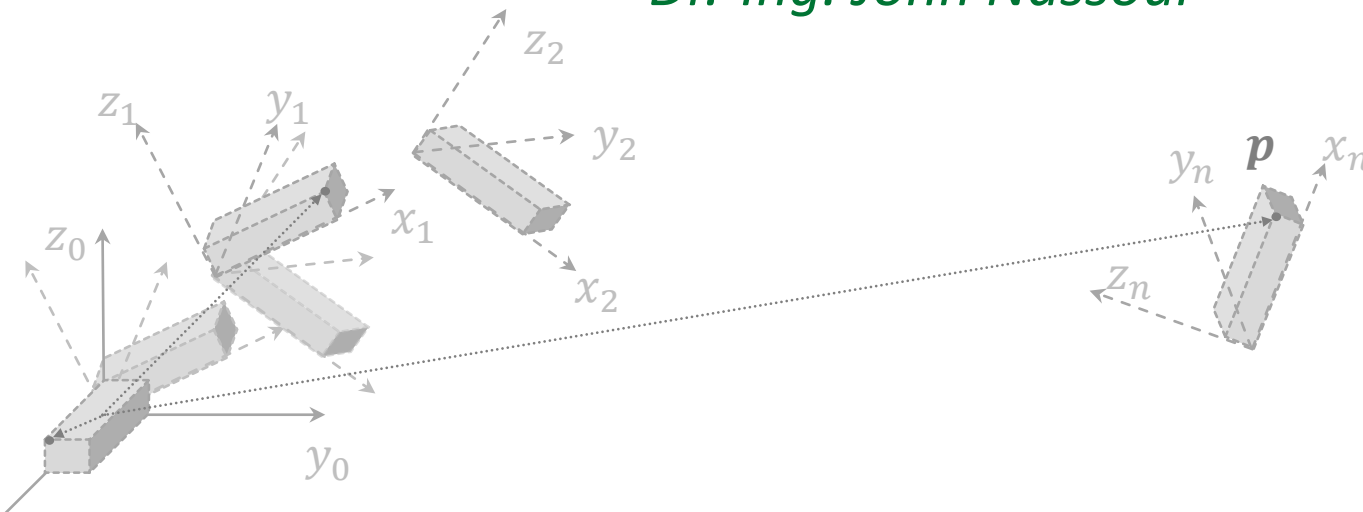




# Transformation Matrices

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# Suggested literature

- Robot Modeling and Control
- Robotics: Modelling, Planning and Control

# Motivation

A large part of robot kinematics is concerned with the establishment of various coordinate systems to represent the positions and orientations of rigid objects, and with transformations among these coordinate systems.

Indeed, the **geometry of three-dimensional space and of rigid motions** plays a central role in all aspects of robotic manipulation.

**A rigid motion** is the action of taking an object and moving it to a different location without altering its shape or size

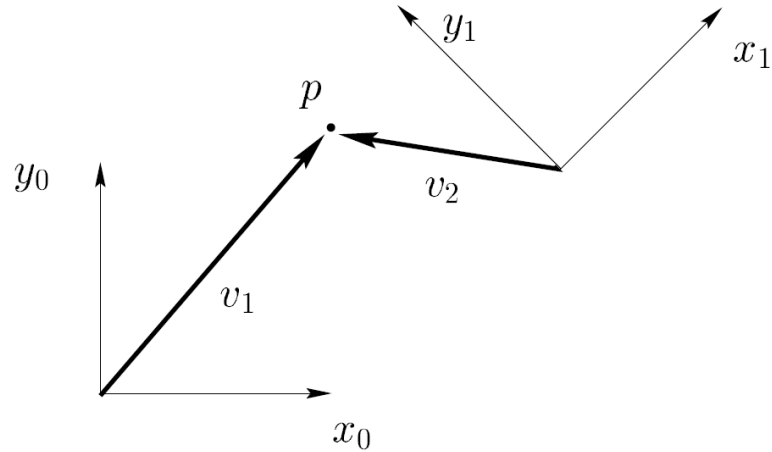
# Transformation

The operations of **ROTATION** and **TRANSLATION**.

Introduce the notion of **HOMOGENEOUS TRANSFORMATIONS** (combining the operations of rotation and translation into a single matrix multiplication).

# Representing Positions

The coordinate vectors that represent the location of the point  $p$  in space with respect to coordinate frames  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0$  and  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1$ , respectively are:

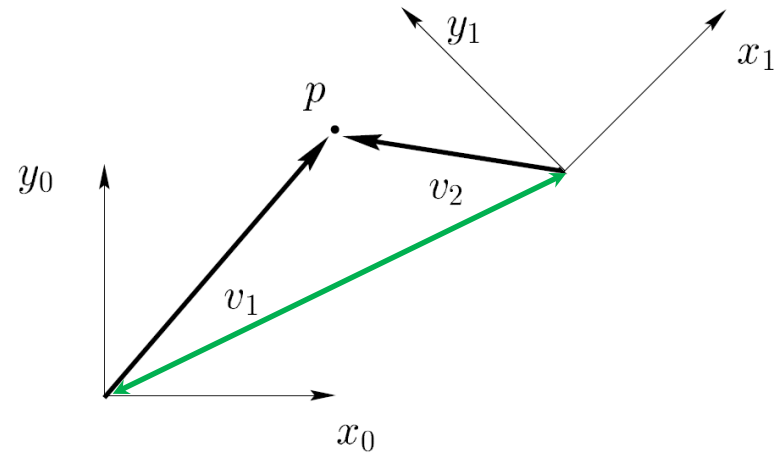


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Lets assign coordinates that represent the position of the origin of one coordinate system (frame) with respect to another.

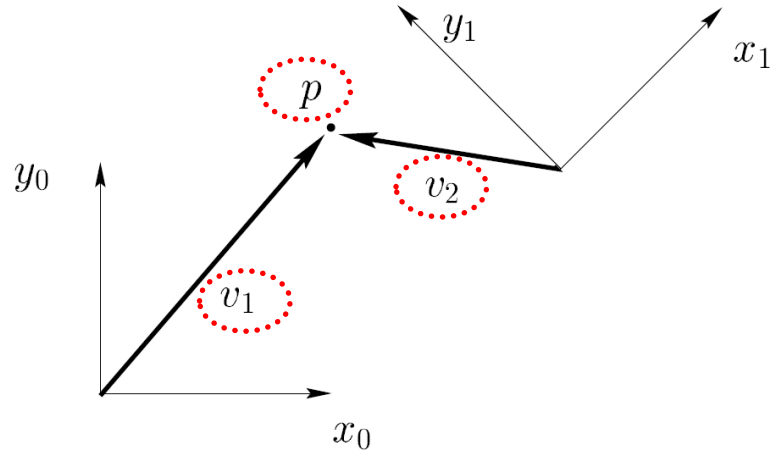


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What is the difference between the geometric entity called  $p$  and any particular coordinate vector  $v$  that is assigned to represent  $p$ ?



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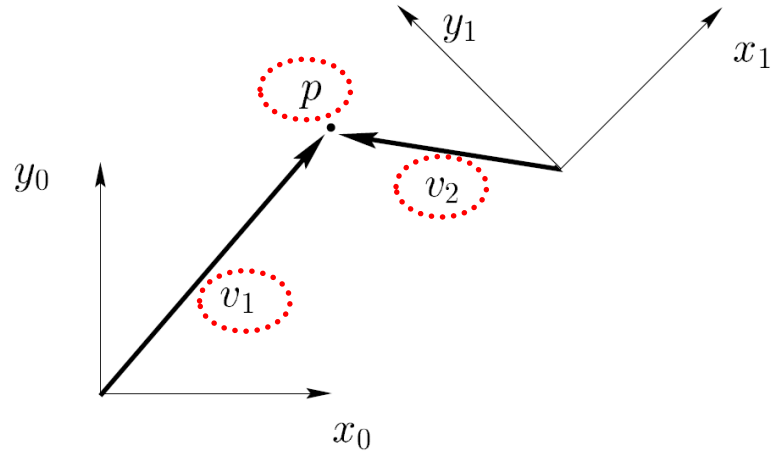
$p$  is independent of the choice of coordinate systems.  
 $v$  depends on the choice of coordinate frames.

# Representing Positions

A **point** corresponds to a specific location in space.

A **vector** specifies a direction and a magnitude (e.g. displacements or forces).

The point  $p$  is **not equivalent** to the vector  $v_1$ , the displacement from the origin  $o_0$  to the point  $p$  is given by the vector  $v_1$ .



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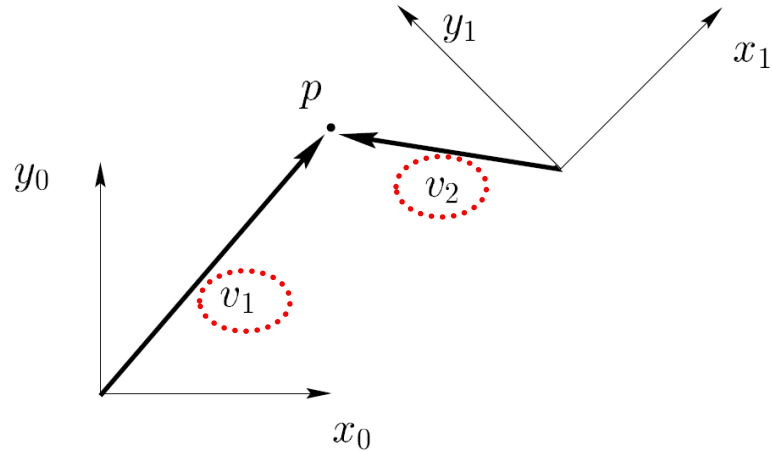
We will use the term **vector** to refer to what are sometimes called **free vectors**, i.e., **vectors that are not constrained to be located at a particular point in space.**



# Representing Positions

When **assigning coordinates to vectors**, we use the same notational convention that we used when assigning coordinates to points.

Thus,  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are geometric entities that are invariant with respect to the choice of coordinate systems, but the representation by coordinates of these vectors depends directly on the choice of reference coordinate frame.



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In order to perform **algebraic manipulations** using coordinates, it is essential that all coordinate vectors **be defined with respect to the same coordinate frame**.

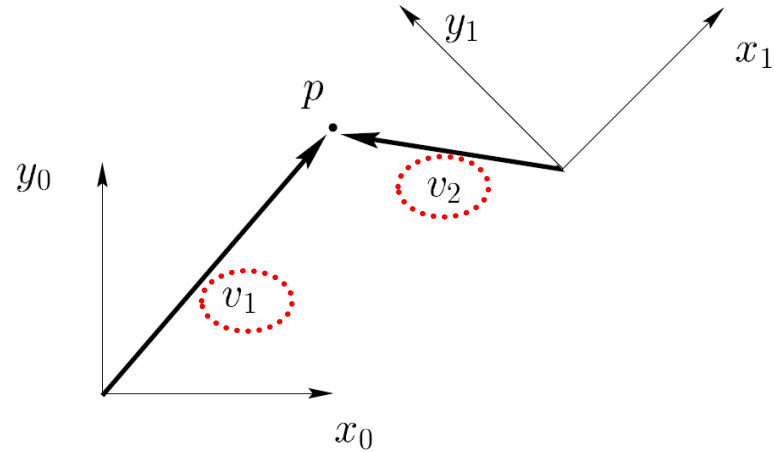
In the case of free vectors, it is enough that they be defined with respect to **parallel** coordinate frames.

# Coordinate Convention

An expression of the form:

$$v_1^0 + v_2^1$$

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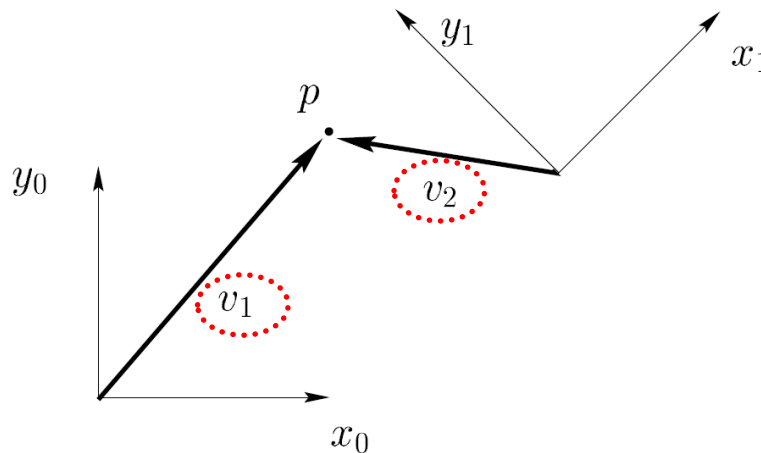
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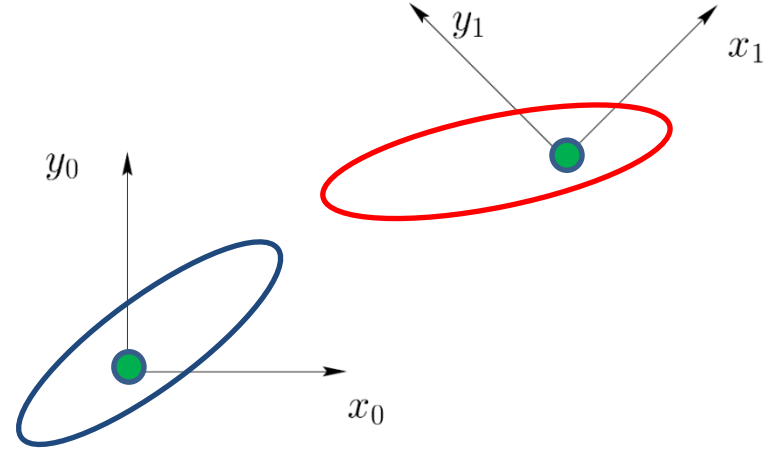


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Thus, we see a clear need, not only for a representation system that allows points to be expressed with respect to various coordinate systems, but also for a **mechanism that allows us to transform the coordinates of points** that are expressed in one coordinate system into the appropriate coordinates with respect to some other coordinate frame.

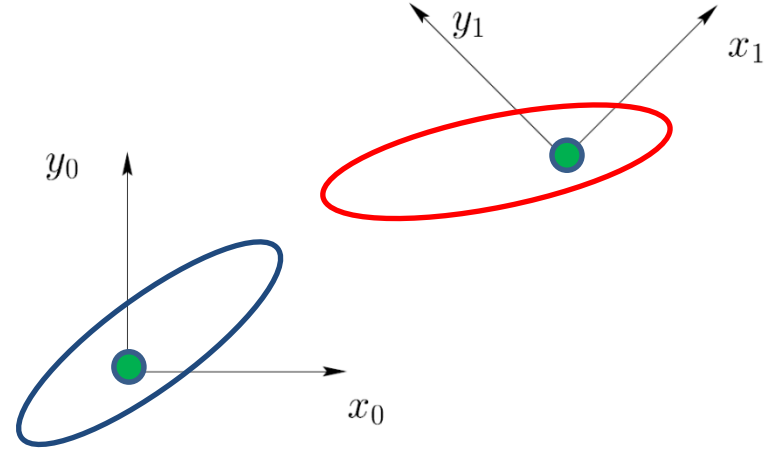
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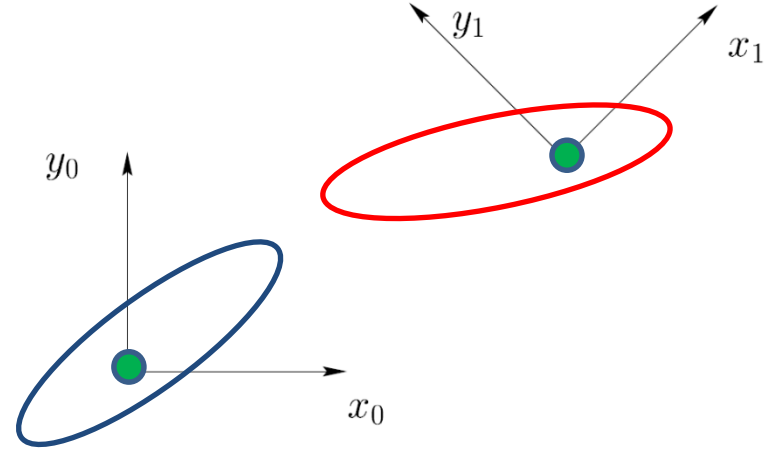
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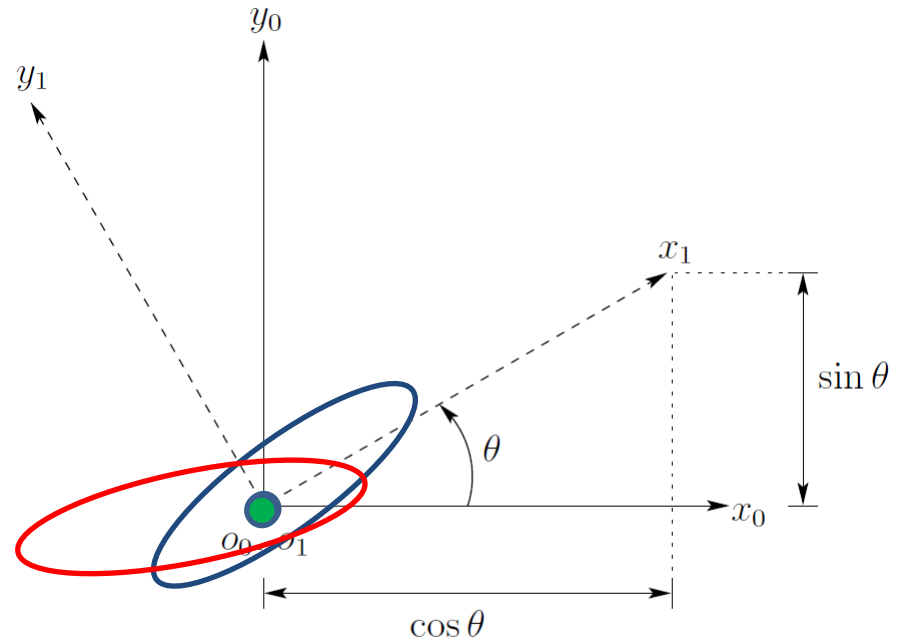
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How to describe the **orientation** of one coordinate frame relative to another frame?

# Rotation In The Plane



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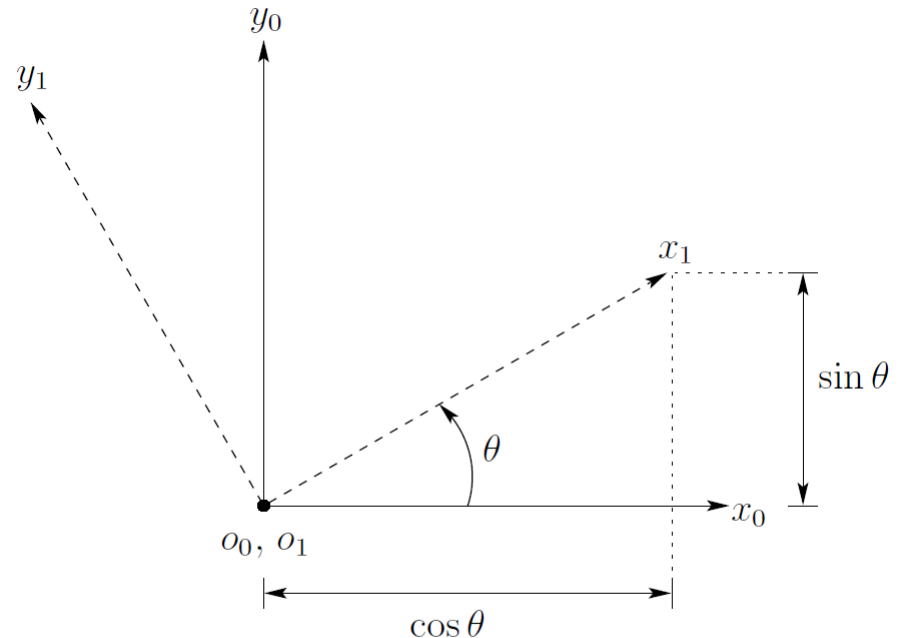
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Fram  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1$  is obtained by rotating frame  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0$  by an angle  $\theta$ .

The coordinate vectors for the axes of frame  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1$  with respect to coordinate frame  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0$  are described by a rotation matrix:

$$R_1^0 = [x_1^0 | y_1^0]$$

where  $x_1^0$  and  $y_1^0$  are the coordinates in frame  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0$  of unit vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{y}_1$ , respectively.



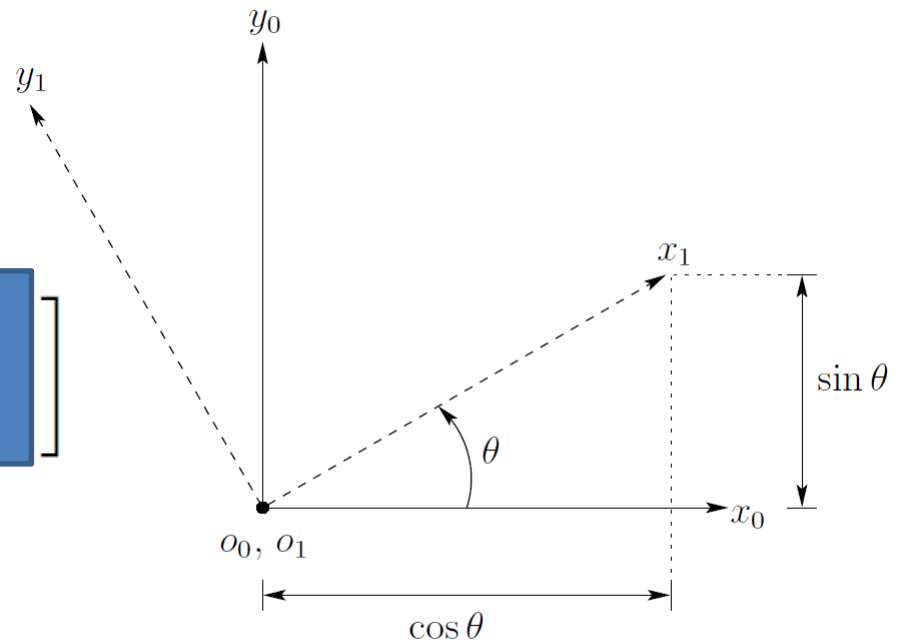
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Coordinate frame  $o_1 x_1 y_1$  is oriented at an angle  $\theta$  with respect to  $o_0 x_0 y_0$ .

$R_1^0$  is a matrix whose column vectors are the coordinates of the (unit vectors along the) axes of frame  $o_1 x_1 y_1$  expressed relative to frame  $o_0 x_0 y_0$ .

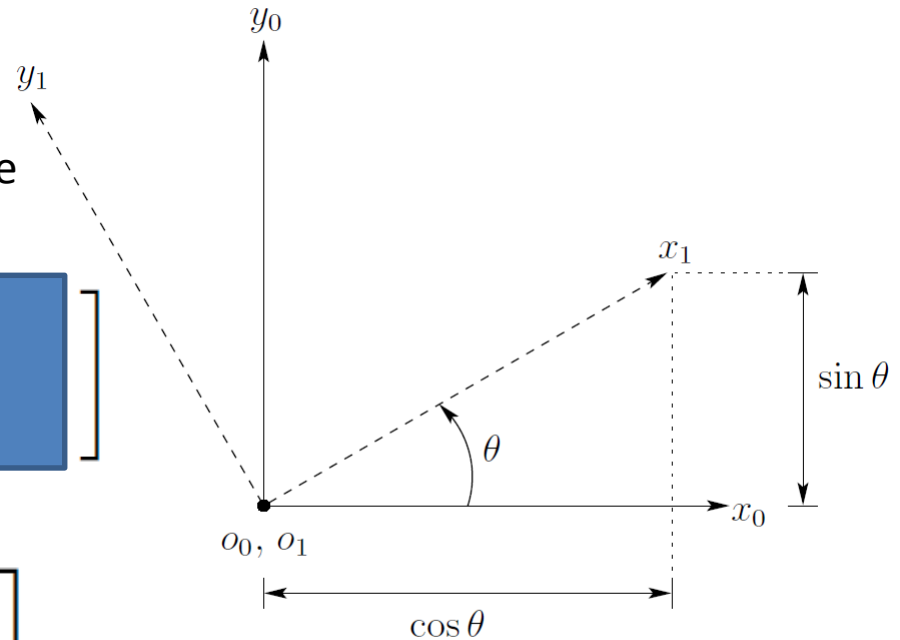
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**$R_1^0$**  describes the orientation of frame  **$o_1 x_1 y_1$**  with respect to the frame  **$o_0 x_0 y_0$** .

$$\mathbf{R}_0^1 = ?$$

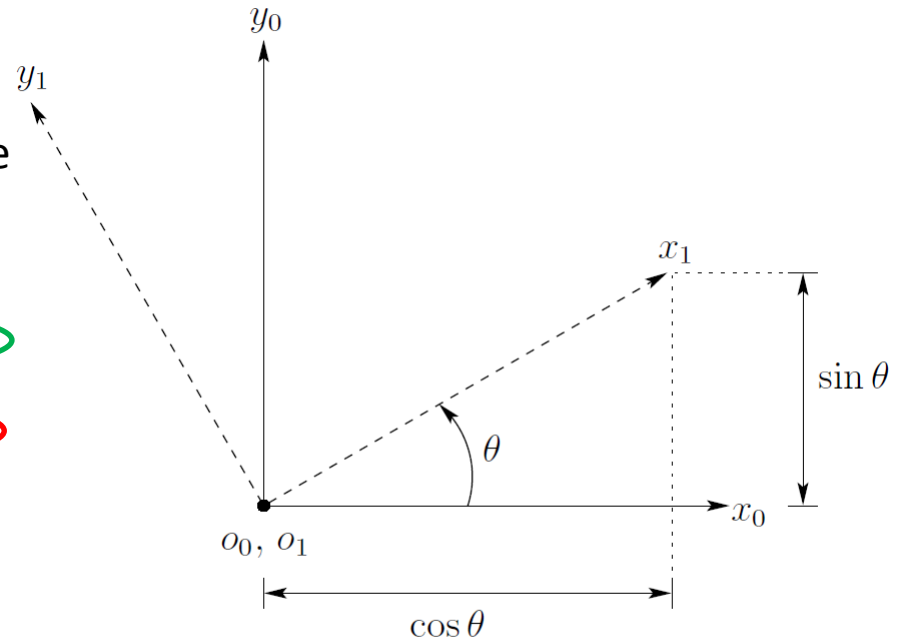
# Rotation In The Plane

The orientation of frame  $o_0 x_0 y_0$  with respect to the frame  $o_1 x_1 y_1$ .

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$$R_0^1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \cdot x_1 & y_0 \cdot x_1 \\ x_0 \cdot y_1 & y_0 \cdot y_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Coordinate frame  $o_1 x_1 y_1$  is oriented at an angle  $\theta$  with respect to  $o_0 x_0 y_0$ .

Since the inner product is commutative

$$x_i \cdot y_j = y_j \cdot x_i$$



$$R_0^1 = (R_1^0)^T$$

*The transpose*

# Rotations In Three Dimensions

Each axis of the frame  $\mathbf{o}_1\mathbf{x}_1\mathbf{y}_1\mathbf{z}_1$  is projected onto coordinate frame  $\mathbf{o}_0\mathbf{x}_0\mathbf{y}_0\mathbf{z}_0$ .

The resulting rotation matrix is given by:

$$R_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \cdot x_0 & y_1 \cdot x_0 & z_1 \cdot x_0 \\ x_1 \cdot y_0 & y_1 \cdot y_0 & z_1 \cdot y_0 \\ x_1 \cdot z_0 & y_1 \cdot z_0 & z_1 \cdot z_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Rotation About $z_0$ By An Angle $\theta$

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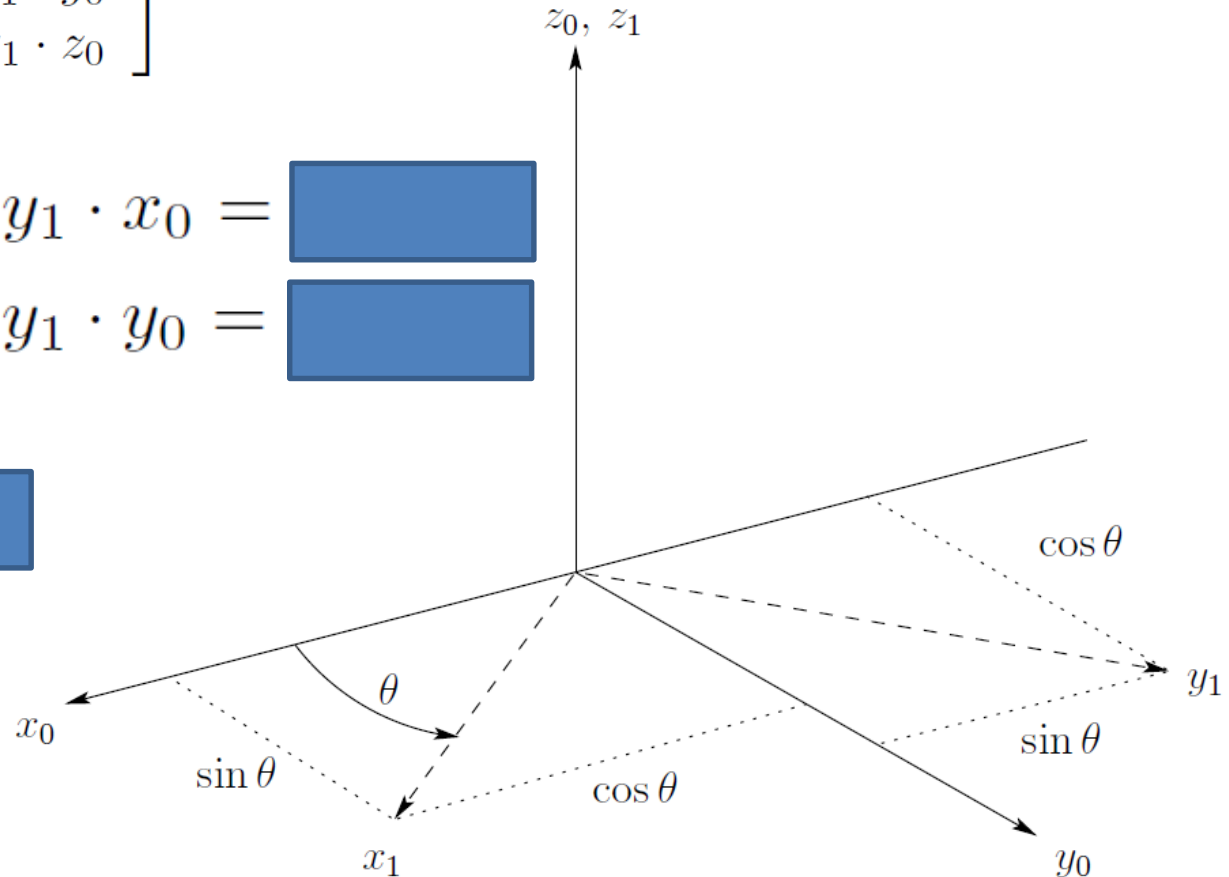
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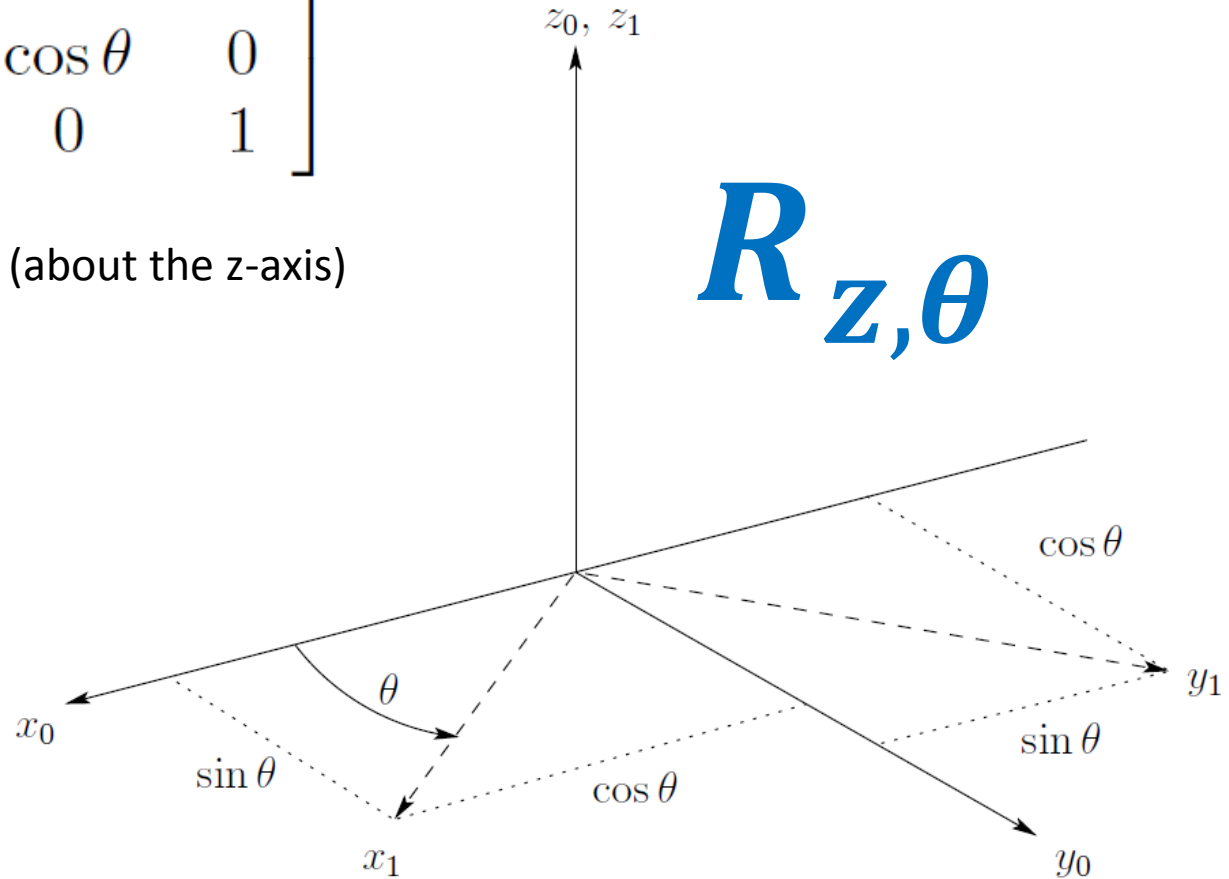
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# Rotation About $z_0$ By An Angle $\theta$

$$R_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Called a basic rotation matrix (about the z-axis)



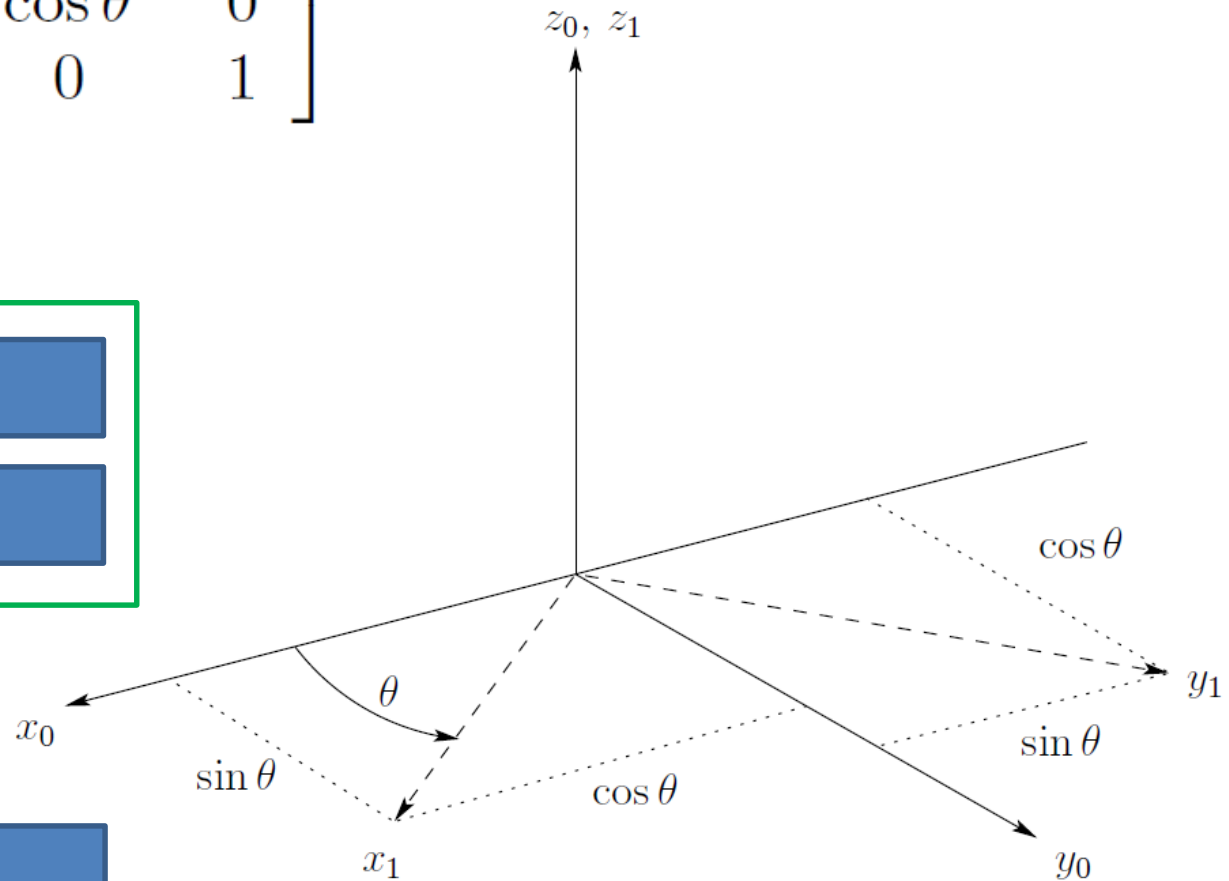
# Basic Rotation Matrix About The Z-axis

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

$$R_{z,0} =$$

$$R_{z,\theta}R_{z,\phi} =$$

$$(R_{z,\theta})^{-1} =$$





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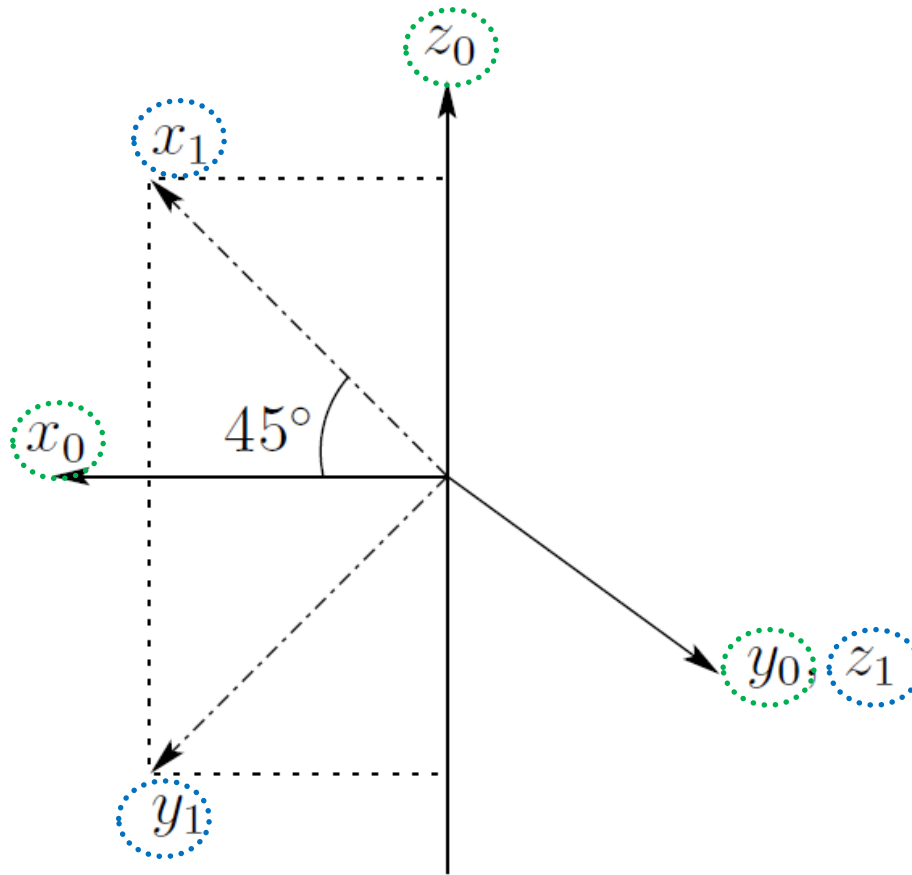
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**$R_{y,\theta}$**

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

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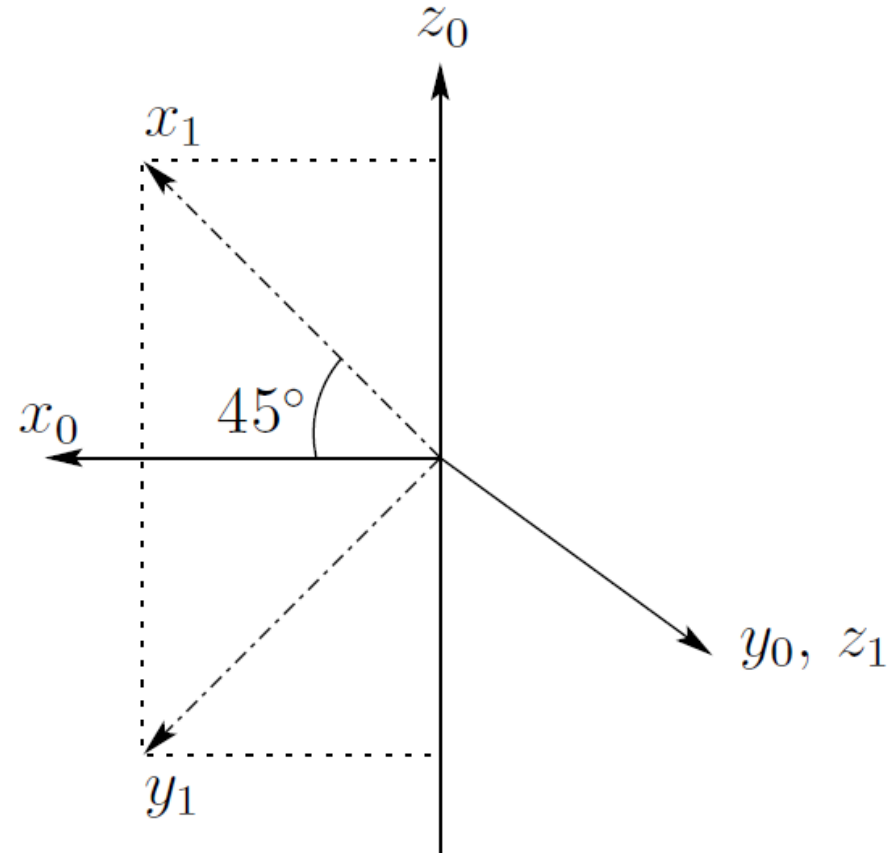
$$\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^T$$

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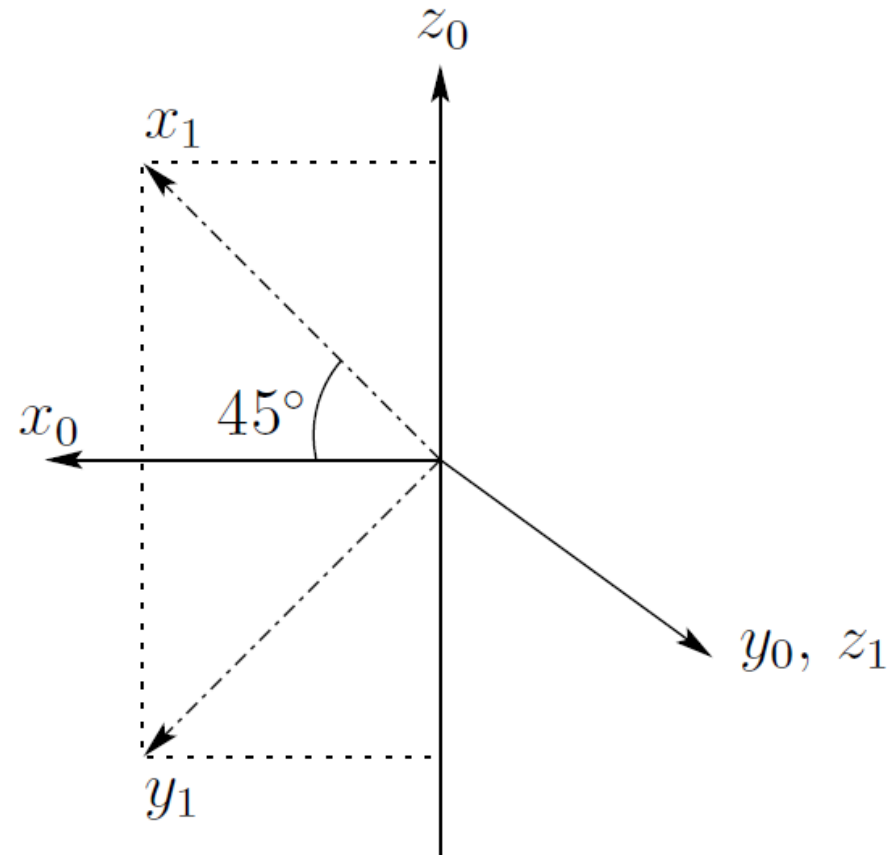
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# Rotational Transformations

$\mathcal{S}$  is a rigid object to which a coordinate **frame 1** is attached.

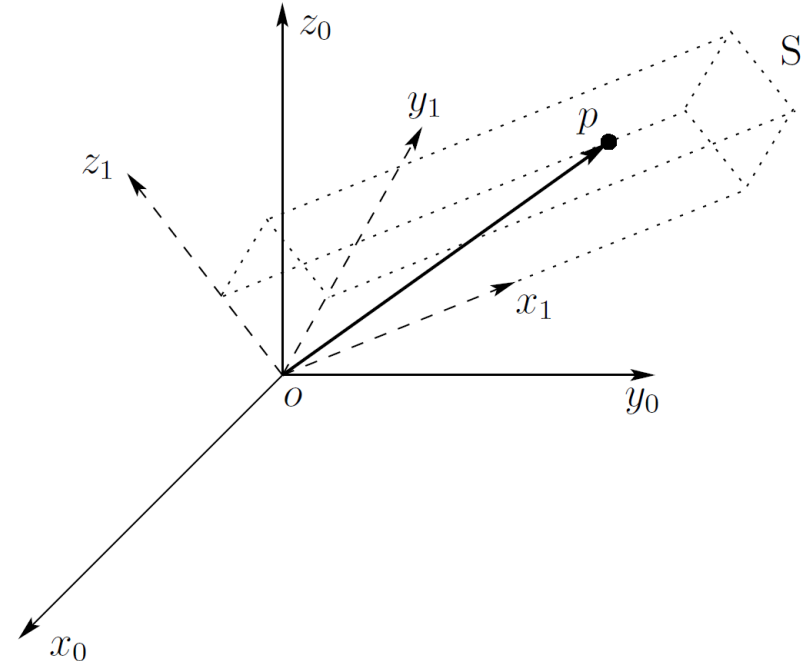
Given  $\mathbf{p}^1$  of the point  $\mathbf{p}$ , determine the coordinates of  $\mathbf{p}$  relative to a fixed reference **frame 0**.

$$\mathbf{p}^1 = (u, v, w)^T$$

$$\mathbf{p} = ux_1 + vy_1 + wz_1$$

The projection of the point  $\mathbf{p}$  onto the coordinate axes of the **frame 0**:

$$\mathbf{p}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0 \\ \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{y}_0 \\ \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{z}_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

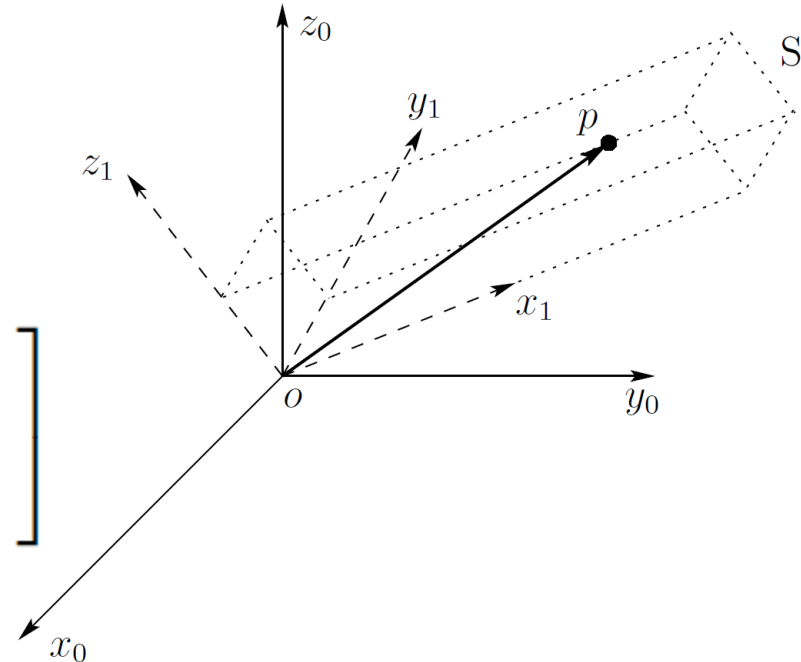


# Rotational Transformations

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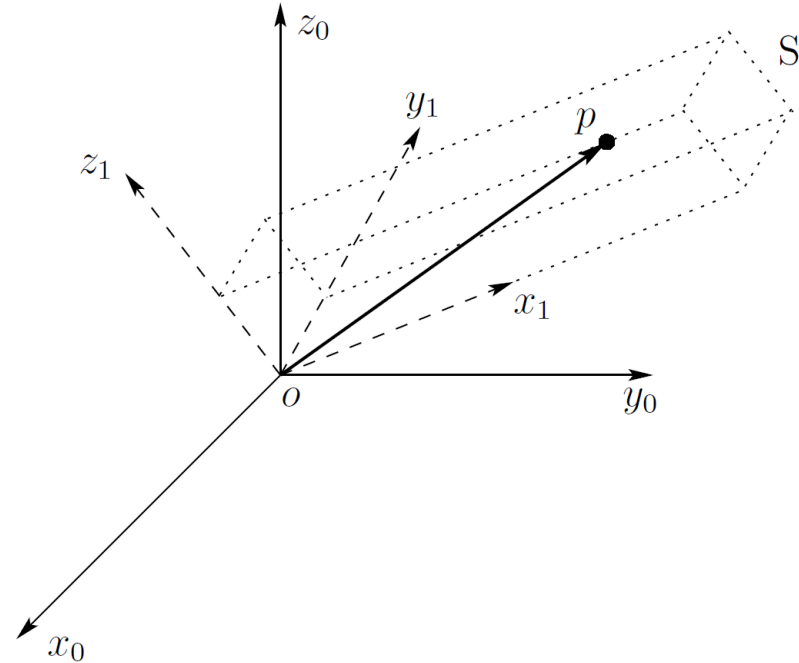
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Thus, the rotation matrix  $R_1^0$  can be used not only to represent the orientation of coordinate frame  $\mathbf{o}_1 x_1 y_1 z_1$  with respect to frame  $\mathbf{o}_0 x_0 y_0 z_0$ , but also to transform the coordinates of a point from one frame to another.

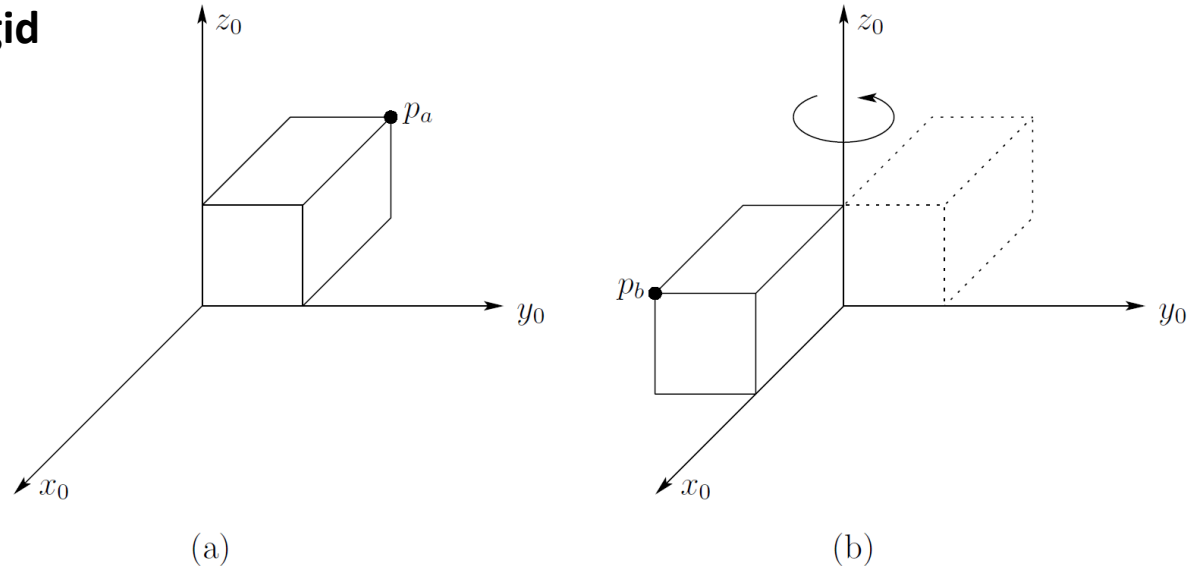
If a given point is expressed relative to  $\mathbf{o}_1 x_1 y_1 z_1$  by coordinates  $p^1$ , then  $R_1^0 p^1$  represents the same point expressed relative to the frame  $\mathbf{o}_0 x_0 y_0 z_0$ .





# Rotational Transformations

Rotation matrices to represent **rigid motions**



The block in (b) is obtained by rotating the block in (a) by  $\pi$  about  $z_0$ .

It is possible to derive the coordinates for  $\mathbf{p}_b$  given only the coordinates for  $\mathbf{p}_a$  and the rotation matrix that corresponds to the rotation about  $\mathbf{z}_0$ .

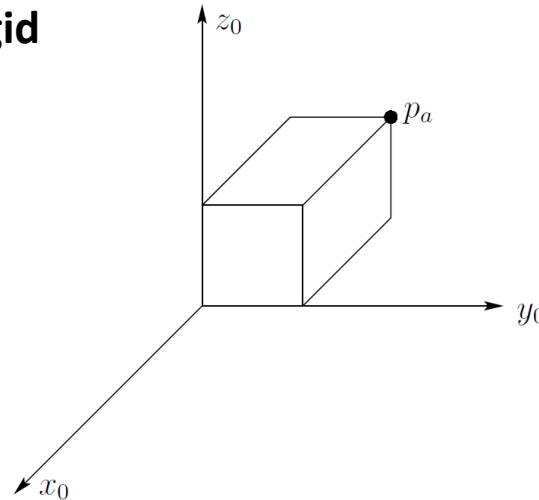
Suppose that a coordinate frame  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$  is rigidly attached to the block. After the rotation by  $\pi$ , the block's coordinate frame, which is rigidly attached to the block, is also rotated by  $\pi$ .

# Rotational Transformations

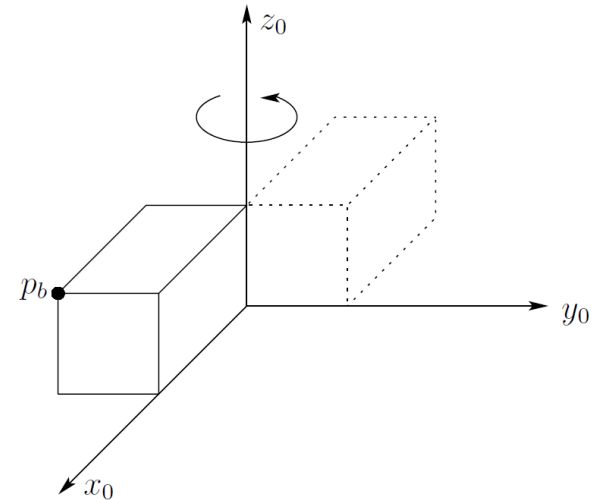
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$$R_1^0 = R_{z,\pi} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{blue box} \end{bmatrix}$$



(a)



(b)

The block in (b) is obtained by rotating the block in (a) by  $\pi$  about  $z_0$ .

The coordinates of  $\mathbf{p}_b$  with respect to the reference frame  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$  :

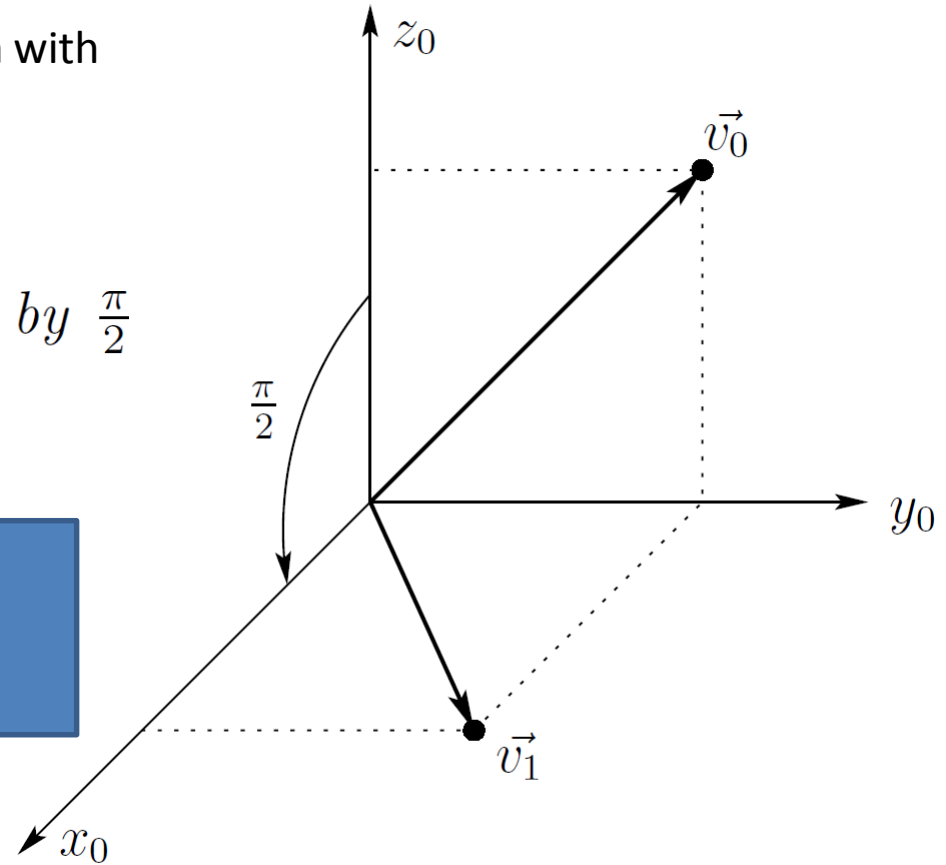
$$\mathbf{p}_b^0 = R_{z,\pi} \mathbf{p}_a^0$$

# Rotational Transformations

Rotation matrices to represent **vector rotation** with respect to a coordinate frame.

$v^0 = (0, 1, 1)^T$  is rotated about  $y_0$  by  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

$$v_1^0 = \boxed{\phantom{0, 1, 1}^T}$$
$$= \boxed{\phantom{0, 1, 1}^T}$$



Rotating a vector about axis  $y_0$ .

**Reminder:**

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

# Summary: Rotation Matrix

1. It represents a coordinate transformation relating the coordinates of a point  $p$  in two different frames.
2. It gives the orientation of a transformed coordinate frame with respect to a fixed coordinate frame.
3. It is an **operator** taking a vector and rotating it to a new vector in the same coordinate system.

# Similarity Transformations

The matrix representation of a general linear transformation is transformed from one frame to another using a so-called **similarity transformation**.

**For example**, if  $A$  is the matrix representation of a given linear transformation in  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$  and  $B$  is the representation of the same linear transformation in  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$  then  $A$  and  $B$  are related as:

$$B = (R_1^0)^{-1} A R_1^0$$

where  $R_1^0$  is the coordinate transformation between frames  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$  and  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$ . In particular, if  $A$  itself is a rotation, then so is  $B$ , and thus the use of similarity transformations allows us to express the same rotation easily with respect to different frames.

# Example

$$B = (R_1^0)^{-1} A R_1^0$$

Suppose frames  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$  and  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$  are related by the rotation

$$R_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $A = R_z$  relative to the frame  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$ , then, relative to frame  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$  we have

$$B = (R_1^0)^{-1} A^0 R_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_\theta & s_\theta \\ 0 & -s_\theta & c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$B$  is a rotation about the  $\mathbf{z}_0$  – *axis* but expressed relative to the frame  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$ .

# Rotation With Respect To The Current Frame

The matrix  $R_1^0$  represents a rotational transformation between the frames  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$  and  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$ .

Suppose we now add a third coordinate frame  $\mathbf{o}_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{y}_2 \mathbf{z}_2$  related to the frames  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$  and  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$  by rotational transformations.

A given point  $\mathbf{p}$  can then be represented by coordinates specified with respect to any of these three frames:  $\mathbf{p}^0$ ,  $\mathbf{p}^1$  and  $\mathbf{p}^2$ .

The relationship among these representations of  $\mathbf{p}$  is:

$$\mathbf{p}^0 = R_1^0 \mathbf{p}^1$$

$$\mathbf{p}^1 = R_2^1 \mathbf{p}^2$$

$$\mathbf{p}^0 = R_2^0 \mathbf{p}^2$$

$$\mathbf{p}^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1 \mathbf{p}^2$$

$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$$

where each  $R_j^i$  is a rotation matrix

# Composition Law for Rotational Transformations

In order to transform the coordinates of a point  $p$  from its representation  $p^2$  in the frame  $o_2 x_2 y_2 z_2$  to its representation  $p^0$  in the frame  $o_0 x_0 y_0 z_0$ , we may first transform to its coordinates  $p^1$  in the frame  $o_1 x_1 y_1 z_1$  using  $R_2^1$  and then transform  $p^1$  to  $p^0$  using  $R_1^0$ .

$$p^0 = R_1^0 p^1$$

$$p^1 = R_2^1 p^2$$

$$p^0 = R_2^0 p^2$$

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$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$$



# Composition Law for Rotational Transformations

$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$$

Suppose initially that all three of the coordinate frames are coincide.

We first rotate the frame  $\mathbf{o}_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{y}_2 \mathbf{z}_2$  relative to  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$  according to the transformation  $R_1^0$ .

Then, with the frames  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$  and  $\mathbf{o}_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{y}_2 \mathbf{z}_2$  coincident, we rotate  $\mathbf{o}_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{y}_2 \mathbf{z}_2$  relative to  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$  according to the transformation  $R_2^1$ .

In each case we call the frame relative to which the rotation occurs the **current frame**.

**Coincident:** lie exactly on top of each other

# Example

Suppose a rotation matrix  $R$  represents

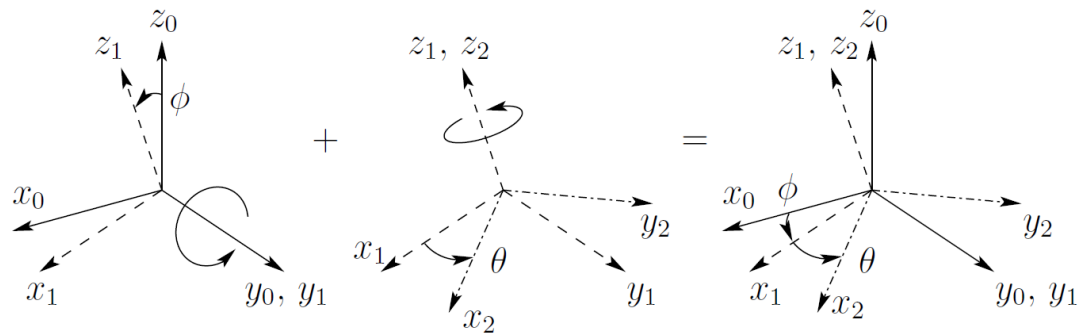
- a rotation of angle  $\phi$  about the current  $y$  – **axis** followed by
- a rotation of angle  $\theta$  about the current  $z$  – **axis**.

$R =$

$$R_{x,\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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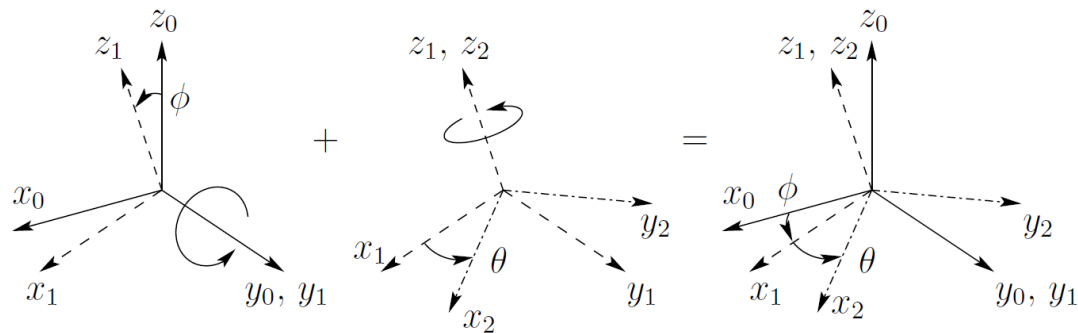
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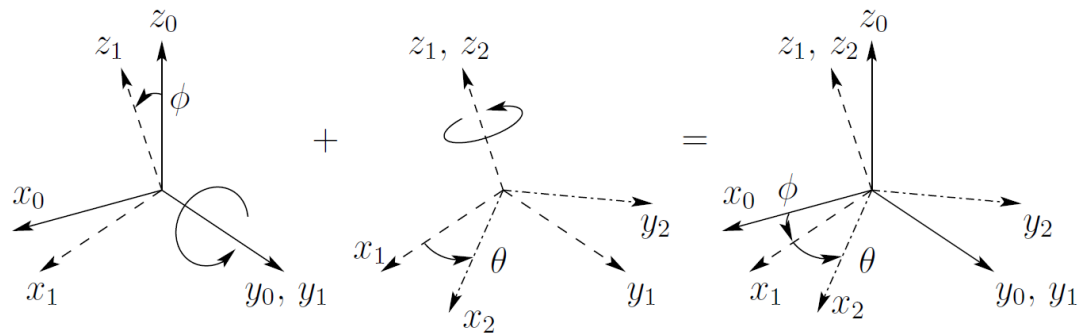
- a rotation of angle  $\phi$  about the current  $y$  – **axis** followed by
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$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= R_{y,\phi} R_{z,\theta} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi & 0 & s_\phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\phi & 0 & c_\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta & -s_\theta & 0 \\ s_\theta & c_\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
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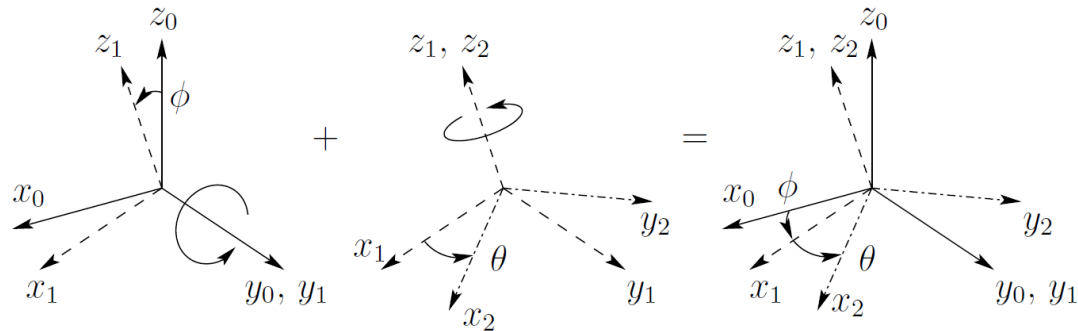
- a rotation of angle  $\phi$  about the current  $y$  – **axis** followed by
- a rotation of angle  $\theta$  about the current  $z$  – **axis**.

$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= R_{y,\phi} R_{z,\theta} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi & 0 & s_\phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\phi & 0 & c_\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta & -s_\theta & 0 \\ s_\theta & c_\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi c_\theta & -c_\phi s_\theta & s_\phi \\ s_\theta & c_\theta & 0 \\ -s_\phi c_\theta & s_\phi s_\theta & c_\phi \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{x,\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Example

Suppose a rotation matrix  $R$  represents

- a rotation of angle  $\theta$  about the current  $z$  – **axis** followed by
- a rotation of angle  $\phi$  about the current  $y$  – **axis**

$$R' =$$

$$R_{x,\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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# Example

Suppose a rotation matrix  $R$  represents

- a rotation of angle  $\theta$  about the current  $z$  – **axis** followed by
- a rotation of angle  $\phi$  about the current  $y$  – **axis**

$$R' = R_{z,\theta} R_{y,\phi}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta & -s_\theta & 0 \\ s_\theta & c_\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi & 0 & s_\phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\phi & 0 & c_\phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} R' &= R_{z,\theta} R_{y,\phi} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta & -s_\theta & 0 \\ s_\theta & c_\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi & 0 & s_\phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\phi & 0 & c_\phi \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta c_\phi & -s_\theta & c_\theta s_\phi \\ s_\theta c_\phi & c_\theta & s_\theta s_\phi \\ -s_\phi & 0 & c_\phi \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$
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$$R_{z,\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotational transformations do not commute  $R \neq R'$




# Rotation With Respect To The Fixed Frame

Performing a sequence of rotations, each about a given fixed coordinate frame, rather than about successive current frames.

For example we may wish to perform a rotation about  $x_0$  followed by a rotation about  $y_0$  (and not  $y_1$ !). We will refer to  $o_0 x_0 y_0 z_0$  as the **fixed frame**. In this case the composition law given before is not valid.

$$R_2^0 \neq R_1^0 R_2^1$$


The composition law that was obtained by multiplying the successive rotation matrices in the reverse order from that given by  is not valid.

# Rotation with Respect to the Fixed Frame

Suppose we have two frames  $\mathbf{o}_0 \ x_0 \ y_0 \ z_0$  and  $\mathbf{o}_1 \ x_1 \ y_1 \ z_1$  related by the rotational transformation  $R_1^0$ .

If  $R$  represents a rotation relative to  $\mathbf{o}_0 \ x_0 \ y_0 \ z_0$ , the representation for  $R$  in the current frame  $\mathbf{o}_1 \ x_1 \ y_1 \ z_1$  is given by:

$$(R_1^0)^{-1} R R_1^0$$



With applying the composition law for rotations about the current axis:

$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 [(R_1^0)^{-1} R R_1^0] = R R_1^0$$

**Reminder:**

Similarity Transformations

$$B = (R_1^0)^{-1} A R_1^0$$

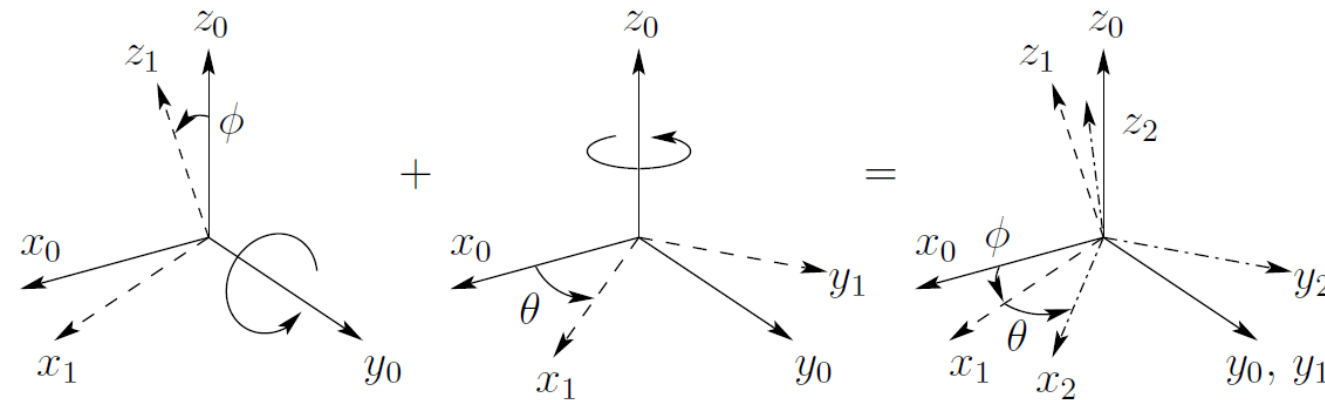
composition law for rotations about the current axis

$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$$

# Example

Suppose a rotation matrix  $R$  represents

- a rotation of angle  $\phi$  about  $y_0$  – **axis** followed by
- a rotation of angle  $\theta$  about the fixed  $z_0$  – **axis**



The **second** rotation about the fixed axis is given by

$$R_{y,-\phi} R_{z,\theta} R_{y,\phi}$$

which is the basic rotation about **the z-axis** expressed relative to the frame  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$  using a similarity transformation.

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Similarity Transformations

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composition law for rotations about the current axis

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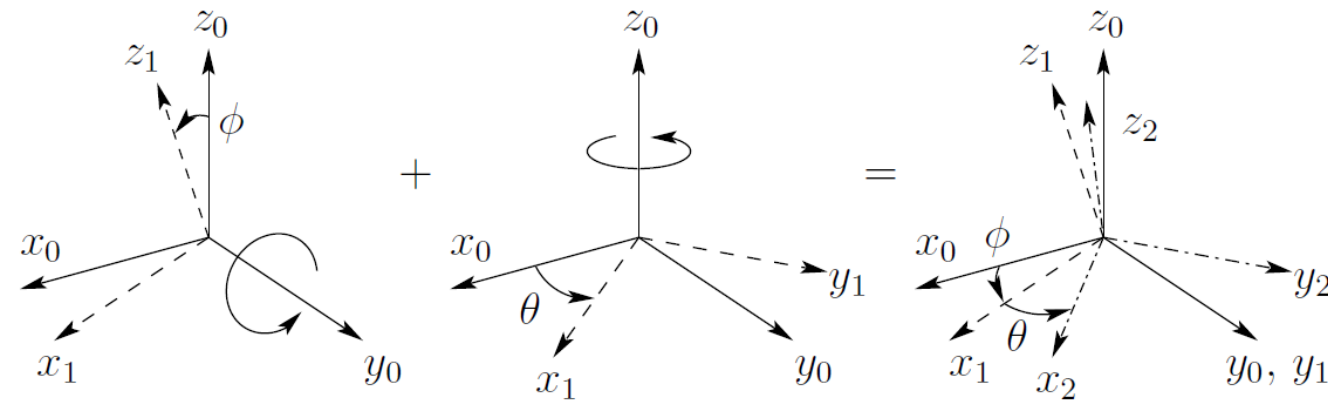
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$$\begin{aligned} R_2^0 &= R_1^0 [(R_1^0)^{-1} R R_1^0] \\ &= R R_1^0 \end{aligned}$$

# Example

Suppose a rotation matrix  $R$  represents

- a rotation of angle  $\phi$  about  $y_0$  – **axis** followed by
- a rotation of angle  $\theta$  about the fixed  $z_0$  – **axis**



Therefore, the composition rule for rotational transformations

$$\begin{aligned}
 p^0 &= \boxed{\phantom{R_1^0}} p^1 \\
 &= \boxed{\phantom{R_1^0 R_2^1}} p^2 \\
 &= \boxed{\phantom{R_1^0 R_2^1}} p^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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- a rotation of angle  $\phi$  about  $y_0 - \text{axis}$  followed by
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$$\begin{aligned} p^0 &= R_{y,\phi} p^1 \\ &= R_{y,\phi} [R_{y,-\phi} R_{z,\theta} R_{y,\phi}] p^2 \\ &= R_{z,\theta} R_{y,\phi} p^2 \end{aligned}$$

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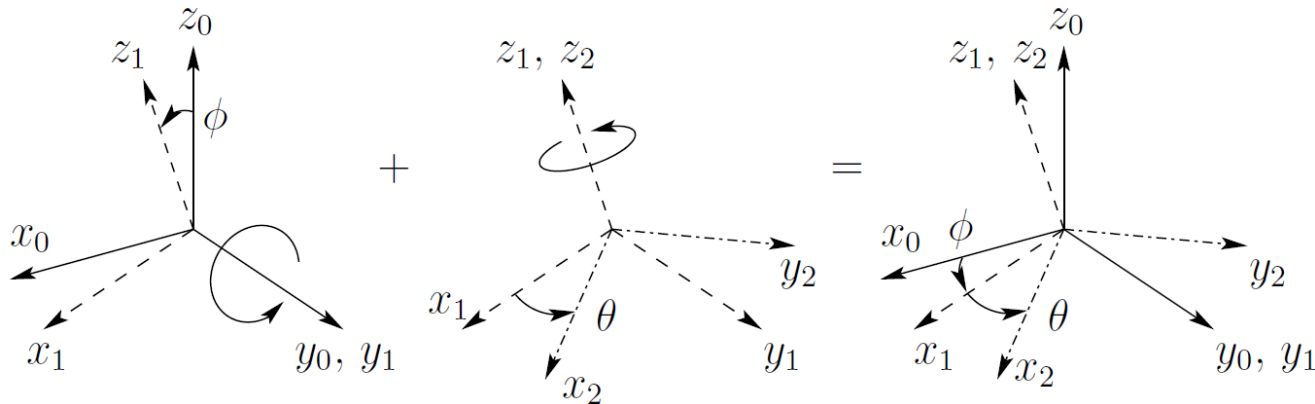
Suppose a rotation matrix  $R$  represents

- a rotation of angle  $\phi$  about the **current**  $y - \text{axis}$  followed by
- a rotation of angle  $\theta$  about the **current**  $z - \text{axis}$ .

$$R = R_{y,\phi} R_{z,\theta}$$

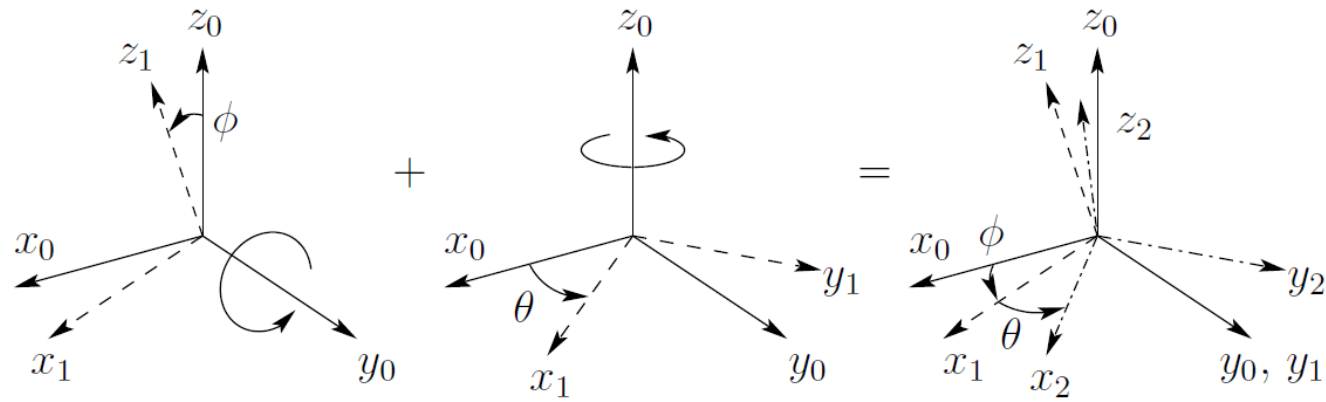
# Summary

To note that we obtain the same basic rotation matrices, but in the reverse order.



Rotation with Respect to the Current Frame

$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$$



Rotation with Respect to the Fixed Frame

$$R_2^0 = \cancel{R_2^1} R_1^0$$

$$R_2^0 = R R_1^0$$

# Rules for Composition of Rotational Transformations

We can summarize the rule of composition of rotational transformations by:

Given a fixed frame  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$  a current frame  $\mathbf{o}_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$ , together with rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R}_1^0$  relating them, if a third frame  $\mathbf{o}_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{y}_2 \mathbf{z}_2$  is obtained by a rotation  $\mathbf{R}$  performed relative to the current frame then post-multiply  $\mathbf{R}_1^0$  by  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_2^1$  to obtain

$$\mathbf{R}_2^0 = \mathbf{R}_1^0 \mathbf{R}_2^1$$

If the second rotation is to be performed relative to the fixed frame then it is both confusing and inappropriate to use the notation  $\mathbf{R}_2^1$  to represent this rotation. Therefore, if we represent the rotation by  $\mathbf{R}$ , we pre-multiply  $\mathbf{R}_1^0$  by  $\mathbf{R}$  to obtain

$$\mathbf{R}_2^0 = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}_1^0$$

In each case  $\mathbf{R}_2^0$  represents the transformation between the frames  $\mathbf{o}_0 \mathbf{x}_0 \mathbf{y}_0 \mathbf{z}_0$  and  $\mathbf{o}_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{y}_2 \mathbf{z}_2$ .



# Example

Find  $\mathbf{R}$  for the following sequence of basic rotations:

1. A rotation of  $\Theta$  about the current x-axis
2. A rotation of  $\phi$  about the current z-axis
3. A rotation of  $\alpha$  about the fixed z-axis
4. A rotation of  $\beta$  about the current y-axis
5. A rotation of  $\delta$  about the fixed x-axis

$$R =$$

## Reminder:

Rotation with Respect to the Current Frame

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$$R = R_{x,\theta}$$

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5. A rotation of  $\delta$  about the fixed x-axis

$$R = R_{x,\theta} R_{z,\phi}$$

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Rotation with Respect to the Fixed Frame

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$$R = R_{z,\alpha} R_{x,\theta} R_{z,\phi}$$

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Rotation with Respect to the Current Frame

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Rotation with Respect to the Fixed Frame

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$$R = R_{z,\alpha} R_{x,\theta} R_{z,\phi} R_{y,\beta}$$

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5. A rotation of  $\delta$  about the fixed x-axis

$$R = R_{x,\delta} R_{z,\alpha} R_{x,\theta} R_{z,\phi} R_{y,\beta}$$

## Reminder:

Rotation with Respect to the Current Frame

$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$$

Rotation with Respect to the Fixed Frame

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# Example

Find  $\mathbf{R}$  for the following sequence of basic rotations:

1. A rotation of  $\delta$  about the fixed x-axis
2. A rotation of  $\beta$  about the current y-axis
3. A rotation of  $\alpha$  about the fixed z-axis
4. A rotation of  $\phi$  about the current z-axis
5. A rotation of  $\Theta$  about the current x-axis

## Reminder:

Rotation with Respect to the Current Frame

$$R_2^0 = R_1^0 R_2^1$$

Rotation with Respect to the Fixed Frame

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Reminder:

# Rotations in Three Dimensions

Each axis of the frame  $\mathbf{o}_1 \ x_1 \ y_1 \ z_1$  is projected onto the coordinate frame  $\mathbf{o}_0 \ x_0 \ y_0 \ z_0$ .

The resulting rotation matrix is given by

$$R_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \cdot x_0 & y_1 \cdot x_0 & z_1 \cdot x_0 \\ x_1 \cdot y_0 & y_1 \cdot y_0 & z_1 \cdot y_0 \\ x_1 \cdot z_0 & y_1 \cdot z_0 & z_1 \cdot z_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The nine elements  $r_{ij}$  in a general rotational transformation  $\mathbf{R}$  are not independent quantities.

$$\mathbf{R} \in \mathbf{SO}(3)$$

Where  $\mathbf{SO}(n)$  denotes the **Special Orthogonal** group of order  $n$ .

Recommendation to read:  
**Special Orthogonal group.**  
**General Orthogonal Group**



# Rotations In Three Dimensions

For any  $R \in SO(n)$  The following properties hold

- $R^T = R^{-1} \in SO(n)$
- The columns and the rows of  $R$  are mutually orthogonal
- Each column and each row of  $R$  is a unit vector
- $\det R = 1$  (the determinant)

Where  $SO(n)$  denotes the Special Orthogonal group of order  $n$ .

**Example for  $R^T = R^{-1} \in SO(2)$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\theta) & -\sin(-\theta) \\ \sin(-\theta) & \cos(-\theta) \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}^T \end{aligned}$$

# Parameterizations Of Rotations

The nine elements  $r_{ij}$  in a general rotational transformation  $R$  are not independent quantities.

$$R \in SO(3)$$

Where  $SO(n)$  denotes the **Special Orthogonal** group of order  $n$ .

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

As each column of  $R$  is a unit vector, then we can write:

$$\sum_i r_{ij}^2 = 1, \quad j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

3 Equations

As the columns of  $R$  are mutually orthogonal, then we can write:

$$r_{1i}r_{1j} + r_{2i}r_{2j} + r_{3i}r_{3j} = 0, \quad i \neq j$$

3 Equations

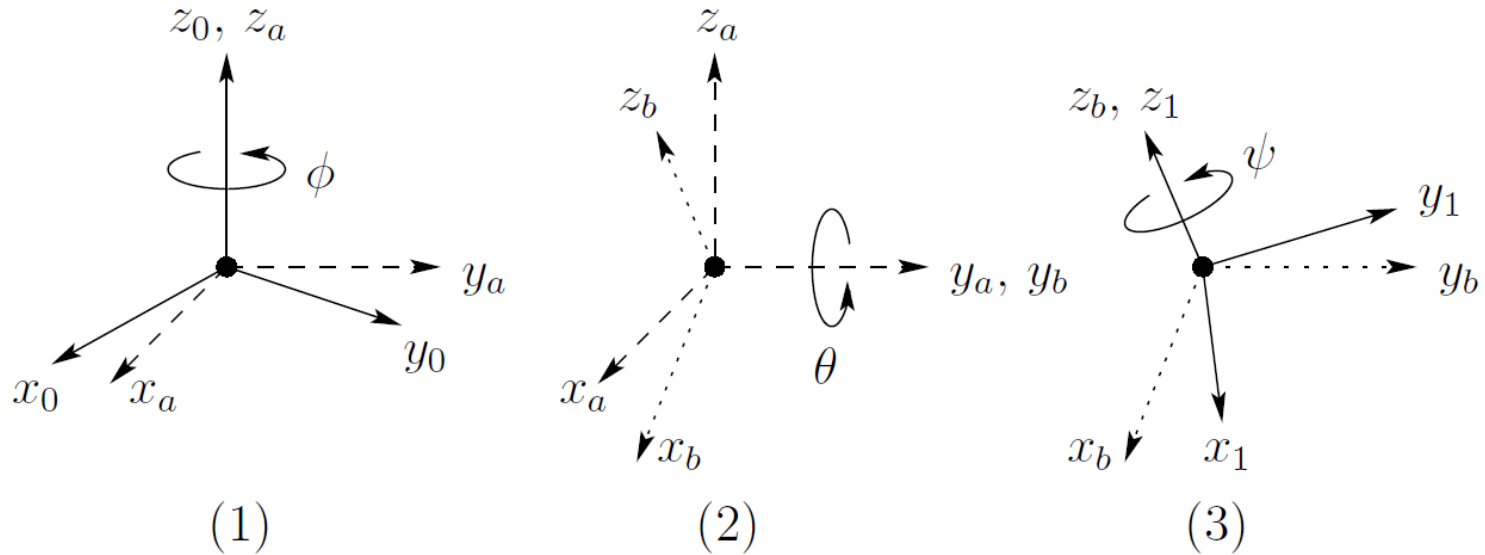
Together, these constraints define **six independent equations with nine unknowns**, which implies that there are **three free variables**.

# Parameterizations of Rotations

We present three ways in which an arbitrary rotation can be represented using only three independent quantities:

- **Euler Angles** representation
- **Roll-Pitch-Yaw** representation
- **Axis/Angle** representation

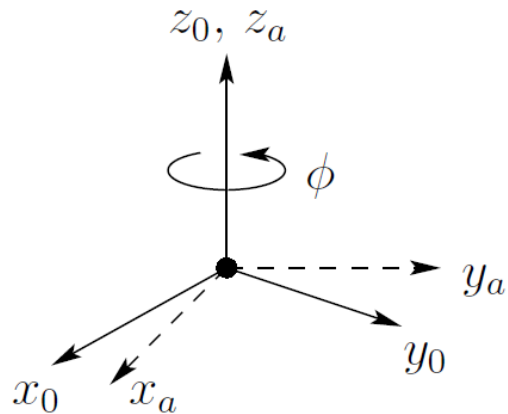
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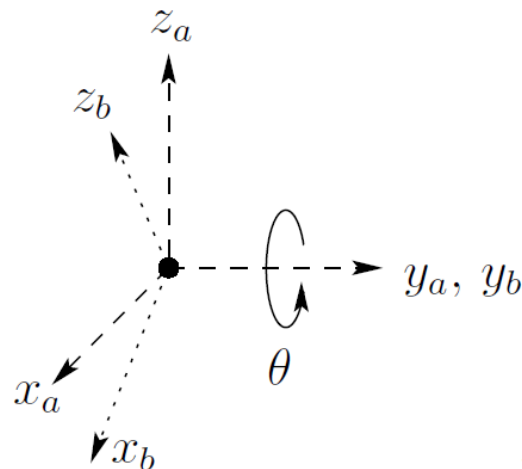
We can specify the orientation of the frame  $\mathcal{O}_1 x_1 y_1 z_1$  relative to the frame  $\mathcal{O}_0 x_0 y_0 z_0$  by three angles  $(\phi, \theta, \psi)$ , known as Euler Angles, and obtained by three successive rotations as follows:

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3. rotation about the ***current z-axis*** by the angle  $\psi$

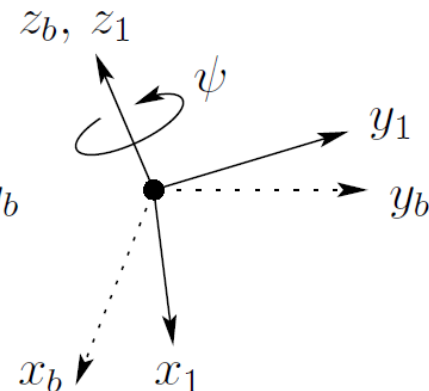
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**ZYZ-Euler Angle  
Transformation**

# Problem

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(p) & -\sin(p) & 0 \\ \sin(p) & \cos(p) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) & 0 & \sin(t) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(t) & 0 & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin(\alpha) \\ 0 & \cos(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$

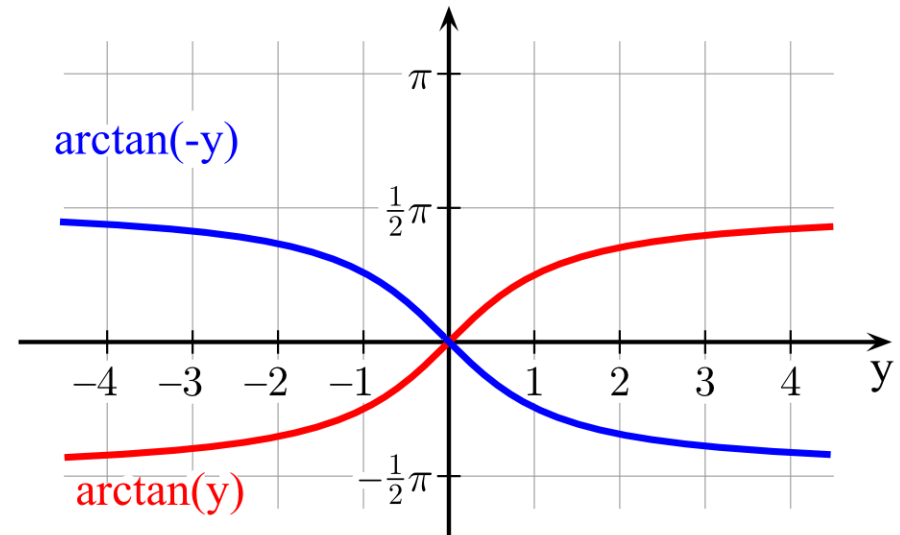
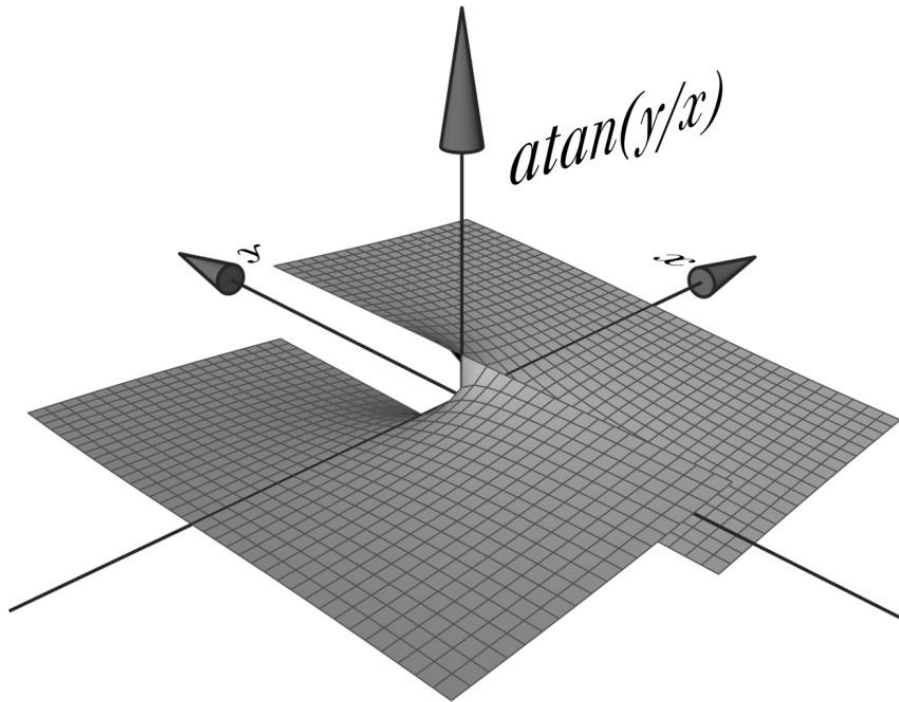


## Answer

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(p)\cos(t) & -\sin(p)\cos(a) + \cos(p)\sin(t)\sin(a) & \sin(p)\sin(a) + \cos(p)\sin(t)\cos(a) \\ \sin(p)\cos(t) & \cos(p)\cos(a) + \sin(p)\sin(t)\sin(a) & -\cos(p)\sin(a) + \sin(p)\sin(t)\cos(a) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t)\sin(a) & \cos(t)\cos(a) \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

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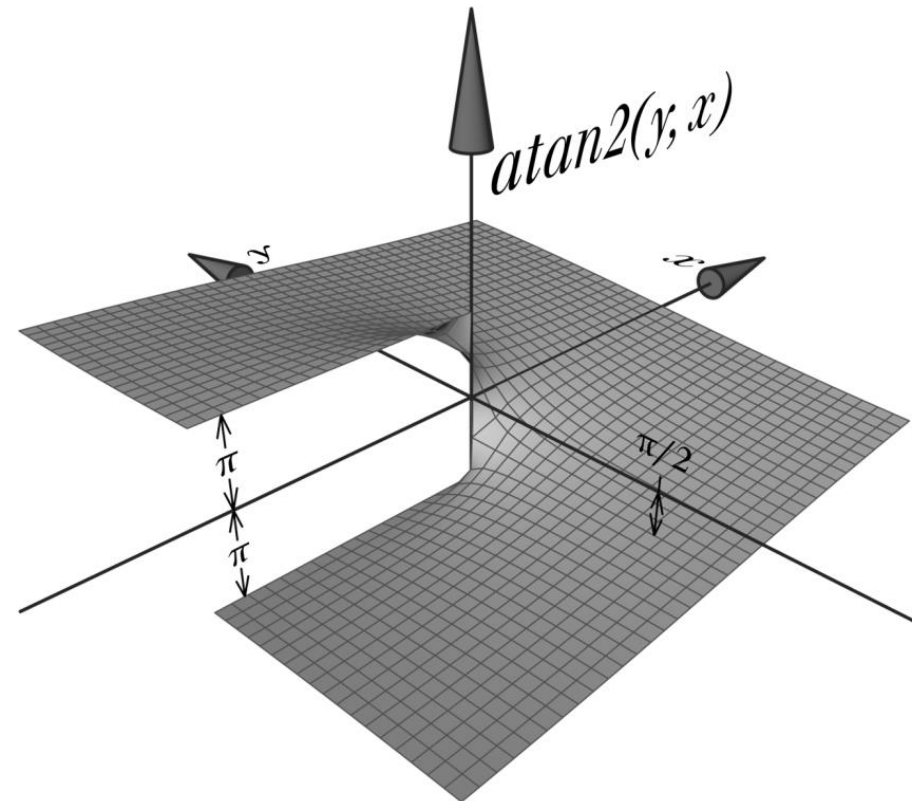
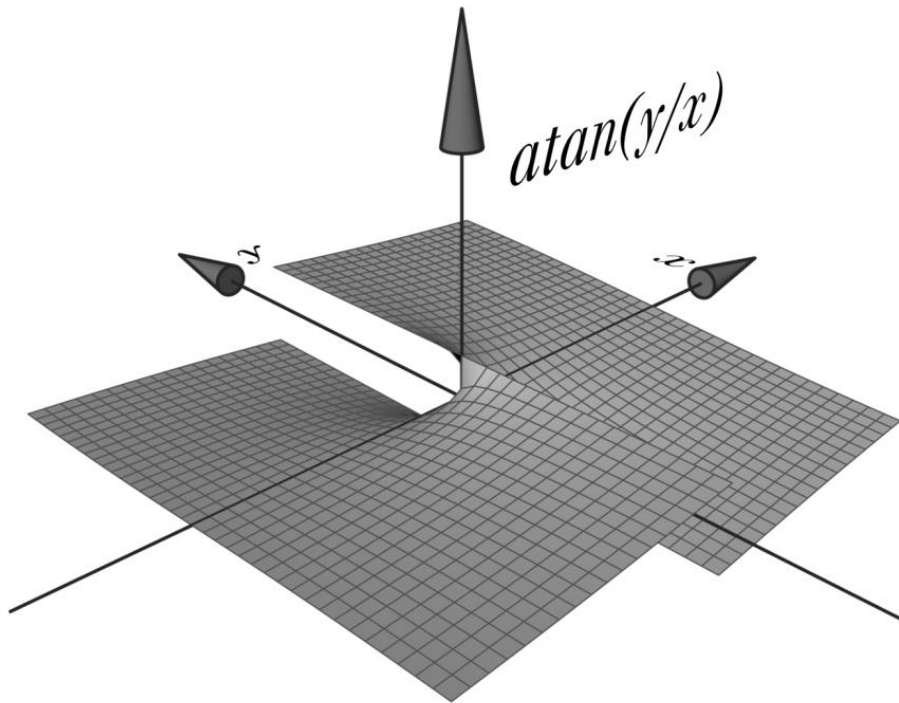
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$$\text{atan2}(y, x) = \begin{cases} \arctan \frac{y}{x} & x > 0 \\ \arctan \frac{y}{x} + \pi & y \geq 0, x < 0 \\ \arctan \frac{y}{x} - \pi & y < 0, x < 0 \\ +\frac{\pi}{2} & y > 0, x = 0 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & y < 0, x = 0 \\ \text{undefined} & y = 0, x = 0 \end{cases}$$

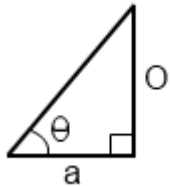




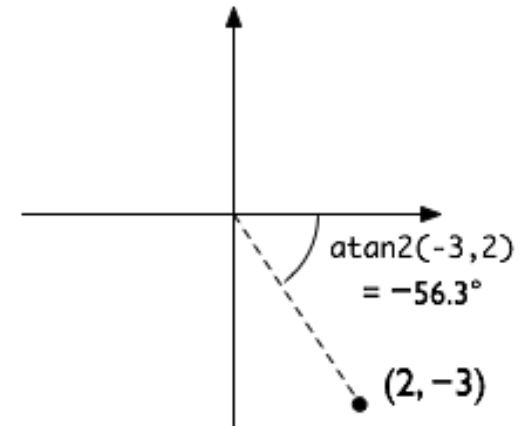
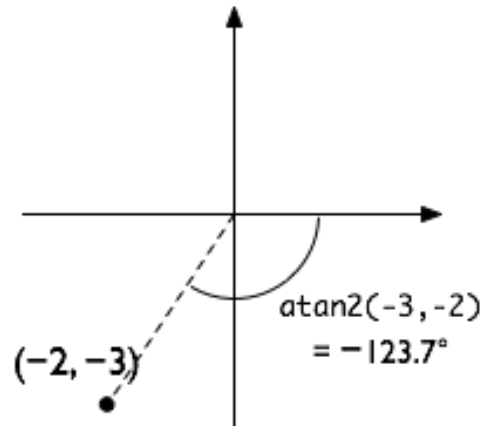
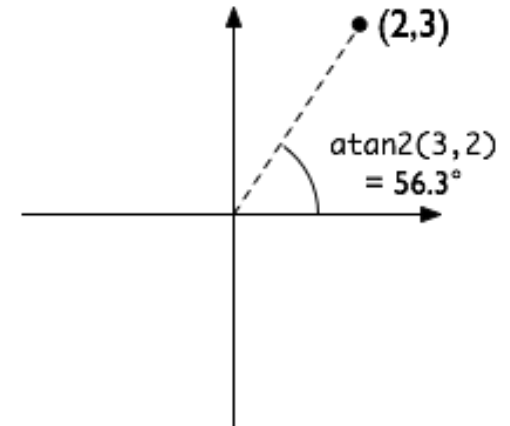
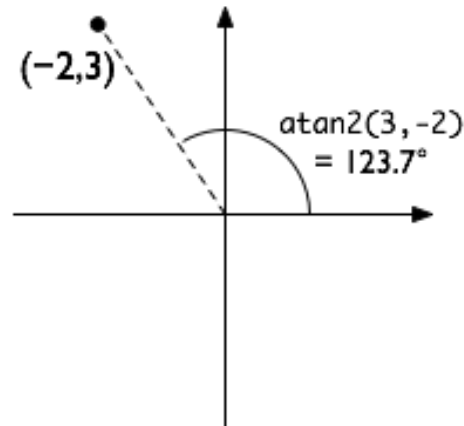
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*atan2( opposite , adjacent )*



# Euler Angles Representation

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

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If  $r_{13} \neq 0$  and  $r_{23} \neq 0$ ,

it follows that:  $\phi = \text{Atan2}(r_{23}, r_{13})$

where the function  $\text{Atan2}(y, x)$  computes the arctangent of the ratio  $y/x$ .

Then squaring the summing of the elements (1,3) and (2,3) and using the element (3,3) yields:

$$\theta = \text{Atan2}(\sqrt{r_{13}^2 + r_{23}^2}, r_{33}) \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = \text{Atan2}(-\sqrt{r_{13}^2 + r_{23}^2}, r_{33})$$

If we consider the first choice then  $\sin(\theta) > 0$  then:  $\psi = \text{Atan2}(r_{32}, -r_{31})$

If we consider the second choice then  $\sin(\theta) < 0$  then:  $\psi = \text{Atan2}(-r_{32}, r_{31})$   
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If  $r_{33} = +1$  then  $c_\theta = 1$  and  $s_\theta = 0$ , so that  $\theta = 0$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_\phi c_\psi - s_\phi s_\psi & -c_\phi s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi & 0 \\ s_\phi c_\psi + c_\phi s_\psi & -s_\phi s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\phi+\psi} & -s_{\phi+\psi} & 0 \\ s_{\phi+\psi} & c_{\phi+\psi} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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If  $r_{33} = -1$  then  $c_\theta = -1$  and  $s_\theta = 0$ , so that  $\theta = \pi$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} -c_{\phi-\psi} & -s_{\phi-\psi} & 0 \\ s_{\phi-\psi} & c_{\phi-\psi} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the  $\phi - \psi$  can be determined as  $\phi - \psi = \text{Atan2}(-r_{12}, -r_{11}) = \text{Atan2}(r_{21}, r_{22})$   
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# Yaw-Pitch-Roll Representation

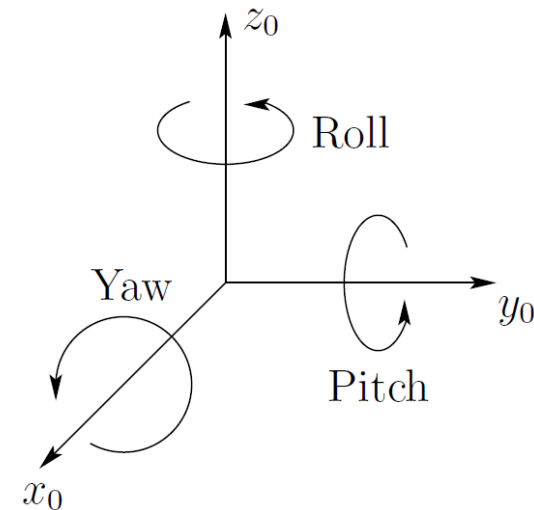
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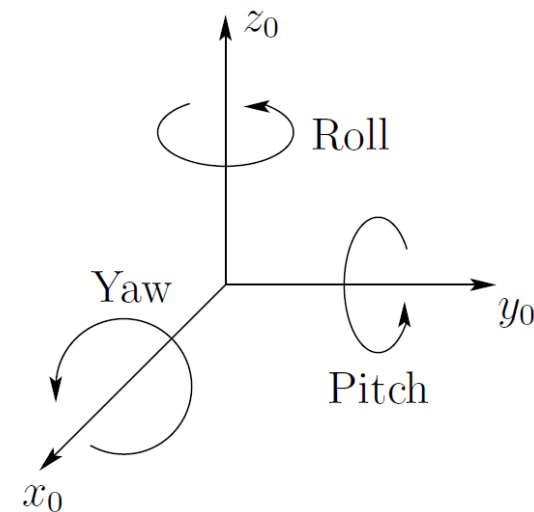
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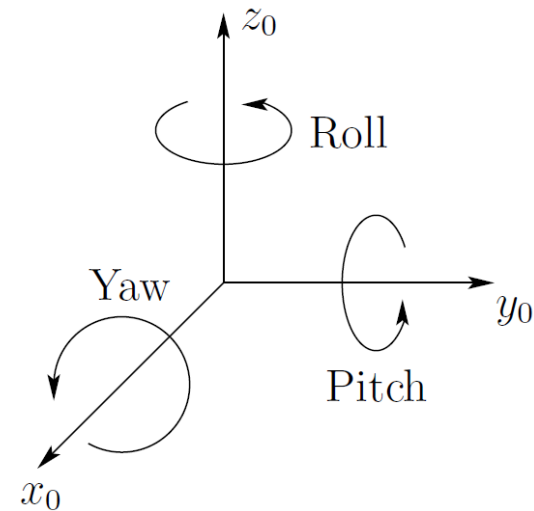
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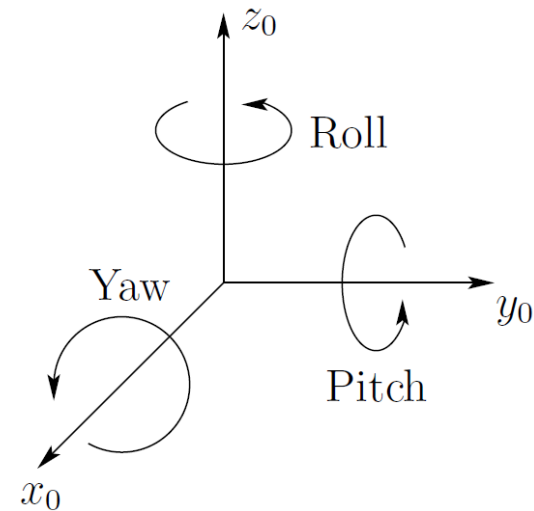
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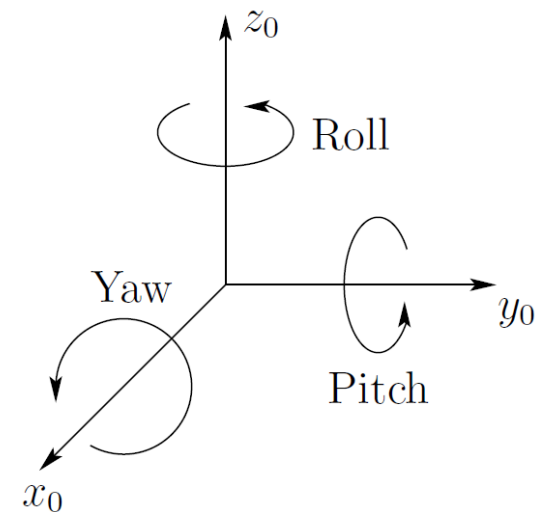
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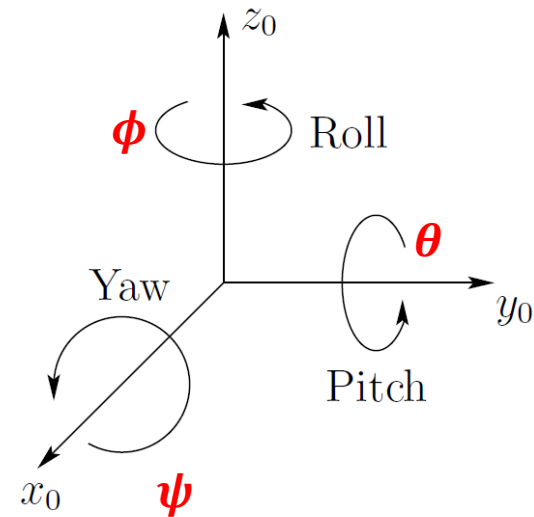
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Instead of **yaw-pitch-roll** relative to the **fixed** frames we could also interpret the above transformation as **roll-pitch-yaw**, in that order, each taken with respect to the **current** frame. The end result is the same matrix.

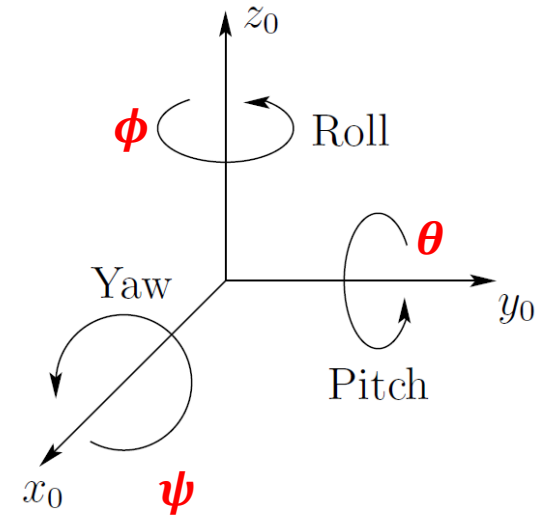
# Yaw-Pitch-Roll Representation

Find the inverse solution to a given rotation matrix  $R$ .

$$R_{XYZ} = \begin{bmatrix} c_\phi c_\theta & -s_\phi c_\psi + c_\phi s_\theta s_\psi & s_\phi s_\psi + c_\phi s_\theta c_\psi \\ s_\phi c_\theta & c_\phi c_\psi + s_\phi s_\theta s_\psi & -c_\phi s_\psi + s_\phi s_\theta c_\psi \\ -s_\theta & c_\theta s_\psi & c_\theta c_\psi \end{bmatrix}$$

**Determine** a set of **Roll-Pitch-Yaw** angles  $\phi$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\psi$  so that  $R = R_{XYZ}$

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

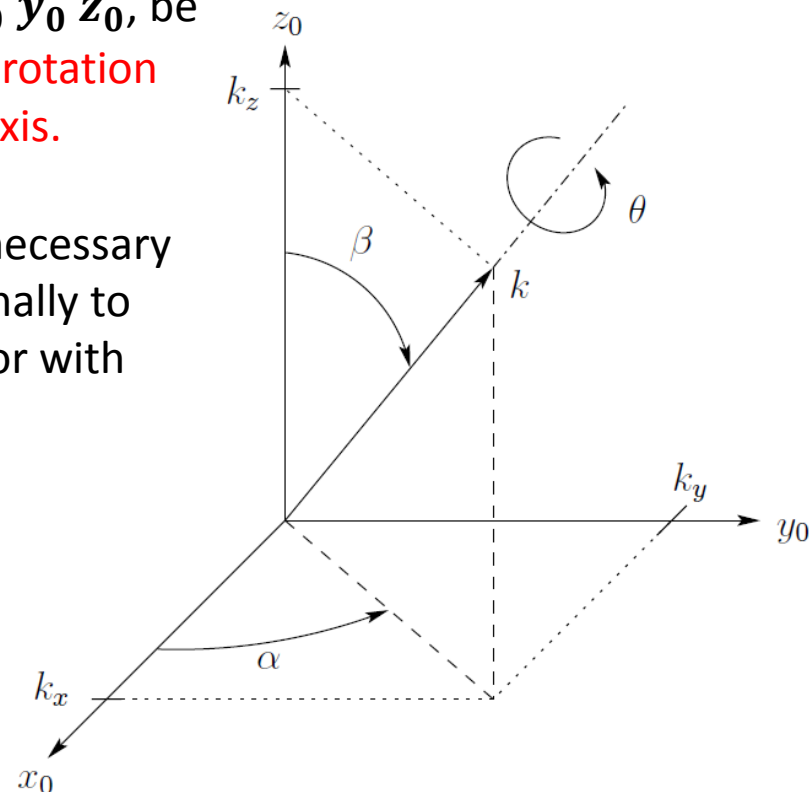


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A possible solution is to rotate first  $\mathbf{k}$  by the angles necessary to align it with  $\mathbf{z}$ , then to rotate by  $\theta$  about  $\mathbf{z}$ , and finally to rotate by the angles necessary to align the unit vector with the initial direction.



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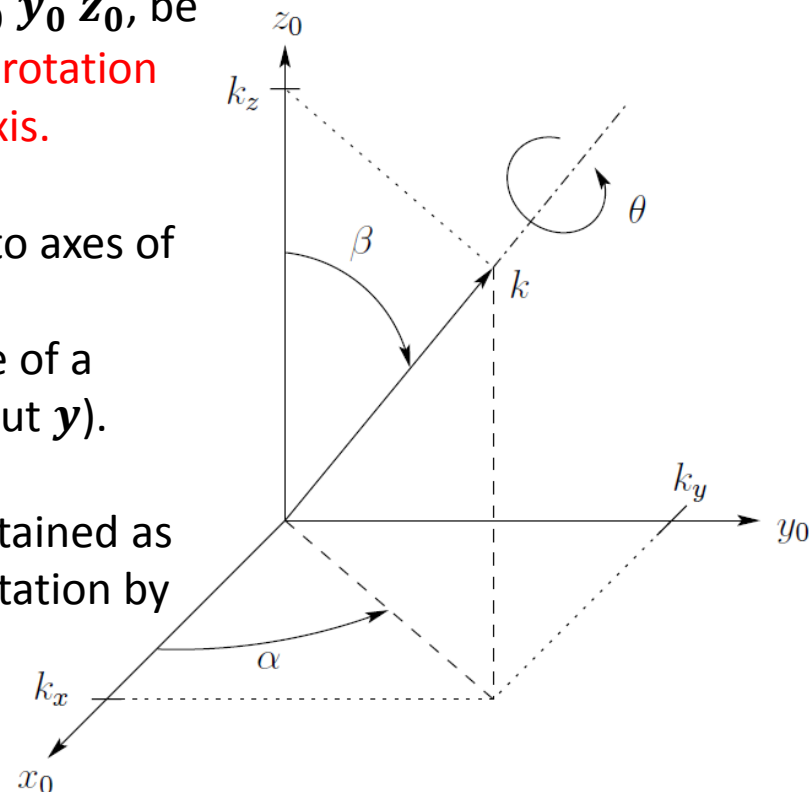
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The sequence of rotations to be made with respect to axes of **fixed frame** is the following:

- **Align  $\mathbf{k}$  with  $\mathbf{z}$**  (which is obtained as the sequence of a rotation by  $-\alpha$  about  $\mathbf{z}$  and a rotation of  $-\beta$  about  $\mathbf{y}$ ).
- **Rotate by  $\theta$  about  $\mathbf{z}$ .**
- **Realign** with the initial direction of  $\mathbf{k}$ , which is obtained as the sequence of a rotation by  $\beta$  about  $\mathbf{y}$  and a rotation by  $\alpha$  about  $\mathbf{z}$ .

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k},\theta} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z},\alpha} \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{y},\beta} \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z},\theta} \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{y},-\beta} \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z},-\alpha}$$



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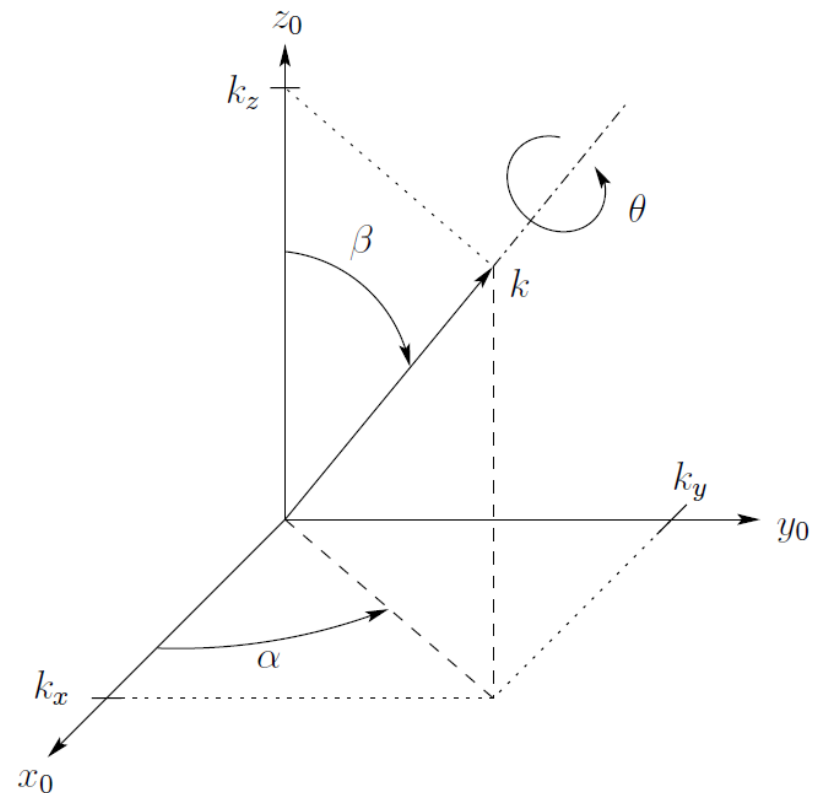
$$R_{k,\theta} = R_{z,\alpha} R_{y,\beta} R_{z,\theta} R_{y,-\beta} R_{z,-\alpha}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{k_y}{\sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{k_x}{\sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}}$$

$$\sin \beta = \frac{\sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}}{k}$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{k_z}{k}$$



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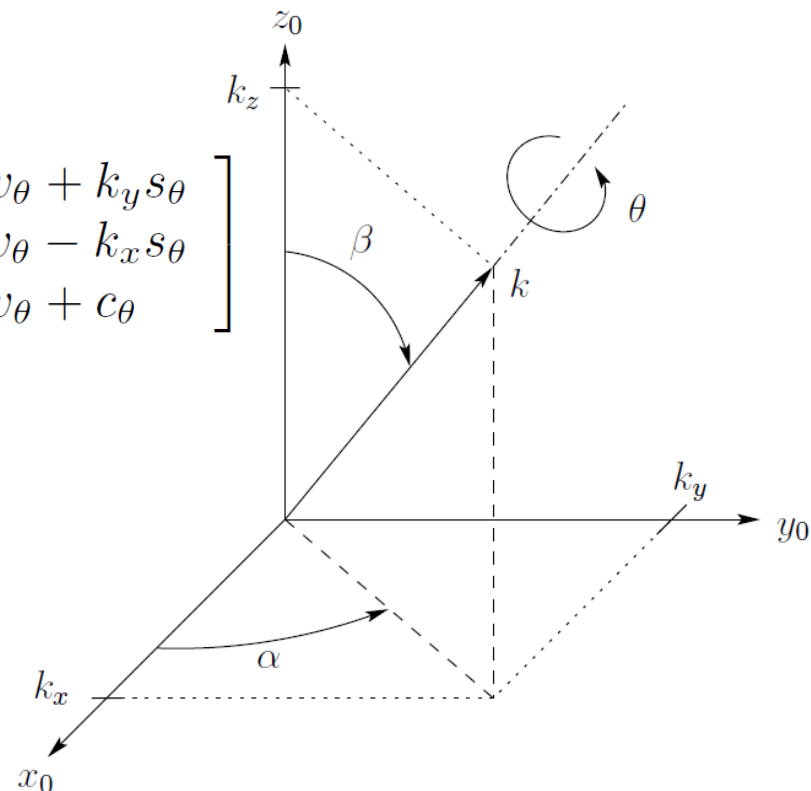
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$$R_{k,\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} k_x^2 v_\theta + c_\theta & k_x k_y v_\theta - k_z s_\theta & k_x k_z v_\theta + k_y s_\theta \\ k_x k_y v_\theta + k_z s_\theta & k_y^2 v_\theta + c_\theta & k_y k_z v_\theta - k_x s_\theta \\ k_x k_z v_\theta - k_y s_\theta & k_y k_z v_\theta + k_x s_\theta & k_z^2 v_\theta + c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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Any rotation matrix  $R \in SO(3)$  can be represented by a single rotation about a suitable axis in space by a suitable angle.

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k},\theta}$$

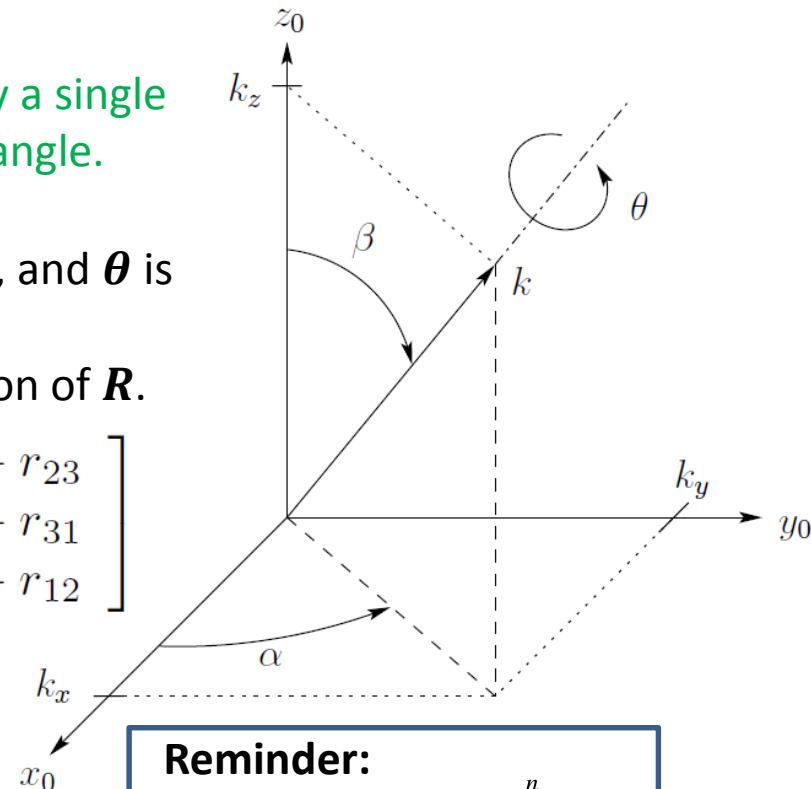
where  $\mathbf{k}$  is a unit vector defining the axis of rotation, and  $\theta$  is the angle of rotation about  $\mathbf{k}$ .

The matrix  $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k},\theta}$  is called the axis/angle representation of  $\mathbf{R}$ .

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**Reminder:**

$$\text{trace}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$



# Axis/Angle Representation

$$R_{k,\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} k_x^2 v_\theta + c_\theta & k_x k_y v_\theta - k_z s_\theta & k_x k_z v_\theta + k_y s_\theta \\ k_x k_y v_\theta + k_z s_\theta & k_y^2 v_\theta + c_\theta & k_y k_z v_\theta - k_x s_\theta \\ k_x k_z v_\theta - k_y s_\theta & k_y k_z v_\theta + k_x s_\theta & k_z^2 v_\theta + c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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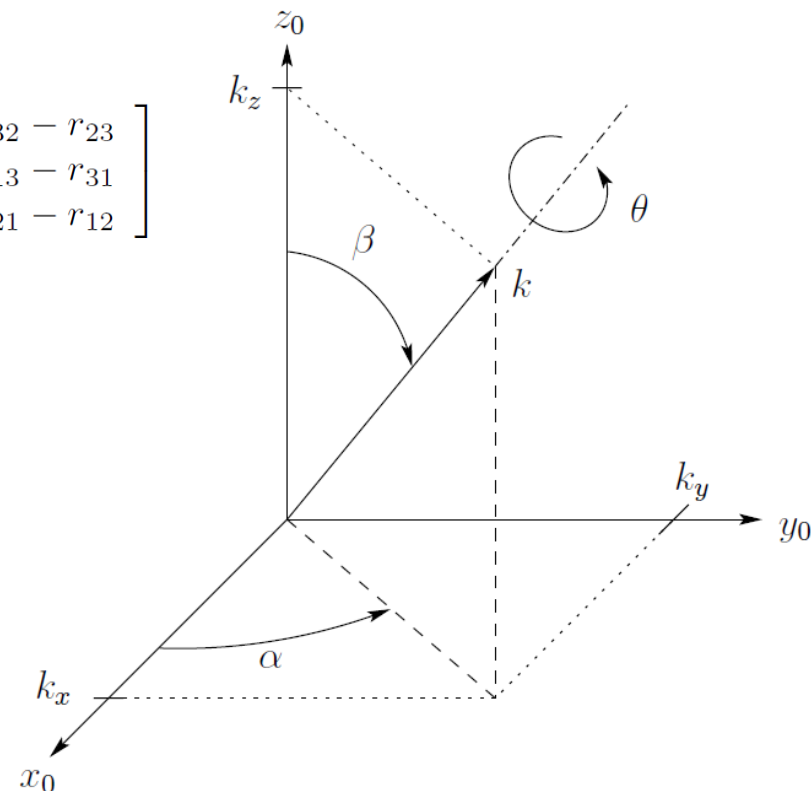
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The axis/angle representation is not unique since a rotation of  $-\theta$  about  $-\mathbf{k}$  is the same as a rotation of  $\theta$  about  $\mathbf{k}$ .

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If  $\theta = 0$  then  $\mathbf{R}$  is the identity matrix and the axis of rotation is undefined.



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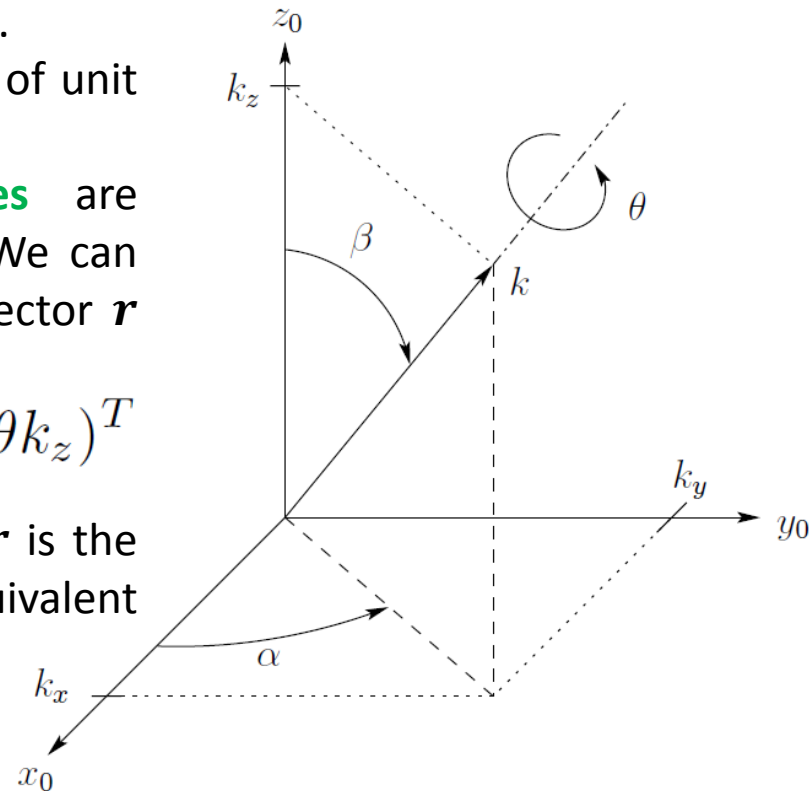
However, since the equivalent axis  $\mathbf{k}$  is given as a unit vector only two of its components are independent.

The third is constrained by the condition that  $\mathbf{k}$  is of unit length.

Therefore, only **three independent quantities** are required in this representation of a rotation  $\mathbf{R}$ . We can represent the equivalent axis/angle by a single vector  $\mathbf{r}$  as:

$$\mathbf{r} = (r_x, r_y, r_z)^T = (\theta k_x, \theta k_y, \theta k_z)^T$$

since  $\mathbf{k}$  is a unit vector, the length of the vector  $\mathbf{r}$  is the equivalent angle  $\theta$  and the direction of  $\mathbf{r}$  is the equivalent axis  $\mathbf{k}$ .



# Rigid Motions

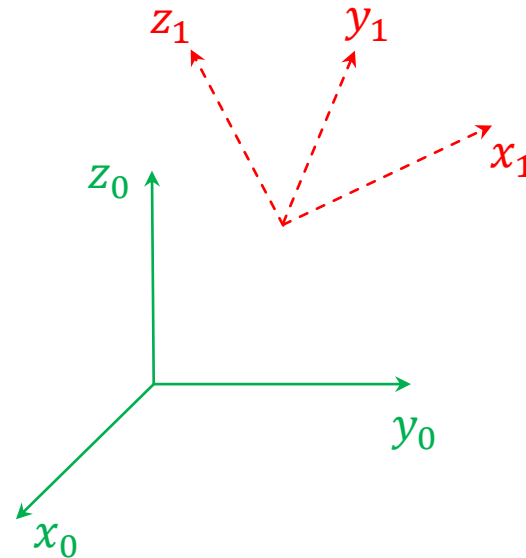
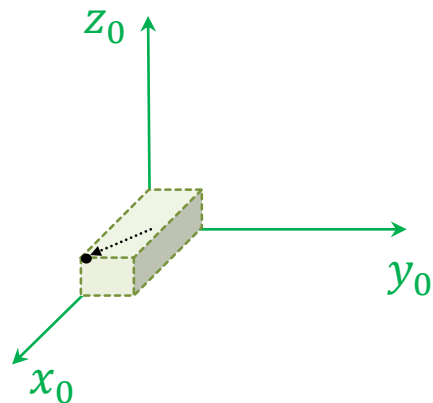
A rigid motion is a pure translation together with a pure rotation.

A rigid motion is an ordered pair  $(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{R})$  where  $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbf{SO}(3)$ . The group of all rigid motions is known as the **Special Euclidean Group** and is denoted by  $\mathbf{SE}(3)$ . We see then that  $\mathbf{SE}(3) = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbf{SO}(3)$ .



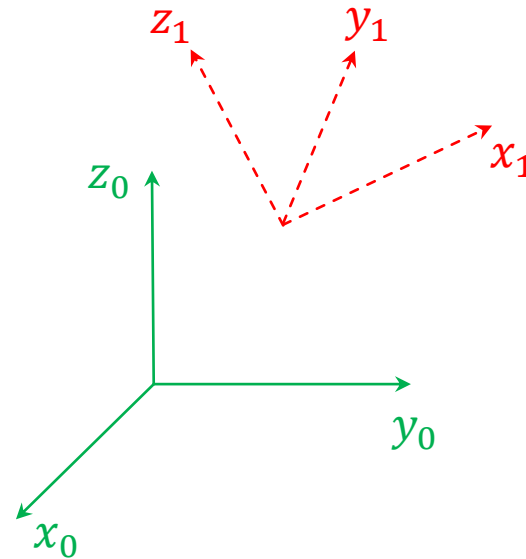
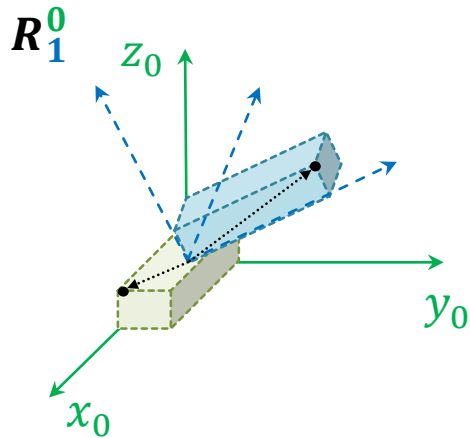
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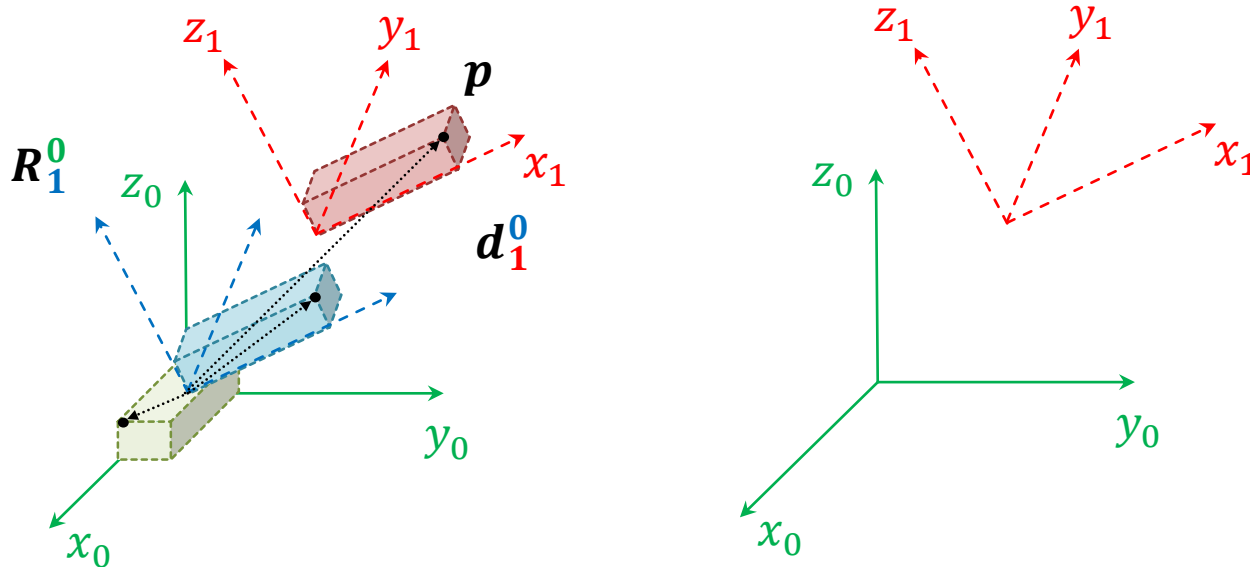
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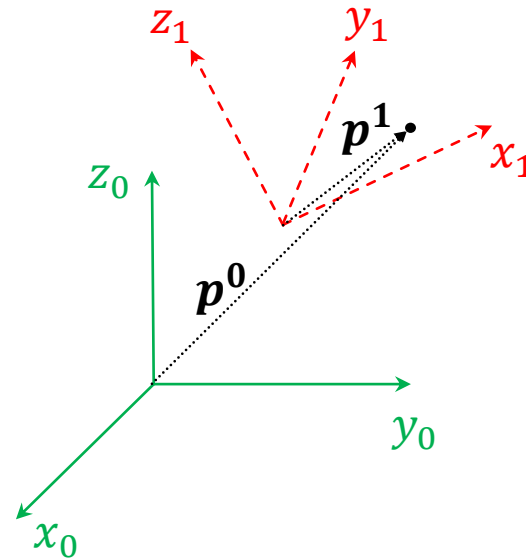
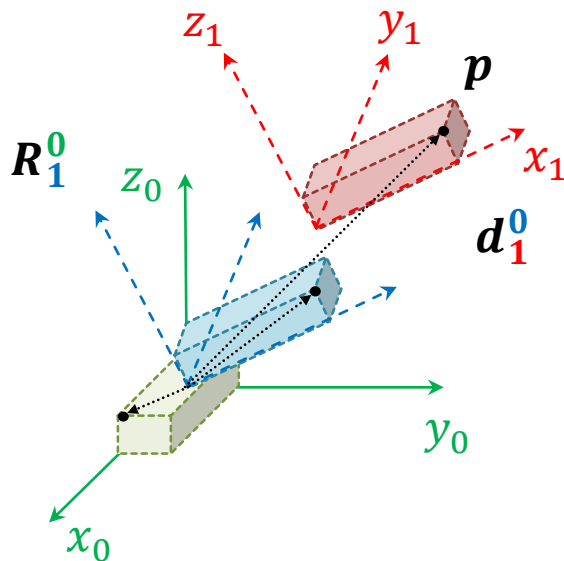
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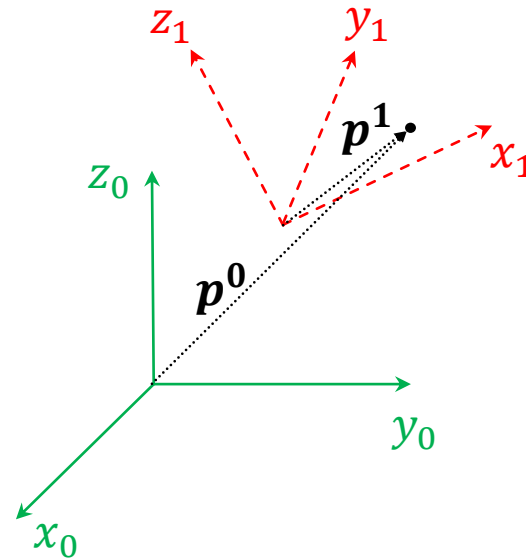
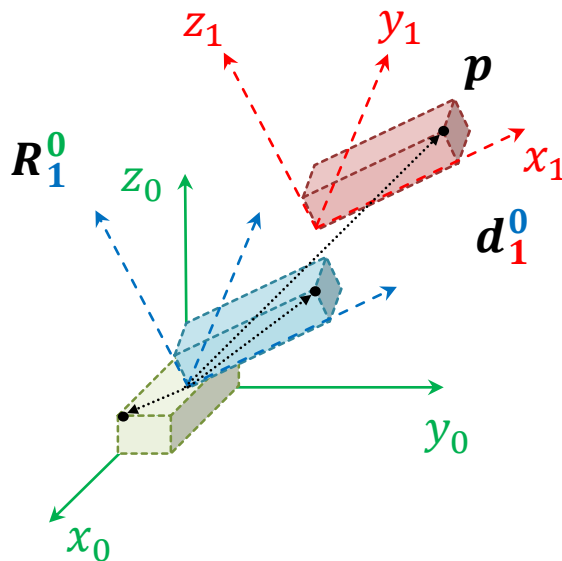
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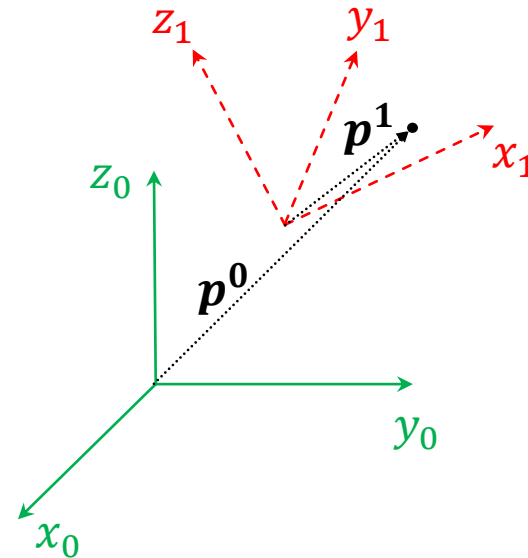
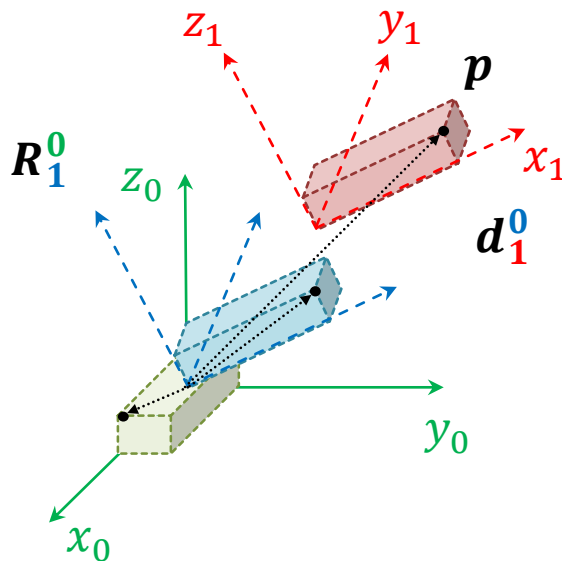
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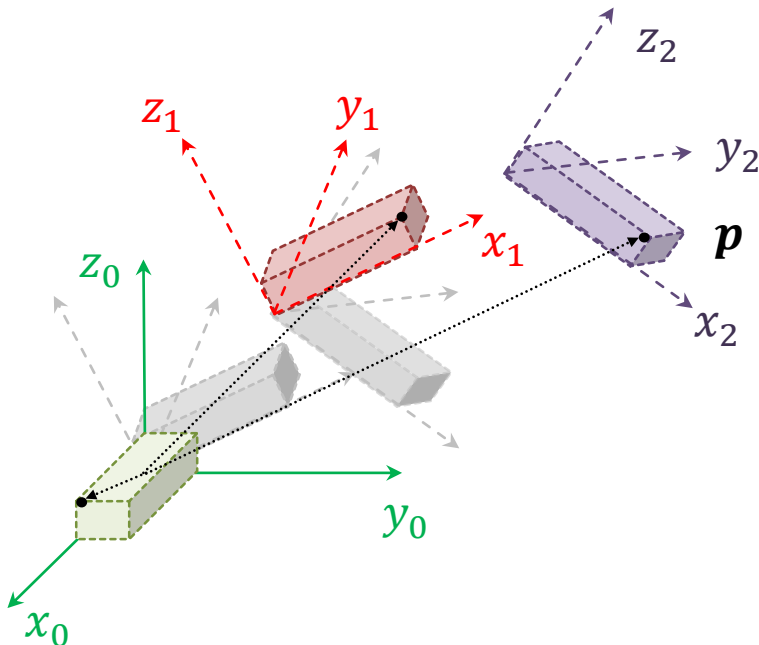
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Both rigid motions can be described as one rigid motion:

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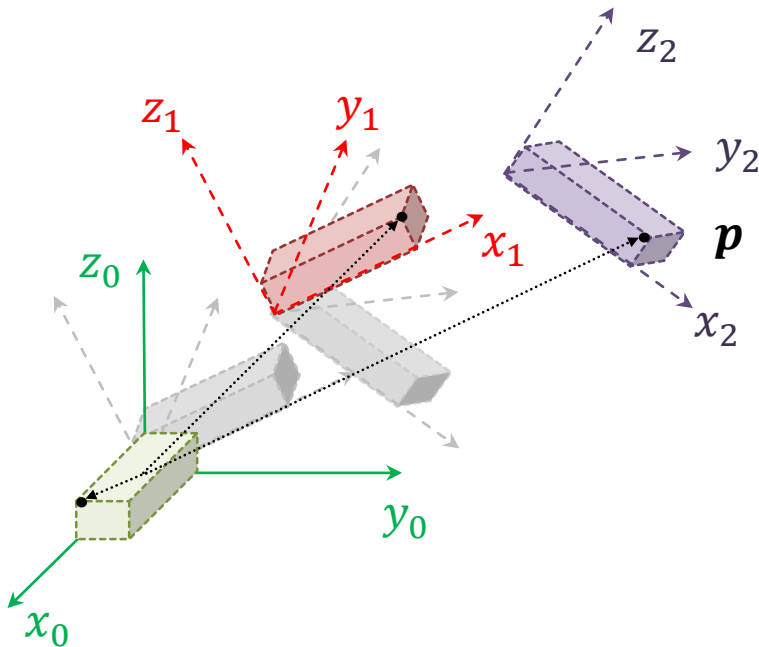


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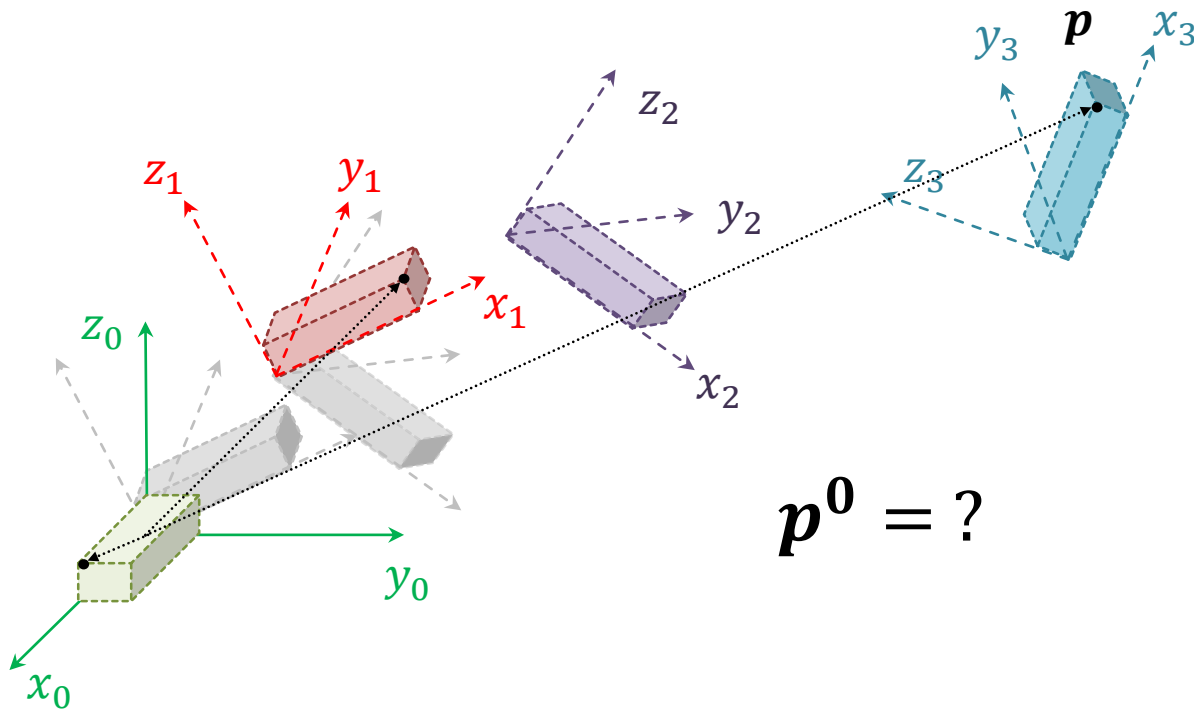
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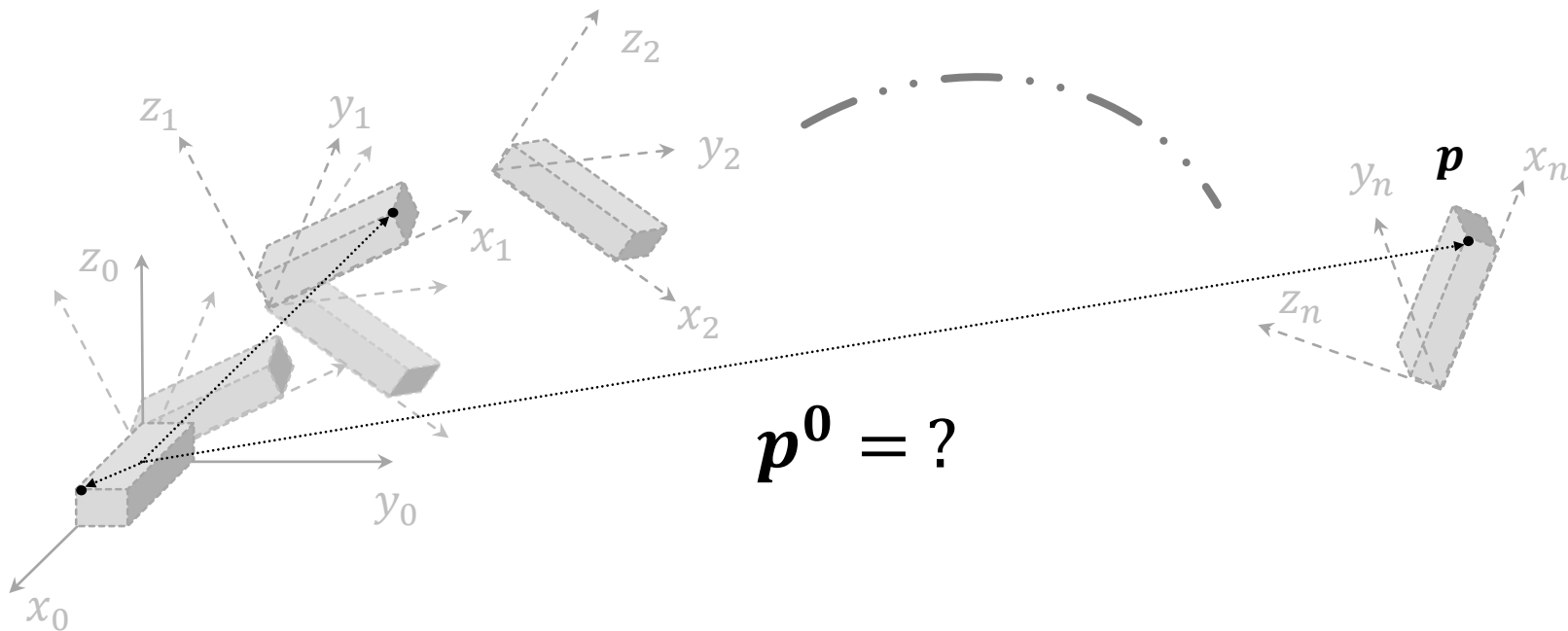


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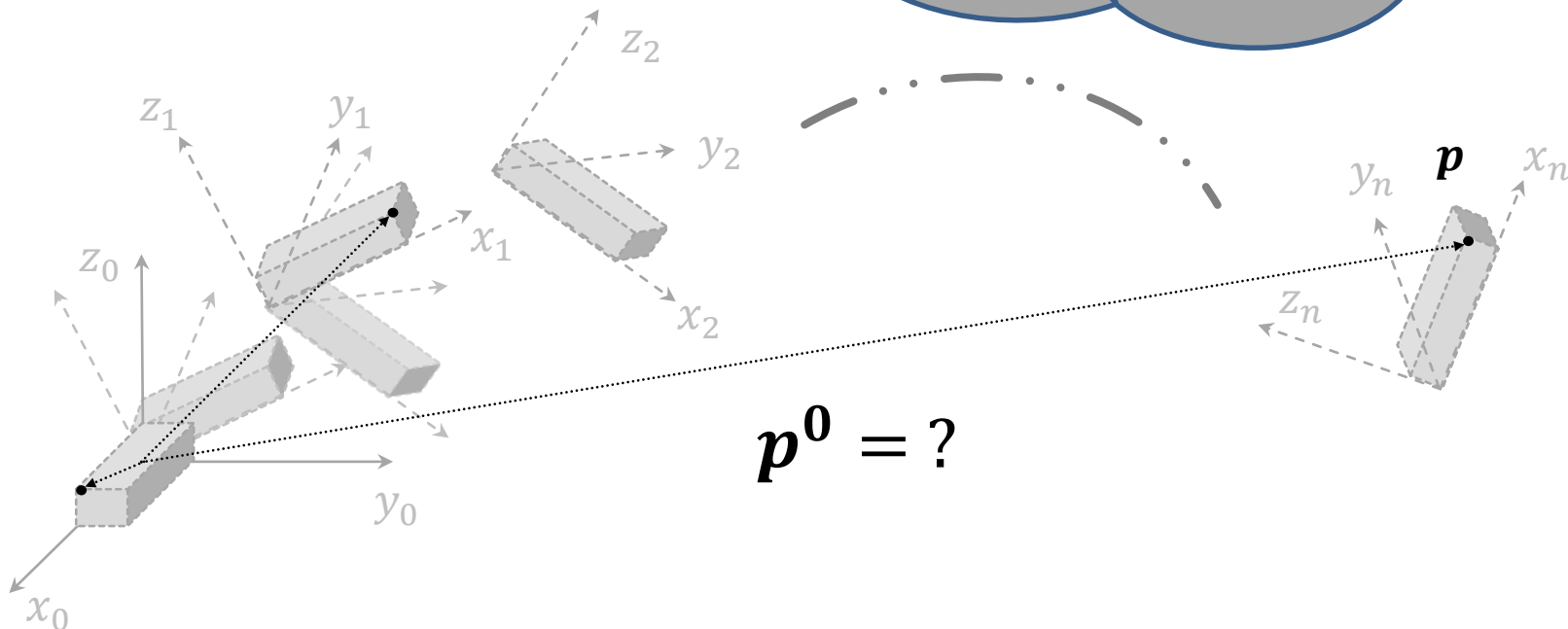


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Transformation matrices of the form  $H$  are called **homogeneous transformations**.

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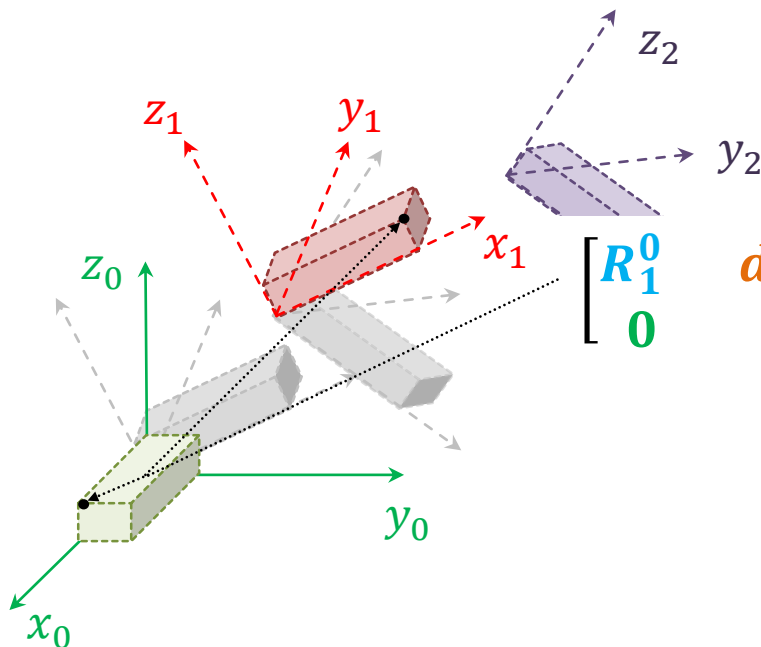
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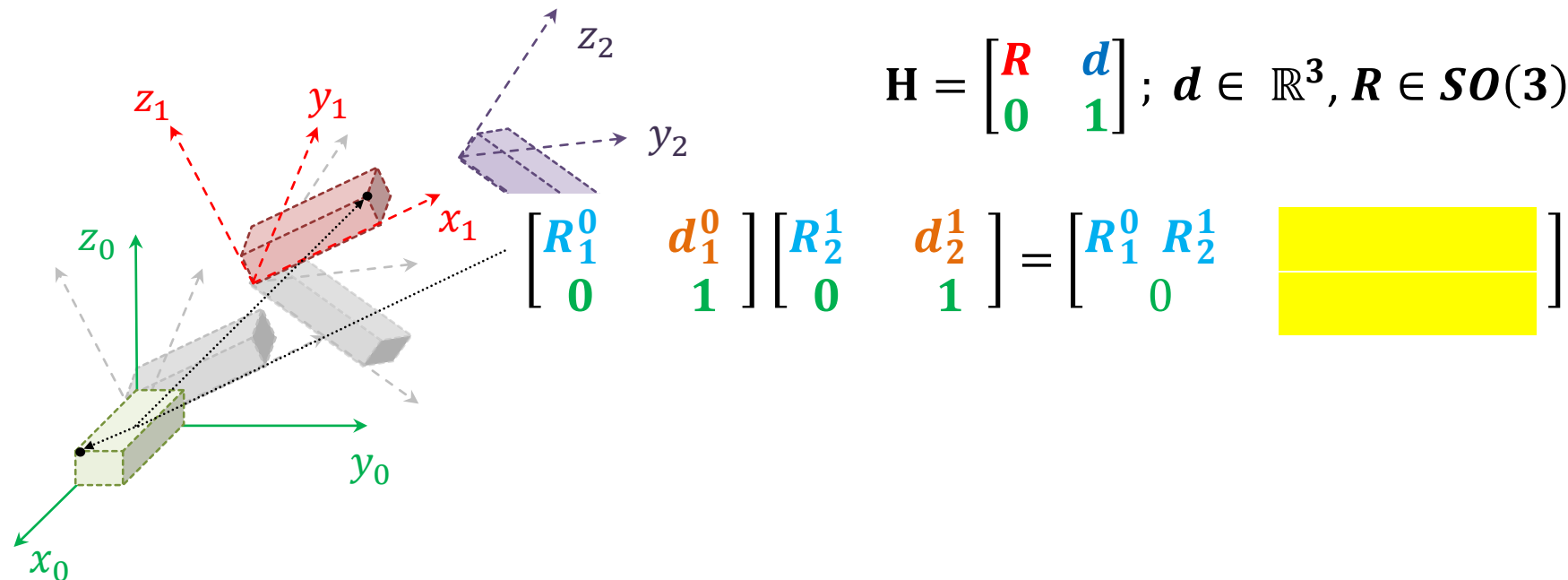
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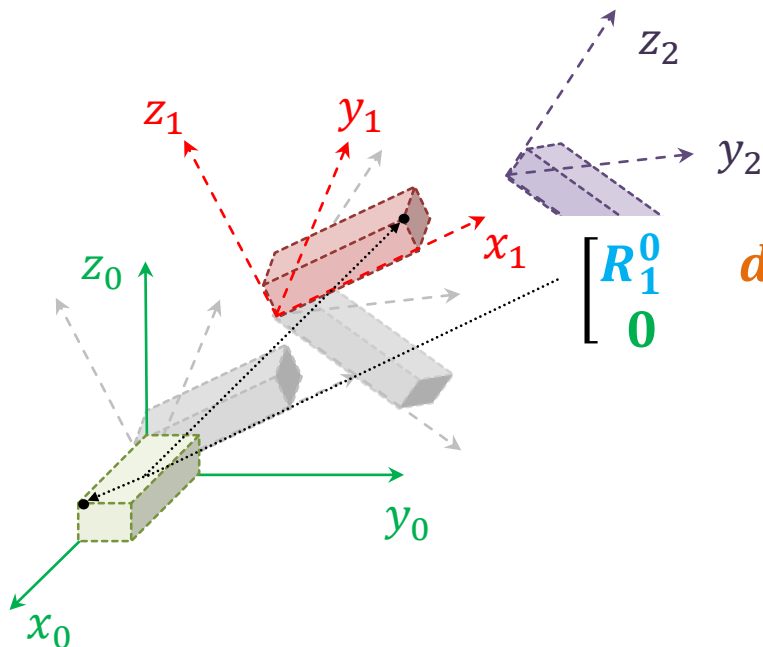
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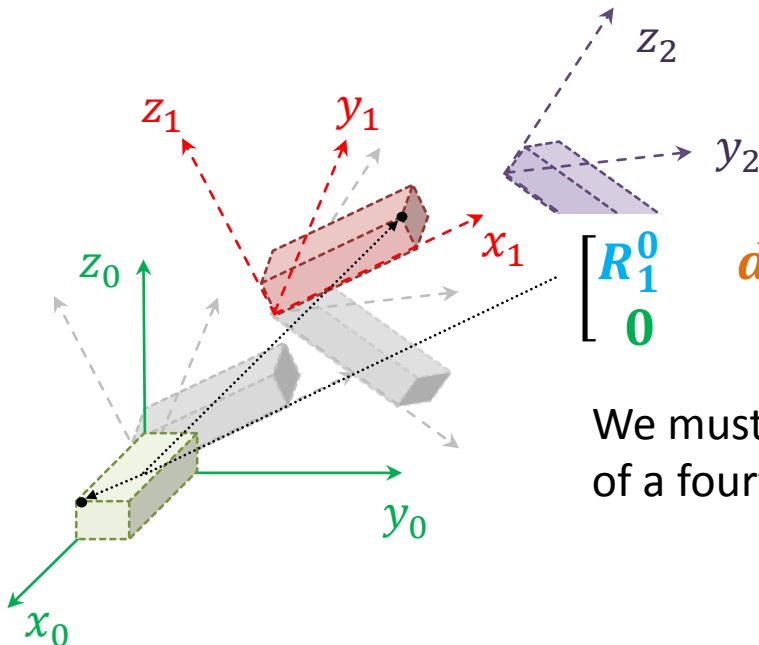
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$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 & d_1^0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_2^1 & d_2^1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1^0 R_2^1 & R_1^0 d_2^1 + d_1^0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We must augment the vectors  $p^0$ ,  $p^1$  and  $p^2$  by the addition of a fourth component of 1:

$$P^0 = \begin{bmatrix} p^0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, P^1 = \begin{bmatrix} p^1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} p^2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Homogeneous Transformations

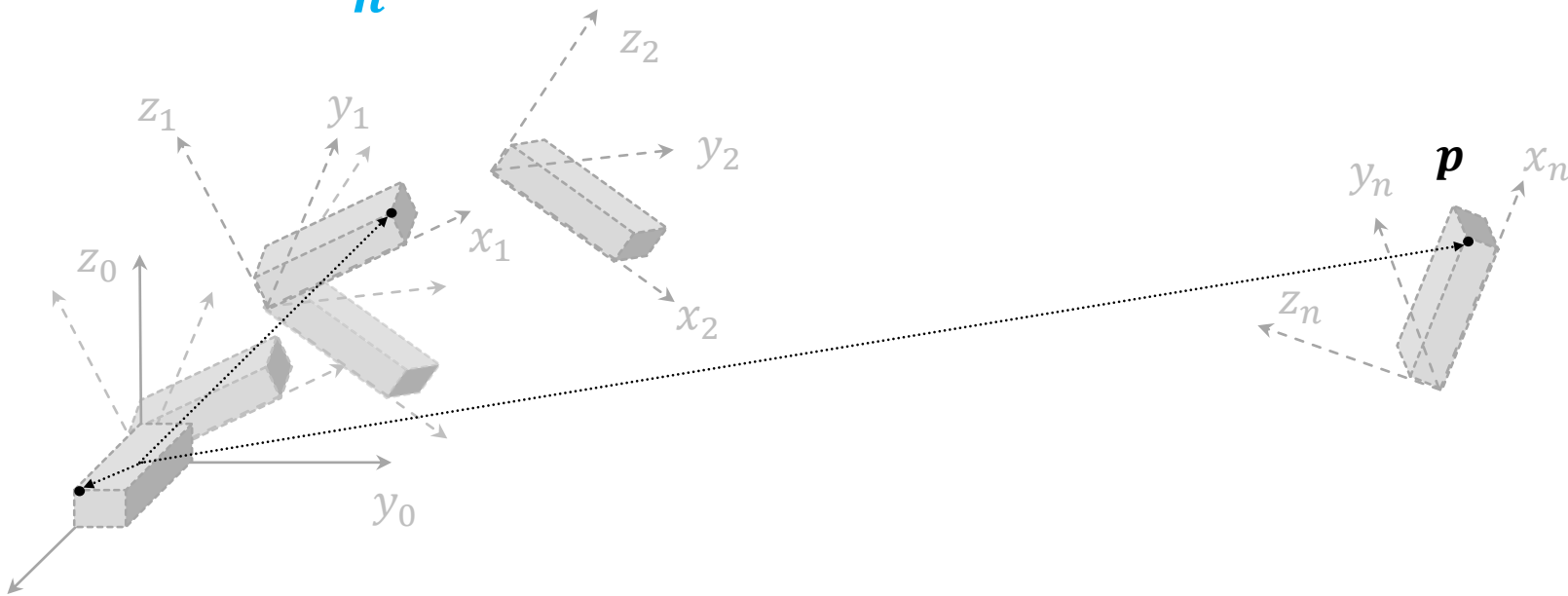
$$P^0 = H_1^0 P^1$$

$$P^0 = H_2^0 P^2$$

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$$P^0 = H_n^0 P^n$$

$$P^0 = \begin{bmatrix} p^0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Basic Homogeneous Transformations

$$\text{Trans}_{x,a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{Rot}_{x,\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_\alpha & -s_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & s_\alpha & c_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Trans}_{y,b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{Rot}_{y,\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} c_\beta & 0 & s_\beta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -s_\beta & 0 & c_\beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Trans}_{z,c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{Rot}_{z,\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} c_\gamma & -s_\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ s_\gamma & c_\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Homogeneous Transformations

$$H_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & s_x & a_x & d_x \\ n_y & s_y & a_y & d_y \\ n_z & s_z & a_z & d_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n & s & a & d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

***n*** is a vector representing the direction of  $x_1$  in the  $o_0 x_0 y_0 z_0$  system

***s*** is a vector representing the direction of  $y_1$  in the  $o_0 x_0 y_0 z_0$  system

***a*** is a vector representing the direction of  $z_1$  in the  $o_0 x_0 y_0 z_0$  system

# Composition Rule For Homogeneous Transformations

Given a homogeneous transformation  $H_1^0$  relating two frames, if a second rigid motion, represented by  $H$  is performed relative to the **current frame**, then:

$$H_2^0 = H_1^0 H$$

whereas if the second rigid motion is performed relative to the **fixed frame**, then:

$$H_2^0 = H H_1^0$$

# Example

Find  $H$  for the following sequence of

1. a rotation by  $\alpha$  about the current  $x$  – **axis**, followed by
2. a translation of  $b$  units along the current  $x$  – **axis**, followed by
3. a translation of  $d$  units along the current  $z$  – **axis**, followed by
4. a rotation by angle  $\theta$  about the current  $z$  – **axis**

$$H =$$

Reminder:

Transformation with respect to the **current** frame

$$H_2^0 = H_1^0 H$$

Transformation with respect to the **fixed** frame

$$H_2^0 = H H_1^0$$

# Example

Find  $H$  for the following sequence of

1. a rotation by  $\alpha$  about the current  $x$  – **axis**, followed by
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$$H = Rot_{x,\alpha}$$

## Reminder:

Transformation with respect to the **current** frame

$$H_2^0 = H_1^0 H$$

Transformation with respect to the **fixed** frame

$$H_2^0 = H H_1^0$$



# Example

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$$H = Rot_{x,\alpha} Trans_{x,b}$$

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Transformation with respect to the **fixed** frame

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$$H = Rot_{x,\alpha} Trans_{x,b} Trans_{z,d}$$

## Reminder:

Transformation with respect to the **current** frame

$$H_2^0 = H_1^0 H$$

Transformation with respect to the **fixed** frame

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$$H = Rot_{x,\alpha} Trans_{x,b} Trans_{z,d} Rot_{z,\theta}$$

## Reminder:

Transformation with respect to the **current** frame

$$H_2^0 = H_1^0 H$$

Transformation with respect to the **fixed** frame

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# Example

Find  $\mathbf{H}$  for the following sequence of

1. a rotation by  $\alpha$  about the current  $x$  – **axis**, followed by
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3. a translation of  $d$  units along the current  $z$  – **axis**, followed by
4. a rotation by angle  $\theta$  about the current  $z$  – **axis**

$$\mathbf{H} = \text{Rot}_{x,\alpha} \text{Trans}_{x,b} \text{Trans}_{z,d} \text{Rot}_{z,\theta}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta & -s_\theta & 0 & b \\ c_\alpha s_\theta & c_\alpha c_\theta & -s_\alpha & -d s_\alpha \\ s_\alpha s_\theta & s_\alpha c_\theta & c_\alpha & d c_\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Reminder:

Transformation with respect to the **current** frame

$$\mathbf{H}_2^0 = \mathbf{H}_1^0 \mathbf{H}$$

Transformation with respect to the **fixed** frame

$$\mathbf{H}_2^0 = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}_1^0$$

# Example

Find the homogeneous transformations  $H_1^0$ ,  $H_2^0$ ,  $H_2^1$  representing the transformations among the three frames Shown. Show that  $H_2^0 = H_1^0 H_2^1$ .

