

# Course Diagram

3D Transformations

Dead Reckoning

Basic Probability

Bayesian Inference

Extended Kalman/Information Filter

Projective camera geometry

Multi View Geometry

Feature Matching

Bundle Adjustment

VAN, SLAM

Graphical models

Incremental Smoothing and  
Mapping (iSAM)

**Advanced topics**  
(subject to progress in class)

Multi-Robot SLAM & VAN

Belief Space Planning

# Objectives of this Lecture

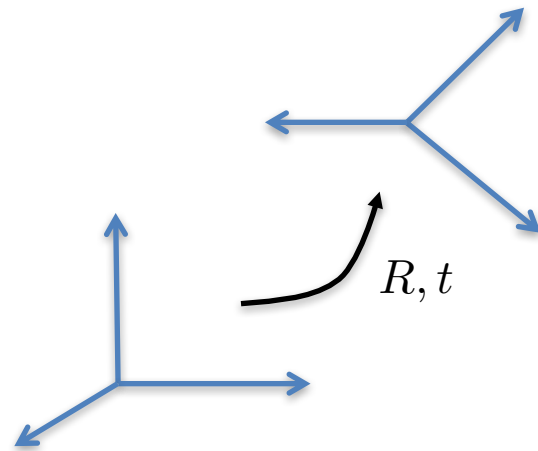
- Learn 3D transformations between different coordinate frames
- Learn different orientation parameterizations
- Use homogenous coordinates and 6 DOF pose/frame

# Outline

- 6 DOF Pose
- 3D Transformations
- Orientation Parameterizations
- Navigation State

# 6 DOF Frame, Pose

- 6 degree of freedom (DOF) frame, pose:
  - Defines a coordinate frame relative to another coordinate reference frame
  - 3D rigid transformation
    - rotation  $R$
    - translation  $t$
- Also known as Euclidean transformation (special Euclidean group  $SE(3)$ )



# 3D Rigid Transformations

- Euclidean transformation

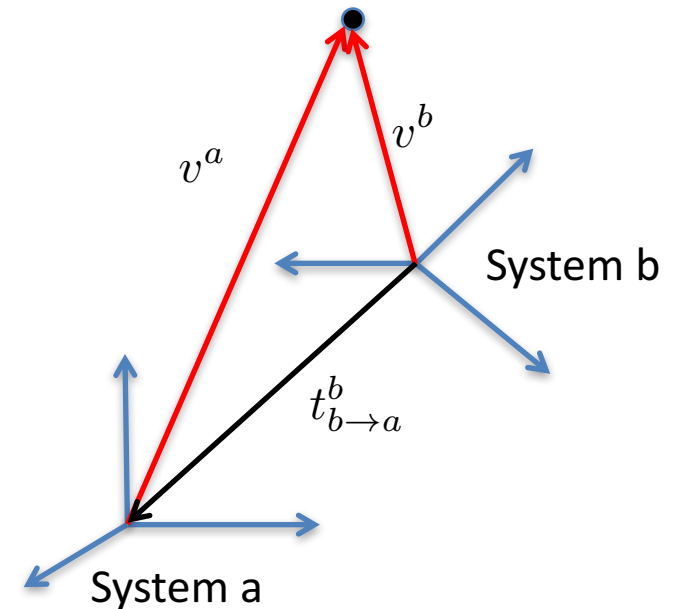
$$v^b = Rv^a + t$$

- In detail:

$$v^b = R_a^b v^a + t_{b \rightarrow a}^b$$

$R_a^b$  : rotation from **a** to **b**

$t_{b \rightarrow a}^b$  : translation from **b** to **a**, expressed in system **b**  
(origin of system **a** relative to system **b**)



# 3D Rigid Transformations

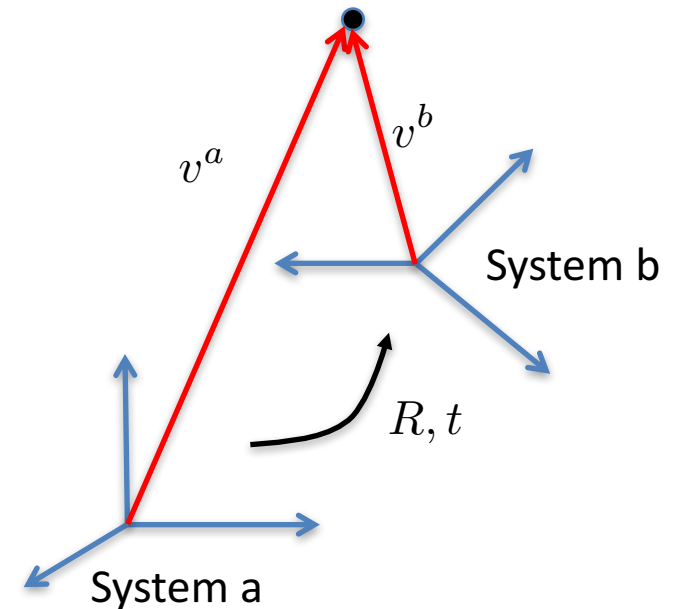
- Euclidean transformation

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- In matrix notation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v^a \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4x4 matrix



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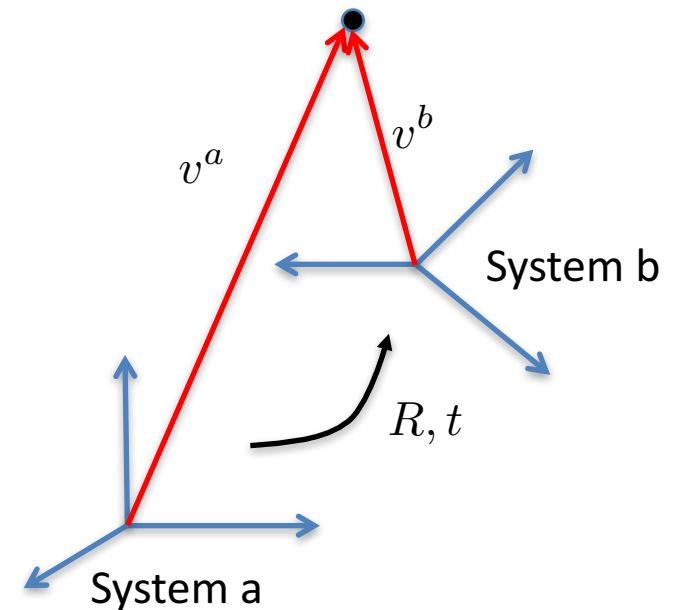
- 3D point/vector:  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$
- Augmented coordinates:  $\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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$$\bar{v}^b = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{v}^a$$

- Common notations:  ${}^b_aT, {}_bT_a$   
(from system **a** to **b**)



# 3D Rigid (Euclidean) Transformation

- 6 degrees of freedom transformation:
  - translation  $t$  (3 DOFs)
  - rotation  $R$  (3 DOFs)

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Different parameterizations of 3D rotation exist (next slides)



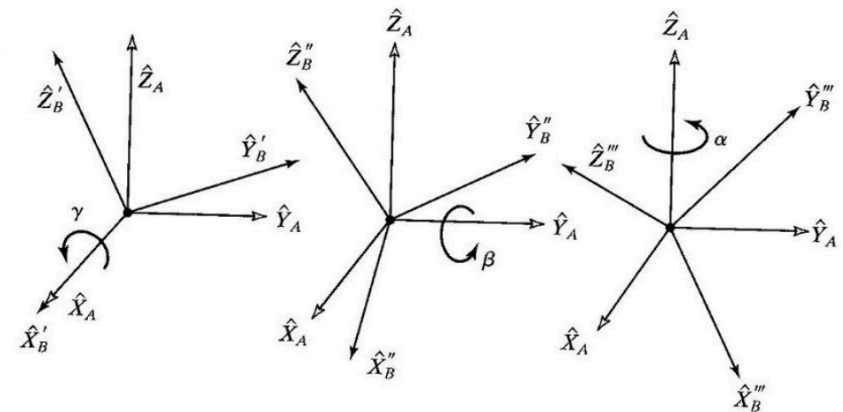
# Rotations

- Euler's Theorem:

Any two independent orthonormal coordinate frames can be related by a sequence of rotations (not more than three) about coordinate axes, where no two successive rotations may be about the same axis.



Leonard Euler (1707-1783)



# Orientation Parameterizations

- Rotation matrix
- Euler angles
- Euler vector
- Quaternion

# Rotation Matrix

- Orthonormal 3x3 matrix

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \in SO(3) \quad \text{special orthogonal group}$$

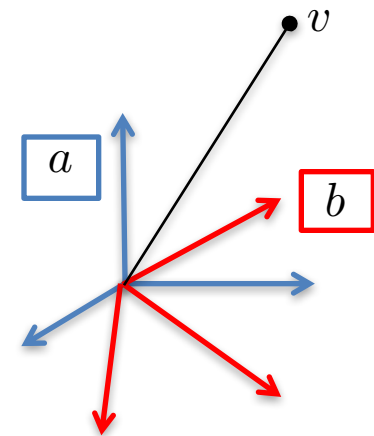
- Columns correspond to coordinate axes
- Disadvantage: over-parameterization (9 parameters for 3 DOFs)

- $R_a^b$ : rotation from system **a** to system **b**

$$v^b = R_a^b v^a$$

- Composition:  $R_a^c = R_b^c R_a^b$

- Inverse:  $R^{-1} \equiv R^T$



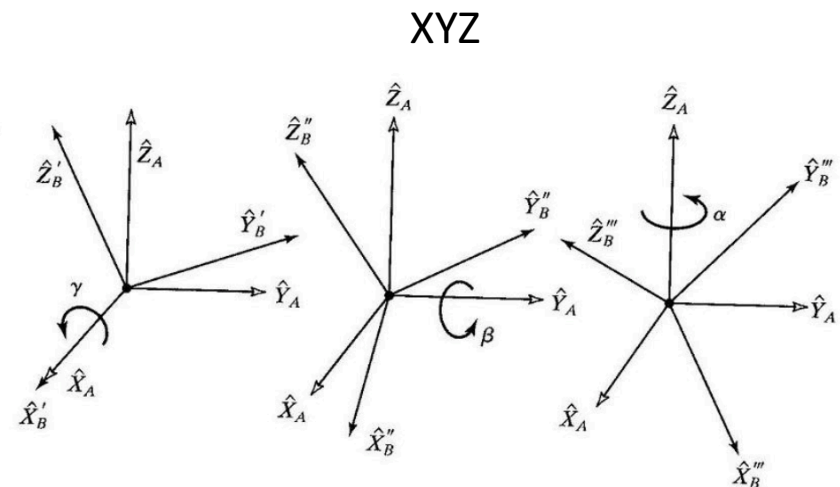
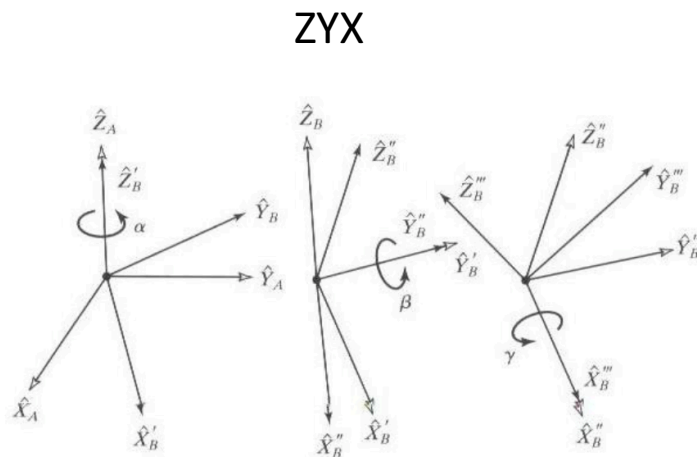
# Euler Angles

- Orientation is represented by 3 numbers
- Euler Angle Sequence: A sequence of rotations around principle axes
- There are 12 different sequences (without successive rotations about the same axis)
- Order does matter!

XYZ	XZY	XYX	XZX
YXZ	YZX	YXY	YZY
ZXY	ZYX	ZXZ	ZYZ

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# From Euler Angles to Rotation Matrix

- Rotation matrices about principal axes:

$$R_x(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ 0 & \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_z(\psi) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\psi) & -\sin(\psi) & 0 \\ \sin(\psi) & \cos(\psi) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

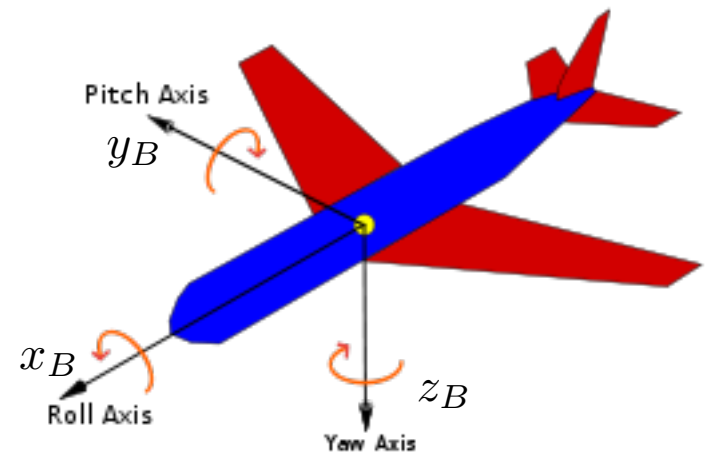
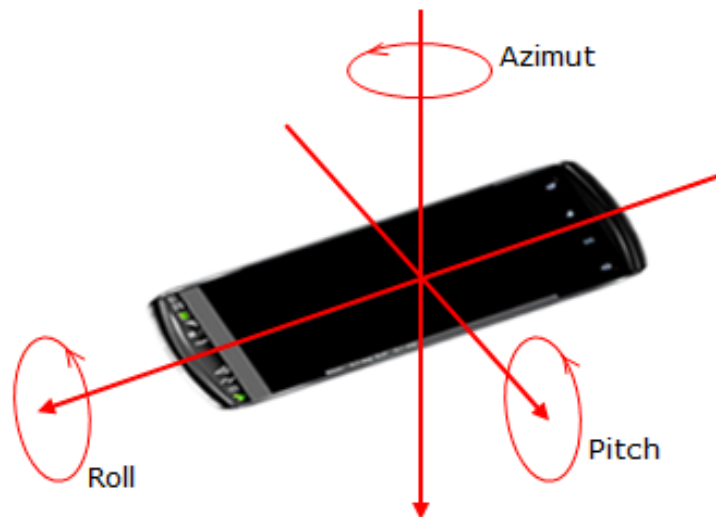
- To represent orientation as a matrix, multiply a sequence of rotation matrices

# From Euler Angles to Rotation Matrix

- No standard convention
- Common conventions

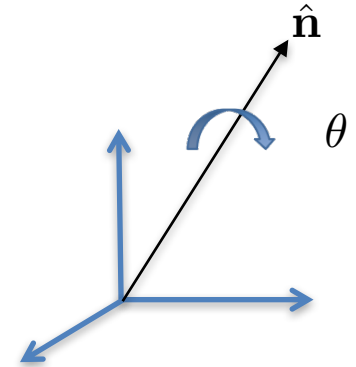
– roll-pitch-yaw (rpy)  $R_z(\psi) R_y(\theta) R_x(\phi)$

– yaw-pitch-roll (ypr)  $R_x(\phi) R_y(\theta) R_z(\psi)$



# Euler Vector

- Euler's rotation theorem: any 3D rotation can be described by a **single** rotation about **some** axis
- $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ : axis of rotation, known as Euler axis
- $\theta$  : rotation angle



- Conversion to rotation matrix via Rodriguez' formula:

$$R(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \theta) = I + \sin \theta [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} + (1 - \cos \theta) [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times}^2$$

- Conversion from rotation matrix to Euler vector:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\text{trace}(R) - 1) \right] \quad \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \begin{pmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Quaternions

- Invented by W.R. Hamilton in 1843
- A quaternion has 4 components

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Quaternions are an extension to complex numbers
- Of the four components, one is a “real” scalar number, and the other three form a vector in an imaginary  $ijk$  space:

$$\mathbf{q} = q_0 + iq_1 + jq_2 + kq_3$$

with

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$$

$$i = jk = -kj$$

$$j = ki = -ik$$

$$k = ij = -ji$$

# Unit Quaternions as Rotations

- Unit quaternion:

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\mathbf{q}\| = \sqrt{q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2} = 1$$

- A unit quaternion can represent a rotation by an angle  $\theta$  around a unit axis  $\mathbf{a}$ :

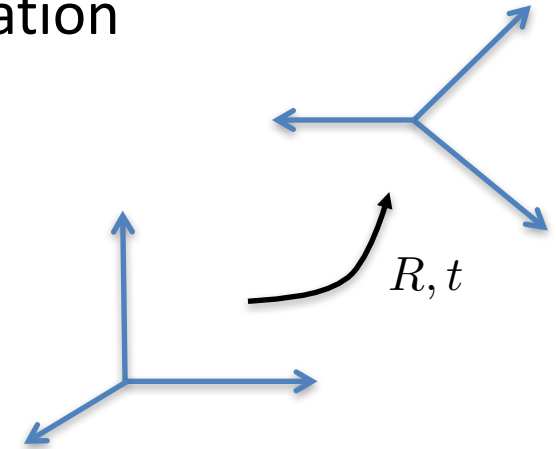
$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & a_x \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & a_y \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & a_z \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Can be transformed to a rotation matrix and vice versa

# Back to 6 DOF Pose

- 6 DOF pose represents a 3D rigid transformation
  - Translation
  - Rotation

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- We will occasionally use the pose notation:

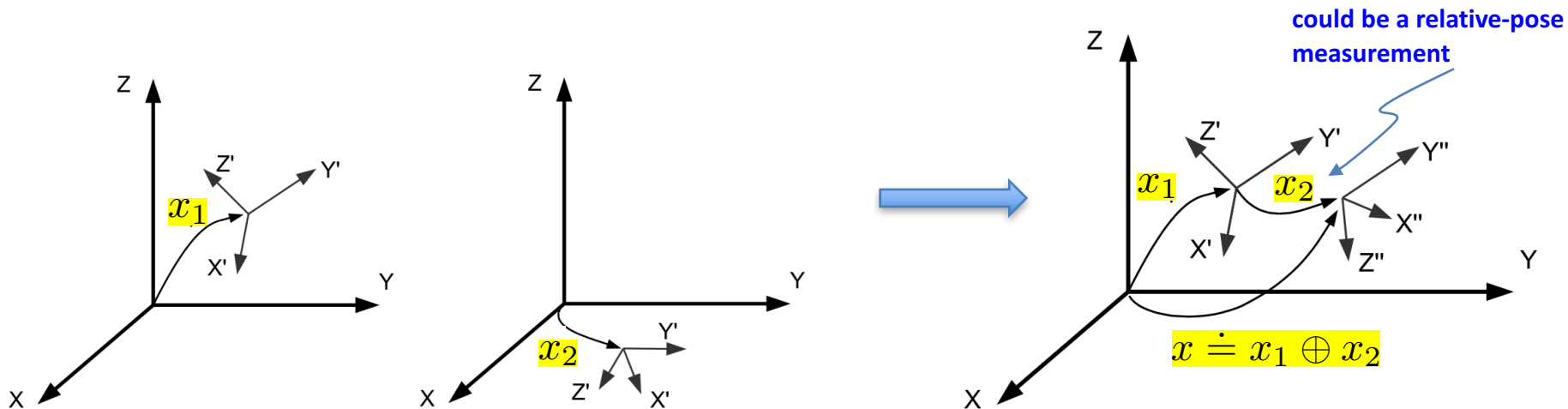
$$x = \{R, t\}$$

- Next:
  - Pose composition

# Pose/Transformation Composition

## Intuition

- Pose describes a transformation relative to some reference frame
- Consider two poses:  $x_1$  and  $x_2$
- Composition (notation  $x_1 \oplus x_2$ ):
  - Calculate transformation by first following  $x_1$  and then  $x_2$   
(Consider  $x_2$  being expressed relative to  $x_1$ )



# Pose/Transformation Composition

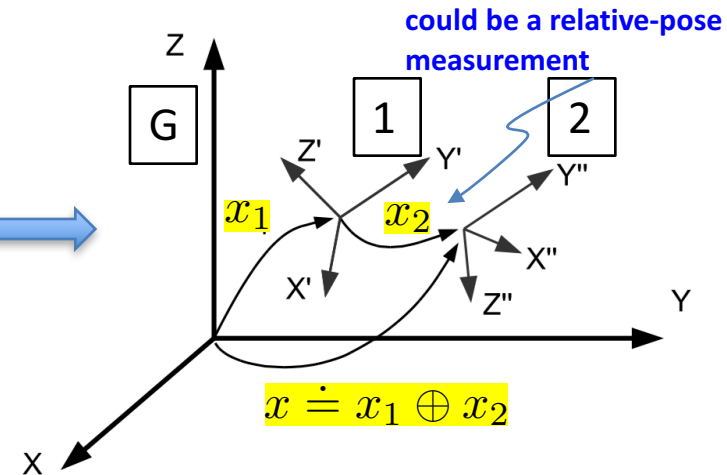
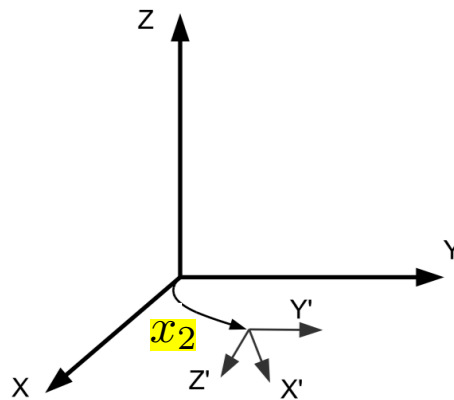
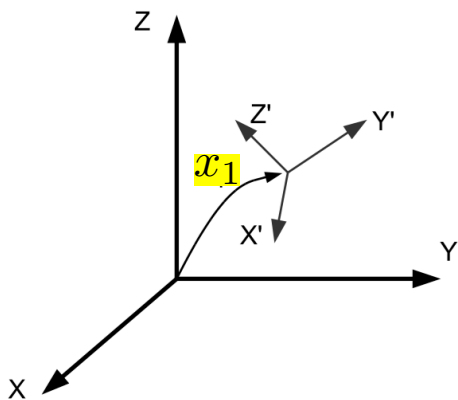
More formally:

$$x_1 = \{R_1, t_1\}$$

$$x_2 = \{R_2, t_2\}$$



$$x \doteq x_1 \oplus x_2 = \{R_1 R_2, R_1 t_2 + t_1\}$$



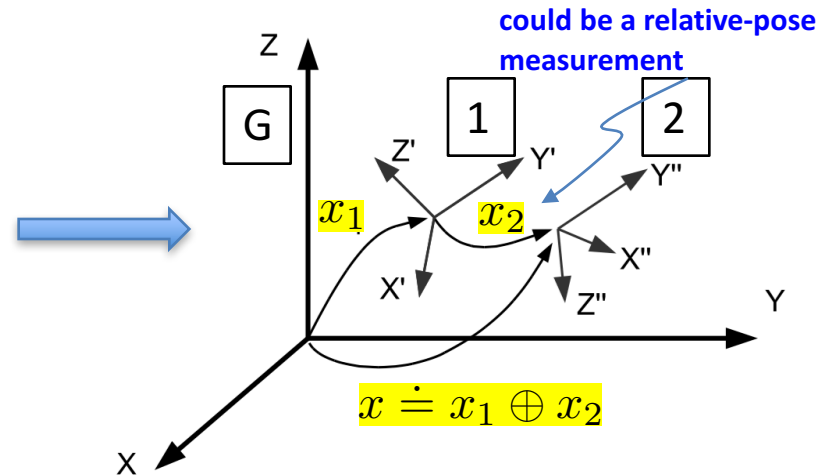
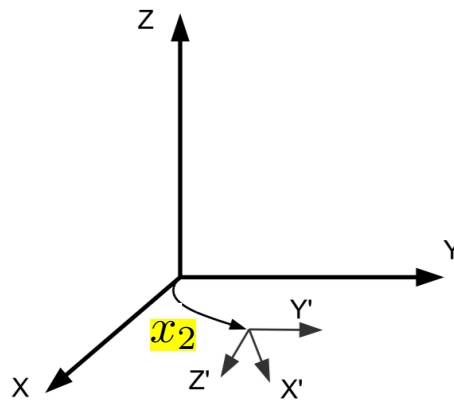
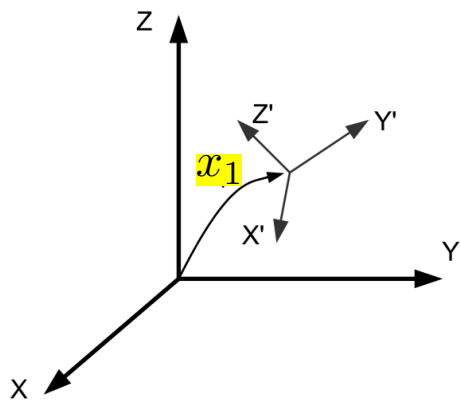
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More formally:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \{R_1, t_1\} \\ x_2 &= \{R_2, t_2\} \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad x \doteq x_1 \oplus x_2 = \{R_1 R_2, R_1 t_2 + t_1\}$$

Explicitly:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^G_1T &\doteq \begin{bmatrix} R_1^G & t_{G \rightarrow 1}^G \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ {}^1_2T &\doteq \begin{bmatrix} R_2^1 & t_{1 \rightarrow 2}^1 \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad {}^G_2T = {}^G_1T {}^1_2T = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^G R_2^1 & R_1^G t_{1 \rightarrow 2}^1 + t_{G \rightarrow 1}^G \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_2^G & t_{G \rightarrow 2}^G \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

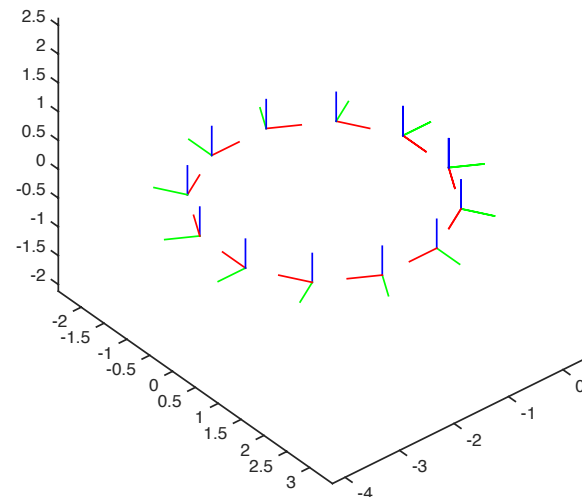
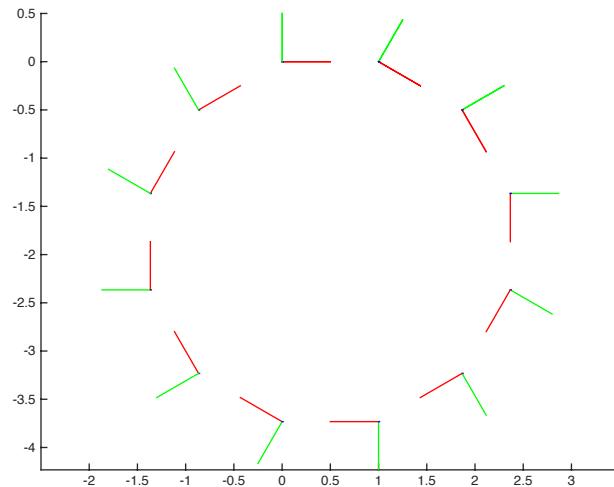


# Example

- Relative transformation (between two adjacent frames)

- rotation around z axis by 30 deg
- translation along x axis by 1 m

$${}^{i-1}_iT \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & 0.5 & 0 & 1 \\ -0.5 & 0.866 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Platform/Camera Pose

- A minimal representation of a pose (of the robot, camera etc.) is described by 6 parameters:
  - 3D Cartesian coordinates  $\mathbf{t} = (x \ y \ z)^T$
  - Three Euler angles  $\phi, \theta, \psi$
- The corresponding state is:  $\mathbf{x} = (x \ y \ z \ \phi \ \theta \ \psi)^T \in \mathbb{R}^6$
- A 3D Euclidian transformation representation can be trivially obtained (how?)

$$\begin{bmatrix} R & \mathbf{t} \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Navigation State

- In the navigation context, the state typically includes additional parameters:
  - Velocity (in particular, required when using inertial sensors)
  - Calibration parameters of different sensors (e.g. IMU, camera)
- For example – typical state with basic IMU calibration parameters:

$$\mathbf{x} = \left( x \quad y \quad z \quad \phi \quad \theta \quad \psi \quad v_x \quad v_y \quad v_z \quad b_x^a \quad b_y^a \quad b_z^a \quad b_x^g \quad b_y^g \quad b_z^g \right)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{15}$$

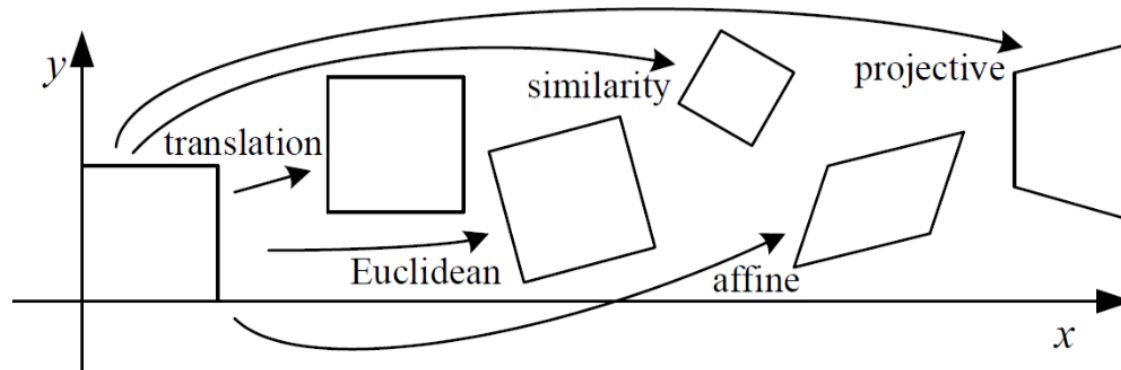
6 DOF pose (position & orientation)






velocity

accelerometer bias

gyroscope bias

# Additional Types of 3D Transformations



Transformation	Matrix	# DoF	Preserves	Icon
translation	$\begin{bmatrix} I &   & t \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	3	orientation	
rigid (Euclidean)	$\begin{bmatrix} R &   & t \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	6	lengths	
similarity	$\begin{bmatrix} sR &   & t \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	7	angles	
affine	$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	12	parallelism	
projective	$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{H} \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$	15	straight lines	

# Projective Transformation (a Glimpse)

- Preserves lines
- ... More details in ~2 weeks



# Recap - Lessons Learned

- 6 DOF Pose
- 3D Transformations
  - Euclidean (rotation and translation)
  - More general (e.g. projective transformation)
- Pose composition
- Navigation state
  
- Next: How to calculate where we are? Most basic - dead reckoning