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Coordinate Systems and Motion
Nomenclatures**

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NATIONAL FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (First Revision) which is identical with ISO 9787 : 2013 ‘Robots and robotic devices — Coordinate systems and motion nomenclatures’ issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards on the recommendation of the Industrial and Production Automation Systems and Robotics Sectional Committee and approval of the Production and General Engineering Division Council.

This standard was first published in 1999. This revision has been taken up to align with the latest edition of ISO Standard. In particular, the scope has been expanded to include robots operating in both industrial and non-industrial environments.

The text of ISO Standard has been approved as suitable for publication as an Indian Standard without deviations. Certain terminology and conventions are however not identical to those used in Indian Standards. Attention is particularly drawn to the following:

- a) Wherever the words ‘International Standard’ appear referring to this standard, they should be read as ‘Indian Standard’.
- b) Comma (,) has been used as a decimal marker while in Indian Standards, the current practice is to use a point (.) as the decimal marker.

In this adopted standard, reference appear to the following International Standard for which Indian Standard also exists. The corresponding Indian Standard, which is to be substituted in its place, is listed below along with its degree of equivalence for the edition indicated:

<i>International Standard</i>	<i>Corresponding Indian Standard</i>	<i>Degree of Equivalence</i>
ISO 8373 : 2012 Robots and robotic devices — Vocabulary	IS 14662 : 1999 Industrial robots — Vocabulary	Identical with ISO 8373 : 1994

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 1960 ‘Rules for rounding off numerical values (*revised*)’. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

Indian Standard

ROBOTS AND ROBOTIC DEVICES — COORDINATE
SYSTEMS AND MOTION NOMENCLATURES
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1 Scope

This International Standard defines and specifies robot coordinate systems. It also provides nomenclature, including notations, for the basic robot motions. It is intended to aid in robot alignment, testing, and programming.

This International Standard applies to all robots and robotic devices as defined in ISO 8373.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 8373:2012, *Robots and robotic devices — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8373 and the following apply.

3.1

configuration

set of all joint values that completely determines the shape of the robot at any time

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2012, 3.5]

3.2

base mounting surface

connection surface between the arm and its supporting structure

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2012, 3.9]

3.3

mobile platform

assembly of all components of the mobile robot which enables locomotion

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2012, 3.18, modified — Notes 1 and 2 have been removed.]

3.4

world coordinate system

stationary coordinate system referenced to earth, which is independent of the robot motion

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2012, 4.7.1]

3.5

base coordinate system

coordinate system referenced to the base mounting surface

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2012, 4.7.2]

3.6

mechanical interface coordinate system

coordinate system referenced to the mechanical interface

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2012, 4.7.3]

3.7

tool coordinate system

TCS

coordinate system referenced to the tool or to the end effector attached to the mechanical interface

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2012, 4.7.5]

3.8

working space

space which can be swept by the wrist reference point increased by the range of rotation or translation of each joint in the wrist

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2012, 4.8.4]

3.9

tool centre point

TCP

point defined for a given application with regard to the mechanical interface coordinate system

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2012, 4.9]

3.10

mobile platform origin

mobile platform reference point

origin point of the mobile platform coordinate system

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2012, 4.11]

3.11

task coordinate system

coordinate system referenced to the site of the task, denoted by $O_k - X_k - Y_k - Z_k$

[SOURCE: ISO 14539:2000, 3.3.5]

3.12

object coordinate system

coordinate system referenced to the object, denoted by $O_j - X_j - Y_j - Z_j$

[SOURCE: ISO 14539:2000, 3.3.6]

3.13

camera coordinate system

coordinate system referenced to the sensor which monitors the site of the task, denoted by $O_c - X_c - Y_c - Z_c$

Note 1 to entry: A vision system may be installed to detect the position and orientation of arbitrarily placed objects.

[SOURCE: ISO 14539:2000, 3.3.7]

3.14

grasp-type gripper

gripper that handles an object with finger(s)

[SOURCE: ISO 14539:2000, 4.1.2.1]

4 General rules for coordinate systems and motion nomenclature

4.1 Right-hand coordinate systems

All coordinate systems described in this International Standard are defined by the orthogonal right-hand rule as shown in [Figure 1](#).

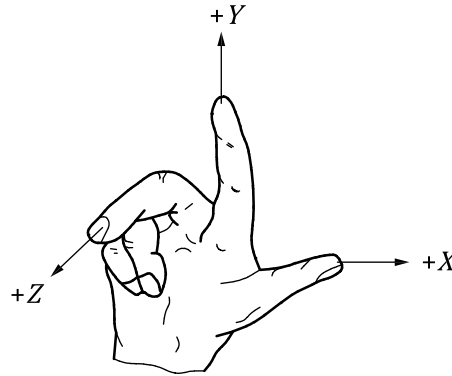


Figure 1 — Right-hand coordinate system

4.2 Translations

Translations along X , Y , and Z axes are expressed in the following way:

- + or $-x$ along X axis;
- + or $-y$ along Y axis;
- + or $-z$ along Z axis.

4.3 Rotations

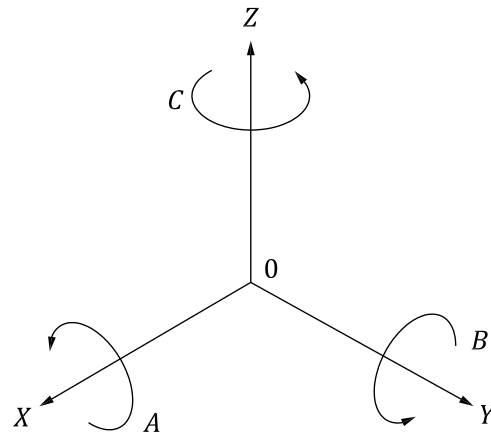
Rotations about X , Y , and Z axes are expressed in the following way:

- + or $-A$ about X axis;
- + or $-B$ about Y axis;
- + or $-C$ about Z axis.

A , B and C are also called roll, pitch and yaw, respectively.

Positive A , B and C are in the directions to advance right-hand screws in the positive X , Y and Z directions, respectively (see [Figure 2](#)).

General rotations are expressed by the combination of individual rotations.



Key

- A roll
- B pitch
- C yaw

Figure 2 — Rotations

4.4 Nomenclature for manipulator axes

If the axes are numerically designated, axis 1 shall be the first motion closest to the base mounting surface, axis 2 the second motion, and so on, and axis m the motion to which the mechanical interface is attached.

NOTE Examples are given in [Annex A](#).

5 Coordinate systems

5.1 World coordinate system, $O_0 - X_0 - Y_0 - Z_0$

The origin of the world coordinate system, O_0 , shall be defined by the users in accordance with their requirements. The $+Z_0$ axis is collinear but in the opposite direction to the acceleration of gravity vector. The $+X_0$ axis shall be defined by the users in accordance with their requirements (see [Figure 3](#)).

5.2 Base coordinate system, $O_1 - X_1 - Y_1 - Z_1$

The origin of the base coordinate system, O_1 , shall be defined by the manufacturer of the robot. The $+Z_1$ axis is in the direction of the mechanical structure of the robot perpendicularly away from the base mounting surface. The $+X_1$ axis points away from the origin and passes through the projection of the centre of the working space, C_w , onto the plane of the base mounting surface (see [Figures 3](#) and [4](#)). When the robot configuration precludes this convention, the direction of the $+X_1$ axis shall be defined by the manufacturer.

NOTE Examples of the base and mechanical interface coordinate systems are given in [Annex A](#).

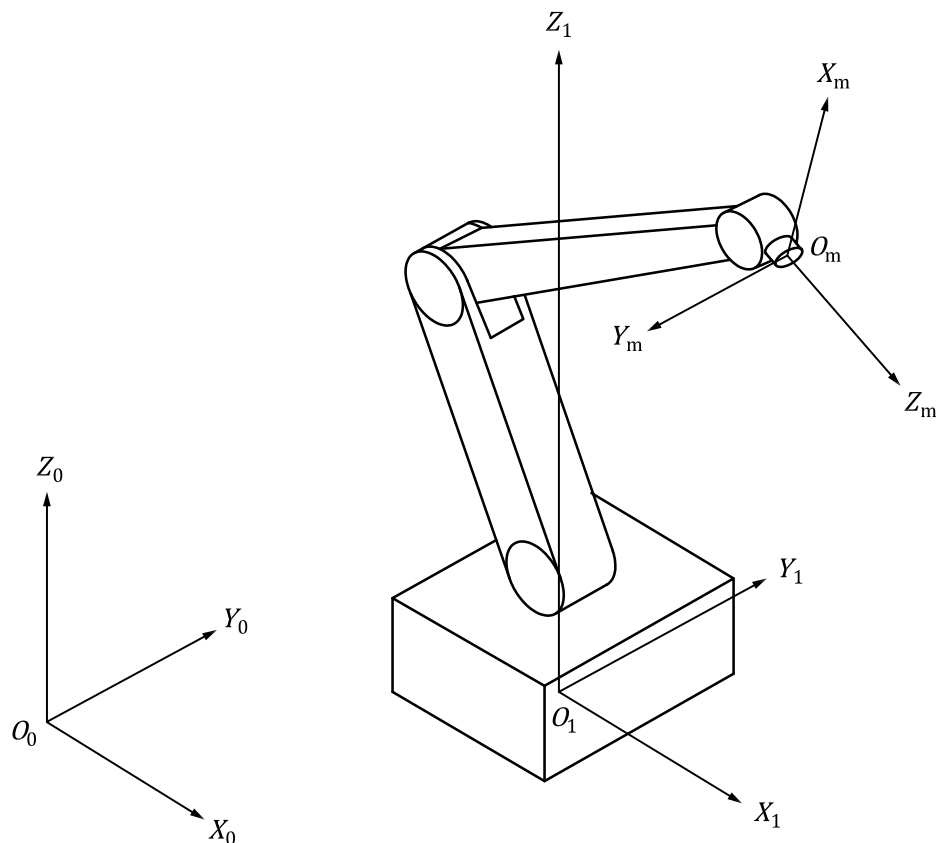


Figure 3 — Examples of coordinate systems

5.3 Mechanical interface coordinate system, $O_m - X_m - Y_m - Z_m$

The origin of the mechanical interface coordinate system, O_m , is the centre of the mechanical interface. The $+Z_m$ axis points perpendicularly away from the mechanical interface. The $+X_m$ axis is defined as the line parallel to the $+Z_1$ ($+X_1$) axis with the mechanical interface aligned parallel to the plane $Y_1 Z_1$ ($X_1 Y_1$) and the robot primary and secondary axes nearest their mid-positions. When the robot configuration precludes this convention, the position of the primary axes shall be defined by the manufacturer (see [Figure 3](#)).

NOTE Examples of the base and mechanical interface coordinate systems are given in [Annex A](#).

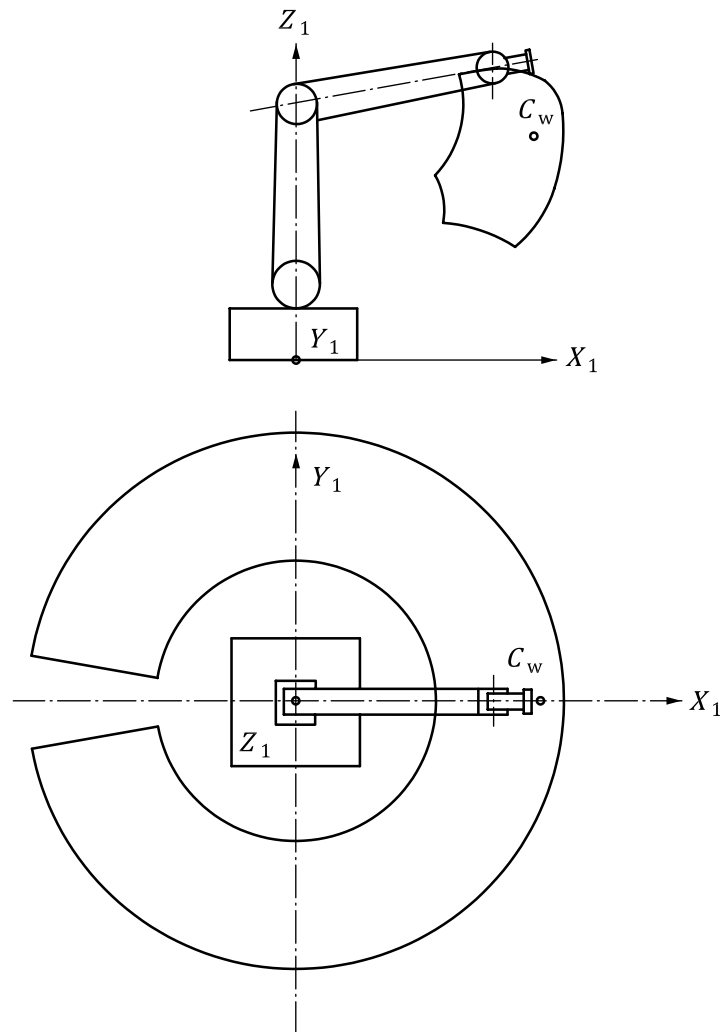


Figure 4 — Examples of robot working space

5.4 Tool coordinate system (TCS), $O_t - X_t - Y_t - Z_t$

The origin of the tool coordinate system, O_t , is the tool centre point (TCP) (see [Figure 5](#)). The $+Z_t$ axis is tool dependent, normally in the direction of the tool. In case of planar grasp-type grippers, the $+Y_t$ axis is on the moving plane of fingers.

