

• / vector arithmetic and linear algebra:

- matrix/vector dimensions
- vector addition
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- vector norm and direction
- matrix-vector multiplication
- identity matrix
- zero matrix, zero vector
- matrix transpose
- matrix inverse

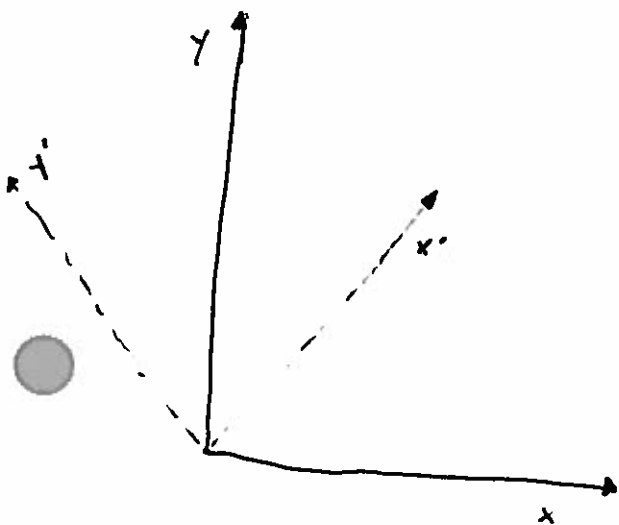
- Transforming points & vectors between coordinate systems
 - May want to know position & orientation of object wrt. robot's wrist, finger, foot, etc.
[relative transformation]
 - May want to know object/robot's "global" reference frame (GPS coordinates) [absolute transformation]
 - Necessary for graphical rendering
- Projecting points in a 3D world to a 2D display (rendering / computer vision)

2D rotation

We can rotate a point in 2D using the following matrix:

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

Then, $p' = R_z p$ (this is of course a linear operation)



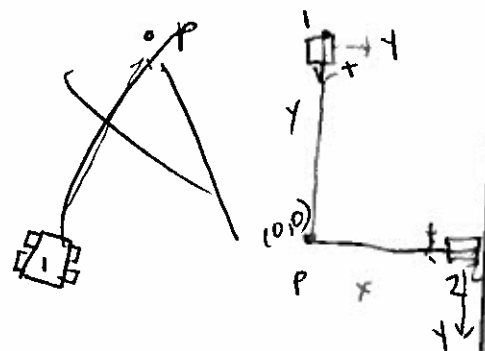
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 x' y'

Note that R transforms a point in its frame (we'll discuss this term in detail later) to the global frame. For example, point $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ in R 's frame is equivalent to $\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$ in the global frame (draw this). R^{-1} transforms a point in the global frame to R 's frame:

$$R^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

* Show frame convention!



- Rotation by $-\theta$ is equal to transpose of rotation matrix by θ :

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

(from trig. identities)

$$\cos -\theta = \cos \theta$$

$$\sin -\theta = -\sin \theta$$

- Notice that rotation matrix is orthogonal:

$$\cos \theta \sin \theta - \cos \theta \sin \theta = 0$$

(this true of both $R_2(\theta)$ and $R_2(-\theta)$)

- Rotation matrix ~~is~~ also ~~a normal matrix~~ has all unit-vector columns (and rows!):

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

Both properties combined make R_2 (as well as R_2^T) orthonormal

Orthonormal matrix has property $R^{-1} = R^T$

- always (easily!) invertible
- $\det(R) = \pm 1$
- $Rp = q \Rightarrow R^T q = p$

Rotations
are length
preserving!

A rotation is a linear transformation. Types of linear transformation operations:

- rotation

- scaling

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ scaling}$$

- shearing

- reflection

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ reflection}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ shearing}$$

- ~~she~~ projection

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ projection}$$

We cannot do translation using a linear operation:

$$P = P_1 + P_2$$

Instead, we need an affine transformation - linear map followed by translation:

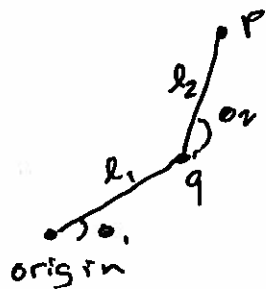
$$y = Ax + b$$

We can represent affine transform using single matrix multiplication:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & b \\ 0 \dots 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Why do this?

- one operation, one data structure (w/waste)
- composition of transformations



Let's assume we want to find point p's position.

Position of point q:

$$R(\theta_1) \begin{bmatrix} l_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Position of point p:

$$R(\theta_1) R(\theta_2) \begin{bmatrix} l_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + q$$

- This is a pain for longer robot arms...
- We can also look at this as a sequence of the following steps: (seen visually by going 'up' the arm)
 - go along $+x$ for l_1 units
 - rotate by θ_1
 - go along $+x'$ for l_2 units
 - rotate by θ_2 around q
 - rotate by θ_1
 - move l_1 units
 - rotate by θ_2
 - move l_2 units

• This is equiv. to:

~~$$X(l_2) R(\theta_2) X(l_1) R(\theta_1)$$~~

$$R(\theta_1) X(l_1) R(\theta_2) X(l_2) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

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

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & l_e \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

concatenating transformations

A sequence of transforms $T_1 \cdot T_2 \cdot \dots \cdot T_n$ is equiv. to transforming by T_n , then transforming by T_{n-1}, \dots , followed by transforming by T_1

$$T_1 \cdot T_2 \cdot T_3 \cdot p = p'''$$

$$p' = T_3 \cdot p$$

$$p'' = T_2 \cdot p'$$

$$p''' = T_1 \cdot p''$$

Q: how to debug transformation concatenations?

3D Rotations

one 3D rotation is just rotation around 'z' axis:

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

(others)

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

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

We can also think of rotating around an arbitrary (unit) vector by an angle θ

- Conversion of A.A. to rotation matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + (1 - c_\theta)(x^2 - 1) & -2s_\theta + (1 - c_\theta)xy & ys_\theta + (1 - c_\theta)xz \\ 2s_\theta + (1 - c_\theta)xy & 1 + (1 - c_\theta)(y^2 - 1) & -xs_\theta + (1 - c_\theta)yz \\ -ys_\theta + (1 - c_\theta)xz & xs_\theta + (1 - c_\theta)yz & 1 + (1 - c_\theta)(z^2 - 1) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Conversion of rot. mat. to A.A.:

- Equations can be found online or conversion to quaternion then conversion to axis-angle

- main component:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{R_{xx} + R_{yy} + R_{zz} - 1}{2} \right)$$

- Two singularities:

$$\theta = 0, \pi$$

- $\theta = 0$ (axis is arbitrary)

- $\theta = \pi$ (axis not arbitrary, lots of code devoted to this)

Euler angles are also susceptible to a condition ^{LC} called Gimbal lock where two axes become aligned and a loss of a degree-of-freedom occurs.

- show example (applet?)

Gimbal lock is a real (i.e., not just mathematical) phenomenon that occurs with physical mechanisms.

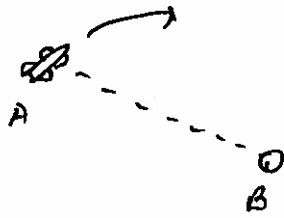
- 12 ~~permutations~~ ^{of rotation} on orthogonal axes are possible. If the frame rotates as well, then the Euler angles are called roll-pitch-yaw angles.
- With roll-pitch-yaw angles number of permutations rises to 24
- Best to see Ken Shoemaker's algorithms (if you're going to use Euler angles)

Affine transformations

A rigid body in 3D ~~has~~ has position completely, described by a 3D position (of the c.o.m. typically) and a 3D rotation. The body's configuration can be w.r.t. a "global" origin and orientation, ~~w.r.t. another body's position/orientation~~, or an arbitrary origin/orientation.

* The combination of a reference origin and orientation is known as a "frame of reference" or "frame"

3) What if frame is rotating & moving? What if a vector (point on rigid body) is moving?



Velocity of pose def'd relative to global frame:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -s_\theta \dot{\theta} & -c_\theta \dot{\theta} & \dot{x} \\ c_\theta \dot{\theta} & -s_\theta \dot{\theta} & \dot{y} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Pose def'd relative to other frame:
(moving) (not moving)

$${}^0T_A = \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta & s_\theta & x_A \\ s_\theta & c_\theta & y_A \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^0T_B \cdot {}^B\dot{T}_A$$

$$\text{if both are moving} \Rightarrow {}^0T_B \cdot {}^B\dot{T}_A + {}^0\dot{T}_B \cdot {}^BT_A$$

4) Poses in 3D

- belongs to $SE(3)$
- orientation $\in SO(3)$, position in \mathbb{R}^3
- $SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3 = SE(3)$

Rotations in 3D

- Hard to think this way
 - Roll/pitch/yaw (body frame rotations)
 - Euler angles (world frame rotations)
 - Rotation matrices (redundant, 1 point per rotation)
 - Unit quaternions (fast, 2 points for every rotation)
 - axis angle (redundant, singularities)
- all produce points in $SO(3)$

Rotation around z

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & \sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

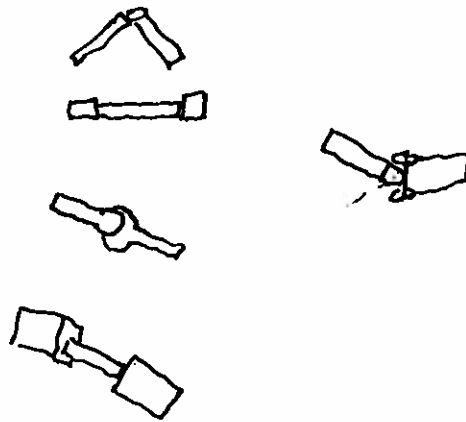
- can convert from each to rotation matrix
- in general, converting back isn't easy
- formulas to convert between each in Robotics Toolbox

5] Rigid body degrees-of-freedom

- 3 for translation
- 3 for rotation

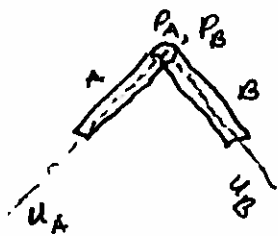
Types of joints:

- Revolute
- Prismatic
- Universal
- Spherical
- Fixed



Joints constrain two rigid bodies together by requiring bilateral constraint to be satisfied:

Revolute



$$\begin{aligned} \|P_A - P_B\| &= 0 & (3 \text{ constraints}) \\ u_A^T z &= 0 & (1 \text{ constraint}) \\ u_B^T z &= 0 & (1 \text{ constraint}) \end{aligned}$$

• z is the axis of the joint

Spherical

$$\|P_A - P_B\| = 0 \quad (3 \text{ constraints})$$

~~Fixed~~ kinematics

- Body is made of ^(rigid) n links and joints
- Base of body can be fixed or "floating"
- Degrees-of-freedom of system:
 - For fixed base, equal to # of joint axes
 - For floating base, equal to # of joint axes plus six (DOF of free rigid body in 3D)

Another way to look at this:

- Each link has 6 DOF in 3D
- For n links, there are $6n$ DOF if bodies are free
- Subtract joint constraint equations and you should get same number of DOF

Ex. Two free bodies connected by revolute joint (floating base)

- Method 1: 6 DOF for floating base + 1 for revolute joint
 $= 7$ DOF
- Method 2: 2×6 DOF - 5 constraint equations for revolute joint $= 7$ DOF

7] Kinematic topologies

- Serial



- Branched



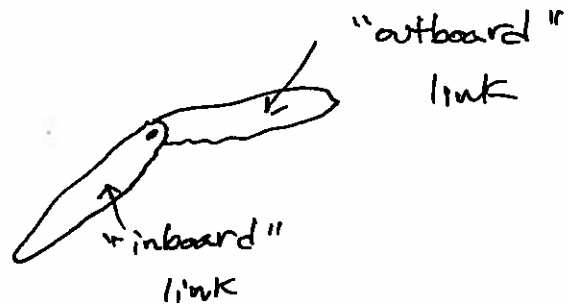
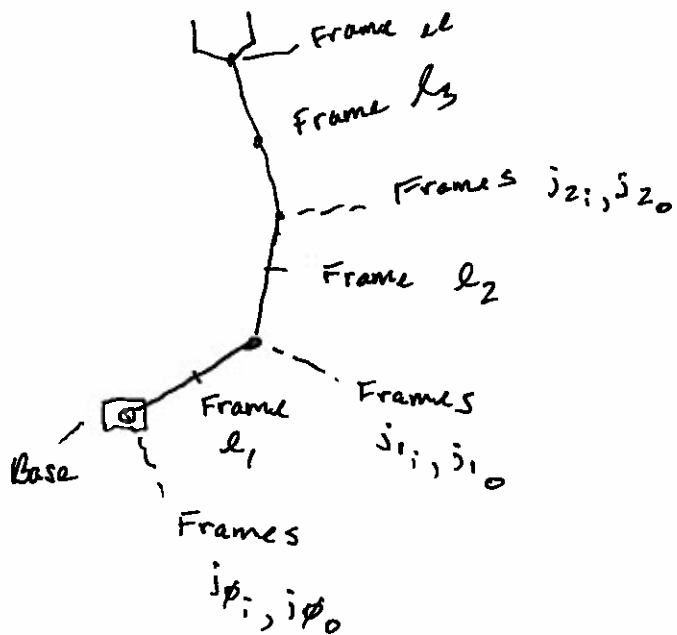
- Parallel
(aka "closed")



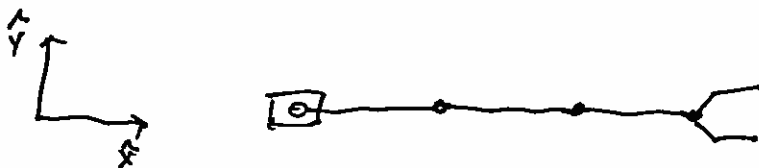
Four
bar
mechanism

8]. Forward Kinematics

Problem: Given current joint positions (angles if all revolute joints) and base pose (if floating), where is some point on the robot? Related: how fast is point on the robot moving?



Robot in "zero" configuration:



1] We do this with a number of frame transformations

First define:

L_1 = dist. from joint 0 to l_1

L_2 = dist. from l_1 to joint 1

L_3 = dist. from joint 1 to l_2

L_4 = dist. from l_2 to joint 2

L_5 = " " joint 2 to l_3

L_6 = " " l_3 to ee

$\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2$ are angles at ~~the~~ respective joints

Pose at end-effector given by:

$${}^{j_0^T} j_0 \cdot {}^{j_0^T} l_1 \cdot {}^{l_1^T} j_1 \cdot {}^{j_1^T} j_1 \cdot {}^{j_1^T} l_2 \cdot {}^{l_2^T} j_2 \cdot {}^{j_2^T} j_2 \cdot {}^{j_2^T} l_3 \cdot {}^{l_3^T} ee$$

(just a series of matrix multiplications)

$${}^{j_0^T} j_0 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_0} & -s_{\theta_0} & 0 \\ s_{\theta_0} & c_{\theta_0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{j_0^T} l_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & L_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{l_1^T} j_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & L_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{j_1^T} j_1 = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_1} & -s_{\theta_1} & 0 \\ s_{\theta_1} & c_{\theta_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$j_1^T l_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & L_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_2^T j_{2i} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & L_4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$j_{2i}^T j_{20} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{\theta_2} & -S_{\theta_2} & 0 \\ S_{\theta_2} & C_{\theta_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$j_{20}^T l_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & L_5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_3^T e_e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & L_6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$