

# Lecture 4 - Combining Position & Orientation

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- Announcements:
- Office Hours 4:30 - 6:00 Debart 242
  - HW1 due Friday @ 8:20AM

- Goals For today:
- Finishing Up Orientation
    - Euler Angles & Angle Axis
  - Representing position & Orientation
    - Homogeneous Transforms
    - Composition & Properties

4x4 Matrix  
Analog of  
Rotation matrices

# Representing Rotations with Euler Angles:

seq. of. rot. about earth fixed axes ①

$${}^A R_B = R_z(\alpha) R_y(\beta) R_x(\gamma)$$

seq. abt. body-fixed axes ②

- ① a) Rotation of  $\gamma$  about  $\hat{x}_A$  axis
- b) " "  $\beta$  about  $\hat{y}_A$  axis
- c) " "  $\alpha$  about  $\hat{z}_A$  axis

- ② a) Rotation of  $\alpha$  about  $\hat{z}_B$
- b) " "  $\beta$  about  $\hat{y}_B$
- c) " "  $\gamma$  about  $\hat{x}_B$

$(\gamma, \beta, \alpha)$

X-Y-Z Fixed angles for  ${}^A R_B$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  roll  $\hookrightarrow$  Pitch  $\hookrightarrow$  Yaw  
 [Fig. 2.17]

$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$

Z, Y, X Euler Angles

Note: Other sequences are equally valid (e.g., Z-Y-Z, Z-X-Y)

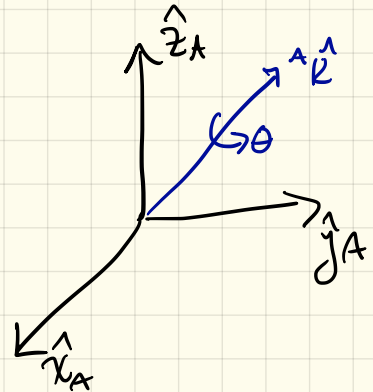
Note: Any rotation can be expressed via 3 angles in a valid convention  
 (See 2.74 in book, or video example)

# A Final Representation of Orientation: Angle Axis

- We have only rotated about coordinate axes so far...
- You can rotate about any axis

"Rotation about  ${}^A\hat{k}$   
by  $\theta$ "  $= R_{A\hat{k}}(\theta)$  HW 2

- In fact any rotation  ${}^A R_B$  can be expressed in this form for some  $({}^A\hat{k}, \theta)$



# Combining Rotation & Translation:

$${}^A p_C = {}^A p_B + {}^A R_B {}^B p_C$$

## Homogeneous Transformation

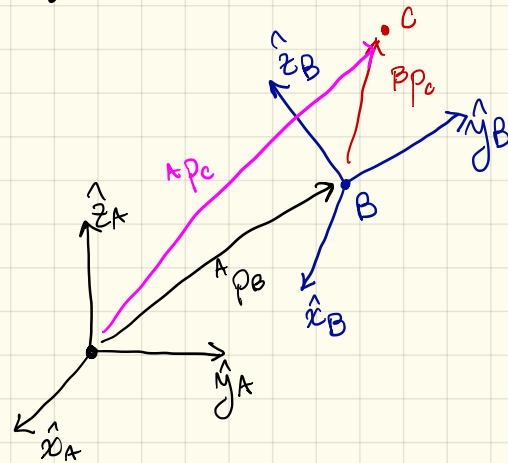
$${}^A T_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & {}^A p_B \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Homogeneous Coordinates

$${}^A T_B \begin{bmatrix} {}^B p_C \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B {}^B p_C + {}^A p_B \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A p_C \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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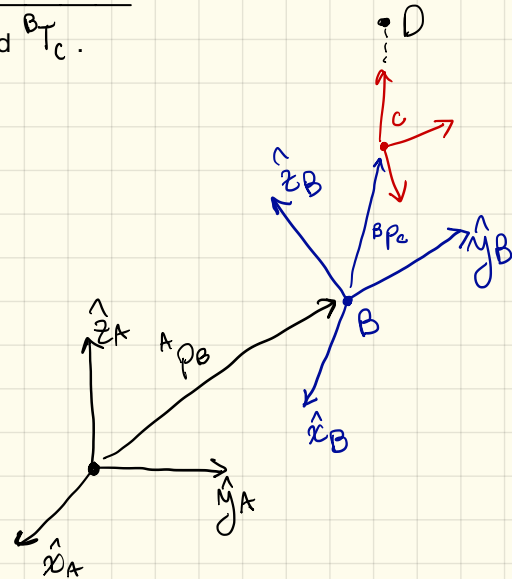
# Chaining Homogeneous Transforms:

$${}^A T_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & {}^A p_B \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^B T_C = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B R_C & {}^B p_C \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A T_B {}^B T_C = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B {}^B R_C & {}^A R_B {}^B p_C + {}^A p_B \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_C & {}^A p_C \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^A T_C$$

Example: Suppose a point D in frame {C} 3 units along  $\hat{z}_C$ . You are given  ${}^A T_B$  and  ${}^B T_C$ .  
What are the homogenous coordinates of point D in frame {A}.  
Express your answer using the information given.

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A p_D \\ \hline 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^A T_C \begin{bmatrix} {}^C p_D \\ \hline 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^A T_B {}^B T_C \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ \hline 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Properties of Homogeneous Transforms:

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

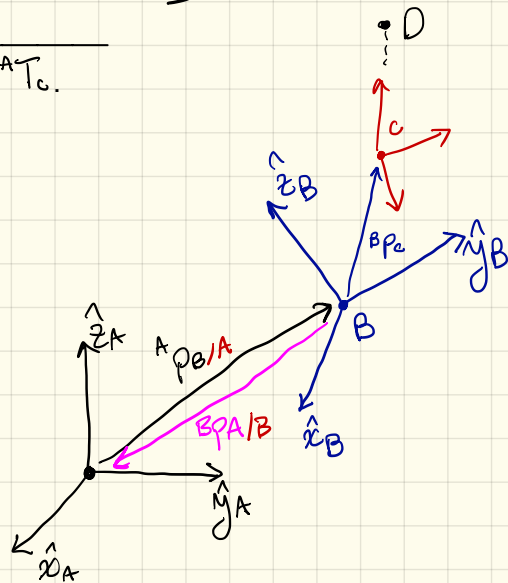
$$\textcircled{1} {}^A T_B {}^B T_A = {}^A T_A = I \Rightarrow {}^B T_A = {}^A T_B^{-1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} {}^A T_B^T \neq {}^A T_B^{-1}$$

$$\textcircled{3} {}^B T_A = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B R_A & {}^B P_{A/B} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B R_A & -{}^B R_A {}^A P_{B/A} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B^T & -{}^A R_B^T {}^A P_{B/A} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^A T_B^{-1}$$

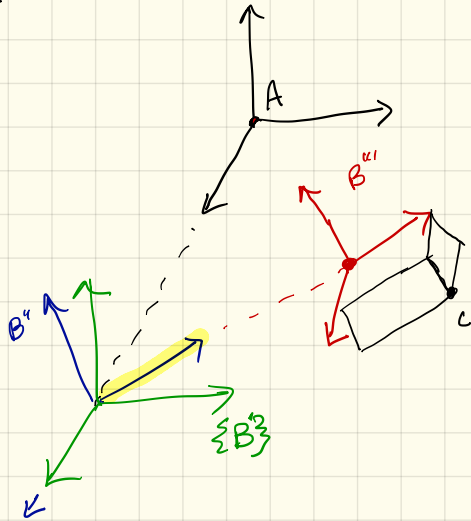
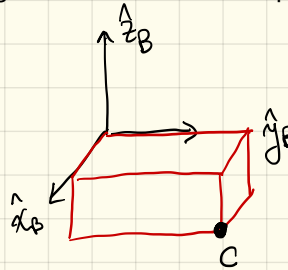
Example: Suppose a point D in frame {C} 3 units along  $\hat{z}_C$ . You are given  ${}^A T_B$  and  ${}^A T_C$ .  
What are the homogenous coordinates of point D in frame {B}.  
Express your answer using the information given.

$$\begin{aligned} {}^B T_C \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= {}^B T_A {}^A T_C \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= {}^A T_B^{-1} {}^A T_C \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



Consider a block with width 4m along  $\hat{y}_0$ , height 1m along  $\hat{z}_0$ , depth 2m along  $\hat{x}_0$ . (Shown below) Suppose the block frame {B} is initially aligned with a fixed frame {A}. Apply the following transformations to {B} in the order given below. Following these transformations, what are the homogeneous coordinates of point C on the block?

- 1) Translation along  $\hat{x}_A$  by 3m
- 2) Rotation about  $\hat{z}_B$  By 30 degrees
- 3) Translation along  $\hat{y}_B$  By 2m



$${}^A T_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{B'} T_{B''} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{B'} T_{B'''} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 30^\circ & -\sin 30^\circ & 0 \\ 0 & \sin 30^\circ & \cos 30^\circ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{B''} p_C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{TB} = \begin{bmatrix} I & \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B'_{TB'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 30^\circ & -\sin 30^\circ & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin 30^\circ & \cos 30^\circ & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B'^T_{B''} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B''p_c = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A p_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = A_{TB'} B'_{TB'} T_{B''} B''_{TB''} \begin{bmatrix} B'' p_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3\sqrt{3} - 4/2 \\ 3 + 13/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$