

Forward Kinematics



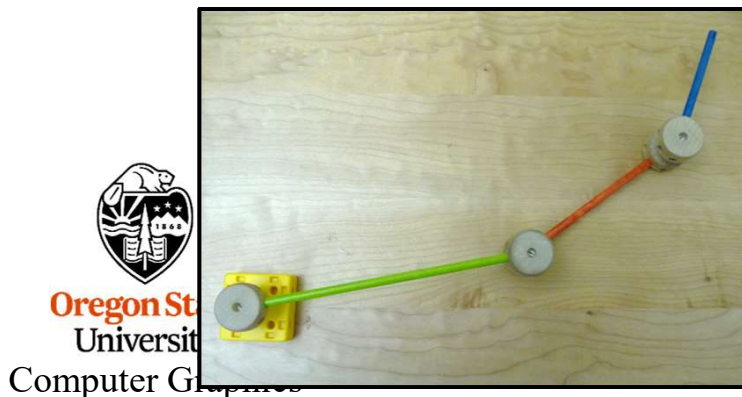
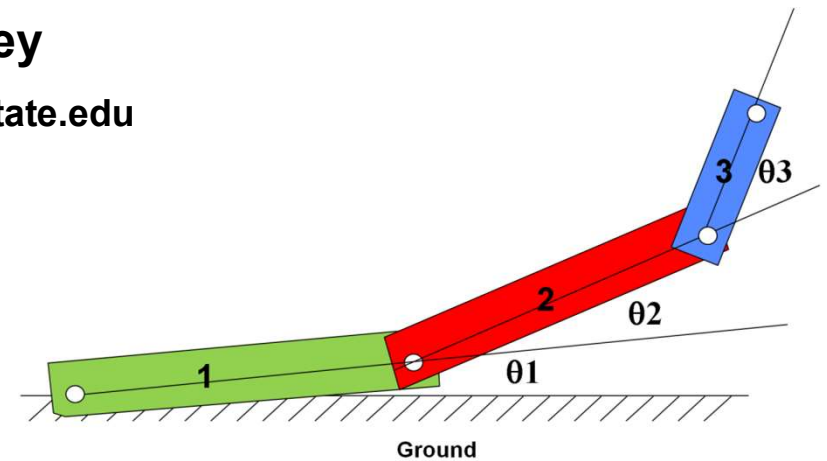
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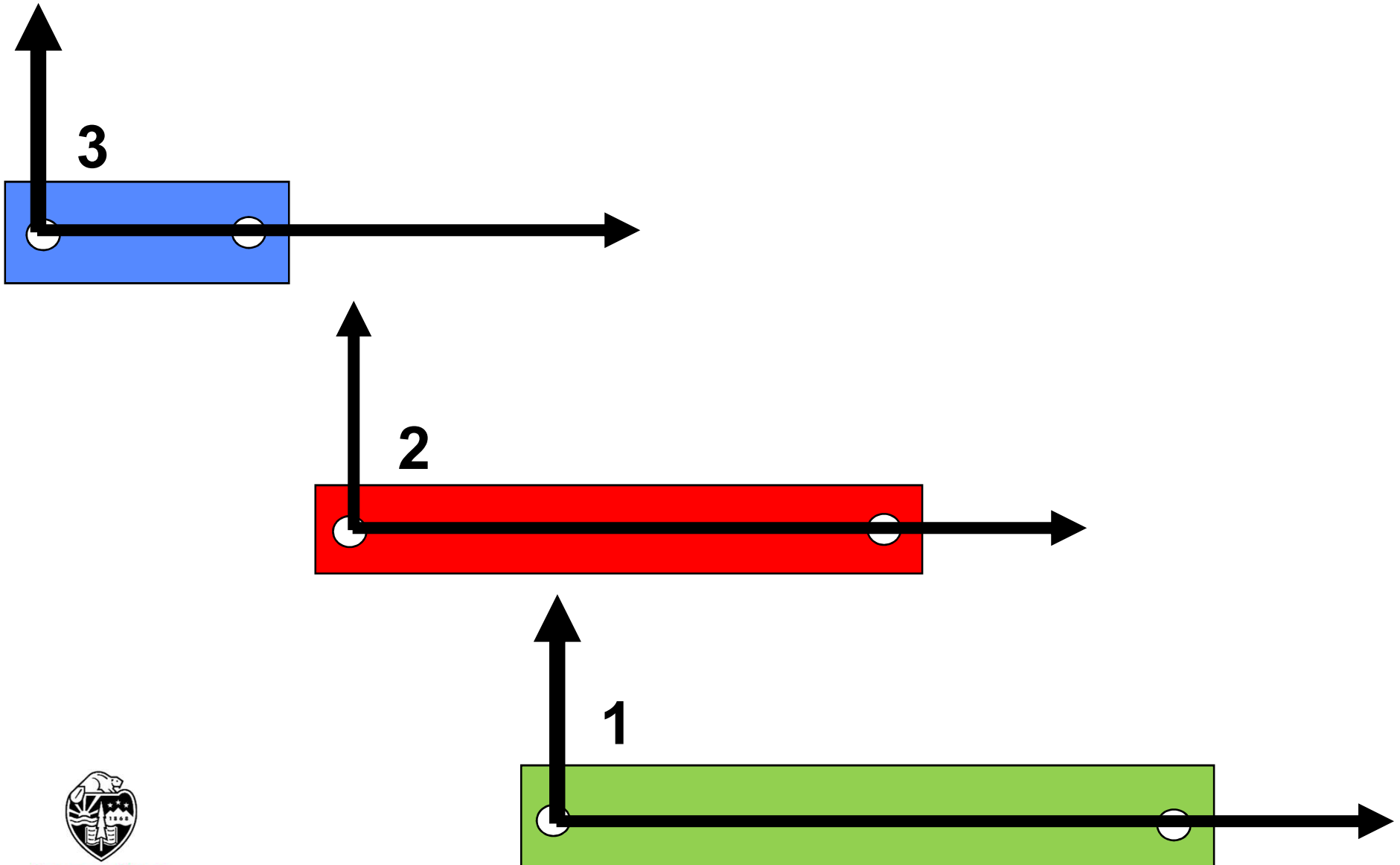


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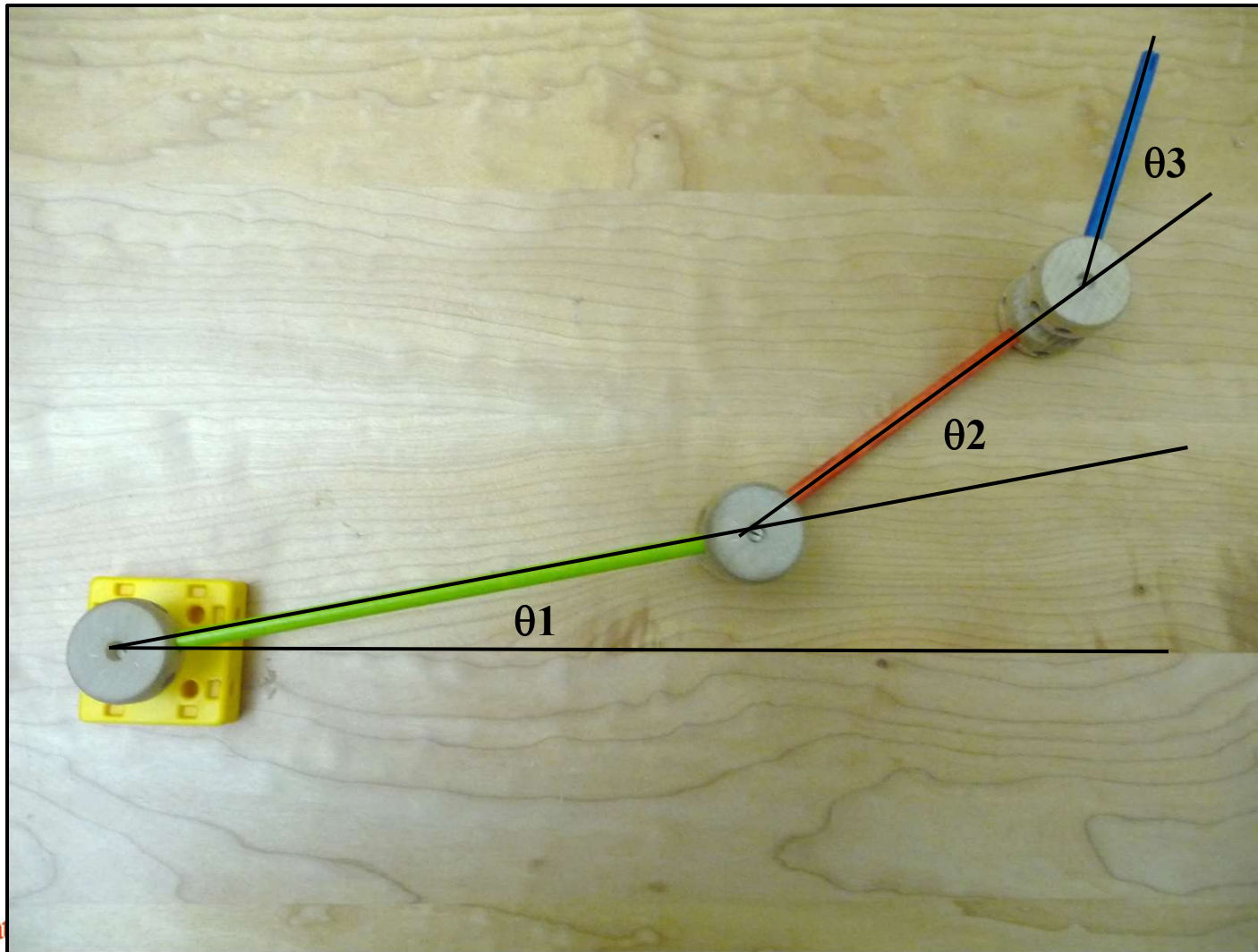
Forward Kinematics:

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You Start with Separate Pieces, all Defined in their Own Local Coordinate System



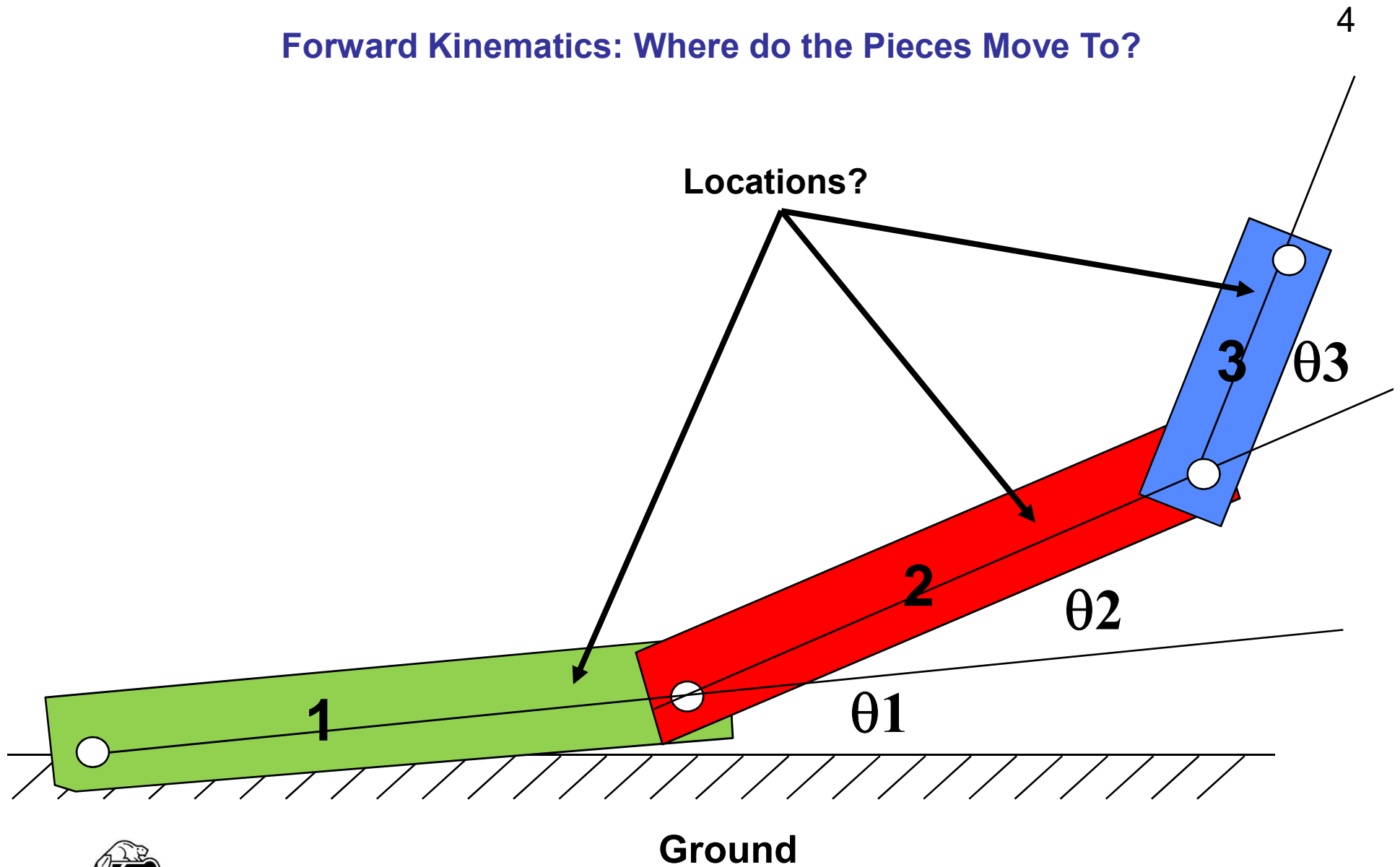
Forward Kinematics:
Hook the Pieces Together, Change Parameters, Things Move
(All Children Understand This)



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Forward Kinematics: Where do the Pieces Move To?



Positioning Part #1 With Respect to Ground

1. Rotate by Θ_1
2. Translate by $T_{1/G}$

Write it



$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{1/G} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{1/G} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} R_{\theta_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Say it



Why Do We Say it Right-to-Left?

$$[\mathbf{M}_{1/G}] = [\mathbf{T}_{1/G}] * [\mathbf{R}_{\theta 1}]$$

Write it $\xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}}$

$\xleftarrow{\hspace{10em}}$ Say it

It's because in the matrix notes, we adopted the convention that the coordinates are multiplied on the right side of the matrix:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B & C & D \\ E & F & G & H \\ I & J & K & L \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = [\mathbf{M}_{1/G}] \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = [\mathbf{T}_{1/G}] * [\mathbf{R}_{\theta 1}] * \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

So the right-most transformation in the sequence multiplies the (x,y,z,1) *first* and the left-most transformation multiplies it *last*

Positioning Part #2 With Respect to Ground

1. Rotate by Θ_2
2. Translate the length of part 1
3. Rotate by Θ_1
4. Translate by $T_{1/G}$

Write it

$$[M_{2/G}] = [T_{1/G}] * [R_{\theta_1}] * [T_{2/1}] * [R_{\theta_2}]$$

$$[M_{2/G}] = [M_{1/G}] * [M_{2/1}]$$

Say it



Positioning Part #3 With Respect to Ground

1. Rotate by Θ_3
2. Translate the length of part 2
3. Rotate by Θ_2
4. Translate the length of part 1
5. Rotate by Θ_1
6. Translate by $T_{1/G}$

Write it

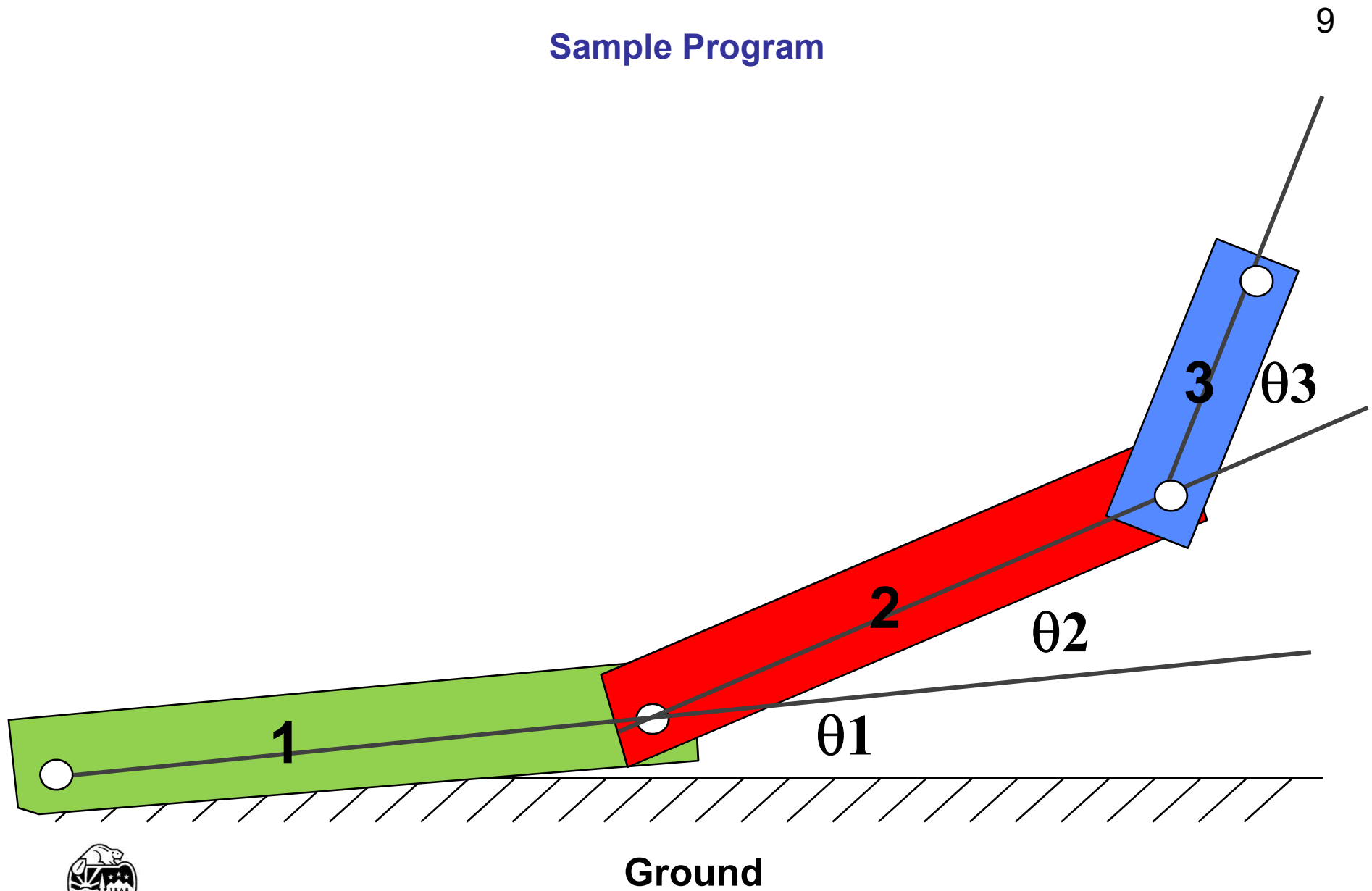
$$[M_{3/G}] = [T_{1/G}] * [R_{\theta_1}] * [T_{2/1}] * [R_{\theta_2}] * [T_{3/2}] * [R_{\theta_3}]$$

$$[M_{3/G}] = [M_{1/G}] * [M_{2/1}] * [M_{3/2}]$$

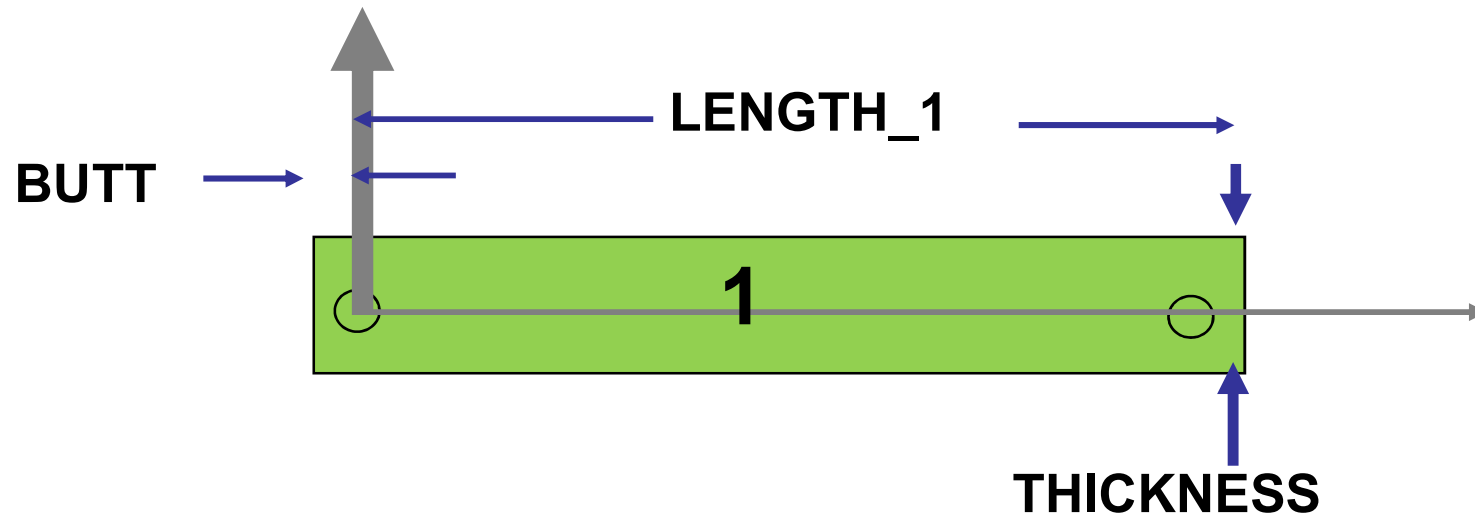
Say it



Sample Program



Sample Program, using OpenGL's Automatic Transformation Concatenation



```

DrawLinkOne( )
{
    glColor3f( 1., 0., 0. );    // red, green blue
    glBegin( GL_QUADS );
        glVertex2f(  -BUTT, -THICKNESS/2 );
        glVertex2f( LENGTH_1, -THICKNESS/2 );
        glVertex2f( LENGTH_1, THICKNESS/2 );
        glVertex2f(  -BUTT, THICKNESS/2 );
    glEnd( );
}

```



Sample Program

$$[M_{3/G}] = [M_{1/G}] * [M_{2/1}] * [M_{3/2}]$$

DrawMechanism(float θ_1 , float θ_2 , float θ_3)

```
{
    glPushMatrix( );
        gl_Translatef( X1, Y1, Z1 );
        glRotatef(  $\theta_1$ , 0., 0., 1. );
        glColor3f( 1., 0., 0. );
        DrawLinkOne( );

        glTranslatef( LENGTH_1, 0., 0. );
        glRotatef(  $\theta_2$ , 0., 0., 1. );
        glColor3f( 0., 1., 0. );
        DrawLinkTwo( );

        glTranslatef( LENGTH_2, 0., 0. );
        glRotatef(  $\theta_3$ , 0., 0., 1. );
        glColor3f( 0., 0., 1. );
        DrawLinkThree( );
    glPopMatrix( );
}
```

Write it

Say it



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$$[M_{1/G}] = [T_{1/G}] * [R_{\theta_1}]$$

$$[M_{2/G}] = [T_{1/G}] * [R_{\theta_1}] * [T_{2/1}] * [R_{\theta_2}]$$

$$[M_{3/G}] = [T_{1/G}] * [R_{\theta_1}] * [T_{2/1}] * [R_{\theta_2}] * [T_{3/2}] * [R_{\theta_3}]$$

Sample Program

Where in the
window to
display (pixels)

```
glViewport( 100, 100, 500, 500 );
```

3D Viewing Info:
field of view angle,
x:y aspect ratio,
near, far

```
glMatrixMode( GL_PROJECTION );
```

```
glLoadIdentity( );
```

```
gluPerspective( 90., 1.0, 1., 10. );
```

```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
```

```
glLoadIdentity( );
```

```
done = FALSE;
```

```
while( ! done )
```

```
{
```

```
    << Determine  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$ ,  $\theta_3$  >>
```

```
    glPushMatrix();
```

Set the
eye position

```
gluLookAt( eyex, eyey, eyez, centerx, centery, centerz, upx, upy, upz );
```

```
DrawMechanism(  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$ ,  $\theta_3$  );
```

```
glPopMatrix();
```

```
}
```



Sample Program

```

DrawMechanism( float θ1, float θ2, float θ3 )
{
    glPushMatrix( );
    glRotatef( θ1, 0., 0., 1. );
    glColor3f( 1., 0., 0. );
    DrawLinkOne( );

    glTranslatef( LENGTH_1, 0., 0. );
    glRotatef( θ2, 0., 0., 1. );
    glColor3f( 0., 1., 0. );
    DrawLinkTwo( );

    glTranslatef( LENGTH_2, 0., 0. );
    glRotatef( θ3, 0., 0., 1. );
    glColor3f( 0., 0., 1. );
    DrawLinkThree( );
    glPopMatrix( );
}

```

In your Forward Kinematics project, you won't be allowed to do this.

You will need to create each $M_{i/G}$ matrix separately using **GLM** Matrix class methods.

$$[M_{1/G}] = [T_{1/G}] * [R_{\theta_1}]$$

$$[M_{2/G}] = [T_{1/G}] * [R_{\theta_1}] * [T_{2/1}] * [R_{\theta_2}]$$

$$[M_{3/G}] = [T_{1/G}] * [R_{\theta_1}] * [T_{2/1}] * [R_{\theta_2}] * [T_{3/2}] * [R_{\theta_3}]$$

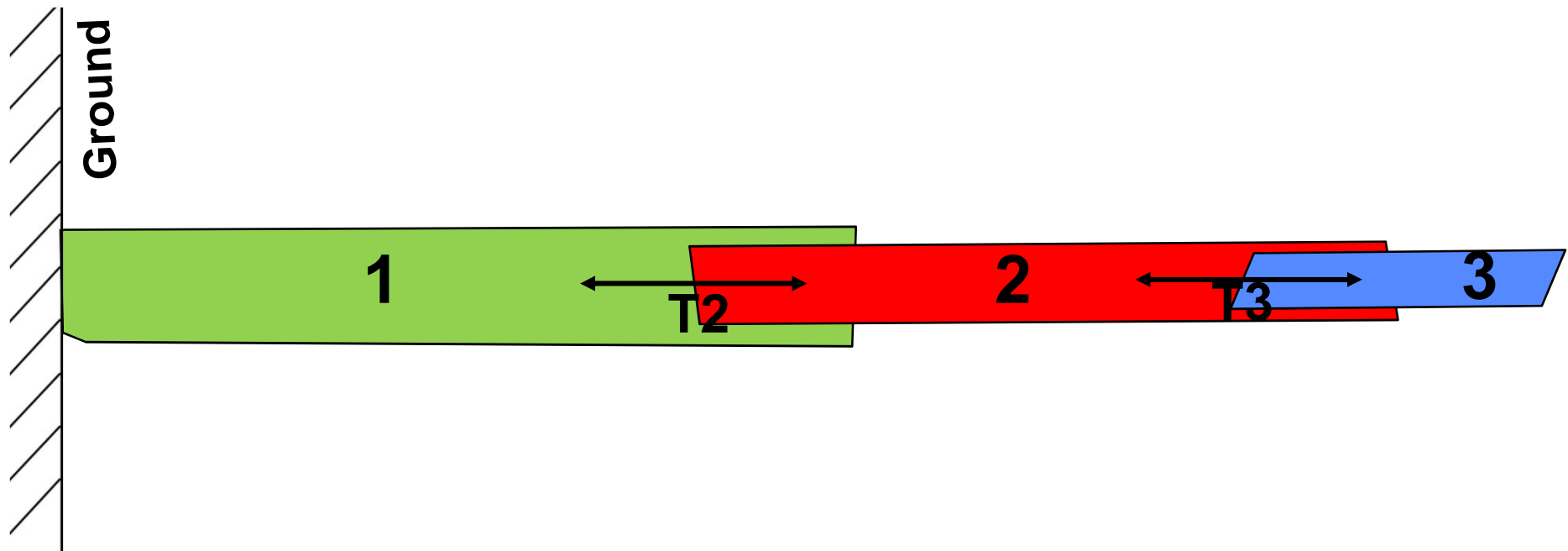


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What If They Are *Sliding* Connections, Not Rotation Connections?

Sometimes, these are called ***Prismatic Constraints***



$$[M_{3/G}] = [M_{1/G}] * [M_{2/1}] * [M_{3/2}] = [T_{1/G}] * [T_{2/1}] * [T_{3/2}]$$