

Mct/ROB/200 Robotics, Spring Term 12-13

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# Programming

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# **Objectives**

When you have finished this lecture you should be able to:

- Understand the main requirements and functions of robot programming.
- Identify different programming methods commonly used with industrial robots.
- Understand robot language development and different classes of programming languages.
- Familiarize with ABB RAPID<sup>®</sup> (Robotics Application Programming Interactive Dialogue) Programming Language.

### Outline

- Industrial Robot Programming
- Programming Methods
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#### Hardware and Software Structures



- Software Characteristics
  - ♦ Real-time System
  - Multi-axes System
  - Necessity for process synchronization

  - Special Purpose Programming Language
  - High level of Security and Robustness

- Software Processes
  - High Priority
    - Safety Systems
    - Emergency Stops
    - Simultaneous Controllers of different axis (6 or more): 10-50 μsec per axis

#### Intermediate Priority

- Operating System
- Command Interpretation
- Path Calculation: 1-5 msec.
- I/O Communications
- Computer Link Communications.

- Software Processes
  - Low Priority
    - Interaction with Programming Unit
    - Compiler
    - Editor
    - Communications with memory disks, diskette, etc.
    - Variable Visualization
    - Variable Simulation.

### Online Programming

Production **operation is stopped &** programmer puts robot into programming mode to teach the required position, motion & control sequences.

### Offline Programming

All of the programming is performed **away** from the robot & production area; translation points are calculated by robot controller from translation point coordinate values entered in off-line mode; some touch-up may be required when testing the program in the operating robot.





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#### Programming Main Functions

- ♦ Manipulation
- Sensing
- ♦ Intelligence
- A Data Processing

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### Programming Main Functions

- Automation **♦ Manipulation:** The control of the **motion of** all robot joints. This includes position, velocity, and path control of the arm during all programmed motion.
- **Sensing:** The gathering of **information** from the physical work cell surrounding the robot. This include the collection of sensory information and the control of peripheral equipment.



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### Programming Main Functions

- ♦ **Intelligence:** The ability to use gathered **information** to modify system operation or to select various preprogrammed paths.
- ♦ Data Processing: The capability to use data bases and to **communicate** with other intelligent machines. This includes the capability to keep records, exchange programs, generate reports, and control activity in the work cell.



- Software Requirements
  - Motion Commands
  - Concurrency
  - A Interprocess Communication
  - Event Synchronization
  - Olling or Interrupts
  - Sensor Variables
  - Initialization and Termination.

- Software Requirements
  - Motion Commands: The control of motion requires the addition of move commands to the robot-level language, and the control of force requires the addition of force commands.



At a low level, the programs must concurrently control the **joint motions** to achieve the desired Cartesian motion of the end-effector. These control programs must meet very tight timing constraints.

At a higher level, the robot operates in **parallel with other robots and the external sensors**. Data from these sensors is required by the robot-level programs for making decisions.

Concurrency can be achieved in three ways: **parallel processing**, **multitasking operating systems**, and **concurrent language constructs**.

Software Requirements

#### 

**Interprocess or process-process Communication** 

#### **Shared Memory**

An area of memory is set aside for the storage of common data. This data must **be accessible** by several processes for both **read and write** operation. This is a **blackboard** technique.

#### **Remote-procedure Call**

Remote-procedure call (RPC) is a synchronous protocol that a process A (client) can use to request a service from process B (server) on a shared network. This synchronous operation requires the requesting process (client) to be suspended until the results of the remote procedure are returned.

#### **Message Passing**

This is the simplest and safest model, where **processes send messages** to the other processes. Process **A** sends a message to process **B** and pauses until process **B** reads and acknowledge the message.

- Software Requirements
  - Event Synchronization: because robots manipulate physical objects, the programs controlling the robot must be synchronized with events external to the computer.
    - These events fall into three categories: **initiation events**, **termination events and error events**.

For example, when command to grasp an object, the robot program should **check** that the object is grasped before proceeding. If the **grasp action failed**, an alternative course of action must be taken, such as calling an **error recovery routine**.



- Software Requirements
  - **\diamond Polling or Interrupts:**



Polling

Program continually checks the state of a sensor input. When certain predefined conditions occur, the polling program either sets a **flag** to indicate the occurrence of the event, or executes a procedure to **handle the event** 

When an event occurs, an electrical pulse causes the **processor to halt** execution and vector to an interrupthandling routine. As with polling, the interrupt routine can either set **a flag** or execute a procedure to handle the event.

#### Software Requirements

Sensor Variable: Sensor variables are used to store the values read from sensors. They are like ordinary variables in that they are used as loop guards in program constructs, for decision making, and in calculation.

However, they are sufficiently different from ordinary variables to require **special attention** in the language. Each sensor produces an electrical signal which may be a single bit, a binary number, or an array of binary numbers. Thus, the type of the **sensor variable** is determined by the **data structure required to store the sensed information**.

- Software Requirements
  - Initialization and Termination: To reduce the problem of initializing a robot, we normally place it in a known home position.

### When a **robot program terminates**:

- It should move the robot to the home position,
- Apply the brakes,
- and zero all controller outputs by reducing the gain of the control loops to zero (**suiciding process**).



Software Requirements

#### **\diamond Initialization and Termination:**

When a robot program **aborts**, a **potentially dangerous** situation occurs. **Applying the brakes** can cause an object to fly out of the gripper and **failure to apply the brakes** can allow the robot to crash into other objects.



Software Requirements

### ◊ Initialization and Termination:

Some commercial robots abort when passing near a **singularity** due to the **violence of the motion** about the singular point. If such a robot has **no brakes**, it will **collapse** in a heap on the objects it is manipulating.

**Watchdog timers** to detect when operations have failed are required for the robot control system.

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Direct Passive Leadthrough Programming or Teaching



- Direct Passive Leadthrough Programming or Teaching
  - Robot is taught by manually seizing the end of the real robot arm and actually pushing it through the series of operations in a dry run of the real production process.
  - The robot can be commanded to repeat the performance indefinitely.
  - This type of programming is especially good for spray painting and welding applications. Operators skilled in conventional spray painting or welding can teach the robot their skills while simulating an actual manual performance of the job.
  - The robot then merely **mimics the actions of its teacher**.

Indirect Passive Leadthrough Teaching



### Indirect Passive Leadthrough Teaching

This method employs a mechanism that mechanically simulates the robot: a robot **training arm**, sometimes called a **dummy robot**. Compared with the real robot, the training arm is generally lighter and easier to manipulate by the skilled operator charged with the task of teaching the robot.

Spray painting is an ideal application for such mechanisms because the **skilled operator** must feel as though he or she is actually holding a paint gun while teaching the robot.

The comparatively light training arm can give that kind of feel to the operator. The training arm transmits its path to the control computer during the teach mode. In turn, the control computer drives the real robot through the same path of motion in the run mode.

• Active Leadthrough Programming (Teach-pendant Programming)



Manipulator

Teach-Pendant or Teach Box Teach-Pendants have controls for commanding the robot to memorize points along the path motion.

• Active Leadthrough Programming (Teach-pendant Programming)



Active Leadthrough Programming



• Active Leadthrough Programming (Teach-pendant Programming)



#### Textual Programming



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### **Robot Language Development**



# **Robot Language Development**



- This level language requires the user to program in **joint space**. The term joint space means that all the programmed points in the robot's work envelope are expressed as a series of joint values for all the joints of the arm.
- This level is used on some less sophisticated point-to-point servo machines and on all stop-to-stop pneumatic robot controlled with PLCs.

# **Robot Language Development**

#### Primitive Motion Languages



Primitive Motion Languages Approach hole, 100 Move hole

RAIL, T3, RoboTalk, RPL, VAL

- A program point is generated by moving the robot to a desired point and depressing a program switch. A sequence of points is saved in this manner, producing a complete program.
- Program editing capability is provided.
- Teaching motion of the robot is controlled by either a teach pendant, terminal, or joystick.
- The programmed and teaching motion can occur in the Cartesian, cylindrical, or hand coordinate modes.
### Primitive Motion Languages

Level 2

Primitive Motion Languages Approach hole, 100 Move hole

- Interfacing with work-cell equipment is
   possible.
- The language permits simple subroutines and branching.
- VAL (Victor Assembly Language) is an example for this level.

#### VAL

PROGRAM DEMO 10 OPENT SPEED 100 MMPS ALWAYS 20 30 MOVE #A WAIT SIG(1001) 40 50 SPEED 80 MMPS 60 APPRO B,50 70 MOVES #B BREAK 80 90 CLOSE 100 SPEED 80 MMPS 110 DEPARTS B,50 120 MOVE D 130 SPEED 80 MMPS 140 APPRO C,50 150 MOVES #C 160 OPENI 170 DEPARTS 50 END

Structured Programming Languages



- ♦ A **structured control** format is present.
- Extensive use of coordinate transformations and reference frames is permitted.
- Complex data structures are supported.



### Structured Programming Languages



- The format encourages extensive use of branching and subroutines defined by the user.
- Off-line programming is provided.



### Task-oriented Languages

Level 4

Task-oriented Languages

Place object 1 on object2

AUTOPASS (Automatic Programming System for Mechanical Assembly)

Programming in natural language is permitted. A natural language command might be "Put bracket A on top of bracket B".

 A plan generation feature allows replanning of robot motion to avoid undesirable situations.

 A world modeling system permits the robot to keep track of objects.

### Task-oriented Languages

Level 4

Task-oriented Languages

Place object 1 on object2

AUTOPASS (Automatic Programming System for Mechanical Assembly)

The inclusion of collision avoidance permits accident-free motion.

Teaching can be accomplished by showing the robot an example solution.

Origin	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
ABB		RAPID	
GMFanuc		KARL	
Kuka		KRL	
Cincinnati Milacron	T3		
Mitsubishi		MELFA-BASIC	
General Electric		HELP	
Automatix	RAIL		
IBM		AML, AML/E	AUTOPASS
Adept		V, V+	
McDonnel Douglas		MCL	
Rhino	RoboTalk		
Seiko		DARL II	
Westinhouse	RPL		
Unimation	VAL	VAL II	





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- RAPID (Robotics
   Application Programming
   Interactive Dialogue) is a

   level-3 textual
   programming language
   developed by ABB.
- A RAPID application consists of a program and a series of system modules.





#### Program



#### • Program

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VERSION:1
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
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MODULE Example
  CONST robtarget A := [[0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0], [0, -1, 0, 0], [9E+09, ...]];
                                                                              !Load
  CONST tooldata gripper:= [TRUE, [[0,0,0],[1,0,0,0]],
                                   [0, [0, 0, 0], [1, 0, 0, 0], 0, 0, 0]];
  PROC close gripper()
    Set sgripper;
  ENDPROC
  PROC pick piece()
    MoveJ B1, v100, z5, gripper;
    MoveL B, v80, fine, gripper;
    close gripper;
  ENDPROC
```

#### Program

#### PROC main() CONST dionum ready:=1; open gripper; WHILE TRUE DO MoveJ A, v100, fine, gripper; WaitDI econtrol, ready; pick piece; MoveL B1, v80, z5, gripper; MoveJ D,v100,z100,gripper; MoveJ C1, v100, z5, gripper; MoveL C,v80, fine, gripper; open gripper; MoveL C1, v80, z5, gripper; ENDWHILE ENDPROC

#### ENDMODULE

Basic Elements

### ◊ Identifiers:

Example:

MODULE module\_name PROC routine\_name() VAR pos variable\_name:

- The first character must be a letter.
- Maximum length is 16.
- Case sensitive.
- Reserved Words:

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ENDPROC	ENDTEST	ENDTRAP	ENDWHILE	ERROR	EXIT	FALSE
FOR	FROM	FUNC	GOTO	IF	INOUT	LOCAL
MOD	MODULE	NOSTEPIN	NOT	OR	PERS	PROC
RAISE	READONLY	RETRY	RETURN	STEP	TEST	THEN
то	SYSMODULE TRAP	TRUE	VAR	VIEWONLY	WHILE	
WITH	XOR					

- Basic Elements
  - **<b>◇ Data Types:** 
    - Constants: (CONS)
    - Variables: (VAR)

**Persistent**: (PERS) can only be declared at module level, not inside a routine, and must be given an initial value. The initialization value must be a single value (without data or operands), or a single aggregate with members which, in turn, are single values or single aggregates.

#### String:

```
"This is a string"
```

#### **Comments:**

! This is a comment

Basic Elements

### **<b>◇ Data Types:**

#### Numeric value: num

Example:

VAR num flow := 0;
flow := 2.34;

Valid values: 5 0.37 0.1E-5 -12.34

#### **Boolean value (True/False)**: bool

#### Example:

**VAR** bool open:=TRUE;

open:=FALSE;

open:= reg1 > 1;

#### String: string

Example:

**VAR** string text;

text:= "Start moving";

Basic Elements

### **◇ Data Types:**

Example:

VAR pos position1;

pos: a register represents only the position X, Y y Z in mm.

x is a numeric variable. y is a numeric variable. z is a numeric variable.



Basic Elements

### Oata Types:

orient: a register to save the orientation (q1, q2, q3, q4, q5, q6).

pose: a register for both position and orientation.

#### Example:

VAR pose pos1; pos1 := [[500, 100, 800],[1,0,0,0]]; pos1.trans := [650, -230, 1230]; pos1.trans.y := -23.54;



Basic Elements

### **<b>Oata Types:**

confdata: is used to define the axis configurations of the robot

cf1: the current quadrant of axis 1, 0 cf4: the current quadrant of axis 4, cf6: the current quadrant of axis 6, 2 VAR confdata conf10:=[1,-1,0] Example:

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-1

-2

Basic Elements

### **◇ Data Types:**

loaddata: is used to describe loads attached to the mechanical interface of
 the robot (the robot's mounting flange).

mass: weight in kg.

cog: centre of gravity of the load.

aom: The orientation of the axes of moment of the load at the centre of gravity.

ix, iy, iz: The moment of inertia of the load around x, y, z in kgm<sup>2</sup>.

Example: var loaddata piece:=[5,[50,0,50],[1,0,0,0],0,0];

Basic Elements

### Oata Types:

tooldata: is used to describe the characteristics of a tool, e.g. a welding gun or a gripper.

robhold : bool to show of the tool is fixed or not.

tframe : Coordinate system of the tool

TCP Position (x,y,z)

Orientation. (q1,q2,q3,q4)

tload: load of the tool

Example: PERS tooldata gripper:=[TRUE,[[97,0,220], [0.924,0,0.383,0]],5,[-23,0,75],[1,0,0,0],0,0,0]]

Basic Elements

### **<b>◇ Modules:**

#### **Declaration:**

MODULE	<module_name> [<list attributes="" of="">]</list></module_name>
	<declaration></declaration>
	<routine declaration=""></routine>
ENDMODULE	
[ <list of<="" th=""><th>attributes&gt;]:</th></list>	attributes>]:
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VIEWON	ILY
READON	ILY

### Basic Elements

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Basic Elements

### **<b>♦ Motion Commands:**



#### More information: ABB RAPID Reference On-line Manual

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#### RAPID SyntaxChecker

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### <u>Case Study: Inspection System</u>

• Summary

- 1. The robot **waits** until receiving a signal from the presence sensor, which indicates the existence of a workpiece over the conveyer belt.
- 2. The robot **stops** the conveyer belt and picks the defected piece and deposits it in the waste box.



- 3. The robot **reactivates** the movement of the conveyer belt after depositing the defected piece.
- 4. After the operation, the robot **returns** to its initial position and the cycle repeats itself again.

### Variable Declaration

**tool**: a *tooldata* variable, which represents the gripper of the robot.

**piece**: a *loaddata* variable to define the piece to be manipulated.

**conf\_wait**: a *robtarget* variable, which defines axis configurations of the robot in the waiting position.

PERS tooldata tool:=[TRUE, [[97,0,223],
 [0.924,0,0,0.383,0]], [5, [-23,0,75], [1,0,0,0],0,0,0]]
PERS loaddata piece:=[5, [50,0,50], [1,0,0,0],0,0,0];

VAR signaldo gripper	lactivation signal of the gripper
VAR signaldo activate_belt	!activation signal of the conveyer belt
VAR signaldi defected_piece	signal of defected piece
VAR signaldi <b>finish</b>	signal to end the program

### Gripper Control Subroutines

PROC pick()	
Set gripper	!close gripper
WaitTime 0.3	!Wait 0.3 seconds
GripLoad <b>piece</b>	!Indicating that the piece is picked
ENDPROC	
PROC place()	
Reset gripper	!Open gripper
WaitTime 0.3	!Wait 0.3 seconds
GripLoad LOAD0	!Indicating that there is no piece
ENDPROC	

#### Pick Subroutines

#### PROC pick\_piece()

MOVEJ *, VMAX, z60, tool	!move the robot quickly to a certain point
MOVEL *, V500, z20, tool	!move the robot in straight line
MOVEL *, V150, FINE, tool	!go down with maximum resolution
pick	!pick the piece
MOVEL *, V200, z20, tool	!go up with piece taken

ENDPROC

#### Place Subroutines

#### PROC place\_piece()

MOVEJ \*, VMAX, z30, tool !Move to the waste box

MOVEJ \*, V300, z30, tool

place !place the piece

ENDPROC

#### Go to Waiting Position Subroutine

#### PROC go\_wait\_position()

MOVEJ conf\_wait, VMAX, z30, tool !Move to the initial position ENDPROC

### Main Program

```
PROC main()
```

go\_wait\_position;

WHILE Dinput(finish)=0 Do

IF Dinput(defected\_piece) =1 THEN

SetDO activate\_belt,0;

pick\_piece

```
SetDO activate_belt,1;
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place\_piece

go\_wait\_position;

ENDIF

ENDWHILE

ENDPROC

!Move to initial position

!wait end program signal

!Wait defected piece signal

!Stop belt

!Pick the defected piece

!Activate the belt

!Place the defected piece

!Move to the initial position

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- Industrial Robot is a **reprogrammable** multifunctional manipulator designed to move material, parts, tools or specialized devices through variable programmed motions for the performance of a variety of tasks. A key feature of robots is their capability for being **reprogrammed** for different tasks.
- Robot programming places **special requirements** on computer languages and systems.
- In addition to the data manipulation handled by normal programs, robot programs have to control motion, operate in parallel, communicate with programs which may be in other computers, synchronize with external events, respond to interrupts in real time, operate on sensor variables, and initialize and terminate in **physically safe ways**.

### End of the course

### **Best wishes!**