

Week 2 – Spatial Descriptions & Transformations

Advanced Robotic Systems – MANU2453

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Lectures

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1	24/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Course • Spatial Descriptions & Transformations 			
2	31/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Descriptions & Transformations • Robot Cell Design 			Robot Cell Design Assignment
3	7/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward Kinematics • Inverse Kinematics 			
4	14/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABB Robot Programming via Teaching Pendant • ABB RobotStudio Offline Programming 		ABB RobotStudio Offline Programming	Offline Programming Assignment
5	21/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacobians: Velocities and Static Forces 			
6	28/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manipulator Dynamics 			
7	11/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manipulator Dynamics 		MATLAB Simulink Simulation	
8	18/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robotic Vision 		MATLAB Simulation	Robotic Vision Assignment
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10	2/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trajectory Generation 			
11	9/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linear & Nonlinear Control 		MATLAB Simulink Simulation	
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Content

- Transformation Arithmetic
- More on Representation of Orientation

Recap From Last Lecture

- Description of Mappings involving both Translation and Rotation.

$${}^A P = {}_B^A R \cdot {}^B P + {}^A P_{BORG}$$

- Description of Mappings using “Homogeneous Transform”.

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}_B^A T \cdot \begin{bmatrix} {}^B P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagram illustrating the Homogeneous Transform:

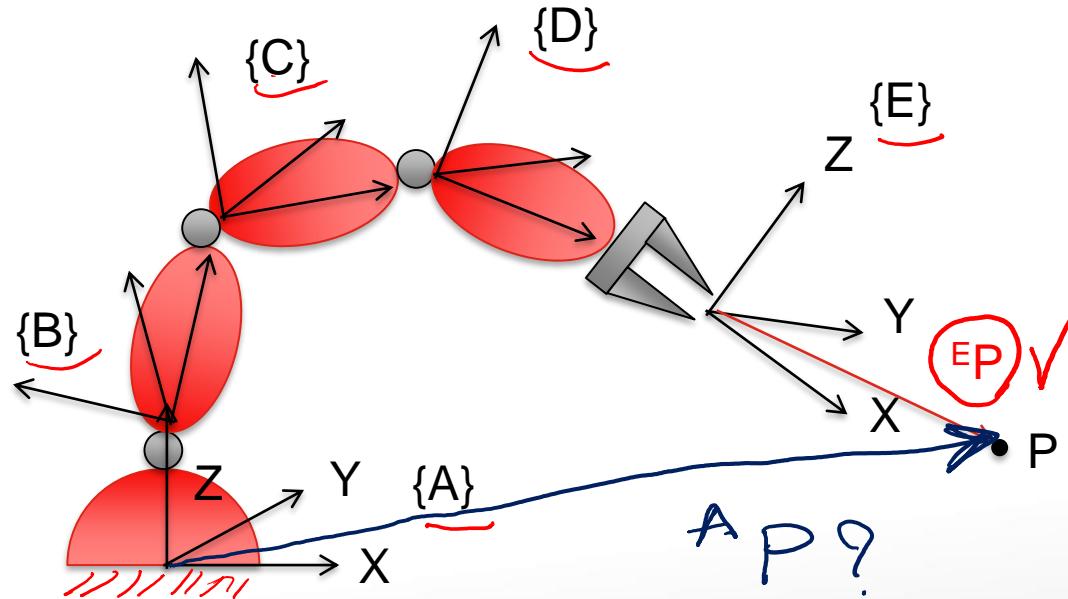
$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}_B^A R & {}^A P_{BORG} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix ${}_B^A T$ is shown as a 2x3 matrix with a dashed line separating the 2x2 rotation/translation part from the 1x1 scaling factor. The rotation part ${}_B^A R$ is circled in red, the translation part ${}^A P_{BORG}$ is circled in red, and the scaling factor 1 is circled in blue. A red arrow points from the first equation to this diagram.

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Compound Transformation

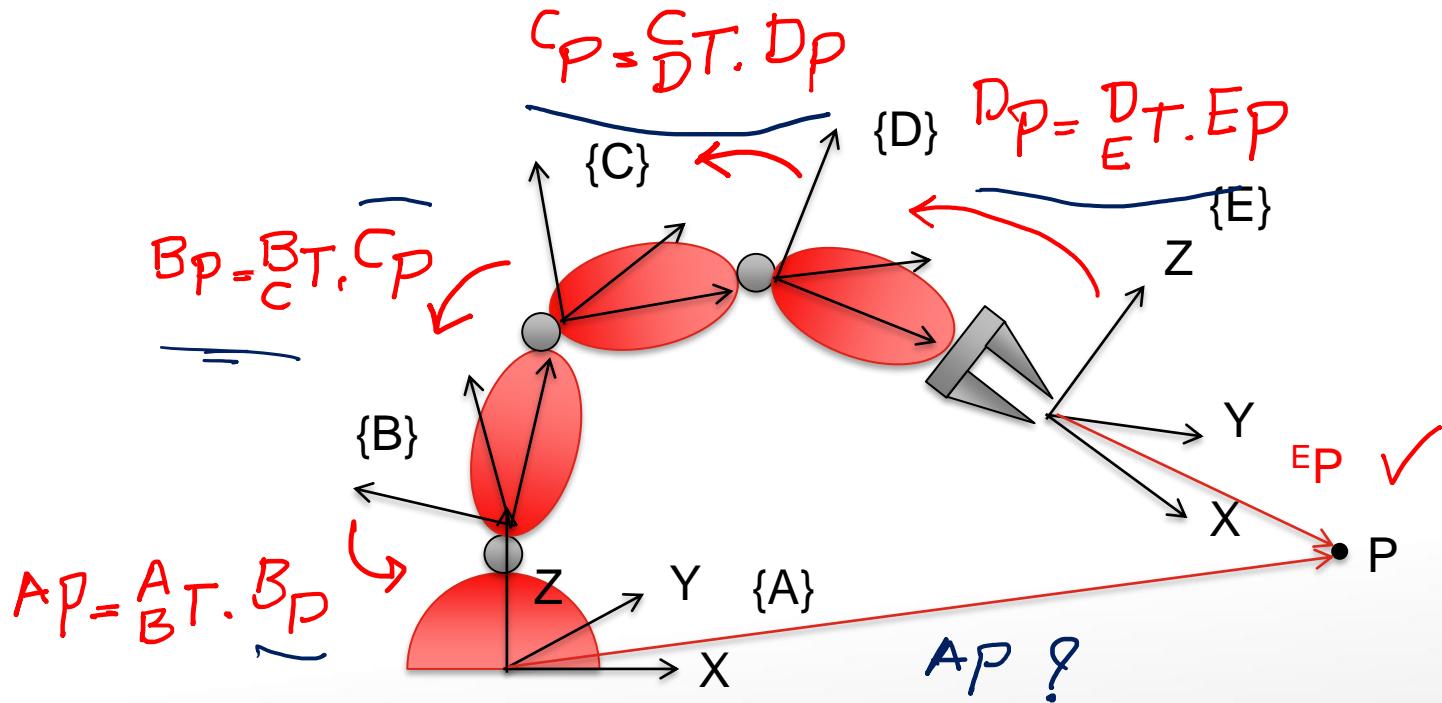
- Robots usually have a few joints and links.



- The coordinate of P in frame {E}, i.e. EP is known.
- {E} relative to {D} is known; {D} relative to {C} is known; {C} relative to {B} is known, and finally {B} relative to {A} is known.
- What is AP ?

Compound Transformation

- The process is straightforward: Do “mapping” step by step.

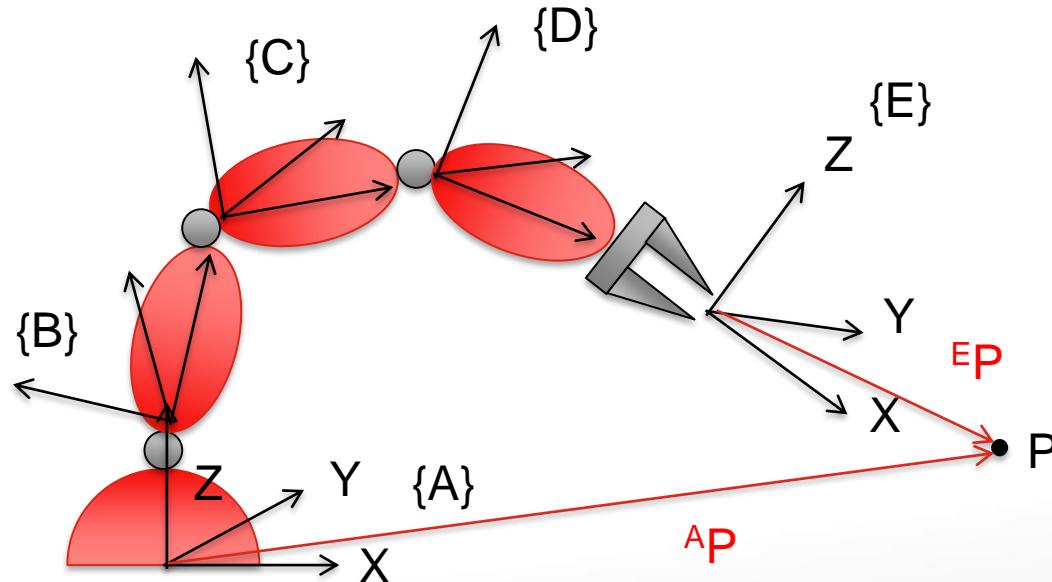


$$A_P = A_T \cdot B_P = A_T \cdot B_T \cdot C_P = A_T \cdot B_T \cdot C_T \cdot D_P = \dots$$

$$A_P = A_T \cdot B_T \cdot C_T \cdot D_T \cdot E_P \checkmark$$

Compound Transformation

- The process is straightforward: Do “mapping” step by step.



- ${}^D P = {}_E^D T \cdot {}^E P$, then ${}^C P = {}_D^C T \cdot {}^D P$, then ${}^B P = {}_C^B T \cdot {}^C P$, and finally ${}^A P = {}_B^A T \cdot {}^B P$.
- Overall, we have:

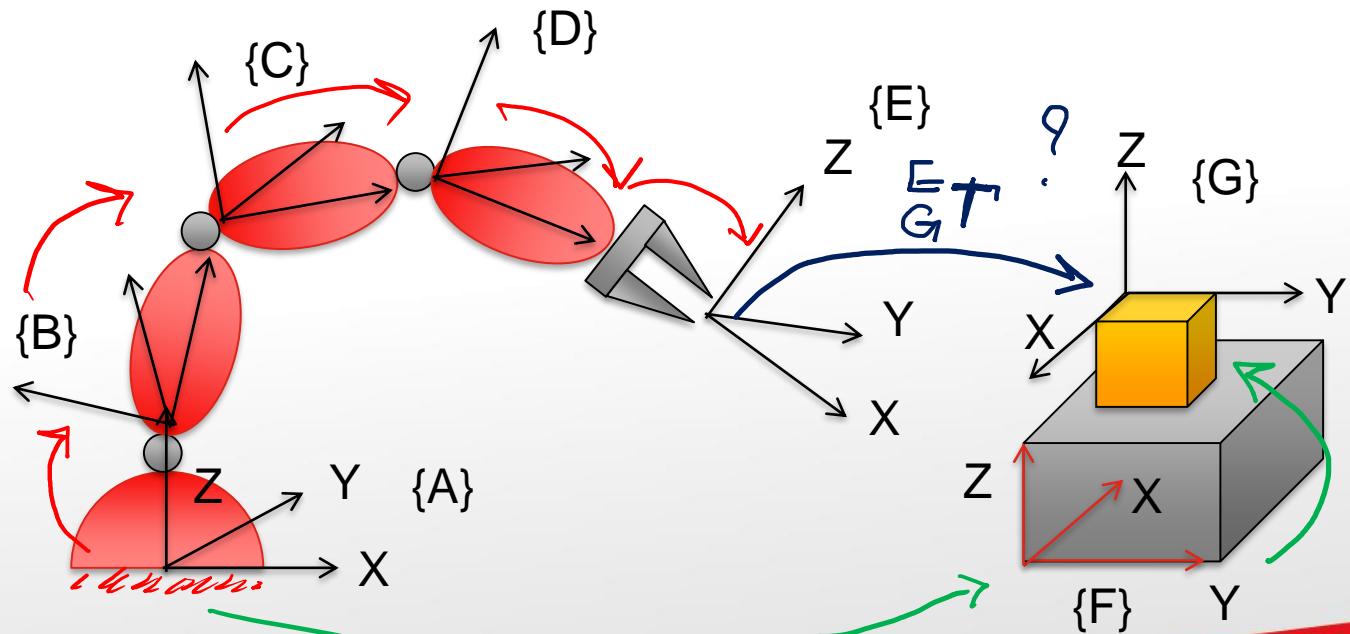
$${}^A P = {}_B^A T \cdot {}^B P = {}_B^A T \cdot {}_C^B T \cdot {}^C P = {}_B^A T \cdot {}_C^B T \cdot {}_D^C T \cdot {}^D P = {}_B^A T \cdot {}_C^B T \cdot {}_D^C T \cdot {}_E^D T \cdot {}^E P$$

- Or:

$${}^A P = {}_B^A T \cdot {}_C^B T \cdot {}_D^C T \cdot {}_E^D T \cdot {}^E P$$

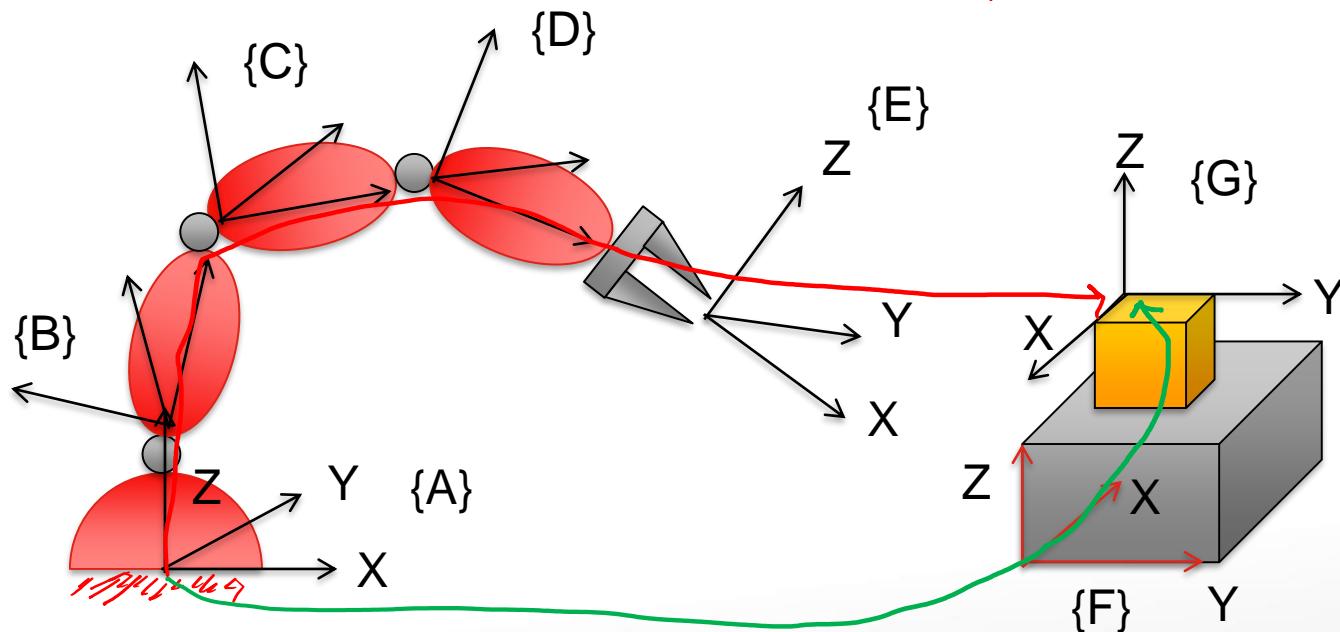
Transform Equations

- In the following figure, assume you know the following:
 - All transformations from robot base to end-effector: ${}^A_B T, {}^B_C T, {}^C_D T, {}^D_E T$
 - Also transformation from robot base to table, and table to object: ${}^A_F T, {}^F_G T$
- Then what is the transform from end-effector to object, i.e. ${}^E_G T$?



Transform Equations

Transformation
upper path = lower Path



$$D_E^T \cdot C_D^{-1} \cdot B_C^{-1} \cdot A_B^{-1} \cdot B_A^{-1} \cdot C_T \cdot D_T \cdot E_T \cdot G_T = \underline{\underline{D_E^{-1} \cdot C_D^{-1} \cdot B_C^{-1} \cdot A_B^{-1} \cdot F_T \cdot G_T}}$$

Inverting a Transformation

- Let's think this through: $\begin{smallmatrix} A \\ B \end{smallmatrix} T^{-1} \rightarrow []_{4 \times 4} \rightarrow \text{Not easy}$

- We know:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^B_A R = {}^A_B R^{-1} = {}^A_B R^T \\ \Rightarrow {}^A_B T^{-1} \neq {}^A_B T^T \end{aligned}$$

$${}^A_B T = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} {}^A_B R & {}^A_B P_{BORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

- What about getting the inverse of $\begin{smallmatrix} A \\ B \end{smallmatrix} T$ \rightarrow inverse

$\begin{smallmatrix} A \\ B \end{smallmatrix} T \rightarrow$ A Trans. from $\{A\}$ to $\{B\}$ $\xrightarrow{{}^A_B T^{-1}}$ A Trans. from $\{B\}$ to $\{A\}$ $\rightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} B \\ A \end{smallmatrix} T$

$$\begin{smallmatrix} A \\ B \end{smallmatrix} T^{-1} = \begin{smallmatrix} B \\ A \end{smallmatrix} T = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \text{BR} & \text{BP} \\ \hline \text{A} & \text{AORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad ?$$

$$\begin{smallmatrix} B \\ A \end{smallmatrix} R - {}^A_B R^{-1} = {}^A_B R^T \rightarrow \text{Known}$$

Inverting a Transformation

- Let's think this through:
- We know:

$${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R & | & {}^A P_{BORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Flipping A & B:

$${}^B_A T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_A R & | & {}^B P_{AORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

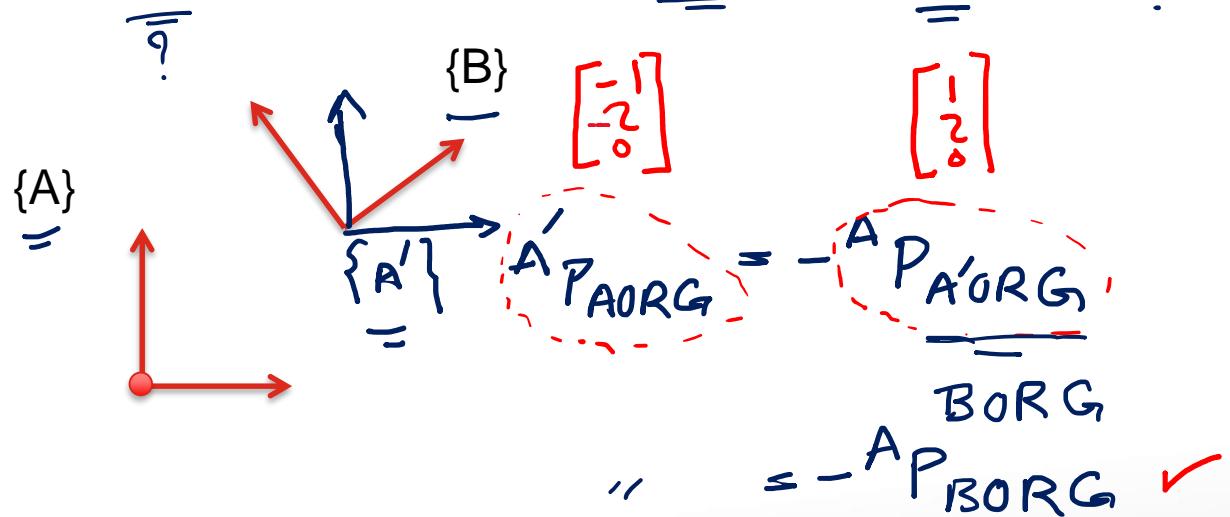
- We already know ${}^A_B R = {}^A_B R^{-1} = {}^A_B R^T$ thus:

$${}^B_A T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R^T & | & {}^B P_{AORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- What about ${}^B P_{AORG}$?

Inverting a Transformation

- Graphical Interpretation: ${}^B P_{AORG}$ means position of A-origin in {B}-frame. ✓ ?

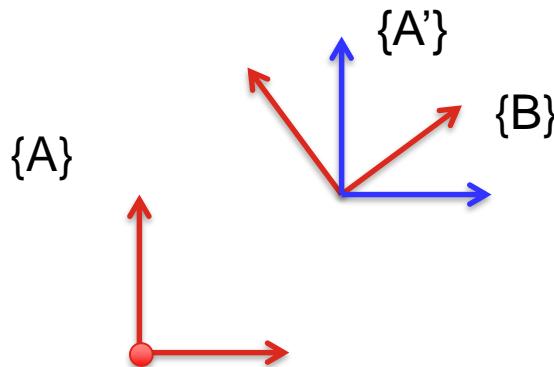


${}^B P_{AORG}$ → mapping with only Rot $\{A'\}$ & $\{B\}$

$${}^B P_{AORG} = \underbrace{{}^{A'} R}_{\substack{\{A'\} \parallel \{A\} \\ \text{ORot}}} \cdot \underbrace{{}^A P_{AORG}}_{{}^A R^T} = \underbrace{{}^A R}_{\substack{\{A\} \\ \{B\}}} \cdot (-{}^A P_{BORG}) = -{}^B R^T \cdot {}^A P_{BORG}$$

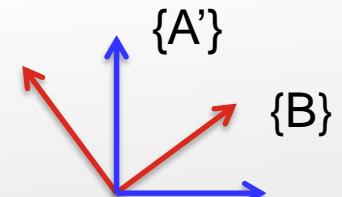
Inverting a Transformation

- It is obvious that ${}^{A'} P_{AORG} = -{}^A P_{A'ORG}$
- e.g. if ${}^A P_{A'ORG} = [1, 2, 0]^T$ then ${}^{A'} P_{AORG} = -[1, 2, 0]^T$



- Finally, we use the formula for “mapping involving rotation only”

$$\begin{aligned} {}^B P_{AORG} &= {}_{A'}^B R \cdot {}^{A'} P_{AORG} \\ &= {}_A^B R \cdot (-{}^A P_{A'ORG}) \\ &= {}_B^A R^T \cdot (-{}^A P_{BORG}) \\ &= -{}_B^A R^T \cdot {}^A P_{BORG} \end{aligned}$$



P_{AORG}

Inverting a Transformation

- Summary:
- Given:

$$\xrightarrow{\quad} {}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R & {}^A P_{BORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} {}^A_B T^{-1}$$

- Then:

$$\xleftarrow{\quad} {}^B_A T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_A R & {}^B P_{AORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R^T & -{}^A_B R^T \cdot {}^A P_{BORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverting a Transformation

- Example: $\{B\}$ is rotated relative to $\{A\}$ about z-axis by 30 degrees, and then translated 4 units in X_A and 3 units in Y_A .

- The description of $\{B\}$ w.r.t. $\{A\}$ is:

$$\stackrel{=}{{}^A_B T} = \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & -0.5 & 0 & | 4 \\ 0.5 & 0.866 & 0 & | 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow {}^A_B T^{-1}$$

4×4

- And the description of $\{A\}$ w.r.t. $\{B\}$ is:

$$\stackrel{A}{B} T^{-1} = \stackrel{B}{A} T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & -0.5 & 0 & | 4 \\ 0.5 & 0.866 & 0 & | 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & -0.5 & 0 & | 4 \\ 0.5 & 0.866 & 0 & | 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\stackrel{B}{A} T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & 0.5 & 0 & -4.964 \\ -0.5 & 0.866 & 0 & -0.598 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\stackrel{A}{B} R^T \cdot \stackrel{A}{P}_{BORG}$

Background (represent an orientation)

- We learnt that to represent an orientation, we could use the 3×3 rotation matrix:

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

= 3x3

3DOF

- Do we really need 9 parameters to describe a rotation in 3D-space?
- It turns out that there are 6 constraints for the 9 numbers:

\rightarrow | $\hat{X}|=1$ | $\hat{Y}|=1$ | $\hat{Z}|=1$ | $\hat{X} \cdot \hat{Y}=0$ | $\hat{X} \cdot \hat{Z}=0$ | $\hat{Y} \cdot \hat{Z}=0$

- Therefore, it is possible to describe orientations with just 3 parameters.

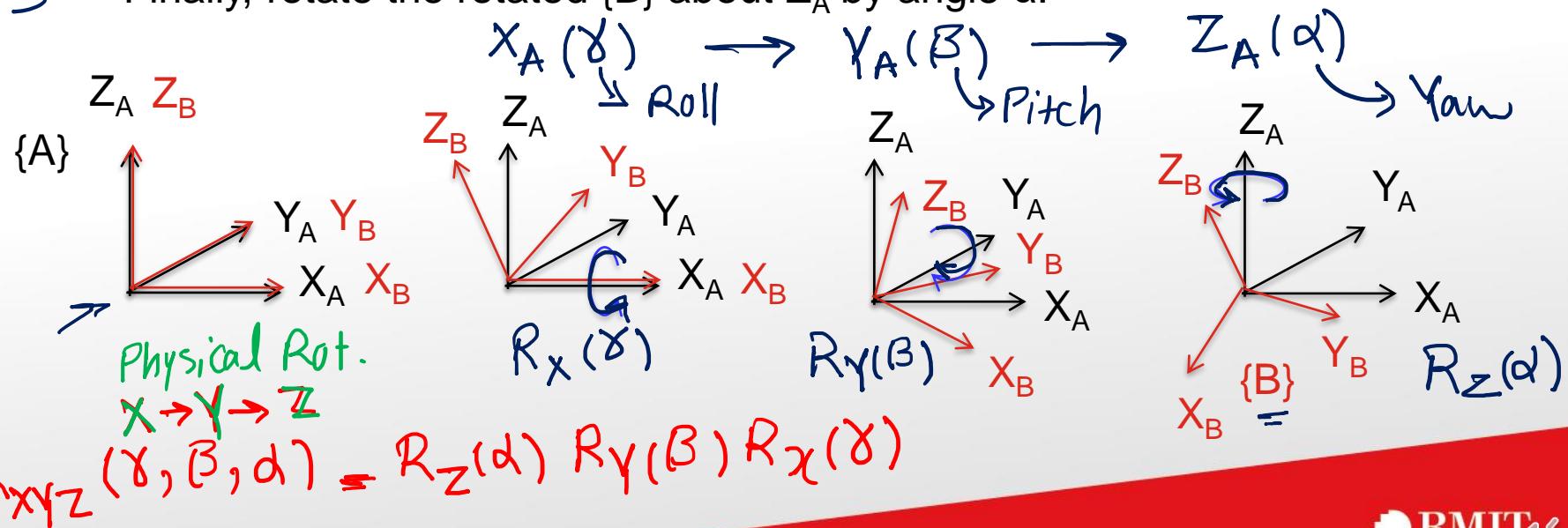
Background



- Question 1: How do we write a 3×3 rotation matrix by specifying 3 (or 4) parameters?
 - Question 2 (inverse): Given a 3×3 rotation matrix, how do we visualize the rotation using just 3 (or 4) parameters?
- 1 • Fixed angles is one of the methods:
- Rotate about one axis of original frame, then rotate about another axis of original frame, and finally rotate about another axis of original frame.
- 2 • Euler angles is another method:
- Rotate about one axis of original frame, then rotate about another axis of rotated frame, and finally rotate about another axis of rotated frame.
- 3 • Equivalent angle-axis is also a widely-used method:
- Rotate about an “effective / resultant” axis.
- 4 • Euler parameters / Quaternion is the final method to be covered.
- Similar to Equivalent angle-axis but avoids singularity. → ?

X-Y-Z Fixed Angles

- Let's first start with the Fixed Angles representation.
 - To describe the orientation of {B}:
 - Start by aligning {B} with {A}.
- First, rotate {B} about X_A by angle γ .
 - Then, rotate the rotated {B} about Y_A by angle β .
 - Finally, rotate the rotated {B} about Z_A by angle α .



X-Y-Z Fixed Angles

- Question 1: Writing the rotation matrix is straightforward:

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^A_B R_{XYZ}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) &= R_Z(\alpha) \cdot R_Y(\beta) \cdot R_X(\gamma) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha & -s\alpha & 0 \\ s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\beta & 0 & s\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\beta & 0 & c\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\gamma & -s\gamma \\ 0 & s\gamma & c\gamma \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} cac\beta & cas\beta s\gamma - sac\gamma & cas\beta c\gamma + sas\gamma \\ sac\beta & sas\beta s\gamma + cac\gamma & sas\beta c\gamma - cas\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & c\beta c\gamma \end{bmatrix} \quad 3 \times 3
 \end{aligned}$$

- Where “c” is the shorthand for cosine, and “s” is the shorthand for sine.

X-Y-Z Fixed Angles

$C \rightarrow \cos \text{ine}$
 $S \rightarrow \sin$

- Question 2: Solve for γ, β, α from the rotation matrix.

$${}^A_B R_{XYZ}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & c\alpha s\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\alpha s\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta c\gamma - c\alpha s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & c\beta c\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$\alpha \rightarrow$
 $\beta \rightarrow$
 $\gamma \rightarrow$

- We see that

$$r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2 = c^2 \alpha^2 c^2 \beta + s^2 \alpha^2 c^2 \beta = c^2 \beta (s^2 \alpha^2 + c^2 \alpha^2) = c^2 \beta$$

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$$c\beta = \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2}$$

$$\tan \beta = \frac{s\beta}{c\beta} = \frac{-r_{31}}{\sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2}} \Rightarrow \beta = \arctan 2(-r_{31}, \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2})$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{s\alpha}{c\alpha} = \frac{r_{21}/c\beta}{r_{11}/c\beta} \Rightarrow \alpha = \arctan 2(r_{21}/c\beta, r_{11}/c\beta)$$

$$\tan \gamma = \frac{s\gamma}{c\gamma} = \frac{r_{32}/c\beta}{r_{33}/c\beta} \Rightarrow \gamma = \arctan 2(r_{32}/c\beta, r_{33}/c\beta)$$

- Can't solve if $c\beta = 0$.

X-Y-Z Fixed Angles

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- We see that $r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2 = c^2 \beta \Rightarrow c\beta = \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2}$

$$\rightarrow \tan \beta = \frac{s\beta}{c\beta} = \frac{-r_{31}}{\sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2}} \Rightarrow \beta = \arctan 2(-r_{31}, \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2})$$

$$\rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{s\alpha}{c\alpha} = \frac{r_{21}/c\beta}{r_{11}/c\beta} \xrightarrow{\text{---}} \infty \Rightarrow \alpha = \arctan 2(r_{21}/c\beta, r_{11}/c\beta)$$

$$\rightarrow \tan \gamma = \frac{s\gamma}{c\gamma} = \frac{r_{32}/c\beta}{r_{33}/c\beta} \xrightarrow{\text{---}} \infty \Rightarrow \gamma = \arctan 2(r_{32}/c\beta, r_{33}/c\beta)$$

- Can't solve if $c\beta = 0 \rightarrow \alpha, \gamma \rightarrow \beta = \pm 90^\circ$

Z-Y-X Euler Angles

- To describe the orientation of {B}:

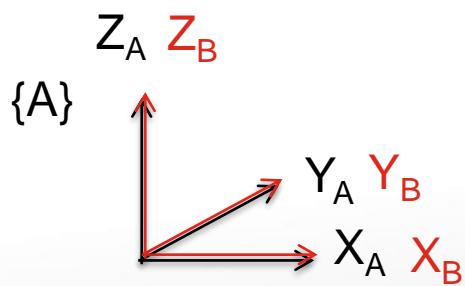
- Start by aligning {B} with {A}.

1 • First, rotate {B} about Z_B by angle α .

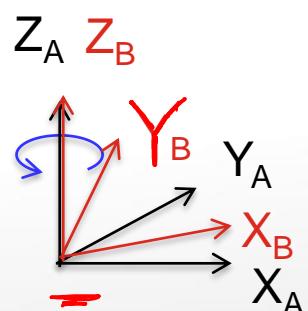
2 • Then, rotate {B} about the new Y_B by angle β .

3 • Finally, rotate {B} about X_B by angle γ .

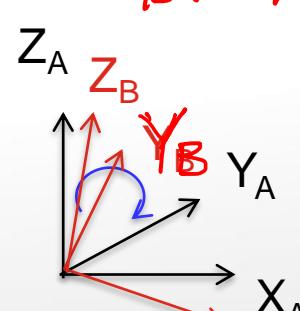
$Y_A(B)$



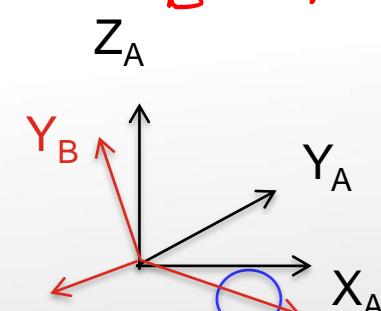
$Z_B(\alpha) \rightarrow$ New $Y_B(\beta) \rightarrow X_B(\gamma)$



$R_Z(\alpha)$



$R_Y(\beta)$



$R_X(\gamma)$

$$R_{ZYX} = R_Z(\alpha) R_Y(\beta) R_X(\gamma) *$$

Z-Y-X Euler Angles

- Question 1: Writing the rotation matrix is done as follows:
- Using the rotation of the intermediate frames, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^A_B R_{Z'Y'X'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) &= R_Z(\alpha) \cdot R_Y(\beta) \cdot R_X(\gamma) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha & -s\alpha & 0 \\ s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\beta & 0 & s\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\beta & 0 & c\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\gamma & -s\gamma \\ 0 & s\gamma & c\gamma \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & c\alpha s\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\alpha s\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta c\gamma - c\alpha s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & c\beta c\gamma \end{bmatrix} \quad *
 \end{aligned}$$

- The result is the same as having three rotations taken **in the opposite order about fixed axis!!**
- Question 2: Same as X-Y-Z Fixed Angles.

Fixed Angles & Euler Angles

- We learnt about X-Y-Z fixed angles and Z-Y-X Euler angles.
- In fact, we can have 24 combinations of them:

? Yes

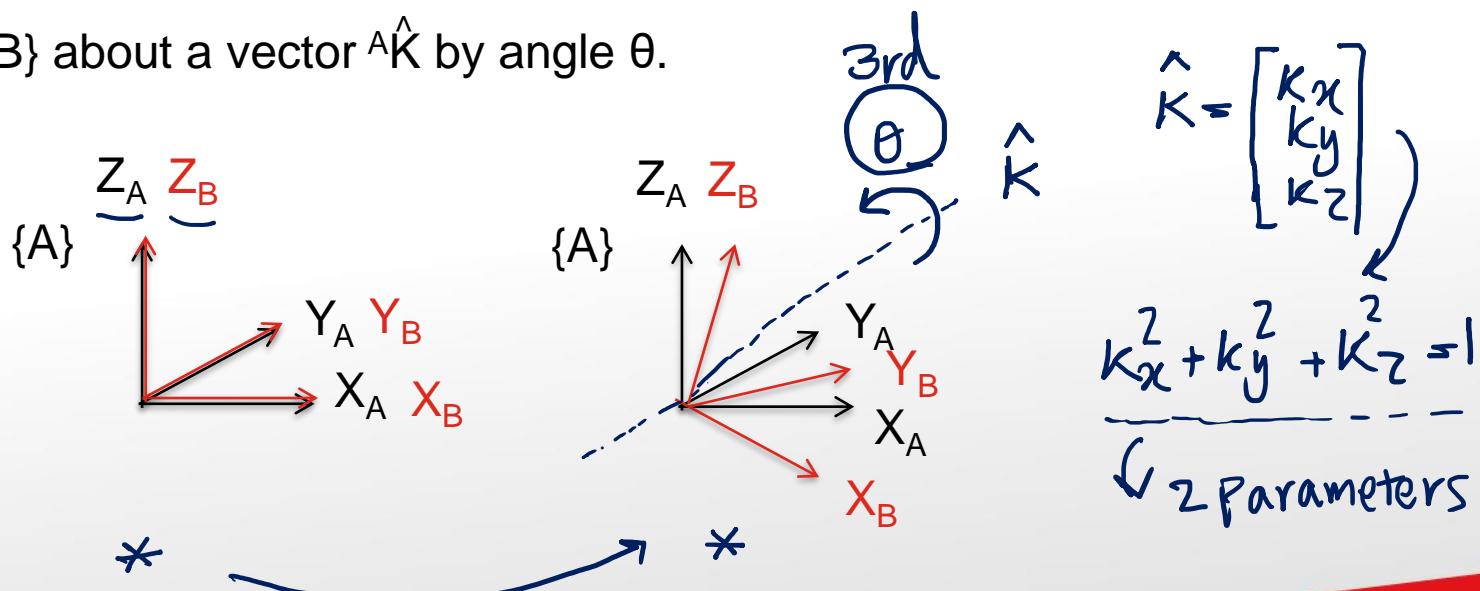
→ Fixed Angles 12	Euler Angles 12
X-Y-Z *	Z'-Y'-X' *
X-Z-Y	Y'-Z'-X'
Y-X-Z	Z'-X'-Y'
Y-Z-X (4)	X'-Z'-Y' (4)
Z-X-Y	Y'-Z'-Y' (30)
Z-Y-X	Z'-X'-Z'
Z-Y-Z	Z'-Y'-Z'

order
Rot

- However, remember the equivalence of fixed angles and Euler angles (opposite orders). Therefore there are actually only 12 different sets.

Equivalent Angle-Axis

- Equivalent Angle-Axis representation is another way of looking at the rotation matrix.
- Any rotation may be obtained through one proper axis and angle. 3
- To describe the orientation of {B}:
 - Start by aligning {B} with {A}.
 - Rotate {B} about a vector \hat{K} by angle θ .



Equivalent Angle-Axis

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -k_z & k_y \\ k_z & 0 & -k_x \\ -k_y & k_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Question 1: The equivalent rotation matrix is given by:

$$\hat{k}, \theta \rightarrow R_K(\theta) = I + (\sin\theta) K + (1-\cos\theta) K^2$$

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

- Where “c” is the shorthand for cosine, “s” is the shorthand for sine, and:

$$v\theta = 1 - \cos\theta$$



CO → Cosine
SO → Sine

Equivalent Angle-Axis

- Question 2: To obtain the parameters ${}^A \hat{K} = [k_x \ k_y \ k_z]^T$ and θ from a rotation matrix:

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

- The solution is:

$$(k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2) v\theta + 3c\theta = r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33}$$

$$1 - c\theta + 3c\theta =$$

$$\theta = \arccos \left(\frac{r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} - 1}{2} \right)$$

$$\hat{K} = \begin{bmatrix} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2\sin\theta} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

Equivalent Angle-Axis

- Question 2: To obtain the parameters ${}^A\hat{K} = [k_x \ k_y \ k_z]^T$ and θ from a rotation matrix:
- The solution is:

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} - 1}{2}\right)$$

$$\hat{K} = \frac{1}{2\sin\theta} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

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0, 180

- Note: This solution always gives θ between 0 and 180 degrees. $0 < \theta < 180$
- For any $({}^A\hat{K}, \theta)$ there is another pair, $(-{}^A\hat{K}, -\theta)$ which gives the same rotation.
- Also note: The solution fails if $\theta = 0$ or $\theta = 180$ degrees.

$$\theta = 0$$

$$\theta = 180$$

Singularity

Euler Parameters / Quaternions

3 methods (3 Param.)

Singularity

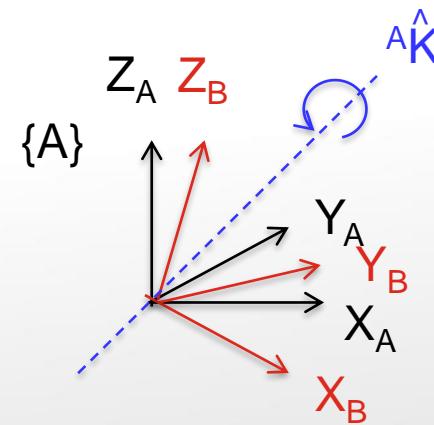
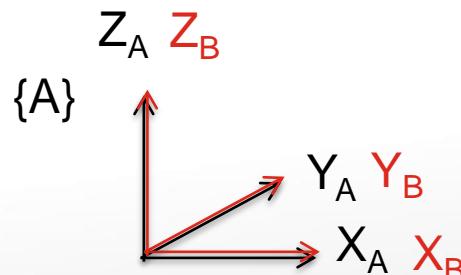
- We saw that in all previous methods with 3 parameters, there will be cases where no solutions to Question 2 can be found.
- To tackle this issue, we need to increase the number of parameters to 4.
- Euler parameters (also called Quaternions) is one such representation:
 - From the equivalent angle-axis representation, calculate the following Euler parameters:

$$\xi_1 = k_x \sin(\theta/2)$$

$$\xi_2 = k_y \sin(\theta/2)$$

$$\xi_3 = k_z \sin(\theta/2)$$

$$\xi_4 = \cos(\theta/2)$$

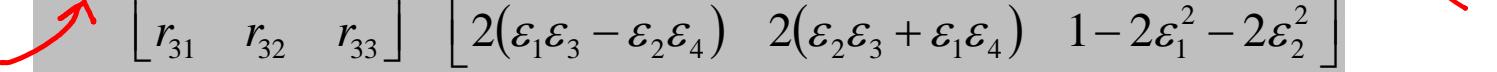


- The parameters are not independent, and satisfy:

$$\rightarrow \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \xi_3^2 + \xi_4^2 = 1$$

Euler Parameters / Quaternions

- Question 1: The rotation matrix R , consisting of Euler parameters, is:

$$R_{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2\varepsilon_2^2 - 2\varepsilon_3^2 & 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3\varepsilon_4) & 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_2\varepsilon_4) \\ 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3\varepsilon_4) & 1 - 2\varepsilon_1^2 - 2\varepsilon_3^2 & 2(\varepsilon_2\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_4) \\ 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2\varepsilon_4) & 2(\varepsilon_2\varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_4) & 1 - 2\varepsilon_1^2 - 2\varepsilon_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$


Euler Parameters / Quaternions

- Question 2: To calculate the Euler parameters from a given rotation matrix R , note that:

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$$r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} = 3 - 4(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \xi_3^2)$$

$$\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \xi_3^2 = 1 - \xi_4^2 \Rightarrow r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} = 3 - 4(1 - \xi_4^2)$$

$$\therefore = -1 + 4\xi_4^2$$

R_{ε}

$$\xi_4 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33}}$$

$$\xi_1 = \frac{r_{32} - r_{23}}{4\xi_4}, \quad \xi_2 = \frac{r_{13} - r_{31}}{4\xi_4}, \quad \xi_3 = \frac{r_{21} - r_{12}}{4\xi_4}$$

Euler Parameters / Quaternions

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- Therefore: $\varepsilon_4 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33}}$
- Substituting this back into R_{ε} , we can obtain:

$$\rightarrow \quad \varepsilon_1 = \frac{r_{32} - r_{23}}{4\varepsilon_4} \quad \varepsilon_2 = \frac{r_{13} - r_{31}}{4\varepsilon_4} \quad \varepsilon_3 = \frac{r_{21} - r_{12}}{4\varepsilon_4}$$

$\varepsilon_4 \neq 0$

Euler Parameters / Quaternions

- It seems like there is still singularity when $\varepsilon_4 = 0$, or equivalently when $\theta = 180$ degrees!!
- However: All the expressions remain finite due to their definition, which is:

$$\varepsilon_1 = k_x \sin(\theta/2) \quad \varepsilon_2 = k_y \sin(\theta/2) \quad \varepsilon_3 = k_z \sin(\theta/2) \quad \varepsilon_4 = \cos(\theta/2)$$

- There is also another way out of this problem: If $\varepsilon_4 = 0$, we can always look for another ε_i to be the denominator.
- E.g. If we want to use ε_1 as denominator, then:

$\xi_1 \rightarrow r_{11} - r_{22} - r_{33} = -1 + 4\varepsilon_1^2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + r_{11} - r_{22} - r_{33}} \rightarrow \xi_2 \xi_3 \xi_4$

\rightarrow • Or ε_2 : $-r_{11} + r_{22} - r_{33} = -1 + 4\varepsilon_2^2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - r_{11} + r_{22} - r_{33}} \rightarrow \xi_1 \xi_3 \xi_4$

\rightarrow • Or ε_3 : $-r_{11} - r_{22} + r_{33} = -1 + 4\varepsilon_3^2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_3 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - r_{11} - r_{22} + r_{33}} \rightarrow$

- Substitute one of these and calculate the other ε 's.

Equivalent Angle-Axis

- Example: A frame {B} which is initially coincident with {A} is rotated about the vector ${}^A\mathbf{K} = [0.707 \ 0.707 \ 0]^T$ (passing through the origin) by 30 degrees. What is the frame description of {B}?

- Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} v\theta &= 1 - \cos\theta \\ &= 1 - 0.866 \\ &= 0.134 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_K(\theta) &= \begin{bmatrix} k_x k_x v\theta + c\theta & k_x k_y v\theta - k_z s\theta & k_x k_z v\theta + k_y s\theta \\ k_x k_y v\theta + k_z s\theta & k_y k_y v\theta + c\theta & k_y k_z v\theta - k_x s\theta \\ k_x k_z v\theta - k_y s\theta & k_y k_z v\theta + k_x s\theta & k_z k_z v\theta + c\theta \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.707^2 \times 0.134 + 0.866 & 0.707^2 \times 0.134 & 0.707 \times 0.5 \\ 0.707^2 \times 0.134 & 0.707^2 \times 0.134 + 0.866 & -0.707 \times 0.5 \\ -0.707 \times 0.5 & 0.707 \times 0.5 & 0.866 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.933 & 0.067 & 0.354 \\ 0.067 & 0.933 & -0.354 \\ -0.354 & 0.354 & 0.866 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- The frame is:

$${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.933 & 0.067 & 0.354 & 0 \\ 0.067 & 0.933 & -0.354 & 0 \\ -0.354 & 0.354 & 0.866 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Tutorial Assignments

- **Question 1:**

- A vector ${}^A P$ is rotated about Z_A by θ degrees.
- It is subsequently rotated about X_A by Φ degrees.
- Give the rotation matrix that accomplishes these rotations in the specified order.

Tutorial Assignments

- **Question 2:**

- A vector ${}^A P$ is rotated about Y_A by 30 degrees.
- It is subsequently rotated about X_A by 45 degrees.
- Give the rotation matrix that accomplishes these rotations in the specified order.

Tutorial Assignments

- **Question 3:**

- A frame $\{B\}$ is originally coincident with frame $\{A\}$.
- We first rotate $\{B\}$ about Z_B by θ degrees.
- Then we rotate the resulting frame about X_B by Φ degrees.
- Give the rotation matrix that will change the descriptions of vectors from $^B P$ to $^A P$.

Tutorial Assignments

- **Question 4:**
 - The axis of a particular rotation is $K = [2, 1, 2]$. (NOTE: this is not yet a unit vector).
 - This axis passes through the origin.
 - The angle of rotation is 45 degrees.
 - Derive the rotation matrix based on equivalent angle-axis representation.

- **Question 5:**
 - For the same rotations as in Question 4, derive the rotation matrix based on Euler parameters.

Tutorial Assignments

- **Question 6:**

- A rotation matrix is given by:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8373 & -0.4063 & 0.3659 \\ 0.5365 & 0.7397 & -0.4063 \\ -0.1055 & 0.5365 & 0.8373 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Find out all the parameters in terms of:
 - X-Y-Z fixed angles
 - Z-Y-X Euler angles
 - Equivalent Angle-Axis representation
 - Euler parameters

Tutorial Assignments

- **Question 7:**

- The following frame definitions are given as known.

$$\begin{aligned} {}^U_A T &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & -0.5 & 0 & 11 \\ 0.5 & 0.866 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & {}^B_A T &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.866 & -0.5 & 10 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0.866 & -20 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$${}^C_U T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & -0.5 & 0 & -3 \\ 0.433 & 0.75 & -0.5 & -3 \\ 0.25 & 0.433 & 0.866 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solve for: ${}^B_C T$

Tutorial Assignments

- **Question 8:**
 - For sufficiently small rotations so that the approximations $\sin \theta = \theta$
 $\cos \theta = 1$ $\theta^2 = 0$
 - Derive the rotation matrix equivalent to a rotation of θ about a general axis, \hat{K}
 - Show that two infinitesimal rotations commute (i.e. the order in which the rotations are performed is not important).

Thank you!

Have a good evening.

