

CS 4610/5335 – Lecture 3

Representations and Transformations

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Announcements

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Tue	1 – 3 PM	Isaac	Virtual (on Khoury OH)
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- lec02 slides updated
- Ex0 + onboarding questionnaire due Fri
- Ex1 will be posted on Fri/Sat/Sun
- First project “session” will be during lecture on 2/2 (Wed)

Recap: Transformations

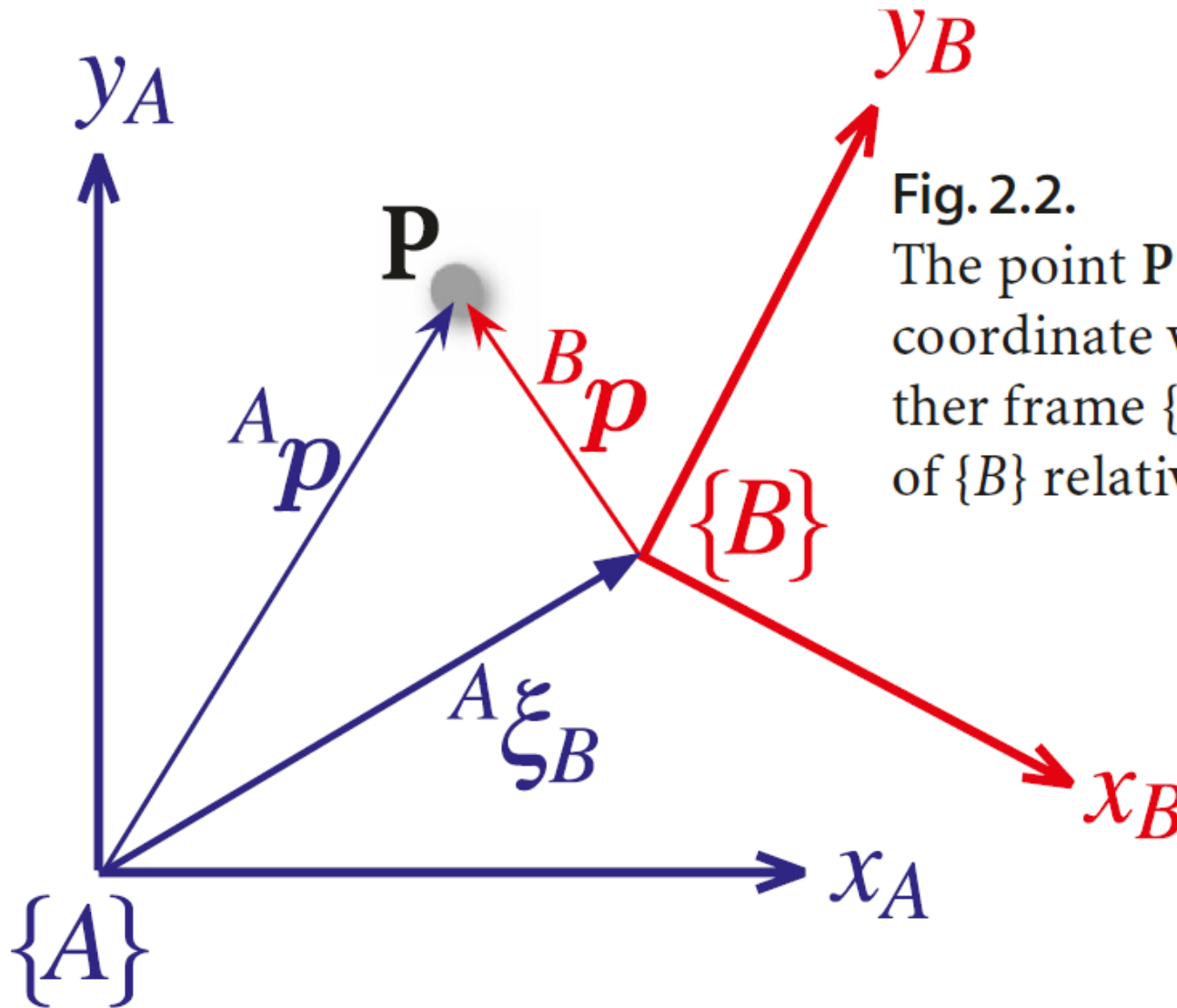


Fig. 2.2.

The point P can be described by coordinate vectors relative to either frame $\{A\}$ or $\{B\}$. The pose of $\{B\}$ relative to $\{A\}$ is ${}^A \xi_B$

Transformation notation

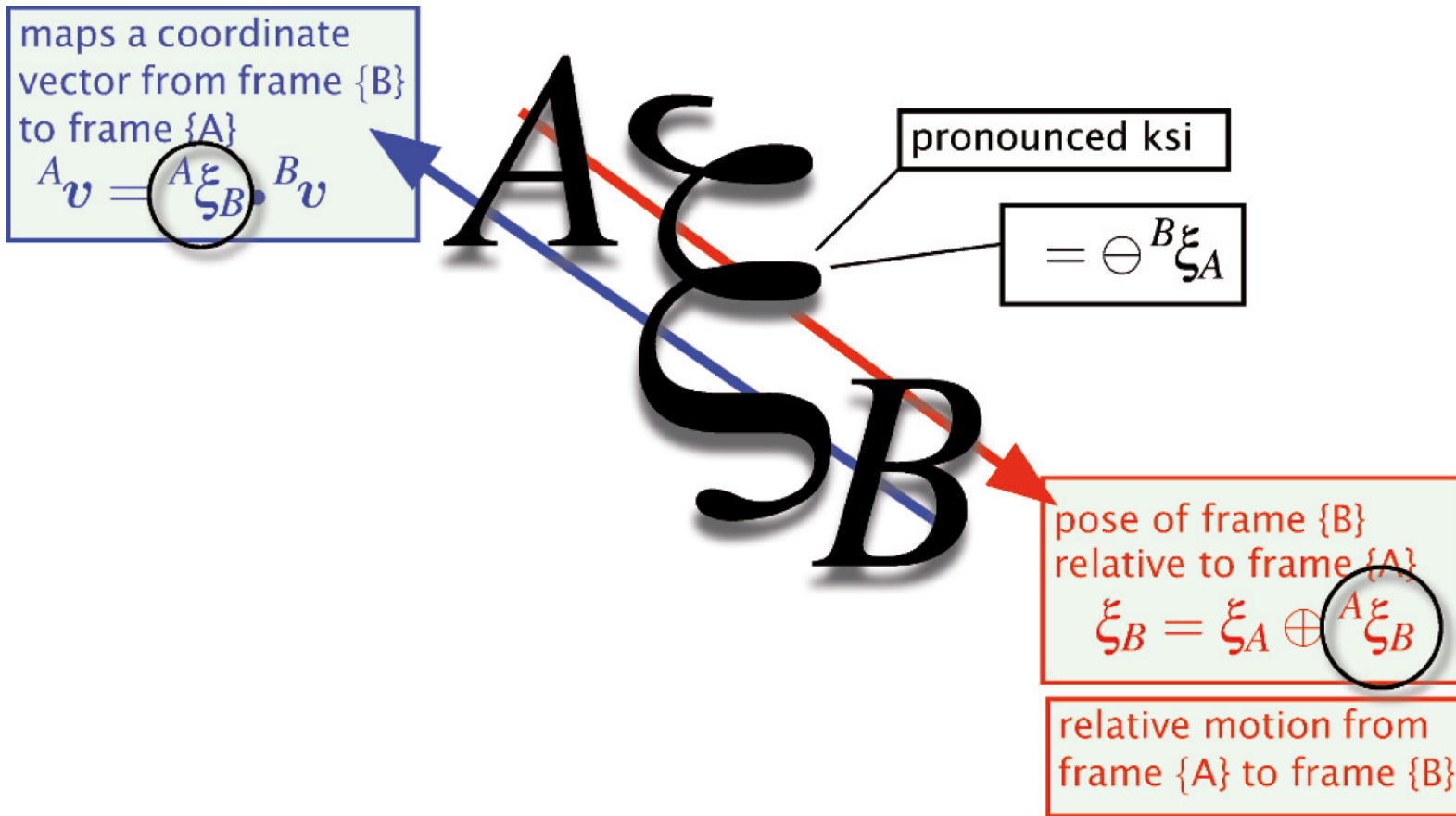


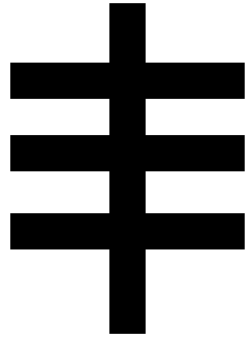


Fig. 2.19.
Everything you need to know
about pose

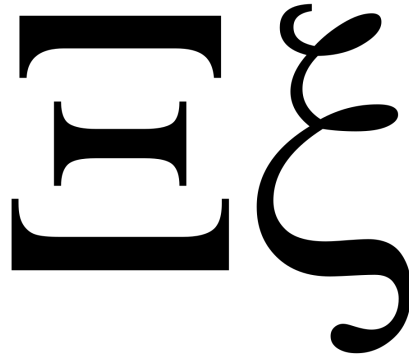
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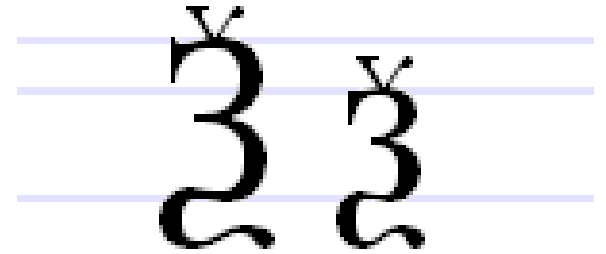
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Samekh (Phoenician)



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Not to be confused with:

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Recap: 2-D rotation matrix

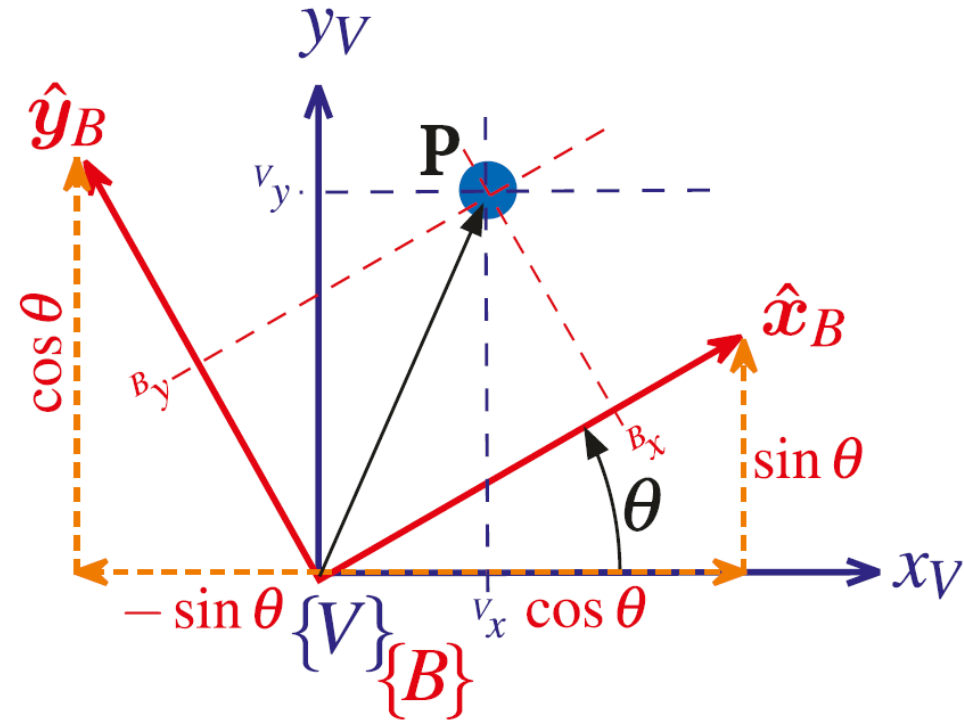
Relationship between bases:

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

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

Coordinate transformation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^Vx \\ {}^Vy \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^Bx \\ {}^By \end{pmatrix}$$



To obtain rotation matrix from V to B:

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

$${}^V R_B = \begin{pmatrix} {}^V \hat{x}_B & {}^V \hat{y}_B \end{pmatrix}$$

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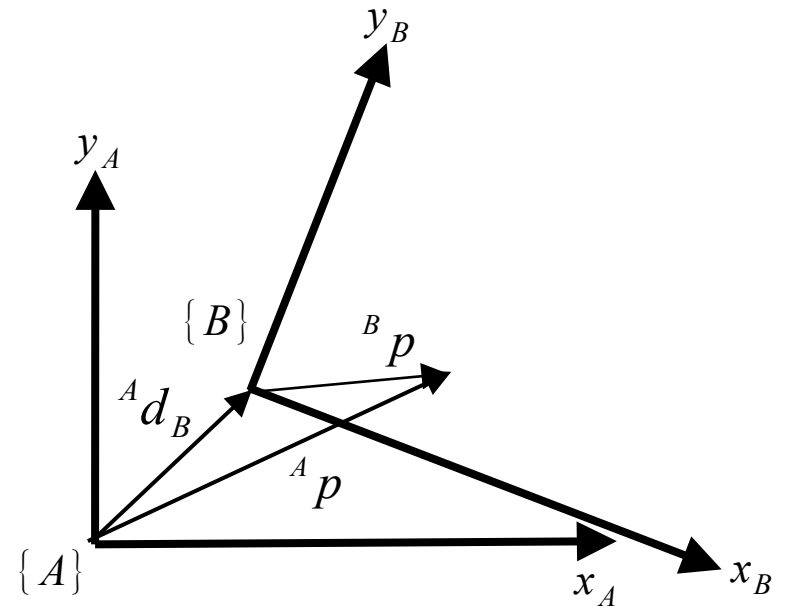
Recap: 2-D homogeneous transformation

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

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

always zeros

always one



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

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

Homogeneous transformation: Inverse

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 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, $\mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^T$.

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.

Outline

- ✓ Vector / matrix refresher
- ✓ $SO(2)$: 2-D rotation / orientation
- ✓ $SE(2)$: 2-D transformations

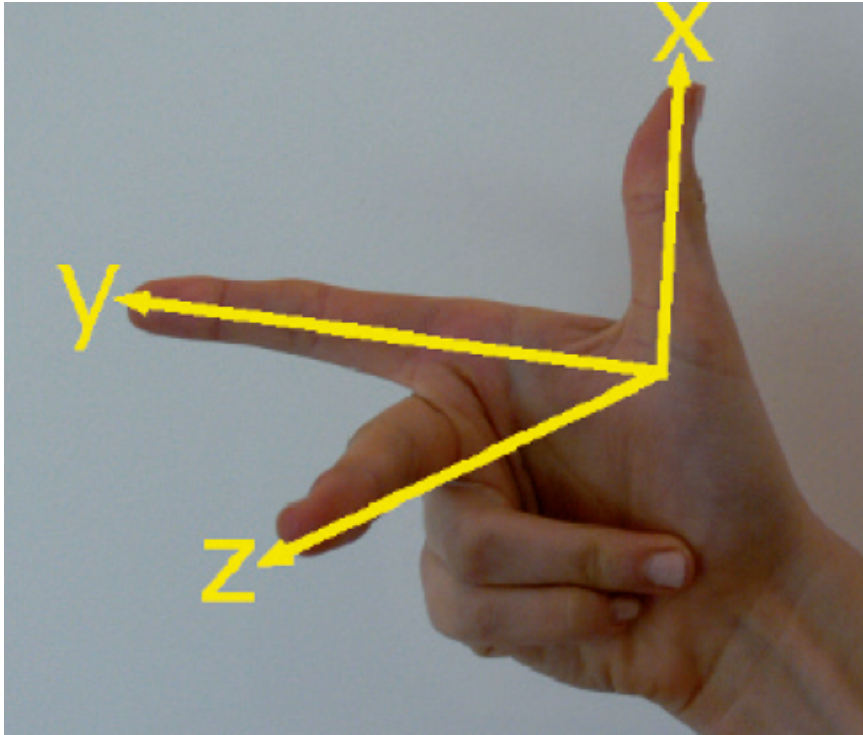
$SO(3)$: 3-D rotation / orientation

$SE(3)$: 3-D transformations

More representations for 3-D rotations (time permitting)

- Euler angles
- Axis-angle representations
- Quaternions

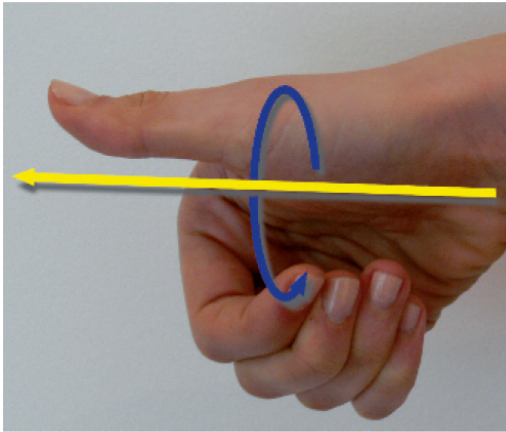
3-D rotation



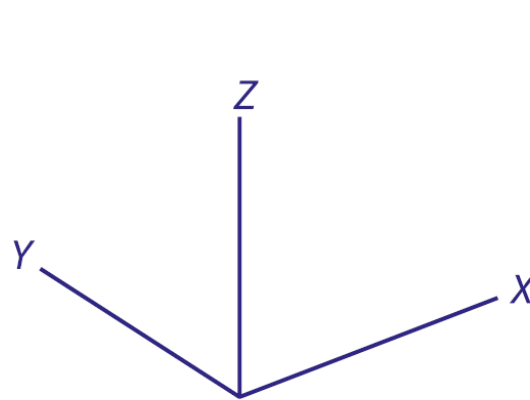
Right-hand rule. A right-handed coordinate frame is defined by the first three fingers of your right hand which indicate the relative directions of the x -, y - and z -axes respectively.

$$\hat{z} = \hat{x} \times \hat{y}, \quad \hat{x} = \hat{y} \times \hat{z}; \quad \hat{y} = \hat{z} \times \hat{x}$$

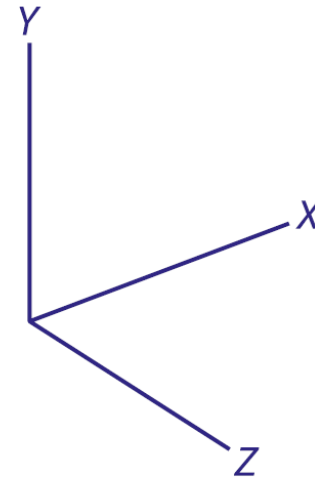
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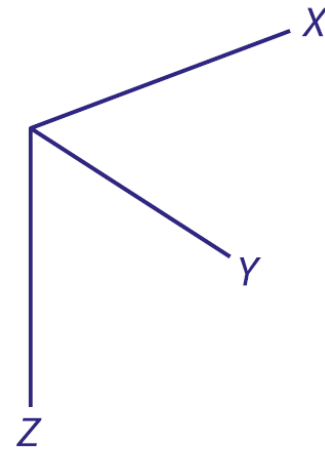
Rotation about a vector. Wrap your right hand around the vector with your thumb (your x -finger) in the direction of the arrow. The curl of your fingers indicates the direction of increasing angle.



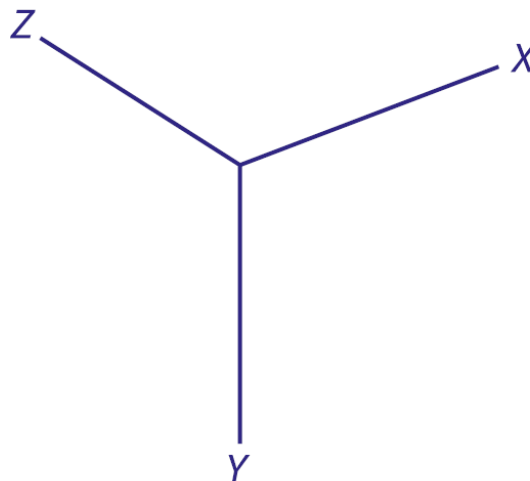
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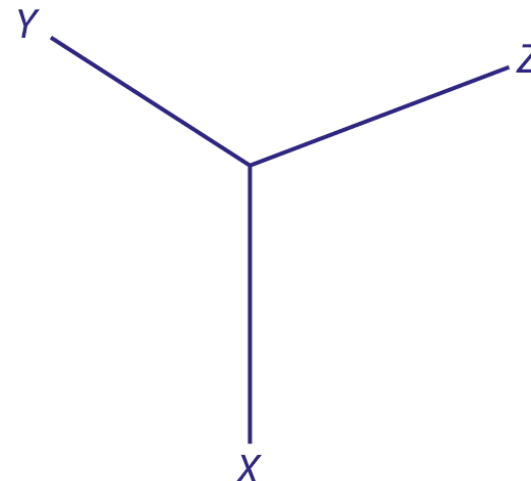
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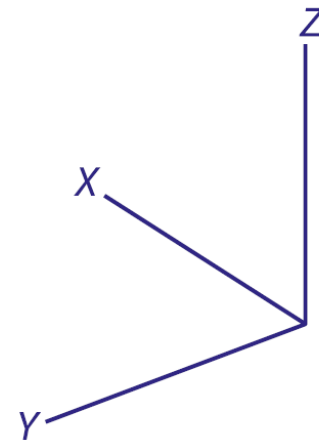
c π about x -axis



d $-\frac{\pi}{2}$ about x -axis



e $\frac{\pi}{2}$ about y -axis



f $\frac{\pi}{2}$ about z -axis

Fig.2.11.

Rotation of a 3D coordinate frame.
a The original coordinate frame,
b–f frame **a** after various rotations as indicated

3-D rotation

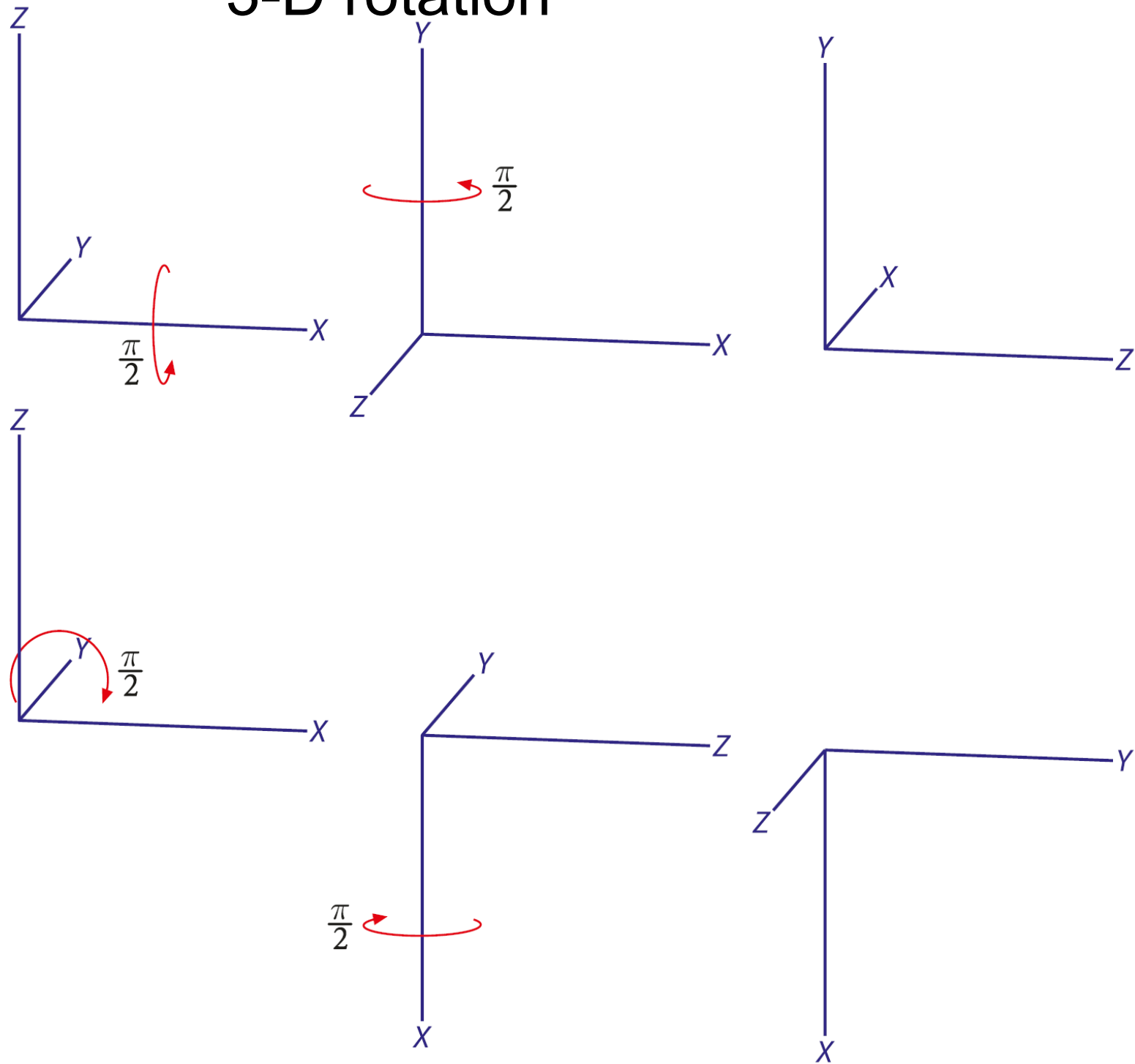


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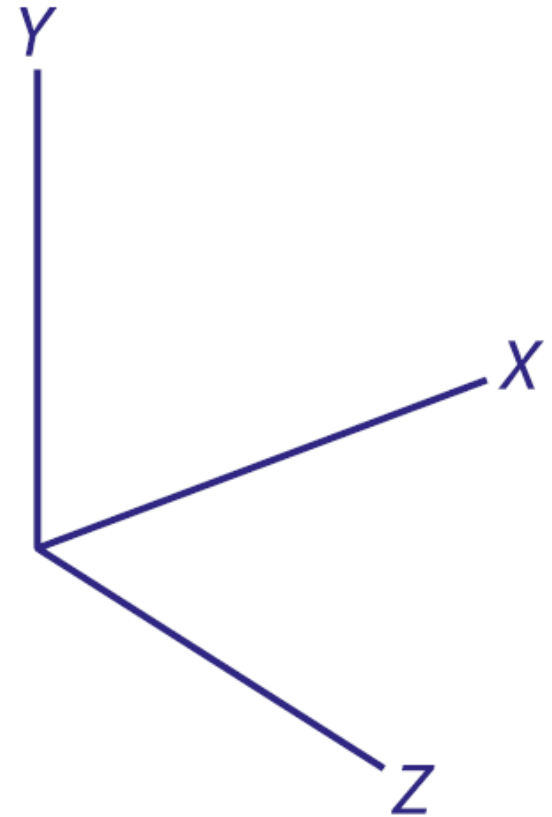
Example showing the noncommutativity of rotation. In the top row the coordinate frame is rotated by $\frac{\pi}{2}$ about the x-axis and then $\frac{\pi}{2}$ about the y-axis. In the bottom row the order of rotations has been reversed. The results are clearly different

Rotation about XYZ axes

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

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

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



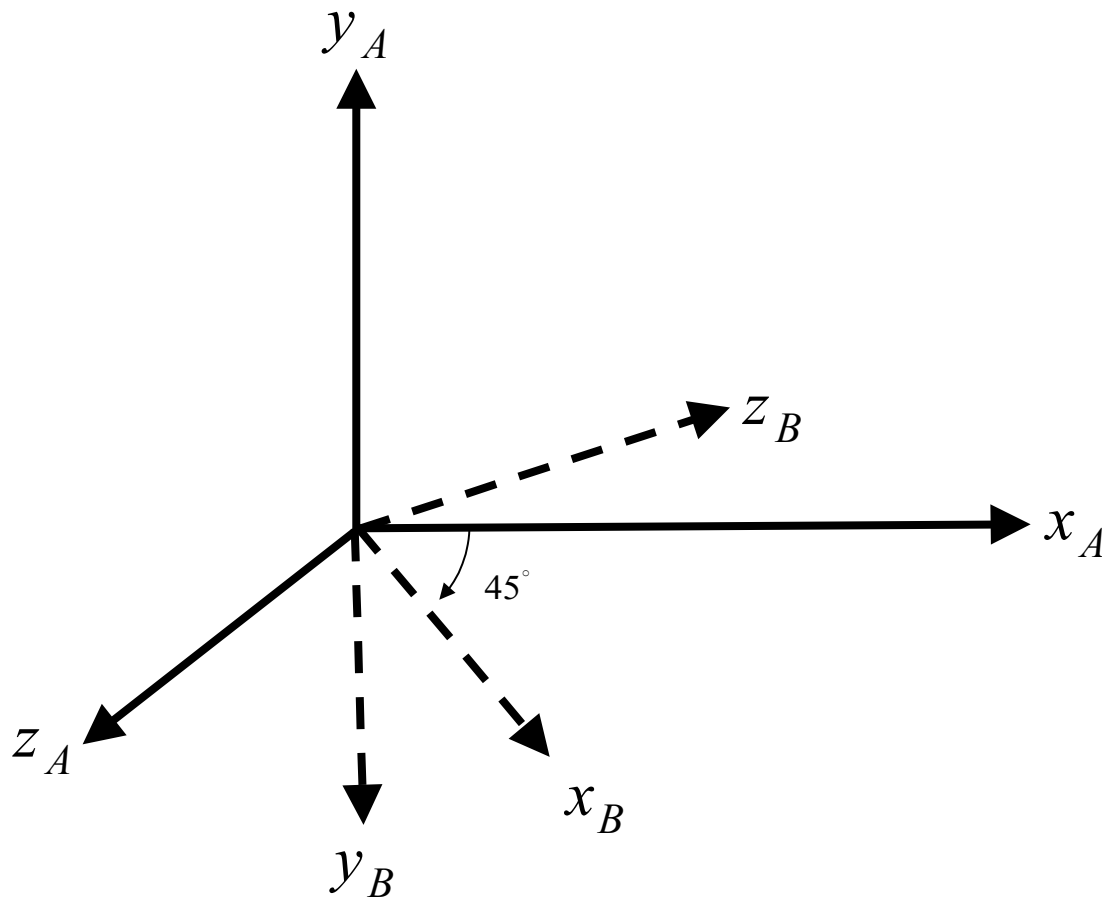
Summary: 3-D rotation

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

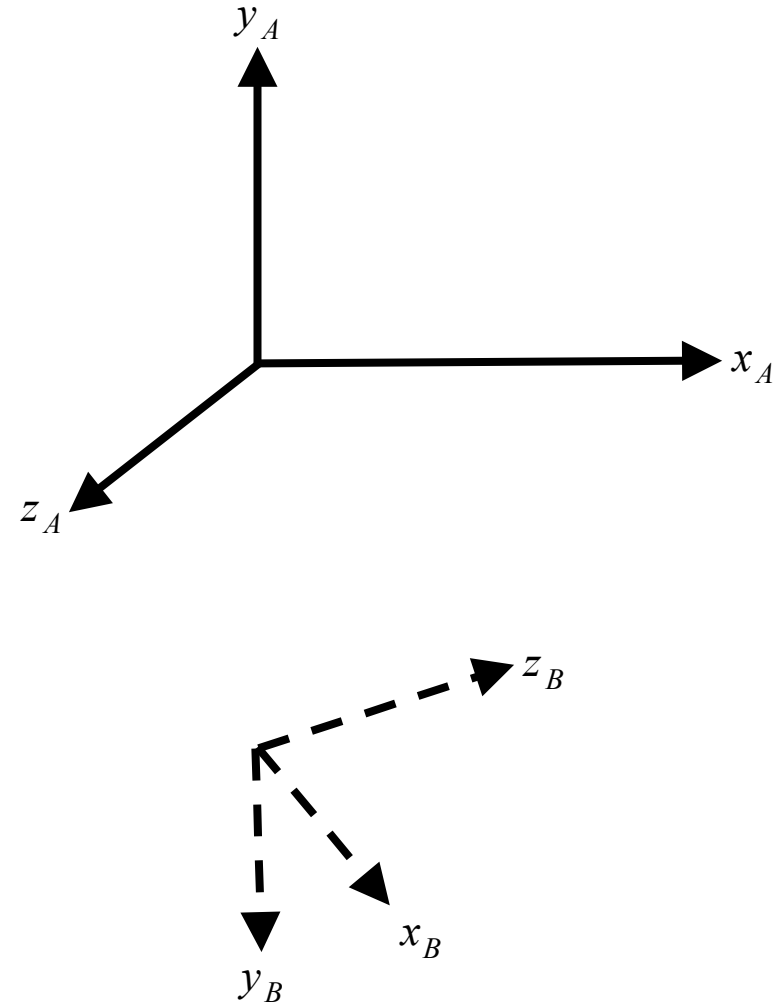
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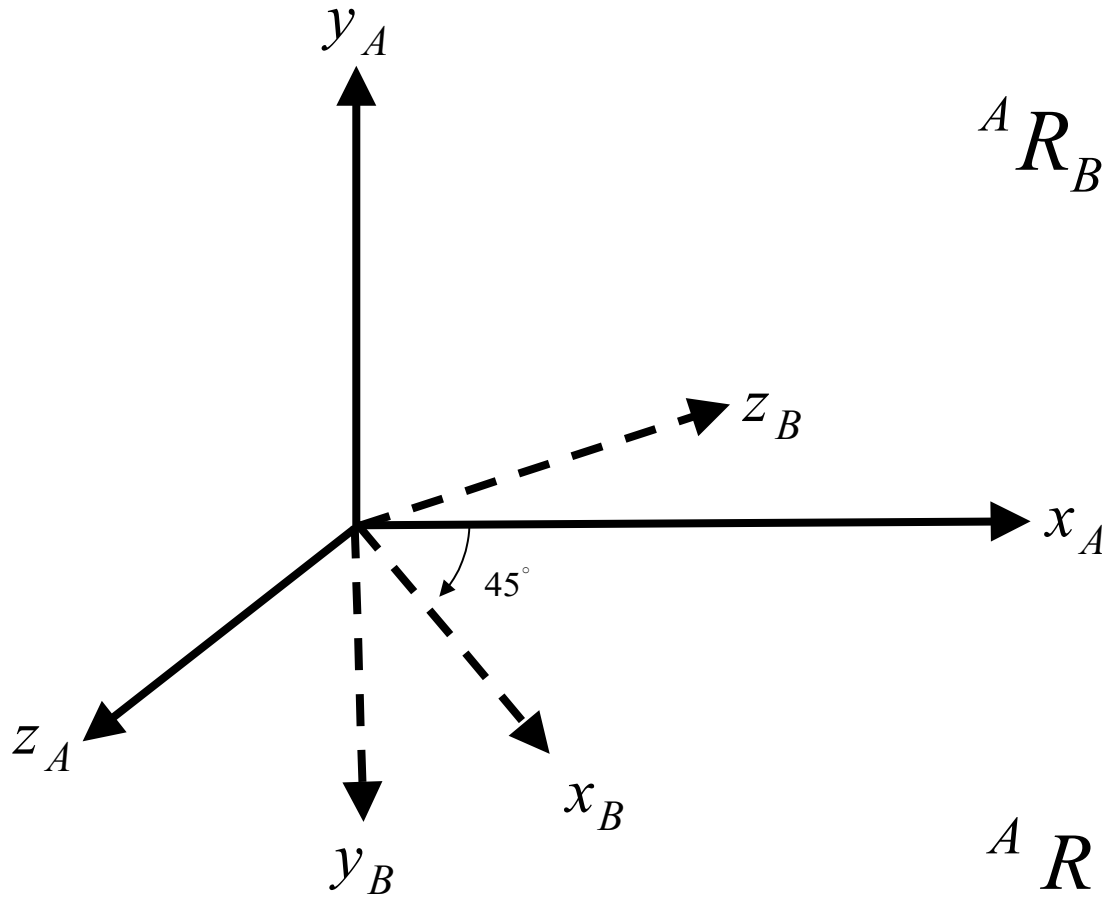
Example



Find ${}^A R_B$



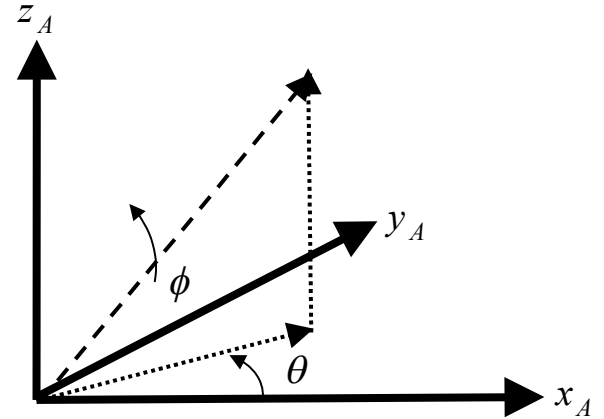
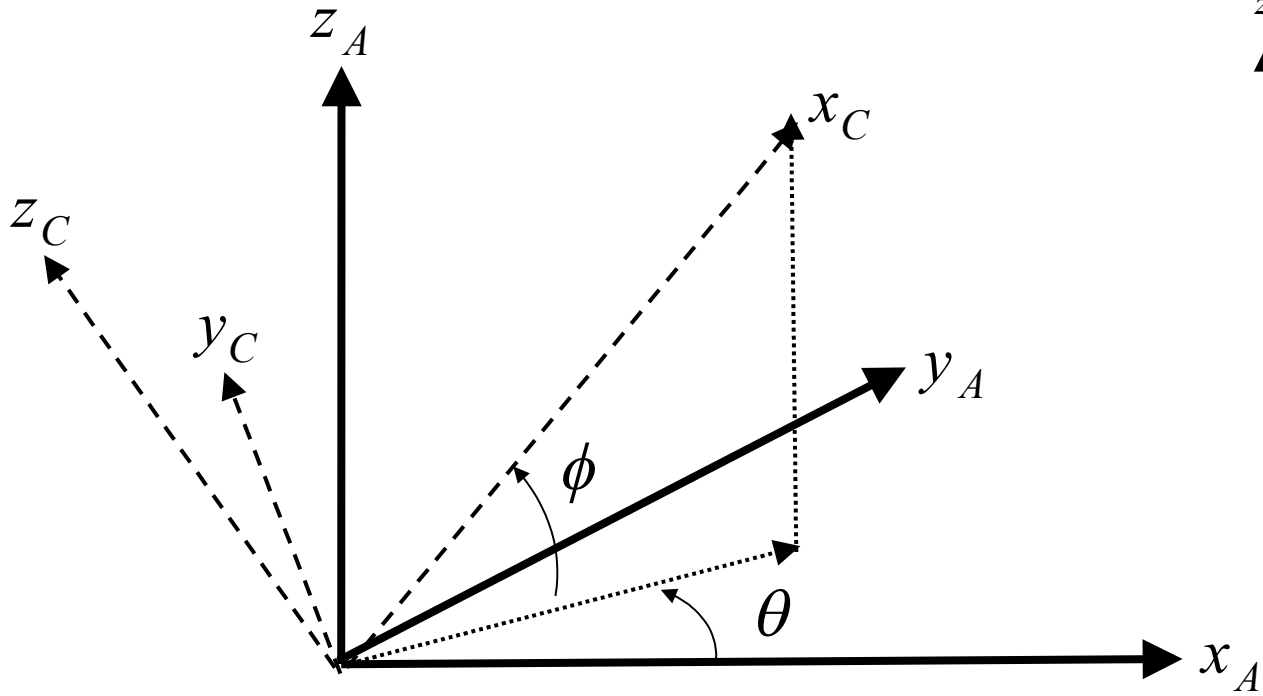
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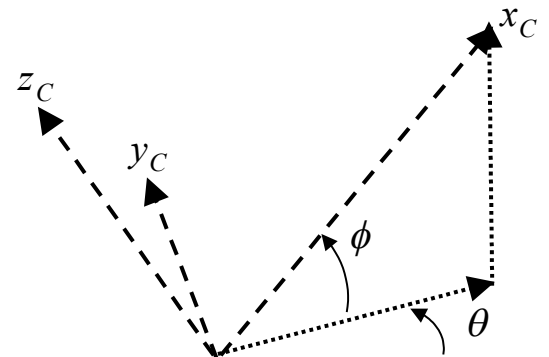
$${}^A R_B = \begin{pmatrix} {}^A \hat{x}_B & {}^A \hat{y}_B & {}^A \hat{z}_B \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}^A R_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

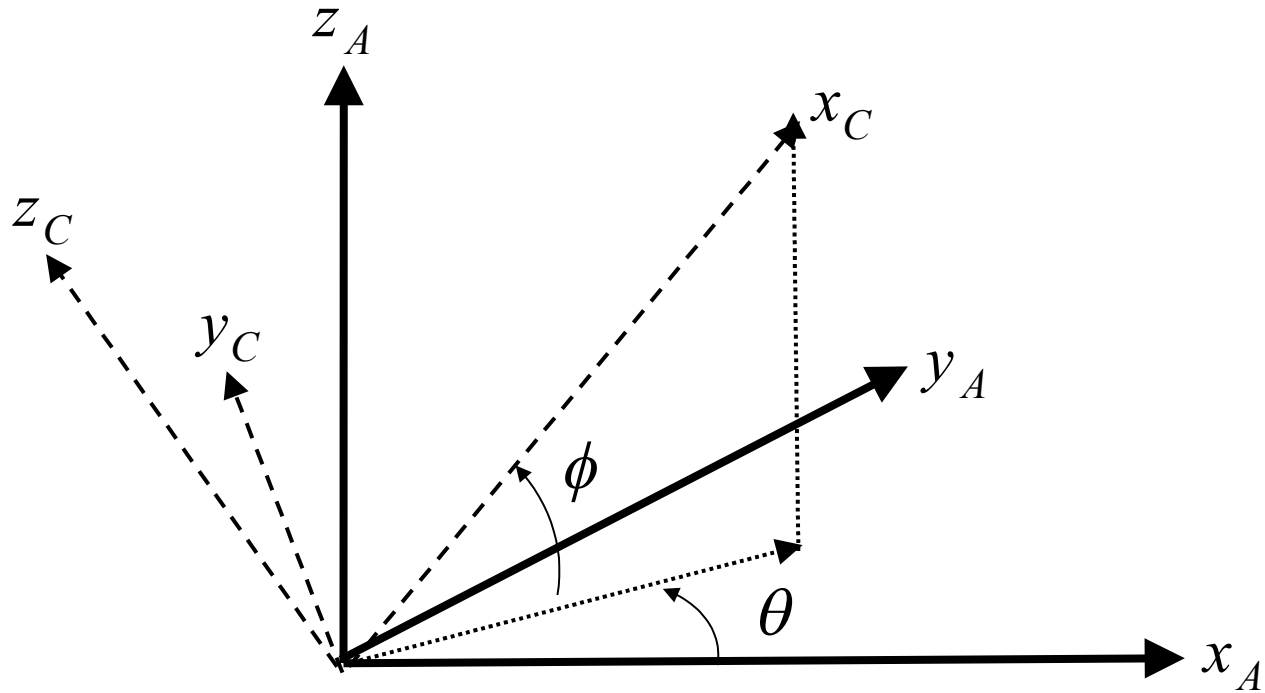
Example



Find ${}^A R_C$



Example



$${}^A R_C = {}^A R_B {}^B R_C = \begin{pmatrix} c_\theta & -s_\theta & 0 \\ s_\theta & c_\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_\phi & 0 & -s_\phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ s_\phi & 0 & c_\phi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\theta c_\phi & -s_\theta & -c_\theta s_\phi \\ s_\theta c_\phi & c_\theta & -s_\theta s_\phi \\ s_\phi & 0 & c_\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

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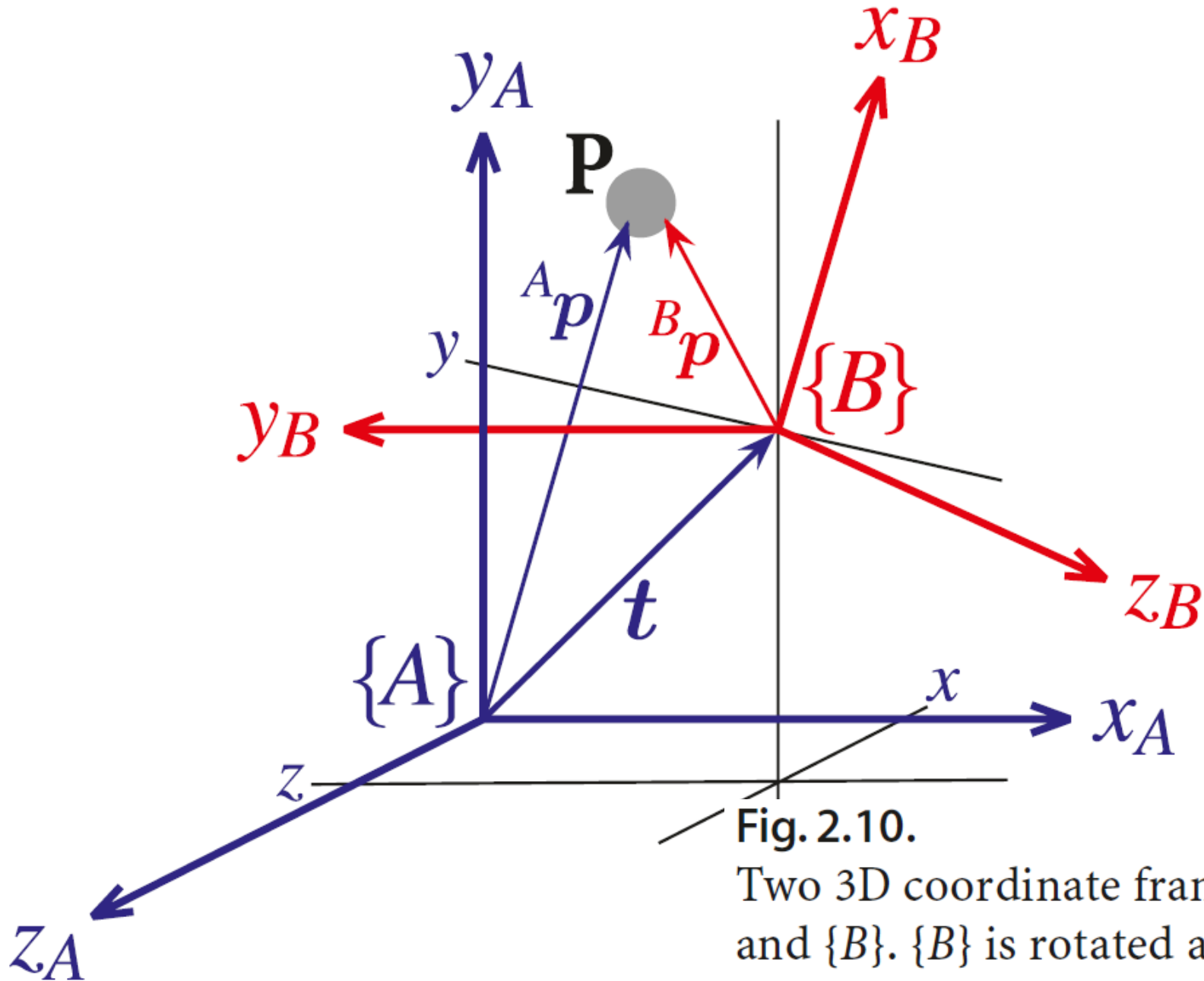


Fig. 2.10.

Two 3D coordinate frames $\{A\}$ and $\{B\}$. $\{B\}$ is rotated and translated with respect to $\{A\}$

3-D transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^A x \\ {}^A y \\ {}^A z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^B x \\ {}^B y \\ {}^B z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A \tilde{\mathbf{p}} &= \begin{pmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} {}^B \tilde{\mathbf{p}} \\ &= {}^A \mathbf{T}_B {}^B \tilde{\mathbf{p}} \end{aligned}$$

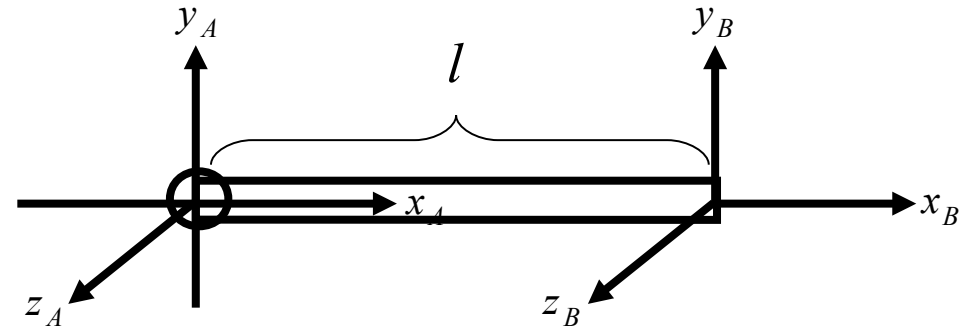
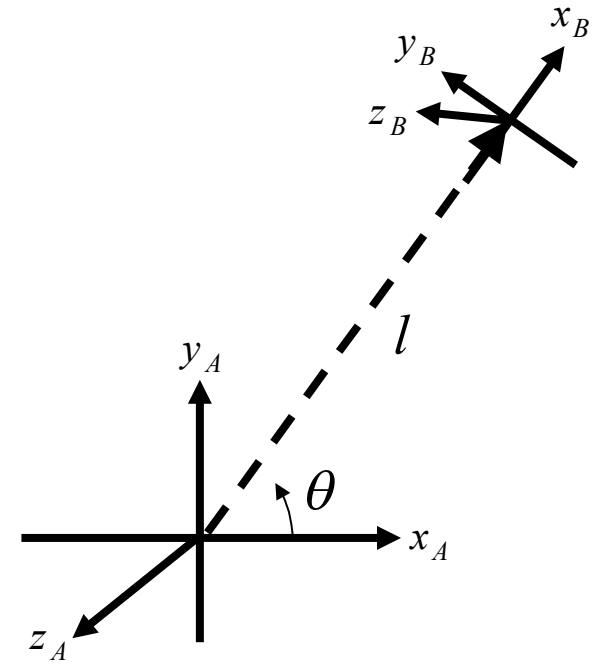
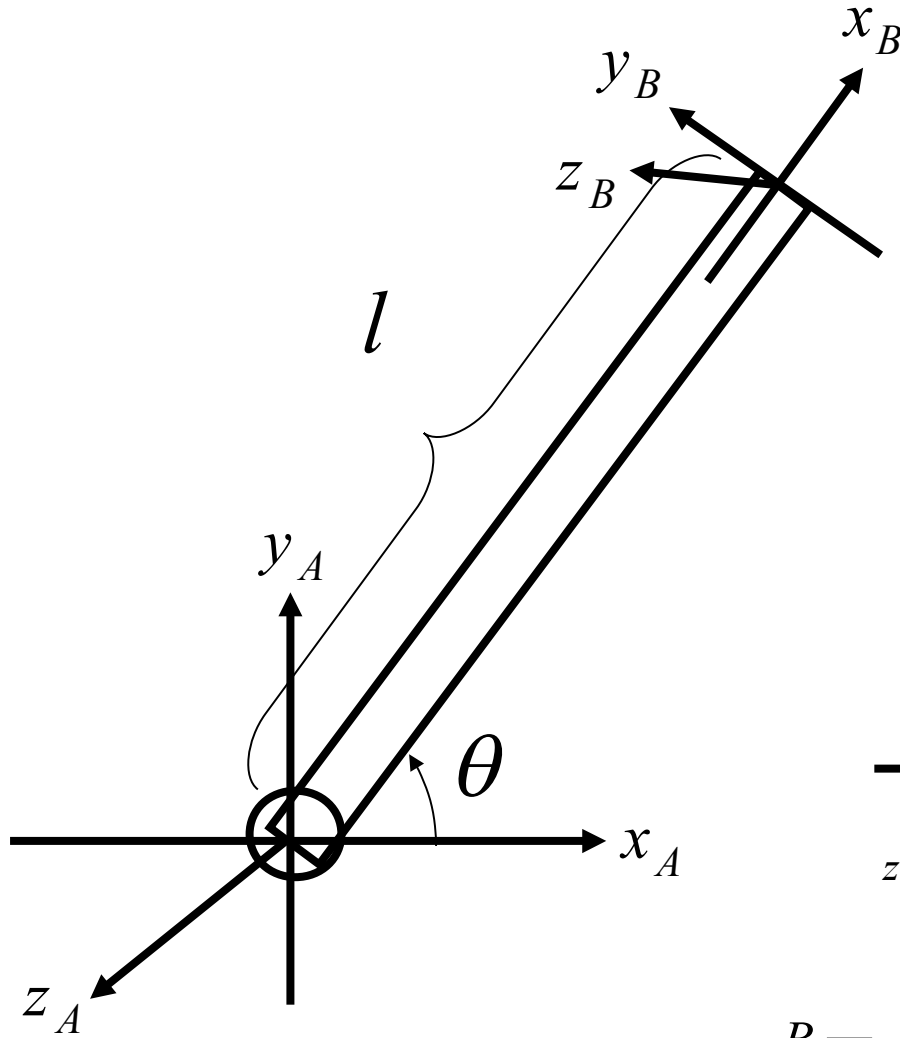
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Example

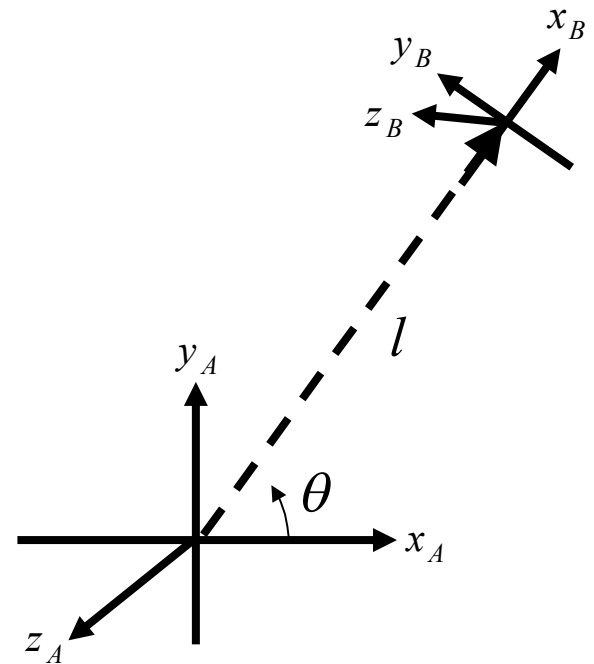
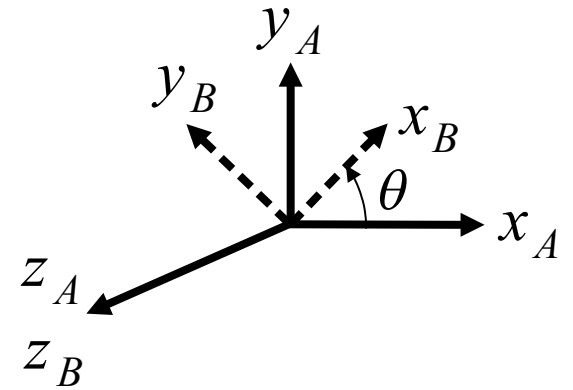


Find ${}^B T_A$

Example

Find ${}^B T_A$

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

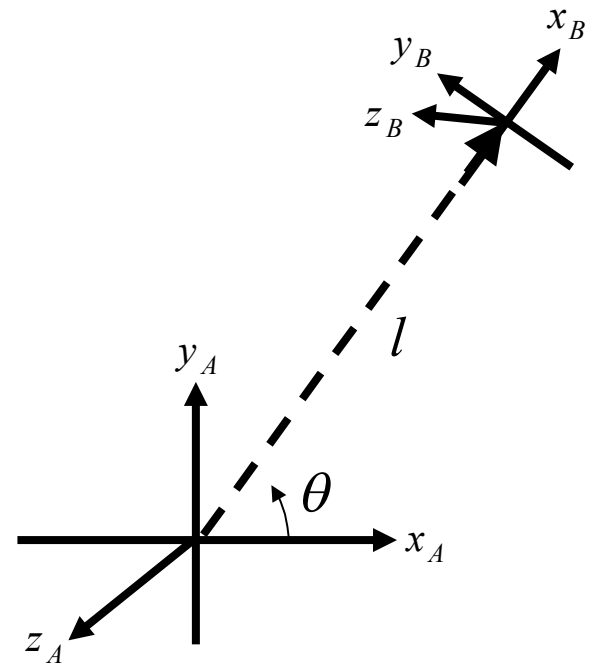
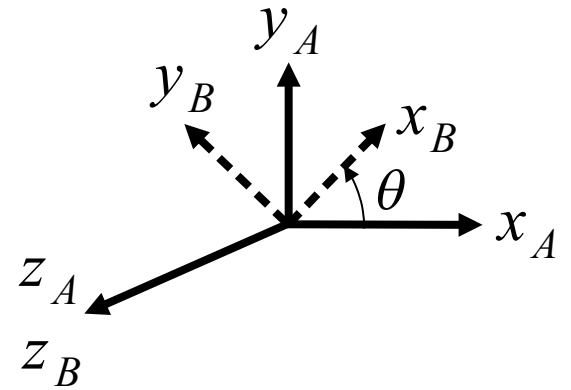


Example

Find ${}^B T_A$

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$${}^B d_A = \begin{pmatrix} -l \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



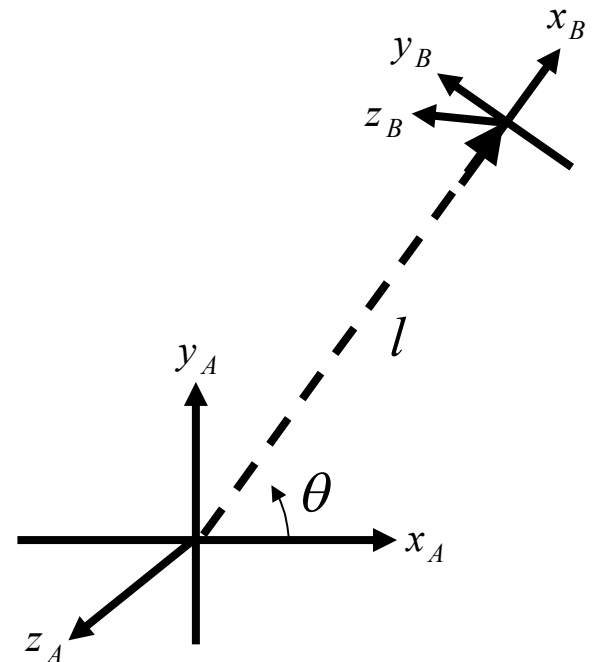
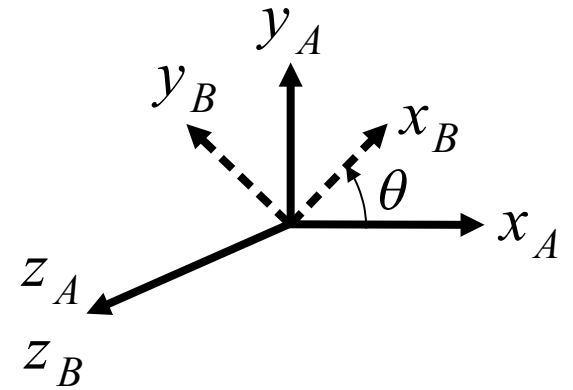
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$${}^B T_A = \begin{pmatrix} {}^B R_A & {}^B d_A \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Example

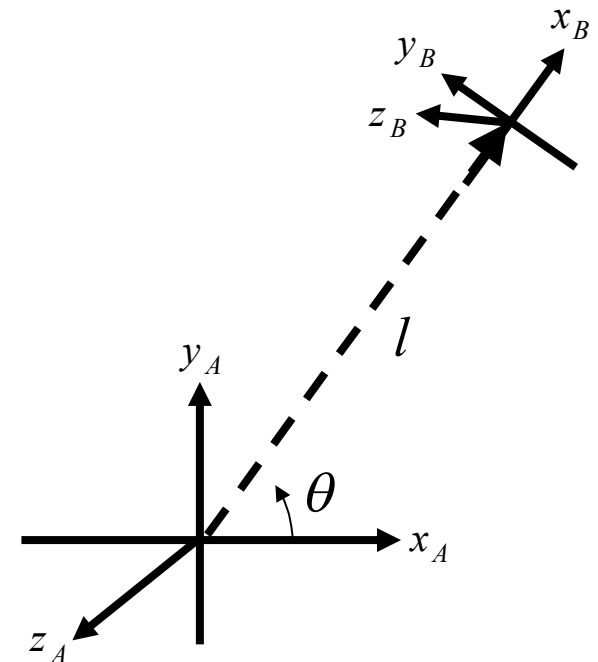
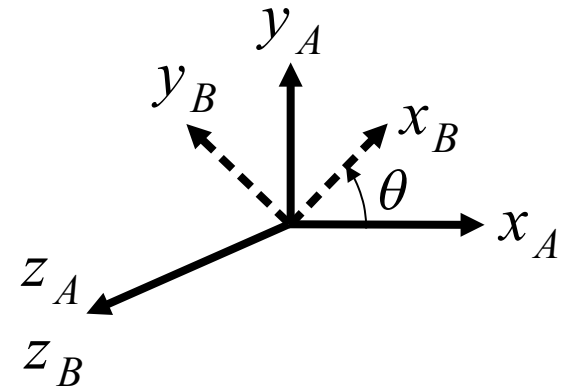
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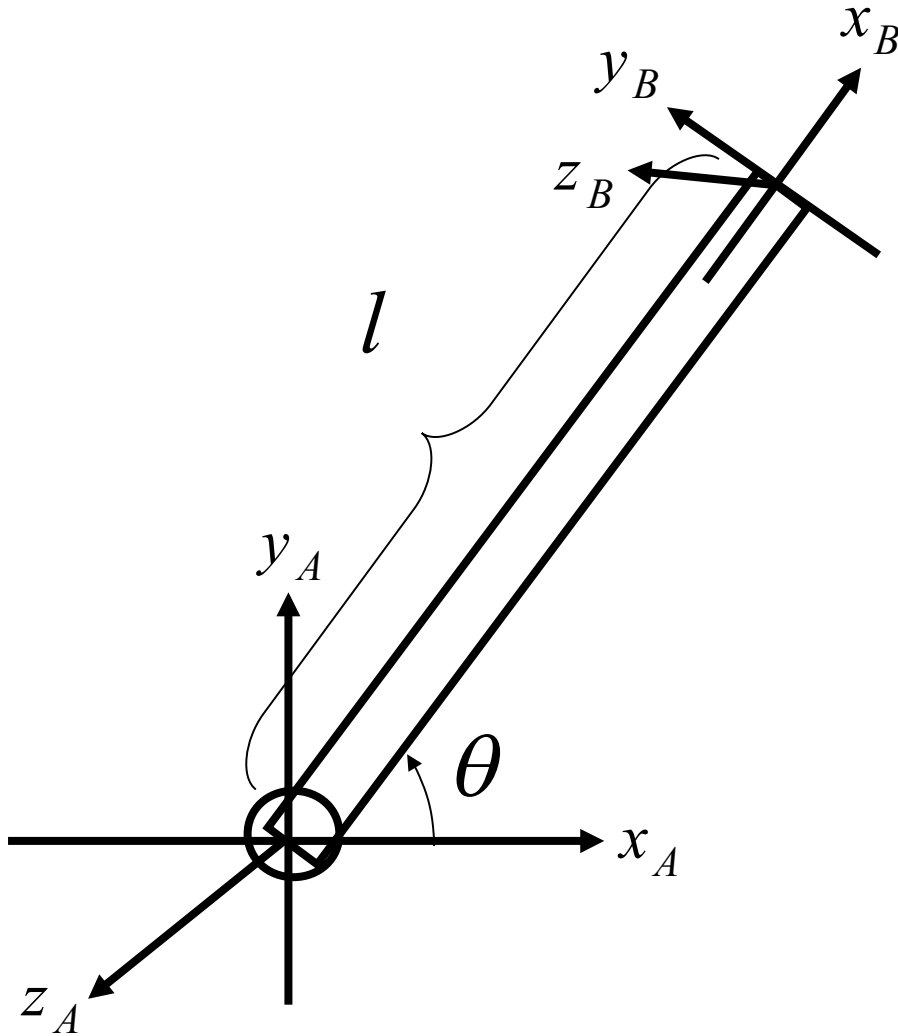
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Example



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How about ${}^A T_B$?

Example

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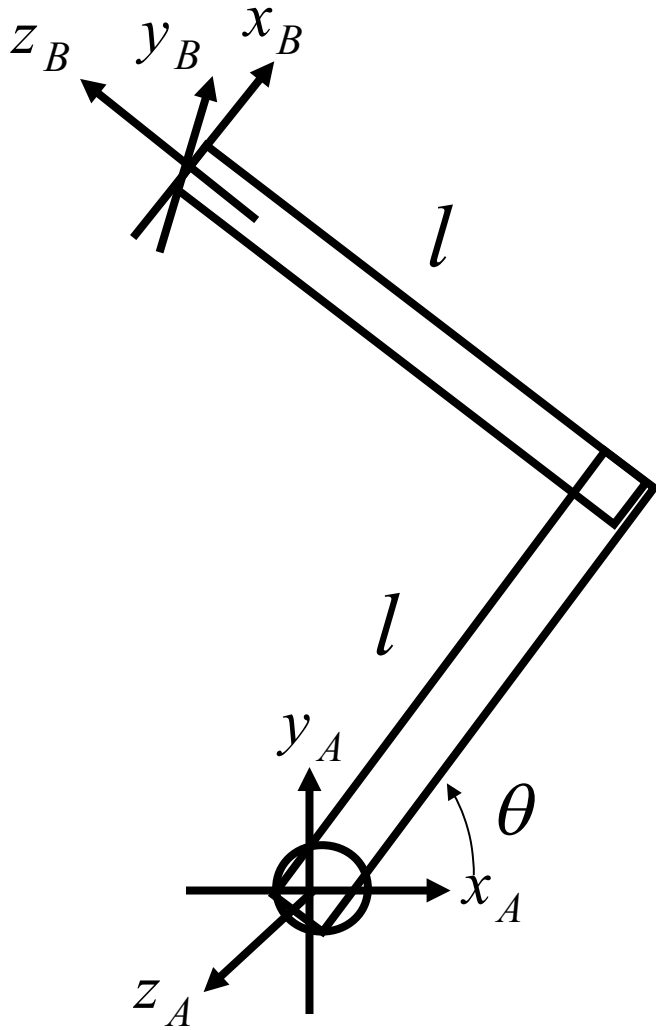
$${}^B d_A = \begin{pmatrix} -l \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad -{}^A R_B {}^B d_A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -l \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} l \cos(\theta) \\ l \sin(\theta) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}^B T_A^{-1} = {}^A T_B = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 & l \cos(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 & l \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example

This arm rotates about the z_A axis

Find ${}^A T_B$ and ${}^B T_A$



Summary: 3-D transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^A x \\ {}^A y \\ {}^A z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^B x \\ {}^B y \\ {}^B z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A \tilde{\mathbf{p}} &= \begin{pmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} {}^B \tilde{\mathbf{p}} \\ &= {}^A \mathbf{T}_B {}^B \tilde{\mathbf{p}} \end{aligned}$$

A concrete representation of relative pose is $\xi \sim T \in \mathbf{SE}(3)$ and $T_1 \oplus T_2 \mapsto T_1 T_2$ which is standard matrix multiplication.

$$T_1 T_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_1 & \mathbf{t}_1 \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_2 & \mathbf{t}_2 \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{R}_2 & \mathbf{t}_1 + \mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{t}_2 \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.24)$$

One of the rules of pose algebra 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 of pose algebra was that $\xi \ominus \xi = 0$. We know for matrices that $TT^{-1} = I$ which implies that $\ominus T \mapsto T^{-1}$

$$T^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}^T & -\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.25)$$

Feedback

Piazza thread: 1/26 Lec 03 Feedback

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1. What did you like so far?
2. What was unclear?
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If so, did you enjoy it?
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