

CS 4610/5335 – Lecture 2

Representations and Transformations

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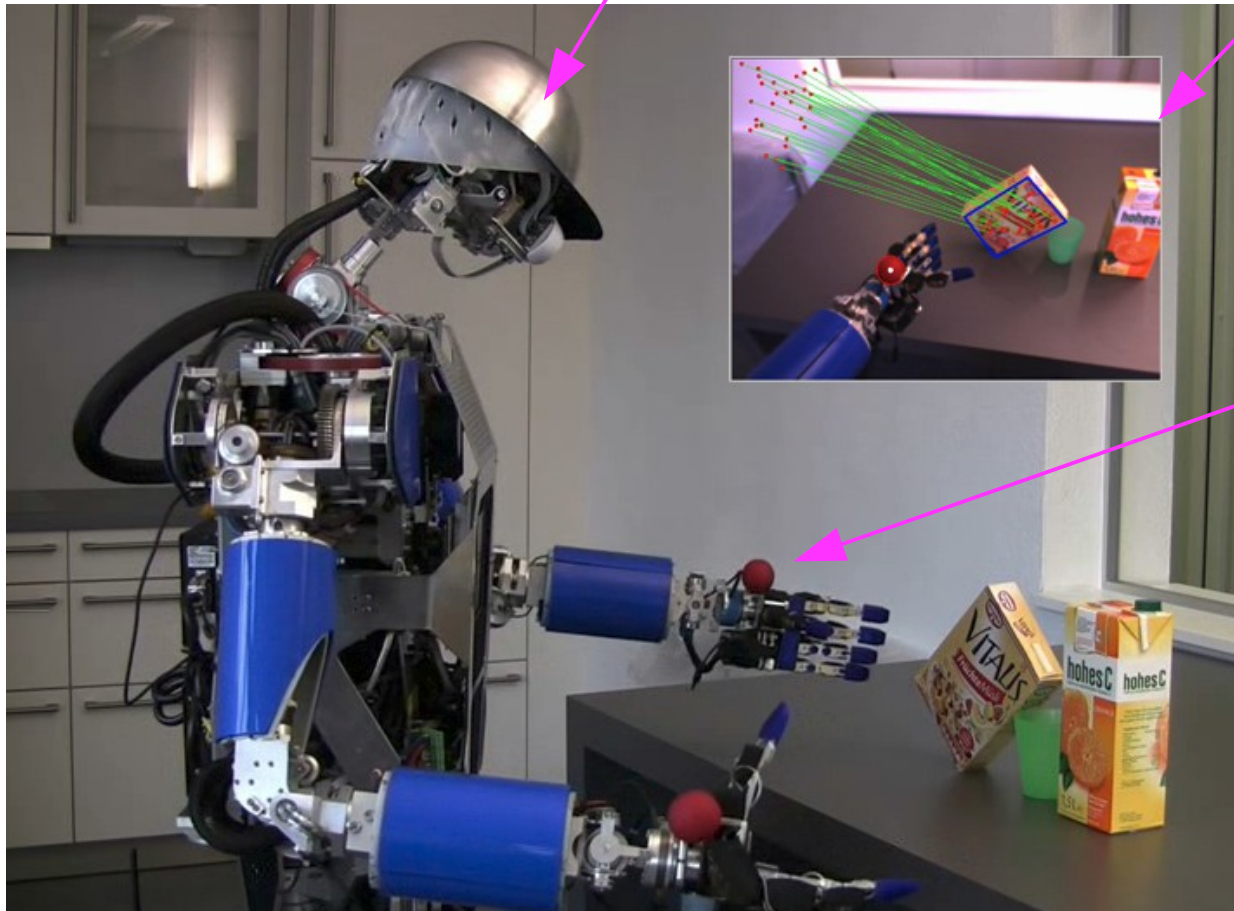
Instructions for MATLAB and Robotics Toolbox (@7)

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Transformations

Joint encoders tell us head angle

Visual perception
tells us object position
and orientation (pose)

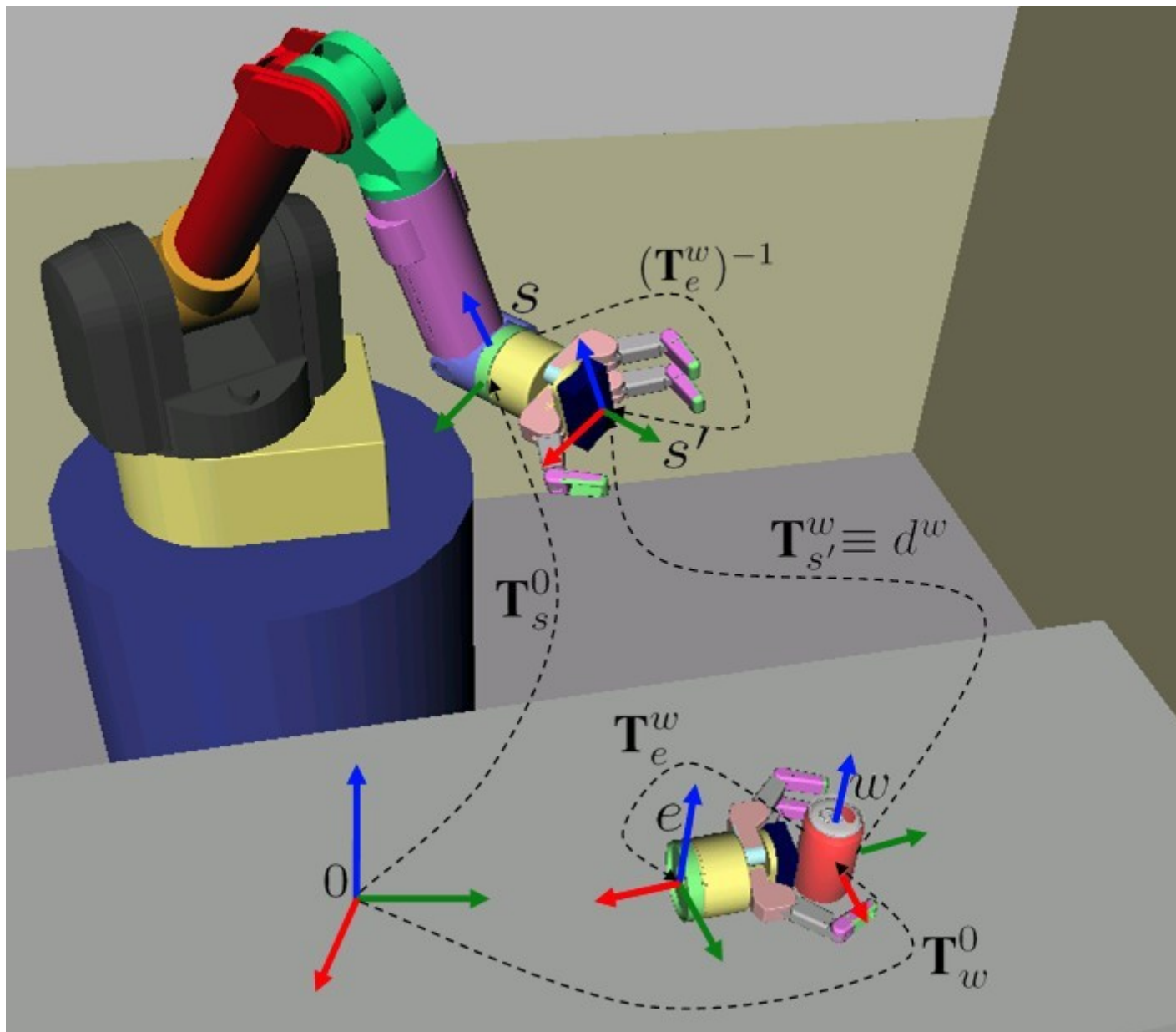


Need to know
where hand is...

Need to tell the hand
where to move!

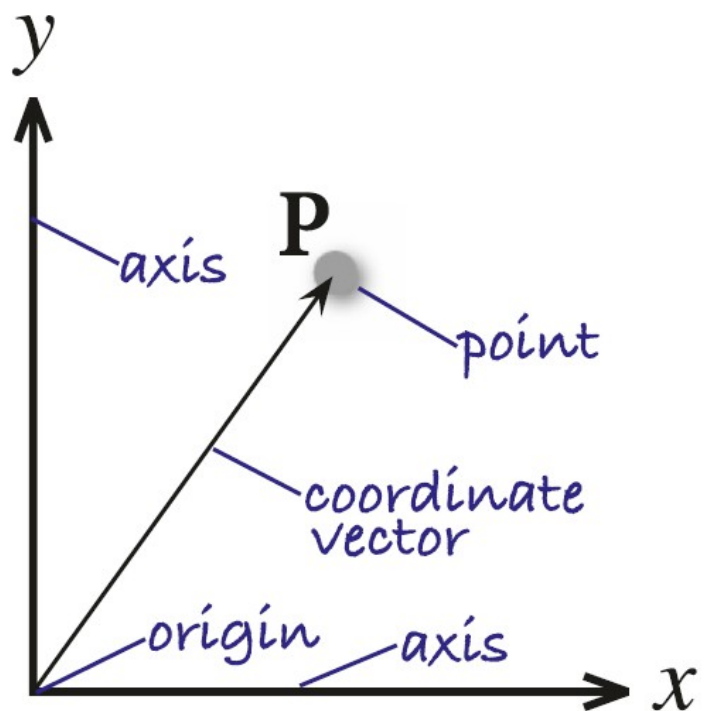
KIT Humanoid

Transformations

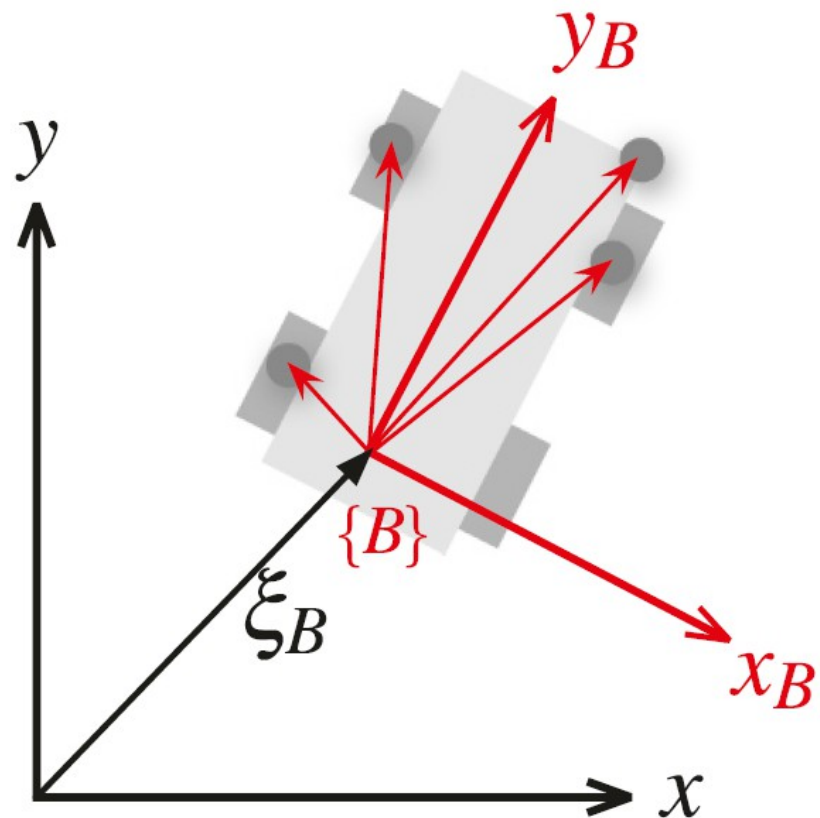


Representations

a



b

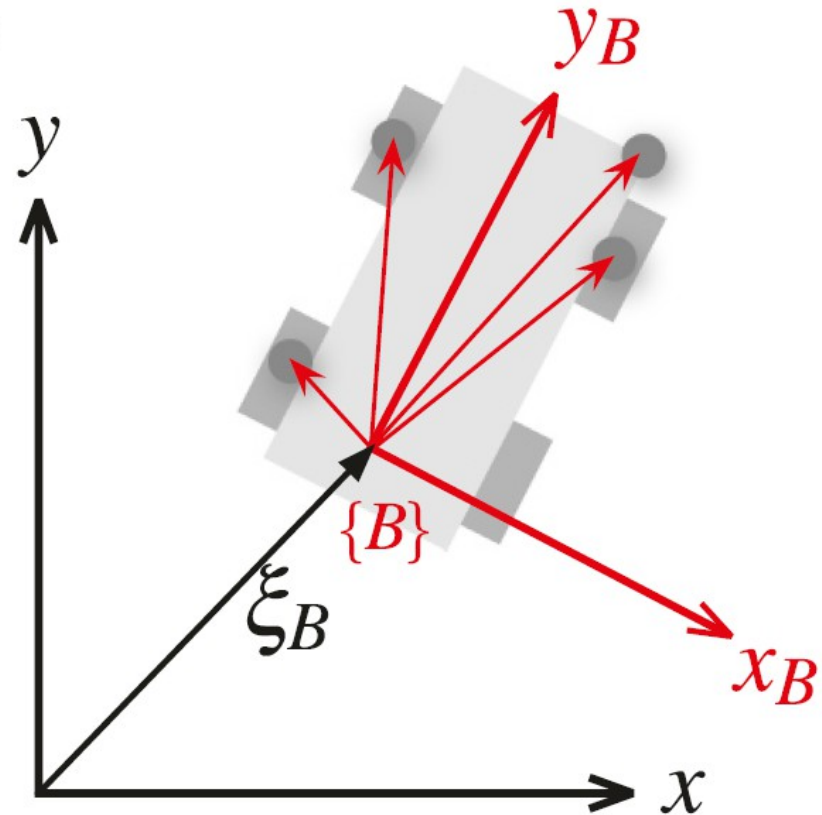


Representations

Fig. 2.1. b

a The point P is described by a coordinate vector with respect to an absolute coordinate frame.

b The points are described with respect to the object's coordinate frame $\{B\}$ which in turn is described by a relative pose ξ_B . Axes are denoted by thick lines with an open arrow, vectors by thin lines with a swept arrow head and a pose by a thick line with a solid head



Transformations

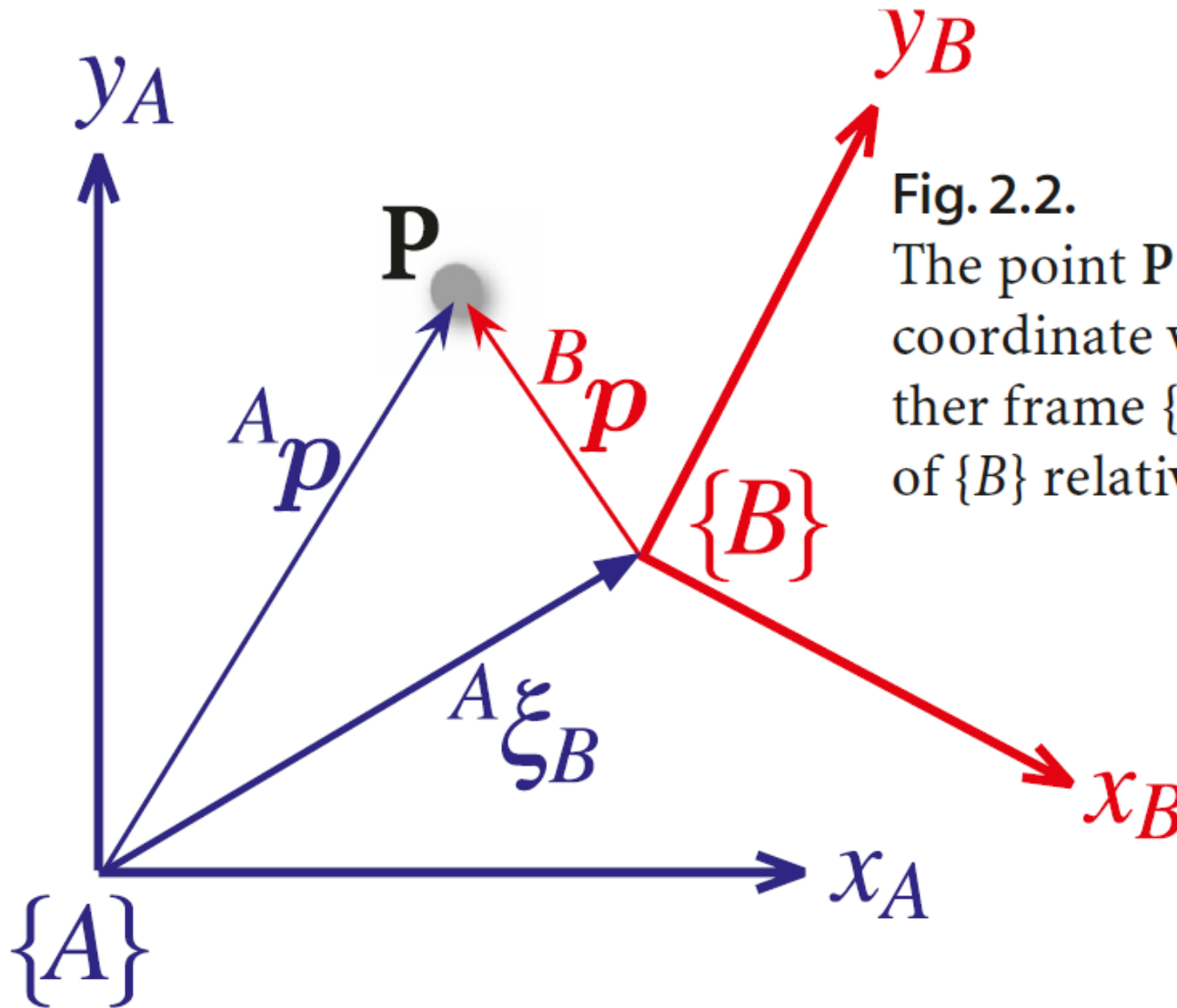


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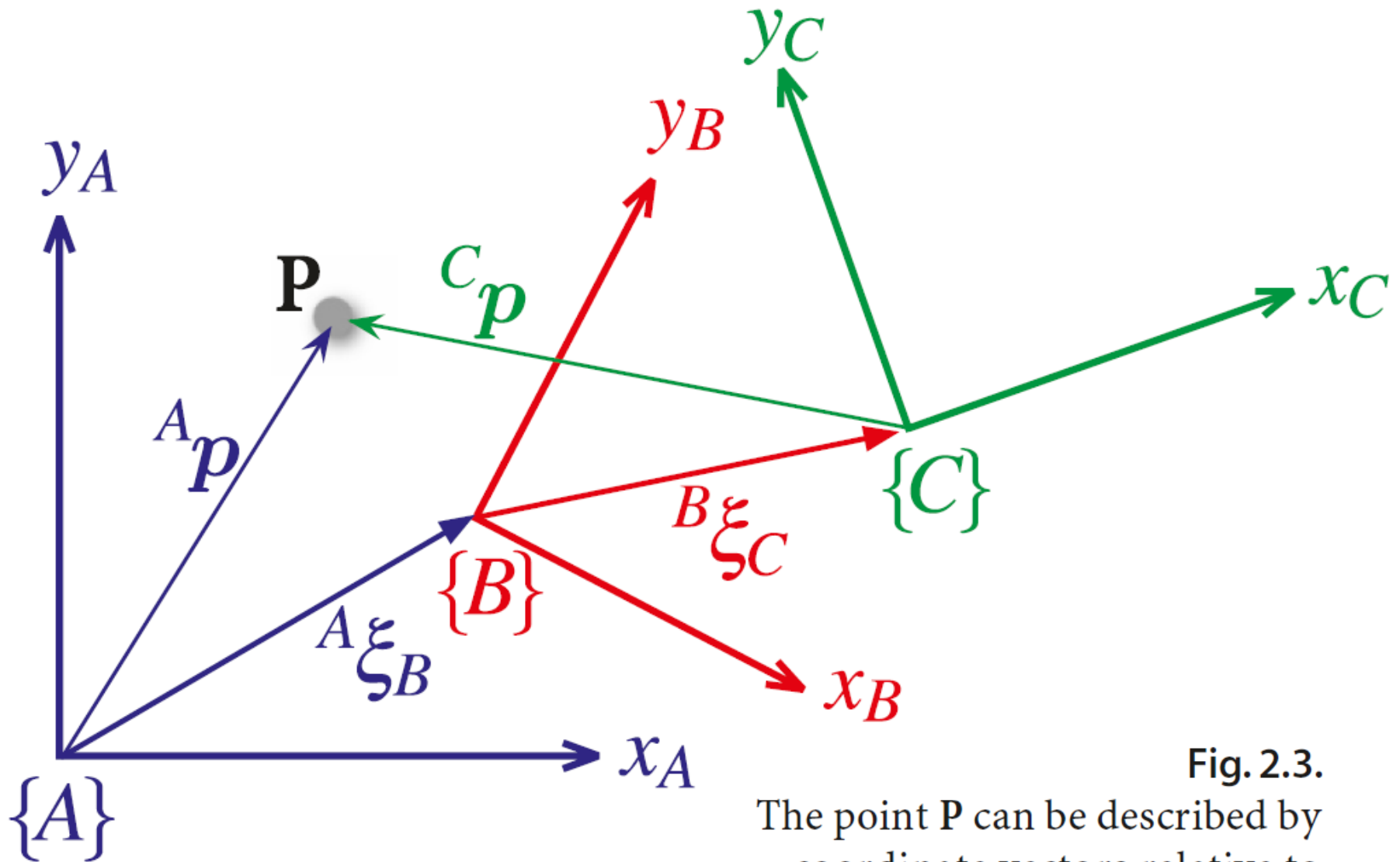
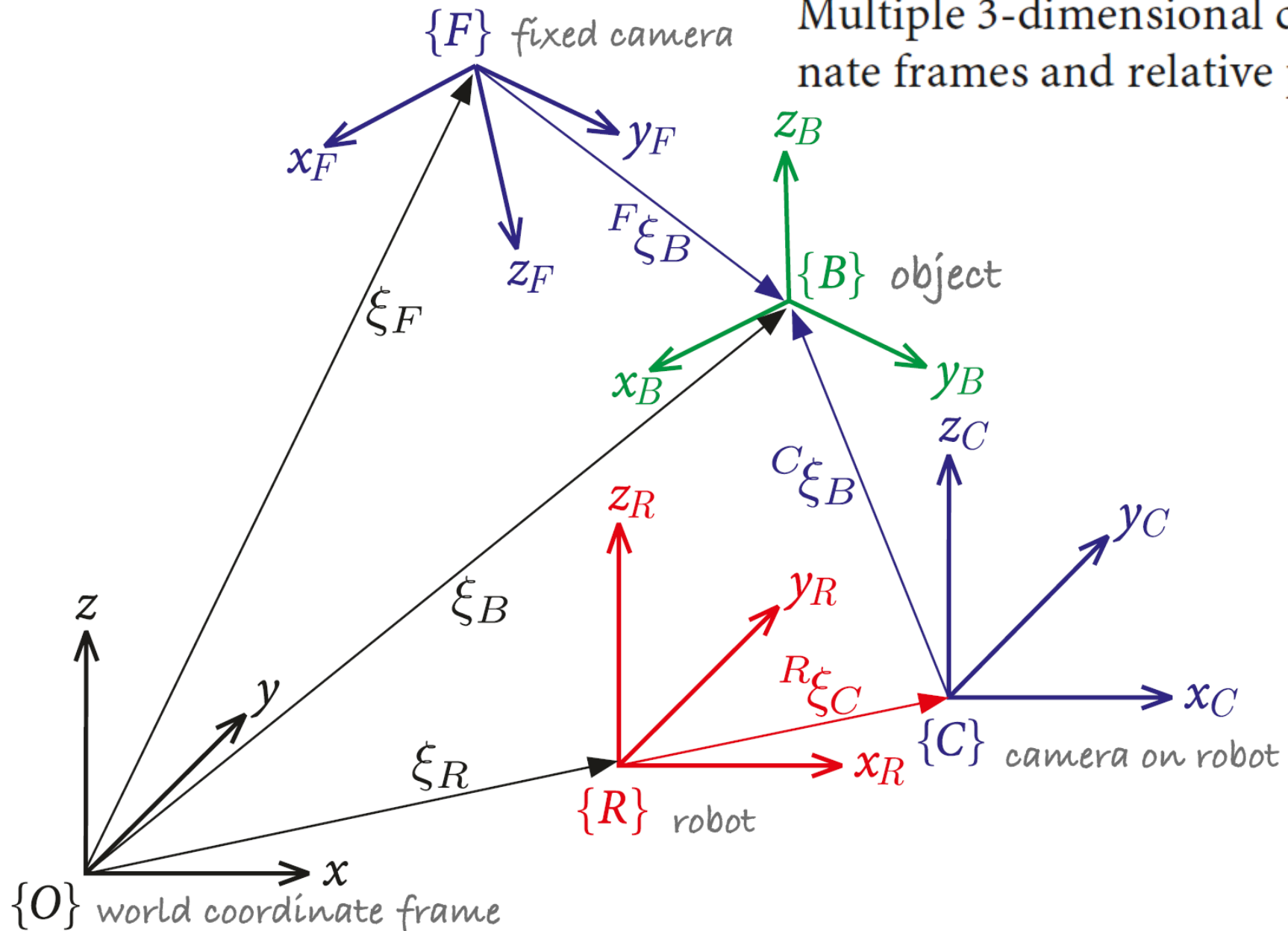


Fig. 2.3.
The point P can be described by coordinate vectors relative to either frame $\{A\}$, $\{B\}$ or $\{C\}$. The frames are described by relative poses

Transformations

Fig. 2.4.

Multiple 3-dimensional coordinate frames and relative poses



Transformations

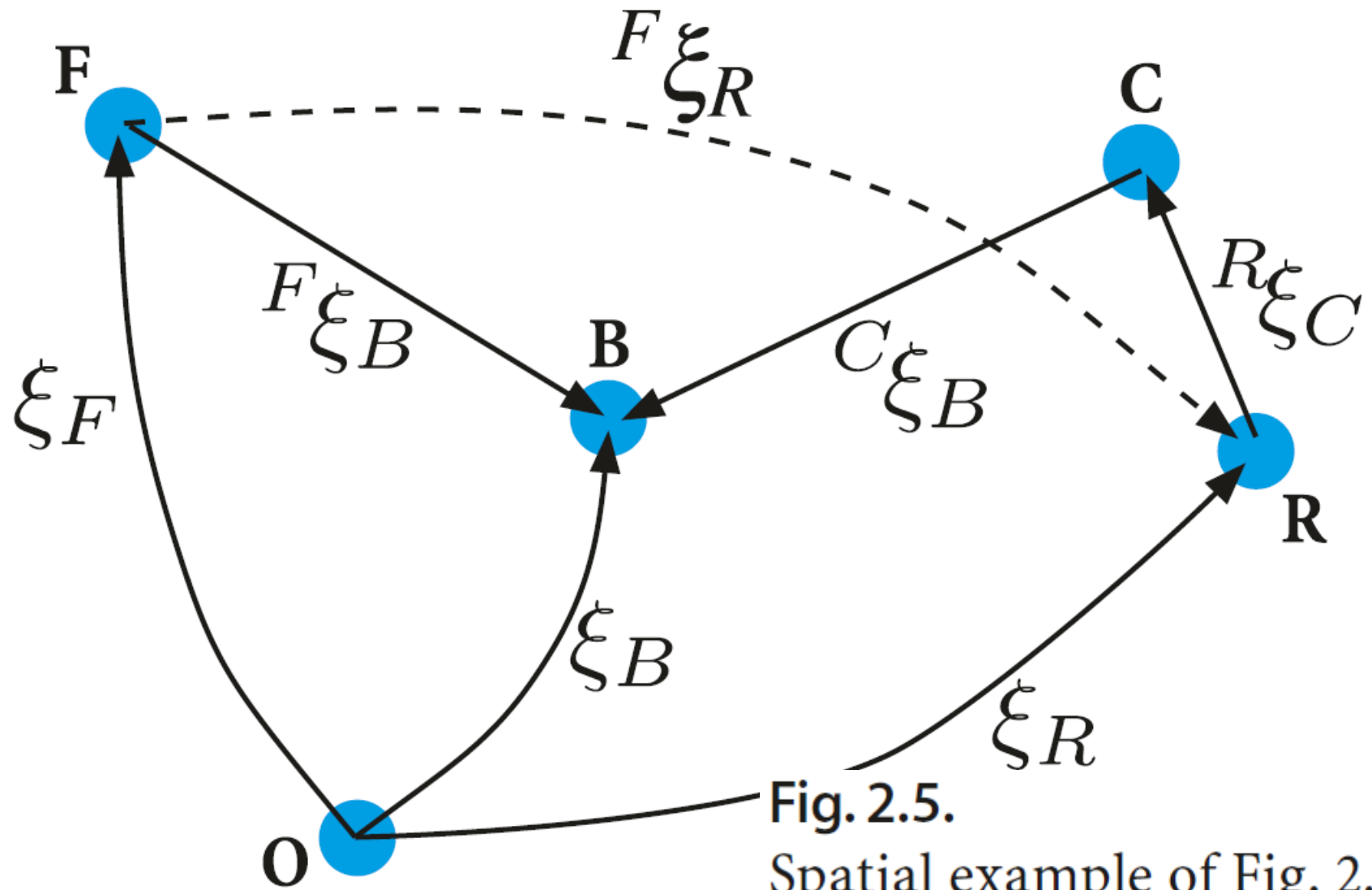


Fig. 2.5.
Spatial example of Fig. 2.4
expressed as a directed graph

Outline

Vector / matrix refresher

$SO(2)$: 2-D rotation / orientation

$SE(2)$: 2-D transformations

$SO(3)$: 3-D rotation / orientation

$SE(3)$: 3-D transformations

More representations for 3-D rotations (time permitting)

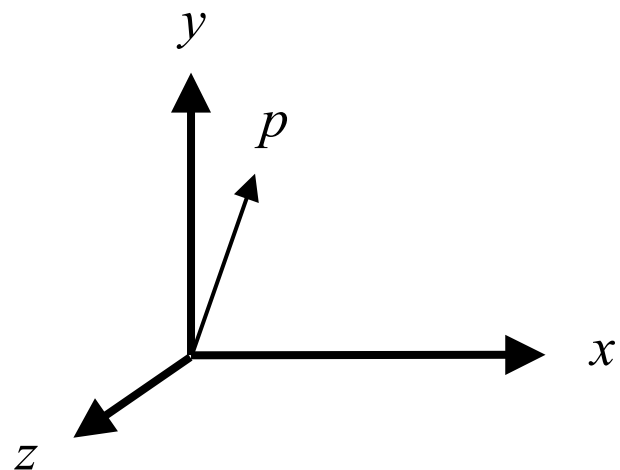
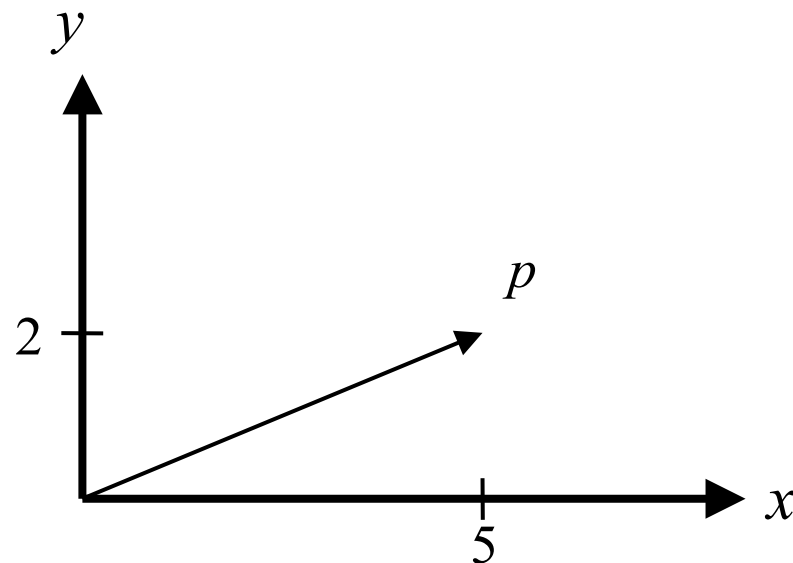
- Euler angles
- Axis-angle representations
- Quaternions

Representing position: Vectors

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{"column" vector})$$

$$p = (5, 2) \quad (\text{"row" vector})$$

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

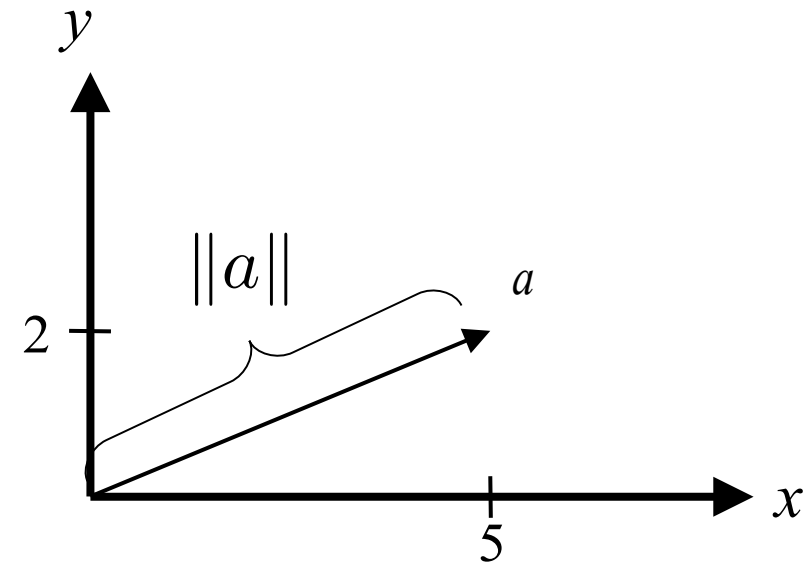


Unit vectors

These are the elements of a : $a = \begin{pmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \end{pmatrix}$

Vector length/magnitude:

$$\|a\| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2}$$



Definition of unit vector: $\|\hat{a}\| = 1$

How convert a non-zero vector a into a unit vector pointing in the same direction?

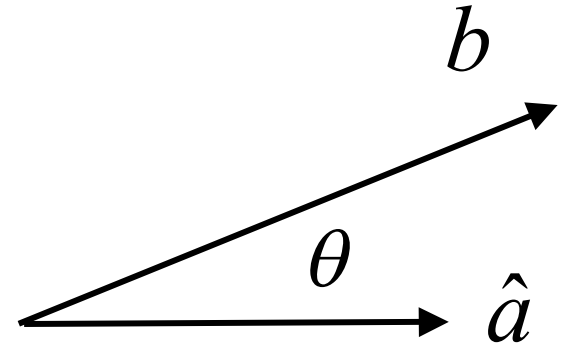
$$\hat{a} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2}}$$

Orthogonal vectors

First, define the dot product:

$$a \cdot b = a_x b_x + a_y b_y$$
$$= |a| |b| \cos(\theta)$$

Under what conditions is the dot product zero?

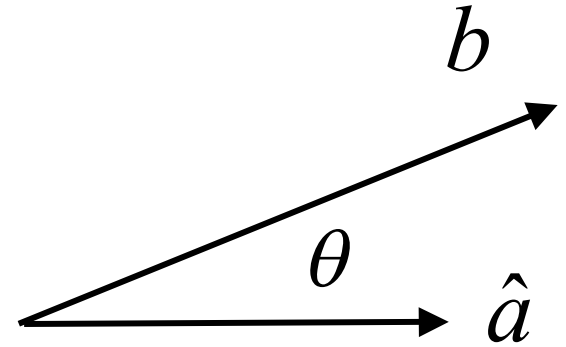


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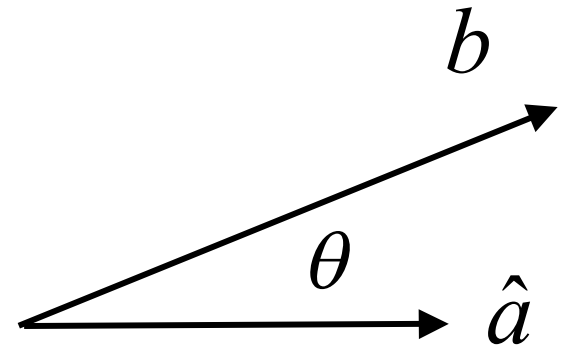
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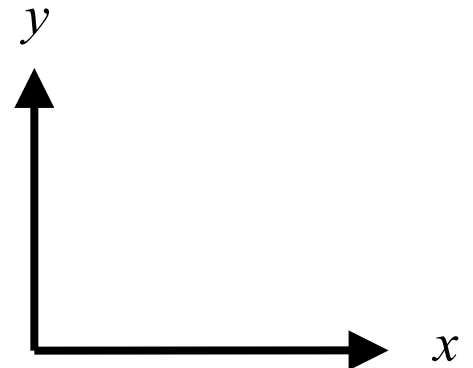
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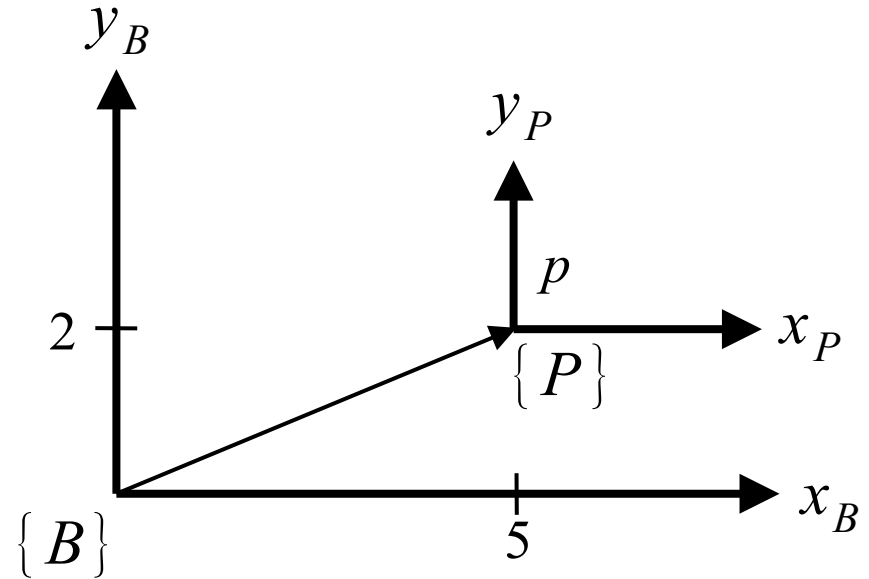
Unit vectors are orthogonal iff
the dot product is zero:

x is orthogonal to y iff $x \cdot y = 0$



Representing translation: Vectors

- Vectors can represent translation between two different reference frames with the same orientation
- The prefix superscript denotes the reference frame in which the vector is represented



$${}^B p = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad {}^P p = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

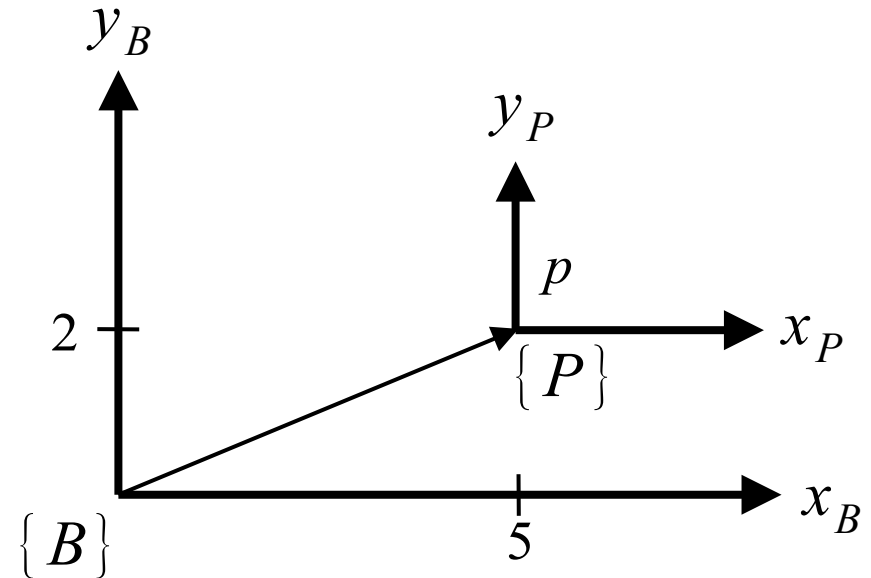
Same point, two different
reference frames

Representing translation: Vectors

- Axes are *orthogonal* unit basis vectors



This means “perpendicular”



\hat{x}_B



A vector of length one pointing in the direction of the base frame x axis

y_B



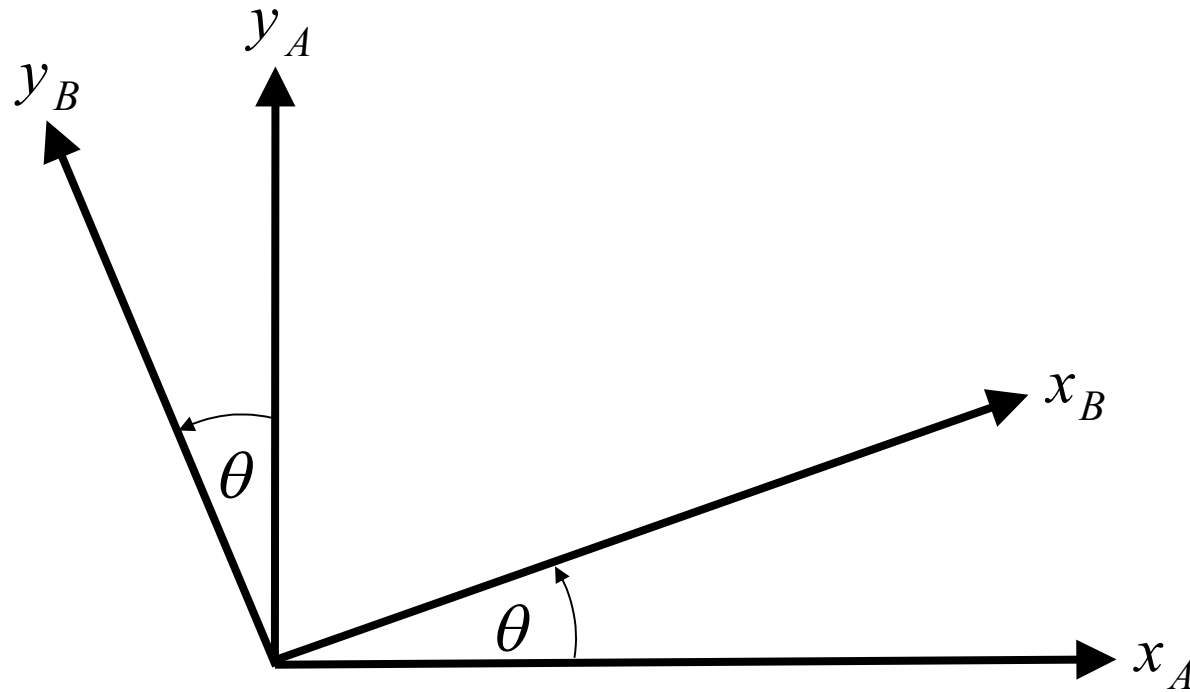
Base $\{B\}$ frame y axis

y_P



$\{P\}$ frame y axis

Representing rotation: Matrices



$${}^A\hat{x}_B = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}^A R_B = \begin{pmatrix} {}^A\hat{x}_B & {}^A\hat{y}_B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}^A\hat{y}_B = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(\theta) \\ \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}^B R_A = \begin{pmatrix} {}^B\hat{x}_A & {}^B\hat{y}_A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} = \left({}^A R_B\right)^{-1} = {}^A R_B^T$$

Matrix multiplication

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

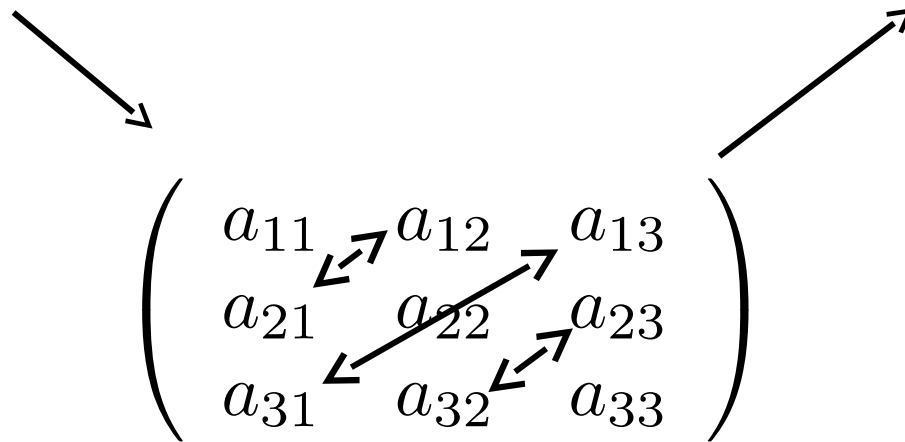
$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} & a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Can represent dot product as a matrix multiply:

$$a \cdot b = a^T b = a_x b_x + a_y b_y$$

Matrix transpose

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \qquad A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow p^T = (5, 2) \qquad \text{Important property:} \qquad \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}^T = (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A})^T$$

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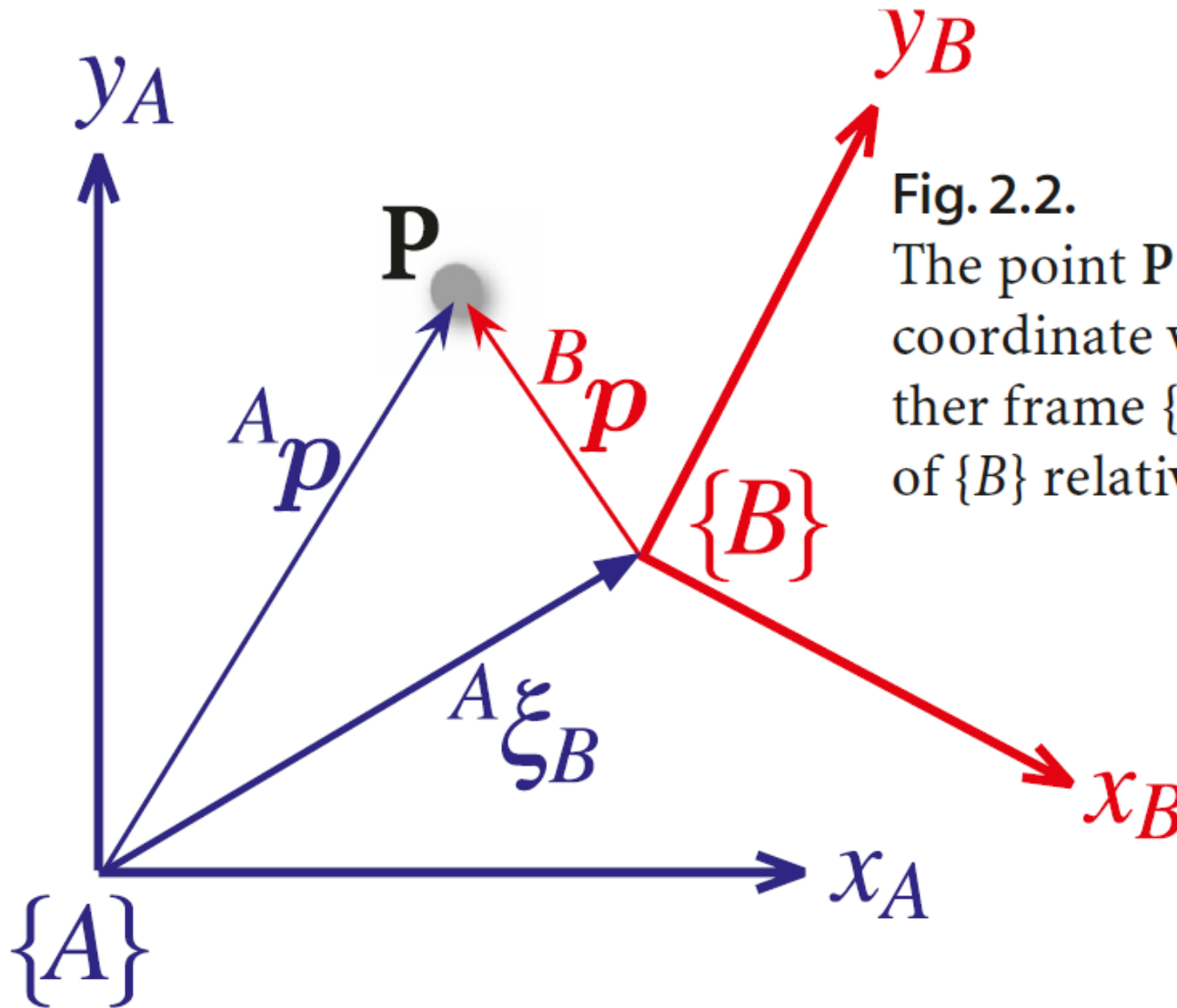


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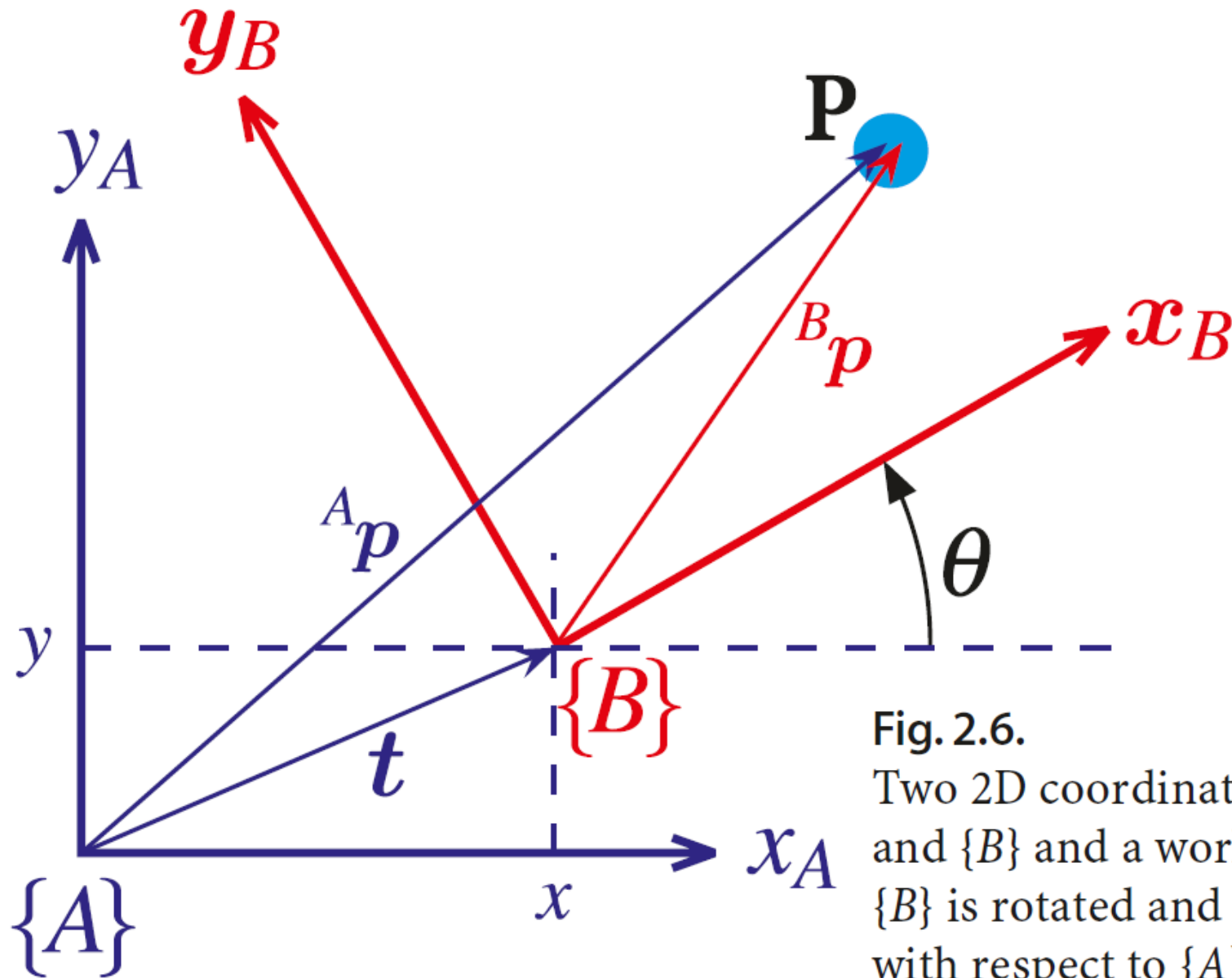
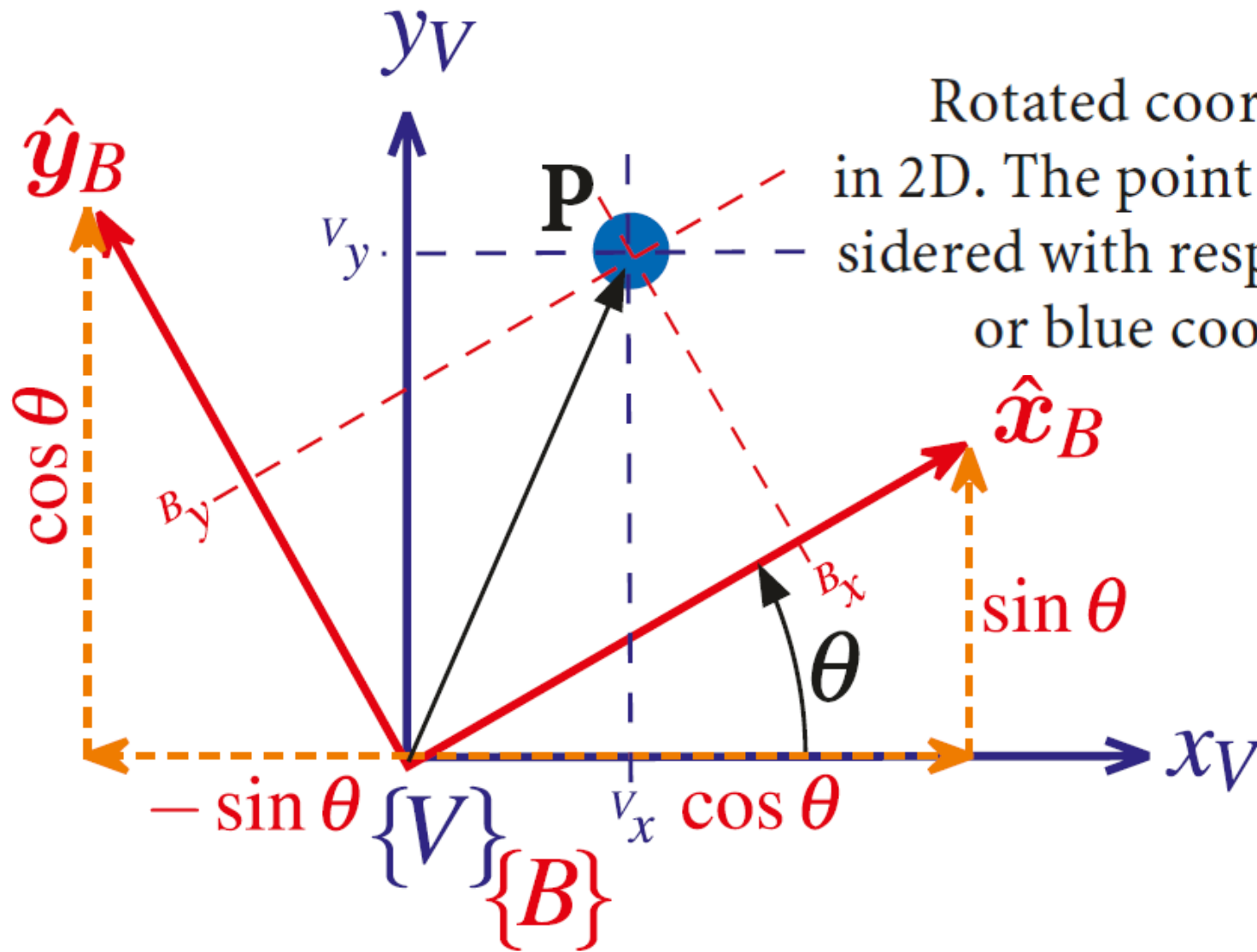


Fig. 2.6.

Two 2D coordinate frames $\{A\}$ and $\{B\}$ and a world point P . $\{B\}$ is rotated and translated with respect to $\{A\}$

2-D rotation

Fig. 2.7.



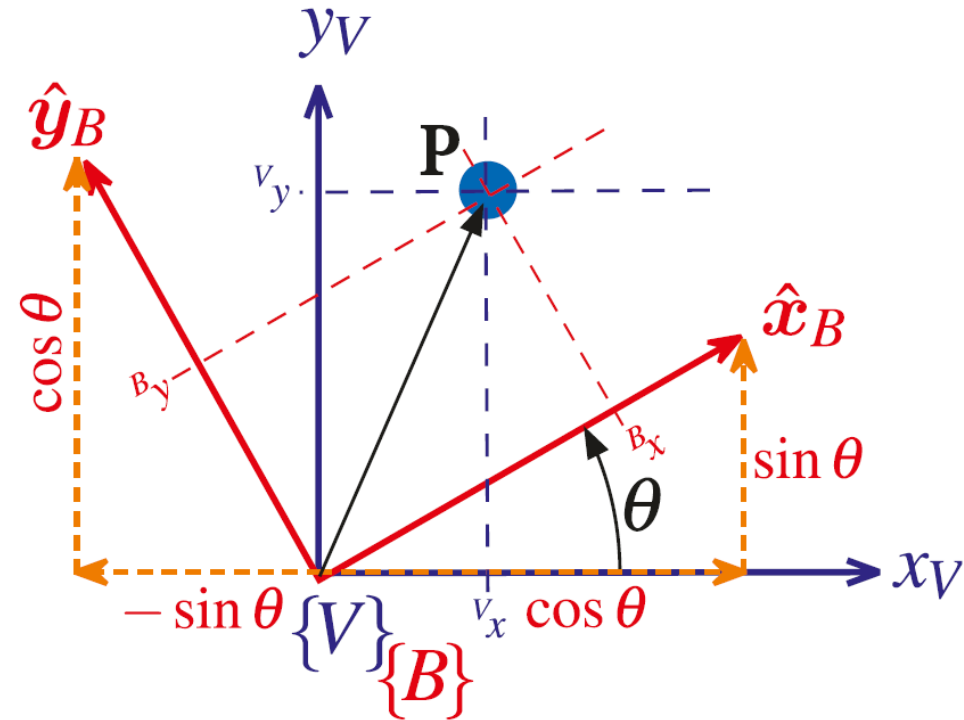
Rotated coordinate frames in 2D. The point P can be considered with respect to the red or blue coordinate frame

2-D rotation

Relationship between bases:

$$\hat{x}_B = \cos\theta \hat{x}_V + \sin\theta \hat{y}_V$$

$$\hat{y}_B = -\sin\theta \hat{x}_V + \cos\theta \hat{y}_V$$



2-D rotation

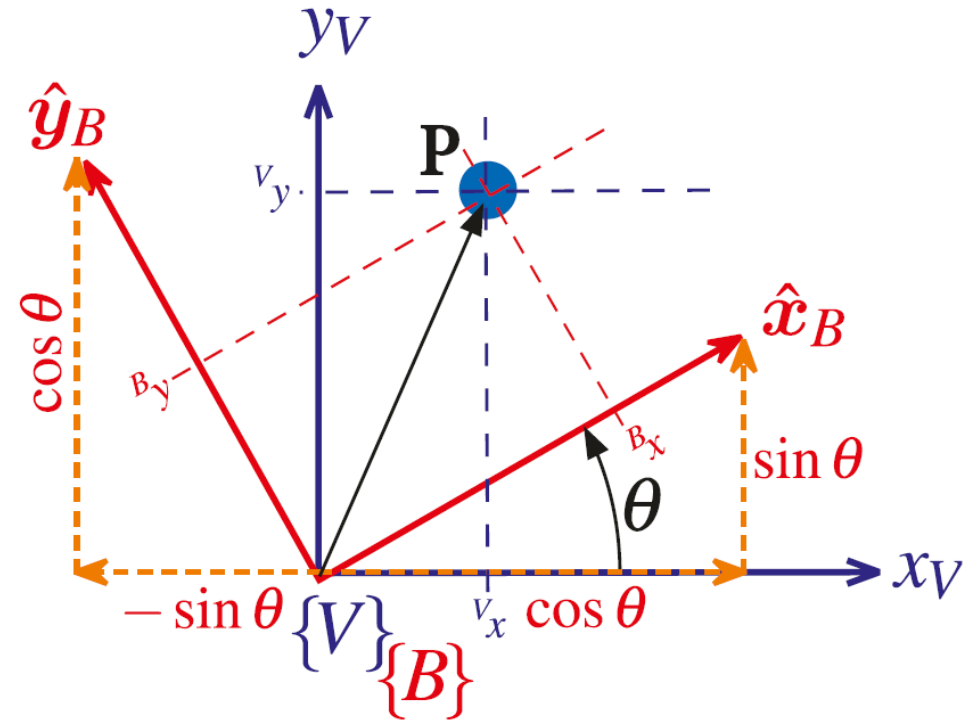
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$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^V x \\ {}^V y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^B x \\ {}^B y \end{pmatrix}$$



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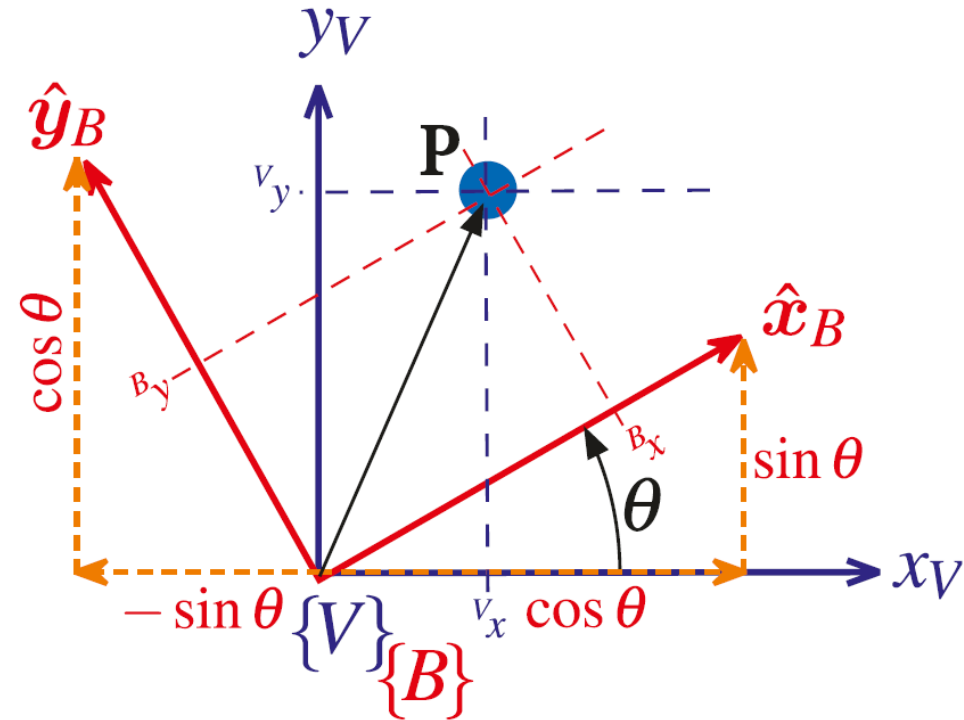
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- Express each B axis unit vector in V coordinates
- Insert each as a column vector

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2-D rotation

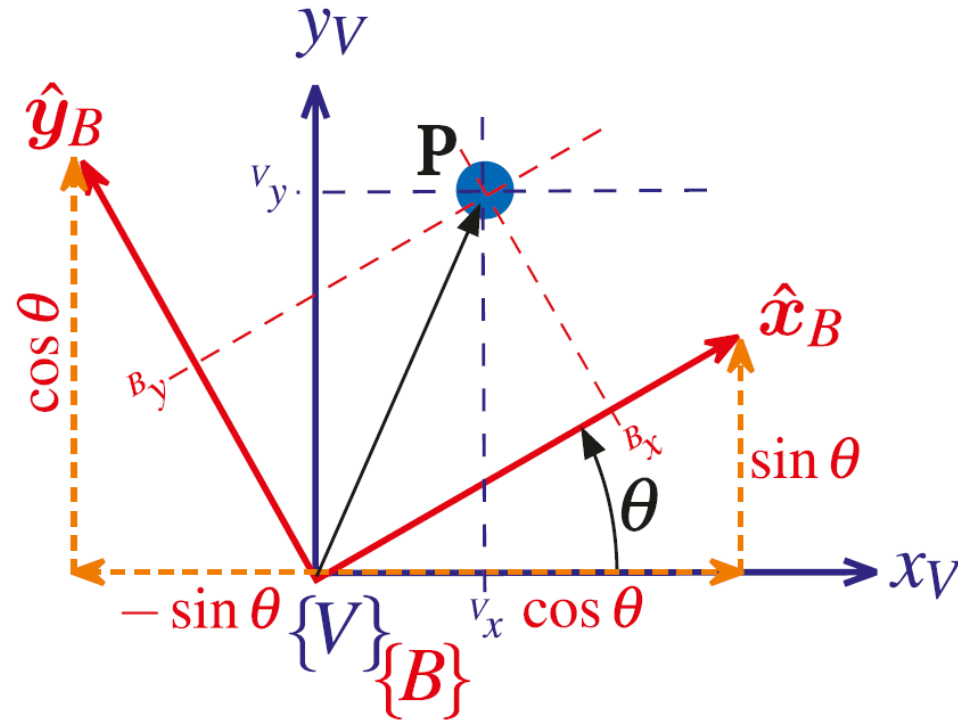
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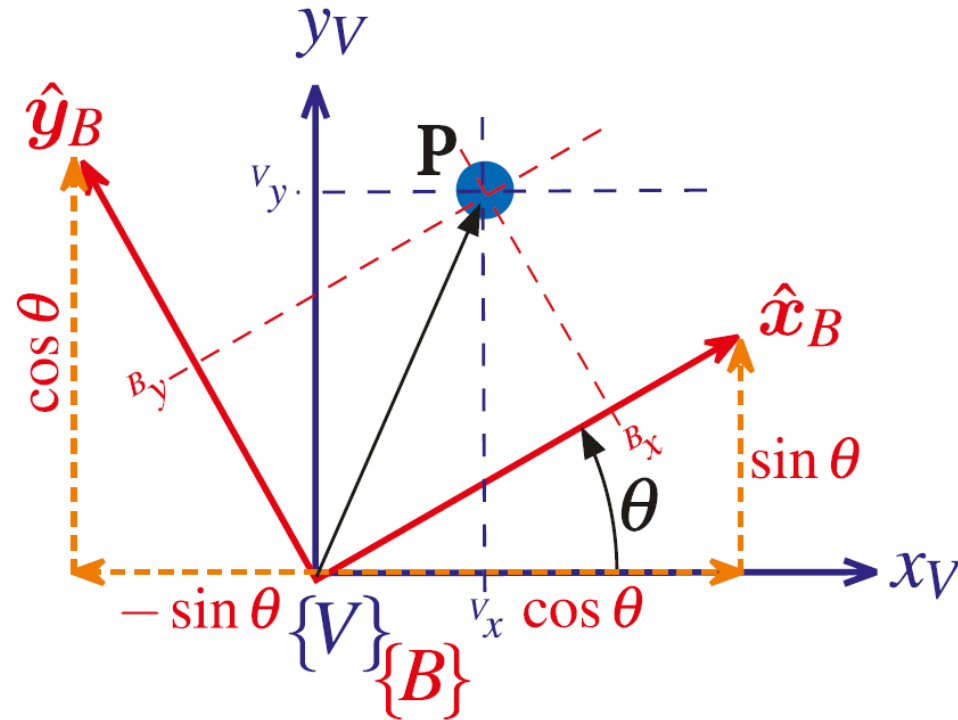
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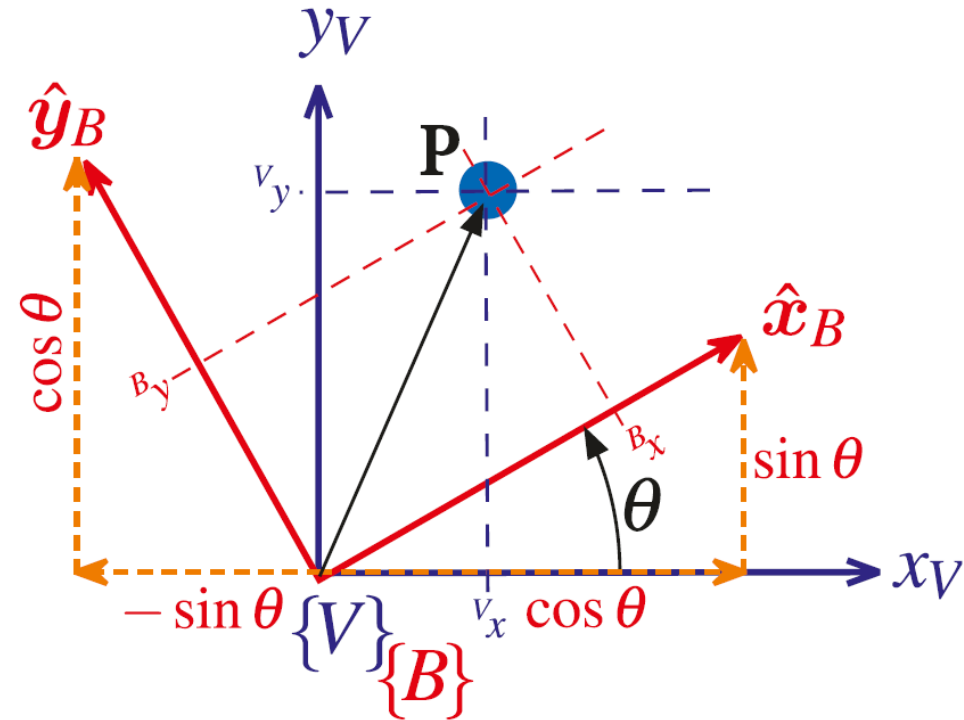
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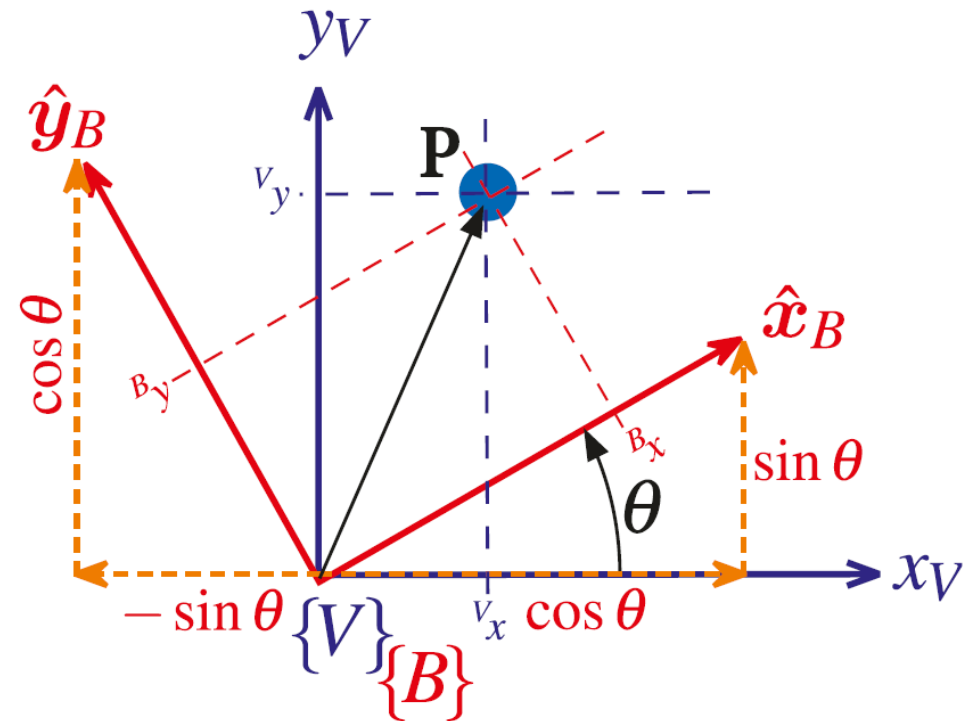
Notation

The following lines equations the same thing:
Relating coordinates of p in B frame
to coordinates of p in V frame

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^V x \\ {}^V y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^B x \\ {}^B y \end{pmatrix}$$

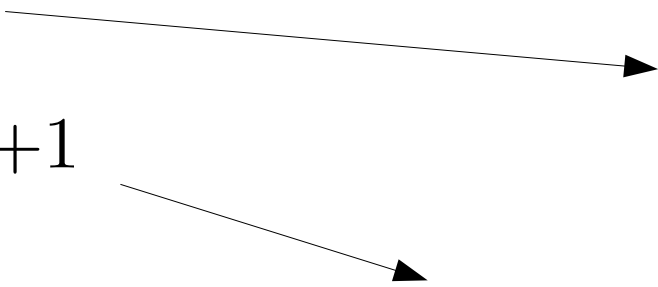
$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^V x \\ {}^V y \end{pmatrix} = {}^V R_B \begin{pmatrix} {}^B x \\ {}^B y \end{pmatrix}$$

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



Rotation matrices: Properties

A rotation matrix is a 2x2 (or 3x3) matrix R such that:

1. $R^T R = I$
 2. $\det(R) = +1$
- Rows and columns are unit length and orthogonal
- Right handed coordinate frame
- 
- A diagram with two arrows. The first arrow starts from the equation
- $R^T R = I$
- and points to the text "Rows and columns are unit length and orthogonal". The second arrow starts from the equation
- $\det(R) = +1$
- and points to the text "Right handed coordinate frame".

Rotation matrix inverse equals transpose:

$$R^T R = I$$

$$R = (R^T)^{-1}$$

$$R = (R^{-1})^T$$

$$R^T = R^{-1}$$

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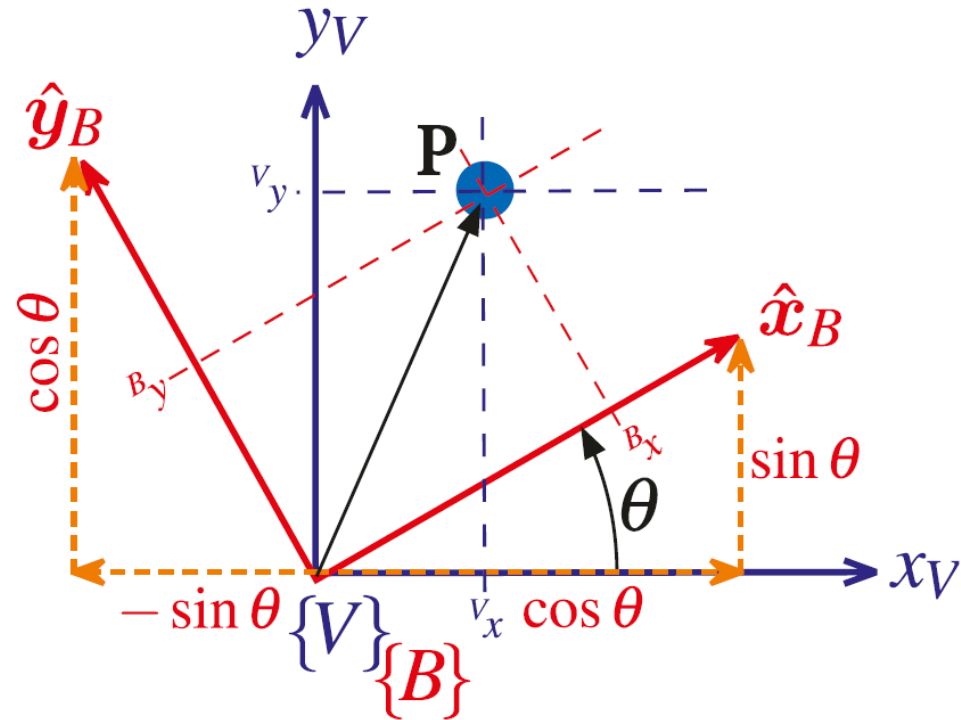
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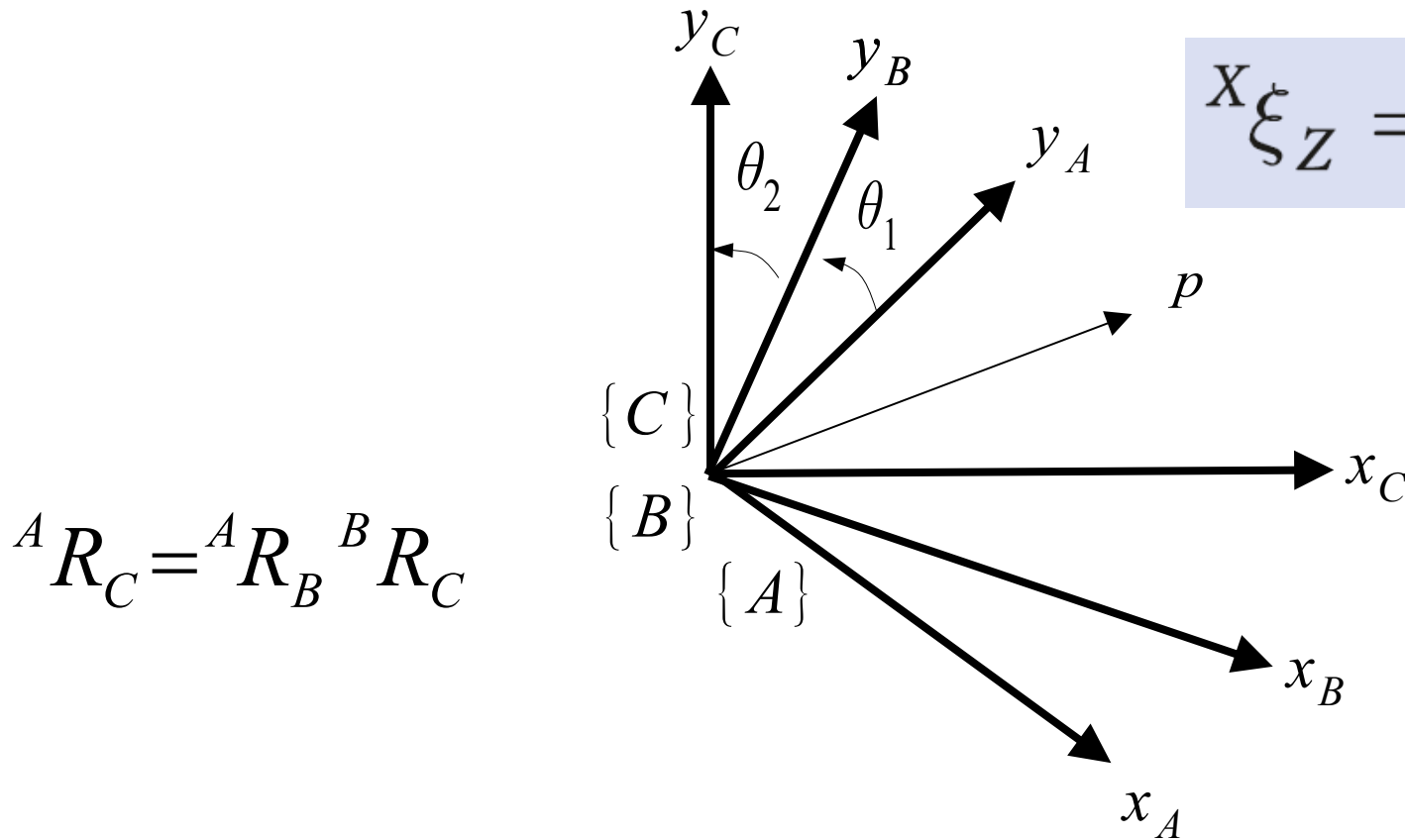
$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^V x \\ {}^V y \end{pmatrix} = {}^V \mathbf{R}_B \begin{pmatrix} {}^B x \\ {}^B y \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^B x \\ {}^B y \end{pmatrix} = ({}^V \mathbf{R}_B)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} {}^V x \\ {}^V y \end{pmatrix} = ({}^V \mathbf{R}_B)^T \begin{pmatrix} {}^V x \\ {}^V y \end{pmatrix} = {}^B \mathbf{R}_V \begin{pmatrix} {}^V x \\ {}^V y \end{pmatrix}$$

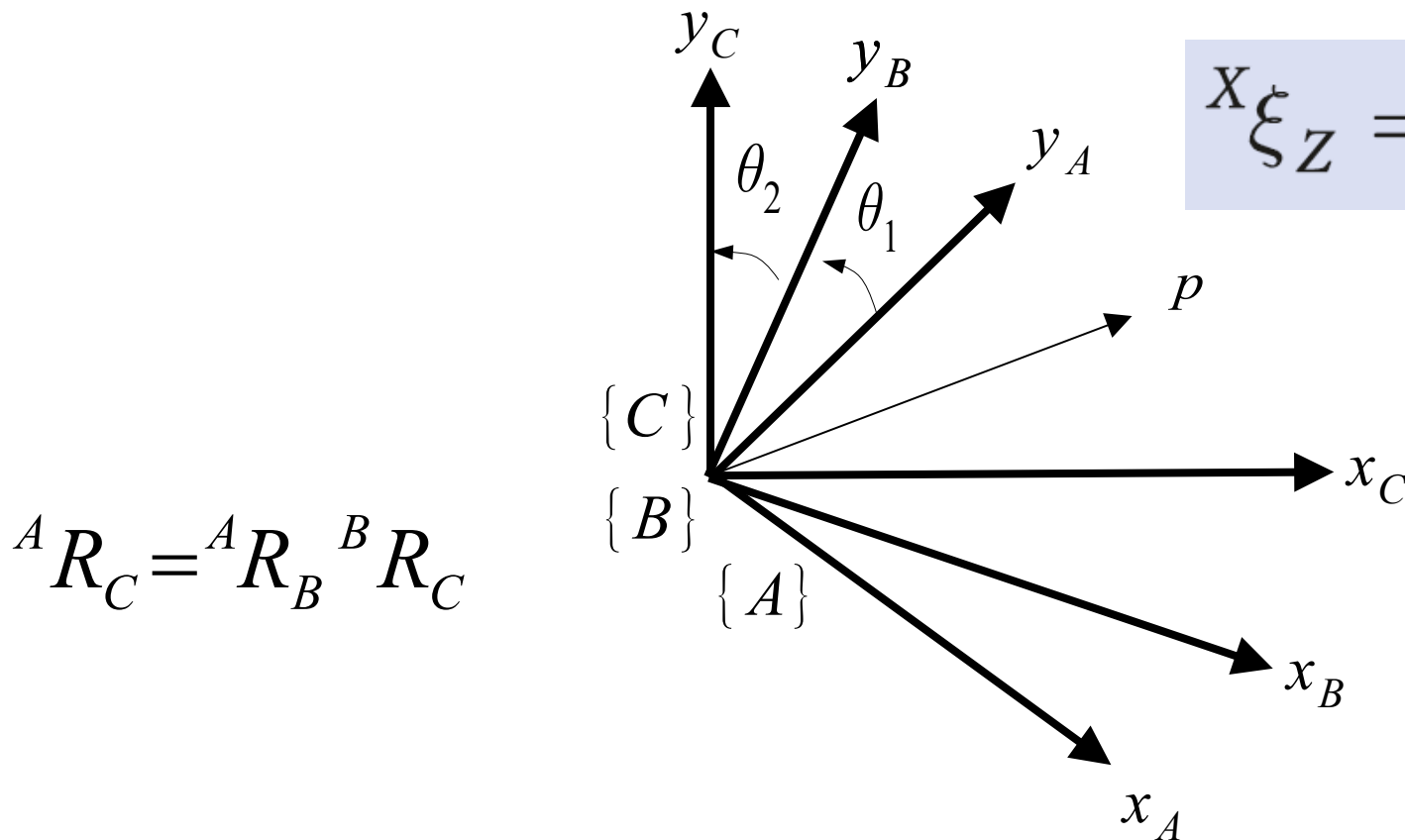
Note that inverting the matrix is the same as swapping the superscript and subscript, which leads to the identity $\mathbf{R}(-\theta) = \mathbf{R}(\theta)^T$.

Rotation matrices: Composition



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

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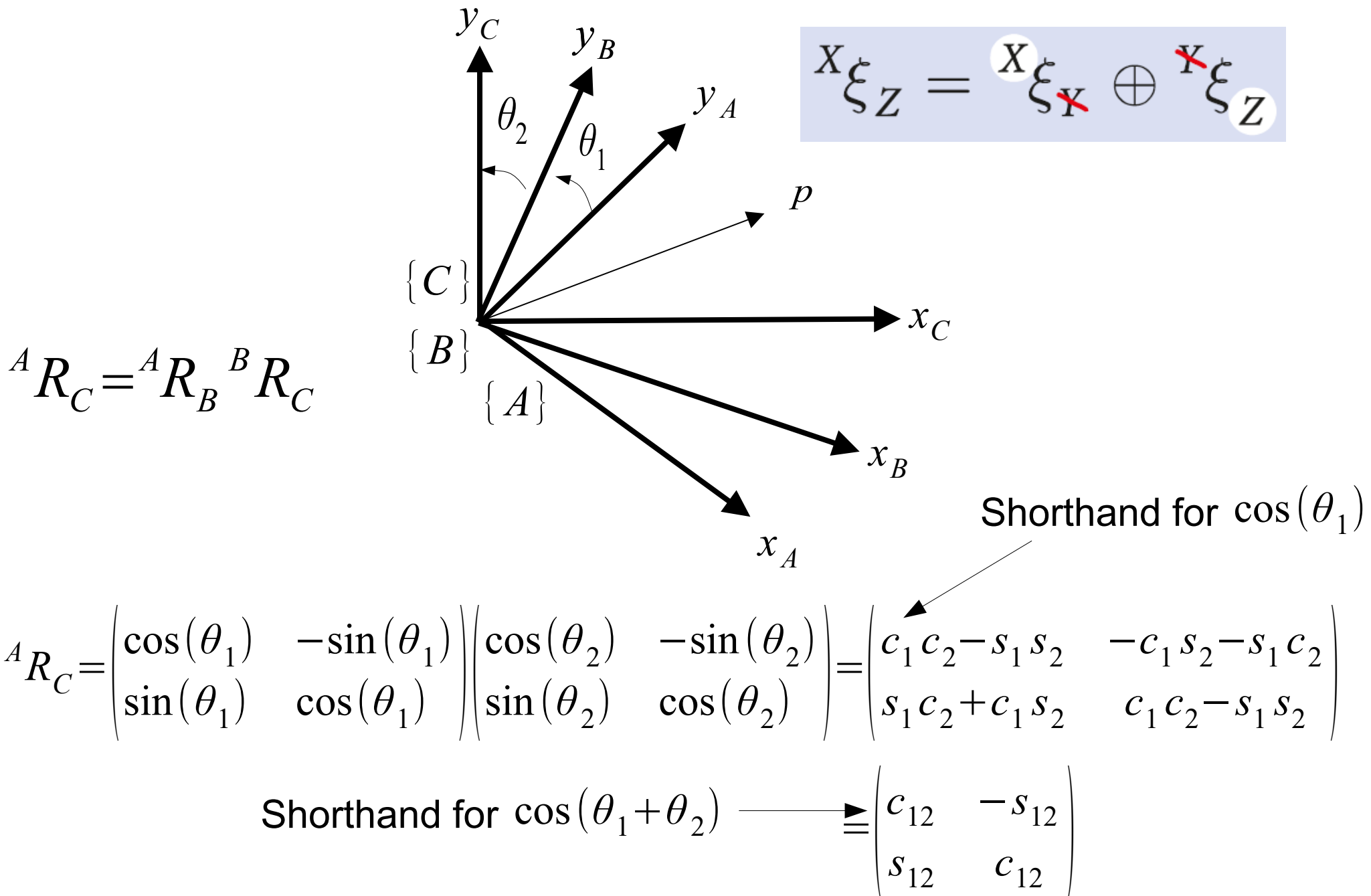
$${}^X\xi_Z = {}^X\xi_Y \oplus {}^Y\xi_Z$$

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

$${}^A R_C = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_1) & -\sin(\theta_1) \\ \sin(\theta_1) & \cos(\theta_1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_2) & -\sin(\theta_2) \\ \sin(\theta_2) & \cos(\theta_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 c_2 - s_1 s_2 & -c_1 s_2 - s_1 c_2 \\ s_1 c_2 + c_1 s_2 & c_1 c_2 - s_1 s_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & -s_{12} \\ s_{12} & c_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotation matrices: Composition



There are just a few algebraic rules: ◀

$$\xi \oplus 0 = \xi, \quad \xi \ominus 0 = \xi$$

$$\xi \ominus \xi = 0, \quad \ominus \xi \oplus \xi = 0$$

where 0 represents a zero relative pose. A pose has an inverse

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

which is represented graphically by an arrow from {Y} to {X}. Relative poses can also be composed or compounded

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

It is important to note that the algebraic rules for poses are different to normal algebra and that composition is *not* commutative

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

with the exception being the case where $\xi_1 \oplus \xi_2 = 0$. A relative pose can transform a point expressed as a vector relative to one frame to a vector relative to another

$${}^X \mathbf{p} = {}^X \xi_Y \cdot {}^Y \mathbf{p}$$

Summary: 2-D rotation

$${}^X\mathbf{R}_Y(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

is a 2-dimensional rotation matrix with some special properties:

- it is *orthonormal* (also called *orthogonal*) since each of its columns is a unit vector and the columns are orthogonal.▶
- the columns are the unit vectors that define the axes of the rotated frame Y with respect to X and are by definition both unit-length and orthogonal.
- it belongs to the special orthogonal group of dimension 2 or $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbf{SO}(2) \subset \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$. This means that the product of any two matrices belongs to the group, as does its inverse.
- its *determinant* is $+1$, which means that the length of a vector is unchanged after transformation, that is, $\|{}^Y\mathbf{p}\| = \|{}^X\mathbf{p}\|, \forall \theta$.
- the inverse is the same as the transpose, that is, $\mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^T$.

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2-D transformation: Rotation + translation

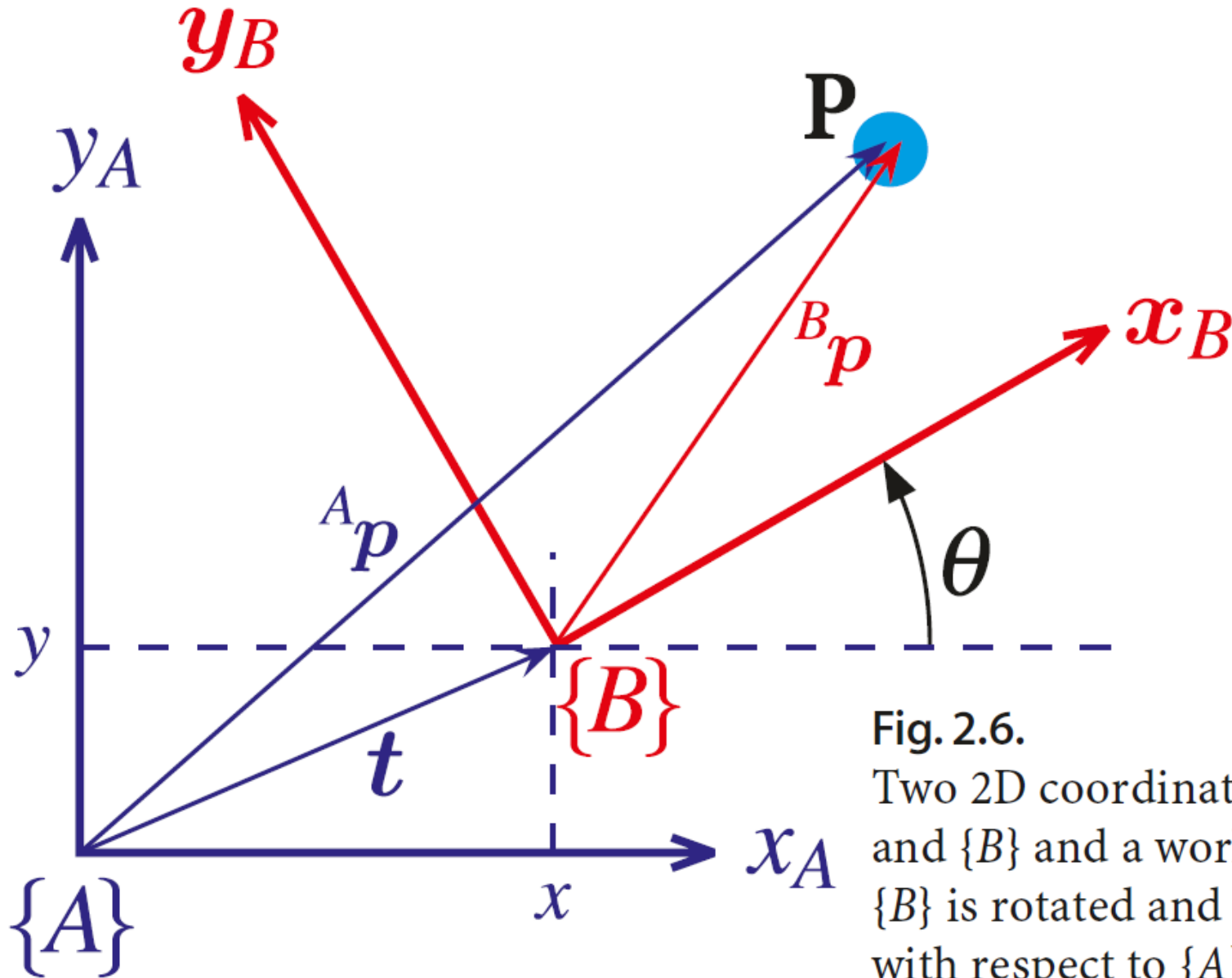
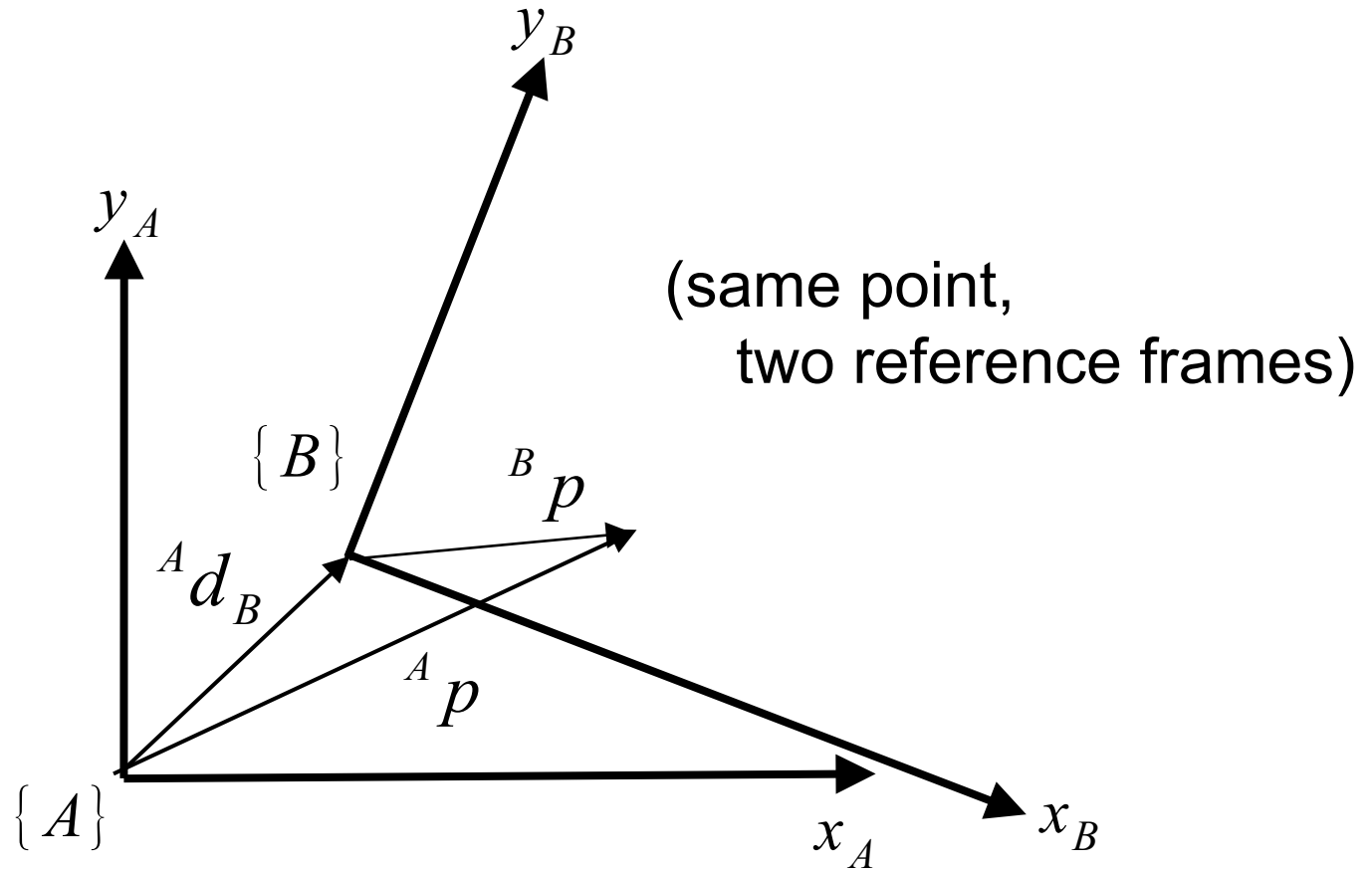


Fig. 2.6.

Two 2D coordinate frames $\{A\}$ and $\{B\}$ and a world point P . $\{B\}$ is rotated and translated with respect to $\{A\}$

Homogeneous transformation



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

Homogeneous transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^A x \\ {}^A y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^V x \\ {}^V y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^B x \\ {}^B y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & x \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^B x \\ {}^B y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

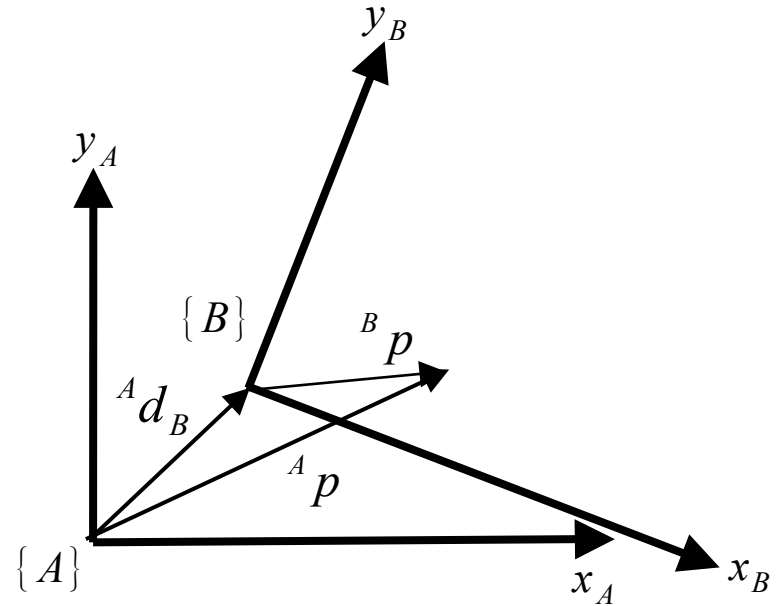
Homogeneous transformation

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

$$= \begin{pmatrix} {}^A R_B & {}^A d_B \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^B p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

always zeros

always one



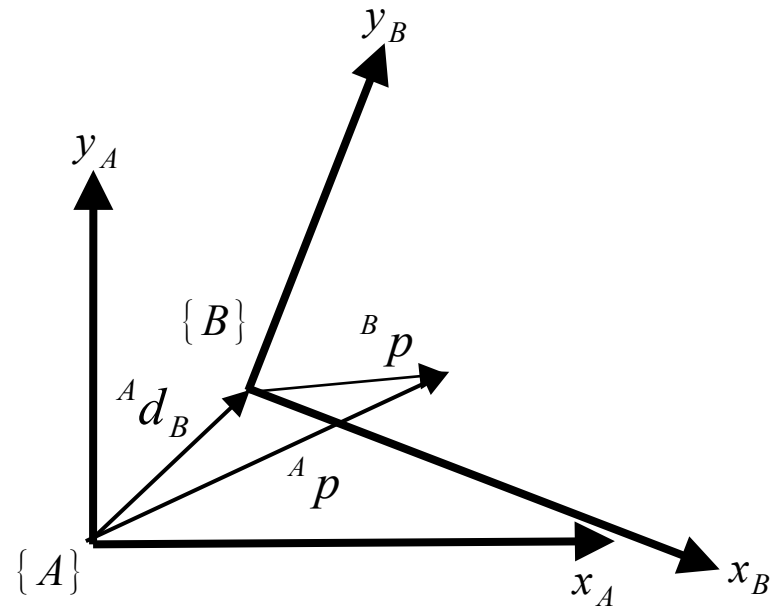
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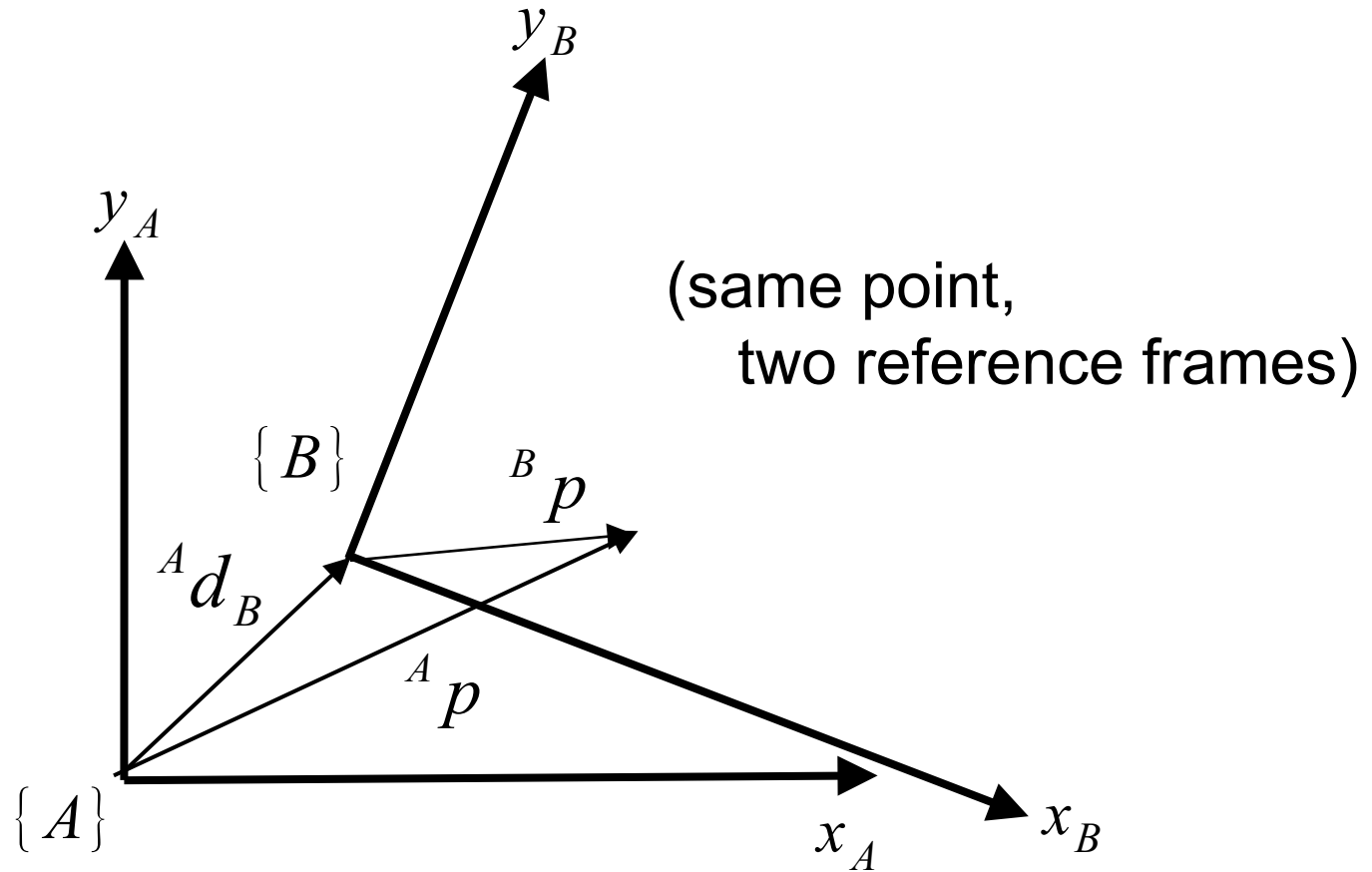
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$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^A x \\ {}^A y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^A R_B & t \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^B x \\ {}^B y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A \tilde{p} &= \begin{pmatrix} {}^A R_B & t \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} {}^B \tilde{p} \\ &= {}^A T_B {}^B \tilde{p} \end{aligned}$$

Homogeneous transformation: Inverse



$${}^B p = {}^B R_A {}^A p - {}^B R_A {}^A d_B = {}^B R_A ({}^A p - {}^A d_B)$$

Homogeneous transformation: Inverse

Can also derive it from the forward Homogeneous transform:

$${}^B p = {}^B R_A {}^A p + {}^B d_A$$

$${}^A p = {}^B R_A^T ({}^B p - {}^B d_A) = ({}^B T_A)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} {}^B p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{where } ({}^B T_A)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^B R_A^T & -{}^B R_A^T {}^B d_A \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Summary: 2-D transformation

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & x \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A concrete representation of relative pose ξ is $\xi \sim T \in \text{SE}(2)$ and $T_1 \oplus T_2 \mapsto T_1 T_2$ which is standard matrix multiplication

$$T_1 T_2 = \begin{pmatrix} R_1 & t_1 \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_2 & t_2 \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_1 R_2 & t_1 + R_1 t_2 \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

One of the algebraic rules from page 21 is $\xi \oplus 0 = \xi$. For matrices we know that $TI = T$, where I is the identity matrix, so for pose $0 \mapsto I$ the identity matrix. Another rule was that $\xi \ominus \xi = 0$. We know for matrices that $TT^{-1} = I$ which implies that $\ominus T \mapsto T^{-1}$

$$T^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} R & t \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} R^T & -R^T t \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For a point described by $\tilde{p} \in \mathbb{P}^2$ then $T \bullet \tilde{p} \mapsto T\tilde{p}$ which is a standard matrix-vector product.

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