

P1: C BP

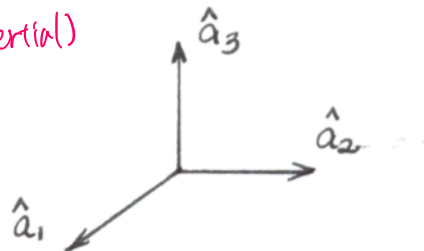
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Direction Cosines

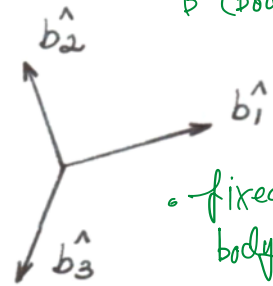
→ describe orientation

Notation

A (inertial)



B (body)



• fixed in the body
• assume B is rigid body

Direction cosine element

$$C_{ij} \triangleq \hat{a}_i \cdot \hat{b}_j$$

$$[\hat{b}_1 \ \hat{b}_2 \ \hat{b}_3] = [\hat{a}_1 \ \hat{a}_2 \ \hat{a}_3] {}^A C^B \quad \text{row vector format}$$

do not have to be unit vector

$${}^A C^B = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

transforms any vector from \hat{a}_i to \hat{b}_j
direction cosine matrix

$${}^A C^B$$

denotes transformation from A to B

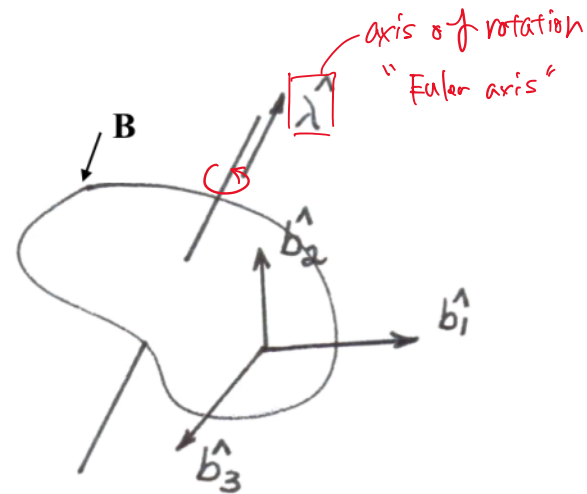
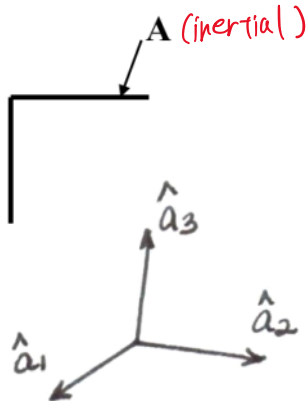
$${}^B C^A = ({}^A C^B)^T \quad \text{from B to A}$$

$$[\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_3] = [\hat{b}_1, \hat{b}_2, \hat{b}_3] {}^B C^A$$

This set is unique since it actually serves two purposes for us:

1. Transformation matrix – transforms elements of any tensor of any rank with correct transformation equation (already noted)
2. Set of kinematic variables – solve directly for C_{ij} at any time and deduce the orientation of B in A

- 1) Direction cosines as descriptive (kinematic) variables
3 DOF / 9 variables \rightarrow 6 constraint equations
 (Orthogonality conditions) } \star check
- 2) Use the 9 C_{ij} variables to describe a simple rotation



3 measure numbers

$$\lambda_i \triangleq \hat{\lambda} \cdot \hat{a}_i = \hat{\lambda} \cdot \hat{b}_i$$

$\hat{\lambda}$ remains fixed in both

$$[\hat{b}_1 \ \hat{b}_2 \ \hat{b}_3] = [\hat{a}_1 \ \hat{a}_2 \ \hat{a}_3] {}^A C^B$$

recall @ $\beta = \lambda_0$ $\hat{a}_i = \hat{b}_i$
 ${}^A C^B$ @ $\beta = \lambda_0$ is \mathcal{I}

How can we write direction cosine elements as functions of $\hat{\lambda}(\lambda_i)$, θ ?

$$\star \hat{a}_i = \hat{b}_i \text{ @ } t = t_0$$

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Different ways of expressing the relationship

(a) Use original theorem (SRT)

$$\bar{b} = \bar{a} \cos \theta - \bar{a} \times \hat{\lambda} \sin \theta + \bar{a} \cdot \hat{\lambda} \hat{\lambda} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

\bar{a} = initial orientation
↓
 \bar{b} = final orientation after rotation

Recall

$${}^A C_{lk}^B = \hat{a}_l \cdot \hat{b}_k$$

Of course, a unit vector IS a vector!! So...

$$\hat{b}_i = \hat{a}_i \cos \theta - \hat{a}_i \times \hat{\lambda} \sin \theta + \hat{a}_i \cdot \hat{\lambda} \hat{\lambda} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

each unit vector in B

$$C_{lk} = \hat{a}_l \cdot [\hat{a}_k \cos \theta - \hat{a}_k \times \hat{\lambda} \sin \theta + \hat{a}_k \cdot \hat{\lambda} \hat{\lambda} (1 - \cos \theta)]$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = \lambda_1 \hat{a}_1 = \lambda_2 \hat{b}_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= \cos \theta + \lambda_1^2 (1 - \cos \theta) \\ C_{12} &= -\lambda_3 \sin \theta + \lambda_1 \lambda_2 (1 - \cos \theta) \\ C_{13} &= \lambda_2 \sin \theta + \lambda_3 \lambda_1 (1 - \cos \theta) \\ C_{21} &= \lambda_3 \sin \theta + \lambda_1 \lambda_2 (1 - \cos \theta) \\ C_{22} &= \cos \theta + \lambda_2^2 (1 - \cos \theta) \\ C_{23} &= -\lambda_1 \sin \theta + \lambda_2 \lambda_3 (1 - \cos \theta) \\ C_{31} &= -\lambda_2 \sin \theta + \lambda_3 \lambda_1 (1 - \cos \theta) \\ C_{32} &= \lambda_1 \sin \theta + \lambda_2 \lambda_3 (1 - \cos \theta) \\ C_{33} &= \cos \theta + \lambda_3^2 (1 - \cos \theta) \end{aligned}$$

scalar relationships that relate pcm elements with euler axis $\hat{\lambda}$ and angle θ

$$\hat{\lambda}_i \theta = C_{ij}$$

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Caution: ${}^A C_{12}^B = -\lambda_3 \sin \theta + \lambda_1 \lambda_2 (1 - \cos \theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\lambda} &= \lambda_1 \hat{a}_1 + \lambda_2 \hat{a}_2 + \lambda_3 \hat{a}_3 \\ &= \lambda_1 \hat{b}_1 + \lambda_2 \hat{b}_2 + \lambda_3 \hat{b}_3 \end{aligned}$$

must be vector components in

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vector basis A or B (always)

$$= \lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \lambda_3 v_3$$

(b) Use permutation parameter

$$\varepsilon_{ijk} \triangleq \frac{1}{2}(i-j)(j-k)(k-i)$$

$$C_{ij} = \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \cos \theta - \varepsilon_{ijk} \lambda_k \sin \theta + \lambda_i \lambda_j (1 - \cos \theta)$$

Simple rotation theorem (SRT) actually an expression for C as a function of λ_i, θ

(c) Write in terms of the simple rotation dyadic

$$C_{ij} = \hat{a}_i \cdot \hat{b}_j$$

$$\text{but } \hat{b}_j = \hat{a}_j \cdot \bar{\bar{R}}$$

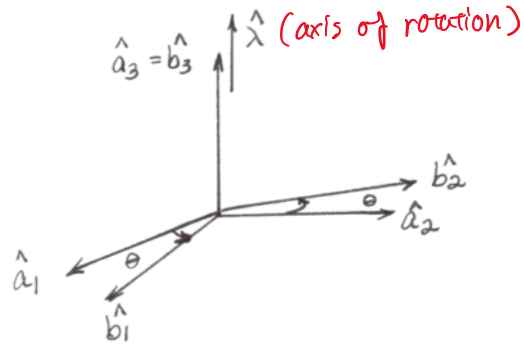
$$C_{ij} = \hat{a}_i \cdot (\hat{a}_j \cdot \bar{\bar{R}})$$

All methods should yield
same result.

Example: Reorient vehicle about $\hat{\lambda}$ through θ

Direction cosine elements to describe orientation?

@ $t = t_0: \hat{a}_i = \hat{b}_i$



A frame: inertial frame

Assume $\hat{\lambda} = \hat{a}_3$

B frame: fixed in body frame

$$[\hat{b}_1 \ \hat{b}_2 \ \hat{b}_3] = [\hat{a}_1 \ \hat{a}_2 \ \hat{a}_3] {}^A C^B$$

${}^A C^B$	\hat{b}_1	\hat{b}_2	\hat{b}_3
\hat{a}_1	C_θ	$-S_\theta$	0
\hat{a}_2	S_θ	C_θ	0
\hat{a}_3	0	0	1

by inspection

Might not always be able to visualize C easily but if you know $\hat{\lambda}$, θ and can write $\hat{\lambda}$ in \hat{a} or \hat{b} components

$$\hat{\lambda} = \hat{a}_3 = \hat{b}_3 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0 \quad \lambda_3 = 1$$

$${}^A C_{11}^B = \cos \theta + \cancel{\lambda_1^2} (1 - \cos \theta) = \cos \theta$$

$${}^A C_{12}^B = -\cancel{\lambda_3}^1 \sin \theta + \cancel{\lambda_1} \cancel{\lambda_2}^6 (1 - \cos \theta) = -\sin \theta$$

$${}^A C_{23}^B = -\cancel{\lambda_1}^0 \sin \theta + \cancel{\lambda_2} \cancel{\lambda_3}^0 (1 - \cos \theta) = 0$$