

Rigid Body Kinematics

The Lie group $SE(3)$

$$SE(3) = \left\{ \mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{A} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{r} \\ \hline \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{array} \right], \mathbf{R} \in R^{3 \times 3}, \mathbf{r} \in R^3, \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{I}, |\mathbf{R}| = 1 \right\}$$

<http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~meam620/notes/RigidBodyMotion3.pdf>



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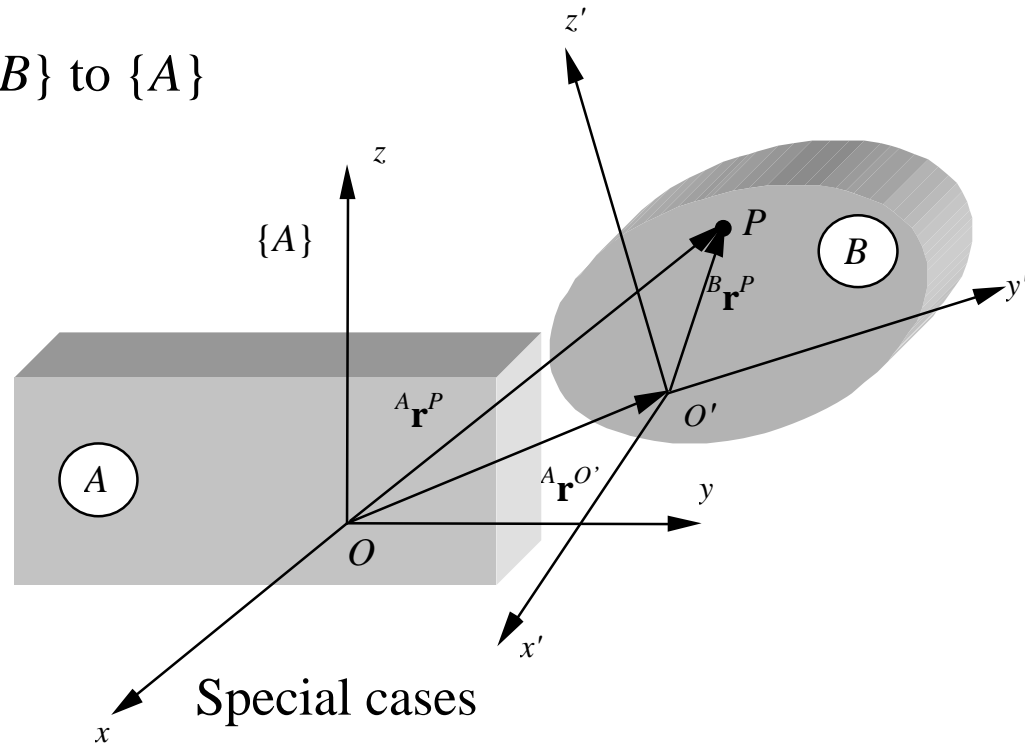
Homogeneous Transformation Matrix

Coordinate transformation from $\{B\}$ to $\{A\}$

$${}^A\mathbf{r}^{P'} = {}^A\mathbf{R}_B {}^B\mathbf{r}^P + {}^A\mathbf{r}^{O'}$$



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Special cases

Homogeneous transformation matrix

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$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad {}^A\mathbf{A}_B &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\mathbf{R}_B & | & \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 1} \\ \hline \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ 2. \quad {}^A\mathbf{A}_B &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} & | & {}^A\mathbf{r}^{O'} \\ \hline \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

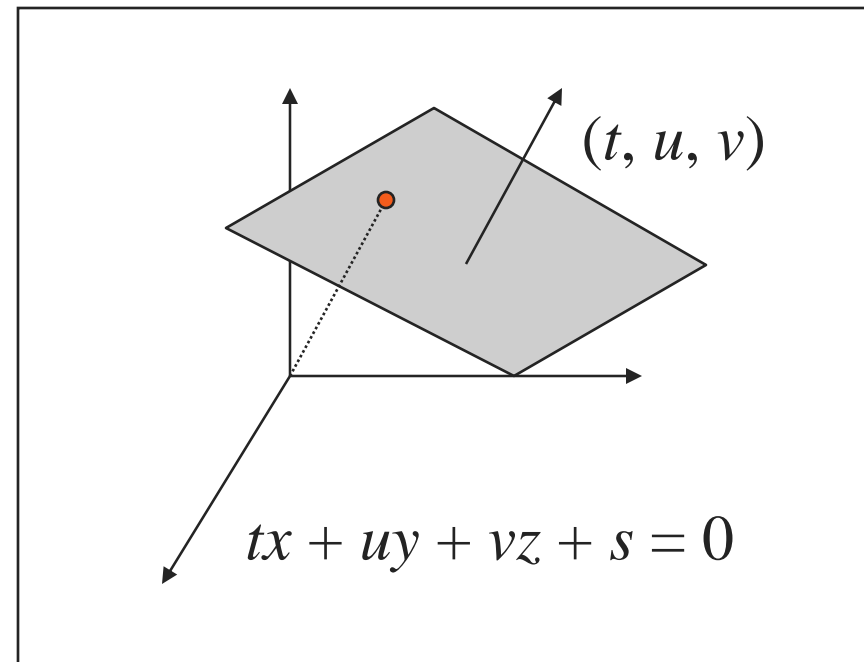
Homogeneous Coordinates

- Description of a point
 (x, y, z)
- Description of a plane
 (t, u, v, s)

- Equation of a circle
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$

Homogeneous coordinates

- Description of a point
 (x, y, z, w)
- Equation of a plane
 $tx + uy + vz + sw = 0$
- Equation of a sphere
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2 w^2$



Central ideas

- Equivalence class
- Projective space P^3 ,
and not Euclidean space R^3

Mathematical and practical advantages

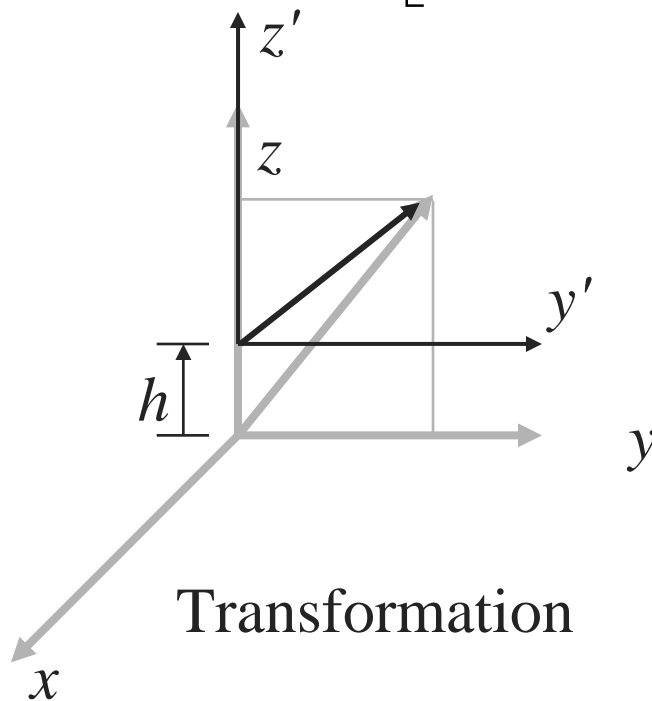
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Example: Translation

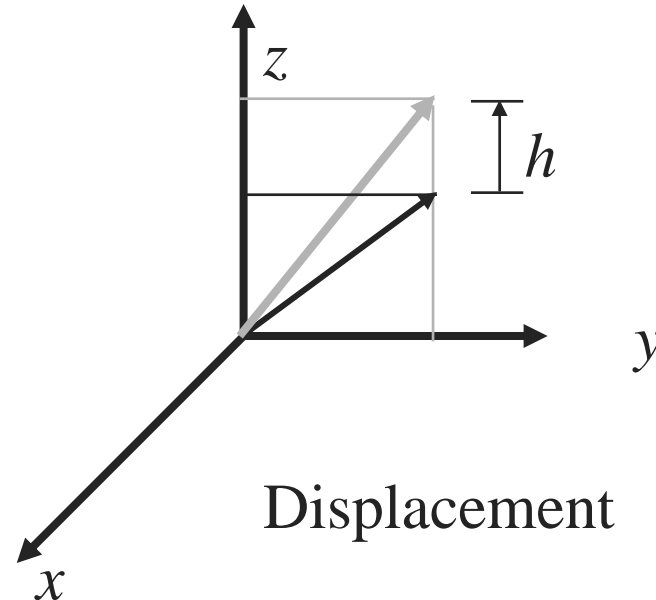
- Translation along the z -axis through h

$$Trans(z, h) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Transformation



Displacement

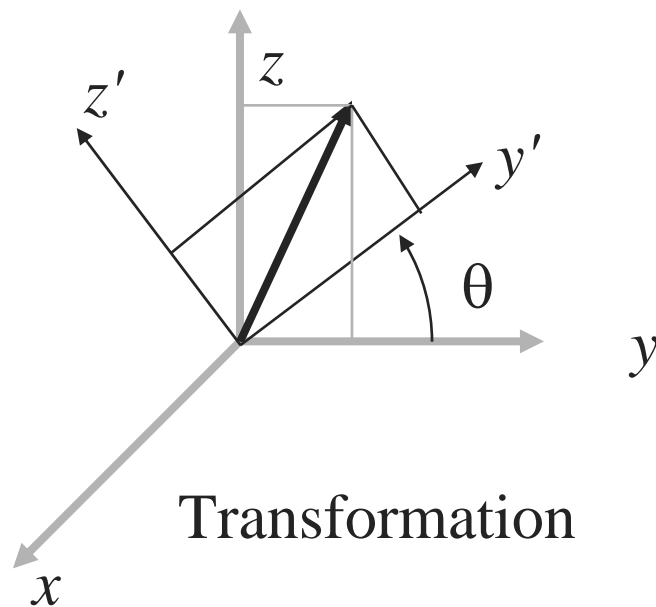


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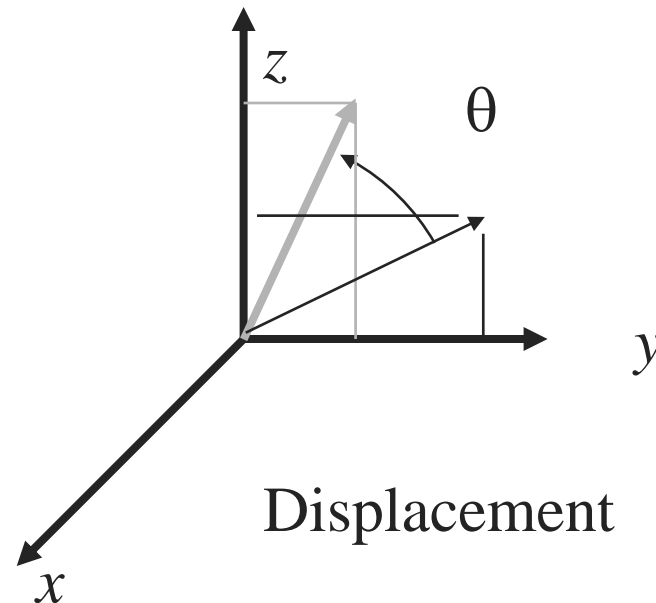
Example: Rotation

- Rotation about the x -axis through θ

$$Rot(x, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Transformation



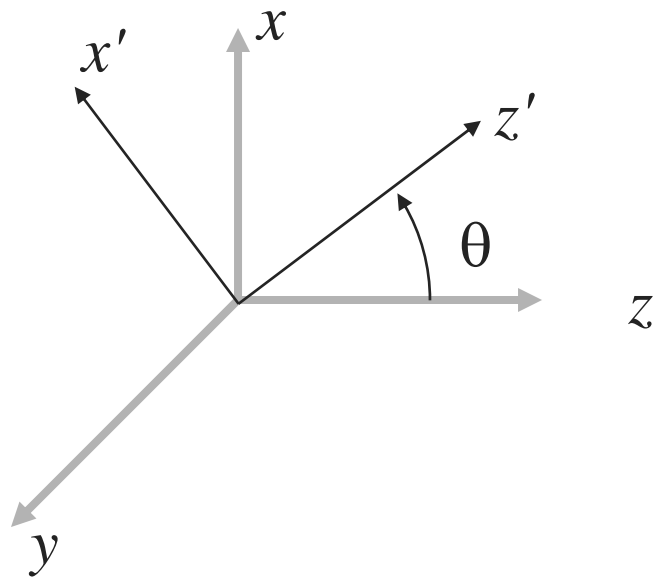
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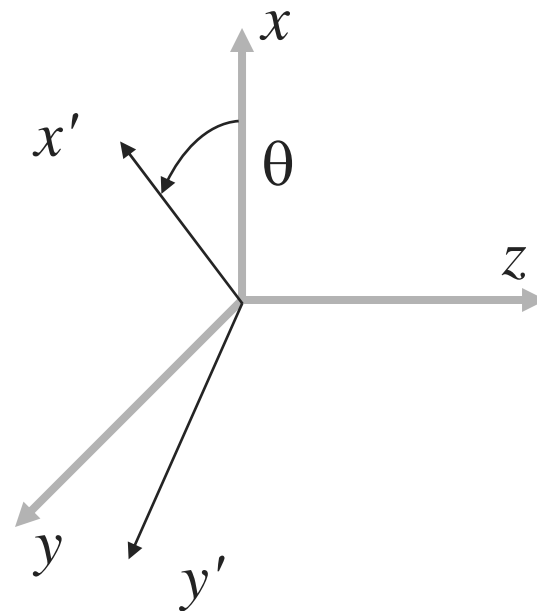
Rotation about the y-axis through θ

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



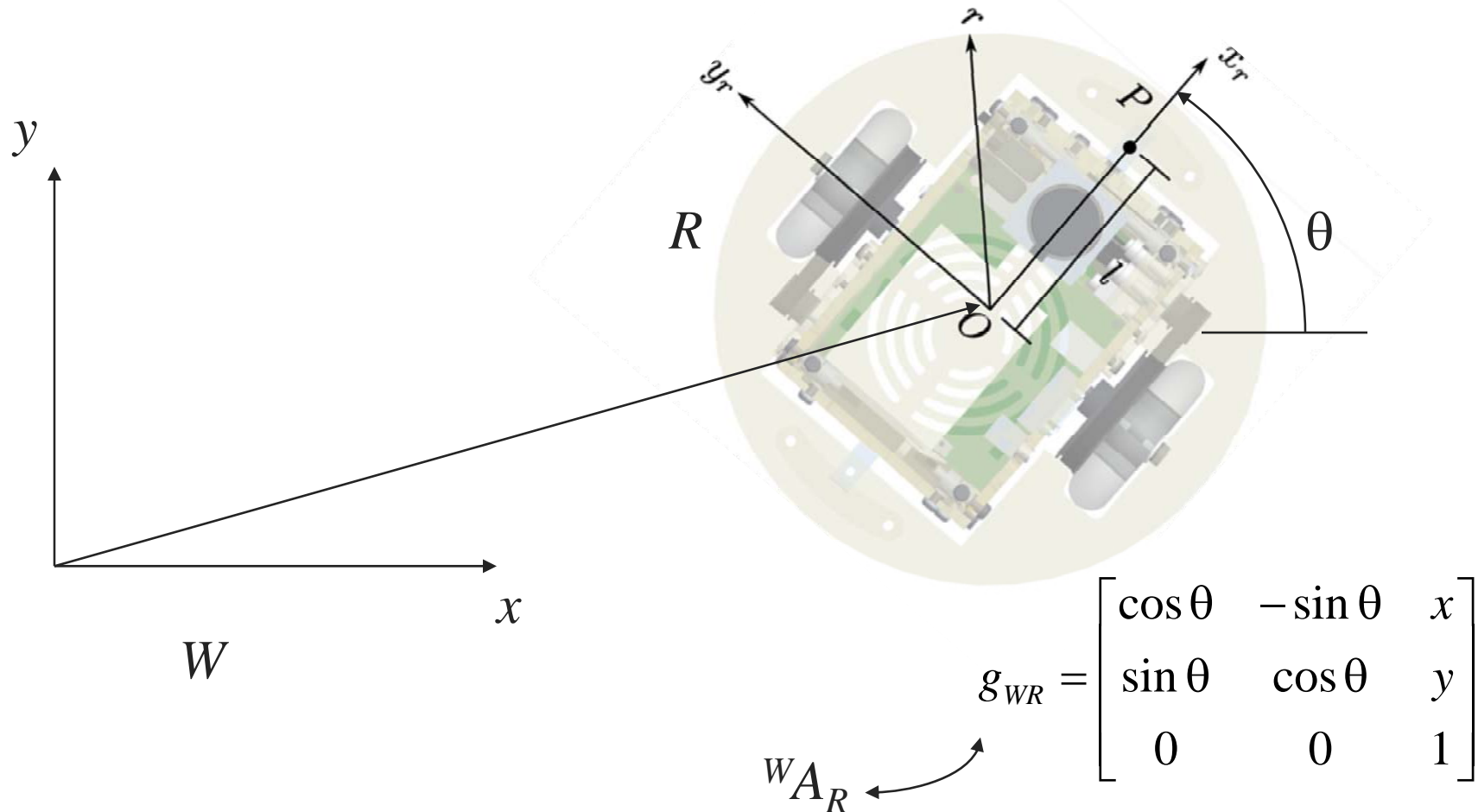
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Example: Displacement of Points

Displace (7, 3, 2) through a sequence of:

1. Rot(z, 90)

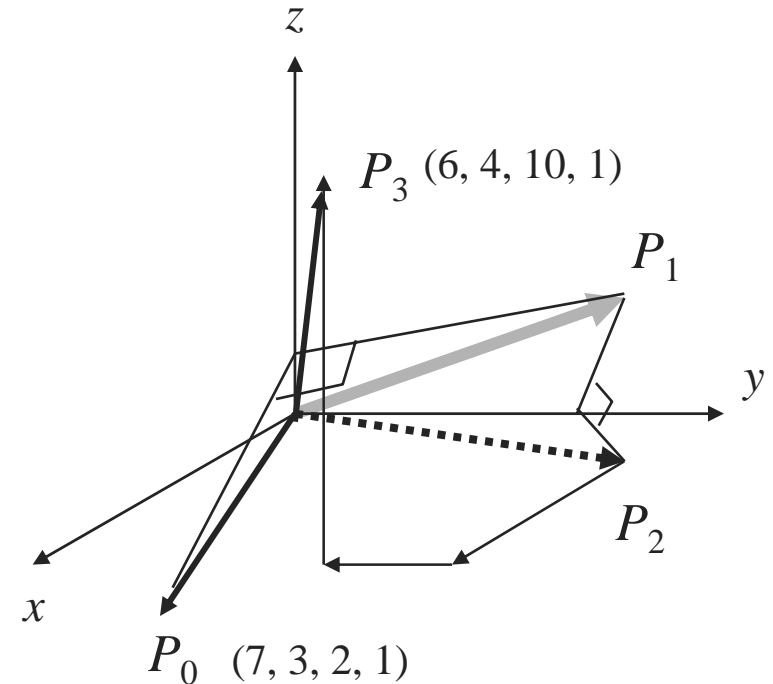
2. Rot(y, 90)

3. Trans(4, -3, 7)

in the frame $F: (x, y, z)$:

Trans(4, -3, 7) Rot(y, 90) Rot(z, 90)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Example: Transformation of Points

Successive transformations of (7, 3, 2):

1. Trans(4, -3, 7)

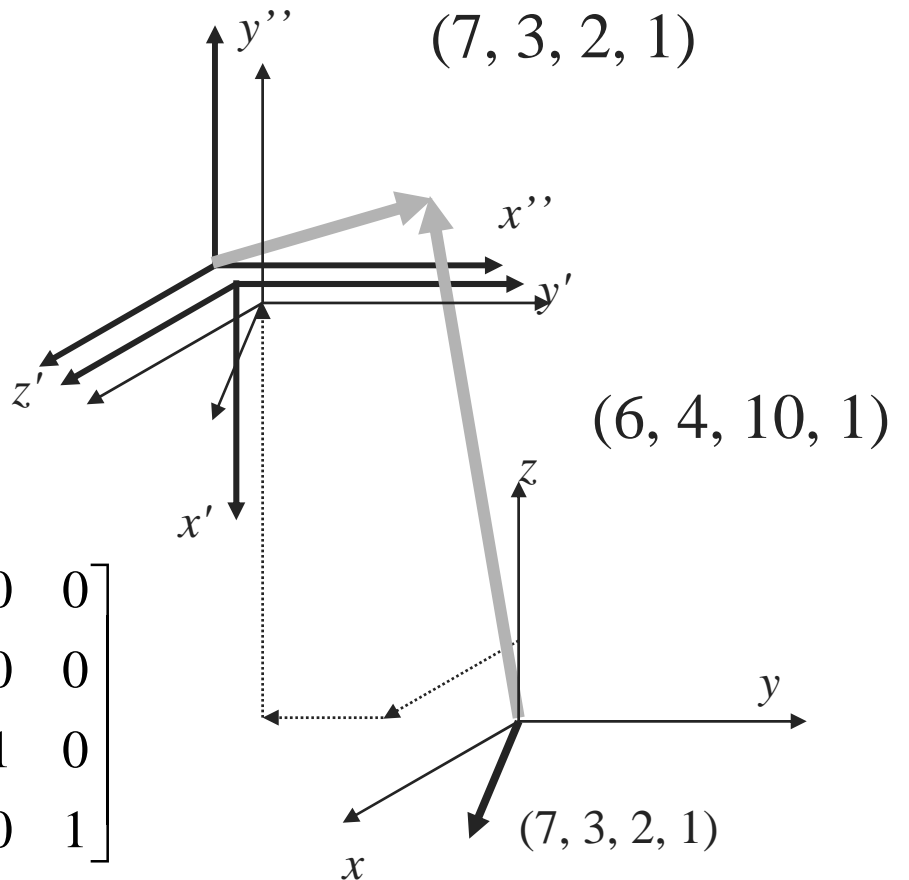
2. Rot(y, 90)

3. Rot(z, 90)

in a body fixed frame

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$SE(3)$ is a Lie group

$SE(3)$ satisfies the four axioms that must be satisfied by the elements of an *algebraic group*:

- ♦ The set is closed under the binary operation. In other words, if \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are any two matrices in $SE(3)$, $\mathbf{AB} \in SE(3)$.
- ♦ The binary operation is associative. In other words, if \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , and \mathbf{C} are any three matrices $\in SE(3)$, then $(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$.
- ♦ For every element $\mathbf{A} \in SE(3)$, there is an identity element given by the 4×4 identity matrix, $\mathbf{I} \in SE(3)$, such that $\mathbf{AI} = \mathbf{A}$.
- ♦ For every element $\mathbf{A} \in SE(3)$, there is an identity inverse, $\mathbf{A}^{-1} \in SE(3)$, such that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$.

$SE(3)$ is a *continuous group*.

- the binary operation above is a continuous operation — the product of any two elements in $SE(3)$ is a continuous function of the two elements
- the inverse of any element in $SE(3)$ is a continuous function of that element.

In other words, $SE(3)$ is a *differentiable manifold*. A group that is a differentiable manifold is called a *Lie group* [Sophus Lie (1842-1899)].



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Composition of Displacements

Displacement from {A} to {B}

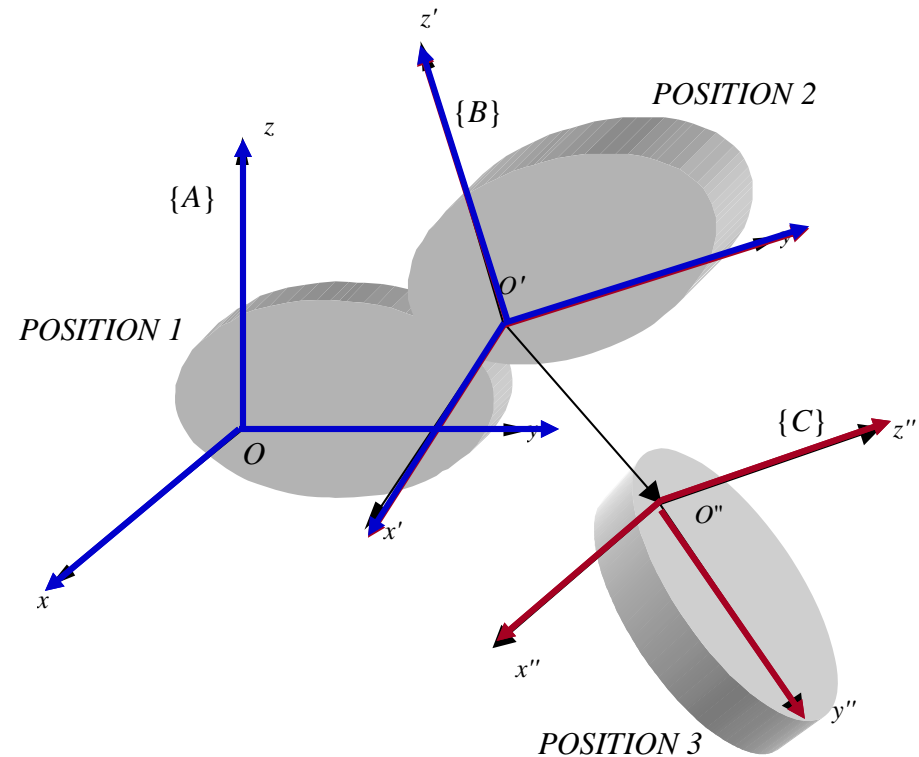
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Displacement from {B} to {C}

$${}^B\mathbf{A}_C = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{R}_C & {}^B\mathbf{r}^{O''} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

Displacement from {A} to {C}

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A\mathbf{A}_C &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\mathbf{R}_C & {}^A\mathbf{r}^{O''} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\mathbf{R}_B & {}^A\mathbf{r}^{O'} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} {}^B\mathbf{R}_C & {}^B\mathbf{r}^{O''} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\mathbf{R}_B \times {}^B\mathbf{R}_C & {}^A\mathbf{R}_B \times {}^B\mathbf{r}^{O''} + {}^A\mathbf{r}^{O'} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



Note ${}^X\mathbf{A}_Y$ describes the displacement of the body-fixed frame from {X} to {Y} in reference frame {X}

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Composition (continued)

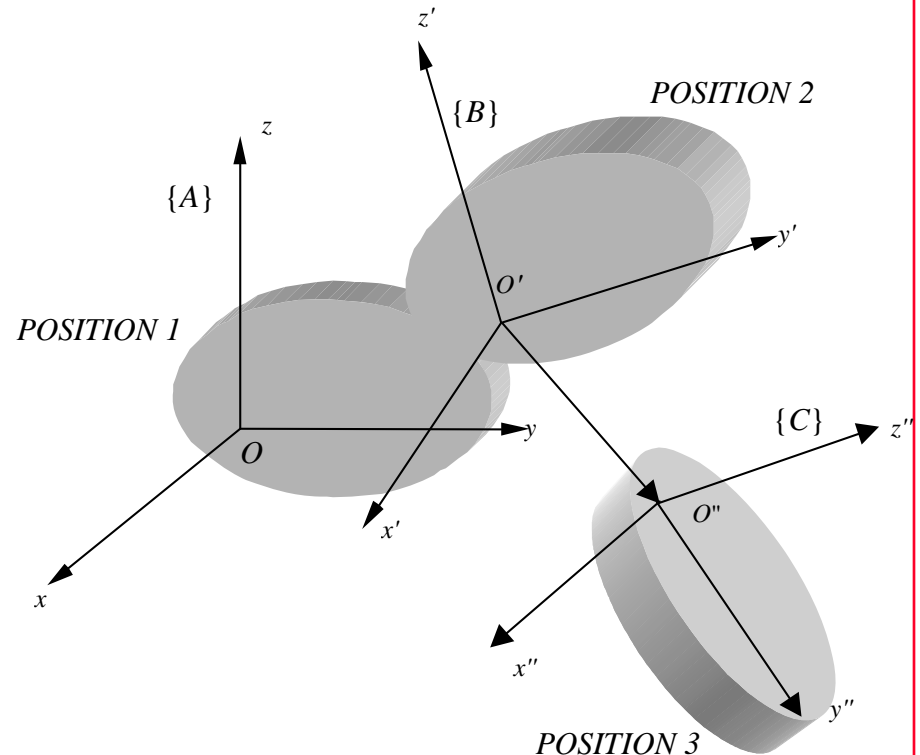
Composition of displacements

- Displacements are generally described in a body-fixed frame
- Example: ${}^B\mathbf{A}_C$ is the displacement of a rigid body from B to C *relative* to the axes of the “first frame” B .

Composition of transformations

- Same basic idea
- ${}^A\mathbf{A}_C = {}^A\mathbf{A}_B {}^B\mathbf{A}_C$

Note that our description of transformations (e.g., ${}^B\mathbf{A}_C$) is *relative* to the “first frame” (B , the frame with the leading superscript).



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Transformations associated
with the Lie group $SE(3)$



Differentiable Manifold

Definition

A manifold of dimension n is a set M which is locally homeomorphic* to R^n .

Homeomorphism:

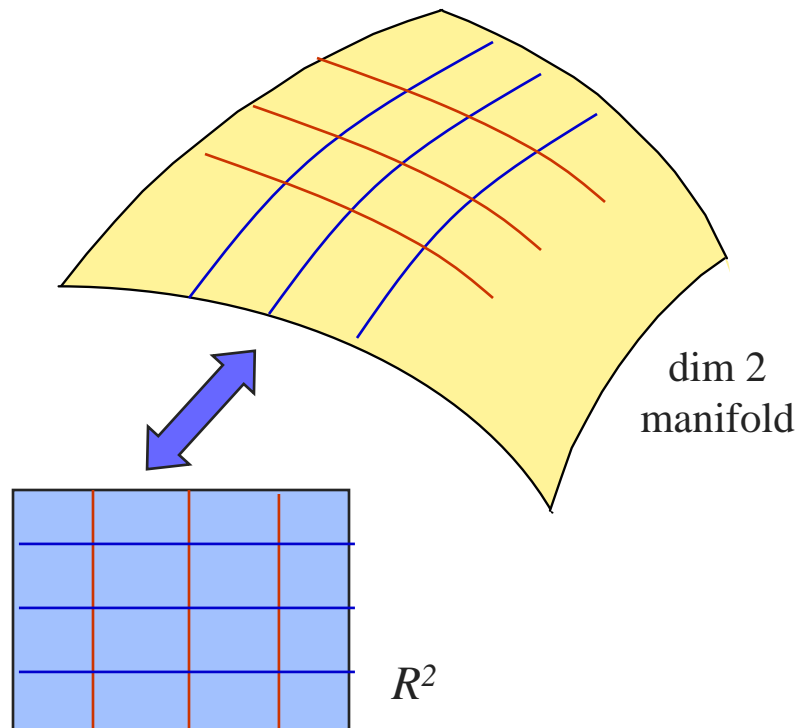
A map f from M to N and its inverse, f^{-1} are both continuous.

Smooth map

A map f from $U \subset R^m$ to $V \subset R^n$ is smooth if all partial derivatives of f , of all orders, exist and are continuous.

Diffeomorphism

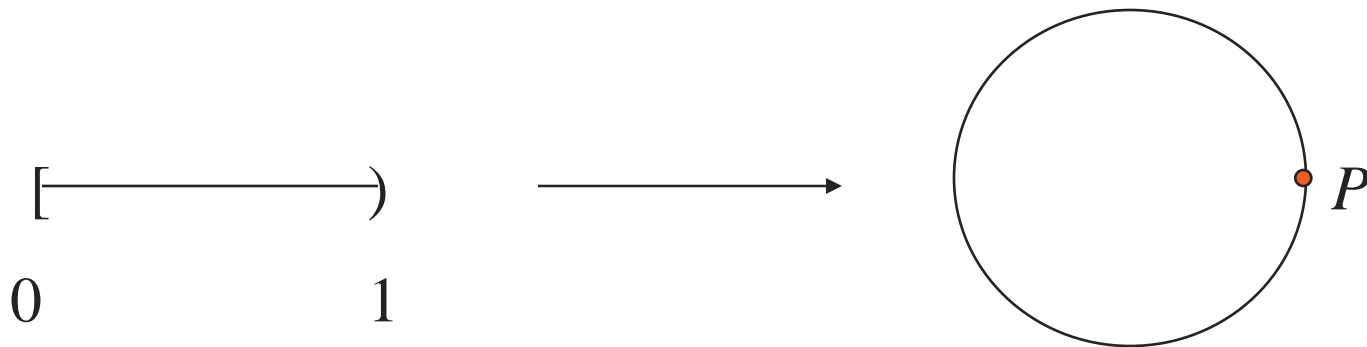
A smooth map f from $U \subset R^n$ to $V \subset R^n$ is a diffeomorphism if all partial derivatives of f^{-1} , of all orders, exist and are continuous.



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Examples

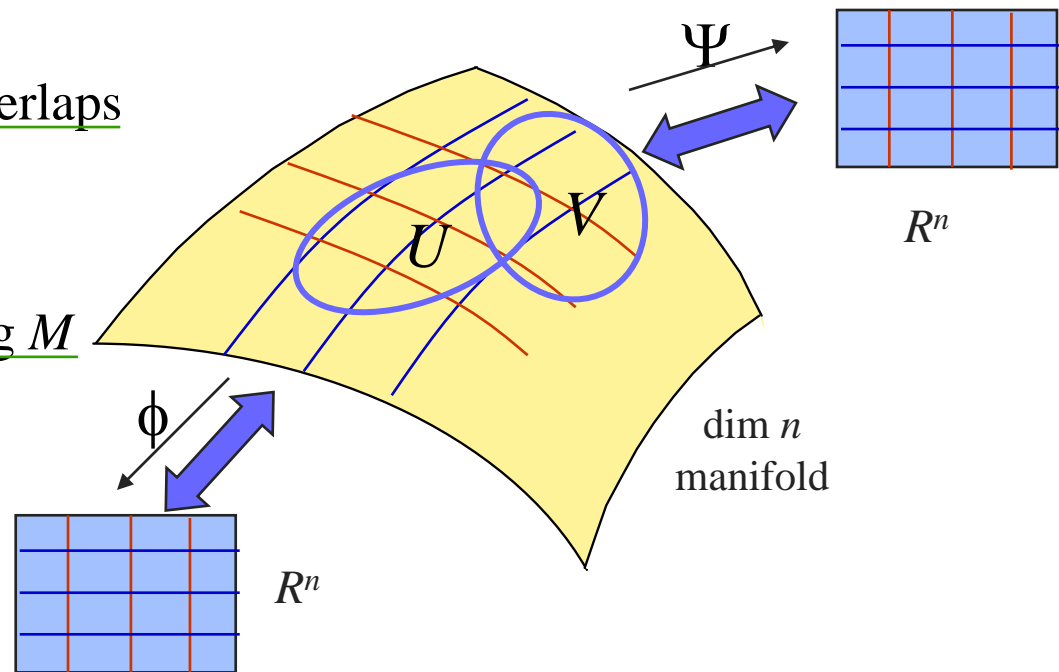
$$f : (-1, 1) \rightarrow R, \quad f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x^2}$$



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Smooth Manifold

- Differentiable manifold is locally homeomorphic to R^n
- Parametrize the manifold using a set of local coordinate charts
 - ♦ $(U, \phi), (V, \Psi), \dots$
- Require compatibility on overlaps
 C^∞ related
- Collection of charts covering M



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Actions of $SE(3)$

M any smooth manifold

- Think R^3 , $SE(3)$, subgroups of $SE(3)$

A *left action* of $SE(3)$ on M is a smooth map, $\Phi: SE(3) \times M \rightarrow M$, such that

- $\Phi(\mathbf{I}, x) = x, \quad x \in M$
- $\Phi(\mathbf{A}, \Phi(\mathbf{B}, x)) = \Phi(\mathbf{AB}, x), \quad \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in SE(3), \quad x \in M$



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Actions of $SE(3)$

1. Action of $SE(3)$ on R^3

- Displacement of points, $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{p}$

2. Action of $SE(3)$ on itself

$$\Phi: SE(3) \times SE(3) \rightarrow SE(3)$$

$$\Phi_Q: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$$

- \mathbf{A} denotes a displacement of a rigid body
- Φ_Q transforms the displacement \mathbf{A}

Actions on the Lie algebra (later)



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What happens when you want to describe the displacement of the body-fixed frame from $\{A\}$ to $\{B\}$ in reference frame $\{F\}$?

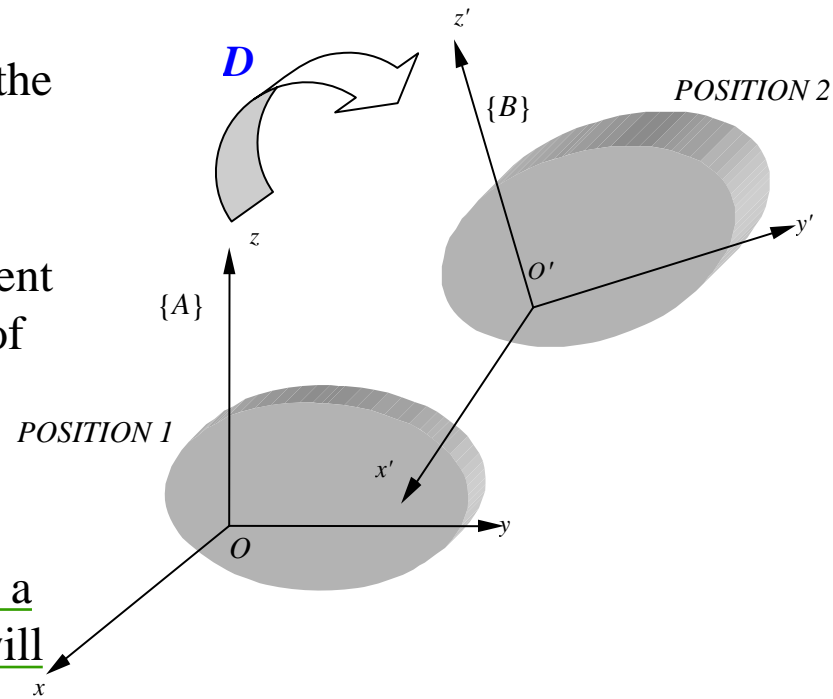
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Want to describe the same displacement in $\{F\}$. The position and orientation of $\{A\}$ relative to $\{F\}$ is given by the homogeneous transform, ${}^F\mathbf{A}_A$.

The same displacement which moves a body-fixed frame from $\{A\}$ to $\{B\}$, will move another body-fixed frame from $\{F\}$ to $\{G\}$:

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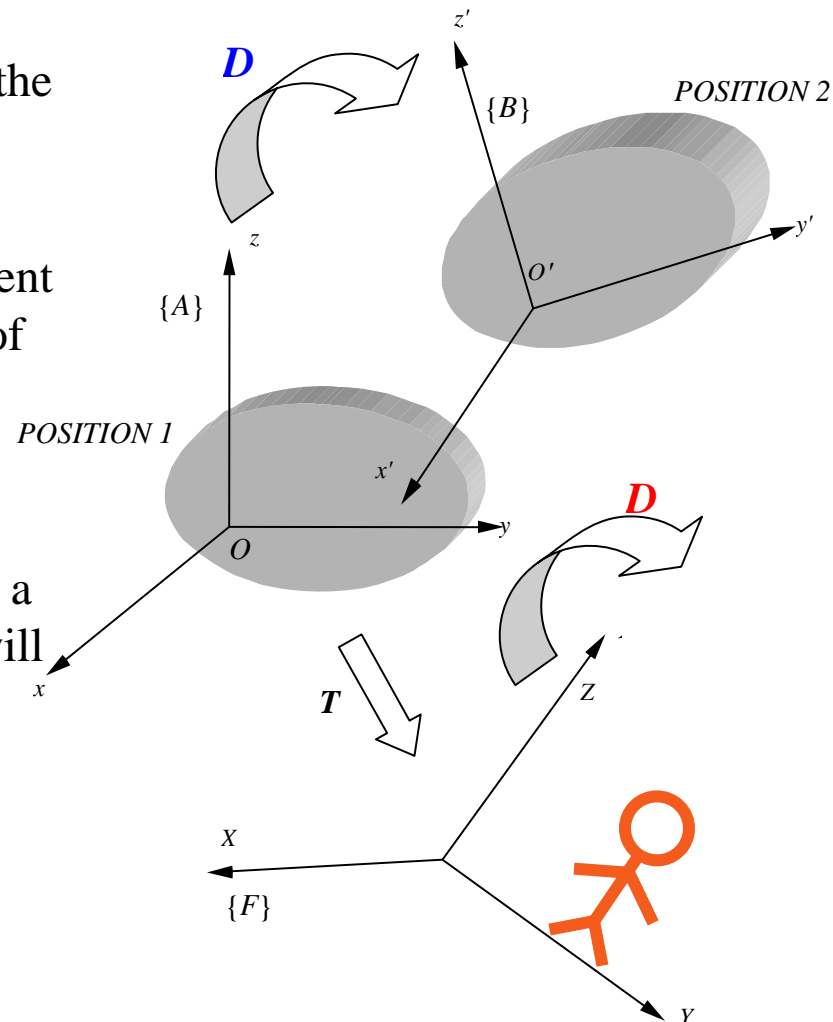
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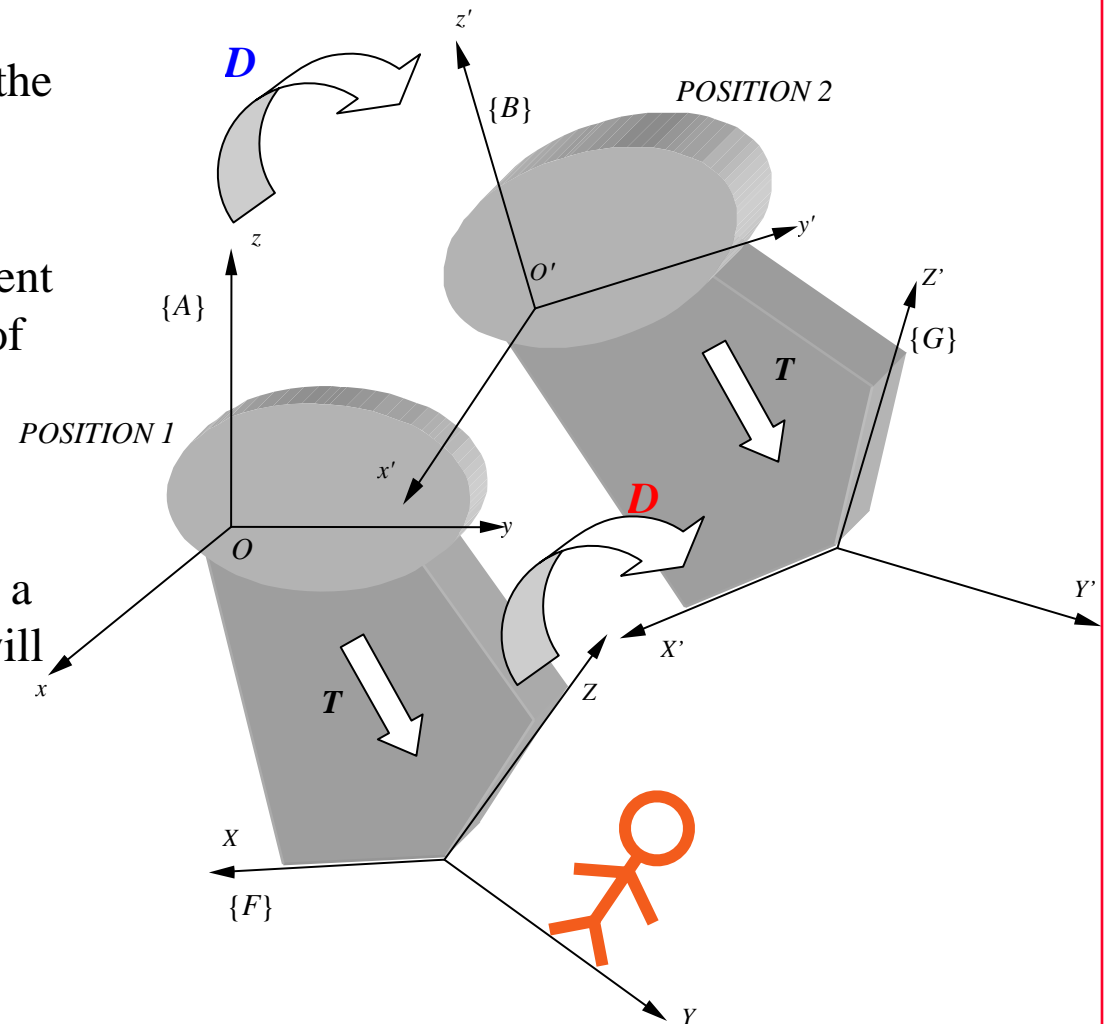
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Rotational motion in R^3

Specialize to $SO(3)$



Euler's Theorem for Rotations

Any displacement of a rigid body such that a point on the rigid body, say O , remains fixed, is equivalent to a rotation about a fixed axis through the point O .

Later: Chasles' Theorem for Rotations

The most general rigid body displacement can be produced by a translation along a line followed (or preceded) by a rotation about that line.



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Proof of Euler's Theorem for Spherical Displacements

Displacement from $\{F\}$ to $\{M\}$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}$$

Solve the eigenvalue problem (find the vector that is unaffected by \mathbf{R}):

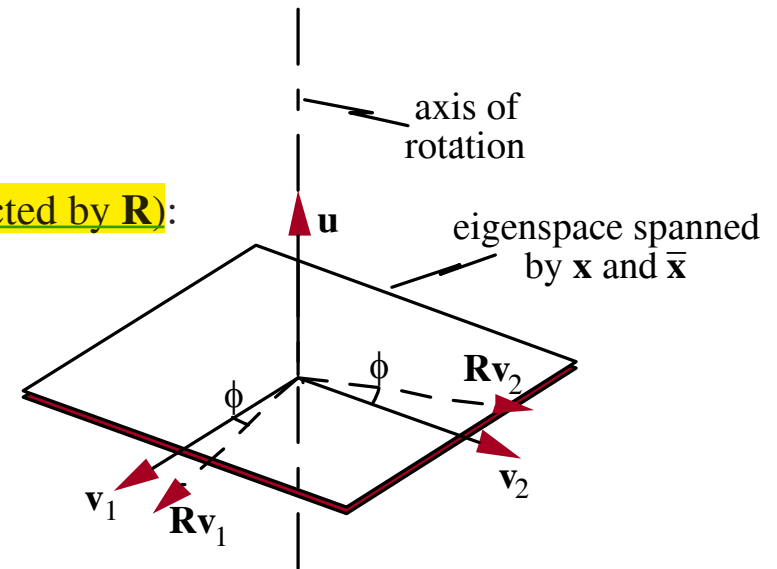
$$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p} = \lambda \mathbf{p}$$

$$|\mathbf{R} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\lambda^3 + \lambda^2(R_{11} + R_{22} + R_{33}) \\ & -\lambda[(R_{22}R_{33} - R_{32}R_{23}) + \\ & (R_{11}R_{33} - R_{13}R_{31}) + (R_{11}R_{22} - R_{12}R_{21})] = 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - \lambda(R_{11} + R_{22} + R_{33} - 1) + 1) = 0$$



Three eigenvalues and eigenvectors are:

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \quad \mathbf{p}_1 = \mathbf{u}$$

$$\lambda_2 = e^{i\phi}, \quad \mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{x}$$

$$\lambda_3 = e^{-i\phi}, \quad \mathbf{p}_3 = \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

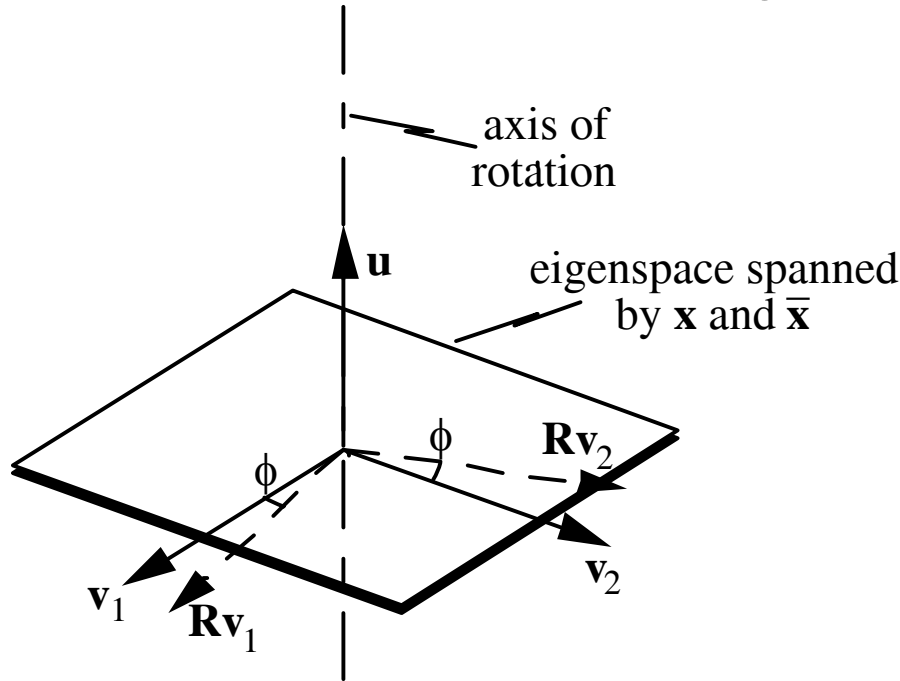
where

$$\cos \phi = \frac{1}{2}(R_{11} + R_{22} + R_{33} - 1)$$



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The Axis/Angle for a Rotation Matrix



$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Rv}_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{Rx} + \mathbf{R}\bar{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_2\mathbf{x} + \lambda_3\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\phi}\mathbf{x} + e^{-i\phi}\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \\ &= \mathbf{v}_1 \cos \phi + \mathbf{v}_2 \sin \phi\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Rv}_2 &= \frac{i}{2}(\mathbf{Rx} - \mathbf{R}\bar{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{i}{2}(\lambda_2\mathbf{x} - \lambda_3\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \\ &= \frac{i}{2}(e^{i\phi}\mathbf{x} - e^{-i\phi}\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \\ &= -\mathbf{v}_1 \sin \phi + \mathbf{v}_2 \cos \phi\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} + \bar{\mathbf{x}}), \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{i}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{v}_1 - i\mathbf{v}_2), \quad \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{v}_1 + i\mathbf{v}_2)$$

$$\left[\mathbf{R} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{u} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{u} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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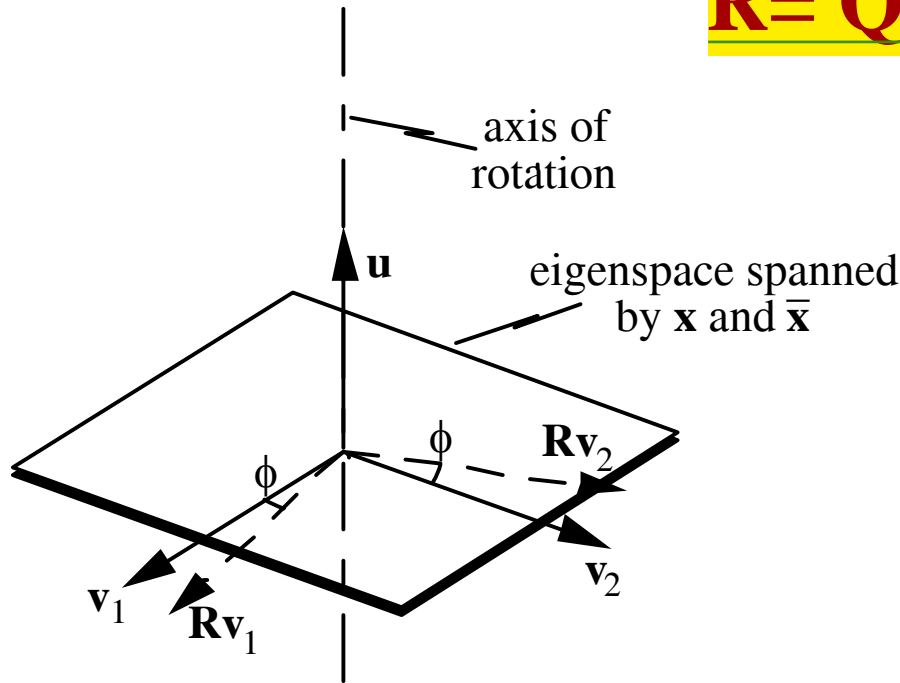
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$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q}^T$$



Define

$${}^F \mathbf{R}_{F'} = \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{u} \end{bmatrix}$$

and look at the displacement in the new reference frame, $\{F'\}$.

Recall

$${}^F \mathbf{A}_G = {}^F \mathbf{A}_A {}^A \mathbf{A}_B ({}^F \mathbf{A}_A)^{-1}$$

$${}^{F'} \mathbf{R}_{M'} = {}^{F'} \mathbf{R}_F {}^F \mathbf{R}_M [{}^{F'} \mathbf{R}_F]^T$$

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} \quad \mathbf{Q}^T \quad \mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{Q}$$

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Any rotation is a left action of $SO(3)$ on a canonical (?) element, $\mathbf{\Lambda}$.

