

L7-2: Basic Concepts of Rigid-Body Dynamics

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Agenda

- Angular Momentum and Rotational Inertia
- Torque
- Kinetic Energy
- Change of Frame for Various Quantities

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Angular Momentum and Rotational Inertia

Notations

$$\boldsymbol{a}^o = \dot{\boldsymbol{v}}_{s(t) \rightarrow b(t)}^o \quad \text{acceleration}$$

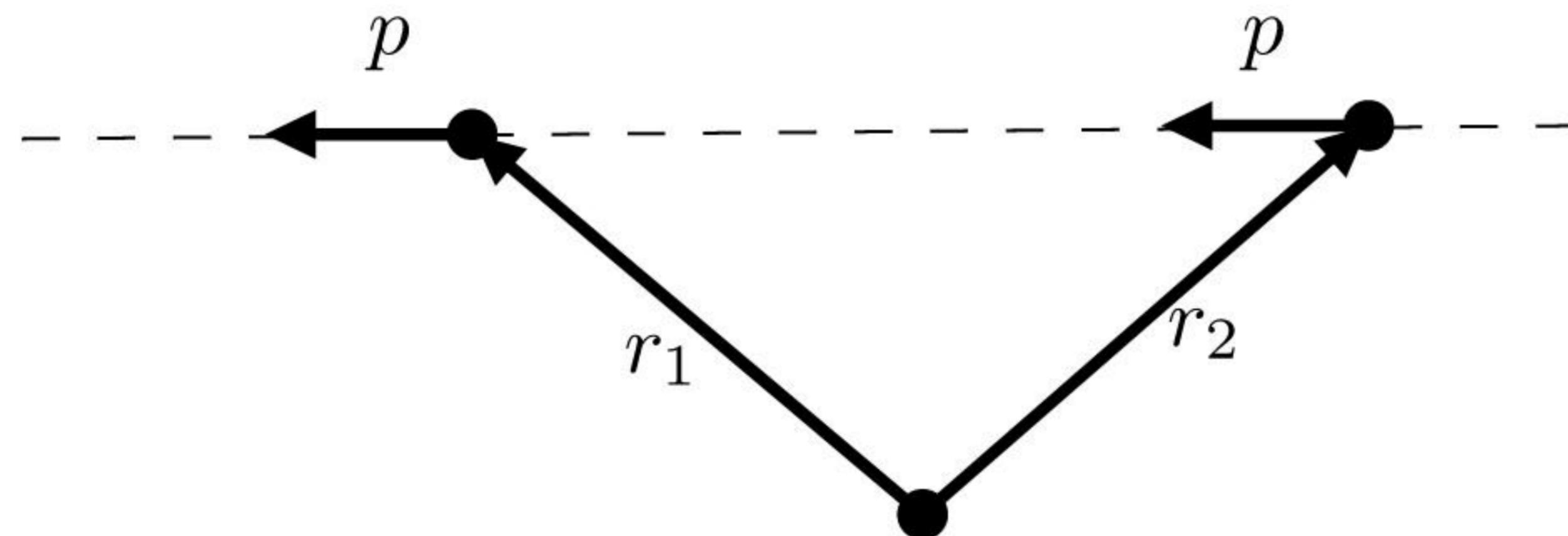
$$m \quad \text{mass}$$

$$\boldsymbol{p}_{s(t) \rightarrow b(t)}^o = m \boldsymbol{v}_{s(t) \rightarrow b(t)}^o \quad \text{momentum (state of movement)}$$

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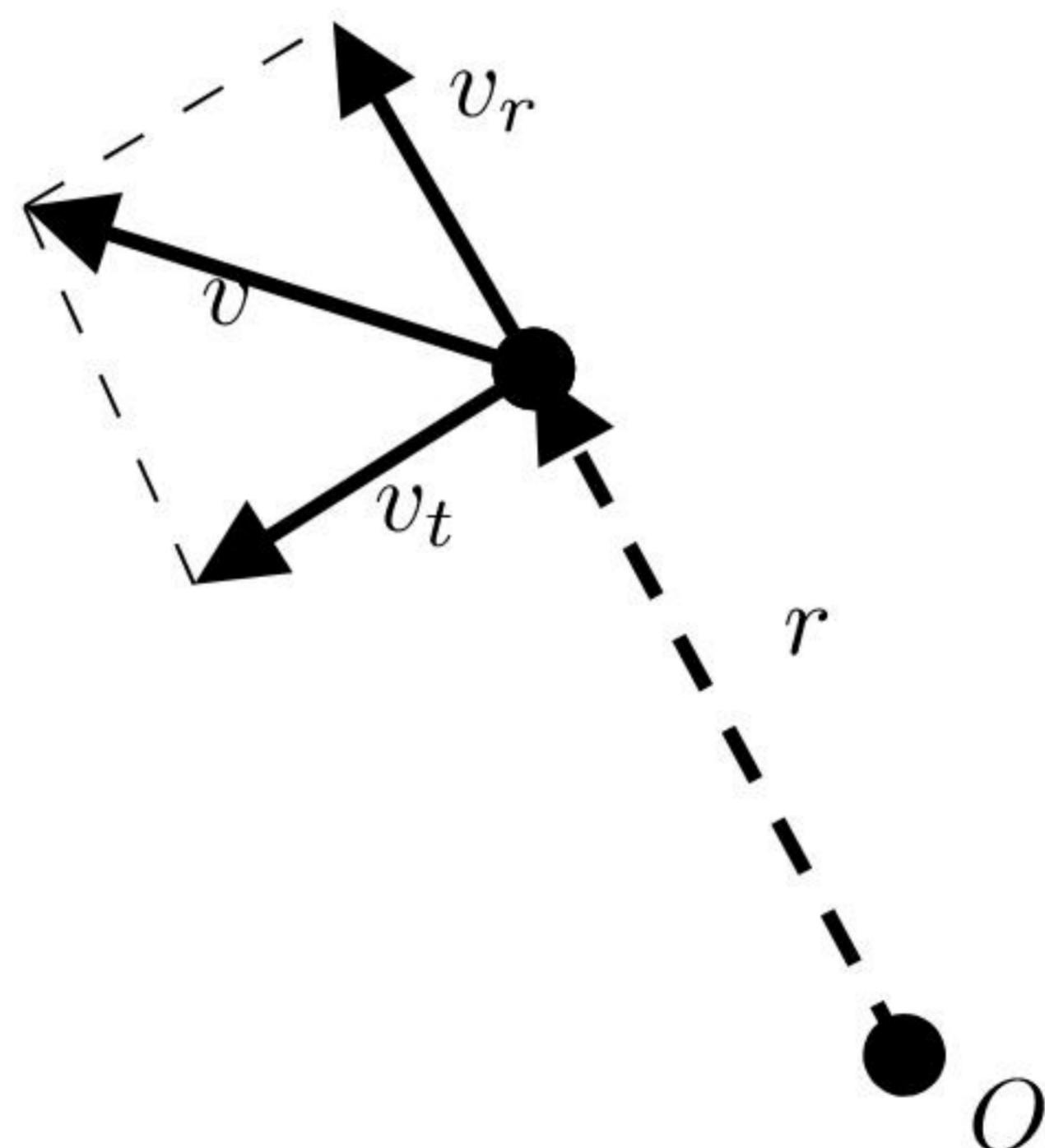
- Assume a point mass m that has a momentum \mathbf{p}^o
- Assume a vector from *the origin of the observer's frame O* to the point mass \mathbf{r}^o
- Angular momentum:

$$\mathbf{L}^o = \mathbf{r}^o \times \mathbf{p}^o$$



Rotational Inertia Preparation

\mathbf{v} can be decomposed into tangential velocity \mathbf{v}_t and radial velocity \mathbf{v}_r



$$\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{v}_t + \mathbf{v}_r) = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}_t = \mathbf{r} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r})$$

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- Then,

$$\mathbf{L}^o = \mathbf{I}^o \boldsymbol{\omega}^o$$

Angular Momentum and Inertia of Rigid Body

- Let us view rigid body as *a system of particles* whose relative positions are fixed (no deformation).
- Define the angular momentum of a body by aggregating from volume elements:

$$\mathbf{L}^o = \int_{x^o \in B} d\{\mathbf{r}^o(x) \times \mathbf{p}^o(x^o)\} = \int_{x^o \in B} d\{\mathbf{r}^o(x) \times m(x^o) \mathbf{v}^o(x^o)\}$$

- One more step:

$$\mathbf{L}^o = \int_{x^o \in B} -d\{m^o(x^o)[\mathbf{r}^o(x^o)][\mathbf{r}^o(x^o)]\boldsymbol{\omega}^o\} = \left(\int_{x^o \in B} -d\{m(x^o)[\mathbf{r}^o(x^o)][\mathbf{r}^o(x^o)]\} \right) \boldsymbol{\omega}^o$$

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- Since $\mathcal{F}_{b(t)}$ is tightly binded to the body, \mathbf{I}^b does not change w.r.t. time and is a basic property of the object.

Computation of Rigid Body Inertia

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{I}^b &= \int_{x^b \in B} -dV \rho(\mathbf{x}^b) [\mathbf{r}^b(\mathbf{x}^b)] [\mathbf{r}^b(\mathbf{x}^b)] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \int \rho(r_y^2 + r_z^2) dV & -\int \rho r_x r_y dV & -\int \rho r_x r_z dV \\ -\int \rho r_x r_y dV & \int \rho(r_x^2 + r_z^2) dV & -\int \rho r_y r_z dV \\ -\int \rho r_x r_z dV & -\int \rho r_y r_z dV & \int \rho(r_y^2 + r_x^2) dV \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

- Given uniform density, the integral can be computed analytically for watertight meshes

Fast Inertia Computation

- Divergence theorem! Let $\mathbf{F} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, $\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV = \oint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$
- An example: a term of \mathbf{I} , which is $-\rho \int_V r_y r_z dV$
Let $\mathbf{F}(r_x, r_y, r_z) = [r_x r_y r_z \quad 0 \quad 0]^T$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = r_y r_z$$

The integral becomes

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Now we only need to do 2D integral over triangles.

Read by yourself

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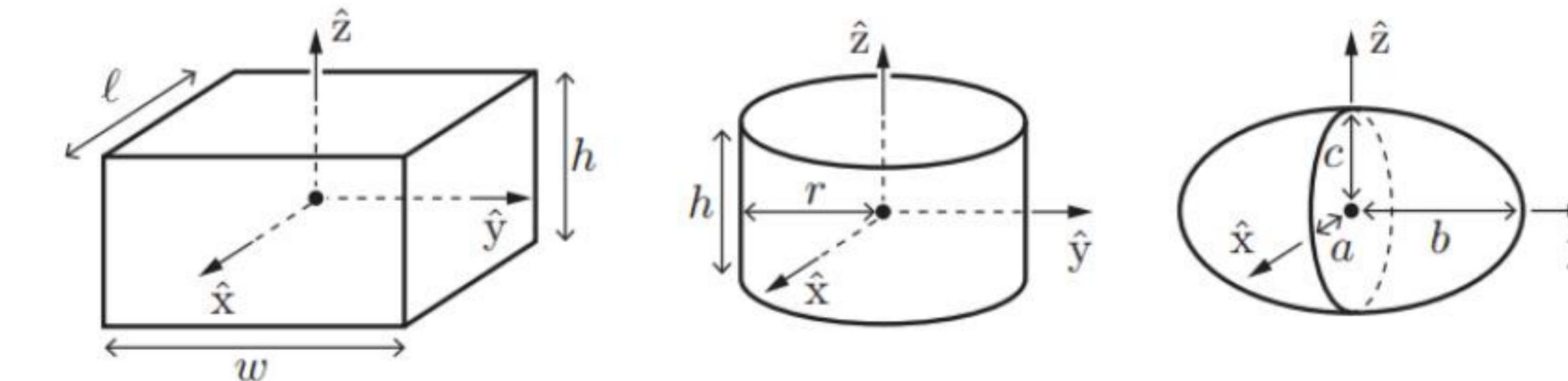
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Conclusion: Rigid-transformation does not change the eigen properties of \mathbf{I}^b

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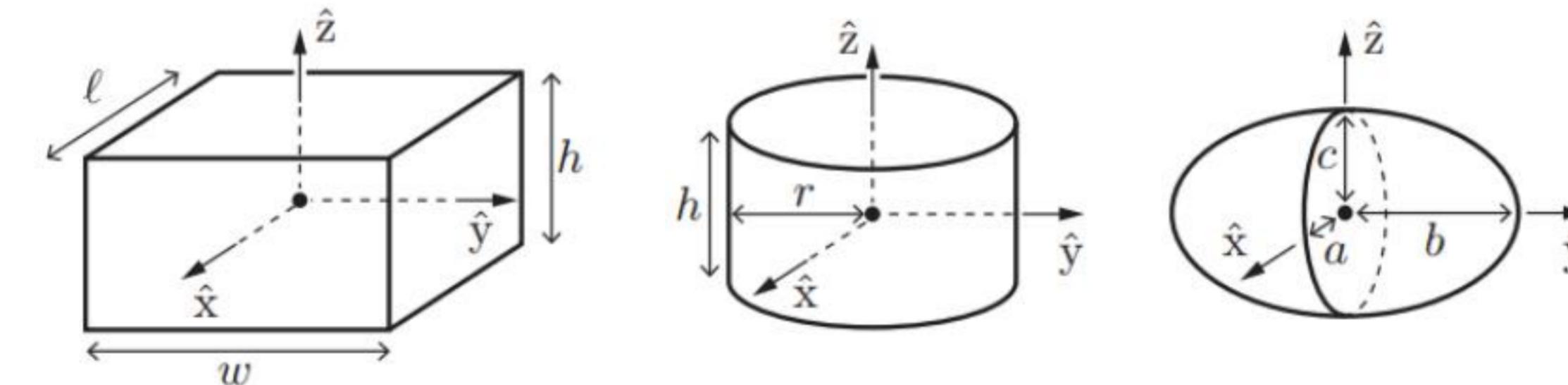
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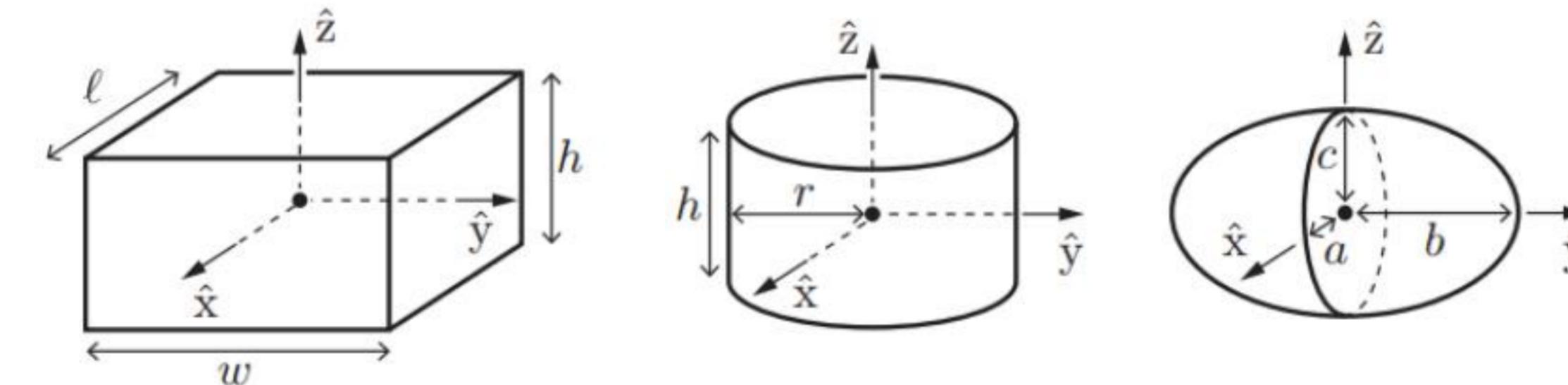
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Quiz

Suppose an object is moving in space (rotating and translating), which of the following quantities may change during the motion. (Assume all quantities are measured w.r.t. a static spatial frame)

- A. principal axes (observed from the spatial frame)
- B. x_{cm} (observed from the spatial frame)
- C. m
- D. I_1, I_2, I_3

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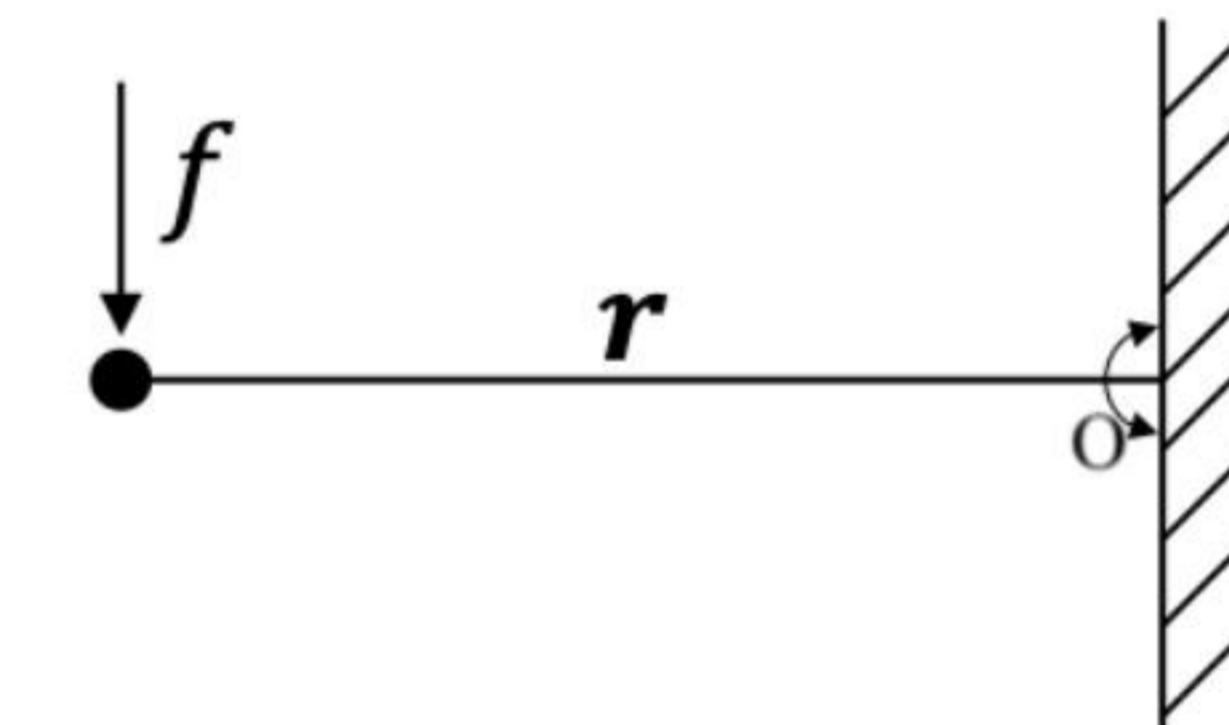
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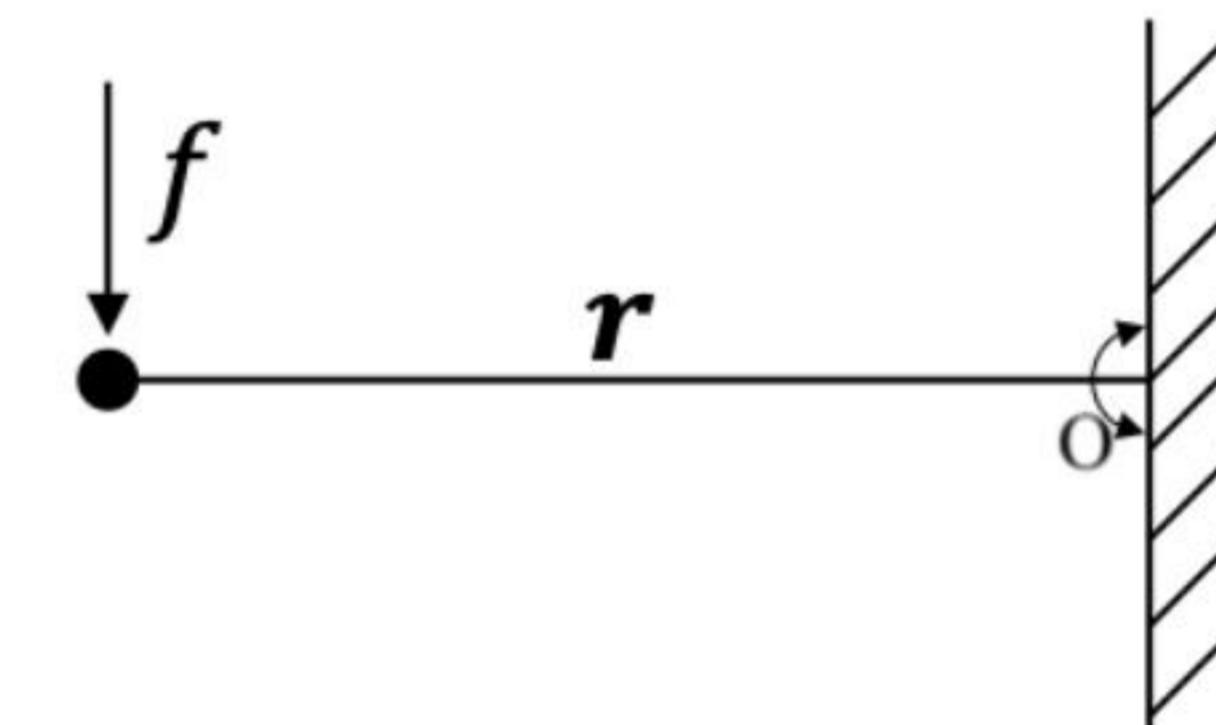
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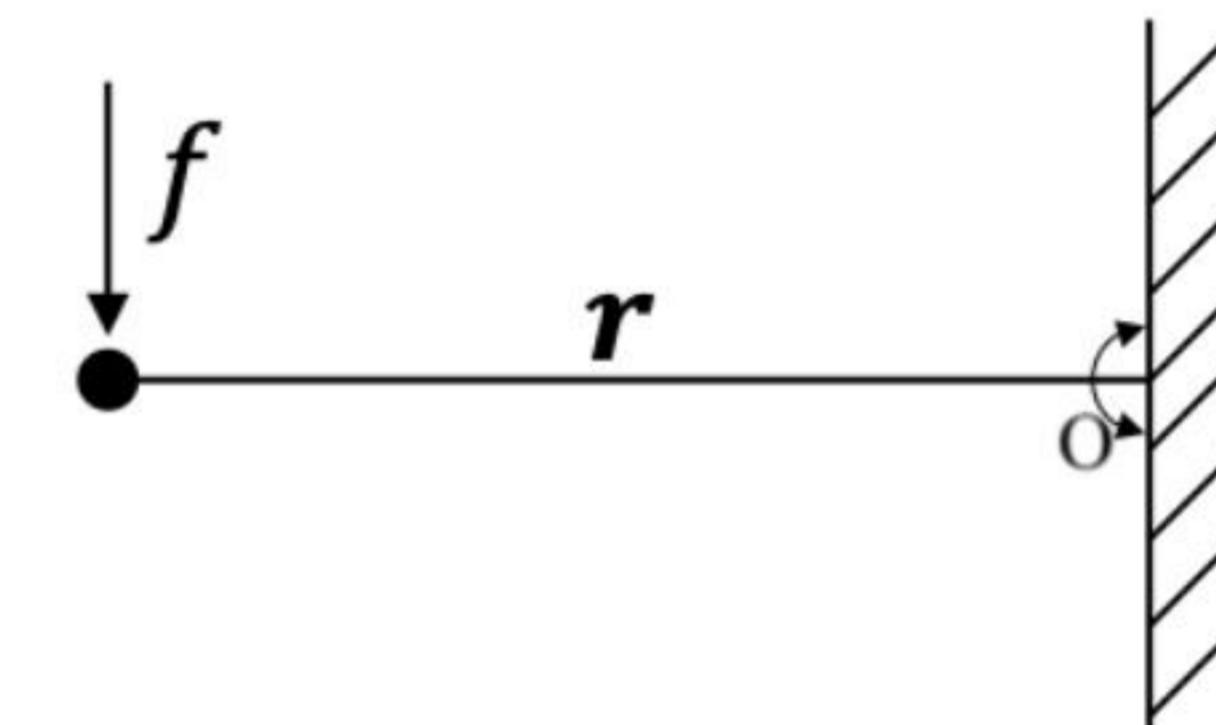
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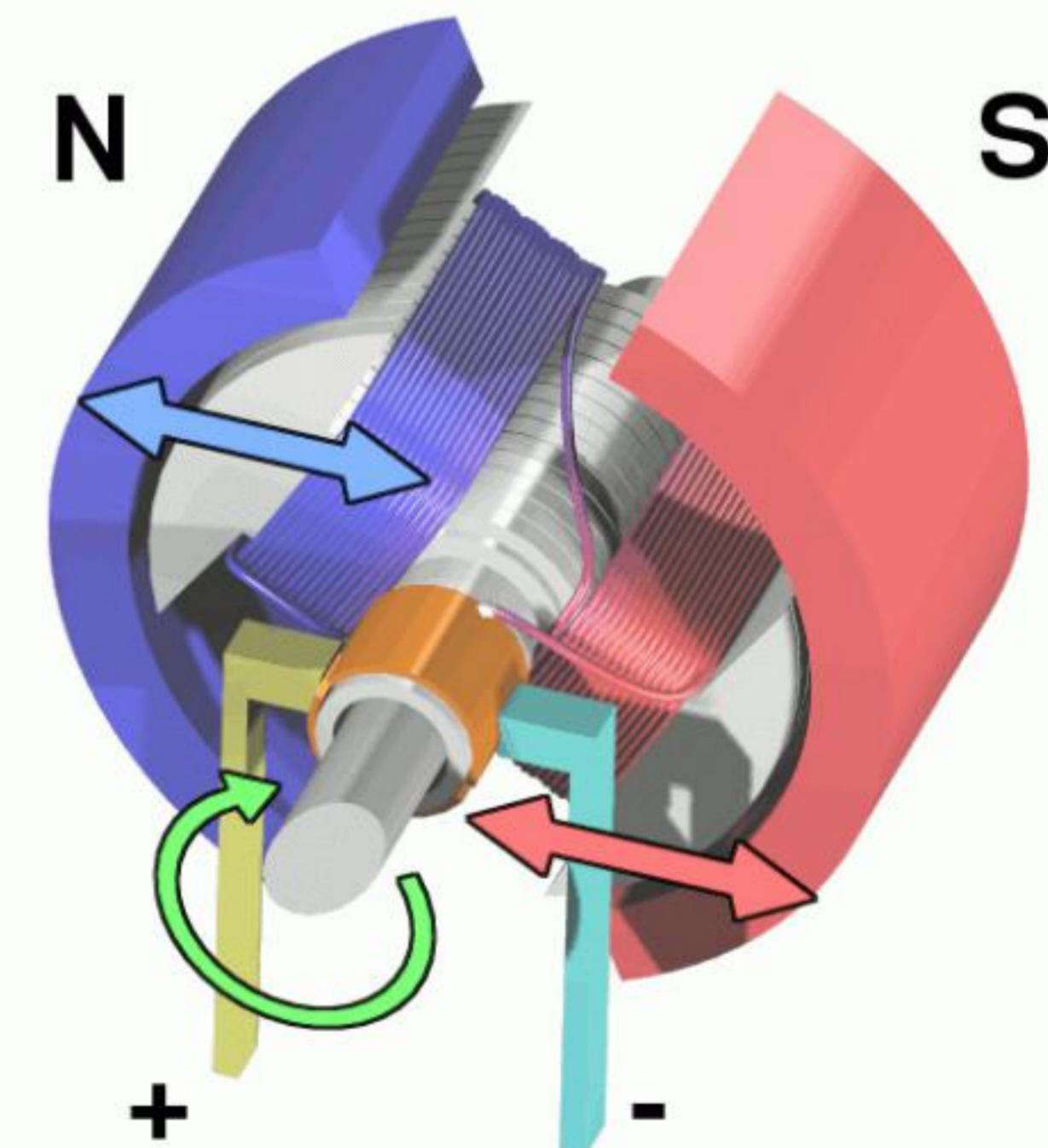
- Torque describes how fast the angular momentum changes (from 2).
Torque also relates the change with the cause: an external power input (from 1).



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- In the example of point mass, we showed the equality of two torque computations
 - the change rate of \mathbf{L}
 - the input to the system
- For general rigid-body systems, the equality is also true
- For robotic manipulation, torque is the most common description of system input



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electric_motor

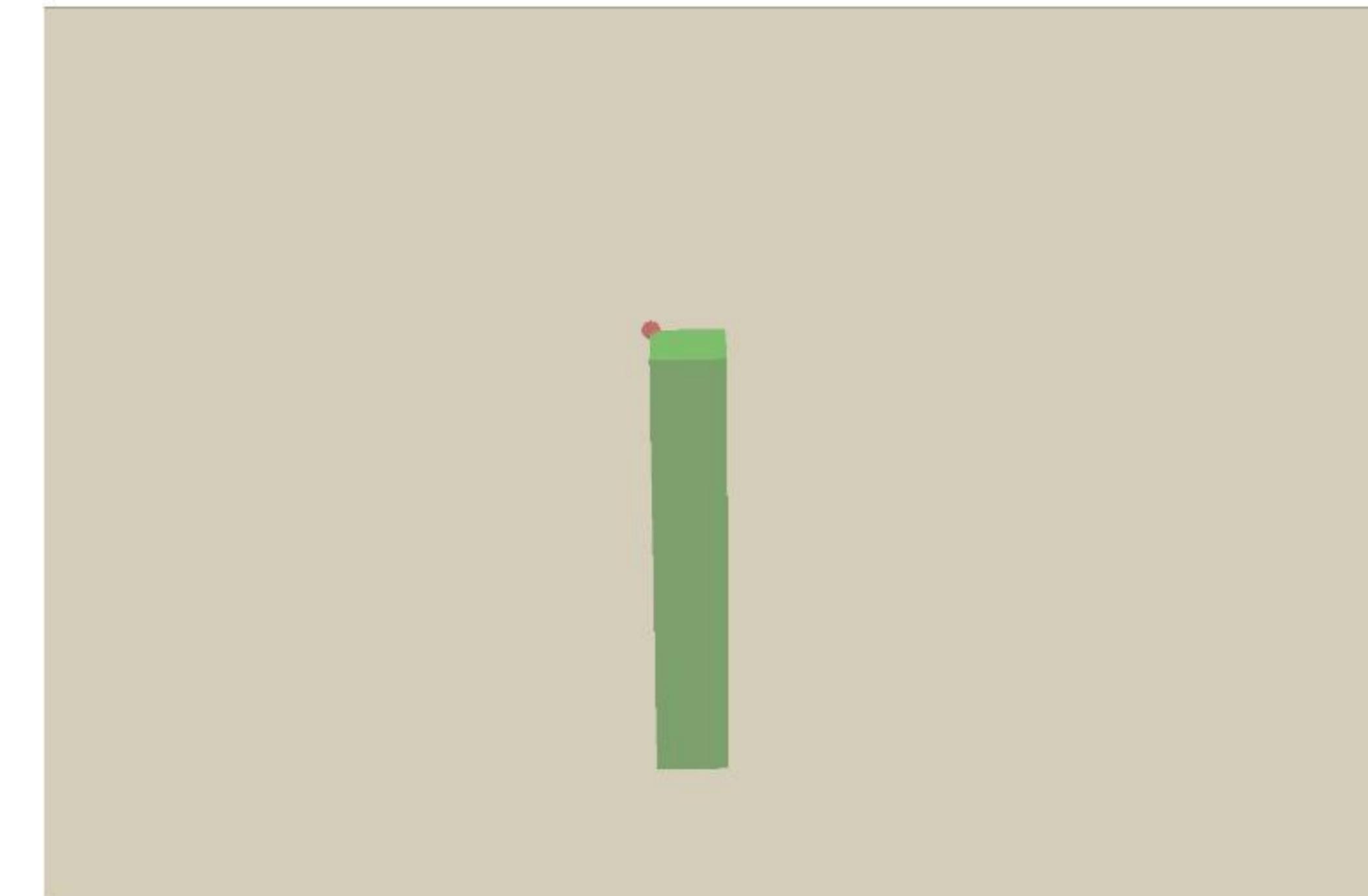
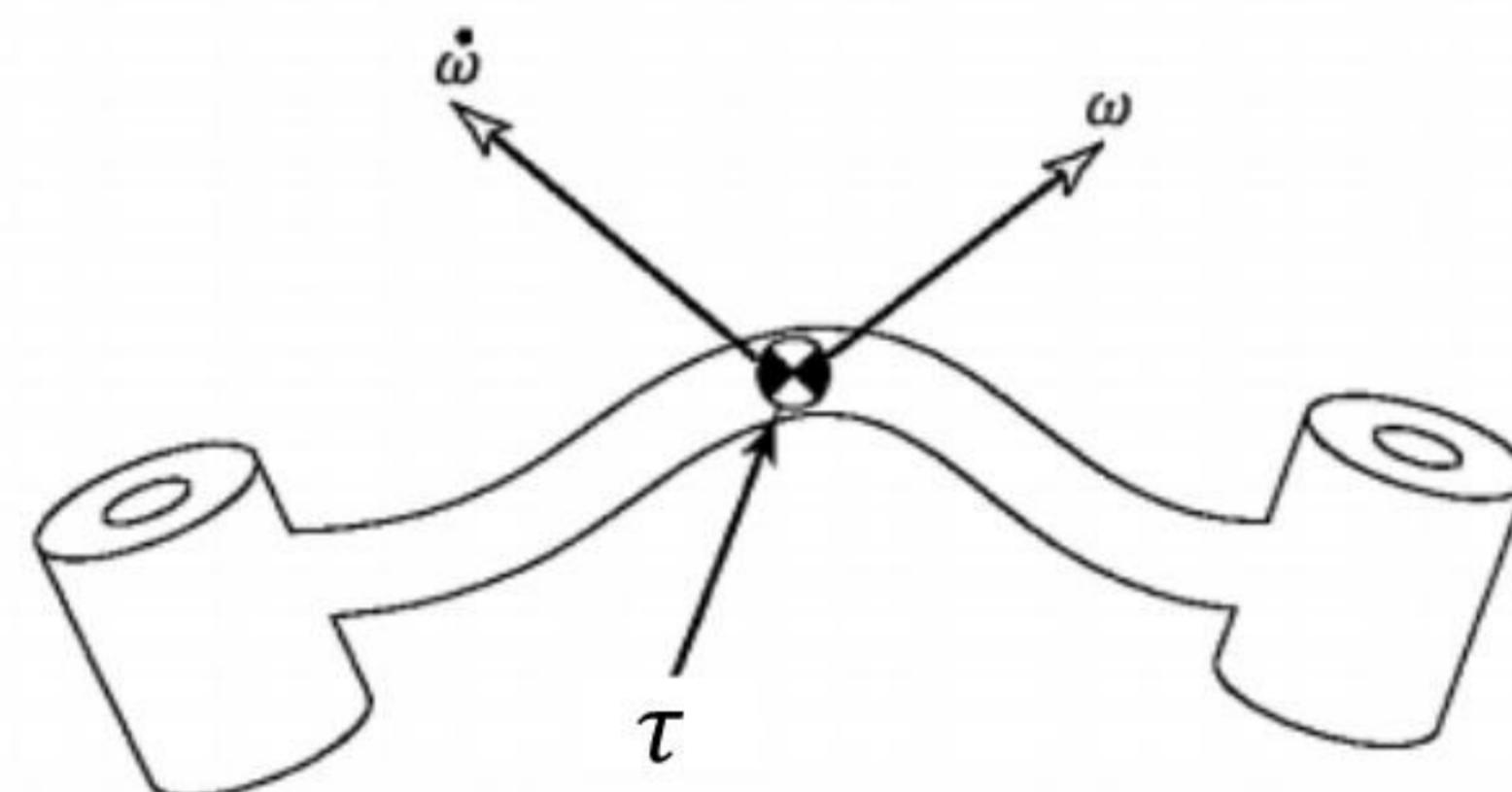
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- We used $\dot{\mathbf{I}}^b = [\boldsymbol{\omega}] \mathbf{I}^b$ without proof
- An observation (example): Even if there is no torque input, if the object has a non-zero angular velocity $\boldsymbol{\omega}^b$, then it may still have an angular acceleration $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^b$
 - When $\boldsymbol{\omega}^b \nparallel \mathbf{I}^b \boldsymbol{\omega}^b$, i.e., $\boldsymbol{\omega}^b$ is not along the eigenvector of \mathbf{I}^b , $\boldsymbol{\omega}^b$ will **NOT** keep unchanged
 - $\boldsymbol{\omega}^b$ will not converge ($\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^b$ will never be zero). Its trajectory will form a periodic curve
 - $\mathbf{L}^b = \mathbf{I}^b \boldsymbol{\omega}^b$ is conserved

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$$\boldsymbol{\tau}^b = \boldsymbol{\omega}^b \times \mathbf{I}^b \boldsymbol{\omega}^b + \mathbf{I}^b \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^b \quad (\text{angular motion})$$



A numerical experiment in SAPIEN for $\boldsymbol{\tau}^b = 0$

(this is illustrative and there are numerical errors)

Kinetic Energy

Kinetic Energy for Point Mass

- If a point mass m is moving with velocity $\mathbf{v}_{s(t) \rightarrow b(t)}^o$ ($s(t)$ is an inertia frame and the origin of $b(t)$ is the point), then the kinetic energy of the point mass is

$$T_{s(t) \rightarrow b(t)} = \frac{1}{2} m \|\mathbf{v}_{s(t) \rightarrow b(t)}^o\|^2 \quad (\text{kinetic energy})$$

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Therefore,

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where

$$\mathfrak{M}^b = \begin{bmatrix} m \text{Id}_{3 \times 3} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{I}^b \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times 6}$$

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Change of Frame for Various Quantities

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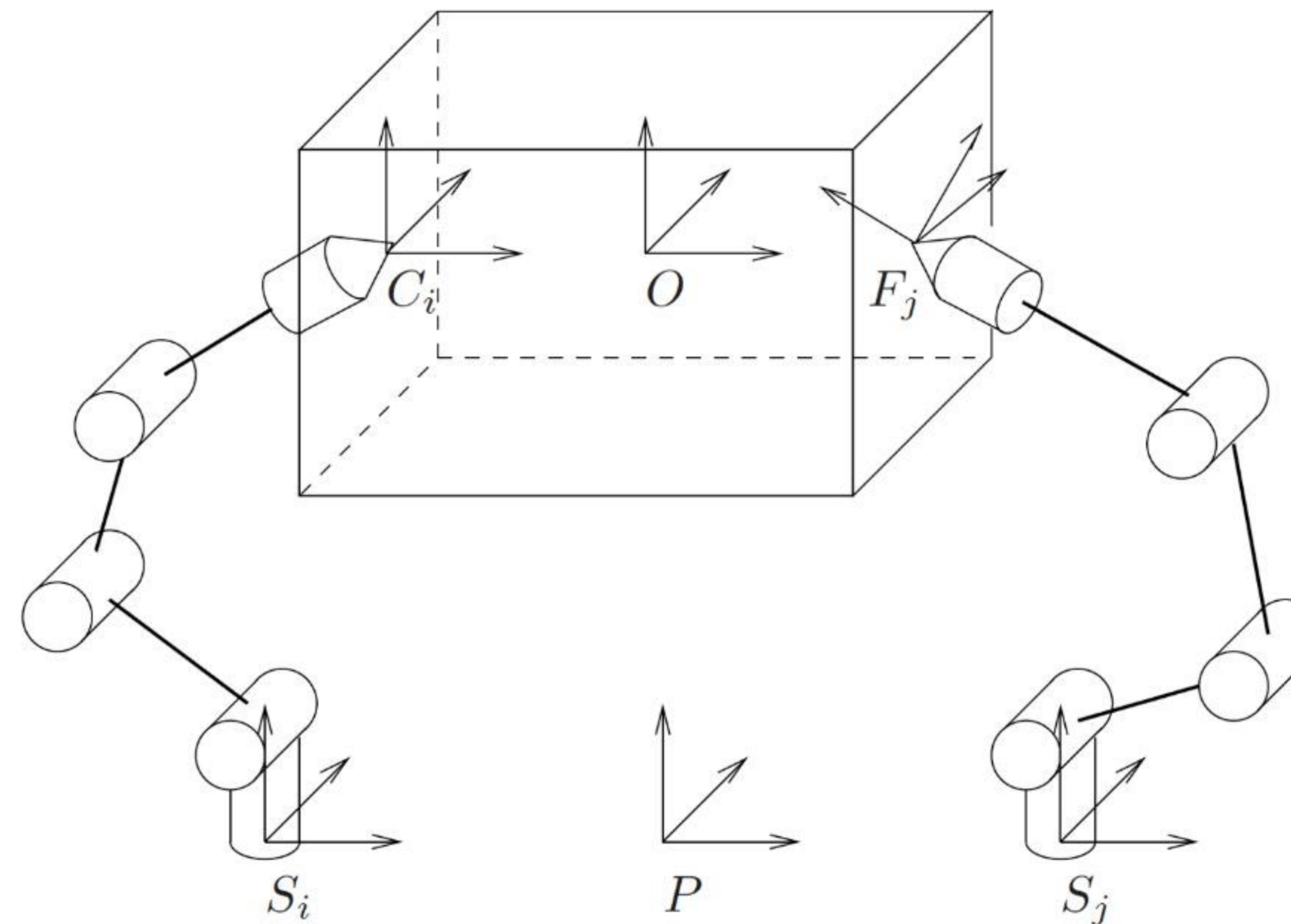


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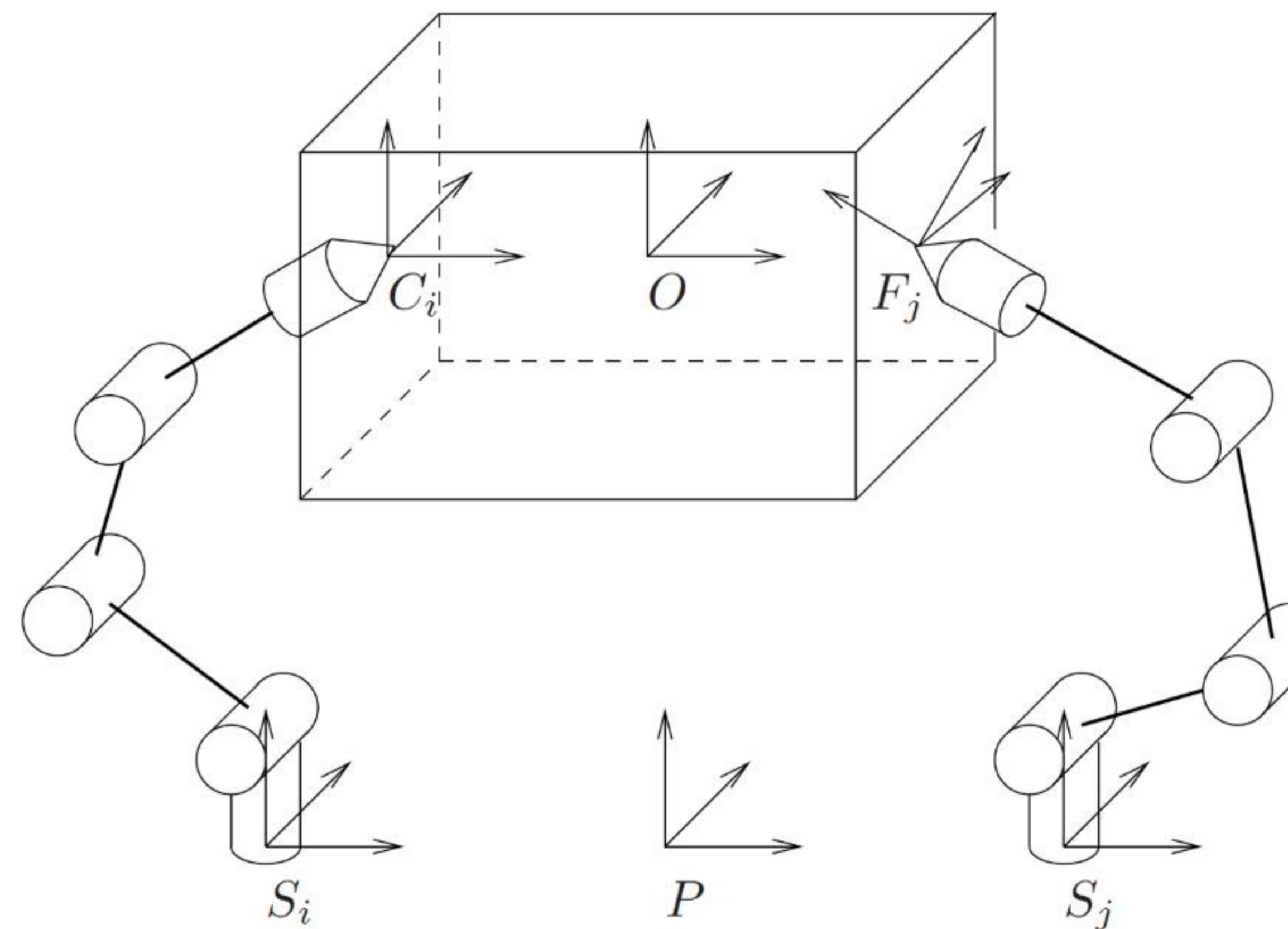


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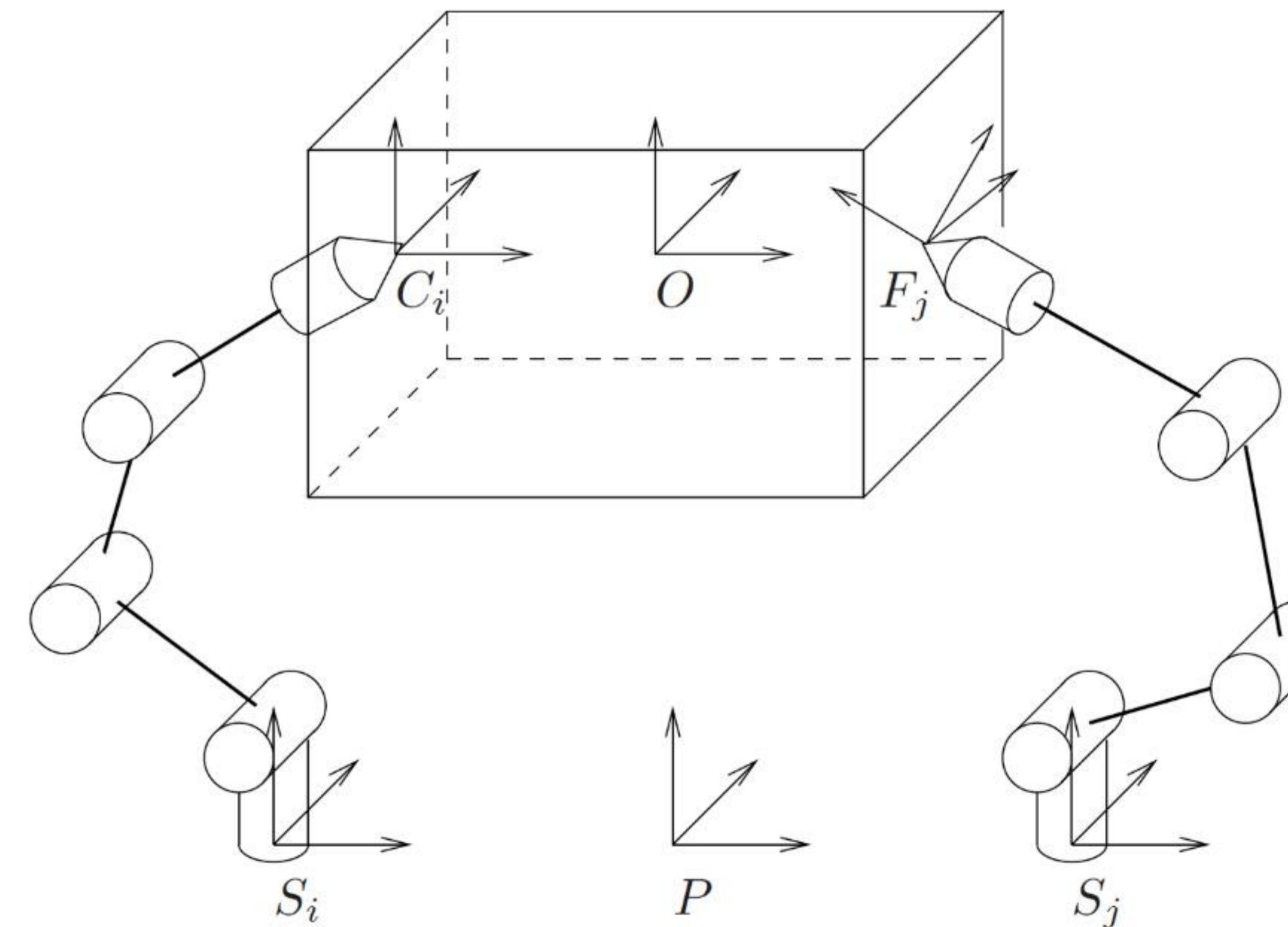


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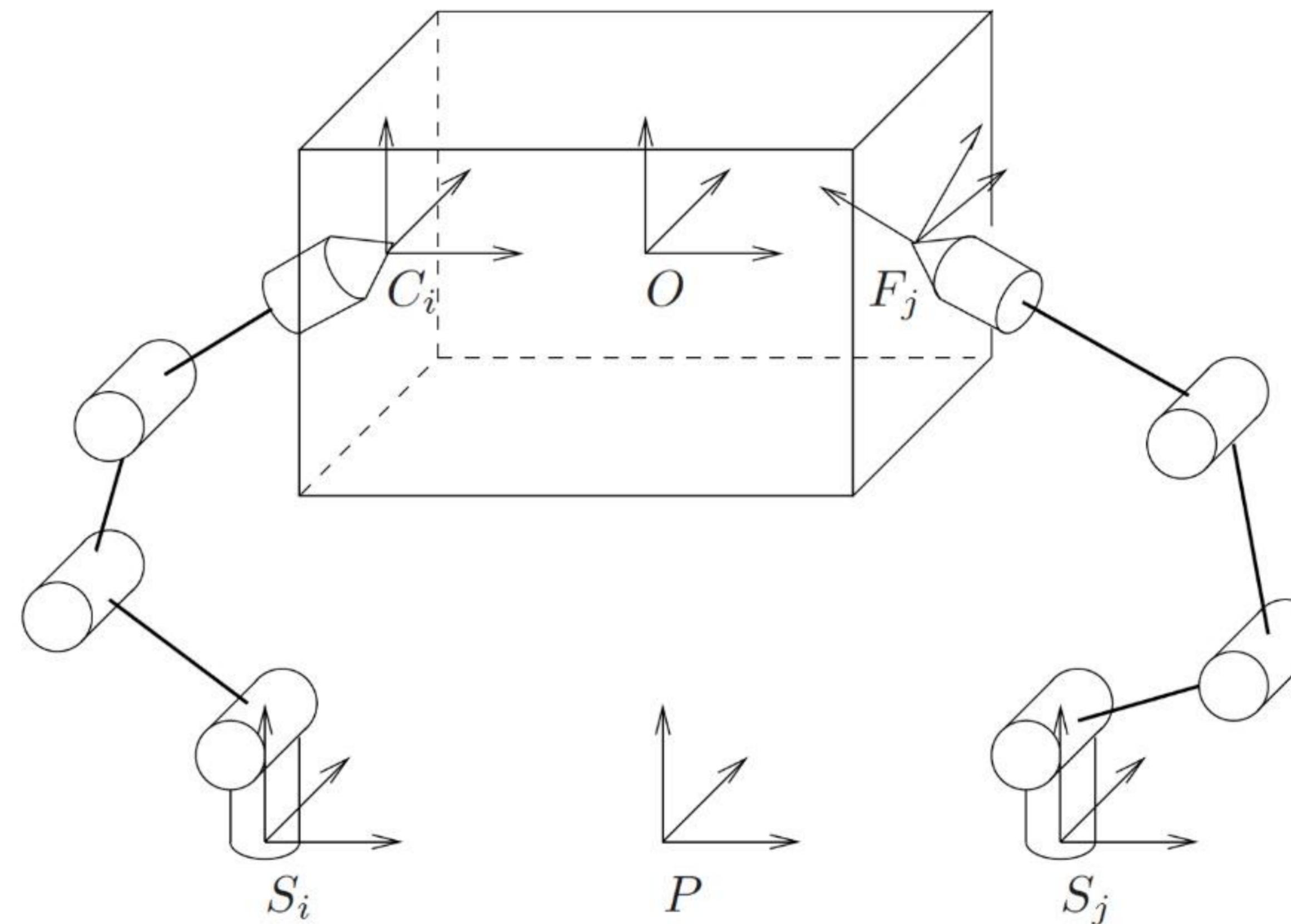


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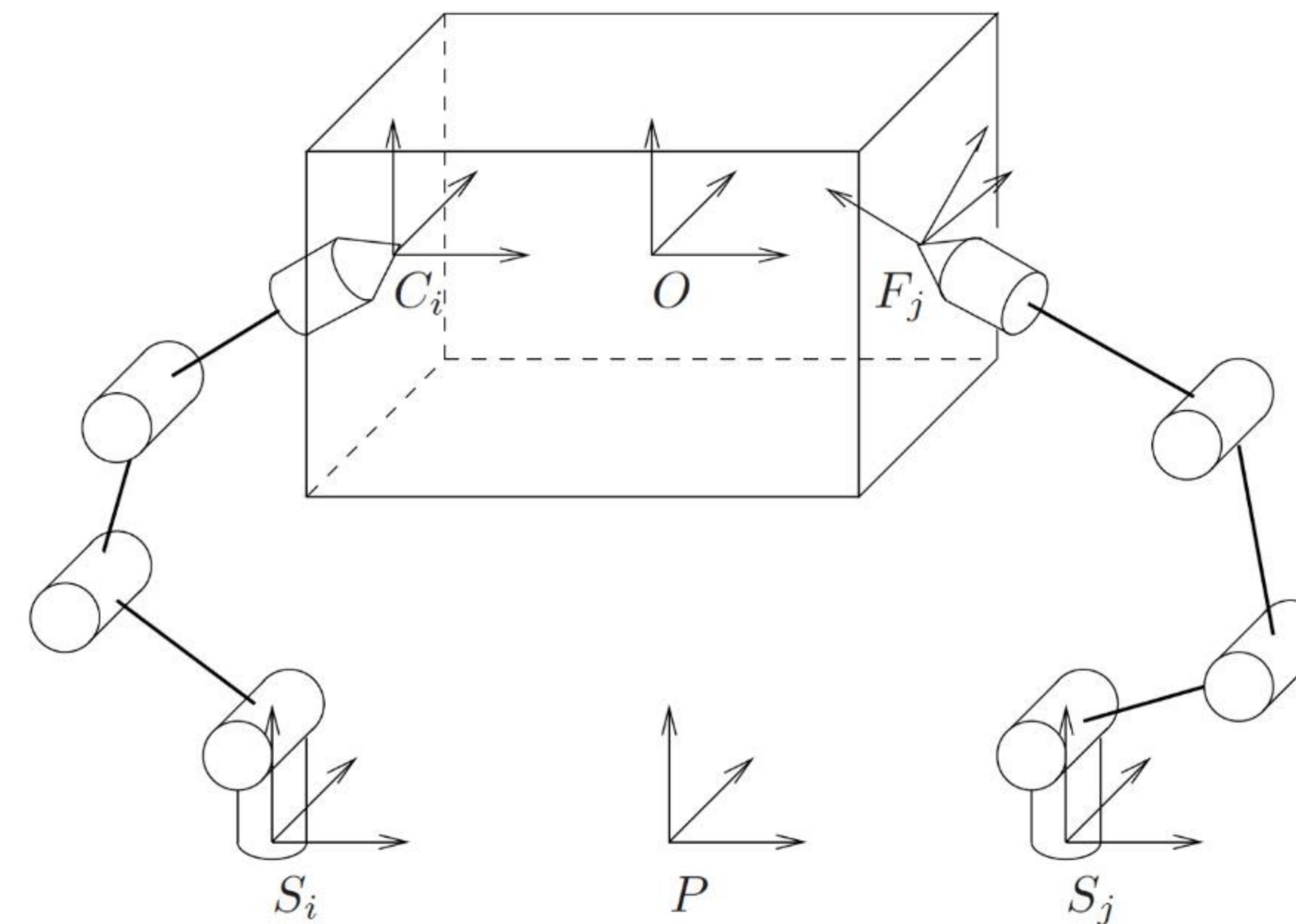


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Contact Coordinate Frame

- We build a **contact frame** C_i at each contact point
- The z -axis of the frame points inward along *surface normal*
- When recording force and torque at the contact point, it is natural to set C_i as the *observer's frame*, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{F}^{C_i} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}^{C_i} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}^{C_i} \end{bmatrix}$$

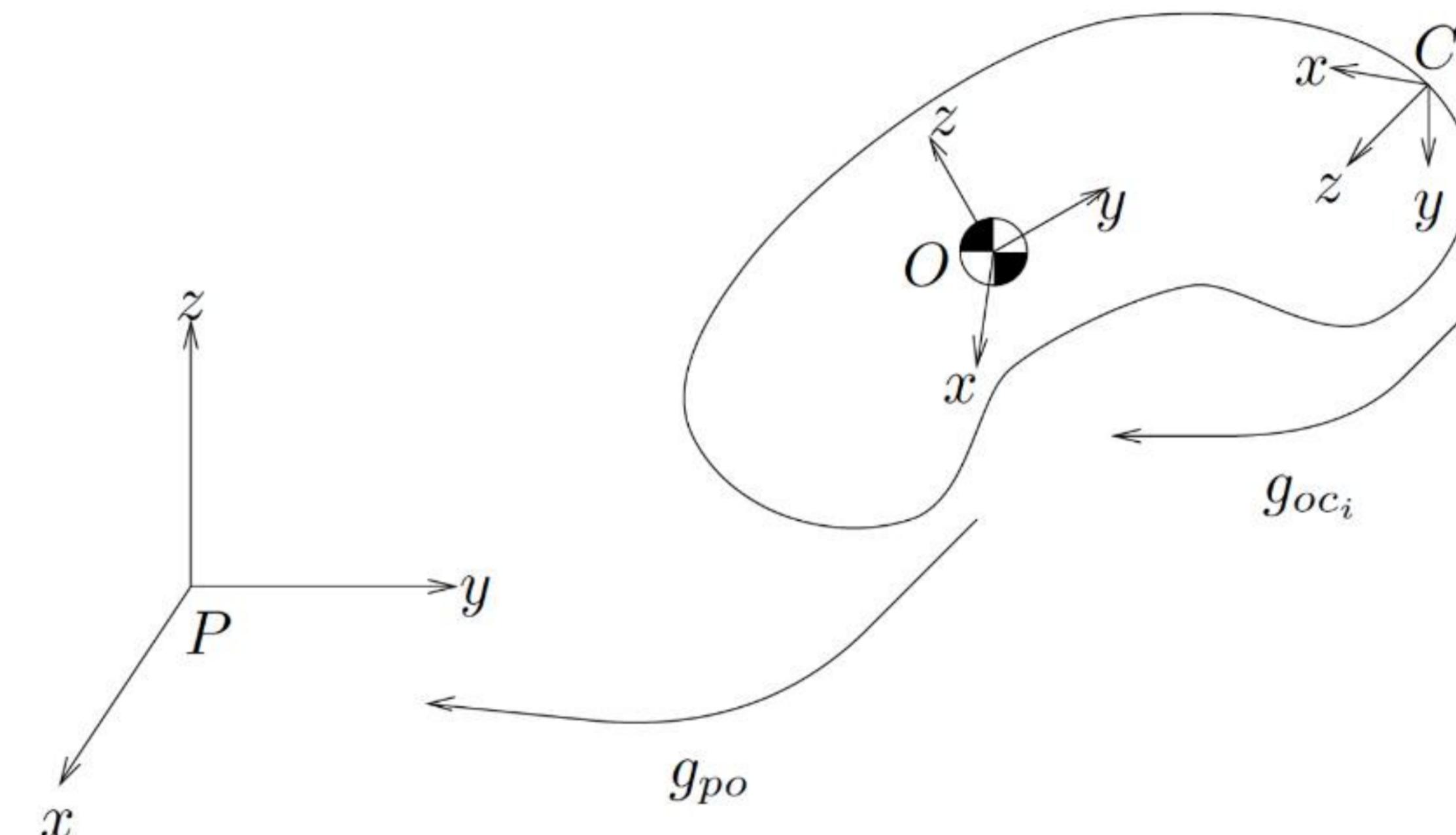


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Some Kinds of Contact Forces

Contact Type	Frictionless point contact	Point contact with friction	Soft-finger
\mathbf{F}^C	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ f_z \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \tau_z \end{bmatrix}$

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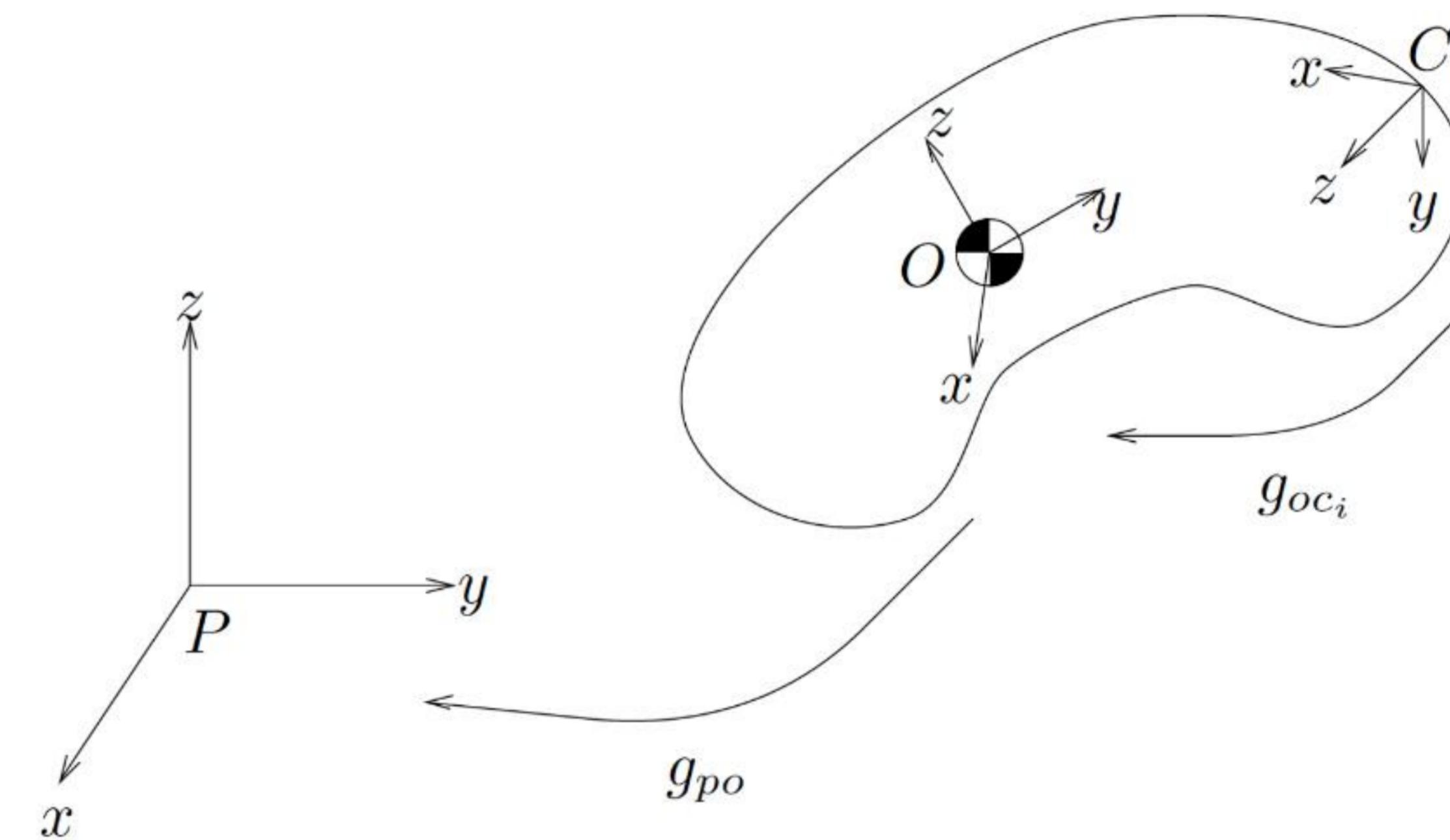


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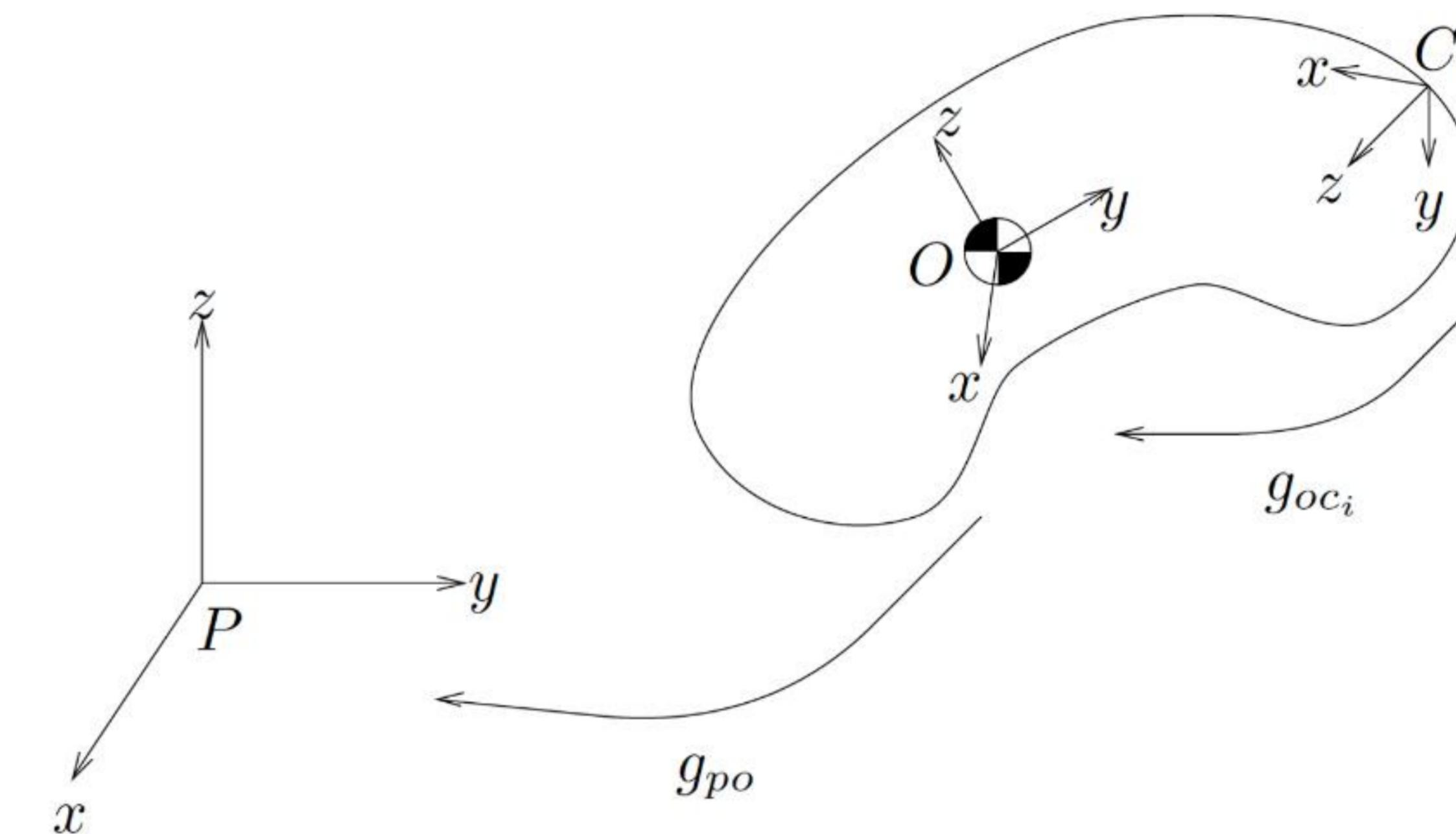


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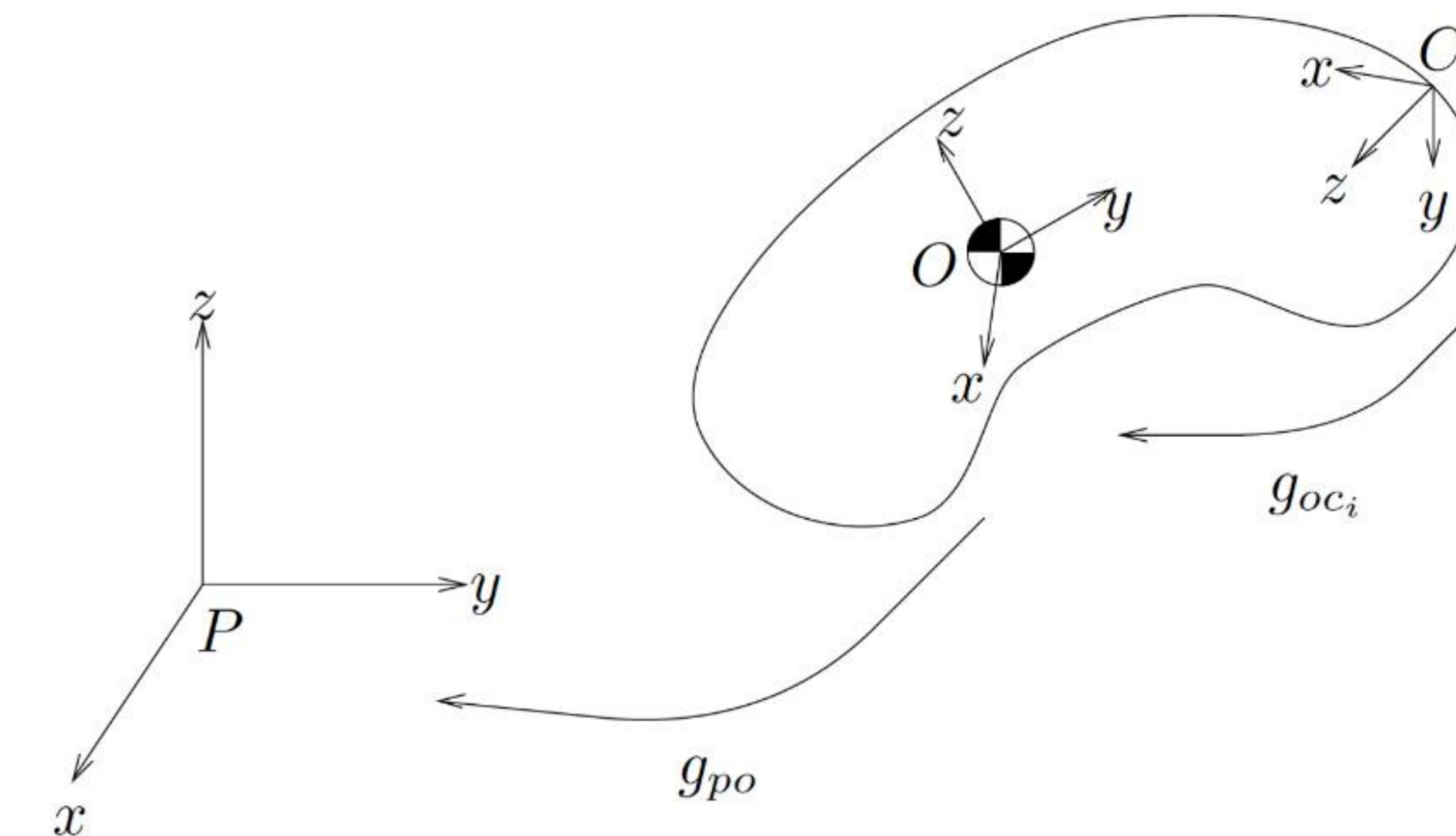


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Change of Observer's Frame for Force and Torque

Consider the question of changing the observer's frame for force and torque

- We would relate

- \mathbf{f}^1 and \mathbf{f}^2
- $\boldsymbol{\tau}^1 = \mathbf{r}^1 \times \mathbf{f}^1$ and $\boldsymbol{\tau}^2 = \mathbf{r}^2 \times \mathbf{f}^2$

- Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r}^2 &= R_{2 \rightarrow 1} \mathbf{r}^1 + \mathbf{t}_{2 \rightarrow 1} \\ \mathbf{f}^2 &= R_{2 \rightarrow 1} \mathbf{f}^1\end{aligned}$$

- Plug in the definition, and we derive that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}^2 \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{2 \rightarrow 1} & 0 \\ [\mathbf{t}_{2 \rightarrow 1}]R_{2 \rightarrow 1} & R_{2 \rightarrow 1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}^1 \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}^1 \end{bmatrix} = (\text{Ad}_{1 \rightarrow 2})^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}^1 \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}^1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Change of Observer's Frame for Force and Torque

- Define $\mathbf{F}^o = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}^o \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}^o \end{bmatrix}$, then formula for change of frame is:

$$\mathbf{F}^2 = (\text{Ad}_{1 \rightarrow 2})^T \mathbf{F}^1 \quad (\text{change of frame})$$

- Using definitions and frame change equations, it is easy to verify that the following equation to compute the **power** of the system input (change rate of kinetic energy):

$$(\mathbf{F}^b)^T \boldsymbol{\xi}^b = (\mathbf{F}^o)^T \boldsymbol{\xi}^o = \frac{dT}{dt} \quad (\text{system input power})$$

Solution to Adding Forces and Torques

$$\mathbf{F}^b = \sum_{i=1}^k [\text{Ad}_{C_i \rightarrow b}]^T \mathbf{F}^{C_i}$$

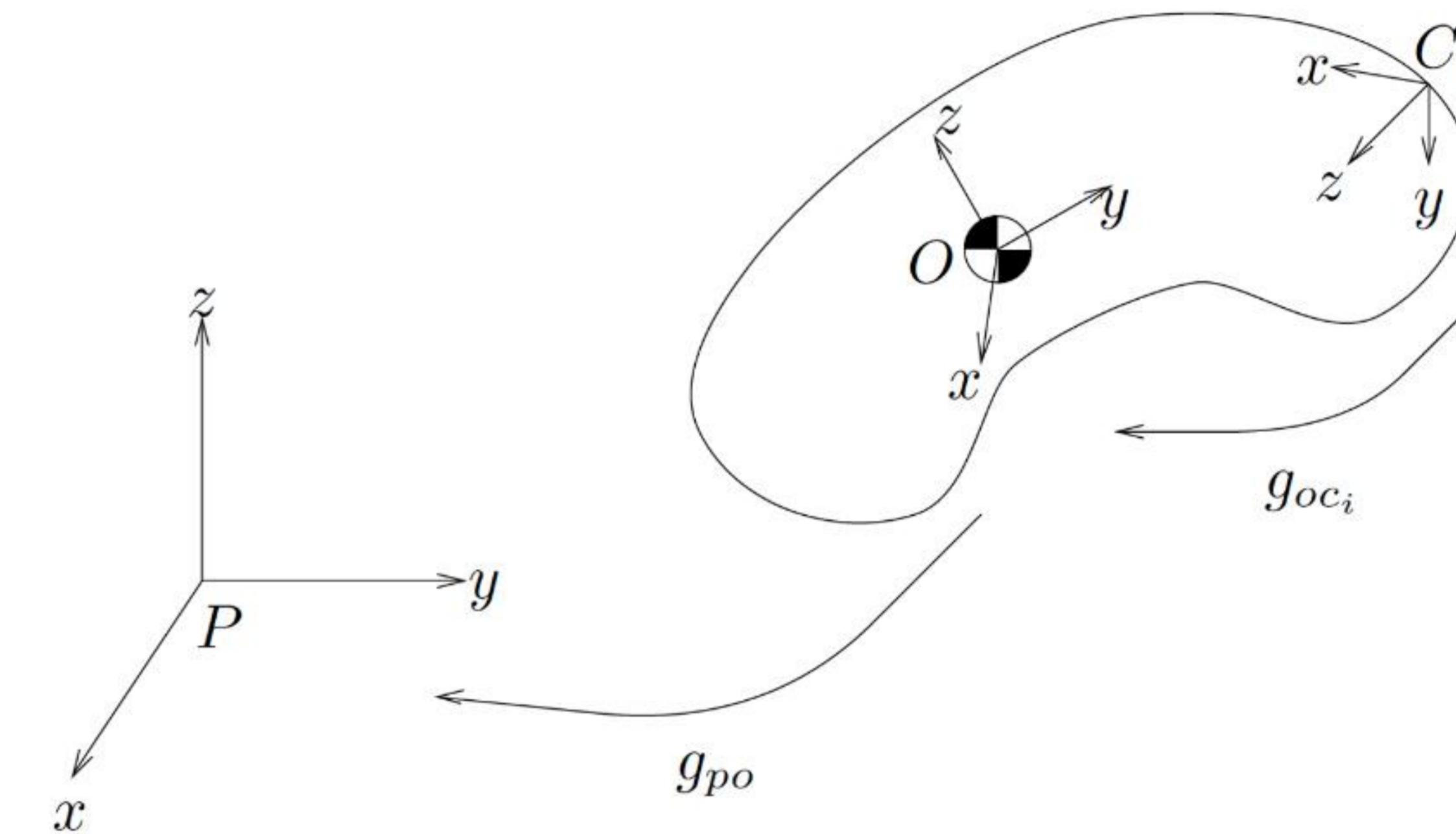


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- $\mathbf{p}^1 = m\mathbf{v}^1$ and $\mathbf{p}^2 = m\mathbf{v}^2$
- $\mathbf{L}^1 = \mathbf{r}^1 \times m\mathbf{v}^1$ and $\mathbf{L}^2 = \mathbf{r}^2 \times m\mathbf{v}^2$

- Note that

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- The same derivation as force and torque pair, and we get $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}^2 \\ \mathbf{L}^2 \end{bmatrix} = (\text{Ad}_{1 \rightarrow 2})^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}^1 \\ \mathbf{L}^1 \end{bmatrix}$

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- Note: similar to linear momentum that $\mathbf{p}^o = \frac{dT}{d\mathbf{v}^o}$ for translation-only motion, it is straight-forward to verify that

$$\mathbf{P}^o = \frac{dT}{d\boldsymbol{\xi}^o} = \mathfrak{M}^o \boldsymbol{\xi}^o \quad (\text{system input power})$$

Summary

- We have learned basic concepts for body motion dynamics
 - Properties of objects: mass, rotational inertia
 - Motion state: momentum, angular momentum
 - Action: force, torque
 - Energy perspective: kinetic energy
- We have also introduced various equations for changing the observer's frame