

## THE PRELIMINARY SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE KINEMATICS ANALYSIS OF 5 DOF NUCLEAR MALAYSIA ROBOT ARM V2

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### ABSTRACT

This paper presents the preliminary software development for the kinematics analysis of 5 DOF robotic arms. The kinematics analysis is the study of relationship between the individual joints of robot manipulator, the position and orientation of the end-effector. The Denavit-Hartenberg (DH) model is used to model the robot links and joints. Both forward and inverse kinematic are presented. The simulation software has been developed by using MATLAB to solve the robot arms kinematic behavior.

**Keywords:** Robotic arm, forward kinematics, inverse kinematics, software, DH parameters, simulation, 5 DOF

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The kinematic analysis of robotics arm is an important area in the robotics control system. The kinematic analysis consists of forward kinematic and inverse kinematic behavior of robotic manipulator. The kinematic is the transformation between joint space and the Cartesian space. The forward analysis is defined as transformation from joint space to Cartesian space whereas Inverse kinematics is defined as transformation from Cartesian space to joint space. In this study, the standard Denavit-Hartenberg approach was used for modeling the 5 DOF Robot Arm V2. The Denavit and Hartenberg parameters of the robot and can be created by the user for any serial link manipulator.

The basic robot configurations generally follow the coordinate frame with which defined as Cartesian (3P), Cylindrical (R2P), Spherical (2RP), Articulate (3R) and Selective Compliance Assembly Robot Arm (SCARA). The Robot Arm V2 is a 5 degree of freedom articulate robotic arm that consist 6 links, 5 joint variables and grip movement. It is similar to human arm in term of the number of joint point of view. A graphical view of all joints is shown in Fig 1.

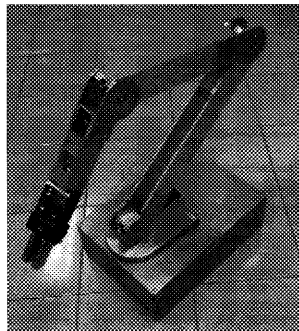


Fig.1 Robot Arm V2

Denavit and Hartenberg published a way to represent and a model to derive equation of motion. Later, these techniques become the standard way to represent robot and motion modeling. The Denavit-Hartenberg (DH) model of

representation is simple for any robot configuration regardless of its sequence or complexity. The final result of the Denavit-Hartenberg equation is as follows;

$${}^nT_{n+1} = A_{n+1} = Rot(z, \theta_{n+1}) \times Trans(0, 0, d_{n+1}) \times Trans(a_{n+1}, 0, 0) \times Rot(x, \alpha_{n+1}) \quad (1.1)$$

$$A_{n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} C\theta_{n+1} & -S\theta_{n+1}S\alpha_{n+1} & S\theta_{n+1}S\alpha_{n+1} & a_{n+1}C\theta_{n+1} \\ S\theta_{n+1} & C\theta_{n+1}C\alpha_{n+1} & -C\theta_{n+1}S\alpha_{n+1} & a_{n+1}S\theta_{n+1} \\ 0 & S\alpha_{n+1} & C\alpha_{n+1} & d_{n+1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.2)$$

Where:

- $\alpha_i$ : Rotation angle from  $Z_{i-1}$  to  $Z_i$  about  $X_i$
- $a_i$ : distance from intersection of  $Z_{i-1}$  &  $X_i$  to origin of  $i$  coordinate along  $X_i$
- $d_i$ : distance from origin of  $(i-1)$  coordinate to intersection of  $Z_{i-1}$  &  $X_i$  along  $Z_{i-1}$
- $\theta_i$ : rotation angle from  $X_{i-1}$  to  $X_i$  about  $Z_{i-1}$

The total transformation between the base robot and the end effectors:

$${}^R T_H = {}^R T_1 {}^1 T_2 {}^2 T_3 \dots {}^{n-1} T_n = A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_n \quad (1.3)$$

Where n is joint number

### 2. KINEMATIC

#### 2.1. FORWARD KINEMATICS

Given a set of joint angle, the forward kinematics problem is simply to compute the position and orientation of the end-effector. It is solved by using homogeneous transformation. The homogeneous transformation is a 4x4 matrix, which can describe both rotations and translations. First, the matrix for each link is represented as below according to DH parameters.

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & 0 & S_1 & 0 \\ S_1 & 0 & -C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} C_2 & -S_2 & 0 & C_2 a_2 \\ S_2 & C_2 & 0 & S_2 a_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} C_3 & -S_3 & 0 & C_3 a_3 \\ S_3 & C_3 & 0 & S_3 a_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} C_4 & 0 & -S_4 & C_4 a_4 \\ S_4 & 0 & C_4 & S_4 a_4 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} C_5 & -S_5 & 0 & 0 \\ S_5 & C_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The final equation of motion for this robot arm can be found by multiplying all the individual link matrices.

$${}^R T_H = A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 A_5 \quad (2.1.1)$$

$${}^R T_H = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1.2)$$

$$n_x = C_5 C_1 C_{234} - S_2 S_1$$

$$n_y = C_5 S_1 C_{234} - S_5 C_1$$

$$n_z = -C_5 S_{234}$$

$$o_x = -S_5 C_1 C_{234} + C_5 S_1$$

$$o_y = -S_5 S_1 C_{234} + C_5 C_1$$

$$o_z = S_5 S_{234}$$

$$a_x = -C_1 S_{234}$$

$$a_y = S_1 S_{234}$$

$$a_z = C_{234}$$

$$p_x = C_1 (C_{234} a_4 + C_{23} a_3 + C_2 a_2)$$

$$p_y = S_1 (C_{234} a_4 + C_{23} a_3 + C_2 a_2)$$

$$p_z = -S_{234} a_4 + S_2 a_2$$

Where,

$$C_i = \cos \theta_i$$

$$S_i = \sin \theta_i$$

$$S_{12} = S_1 C_2 + C_1 S_2$$

$$C_{12} = C_1 C_2 - S_1 S_2$$

$$C_{234} = C_2 (C_3 C_4 - S_3 S_4) - S_2 (S_3 C_4 + C_3 S_4)$$

$$S_{234} = C_5 (C_3 C_4 - S_3 S_4) + C_2 (S_3 C_4 + C_3 S_4)$$

## 2.2. INVERSE KINEMATICS

Given the position of end-effector, the inverse kinematic (IK) is used to compute the angle of each joint. The IK problem is solved by using numerical approach due to its degree of complexity. First, the inverse matrices for each link were carried out.

$$A_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & S_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ S_1 & -C_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} C_2 & S_2 & 0 & -a_2 \\ -S_2 & C_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} C_3 & S_3 & 0 & a_3 \\ -S_3 & C_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_4^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} C_4 & S_4 & 0 & -a_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -S_4 & C_4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_5^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} C_5 & S_5 & 0 & 0 \\ -S_5 & C_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Premultiplying  ${}^R T_H$  with  $A_1^{-1}$  in order to solve problem for each individual angles.

$$A_1^{-1} * {}^R T_H = A_1^{-1} * A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 A_5 \quad (2.2.1)$$

$$A_1^{-1} * {}^R T_H = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 n_x + S_1 n_y & C_1 o_x + S_1 o_y & C_1 a_x + S_1 a_y & C_1 p_x + S_1 p_y \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & p_y \\ S_1 n_x - C_1 n_y & S_1 o_x - C_1 o_y & S_1 a_x - C_1 a_y & S_1 p_x - C_1 p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 A_3 A_4 A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} C_5 C_{234} & -S_5 C_{234} & -S_{234} & a_4 C_{234} + a_3 C_{23} + a_2 C_2 \\ C_5 S_{234} & -S_5 S_{234} & C_{234} & a_4 S_{234} + a_3 S_{23} + a_2 S_2 \\ -S_5 & -C_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_1 n_x + S_1 n_y & C_1 o_x + S_1 o_y & C_1 a_x + S_1 a_y & C_1 p_x + S_1 p_y \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & p_y \\ S_1 n_x - C_1 n_y & S_1 o_x - C_1 o_y & S_1 a_x - C_1 a_y & S_1 p_x - C_1 p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_5 C_{234} & -S_5 C_{234} & -S_{234} & a_4 C_{234} + a_3 C_{23} + a_2 C_2 \\ C_5 S_{234} & -S_5 S_{234} & C_{234} & a_4 S_{234} + a_3 S_{23} + a_2 S_2 \\ -S_5 & -C_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.2.2)$$

From these matrices equation, calculations for the angle can be done. Equating [3, 4] element of both matrices gives,

$$S_1 p_x - C_1 p_y = 0 \quad (2.2.3)$$

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{p_y}{p_x} \right) \quad (2.2.4)$$

And

$$\theta_1 = \theta_1 + 180^\circ$$

Rearranging and squaring [1, 4], [2, 4] element matrices and adding it gives

$$C_1 p_x + S_1 p_y = a_4 C_{234} + a_3 C_{23} + a_2 C_2 \quad (2.2.5)$$

$$C_1 p_x + S_1 p_y - a_4 C_{234} = a_3 C_{23} + a_2 C_2$$

$$(C_1 p_x + S_1 p_y - a_4 C_{234})^2 = (a_3 C_{23} + a_2 C_2)^2 \quad (2.2.6)$$

$$p_z = a_4 S_{234} + a_3 S_{23} + a_2 S_2 \quad (2.2.7)$$

$$p_z - a_4 S_{234} = a_3 S_{23} + a_2 S_2$$

$$(p_z - a_4 S_{234})^2 = (a_3 S_{23} + a_2 S_2)^2 \quad (2.2.8)$$

Add equation (2.2.6) and (2.2.8),

$$(C_1p_x + S_1p_y - a_4C_{234})^2 + (p_z - a_4S_{234})^2 = (a_3C_{23} + a_2C_2)^2 + (a_3S_{23} + a_2S_2)^2$$

$$(C_1p_x + S_1p_y - a_4C_{234})^2 + (p_z - a_4S_{234})^2 = a_2^2 + a_3^2 + 2a_2a_3(S_2S_{23} + C_2C_{23}) \quad (2.2.9)$$

$$S_2S_{23} + C_2C_{23} = \cos[(\theta_2 + \theta_3) - \theta_2] = \cos \theta_3 \quad (2.2.10)$$

Thus,

$$C_3 = \frac{(C_1p_x + S_1p_y - C_{234}a_4)^2 + (p_z - S_{234}a_4)^2 - a_2^2 - a_3^2}{2a_2a_3}$$

$$S_3 = \pm \sqrt{1 - C_3^2}$$

It can be said that:

$$\theta_3 = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{S_3}{C_3}\right) \quad (2.2.11)$$

$$A_4^{-1}A_3^{-1}A_2^{-1}A_1^{-1} \times \begin{bmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A_5 \quad (2.2.12)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} & M_{14} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} & M_{24} \\ M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} & M_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_5 & -S_5 & 0 & 0 \\ S_5 & C_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where,

$$\begin{aligned} M_{11} &= C_{234}(C_1n_x + S_1n_y) + S_{234}n_z \\ M_{12} &= C_{234}(C_1o_x + S_1o_y) + S_{234}o_z \\ M_{13} &= C_{234}(C_1a_x + S_1a_y) + S_{234}a_z \\ M_{14} &= C_{234}(C_1p_x + S_1p_y) + S_{234}p_z - C_{34}a_2 + C_4a_3 - a_4 \\ M_{21} &= S_1n_x - C_1n_y \\ M_{22} &= S_1o_x - C_1o_y \\ M_{23} &= S_1a_x - C_1a_y \\ M_{24} &= S_1p_x - C_1p_y \\ M_{31} &= -S_{234}(C_1n_x + S_1n_y) + C_{234}n_z \\ M_{32} &= -S_{234}(C_1o_x + S_1o_y) + C_{234}o_z \\ M_{33} &= -S_{234}(C_1a_x + S_1a_y) + C_{234}a_z \\ M_{34} &= -S_{234}(C_1p_x + S_1p_y) + C_{234}p_z \end{aligned}$$

According to [3, 4] element of the matrices

$$-S_{234}(C_1p_x + S_1p_y) + C_{234}p_z = 0 \quad (2.2.13)$$

$$\theta_{234} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{p_z}{C_1p_x + S_1p_y}\right) \quad (2.2.14)$$

$$\theta_{234} = \theta_{234} + 180^\circ$$

Referring to equation (2.2.5) and (2.2.7)

$$\begin{aligned} C_1p_x + S_1p_y &= a_4C_{234} + a_3C_{23} + a_2C_2 \\ p_z &= a_4S_{234} + a_3S_{23} + a_2S_2 \end{aligned}$$

By using trigonometry theorem

$$\begin{aligned} S_{23} &= S_2C_3 + C_2S_3 \\ C_{23} &= C_2C_3 - S_2S_3 \end{aligned}$$

The equation above becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1p_x + S_1p_y - a_4C_{234} &= (C_2C_3 - S_2S_3)a_3 + a_2C_2 \\ p_z - a_4S_{234} &= (S_2C_3 + C_2S_3)a_3 + a_2S_2 \end{aligned}$$

Treating this as a set of unknown for two set of equations and solving for  $C_2$  and  $S_2$ , the equation becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} S_2 &= \frac{(C_3a_3 + a_2)(p_z - S_{234}a_4) - S_3a_3(C_1p_x + S_1p_y - C_{234}a_4)}{(C_3a_3 + a_2)^2 + S_3^2a_3^2} \quad (2.2.15) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_2 &= \frac{(C_3a_3 + a_2)(C_1p_x + S_1p_y - C_{234}a_4) + S_3a_3(p_z + S_{234}a_4)}{(C_3a_3 + a_2)^2 + S_3^2a_3^2} \quad (2.2.15) \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1}\frac{S_2}{C_2} \quad (2.2.17)$$

The  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are known, calculation can be made by:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_4 &= \theta_{234} - \theta_2 - \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 &= \theta_4 + 180^\circ \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.18)$$

For  $\theta_5$ , calculation can be done by referring to element [2, 1] and [2, 2] on the matrices equation

$$C_{234}(C_1n_x + S_1n_y) + S_{234}n_z = C_5 \quad (2.2.19)$$

$$S_1n_x - C_1n_y = S_5$$

$$\theta_5 = \tan^{-1}\frac{S_1n_x - C_1n_y}{C_{234}(C_1n_x + S_1n_y) + S_{234}n_z} \quad (2.2.20)$$

$$\theta_5 = \theta_5 + 180^\circ$$

### 3. SOFTWARE

The Matlab Kinematics analysis graphical user interface (GUI) was developed to compute the forward and inverse kinematics of Robot Arm V2. A graphical view of Matlab Kinematic analysis GUI is shown in Fig 2. This GUI can calculate both forward and inverse kinematics solutions of the Robot Arm V2. The equation (2.1.1) and (2.1.2) were used to calculate the forward kinematic analysis, while equations (2.2.1) until (2.2.20) were used in algorithm to generate inverse kinematic of the analysis. A flow chart of the software is described in Fig.3.

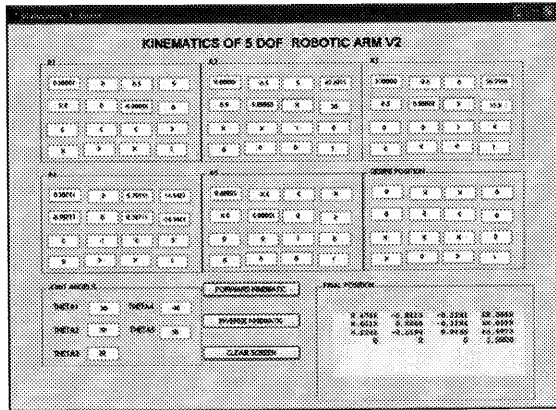


Fig 2. GUI of robot arm V2 kinematics analysis

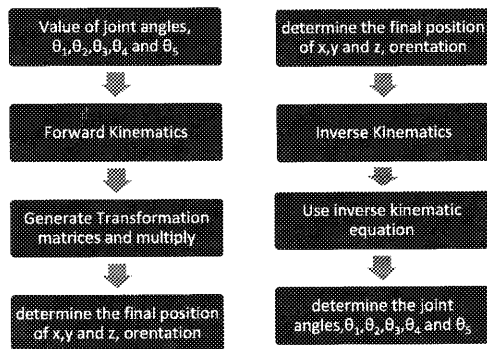


Fig 3. A kinematic analysis flow chart

#### 4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In order to perform the modeling using D-H representation a local reference for each joint need to be assigned to Robot Arm V2. Each joint have to be assigned with a z-axis and an x-axis. A graphical view of the frame assignment of Robot Arm V2 is displayed in Fig. 4.

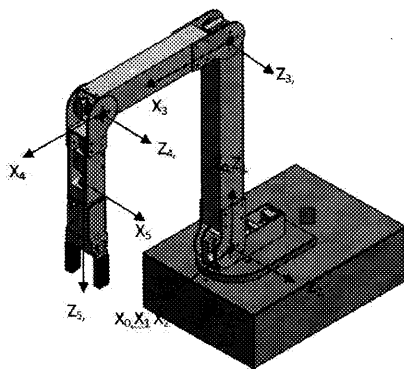


Fig 4. D-H parameters layout for Robot Arm V2

The Robot Arm V2 manipulator structure is defined by assigning each link with four standard parameters which are  $\alpha_i$ ,  $a_i$ ,  $d_i$ , and  $\theta_i$ . Where, the rotation angle from  $Z_{i-1}$  to  $Z_i$

about  $X_i$  is  $\alpha_i$ . The distance from intersection of  $Z_{i-1}$  &  $X_i$  to origin of  $i$  coordinate along  $X_i$  is  $a_i$ . The distance from origin of  $(i-1)$  coordinate to intersection of  $Z_{i-1}$  &  $X_i$  along  $Z_{i-1}$  is  $d_i$ . Finally, the rotation angle from  $X_{i-1}$  to  $X_i$  about  $Z_{i-1}$  is  $\theta_i$ . The four given parameters are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: The robot arm V2 parameters

| Joint | $\theta_i$ | $\alpha_i$ | $a_i$ | $d_i$ |
|-------|------------|------------|-------|-------|
| 1     | $\theta_1$ | 90         | 0     | 0     |
| 2     | $\theta_2$ | 0          | 50    | 0     |
| 3     | $\theta_3$ | 0          | 35    | 0     |
| 4     | $\theta_4$ | -90        | 20    | 0     |
| 5     | $\theta_5$ | 0          | 0     | 0     |

Mathematical modeling of Robot Arm V2 was carried out. The robot was modeled by using DH representation. The Matlab GUI was developed to generate and implement both forward and inverse kinematics. The example showed below was calculated with the software generation.

Table 2: The example of robot arm V2 parameters

| Joint | $\theta_i$ | $\alpha_i$ | $a_i$ | $d_i$ |
|-------|------------|------------|-------|-------|
| 1     | 45         | 90         | 0     | 0     |
| 2     | 30         | 0          | 50    | 0     |
| 3     | 30         | 0          | 35    | 0     |
| 4     | -45        | -90        | 20    | 0     |
| 5     | 30         | 0          | 0     | 0     |

Based on the given parameters, the transformation matrices are generated by using equations (1.2), (2.1.1) and (2.1.2).

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7071 & 0 & 0.7071 & 0 \\ 0.7071 & 0 & -0.7071 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8660 & -0.5 & 0 & 43.3013 \\ 0.5 & 0.8660 & 0 & 25 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8660 & -0.5 & 0 & 30.3109 \\ 0.5 & 0.8660 & 0 & 17.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7071 & 0 & 0.7071 & 14.1421 \\ -0.7071 & 0 & 0.7071 & -14.1421 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8660 & -0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.8660 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^R T_H = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2380 & -0.9539 & -0.1830 & 56.6532 \\ 0.9451 & 0.2709 & -0.1830 & 56.6532 \\ 0.2241 & -0.1294 & 0.9659 & 60.4873 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.1)$$

Hence, the position of end-effector are  $x=56.6532$ ,  $y=56.6532$  and  $z=60.4873$  forming the reference coordinate. On the other hand, the developed software can solve the inverse kinematic by calculating the required angles for targeted position. It executes the angles by using equation (2.2.4) to (2.2.20).

From equation (2.2.4),

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{56.6532}{56.6532} \right)$$

$$\theta_1 = 45^\circ$$

From equation (2.2.14)

$$\theta_{234} = 15^\circ$$

From equation (2.2.15) and (2.2.16)

$$C_3 = \frac{(C_1 p_x + S_1 p_y - C_{234} a_4)^2 + (p_z - S_{234} a_4)^2 - a_2^2 - a_3^2}{2 a_2 a_3}$$

$$C_3 = 0.8754$$

$$S_3 = 0.4833$$

$$\theta_3 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{S_3}{C_3} \right)$$

$$\theta_3 = 28.9^\circ$$

From equation (2.2.17)

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{(C_3 a_3 + a_2)(p_z - S_{234} a_4) - S_3 a_3 (C_1 p_x + S_1 p_y - C_{234} a_4)}{(C_3 a_3 + a_2)(C_1 p_x + S_1 p_y - C_{234} a_4) + S_3 a_3 (p_z - S_{234} a_4)}$$

$$\theta_2 = 30^\circ$$

From equation (2.2.18)

$$\theta_4 = \theta_{234} - \theta_2 - \theta_3$$

$$\theta_4 = 15 - 30 - 28.9$$

$$\theta_4 = 43.9$$

From equation (2.2.20)

$$\theta_5 = \tan^{-1} \frac{S_1 n_x - C_1 n_y}{C_{234} (C_1 n_x + S_1 n_y) + S_{234} n_z}$$

$$\theta_5 = 29.97$$

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a kinematics analysis of 5 DOF Robot Arm V2 has been discussed. A Matlab GUI was developed to simulate the manipulator kinematic behavior. The developed simulation model can be used to create robotic arm path planning in any assigned workspace.

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