



Introduction to Robotics

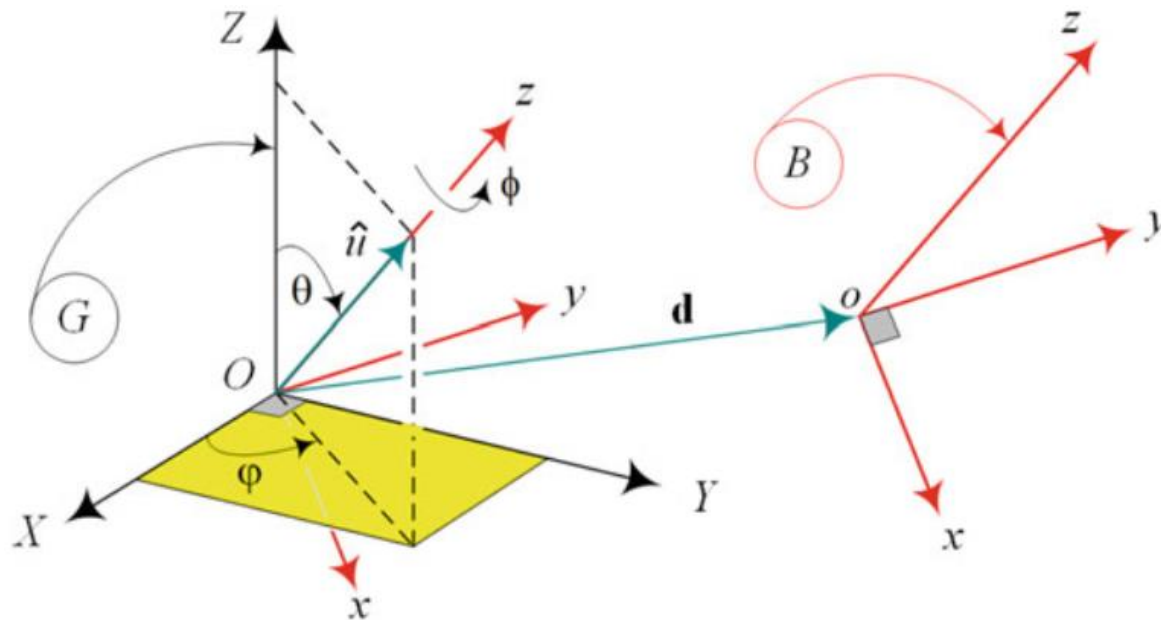


Chapter 4. Motion Kinematics

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- The most general motion of a **rigid body B** in a global frame **G** is made by a **rotation ϕ** about an axis **\hat{u} (vector)**, plus **a displacement d** .
- The rigid body motion may be expressed by a **3×3 rotation matrix** plus a **3×1 displacement vector**.
- Expressing by **a 4×4 homogenous transformation matrix**.



Rotation and translation of a local frame with respect to a global frame

4.1. Rigid Body Motion

The displacement or translation

Consider a rigid body with an attached **body coordinate frame B** (*oxyz*) moving in a fixed **global coordinate frame G** (*OXYZ*).

- The displacement **vector** ${}^G\mathbf{d}$ indicates the position of the **moving origin o** relative to the **fixed origin O**, then the coordinates of a body **point P** in local and global frames are related by

$${}^G\mathbf{r}_P = {}^G\mathbf{R}_B {}^B\mathbf{r}_P + {}^G\mathbf{d}$$

where,

$${}^G\mathbf{r}_P = \begin{bmatrix} X_P \\ Y_P \\ Z_P \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^B\mathbf{r}_P = \begin{bmatrix} x_P \\ y_P \\ z_P \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^G\mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} X_o \\ Y_o \\ Z_o \end{bmatrix}$$

The vector ${}^G\mathbf{d}$ is called **the displacement or translation** of B with respect to G; ${}^G\mathbf{R}_B$ is the rotation matrix, when ${}^G\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{0}$.

4.1. Rigid Body Motion

Example 1: Translation and rotation of a body coordinate frame

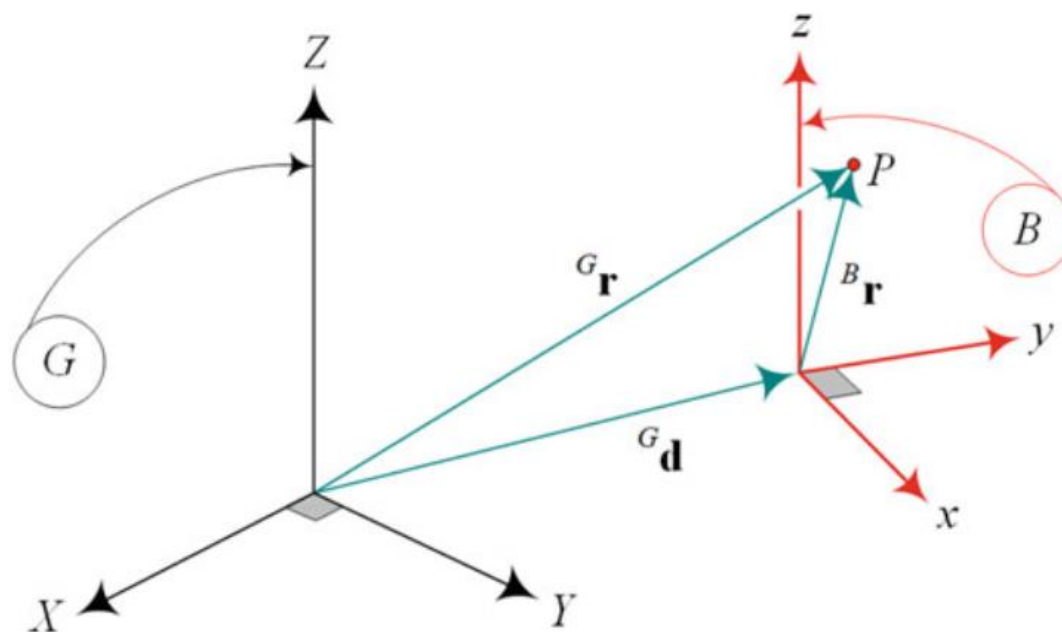
A body coordinate frame $B(oxyz)$, that is originally coincident with global coordinate frame $G(OXYZ)$, rotates 45 [deg] about the X -axis and translates to $[3 \ 5 \ 7]^T$. Find, the global position of a point at ${}^B\mathbf{r} = [x \ y \ z]^T$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^G\mathbf{r} &= {}^G R_B {}^B\mathbf{r} + {}^G\mathbf{d} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\ 0 & \sin \frac{\pi}{4} & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} x + 3 \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}y - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}z + 5 \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}y + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}z + 7 \end{bmatrix} = (x + 3)\hat{I} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}y - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}z + 5\right)\hat{J} \\
 &\quad + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}y + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}z + 7\right)\hat{K}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Example 2: Moving body coordinate frame

A point \mathbf{P} at ${}^B\mathbf{r}_P = 0.1\hat{i} + 0.3\hat{j} + 0.3\hat{k}$ in a **body frame B**, which is rotated 50 [deg] about the Z-axis and translated -1 along X, 0.5 along Y, and 0.2 along the Z axes. Find the position ${}^G\mathbf{r}_P$ of \mathbf{P} in **global coordinate frame**.



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$$\begin{aligned} {}^G\mathbf{r}_P &= {}^G R_B {}^B\mathbf{r}_P + {}^G\mathbf{d} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{50\pi}{180} & -\sin \frac{50\pi}{180} & 0 \\ \sin \frac{50\pi}{180} & \cos \frac{50\pi}{180} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1.166 \\ 0.769 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

4.1. Rigid Body Motion

Example 3: Rotation of a translated rigid body

A Point **P** of a rigid body B has an initial position vector ${}^B\mathbf{r}_P = [1 \ 2 \ 3]^T$. If the body rotates 45 [deg] about the x -axis and then translates to ${}^G\mathbf{d} = [4 \ 5 \ 6]^T$, find the final global position of **P**.

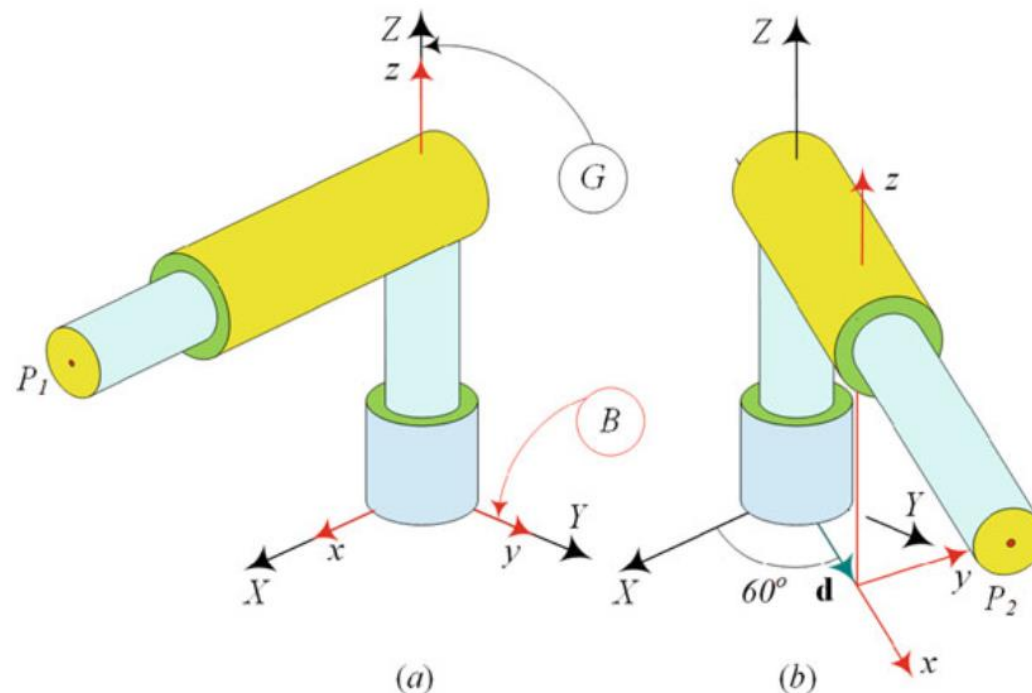
$$\begin{aligned} {}^G\mathbf{r} &= {}^B R_{x,\pi/4}^T {}^B\mathbf{r}_P + {}^G\mathbf{d} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\ 0 & \sin \frac{\pi}{4} & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.0 \\ 4.29 \\ 9.53 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The rotation occurs first when ${}^G\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{0}$ and then **translation happens**.

4.1. Rigid Body Motion

Example 4: Arm rotation plus elongation !?

Position vector of point P_1 at the tip of a PR arm shown in Figure is at ${}^G r_{P_1} = {}^B r_{P_1} = [1350 \ 0 \ 900]^T$ mm. The arm rotates 60 [deg] about the global Z -axis and elongates by $\mathbf{d} = 720.2\hat{i}$ mm. The final configuration of the arm is shown in Figure.



4.2. Homogenous Transformation

- A rigid body with coordinate frame \mathbf{B} is moving in a globally fixed coordinate frame \mathbf{G} . The position vector of an arbitrary point P of the rigid body is denoted by ${}^B\mathbf{r}_P$ and ${}^G\mathbf{r}_P$ in the frames.
- The **translation vector** ${}^G\mathbf{d}$ indicates the position of origin \mathbf{o} of the body frame \mathbf{B} in the global frame \mathbf{G} .
- The general motion of a rigid body \mathbf{B} ($oxyz$) in the global frame \mathbf{G} ($OXYZ$) is **a combination of rotation** ${}^G\mathbf{R}_B$ **and translation** ${}^G\mathbf{d}$.

$${}^G\mathbf{r} = {}^G\mathbf{R}_B {}^B\mathbf{r} + {}^G\mathbf{d}$$

4.2. Homogenous Transformation

Combining a rotation matrix plus a vector can be expressed better by **homogenous transformation matrix**. Introducing a **4×4 homogenous transformation matrix ${}^G T_B$**

$${}^G \mathbf{r} = {}^G \mathbf{T}_B {}^B \mathbf{r}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} {}^G T_B &= \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & X_o \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & Y_o \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & Z_o \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\equiv \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} {}^G R_B & & & {}^G \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \equiv \left[\begin{array}{cc} {}^G R_B & {}^G \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ {}^G \mathbf{r} &= \begin{bmatrix} X_P \\ Y_P \\ Z_P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^B \mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} x_P \\ y_P \\ z_P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^G \mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} X_o \\ Y_o \\ Z_o \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

4.2. Homogenous Transformation

- Representation of an n -component position vector by an $(n + 1)$ -component vector is called *homogenous coordinate representation*.
- The appended element is *a scale factor*, w ; hence, in general, homogenous representation of a position vector $\mathbf{r} = [x \ y \ z]^T$ is

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} wx \\ wy \\ wz \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

- Instead, it is the three ratios, r_1/w , r_2/w , and r_3/w , that are important because, provided $w \neq 0$, and $w \neq \infty$, w

$$\begin{bmatrix} wx \\ wy \\ wz \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Example 5: Rotation and translation of a body coordinate frame

A body coordinate frame $B(oxyz)$, that is originally coincident with global coordinate frame $G(OXYZ)$, rotates 45 deg about the X -axis and translates to $[3 \ 5 \ 7 \ 1]^T$. Find the matrix representation of the global position of a body point at ${}^B\mathbf{r} = [x \ y \ z \ 1]^T$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^G\mathbf{r} &= {}^G T_B {}^B\mathbf{r} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{4} & 5 \\ 0 & \sin \frac{\pi}{4} & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + 3 \\ 0.707y - 0.707z + 5 \\ 0.707y + 0.707z + 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

4.2. Homogenous Transformation

Decomposition of ${}^G\mathbf{T}_B$ into translation and rotation

Homogenous transformation matrix ${}^G\mathbf{T}_B$ can be decomposed into a matrix multiplication of a pure rotation matrix ${}^G\mathbf{R}_B$ and a pure translation matrix ${}^G\mathbf{D}_B$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^G T_B &= {}^G D_B {}^G R_B \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & X_o \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & Y_o \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & Z_o \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & 0 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & X_o \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & Y_o \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & Z_o \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Decomposition of *a homogenous transformation to translation and rotation* is **not interchangeable**

$${}^G T_B = {}^G D_B {}^G R_B \neq {}^G R_B {}^G D_B$$

4.2. Homogenous Transformation

Example 7: Rotation about and translation along a global and local axes

A point P is located at ${}^B\mathbf{r} = (0, 0, 20)$ in a body coordinate frame. If the rigid body rotates 30 deg about the global X-axis and the origin of the body frame translates to $(X, Y, Z) = (50, 0, 60)$, then the coordinates of the point in the global frame are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 50 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 60 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \frac{\pi}{6} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \frac{\pi}{6} & \cos \frac{\pi}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 20 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 50 \\ -10 \\ 77.3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.3. Inverse and Reverse Homogenous Transformation

The advantage of simplicity to work with homogenous transformation matrices come with the penalty of losing the orthogonality property. If we show a rigid body motion by the homogenous transformation ${}^G\mathbf{T}_B$

$${}^G T_B = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & {}^G \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^G R_B & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^G R_B & {}^G \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The inverse of homogenous transformation matrix ${}^G\mathbf{T}_B$ is

$${}^B T_G = {}^G T_B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^G R_B & {}^G \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^G R_B^T & -{}^G R_B^T {}^G \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.3. Inverse and Reverse Homogenous Transformation

The reverse motion of ${}^G\mathbf{T}_B$ would be ${}^G\mathbf{T}_{-B}$

$${}^G T_{-B} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^G R_B^T & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -{}^G \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^G R_B^T & -{}^G R_B^T {}^G \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^G T_B^{-1} {}^G T_B = \mathbf{I}_4$$

Showing that

$${}^G T_{-B} {}^G T_B = \mathbf{I}_4$$

where \mathbf{I}_4 is the identity matrix of rank 4.

Note a shortcoming is that they lose the orthogonality property

$${}^G T_B^{-1} \neq {}^G T_B^T \quad {}^G T_B^{-1} = {}^B T_G \quad {}^G T_B^{-1} {}^G T_B = {}^B T_G {}^G T_B = \mathbf{I}_4$$

4.3. Inverse and Reverse Homogenous Transformation

Example 8: Inverse of a homogenous transformation matrix

Assume that

$${}^G T_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.643 & -0.766 & 0 & -1 \\ 0.766 & 0.643 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^G R_B & {}^G \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^G R_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.643 & -0.766 & 0 \\ 0.766 & 0.643 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^G \mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^B T_G = {}^G T_B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^G R_B^T & -{}^G R_B^T {}^G \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.643 & 0.766 & 0 & 0.26 \\ -0.766 & 0.643 & 0 & -1.087 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -0.2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.3. Inverse and Reverse Homogenous Transformation

Quick inverse transformation

Decompose a transformation matrix into rotation $[\mathbf{R}]$ and displacement $[\mathbf{D}]$ and take advantage of the inverse of matrix multiplication.

$$T^{-1} = [DR]^{-1} = R^{-1}D^{-1} = R^T D^{-1}$$

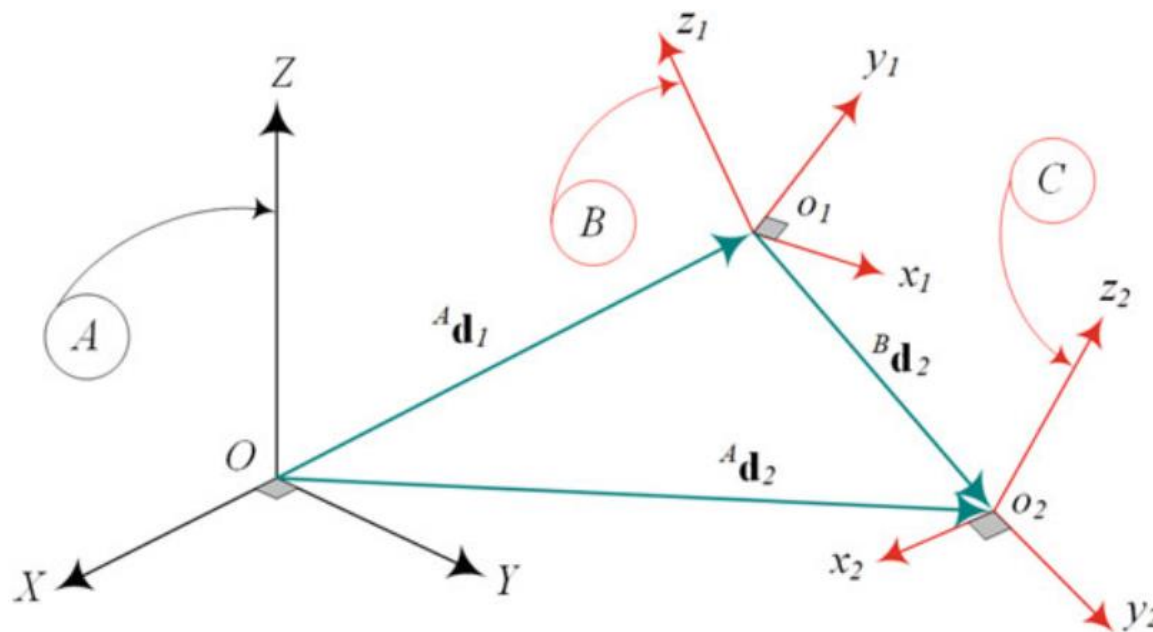
Consider a homogenous matrix $[\mathbf{T}]$

$$[T] = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & r_{14} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & r_{24} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & r_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & r_{14} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & r_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & r_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & 0 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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4.4. Combined Homogenous Transformation

The transformation matrices to transform coordinates from frame B to A and from frame C to B are



$${}^A T_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & {}^A \mathbf{d}_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^B T_C = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B R_C & {}^B \mathbf{d}_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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The transformation matrix from C to A is

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A T_C &= {}^A T_B {}^B T_C = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & {}^A \mathbf{d}_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B R_C & {}^B \mathbf{d}_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B {}^B R_C & {}^A R_B {}^B \mathbf{d}_2 + {}^A \mathbf{d}_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_C & {}^A \mathbf{d}_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The inverse transformation is

$$\begin{aligned} {}^C T_A &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^B R_C^T {}^A R_B^T - {}^B R_C^T {}^A R_B^T [{}^A R_B {}^B \mathbf{d}_2 + {}^A \mathbf{d}_1] \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^B R_C^T {}^A R_B^T - {}^B R_C^T {}^B \mathbf{d}_2 - {}^A R_C^T {}^A \mathbf{d}_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_C^T - {}^A R_C^T {}^A \mathbf{d}_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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The value of homogenous coordinates are better appreciated when several displacements occur in succession, which, for instance, can be written as

$${}^G T_4 = {}^G T_1 {}^1 T_2 {}^2 T_3 {}^3 T_4$$

Rather than

$$\begin{aligned} & {}^G R_4 {}^4 \mathbf{r}_P + {}^G \mathbf{d}_4 \\ &= {}^G R_1 ({}^1 R_2 ({}^2 R_3 ({}^3 R_4 {}^4 \mathbf{r}_P + {}^3 \mathbf{d}_4) + {}^2 \mathbf{d}_3) + {}^1 \mathbf{d}_2) + {}^G \mathbf{d}_1 \end{aligned}$$

4.4. Combined Homogenous Transformation

Example 9: A rotating cylinder

Imagine a cylinder with radius $R = 2$ that is going to turn about the axis $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = [0 \ 0 \ 1]^T$ at $\mathbf{d} = [2 \ 0 \ 0]^T$. If the cylinder turns 90 deg about its axis, then every point on the periphery of the cylinder will move 90 deg on circular paths parallel to (x, y) -plane.

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^G T_B &= D_{\hat{d}, d} R_{\hat{u}, \phi} D_{\hat{d}, -d} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{\hat{K}, \frac{\pi}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{d} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \frac{\pi}{2} & -s \frac{\pi}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ s \frac{\pi}{2} & c \frac{\pi}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
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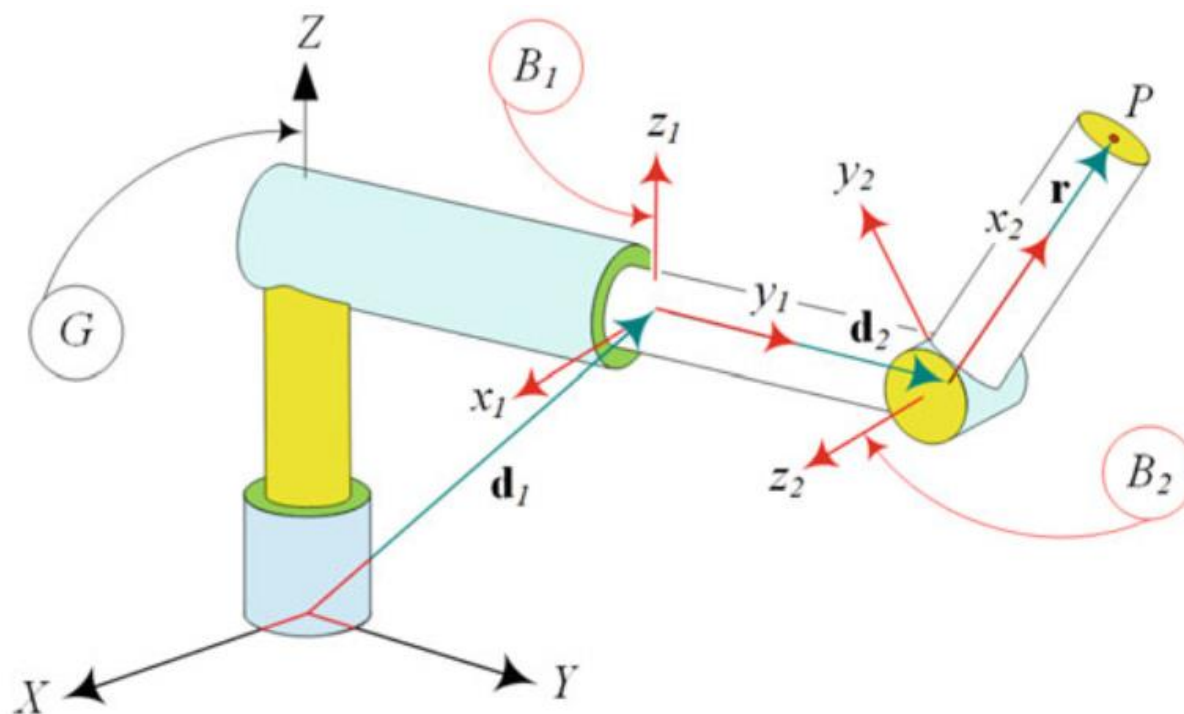
Consider a point of cylinder that was on the origin. After the rotation, the point would be seen at:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^G\mathbf{r} &= {}^G T_B {}^B\mathbf{r} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

4.4. Combined Homogenous Transformation

Example 10: End-effector of an RPR robot in a global frame

Position vector of P in frame B_2 ($x_2y_2z_2$) is ${}^2\mathbf{r}_P$. Frame B_2 ($x_2y_2z_2$) at location ${}^G\mathbf{d}_1$ can rotate about z_2 and slide along y_1 . Frame B_1 ($x_1y_1z_1$) can rotate about the Z -axis of the global frame $G(OXYZ)$.



4.4. Combined Homogenous Transformation

Example 10: End-effector of an RP R robot in a global frame

The position of the origin of B_1 is shown by ${}^1\mathbf{d}_2$ in B_2 . To determine the position of P in $G(OXYZ)$, we add ${}^G\mathbf{d}_1$ and ${}^G\mathbf{d}_2$ and ${}^G\mathbf{r}_P$.

$$\begin{aligned} {}^G\mathbf{r} &= {}^G R_1 {}^1 R_2 {}^2\mathbf{r}_P + {}^G R_1 {}^1\mathbf{d}_2 + {}^G\mathbf{d}_1 = {}^G T_1 {}^1 T_2 {}^2\mathbf{r}_P \\ &= {}^G T_2 {}^2\mathbf{r}_P \end{aligned}$$

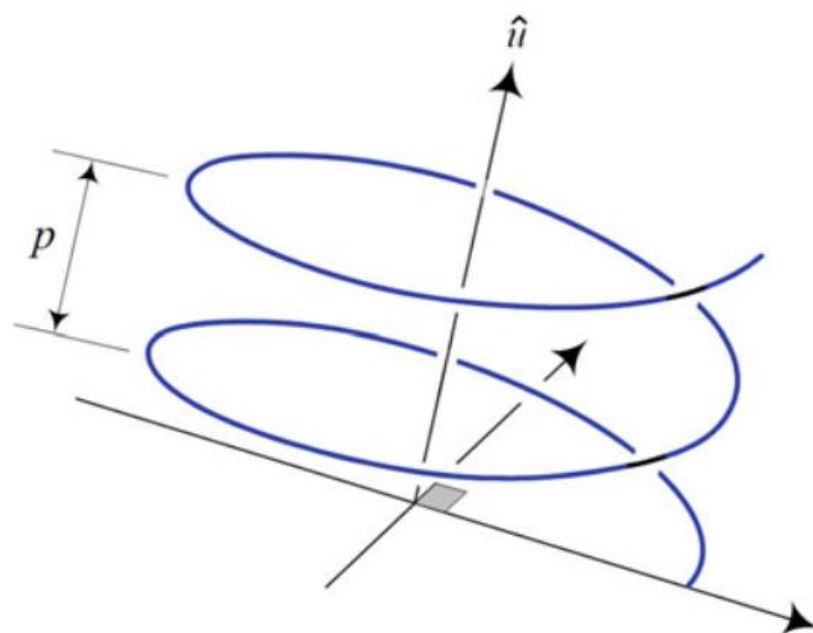
where,

$${}^G T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} {}^G R_1 & {}^G\mathbf{d}_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^1 T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} {}^1 R_2 & {}^1\mathbf{d}_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^G T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} {}^G R_1 {}^1 R_2 & {}^G R_1 {}^1\mathbf{d}_2 + {}^G\mathbf{d}_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.5. Screw Coordinates

Any rigid body motion can be replaced by **a single translation** along an axis combined with **a unique rotation** about that axis. Such a motion is called **screw motion**.



A point **P** that **rotates about the screw axis \hat{u}** and **simultaneously translates** along the same axis \hat{u} . Hence, any point on the **screw axis** moves along the axis, while any point off the axis moves along *a helix*.

4.5. Screw Coordinates

The **angular rotation** of the rigid body about the screw is called **twist**. A screw motion is indicated by its **pitch**, p , that is **the ratio of translation**, h , to rotation, ϕ .

$$p = \frac{h}{\phi}$$

The rectilinear distance h through which the rigid body translates parallel to the axis of screw $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ for a unit rotation ϕ is the pitch p . If $p > 0$, then the screw is **right-handed**, and if $p < 0$, it is **left-handed**.

A screw motion $\check{\mathbf{s}}$ is shown by $\check{\mathbf{s}}(h, \phi, \hat{\mathbf{u}}, s)$ and is indicated by a twist axis unit vector $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$, a location vector s , a twist angle ϕ , and a translation h (or a pitch p).

The location vector s indicates the global position of a point on the screw axis. The **twist angle** ϕ , the **twist axis** $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$, and the **pitch** p (or **translation** h) are called **screw parameters**.

4.5. Screw Coordinates

For a central screw motion, we have

$${}^G\check{s}_B(h, \phi, \hat{u}) = D_{\hat{u},h} R_{\hat{u},\phi}$$

where,

$$D_{\hat{u},h} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & hu_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & hu_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & hu_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{\hat{u},\phi} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 \text{vers } \phi + c\phi & u_1 u_2 \text{vers } \phi - u_3 s\phi & u_1 u_3 \text{vers } \phi + u_2 s\phi & 0 \\ u_1 u_2 \text{vers } \phi + u_3 s\phi & u_2^2 \text{vers } \phi + c\phi & u_2 u_3 \text{vers } \phi - u_1 s\phi & 0 \\ u_1 u_3 \text{vers } \phi - u_2 s\phi & u_2 u_3 \text{vers } \phi + u_1 s\phi & u_3^2 \text{vers } \phi + c\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.5. Screw Coordinates

Hence,

$${}^G\check{s}_B(h, \phi, \hat{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 \text{vers } \phi + c\phi & u_1u_2 \text{vers } \phi - u_3s\phi & u_1u_3 \text{vers } \phi + u_2s\phi & hu_1 \\ u_1u_2 \text{vers } \phi + u_3s\phi & u_2^2 \text{vers } \phi + c\phi & u_2u_3 \text{vers } \phi - u_1s\phi & hu_2 \\ u_1u_3 \text{vers } \phi - u_2s\phi & u_2u_3 \text{vers } \phi + u_1s\phi & u_3^2 \text{vers } \phi + c\phi & hu_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

As a result, a central screw transformation matrix indicates ***a pure translation*** corresponds to $\phi = 0$, and a pure rotation corresponds to $h = 0$ (or $p = \infty$).

A reverse central screw is defined as $\check{s}(-h, -\phi, \hat{u})$.

C4. End!