

## Chapter 2 – Spatial Representation and Transformation

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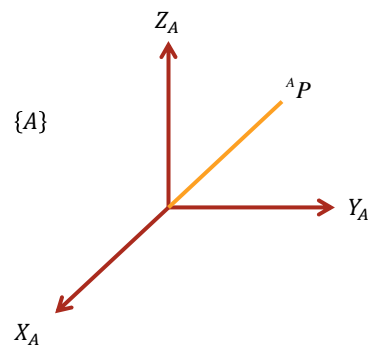
### 2.1 Position, Orientation and Frames

#### □ Position Vector

$${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} P_X \\ P_Y \\ P_Z \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

Usually  $\omega = 1$

{A}

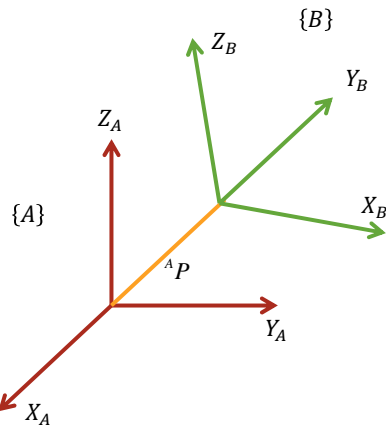


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### □ Orientation Matrix



$${}^A R_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A X_B & {}^A Y_B & {}^A Z_B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_A \cdot {}^A R_B = R_B$$

$${}^A R_B = R_A^{-1} \cdot R_B = \begin{pmatrix} X_A^t \\ Y_A^t \\ Z_A^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_B & Y_B & Z_B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} X_B \cdot X_A & Y_B \cdot X_A & Z_B \cdot X_A \\ X_B \cdot Y_A & Y_B \cdot Y_A & Z_B \cdot Y_A \\ X_B \cdot Z_A & Y_B \cdot Z_A & Z_B \cdot Z_A \end{pmatrix}$$

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### □ Remarks:

1. Elements on  ${}^A R_B$  are called **directional cosine**
2. And  ${}^B R_A = {}^A R_B^T$

### □ Coordinate Frame:

- ▣ Referring to  $\{A\}$ , coordinate frame  $\{B\}$  can be defined as:

$$\{B\} = \{ {}^A R_B, {}^A P_{B\_origin} \}$$

## 2.2 Mapping Between Frames

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- Translated frame:

$${}^A P = {}^B P + {}^A P_{B\_origin}$$

- Rotated frame:

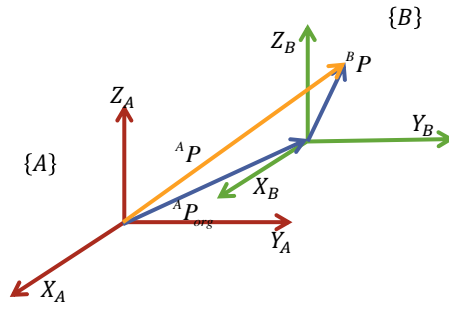
$${}^A P = {}^A R_B {}^B P$$

- General frame:

$${}^A P = {}^A R_B {}^B P + {}^A P_{B\_origin}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^A P \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} {}^A R_B & {}^A P_{B\_origin} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^B P \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4x4 matrix (Homogenous transformation)



## 2.3 Transformation

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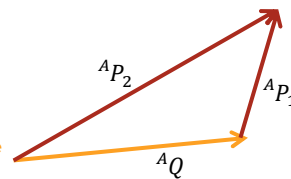
- Translation (commutative)

$${}^A P_2 = {}^A P_1 + {}^A Q$$

$${}^A P_2 = \text{Trans}(Q) {}^A P_1$$

$$\text{Trans}(P) + \text{Trans}(Q) = \text{Trans}(Q) + \text{Trans}(P)$$

$$\text{Trans}(Q) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & q_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & q_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & q_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Where } Q = (q_x q_y q_z)$$



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### □ Rotation (not commutative)

$${}^A P_2 = R_K(\theta) {}^A P_1 \quad \begin{array}{l} K: \text{axis} \\ \theta: \text{angle} \end{array}$$

$$R_{k_1}(\alpha) \bullet R_{k_2}(\beta) \neq R_{k_2}(\beta) \bullet R_{k_1}(\alpha) \quad \text{except } k_1 = k_2$$

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

$$x' = x$$

$$y' = \cos \theta \cdot y - \sin \theta \cdot z$$

$$z' = \sin \theta \cdot y + \cos \theta \cdot z$$

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

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

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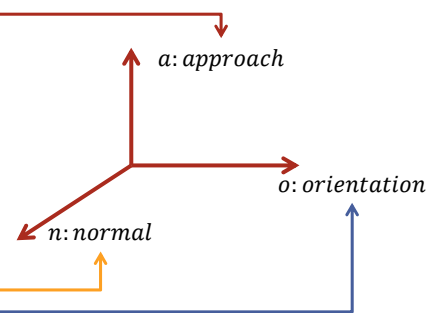
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### □ General

$${}^A P_2 = T {}^A P_1$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$p$ : position



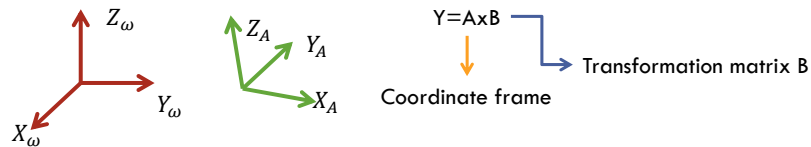
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### Remarks:

- $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$  (postmultiply), a transformation A by a second transformation B
- the transformation described by B is with respect to the *frame of A*.



- $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A}$  (premultiply), a transformation A by a second transformation B
- the transformation described by B is with respect to the *base coordinate frame*.

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### Compound

$${}^B P = {}^B T_C \bullet {}^C P$$

$${}^A P = {}^A T_B \bullet {}^B P$$

$${}^A P = {}^A T_B \bullet {}^B T_C \bullet {}^C P = {}^A T_C \bullet {}^C P$$

### Inversion

$${}^B T_A = {}^A T_B^{-1}$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} n & o & a & p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} n_x & n_y & n_z & -p \bullet n \\ o_x & o_y & o_z & -p \bullet o \\ a_x & a_y & a_z & -p \bullet a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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### □ General Rotation Transformation

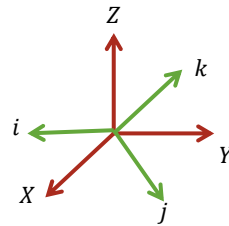
□ Rotation about an arbitrary vector  $k$  from origin.

□ First find a coordinate frame  $C$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & 0 \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & 0 \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} k \text{ is the } Z \text{ axis} \\ \text{i.e. } k = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k} \\ R_K(\theta) = R_{CZ}(\theta) \end{array}$$

Given a frame  $T$ , then we can find a frame  $X$ , s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} T &= CX \\ X &= C^{-1}T \end{aligned}$$



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□ Rotating  $T$  about  $k$  is equivalent to rotating  $X$  around the  $Z$  axis of frame  $C$

$$R_k(\theta)T = CR_Z(\theta)X = CR_Z(\theta)C^{-1}T$$

$$R_k(\theta) = CR_Z(\theta)C^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & 0 \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & 0 \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} n_x & n_y & n_z & 0 \\ o_x & o_y & o_z & 0 \\ a_x & a_y & a_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} K_x^2 \text{vers} \theta + \cos \theta & K_x K_y \text{vers} \theta - K_z \sin \theta & K_x K_z \text{vers} \theta + K_y \sin \theta & 0 \\ K_x K_y \text{vers} \theta + K_z \sin \theta & K_y^2 \text{vers} \theta + \cos \theta & K_y K_z \text{vers} \theta - K_x \sin \theta & 0 \\ K_x K_z \text{vers} \theta - K_y \sin \theta & K_y K_z \text{vers} \theta + K_x \sin \theta & K_z^2 \text{vers} \theta + \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Where  $\text{vers} \theta = 1 - \cos \theta$  and  $(k_x, k_y, k_z) = (a_x, a_y, a_z)$

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- Given a rotational transformation R

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & 0 \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & 0 \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Equate R to  $R_k(\theta)$

- Define Trace (A)=sum of diagonal components of matrix A

$$\text{Trace}(R) = n_x + o_y + a_z + 1$$

$$= K_x^2 \text{vers} \theta + \cos \theta + K_y^2 \text{vers} \theta + \cos \theta + K_z^2 \text{vers} \theta + \cos \theta + 1 = 2 + 2 \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}(n_x + o_y + a_z - 1)$$

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$$o_z - a_y = 2k_x s\theta$$

And  $a_x - n_z = 2k_y s\theta$

$$n_y - o_x = 2k_z s\theta$$

$$\therefore (o_z - a_y)^2 + (a_x - n_z)^2 + (n_y - o_x)^2 = 4 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(o_z - a_y)^2 + (a_x - n_z)^2 + (n_y - o_x)^2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

Choose positive sign, then  $0 \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$

Note: why it is not preferred to solve q from:

$$k_x = \frac{o_z - a_y}{2 \sin \theta}$$

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□ Another set:

$$\begin{cases} K_x^2 \text{vers } \theta + \cos \theta = n_x \\ K_y^2 \text{vers } \theta + \cos \theta = o_y \\ K_z^2 \text{vers } \theta + \cos \theta = a_z \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} k_x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{n_x - \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}} \\ k_y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{o_y - \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}} \\ k_z = \pm \sqrt{\frac{a_z - \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}} \end{cases}$$

□ From the largest element of  $n_x, o_y$  and  $a_z$  the largest of  $k_x, k_y$  and  $k_z$  can be determined

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } n_x > \begin{cases} o_y \\ a_z \end{cases} \text{ then } k_x \text{ is the largest} \quad & n_y + o_x = 2k_x k_y \text{vers } \theta \quad \therefore k_y = \frac{n_y + o_x}{2k_x \text{vers } \theta} \\ & o_z + a_y = 2k_y k_z \text{vers } \theta \\ & n_z + a_x = 2k_z k_x \text{vers } \theta \quad \therefore k_z = \frac{n_z + a_x}{2k_x \text{vers } \theta} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.5 Three Angle Rotation: Euler angles, RPY Angles

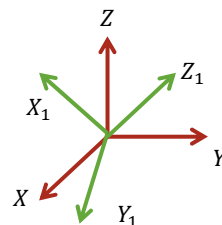
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□ Euler Angels:

$$Euler(\phi, \theta, \psi) = \overset{\text{Roll}}{R_Z(\phi)} \overset{\text{Pitch}}{R_Y(\theta)} \overset{\text{Yaw}}{R_Z(\psi)} \quad (z, y, z)$$

- Rotate  $\phi$  about z-axis
- Rotate  $\theta$  about new y-axis
- Rotate  $\psi$  about new z-axis





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□ Note: z-y-x or other combination are also possible.

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

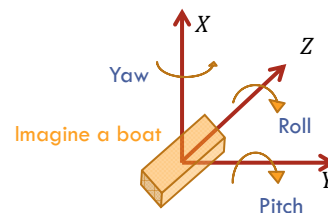
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$$RPY(\phi, \theta, \psi) = R_z(\phi)R_y(\theta)R_x(\psi)$$

- a) Rotate  $\psi$  about x-axis
- b) Rotate  $\theta$  about y-axis
- c) Rotate  $\phi$  about z-axis



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### □ Euler transformation solution

$$Euler(\phi, \theta, \psi) = T$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi \cos \theta \cos \psi - \sin \phi \sin \psi & -\cos \phi \cos \theta \sin \psi - \sin \phi \cos \psi & \cos \phi \sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \phi \cos \theta \cos \psi + \cos \phi \sin \psi & -\sin \phi \cos \theta \sin \psi + \cos \phi \cos \psi & \sin \phi \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta \cos \psi & \sin \theta \sin \psi & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & 0 \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & 0 \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a_y}{a_x} &= \frac{\sin \phi \sin \theta}{\cos \phi \sin \theta} \\ \tan \phi &= \frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \phi} = \frac{a_y}{a_x} = \frac{-a_y}{-a_x} \end{aligned}$$

If  $\theta = 0$  then  $a_x = a_y = 0 \rightarrow$   
degenerate because "pitch"  
can have no answer  
i.e.  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  correspond to the  
same rotating axis.

It can be solved by setting  $\phi = 0$  or the previous value or any value then solving for  $\psi$

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### □ For Euler z-y-z

#### a) Solution of $\phi$ :

$$\text{If } \theta \neq 0 \Rightarrow \phi = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{a_y}{a_x} \right] \quad \text{or} \quad \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{a_y}{a_x} \right] + 180^\circ$$

#### b) Solution of $\theta$ :

$$\text{If } c\theta = a_z \Rightarrow s\theta = c\phi a_x + s\phi a_y = c\phi(c\phi s\theta) + s\phi(s\phi s\theta)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{s\theta}{c\theta} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{c\phi a_x + s\phi a_y}{a_z} \right]$$

#### c) Solution of $\psi$ :

$$s\psi = -s\phi n_x + c\phi n_y = s\phi^2 s\psi + c\phi^2 s\psi$$

$$c\psi = -s\phi o_x + c\phi o_y$$

$$\psi = \tan^{-1} \frac{s\psi}{c\psi} = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{-s\phi n_x + c\phi n_y}{-s\phi o_x + c\phi o_y} \right\}$$

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- RPY transformation solution

$$RPY(\phi, \theta, \psi) = R_z(\phi)R_y(\theta)R_x(\psi)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi \cos \theta & \cos \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi - \sin \phi \cos \psi & \cos \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi + \sin \phi \sin \psi & 0 \\ \sin \phi \cos \theta & \sin \phi \sin \theta \sin \psi + \cos \phi \cos \psi & \sin \phi \sin \theta \cos \psi - \cos \phi \sin \psi & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \sin \psi & \cos \theta \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- RPY transformation solution

When  $\theta = \pm 90^\circ \rightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow$  Degeneracy.

a) When  $\theta \neq \pm 90^\circ$   $\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{n_y}{n_x}$  or  $\tan^{-1} \frac{n_y}{n_x} + 180^\circ$

b) 
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sin \theta &= -n_z \\ \cos \theta &= \cos \phi n_x + \sin \phi n_y \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-n_z}{\cos \phi n_x + \sin \phi n_y} \right)$$

- c) Solution  $\psi$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sin \psi &= \sin \phi a_x - \cos \phi a_y \\ \cos \psi &= -\sin \phi o_x + \cos \phi o_y \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \psi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin \phi a_x - \cos \phi a_y}{-\sin \phi o_x + \cos \phi o_y} \right)$$

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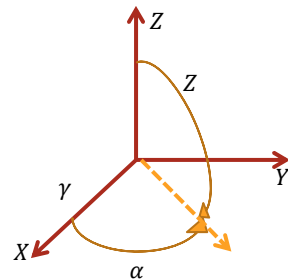
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### □ Cylindrical Coordinates:

$$\square \text{cyl}(z, \alpha, \gamma) = \text{trans}(0,0,z) * R_z(\alpha) * \text{Trans}(\gamma, 0,0)$$

- 1) Translate  $\gamma$  along x-axis
- 2) Rotate  $\alpha$  about z-axis
- 3) Translate  $z$  along z-axis

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c\alpha & -s\alpha & 0 & \gamma c\alpha \\ s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 & \gamma s\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma c\alpha \\ \gamma s\alpha \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \omega \end{matrix}$$



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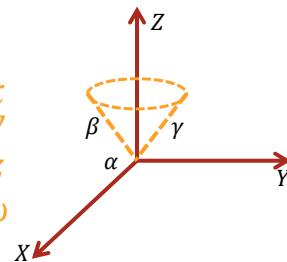
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### □ Spherical Coordinates:

$$\square S(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = R_z(\alpha) * R_y(\beta) * \text{Trans}(0,0,\gamma)$$

- 1) Translate  $\gamma$  along z-axis
- 2) Rotate  $\beta$  about y-axis
- 3) Rotate  $\alpha$  about z-axis

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & -s\alpha & c\alpha s\beta & \gamma c\alpha s\beta \\ s\alpha c\beta & c\alpha & s\alpha s\beta & \gamma s\alpha s\beta \\ -s\beta & 0 & c\beta & \gamma c\beta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma c\alpha s\beta \\ \gamma s\alpha s\beta \\ \gamma c\beta \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \omega \end{matrix}$$



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### □ Summary:

Translation	Rotation
$p$	$n o a$
$Cartesian(x, y, z)$	$R_k(\theta)$
$Cyl(z, \alpha, \gamma)$	$Euler(\phi, \theta, \psi)$
$Sph(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$	$RPY(\phi, \theta, \psi)$