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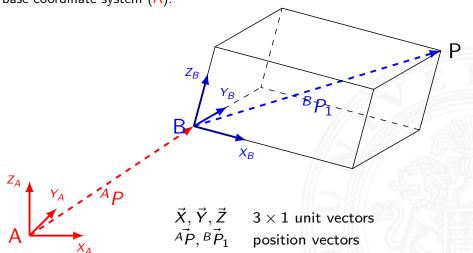
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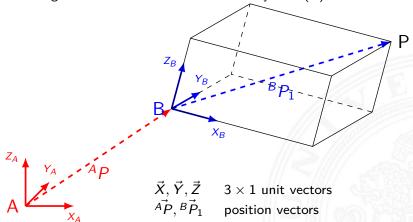
The **pose** of objects, in other words their **position** and **orientation** in Euclidian space can be described through specification of a cartesian coordinate system (B) in relation to a base coordinate system (A).



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#### Position:

translation along the axes of the base coordinate system (A)



lacktriangle given by position vector  $ec{^{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{P}} = [^{A}p_{\mathsf{x}}, ^{A}p_{y}, ^{A}p_{z}]^{T} \in \mathcal{R}^{3}$ 

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# Orientation (in space):

- given by Rotation matrix  $R_B = [\vec{X_B} \ \vec{Y_B} \ \vec{Z_B}] \in \mathcal{R}^{3 \times 3}$
- given by Rotation matrix  ${}^AR_B = [{}^A\vec{X}_B \ {}^A\vec{Y}_B \ {}^A\vec{Z}_B] \in \mathcal{R}^{3\times3}$
- $ightharpoonup AR_B$ : the orientation of B with respect to A. (Latex:  $^{A}R_{B}$ )
- $ightharpoonup A\vec{X}_B, A\vec{Y}_B, A\vec{Z}_B$  are projection of  $\vec{X}_B, \vec{Y}_B, \vec{Z}_B$  in A.

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### Dot product

In terms of the geometric definition, the dot product of two unit vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ means the projection of the  $\vec{a}$  in  $\vec{b}$ .

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = ||a|| ||b|| \cos(\theta)$$

$${}^{A}\vec{X}_{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{X}_{B} \cdot \vec{X}_{A} \\ \vec{X}_{B} \cdot \vec{Y}_{A} \\ \vec{X}_{B} \cdot \vec{Z}_{A} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad {}^{A}R_{B} = \begin{bmatrix} A\vec{X}_{B} & A\vec{Y}_{B} & A\vec{Z}_{B} \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^{A}R_{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{X}_{B} \cdot \vec{X}_{A} & \vec{Y}_{B} \cdot \vec{X}_{A} & \vec{Z}_{B} \cdot \vec{X}_{A} \\ \vec{X}_{B} \cdot \vec{Y}_{A} & \vec{Y}_{B} \cdot \vec{Y}_{A} & \vec{Z}_{B} \cdot \vec{Y}_{A} \\ \vec{X}_{B} \cdot \vec{Z}_{A} & \vec{Y}_{B} \cdot \vec{Z}_{A} & \vec{Z}_{B} \cdot \vec{Z}_{A} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$${}^{A}R_{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{X_{B}} \cdot \vec{X_{A}} & \vec{Y_{B}} \cdot \vec{X_{A}} & \vec{Z_{B}} \cdot \vec{X_{A}} \\ \vec{X_{B}} \cdot \vec{Y_{A}} & \vec{Y_{B}} \cdot \vec{Y_{A}} & \vec{Z_{B}} \cdot \vec{Y_{A}} \\ \vec{X_{B}} \cdot \vec{Z_{A}} & \vec{Y_{B}} \cdot \vec{Z_{A}} & \vec{Z_{B}} \cdot \vec{Z_{A}} \end{bmatrix} {}^{B}X_{A}^{T}$$
 the projection of  $\vec{X_{A}}$  in B

$${}^{A}R_{B} = \begin{bmatrix} A\vec{X}_{B} & A\vec{Y}_{B} & A\vec{Z}_{B} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B\vec{X}_{A}^{T} \\ B\vec{Y}_{A}^{T} \\ B\vec{Z}_{A}^{T} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B\vec{X}_{A} & B\vec{Y}_{A} & B\vec{Z}_{A} \end{bmatrix}^{T} = {}^{B}R_{A}^{T}$$

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The inverse of a rotation matrix is simply its transpose:

$${}^A R_B^{-1} = {}^B R_A = {}^B R_A^T$$
 and

whereas I is the identity matrix.

$${}^{A}R_{B}{}^{B}R_{A}=I$$

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- ▶ Position:
  - given through  $\vec{AP} \in \mathcal{R}^3$
- Orientation:
  - ▶ given through the projection of  $\vec{X_B}$ ,  $\vec{Y_B}$ ,  $\vec{Z_B}$  ∈  $\mathcal{R}^3$  of B to the origin system A ▶ summarized to rotation matrix  ${}^AR_B = [{}^A\vec{X_B} \ {}^A\vec{Y_B} \ {}^A\vec{Z_B}] \in \mathcal{R}^{3\times3}$

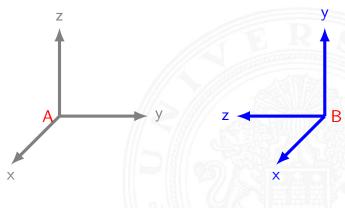
$${}^{A}R_{B} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{21} & r_{31} \\ r_{12} & r_{22} & r_{32} \\ r_{13} & r_{23} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

redundant, since there are 9 parameters for 3 degrees of freedom

S. Li, J. Zhang 47 / 592 Write the Rotation matrix of  ${}^AR_B$ .

$${}^AR_B = \left[ {}^A\vec{X}_B \ {}^A\vec{Y}_B \ {}^A\vec{Z}_B \right]$$

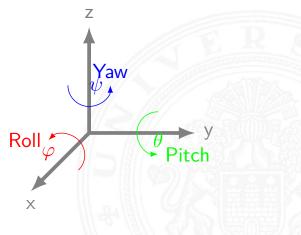
$${}^{A}R_{B} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$



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### Sequential multiplication of the rotation matrices by order of rotation.

- 1. rotation  $\varphi$  (*phi*) around the x-axis  $R_{x,\varphi}$  Roll
- 2. rotation  $\theta$  (theta) around the y-axis  $R_{y,\theta}$  Pitch
- 3. rotation  $\psi$  (psi) around the z-axis  $R_{z,\psi}$  Yaw



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(shortened representation:  $S : \sin, C : \cos$ )

The rotation matrix corresponding to a rotation around the x-axis with angle  $\varphi$  (phi):

$$R_{x,\varphi} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C\varphi & -S\varphi \\ 0 & S\varphi & C\varphi \end{bmatrix}$$

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The rotation matrix corresponding to a rotation around the y-axis with angle  $\theta$  (theta):

$$R_{y,\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} C\theta & 0 & S\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -S\theta & 0 & C\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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The rotation matrix corresponding to a rotation around the z-axis with angle  $\psi$  (psi):

$$R_{z,\psi} = egin{bmatrix} C\psi & -S\psi & 0 \ S\psi & C\psi & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$R_{\psi,\theta,\varphi} = R_{\mathsf{z},\psi} R_{\mathsf{y},\theta} R_{\mathsf{x},\varphi}$$

$$=\begin{bmatrix}C\psi & -S\psi & 0\\ S\psi & C\psi & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}C\theta & 0 & S\theta\\ 0 & 1 & 0\\ -S\theta & 0 & C\theta\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & C\varphi & -S\varphi\\ 0 & S\varphi & C\varphi\end{bmatrix}$$

$$=\begin{bmatrix} C\psi C\theta & C\psi S\theta S\varphi - S\psi C\varphi & C\psi S\theta C\varphi + S\psi S\varphi \\ S\psi C\theta & S\psi S\theta S\varphi + C\psi C\varphi & S\psi S\theta C\varphi - C\psi S\varphi \\ -S\theta & C\theta S\varphi & C\theta C\varphi \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark: Matrix multiplication is not commutative:

$$AB \neq BA$$

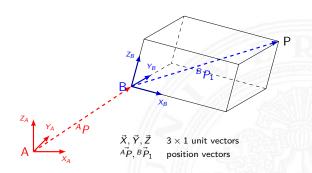
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- ▶ Several rotations can be multiplied. The following applies:
  - ▶ If the rotations are performed in relation to the current, newly defined (or changed) coordinate system, the newly added transformation matrices need to be multiplicatively appended on the right-hand side.
  - ▶ If all of them are performed in relation to the fixed reference coordinate system, the transformation matrices need to be multiplicatively appended on the left-hand side.

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Mapping: changing descriptions from frame to frame. For example, change the reference frame of  $\vec{BP_1}$ ?

$$\vec{AP_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{B} \vec{X}_A \cdot \vec{BP_1} \\ \vec{B} \vec{Y}_A \cdot \vec{BP_1} \\ \vec{B} \vec{Z}_A \cdot \vec{BP_1} \end{bmatrix} \\
= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{B} \vec{X}_A^T \\ \vec{B} \vec{Y}_A^T \\ \vec{B} \vec{Z}_A^T \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{BP_1} \\
= \vec{A} R_B \vec{BP_1}$$



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#### Three common uses of a rotation matrix:

- represent an orientation
- rotate a vector or frame
- ▶ change the frame of reference of a vector or frame

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▶ Homogeneous transformation matrix:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} R & \vec{p} \\ P & S \end{bmatrix}$$

where P depicts the perspective transformation and S the scaling.

▶ In robotics,  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and S = 1. Other values are used for computer graphics.

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- ▶ Combination of  $\vec{p}$  and R to  $T = \begin{bmatrix} R & \vec{p} \\ \vec{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{R}^{4 \times 4}$
- ► Concatenation of several *T* through matrix multiplication

$$AT_B BT_C = AT_C$$

▶ not commutative, in other words  ${}^BT_C {}^AT_B \neq {}^AT_B {}^BT_C$ 

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They are represented as four vectors using the elements of homogeneous transformation.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 & \mathbf{r}_2 & \mathbf{r}_3 & \mathbf{p} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{21} & r_{31} & p_x \\ r_{12} & r_{22} & r_{32} & p_y \\ r_{13} & r_{23} & r_{33} & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(1)

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The inverse of a rotation matrix is simply its transpose:

$$R^{-1} = R^T$$
 and  $RR^T = I$ 

whereas I is the identity matrix.

The inverse of (1) is:

$$T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & -\mathbf{p}^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \mathbf{r}_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & -\mathbf{p}^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \mathbf{r}_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & -\mathbf{p}^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \mathbf{r}_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

whereas  $\mathbf{r}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_3$  and  $\mathbf{p}$  are the four column vectors of (1) and  $\cdot$  represents the dot product of vectors.

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A translation with a vector  $[p_x, p_y, p_z]^T$  is expressed through a transformation:

$$T_{(p_x,p_y,p_z)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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The transformation corresponding to a rotation around the x-axis with angle  $\varphi$  (phi):

$$T_{x,\varphi} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C\varphi & -S\varphi & 0 \\ 0 & S\varphi & C\varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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The transformation corresponding to a rotation around the y-axis with angle  $\theta$  (theta):

$$T_{y,\theta} = egin{bmatrix} C heta & 0 & S heta & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \ -S heta & 0 & C heta & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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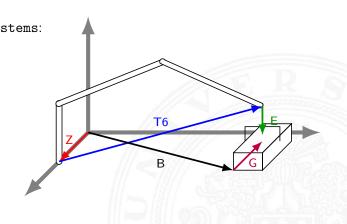
The transformation corresponding to a rotation around the z-axis with angle  $\psi$  (psi):

$$T_{z,\psi} = egin{bmatrix} C\psi & -S\psi & 0 & 0 \ S\psi & C\psi & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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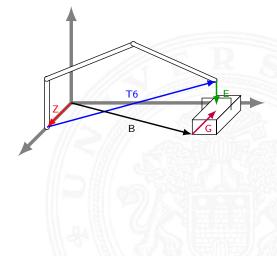
► Transform of Coordinate systems: frame: a reference S typical frames:

- ▶ robot base
- end effector
- ► table (world)
- •
- object
- camera
- **>** ...



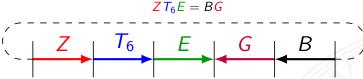
#### One has the following transformations:

- ➤ Z: World → Manipulator base
- $ightharpoonup T_6$ :
  Manipulator base ightarrow Manipulator end
- ightharpoonup E:
  Manipulator end ightharpoonup End effector
- ▶ B: World → Object
- G: Object  $\rightarrow$  End effector



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There are two descriptions for the desired end effector pose, one in relation to the object and the other in relation to the manipulator. Both descriptions should equal to each other for grasping:



In order to find the manipulator transformation:

$$T_6 = Z^{-1}BGE^{-1}$$

In order to determine the pose of the object:

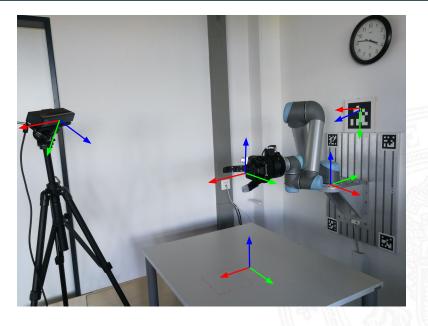
$$B = ZT_6EG^{-1}$$

This is also called kinematic chain.

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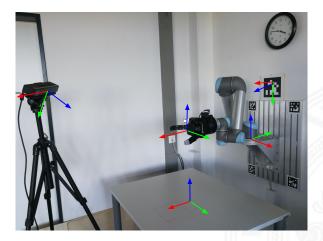
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# Given $T_{Base-Apriltag}$ , $T_{Camera-Apritag}$ , $T_{Camera-Object}$ , calculate $T_{Base-Object}$ .



 $T_{Base-Object} = T_{Base-Apriltag} T_{Camera-Apritag}^{-1} T_{Camera-Object}$ 

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- ▶ A homogeneous transformation depicts the position and orientation of a coordinate frame in space.
- ▶ If the coordinate frame is defined in relation to a solid object, the position and orientation of the solid object is unambiguously specified.
- ► Three common uses of a transformation matrix: to represent a rigid-body configuration; to change the frame of reference of a vector or a frame; to displace a vector or a frame.

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- ▶ Several translations and rotations can be multiplied.
  - ▶ right-hand multiplication → in relation to the current, newly defined (or changed) coordinate system.
  - ightharpoonup left-hand multiplication ightarrow in relation to the fixed reference coordinate system.

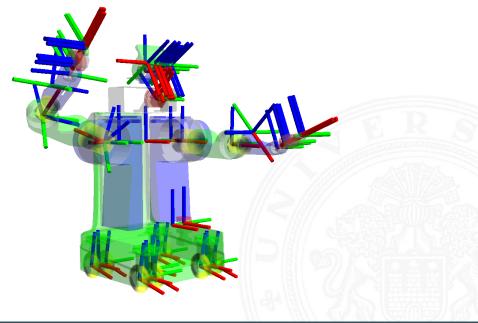
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- Joint coordinates: A vector  $\mathbf{q}(t) = (q_1(t), q_2(t), ..., q_n(t))^T$ (a robot configuration)
- ► End effector coordinates (Object coordinates):
  - A vector  $\mathbf{p} = [p_x, p_y, p_z]^T$
  - ► Rotation matrix:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- ▶ Can we use less of 9 parameters to represent the orientation?
- ▶ How to construct the transformation matrix of the manipulator's end-effector relative to the base of the manipulator?

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Suggestions Spatial Description and Transformations - Transformation Equation

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