

## UNIT - III

- 1) what is a robot.
- 2) classifications of Robots.
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- 4) Functions of robots.
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↳ Mechanical System: Review of Elementary mechanical system concepts, motion conversion & modelling of mechanical system, End Efforts, Resolution, Repeatability.

Industrial robots

Humanoid Robot

Service robots

## what is Robots/ Robotics:

Robot is a general purpose, programmable machine.

It possesses some characteristics i.e. human-like characteristics that resembles the human physical structure.

A Robot is a machine designed to execute one or more tasks automatically with speed & precision.

Robots that resemble humans are known as androids; however, many robots are not built on the human model. The general commercial & technological advantages of robots are listed below:

- Robots are good substitute to human beings in hazardous or uncomfortable work environments.
- A Robot perform its work cycle with a consistency & repeatability.
- Robot can be reprogrammed.
- Robot can be connected to the computer system & other robotic system.

## Classification of Robots:

There are 6 types of Robots according to industrial purposes: which are:-

↳ Articulated  
↳ Cartesian  
↳ Cylindrical

↳ Polar  
↳ SCARA  
↳ Delta

i) Articulated: A robot whose arm has at least 3 rotary joints.

An articulated robots is a robot with rotary joints. Articulated robots can range from simple two jointed structure to system having 10 or more interacting joints. They are powered by a variety of means, including electric motors.

These joints of articulated robot is called axes & provides an additional degree of freedom, or range of motion. Industrial robots commonly have 4 or 6 axes.

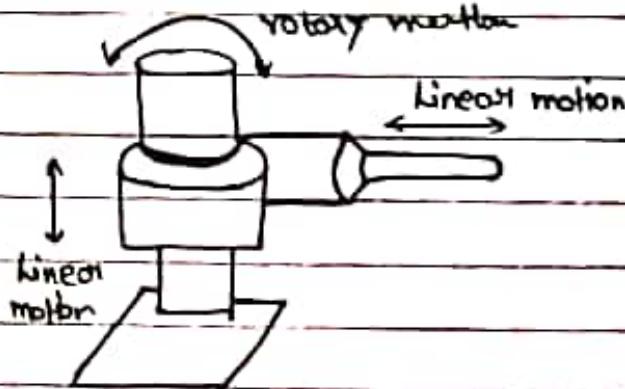
(ii) Cartesian - (Rectilinear): These are also called rectilinear or gantry system.

Cartesian robots have 3 linear joints, that uses the cartesian co-ordinate system ( $x, y \& z$ ). They also may have attached wrist to allow the movements. They are 3 are at right angle to each other. The three sliding joints corresponds to moving the wrist of robot : in-up ; down ; in-out ; & back-front ; motion.

(iii) Cylindrical: This robot have at least 1 rotary joint at the base and at least 2 linear joints to connect the link. The rotary joint uses a rotational motion along the joint axes, while the linear joints moves in a linear motion.

Cylindrical robot can work in a cylindrical shape envelope.

It is well suited for round shop work space. But it not rotates in a complete cycle.



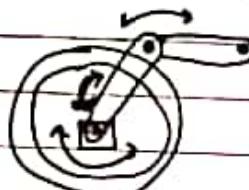
4) Polar (Spherical) :- Polar robots that sometimes also called as spherical robot are positioned in polar coordinate system. They have 1- Linear & 2-Rotatory motion. Thus instead of using 2 cylindrical robot, 1 polar robot can be used.



5) SCARA : The term SCARA, is stands for Selective compliant Assembly Robot Arm. The SCARA robot is based on 4-axis design. It is ideal for high speed assembly, fitting, packaging and other material handling applications. SCARA is a world's first direct drive robot.



(6) Delta : This spider like Robots are built from jointed parallelograms connected to a common base ie work on only 3 Rotatory motions. Heavily used in the Food, Pharmaceutical & Electronic industries.



**Function of Robot:** Currently the role of robots is to take over the hard and dangerous jobs. The main function of robots in our day to day life is to reduce human labor. When we are talking about the functions of any basic robotics, the cost value doesn't matter over there. The tasks that can not be performed by human easily, can be done by robotics. The field of robot functions having great leaps in robot abilities. The main functions of a common robot may based on their component used. Thus on the basis of anatomy of Robot, functions are:

**Body structure:** Most robot consists of a metal-based physical body structure that provides form as well as protection to the industrial mechanisms. The body shape or structure is based upon the body shape robot intended use or function. The most often used metals for robot body structure are steel copper & brass.

**Function of muscles system of Robot:** The muscle system of robot can be made up of a number of different mechanisms. The most popular muscle mechanism are used in case manufacturing & structure modeling. Muscles of robots are also use in many electrical instrument or hardware design.

**Function based on Sensory system of robot:** A robot's sensory system can be very simple or may also be very complex, depending on the use or functions of the robot. Simple sensory systems are use in devices such as simple motion detectors.

while complex sensory systems are used in optical cameras that enable the robot to not only see the environment around it, but interact with the environment based on its surroundings.

Function based on Power source Robot: The Power source used in most robots comes from Electric power supply. The two most common form of electric power supplied for robots are grounded electrical power outlets for stationary robots or internal battery units for mobile robots.

The Brain system Based function: The "Brain" system of robots are closely related to, & work hand in hand with the sensory system. "Brain" Systems of robots can also be either very simple or very complex, depending on the function of robot. A simple "Brain" system would send a signal to the robots muscle system telling it to stop if a sensory system detected was activated. A complex "Brain" system would allow a robot to identify objects within the environment around it, based on the information gather by the sensory systems. The "brain system" would then send signals to the muscle systems based on that information, enabling the robot to interact with the object surrounding it.

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Some other functions of specific robots in day to day life are:

- ↳ Pool - playing Robot Shoots Billiards
- Humanoid robots swims
- Flying robot assemble Buildings
- Robot paper scoper cleane the Yard
- Robot Butler cooks with microwave
- Robotic chaplain comforts the Dying.

## Application of Robotics in day to day life:

Robots are used for jobs that are dirty, dull & dangerous. Today robotics have many different application areas. Some of those are:

- (i) Collaborative Robots: These collaborative Robots are built to work together with other Robots, on enormous assembly lines. Robots must collaborate between handling & welding robots to make such assembly lines function properly.
- (ii) Medical Robots Application: Robots employed in medical & medicine institutes. First & foremost surgical treatment robots. Also, a number of robotics directed automobiles are use in lifting supports.
- (iii) Domestic & house hold applications of Robots: Robots which are used at home. This type of Robots consist of numerous different External parts for ex-: Robotic pool cleaners, Robotic sweepers, Robotic vacuum cleaner, Robotic sewer cleaners & other robots that can perform different household tasks.
- (iv) Industrial application of Robot: These robots play in Industrial manufacturing atmosphere. Particularly these are created for applications like- material handling, painting, welding & others. This sort of robots also consist of some automatically guided automobiles & other robots.

(iv) Military purpose robot: Robots brought into play in military & armed forces.

This sort of robots consist of bomb discarding robots, various shipping robots, explosion drones. often robots are produced for military and armed forces purposes.

(v) Entertainment robots: These type of robots are employed for entertainment.

This is an extremely wide-ranging category. It begins with model robot such as Robosapien or the running photo-frames & concludes with real heavy weight like articulated robot arms employed as movement simulators.

(vi) Space robots: This type of robots would consist of the robots play use in space shuttles, the International Space Station, together with mars Explorers & other robots as activities.

(vii) Agricultural Robotics: The robots also used in Agricultural rural & transfer applications.

Its objective is to increase the performance of machines and processes to reduce resources consumption at the same time. Research is focused on technology applications used in the cultivation of land.

Q: mention the basic components of robot:

A robot is a machine - specially one preprogrammed by a computer - capable of carrying out a complex series of actions automatically. Robots can be guided by an external control device or the control may be embedded within.

A robot generally consists of five basic components.

(i) Controller: Every Robot is connected to a computer controller, which regulates the components of the arm & keep them working together. The controller also allows the robot to be networked to other systems, so that it may work together with other machines, processors or robot.

Almost all robots are pre-programmed using teaching devices or offline software programs.

In the future controllers with Artificial intelligence (AI) could allow robots to think on their own, even program themselves. This could make robots even more self-reliant and independent.

(ii) Arms: The arm is the part of the robot that positions the end-effector & sensors to do their pre-programmed business. Many are built to resemble human arms, & have shoulders, elbows, wrists, even fingers, each joint is said to give the robot 1 degree of freedom. A simple robot arm with 3 degree of freedom, could move in 3 ways -

up & down,  
left and right,  
forward and backward.

most working robot today have 6 degree of freedom to allow them to reach any possible point in space within its work envelope. The human arm has 7.

(3.) Drive: The links (the section between the joints) are moved into their desired position by the 'drive'. Typically, a drive is powered by pneumatic or hydraulic pressure, or electricity.

(4.) End - Effector: The end effector could be thought of as the "hand" on the end of the robotic arm. There are many possible end-effectors including a gripper, a vacuum pump, tweezers, scalpel, blow-torch, welder, spray gun or just about anything that helps it do its job. Some robots can change end effectors, and be reprogrammed for a different set of tasks.

(5.) Sensors: The sensor sends information, in the form of electronic signals back to the controller. Sensors also gives the robot controller information about its surroundings & lets it know the exact position of the arm, or the state of the world around it. One of the more exciting areas of sensor developments is occurring in the field of computer vision & object recognition. Robot sensors can detect infrared radiation to see in dark.

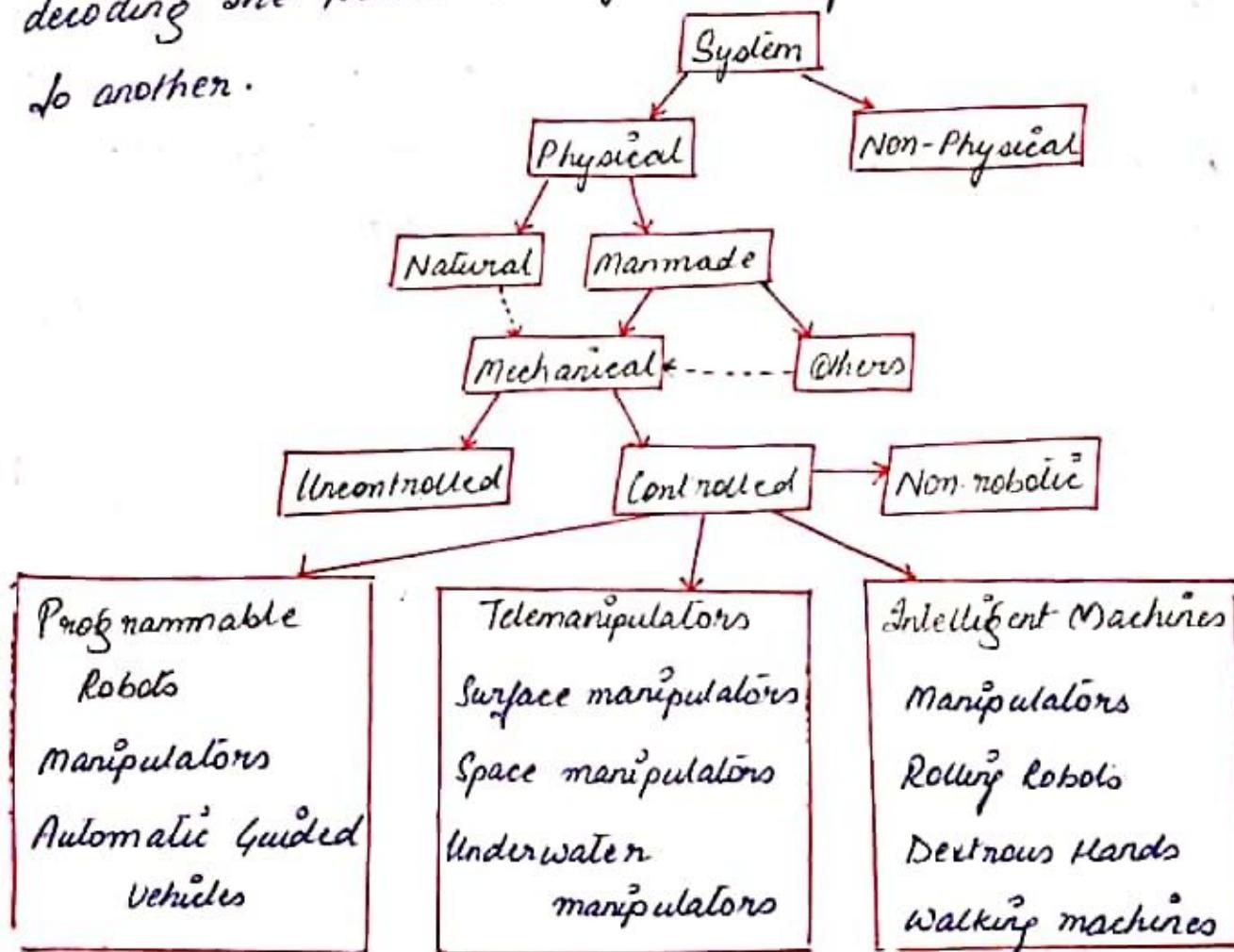
# Robotic Mechanical Systems -

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A robotic mechanical system is composed of a few subsystems, namely,

- (i) a mechanical subsystem composed in turn of both rigid and deformable bodies
- (ii) a sensing subsystem
- (iii) an actuation subsystem
- (iv) a controller
- (v) an information processing subsystem

These subsystems communicate among themselves via interfaces, whose function consists basically of decoding the transmitted information from one medium to another.



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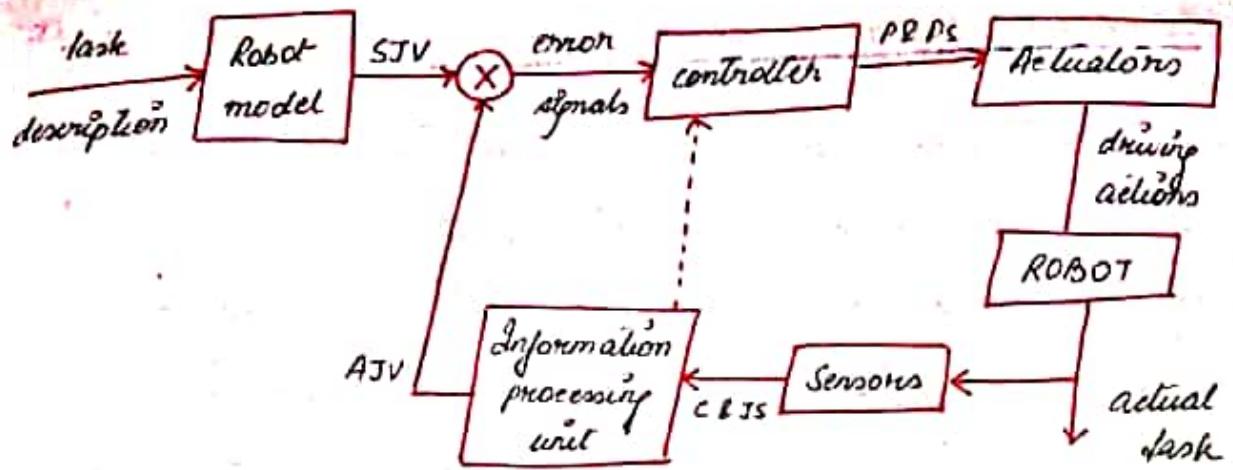
This is the representation of a typical robotic mechanical system. Its input is a prescribed task, which is defined either on the spot or offline. The former case is essential for a machine to be called intelligent, while the latter is present in programmable machines. Thus, tasks would be described to intelligent machines by a software system based on the techniques of artificial intelligence (AI). This system would replace the human being <sup>in</sup> the decision making process. The output of a robot mechanical system is the actual task, which is monitored by the sensors. The sensors, in turn, transmit task information in the form of feedback signals, to be compared with the prescribed task. The errors between the prescribed and the actual task are then fed back to the controller, which then synthesizes the necessary corrective signals. These are in turn fed back into the actuators, which then drive the mechanical system through the required task, thereby closing the loop.

SJV - synthesized joint variables (angles and torques)

P&Fs - position and force signals

C&JS - cartesian and joint signals

AJV - actual joint variables (angles and torques)



Robotic mechanical systems with a human being in their control loop are called telemechanipulators. Thus, a telemechanipulator is a robotic mechanical system in which the task is controlled by a human with the help of sophisticated sensors and display units.

Robotic mechanical systems in operation are the well known six-axis industrial manipulators, six degrees of freedom flight simulators, walking machines, mechanical hands and rolling robots.

## Symbolic Representation of Joints -

Robot manipulators are composed of links connected by joints to form a kinematic chain. Joints are typically rotary (revolute) or linear (prismatic). A revolute joint is like a hinge and allows relative rotation between two links. A prismatic joint allows a linear relative motion between two links. A denoted revolute joint by  $R$  and prismatic joint by  $P$ . Each joint represents the interconnection between two links. Eg. If there link arm with three revolute joints is an ~~rod~~ arm.

The axis of rotation of revolute joint or of prismatic joint is denoted by  $\pi$ . If the joint is the interconnection of links  $i$  and  $i+1$ .

The joint variables denoted by  $\theta$  for a revolute joint and  $d$  for a prismatic joint, represents the relative displacement between the adjacent links.



Revolute ( $R$  joint)



Prismatic ( $P$  joint)

## • The Configuration Space -

The configuration of a manipulator is a complete specification of the location of every point on the manipulator. The set of all possible configurations is called configuration space.

An object is said to have  $n$  Degrees of Freedom (DOF) if its configuration can be minimally specified by  $n$  parameters. Thus, the no of DOF is equal to the dimensions of the configurational space. For a robot manipulator, the no of points determines the number of DOF. A rigid body in three dimensional space has six DOF: three for positioning and three for orientation. Therefore, a manipulator should typically possess atleast 6 independent DOF. The manipulator having more than 6 links is referred to as Kinematically Redundant manipulator.

## • The State Space -

The state of a manipulator is a set of variables that, together with a description of the manipulator's dynamics and input are sufficient to determine any future state of the manipulator. The state space is a set of all possible states. The dimensions of a state space is  $2n$ , if the system has  $n$  degrees of freedom.

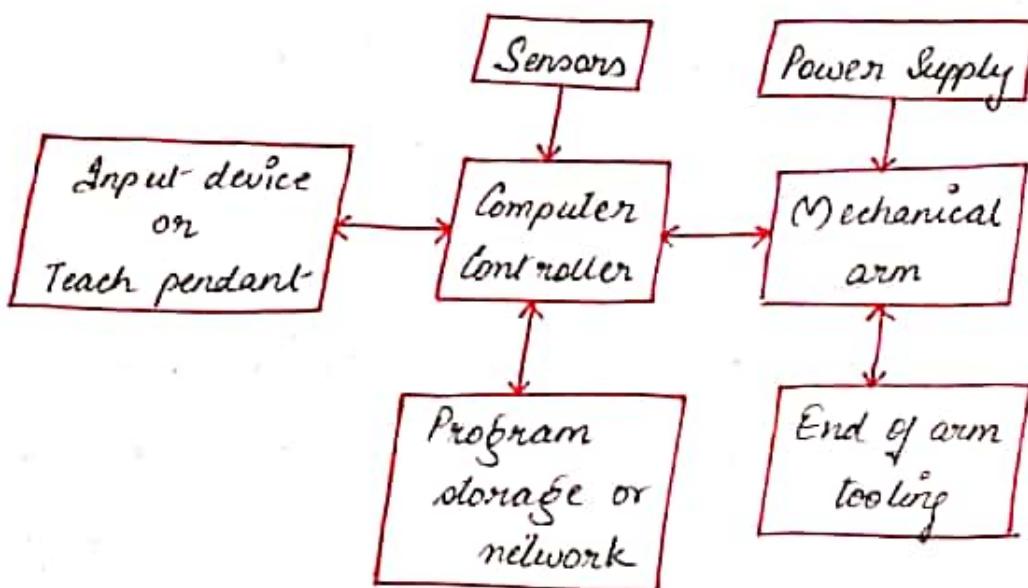
## • The Work Space -

The workspace of a manipulator is the total volume swept out by the end-effector as the manipulator executes all possible motions. The workspace is often broken down into a reachable workspace and Detachable workspace.

The reachable workspace is the entire set of points that the manipulator can reach, whereas the detachable workspace consists of those points where the manipulator can reach with an arbitrary orientation.

## • Robotic Systems -

A robot manipulator is more than just a series of mechanical linkages.



The robotic system consists of a mechanical arm, an external power source, end of arm tooling, external and internal sensors, computer interface and control computer. Even the programmed software is also considered as an integral part of the overall system.

### • Resolution -

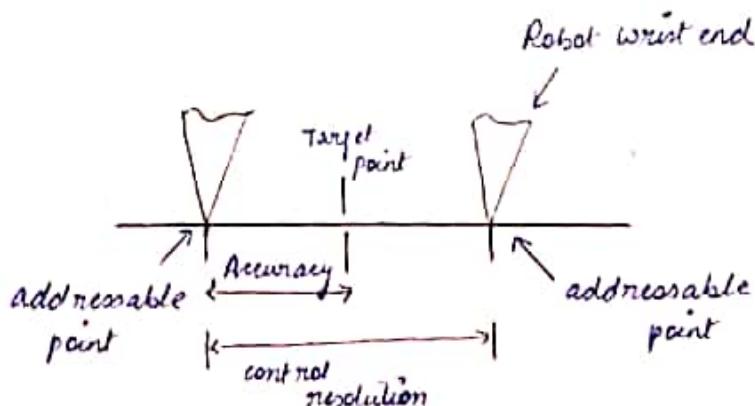
The resolution of a robot is a feature determined by the design of a controlled unit and is mainly dependent on the position feedback sensor. It is important to distinguish the programming resolution from the control resolution.

The programming resolution is the smallest allowable position increment in robot programs and is referred to as the Basic Resolution unit (BRU). The control resolution is the smallest change in position that the feedback device can sense. Best performance is obtained when the programming resolution is equal to the control resolution. In this case, both the resolutions can be replaced with one term - the system resolution.

### • Accuracy -

Accuracy refers to the robot's ability to position its wrist end at a desired target point within the work volume, and is defined in terms of spatial resolution.

Initially, we define accuracy as one half of the control resolution, when the target point is exactly in between the two control points.



The term accuracy in robotics is often confused with 19  
the terms resolution and repeatability. The final accuracy  
of a robotic system depends on its mechanical inaccuracies,  
the computer control algorithms and the system resolution.

$$\text{Robot accuracy} = \frac{(\text{Basic resolution} + \text{Mechanical accuracy})}{\text{unit}}$$

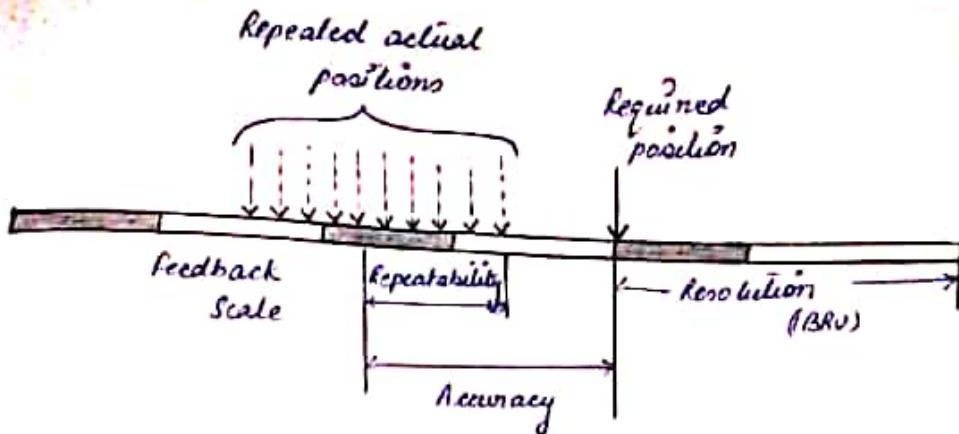
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- Repeatability -

Repeatability is a statistical term associated with accuracy. If a robot joint is instructed to move by the same angle from a certain point a number of times, all with equal environmental conditions, it will be found that the resultant motions lead to differing displacements.

Although, a target is always missed by a large margin, if the same error is repeated, then we say that the repeatability is high and the accuracy is poor.

Repeatability does not describe the error with respect to the absolute coordinates. System repeatability is the positional deviation from the average of displacements. Accuracy depends upon the particular load that the gripper carries, while the repeatability value, however, is almost independent of the gripper load. The repeatability of robots will usually be better than the accuracy.



- Compliance -

Compliance refers to the displacement of the wrist end in response to a force or a torque exerted against it. A high compliance means that the wrist is displaced a large amount by a relatively small force. Compliance is important because it may reduces the robot precision of movement under load as in the case of a robot pressing a tool against a workpart, the reaction force of the part may cause deflection of the manipulator.