

Lecture 2:

Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

Advanced Robotics

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Descriptions: Positions, Orientations and Frames

- To define position and orientation, we must define **coordinate systems** and **conventions for its representation**.
- There is a **universe coordinate system** to which everything can be referenced.
- A description is used to specify **attributes of various objects**.
- Objects are parts, tools, and the manipulator itself.
- **Description:**
 - Positions
 - Orientations
 - An entity that contains both of these descriptions: the **frame**

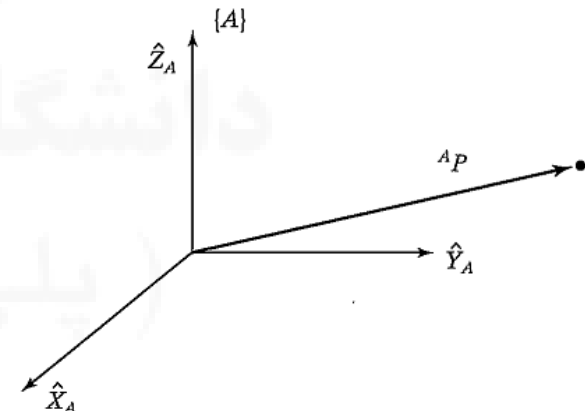
Descriptions: Positions, Orientations and Frames

□ Description of a Position

- Once a **coordinate system** is established, locate **any point** with a 3×1 **position vector**.
- Vectors must be **tagged** identifying which coordinate system they are defined within, e.g, ${}^A P$.
- ${}^A P$ have **numerical values** that indicate **distances along the axes** of $\{A\}$ (**Projection**).

$${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A p_x \\ {}^A p_y \\ {}^A p_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- ${}^A p_x = {}^A P \cdot \hat{X}_A$
- ${}^A p_y = {}^A P \cdot \hat{Y}_A$
- ${}^A p_z = {}^A P \cdot \hat{Z}_A$



Descriptions: Positions, Orientations and Frames

□ Description of a Position

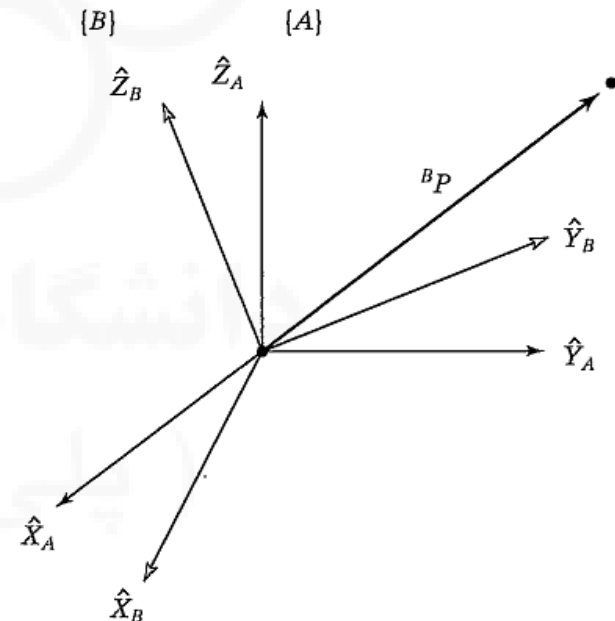
■ Vector Norm:

$$\|{}^A P\| = ({}^A P \cdot {}^A P)^{1/2} = \left({}^A p_x^2 + {}^A p_y^2 + {}^A p_z^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

- It is **invariant of the frame**.

$$\|{}^A P\| = ({}^A P \cdot {}^A P)^{1/2} = ({}^B P \cdot {}^B P)^{1/2} = \|{}^B P\|$$

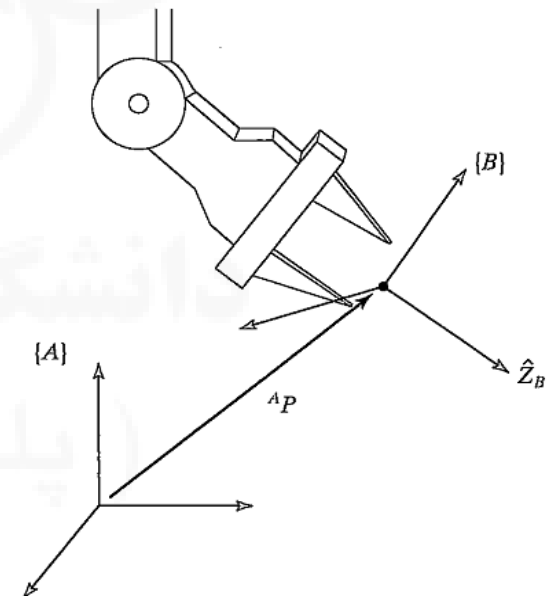
❖ Q: Condition ?



Descriptions: Positions, Orientations and Frames

□ Description of an Orientation

- **Positions of points** are described with **vectors** and **orientations of bodies** are described with an attached **coordinate system**.
- Attach a **coordinate** system to the body and then give a description of this coordinate system **relative to the reference** system.
- One way to describe the coordinate system $\{B\}$:
 - Write its unit vectors $\hat{X}_B, \hat{Y}_B, \hat{Z}_B$ in terms of the coordinate system $\{A\}$.
- They are called ${}^A\hat{X}_B, {}^A\hat{Y}_B, {}^A\hat{Z}_B$.



Descriptions: Positions, Orientations and Frames

□ Description of an Orientation

- Each component is the **dot product** of a pair of unit vectors.

$${}^A\hat{X}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A \\ \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A \\ \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\hat{X}_B, \hat{X}_A) \\ \cos(\hat{X}_B, \hat{Y}_A) \\ \cos(\hat{X}_B, \hat{Z}_A) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} \\ r_{21} \\ r_{31} \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A\hat{Y}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A \\ \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A \\ \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\hat{Y}_B, \hat{X}_A) \\ \cos(\hat{Y}_B, \hat{Y}_A) \\ \cos(\hat{Y}_B, \hat{Z}_A) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{12} \\ r_{22} \\ r_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A\hat{Z}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A \\ \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A \\ \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\hat{Z}_B, \hat{X}_A) \\ \cos(\hat{Z}_B, \hat{Y}_A) \\ \cos(\hat{Z}_B, \hat{Z}_A) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{13} \\ r_{23} \\ r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Stack these **three unit vectors together** as the columns of a 3×3 matrix.

$${}^A R_B = [{}^A\hat{X}_B \quad {}^A\hat{Y}_B \quad {}^A\hat{Z}_B] = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A & \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A & \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A \\ \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A & \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A & \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A \\ \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A & \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A & \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- It is called **Rotation Matrix (R)**.
- Components of rotation matrices are **direction cosines**.

Descriptions: Positions, Orientations and Frames

□ Properties of Rotation Matrix

1) Orthonormal

- The columns all have unit magnitude, and, these unit vectors are orthogonal.

$$\|{}^A\hat{X}_B\| = \|{}^A\hat{Y}_B\| = \|{}^A\hat{Z}_B\| = 1$$

$${}^A\hat{X}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{Y}_B = {}^A\hat{Y}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{Z}_B = {}^A\hat{X}_B \cdot {}^A\hat{Z}_B = 0$$

2) The rows of the matrix are the unit vectors of {A} expressed in {B}.

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A R_B = [{}^A\hat{X}_B \quad {}^A\hat{Y}_B \quad {}^A\hat{Z}_B] &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A & \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A & \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A \\ \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A & \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A & \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A \\ \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A & \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A & \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\hat{X}_A^T \\ {}^B\hat{Y}_A^T \\ {}^B\hat{Z}_A^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [{}^B\hat{X}_A \quad {}^B\hat{Y}_A \quad {}^B\hat{Z}_A]^T = {}^B R_A^T \end{aligned}$$

- The description of frame {A} relative to {B} (${}^B R_A$) is the transpose of ${}^A R_B$.

$${}^B R_A = {}^A R_B^T$$

Descriptions: Positions, Orientations and Frames

□ Properties of Rotation Matrix

3) From linear algebra, the **inverse** of a orthonormal matrix is equal to its transpose.

$${}^A R_B^T = {}^A R_B^{-1}$$

■ To demonstrate:

$${}^A R_B^T {}^A R_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \hat{X}_B^T \\ {}^A \hat{Y}_B^T \\ {}^A \hat{Z}_B^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \hat{X}_B & {}^A \hat{Y}_B & {}^A \hat{Z}_B \end{bmatrix} = I_3$$

■ where I_3 is the 3×3 identity matrix.

4)

$$\det({}^A R_B) = 1$$

❖ **Q:** Why?

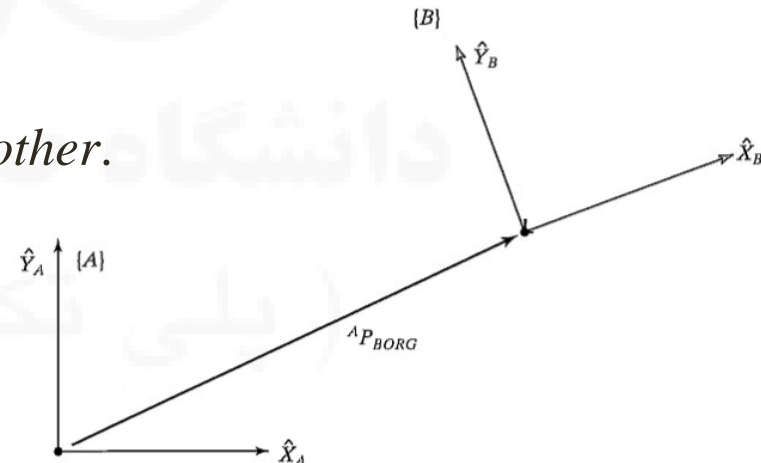
5) It can be expressed by **Only 3 independent numbers**.

❖ **Q:** Why

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□ Description of a Frame

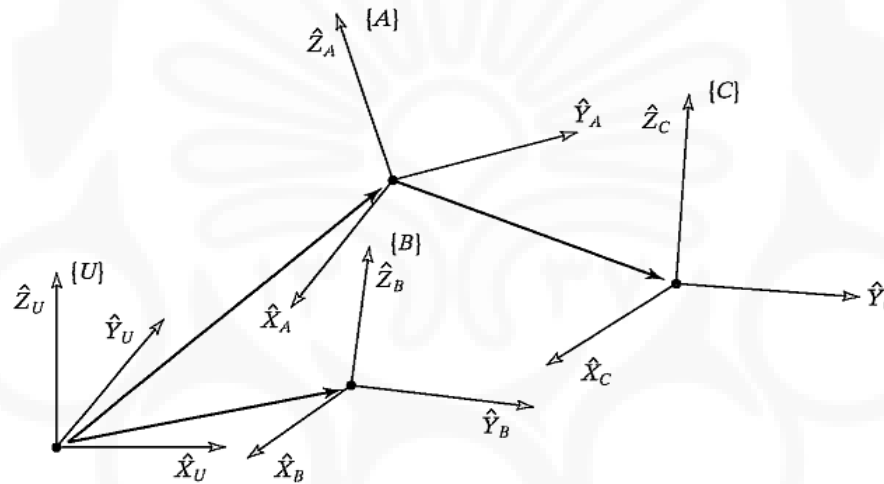
- For a frame, **both** position and orientation should be determined.
- For convenience, the **point** whose position described is chosen as the **origin** of the body-attached frame.
- The description of a frame: a **position vector** and a **rotation matrix**.
- Frame {B} is described by ${}^A R_B$ and ${}^A P_{BORG}$.
$$\{B\} = \{{}^A R_B, {}^A P_{BORG}\}$$
- ${}^A P_{BORG}$ is the vector that **locates the origin of the frame {B}**.
- A **frame** can be used as a *description of one coordinate system relative to another*.



Descriptions: Positions, Orientations and Frames

□ Description of a Frame

- Frames $\{A\}$ and $\{B\}$ are known relative to the universe frame.
- Frame $\{C\}$ is known relative to frame $\{A\}$.



- **Position** and **orientation** can be represented as frames:
 - **Position:** a frame with **identity rotation-matrix** and **position-vector** which locates the point
 - **Orientation:** a frame whose position-vector was the **zero vector**.

Mappings: Changing Description from Frame to Frame

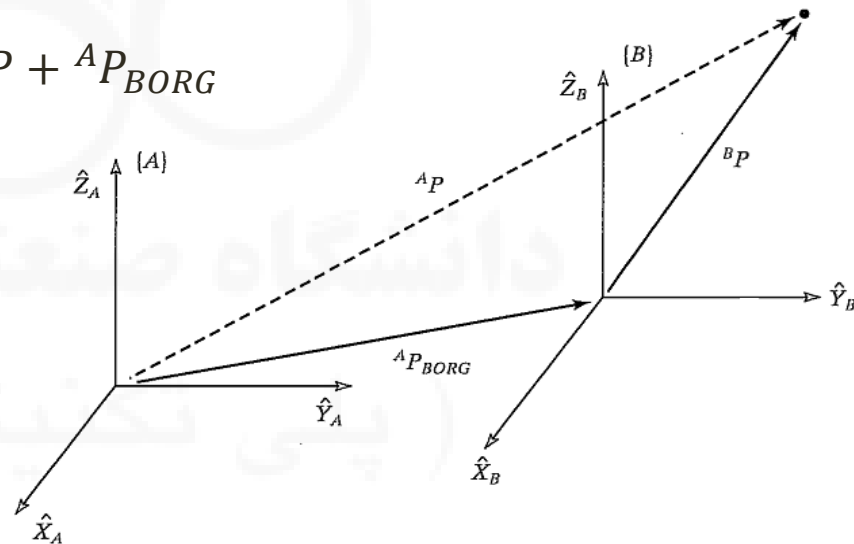
- **Mapping** between frames can be done by:

- Translation
- Rotation
- General Transformation

□ Translation

- A position defined by the vector ${}^B P$.
- $\{A\}$ has the **same orientation** as $\{B\}$
- $\{A\}$ differs **only by a translation**, i.e. ${}^A P_{BORG}$.
- Express this point in space in terms of frame $\{A\}$, i.e. ${}^A P$.

$${}^A P = {}^B P + {}^A P_{BORG}$$



Mappings: Changing Description from Frame to Frame

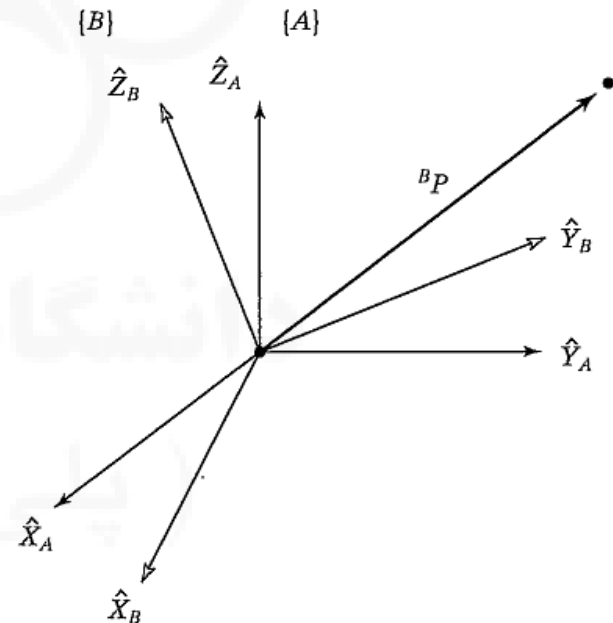
□ Rotation

- A position defined by the vector ${}^B P$.
- The orientation of $\{B\}$ is known relative to $\{A\}$ i.e. ${}^A R_B$.
- The **origins** of the two frames are **coincident**.
- Express this point in space in terms of frame $\{A\}$, i.e. ${}^A P$.
- The components of ${}^A P$ may be calculated by the projection as:

$${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A p_x \\ {}^A p_y \\ {}^A p_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- ${}^A p_x = {}^B \hat{X}_A \cdot {}^B P$
- ${}^A p_y = {}^B \hat{Y}_A \cdot {}^B P$
- ${}^A p_z = {}^B \hat{Z}_A \cdot {}^B P$

❖ **Q:** Why?



Mappings: Frame to Frame

□ Rotation

$${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A p_x \\ {}^A p_y \\ {}^A p_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- ${}^A p_x = {}^B \hat{X}_A \cdot {}^B P$
- ${}^A p_y = {}^B \hat{Y}_A \cdot {}^B P$
- ${}^A p_z = {}^B \hat{Z}_A \cdot {}^B P$

- Expressing in the **matrix form**:

$${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A p_x \\ {}^A p_y \\ {}^A p_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B \hat{X}_A^T \\ {}^B \hat{Y}_A^T \\ {}^B \hat{Z}_A^T \end{bmatrix} {}^B P$$

- Note that the rows of **rotation matrix** ${}^A R_B$ are ${}^B \hat{X}_A^T$, ${}^B \hat{Y}_A^T$ and ${}^B \hat{Z}_A^T$.

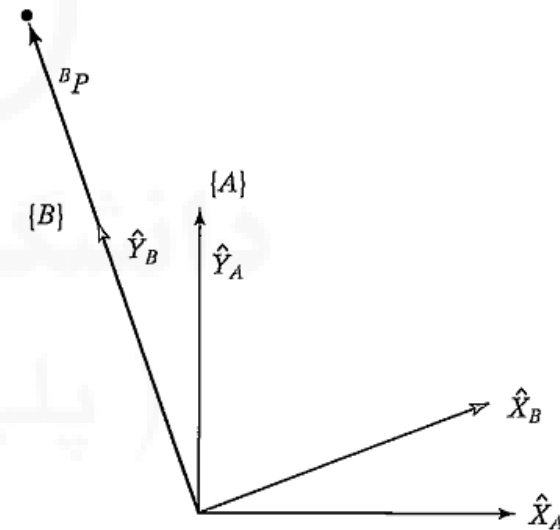
$${}^A P = {}^A R_B {}^B P$$

Mappings: Changing Description from Frame to Frame

□ Rotation

❖ Example:

- Frame $\{B\}$ that is rotated relative to frame $\{A\}$ about \hat{Z} by θ degrees.
- ${}^B P$ is given.
- Find ${}^A P$?

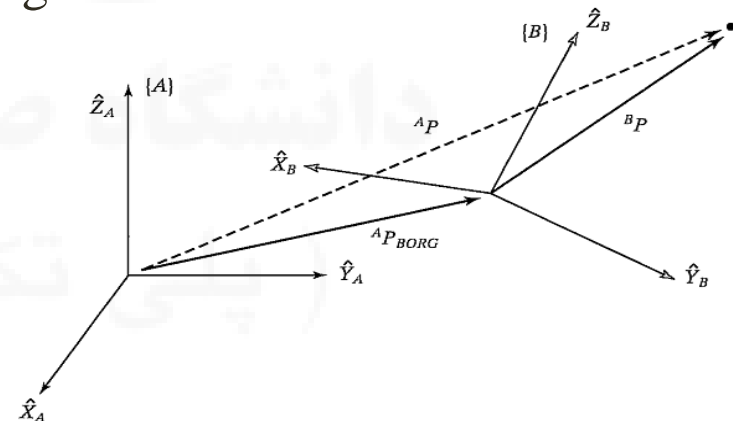


Mappings: Changing Description from Frame to Frame

□ General Transformation

- A position defined by the vector ${}^B P$.
- The orientation of $\{B\}$ is known relative to $\{A\}$ i.e. ${}^A R_B$.
- The vector that locates $\{B\}$'s origin is called ${}^A P_{BORG}$.
- Express this point in space in terms of frame $\{A\}$, i.e. ${}^A P$.
- Assume an **intermediate frame** $\{C\}$:
 - the same origin of $\{B\}$ and the **same orientation** of $\{A\}$.
- Describe ${}^B P$ in the intermediate frame.
- Then account the **translation** between origins.

$${}^A P = {}^A R_B {}^B P + {}^A P_{BORG}$$



Mappings: Changing Description from Frame to Frame

□ General Transformation

- General transform into a single **matrix form**.

$${}^A P = {}^A T_B {}^B P$$

- Define a 4×4 matrix operator and use 4×1 position vectors.

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & {}^A P_{BORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- So,

$$\begin{matrix} {}^A P = {}^A R_B {}^B P + {}^A P_{BORG} \\ 1 = 1 \end{matrix}$$

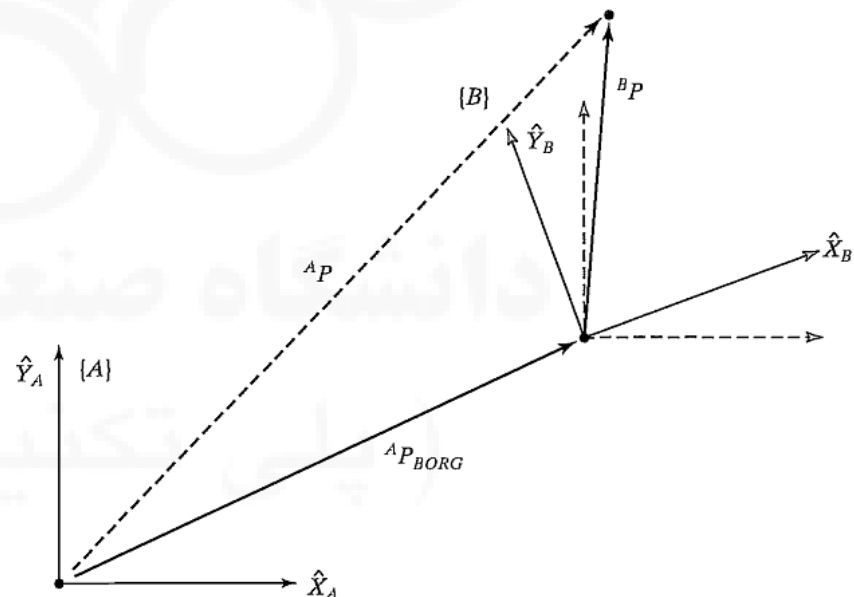
- ${}^A T_B$ is called a **Homogeneous Transformation Matrix**.
- The **description of frame** {B} relative to {A} is ${}^A T_B$.

Mappings: Changing Description from Frame to Frame

□ General Transformation

❖ Example:

- Frame {B} is rotated relative to frame {A} about \hat{Z} by 30 degrees, translated 10 units in \hat{X}_A and 5 units in \hat{Y}_A .
- where ${}^B P = [3 \quad 7 \quad 0]^T$.
- Find ${}^A P$?



Mappings: Changing Description from Frame to Frame

□ General Transformation

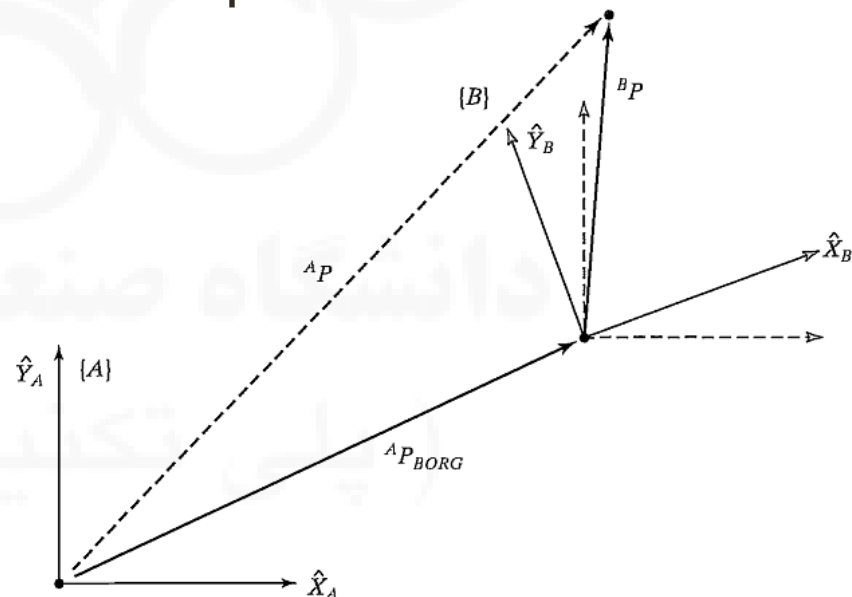
■ Special Transformations

➤ Translation:

$${}^A T_B = T_{Trans} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{3 \times 3} & {}^A P_{BORG} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

➤ Rotation:

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



Operators

- Mapping concept can be used as **operators**.

- Translation
- Rotation
- Transformation

□ Translation

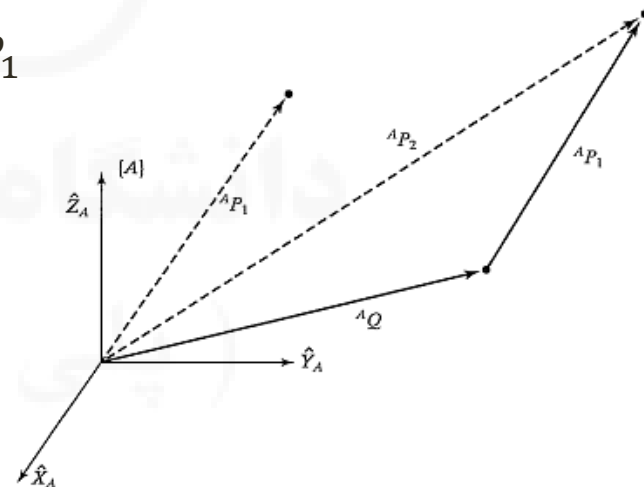
- Moving a point AP_1 in space a finite distance along a given vector direction AQ .

$${}^AP_2 = {}^AP_1 + {}^AQ$$

- Frame is **invariant**.
- Translational Operator:

$${}^AP_2 = T_{Trans}(Q) {}^AP_1$$

- ❖ Q : $T_{Trans}(Q) = ?$



Operators

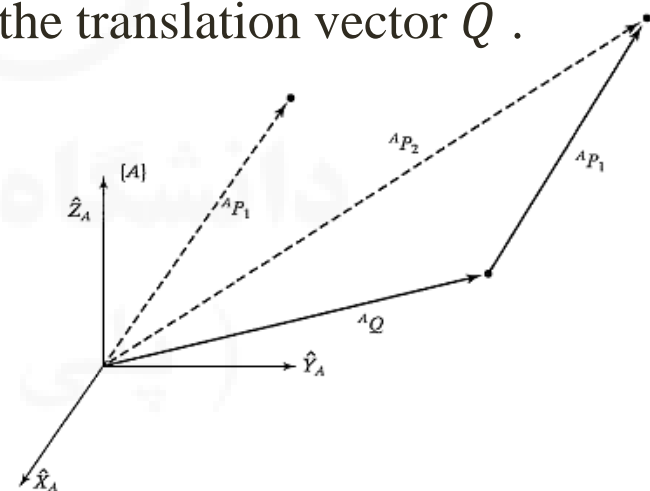
□ Translation

- It is accomplished with the **same mathematics** as mapping the point to a second frame.
- When a **vector** is moved "**forward**" relative to a frame = the **frame** is moved "**backward**".

$$T_{Trans}(Q) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & q_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & q_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & q_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- where q_x , q_y and q_z are the components of the translation vector Q .

❖ Q : Sign of q_i ?



Operators

□ Rotation

- Rotating a vector ${}^A P_1$ to a new vector ${}^A P_2$, by means of a rotation, R .

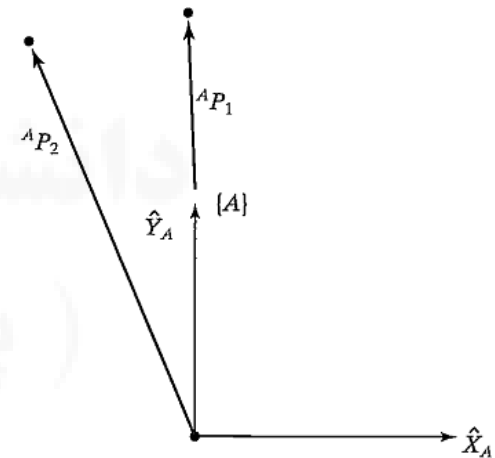
$${}^A P_2 = R {}^A P_1$$

- The rotation matrix that rotates vectors through some rotation, R = the rotation matrix that describes a frame rotated by R relative to the reference frame.

$${}^A P_2 = R_K(\theta) {}^A P_1$$

- " $R_K(\theta)$ " performs a rotation about the axis direction K by θ degrees.

- ❖ Q: Assume $K = \hat{Z}$, what is $R_K(\theta)$?



Operators

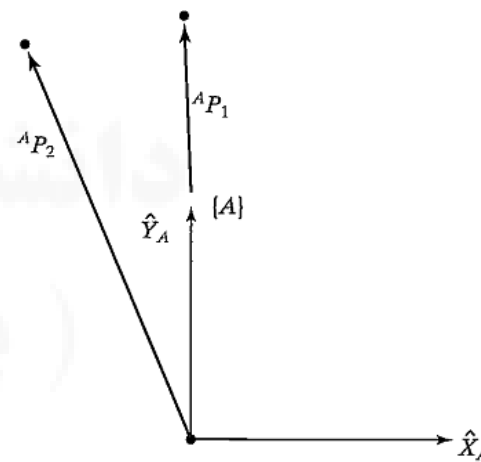
□ Rotation

■ Rotational Operator:

$${}^A P_2 = T_{Rot}(\theta) {}^A P_1$$

$$\blacksquare T_{Rot}(R) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} R_K(\theta) & & & 0 \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\blacksquare T_{Rot}(R) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Operators

❑ Transformation

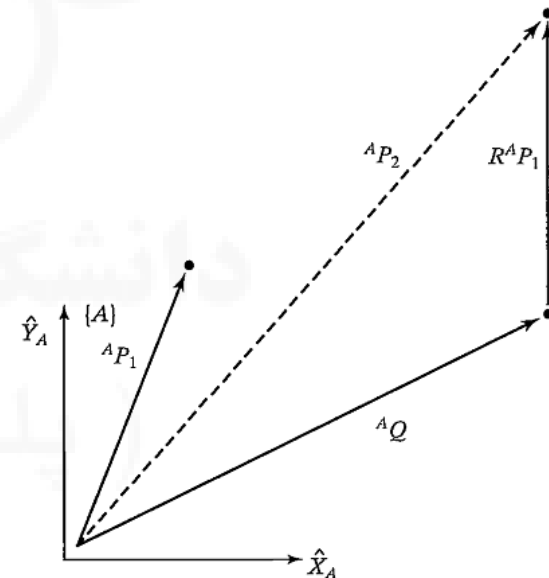
- Rotating and translating a vector ${}^A P_1$ to compute a new vector ${}^A P_2$:

$${}^A P_2 = T {}^A P_1$$

- The transform that rotates by R and translates by Q
= the transform that describes a frame rotated by R and translated by Q relative to the reference frame.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} R_K(\theta) & \begin{bmatrix} q_x \\ q_y \\ q_z \end{bmatrix} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ❖ Q : Is its sequence important?



Transformation Arithmetic

□ Compound Transformations

- Frame {C} is known relative to frame {B}, and frame {B} is known relative to frame {A}

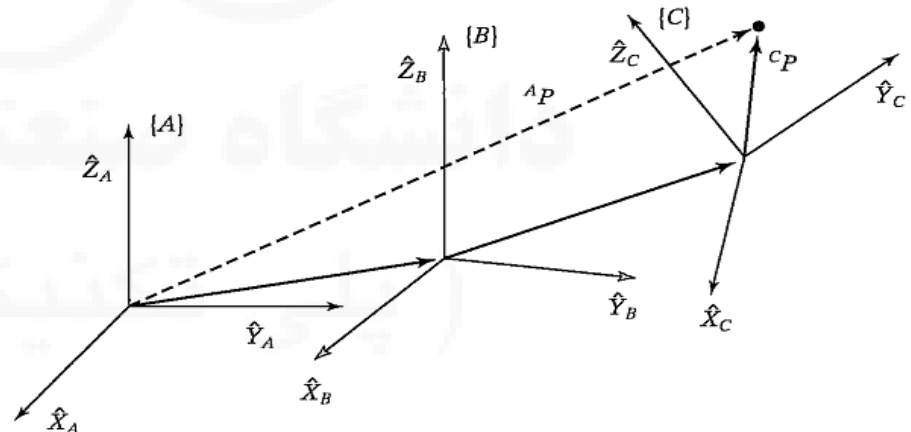
$${}^A P = {}^A T_B {}^B T_C {}^C P$$

$${}^A T_C = {}^A T_B {}^B T_C$$

$${}^A T_C = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_C & | & {}^A P_{CORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- We have ${}^A R_B$, ${}^B R_C$, ${}^A P_{BORG}$, ${}^B P_{CORG}$, So

$${}^A T_C = \begin{bmatrix} ? & | & ? \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Transformation Arithmetic

□ Compound Transformations

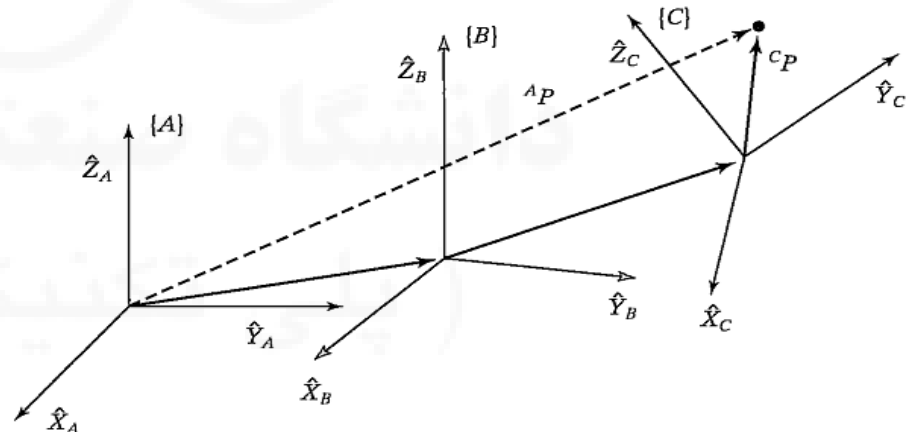
$${}^AT_C = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|cccc} {}^AR_B & {}^BR_C & & {}^AR_B & {}^BP_{CORG} & + & {}^AP_{BORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & & & & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

- Computation:

$${}^AP = {}^AT_B ({}^BT_C {}^CP) \quad 32 \text{ Multiplication} + 24 \text{ Addition}$$

$${}^AP = ({}^AT_B {}^BT_C) {}^CP \quad 80 \text{ Multiplication} + 60 \text{ Addition}$$

- However, the **second one is better** when you want to do the transformation of many vectors many times.

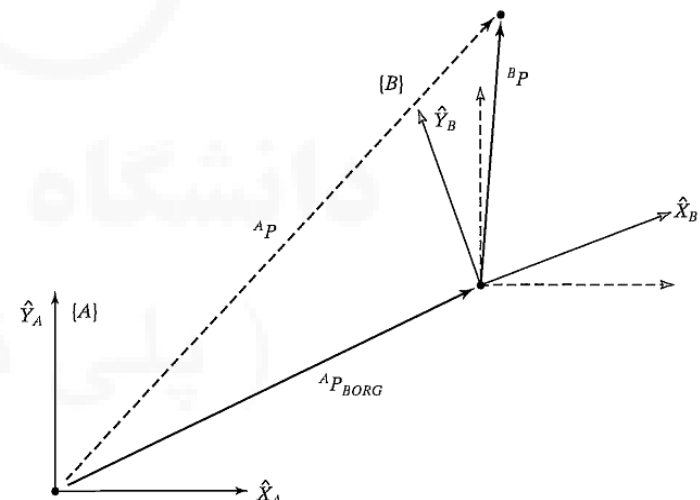


Transformation Arithmetic

□ Inverting a Transform

- Frame {B} with respect to a frame {A}, ${}^A T_B$, is known (${}^A R_B$ & ${}^A P_{BORG}$).
- Invert this transform to get a description of {A} relative to {B}, (${}^B T_A = ?$)

$${}^A P = {}^A T_B {}^B P$$



Transformation Arithmetic

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$${}^A P = {}^A T_B {}^B P$$

$${}^A P = {}^A R_B {}^B P + {}^A P_{BORG}$$

$${}^A P - {}^A P_{BORG} = {}^A R_B {}^B P$$

$${}^A R_B^{-1} ({}^A P - {}^A P_{BORG}) = {}^B P$$

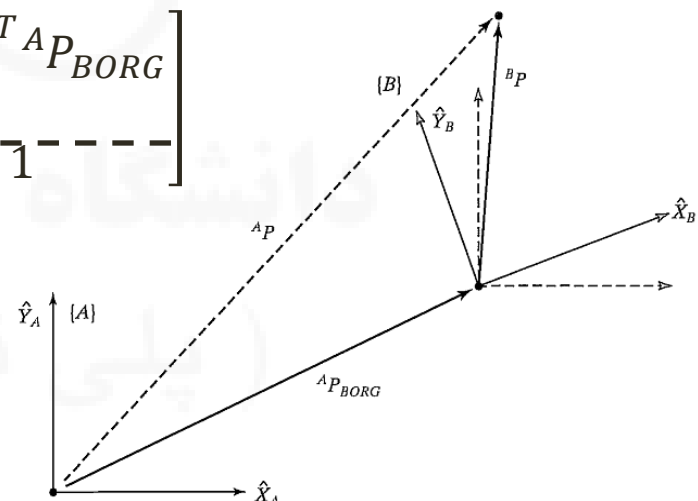
$${}^A R_B^T {}^A P - {}^A R_B^T {}^A P_{BORG} = {}^B P$$

$${}^B T_A = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B^T & | & -{}^A R_B^T {}^A P_{BORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

❖ **Q:** Geometrical Description = ?

- Note that

$${}^B T_A = {}^A T_B^{-1}$$



More on Representation of Orientation

- Remember rotation matrix:

$${}^A R_B = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The **nine elements** are not all independent (**six dependencies**).

- Imagine R as three columns, as originally introduced:

$${}^A R_B = [{}^A \hat{X}_B \quad {}^A \hat{Y}_B \quad {}^A \hat{Z}_B]$$

- These three vectors are the **unit axes** of some frame written in terms of the reference frame.
- Each is a unit vector, and all three must be **mutually perpendicular** (six constraints).

$$\begin{aligned} \|{}^A \hat{X}_B\| &= \|{}^A \hat{Y}_B\| = \|{}^A \hat{Z}_B\| = 1 \\ {}^A \hat{X}_B \cdot {}^A \hat{Y}_B &= {}^A \hat{Y}_B \cdot {}^A \hat{Z}_B = {}^A \hat{X}_B \cdot {}^A \hat{Z}_B = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- The representation is **conveniently** specified with **three parameter**.

More on Representation of Orientation

- Rotation matrix is also called **proper orthonormal matrix**, ("proper" refers to $\det({}^A R_B) = +1$)
- **Cayley's formula** for orthonormal matrices:
For any proper orthonormal matrix R , there exists a **skew-symmetric matrix S** such that

$$R = (I_3 - S)^{-1}(I_3 + S)$$

- A skew-symmetric matrix (i.e., $S = -S^T$) is specified by three parameters (s_x, s_y, s_z).

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -s_x & s_y \\ s_x & 0 & -s_z \\ -s_y & s_z & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Consequently, any 3×3 rotation matrix can be specified by **just three parameters**.

More on Representation of Orientation

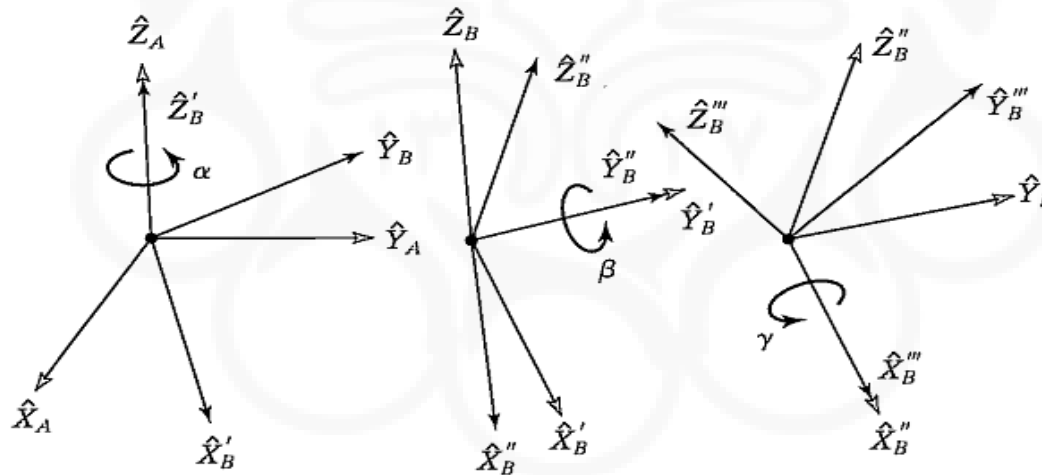
□ 5 Methods for Representation of Orientation

- Direction Cosines (9 Dependent Parameters)
- Euler angles (3 Parameters)
- Fixed angles (3 Parameters)
- Equivalent angle-axis (4 Dependent Parameters)
- Euler parameters (4 Dependent Parameters)

More on Representation of Orientation

□ Z-Y-X Euler Angles

- Start with the frame {A}
 - Rotate {A} about \hat{Z}_A by an angle α to get frame {B'}
 - Rotate {B'} about $\hat{Y}_{B'}$ by an angle β to get frame {B''}
 - Rotate {B''} about $\hat{X}_{B''}$ by an angle γ to get frame {B}

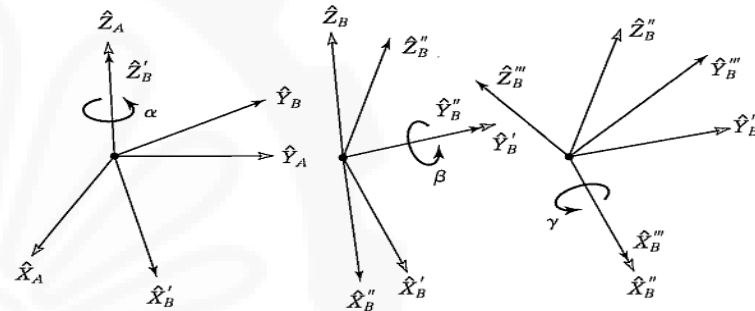


- Each rotation is performed about an axis of the **moving frames**.

❖ Q : ${}^A R_B = ?$

More on Representation of Orientation

□ Z-Y-X Euler Angles



- Using the **intermediate frames** $\{B'\}$ and $\{B''\}$ in order to give an expression for ${}^A R_{B_ZYX}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$.

$${}^A R_{B_ZYX}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = {}^A R_{B'} {}^{B'} R_{B''} {}^{B''} R_B$$

$${}^A R_{B_ZYX} = R_Z(\alpha) R_Y(\beta) R_X(\gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha & -s\alpha & 0 \\ s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\beta & 0 & s\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\beta & 0 & c\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\gamma & -s\gamma \\ 0 & s\gamma & c\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

- where $c\alpha = \cos \alpha$, $s\alpha = \sin \alpha$

$${}^A R_{B_ZYX}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & c\alpha s\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\alpha s\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta c\gamma - c\alpha s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & c\beta c\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

More on Representation of Orientation

□ Z-Y-X Euler Angles

■ The Inverse Problem

- Extracting equivalent Z-Y-X Euler angles from a given rotation matrix.
- If ${}^A R_{B_ZYX}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ is equated to the given rotation matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & c\alpha s\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\alpha s\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta c\gamma - c\alpha s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & c\beta c\gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- 9 equations & 3 unknowns.
- Due to six dependencies, 3 equations & 3 unknowns.

$$\beta = \text{Atan2} \left(-r_{31}, \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2} \right)$$

- $\text{Atan2}(y, x)$ is a two-argument arc tangent function.
- Although a *second solution* exists for β , we always compute the **single solution** for which $-90.0^\circ \leq \beta \leq 90.0^\circ$ to have a **one-to-one mapping**.

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□ Z-Y-X Euler Angles

■ The Inverse Problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & c\alpha s\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\alpha s\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta c\gamma - c\alpha s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & c\beta c\gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\beta = \text{Atan2} \left(-r_{31}, \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2} \right)$$

- As long as $c\beta \neq 0$,

$$\alpha = \text{Atan2} (r_{21}/c\beta, r_{11}/c\beta)$$

$$\gamma = \text{Atan2} (r_{32}/c\beta, r_{33}/c\beta)$$

- ❖ Q: What about for $\beta = \pm 90.0^\circ$ ($c\beta = 0$) ?!!!

More on Representation of Orientation

□ Z-Y-X Euler Angles

■ The Inverse Problem

■ Singularity of the Inverse Problem:

$$\alpha = \text{Atan2}(r_{21}/c\beta, r_{11}/c\beta)$$

$$\gamma = \text{Atan2}(r_{32}/c\beta, r_{33}/c\beta)$$

- If $\beta = \pm 90.0^\circ$ ($c\beta = 0$), the solution **degenerates**.

- For $\beta = +90.0^\circ$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & c\alpha s\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\alpha s\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta c\gamma - c\alpha s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & c\beta c\gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sin(\gamma - \alpha) & \cos(\gamma - \alpha) \\ 0 & \cos(\gamma - \alpha) & -\sin(\gamma - \alpha) \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- In those cases, only the $(\alpha \pm \gamma)$ can be computed.

More on Representation of Orientation

□ Z-Y-X Euler Angles

- The Inverse Problem
- Singularity of the Inverse Problem:
- For $\beta = +90.0^\circ$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sin(\gamma - \alpha) & \cos(\gamma - \alpha) \\ 0 & \cos(\gamma - \alpha) & -\sin(\gamma - \alpha) \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- One possible convention is to choose $\alpha = 0.0$ in these cases and compute γ .
- If $\beta = \pm 90.0^\circ$, then a solution can be calculated to be

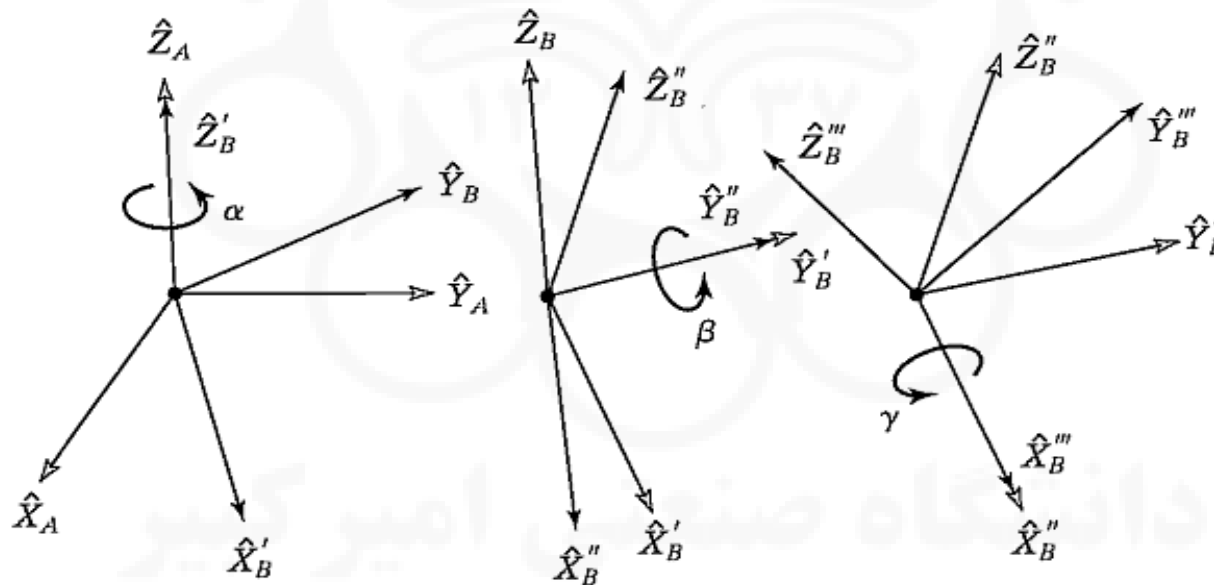
$\beta = +90.0^\circ$ $\alpha = 0.0$ $\gamma = \text{Atan2}(r_{12}, r_{22})$	$\beta = -90.0^\circ$ $\alpha = 0.0$ $\gamma = -\text{Atan2}(r_{12}, r_{22})$
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□ Z-Y-X Euler Angles

- The Inverse Problem
- Singularity of the Inverse Problem:

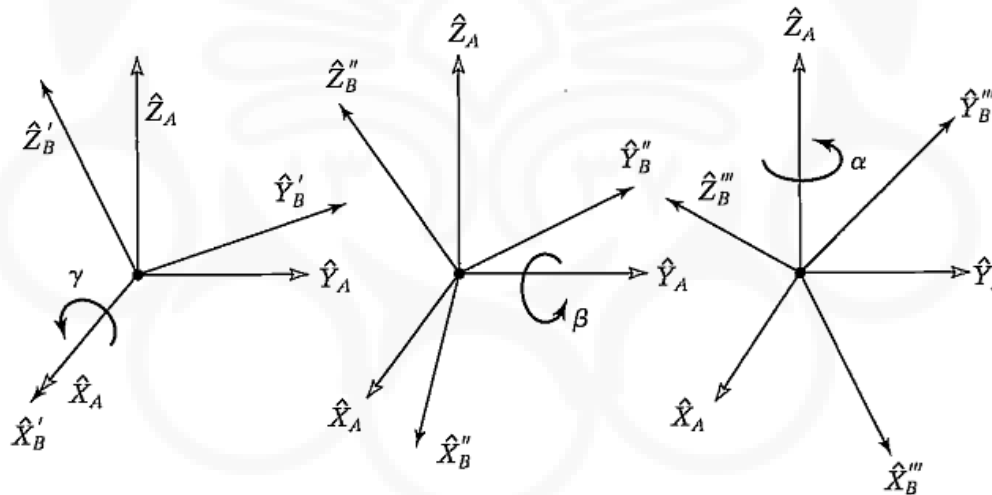
❖ Q: What is the physical interpretation of the IK singularity?



More on Representation of Orientation

□ X-Y-Z Fixed Angles

- Start with the frame {A}
 - Rotate {A} about \hat{X}_A by an angle γ to get frame {B'}
 - Rotate {B'} about \hat{Y}_A by an angle β to get frame {B''}
 - Rotate {B''} about \hat{Z}_A by an angle α to get frame {B}



- Each of the three rotations takes place about an axis in the **fixed reference** frame {A}.
- This convention is referred to as **roll, pitch, yaw** angles.

❖ Q: ${}^A R_B = ?$

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❑ X-Y-Z Fixed Angles

- The **composition rule** cannot be applied here, **similarity transformation** can be used instead.

❑ Similarity Transformation

- A rotation matrix (as a coordinate transformation) may be viewed as changing basis from one frame to another.
- A **general linear transformation** is transformed from one frame to another using similarity transformation.
- M is a **linear transformation in frame $\{0\}$** and N is the **representation of M in frame $\{1\}$** .

$$N = ({}^0R_1)^{-1} M {}^0R_1$$

More on Representation of Orientation

□ X-Y-Z Fixed Angles

- Using the intermediate frames $\{B'\}$ and $\{B''\}$ in order to give an expression for ${}^A R_{B_XYZ}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha)$.

$${}^A R_B = {}^A R_{B'} {}^{B'} R_{B''} {}^{B''} R_B$$

$${}^A R_{B'} = R_X(\gamma)$$

$${}^{B'} R_{B''} = ({}^A R_{B'})^{-1} R_Y(\beta) ({}^A R_{B'})$$

$${}^{B''} R_B = ({}^A R_{B''})^{-1} R_Z(\alpha) ({}^A R_{B''})$$

- Therefore,

$${}^A R_{B'} = R_X(\gamma)$$

$${}^A R_{B''} = {}^A R_{B'} {}^{B'} R_{B''} = {}^A R_{B'} ({}^A R_{B'})^{-1} R_Y(\beta) ({}^A R_{B'}) = R_Y(\beta) R_X(\gamma)$$

$${}^A R_B = {}^A R_{B''} {}^{B''} R_B = {}^A R_{B''} ({}^A R_{B''})^{-1} R_Z(\alpha) ({}^A R_{B''}) = R_Z(\alpha) R_Y(\beta) R_X(\gamma)$$

More on Representation of Orientation

□ X-Y-Z Fixed Angles

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A R_{B_XYZ}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) &= R_Z(\alpha) R_Y(\beta) R_X(\gamma) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha & -s\alpha & 0 \\ s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\beta & 0 & s\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\beta & 0 & c\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\gamma & -s\gamma \\ 0 & s\gamma & c\gamma \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore,

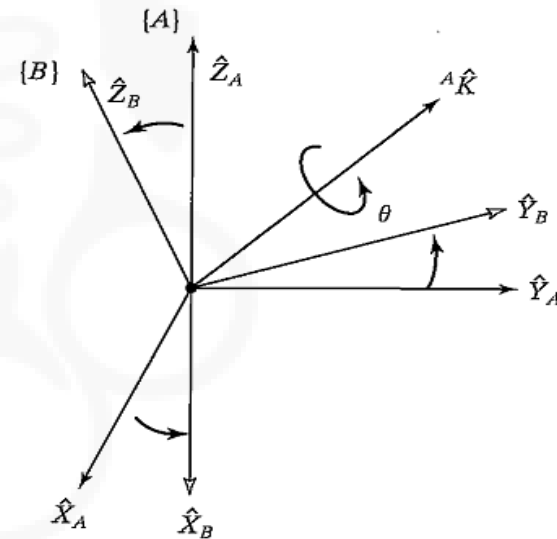
$${}^A R_{B_XYZ}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & c\alpha s\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\alpha s\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta c\gamma - c\alpha s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & c\beta c\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Note:** Three rotations taken about **fixed axes** (e.g. ${}^A R_{B_XYZ}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha)$) yield the **same final orientation** as the same three rotations taken **in opposite order** about the axes of the **moving frame** (e.g. ${}^A R_{B_ZYX}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$).
- **24 representations:** 12 Euler angles series + 12 Fixed angles series.

More on Representation of Orientation

□ Equivalent Angle-Axis

- Start with the frame {A}
 - Rotate about the unit vector ${}^A\hat{K}$ by an angle θ according to the right-hand rule (Based on the *Euler Theorem*).
- ${}^A\hat{K}$: **Equivalent axis** of a finite rotation.
- It may be written as ${}^A R_B(\hat{K}, \theta)$ or $R_K(\theta)$.
- ${}^A\hat{K}$ requires only two parameters caused by its **unit length**.
- For the general axis of rotation:
$$R_K(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} k_x k_x v\theta + c\theta & k_x k_y v\theta - k_z s\theta & k_x k_z v\theta + k_y s\theta \\ k_x k_y v\theta + k_z s\theta & k_y k_y v\theta + c\theta & k_y k_z v\theta - k_x s\theta \\ k_x k_z v\theta - k_y s\theta & k_y k_z v\theta + k_x s\theta & k_z k_z v\theta + c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$
 - where $c\theta = \cos \theta$, $s\theta = \sin \theta$, $v\theta = 1 - \cos \theta$ and ${}^A\hat{K} = [k_x, k_y, k_z]^T$



More on Representation of Orientation

□ Equivalent Angle-Axis

$$R_K(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} k_x k_x v\theta + c\theta & k_x k_y v\theta - k_z s\theta & k_x k_z v\theta + k_y s\theta \\ k_x k_y v\theta + k_z s\theta & k_y k_y v\theta + c\theta & k_y k_z v\theta - k_x s\theta \\ k_x k_z v\theta - k_y s\theta & k_y k_z v\theta + k_x s\theta & k_z k_z v\theta + c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

❖ Example:

- For \hat{K} as principal axes (e.g. $\hat{K} = \hat{X} = [1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$ or \hat{Y} or \hat{Z})

$$R_X(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\theta & -s\theta \\ 0 & s\theta & c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_Y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & 0 & s\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\theta & 0 & c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_Z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & -s\theta & 0 \\ s\theta & c\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

More on Representation of Orientation

□ Equivalent Angle-Axis

■ The Inverse Problem

- Computing \hat{K} and θ from a given rotation matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_x k_x v\theta + c\theta & k_x k_y v\theta - k_z s\theta & k_x k_z v\theta + k_y s\theta \\ k_x k_y v\theta + k_z s\theta & k_y k_y v\theta + c\theta & k_y k_z v\theta - k_x s\theta \\ k_x k_z v\theta - k_y s\theta & k_y k_z v\theta + k_x s\theta & k_z k_z v\theta + c\theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta = \text{Acos} \left(\frac{r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} - 1}{2} \right), \quad \hat{K} = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

- This solution always computes a value of θ between $[0-180^\circ]$.
- For any $({}^A\hat{K}, \theta)$, $(-{}^A\hat{K}, -\theta)$ results in the **same orientation** in space.
- For **small angular rotations**, the axis becomes **ill-defined**.
- If $\theta \rightarrow 0^\circ$, the axis becomes completely **undefined**. ($\theta = 0^\circ$ or $\theta = 180^\circ$)

More on Representation of Orientation

□ Euler Parameters

- Another representation is by means of four numbers called the **Euler parameters**.
- In terms of the equivalent axis $\hat{K} = [k_x, k_y, k_z]^T$ and the equivalent angle θ , the Euler parameters are given by

$$\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \epsilon_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_z \end{bmatrix} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \hat{K} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$
$$\epsilon_4 = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$$

- These four quantities are not independent (**Unit Quaternion**)

$$\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2 + \epsilon_3^2 + \epsilon_4^2 = 1$$

- An orientation might be visualized as a point on a **unit hypersphere** in **four-dimensional space**.

More on Representation of Orientation

□ Euler Parameters

- The rotation matrix

$$R_{\epsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2\epsilon_2^2 - 2\epsilon_3^2 & 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_3\epsilon_4) & 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_3 + \epsilon_2\epsilon_4) \\ 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3\epsilon_4) & 1 - 2\epsilon_1^2 - 2\epsilon_3^2 & 2(\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_1\epsilon_4) \\ 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_2\epsilon_4) & 2(\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 + \epsilon_1\epsilon_4) & 1 - 2\epsilon_1^2 - 2\epsilon_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

■ The Inverse Problem:

- Given a rotation matrix (A), the equivalent Euler parameters are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2\epsilon_2^2 - 2\epsilon_3^2 & 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_3\epsilon_4) & 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_3 + \epsilon_2\epsilon_4) \\ 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3\epsilon_4) & 1 - 2\epsilon_1^2 - 2\epsilon_3^2 & 2(\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_1\epsilon_4) \\ 2(\epsilon_1\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_2\epsilon_4) & 2(\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 + \epsilon_1\epsilon_4) & 1 - 2\epsilon_1^2 - 2\epsilon_2^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = A$$

$$\epsilon_4 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33}}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{4\epsilon_4} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

- For a rotation of 180 degrees about some axis, $\epsilon_4 \rightarrow 0$ (ill defined).

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□ Euler Parameters

- The **Inverse Problem**:
- Remember:

$$\epsilon = \hat{K} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$
$$\epsilon_4 = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$$

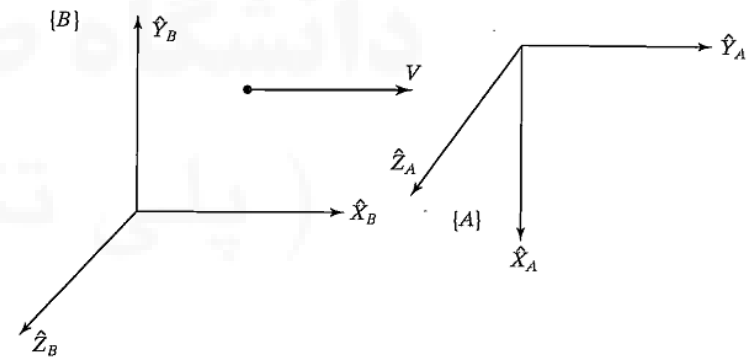
- By definition, if $\epsilon_4 = 0$, then $\theta = 180^\circ$ and ϵ is equal to rotation axis, i.e. $\epsilon = \hat{K}$

$$\epsilon_1^2 = \frac{1 + 2r_{11} - \text{tr } A}{4}$$
$$\epsilon_2^2 = \frac{1 + 2r_{22} - \text{tr } A}{4}$$
$$\epsilon_3^2 = \frac{1 + 2r_{33} - \text{tr } A}{4}$$

- **Note:** There is **No Singularity** associated with these parameters.
- As long as the direction cosines are known, we can find the corresponding Euler parameters [\[1\]](#).

Transformation of Free Vectors

- **Line vector:** a vector that is dependent on its **line of action**, along with **direction** and **magnitude**. (Position & Force)
- **Free vector:** a vector that may be **positioned anywhere** in space, provided that **magnitude** and **direction** are preserved (Velocity & Moments)
- For free vectors, **only the rotation matrix** relating the two systems is used in transforming.
- Position Transformation
$${}^A P = {}^A T_B {}^B P$$
- Velocity Transformation
$${}^A V = {}^A R_B {}^B V$$
- ${}^A P_{BORG}$ which would appear in a position-vector transformation, does not appear in a velocity transform.



The END

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