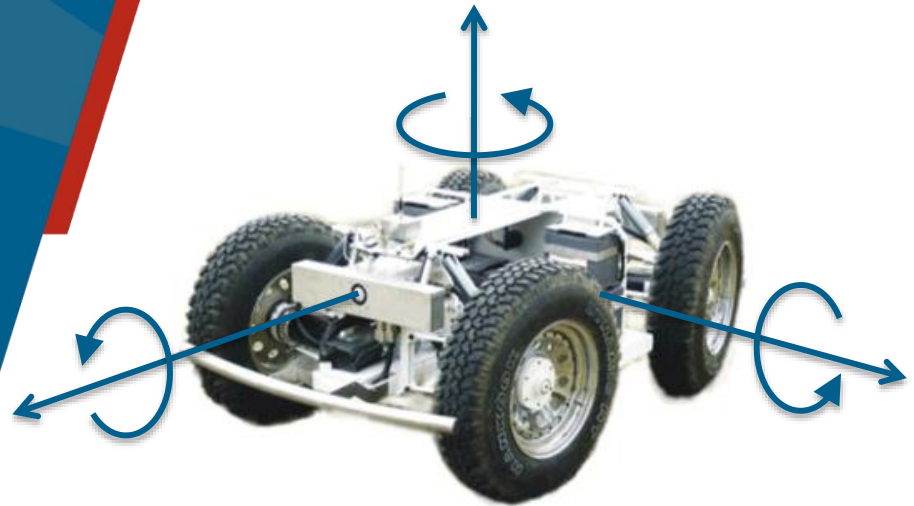


# Spatial Kinematics – Foundations I



**Prof. Dr. Karsten Berns**  
Robotics Research Lab  
Department of Computer Science  
University of Kaiserslautern, Germany

# Contents

- Description of Objects and Object Poses in 3D Euclidean Space ( $E_3$ )
  - Coordinate Systems
  - Transformations
  - Rotation of a Coordinate System
  - Rotation Matrix
  - Several Elementary Rotations
- Different Notations for Rotations
  - Rotation around 1 Axis
- Axes of rotation in Robotics
  - Euler Angles
  - Roll-Pitch-Yaw

## Notation

- Scalars: small letters, e.g.  $s$
- Matrices: upper case letters, e.g.  $A$
- Vectors: with an arrow, e.g.  $\vec{u}$
- Identifier of scalars, vectors and points:  
indices at bottom right, e.g.  $\vec{u}_1$
- Abbreviation of sine and cosine:
  - $\cos(\theta_1) = C\theta_1 = C_1$ ,  $\sin(\theta_1) = S\theta_1 = S_1$ ,
  - $\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) = C_{12\dots n}$ ,  $\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) = S_{12\dots n}$
- Coordinate systems (frames):  
upper case letters, e.g.  $B$
- Vectors referenced due to a certain frame:  
Frame upper left, e.g.  ${}^B\vec{u}$
- Matrix transforming from frame B to frame A:  
Frames lower and upper left, e.g.  ${}^A_B R$

## Reminder: Scalar Product

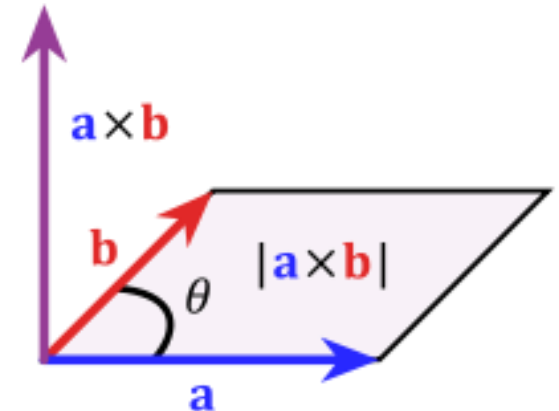
$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |a| \cdot |b| \cdot \cos \theta$$

- $\theta$ : smallest angle between  $a$  and  $b$
- 0, if the vectors are orthogonal
- Commutative and distributive property hold
- Associative does not hold
- With respect to scalars it is:  $n(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = (n \cdot \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot (n \cdot \vec{b})$
- It holds:
  - $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{a}|^2$
  - $\vec{e}_x \cdot \vec{e}_x = \vec{e}_y \cdot \vec{e}_y = \vec{e}_z \cdot \vec{e}_z = 1$
  - $\vec{e}_x \cdot \vec{e}_y = \vec{e}_y \cdot \vec{e}_z = \vec{e}_z \cdot \vec{e}_x = 0$

## Reminder: Cross Product/Vector Product

- Cross product  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  in spaces:  
Vector, which is perpendicular to  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and therefore normal to the plane containing them
- Definition for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| \cdot \sin \theta \cdot \vec{e}$ 
  - $\theta$ : angle between the vectors
  - $\vec{e}$ : perpendicular unit vector
- Cross product can be computed component wise for  $\mathbb{R}^3$



$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Reminder: Cross Product/Vector Product

- Magnitude of the cross product is equal to the area of the parallelogram  $A_p = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| \cdot \sin \theta$
- For parallel vectors the cross product is 0
- It holds:  $\vec{a} \times \vec{a} = \vec{0}$
- Distributive und anticommutative property hold

- $$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{e}_1 & a_1 & b_1 \\ \vec{e}_2 & a_2 & b_2 \\ \vec{e}_3 & a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{e}_1 & a_1 & b_1 \\ \vec{e}_2 & a_2 & b_2 \\ \vec{e}_3 & a_3 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Reminder: Triple Product

$$V_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}} = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{a} = (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} = \det \begin{bmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ a_y & b_y & c_y \\ a_z & b_z & c_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- Combination of cross and scalar product
- Magnitude: Signed volume (V) of the prism defined by the three vectors
  - $V > 0$  for right handed coordinate systems
  - $V < 0$  for left handed coordinate systems
- It holds:
  - for linear dependent vectors it is 0
  - anticommutative property holds

## Reminder: Determinant

- Determinant of a  $n \times n$ -Matrix (Laplace's formula for  $i$ -th row)

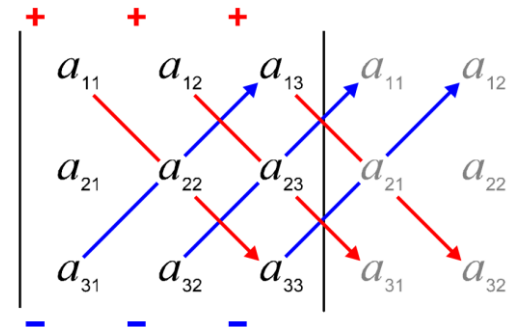
$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \det(A_{ij})$$

- Rule of thump for  $2 \times 2$ -Matrices: Rule of Sarrus

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} \cdot a_{22} - a_{12} \cdot a_{21}$$

- Rule of thump for  $3 \times 3$ -Matrices: Rule of Sarrus

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{31}a_{22}a_{13} - a_{32}a_{23}a_{11} - a_{33}a_{21}a_{12}$$





## Properties of a Determinant

- Example: Expanding the determinant along row 1:

$$\begin{aligned}\det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= 0 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -3 \cdot -5 + 2 \cdot -3 = 15 - 6 = 9\end{aligned}$$

- $\det A = \det A^T$
- $\det AB = \det A * \det B$
- $\det \lambda A = \lambda^n \det A$  *A is a  $n \times n$  matrix*
- Determinant is 0, if
  - all elements of a row/column are 0
  - two rows are linearly dependent
- Similarity of A and B:  $A=X^{-1}BX$ ,  $\det A = \det B$
- Exchanging two rows changes the sign of the determinant

# Properties of Eigenvalues

- Trace of a matrix is the sum of all eigenvalues:

$$tr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

- Determinant of a matrix is the product of all eigenvalues:

$$\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

- The eigenvectors belonging to different eigenvalues are linearly independent

# Pseudo-Inverse of Matrices

- For each  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , Pseudo-Inverse of  $A$  is defined as a  $n \times m$  matrix  $A^+$  satisfying all of the following four criteria, (Moore–Penrose conditions):
  - $AA^+A = A$   
 $A^+$  does not need to be the general identity matrix, but it maps all column vectors of  $A$  to themselves.
  - $A^+AA^+ = A^+$   
 $A^+$  acts like a weak inverse.
  - $(AA^+)^T = AA^+$   
 $AA^+$  is Hermitian.
  - $(A^+A)^T = A^+A$   
 $A^+A$  is also Hermitian

## Basic Properties

- The pseudo-inverse exists and is unique.
- The pseudo-inverse of a zero matrix is its transpose.
- If  $A$  is invertible, then its pseudoinverse is its inverse:
$$A^+ = A^{-1}$$
- The pseudo-inverse of the pseudo-inverse is the original matrix:
$$(A^+)^+ = A$$
- The pseudo-inverse of a scalar multiple of  $A$  is the reciprocal multiple of  $A^+$ :

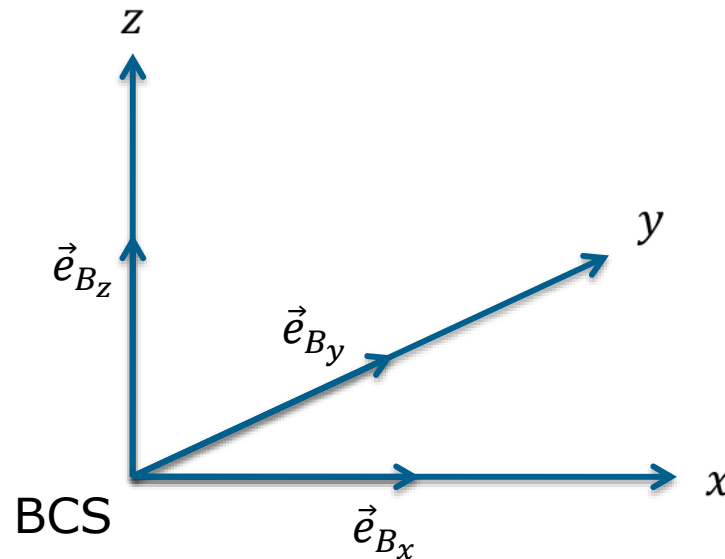
$$(\lambda A)^+ = \frac{1}{\lambda} A^+ \quad \text{for } \lambda \neq 0$$

# Description of Objects and Object Poses in $E_3$

# Coordinate Systems

Base coordinate system (BCS)

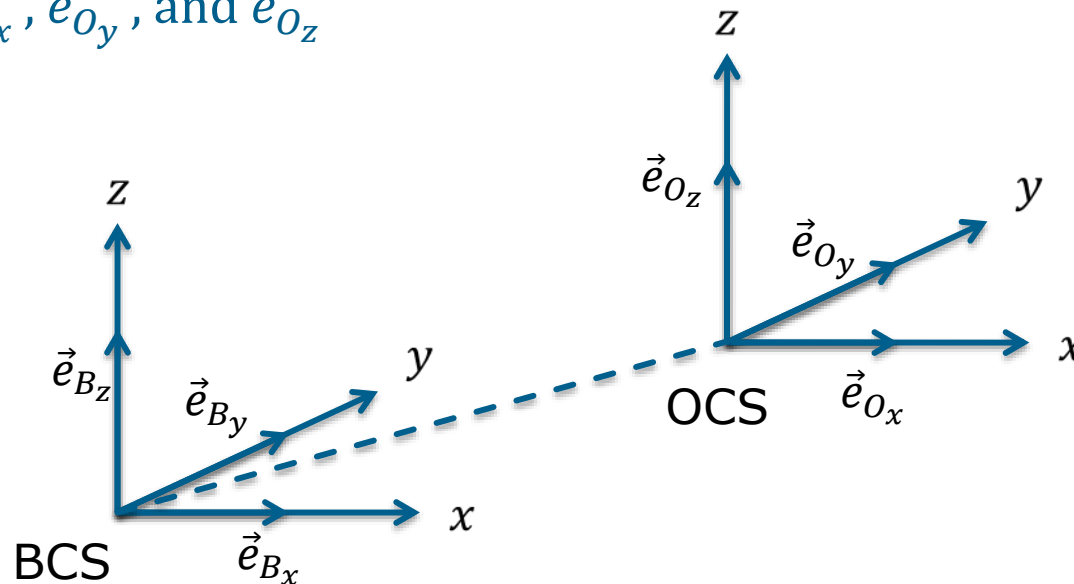
- 3-dim. coordinate system defined by orthogonal unit vectors



# Coordinate Systems

## Object coordinate system (OCS)

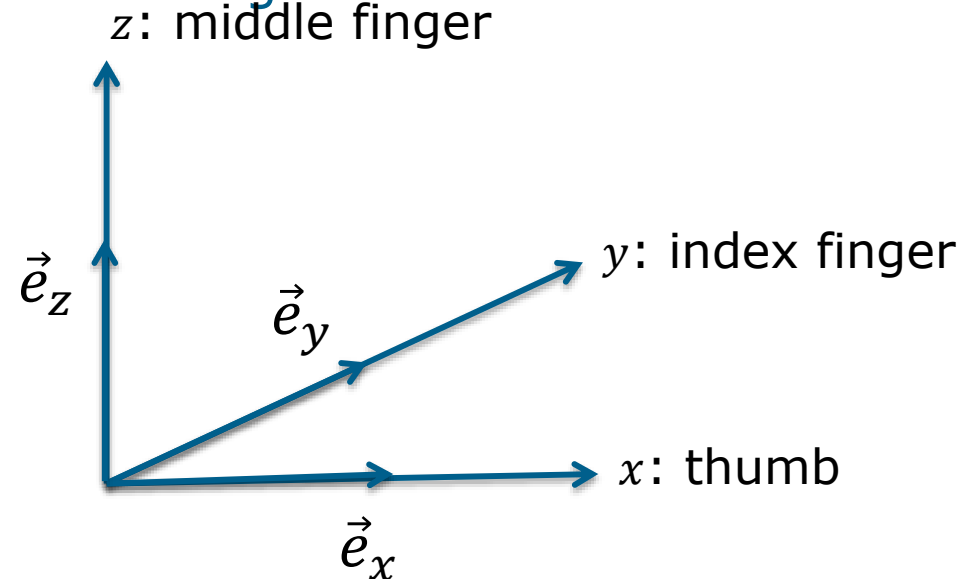
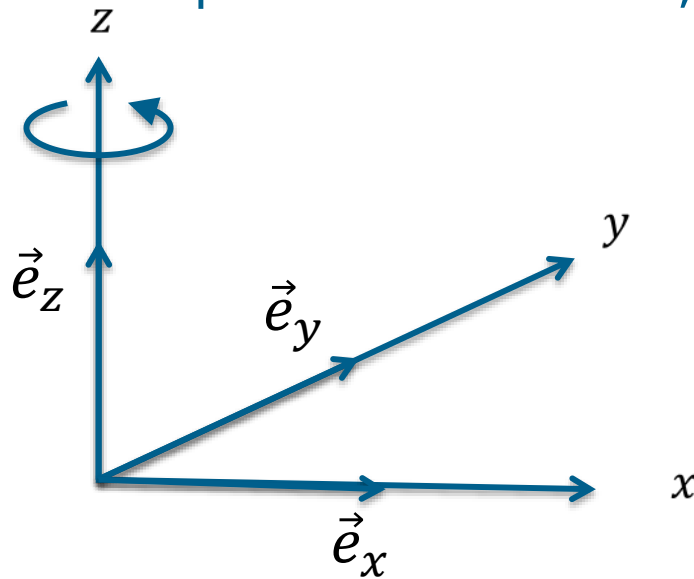
- Any rigid body can be related to a local coordinate system
- Local coordinate system is defined by orthogonal unit vectors  $\vec{e}_{O_x}$ ,  $\vec{e}_{O_y}$ , and  $\vec{e}_{O_z}$



# Orthogonal, Cartesian Coordinate Systems

Counterclockwise rotating coordinate system

- Right-hand-rule: Thumb  $x$  , index finger  $y$  , middle finger  $z$
- $\vec{e}_x \times \vec{e}_y = \vec{e}_z$  with cross product  $\times$
- If not specified otherwise, assume right-handed CS



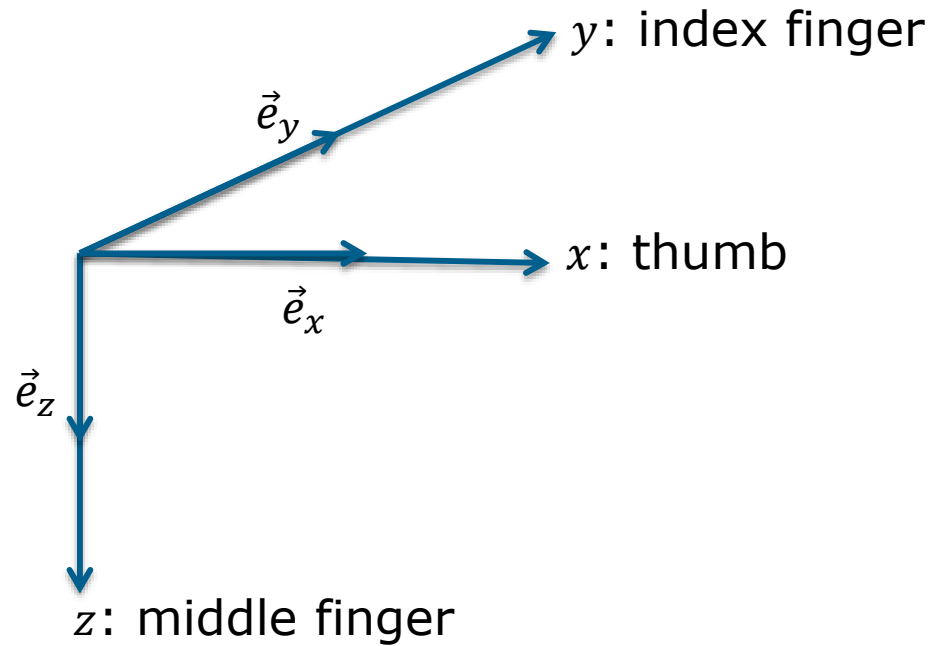
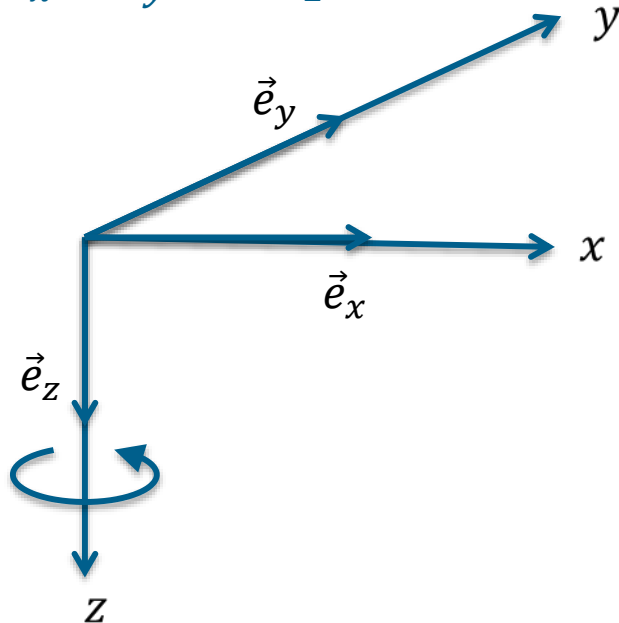


# Orthogonal, Cartesian Coordinate Systems

Clockwise rotating coordinate system

- Left-hand-rule: Thumb  $x$  , index finger  $y$  , middle finger  $z$

- $\vec{e}_x \times \vec{e}_y = -\vec{e}_z$



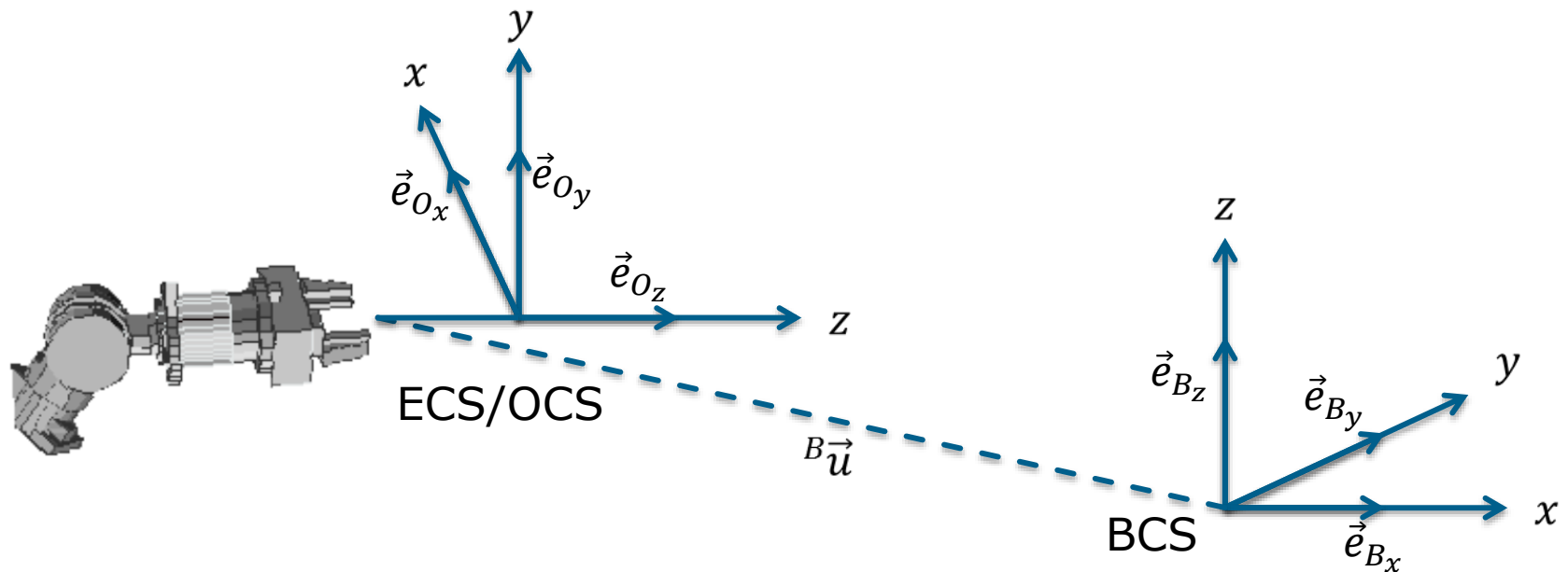
# Object Poses in Space

- Location in BCS: Position vector from origin of BCS to origin of OCS
- Orientation in BCS: Mapping of unit vectors of OCS to the unit vectors of BCS using rotation matrix
- Pose: Position vector and rotation matrix of the OCS related to the BCS

# Transformation

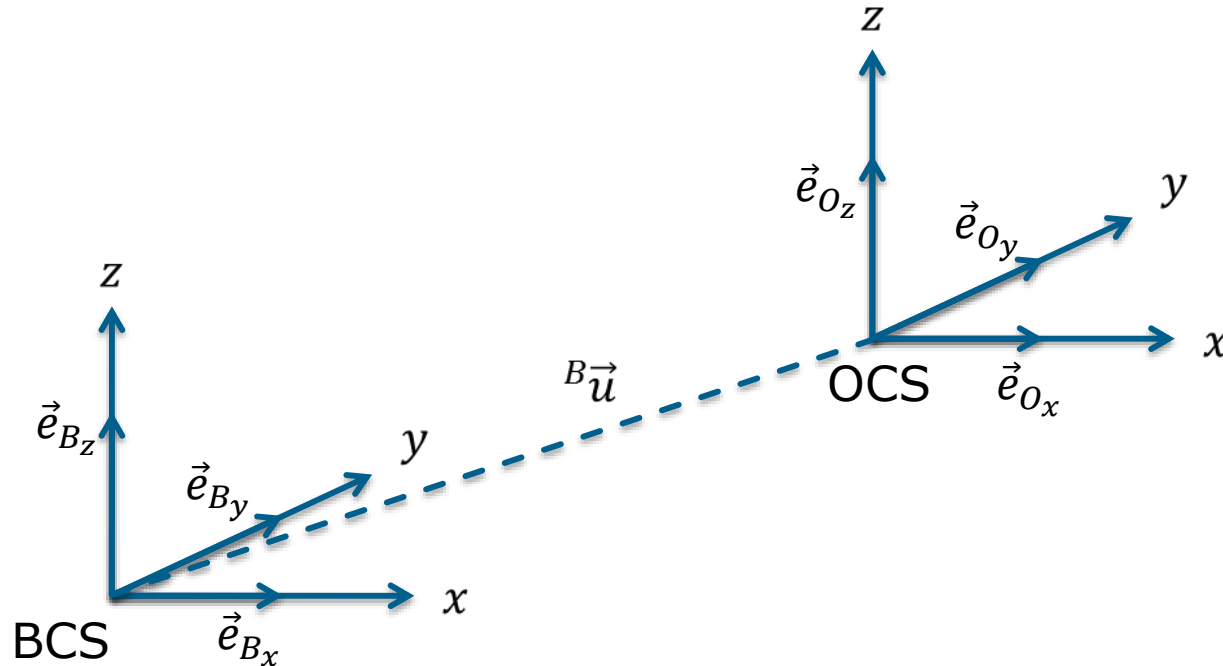
In addition to the BCS, various other local coordinate systems are used for describing robotic applications, e.g. ...

- OCS: Object Coordinate System
- ECS: Effector Coordinate System (TCP – Tool Center Point)
- SCS: Sensor Coordinate System



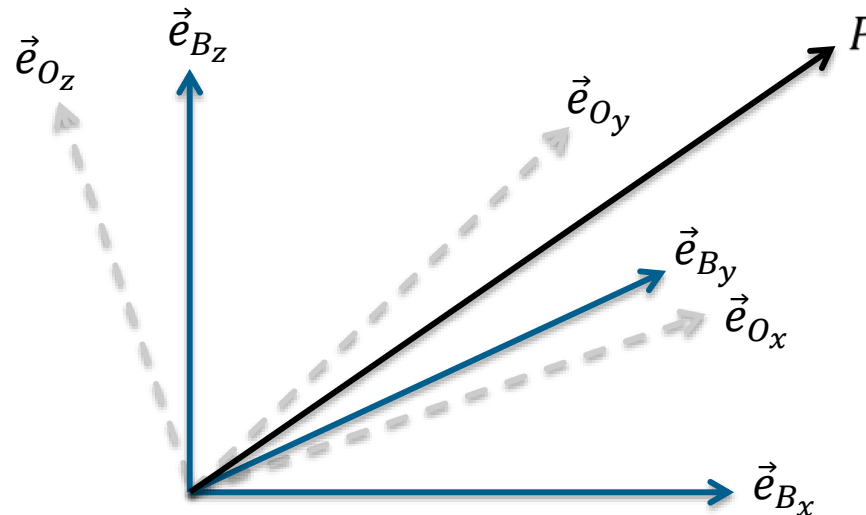
## Possible Transformations

- Translation vector:  ${}^B\vec{u} = {}^B a \cdot \vec{e}_{B_x} + {}^B b \cdot \vec{e}_{B_y} + {}^B c \cdot \vec{e}_{B_z}$
- Rotation matrix:  $R = R_\alpha \cdot R_\beta \cdot R_\gamma$
- Rotation angle around coordinate axes:  $x, y, z$ :  $\alpha_x, \beta_y, \gamma_z$



## Rotation of a Coordinate System

- Let BCS and OCS be rotated against each other with unit vectors  $\vec{e}_{B_x}$ ,  $\vec{e}_{B_y}$ ,  $\vec{e}_{B_z}$  and  $\vec{e}_{O_x}$ ,  $\vec{e}_{O_y}$ ,  $\vec{e}_{O_z}$
- Given a position vector of a point  $P$ , either defined relative to the OCS  ${}^O\vec{p}$  or the BCS  ${}^B\vec{p}$   
 -> find position vector relative to the other coordinate system



# Rotation of a Coordinate System

- ${}^B\vec{p} = {}^Bp_x \cdot \vec{e}_{B_x} + {}^Bp_y \cdot \vec{e}_{B_y} + {}^Bp_z \cdot \vec{e}_{B_z}$  with  ${}^B\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^Bp_x \\ {}^Bp_y \\ {}^Bp_z \end{bmatrix}$
- ${}^0\vec{p} = {}^0p_x \cdot \vec{e}_{B_x} + {}^0p_y \cdot \vec{e}_{B_y} + {}^0p_z \cdot \vec{e}_{B_z}$  with  ${}^0\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0p_x \\ {}^0p_y \\ {}^0p_z \end{bmatrix}$
- ${}^0p$  projection to base vectors of BCS yields to BCS coordinates:
  - ${}^Bp_x = \vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot {}^0p = \vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_x} \cdot {}^0p_x + \vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_y} \cdot {}^0p_y + \vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_z} \cdot {}^0p_z$
  - ${}^Bp_y = \vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot {}^0p = \vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_x} \cdot {}^0p_x + \vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_y} \cdot {}^0p_y + \vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_z} \cdot {}^0p_z$
  - ${}^Bp_z = \vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot {}^0p = \vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_x} \cdot {}^0p_x + \vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_y} \cdot {}^0p_y + \vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_z} \cdot {}^0p_z$

# Rotation of a Coordinate System

- Transformation from BCS to OCS coordinates:

- ${}^0p_x = \vec{e}_{O_x} \cdot {}^Bp = \vec{e}_{O_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot {}^Bp_x + \vec{e}_{O_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot {}^Bp_y + \vec{e}_{O_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot {}^Bp_z$
- ${}^0p_y = \vec{e}_{O_y} \cdot {}^Bp = \vec{e}_{O_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot {}^Bp_x + \vec{e}_{O_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot {}^Bp_y + \vec{e}_{O_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot {}^Bp_z$
- ${}^0p_z = \vec{e}_{O_z} \cdot {}^Bp = \vec{e}_{O_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot {}^Bp_x + \vec{e}_{O_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot {}^Bp_y + \vec{e}_{O_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot {}^Bp_z$

# Matrix Notation

- $${}^B_0R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{0_x} & \vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{0_y} & \vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{0_z} \\ \vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{0_x} & \vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{0_y} & \vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{0_z} \\ \vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{0_x} & \vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{0_y} & \vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{0_z} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } {}^0\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^0p_x \\ {}^0p_y \\ {}^0p_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- $${}^0_BR_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{e}_{0_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_x} & \vec{e}_{0_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_y} & \vec{e}_{0_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_z} \\ \vec{e}_{0_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_x} & \vec{e}_{0_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_y} & \vec{e}_{0_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_z} \\ \vec{e}_{0_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_x} & \vec{e}_{0_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_y} & \vec{e}_{0_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{B_z} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } {}^B\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^Bp_x \\ {}^Bp_y \\ {}^Bp_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- $${}^B\vec{p} = {}^B_0R_1 \cdot {}^0\vec{p} = {}^0_BR_2^{-1} \cdot {}^0\vec{p}$$

- $${}^0\vec{p} = {}^0_BR_2 \cdot {}^B\vec{p} = {}^B_0R_1^{-1} \cdot {}^B\vec{p}$$

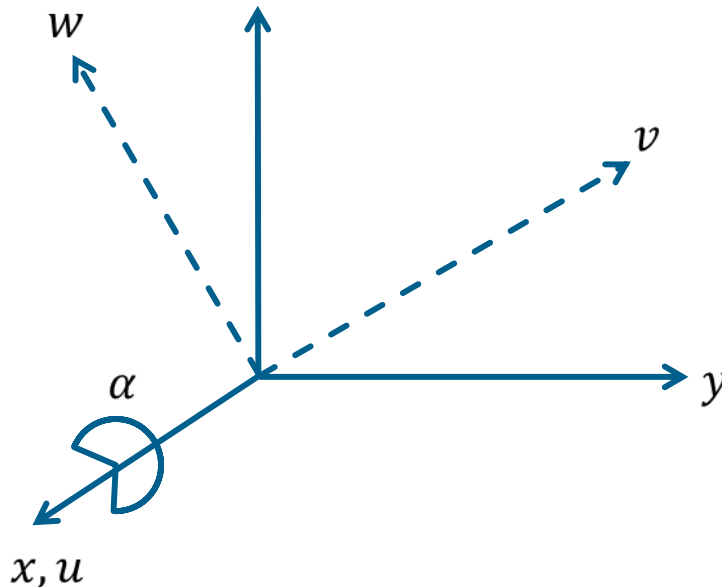
- Therefore:  $R_1 = R_2^{-1}$ ,  $R_2 = R_1^{-1}$  and  $R_2 = R_1^T$  (orthogonal matrix)



## Rotation around $x$ -Axis with Angle $\alpha$

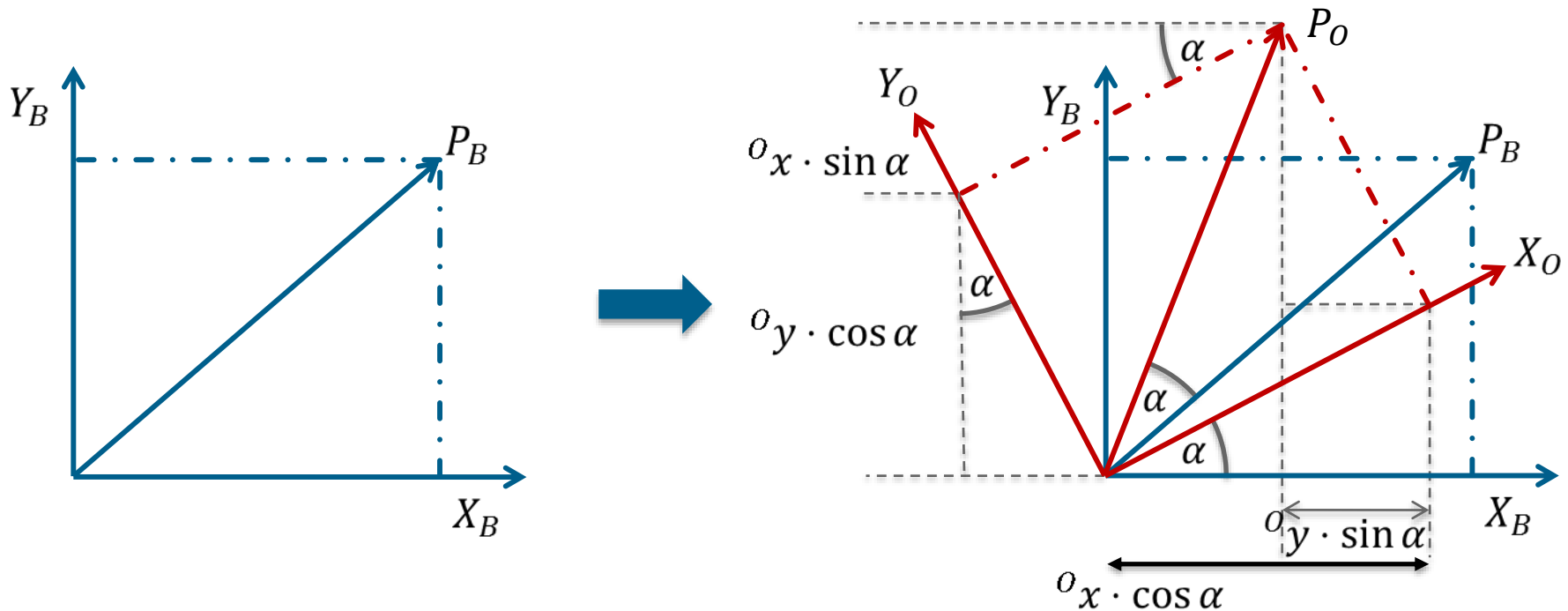
Using scalar product:  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| \cos \alpha$

- $\vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_x} = 1$        $\vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_y} = 0$        $\vec{e}_{B_x} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_z} = 0$
- $\vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_x} = 0$        $\vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_y} = \cos(\alpha)$        $\vec{e}_{B_y} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_z} = \sin(\alpha)$
- $\vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_x} = 0$        $\vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_y} = \sin(-\alpha)$        $\vec{e}_{B_z} \cdot \vec{e}_{O_z} = \cos(\alpha)$
- $c(\alpha) = \cos(90^\circ + \alpha) = -\sin \alpha = \sin(-\alpha)$
- $R_x(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C\alpha & -S\alpha \\ 0 & S\alpha & C\alpha \end{bmatrix}$
- $C\alpha = \cos(\alpha), S\alpha = \sin(\alpha)$



## Rotation Matrix: Geometric Derivation

- Frame  $OX_0Y_0Z_0$  resulted from frame  $BX_BY_BZ_B$  through rotation around axis  $z$  with angle  $\alpha$ .
- Calculation of coordinates of point  $P_O = ({}^0x, {}^0y, {}^0z)^T$  in coordinate system B



## Rotation around the $z$ -Axis

- Rotation around  $z$  - axis with angle  $\alpha$ 
  - Point  $P_O$  with the coordinates  $({}^Ox, {}^Oy, {}^Oz)^T$  in OCS receives the coordinates in BCS ...
    - ${}^Bx = {}^Ox \cdot \cos \alpha - {}^Oy \cdot \sin \alpha$
    - ${}^By = {}^Ox \cdot \sin \alpha + {}^Oy \cdot \cos \alpha$
    - ${}^Bz = {}^Oz$
  - $z$  - coordinate fixed,  $z$  - axis is axis of rotation

- Matrix form:  ${}^B\vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^Bx \\ {}^By \\ {}^Bz \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} {}^Ox \\ {}^Oy \\ {}^Oz \end{bmatrix} = {}^B_O R_z(\alpha) \cdot {}^O\vec{p}$

# Rotation Matrix

- Rotation matrix  $R_z(\gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Rotation around  $x$  and  $y$ -axes

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

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

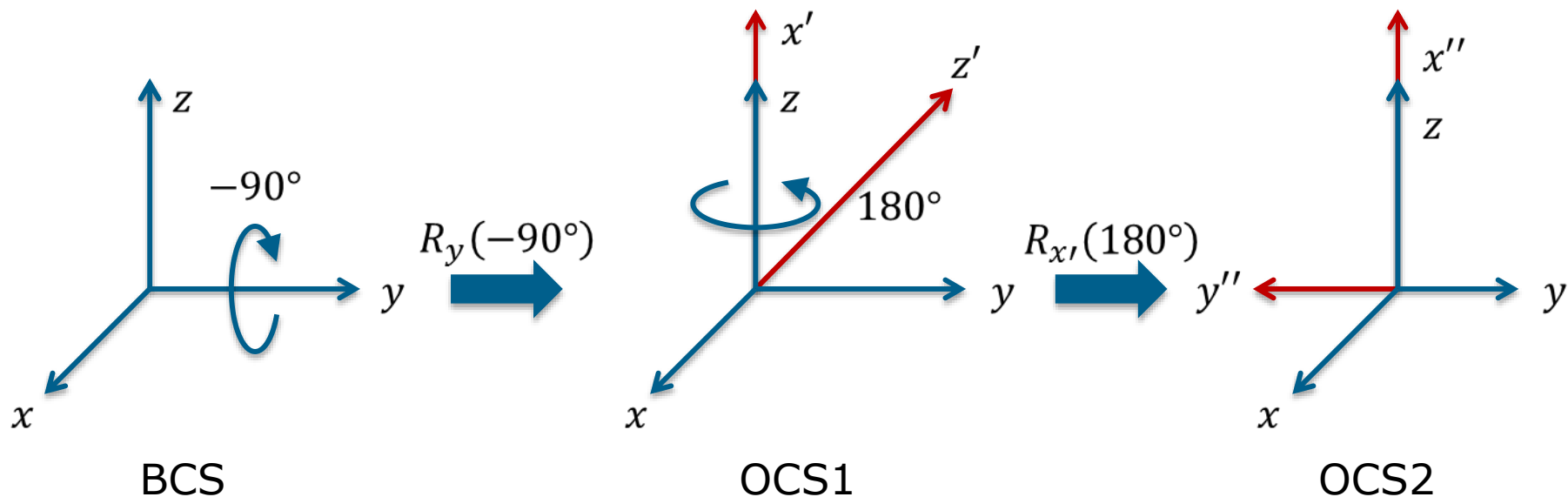
# Rotation Matrix - Properties

- Affine mapping  $\mathbb{R}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_3$
- Real matrix
- Quadratic
- Invertible
- Orthogonal
  - Row or column vectors are orthogonal to each other
- Let  $R$  be a rotation matrix:
  - $\text{Rank } R_g(R) = 3$
  - $R^T = R^{-1}$
  - $R \cdot R^{-1} = R^{-1} \cdot R = I$
  - $\det R = 1$

# Several Elementary Rotations

## Basic Rotations:

- Let OCS result based on 2 rotations from BCS



$$R_y(-90^\circ) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos -\frac{\pi}{2} & 0 & \sin -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin -\frac{\pi}{2} & 0 & \cos -\frac{\pi}{2} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$R_{x'}(180^\circ) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \pi & -\sin \pi \\ 0 & \sin \pi & \cos \pi \end{bmatrix}$$

## Vector Coordinates due to a new Frame

- Calculation of  ${}^B\vec{u}$  from  ${}^{O2}\vec{u}$

- ${}^B\vec{u} = {}_{O1}^B R_y(-90^\circ) \cdot {}^{O1}\vec{u} = {}_{O1}^B R_y(-90^\circ) \cdot {}_{O2}^{O1} R_{x'}(180^\circ) {}^{O2}\vec{u} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^{O2}\vec{u}_1 \\ {}^{O2}\vec{u}_2 \\ {}^{O2}\vec{u}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^{O2}\vec{u}_3 \\ -{}^{O2}\vec{u}_2 \\ {}^{O2}\vec{u}_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ${}^B\vec{e}_{O2_x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- ${}^B\vec{e}_{O2_y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- ${}^B\vec{e}_{O2_z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

# Interpretation of several, elementary Rotations

- Pre-multiplication  $R = (R_n(R_{n-1} \dots (R_2 R_1) \dots))$ :
  - Interpretation - rotation around a fixed axis of the original coordinate system
  
- Post-multiplication  $((\dots (R_1 R_2) \dots R_{n-1}) R_n)$ :
  - Interpretation - rotation around an axis of the rotated CS



# Different Notations for Rotations

- Many different notations for rotations exist
- All equivalent, but different benefits
  - Rotation around unique axis
    - Trade-off between others
  - Euler angels
    - Follows chained Joint-Setup
  - Roll-Pitch-Yaw
    - Easy to interpret by humans
  - Quaternions
    - Computationally fast
  - Exponential coordinates
    - More similar to its kinematic

## Rotation around unique Axis

- Instead of rotation with BCS-axis, rotate around unique Axis:
- Goal:

Find  $\vec{g} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\|\vec{g}\| = 1$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$

such that:

For BCS  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and arbitrary  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [0, 2\pi)$   
the following holds:

$$R_{\vec{g}}(\theta) = R_z(\gamma)R_y(\beta)R_x(\alpha)$$

## Rodrigues Formula:

- Given a transformation matrix  $R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$  we can obtain:
- $\hat{g} = \frac{1}{2s\theta} (R - R^T)$ , and  $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\text{tr}(R) - 1}{2} \right) \in [0, \pi]$ .

Hence,

- $$R = R_{\hat{g}}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} g_1^2 \eta \theta + C\theta & g_1 g_2 \eta \theta - g_3 S\theta & g_1 g_3 \eta \theta + g_2 S\theta \\ g_1 g_2 \eta \theta + g_3 S\theta & g_2^2 \eta \theta + C\theta & g_2 g_3 \eta \theta - g_1 S\theta \\ g_1 g_3 \eta \theta - g_2 S\theta & g_2 g_3 \eta \theta + g_1 S\theta & g_3^2 \eta \theta + C\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

with:

$$S\theta = \sin \theta, \quad C\theta = \cos \theta, \quad \eta \theta = 1 - \cos \theta, \quad \vec{g} = (g_1, g_2, g_3)^T = \frac{1}{2s\theta} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Rodrigues Formula:

- $\hat{g}$  is the skew-symmetric matrix corresponding to the vector  $\vec{g}$ :

$$\hat{g} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -g_3 & g_2 \\ g_3 & 0 & -g_1 \\ -g_2 & g_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The matrix R can be decomposed to

$$R = R_{\vec{g}}(\theta) = \cos(\theta) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + (1 - \cos(\theta)) \begin{bmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ g_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_1 & g_2 & g_3 \end{bmatrix} + \sin(\theta) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -g_3 & g_2 \\ g_3 & 0 & -g_1 \\ -g_2 & g_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- To be equal to:

$$R = R_{\vec{g}}(\theta) = \color{red}{C\theta}I_3 + (1 - \cos(\theta))\vec{g}\vec{g}^T + \color{green}{S\theta}\hat{g}$$

## Theorem (Euler):

Every rotation matrix  $R_3$  is equivalent to a rotation around a fixed axis

$$\vec{g} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \|\vec{g}\| = 1,$$

And a rotation angle

$$\theta \in [0, 2\pi).$$

## Proof:

$$\blacksquare \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = R_{\vec{g}}(\theta)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} g_1^2 \eta \theta + C\theta & g_1 g_2 \eta \theta - S\theta & g_1 g_3 \eta \theta + g_2 S\theta \\ g_1 g_2 \eta \theta + g_3 S\theta & g_2^2 \eta \theta + C\theta & g_2 g_3 \eta \theta - g_1 S\theta \\ g_1 g_3 \eta \theta - g_2 S\theta & g_2 g_3 \eta \theta + g_1 S\theta & g_3^2 \eta \theta + C\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

The following applies to the trace of the matrices:

$$\text{tr} R = r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} = 3 \cos \theta + (1 - \cos \theta) \sum g_i^2 = 1 + 2 \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\text{tr} R - 1}{2} \right) \in [0, \pi]$$

This equation can be solved for  $\theta$ , because the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $R$  have amount 1 and therefore:

$$-1 \leq \text{tr} R = \sum \lambda_i \leq 3$$

## Proof:

- To determine the axis of rotation, we use the remaining matrix entries:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r_{32} - r_{23} = 2g_1 S\theta \\ r_{13} - r_{31} = 2g_2 S\theta \\ r_{21} - r_{12} = 2g_3 S\theta \end{array} \right\} \xRightarrow{\theta=0} \vec{g} = \frac{1}{2S\theta} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $R = I_3$ , then  $\text{tr}R = 3$ , and therefore  $\theta = 0$ . In this case,  $\vec{g}$  could be any vector, then  $R_{\vec{g}}(0) = I_3$ .

# Representation of Orientation

- Roll-Pitch-Yaw:
  - $xyz$ -system
  - Used in aerospace, in mobile robotics
- Euler-angles:
  - $zx'z''$ -system: usual mathematical definition
  - $zy'x''$ -system: programming of numerically controlled manipulators
  - $zy'z''$ -system: programming language VAL, PUMA-robot



# Computation of Roll-Pitch-Yaw-Angles

- Multiplying from the right with  $R_x(\alpha)^{-1}$ :  
$$R_z(\gamma) \cdot R_y(\beta) \cdot R_x(\alpha) \cdot R_x(\alpha)^{-1} = R \cdot R_x(\alpha)^{-1}$$
- Simplified:  $R_z(\gamma) \cdot R_y(\beta) = R \cdot R_x(\alpha)^T$
- → Exercise

## Roll-Pitch-Yaw-Angles - an Example

Matrix from slides 16-17 gives the following equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} C\beta & 0 & S\beta \\ S\beta \cdot S\alpha & C\alpha & -S\alpha \cdot C\beta \\ -C\alpha \cdot S\beta & S\alpha & C\alpha \cdot C\beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ C\gamma & S\gamma & 0 \\ -S\gamma & C\gamma & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Roll-Pitch-Yaw-Angles - an Example

Or equivalently:

$$(1.1) \quad C\beta = 0$$

$$(1.2) \quad 0 = 0$$

$$(1.3) \quad S\beta = 1$$

$$(2.1) \quad S\beta \cdot S\alpha = C\gamma$$

$$(2.2) \quad C\alpha = S\gamma$$

$$(2.3) \quad -S\alpha \cdot C\beta = 0$$

$$(3.1) \quad -C\alpha \cdot S\beta = -S\gamma$$

$$(3.2) \quad S\alpha = C\gamma$$

$$(3.3) \quad C\alpha \cdot C\beta = 0$$

## Roll-Pitch-Yaw-Angles: An Example

- Angle  $\beta$ : From (1.1), (1.3) it follows that
$$\beta = 90^\circ$$
- Angle  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$ : From (2.2), (3.2) it follows that
$$\gamma = 90^\circ - \alpha$$
- With  $\beta = 90^\circ$  you can simplify (2.1), (2.3), (3.1), (3.3) to (2.2) and (3.2)
- No equations for  $\alpha$  or  $\gamma$ :
  - $\alpha$  can be chosen -  $\gamma$  arbitrarily
- Choose  $\alpha = 0^\circ \rightarrow$  Solutions  $(0^\circ, 90^\circ, 90^\circ)$

# Axes of Rotation in Robotics

- Rotation axes usually BCS
- Convention of rotation axes and their order usually in ...
  - Euler-angles
  - Roll, Pitch, Yaw

## Euler-Angles (zxz)

- Rotation  $\alpha$  around the  $z$  - axis of BCS:  $R_z(\alpha)$
- Rotation  $\beta$  around the new  $x$  - axis  $x'$ :  $R_{x'}(\beta)$
- Rotation  $\gamma$  around the new  $z$  - axis  $z''$ :  $R_{z''}(\gamma)$
- $R_s = R_z(\alpha) \cdot R_{x'}(\beta) \cdot R_{z''}(\gamma)$

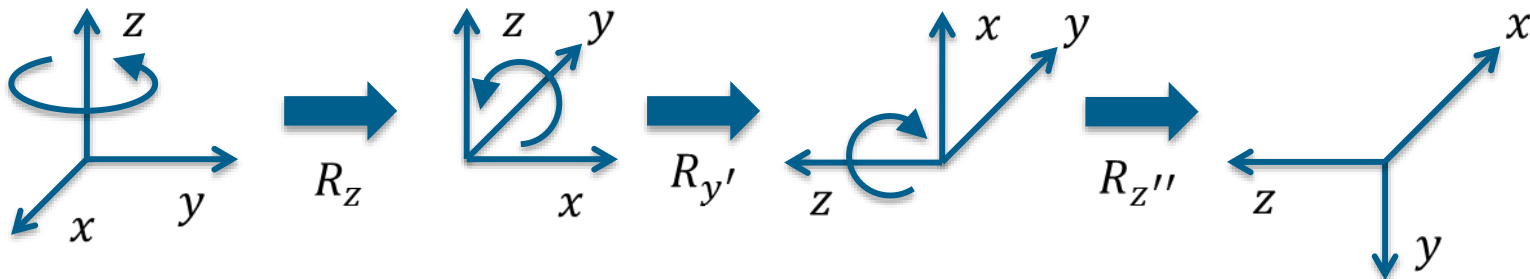
- $$R_s(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} C\alpha C\gamma - C\beta S\gamma S\alpha & -C\alpha S\gamma - C\beta C\gamma S\alpha & S\alpha S\beta \\ S\alpha C\gamma + C\beta S\gamma C\alpha & C\alpha C\beta C\gamma - S\alpha S\gamma & -C\alpha S\beta \\ S\gamma S\beta & C\gamma S\beta & C\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

## Euler-Angles (zyz)

- Rotation  $\alpha$  around the  $z$  - axis of BCS:  $R_z(\alpha)$
- Rotation  $\beta$  around the new  $y$  - axis  $y'$ :  $R_{y'}(\beta)$
- Rotation  $\gamma$  around the new  $z$  - axis  $z''$ :  $R_{z''}(\gamma)$
- $R_s(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = R_z(\alpha) \cdot R_{y'}(\beta) \cdot R_{z''}(\gamma)$

- $$R_s(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} C\alpha C\beta C\gamma - S\alpha S\gamma & -C\alpha C\beta S\gamma - S\alpha C\gamma & C\alpha S\beta \\ S\alpha C\beta C\gamma + C\alpha S\gamma & -S\alpha C\beta S\gamma - C\alpha C\gamma & S\alpha S\beta \\ -S\beta C\gamma & S\beta S\gamma & C\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

- Rotation around changed axes  $R_{z,\alpha}, R_{y',\beta}, R_{z'',\gamma}$

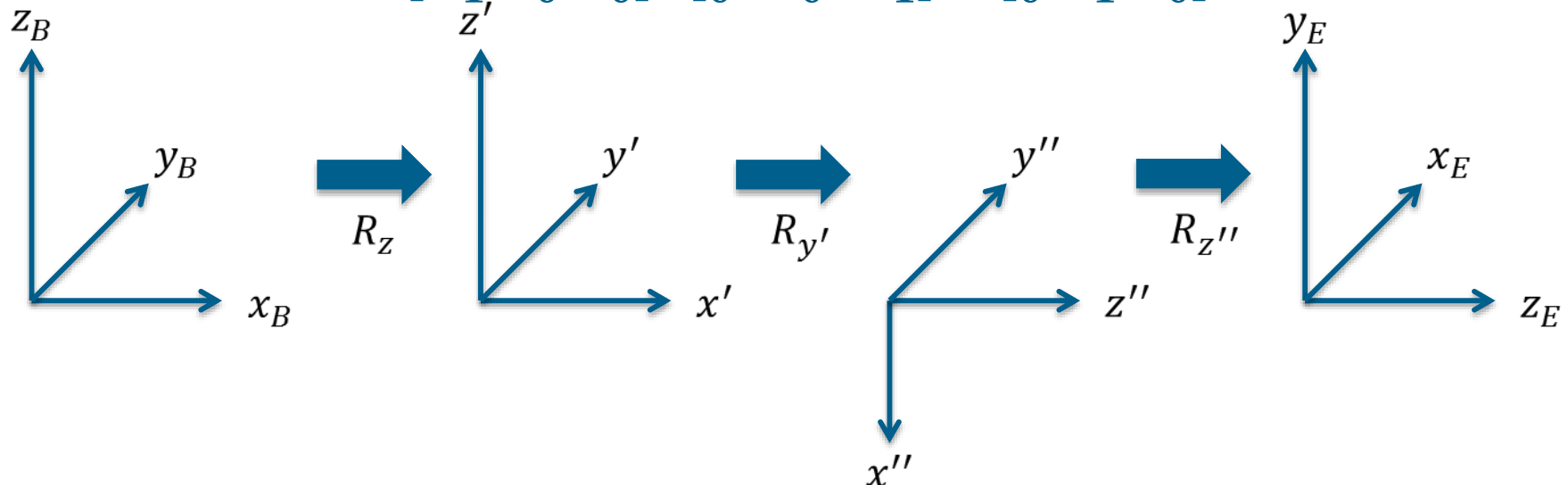


## Euler-Angles - Example

- $$R_S = R_Z(0^\circ) \cdot R_{y'}(90^\circ) \cdot R_{z''}(90^\circ)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$





# Euler-Angles: Derivation

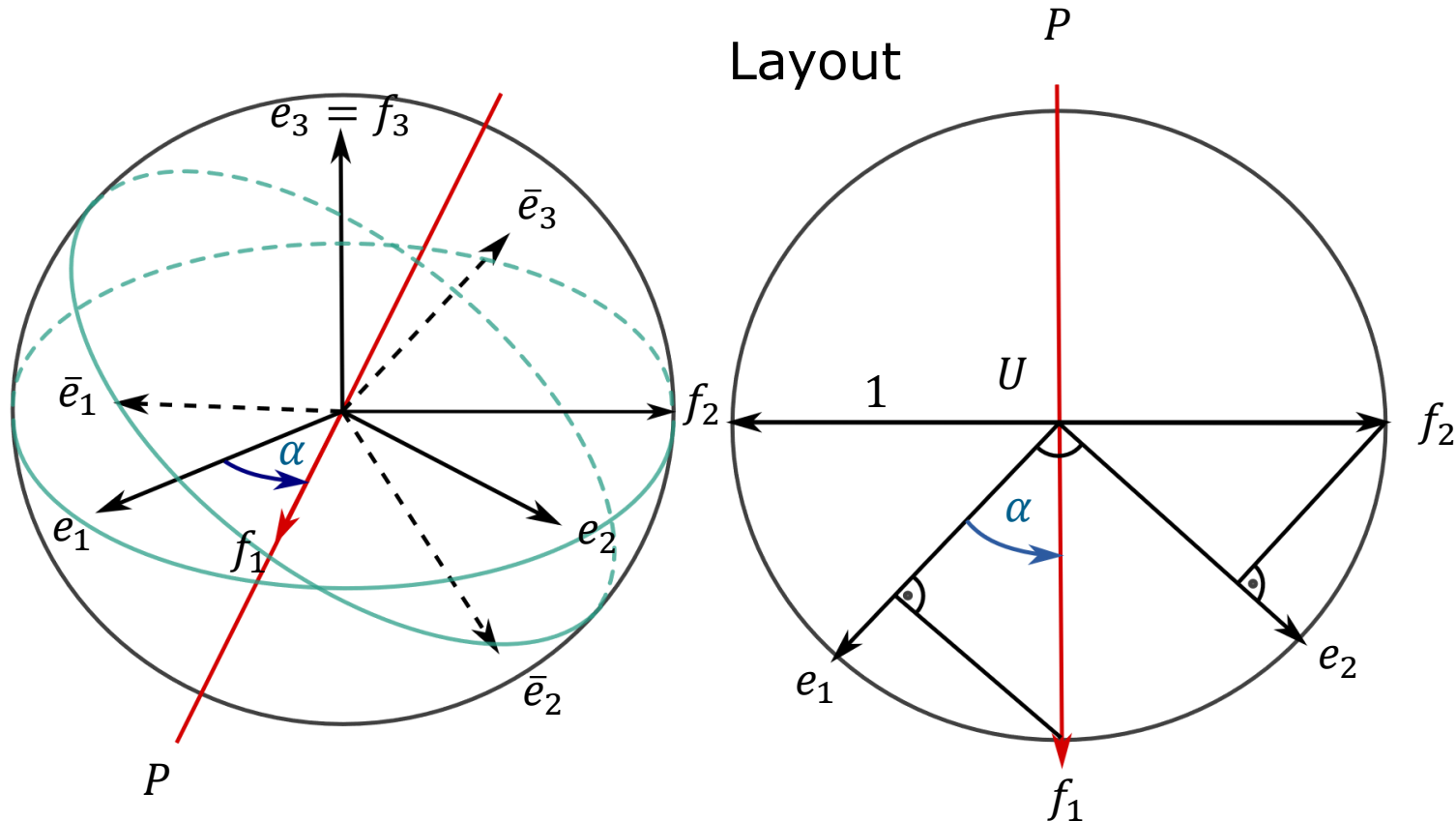
**Theorem:** If two right-handed Cartesian coordinate systems  $R = \{U, e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and  $\{U, \bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \bar{e}_3\}$  with a common origin exist, then there exists an orthogonal matrix  $A$  that maps  $R$  to  $\bar{R}$

- Proof: All orientations can be described using Euler-angles

# Euler-Angles: Derivation

1. Rotation around  $e_3$  with the positive angle  $\alpha$  so that  $e_1$  is mapped onto  $f_1$ 
  - $f_1$ , constructed by positive rotation with  $\alpha$  with  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \pi$ , lies on  $P$
  - $R$  transforms into  $R = \{U, f_1, f_2, f_3 = e_3\}$
  - $A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) & 0 \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_1 = R A_1$
  - $f_1 \perp e_3$  and  $f_1 \perp \bar{e}_3$

# Euler-Angles - Coordinate Systems



- Plane  $E_1$  (spanned by  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ ) intersects  $E_2$  (spanned by  $\bar{e}_1$  and  $\bar{e}_2$ ) in line  $P$ .

## Euler-Angles: Derivation

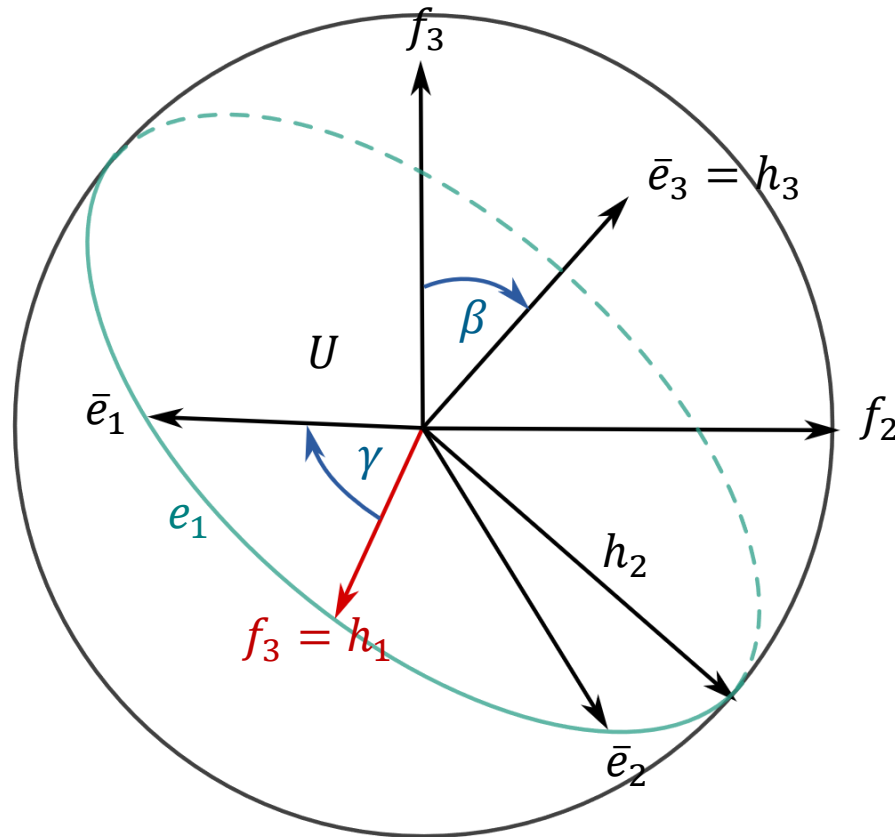
2. Rotate  $R_1$  around axis  $f_1$  with angle  $\alpha$  so that  $e_3 = \bar{e}_3$  falls together with  $\bar{e}_3$

- $R$  transforms to  $R_2 = \{U, f_1 = h_1, h_2, h_3 = \bar{e}_3\}$

- $$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\beta) & -\sin(\beta) \\ 0 & \sin(\beta) & \cos(\beta) \end{bmatrix} R_2 = R_1 A_2$$

- $f_2$  is mapped onto  $h_2$
- $h_2$  lies in the plane spanned by  $\bar{e}_1$  and  $\bar{e}_2$

# Euler-Angles - Coordinate Systems



## Euler-Angles: Derivation

3. Rotate  $R_3$  with the angle  $\gamma$ , so that  $R_2$  falls together with  $\bar{R}$

$$\blacksquare A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma) & -\sin(\gamma) & 0 \\ \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_3 = R_2 A_3$$

## Euler-Angles: Derivation

- $\bar{R} = (R_1 A_2) A_3 = (R A_1)(A_2 A_3)$
- Let  $A = A_1 A_2 A_3$ , then  $\bar{R} = R A$  with
- $$A = \begin{bmatrix} C\alpha C\gamma - S\alpha C\beta S\gamma & -C\alpha S\gamma - S\alpha C\beta C\gamma & S\alpha S\beta \\ S\alpha C\delta - C\alpha C\beta S\gamma & -S\alpha S\gamma + C\alpha C\beta C\gamma & -C\alpha S\beta \\ S\beta S\gamma & S\beta C\gamma & C\beta \end{bmatrix}$$
- Through equating coefficients it is possible to uniquely identify  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  with  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \pi$ 
  - $a_{13} = \sin \alpha \sin \beta \quad a_{23} = -\sin \beta \cos \alpha \quad a_{33} = \cos \beta$
  - $a_{31} = \sin \beta \sin \gamma \quad a_{32} = \sin \beta \cos \gamma$

## Rotation Axis and Angle of Rotation

- Every orthogonal  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A = (a_{ik})$  with  $\det(A) = 1$  describes a rotation around an axis  $g$  by a rotation angle  $\alpha$ .
- The following applies to the angle of rotation:

$$\cos(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2}(a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33})$$

- And, if  $\alpha \neq 0^\circ$  and  $\alpha \neq 180^\circ$ , the axis of rotation  $g$  is determined by:

$$g_1 = (a_{32} - a_{23})$$

$$g_2 = (a_{13} - a_{31})$$

$$g_3 = (a_{21} - a_{12})$$



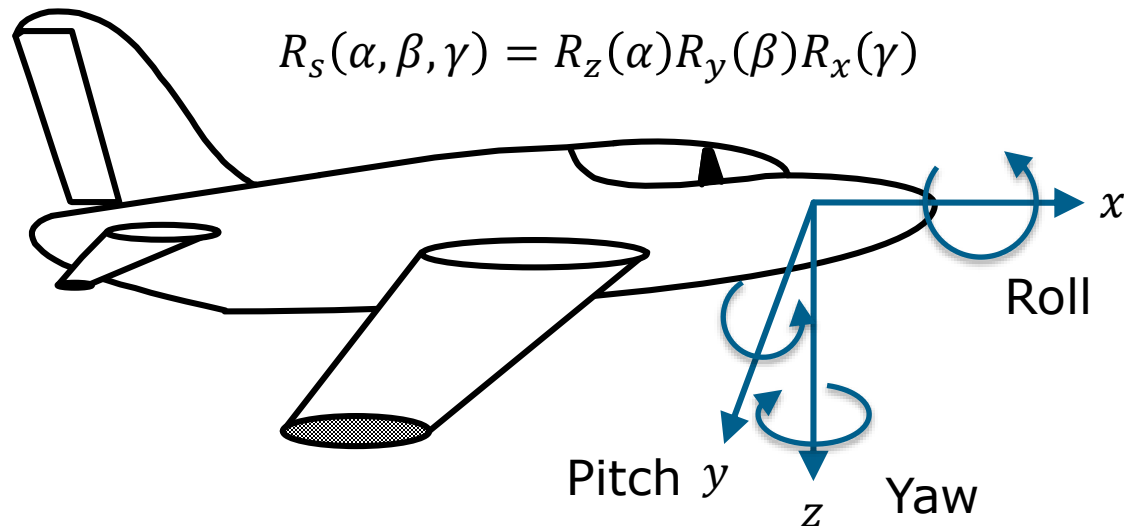
## Rodrigues' Theorem

- Rotation of the vector  $\vec{q}$  around the axis, which is described by the vector  $\vec{k}$ , with the angle  $\alpha$ .

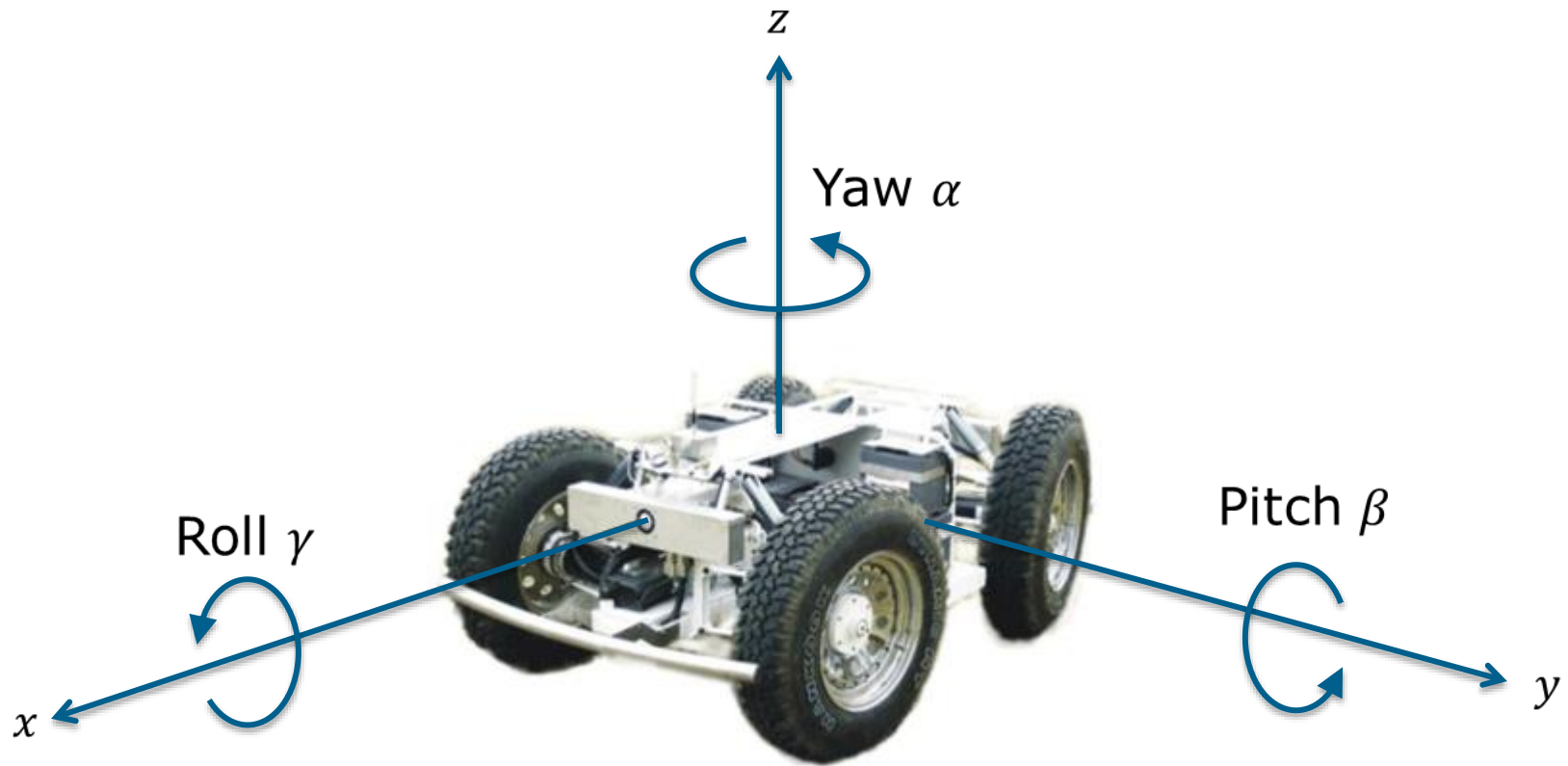
$$\vec{q}' = \vec{q} \cos(\alpha) + \sin(\alpha)(\vec{k} \times \vec{q}) + (1 - \cos(\alpha))(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{q}) \times \vec{k}$$

## Roll-Pitch-Yaw

- Roll  $\gamma$  around  $x$ -axis of BCS:  $R_x(\gamma)$
- Pitch  $\beta$  around  $y$ -axis of BCS:  $R_y(\beta)$
- Yaw  $\alpha$  around  $z$ -axis of BCS:  $R_z(\alpha)$



# Roll-Pitch-Yaw in Robotics

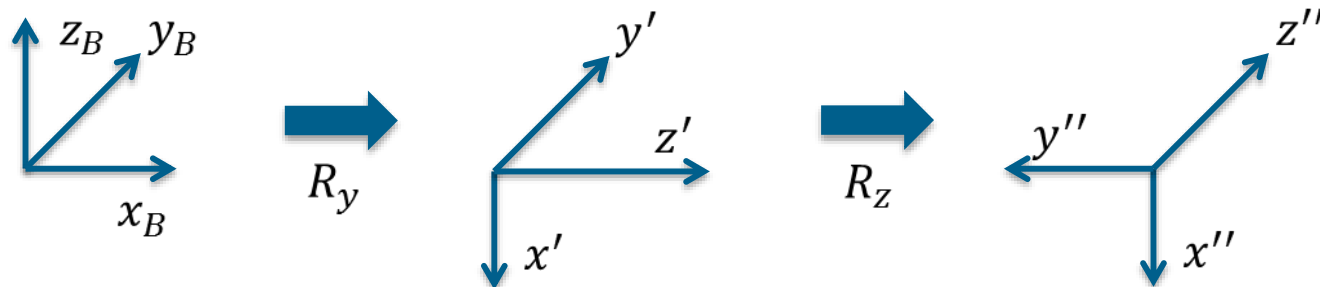


## Roll-Pitch-Yaw - Rotation Matrix

- $R_S = \begin{bmatrix} C\alpha C\beta & C\alpha S\beta S\gamma - S\alpha C\gamma & C\alpha S\beta C\gamma + S\alpha S\gamma \\ S\alpha C\beta & S\alpha S\beta S\gamma + C\alpha C\gamma & S\alpha S\beta C\gamma - C\alpha S\gamma \\ -S\beta & C\beta S\gamma & C\beta C\gamma \end{bmatrix}$
- Rotation matrix  $R_S$  relative to BCS
- Rotation around unchanged axes

## Roll-Pitch-Yaw - Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 \blacksquare \quad R_S &= R_Z(90^\circ) \cdot R_Y(90^\circ) \cdot R_X(0^\circ) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$



**Coming up next ...**

*Object pose in a 3D Euclidian space ( $E^3$ )*

