

# Lecture 5

**Math 178**  
**Nonlinear Data Analytics**

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# OVERVIEW

- $\text{SO}(n)$
- Tangent Plane of  $\text{SO}(n)$
- Lie algebra of the Lie group of  $\text{SO}(n)$
- Exponential map
- Rigid body Kinematics

# Extension of Euler's formula

A Euclidean vector such as  $(2, 3, 4)$  or  $(a_x, a_y, a_z)$  can be rewritten as  $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$  or  $a_x\mathbf{i} + a_y\mathbf{j} + a_z\mathbf{k}$ , where  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$  are unit vectors representing the three **Cartesian axes**. A rotation through an angle of  $\theta$  around the axis defined by a unit vector

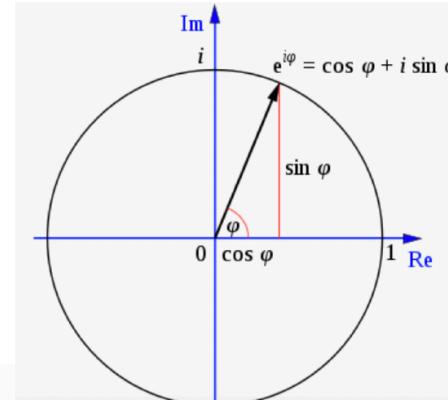
$$\vec{u} = (u_x, u_y, u_z) = u_x\mathbf{i} + u_y\mathbf{j} + u_z\mathbf{k}$$

can be represented by a quaternion. This can be done using an **extension of Euler's formula**:

$$\mathbf{q} = e^{\frac{\theta}{2}(u_x\mathbf{i} + u_y\mathbf{j} + u_z\mathbf{k})} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + (u_x\mathbf{i} + u_y\mathbf{j} + u_z\mathbf{k}) \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

Recall: Euler's formula:

$$e^{i\varphi} = \cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi$$



## Euler Parameters from Angle and Axis

Any central rotation in three dimensions is uniquely determined by its axis of rotation (represented by a unit vector  $\mathbf{k} = (k_x, k_y, k_z)$ ) and the rotation angle  $\varphi$ . The Euler parameters for this rotation are calculated as follows.

$$a = \cos \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

$$b = k_x \sin \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

$$c = k_y \sin \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

$$d = k_z \sin \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

## Lie Algebra of $SO(n)$

The Lie algebra  $so(n)$  of  $SO(n)$  is given by

$$\mathfrak{so}(n) = \mathfrak{o}(n) = \{X \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid X = -X^T\},$$

and is the space of skew-symmetric matrices of dimension  $n$ , see classical group, where  $\mathfrak{o}(n)$  is the Lie algebra of  $O(n)$ , the orthogonal group. For reference, the most common basis for  $so(3)$  is

$$[A, B] = AB - BA$$

$$L_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad L_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad L_z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Definition of a Lie algebra [ edit ]

A Lie algebra is a [vector space](#)  $\mathfrak{g}$  over some field  $F$  together with a [binary operation](#)  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  called the Lie bracket satisfying the following axioms:<sup>[nb 1]</sup>

- [Bilinearity](#),

$$[ax + by, z] = a[x, z] + b[y, z],$$

$$[z, ax + by] = a[z, x] + b[z, y]$$

for all scalars  $a, b$  in  $F$  and all elements  $x, y, z$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

- [Alternativity](#),

$$[x, x] = 0$$

for all  $x$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

- [The Jacobi identity](#),

$$[x, [y, z]] + [z, [x, y]] + [y, [z, x]] = 0$$

for all  $x, y, z$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

## Rodrigues' Rotation Formula

The Rodrigues' formula provides an algorithm to compute the exponential map from  $so(3)$ , the Lie algebra of  $SO(3)$ , to  $SO(3)$  without actually computing the full matrix exponential.

If  $\mathbf{v}$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  is a unit vector describing an axis of rotation about which  $\mathbf{v}$  rotates by an angle  $\theta$  according to the right hand rule, the Rodrigues formula for the rotated vector  $\mathbf{v}_{rot}$  is

$$\mathbf{v}_{rot} = \mathbf{v} \cos \theta + (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v}) \sin \theta + \mathbf{k} (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v})(1 - \cos \theta)$$

## Exponential Map for $SO(3)$

Connecting the Lie algebra to the Lie group is the exponential map, which is defined using the standard matrix exponential series for  $e^A$ . For any skew-symmetric matrix  $A$ ,  $\exp(A)$  is always a rotation matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}\exp(A) &= \exp(\theta(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{L})) \\ &= \exp\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z\theta & y\theta \\ z\theta & 0 & -x\theta \\ -y\theta & x\theta & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= I + \sin \theta \, \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{L} + (1 - \cos \theta)(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{L})^2,\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z & y \\ z & 0 & -x \\ -y & x & 0 \end{bmatrix} .$$

## Matrix Notation

Representing  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v}$  as column matrices, the cross product can be expressed as a matrix product

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v})_x \\ (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v})_y \\ (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v})_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_y v_z - k_z v_y \\ k_z v_x - k_x v_z \\ k_x v_y - k_y v_x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -k_z & k_y \\ k_z & 0 & -k_x \\ -k_y & k_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Letting  $\mathbf{K}$  denote the “cross-product matrix” for the unit vector  $\mathbf{k}$ ,

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -k_z & k_y \\ k_z & 0 & -k_x \\ -k_y & k_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ the matrix equation is, symbolically,}$$

$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v}$$

## Compact Notation

Moreover, since  $\mathbf{k}$  is a unit vector,  $\mathbf{K}$  has unit 2-norm. The previous rotation formula in matrix language is therefore

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{rot}} = \mathbf{v} + (\sin \theta) \mathbf{K}\mathbf{v} + (1 - \cos \theta) \mathbf{K}^2\mathbf{v}, \quad \|\mathbf{K}\|_2 = 1$$

Factorizing the  $\mathbf{v}$  allows the compact expression

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{rot}} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}$$

where

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I} + (\sin \theta) \mathbf{K} + (1 - \cos \theta) \mathbf{K}^2$$

## Euler-Rodrigues Formula

A rotation about the origin is represented by four real numbers,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$  such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$ . When the rotation is applied, a point at position  $\mathbf{x}$  rotates to its new position

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2 & 2(bc - ad) & 2(bd + ac) \\ 2(bc + ad) & a^2 + c^2 - b^2 - d^2 & 2(cd - ab) \\ 2(bd - ac) & 2(cd + ab) & a^2 + d^2 - b^2 - c^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

## Skew Parameters via Cayley's Formula

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z & y \\ z & 0 & -x \\ -y & x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \frac{1}{1+x^2+y^2+z^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1+x^2-y^2-z^2 & 2xy-2z & 2y+2xz \\ 2xy+2z & 1-x^2+y^2-z^2 & 2yz-2x \\ 2xz-2y & 2x+2yz & 1-x^2-y^2+z^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Combine a rotation and a translation into one matrix

## The Lie group $SE(3)$

$$SE(3) = \left\{ \mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{R} \in R^{3 \times 3}, \mathbf{r} \in R^3, \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{I}, |\mathbf{R}| = 1 \right\}$$

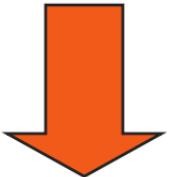
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## Rigid Body Kinematics

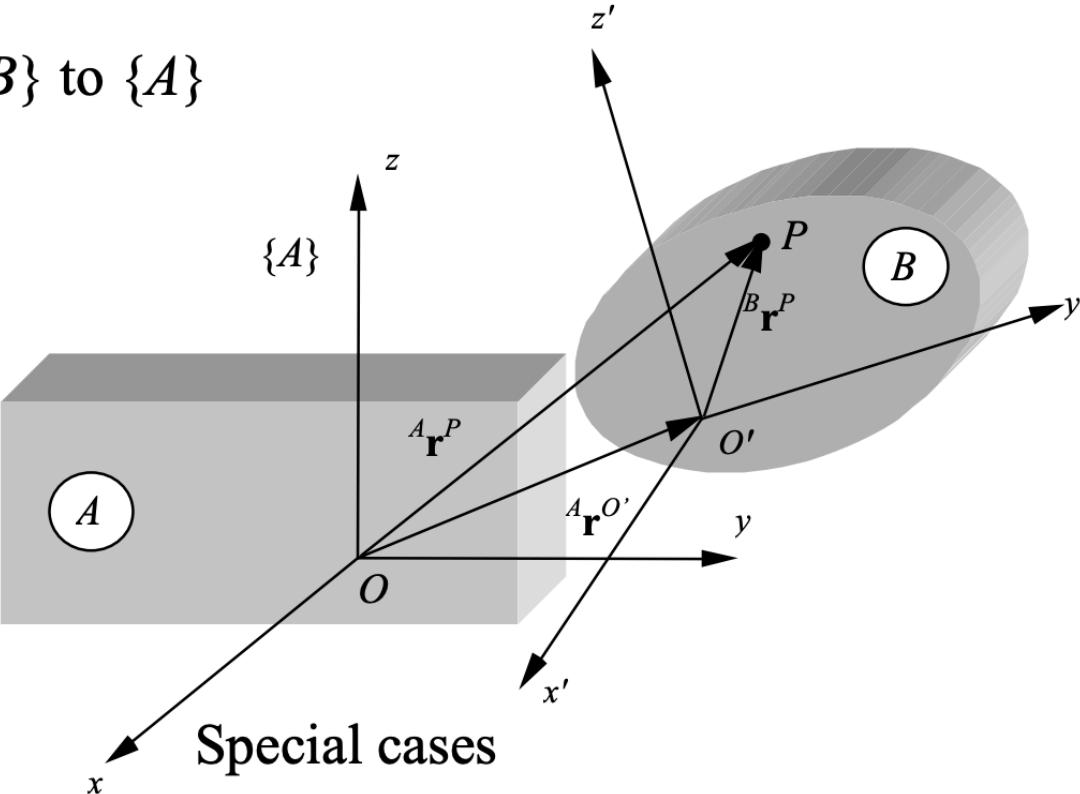
# Homogeneous Transformation Matrix

Coordinate transformation from  $\{B\}$  to  $\{A\}$

$${}^A \mathbf{r}^{P'} = {}^A \mathbf{R}_B {}^B \mathbf{r}^P + {}^A \mathbf{r}^{O'}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{r}^P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B & {}^A \mathbf{r}^{O'} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B \mathbf{r}^P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Homogeneous transformation matrix

$${}^A \mathbf{A}_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B & {}^A \mathbf{r}^{O'} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1. \quad {}^A \mathbf{A}_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B & \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$2. \quad {}^A \mathbf{A}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} & {}^A \mathbf{r}^{O'} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

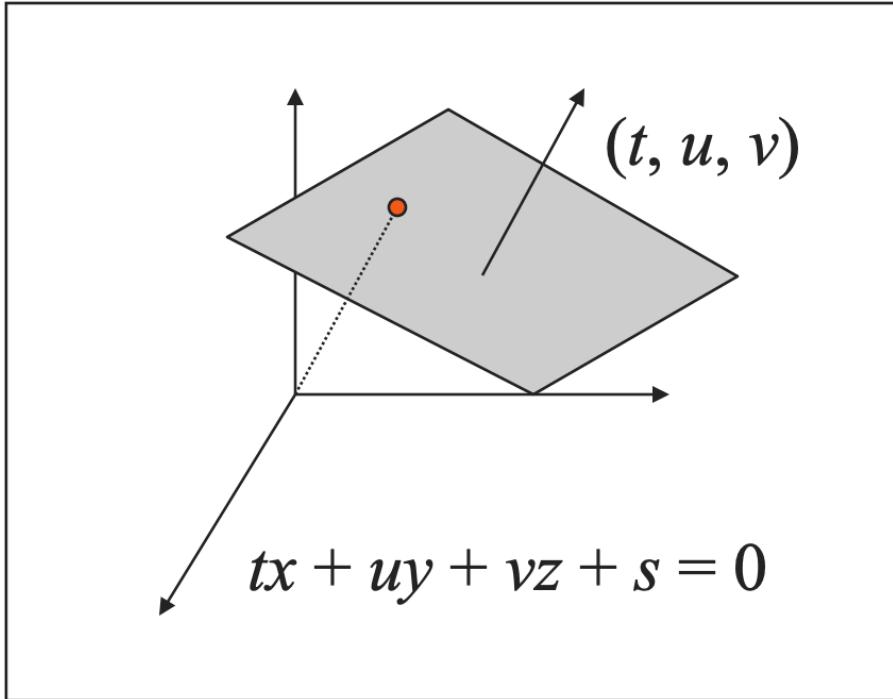
## Rigid Body Kinematics

# Homogeneous Coordinates

- Description of a point  
 $(x, y, z)$
- Description of a plane  
 $(t, u, v, s)$
- Equation of a circle  
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$

Homogeneous coordinates

- Description of a point  
 $(x, y, z, w)$
- Equation of a plane  
 $tx + uy + vz + sw = 0$
- Equation of a sphere  
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2 w^2$



Central ideas

- Equivalence class
- Projective space  $P^3$ ,  
and not Euclidean space  $R^3$

Mathematical and practical advantages

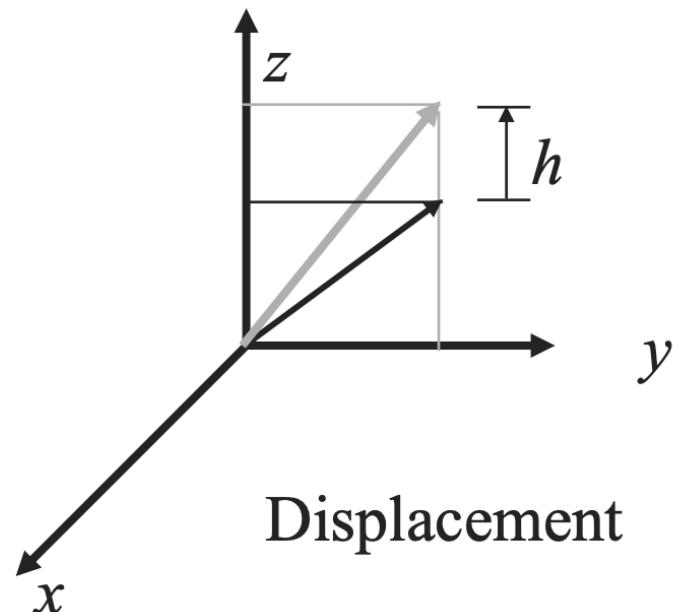
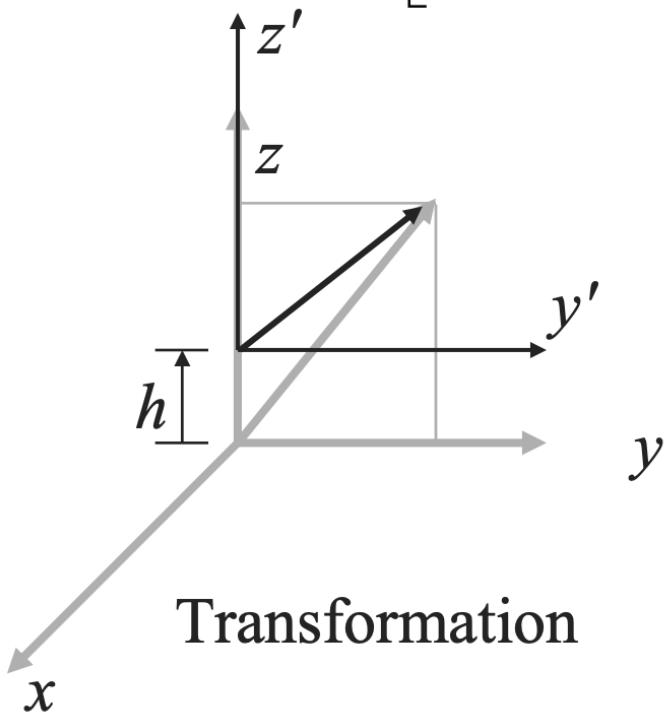
## Rigid Body Kinematics

### Example: Translation

- Translation along the  $z$ -axis through  $h$

$$Trans(z, h) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

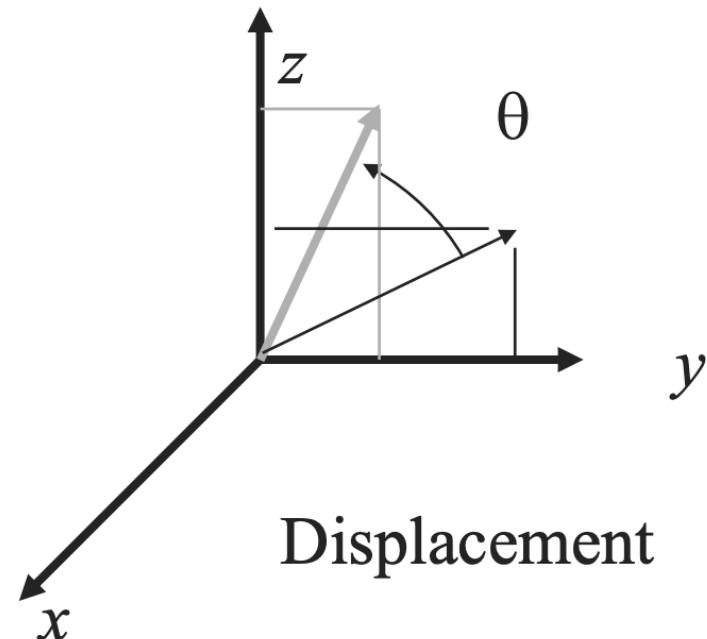
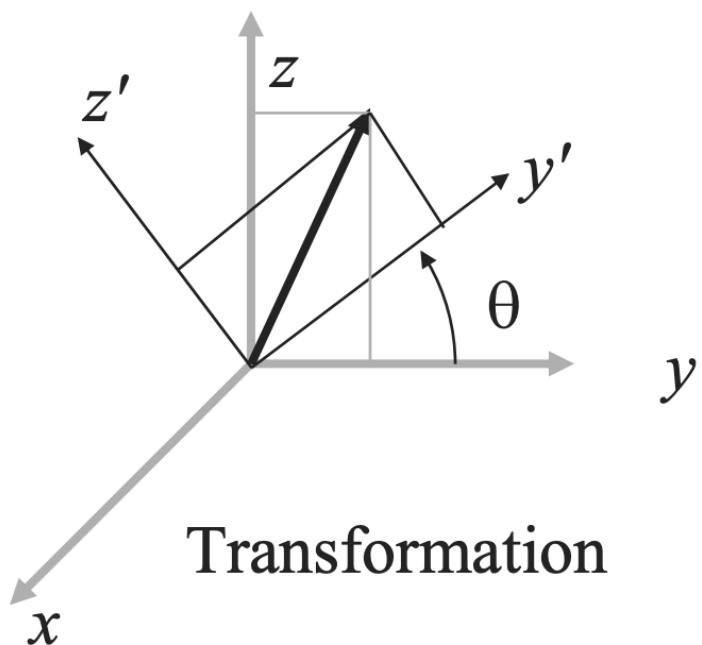


## Rigid Body Kinematics

### Example: Rotation

- Rotation about the  $x$ -axis through  $\theta$

$$Rot(x, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Rigid Body Kinematics

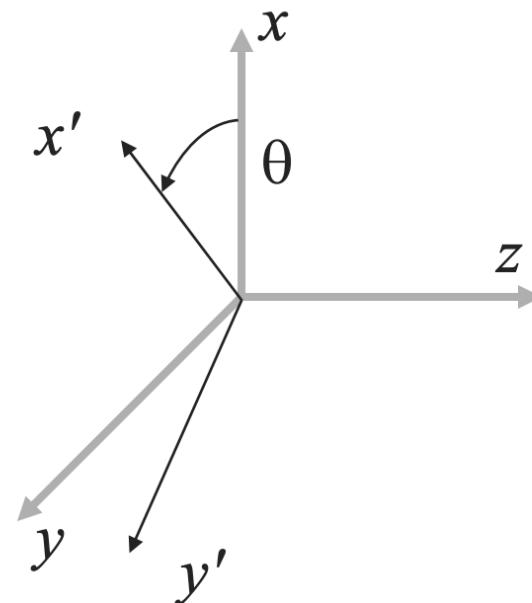
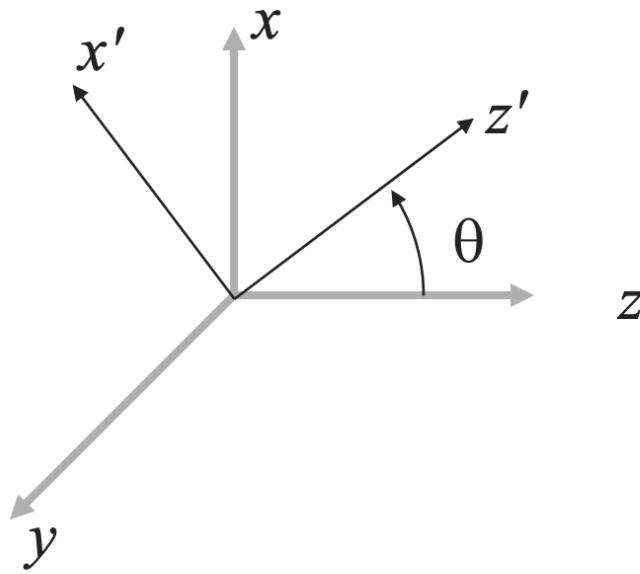
### Example: Rotation

Rotation about the  $y$ -axis through  $\theta$

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

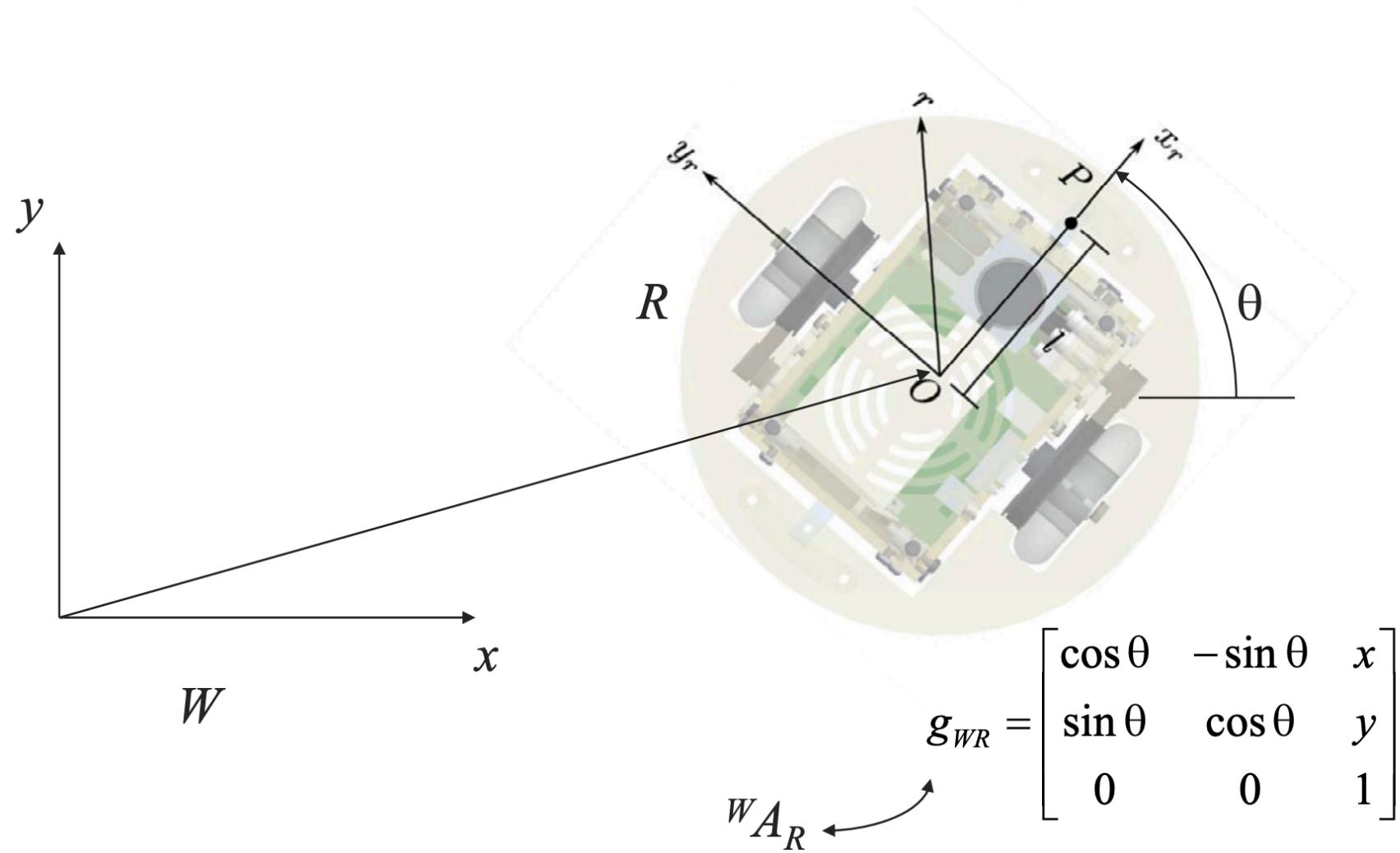
Rotation about the  $z$ -axis through  $\theta$

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



## Rigid Body Kinematics

### Mobile Robots



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### Example: Displacement of Points

Displace  $(7, 3, 2)$  through a sequence of:

1.  $\text{Rot}(z, 90)$

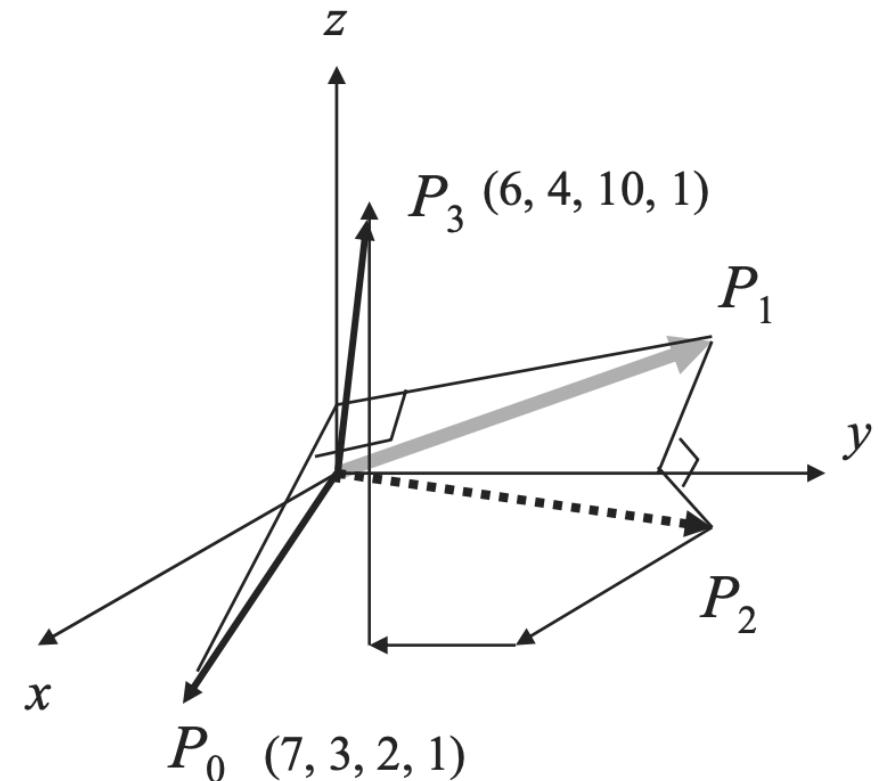
2.  $\text{Rot}(y, 90)$

3.  $\text{Trans}(4, -3, 7)$

in the frame  $F$ :  $(x, y, z)$ :

$\text{Trans}(4, -3, 7) \text{ Rot}(y, 90) \text{ Rot}(z, 90)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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### Example: Transformation of Points

Successive transformations of (7, 3, 2):

1. Trans(4, -3, 7)

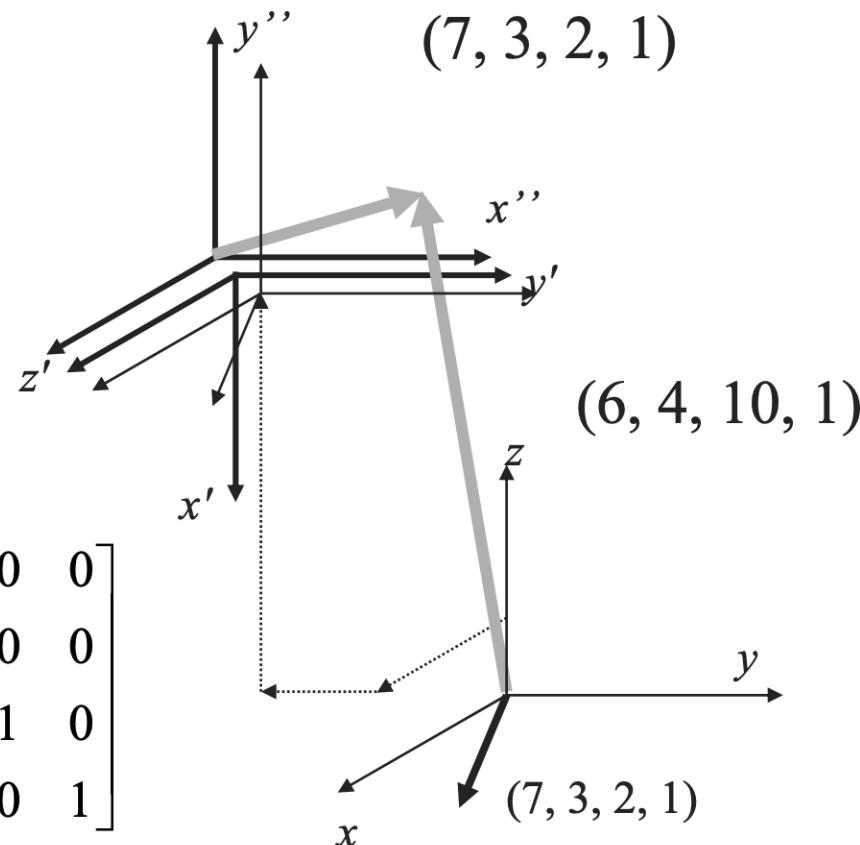
2. Rot( $y$ , 90)

3. Rot( $z$ , 90)

in a body fixed frame

Trans(4, -3, 7) Rot( $y$ , 90) Rot( $z$ , 90)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Rigid Body Kinematics

# $SE(3)$ is a Lie group

$SE(3)$  satisfies the four axioms that must be satisfied by the elements of an *algebraic group*:

- ◆ The set is closed under the binary operation. In other words, if  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are any two matrices in  $SE(3)$ ,  $\mathbf{AB} \in SE(3)$ .
- ◆ The binary operation is associative. In other words, if  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  are any three matrices  $\in SE(3)$ , then  $(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$ .
- ◆ For every element  $\mathbf{A} \in SE(3)$ , there is an identity element given by the  $4 \times 4$  identity matrix,  $\mathbf{I} \in SE(3)$ , such that  $\mathbf{AI} = \mathbf{A}$ .
- ◆ For every element  $\mathbf{A} \in SE(3)$ , there is an identity inverse,  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} \in SE(3)$ , such that  $\mathbf{AA}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$ .

$SE(3)$  is a *continuous group*.

- the binary operation above is a continuous operation — the product of any two elements in  $SE(3)$  is a continuous function of the two elements
- the inverse of any element in  $SE(3)$  is a continuous function of that element.

In other words,  $SE(3)$  is a *differentiable manifold*. A group that is a differentiable manifold is called a *Lie group*[ Sophus Lie (1842-1899)].

## Rigid Body Kinematics

# Composition of Displacements

Displacement from  $\{A\}$  to  $\{B\}$

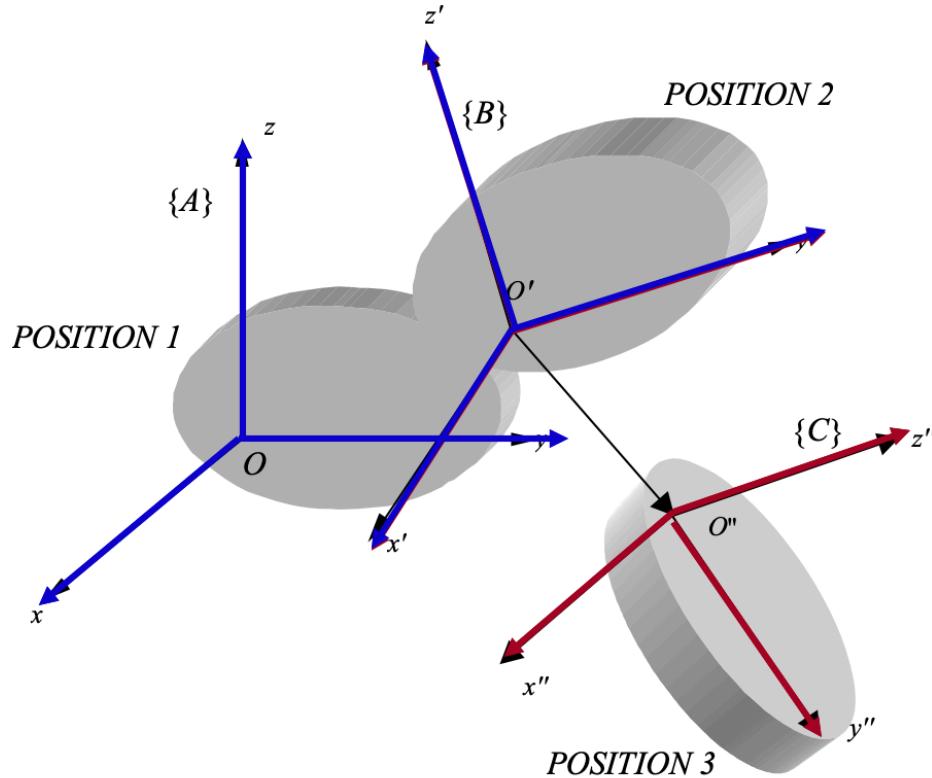
$${}^A \mathbf{A}_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B & {}^A \mathbf{r}_{O'} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

Displacement from  $\{B\}$  to  $\{C\}$

$${}^B \mathbf{A}_C = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B \mathbf{R}_C & {}^B \mathbf{r}_{O''} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

Displacement from  $\{A\}$  to  $\{C\}$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A \mathbf{A}_C &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_C & {}^A \mathbf{r}_{O''} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B & {}^A \mathbf{r}_{O'} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} {}^B \mathbf{R}_C & {}^B \mathbf{r}_{O''} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \mathbf{R}_B \times {}^B \mathbf{R}_C & {}^A \mathbf{R}_B \times {}^B \mathbf{r}_{O''} + {}^A \mathbf{r}_{O'} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



Note  ${}^X \mathbf{A}_Y$  describes the displacement of the body-fixed frame from  $\{X\}$  to  $\{Y\}$  in reference frame  $\{X\}$

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# Composition (continued)

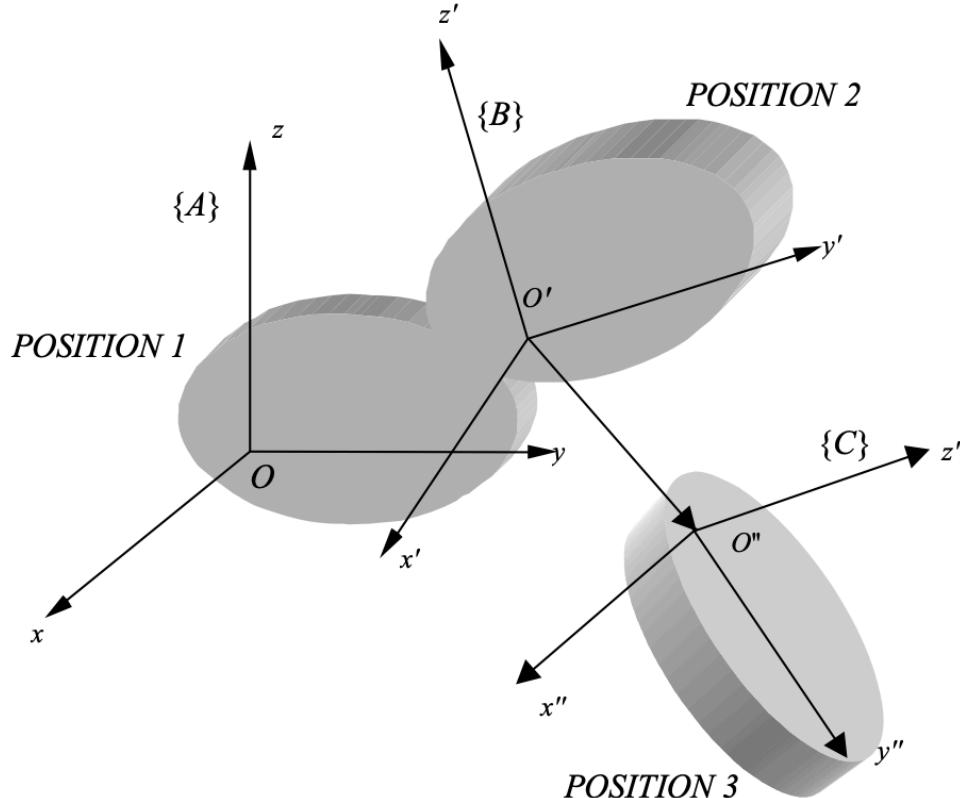
### Composition of displacements

- Displacements are generally described in a body-fixed frame
- Example:  ${}^B\mathbf{A}_C$  is the displacement of a rigid body from  $B$  to  $C$  *relative* to the axes of the “first frame”  $B$ .

### Composition of transformations

- Same basic idea
- ${}^A\mathbf{A}_C = {}^A\mathbf{A}_B {}^B\mathbf{A}_C$

Note that our description of transformations (e.g.,  ${}^B\mathbf{A}_C$ ) is *relative* to the “first frame” ( $B$ , the frame with the leading superscript).



Note  ${}^X\mathbf{A}_Y$  describes the displacement of the body-fixed frame from  $\{X\}$  to  $\{Y\}$  in reference frame  $\{X\}$

# Hints for your HW3

The torus  $T$  is a “surface” generated by rotating a circle  $S^1$  of radius  $r$  about a straight line belonging to the plane of the circle and at a distance  $a > r$  away from the center of the circle.

## Proof

Let  $S^1$  be the circle in the  $yz$  plane with its center on the point  $(0, a, 0)$ . Then  $S^1$  is given by  $(y - a)^2 + z^2 = r^2$ .

The points of  $T$  are obtained by rotating this circle about the  $z$  axis satisfying the equation

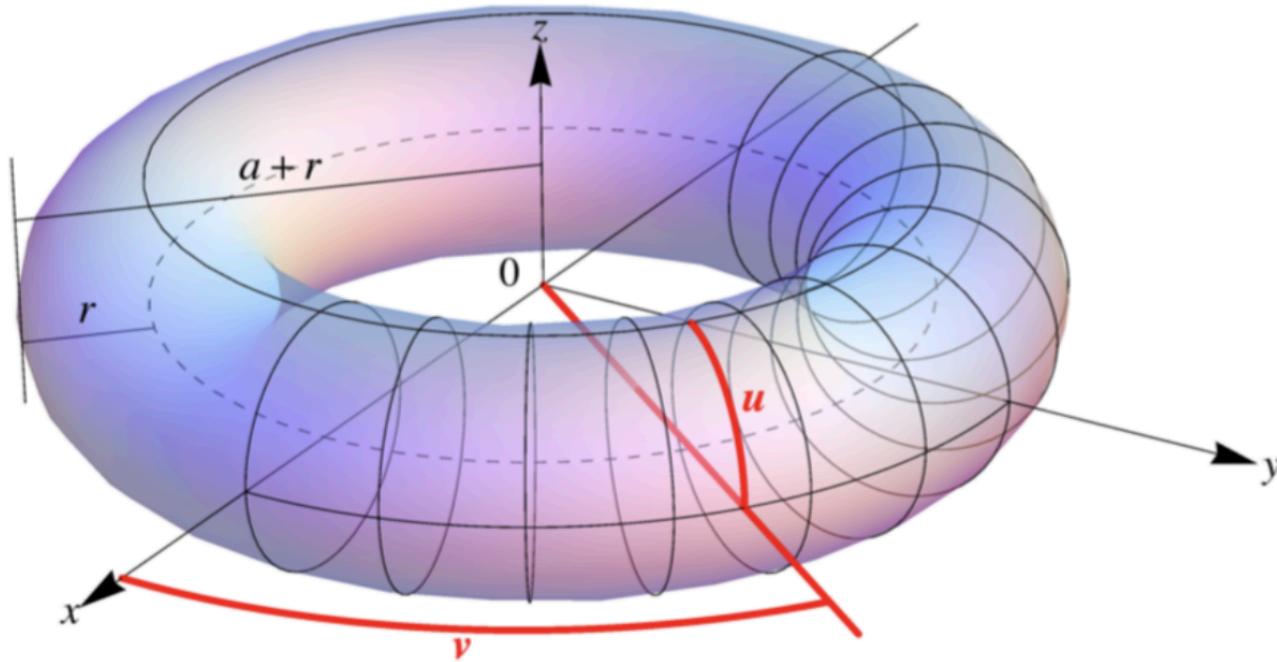
$$\left( \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - a \right)^2 + z^2 = r^2.$$

## Example

A parametrization for the torus  $T$  of the previous example can be given by

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = ((r \cos u + a) \cos v, (r \cos u + a) \sin v, r \sin u),$$

where  $0 < u < 2\pi$ ,  $0 < v < 2\pi$ .



## Proof (cont'd)

Let  $f(x, y, z) = (\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - a)^2 + z^2$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 2z, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{2y(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - a)}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{2x(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - a)}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}.$$

Hence,  $(f_x, f_y, f_z) \neq (0, 0, 0)$  in  $f^{-1}(r^2)$ , so  $r^2$  is a regular value.

Therefore, the torus is a regular surface.