

Representing Position & Orientation

IN ROBOTICS

CSC4702-1 ROBOTIC SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT



Lesson Outline



01

Understand coordinate frames and their role in robotics

02

Represent points and vectors across frames

03

Apply translation and rotation transformations

04

Visualize frame interactions with tools

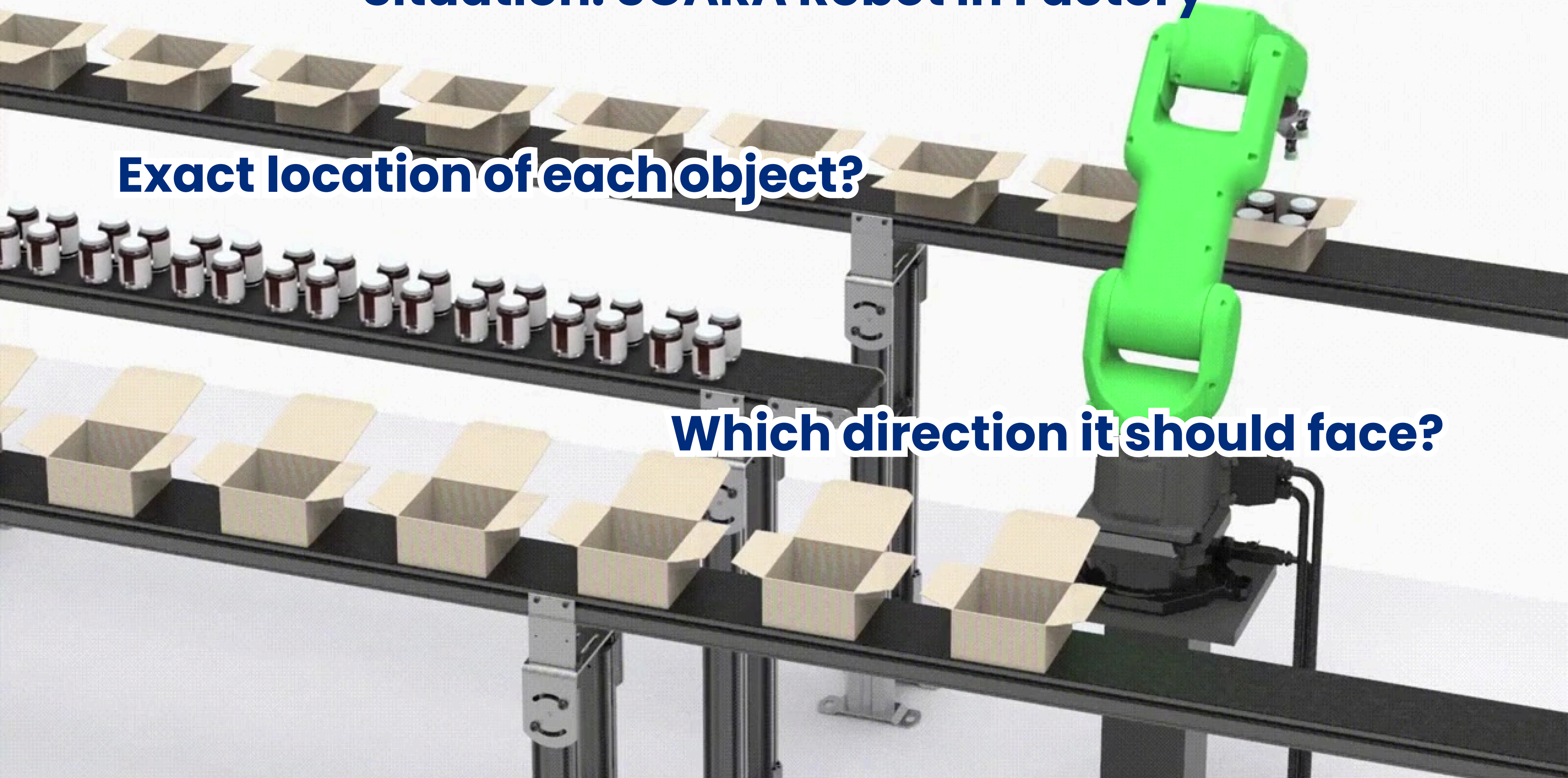
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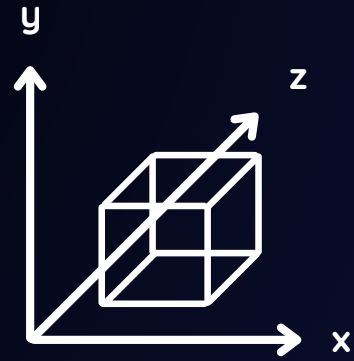
Analyse sensor and robot motion using frame transformation

Situation: SCARA Robot in Factory

Exact location of each object?

Which direction it should face?





Where robot and target
object located in space
e.g. (x, y, z)

Position & Orientation

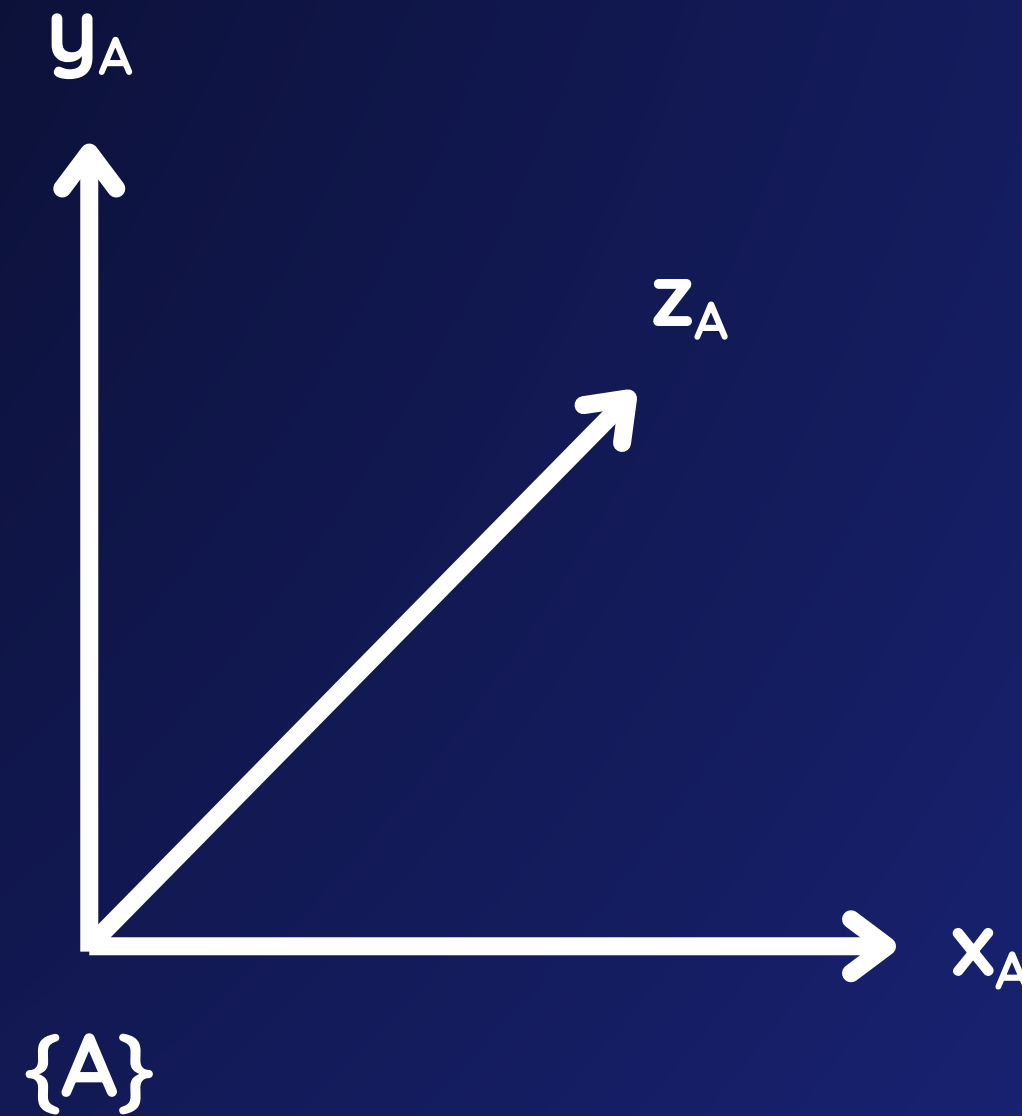
How robot and object is
rotated or angled



**Position + Orientation
= Pose**

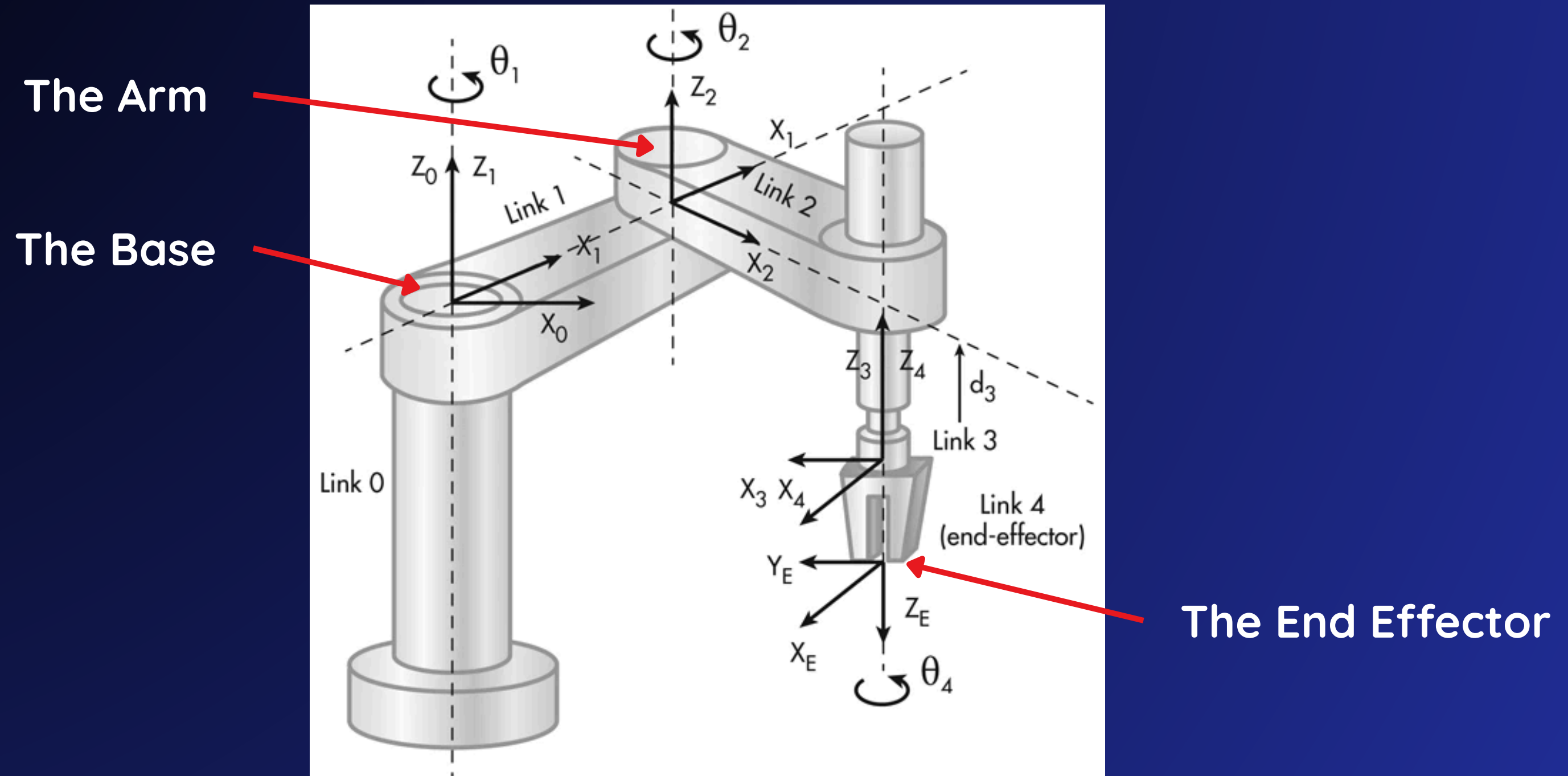
Robot complete state within its environment

Coordinate Frame



Reference system for
position and direction
measurement

Coordinate Frame



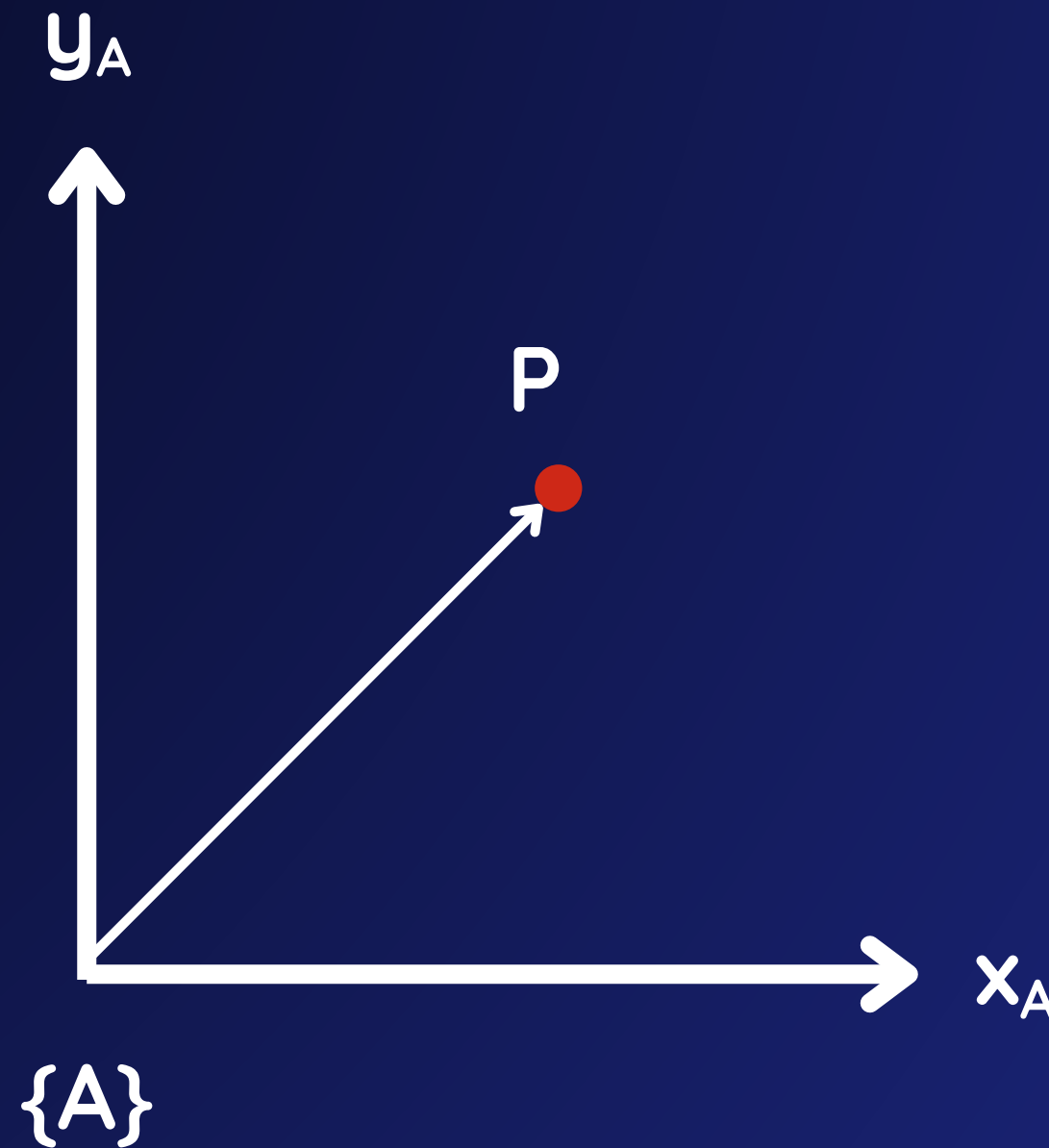
Points & Vectors

Point

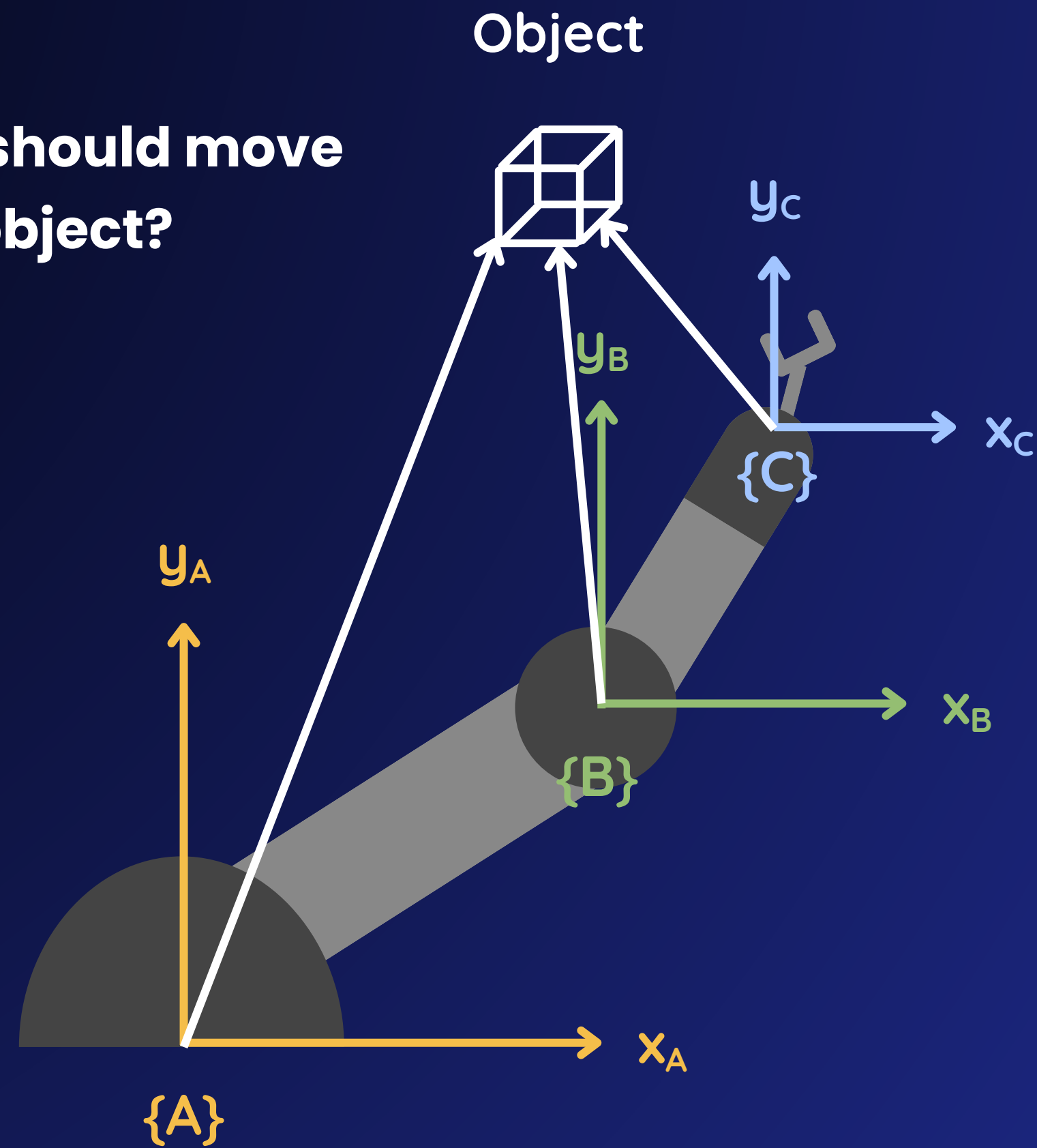
Location in space

Vector

Direction and magnitude

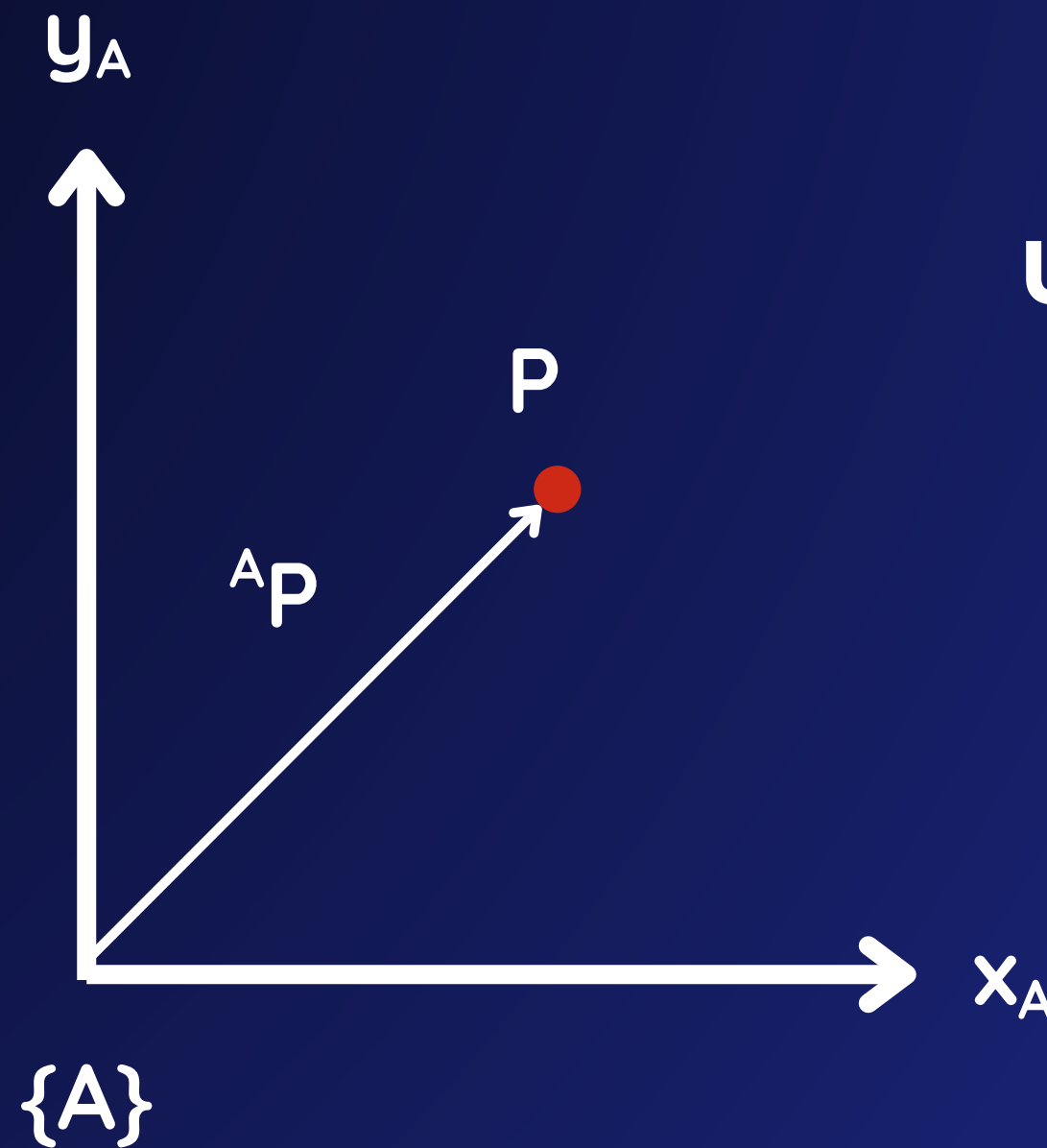


**How robot arm should move
to reach object?**



Position Vector

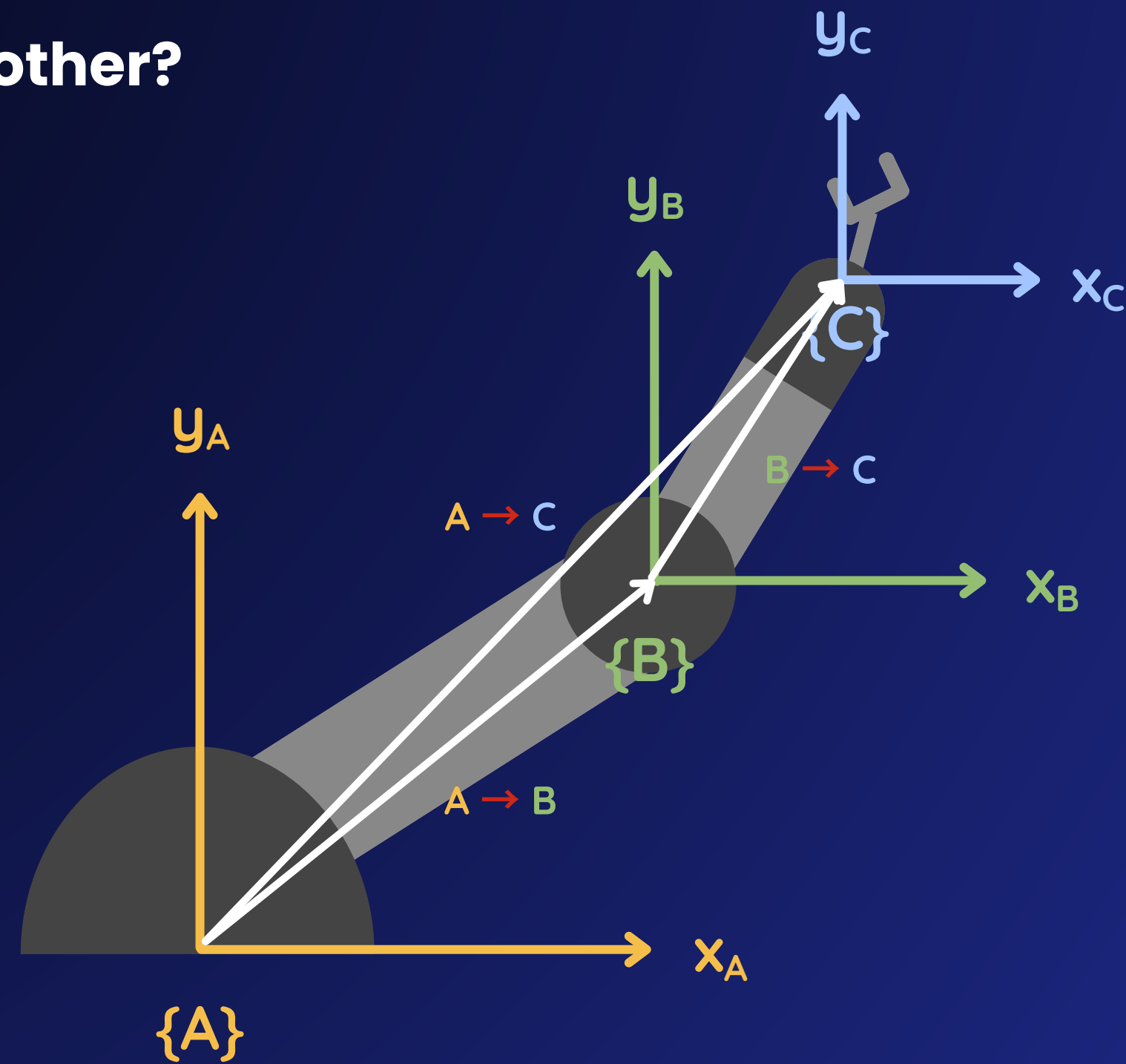
$${}^A\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \end{bmatrix}$$

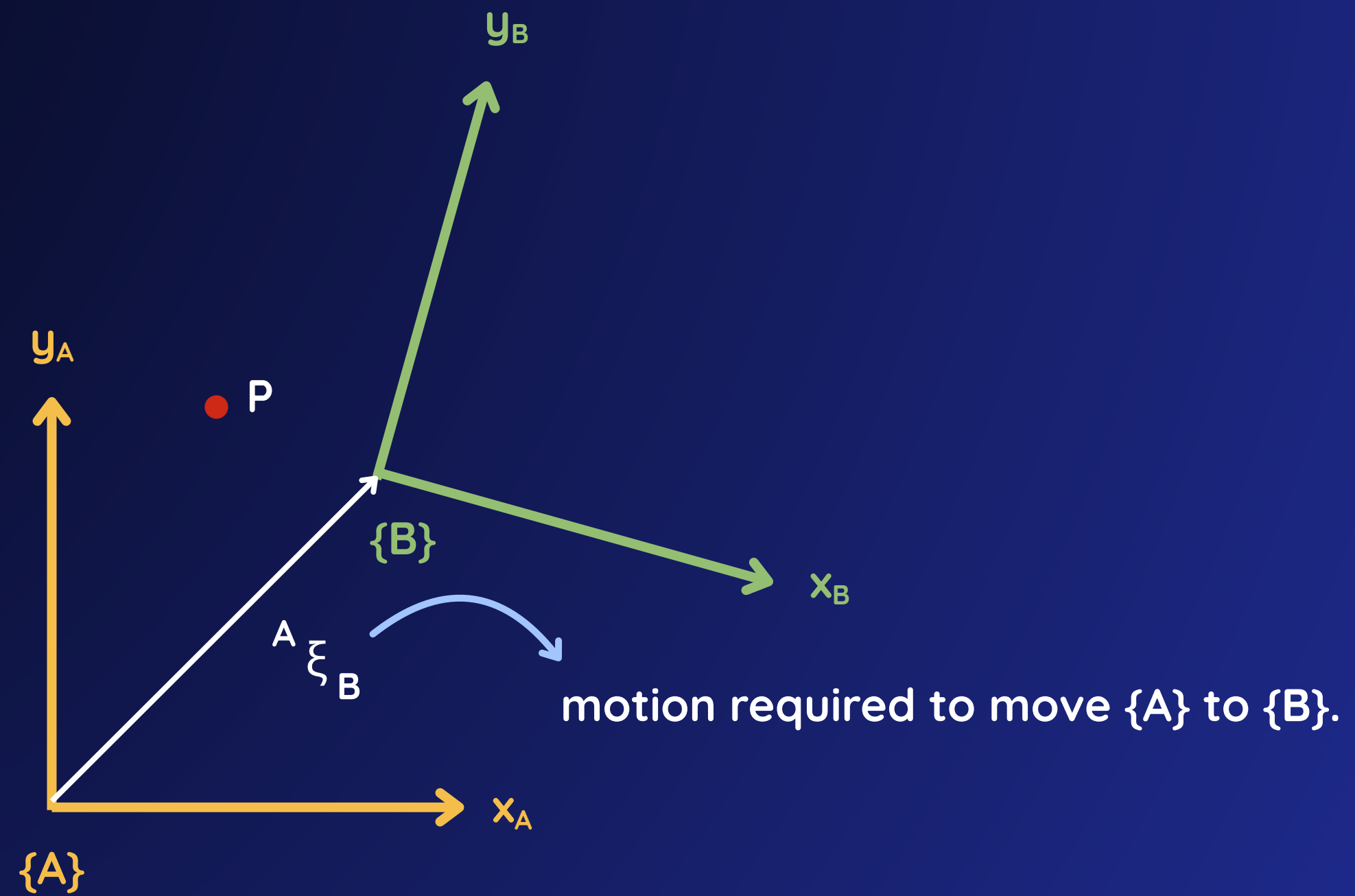


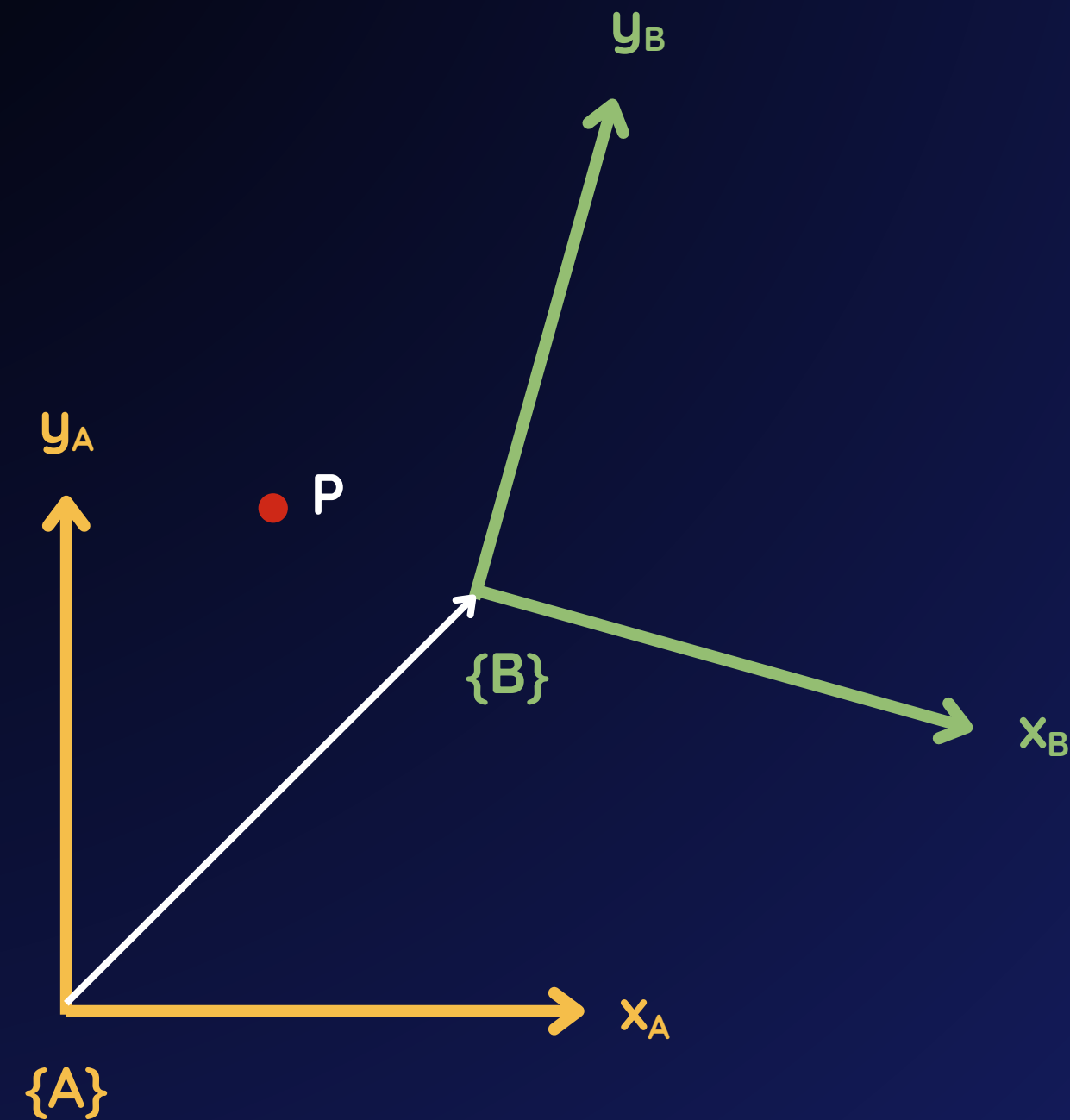
Unit Vector Notation

$${}^A\mathbf{p} = p_x \hat{x} + p_y \hat{y}$$

How different frame relate
to one another?

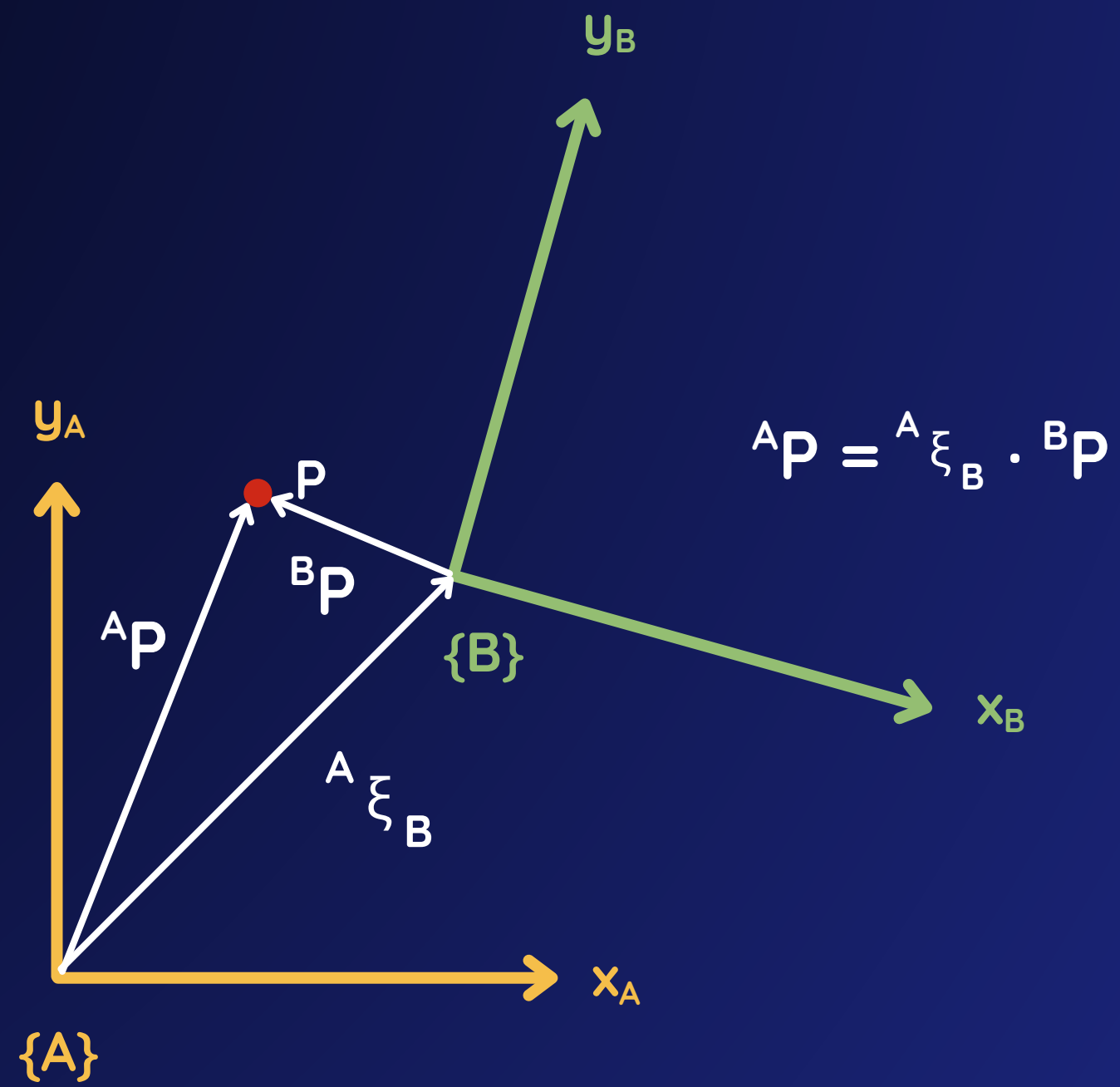


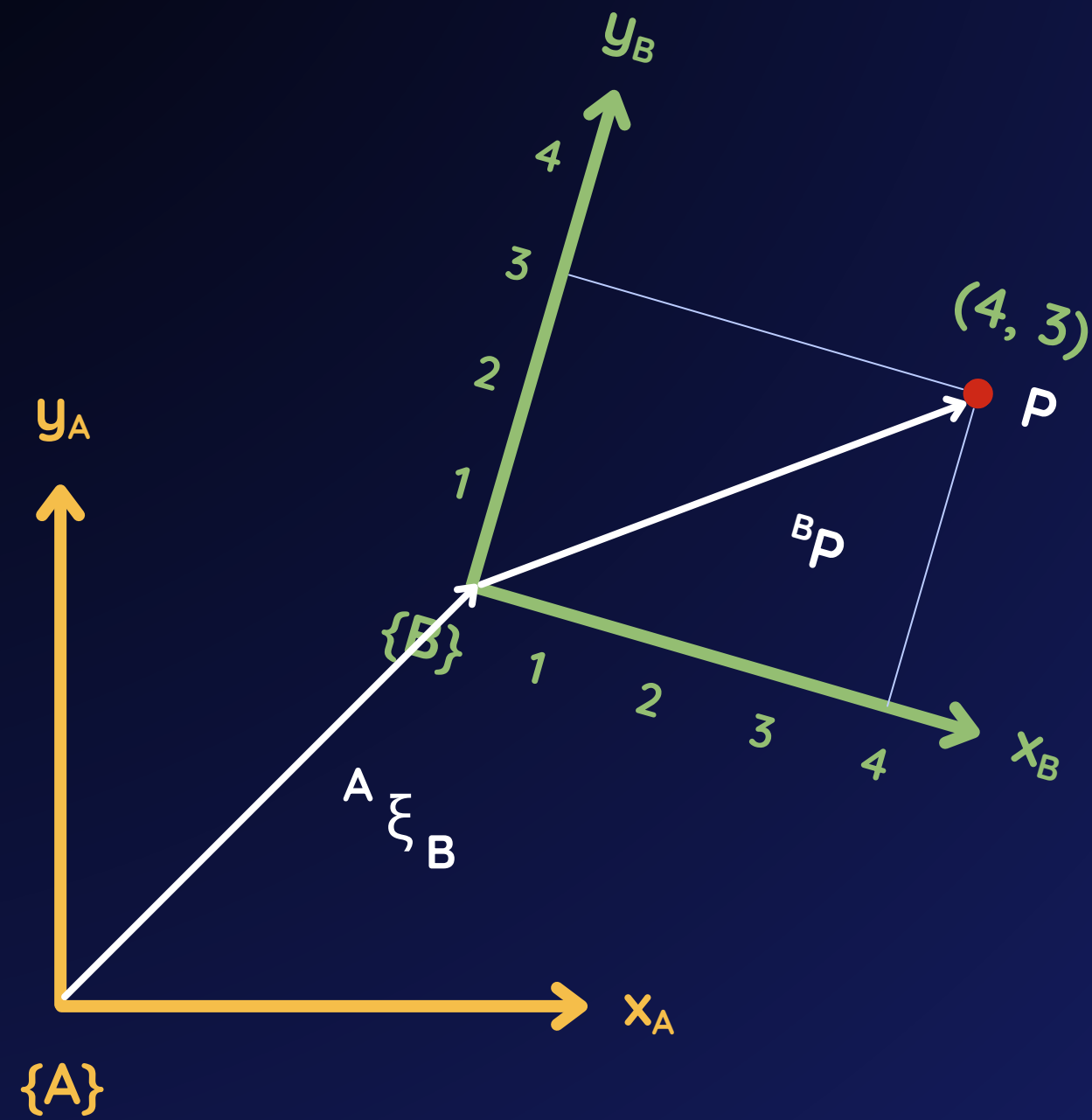




$A \approx B$

- How far frame $\{B\}$ from frame $\{A\}$
- How frame $\{B\}$ is rotated with respect to frame $\{A\}$





P



Object

$\{B\}$

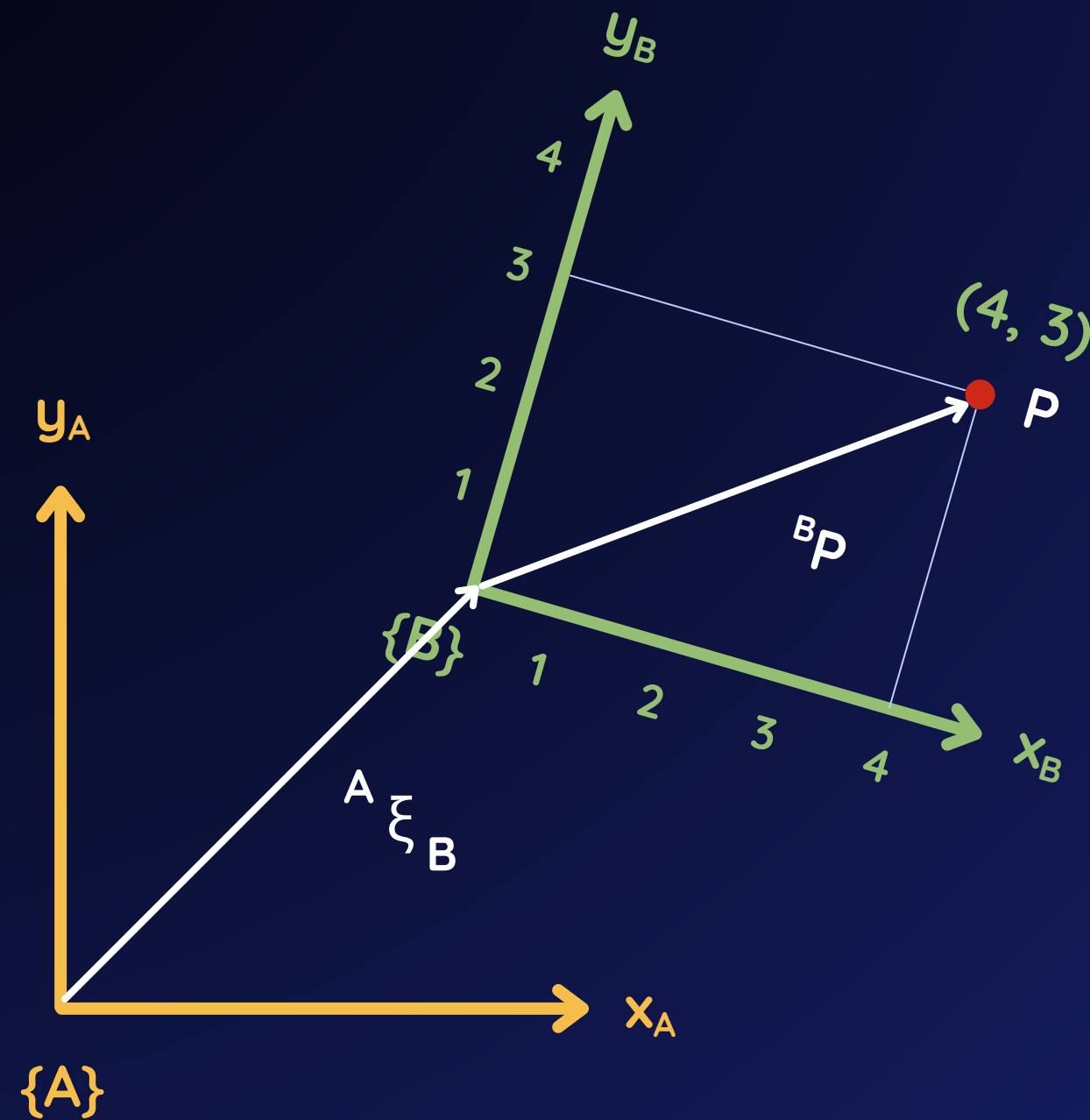


Visualisation
Sensor

$\{A\}$



Base Frame

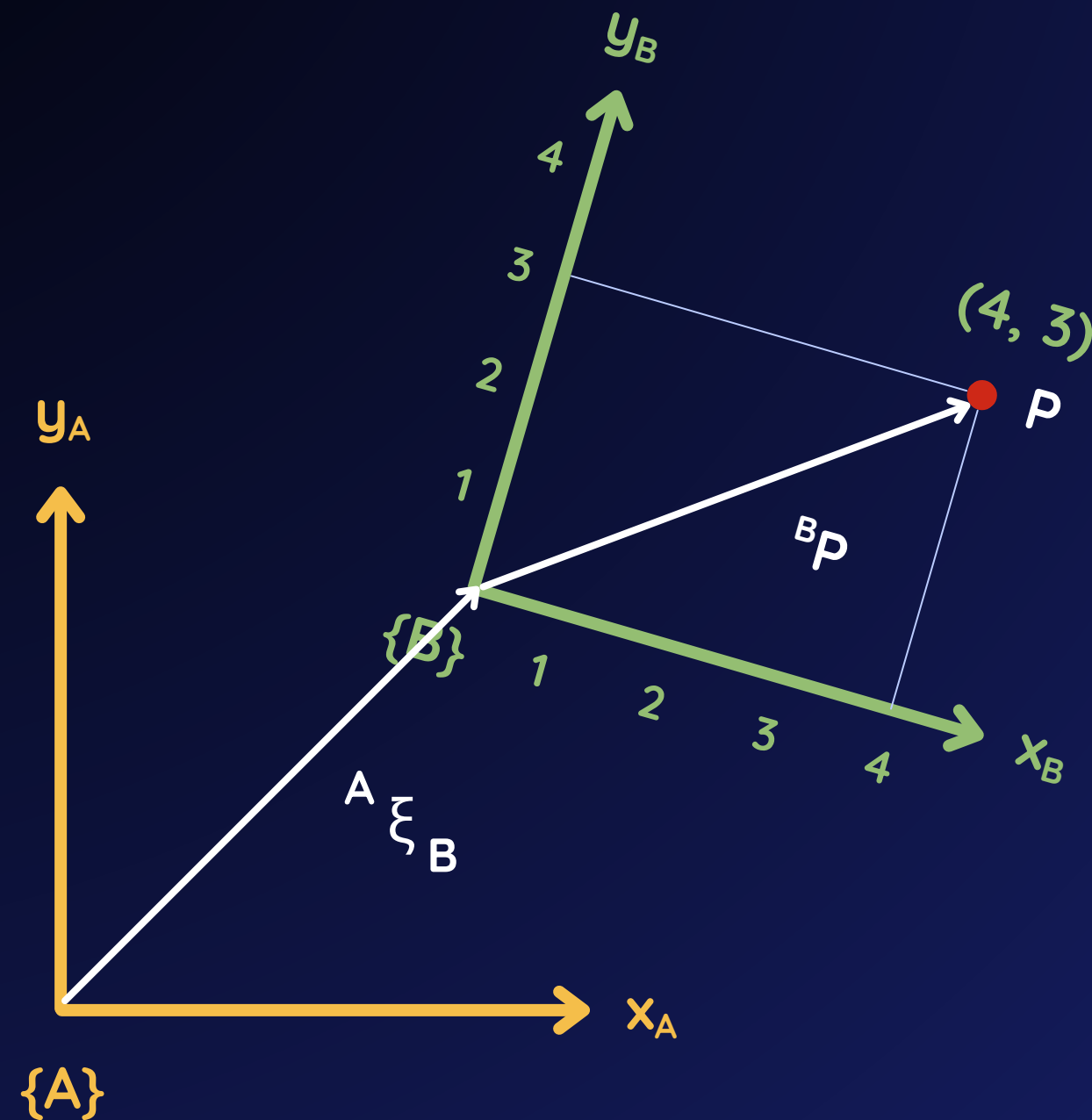


1 Rotation Matrix, R

How frame {B} is oriented relative to frame {A}

2 Translation Vector, T

How far frame {B} is shifted from frame {A}



$${}^A P = R_{AB} \cdot {}^B P + t_{AB}$$

where:

$$R_{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad t_{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Point rotated according to the orientation of frame {B} relative to frame {A}
2. The point is translated based on the position of frame {B}

**Rotation + Translation
= Homogenous Matrix**

Homogenous Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & x \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Represent rotation + translation
- Perform transformation using single matrix
- Easily chain multiple transformation