

Rotations and Transformations in 3D

Intro to Robotics

1 Euler Rotation Theorem

The orientation of one coordinate frame with respect to another can be described by "successive rotations about the three axes, such that no two successive rotations are about the same axis."

12 possible rotations: xyz, xzy, yxz, yzx, zxy, zyx; (three different axes) xyx, yxy, xzx, zxx, yzy, zyz (two different axes)

Given these twelve rotations, you can apply them differently. The two methods of application are fixed angle rotation and eulerian rotation.

fixed angle rotation(applied backwards): ${}^A_B R_{xyz}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = {}^A_B R_z(\gamma) {}^A_B R_y(\beta) {}^A_B R_x(\alpha)$
Eulerian angle rotation(applied in order): ${}^A_B R_{x'y'z'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = {}^A_B R_{x'}(\alpha) {}^A_B R_{y'}(\beta) {}^A_B R_{z'}(\gamma)$

In general we will use the eulerian angle method(x'y'z' the prime indicates eulerian method); combined with yaw(z), pitch(y), roll(x) parameterization of the angles. Algebraically: ${}^A_B R_{z'y'x'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$.

2 Using rotation matrices in 3D

As previously mentioned, we will be using rotations in eulerian angle form with yaw(z axis), pitch(y axis), and roll(x axis) parameterization. All the 2D rotation matrix properties still hold, A 3D rotation matrix is orthonormal, $\det(R)=\pm 1$, $R(-\theta) = R^T(\theta) = R^{-1}(\theta)$. Now let us cover the three rotation matrices used for yaw, pitch, and roll.

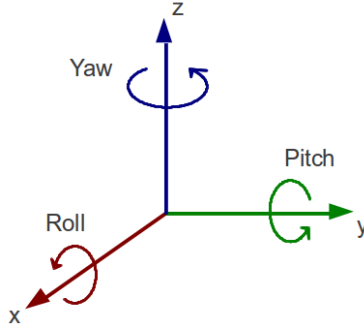


Figure 1:

Yaw uses the rotation matrix $R_z(\alpha)$, and this is equal to:

$$R_z(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha & -s\alpha & 0 \\ s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This rotation matrix allows us to rotate the xy plane by keeping the z axis fixed.

pitch uses the rotation matrix $R_y(\beta)$, and this is equal to:

$$R_y(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} c\beta & 0 & s\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\beta & 0 & c\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

This rotation matrix allows us to rotate the xz plane by keeping the y axis fixed.

roll uses the rotation matrix $R_x(\gamma)$, and this is equal to:

$$R_x(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\gamma & -s\gamma \\ 0 & s\gamma & c\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

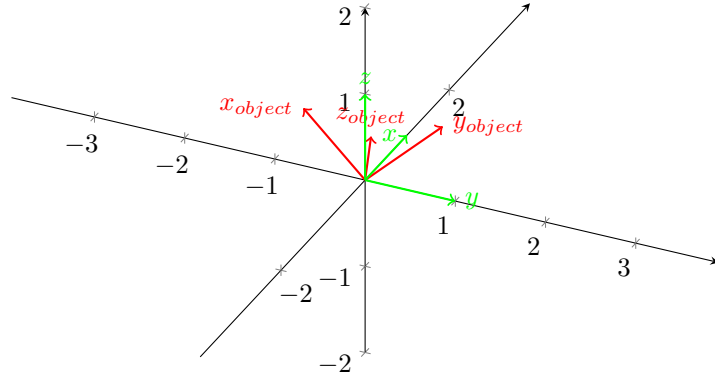
This rotation matrix allows us to rotate the yz plane by keeping the x axis fixed.

More on 3D rotations

Lets say the orientation of an object is 60° on the yz plane(x fixed-roll), 17° on the xz plane(y fixed-pitch), and 30° on the xy plane(z fixed-yaw). I can represent this orientation using eulerian roll-pitch-yaw parameterization $R_{z'y'x'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{z'y'x'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) &= R_{z'y'x'}(60^\circ, 17^\circ, 30^\circ) = R_z(60^\circ)R_y(17^\circ)R_x(30^\circ) = \\
&\begin{bmatrix} c60^\circ & -s60^\circ & 0 \\ s60^\circ & c60^\circ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_z \begin{bmatrix} c17^\circ & 0 & s17^\circ \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s17^\circ & 0 & c17^\circ \end{bmatrix}_y \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c30^\circ & -s30^\circ \\ 0 & s30^\circ & c30^\circ \end{bmatrix}_x = \\
&\begin{bmatrix} .5 & -.87 & 0 \\ .87 & .5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_z \begin{bmatrix} .96 & 0 & .29 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -.29 & 0 & .96 \end{bmatrix}_y \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & .87 & -.5 \\ 0 & .5 & .87 \end{bmatrix}_x = \\
&\begin{bmatrix} .48 & -.83 & .29 \\ .82 & .31 & -.48 \\ .31 & .47 & .83 \end{bmatrix}_{z'y'x'}
\end{aligned}$$

The easiest way to understand a rotation matrix $R_{z'y'x'}$ is by plotting the column vectors as $R_{z'y'x'} = [x_{object} \ y_{object} \ z_{object}]$ as shown below ($R_{z'y'x'}$ describes how to go from the green frame to the red frame):



3 3D frames

3D frames are defined exactly like 2D frames, except the rotation matrices are used ${}^A R_{z'y'x'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$.

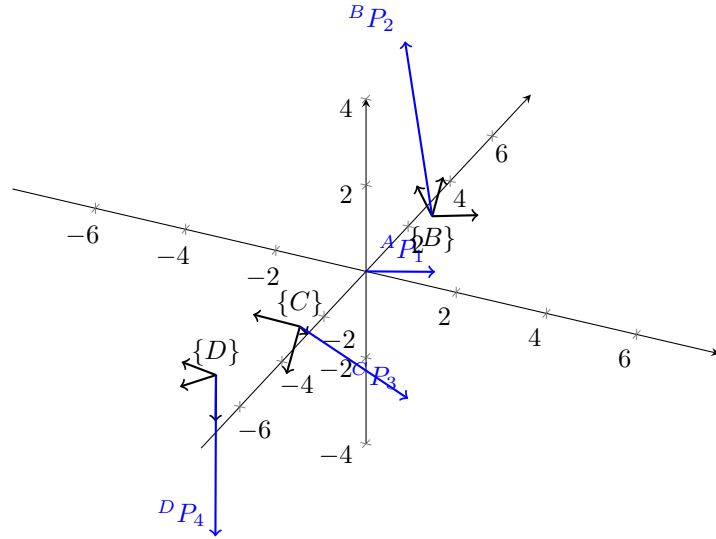
Example: Given frames: Frame {A} = universe,

$$\text{Frame \{B\} = } \{ {}^A R_{z'y'x'}(45^\circ, 10^\circ, 10^\circ), {}^A P_{Borg} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \},$$

$$\text{Frame \{C\} = } \{ {}^A R_{z'y'x'}(90^\circ, 130^\circ, -10^\circ), {}^A P_{Corg} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \},$$

$$\text{Frame \{D\} = } \{ {}^C R_{z'y'x'}(45^\circ, 45^\circ, 45^\circ), {}^C P_{Dorg} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \}$$

$$\text{Given points: } {}^A P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, {}^B P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, {}^C P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, {}^D P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$



Compute all transformation matrices: ${}^A_B T$, ${}^A_C T$, ${}^C_D T$, ${}^A_D T$, ${}^B_A T$, ${}^B_D T$

First lets compute ${}^A_B R_{z'y'x'}(45^\circ, 10^\circ, 10^\circ) = {}^A_B R_z {}^A_B R_y {}^A_B R_x =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c45 & -s45 & 0 \\ s45 & c45 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_z \begin{bmatrix} c10 & 0 & s10 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s10 & 0 & c10 \end{bmatrix}_y \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c10 & -s10 \\ 0 & s10 & c10 \end{bmatrix}_x = \begin{bmatrix} .7 & -.68 & .24 \\ .7 & .72 & -.001 \\ -.17 & .17 & .97 \end{bmatrix}_{zyx}$$

$$\text{So we have } {}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R_{z'y'x'}(45^\circ, 10^\circ, 10^\circ) & {}^A P_{Borg} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .7 & -.68 & .24 & 1 \\ .7 & .72 & -.001 & 1 \\ -.17 & .17 & .97 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Similarly, } {}^A R_{z'y'x'}(90^\circ, 130^\circ, -10^\circ) &= \begin{bmatrix} c90 & -s90 & 0 \\ s90 & c90 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_z \begin{bmatrix} c130 & 0 & s130 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s130 & 0 & c130 \end{bmatrix}_y \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c-10 & -s-10 \\ 0 & s-10 & c-10 \end{bmatrix}_x = \\
&\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -.98 & -.17 \\ -.64 & -.13 & .75 \\ -.77 & .11 & -.63 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^A T &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_{z'y'x'}(130^\circ, 90^\circ, -10^\circ) & {}^A P_{Corg} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -.98 & -.17 & -1 \\ -.64 & -.13 & .75 & -1 \\ -.77 & .11 & -.63 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^C R_{z'y'x'}(45^\circ, 45^\circ, 45^\circ) &= \begin{bmatrix} c45 & -s45 & 0 \\ s45 & c45 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_z \begin{bmatrix} c45 & 0 & s45 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s45 & 0 & c45 \end{bmatrix}_y \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c45 & -s45 \\ 0 & s45 & c45 \end{bmatrix}_x = \\
&\begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -0.15 & 0.85 \\ 0.5 & 0.85 & -0.15 \\ -0.71 & 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^C T &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^C R_{z'y'x'}(45^\circ, 45^\circ, 45^\circ) & {}^C P_{Dorg} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -0.15 & 0.85 & 1 \\ 0.5 & 0.85 & -0.15 & 2 \\ -0.71 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^A T &= {}^A T {}^C T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -.98 & -.17 & -1 \\ -.64 & -.13 & .75 & -1 \\ -.77 & .11 & -.63 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -0.15 & 0.85 & 1 \\ 0.5 & 0.85 & -0.15 & 2 \\ -0.71 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.37 & -0.93 & 0.057 & -3.49 \\ -0.92 & 0.36 & -0.15 & 0.35 \\ 0.12 & -0.11 & -0.99 & -3.44 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Computing the inverse of a transformation is also the same as it was in 2D but now we use a 4x4 homogeneous matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^B_A T &= {}^A T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R_{z'y'x'}(45^\circ, 10^\circ, 10^\circ)^T & -({}^A_B R_{z'y'x'}(45^\circ, 10^\circ, 10^\circ)^T {}^A P_{Borg}) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \\
&\begin{bmatrix} .7 & .7 & -.17 & -1.22 \\ -.68 & .72 & .17 & -.21 \\ .24 & -.001 & .97 & -1.21 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^B_D T &= {}^B_A T {}^A_D T = \begin{bmatrix} .7 & .7 & -.17 & -1.22 \\ -.68 & .72 & .17 & -.21 \\ .24 & -.001 & .97 & -1.21 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.37 & -0.93 & 0.057 & -3.49 \\ -0.92 & 0.36 & -0.15 & 0.35 \\ 0.12 & -0.11 & -0.99 & -3.44 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \\
&\begin{bmatrix} -0.92 & -0.38 & 0.11 & -2.81 \\ -0.39 & 0.86 & -0.32 & 1.81 \\ 0.028 & -0.33 & -0.94 & -5.40 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Compute ${}^A P_2$, ${}^A P_3$, and ${}^A P_4$.

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^A P_2 &= {}_B^A T^B P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} .7 & -.68 & .24 & 1 \\ .7 & .72 & -.001 & 1 \\ -.17 & .17 & .97 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.93 \\ 1.76 \\ 3.8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^A P_3 &= {}_C^A T^C P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -.98 & -.17 & -1 \\ -.64 & -.13 & .75 & -1 \\ -.77 & .11 & -.63 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3.43 \\ -4.31 \\ .47 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^A P_4 &= {}_D^A T^D P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -.037 & -.093 & 0.057 & -3.49 \\ -.092 & 0.36 & -.015 & 0.35 \\ 0.12 & -.011 & -.099 & -3.44 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3.82 \\ 1.03 \\ -7.62 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Compute ${}^B P_1$, ${}^B P_3$, and ${}^B P_4$.

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^B P_1 &= {}_A^B T^A P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} .7 & .7 & -.17 & -1.22 \\ -.68 & .72 & .17 & -.21 \\ .24 & -.001 & .97 & -1.21 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1.93 \\ 1.76 \\ 3.8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -.7 \\ -2.11 \\ .25 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^B P_3 &= {}_A^B T^A P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} .7 & .7 & -.17 & -1.22 \\ -.68 & .72 & .17 & -.21 \\ .24 & -.001 & .97 & -1.21 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3.43 \\ -4.31 \\ .47 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6.69 \\ -.91 \\ -.158 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^B P_4 &= {}_D^B T^D P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -.092 & -.038 & 0.11 & -2.81 \\ -.039 & 0.86 & -.032 & 1.81 \\ 0.028 & -.033 & -.094 & -5.40 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.83 \\ 1.78 \\ -9.52 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Compute ${}^C P_1$, ${}^C P_2$, and ${}^C P_4$.

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^C P_1 &= {}_A^C T^A P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -.64 & -.77 & -1.41 \\ -.98 & -.13 & .11 & -1.01 \\ -.17 & .75 & -.63 & -.05 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.53 \\ -2.73 \\ -1.79 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^C P_2 &= {}_A^C T^A P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -.64 & -.77 & -1.41 \\ -.98 & -.13 & .11 & -1.01 \\ -.17 & .75 & -.63 & -.05 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1.93 \\ 1.76 \\ 3.8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5.45 \\ 1.08 \\ -.79 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^C P_4 &= {}_D^C T^D P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -.015 & 0.85 & 1 \\ 0.5 & 0.85 & -.015 & 2 \\ -.071 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.77 \\ 1.77 \\ 6.21 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Compute ${}^D P_1$, ${}^D P_2$, and ${}^D P_3$.

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^D P_1 &= {}^D_A T^A P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -.37 & -.92 & .12 & -.55 \\ -.93 & .36 & -.11 & -3.74 \\ .06 & -.15 & -.99 & -3.14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -.25 \\ -6.06 \\ -3.86 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^D P_2 &= {}^D_A T^A P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -.37 & -.92 & .12 & -.55 \\ -.93 & .36 & -.11 & -3.74 \\ .06 & -.15 & -.99 & -3.14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1.93 \\ 1.76 \\ 3.8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1.73 \\ -7.27 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
{}^D P_3 &= {}^D_A T^A P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -.37 & -.92 & .12 & -.55 \\ -.93 & .36 & -.11 & -3.74 \\ .06 & -.15 & -.99 & -3.14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3.43 \\ -4.31 \\ .47 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4.75 \\ -2.15 \\ -3.15 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

4 How to find euler angles from rotation matrix

Notation: $c\theta = \cos(\theta)$ and $s\theta = \sin(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^A_B R_{z'y'x'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) &= {}^A_B R_{z'}(\alpha) {}^A_B R_{y'}(\beta) {}^A_B R_{x'}(\gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha & -s\alpha & 0 \\ s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\beta & 0 & s\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\beta & 0 & c\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\gamma & -s\gamma \\ 0 & s\gamma & c\gamma \end{bmatrix} = \\
\begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & s\gamma s\beta c\alpha - c\gamma s\alpha & c\gamma s\beta c\alpha + s\gamma s\alpha \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\gamma s\beta s\alpha + c\gamma c\alpha & c\gamma s\beta s\alpha - s\gamma c\alpha \\ -s\beta & s\gamma c\beta & c\gamma c\beta \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \\
\beta_1 &= -\arcsin(r_{31}) \\
\beta_2 &= 180^\circ - \beta_1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \arctan\left(\frac{r_{21}}{r_{11}}\right) \text{ (if } \frac{r_{11}}{c\beta_1} < 0 \text{ and } -90^\circ < \alpha_1 < 90^\circ, \text{ add } 180^\circ)$$

$$\alpha_2 = \arctan\left(\frac{r_{21}}{r_{11}}\right) \text{ (if } \frac{r_{11}}{c\beta_2} < 0 \text{ and } -90^\circ < \alpha_2 < 90^\circ, \text{ add } 180^\circ)$$

$$\gamma_1 = \arctan\left(\frac{r_{32}}{r_{33}}\right) \text{ (if } \frac{r_{33}}{c\beta_1} < 0 \text{ and } -90^\circ < \gamma_1 < 90^\circ, \text{ add } 180^\circ)$$

$$\gamma_2 = \arctan\left(\frac{r_{32}}{r_{33}}\right) \text{ (if } \frac{r_{33}}{c\beta_2} < 0 \text{ and } -90^\circ < \gamma_2 < 90^\circ, \text{ add } 180^\circ)$$

Notes: If $\beta = 90^\circ$ then the angles are not solvable for. This is the infamous situation of gimbal lock where two of the rotational axes line up creating the case of a singular rotation matrix.

video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zc8b2Jo7mno>

2. The " $\frac{r_{11}}{c\beta_1} < 0$ and $-90^\circ < \alpha_1 < 90^\circ$, add 180° " is used to resolve the ambiguity of the arctan function. The ambiguity stems from $\tan(\theta) = \tan(\theta + 180) = a$ so is $\arctan(a) = \theta$ or $\arctan(a) = \theta + 180$? In our case, We know that $\cos(\alpha) = \frac{r_{11}}{\cos(\beta)}$, by analyzing the sign from this equation we can determine

what quadrant α will lie in, resolving the inherent ambiguity. This is what the atan2 function in programming languages was built to do.

5 Solving euler angles example

Given frames: Frame $\{A\}$ = universe,

$$\text{Frame } \{B\} = \{ {}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} -.18 & .24 & .96 \\ -.18 & .95 & -.27 \\ -.97 & -.23 & -.13 \end{bmatrix}, {}^A P_{Borg} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \}$$

$$\text{Given points: } {}^A P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, {}^B P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.) Find ${}^B P_1$ and ${}^A P_2$

$${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} -.18 & .24 & .96 & -1 \\ -.18 & .95 & -.27 & 4 \\ -.97 & -.23 & -.13 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^B_A T = {}^A_B T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R^T & -({}^A_B R^T {}^A P_{Borg}) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -.18 & -.18 & -.97 & -3.45 \\ .24 & .95 & -.23 & 2.87 \\ .96 & -.27 & -.13 & -2.43 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^B P_1 = {}^B_A T {}^A P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -.18 & -.18 & -.97 & -3.45 \\ .24 & .95 & -.23 & 2.87 \\ .96 & -.27 & -.13 & -2.43 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6.29 \\ 5.74 \\ -1.58 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A P_2 = {}^A_B T {}^B P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -.18 & .24 & .96 & -1 \\ -.18 & .95 & -.27 & 4 \\ -.97 & -.23 & -.13 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .62 \\ 1.72 \\ 4.17 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.) (Use calculator in degree mode!)

$$\beta_1 = -\arcsin(r_{31}) = -\arcsin(-.97) = 75^\circ$$

$$\beta_2 = 180^\circ - \beta_1 = 180^\circ - 75^\circ = 105^\circ$$

$$\alpha_1 = \arctan\left(\frac{r_{21}}{r_{11}}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{-.18}{-.18}\right) = 45^\circ$$

since $\frac{r_{11}}{\cos(\beta_1)} = \frac{-.18}{.26} < 0$ and $-90^\circ < 45^\circ < 90^\circ$, we add 180° to α_1 , $\alpha_1 = 225^\circ$

$\alpha_2 = \arctan\left(\frac{r_{21}}{r_{11}}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{-.18}{-.18}\right) = 45^\circ$, $\frac{r_{11}}{\cos(\beta_2)} = \frac{-.18}{-.26} > 0$ (so no need to add anything)

$$\gamma_1 = \arctan\left(\frac{r_{32}}{r_{33}}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{-.23}{-.13}\right) = 60^\circ$$

since $\frac{r_{33}}{\cos(\beta_1)} = \frac{-.13}{.26} < 0$ and $-90^\circ < 60^\circ < 90^\circ$, we add 180° to γ_1 , $\gamma_1 = 240^\circ$

$\gamma_2 = \arctan\left(\frac{r_{32}}{r_{33}}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{-.23}{-.13}\right) = 45^\circ$, $\frac{r_{33}}{\cos(\beta_2)} = \frac{-.13}{-.26} > 0$ (so no need to add anything)

You will always have two sets of possible answers.

Set 1: $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) = (225^\circ, 75^\circ, 240^\circ)$

Set 2: $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) = (45^\circ, 105^\circ, 60^\circ)$

To verify, make sure:

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} -.18 & .24 & .96 \\ -.18 & .95 & -.27 \\ -.97 & -.23 & -.13 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha_1 & -s\alpha_1 & 0 \\ s\alpha_1 & c\alpha_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\beta_1 & 0 & s\beta_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\beta_1 & 0 & c\beta_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\gamma_1 & -s\gamma_1 \\ 0 & s\gamma_1 & c\gamma_1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c\alpha_2 & -s\alpha_2 & 0 \\ s\alpha_2 & c\alpha_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\beta_2 & 0 & s\beta_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\beta_2 & 0 & c\beta_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\gamma_2 & -s\gamma_2 \\ 0 & s\gamma_2 & c\gamma_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

6 rotate and translate a point

So far we have solved the problem of taking a point in some frame and interpreting that same point in another frame. This section will address the problem of - given a frame, and a point in that frame, how do we translate and rotate the point? Fortunately for us, it is similar to what we have done so far.

Lets say we are given:

Frame {A} = universe,

$$\text{Frame \{B\} = } \{ {}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} -.18 & .24 & .96 \\ -.18 & .95 & -.27 \\ -.97 & -.23 & -.13 \end{bmatrix}, {}^A P_{Borg} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \}$$

$${}^A P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, {}^B P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotate and translate ${}^A P_1$ and ${}^B P_2$ by $R_{z'y'x'}(90^\circ, 0, 0)$ and translate by vector

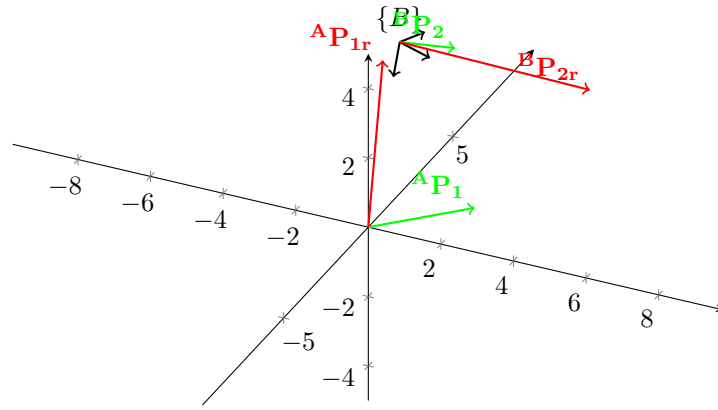
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can construct the transformation just like we did for frames(since its essentially the same thing, ${}^A_B R^T$, tells us how to move A to turn it into B). T will tell us how to move our point within a frame.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A P_{1r} = T {}^A P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^B P_{2r} = T^B P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



We can also use the inverse of T, to undo the transformation.

$$T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -(R^T t_{vec}) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A P_1 = T^{-1} {}^A P_{1r} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^B P_2 = T^{-1} {}^B P_{2r} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

6.1 Solving for angles between vectors

For every pair of a vectors there exist an angle between them, on some rotational axis(not x,y or z. More on this in next section). To find this angle we use the dot product formula:

$$\arccos\left(\frac{v_1 \cdot v_2}{|v_1||v_2|}\right) = \theta \text{ where } \theta \text{ is the angle between vectors } v_1 \text{ and } v_2.$$

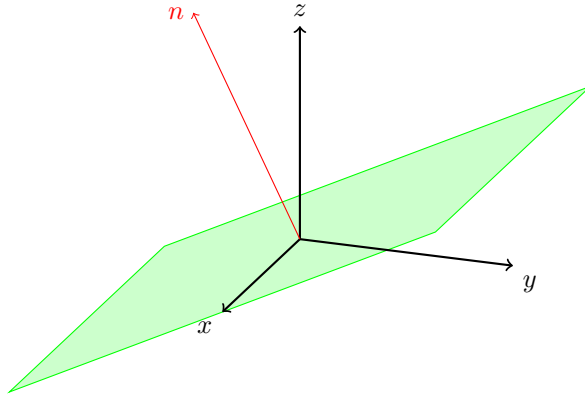
Example:

Find angle between ${}^B P_2$ and ${}^B P_{2r}$ from previous question.

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{{}^B P_2 \cdot {}^B P_{2r}}{|{}^B P_2||{}^B P_{2r}|}\right) = 28.13^\circ$$

7 Angle-axis form

Angle-axis form parameterizes a 3D rotation with one axis(vector in 3D(red in image)), and one angle of rotation on plane perpendicular to axis(green below).



Rodrigues formula: $v_r = (v)\cos(\theta) + (n \times v)\sin(\theta) + (n)(n \cdot v)(1 - \cos(\theta))$

Note: Rodrigues formula is used for rotating a vector v , make sure n is unit normal vector.

Example: Rotate vector $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ by 75° along axis $n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

First we must consider the unit vector version of n , we can get this vector by dividing n by the magnitude of $n(|n|)$.

$$|n| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{14} \approx 3.74$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{n}{|n|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}}{\sqrt{14}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{n} \times v = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{n} \cdot v = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$v_r = (v)\cos(\theta) + (\hat{n} \times v)\sin(\theta) + (\hat{n})(\hat{n} \cdot v)(1 - \cos(\theta)) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cos(75^\circ) +$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \sin(75^\circ) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (1 - \cos(75^\circ)) = \begin{bmatrix} 2.32 \\ 0 \\ -.77 \end{bmatrix}$$

