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# Reference Frames

## 3D Rotations & Angular Velocity

- Admin

- HW 1: Due Weds. Group office hours tonight 5-6:30 Dbrt 232
- HW 2: Coming Soon! Due next weds

- Last time

Finishing up whirlwind review of Newtonian Particle Dynamics

- Work & Energy
- Equilibrium
- Integrals of Motion (Started)

} Will come back up multiple times throughout the semester in new contexts

- Today

- Wrap up Integrals of Motion
- 3D Kinematics analysis (today @ velocity level, Weds at accel level)

Example:  $m\ddot{x} = \underbrace{-Kx}_F$  ① Find an integral of motion

$$F = -\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}Kx^2\right)$$

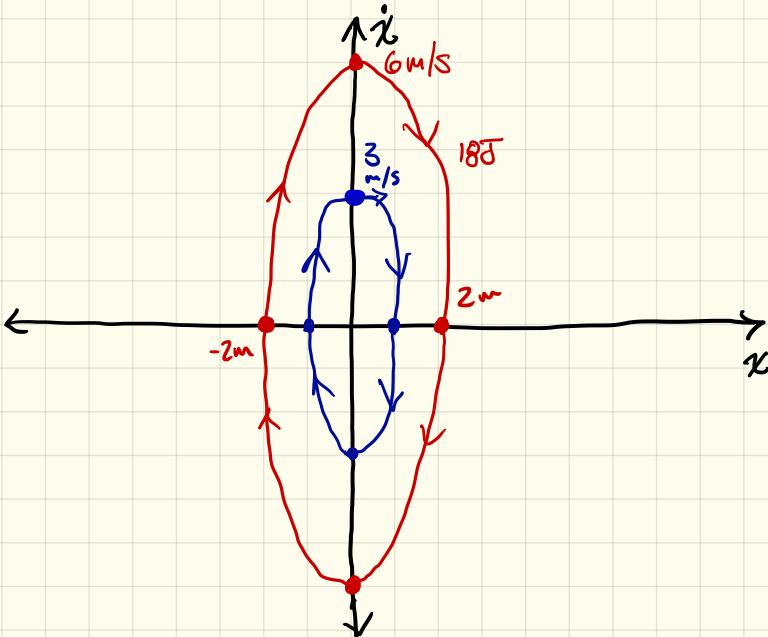
② Sketch the behavior of the system from initial conditions below.

Suppose  $K=9 \text{ N/m}$ ,  $m=1 \text{ Kg}$ .

- ①  $-Kx$  conservative  
⇒ total energy  
is an integral  
of motion

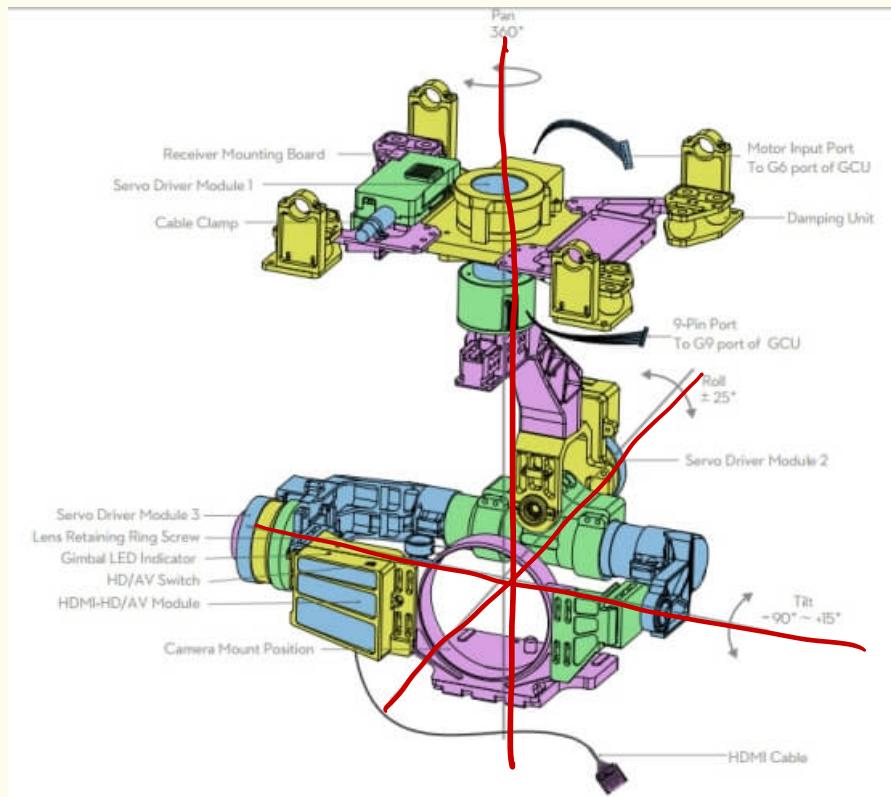
$$C(x, \dot{x}) = \frac{1}{2}Kx^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 &= \frac{1}{2}Kx_0^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}_0^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}Kx(t)^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}(t)^2 \end{aligned}$$



# Reference Frames in action: Camera Stabilization

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XdlmoLAbbiQ>



## Multiple Reference Frames

Suppose  $\omega_B = 0$  (i.e., only motion of B is rotation)

$$\underline{\omega} = \underline{\omega}_p = X \hat{i} + Y \hat{j} + Z \hat{k}$$

$$= x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}$$

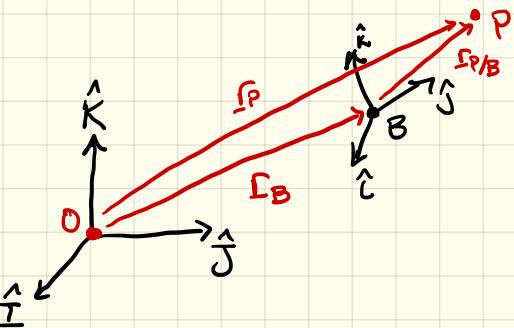
$$\underline{v}_p = \dot{x} \hat{i} + \dot{y} \hat{j} + \dot{z} \hat{k}$$

$$= \underbrace{\dot{x} \hat{i} + \dot{y} \hat{j} + \dot{z} \hat{k}}_{\text{Velocity observed in moving frame}} + \underbrace{x \dot{i} + y \dot{j} + z \dot{k}}_{\text{Velocity due to frame motion}}$$

$$\underline{a}_p = \underbrace{\ddot{x} \hat{i} + \ddot{y} \hat{j} + \ddot{z} \hat{k}}_{\text{acceleration observed in the moving frame}} + \underbrace{x \ddot{i} + y \ddot{j} + z \ddot{k}}_{\text{acceleration of moving frame}} + \underbrace{2[\dot{x} \hat{i} + \dot{y} \hat{j} + \dot{z} \hat{k}]}_{\text{Coriolis terms}}$$

acceleration observed  
in the moving  
frame

acceleration  
of moving  
frame



## Representing orientation: Rotation Matrix

- How to specify  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ ? Express in  $\hat{I}, \hat{J}, \hat{K}$

- Example for  $\hat{i}$ :

$$\hat{i} = r_{11} \hat{I} + r_{21} \hat{J} + r_{31} \hat{K}$$

where  $r_{11} = \underline{\hat{i} \cdot \hat{I}}$      $r_{21} = \hat{i} \cdot \hat{J}$      $r_{31} = \hat{i} \cdot \hat{K}$

projection  
of  $\hat{i}$  onto  $\hat{I}$   
 $\text{of } \hat{i} \text{ onto } \hat{I} = \cos(\text{"angle between } \hat{i} \text{ and } \hat{I})$

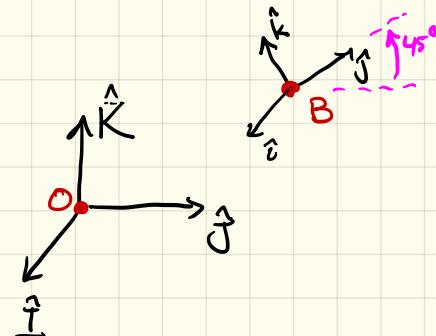
- We collect this process for  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  into a matrix

$${}^0 R_B = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I} \cdot \hat{i} & \hat{I} \cdot \hat{j} & \hat{I} \cdot \hat{k} \\ \hat{J} \cdot \hat{i} & \hat{J} \cdot \hat{j} & \hat{J} \cdot \hat{k} \\ \hat{K} \cdot \hat{i} & \hat{K} \cdot \hat{j} & \hat{K} \cdot \hat{k} \end{bmatrix}$$

Each row and each column must have unit magnitude.

- Example if  $\hat{I} = \hat{i}$  and  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  rotated as above

$${}^0 R_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 45^\circ & \cos 135^\circ \\ 0 & \cos 45^\circ & \cos 45^\circ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 45^\circ & -\sin 45^\circ \\ 0 & \sin 45^\circ & \cos 45^\circ \end{bmatrix} := R_1(45^\circ)$$



## Working with vectors vs. vectors of numbers:

$\underline{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  is an arrow in 3D space

${}^B\{\underline{r}\} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  is a  $3 \times 1$  column vector of numbers

### Dot Product

$$\underline{r}_1 \cdot \underline{r}_2 = \{\underline{r}_1\}^T \{\underline{r}_2\} = x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2$$

same result  
no matter what  
frame is used

### Cross product

$$\underline{r}_1 \times \underline{r}_2 = (y_1 z_2 - z_1 y_2) \hat{i} + (z_1 x_2 - x_1 z_2) \hat{j} + (x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2) \hat{k}$$

$${}^B\{\underline{r}_1 \times \underline{r}_2\} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 z_2 - z_1 y_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z_1 & y_1 \\ z_1 & 0 & -x_1 \\ -y_1 & x_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

${}^B[\tilde{\underline{r}}]$        ${}^B\{\underline{r}_2\}$

$$\text{Multiple Frames: } {}^0\{\vec{r}\} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^B\{\vec{r}\} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \\ \hat{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

### Properties of Rotation Matrices

$$① {}^0 R_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0\{\hat{i}\} & {}^0\{\hat{j}\} & {}^0\{\hat{k}\} \end{bmatrix}$$

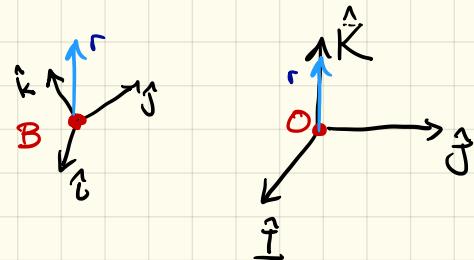
$${}^B R_0 = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\{\hat{i}\} & {}^B\{\hat{j}\} & {}^B\{\hat{k}\} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$② {}^0\{\vec{r}\} = {}^0 R_B {}^B\{\vec{r}\}$$

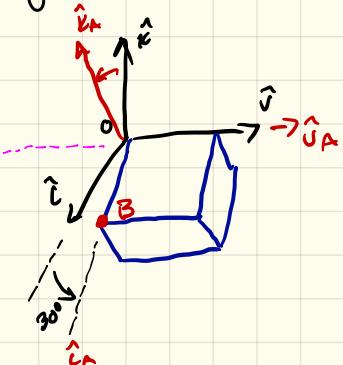
$$③ {}^0 R_B^T {}^0 R_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0\{\hat{i}\}^T \\ {}^0\{\hat{j}\}^T \\ {}^0\{\hat{k}\}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^0\{\hat{i}\} & {}^0\{\hat{j}\} & {}^0\{\hat{k}\} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow {}^0 R_B^T = {}^0 R_B^{-1}$$

$$④ {}^0 R_B^T = {}^B R_0$$

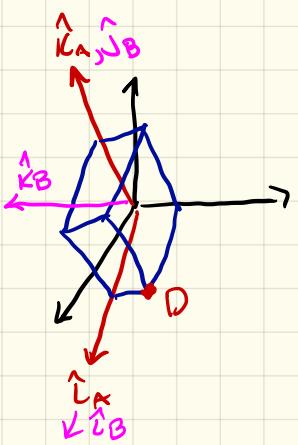
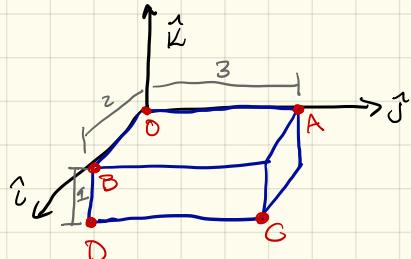
$$⑤ {}^0 R_B = {}^0 R_A {}^A R_B \quad (\text{Rotations can be chained})$$



Example: Rotate the box about  $\vec{OA}$  by  $30^\circ$ , then about  $\vec{OB}$  by  $90^\circ$ . What are the final coordinates of D w.r.t.  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ ?



$$\begin{aligned} {}^0 R_A &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^0\{\hat{i}_A\} & {}^0\{\hat{j}_A\} & {}^0\{\hat{k}_A\} \\ {}^0\{\hat{i}_A\} & {}^0\{\hat{j}_A\} & {}^0\{\hat{k}_A\} \\ {}^0\{\hat{i}_A\} & {}^0\{\hat{j}_A\} & {}^0\{\hat{k}_A\} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} C30^\circ & 0 & S30^\circ \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -S30^\circ & 0 & C30^\circ \end{bmatrix} := R_z(30^\circ) \end{aligned}$$



$${}^A R_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^B\{\vec{r}_D\} = {}^0\{\vec{r}_D\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^0\{\vec{r}_D\} &= {}^0 R_A {}^A R_B \underbrace{{}^B\{\vec{r}_D\}}_{= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Twice rotated  $\vec{r}_D$

Concept Question: Consider two unit vectors  $\hat{e}_1$  and  $\hat{e}_2$  ( $\hat{e}_1 \neq \hat{e}_2$ ). Consider the following cases.

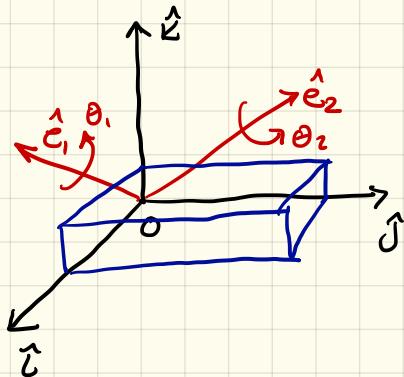
① The block rotates by angle  $\theta_1$  about  $\hat{e}_1$ ,

then by angle  $\theta_2$  about  $\hat{e}_2$ .

② The block rotates by angle  $\theta_2$  about  $\hat{e}_2$

then by angle  $\theta_1$  about  $\hat{e}_1$ .

Assume  $0 < \theta_1 < 180^\circ$ ,  $0 < \theta_2 < 180^\circ$



True or False: The block ends up in the same position for both cases

(A) True (Always)

(C) False (Always)

(B) True if  $e_1 \perp e_2$

(D) None of the above.

Next time...

## Summary

- Orientation of one frame relative to another can be described with a rotation matrix:  ${}^0R_B$ 
  - Columns of  ${}^0R_B$  are  $\left[ {}^0\hat{e}_i \right]$
  - For any vector  $\underline{\xi}$   ${}^0\underline{\xi} = {}^0R_B {}^B\underline{\xi}$
  - Composition of rotations  ${}^0R_B = {}^0R_A {}^A R_B$

