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# Robotics

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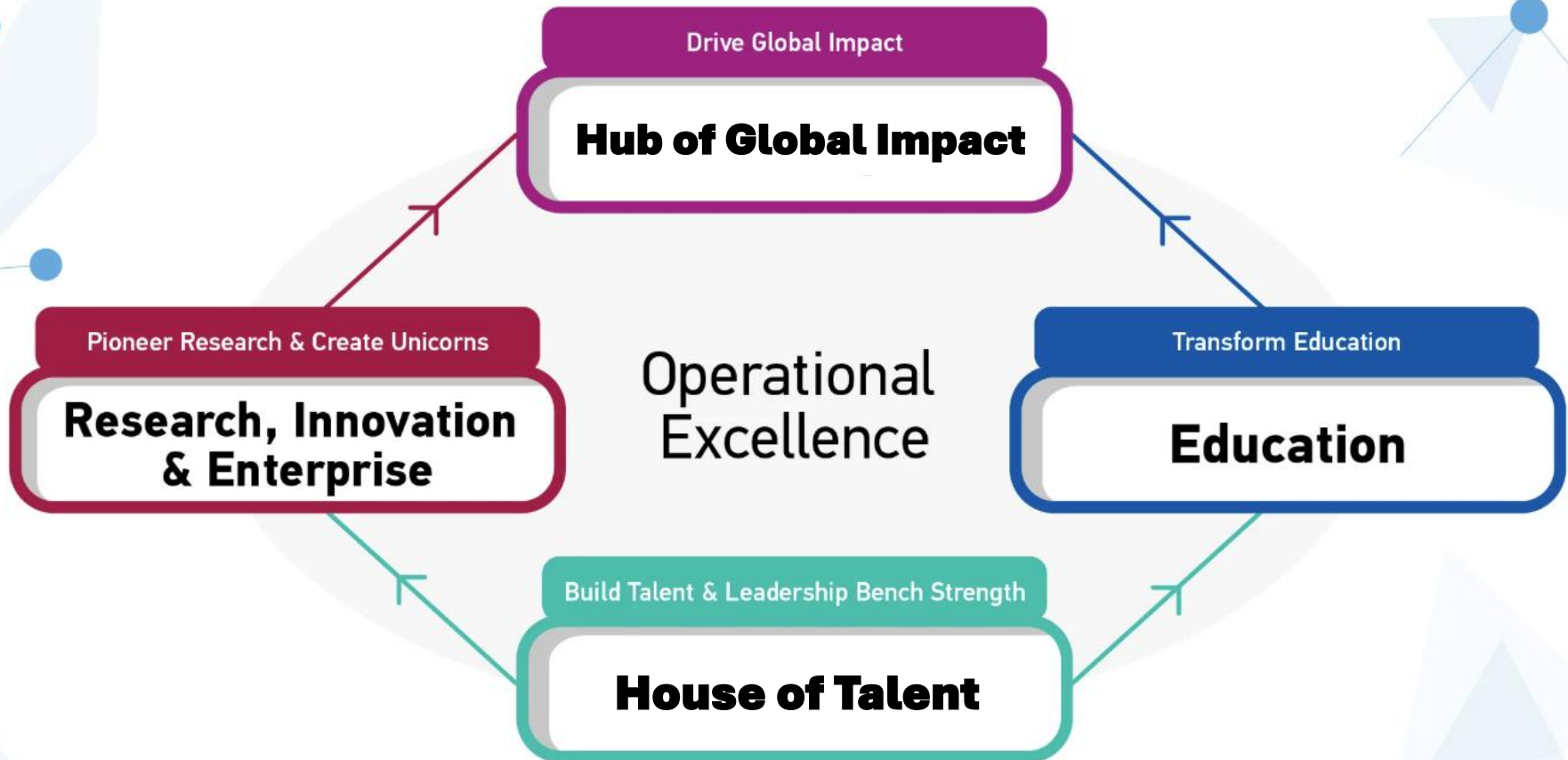
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# Outline

- ▶ Module 1: Robot's Advanced Body
- ▶ Module 2: Robot's Advanced Perception
- ▶ Module 3: Robot's Advanced Planning
- ▶ Module 4: Robot's Advanced Control

# About NTU

# Remember NTU's Vision ...



# Remember NTU's Mission ...



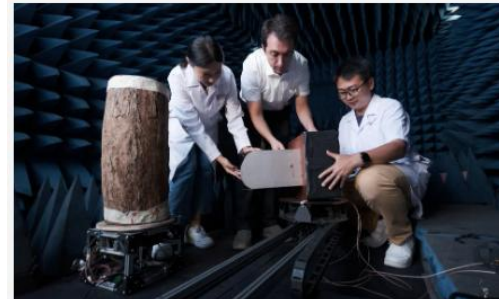
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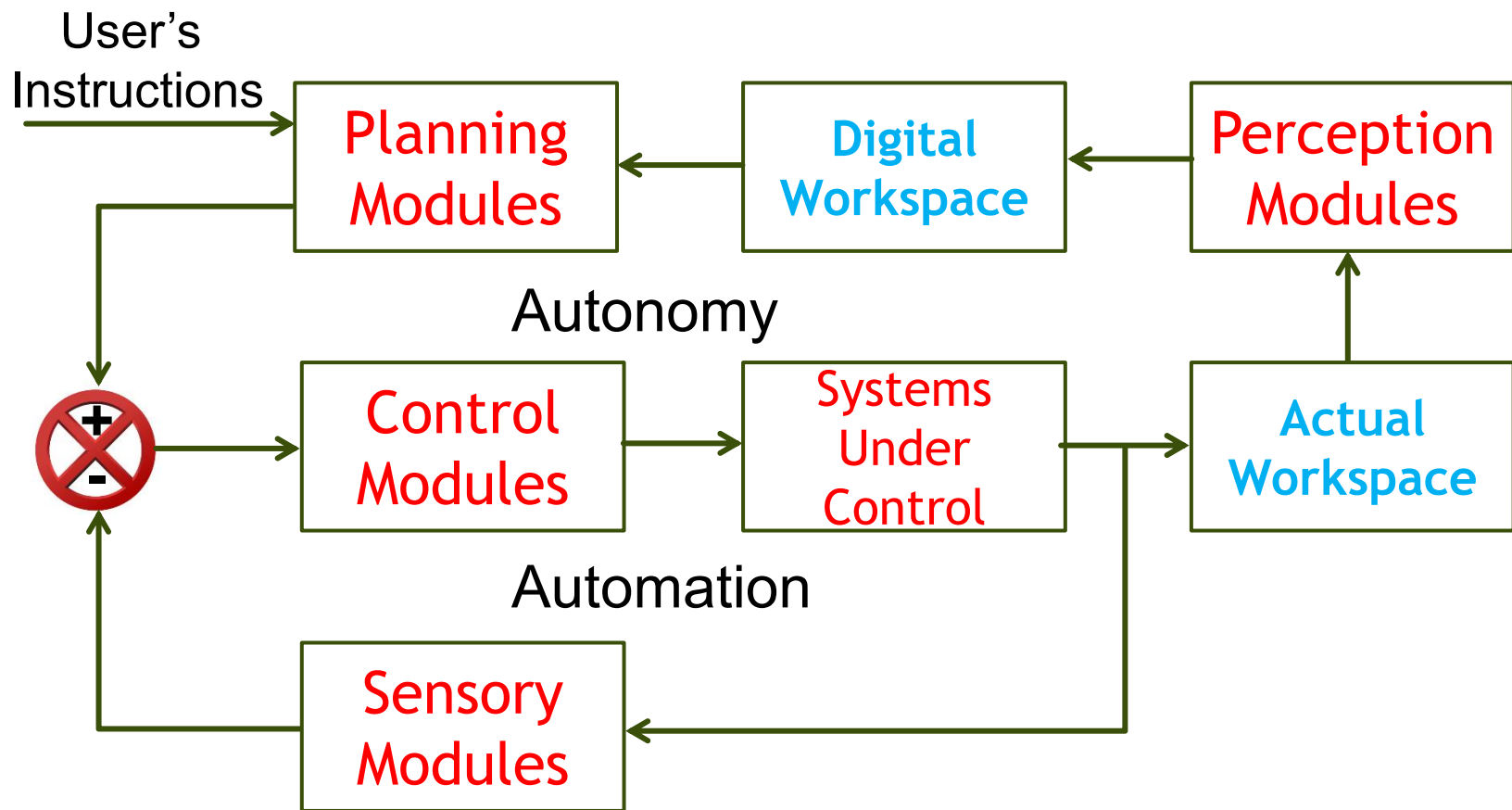
# About You

# Remember your mission as MAE undergraduates ...

- ▶ You are here to grow your knowledge and skills so as to be able to design machines with controllable behaviors and hopefully in some intelligent ways.

# How to fulfill your mission?

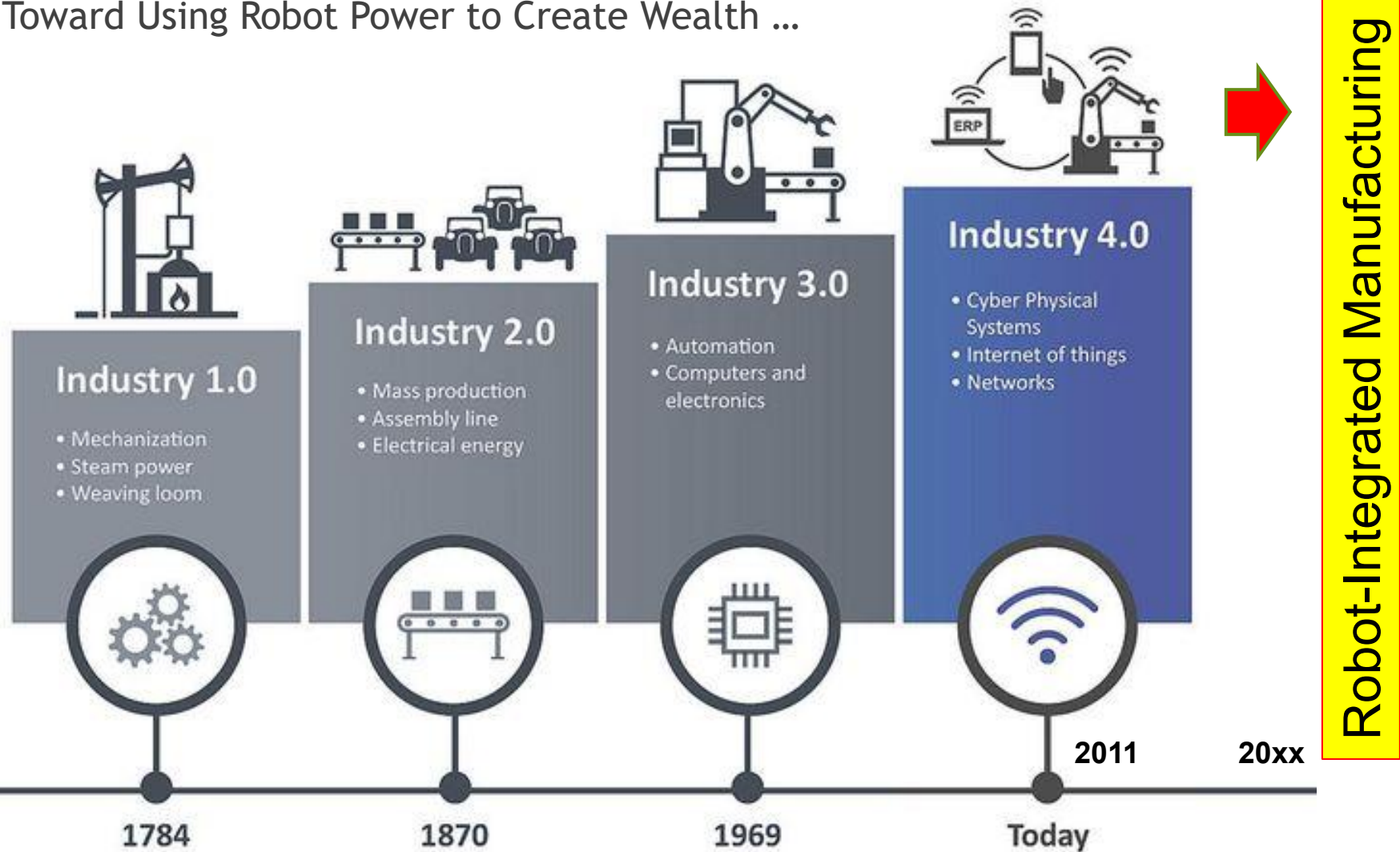
- ▶ To apply learnt knowledge and skills into the implementation of the following universal blueprint underlying all the intelligent machines or systems.



# About Course

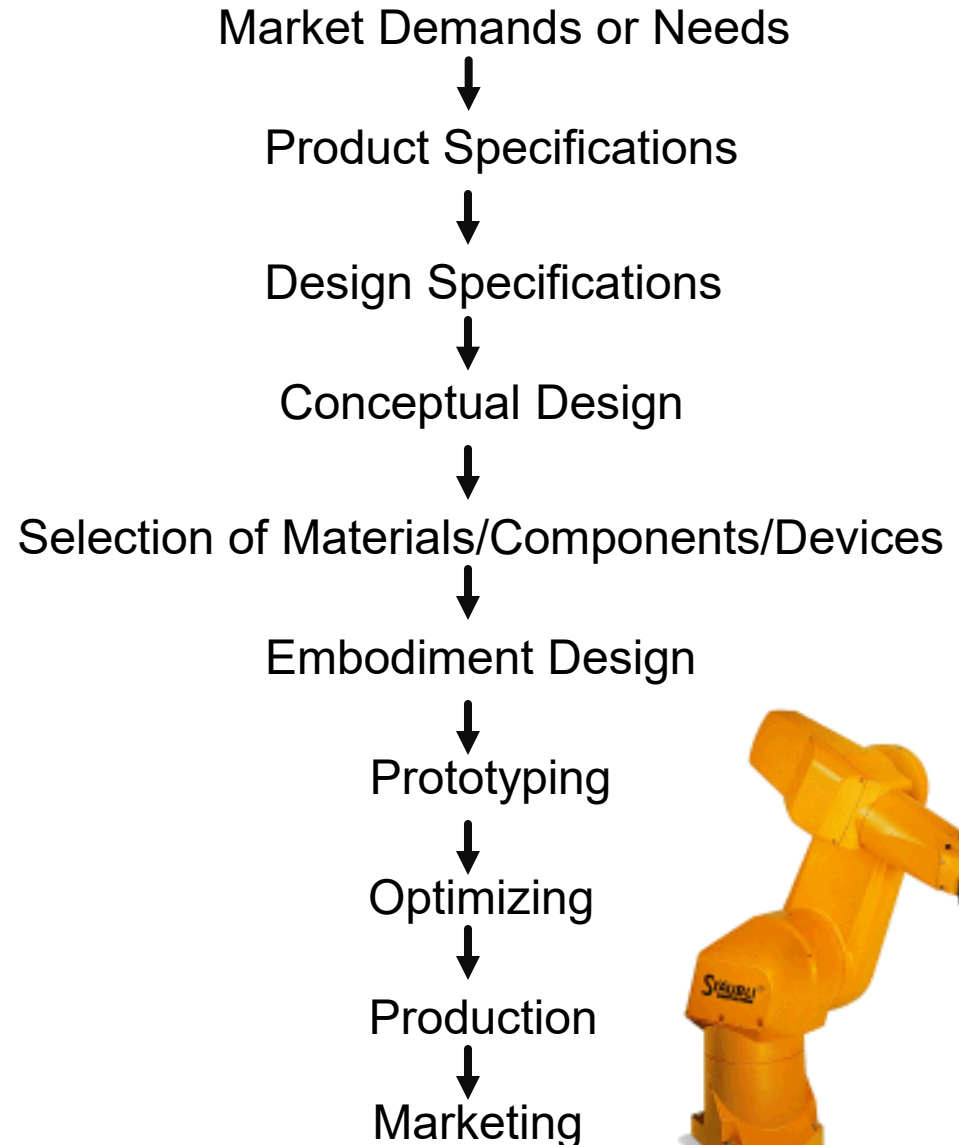
# Why to study this course?

► Toward Using Robot Power to Create Wealth ...



# How to study this course?

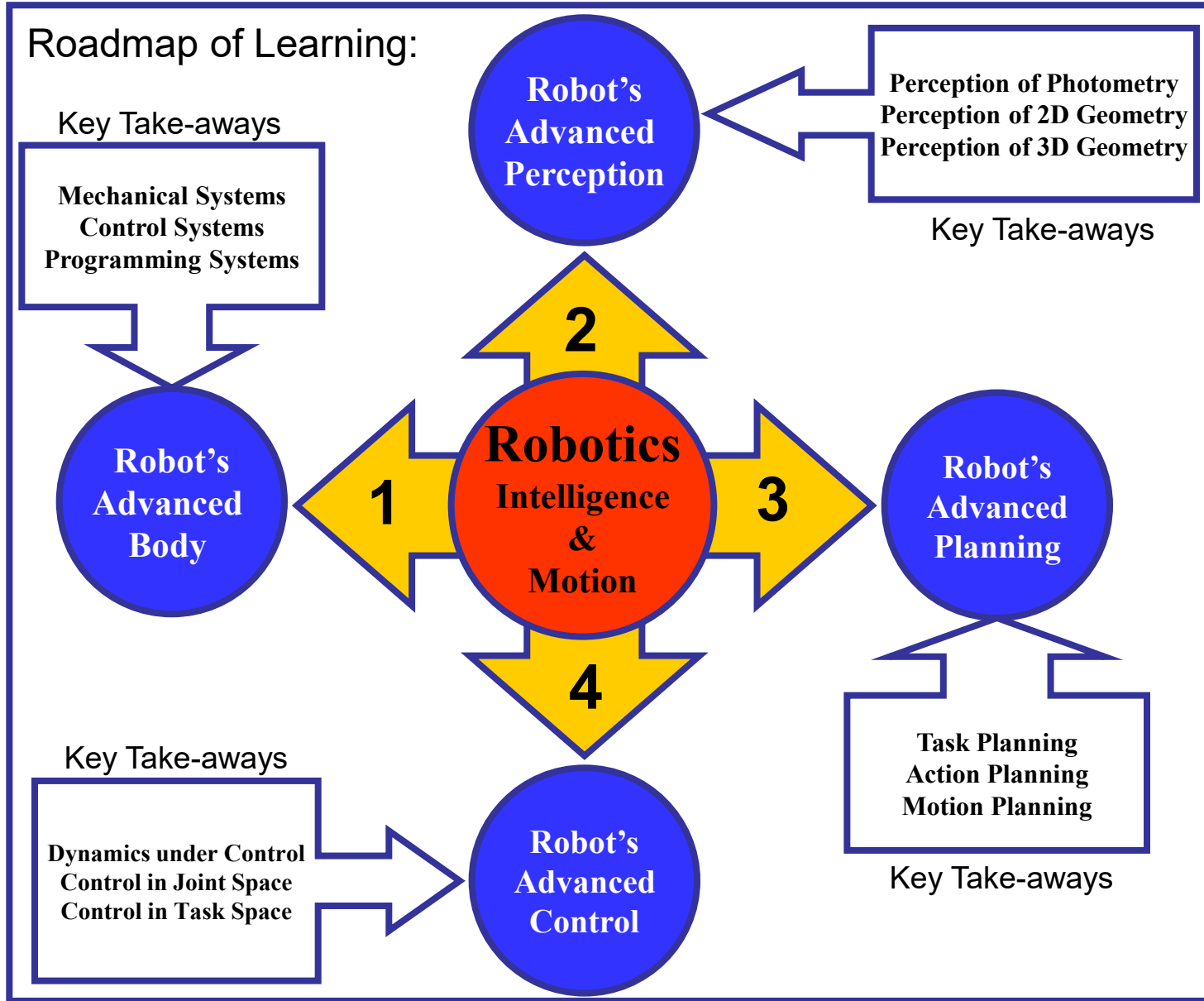
- ▶ To put yourselves into the mindset of designers of robots as products:
  - ▶ Who are the users?
  - ▶ What are the needs of users?
  - ▶ What are your robots which could meet the needs of your users or buyers?
  - ▶ What are the solutions behind the design of your robots?



# What to Learn?

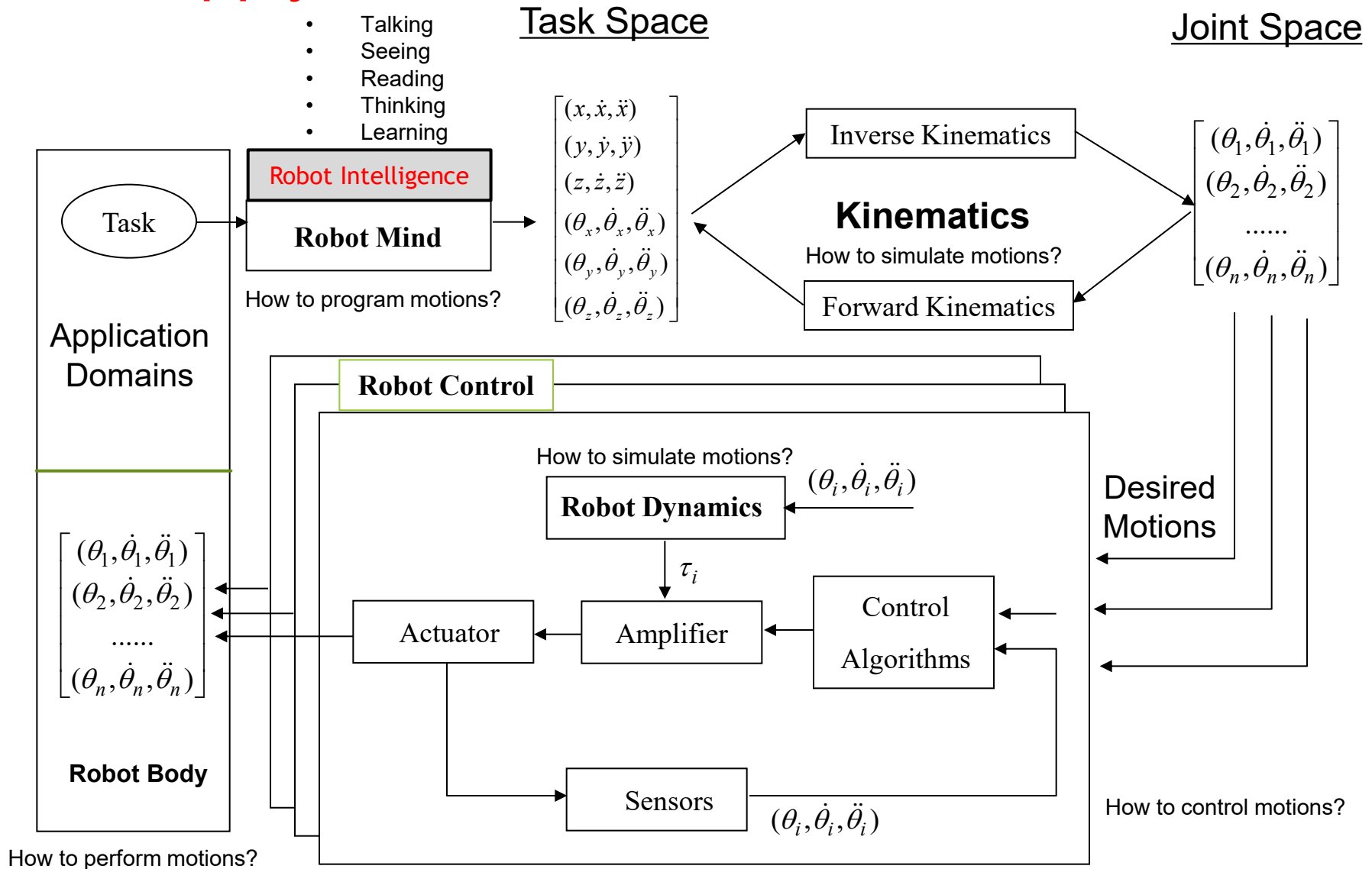
- Q1: What is the energy flow?
- Q2: What is the signal flow?
- Q3: What is the knowledge flow?
- Q4: What is the relationship between energy flow and signal flow?
- Q5: What is the relationship between signal flow and knowledge flow?

- 1. One Machine
- 2. Two Capabilities
- 3. Three Benefits
- 4. Four Pillars



# How to Apply?

- Talking
- Seeing
- Reading
- Thinking
- Learning



# Terminology Alert

- ▶ Advanced Robotics is about the study of advanced robots which could perform tasks in some intelligent ways.
- ▶ Advanced Robot is a machine which has
  - ▶ two capabilities (automatic control and autonomous control),
  - ▶ three benefits and
  - ▶ four pillars.

# Today's Lectures ...

- ▶ Module 1: Robot's Advanced Body
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# Robot's Advanced Body



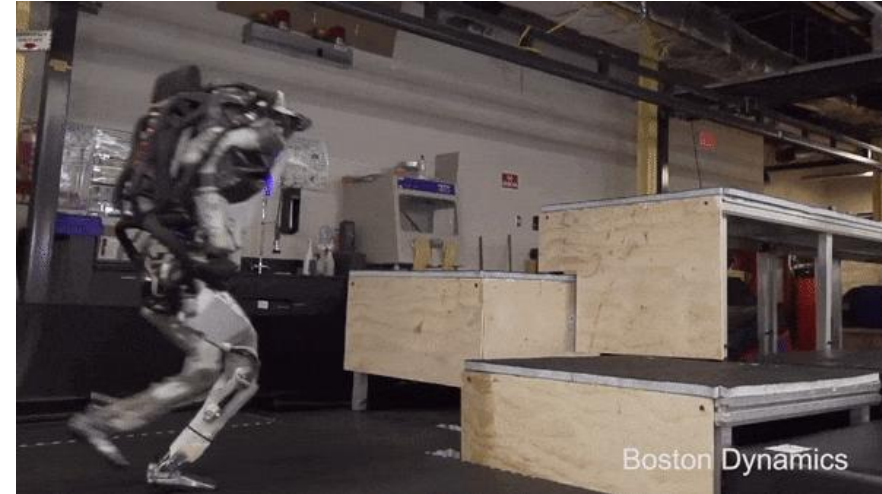
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- ▶ Robot Systems
- ▶ Robot's Mechanical Systems
- ▶ Robot's Control Systems
  - ▶ Controllers
  - ▶ Actuators
  - ▶ Sensors
- ▶ Robot's Programming Systems

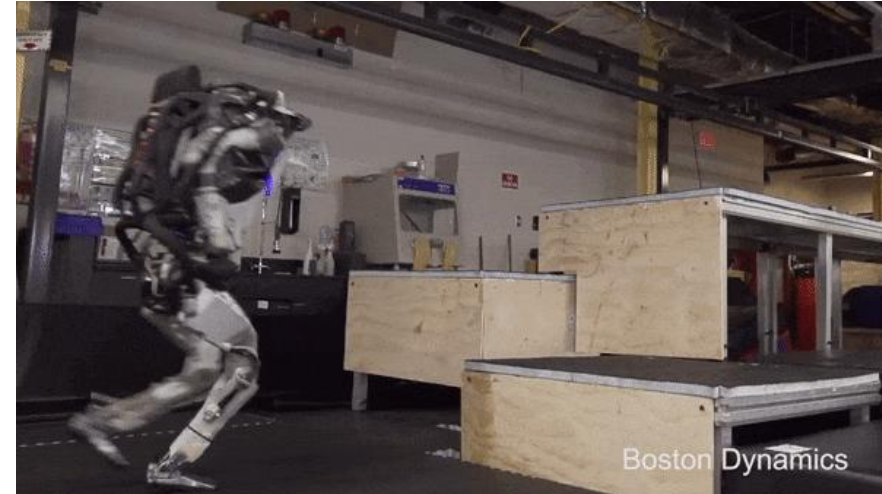


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# Robot Systems



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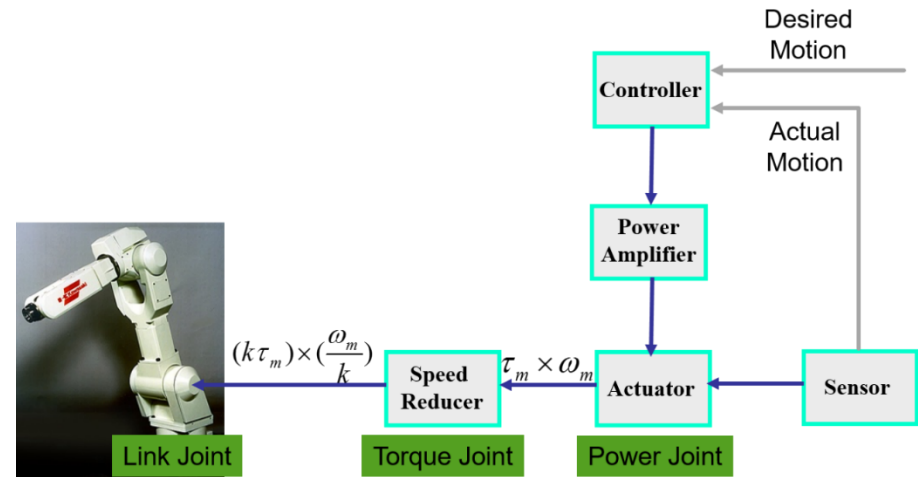
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► Performance of Robot Systems

► Design of Robot Systems

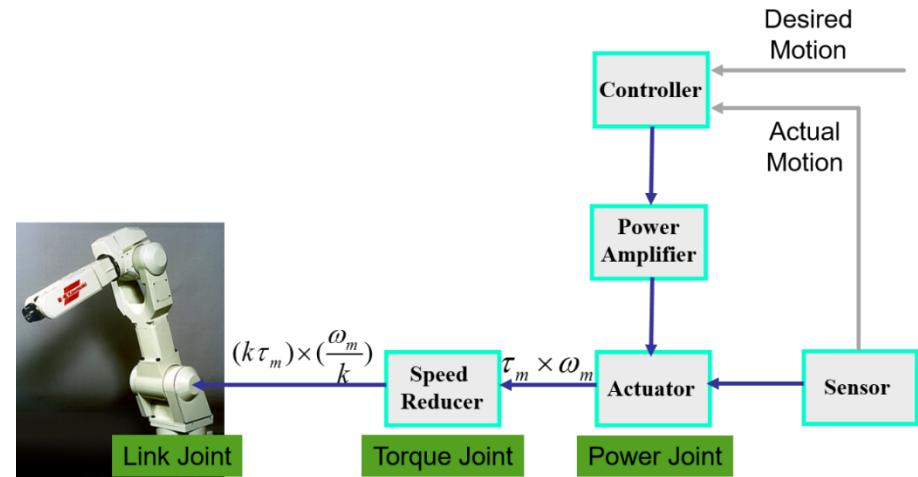
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# Definition of System

- ▶ A system is a set of entities which are interconnected and act together for achieving common goals or outcome.



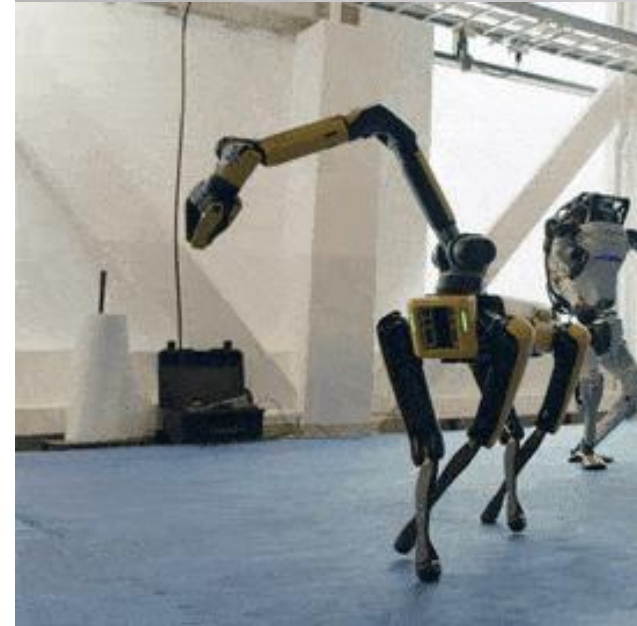
# Name five systems that you know

- ▶ 1
- ▶ 2
- ▶ 3
- ▶ 4
- ▶ 5

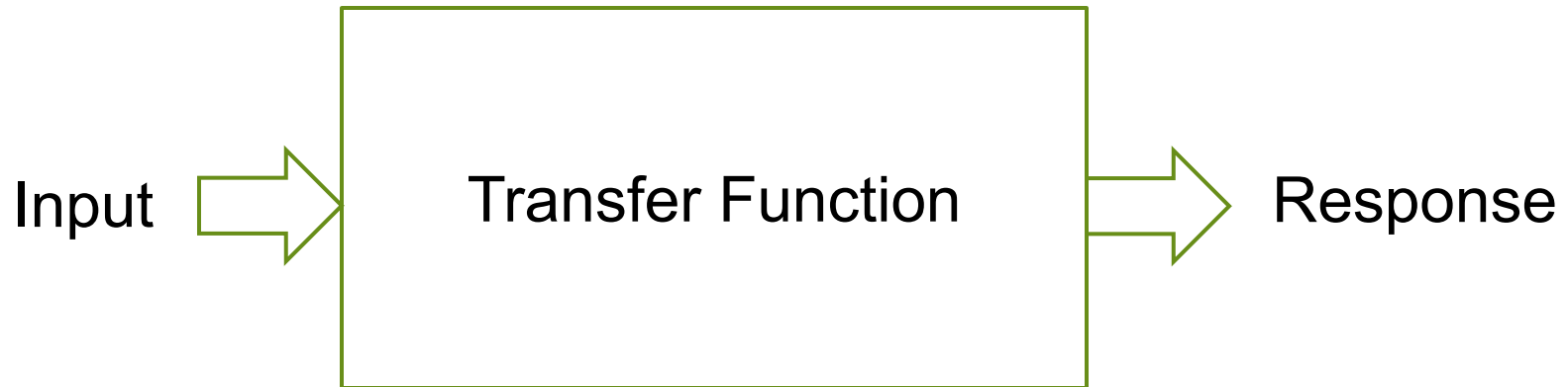


# Characteristics of Systems

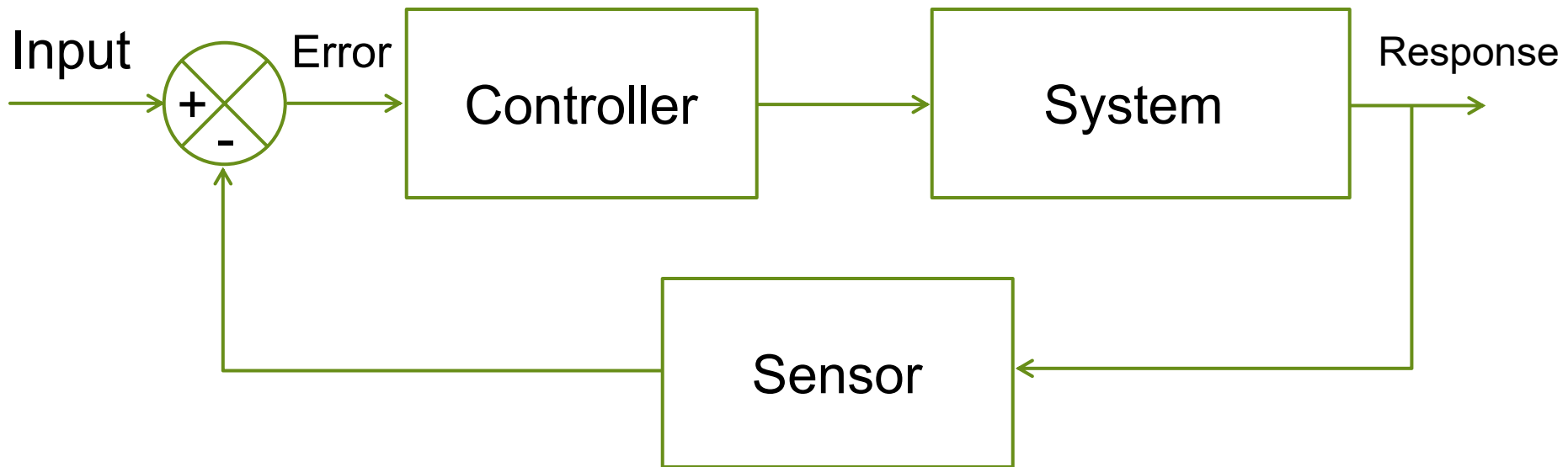
- ▶ A system has input.
- ▶ A system has responses.
- ▶ A system has transfer function.



# Illustration of Systems without Error Control (i.e. Open-loop Systems)



# Illustration of Systems with Error Control (i.e. Closed-loop Control Systems)



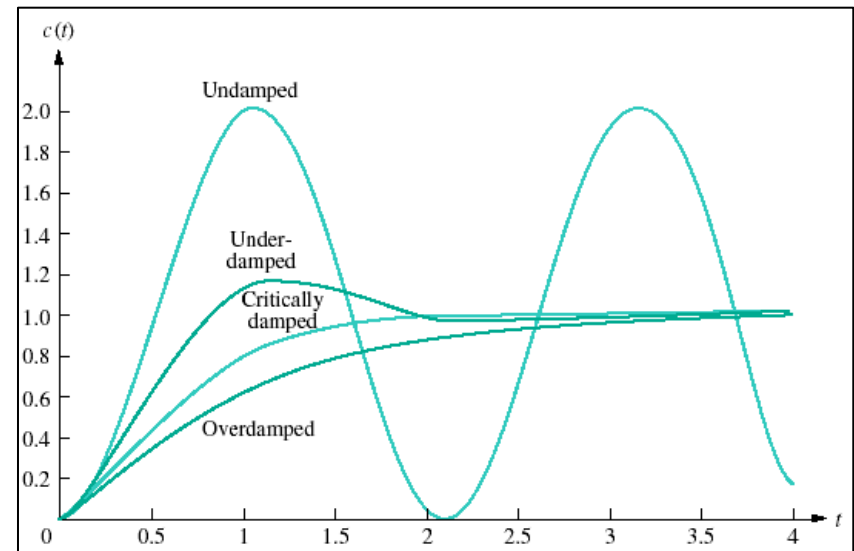
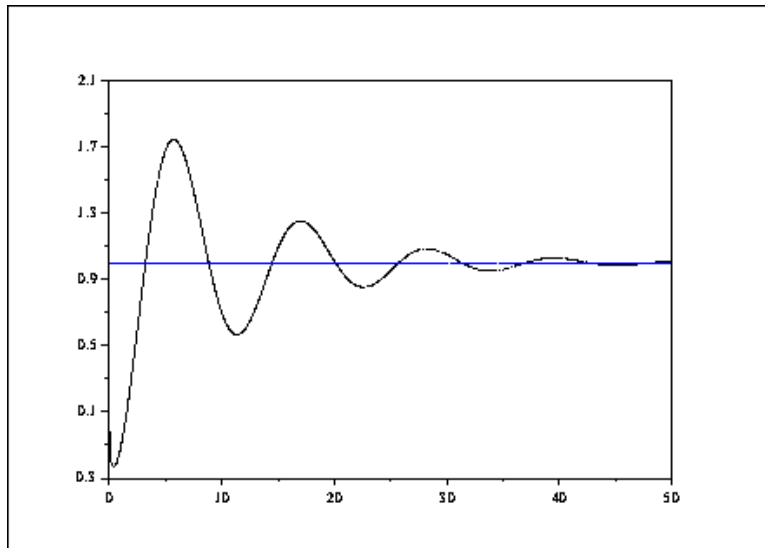
This is a system which responds to **error**

# Characteristics of Systems' Responses

- ▶ Transient Responses:
  - ▶ Transition from one steady-state response to another steady-state response.
- ▶ Steady-state Responses:
  - ▶ Output which stabilizes at steady states.

Static systems only have steady-state responses

# Illustration of Systems' Responses



# Performance of Dynamic Systems

- ▶ Stability
- ▶ Response Time
- ▶ Response Accuracy



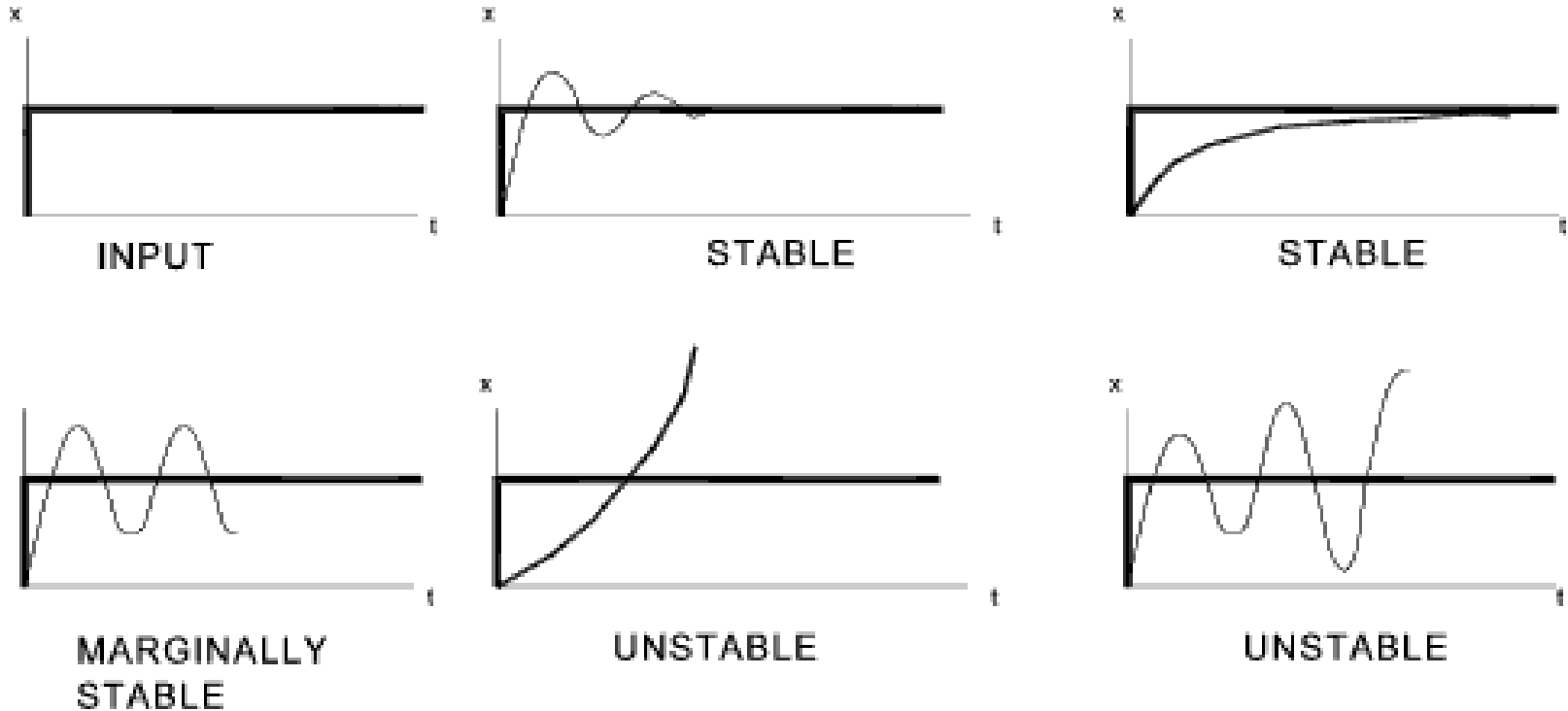
## Static Systems:

- 100% stable
- Zero response time
- 100% accurate

## Dynamic Systems:

- 100% stable: Possible
- Zero response time: Not possible
- 100% accurate: Possible

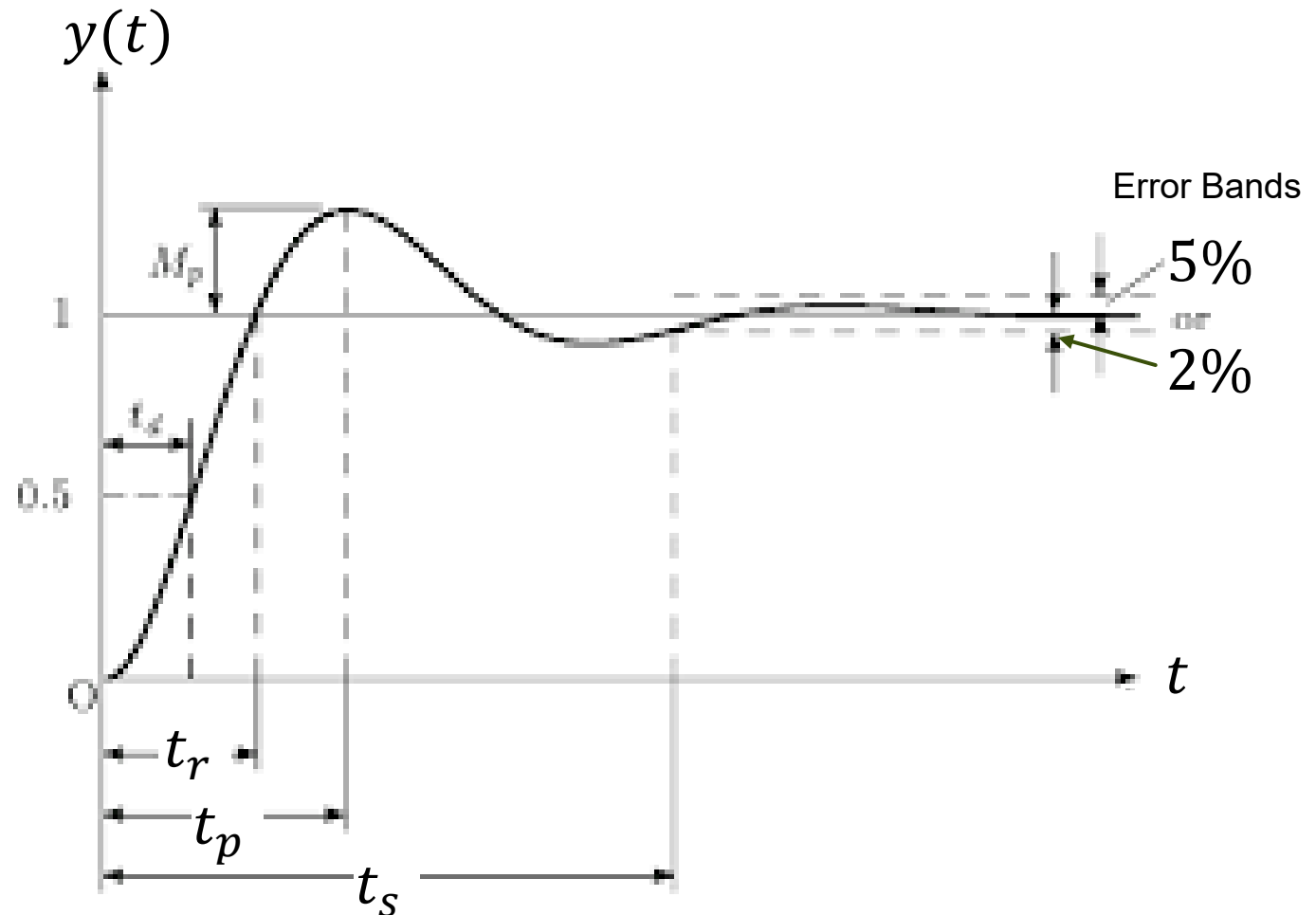
# Illustration of Stability



In time domain, stability means bounded-input bounded output

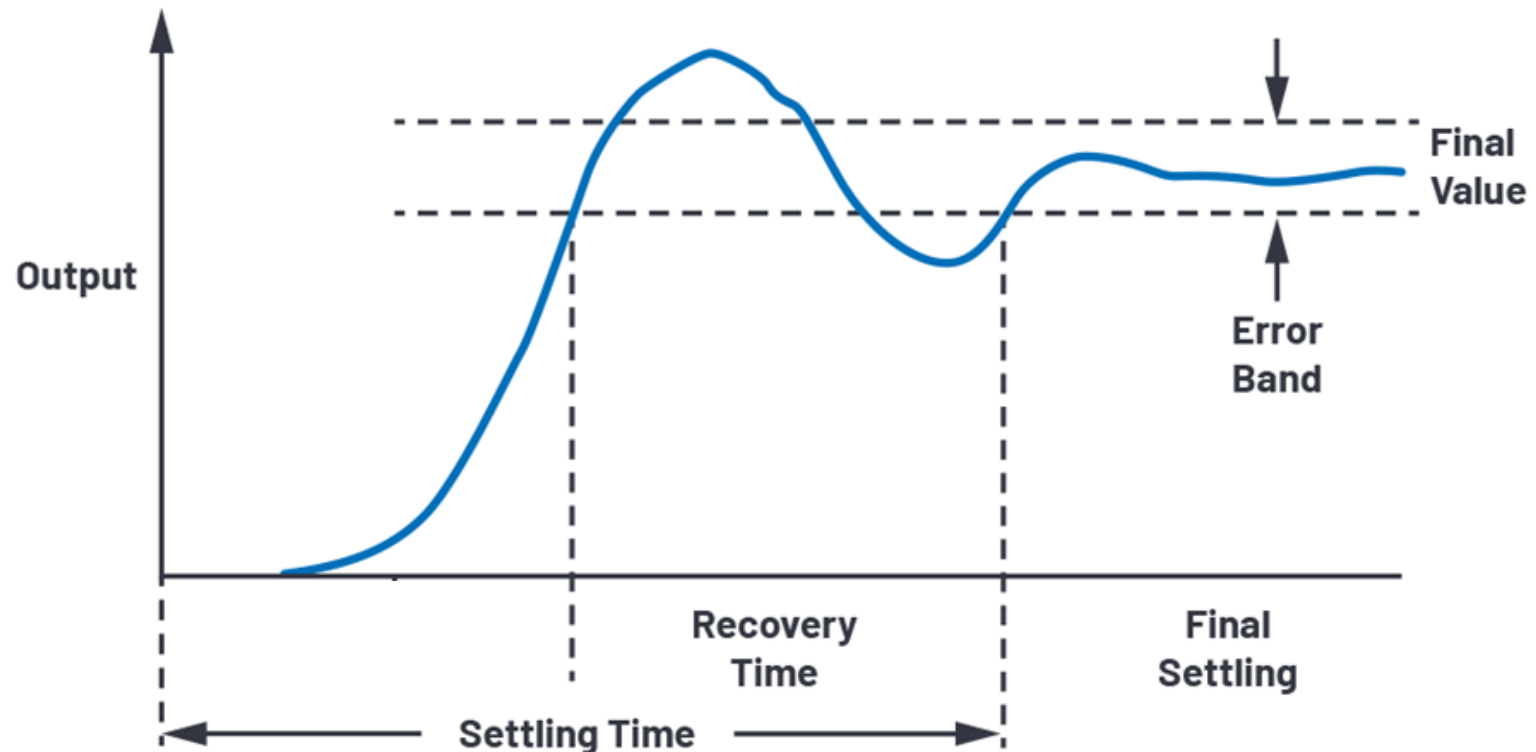
# Illustration of Response Times

- Rise Time
- Peak Time
- Settling Time



# Illustration of Response Accuracy

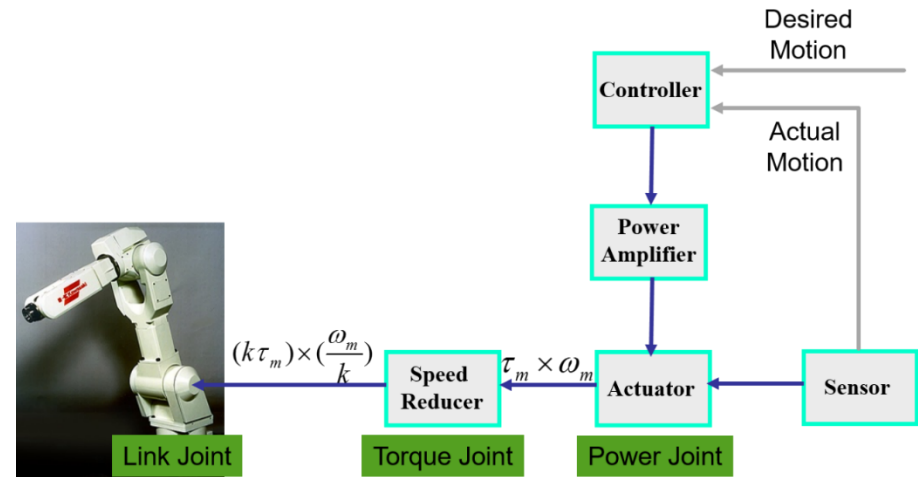
- ▶ Error Band: 2%
- ▶ Error Band: 5%
- ▶ etc



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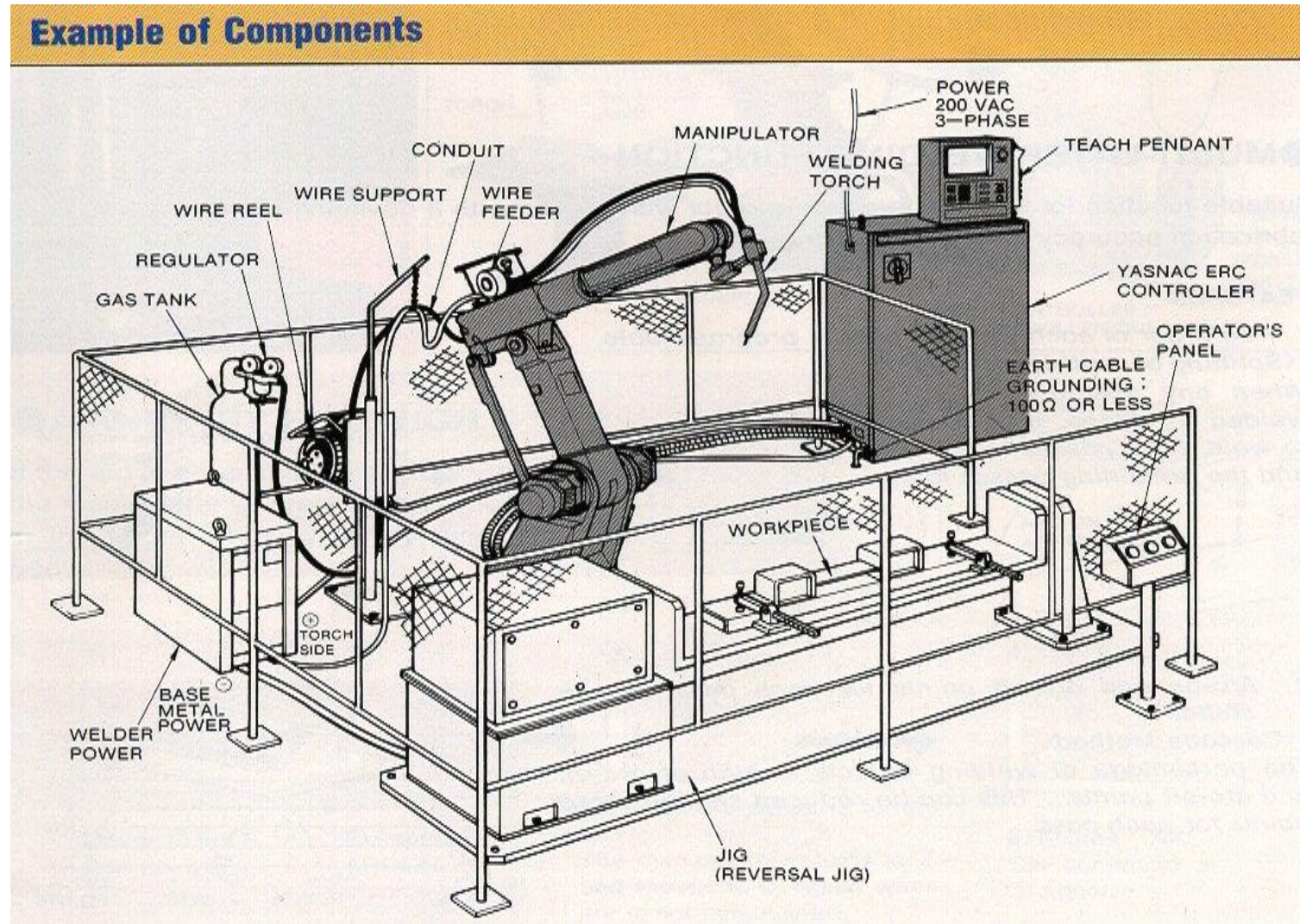
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# Definition of Robot System

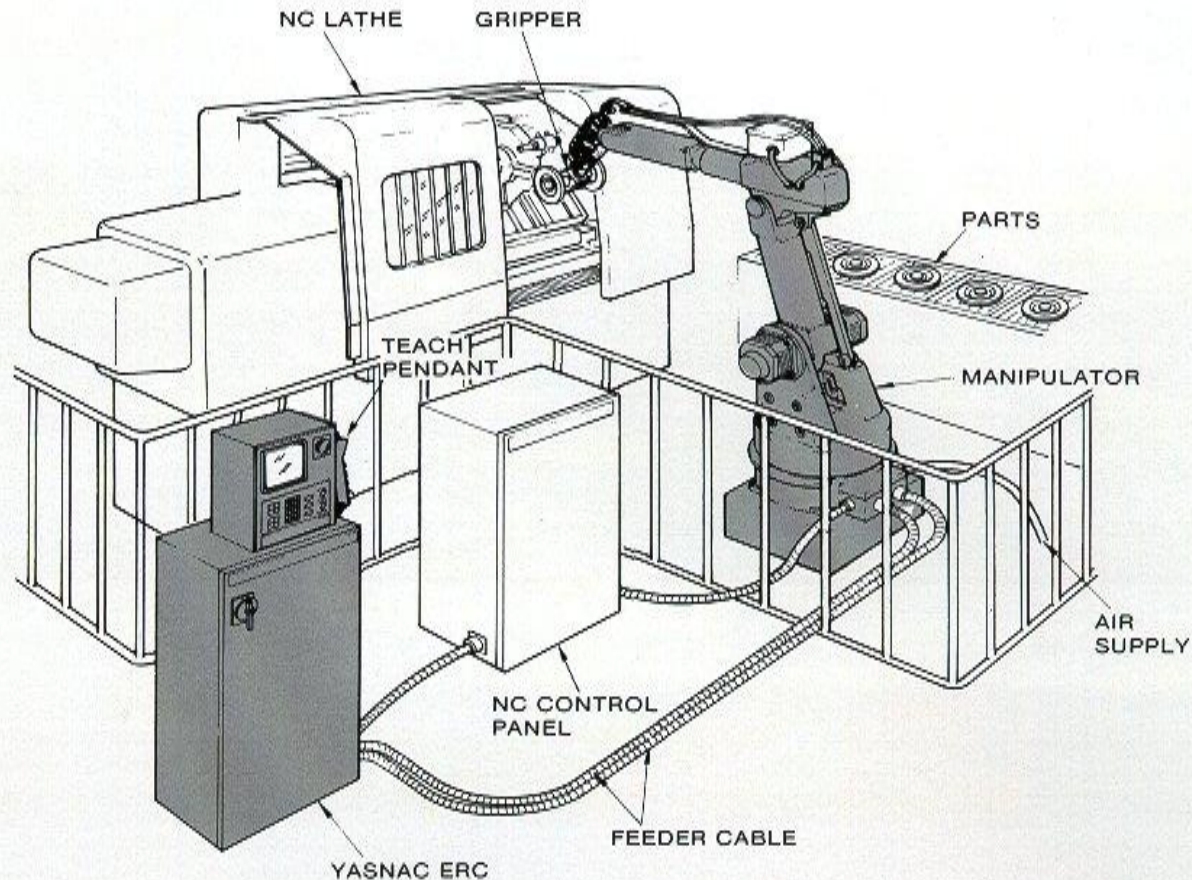
- ▶ A robot system is a set of **modules** which are interconnected and act together for achieving common goals such as:
  - ▶ Imitating the skills of human beings
  - ▶ Imitating the intelligence of human beings

# Example: Robot Systems for Welding



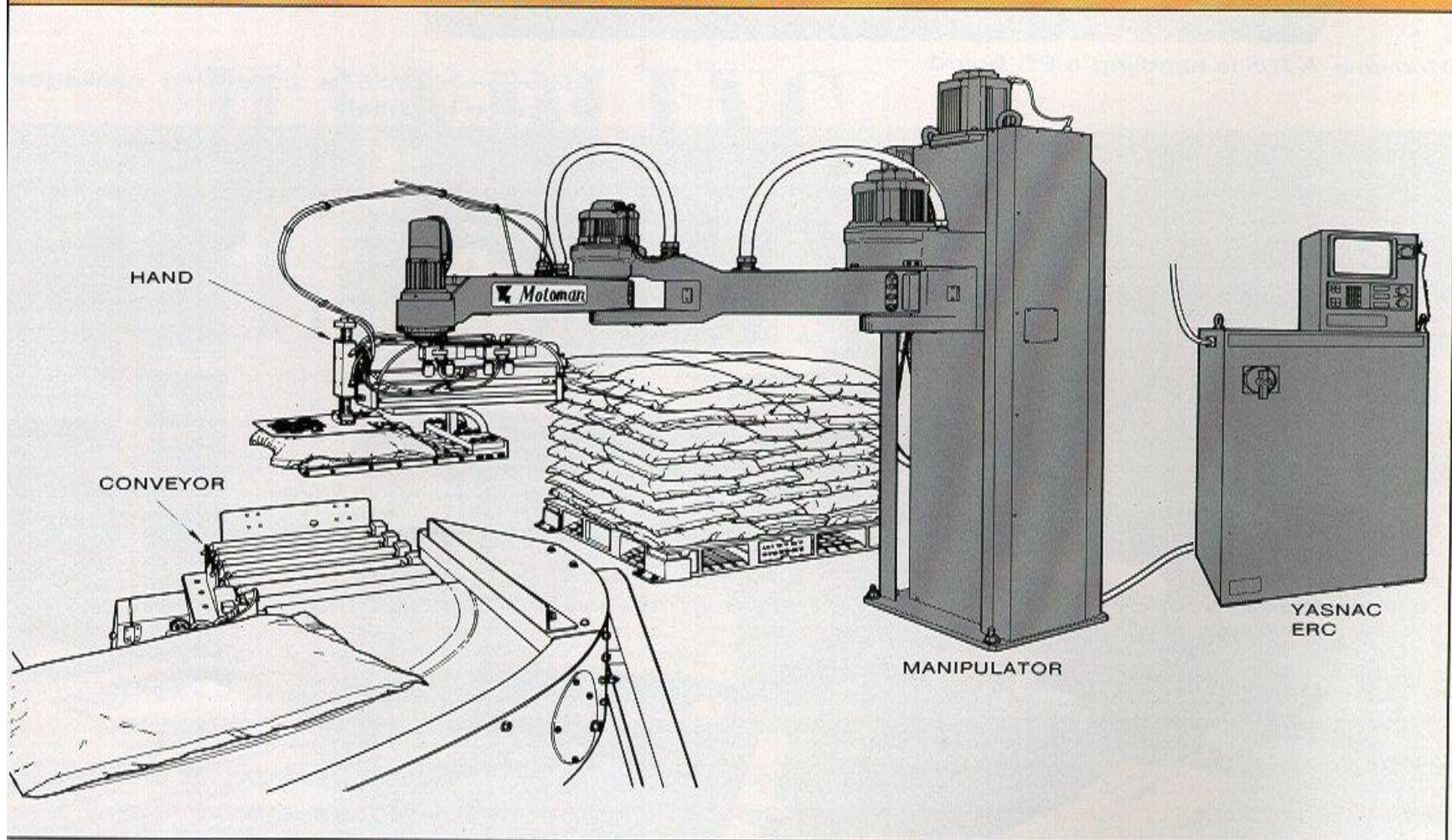
# Example: Robot Systems for Handling

## Example of Components (For Handling)

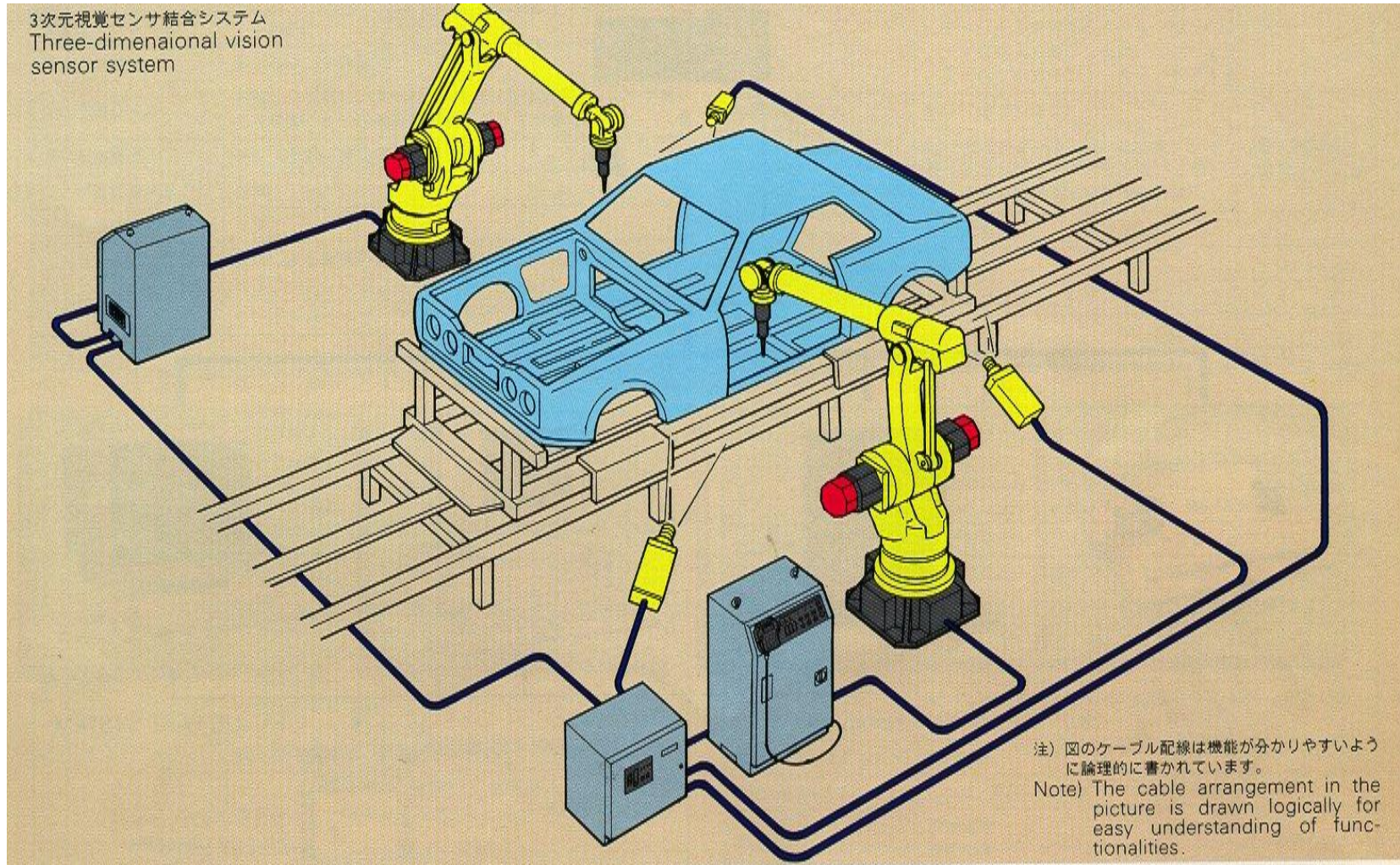


# Example: Robot Systems for Palletizing

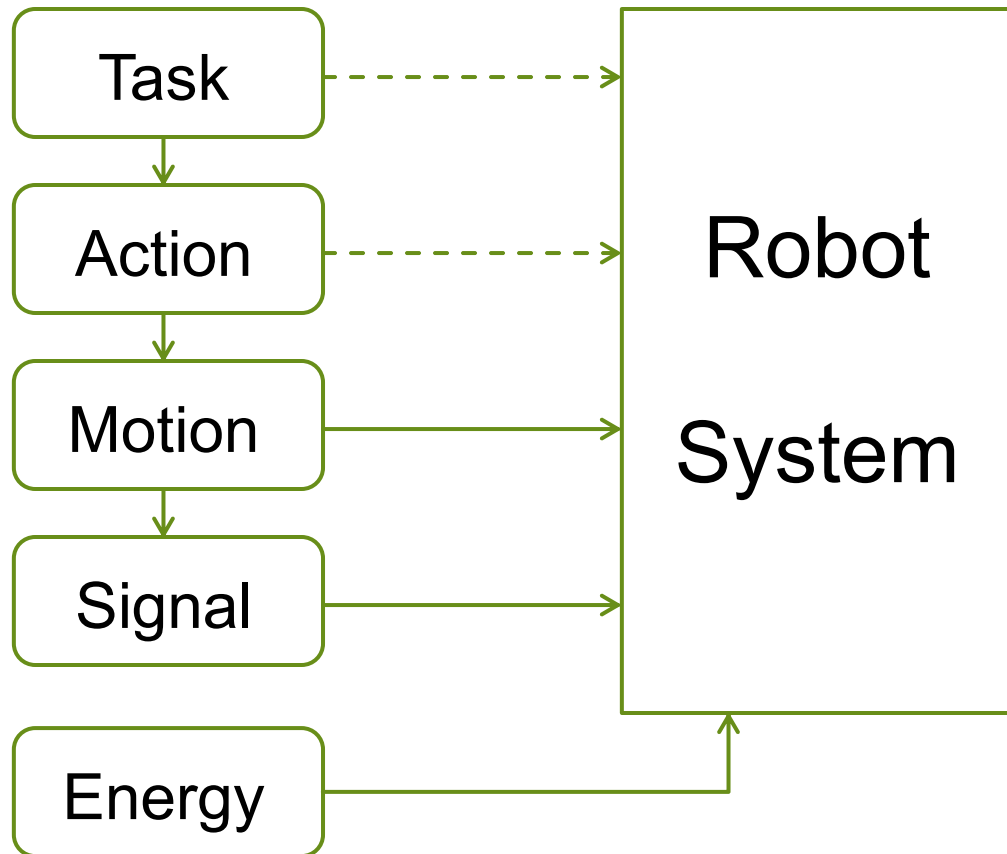
## Example of Components (For Palletizing)



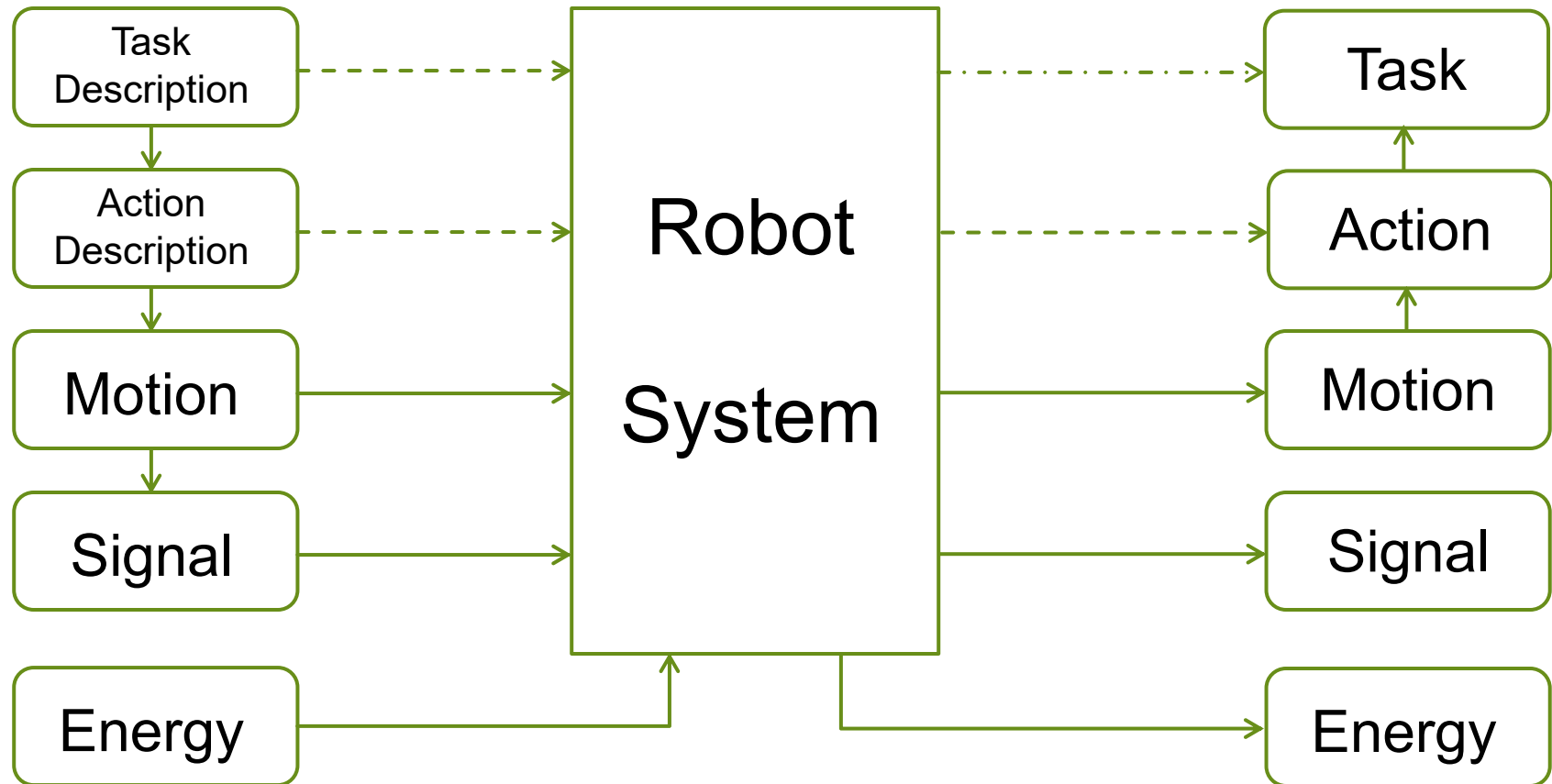
# Example: Robot Systems for Welding



# Inputs to a Robot's System

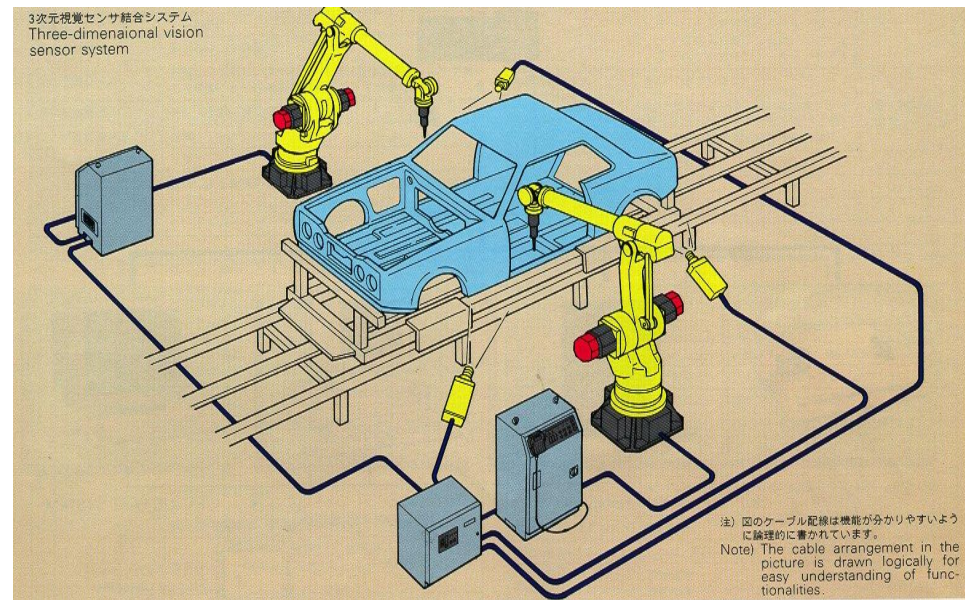


# Responses from a Robot's System



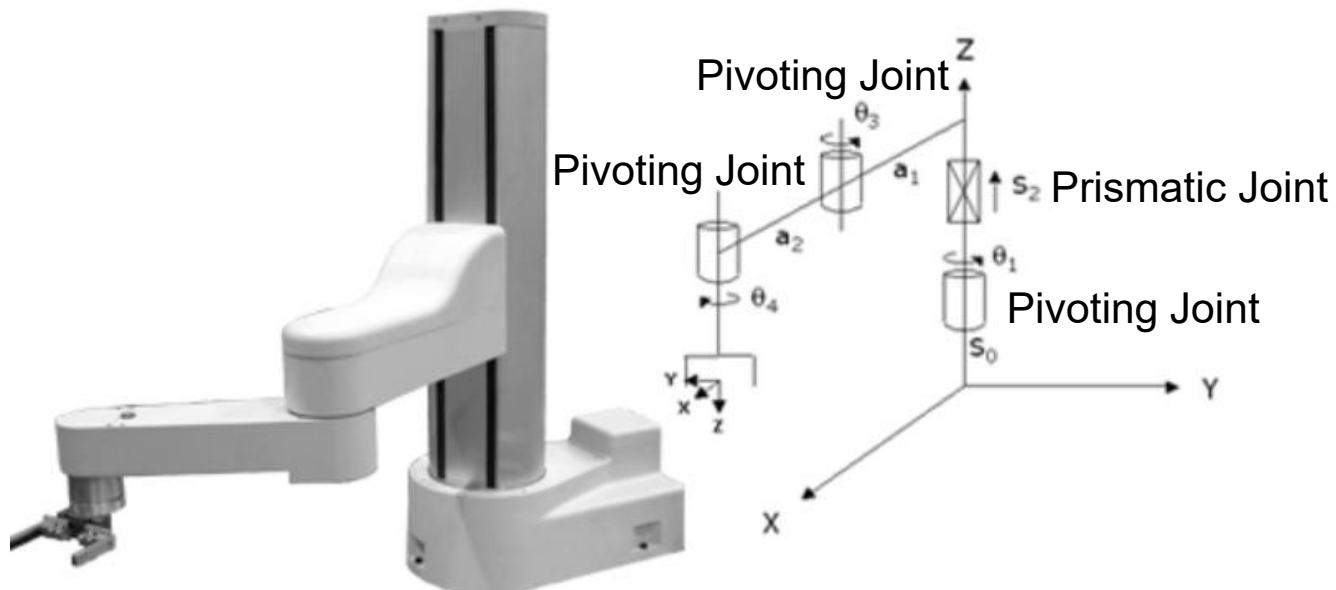
# The inside of a robot's system consists of a set of subsystems such as

- ▶ Mechanical system
- ▶ Control system
- ▶ Programming system
- ▶ Power system
- ▶ Communication system
- ▶ Vision system
- ▶ Speech system
- ▶ etc



# 1. Mechanical System of Robot

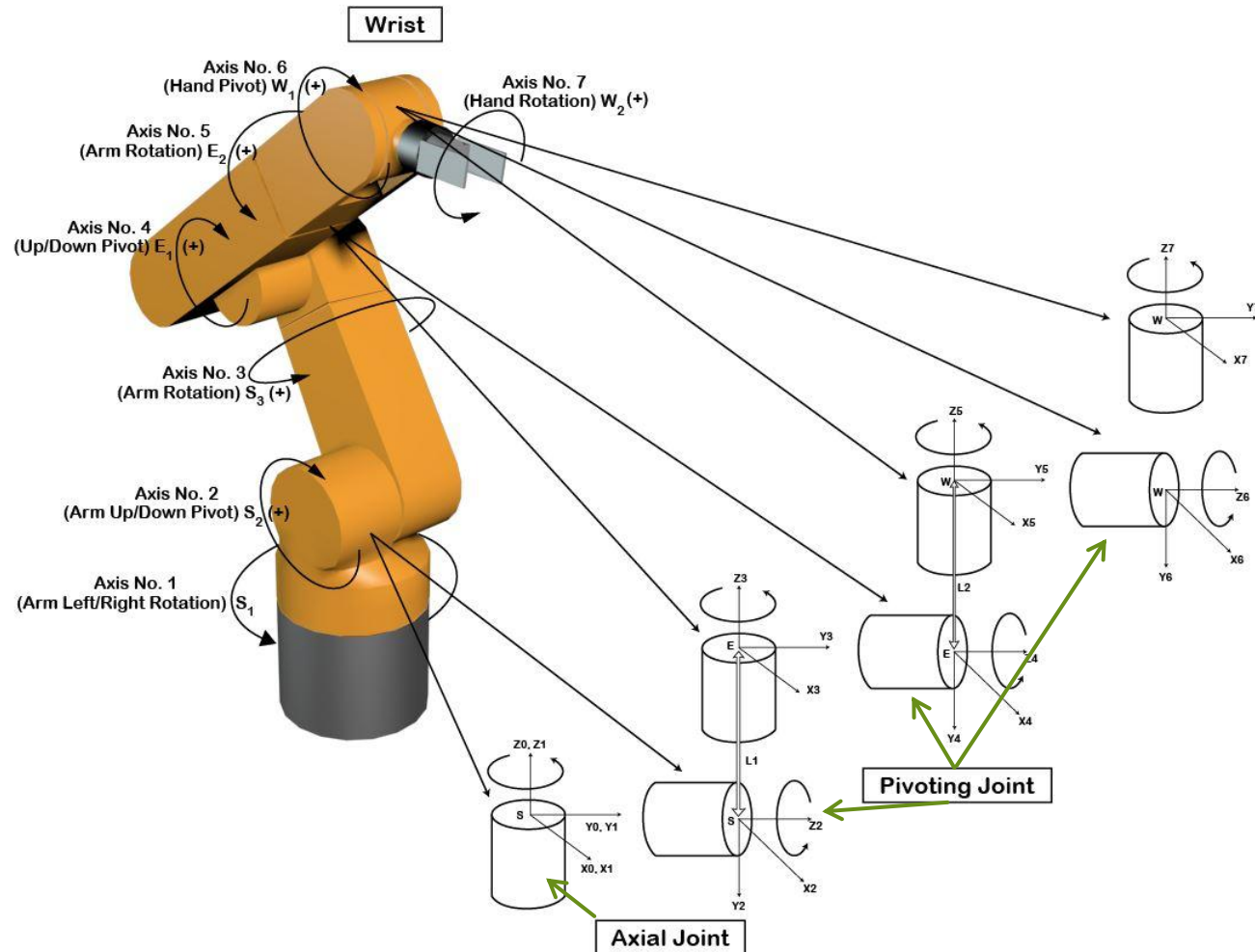
- It consists of links and joints. A joint could be a pivoting joint, axial joint, or prismatic joint.



## Example of Robot Arm with Revolute Joints



# Example of Robot Arm with Revolute Joints



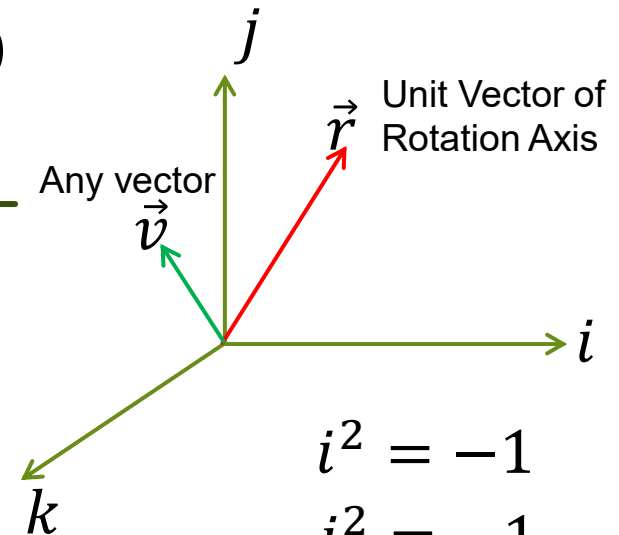
# Application of Quaternion for Motion Analysis

► Euler Equation:  $e^{j\omega} = \cos(\omega) + j \sin(\omega)$

$$j = \sqrt{-1}$$

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Generalized Euler Equation: Equation of Unit Quaternion



► Unit Vector of Rotation Axis:

$$\vec{r} = r_x i + r_y j + r_z k$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$j^2 = -1$$

$$k^2 = -1$$

$$ijk = -1$$

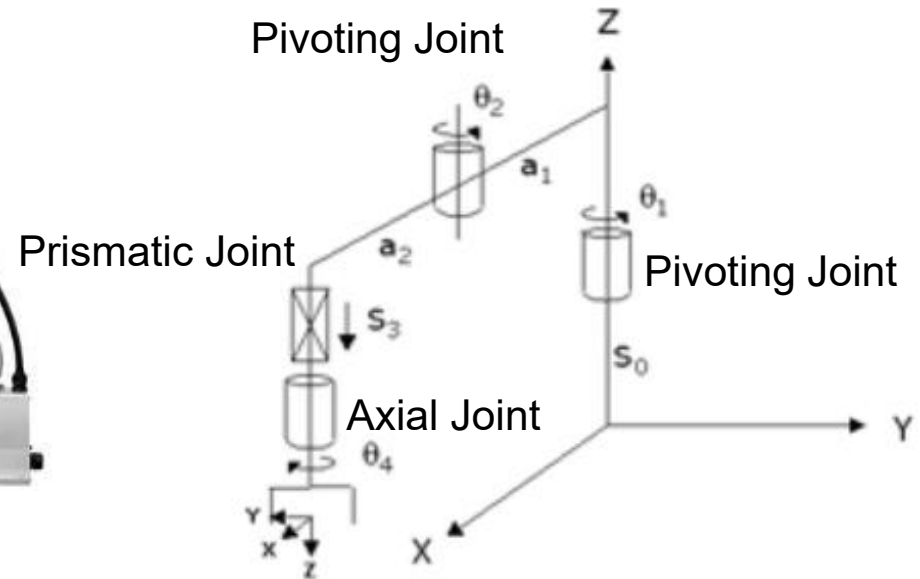
► Angle of Rotation:  $\theta$

► Hamilton Equation:  $q = e^{\theta \vec{r}} = \cos(\theta) + \sin(\theta) \vec{r}$

► Equation of Rotation:  $\vec{v}_{after} = q \vec{v}_{before} = [\cos(\theta) + \sin(\theta) \vec{r}] \vec{v}_{before}$

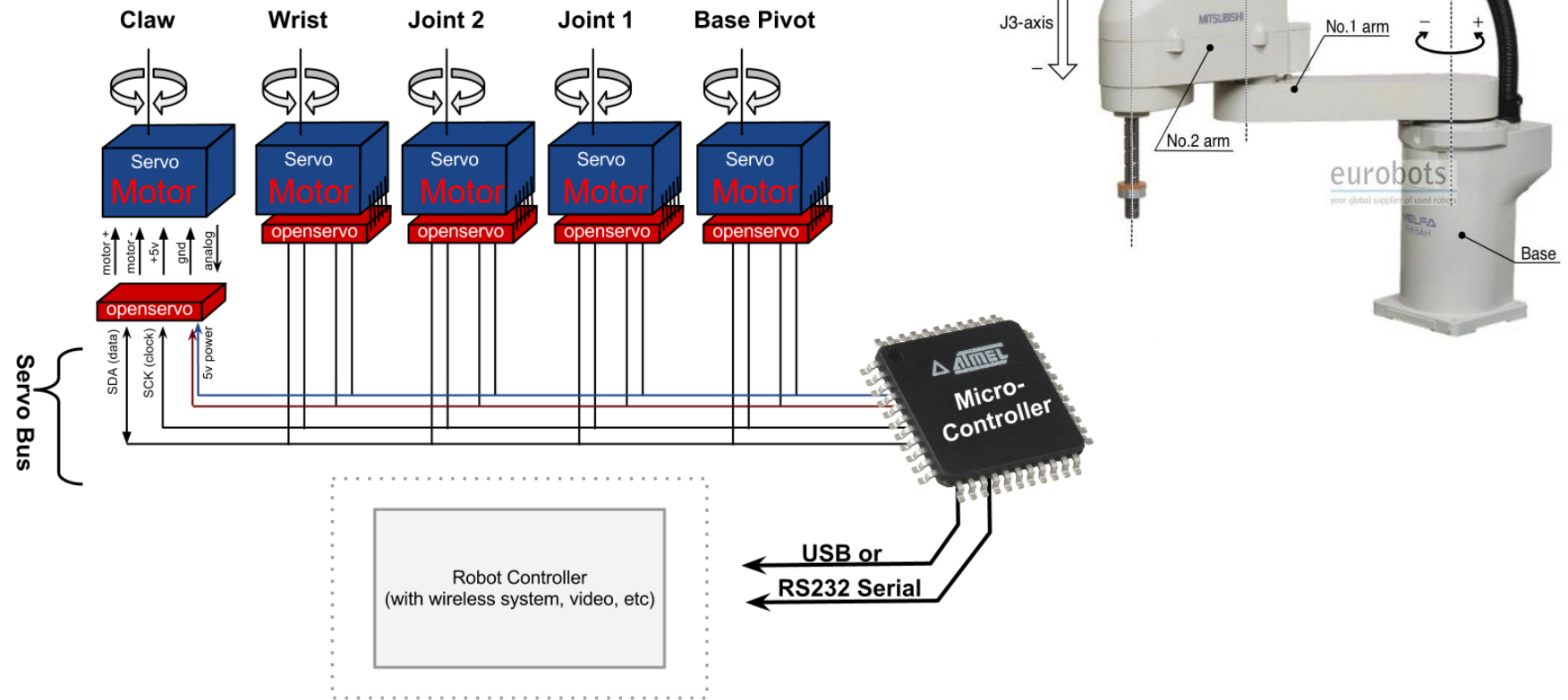
$$\vec{u}\vec{v} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v} - \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$$

# Example of SCARA Robot



# 2. Control System of Robot

► It consists of actuators, sensors, and controllers.



## 3. Programming System of Robot

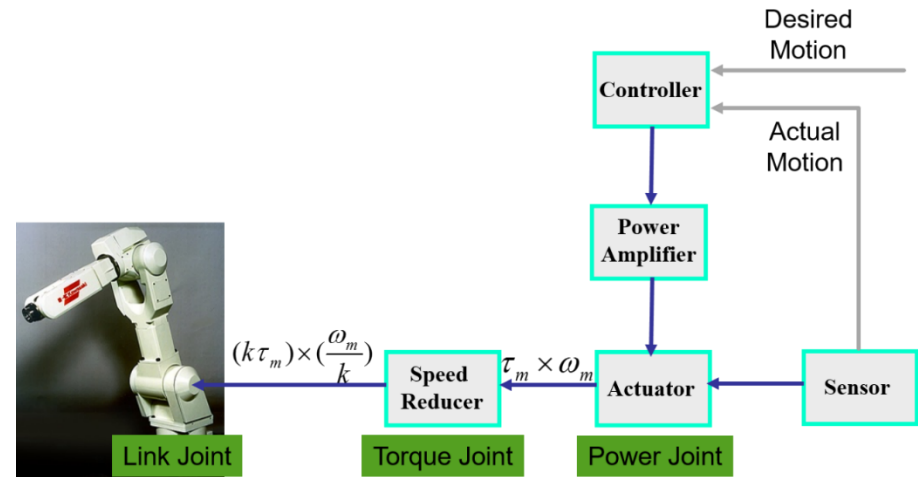
- ▶ It consists of programmable brain, software tools and teachable mind.



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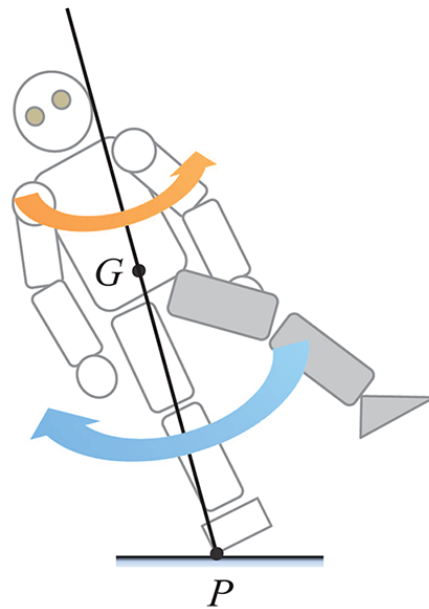
## Three Criteria for Judging Performance

- ▶ Stability
- ▶ Response Time
- ▶ Response Accuracy

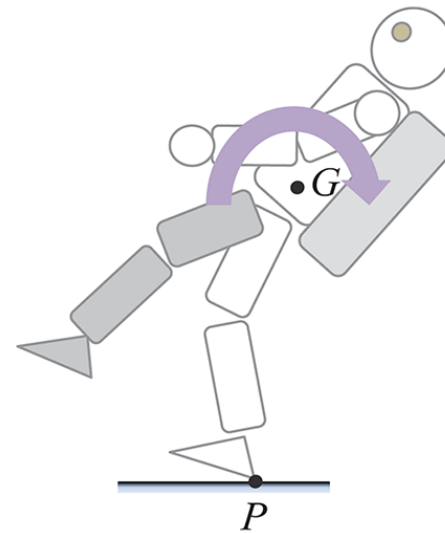


# 1. Stability of Robot Systems

- ▶ A robot is stable as long as it maintains its position and orientation in the presence of external forces or induced forces.



(a) Spinning with swing leg



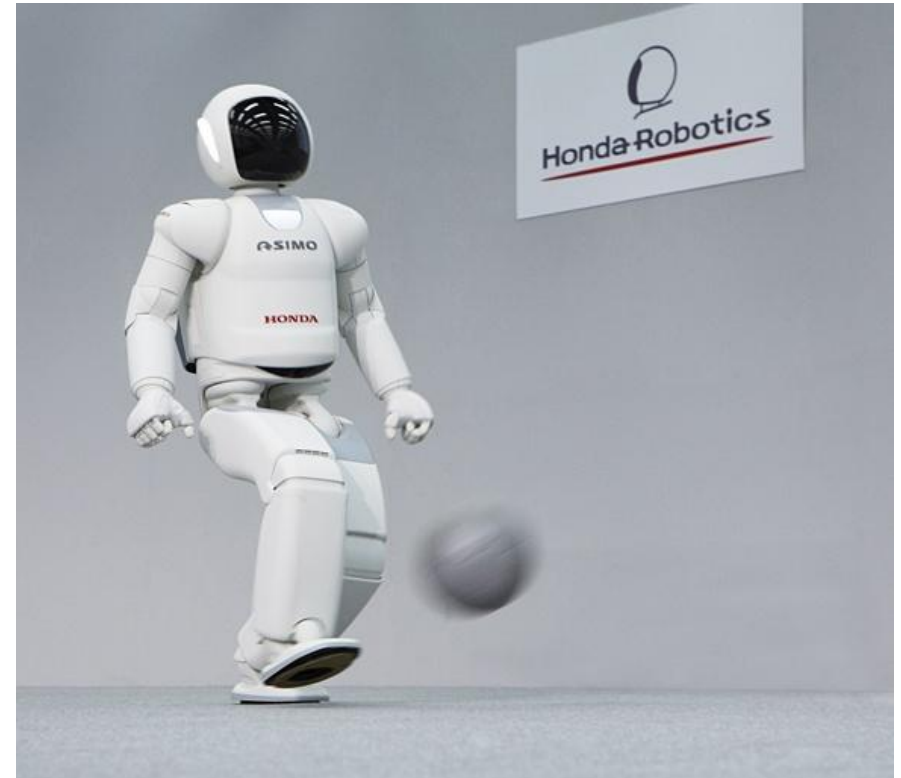
(b) Bending the trunk backward

## Example of Robots with Weak Stability



# Example

- ▶ A humanoid robot kicks off a ball and stands with the support of a single leg. What is the condition of stability in this case?
- ▶ Answer:
- ▶ The robot is stable if the projection of its centre of gravity (CG) onto the ground is within the area of the supporting leg's foot.

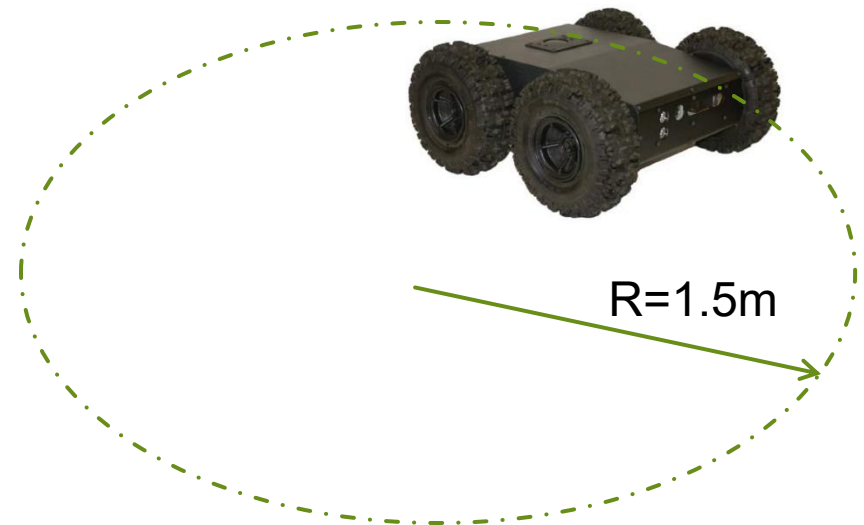


## Example

- ▶ A mobile robot's mass is 20.0 kg. Its centre of gravity is located at the centre of the robot's body and is 0.3 meters above the ground. The distance between its left wheels and right wheels is 0.5 meters. The robot moves along a circular path. And, the radius of the circle followed by the outer wheel is 1.5 meters. What is the maximum circular speed that the robot could reach before it becomes unstable?
- ▶ Answer:

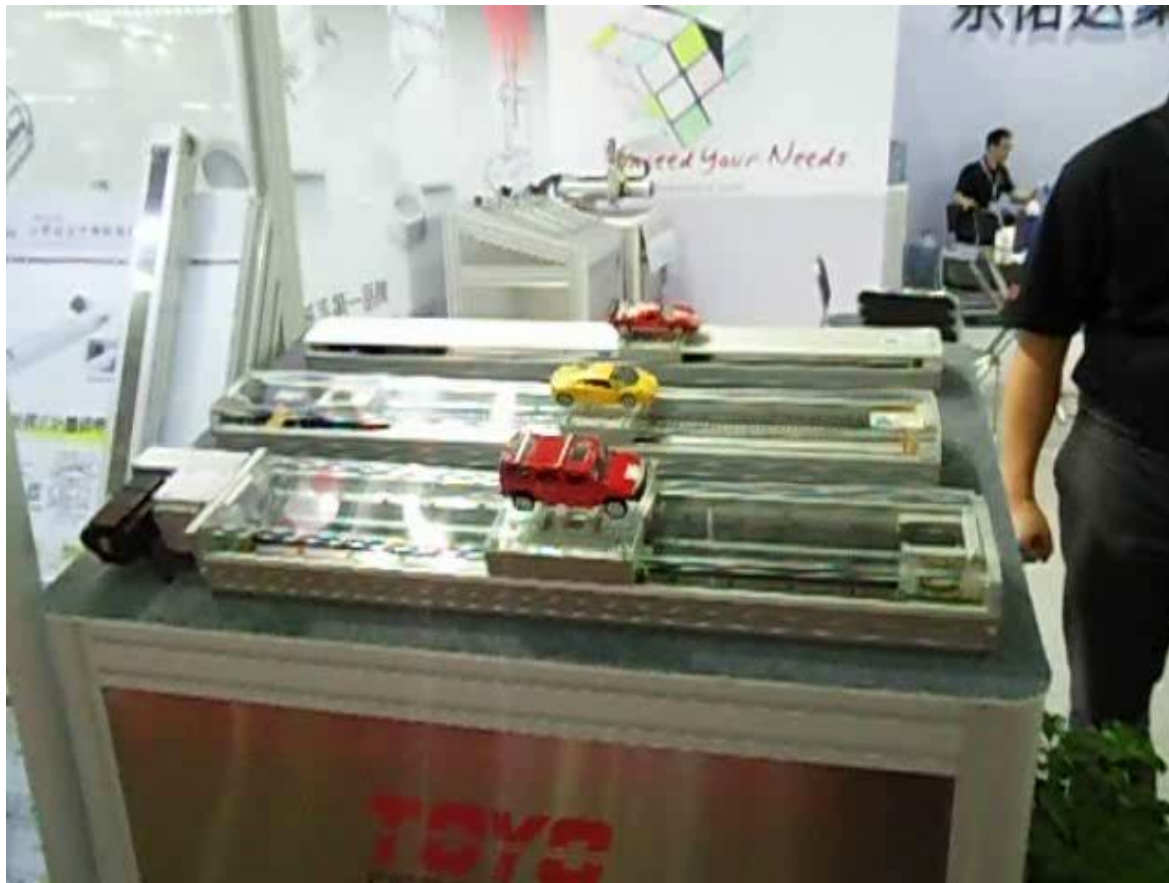
$$F_c \times 0.3 = m \frac{v^2}{1.5} \times 0.3 < mg \times 0.25$$

$$v < \sqrt{\frac{0.25 \times 1.5 \times 9.8}{0.3}} \text{ m/s}$$



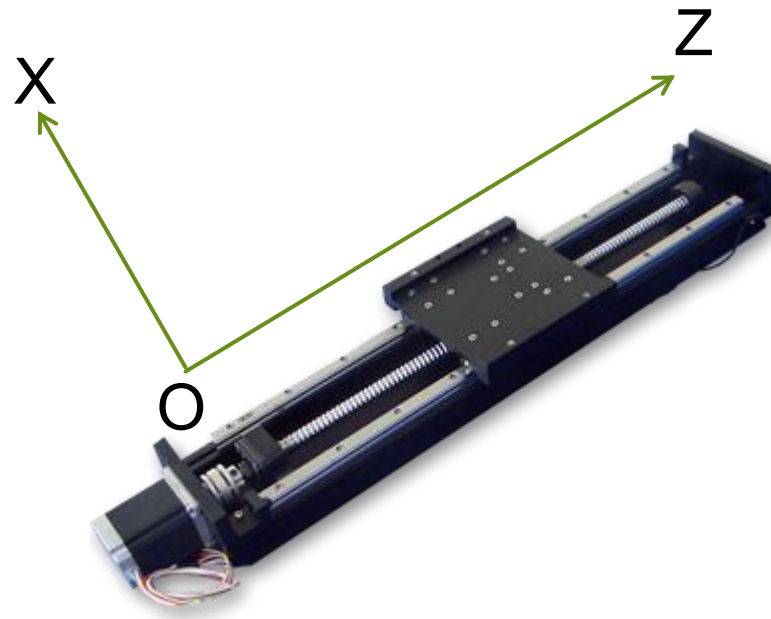
## 2. Response Time of Robot System

- ▶ It is the time for a robot to complete a motion.



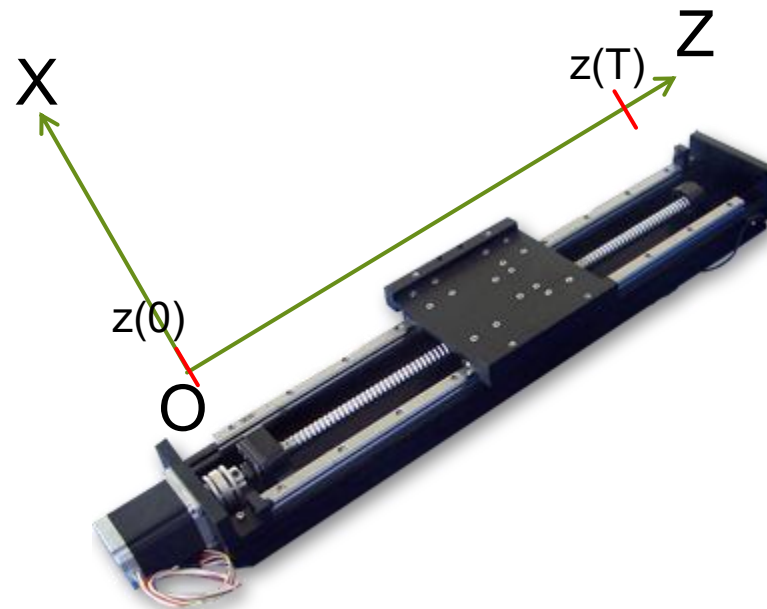
# Example

- ▶ A single axis robot has the maximum acceleration of  $\pm 5.0 \text{ cm/s}^2$ . Before it moves, the robot is at rest. What is the shortest response time for it to travel 20.0 cm and stop?



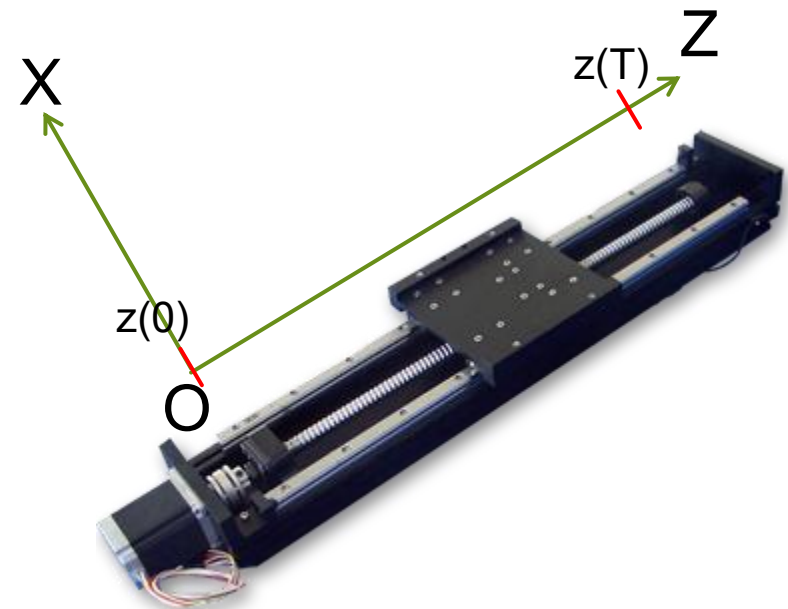
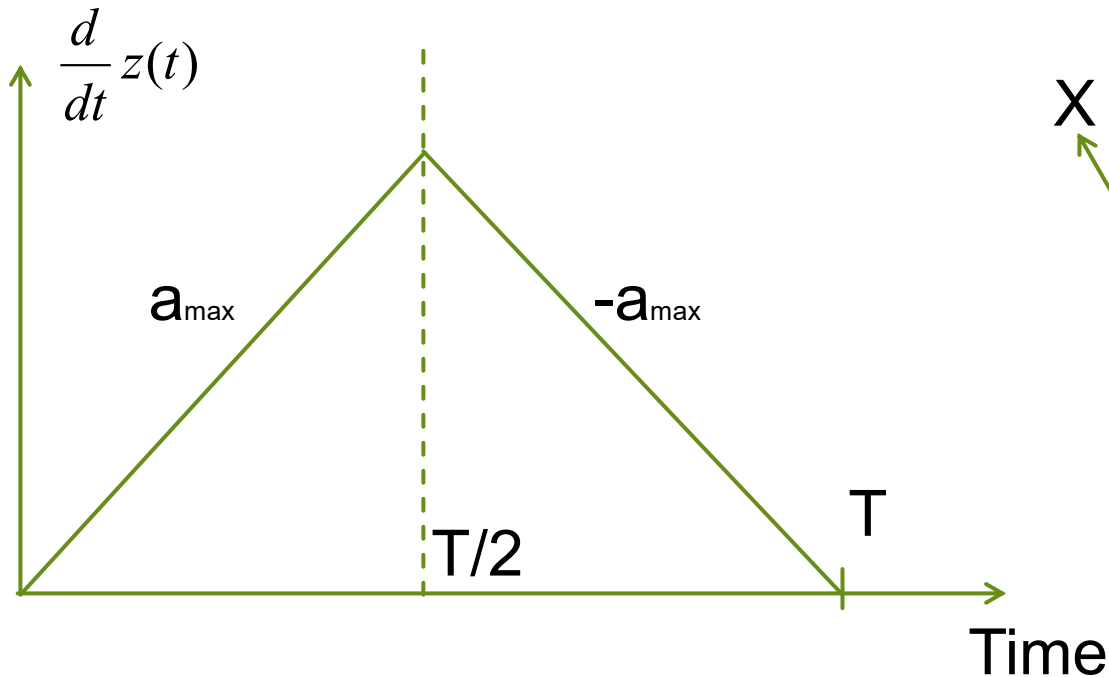
# Solution

- ▶ Analysis:
  - ▶ Place X axis at the position before motion:  $z(0) = 0.0\text{cm}$
  - ▶ Maximum acceleration:  $(+/-) 5.0 \text{ cm/s}^2$
  - ▶ Travelled distance:  $z(T) = 20.0\text{cm}$
  - ▶ To determine the shortest response time:  $T$



# Solution

- ▶ Step 1: Design of Trajectory of Shortest Response Time
  - ▶ Speed-up Motion: from 0.0 to  $T/2$  (seconds)
  - ▶ Slow-down Motion: from  $T/2$  to  $T$  (seconds)

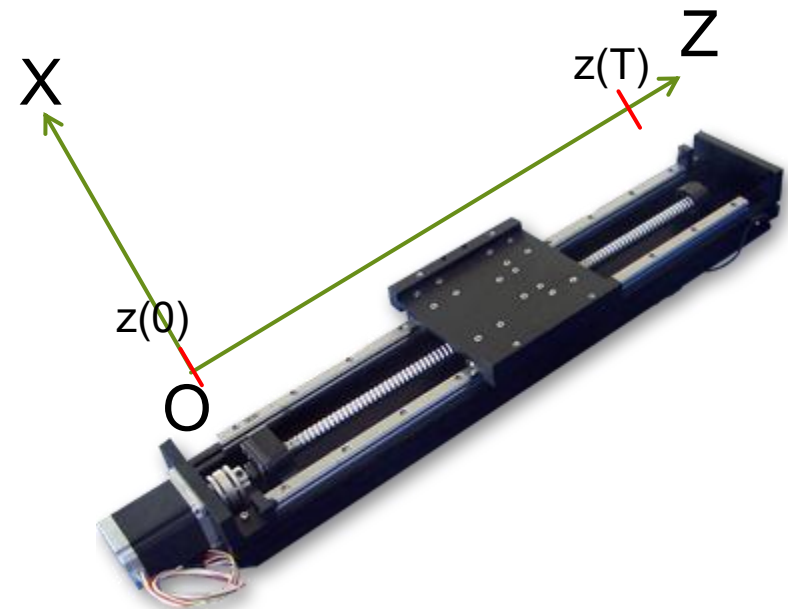
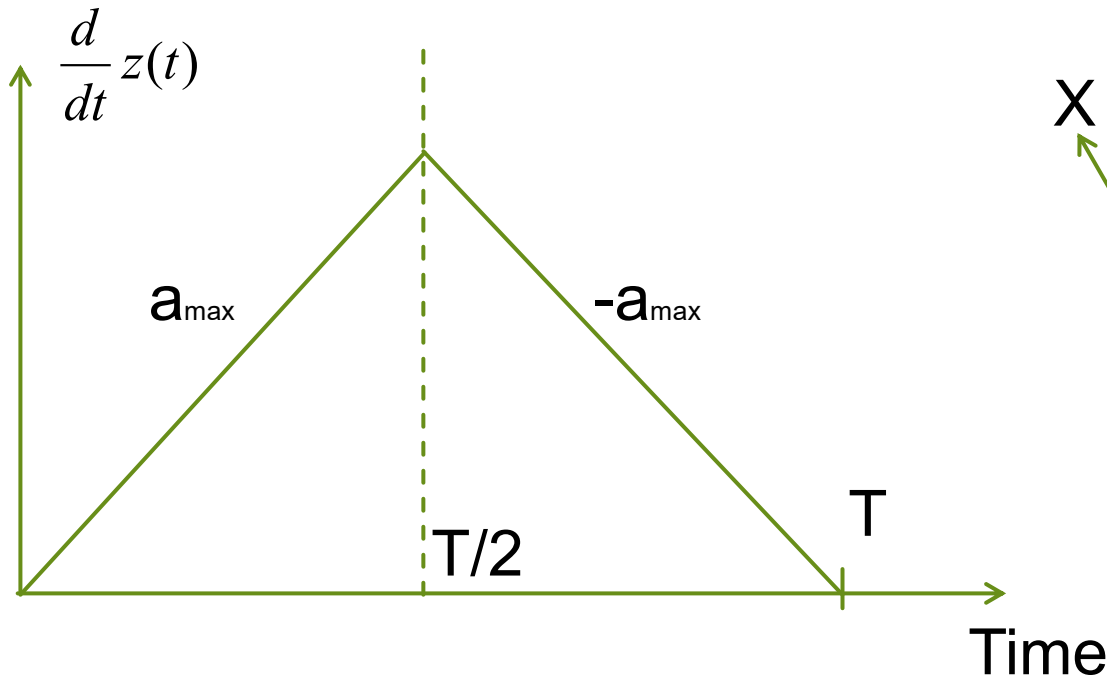


# Solution (continued)

- ▶ Step 2: Trajectory for speed-up motion:  $[0, T/2]$

$$z(t) - z(0.0) = \frac{1}{2} a_{\max} t^2$$

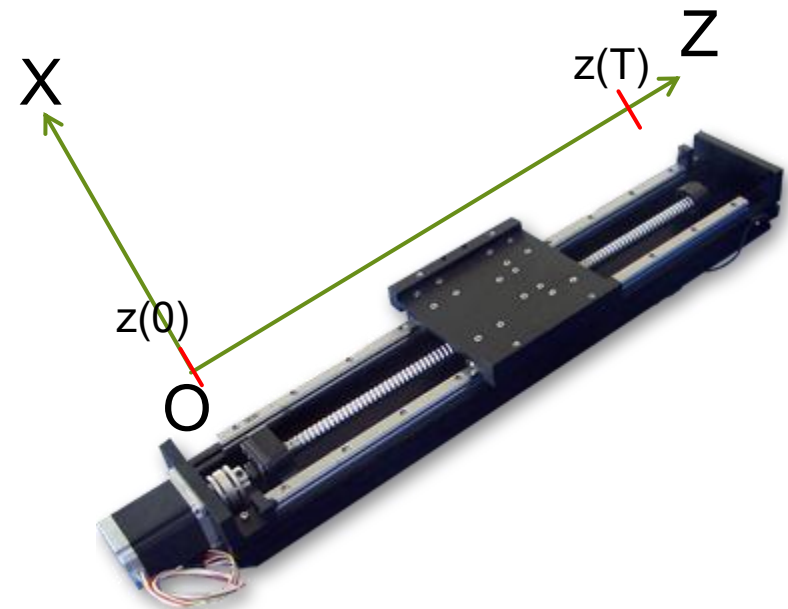
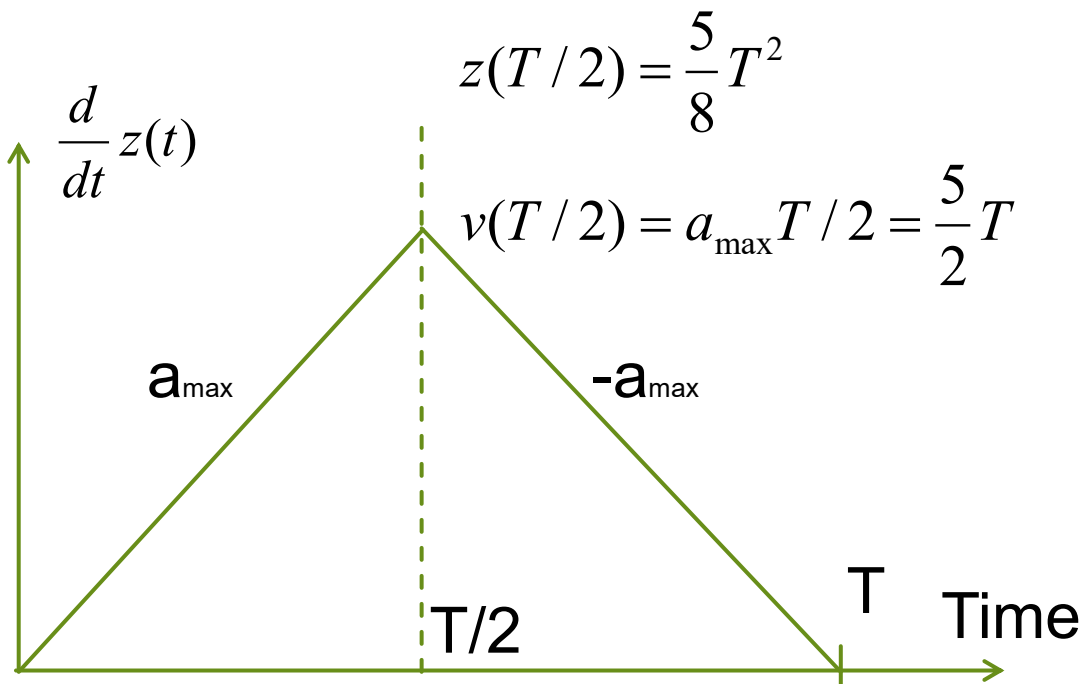
$$v(t) = v(0.0) + a_{\max} t = a_{\max} t$$



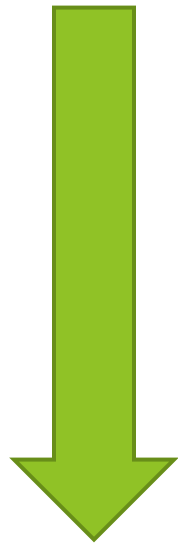
# Solution (continued)

- ▶ Step 3: Trajectory for slow-down motion:  $[T/2, T]$

$$z(t) - z(T/2) = v(T/2)(t - T/2) - \frac{1}{2} a_{\max} (t - T/2)^2$$

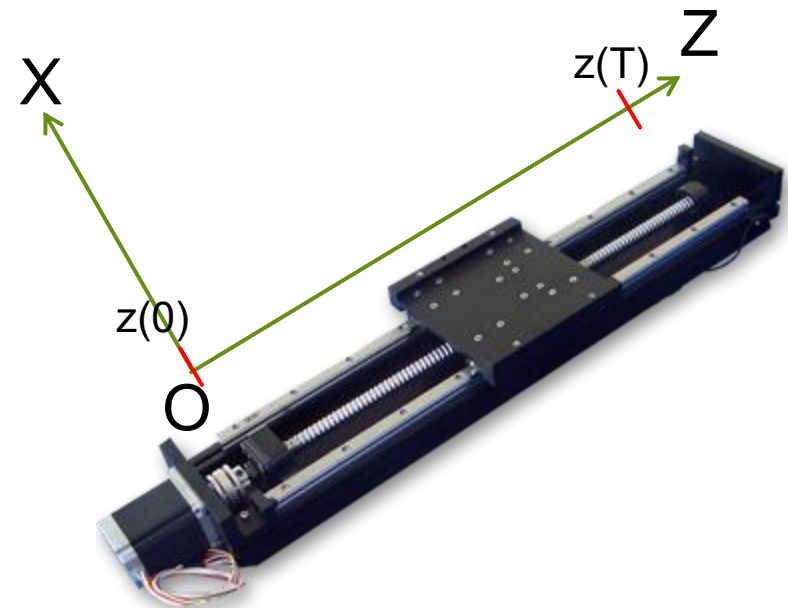


$$z(t) - z(T/2) = v(T/2)(t - T/2) - \frac{1}{2} a_{\max} (t - T/2)^2$$



$$z(T/2) = \frac{5}{8} T^2$$

$$v(T/2) = a_{\max} T/2 = \frac{5}{2} T$$



$$z(t) - \frac{5}{8} T^2 = \frac{5T}{2} t - \frac{5}{4} T^2 - \frac{5}{2} (t - T/2)^2$$

# Solution

- ▶ Step 4: Shortest Response Time

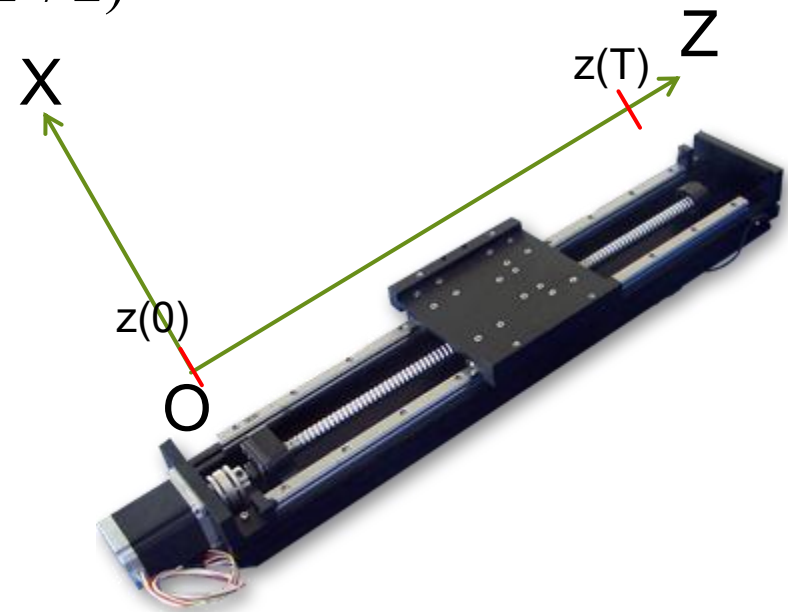
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$$z(T) - \frac{5}{8}T^2 = \frac{5}{2}T^2 - \frac{5}{4}T^2 - \frac{5}{2}(T - T/2)^2$$

$$20 - \frac{5}{8}T^2 = \frac{5}{4}T^2 - \frac{5}{8}T^2$$

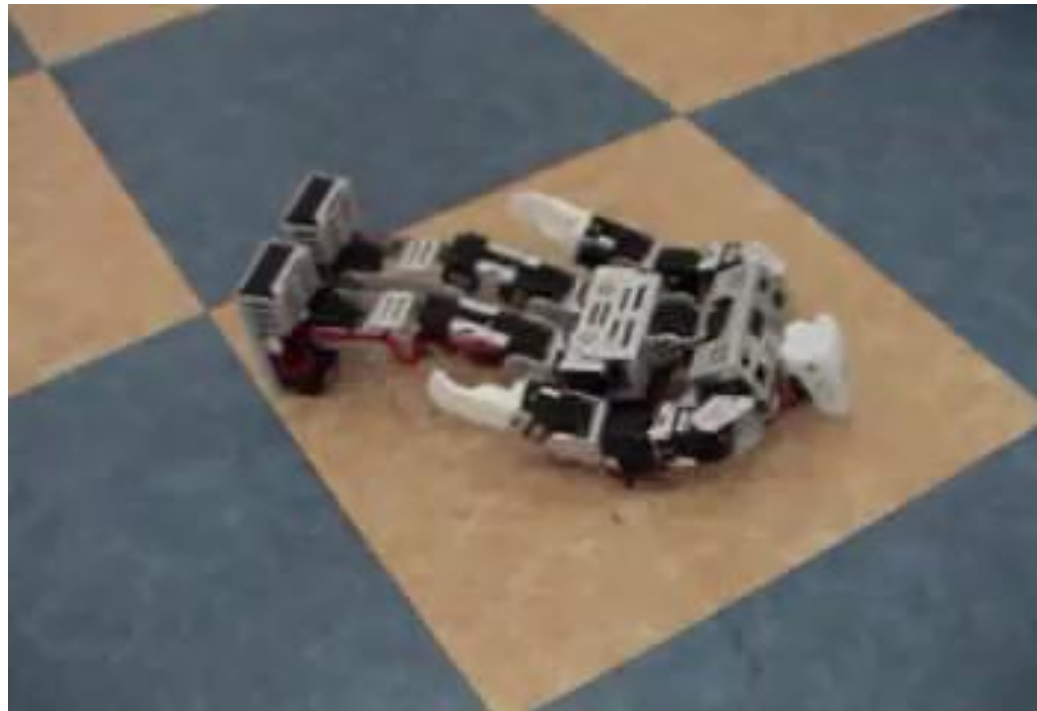
$$T^2 = 16$$

$$T = 4 \text{ s}$$



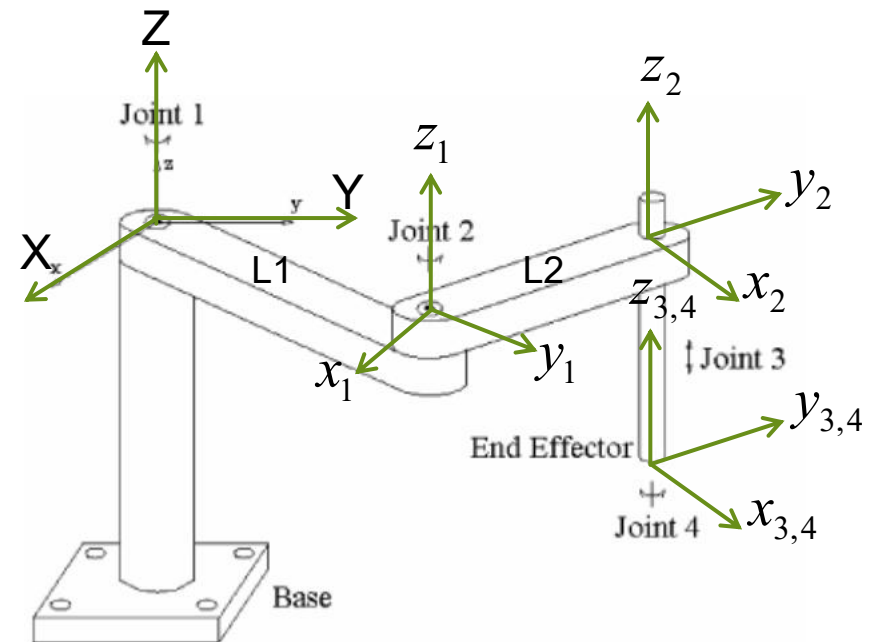
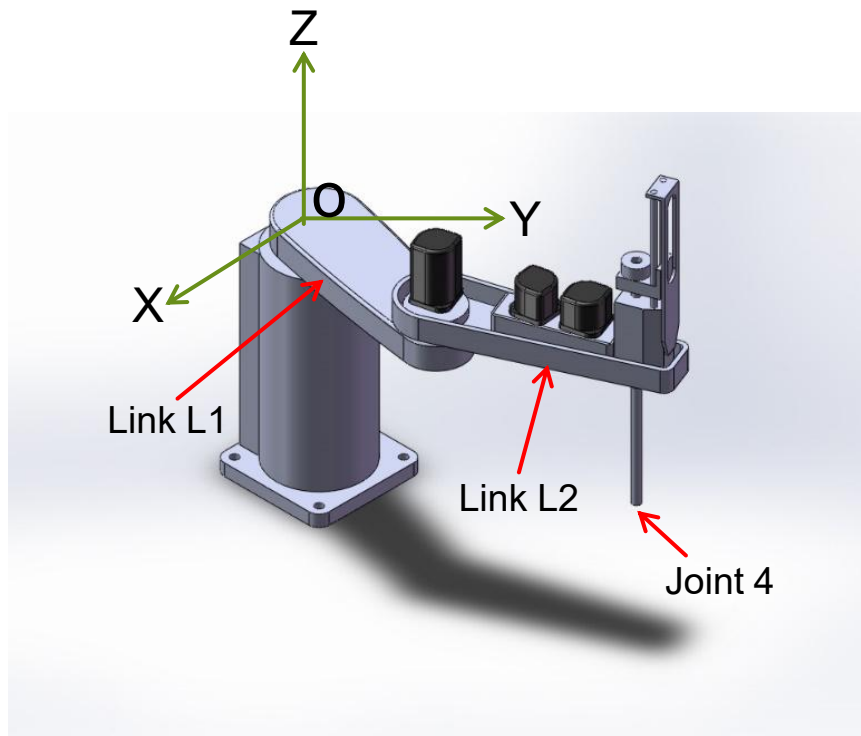
## 3. Response Accuracy of Robot System

- ▶ It is the maximum error when a robot repeatedly performs a same motion.



# Example

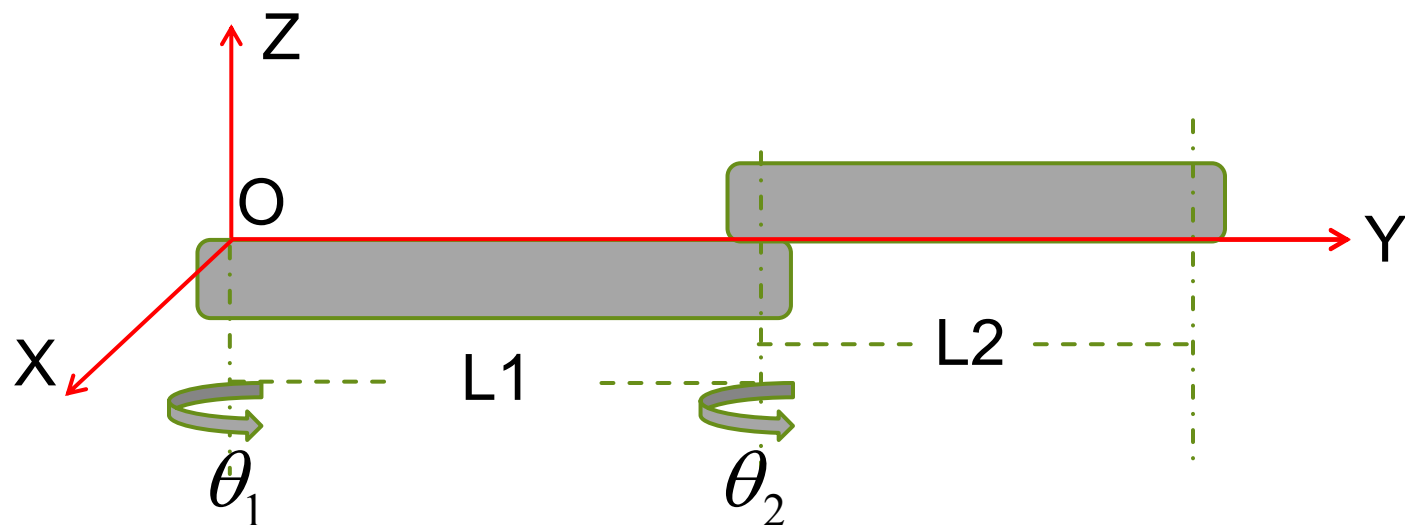
- ▶ A SCARA robot has the following geometrical parameters:  $L1 = 30.0$  (cm) and  $L2 = 25.0$  (cm). The angular accuracy of joint 1 is  $\pm 0.01$  degrees, and the accuracy of joint 2 is  $\pm 0.02$  degrees. What is the accuracy of Y coordinate of joint 4 **with respect to the robot's base**?



# Solution

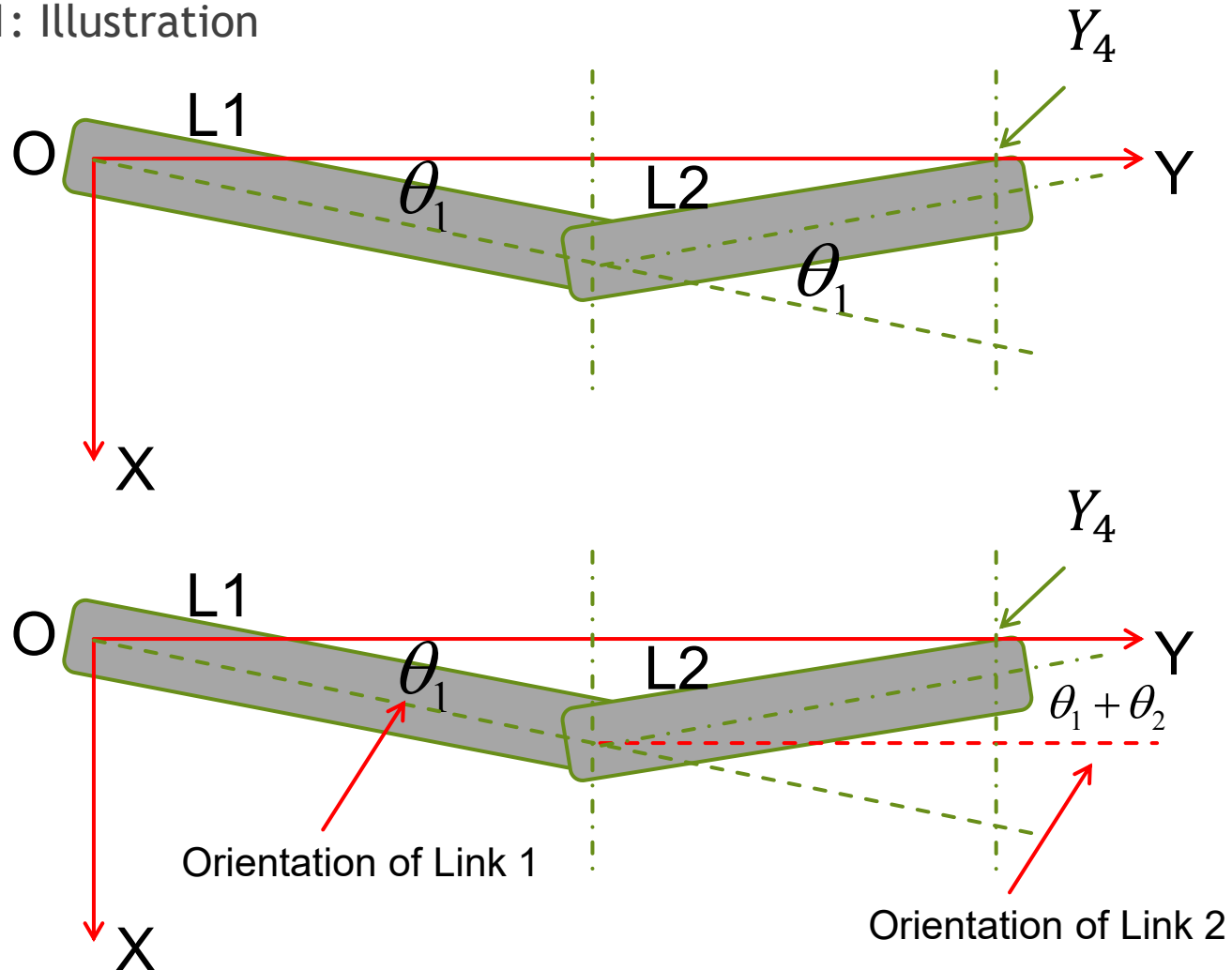
## ► Analysis

- The error of joint 4's Y coordinate will be the largest one when joint 1's angle is 90 degrees while joint 2's angle is zero degree.
- The error of joint 4's Y coordinate is a function of angles of joint 1 and joint 2.



# Solution (continued)

► Step 1: Illustration

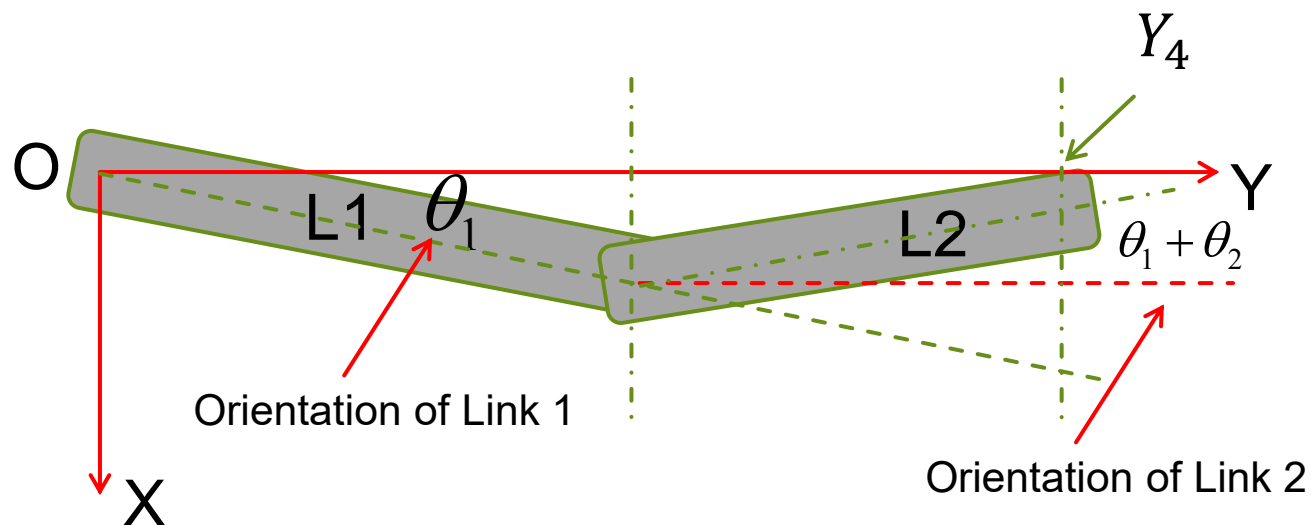


# Solution (continued)

- Step 2: Equation of Coordinate

$$y_4 = L_1 \cos(\theta_1) + L_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$\frac{dy_4}{dt} = -L_1 \sin(\theta_1) \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} - L_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \left( \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} + \frac{d\theta_2}{dt} \right)$$

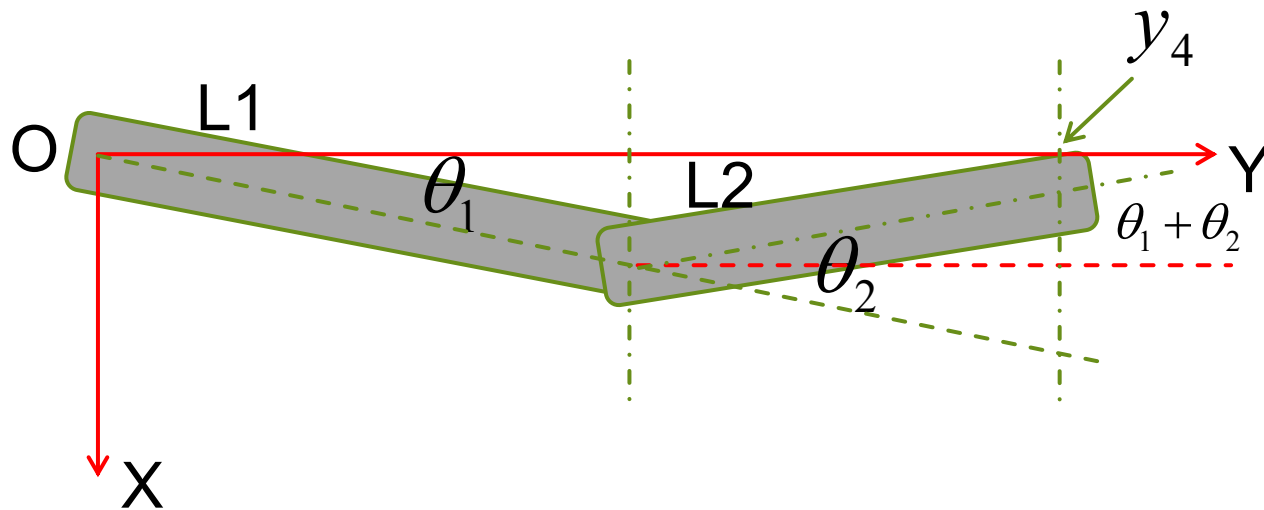


## Solution (continued)

- Step 3: Equation of Errors

$$\frac{dy_4}{dt} = -L_1 \sin(\theta_1) \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} - L_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \left( \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} + \frac{d\theta_2}{dt} \right)$$

$$\Delta y_4 = -L_1 \sin(\theta_1) \Delta\theta_1 - L_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) (\Delta\theta_1 + \Delta\theta_2)$$



# Solution

- ▶ Step 2: Accuracy or Maximum Error of Joint 4's Y Coordinate

$$\Delta y_4 = -L_1 \sin(\theta_1) \Delta\theta_1 - L_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) (\Delta\theta_1 + \Delta\theta_2)$$

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Worse Case: joint 1's angle is  $\pm 90$  degrees while joint 2's angle is zero degree

$$\Delta y_4 = \pm L_1 \Delta\theta_1 \pm L_2 (\Delta\theta_1 + \Delta\theta_2)$$

$$\Delta y_4 = \pm 30.0 \times 0.01 \frac{\pi}{180} \pm 25.0 \times 0.03 \frac{\pi}{180}$$

$$\Delta y_4 = \pm 0.0018 \text{ (cm)}$$

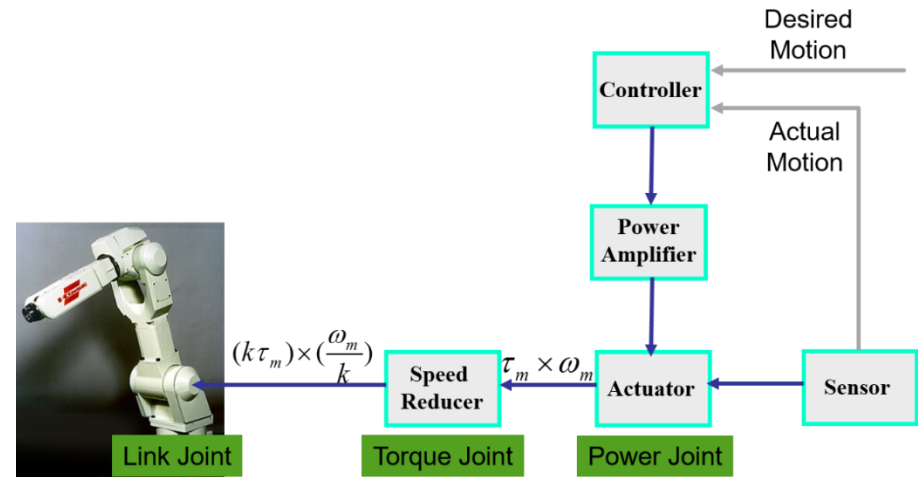
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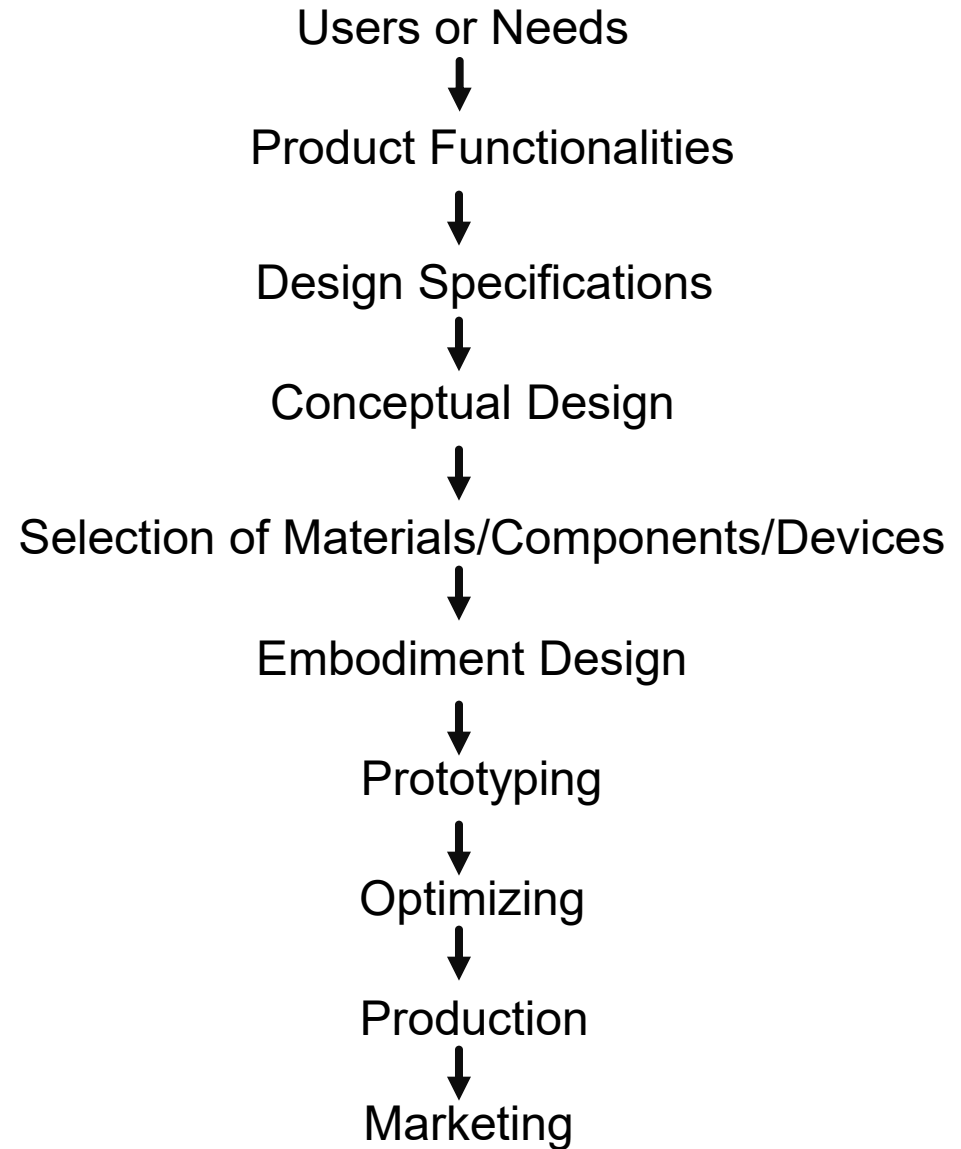
► Robot Systems

► Performance of Robot Systems

► Design of Robot Systems



# Design Procedure



# Design of Robot's Mechanical System

- ▶ Design of Appearance
- ▶ Design of Mechanism
- ▶ Design of Structure



# Design of Robot's Control System

- ▶ Design of Input Devices
- ▶ Design of Output Devices
- ▶ Design of Control Devices



# Design of Robot's Programming System

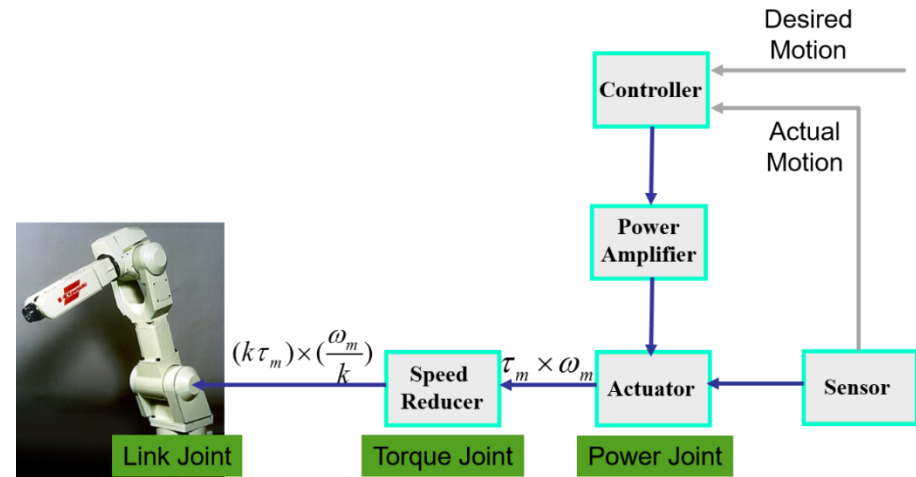
- ▶ Design of Programmable Brain
- ▶ Design of Software Tools
- ▶ Design of Teachable Mind



# Summary of Lecture 1

► Systems

► Robot Systems

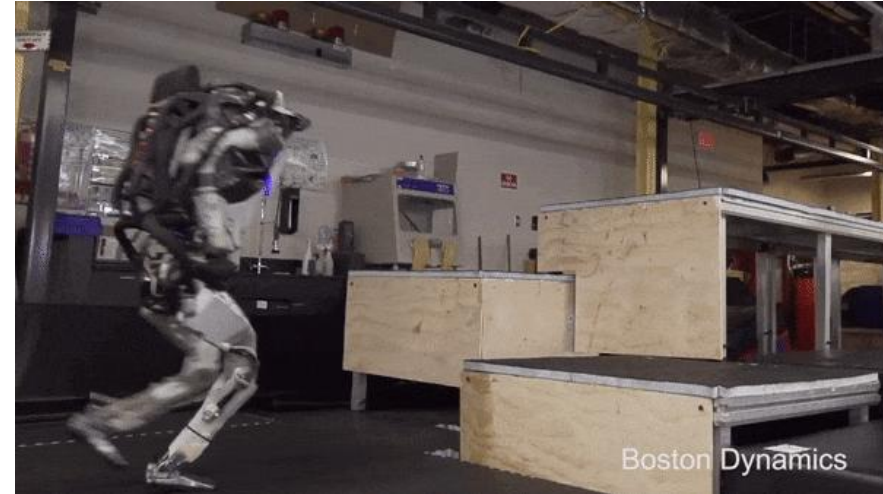


► Performance of Robot Systems

► Design of Robot Systems

# Outline of Module 1

- ▶ Robot Systems
- ▶ Robot's Mechanical Systems
- ▶ Robot's Control Systems
  - ▶ Controllers
  - ▶ Actuators
  - ▶ Sensors
- ▶ Robot's Programming Systems



## What to design?

- The best systems in the universe are static systems
- Most systems in the universe are dynamic systems
- Our goal is to make dynamic systems to be closer to static systems



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# Robot's Mechanical Systems



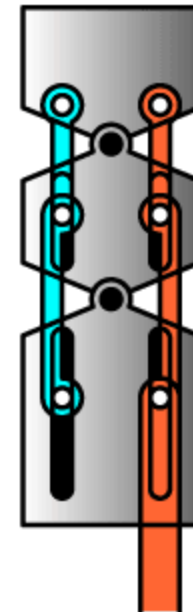
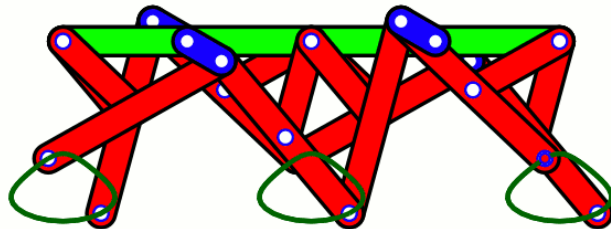
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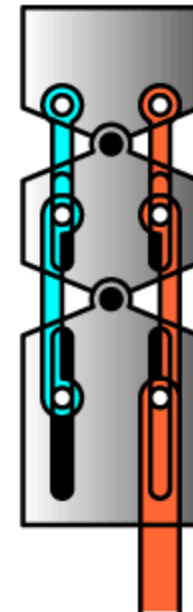
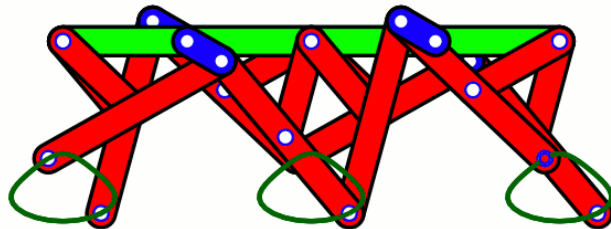
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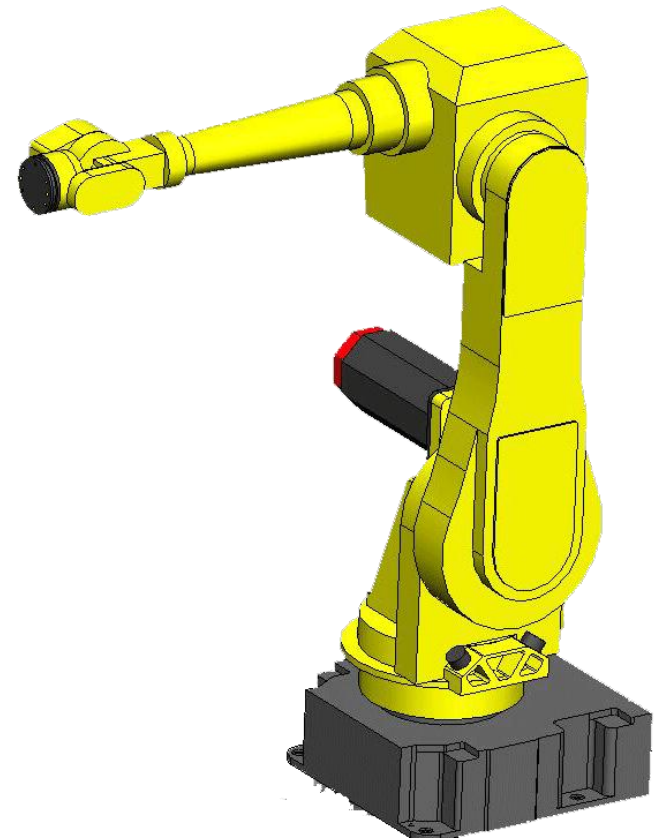
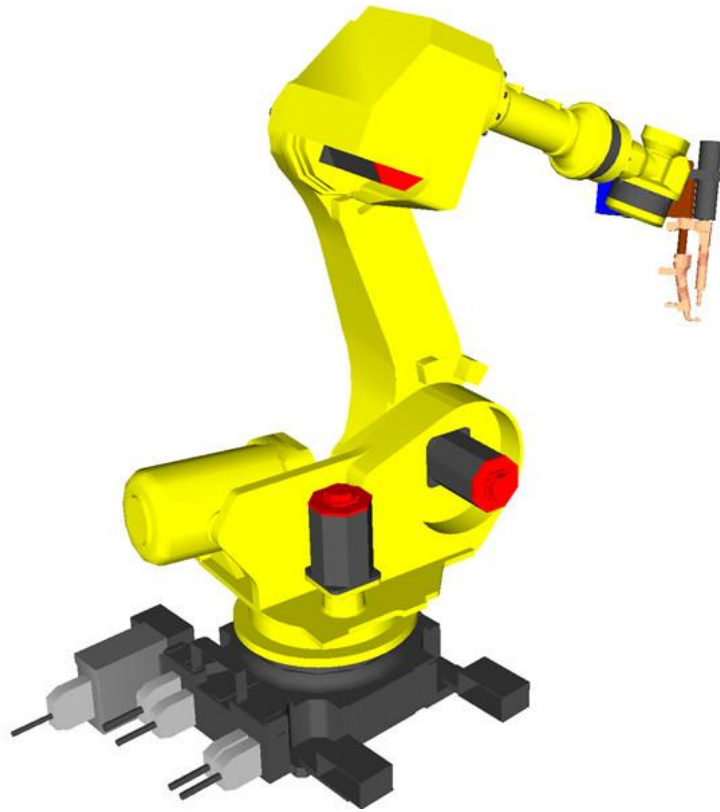


# Definition of Links

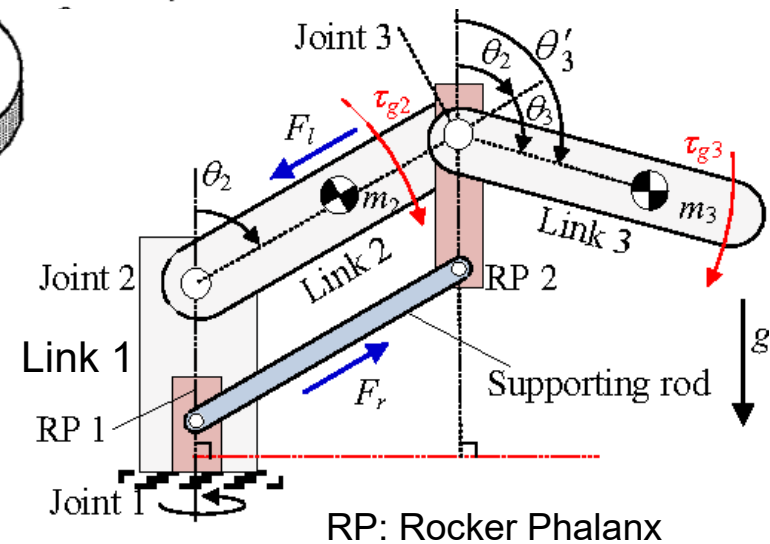
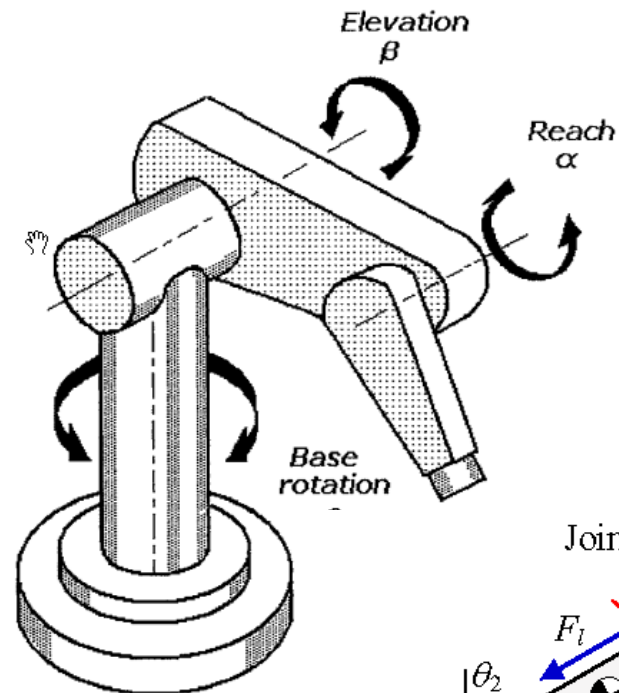
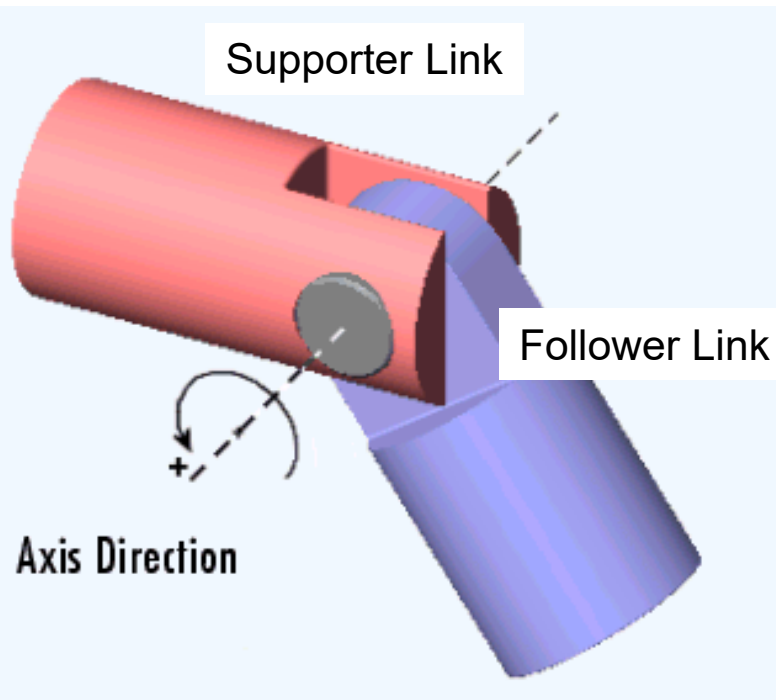
- ▶ A link is a rigid body which has two extremities and is for the purpose of:
  - ▶ Connecting to other link at each extremity.
  - ▶ Housing components such as actuators, sensors, speed-reducers, motion transmission devices, cables, and appearance panels, etc.
  - ▶ Connecting to tools or end-effectors.
  - ▶ Performing motions such as translational motions or rotational motions.

# Design Example of Links

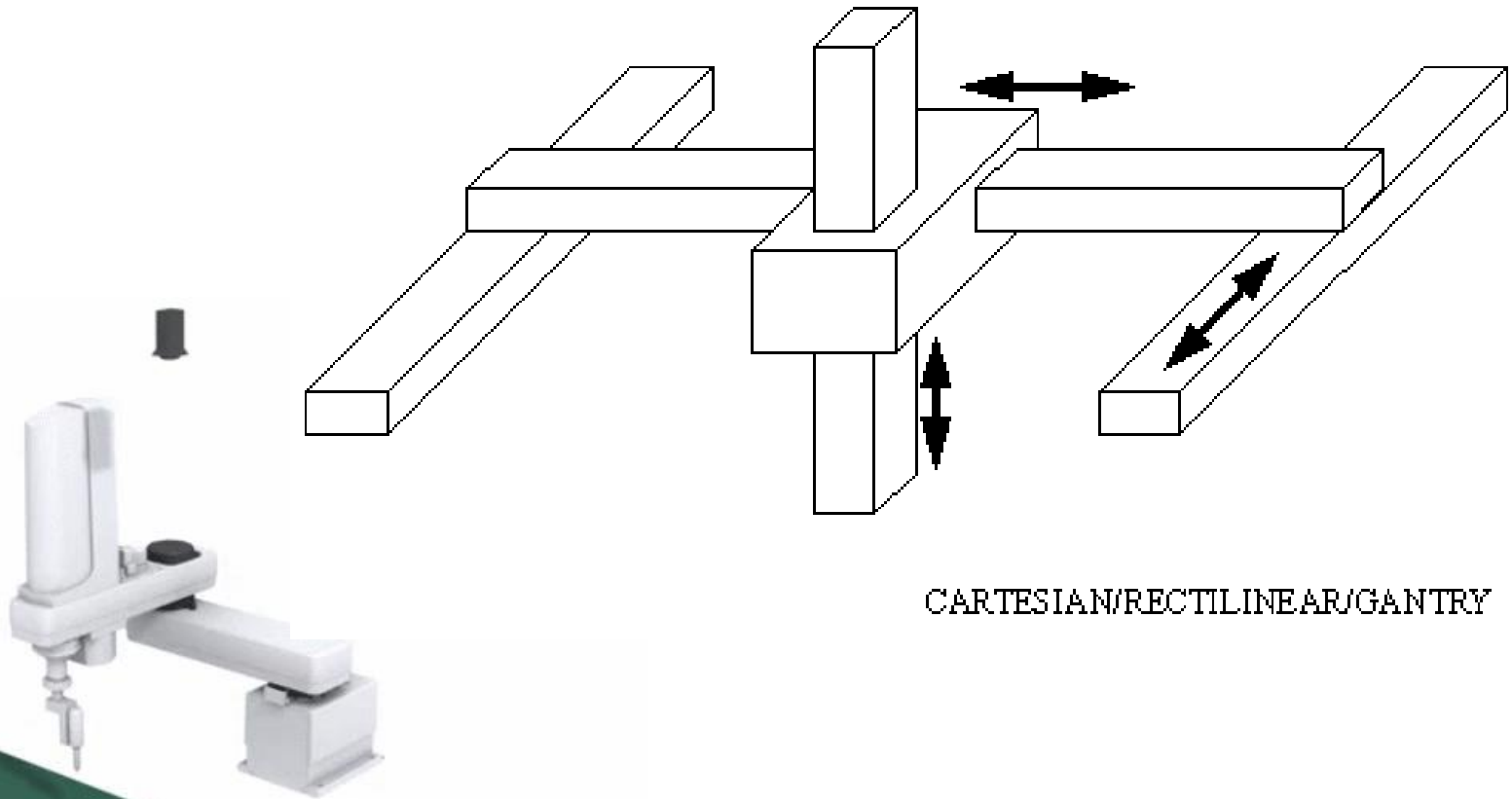
- ▶ There is no specific guideline.



# Design Example of Rotational Links

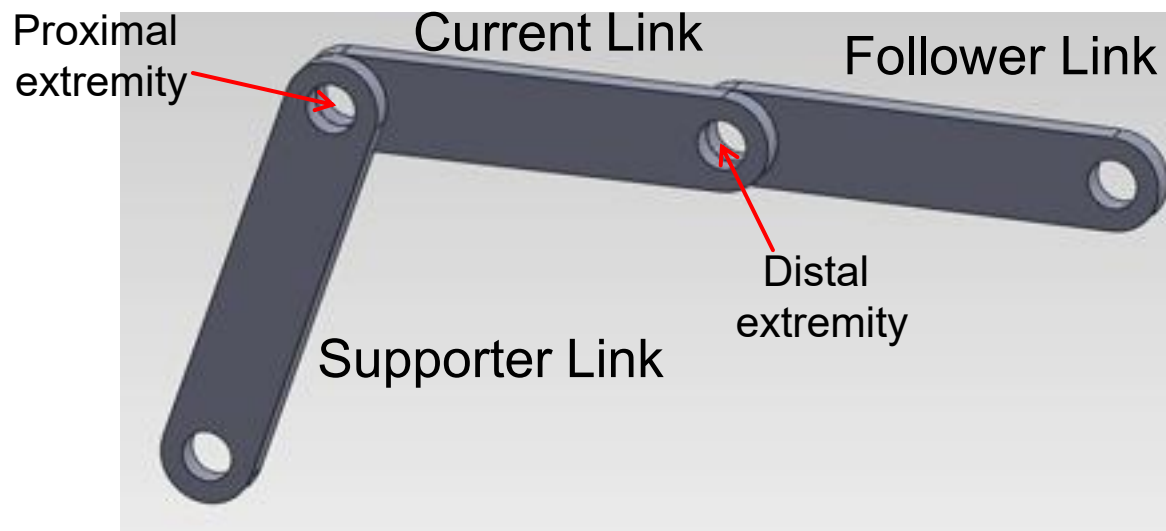


# Design Example of Translational Links



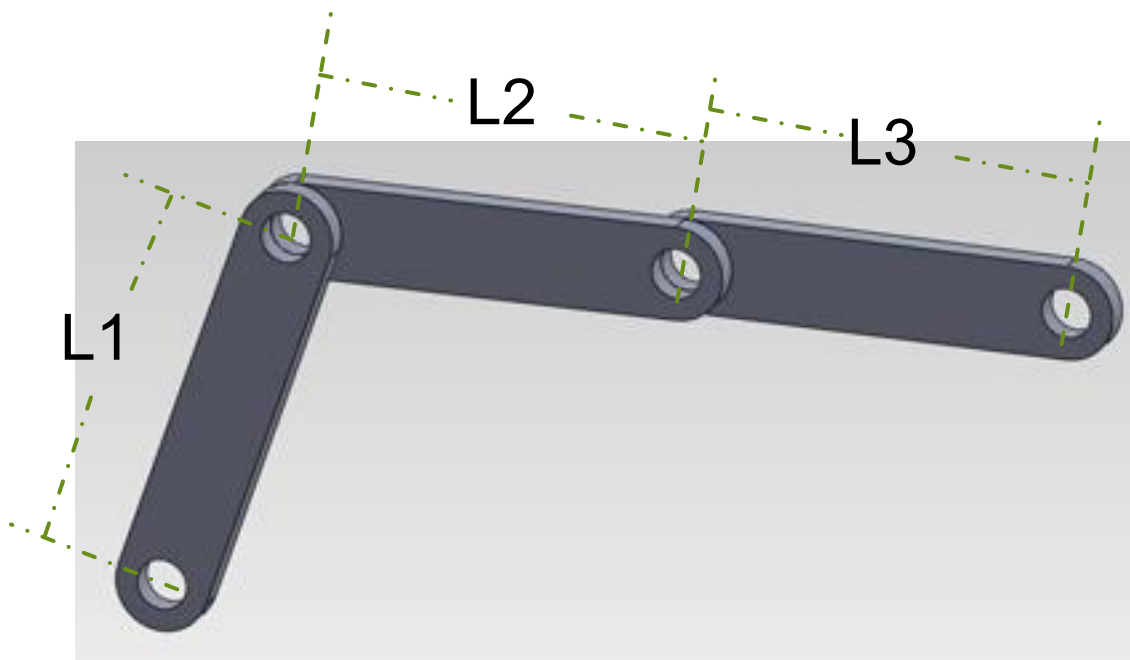
# Link's Components: Extremities

- ▶ A link has two extremities.
- ▶ The one which is to be connected to a supporter link is called the **proximal extremity**.
- ▶ The one which is to be connected to a follower link is called the **distal extremity**.



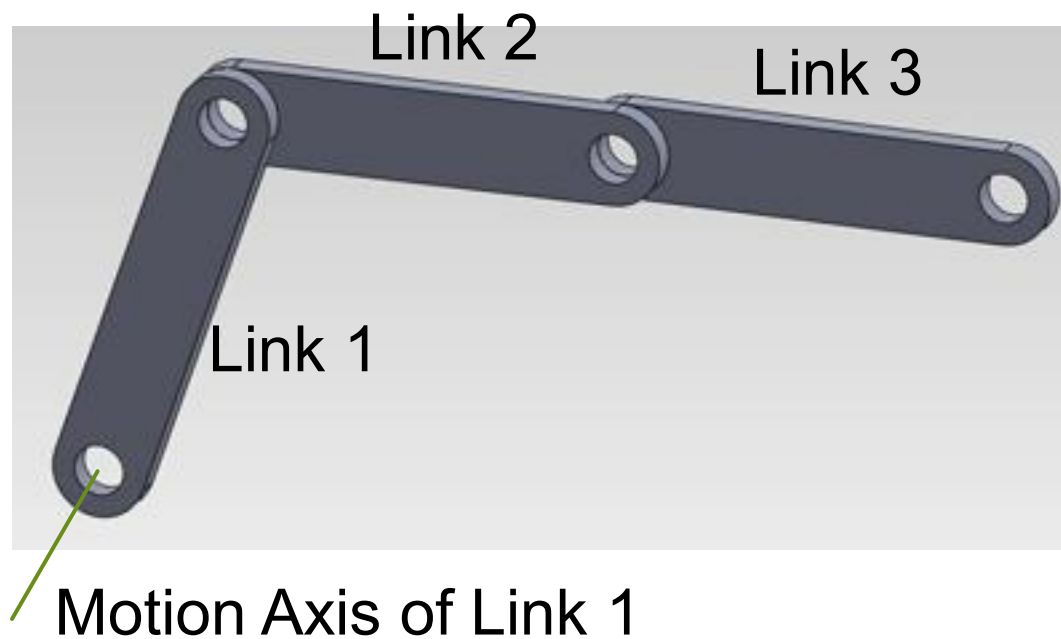
# Link's Length

- ▶ The length of a link is the distance between its two extremities.

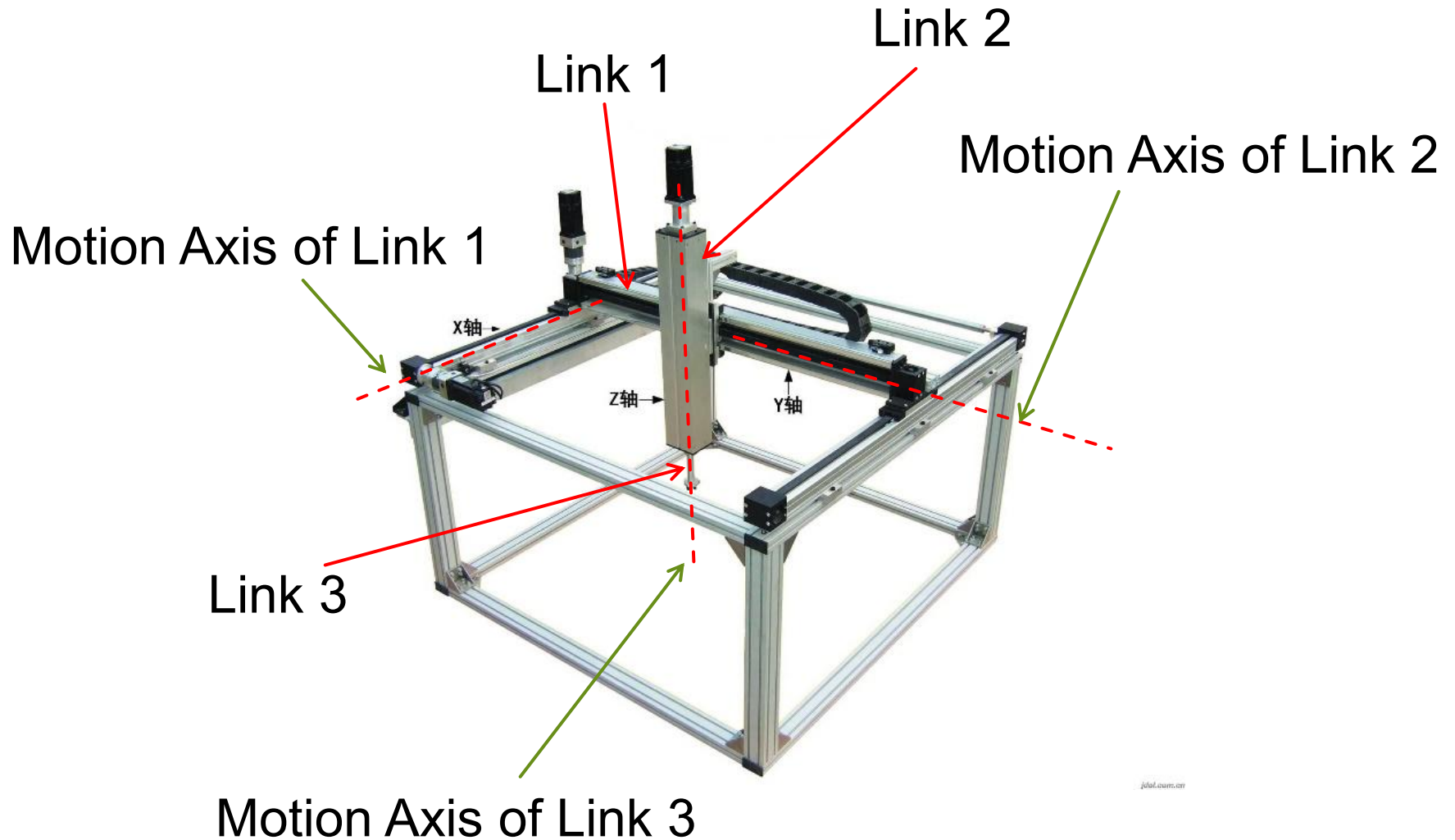


## Link's Motion Axis

- ▶ A link is a rigid body which is able to undergo either translational motion or rotational motion.
- ▶ The axis, which constraints a link's motion, is called the motion axis of a link.

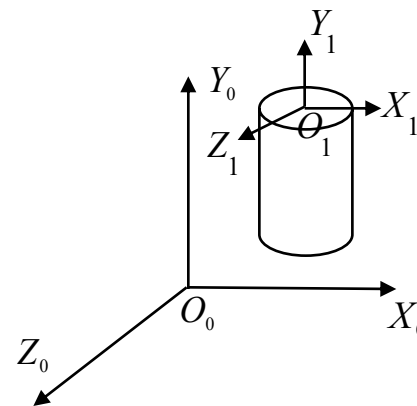


# Example of Link's Motion Axes

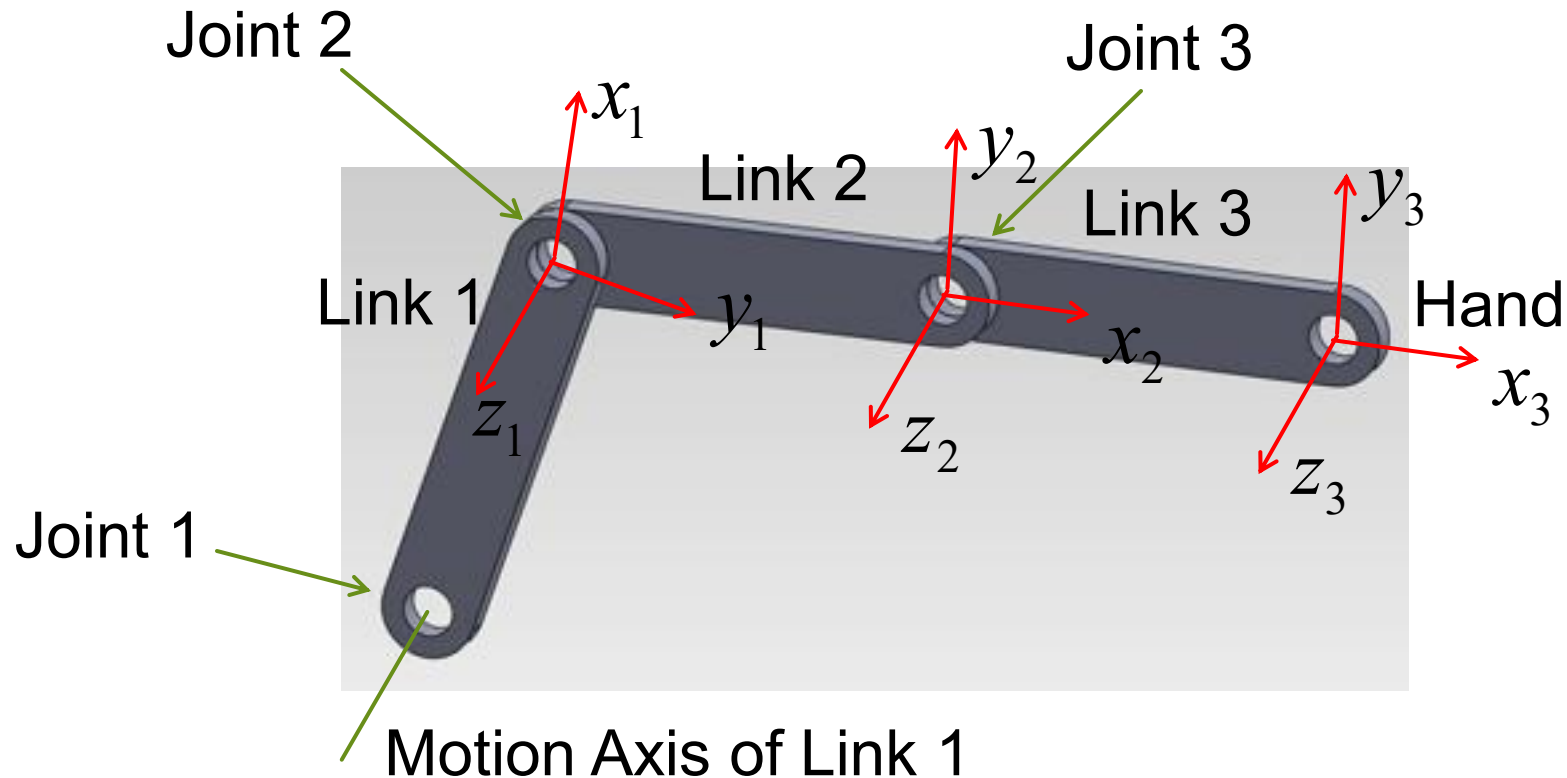


# Link's Coordinate System

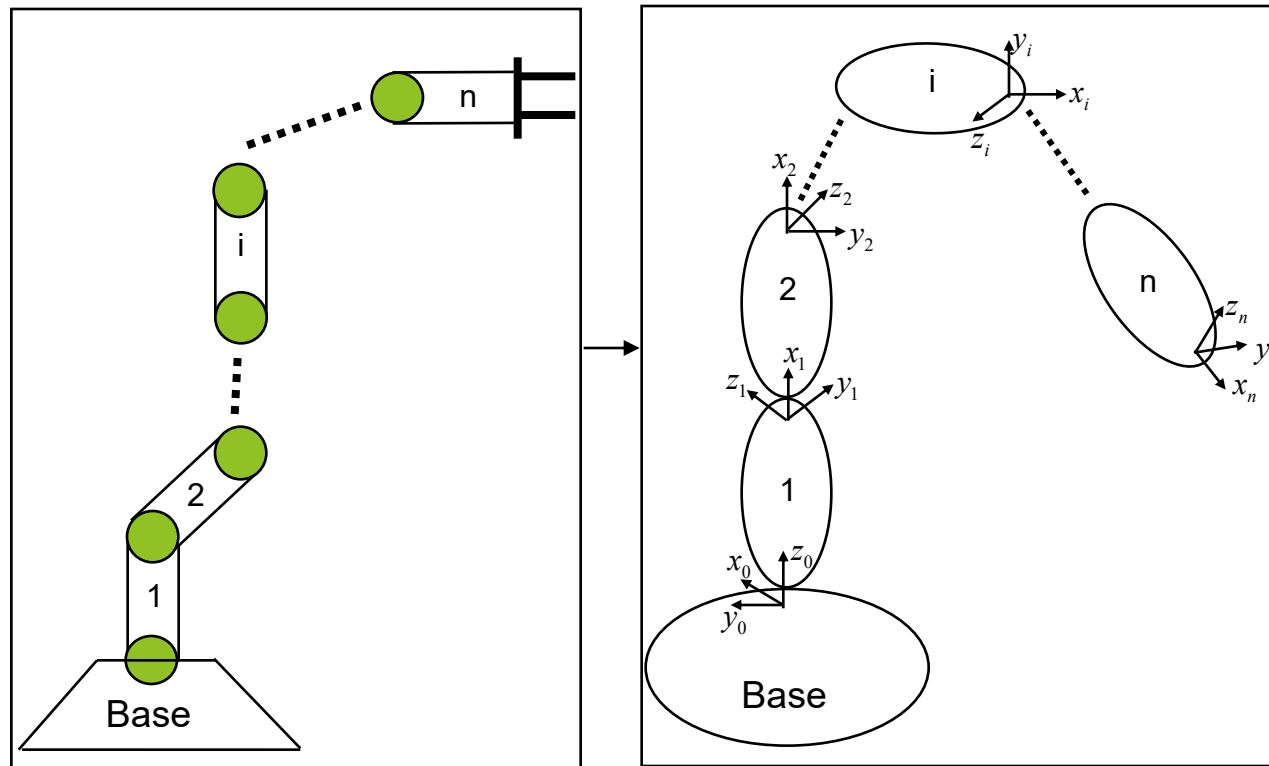
- ▶ A link is a rigid body which must be assigned with a coordinate system in order to represent the link's position and orientation. Such a coordinate system is called the coordinate system of a link.
- ▶ In robotics, a link's coordinate system is placed at the link's **distal extremity**, instead of proximal extremity.



# Example of Links' Coordinate Systems



# Example of Links' Coordinate Systems



What are the transformations between two adjacent coordinate systems?

# Link's Kinematic Parameters

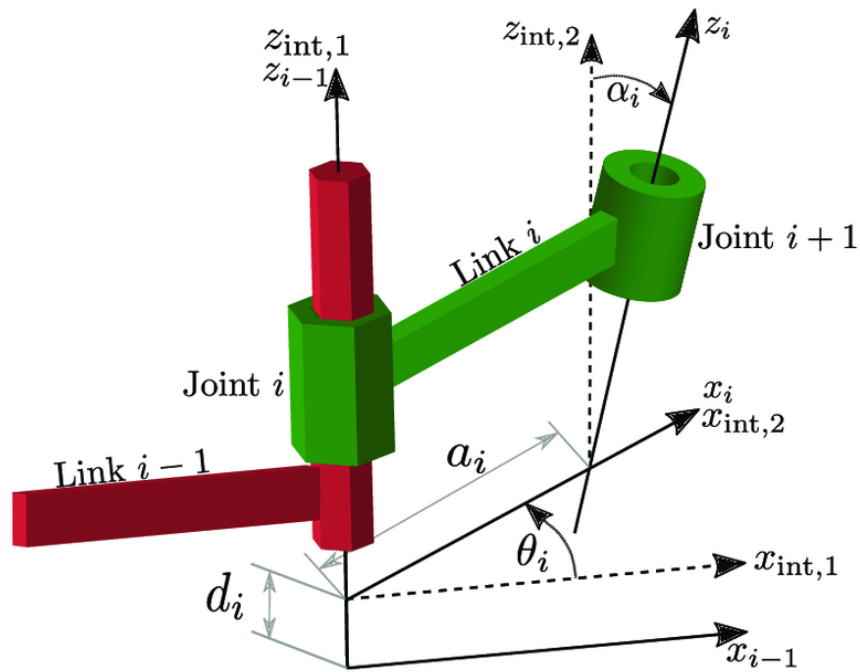
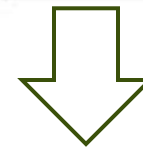


Table of Denavit-Hartenburg Parameters

Link	$a_i$	$\alpha_i$	$d_i$	$\theta_i$
1				
2				
3				



Four Motions to Align Two Coordinate Systems Together

- Rotation about Z axis ←  $\theta_i$
- Translation along Z axis ←  $d_i$
- Rotation about X axis ←  $\alpha_i$
- Translation along X axis ←  $a_i$

# Link's Transformation Matrix

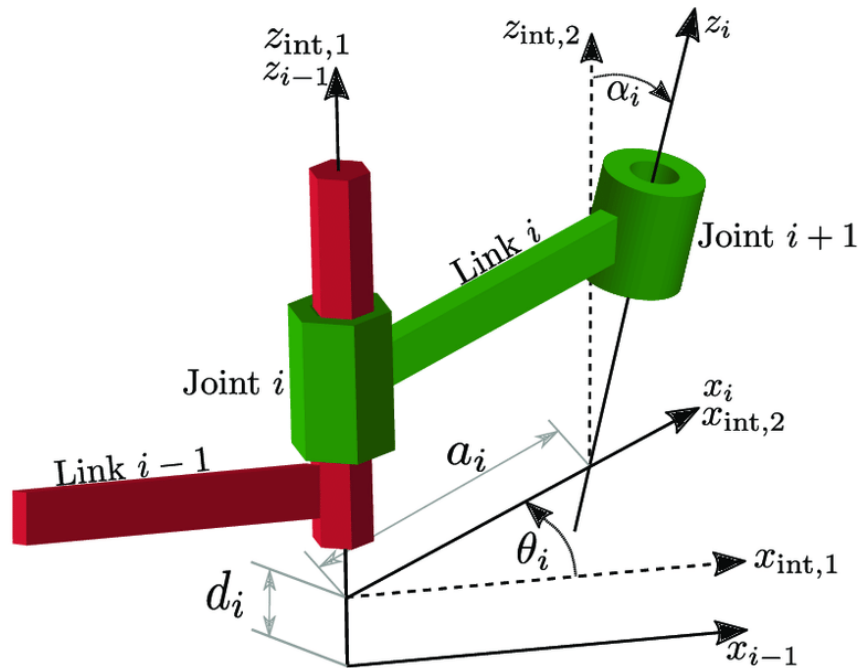


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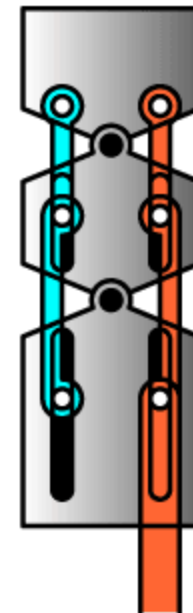
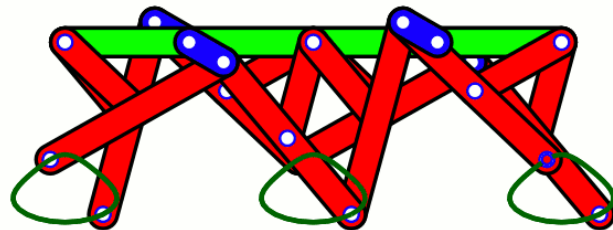
Pose of Link i with respect to Link i - 1

$$L_{i-1,i}(\theta_i) = T_{i-1}(x, a_i)R_{i-1}(x, \alpha_i)T_{i-1}(z, d_i)R_{i-1}(z, \theta_i)$$

(Note: All are 4x4 homogeneous transformation matrices)

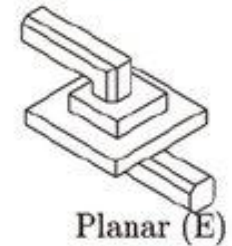
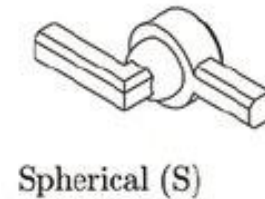
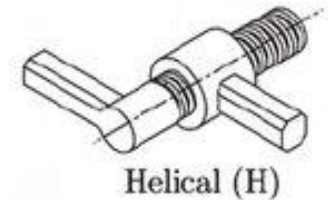
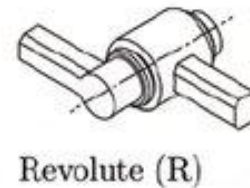
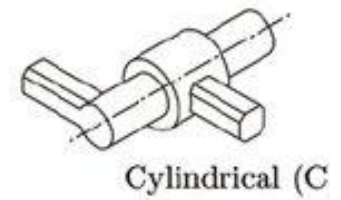
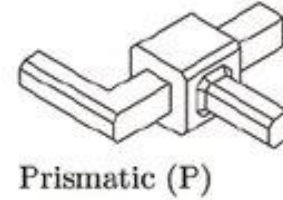
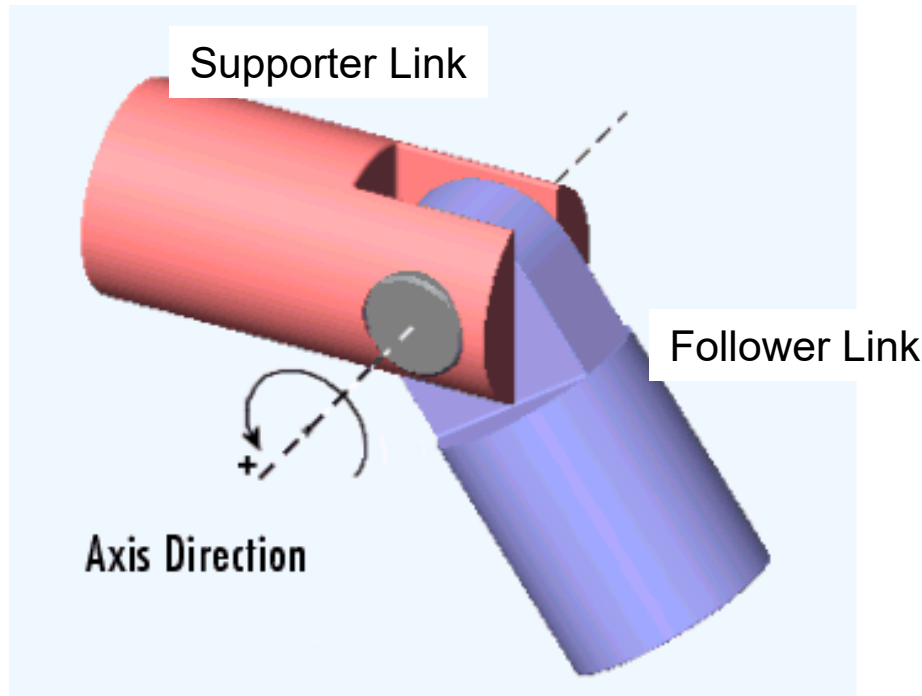
## Outline of Lecture 2

- ▶ Design of Link
- ▶ Design of Joint
- ▶ Design of Mechanism



# Definition of Joints

- ▶ A joint consists of two rigid bodies which can undergo relative motions such as translational motions or rotational motions.



Three types of joints:

- Link Joints
- Torque Joints
- Power Joints

# Classification of Joints According to Motion Types

## ▶ Prismatic Joints

- ▶ The two rigid bodies undergo relative linear motions.

## ▶ Revolute Joints

- ▶ The two rigid bodies undergo relative angular motions.

# What are the output from Joints?

Answer:

- ▶ All motions involve mechanical energy.
- ▶ The output from a joint is mechanical energy, which can be described by mechanical power. Such power is called the power of a joint.

$$P_{linear} = F \bullet v$$

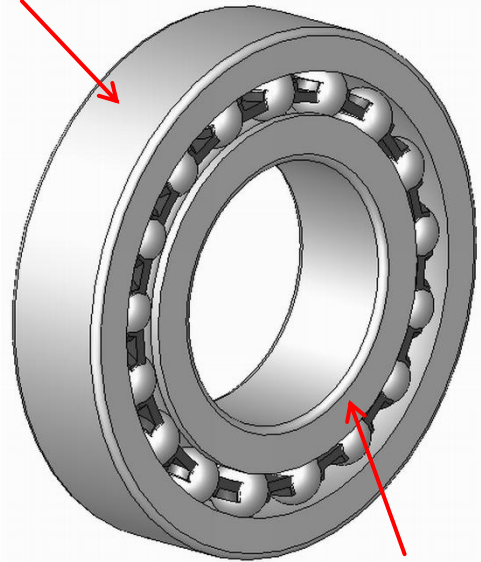
$$P_{rotation} = \tau \bullet \omega$$

# Classification of Joints According to Energy Flow

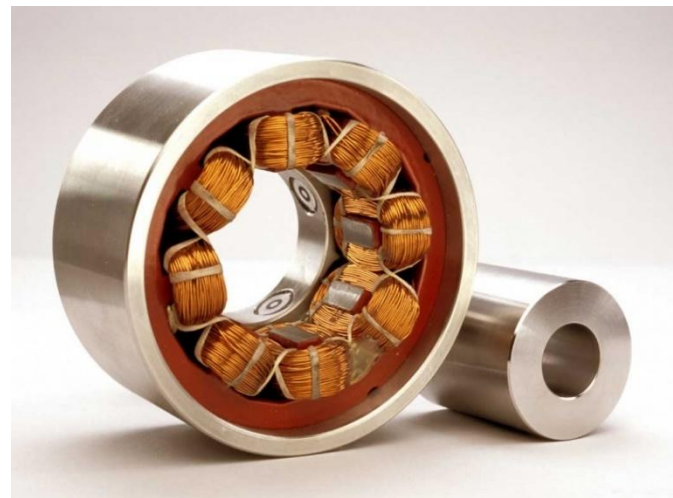
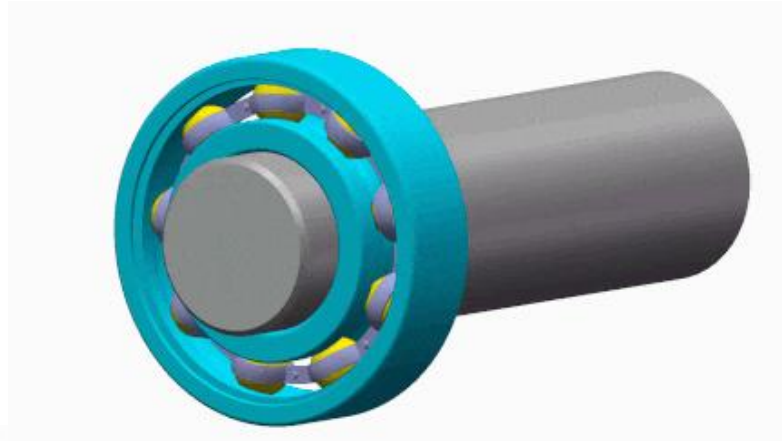
- ▶ Power Joints
  - ▶ Joint devices which are the sources of mechanical power.
- ▶ Torque Joints
  - ▶ Joint devices which amplify the output torques.
- ▶ Link Joints
  - ▶ Joint devices which constrain the motion between two adjacent links.

# Design Example of Link Joint (1)

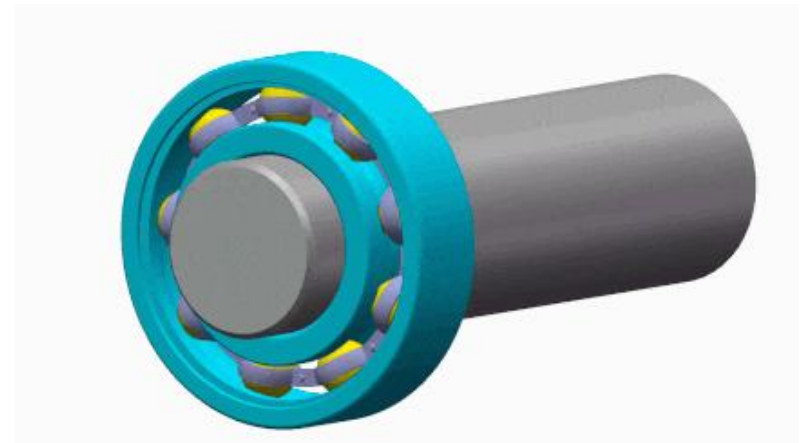
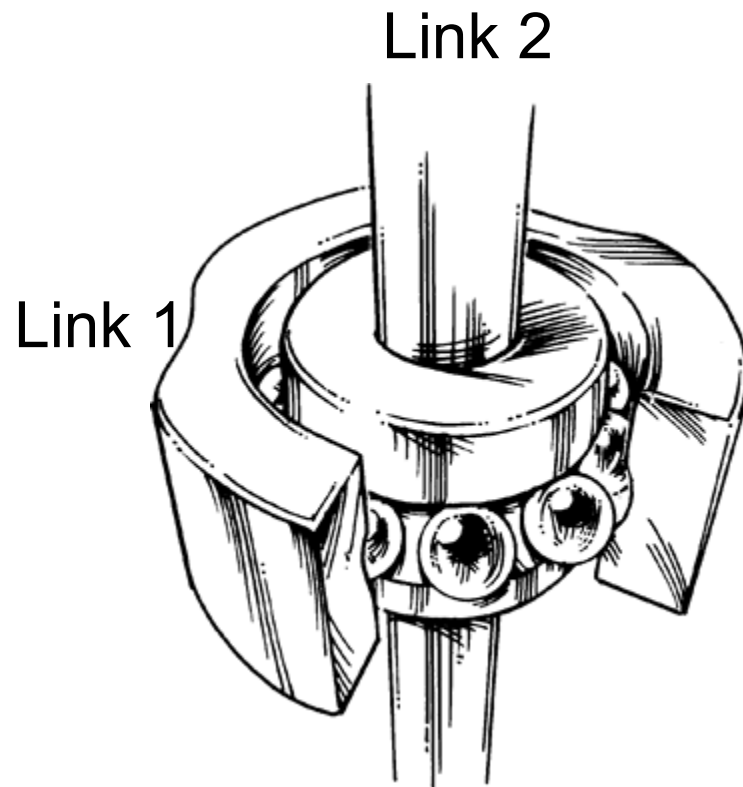
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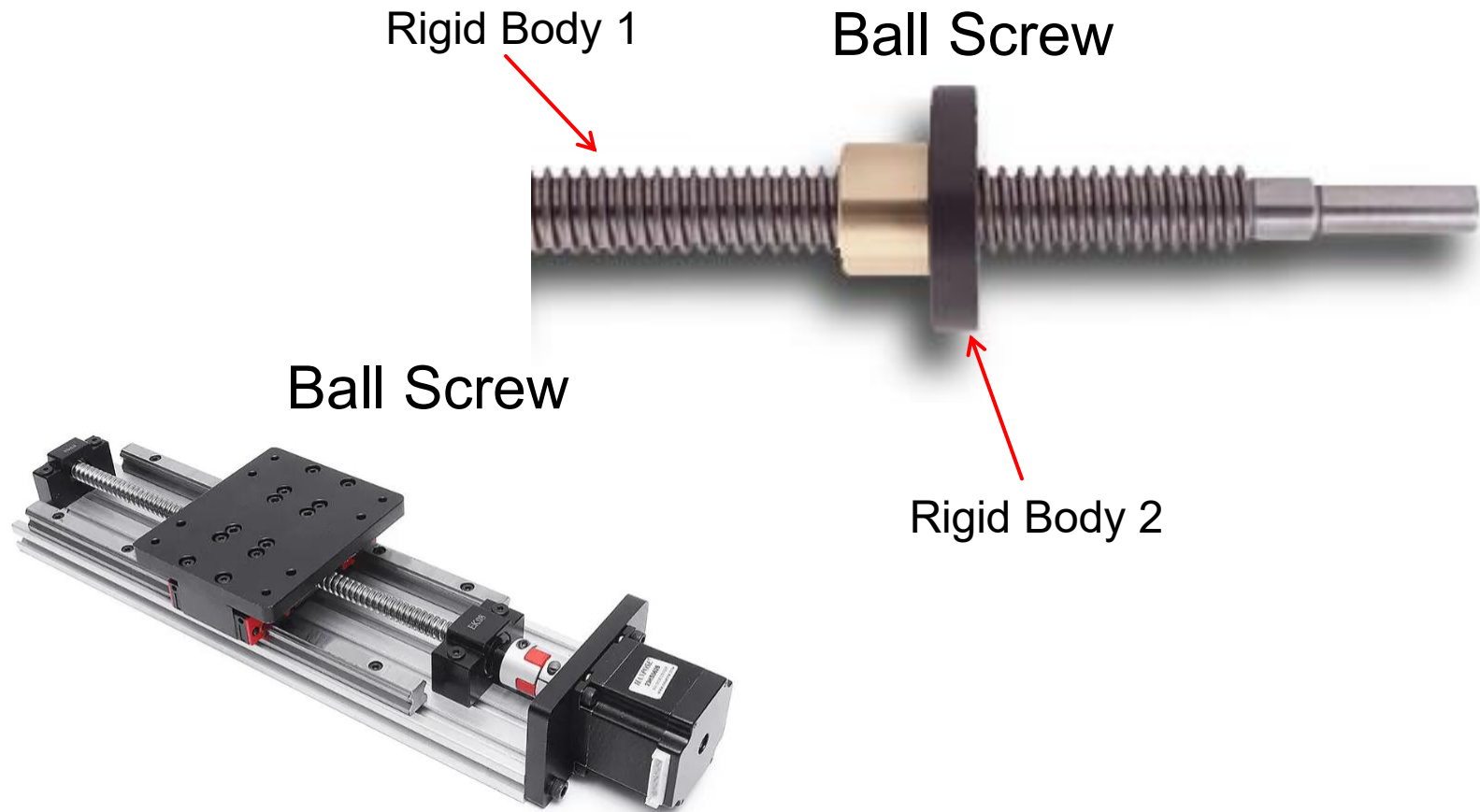
Rigid Body 2



# Design Example of Link Joint (2)



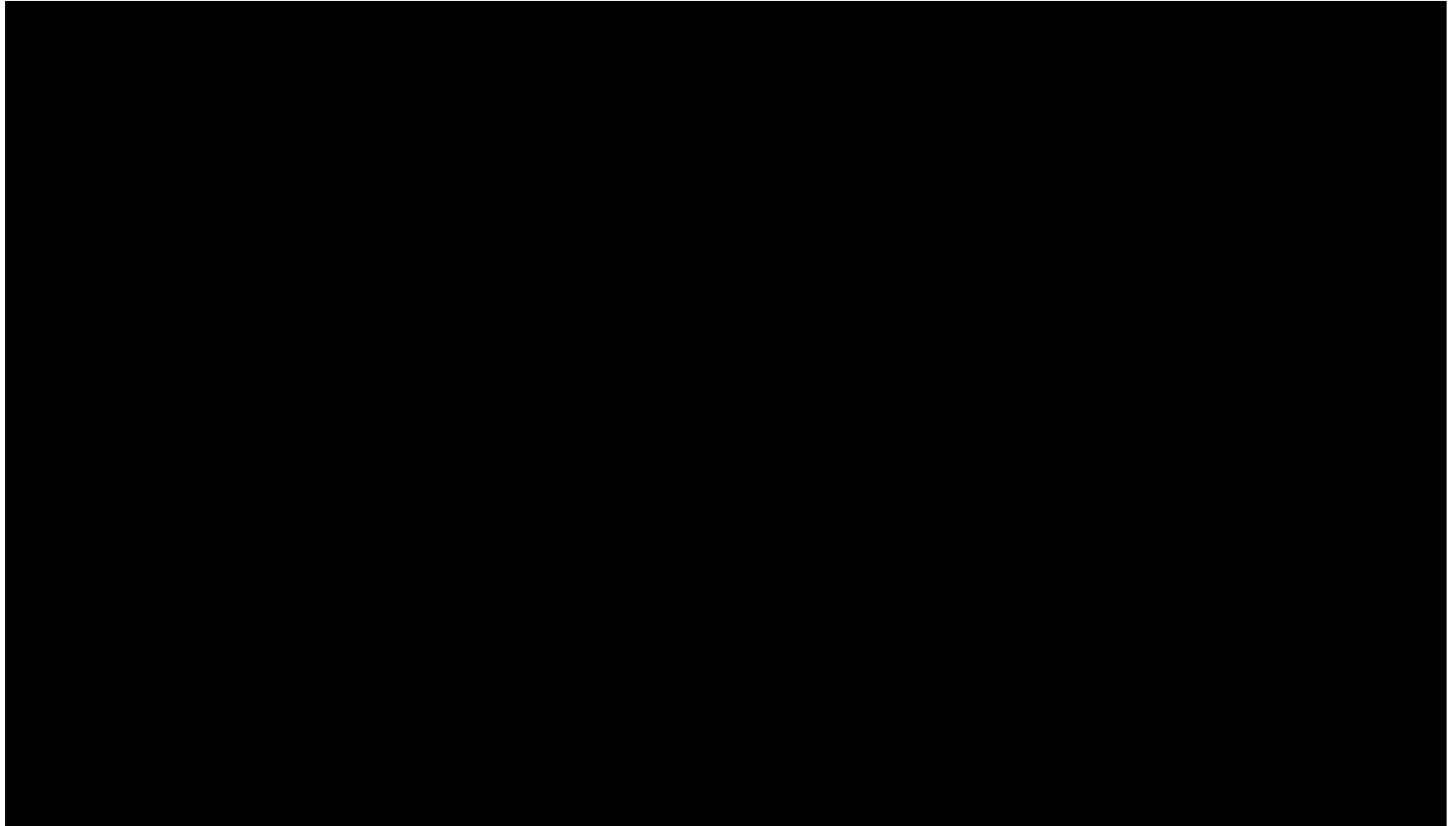
# Design Example of Link Joint (3)



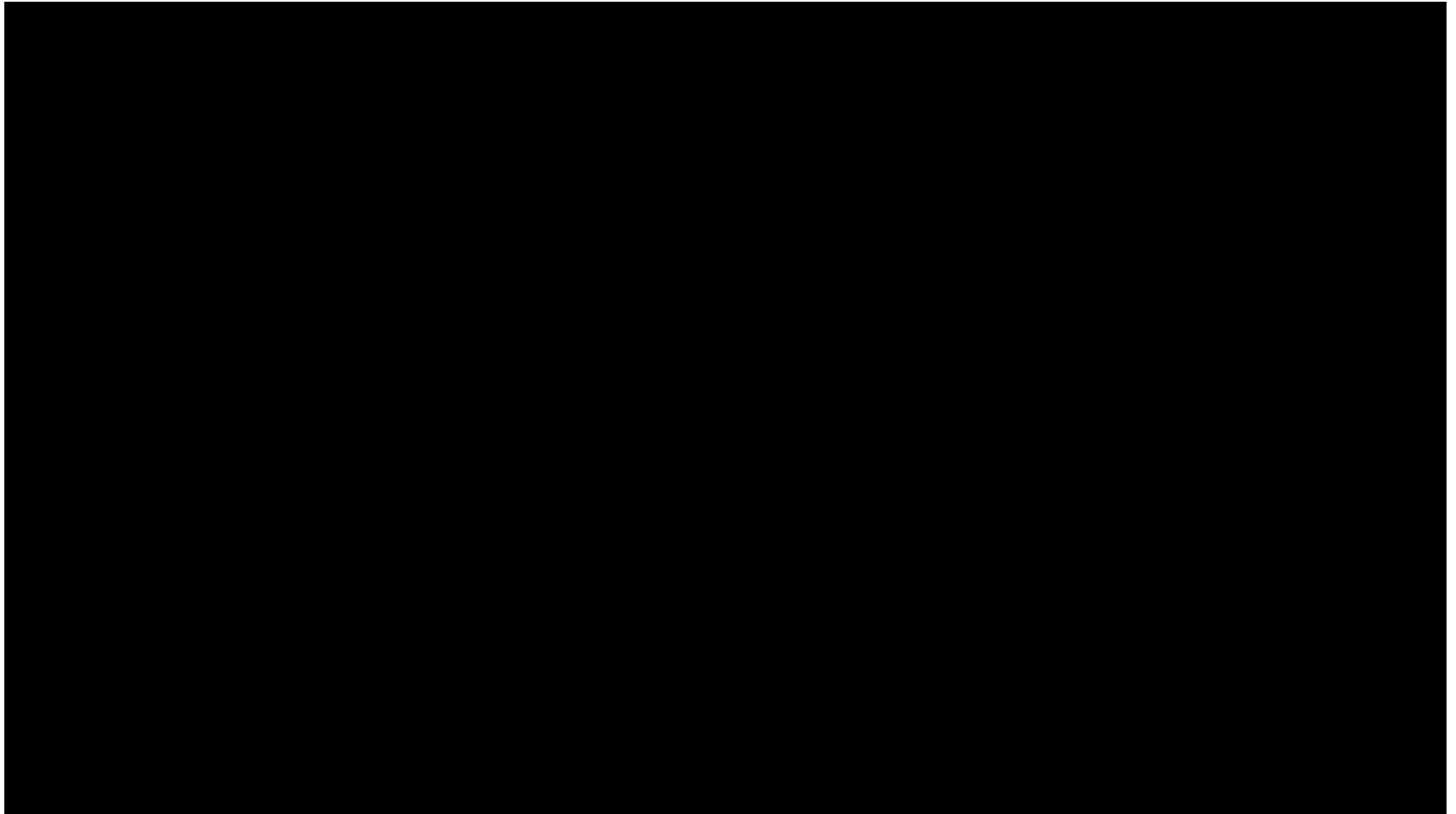
# Design Example of Link Joint (4)



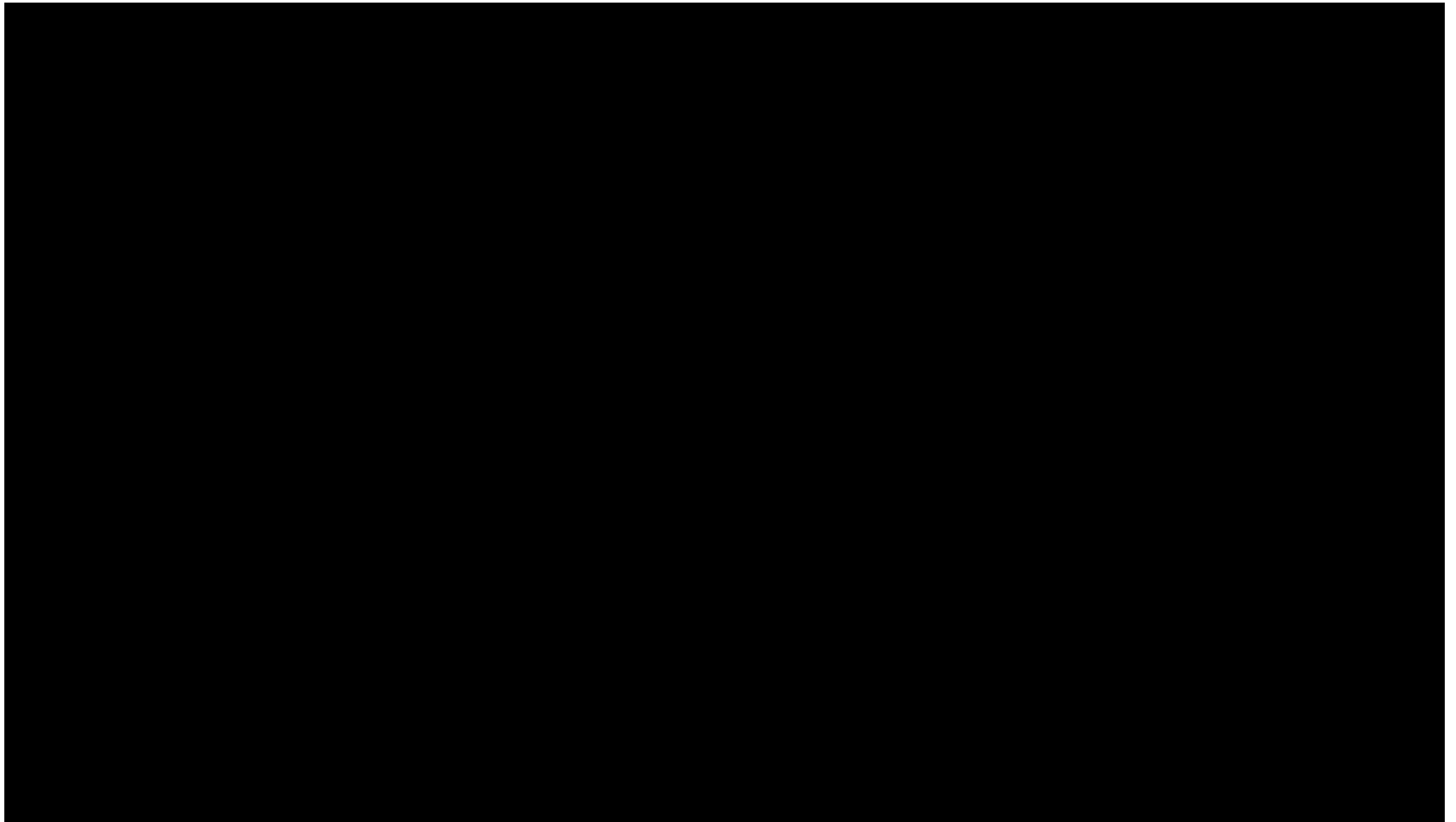
# Design Example of Torque Joint (1)



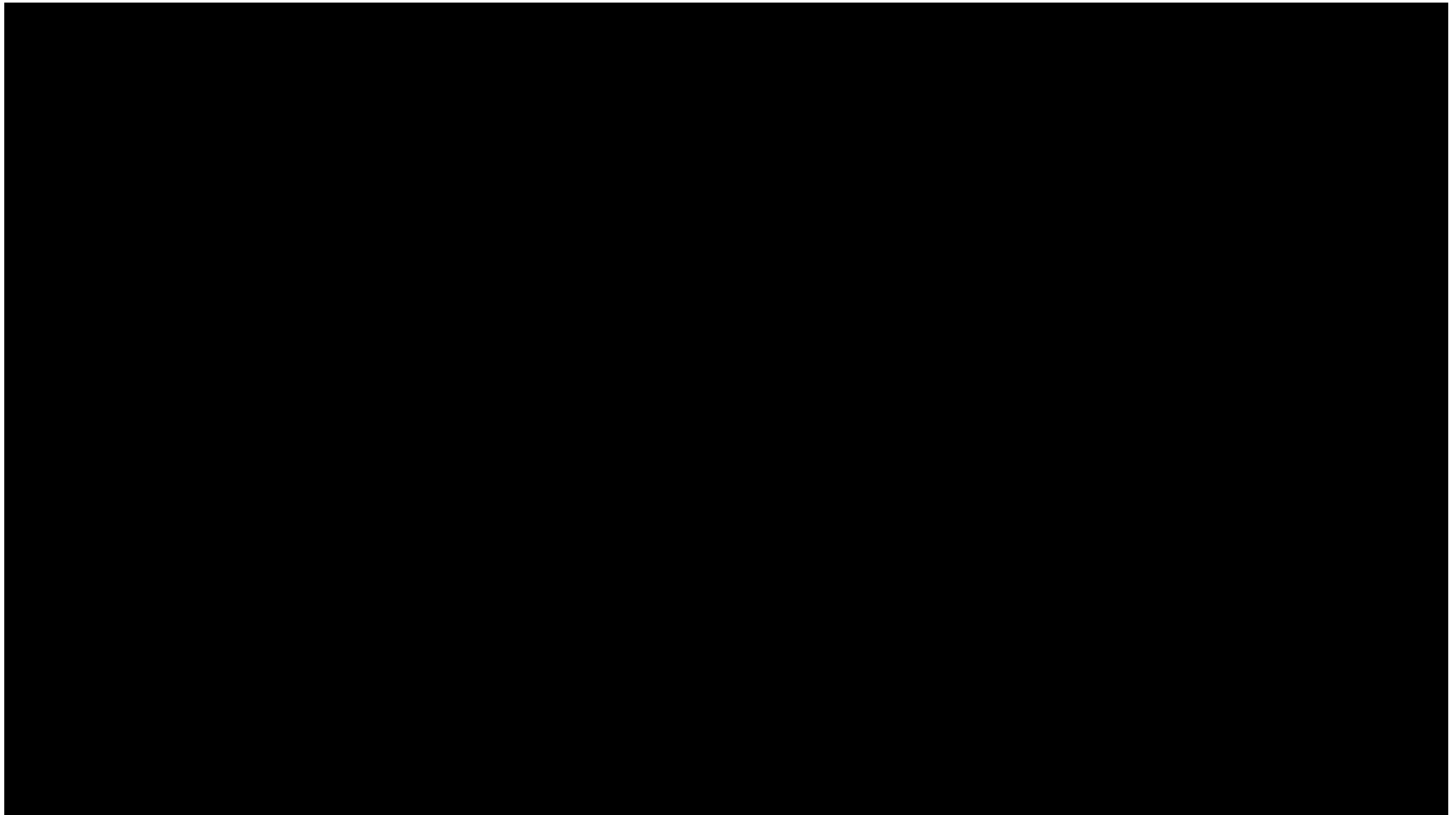
# Design Example of Torque Joint (2)



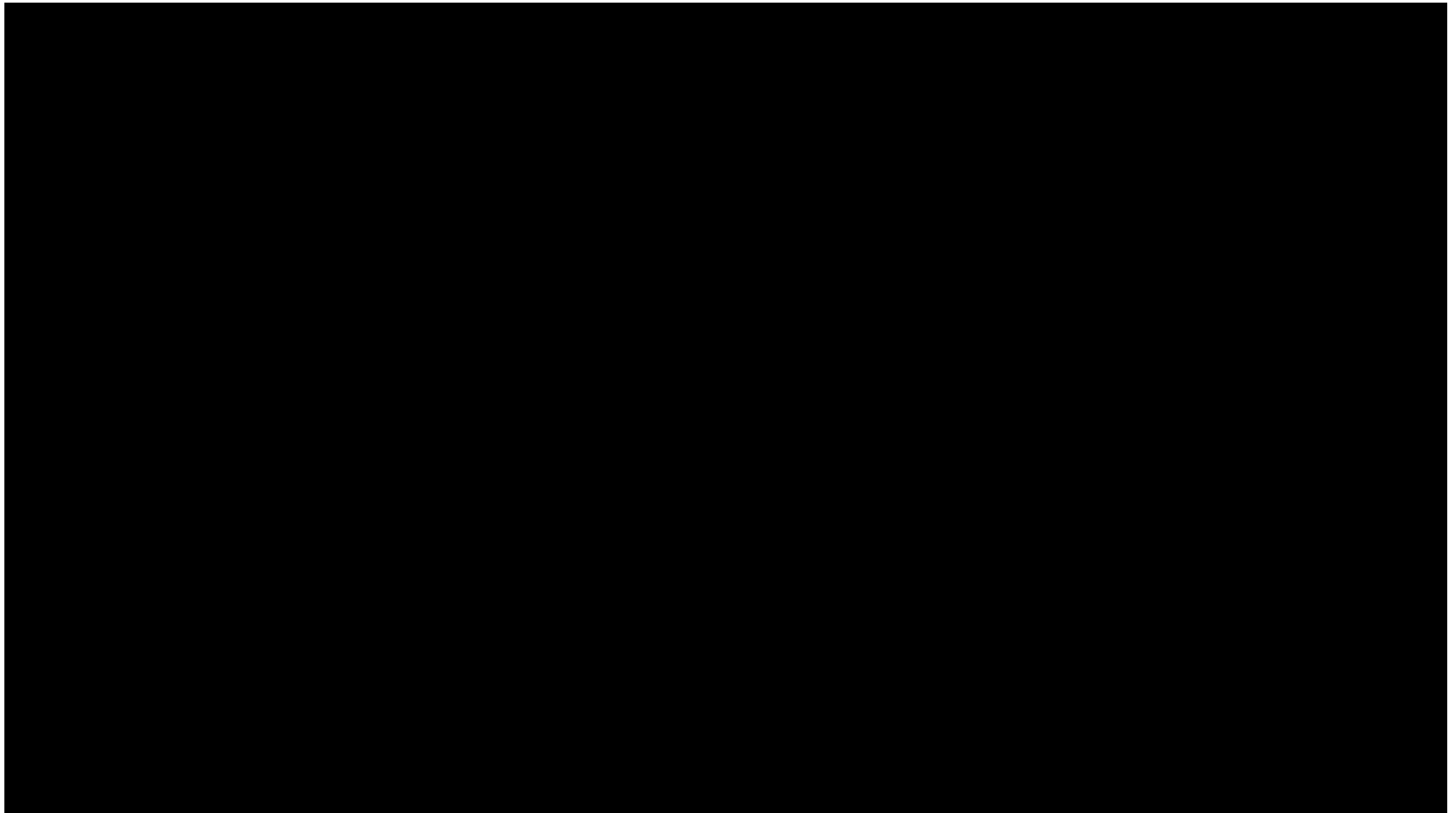
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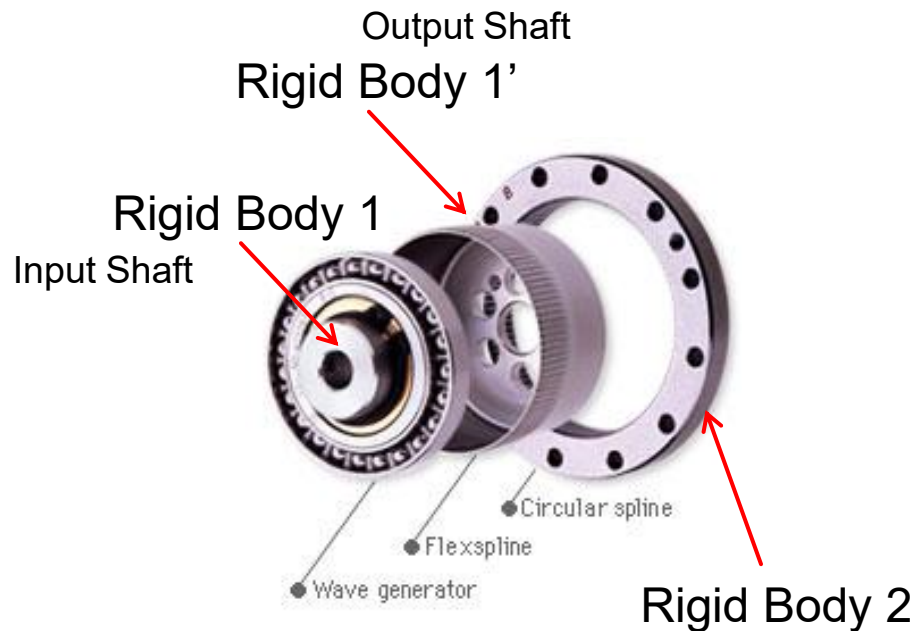
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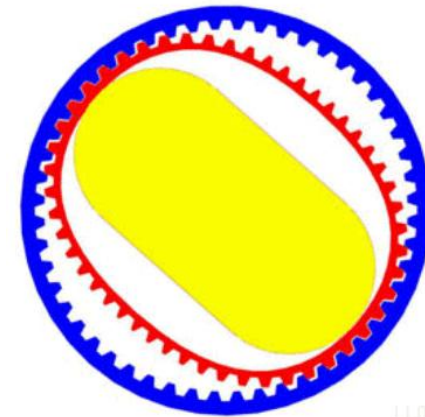
# Design Example of Torque Joint (5)



# Example of Torque Joint: Harmonic Drive



What is the speed reduction ratio?

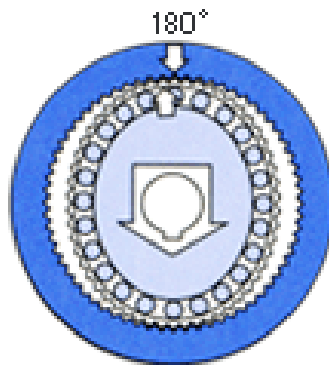


The difference between the teeth of circular spline and the teeth of flexible spline is two.

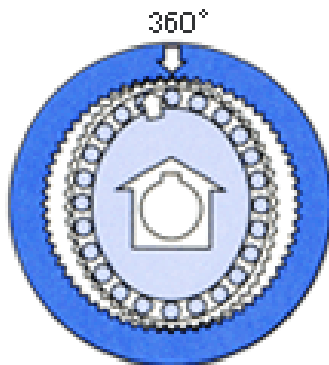
One full rotation of Rigid Body 1 will make Rigid Body 1' to rotate 2 teeth.

# Working Principle of Harmonic Drive

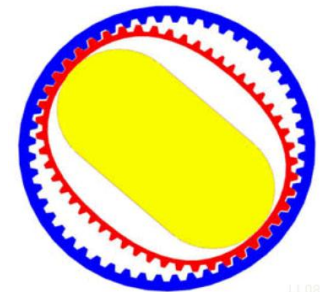
$$\tau_{in} \omega_{in} = k \tau_{in} \frac{\omega_{in}}{k} \quad \tau_{out} = k \tau_{in}$$



When the wave generator rotates 180 degrees clockwise, the flexspline moves counterclockwise by one tooth relative to the circular spline.



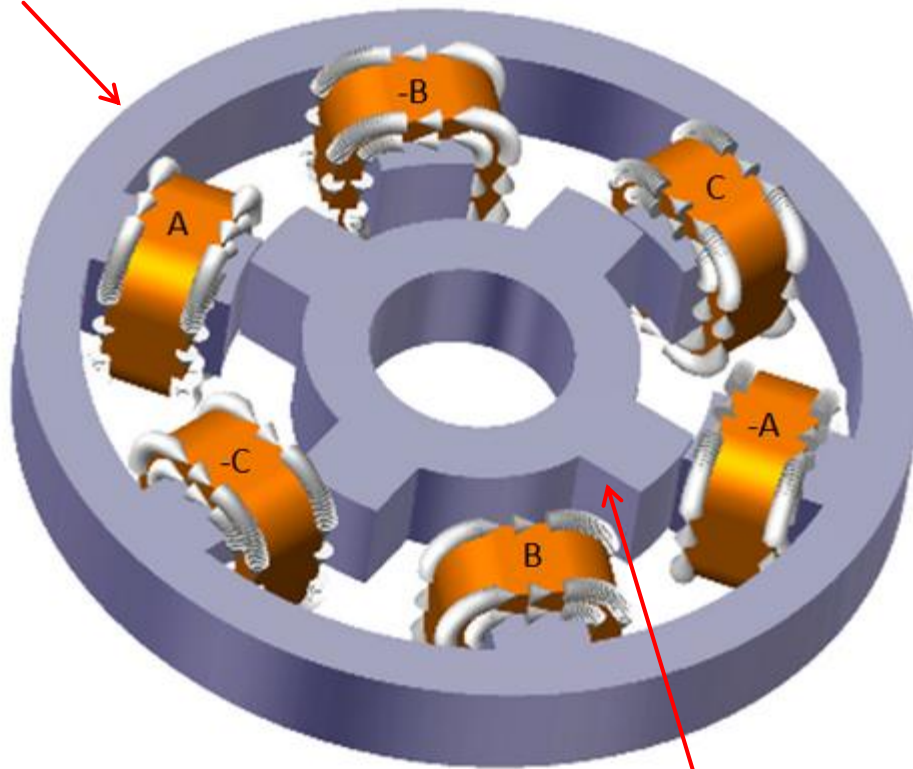
When the wave generator rotates one revolution clockwise (360 degrees), the flexspline moves counterclockwise by two teeth relative to the circular spline because the flexspline has two fewer teeth than the circular spline. In general terms, this movement is treated as output power.



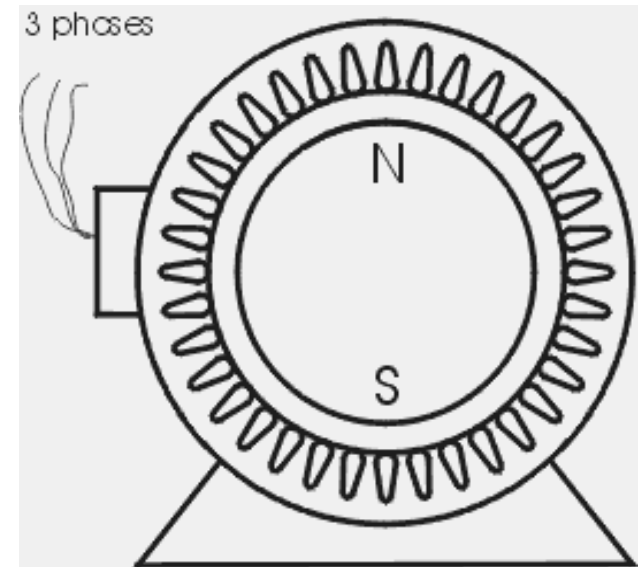
Animation  
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# Design Example of Power Joint (Lecture 4)

Rigid Body 1



Rigid Body 2

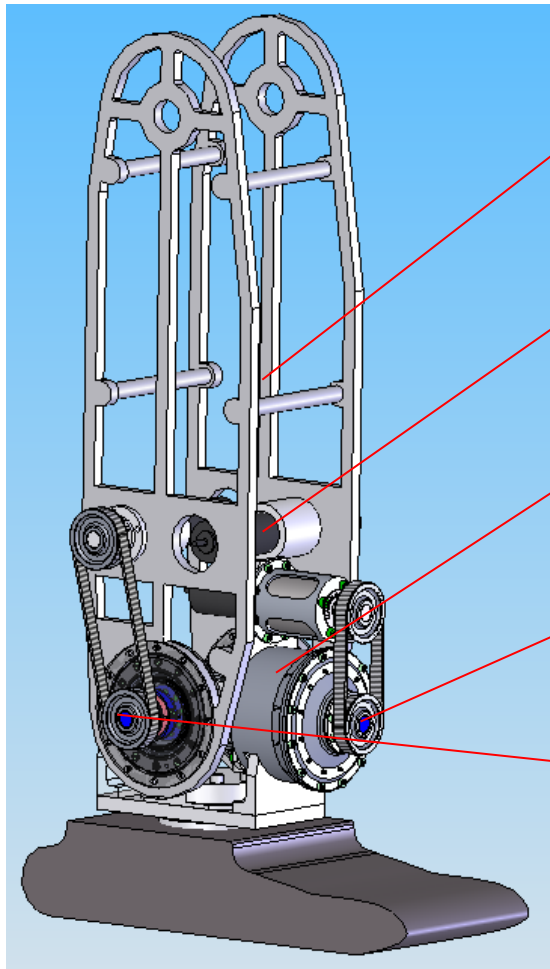


$$P = \tau\omega$$

# Design Schemes of Robotic Joints

- ▶ Scheme 1:
  - ▶ Power Joint + Link Joint
  
- ▶ Scheme 2:
  - ▶ Power Joint + Torque Joint + Link Joint
  
- ▶ Scheme 3:
  - ▶ Power Joint + Transmission + Torque Joint + Link Joint

# Design Example of Robotic Joint (1)



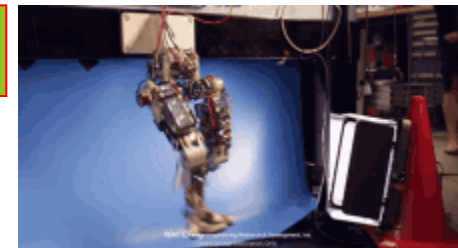
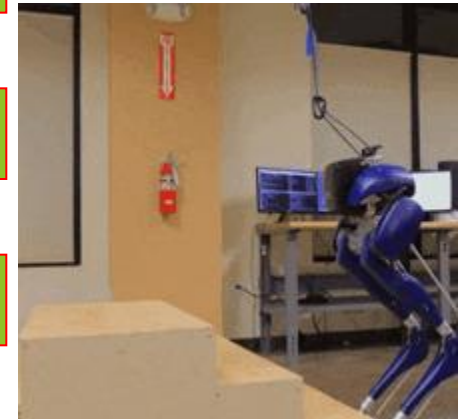
**Link**

**Power Joint**

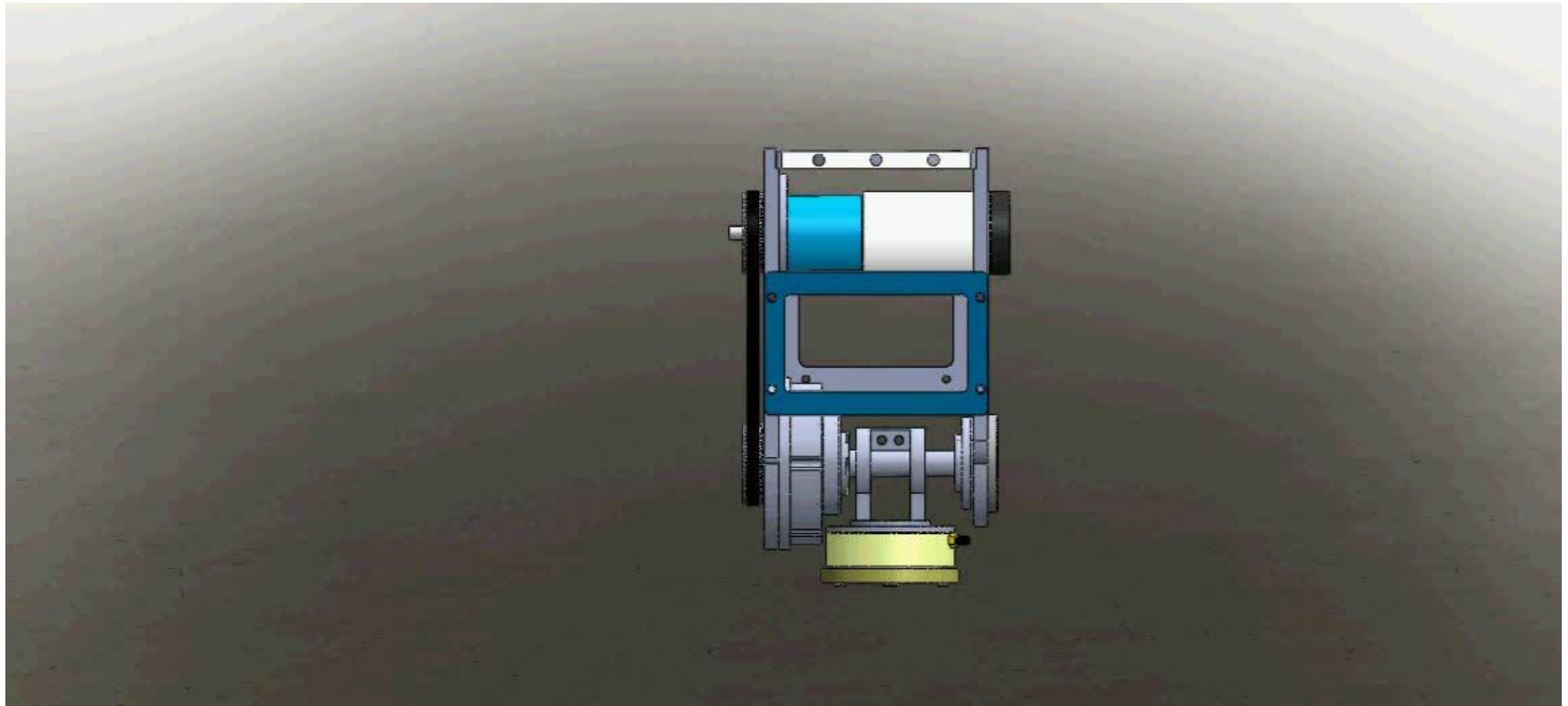
**Torque Joint**

**Link Joint of Ankle Roll**

**Link Joint of Ankle Pitch**



# Design Example of Robotic Joint (2)



# Design Example of Robotic Joint (3)



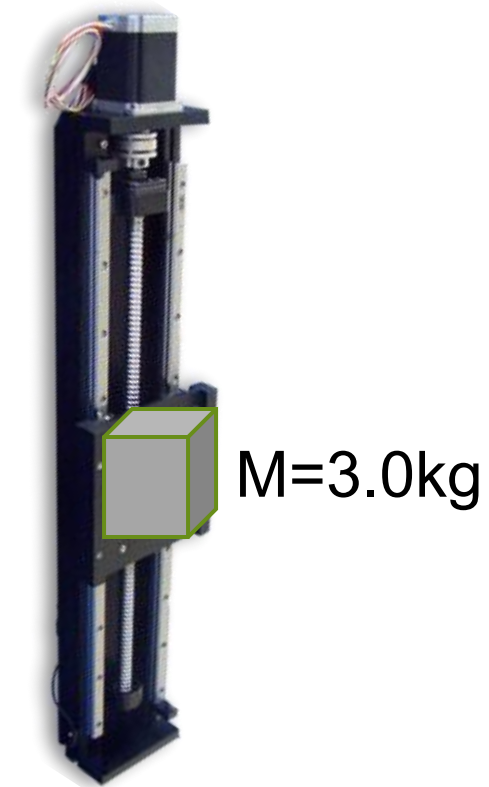
# Example of Motor Sizing

- ▶ A prismatic **link joint** carries a payload of 3.0 kg in a vertical direction. The kinetic frictional force of the joint is 0.5 N. If the payload moves up at a speed of 3.5 cm/s, what is the output power from the **power joint**?

- ▶ Answer:

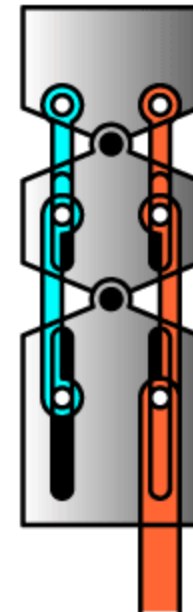
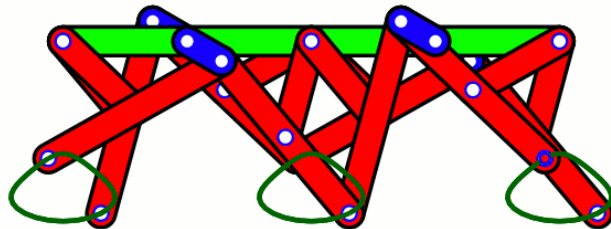
$$F = F_k + mg = 0.5\text{N} + 3.0 \times 9.8 = 29.9\text{N}$$

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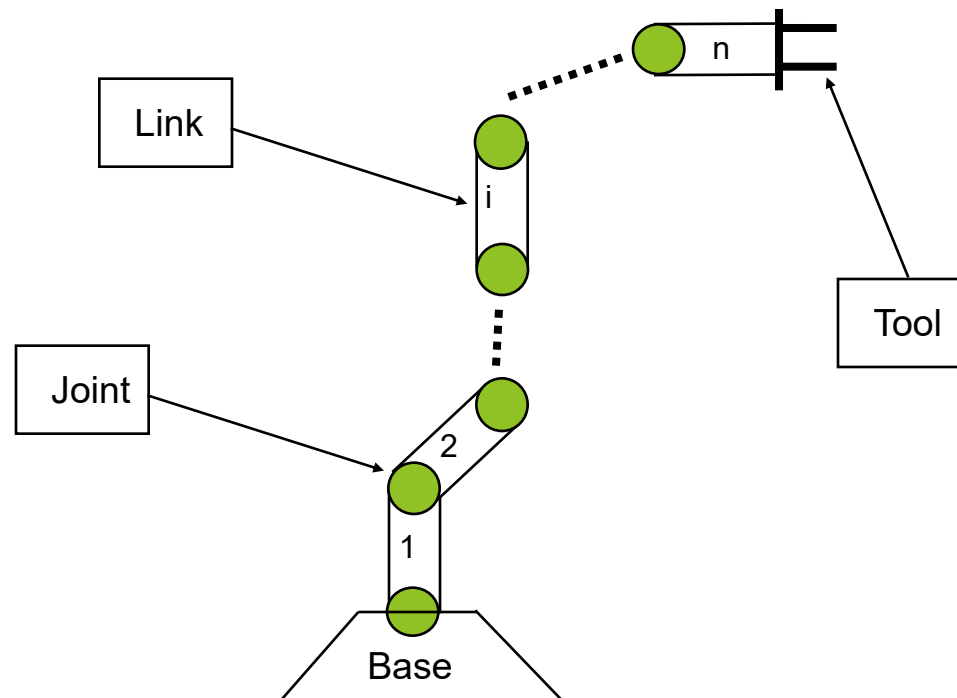
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- ▶ Design of Link
- ▶ Design of Joint
- ▶ Design of Mechanism

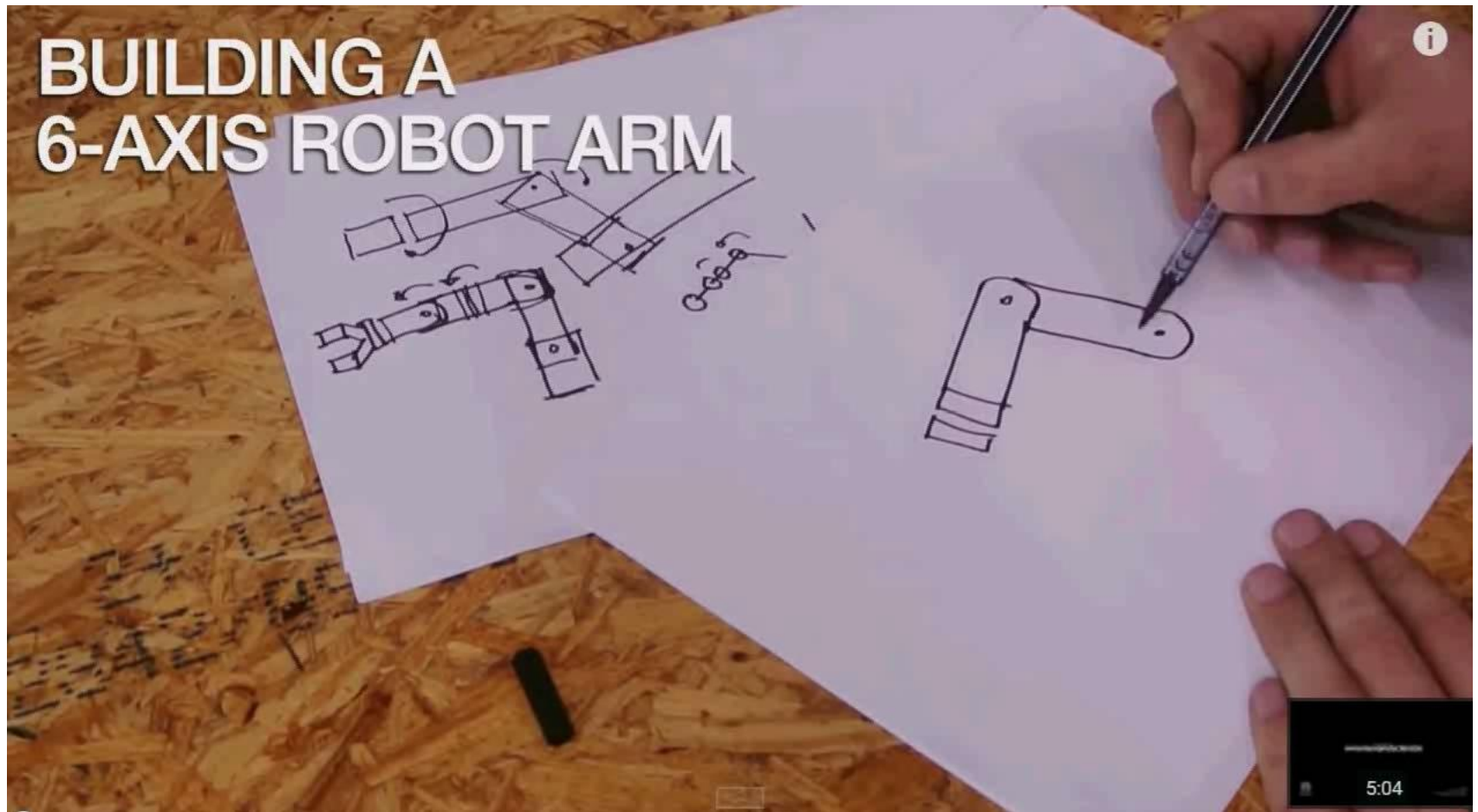


# Definition of Mechanism

- ▶ A mechanism is a set of links which are interconnected by joints, and could undergo relative motions.



# Example of Designing Robot Mechanism



Robot arm's mechanism is also called as kinematic chain which has input and output

## Mechanism of A Robot Manipulator

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A Robot Arm is a

**KINEMATIC CHAIN**

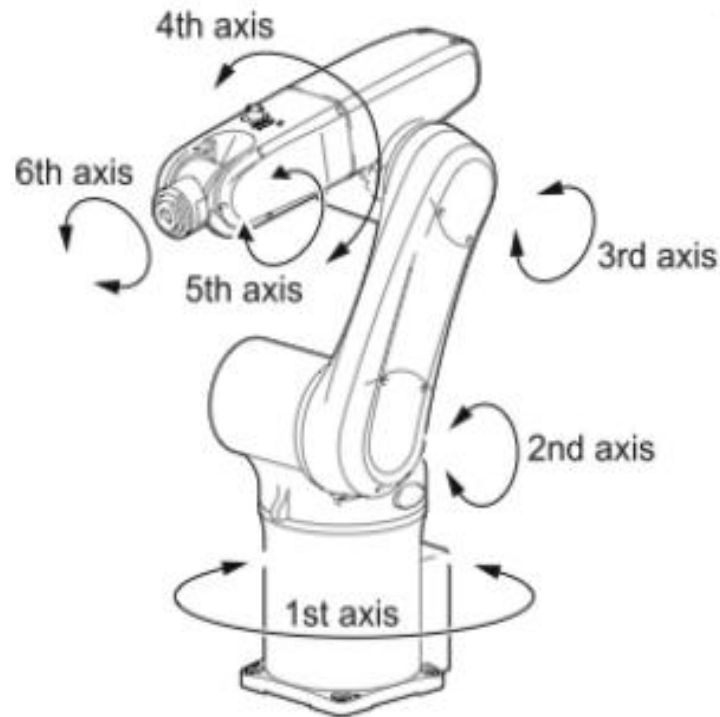
which is comprised of

- a. Links
- b. Joints

What are the input motions?  
What are the output motions?

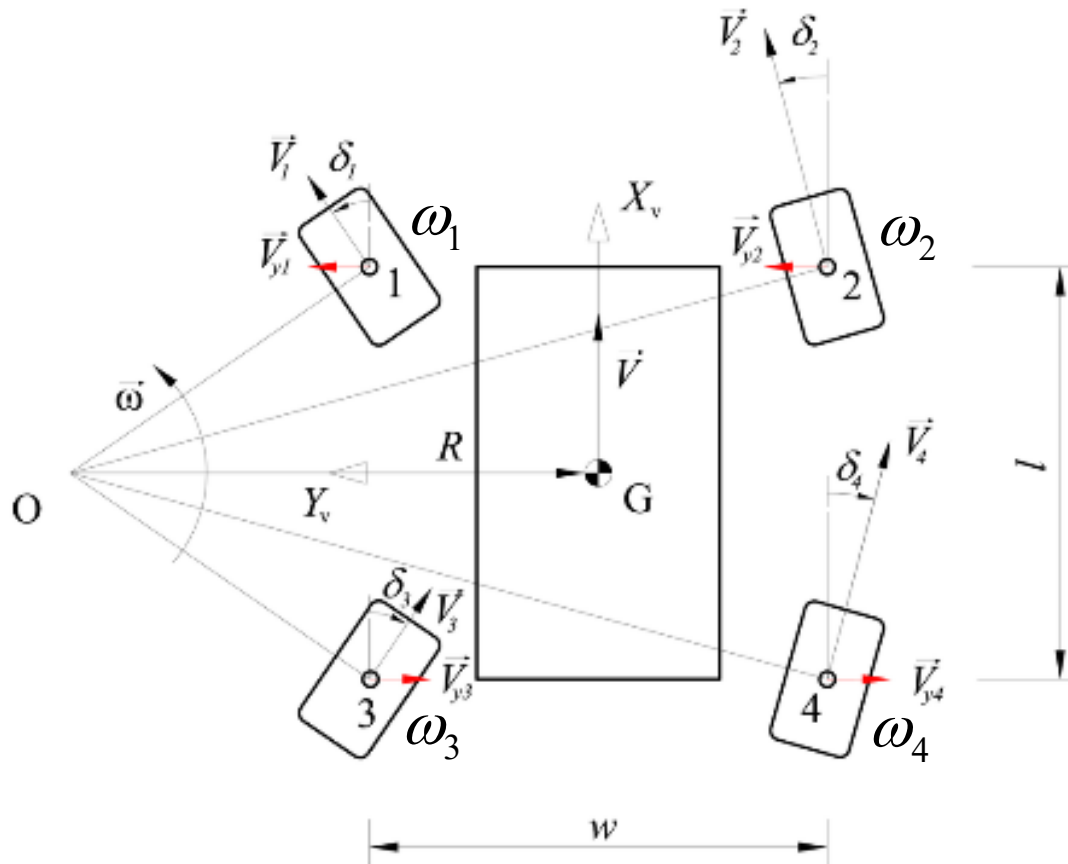
# Input Motion of Robot Mechanism

- ▶ The motions of the joints inside a mechanism are the input motion of the mechanism.

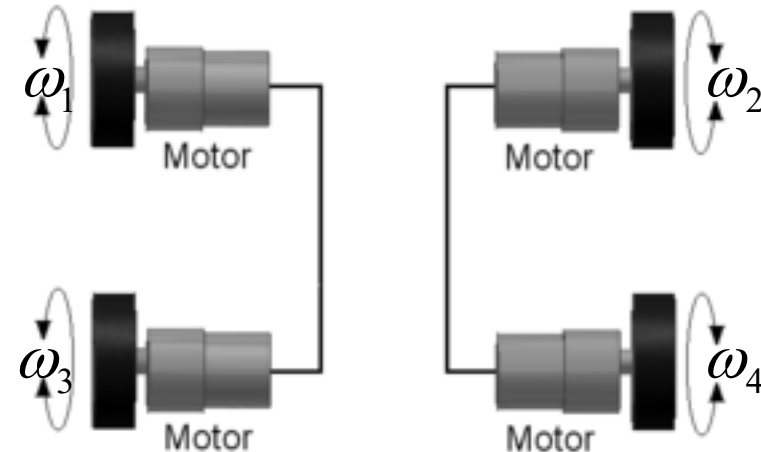


# Example of Mobile Base

- What are the input motions which drive the mobile robot below?



The input motion vector is :  
 $(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4)$



# Output Motion of Robot Mechanism

- ▶ The motions of a tool attached to the mechanism are the output motions.

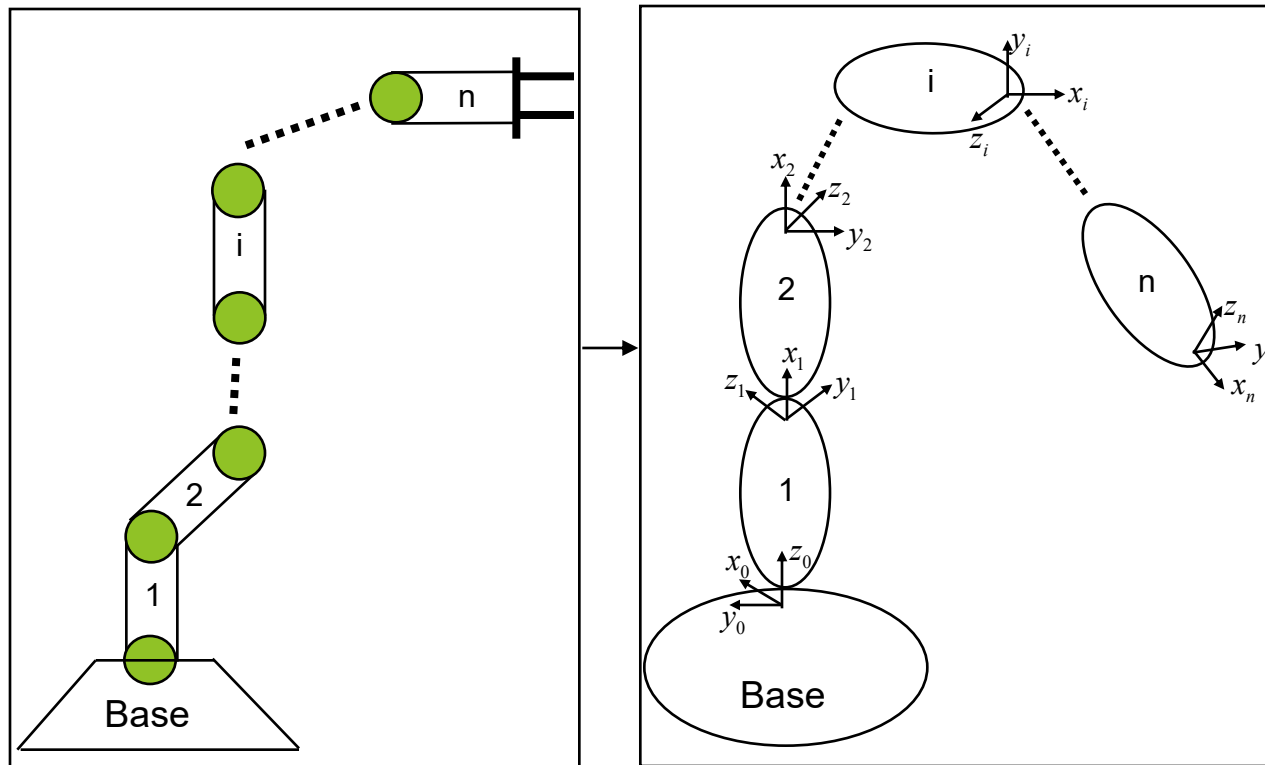
Output  
Motion



## What is Kinematics of Robot Mechanism?

- ▶ It is the study of mechanisms' motions without consideration of force and torque.
- ▶ The study of output motion as functions of input motion in a mechanism is called forward kinematics.
- ▶ The study of input motion as functions of output motion in a mechanism is called inverse kinematics.

# Robot's Forward Kinematics



Vector of  
Generalized  
Coordinates

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \dots \\ \theta_{n-1} \\ \theta_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Pose of Link  $n$  with respect to Link 0 or Base Link

$$L_{0,n}(q) = L_{0,1}(\theta_1)L_{1,2}(\theta_2) \dots L_{n-1,n}(\theta_n)$$

# Example of Forward Kinematics

- ▶ A planar arm manipulator has three joints and three links. The first joint angle is between axes  $X_0$  and  $X_1$ . The second joint angle is between axes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . The third joint angle is between axes  $X_2$  and  $X_3$ . If the three joint angles are  $(110.0, -80.0, -45.0)$  degrees, what are the X and Y coordinate of  $O_3$ ?

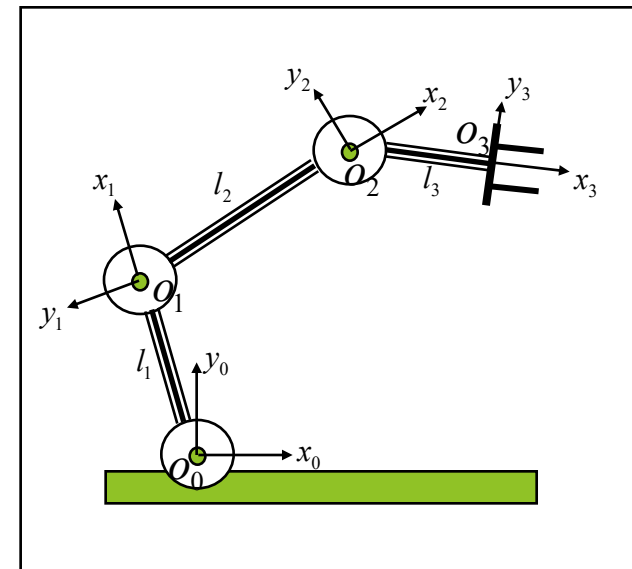
- ▶ Answer:

$$x_{o_3} = l_1 \cos(\theta_1) + l_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + l_3 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3)$$

$$x_{o_3} = l_1 \cos(110^\circ) + l_2 \cos(30^\circ) + l_3 \cos(-15^\circ)$$

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# Robot's Jacobian Matrix

Pose of Link n with respect to Link 0 or Base Link

$$L_{0,n}(q) = L_{0,1}(\theta_1)L_{1,2}(\theta_2) \dots L_{n-1,n}(\theta_n)$$



Velocity of Link n's Pose =  $\mathbf{J}$  x Velocity of Generalized Coordinates



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{\beta} \\ \dot{\gamma} \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & J_{12} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & J_{1n} \\ J_{21} & J_{22} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & J_{2n} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \cdot & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ J_{61} & \cdots & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & J_{6n} \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times n} * \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \dot{q}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{q}_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

# What is Dynamics of Robot Mechanism?

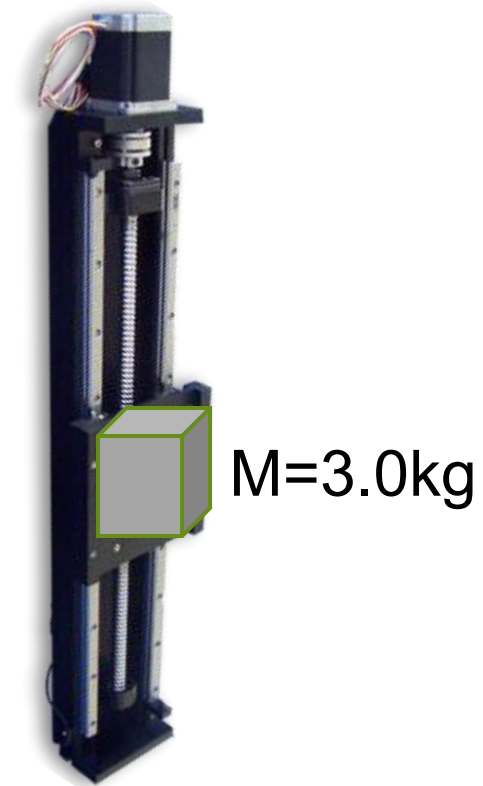
- ▶ It is the study of mechanisms' motions in relationship with force and torque.
- ▶ The study of output motion as functions of applied force and torque in a mechanism is called direct dynamics.
- ▶ The study of force and torque as functions of output motion in a mechanism is called inverse dynamics.

# Example of Forward Dynamics

- ▶ A prismatic link joint carries a payload of 3.0 kg in a vertical direction. The kinetic frictional force of the joint is 0.5 N. If the acting force from the link joint is 35.0 N, what is the acceleration of the payload?
- ▶ Answer:

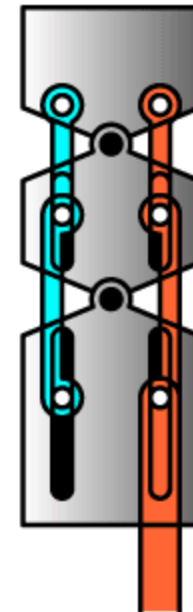
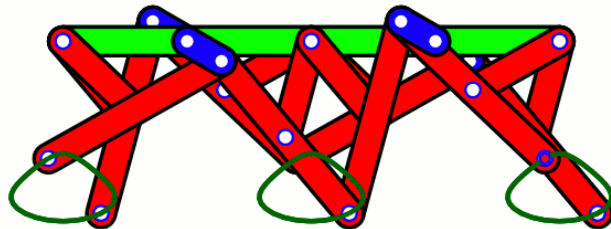
$$F = F_{acting} - F_k - mg = 35.0N - 0.5N - 3.0 \times 9.8 = 5.1N$$

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{5.1}{3.0} = 1.7 \text{ m/s}^2$$



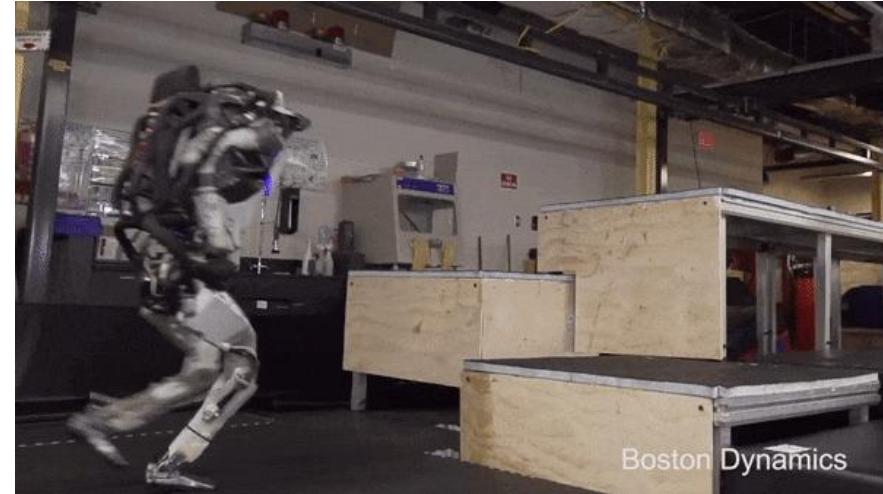
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# Outline of Module 1

- ▶ Robot Systems
- ▶ Robot's Mechanical Systems
- ▶ Robot's Control Systems
  - ▶ Controllers
  - ▶ Actuators
  - ▶ Sensors
- ▶ Robot's Programming Systems



## What to design?

- The best systems in the universe are static systems
- Most systems in the universe are dynamic systems
- Our goal is to make dynamic systems to be closer to static systems



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# Robot Controllers



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- ▶ Basics of Controller
- ▶ Design of Memory
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# Example of Use of Human Brain/Mind

- ▶ Person A tells person B: “Please read this question carefully and give me the answer: what is the sum of  $6 + 9$ ?”. Explain the mental activities of person B when she or he reads the question and produce the answer.

- ▶ Answer:

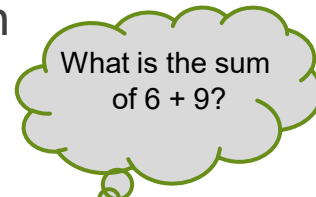
1. Read and store the question
2. Interpret the meaning of instruction “+”
3. Read the operand 6
4. Read the operand 9
5. Do arithmetic operation of “add”
6. Store the result “15”
7. Synthesize the answer “The sum is 15”
8. Pronounce the answer
9. Wait and listen to the reply from person A



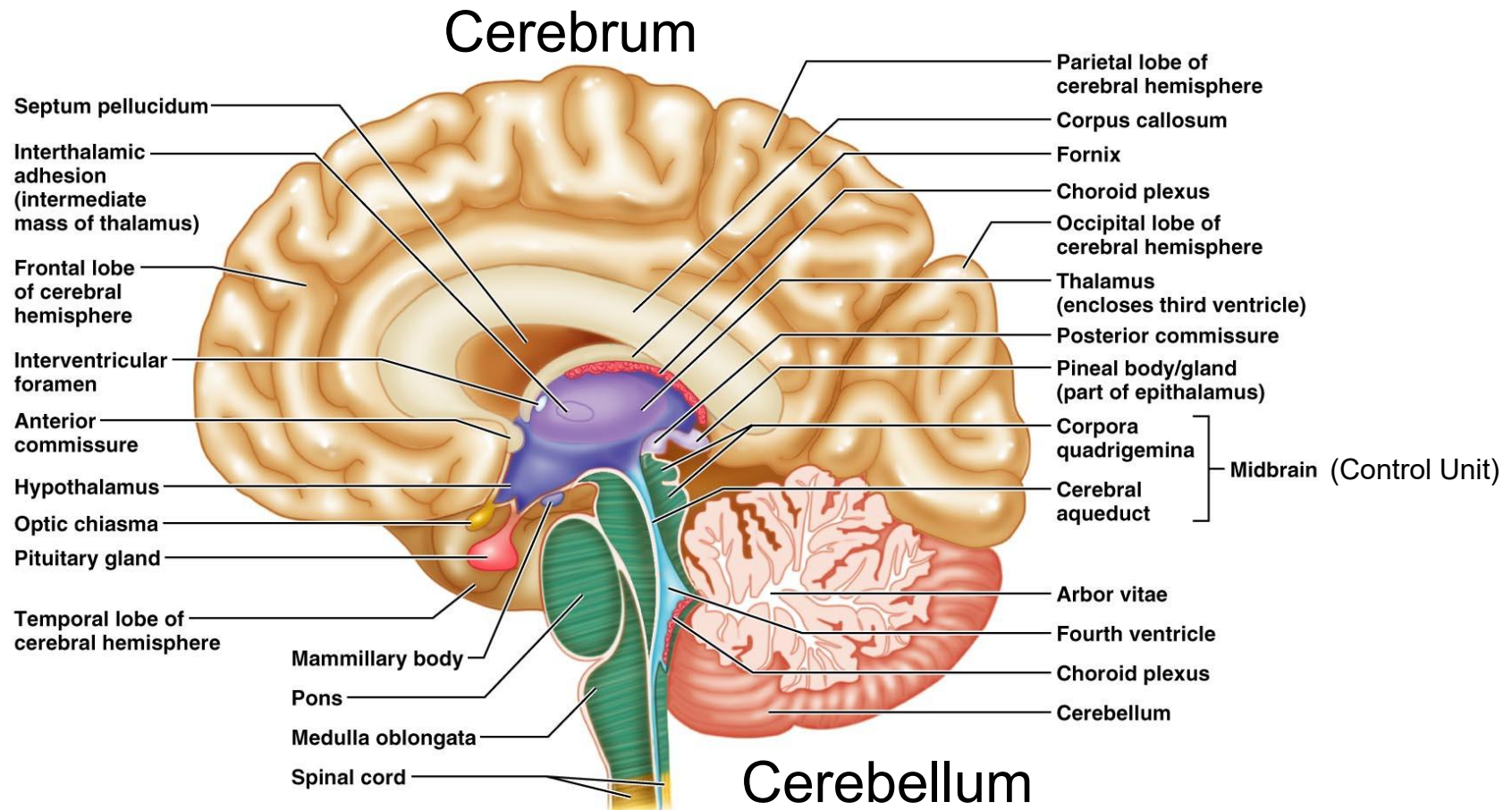
Person B



Person A



# Blueprint of Human Brain



# Characteristics of Human Brain and Mind

- ▶ Is able to memorize past, present and future
- ▶ Is able to capture input data
- ▶ Is able to undertake operations with numbers
- ▶ Is able to undertake operations with numbers/symbols
- ▶ Is able to produce output data
- ▶ Is able to control mental operations
- ▶ Is able to control physical actions
- ▶ Is able to communicate
- ▶ Is able to learn human languages
- ▶ Is able to learn machine languages
- ▶ Is able to learn new knowledge and new skills, etc.

# Does a robot need to have a brain/Mind?



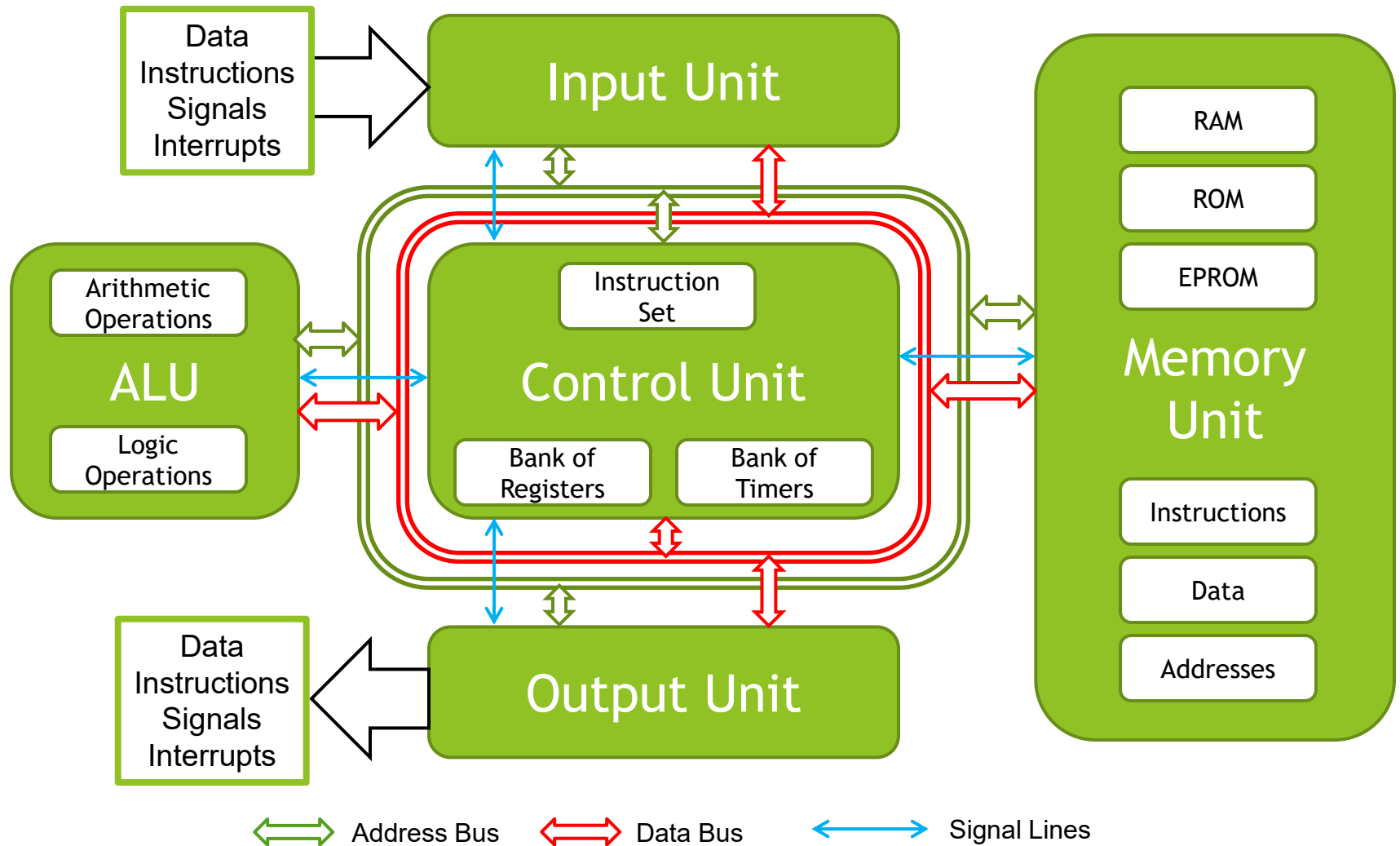
# Example of Use of Robot Brain and Mind

- ▶ Person A asks robot B the following question: “Is it lunch time now?”. Explain the mental activities of robot B when it prepares the reply.
- ▶ Answer:

1. Read the current time  $T$
2. Compare it with 12h00
3. If  $T > 14h00$ , compare it with 12h00
4. If  $14h00 > T > 12h00$ , reply “yes”
5. Otherwise, reply “not yet”



# Blueprint of Robot Brain

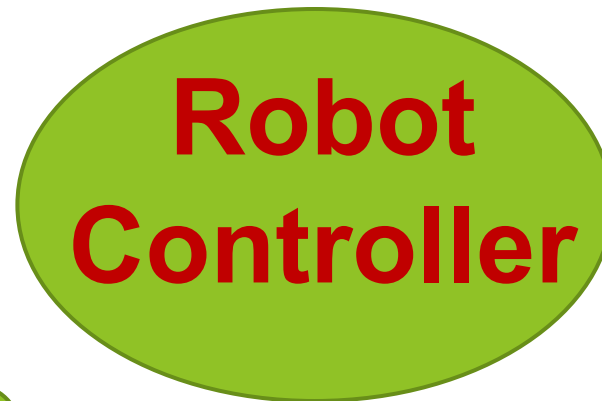
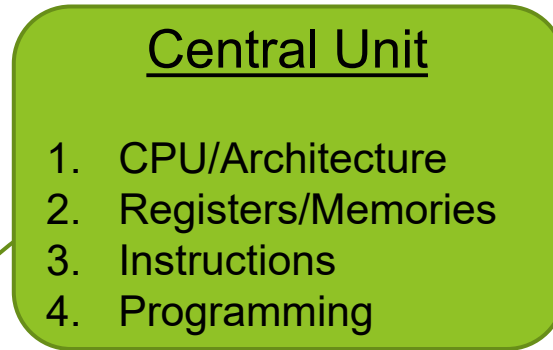
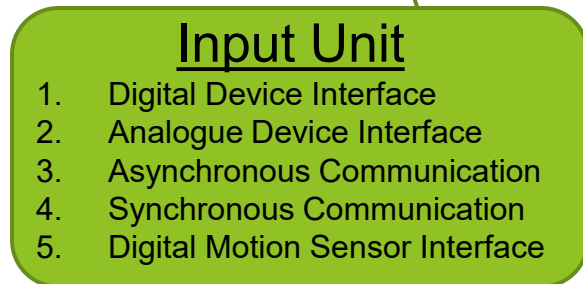
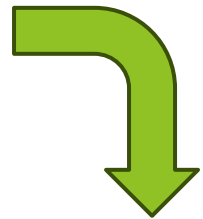


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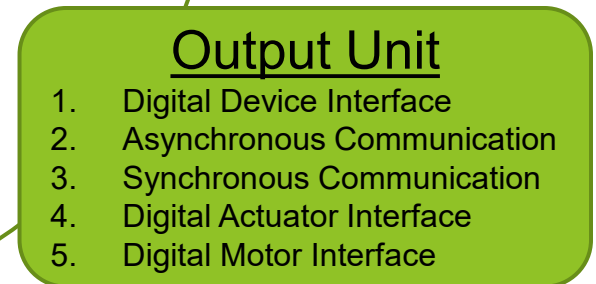
- ▶ Is able to memorize data (to use) and instructions (to do)
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# Key Modules of Robot Controller

Inflow of Data



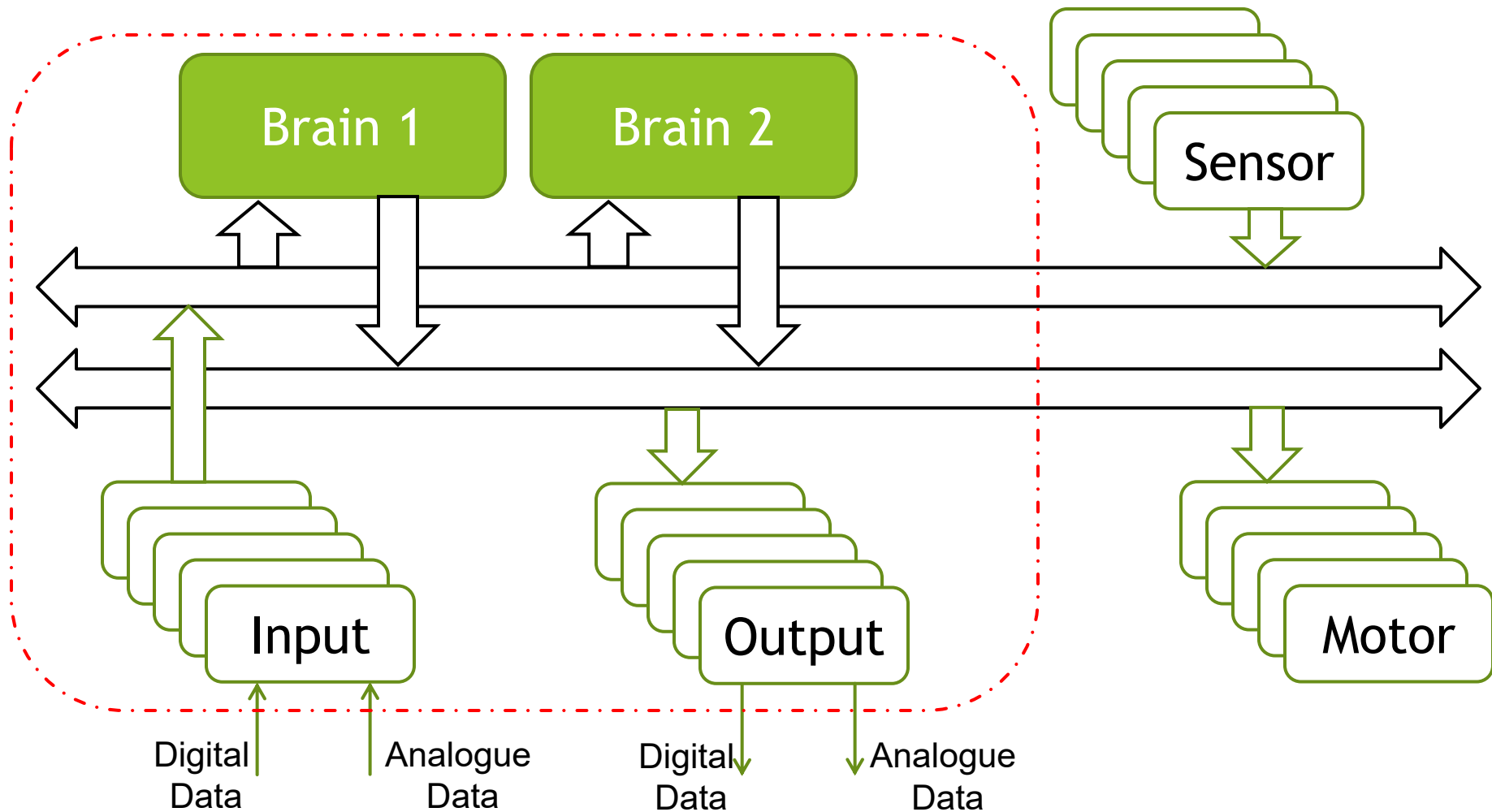
1. Computation
2. Memorization



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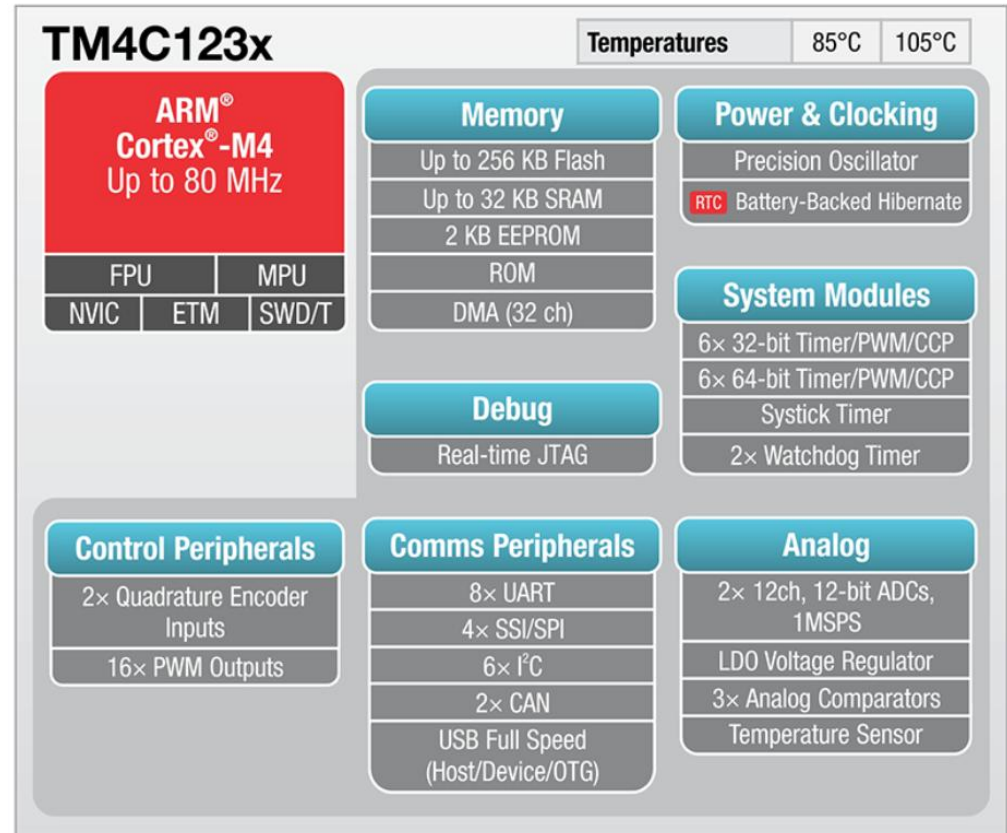


# Extended Version of Robot Controller



# How to use robot controller?

- ▶ Configure **Control** Registers
- ▶ Clear/Monitor **Status** Registers
- ▶ Read/Write **Data** Registers
- ▶ Instructions:



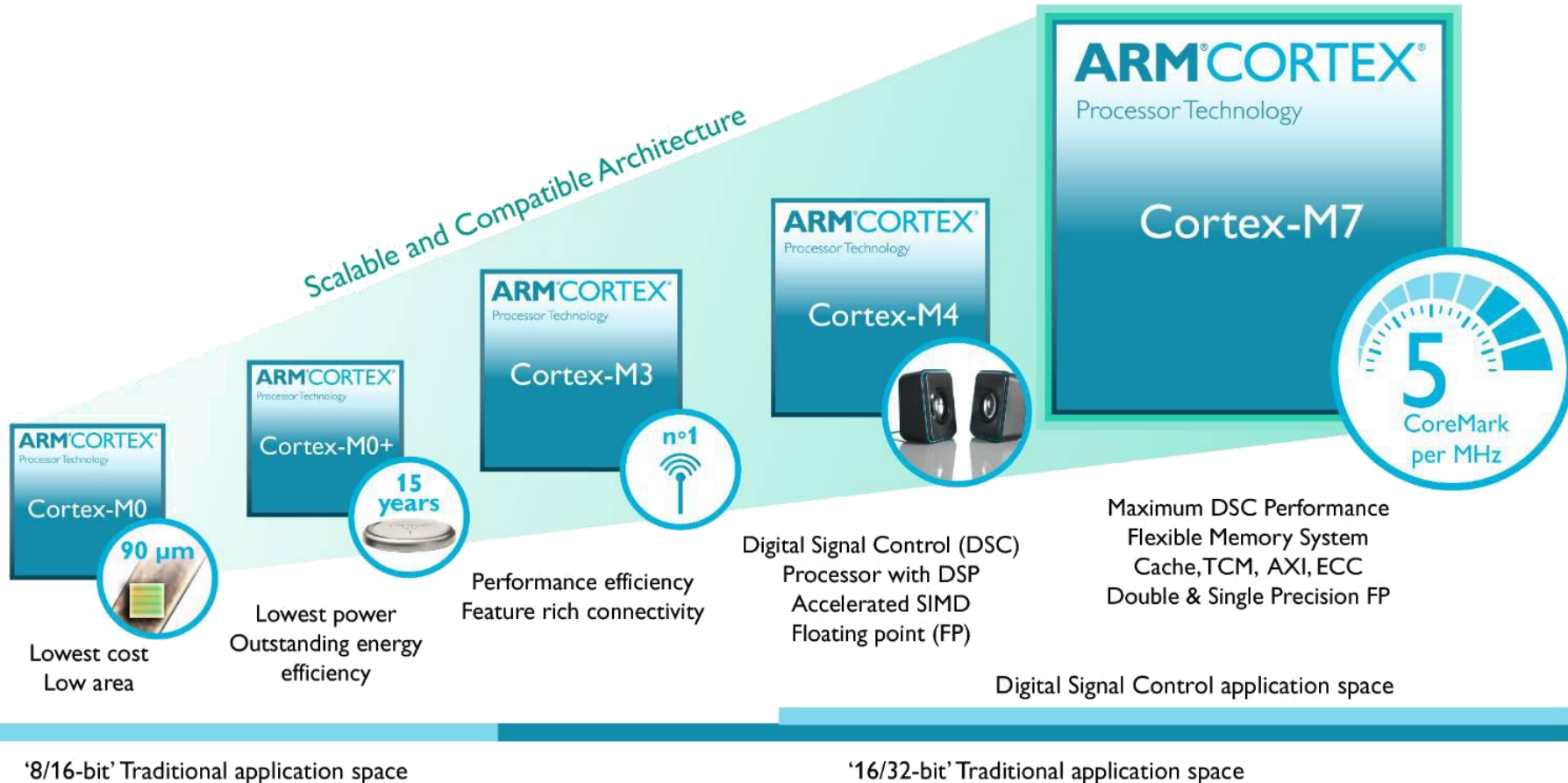
- ▶ MOV <address of destination>, <source of value>
- ▶ LDR <address of destination>, <source of value>
- ▶ STR <source of value>, <address of destination>

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MOV R0, #0x11
MOV R1, #2560
MVN R2, #4
MOVW R3, #0xC0DE
MOVT R3, #0xFEED
MOV R4, R1
    
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Word = 2 Bytes

# Standard Devices to Serve as Robot Controller: Cortex M Series



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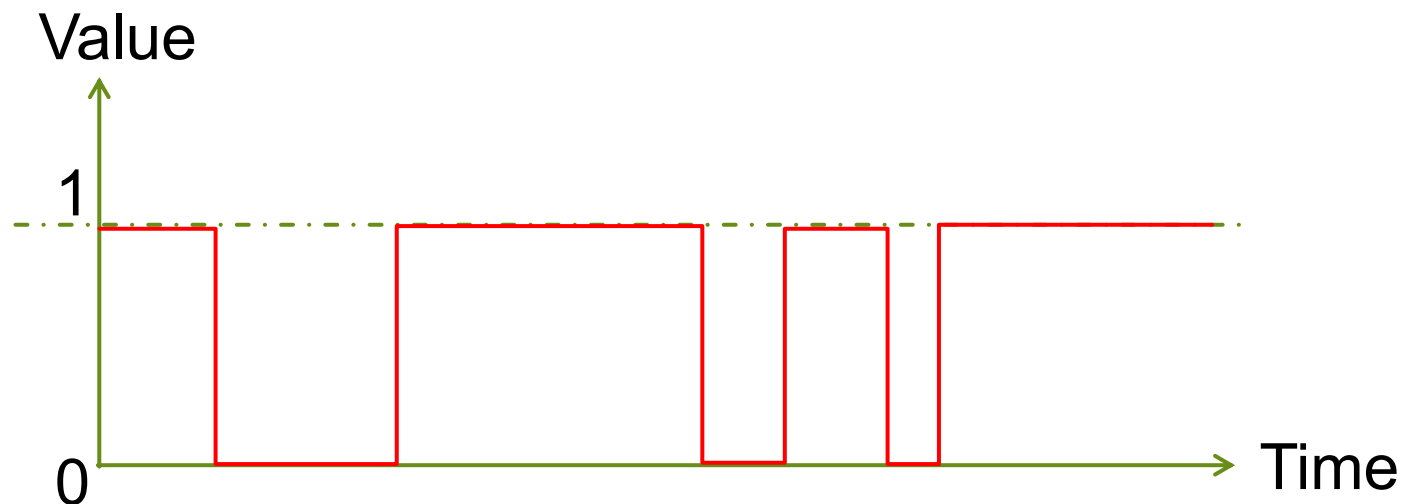
# Binary Number Systems

## Binary Values

- ▶ 1 (Logic High)
- ▶ 0 (Logic Low)

## Implementation

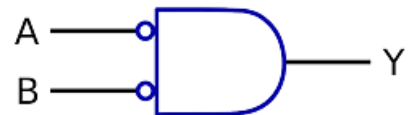
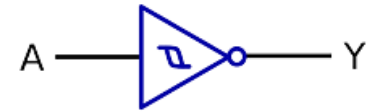
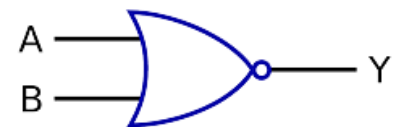
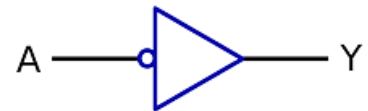
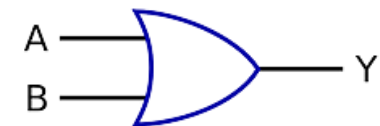
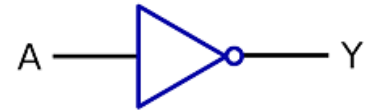
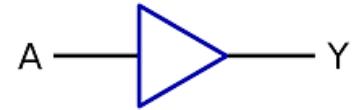
- ▶ +5 V (Logic High)
- ▶ 0 V (Logic Low)



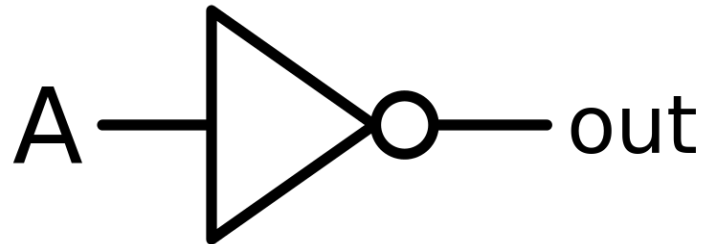
# Binary Logic Operations

NOT	$A'$	$\neg A$	$\bar{A}$	$\neg A$
AND	$AB$	$A * B$	$A \cdot B$	$A \wedge B$ $A \cap B$
OR	$A+B$	$A \vee B$	$A \cup B$	
NAND	$(AB)'$	$\overline{AB}$		
NOR	$(A+B)'$	$\overline{A+B}$		
XOR	$A \oplus B$	$A @ B$		
XNOR	$(A \oplus B)'$	$\overline{A \oplus B}$	$(A @ B)'$ $\overline{A @ B}$	

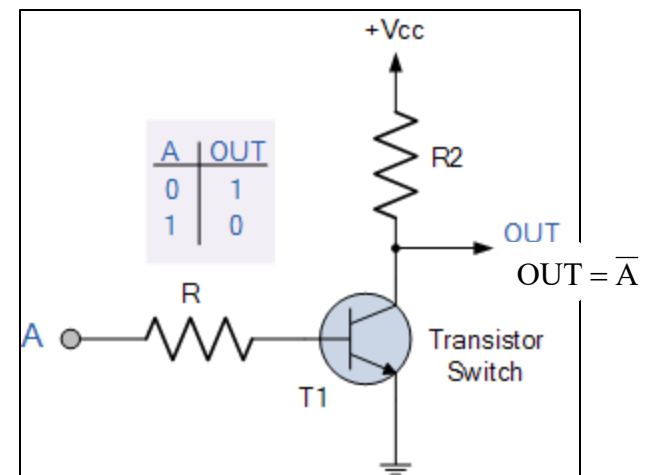
# Binary Logic Devices



# Example: NOT



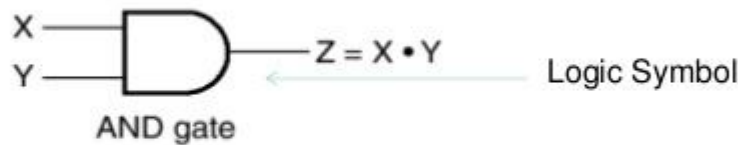
A	$\bar{A}$
1	0
0	1



# Example: AND

## AND Gate

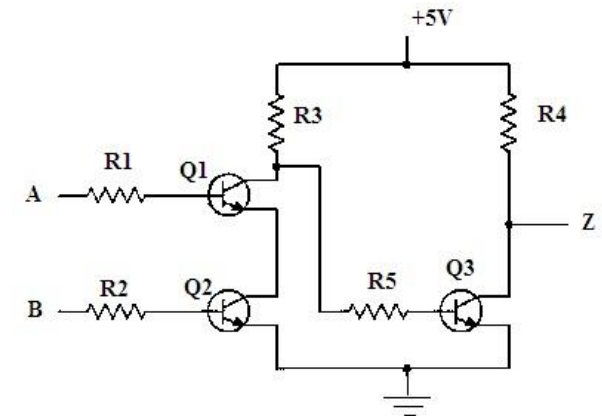
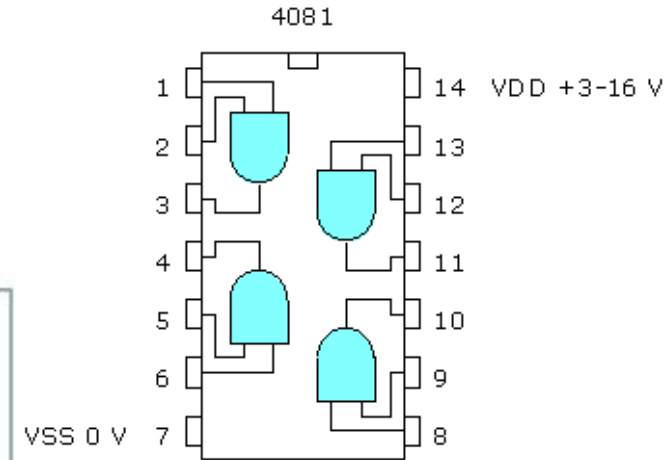
- Logic Symbol, Truth Table And Logic Expression



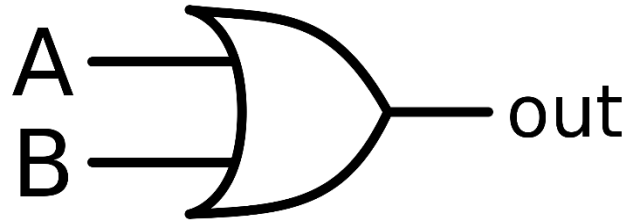
X	Y	Z = X · Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Logic Expression

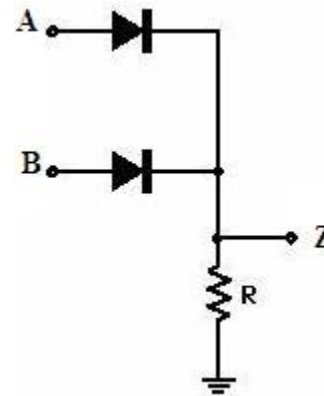
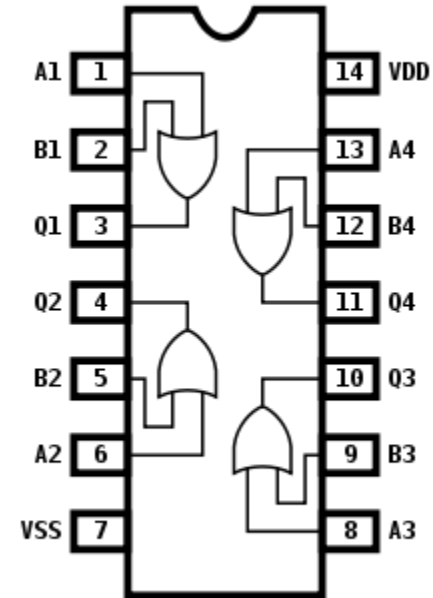
Truth Table



# Example: OR

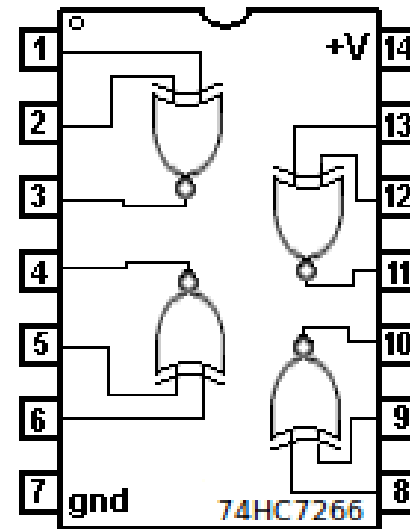


A	B	Output
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

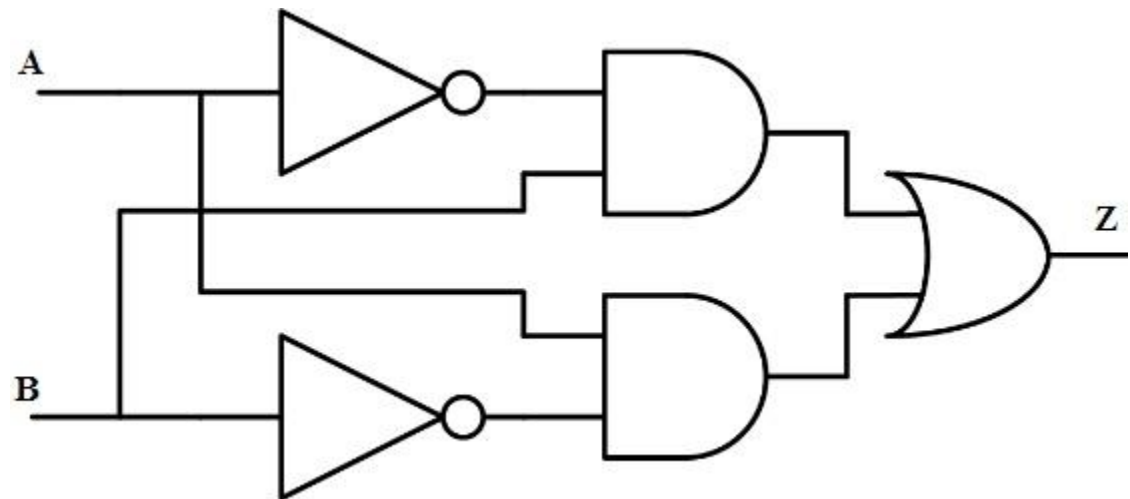


# Example: XOR

*Exclusive-OR gate*



A	B	Output
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0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

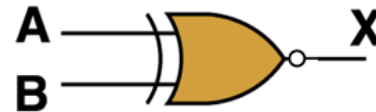


# Example: XNOR

**Boolean Expression**

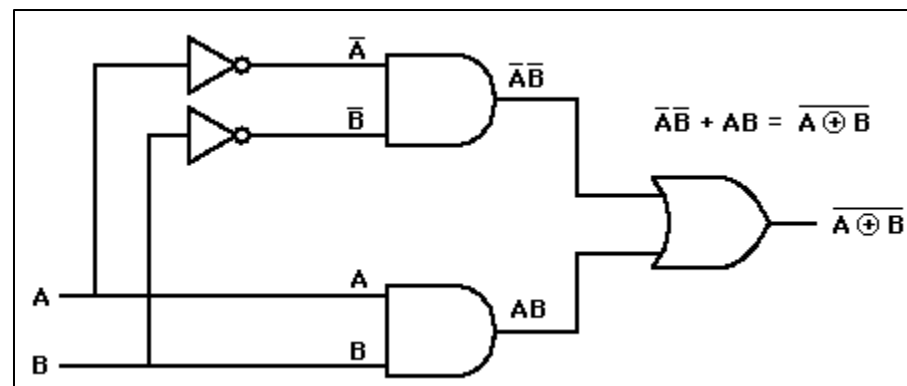
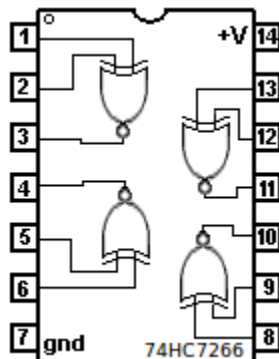
$$X = \overline{A \oplus B}$$

**Logic Diagram Symbol**

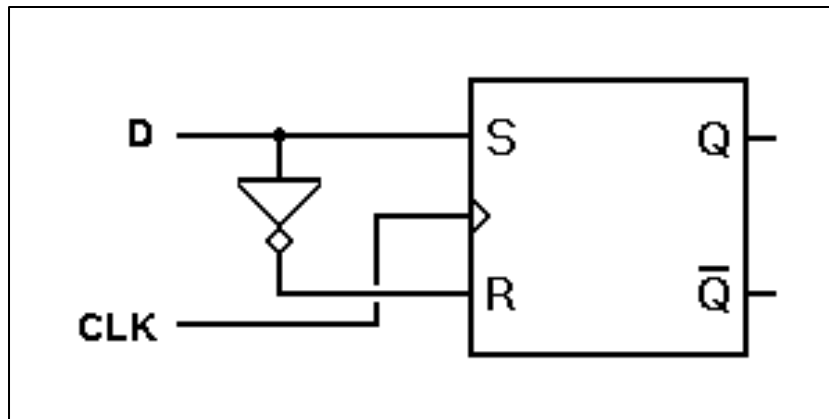
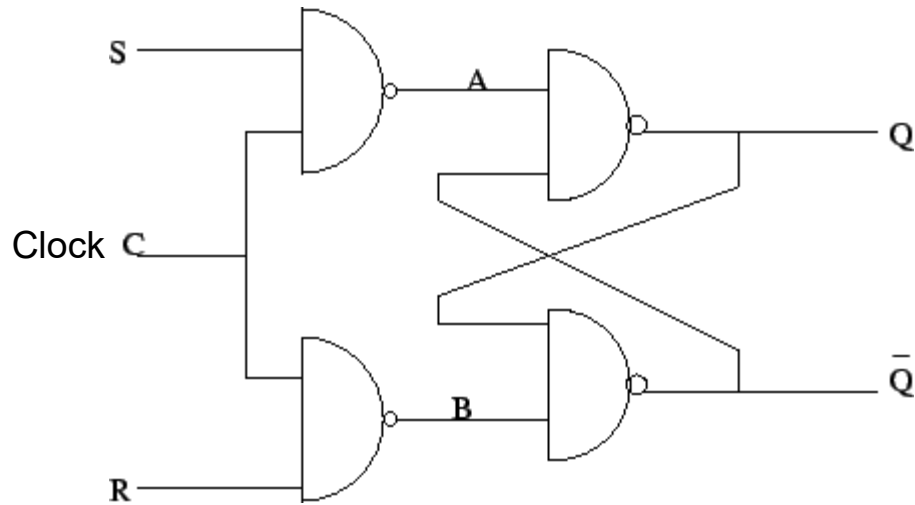


**Truth Table**

A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

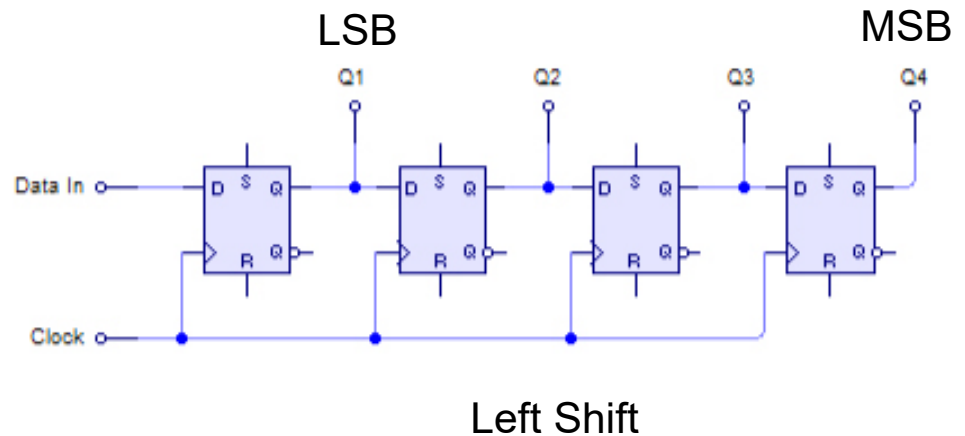
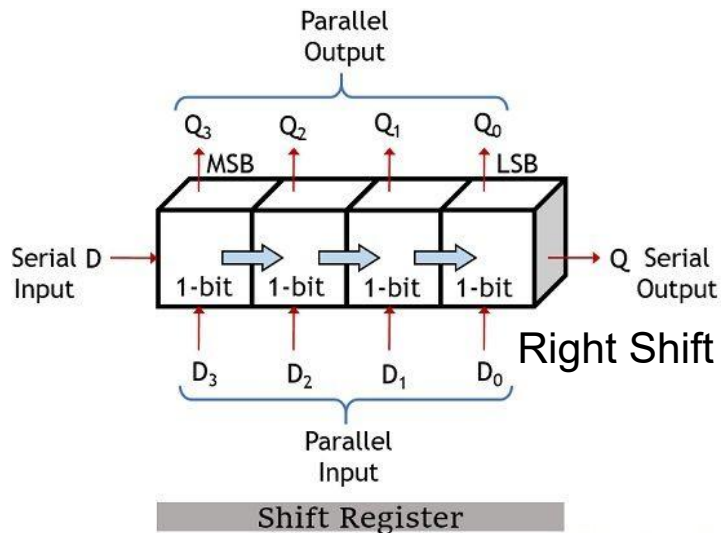
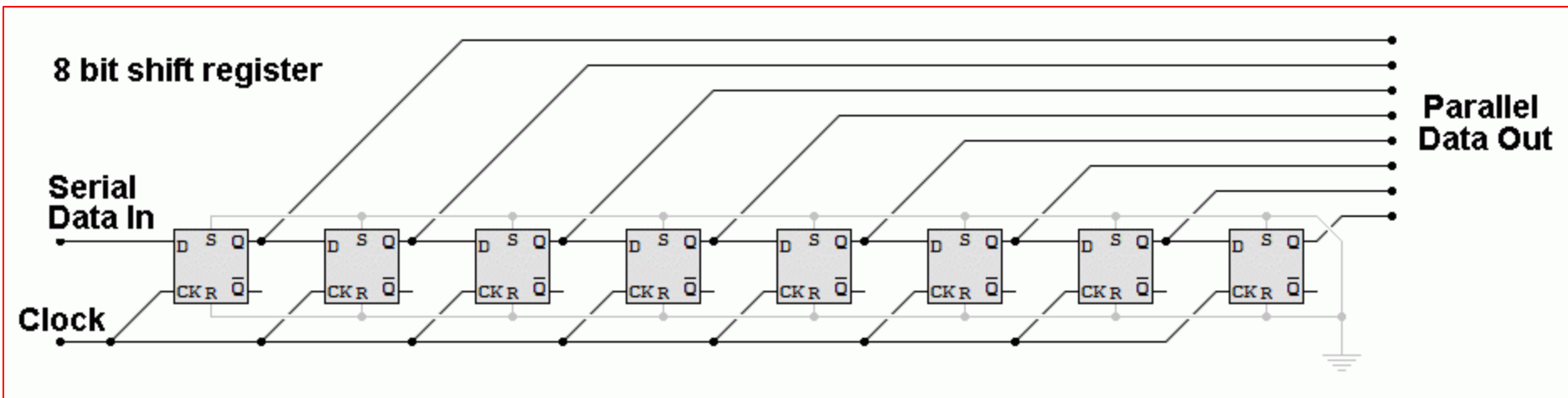


# Register: Single Bit Device



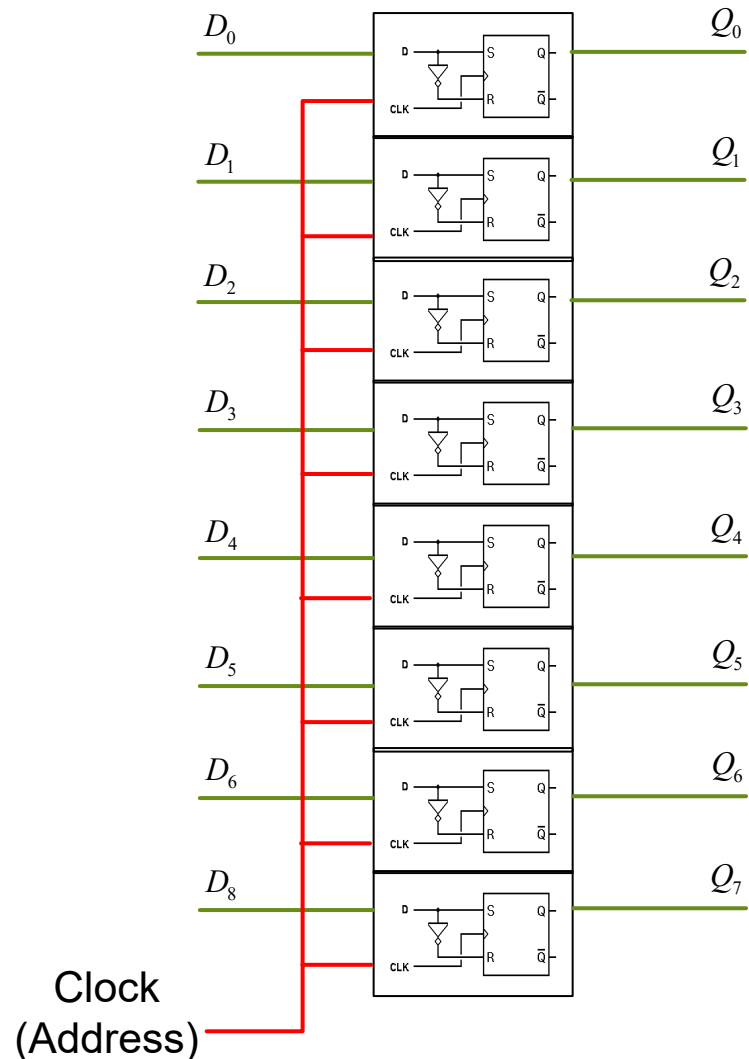
S	R	CLK	$Q(t+1)$	Comments
0	0	X	$Q(t)$	No change
0	1	↑	0	Reset
1	0	↑	1	Set
1	1	↑	?	Invalid

# Register: 8-Bit Shift Register

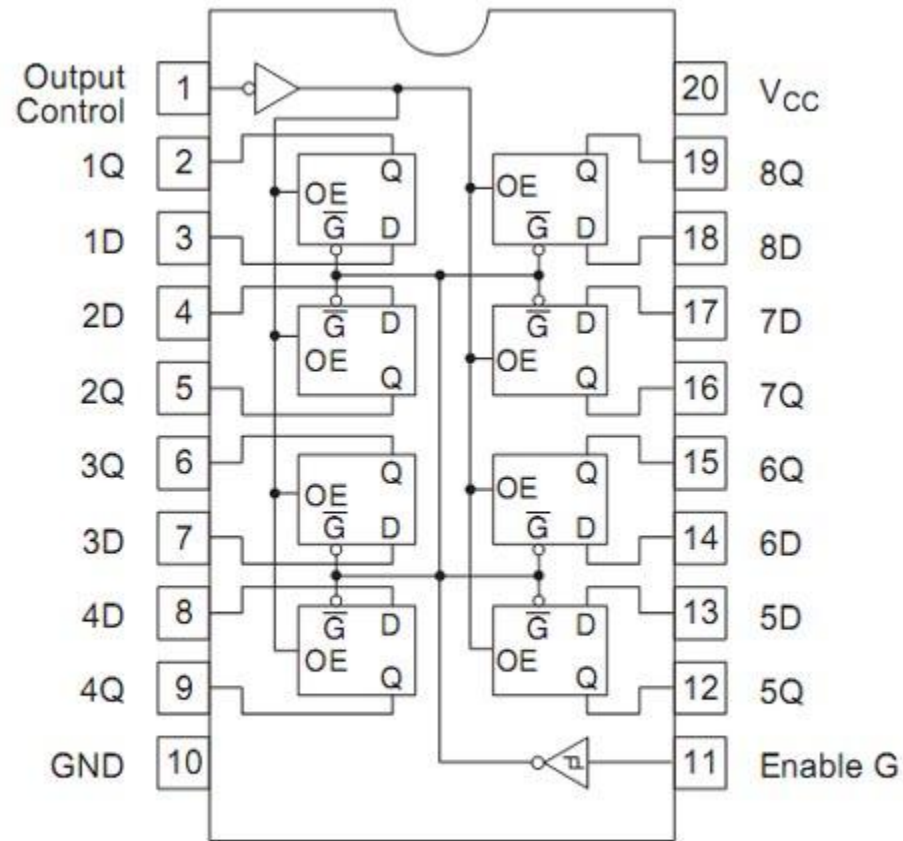


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# Register: 8-Bit Register (One Byte)



# Example of 8-Bit Register (One Byte)



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(Top view)

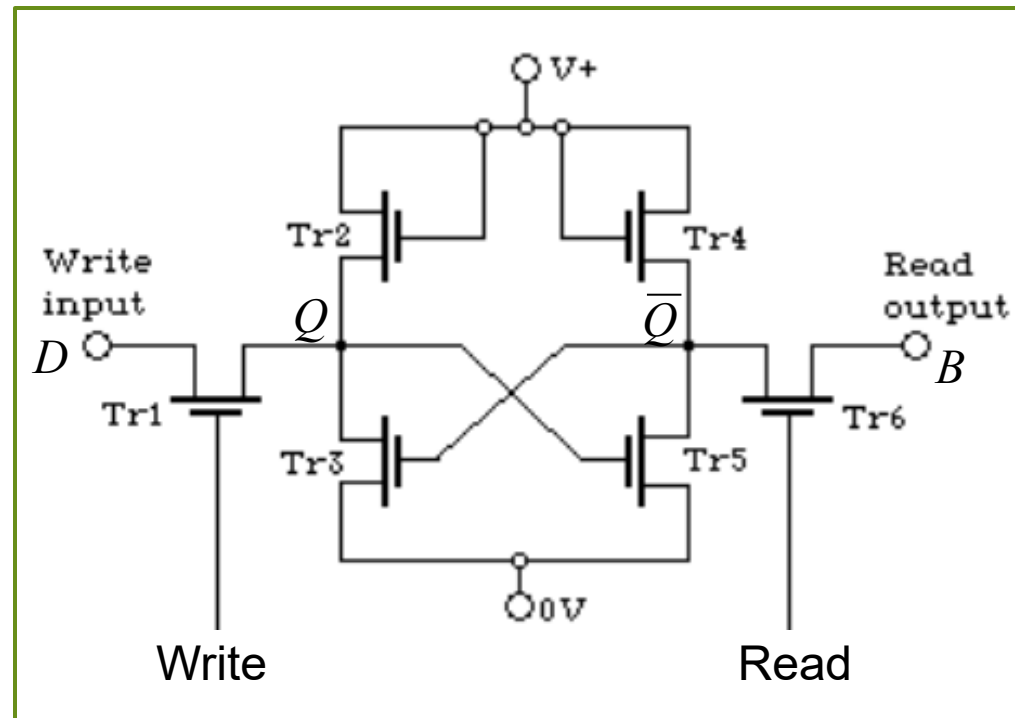
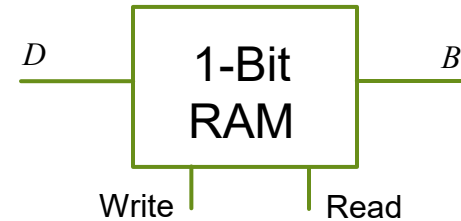
# RAM: Single Bit Static RAM

## Write Operation

- ▶ “Write” line is in logic high.
- ▶ Transistor Tr1 is on.
- ▶  $Q = D$

## Read Operation

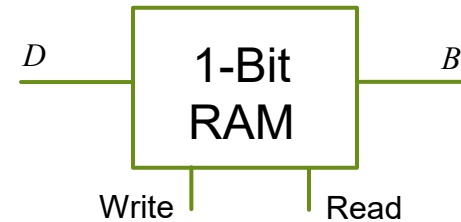
- ▶ “Read” line is in logic high.
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- ▶  $B = 1 - Q$



# RAM: Single Bit Dynamic RAM

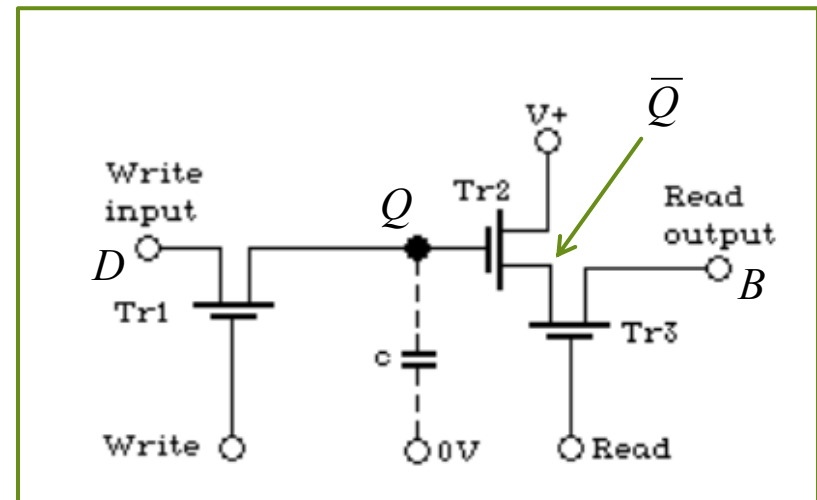
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- “Write” line is in logic high.
- Transistor Tr1 is on.
- $Q = D$

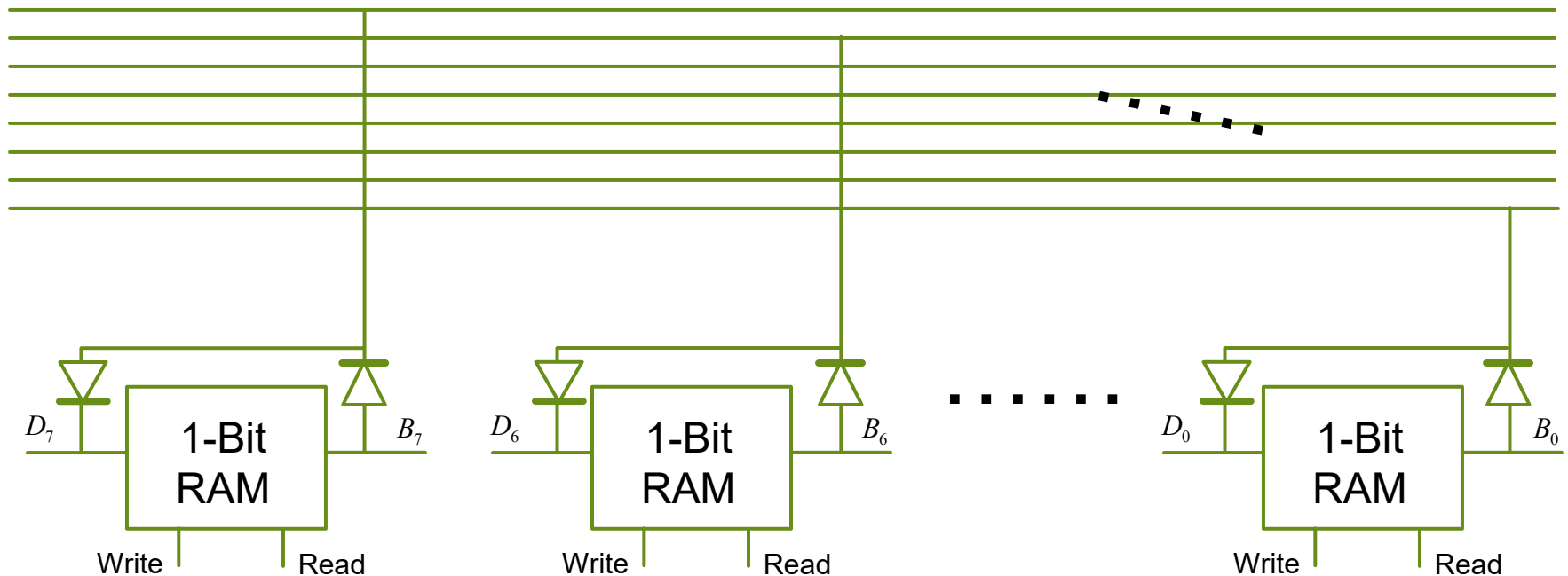


## ► Read Operation

- “Read” line is in logic high.
- Transistor Tr3 is on.
- $B = 1 - Q$

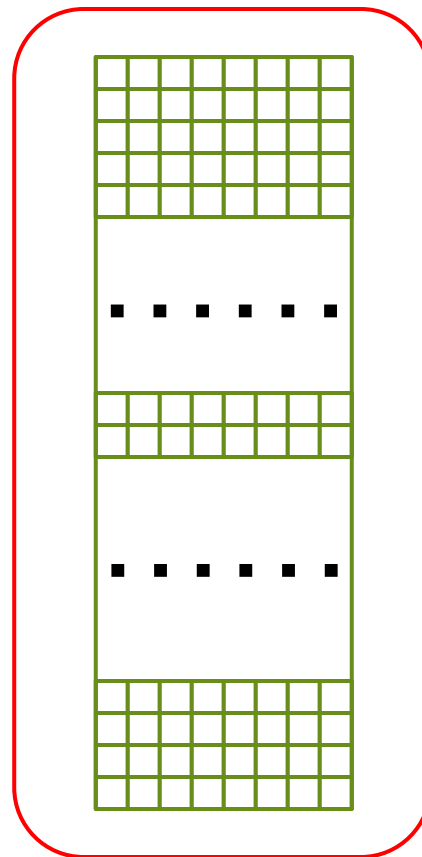


# RAM: 8-Bit RAM (One Byte)



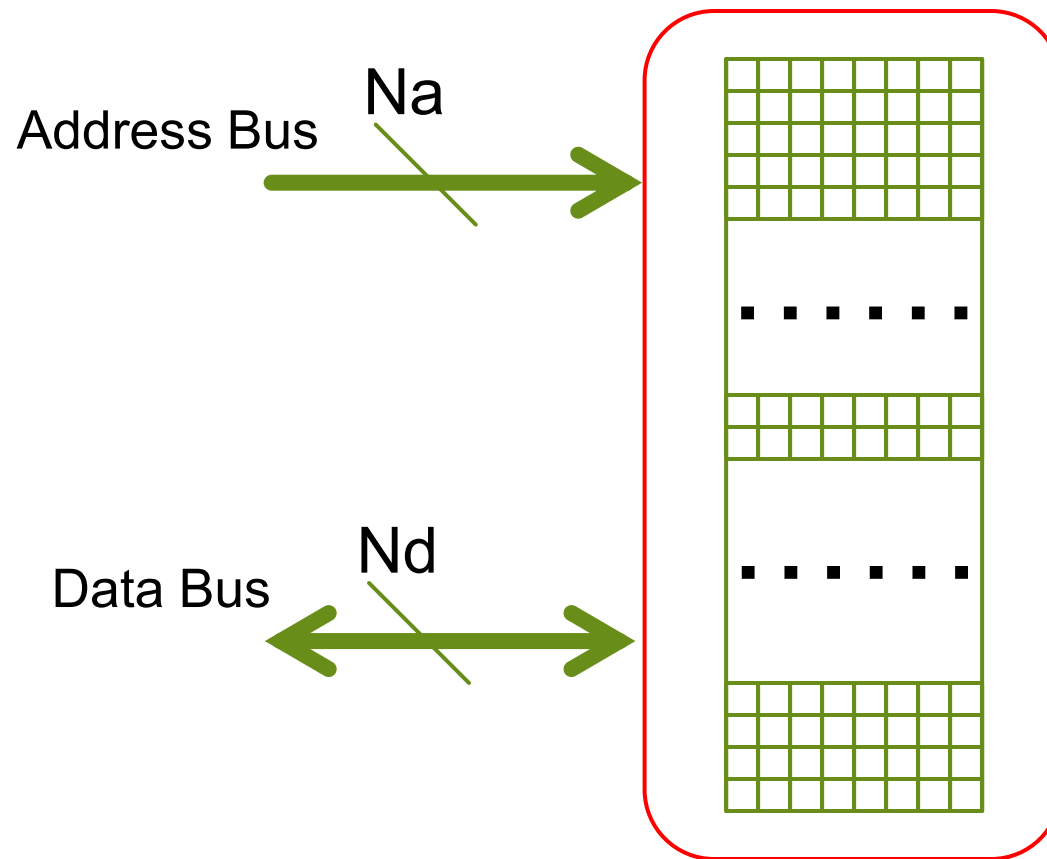
# Blueprint of Memory Unit

- ▶ A memory unit consists of a set of bytes. Each byte has eight bits. Each bit has one memory cell for read and write operations.



# Input to Memory Unit

- ▶ Input of memory unit includes: a) address of a byte, and b) data of one or more bytes.



# Example

- ▶ A memory unit's address bus has 64 bits. Hence,  $N_a = 64$ . What is the maximum number of bytes that the memory unit could have?

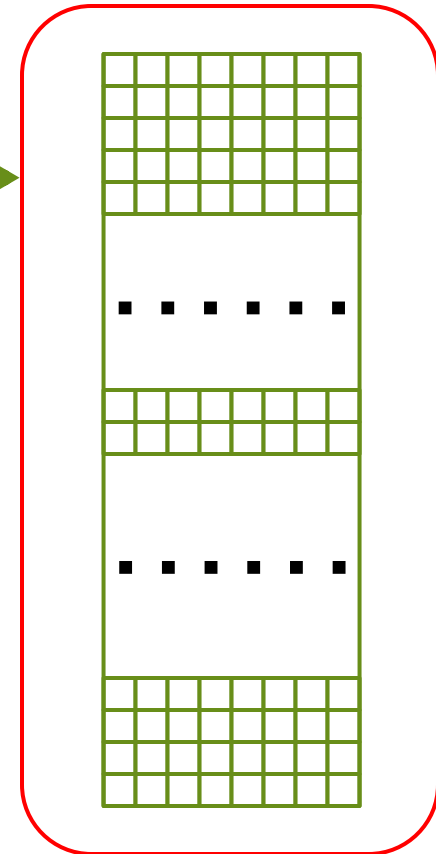
- ▶ Answer:



- ▶ The maximum number of bytes is:

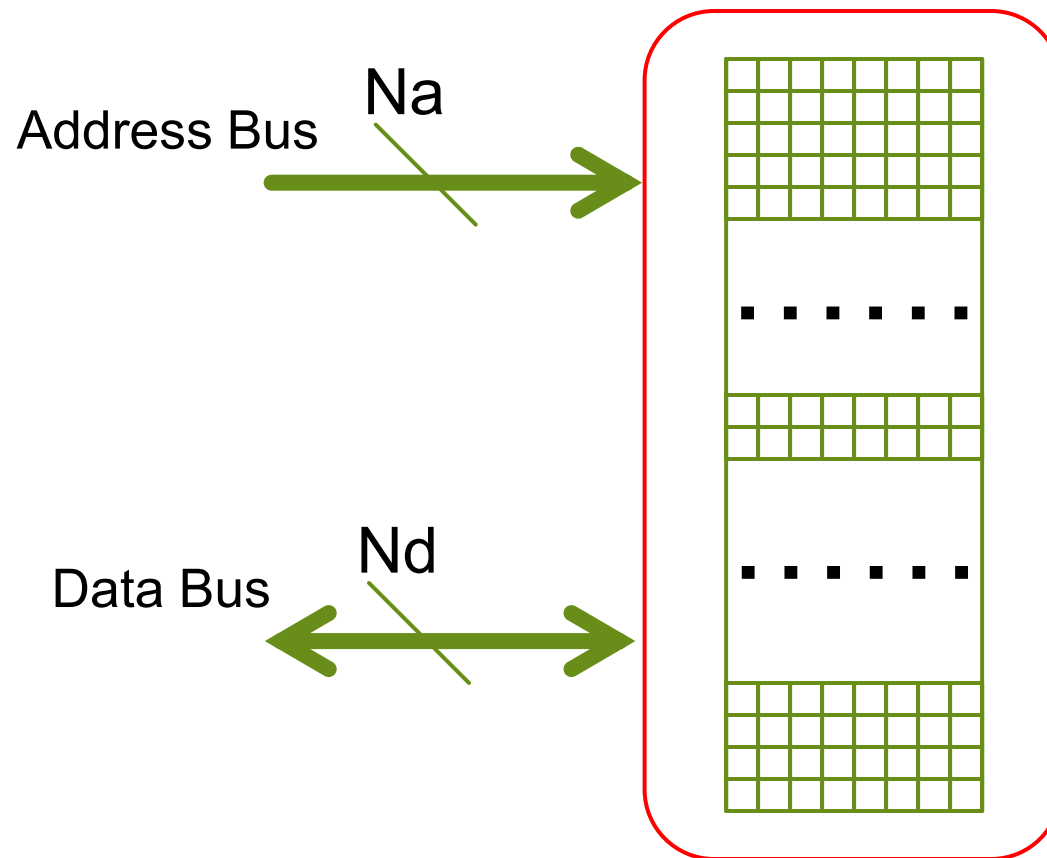
$$2^{64} = 2^{34} \times 2^{10} \times 2^{10} \times 2^{10}$$

$$2^{64} = 18446744073709551616$$



# Output from Memory Unit

- ▶ The output from memory unit is data of one or more bytes.



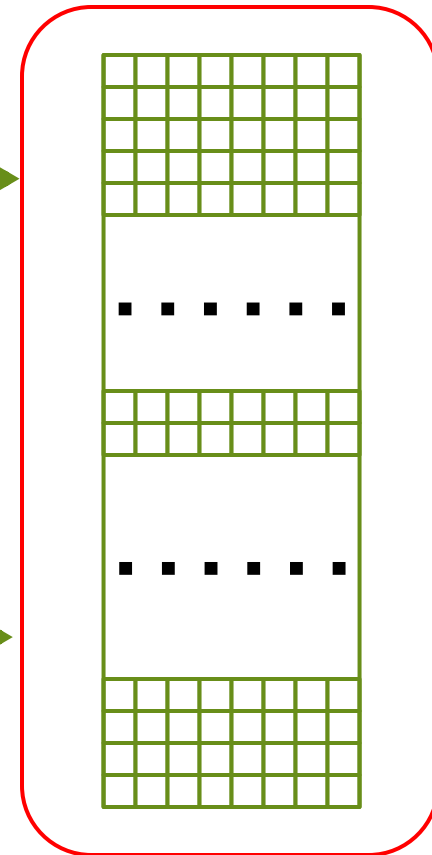
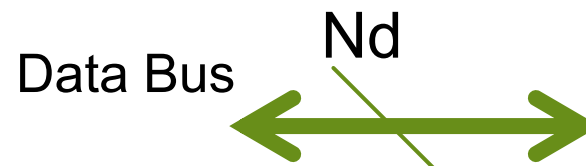
# Example

- ▶ A memory unit's address bus has 64 lines. And, its data bus has 32 lines. Hence,  $N_a = 64$  and  $N_d = 32$ . At one time, how many bytes could the memory unit read or write?

- ▶ Answer:



- ▶ At one time,  $32/8 = 4$  bytes could be read or written.



# Activities of Writing Programs Include “Management of Memory?”

## Values of Data

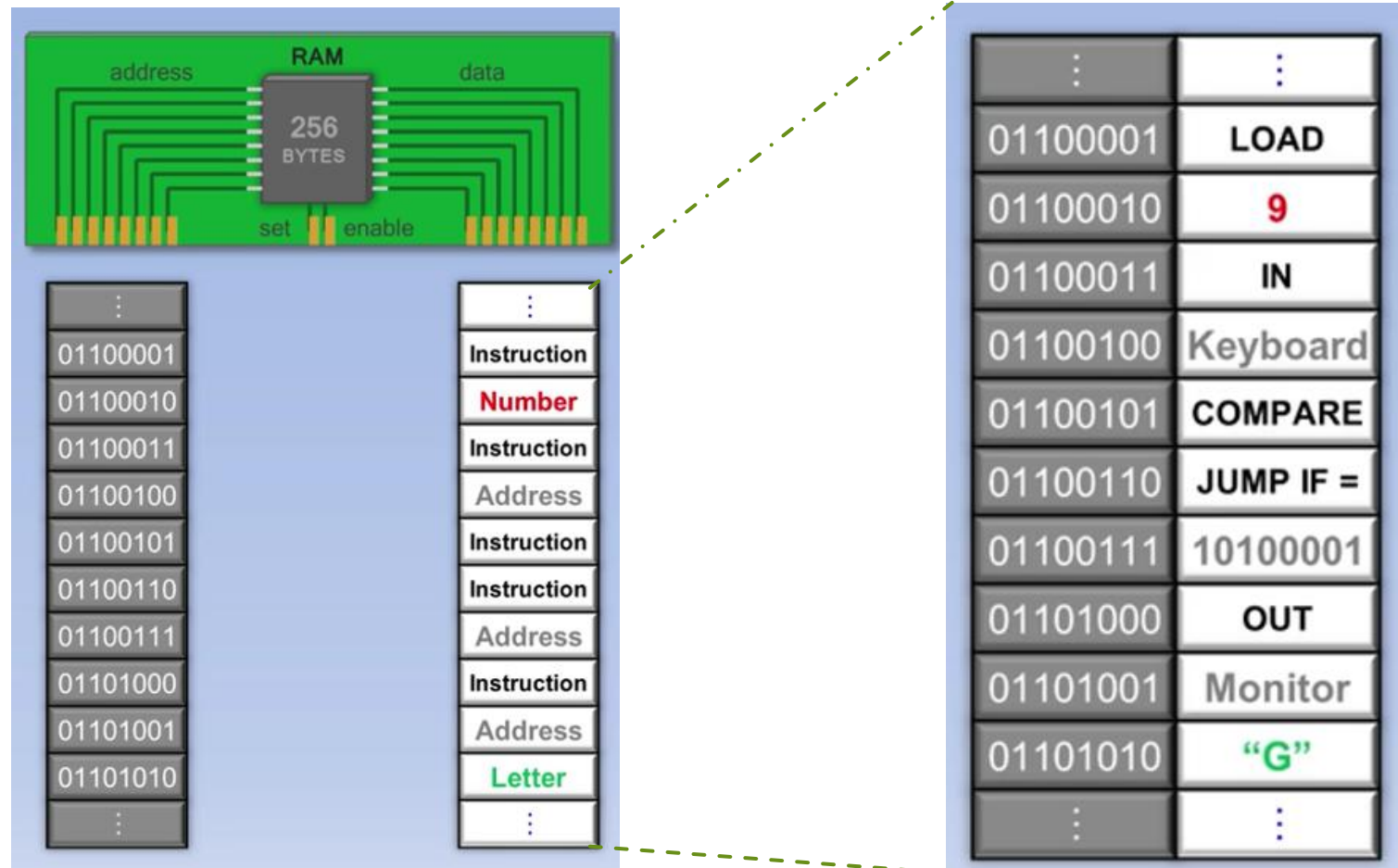
- ▶ `int x, y, z ;`
- ▶ `x = 10.0 ;`
- ▶ `y = 5.0 ;`
- ▶ `z = x + y ;`

## Values of Addresses

- ▶ `int *x, *y, *z, a, b, c ;`
- ▶ `x = &a; *x = a;`
- ▶ `y = &b; *y = b;`
- ▶ `z = &c ; *z = c;`

An *ampersand* is a logogram "&" representing the conjunction word "and".  
In C, it means the address of a variable.

# Activities of Writing Programs Include “Management of Computation?”



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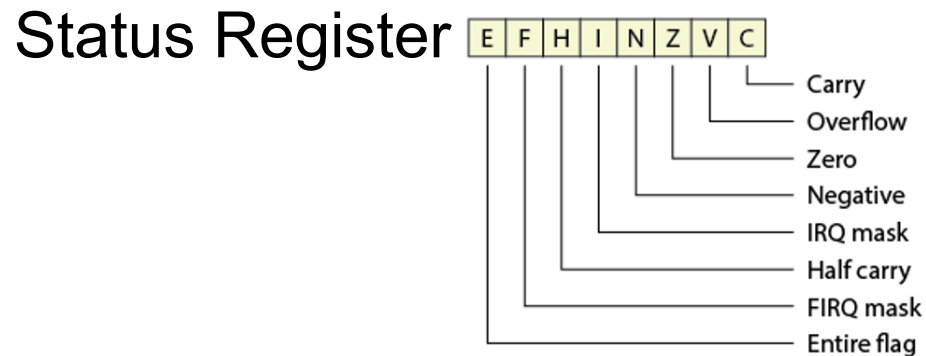
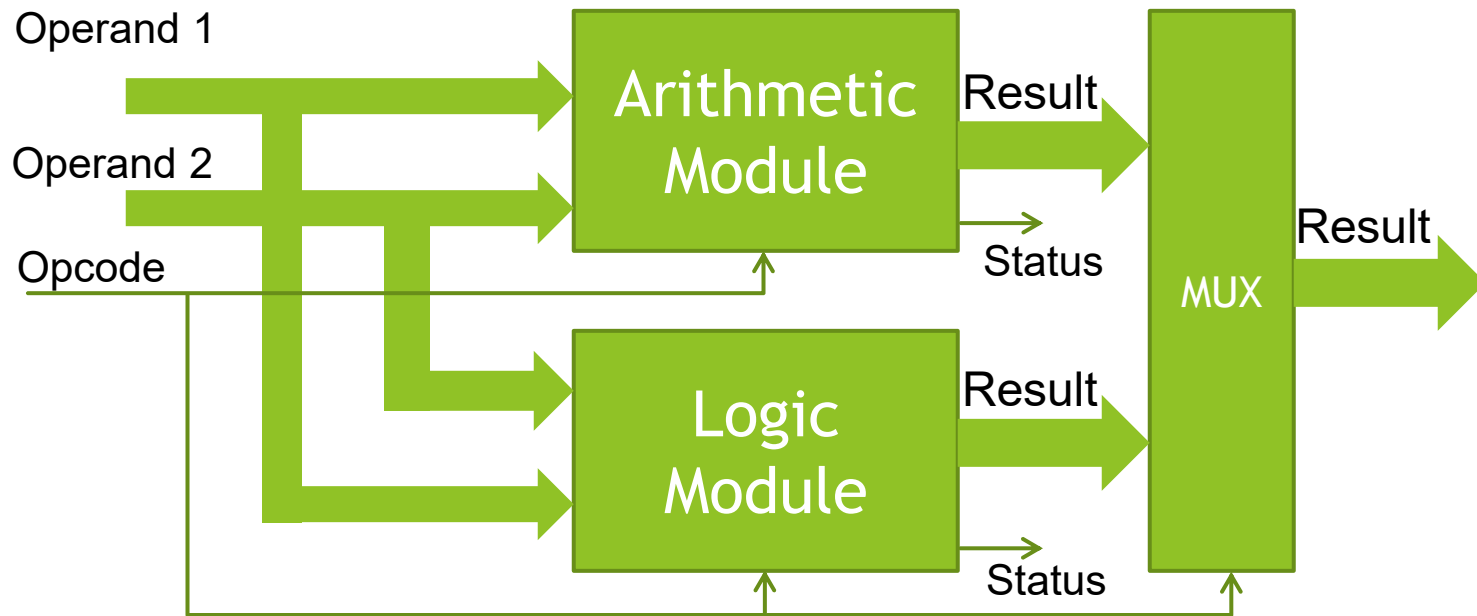
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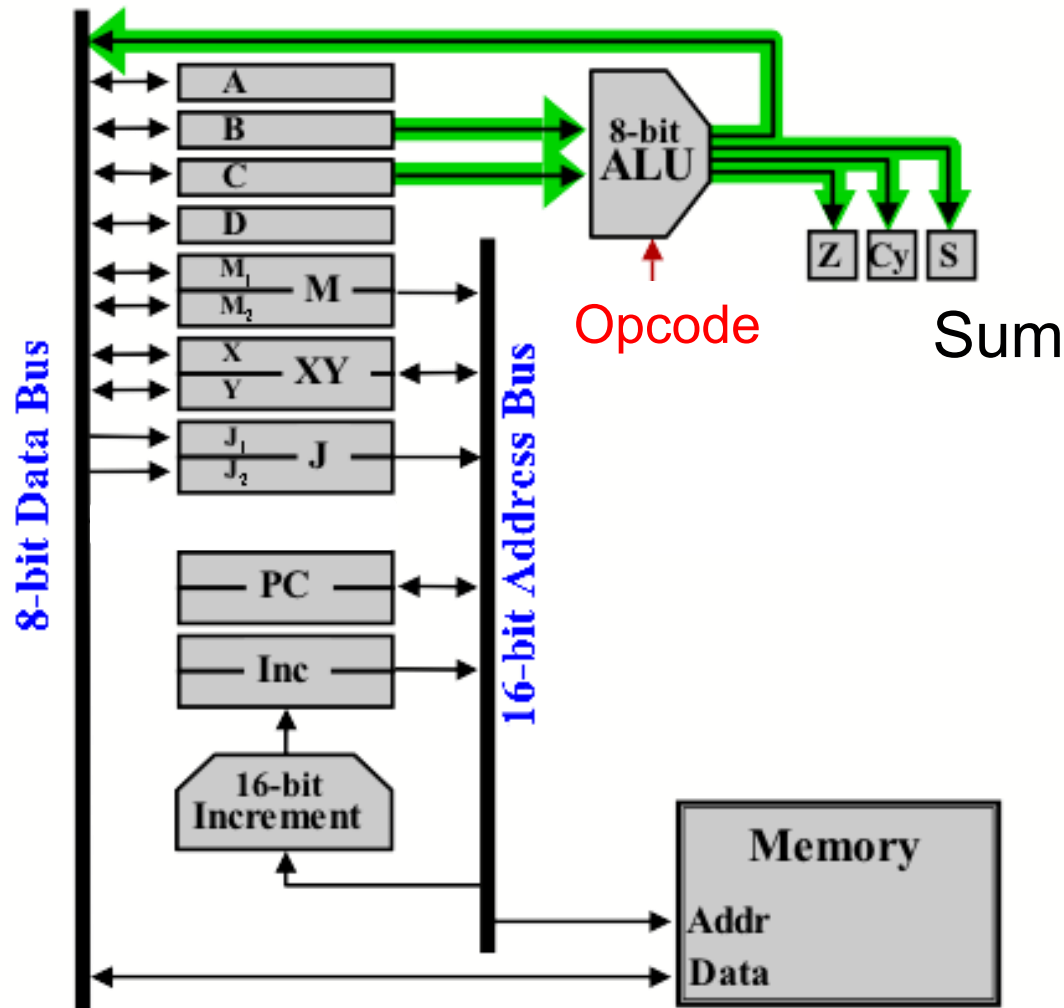
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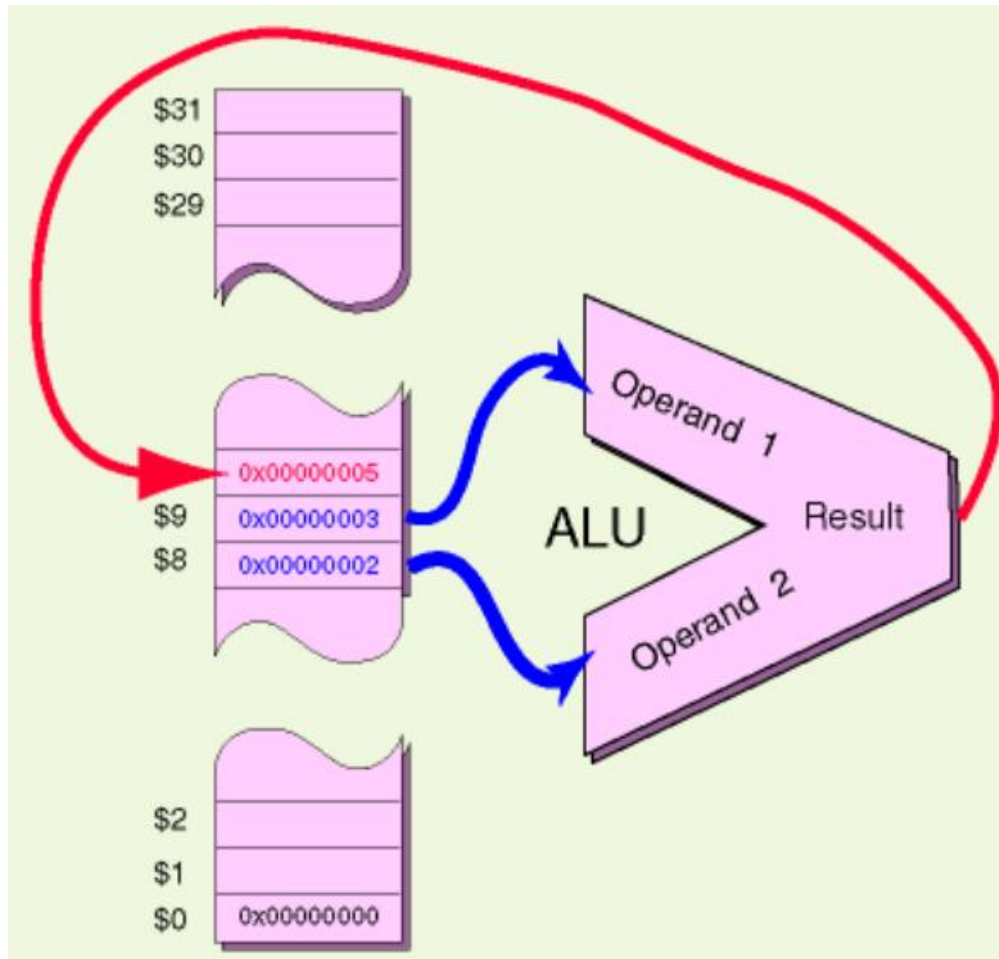
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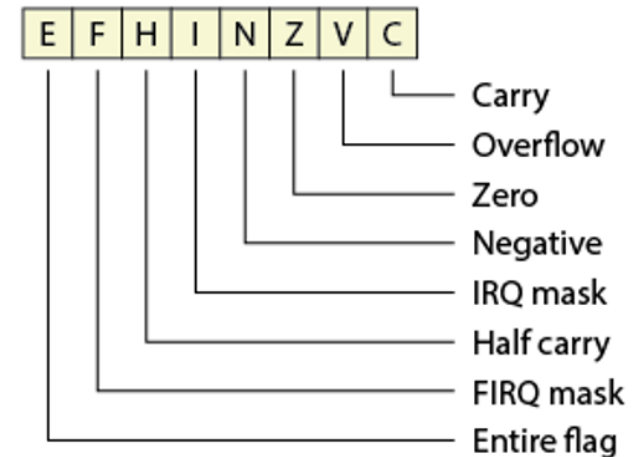
# Design Example of 8-Bit ALU



# Working Principle of ALU

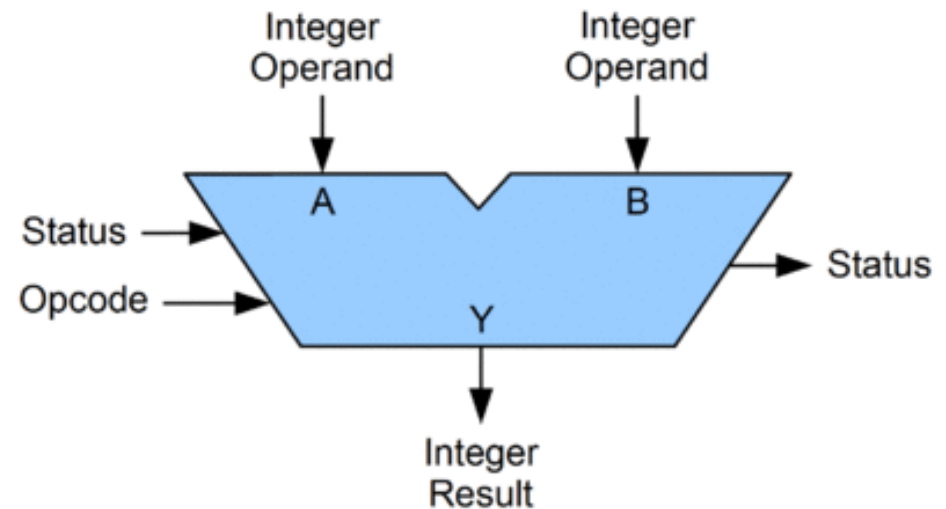


## Status Register



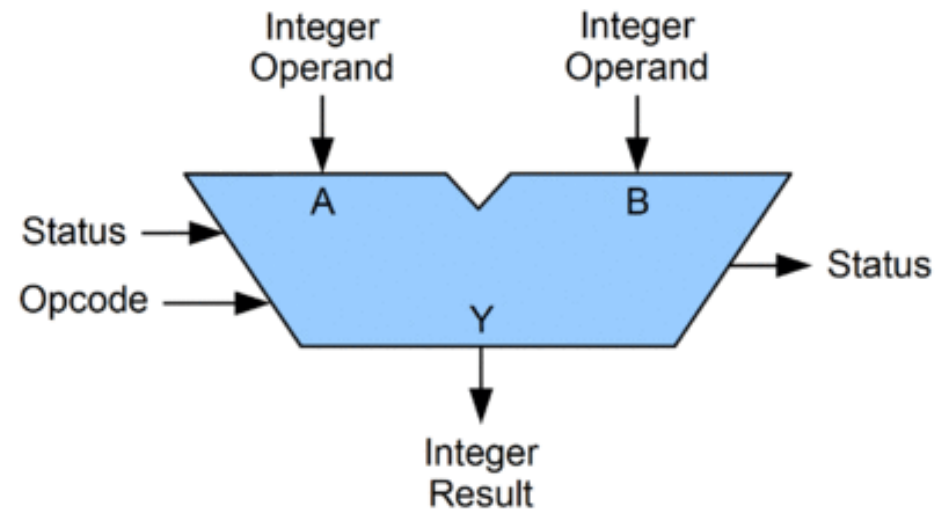
# Input of ALU

- ▶ Operand A
- ▶ Operand B
- ▶ Opcode
  - ▶ Add
  - ▶ Subtraction
  - ▶ Multiplication
  - ▶ Division
  - ▶ Pass, Not, And, Or, Xor
- ▶ Status (e.g. carry bit)



# Output of ALU

- ▶ Result Y
- ▶ Status flag bits
  - ▶ Overflow
  - ▶ Carry
  - ▶ Negative
  - ▶ Zero



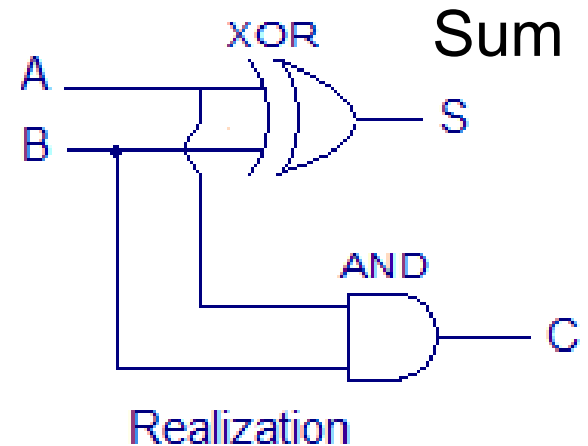
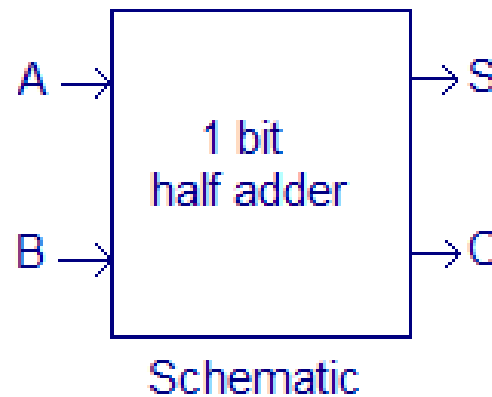
Arithmetic Operations + Logic Operations

# Example of Arithmetic Operation:

## 1-bit Half Adder

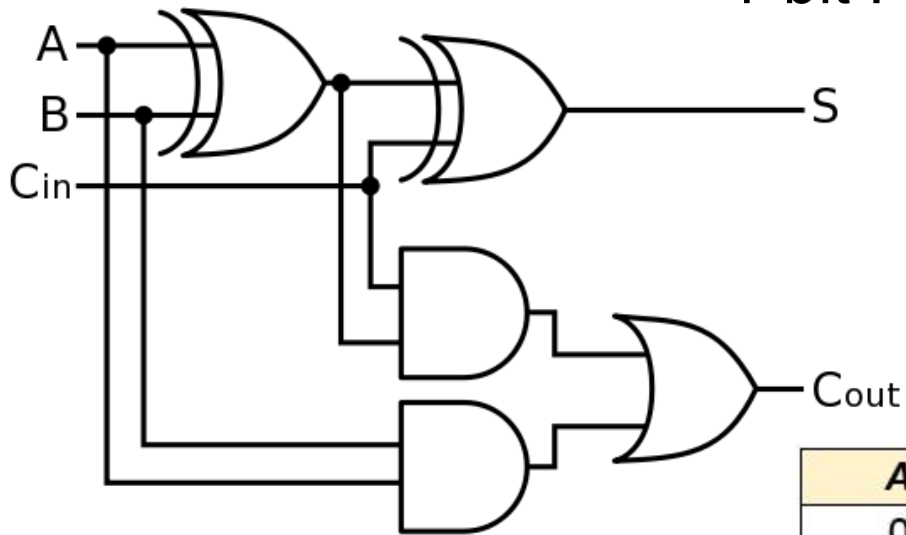
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0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1

Truth table



# Design of Arithmetic Operation:

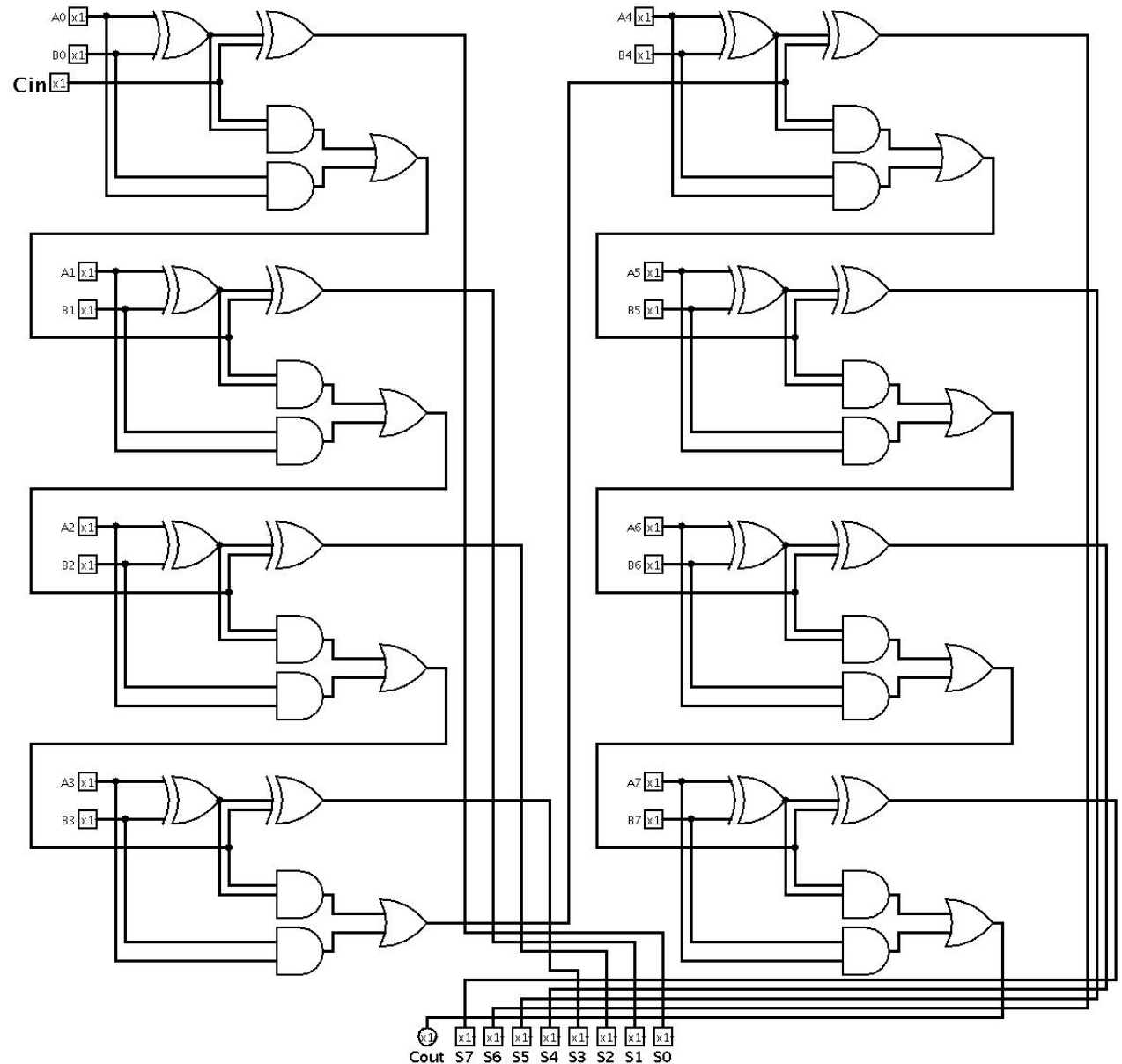
## 1-bit Full Adder



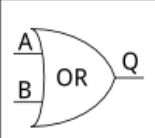
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0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
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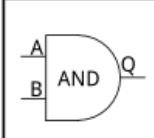
## 8-bit Full Adder




# Examples of Logic Operations



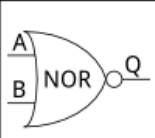
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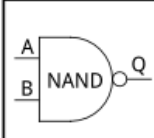
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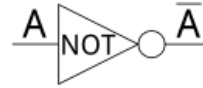
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A	
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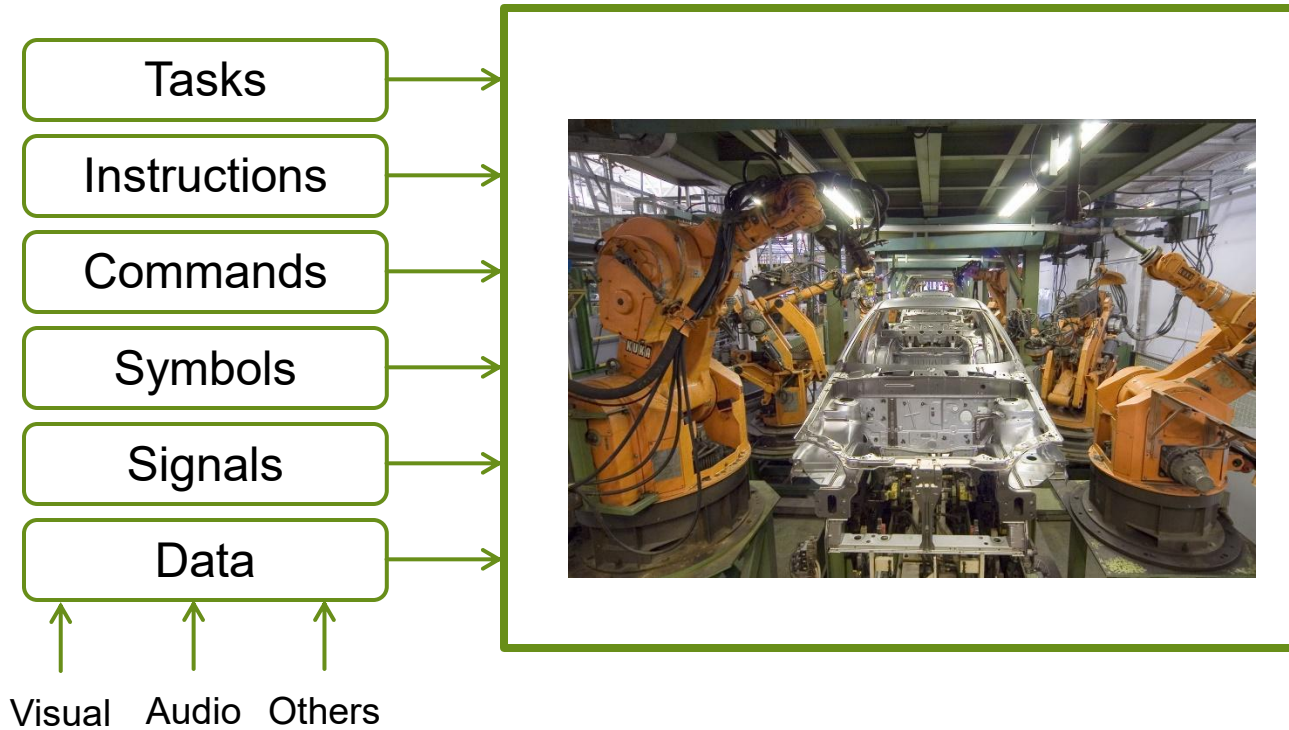
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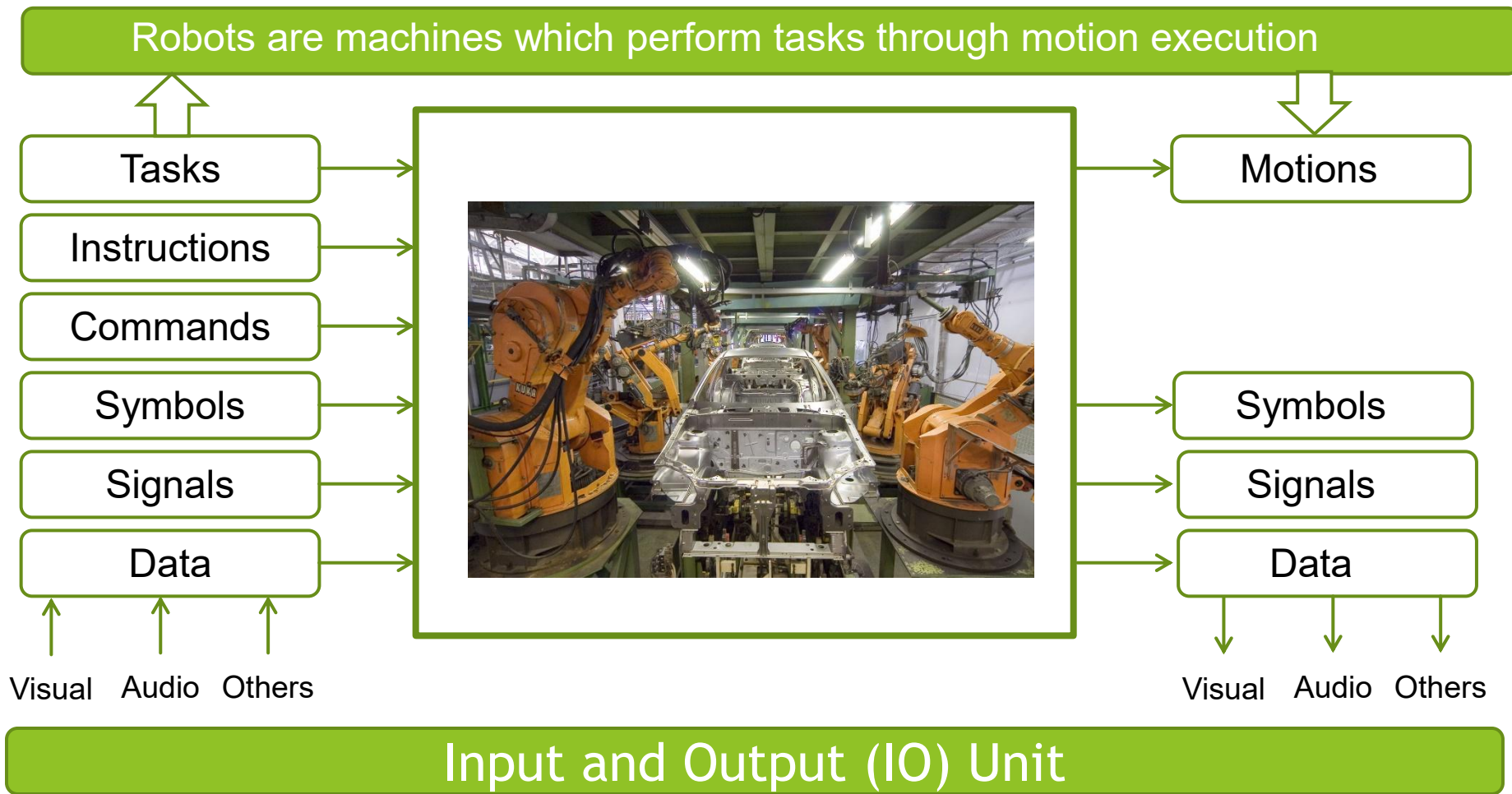
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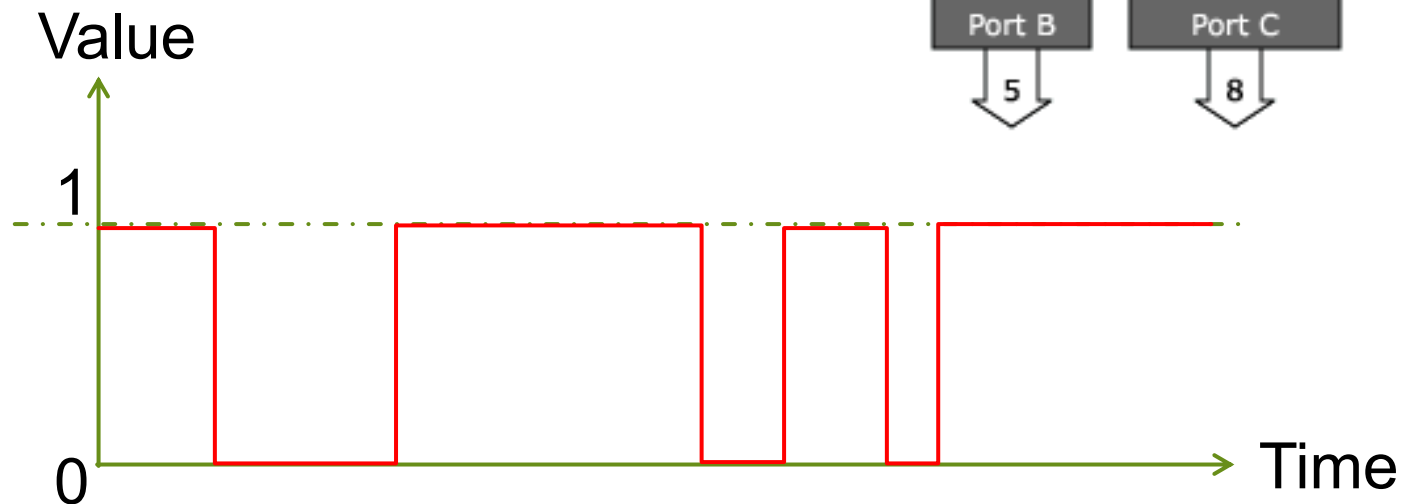
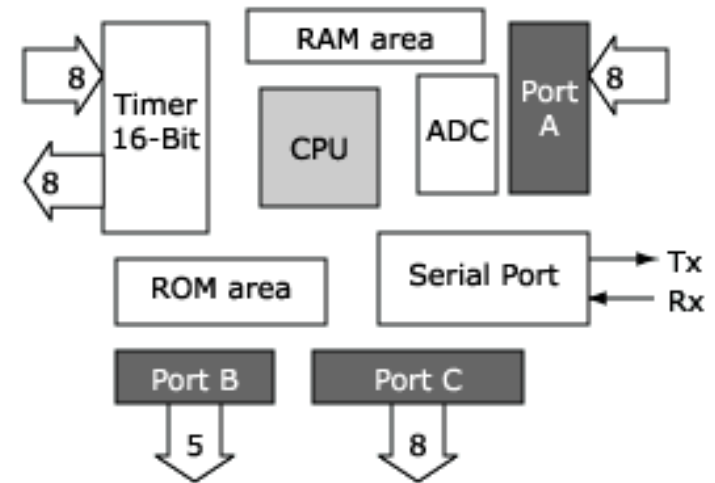


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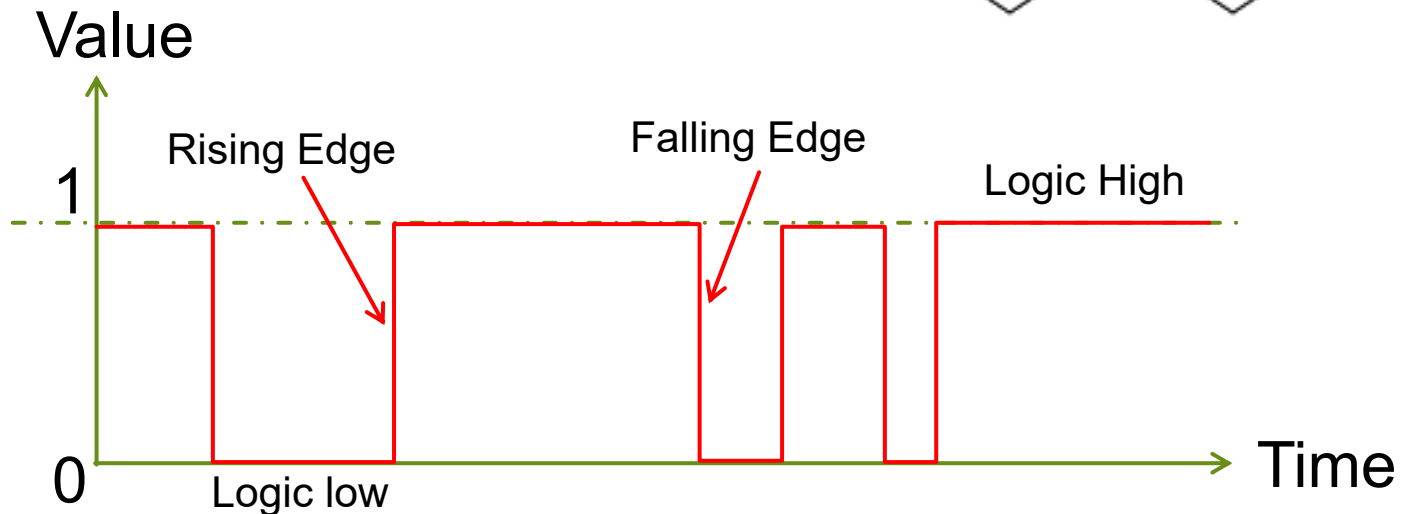
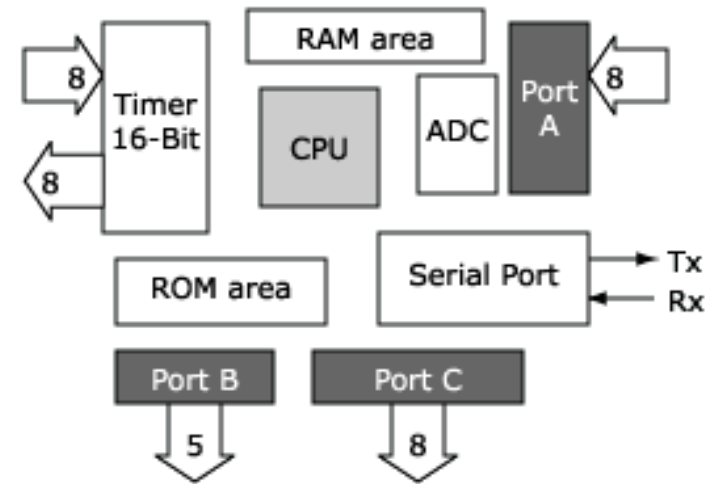
# Representation of Digital Signals

- ▶ Time Series of 1s and 0s
- ▶ Time Series of Squared Waves



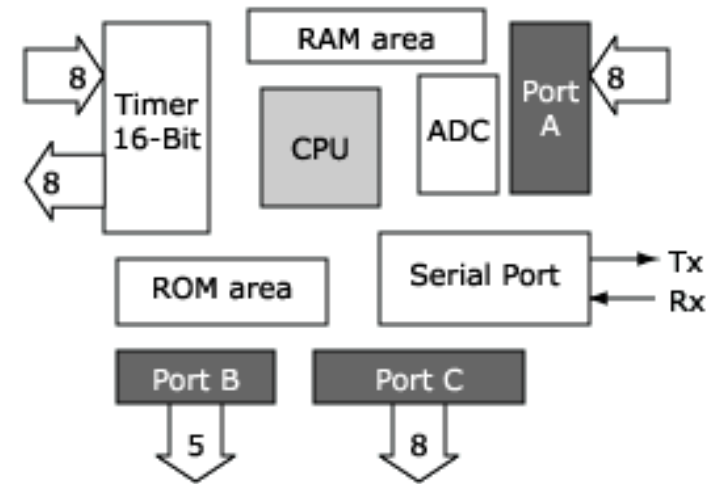
# Events of Digital Signals

- ▶ Rising Edge
- ▶ Falling Edge
- ▶ Level of Logic High
- ▶ Level of Logic Low



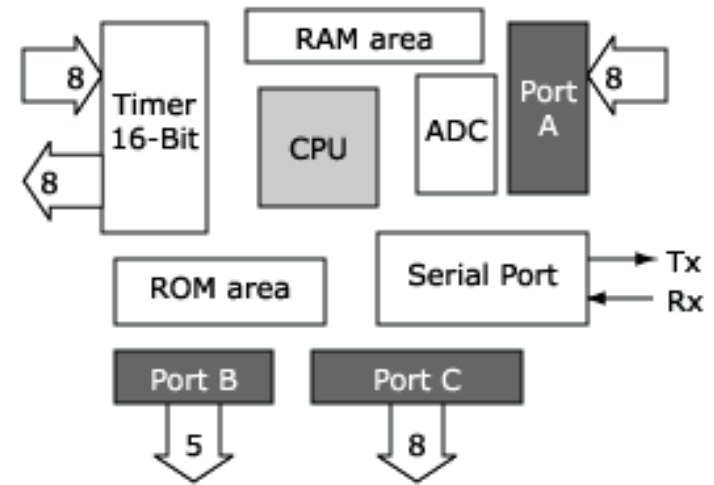
# Signal Lines of Digital Signals

- ▶ They are physical wires which transmit digital signals from one end to another end.



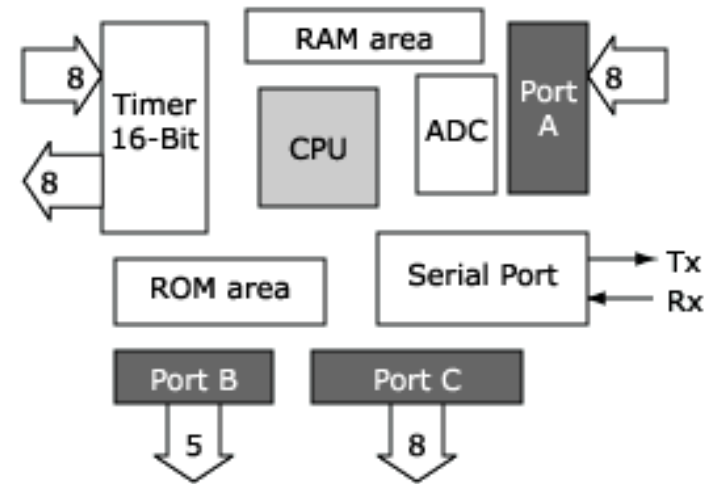
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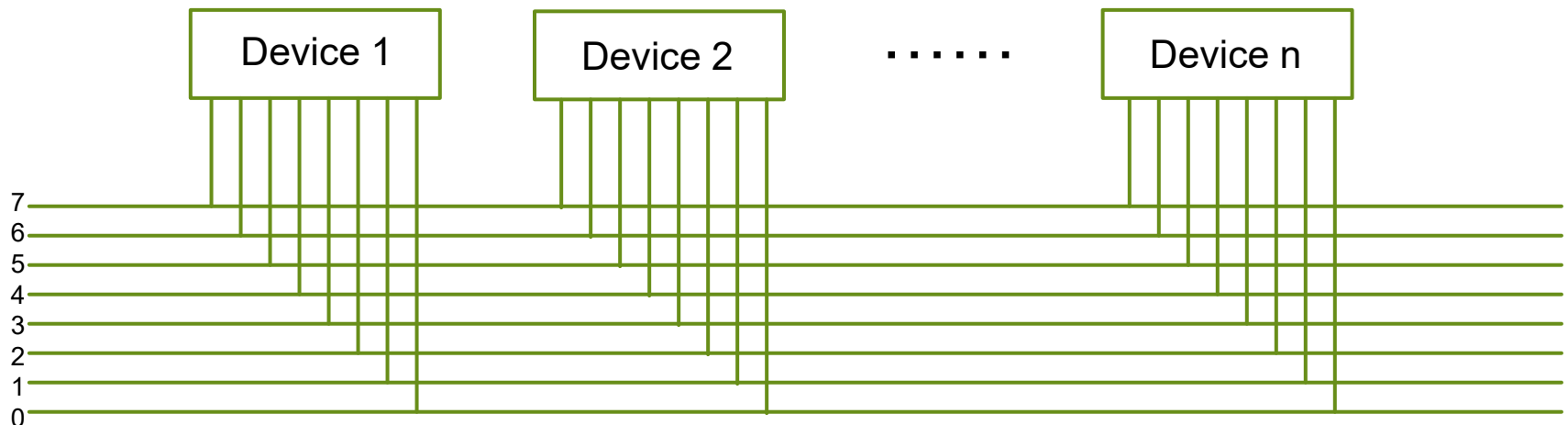
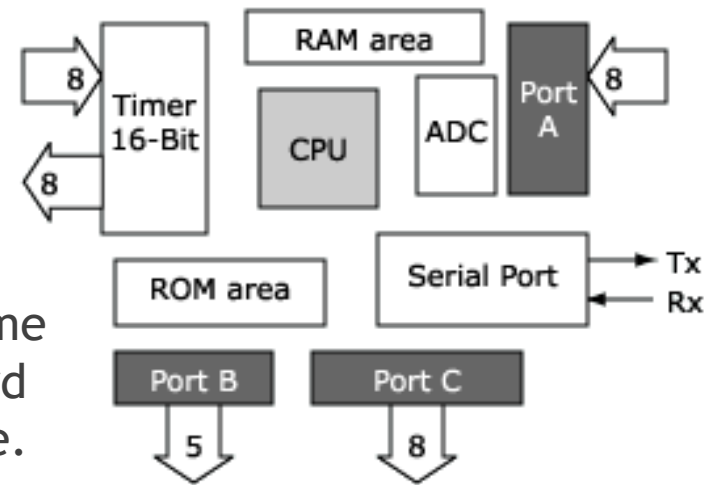
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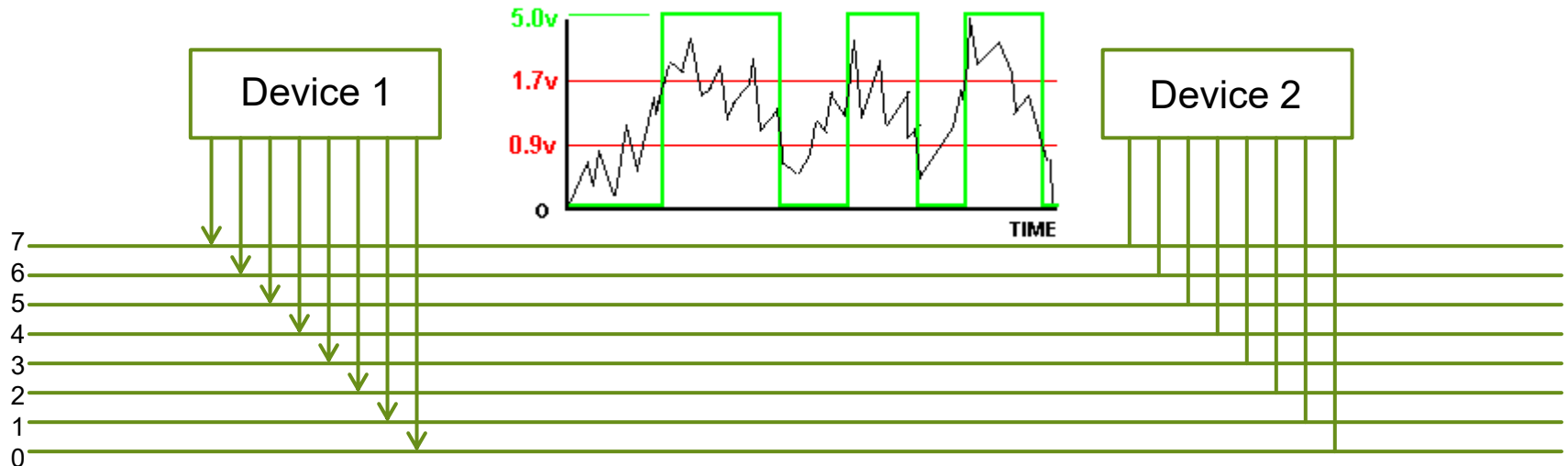
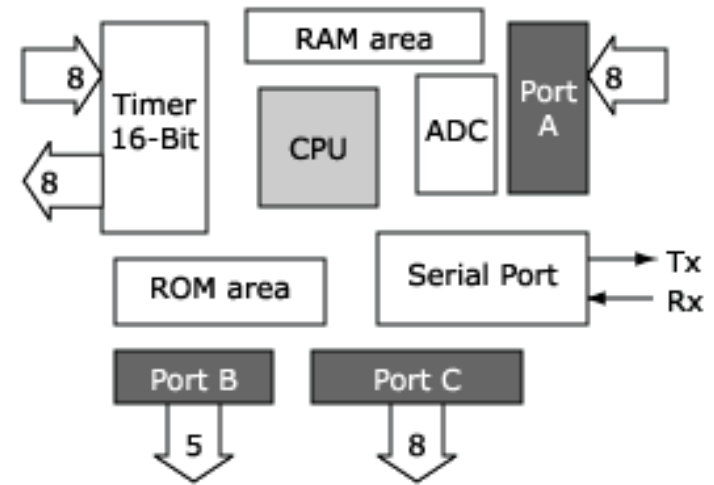
# Tristate Devices

- ▶ A signal line is only at one voltage at any given time.
- ▶ If more than two devices are sharing a same signal line, these devices must have a third state which is the state of high impedance.
- ▶ A device, which can output 1, 0 or high impedance to signal lines, is called a tristate device.



# Schmitt Filters or Triggers

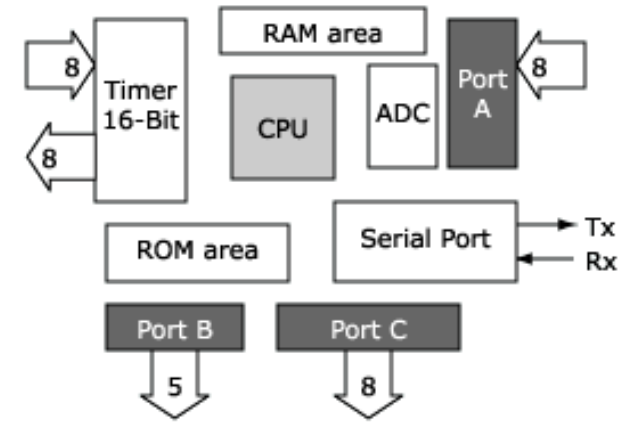
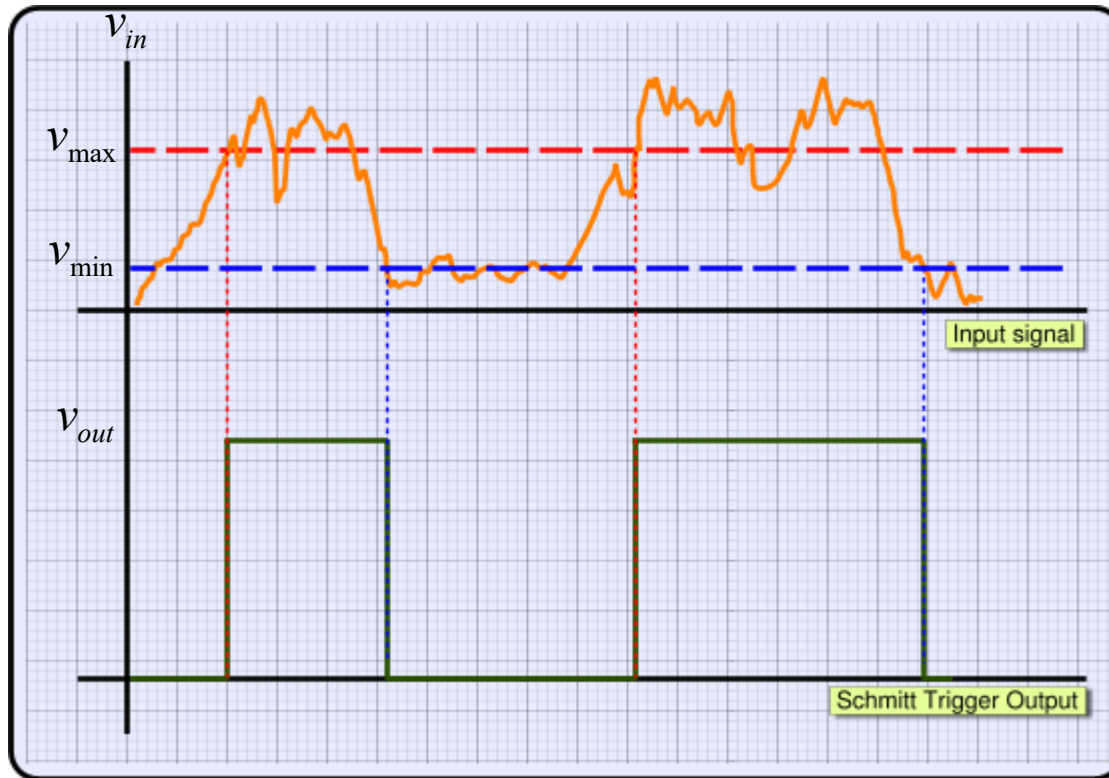
- ▶ Digital signals can be contaminated by noises due to various reasons.
- ▶ The input of digital signals at the receiver must have the ability to filter out the noises. One type of devices for such purpose is called Schmitt Filter or Trigger.



# Principle of Schmitt Filter

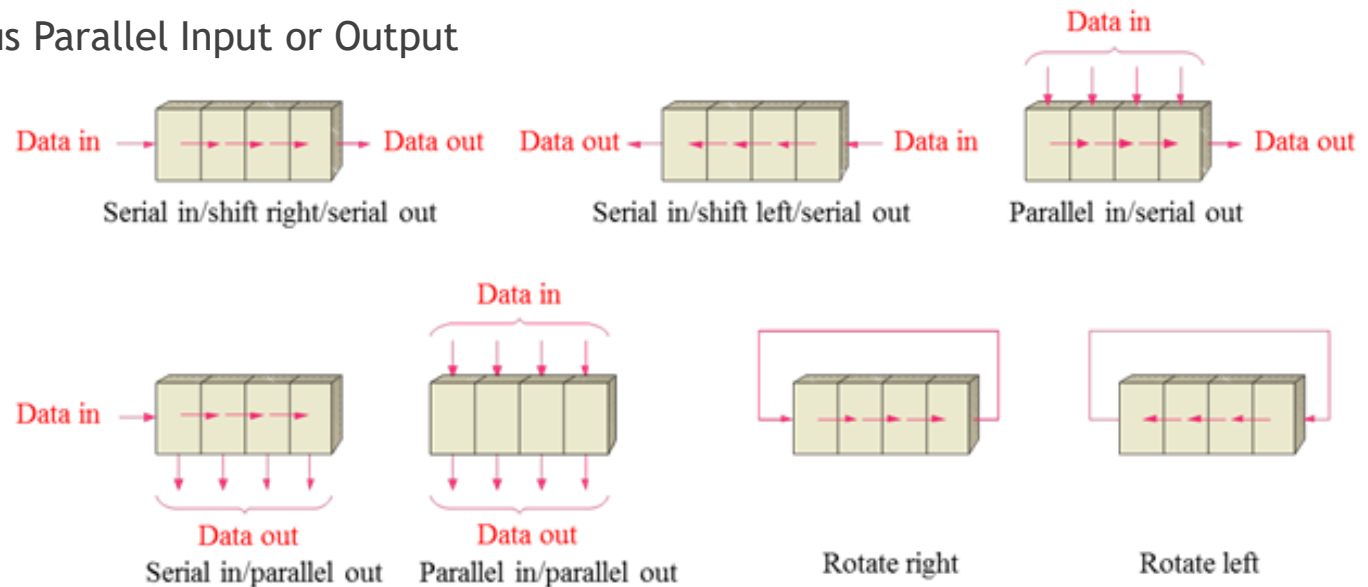
If  $v_{in} > v_{max}$ , then the output is logic high.

If  $v_{in} < v_{min}$ , then the output is logic low.



# Design Solutions of Digital IO Unit

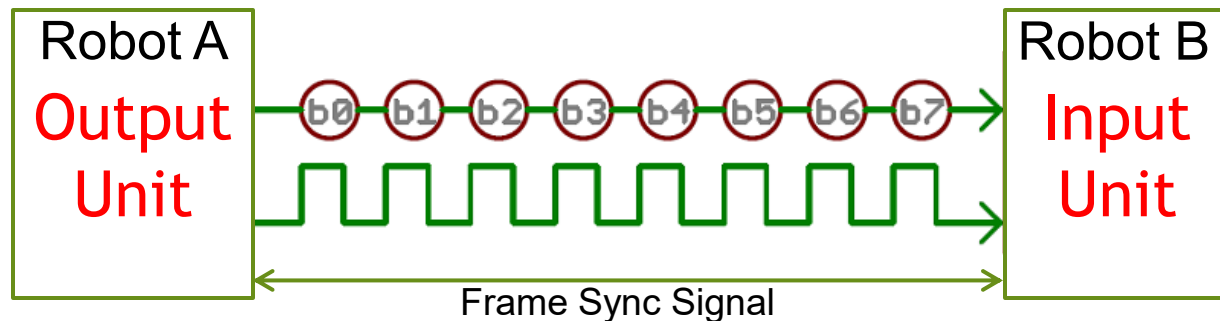
- ▶ Input or output of series of bits with synchronization clock
  - ▶ Synchronous Serial Input or Output
- ▶ Input or Output of series of bits without synchronization clock
  - ▶ Asynchronous Serial Input or Output
- ▶ Input or output of series of bytes with synchronization Pulse
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# Working Principle of Synchronous Serial Input (or Output)

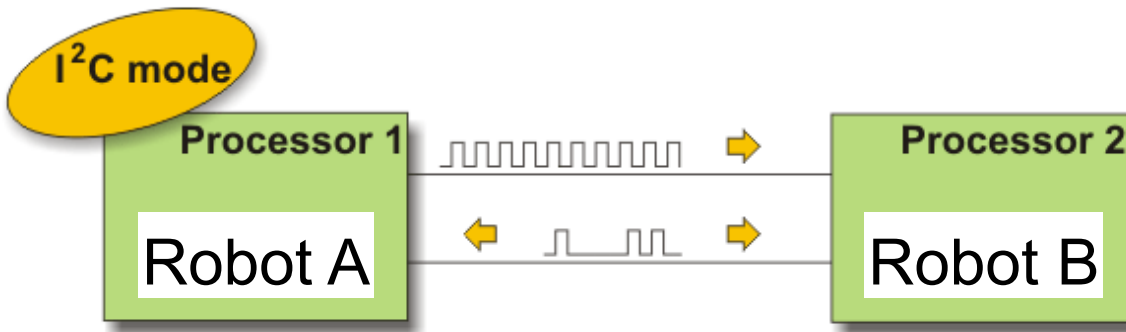
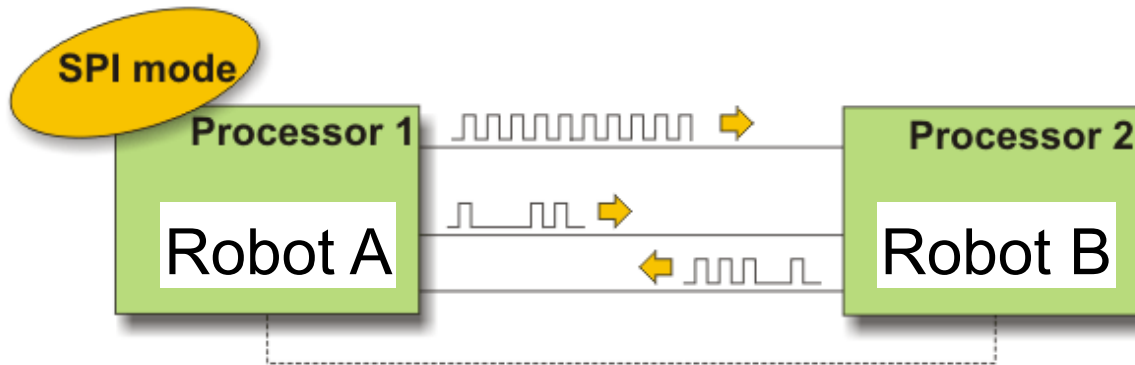
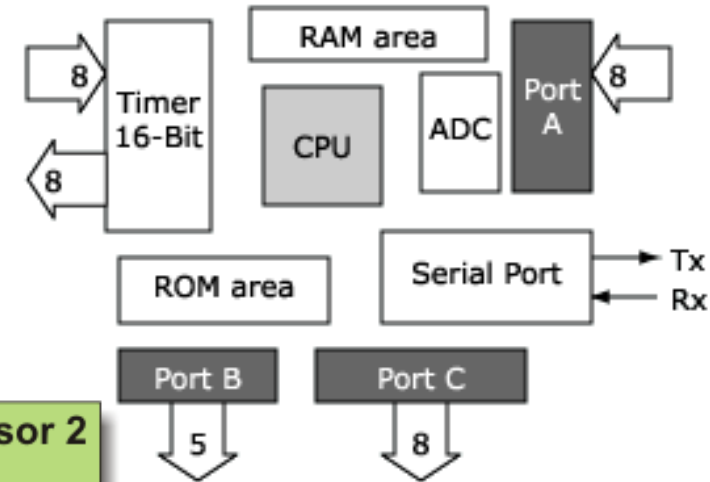
▶ The input unit consists of

- ▶ Shift Register
- ▶ Data Register
- ▶ Control Registers
- ▶ Status Registers
- ▶ Data Line
- ▶ Clock Line



- ▶ Frame sync signal sends start-pulse which tells the clock line to produce eight clock pulses.
- ▶ Each clock pulse causes one bit to be shifted into the receiver (e.g. Robot B).
- ▶ Frame sync signal sends stop-pulse, the content of the shift register is copied to data register.

# Application of SPI and I2C



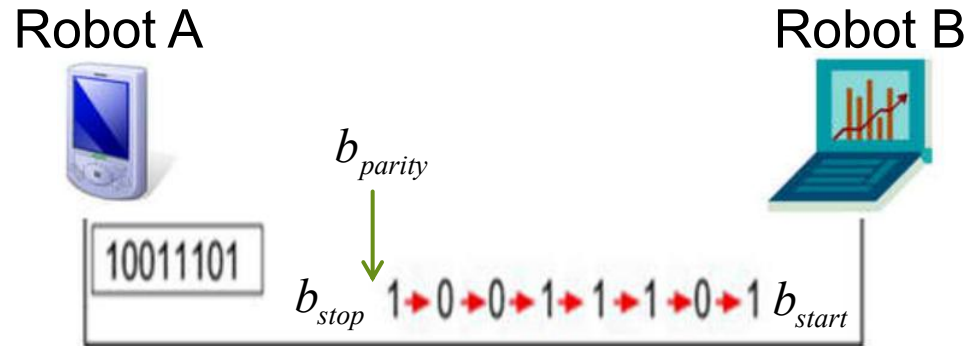
The **Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI)** is a [synchronous serial communication](#) interface specification used for short-distance communication, primarily in [embedded systems](#).

# Working Principle of Asynchronous Serial Input (or Output)

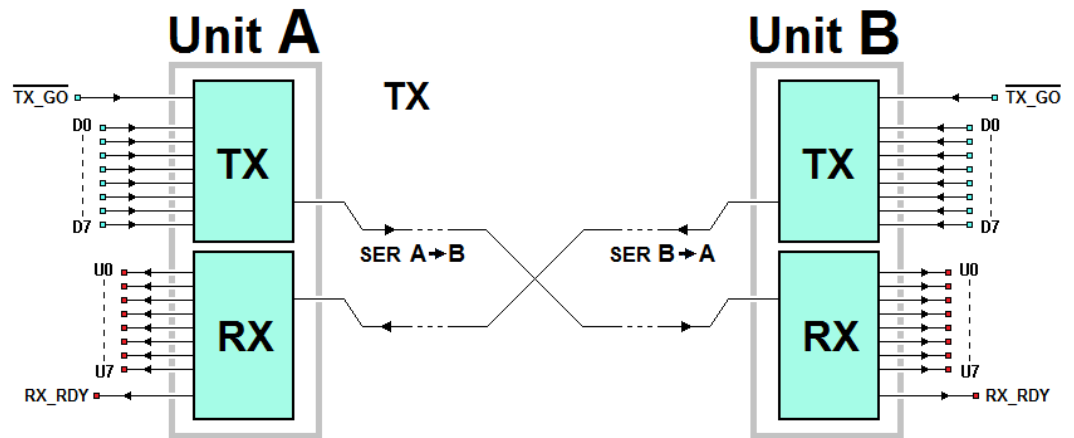
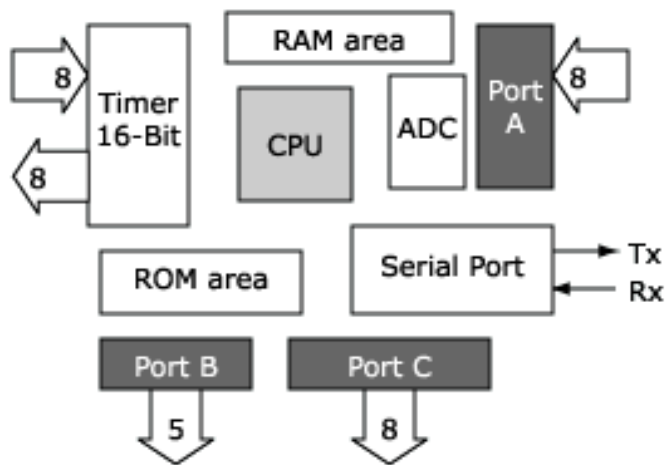
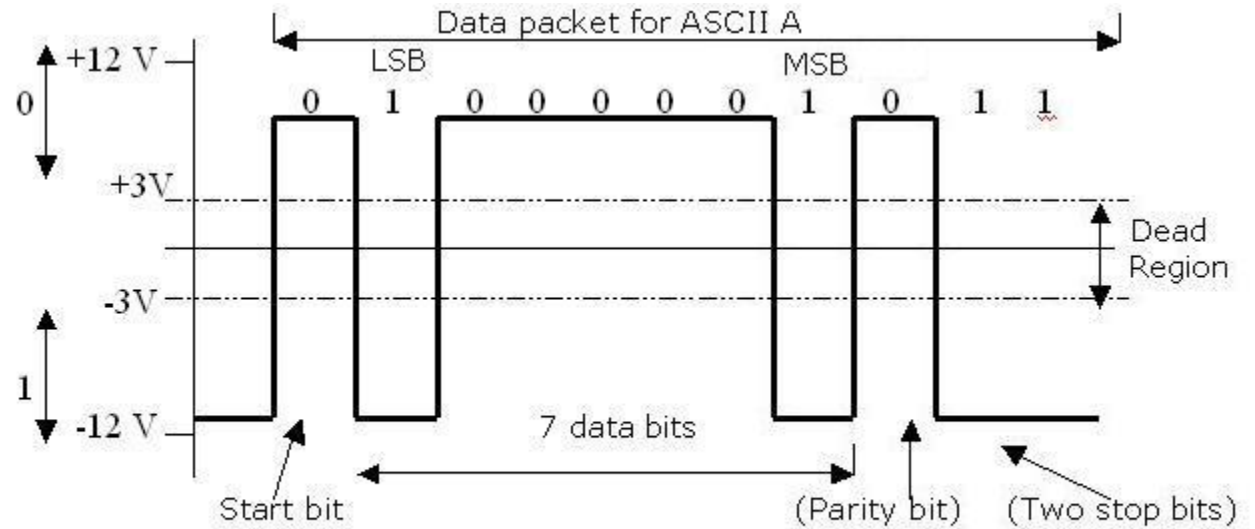
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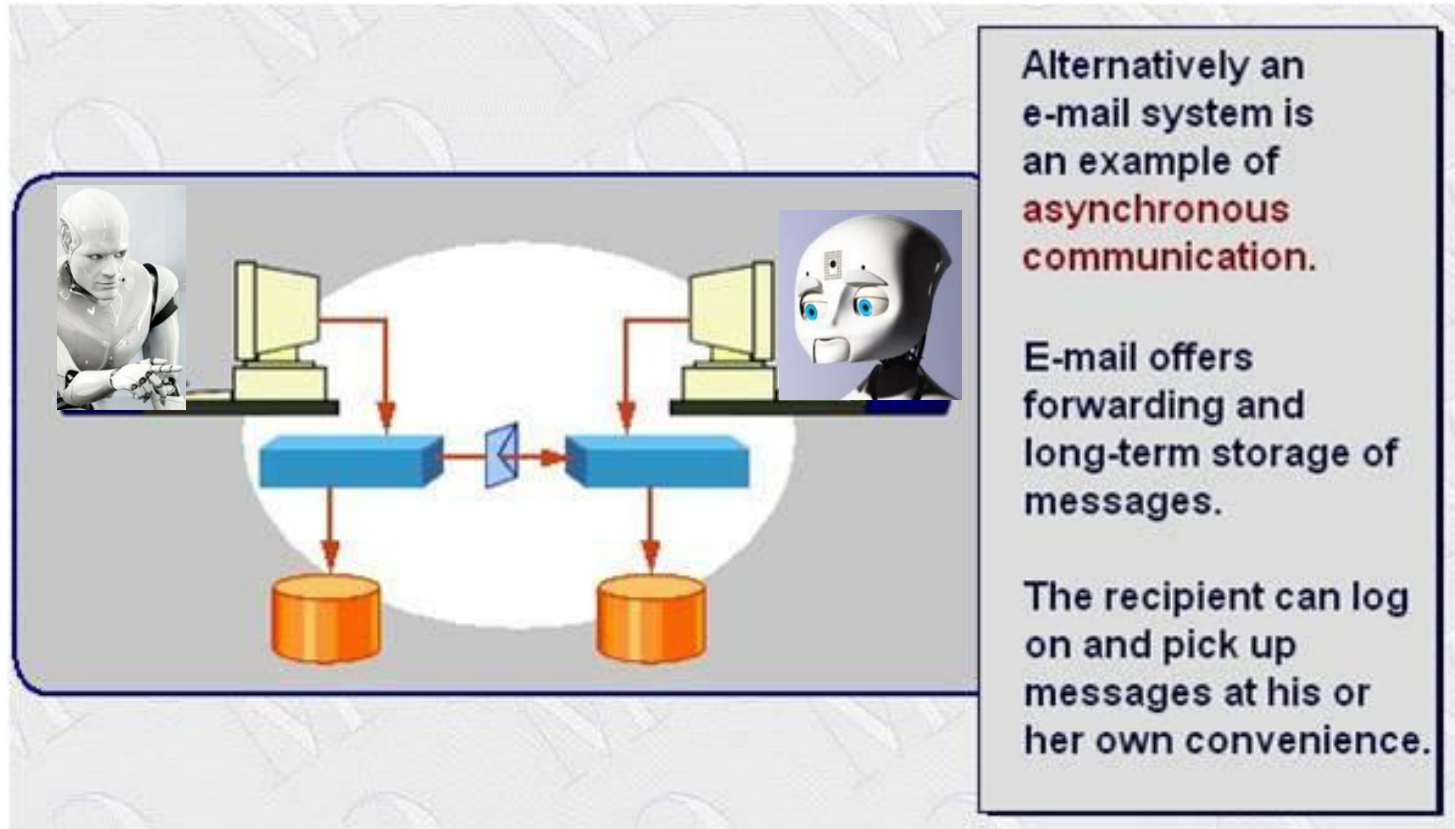
- ▶ One byte is formatted with additional bits such as start bit, stop bits and parity bit.
- ▶ Transmitter and receiver are configured to be running at a same frequency of clock.
- ▶ The communication is initiated by transmitter and is triggered by the start bit.
- ▶ The start bit wakes up the receiver which will receive the series of bits until the last stop bit. The data is then copied into the data register.



# Example of Using ASCII Code

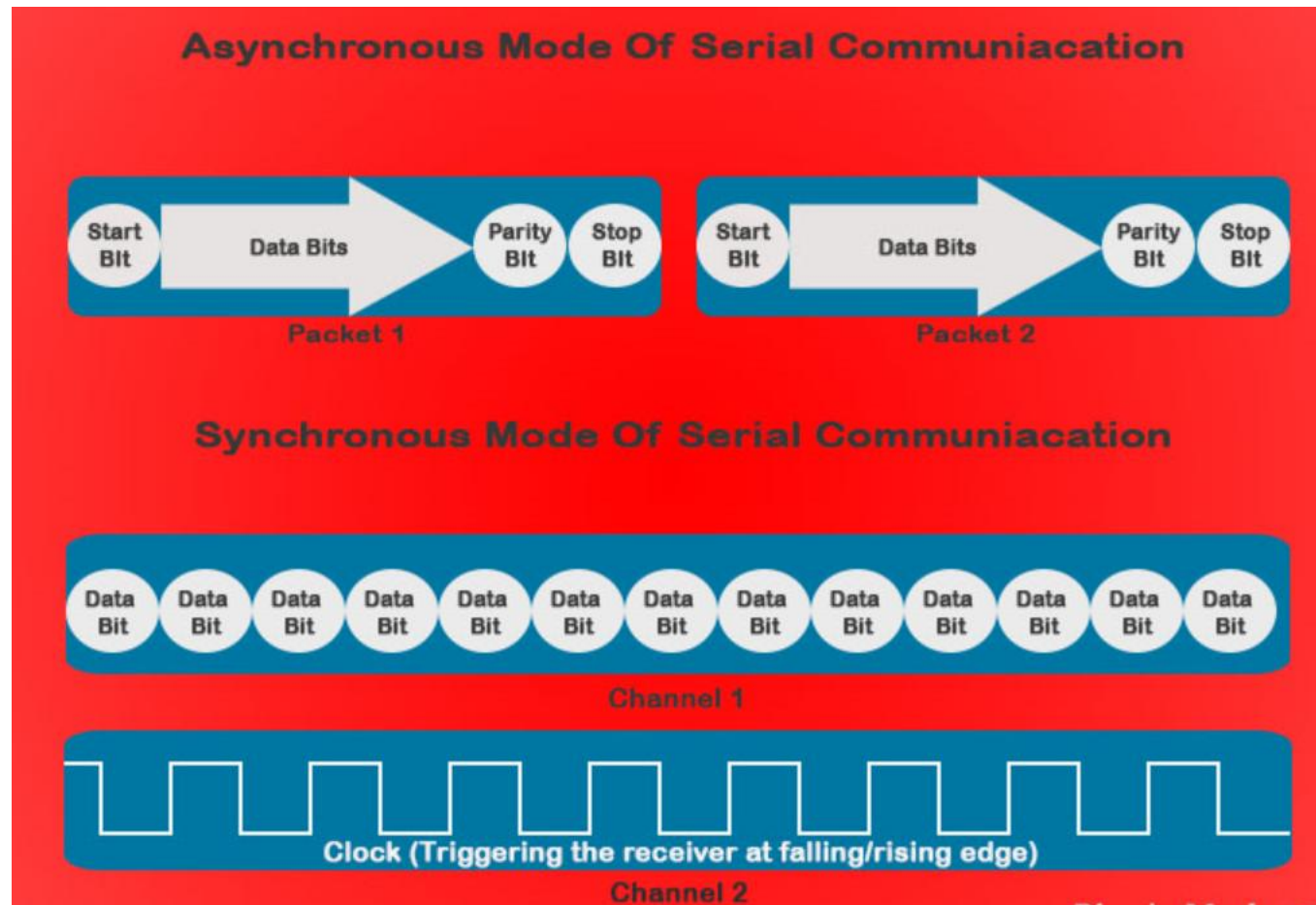


# Application for Long-distance Communication



A serial communications interface (SCI) is a device that enables the serial (one bit at a time) exchange of data between a microprocessor and remote peripherals such as printers, external drives, scanners, or mice.

# Comparison between SCI and SPI

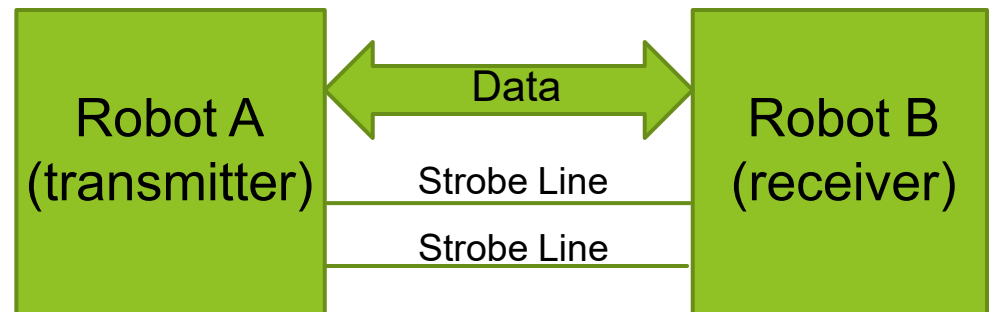


SCI

SPI

# Working Principle of Synchronous Parallel Input (or Output)

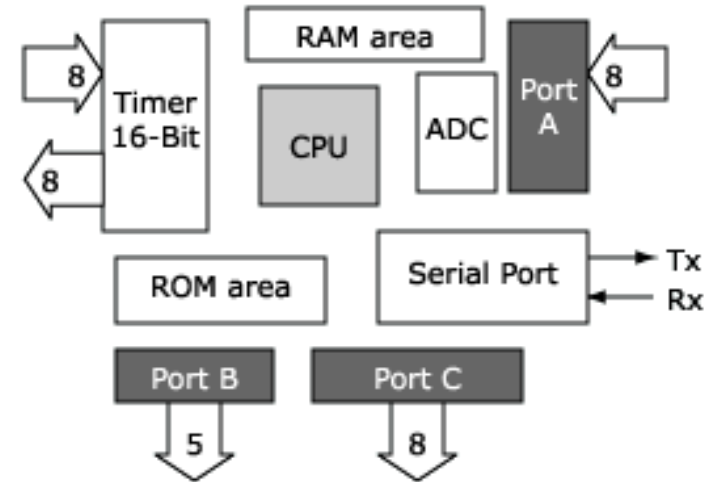
- ▶ The input unit consists of
  - ▶ Data Register
  - ▶ Control Registers
  - ▶ Status Registers
  - ▶ Input Port (8 pins, 1 byte)
  - ▶ Strobe Lines



- ▶ If Receiver initiates the communication, it first indicates that Receiver is ready to input one byte. Transmitter then sends one byte to data bus and indicates that one byte is ready to be read. Receiver inputs one byte from data bus. (Suitable for reading sensory input)
- ▶ If Transmitter initiates the communication, it sends one byte to data bus and indicates that one byte is ready to be read. Receiver inputs one byte from the data bus. (Suitable for sending commands to motors)

# Working Principle of Asynchronous Parallel Input (or Output)

- ▶ The input unit consists of
  - ▶ Data Register
  - ▶ Control Registers
  - ▶ Status Registers
  - ▶ Input Port (8 pins, 1 byte)
- ▶ CPU uses the control registers to configure the input port.
- ▶ TRIS (i.e. tristate register) controls the directions of pins in the input or output port.
- ▶ CPU reads one byte from input port.
- ▶ CPU decodes the content.
- ▶ CPU acts according to the content.



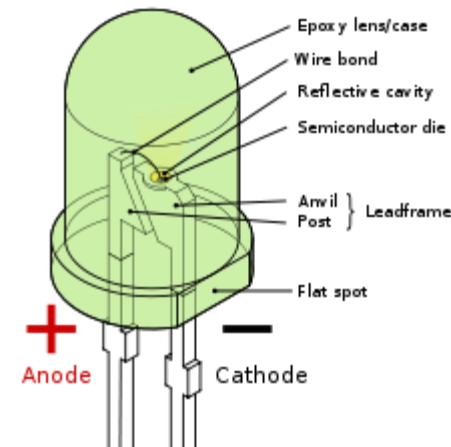
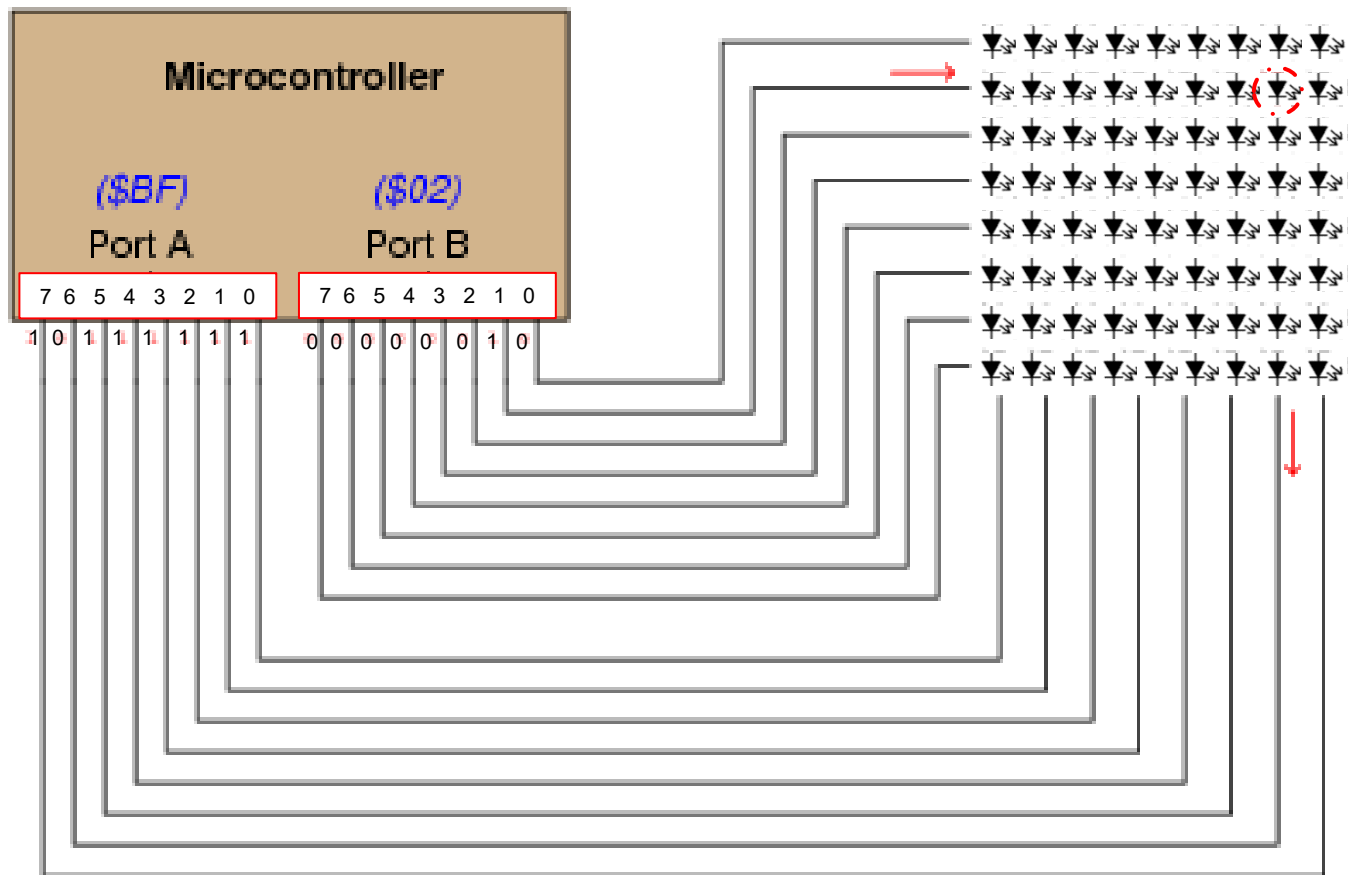
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<b>PORTA</b>	<b>RA7</b>	<b>RA6</b>	<b>RA5</b>	<b>RA4</b>	<b>RA3</b>	<b>RA2</b>	<b>RA1</b>	<b>RA0</b>	<b>Bit name</b>
	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	

	R/W (1)	R/W (1)	R/W (1)	R/W (1)	R/W (1)	R/W (1)	R/W (1)	R/W (1)	Features
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Legend	
R/W	Readable/Writable bit
(x)	After reset, bit is unknown
(1)	After reset, bit is set

# Example of Interfacing with Dot Matrix of LED

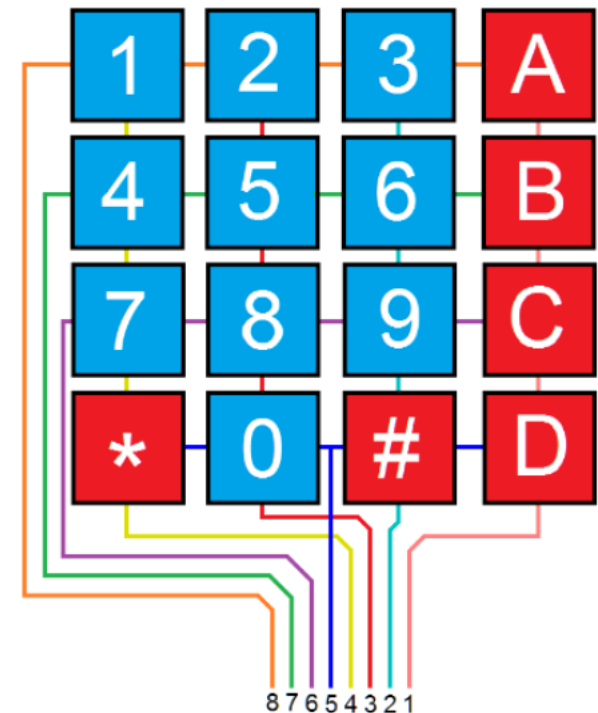
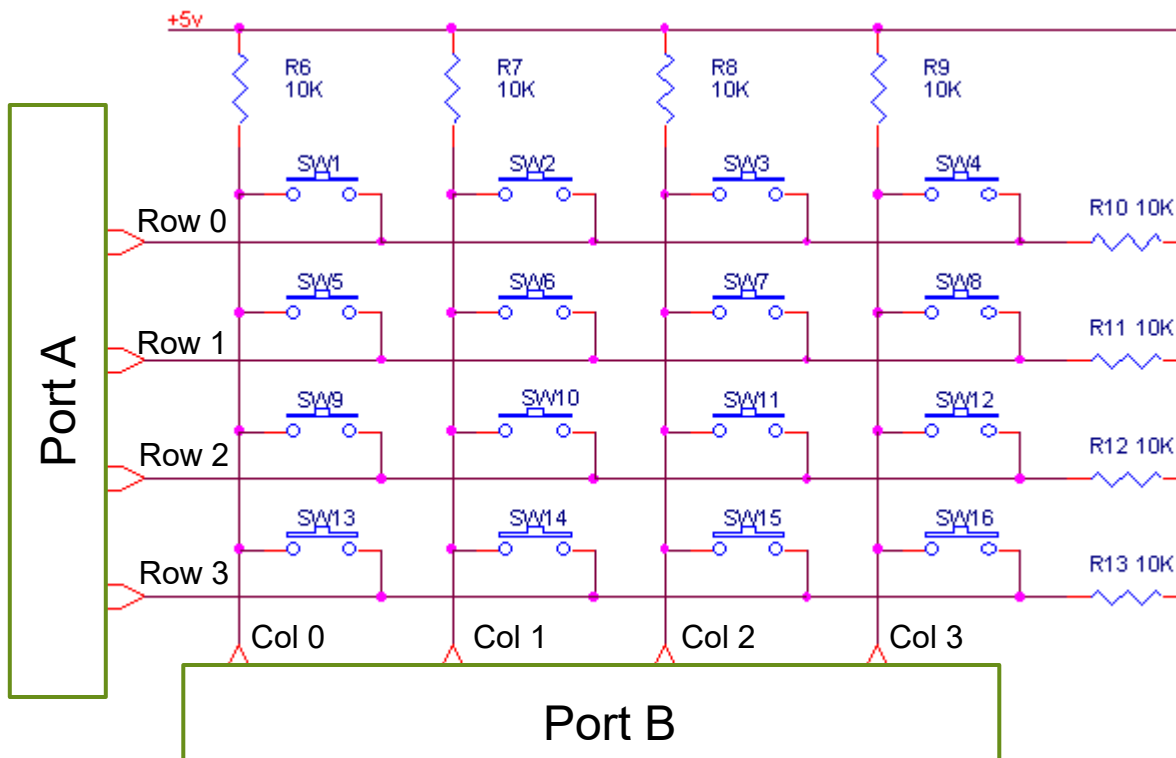
- ▶ CPU outputs \$BF to port A and \$02 to port B.
- ▶ Which LED will light up?
- ▶ Answer: the one at row 1 and column 6



## Example of Interfacing with Keypad

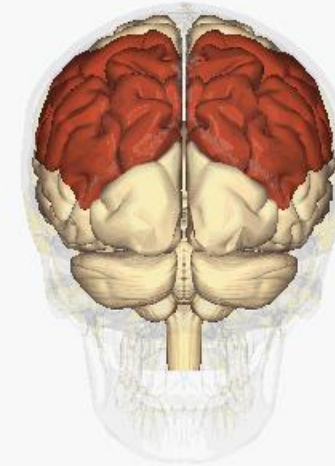
- ▶ CPU sequentially outputs 1110, 1101, 1011, 0111 to port A
- ▶ CPU inputs data from port B
- ▶ By default, all the keys are not pressed.
- ▶ When a key is pressed, the corresponding column line will be in logic low (i.e. “0”).

Port A = 1101  
 Port B = 1101  
 Which key?  
 Answer: 5



# Summary of Lecture 3

- ▶ Basics of Controller
- ▶ Design of Memory
- ▶ Design of ALU
- ▶ Design of Digital IO

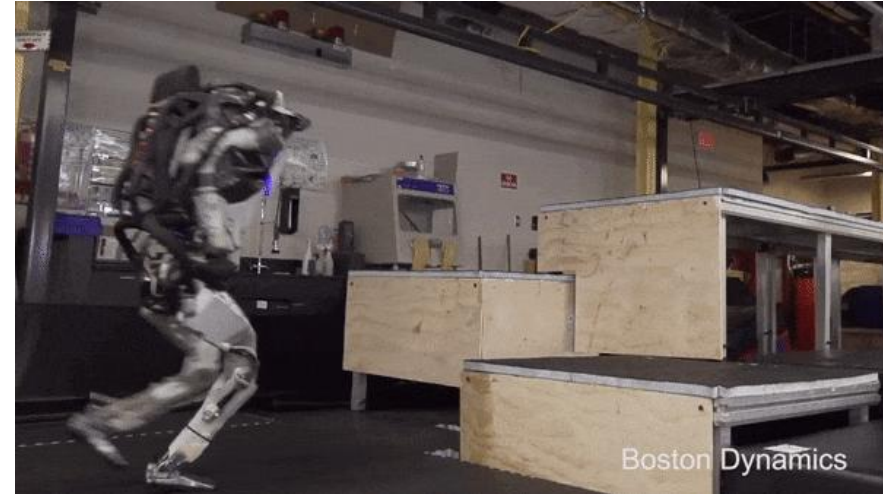


**TM4C123x** Temperatures 85°C 105°C

<b>ARM<sup>®</sup> Cortex<sup>®</sup>-M4</b> Up to 80 MHz	<b>Memory</b> Up to 256 KB Flash Up to 32 KB SRAM 2 KB EEPROM ROM DMA (32 ch)	<b>Power &amp; Clocking</b> Precision Oscillator RTC Battery-Backed Hibernate
FPU   MPU NVIC   ETM   SWD/T	<b>Debug</b> Real-time JTAG	<b>System Modules</b> 6× 32-bit Timer/PWM/CCP 6× 64-bit Timer/PWM/CCP Systick Timer 2× Watchdog Timer
<b>Control Peripherals</b> 2× Quadrature Encoder Inputs 16× PWM Outputs	<b>Comms Peripherals</b> 8× UART 4× SSI/SPI 6× I <sup>2</sup> C 2× CAN USB Full Speed (Host/Device/OTG)	<b>Analog</b> 2× 12ch, 12-bit ADCs, 1MSPS LDO Voltage Regulator 3× Analog Comparators Temperature Sensor

# Outline of Module 1

- ▶ Robot Systems
- ▶ Robot's Mechanical Systems
- ▶ Robot's Control Systems
  - ▶ Controllers
  - ▶ Actuators
  - ▶ Sensors
- ▶ Robot's Programming Systems



## What to design?

- The best systems in the universe are static systems
- Most systems in the universe are dynamic systems
- Our goal is to make dynamic systems to be closer to static systems



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Lecture 4

# Robot Actuators



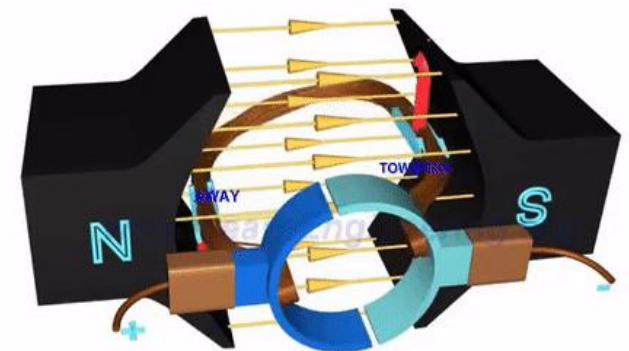
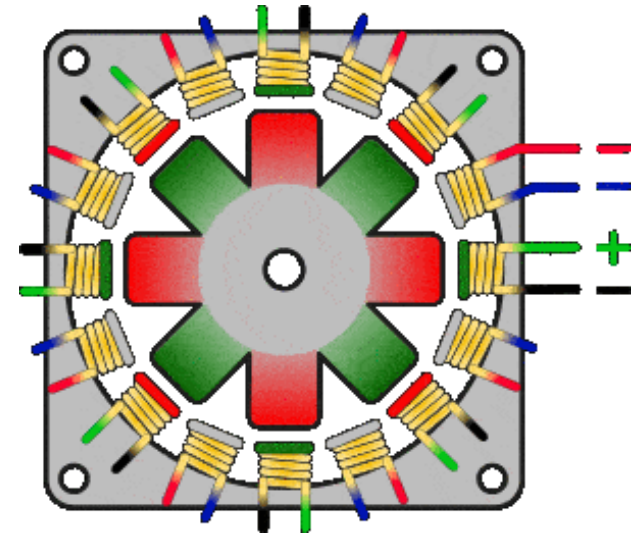
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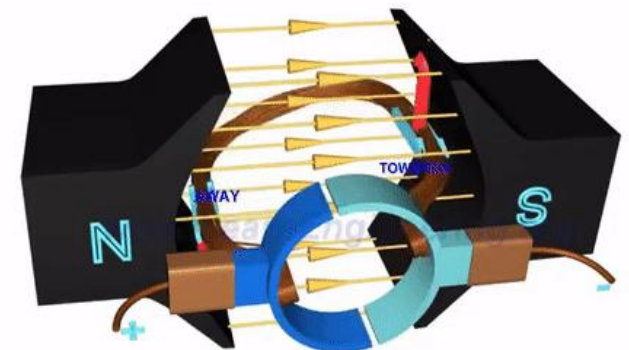
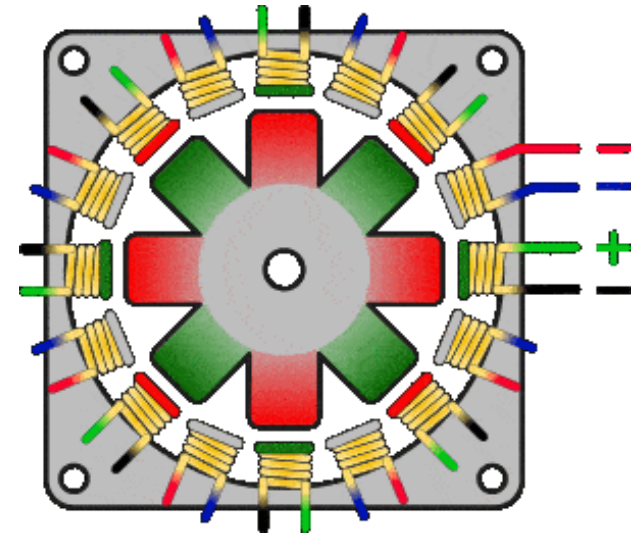
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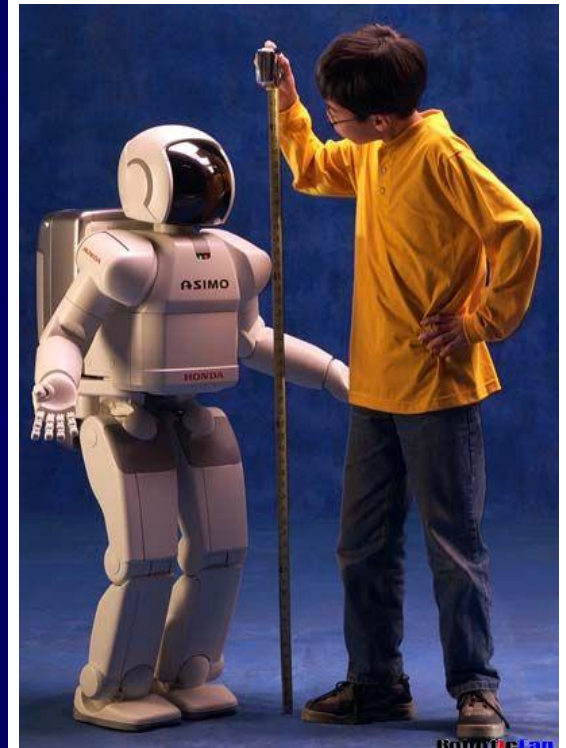


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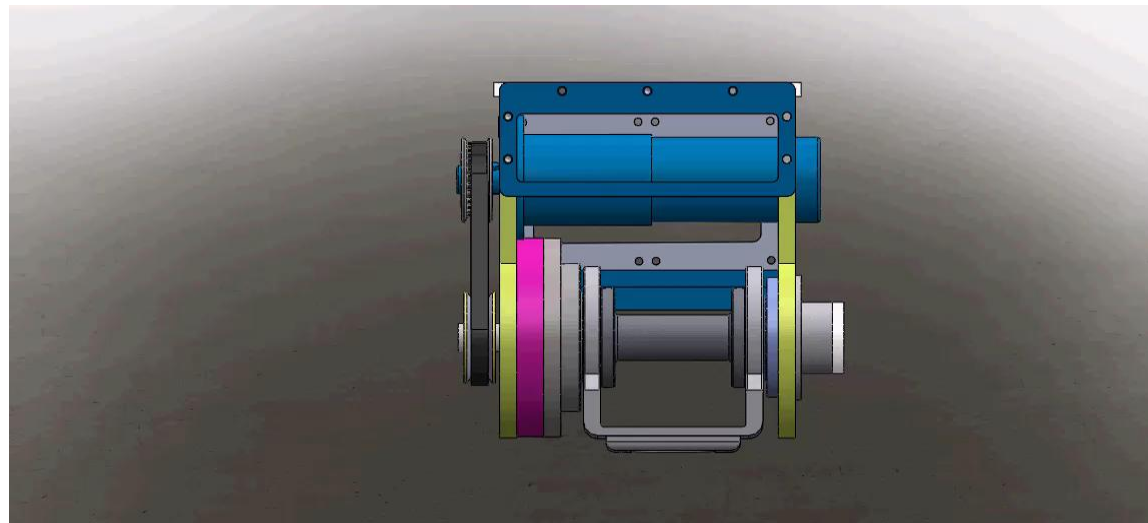
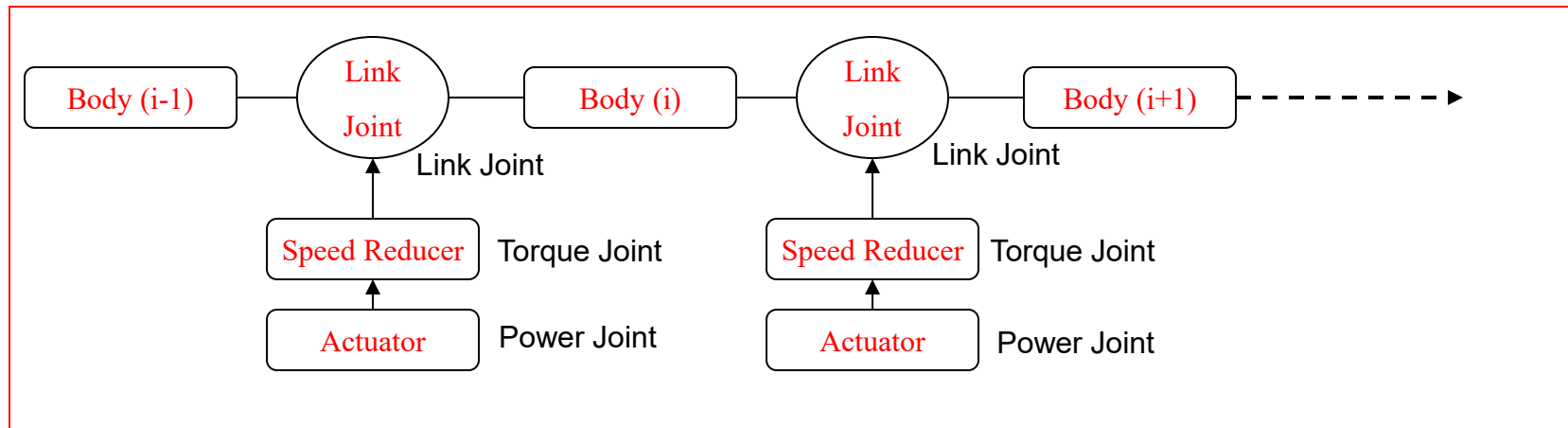
# Examples of robots' mechanisms



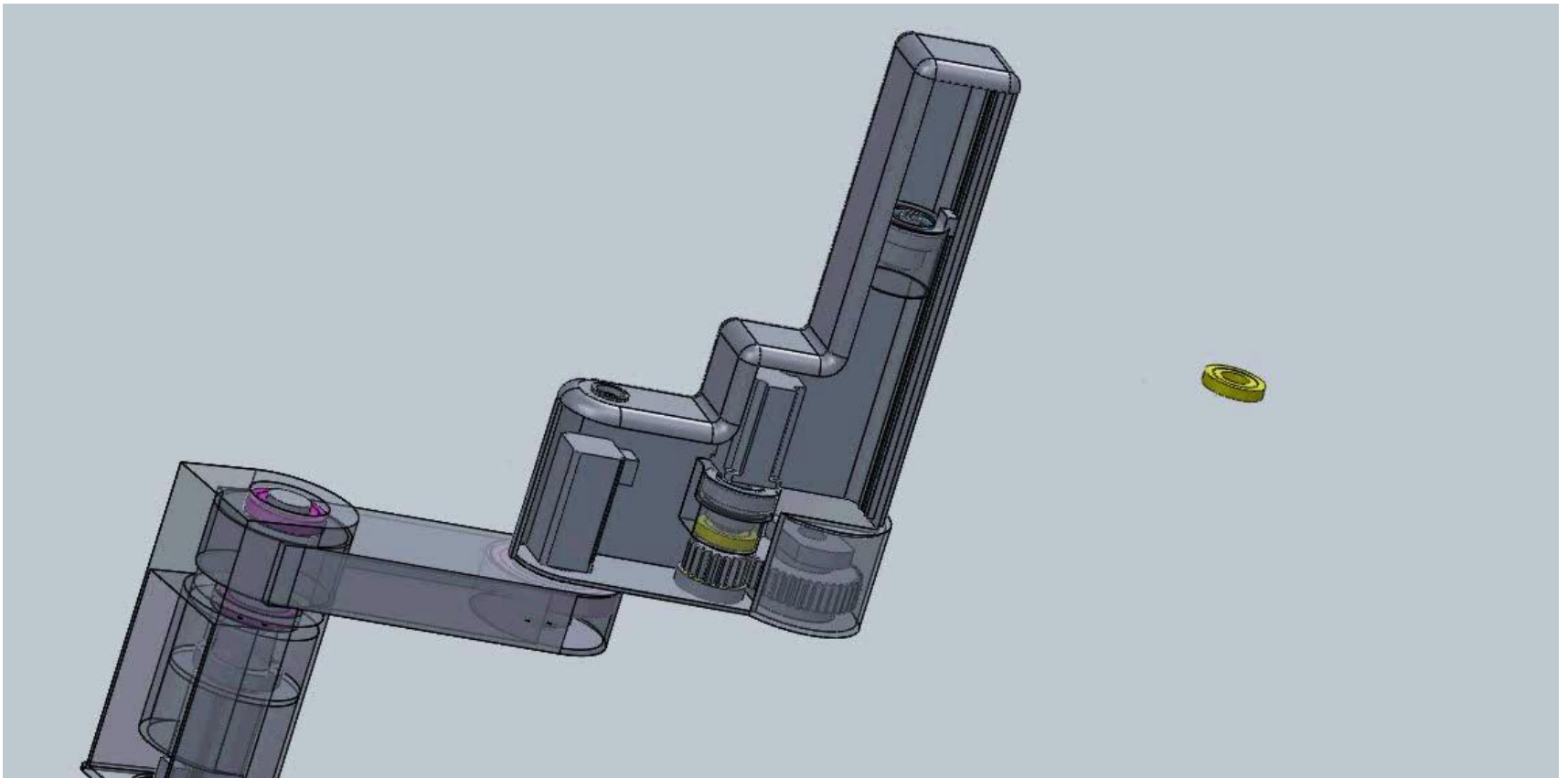
# How to actuate a robot's mechanism?



# Conventional Method of Actuation



# Example of actuating a robot mechanism

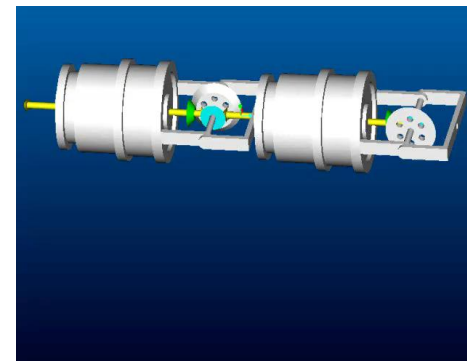
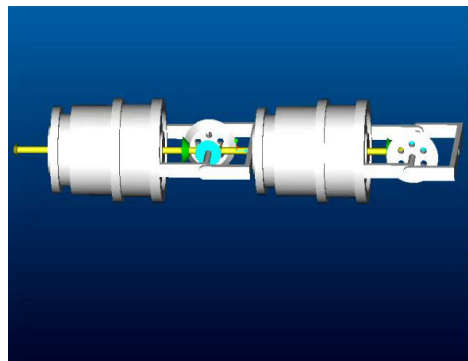
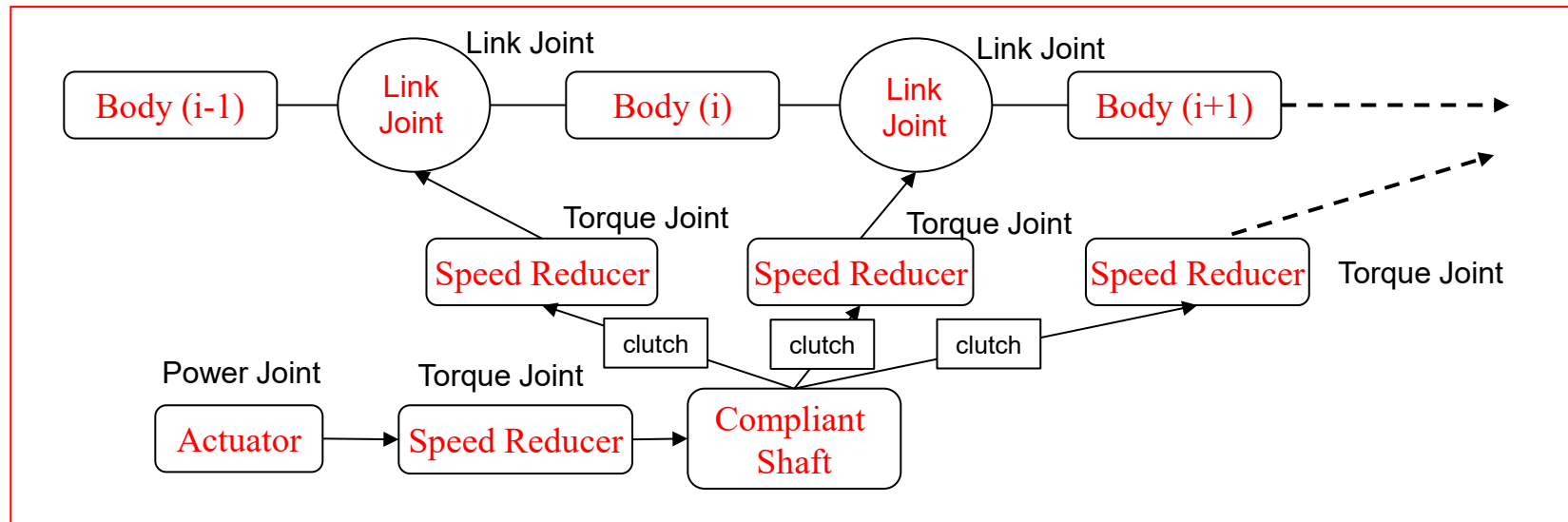


# What can we learn from this example?



# Innovation Done by Our Team in Year 2000

- ▶ One joint will be actuated by multiple actuators.
- ▶ One actuator will actuate multiple joints.

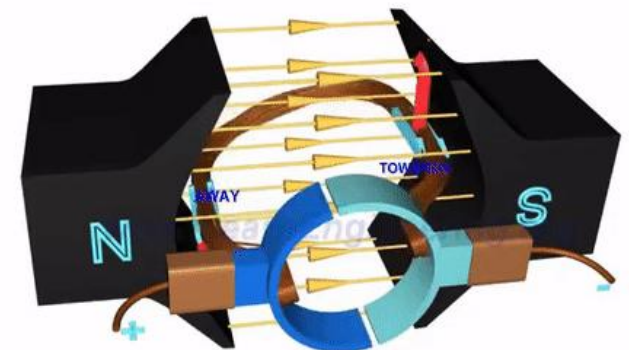
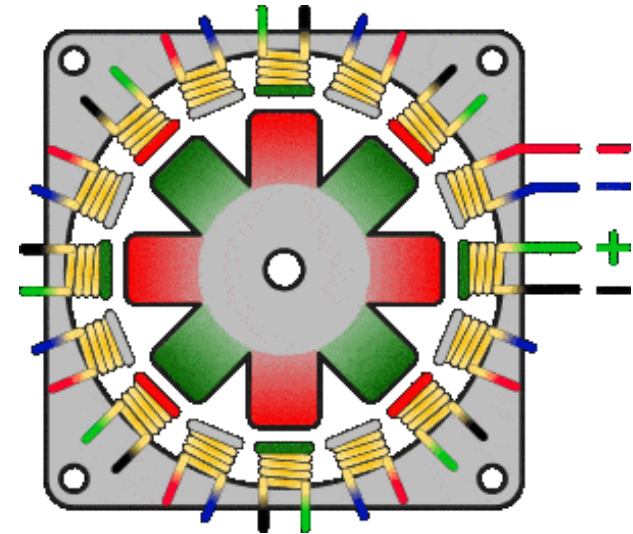


# Example of Single-Motor-Driven Robots

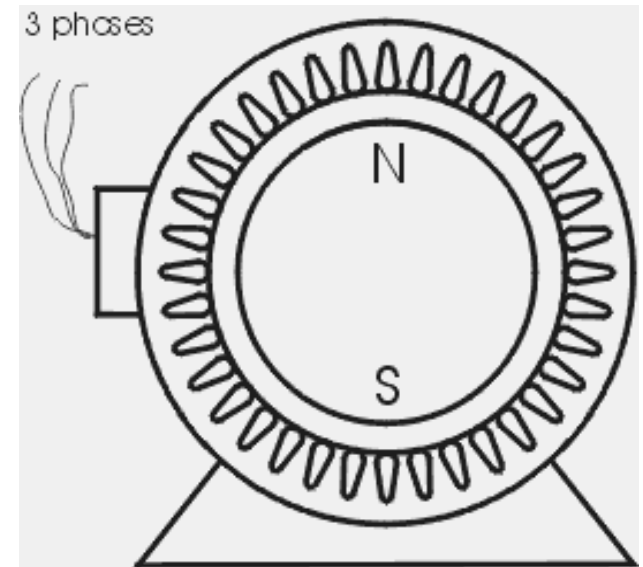
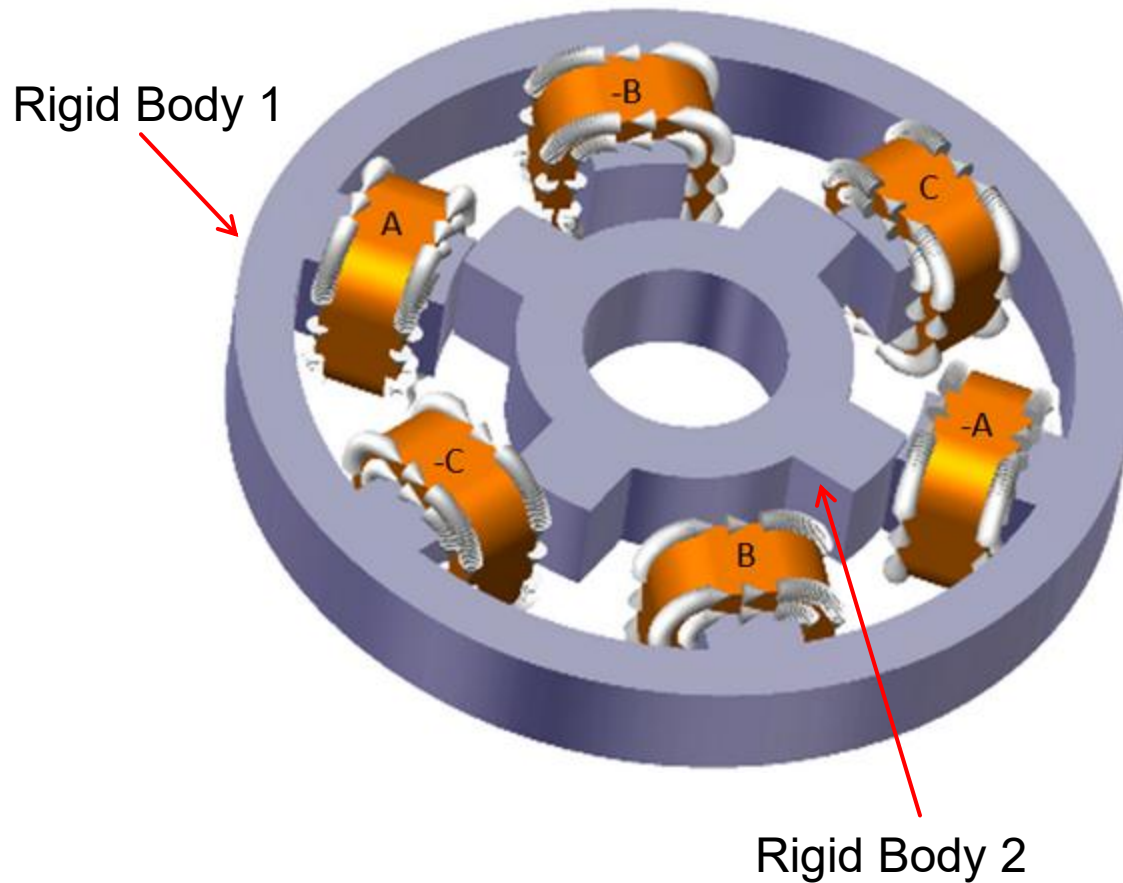


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The design principle of a power joint is to make two rigid bodies to have controllable interacting forces



# How to have controllable forces? There are several types of controllable forces:

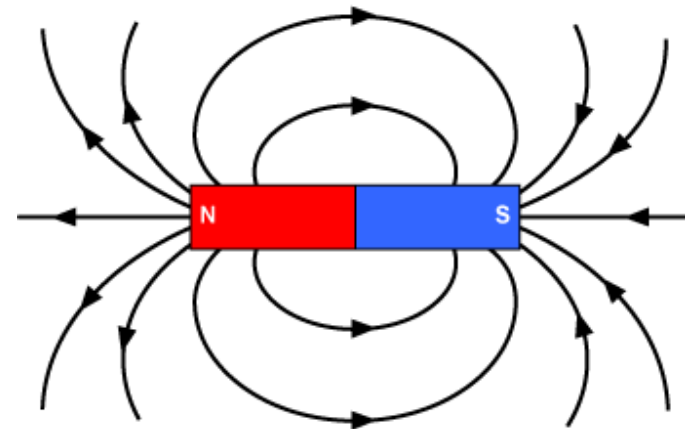
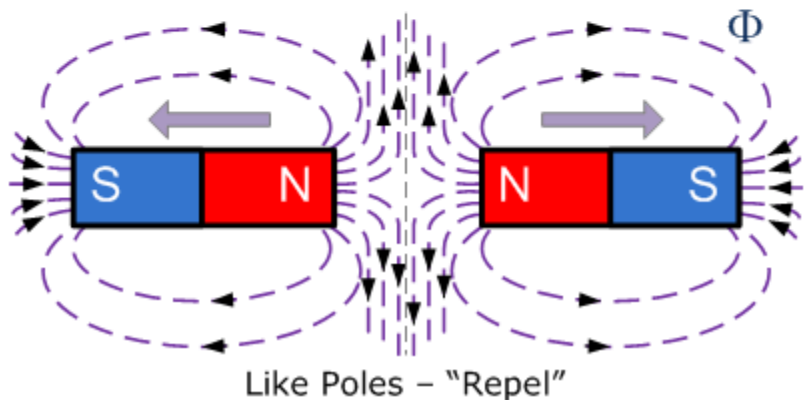
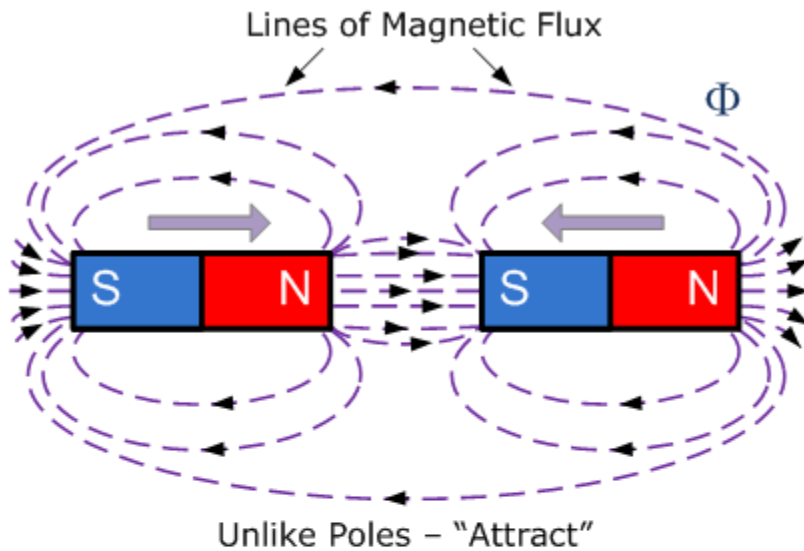
- ▶ Controllable Contact Force:

- ▶ Forces produced by compressed air  Pneumatic Actuators
- ▶ Forces produced by compressed oil  Hydraulic Actuators
- ▶ Forces produced by compressed water

- ▶ Controllable Field Force

- ▶ Magnetic forces  Electric Actuators
- ▶ Electromagnetic forces

# Example of Magnetic Forces



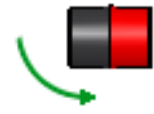
**Green Arrows Indicate Magnetic Forces**



Attraction

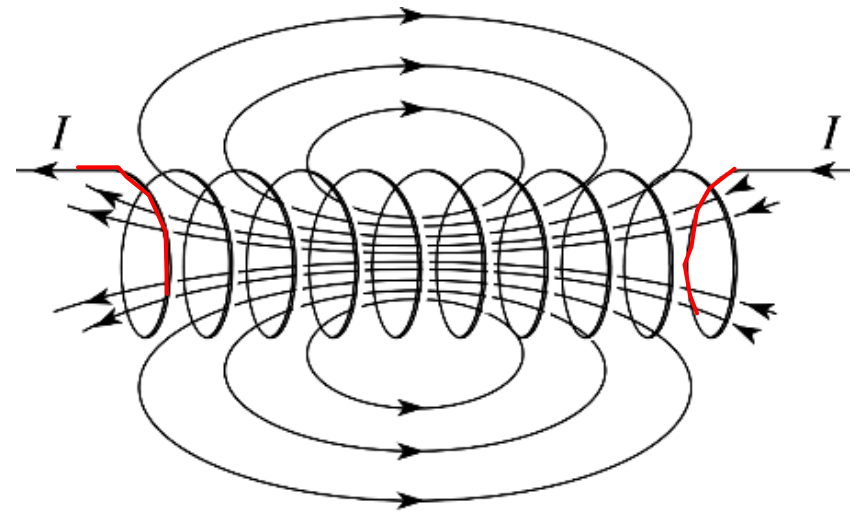
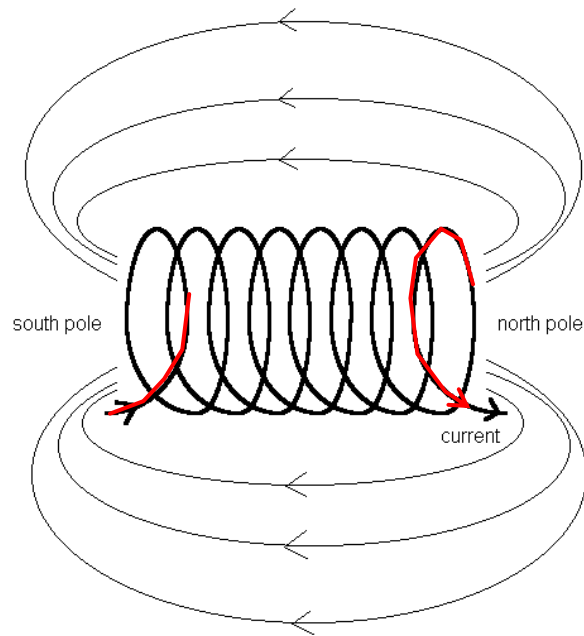


Repulsion



Rotation

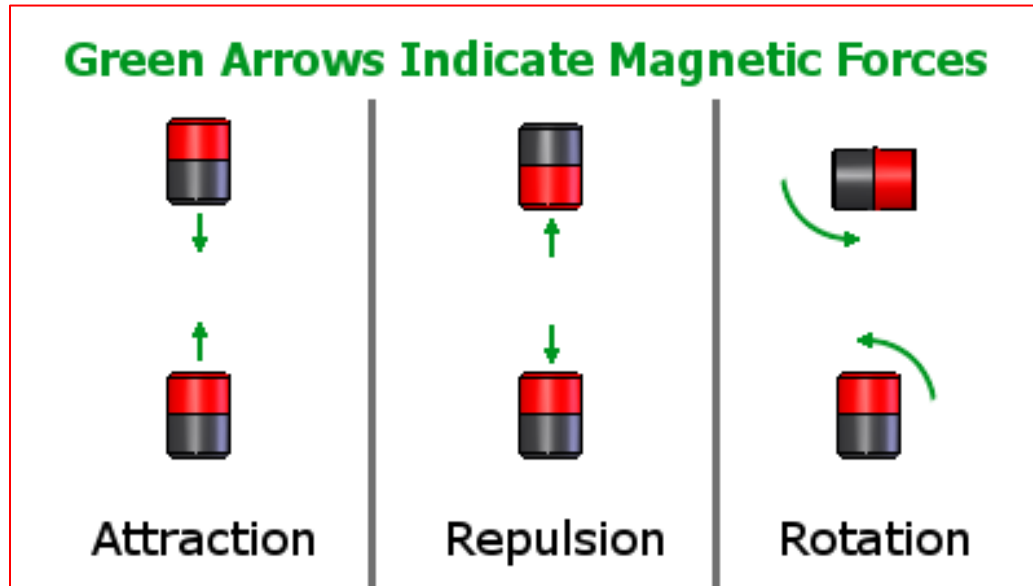
# Example of Electromagnetic Forces



# Ways of Producing Interactive Forces

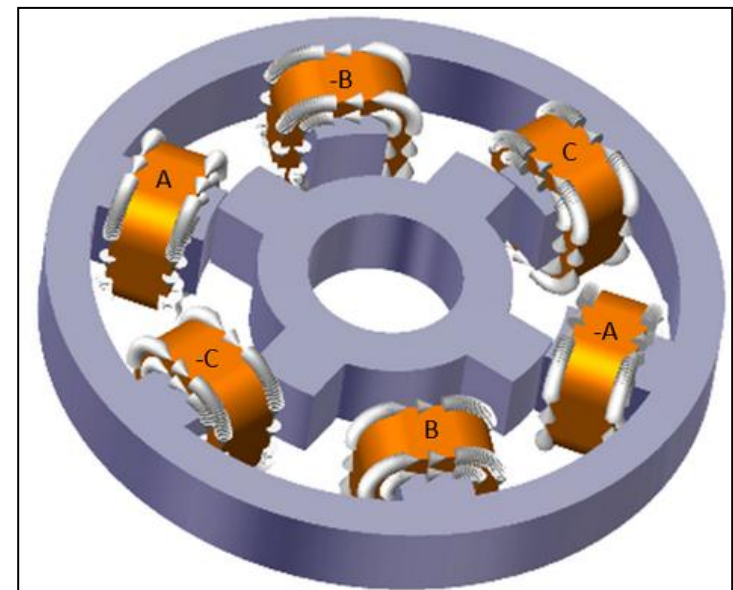
- ▶ Magnetic Field + Magnetic Field ← Not controllable
- ▶ Magnetic Field + Electromagnetic Field
- ▶ Electromagnetic Field + Magnetic Field
- ▶ Electromagnetic Field + Electromagnetic Field

# Examples

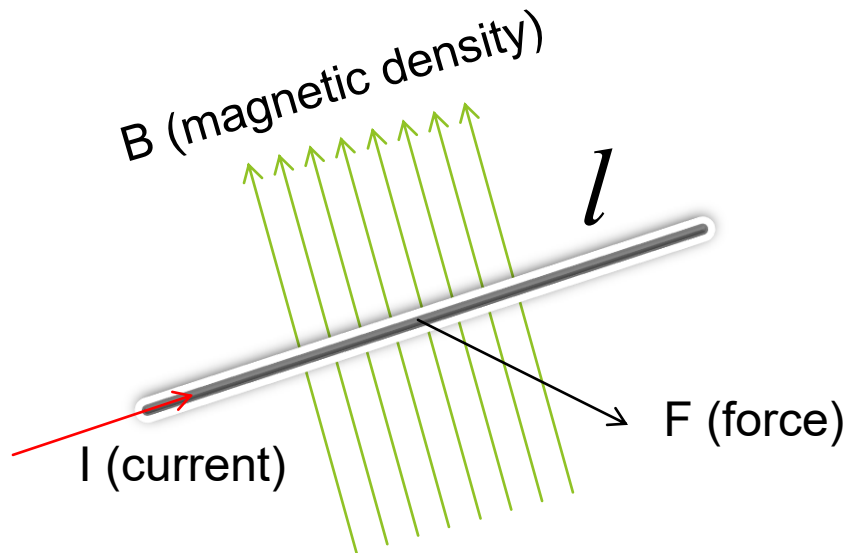


Magnetic Field + Magnetic Field

Electromagnetic Field +  
Magnetic Field



# Understanding of Magnetic Force (1)



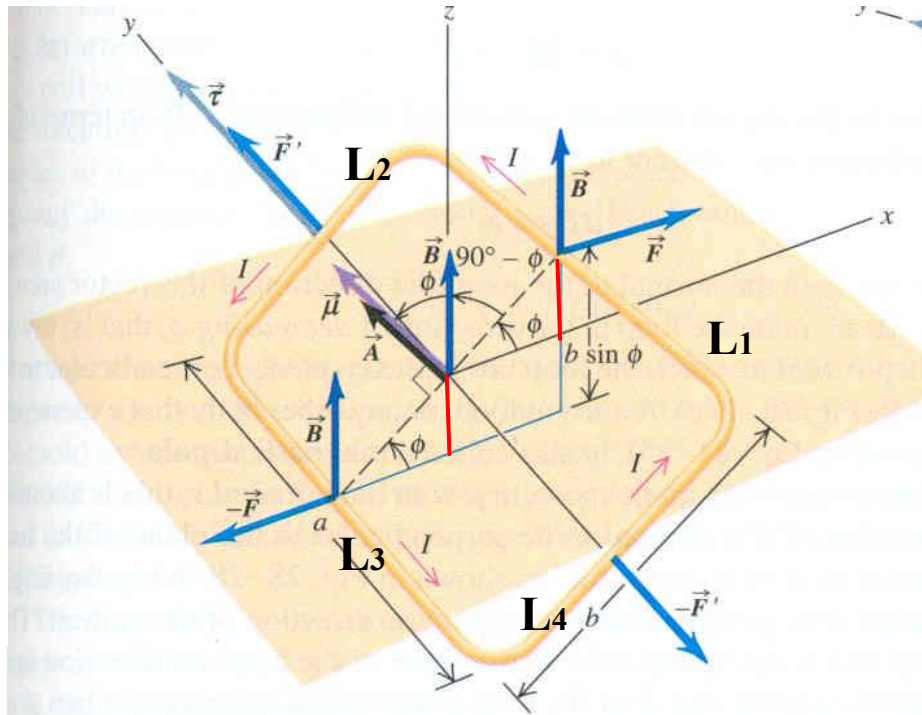
$$F = l \bullet B \bullet I$$

Length of conductor

Density of  
Magnetic field

Current

# Understanding of Magnetic Force (2)



Electromagnetic force on L1:

$$F_1 = L_1 \cdot I \cdot B$$

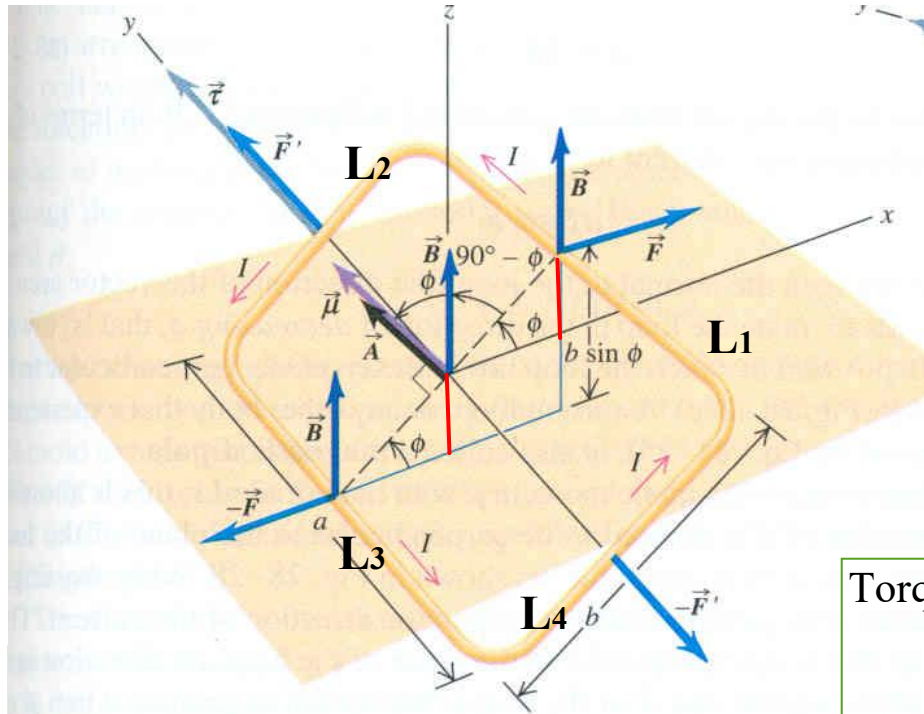
Electromagnetic force on L3:

$$F_3 = -L_3 \cdot I \cdot B$$

The distances from F2 and F4 to XY plane are always zero.

The distances from F1 and F3 to XY plane are not zero in general.

# Understanding of Magnetic Force (2)



Distance from  $F_1$  to XY plane is :

$$r_1 = \frac{b}{2} \sin(\phi)$$

Distance from  $F_3$  to XY plane is :

$$r_3 = -\frac{b}{2} \sin(\phi)$$

Torque produced by  $F_1$  about Y axis :

$$\tau_1 = \left(\frac{b}{2} \sin(\phi)\right) \cdot F_1 = \left(\frac{b}{2} \sin(\phi)\right) \cdot a \cdot I \cdot B$$

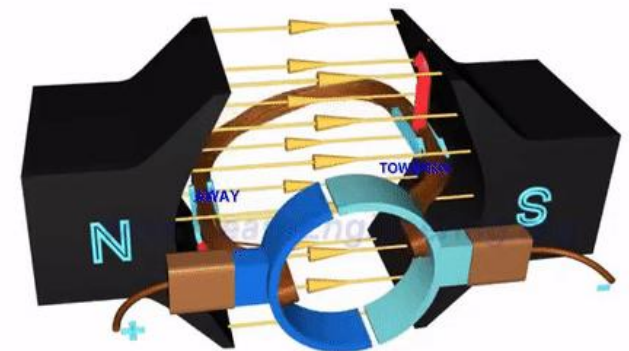
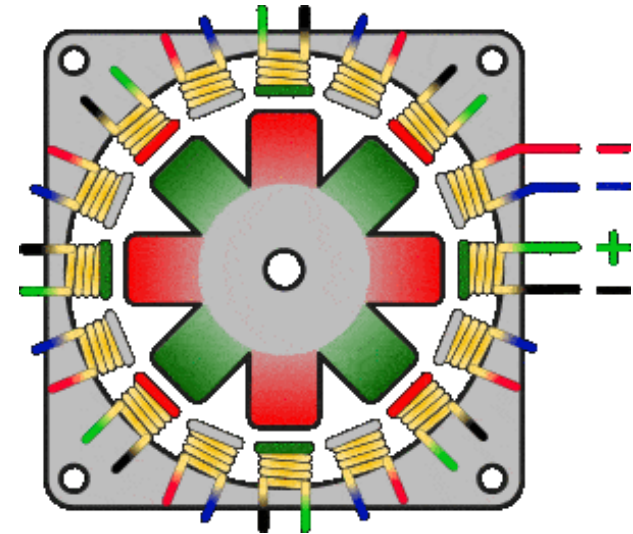
Torque produced by  $F_3$  about Y axis ::

$$\tau_3 = \left(-\frac{b}{2} \sin(\phi)\right) \cdot F_3 = \left(\frac{b}{2} \sin(\phi)\right) \cdot a \cdot I \cdot B$$



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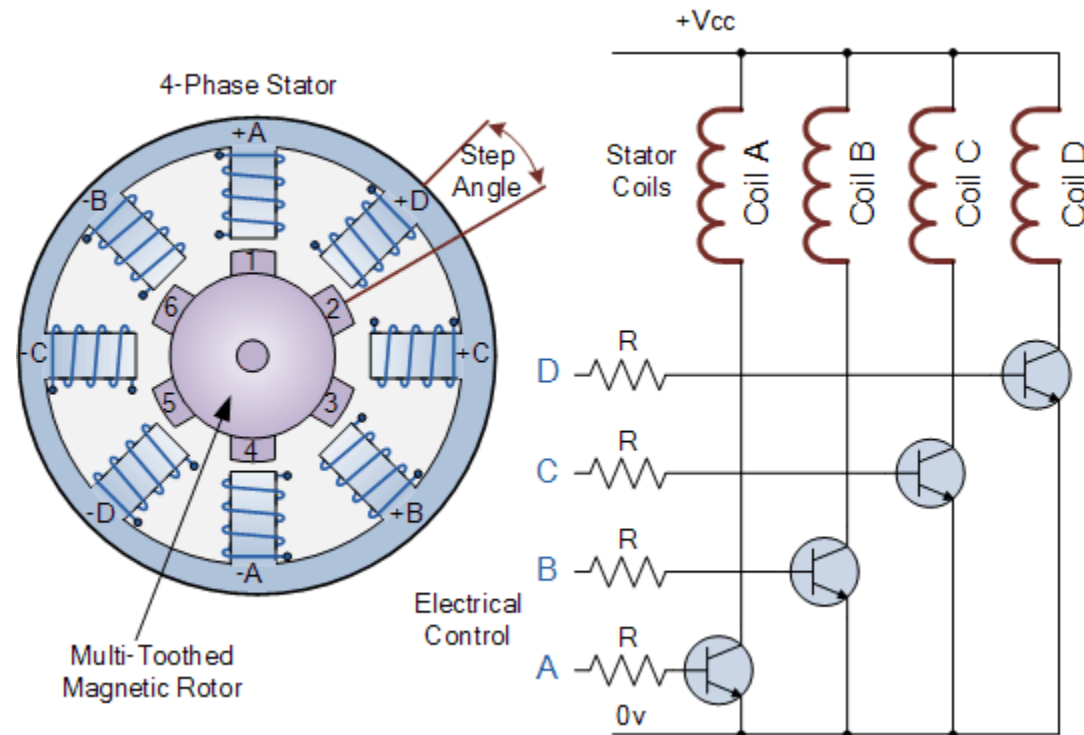
# Video Showing Design and Working Principle



How to achieve the angular step of  $1.8^\circ$  ?

# Summary of Design and Working Principle

- ▶ The rotating body is called rotor.
- ▶ The outer body is called stator.
- ▶ The rotor is made of permanent magnet.
- ▶ The stator has a set of electromagnets.
- ▶ When one pair of electromagnet is on, the rotor will make one step motion order to align with the stator's magnetic field.
- ▶ By changing the sequence of energizing the stator's electromagnet, we can make the rotator to make stepwise motions.



- Pitch-angle of rotor's teeth:  $360/6$
- Pitch-angle of stator's teeth:  $360/8$

# Example

- ▶ A general stepper motor consists of rotor and stator. The number of teeth on the rotor is 16 while the number of teeth on the stator is 18. What is the rotated angle of each step by the motor?

- ▶ Answer:

Pitch angle of the rotor is:

$$\frac{360}{16} = 22.5$$

Pitch angle of the stator is:

$$\frac{360}{18} = 20.0$$

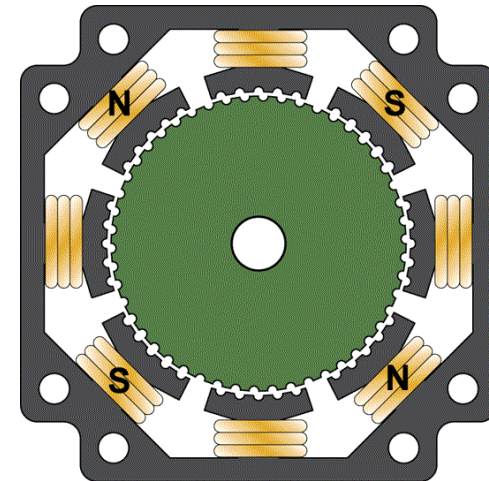
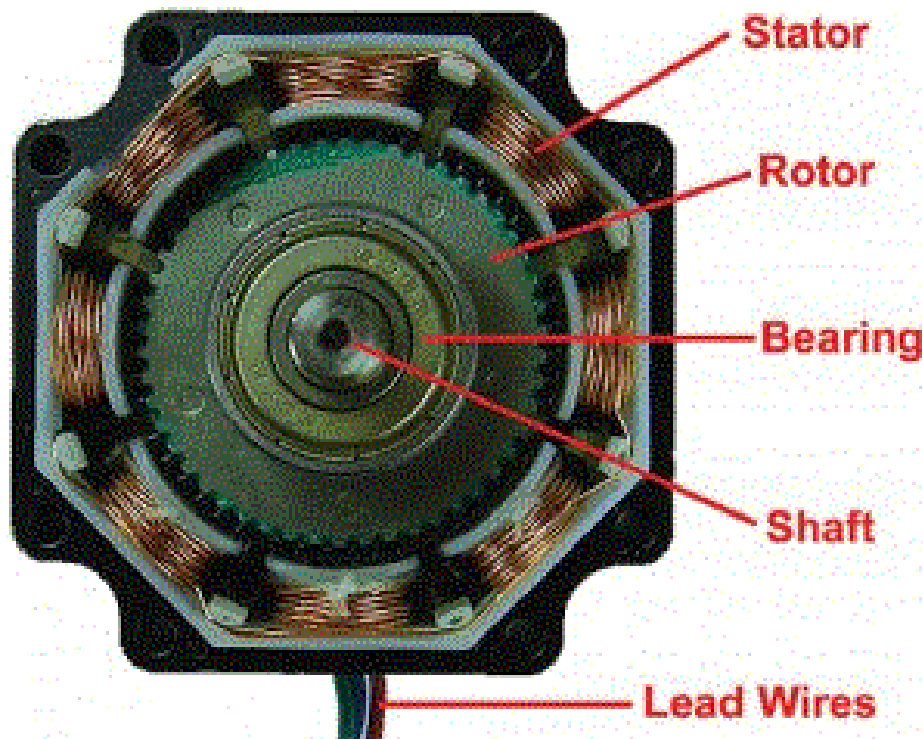
Rotated angle per step is:

$$22.5 - 20.0 = 2.5 \text{ degrees}$$

What is drawback?

(too many phases)

# Design Example of 2-Phase Stepper Motor



2-Phase Motor

$$1.8^\circ = \frac{360}{50} \times \frac{1}{4}$$

- The pitch-angles of rotor and stator are the same:  $360/50$
- The teeth of stator are divided into four groups after taking out two teeth.
- The angular displacement of two adjacent groups is:  $\text{pitch-angle}/4$

# Design Example of 2-Phase Stepper Motor

## + CUSTOM HOUSING

We can design and manufacture motors specific to your environmental, mechanical, and dimensional requirements.

## + MULTIPLE MOUNTING CONFIGURATIONS

NEMA Size  
8, 11, 14, 17, 23 & 34

## + MULTIPLE SHAFT OPTIONS

Slotted, cross drilled, oversized, hollow, extended, helical cut, press fit gear and pulley...

## + CUSTOM WINDING

We can provide custom windings (at no extra cost) based on your application needs.

## + ENCODERS, DAMPERS, GEARBOXES, & MECHATRONICS

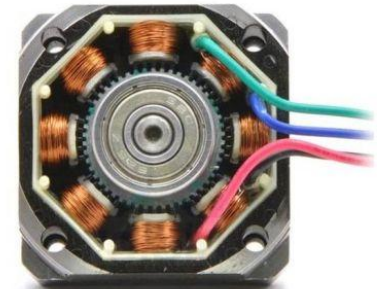
Added value assemblies

## + BEARINGS & LUBRICANTS

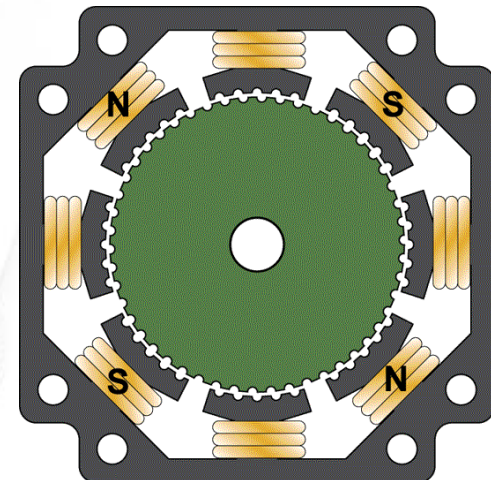
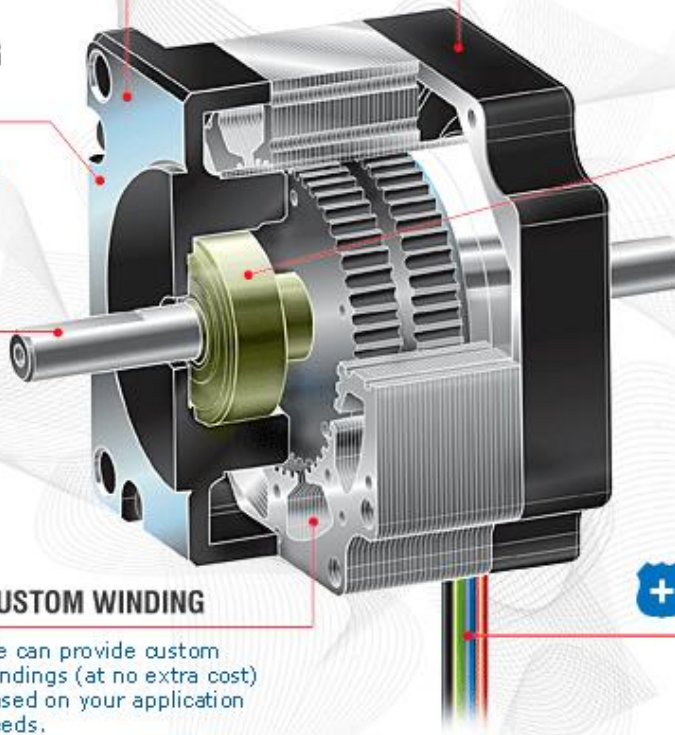
Ball Bearings, Stainless Steel Bearings, Seals, Special Lubricants for high temperature/humid operation

## + LEAD WIRES & CABLES

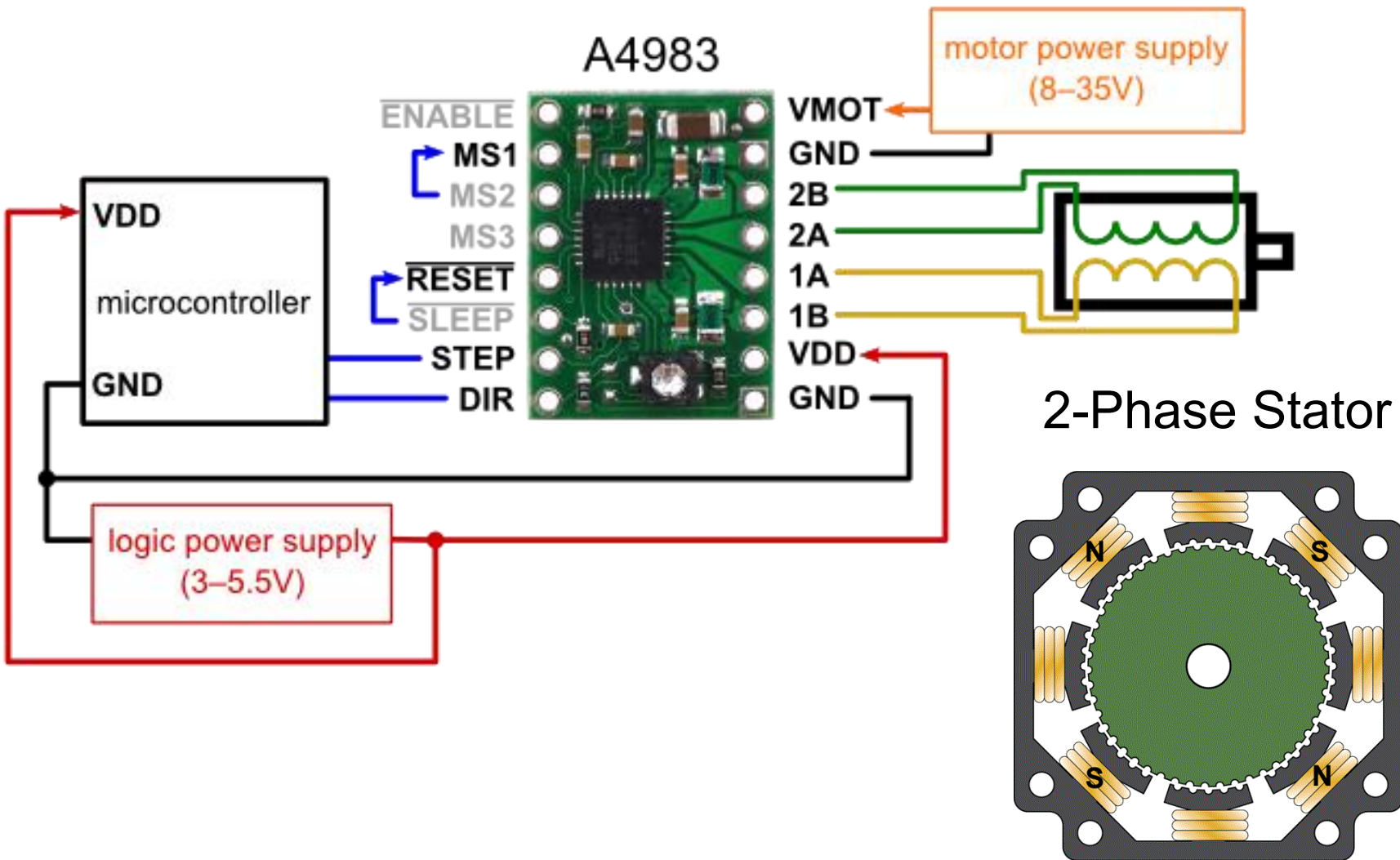
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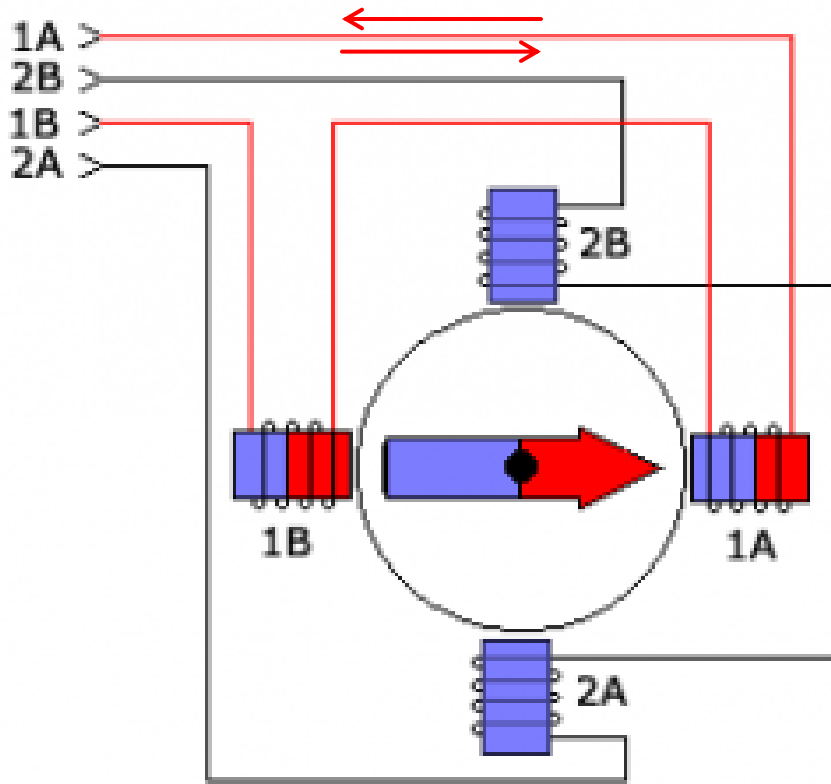
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# Design Example of Power Supply

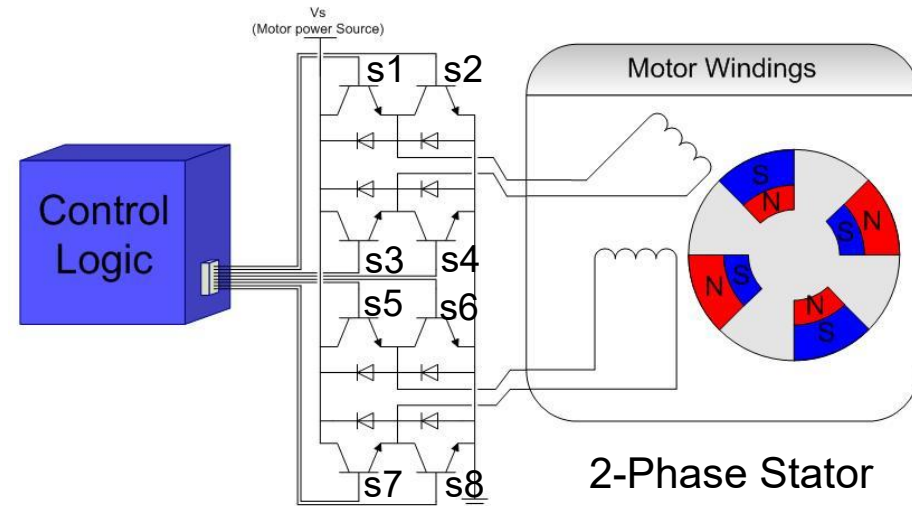


# Design Example of Output Control



Clockwise: 1A->2A->1B->2B

Counterclockwise: 1A->2B->1B->2A



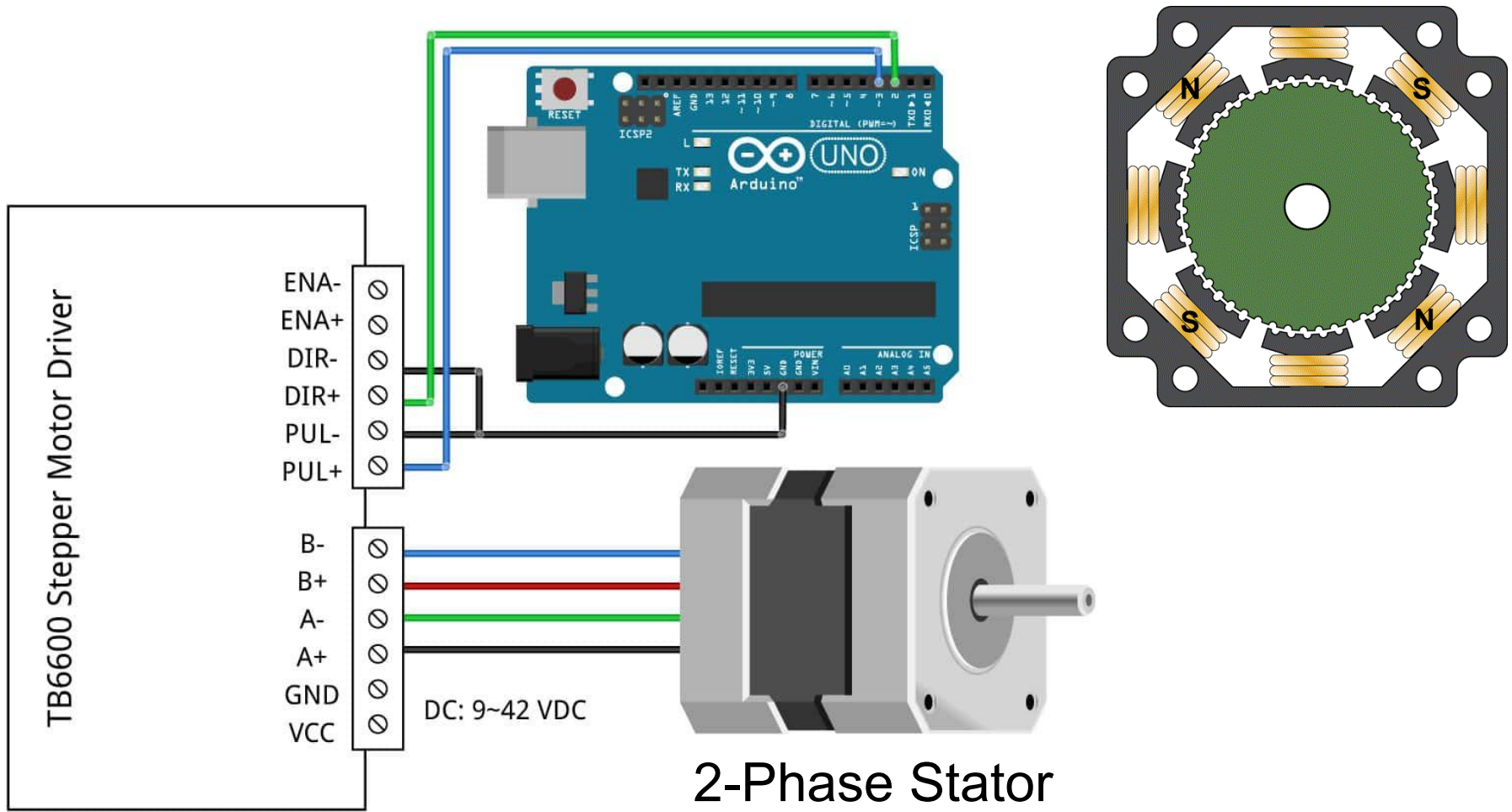
Coils 1A-1B:

1. South-North: s1=on, s4=on
2. North-South: s2=on, s3=on

Coils 2A-2B:

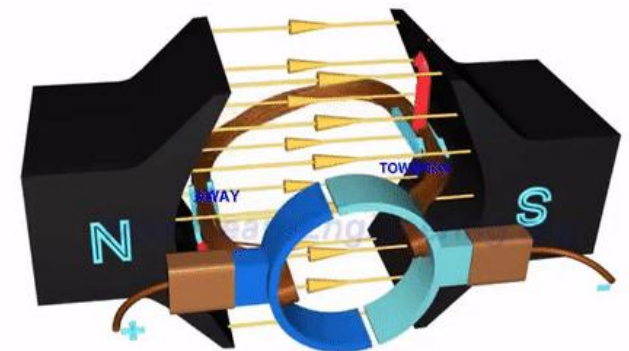
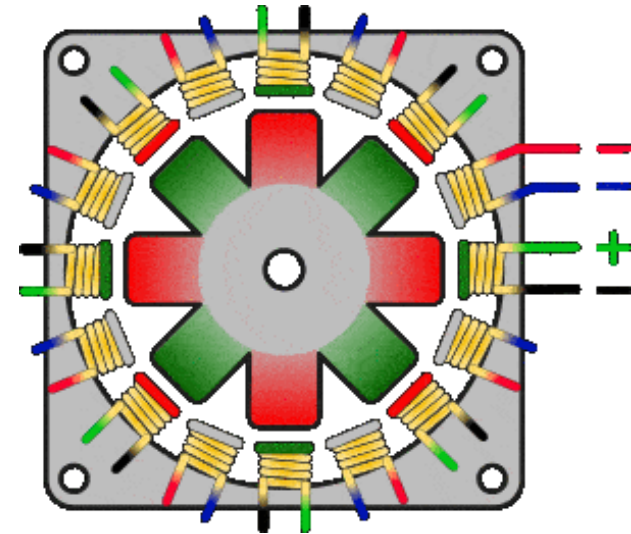
1. South-North: s5=on, s8=on
2. North-South: s6=on, s7=on

# Example of Interfacing with Robot Brain

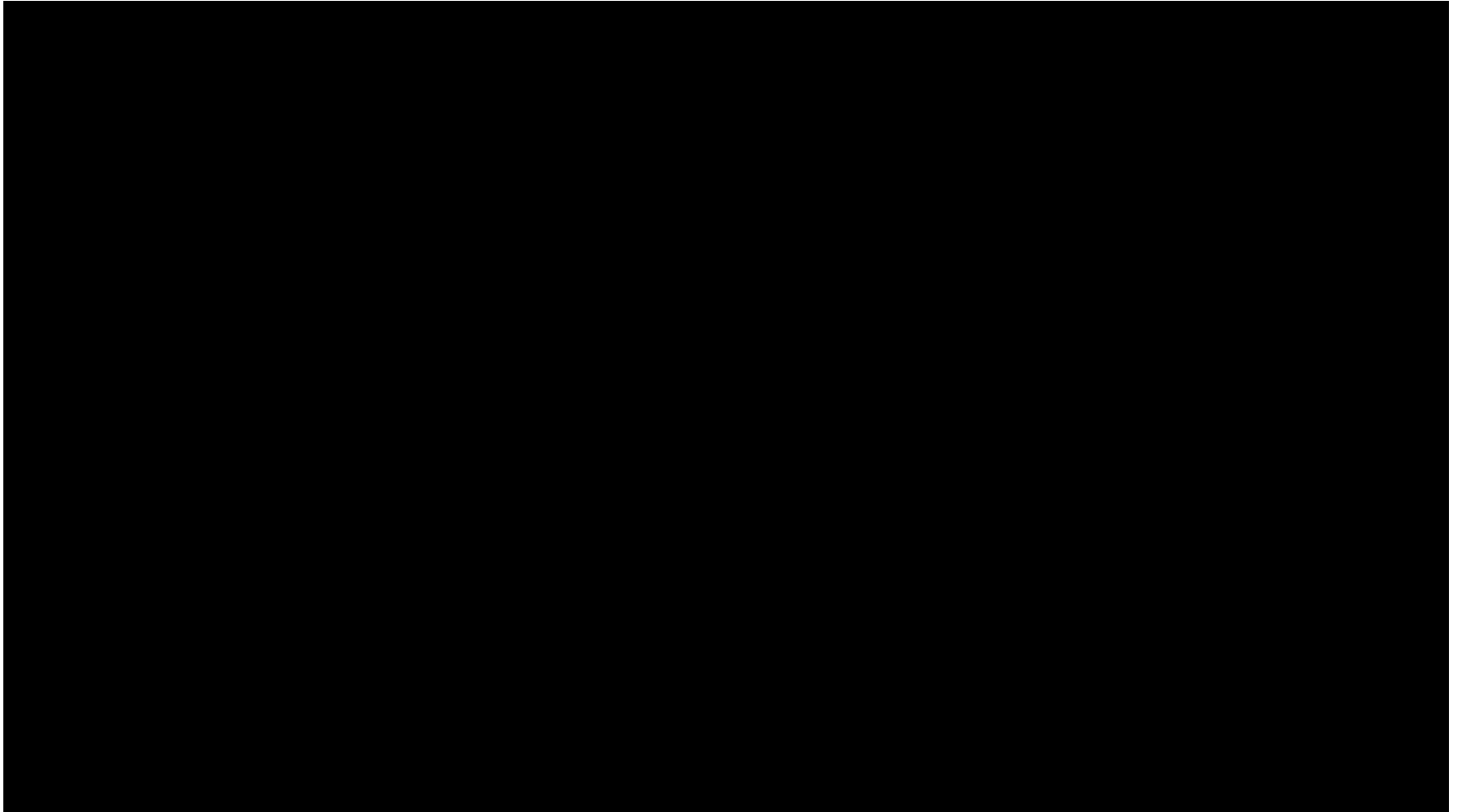


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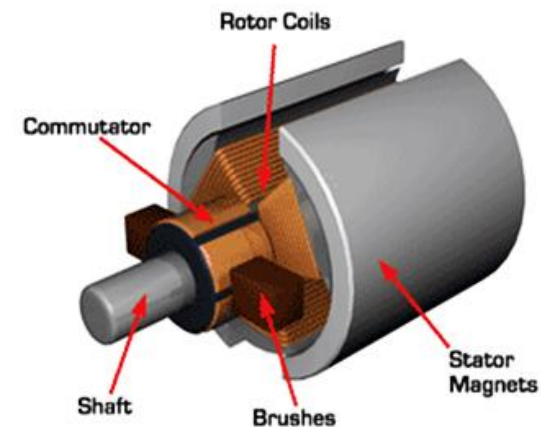
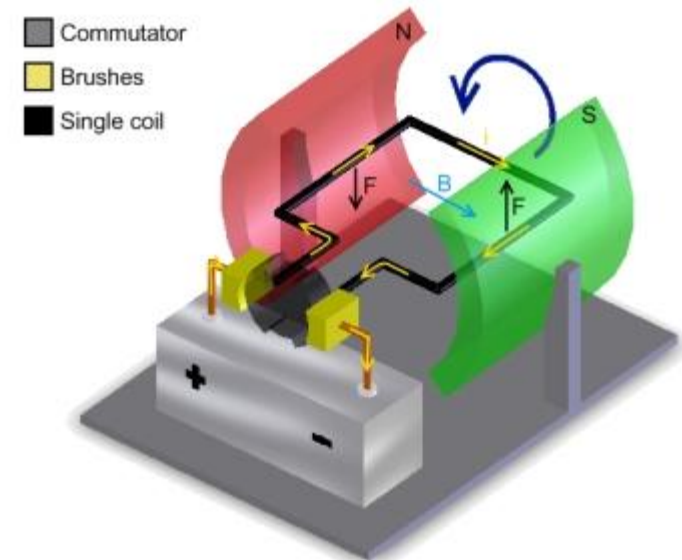


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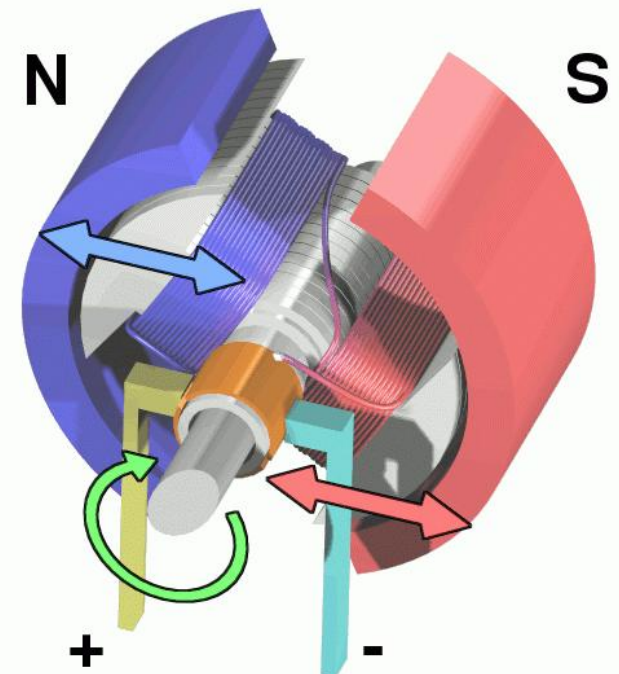
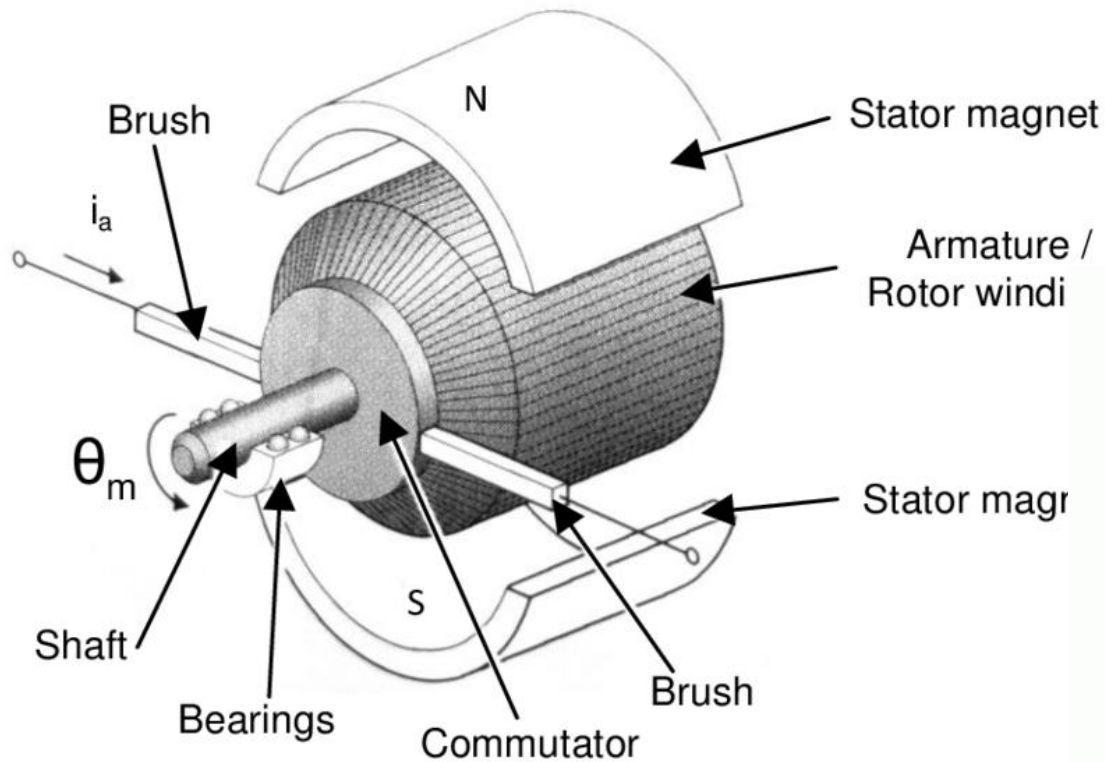


# Summary of Design and Working Principle

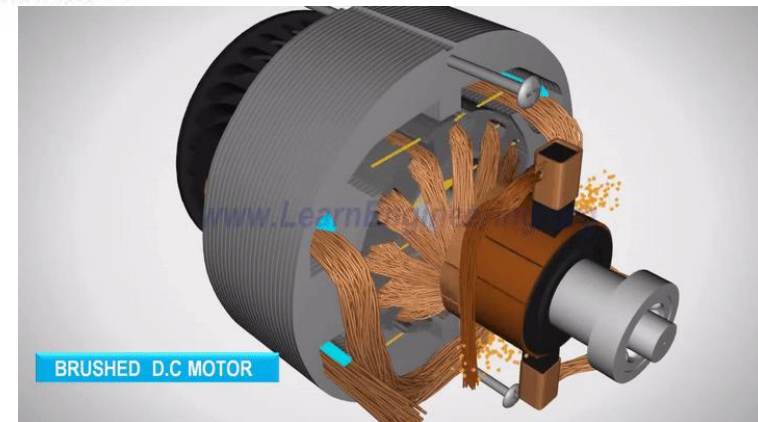
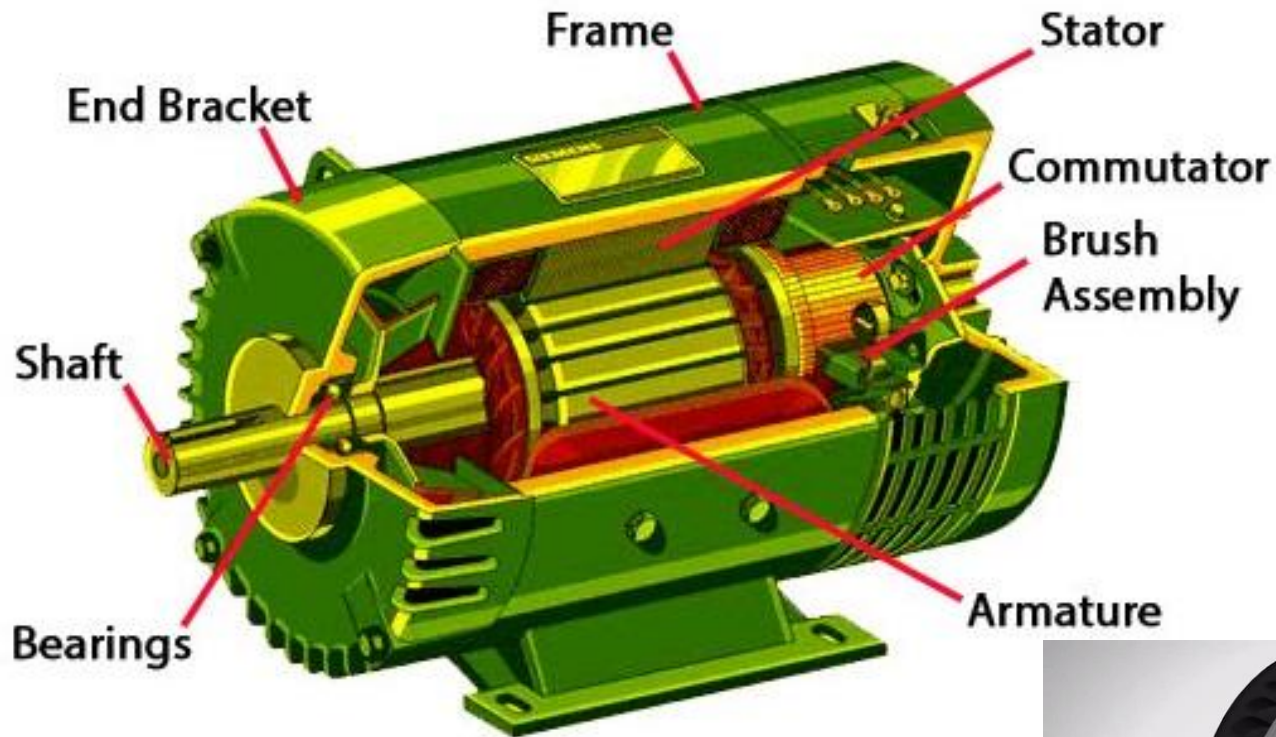
- ▶ The stator is made of permanent magnet.
- ▶ The rotor has a set of rectangular coils.
- ▶ When the rectangular coils are parallel to the magnetic field, current will pass through the coils. And, the edges perpendicular to the magnetic flux will produce magnetic forces, which make the coils to rotate in one direction.
- ▶ The motion of rotor will bring another rectangular coils to be parallel to the magnetic field. The process repeats.



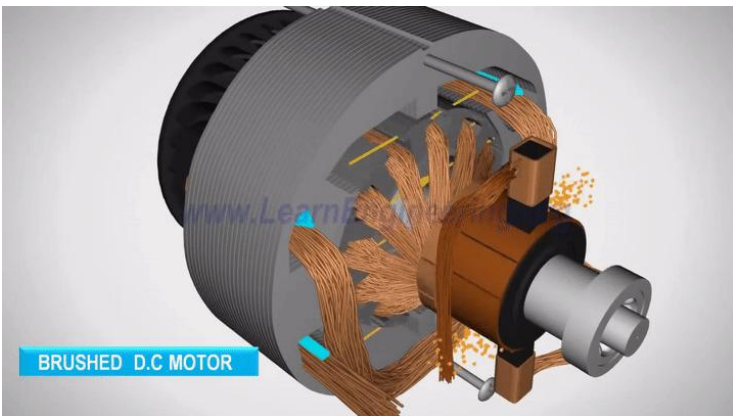
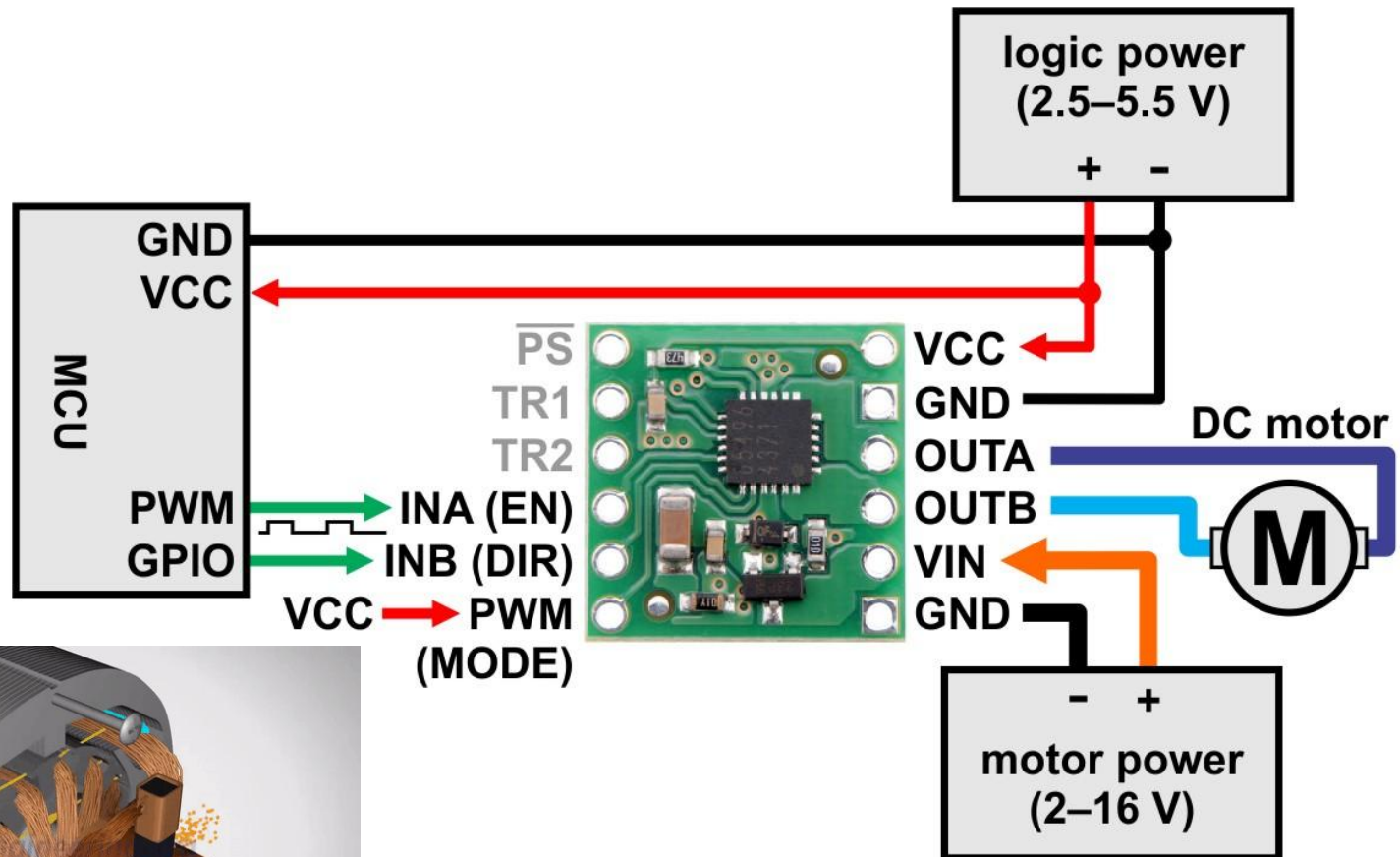
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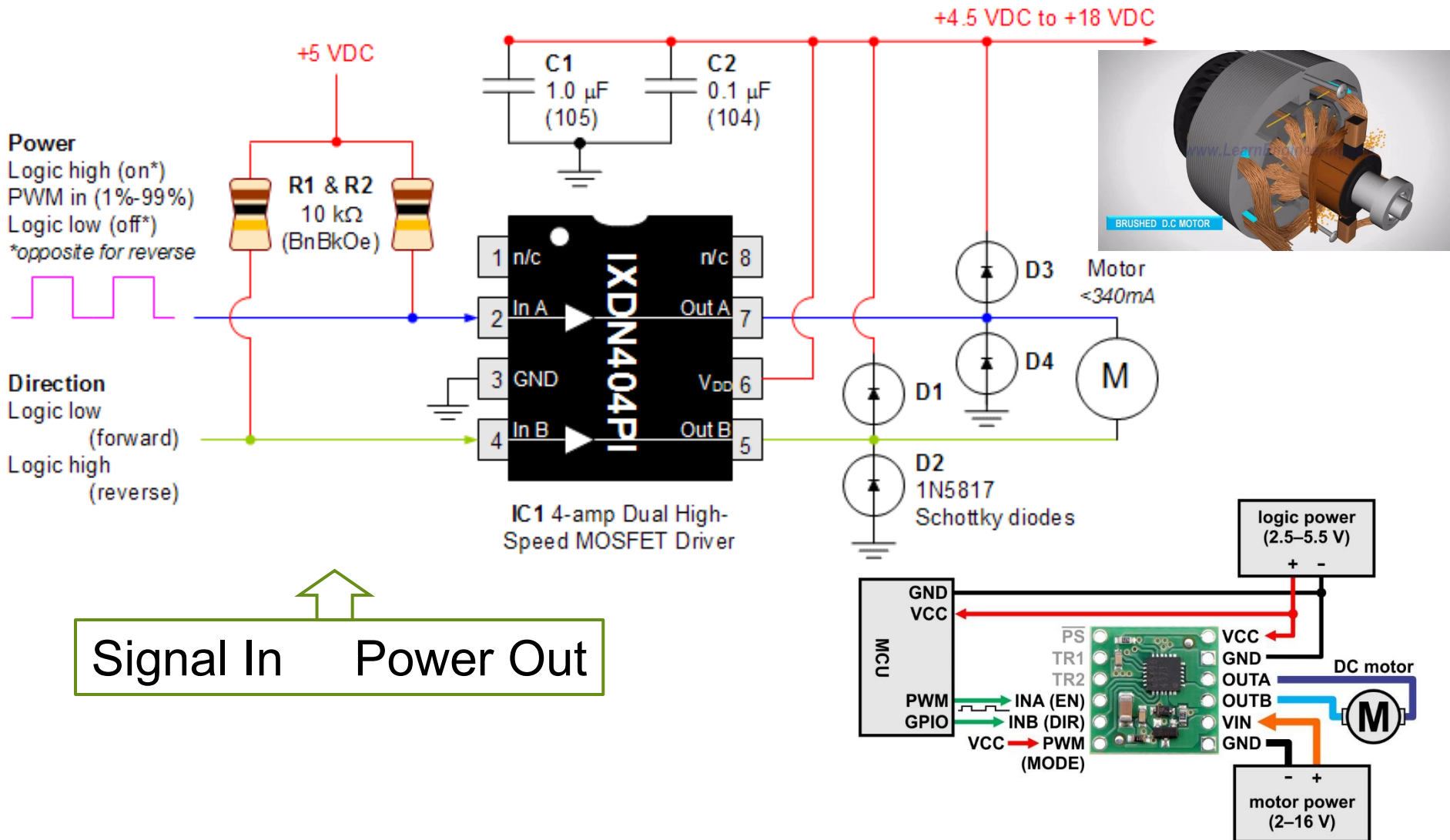
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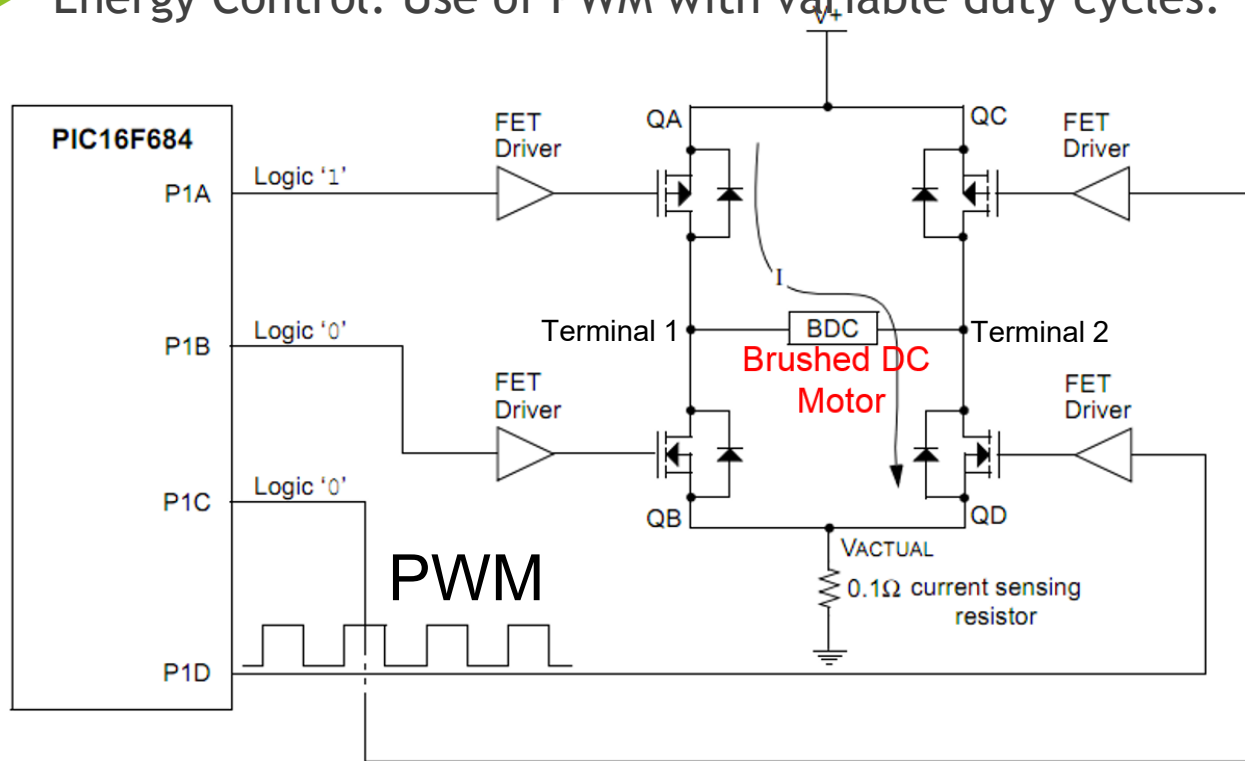


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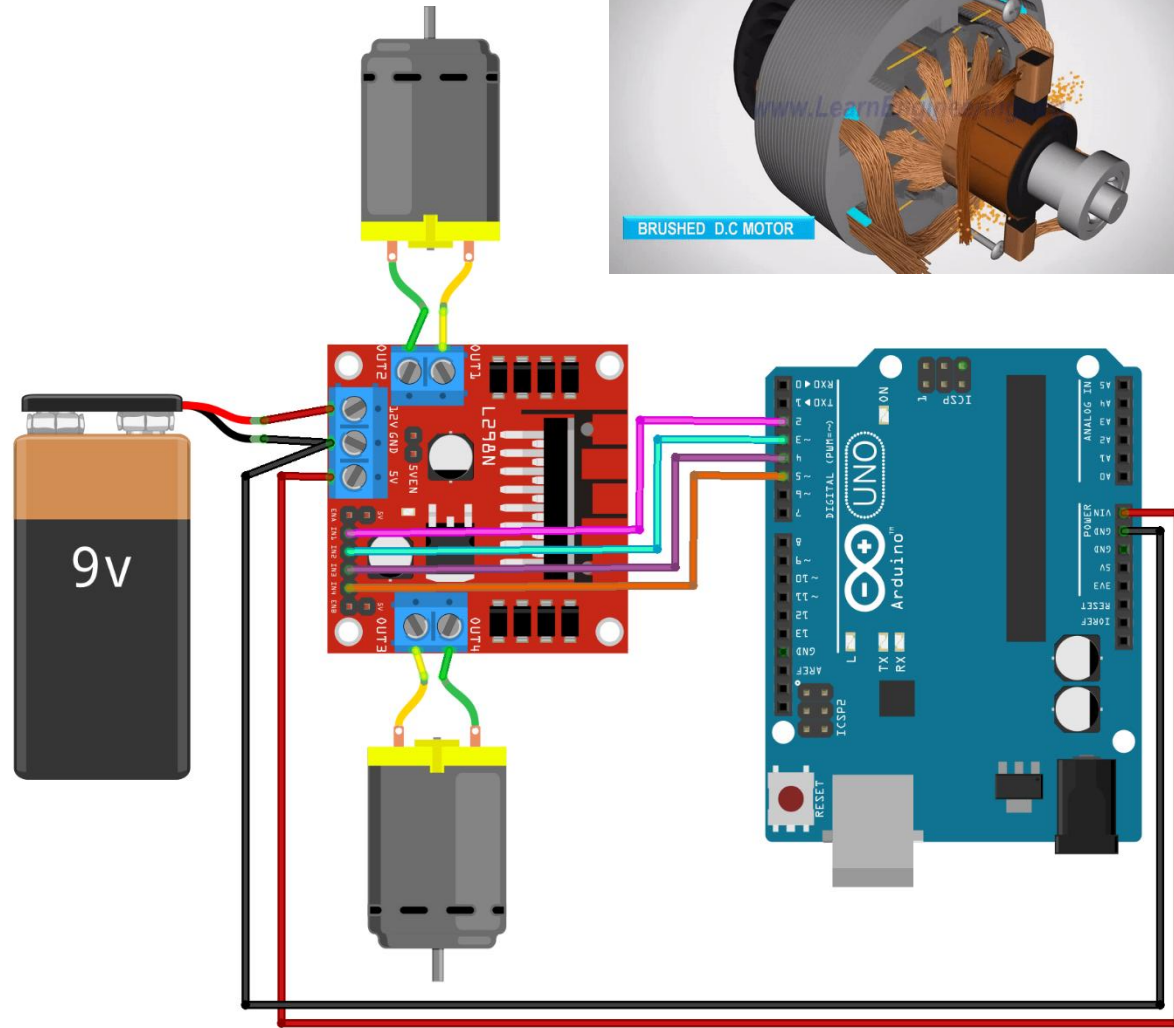
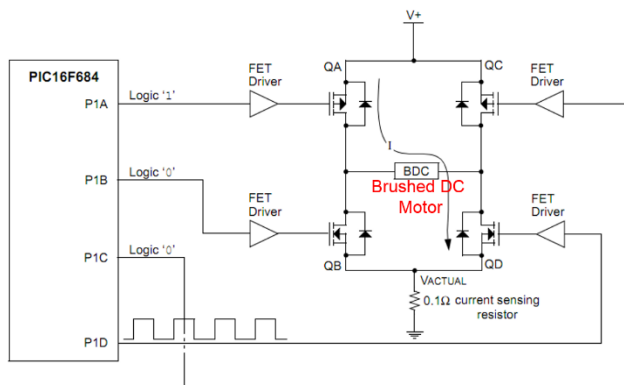
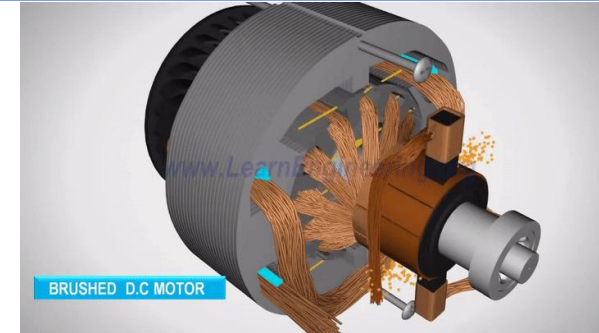
# Design Example of Output Control

- ▶ Direction Control:
  - ▶ Clockwise (CW) Rotation: QA is in logic high, QD supplies modulated pulses.
  - ▶ Counter-clockwise (CCW) Rotation: QC is in logic high, QB supplies modulated pulses.
- ▶ Energy Control: Use of PWM with variable duty cycles.



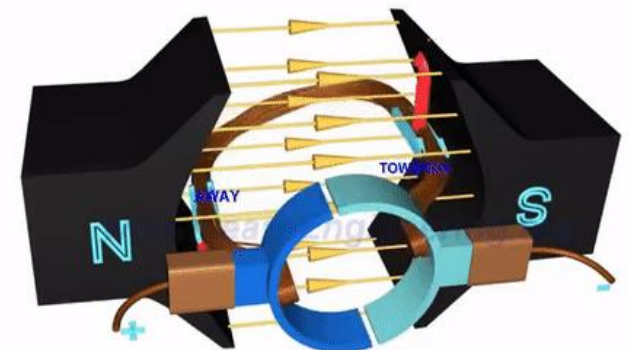
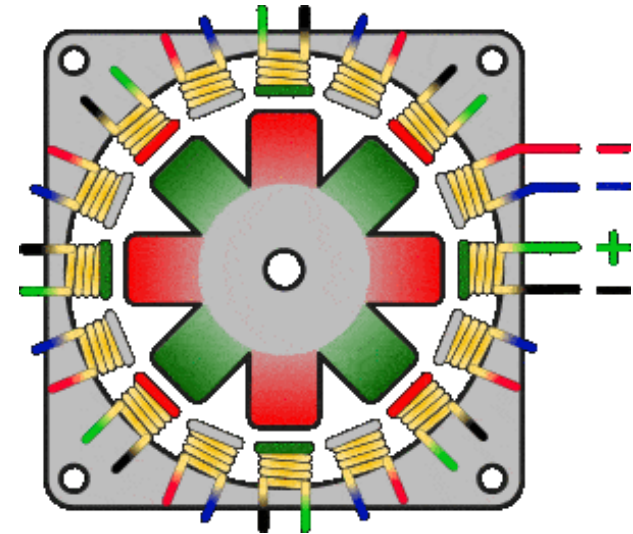
# Example of Interfacing with Robot Brain

- Direction Control
- Energy Control

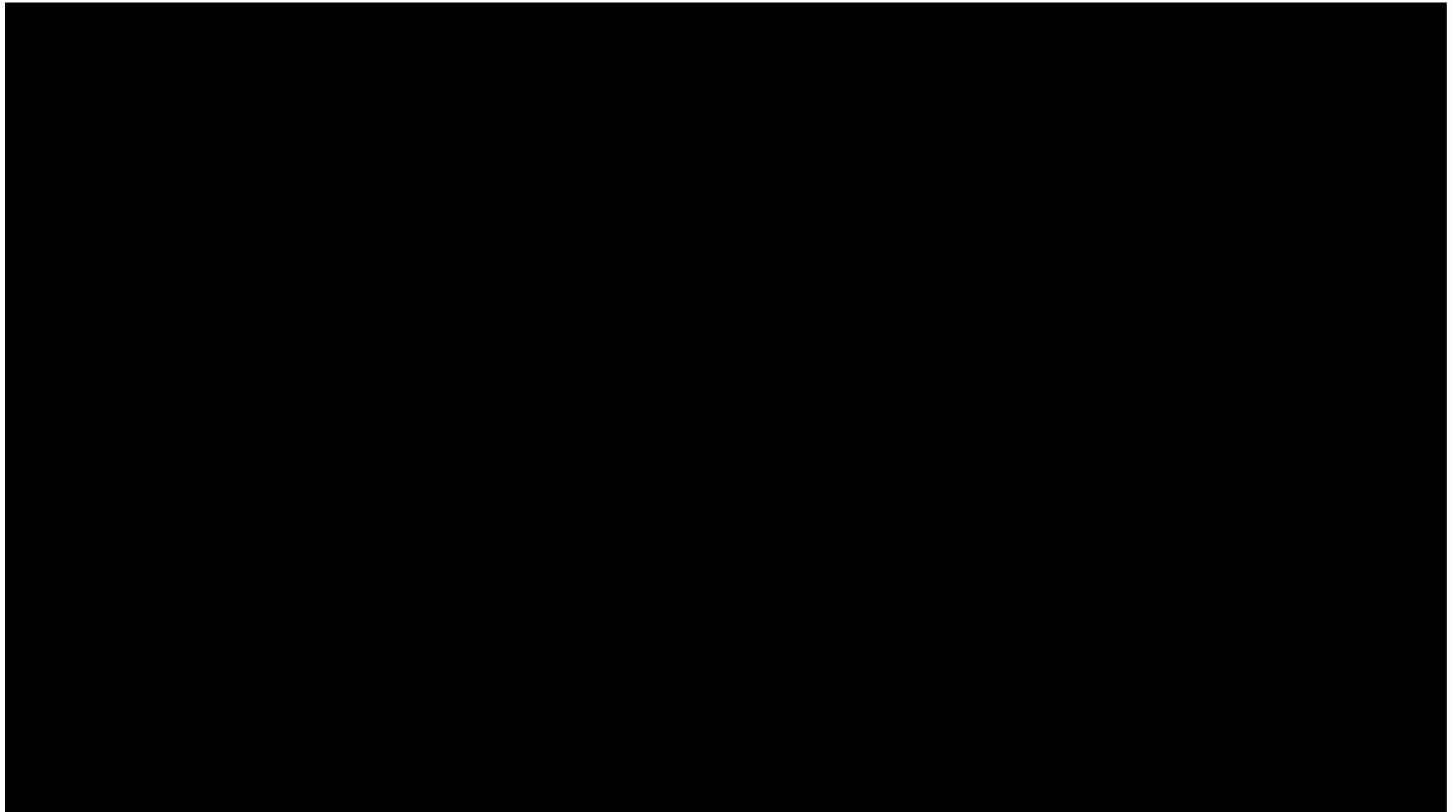


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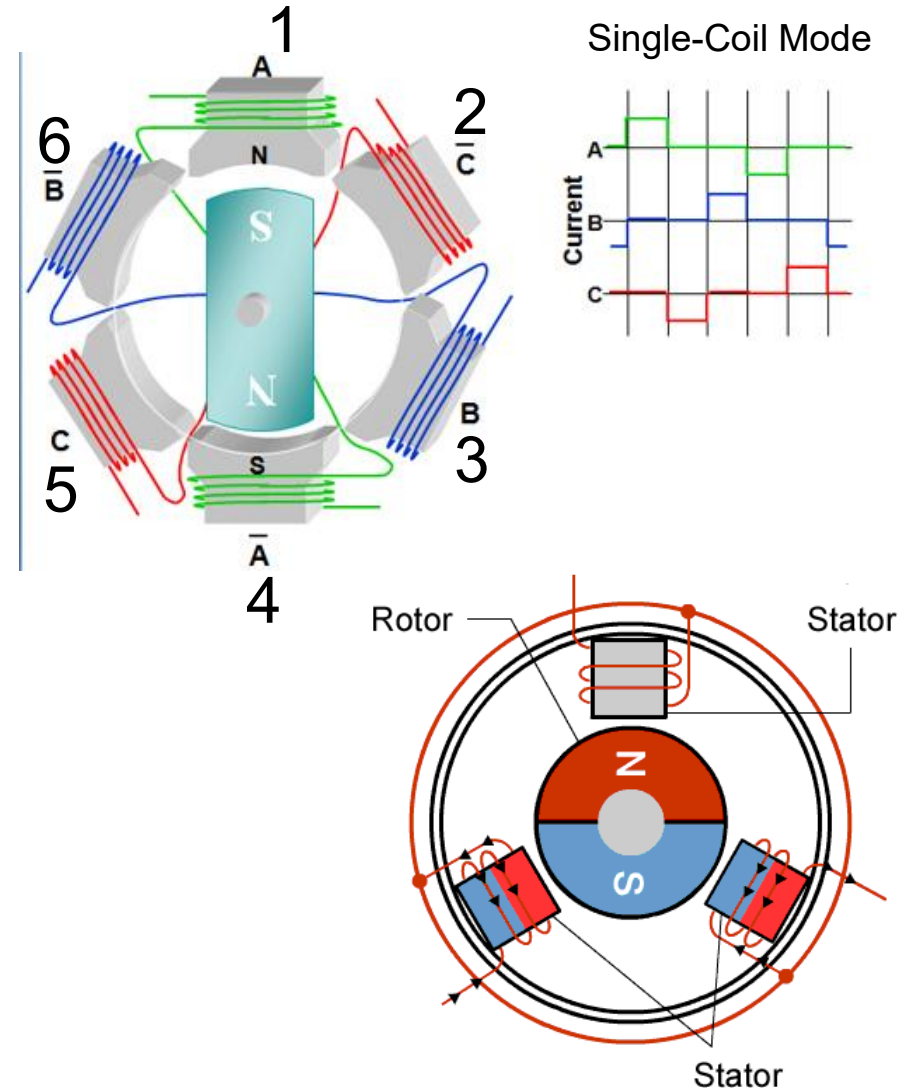


# Video Showing Design and Working Principle

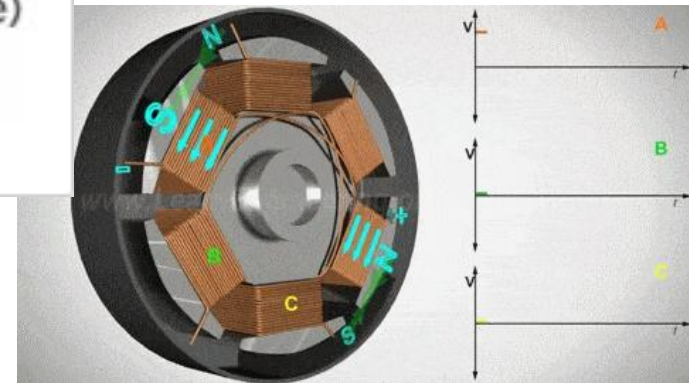
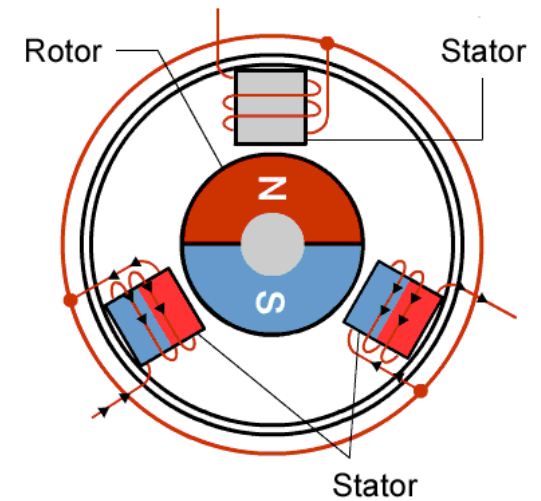
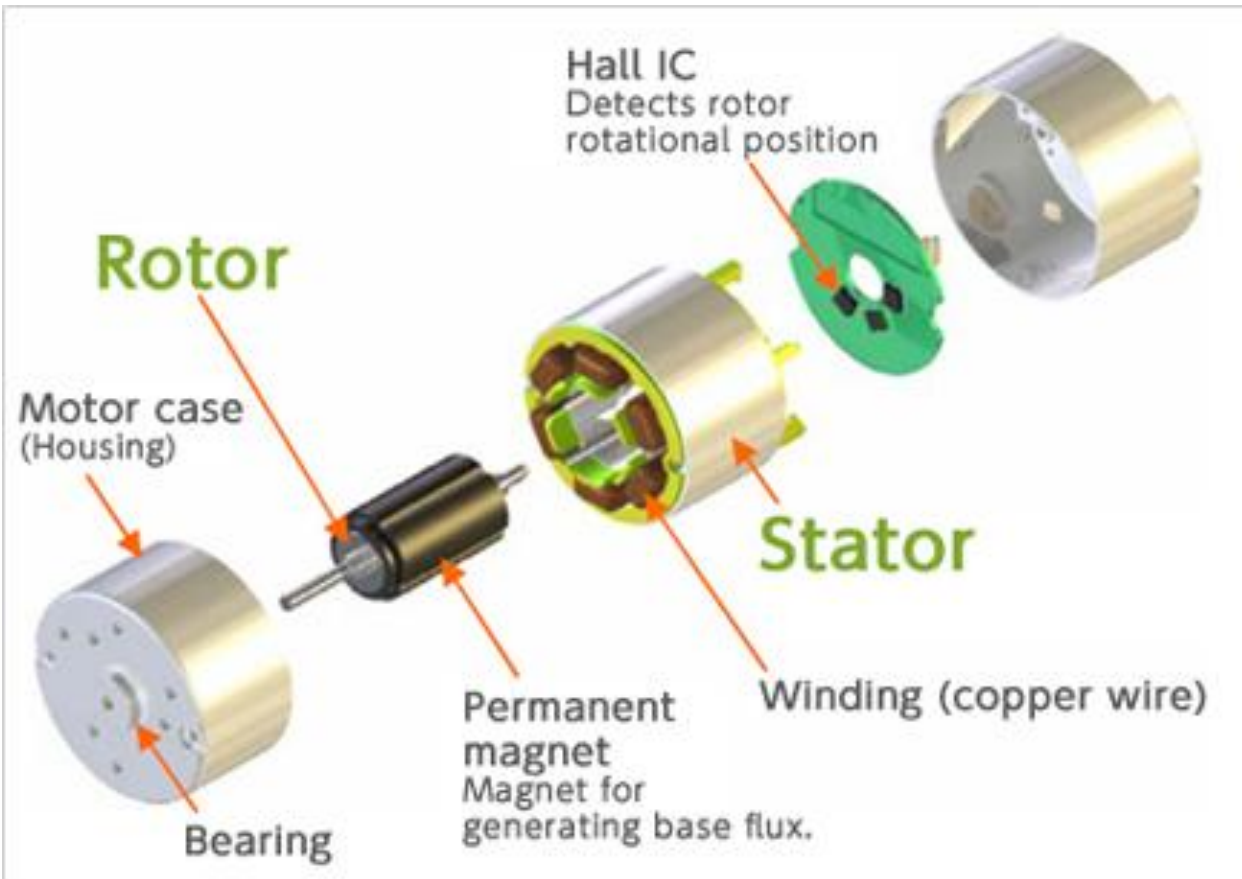


# Summary of Design and Working Principle

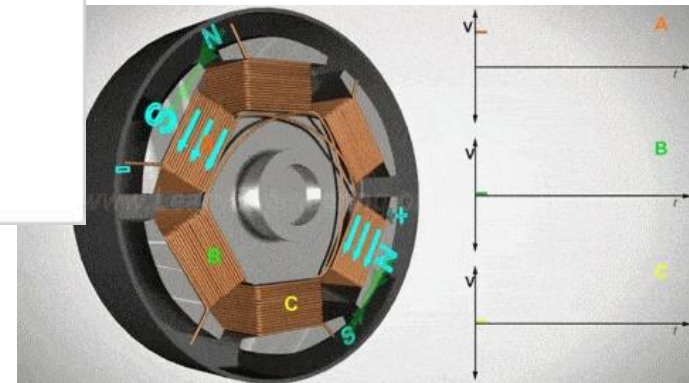
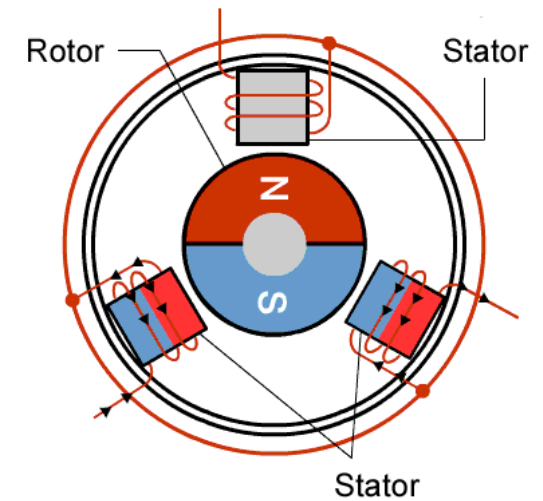
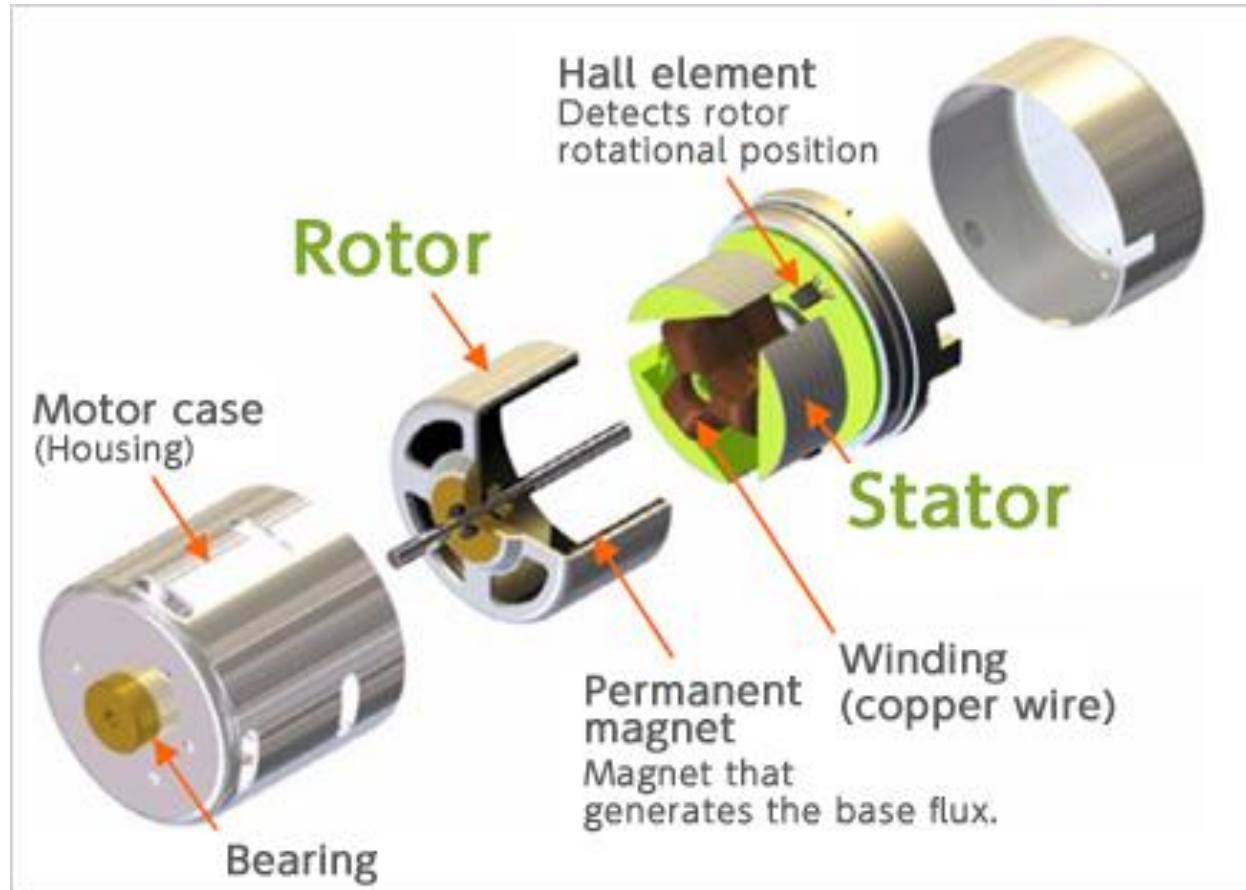
- ▶ The rotor is made of permanent magnet.
- ▶ The stator has a set of electromagnets.
- ▶ The stator's electromagnets are sequentially excited in order to create a rotating magnetic field.
- ▶ The stator's rotating magnetic field will cause the rotator to follow the rotation.
- ▶ The hall sensors are employed to provide the position feedback so as to synchronize the commutation of excitations.



# Design Example of BLDC Motor

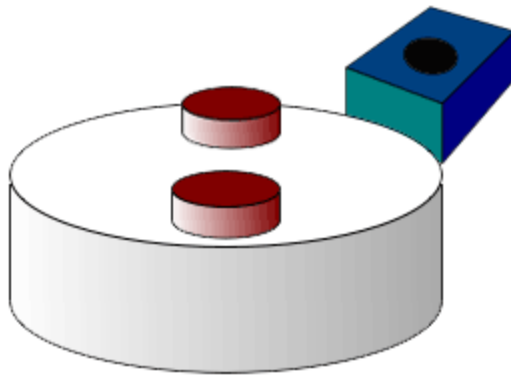


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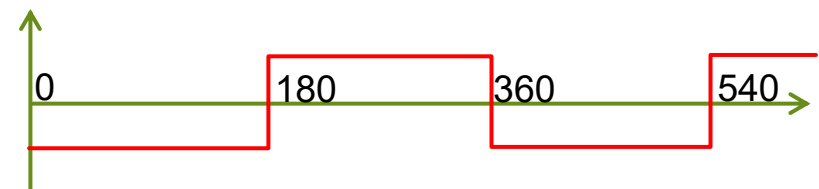
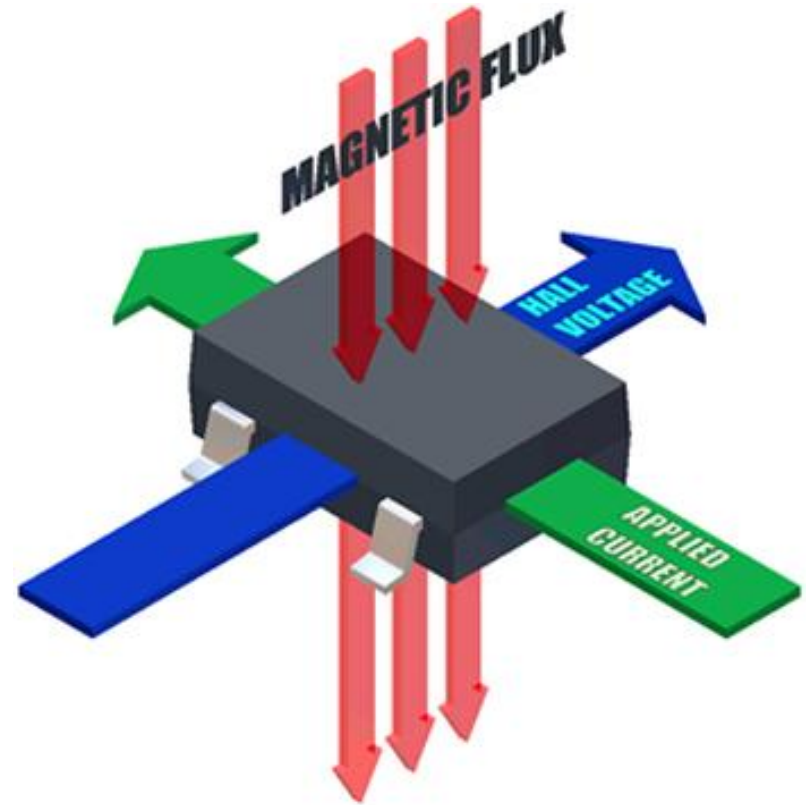


# Working Principle of Hall Sensor

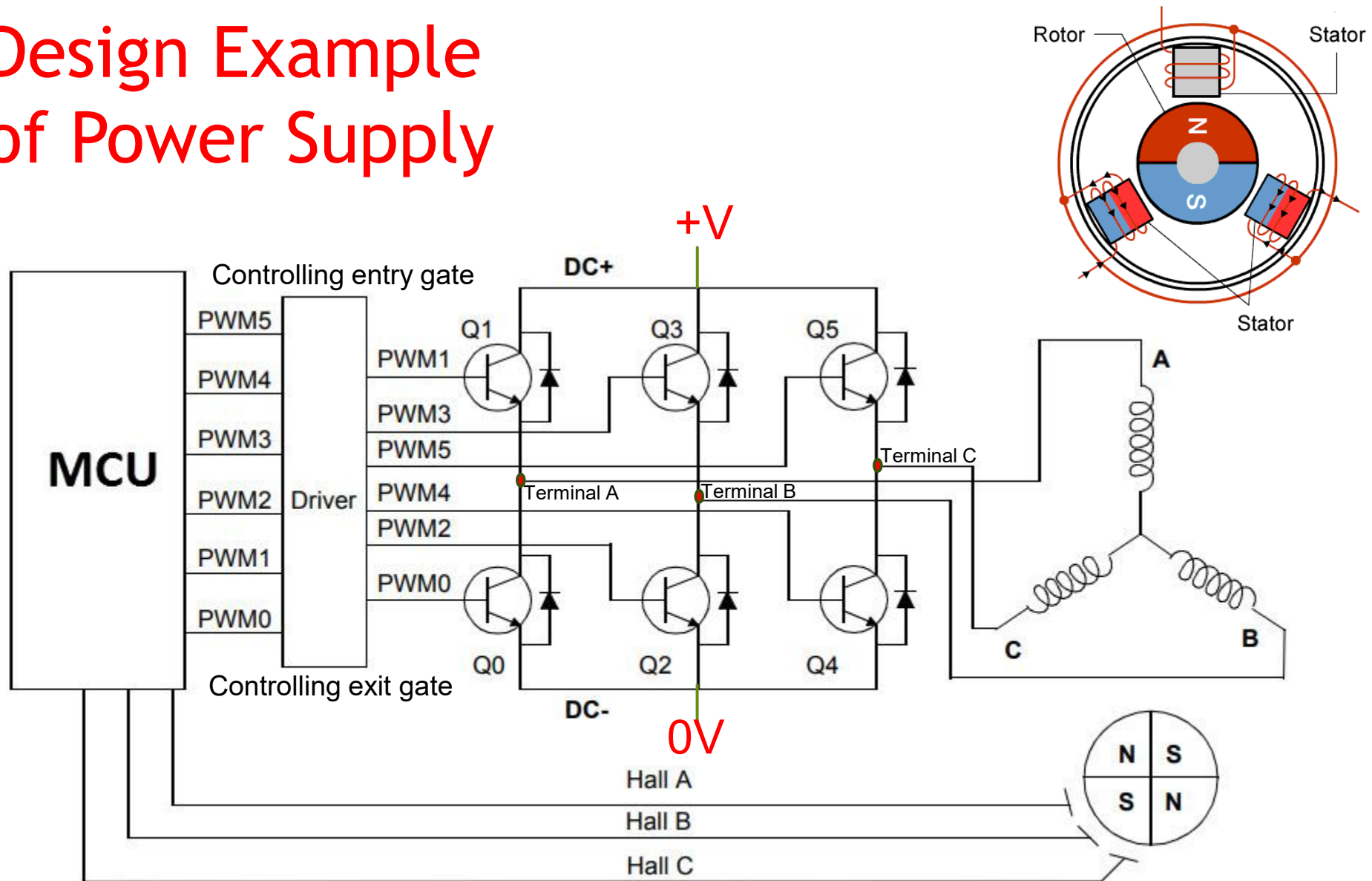
- ▶ When magnetic flux passes through the sensor, a voltage is produced as output.



Hall Effect Sensor

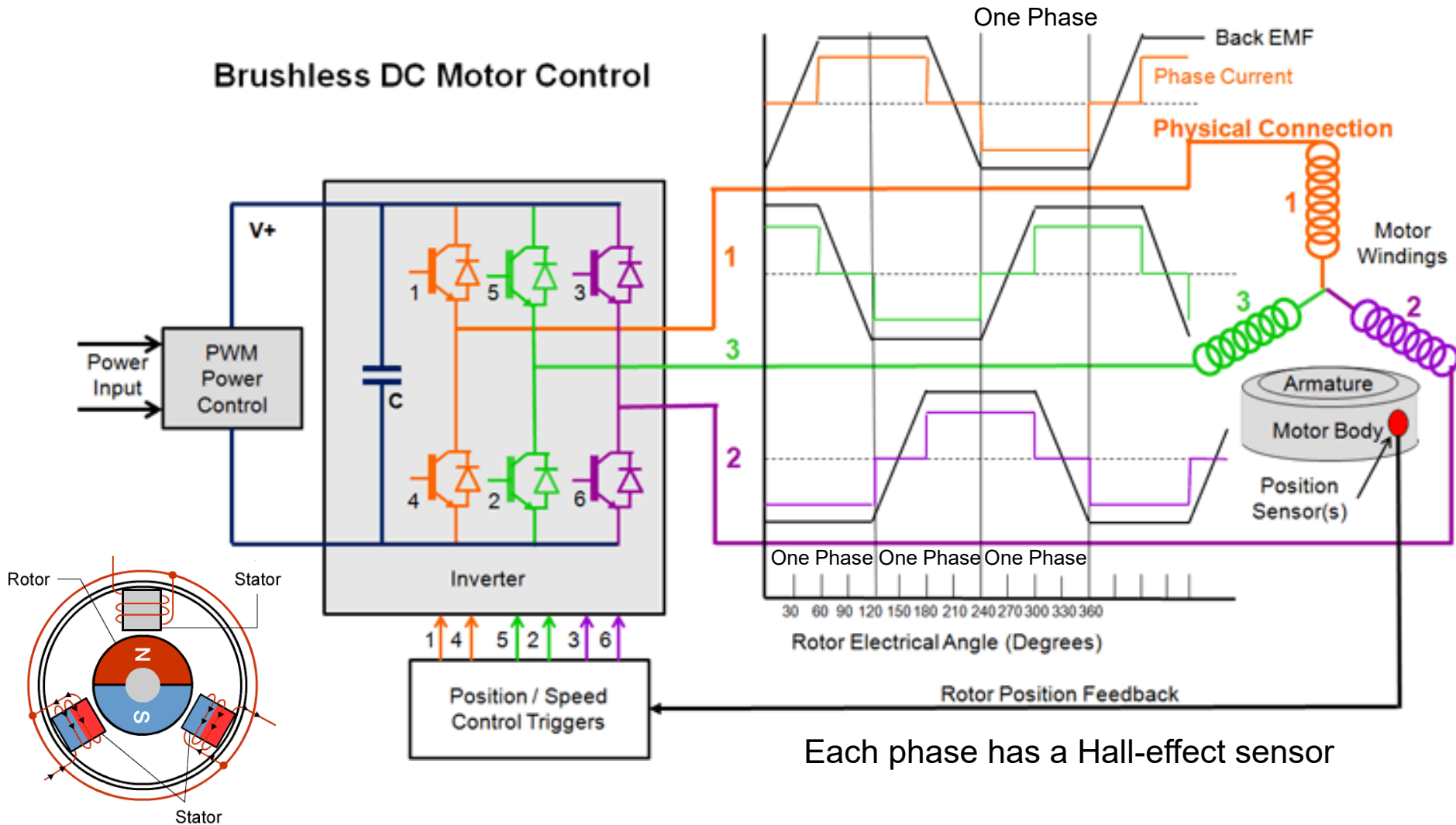


# Design Example of Power Supply



# Design Example of Output Control

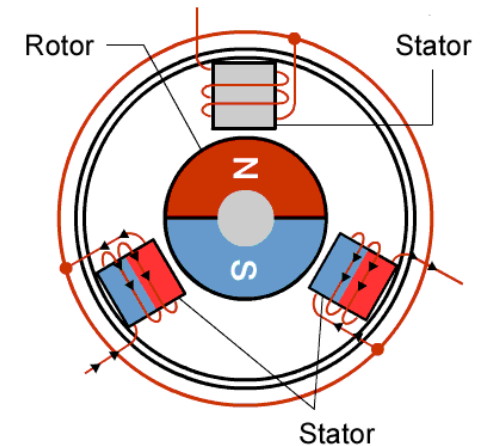
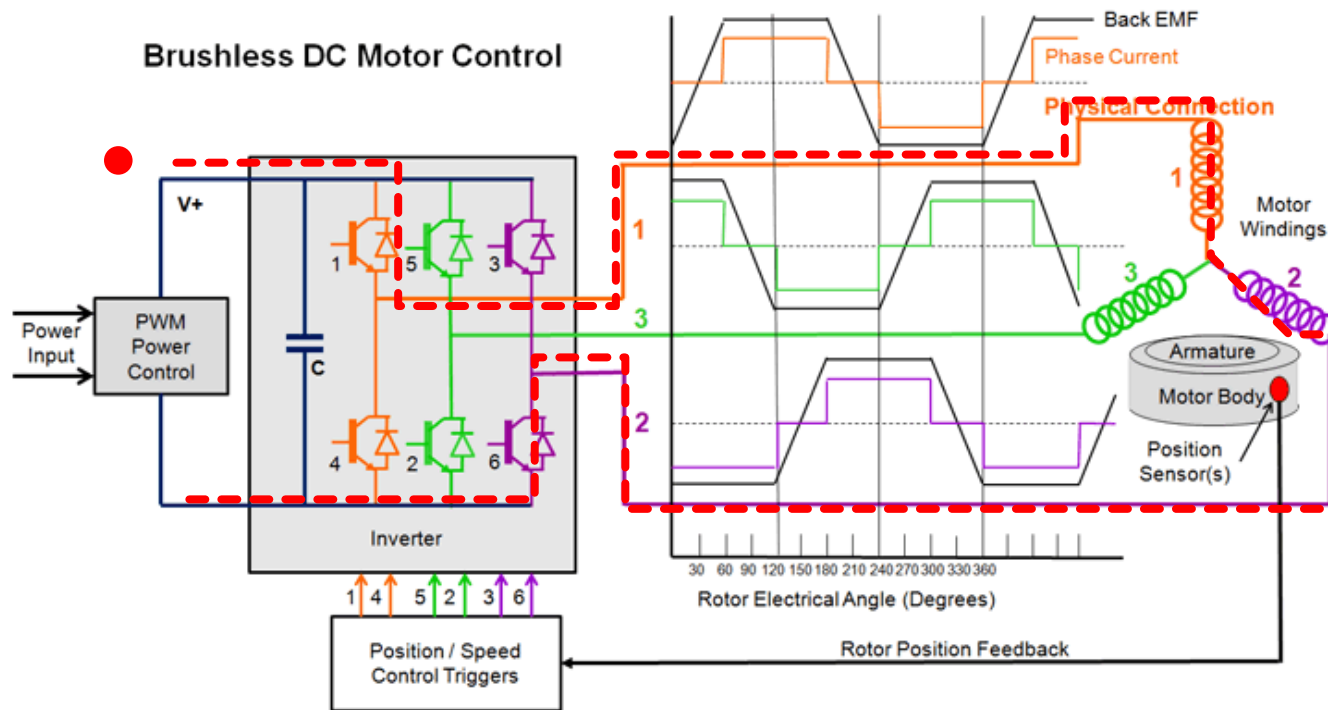
## Brushless DC Motor Control



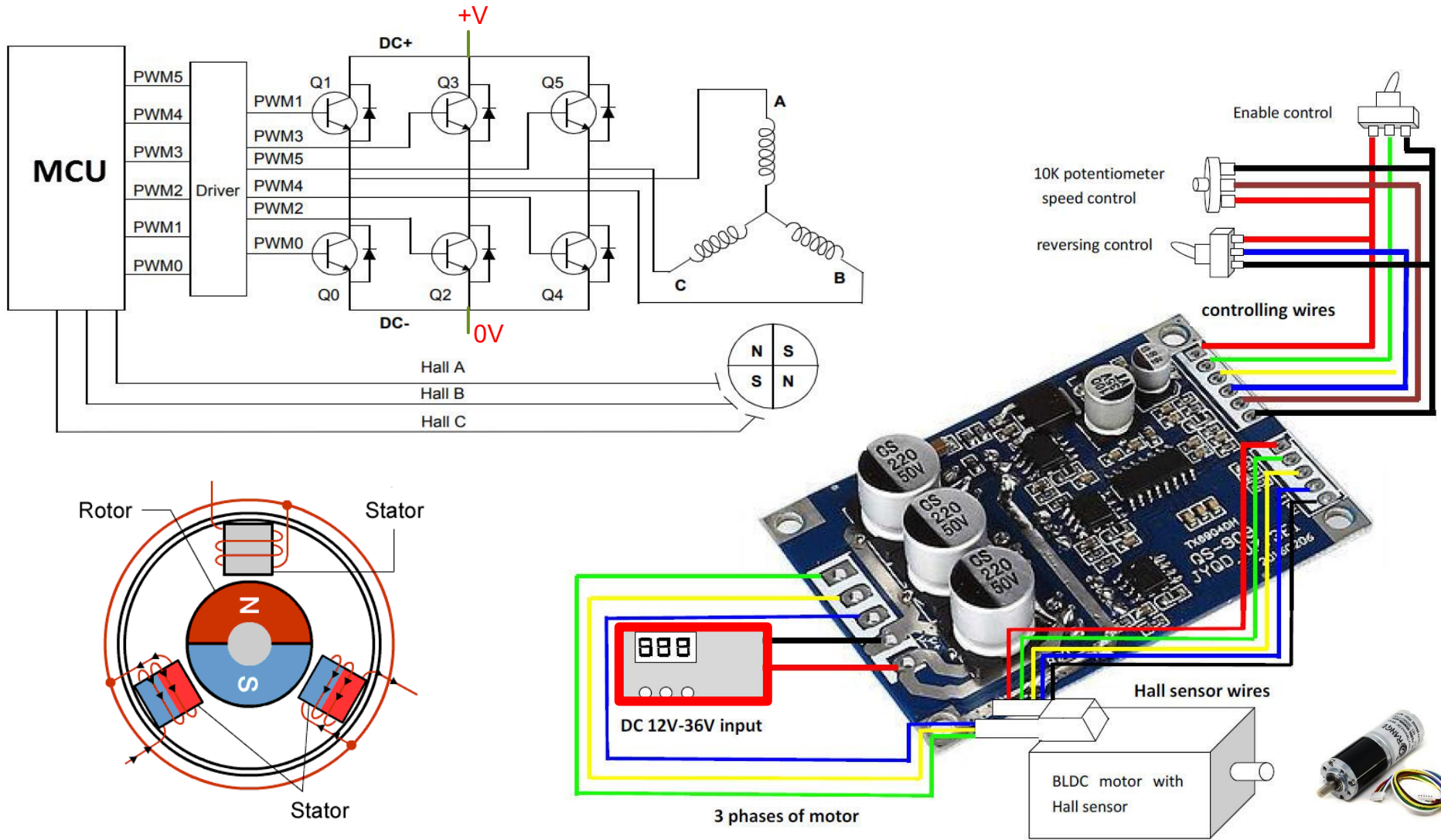
# Example of Controlling Direction

► Draw the flow of current when the switches 1 and 6 are on.

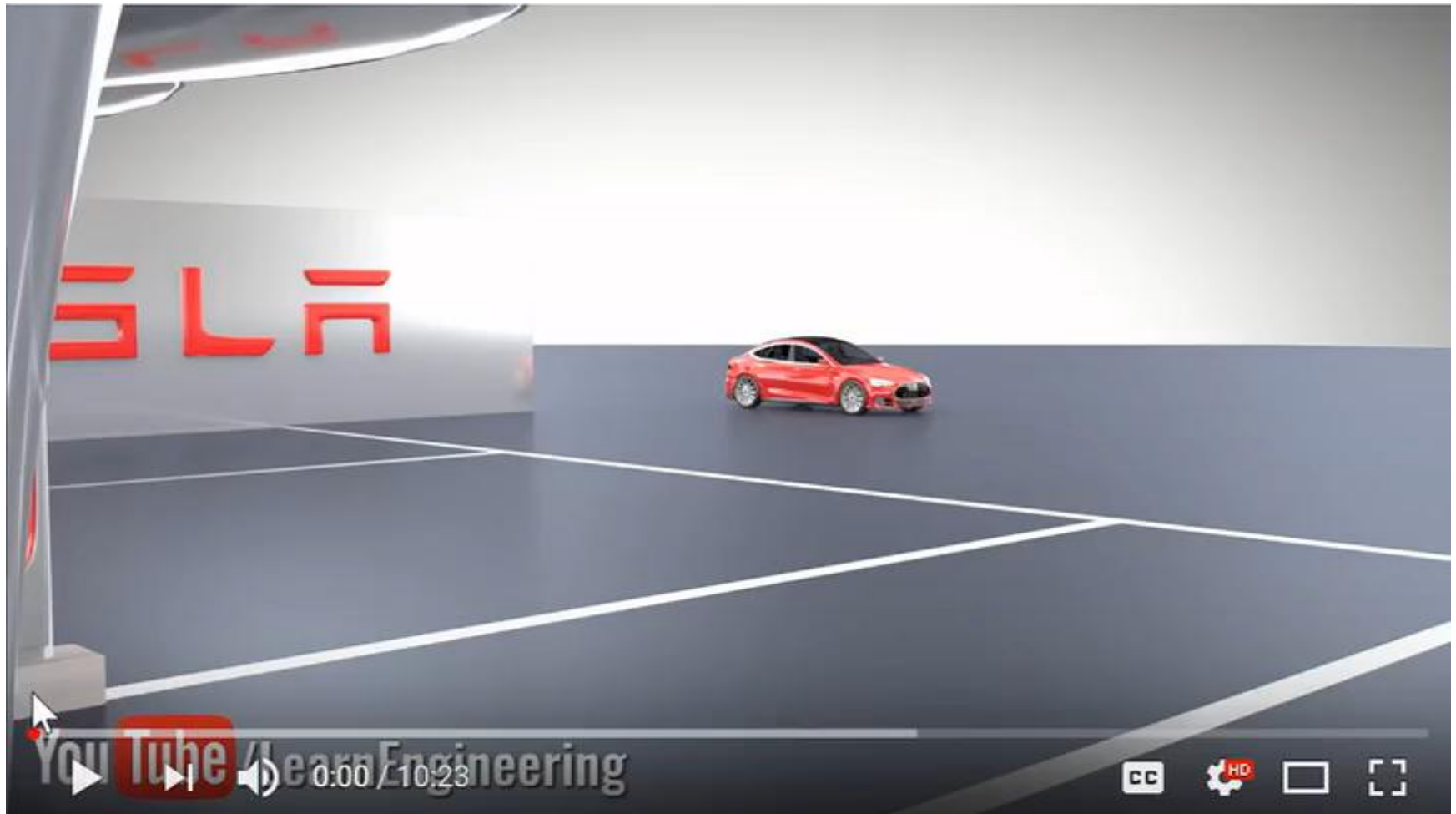
► Answer:



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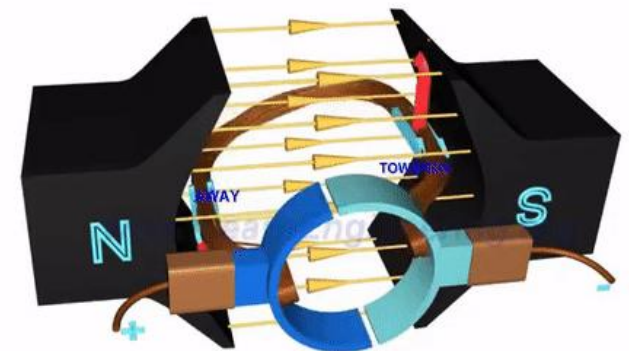
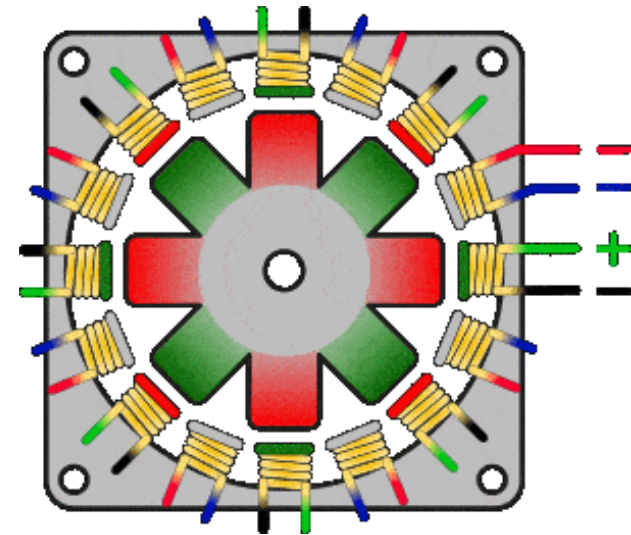


# Application of BLDC Motors to Electric Cars



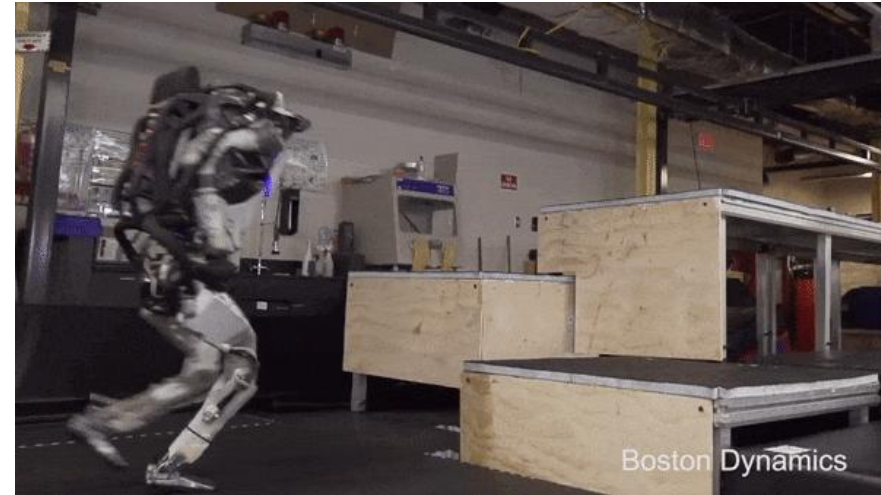
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# Outline of Module 1

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- ▶ Robot's Mechanical Systems
- ▶ Robot's Control Systems
  - ▶ Controllers
  - ▶ Actuators
  - ▶ Sensors
- ▶ Robot's Programming Systems



## What to design?

- The best systems in the universe are static systems
- Most systems in the universe are dynamic systems
- Our goal is to make dynamic systems to be closer to static systems



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# Robot Sensors



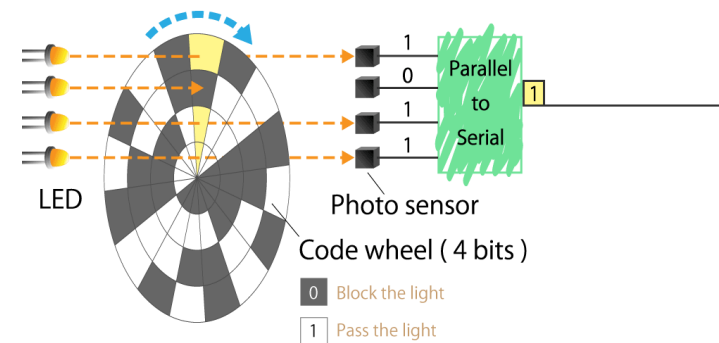
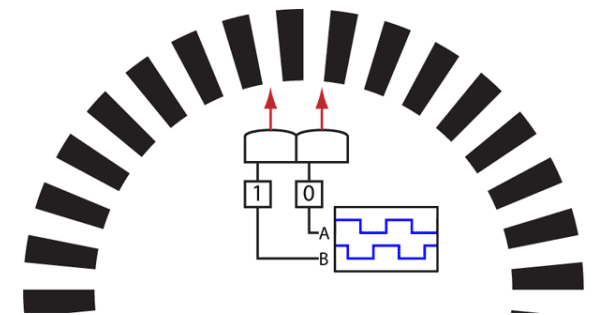
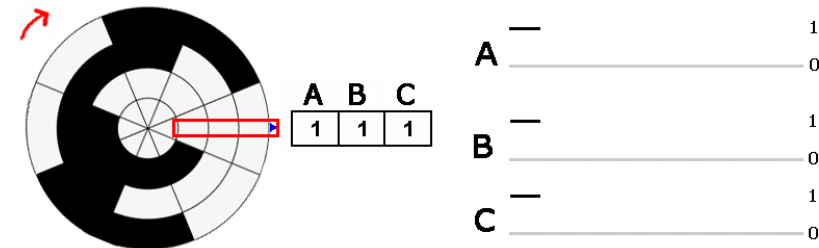
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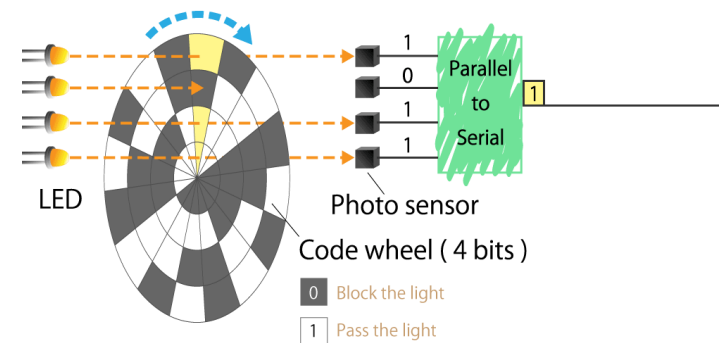
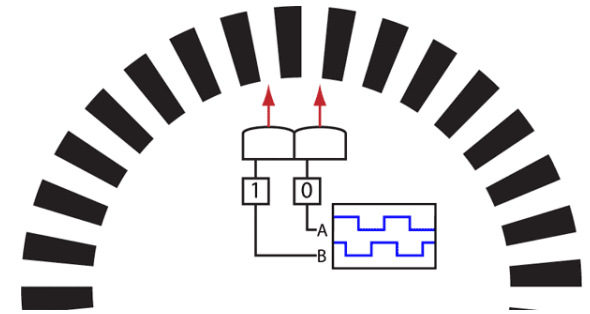
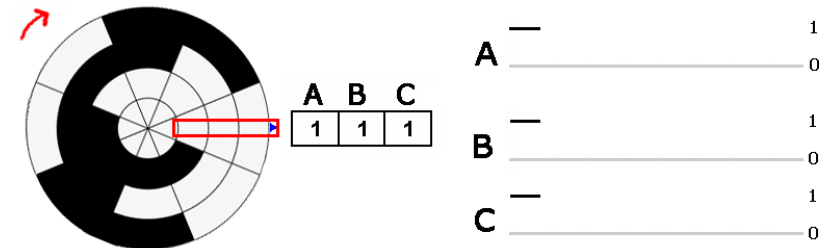
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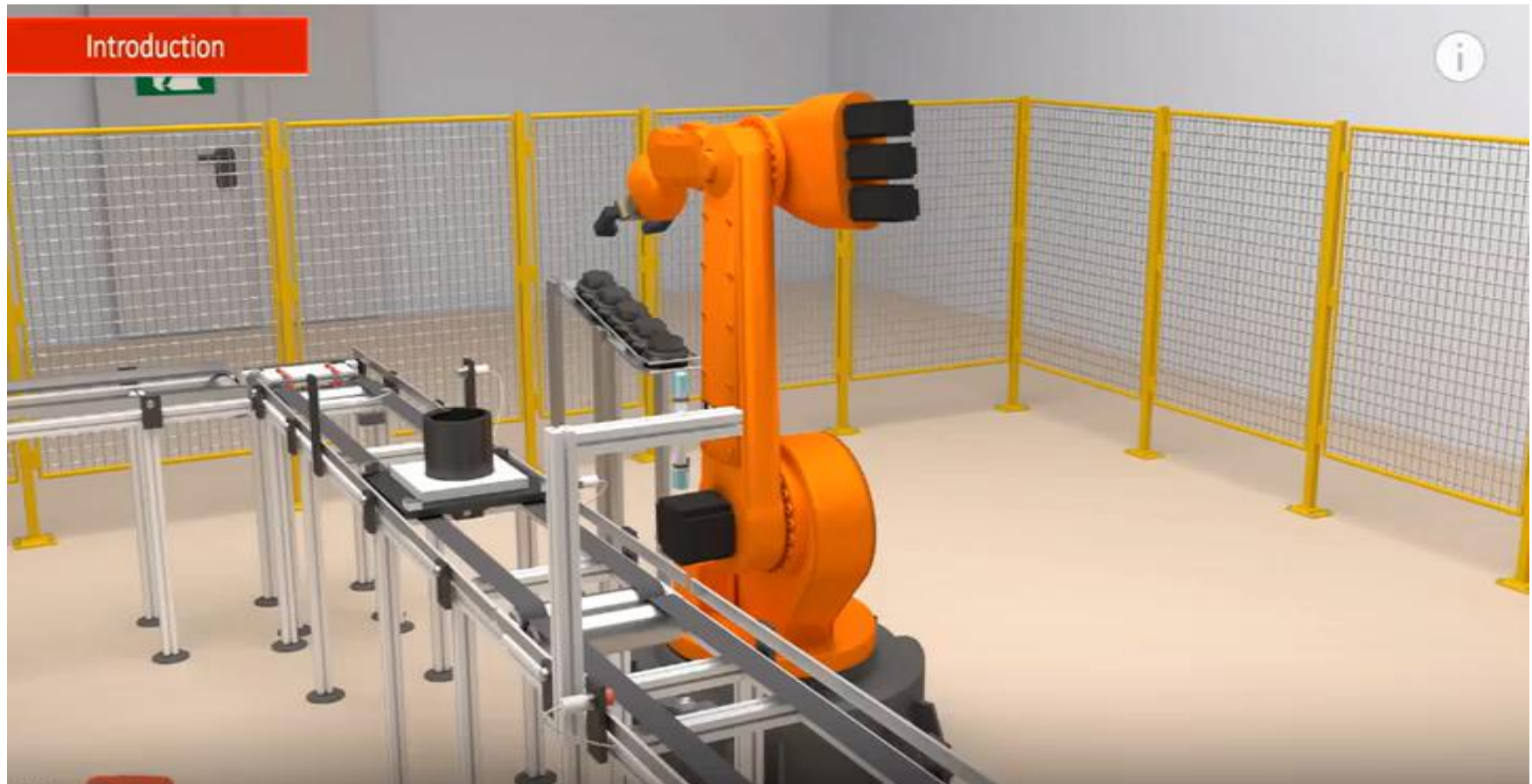
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# How to precisely control a robot?



# How to precisely control each joint?

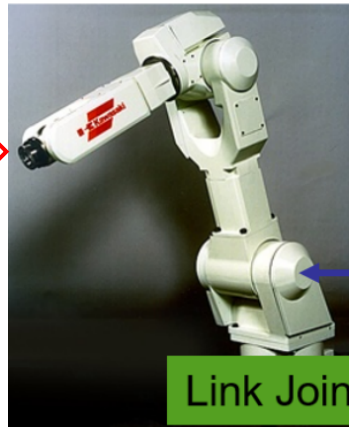


# Why are sensors so important?

- Answer: Provide sensory feedback to controllers.

Without sensors, there will be no error control!

How to determine desired output motion?



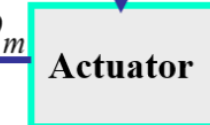
Link Joint

$$(k\tau_m) \times \left(\frac{\omega_m}{k}\right)$$

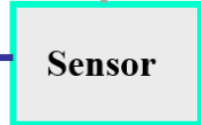


Torque Joint

$$\tau_m \times \omega_m$$



Power Joint

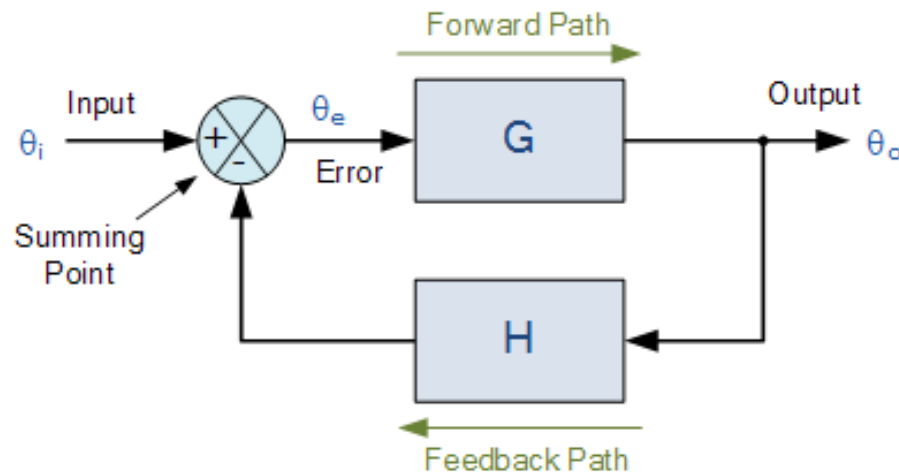


Desired Motion

Actual Motion

# Why is error control so important?

- ▶ The best systems in the universe are static systems.
- ▶ Error control is the only way to make dynamic systems to be closer to static systems.
- ▶ **Attention:** Errors from sensors will 100% appear in the output of any system with error control.

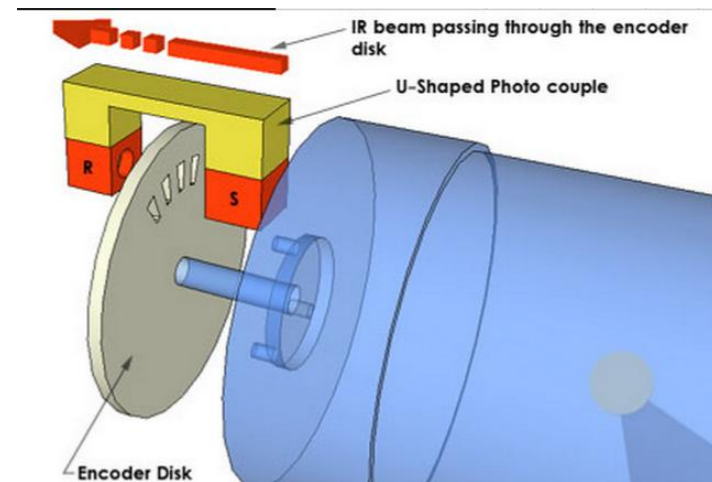
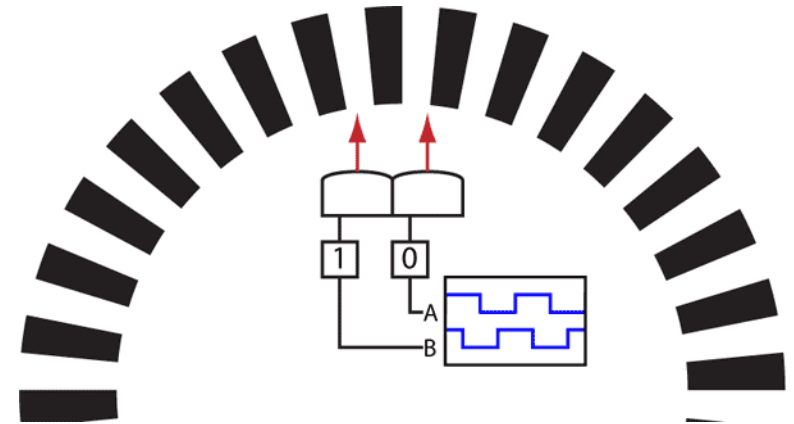


$$\theta_e = \theta_i - H \times \theta_o = 0$$

$$\theta_o = \frac{\theta_i}{H} \quad (\text{without sensory error})$$

$$\theta_o = \frac{\theta_i}{H + \Delta H} \quad (\text{with sensory error})$$

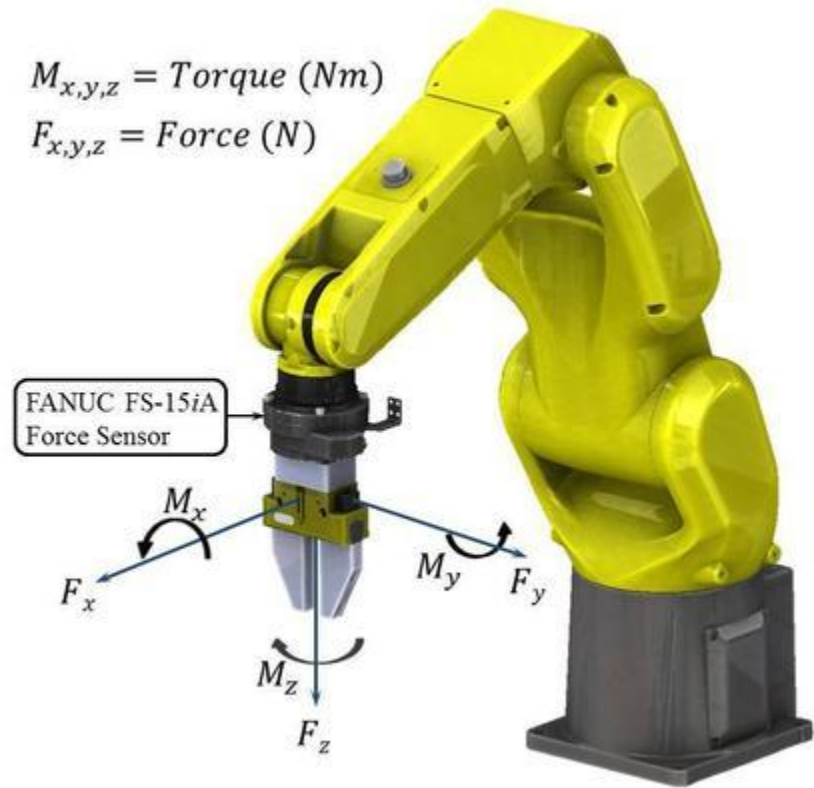
# Sensors enable robots to perform controllable motions.



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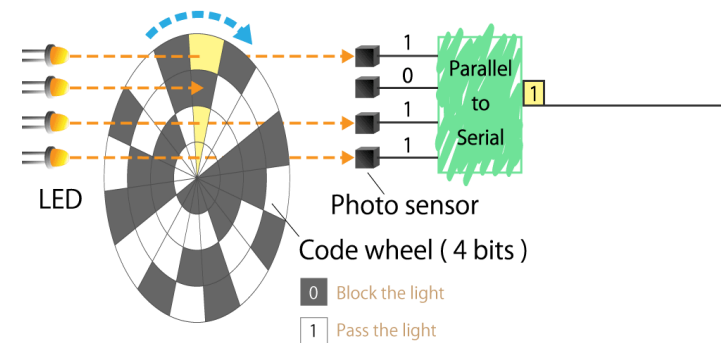
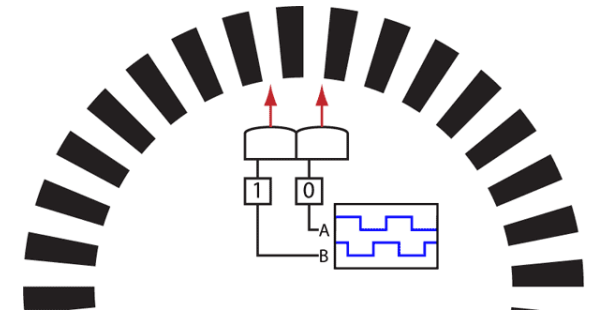
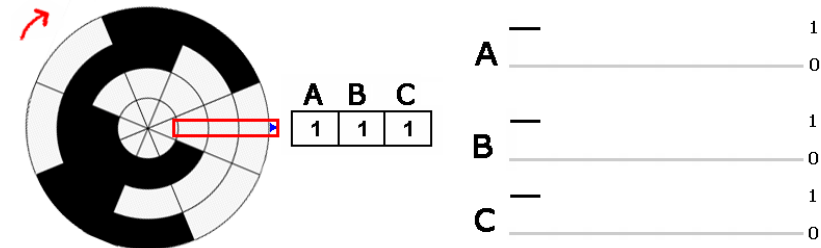


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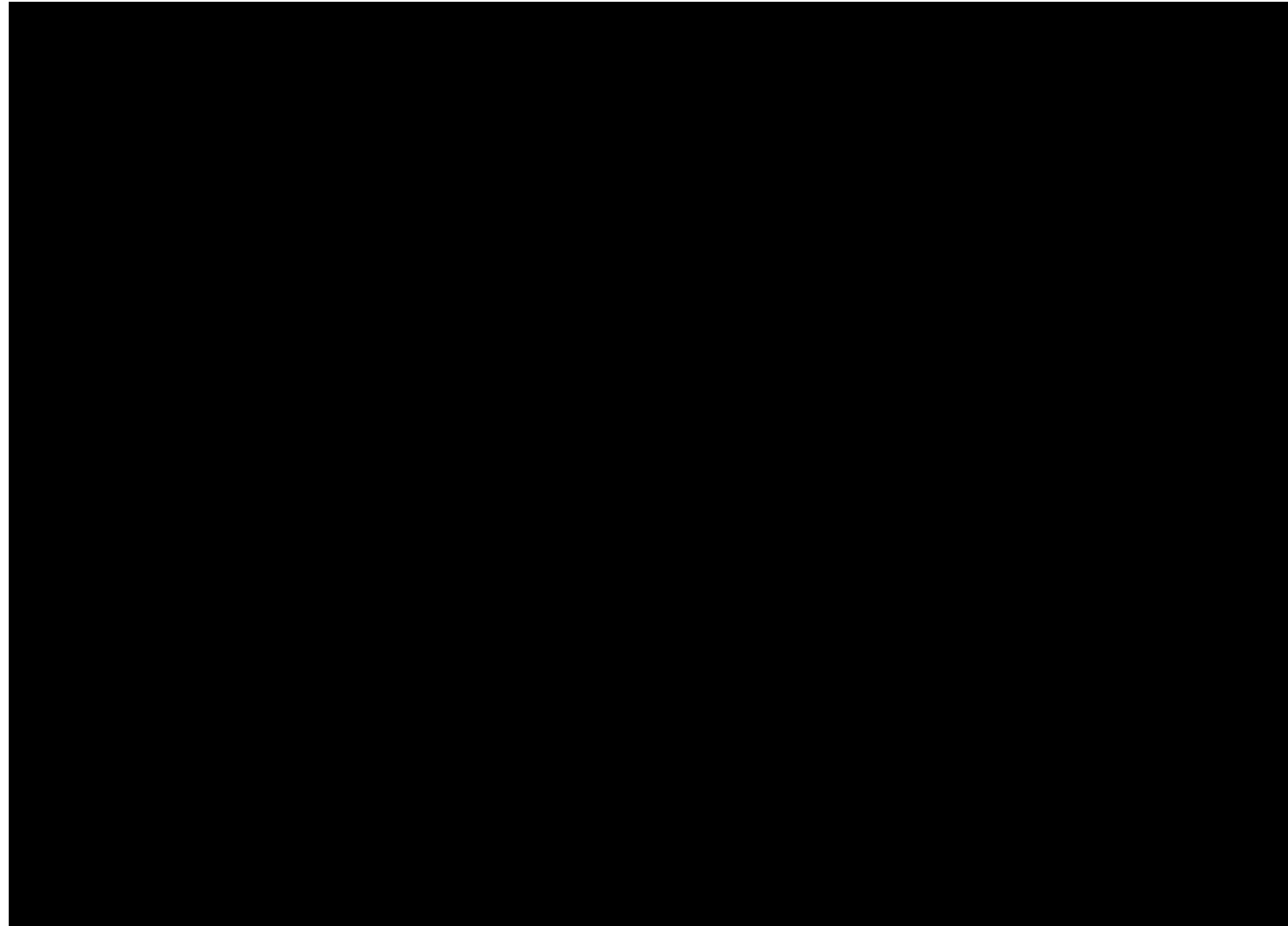


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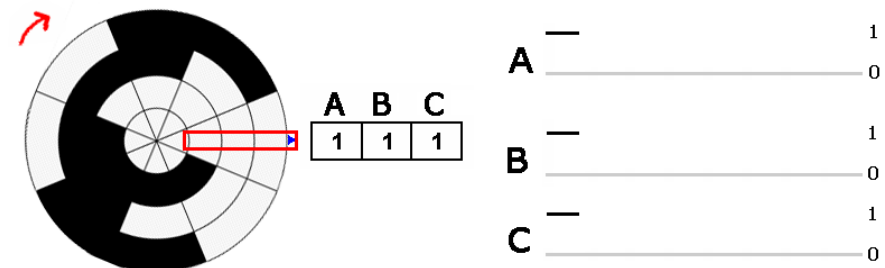
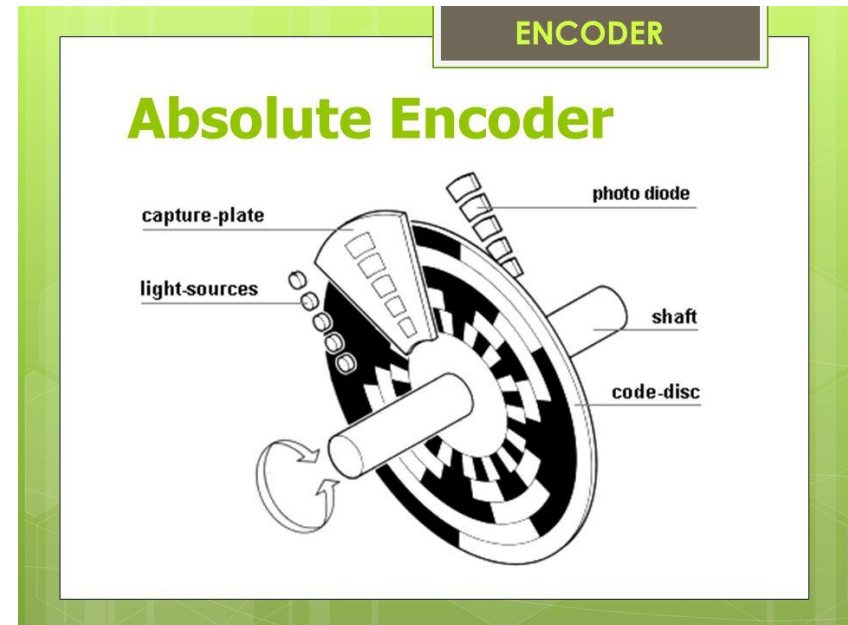


# Video Showing Design and Working Principle



# Summary of Design and Working Principle

- ▶ A code disk has a set of slots or tracks.
- ▶ Each slot or track represents one bit.
- ▶ Each slot or track has a number of segments of holes (1) and solid zones (0).
- ▶ The combination of holes and solid zones in the radial direction is a unique pattern, which represents one angular or linear position.
- ▶ The pattern of holes and solid zones are read by a set of photo cells or photo diodes.

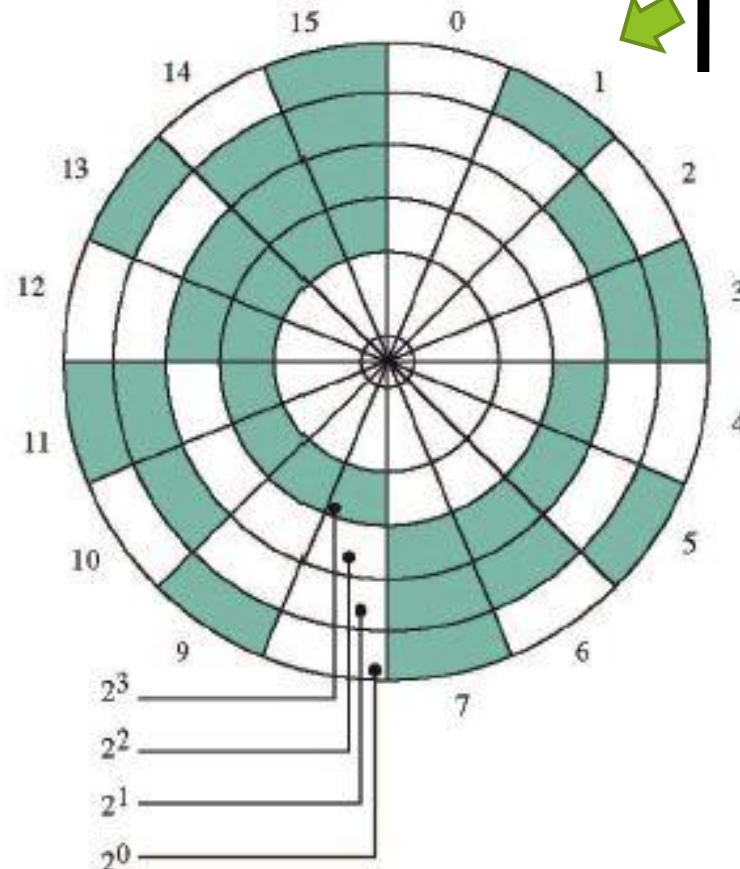
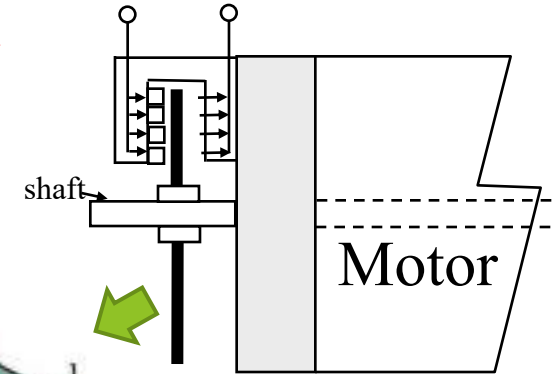


# Design Example: 3-bit Sensor

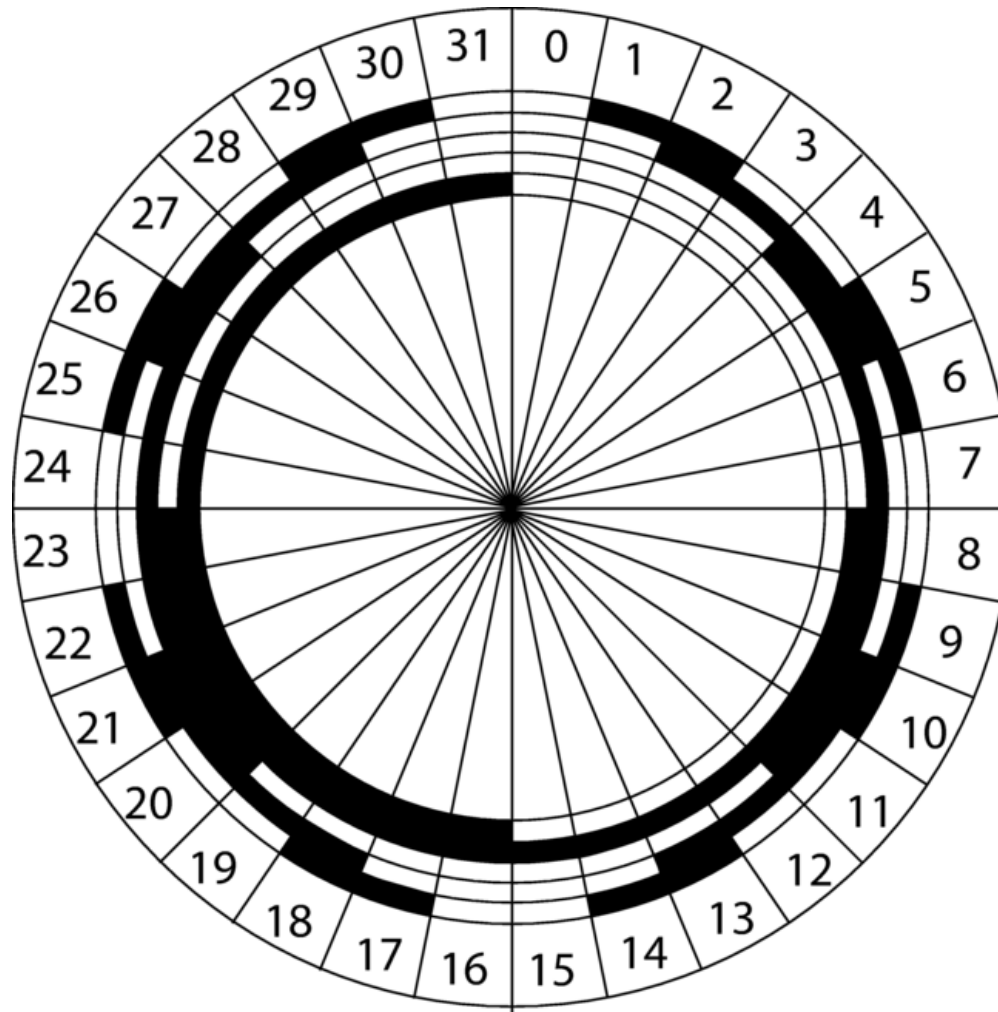


# Design Example: 4-bit Sensor

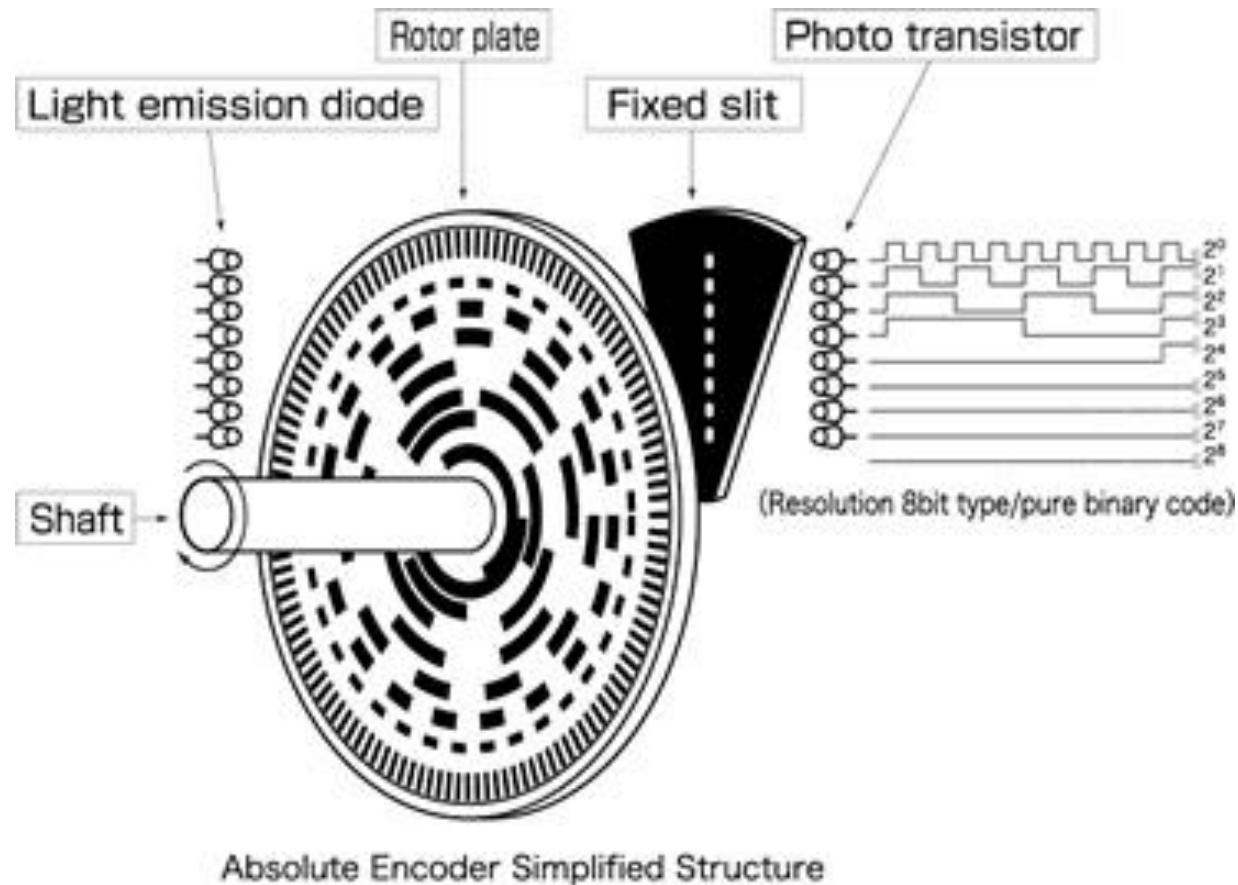
- ▶ Bit 0 is controlled by the outer slot or track.
- ▶ There are four slots or tracks.
- ▶ Each slot or track has sixteen segments.
- ▶ Each segment is either a hole (1) or a solid zone (0).
- ▶ Lights can only pass through holes in order to reach the photo cells which produce pulses as readings.



# Design Example: 5-bit Sensor

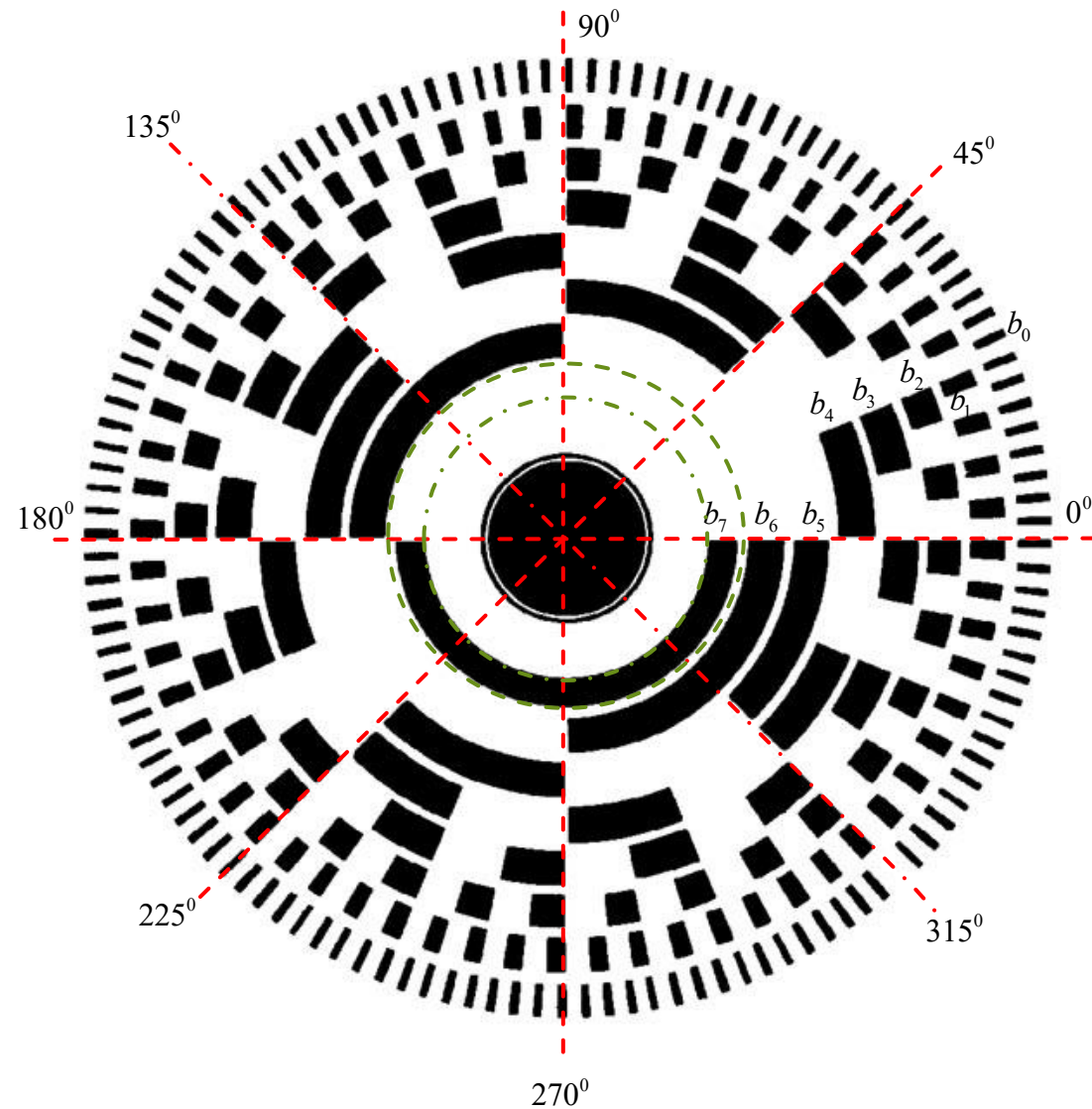


# Design Example: 8-bit Sensor



# Exercise

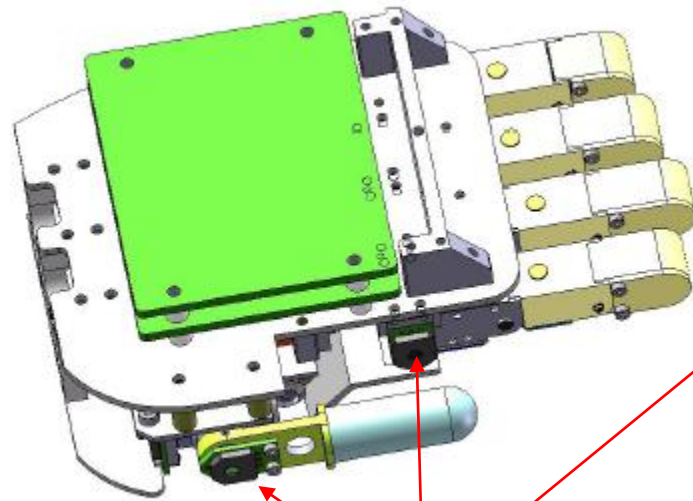
- ▶ An absolute position sensor has 8 output bits to represent the discrete positions.
- ▶ What is the total number of measurable positions?
- ▶ Answer:  $2^8 = 256$
- ▶ The reading of zero position is 0000 0000.
- ▶ The reading of 45 degrees is 0010 0000 ( $=32=45 \cdot 256 / 360$ ).
- ▶ The reading of 135 degrees is 0110 0000 ( $=96=135 \cdot 256 / 360$ ).



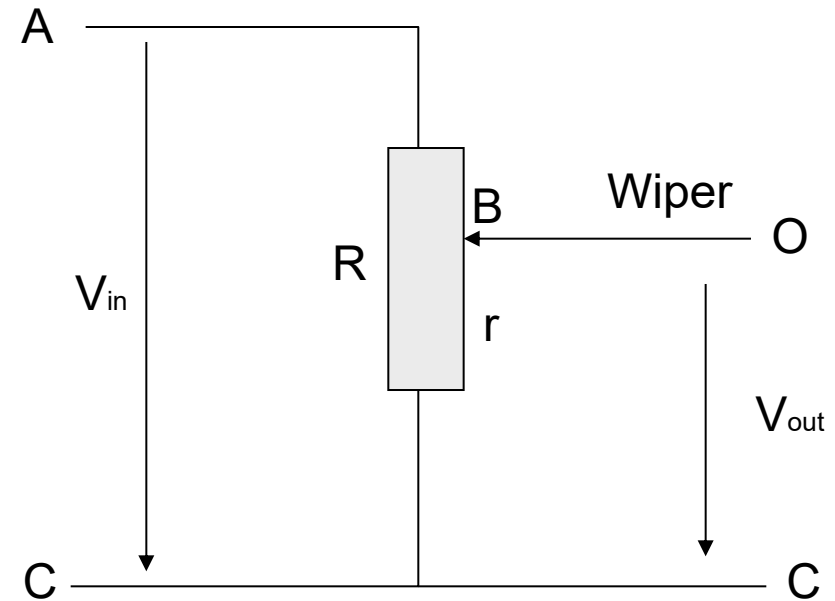
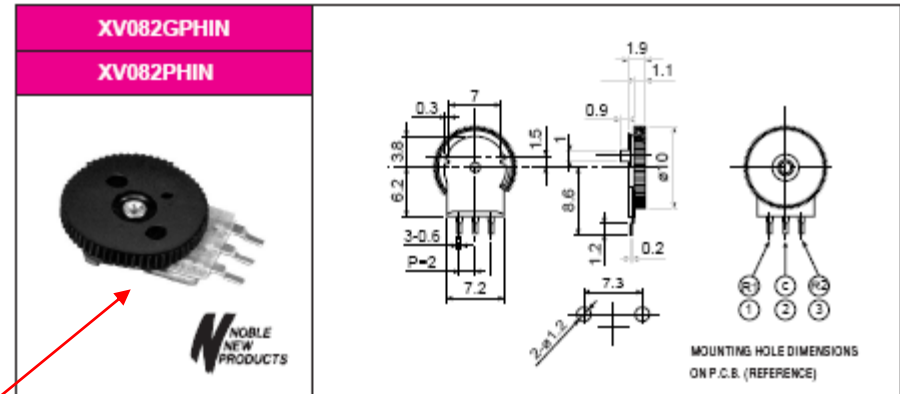
## More Design Example of Position Sensor



# Other Type of Position Sensor



Potentiometer

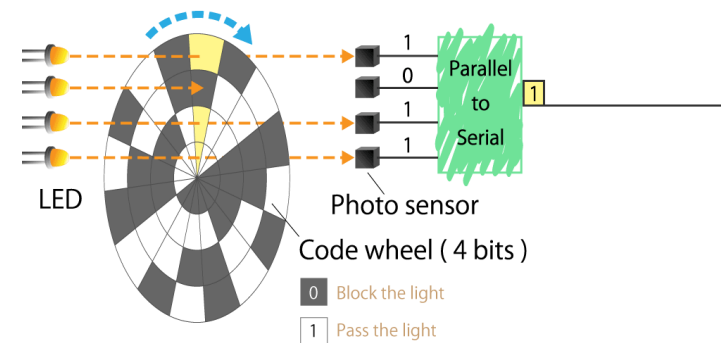
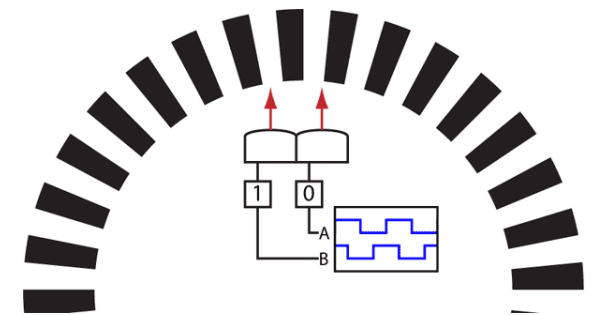
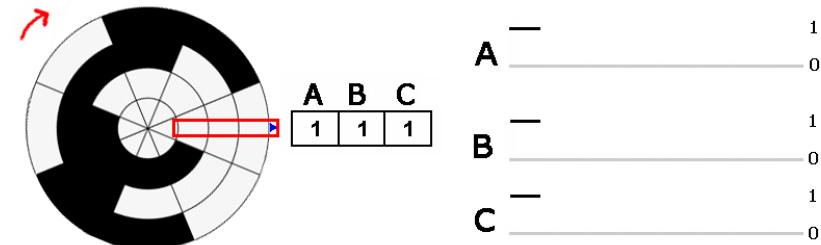


$$V_{out} = \frac{V_{in}}{R} \cdot r$$

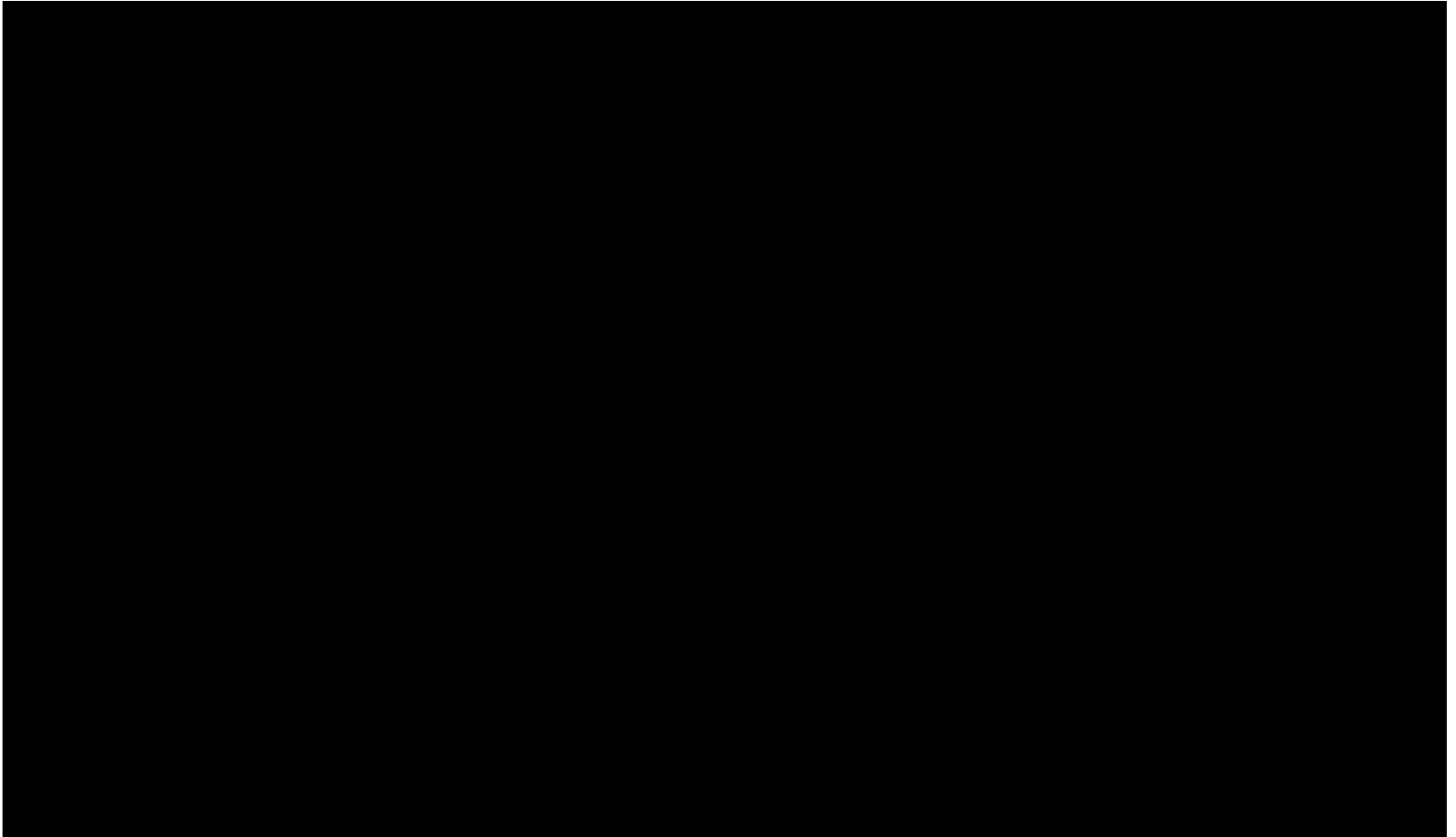
$$= \frac{V_{in}}{2\pi L} \cdot (\theta L) = \frac{V_{in}}{2\pi} \cdot \theta$$

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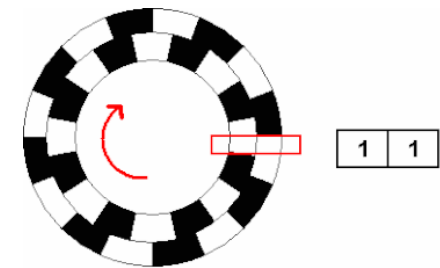
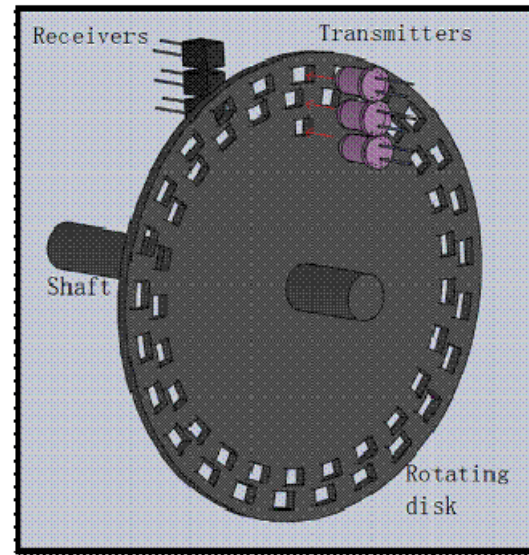


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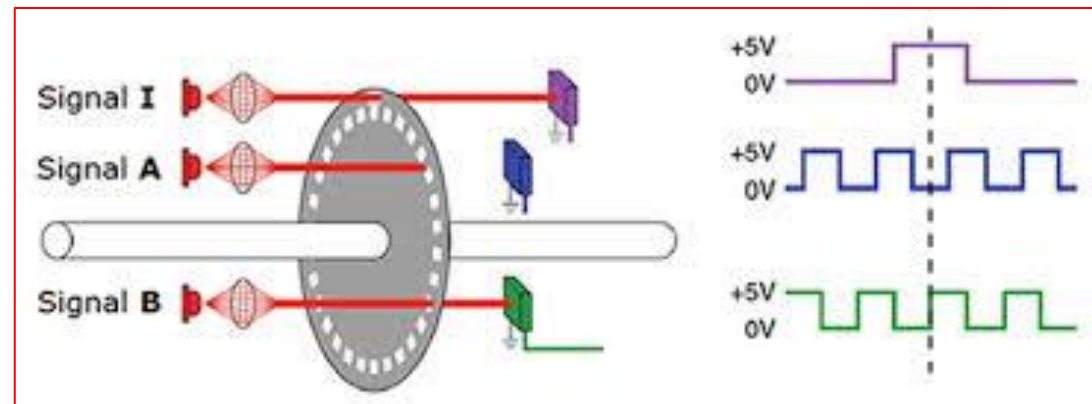
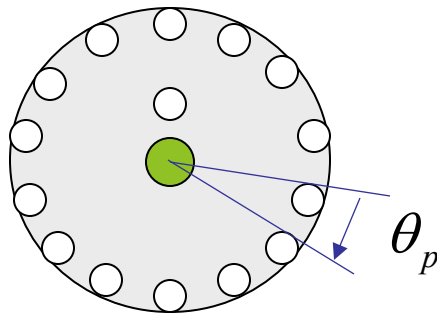


# Summary of Design and Working Principle

- ▶ A code disk has a ring of holes.
- ▶ A pair of light and photo cell is to convert a displacement into a pulse of logic 1 and 0.
- ▶ The pitch angle between two adjacent holes is equal to an angular displacement.
- ▶ The counting of the pulses within a time interval allows to determine the speed.

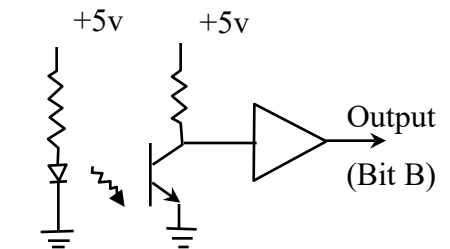
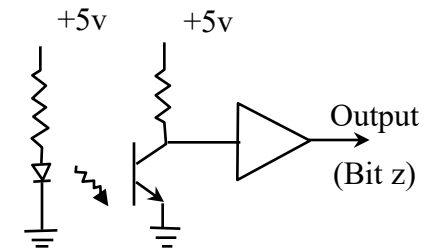
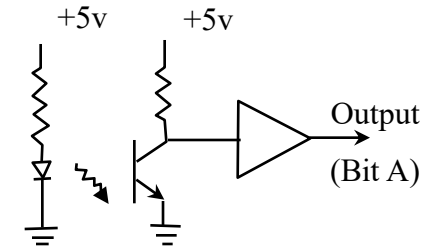
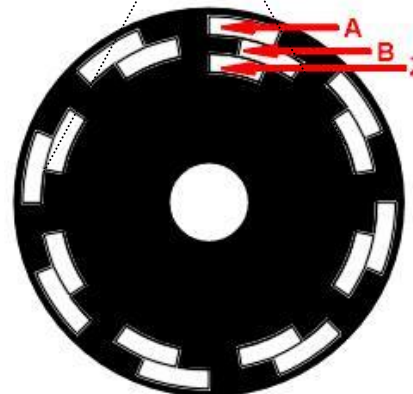
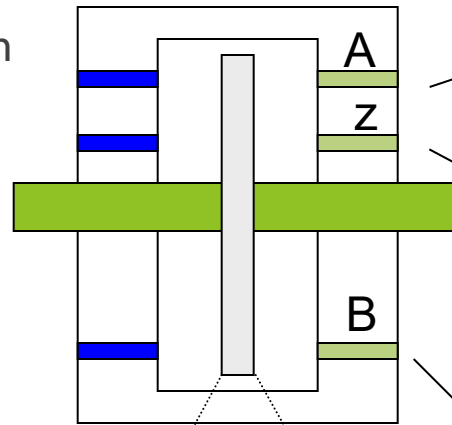
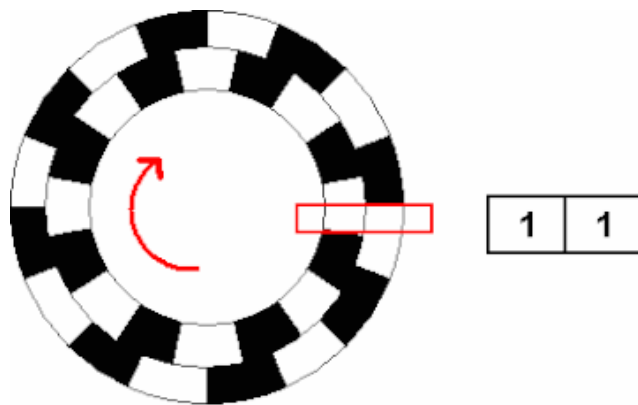


$$\bar{\omega} = \frac{C \times \theta_p}{\Delta t}$$

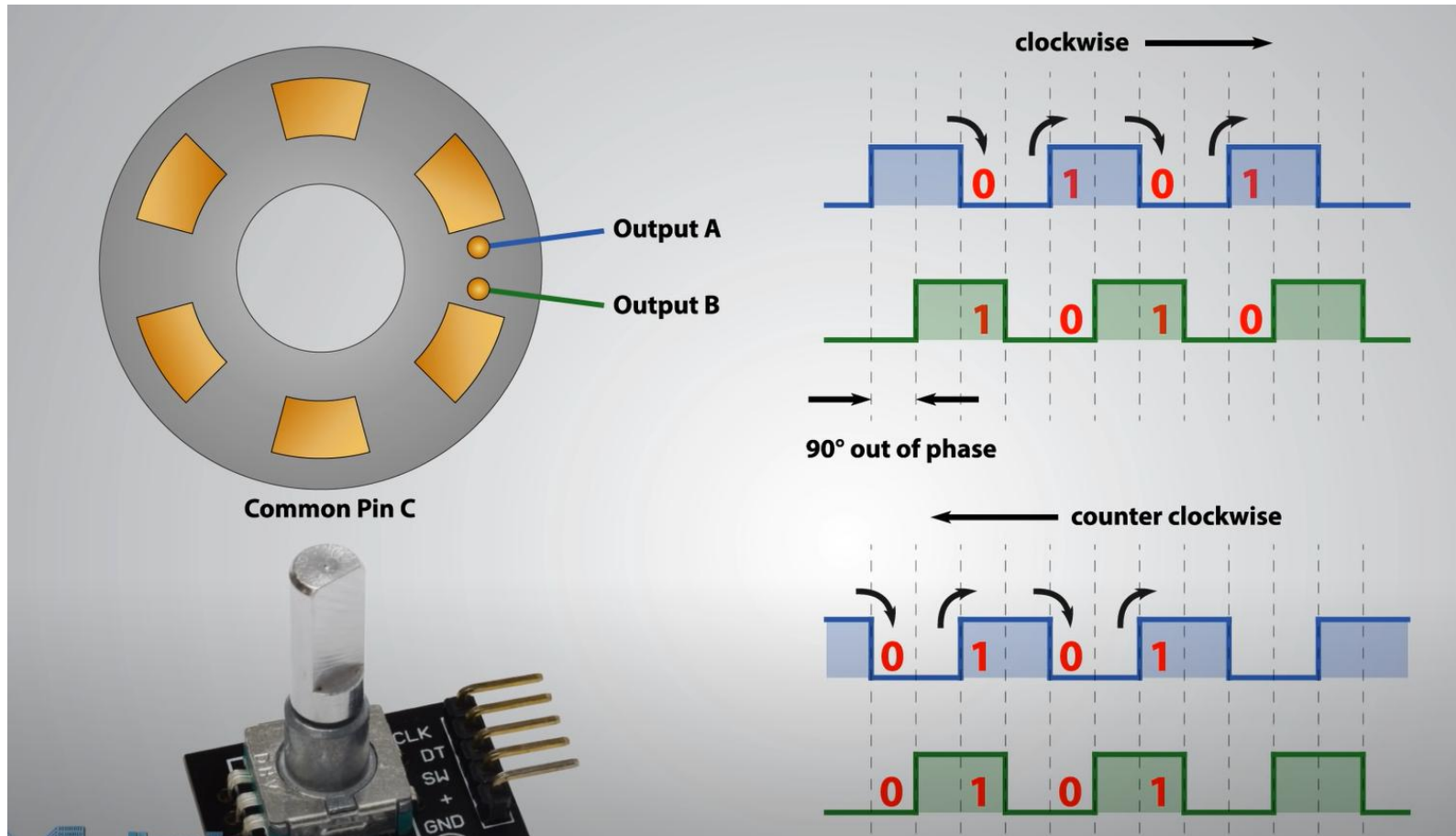
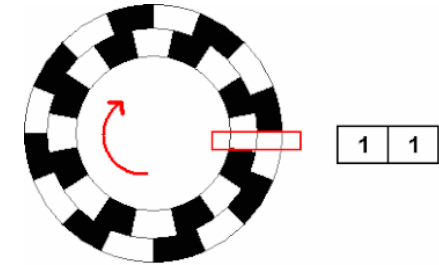


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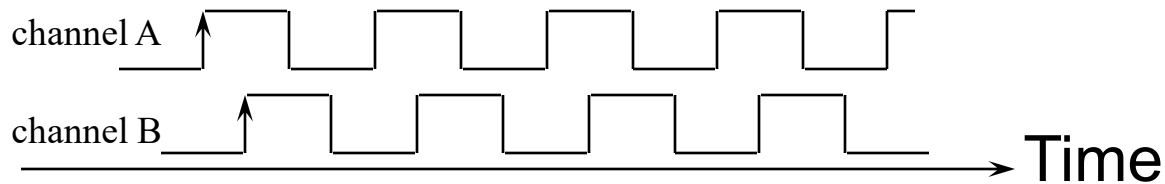
- ▶ Measurement of velocity
- ▶ Measurement of direction of motion
- ▶ Measurement of position with respect to a reference (i.e. zero position)



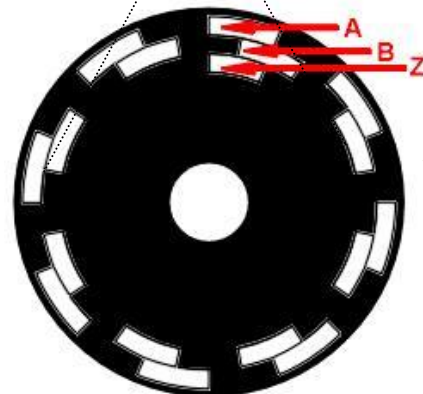
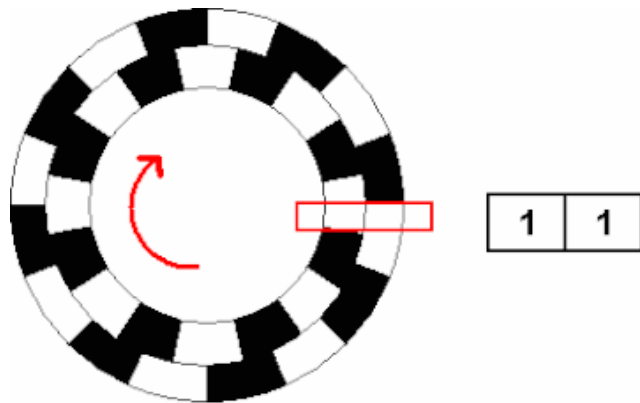
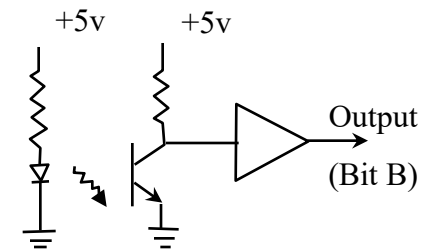
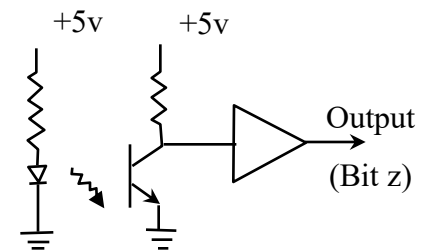
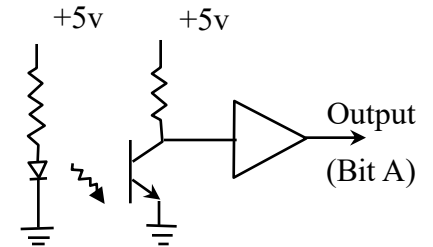
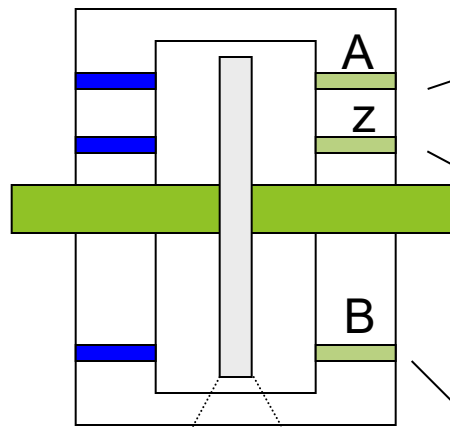
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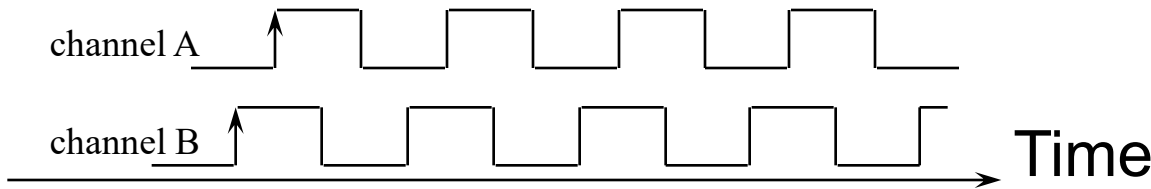
# Detecting Counterclockwise Rotation (CCW)



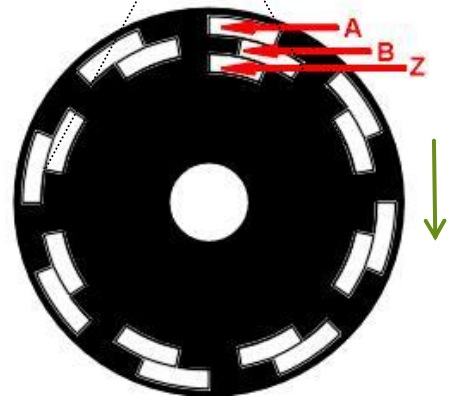
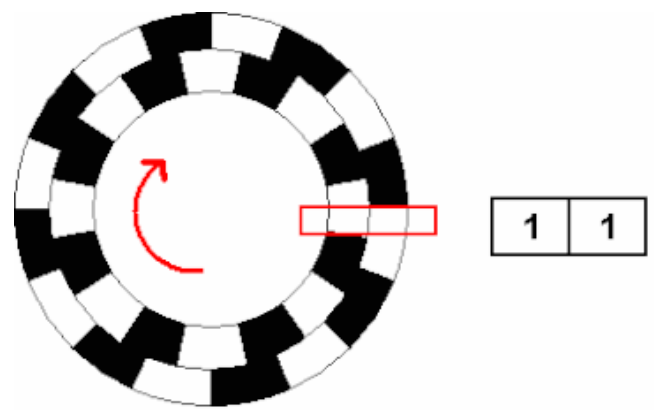
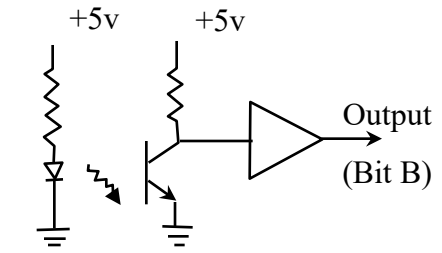
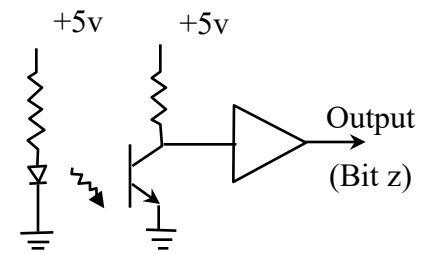
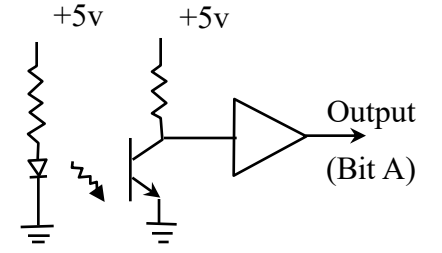
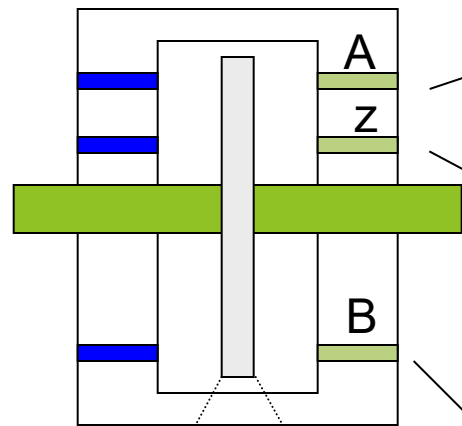
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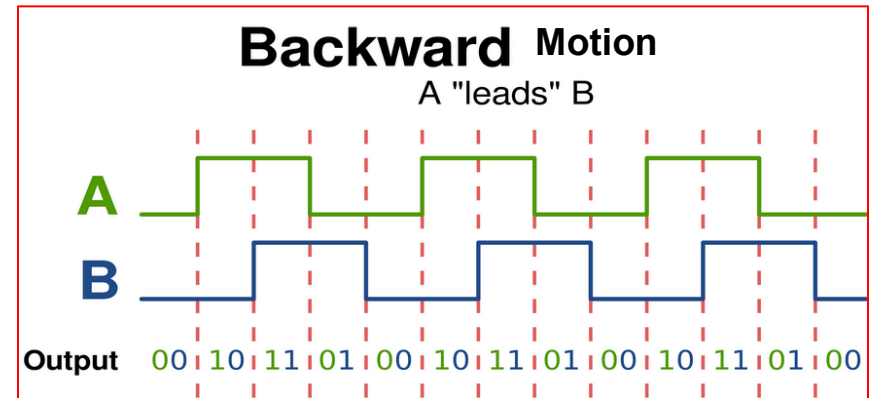
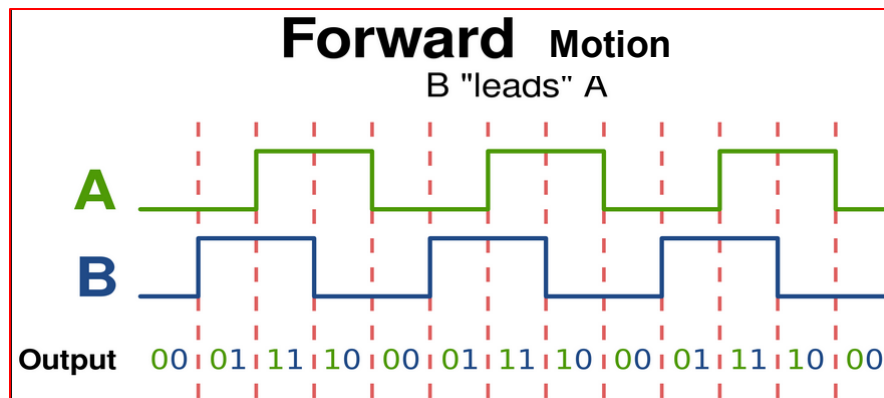
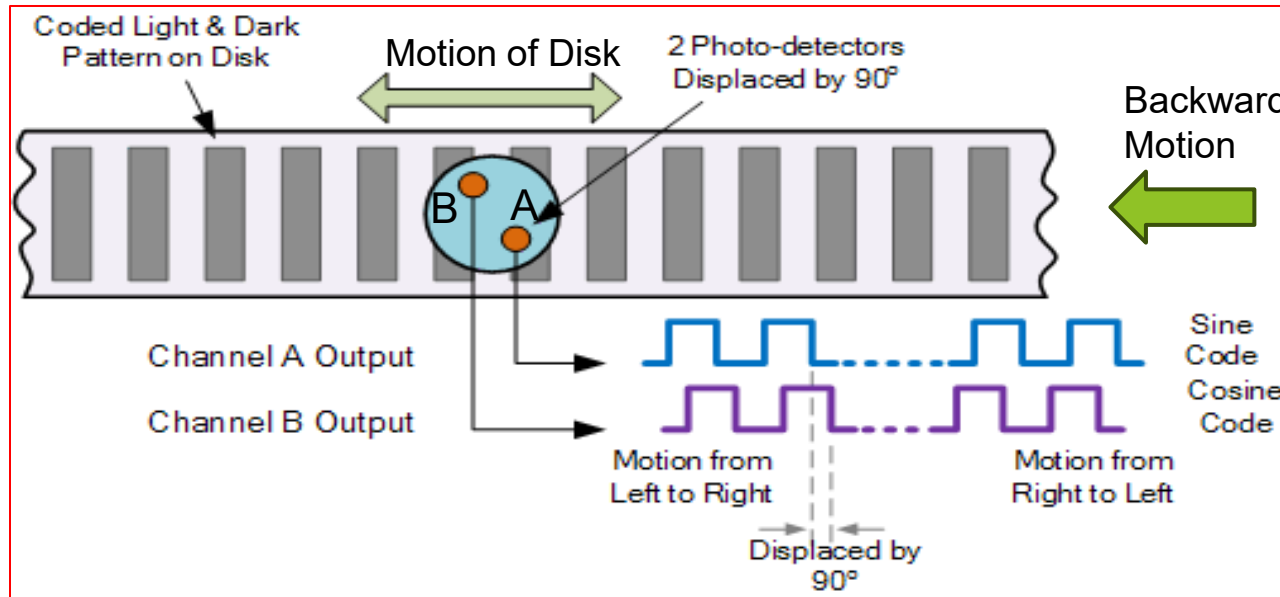
# Detecting Clockwise Rotation (CW)



Active signal of A lags active signal of B

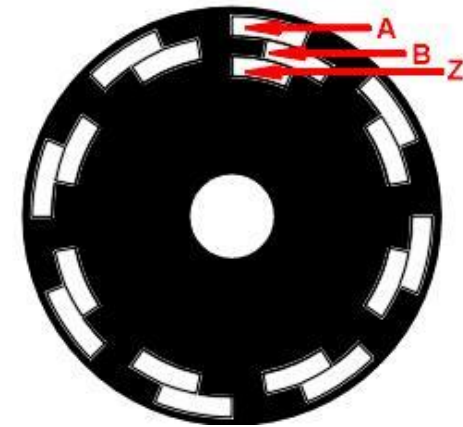


# Detecting Linear Motion's Directions

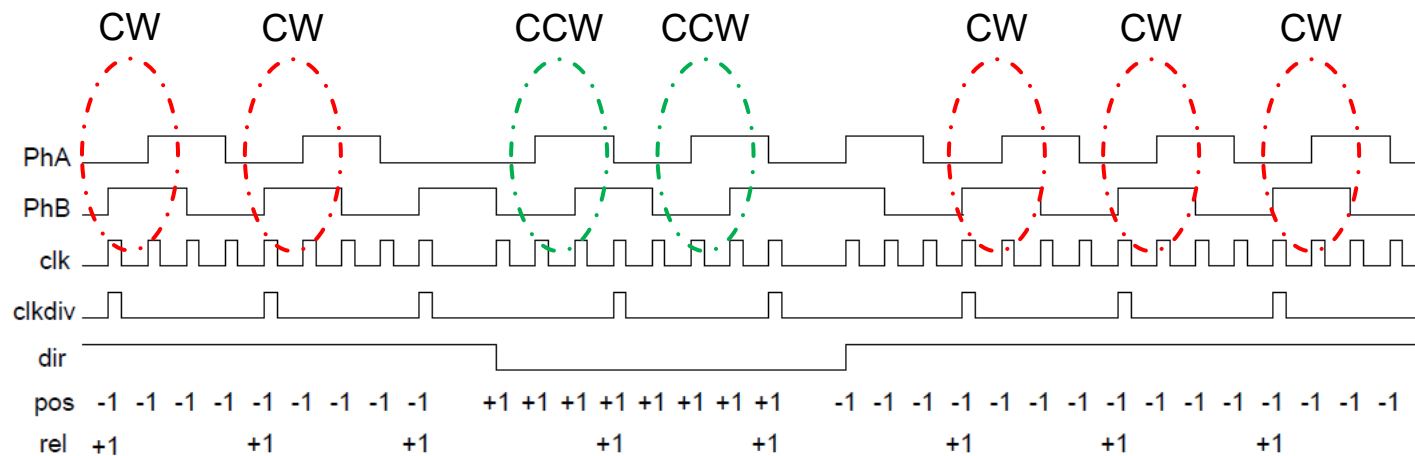


→ Time

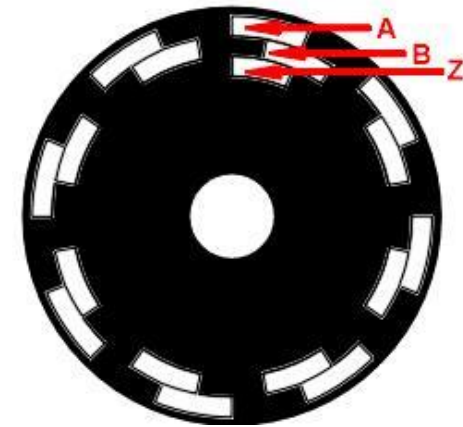
# Rule 1: Direction of Motion



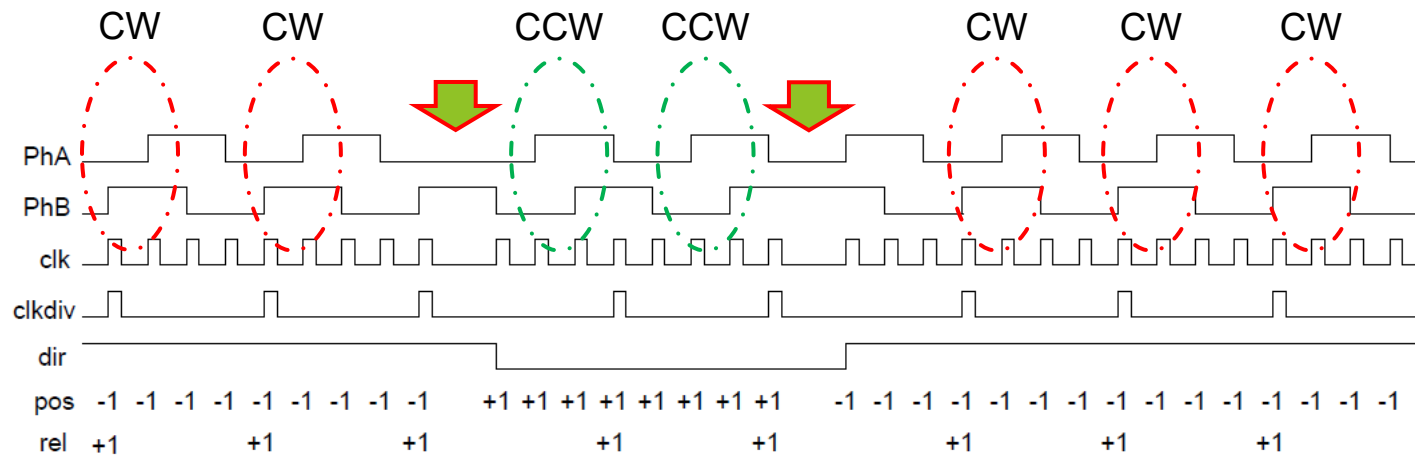
- ▶ If pulse B leads pulse A by 90 degrees, the direction is clockwise.
- ▶ If pulse A leads pulse B by 90 degrees, the direction is counter-clockwise.



# Rule 2: Change of Direction of Motion



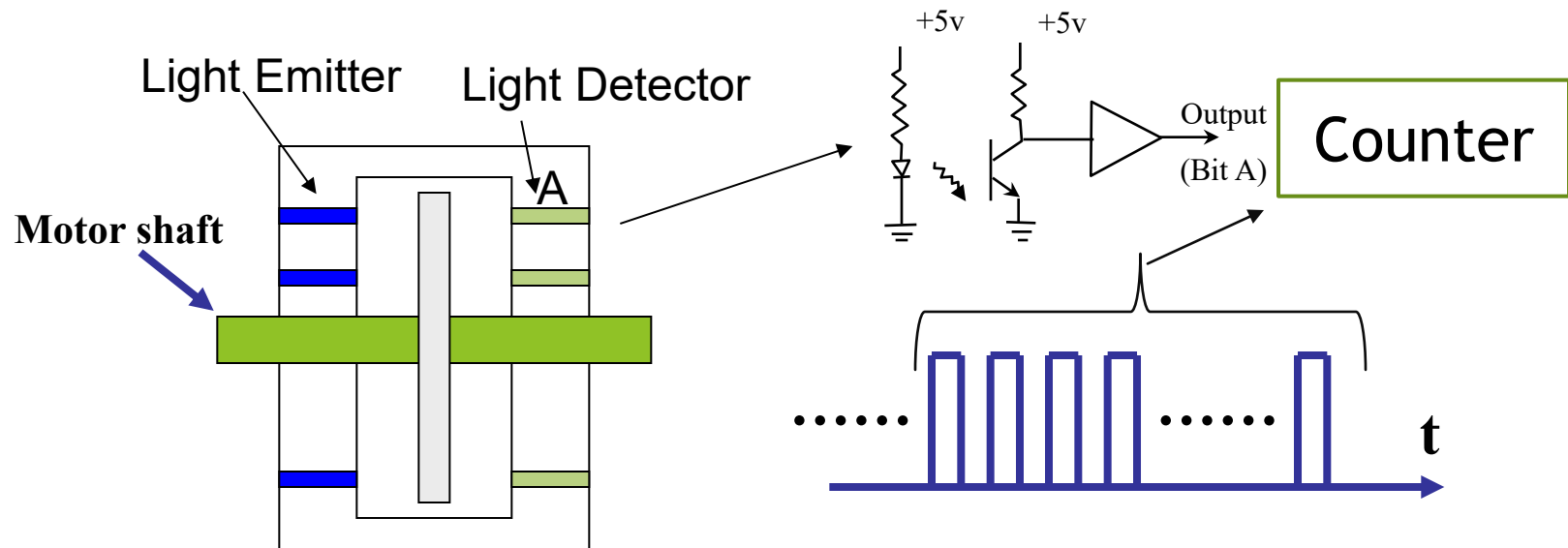
- ▶ When pulse B makes two transitions while pulse A remains unchanged, CW is changed to CCW.
- ▶ When pulse A makes two transitions while pulse B remains unchanged, CCW is changed to CW.



# Exercise

- ▶ A velocity sensor can produce 200 pulses when the code disk of the sensor makes a full rotation.
- ▶ What is the angular displacement corresponding to one pulse?
- ▶ Answer:

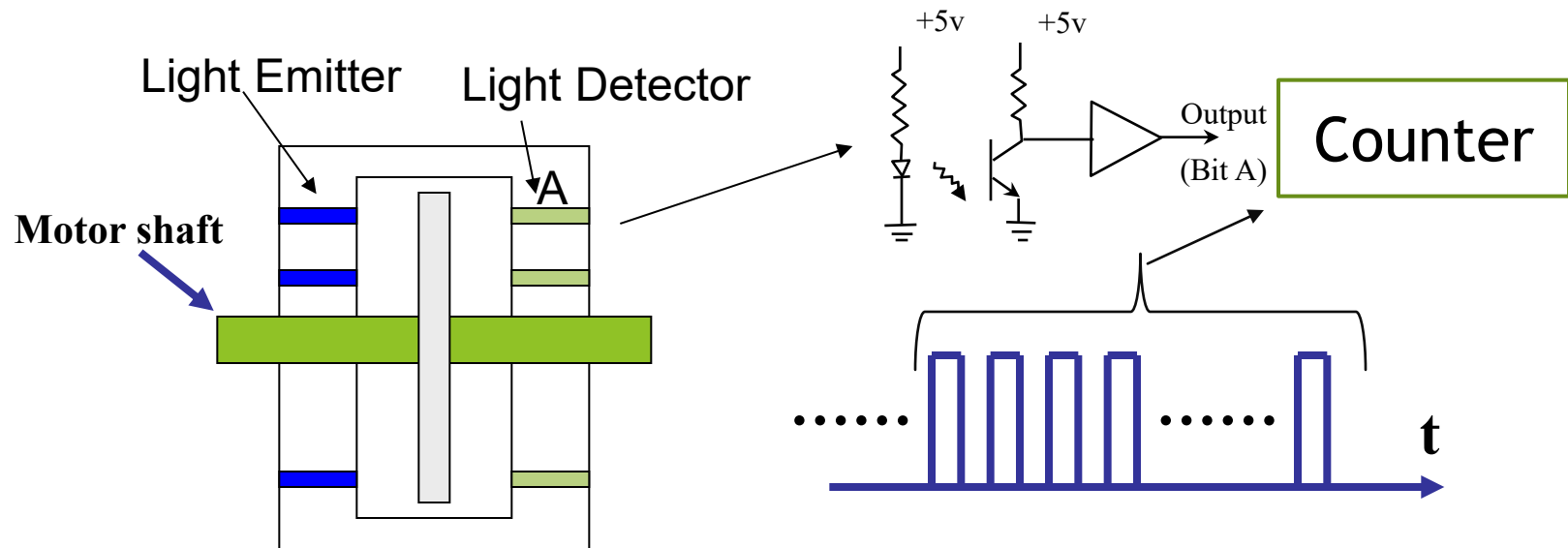
$$\theta_p = \frac{360^0}{200} = 1.8^0$$



# Exercise

- ▶ A velocity sensor's angular displacement is 1.8 degrees. It outputs 500 pulses within 10.0 milliseconds.
- ▶ What is the average angular velocity of the motor's shaft?

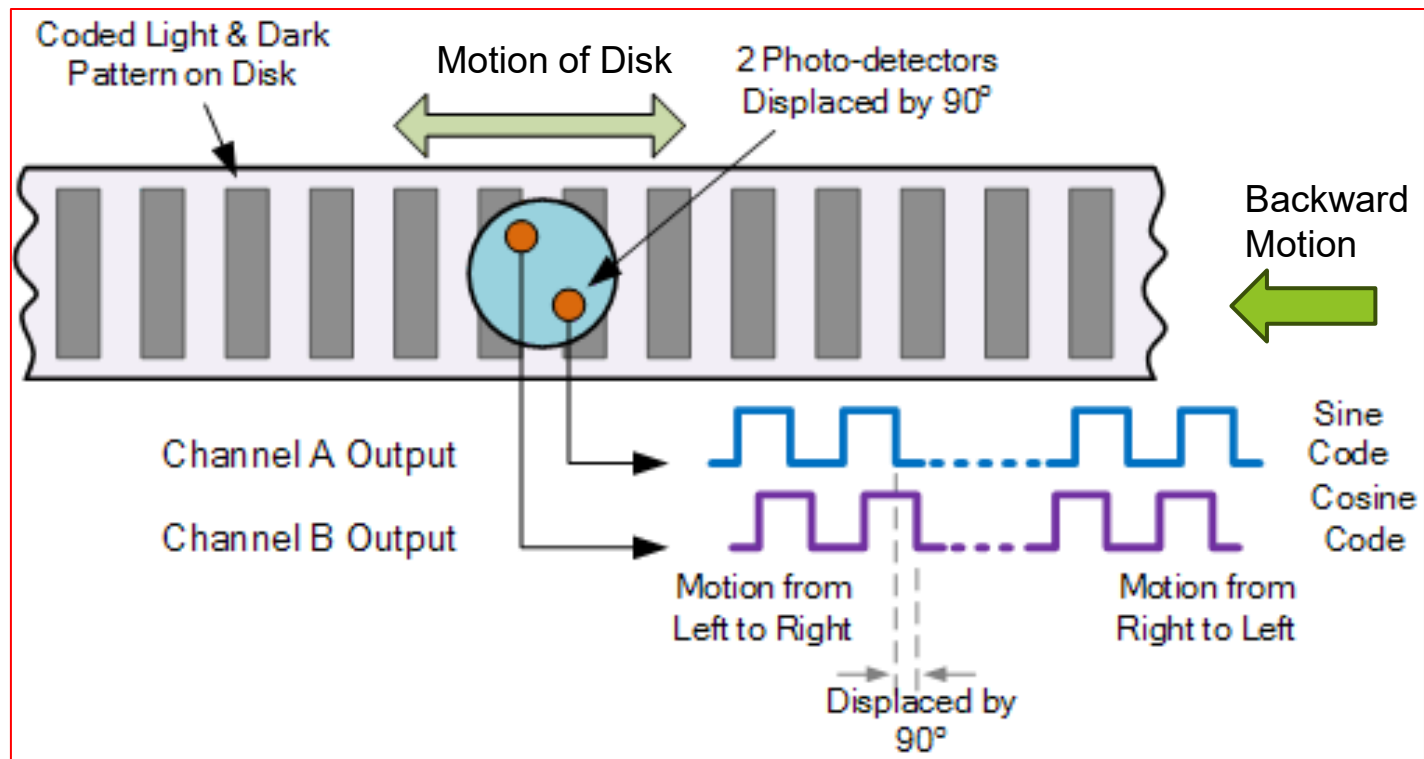
▶ Answer: 
$$\bar{\omega} = \frac{C \times \theta_p}{\Delta t} = \frac{500 \times 1.8^\circ}{0.01} \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} = 1570.0 \text{ rad/s}$$



# Exercise

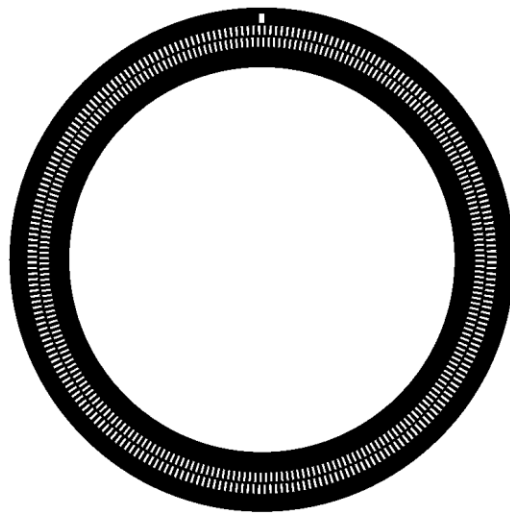
- ▶ In a linear incremental encoder, the distance between two adjacent empty grids is 0.1mm. If the counted number of pulses is 7000counts/s, what is the linear speed?

- ▶ Answer: 
$$v = 0.1 \times 10^{-3} \times 7000 = 0.7 \text{ m/s}$$

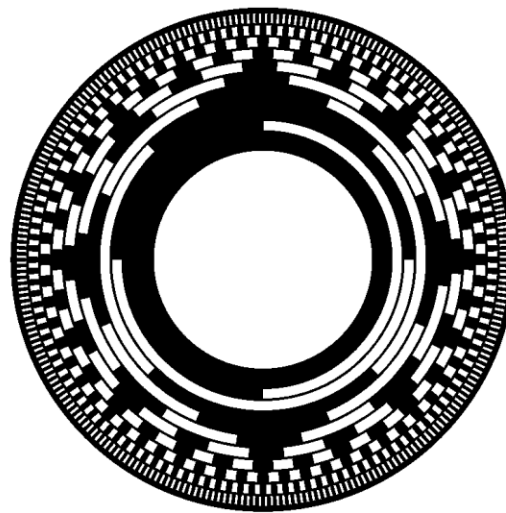


## Discussion:

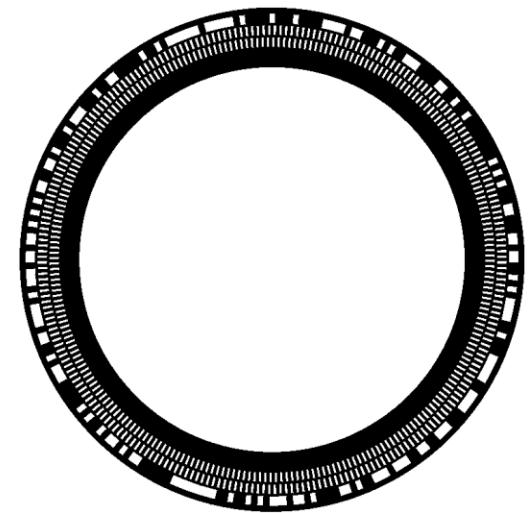
How to use incremental encoders to measure positions?



1 Incremental



2 Absolute

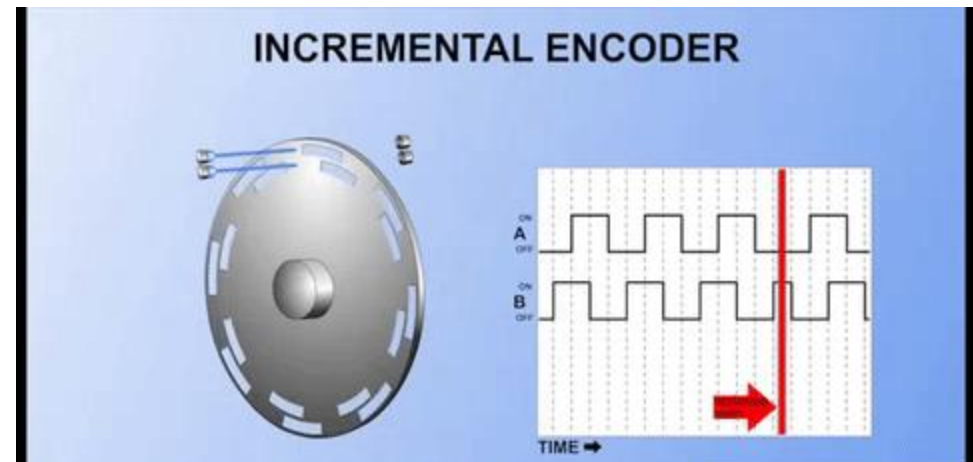
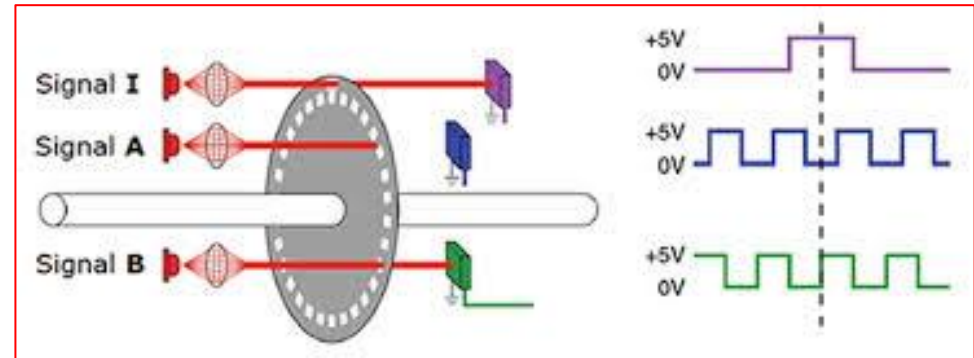


3 Virtual Absolute

A Virtual Absolute encoder uses just cyclic and index tracks, like an incremental encoder. However, you can see the index track is something like a bar code, instead of just a single line (Figure 1). Absolute position is encoded serially along this one track, rather than being dispersed over multiple parallel tracks. You don't know position immediately upon start-up, as you do when using a conventional absolute device, but after a very short travel, in either direction and starting from anywhere, you know exactly where you are. In a rotary encoder, this initialization angle is typically  $1-2^\circ$ , depending on the encoder's line count (non-binary resolutions are easily accommodated); in a linear encoder, less than 1 mm motion is needed.

# How to get the measurement of positions from velocity sensor?

- ▶ The solution is to include an additional track which is called I track or Z track. I stands for index of zero point.



# Equations of Measuring Positions

- ▶ Equations for determining the angular position from the readings of velocity sensor.

$$\bar{\omega} = \frac{\theta - \theta_i}{\Delta t}$$

$$\bar{\omega} = \frac{C \times \theta_p}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{\theta - \theta_i}{\Delta t} = \frac{C \times \theta_p}{\Delta t}$$

$$\theta = \theta_i + C \times \theta_p$$

when I signal appears

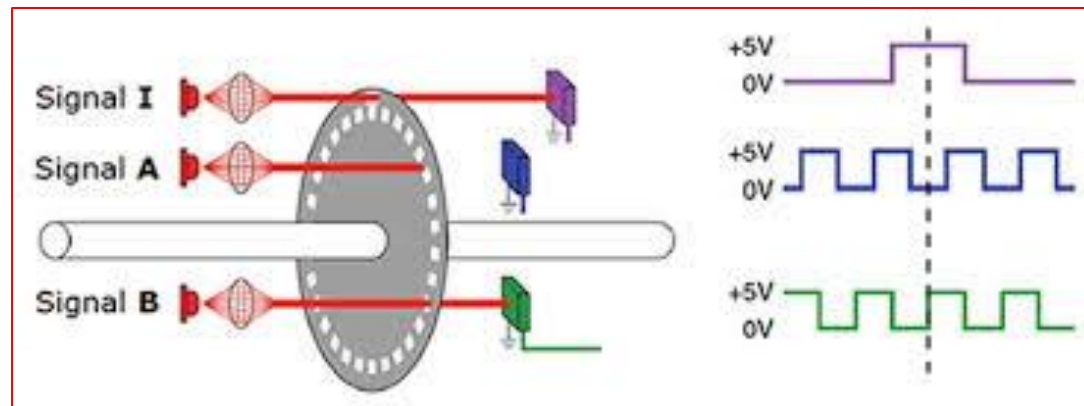
$$\theta - \theta_r = (C - C_r) \times \theta_p$$

$$\theta_r = \theta_i + C_r \times \theta_p$$

# Exercise

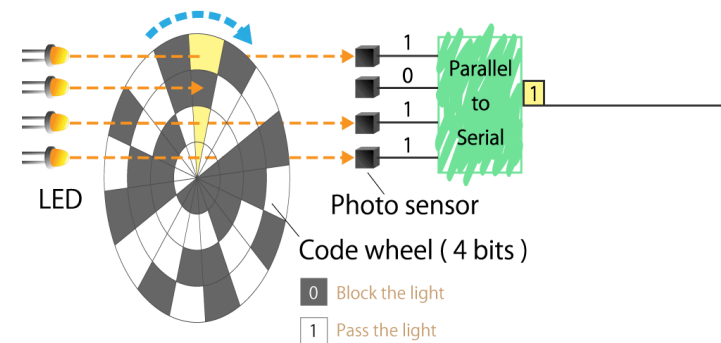
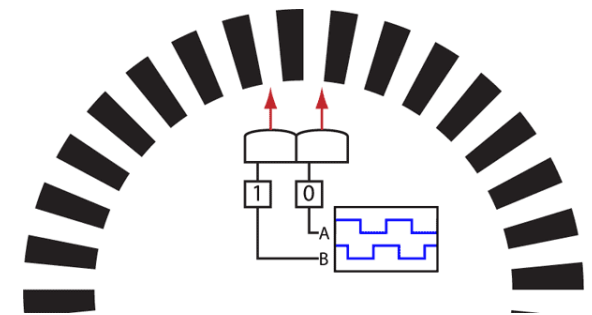
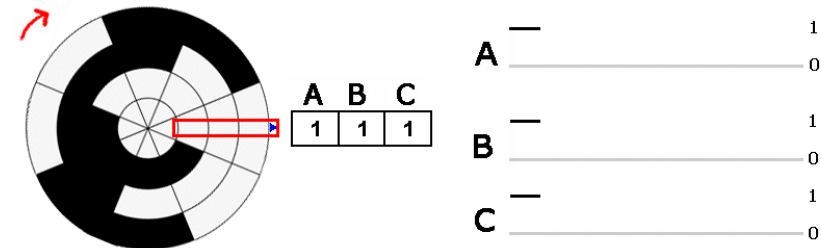
- ▶ A velocity sensor's pitch angle is 1.8 degrees. When the velocity sensor is powered on, we rotate the motor's shaft until the pulse from the photo cell of the reference (i.e. Signal I) appears. And, the reading of channel A is +650 counts. Now, we let the motor to make a movement. If the reading from channel A is -1190 counts, what is the angular position of the motor's shaft?
- ▶ Answer:

$$\theta - \theta_r = (C - C_r) \times \theta_p = (-1190 - 650) \times 1.8^\circ = -3312^\circ$$

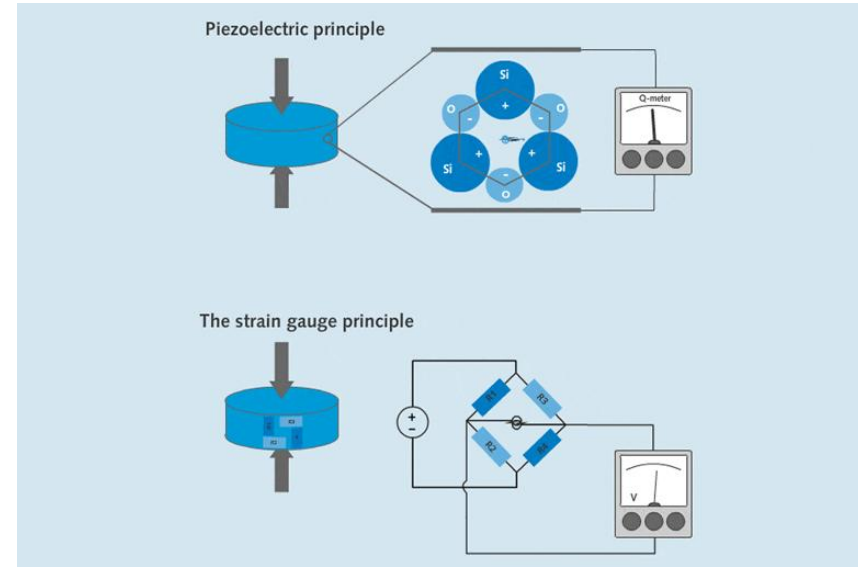
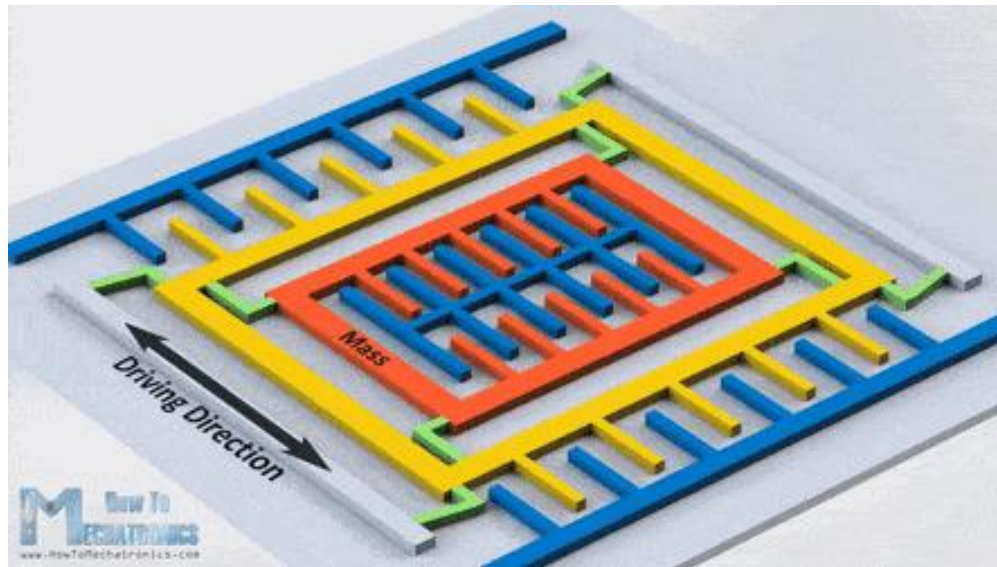


# Outline of Lecture 5

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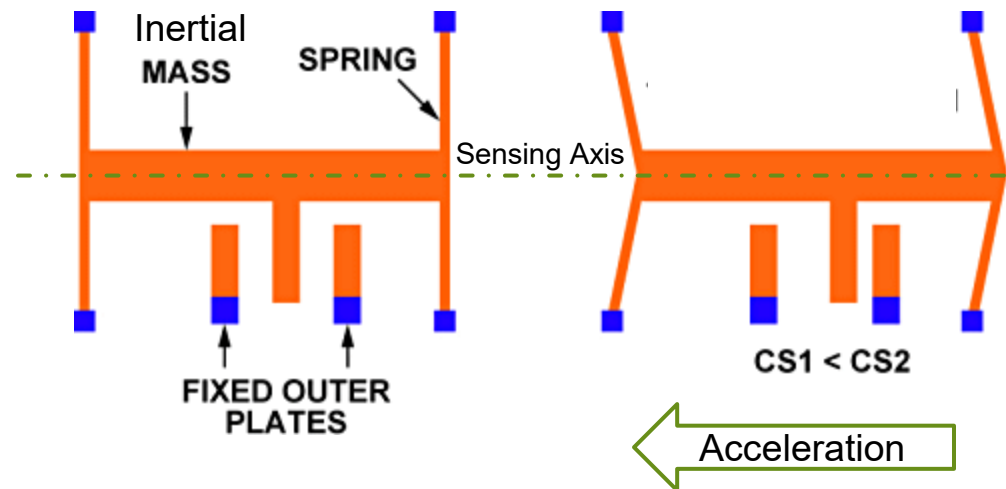
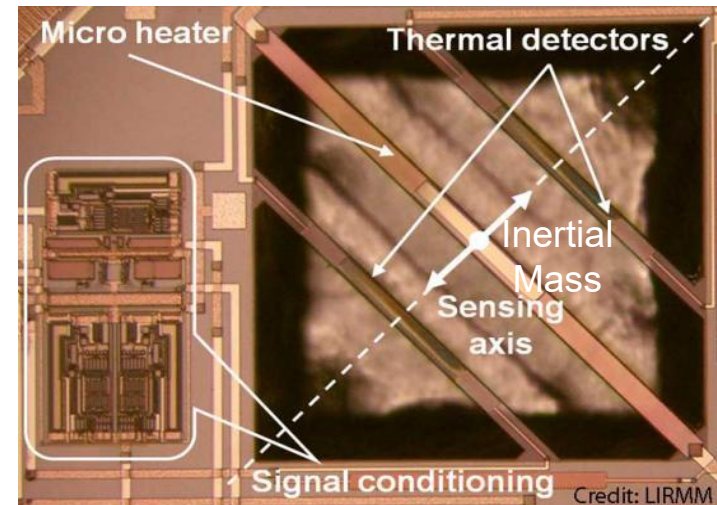


# Video Showing Design and Working Principle



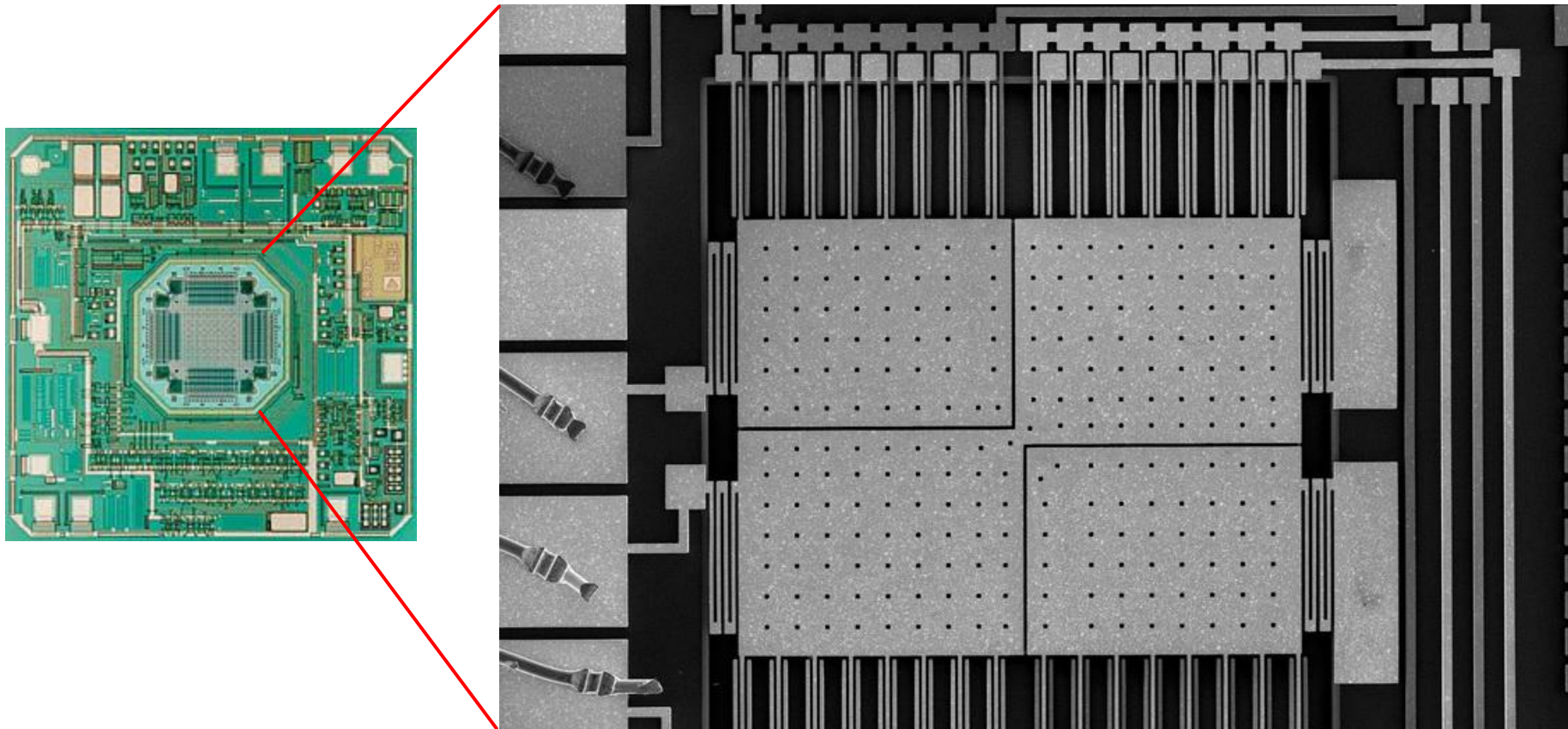
# Summary of Design and Working Principle

- ▶ Inertial mass is connected to sensor body by springs.
- ▶ When acceleration occurs, the inertial moves in the opposite direction due to inertial force.
- ▶ The displacement of inertial mass can be converted to: a) resistance, b) capacitance, c) temperature, etc.
- ▶ These quantities are related to accelerations.
- ▶ The measurements of these quantities result in the measurements of accelerations.

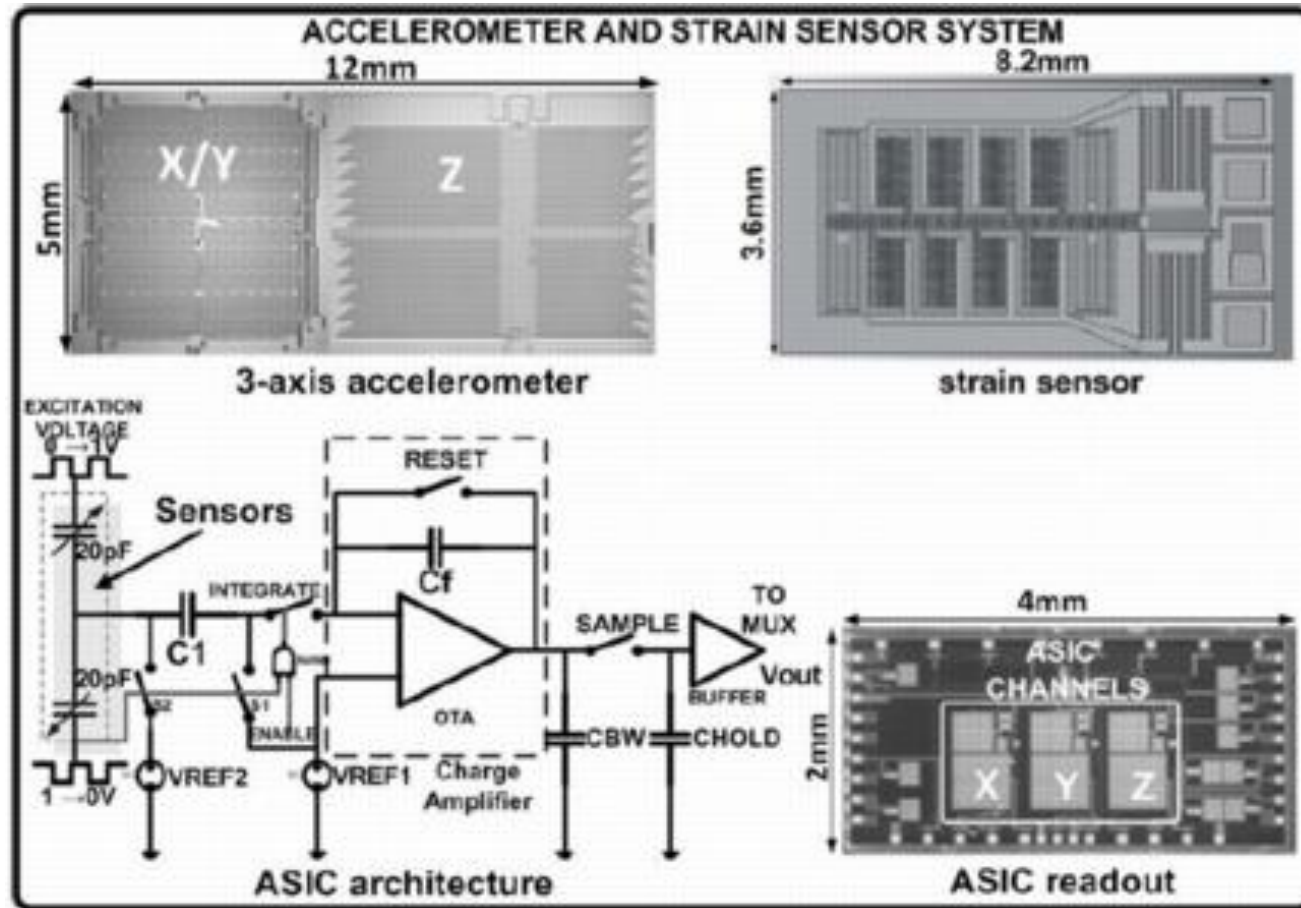


# Design Example (1)

- ▶ Inertial Mass + Springs + Sensor Body + Electronic Circuits



# Design Example (2)



# Exercise

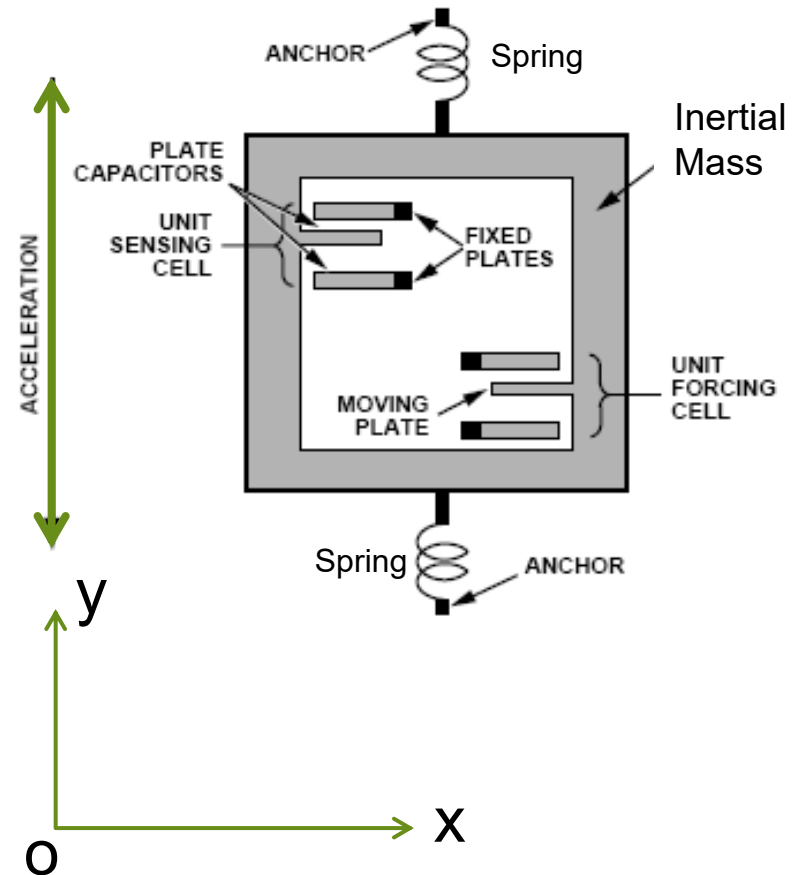
- ▶ An inertial mass of 0.1 g is connected to sensor body by springs which have the spring constant of 1.5 N/m. If the sensor body undergoes an acceleration of 9.8 m/s<sup>2</sup>, what is the displacement of the inertial mass?

- ▶ Answer:

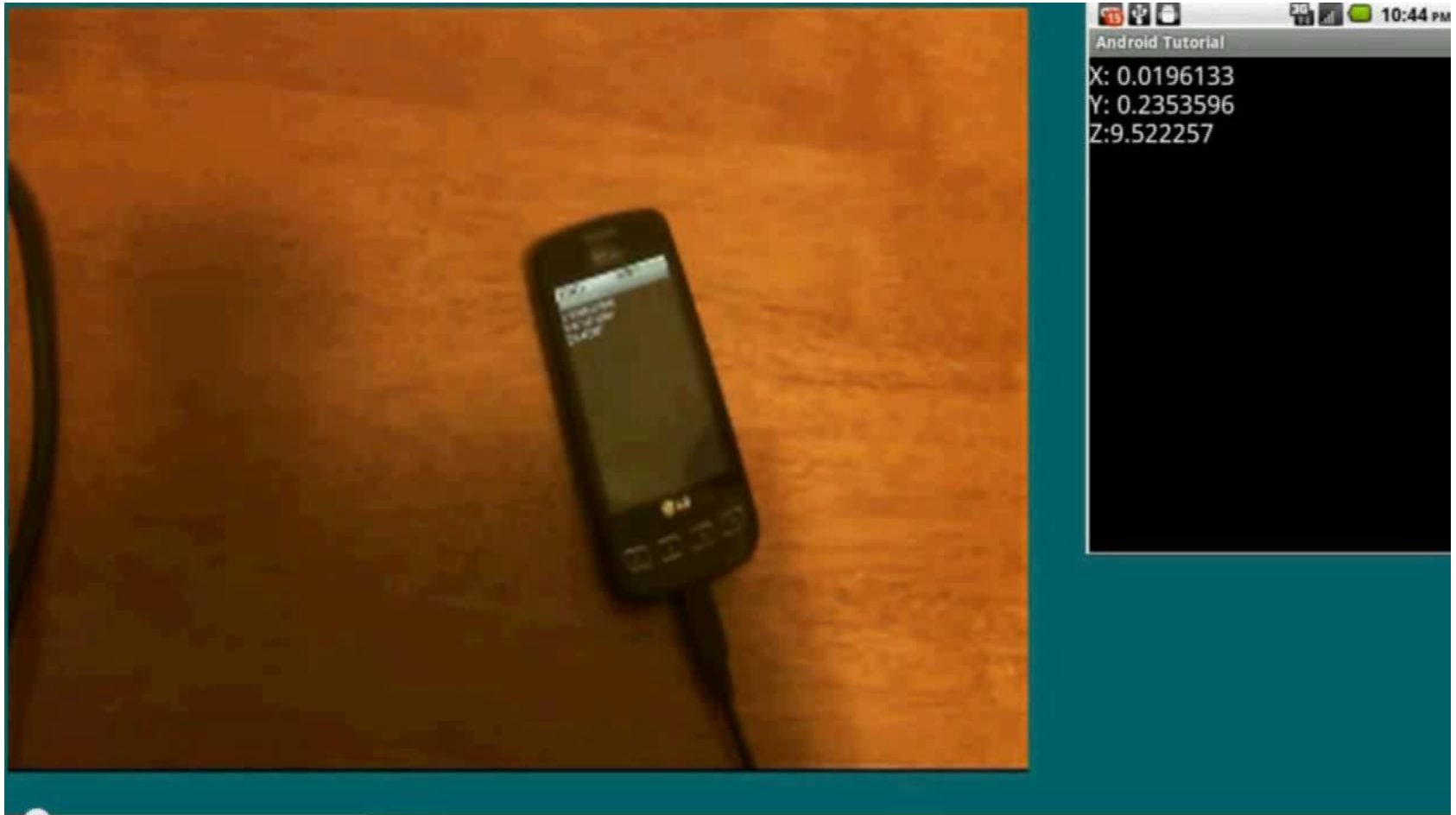
$$k\Delta y = ma_y$$

$$1.5\Delta y = 0.1 \times 10^{-3} \times 9.8$$

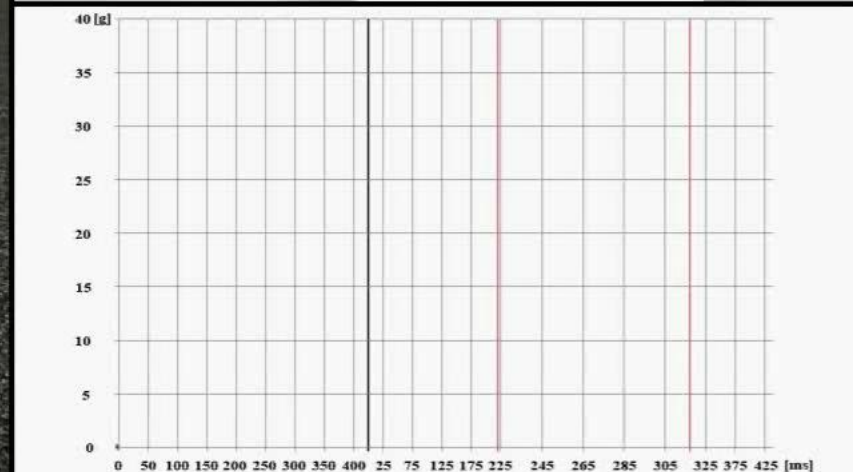
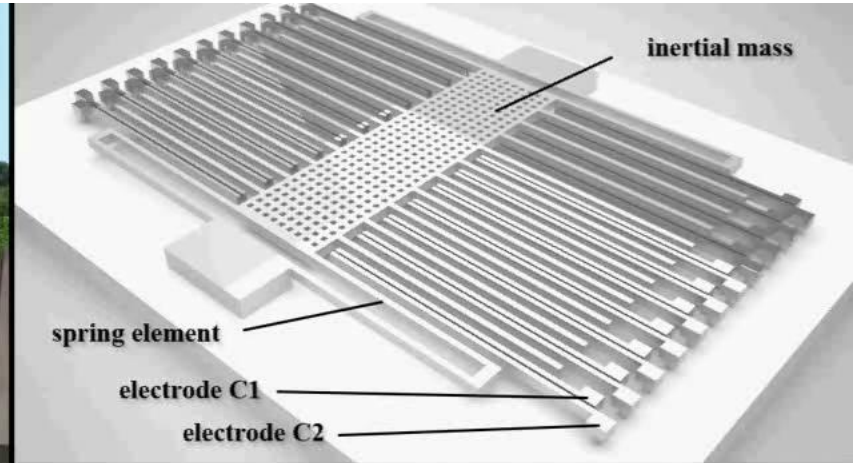
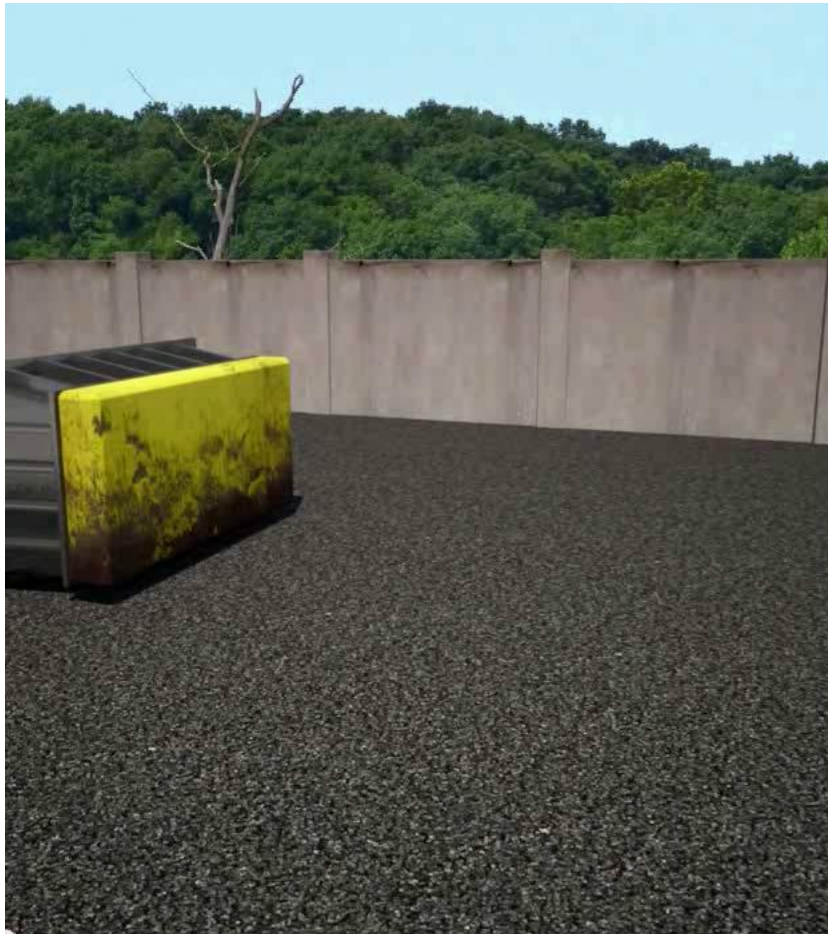
$$\Delta y = 0.65 \text{ mm}$$



# Example of Experiment

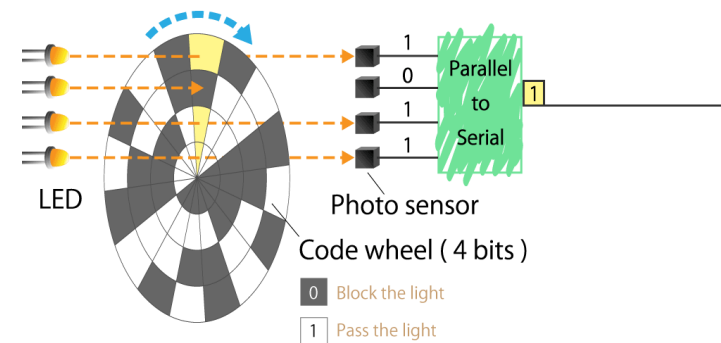
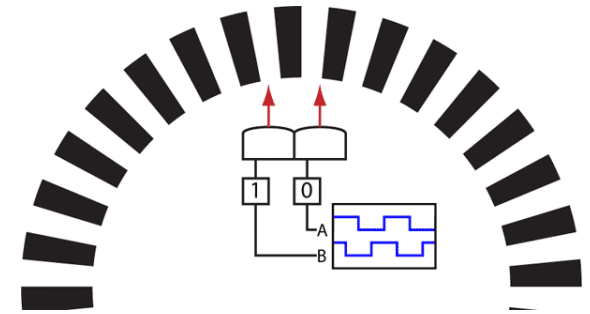
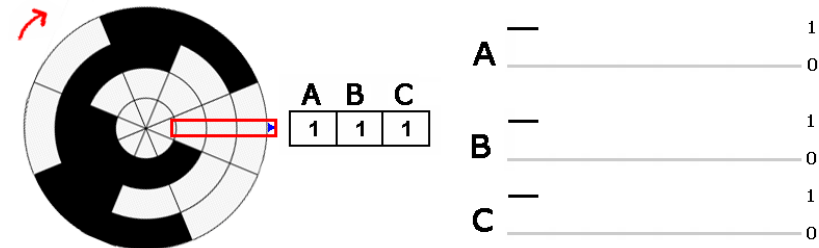


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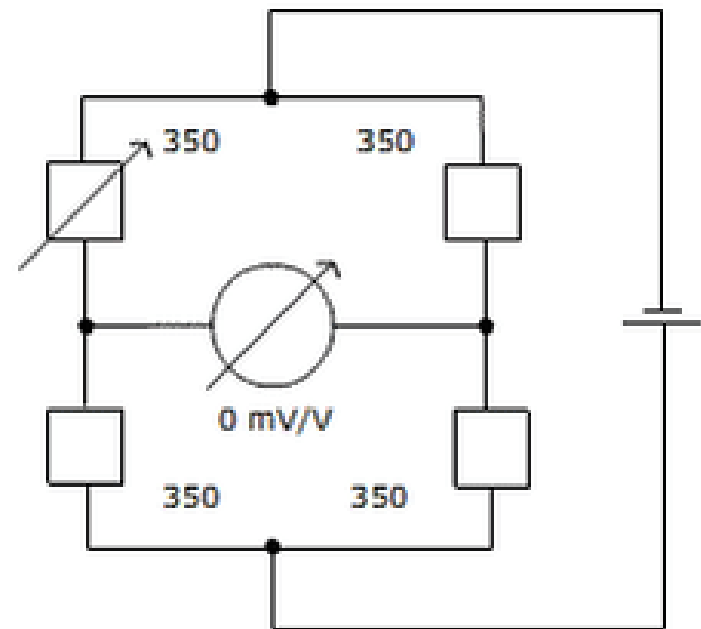
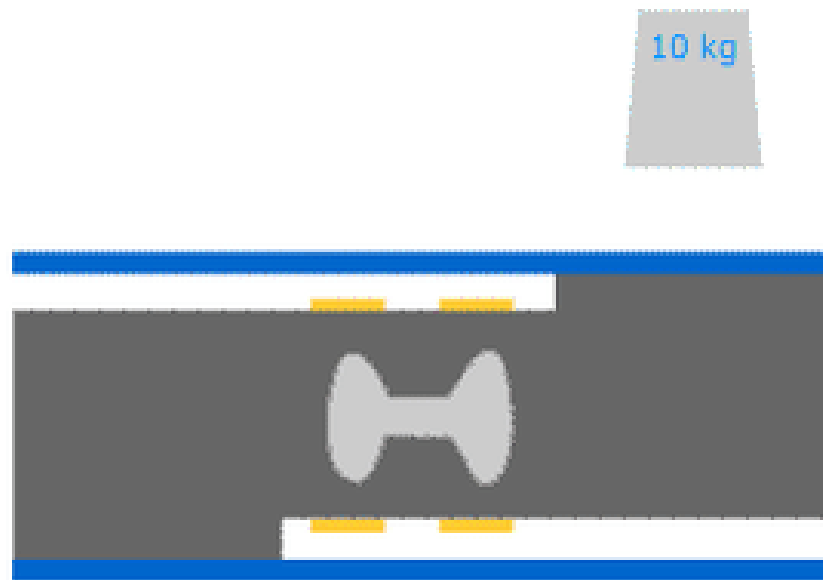


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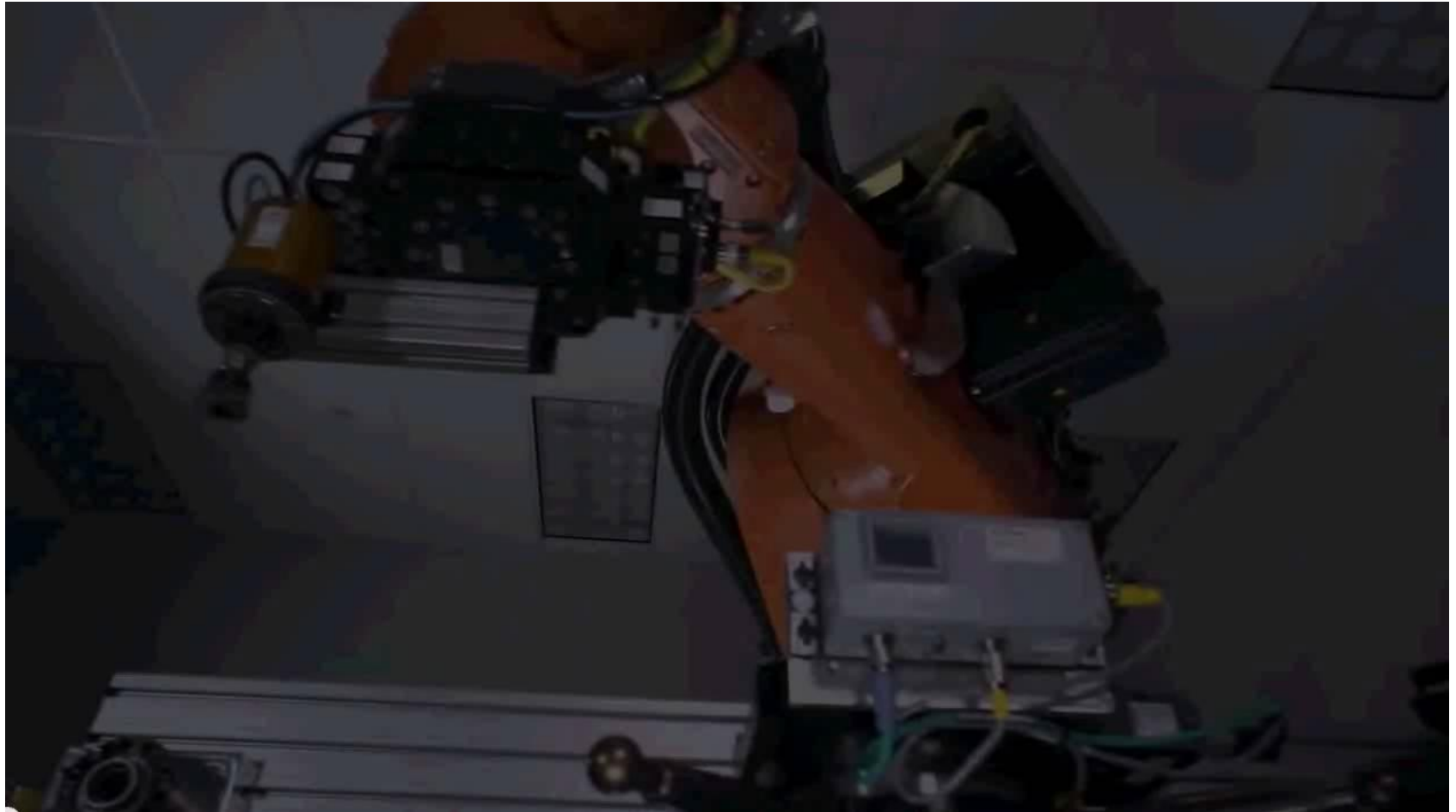
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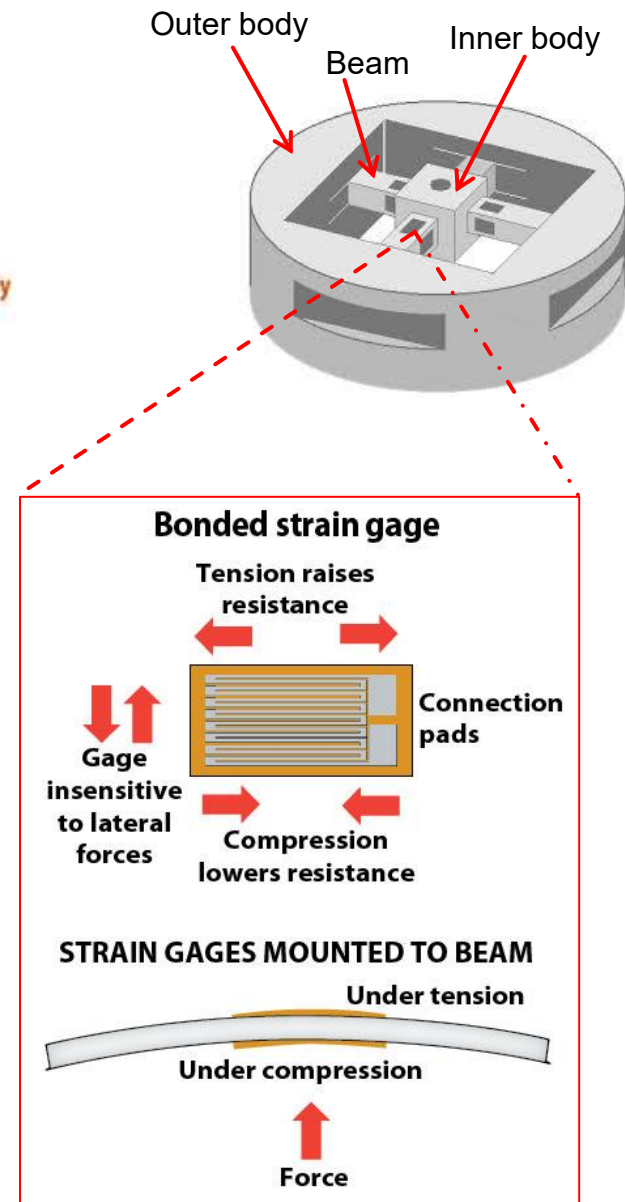
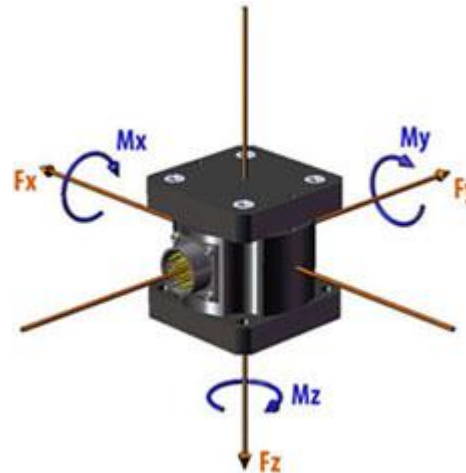


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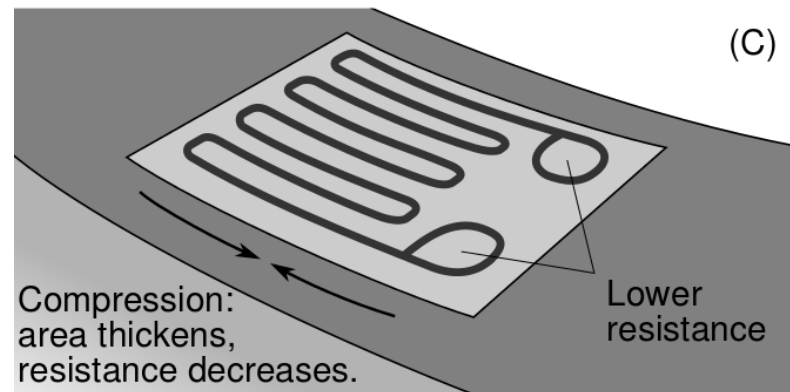
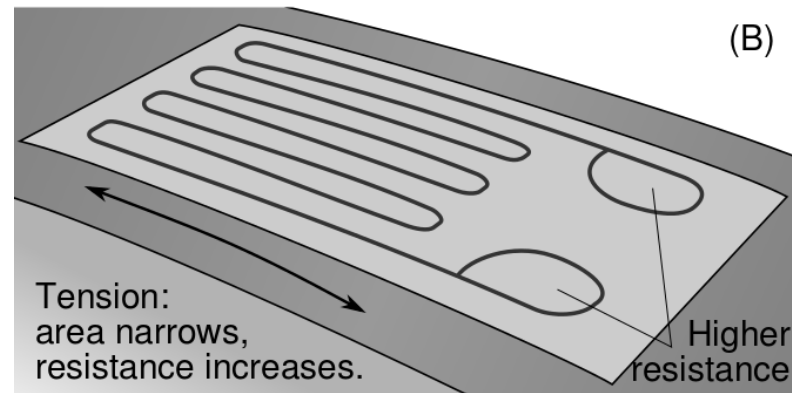
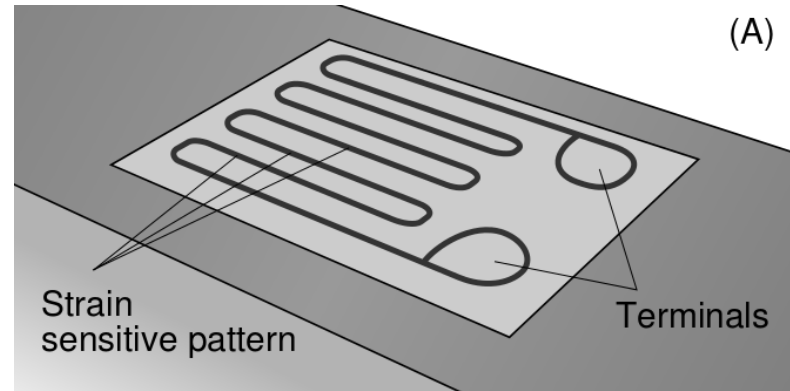
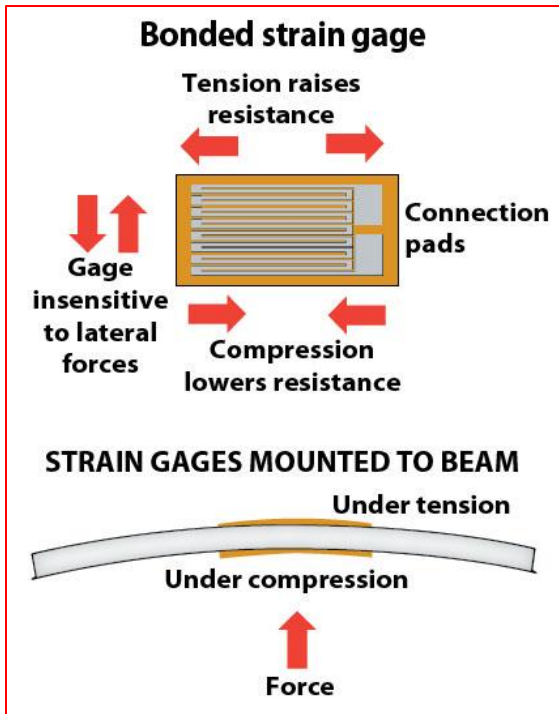


# Summary of Design and Working Principle

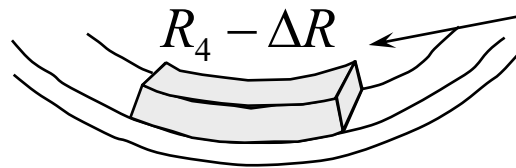
- ▶ Outer body is connected to inner body by a set of deformable beams.
- ▶ Each beam has two pairs of strain gage sensors.
- ▶ The acting forces and torques between outer body and inner body will cause the strain gages to be stretched or compressed.
- ▶ Tension and compression will cause the changes of resistances.
- ▶ The measurements of changes of resistances allow to determine the three forces and three torques.



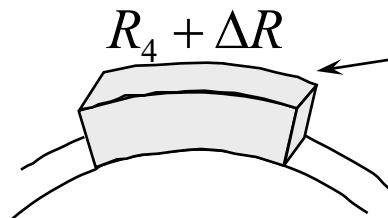
# Properties of Strain Gage



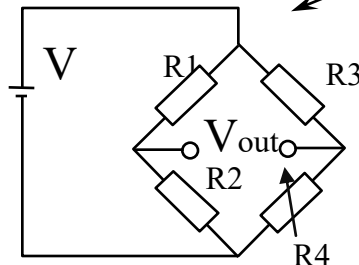
# Measurement of A Single Strain Gage



Case 1: The applied force or torque causes the contraction of the strain gage. This reduces its resistance.



Case 2: The applied force or torque causes the expansion of the strain gage. This increases its resistance.



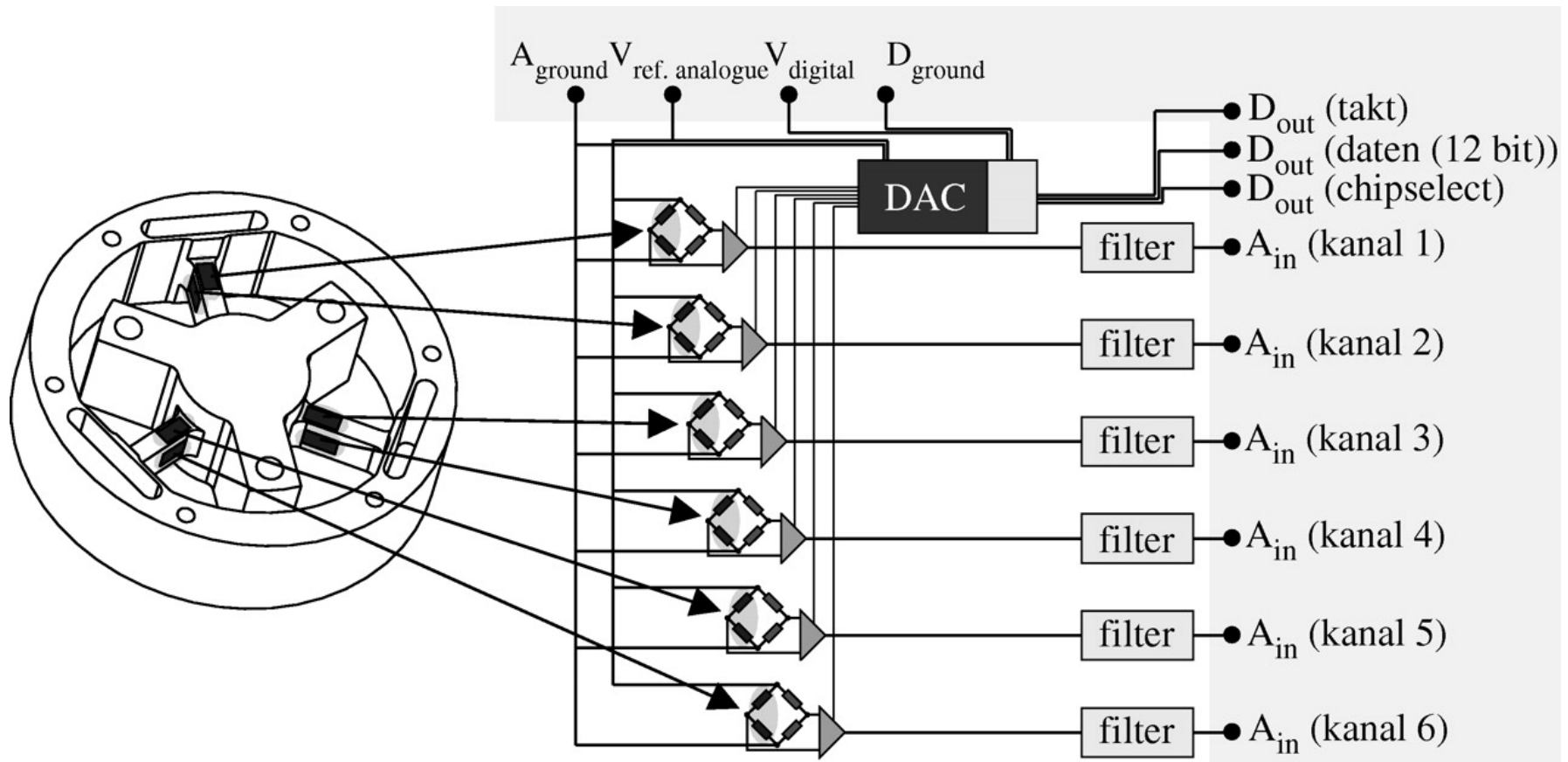
Input/Output Relation:

“Wheatstone Bridge Circuit”

$$V_{out} = \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} - \frac{R_4 + \Delta R_4}{R_3 + R_4 + \Delta R_4} \right) \cdot V$$

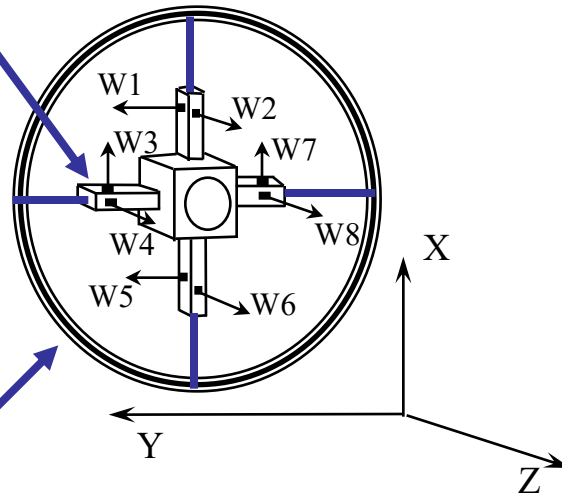
# Measurement of Six Strain Gages

- ▶ Outer Ring + 3 Beams + Inner Ring + Wheatstone Bridge Circuits



# Example of Doing Sensor Calibration

1. Each beam has two pairs of strain gage sensors which are placed at two adjacent facets.



2. Four beams have eight pairs of strain gage sensors. So, eight values of resistances can be measured.

3. The eight values of measurements can be mapped to the output of three forces and three torques by a matrix:

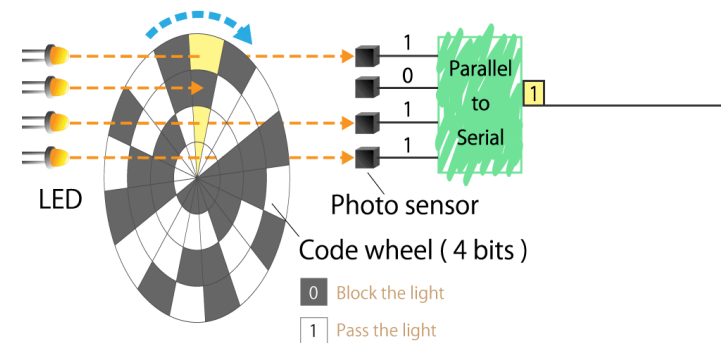
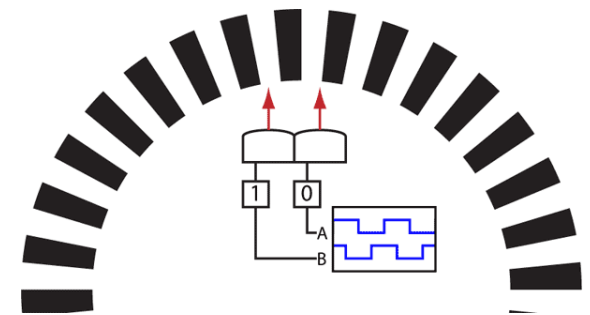
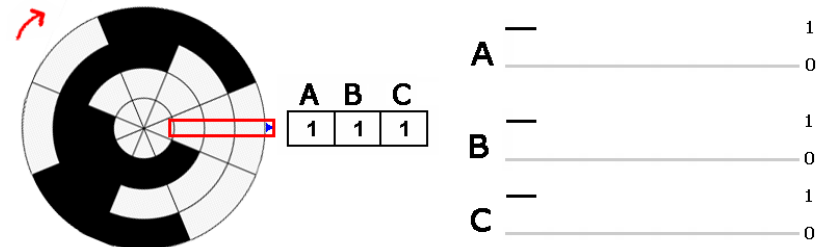
$$\begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \\ M_x \\ M_y \\ M_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & K_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{17} & 0 \\ K_{21} & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{25} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & K_{32} & 0 & K_{34} & 0 & K_{36} & 0 & K_{38} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{44} & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{48} \\ 0 & K_{52} & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{56} & 0 & 0 \\ K_{61} & 0 & K_{63} & 0 & K_{65} & 0 & K_{67} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \\ V_4 \\ V_5 \\ V_6 \\ V_7 \\ V_8 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example of Testing and Application



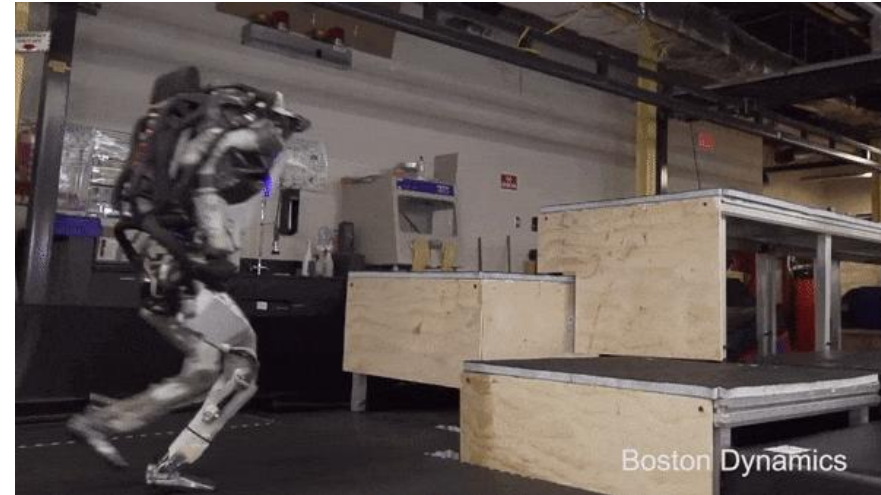
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- ▶ Design of Acceleration Sensor
- ▶ Design of Force/Torque Sensor



# Outline of Module 1

- ▶ Robot Systems
- ▶ Robot's Mechanical Systems
- ▶ Robot's Control Systems
  - ▶ Controllers
  - ▶ Actuators
  - ▶ Sensors
- ▶ Robot's Programming Systems



## What to design?

- The best systems in the universe are static systems
- Most systems in the universe are dynamic systems
- Our goal is to make dynamic systems to be closer to static systems



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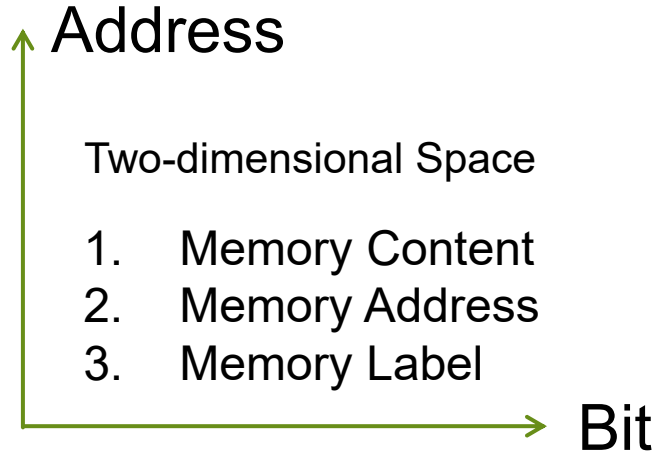


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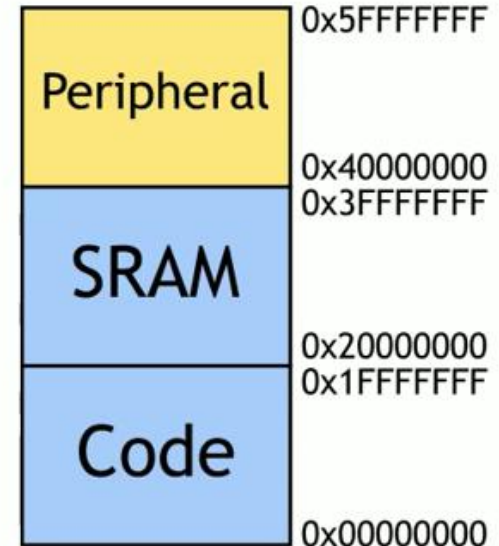


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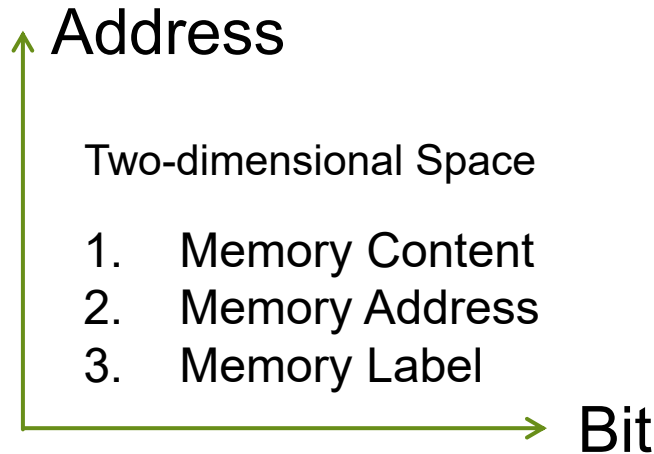


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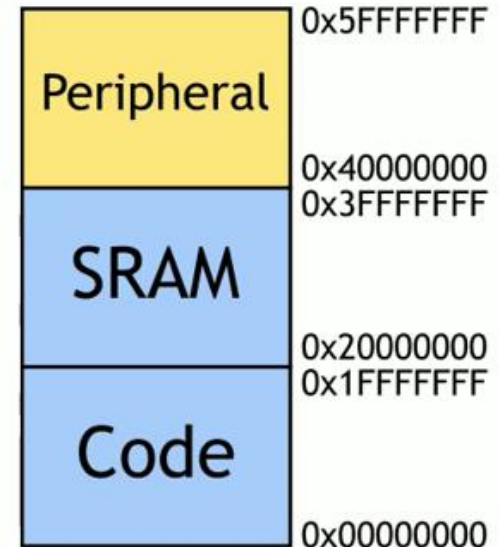


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# Programming versus Writing

## Programming

### Use of Programming Languages

- ▶ You have a solution in mind
- ▶ You organize your solution
- ▶ You **compose** your program
- ▶ You test your program
- ▶ You deploy your program

### Use of Keil

## Writing

### Use of Natural Languages

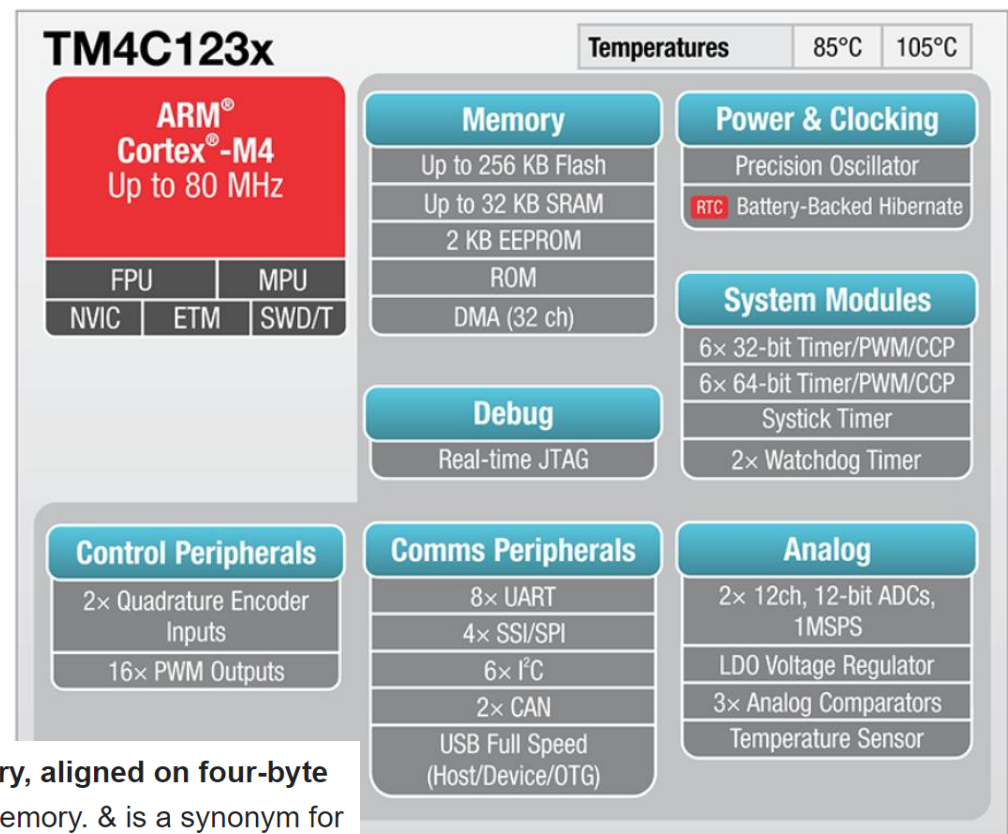
- ▶ You have a story in mind
- ▶ You organize your story
- ▶ You **compose** your texts
- ▶ You proof-read your texts
- ▶ You publish your texts

### Use of LaTeX, Word

# How to organize your solution?

FPU: Floating-Point Unit  
MPU: Multi-core Processing Unit

- ▶ Step 1: To plan arithmetic and/or logical computations underlying your solution
- ▶ Step 2: To allocate memory resources which are indispensable for the implementation of the planned computations.



The DCD **directive allocates one or more words of memory, aligned on four-byte boundaries**, and defines the initial runtime contents of the memory. & is a synonym for DCD . DCUD is the same, except that the memory alignment is arbitrary.

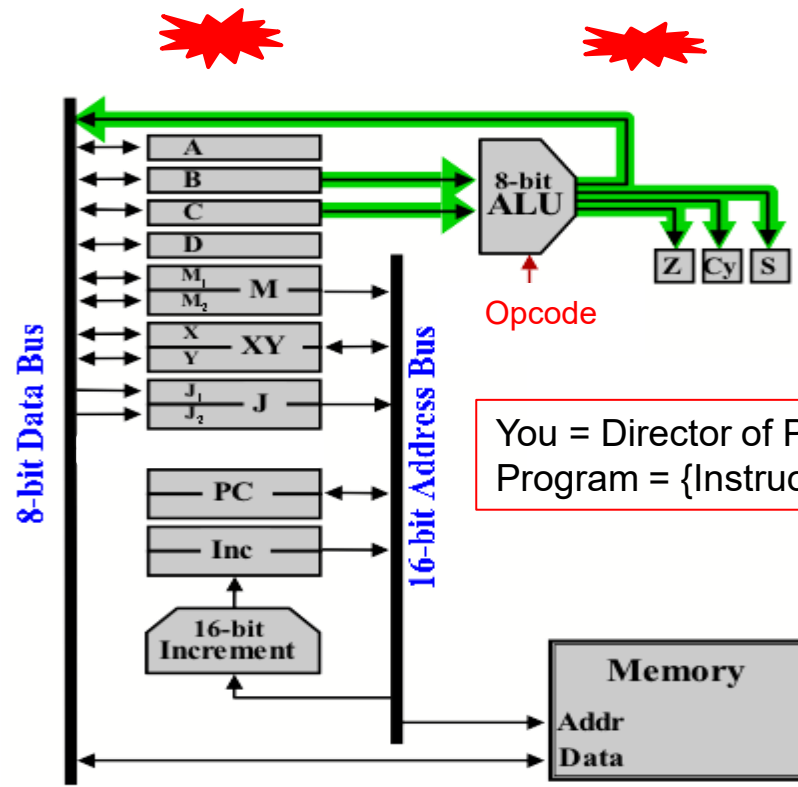
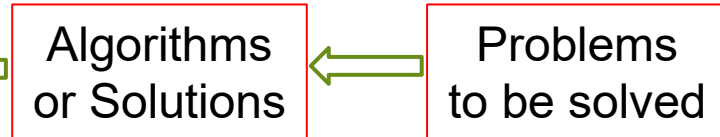
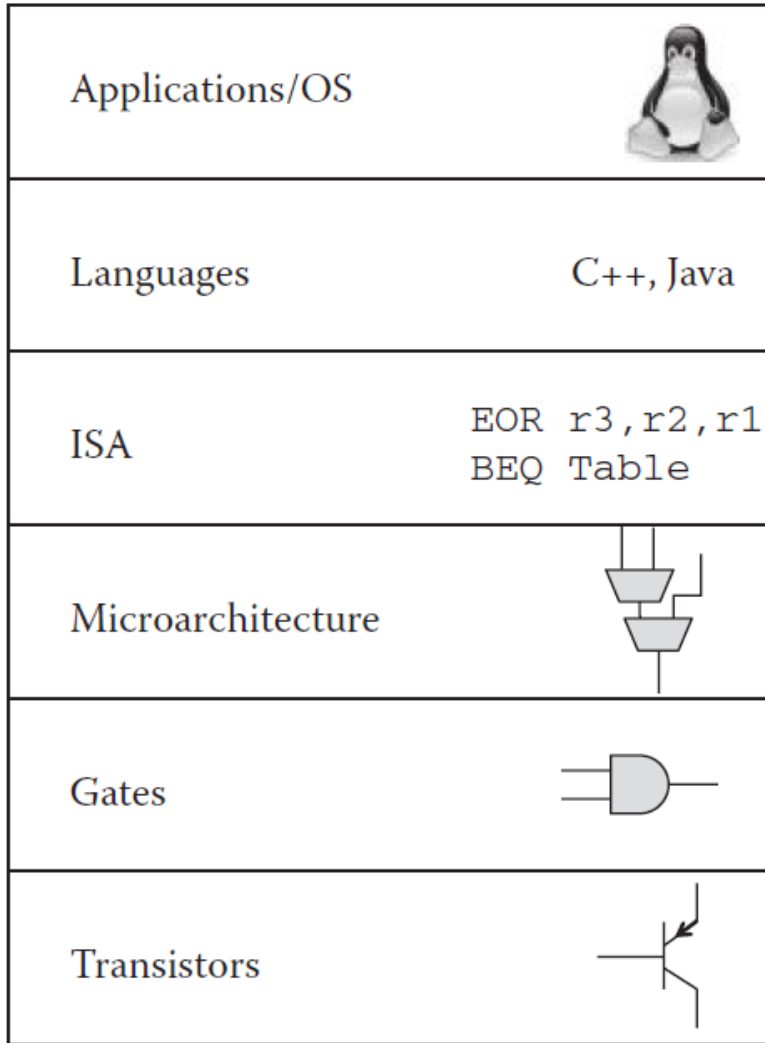
# Example of doing $x = (a + b) - c$

		EXPORT Start		
		AREA progA, CODE, READONLY		
	var_a	DCD 5	; a = 5	4 byte words
	var_b	DCD 6	; b = 6	
	var_c	DCD 7	; c = 7	
	var_x	DCD 0	; x = 4	
				Allocation of Memory
			<b>; x = (a + b) - c</b>	
Start		ADR r4,var_a	; get address for a	
		LDR r0,[r4]	; get value of a	
		ADR r4,var_b	; get address for b, reusing r4	
		LDR r1,[r4]	; get value of b	
		ADD r3,r0,r1	; compute a + b	
		ADR r4,var_c	; get address for c	
		LDR r2,[r4]	; get value of c	
		SUB r3,r3,r2	; complete computation of x	
		ADR r4,var_x	; get address for x	
		STR r3,[r4]	; store value of x	
				Planning of Computations
stop	B	stop		
		END		

ADR loads address to a register

# Role of Programmers: Planning and Allocation

- Data = {Values, Symbols, Addresses, Instructions}
- Instructions = {Op Code + Addresses + Value/Symbol}

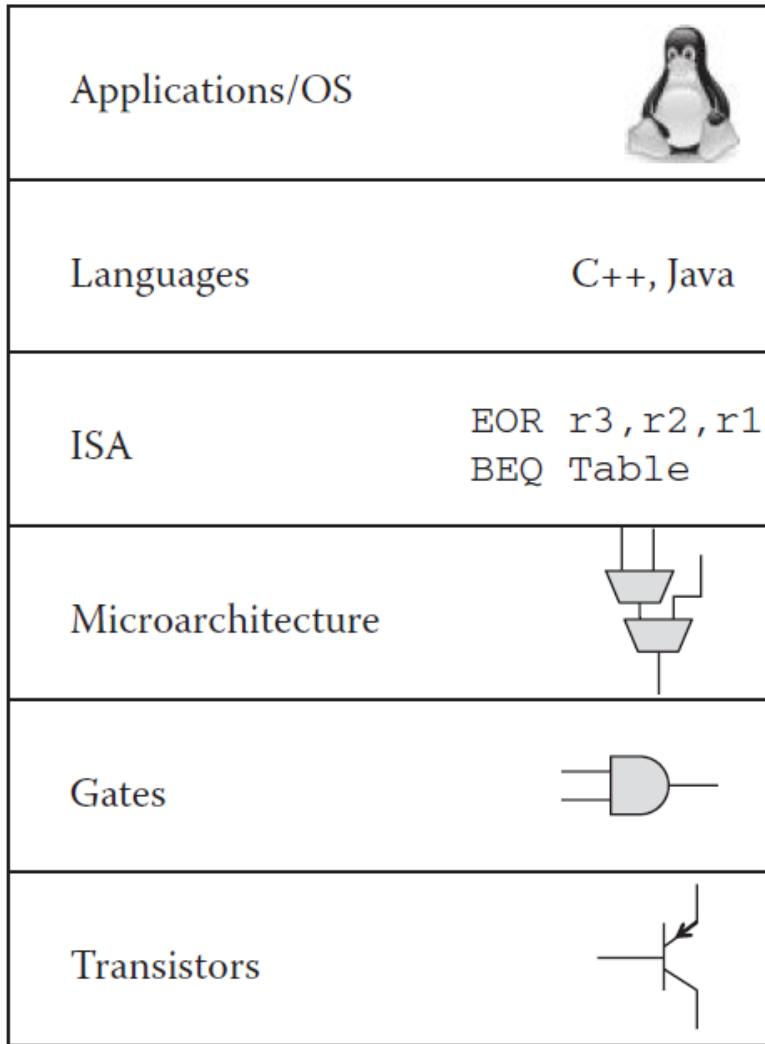


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Memory = {Address + Data/Instruction}

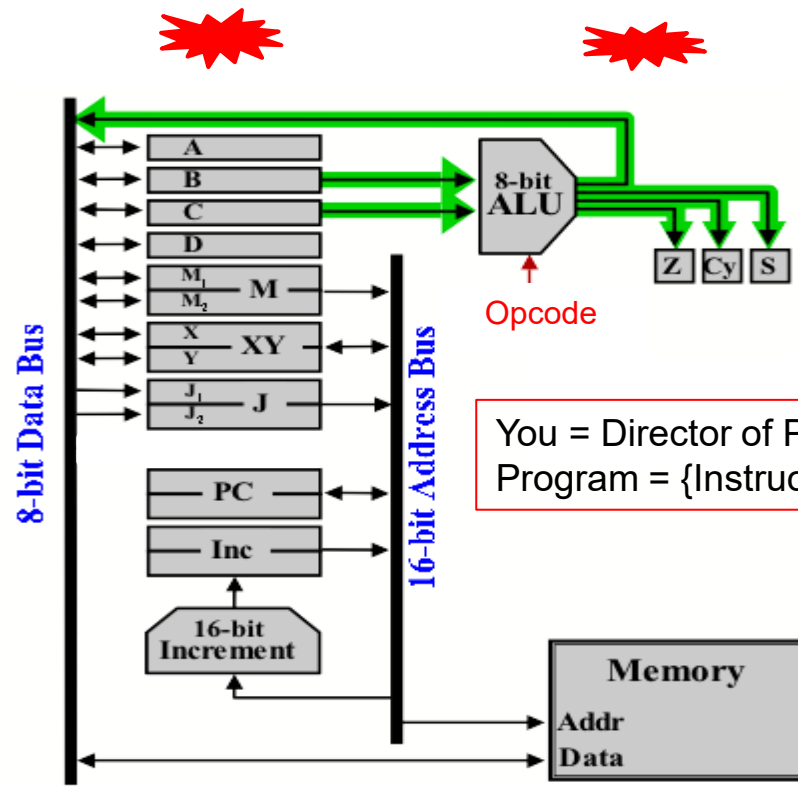
# Role of Microprocessors: Do Cycle-by-Cycle Executions

- Data = {Values, Symbols, Addresses, Instructions}
- Instructions = {Op Code + Addresses + Value/Symbol}



Problems to be solved

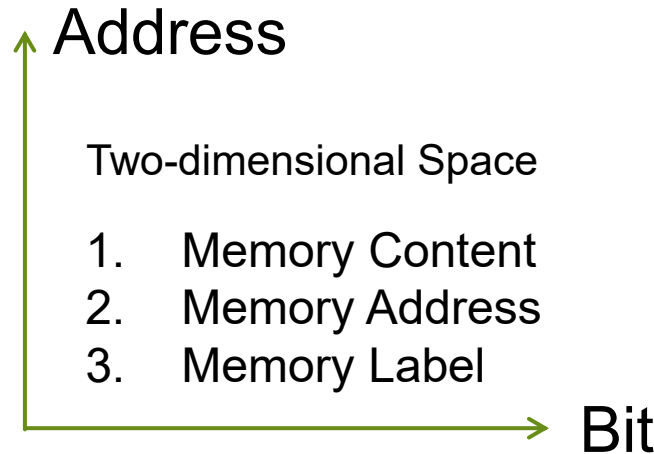
Algorithms or Solutions



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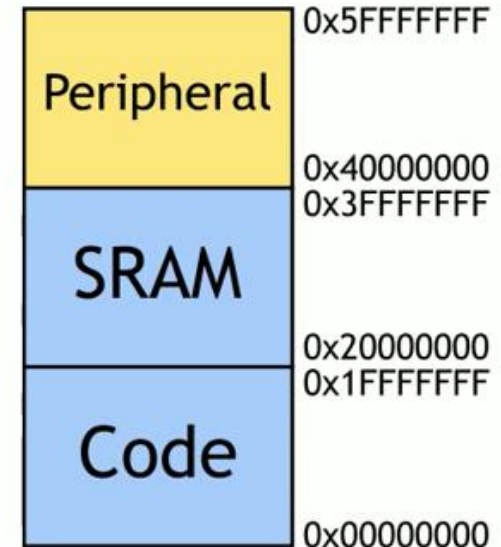
Memory = {Address + Data/Instruction}

# Outline



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# Procedure of Planning Computations

- ▶ Step 1: Describe your solution in the form of mathematics or logics.
- ▶ Step 2: Transform your solution into algorithms which consist of series of arithmetic and/or logical computations.
- ▶ Step 3: Draw flowcharts which interconnect arithmetic and/or logical computations in terms of their inputs and outputs.
- ▶ Step 4: Describe flowcharts with the use of a programming language.

# Example of Transforming Solution into Algorithm

Solution:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Algorithm:

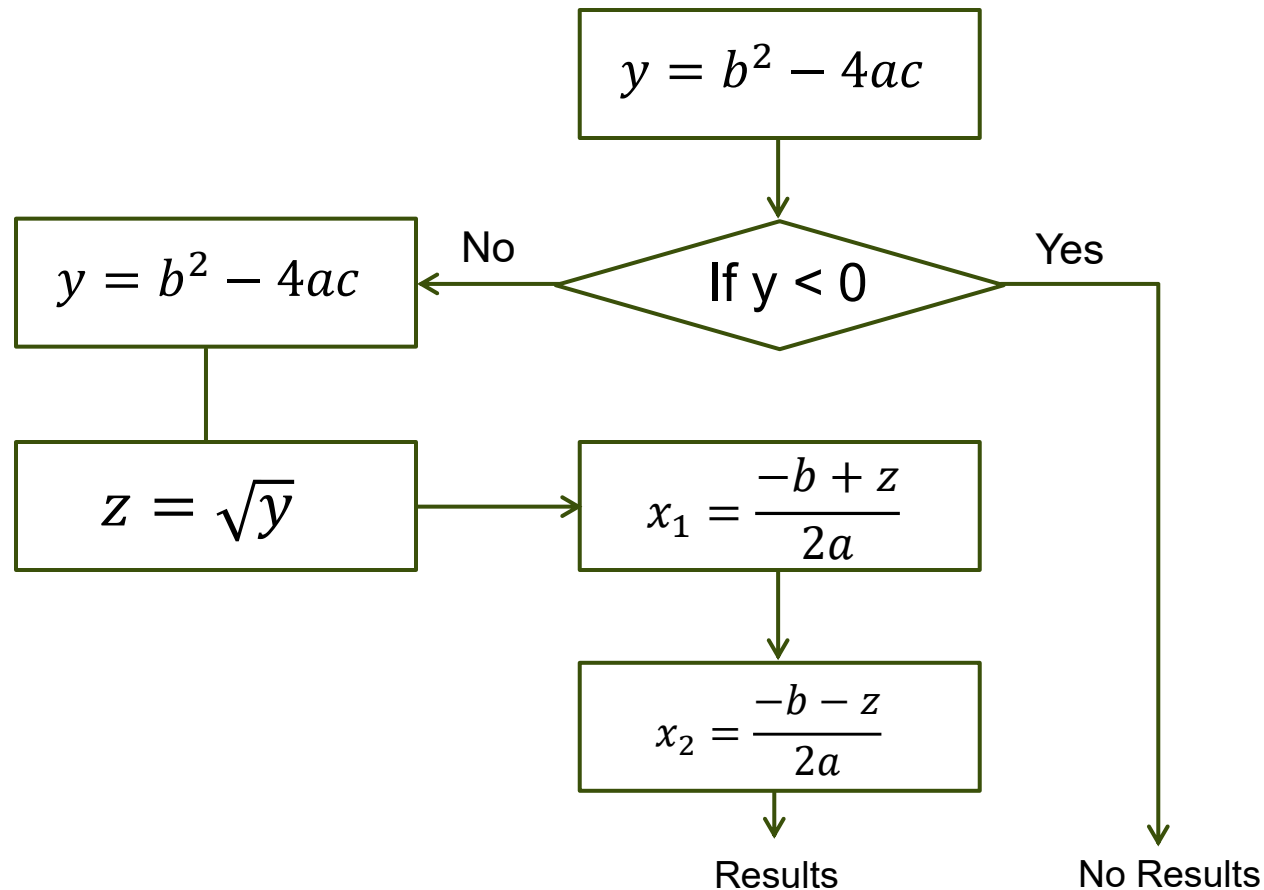
First do:  $y = b^2 - 4ac$

Then do:  $z = \sqrt{y}$

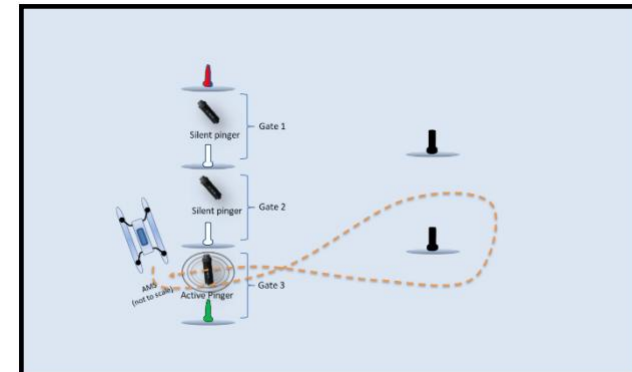
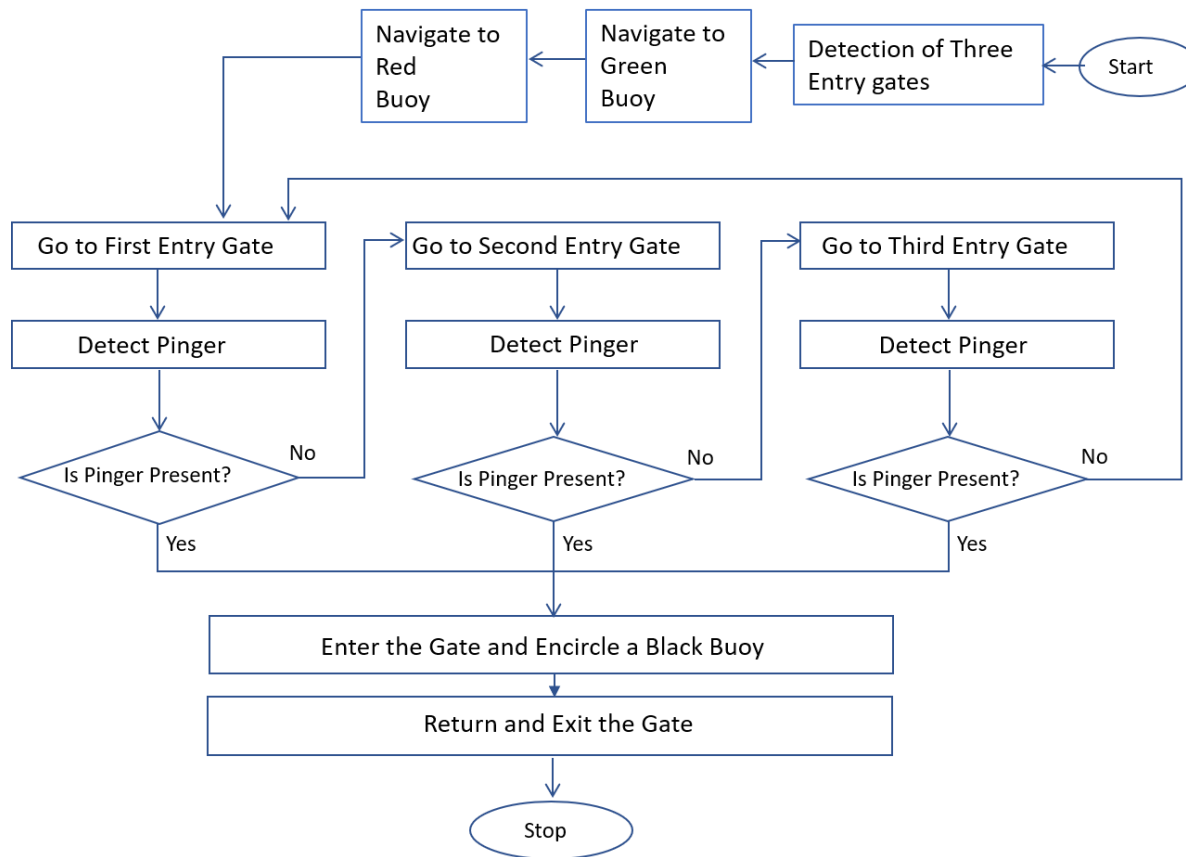
Then do:  $x_1 = \frac{-b + z}{2a}$

Then do:  $x_2 = \frac{-b - z}{2a}$

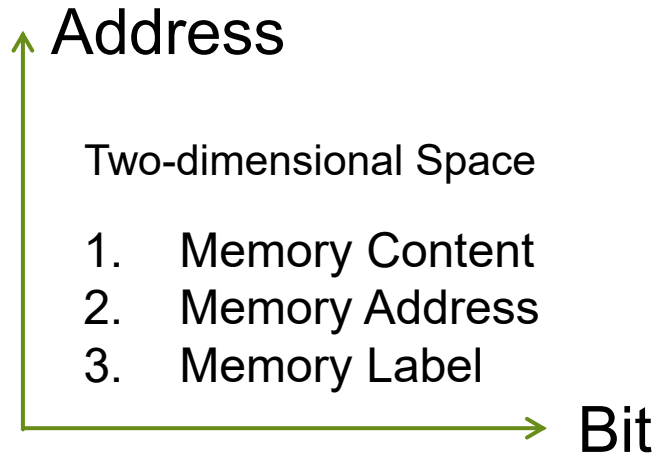
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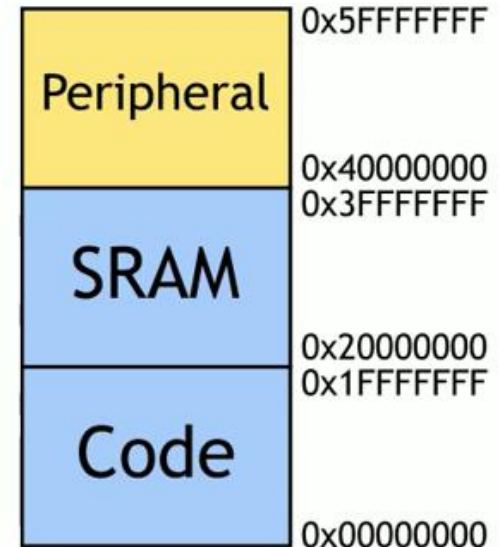


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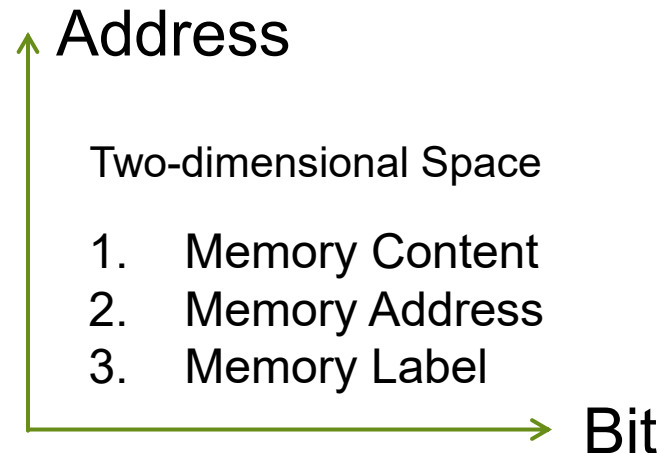
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# Motivation

- ▶ The hardware could support the concurrent running of multiple application programs.
- ▶ The ALU is being shared among these programs. This means that an application program has the full access to the ALU during the time when ALU is allocated to it.
- ▶ However, memory units are not shared in general.
- ▶ Hence, each application program must take care of memory allocation explicitly.

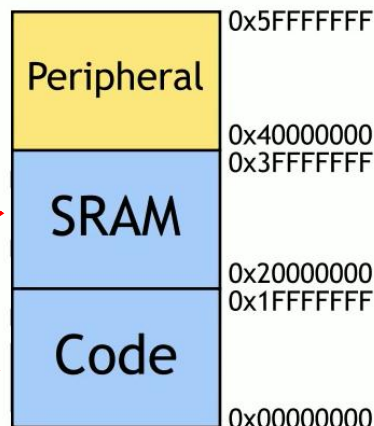


**ALU is shared while memory is to be reserved**

# Scenario of Memory Allocation

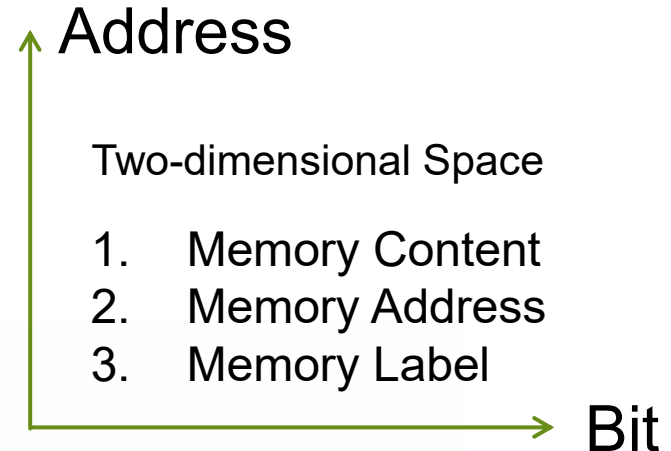
- ▶ Scenario 1: Allocation of memory for housing a program itself.
- ▶ Scenario 2: Allocation of memory for housing constants, parameters and variables of a program.

Cortex-M Memory  
On-chip Memory Space



- ▶ On-chip code, data, and I/O are located in the first 1.5 GiB of memory space
- ▶ Each is allocated 0.5 GiB
- ▶ May use physically separate buses for each space

GiB = Giga Byte



# Example of Memory Allocation

```

EXPORT Start
AREA progB, CODE, READONLY
var_a DCD 1 ; a = 1 (DCD creates 4 byte variables)
var_b DCD 15 ; b = 15
var_z DCD 0 ; z = 5

```

Start

```

; z = (a << 2) | (b & 15)
ADR r4, var_a ; get address for a
LDR r0, [r4] ; get value of a
MOV r0, r0, LSL #2 ; perform shift → r0 = (a<<2)
ADR r4, var_b ; get address for b
LDR r1, [r4] ; get value of b
AND r1, r1, #15 ; perform AND → r1 = (b & 152)
ORR r1, r0, r1 ; perform OR → r1 = (a<<2) | (b & 152)
ADR r4, var_z ; get address for z
STR r1, [r4] ; store value for z

```

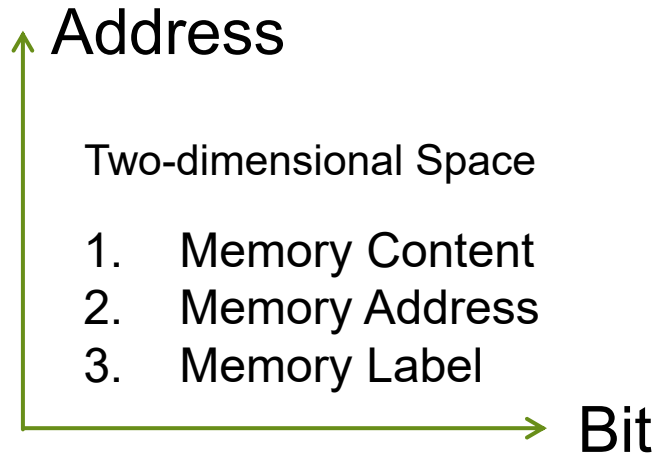
stop

```

B stop
END

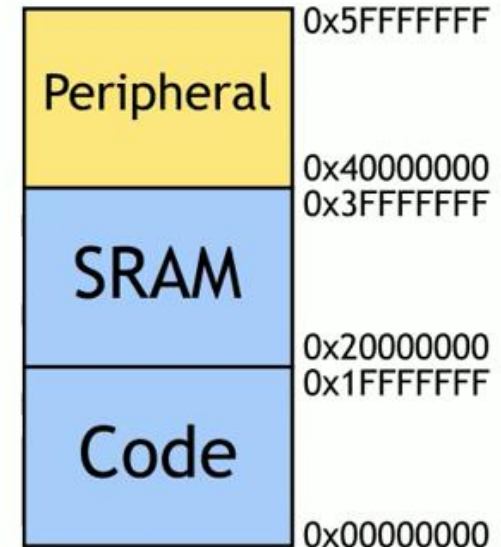
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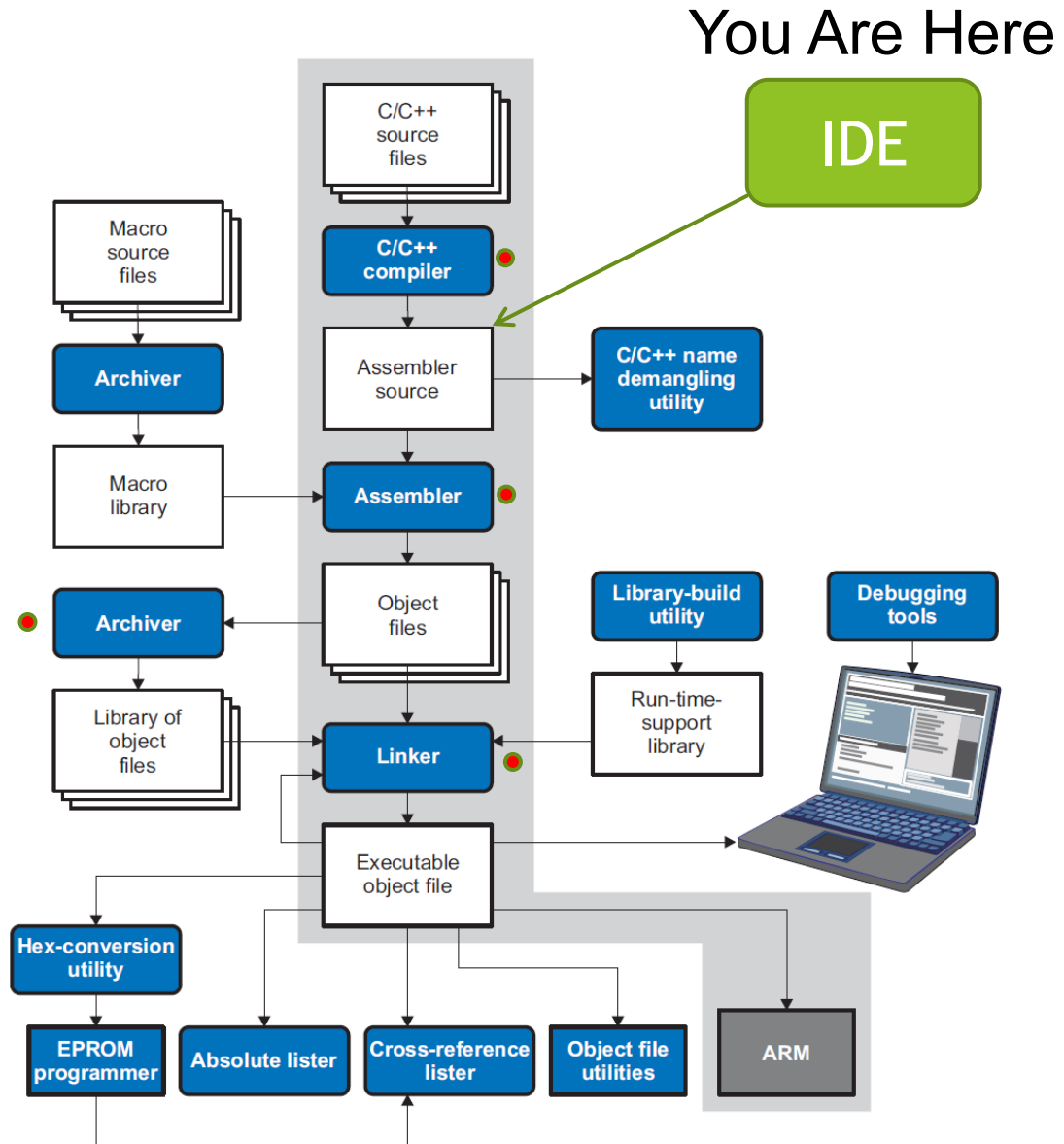


# Overview

- ▶ **Compiler:**
  - ▶ From .c files to .s files

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- ▶ **Assembler:**
  - ▶ From .s files to .o files
- ▶ **Linker:**
  - ▶ From .o files to .exe files
  - ▶ May be linked with .a files

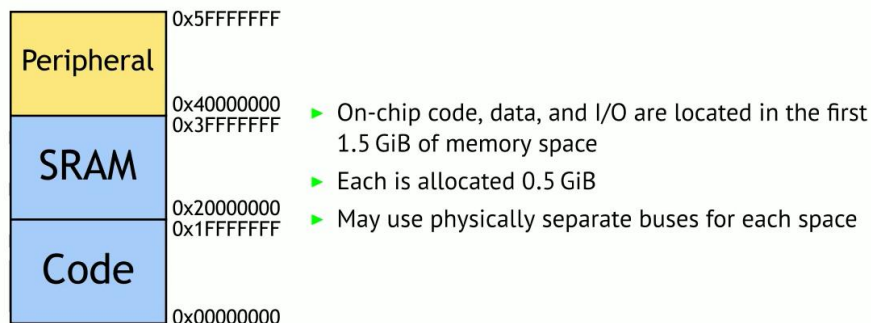


# Assembler Directives for Memory Destination

Mnemonic and Syntax	Description
<b>.bss</b> <i>symbol, size in bytes[, alignment [, bank offset]]</i>	Reserves <i>size</i> bytes in the .bss (uninitialized data) section
<b>.data</b>	Assembles into the .data (initialized data) section
<b>.sect</b> " <i>section name</i> "	Assembles into a named (initialized) section
<b>.text</b>	Assembles into the .text (executable code) section
<i>symbol</i> <b>.usect</b> " <i>section name</i> ", <i>size in bytes</i> [, <i>alignment</i> [, <i>bank offset</i> ]]	Reserves <i>size</i> bytes in a named (uninitialized) section

## Cortex-M Memory

On-chip Memory Space



**SRAM: Data Only**  
**CODE: Instructions/Data**

- Short-term memory
- Working memory

# Examples

## .space reserves a block of bytes

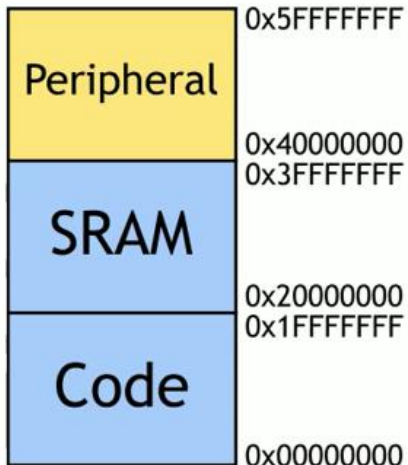
In this example, code is assembled into the .data and .text sections.

```

1          | *****
2          | **          Reserve space in .data.          **
3          | *****
4 00000000 |          .data
5 00000000 |          .space  0CCh
6          |
7          | *****
8          | **          Assemble into .text.          **
9          | *****
10 00000000 |          .text          ; Constant into .data
11          |          00000000 INDEX .set  0
12 00000000 E3A00000 |          MOV    R0, #INDEX
13          |
14          | *****
15          | **          Assemble into .data.          **
16          | *****
17 000000cc | Table:  .data
18 000000cc FFFFFFFF |          .word  -1          ; Assemble 32-bit
19          |          ; constant into .data.
20          |
21 000000d0 FF |          .byte  0FFh       ; Assemble 8-bit
22          |          ; constant into .data.
23          |
24          | *****
25          | **          Assemble into .text.          **
26          | *****
27 00000004 |          .text
28 00000004 000000CC | con:   .field  Table, 32
29 00000008 E51F100C |          LDR    R1, con
30 0000000c E5912000 |          LDR    R2, [R1]
31 00000010 E0802002 |          ADD    R2, R0, R2
    
```

Machine Readable

Human Readable



# Assembler Directives for Data's Memory Allocation

Mnemonic and Syntax	Description
<b>.cstring</b> { <i>expr</i> <sub>1</sub> "string <sub>1</sub> "}, ..., { <i>expr</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> "string <sub><i>n</i></sub> "}	Initializes one or more text strings
<b>.double</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more 64-bit, IEEE double-precision, floating-point constants
<b>.field</b> <i>value</i> [, <i>size</i> ]	Initializes a field of <i>size</i> bits (1-32) with <i>value</i>
<b>.float</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more 32-bit, IEEE single-precision, floating-point constants
<b>.half</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more 16-bit integers (halfword)
<b>.int</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more 32-bit integers
<b>.long</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more 32-bit integers
<b>.short</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more 16-bit integers (halfword)
<b>.string</b> { <i>expr</i> <sub>1</sub> "string <sub>1</sub> "}, ..., { <i>expr</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> "string <sub><i>n</i></sub> "}	Initializes one or more text strings
<b>.ubyte</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more successive unsigned bytes in the current section
<b>.uchar</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more successive unsigned bytes in the current section
<b>.uhalf</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more unsigned 16-bit integers (halfword)
<b>.uint</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more unsigned 32-bit integers
<b>.ulong</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more unsigned 32-bit integers
<b>.ushort</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more unsigned 16-bit integers (halfword)
<b>.uword</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more unsigned 32-bit integers
<b>.word</b> <i>value</i> <sub>1</sub> [, ... , <i>value</i> <sub><i>n</i></sub> ]	Initializes one or more 32-bit integers

# Example

## Example 1

This example uses the `.int` directive to initialize words.

```

1 00000000                .space 73h
2 00000000                .bss  PAGE, 128    ; Reserve 128 bytes for pointer PAGE
3 00000080                .bss  SYMPTR, 4     ; Reserve 4 bytes for pointer SYMPTR
4 00000074 E3A00056 INST: MOV    R0, #056h
5 00000078 0000000A        .int  10, SYMPTR, -1, 35 + 'a', INST, "abc"
0000007c 00000080-
00000080 FFFFFFFF
00000084 00000084
00000088 00000074'
0000008c 00000061
00000090 00000062
00000094 00000063

```

## Example 2

This example shows how the `.long` directive initializes words. The symbol `DAT1` points to the first word that is reserved.

```

1 00000000 0000ABCD DAT1: .long  0ABCDh, 'A' + 100h, 'g', 'o'
00000004 00000141
00000008 00000067
0000000c 0000006F
2 00000010 00000000'      .long  DAT1, 0AABBCCDDh
00000014 AABBCCDD
3 00000018                DAT2:

```

## Example 3

In this example, the `.word` directive is used to initialize words. The symbol `WORDX` points to the first word that is reserved.

```

1 00000000 0000C80 WORDX: .word  3200, 1 + 'AB', -0AFh, 'X'
00000004 00004242
00000008 FFFFFFF51
0000000c 00000058

```

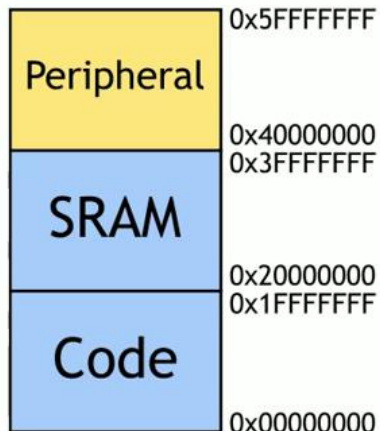
# Assembler Directives for Controlling Conditional Computations

Mnemonic and Syntax	Description
<b>.if</b> <i>condition</i>	Assembles code block if the <i>condition</i> is true
<b>.else</b>	Assembles code block if the <i>.if condition</i> is false. When using the <i>.if</i> construct, the <i>.else</i> construct is optional.
<b>.elseif</b> <i>condition</i>	Assembles code block if the <i>.if condition</i> is false and the <i>.elseif</i> condition is true. When using the <i>.if</i> construct, the <i>.elseif</i> construct is optional.
<b>.endif</b>	Ends <i>.if</i> code block
<b>.loop</b> [ <i>count</i> ]	Begins repeatable assembly of a code block; the loop count is determined by the <i>count</i> .
<b>.break</b> [ <i>end condition</i> ]	Ends <i>.loop</i> assembly if <i>end condition</i> is true. When using the <i>.loop</i> construct, the <i>.break</i> construct is optional.
<b>.endloop</b>	Ends <i>.loop</i> code block

# Example

This example shows conditional assembly:

Memory for Data	1	00000001	SYM1	.set	1	
	2	00000002	SYM2	.set	2	
	3	00000003	SYM3	.set	3	
	4	00000004	SYM4	.set	4	
	5					
Memory for Code	6		If_4:	.if	SYM4 = SYM2 * SYM2	
	7	00000000		.byte	SYM4 ; Equal values	
	8			.else		
	9			.byte	SYM2 * SYM2 ; Unequal values	
	10			.endif		
	11					
	12			If_5:	.if	SYM1 <= 10
	13	00000001	0A		.byte	10 ; Less than / equal
	14				.else	
	15				.byte	SYM1 ; Greater than
	16				.endif	
	17					
	18			If_6:	.if	SYM3 * SYM2 != SYM4 + SYM2
19				.byte	SYM3 * SYM2 ; Unequal value	
20				.else		
21	00000002	08		.byte	SYM4 + SYM4 ; Equal values	
22				.endif		
23						
24			If_7:	.if	SYM1 = SYM2	
25				.byte	SYM1	
26				.elseif	SYM2 + SYM3 = 5	
27	00000003	05		.byte	SYM2 + SYM3	
28				.endif		



# Directive for Creating Reusable Block of Codes (i.e. MACRO)

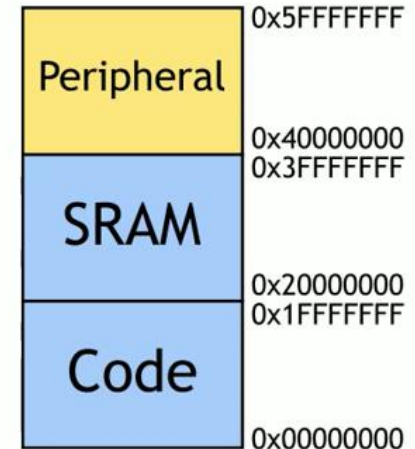
A macro definition is a series of source statements in the following format:

```

macname  .macro  [parameter1 ] [, ... , parametern ]
            model statements or macro directives
            [.mexit]
            .endm
  
```

<i>macname</i>	names the macro. You must place the name in the source statement's label field. Only the first 128 characters of a macro name are significant. The assembler places the macro name in the internal opcode table, replacing any instruction or previous macro definition with the same name.
<b>.macro</b>	is the directive that identifies the source statement as the first line of a macro definition. You must place <b>.macro</b> in the opcode field.
<i>parameter</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>parameter</i> <sub>n</sub>	are optional substitution symbols that appear as operands for the <b>.macro</b> directive.
<b>.mexit</b>	is a directive that functions as a <i>goto .endm</i> . The <b>.mexit</b> directive is useful when error testing confirms that macro expansion fails and completing the rest of the macro is unnecessary.
<b>.endm</b>	is the directive that terminates the macro definition.

# Example: $x = a + b + c$



Macro definition: The following code defines a macro, add3, with four parameters:

```

1          *
2
3          *      add3
4          *
5          *      ADDR = P1 + P2 + P3
6
7          add3   .macro P1, P2, P3, ADDR
8
9              ADD    ADDR, P1, P2
10             ADD    ADDR, ADDR, P3
11             .endm
    
```

Create a macro

Macro call: The following code calls the add3 macro with four arguments:

```

12
13 00000000      add3 R1, R2, R3, R0
    
```

Invoke or call a macro

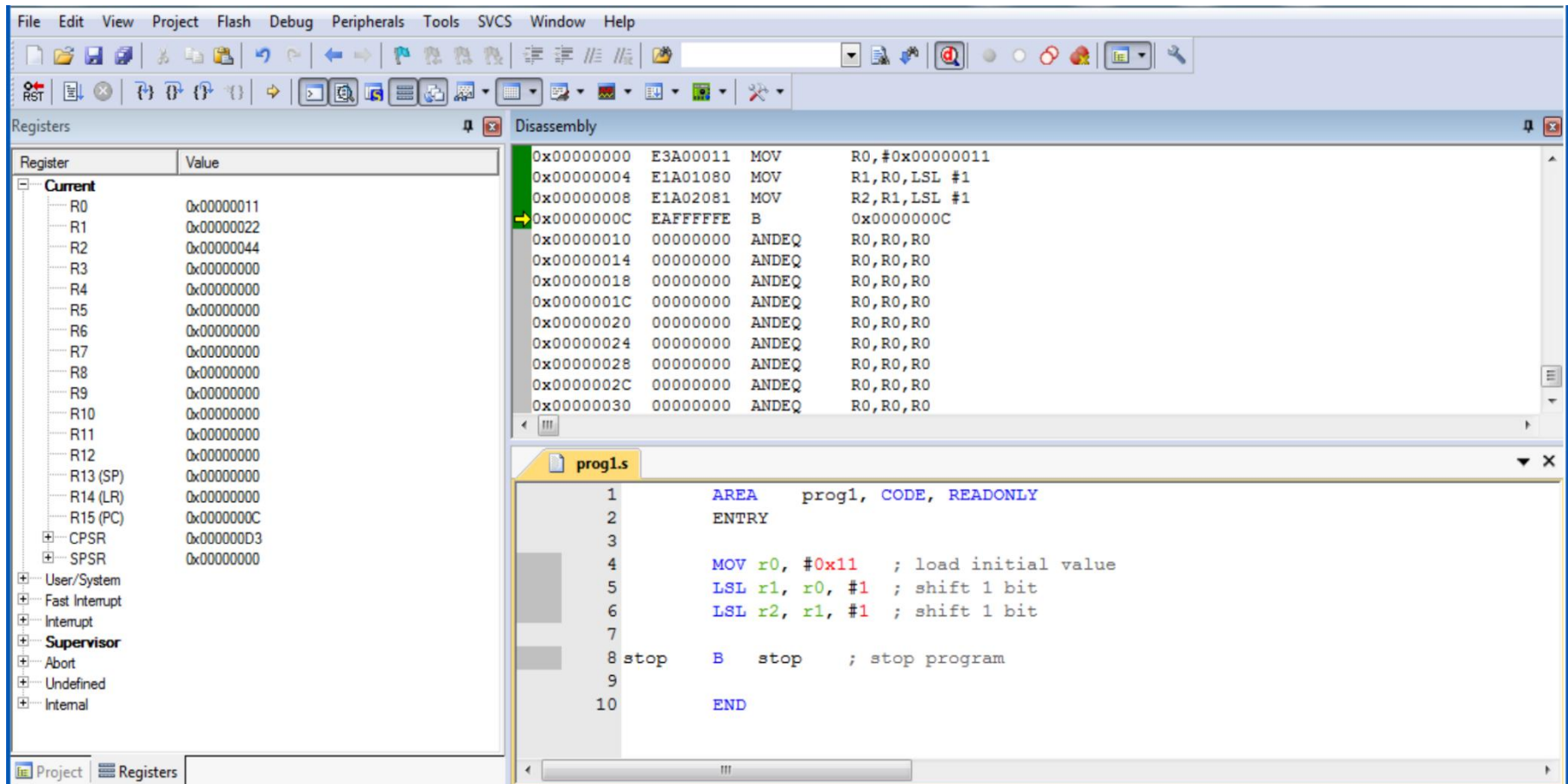
Macro expansion: The following code shows the substitution of the macro definition for the macro call. The assembler substitutes R1, R2, R3, and R0 for the P1, P2, P3, and ADDR parameters of add3.

```

1
1 00000000 E0810002      ADD    R0, R1, R2
1 00000004 E0800003      ADD    R0, R0, R3
    
```

Equivalent instructions

# Good News: Integrated Development Environment (Keil)



# Keil Directives for Allocating Memory to House Instructions/Data

► Format:

{ label } {instruction | directive | pseudo-instruction} { ; comment }

► Example:

Allocating Memory for Code

```

EXPORT Start ; may need to export start
AREA ARMex, CODE, READONLY ; Assembler Directive
                                ; Assembler directive – 1st instruction to
                                ; execute with standalone program
Start MOV r0, #10 ; label & processor instruction
      MOV r1, #3 ; another processor instruction
stop  B stop ; label & another processor instruction
      END ; End of source file – assembler directive
  
```

# Keil Directive for Reusable Instructions (i.e. MACRO and MEND)

- ▶ The MACRO directive marks the start of the definition of a macro. Macro expansion terminates at the MEND directive.

- ▶ Format:

- ▶ MACRO

- ▶ `{ $label } macroname { $cond } { $parameter { , $parameter } ... }`

- ▶ `;` code

- ▶ MEND

- ▶ Example:



```

MACRO
    ; mcro definition
    ; vara=8 * (varb + varc + 6)

$Label_1 AddMul $vara, $varab, $varac

$Label_1
    Add $vara, $varab, $varac
    Add $vara, $vara , #6
    LSL $vara, $vara , #3
MEND
  
```

# Invocation of MACRO

## MACRO

```

; mcro definition
; vara=8 * (varb + varc + 6)

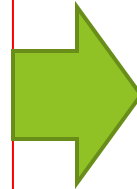
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```
$Label_1 AddMul $vara, $varab, $varac
```

```

$Label_1
  Add $vara, $varab, $varac
  Add $vara, $varab, #6
  LSL $vara, $varab, #3
MEND

```



- Invoke Macro
  - AddMul r0, r1, r2
- Resultant code after
  - ADD r0, r1, r2
  - ADD r0, r1, #6
  - LSL r0, r1, #3

# More Example

```

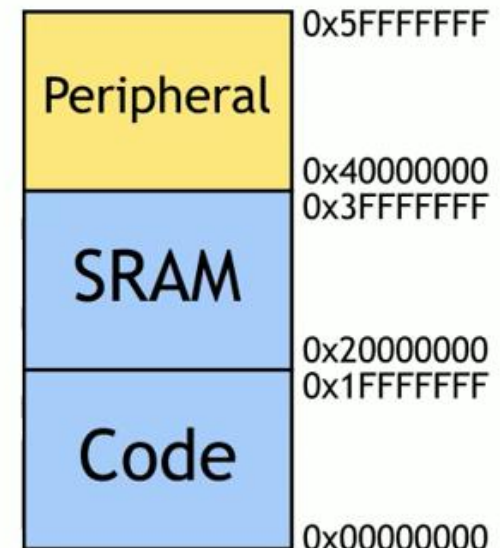
; macro definition
MACRO                                ; start macro definition
$label      xmac      $p1,$p2
            ; code
$label.loop1 ; code
            ; code
            BGE      $label.loop1
$label.loop2 ; code
            BL       $p1
            BGT      $label.loop2
            ; code
            ADR      $p2
            ; code
            MEND     ; end macro definition

; macro invocation
abc          xmac      subr1,de      ; invoke macro
            ; code                  ; this is what is
abcloop1    ; code                  ; is produced when
            ; code                  ; the xmac macro is
            BGE      abcloop1      ; expanded
abcloop2    ; code
            BL       subr1
            BGT      abcloop2
            ; code
            ADR      de
            ; code

```

# Allocation of Constants or Parameters in Keil

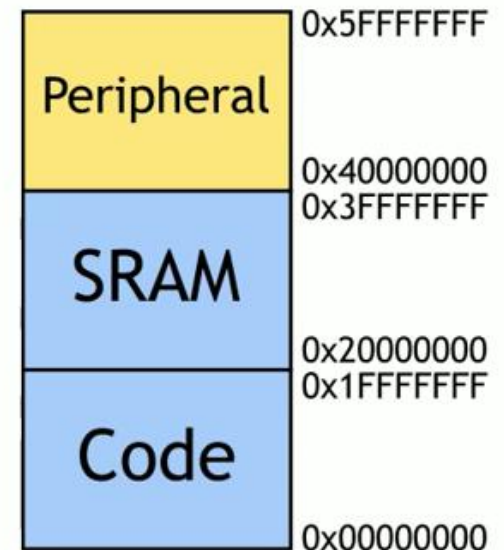
- ▶ Format with SETS Directive:
  - ▶ {name} SETS value
- ▶ Example:
  - ▶ mytext SETS “This is my text” ;
- ▶ Format with EQU Directive:
  - ▶ {name} EQU value {, type}
- ▶ Example:
  - ▶ temperature EQU 25.6 ;



# Formats of Numbers in Keil

## Number formats

- 123 : decimal number
- 0x3f : hexadecimal number
- n\_xxx n : base (2 to 9) , xxx : number
  - 8\_12 : octal number 12
- 'A' : single character constant
- "string" : string constants



# Frequently Used Keil's Directives

[Assembler User Guide: Directives Reference \(keil.com\)](#)

Keil Directive	Uses
AREA	Defines a block of code or data
RN	Can be used to associate a register with a name
EQU	Equates a symbol to a numeric constant
ENTRY	Declares an entry point to your program
DCB, DCW, DCD	Allocates memory and specifies initial runtime contents
ALIGN	Aligns data or code to a particular memory boundary
SPACE	Reserves a zeroed block of memory of a particular size
LTORG	Assigns the starting point of a literal pool
END	Designates the end of a source file

The END directive informs the assembler that it has reached the end of a source file.

# AREA

- A memory has a physical address
- A memory has a conceptual label

- ▶ The `AREA` directive instructs the assembler to assemble a new code or data section.

`AREA sectionname {,attr} {, attr}...`

**AREA Name, CODE, READONLY**

## Valid Section Attributes (Keil Tools)

<code>ALIGN = expr</code>	This aligns a section on a $2^{expr}$ -byte boundary (note that this is different from the <code>ALIGN</code> directive); e.g., if <code>expr = 10</code> , then the section is aligned to a 1KB boundary.
<code>CODE</code>	The section is machine code ( <code>READONLY</code> is the default)
<code>DATA</code>	The section is data ( <code>READWRITE</code> is the default)
<code>READONLY</code>	The section can be placed in read-only memory (default for sections of <code>CODE</code> )
<code>READWRITE</code>	The section can be placed in read-write memory (default for sections of <code>DATA</code> )

# RN

- A memory has a physical address
- A memory has a conceptual label

▶ The `RN` directive defines a name for a specified register.

▶ Format:

**name RN expr**

- *name* – name to assign to the register
- *expr* – takes values between 0 to 15

▶ Example:

```
coeff1    RN    8    ; coefficient 1
coeff2    RN    9    ; coefficient 2
dest      RN    0    ; register 0 holds the pointer to
                ; destination matrix
```

# EQU

- A memory has a physical address
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- ▶ The `EQU` directive gives a symbolic name to a numeric constant, a register-relative value or a PC-relative value.
- ▶ Format: **Name EQU expr{, type}**
  - *name* is the symbolic name to assign to the value,
  - *expr* is an address or integer constant
  - *Type* is optional and can be: ARM, THUMB, CODE16, CODE32, DATA
- ▶ Example:

```
SRAM_BASE EQU 0x04000000 ; assigns SRAM a base address
abc EQU 2 ; assigns the value 2 to the symbol abc
xyz EQU label+8 ; assigns the address (label+8)
; to the symbol xyz
fiq EQU 0x1C, CODE32 ; assigns the absolute address
; 0x1C to the symbol fiq, and marks it
; as code
```

# ENTRY

- A memory has a physical address
- A memory has a conceptual label

- ▶ The `ENTRY` directive declares an entry point to a program.

A program must have an entry point. You can specify an entry point in the following ways:

- Using the `ENTRY` directive in assembly language source code.
- Providing a `main()` function in C or C++ source code.

- ▶ Example:

```
AREA  ARMex, CODE, READONLY
ENTRY      ; Entry point for the application.
EXPORT ep1 ; Export the symbol so the linker can find it
ep1       ; in the object file.
; code
END
```

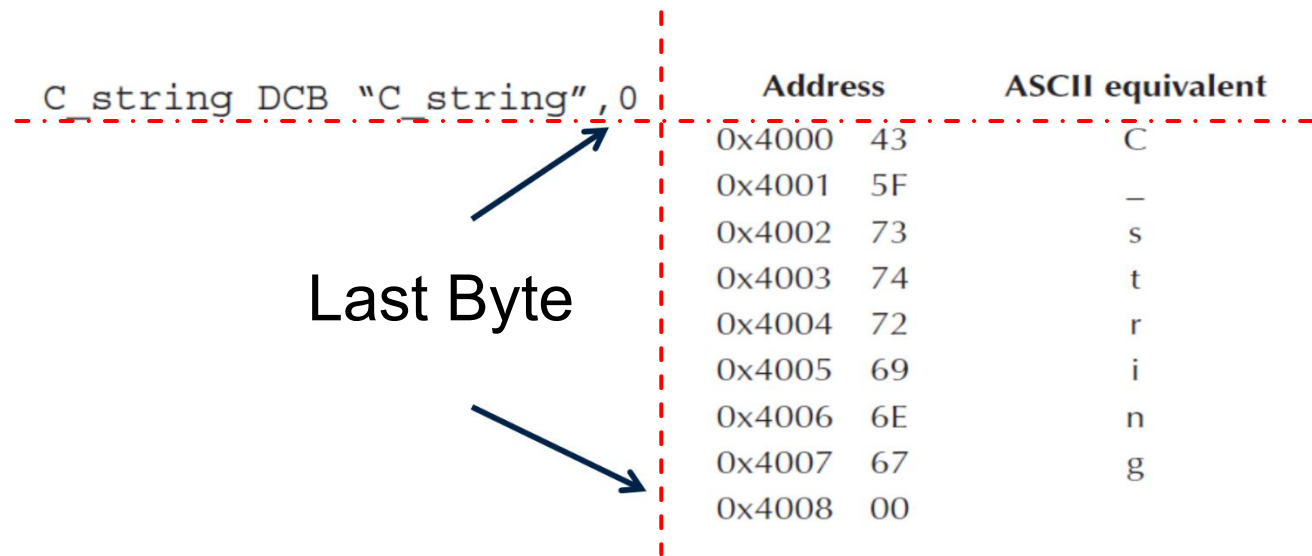
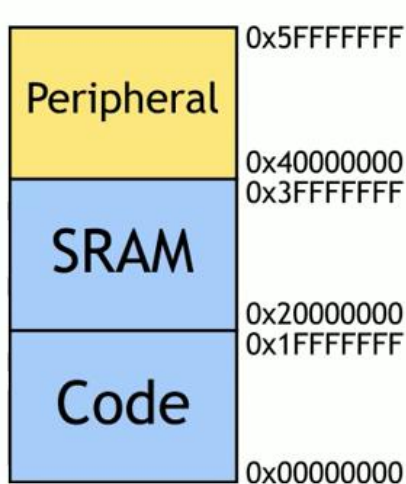
# DCB (i.e. Declare 8-bit bytes)

- ▶ The `DCB` directive allocates one or more bytes of memory, and defines the initial runtime contents of the memory.

- ▶ Format:

- ▶ {label} DCB expression {, expression} ...

- ▶ Example:



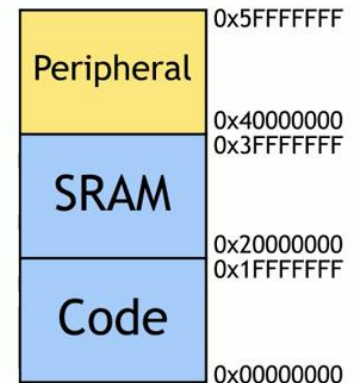
# DCW (i.e. Declare 16-bit words)

- ▶ The `DCW` directive allocates one or more halfwords of memory, aligned on two-byte boundaries, and defines the initial runtime contents of the memory. `DCWU` is the same, except that the memory alignment is arbitrary.

- ▶ Format:

- ▶ `{label} DCW{U} expression {, expression} ...`

- ▶ Example:



```
data    DCW    -225,2*number    ; number must already be defined
        DCWU   number+4
```

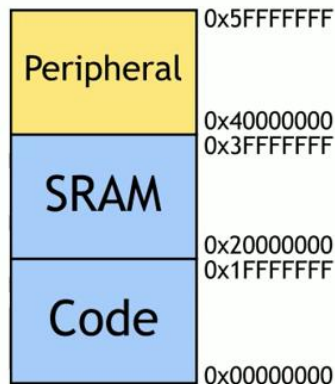
# DCD (i.e. Declare 32-bit words)

- ▶ The `DCD` directive allocates one or more words of memory, aligned on four-byte boundaries, and defines the initial runtime contents of the memory. `DCDU` is the same, except that the memory alignment is arbitrary.

- ▶ Format:

- ▶ `{label} DCD{U} expression {, expression} ...`

- ▶ Example:



```

data1    DCD      1,5,20      ; Defines 3 words containing
                                ; decimal values 1, 5, and 20
data2    DCD      mem06 + 4   ; Defines 1 word containing 4 +
                                ; the address of the label mem06
                                AREA    MyData, DATA, READWRITE
                                DCB     255      ; Now misaligned ...
data3    DCDU     1,5,20      ; Defines 3 words containing
                                ; 1, 5 and 20, not word aligned

```

# ALIGN (i.e. Change offset of alignment)

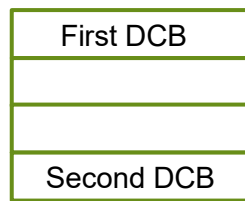
- ▶ The `ALIGN` directive aligns the current location to a specified boundary.
- ▶ Format: `ALIGN { expr { , offset } }`  
*expr* – a numeric expression evaluating to any power of  $2^0$  to  $2^{31}$   
*Current location is defined by: offset + n \* expr. If not defined, location is the next word.*

## ▶ Example

```

AREA    cacheable, CODE, ALIGN=3
rout1  ; code          ; aligned on 8-byte boundary
        ; code
MOV     pc,lr          ; aligned only on 4-byte boundary
ALIGN   8              ; now aligned on 8-byte boundary
rout2  ; code

```



```

AREA    OffsetExample, CODE
DCB     1              ; This example places the two bytes in the first
ALIGN   4,3           ; and fourth bytes of the same word.
DCB     1              ; The second DCB is offset by 3 bytes from the
                        ; first DCB.

```

ALIGN 4, 3 means: data size = 4 bytes, offset between two consecutive data = 3 bytes

# SPACE and FILL (i.e. allocate bytes)

- ▶ The `SPACE` directive reserves a zeroed block of memory. The `FILL` directive reserves a block of memory to fill with a given value.
- ▶ Format:
  - ▶ `{label} SPACE expression`
  - ▶ `{label} FILL expression {, value {, value-size in terms of byte}}`
- ▶ Example:

```
        AREA      MyData, DATA, READWRITE
data1   SPACE    255          ; defines 255 bytes of zeroed store
data2   FILL     50,0xAB,1   ; defines 50 bytes containing 0xAB
```

# LTORG (i.e. Lookup-Table Organized)

(Literals mean “fixed and unchanging values”)

- ▶ The LTORG directive instructs the assembler to assemble the current literal pool immediately. The assembler assembles the current literal pool at the end of every code section. The end of a code section is determined by the AREA directive at the beginning of the following section, or the end of the assembly.

In computer science, and specifically in compiler and assembler design, a literal pool is a lookup table used to hold literals during assembly and execution.

The assembler uses **literal pools** to store some constant data in code sections.

- ▶ Example:

Working memory of a function

```

AREA    Example, CODE, READONLY
start  BL      func1
func1                                     ; function body
      ; code
      LDR     r1,=0x55555555 ; => LDR R1, [pc, #offset to Literal Pool 1]
      ; code
      MOV     pc,lr          ; end function
      LTORG                                     ; Literal Pool 1 contains literal &55555555.
data   SPACE  4200          ; Clears 4200 bytes of memory starting at current location.
      END                                     ; Default literal pool is empty.

```

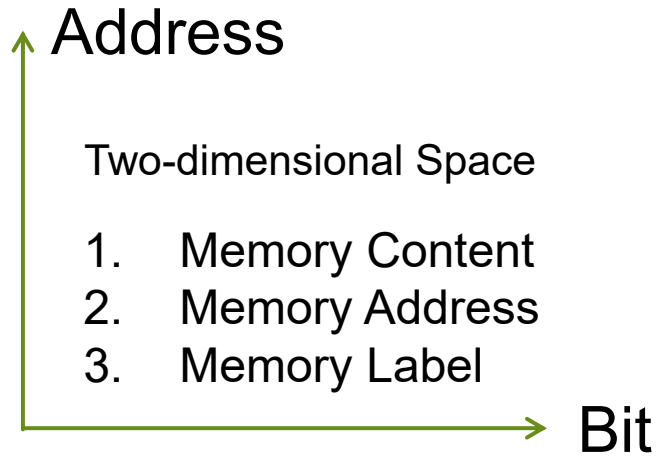
# Other Operations Offered by Keil

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	<b>Keil Tools</b>
A modulo B	A:MOD:B
Rotate A left by B bits	A:ROL:B
Rotate A right by B bits	A:ROR:B
Shift A left by B bits	A:SHL:B or $A \ll B$
Shift A right by B bits	A:SHR:B or $A \gg B$
Add A to B	$A + B$
Subtract B from A	$A - B$
Bitwise AND of A and B	A:AND:B
Bitwise Exclusive OR of A and B	A:EOR:B
Bitwise OR of A and B	A:OR:B

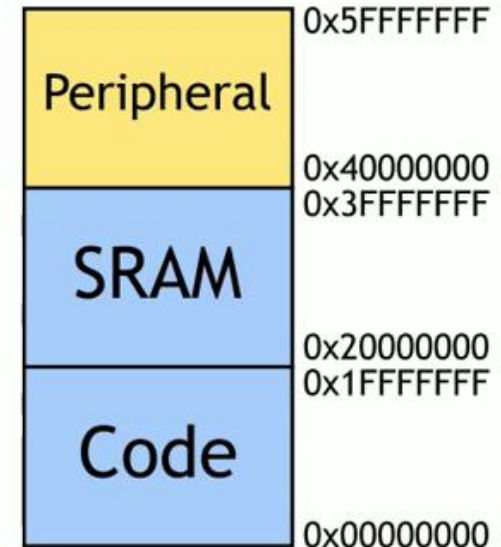
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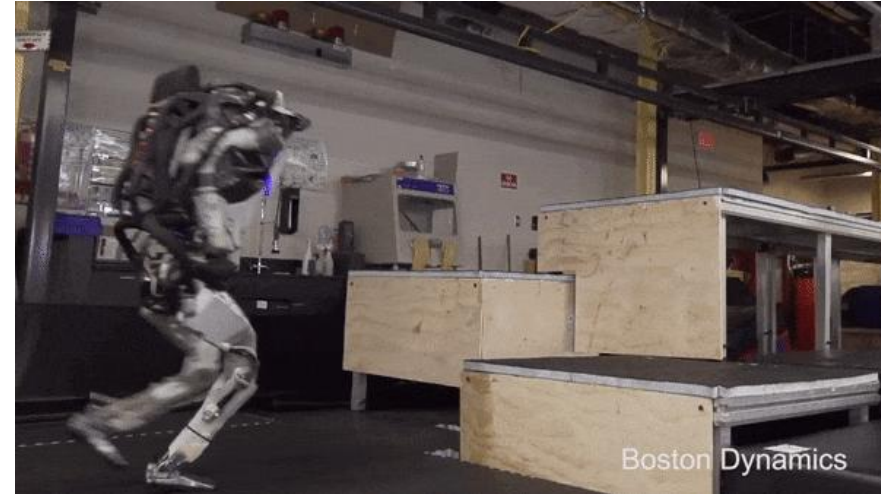
You = Director of Program  
 Program = {Instructions}

- ▶ Nature of Programming
- ▶ Planning of Computations in Programming
- ▶ Allocation of Memory in Programming
- ▶ ARM Programming Tools



# Summary of Module 1

- ▶ Robot Systems
- ▶ Robot's Mechanical Systems
- ▶ Robot's Control Systems
  - ▶ Controllers
  - ▶ Actuators
  - ▶ Sensors
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## What to design?

- The best systems in the universe are static systems
- Most systems in the universe are dynamic systems
- Our goal is to make dynamic systems to be closer to static systems



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