

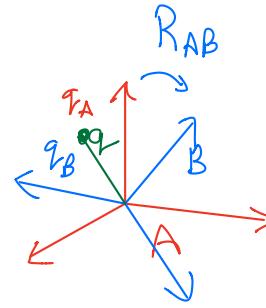
## Discussion 2: Exponential Coordinates

Given a rotation matrix  $R$ , there are two ways of interpreting it:

- ✓ 1. As a transformation between two reference frames A, B.

$$q_A = R_{AB} q_B$$

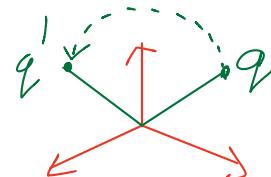
→ reference frame changes,  
point remains static.



- ✓ 2. As an action on 3D space.

$$q: \rightarrow q'$$

$$q' = Rq$$

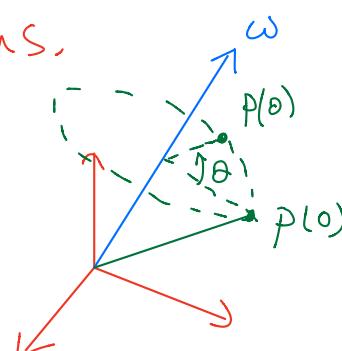


→ reference frame static  
point moves.

2)  $R(\omega, \theta)$ : a rotation about an axis  $\omega$  ( $\|\omega\|=1$ ) by  $\theta$  radians.

$$R(\omega, \theta) \stackrel{?}{=}$$

$$R_x(\theta) = \underline{R(\vec{x}, \theta)}$$



$$\underline{p(\theta)} = \underline{R(\omega, \theta)} \underline{p(0)}$$

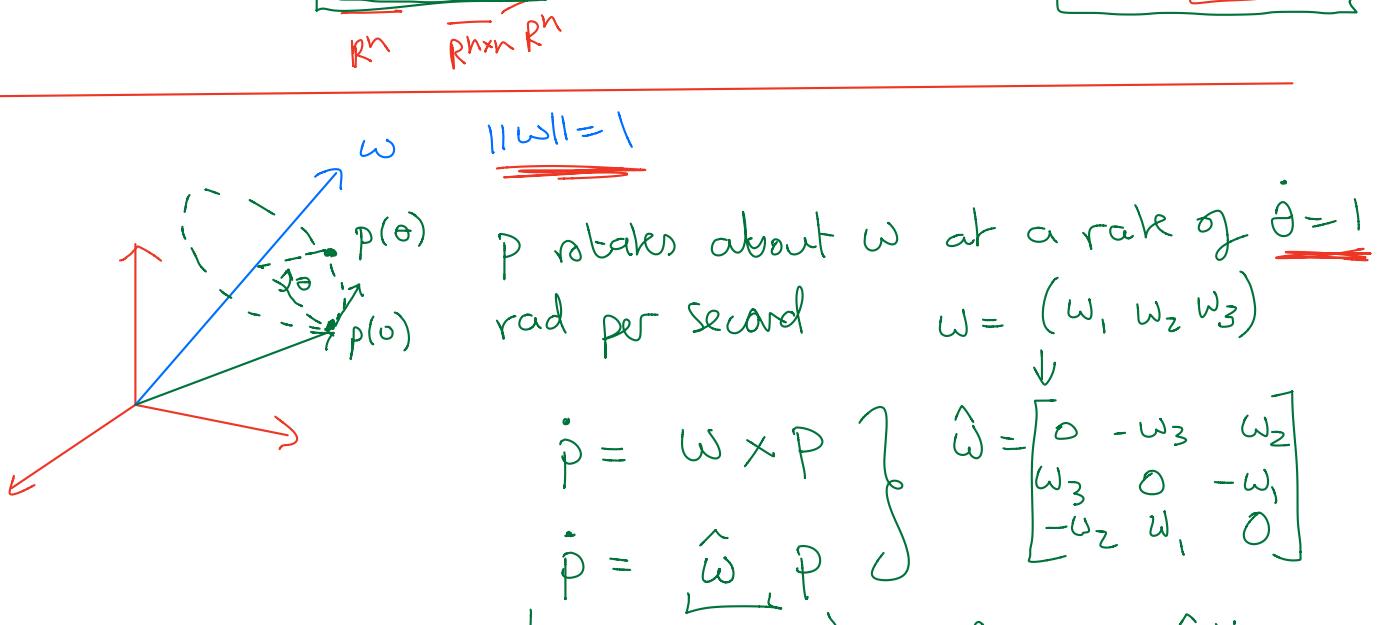
Matrix Exponential:

Scalar exp:  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $f(x) = e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$

Matrix exp:  $f: \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   $f(A) = e^A = I + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \dots$

Scalar ODE:  $\dot{x} = \alpha x$ ,  $x(0) = x_0 \rightarrow x(t) = e^{\alpha t} x_0$

Vector ODE:  $\dot{x} = Ax$ ,  $x(0) = x_0 \rightarrow x(t) = e^{At} x_0$



$$p(t) = e^{\hat{\omega}t} p(0)$$

$$p(\theta) = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} p(0)$$

$$p(\theta) = R(\omega, \theta) p(0)$$

$$R(\omega, \theta) = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = I + \hat{\omega} \sin(\theta) + \hat{\omega}^2 (1 - \cos(\theta))$$

Rodriguez' Formula

$$R_x(\theta) = e^{\hat{x}\theta}$$

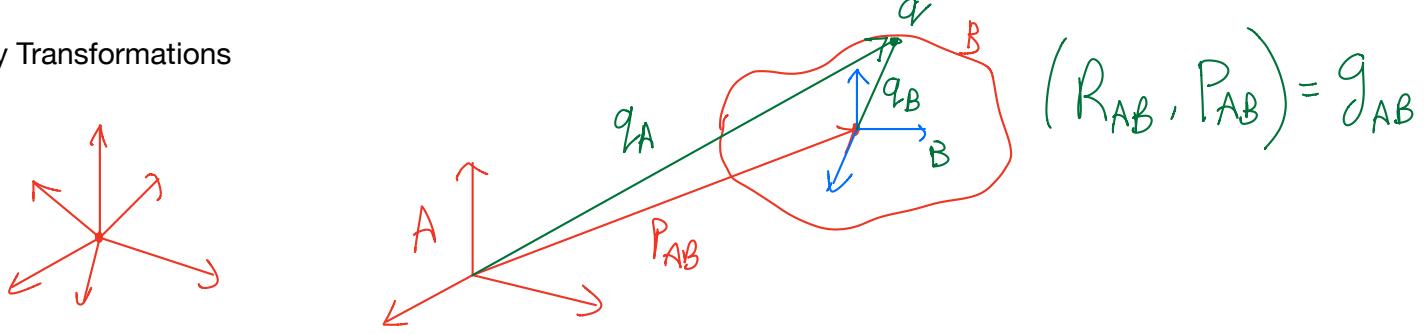
$$R_y(\theta) = e^{\hat{y}\theta}$$

$$R_z(\theta) = e^{\hat{z}\theta}$$

Euler's theorem: For any rotation matrix  $R$ , there exists a unit axis  $w$ , and angle  $\theta$ , such that  $R = R(w, \theta)$

When we find  $(\omega, \theta)$  such that  $R = R(\omega, \theta) = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$   
we call  $(\omega, \theta)$  the exponential coordinates of  $R$ .

## Rigid Body Transformations



$$q_A = \underbrace{R_{AB} q_B}_{=} + \underbrace{P_{AB}}_{}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_A \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{AB} & P_{AB} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_B \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Homogeneous Coordinates

$$g_{AB} \in SE(3) = \{g = \begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, R \in SO(3), p \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$$

$$p \in \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ (points)}$$

$$v \in \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ (vector)}$$

$$p(t) = \begin{bmatrix} p(t) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{p} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p}(t) \\ p(t) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rigid body transformations can be seen as:

- As transformations between reference frames A, B.

$$g_{AB} : q_A = g_{AB} q_B$$

- As an action on 3D space

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : \underbrace{q}_{} \mapsto \underbrace{gq - Rq + p}_{}$$

1) Pure translation

2) pure rotation

1) pure translation:  $g$  implements a translation along a unit vector  $v$  by  $\theta$  units.



$$\underline{g}(\theta) = \underline{p}(0) + v\theta$$

translation according to  $\dot{\theta}=1$  unit per second.

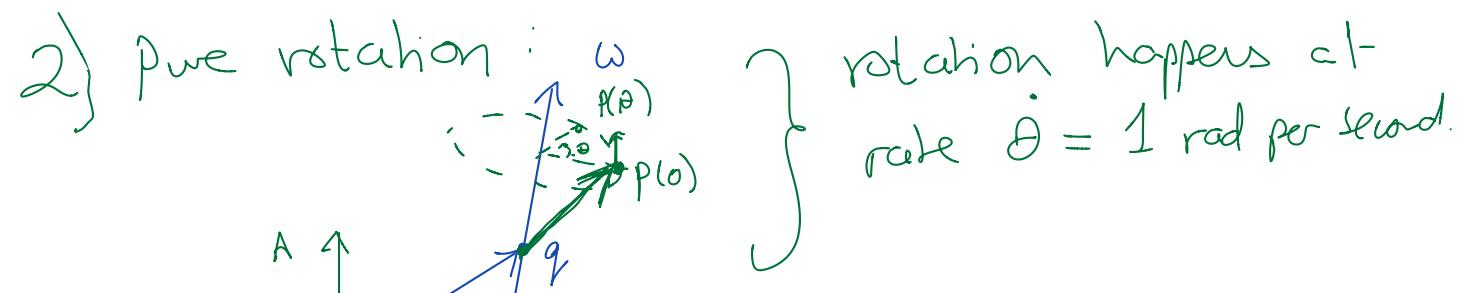
$$\dot{\underline{p}} = \underline{v} : \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\underline{p}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\left( \begin{array}{c|c} \underline{0} & \underline{v} \\ \hline \underline{0} \underline{0} \underline{0} & \underline{0} \end{array} \right)}_{\underline{\xi}} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{p} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\underline{p}} = \hat{\underline{\xi}} \underline{p}$$

$$\underline{p}(t) = e^{\hat{\underline{\xi}} t} \underline{p}(0)$$

$$\underline{p}(\theta) = \underline{e}^{\hat{\underline{\xi}} \theta} \underline{p}(0)$$

$$\underline{p}(\theta) = \underline{g} \underline{p}(0)$$



rotation happens at rate  $\dot{\theta} = 1 \text{ rad per second}$ .

$$\dot{p} = \omega \times (p - q)$$

$$\dot{p} = \underbrace{\hat{\omega} p}_{\hat{\xi} p} - \underbrace{\omega \times q}_{\hat{\omega} \times q}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\omega} & -\omega \times q \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{p} = \hat{\xi} p$$

$$p(t) = e^{\hat{\xi}t} p(0)$$

$$p(\theta) = e^{\hat{\xi}\theta} p(0)$$

$$g = e^{\hat{\xi}\theta} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{rotation about } \omega \\ \text{passing through } q \end{array}$$

1) pure trans:  $\hat{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow g = e^{\hat{\xi}\theta}$

2) pure rot:  $\hat{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\omega} & -\omega \times q \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow g = e^{\hat{\xi}\theta}$

$\text{sol}(3) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

$\hat{\xi}$  always looks like  $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\omega} & \hat{v} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

chastle's theorem:

for any RBT  $g \in SE(3)$  exists scalar and  $\hat{\xi}\theta$   
 $\hat{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\omega} & \hat{v} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  for some  $(\omega, v)$  such that  $g = e^{\hat{\xi}\theta}$   
 so, if we find such a  $\hat{\xi} = (\underline{\omega}, \underline{v})$  and a  $\underline{\theta} : g = e^{\hat{\xi}\underline{\theta}}$   
 then  $(\hat{\xi}, \theta)$  are called the exponential  
 coordinates of  $g$

If I write  $g = e^{\hat{\xi}\theta}$  for  $(\underline{\omega}, \underline{v})$

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} R & P \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : \quad \underline{\omega} : \quad R = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$$

$\hat{\xi} = (v, \omega) \in \mathbb{R}^6$  Twist

$$\hat{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\omega} & \hat{v} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$$

$$e^{\hat{\xi}\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} R & P \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rigid body transformation.}$$