## ECE 498/598 Midterm 2 2023

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## About the exam

1. There are total 4 problems. You must attempt all 4.

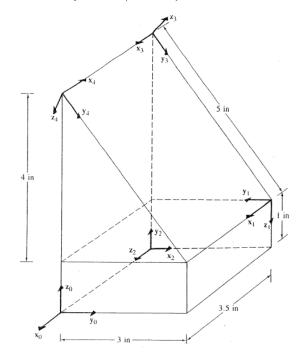
2. Maximum marks: 50.

3. Maximum time allotted: 50 min

4. Calculators are allowed.

5. One US Letter size or A4 size cheat sheet (both-sides) is allowed.

**Problem 1** Find the 4x4 transformation matrix  ${}^{1}T_{0}$  that transforms coordinates from coordinate frame 1 to coordinate frame 0 (5 marks).



Solution: I am going to write transform from frame 1 to frame 0.  $^{0}T_{1}$ 

$${}^{0}T_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3.5 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (1)

The rotation matrix is obtained by writing the basis vectors of the destination coordinate system in the source coordinate system.

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**Problem 2** Consider a coordinate system OUVW whose ordered set of basis vectors given by  $\mathbf{u} = [3/7, 2/7, 6/7]^{\top}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = [2/7, 6/7, 3/7]^{\top}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = [4, 5, 6]^{\top}$ . Another coordinate system OXYZ whose order set of basis vectors is,  $\mathbf{x} = [2/7, 6/7, -3/7]^{\top}$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = [-6/7, 3/7, 2/7]^{\top}$  and  $\mathbf{z} = [3/7, 2/7, 6/7]^{\top}$ . Find the rotation matrix ouvw  $R_{oxyz}$  that converts coordinates from frame OXYZ to frame OUVW. (10 marks)

## Solution:

Let OPQR be the coordinate system in which the coordinates of basis vectors are specified.

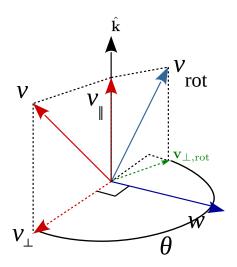
$${}^{OPQR}R_{OUVW} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{w} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/7 & 2/7 & 4 \\ 2/7 & 6/7 & 5 \\ 6/7 & 3/7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
(2)

$${}^{OPQR}R_{OXYZ} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{y} & \mathbf{z} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/7 & -6/7 & 3/7 \\ 6/7 & 3/7 & 2/7 \\ -3/7 & 2/7 & 6/7 \end{bmatrix}$$
(3)

$${}^{OUVW}R_{OXYZ} = {}^{OUVW}R_{OPQR} {}^{OPQR}R_{OXYZ} = (({}^{OPQR}R_{OUVW})^{\top})^{OPQR}R_{OXYZ}$$
(4)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3/7 & 2/7 & 4 \\ 2/7 & 6/7 & 5 \\ 6/7 & 3/7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} 2/7 & -6/7 & 3/7 \\ 6/7 & 3/7 & 2/7 \\ -3/7 & 2/7 & 6/7 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (5)

**Problem 3** (Rodrigues formula) In the figure below, we are rotating point  $\mathbf{v}$  around axis unit-vector  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$  by an angle  $\theta$ . A unit vector  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$  is perpendicular to the both  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ . Another vector  $\mathbf{v}_{\perp}$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto a plane that is perpendicular to  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ . Note that  $\mathbf{v}_{\perp}$  is perpendicular to both  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ . First, (a) write the unit-vector  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ . (b) Then write the vector (including the correct magnitude)  $\mathbf{v}_{\perp}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ . (c) A vector  $\mathbf{v}_{\perp,rot}$  is obtained by rotating  $\mathbf{v}_{\perp}$  by an angle  $\theta$ . Write the vector  $\mathbf{v}_{\perp,rot}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{v}_{\perp}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$  and  $\theta$ . (15 marks)



Solution:

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{v}}{\|\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{v}\|} \tag{6}$$

Note that  $\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{v}$  has the magnitude  $\|\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{v}\| = |\hat{\mathbf{k}}| |\mathbf{v}| \sin(\alpha) = |\mathbf{v}| \sin(\alpha)$  where  $\alpha$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ .

$$\mathbf{v}_{\perp} = -\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{v}) \tag{7}$$

The magnitude of  $\mathbf{v}_{\perp}$  is same as RHS because both  $|\mathbf{v}_{\perp}| = |\mathbf{v}|\sin(\alpha)$  and  $|-\hat{\mathbf{k}}\times(\hat{\mathbf{k}}\times\mathbf{v})| = |\mathbf{v}||\hat{\mathbf{k}}|^2\sin(\alpha)\sin(90^\circ) = |\mathbf{v}|\sin(\alpha)$  where  $\alpha$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ .

$$\mathbf{v}_{\perp,rot} = \mathbf{v}_{\perp}\cos(\theta) + \hat{\mathbf{w}}|\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \mathbf{v}|\sin(\theta)$$
(8)

**Problem 4** The Euler angles of rotation YZX are given as  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ . Derive the rotation matrix corresponding to the Euler angle representation  $R = R_x(\psi)R_z(\phi)R_y(\theta)$ . Also derive an expression to convert the rotation matrix back to Euler angles. (20 marks).

## Solution:

$$R = R_x(\psi)R_z(\phi)R_y(\theta) \tag{9}$$

$$\implies \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\psi} & -s_{\psi} \\ 0 & s_{\psi} & c_{\psi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{\phi} & -s_{\phi} & 0 \\ s_{\phi} & c_{\phi} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta} & 0 & s_{\theta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{\theta} & 0 & c_{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$
(10)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\psi} & -s_{\psi} \\ 0 & s_{\psi} & c_{\psi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{\phi}c_{\theta} & -s_{\phi} & c_{\phi}s_{\theta} \\ s_{\phi}c_{\theta} & c_{\phi} & s_{\phi}s_{\theta} \\ -s_{\theta} & 0 & c_{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$
(11)

$$\implies \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\phi}c_{\theta} & -s_{\phi} & c_{\phi}s_{\theta} \\ c_{\psi}s_{\phi}c_{\theta} + s_{\psi}s_{\theta} & c_{\psi}c_{\phi} & c_{\psi}s_{\phi}s_{\theta} - s_{\psi}c_{\theta} \\ s_{\psi}s_{\phi}c_{\theta} - c_{\psi}s_{\theta} & s_{\psi}c_{\phi} & s_{\psi}s_{\phi}s_{\theta} + c_{\psi}c_{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$
(12)

$$\phi = \sin^{-1}(-r_{12}) \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2] \tag{13}$$

$$\theta = \arctan 2(r_{13}, r_{11}) \tag{14}$$

$$\psi = \arctan 2(r_{32}, r_{22}) \tag{15}$$