

Problem 3: Finding Roll, Pitch, and Yaw Angles (15 points)

A rotation matrix R can be described as a product of successive rotations about the principal coordinate axes of the **fixed frame**. If we define the convention to be first a yaw about x_0 through an angle ψ , then pitch about the y_0 by an angle θ , and finally roll about the z_0 by an angle ϕ , we obtain the following transformation matrix, where s_ϕ signifies $\sin(\phi)$, c_ϕ signifies $\cos(\phi)$, etc.:

$$R = R_{z,\phi} R_{y,\theta} R_{x,\psi} = \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi c_\theta & -s_\phi c_\psi + c_\phi s_\theta s_\psi & s_\phi s_\psi + c_\phi s_\theta c_\psi \\ s_\phi c_\theta & c_\phi c_\psi + s_\phi s_\theta s_\psi & -c_\phi s_\psi + s_\phi s_\theta c_\psi \\ -s_\theta & c_\theta s_\psi & c_\theta c_\psi \end{bmatrix}$$

Imagine you have a numerical rotation matrix \mathcal{R} that has no zero entries. We will represent it with the following 3×3 array of r_{ij} scalar values.

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Find **closed-form expressions** that would enable you to **solve for all possible sets of ψ , θ , and ϕ** that would produce a given numerical matrix \mathcal{R} using the above formula for R . (15 points)