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**APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
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**Course Code: RAT301****Course Name: INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS**

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

**PART A***(Answer all questions; each question carries 3 marks)***Marks**

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| 1  | Distinguish between servo and non-servo control robots.   | 3 |
| 2  | Describe with diagrams open and closed kinematic chains.  | 3 |
| 3  | Suppose the mobile coordinate frame M is rotated about the fixed coordinate frame F by an angle $\pi/3$ about the $f^1$ axis. If p is a point whose coordinates in the mobile M frame are $[2, 0, 3]^T$ . Determine the coordinates of p with respect to the fixed frame F. | 3 |
| 4  | Define the screw transformation.  | 3 |
| 5  | Explain the advantages and disadvantages of Cartesian space planning.   | 3 |
| 6  | What is the significance of the trapezoidal velocity profile used in LSPB trajectory planning?  | 3 |
| 7  | What is the Lagrangian function in dynamics? How is generalized force $F_i$ acting on the $i$ th joint computed from the Lagrangian?  | 3 |
| 8  | What are the disadvantages of the single axis PID controller?   | 3 |
| 9  | Explain with a diagram the synchro drive in wheeled mobile robots.  | 3 |
| 10 | Describe the kinematic constraints of a fixed standard wheel.   | 3 |

**PART B***(Answer one full question from each module, each question carries 14 marks)***Module -1**

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| 11 | a) Explain with a diagram, the anatomy of a robotic manipulator.   | 6 |
|    | b) Describe with necessary diagrams the various types of joints that can be used in a robotic manipulator. | 8 |
| 12 | a) Describe mechanical grippers with necessary diagrams.   | 6 |
|    | b) Explain the four basic robotic configurations with neat diagrams.                                       | 8 |



## Module -2

- 13 a) Suppose the tool is rotated about the fixed axes starting with a yaw of  $-\pi$ , followed by a pitch of  $-\pi/2$ , and finally a roll of  $\pi$ . Obtain the composite rotation matrix. Suppose the point p at the tool tip has mobile coordinates  $[p]^M = [0.5, 0, 0]^T$ . Find the coordinates of point p with respect to the fixed frame  $[p]^F$  following the yaw-pitch-roll transformation. 7
- b) Calculate the inverse of the given transformation matrix: 7

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 & 0.866 & 3 \\ 0.866 & 0 & -0.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 14 a) Summarize the four kinematic parameters associated with the physical design of the robotic arm. 8
- b) Obtain the D-H Parameters of the Spherical Arm. Also, derive its forward kinematic equation (Arm Equation). 6

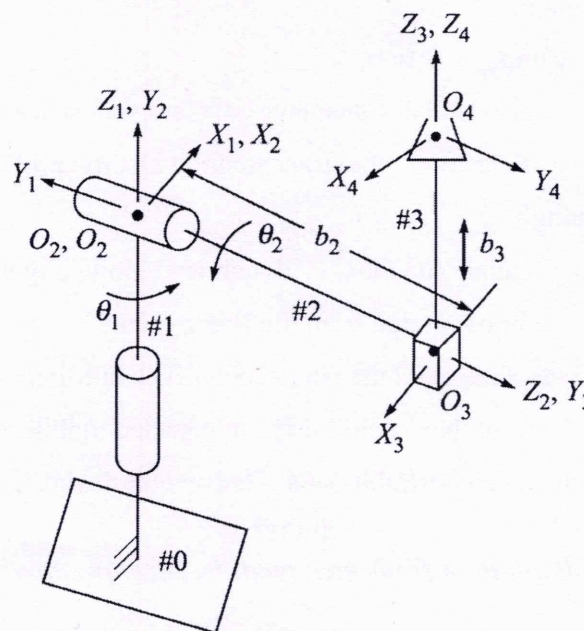


Figure: Spherical Arm

## Module -3

- 15 a) Describe the application of cubic polynomials to trajectory planning in joint space. 7
- b) Explain how the A\* algorithm can be used in robot trajectory planning. 7
- 16 a) It is desired to have the fifth joint of a 6-axis robot go from an initial angle of 7

20° to a final angle of 60° in 5 seconds. Plan a third-order (cubic) polynomial for this requirement with a drawing of the displacement, velocity and acceleration profiles.

- b) Explain potential field-based path planning for robots. 7

**Module -4**

- 17 a) Derive the expression for total kinetic energy of a robotic arm using the manipulator velocity Jacobian matrix. 14

- 18 a) Derive the expression for the residual forces acting on a robotic arm once the inertial forces and gravitational forces have been removed. 7

- b) Derive the expression for the closed loop transfer function of a single axis PID controller with necessary diagrams. What are the conditions for stability of the PID controller? 7

**Module -5**

- 19 a) Describe the use of robots in any two industrial applications with the specifications required for these robots. 8

- b) Describe open loop type of kinematic controller in wheeled mobile robots. 6

- 20 a) Explain the working of optical encoders with necessary diagrams. 7

- b) Describe with a diagram the working of IMUs. What is its major disadvantage? 7

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