



# ZJU-UIUC Institute

Zhejiang University / University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Institute



# ECE 470: Introduction to Robotics

## Lecture 01

Liangjing Yang

Assistant Professor, ZJU-UIUC Institute

[liangjingyang@intl.zju.edu.cn](mailto:liangjingyang@intl.zju.edu.cn)

Wechat ID: Liangjing\_Yang



# Course Introduction

Introduction to Robotics

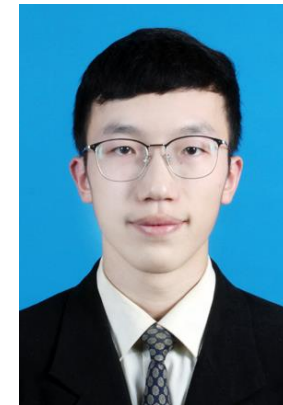
# Introducing Your Teaching Team

Instructor: Liangjing Yang  
Assistant Professor, ZJUI  
([liangjingyang@intl.zju.edu.cn](mailto:liangjingyang@intl.zju.edu.cn))



Robotics, Computer Vision &  
Medical Image Processing

Graduate TA: Xiao Songjie  
PhD Student, ZJU  
([songjiexiao@zju.edu.cn](mailto:songjiexiao@zju.edu.cn))



Surgical Robots

TAs: Zhefan Lin, Shuren Li, Zhenyu Zong, Boyang Zhou

## Consultation Hours

TBA (welcome to make appointment)

# Self-Introduction: Teaching

- ME340 Dynamics of Mechanical Systems
- ME360 Signal Processing
- ECE470/ME445 Introduction to Robotics
- ECE486 Control System

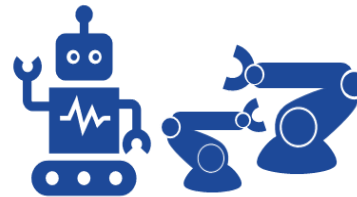
Dynamics



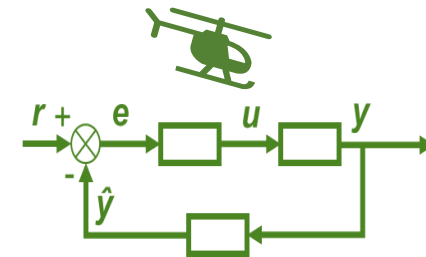
Signal  
Processing



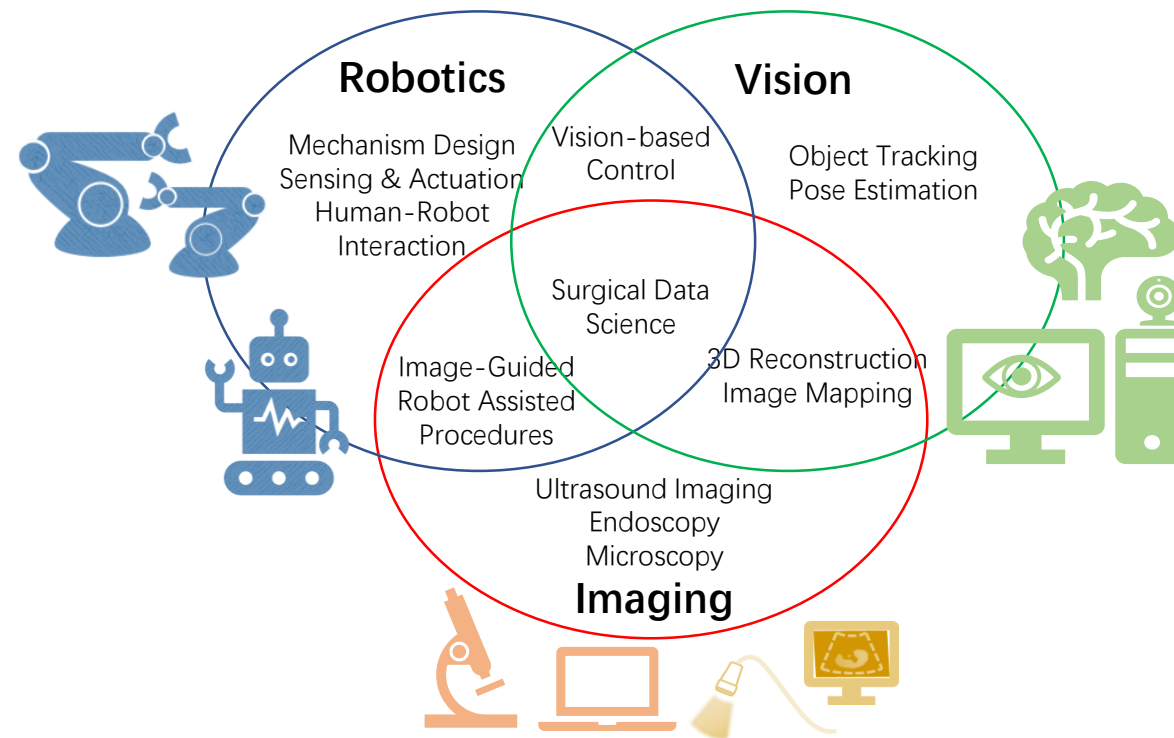
Robotics



Controls



# Self-Introduction: Research



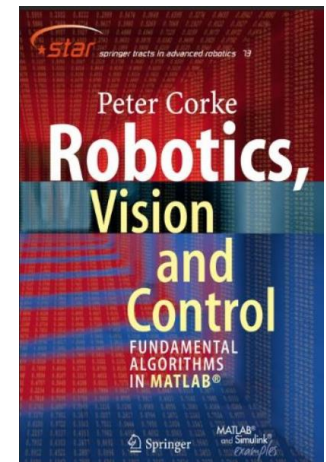
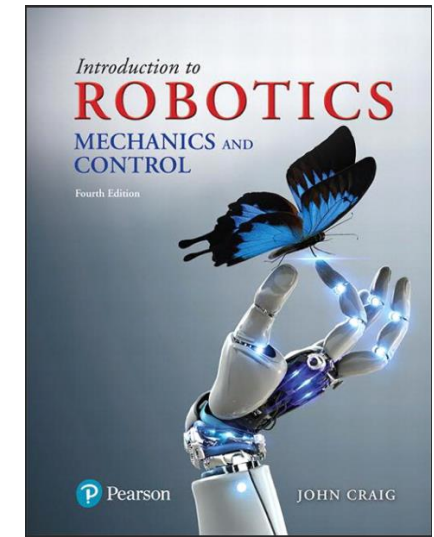
# Syllabus and Schedule

## • Lecture

O.	Overview	
	• Science & Engineering in Robotics	
I.	Spatial Representation & Transformation	<b>Fundamentals</b>
	• Coordinate Systems; Pose Representations; Homogeneous Transformations	Week 1-4
II.	Kinematics	
	• Multi-body frame assignment; D-H Convention; Joint-space; Work-space; Forward/Inverse Kinematics	Revision/ Quiz on Week 5
III.	Velocity Kinematics and Static Forces	
	• Translational/Rotational Velocity; Joint torque; Generalized Force Coordinates; Jacobian; Singularity	
IV.	Dynamics	<b>Essentials</b>
	• Lagrangian Formulation; Newton-Euler Equations of Motion	
V.	Control	Week 6-9
	• Independent Joint/Feedforward/Inverse Dynamics Controls; Controller Architectures	
VI.	Planning	Revision/ Quiz on Week 10
	• Joint-based Motion Planning; Cartesian-based Path Planning	
VII.	Robot Vision (and Perception)	<b>Applied</b>
	• Image Formation; Image Processing; Visual Tracking & Pose Estimation; Vision-based Control & Image-guided robotics	Week 11-13
		Revision/Reading Wk/ Exam on Week 14-16

# Admin. Matters

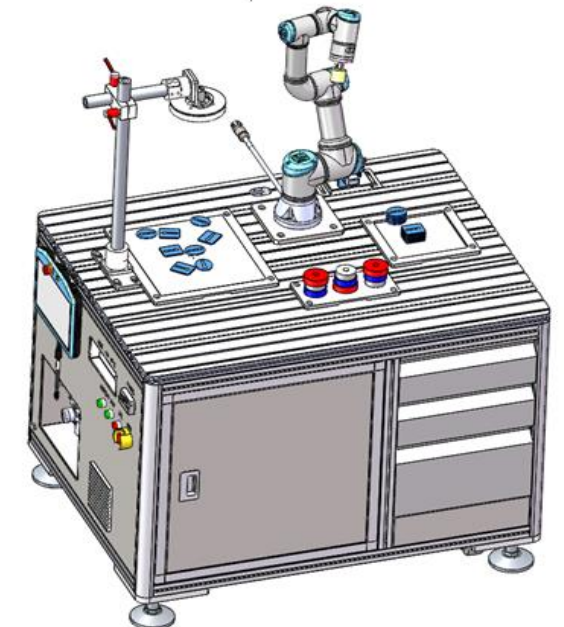
- **Prerequisite:** One of MATH 225, MATH 286, MATH 415, MATH 418
- **Recommended Textbook:**
  - **Fundamentals/ Essentials:** John J. Craig, Introduction to Robotics: Mechanics and Control (3<sup>rd</sup>~4<sup>th</sup> Edition), Pearson, 2018. ISBN-10: 0133489795
  - **Applied:** Peter Corke, Robotics, vision and control: fundamental algorithms in MATLAB® (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), Springer, 2017. ISBN-10: 3319544128
- **Assessment:** Homework: 20%, Labs: 20%, Quizzes: 20%, Final: 40%
- **Lecture:** Tue; Thu 1000-1150
- **Lab:** Friday 0800-0950; 1000-1150



# Lab. Sessions

- **Lab Session**

1. Introduction to UR3
2. The Tower of Hanoi
3. Forward Kinematics
4. Inverse Kinematics
5. Image Processing
6. Camera Calibration



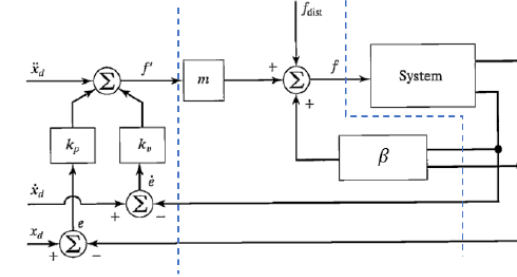


# Virtual Labs

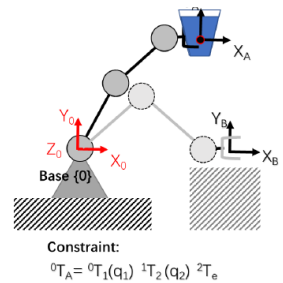
## • Graduate Students (Welcome undergrads to try out)

1. System Interface and Development Platform
2. Manipulator Control: Forward Kinematics
3. Manipulator Planning: Inverse Kinematics
4. Image Processing
5. Camera Calibration
6. Robotics Challenge: (combining Lab 1-5 to solve a research/real-world problem)

$$\tau = M(q)[\ddot{q}_d + K_v \dot{E} + K_p E] + V(q, \dot{q}) + G(q)$$



Classroom Knowledge

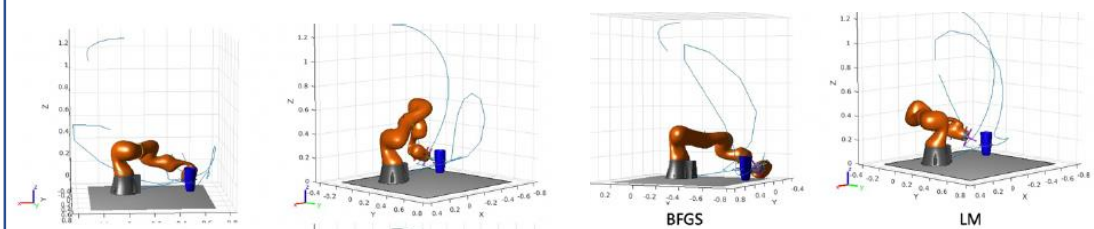
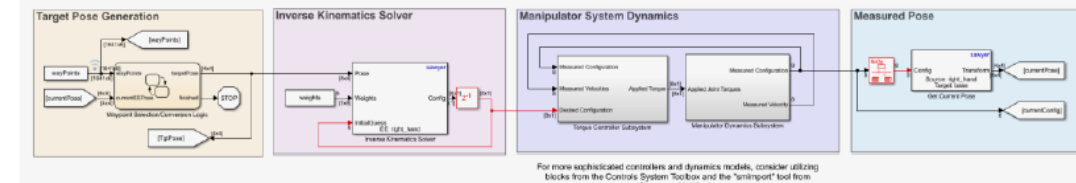


## Virtual Simulation

### Actual Demonstration

ECE 470

ECE 470

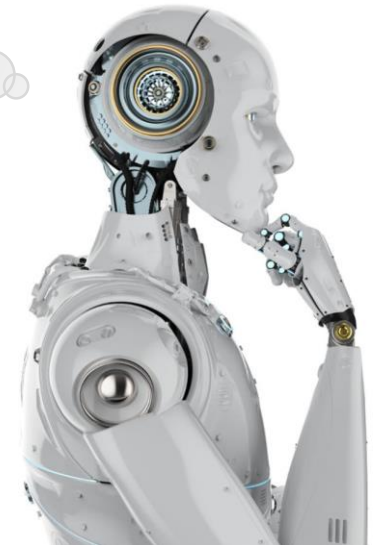
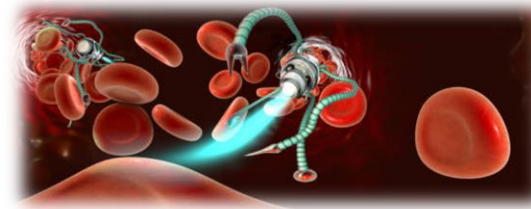
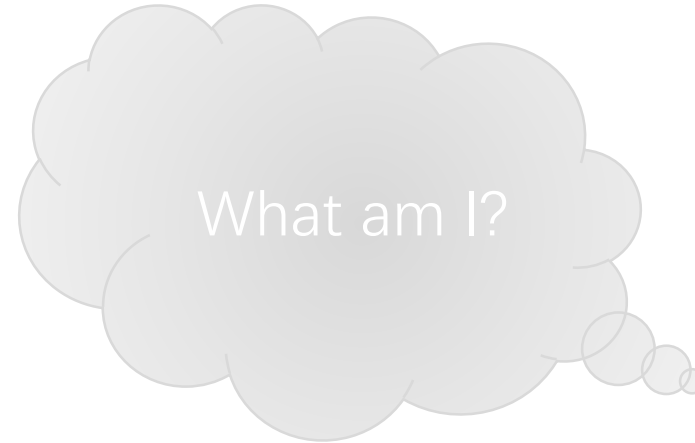
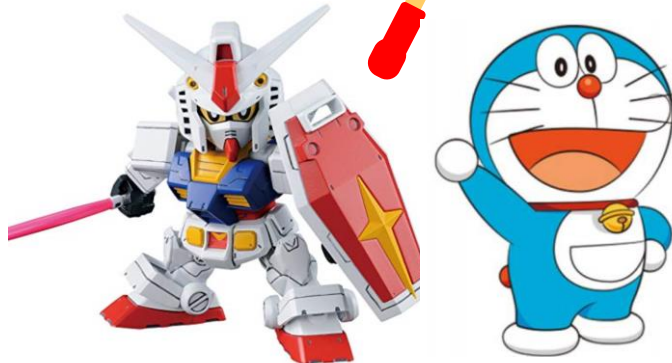
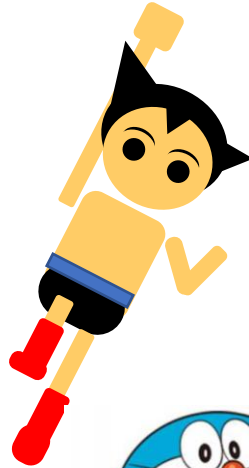




# What is Robotics

Introduction to Robotics: Defining the Scope

# What is a robot?



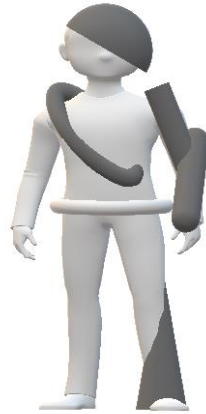
# What is a robot?



# What is a robot?

- Various types of robot for different tasks in different environment

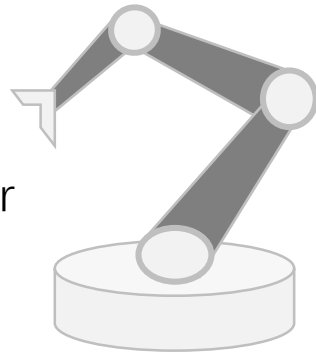
Humanoid



Drone

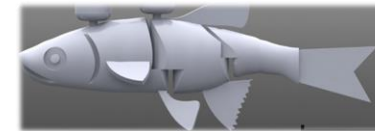


Manipulator



Snake Robot

Fish Robot





# What is a robot?

- A machine/agent designed to complete a task(s) while interacting with the environment



Agent



Tasks



Environment

# Scope of Robotics

- A machine/agent designed to complete a task(s) while interacting with the environment
- Agents need the ability of sensing, perceiving, planning and acting (with varying levels of autonomy)
  - Mechanism Design
  - Sensing, actuation and control
  - Perception and Planning

# Case Example: Boston Dynamics

- Think about the robot, the tasks, and the environment







# Content Overview

Introduction to Robotics: What you will learn

# What you will learn

Structured into (A) Fundamentals, (B) Essentials and (C) Applied

A. Familiarized with the fundamentals

- spatial representation, homogeneous transformations, forward and inverse kinematics, velocity kinematics

B. Acquainted to the essentials

- robot dynamics, planning and controls

C. Apply knowledge to applied topics in robot vision/ perception

- image formation, processing and analysis, visual tracking, vision-based control and image-guided robotics

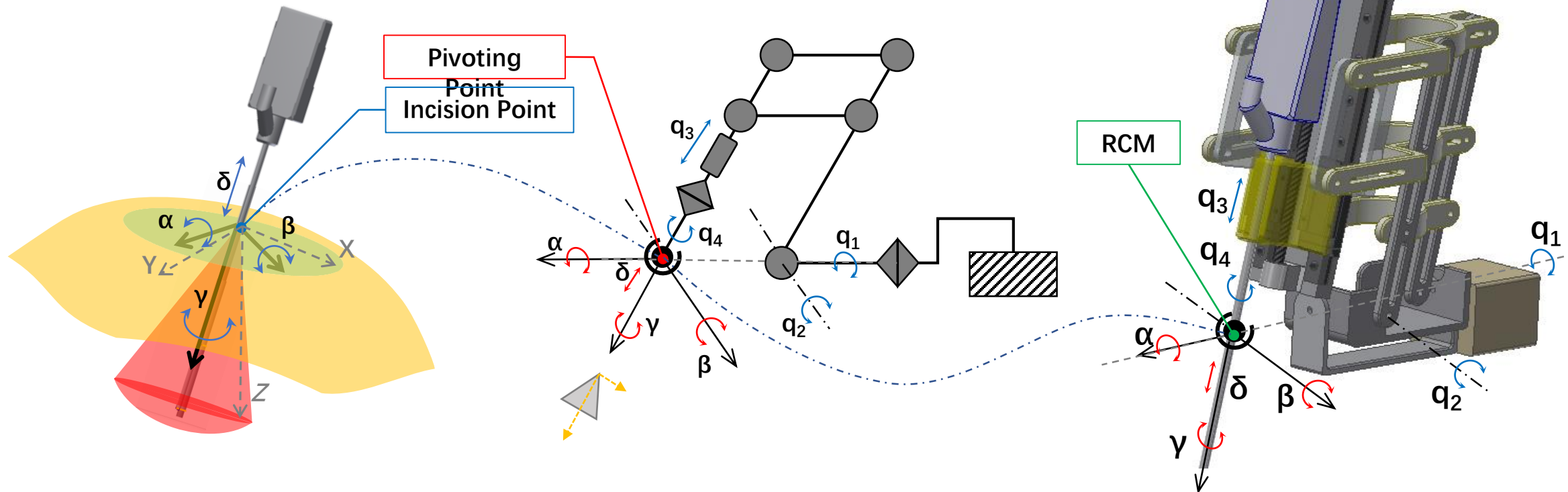
# Overview: Kinematics

- Example: Surgical Robot

Workspace Requirement

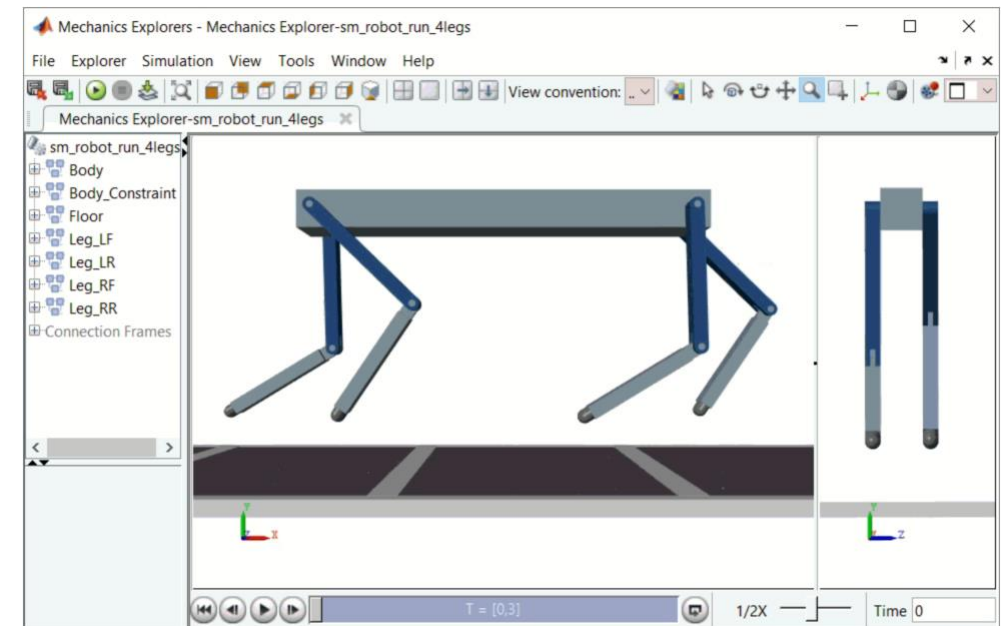
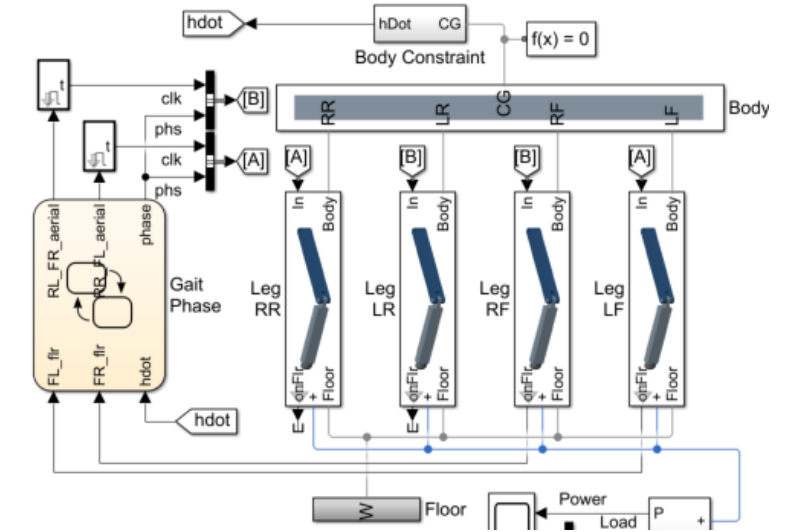
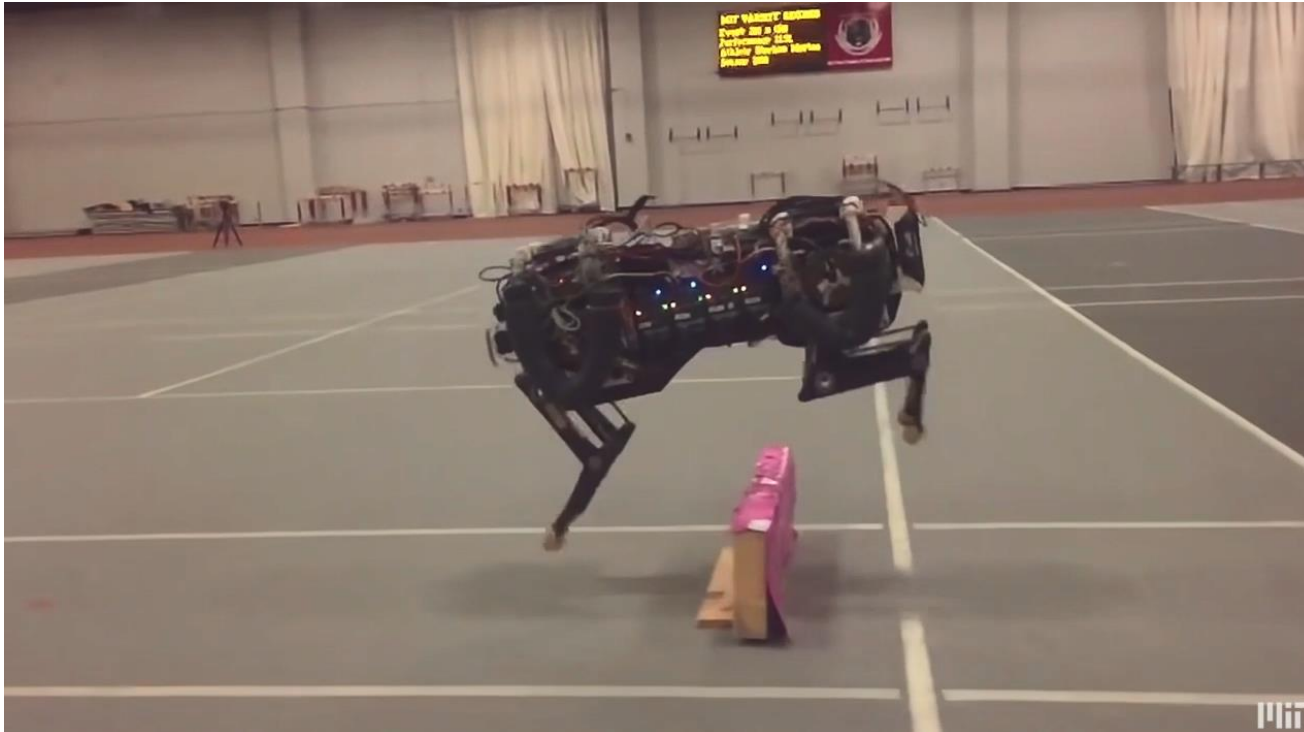
Kinematic Specification

Manipulator Application



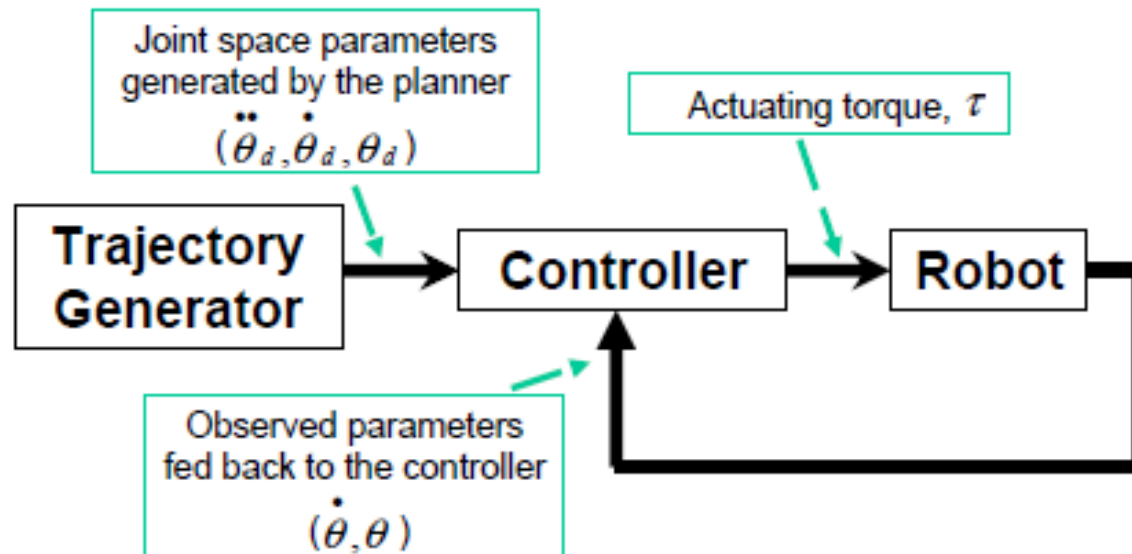
# Overview: Dynamics

- Example: Quadrupedal Robot



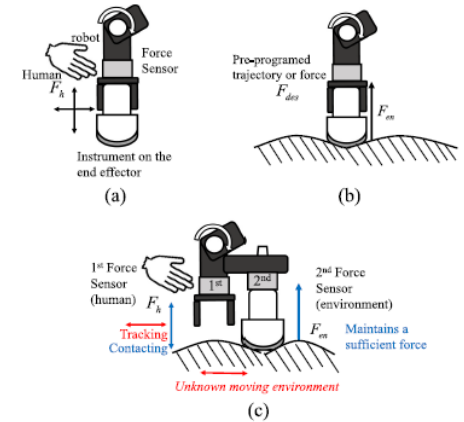
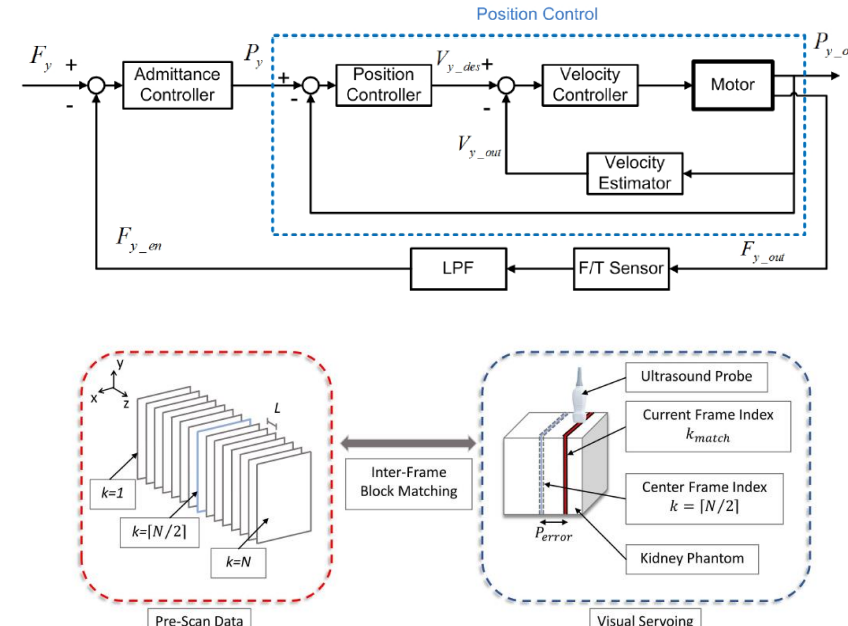
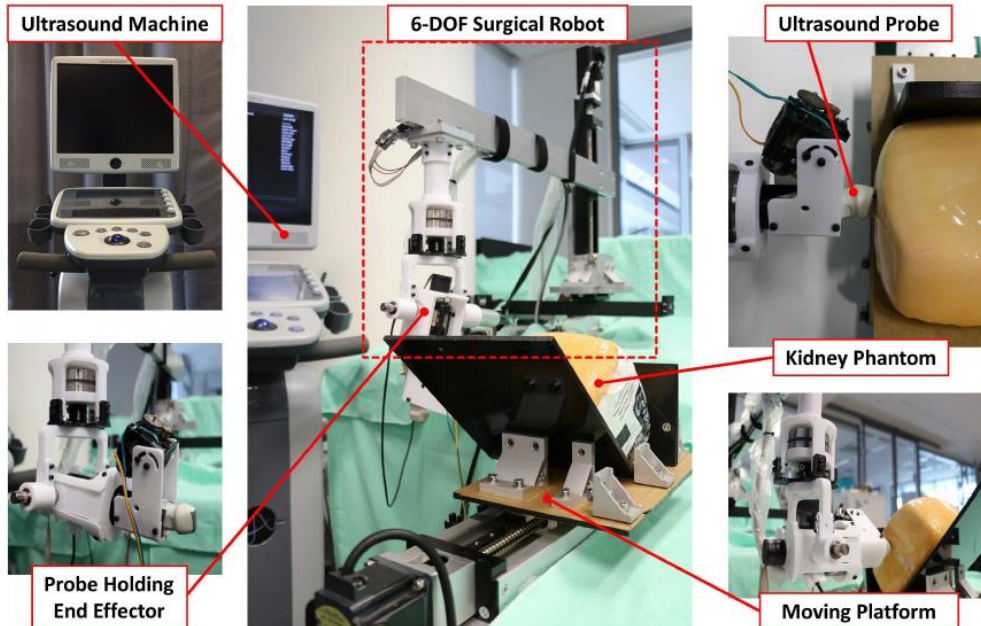
# Overview: Control

- Block diagram of a typical robot control



# Overview: Control

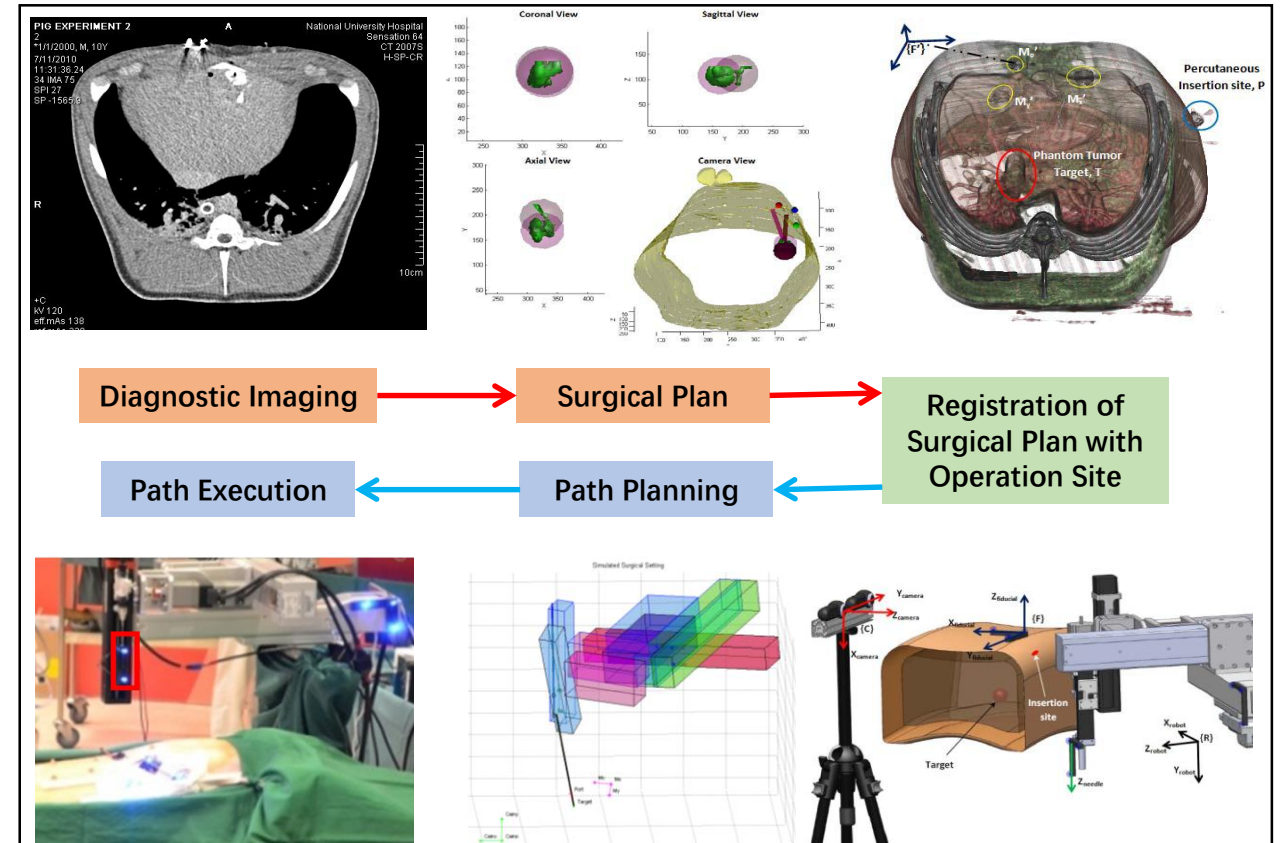
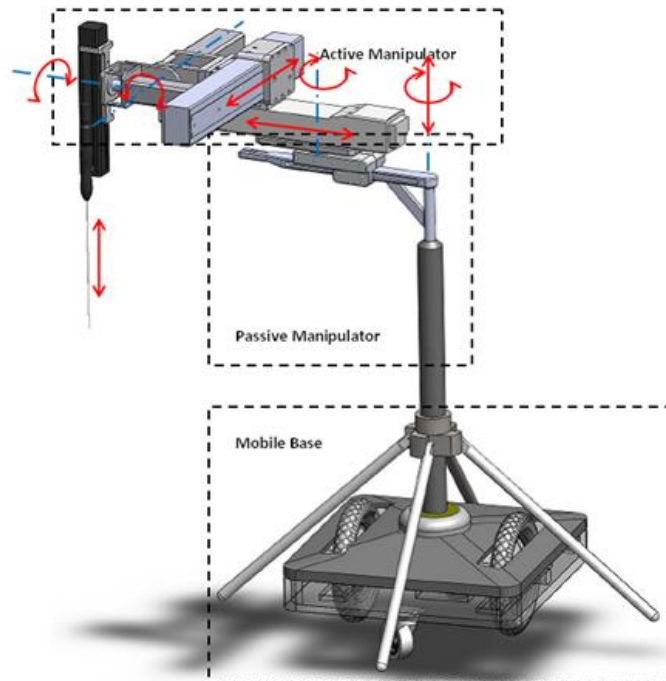
- Example: Ultrasound Image-Guided Robot





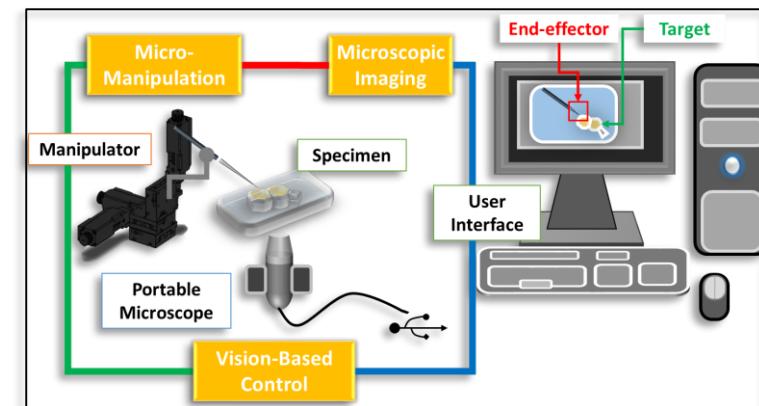
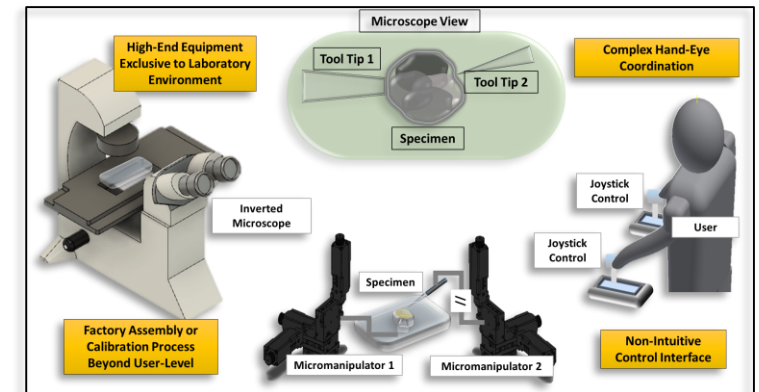
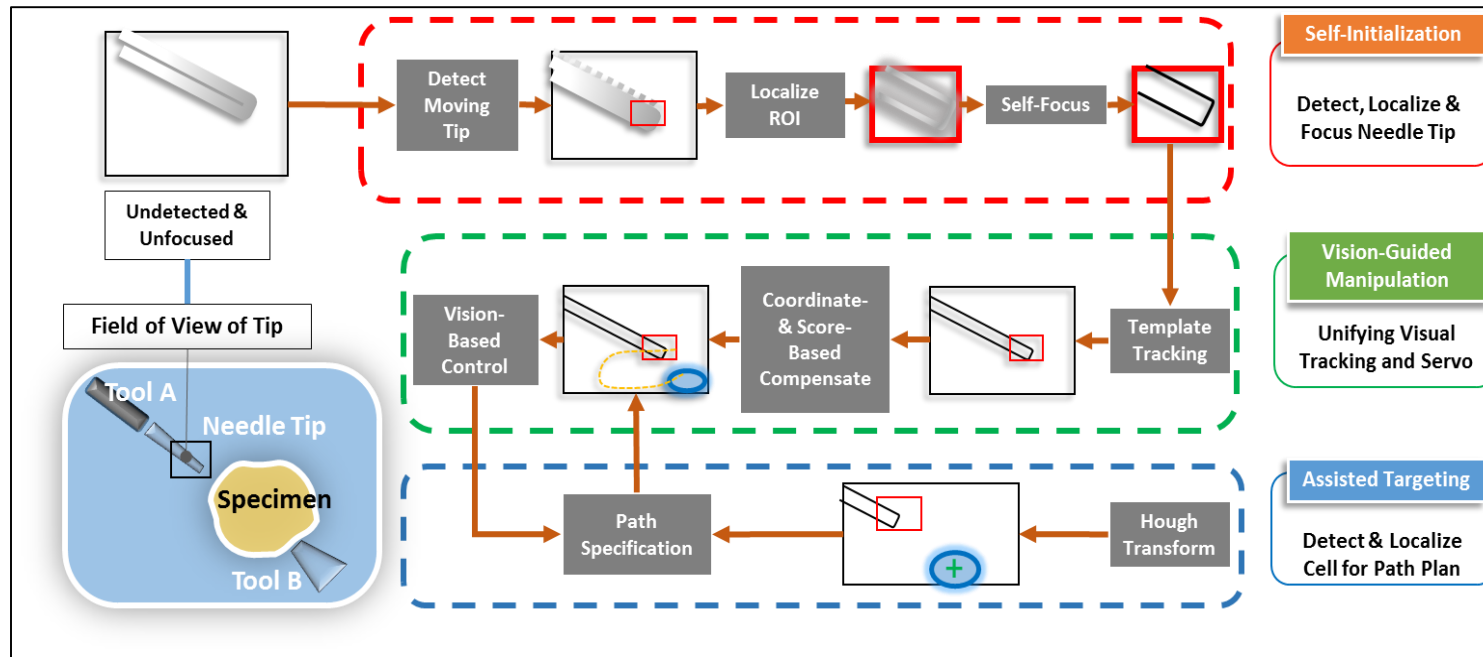
# Overview: Planning

- Example: Planned needle insertion



# Overview: Vision

- Example: Micromanipulator Vision-Based Control





# Overview: Mechanics, Control & Perception

- Quadrupedal Robot + Manipulator + Vision



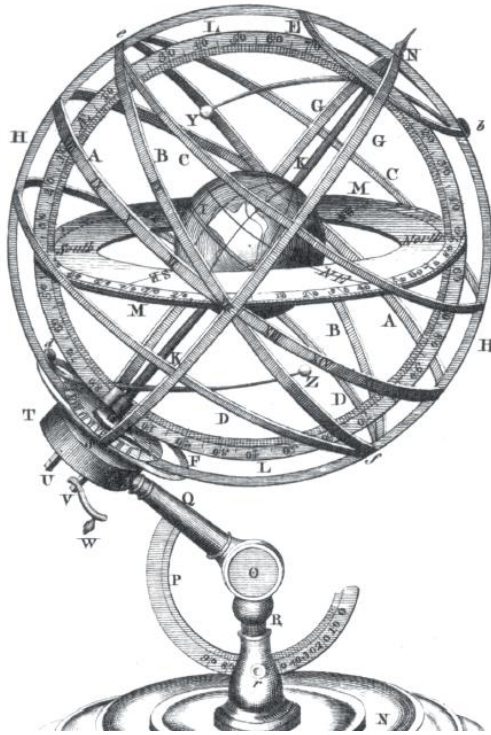
Boston Dynamics: <http://www.bostondynamics.com/>



# Spatial Representation & Transformation

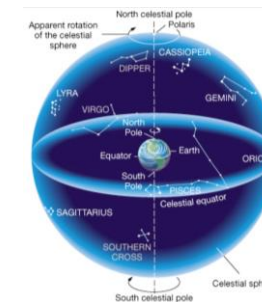
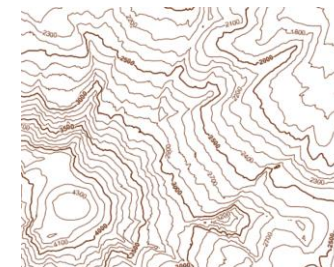
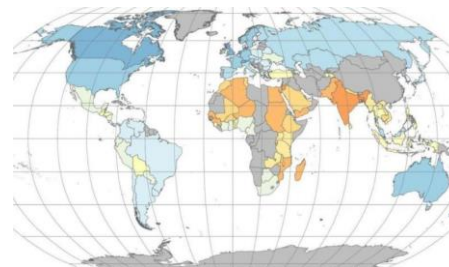
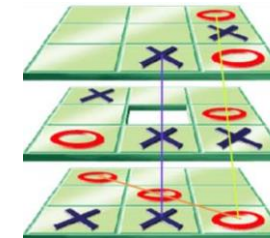
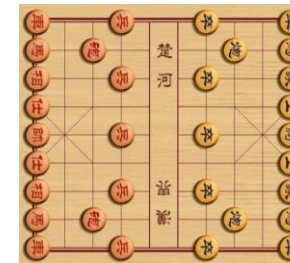
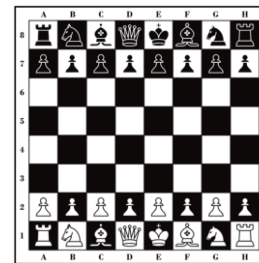
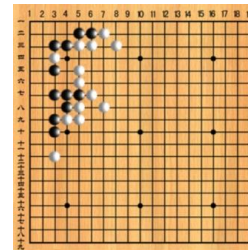
Introduction to Robotics: Fundamentals

# Coordinate Systems



# Coordinate Systems

- Everyday-Examples of Coordinate Systems?
  - On boardgames, on maps ..... even the unit number on your address
  - Can be 2D, (partial) 3D, Projective.....



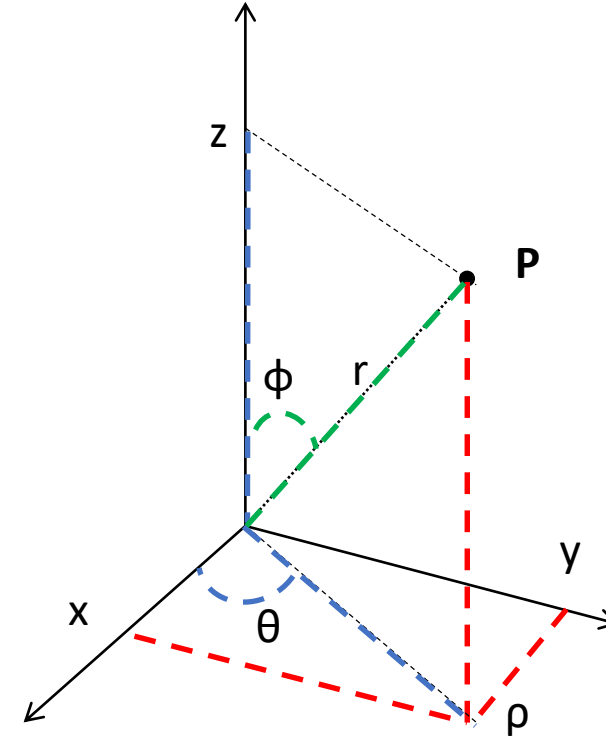


# Coordinate Systems

- Examples of Coordinate Systems:

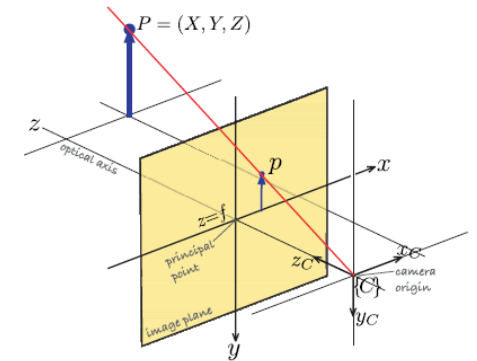
- Cartesian ( $x, y, z$ )
- Spherical ( $r, \theta, \phi$ )
- Cylindrical ( $\rho, \theta, z$ )

⋮

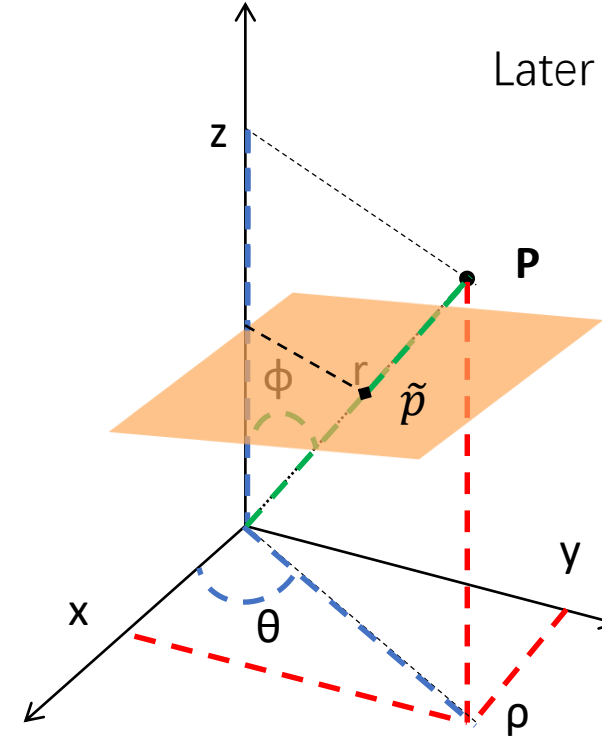


# Coordinate Systems

- Examples of Coordinate Systems:
  - Cartesian ( $x, y, z$ )
  - Spherical ( $r, \theta, \phi$ )
  - Cylindrical ( $\rho, \theta, z$ )
  - ...
  - Homogenous Coordinate System
  - ...
  - Projective coordinates

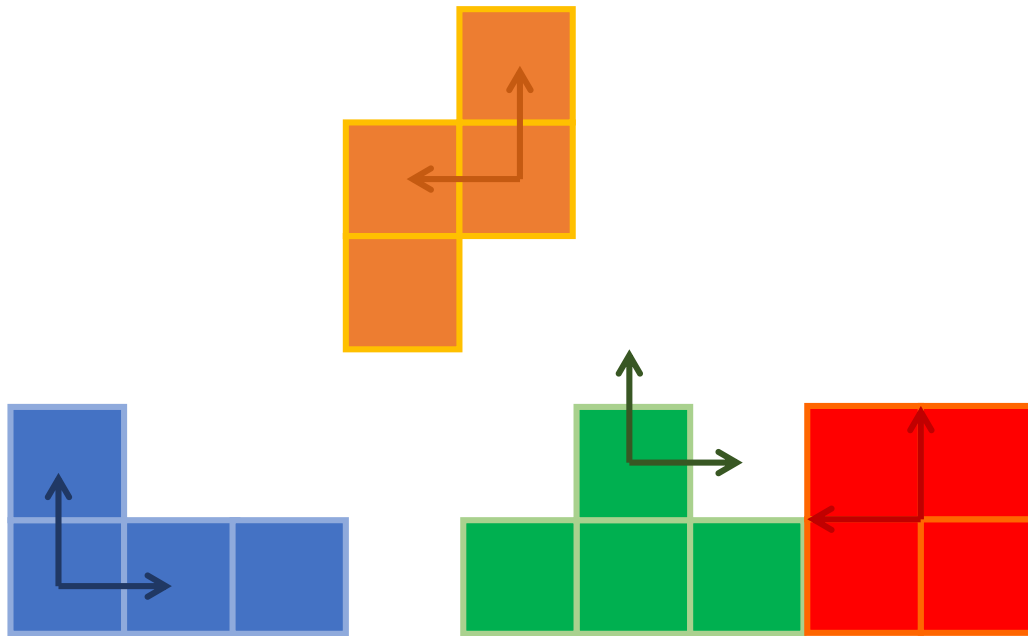


Later in robot vision



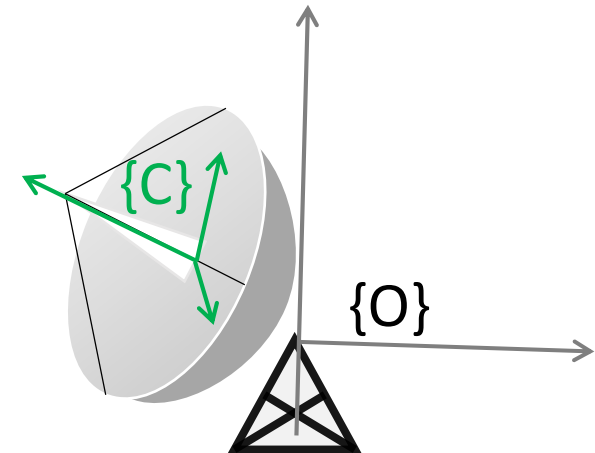
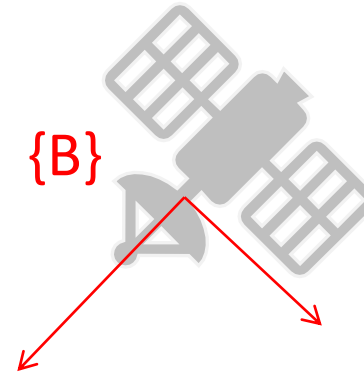
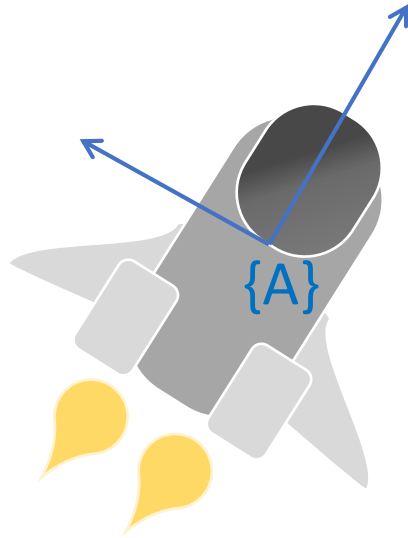
# Reference Frames

- **Frame** is a coordinate system usually specified in position and orientation relative to other assigned coordinate systems



# Reference Frames

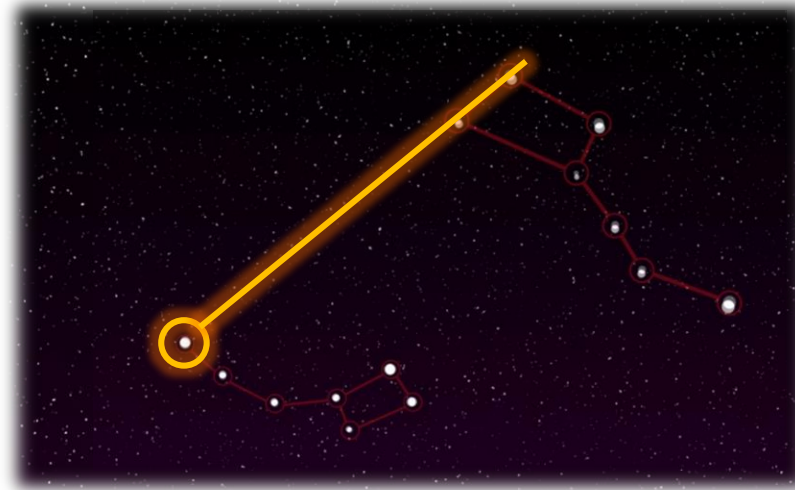
- **Reference frames** can be assigned to rigid bodies for the description of object poses and motions





# Spatial Description

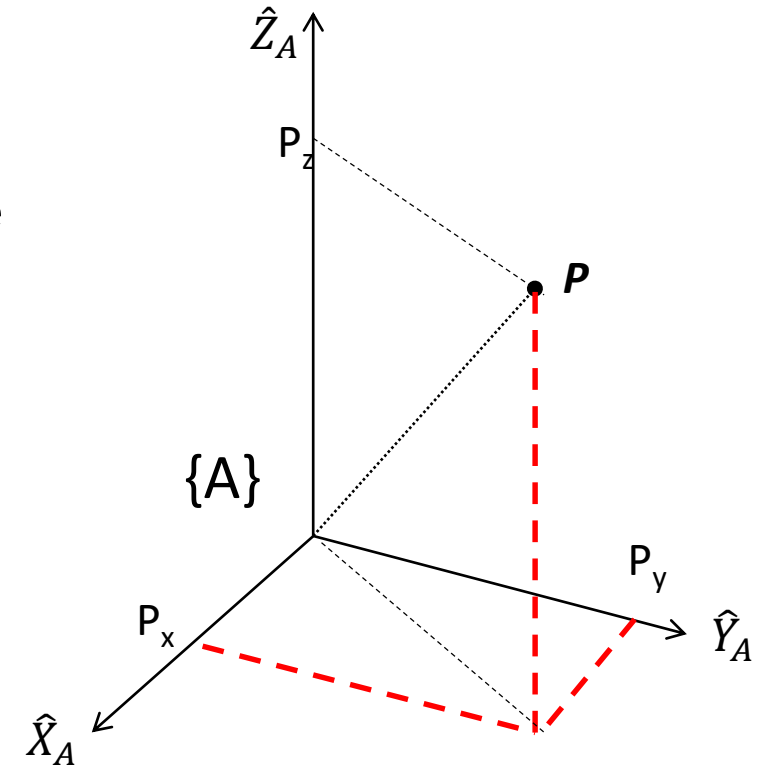
- Pose Representation (in ECE 470)
  - Position and Orientation w.r.t a **frame of reference**
  - **Vector** to represent position
  - **Matrix** to represent orientation



# Position

- Represented as  $n$ -by-1 (column) vector in  $R^n$
- ${}^A P = \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix}$ , in 3D space
  - The positional vector  ${}^A P$  is the vector from origin of frame  $\{A\}$  to point  $P$

- ${}^A \tilde{p} = \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 
  - The position in homogenous coordinates



# Orientation

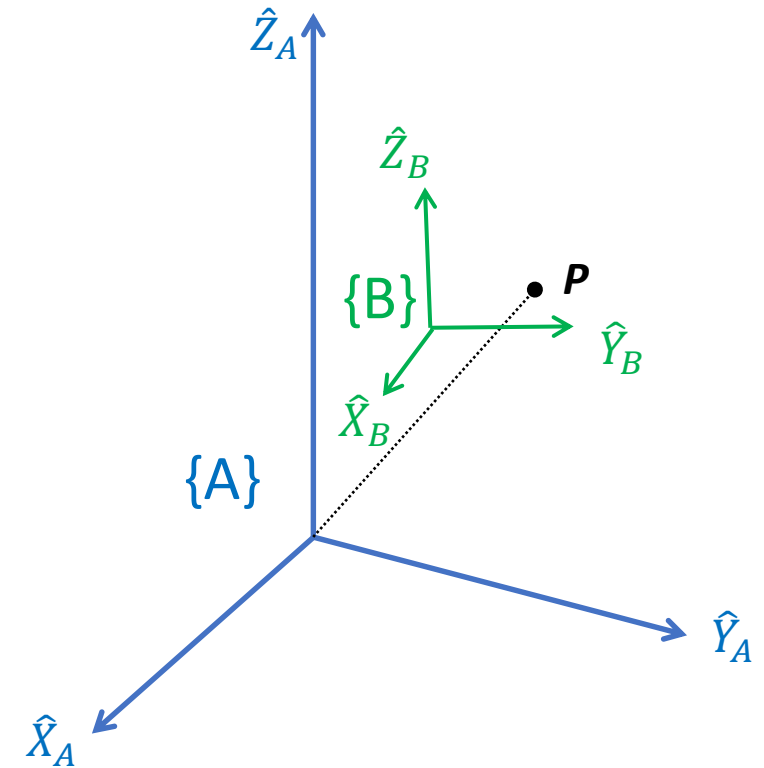
- Represented by  $n$ -by- $n$  orthogonal matrix of unit (column) vectors

{A} is global frame while {B} is attached to object

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\hat{X}_B & {}^A\hat{Y}_B & {}^A\hat{Z}_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- ${}^A\hat{X}_B$   ${}^A\hat{Y}_B$   ${}^A\hat{Z}_B$  are the principal unit vectors of {B} in {A}

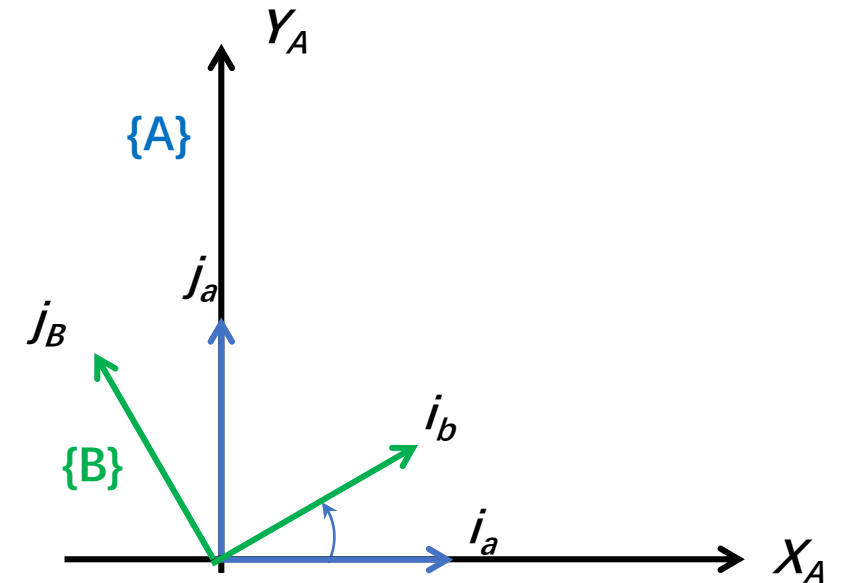
$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\hat{X}_B & {}^A\hat{Y}_B & {}^A\hat{Z}_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{i}_A \\ \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{j}_A \\ \hat{i}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A & \hat{j}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A & \hat{k}_B \cdot \hat{k}_A \end{bmatrix}$$



# Orientation in 2D

- Take a 2D-Example
- Represented by 2-by-2 orthogonal matrix of unit vectors

$${}^A\mathbf{R}_B = [{}^A\hat{\mathbf{X}}_B \quad {}^A\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_B]$$

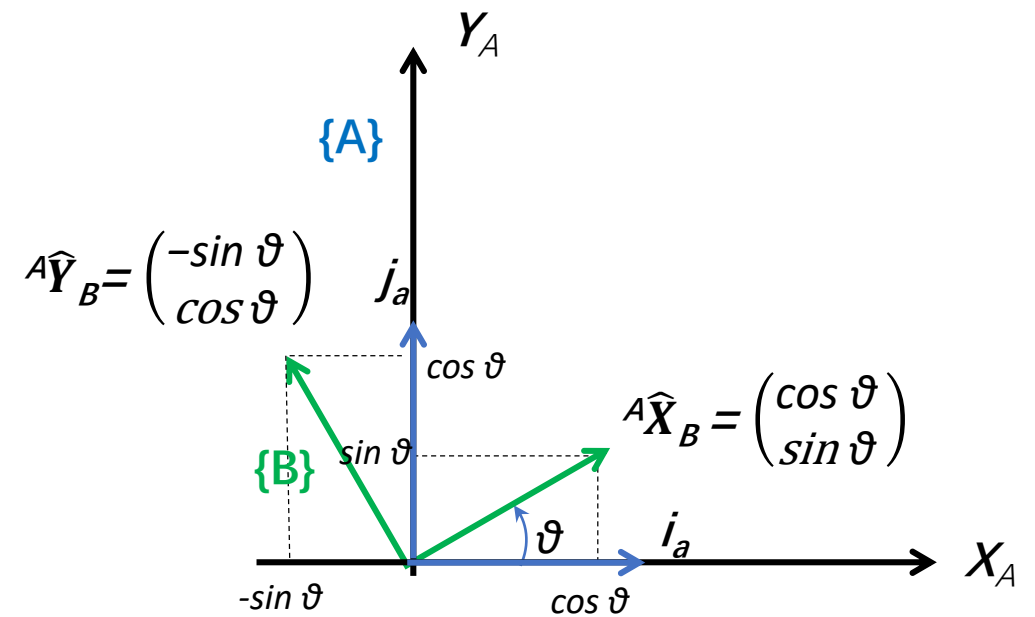


# Orientation in 2D

- Take a 2D-Example
- Represented by 2-by-2 orthogonal matrix of unit vectors

$${}^A\mathbf{R}_B = [{}^A\hat{\mathbf{X}}_B \quad {}^A\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_B] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \vartheta & -\sin \vartheta \\ \sin \vartheta & \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

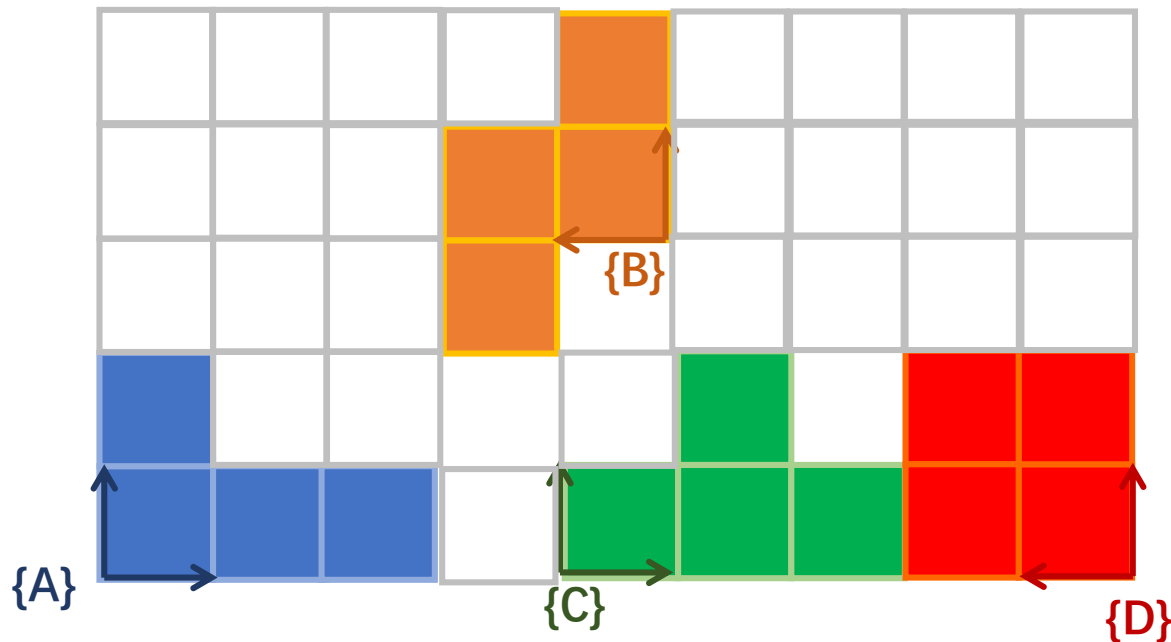
The same can be generalized to 3D-Space



# Q1.1: Concept Check

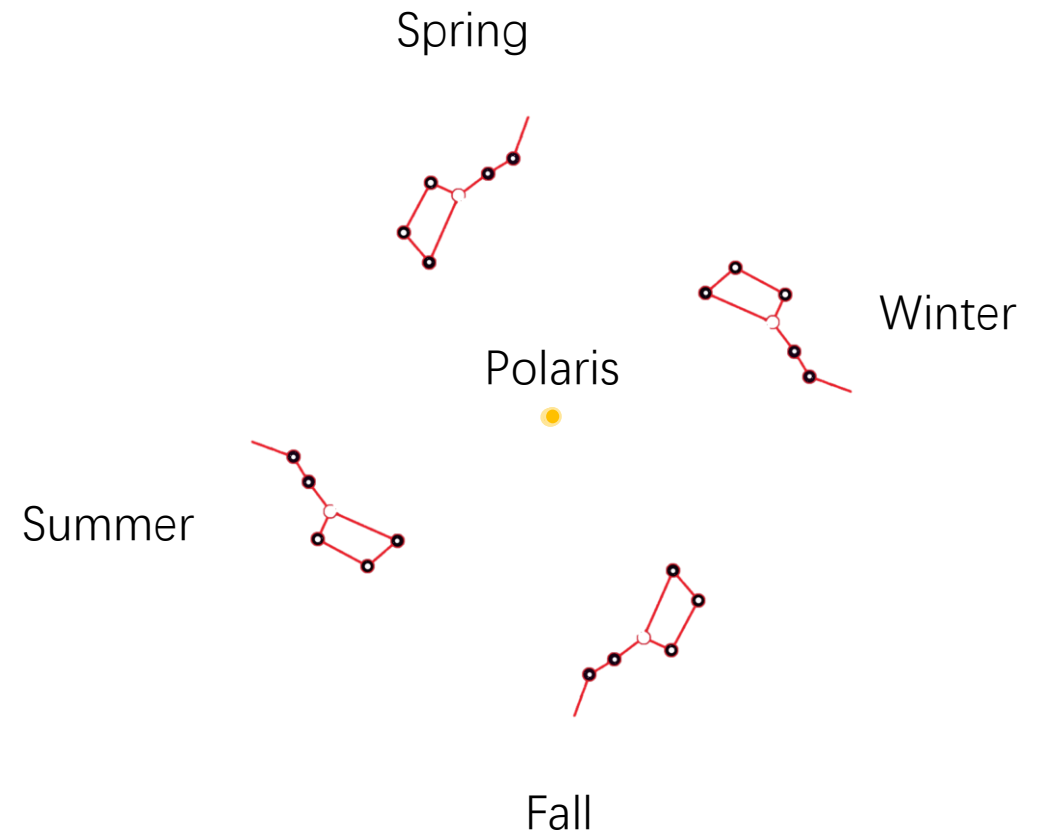
- Write down the position vector of  $\{B\}$  in  $\{A\}$
- Write down the orientation matrix of  $\{B\}$  in  $\{A\}$
- Use trigonometry functions to express the matrix elements in (b)

Assuming Z-axes are all pointing out of page



# Spatial Transformation

- Change in pose or reference frame (in ECE 470)
  - Translation and Rotation
  - **Vector** to represent translation
  - **Matrix** to represent rotation



# Recall Orientation in 2D

- Represented by 2-by-2 orthogonal matrix of unit vectors

$${}^A\mathbf{R}_B = [{}^A\hat{\mathbf{X}}_B \quad {}^A\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_B] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \vartheta & -\sin \vartheta \\ \sin \vartheta & \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$$

- Equivalent to the operation

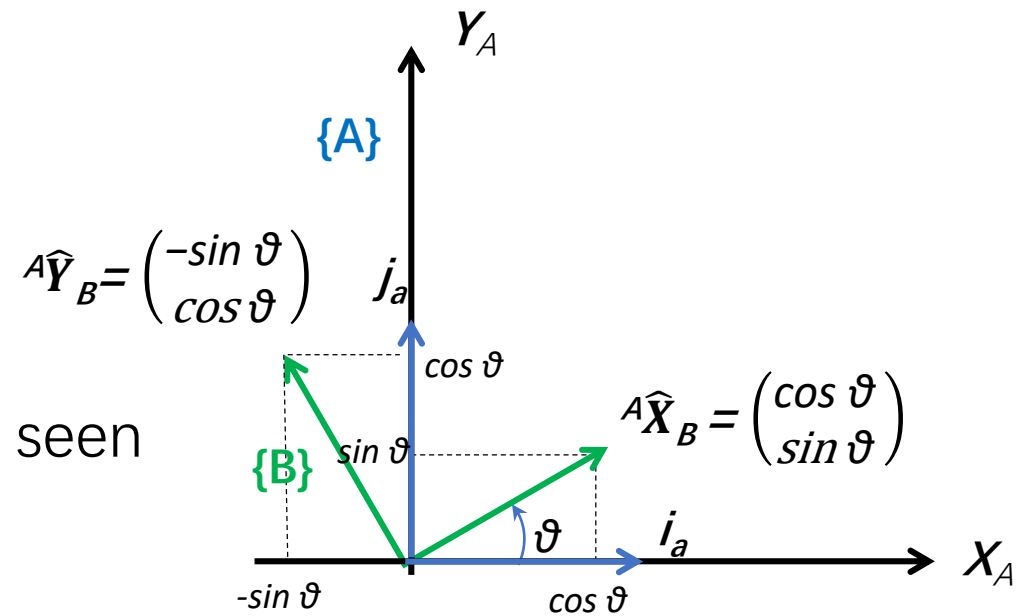
rotating  $\vartheta$  in the  $Z$ -axis

Denoted by  $\mathbf{R}_z(\vartheta)$

- following the Right-Hand-Grip rule,  
C.C.W. is the positive direction

→ Orientation of one frame in another can be seen  
as a Rotation of the coordinate systems

The same can be generalized to 3D-Space





# Transformation of Coordinate System

- Imagine an observer in {B} reporting the coordinates of point P,

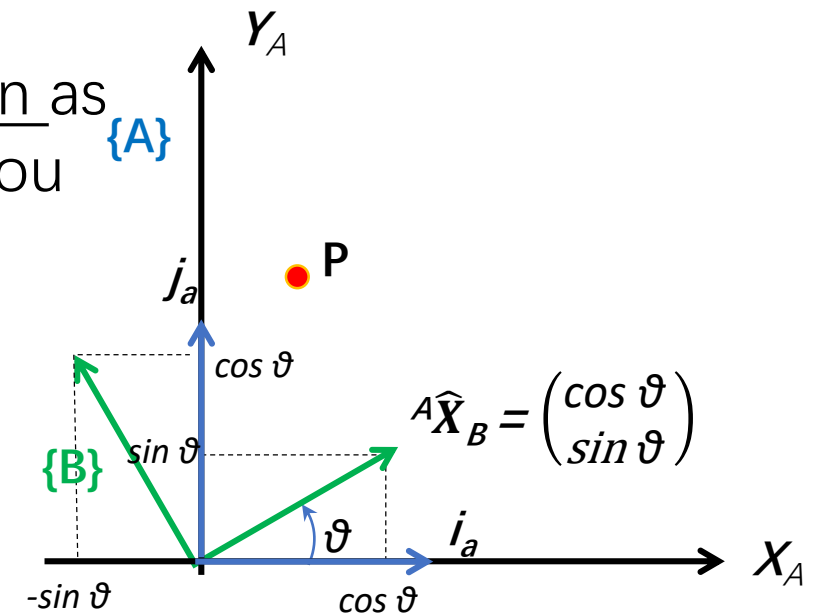
$${}^B\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} X_B \\ Y_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{P}_x \\ {}^B\mathbf{P}_y \end{bmatrix}$$

- You are interested in coordinates of P in {A},  ${}^A\mathbf{P}$
- Assuming that the observer is at the same location as you but orientated  $\vartheta$  in the CCW direction from you

i.e.  ${}^A\mathbf{R}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \vartheta & -\sin \vartheta \\ \sin \vartheta & \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix}$

- New coordinates in your reference frame {A}

$${}^A\mathbf{P} = {}^A\mathbf{R}_B {}^B\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \vartheta & -\sin \vartheta \\ \sin \vartheta & \cos \vartheta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{P}_x \\ {}^B\mathbf{P}_y \end{bmatrix}$$



# Transformation of Coordinate System

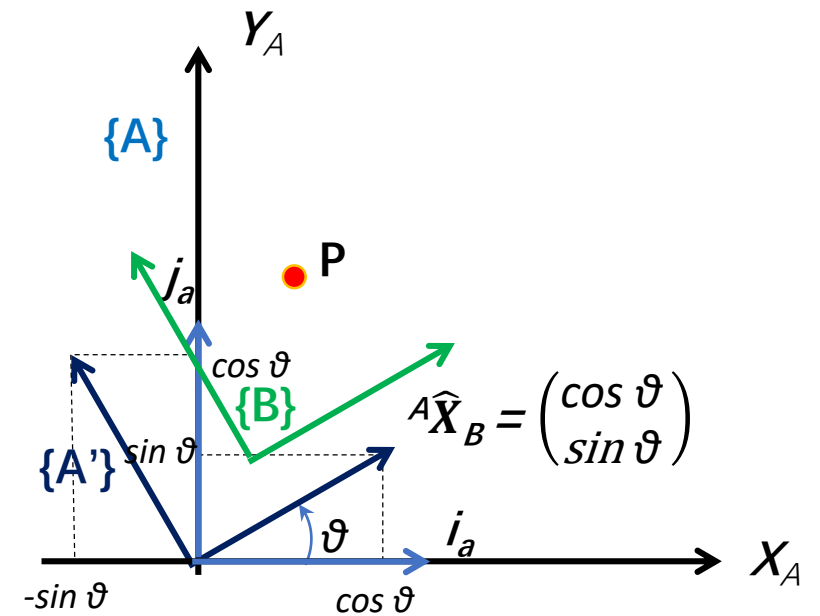
- In general the observer may not be in the same location

$${}^B\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} X_B \\ Y_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{P}_x \\ {}^B\mathbf{P}_y \end{bmatrix}$$

- You are interested in coordinates of P in {A},  ${}^A\mathbf{P}$

$${}^A\mathbf{P} = {}^A\mathbf{R}_A {}^A\mathbf{R}_B {}^B\mathbf{P} + {}^A\mathbf{P}_B$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Homogenous Transformation

- Transformed coordinates of  $\mathbf{p}$  in  $\{B\}$  to coordinates in  $\{A\}$

$${}^A\mathbf{P} = {}^A_B\mathbf{R} {}^B\mathbf{P} + {}^A\mathbf{P}_{BORG}$$

$${}^A\mathbf{P} = {}^A_B\mathbf{T} {}^B\mathbf{P}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A\mathbf{P} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B\mathbf{R} & | & {}^A\mathbf{P}_{BORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{P} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogeneous Coordinates      **Homogeneous Transformation**      Homogeneous Coordinates

Can be seen as a multiplication operator of 4 x 4 Matrix

