CMPE 185 Autonomous Mobile Robots

Coordinate Transformation

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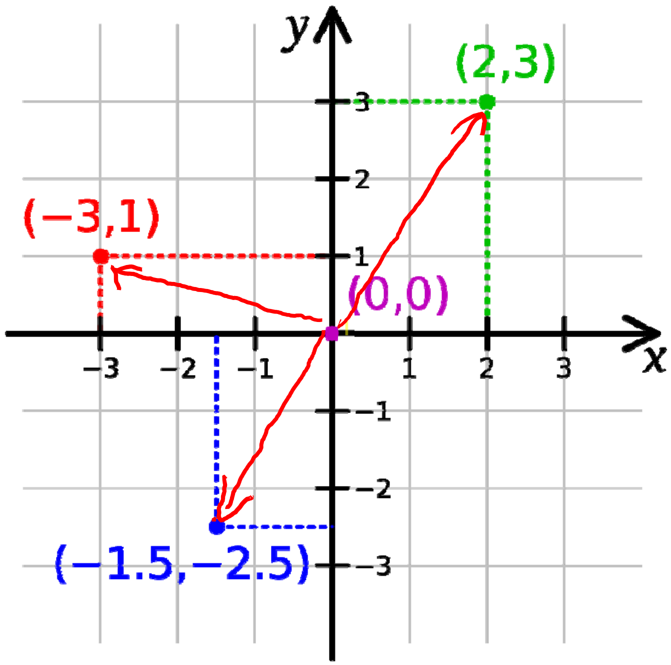
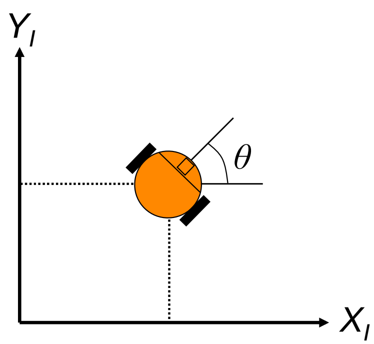
Wheeled Robot

- Wheeled locomotion
  - Highly efficient on hard surfaces
  - Generally restricted to man-made surfaces

Cartesian Coordinates

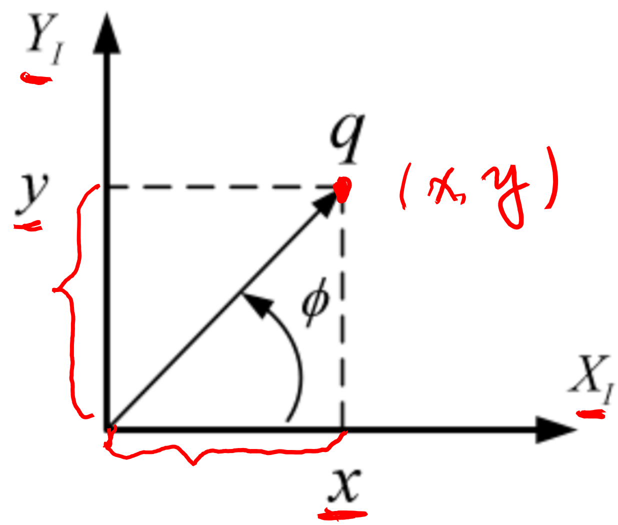
- Describes unique position of points in a plane with respect to the axis
- For each dimension there is 1 axis
- Coordinates are measured in “units” in the direction parallel to the axis
- The origin is fixed to the plane





Position

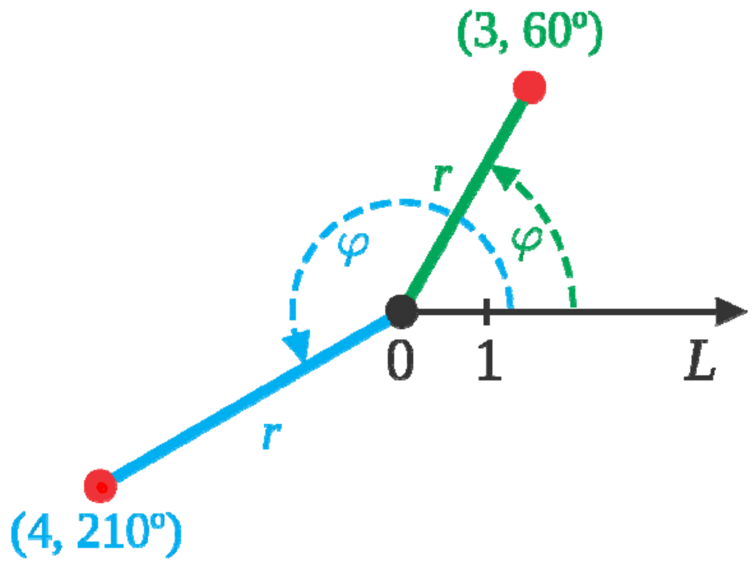
- Key Question: how can we describe the position and the orientation of a robot in 2D plane?
  - All positions must be described in a coordinate system
  - One can use Cartesian coordinates to describe a robot's position



  - Any position can be described as a vector
  - x is the projection of vector **q** onto the horizontal axis and y is the projection of q onto the vertical axis

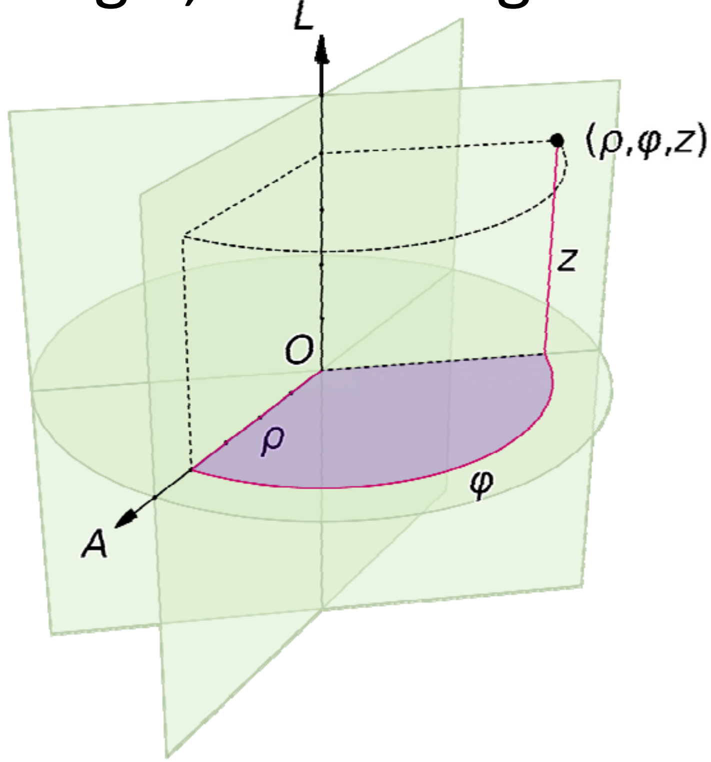
Polar Coordinates

- In polar coordinates, we specify points on a 2D plane using the length of a radius arm and an angle



Cylindrical Coordinates

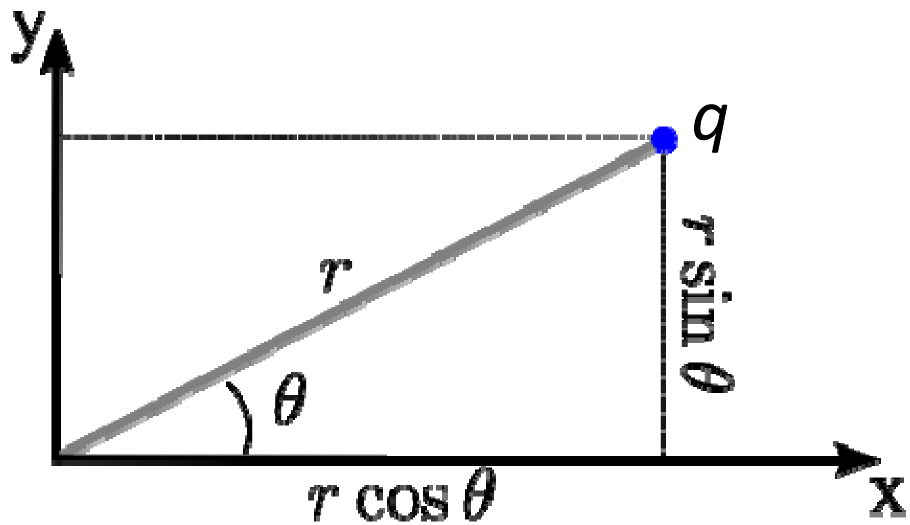
- For specifying point locations in 3D, cylindrical coordinates can be used by specifying the length of a radius arm, an angle, and a height



Polar to Cartesian

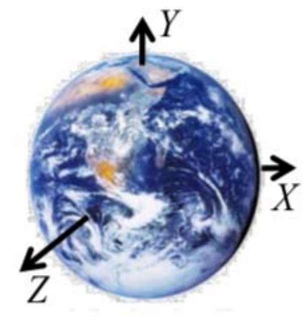
- How do we convert from polar coordinates to Cartesian coordinates?

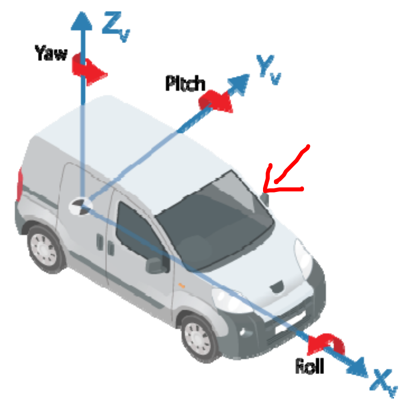
$$x = r\ \cos\theta$$
$$y = r\ \sin\theta$$

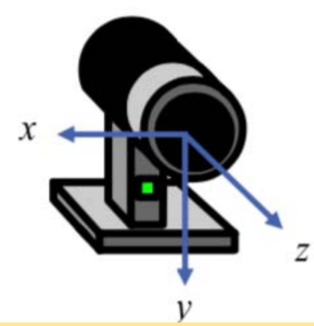


Coordinate Frames

- Right-handed by convention
- Inertial/Global frame
  - Fixed, usually relative to earth
- Body/Robot frame
  - Attached to vehicle, with the origin at the center of gravity, or center of rotation
- Sensor frame
  - Attached to sensors. Convenient for expressing sensor measurements







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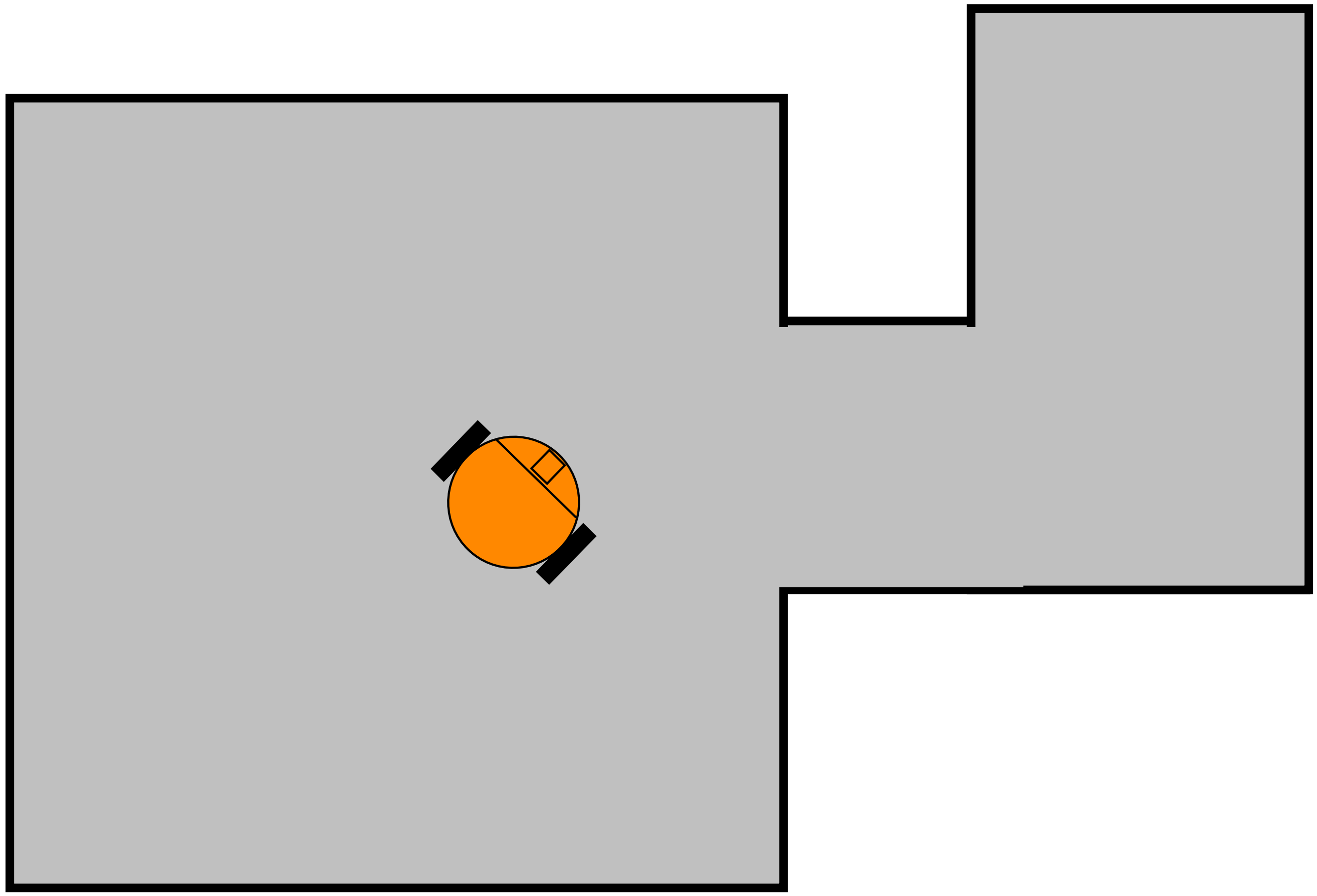
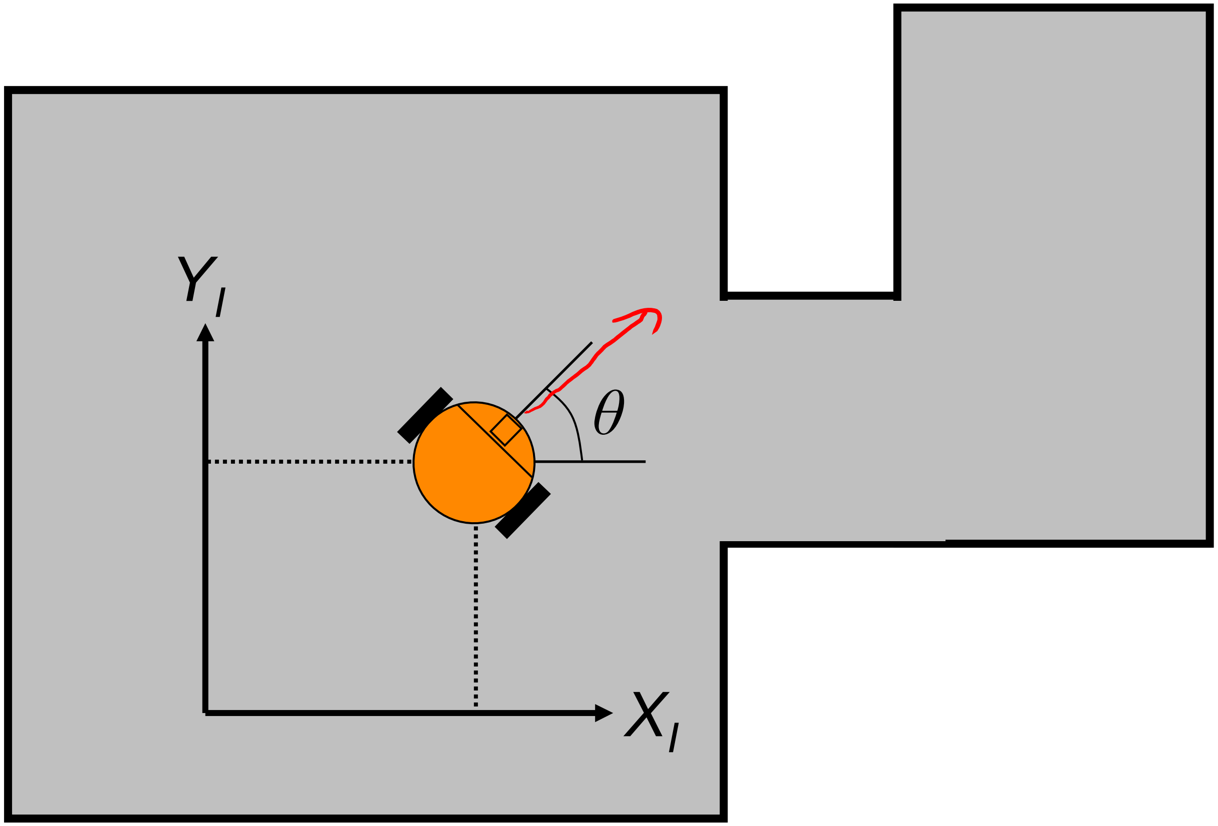
Global (Inertial) Coordinate Frame



Global (Inertial) Coordinate Frame

- Anchor a coordinate frame to the environment
- The angle θ describes the orientation of the robot



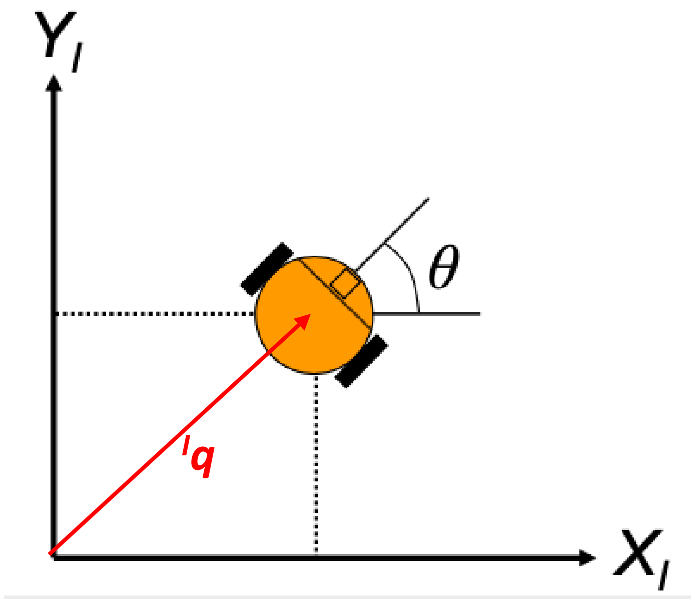
Global (Inertial) Coordinate Frame

- With this frame, we describe the robot state as position + orientation

$$\xi_I = [x, y, \theta]$$

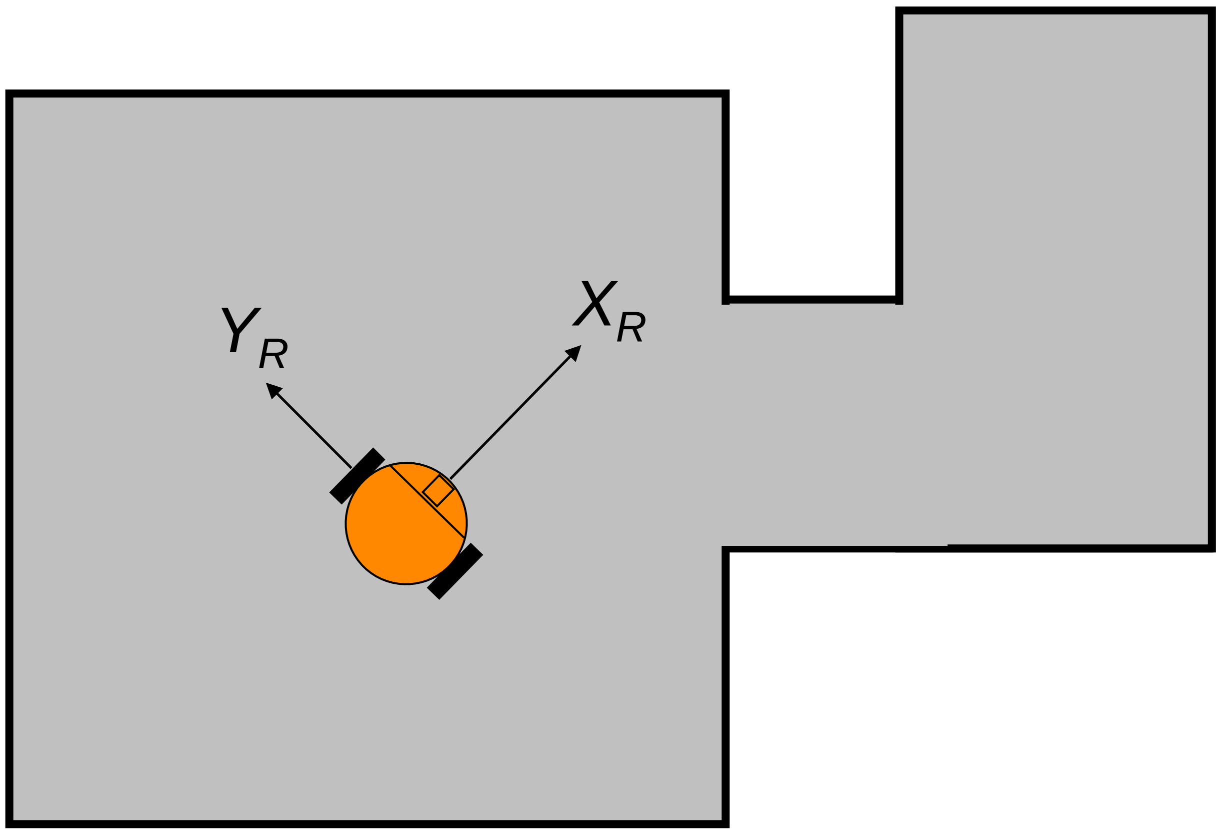
- Define the position vector as

$$^{I}\boldsymbol{q} = [x, y]$$



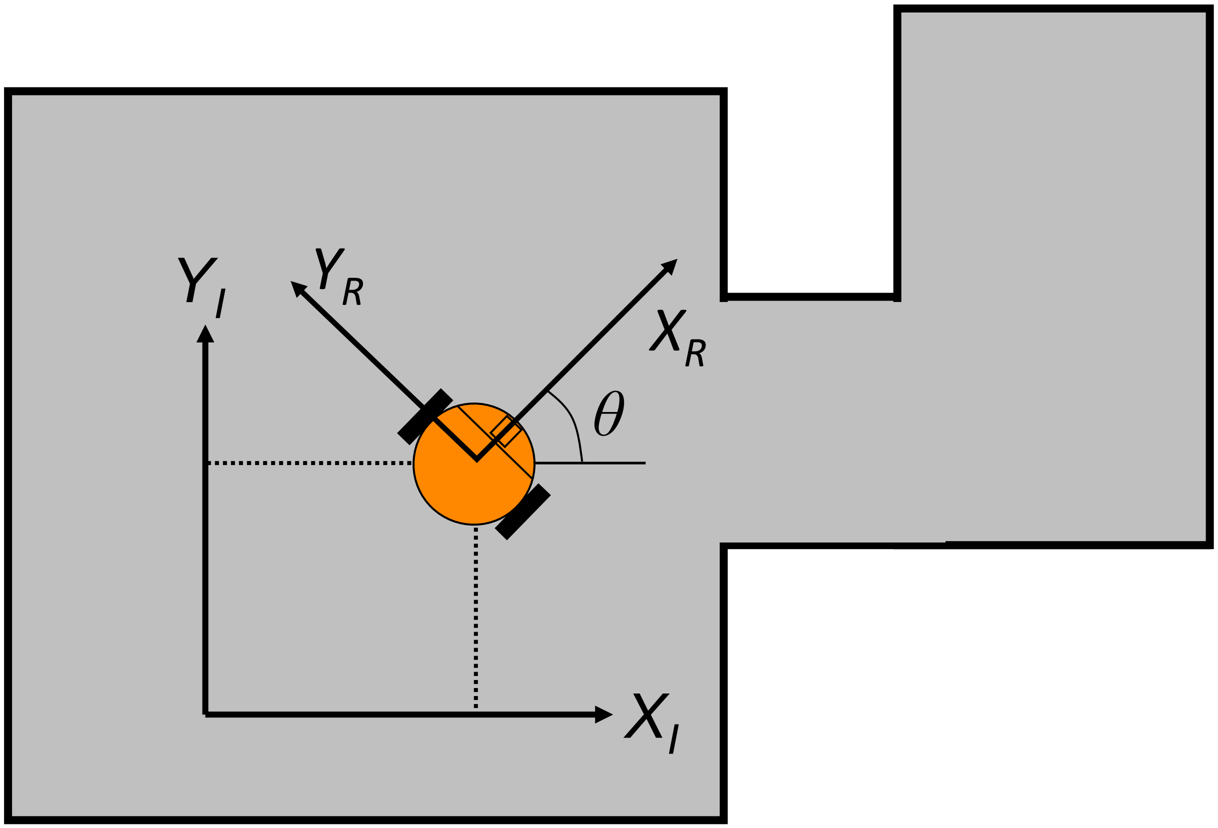
Local Coordinate Frame

- Anchor a coordinate frame to the robot



Global (Inertial) Frame & Local (Body) Frame

- Putting the global frame and local frame together…



Global (Inertial) v.s. Local Coordinate Frame

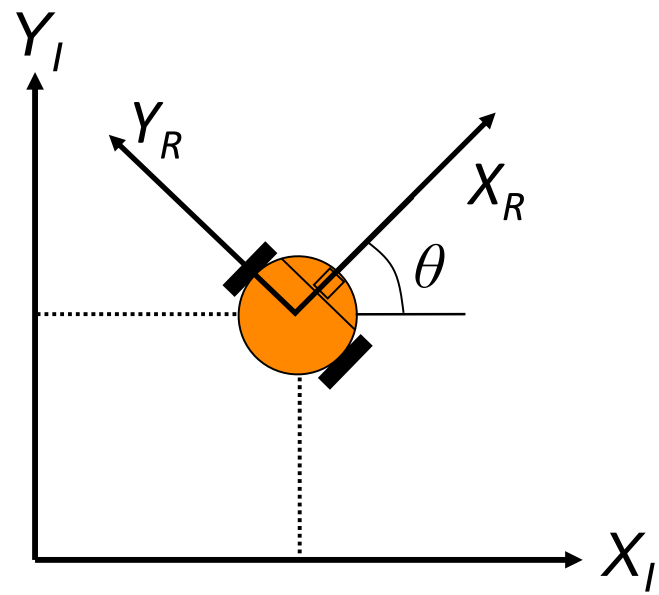
- The angle θ describes the orientation of a mobile robot

$$\cos\theta = x_R \cdot x_I$$

- It is often necessary to assign a sign to θ
- Convention:
  - We restrict the value of θ to be

$$-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$$

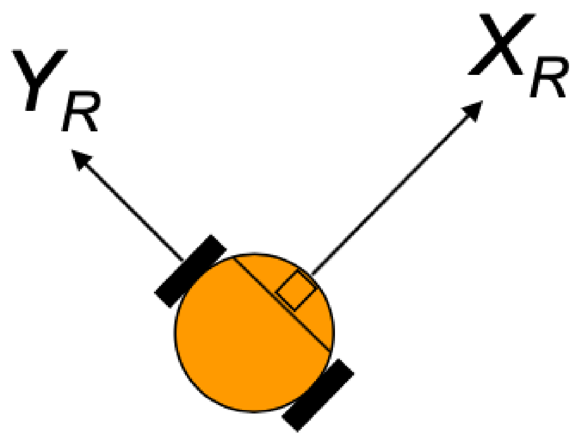
  - If $\theta > 0$, then X_R is in the counter-clockwise direction of X_I
  - If $\theta < 0$, then X_R is in the clockwise direction of X_I



Local Coordinate Frame

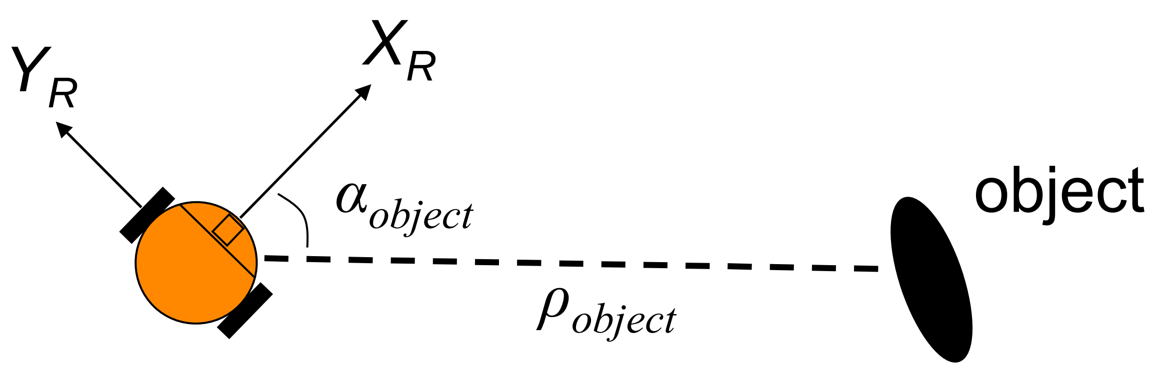
- With is coordinate frame, we describe the robot state as (position + orientation):

$$\xi_R = [x, y, \theta]_R = [0, 0, 0]$$



Local Coordinate Frame

- The local frame is useful when considering taking measurements of environment objects
- Example: consider the detection of a wall using a range finder

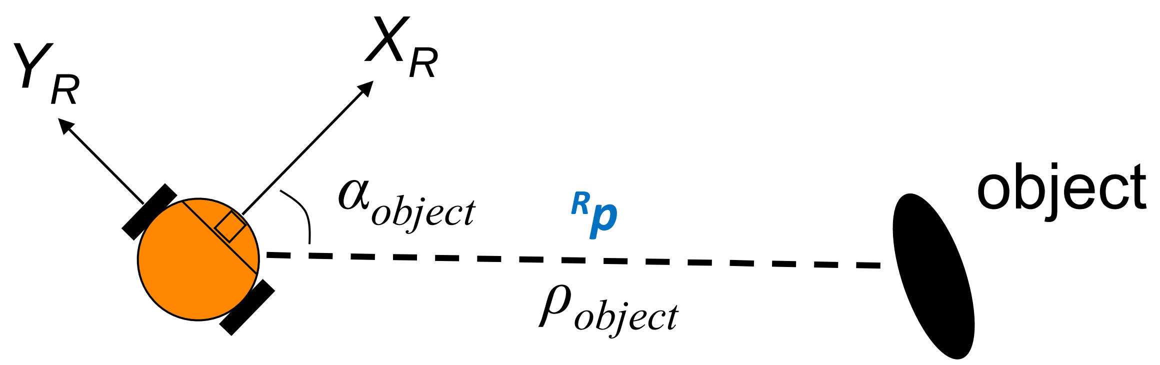


Local Coordinate Frame

- The measurement is taken relative to the robot's local coordinate frame (ρ_{object}, α_{object})
- We can calculate the position of the measurement in local coordinate frames:

$$x_{object,\ R} = \rho_{object} \cos(\alpha_{object})$$
$$y_{object,\ R} = \rho_{object} \sin(\alpha_{object})$$

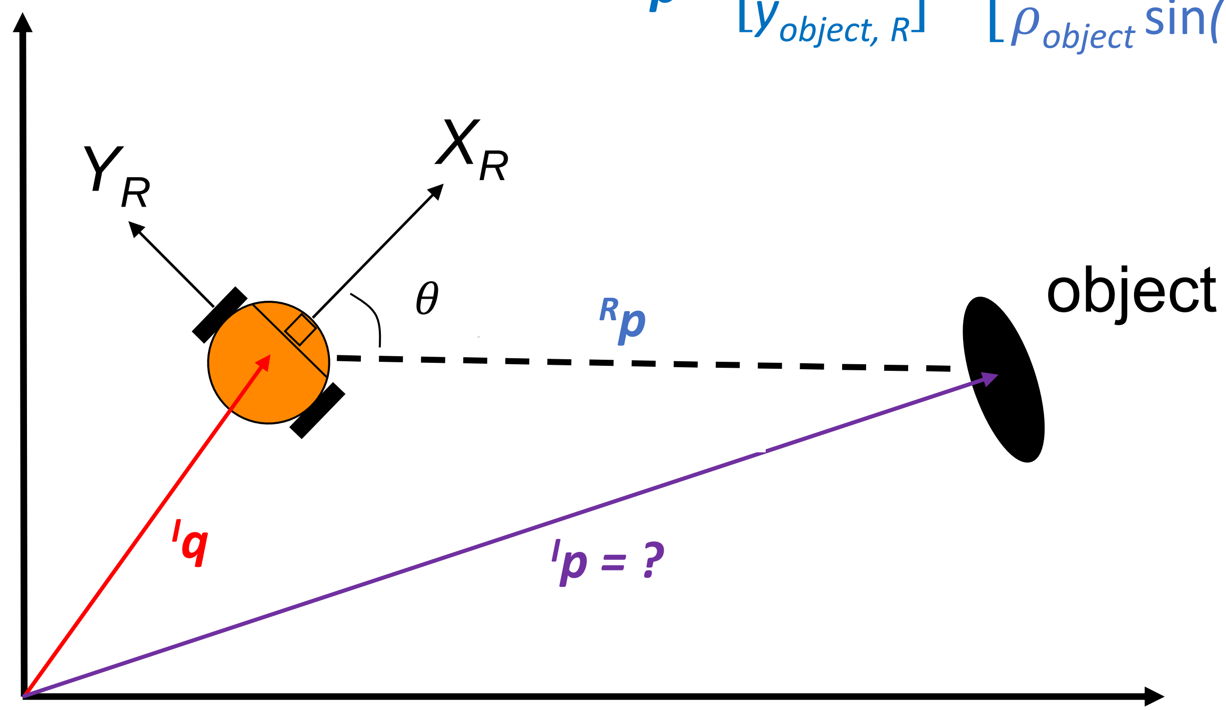
$$^{R}\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{object,\ R} \\ y_{object,\ R} \end{bmatrix}$$



Local to Global Coordinate Frame Transformation

- With the measurement taken in the local coordinate frame, how to convert it to the position in inertial frame?

$$^{R}\boldsymbol{p} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{object,\ R} \\ y_{object,\ R} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{object}\cos(\alpha_{object}) \\ \rho_{object}\sin(\alpha_{object}) \end{bmatrix}$$



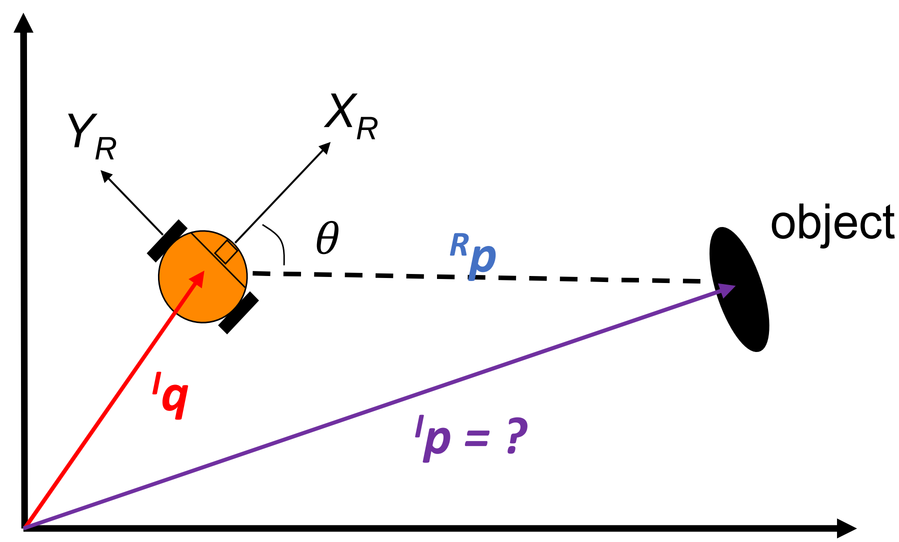
Rotation Matrix

- The transformation between the two frames can be described by the rotation matrix ***R***

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} cos\theta & -sin\theta \\ sin\theta & con\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad R^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} cos\theta & sin\theta \\ -sin\theta & cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{I}\boldsymbol{p} = R\,{}^{R}\boldsymbol{p} + {}^{I}\boldsymbol{q}$$

$${}^{R}\boldsymbol{p} = R^{-1}\,({}^{I}\boldsymbol{p} - {}^{I}\boldsymbol{q})$$



Coordinate Change – Example

- Suppose a range sensor mounted on a robot detects an obstacle at position $[1, 3]^T$. Suppose the robot is at position $[2, 0]^T$ in the inertial frame with orientation $\pi/3$. Find the position of the obstacle in the inertial frame.
- Step 1: find the rotation matrix

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\frac{\pi}{3} & -\sin\frac{\pi}{3} \\ \sin\frac{\pi}{3} & \cos\frac{\pi}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Step 2: find the position

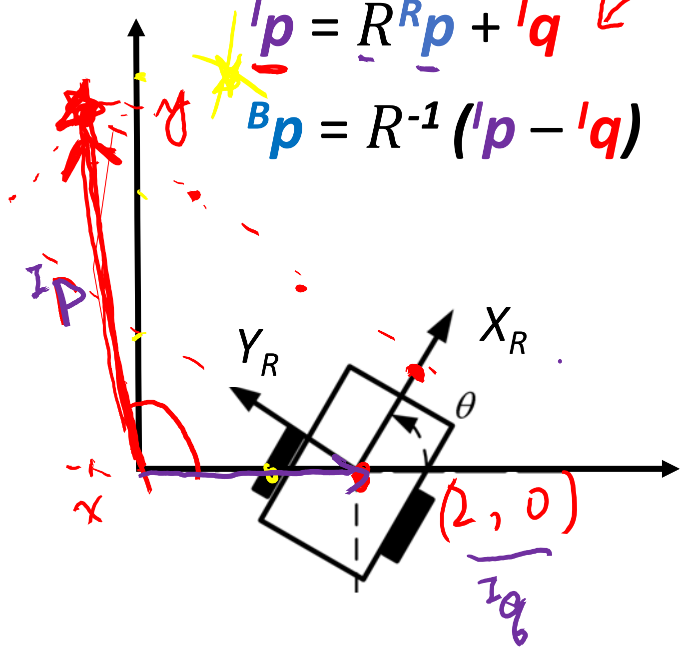
$${}^I\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad {}^R\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^I\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\frac{\pi}{3} & -\sin\frac{\pi}{3} \\ \sin\frac{\pi}{3} & \cos\frac{\pi}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$R \cdot {}^Rp + {}^Iq \rightarrow$

$${}^I\mathbf{p} = R\,{}^R\mathbf{p} + {}^I\mathbf{q}$$

$${}^B\mathbf{p} = R^{-1}\,({}^I\mathbf{p} - {}^I\mathbf{q})$$



Velocities in Local Coordinate Frame

- The local frame is also useful when considering velocity states:

$$\frac{d\xi_R}{dt} = \left[\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{d\theta}{dt}\right]_R = [\dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{\theta}]_R = \dot{\xi}_R$$

- Often we know the velocities of the robot in the local coordinate frame:

$$\dot{x}_R = v \Leftarrow \text{robot's linear speed}$$
$$\dot{y}_R = 0$$
$$\dot{\theta}_R = w \Leftarrow \text{robot's angular speed}$$

Transformations

- We are also interested in the robot's velocities with respect to the global frame
- To calculate these, we need to consider the transformation *R* between the two frames:

$$\dot{\xi}_R = R(\theta)\,\dot{\xi}_I$$
$$\dot{\xi}_I = R^{-1}(\theta)\,\dot{\xi}_R$$

- Note that *R* is a function of theta, the relative angle between the two frames

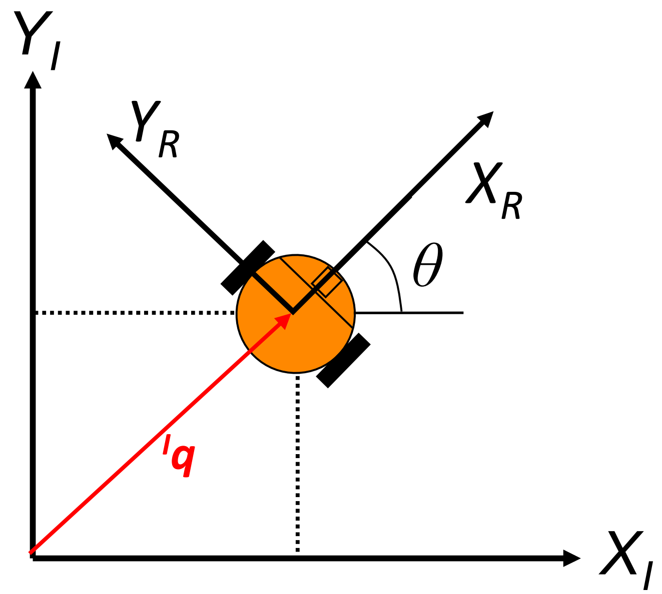
Recall: Global (Inertial) v.s. Local Coordinate Frame

- With inertial frame, we describe the robot state as position + orientation

$$\xi_I = [x, y, \theta]$$

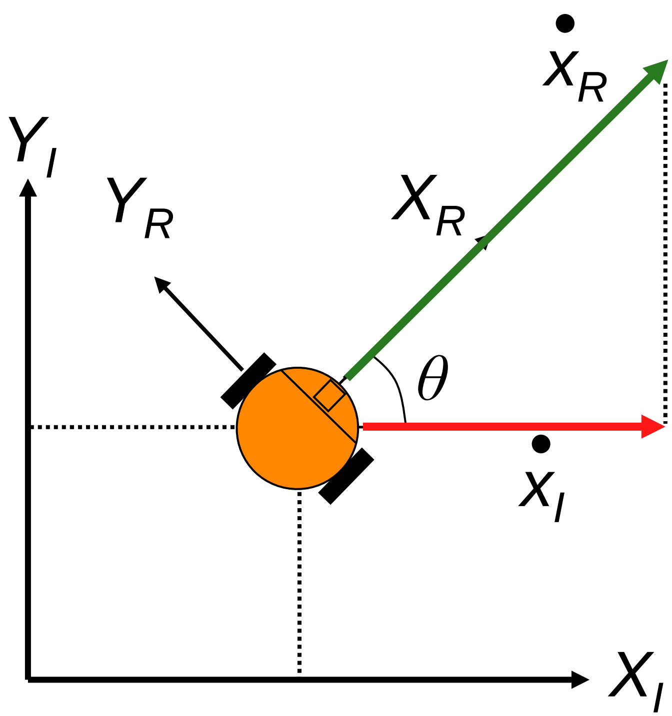
- With local frame, we describe the robot state as

$$\xi_R = [x, y, \theta]_R = [0, 0, 0]$$



Velocities in Global Coordinate Frame

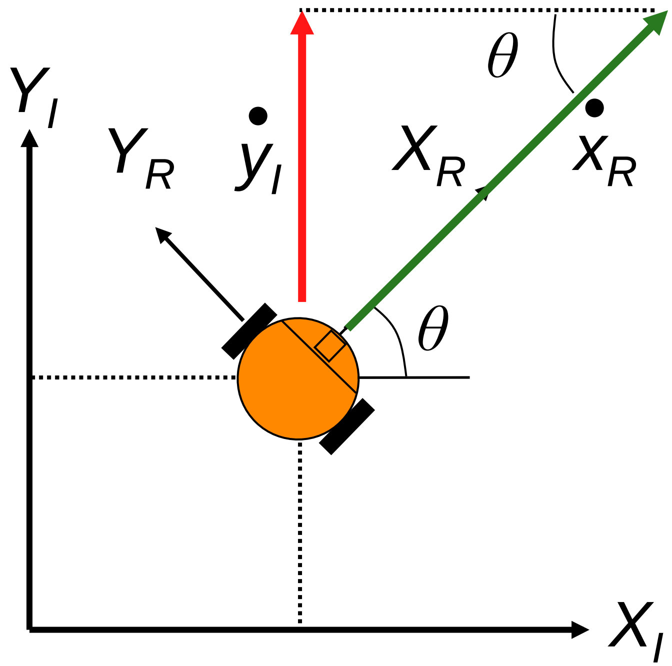
- Let's obtain the velocities in global coordinate frame
- Start with the X_I direction



$\dot{x}_I = \dot{x}_R \cos\theta = v \cdot \cos\theta$

Velocities in Global Coordinate Frame

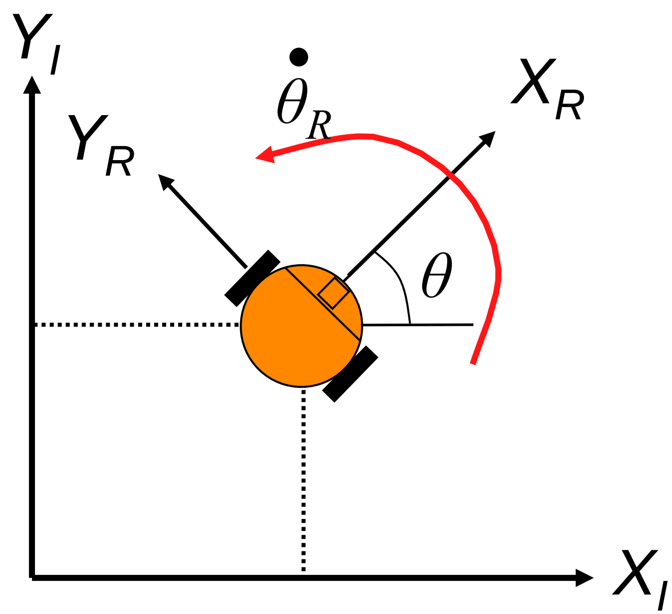
- Now the Y_I direction



$\dot{y}_I = \dot{x}_R \sin\theta = v \cdot \sin\theta$

Velocities in Global Coordinate Frame

- What about rotational speed?



$$\dot{\theta}_I = \dot{\theta}_R = w$$

Velocities in Global Coordinate Frame

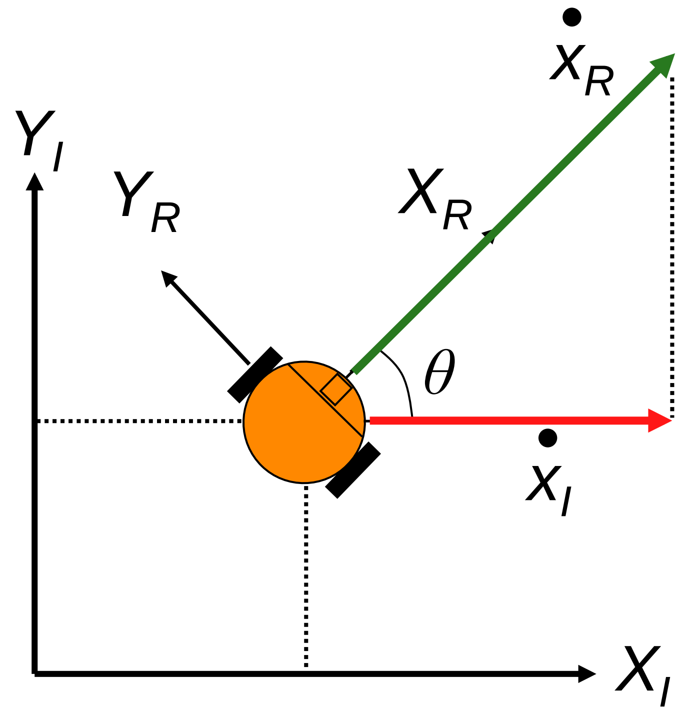
- In summary, we have

$$\dot{x}_I = v \cdot \cos\theta$$

$$\dot{y}_I = v \cdot \sin\theta$$

$$\dot{\theta}_I = \dot{\theta}_R = \omega$$

- This is the unicycle model



Transformations

- Let's put our equations in matrix form:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_I \\ \dot{y}_I \\ \dot{\theta}_I \end{pmatrix}}_{\dot{\xi}_I} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{R^{-1}(\theta)} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_R \\ \dot{y}_R \\ \dot{\theta}_R \end{pmatrix}}_{\dot{\xi}_R} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{x}_I = \dot{x}_R \cos\theta \\ \dot{y}_I = \dot{y}_R \sin\theta \\ \dot{\theta}_I = \dot{\theta}_R \end{cases}$$

- Or we can rewrite:

$$\dot{\xi}_I = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

- Thank You!