

Exercise 3: Axis of Rotation

Consider the sequence of rotations

$${}^A\mathbf{R}_B = \text{Rot}[z, 90^\circ] \cdot \text{Rot}[x, 90^\circ]$$

mentioned in the lecture notes on page 30. Open the file „Exercise03.m“ and write a program in order to animate this rotation around a single axis:

- Define the rotation matrix ${}^A\mathbf{R}_B$ as R. Use the MATLAB functions `rotx` and `rotz`.
- Calculate a 1 by 4 vector called `axang`. This vector should contain the unit vector components and the rotation angle for the given rotation. Use the MATLAB function `rotm2axang` and the matrix R for this task.
- Inside the for loop, animate the rotating cuboid:
 - Calculate the current rotation matrix for each angle `phi`. You can use the MATLAB function `axang2rotm`
 - Draw the moving cuboid using the function `DrawCuboid(...)`. It will return a patch object.
 - Pause the execution for 0.1 seconds using the MATLAB command `pause`.
 - Delete the patch object from the figure by using the `delete` command.

During the animation, the output window should look like this:

