



Robotics

Chapter 2 : Spatial descriptions and Transformations

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Spatial descriptions

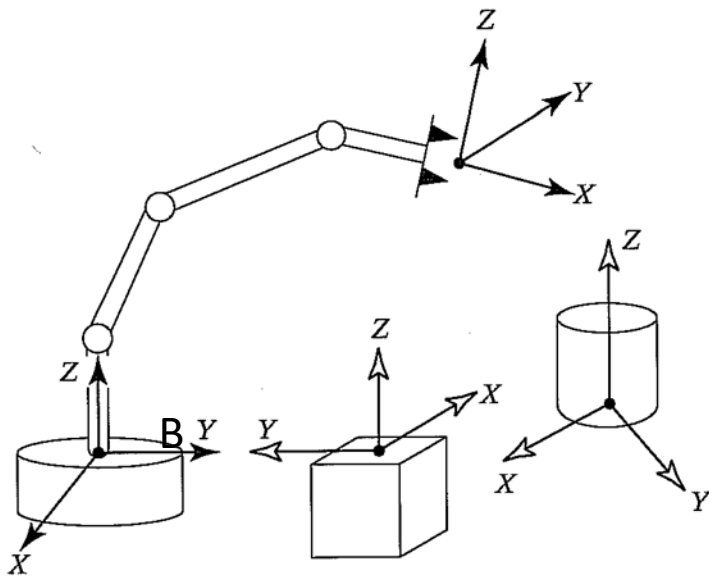
2.2 DESCRIPTIONS : POSITIONS, ORIENTATIONS, AND FRAMES

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Introduction:

We are constantly concerned with the location of objects in three-dimensional space. These objects are the links of the manipulator, the parts and tools with which it deals, and other objects in the manipulator's environment.



Position and orientation

FIGURE 1.5: Coordinate systems or “frames” are attached to the manipulator and to objects in the environment.

Introduction: cont.

In order to describe the position and orientation of a body in space, we will always attach a coordinate system, or **frame**, rigidly to the object. We then proceed to describe the position and orientation of this frame with respect to some reference coordinate system. (See Fig. 1.5.)

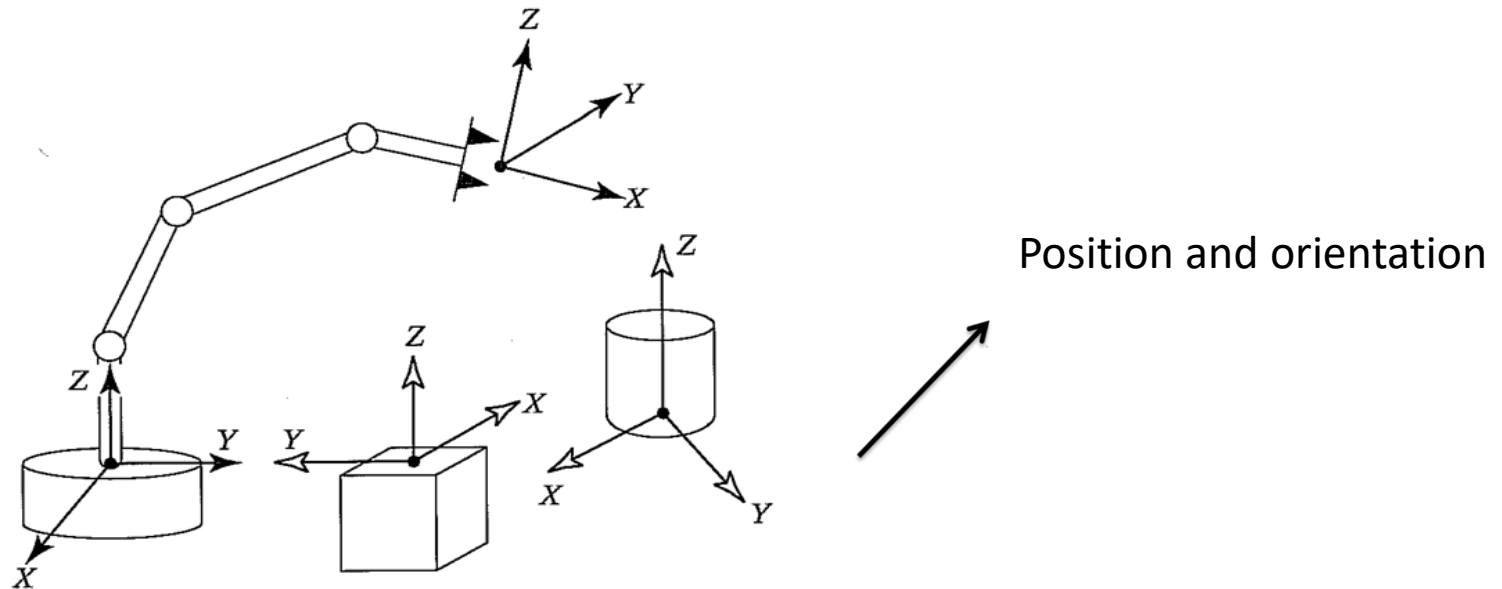


FIGURE 1.5: Coordinate systems or “frames” are attached to the manipulator and to objects in the environment.

Description of a position

Once a coordinate system is established, we can locate any point in the universe with a 3×1 position vector. Because we will often define many coordinate systems, the vector will have the name of the coordinate

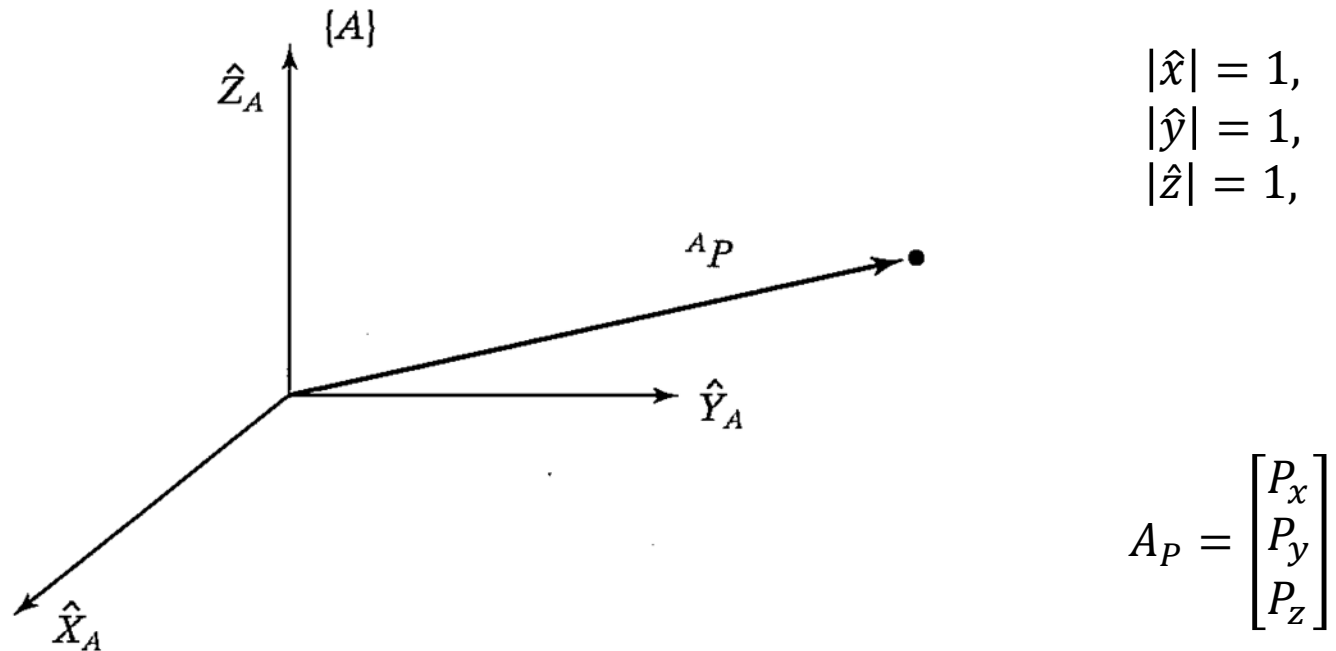
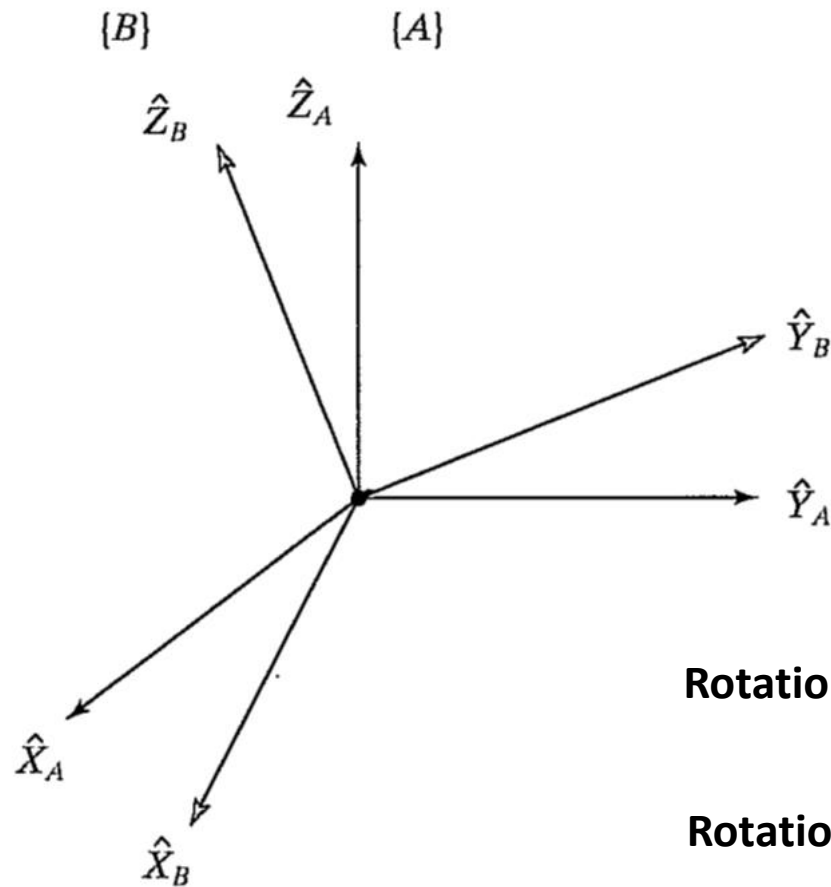


FIGURE 2.1: Vector relative to frame (example).

Description of an orientation

Often, we will find it necessary not only to represent a point in space but also to describe the **orientation** of a body in space .



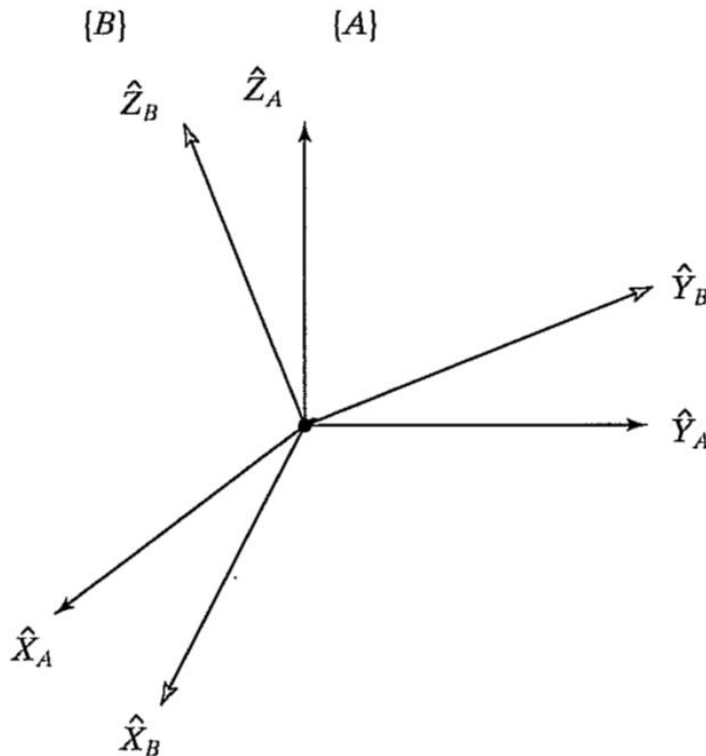
$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{A}X_B & \widehat{A}Y_B & \widehat{A}Z_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation matrix : {B} relative to { A}

Rotation matrix : {B} with respect to (w.r.t) A}

We can give expressions for the scalars r_{ij} in (2.2) by noting that the components of any vector are simply the projections of that vector on to the unit directions of its reference frame. Hence, each component of ${}^A_B R$ in (2.2) can be written as the dot product of a pair of unit vectors :

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{A}X_B & \widehat{A}Y_B & \widehat{A}Z_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A & \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A & \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{X}_A \\ \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A & \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A & \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{Y}_A \\ \hat{X}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A & \hat{Y}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A & \hat{Z}_B \cdot \hat{Z}_A \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.3)$$



Note: dot product for vector

Find ${}^B_A R$ given ${}^A_B R$?

$${}^A_B R = [{}^A \hat{X}_B \quad {}^A \hat{Y}_B \quad {}^A \hat{Z}_B] = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B \hat{X}_A^T \\ {}^B \hat{Y}_A^T \\ {}^B \hat{Z}_A^T \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2.4)$$

Hence, ${}^B_A R$, the description of frame $\{A\}$ relative to $\{B\}$, is given by the transpose of ${}^A_B R$; that is,

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

This suggests that the inverse of a rotation matrix is equal to its transpose:

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

$${}^A_B R^T {}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \hat{X}_B^T \\ {}^A \hat{Y}_B^T \\ {}^A \hat{Z}_B^T \end{bmatrix} [{}^A \hat{X}_B \quad {}^A \hat{Y}_B \quad {}^A \hat{Z}_B] = I_3,$$

EXAMPLE 2.1

Figure 2.6 shows a frame {B} that is rotated relative to frame {A} about \hat{z} by $\theta = 30$ degrees. Here, \hat{z} is pointing out of the page. Find the rotation matrix {B} w.r.t {A}

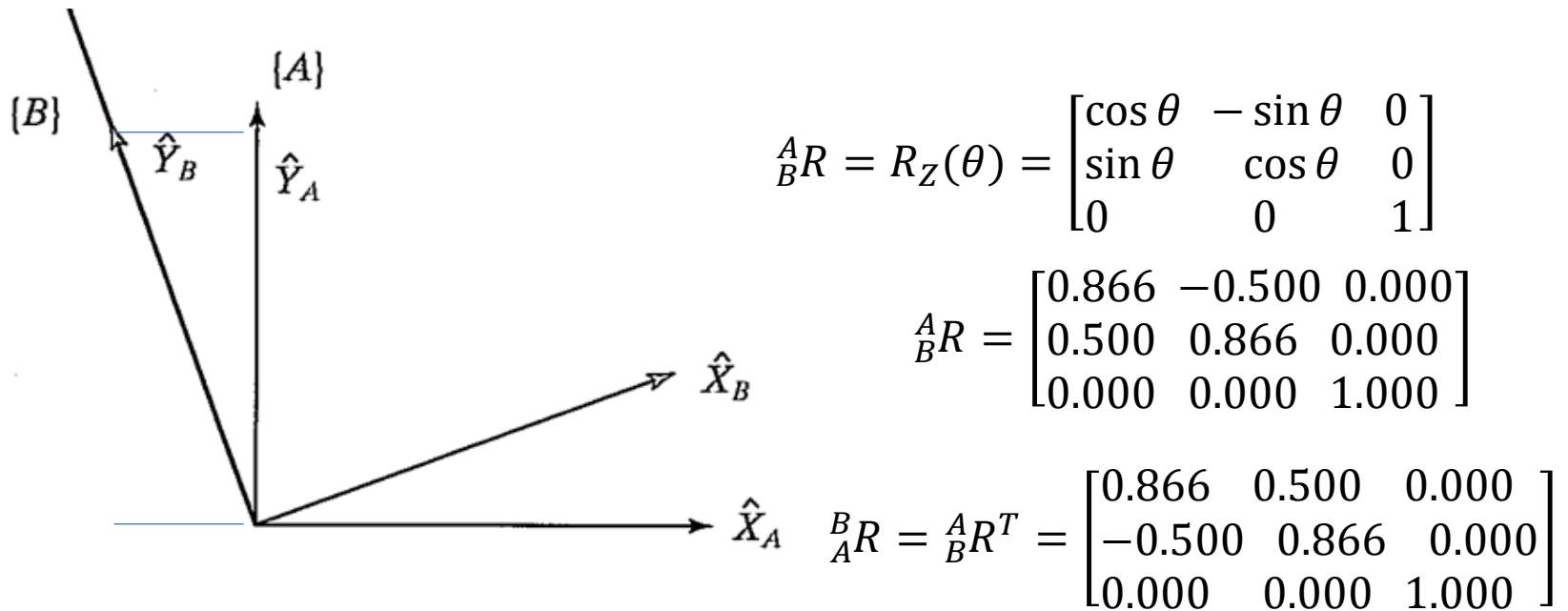


FIGURE 2.6: {B} rotated 30 degrees about \hat{z} .

APPENDIX A

Formulas for rotation about the principle axes by :

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

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

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

Mappings involving general frames

Very often, we know the description of a vector with respect to some frame $\{B\}$, and we would like to know its description with respect to another frame, $\{A\}$.

We now consider the general case of mapping. Here, the origin of frame $\{B\}$ is not coincident with that of frame $\{A\}$ but has a general vector offset. The vector that locates $\{B\}$'s origin is called ${}^A P_{BORG}$. Also $\{B\}$ is rotated with respect to $\{A\}$, as described by ${}^A R_B$.

Given ${}^B P$, we wish to compute ${}^A P$, as in Fig. 2.7.

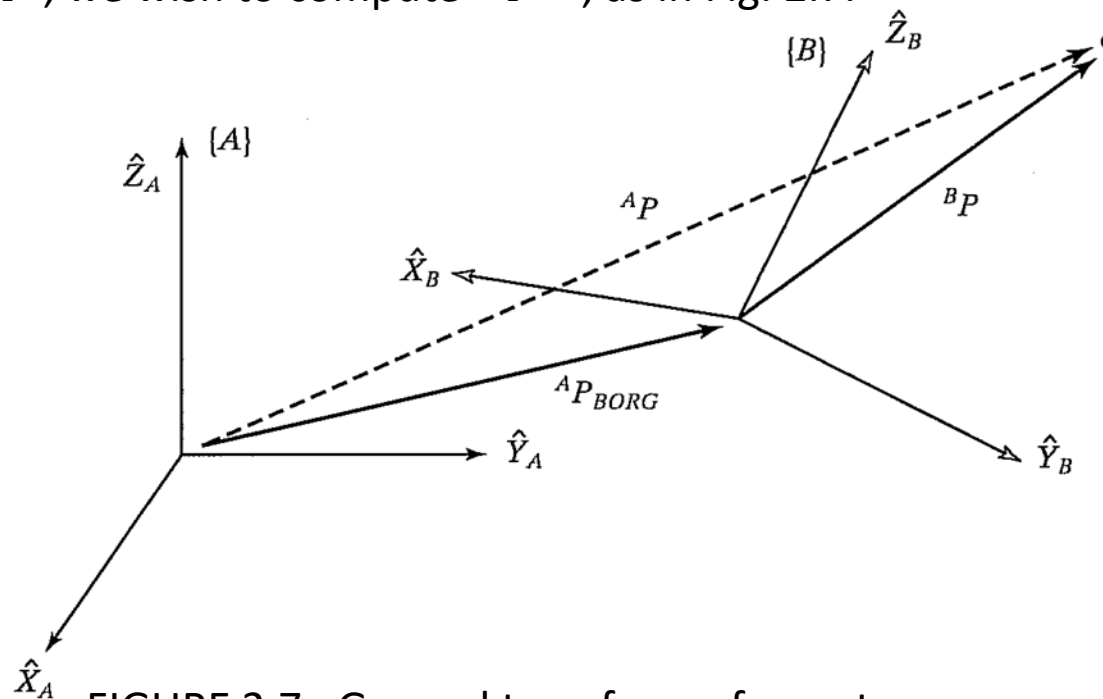
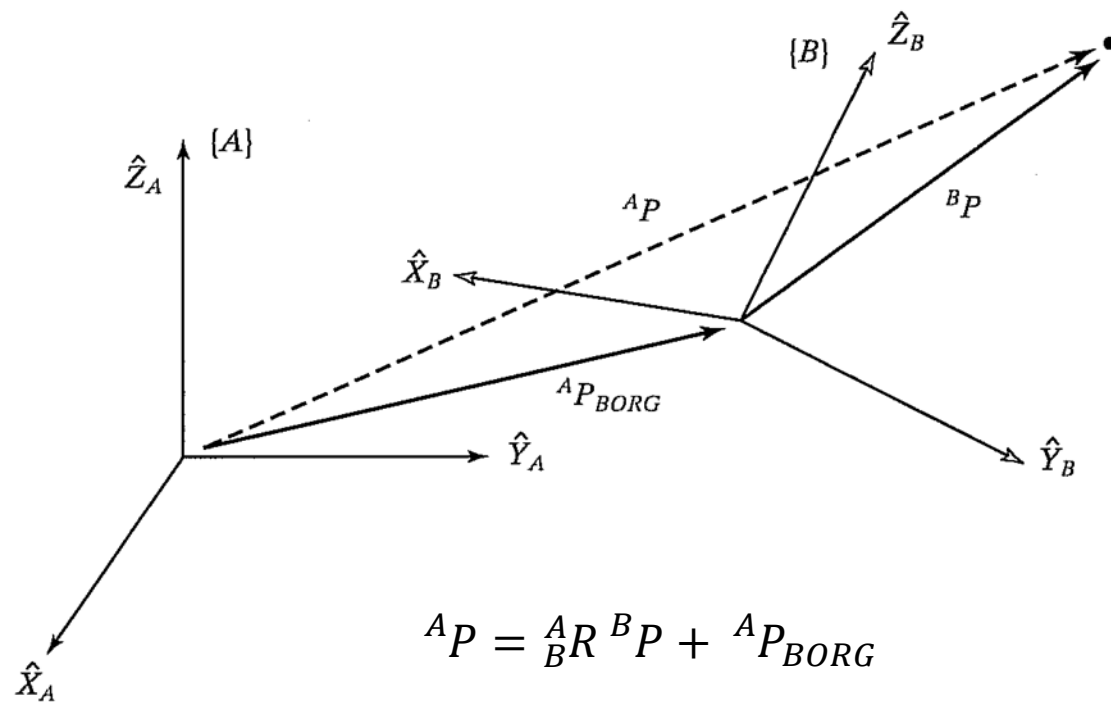


FIGURE 2.7 : General transform of a vector .



Homogeneous transform

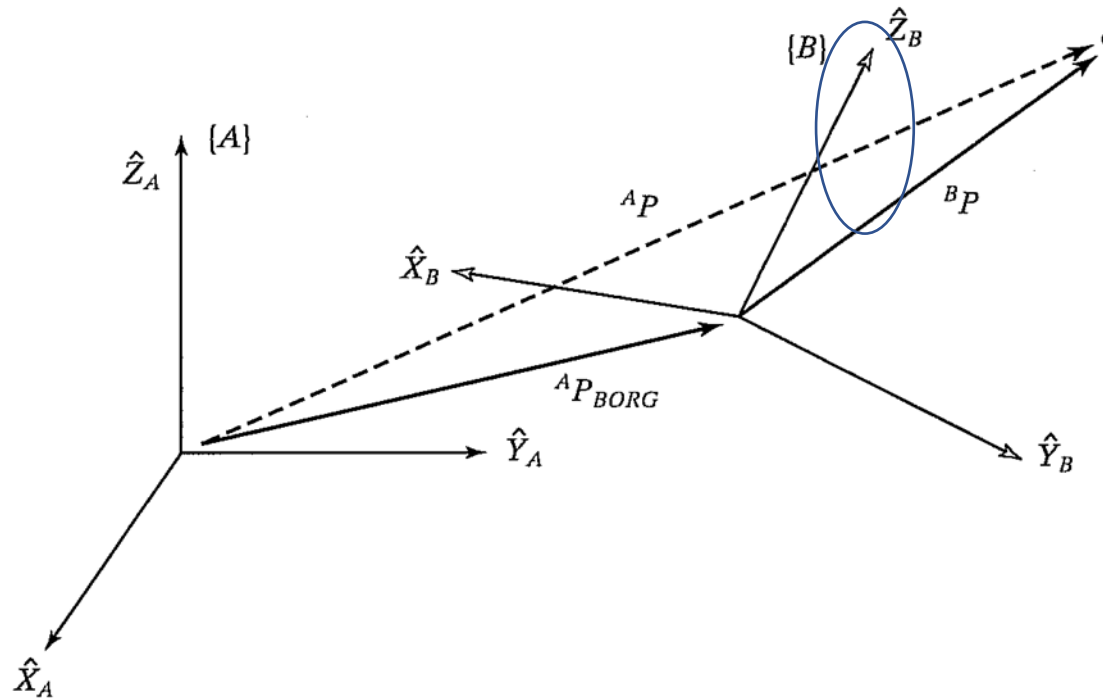
$${}^A P = {}^A_B T {}^B P$$

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

EXAMPLE 2.2

Figure shows a frame {B}, which is rotated relative to frame {A} about \hat{Z} by 30 degree, and translated 10 units in \hat{X}_A , and translated 5 units in \hat{Y}_A . Find ${}^A P$, where ${}^B P = [3.0 \ 7.0 \ 0.0]^T$.

$${}^A_B R = R_Z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & -0.500 & 0.000 \\ 0.500 & 0.866 & 0.000 \\ 0.000 & 0.000 & 1.000 \end{bmatrix}$$



EXAMPLE 2.5

Figure 2.13 shows a frame {B} that is rotated relative to frame {A} about Z by 30 degrees and translated four units in \hat{X}_A and three units in \hat{Y}_A . Thus, we have a description of ${}^A_B T$. Find ${}^B_A T$?

$${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & -0.5 & 0 & 4 \\ 0.5 & 0.866 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.68)$$

Using (2.42) and (2.44), we can write the form of ${}^B_A T$ as

$${}^B_A T = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} {}^A_B R^T & -{}^A_B R^T P_{BORG} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

Note that, with our notation,

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

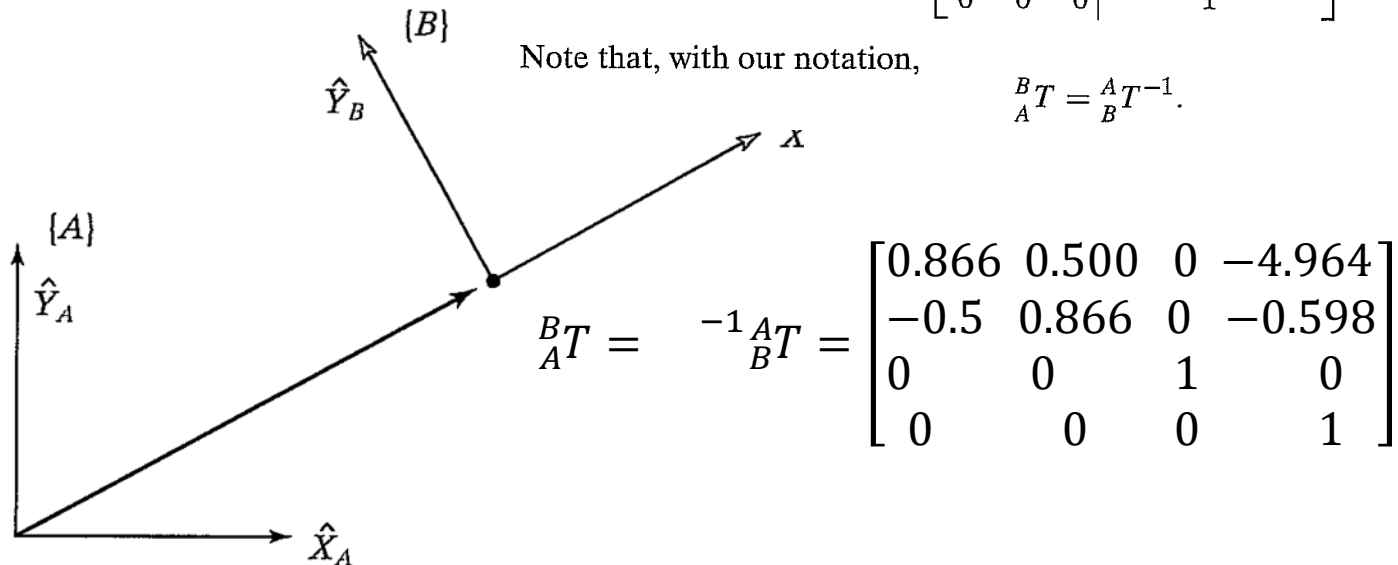


FIGURE 2.13 : {B} relative to {A}.

2.6 Compound transformations

we have ${}^C P$ and wish to find ${}^A P$.

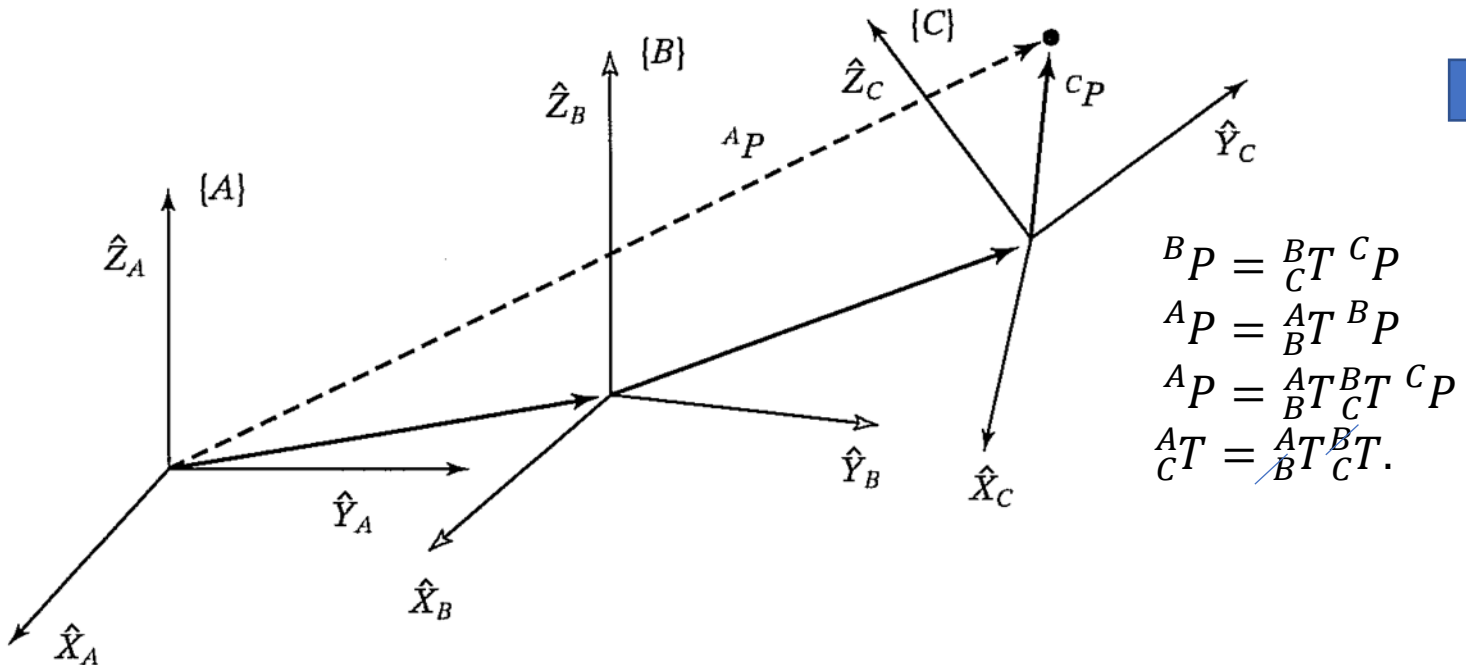
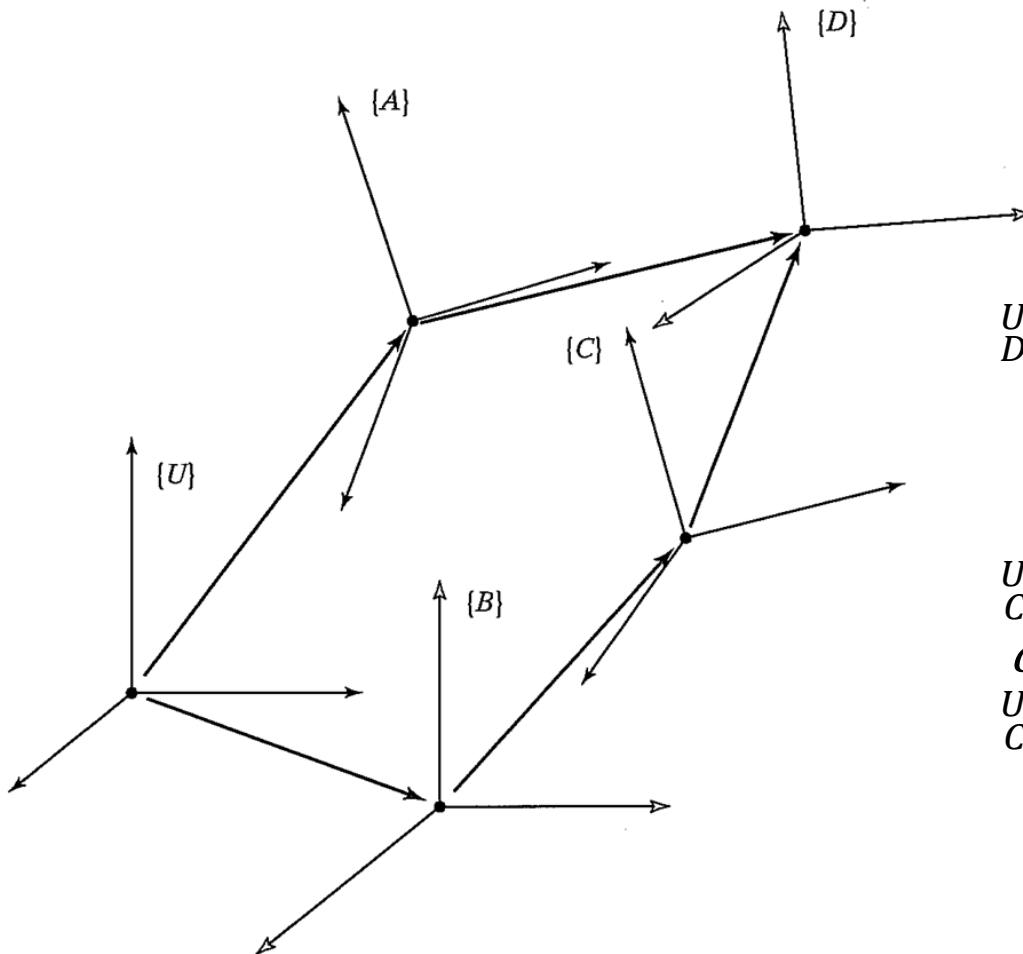


FIGURE 2.12 : Compound frames: Each is known relative to previous one .

2.7 TRANSFORM EQUATIONS



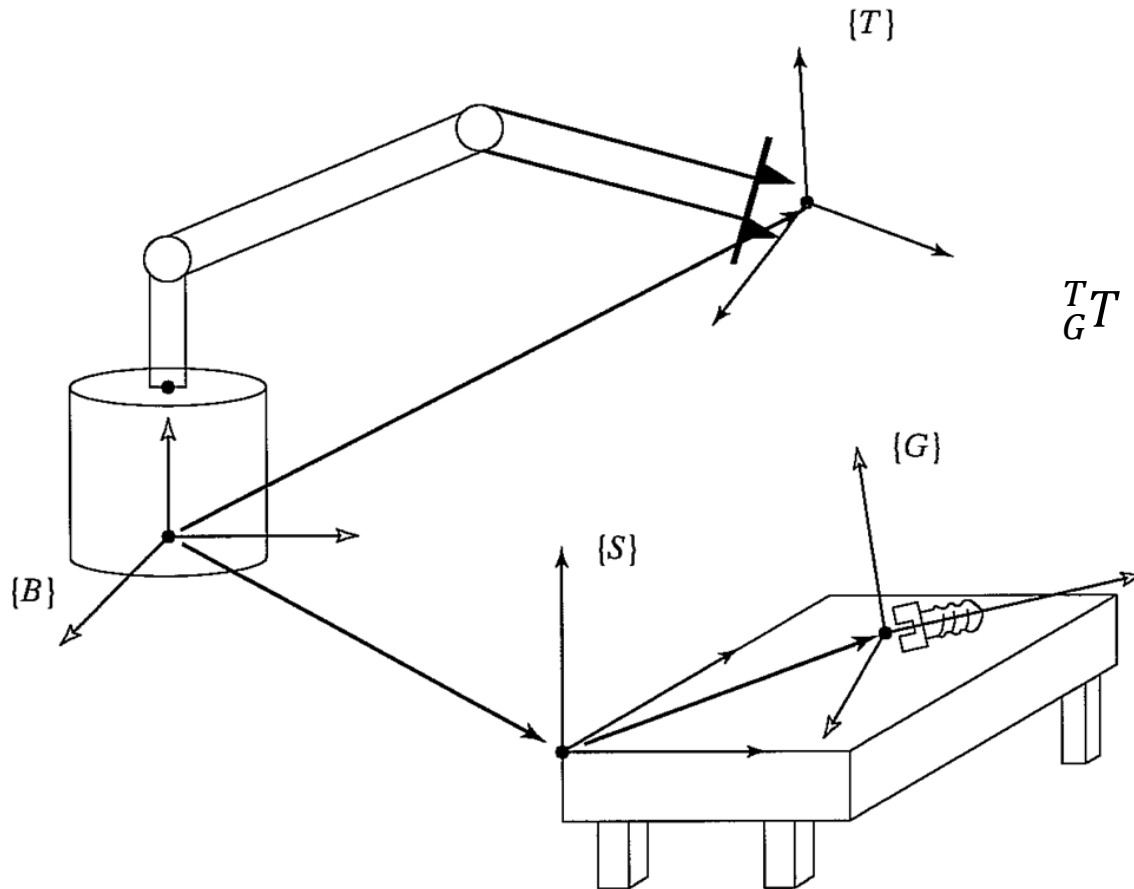
$${}^U_D T = {}^U_A T {}^A_D T, \text{ or } = {}^U_B T {}^B_C T {}^C_D T.$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^U_C T &= {}^U_A T {}^A_D T {}^D_C T = {}^U_A T {}^A_D T {}^C_D T^{-1} \\ \text{or} \\ {}^U_C T &= {}^U_B T {}^B_C T. \end{aligned}$$



FIGURE 2.14: Set of transforms forming a loop .

2.7 TRANSFORM EQUATIONS



$${}^T_G T = {}^T_B T {}^B_S T {}^S_G T = {}^B_T T^{-1} {}^B_S T {}^S_G T.$$

FIGURE 2.16 : Manipulator reaching for a bolt .

2.8 MORE ON REPRESENTATION OF ORIENTATION

Rotation matrix determinant is +1

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

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{X}| &= 1, \\ |\hat{Y}| &= 1, \\ |\hat{Z}| &= 1, \\ \hat{X} \cdot \hat{Y} &= 0, \\ \hat{X} \cdot \hat{Z} &= 0, \\ \hat{Y} \cdot \hat{Z} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Clearly, the nine elements of a rotation matrix are not all independent .
- In fact, given a rotation matrix, R , it is easy to write down the six dependencies between the elements.
- Therefore, rotation matrix can be specified by just three parameters.

2.8 MORE ON REPRESENTATION OF ORIENTATION

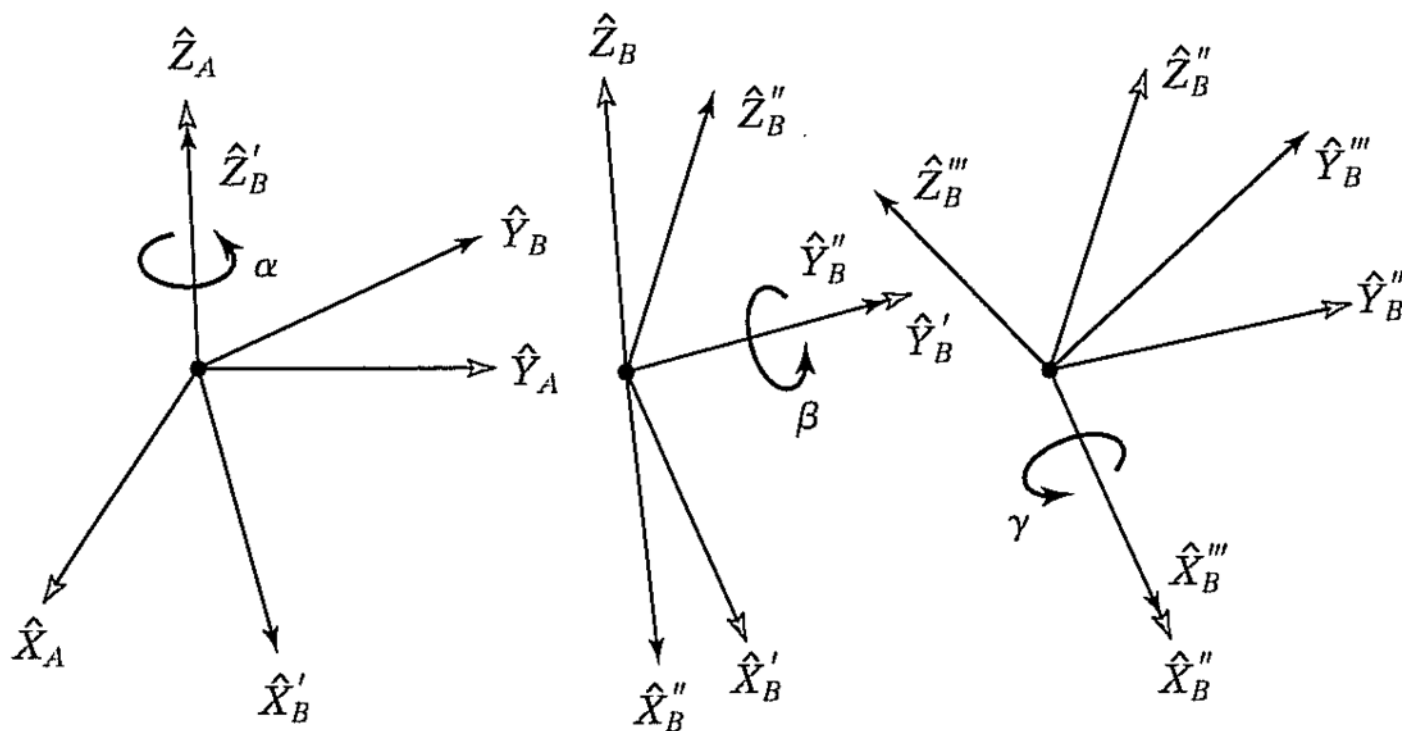
- ❑ Rotation matrices are useful as operators (computer). Their matrix form is such that, when multiplied by a vector, they perform the rotation operation.
- ❑ Human operator at a computer terminal who wishes to type in the specification of the desired orientation of a robot's hand would have a hard time inputting a nine-element matrix with orthonormal columns. A representation that requires only three numbers would be simpler.

Z-Y-X Euler angles (current angles)

Another possible description of a frame {B} is as follows:

Start with the frame coincident with a known frame {A}. Rotate {B} first about \hat{Z}_B by an angle α , then about \hat{Y}_B by an angle β , and, finally, about \hat{X}_B by an angle γ .

In this representation, each rotation is performed about an axis of the moving system {B} rather than one of the fixed reference {A}. Such sets of three rotations





$${}^A_B\mathbf{R}_{Z\dot{Y}\dot{X}}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = R_Z(\alpha)R_Y(\beta)R_X(\gamma)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha & -s\alpha & 0 \\ s\alpha & c\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\beta & 0 & s\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\beta & 0 & c\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\gamma & -s\gamma \\ 0 & s\gamma & c\gamma \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Z-Y-X Euler angles}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & c\alpha s\beta s\gamma & -s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta c\gamma & +s\alpha s\gamma \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\alpha s\beta s\gamma & -c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta c\gamma & +c\alpha s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & & c\beta c\gamma & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & c\alpha s\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\alpha s\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta c\gamma - c\alpha s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & c\beta c\gamma \end{bmatrix}.$$

given

$${}^A_B\mathbf{R}_{\hat{Z}\hat{Y}\hat{X}}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = R_Z(\alpha)R_Y(\beta)R_X(\gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta & c\alpha s\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma \\ s\alpha c\beta & s\alpha s\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta c\gamma - c\alpha s\gamma \\ -s\beta & c\beta s\gamma & c\beta c\gamma \end{bmatrix}.$$

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

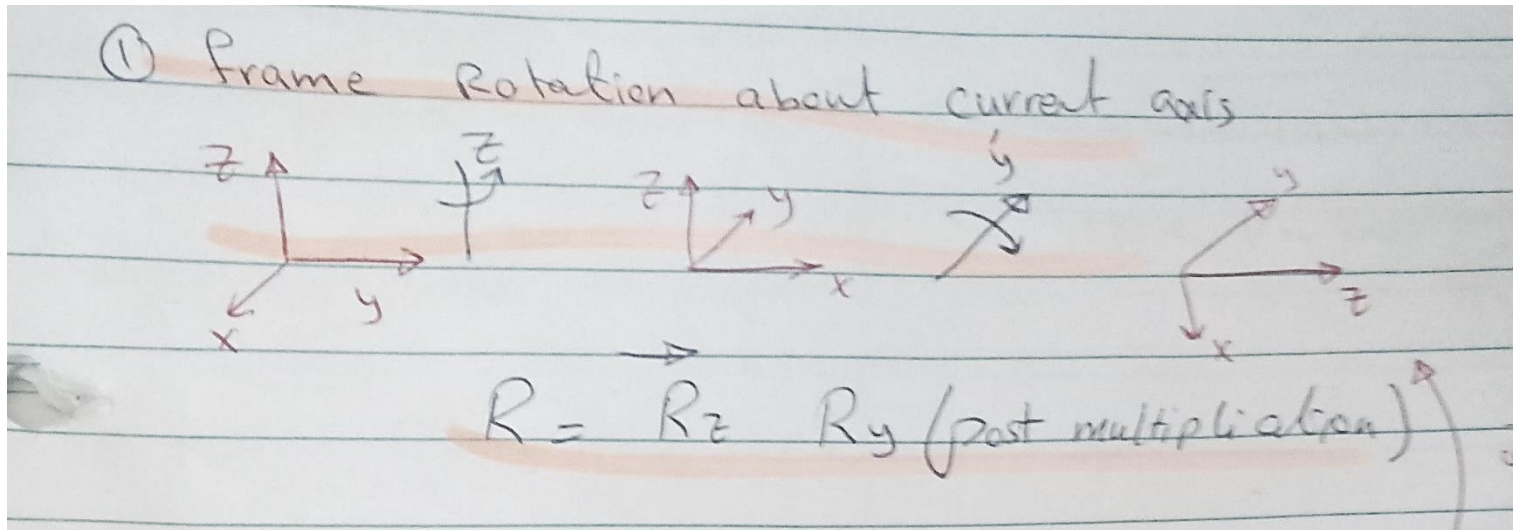
Find

$$\beta = \text{Atan2}(-r_{31}, \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2}),$$

$$\alpha = \text{Atan2}(r_{21}/c\beta, r_{11}/c\beta),$$

$$\gamma = \text{Atan2}(r_{32}/c\beta, r_{33}/c\beta),$$

EXAMPLE



EXAMPLE 2.7

Consider two rotations , one about \hat{Z} by 30 degrees and one about \hat{X} by 30 degrees:

$$R_Z(30) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & -0.500 & 0.000 \\ 0.500 & 0.866 & 0.000 \\ 0.000 & 0.000 & 1.000 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.60)$$

$$R_X(30) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 0.000 & 0.866 & -0.500 \\ 0.000 & 0.500 & 0.866 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.61)$$

$$R_Z(30)R_X(30) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.87 & -0.43 & 0.25 \\ 0.50 & 0.75 & -0.43 \\ 0.00 & 0.50 & 0.87 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\neq R_X(30)R_Z(30) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.87 & -0.50 & 0.00 \\ 0.43 & 0.75 & -0.50 \\ 0.25 & 0.43 & 0.87 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.62)$$

Z-Y-Z Euler angles

Another possible description of a frame {B} is :

Start with the frame coincident with a known frame {A}. rotate {B} first about \hat{Z}_B by an angle α , then about \hat{Y}_B by an angle β , and, finally, about \hat{Z}_B by an angle γ .

$${}^A_B R_{ZYZ}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta c\gamma - s\alpha s\gamma & -c\alpha c\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta \\ s\alpha c\beta c\gamma + c\alpha s\gamma & -s\alpha c\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta \\ -s\beta c\gamma & s\beta s\gamma & c\beta \end{bmatrix}.$$

$${}^A_B R_{ZYZ}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= A \tan 2 (\sqrt{r_{31}^2 + r_{32}^2}, r_{33}), \\ \alpha &= A \tan 2 (r_{23}/s\beta, r_{13}/s\beta), \\ \gamma &= A \tan 2 (r_{32}/s\beta, -r_{31}/s\beta). \end{aligned}$$

Given:

$${}^A R_{ZYZ}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} c\alpha c\beta c\gamma - s\alpha s\gamma & -c\alpha c\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma & c\alpha s\beta \\ s\alpha c\beta c\gamma + c\alpha s\gamma & -s\alpha c\beta s\gamma + c\alpha c\gamma & s\alpha s\beta \\ -s\beta c\gamma & s\beta s\gamma & c\beta \end{bmatrix}.$$

$${}^A R_{ZYZ}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find α, β, γ

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= A \tan 2 \left(\sqrt{r_{31}^2 + r_{32}^2}, r_{33} \right), \\ \alpha &= A \tan 2 \left(r_{23}/s\beta, r_{13}/s\beta \right), \\ \gamma &= A \tan 2 \left(r_{32}/s\beta, -r_{31}/s\beta \right). \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

APPENDIX B

The 12 angle-set conventions

The 12 Euler angle sets

- 2.27 [15] Referring to Fig. 2.25, give the value of ${}^A_B T$
- 2.28 [15] Referring to Fig. 2.25, give the value of ${}^A_C T$
- 2.29 [15] Referring to Fig. 2.25, give the value of ${}^B_C T$

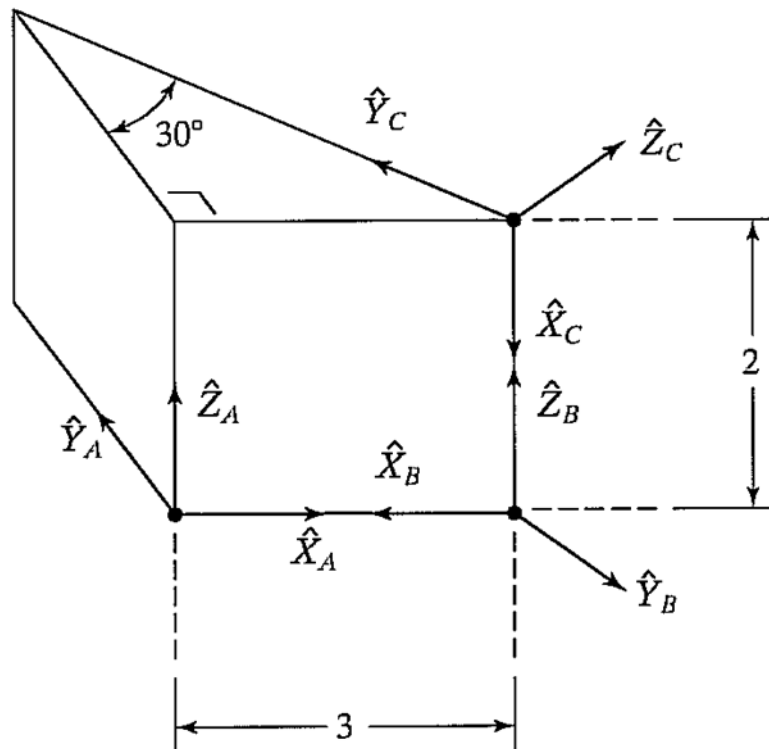
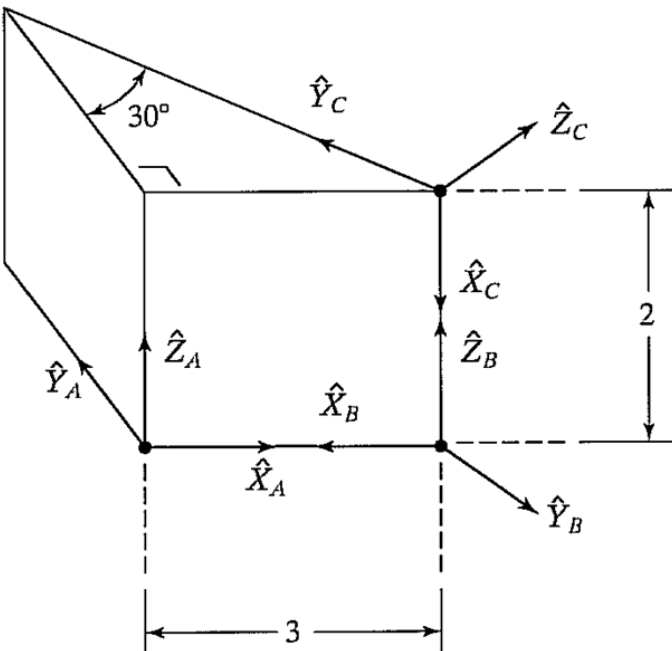


FIGURE 2.25: Frames at the corners of a wedge.

2.27 Fig. 2.25, give the value of ${}^A_B T$



2.27:

${}^A_B T = ?$

${}^A_B T = [{}^A_B R \quad P_{B/A}]$

$R_z(180) R_x(0) R_y(0) = R_z(180)$

Euler: $R_{zxy}(180, 0, 0)$

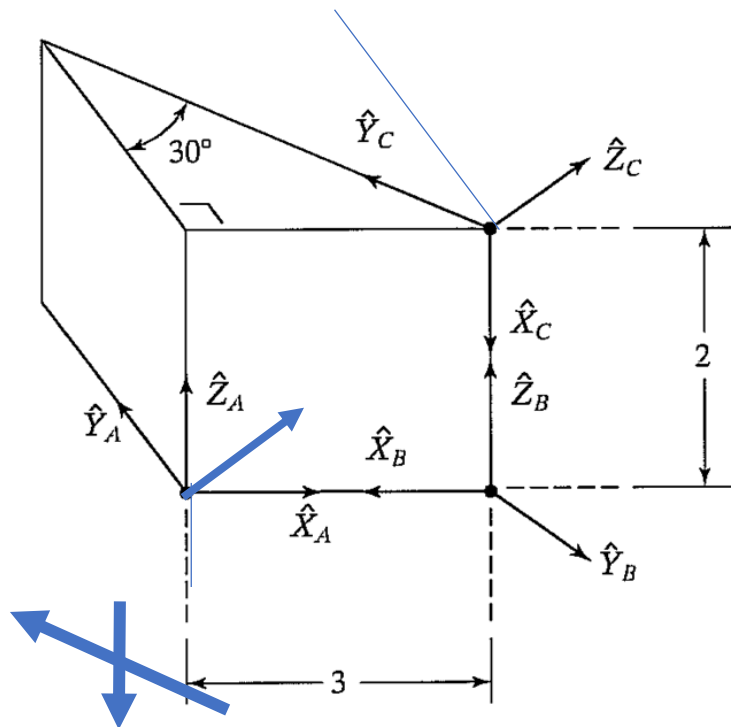
Fixed: $R_{yxz}(0, 0, 180)$

${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{OR} \quad R_z(180) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(180) & -\sin(180) & 0 \\ \sin(180) & \cos(180) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$R_z(180) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

2.28 Fig. 2.25, give the value of ${}^A_C T$



Ryzx (fixed) = Rx(0) Rz(30) Ry(90)

Rxzy (Euler) = Rx(0) Rz(30) Ry(90)

Other solutions??

Euler: Ry(90) Rx(-30)

2.28 ${}^A_C T$

$${}^A_C R = \begin{bmatrix} A_x & A_y & A_z \\ 0 & -C(60) & S(60) \\ 0 & S(60) & C(60) \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -C(60) & S(60) \\ 0 & S(60) & C(60) \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

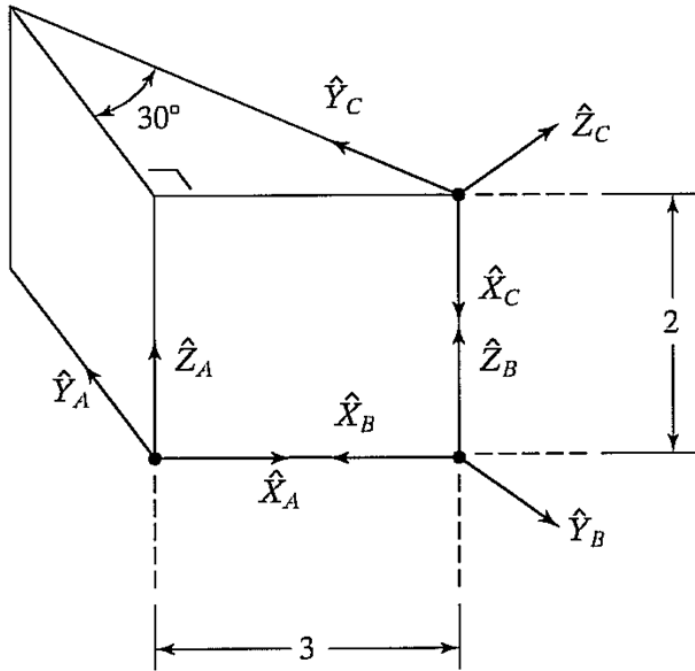
OR ${}^A_C R = R_z(30) R_y(90) = R_{zy}(30, 90)$

$${}^A_C R = \begin{bmatrix} C30 & -S30 & 0 \\ S30 & C30 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C90 & 0 & S90 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -S90 & 0 & C90 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} S60 & -C60 & 0 \\ C60 & S60 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -C(60) & S(60) \\ 0 & S(60) & C(60) \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A_C T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -C60 & S60 & 3 \\ 0 & S60 & C60 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.29 give the value of B_cT



Other solutions??

2.29 ${}^B_cT = {}^B_{AT} {}^A_cT = {}^A_{BT} {}^A_cT$

${}^B_{AT} = {}^A_{BT} = \begin{bmatrix} A^T & B \\ P & P_{Orig} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

${}^A_{BT} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

${}^B_cT = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\cos 60 & \sin 60 & 3 \\ 0 & \sin 60 & \cos 60 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

${}^B_cT = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cos 60 & -\sin 60 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin 60 & \cos 60 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$