

# INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS

(Kinematics, Dynamics, and Design)

**SESSION # 8:**

## **SPATIAL DESCRIPTIONS & TRANSFORMATIONS**

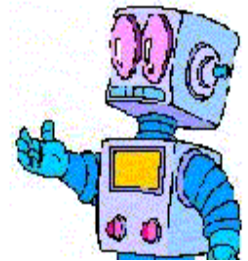
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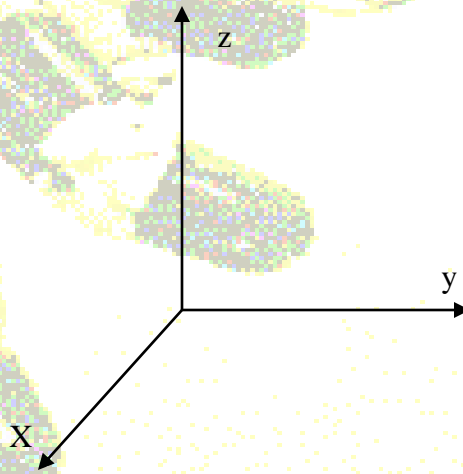
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# Spatial Descriptions

- Reference Frame

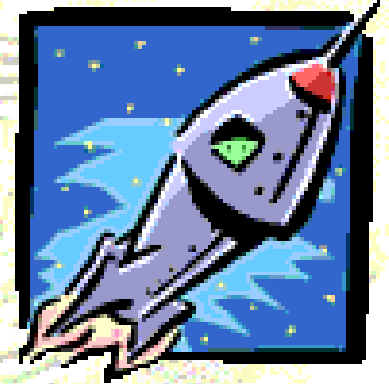
- A Cartesian coordinate system with **3 orthogonal axes**
- Frames may be specified with respect to other frames
- Spherical and cylindrical systems can also be used – we will use Cartesian coordinate systems.



# Degrees of Freedom

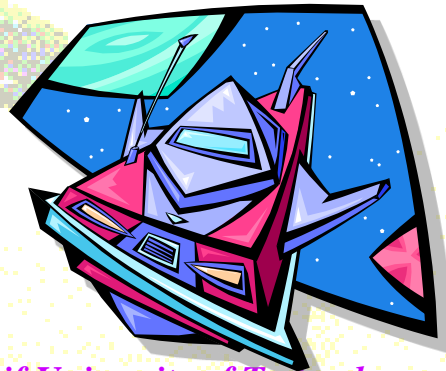
How many *degrees of freedom* does a “*point*” has in 3 space?

**Three:** can move in x, y, and z directions.



How many *degrees of freedom* does a 3D Object has in 3 space?

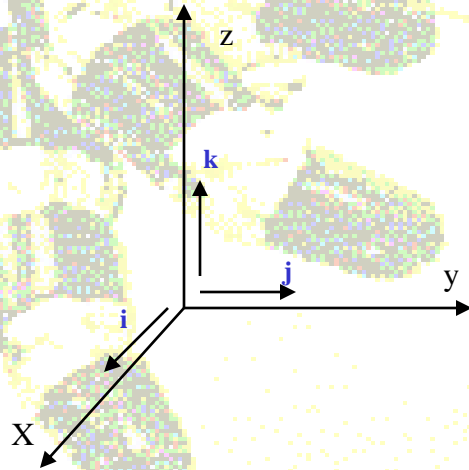
**Six:** can move in x, y, z directions and rotate around those axes.



# Points

- Position

- Can be specified in 3 space by a **3x1** position vector
- The vector is specified with respect to some **reference frame**
- **Unit vectors** are vectors of length/magnitude 1
- In this presentation i, j, and k are unit vectors oriented along the x, y and z axes respectively



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$

Understood to be a  
vector defined as

$$Xi + Yj + Zk$$



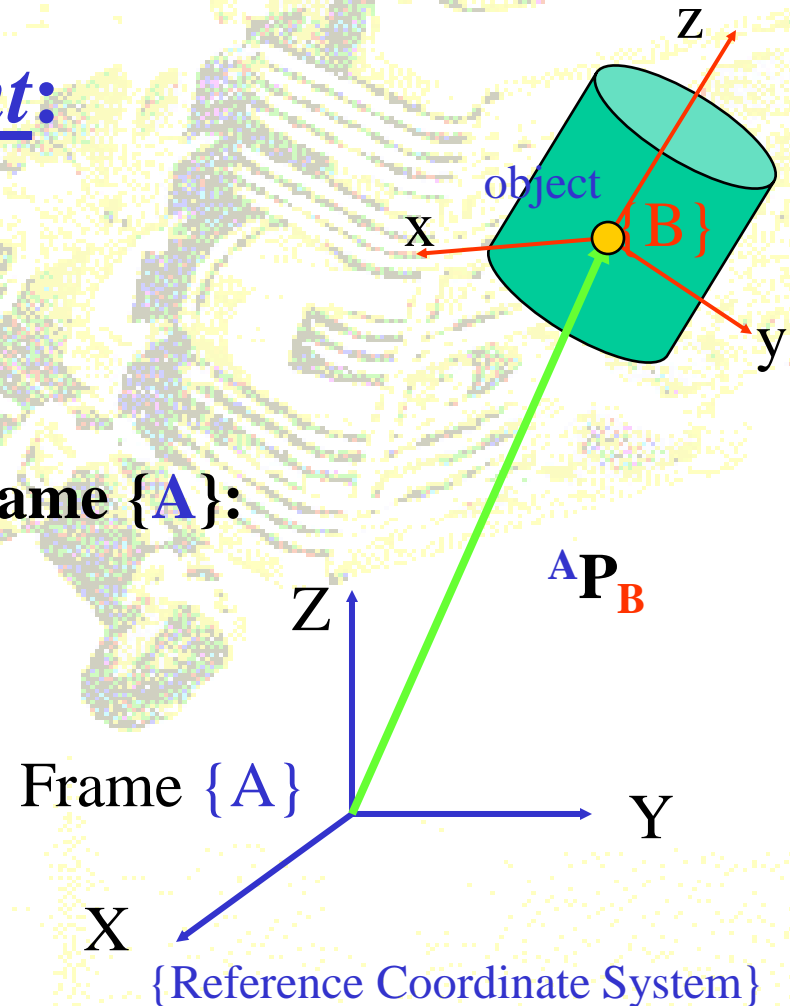
# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- Description of a Point:

## Position Vector

- ▶ Position of Point **B** in Frame **{A}**:

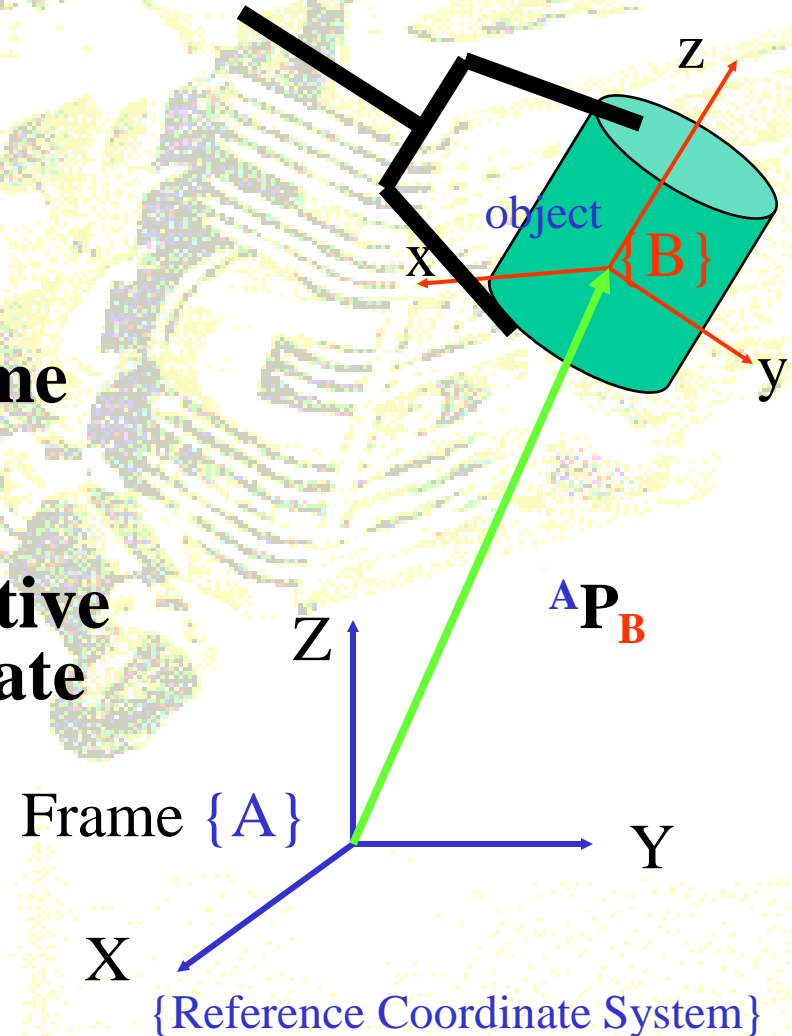
$$\mathbf{P} = [P_x \ P_y \ P_z]^T$$



# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- Description of an Orientation (جهت)

- Attach a coordinate frame to the body, then
- Describe this frame relative to the reference coordinate system.



# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- Express Unit Vectors of **{B}** in terms of the **{A}** system.

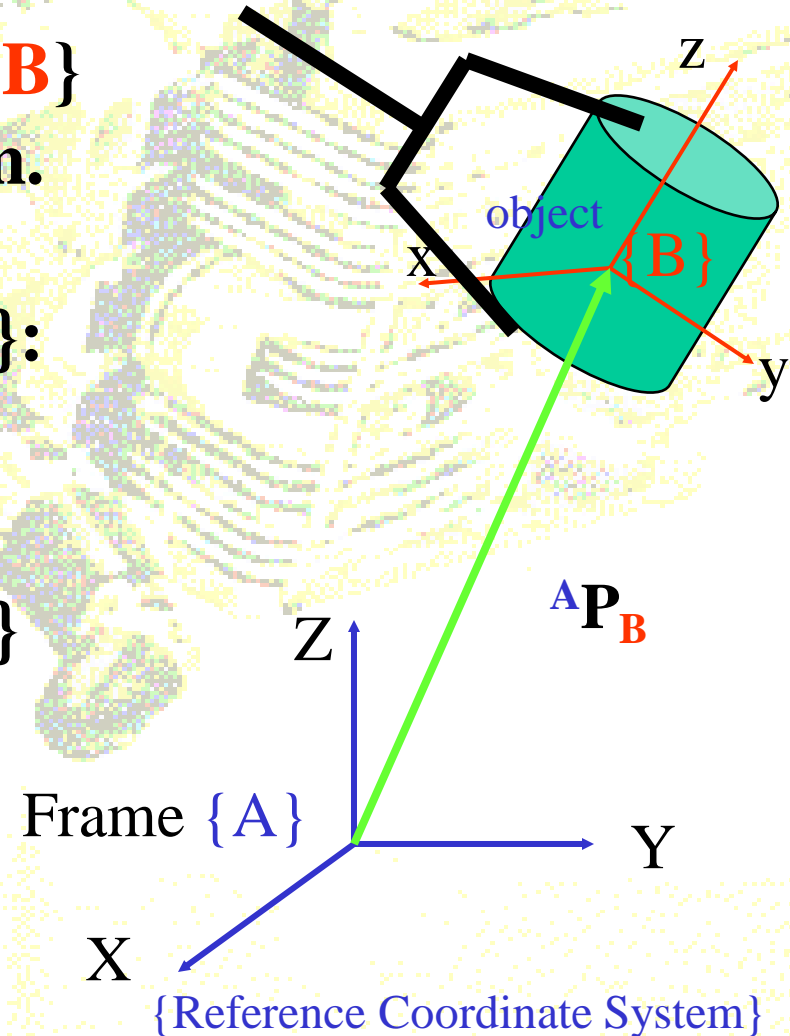
- Unit Vectors of frame **{B}**:

$$\hat{X}_B, \hat{Y}_B, \hat{Z}_B$$

- Unit Vectors of frame **{B}** expressed relative to **{A}**:

$${}^A\hat{X}_B, {}^A\hat{Y}_B, {}^A\hat{Z}_B$$

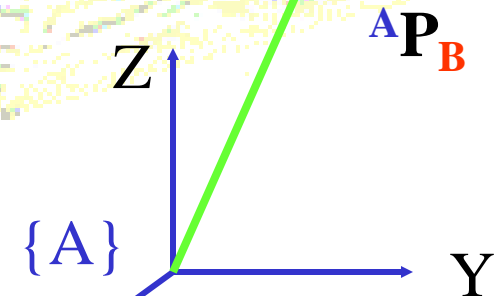
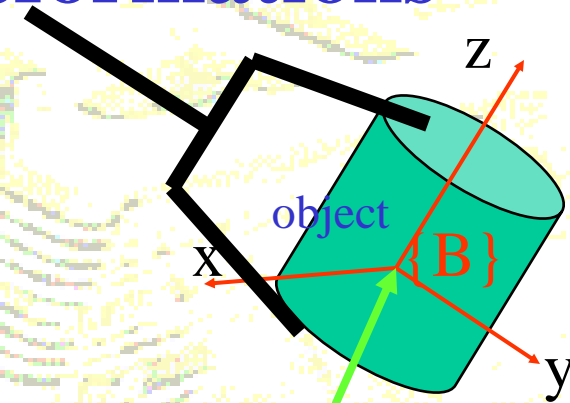
(each having 3-components)



# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- Compose a Rotation Matrix expressing orientation of the frame **{B}** relative to **{A}**.

$$[{}^A\hat{X}_B, {}^A\hat{Y}_B, {}^A\hat{Z}_B] = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = {}^A_B R$$



- All columns have unit magnitude,
- Dot-Product of any two columns is zero,  $\overset{X}{\text{}}$  {Reference Coordinate System}
- Hence, Rotation Matrix is *Orthogonal*.





# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

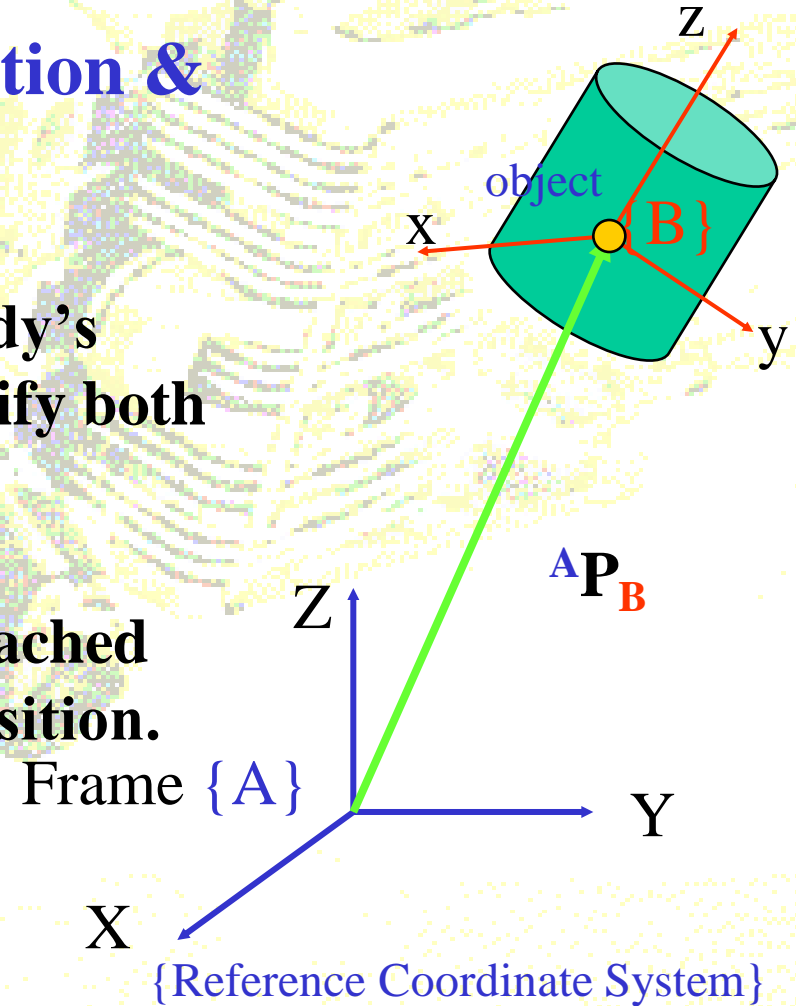
- Description of a Frame (Position & Orientation)

- To completely specify a Rigid Body's location in space, we need to specify both position & orientation.

- Choose the origin of the body-attached frame to describe rigid body's position.

$$\{B\} = \left\{ {}^A_B R_{(3 \times 3)}, {}^A P_{BORG(3 \times 1)} \right\}$$

${}^A P_{BORG}$  : Position of origin of {B} with respect to {A}



# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- Description of a Position (مكان)

$$\{B\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & P_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & P_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & P_z \end{bmatrix} = \left[ I_{(3 \times 3)}, {}^A P_{BORG} \right]$$

- Description of an Orientation (جهت)

$$\{B\} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & 0 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left[ {}^A_B R, \text{Zero-Vector} \right]$$



# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

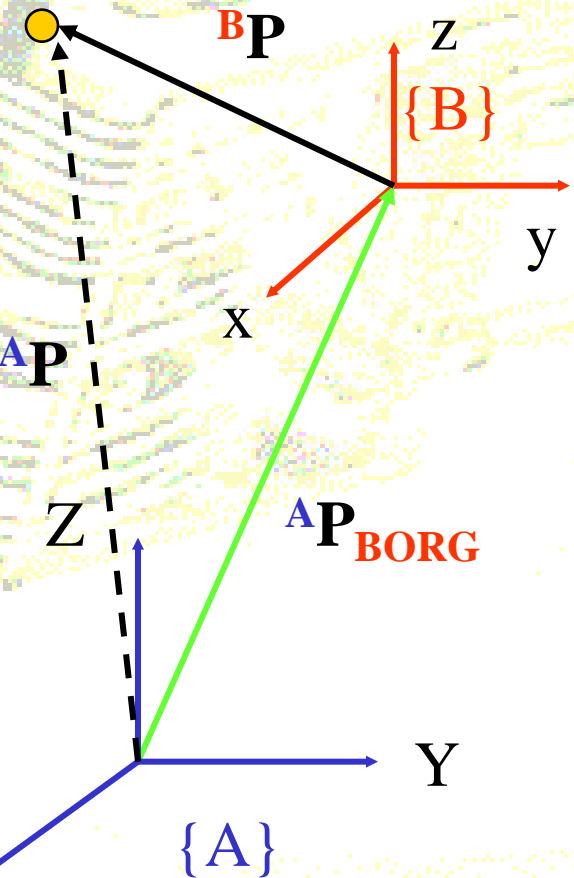
- Mapping (Changing Relativity)  
(نگاشت- تغییر نسبیت):

- *Translated Frames*: (frames {A} & {B} having the same orientation)

Given:  ${}^B P$ , Find:  ${}^A P$

$${}^A P = {}^B P + {}^A P_{BORG}$$

${}^A P_{BORG}$ : Translation Vector (بردار انتقال) [Reference Coordinate System]



**Note:** You can only add two vectors when they are expressed in frames with the same orientation.



# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- Mapping (Changing Relativity)

(نگاشت- تغییر نسبیت):

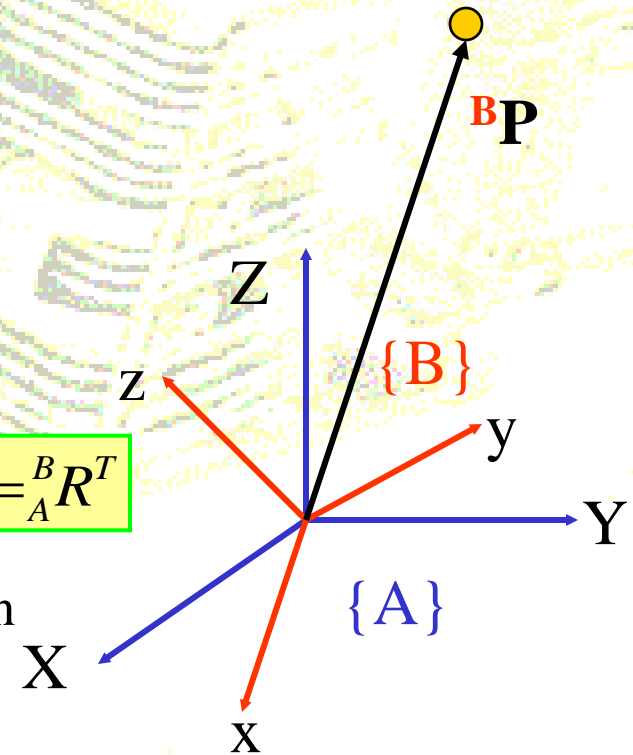
- *Rotated Frames:*

Given:  ${}^B P$ , Find:  ${}^A P$

$${}^A R = [{}^A \hat{X}_B \quad {}^A \hat{Y}_B \quad {}^A \hat{Z}_B] \equiv \text{Orthogonal} \Rightarrow {}^A R = {}^B R^{-1} = {}^B R^T$$

Columns of  ${}^A R$  are the unit vectors of {B} written in {A} frame.

Rows of  ${}^A R$  are the unit vectors of {A} written in {B} frame.



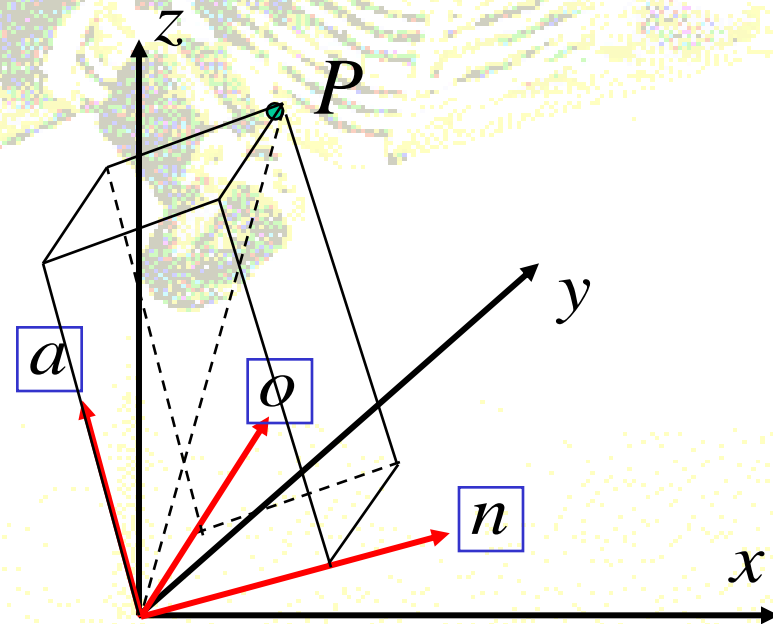
$${}^A P = {}^A R {}^B P$$



# Frames inside of Frames

- How to represent *a frame* with respect to *another frame* when the origins are coincident?
  - Frames represented by 3 orthogonal unit vectors
  - Sometimes known as normal, orientation, and approach
  - Each represented with respect to the reference frame

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x \\ n_y & o_y & a_y \\ n_z & o_z & a_z \end{bmatrix}$$



# Dot Product

Let  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  be arbitrary vectors in 3-space and let  $\theta$  be the angle between them.

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = |\mathbf{x}| |\mathbf{y}| \cos \theta$$

**Orthogonality requires that**

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{o} = 0$$

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\vec{o} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

**Unit vectors means that**

$$|\vec{n}| = 1$$

$$|\vec{o}| = 1$$

$$|\vec{a}| = 1$$



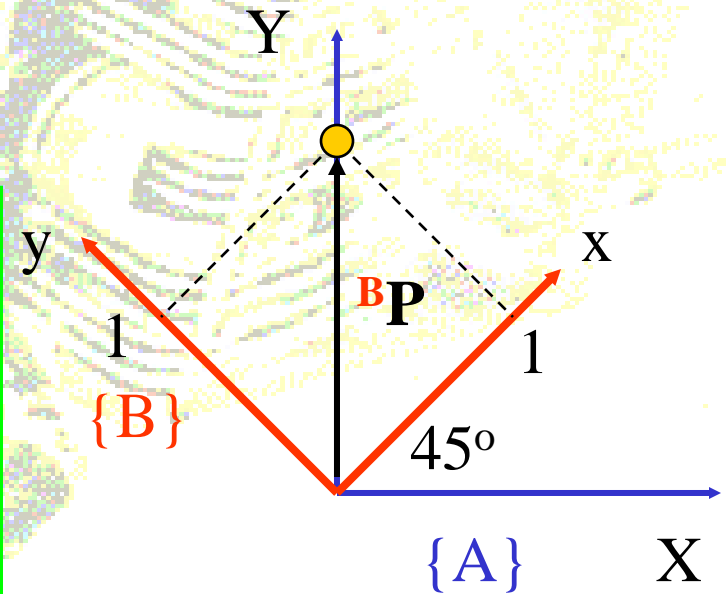
# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- **Example:**

**Given:**  ${}^B P$ , **Find:**  ${}^A P$

$${}^B P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad {}^A R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.707 & -0.707 & 0 \\ 0.707 & 0.707 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A P = {}^A R {}^B P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1.41 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

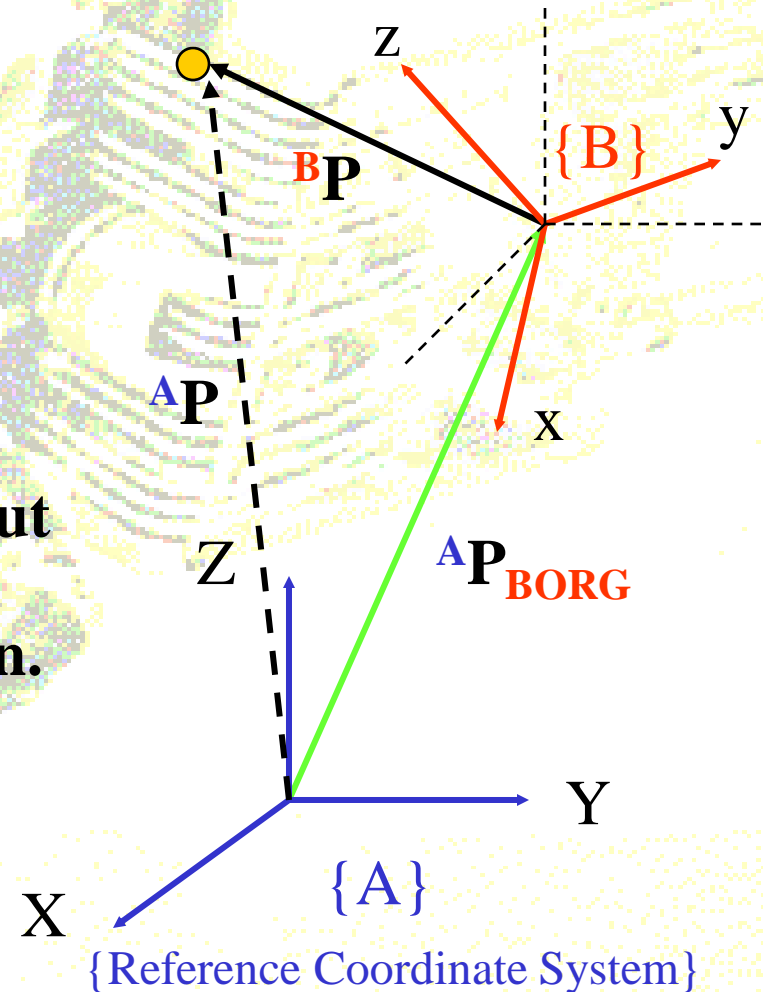
- **Mapping (Changing Relativity)**  
(نگاشت- تغییر نسبیت):

➤ *Translated & Rotated Frames:*

Given:  ${}^B P$ , Find:  ${}^A P$

1. Express  ${}^B P$  with respect to a frame with the same orientation as  $\{A\}$ , but with origin at  $\{B\}$ ,
2. Translation done by vector addition.

$${}^A P = {}^A R^B P + {}^A P_{BORG}$$



**Note:** You can only add two vectors when they are expressed in frames with the same orientation.





# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- Define a *Transformation Operator* to express mapping in a cleaner form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^A P \\ \hline 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_{(3 \times 3)} & {}^A P_{BORG(3 \times 1)} \\ \hline 0_{(1 \times 3)} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B P \\ \hline 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow {}^A P = {}^A T_B {}^B P$$

${}^A T_B$  : *Homogeneous Transformation Matrix* Expressing Position and Orientation of frame **{B}** relative to frame **{A}**.



# Transformations?

- Transformations are a way of describing spatial movements/locations
  - Transformations are represented as a frame!
  - Transformations may be “pure”
    - *rotation* about a single axis
    - *translation*
  - Transformations may be a combination of rotation(s) and translation(s)



# Position Vector

- A vector that doesn't begin at the origin can be specified by the difference between two points A and B

$$\mathbf{P} = (B_x - A_x)\mathbf{i} + (B_y - A_y)\mathbf{j} + (B_z - A_z)\mathbf{k}$$

- A position can also be represented as a **4x1** vector where the 4<sup>th</sup> number represents a *scaling factor*

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{x} \ \mathbf{y} \ \mathbf{z} \ \mathbf{w}]^{-1}$$

- which is equivalent to  $[\mathbf{x}/\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{y}/\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}/\mathbf{w}]^{-1}$



# Vector Example

A vector  $P$  is given as  $3x + 5y + 2z$ . Express the vector as:

1) As a vector with scale factor 2

$$P = [6 \ 10 \ 4 \ 2]^{-1}$$

2) As a directional vector

$$P = [3 \ 5 \ 2 \ 0]^{-1}$$

3) As a unit vector

$$P = [.48 \ .811 \ .324 \ 1]^{-1}$$

4) As a directional unit vector

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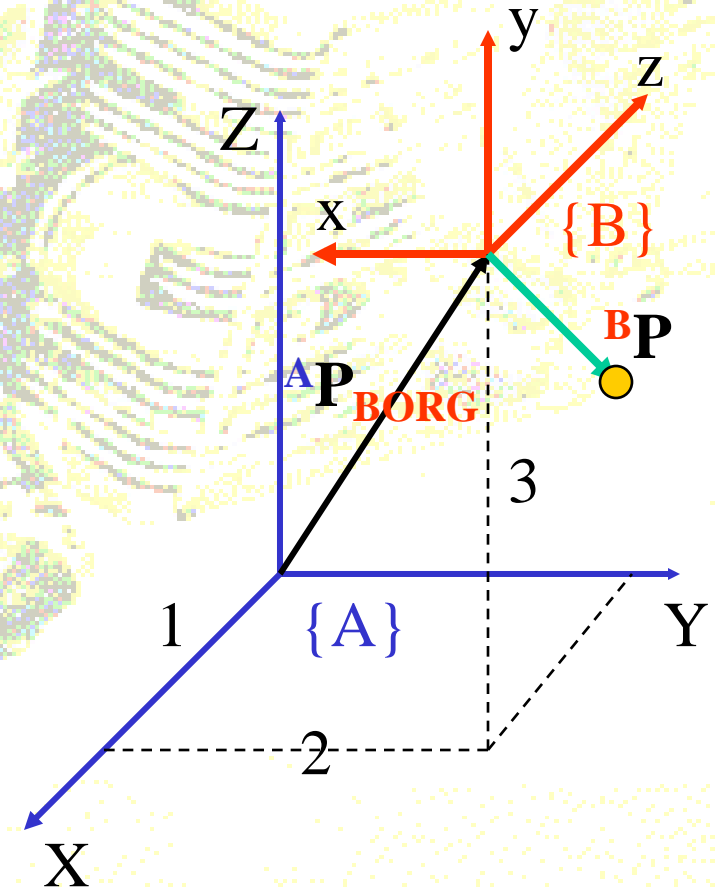
# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- **Example:**

**Given:**  ${}^B P$ , **Find:**  ${}^A P$

$${}^B P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ \hline 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad {}^A T_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & | & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A P = {}^A T_B {}^B P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ \hline 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- **Operators: Translations, Rotations, Transformations**

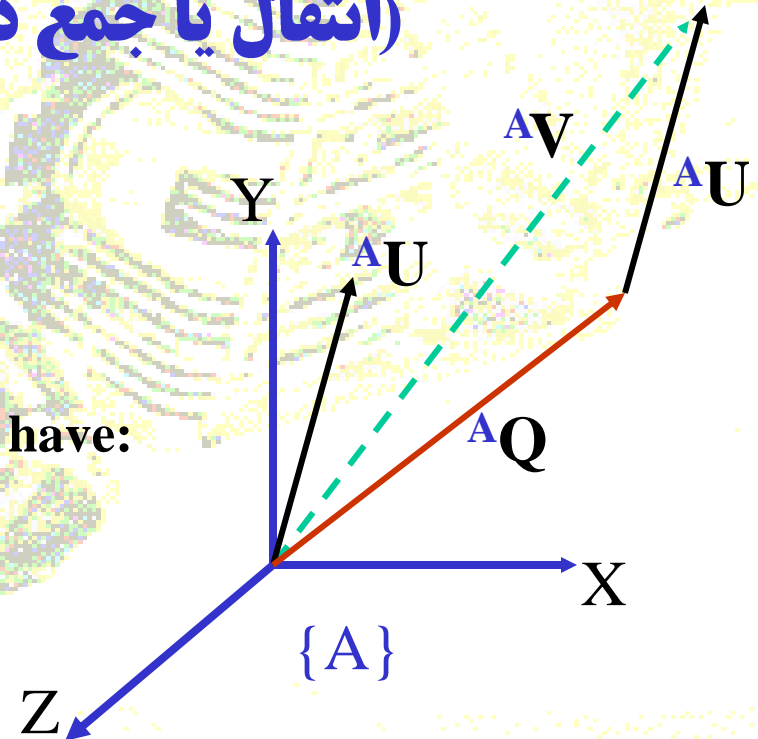
- **Translation Operator: (انتقال یا جمع دو بردار)**

$$Trans(Q) \equiv Trans(q_x, q_y, q_z) \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & q_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & q_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & q_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Given a vector  $U = [x, y, z, 1]^T$  and  $Trans(Q)$ , we have:

$$V = Trans(Q)U = \begin{bmatrix} x + q_x \\ y + q_y \\ z + q_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) + (q_x\hat{i} + q_y\hat{j} + q_z\hat{k})$$

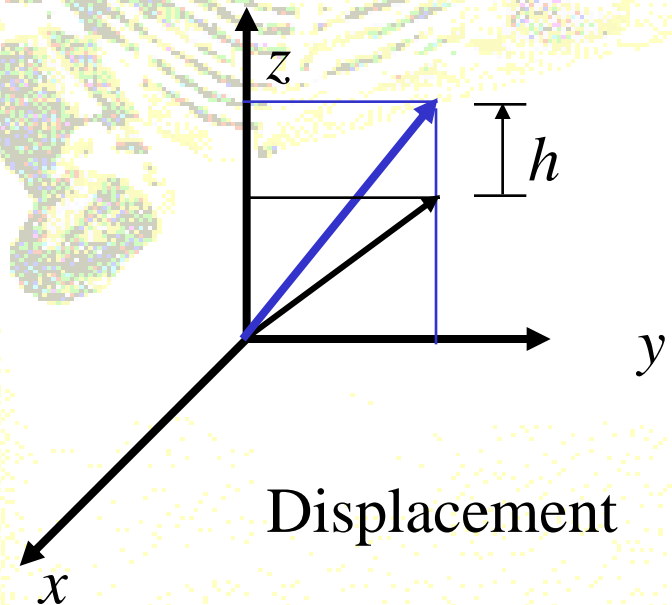
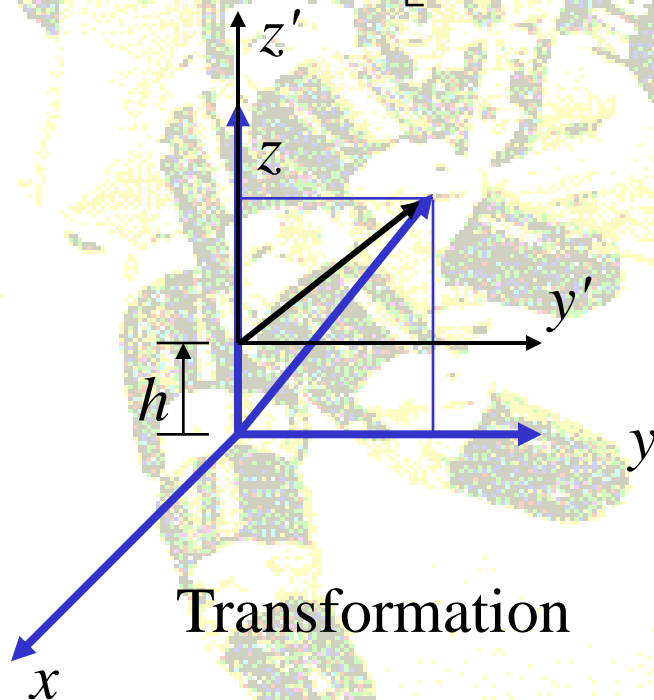


# Example: Translation

- Translation along the  $z$ -axis through  $h$

$$\text{Trans}(z, h) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- **Operators: Translations, Rotations, Transformations**

- **Rotation Operator: (دوران یک بردار)**

Rotation Matrix/operator is used to operate on a vector  ${}^A P_1$  and changes that vector to a new vector,  ${}^A P_2$ , by means of a rotation  $\text{Rot}(\theta)$ .

$$\text{Rot}(x, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad , \text{Rot}(y, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
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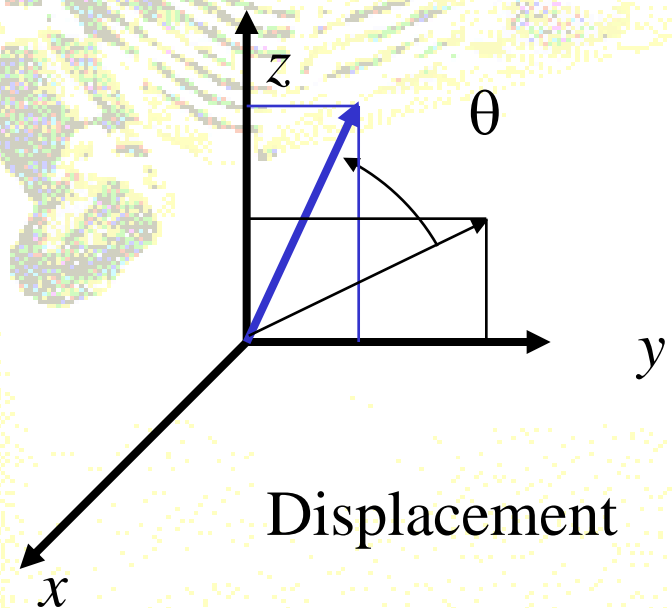
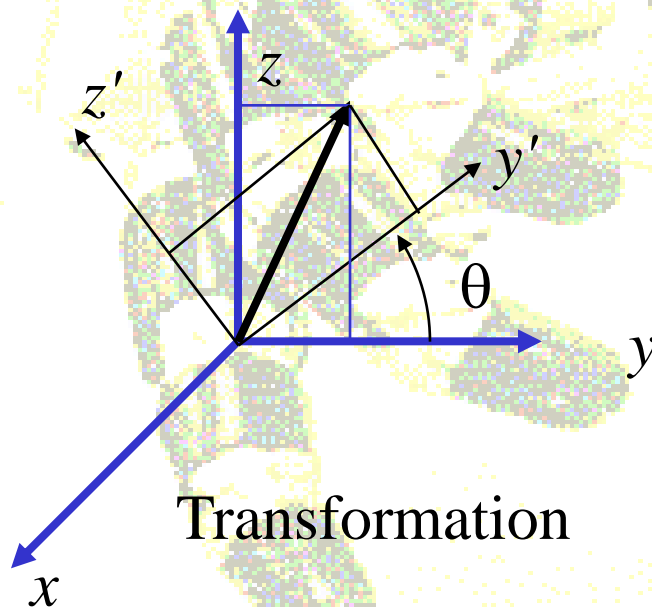




# Example: Rotation

- Rotation about the  $x$ -axis through  $\theta$

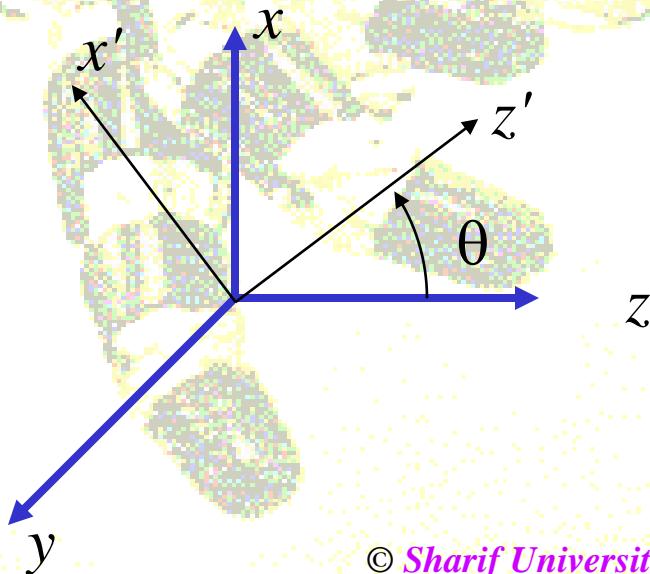
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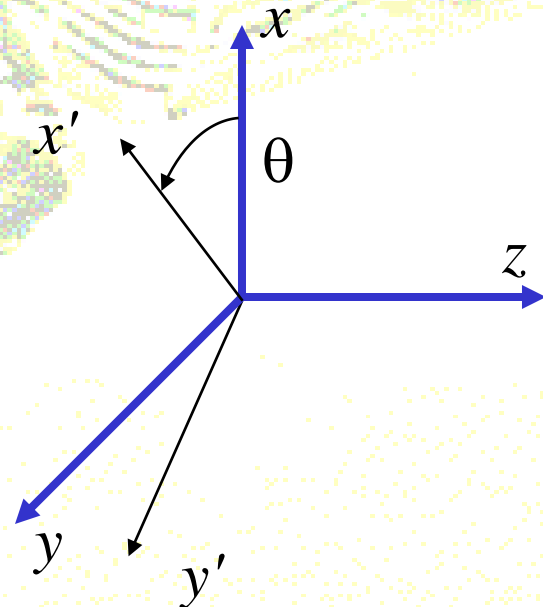
- Rotation about the  $y$ -axis through  $\theta$

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



- Rotation about the  $z$ -axis through  $\theta$

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



# Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- **Operators: Translations, Rotations, Transformations**

- **Transformation Operator: (اپر ایٹور تبدیل)**

A combination of both **Translation** and **Rotation** Operators.

**Given:**  ${}^A P_1$ , Rotate it about  $Z_A$ -axis by  $30^\circ$ , Translate 3" along  $X_A$  and 5" along  $Y_A$

**Find:**  ${}^A P_2 = ?$

$${}^A P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & -0.5 & 0 & 3 \\ 0.5 & 0.866 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$${}^A P_2 = T {}^A P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 6.33 \\ 9.23 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Chapter 2 Exercises:

- 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 2.16, 2.32, 2.35
- 2.1 Programming Exercise (program Atan2 function)
- 2A MathLab Exercise

