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# Feedback

## □ ROBOT-1:

- Everyone did well at starting up and shutting down the robot
- It is important to read the RMF and SWP before using the robots
- Knowing where to find information in the standards is more important than memorizing sections of them

## □ ROBOT-2:

- Available on Moodle.
- To be marked in Week 4, but you can try in week 3 if prefer.

# MTRN4230

# Robotics



## Lecture 3

# Coordinate Frames & Homogeneous Transformations

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# Lecture 2 - Revision

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## ✓ **Sensors & Actuators**

- Electric, Hydraulic, Pneumatic
- Micro actuators
- Position, velocity, acceleration
- Tactile sensors

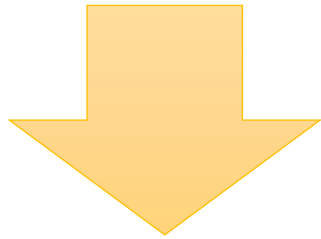
## ✓ **Computer vision**

- Colour masking using thresholds
- Perspective transformation

# Lecture 2 - Continue

## □ Modelling of 2-link robots

- Actuators: move the robot
- Sensors: measure joint angles, detect object

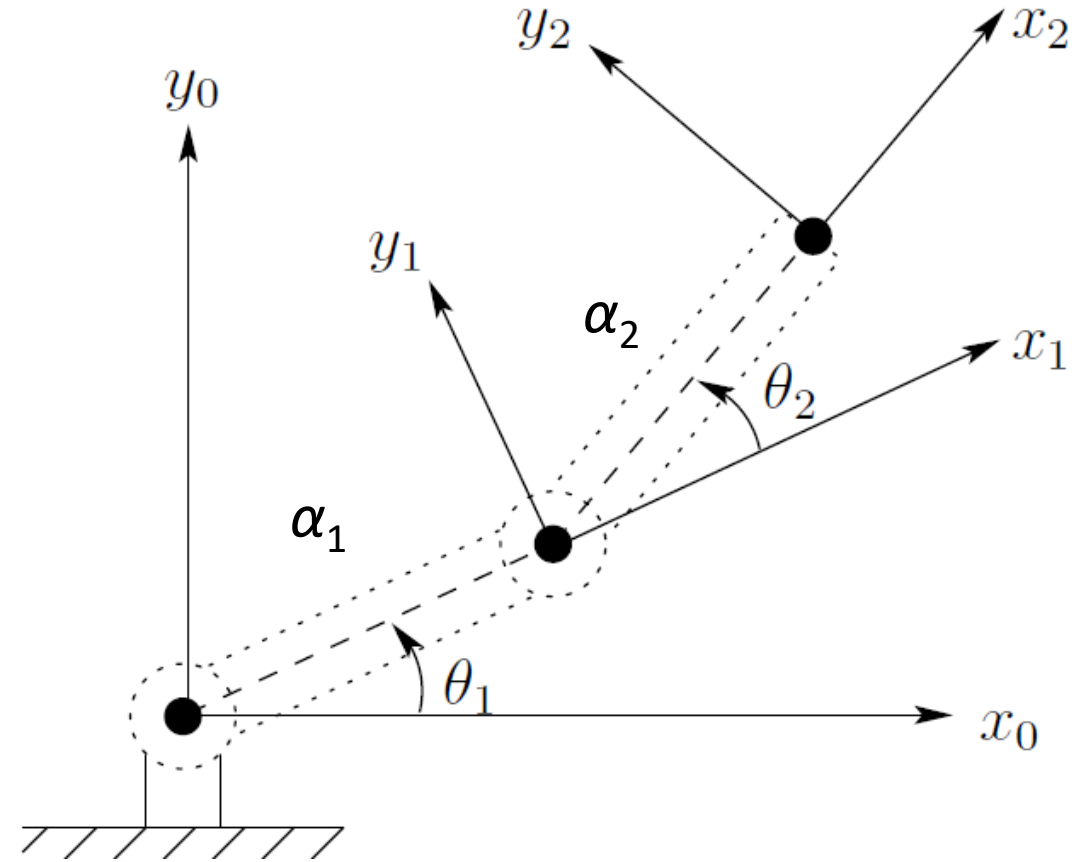


- How to find the tool position (forward kinematic)
- How to find the joint angles to reach targeted positions (inverse kinematic)



# Forward kinematic equations

- ❑ Only consider the two revolute joints.
- ❑ Observe from the top view



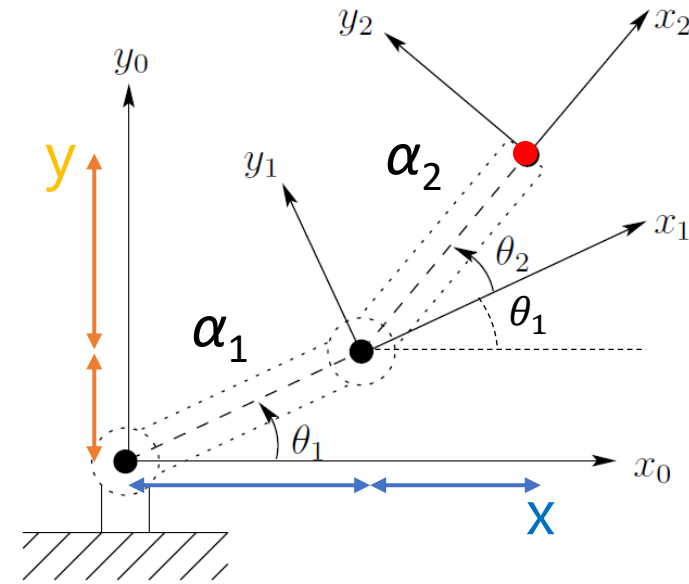
Based on the joint angles (using position sensors), find the position and the orientation of the end effector.

# Forward kinematic equations

- ❑ **Position** of the tool with respect to a fixed frame ( $x_0y_0$ )

$$x = \alpha_1 \cos \theta_1 + \alpha_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$y = \alpha_1 \sin \theta_1 + \alpha_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$



# Forward kinematic equations

□ The **orientation** of the tool frame (vectors  $x_2$  and  $y_2$ )

$$x_2 \cdot x_0 = \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

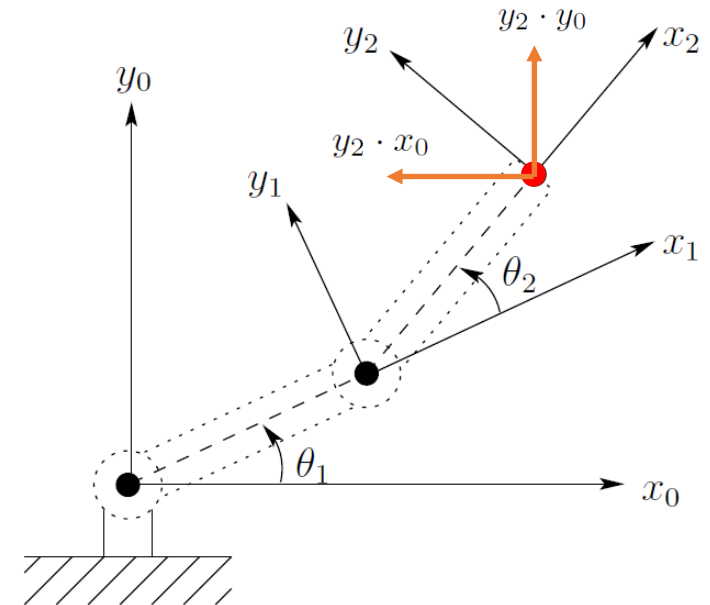
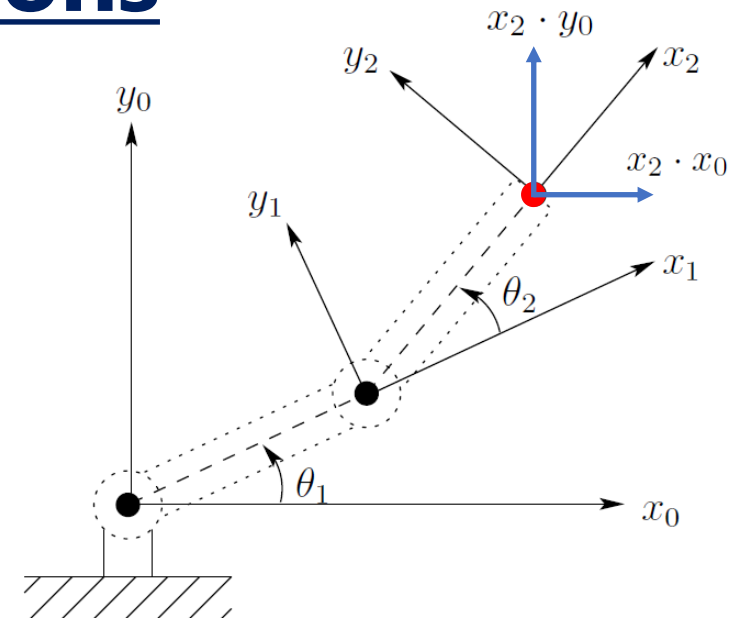
$$x_2 \cdot y_0 = \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$y_2 \cdot x_0 = -\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$y_2 \cdot y_0 = \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

□ **Rotation matrix**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{x_2 \cdot x_0} & \boxed{y_2 \cdot x_0} \\ \boxed{x_2 \cdot y_0} & \boxed{y_2 \cdot y_0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{bmatrix}$$





# Forward kinematic equations

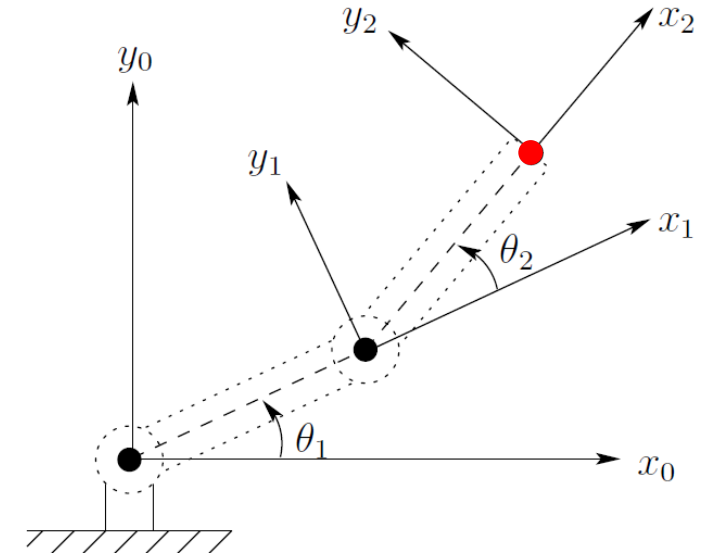
## □ Pose of end-effector

Translation

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \cos \theta_1 + \alpha_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ \alpha_1 \sin \theta_1 + \alpha_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{bmatrix}$$



Represented by  
a single formular



Homogeneous  
Transformations

(Lecture 3)

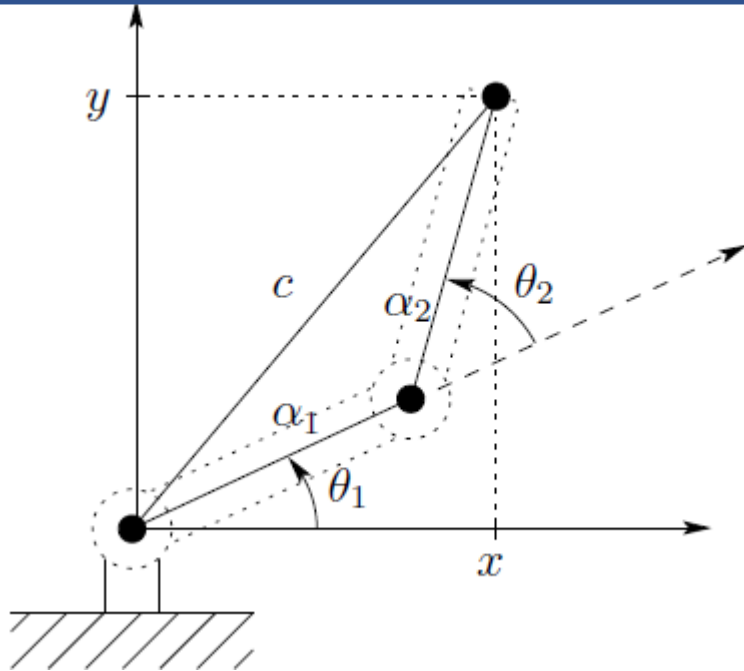
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robotics



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Convention

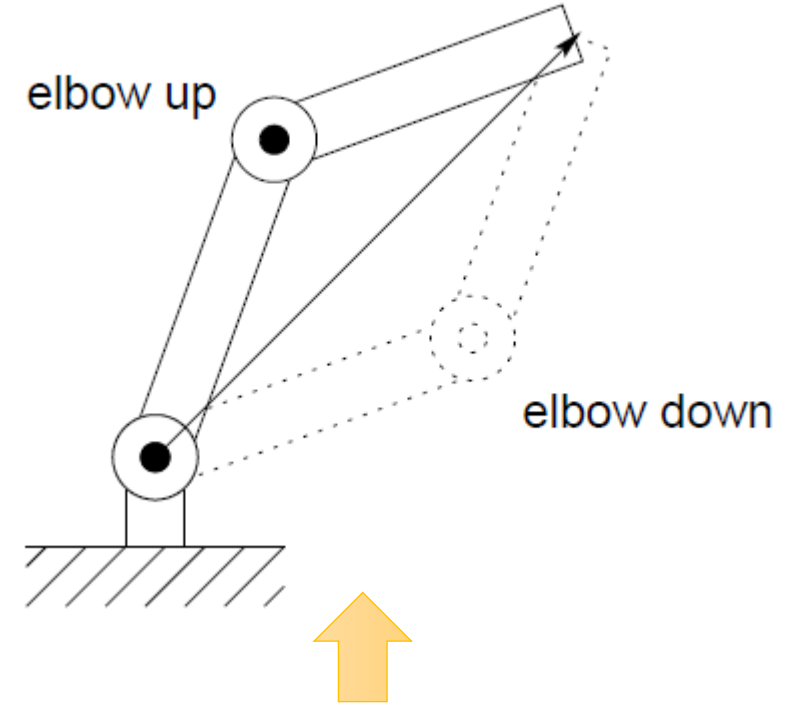
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# Inverse kinematic equations



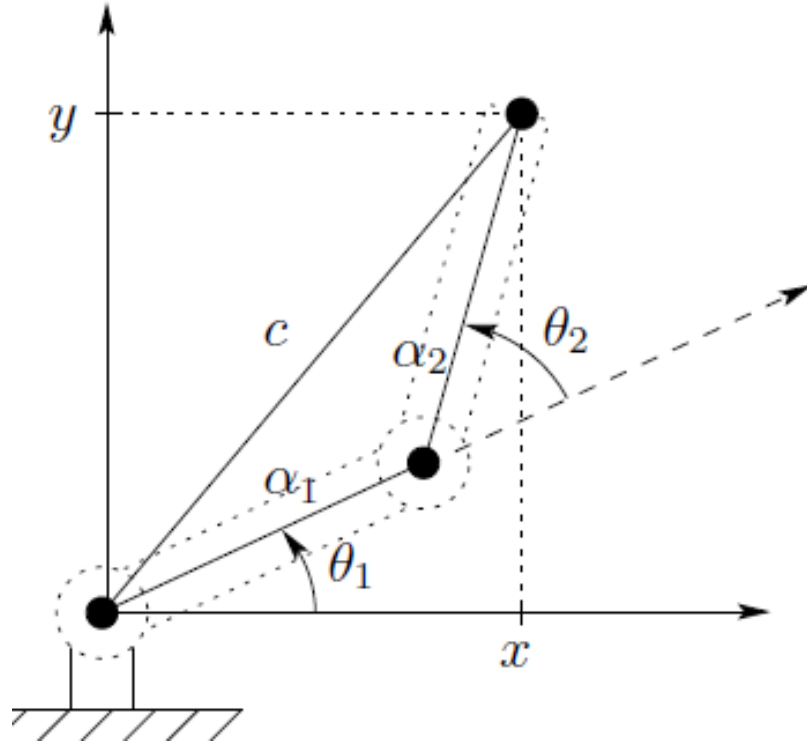
$$\cos \theta_2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - \alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2}{2\alpha_1\alpha_2}$$

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}(y/x) - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha_2 \sin \theta_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \cos \theta_2} \right)$$



There are more than one solution  
(**Redundancy**)

# Velocity kinematics



## □ End-effector velocity

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \alpha_1 \cos \theta_1 + \alpha_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\y &= \alpha_1 \sin \theta_1 + \alpha_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -\alpha_1 \sin \theta_1 \cdot \dot{\theta}_1 - \alpha_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \\ \dot{y} &= \alpha_1 \cos \theta_1 \cdot \dot{\theta}_1 + \alpha_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)\end{aligned}$$



## □ Matrix form

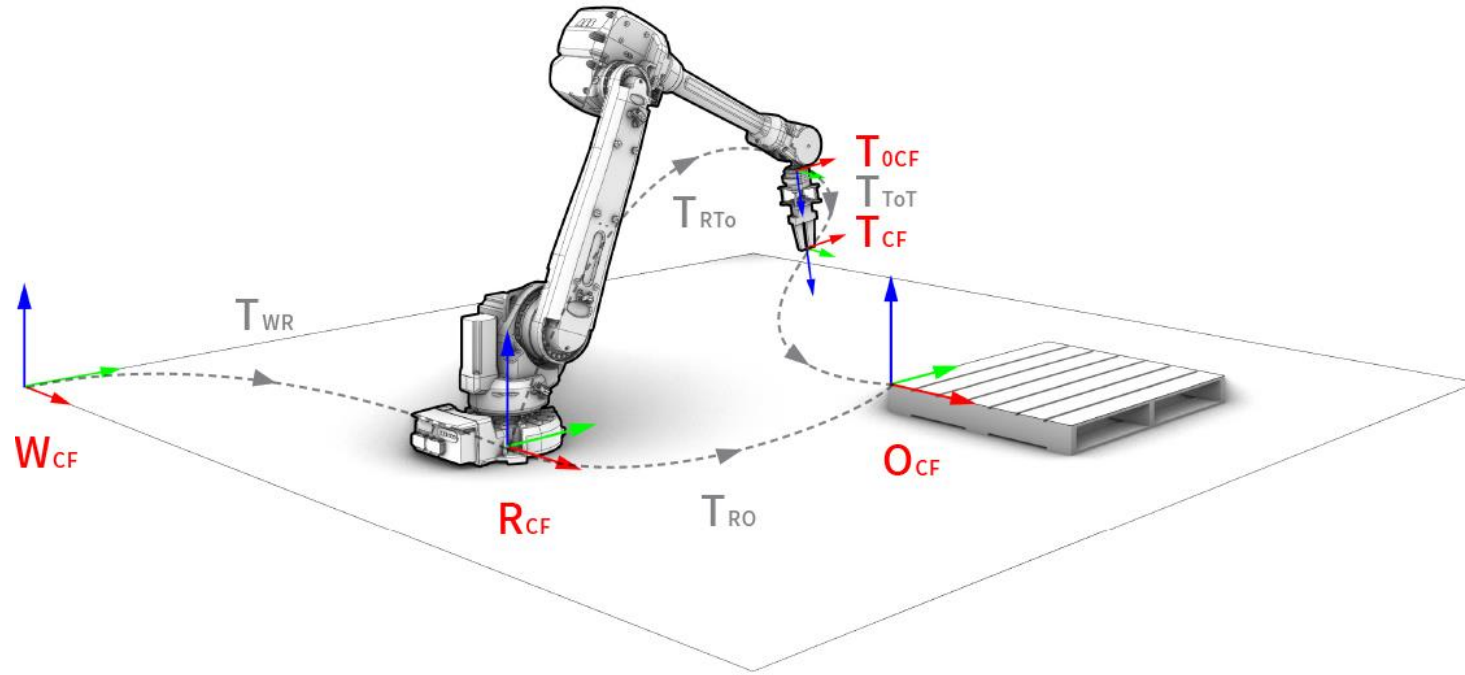
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha_1 \sin \theta_1 - \alpha_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -\alpha_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ \alpha_1 \cos \theta_1 + \alpha_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & \alpha_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$J$ : Jacobian

# Lecture 3 – Learning objectives

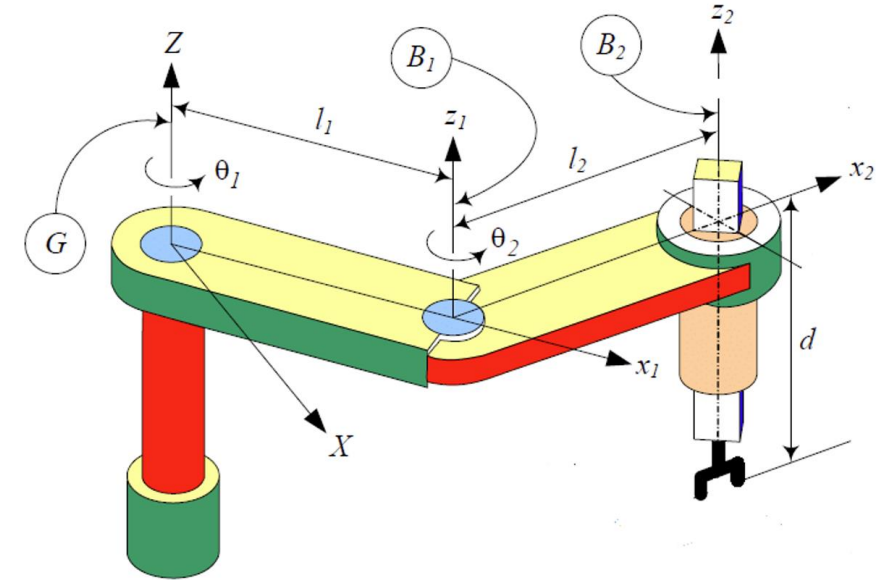
- ❑ Pose of robot frames
- ❑ Transformation operation between frames
- ❑ Rotation matrix (e.g., Euler Angles, Roll-Pitch-Yaw, Axis-Angle)
- ❑ Homogeneous transformation

# Coordinate frames



How do we tell the robot where to move without knowing the position and orientation of the end effector ?

# Coordinate frames



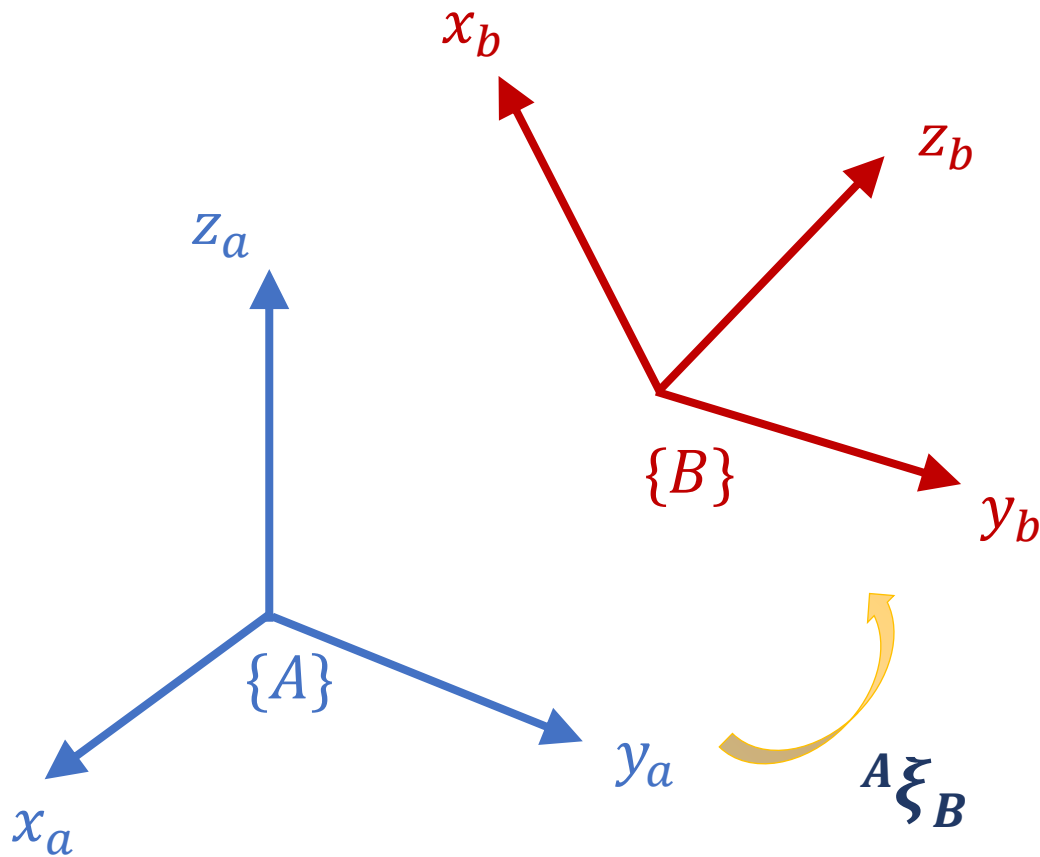
- Motion at each joint move robot arm to its target.
- Difficult to directly calculate the position/orientation of the end-effector.



- Introduce coordinate frames to each joint.
- Specify position/orientation of a joint **with respect to** joint before that.
- Apply a chain-rule to calculate the end-effector position/orientation w.r.t world coordinate frame.

# The Pose

□ The pose represents the location and orientation of a frame



$${}^A\xi_B$$

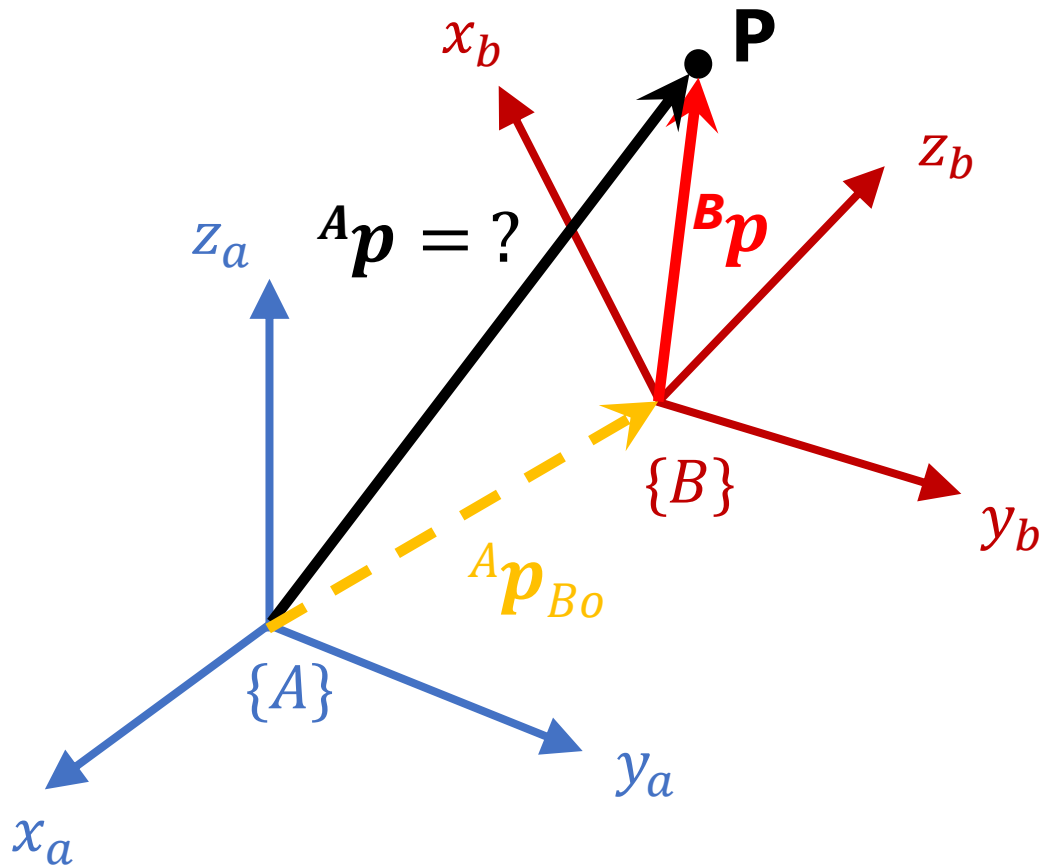
Transformation Operator

${}^A\mathbf{p}_{B0}$ : Translational vector from the origin of  $\{A\}$  to the origin of frame  $\{B\}$

${}^A\mathbf{R}_B$ : Rotational matrix expressing the orientation of  $\{B\}$  relative to  $\{A\}$

# Mapping of Frames

□  $^x p$  - vector of coordinates of point  $\mathbf{P}$  expressed relative to  $\{X\}$



$^A p$ : vector of  $\mathbf{P}$  expressed in frame  $\{A\}$   
 $^B p$ : vector of  $\mathbf{P}$  expressed in frame  $\{B\}$

$$^A p = {}^A R_B {}^B p + {}^A p_{Bo}$$

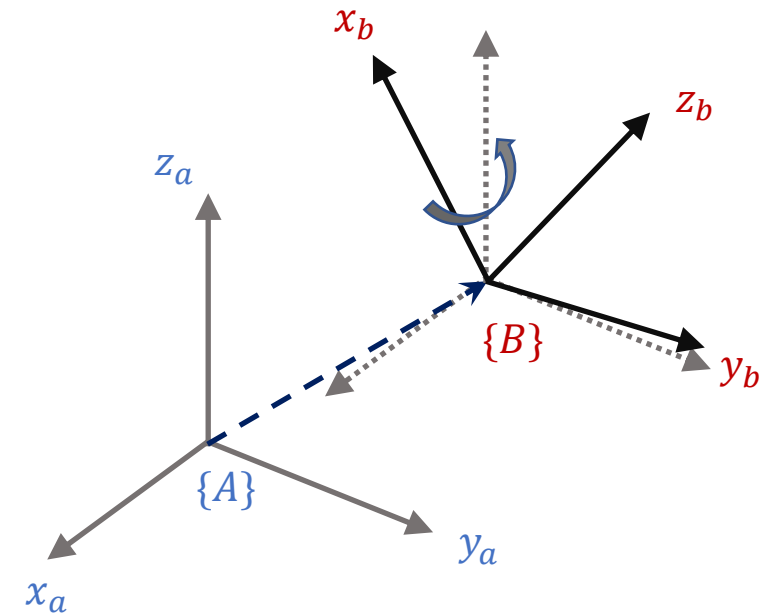
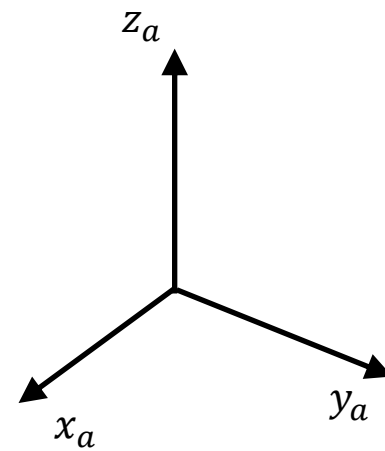
Or,

$$^A p = {}^A \xi_B {}^B p$$

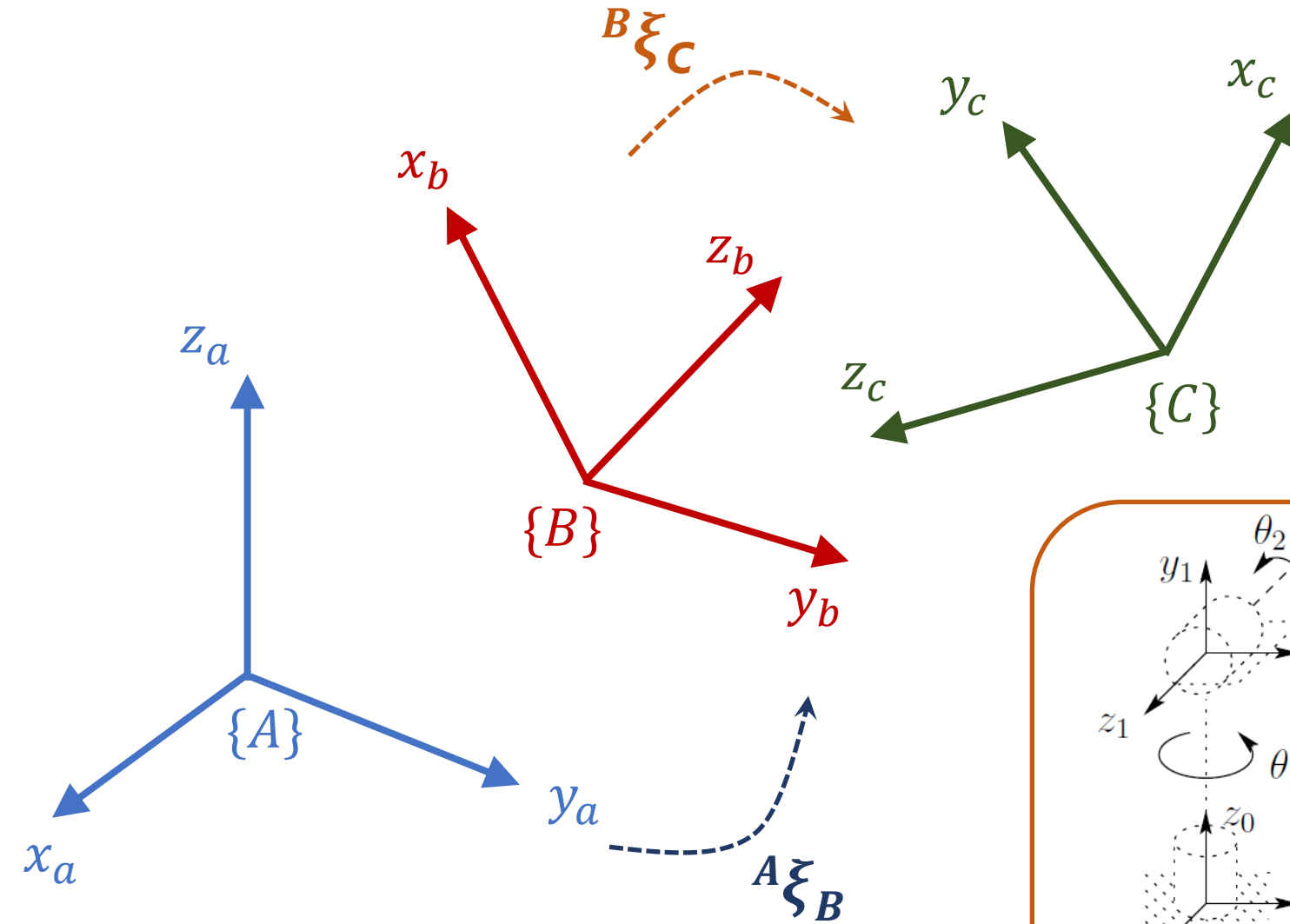


# Mapping of Frames

- Always use right-handed coordinate frames.
- Pose contains a translation component ( $P$ ) & a rotational component ( $R$ ).
- When mapping coordinate systems, first translate, then apply rotation.
- Transformation operator ( $\xi$ ) can take many forms
  - Homogeneous transformation
  - Orthonormal rotation matrixes
  - Quaternions

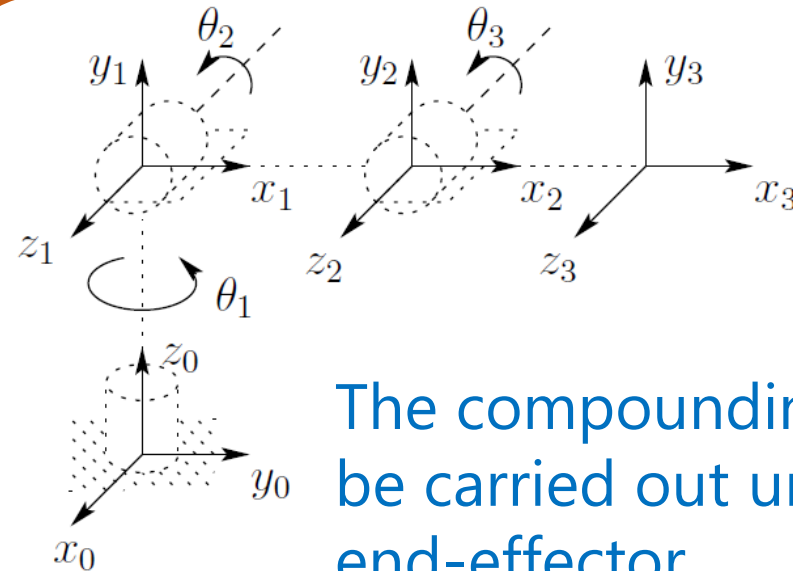


# Frame Composition



$$A\xi_C = A\xi_B \oplus B\xi_C$$

$\oplus$ : compounding operator



The compounding operation can be carried out until we reach the end-effector.

# Rules for Frame Composition

$$\xi \oplus 0 = \xi ; \xi \ominus 0 = \xi$$

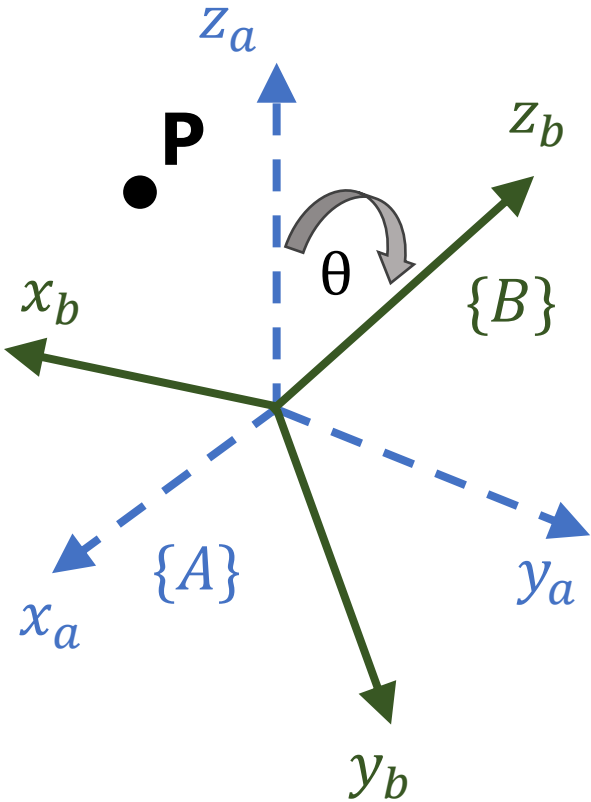
$$\ominus {}^X \xi_Y = {}^Y \xi_X$$

$$\xi \ominus \xi = 0 ; \ominus \xi \oplus \xi = 0$$

$${}^X \xi_Y \oplus {}^Y \xi_Z = {}^X \xi_Z$$

$$\xi_1 \oplus \xi_2 \neq \xi_2 \oplus \xi_1$$

# The Rotation Matrix



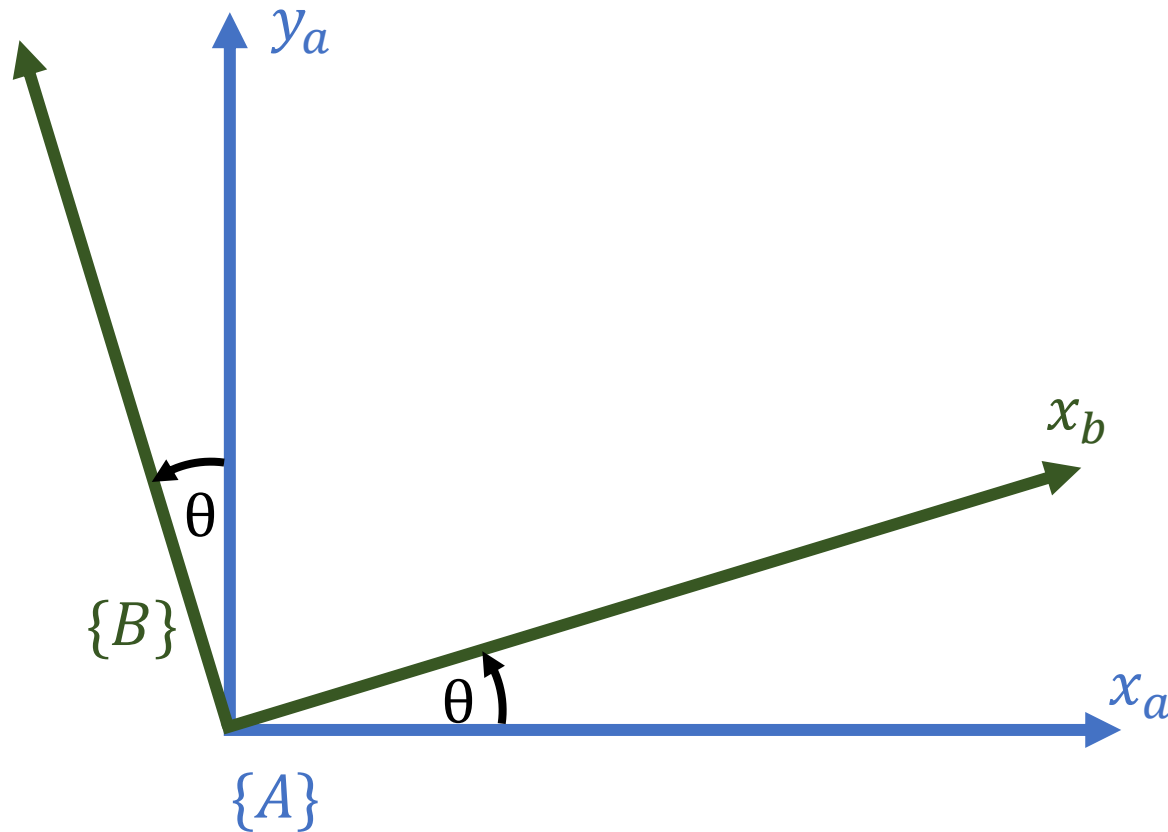
- ${}^A R_B$  represents the rotation matrix from the coordinates of **point  $P$**  defined w.r.t frame  $B$  to the coordinates w.r.t frame  $A$ .

$${}^A \mathbf{p} = {}^A R_B {}^B \mathbf{p} + \cancel{{}^A \mathbf{p}_{Bo}}$$

$${}^A \mathbf{p} = {}^A R_B {}^B \mathbf{p}$$

# Example 1: Rotation matrix in 2D coordinate

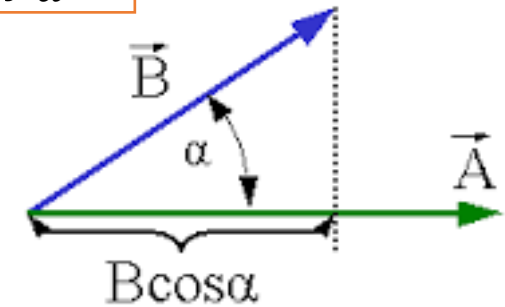
□  $[x_a, y_a]$  are unit vectors of the axes x and y in frame {A};  $[x_b, y_b]$  are unit vectors of frame {B}



$${}^A R_B = \begin{bmatrix} x_b \cdot x_a & y_b \cdot x_a \\ x_b \cdot y_a & y_b \cdot y_a \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall

$$x \cdot y = |x||y|\cos\alpha$$



$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}||\vec{B}|\cos\alpha$$

$$|x_a| = |y_a| = |x_b| = |y_b| = 1$$

$${}^A R_B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

# Rotation matrix in 2D coordinate

- The orientation of a rotated coordinate frame [A] w.r.t frame [B]

$$\begin{aligned} {}^B R_A &= \begin{bmatrix} x_a \cdot x_b & y_a \cdot x_b \\ x_a \cdot y_b & y_a \cdot y_b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \\ {}^A R_B &= \begin{bmatrix} x_b \cdot x_a & y_b \cdot x_a \\ x_b \cdot y_a & y_b \cdot y_a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$${}^B R_A = ({}^A R_B)^T$$

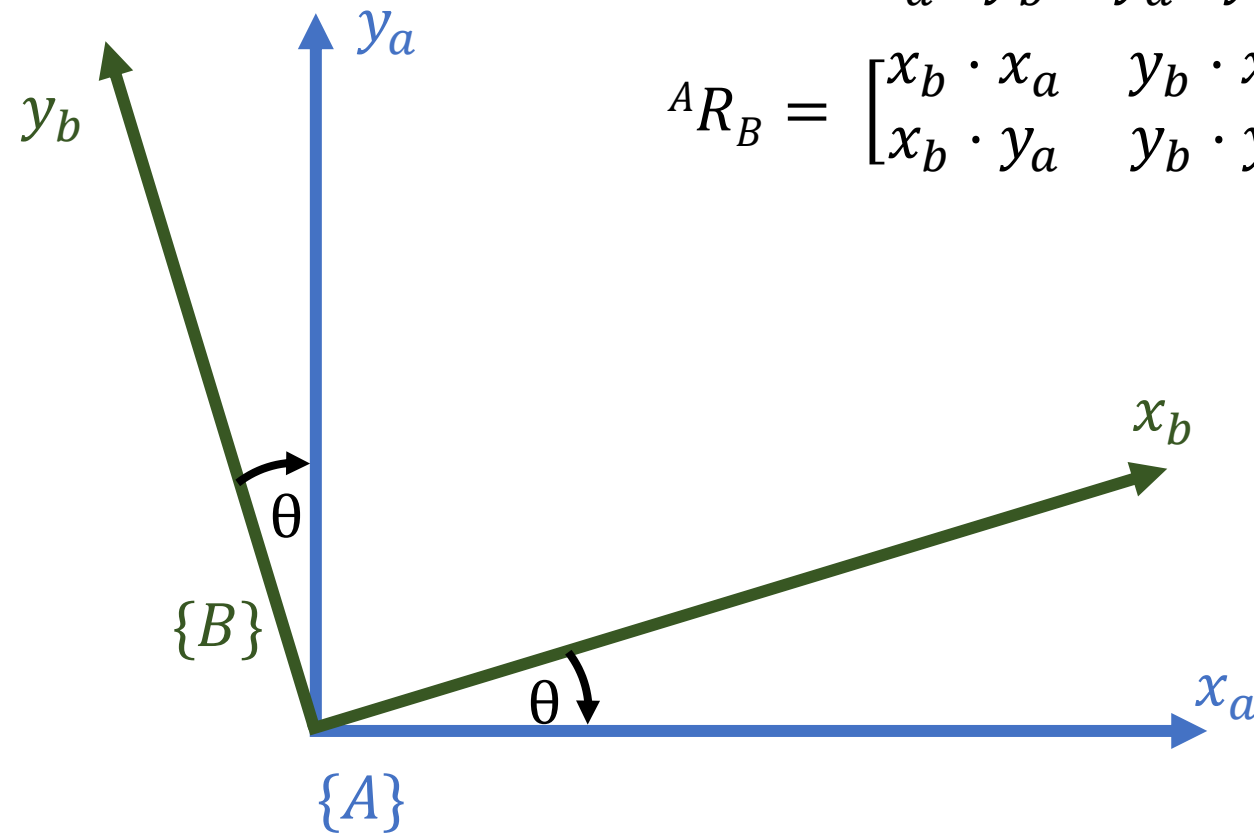
Recall

$${}^A p = {}^A R_B {}^B p$$

$$\begin{cases} {}^B p = ({}^A R_B)^{-1} {}^A p \\ {}^B p = {}^B R_A {}^A p \end{cases}$$

$${}^B R_A = ({}^A R_B)^{-1} = ({}^A R_B)^T$$

Rotation matrixes are **Orthogonal**



# Special Orthogonal Group

□  $R^T = R^{-1}$  forms part of the Special Orthogonal group of order  $n$ ,  $SO(n)$ .

□ For example,  ${}^aR_b$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, which belongs to  $SO(2)$ .  
For 3D frames, the rotation matrix belong to  $SO(3)$

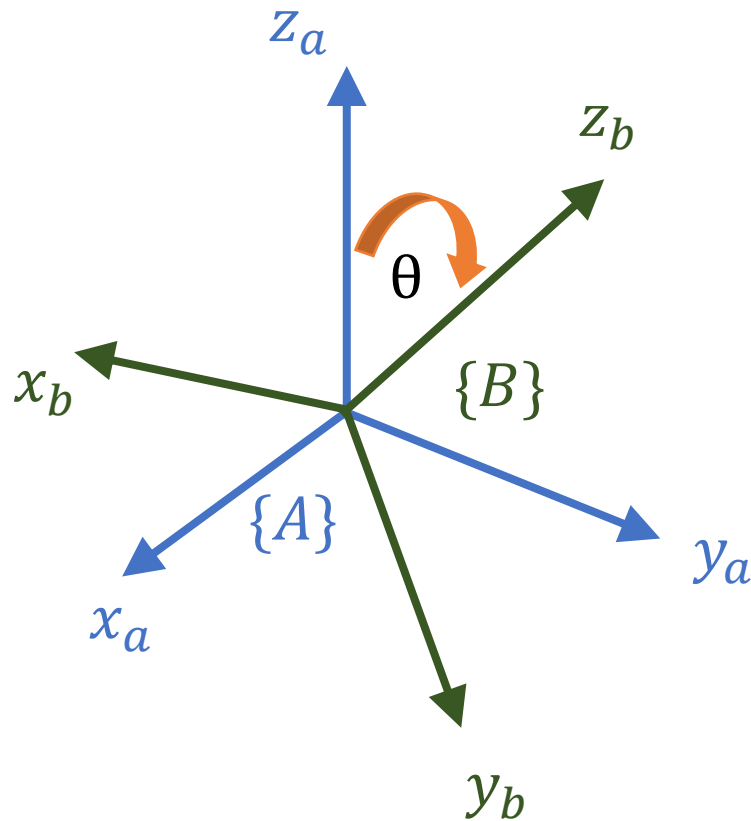
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

□ For any  $R \in SO(n)$ :

- The columns (and rows) of  $R$  are mutually orthogonal
- Each column (and row) of  $R$  is a unit vector
- $\det(R) = 1$ , hence the length of the vector is unchanged

# The 3D Rotation Matrix

□ Rotate frame  $\{A\}$  by  $\theta$  around an arbitrary axis



$${}^A R_B = \begin{bmatrix} x_b \cdot x_a & y_b \cdot x_a & z_b \cdot x_a \\ x_b \cdot y_a & y_b \cdot y_a & z_b \cdot y_a \\ x_b \cdot z_a & y_b \cdot z_a & z_b \cdot z_a \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall,

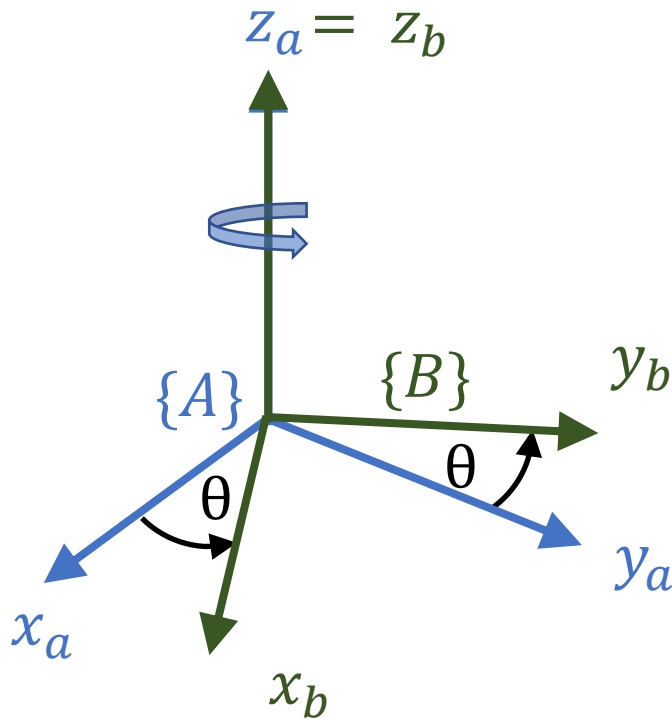
$$x \cdot y = |x||y|\cos\alpha$$

${}^A R_B$  is a matrix containing cosines, where the values represent angles between respective axes.



# Example 2: A rotation about Z, Y, X – axis

## □ About Z – axis



$${}^A R_B = \begin{bmatrix} x_b \cdot x_a & y_b \cdot x_a & Z_b \cdot x_a \\ x_b \cdot y_a & y_b \cdot y_a & Z_b \cdot y_b \\ x_b \cdot Z_a & y_b \cdot Z_a & Z_b \cdot Z_a \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A R_B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right) & \cos(\pi/2) \\ \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) & \cos(\theta) & \cos(\pi/2) \\ \cos(\pi/2) & \cos(\pi/2) & \cos(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A R_B = R_Z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example 2: A rotation around Z, Y, X –axis

### □ About X – axis

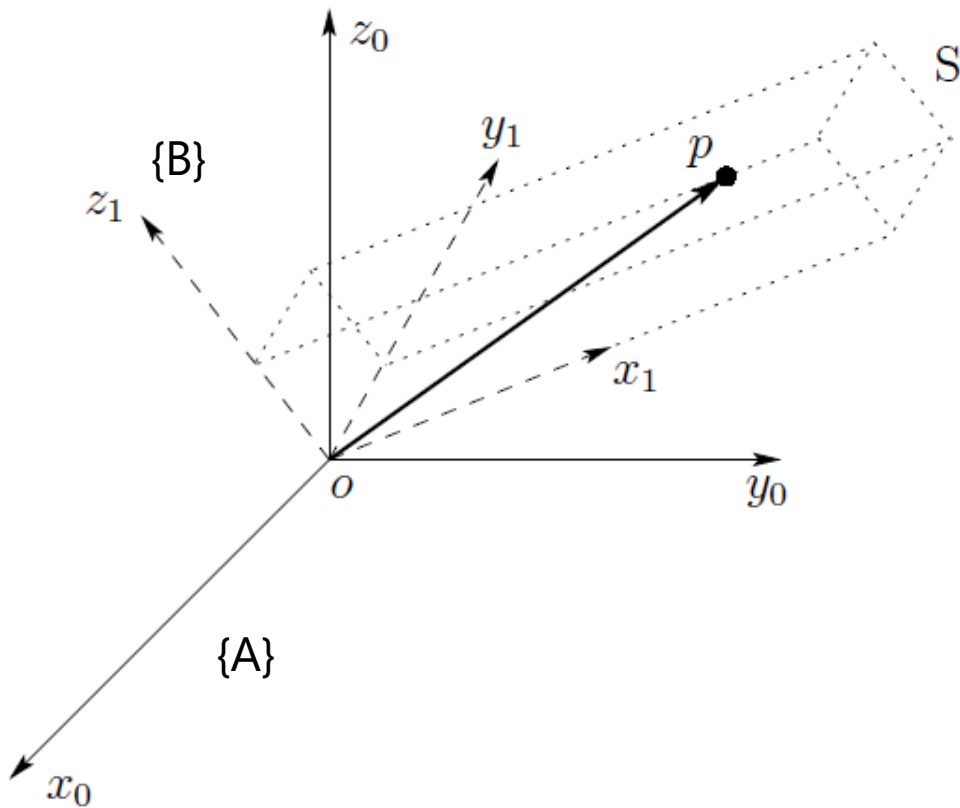
$$R_X(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

### □ About Y – axis

$$R_Y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & \sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

# Transform vectors between coordinate frames

□  ${}^B\mathbf{p}$  - vector of coordinates of vector  $\mathbf{P}$  expressed relative to  $\{B\}$



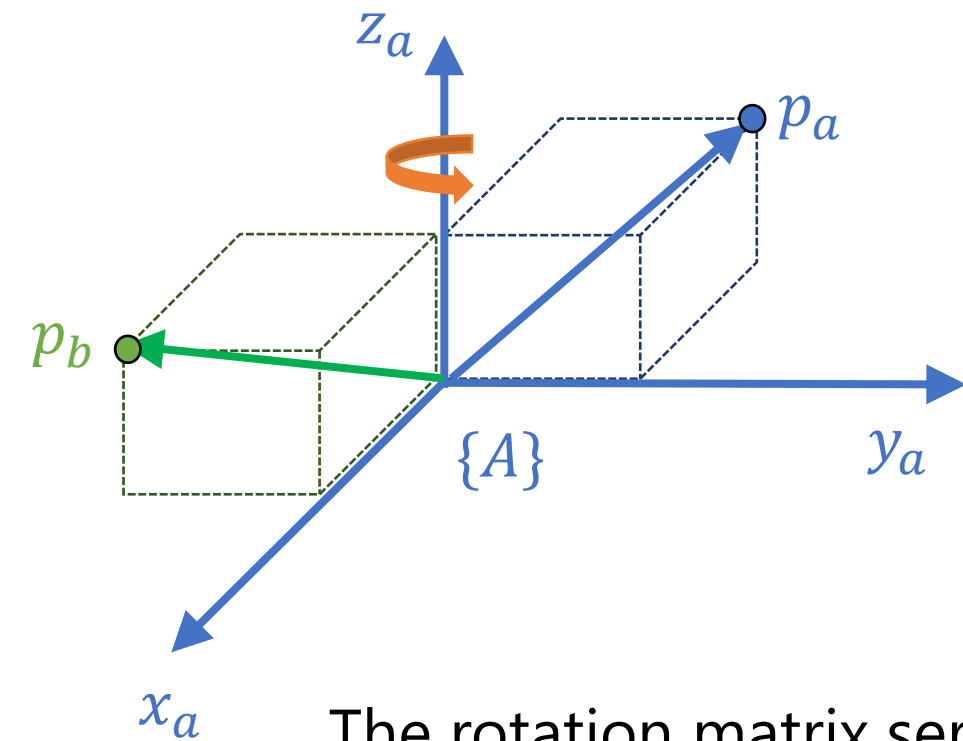
$${}^B\mathbf{p} = u\mathbf{x}_b + v\mathbf{y}_b + w\mathbf{z}_b = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

${}^A\mathbf{p}$  - vector of coordinates of the same vector expressed relative to  $\{A\}$

$${}^A\mathbf{p} = {}^A R_B \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{p}$$

# Transform a vector in the same coordinate system

- Rotate vector  $p_a$  by  $\theta$  around an arbitrary axis (Rotation matrix:  $R$ )



$$p_b = R p_a$$

- For instance, rotate  $p_a$  by  $\pi$  about Z-axis

$$R_z = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\pi & -\sin\pi & 0 \\ \sin\pi & \cos\pi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

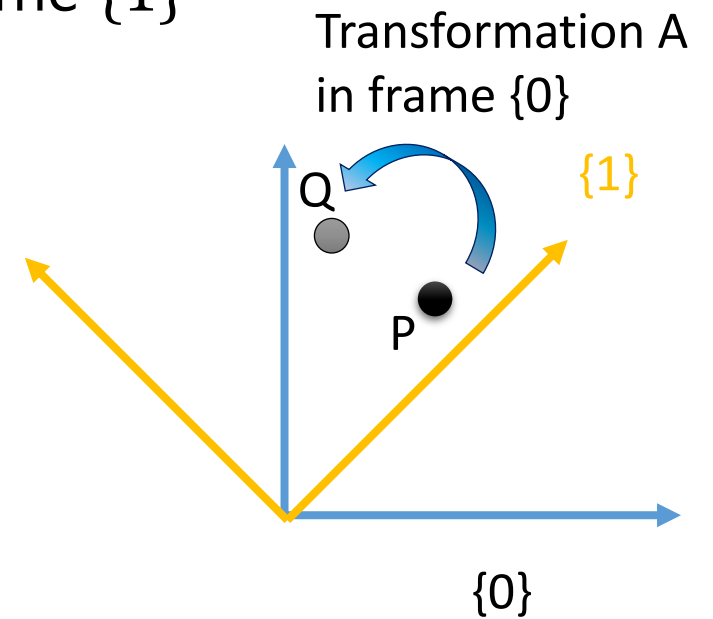
$${}^A p_b = R_z {}^A p_a$$

The rotation matrix serves as a transformation operator on an **existing vector**  $p_a$  and rotating it to **a new vector**  $p_b$  in the same coordinate system  $A$ .

# Similarity Transformations

- ❑  ${}^0R_1$  is the coordinate transformation between frame {0} and {1}
- ❑  $A$ : a transformation defined with respect to Frame {0}
- ❑  $B$ : the same transformation defined with respect to Frame {1}

$$B = ?$$



# Similarity Transformations

- ❑ The transformation of an arbitrary point  ${}^0P$  in frame  $\{0\}$  gives vector  ${}^0Q$ :

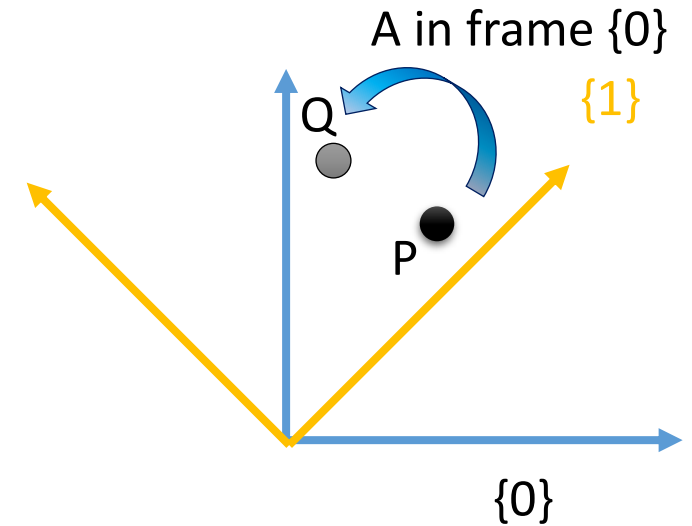
$${}^0Q = A {}^0P$$

- ❑ The same points  ${}^0P$  and  ${}^0Q$  expressed in frame  $\{1\}$  are  ${}^1P$  and  ${}^1Q$ :

$$\begin{cases} {}^0P = {}^0R_1 {}^1P \\ {}^0Q = {}^0R_1 {}^1Q \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} {}^1P = ({}^0R_1)^{-1} {}^0P \\ {}^1Q = ({}^0R_1)^{-1} {}^0Q \end{cases}$$

$${}^1Q = ({}^0R_1)^{-1} {}^0Q = ({}^0R_1)^{-1} A {}^0P = ({}^0R_1)^{-1} A ({}^0R_1) {}^1P$$

$${}^1Q = B {}^1P \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{B = ({}^0R_1)^{-1} A {}^0R_1}$$

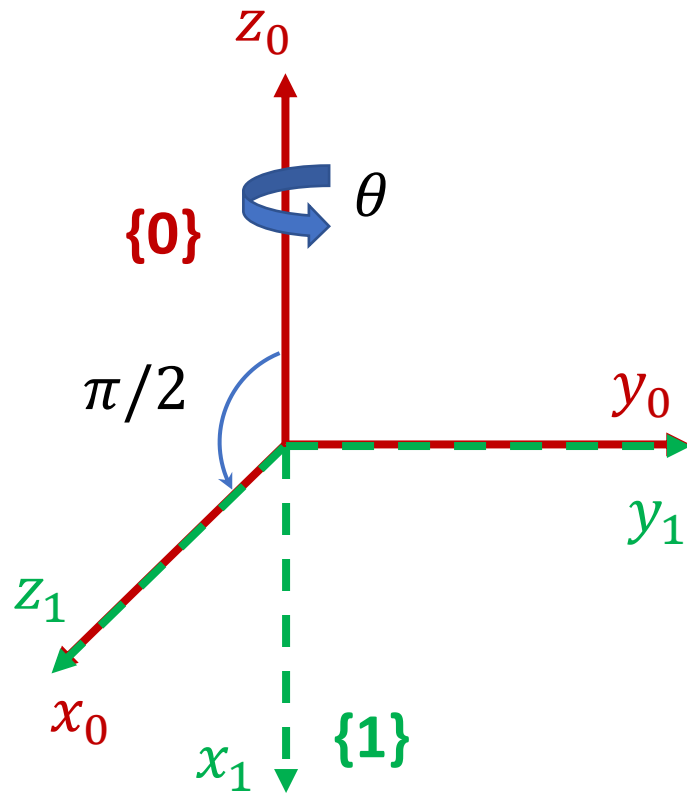


- ❑ Allows us to express the same rotation easily w.r.t different frames
- ❑ Useful for rotation about fixed axes

# Example 3: Similarity Transformations

□ Frame {1} is obtained by rotating frame {0} about  $y_0$  an angle of  $\pi/2$

- Transformation A in frame {0} is a rotation by  $\theta$  about  $z_0$
- What is the same rotation B expressed in frame {1}?



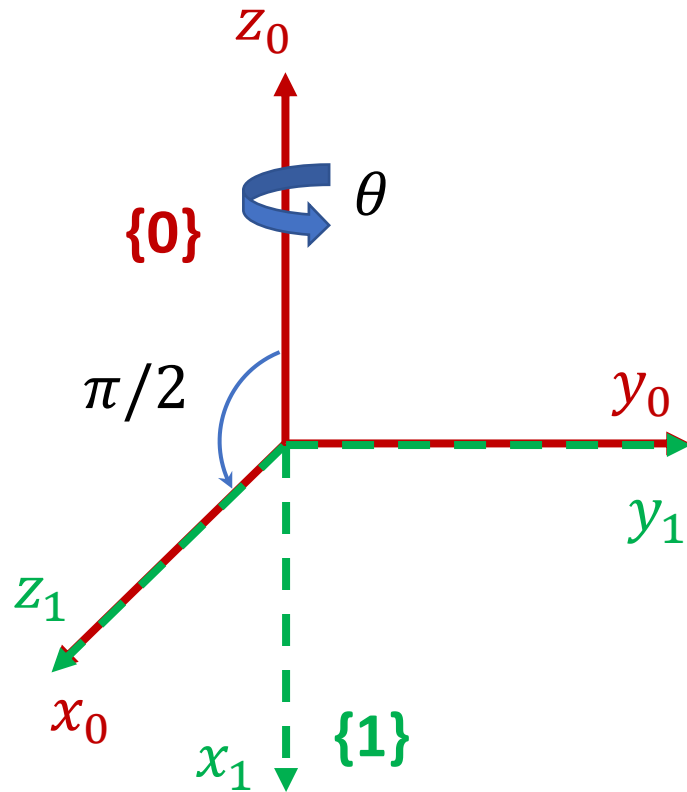
$${}^0R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\pi/2 & 0 & \sin\pi/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\pi/2 & 0 & \cos\pi/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transformation A in frame {0}

$$A = R_z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example 3: Similarity Transformations

- The same transformation B expressed in frame {1}



$$B = ({}^0R_1)^{-1}A^0R_1$$

$$= \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

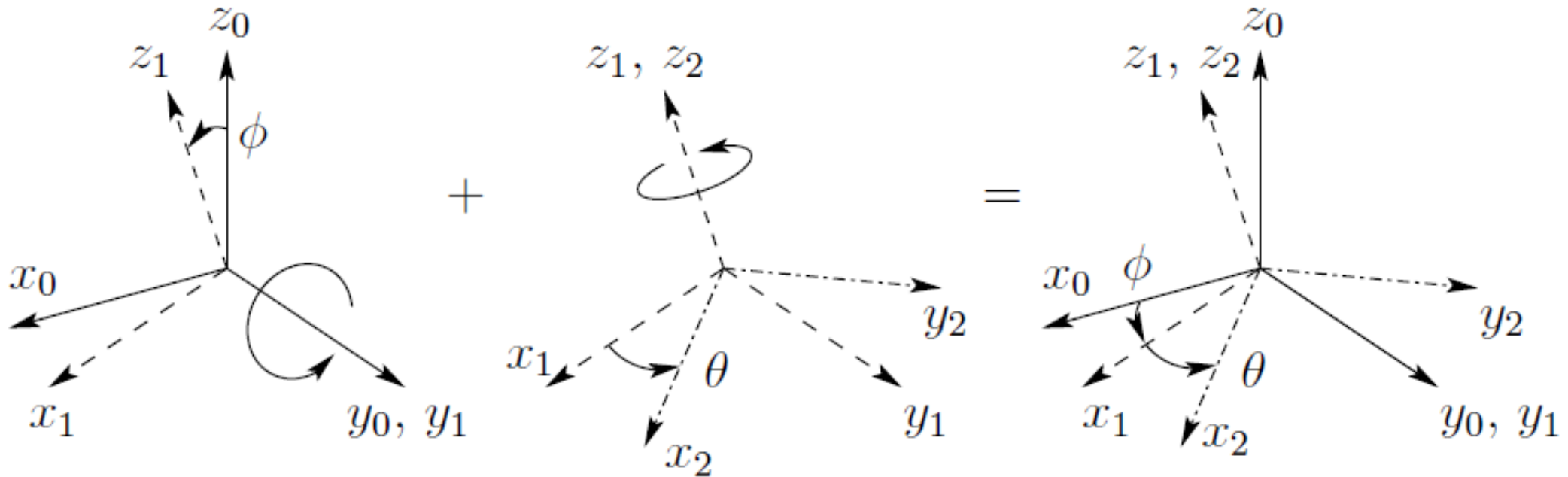
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Special orthogonal matrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_\theta & s_\theta \\ 0 & -s_\theta & c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation by  $-\theta$  about  $x_1$



# Rotation about Current Axes



Step 1: Rotate about  $\mathbf{y}_0$

Step 2: Rotate about  $\mathbf{z}_1 \rightarrow {}^0R_2 = ?$

$${}^0R_2 = R_{y\phi} \cdot R_{z\theta} = {}^0R_1 {}^1R_2$$

Order of rotation is important!

# Quiz 1: Rotation about Current Axes

Step 1: Rotate by  $\alpha$  about current **x**

Step 2: Rotate by  $\beta$  about current **y**

Step 3: Rotate by  $\gamma$  about current **z**

→  ${}^0R_3 = ?$

# Quiz 1: Rotation about Current Axes

Step 1: Rotate by  $\alpha$  about current **x**

Step 2: Rotate by  $\beta$  about current **y**

Step 3: Rotate by  $\gamma$  about current **z**

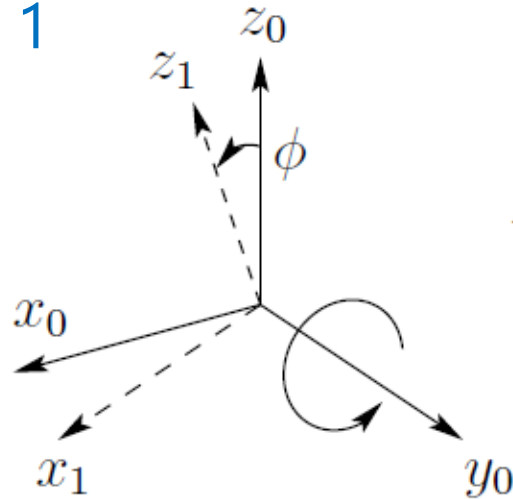
$$R_{x\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\alpha & -\sin\alpha \\ 0 & \sin\alpha & \cos\alpha \end{bmatrix} \quad R_{y\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\beta & 0 & \sin\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\beta & 0 & \cos\beta \end{bmatrix} \quad R_{z\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\gamma & -\sin\gamma & 0 \\ \sin\gamma & \cos\gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^0R_3 = R_{x\alpha} \cdot R_{y\beta} \cdot R_{z\gamma}$$

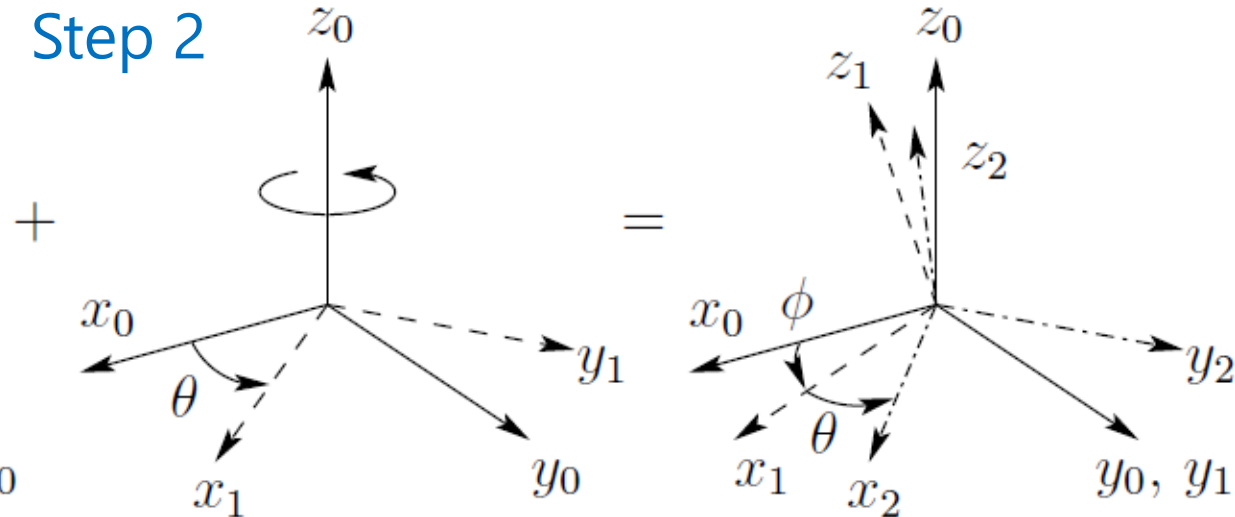
Step 1    Step 2    Step 3

# Rotation about *Fixed Axes*

Step 1



Step 2



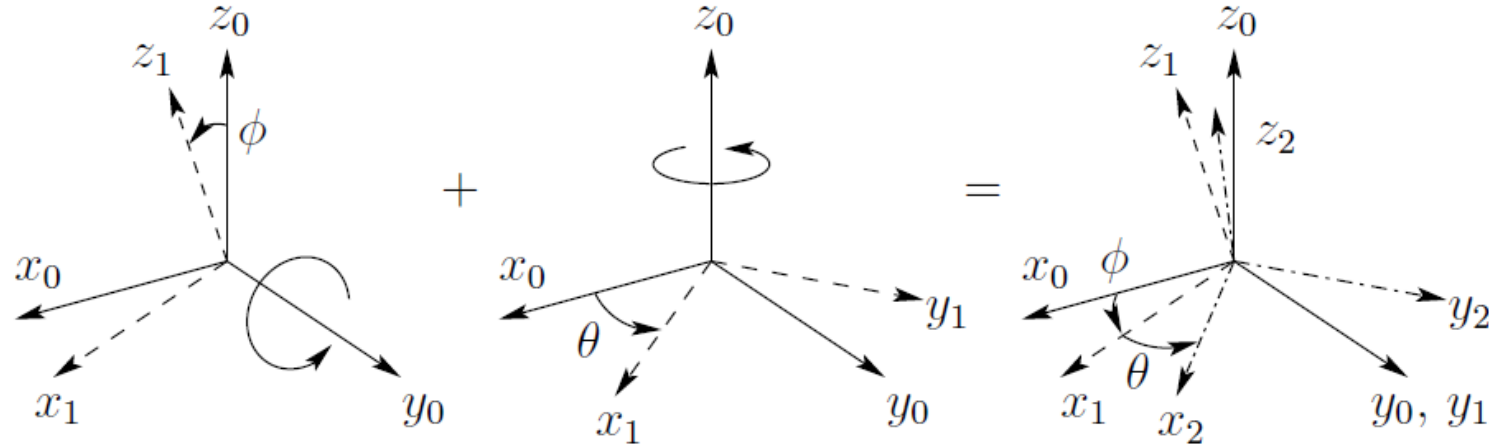
The rotation matrix in step 1:  ${}^0R_1 = R_{y\phi}$

The rotation matrix in step 2:  ${}^1R_2$  is the similar transformation of rotating by an angle  $\Theta$  about  $z_0$  in frame  $\{0\}$

$${}^0R_2 = {}^0R_1 {}^1R_2$$

Rotation by an angle  $\Theta$  about  $z_0$  in frame  $\{0\}$ :  $R_{z\theta}$

# Rotation about *Fixed Axes*



Similarity Transformation  
expressed in frame {1}

$${}^1R_2 = ({}^0R_1)^{-1} \cdot (\text{Transformation Matrix in Frame}\{0\}) \cdot {}^0R_1$$

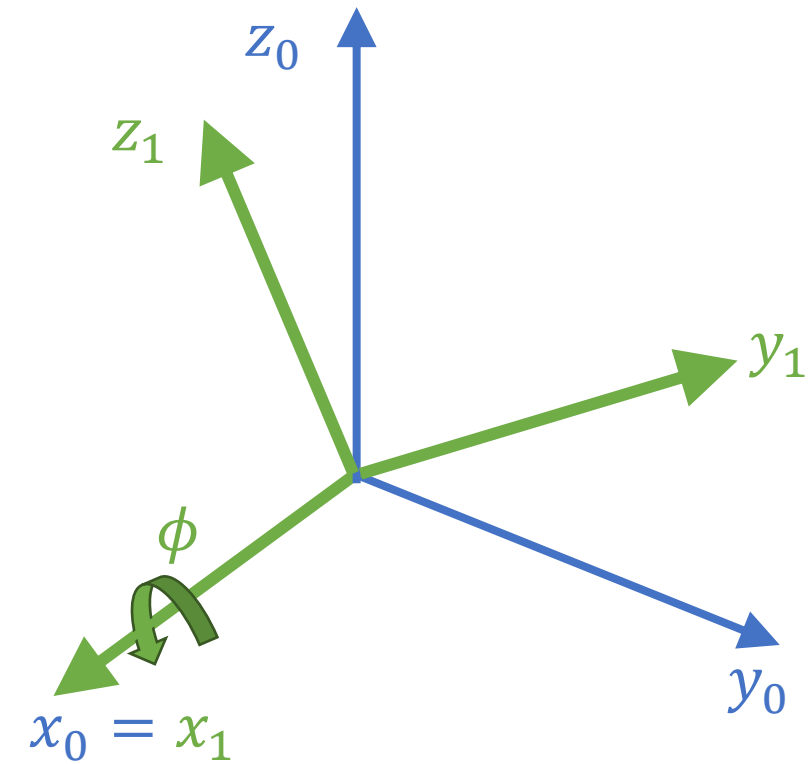
$${}^1R_2 = ({}^0R_1)^{-1} \cdot R_{z\theta} \cdot {}^0R_1$$

$${}^0R_2 = {}^0R_1 \cdot {}^1R_2 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Rotation 2} & \text{Rotation 1} \end{matrix}$$

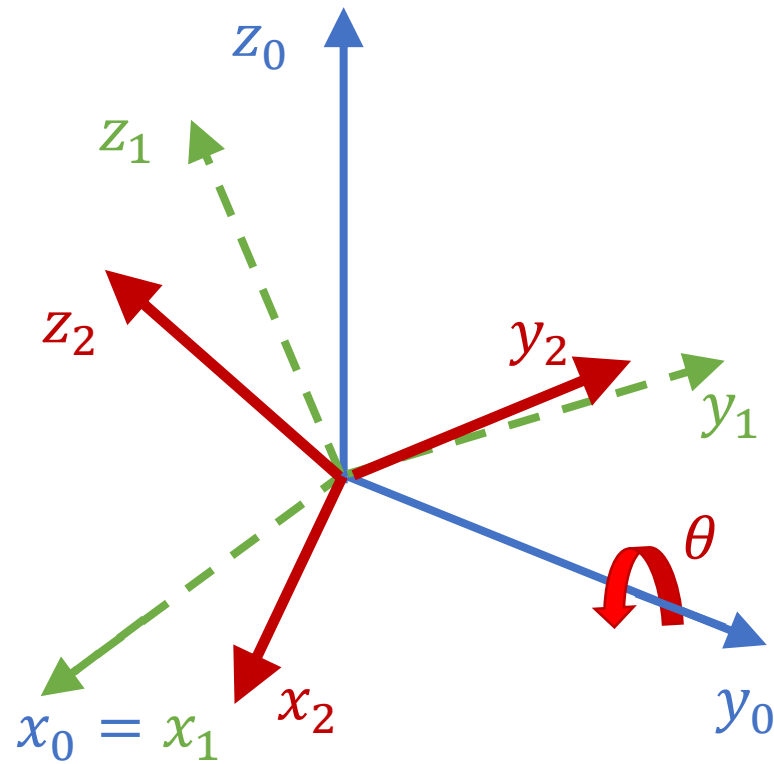
$${}^0R_2 = {}^0R_1 \cdot [({}^0R_1)^{-1} \cdot R_{z\theta} \cdot {}^0R_1] = R_{z\theta} \cdot {}^0R_1 = R_{z\theta} \cdot R_{y\phi}$$

Note that the rotation order **is reversed** from previous case.

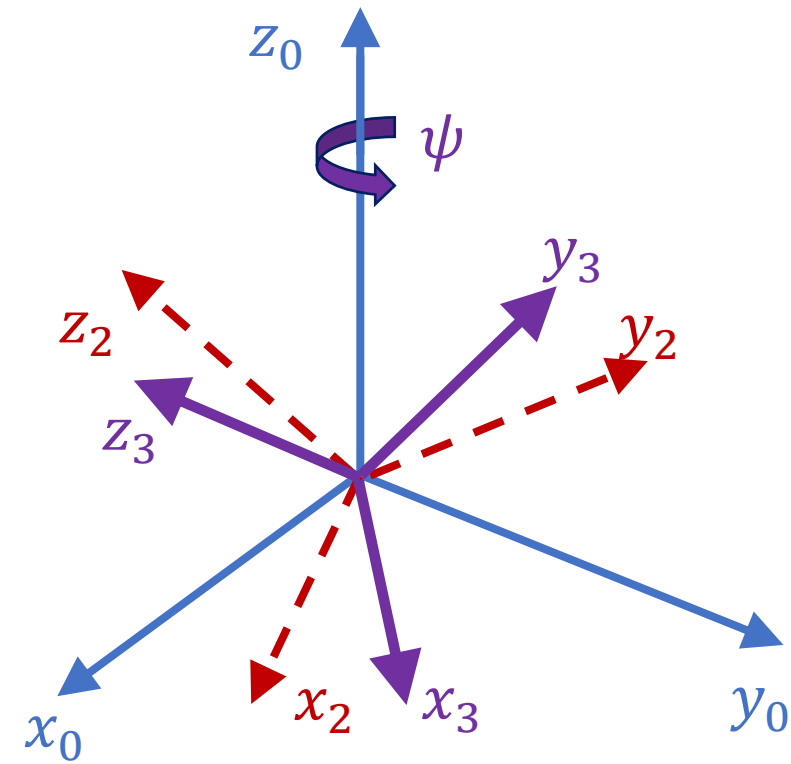
# Example 4: Rotation about Fixed Axes



$R_x(\phi)$

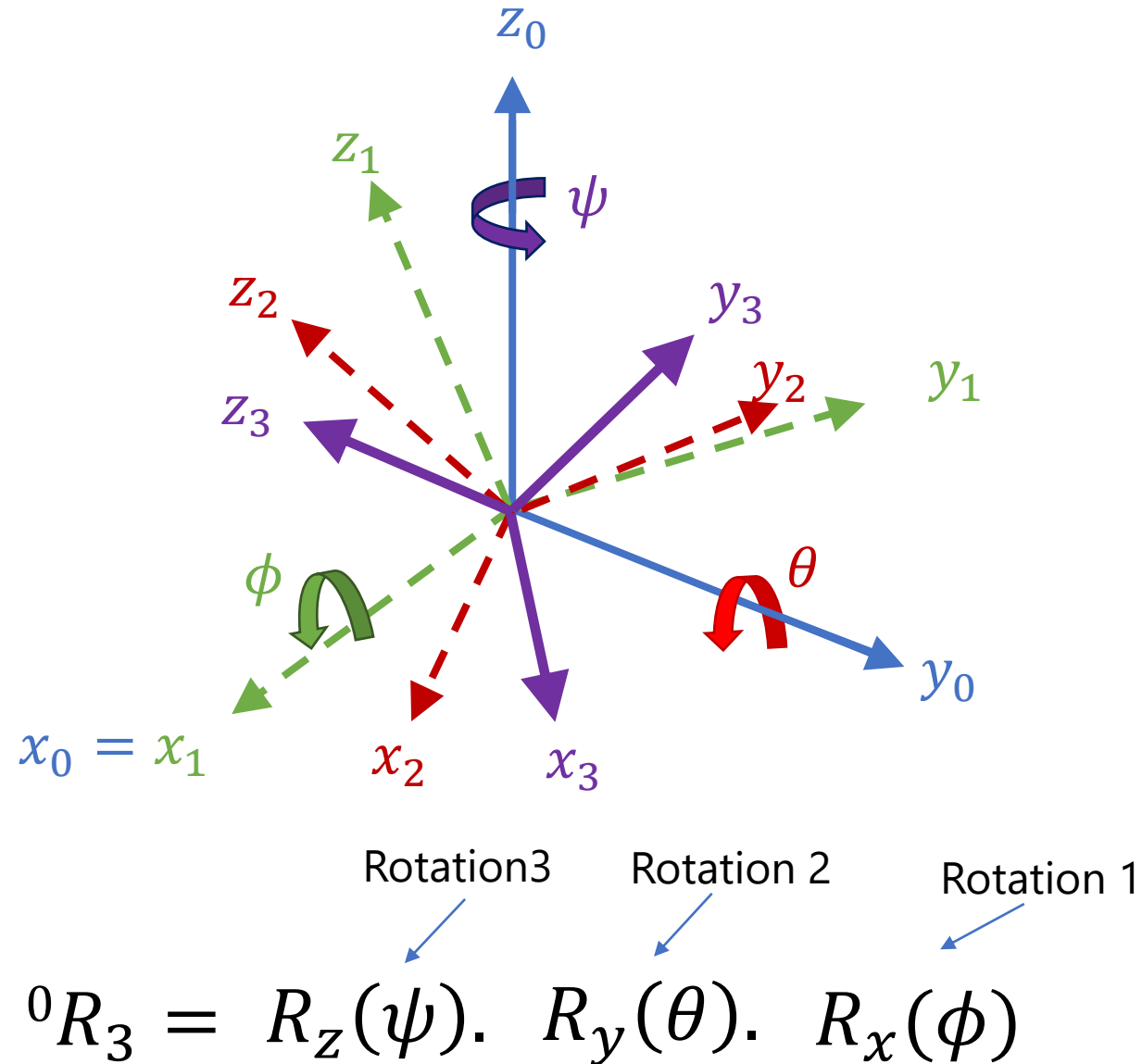


$R_y(\theta)$



$R_z(\psi)$

# Example 4: Rotation about Fixed Axes



# Quiz 2: Combined Rotations

1. A rotation of  $\theta$  about the current  $x$ -axis
2. A rotation of  $\phi$  about the current  $z$ -axis
3. A rotation of  $\alpha$  about the fixed  $z$ -axis
4. A rotation of  $\beta$  about the current  $y$ -axis
5. A rotation of  $\delta$  about the fixed  $x$ -axis

Hint:

If around current axis – post-multiply

If around fixed axis – pre-multiply

$$R = ???$$



# Answer

1. A rotation of  $\theta$  about the current  $x$ -axis
2. A rotation of  $\phi$  about the current  $z$ -axis
3. A rotation of  $\alpha$  about the fixed  $z$ -axis
4. A rotation of  $\beta$  about the current  $y$ -axis
5. A rotation of  $\delta$  about the fixed  $x$ -axis

If around current axis – post-multiply

If around fixed axis – pre-multiply

$$R = R_{x,\theta}$$

# Answer

1. A rotation of  $\theta$  about the current  $x$ -axis
2. A rotation of  $\phi$  about the current  $z$ -axis
3. A rotation of  $\alpha$  about the fixed  $z$ -axis
4. A rotation of  $\beta$  about the current  $y$ -axis
5. A rotation of  $\delta$  about the fixed  $x$ -axis

If around current axis – post-multiply  
If around fixed axis – pre-multiply

$$R = R_{x,\theta} R_{z,\phi}$$

# Answer

1. A rotation of  $\theta$  about the current  $x$ -axis
2. A rotation of  $\phi$  about the current  $z$ -axis
3. A rotation of  $\alpha$  about the fixed  $z$ -axis
4. A rotation of  $\beta$  about the current  $y$ -axis
5. A rotation of  $\delta$  about the fixed  $x$ -axis

If around current axis – post-multiply

If around fixed axis – pre-multiply

$$R = R_{z,\alpha} R_{x,\theta} R_{z,\phi}$$

# Answer

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If around current axis – post-multiply

If around fixed axis – pre-multiply

$$R = R_{x,\delta} R_{z,\alpha} R_{x,\theta} R_{z,\phi} R_{y,\beta}$$

# Parameterization of Rotation

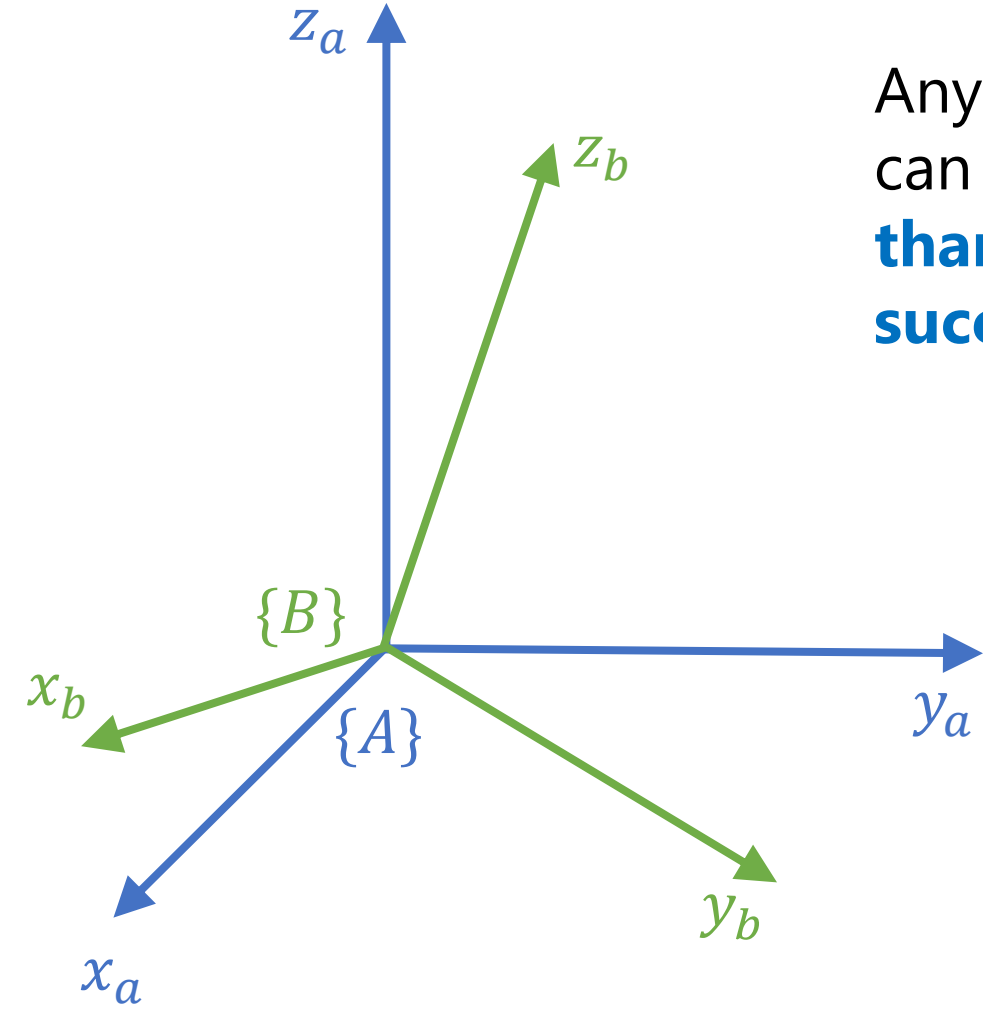
□ How do we represent a 3D rotation ?

Several conventions exist:

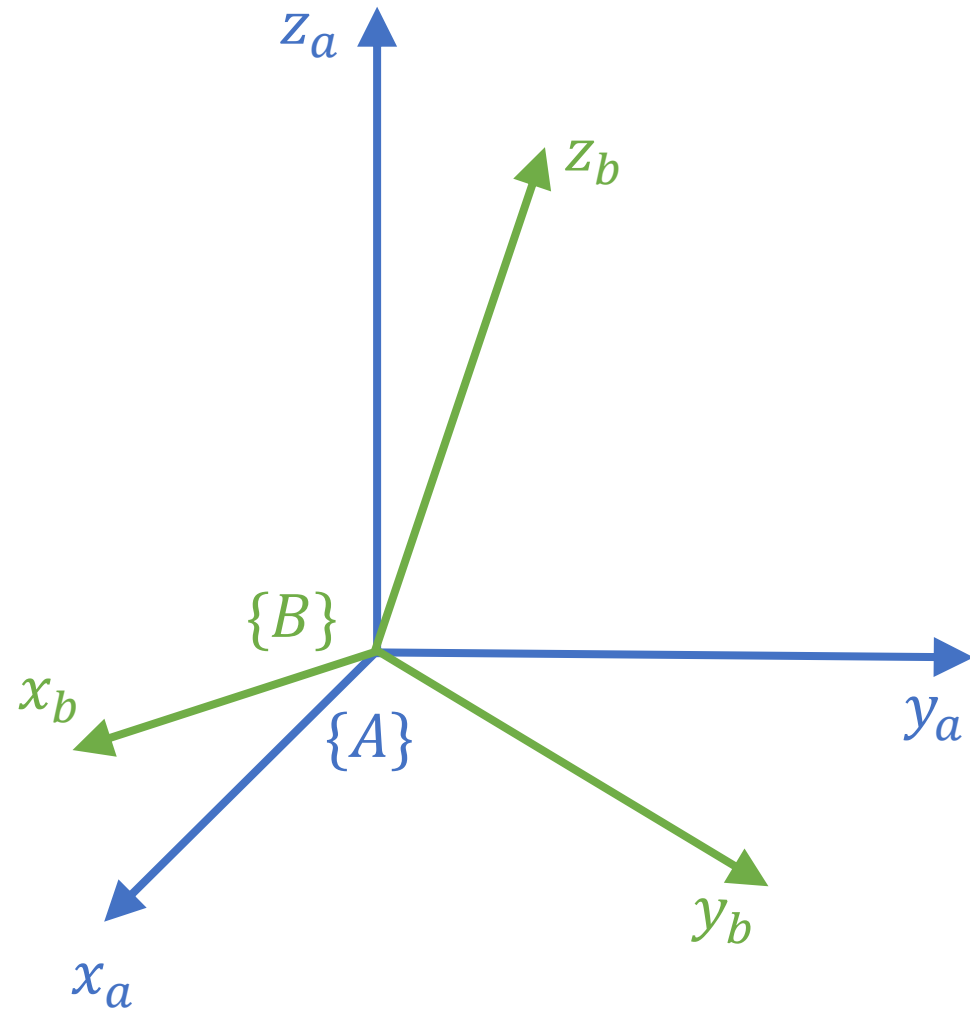
- Euler angle representation
- Roll-pitch-yaw representation
- Axis angle representation
- Quaternions

# Euler's Rotational Theorem

Any two independent orthonormal coordinate frames can be related by **a sequence of rotations (not more than 3)** about coordinate axes (e.g., x,y,z), where **no two successive rotations** may be about the **same axis**.



# Euler Angles



All possible rotation combinations which agree Euler's Rotational Theorem:

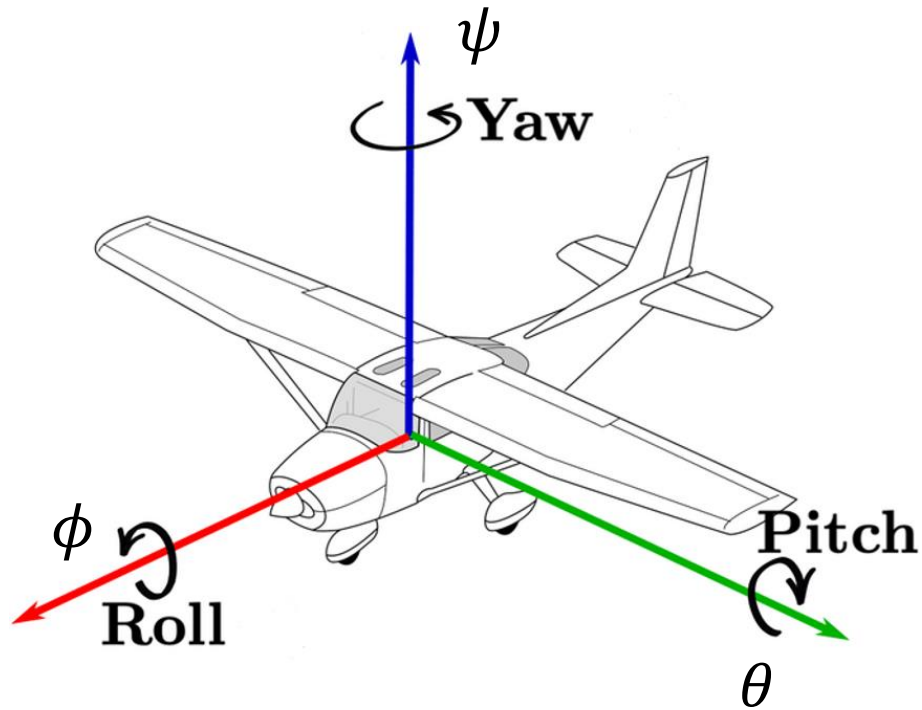
$XYX$	$XYZ$	$XZY$	$XZX$
$YXY$	$YXZ$	$YZX$	$YZY$
$ZXY$	$ZXZ$	$ZYX$	$ZYZ$

The combinations containing **two rotations around the same axis** are **Classic Euler Angles**. **ZYZ** is used in the Robotics toolbox for this course.

**XYZ** and **ZYX** conventions are used in the **Roll-Pitch-Yaw** representation (from Aviation).

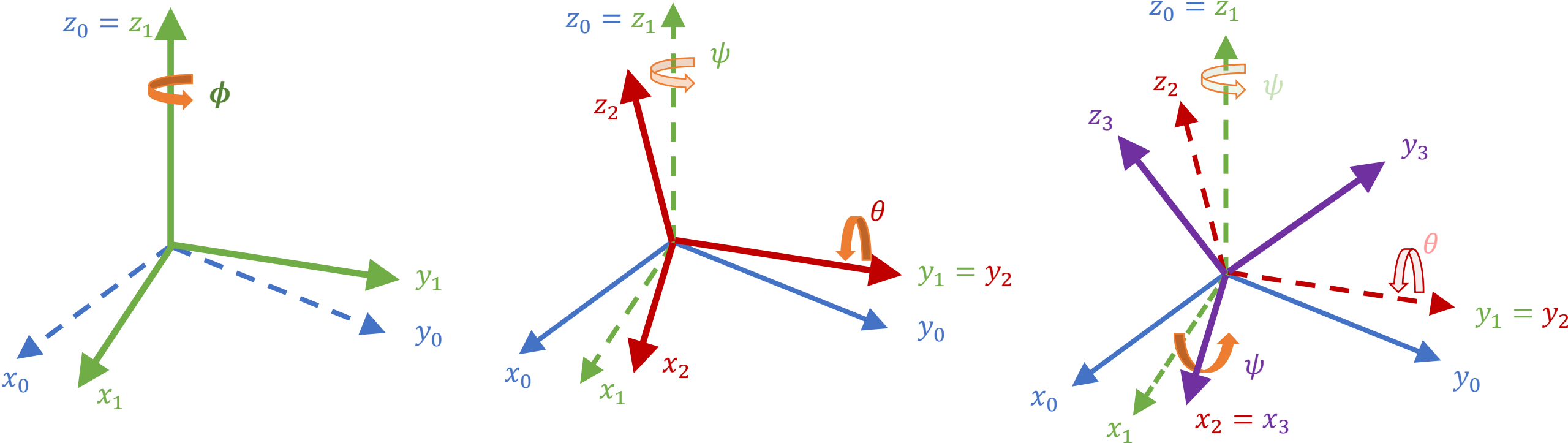


# Roll-Pitch-Yaw Representation



- The  $ZYX$  and  $XYZ$  conventions:  
 $\phi$  – Roll ;  $\theta$  – Pitch ;  $\psi$  – Yaw
- Generally, the  $ZYX$  convention in current axes in a body-centric coordinate frame is used.
- Roll-Pitch-Yaw can also be expressed in terms of a fixed frame.
- Pay attention to the order ( $XYZ$  v.s.  $ZYX$ ) used in different textbooks !

# Example 5: Rotation Around ZYX



$$R_{zyx}(\phi, \theta, \psi) = R_z(\phi) \cdot R_y(\theta) \cdot R_x(\psi)$$

## Example 5: Rotation Around ZYX

$$R_{zyx}(\phi, \theta, \psi) = R_z(\phi) \cdot R_y(\theta) \cdot R_x(\psi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi & -s_\phi & 0 \\ s_\phi & c_\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta & 0 & s_\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\theta & 0 & c_\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_\psi & -s_\psi \\ 0 & s_\psi & c_\psi \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi c_\theta & -s_\phi c_\psi + c_\phi s_\theta s_\psi & s_\phi s_\psi + c_\phi s_\theta c_\psi \\ s_\phi c_\theta & c_\phi c_\psi + s_\phi s_\theta s_\psi & -c_\phi s_\psi + s_\phi s_\theta c_\psi \\ -s_\theta & c_\theta s_\psi & c_\theta c_\psi \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## Example 6: Rotation Around ZYZ (Classic Euler Angles)

$$\begin{aligned} R_{ZYZ} &= R_{z,\phi} R_{y,\theta} R_{z,\psi} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi & -s_\phi & 0 \\ s_\phi & c_\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta & 0 & s_\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\theta & 0 & c_\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\psi & -s_\psi & 0 \\ s_\psi & c_\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi c_\theta c_\psi - s_\phi s_\psi & -c_\phi c_\theta s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta \\ s_\phi c_\theta c_\psi + c_\phi s_\psi & -s_\phi c_\theta s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta \\ -s_\theta c_\psi & s_\theta s_\psi & c_\theta \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Rotation Around ZYZ (Classic Euler Angles)

## □ Inverse kinematic problem for manipulator

- Given the rotation matrix  $R_{ZYZ}$ , what are the rotation angles?

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi c_\theta c_\psi - s_\phi s_\psi & -c_\phi c_\theta s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta \\ s_\phi c_\theta c_\psi + c_\phi s_\psi & -s_\phi c_\theta s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta \\ -s_\theta c_\psi & s_\theta s_\psi & c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

- If not both  $r_{12}$  and  $r_{23}$  are 0

$$c_\theta = r_{33}, \quad s_\theta = \pm \sqrt{1 - r_{33}^2}$$

$$\theta = \text{atan2} \left( r_{33}, \sqrt{1 - r_{33}^2} \right)$$

or

$$\theta = \text{atan2} \left( r_{33}, -\sqrt{1 - r_{33}^2} \right)$$

# Rotation Around ZYZ (Classic Euler Angles)

□ Inverse kinematic problem for manipulator

- If  $\theta = \text{atan2}\left(r_{33}, \sqrt{1 - r_{33}^2}\right)$

$$\phi = \text{atan2}(r_{13}, r_{23})$$

$$\psi = \text{atan2}(-r_{31}, r_{32})$$

- If  $\theta = \text{atan2}\left(r_{33}, -\sqrt{1 - r_{33}^2}\right)$

$$\phi = \text{atan2}(-r_{13}, -r_{23})$$

$$\psi = \text{atan2}(r_{31}, -r_{32})$$

# Rotation Around ZYZ (Classic Euler Angles)

## □ Inverse kinematic problem for manipulator

- If both  $r_{12}$  and  $r_{23}$  are 0

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \pm 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If  $r_{33} = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{\phi+\psi} & -s_{\phi+\psi} & 0 \\ s_{\phi+\psi} & c_{\phi+\psi} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If  $r_{33} = -1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -c_{\phi-\psi} & -s_{\phi-\psi} & 0 \\ s_{\phi-\psi} & c_{\phi-\psi} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

□ There are infinitely many solutions

# Issue of Euler Angle

❑ Loss of a DOF with Euler angles that is called Gimbal lock

Consider ZYX rotation

$$R_{zyx}(\phi, \theta, \psi) = \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi c_\theta & -s_\phi c_\psi + c_\phi s_\theta s_\psi & s_\phi s_\psi + c_\phi s_\theta c_\psi \\ s_\phi c_\theta & c_\phi c_\psi + s_\phi s_\theta s_\psi & -c_\phi s_\psi + s_\phi s_\theta c_\psi \\ -s_\theta & c_\theta s_\psi & c_\theta c_\psi \end{bmatrix}$$

When  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\cos\theta = 0$ . Then

$$R_{ZYX} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -s(\Phi + \varphi) & c(\Phi + \varphi) \\ 0 & c(\Phi + \varphi) & -s(\Phi + \varphi) \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

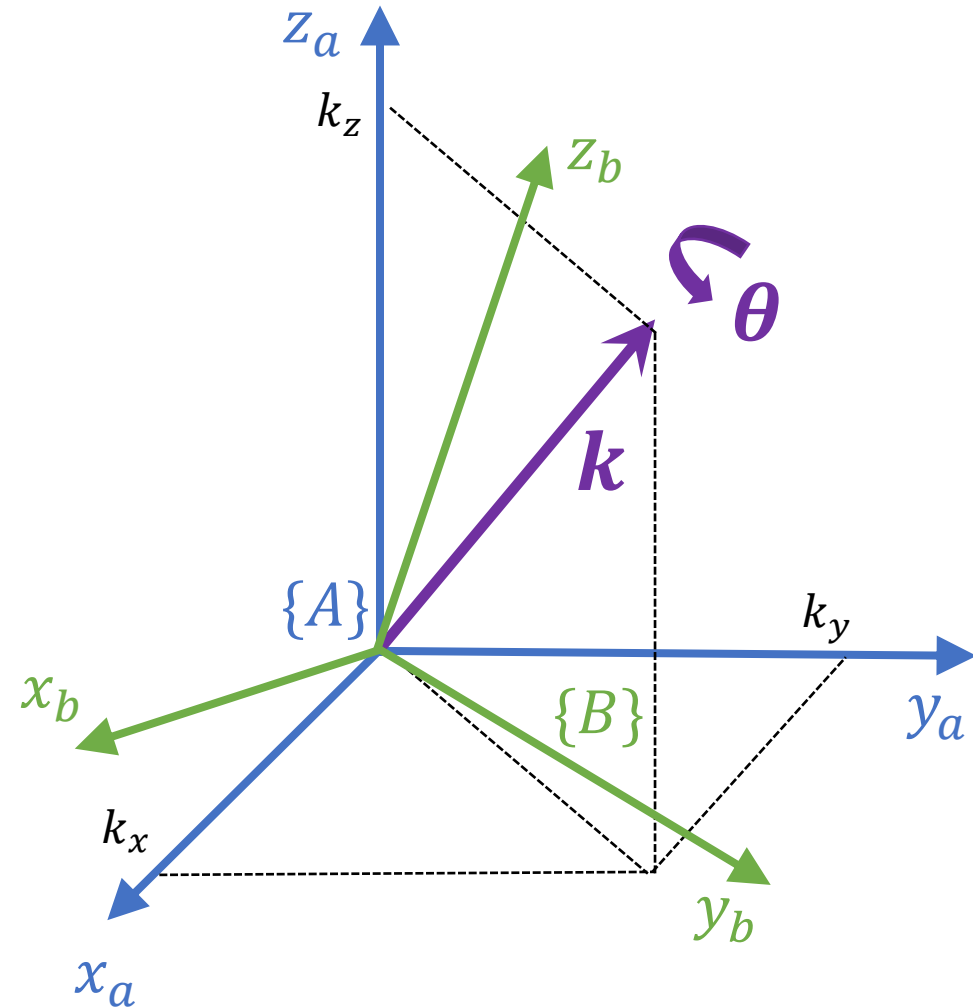
**Solution:** Quaternion-based rotation matrix representation

**Change in  $\Phi$  and  $\varphi$  has the same effect !!**

“The gimbal lock problem does not make Euler angles **invalid**, but it makes them unsuited for some practical applications.” [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gimbal\\_lock](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gimbal_lock)]



# Axis Angle Representation



Any two independent orthonormal coordinate frames (e.g., **{A}** and **{B}**) can be related by a **single rotation** about **some axis ( $k$ )**.

$k$  : axis of rotation

$\theta$  : angle of rotation about axis  $k$

$k$  must be unchanged by the rotation. Therefore,  $k$  must be an eigenvector of the rotation matrix  $R$

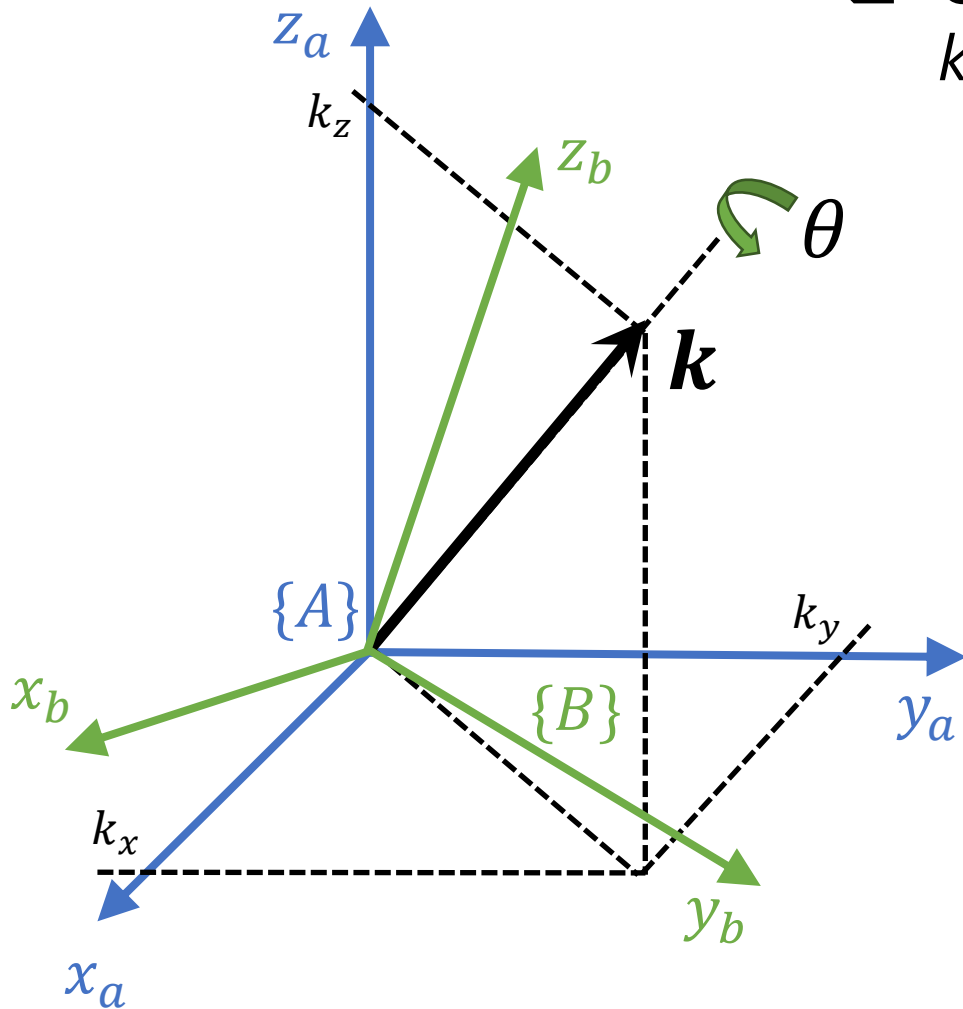
# Axis Angle Representation

- Given the rotation matrix  $R \in SO(3)$ , the rotation axis  $k$  and angle  $\theta$  are given by:

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

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} - 1}{2} \right)$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$



## Example 7: Axis Angle Representation

- Suppose  $R$  is generated by a rotation of  $60^\circ$  about  $x_0$ , followed by a rotation of  $30^\circ$  about  $y_1$  followed by a rotation of  $90^\circ$  about  $z_2$  (XYZ Euler angles). Find  $k$  and  $\theta$  that represent equivalent rotation.

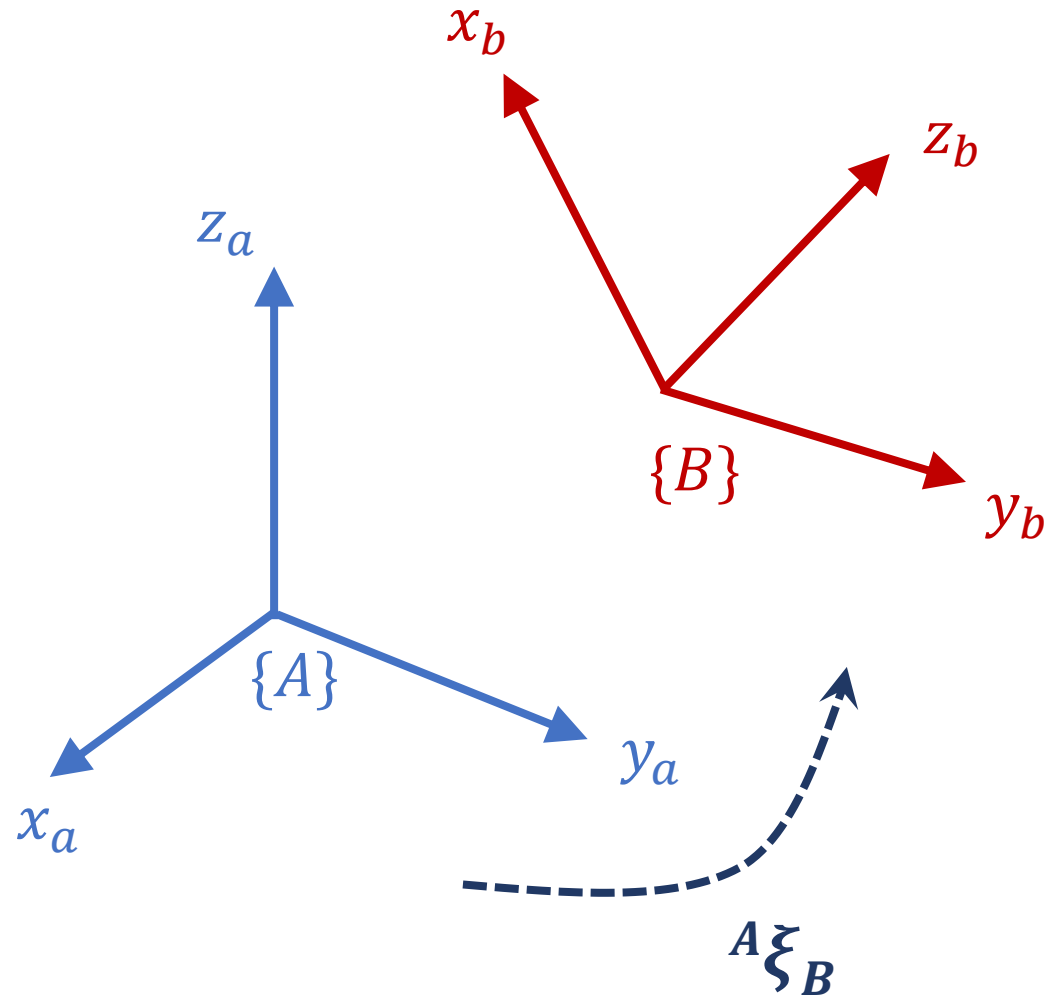
$$R = R_{x,60}R_{y,30}R_{z,90} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} - 1}{2} \right) \rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) = 120^\circ$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow k = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^T$$

# Homogeneous Transformations

# Robot Kinematics



To specify the location of an end-effector we need its Position and orientation – i.e.: a “Frame”

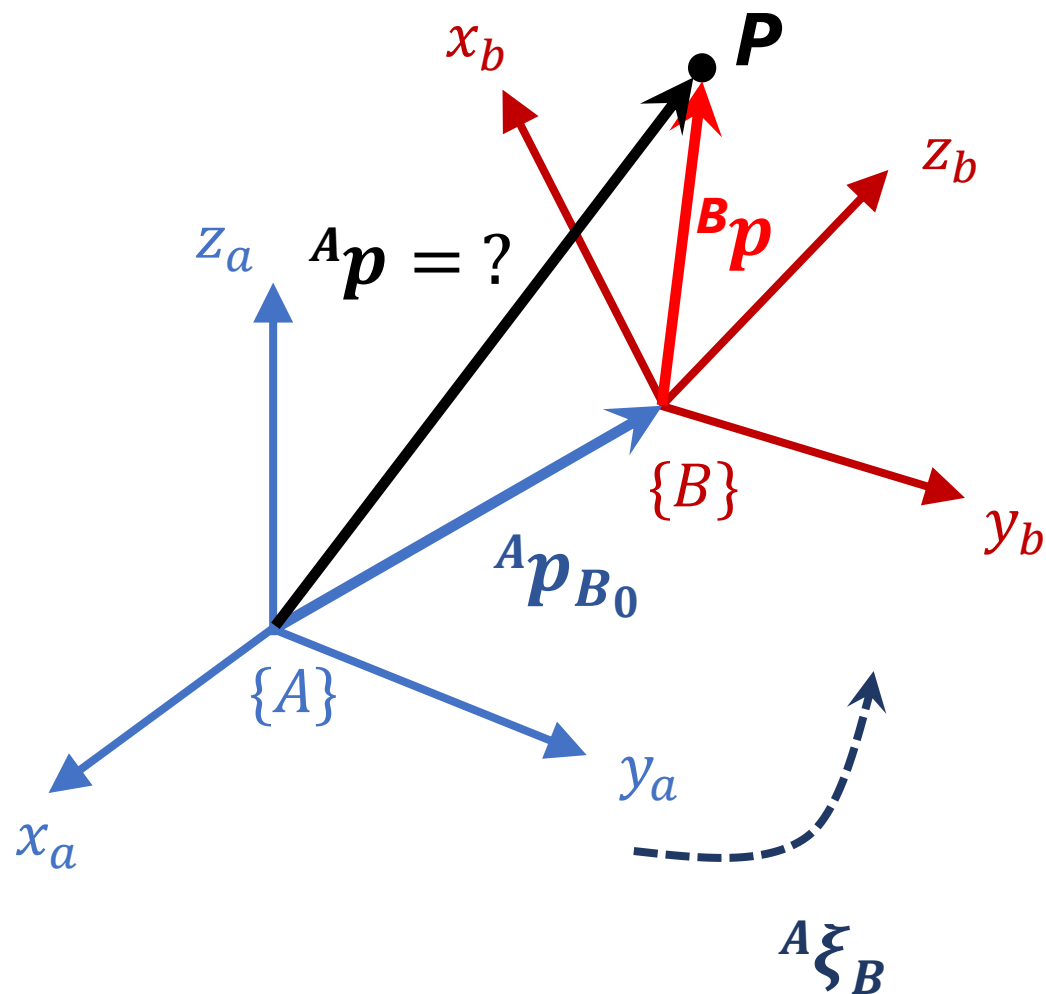
If frame  $\{B\}$  represents end effector, its orientation and location w.r.t  $\{A\}$  are defined by,

$${}^A\xi_B = \{{}^AR_B, {}^A\mathbf{p}_{B0}\}$$

Orientation:  ${}^AR_B$

Translation:  ${}^A\mathbf{p}_{B0}$

# Mapping of Frames Revisited



Recall,

$${}^A\mathbf{p} = {}^A\xi_B {}^B\mathbf{p}$$

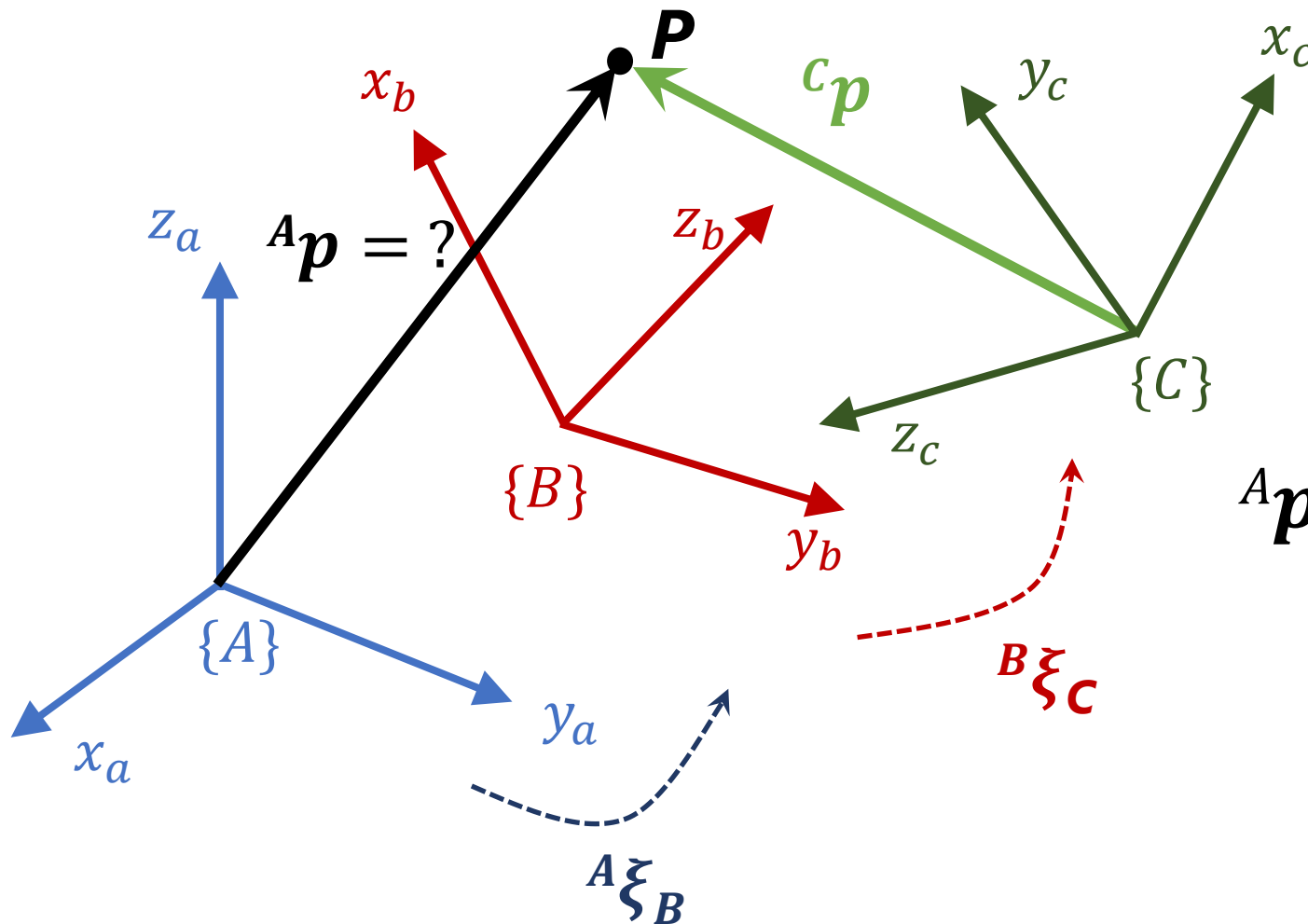
$${}^A\mathbf{p} = {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{p} + {}^A\mathbf{p}_{B0}$$

${}^A R_B$ : **rotational** transformation matrix expressing the orientation of {B} relative to {A}

${}^A\mathbf{p}_{B0}$ : **translational** transformation vector from the origin of {A} to the origin of frame {B}

# Mapping of Frames Revisited

- Two motions (e.g. two-link robots)

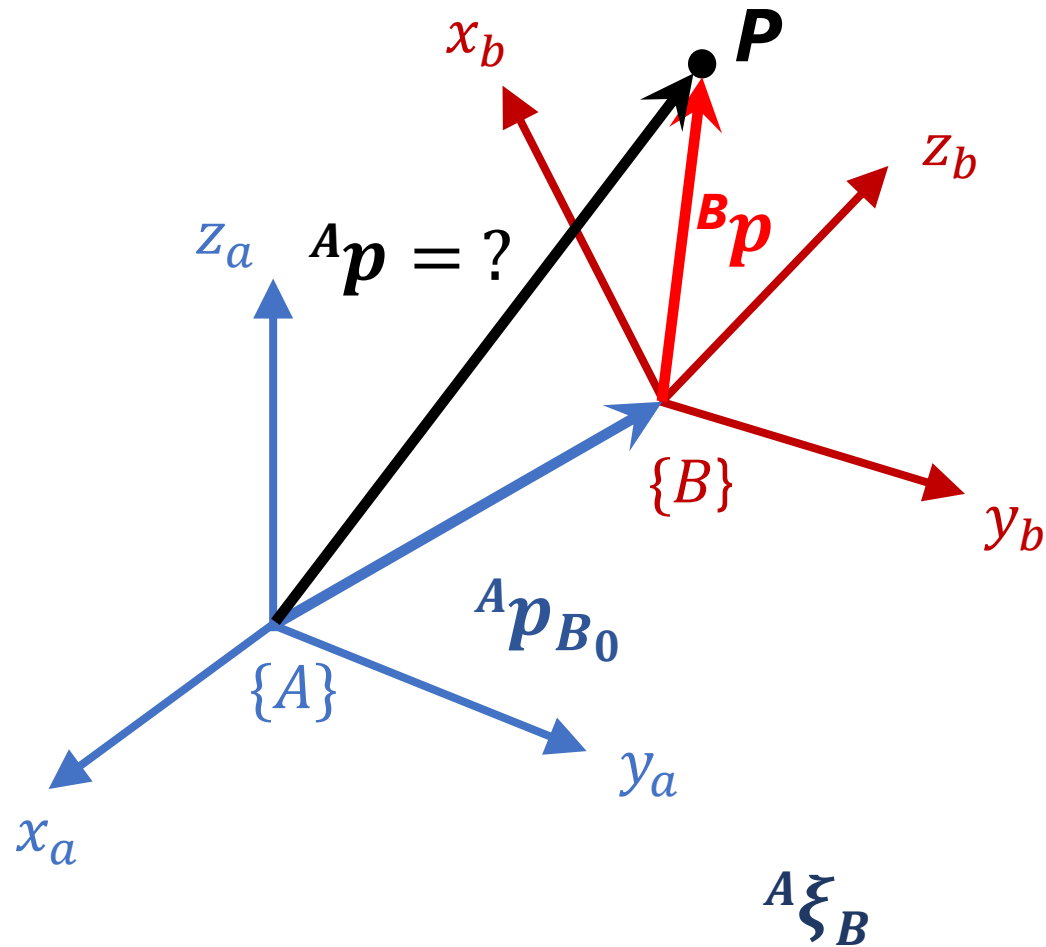


$${}^A\mathbf{p} = {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{p} + {}^A\mathbf{p}_{Bo}$$

$${}^B\mathbf{p} = {}^B R_C {}^C\mathbf{p} + {}^B\mathbf{p}_{Co}$$

$${}^A\mathbf{p} = {}^A R_B {}^B R_C {}^C\mathbf{p} + {}^A R_B {}^B\mathbf{p}_{Co} + {}^A\mathbf{p}_{Bo}$$

# Single transformation operator to replace pose ( ${}^A\xi_B$ )



$${}^Ap = {}^AR_B {}^Bp + {}^Ap_{B0}$$

$${}^Ap = [{}^AR_B \quad {}^Ap_{B0}] \begin{bmatrix} {}^Bp \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} {}^Bp \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Modify above expression as,

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^Ap \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} {}^AR_B & {}^Ap_{B0} \\ 0 \ 0 \ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{{}^AT_B} \begin{bmatrix} {}^Bp \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Homogeneous Transformation**



# Homogeneous Transformation Operator ( ${}^xT_y$ )

$${}^AT_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^AR_B & {}^A\mathbf{p}_{Bo} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ❑ Contains position and orientation information
- ❑ 3 dimensional applications result in a 4 x 4 matrix
- ❑ Can define a frame (i.e., pose)
- ❑ Can map a point defined in frame  $\{B\}$ , relative to frame  $\{A\}$

Rotation-only transformation

$${}^AT_B = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & 0 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Translation-only transformation

$${}^AT_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & x_0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Special Euclidian Group

□ A rigid body motion comprising of an ordered pair  $(d, R)$

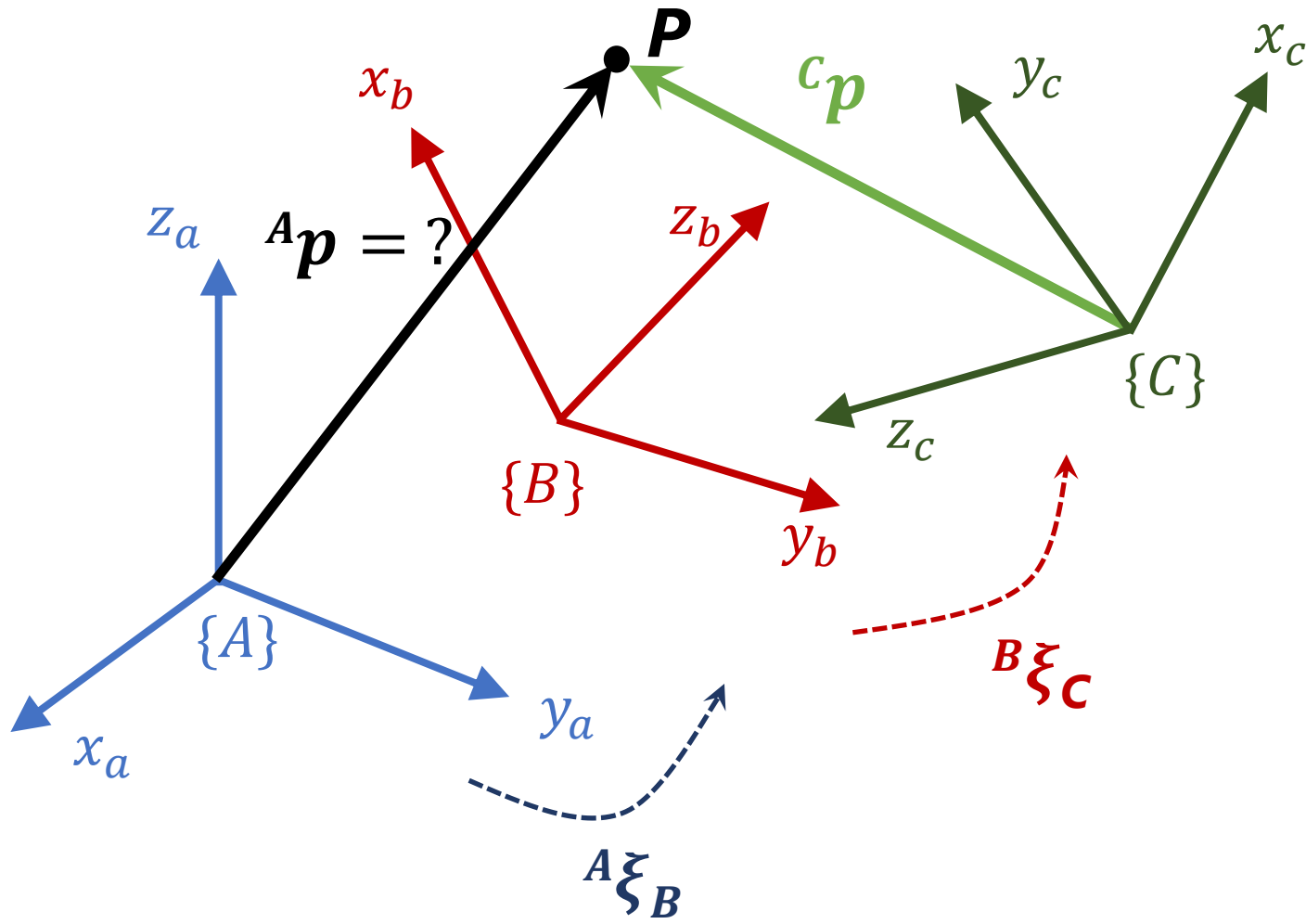
- $d \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is translation operator
- $R \in SO(3)$  is rotation operator

$$T = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} R & & & d \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$(d, R)$  forms the Special Euclidean Group  $SE(3)$ .

$$SE(3) = \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(3)$$

# Compounding Frames using $T$



Given that we know  ${}^C p$ , find  ${}^A p$ ?

Compound transformation


$${}^A T_C = {}^A T_B {}^B T_C$$

# Compounding Frames using $T$

$${}^AT_C = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} {}^AR_B & & & {}^A\mathbf{p}_{Bo} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \times \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} {}^BR_C & & & {}^B\mathbf{p}_{Co} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Rotation Operator

Translation Operator


$${}^AT_C = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} {}^AR_B {}^BR_C & & & {}^AR_B {}^B\mathbf{p}_{Co} + {}^A\mathbf{p}_{Bo} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

- Multiplication of matrixes is not commutative
- Order of rotations is important

# Example 8: Homogeneous Transformation

The homogeneous transformation matrix  $H$  that represents a rotation by angle  $\alpha$  about the current x-axis followed by a translation of  $b$  units along the current x-axis, followed by a translation of  $d$  units along the current z-axis, followed by a rotation by angle  $\theta$  about the current z-axis, is given by:

Answer

$$Rot_{x,\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\alpha & -\sin\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \sin\alpha & \cos\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Trans_{x,b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Trans_{z,d} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Rot_{z,\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example 8: Homogeneous Transformation

A rotation by angle  $\alpha$  about the current x-axis followed by a translation of  $b$  units along the current x-axis, followed by a translation of  $d$  units along the current z-axis, followed by a rotation by angle  $\theta$  about the current z-axis

$$H = Rot_{x,\alpha} Trans_{x,b} Trans_{z,d} Rot_{z,\theta}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\alpha & -s\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & -s\theta & 0 & 0 \\ s\theta & c\theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & -s\theta & 0 & b \\ c\alpha s\theta & c\alpha c\theta & -s\alpha & -ds\alpha \\ s\alpha s\theta & s\alpha c\theta & c\alpha & dc\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Transformation Rules for Robot Arms

- ❑ Robot has  $n + 1$  links, numbered from 0 to  $n$ , base is taken as link 0
- ❑ Each joint has a variable  $q_i$ :
  - If revolute,  $q_i = \theta_i$  (angle of rotation)
  - If prismatic,  $q_i = d_i$  (joint displacement)
- ❑  ${}^{i-1}T_i$  is the transformation matrix that transforms the coordinates of a point from frame  $i$  to frame  $i - 1$

# Transformation Rules for Robot Arms

- In DH Convention\* each homogeneous transformation  ${}^{i-1}T_i$  represents the product of four basic homogeneous transformations.

$${}^{i-1}T_i = R_{z(i-1)}(\theta_i) \cdot Q_{z(i-1)}(d_i) \cdot Q_{xi}(a_i) \cdot R_{xi}(\alpha_i)$$

angle          offset          length   twist

\* Will be discussed in lecture 4



# Lecture 3 Summary

- ❑  ${}^A\xi_B$  : Pose of frame  $B$  with respect to frame  $A$ .
- ❑ **Pose** contains rotational **and** translation components
- ❑ Rotation matrix can be represented by Classic Euler Angles, Roll-Pitch-Yaw, Axis-Angle conventions
- ❑ Homogeneous transformation helps us to represent a point defined in a frame, with respect to another frame.

$$T = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} R & & & d \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

# Lecture 4 – Denavit Hartenberg Convention

- ❑ Familiarise yourself with matrix operations
- ❑ Selection of joint frames using DH method
- ❑ Forward kinematics: Calculate the pose of end-effector using homogeneous transformation

## Example 9

A robot is set up 1 meter from a table. The tabletop is 1 meter high and 1 meter square. A frame  $o_1x_1y_1z_1$  is fixed to the edge of the table as shown. A cube measuring 20 cm on a side is placed in the center of the table with frame  $o_2x_2y_2z_2$  established at the center of the cube as shown. A camera is situated directly above the center of the block 2m above the tabletop with frame  $o_3x_3y_3z_3$  attached as shown. Find the homogeneous transformations relating each of these frames to the base frame  $o_0x_0y_0z_0$ . Find the homogeneous transformation relating the frame  $o_2x_2y_2z_2$  to the camera frame  $o_3x_3y_3z_3$ .

