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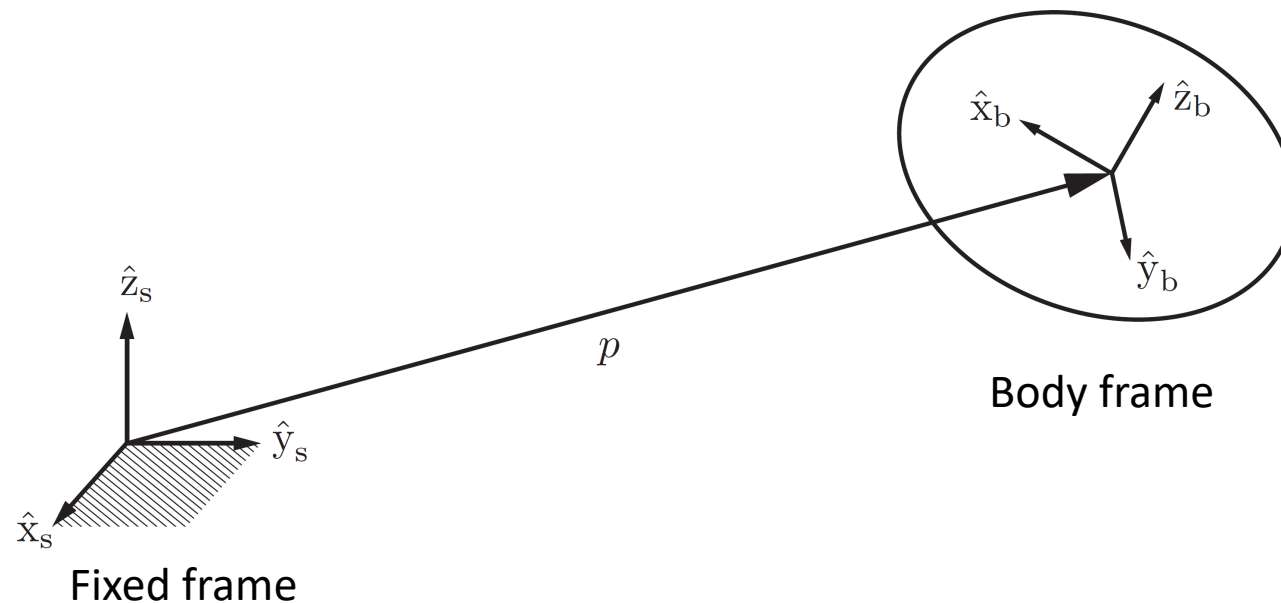
Matrix Logarithm of Rotations and Homogenous Transformation Matrices

CS 6301 Special Topics: Introduction to Robot Manipulation and Navigation

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Rigid-Body in 3D



Origin of the body frame

$$p = p_1 \hat{x}_s + p_2 \hat{y}_s + p_3 \hat{z}_s$$

Axes of the body frame

$$\hat{x}_b = r_{11} \hat{x}_s + r_{21} \hat{y}_s + r_{31} \hat{z}_s,$$

$$\hat{y}_b = r_{12} \hat{x}_s + r_{22} \hat{y}_s + r_{32} \hat{z}_s,$$

$$\hat{z}_b = r_{13} \hat{x}_s + r_{23} \hat{y}_s + r_{33} \hat{z}_s.$$

Translation

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation matrix

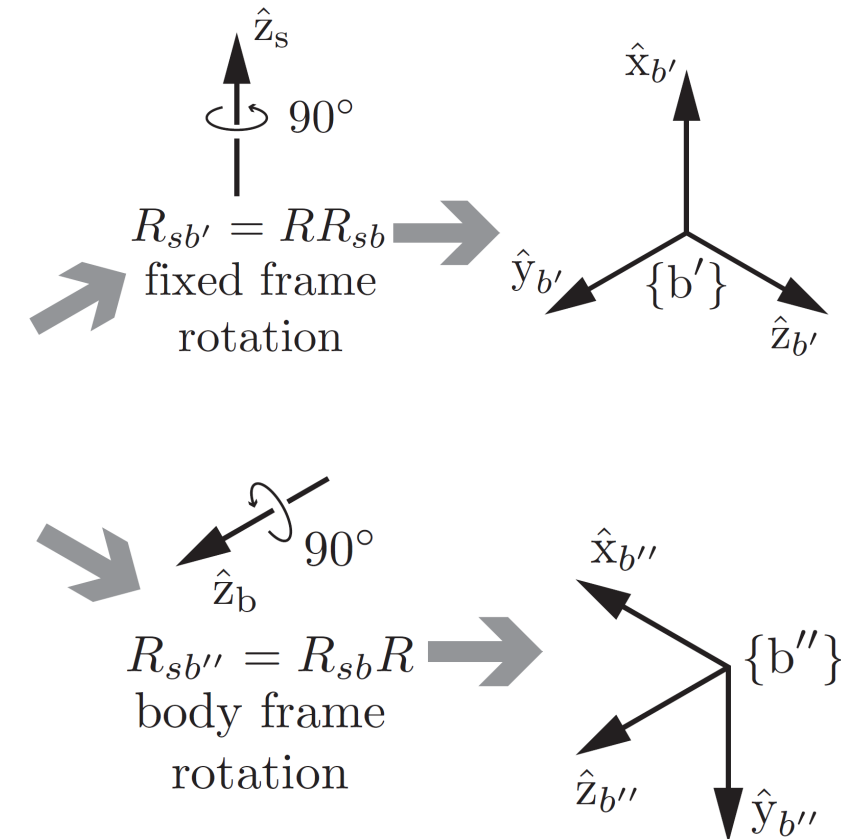
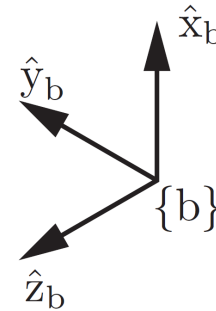
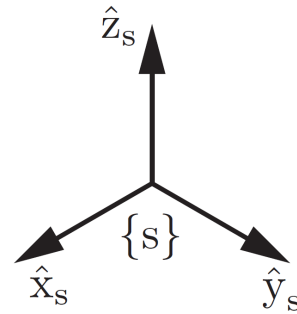
$$R = [\hat{x}_b \ \hat{y}_b \ \hat{z}_b] = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotating a Vector or a Frame

- $\{b\}$ in $\{s\}$ R_{sb}
- Rotate $\{b\}$ with

$$\text{Rot}(\hat{\omega}, \theta)$$

$\hat{\omega}$ represented in $\{s\}$ or $\{b\}$?



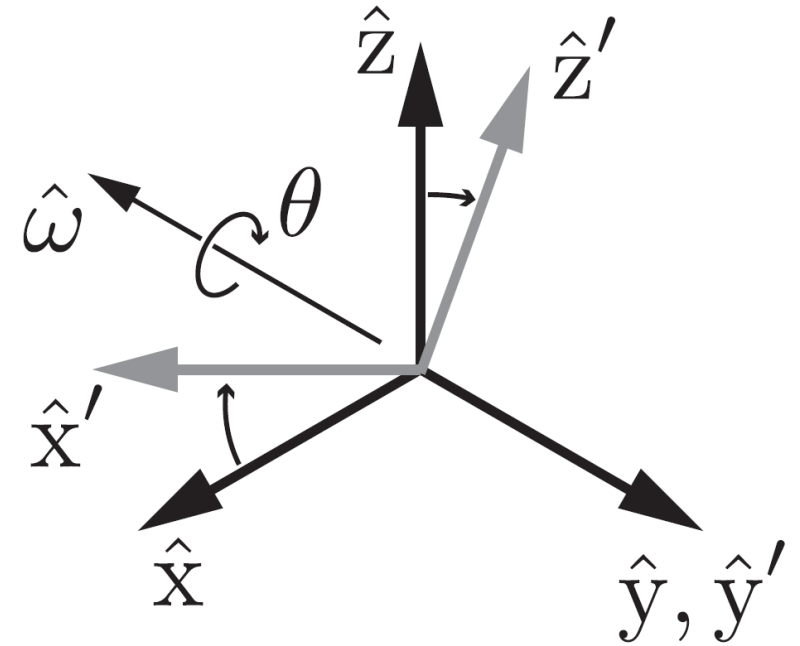
$$R_{sb'} = \text{rotate_by_}R_\text{in_}\{s\}_\text{frame} (R_{sb}) = RR_{sb}$$

$$R_{sb''} = \text{rotate_by_}R_\text{in_}\{b\}_\text{frame} (R_{sb}) = R_{sb}R$$

Exponential Coordinates of Rotations

- Exponential coordinates
 - A rotation axis (unit length) $\hat{\omega}$
 - An angle of rotation about the axis θ

$$\hat{\omega}\theta \in \mathbb{R}^3$$



Matrix Logarithm of Rotations

- If $\hat{\omega}\theta \in \mathbb{R}^3$ represent the exponential coordinates of rotation R , then the matrix logarithm of the rotation R is

$$[\hat{\omega}\theta] = [\hat{\omega}]\theta$$

$$\text{Rot}(\hat{\omega}, \theta) = e^{[\hat{\omega}]\theta} = I + \sin \theta [\hat{\omega}] + (1 - \cos \theta)[\hat{\omega}]^2 \in SO(3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \exp : [\hat{\omega}]\theta \in so(3) &\rightarrow R \in SO(3), \\ \log : R \in SO(3) &\rightarrow [\hat{\omega}]\theta \in so(3). \end{aligned}$$

Matrix Logarithm of Rotations

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$$\begin{bmatrix} c_\theta + \hat{\omega}_1^2(1 - c_\theta) & \hat{\omega}_1\hat{\omega}_2(1 - c_\theta) - \hat{\omega}_3s_\theta & \hat{\omega}_1\hat{\omega}_3(1 - c_\theta) + \hat{\omega}_2s_\theta \\ \hat{\omega}_1\hat{\omega}_2(1 - c_\theta) + \hat{\omega}_3s_\theta & c_\theta + \hat{\omega}_2^2(1 - c_\theta) & \hat{\omega}_2\hat{\omega}_3(1 - c_\theta) - \hat{\omega}_1s_\theta \\ \hat{\omega}_1\hat{\omega}_3(1 - c_\theta) - \hat{\omega}_2s_\theta & \hat{\omega}_2\hat{\omega}_3(1 - c_\theta) + \hat{\omega}_1s_\theta & c_\theta + \hat{\omega}_3^2(1 - c_\theta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\omega} = (\hat{\omega}_1, \hat{\omega}_2, \hat{\omega}_3) \quad s_\theta = \sin \theta \quad c_\theta = \cos \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_{32} - r_{23} &= 2\hat{\omega}_1 \sin \theta, & \hat{\omega}_1 &= \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} (r_{32} - r_{23}), \\ r_{13} - r_{31} &= 2\hat{\omega}_2 \sin \theta, & \hat{\omega}_2 &= \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} (r_{13} - r_{31}), \\ r_{21} - r_{12} &= 2\hat{\omega}_3 \sin \theta. & \hat{\omega}_3 &= \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} (r_{21} - r_{12}). \end{aligned}$$

Matrix Logarithm of Rotations

$$[\hat{\omega}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\hat{\omega}_3 & \hat{\omega}_2 \\ \hat{\omega}_3 & 0 & -\hat{\omega}_1 \\ -\hat{\omega}_2 & \hat{\omega}_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} (R - R^T) \quad \sin \theta \neq 0$$

$$\text{tr } R = r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} = 1 + 2 \cos \theta \quad \hat{\omega}_1^2 + \hat{\omega}_2^2 + \hat{\omega}_3^2 = 1$$

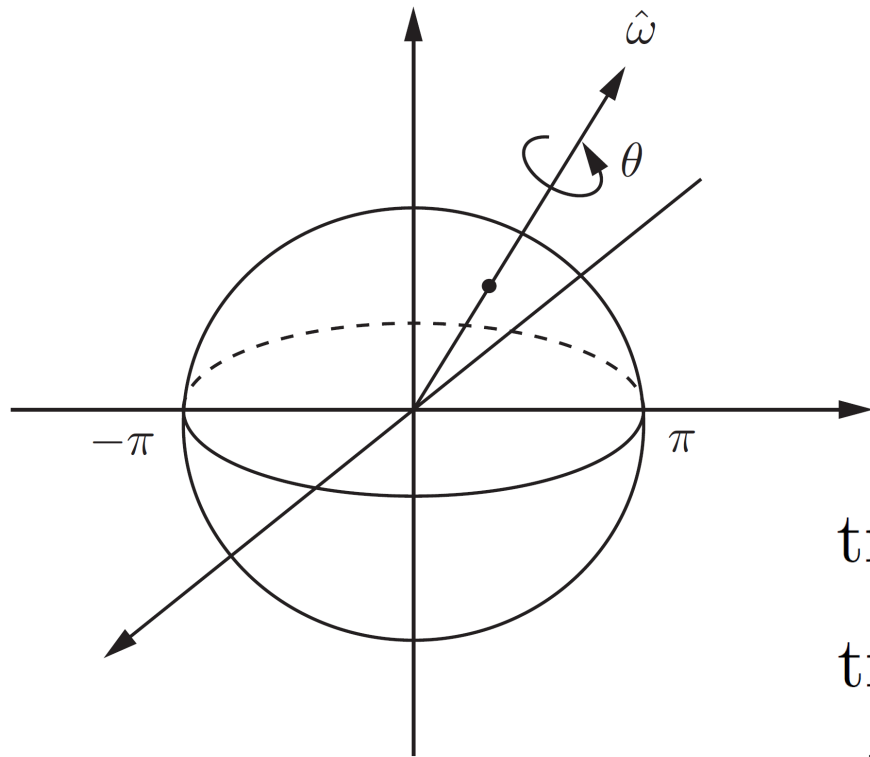
When $\theta = k\pi$

- Even k , $R=I$, $\hat{\omega}$ undefined
- Odd k , $\theta = \pm\pi, \pm3\pi, \dots$, $R = e^{[\hat{\omega}]\pi} = I + 2[\hat{\omega}]^2 \quad \text{tr } R = -1$

Exponential Coordinates and Matrix Logarithm

- Since exponential coordinates $\hat{\omega}\theta$ satisfies $\|\hat{\omega}\theta\| \leq \pi \quad \theta \in [0, \pi]$

Rotation axis can take negative direction



$r \in \mathbb{R}^3$ in this solid ball

$$\hat{\omega} = r / \|r\|$$

$$\theta = \|r\| \quad r = \hat{\omega}\theta$$

$$\text{tr } R \neq -1 \quad e^{[r]} = R$$

$$\text{tr } R = -1 \quad R = e^{[r]} \text{ with } \|r\| = \pi \quad R = e^{[-r]}$$

$$\text{This is because } R = e^{[\hat{\omega}]\pi} = I + 2[\hat{\omega}]^2 \quad \text{and} \quad [\hat{\omega}]^2 = [-\hat{\omega}]^2$$

Exponential Coordinates of Rotations

$$\begin{aligned}\exp : \quad [\hat{\omega}]\theta \in so(3) &\rightarrow R \in SO(3), \\ \log : \quad R \in SO(3) &\rightarrow [\hat{\omega}]\theta \in so(3).\end{aligned}$$

Homogenous Transformation Matrices

- Consider body frame {b} in a fixed frame {s}
 - 3D rotation $R \in SO(3)$
 - 3D position $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$
- Special Euclidean group SE(3) or homogenous transformation matrices

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & p_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & p_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & p_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogenous Transformation Matrices

- For planar motions, we have SE(2)

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R \in SO(2) \quad p \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & p_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & p_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & p_1 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & p_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi)$$

Properties of Transformation Matrices

- The inverse of a transformation matrix is also a transformation matrix

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

- Closure $T_1 T_2$
- Associativity $(T_1 T_2) T_3 = T_1 (T_2 T_3)$
- Identity element: identity matrix I
- Not commutative $T_1 T_2 \neq T_2 T_1$

Homogeneous Coordinates

$$(x, y) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous image
coordinates

$$(x, y, z) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = w \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous scene
coordinates

Up to scale

Conversion

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w, z/w)$$

Homogenous Coordinates

$$T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Rx + p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogenous transformation

Homogenous coordinates

Properties of Transformation Matrices

Proposition 3.18. *Given $T = (R, p) \in SE(3)$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^3$, the following hold:*

(a) $\|Tx - Ty\| = \|x - y\|$, where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the standard Euclidean norm in \mathbb{R}^3 , i.e., $\|x\| = \sqrt{x^T x}$. Reserve distances

(b) $\langle Tx - Tz, Ty - Tz \rangle = \langle x - z, y - z \rangle$ for all $z \in \mathbb{R}^3$, where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the standard Euclidean inner product in \mathbb{R}^3 , $\langle x, y \rangle = x^T y$.

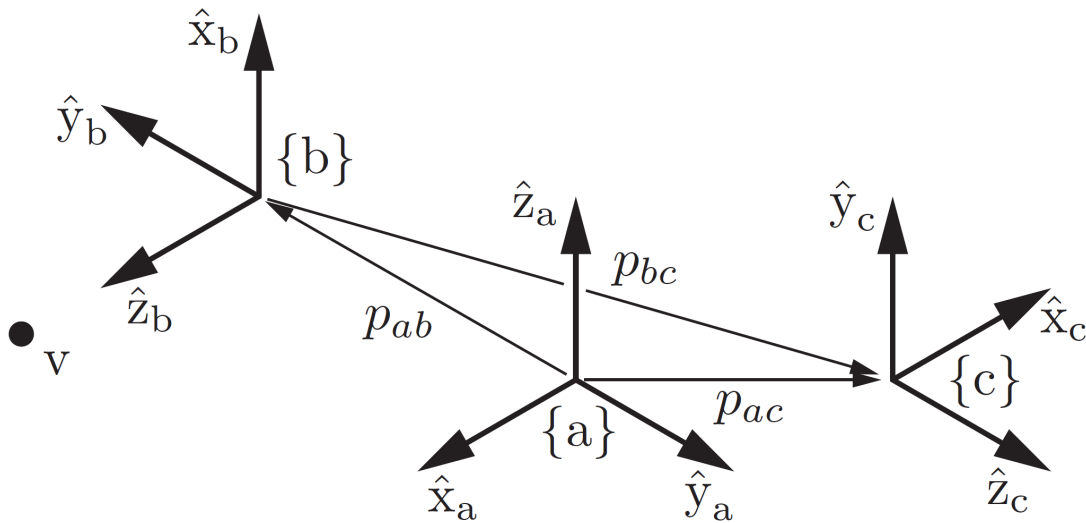
Reserve angles

$SE(3)$ can be identified with rigid-body motions

Uses of Transformation Matrices

- Represent the configuration of a rigid-body
- Change the reference frame
- Displace a vector or a frame

Representing a Configuration



$$R_{sa} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_{sb} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_{sc} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p_{sa} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad p_{sb} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad p_{sc} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{sa} = (R_{sa}, p_{sa}) \quad T_{sb} = (R_{sb}, p_{sb})$$

$$T_{sc} = (R_{sc}, p_{sc})$$

$$T_{bc} = (R_{bc}, p_{bc}) \quad R_{bc} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p_{bc} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{de} = T_{ed}^{-1}$$

Changing the Reference Frame

$$T_{ab}T_{bc} = T_{a\cancel{b}}T_{\cancel{b}c} = T_{ac}$$

$$T_{ab}v_b = T_{a\cancel{b}}v_{\cancel{b}} = v_a$$

Displacing a Vector or a Frame

- Rotating and then translating $(R, p) = (\text{Rot}(\hat{\omega}, \theta), p)$
- Transformation matrices

$$\text{Rot}(\hat{\omega}, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Trans}(p) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

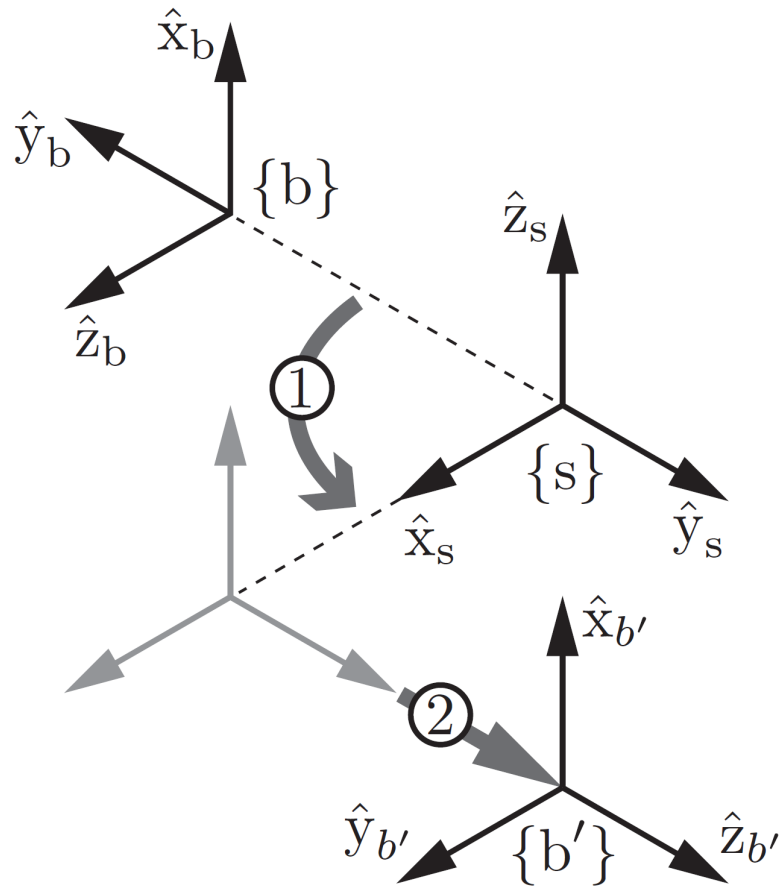
$$T_{sb'} = TT_{sb} = \text{Trans}(p) \text{Rot}(\hat{\omega}, \theta) T_{sb} \quad (\text{fixed frame})$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{sb} & p_{sb} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} RR_{sb} & Rp_{sb} + p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

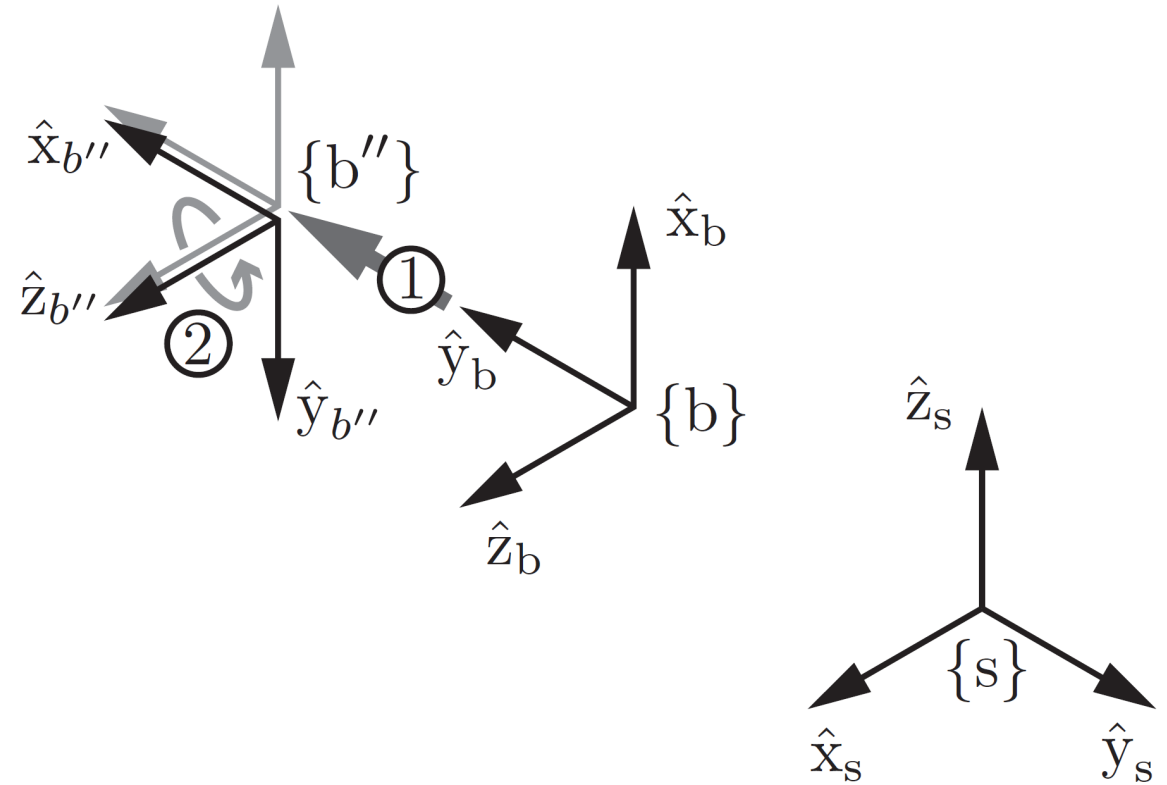
$$T_{sb''} = T_{sb}T = T_{sb} \text{Trans}(p) \text{Rot}(\hat{\omega}, \theta) \quad (\text{body frame})$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} R_{sb} & p_{sb} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{sb}R & R_{sb}p + p_{sb} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Displacing a Vector or a Frame

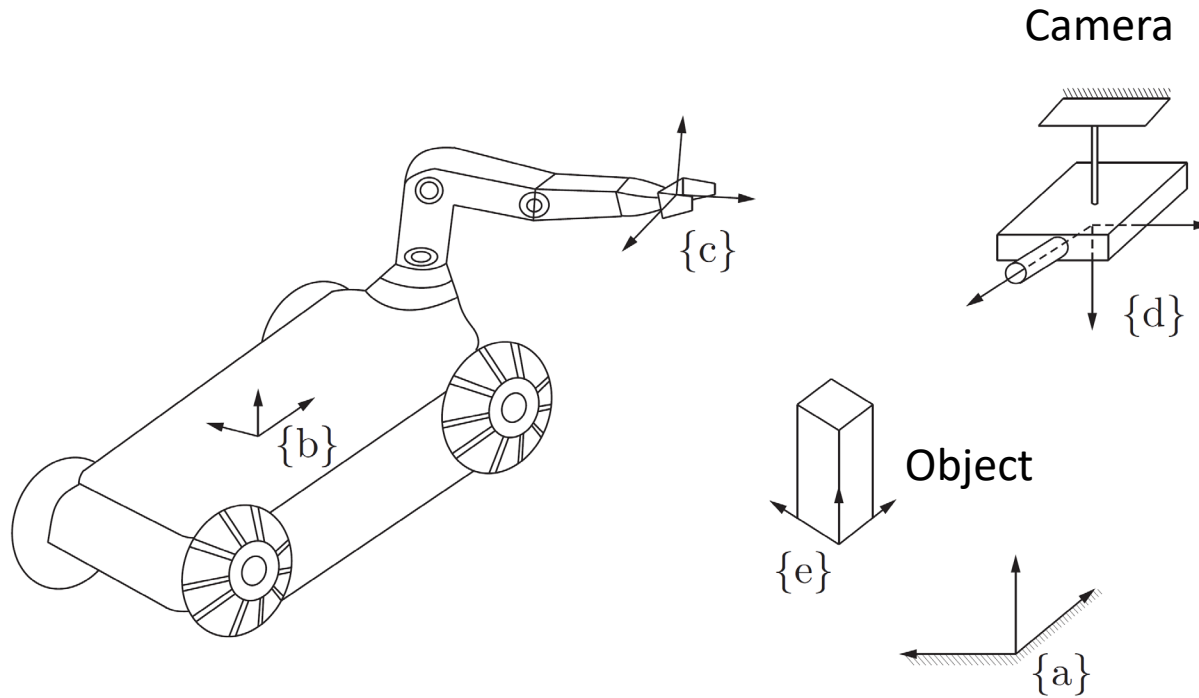


Fixed Frame



Body Frame

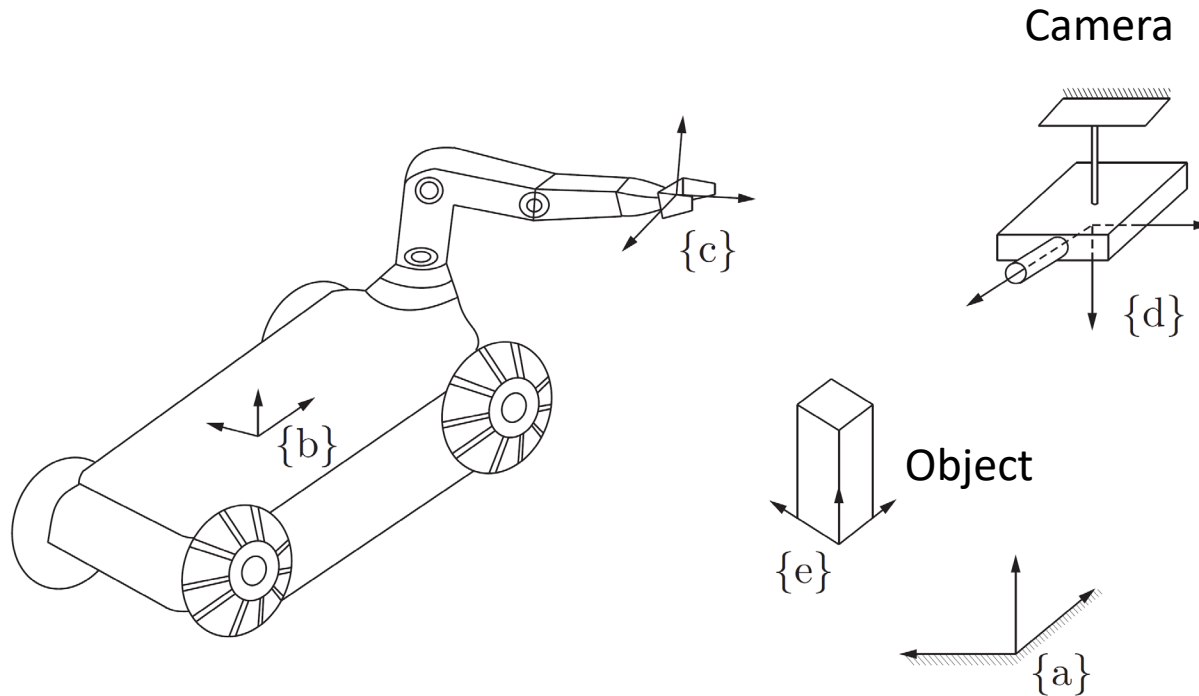
Transformation Matrices



- How to move the robot arm to pick up the object?

$$T_{ce}$$

Transformation Matrices



- We know the following transformations

Robot in camera

$$T_{db} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 250 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -150 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 200 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Object in camera

$$T_{de} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 300 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 100 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 120 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

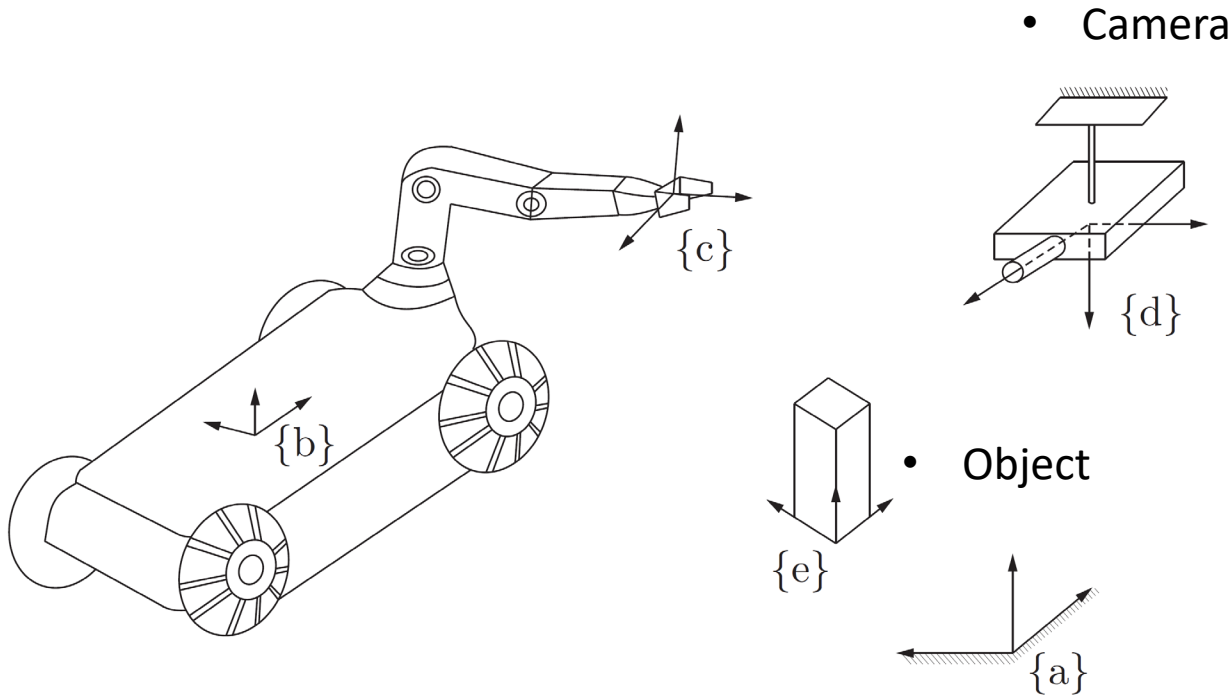
Camera in fixed frame

$$T_{ad} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 400 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 50 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 300 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Gripper in robot

$$T_{bc} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 30 \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & -40 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 25 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transformation Matrices



- How to move the robot arm to pick up the object?

$$T_{ce}$$

- We know $T_{db} \quad T_{de} \quad T_{bc} \quad T_{ad}$

$$T_{ab}T_{bc}T_{ce} = T_{ad}T_{de}$$

$$T_{ab} = T_{ad}T_{db}$$

$$T_{ce} = (T_{ad}T_{db}T_{bc})^{-1} T_{ad}T_{de}$$

$$T_{ce} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -75 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -260/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 130/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Summary

- Matrix Logarithm of Rotations
- Homogenous transformation matrices

Further Reading

- Chapter 3 in Kevin M. Lynch and Frank C. Park. Modern Robotics: Mechanics, Planning, and Control. 1st Edition, 2017