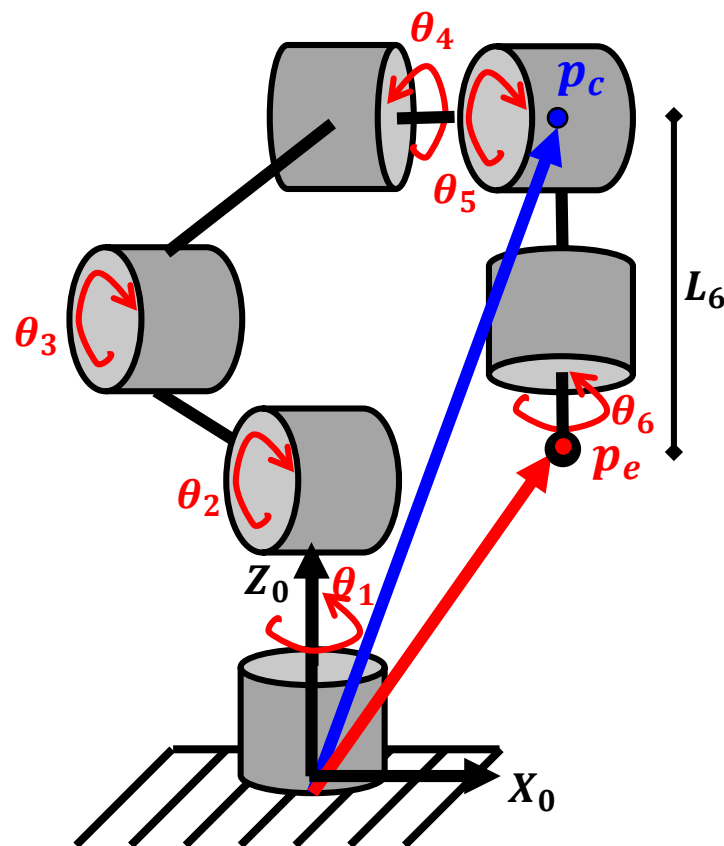
$$R_3^0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_{23} & c_1 s_{23} & s_1 \\ s_1 c_{23} & s_1 s_{23} & -c_1 \\ s_{23} & c_{23} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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4) Calculate  $R_6^3$

$$R_6^3 = (R_3^0)^T R_6^0$$



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5) Find  $\theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6$

- Use  $R_6^3$  and ZYZ Euler angles

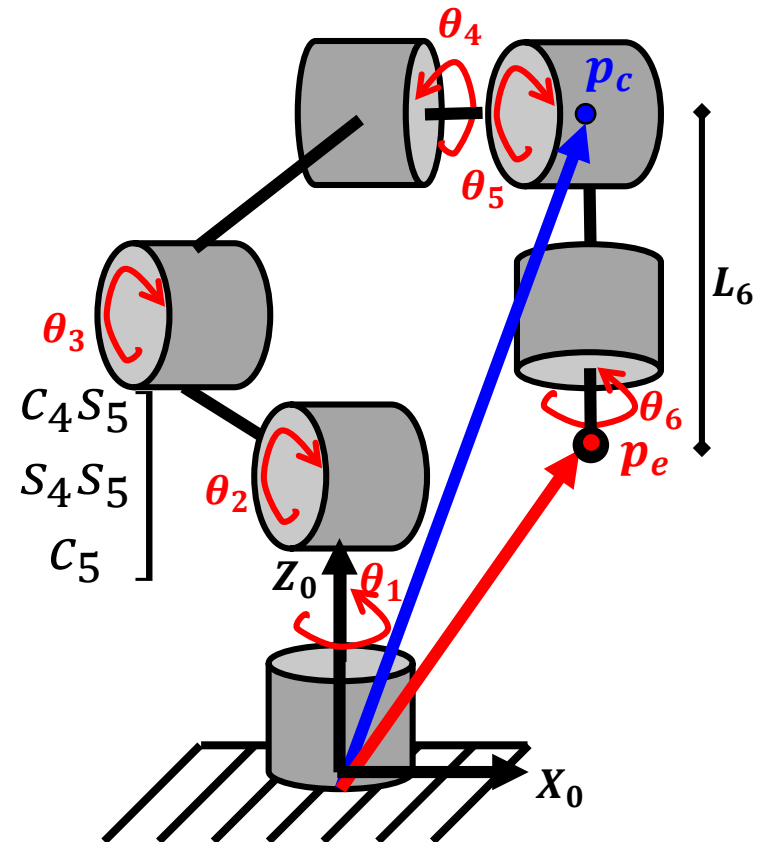
- $R_6^3 = R_{z\theta_4} R_{y\theta_5} R_{z\theta_6}$

- Eqns 2.28-2.33

- Use  $R_6^3$  and DH parameters

$$R_6^3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_4 c_5 c_6 - s_4 s_6 & -c_4 c_5 s_6 - c_4 s_6 & c_4 s_5 \\ s_4 c_5 c_6 + c_4 s_6 & -s_4 c_5 s_6 + c_4 c_6 & s_4 s_5 \\ -s_5 c_6 & s_5 s_6 & c_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

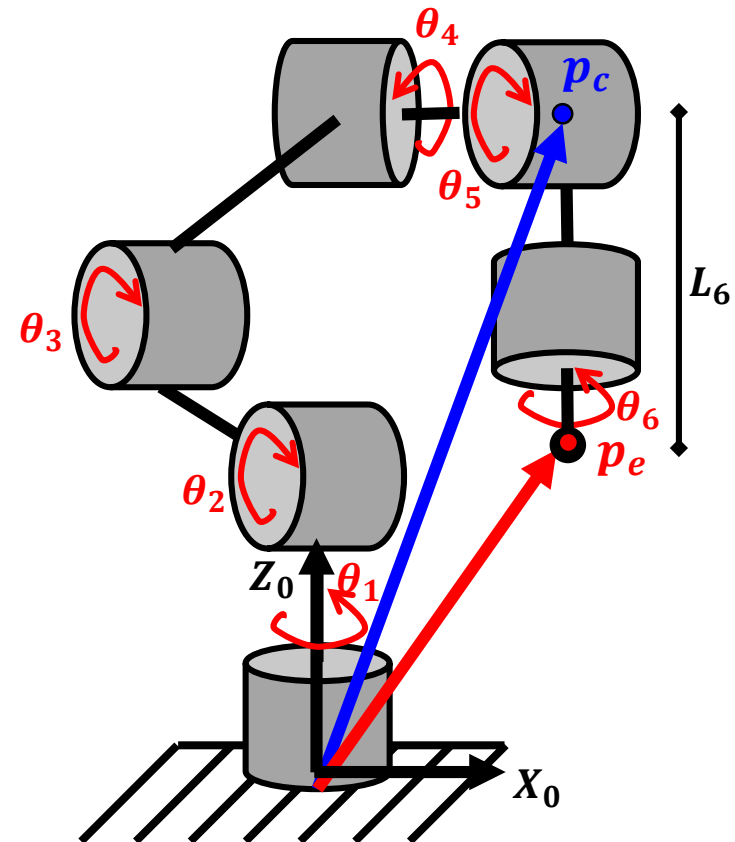
- Set equations equal and solve



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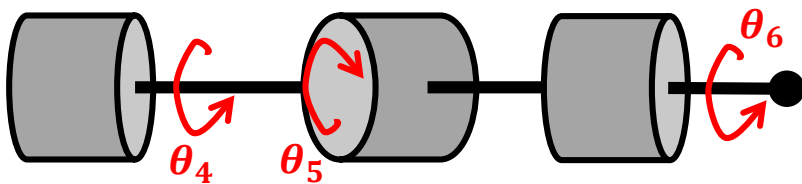
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Results: eq'ns 3.64-3.69 in book  
Yields 16 solutions

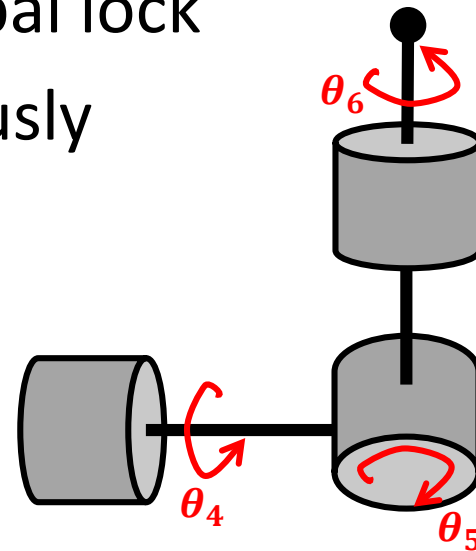


# Singularities

- Beware singularities!
- Joints 4 and 6 can align in gimbal lock
- Wrist can't rotate instantaneously
- DoF lost



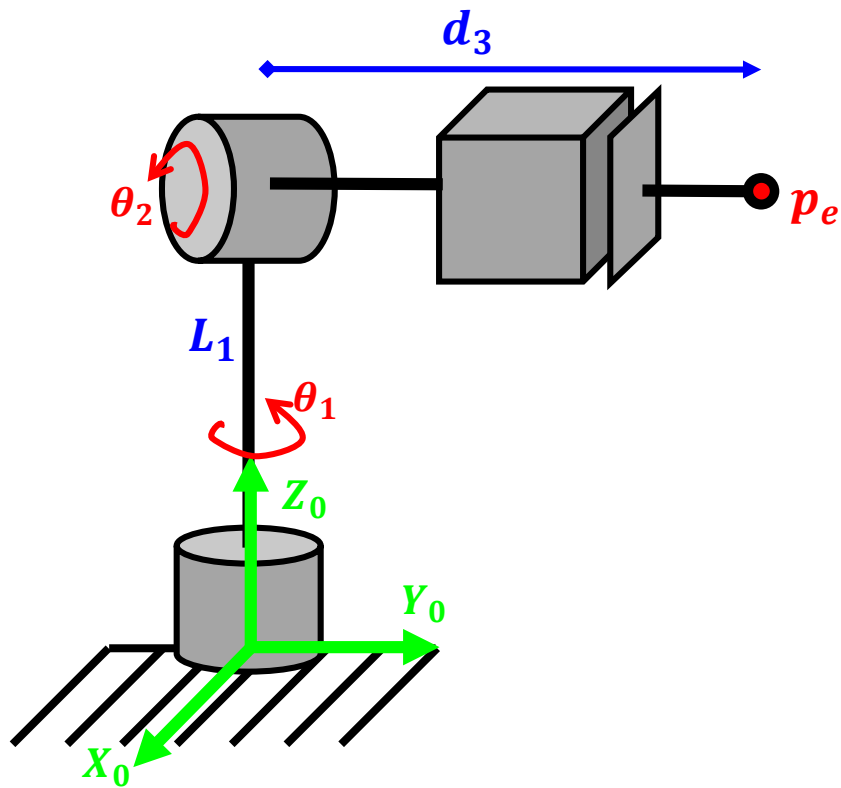
**SINGULAR**  
 $\infty$  solutions



**NONSINGULAR**  
2 solutions

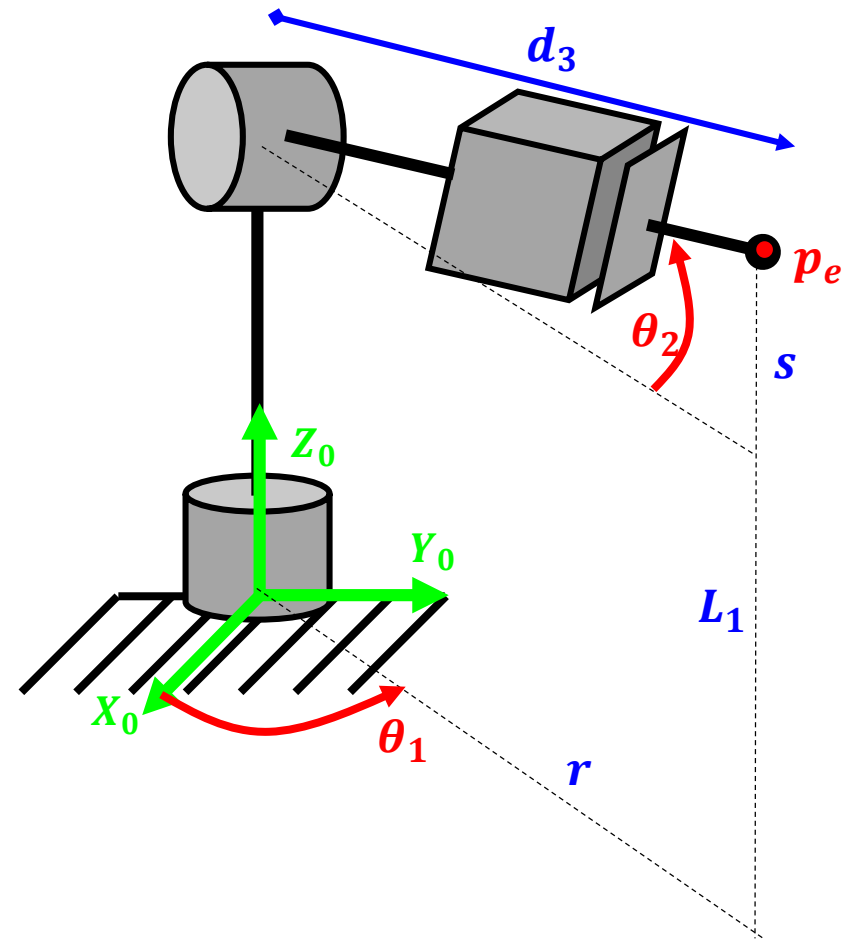


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  - 2) Find  $\theta_2$  using trig
  - 3) Find  $d_3$  using Pythagorean Theorem

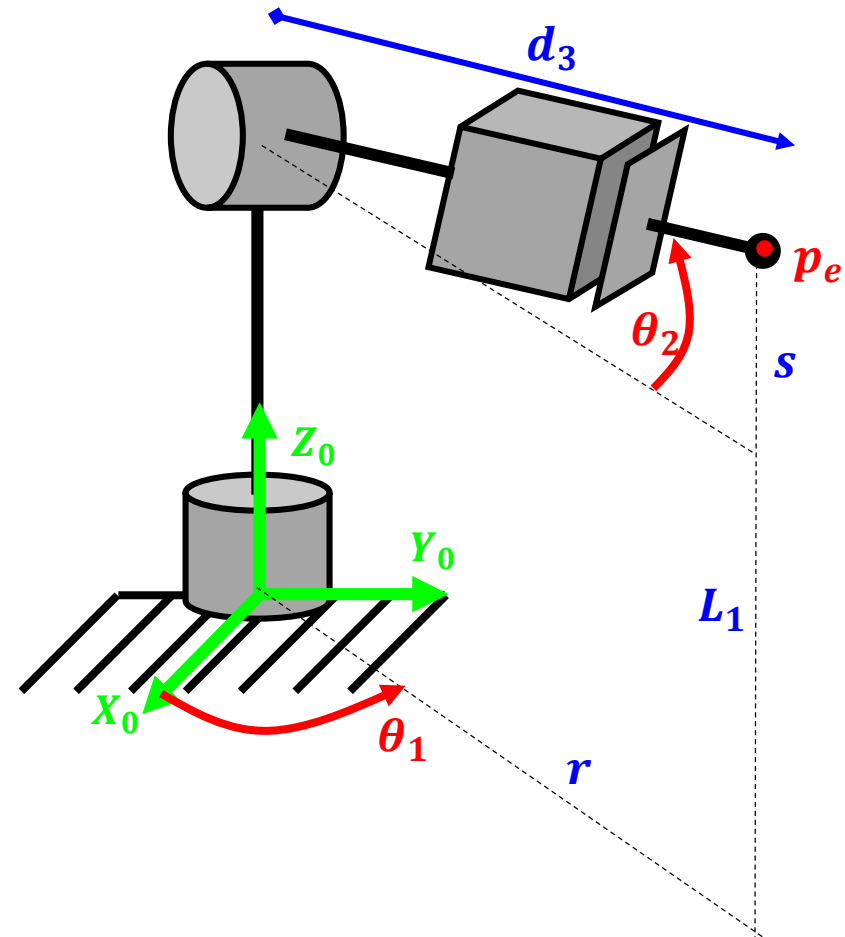


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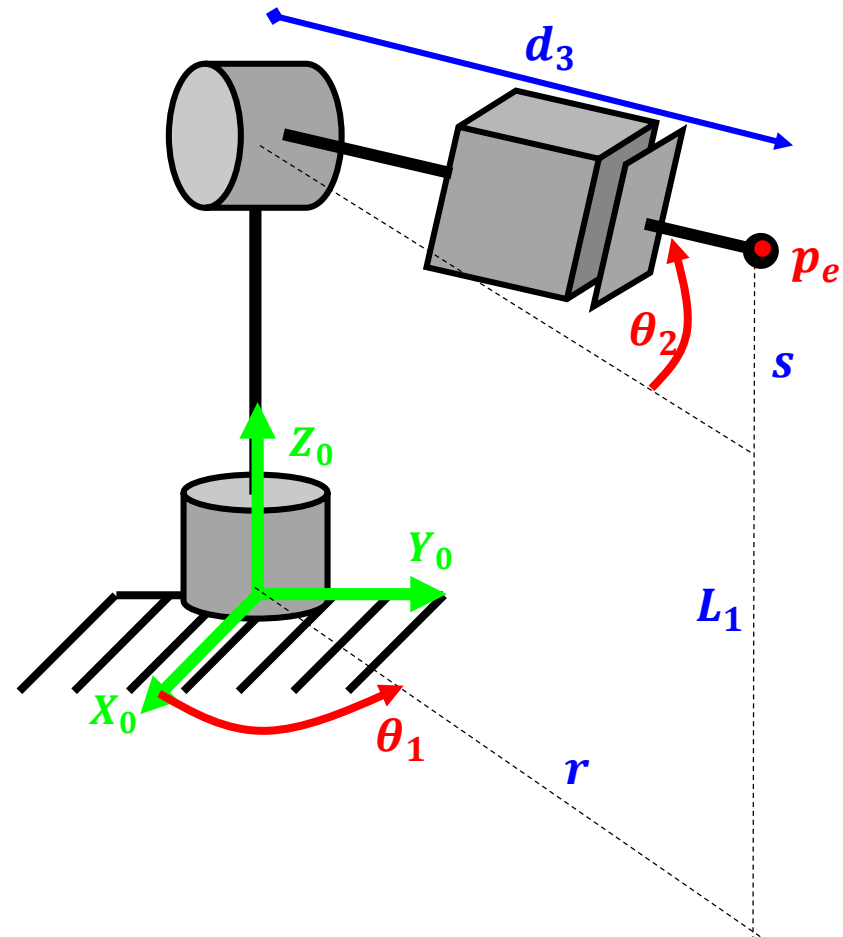
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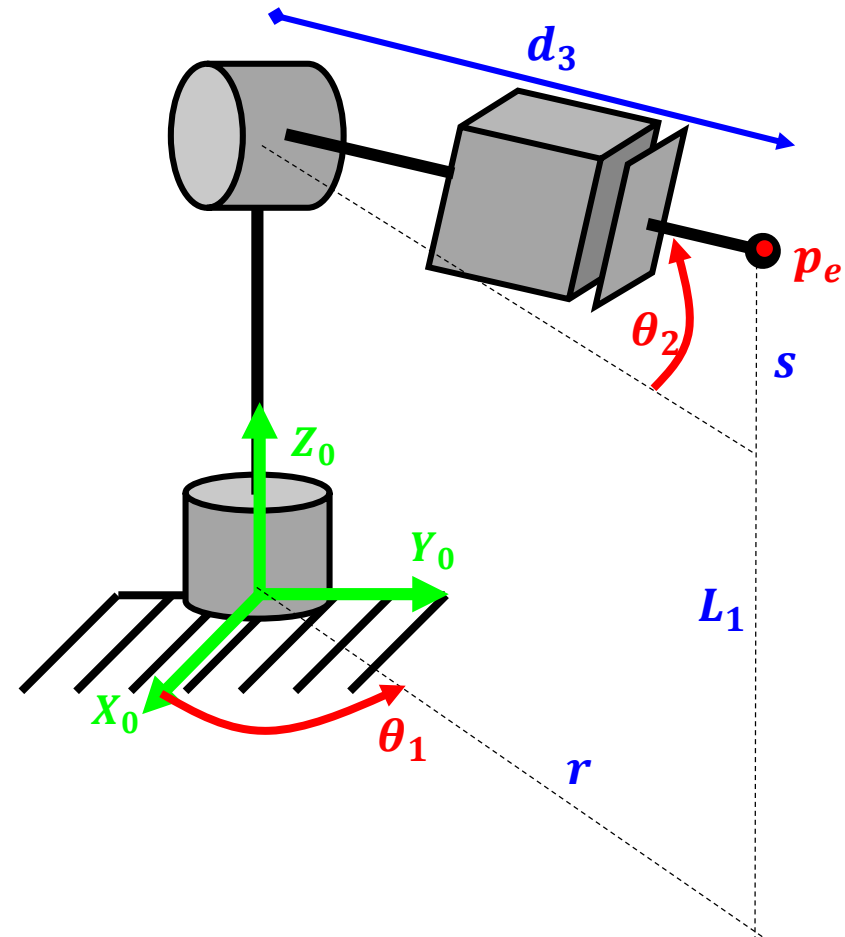
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3) Find  $d_3$  using  
Pythagorean Theorem

$$d_3 = \sqrt{r^2 + s^2}$$



# General Notes

- A manipulator is solvable if ALL sets of joint variables for any pose can be found
- All single-chain 6-DOF robots (RP combos) are solvable at least numerically (Matlab!)  
Use Jacobian and resolved rates to min joint motion
- Analytical solutions for the 6R robot are only possible with a 3-axis intersecting wrist

6R, 5RP → 16 solutions

4R2P → 8 solutions

3R3P → 2 solutions

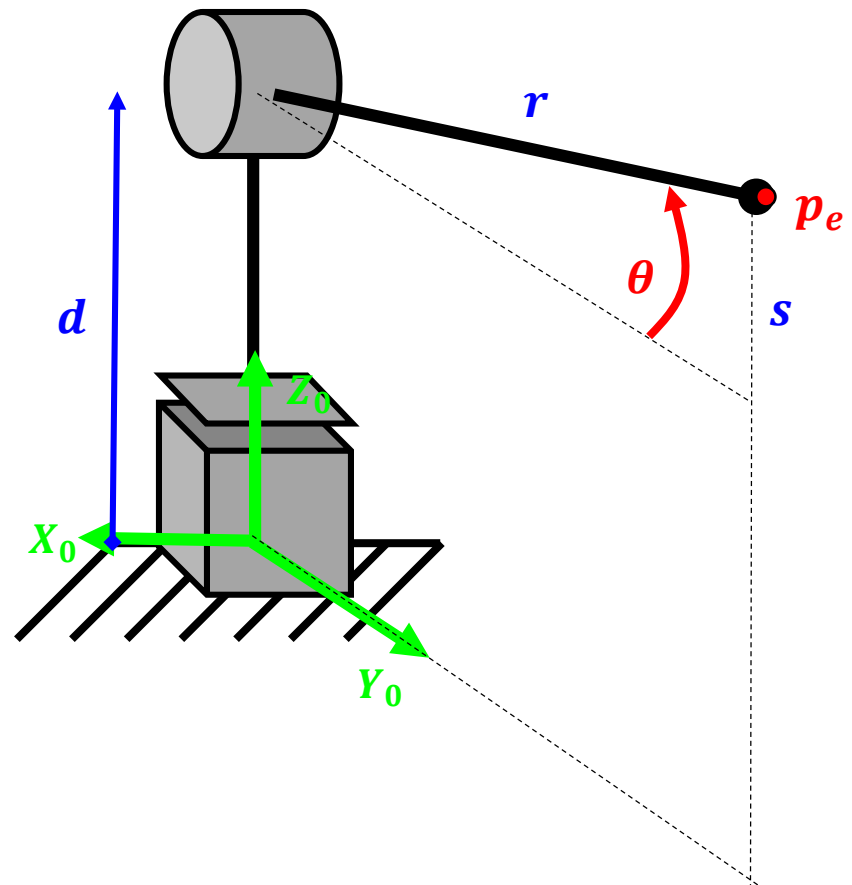
# Redundant Robots

- Redundant robots have more DoF than needed, so more unknowns than equations
  - $\infty$  solutions inside workspace
  - 1 solution on workspace edge
  - 0 solutions outside workspace



# Example – PR Manipulator

- Given:  $r, p_e$
- Find:  $d, \theta$

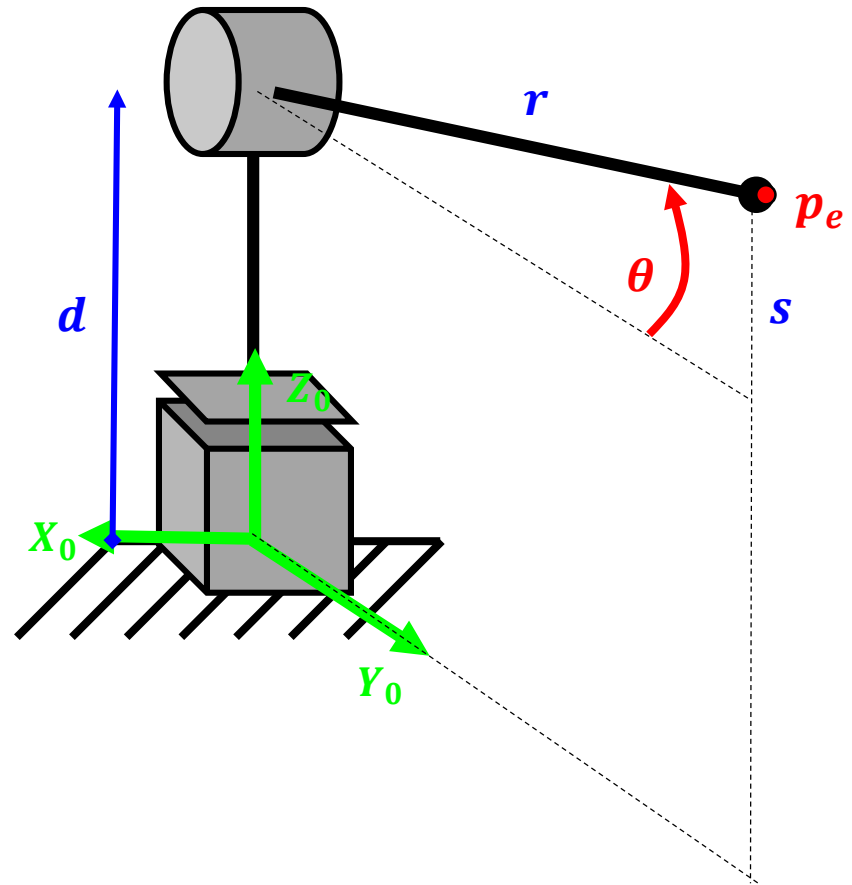




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2) Find  $d$  from  $\theta, z_e$



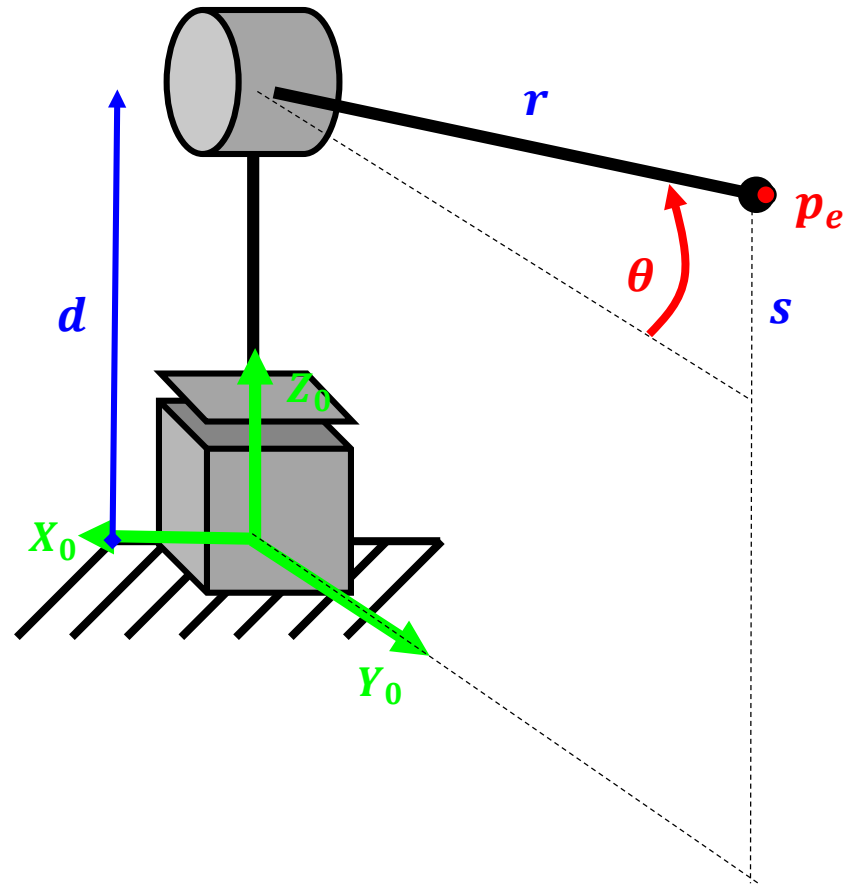
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$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{(r^2 - y_e^2)}}{y_e}\right)$$

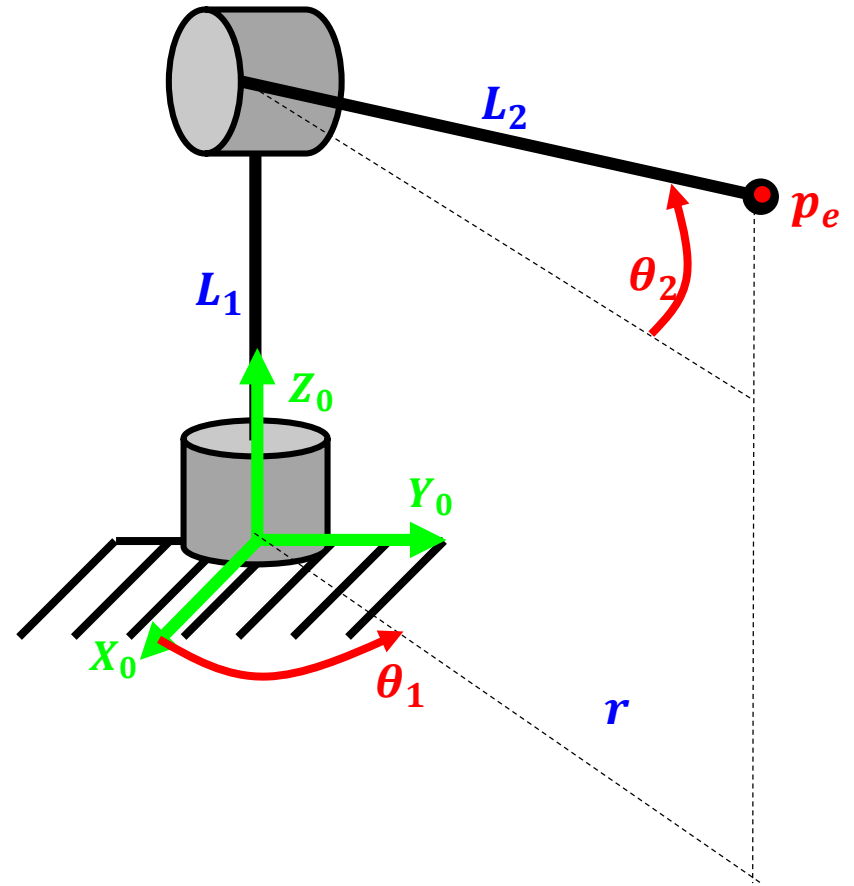
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$$d = z_e - r \sin(\theta)$$



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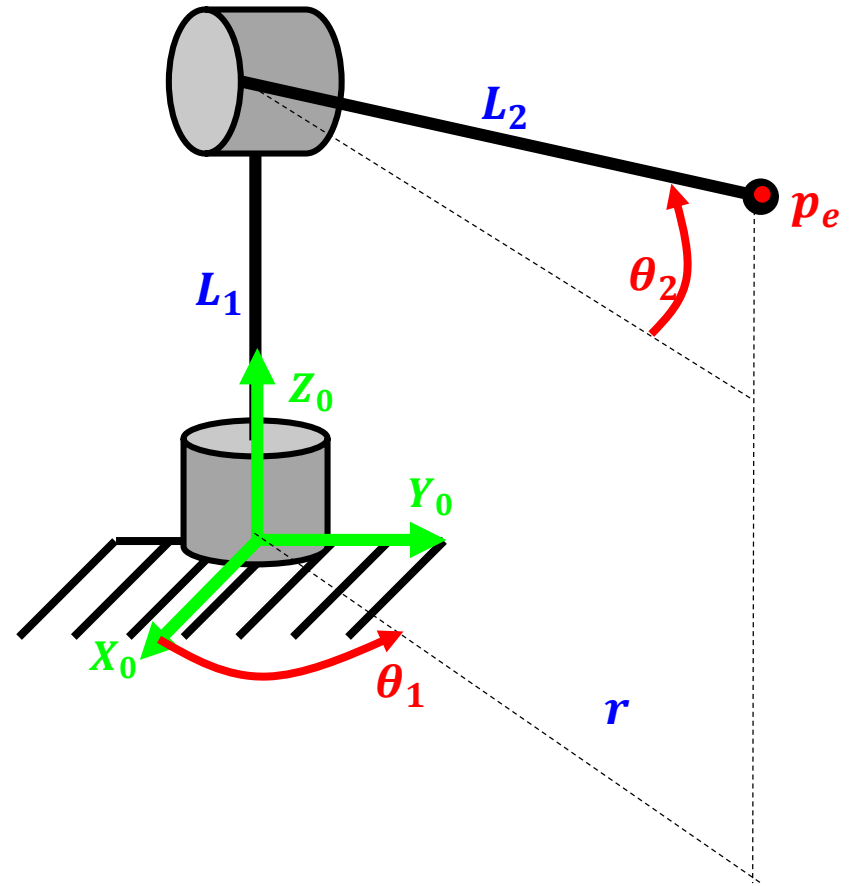
- Given:  $L_1, L_2, p_e$
- Find:  $\theta_1, \theta_2$



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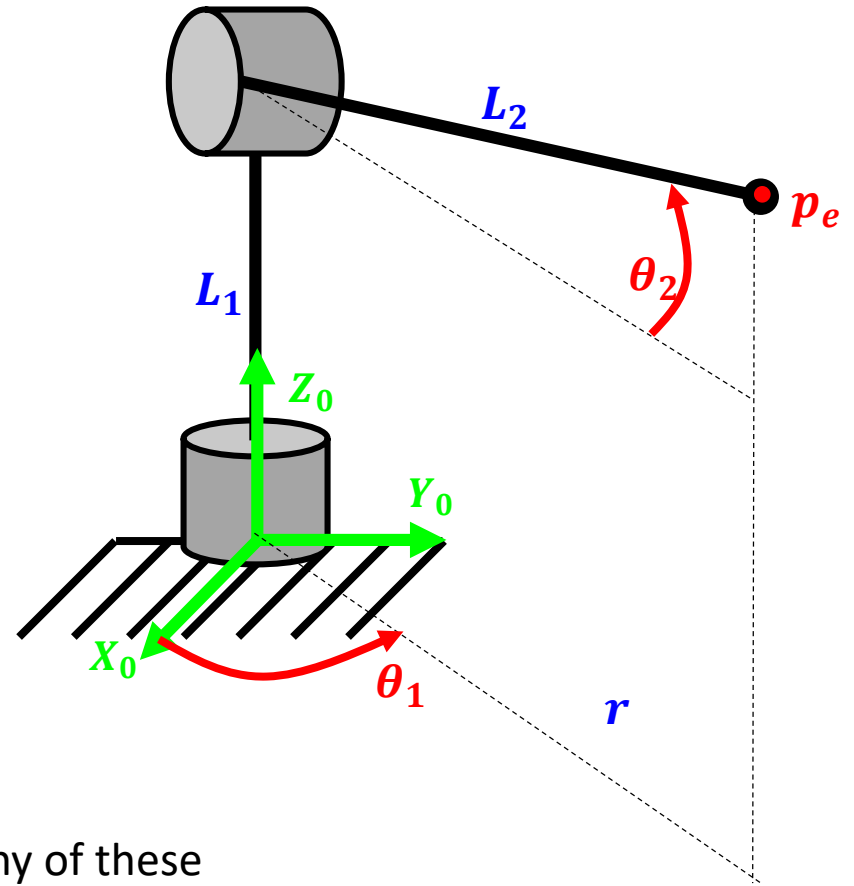
$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y_e}{x_e}\right)$$

2) Find  $\theta_2$  from  $z_e$

$$\theta_2 = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{z_e - L_1}{L_2}\right)$$

$$\theta_2 = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{L_2}\right)$$

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{z_e - L_1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right)$$



Any of these  
are acceptable  
on an exam