
ikpy Documentation

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Here you can find the documentation of the Inverse Kinematics API.

If you search getting started guides and tutorials, go to the Github [repository](#).

1.1 ikpy.chain module

class ikpy.chain.Chain(*links*, *active_links=0*, *profile=''*, ***kwargs*)

Bases: `object`

The base Chain class

Parameters

- **links** (*list*) – List of the links of the chain
- **active_links** (*list*) – The list of the positions of the active links

forward_kinematics (*joints*, *full_kinematics=False*)

Returns the transformation matrix of the forward kinematics

Parameters

- **joints** (*list*) – The list of the positions of each joint. Note : Inactive joints must be in the list.
- **full_kinematics** (*bool*) – Return the transformation matrixes of each joint

Returns The transformation matrix

inverse_kinematic (*target*, *initial_position*, *first_active_joint=0*, ***kwargs*)

Computes the inverse kinematic on the specified target

Parameters

- **target** (*numpy.array*) – The target of the inverse kinematic, in meters
- **initial_position** (*numpy.array*) – the initial position of each joint of the chain
- **first_active_joint** (*int*) – The first active joint

Returns The list of the positions of each joint according to the target. Note : Inactive joints are in the list.

plot (*joints*, *ax*, *target=None*, *show=False*)

Plots the Chain using Matplotlib

Parameters

- **joints** (*list*) – The list of the positions of each joint
- **ax** (*matplotlib.axes.Axes*) – A matplotlib axes

- **target** (*numpy.array*) – An optional target
- **show** (*bool*) – Display the axe. Defaults to False

classmethod from_urdf_file (*urdf_file*, *base_elements*=['base_link'], *last_link_vector*=None, *base_elements_type*='joint')

Creates a chain from an URDF file

Parameters

- **urdf_file** (*string*) – The path of the URDF file
- **base_elements** (*list of strings*) – List of the links beginning the chain
- **last_link_vector** (*numpy.array*) – Optional : The translation vector of the tip.

`ikpy.chain.pinv()`

1.2 ikpy.link module

class `ikpy.link.Link` (*name*, *bounds*=(None, None))

Bases: `object`

Base Link class.

Parameters

- **name** (*string*) – The name of the link
- **bounds** (*tuple*) – Optional : The bounds of the link. Defaults to None
- **use_symbolic_matrix** (*bool*) – whether the transformation matrix is stored as Numpy array or as a Sympy symbolic matrix.

get_transformation_matrix (*theta*)

class `ikpy.link.URDFLink` (*name*, *translation_vector*, *orientation*, *rotation*, *bounds*=(None, None), *angle_representation*='rpy', *use_symbolic_matrix*=False)

Bases: `ikpy.link.Link`

Link in URDF representation.

Parameters

- **name** (*string*) – The name of the link
- **bounds** (*tuple*) – Optional : The bounds of the link. Defaults to None
- **translation_vector** (*numpy.array*) – The translation vector. (In URDF, attribute “xyz” of the “origin” element)
- **orientation** (*numpy.array*) – The orientation of the link. (In URDF, attribute “rpy” of the “origin” element)
- **rotation** (*numpy.array*) – The rotation axis of the link. (In URDF, attribute “xyz” of the “axis” element)
- **angle_representation** (*string*) – Optionnal : The representation used by the angle. Currently supported representations : rpy. Defaults to rpy, the URDF standard.
- **use_symbolic_matrix** (*bool*) – whether the transformation matrix is stored as a Numpy array or as a Sympy symbolic matrix.

Returns The link object

Return type *URDFLink*

Example

`URDFLink()`

`get_transformation_matrix(theta)`

class `ikpy.link.DHLink` (*name*, *d=0*, *a=0*, *bounds=None*, *use_symbolic_matrix=True*)

Bases: *ikpy.link.Link*

Link in Denavit-Hartenberg representation.

Parameters

- **name** (*string*) – The name of the link
- **bounds** (*tuple*) – Optional : The bounds of the link. Defaults to None
- **d** (*float*) – offset along previous z to the common normal
- **a** (*float*) – offset along previous to the common normal
- **use_symbolic_matrix** (*bool*) – whether the transformation matrix is stored as Numpy array or as a Sympy symbolic matrix.

Returns The link object

Return type *DHLink*

`get_transformation_matrix(theta, a)`

Computes the homogeneous transformation matrix for this link.

class `ikpy.link.OriginLink`

Bases: *ikpy.link.Link*

The link at the origin of the robot

`get_transformation_matrix(theta)`

1.3 ikpy.inverse_kinematics module

`ikpy.inverse_kinematics.inverse_kinematic_optimization(chain, target, starting_nodes_angles, bounds=None, first_active_joint=0, regularization_parameter=None, max_iter=None, **kwargs)`

Computes the inverse kinematic on the specified target with an optimization method

1.4 ikpy.geometry_utils module

`ikpy.geometry_utils.Rx_matrix(theta)`

Rotation matrix around the X axis

`ikpy.geometry_utils.Rz_matrix(theta)`

Rotation matrix around the Z axis

`ikpy.geometry_utils.symbolic_Rz_matrix(symbolic_theta)`
Matrice symbolique de rotation autour de l'axe Z

`ikpy.geometry_utils.Ry_matrix(theta)`
Rotation matrix around the Y axis

`ikpy.geometry_utils.rotation_matrix(phi, theta, psi)`
Retourne la matrice de rotation décrite par les angles d'Euler donnés en paramètres

`ikpy.geometry_utils.symbolic_rotation_matrix(phi, theta, symbolic_psi)`
Retourne une matrice de rotation où psi est symbolique

`ikpy.geometry_utils.rpy_matrix(roll, pitch, yaw)`
Returns a rotation matrix described by the extrinsic roll, pitch, yaw coordinates

`ikpy.geometry_utils.axis_rotation_matrix(axis, theta)`
Returns a rotation matrix around the given axis

`ikpy.geometry_utils.symbolic_axis_rotation_matrix(axis, symbolic_theta)`
Returns a rotation matrix around the given axis

`ikpy.geometry_utils.homogeneous_translation_matrix(trans_x, trans_y, trans_z)`
Returns a translation matrix the homogeneous space

`ikpy.geometry_utils.from_transformation_matrix(transformation_matrix)`
Converts a transformation matrix to a tuple (rotation_matrix, translation_vector)

`ikpy.geometry_utils.to_transformation_matrix(rotation_matrix, translation)`
Converts a tuple (rotation_matrix, translation_vector) to a transformation matrix

`ikpy.geometry_utils.cartesian_to_homogeneous(cartesian_matrix, matrix_type='numpy')`
Converts a cartesian matrix to an homogenous matrix

`ikpy.geometry_utils.cartesian_to_homogeneous_vectors(cartesian_vector, matrix_type='numpy')`
Converts a cartesian vector to an homogenous vector

`ikpy.geometry_utils.homogeneous_to_cartesian_vectors(homogeneous_vector)`
Converts a cartesian vector to an homogenous vector

`ikpy.geometry_utils.homogeneous_to_cartesian(homogeneous_matrix)`
Converts a cartesian vector to an homogenous matrix

1.5 ikpy.URDF_utils module

`ikpy.URDF_utils.find_next_joint(root, current_link, next_joints)`
Find the next joint in the URDF tree

`ikpy.URDF_utils.find_next_link(root, current_joint, next_links)`
Find the next link in the URDF tree

`ikpy.URDF_utils.find_parent_link(root, joint_name)`

`ikpy.URDF_utils.get_chain_from_joints(urdf_file, joints)`

`ikpy.URDF_utils.get_urdf_parameters(urdf_file, base_elements=['base_link'], last_link_vector=None, base_elements_type='joint')`
Returns translated parameters from the given URDF file

Parameters

- `urdf_file` (*string*) – The path of the URDF file

- **base_elements** (*list of strings*) – List of the links beginning the chain
- **last_link_vector** (*numpy.array*) – Optional : The translation vector of the tip.

`ikpy.URDF_utils.get_motor_parameters(json_file)`

Returns a dictionary with joints as keys, and a description (dict) of each joint as value

`ikpy.URDF_utils.convert_angle_to_pypot(angle, joint, **kwargs)`

Converts an angle to a PyPot-compatible format

`ikpy.URDF_utils.convert_angle_from_pypot(angle, joint, **kwargs)`

Converts an angle to a PyPot-compatible format

`ikpy.URDF_utils.convert_angle_limit(angle, joint, **kwargs)`

Converts the limit angle of the PyPot JSON file to the internal format

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