

Introduction to Robotics

Coordinates, Transformations, Representations

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Agenda

Spatial Descriptions

- Joint Types
- Transformations
- Representations

Preliminaries

- Kinematics
 - the study of classical mechanics which describes the motion of points, bodies and systems of bodies without consideration of the causes of motion
- Rigid Body
 - a body is rigid, when the mutual distance of every pair of specified points in it is invariable (*Whittaker, 1904*)
- Dynamics
 - the study of the forces which produced that motion (*J.S. Beggs*)

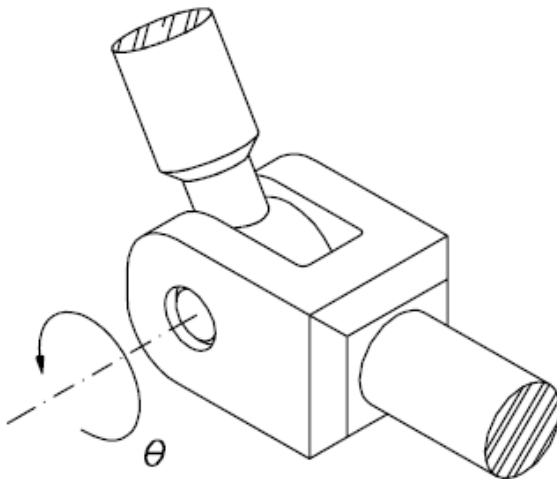
Kinematic Chain

- Assembly of rigid bodies connected by joints
- Rigid bodies within a kinematic chain are also referred to as *links*
- Joints between two links are also referred to as *kinematic pairs*

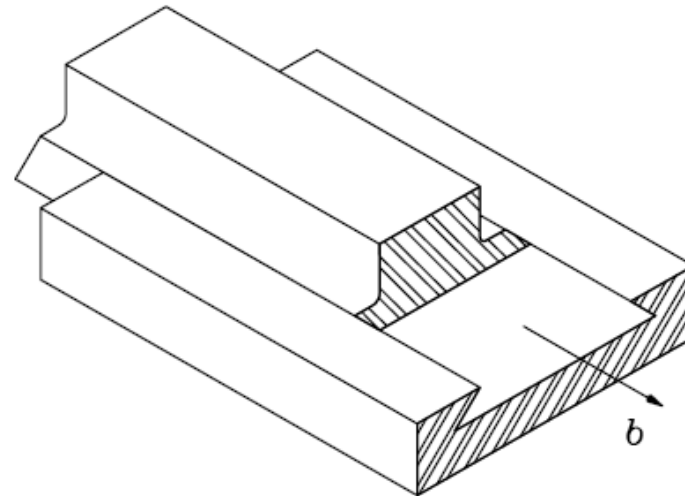
Possible Joint Types

Mainly:

Revolute joint,



Prismatic joint

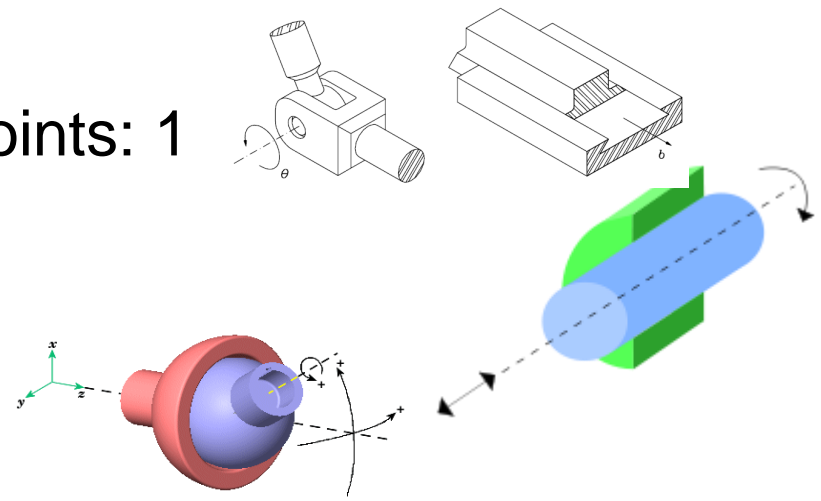


(Angeles)

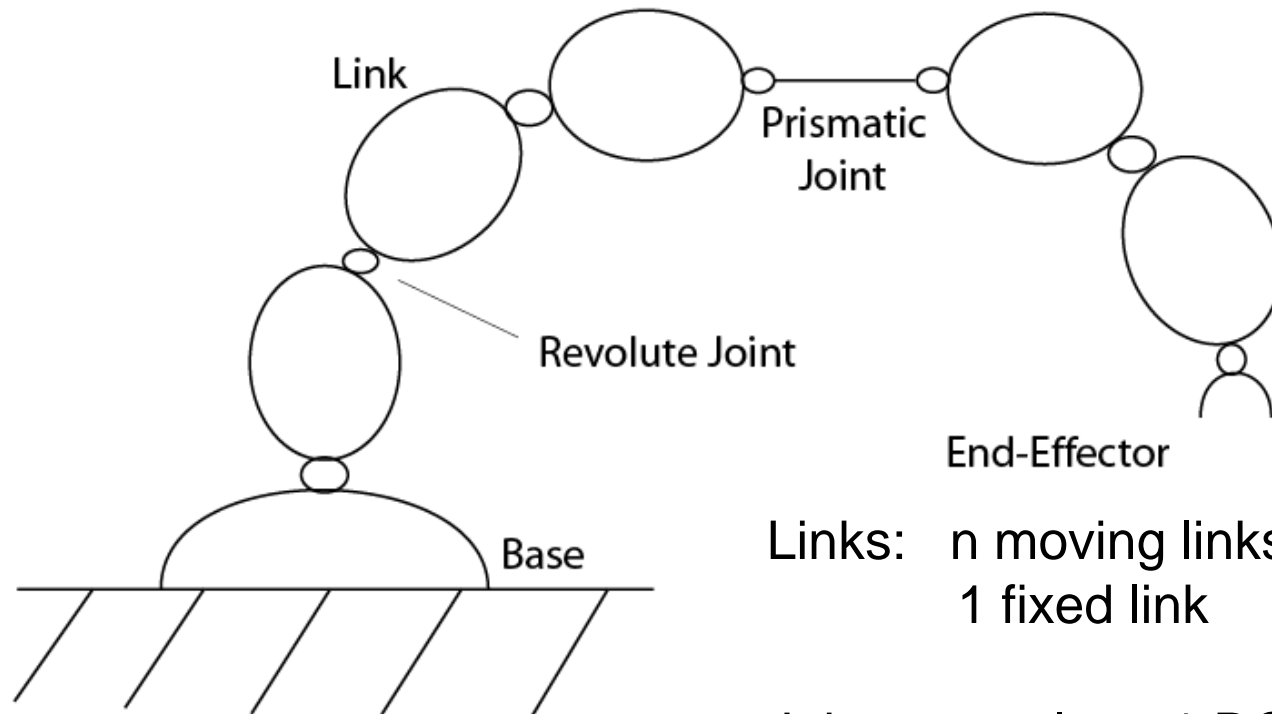
Other types include spherical, cylindrical joints.

Joints and Degrees of Freedom

- Every joint allows a certain type of motion and forbids others
- The number of independent parameters that define the configuration of a mechanical system
- For revolute and prismatic joints: 1
- cylindrical joints: 2
- spherical joints: 3



Kinematic Chain, Example

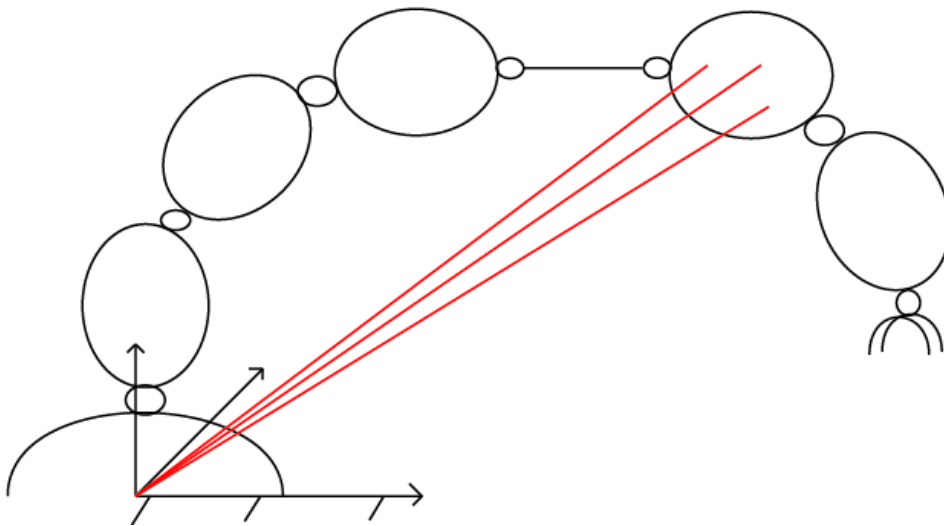


Links: n moving links
1 fixed link

Joints: revolute, 1 DOF
prismatic, 1 DOF

Configuration Parameters

- a set of parameters that describes the full configuration of a (mechanical) system
- the position of a link in 3d space can be defined by three 3-dim. vectors

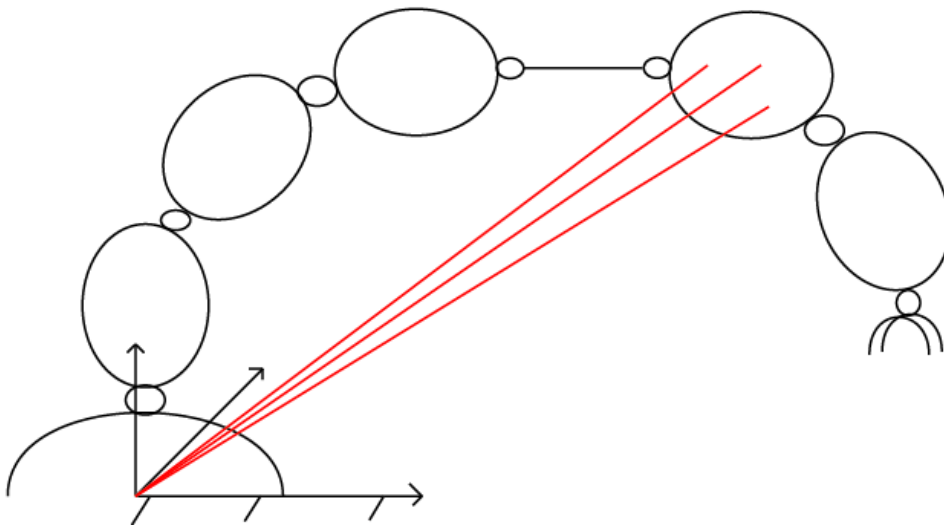


Number of Degrees of Freedom

- Body in 3 dimensional space: 3 for position, 3 for rotation
- Body in 2 dimensional space: 2 for position, 1 for rotation

Configuration Parameters

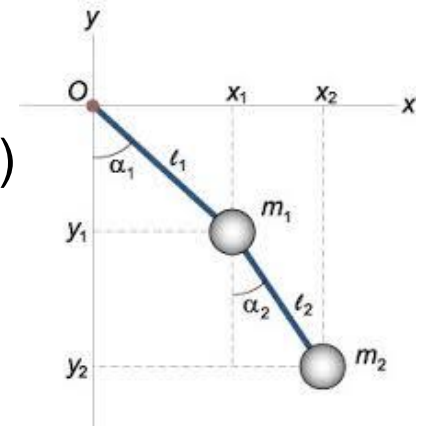
- a set of parameters that describes the full configuration of a system
- the position of a link can be defined by three vectors



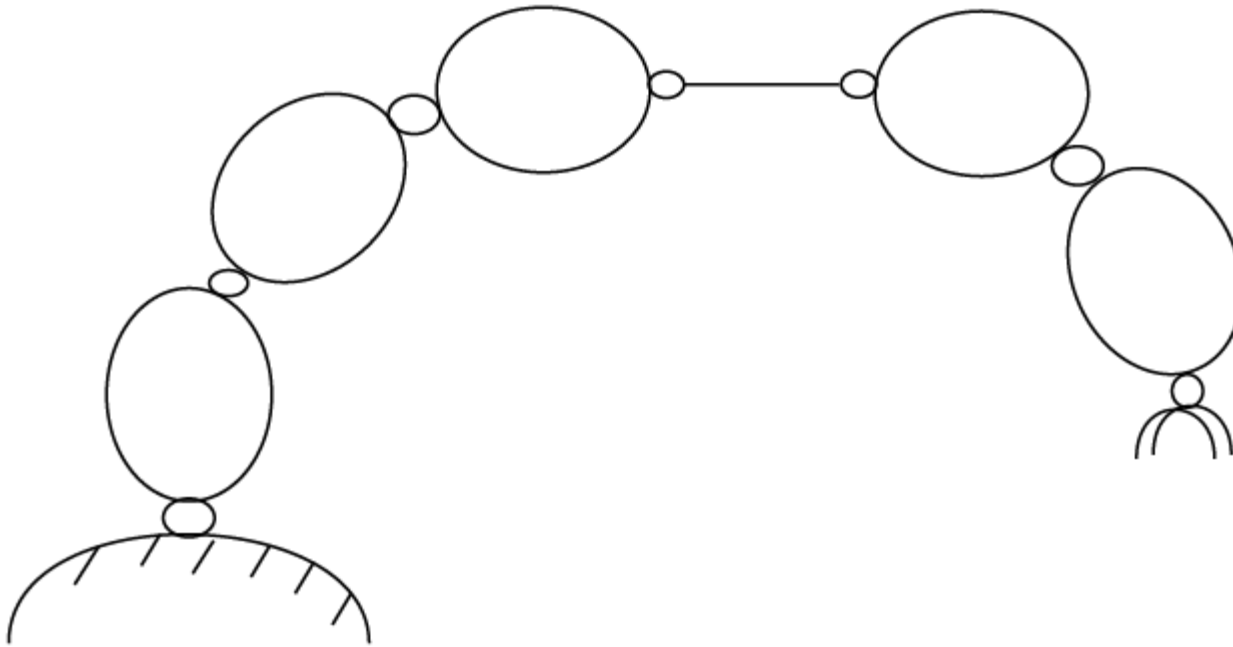
9 parameters per
link

Configuration Parameters

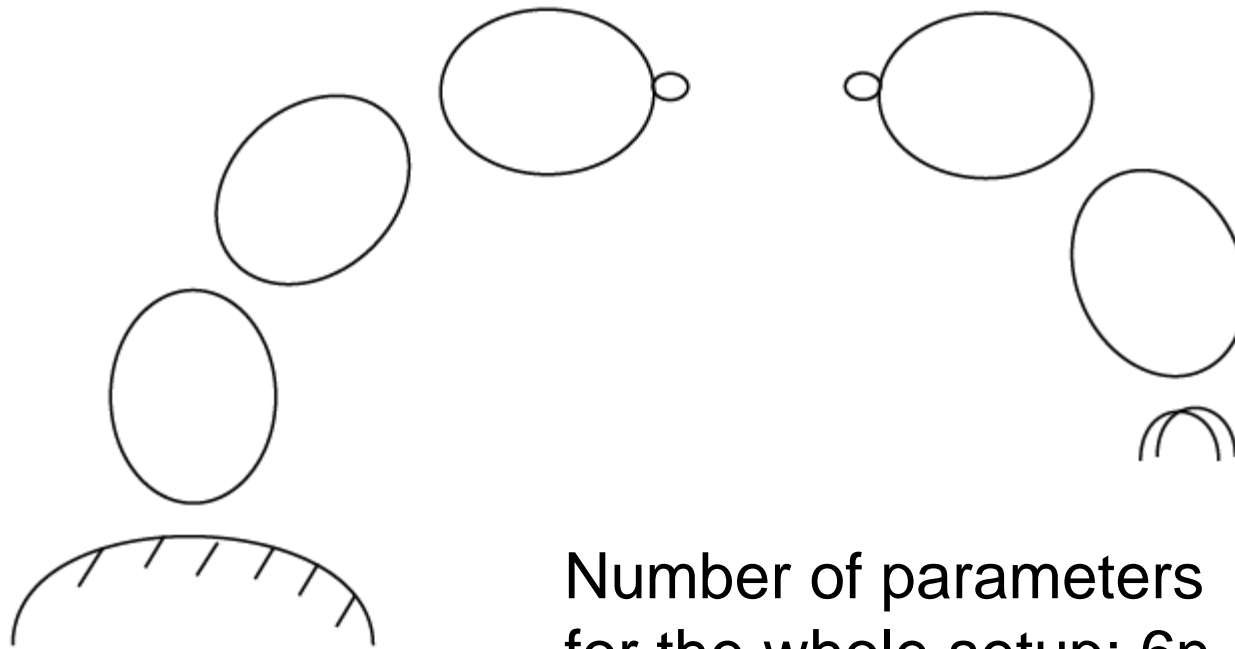
- The parameters that define the configuration of a mechanical system are called *Generalized Coordinates*
 - not necessarily cartesian
 - independent (advantageous, but not always poss.)
 - complete
- The vector space defined by these coordinates is called *configuration space*
- Degrees of Freedom of a system
 - number of generalized coordinates



Generalized Coordinates



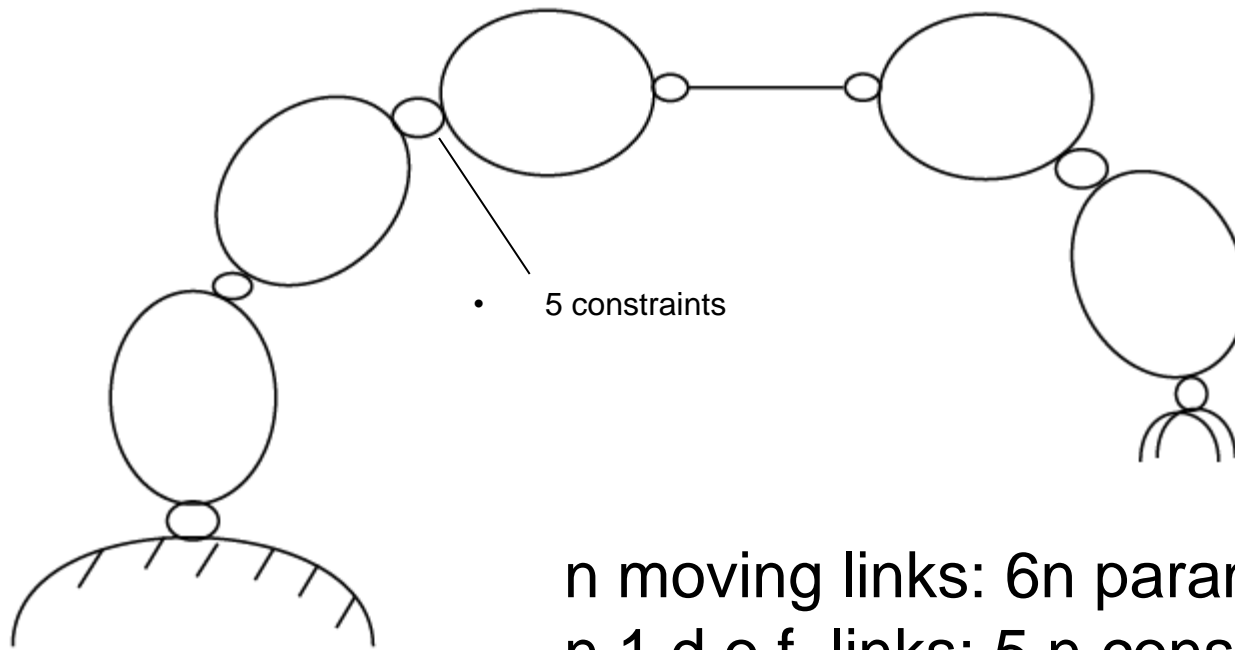
Generalized Coordinates



6 parameters:
3 for position
3 for orientation

Number of parameters
for the whole setup: $6n$

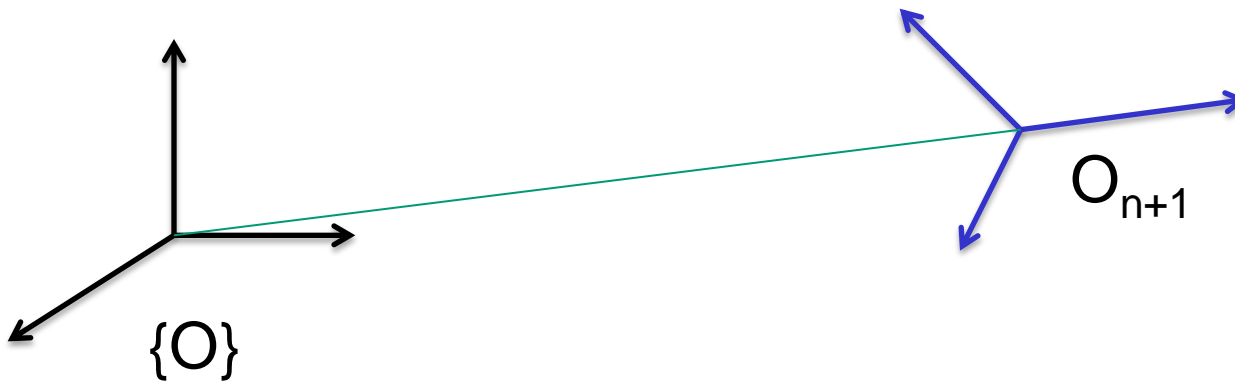
Generalized Coordinates



n moving links: $6n$ parameters
 n 1 d.o.f. links: $5n$ constraints
 d.o.f. (system): $6n - 5n = n$

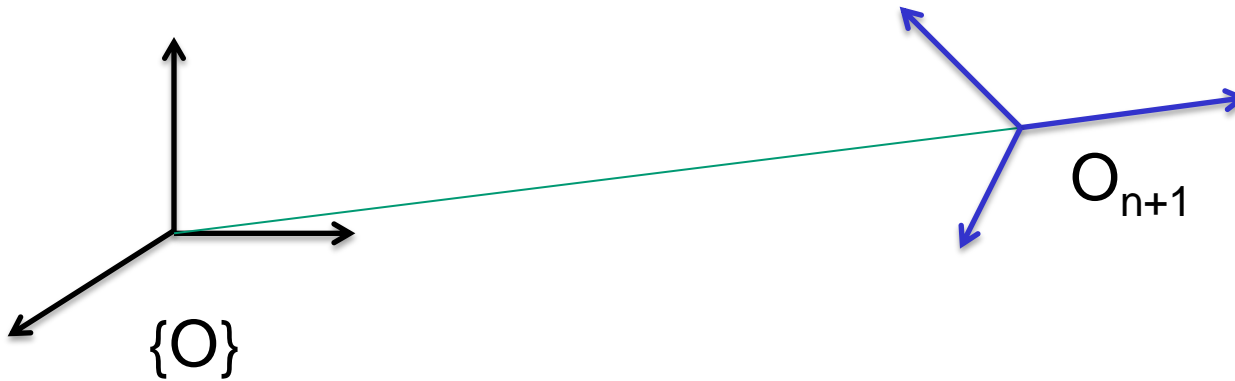
X

Spatial Descriptions for Endeffector



A set of parameters (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) that completely specifies the position and orientation of the endeffector with respect to $\{O\}$

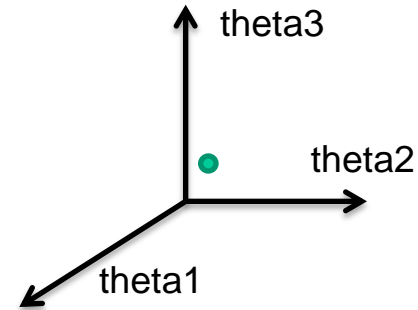
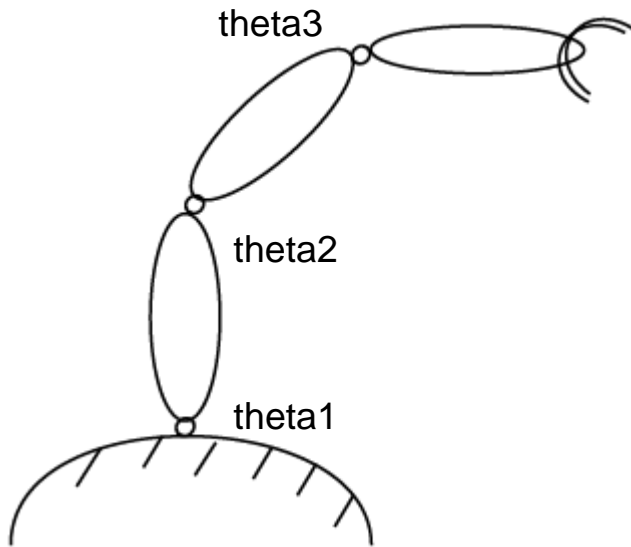
Endeffector Configuration Params



O_{n+1} : Operational point

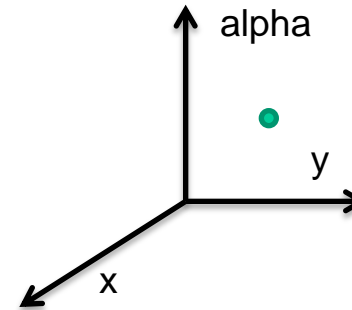
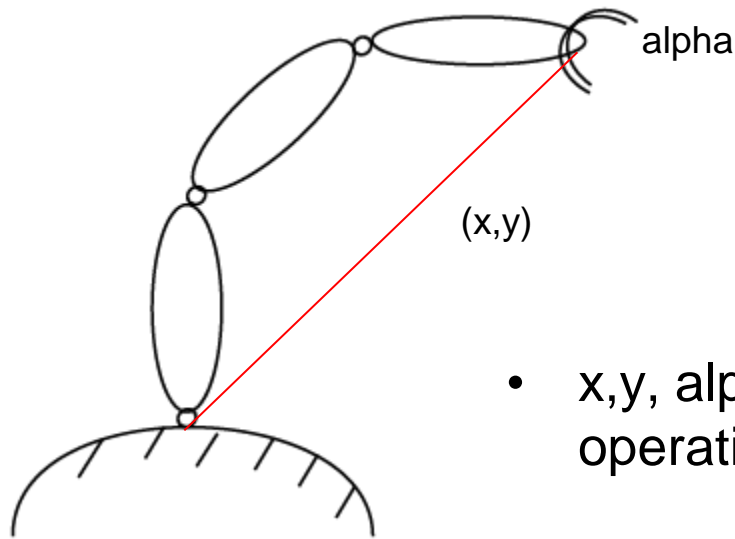
- a set of independent m_0 (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m_0}) configuration parameters
- m_0 : number of d.o.f. of the end-effector

Joint Coordinates and Joint Space



- important for motion planning
- obstacles can be mapped to this joint space

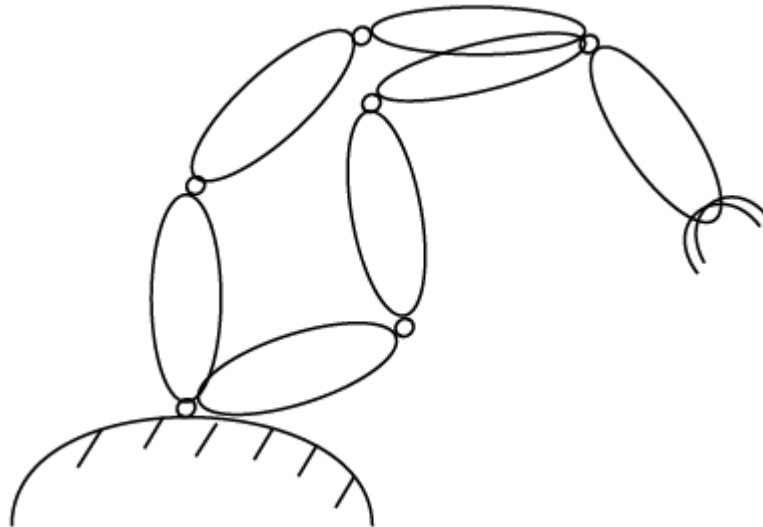
Operational Coordinates



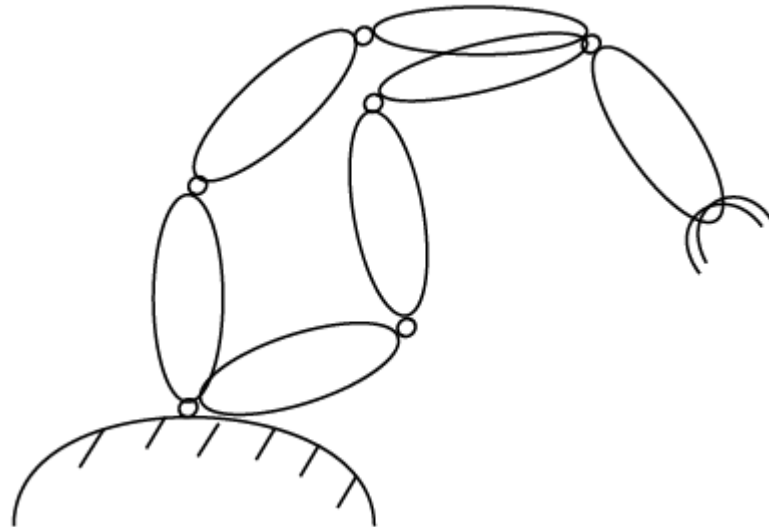
- x, y, α are operational coordinates in operational space
- robot is reduced to a point θ
- end effector is reduced to point (x, y, α)

Redundancy

- imagine introducing one more joint
- in **2d**: 4 joints, 3 degrees of freedom



Redundancy

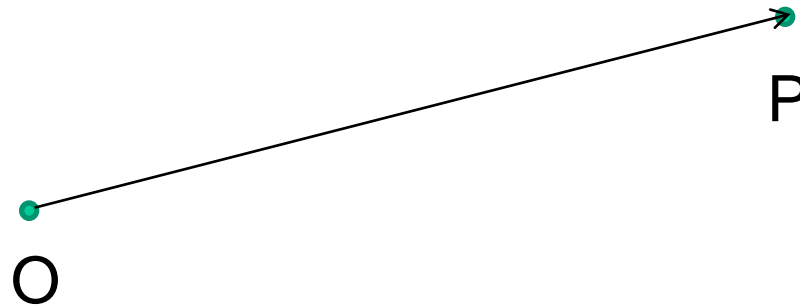


- a robot is said to be redundant if the number of d.o.f. of the robot n is greater than the number of d.o.f. of the end-effector m_o : $n > m_o$. Here $m_o = 3$, $n = 4$
- Degree of redundancy is measured by: $n - m_o$

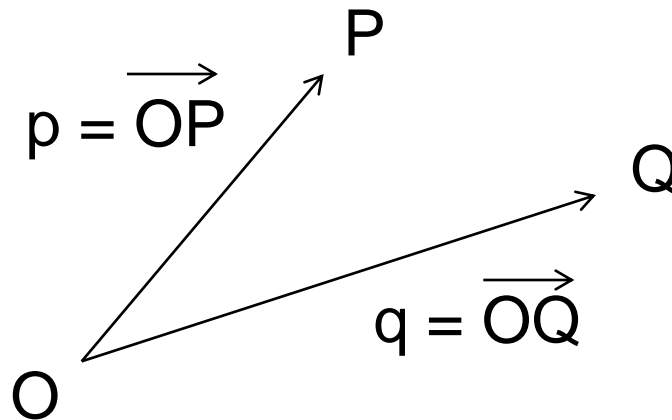
Position of a point

A point P is usually defined in relation to a fixed origin O .

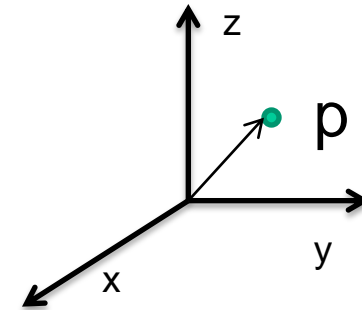
P can be denoted as vector OP or just as p



Rigid Body Configuration

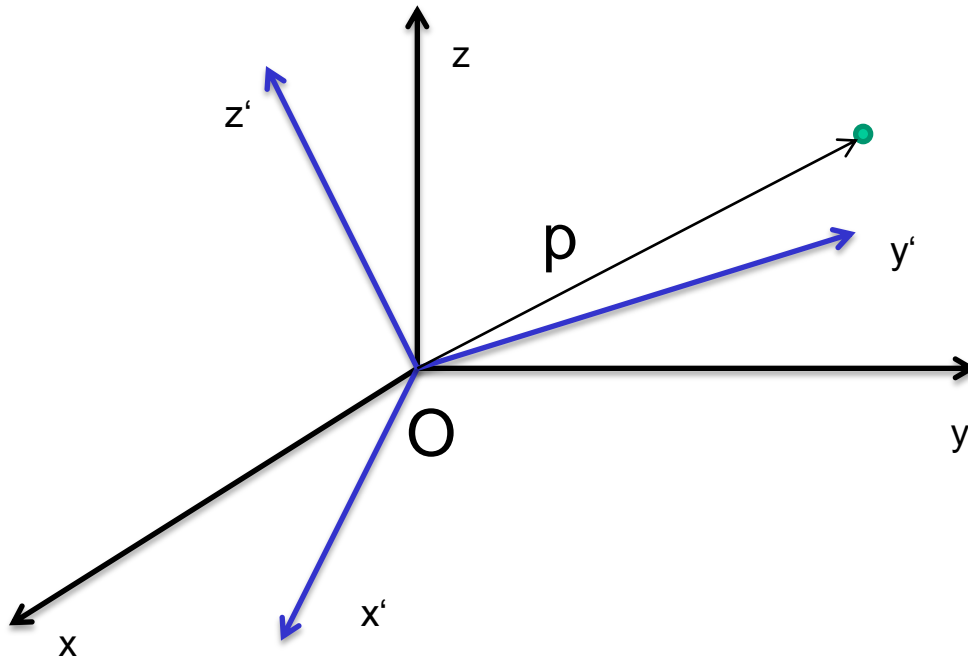


Euclidean space



cartesian frame

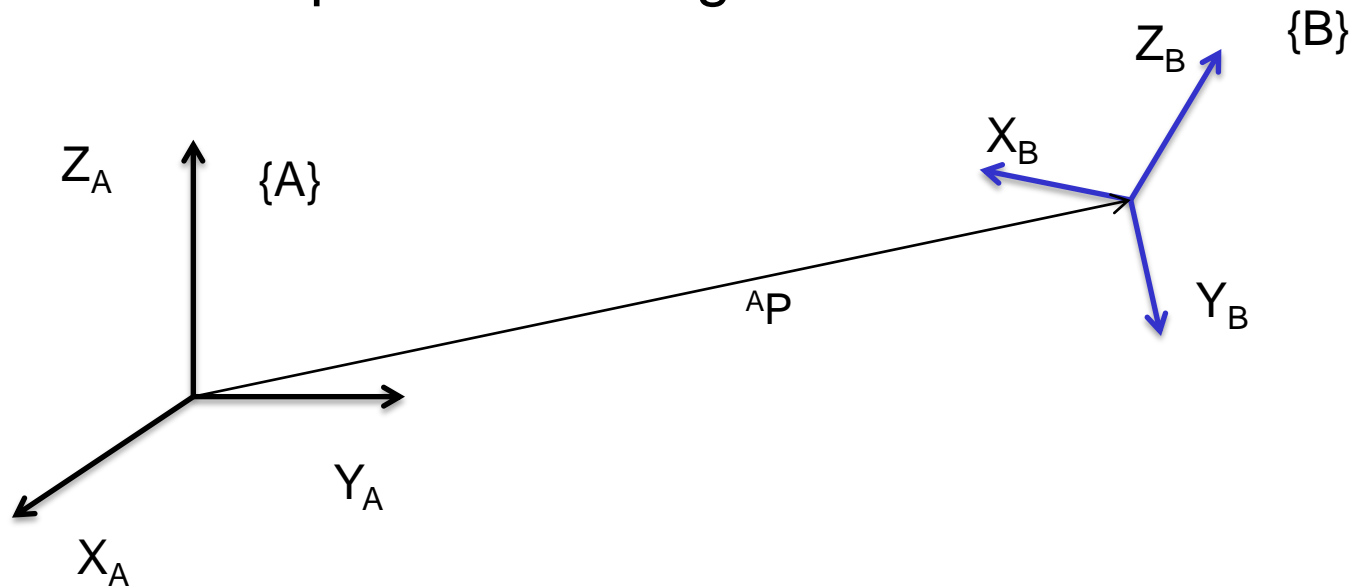
Coordinate Frames (same Origin)



Transformations describe relations of different coordinate frames to each other

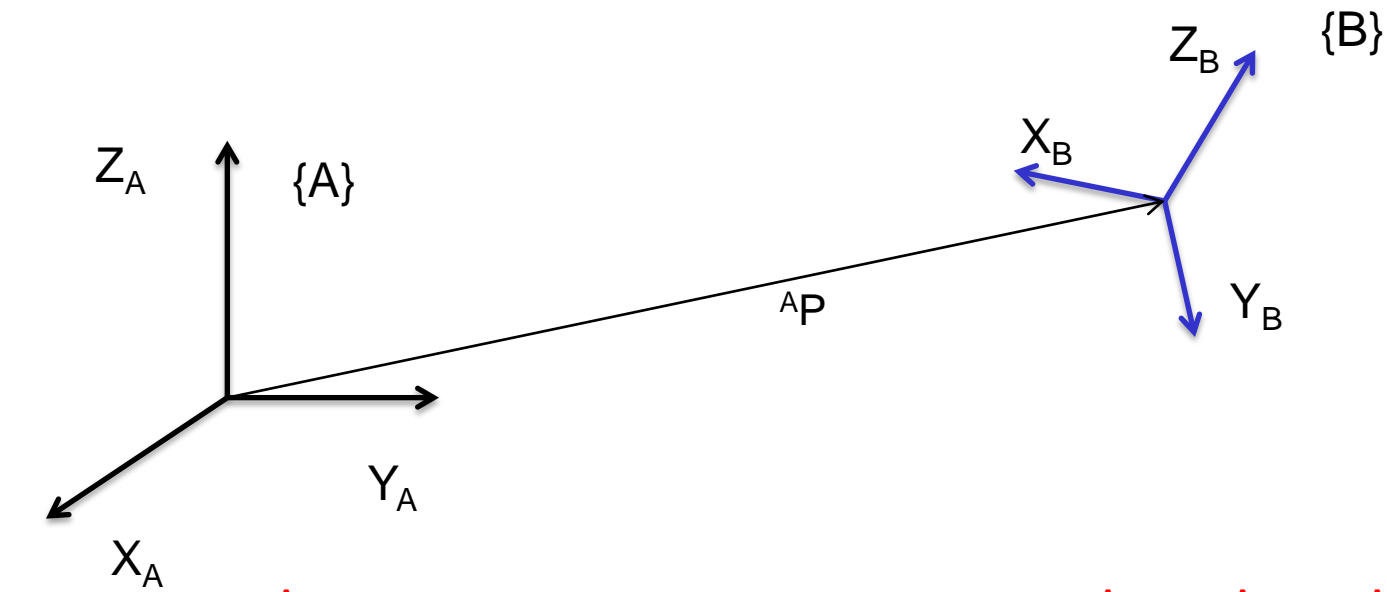
Rigid Body Configuration

- Relationship between origins



- How to describe frame {B} with respect to fixed frame {A}, ${}^A P$ defines the origin of frame {B}.

Rigid Body Configuration

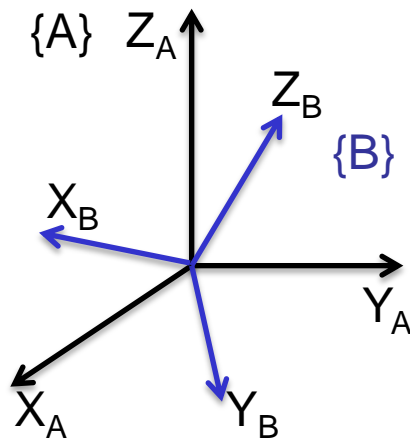


Position: ${}^A P$

Orientation: $\{{}^A X_B, {}^A Y_B, {}^A Z_B\}$

rotations of base vectors of frame {B} with respect to frame {A} \rightarrow **Rotation Matrix**

Rotation Matrix



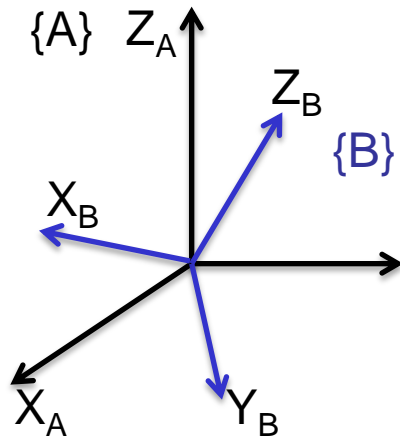
$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A X_B = {}^A_B R ({}^B X_B) \quad {}^B X_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A X_B = {}^A_B R \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^A Y_B = {}^A_B R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^A Z_B = {}^A_B R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\boxed{{}^A_B R = [{}^A X_B \quad {}^A Y_B \quad {}^A Z_B]}$ columns of R are the components of axis X, Y, Z of frame $\{B\}$ in reference frame $\{A\}$

Rotation Matrix



calculate ${}^A X_B$

using the Dot-product:

$${}^A X_B = \begin{bmatrix} X_B \cdot X_A \\ X_B \cdot Y_A \\ X_B \cdot Z_A \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} X_B \cdot X_A & Y_B \cdot X_A & Z_B \cdot X_A \\ X_B \cdot Y_A & Y_B \cdot Y_A & Z_B \cdot Y_A \\ X_B \cdot Z_A & Y_B \cdot Z_A & Z_B \cdot Z_A \end{bmatrix} = {}^B X_A^T$$

Properties of the Rotation Matrix

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A X_B & {}^A Y_B & {}^A Z_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B X_A^T \\ {}^B Y_A^T \\ {}^B Z_A^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B X_A & {}^B Y_A & {}^B Z_A \end{bmatrix}^T = {}^B_A R^T$$

$${}^A_B R = {}^B_A R^T$$

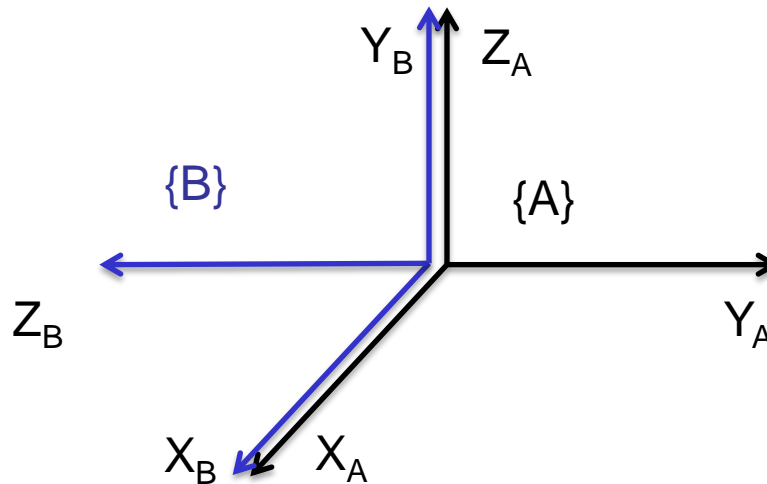
Inverse of the Rotation Matrix:

$${}^A_B R^{-1} = {}^B_A R = {}^A_B R^T$$

Orthonormal matrix (orthogonal unit vectors).

All orthonormal matrices (length of column vectors 1 and dot product of column vectors 0) have this property.

Example

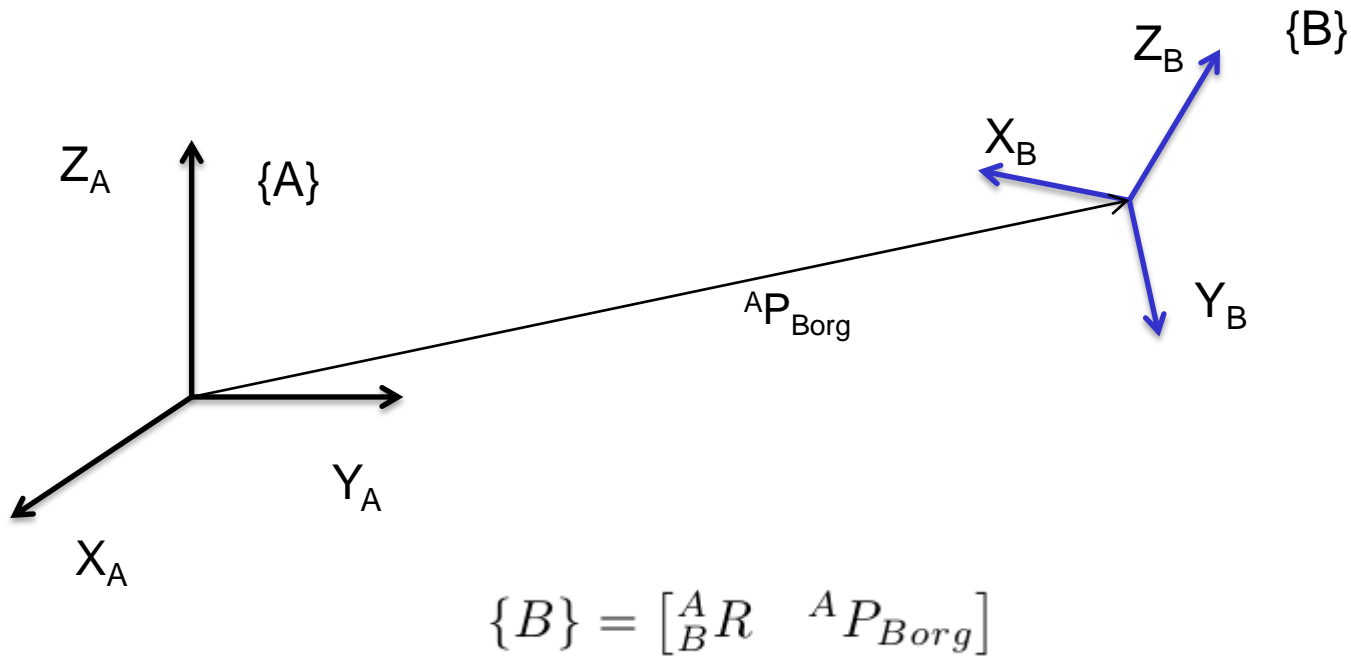


$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} X_B \cdot X_A & Y_B \cdot X_A & Z_B \cdot X_A \\ X_B \cdot Y_A & Y_B \cdot Y_A & Z_B \cdot Y_A \\ X_B \cdot Z_A & Y_B \cdot Z_A & Z_B \cdot Z_A \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B X_A^T \\ {}^B Y_A^T \\ {}^B Z_A^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A X_B & {}^A Y_B & {}^A Z_B \end{bmatrix}$$

Full Description of a Frame



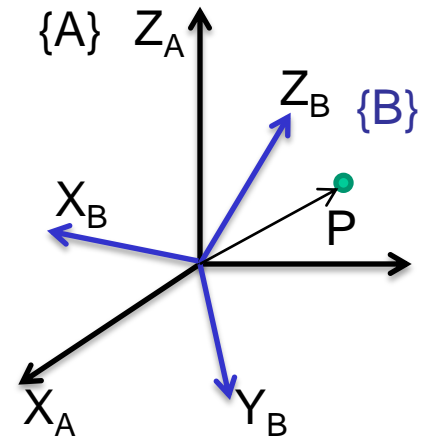
Interpretations of Rotation Matrices

- Mapping
 - changes the description of the same vector from frame to frame
 - for rotated frames vector stays the same (same length)

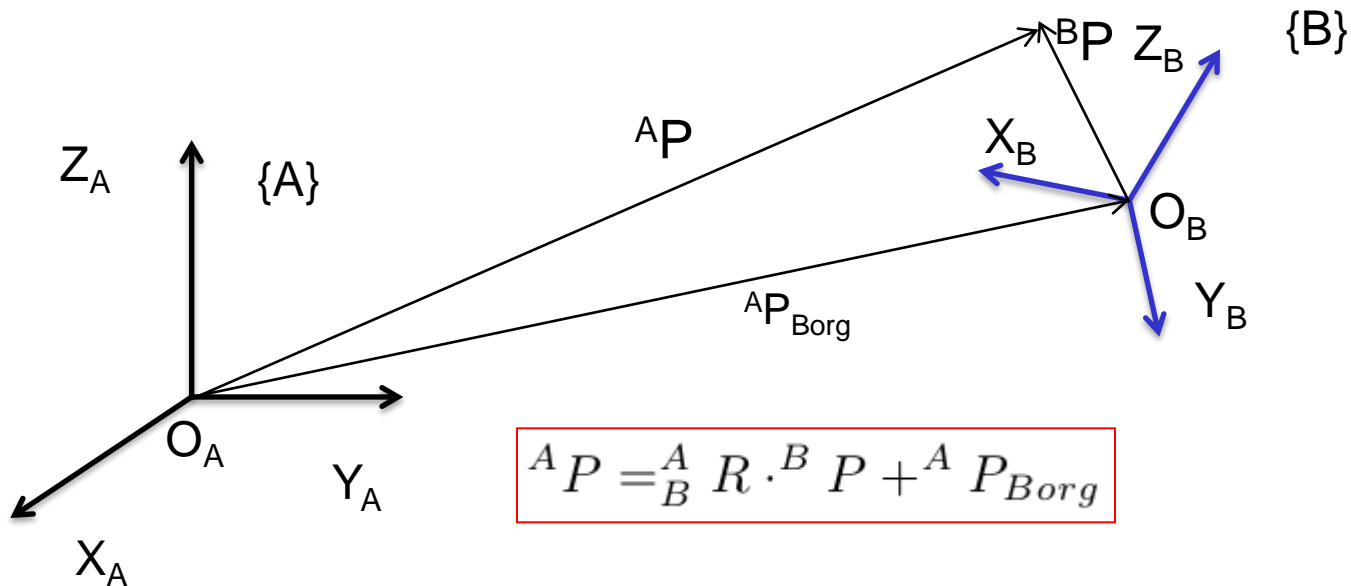
$${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B X_A \cdot {}^B P \\ {}^B Y_A \cdot {}^B P \\ {}^B Z_A \cdot {}^B P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B X_A^T \\ {}^B Y_A^T \\ {}^B Z_A^T \end{bmatrix} \cdot {}^B P$$

If P is given in {B}

$${}^A P = {}^A_B R \cdot {}^B P$$



Homogenous Form



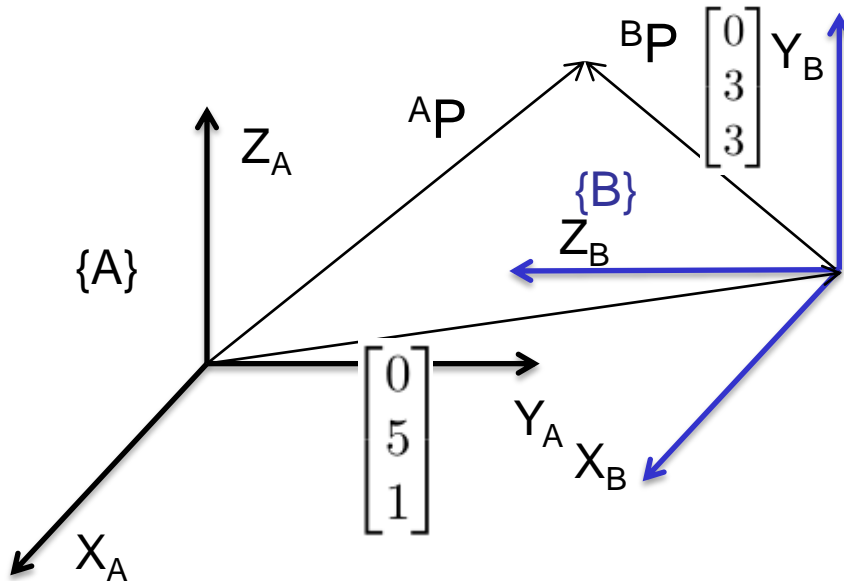
$${}^A P = {}^A_B R \cdot {}^B P + {}^A P_{Borg}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R & | & {}^A P_{Borg} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A P = {}^A_B T \cdot {}^B P$$

(4x1) (4x4) (4x1)

Example, Homog. Transform



$${}^B_A R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A P = {}^A_B T \cdot {}^B P$$

$${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Operators

- in contrast to mapping (description of a vector changes), operators change the vector in a given frame

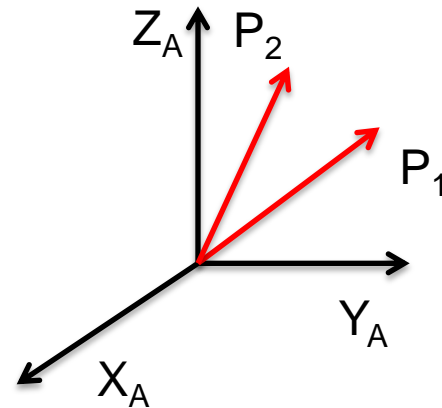
- Rotational Operator:

$$R_k(\theta) : P_1 \rightarrow P_2$$

$$P_2 = R_k(\theta)P_1$$

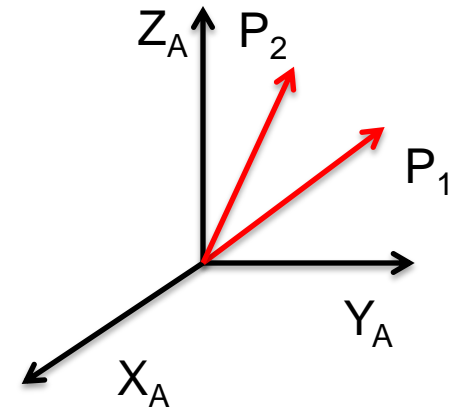
- Example:

$$R_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$



Example Rotational Operation

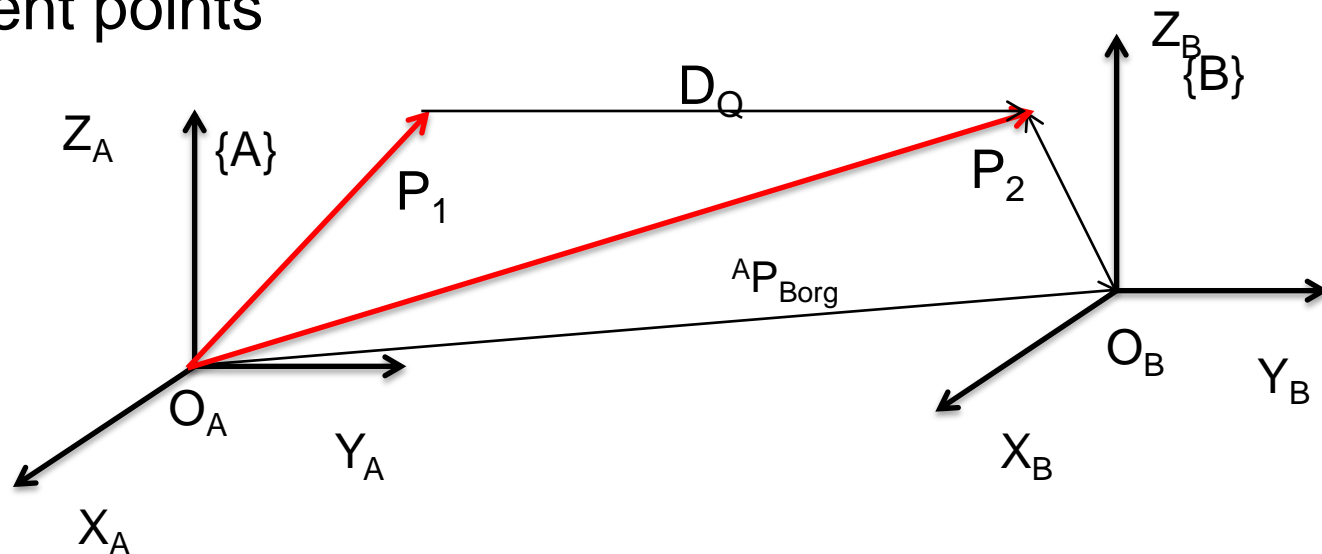
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$$P_2 = R_k(\approx 0.64)P_1 = R_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.8 & -0.6 \\ 0 & 0.6 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Translational Operators

- Mapping: two different vectors for the same point
- Translational Operator: two different vectors for two different points



Homogenous Transformation

- Transformational operator in homogenous coordinates

$$D_Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & q_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & q_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & q_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A P_2 = {}^A D_Q \cdot {}^A P_1$$

Inverse Transformation

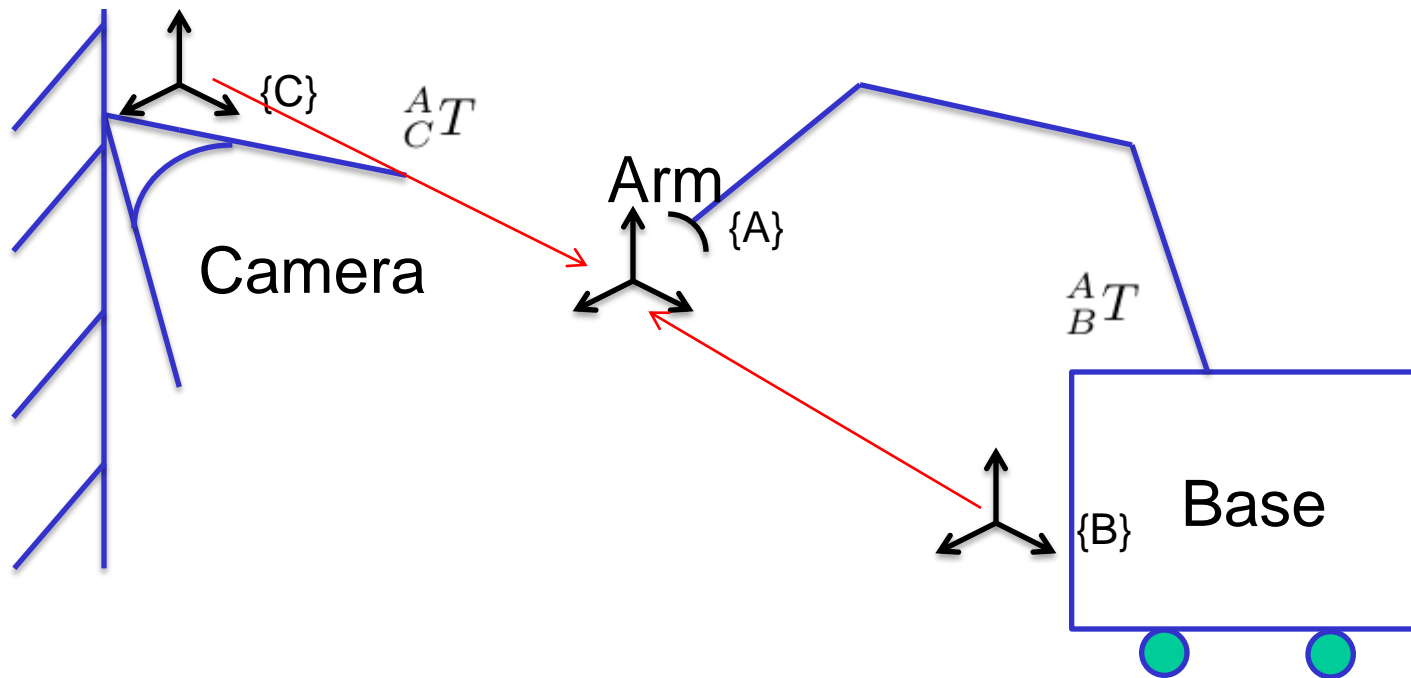
- Definition of transformation:

$${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R & {}^A P_{Borg} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

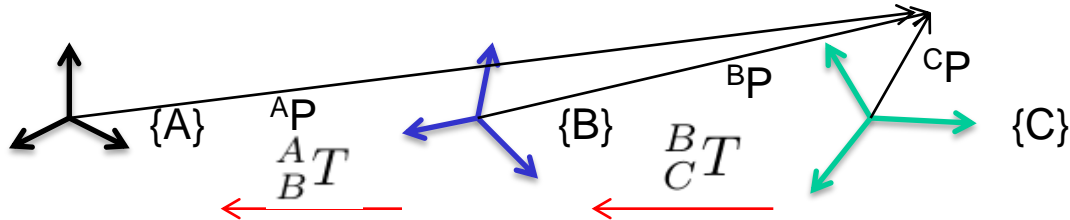
- Inverse:

$${}^B_A T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_A R & -{}^B_A R^T \cdot {}^A P_{Borg} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transformation between Frames



Compound Transformations



$${}^B P = {}^B_C T \cdot {}^C P$$

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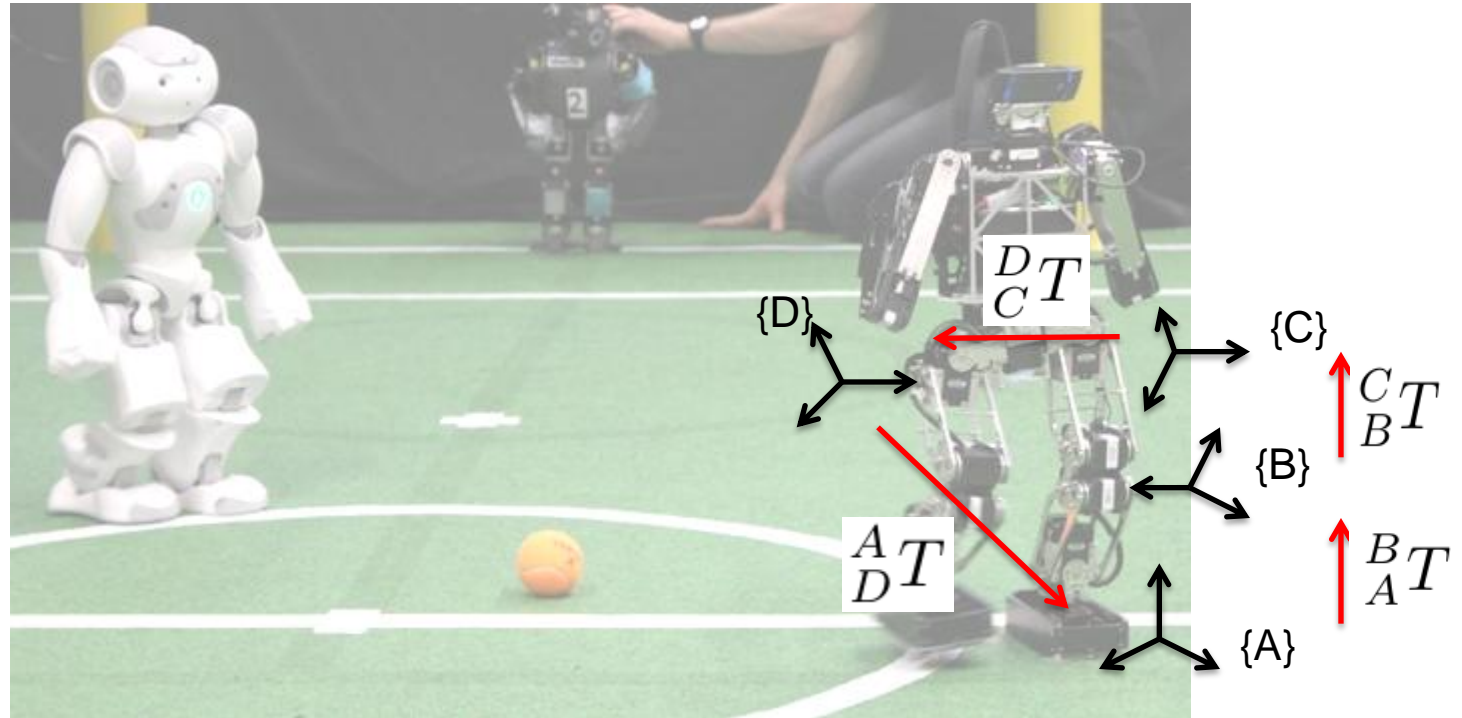
$$\boxed{{}^A_C T = {}^A_B T \cdot {}^B_C T}$$

Compound Transformations

$${}^A_C T = {}^A_B T \cdot {}^B_C T$$

$${}^A_C T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R \cdot {}^B_C R & {}^A_B R \cdot {}^B_C P_{Corg} + {}^A P_{Borg} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transformation between Frames



$${}^A_D T \cdot {}^D_C T \cdot {}^C_B T \cdot {}^B_A T = I$$

$${}^C_C T^{-1} = {}^C_D T^{-1} \cdot {}^D_A T^{-1} \cdot {}^A_B T^{-1} \cdot {}^B_C T^{-1} = I$$

Representations

- Transformation matrices change with joint angles
- How can the position and orientation of the endeffector be described (which part of T)?

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_P \\ X_R \end{bmatrix}$$

Representations, contd.

- Position Representations:

- Cartesian (x,y,z)
- Cylindrical (rho, theta, z)
- Spherical (r, theta, phi)

- Rotation Representations:

- Rotation Matrix (Dir. Cos.)

- 6 Redundancies:

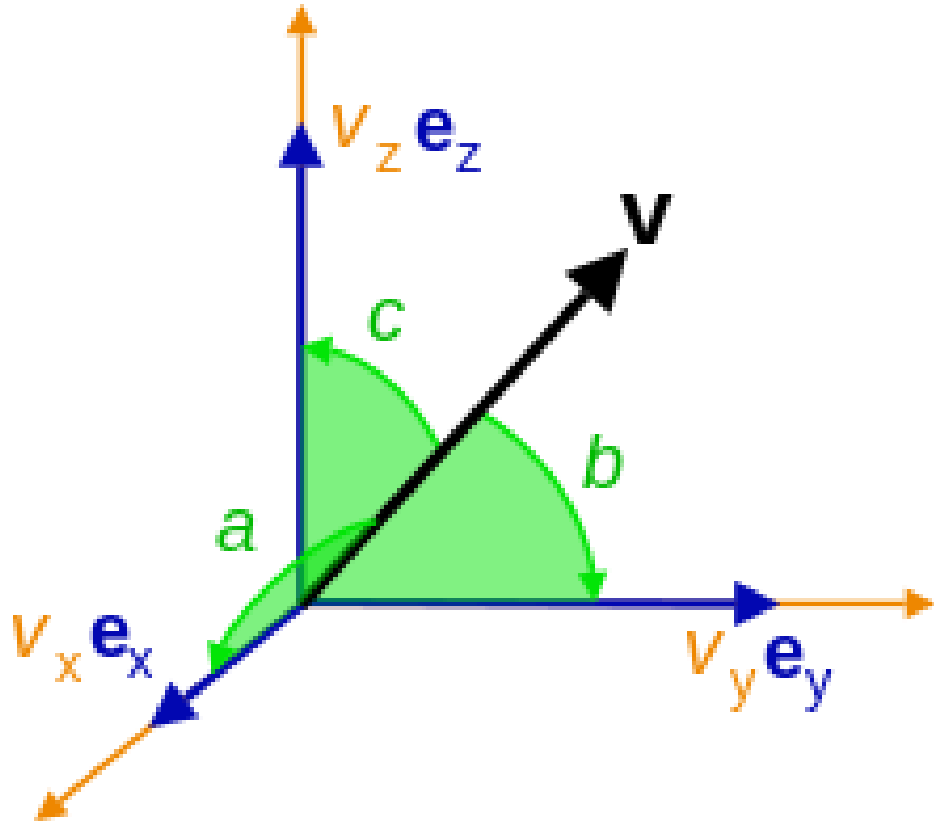
- $|r_i| = 1$, $r_i \cdot r_j = 0$ ($i \neq j$)

- Not applicable for motion interpolation

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

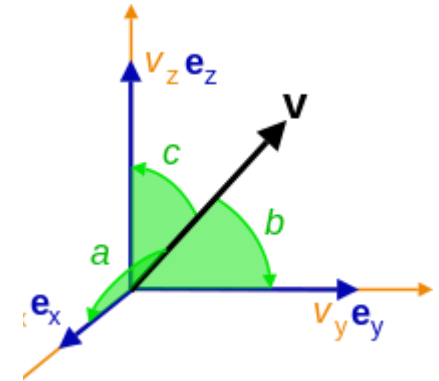
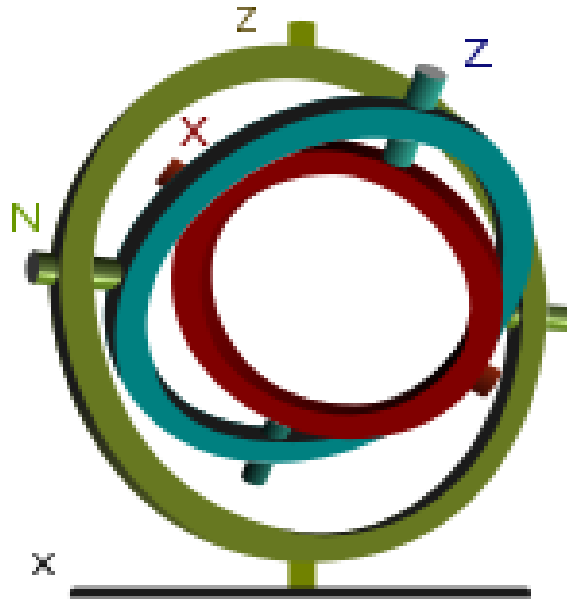
Rotational Representations

- Direction Cosines



Rotational Representations

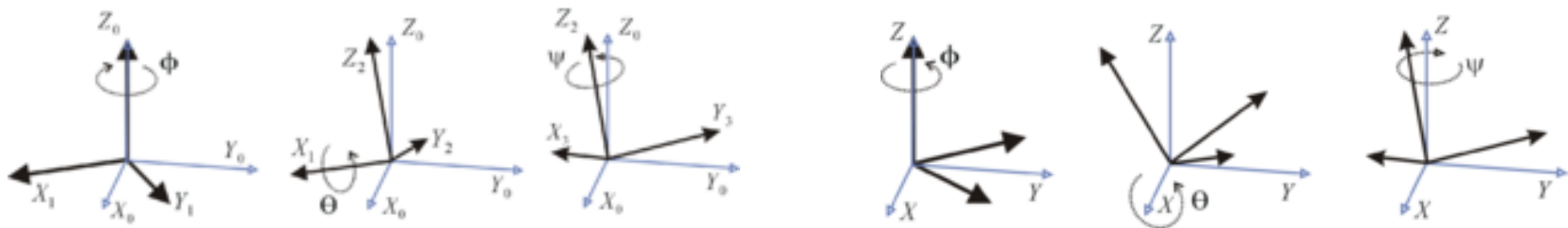
- Direction Cosines
- Euler angles



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Three Angle Representations

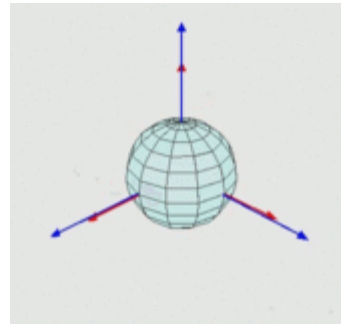
- 24 different representations involving x,y,z
- Intrinsic (Relat. Axis, Euler) vs. Extrinsic (Fix Axis) (12 ea.)
- third axis is the same as first
 $x-y-x$, $x-z-x$, $y-x-y$, $y-z-y$, $z-x-z$, $z-y-z$
- rotation about all three axis:
 $x-y-z$, $x-z-y$, $y-x-z$, $y-z-x$, $z-y-x$, $z-x-y$



Intrinsic vs. Extrinsic angles, Source: Wikipedia

Three Angle Representations

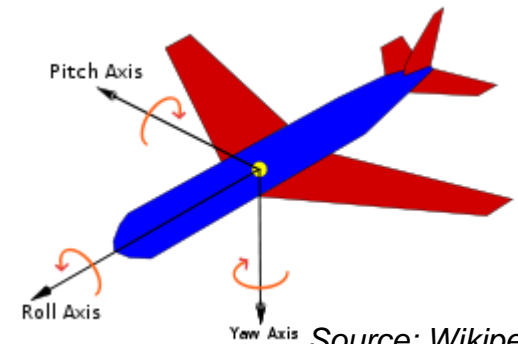
- Relative axis rotations sometimes written as: $x-y'-x''$,
Fixed axis as: $x-y-x$



$z-x'-z''$

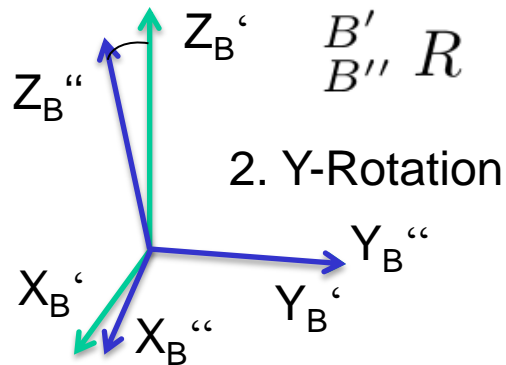
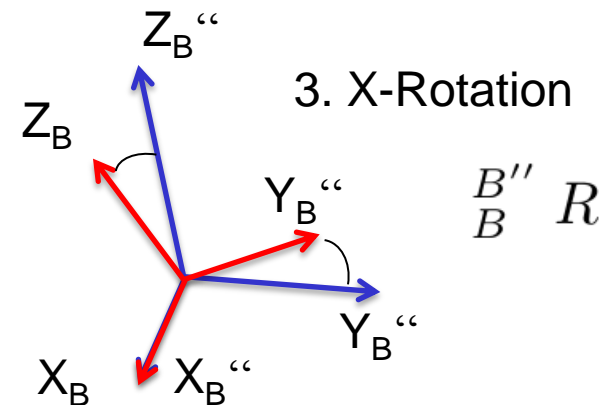
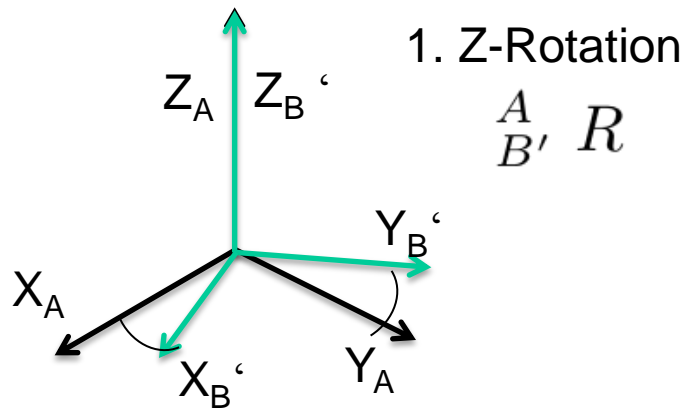
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- For each relative axis rotation there exists a fix axis one
→ 12 different representations
- In robotics and aviation: *roll*, *pitch*, *yaw*
often used for three rotational axes



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Euler Angles (Z,Y,X)

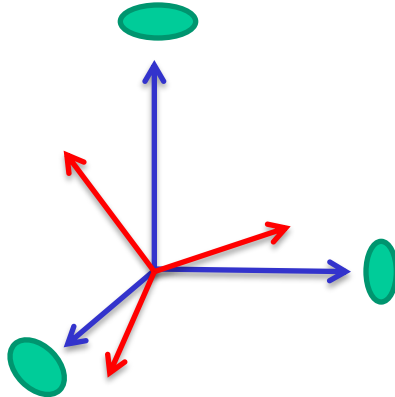


$${}^A_B R = {}^A_{B'} R \cdot {}^{B'}_{B''} R \cdot {}^{B''}_{B'''} R$$

$${}^A_B R = R_Z(\alpha) \cdot R_Y(\beta) \cdot R_X(\gamma)$$

Fixed Angles (Z,Y,X)

- Almost similar, but rotational axes stay constant



Euler Angles (Z,Y,X)

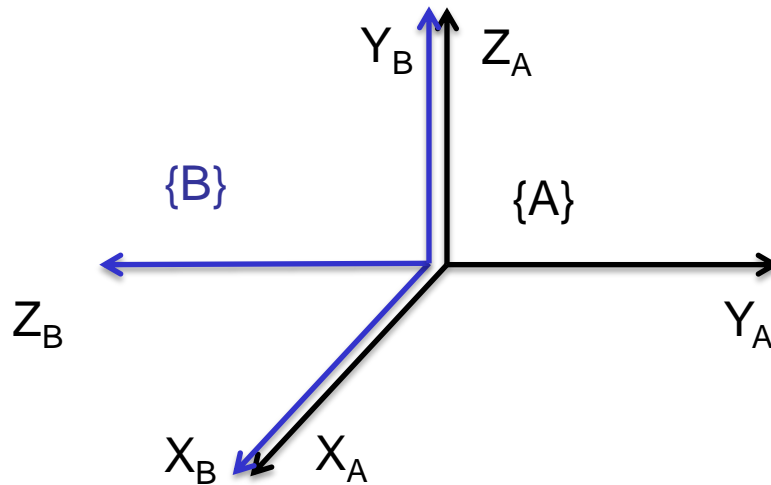
$${}^A_B R = R_Z(\alpha) \cdot R_Y(\beta) \cdot R_X(\gamma)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma \\ 0 & \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A_B R_{Z'Y'X'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha \cdot \cos \beta & X & X \\ \sin \alpha \cdot \cos \beta & X & X \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta \cdot \sin \gamma & \cos \beta \cdot \cos \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse Problem: How to find the angles for a given transformation?

Example



$${}^A_B R_{Z'Y'X'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$$

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\beta = 0$$

$$\gamma = 90^\circ$$

Euler Angles vs. Fixed Angles

- X-Y-Z Fixed Angles:

$$R_{XYZ}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) = R_Z(\alpha) \cdot R_Y(\beta) \cdot R_X(\gamma)$$

- Z-Y-X Euler Angles:

$$R_{Z'Y'X'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = R_Z(\alpha) \cdot R_Y(\beta) \cdot R_X(\gamma)$$

$$R_{Z'Y'X'}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = R_{XYZ}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha)$$

Inverse Problem

- How to find the Euler Angles for a given matrix?

Given ${}^A_B R$, find (α, β, γ)

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha \cdot c\beta & c\alpha \cdot s\beta \cdot s\gamma - s\alpha \cdot c\gamma & c\alpha \cdot s\beta \cdot c\gamma + s\alpha \cdot s\gamma \\ s\alpha \cdot c\beta & s\alpha \cdot s\beta \cdot s\gamma + c\alpha \cdot c\gamma & s\alpha \cdot s\beta \cdot c\gamma - c\alpha \cdot s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta \cdot s\gamma & c\beta \cdot c\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sin(\beta) = s\beta = \boxed{-r_{13}}$$

$$\cos(\beta) = c\beta = \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2}$$

$$\beta = \arctan \frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta}$$

- if $\beta = 90^\circ, \cos \beta = 0 \rightarrow$ Singularity of Representation

Inverse Problem

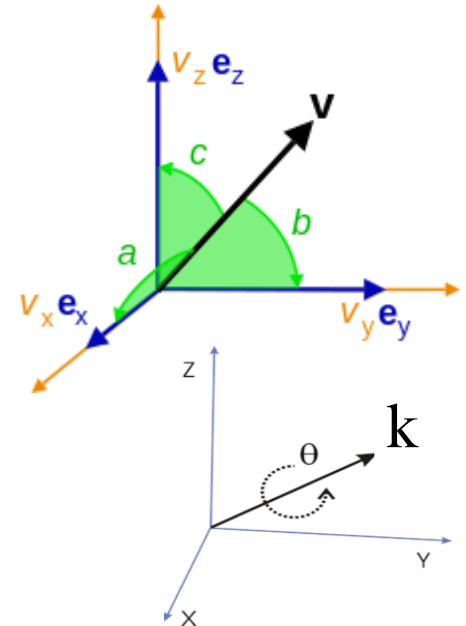
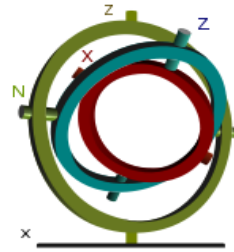
$$\beta = 90^\circ, \cos \beta = 0, \sin \beta = -1$$

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -s(\alpha - \gamma) & c(\alpha - \gamma) \\ 0 & c(\alpha - \gamma) & s(\alpha - \gamma) \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Every 3 parameter representation has a representational singularity (gimbal lock)

Rotational Representations

- Direction Cosines
- Euler angles
- Axis-Angle-Representation



Axis-Angle Representation

- k is unit vector (axis of rotation),
with a_x, a_y, a_z as elements
- θ represents angle of rotation
- 3 parameters (product involving 4)

$$\langle \text{normalized axis, angle} \rangle = \langle k, \theta \rangle = \left(\begin{bmatrix} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_z \end{bmatrix}, \theta \right)$$

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{\text{trace}(R) - 1}{2}\right)$$

- Singularity for
small angles

$$k = \frac{1}{2 \sin(\theta)} \begin{bmatrix} R(3, 2) - R(2, 3) \\ R(1, 3) - R(3, 1) \\ R(2, 1) - R(1, 2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Application on a Vector

- Rodrigues' Formula to rotate a vector v around a unit vector k by angle θ :

$$v_{rot} = (\cos \theta)v + (\sin \theta)(k \times v) + k(k \cdot v)(1 - \cos \theta)$$

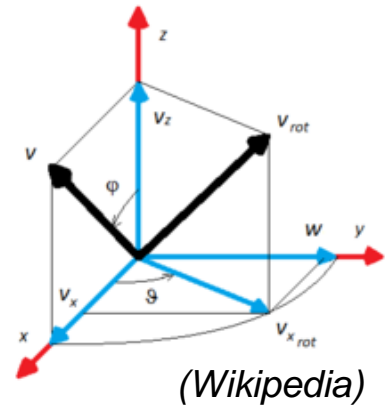
- Rotation matrix:

– $R = \exp(\theta K)$, exponential map of (θK)

– K is cross product matrix (skew matrix): $K \cdot v = k \times v$

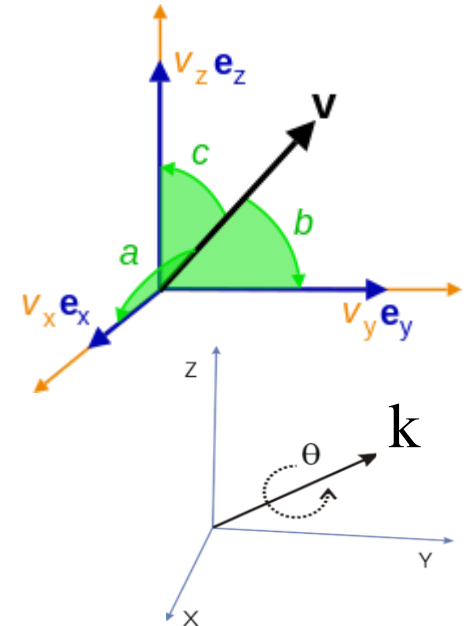
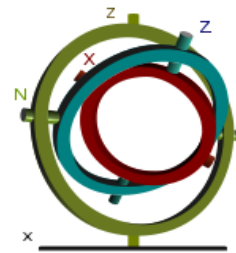
$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = I + \sin(\theta)K + (1 - \cos(\theta))K^2$$



Rotational Representations

- Direction Cosines
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- Axis-Angle-Representation
- Euler-Parameters (Quaternion-Rotation)



Euler Parameters

- All rotations with 3 parameters have singularities

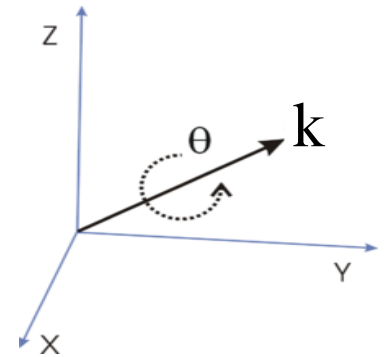
- Let's try $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}^4$

$$\varepsilon_0 = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\varepsilon_1 = k_X \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = k_Y \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\varepsilon_3 = k_Z \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$



- k is unit vector in 4-dimensional space, (1 parameter is redundant)
 $\varepsilon_0^2 + \varepsilon_1^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 + \varepsilon_3^2 = 1$

Quaternion Space

- Euler parameters are a quaternion in scalar vector representation.

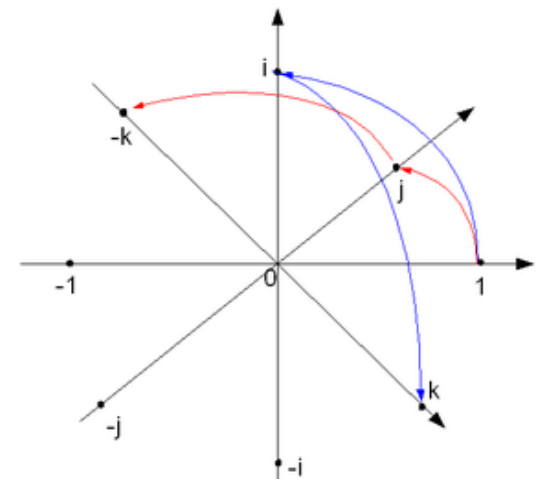
$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon_1 i + \varepsilon_2 j + \varepsilon_3 k$$

- Some interesting properties:

$$ij = k, jk = i, ki = j$$

$$ji = -k, kj = -i, ik = -j$$

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$$



Graphical representation of quaternion units product as 90°-rotation in 4D-space

$$\begin{aligned} ij &= k \\ ji &= -k \\ ij &= -ji \end{aligned}$$

(Wikipedia)

Inverse Problem

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2\varepsilon_2^2 - 2\varepsilon_3^2 & 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3\varepsilon_0) & 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_2\varepsilon_0) \\ 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3\varepsilon_0) & 1 - 2\varepsilon_1^2 - 2\varepsilon_3^2 & 2(\varepsilon_2\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_0) \\ 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2\varepsilon_0) & 2(\varepsilon_2\varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_0) & 1 - 2\varepsilon_1^2 - 2\varepsilon_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} = 3 - 4(\varepsilon_1^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 + \varepsilon_3^2)$$

$$\varepsilon_1^2 + \varepsilon_2^2 + \varepsilon_3^2 = 1 - \varepsilon_0^2$$

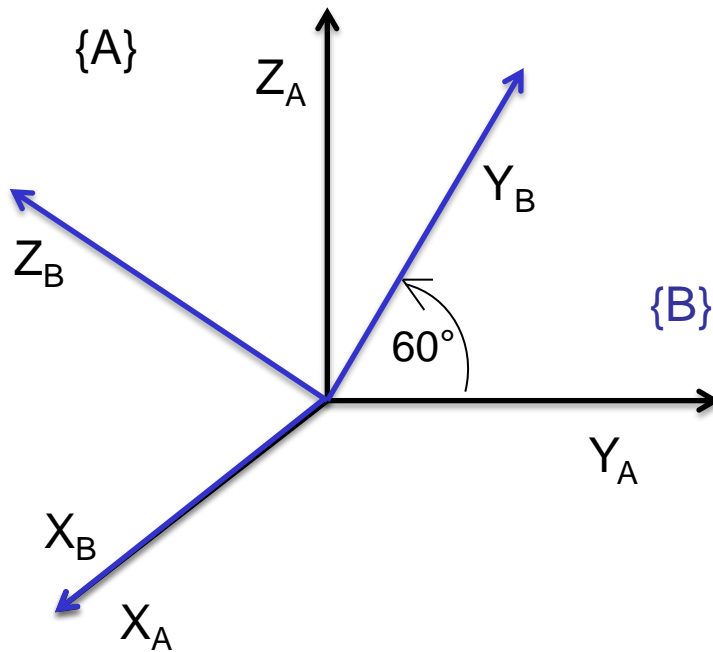
$$\varepsilon_0 = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 + r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33}}$$

$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{r_{32} - r_{23}}{4\varepsilon_0}, \varepsilon_2 = \frac{r_{13} - r_{31}}{4\varepsilon_0}, \varepsilon_3 = \frac{r_{21} - r_{12}}{4\varepsilon_0}$$

What if: $\varepsilon_0 = 0$?

- Lemma: Always at least one parameter is larger than $\frac{1}{2}$,
Apply this one for the computation, **→ No Singularity.**

Example



Euler Params:

$$\varepsilon = (\sqrt{3/4}, 1/2, 0, 0)$$

Rotation Matrix (DC):

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & -\sqrt{3/4} \\ 0 & \sqrt{3/4} & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Summary

- Joint space and operational space
- Homogenous Transformations for mapping between coordinate frames and for operations
- Rotations:
 - Rotations with three angles are minimal but have singularities, must be converted to matrix to rotate a vector
 - Quaternions: no singularities, must be converted to matrix to rotate a vector