

Axis-Angle Rotation and Quaternions

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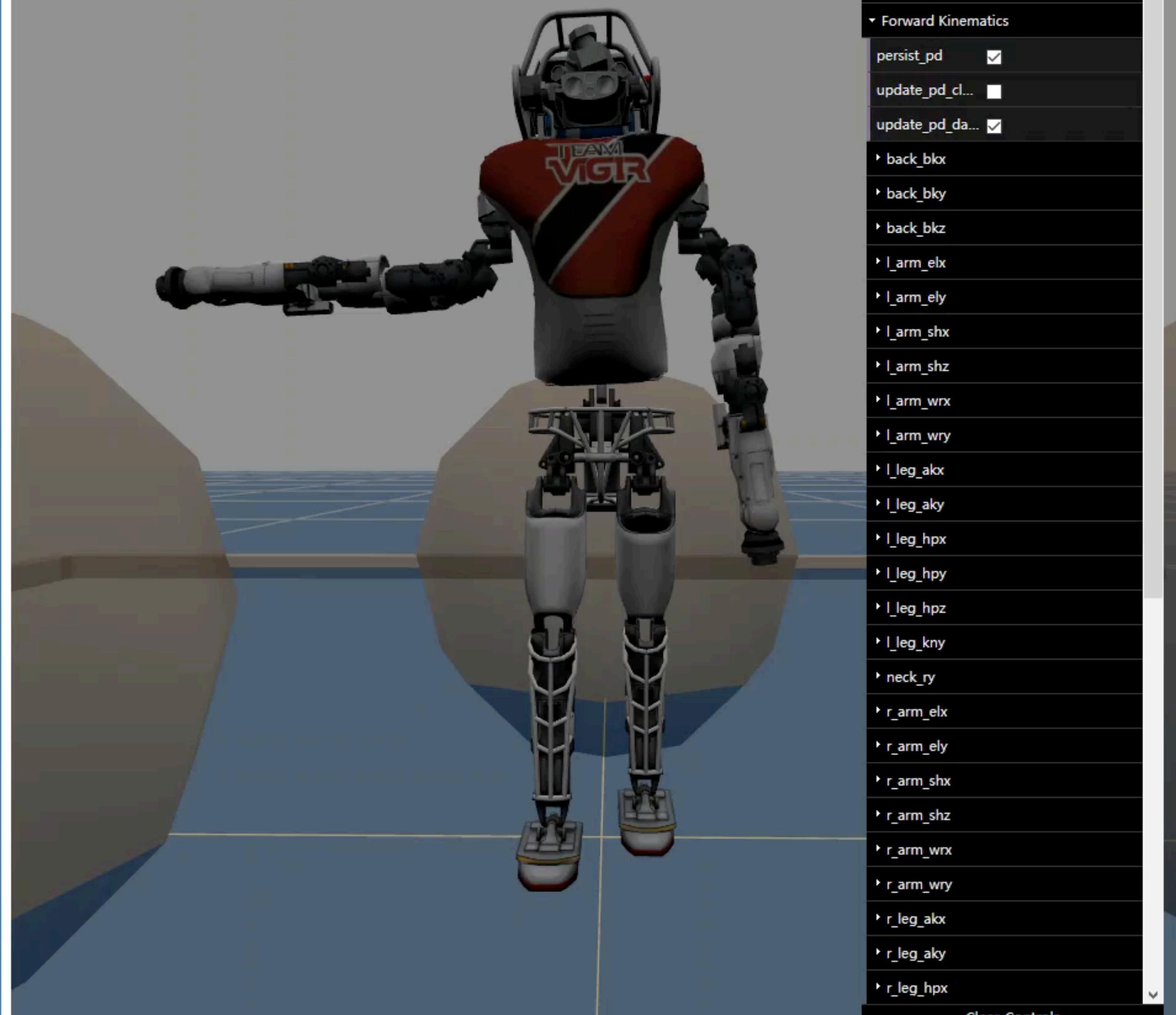
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joint servo controller has been invoked
executing dance routine, pose 1 of 36



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Can your robot do better?

(Assignment 4 is coming...)

Forward Kinematics

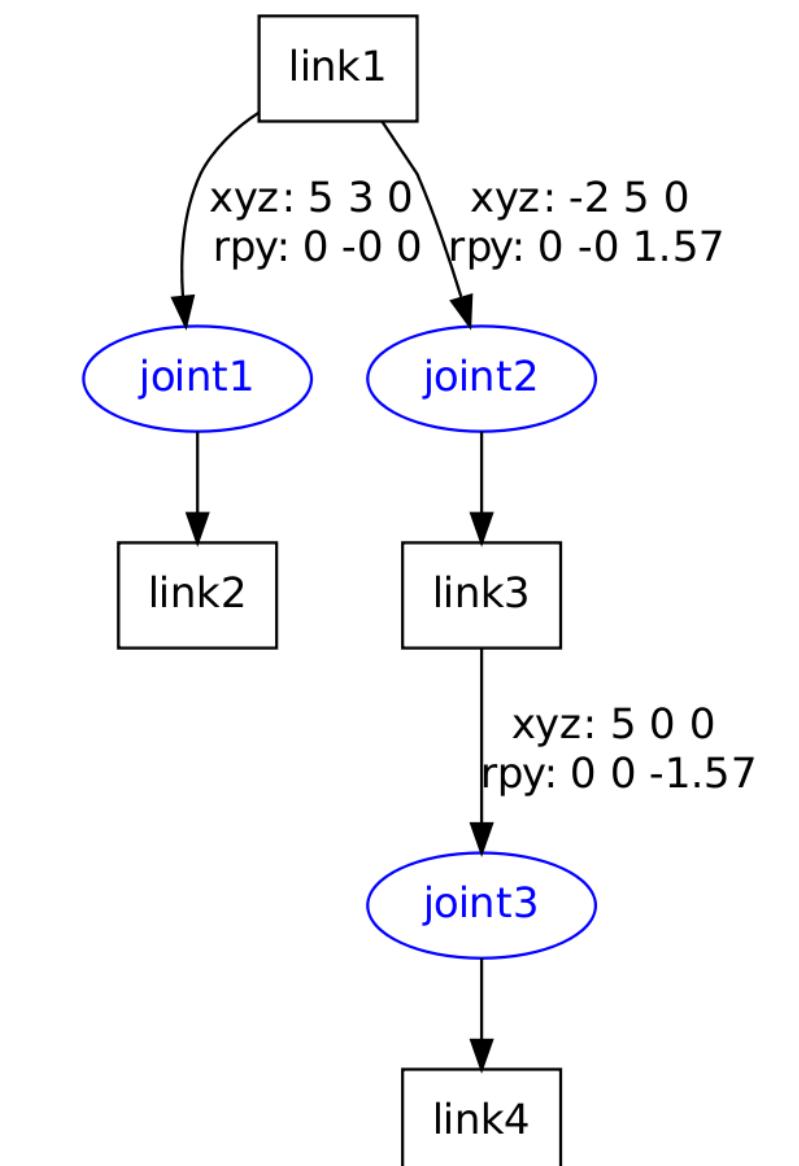
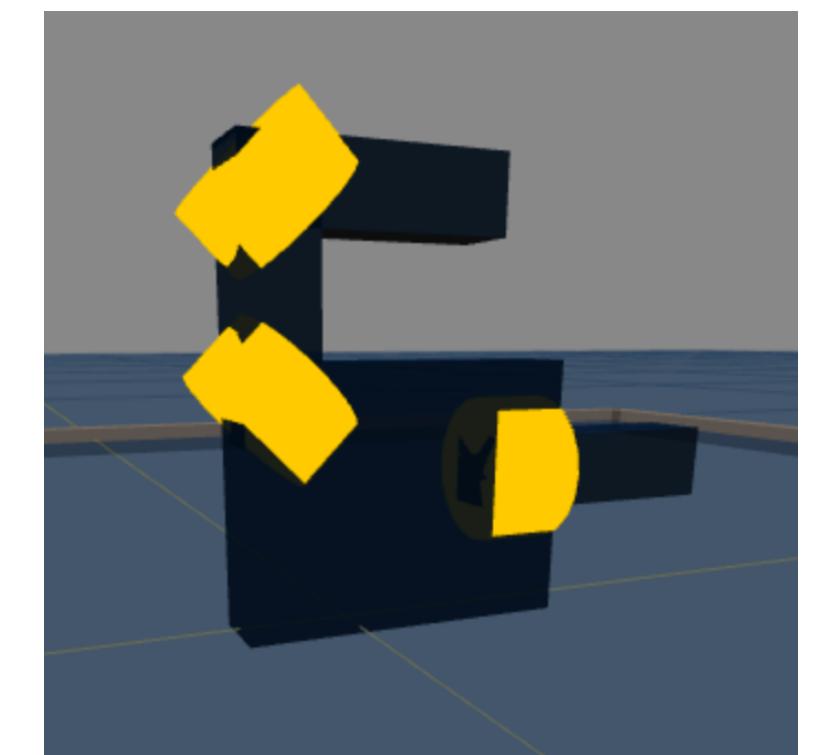
Infer: pose of each joint and link in a common world workspace

Lecture 7

- 1) How to represent homogeneous transforms?
- 2) How to compute transform to endeffector?

Assuming as given the:

- geometry of each link
- robot's kinematic definition



- **current state of all joints** This lecture
- reactive control for choreography Next lecture

Hierarchies of Transforms

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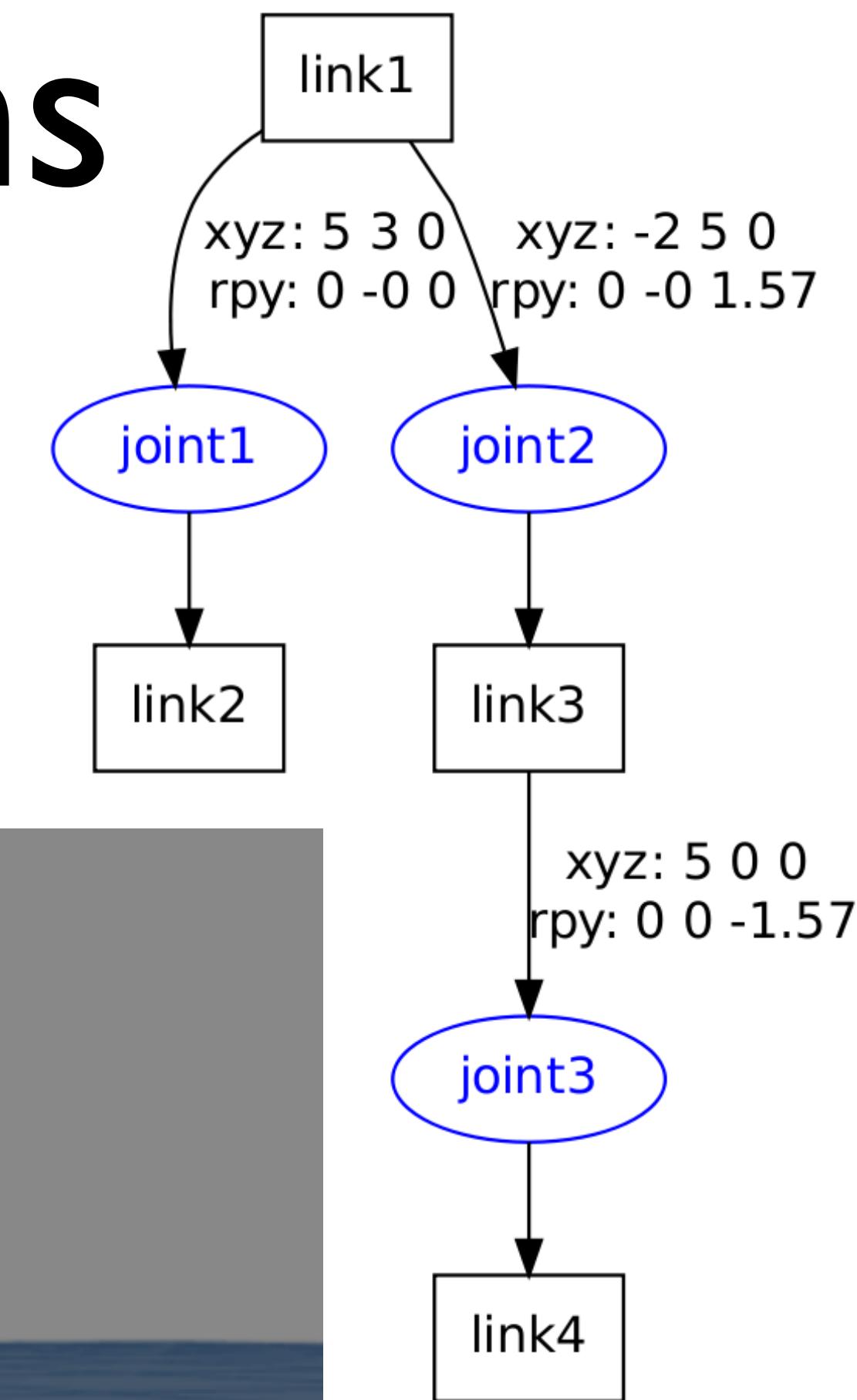
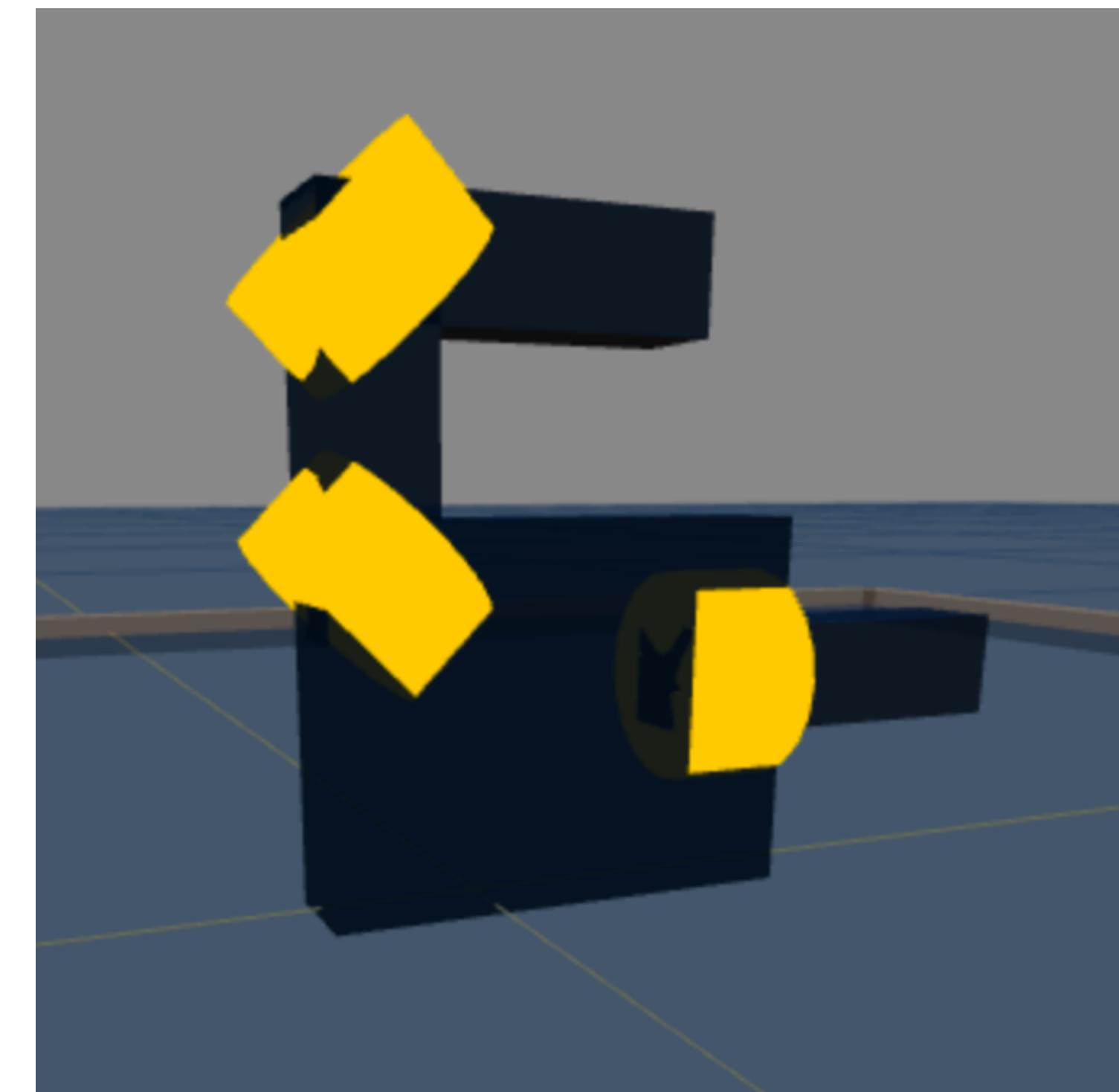
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URDF defines kinematics of a robot

includes axis for each joint



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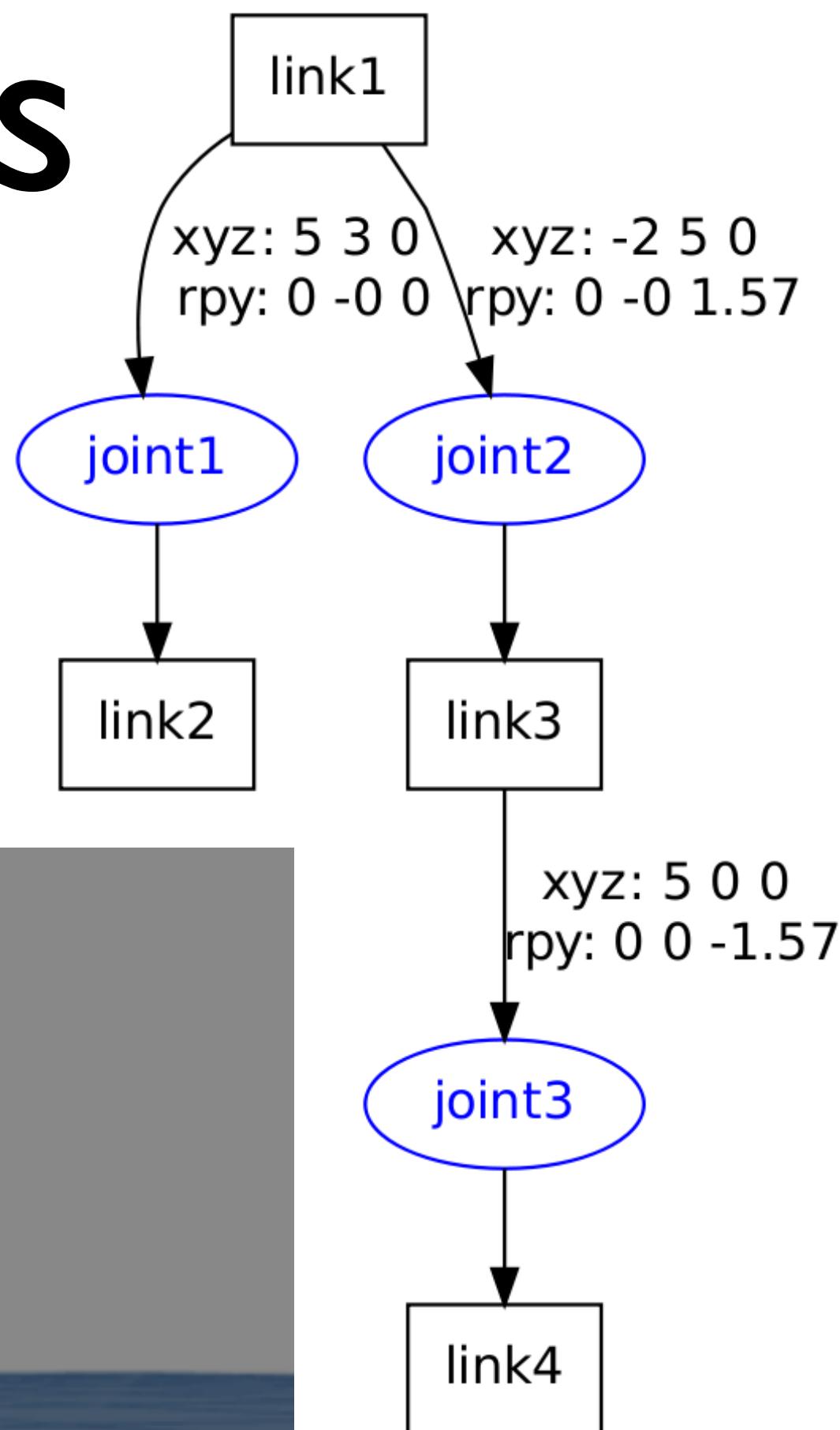
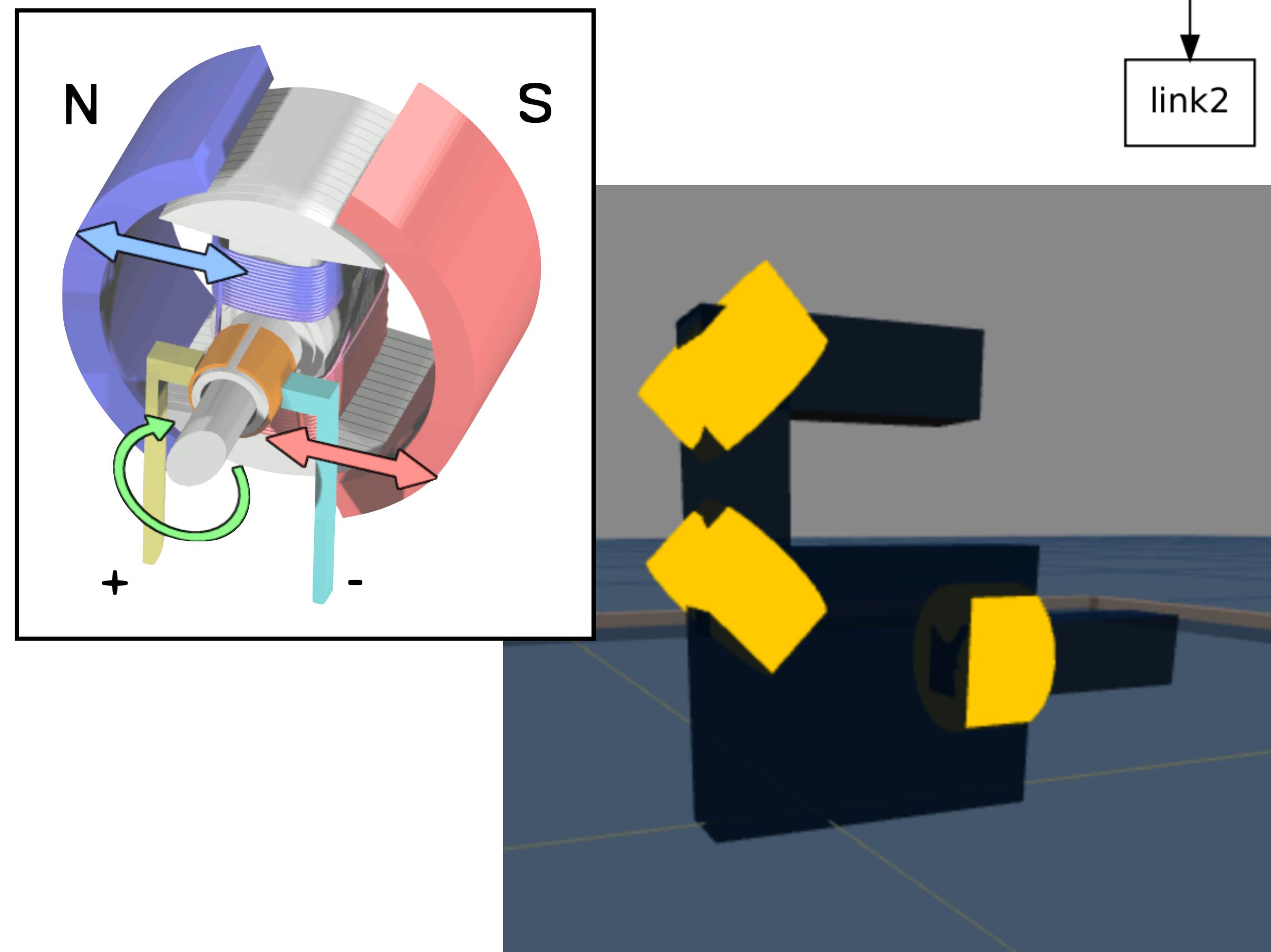
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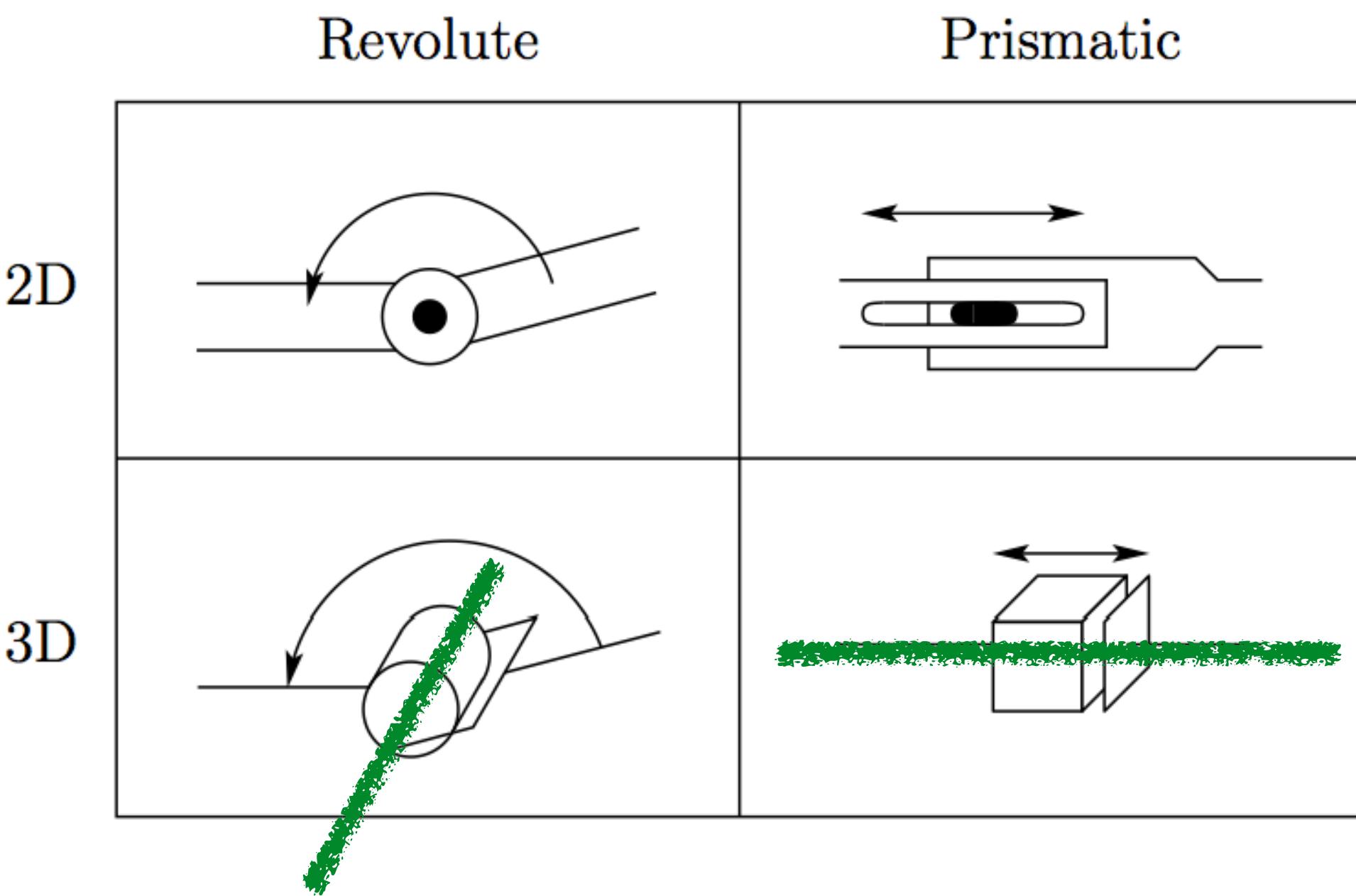
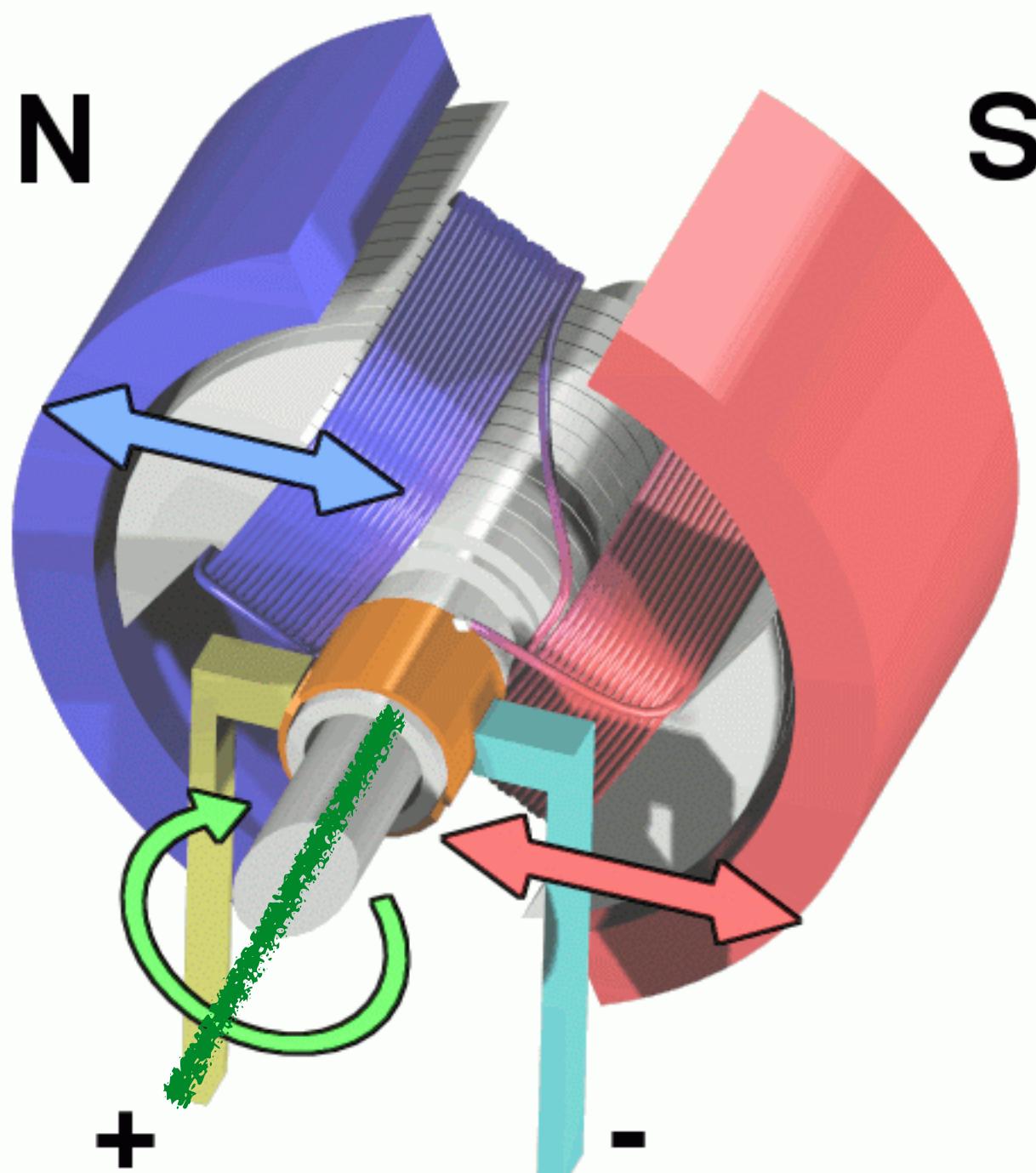
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each axis is a DOF that can
be moved by a motor



Brushed DC Motor

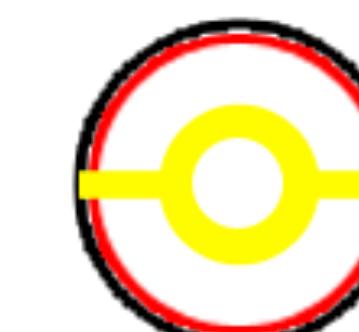


Motor axis in 3D could be placed in any direction

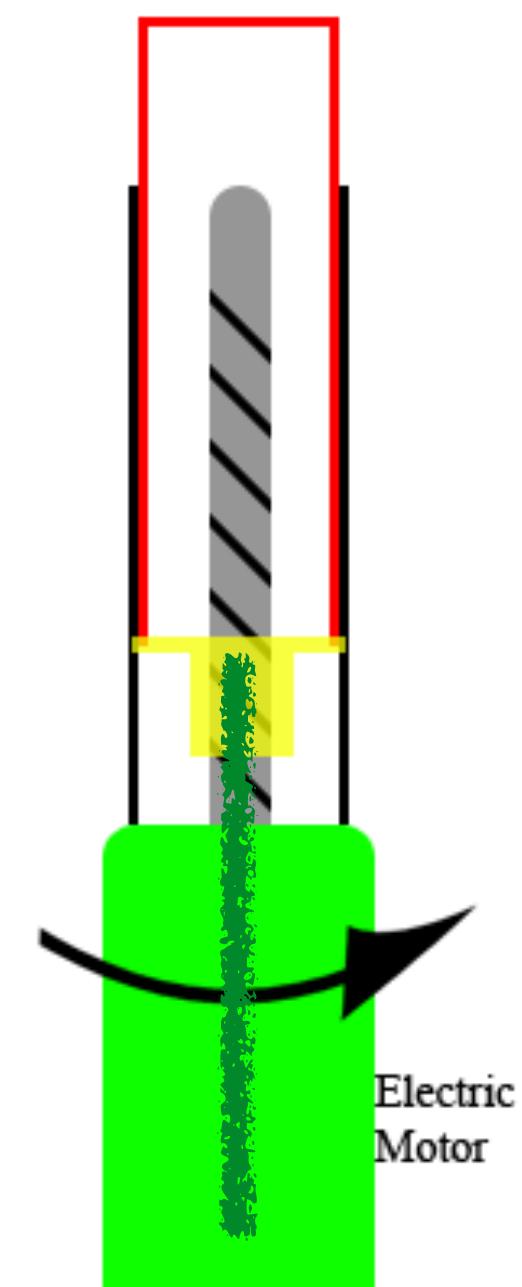
Linear actuator
with rotational motor

- █ Nut
- █ Fixed Cover
- █ Sliding tube

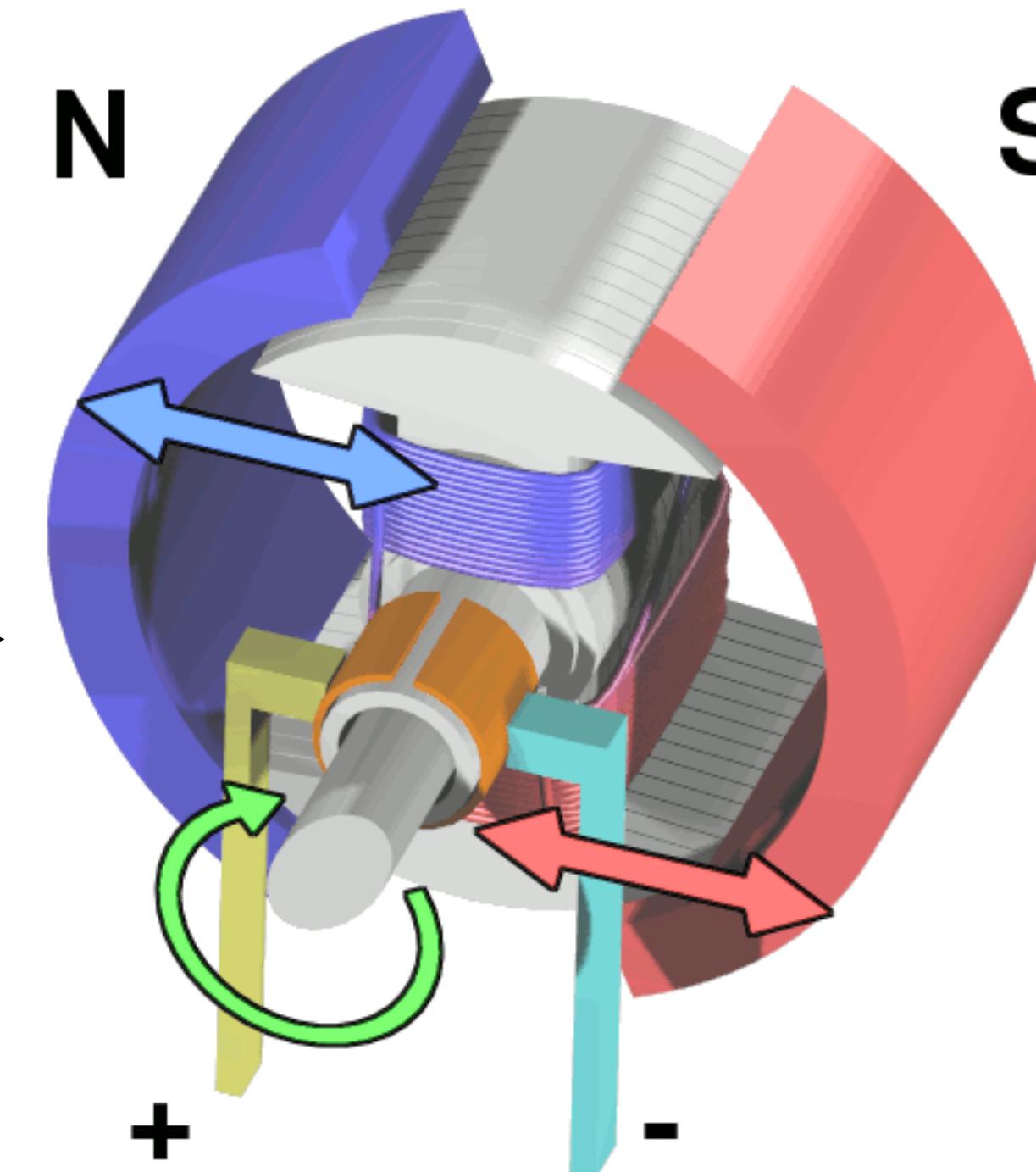
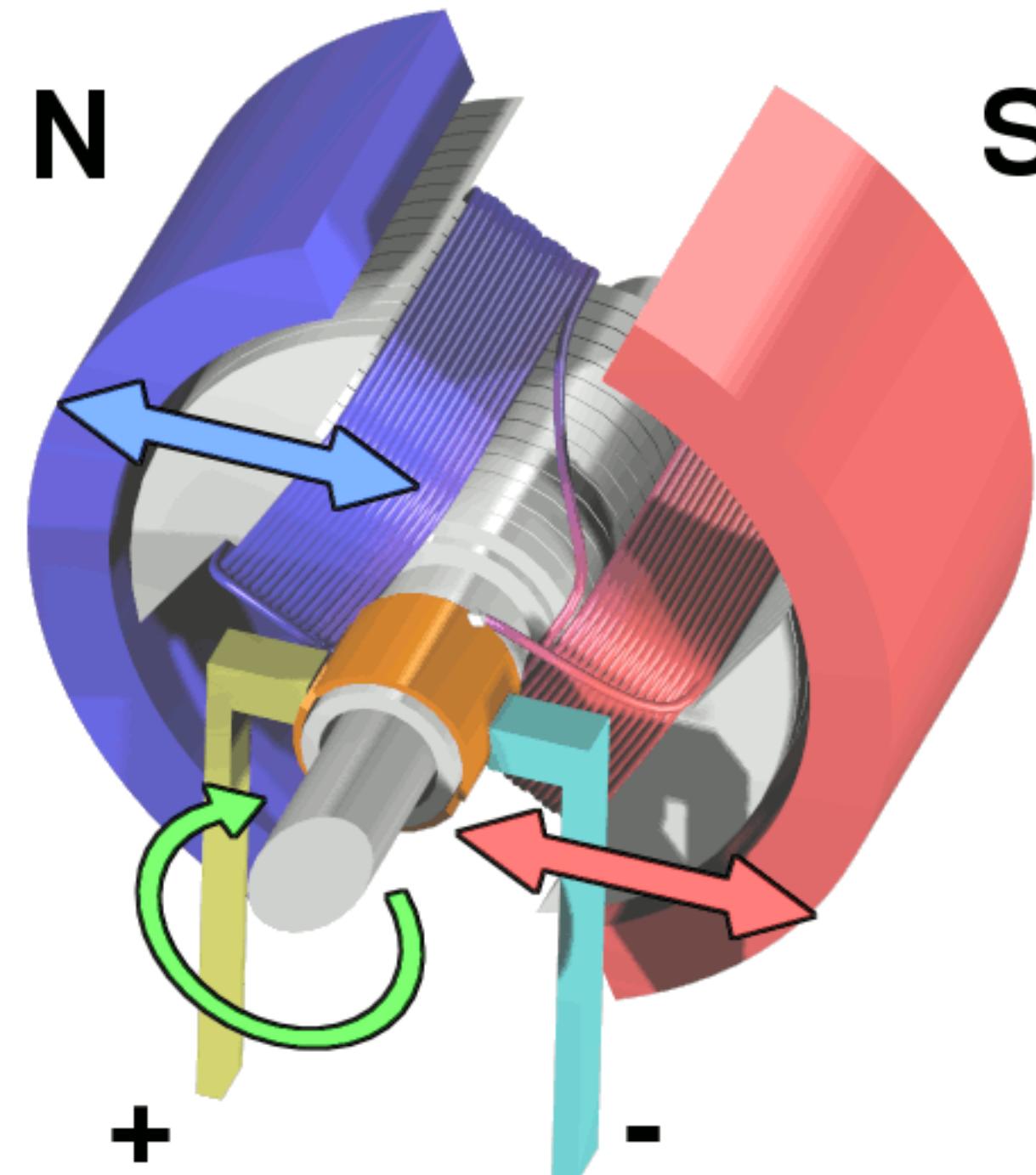
Yellow nut interlocks with black tube to prevent the nut/red tube assembly from rotating with respect to the black tube.



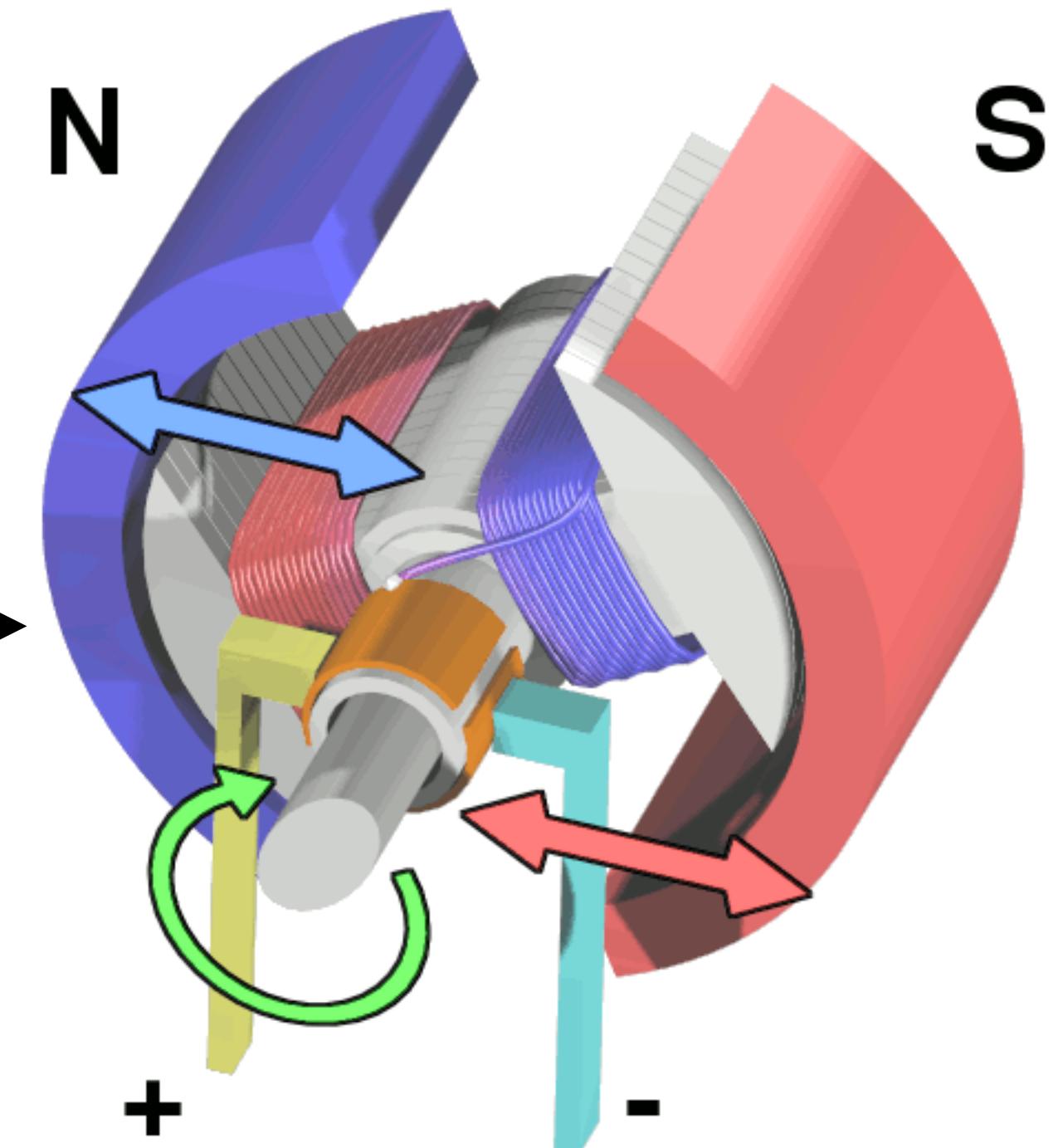
Bottom View
(not including motor)



Magnets repel

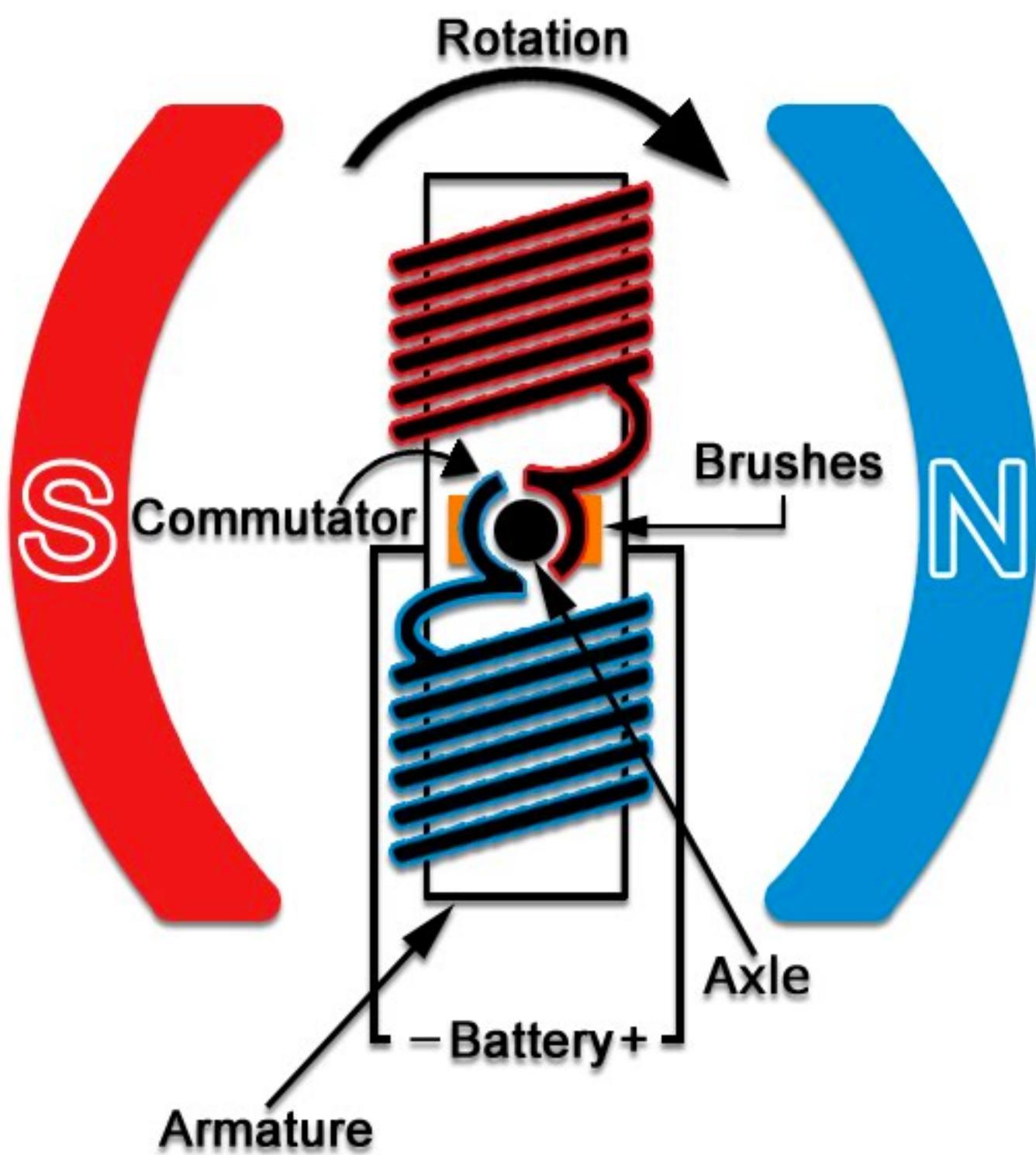


Magnets attracted
to equilibrium



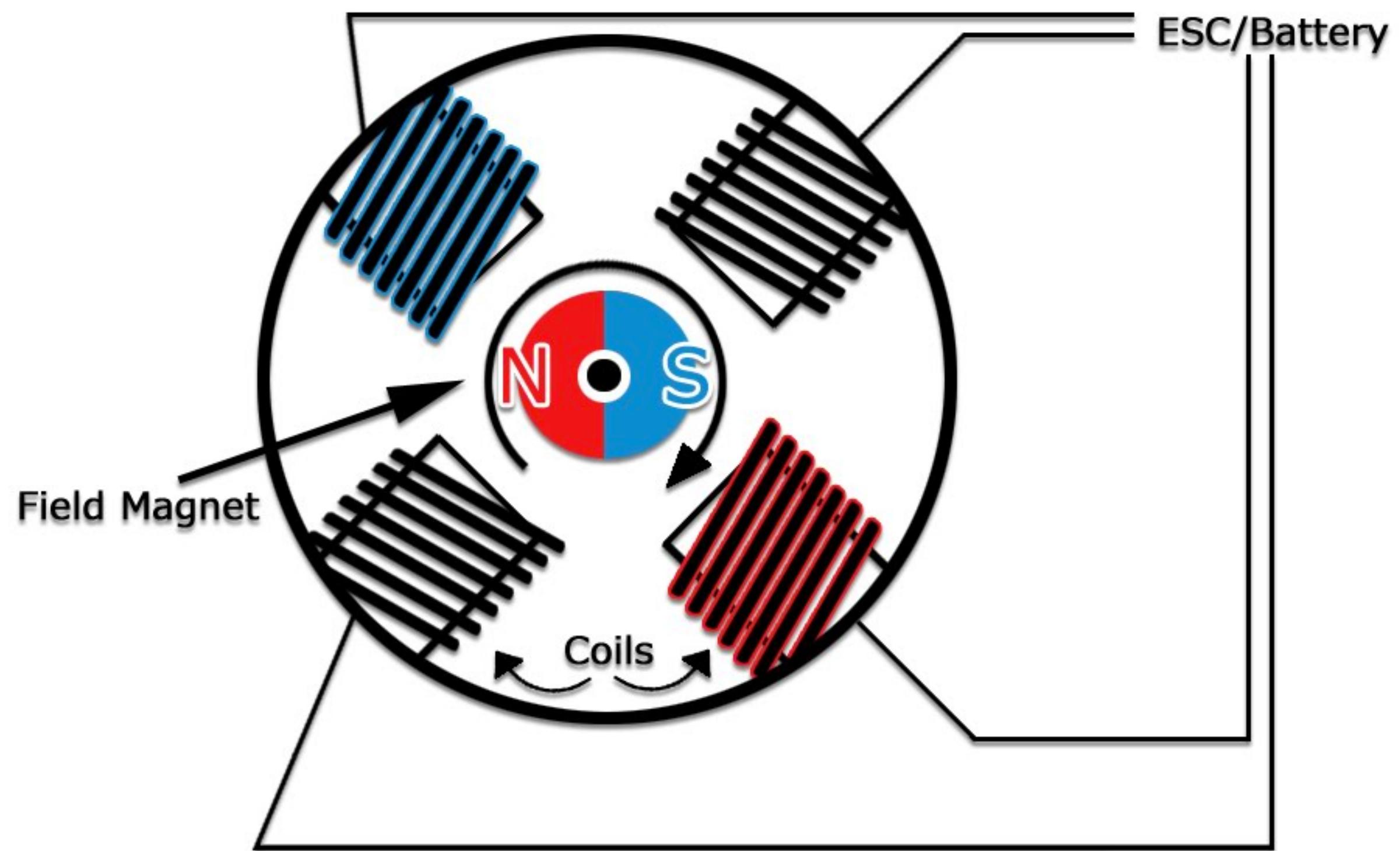
reverse current direction

Brushed DC Motor



VS

Brushless DC Motor



How to include joint movement in matrix stack? How to rotate about an axis?

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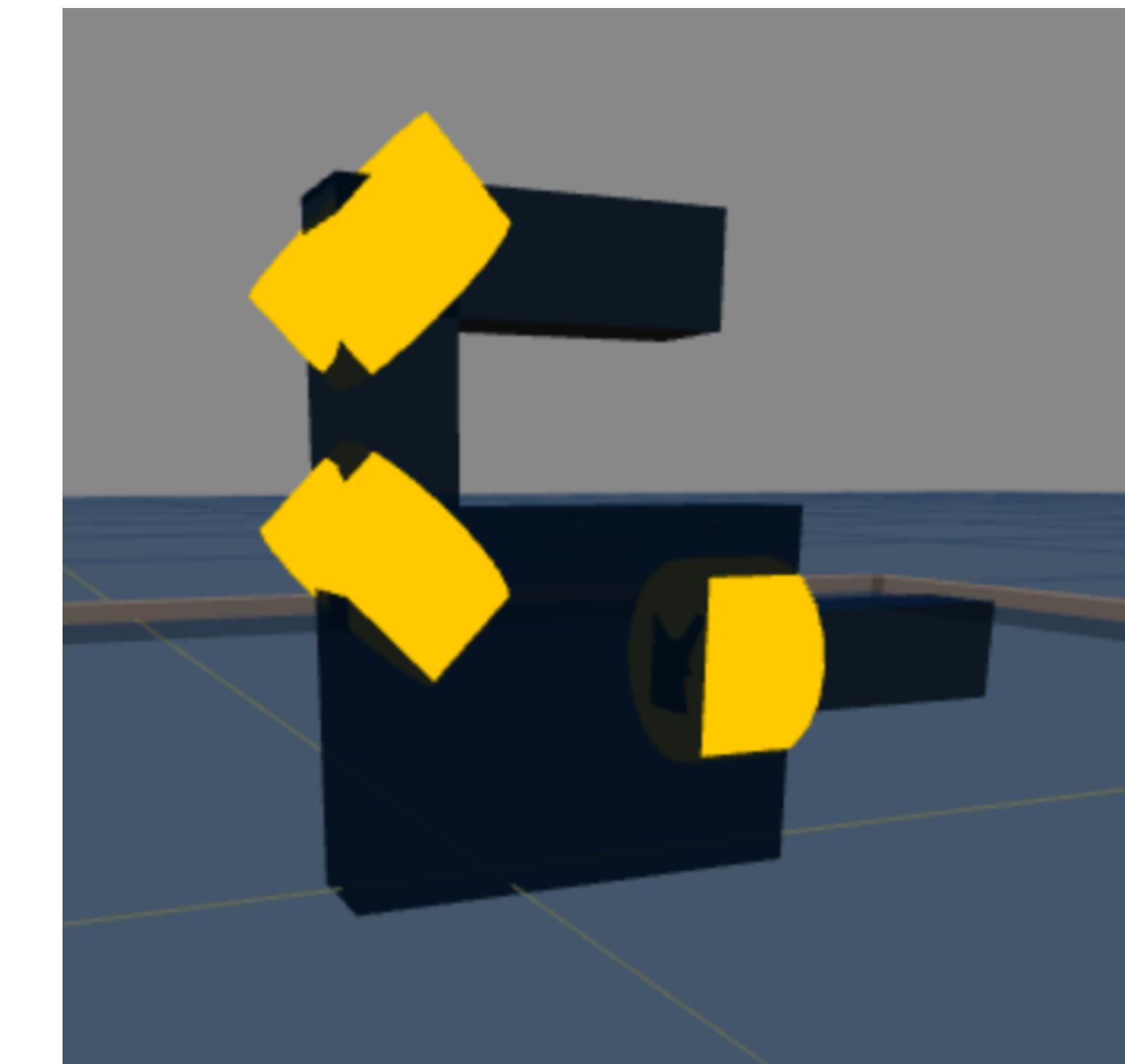
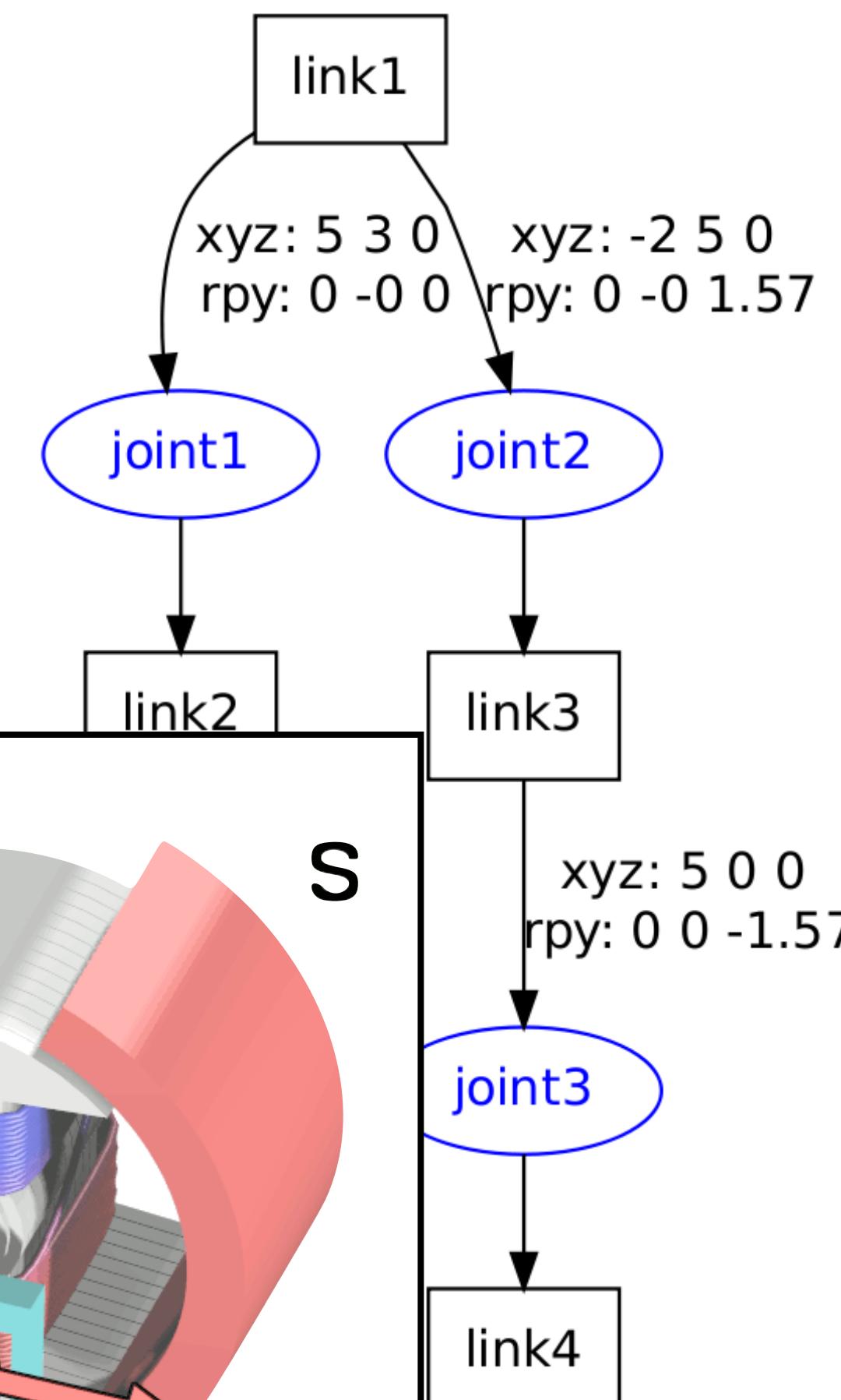
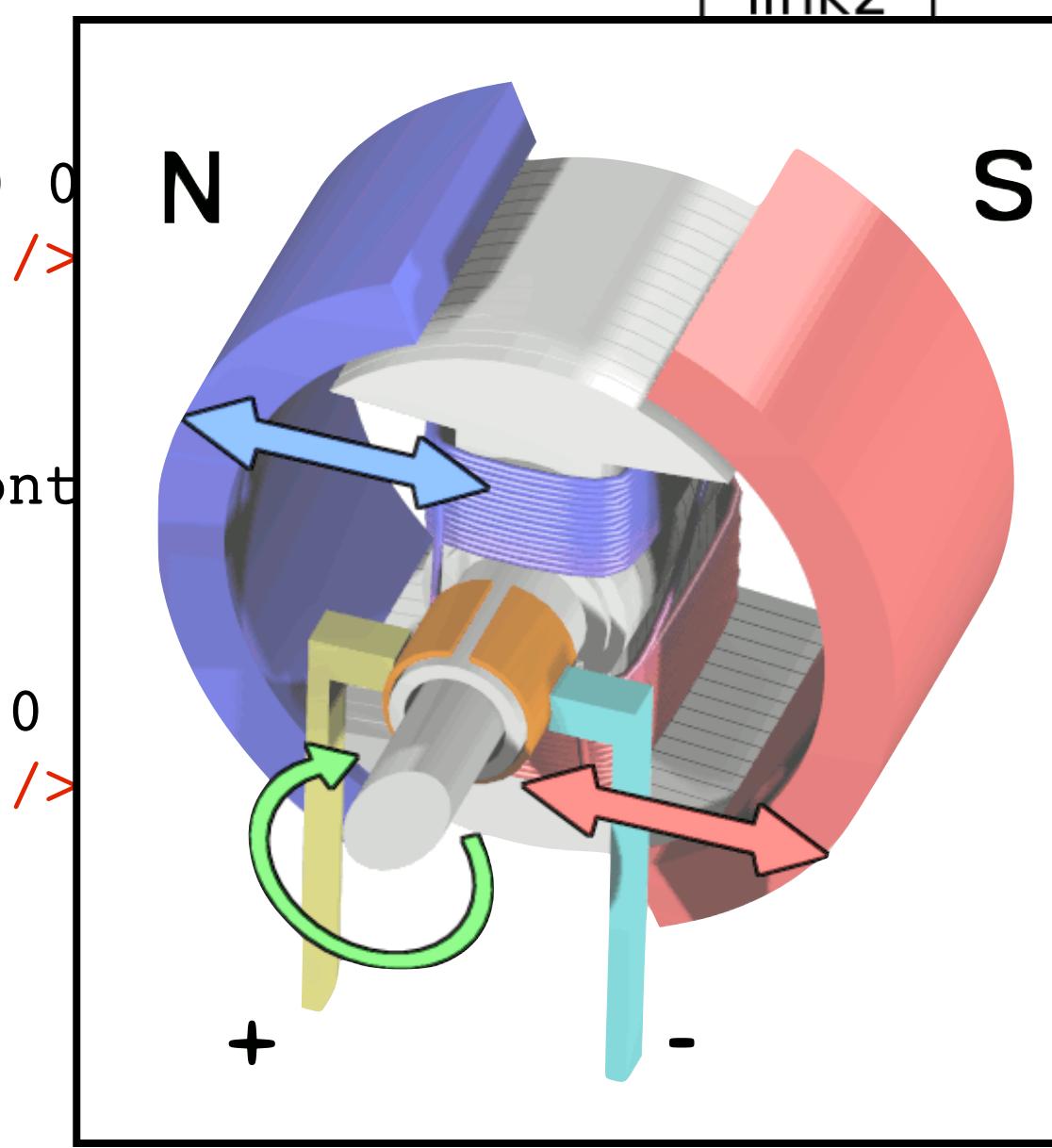
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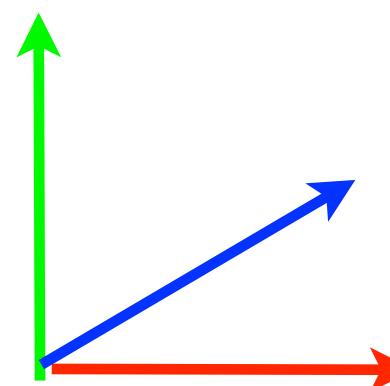
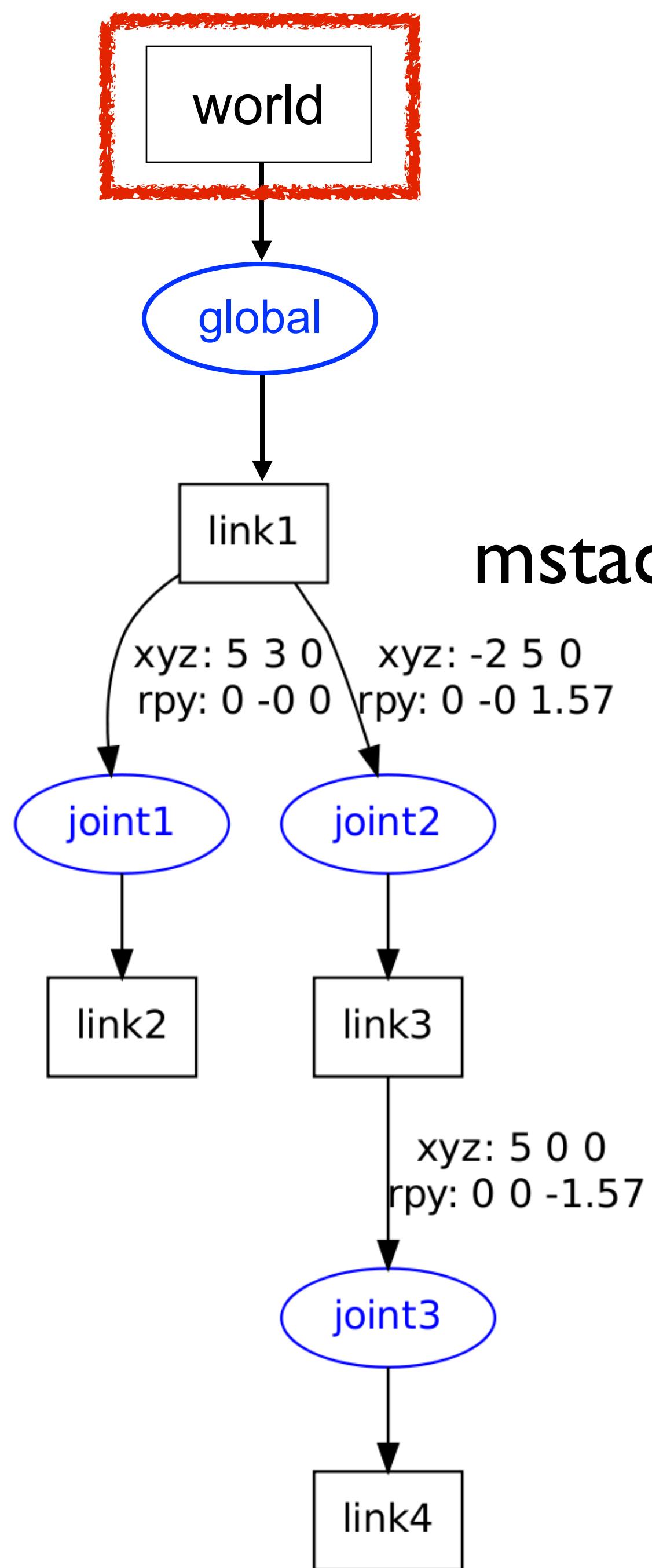
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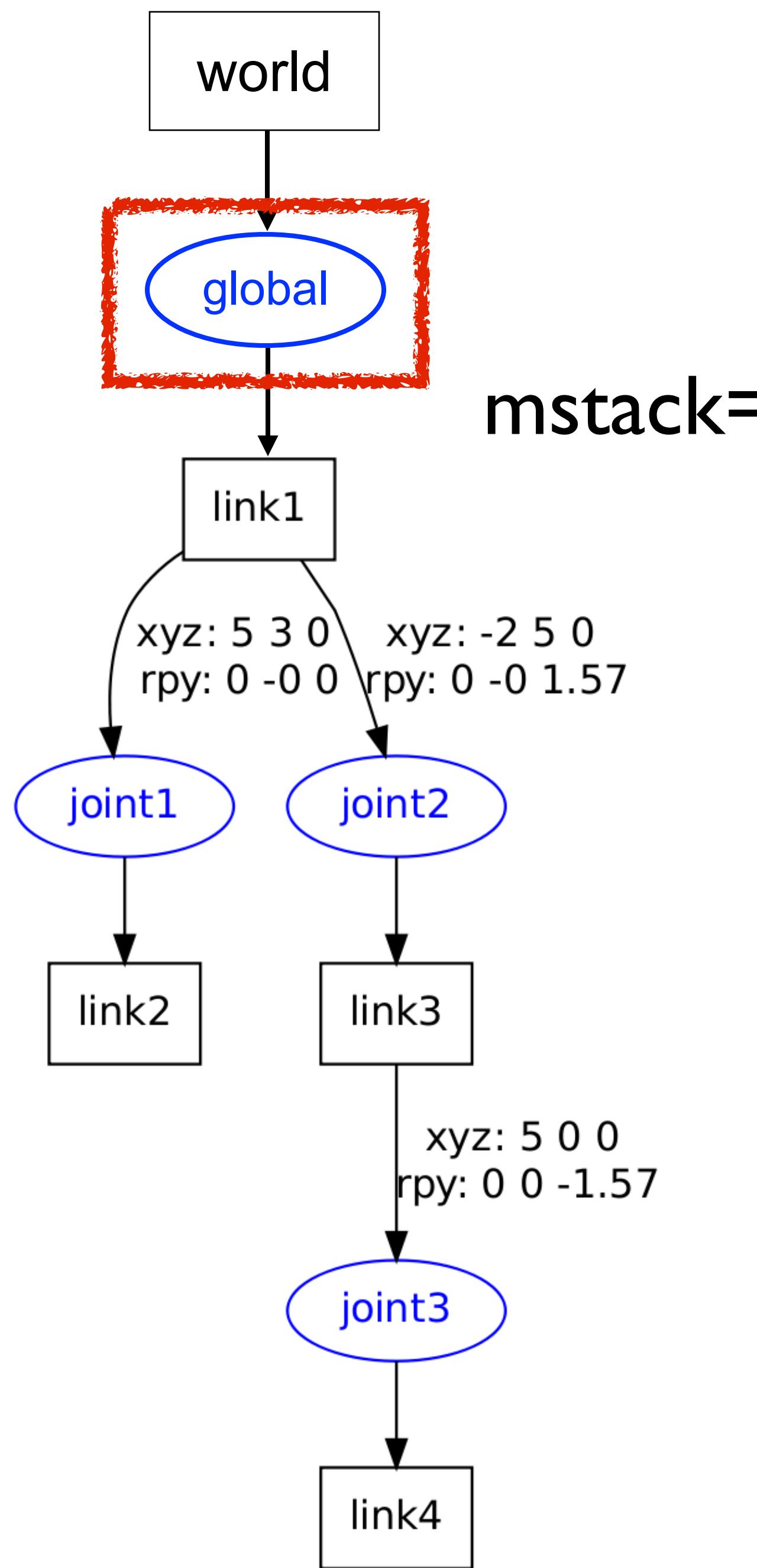


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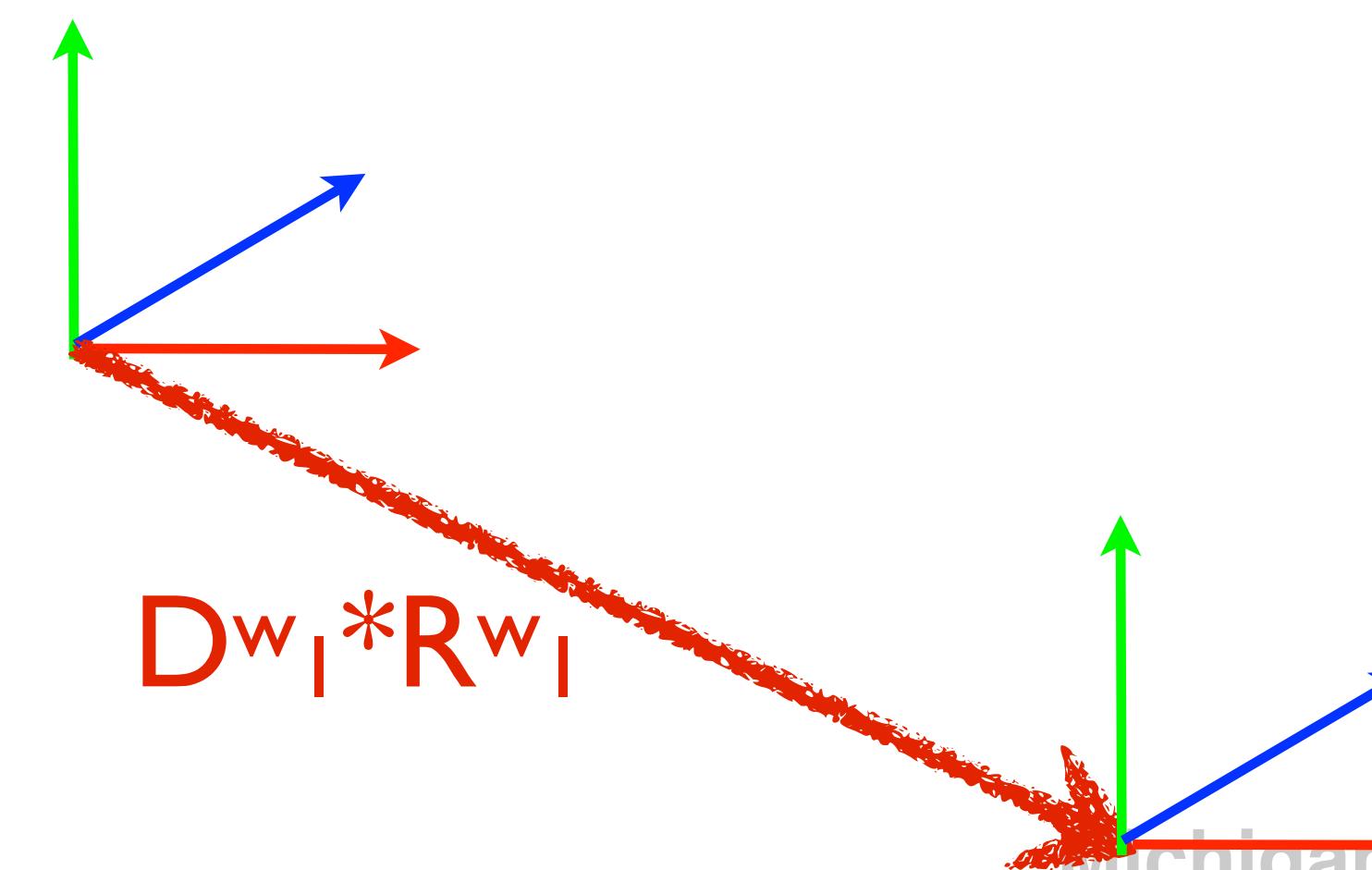
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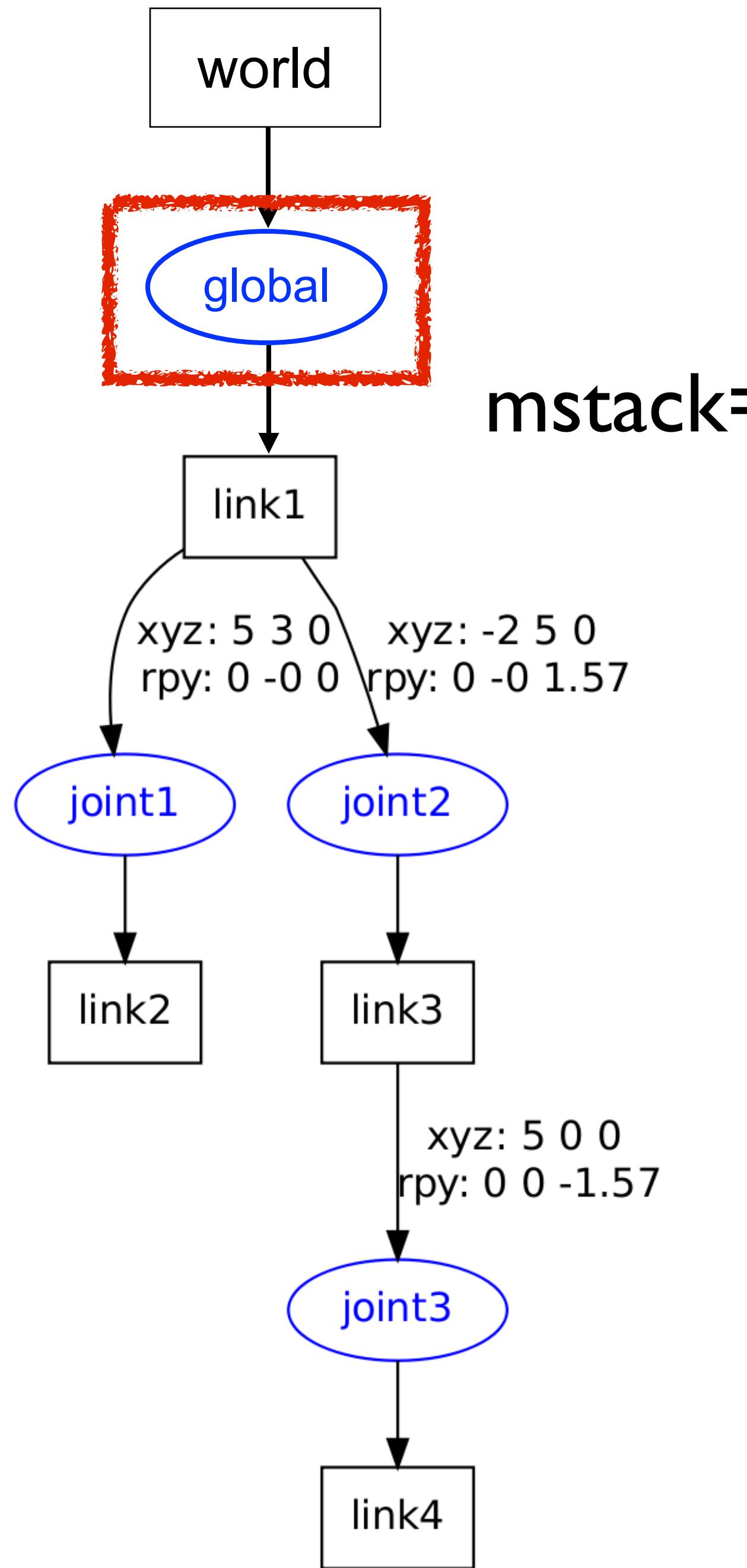
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Push top of matrix stack up one level

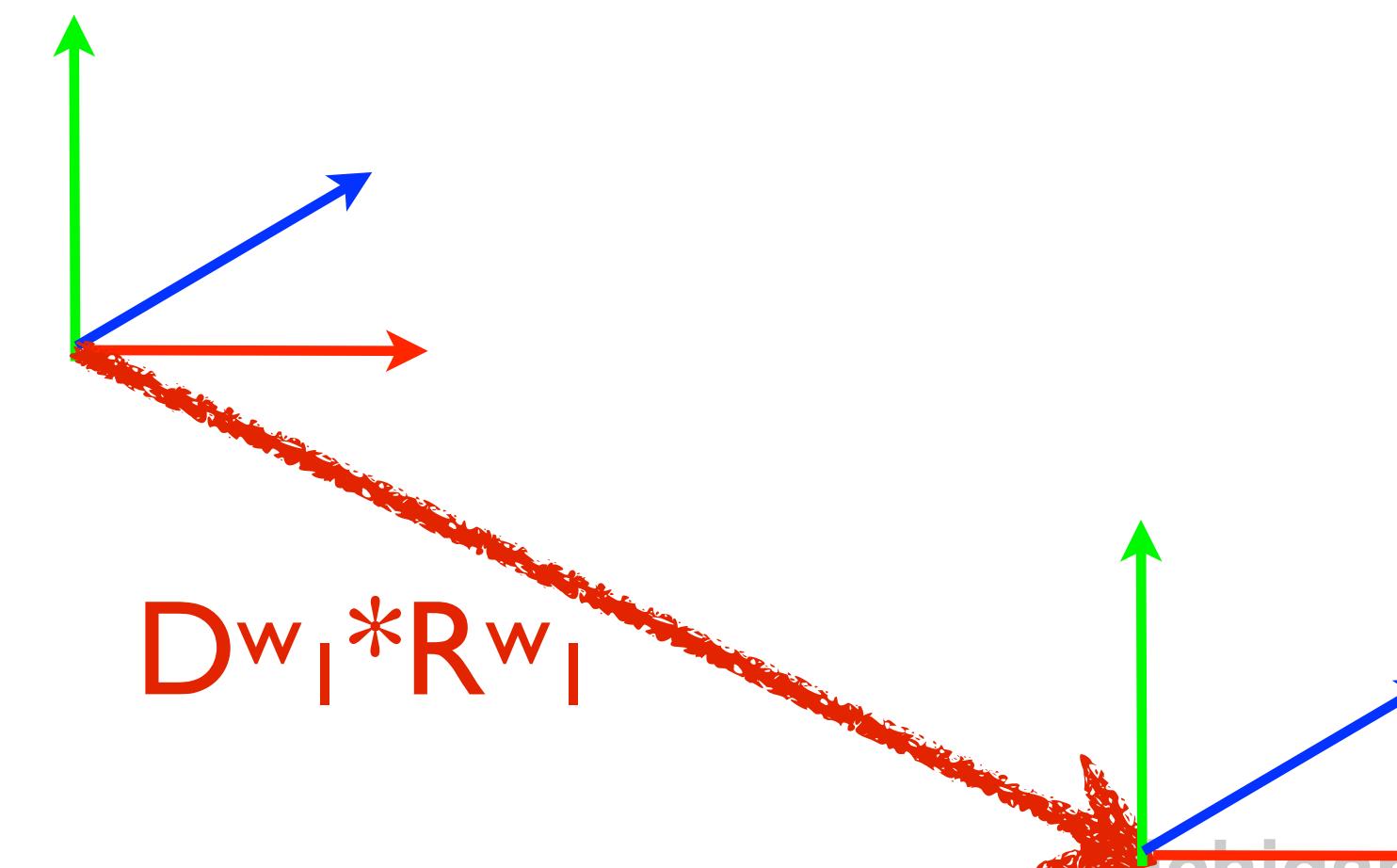


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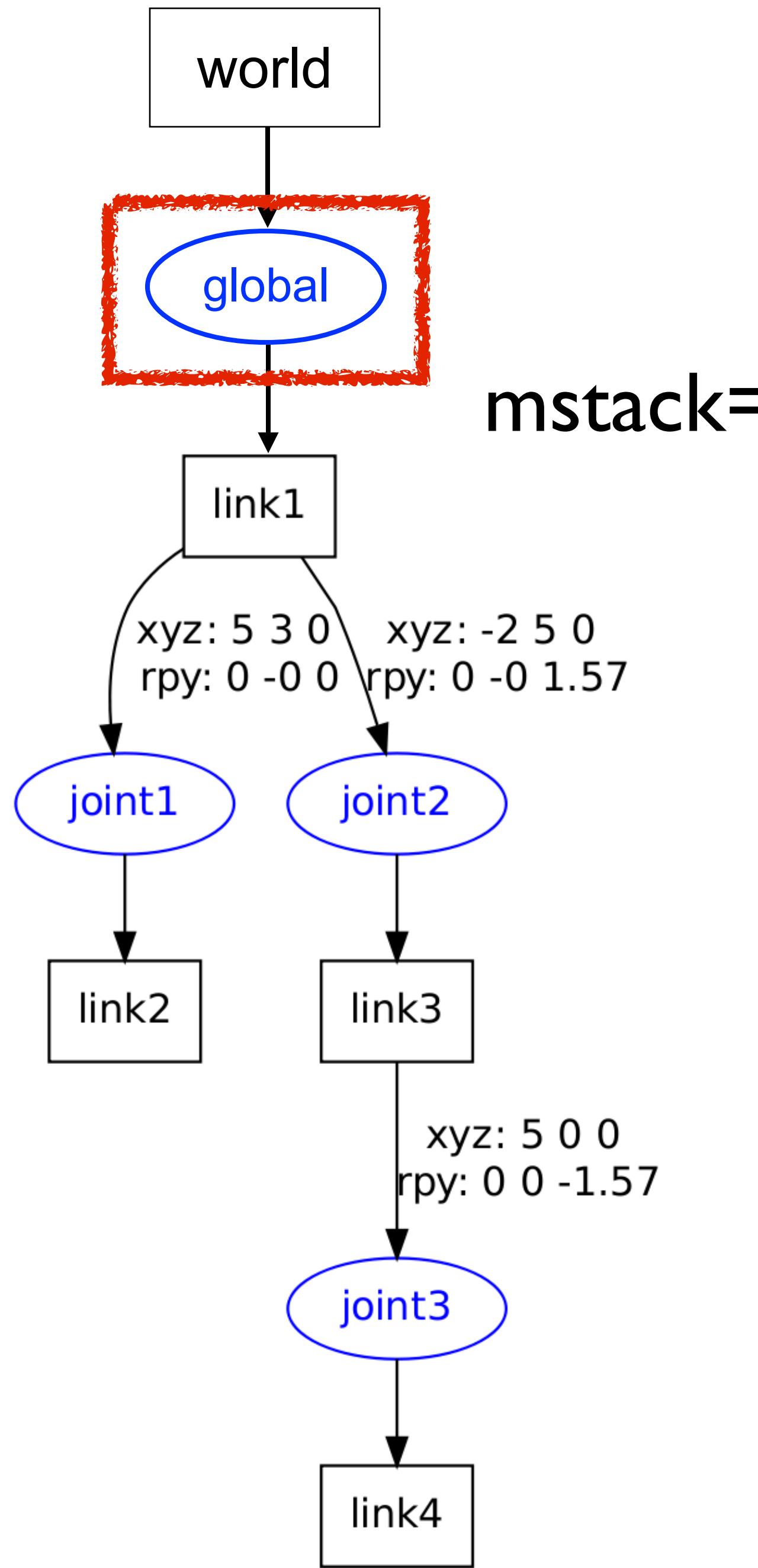


$$mstack = \begin{matrix} I * D^w_I * R^w_I \\ I \end{matrix}$$

Multiply by transform of base frame
wrt. world frame

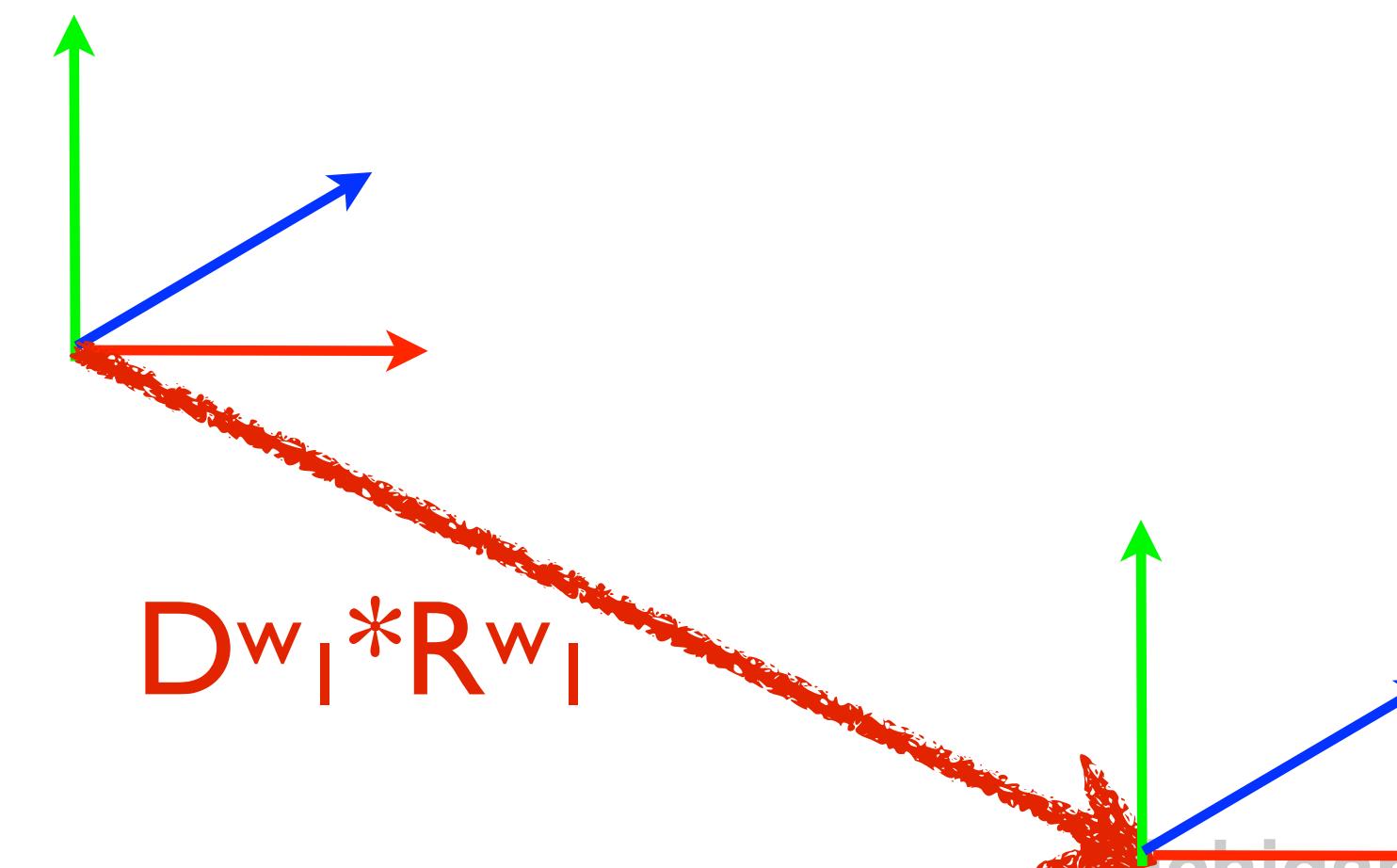


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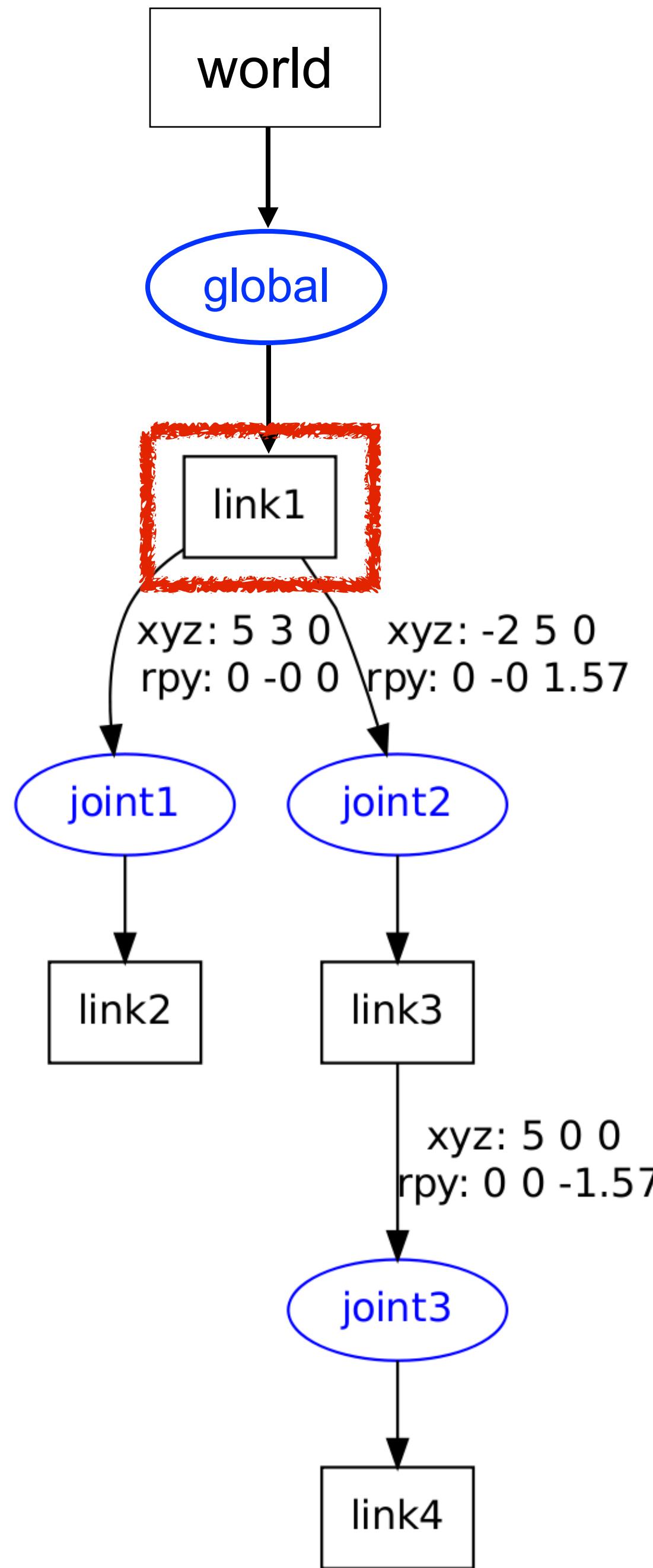


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Top of matrix stack is now base frame
posed wrt. the world frame

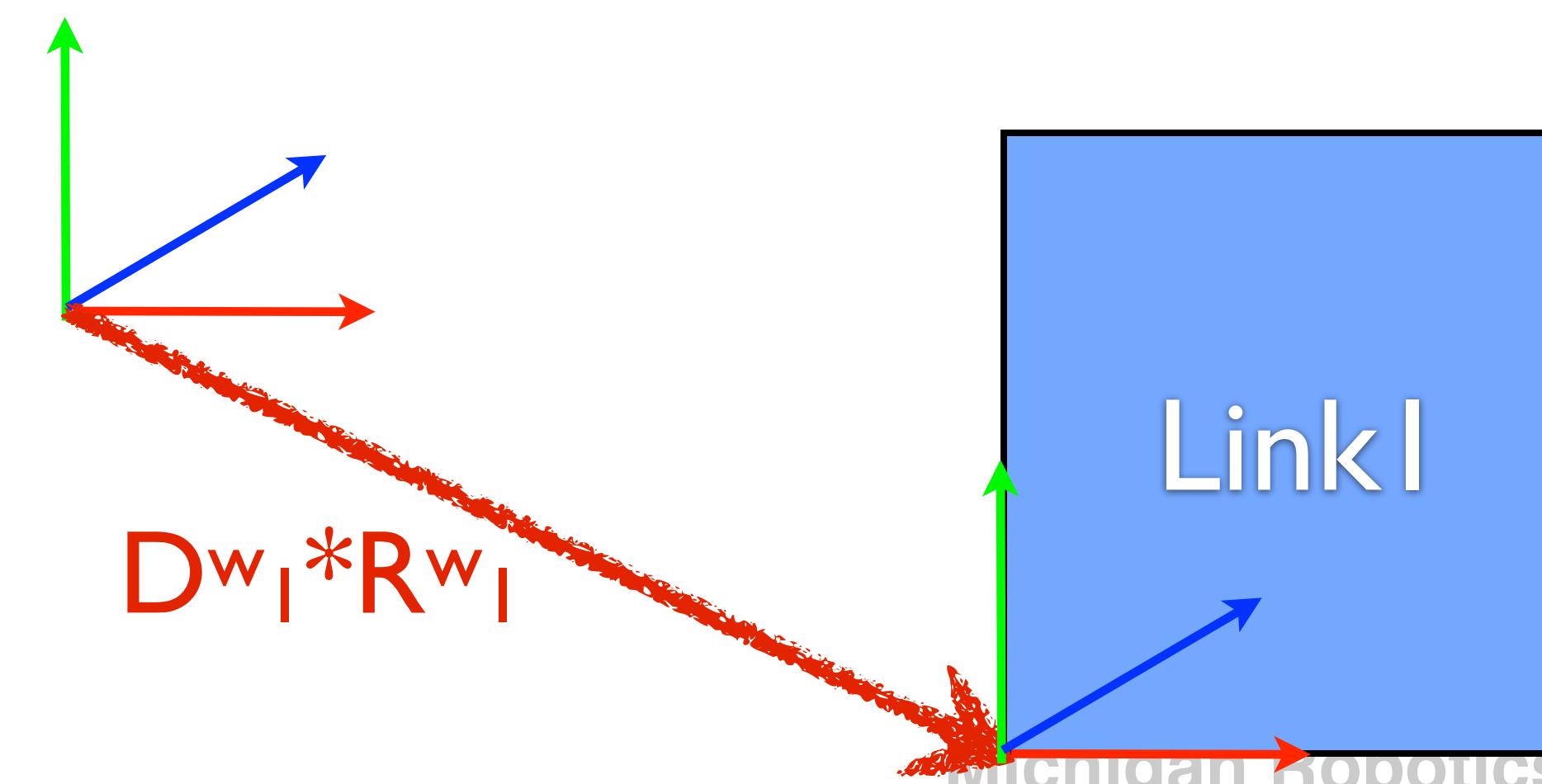


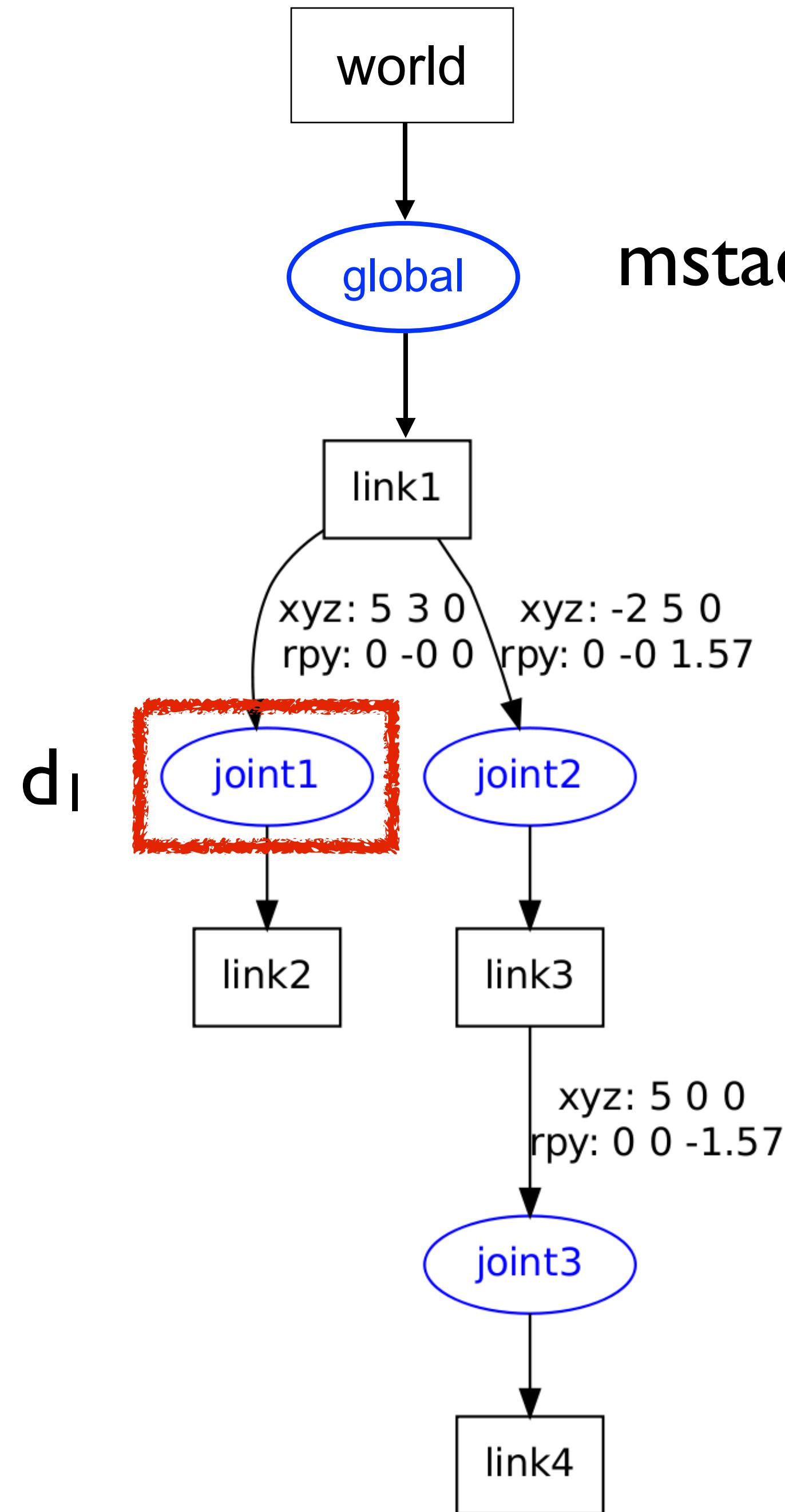
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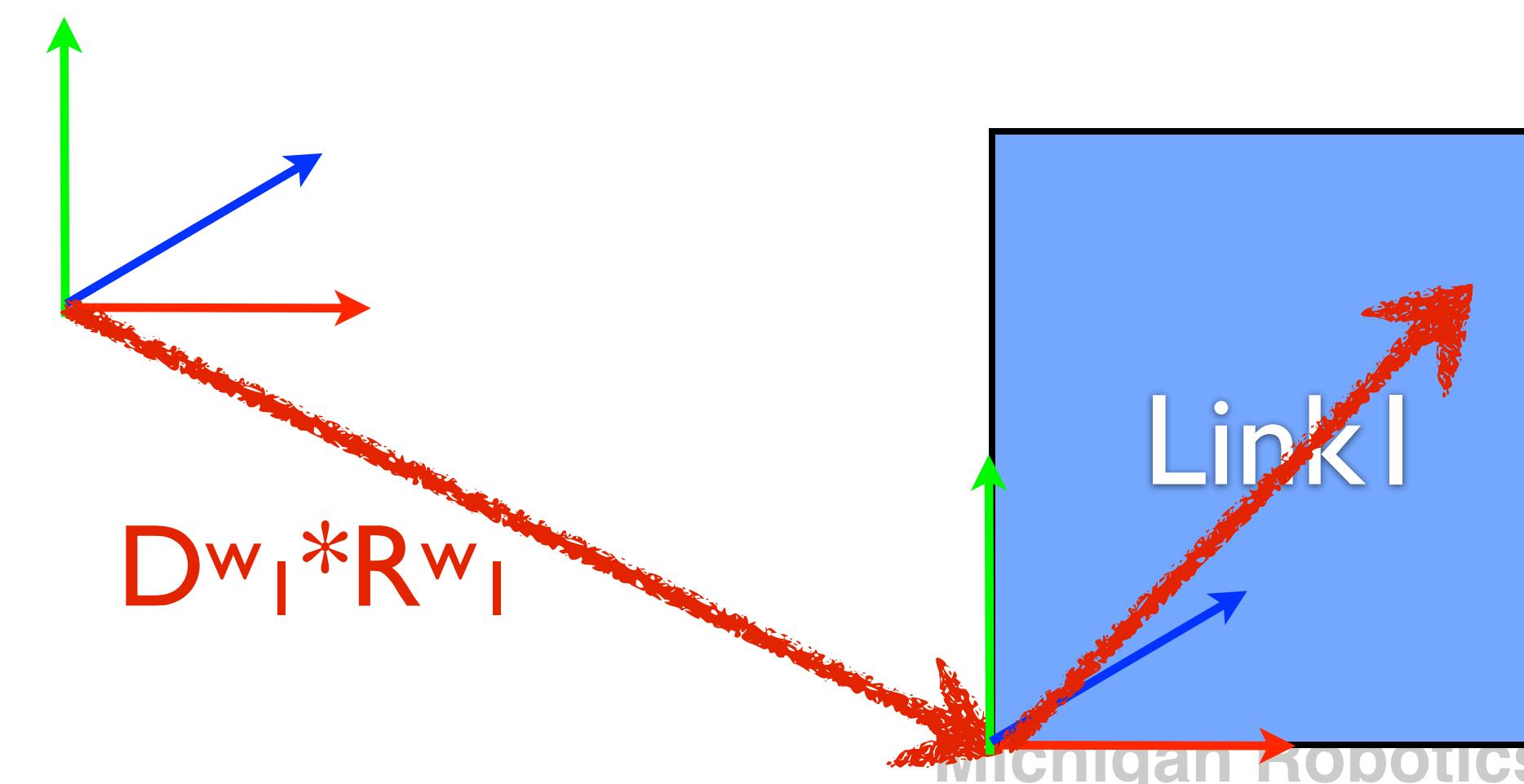
$$\begin{matrix} D^w_I * R^w_I \\ \vdots \\ I \end{matrix}$$

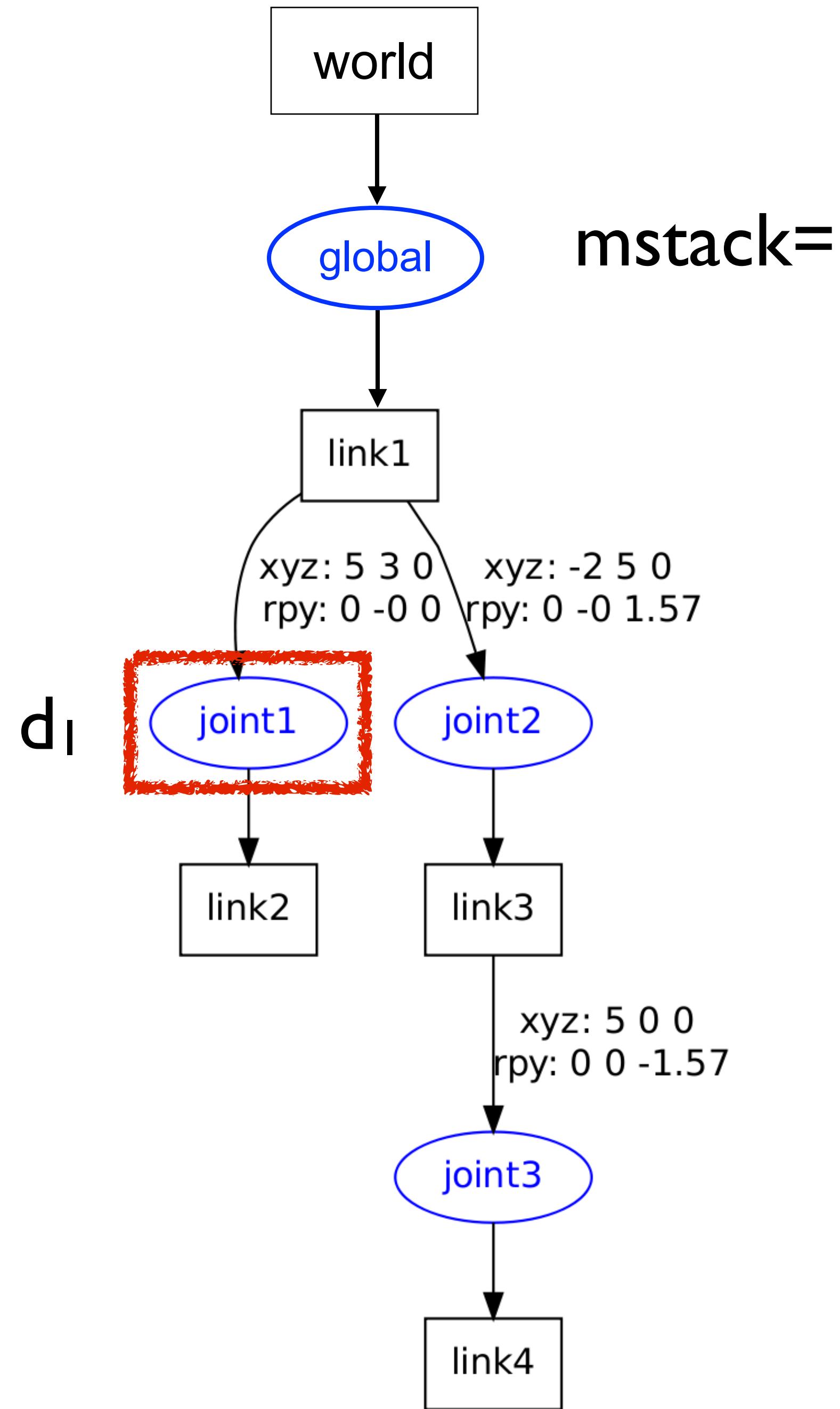
Geometry vertices of link1 can now be transformed into pose in the world frame



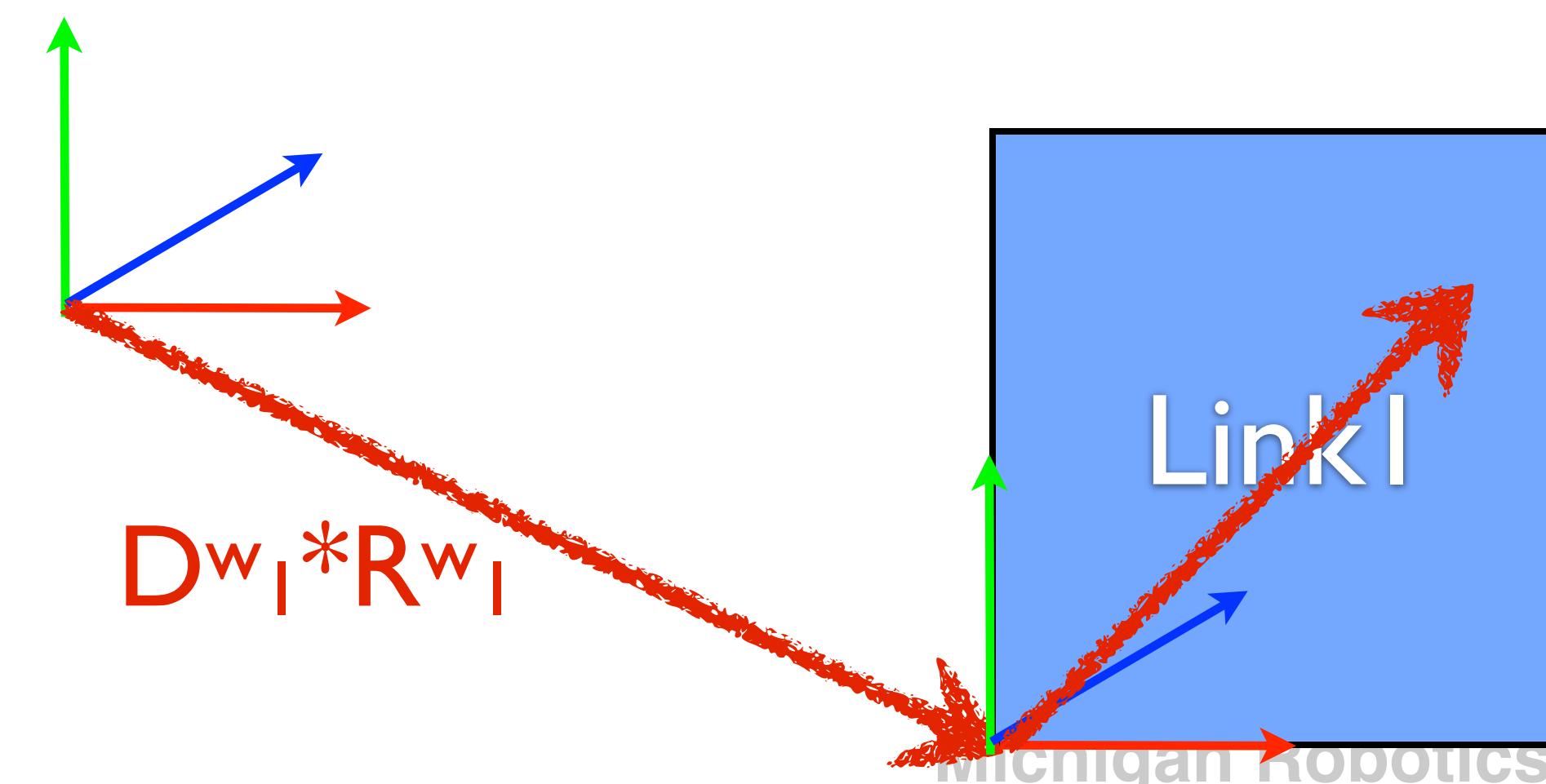


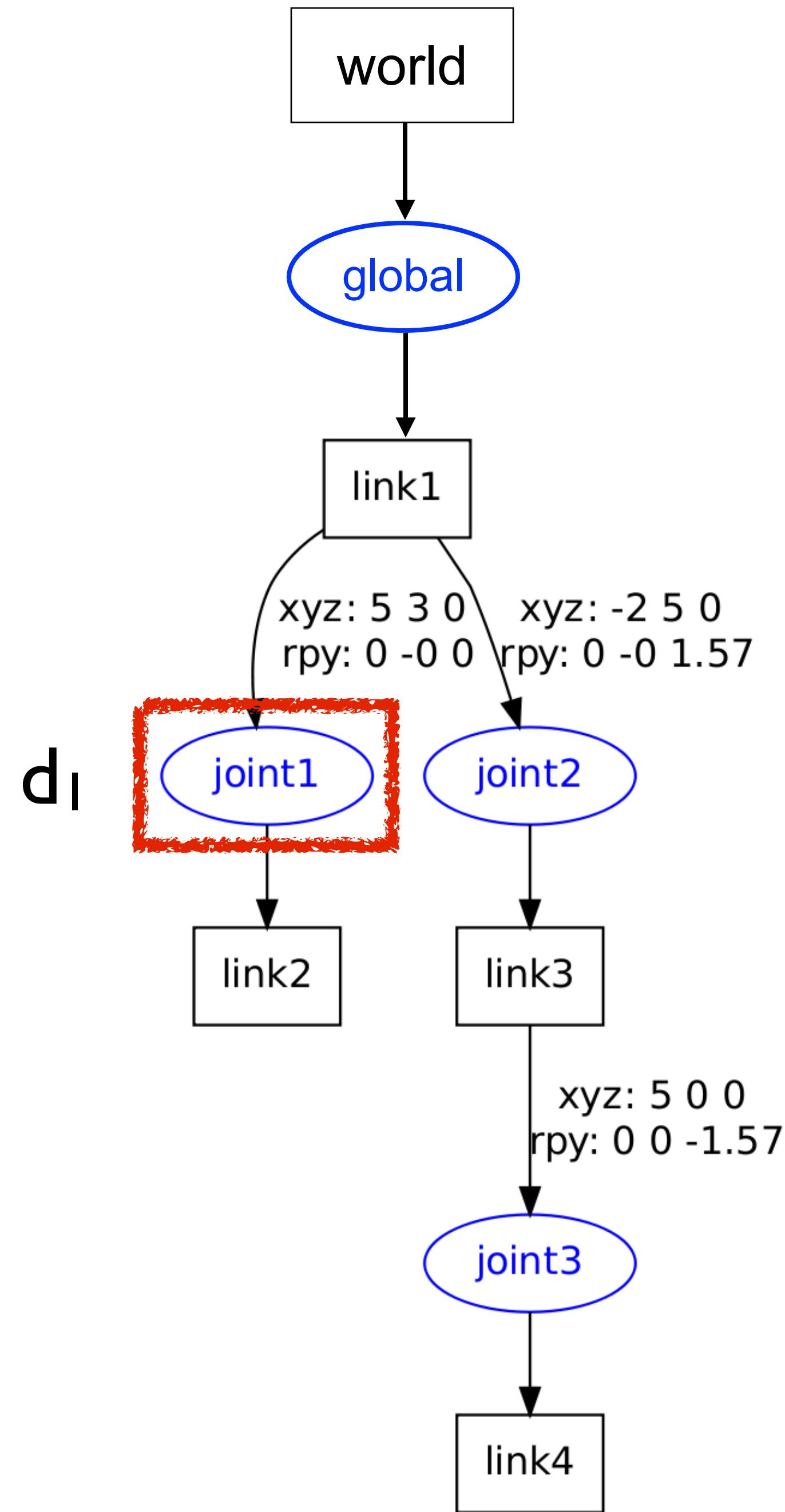
Traverse first child joint (joint1) of link1.
 Push top of matrix stack one level.
 Multiply by transform from base to joint1 (link2).





Recursively, call a function to process joint





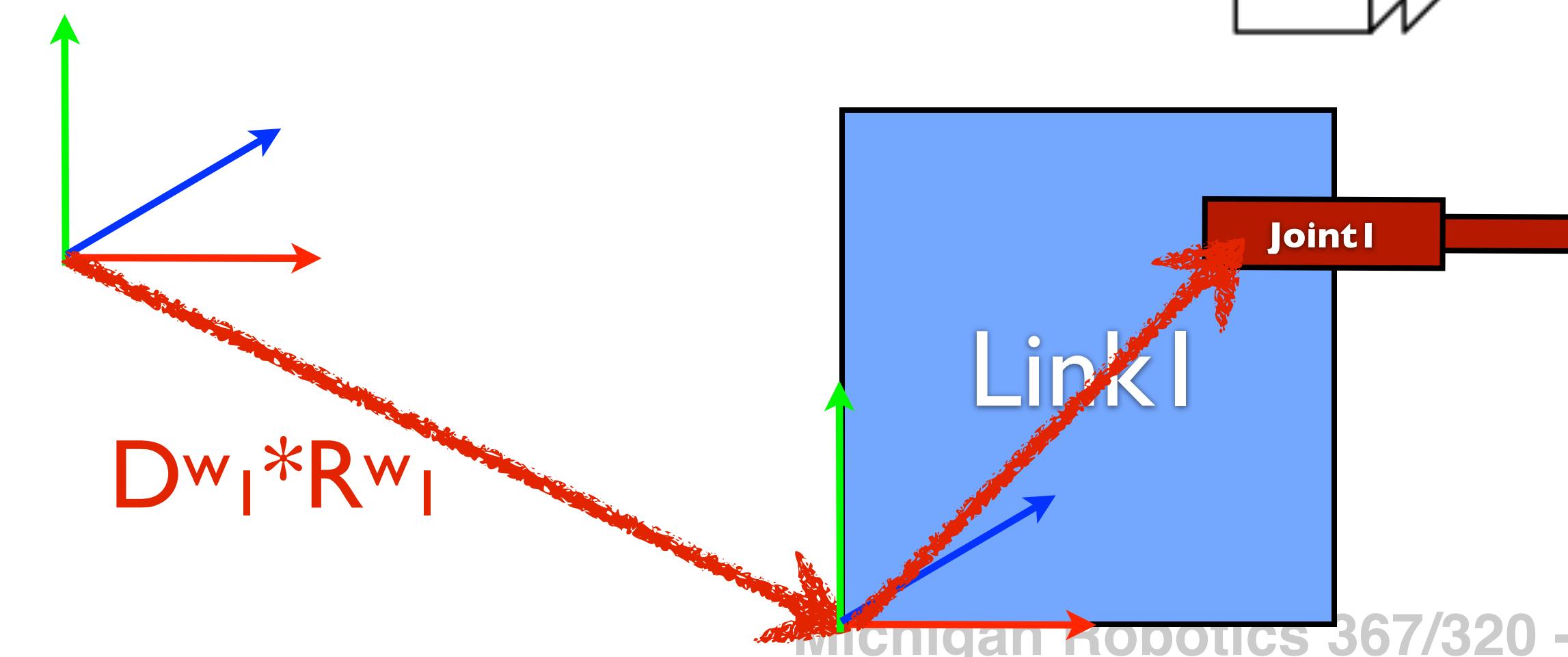
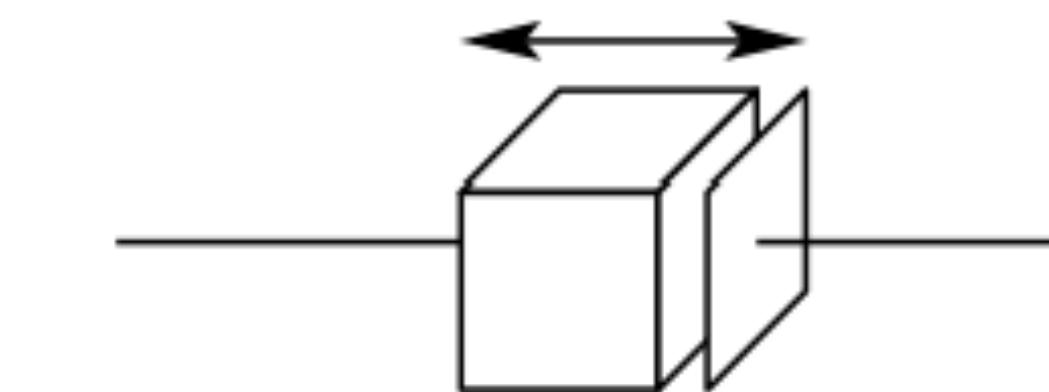
Assume joint1 is prismatic

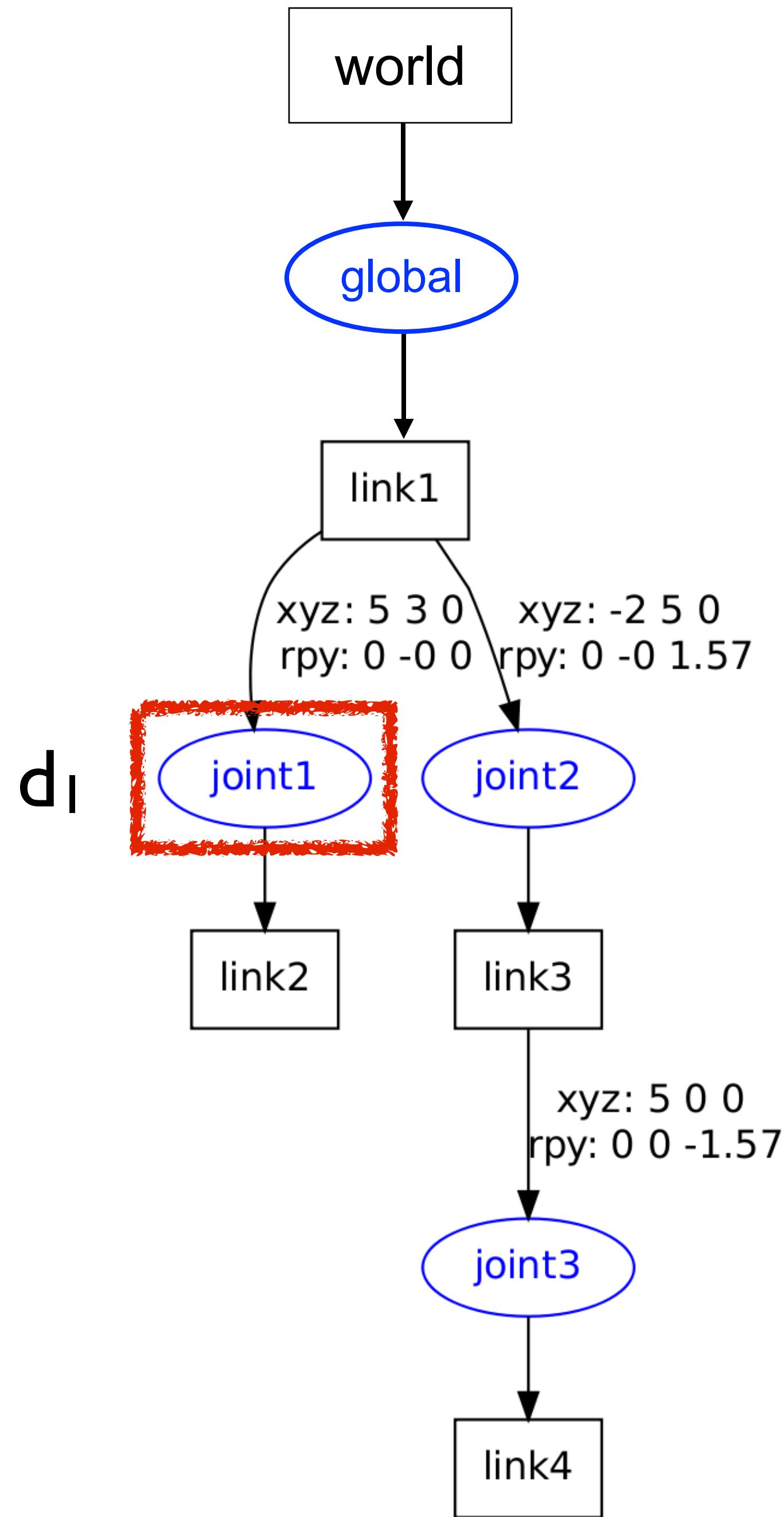
$$D^w_I * R^w_I * D^I_2 * R^I_2$$

$$D^w_I * R^w_I$$

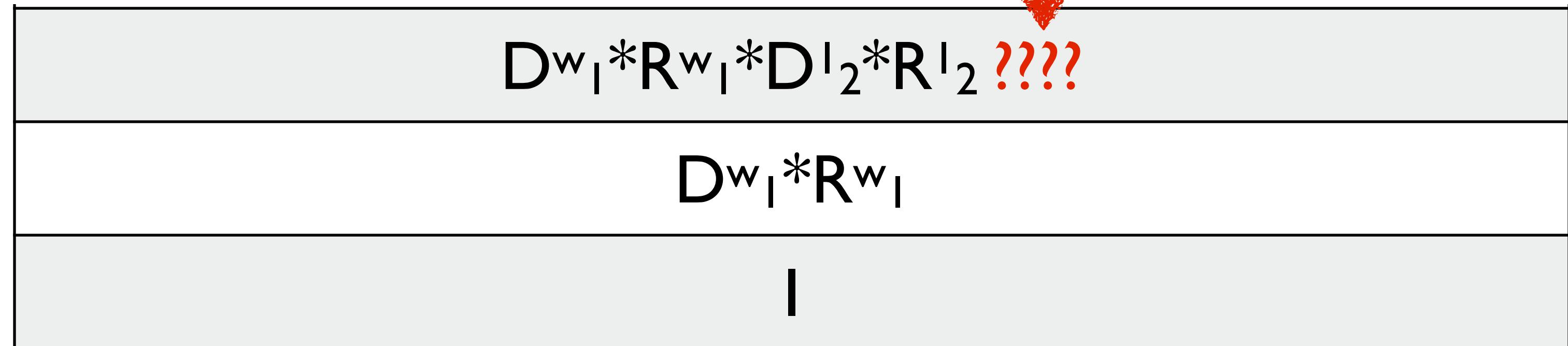
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How can we account for joint1's motion?



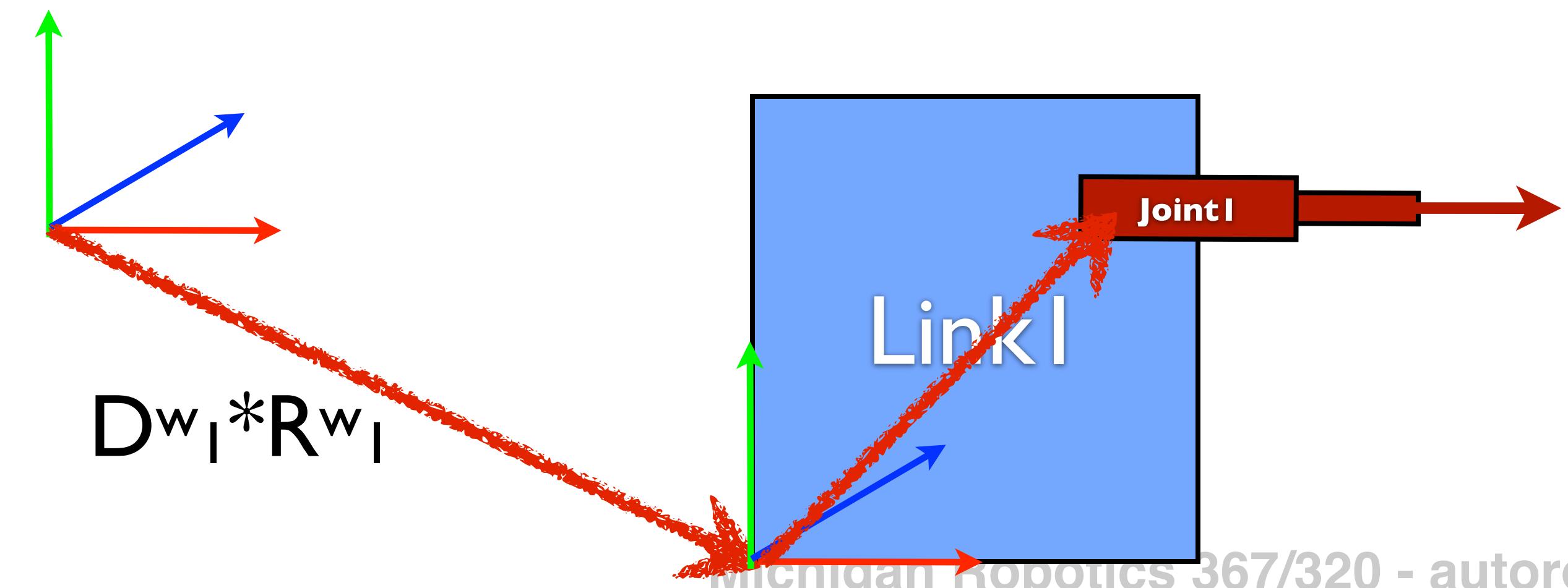


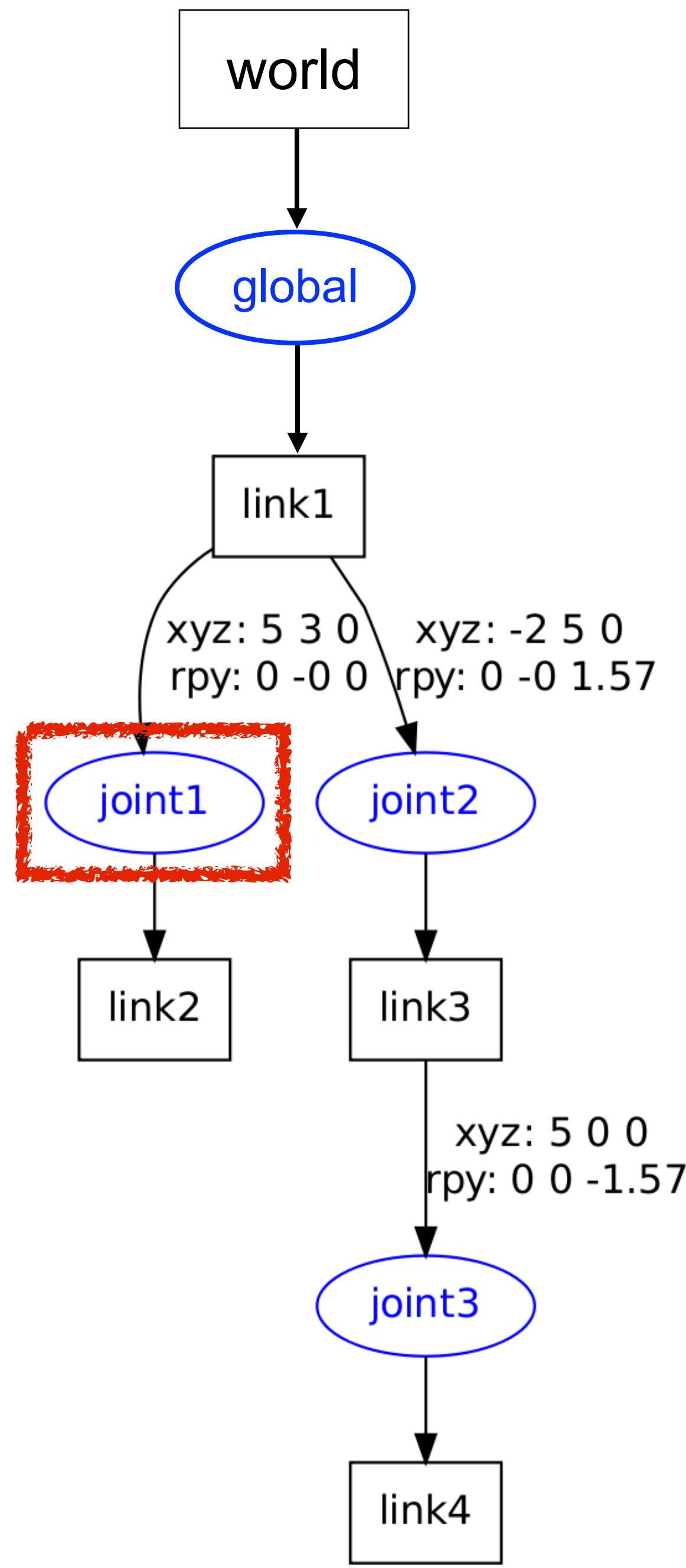
also push transform due to motor DOF



What transform can account for joint1's motion?

// joint axis in parent frame
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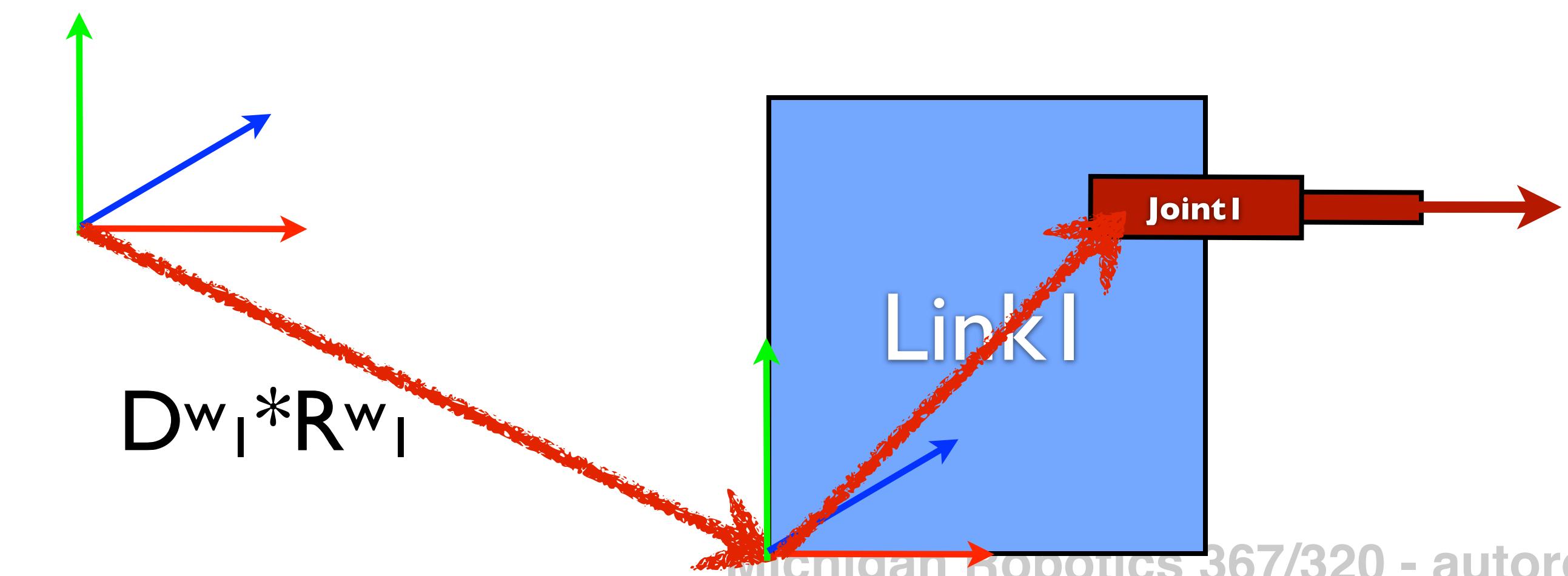




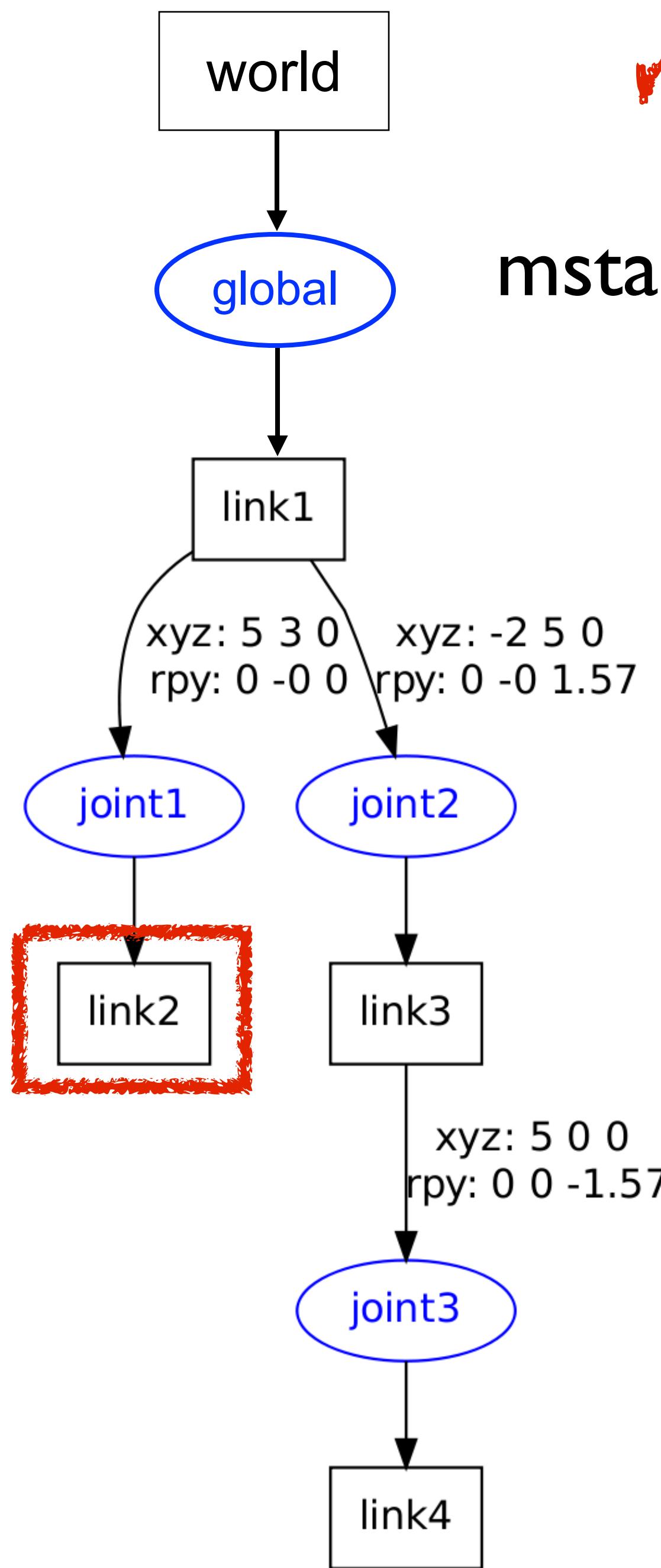
$$D_{w_I} * R_{w_I} * D_{l_2} * R_{l_2} * D_{u_I}(q_I)$$

translation on unit joint axis u_I scaled by joint state q_I

// transform of joint wrt. world
`robot.joints["joint1"].xform = //this matrix`



motor transform affects outboard chain



mstack=

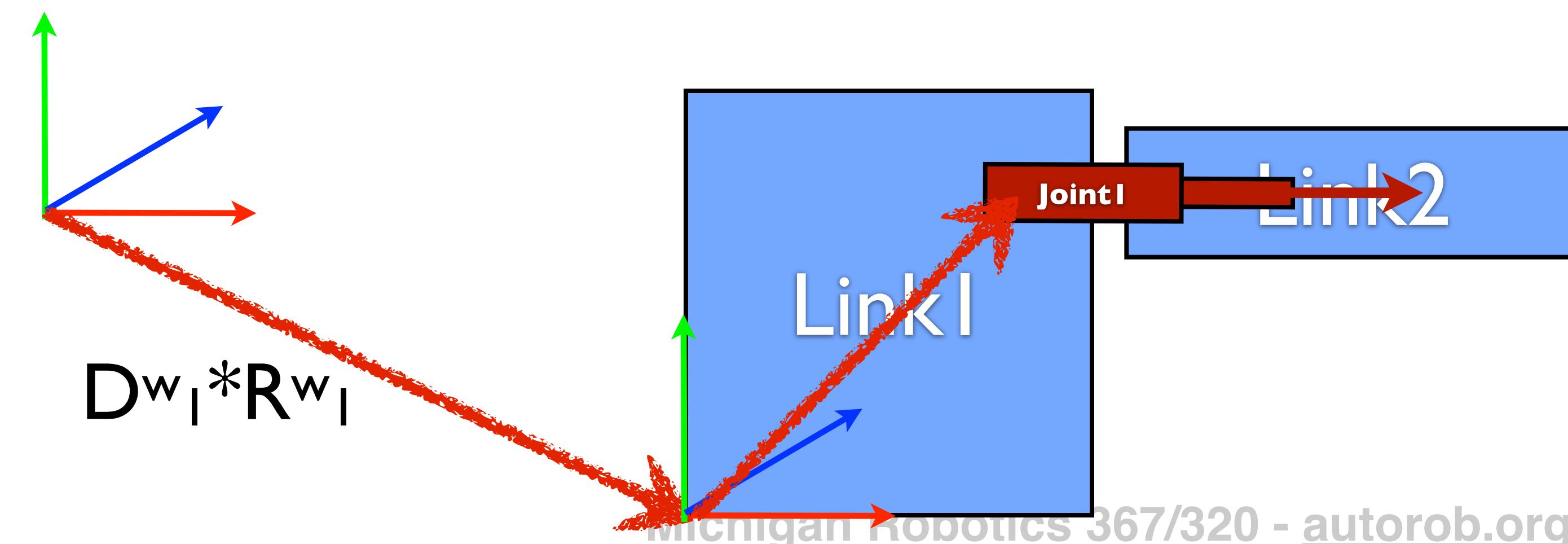
$$D^w_I * R^w_I * D^{I_2} * R^{I_2} * D_{uI}(q_I)$$

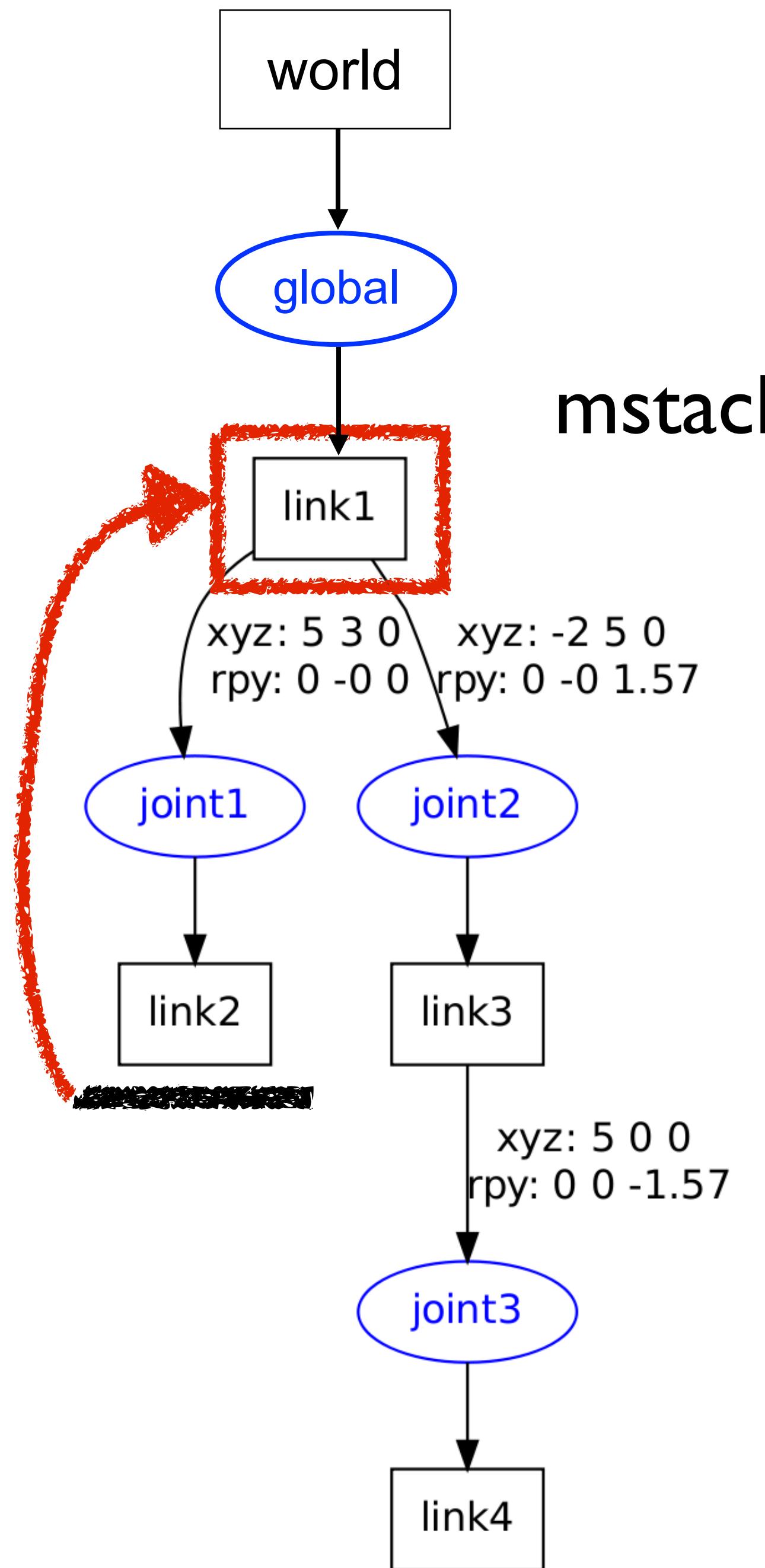
$$D^w_I * R^w_I$$

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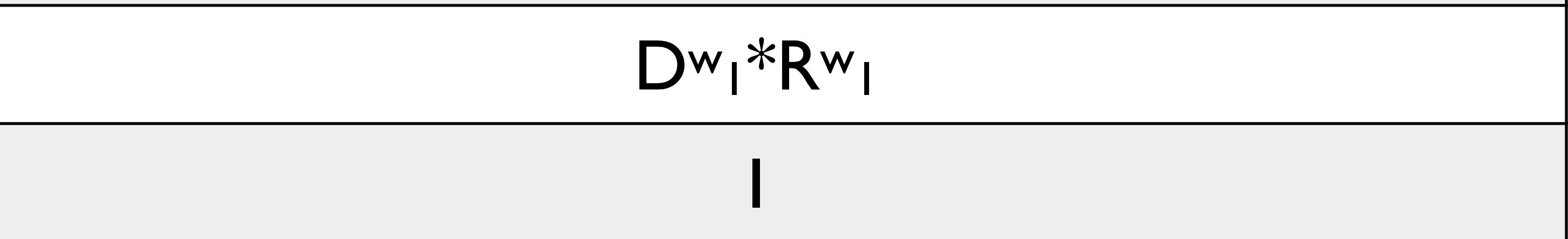
$$Link_2^{world} = mstack * Link_2^{link2}$$

$$= (D^w_I * R^w_I * D^{I_2} * R^{I_2} * D_{uI}(q_I)) * Link_2^{link2}$$

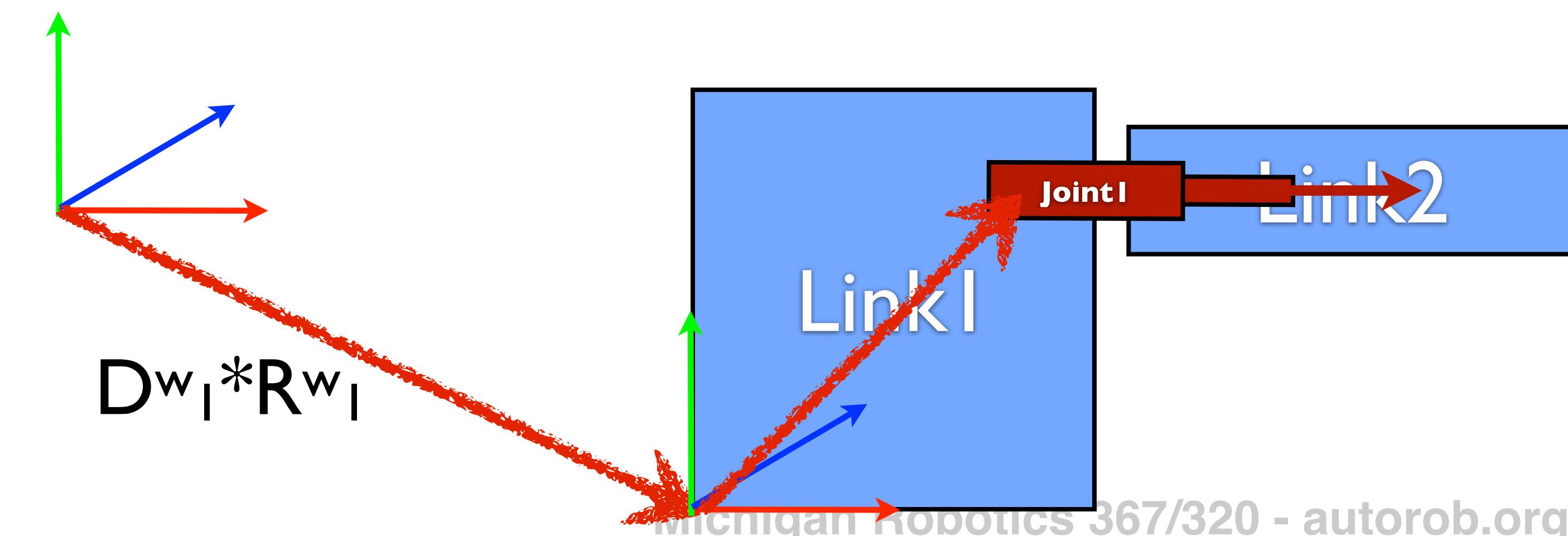


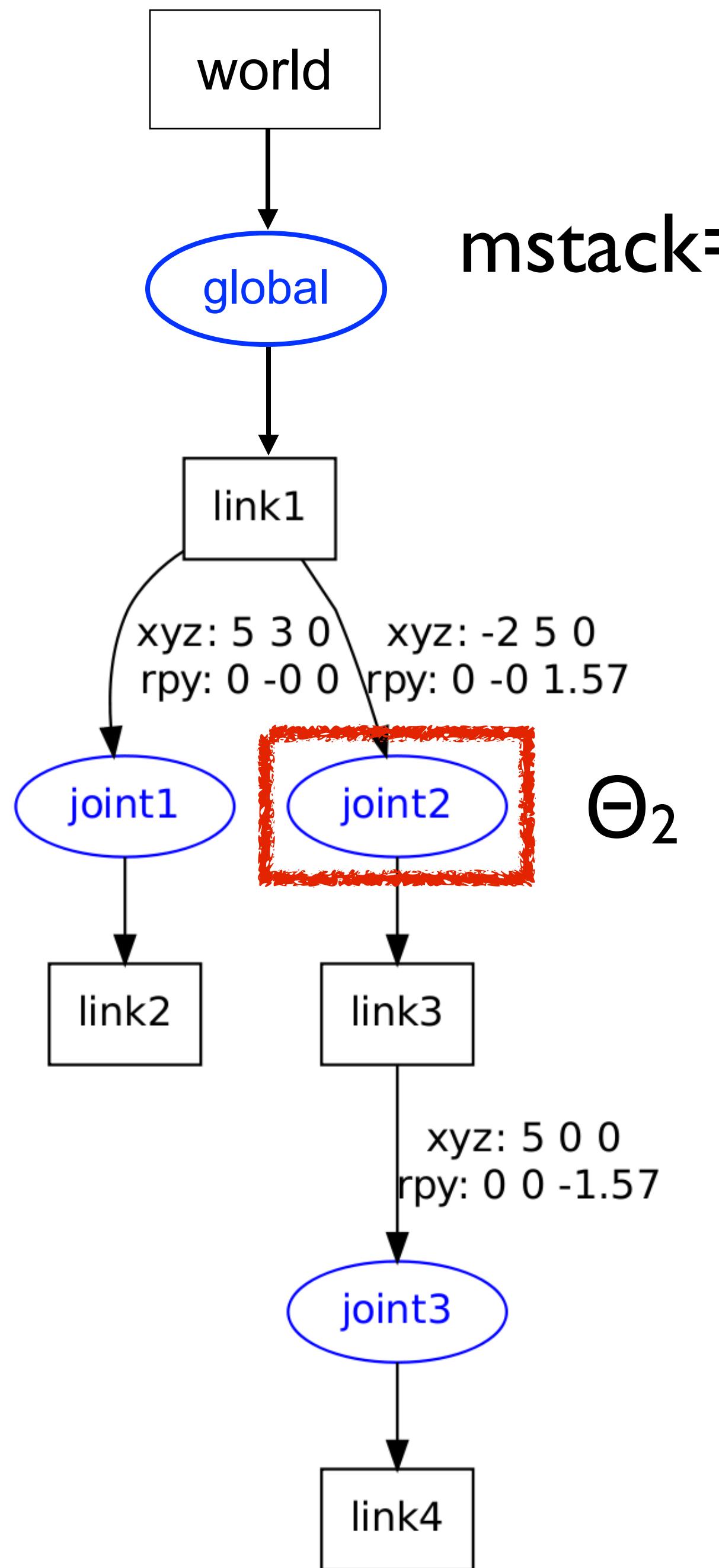


pop!



Pop off top level of matrix stack.
Recursion: pop implicit via function return





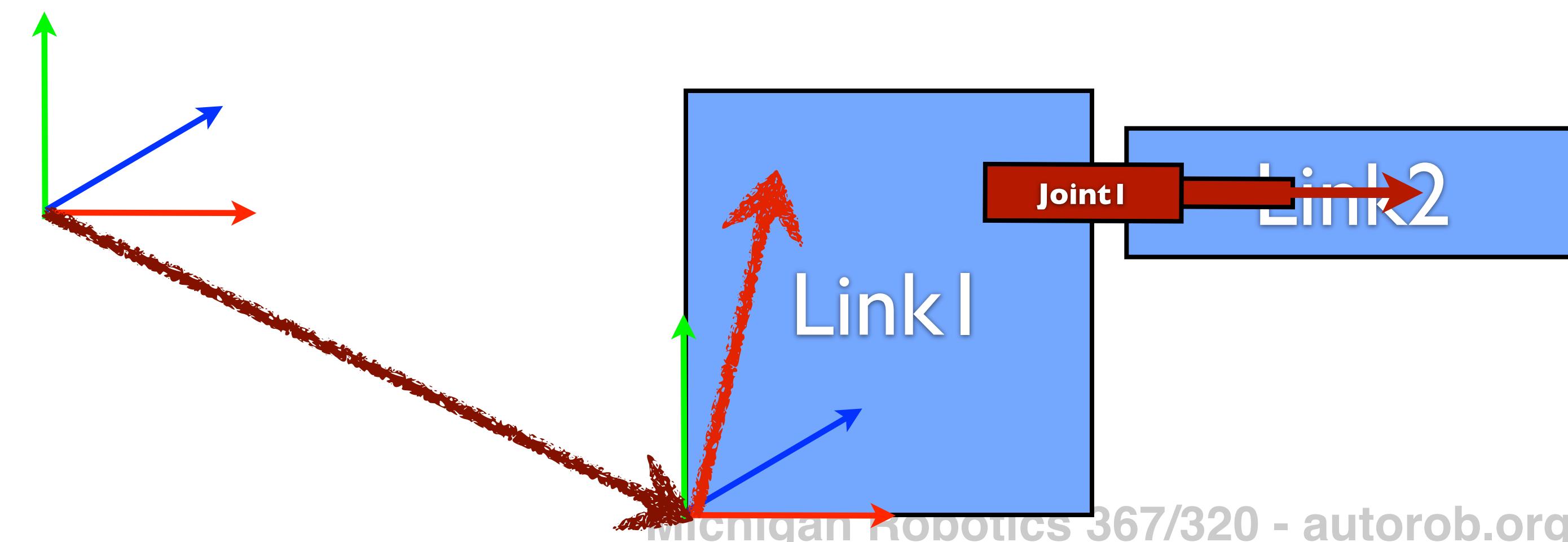
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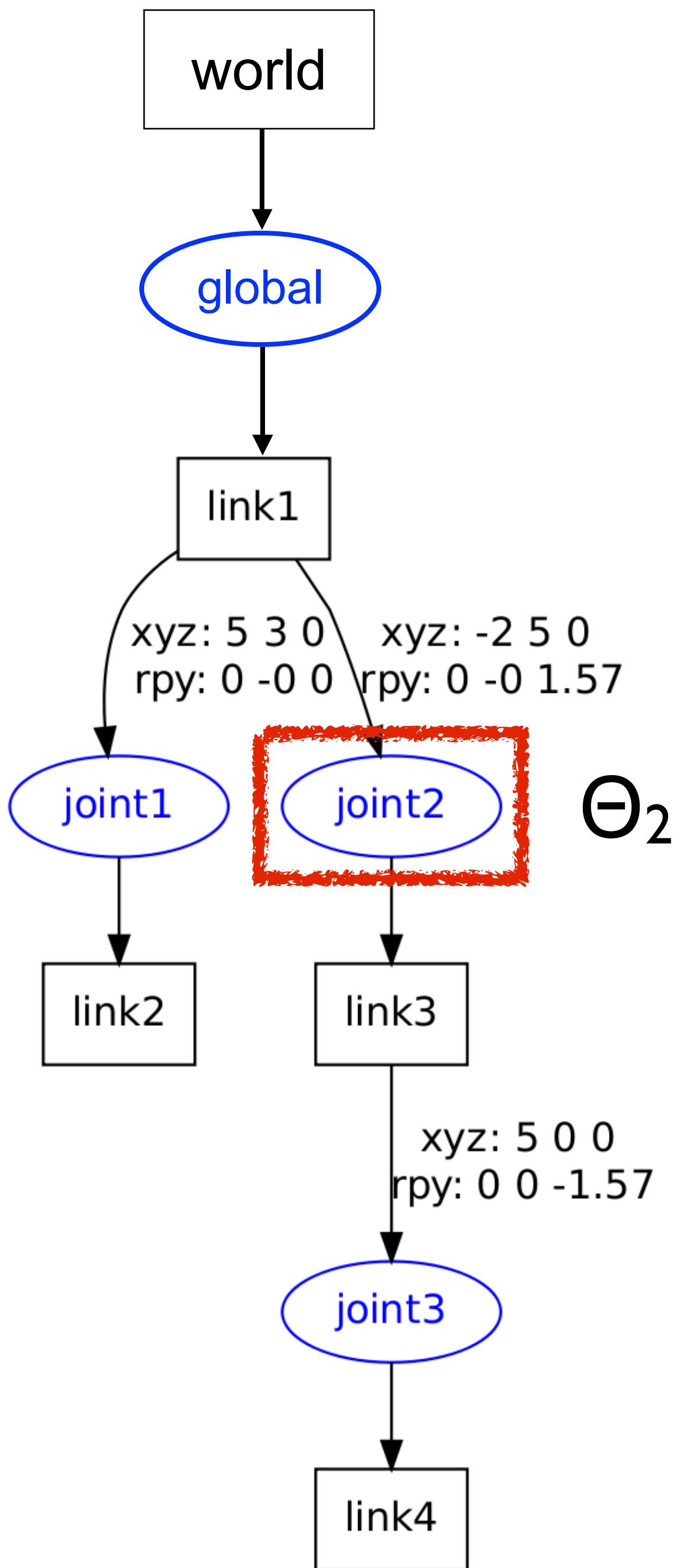
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Traverse second child joint (joint2) of link1.





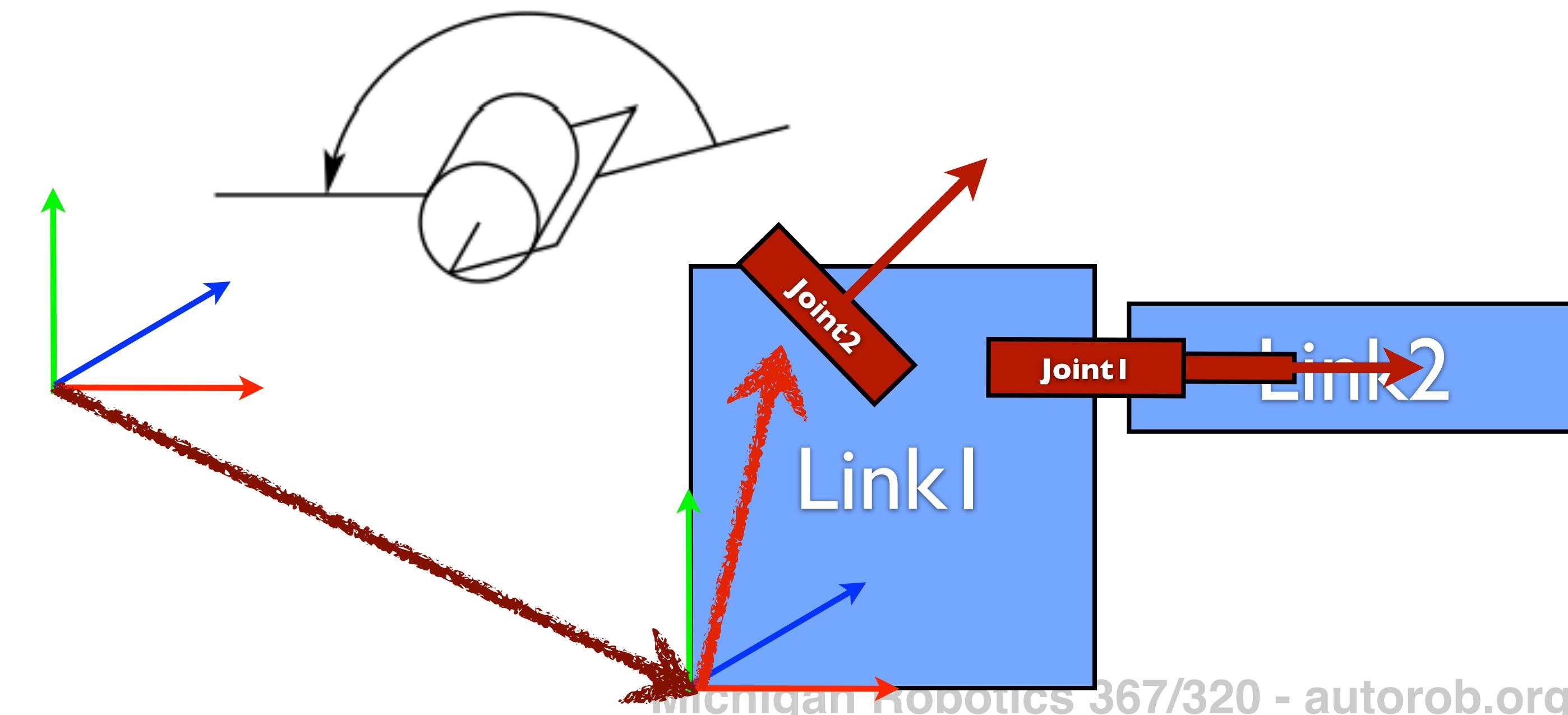
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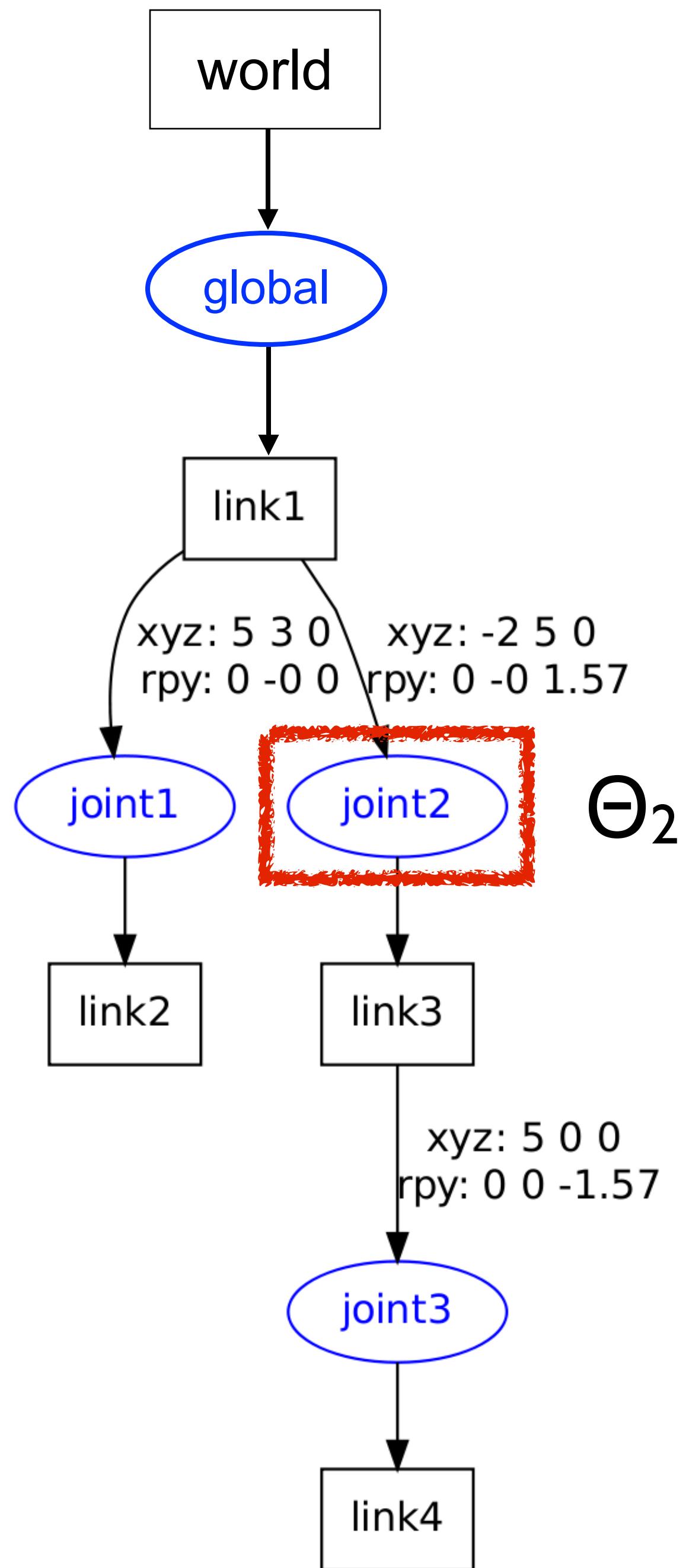
$$D^w_I * R^w_I * D^{I_3} * R^{I_3} ???$$

$$D^w_I * R^w_I$$

I

How can we account for joint2's motion?





joint2 is revolute

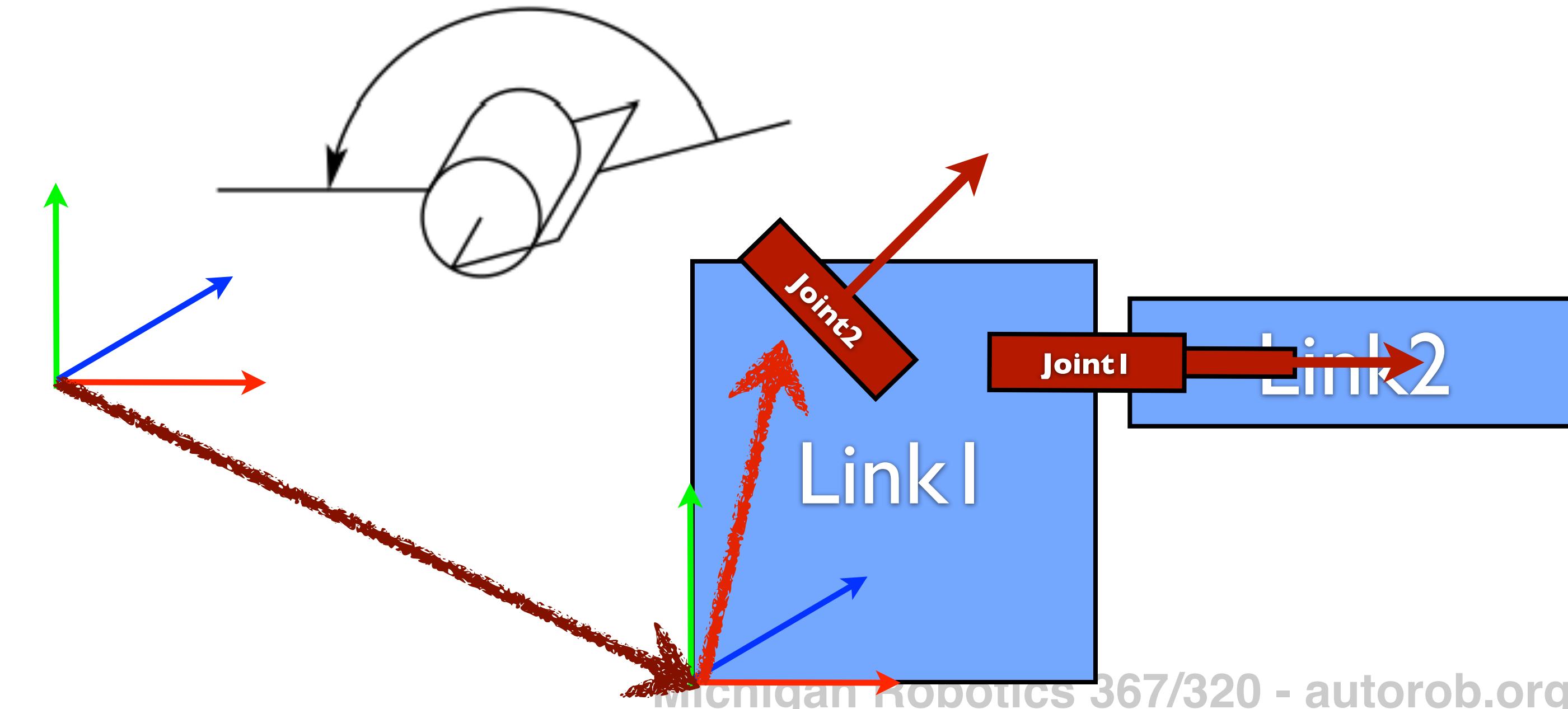
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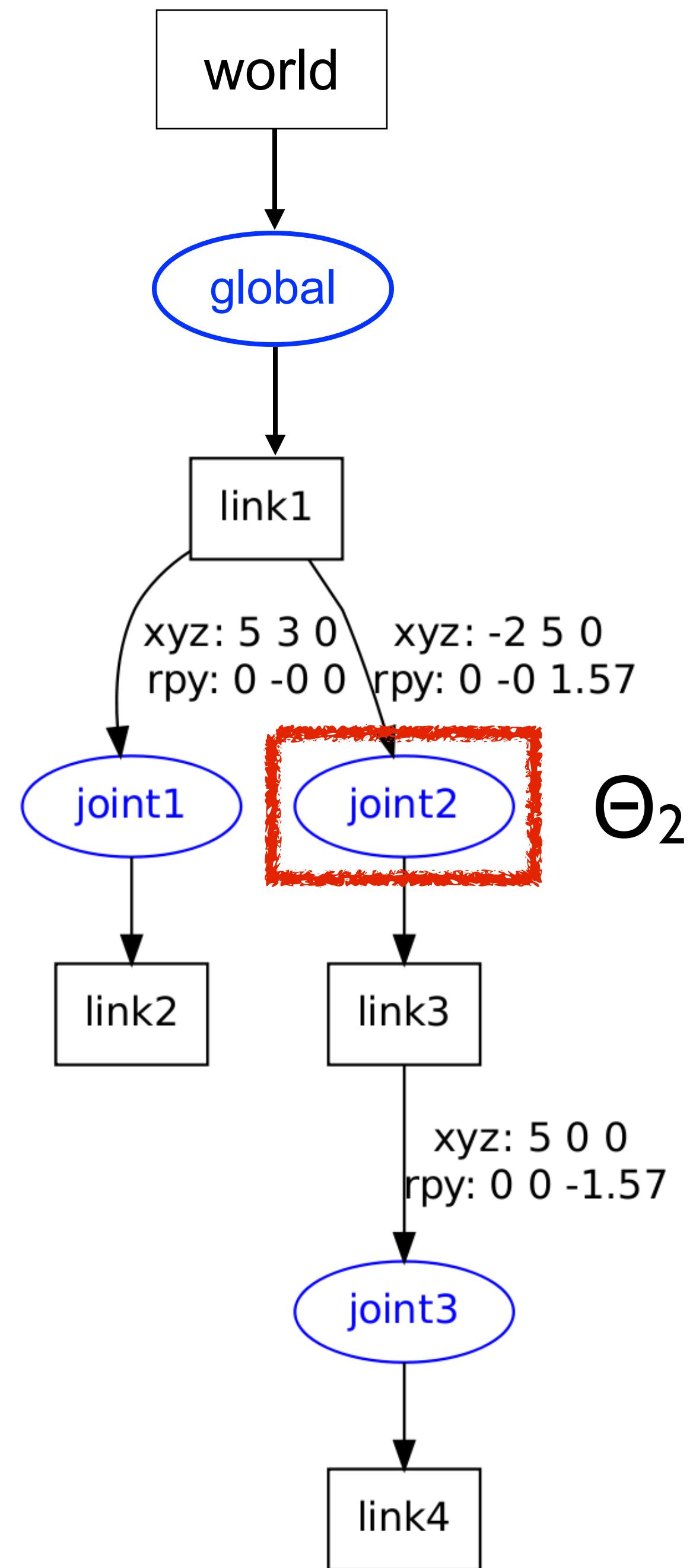
$$D^w_I * R^w_I$$

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rotation about unit joint axis u_2 by joint state q_2

//joint motor rotation axis
`robot.joints["joint2"].axis = [0.707, 0.0, 0.707]`





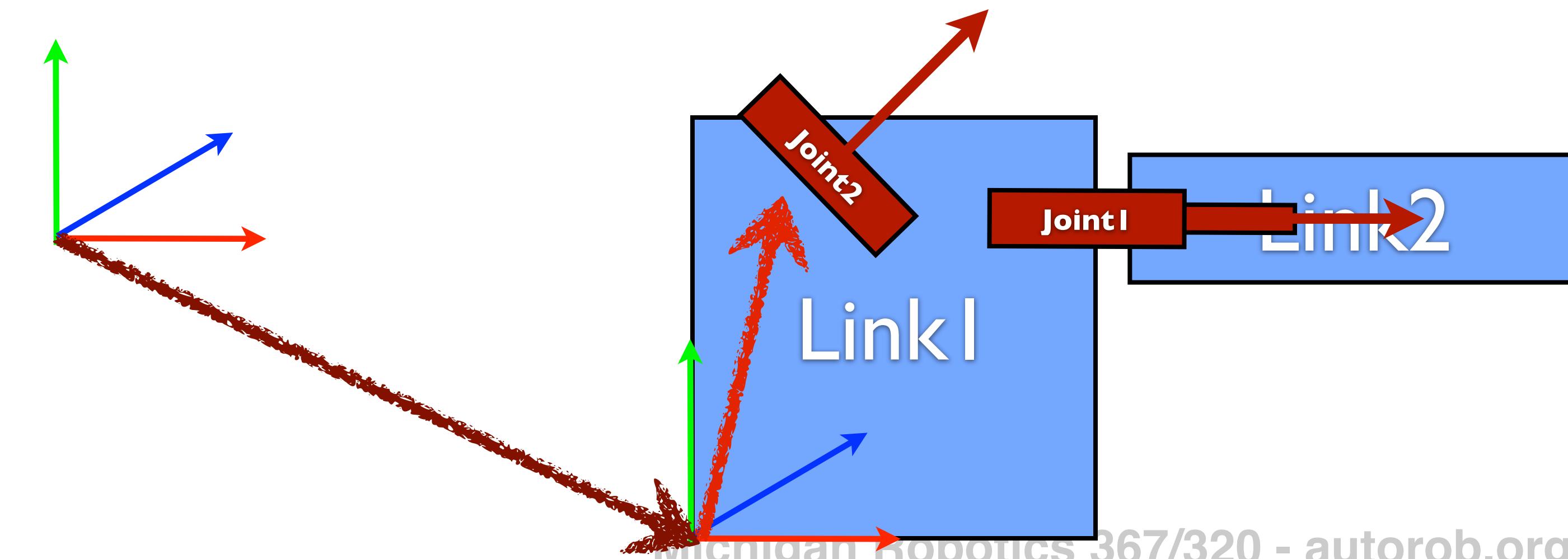
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$$D^w_I * R^w_I$$

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//joint motor rotation axis
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how to perform this rotation?



Euler Angles

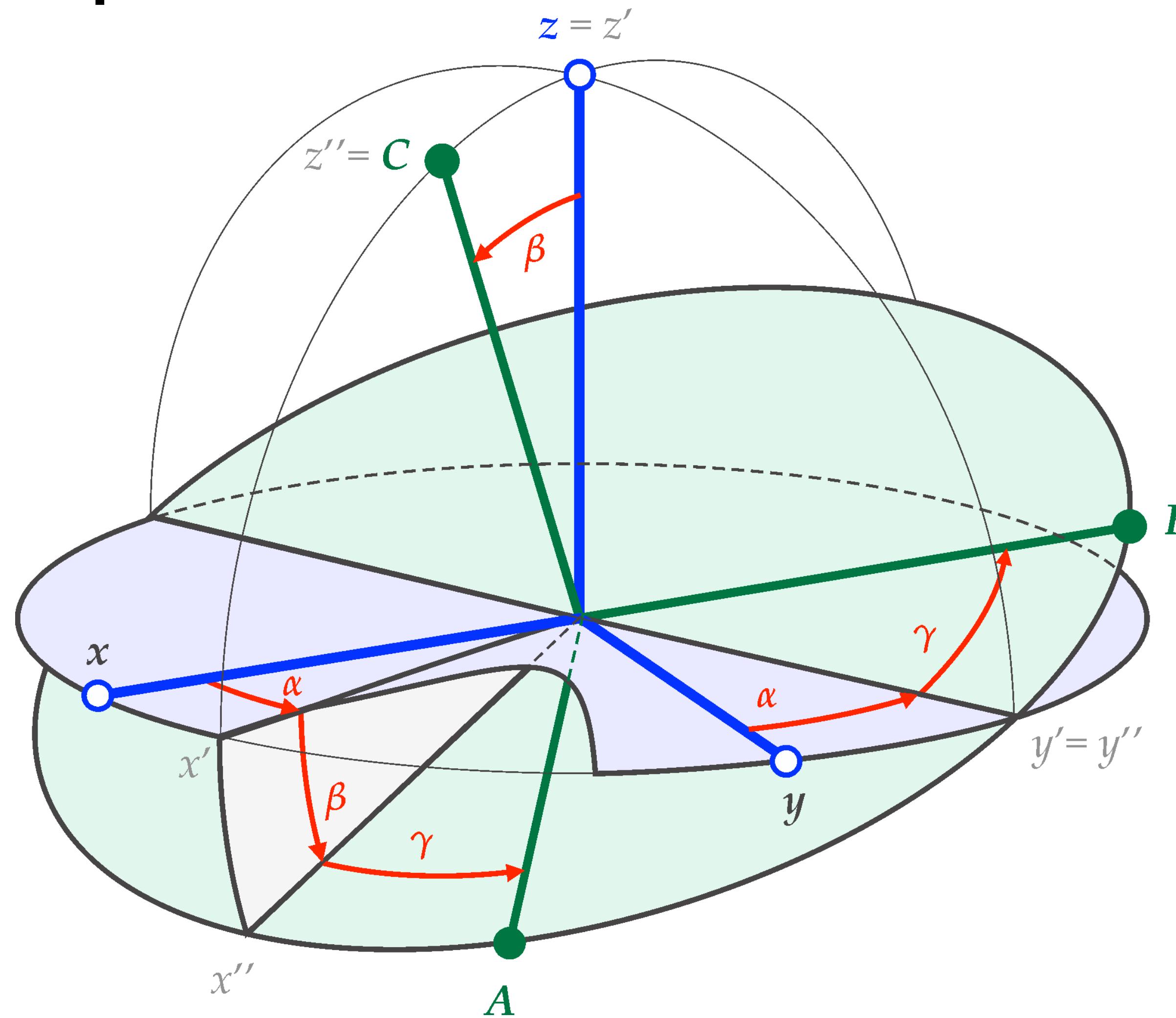
- Rotate about each axis in chosen order: $R = R_x(\Theta_x) R_y(\Theta_y) R_z(\Theta_z)$

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- 24 different choices for rotation ordering
- $R_x(\Theta_x)$: roll, $R_y(\Theta_y)$: pitch, $R_z(\Theta_z)$: yaw
- Matrix rotation not commutative across different axes

AutoRob uses XYZ order:
 $R_z R_y R_x$ (X then Y then Z)

Example: ZYZ Euler angles



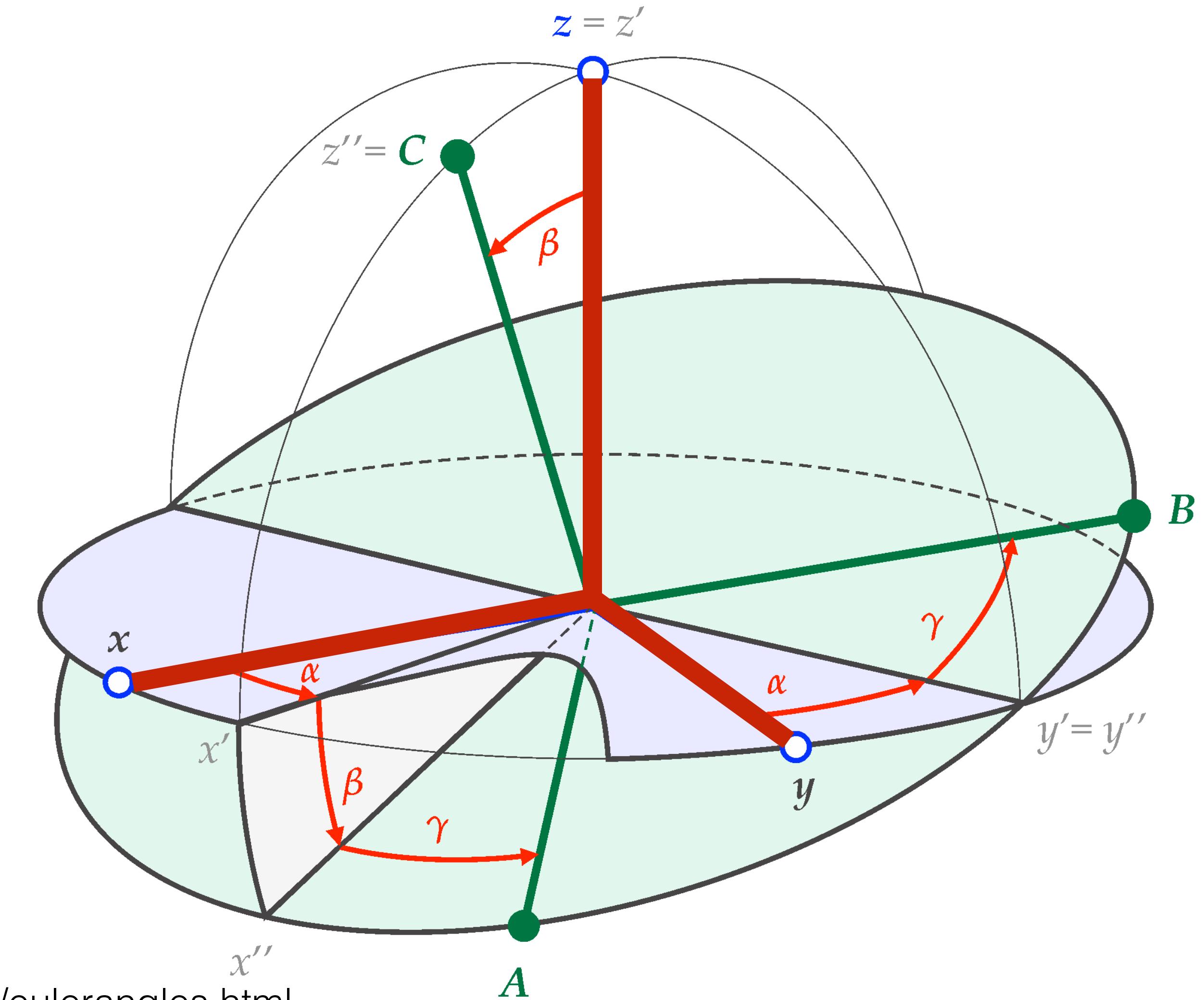
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Rotate xyz counterclockwise around its z axis by α to give $x'y'z'$.

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Rotate $x''y''z''$ counterclockwise around its z'' axis by γ to give the final ABC.

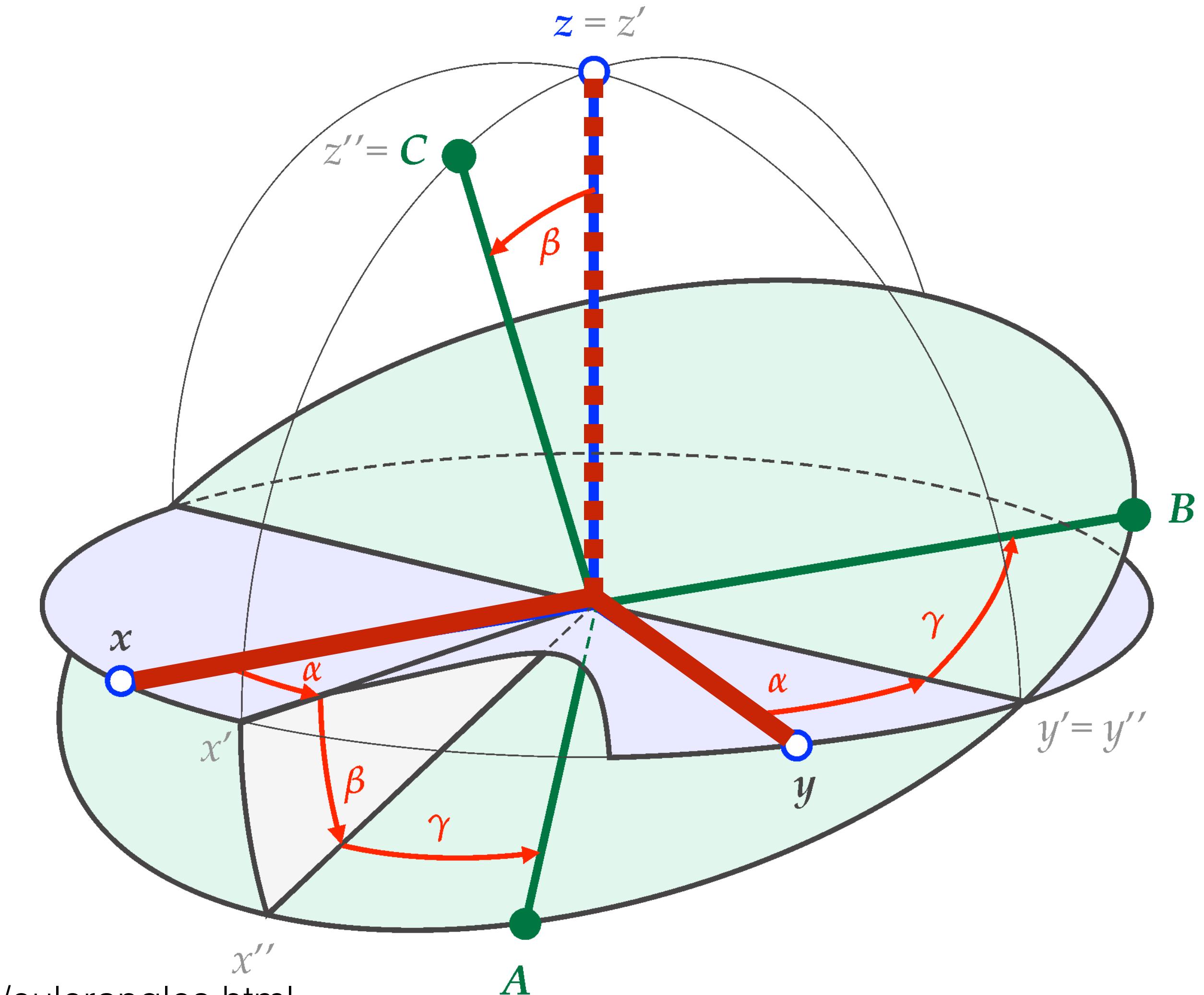


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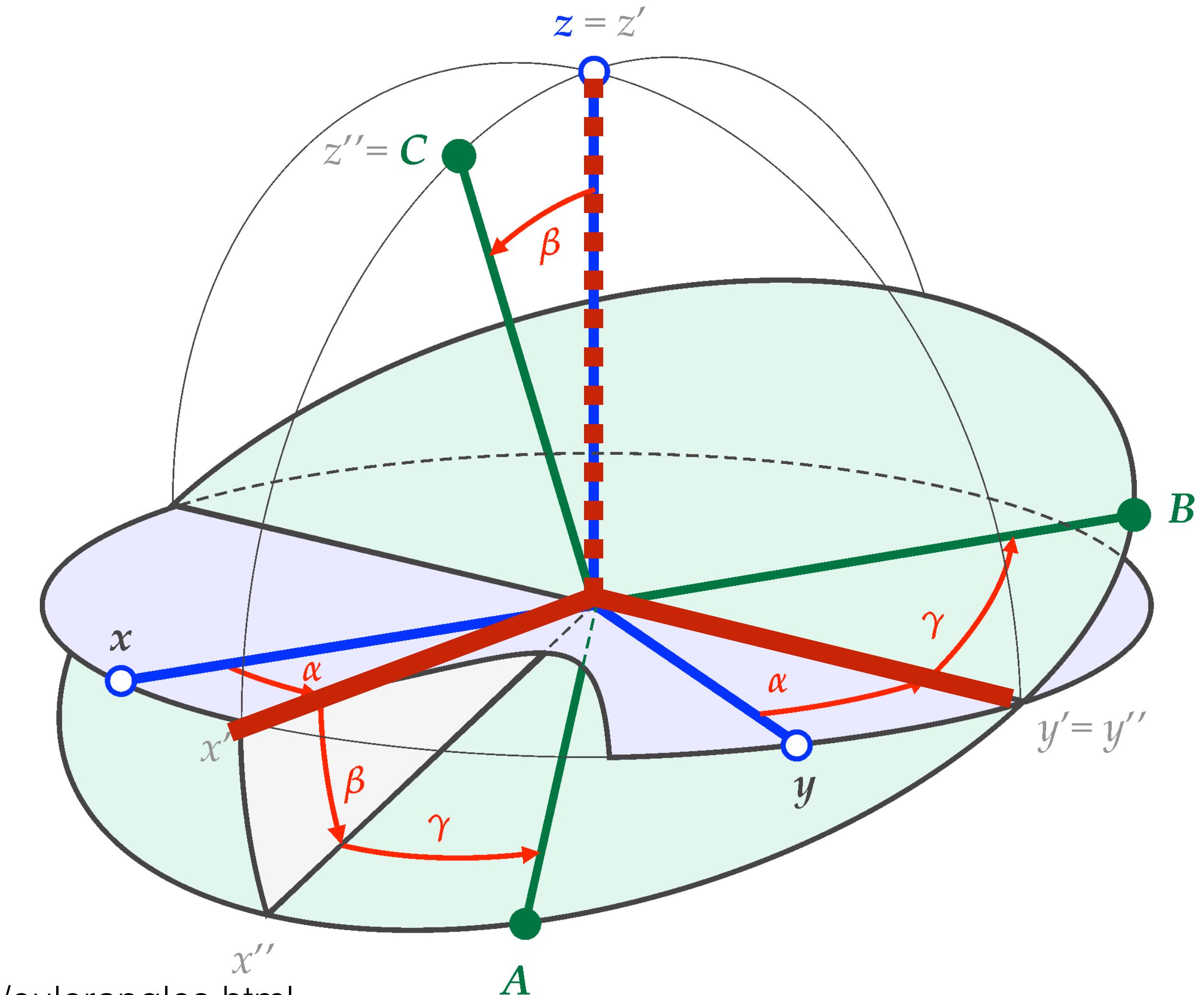


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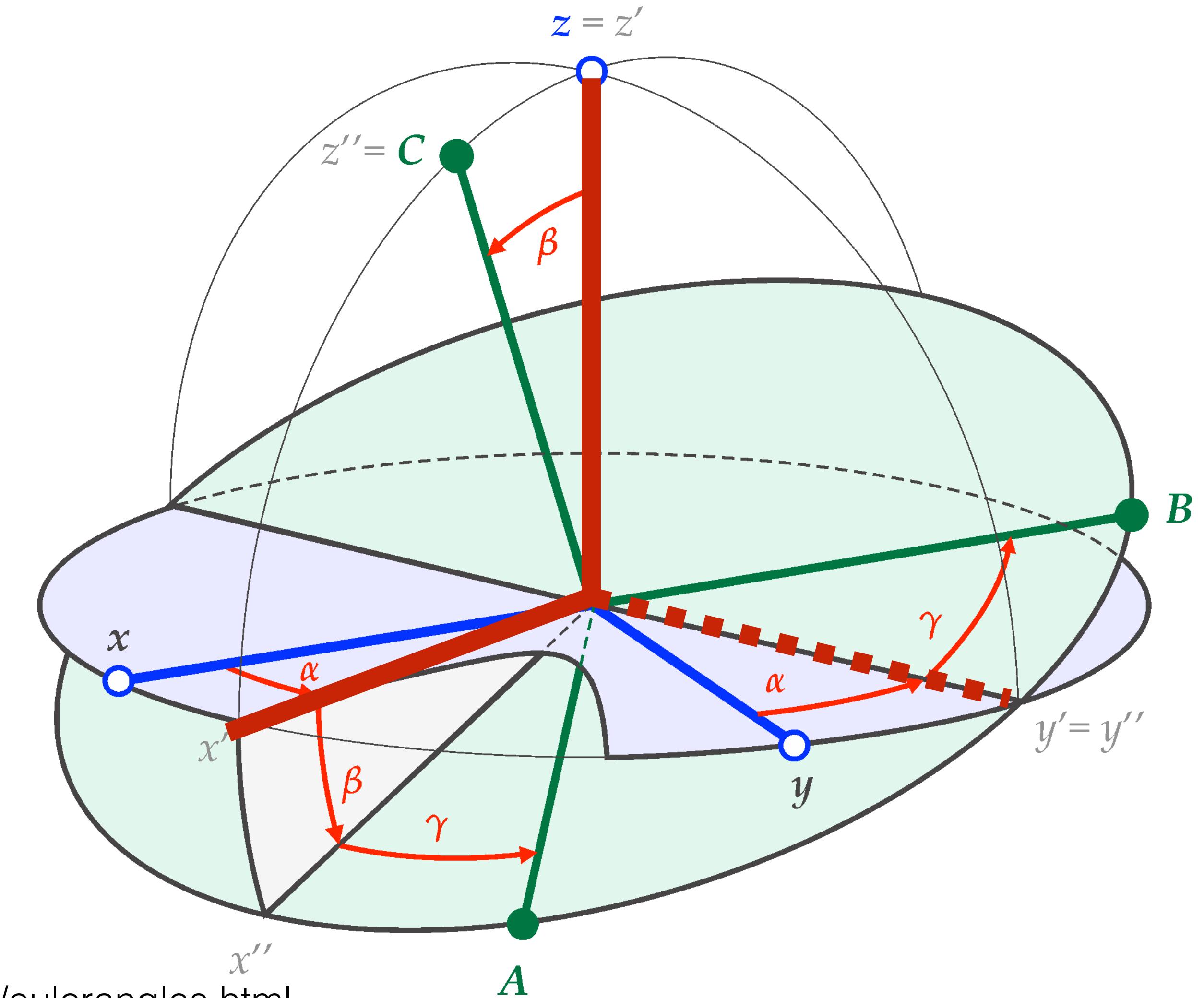


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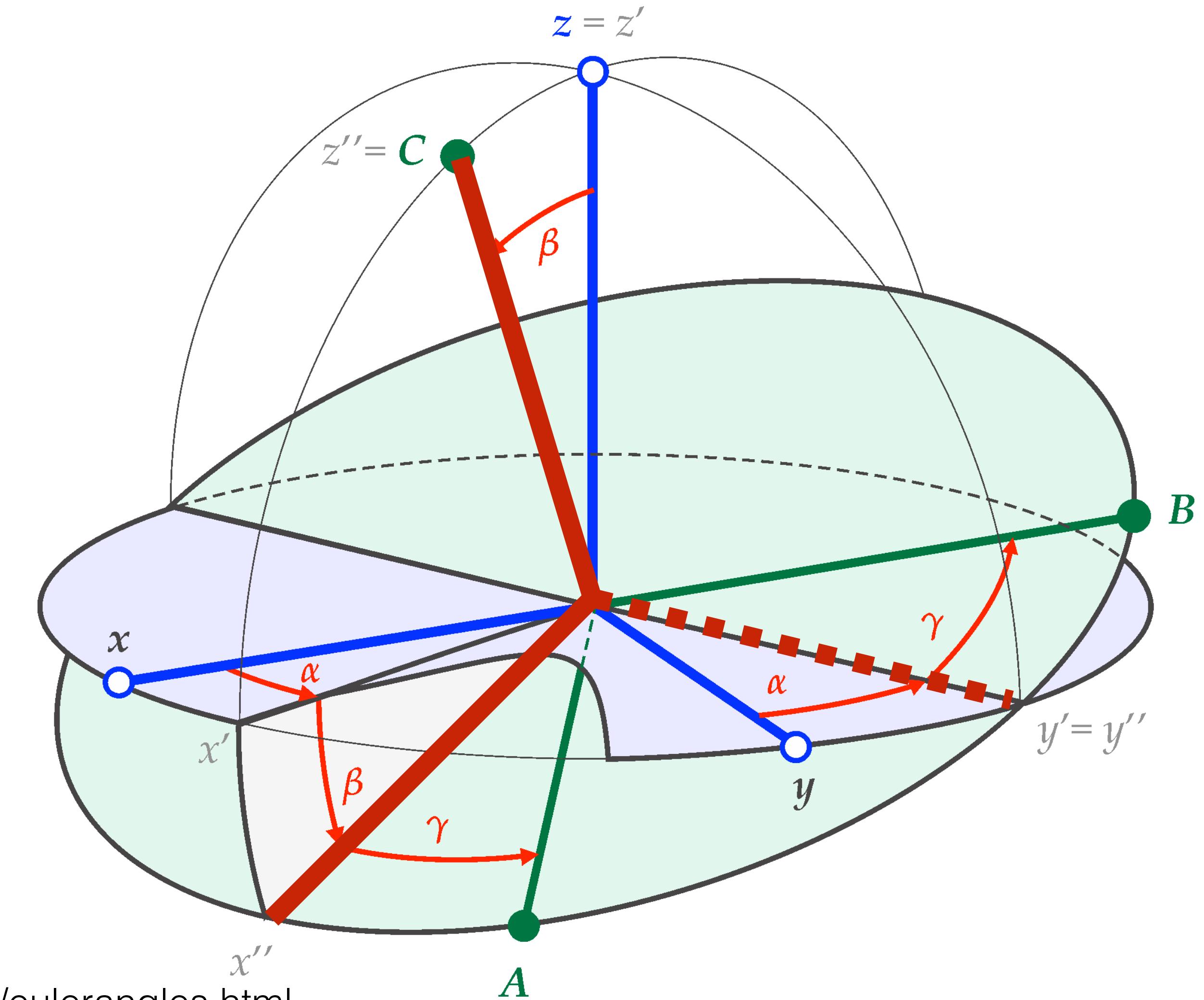


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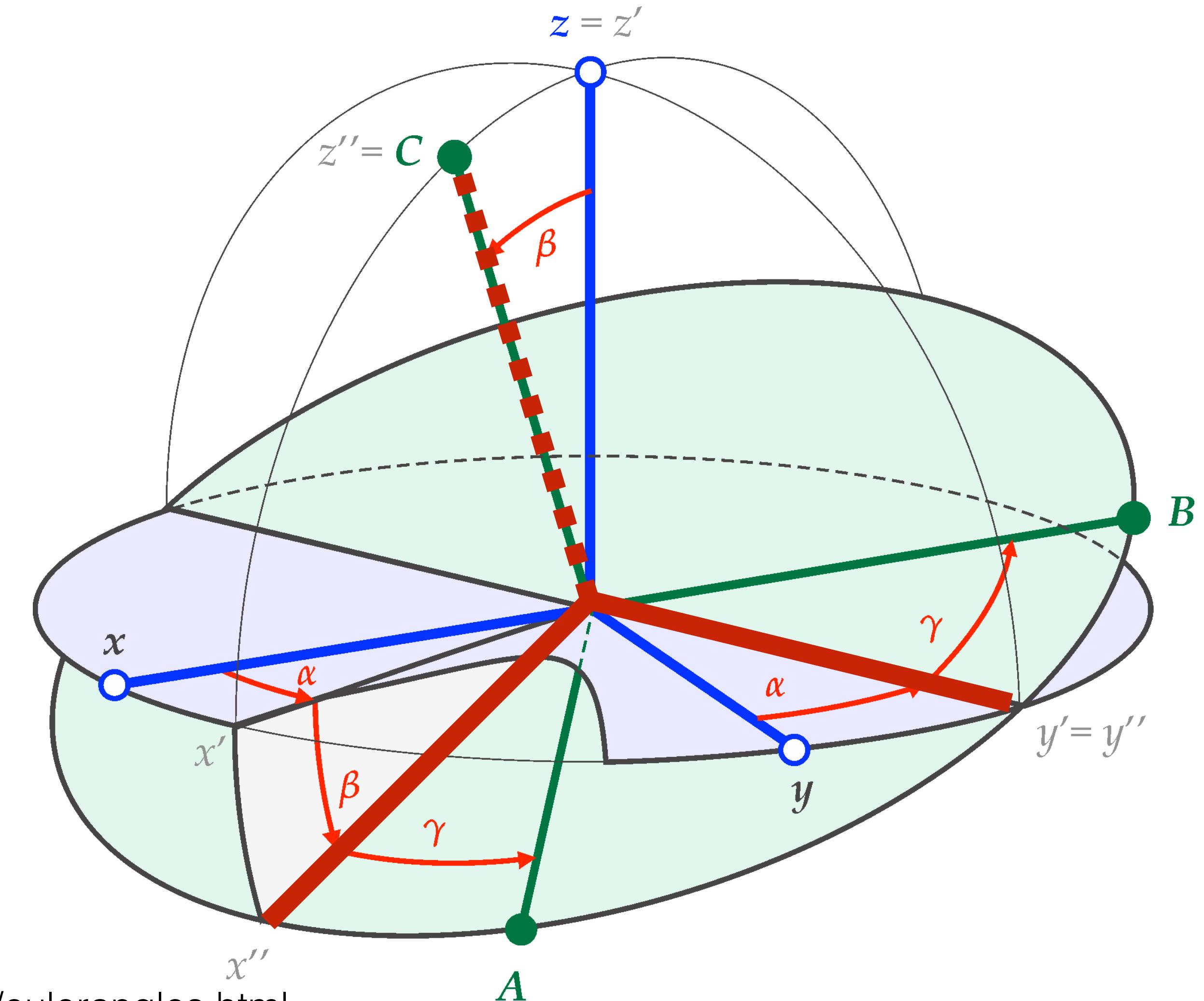


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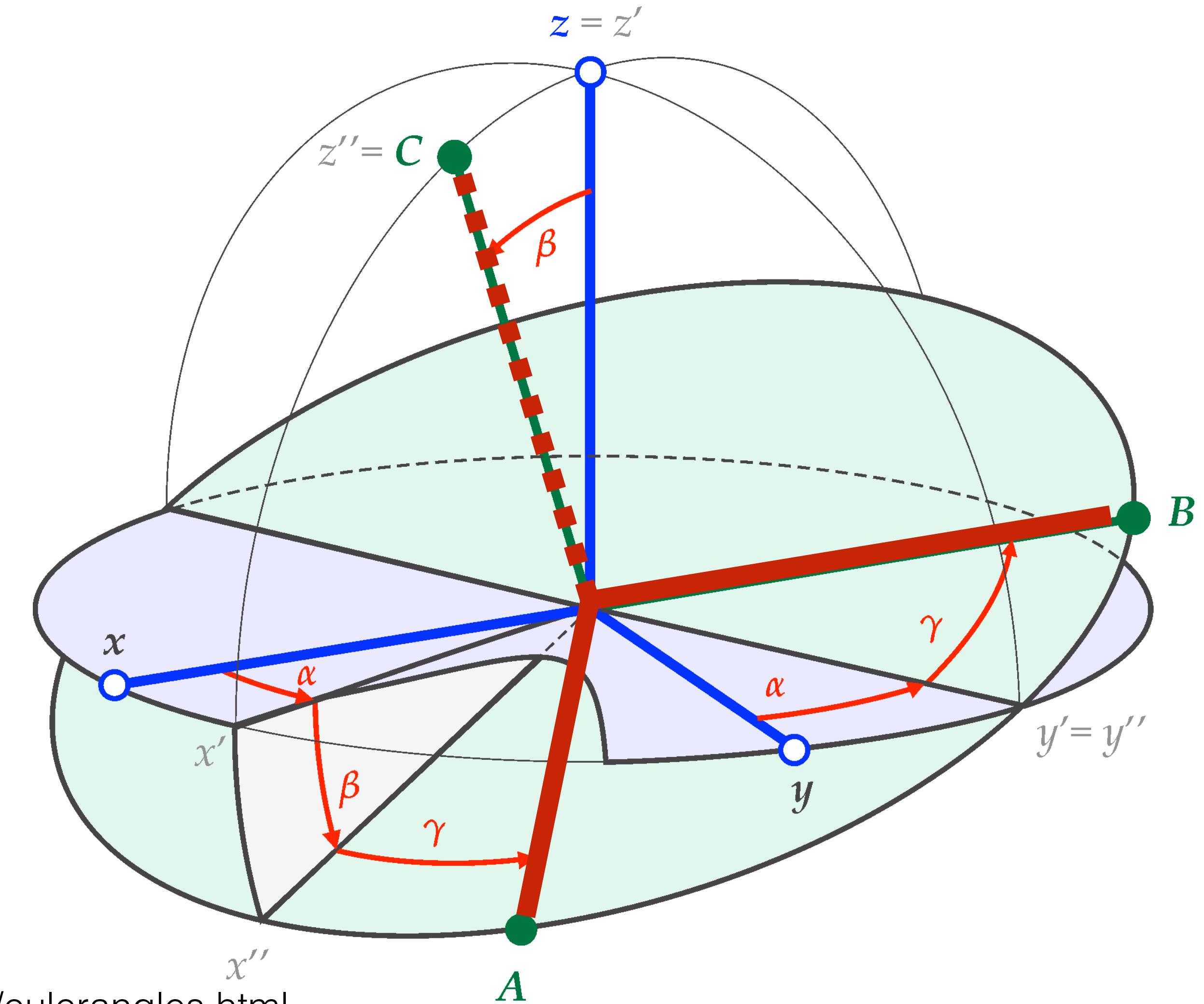


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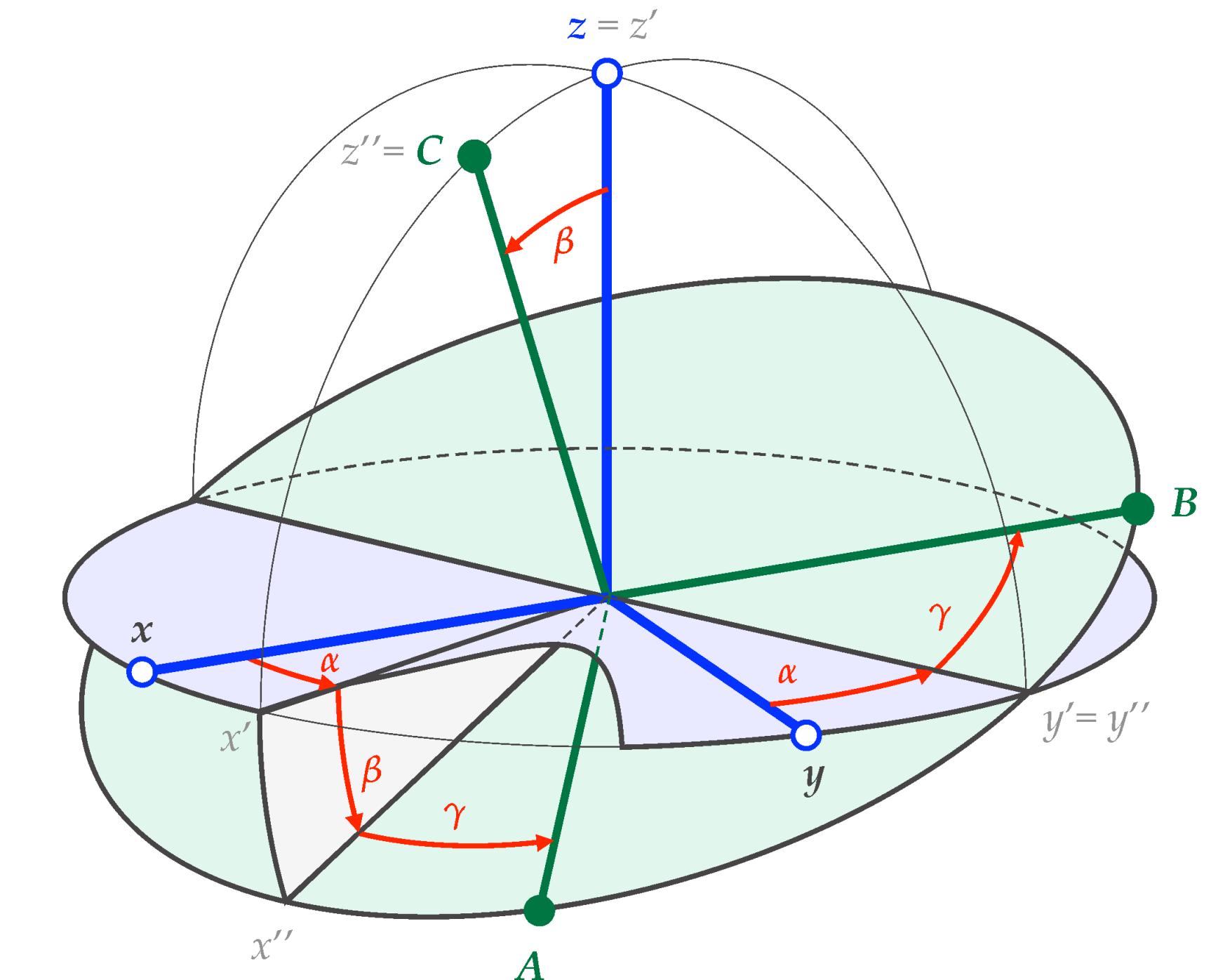


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$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= R_{z''}(\gamma) \cdot R_{y'}(\beta) \cdot R_z(\alpha) \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} c\gamma & s\gamma & 0 \\ -s\gamma & c\gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c\beta & 0 & -s\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ s\beta & 0 & c\beta \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c\alpha & s\alpha & 0 \\ -s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} c\gamma c\beta c\alpha - s\gamma s\alpha & c\gamma c\beta s\alpha + s\gamma c\alpha & -c\gamma s\beta \\ -s\gamma c\beta c\alpha - c\gamma s\alpha & -s\gamma c\beta s\alpha + c\gamma c\alpha & s\gamma s\beta \\ s\beta c\alpha & s\beta s\alpha & c\beta \end{pmatrix}
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Each rotation changes the non-rotated axes

results in a new frame for the next rotation

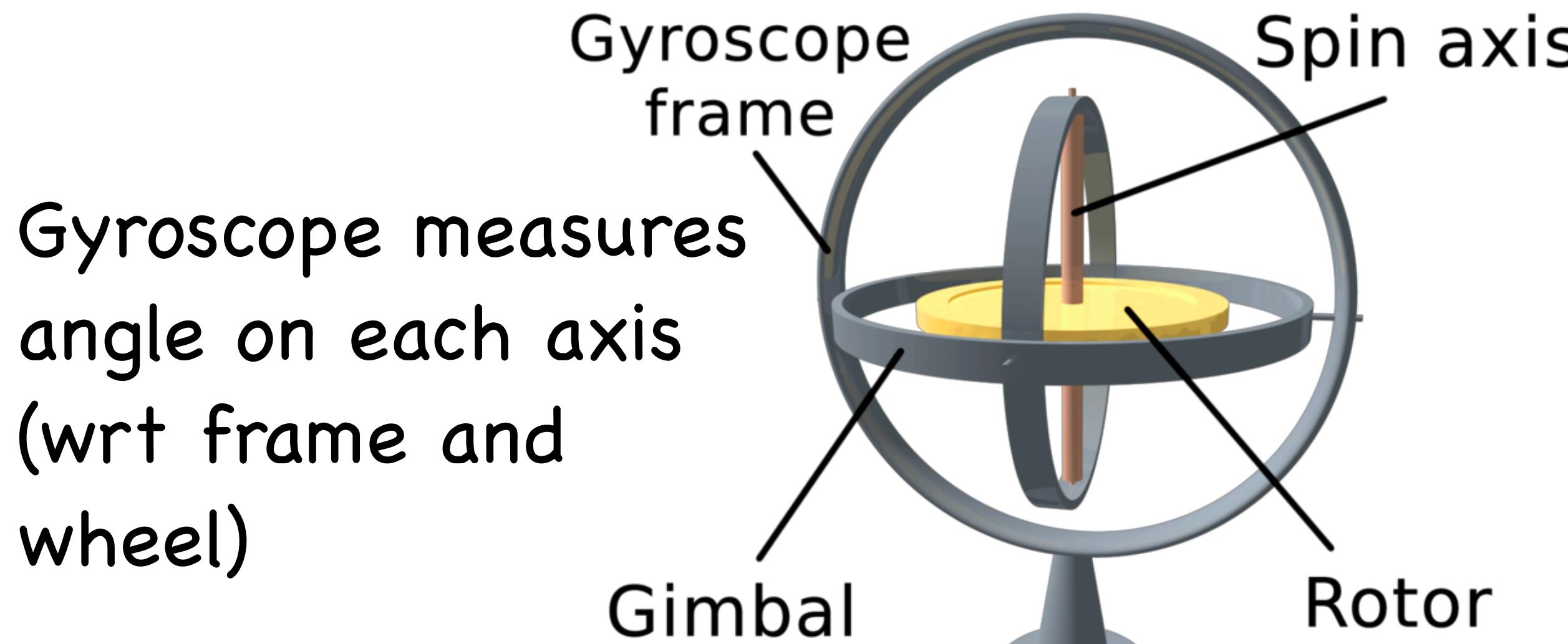


<http://easyspin.org/documentation/eulerangles.html>

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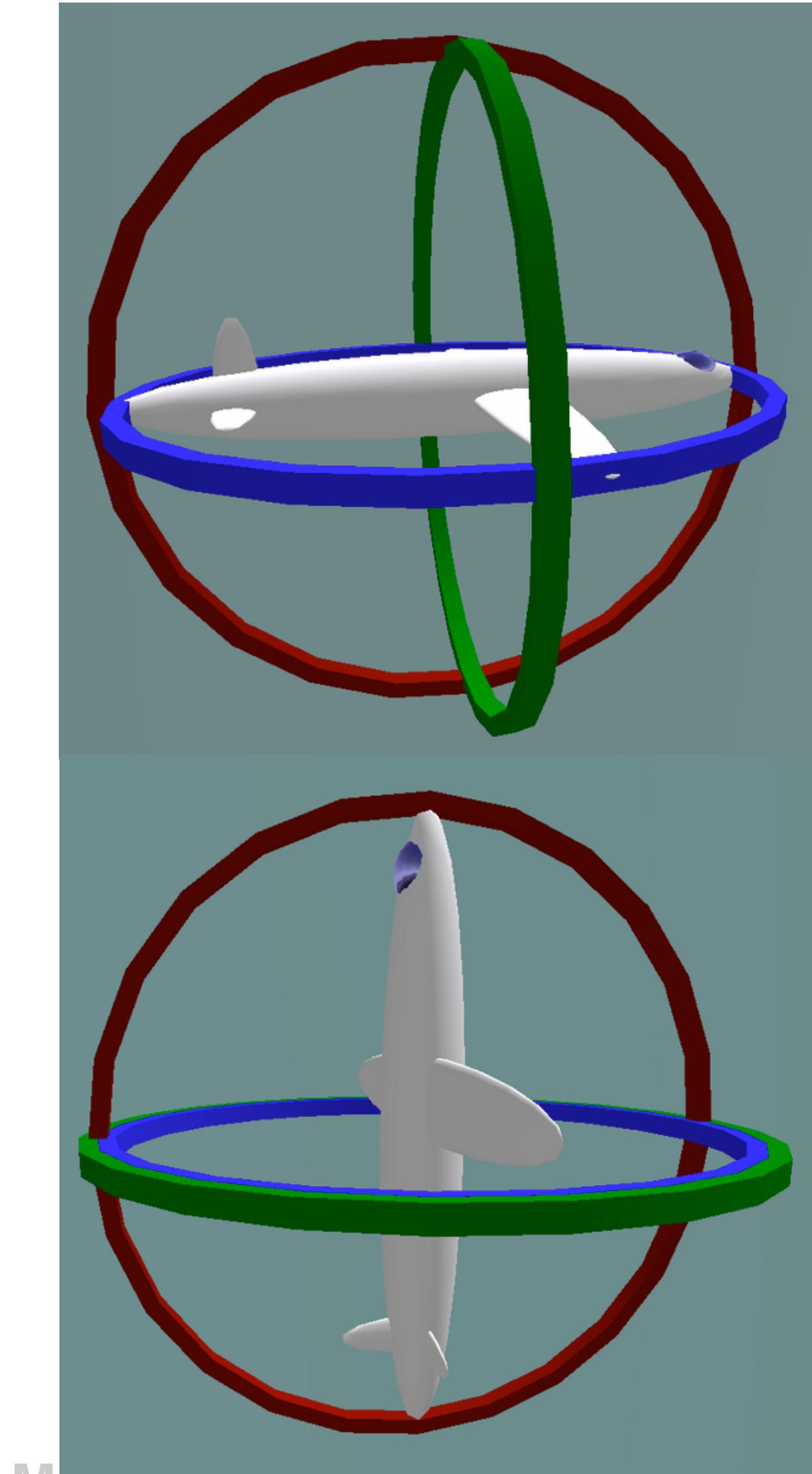
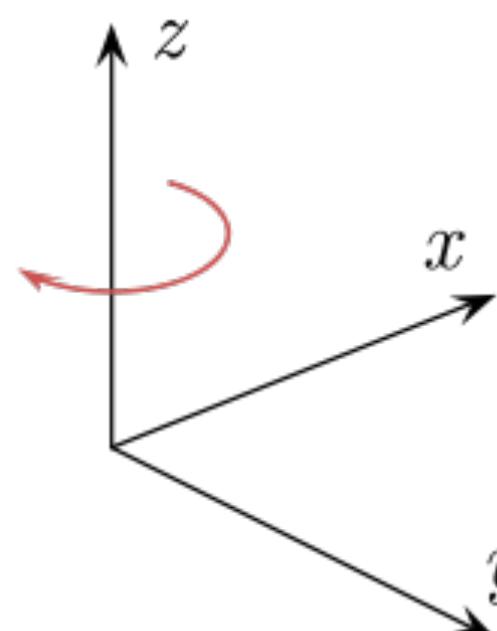
Why not rotate about each axis?

Consider gyroscope



Rotate about each axis in order

$$R = R_x(\Theta_x) R_y(\Theta_y) R_z(\Theta_z)$$

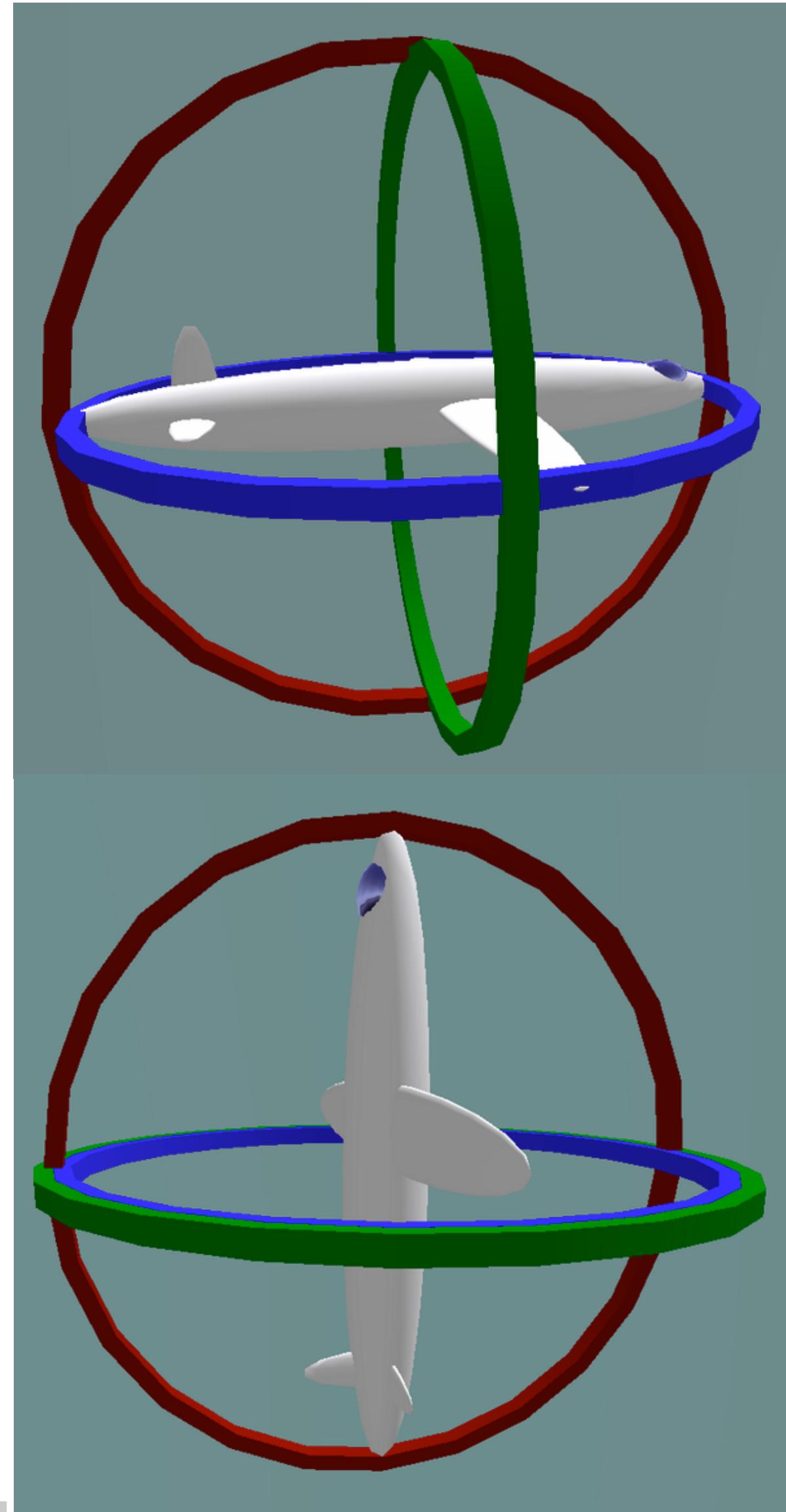
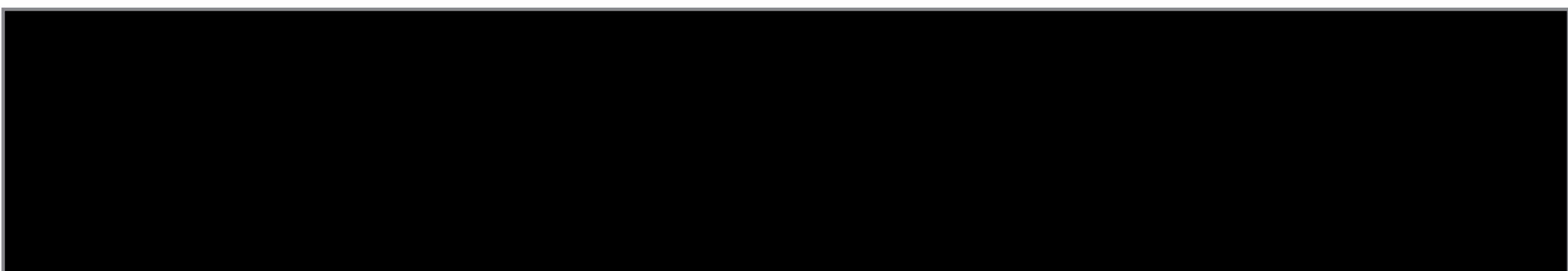


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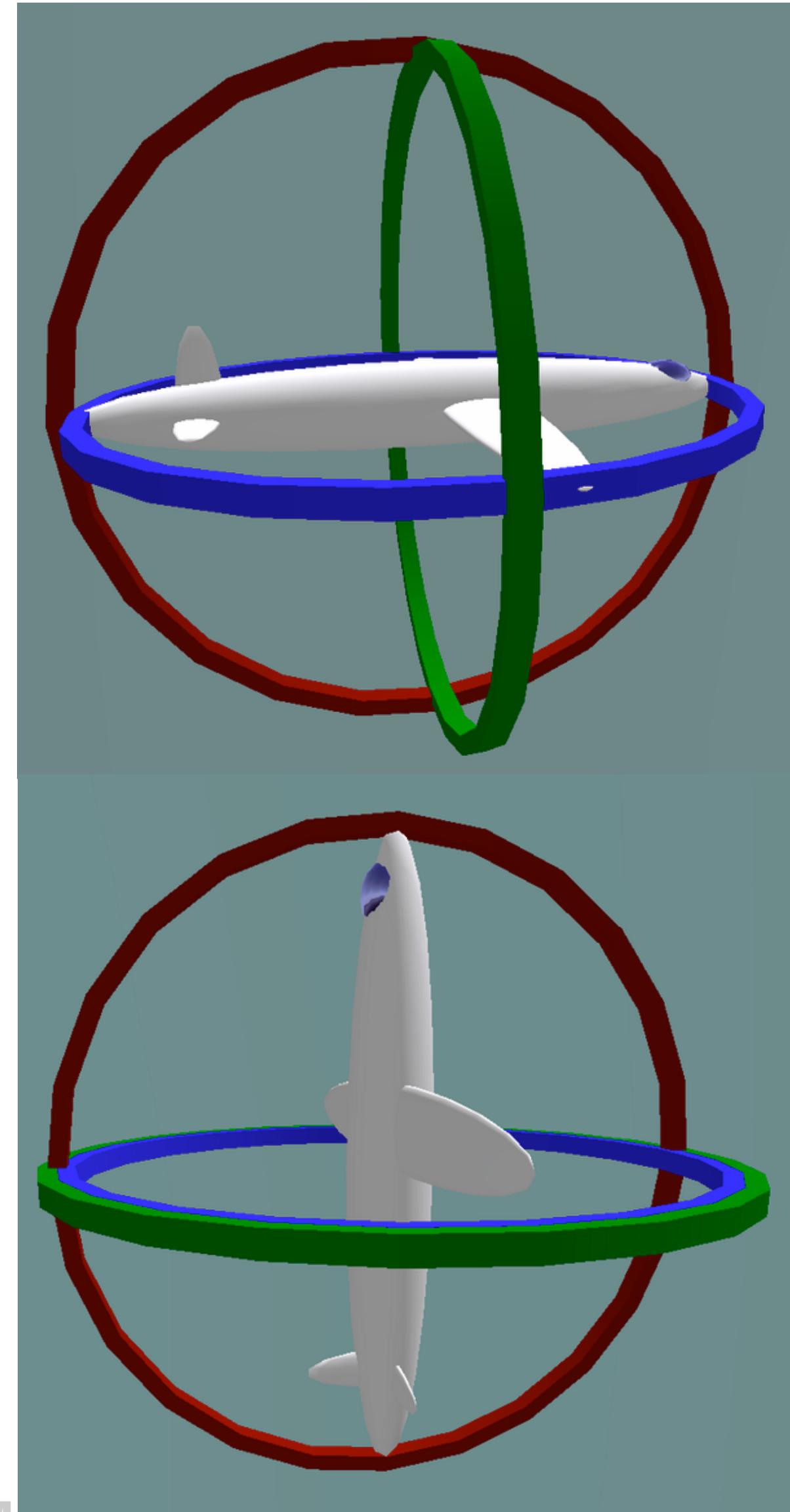
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**Consider a few examples
(on your own)**

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Rotation now only occurs about z-axis

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

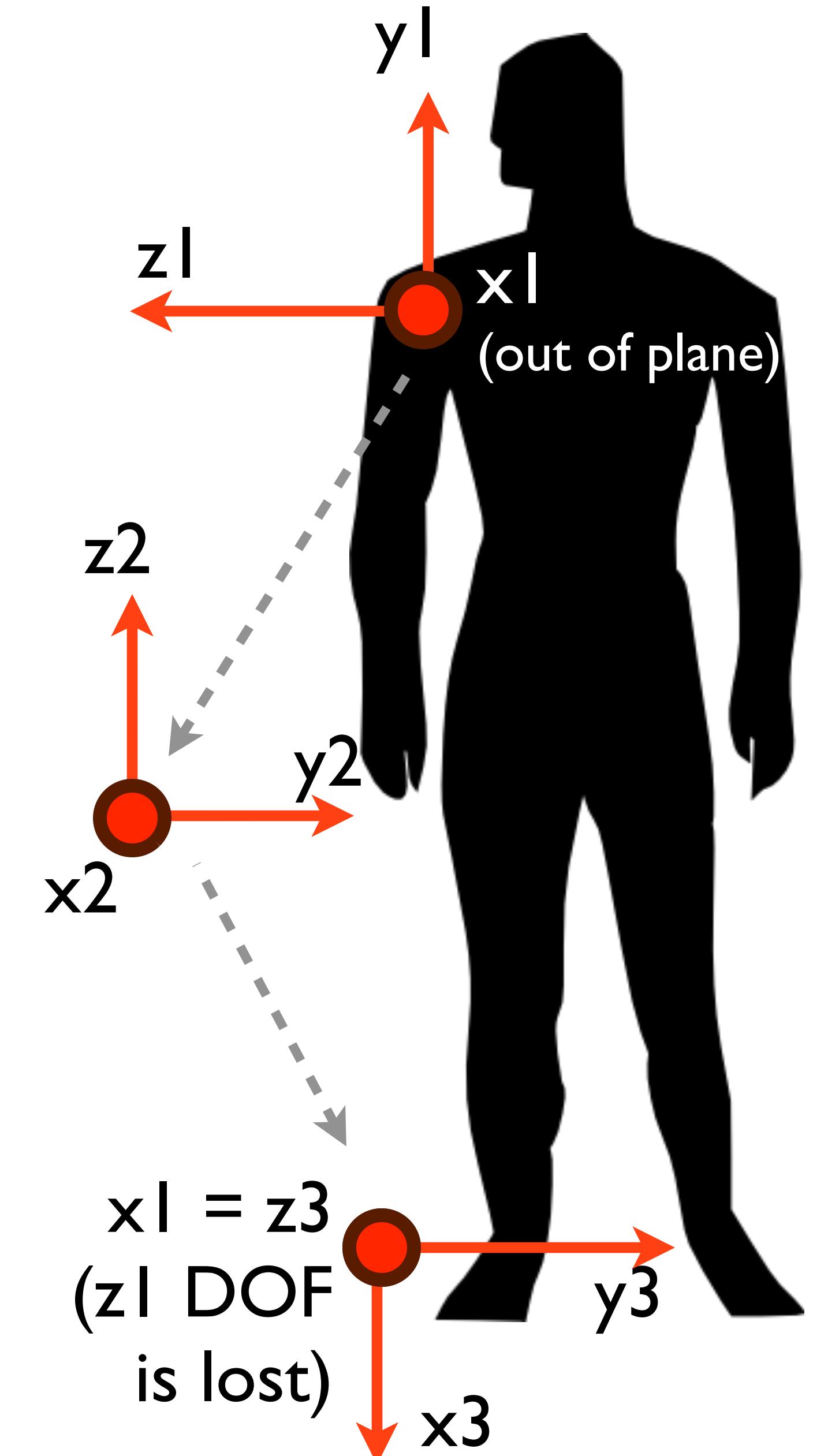
try multiplying by a vector

beta must change from $\pi/2$ in order for alpha and gamma to have proper effect

Gimbal lock example

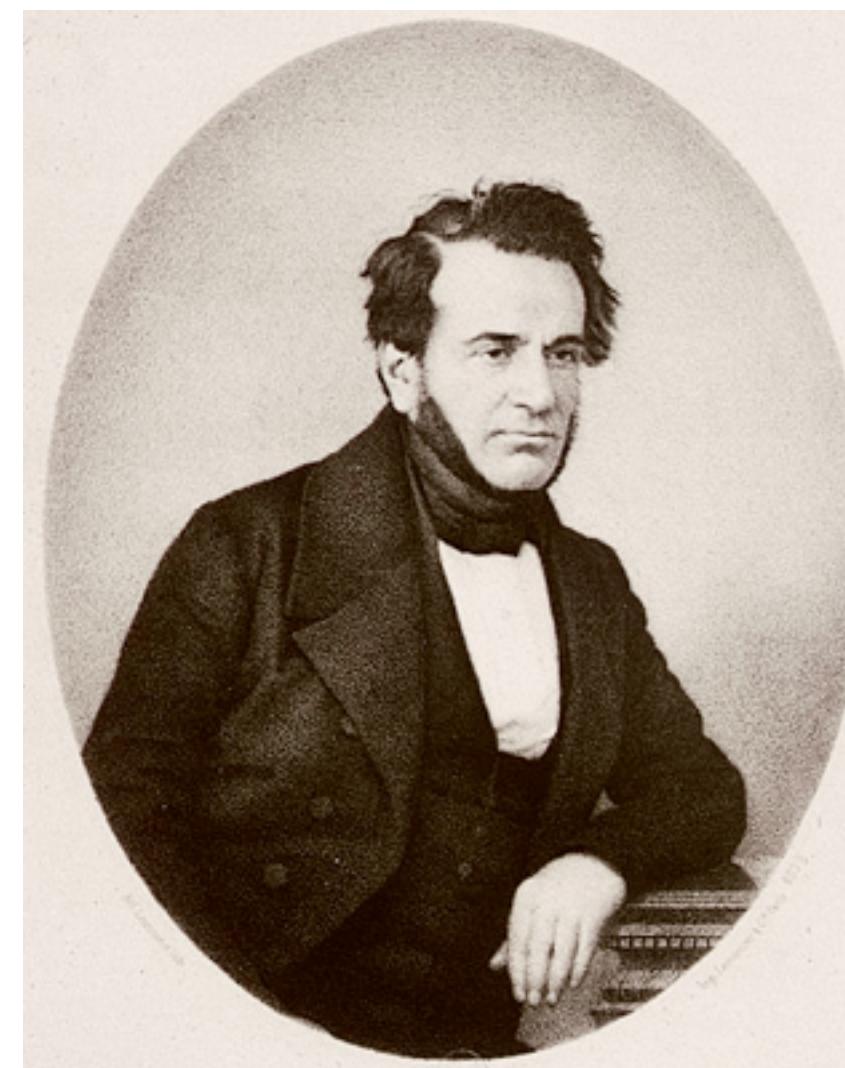
rotation order: X then Y then Z

- Consider: $R_z(90^\circ)$ $R_y(90^\circ)$ $R_x(90^\circ)$
- Rotate your arm upward 90 degrees about initial x-axis
- Rotate 90 degrees downward about new y-axis
gimbal lock occurs: current z-axis aligns with initial x-axis
- Rotate 90 degrees about new z-axis
rotation occurs about initial x-axis
return to approximately original pose
- Remember: rotations axes move with rotations



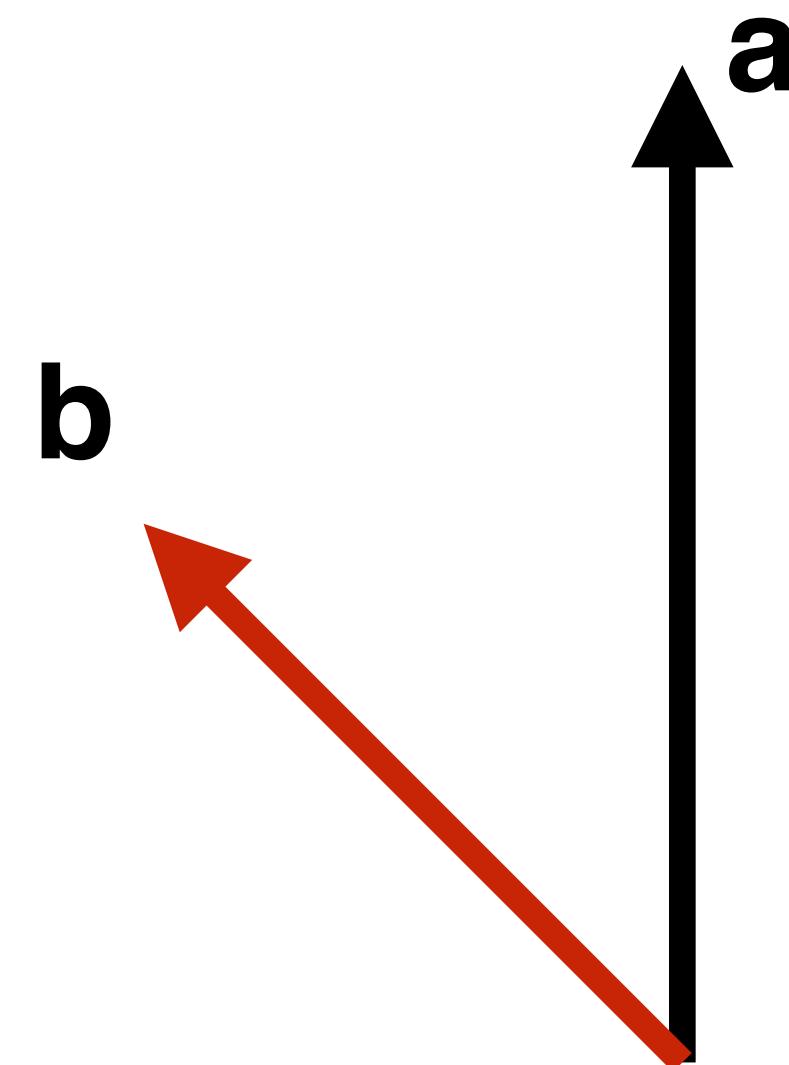
Let's try rotating about an axis

Rodrigues Axis-Angle Rotation



Benjamin Olinde Rodrigues
1795-1851

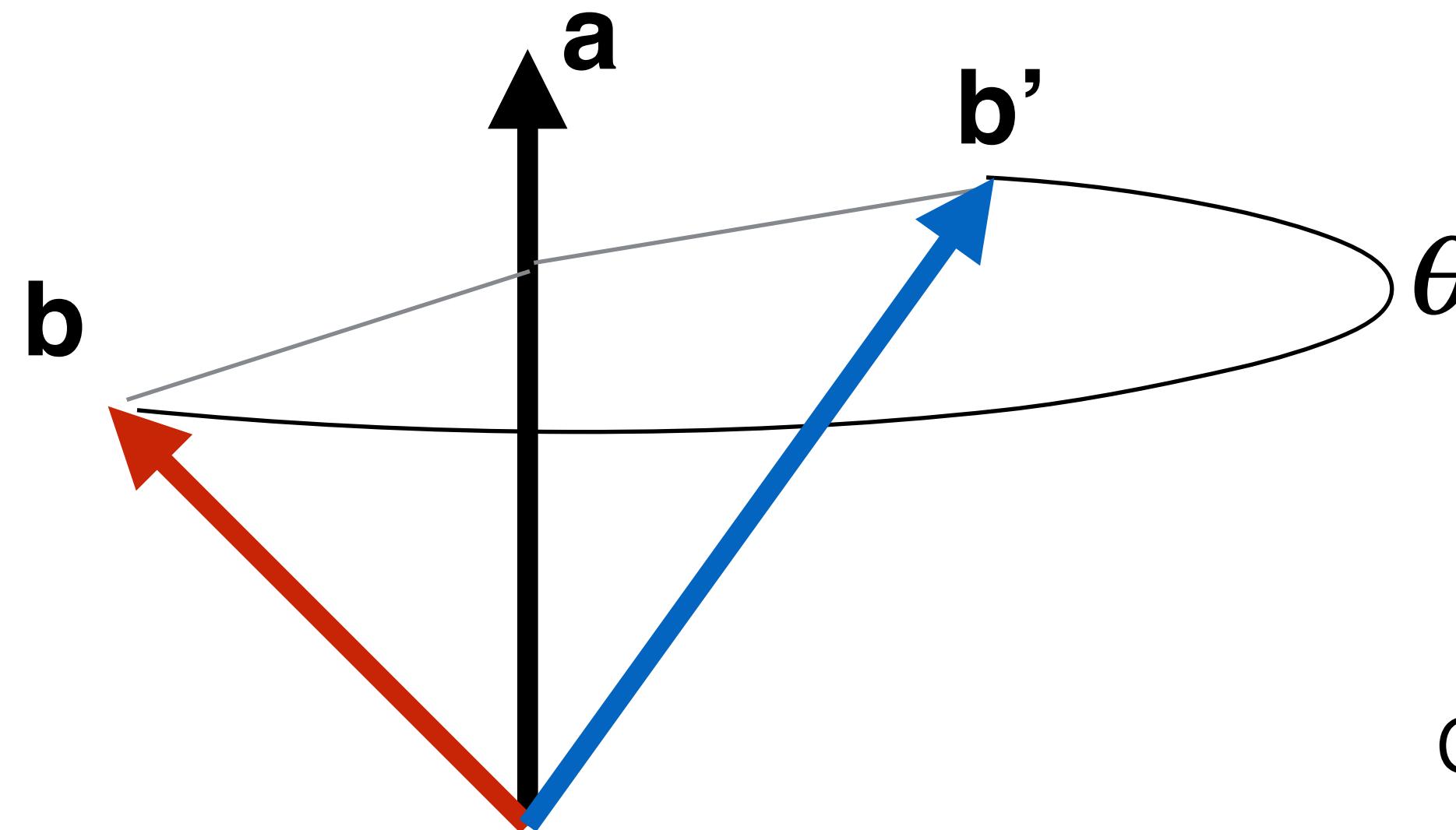
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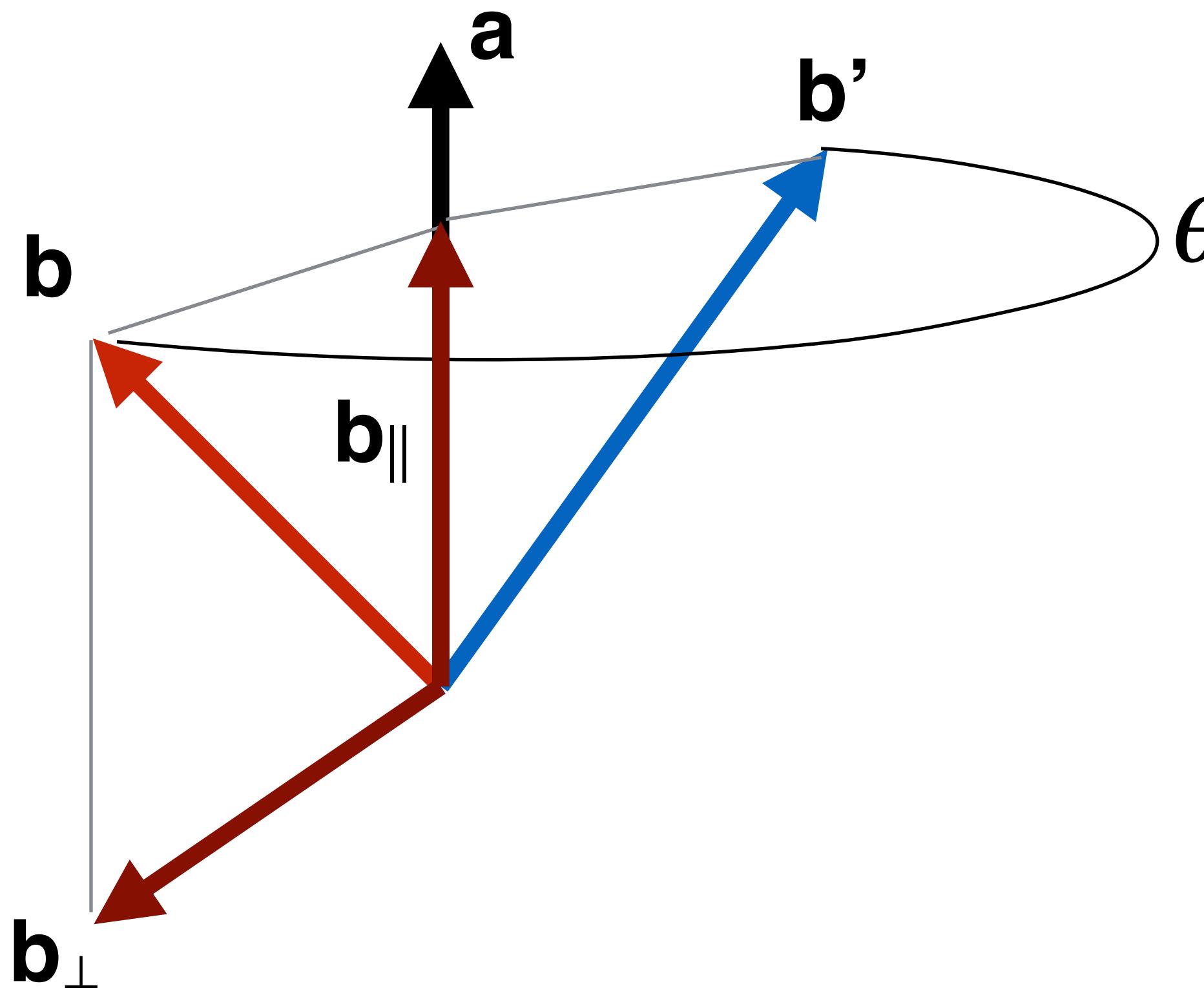
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compute **b'** as rotation of **b** around **a** by θ

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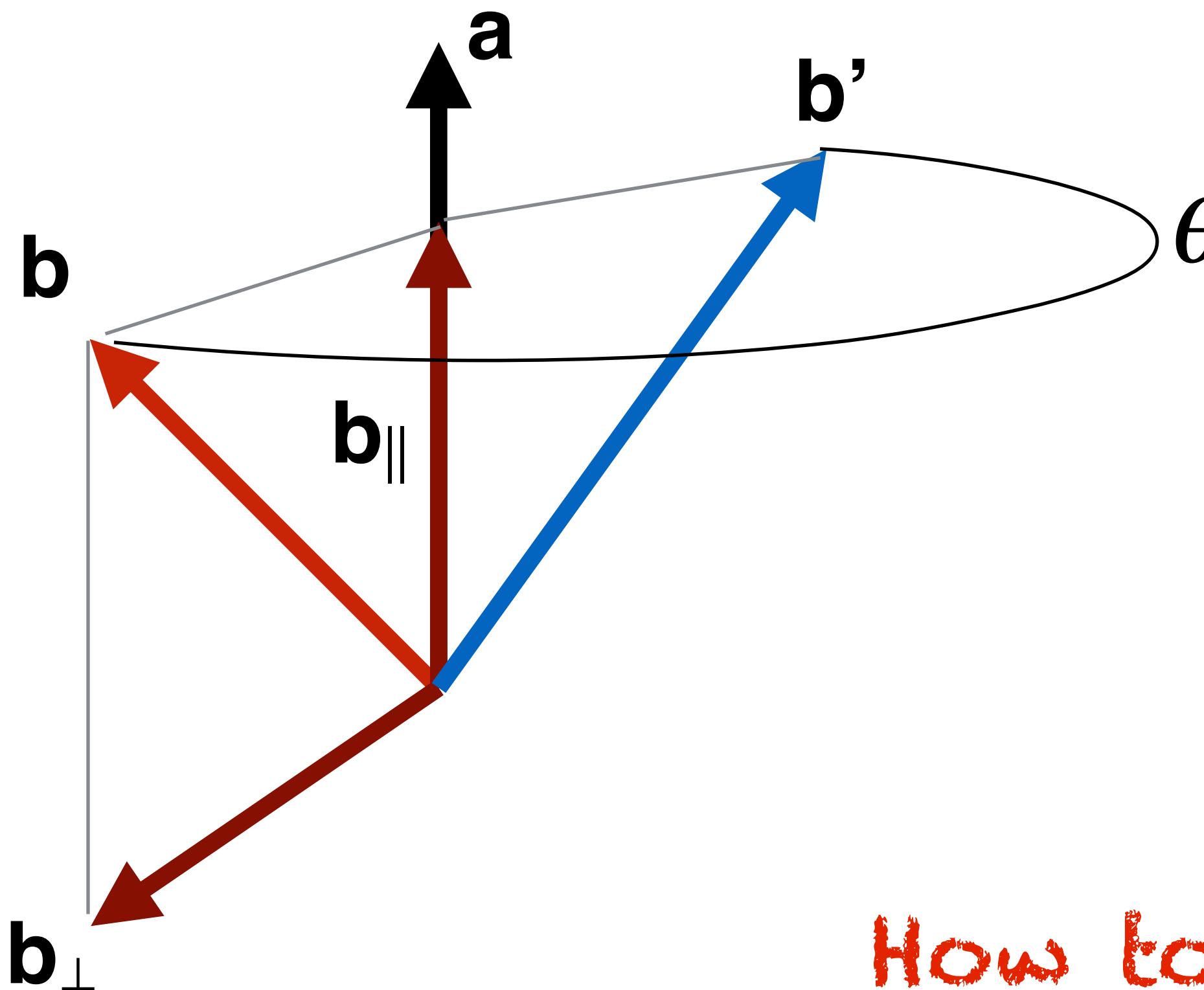
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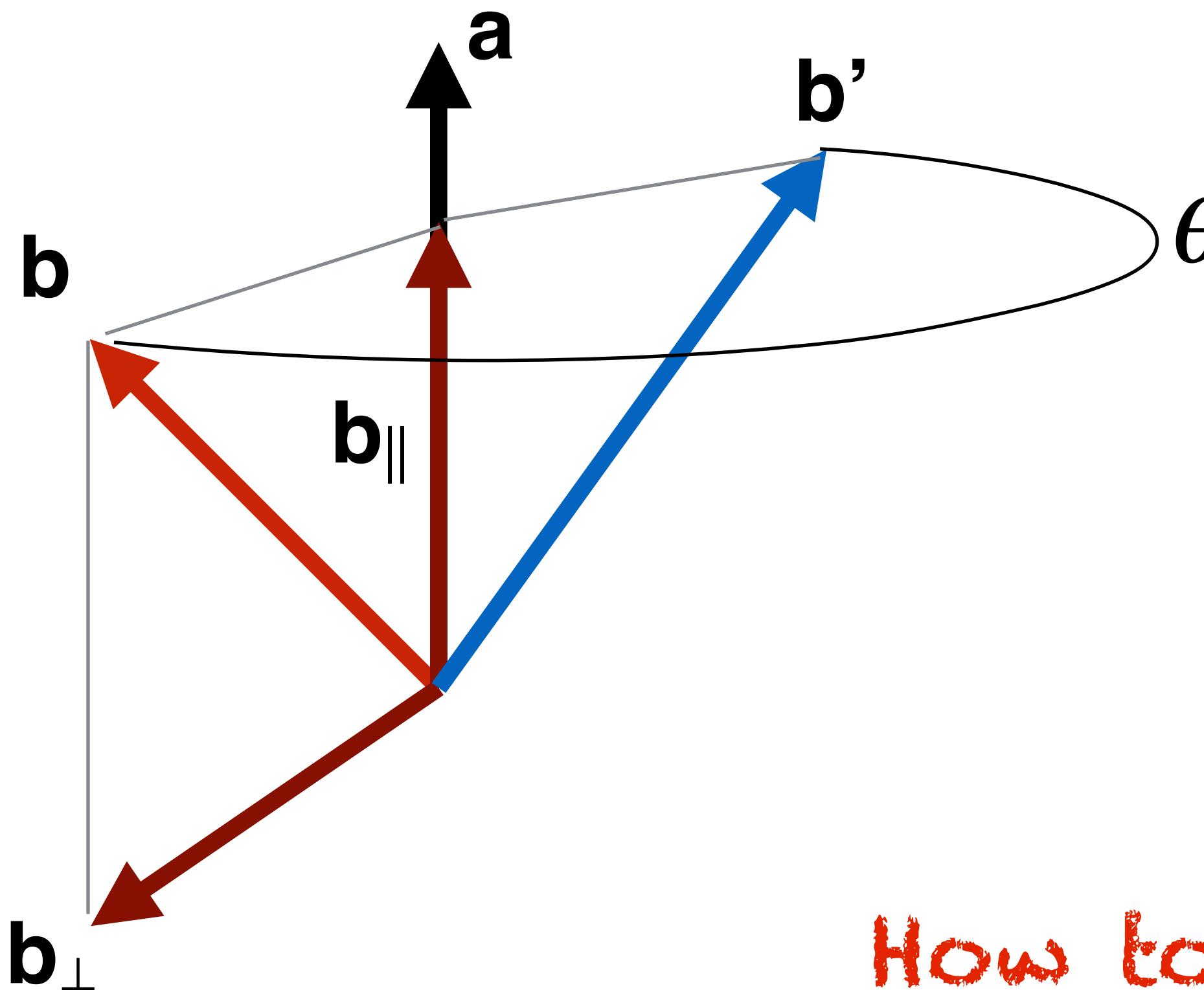
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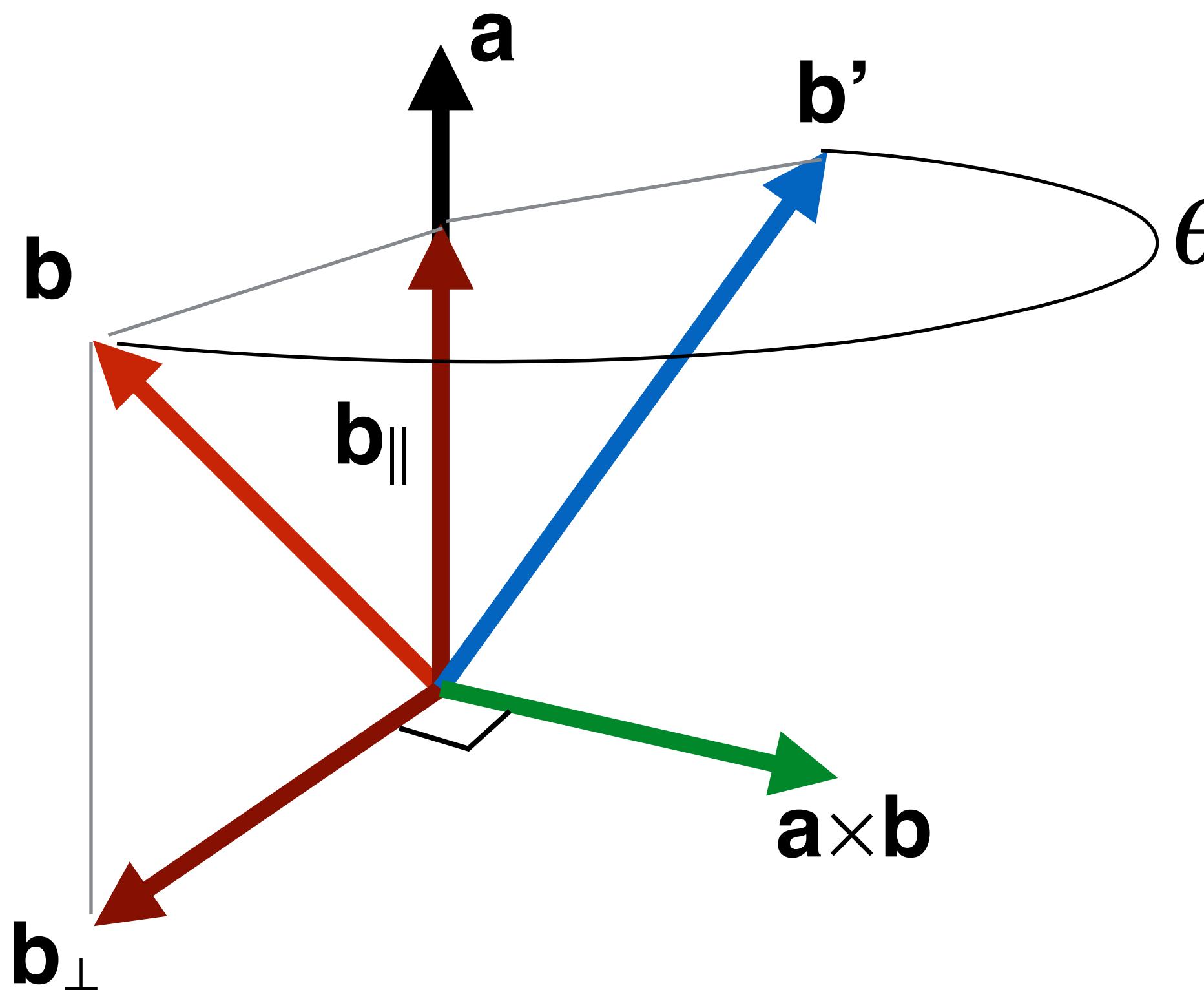
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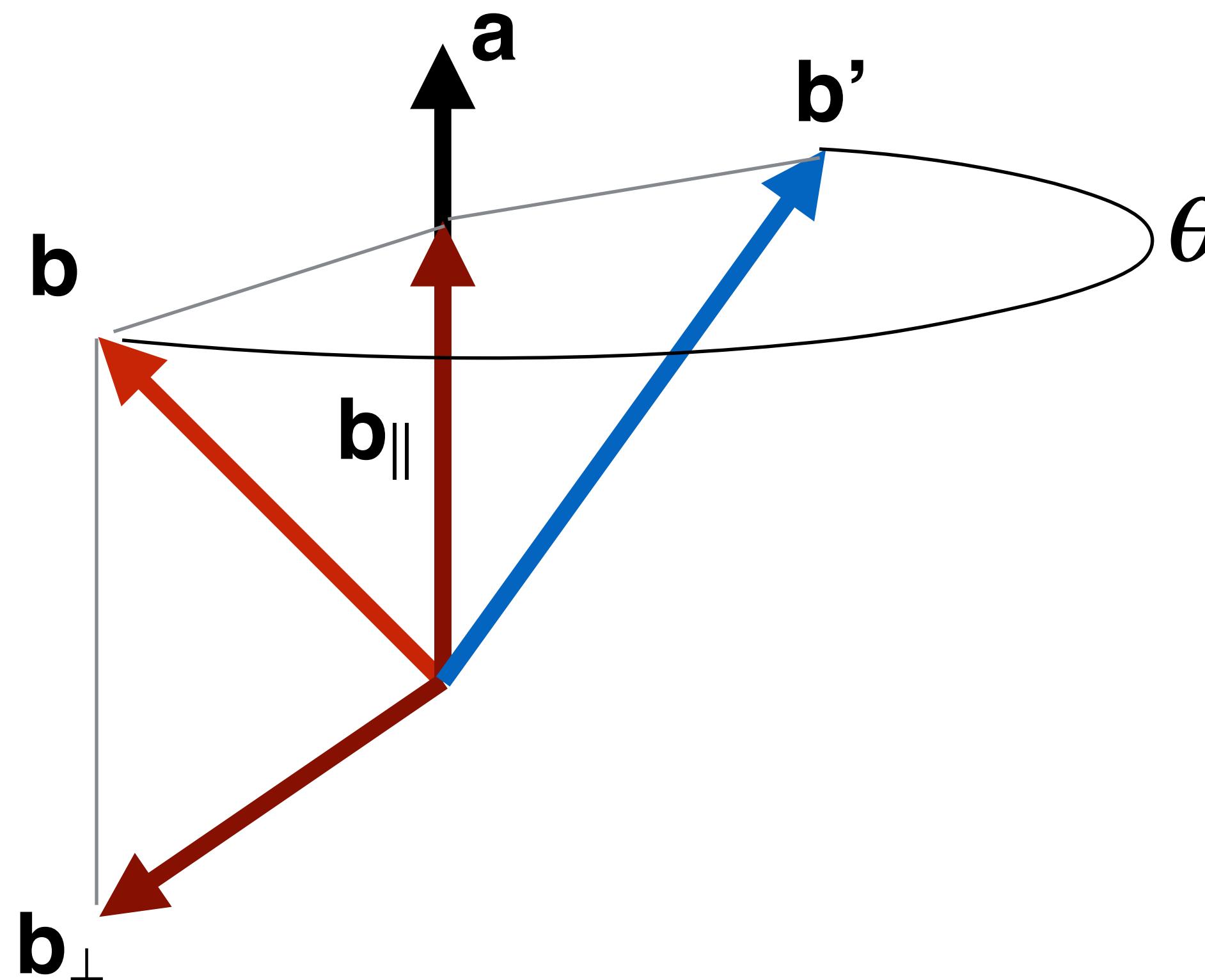
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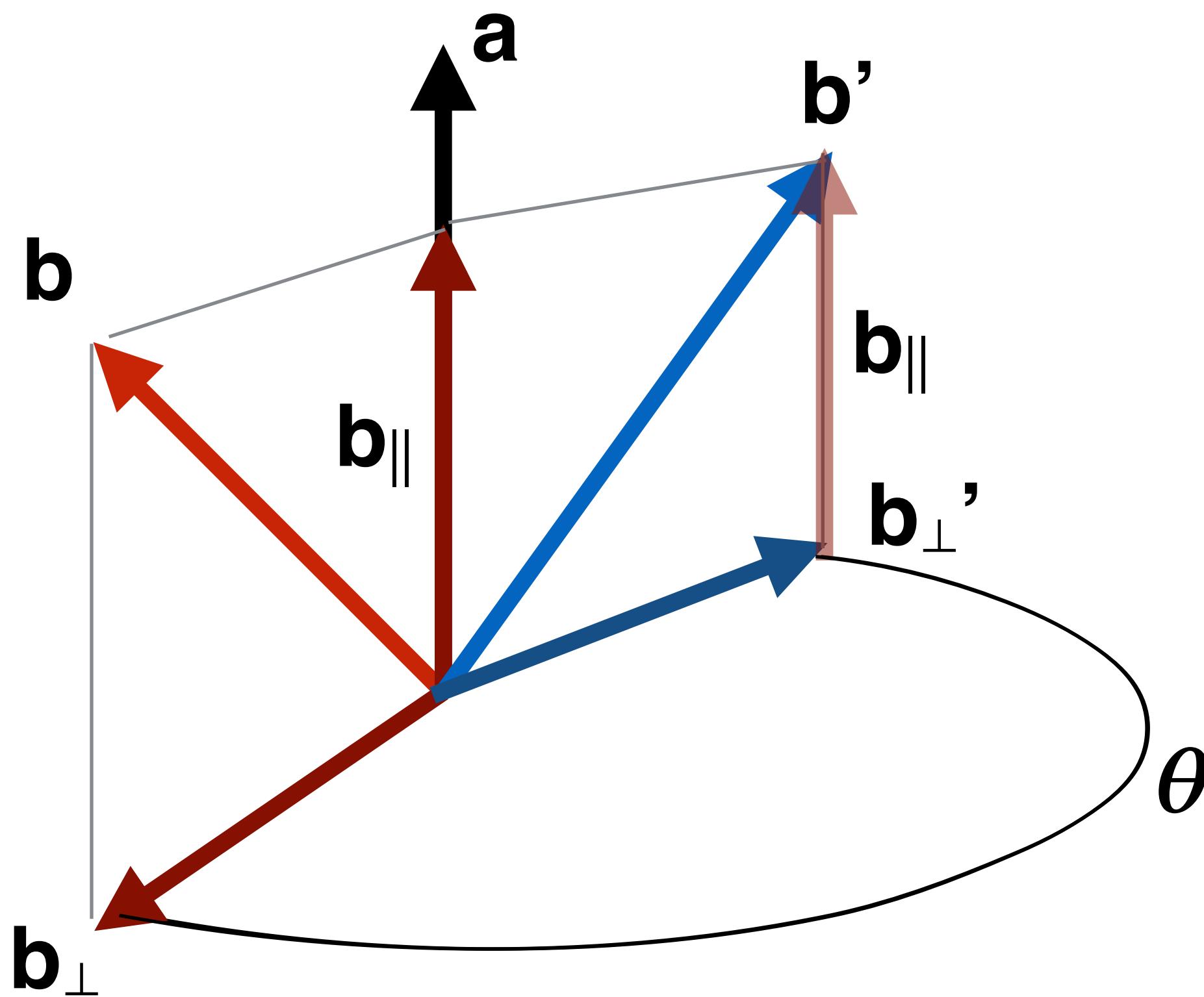
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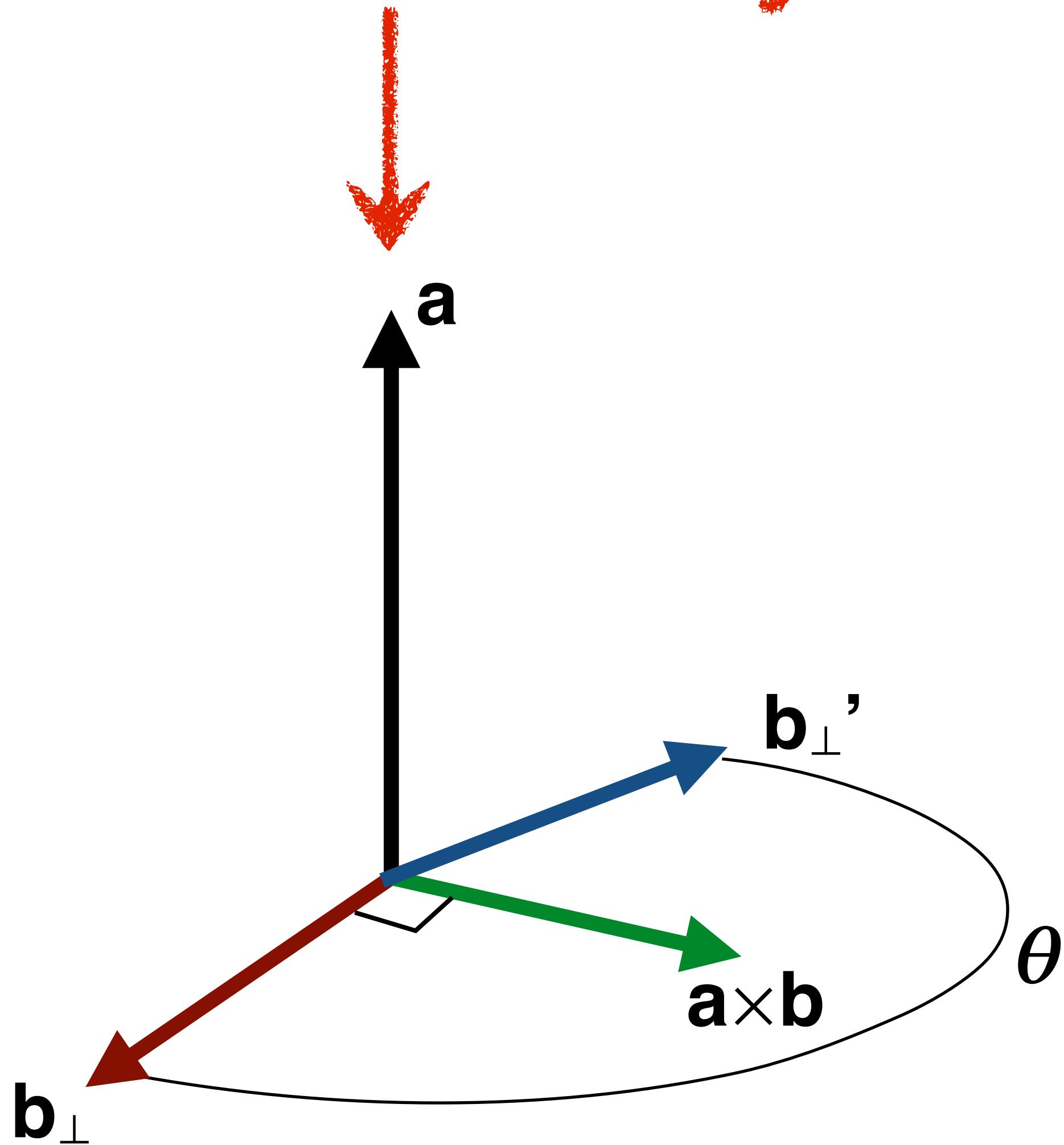
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If we can rotate \mathbf{b}_{\perp} around \mathbf{a} by θ to produce \mathbf{b}'_{\perp}

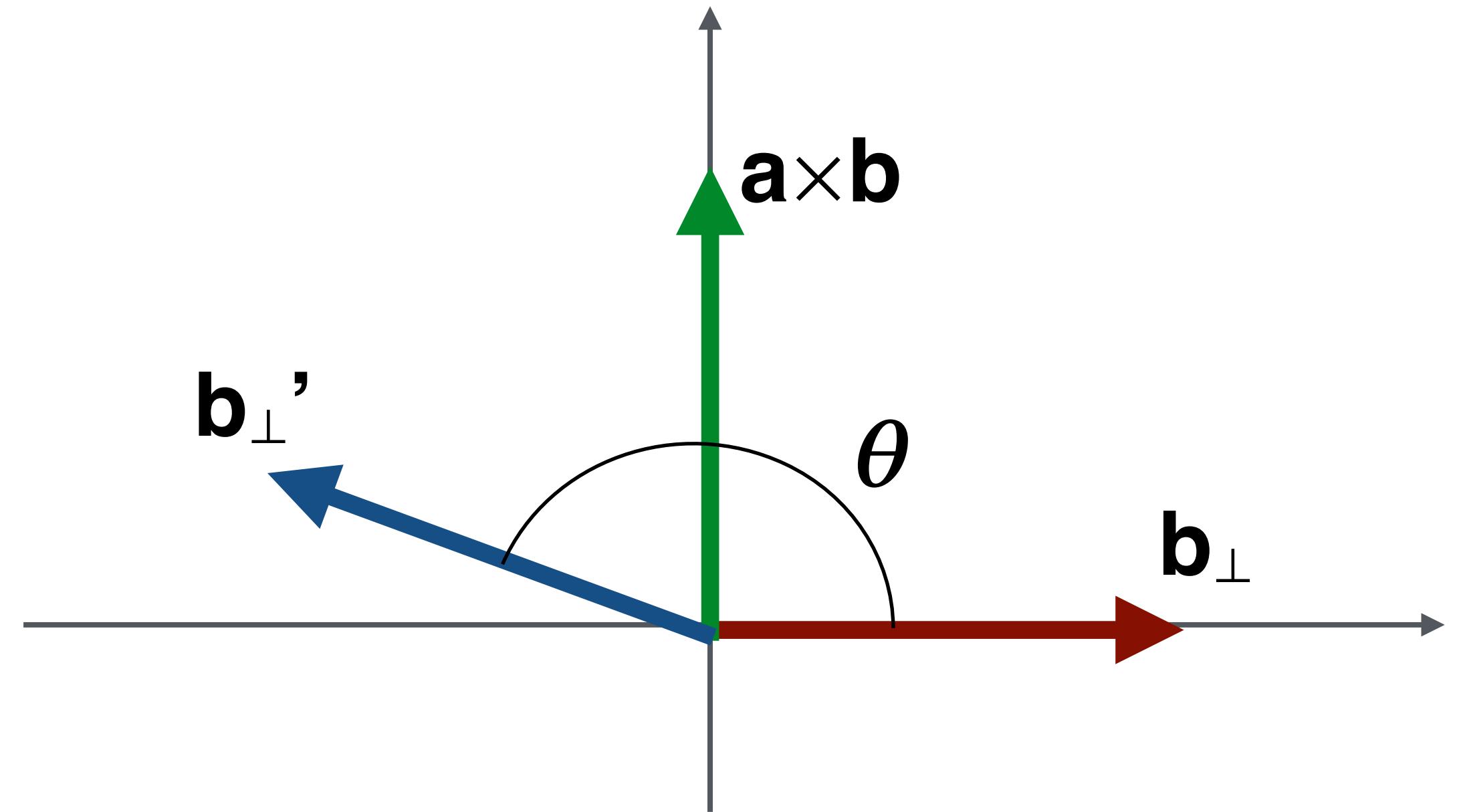
then rotation of \mathbf{b} is $\mathbf{b}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{b}'_{\perp}$

What makes us think we can rotate \mathbf{b}_{\perp} around \mathbf{a} ?

Look this way

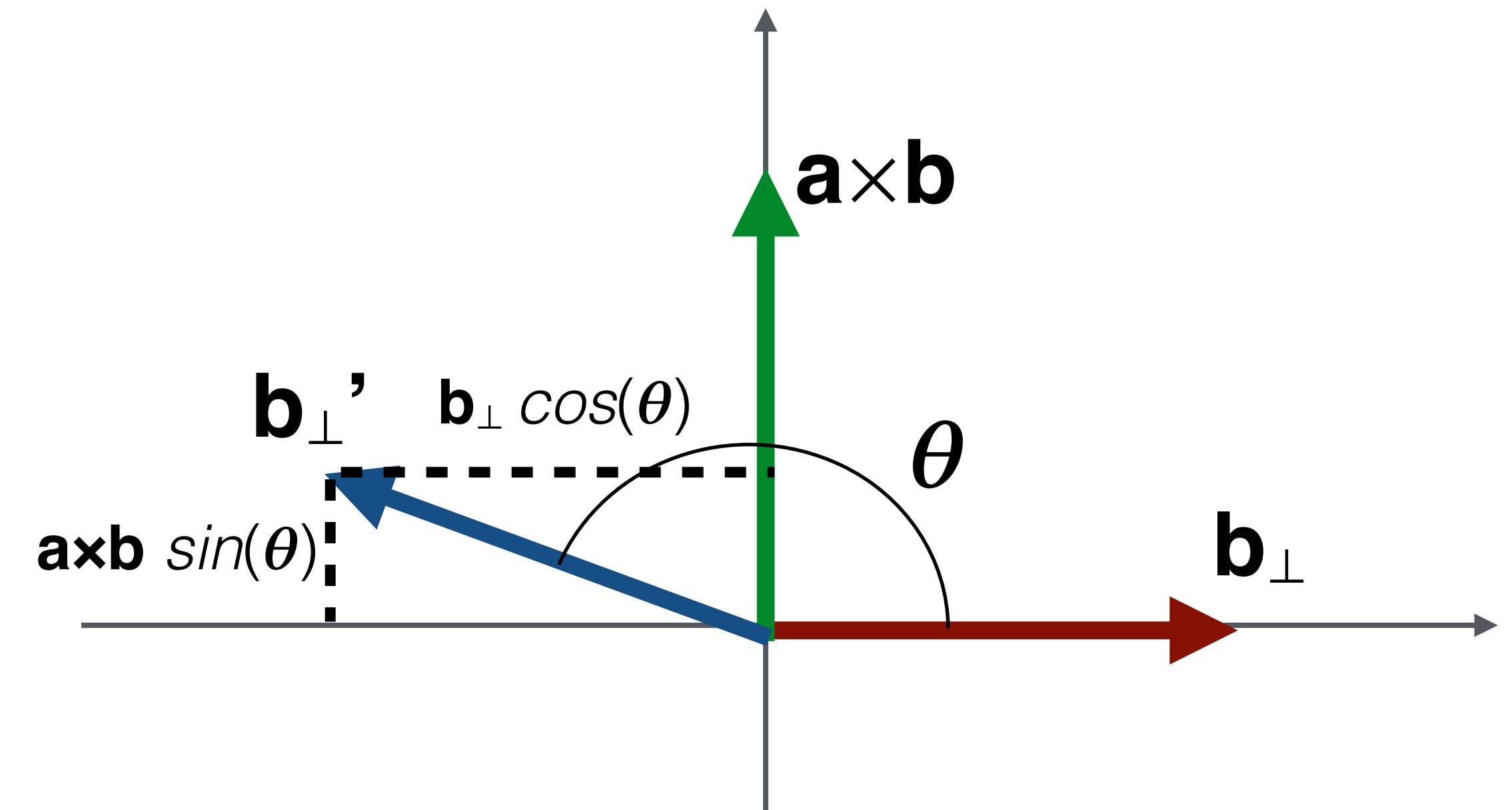
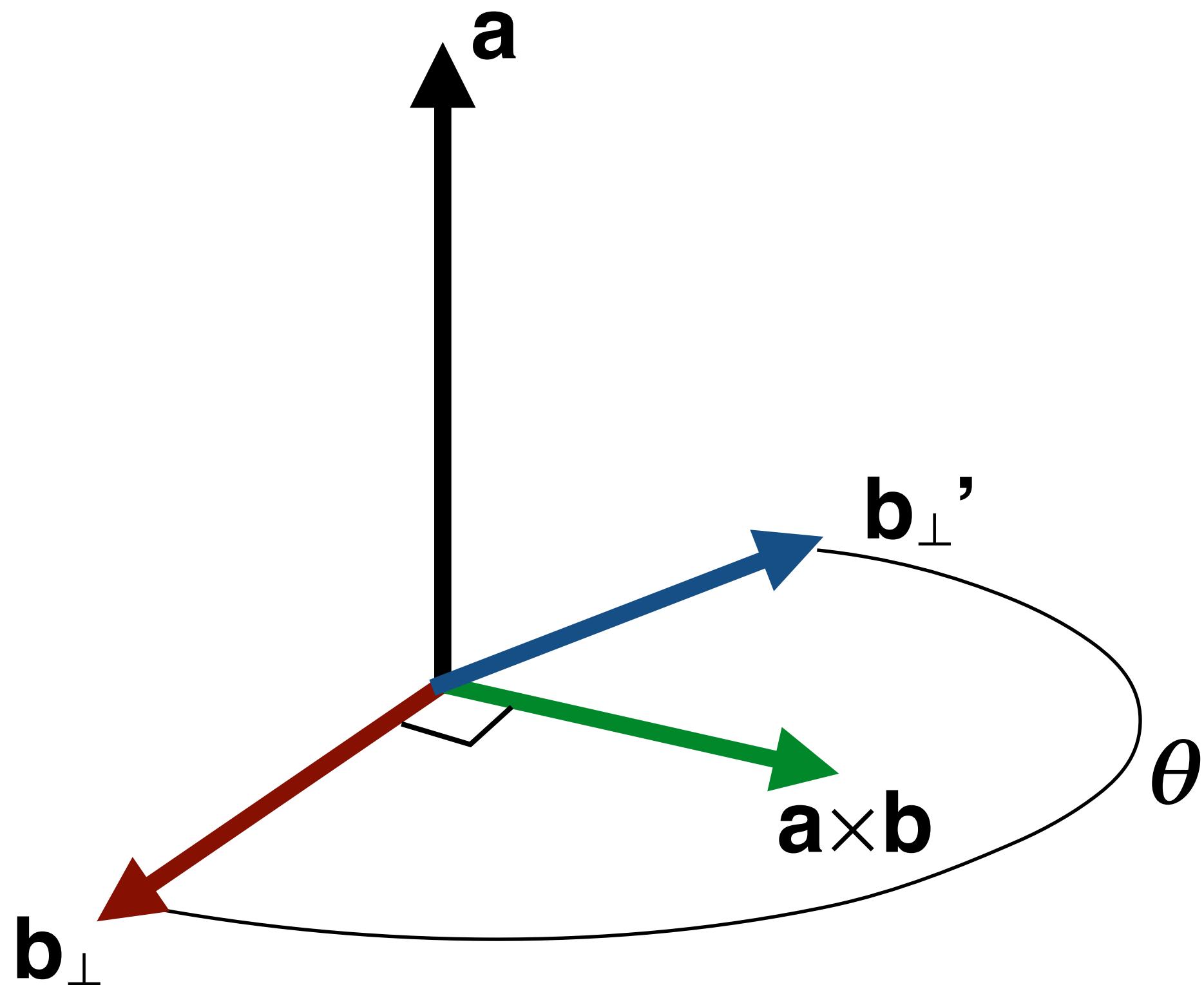


plane orthogonal to \mathbf{a} defined by
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assume \mathbf{b}_\perp aligned with x-axis \mathbf{e}_1
and $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ aligned with y-axis \mathbf{e}_2

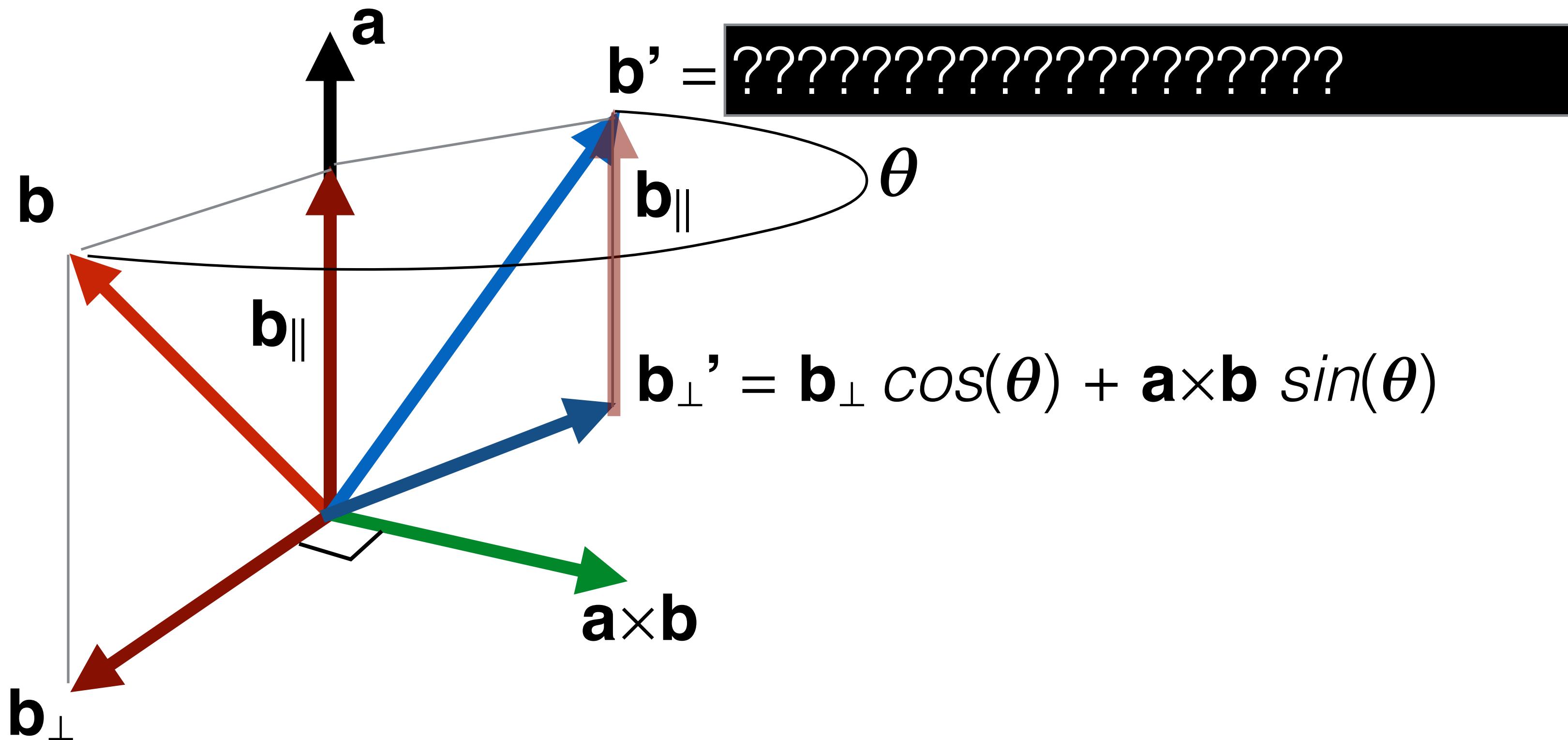
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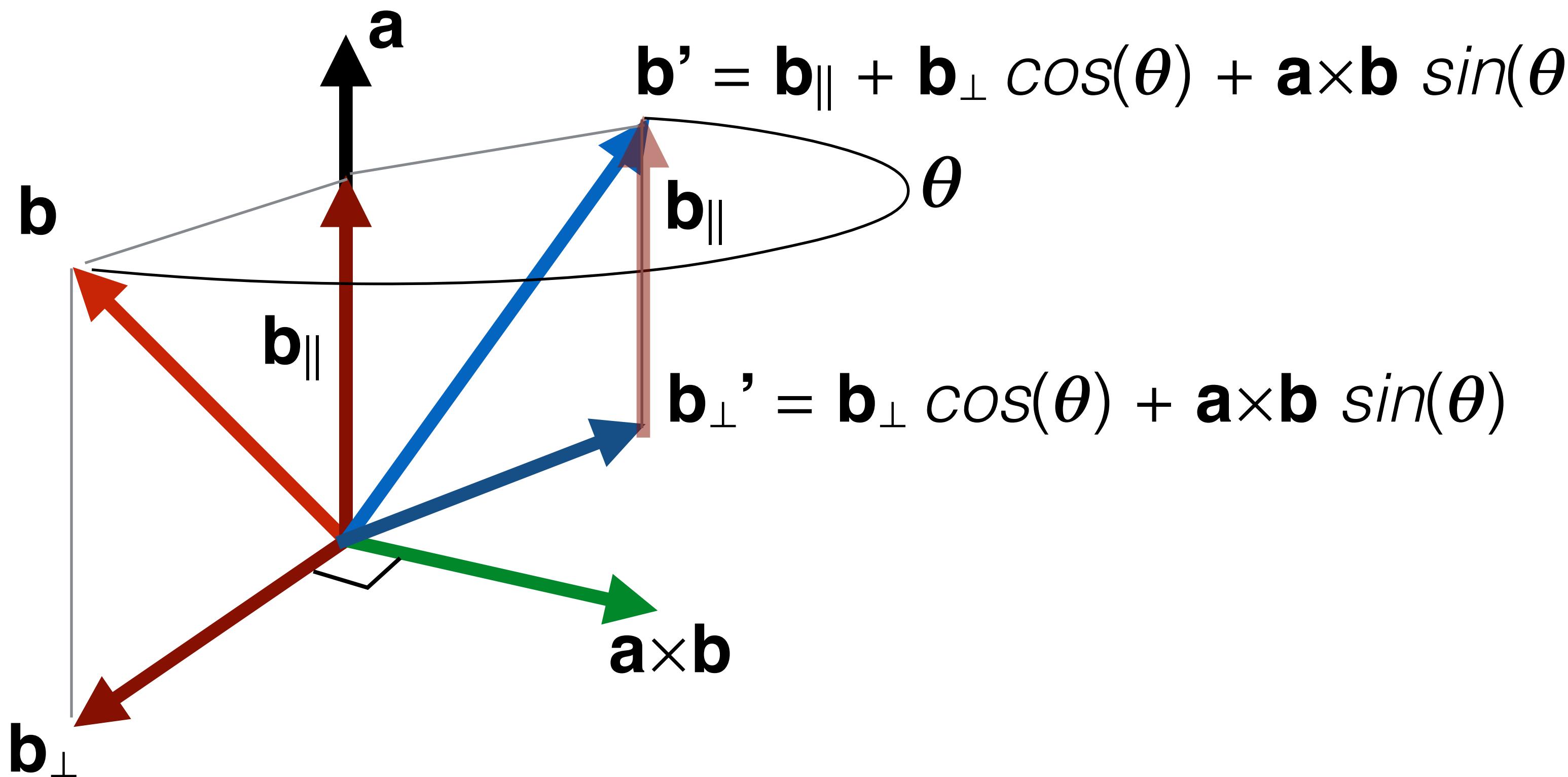


rotation of \mathbf{b}_\perp by θ is then

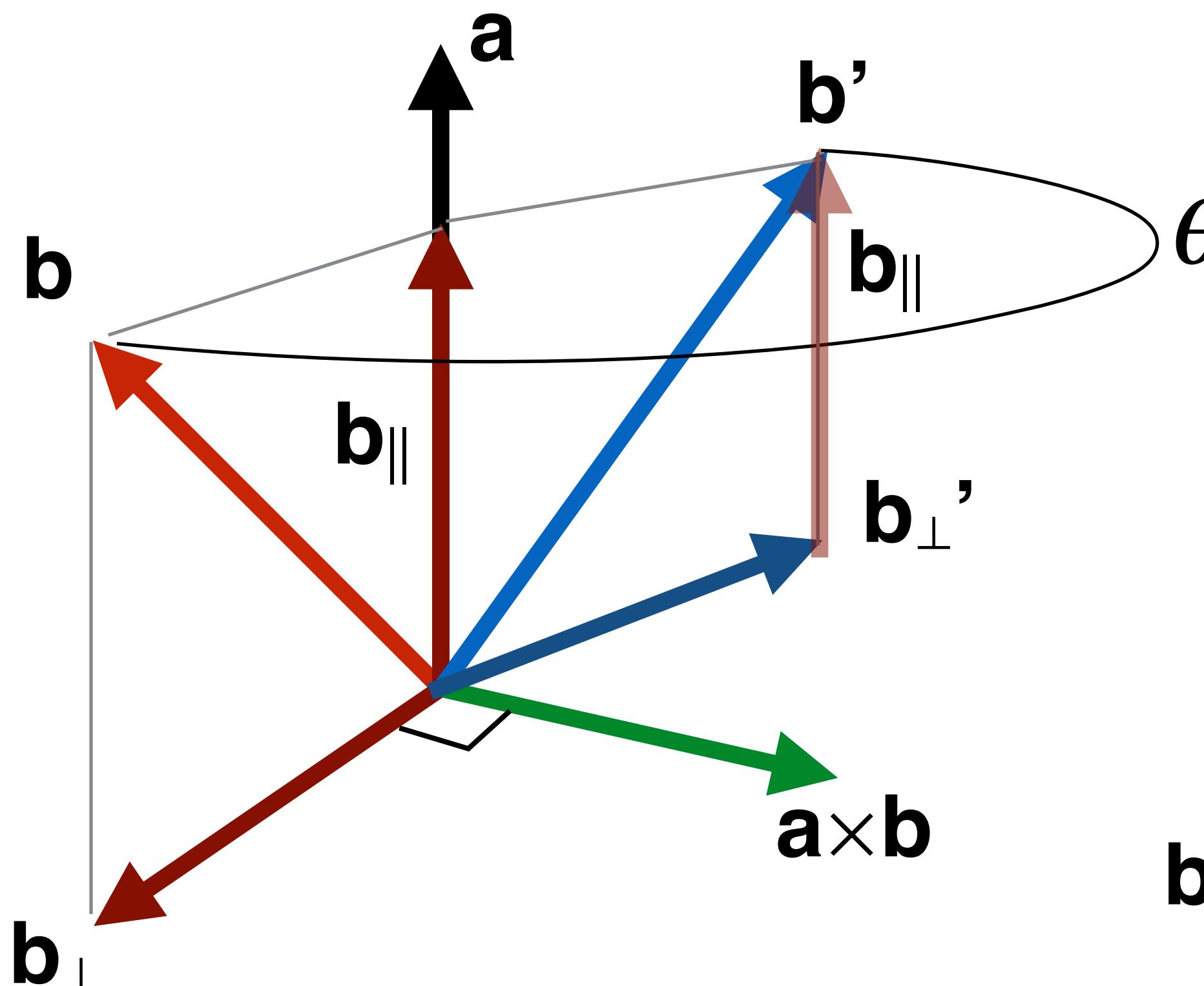
$$\mathbf{b}'_\perp = \mathbf{e}_1 \cos(\theta) + \mathbf{e}_2 \sin(\theta)$$

$$= \mathbf{b}_\perp \cos(\theta) + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \sin(\theta)$$





Rodrigues Rotation Formula



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group \mathbf{b}_{\parallel} terms

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skew symmetric matrix
of vector \mathbf{u}

$$[\mathbf{u}]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -u_z & u_y \\ u_z & 0 & -u_x \\ -u_y & u_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



cross product is multiplication
with skew symmetric matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v})_x \\ (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v})_y \\ (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v})_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_y v_z - k_z v_y \\ k_z v_x - k_x v_z \\ k_x v_y - k_y v_x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -k_z & k_y \\ k_z & 0 & -k_x \\ -k_y & k_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta + u_x^2(1 - \cos\theta) & u_x u_y (1 - \cos\theta) - u_z \sin\theta & u_x u_z (1 - \cos\theta) + u_y \sin\theta \\ u_y u_x (1 - \cos\theta) + u_z \sin\theta & \cos\theta + u_y^2(1 - \cos\theta) & u_y u_z (1 - \cos\theta) - u_x \sin\theta \\ u_z u_x (1 - \cos\theta) - u_y \sin\theta & u_z u_y (1 - \cos\theta) + u_x \sin\theta & \cos\theta + u_z^2(1 - \cos\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

resulting rotation matrix

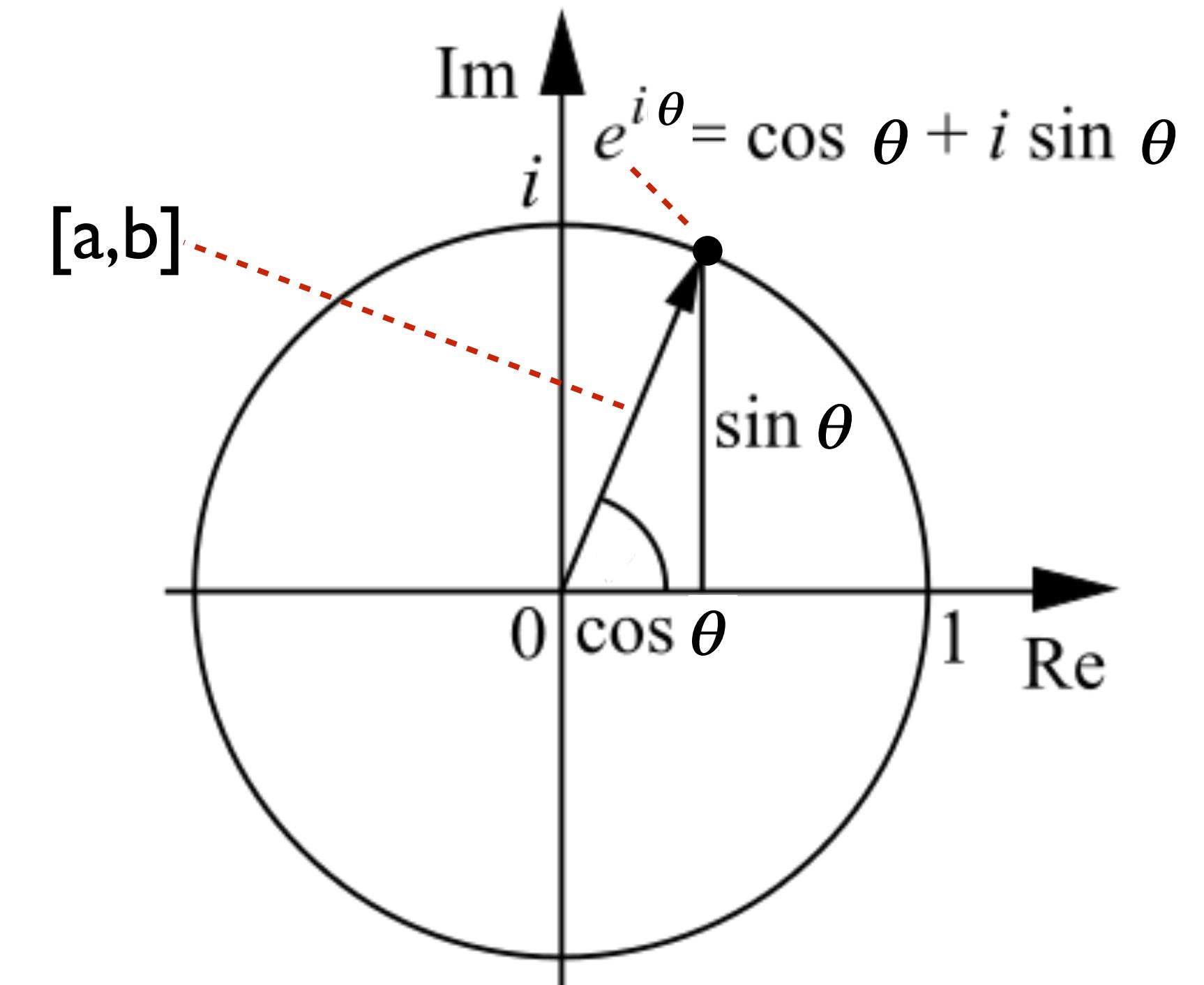
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Rotation by complex numbers

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- Complex number: $a + bi$, $i = \sqrt{-1}$
- $[a,b]$ is unit vector in 2D real/imaginary space, and Θ is rotation angle
- Additional 2D rotation can be performed as a complex multiplication, with polar coordinates: $a_i = \cos(\Theta_i)$ and $b_i = \sin(\Theta_i)$
- Euler's Formula $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$
- Multiplication of two complex numbers (z and w) composes rotation



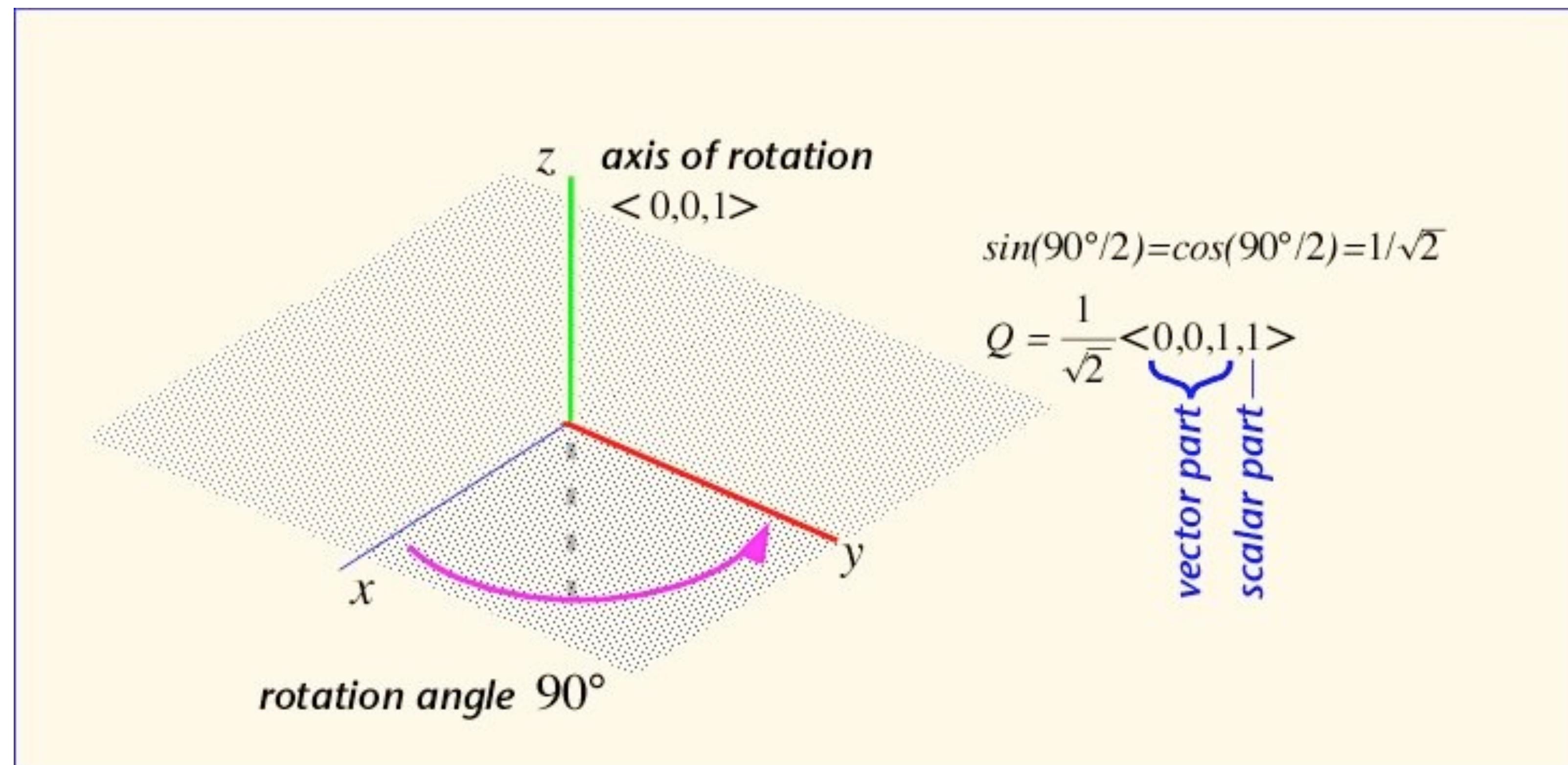
$$zw = (a + bi)(c + di) = e^{i\phi}re^{i\theta} = re^{i(\theta+\phi)}$$

Rotation by Quaternion

(No axis order, No gimbal lock)

Quaternions can perform Rodrigues axis-angle 3D rotation

Provide a clean mathematical expression for rotation composition and interpolation



Quaternion

Quaternion plaque on Brougham (Broom) Bridge, Dublin



Sir William Rowan Hamilton
(1805-1865)

Here as he walked by on the 16th of October 1843 Sir William Rowan Hamilton in a flash of genius discovered the fundamental formula for quaternion multiplication $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$ & cut it on a stone of this bridge

Quaternions in 3D

- Uses three imaginary numbers ($\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$) to provide a basis that satisfies
 - $\mathbf{i}^2 = -1, \mathbf{j}^2 = -1, \mathbf{k}^2 = -1$
 - $\mathbf{ij} = \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{jk} = \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{ki} = \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{ji} = -\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{kj} = -\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{ik} = -\mathbf{j}$
- Forms a real 3D basis indicated by cross product relations
 - $\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{k}$
 - $\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{j}$
 - $\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{i}$
- Quaternion defined as $\mathbf{q} = a + b\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} + d\mathbf{k}$
 - where a, b, c, d are scalars
 - breaks down into real scalar and imaginary vector: $\mathbf{q} = (a, [b, c, d]) = (r, \mathbf{v})$

Note: \mathbf{q} is typically configuration, but will be used temporarily as a quaternion

Quaternions in 3D

- Set of quaternions is a vector space and has three operations

- Addition $(r_1, \vec{v}_1) + (r_2, \vec{v}_2) = (r_1 + r_2, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2)$

$$\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 = (a+bi+cj+dk)(e+fi+gj+hk) = (a+e)+(b+f)i+(c+g)j+(d+h)k$$

- Scalar multiplication $s\mathbf{q}_1 = (sa)+(sb)i+(sc)j+(sd)k$

- Quaternion multiplication $(r_1, \vec{v}_1)(r_2, \vec{v}_2) = (r_1r_2 - \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2, r_1\vec{v}_2 + r_2\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{q}_1 \mathbf{q}_2 &= (a+bi+cj+dk)(e+fi+gj+hk) \\ &= (ae-bf-cg-dh)+(af+be+ch-dg)i+(ag-bh+ce+df)j+(ah+bg-cf+de)k\end{aligned}$$

- Not commutative: $\mathbf{q}_1 \mathbf{q}_2 \neq \mathbf{q}_2 \mathbf{q}_1$ Why?

Quaternion Properties

- Norm: $|\mathbf{q}|^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$
- Conjugate quaternion: $\overline{\mathbf{q}} = a - bi - cj - dk = (a, -[b,c,d]) = (r, -\mathbf{v})$
- Inverse quaternion: $\mathbf{q}^{-1} = \overline{\mathbf{q}} / |\mathbf{q}|^2$
- Unit quaternion: $|\mathbf{q}| = 1$
- Inverse of unit quaternion: $\mathbf{q}^{-1} = \overline{\mathbf{q}}$

Rotation by Quaternion

- Rotations are represented by unit quaternions
 - quaternion is point on 4D unit sphere geometrically
- Quaternion $\mathbf{q} = (a, \mathbf{u}) = a + b\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} + d\mathbf{k} = (\cos(\Theta/2), \mathbf{u} \sin(\Theta/2))$
 $= [\cos(\Theta/2), u_x \sin(\Theta/2), u_y \sin(\Theta/2), u_z \sin(\Theta/2)]$
- $\mathbf{u} = [u_x, u_y, u_z]$ is rotation axis, Θ rotation angle
- Rotating a 3D point \mathbf{p} by unit quaternion \mathbf{q} is performed by conjugation of \mathbf{v} by \mathbf{q}
 - $\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{q}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{q}^{-1}$, where $\mathbf{q}^{-1} = a - \mathbf{u}$,
 - quaternion \mathbf{v} is constructed from point \mathbf{p} as $\mathbf{v} = 0 + \mathbf{p} = 0 + p_x\mathbf{i} + p_y\mathbf{j} + p_z\mathbf{k}$
 - rotated point $\mathbf{p}' = [\mathbf{v}'_x \mathbf{v}'_y \mathbf{v}'_z]$ is pulled from quaternion resulting from conjugation

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Restating

- Quaternions \mathbf{q} and $-\mathbf{q}$ give the same rotation
- Composition of rotations \mathbf{q}_1 and \mathbf{q}_2 equals $\mathbf{q}_3 = \mathbf{q}_2\mathbf{q}_1$
- Remember: 3D rotations do not commute

Rodrigues and Quaternion Equivalency

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Quaternion to Rotation Matrix

- Inhomogeneous conversion to 3D rotation matrix of $\mathbf{q} = [q_0 \ q_1 \ q_2 \ q_3]^T$

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- Rotation matrix to quaternion can also be performed

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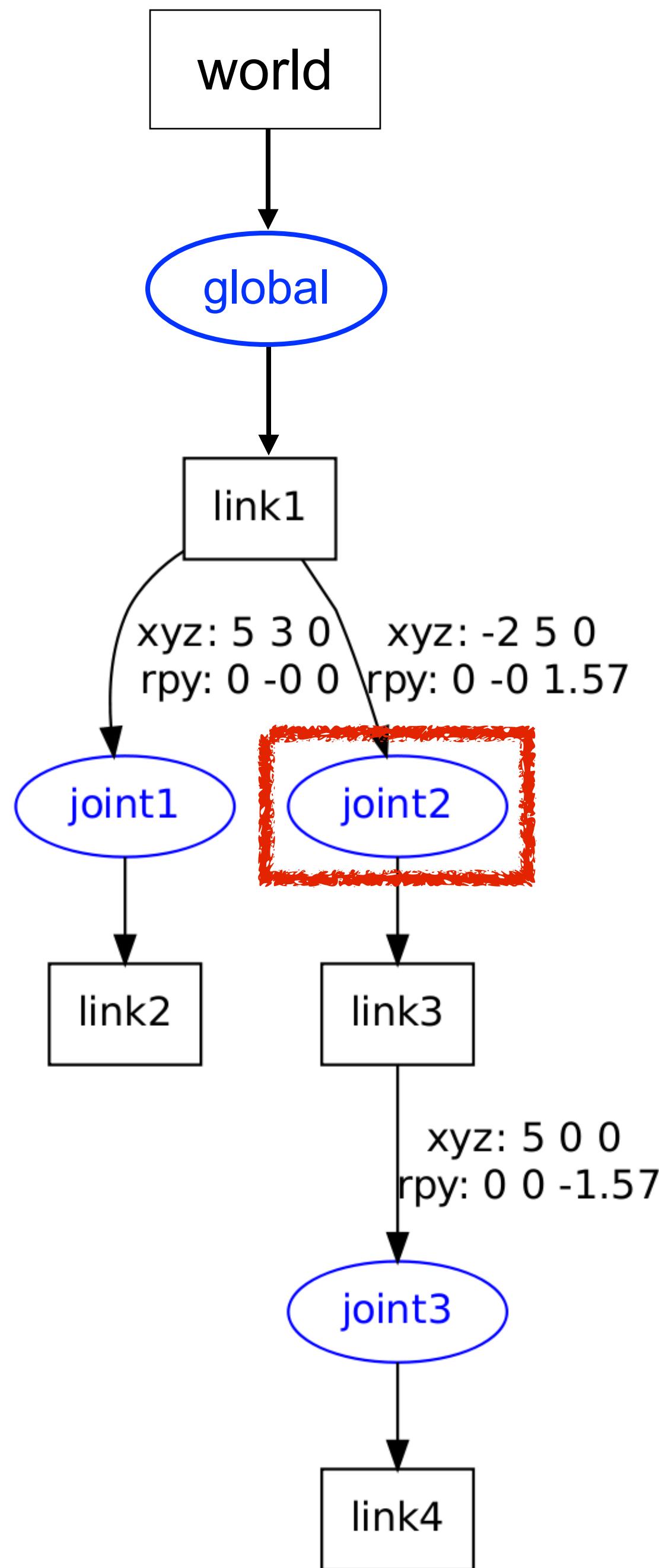
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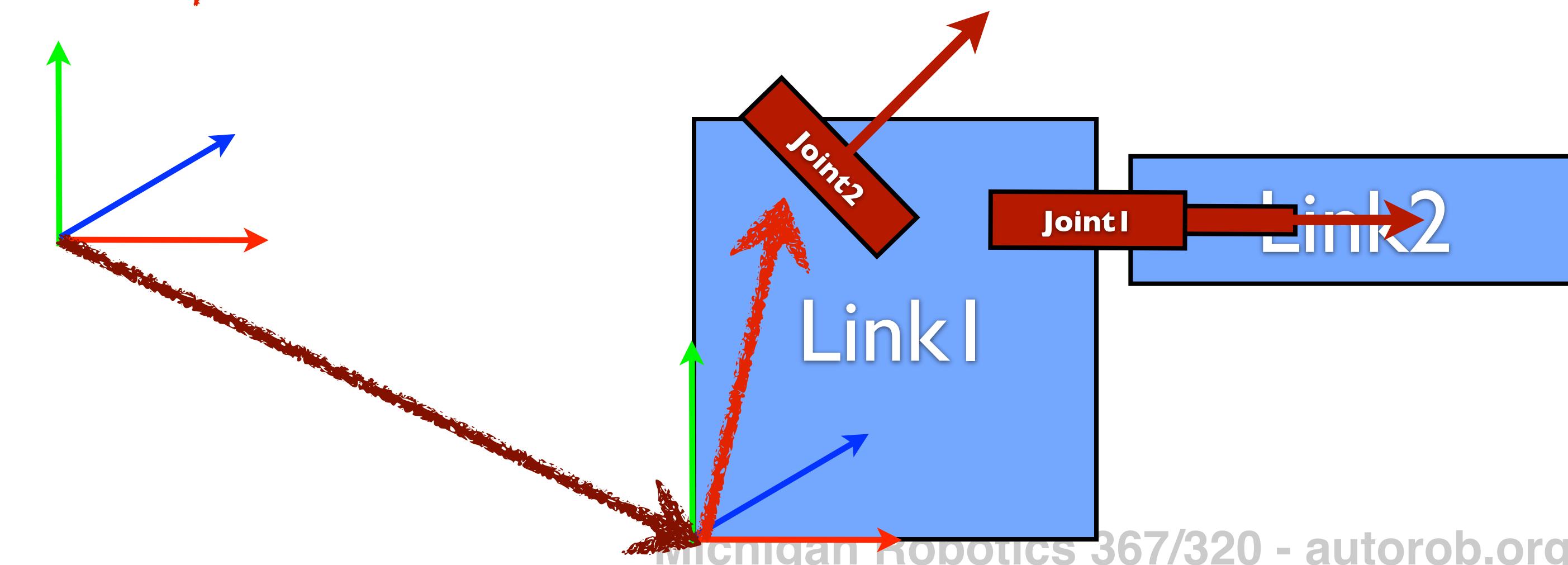
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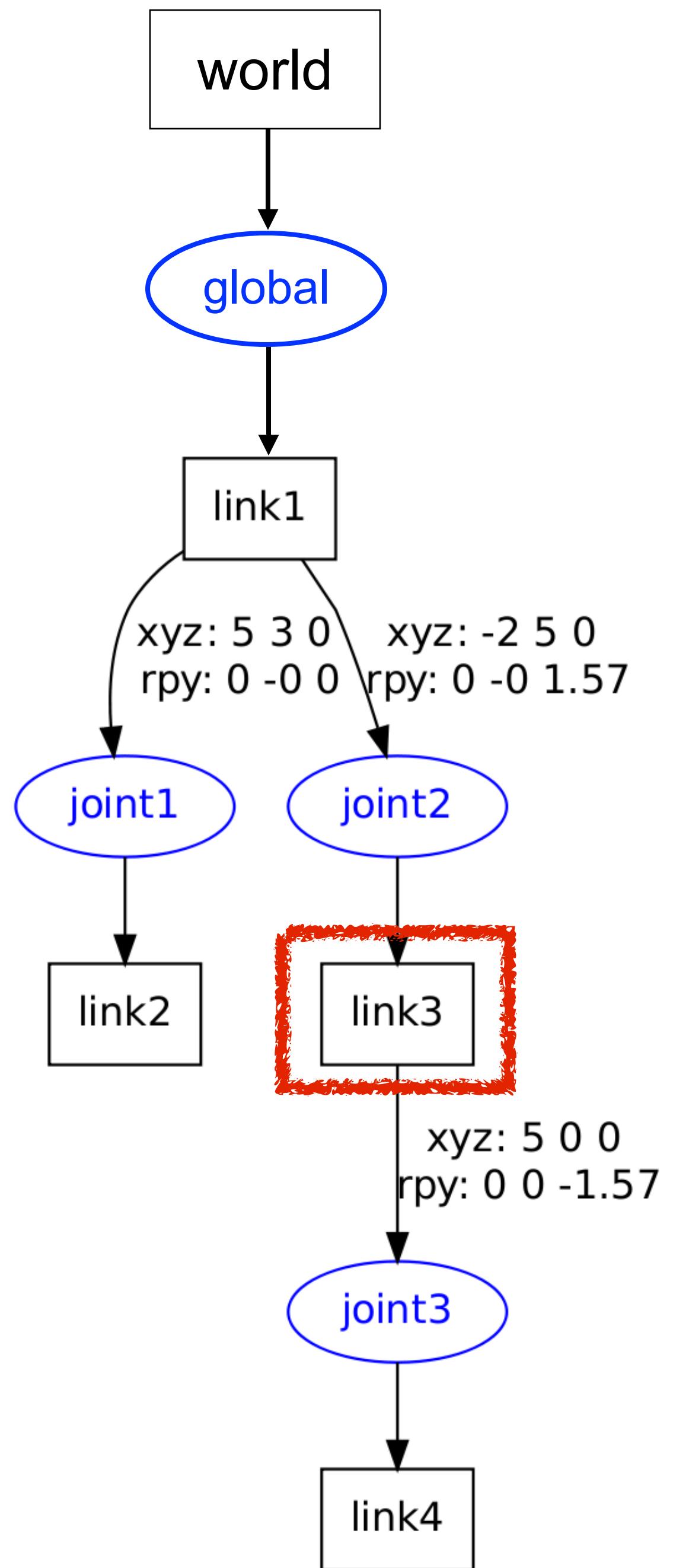


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 D^w_I * R^w_I \\
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 \end{array}$$

//joint motor rotation axis
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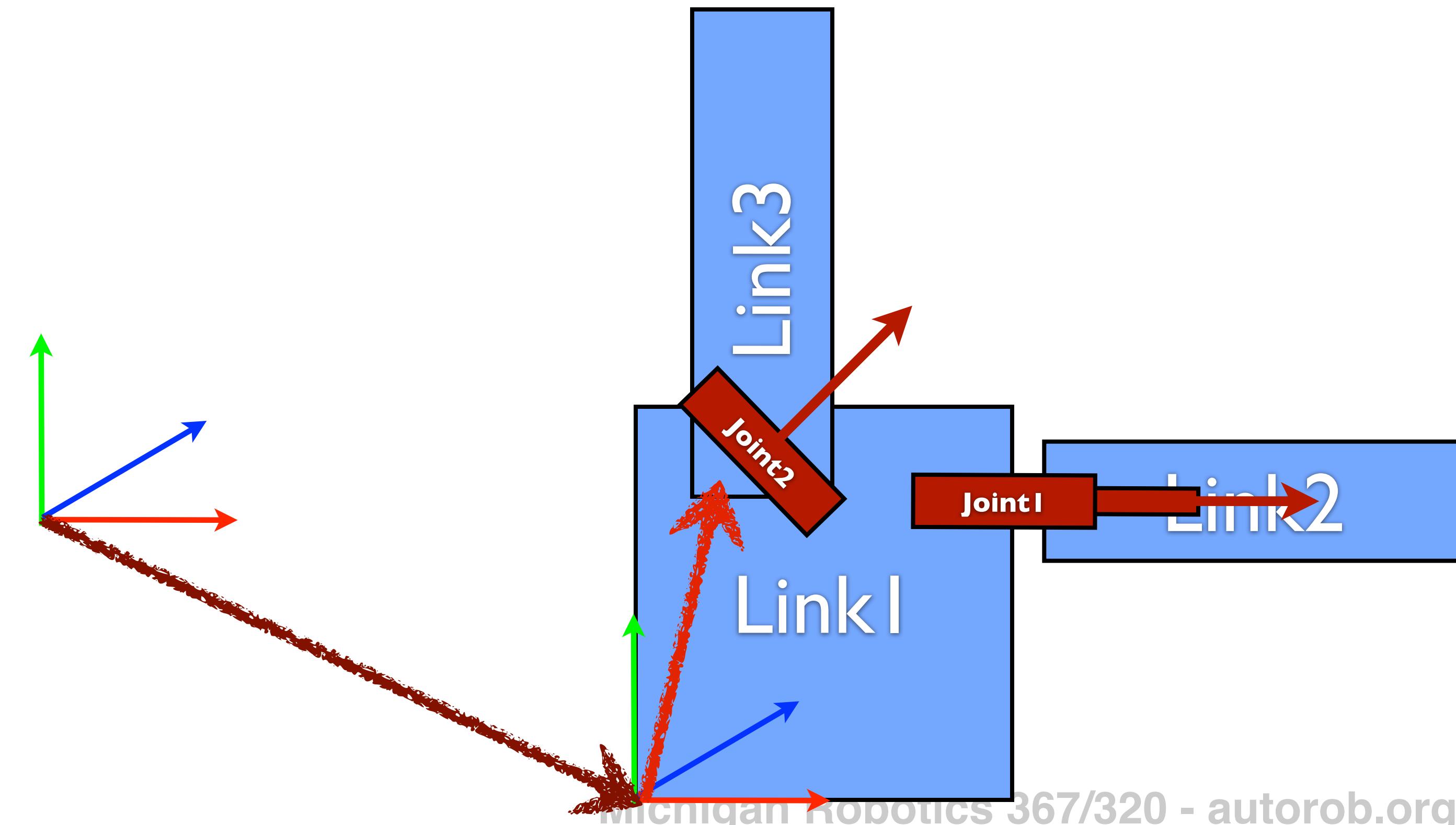


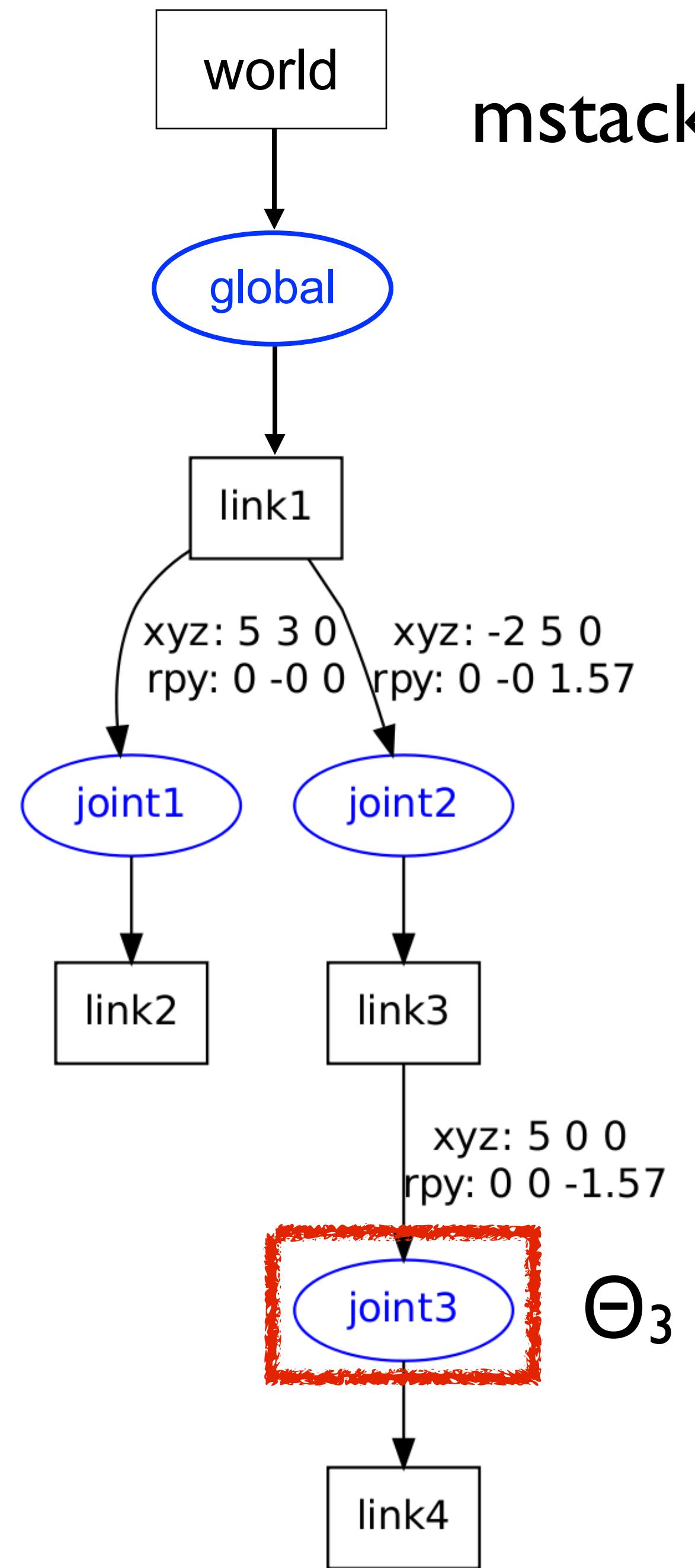


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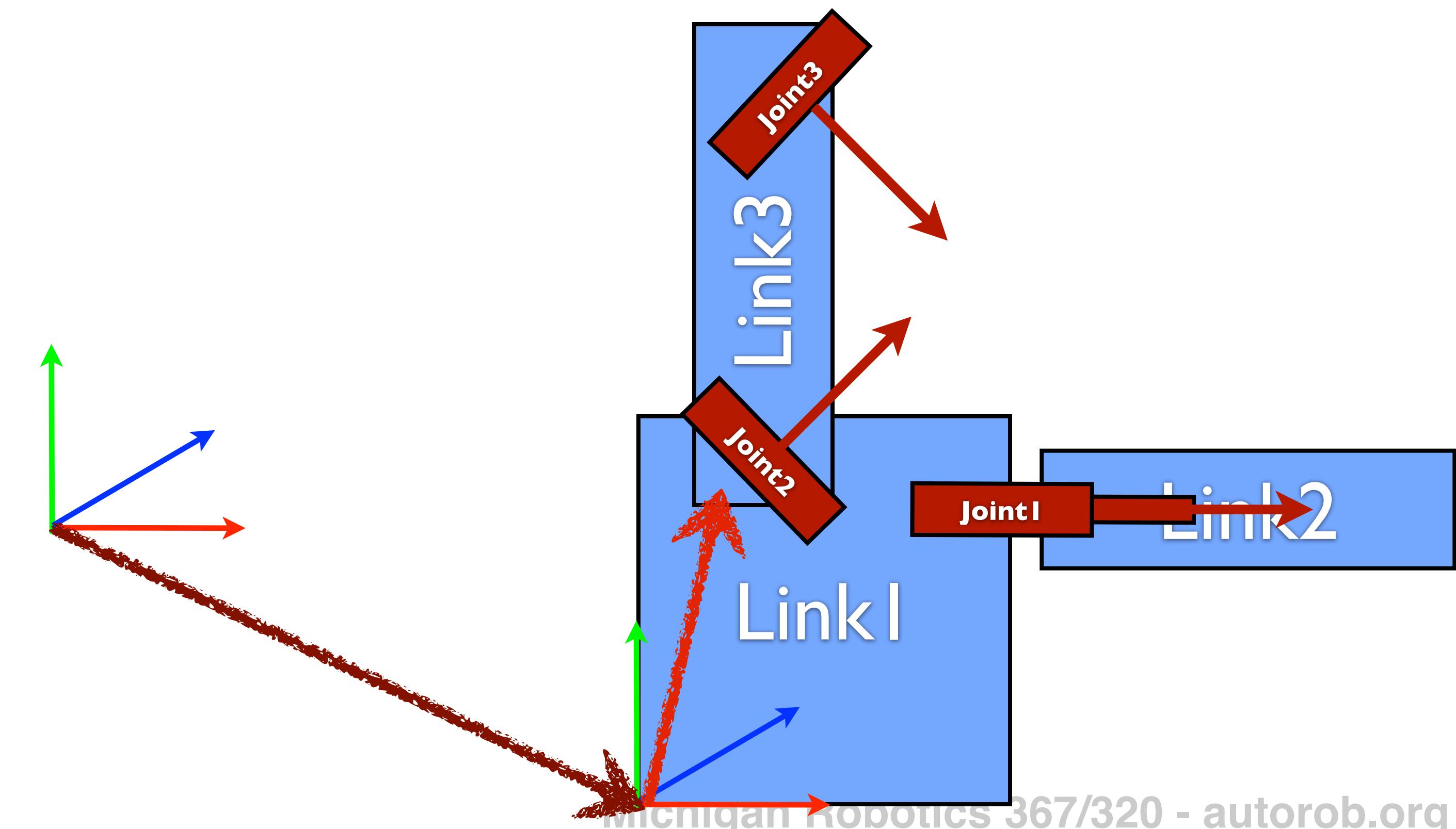
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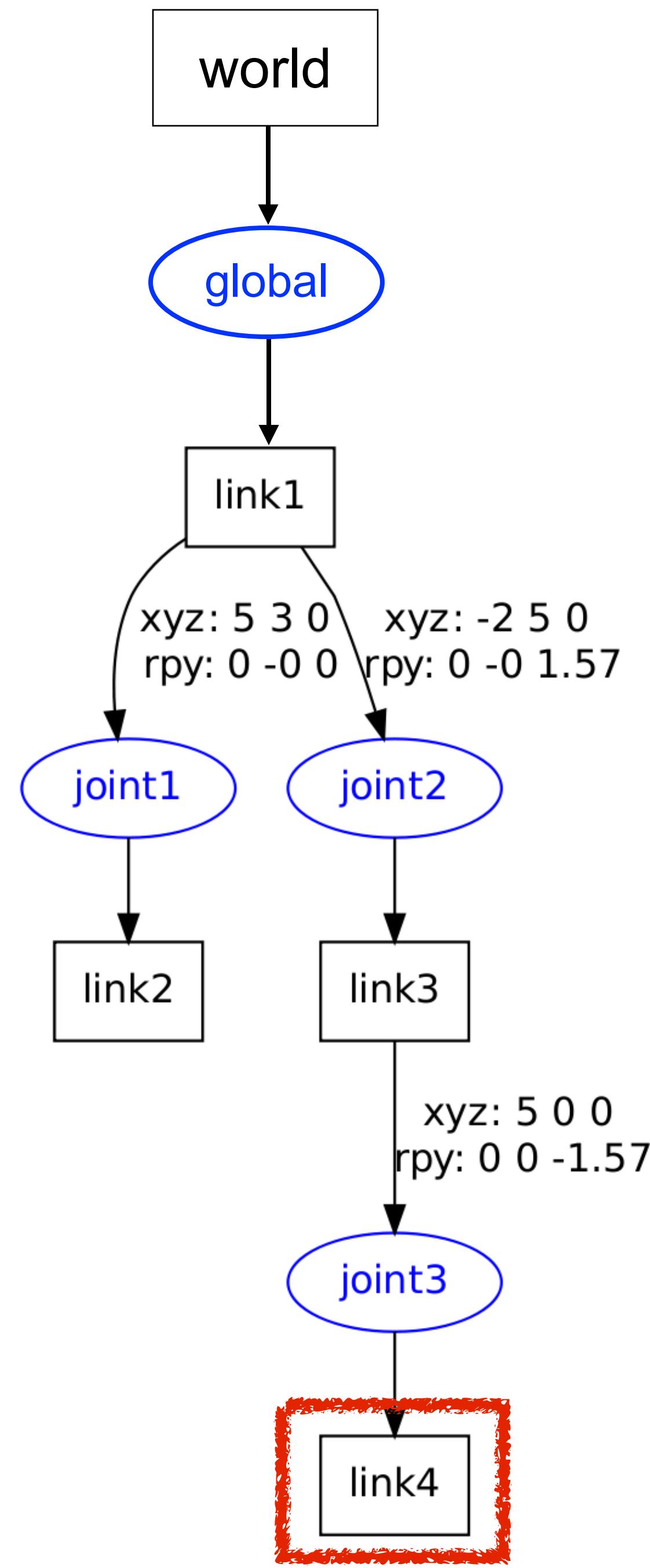
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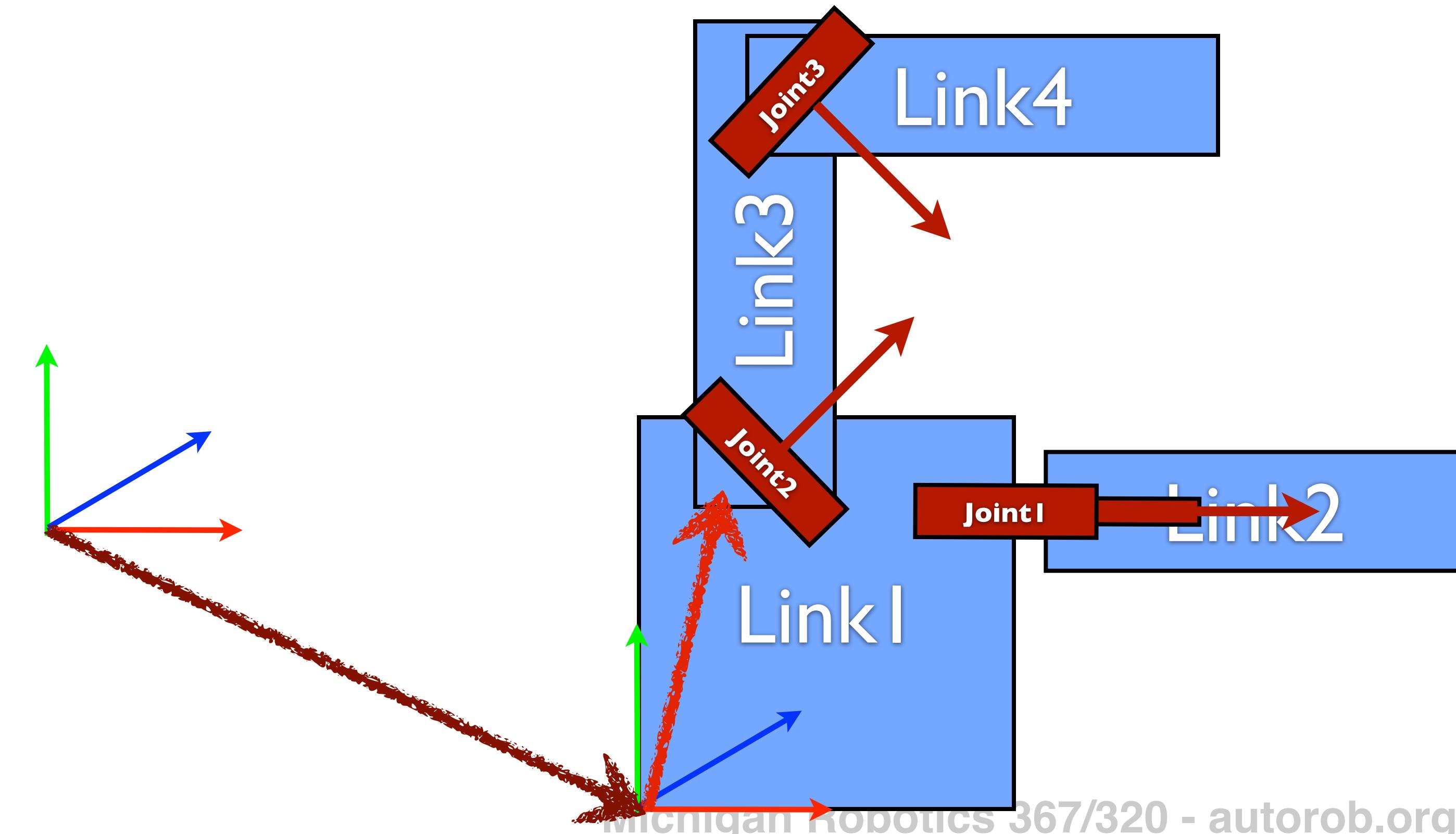


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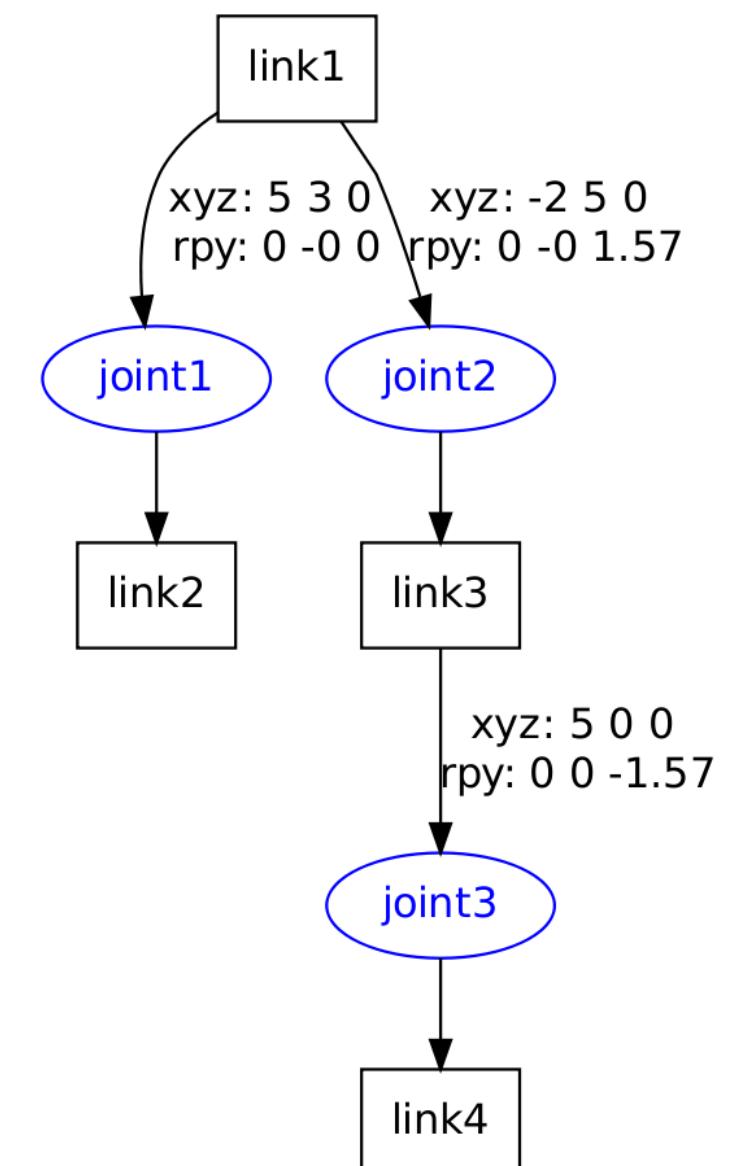
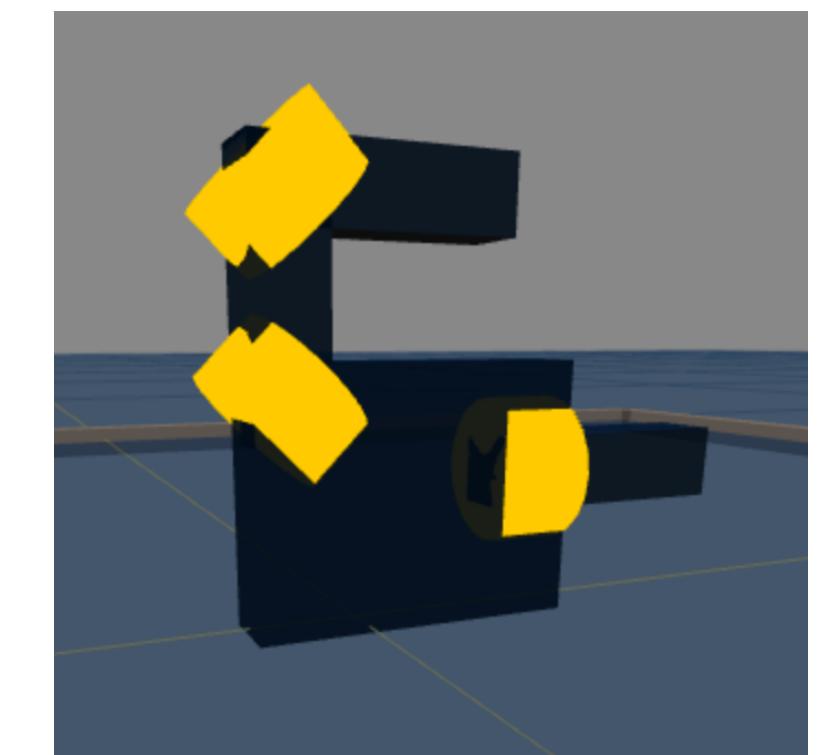
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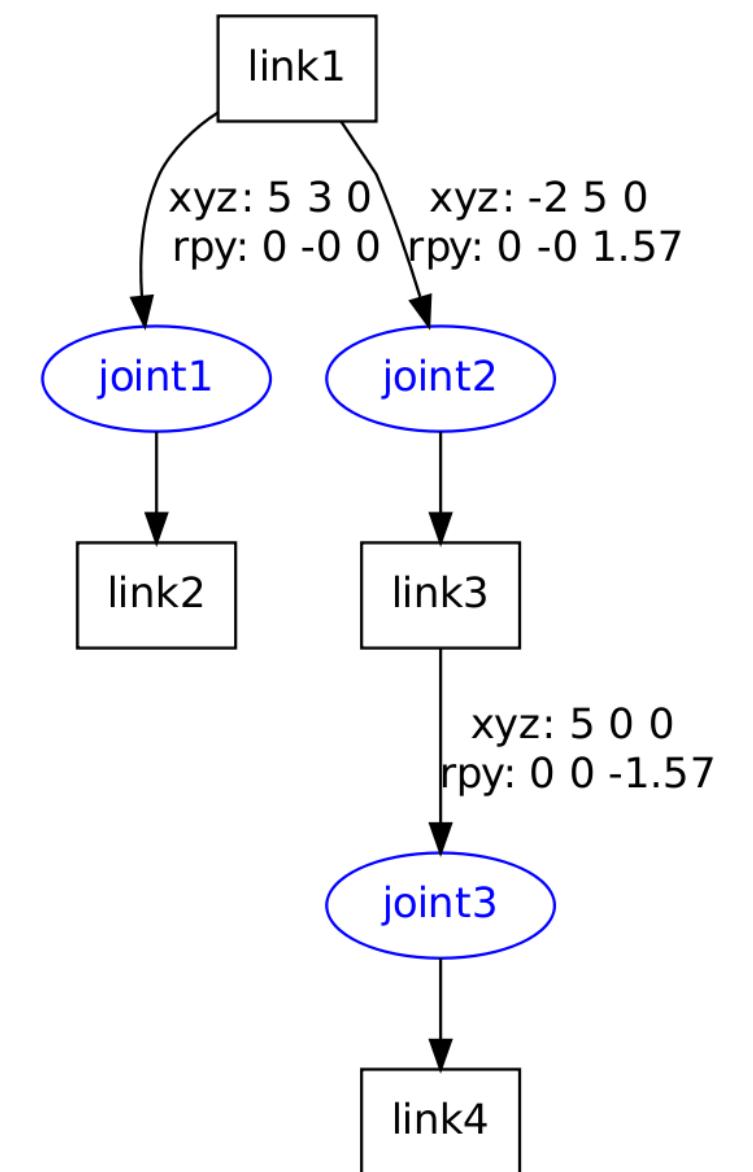
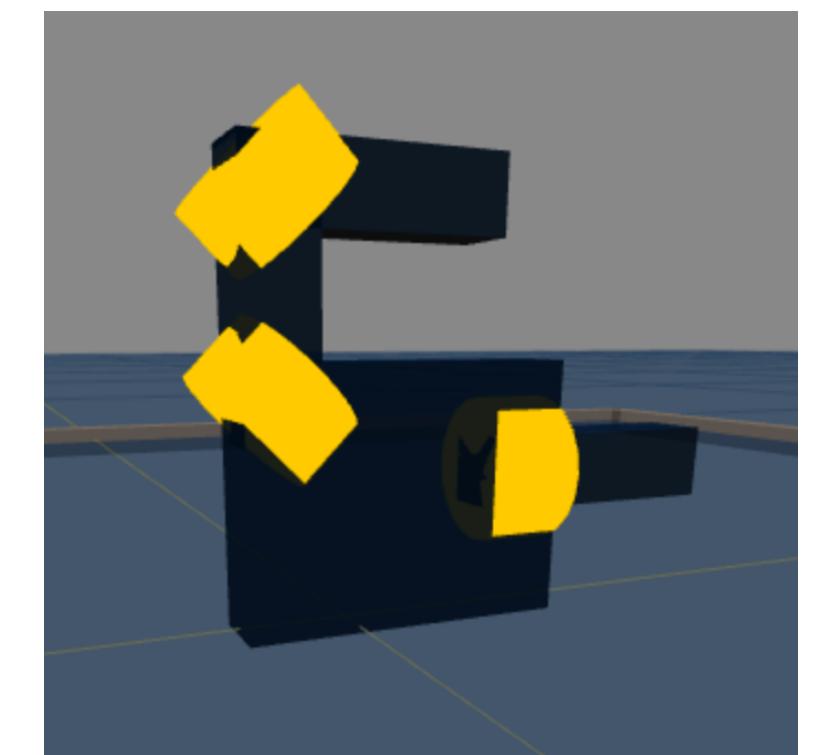
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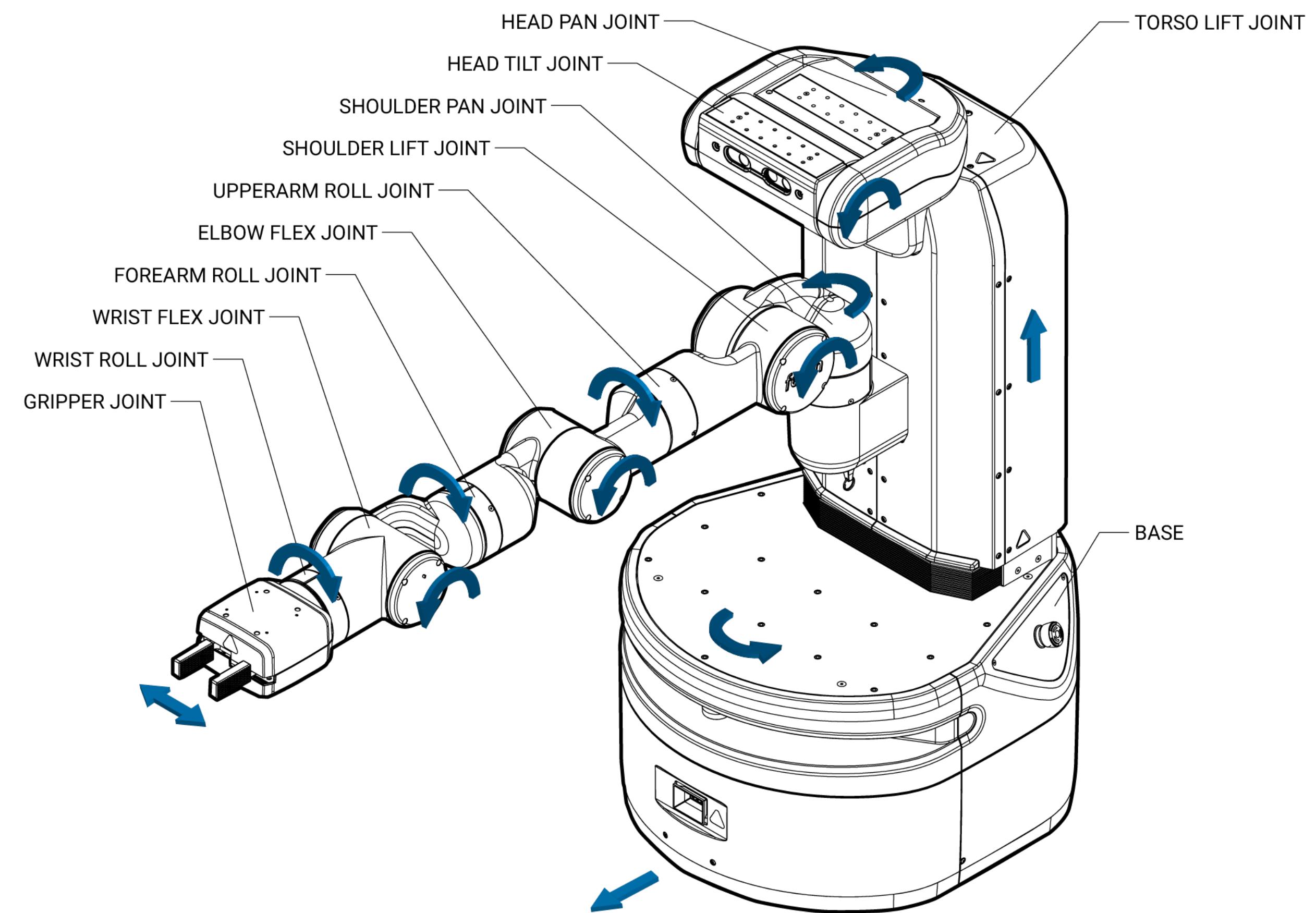
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Lecture 9



Can a joint move infinitely far?



Joint Limits

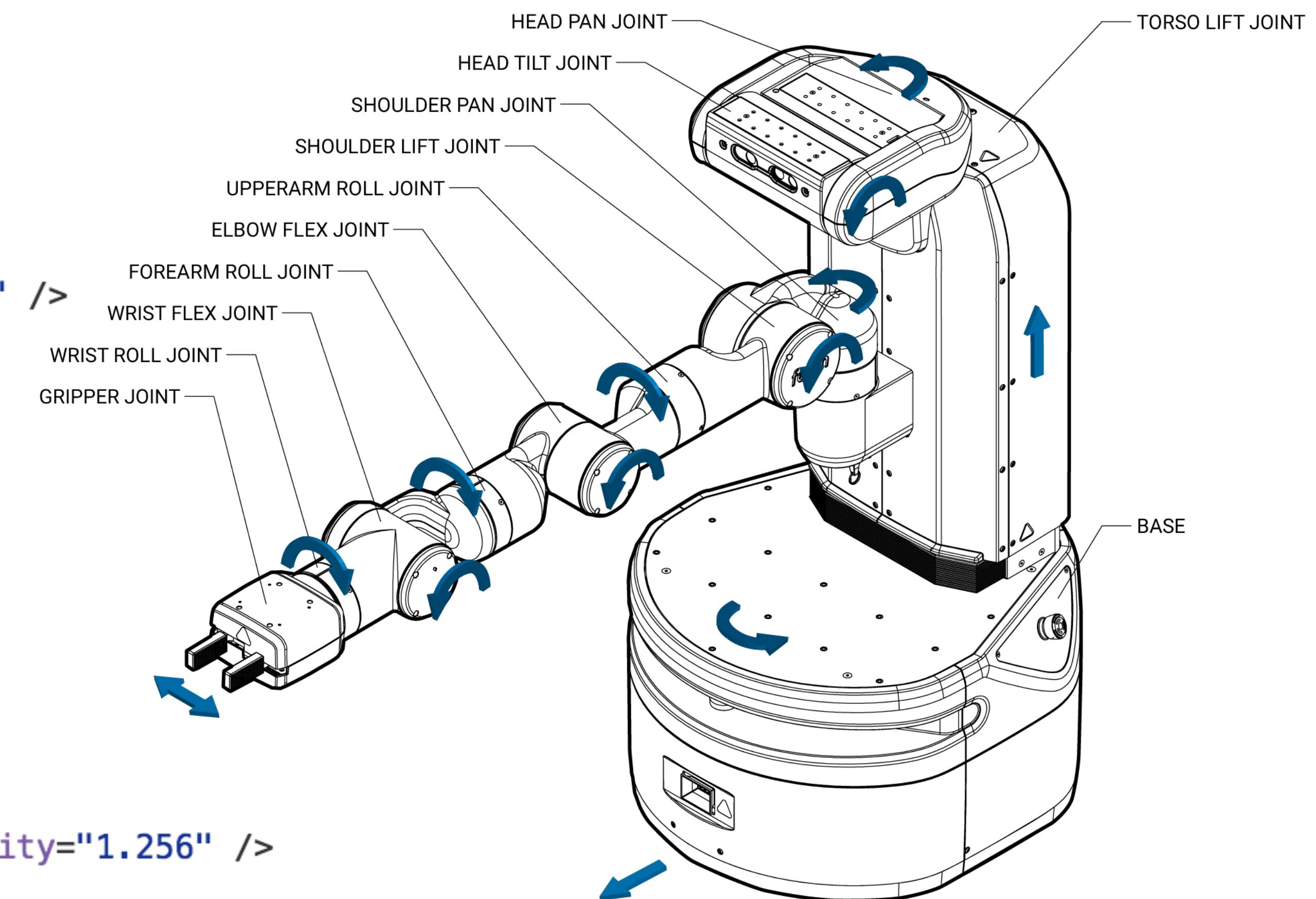
Prismatic joint description

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Continuous joints have no limits



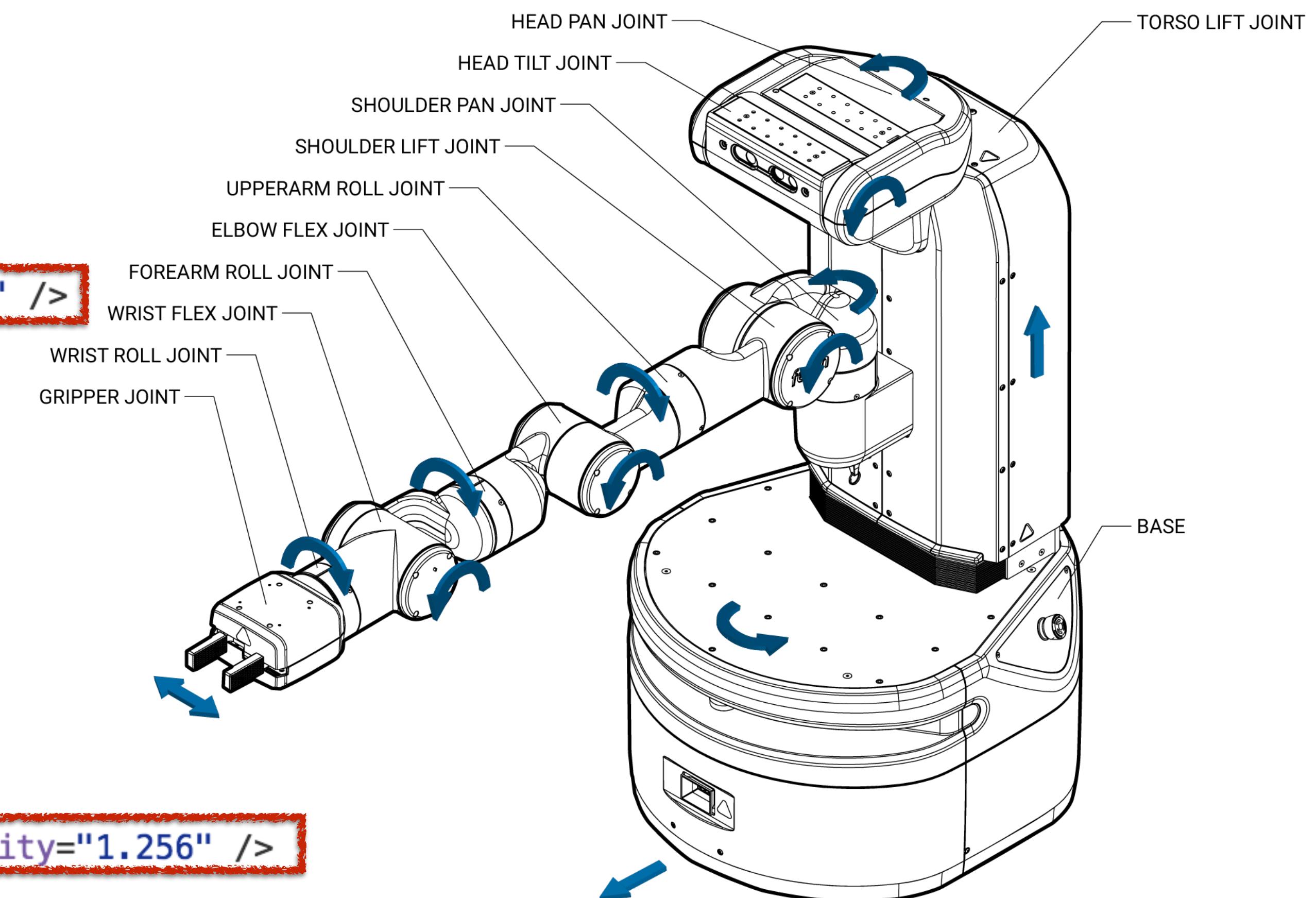
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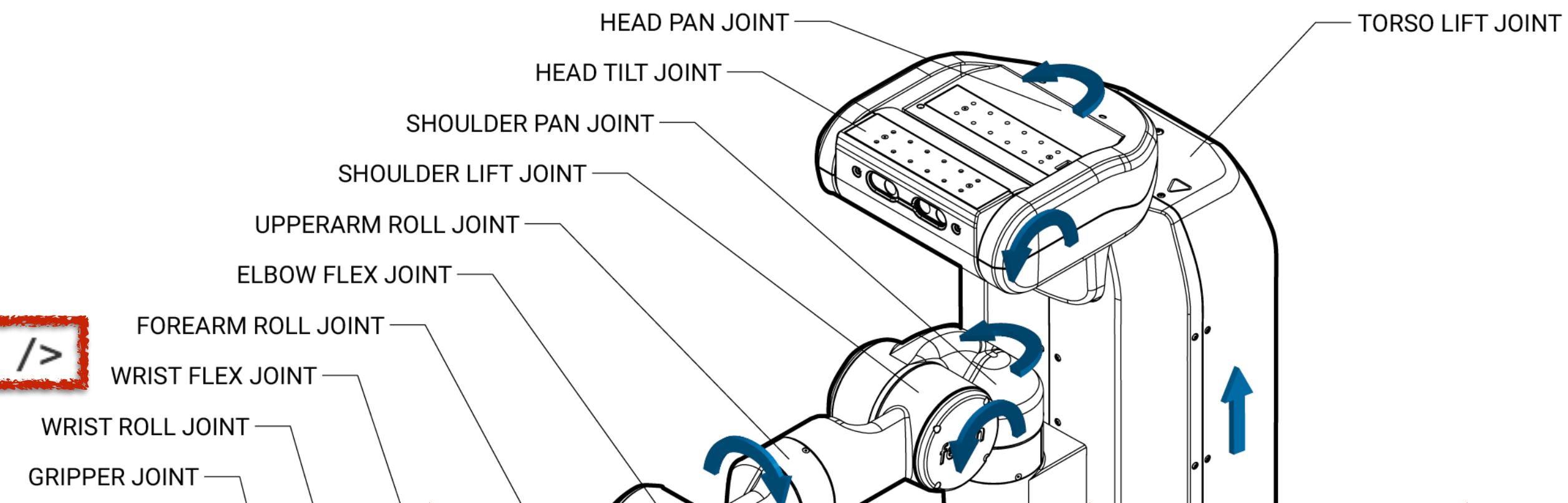
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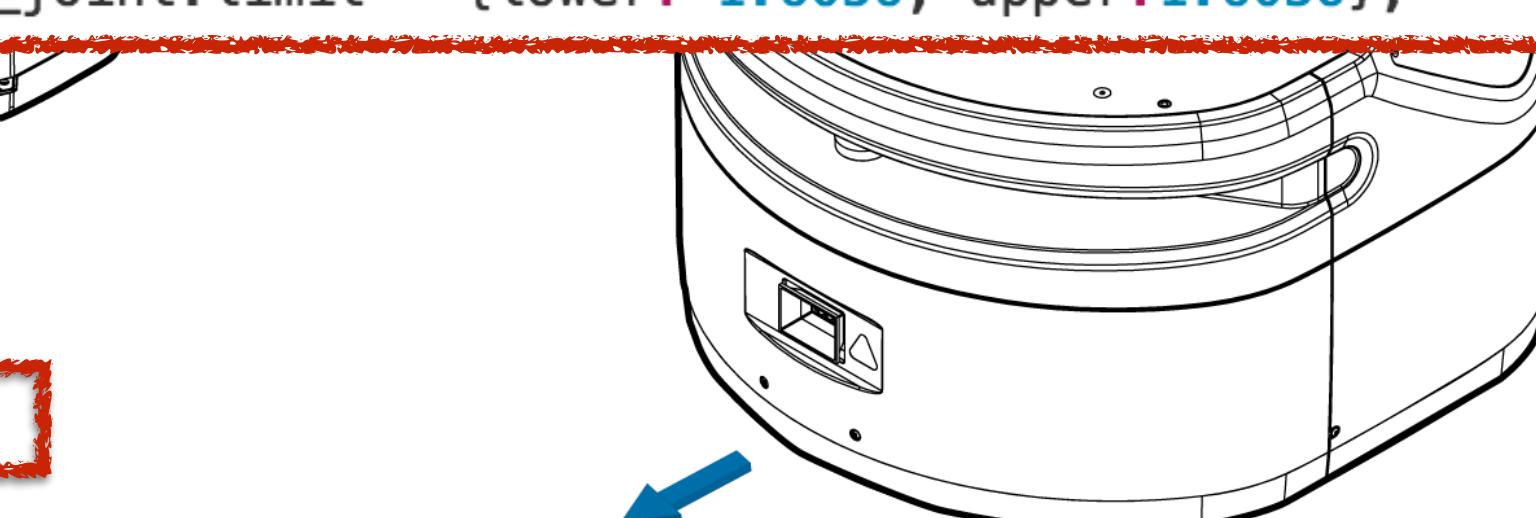
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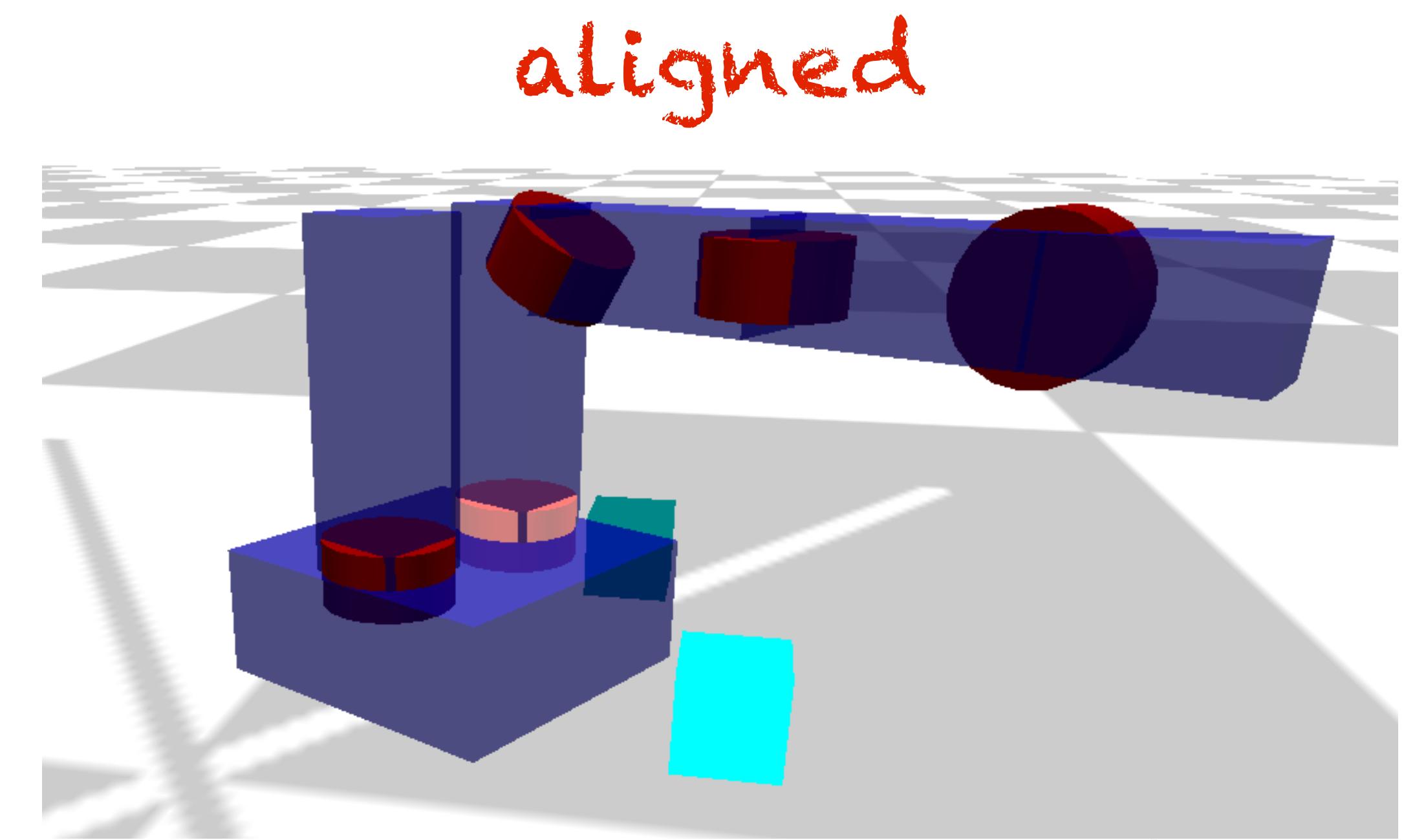
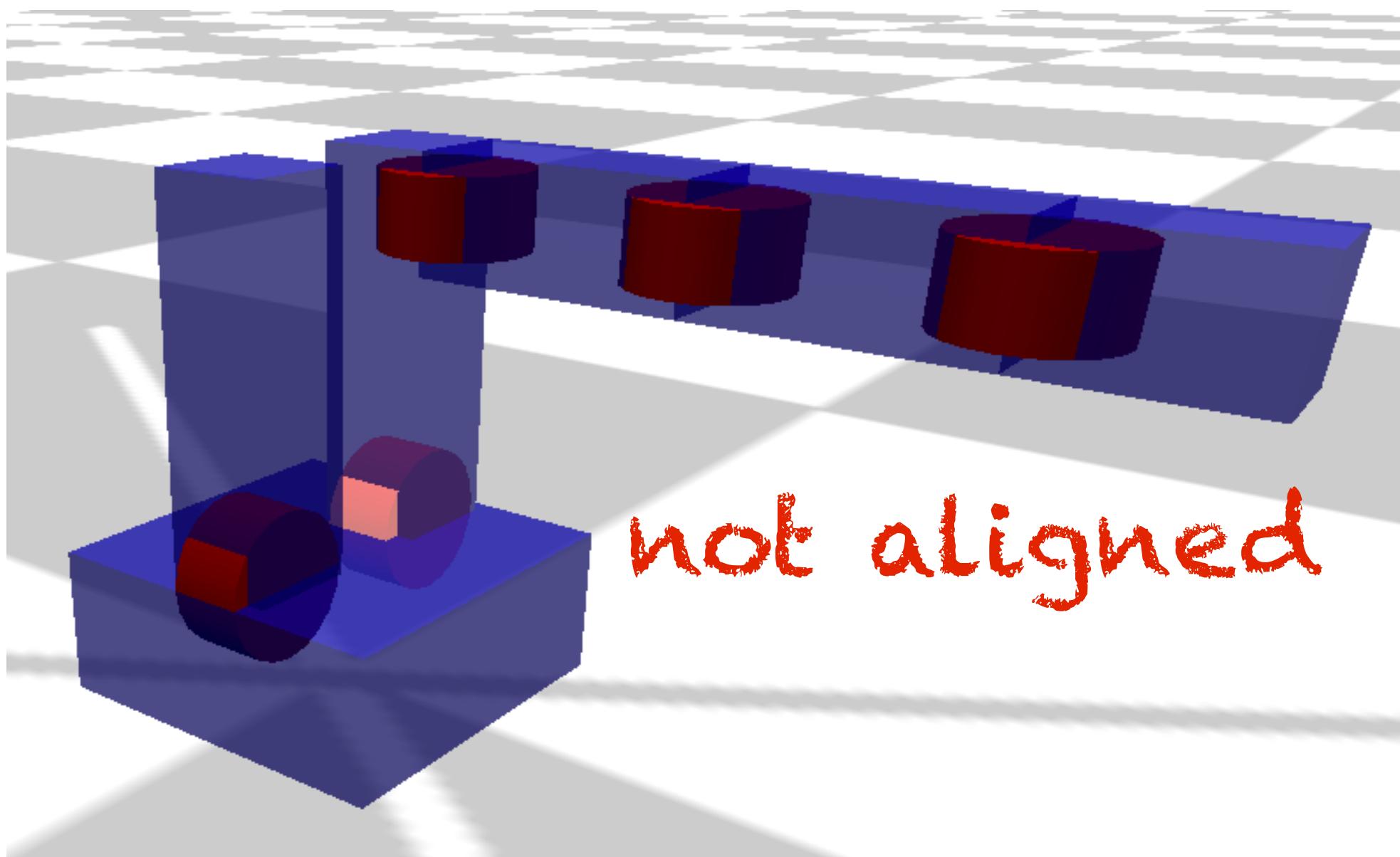
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- Rotation order I use: **XYZ** ($R_zR_yR_x$)
- `vector_cross()`: code stencil tests for and uses this function
- Base controls: must be implemented for interactive control
- The “`.origin`” field of links and joints are used to store transforms without consideration of joint motion (provided only for debugging)
- A joint and its child link will share the same coordinate frame

KinEval joint cylinder rendering

- threejs creates cylinders with axes aligned along y-axis
- you need to implement `vector_cross()` for KinEval to render joint cylinders properly along joint axis



Global controls for base

- Assume we have a base that is holonomic wrt. ground plane
 - holonomic: can move in any direction
 - kineval_userinput.js assumes:

How to perform this
base movement?

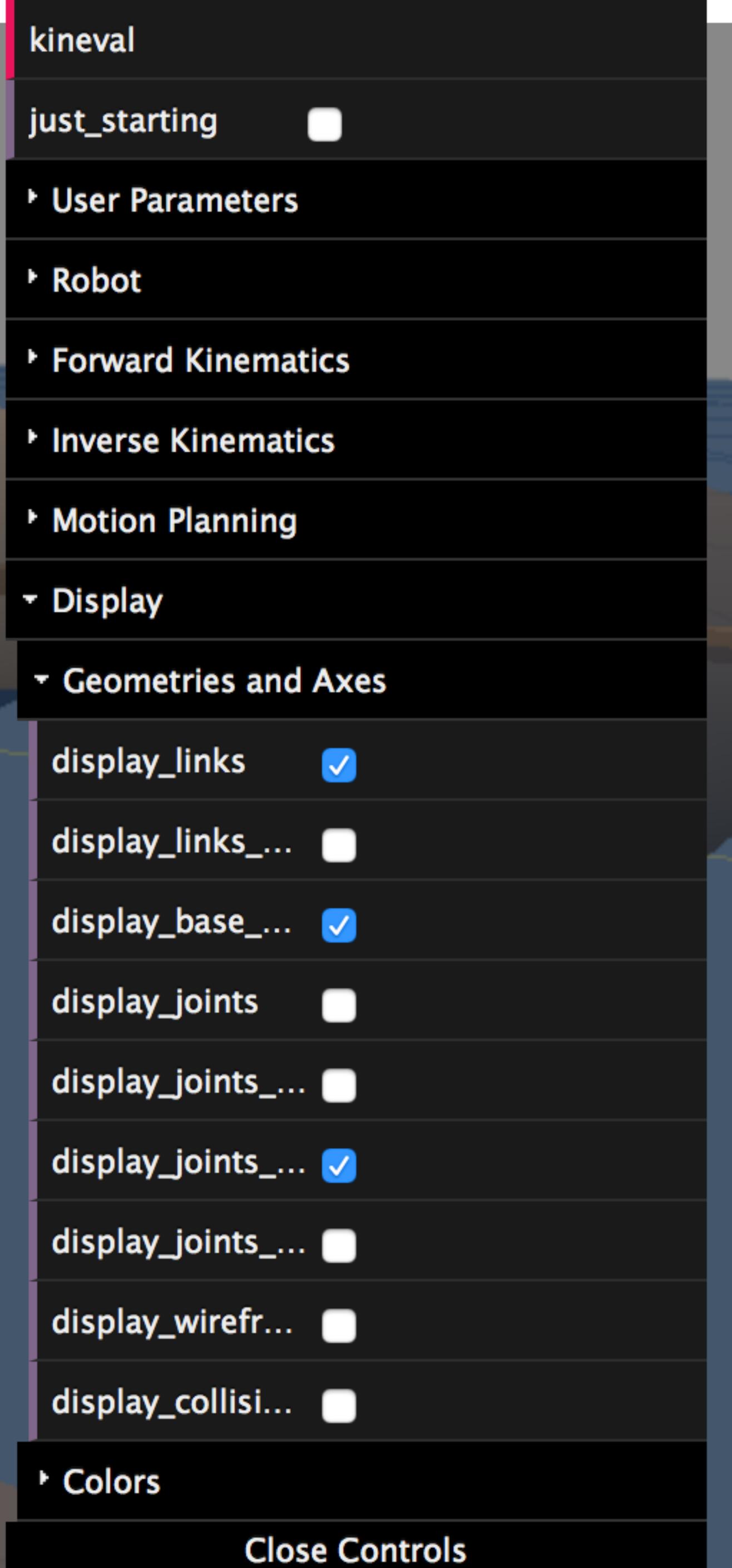
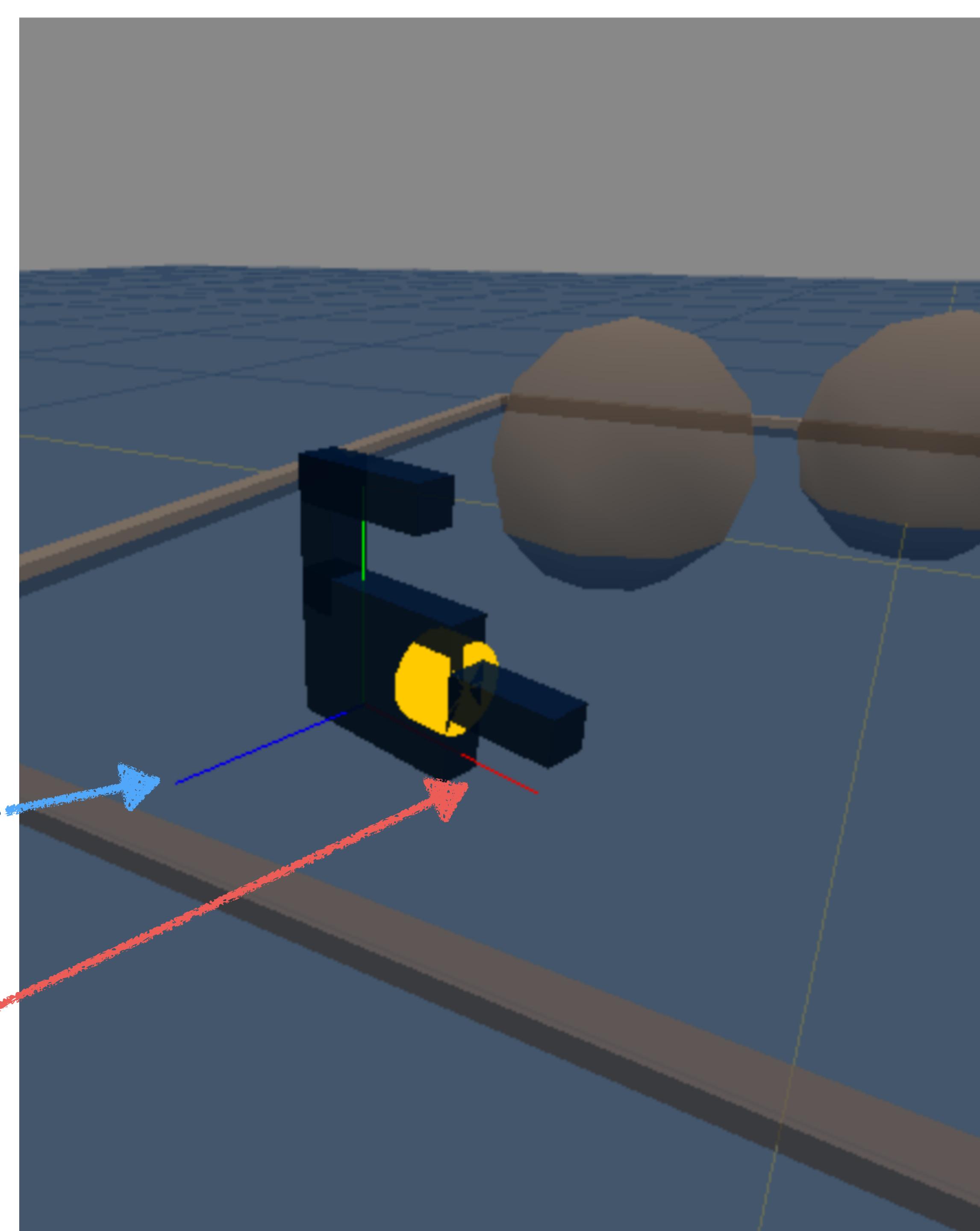


Transform vectors for heading (local z-axis) and lateral (local x-axis) of robot base into world coordinates

Store transformed vectors in variables “robot_heading” and “robot_lateral”

**Forward heading
of the robot**

**Lateral heading
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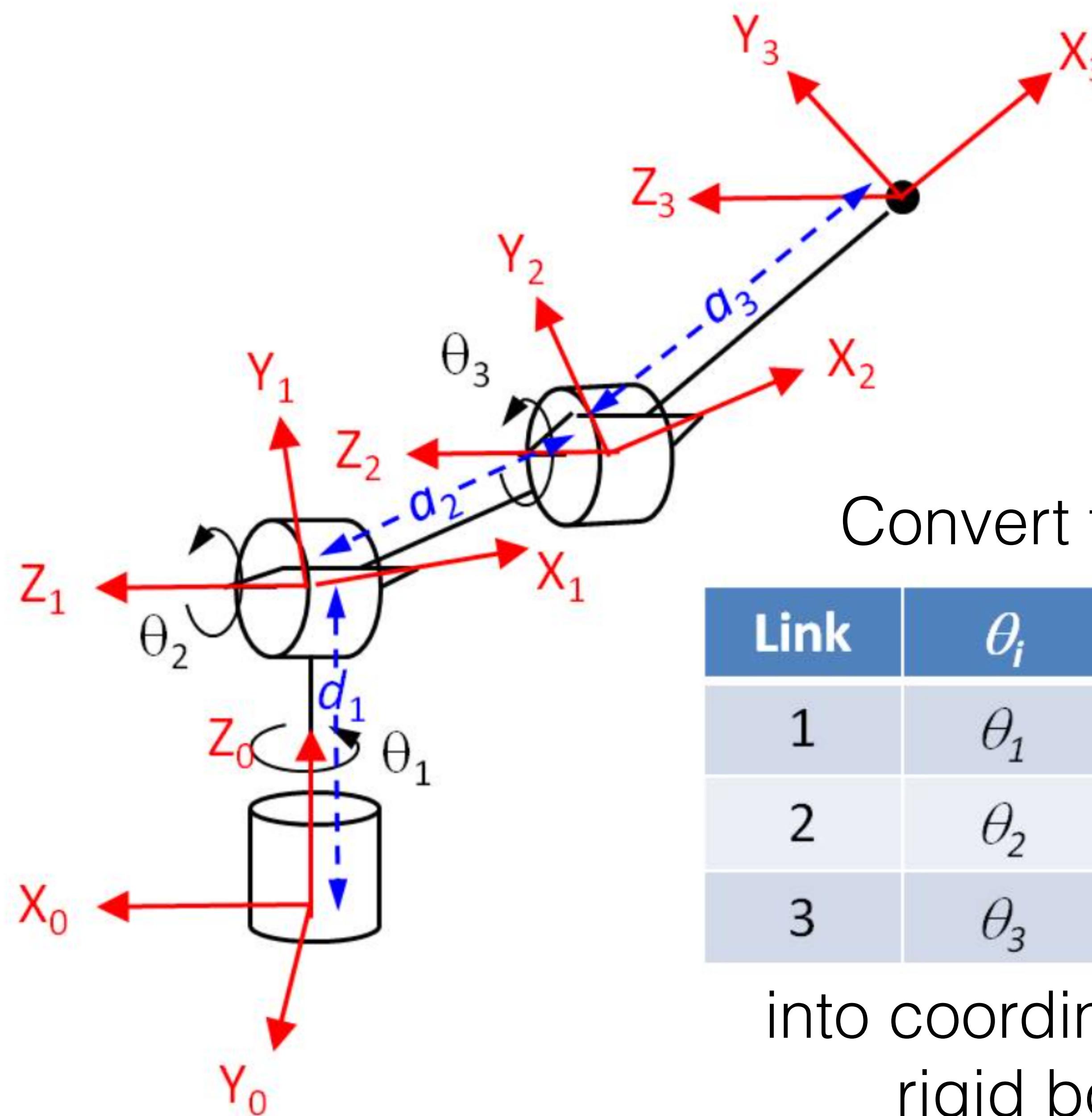
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[Kenwright 2012, Daniilidis 1999]

Denavit-Hartenberg Transform

$$A_i = Rot_{z,\theta_i} Trans_{z,d_i} Trans_{x,a_i} Rot_{x,\alpha_i}$$

- A_i represents the transform between a link i and its parent $i-1$
 - z-axis of parent link $i-1$ aligned with DoF axis of joint i
 - 4 parameters for joint angle (θ_i), link offset (d_i), link length(a_i), link twist (α_i)
 - Only one parameter will be variable, depending on joint type
 - Each parameter applies a rotation or a translation
- Composed into one homogeneous transformation by matrix multiplication

DH example for
individual exploration:
3 DoF robot arm



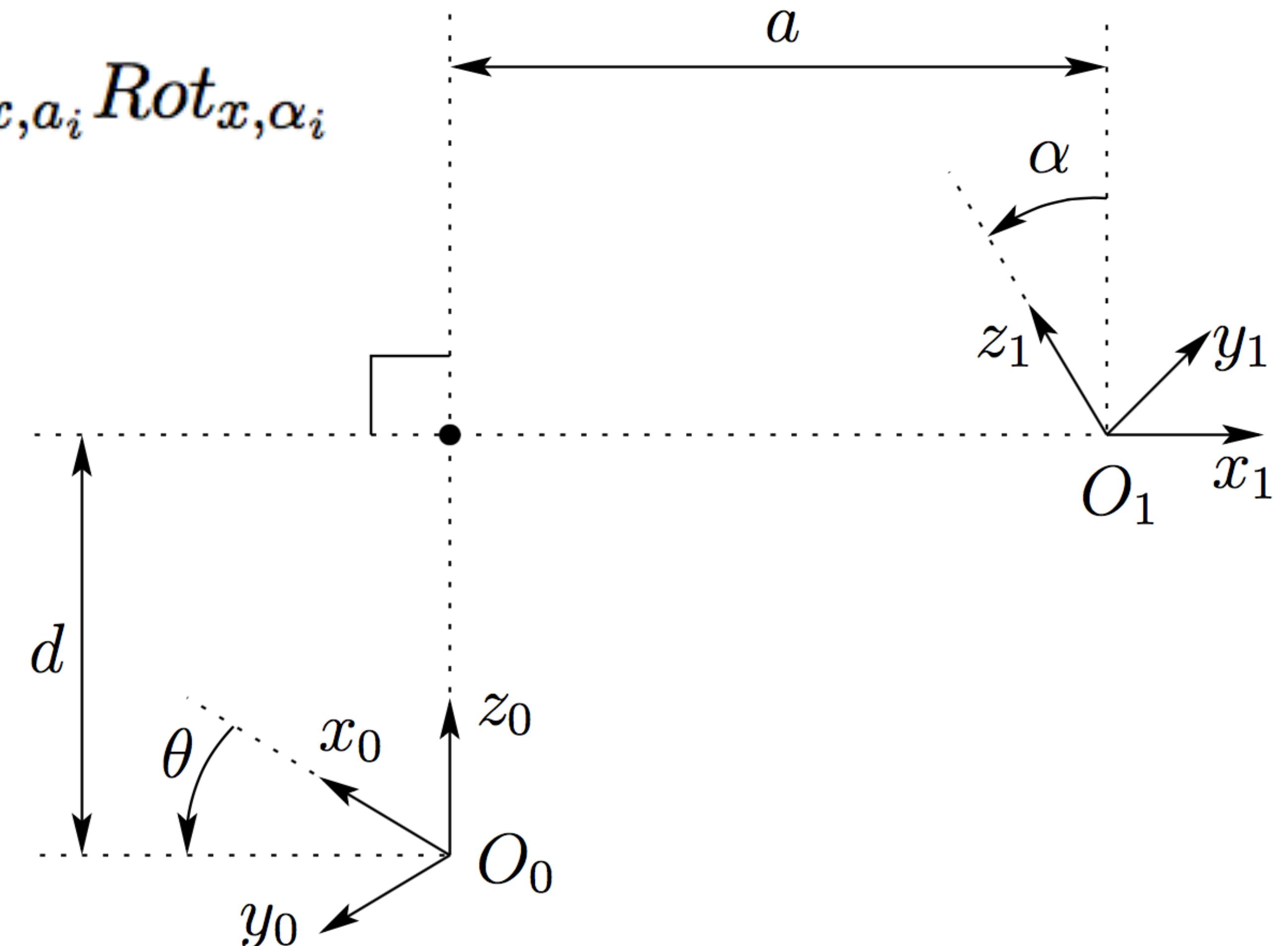
Convert these parameters

into coordinate frames for each
rigid body of the robot

DH Properties

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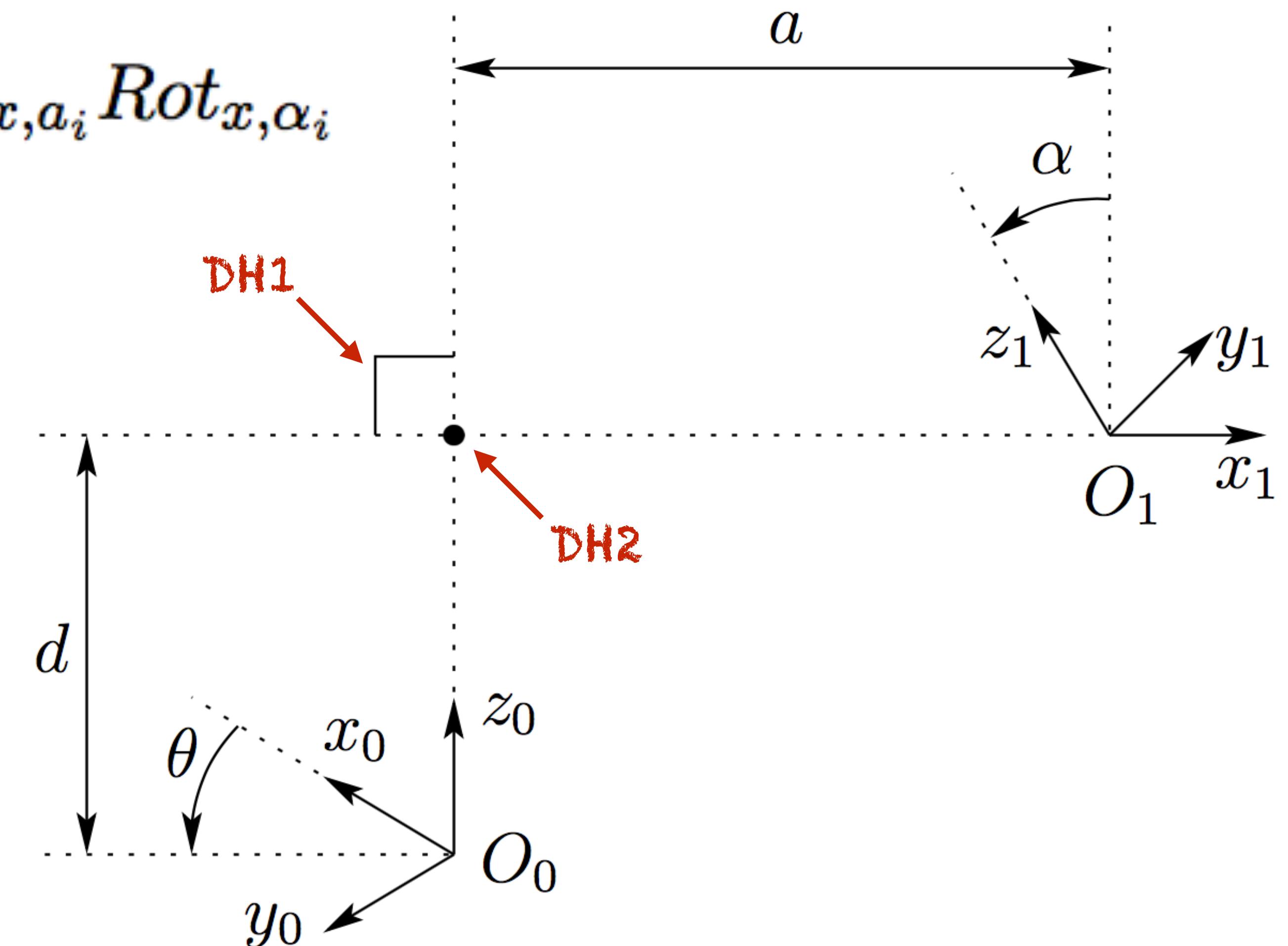
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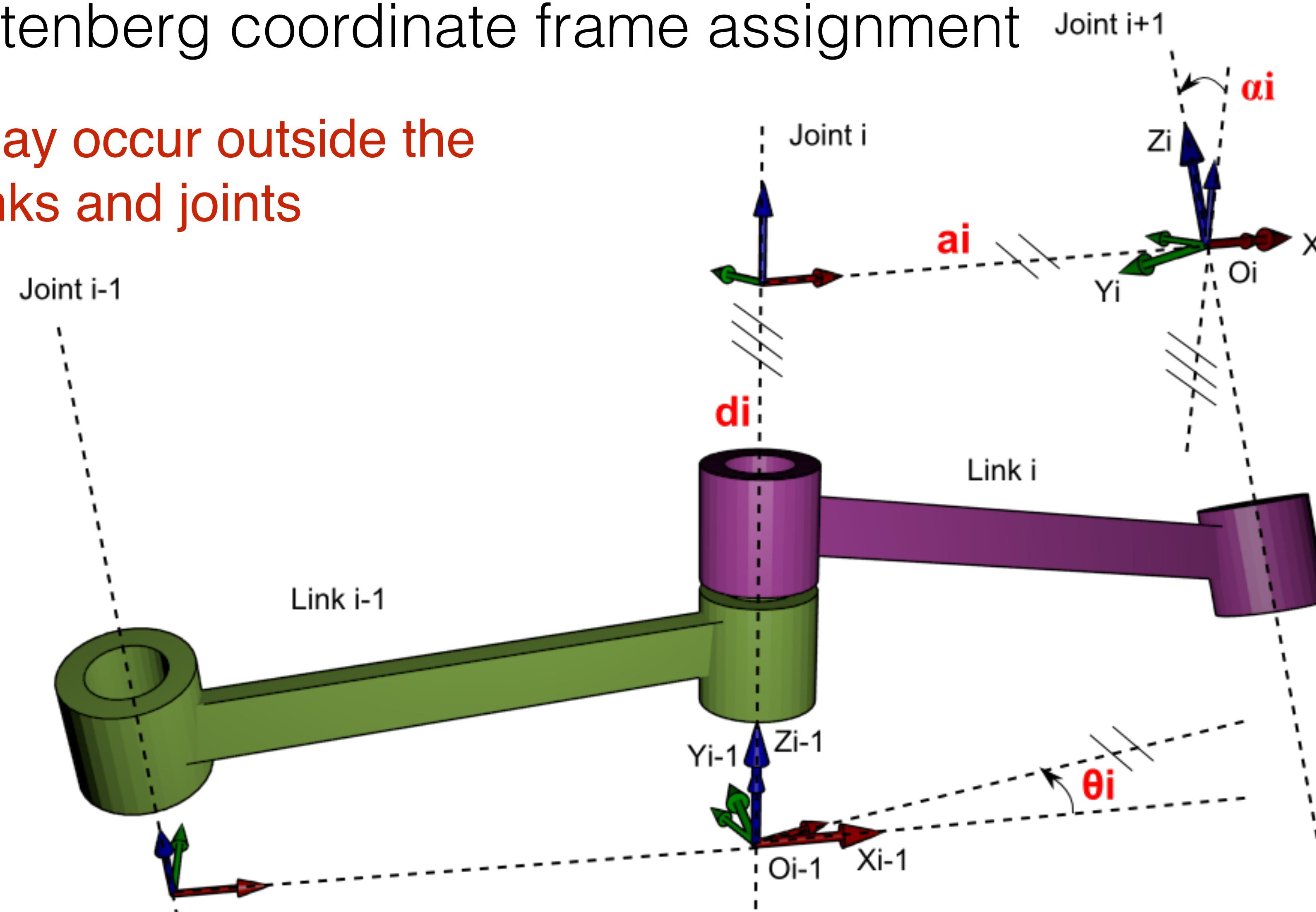
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Denavit-Hartenberg coordinate frame assignment

frames may occur outside the links and joints



Coordinate frames for each body align the z-axis with axis of joint rotation and the x-axis with the direction of the link

D-H versus Matrix stack

- 4 parameters to transform between links
- 4 matrices to compose per joint
- Uniformity in frame selection
- Only link frames are necessary for computations
- Less intuitive
- 10 parameters to transform between links
- 3 matrices to compose per joint
- Flexibility in frame selection
- Child link shares frame with parent joint
- More bookkeeping

Approaches to FK

- Denavit-Hartenberg Convention **ROB 550**
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- **Screw vectors as Dual Quaternions**
[Kenwright 2012, Daniilidis 1999]

Dual Quaternion

- Dual number: $\check{z} = a + \epsilon b$ with $\epsilon^2 = 0$
- Dual quaternion: $\check{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{q} + \epsilon \mathbf{q}'$
 - comprised of a real quaternion \mathbf{q} and dual quaternion \mathbf{q}'
- Operations include addition, scalar multiplication, and multiplication:

$$\check{\mathbf{q}}_1 + \check{\mathbf{q}}_2 = (\check{s}_1 + \check{s}_2, \check{\mathbf{q}}_1 + \check{\mathbf{q}}_2),$$

$$\check{\lambda}(\check{s}, \check{\mathbf{q}}) = (\check{\lambda}\check{s}, \lambda\check{\mathbf{q}}),$$

$$\check{\mathbf{q}}_1 \check{\mathbf{q}}_2 = (\check{s}_1 \check{s}_2 - \check{\mathbf{q}}_1^T \check{\mathbf{q}}_2, \check{s}_1 \check{\mathbf{q}}_2 + \check{s}_2 \check{\mathbf{q}}_1 + \check{\mathbf{q}}_1 \times \check{\mathbf{q}}_2).$$

Screw motion

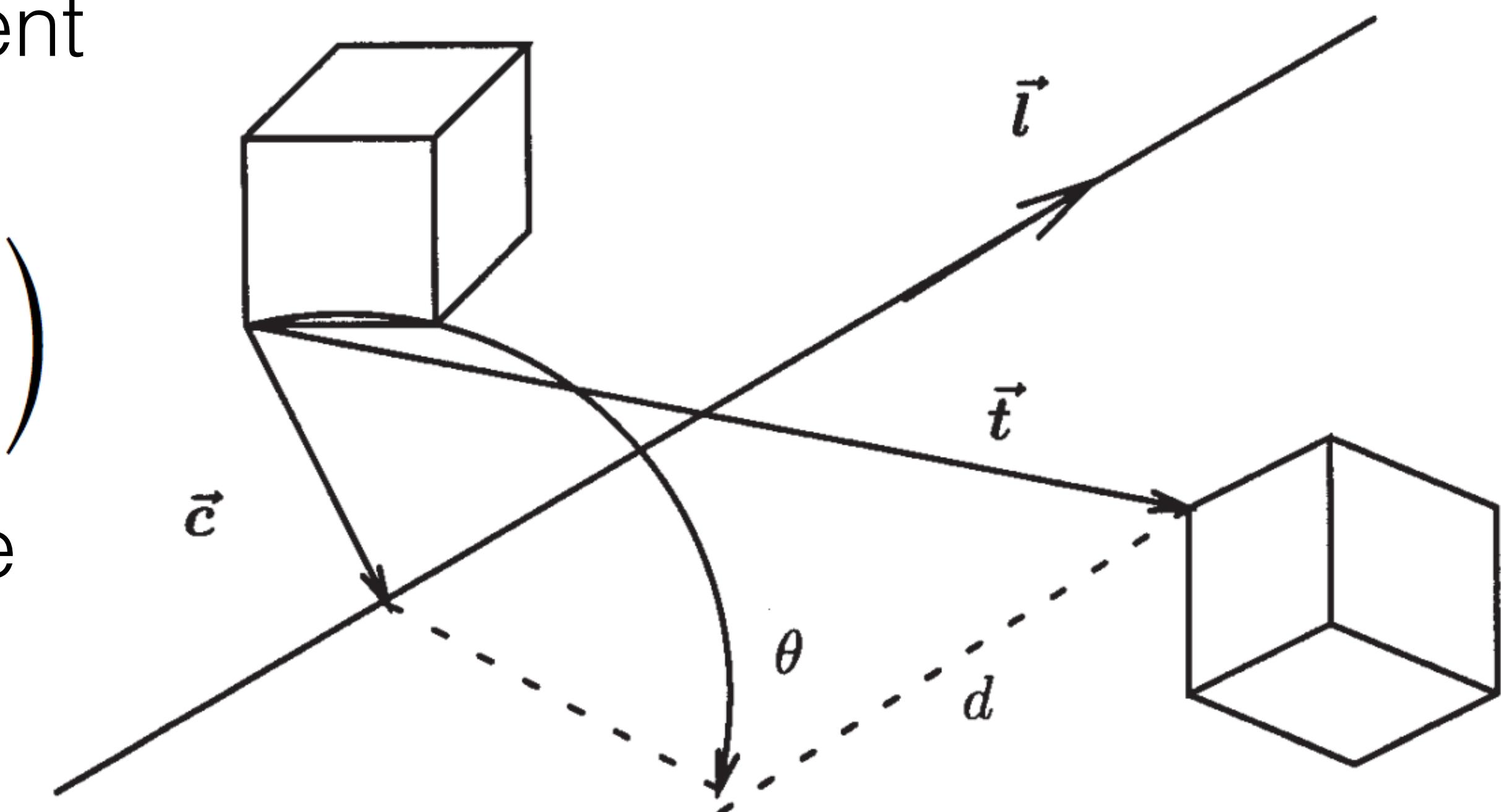
- Every rigid motion can be modeled as a rotation with angle θ about axis \mathbf{c} with direction \mathbf{l} and subsequent translation \mathbf{d} along the axis

- Dual quaternion can represent screw motion

$$\check{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \vec{\mathbf{l}} \end{pmatrix} + \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{d}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \vec{\mathbf{m}} + \frac{d}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \vec{\mathbf{l}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Rigid transformation of a line by a dual quaternion

$$\check{\mathbf{l}}_a = \check{\mathbf{q}} \check{\mathbf{l}}_b \check{\mathbf{q}}$$

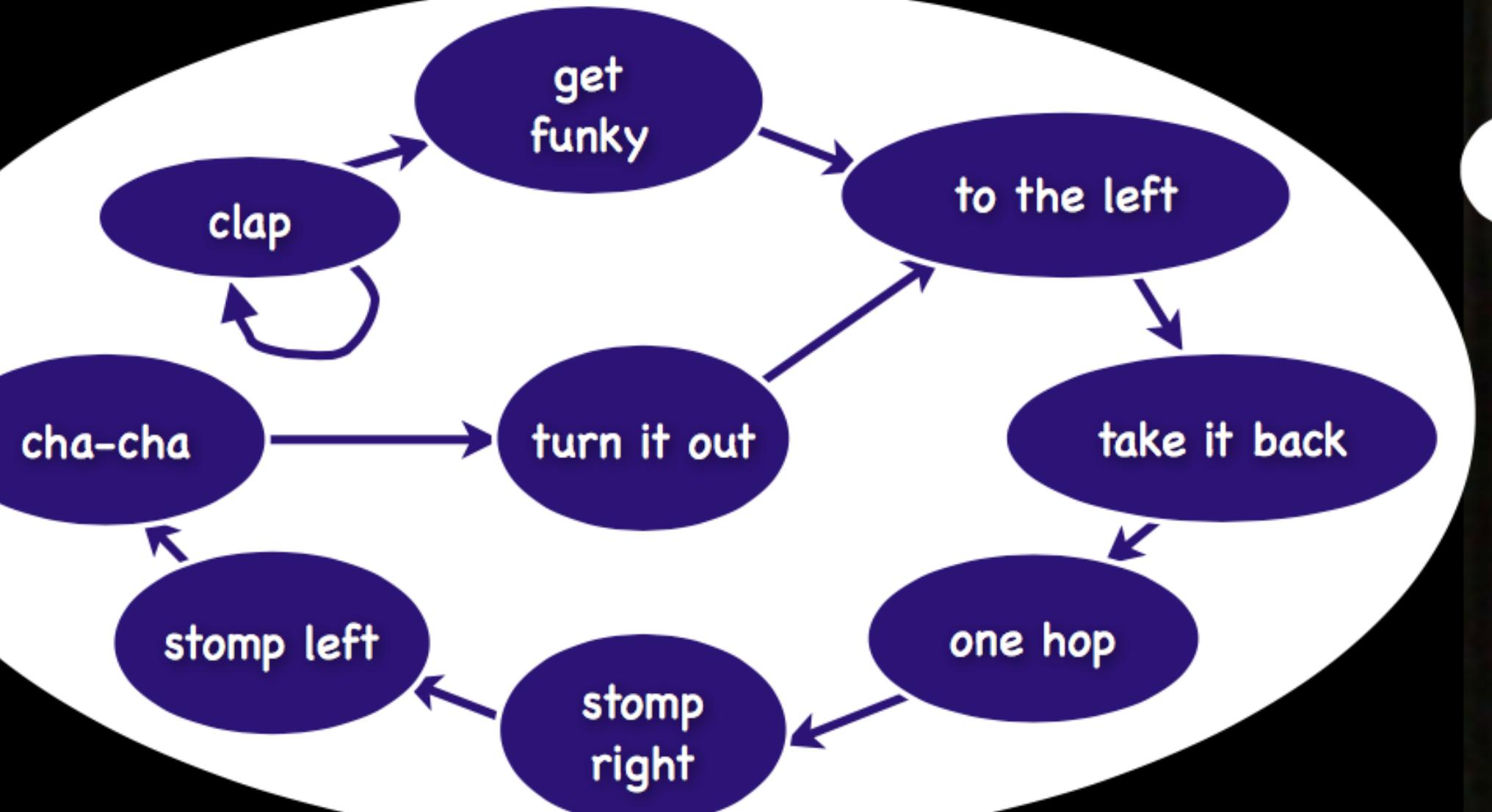


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Next lecture:
Finite State
Machines

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Next class: Finite State Machines

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