

INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS

(Kinematics, Dynamics, and Design)

SESSION # 9:

SPATIAL DESCRIPTIONS & TRANSFORMATIONS

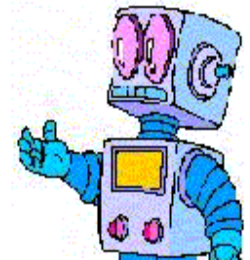
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Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

Transformation Arithmetic:

➤ Multiplication of Transforms (Compound Transformations):

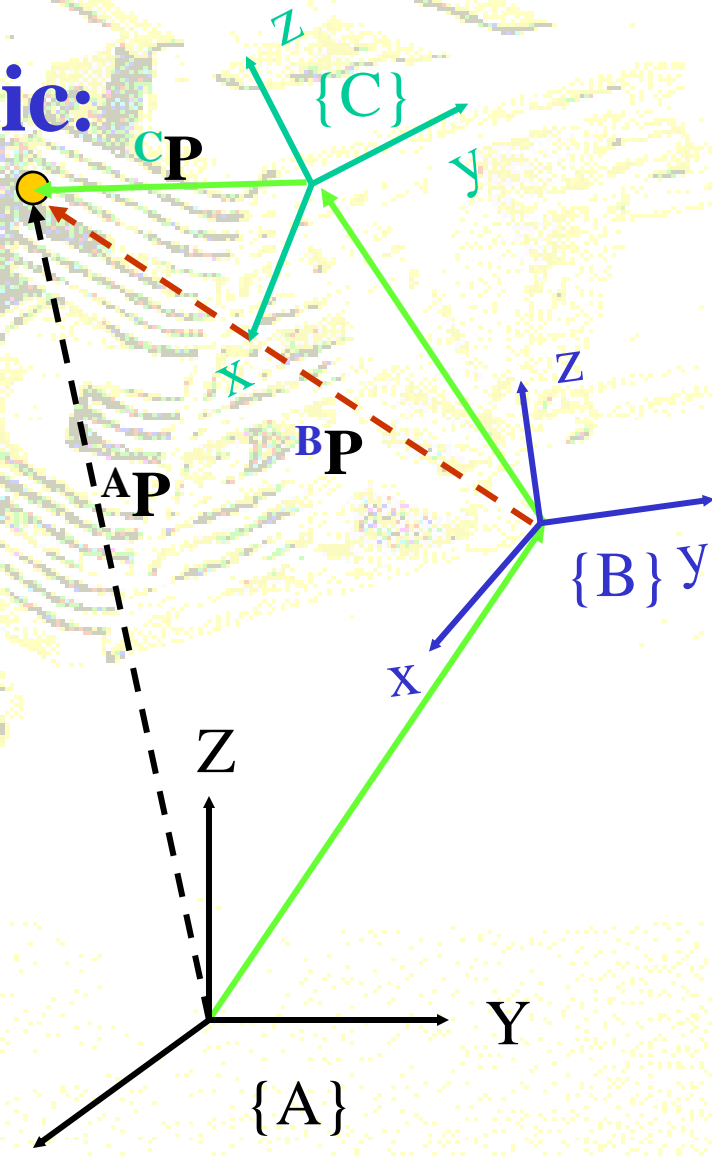
Given frames $\{A\}$, $\{B\}$, $\{C\}$, and vector ${}^C P$:

Find: ${}^A P$

We can write:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^B P = {}^B T_C {}^C P \\ {}^A P = {}^A T_B {}^B P \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow {}^A P = {}^A T_B {}^B T_C {}^C P = {}^A T_C {}^C P$$

where: ${}^A T_C = {}^A T_B {}^B T_C$ (تبدیل مرکب)



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- Transformation Arithmetic:

- Inversion of Transforms:

One may invert the “T” matrices by standard techniques (too long).
However, a simpler method exists:

Given: ${}^A_B T$

Find: ${}^A_B T^{-1} = {}^B_A T = ?$

$${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R & {}^A P_{BORG} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$${}^A_B T^{-1} = {}^B_A T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R^T & -{}^A_B R^T {}^A P_{BORG} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & n_y & n_z & -\hat{P} \cdot \hat{N} \\ o_x & o_y & o_z & -\hat{P} \cdot \hat{O} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z & -\hat{P} \cdot \hat{A} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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- **Example:**

- **Inversion of Transforms:**

Given:

$${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.43 & 0.87 & 0.25 & 1 \\ 0.75 & 0.5 & -0.43 & 2 \\ -0.5 & 0 & -0.87 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find:

$${}^A_B T^{-1} = {}^B_A T = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & n_y & n_z & -\hat{P} \cdot \hat{N} \\ o_x & o_y & o_z & -\hat{P} \cdot \hat{O} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z & -\hat{P} \cdot \hat{A} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.43 & 0.75 & -0.5 & 0.43 \\ 0.87 & 0.5 & 0 & -1.87 \\ 0.25 & -0.43 & -0.87 & 3.21 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



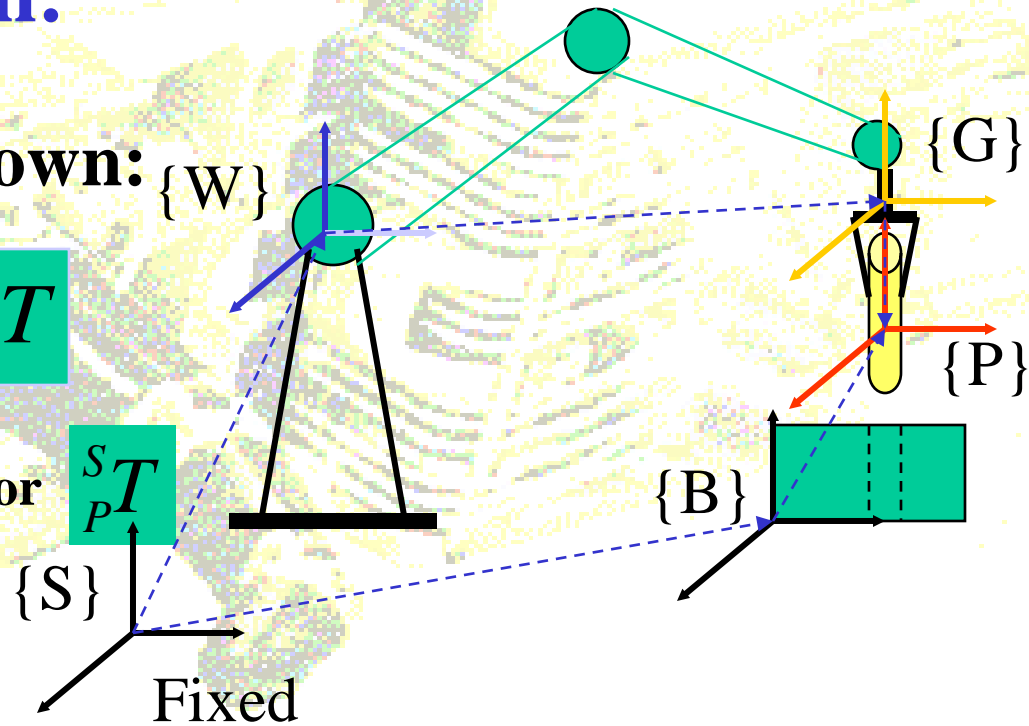
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- **Transform Equation:**

➤ Consider the figure shown:

Given: $S^W T, W^G T, G^P T, B^P T, S^B T$

We can write two expressions for



$S^P T$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S^P T = S^W T^W G^P T \\ S^P T = S^B T^B P \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow S^W T^W G^P T = S^B T^B P \quad \text{Transform Equation}$$

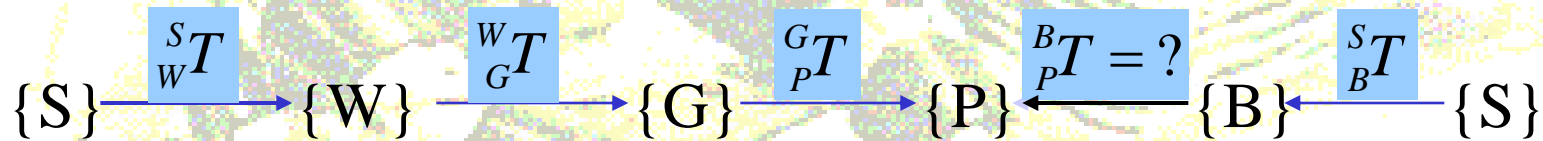


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- **Transform Equation:**

Ex: If the Transform ${}^B_P T$ is unknown?

We can write the following expression for the orientation of the peg at insertion:



$${}^S_W T {}^W_G T {}^G_P T = {}^S_B T {}^B_P T \Rightarrow {}^B_P T = {}^S_B T^{-1} {}^S_W T {}^W_G T {}^G_P T$$

Transform Equation



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• More on Representation of Position & Orientation:

➤ Cylindrical Coordinates:

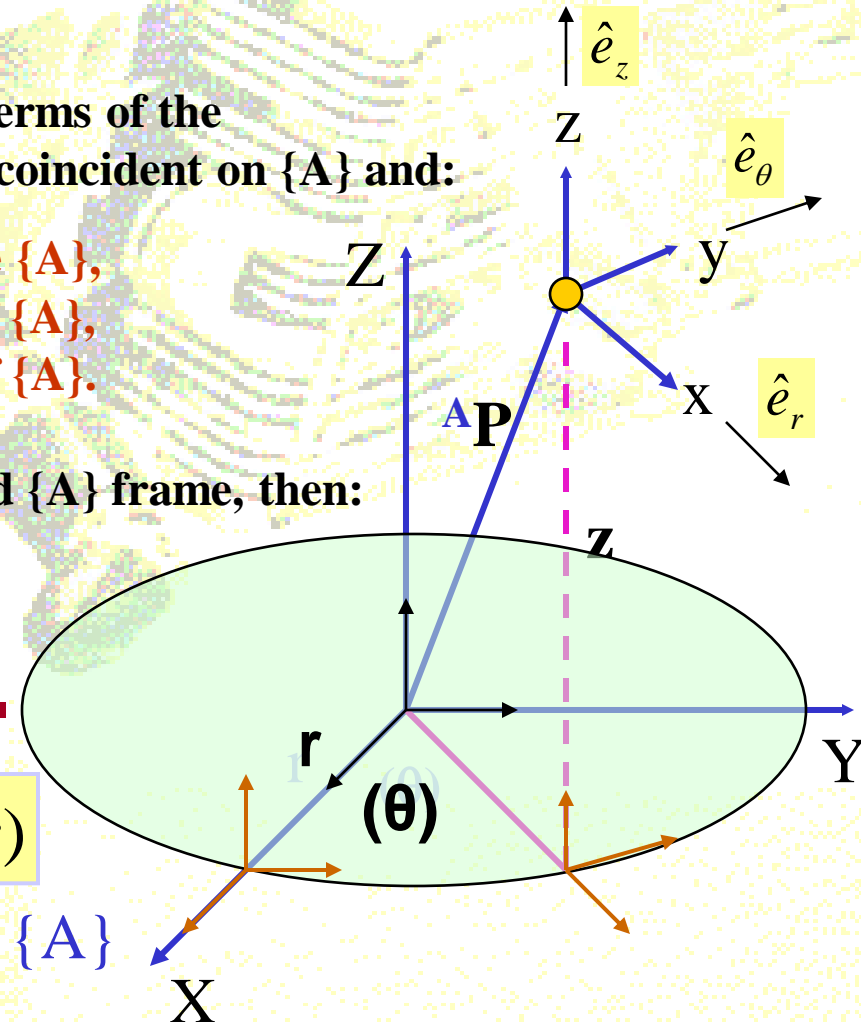
To define Cartesian coordinates of a point in terms of the Cylindrical coordinates, start by a coordinate coincident on {A} and:

1. Translate by “r” along X-axis of the frame {A},
2. Rotate by an angle “ θ ” about the Z-axis of {A},
3. Translate by “z” vertically along Z-axis of {A}.

Transformations are all along the Original/Old {A} frame, then:

PREMULTIPLY:

$$T = \text{Trans}(\hat{Z}, z) \text{Rot}(\hat{Z}, \theta) \text{Trans}(\hat{X}, r)$$



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- More on Representation of Position & Orientation:

➤ **Operator T:** $T = Trans(\hat{Z}, z)Rot(\hat{Z}, \theta)Trans(\hat{X}, r)$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & r \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 & r\cos\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 & r\sin\theta \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow {}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r\cos\theta \\ r\sin\theta \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$



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• More on Representation of Position & Orientation:

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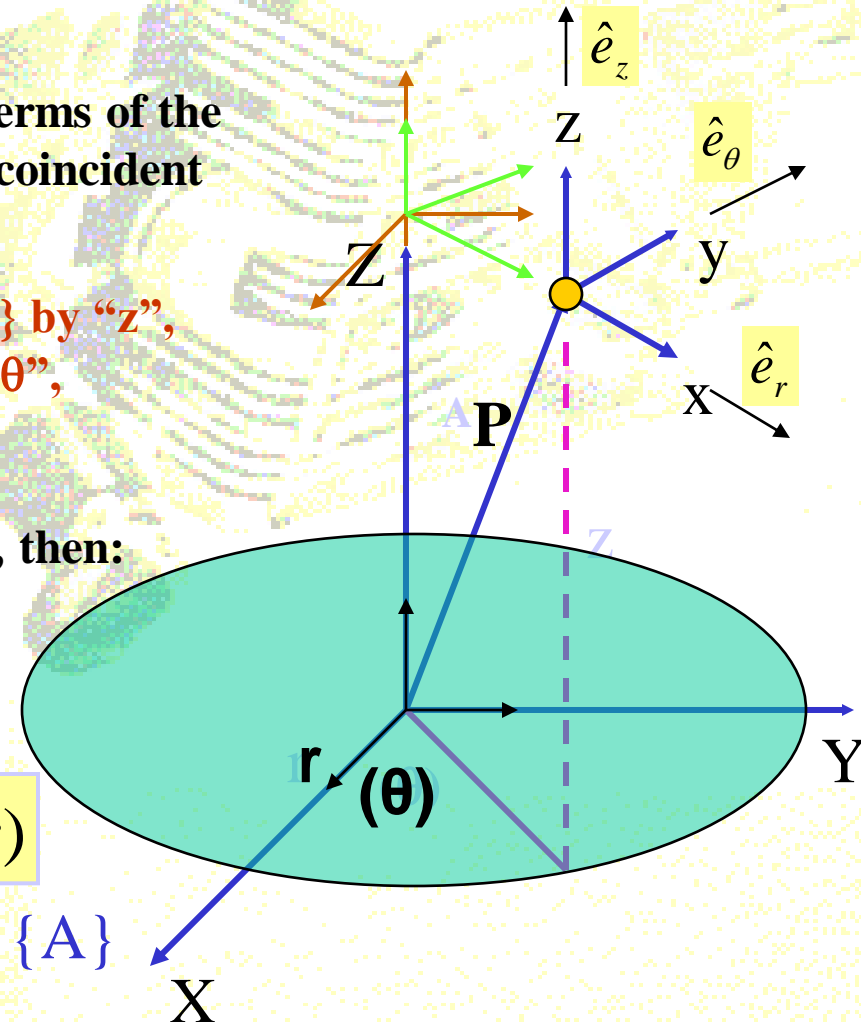
To define Cartesian coordinates of a point in terms of the Cylindrical coordinates, start by a coordinate coincident on {A} and: (Another Approach):

1. Translate along the Z-axis of the frame {A} by “z”,
2. Rotate about the New Z-axis by an angle “ θ ”,
3. Translate along the New X-axis by “r”.

Transformations are all along the New frames, then:

POSTMULTIPLY:

$$T = \text{Trans}(\hat{Z}, z) \text{Rot}(\hat{Z}, \theta) \text{Trans}(\hat{X}, r)$$



Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- Right-to-Left (Pre-Multiply) vs. Left-to-Right (Post-Multiply):

- **Example:**
1. Rotate 30° about X-axis,
 2. Rotate 90° about the New (transformed) Y-axis,
 3. Translate 3" along the Old (fixed) Z-axis,
 4. Rotate 30° about the New (transformed) X-axis.

To write the corresponding transform expression, Just Remember:

{Fixed(Old) on the Left}, and {New(Transformed) on the Right}.

Therefore, the 1st transform is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 30 & -\sin 30 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin 30 & \cos 30 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The 2nd transform is: (New-Right)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 30 & -\sin 30 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin 30 & \cos 30 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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The 3rd transform is: (Old-Left)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 30 & -\sin 30 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin 30 & \cos 30 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The 4th transform is: (New-Right)

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 30 & -\sin 30 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin 30 & \cos 30 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 30 & -\sin 30 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin 30 & \cos 30 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

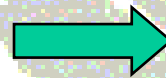


Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- More on Representation of Position & Orientation :

To find Cylindrical coordinates from Cartesian Coordinates:

$${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r \cos \theta \\ r \sin \theta \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$



$${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ \theta \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2} \\ \text{Atan2}(p_y, p_x) \\ p_z \end{bmatrix}$$

➤ **Atan2(p_y , p_x)**: is a “Two-Argument” arc tangent function. It computes $\tan^{-1}(p_y/p_x)$, but uses the signs of both p_y and p_x to determine the quadrant in which the resulting angle lies.

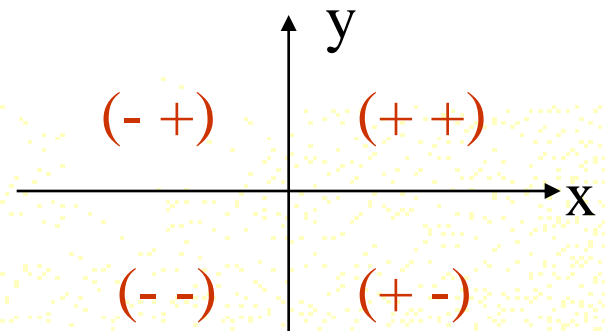
Ex: $\text{Atan2}(y,x) = \tan^{-1}(y/x) = \text{Atan2}(-2,-2) = -135^\circ$

$\text{Atan2}(2,2) = 45^\circ$

$\text{Atan2}(-2,2) = -45^\circ$

$\text{Atan2}(2,-2) = 135^\circ$

$\text{Atan2}(0,0) = \text{Undefined}$



Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- **More on Representation of Orientation:**

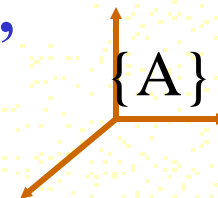
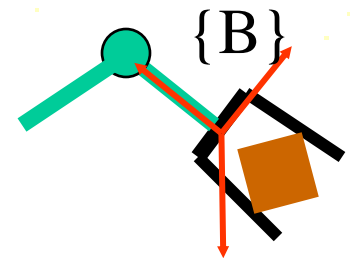
- So far we introduced a (3×3) **Rotation Matrix** to define orientation, such that:

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\hat{X}_B & {}^A\hat{Y}_B & {}^A\hat{Z}_B \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\hat{X}|=1, \quad |\hat{Y}|=1, \quad |\hat{Z}|=1 \\ \hat{X} \cdot \hat{Y} = 0, \quad \hat{X} \cdot \hat{Z} = 0, \quad \hat{Y} \cdot \hat{Z} = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

9-Quantities (9-کمیت),
and 6-Dependencies (6-قید)

- To specify the desired orientation of a robot hand, it is difficult to input a nine-element matrix with orthogonal columns. Therefore, we need:

“A more efficient way to specify orientation”
Several methods are present.



Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- **More on Representation of Orientation:**

- **Roll, Pitch, and Yaw (Fixed) Angles about Fixed axes (RPY):**

To describe orientation of {B} relative to a fixed known frame {A}, start with a frame coincident with {A} and:

X: Roll

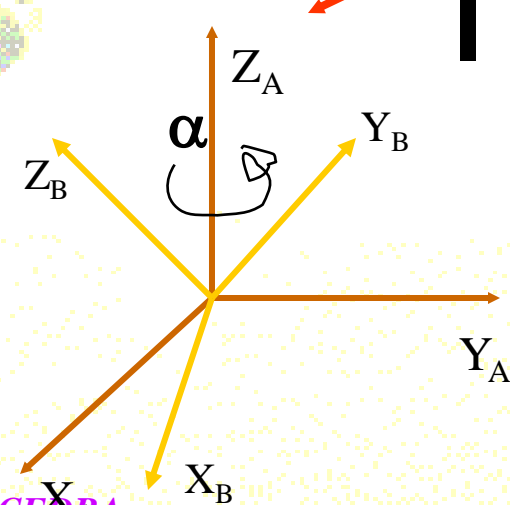
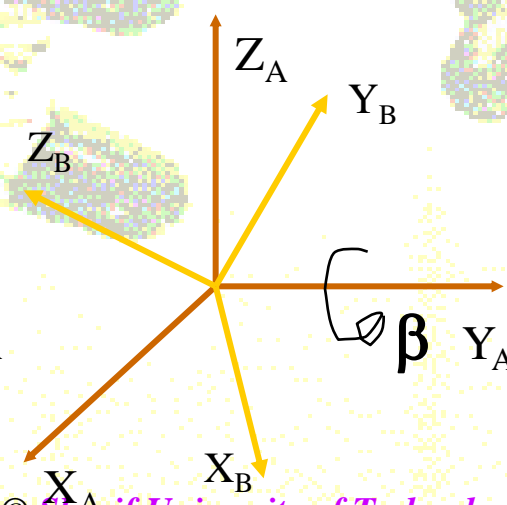
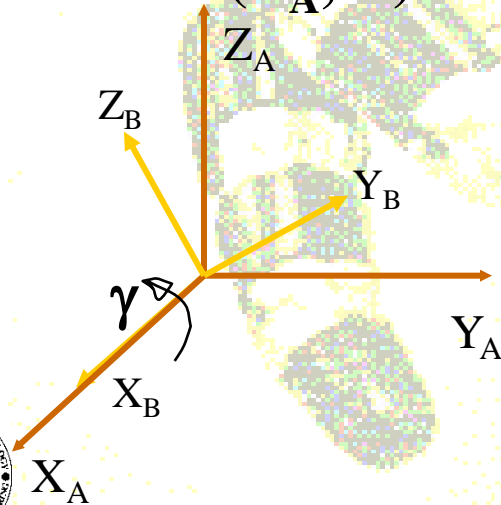
1. $\text{Rot}(X_A, \gamma)$: Roll

2. $\text{Rot}(Y_A, \beta)$: Pitch

3. $\text{Rot}(Z_A, \alpha)$: Yaw

Y: Pitch

Z: Yaw



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- **More on Representation of Orientation:**

- Since all rotations are about the original/fixed frame {A}, then **Pre-multiply** to find the RPY-Operator as:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A_B R_{rpy}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) &= Rot(\hat{Z}_A, \alpha) Rot(\hat{Y}_A, \beta) Rot(\hat{X}_A, \gamma) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} C\alpha & -S\alpha & 0 \\ S\alpha & C\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C\beta & 0 & S\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -S\beta & 0 & C\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C\gamma & -S\gamma \\ 0 & S\gamma & C\gamma \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} C\alpha C\beta & C\alpha S\beta S\gamma - S\alpha C\gamma & C\alpha S\beta C\gamma + S\alpha S\gamma \\ S\alpha C\beta & S\alpha S\beta S\gamma + C\alpha C\gamma & S\alpha S\beta C\gamma - C\alpha S\gamma \\ -S\beta & C\beta S\gamma & C\beta C\gamma \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



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- **More on Representation of Orientation:**
 - Inverse of this problem is to compute the Roll, Pitch, and Yaw angles for a given **Rotation Matrix**:

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 - \text{Equations} \\ 3 - \text{Unknowns} \\ 6 - \text{Dependencies} \end{bmatrix} =$$

$${}^A_B R_{rpy}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} C\alpha C\beta & C\alpha S\beta S\gamma - S\alpha C\gamma & C\alpha S\beta C\gamma + S\alpha S\gamma \\ S\alpha C\beta & S\alpha S\beta S\gamma + C\alpha C\gamma & S\alpha S\beta C\gamma - C\alpha S\gamma \\ -S\beta & C\beta S\gamma & C\beta C\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$



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- **More on Representation of Orientation:**

- Therefore with 3-independent equations, one can find the 3-unknowns **Roll, Pitch, and Yaw** angles as:

$$\gamma = A \tan 2(r_{32} / C\beta, r_{33} / C\beta)$$

$$\beta = A \tan 2(-r_{31}, \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2})$$

(as long as $C\beta \neq 0$)

$$\alpha = A \tan 2(r_{21} / C\beta, r_{11} / C\beta)$$

Read the detailed discussion of the solution in your book.



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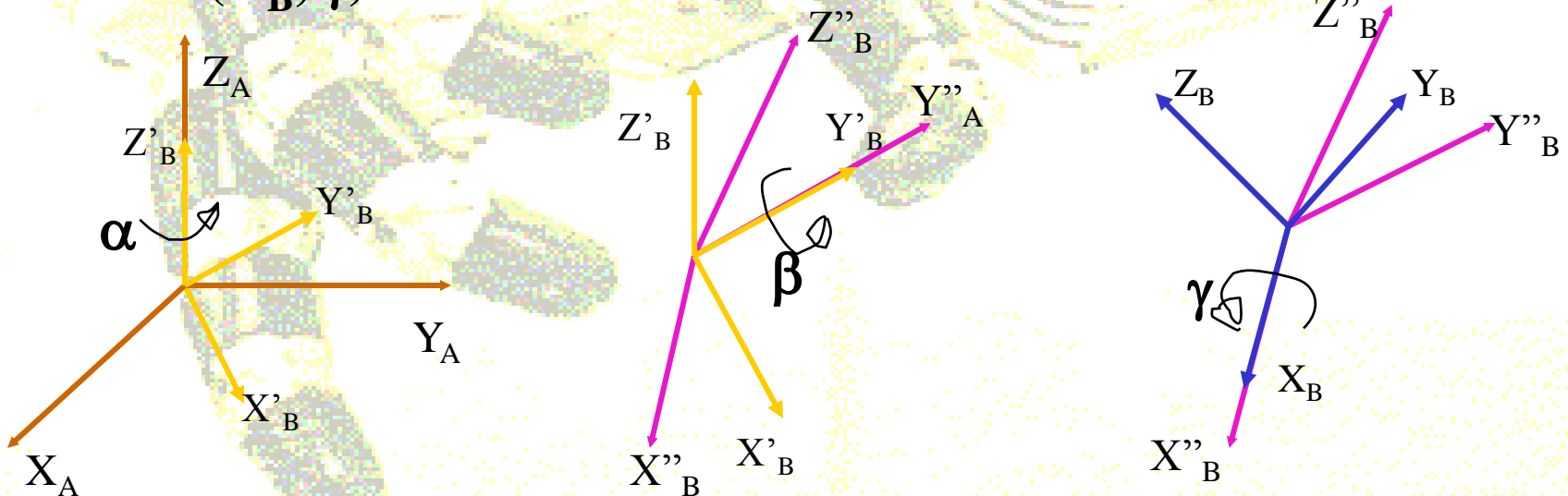
- **More on Representation of Orientation:**

- **Euler Angles about Moving axes:** Another method to represent orientation.

- (Z-Y-X) Euler Angles:**

To describe orientation of {B} relative to a fixed known frame {A}, start with a frame coincident with {A} and:

1. $\text{Rot}(Z_B, \alpha)$
2. $\text{Rot}(Y_B, \beta)$
3. $\text{Rot}(X_B, \gamma)$



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- **More on Representation of Orientation:**

- Since all rotations are about the Moving/New frame {B}, then **Post-multiply** to find the Euler-Operator as (same result as RPY):

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A_B R_{zyx}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) &= Rot(\hat{Z}_B, \alpha) Rot(\hat{Y}_B, \beta) Rot(\hat{X}_B, \gamma) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} C\alpha & -S\alpha & 0 \\ S\alpha & C\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C\beta & 0 & S\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -S\beta & 0 & C\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C\gamma & -S\gamma \\ 0 & S\gamma & C\gamma \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} C\alpha C\beta & C\alpha S\beta S\gamma - S\alpha C\gamma & C\alpha S\beta C\gamma + S\alpha S\gamma \\ S\alpha C\beta & S\alpha S\beta S\gamma + C\alpha C\gamma & S\alpha S\beta C\gamma - C\alpha S\gamma \\ -S\beta & C\beta S\gamma & C\beta C\gamma \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



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- **More on Representation of Orientation:**
 - **Simple (General) Rotation:** Rotation of a rigid body (frame) about a general fixed axis in space.
 - **Elementary Rotation:** Rotation of a rigid body (frame) about one of the coordinate axes.
 - **Euler's Theorem:** Any change of orientation (about an arbitrary axis) for a rigid body with a fixed body point can be accomplished through a *simple rotation*. The rigid body rotation can be resolved into three *elementary rotations*, where the angles of these rotations are called the **Euler's Angles**.

(The 3-independent Eulerian Angles and the Fixed Angles conventions may be selected in a variety of ways and sequences. A total of 24 conventions exist of which only 12 sets are unique (see pages 489-491).



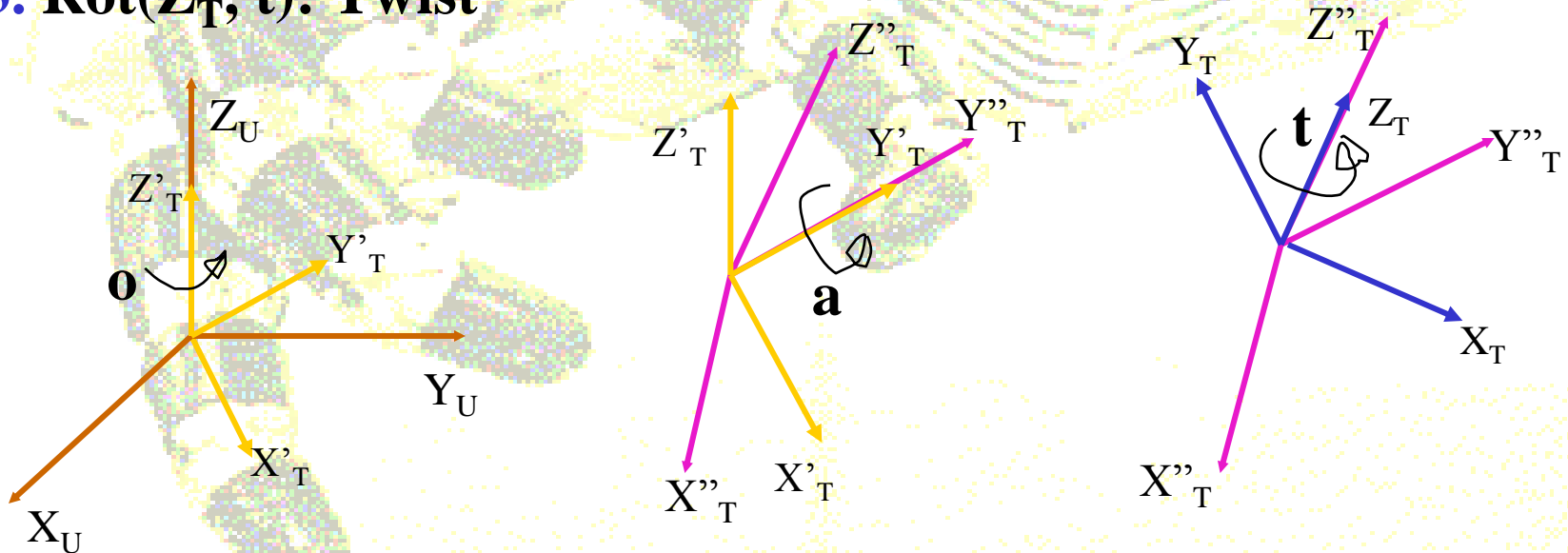
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- **Example:**

- **The Unimation PUMA 560 Euler Angles Convention:**

Description of orientation of the Tool Frame {T} relative to the fixed Universal frame {U}:

1. **Rot(Z_U, o): Orientation**
2. **Rot(Y_T, a): Approach**
3. **Rot(Z_T, t): Twist**



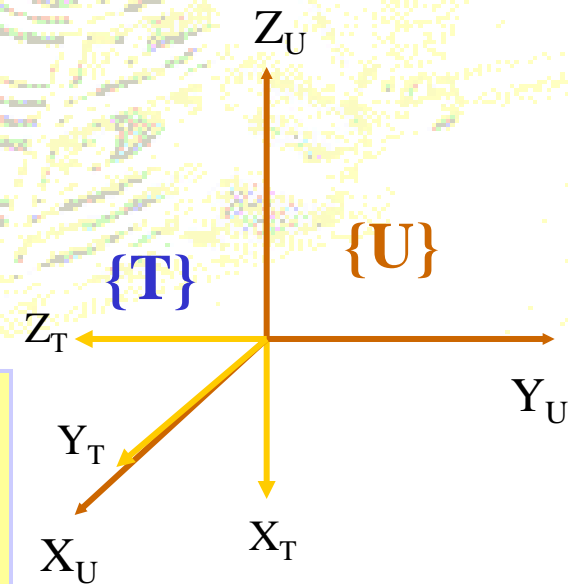
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➤ The Unimation PUMA 560 Euler Angles Convention:

For PUMA-560 the Tool Frame {T} is not coincident with the Universal frame {U}. Therefore, the “Zero” orientation of {T} is:

$${}^U_T R_{initial} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^U_T R &= Rot(\hat{Z}, o) {}^U_T R_{initial} Rot(\hat{Y}, a) Rot(\hat{Z}, t) = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -SoSaCt + CoSt & -SoSaSt + CoCt & SoCa \\ CoSaCt + SoSt & -CoSaSt + SoCt & -CoCa \\ -CaCt & CaSt & -Sa \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- **Equivalent Angle-Axis Representation (Euler's Theorem on Rotation):** Any orientation of a rigid body (frame) can be obtained through a proper **Axis** and **Angle** selection.

- **A Simple (General) Rotation Operator = Rot(^AK, θ):** Rotation of a rigid body (frame) about a general fixed axis "^AK" in space.

Originally {B} is coincident with {A}, then applying Rot(^AK, θ) by **Right-Hand-Rule**, we can define:

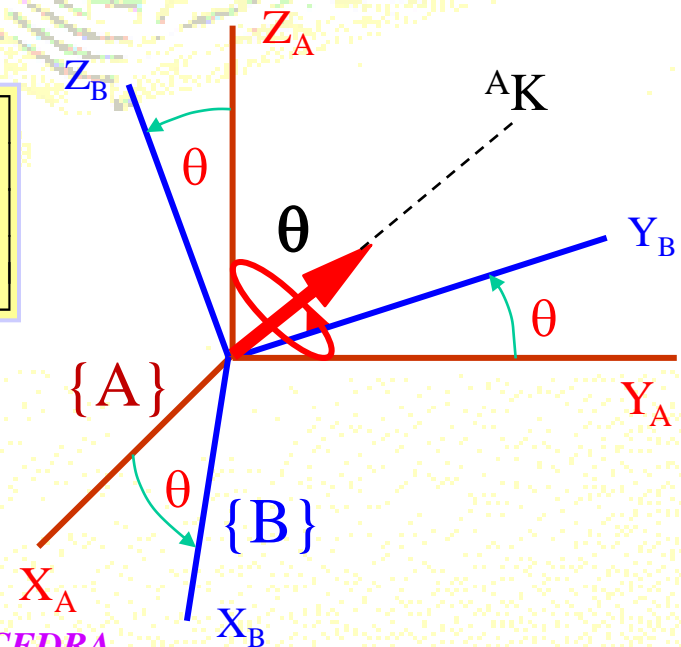
$${}^A_B R({}^A \hat{K}, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} k_x k_x v\theta + C\theta & k_x k_y v\theta - k_z S\theta & k_x k_z v\theta + k_y S\theta \\ k_x k_y v\theta + k_z S\theta & k_y k_y v\theta + C\theta & k_y k_z v\theta - k_x S\theta \\ k_x k_z v\theta - k_y S\theta & k_y k_z v\theta + k_x S\theta & k_z k_z v\theta + C\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

where:

$${}^A \hat{K} = k_x \underline{i} + k_y \underline{j} + k_z \underline{k}$$

$$v\theta = 1 - \cos\theta$$

$$k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = 1$$



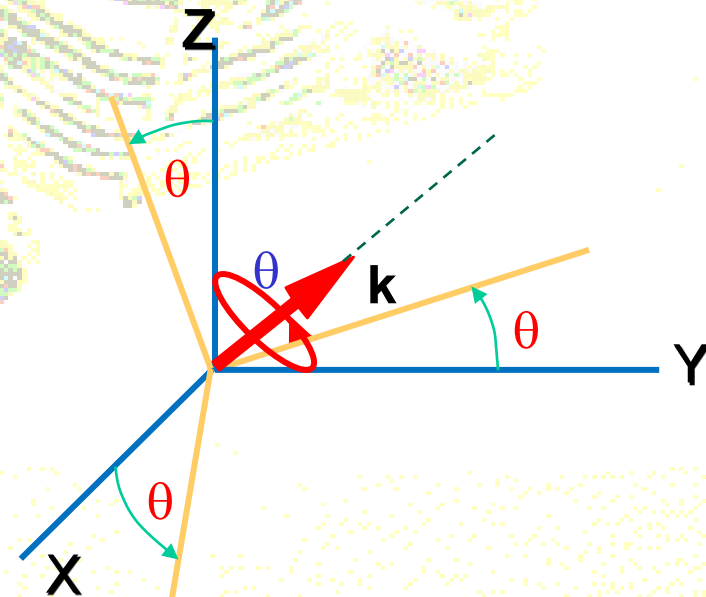
Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- **Equivalent Angle-Axis Representation (Euler's Theorem on Rotation):** When the axis of rotation is chosen as one of the principal axes of $\{A\}$, then the Equivalent (General) Rotation Matrix take on the familiar form of Planar (Elementary) Rotations:

$$Rot({}^A\hat{X}, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}, \Leftrightarrow k_x = 1, k_y = 0, k_z = 0$$

$$Rot({}^A\hat{Y}, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & \sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}, \Leftrightarrow k_x = 0, k_y = 1, k_z = 0$$

$$Rot({}^A\hat{Z}, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \Leftrightarrow k_x = 0, k_y = 0, k_z = 1$$



Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- **Equivalent Angle-Axis Representation (Euler's Theorem on Rotation):** To obtain $({}^A\hat{K}, \theta)$ from a given rotation matrix (orientation):

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = {}^A_B R({}^A\hat{K}, \theta) \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\sin \theta = \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(r_{32} - r_{23})^2 + (r_{13} - r_{31})^2 + (r_{21} - r_{12})^2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \left(\frac{r_{11} + r_{22} + r_{33} - 1}{2} \right) \quad \Rightarrow \theta = \text{Atan} 2 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)$$

$$\hat{K} = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_x \\ k_y \\ k_z \end{bmatrix}$$



Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

- Any combination of rotations is always equivalent to a single rotation about some axis “K” by an angle “θ”:

Example:

Consider the following combined rotation operators, and obtain its corresponding equivalent angle-axis representation?

$$Rot(\hat{Y}, 90)Rot(\hat{Z}, 90) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sin \theta = \pm \sqrt{(1-0)^2 + (1-0)^2 + (1-0)^2} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \cos \theta = \left(\frac{0+0+0-1}{2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\theta = \text{Atan} 2\left(\frac{\pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \pm 120^\circ, \quad \hat{K} = \pm \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \underline{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \underline{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \underline{k} \right)$$

$$Rot(\hat{Y}, 90)Rot(\hat{Z}, 90) \equiv Rot(\hat{K}, \pm 120)$$

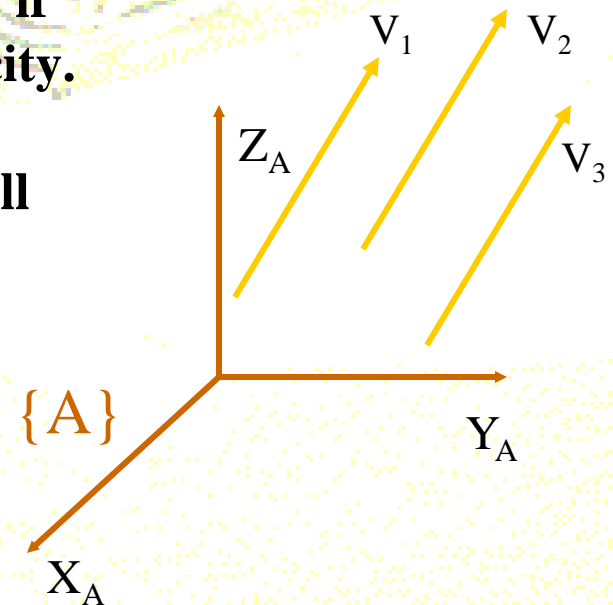


Spatial Descriptions and Transformations

• Transformations of Free and Line Vectors:

In mechanics we make a distinction between the **equality** and the **equivalence** of vectors.

- Two vectors are **equal** if they have the same dimensions, magnitude, and direction.
 - Two **equal** vectors may have different lines of actions. (Ex. Velocity vectors shown).
 - Two vectors are **equivalent** in a certain capacity if each produces the very same effect in this capacity.
- * If the criterion in this Ex. is distance traveled, all three vectors give the same result and are thus **equivalent** in this sense.
- * If the criterion in this Ex. is height above the XY-plane, then the vectors are **not equivalent** despite their equality.



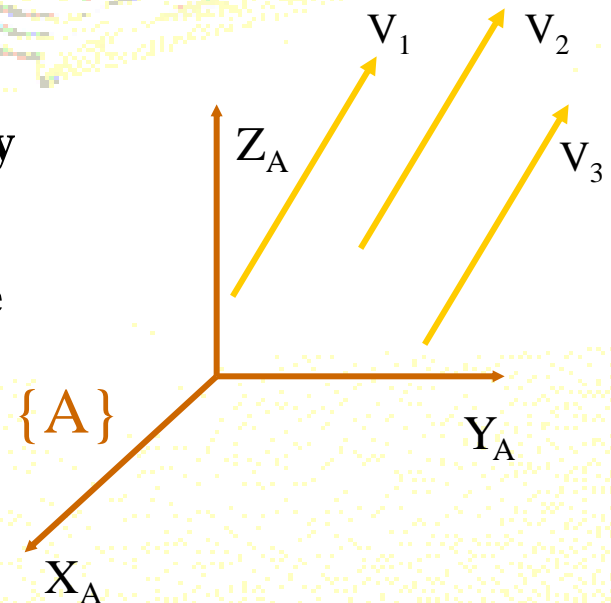
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• Transformations of Free and Line Vectors:

➤ **A Line-Vector (بردار خطی):** A vector which, along with direction and magnitude, is also dependent on its **line-of-action (or point-of-action)** as far as determining its effects is concerned. (Ex: A force vector, A position vector).

➤ **A Free-Vector (بردار آزاد):** A vector which may be positioned anywhere in space without loss or change of meaning provided that magnitude and direction are preserved. (Ex: A pure moment vector, A velocity vector).

Therefore, in transforming free vectors from one frame to another frame, only the rotation matrix relating the two frames is used.



$${}^A V = {}_B^A R^B V \quad \text{and not} \quad {}^A V = {}_B^A T^B V$$



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- **Computational Considerations:**

Efficiency in computing methods is an important issue in Robotics.

➤ **Example:** Consider the following transformations:

1st Approach:

$${}^A P = \underbrace{({}^A R_B {}^B R_C {}^C R_D)}_{(54Mul.+36Add.)} R^D P = \underbrace{{}^A R_D}_{(9Mul.+6Add.)} P \Rightarrow (63Mul.+42Add.)$$

2nd Approach:

$${}^A P = {}^A R_B {}^B R_C {}^C R_D R^D P = {}^A R_B {}^B R_C R^C P = {}^A R_B R^B P \Rightarrow (27Mul.+18Add.)$$

*** The 2nd Approach is more efficient. ***

