

1 Inertial Reference Frame

In an inertial frame

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}} = 0 \text{ when } \mathbf{F} = 0$$

If S is an inertial frame the rotated frame S' is also inertial. In other words, $d^2\mathbf{x}/dt^2 = 0$, after rotation, $\mathbf{x}' = R\mathbf{x}$.

Let $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T$, $\mathbf{x}' = (x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)^T$. A rotation angles about x, y, z axes are α, β, γ , the matrix representation is

$$\begin{aligned} R &= R_z(\gamma)R_y(\beta)R_x(\alpha) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \\ &\equiv \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11}x_1 + R_{12}x_2 + R_{13}x_3 \\ R_{21}x_1 + R_{22}x_2 + R_{23}x_3 \\ R_{31}x_1 + R_{32}x_2 + R_{33}x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, $\ddot{x}'_1 = R_{11}\ddot{x}_1 + R_{12}\ddot{x}_2 + R_{13}\ddot{x}_3 = 0$, which indicates $\ddot{\mathbf{x}}' = 0$.