or prismatic joint. Referring to Fig. 2.10, these four parameters are defined as follows:

- $\theta_i$  is the joint angle from the  $\mathbf{x}_{i-1}$  axis to the  $\mathbf{x}_i$  axis about the  $\mathbf{z}_{i-1}$  axis (using the right-hand rule).
- $d_i$  is the distance from the origin of the (i-1)th coordinate frame to the intersection of the  $z_{i-1}$  axis with the  $x_i$  axis along the  $z_{i-1}$  axis.
- $a_i$  is the offset distance from the intersection of the  $\mathbf{z}_{i-1}$  axis with the  $\mathbf{x}_i$  axis to the origin of the *i*th frame along the  $\mathbf{x}_i$  axis (or the shortest distance between the  $\mathbf{z}_{i-1}$  and  $\mathbf{z}_i$  axes).
- $\alpha_i$  is the offset angle from the  $\mathbf{z}_{i-1}$  axis to the  $\mathbf{z}_i$  axis about the  $\mathbf{x}_i$  axis (using the right-hand rule).

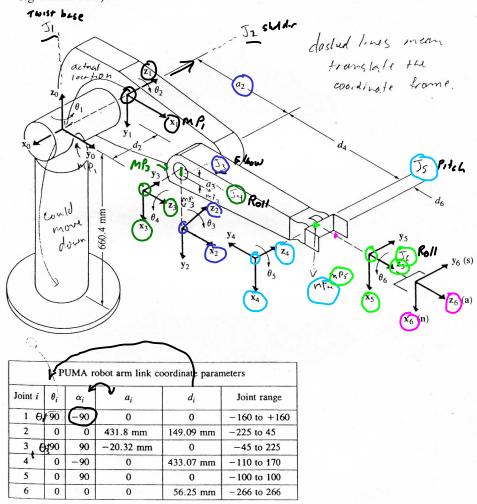


Figure 2.11 Establishing link coordinate systems for a PUMA robot.