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TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

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**QUESTION 1**

- a) Derive the inverse kinematics for a two-link planar robot, given (x, y) coordinate. (2 marks)  
 b) Using Denavit-Hartenberg convention, write out the forward kinematics homogenous transformation representation of the robotic system illustrated in Figure 1 (5 marks)  
*Hint: Remember to label the links, joints and origin appropriately*

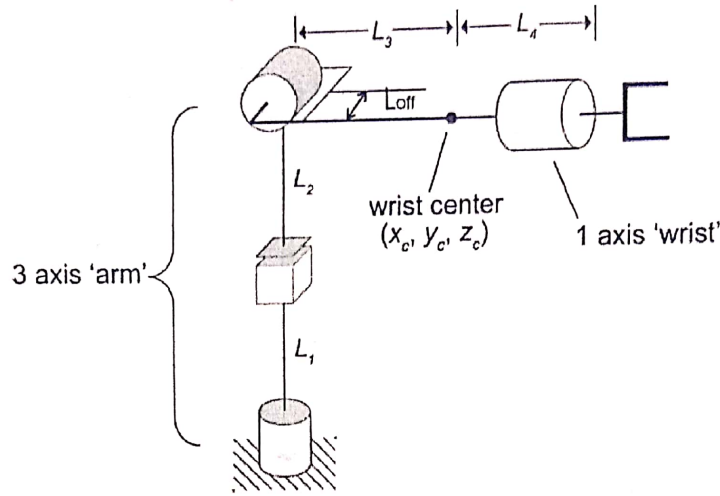


Figure 1.0: A 4 DOF Robot

- c) Robotic manipulators have evolved over years with a range of application in material handling.  
 i. Briefly explain what you understand by manipulator dynamics. (1 mark)  
 ii. Determine the possible configuration of the robot shown in Figure 1.0 and draw its associated work space. (2 marks)  
 d) i. Derive the expression for Euler-Lagrange equation from the Lagrangian described in the equation 1.0. (3 marks)  

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{K} - \mathcal{P} \quad (1.0)$$
  
 ii. Rotational joints are represented by R and Prismatic joints are represented by P, how many joints are located on a standard robotic WRIST? (2 mark)

**QUESTION 2**

- a) A robotic manipulator optimised for spraying paint is fabricated as four link anthropomorphic geometry and fixed to a base that moves on a rail. The Denavit – Hertenberg parameters of the PRRRR classed robot are given Table 1.0.

Table 1.0: D-H Parameters

Link	$\alpha$	$a_i$	$\theta_i$	$d_i$
0	0	0	0	k1
1	-90	0	$\theta_2$	1
2	+90	0	$\theta_3$	0.5
3	0	0.5	$\theta_4$	0
4	-90	0	$\theta_5$	0.9

- i. Sketch the geometry representing the world frame (0) and the first link frame (1) in the proper geometry. Clearly show the frame orientations (3 mark)  
 ii. Sketch as a separate diagram the geometry representing the frame (2) and the third link frame (3) in the proper geometry. Clearly show the frame orientations (3 mark)  
 b) Explain the various stages/features in robotic programming. Briefly explain any two types of robot control that you know (5 mark)  
 c) Robot software is a set of coded instruction that instructs the electrical and mechanical components of a robot, what action to perform.  
 i. Itemise any four methods for programming a robot (1 marks)  
 ii. Briefly describe any three examples of robot programming languages (3 marks)

### ION 3

Kinematics studies the inter-relationship existing between objects that are in motion.

- i. Define the term forward kinematics of a robot (2 marks)
  - ii. Define the term reverse kinematics of a robot (2 marks)
- b) Given in Figure 2 is a three (3) joint robot manipulator. (4 marks)
- i. Proffer solution to the forward kinematic problem (4 marks)
  - ii. Develop the table representing the Denavit-Hatnberg parameters for the manipulator in Figure 2. (3 marks)

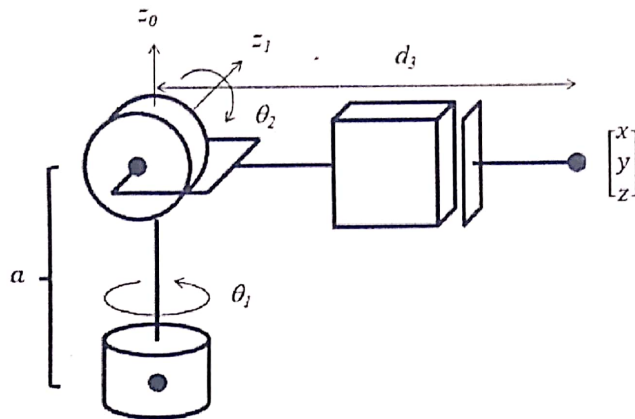


Figure. 2: A 3 Joint Robot Geometry

- c) Solve the inverse kinematics problem presented in Figure 2, given that link  $d_3 \geq 0$  and the end effector location is  $(x, y, z)^T$  (4 marks)
- Hint: Rotation matrix about  $x, y$  and  $z$  axes, and Homogeneous transformation matrix are given by:

$$R_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad R_y = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & \sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad R_z = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} C\theta & -S\theta C\alpha & S\theta S\alpha & rC\theta \\ S\theta & C\theta C\alpha & -C\theta S\alpha & rS\theta \\ 0 & S\alpha & C\alpha & d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### QUESTION 4

- a) You have been asked to develop a visual servo-based robot using RGB camera. Your robot processes the ability to detect and classify objects; describe the stages involved in processing the image obtained from the camera with a detailed sketch. (4 marks)
- (i) What are the two types of robot joints that are available? Define the Degree of Freedom (DOF) of a robot (2 marks)
- b) Explain with the aid of a neat diagram, the three-wrist motion associated with a robot wrist (2 marks)
- c) Itemize the sources of energy in robots. Describe the important features of servo and stepper motors by emphasizing their limitations (5 marks)

### QUESTION 5

- a.) What do you understand by automated control system? (2 marks)
- b.) With the aid of well labelled diagram (where necessary) discuss the differences between fixed/permanent automation and flexible/programmable automation. (4 marks)
- c.) Briefly discuss the following (include diagrams where necessary)
  - i.) Pneumatic control system (1 marks)
  - ii.) Hydraulic control system (1 marks)
  - iii.) Electrical control system (1 marks)
- d.) Consider the system given in Figure 3 where an electric motor is driving a gear train which is driving a winch. The motor (under these conditions) turns at 100 rpm for each Volt (V) supplied; the output shaft of the gear train rotates at one-half of the motor speed; the winch (with a 3-inch shaft circumference) converts the rotary motion (rpm) to linear speed.
  - i.) Calculate the overall transfer function of the system (4 marks)

(2 marks)

ii.) Calculate the system output

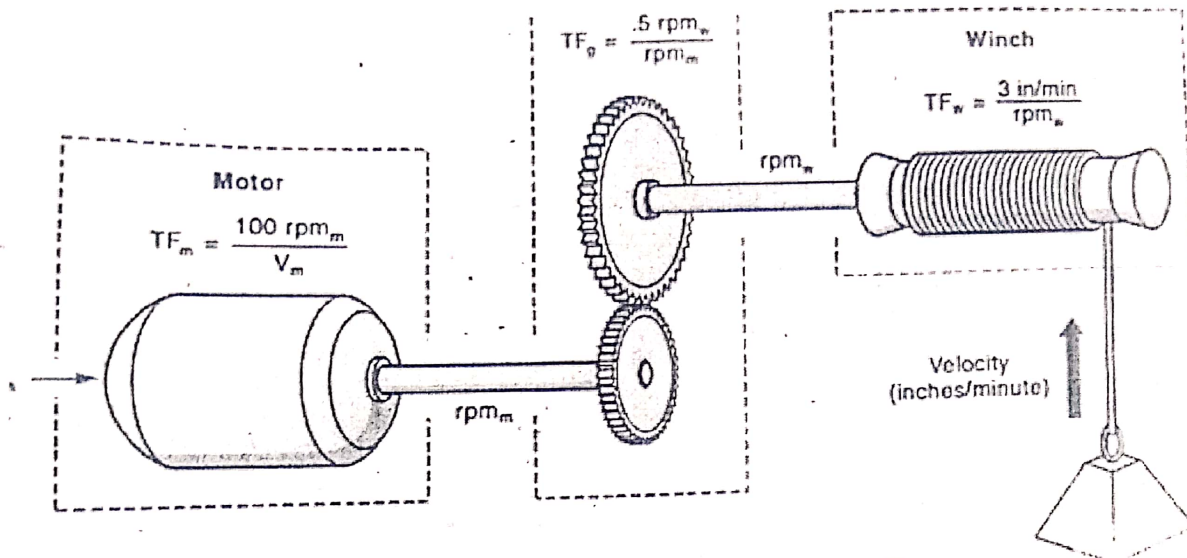


Figure 3: System with three transfer function

### QUESTION 6

- a.)
- Briefly describe the operations of: open loop control system and Closed loop control system (3 marks)
  - What are the differences between open loop and closed loop control? (2 marks)
- b.) List the programming languages commonly used for programming a Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) (2 marks)
- c.) Write a program in ladder language to control the level of water in a storage tank shown in Figure 5 by turning a discharge pump on/off. The modes of operation are as follows: (8 marks)
- Off position** – The water will stop if it is running and will not start if it is stopped
  - Manual Mode** – The pump will start if the water in the tank is at any level except low.
  - Automatic Mode** – If the level of water in the tank reaches a high point, the water water pump will start so that water can be removed from the tank, thus lowering the level. When water level reaches a low point, the pump will stop
- Status light Indicator**
- Green – water pump is running
  - Yellow – High water level status
  - Red – Low water level status

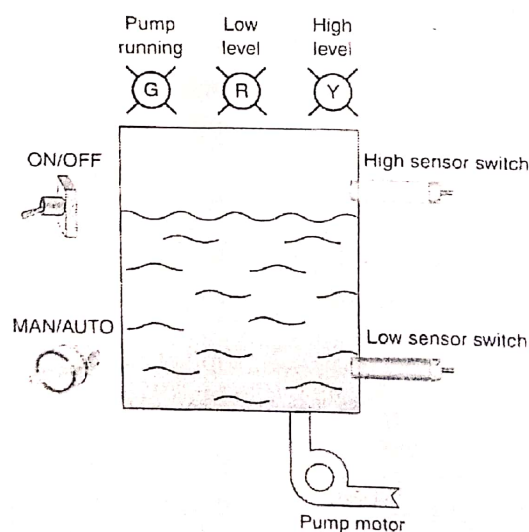


Figure 5: Water flow control

(8 marks)