

# Robotics, Vision, & Mechatronics for Manufacturing.

Chapter 2: representing rotation and translation

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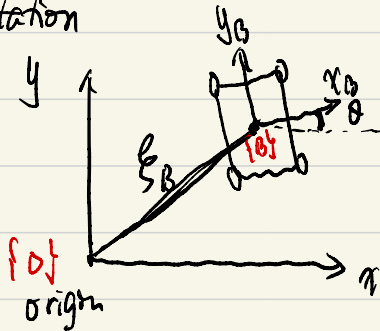
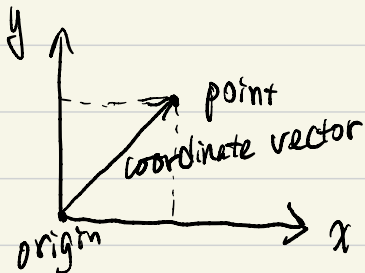
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## Announcements:

\* Please complete survey: link in canvas, announced by Dan Wang

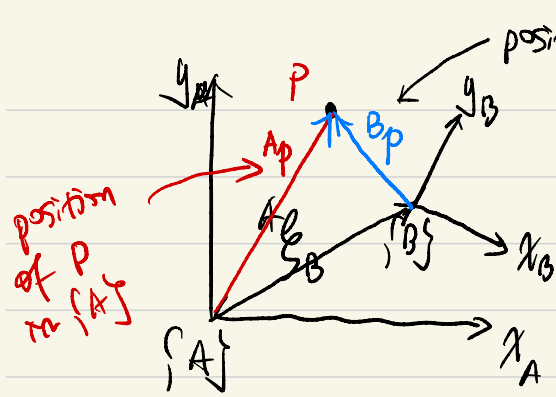
Recap: pose: location & orientation



notation:

${}^A \xi_B$

- relating two frames  $\{A\}$  &  $\{B\}$
- describing the relative pose of  $\{B\}$  w.r.t.  $\{A\}$
- leading superscript: reference frame
- subscript: frame being described.
- when leading script is omitted, the reference frame is  $\{0\}$ , the world coordinate syst.



$$A p = {}^A \xi_B \cdot B p$$

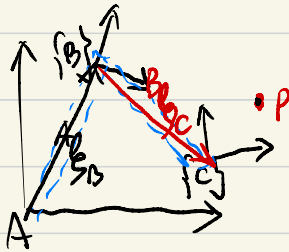
operator that transforms a vector from one coordinate frame to another.

important characteristic of relative poses:

$${}^A \xi_C = {}^A \xi_B \oplus {}^B \xi_C$$

the pose of {C} relative to {A} can be obtained by computing the relative poses from {A} to {B} & from {B} to {C}.

$\oplus$ : the composition of relative frames.

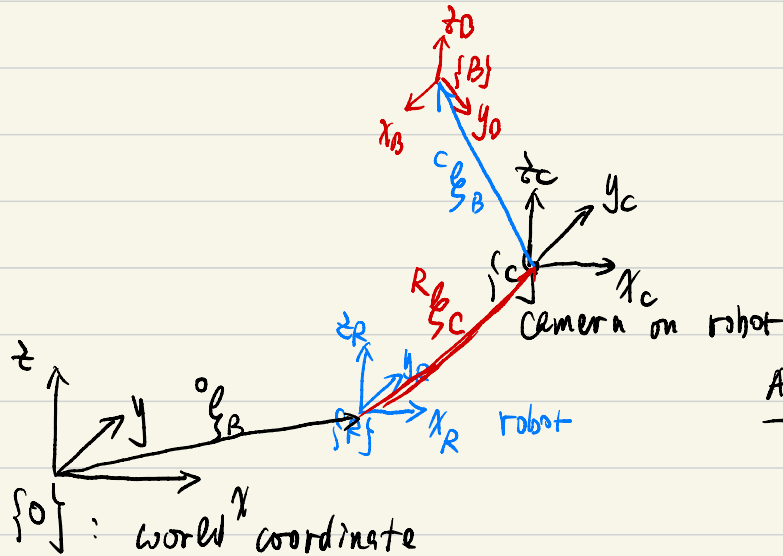


$$\Rightarrow A p = ({}^A \xi_B \oplus {}^B \xi_C) C p$$

Usual coordinate systems : 2d & 3d

2d coordinate frame: appropriate for e.g. mobile robots

3d  $\checkmark$   $\checkmark$  : needed by e.g. the pose of flying airplanes/drones  
 underwater robots,  
 or the end of a tool carried  
 by a robotic arm.



$$\xi_B = \xi_R \oplus R_{RC} \oplus C_{CB}$$

Algebraic Rules:

$$\xi \oplus 0 = \xi, \quad \xi \ominus 0 = \xi$$

$$\xi \ominus \xi = 0, \quad \ominus \xi \oplus \xi = 0$$

Note:  $\xi_1 \oplus \xi_2 \neq \xi_2 \oplus \xi_1$  composition is not commutative.

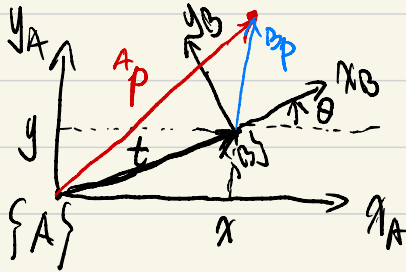
Exception  $\xi_2 \oplus \xi_2 = 0 = \xi_2 \oplus \xi_1$



$$\Theta \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_F^{\oplus}}_{\mathcal{L}_F} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_F^{\oplus}}_{\mathcal{L}_F} \oplus \mathcal{L}_R^F = \Theta \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_F^{\oplus}}_{\mathcal{L}_F} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_R^{\oplus}}_{\mathcal{L}_R} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_R^F = \Theta \mathcal{L}_F^{\oplus} \oplus \mathcal{L}_R$$

What is a relative pose mathematically?

2D case :

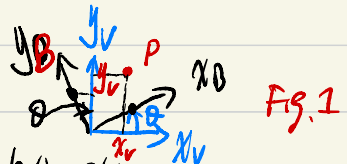


decomposition: origin of  $\{B\}$  is displaced by  $t = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$   
 rotated by  $\theta$  counter clockwise

$\Rightarrow$  A complete representation of  $\mathcal{L}_B^A$  is therefore  $(x, y, \theta)$

Mathematically: rotation operation

Goal: identify the relationship between  $\{B\}$  &  $\{V\}$



coordinate transformation matrix in  $\{B\}$  in  $\{V\}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_B \\ y_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_V \\ y_V \end{bmatrix}$$

important observation:

same vector in Fig. 1

$$v_P = x \hat{x}_V + y \hat{y}_V = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_V & \hat{y}_V \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$\hat{x}_V$ : unit vector along  $x_V$

$\hat{y}_V$ : unit vector along  $y_V$

$$\underline{B}_P = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_B & \hat{y}_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \hat{x}_V + \sin \theta \hat{y}_V & -\sin \theta \hat{x}_V + \cos \theta \hat{y}_V \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_V & \hat{y}_V \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix}}_{v_p} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{v R_B \\ \sum_B \triangleq v R_B}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \end{bmatrix}}_{B_p}$$

describes how points are transformed from  $\{B\}$  to  $\{v\}$  when rotating frames

The rotation matrix:  
Properties

$$v R_B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$



$$- \det(v R_B) = \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$v p = v R_B B_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \|v p\| = \|v R_B B_p\| = \|B_p\|$$

$$- r_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad r_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_1 \perp r_2 : r_1 \cdot r_2 = -\cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta = 0$$

$v R_B$  is orthogonal  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{columns are perpendicular to each other.} \\ \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 = \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} = 1 \Rightarrow \text{each column has unit length} \end{array} \right.$

- inverse rotation

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

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

inverse rotation is transpose of original rotation matrix

$${}^V p = {}^V R_B B p$$

$$\Rightarrow ({}^V R_B)^T {}^V p = B p \Leftrightarrow ({}^V R_B)^T {}^V p = B p$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$${}^B R_V {}^V p = B p$$

$$\boxed{({}^V R_B)^T = {}^B R_V = ({}^V R_B)^{-1}}$$

MATLAB:

$$\gg R = \text{rot2}(30, 'deg')$$

$$\text{or } R = \text{rot2}(0.5)$$

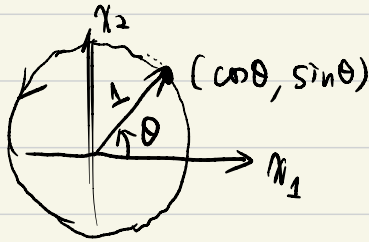
syms theta

$$R = \text{rot2}(theta)$$

(after installing the Toolbox)

# System representations of the rotation process & rotation matrix

$$\dot{x} = A x \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = \frac{d}{dt} \cos\theta = -\sin\theta = -x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = \frac{d}{dt} \sin\theta = \cos\theta = x_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}^A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = e^{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} t} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall  $\omega$  linear systems

$$e^{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega \\ \omega & 0 \end{bmatrix} t} = e^{\omega t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega t & -\sin \omega t \\ \sin \omega t & \cos \omega t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\theta \\ \theta & 0 \end{bmatrix}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

the skew-symmetric

Key: rotation closely related to  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\theta \\ \theta & 0 \end{bmatrix} \triangleq [\theta]_x$

at  $t$  when angle is  $\theta$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} t} x(0) \quad \text{denoted as}$$

$$\uparrow = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} x(0)$$

$$x(t) = e^{[\theta]_x} x(0) \\ R(\omega) = e^{[\omega]_x}$$

Relating two position vectors

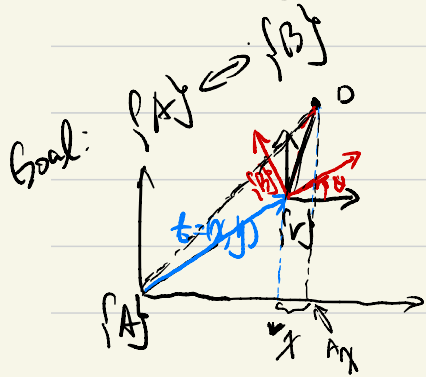
In MATLAB:  $\Rightarrow S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$R = \text{expm}(S)$$

$$R = e^{[0]_X}$$

$$[0]_X = \text{logm}(R)$$

Now: add translation (homogeneous transformation)



For point P: ← translation

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

because  $\{A\}$  &  $\{B\}$  are parallel  $\Rightarrow$

$$= {}^v R_B \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= {}^A R_B \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & | & x \\ R_B & | & y \\ 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(x2)

coordinates in homogeneous form:  $A^p$

homogeneous transformation matrix:  $A_{T_B}$

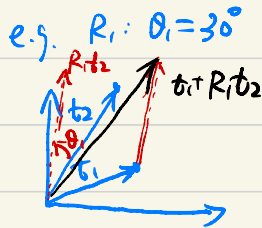
Homogeneous transformation matrix properties:

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

— composable:

$$P_1 \circ P_2 = P_1 P_2$$

$$P_1 P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & t_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_2 & t_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 R_2 & \underline{t_1 + R_1 t_2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Notice:

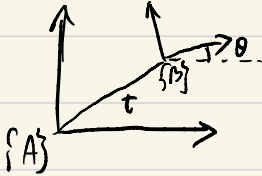
$$P_2 P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} R_2 R_1 & t_2 + R_2 t_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\neq P_1 P_2$$

still a rotation  
↓  
still a translation  
↓  
still a homogeneous transformation matrix

- Inverse

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



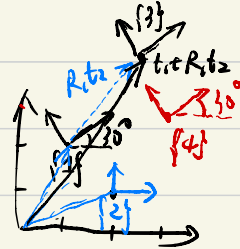
$$\Theta P \Theta^T = 0 \Rightarrow \Theta P = P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -R^T t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

MATLAB:  $\Rightarrow T_1 = \underbrace{\text{transl}_2(1, 2)}_{t = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}} \cdot \underbrace{\text{rot}_2(30, 'deg')}_{R: \theta = 30^\circ}$

$\Rightarrow T_2 = \text{transl}_2(2, 1)$

$$T_3 = T_1 T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 R_2 & t_1 + R_1 t_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_4 = T_2 T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} R_2 R_1 & t_2 + R_2 t_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$t_2 + R_2 t_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + I \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 R_1: \theta = 0^\circ + 30^\circ$$

coordinate

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

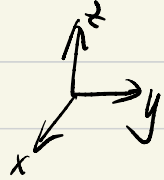
$${}^0p = {}^0L_1 {}^1p \Rightarrow {}^1p = ({}^0L_1)^{-1} {}^0p$$

$${}^1\tilde{p} = ({}^0T_1)^{-1} {}^0\tilde{p}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^1p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = T_1^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

new: Pose in 3D

Recall: right-hand rule & right-hand coordinate frame



unit vector in the three coordinate axis:

$$\hat{x} : \|\hat{x}\| = 1$$

$$\hat{y} : \|\hat{y}\| = 1$$

$$\hat{z} : \|\hat{z}\| = 1$$

along x direction

along y direction

along z direction

$$\hat{x} \times \hat{y} = \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{y} \times \hat{z} = \hat{x}$$

$$\hat{z} \times \hat{x} = \hat{y}$$

Given any  $p$  in 3D: exist

$$p = x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}$$

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$



Rotation in 3D is more involved; different ways were developed in history.

Euler's Rotation Theorem: Any two independent orthonormal coordinate frames can be related by a sequence (≤ 3) of rotations about coordinate axes

if no two successive rotations may be about the same axis.

orthonormal rotation matrix: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & R & B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ D_y \\ B_z \end{bmatrix}$$

rotation of  $\theta$  about x axis:

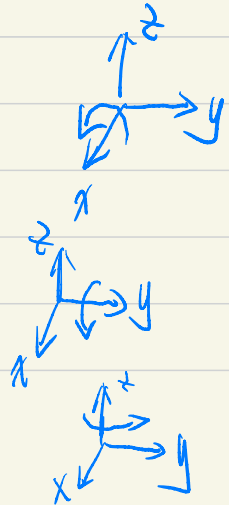
$$R_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

rotation of  $\theta$  about y axis:

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

rotation of  $\theta$  about z axis:

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



In MATLAB:

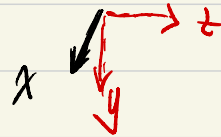
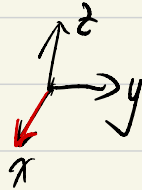
$$\Rightarrow R_x = \text{rotX}(\theta)$$

`trplot(Rx)`

`animate(Rx)`

e.g.

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$-\sin\theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = -90^\circ$$

3-angle representation: Recall Euler's rotation theorem asserts that any rotation can be achieved via successive rotation about 3 axes (can't do e.g.  $xyx$  or  $xzz$ )

— solution is not unique

— two general classes

{	Eulerian: e.g. $xyx, xzx, yzy, yxy, zxz, yxz$	
	Cardanian: uses all 3 axes: e.g. $xyx, xzy, yxz, yzx, zxy, zyx$	

↑↑ contains repetitions

Eulerian way: eg.  $zyz$  sequence (common in mechanical & aerospace).

$$R = R_z(\phi) R_y(\theta) R_z(\psi)$$

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defines the so-called Euler angles  $\Gamma = (\phi, \theta, \psi)$

MATLAB:  $\Rightarrow$  Gamma =  $[\phi, \theta, \psi] \stackrel{\text{eg}}{=} [0.1, 0.2, 0.3]$

$$\Rightarrow R = \text{rotz}(\phi) \cdot \text{roty}(\theta) \cdot \text{rotz}(\psi)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R = \text{eul2r}([0.1, 0.2, 0.3])$$

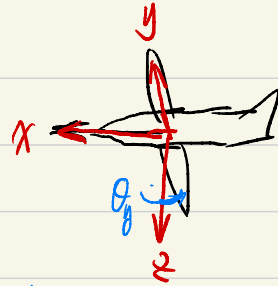
$$\Rightarrow \text{Gamma} = \text{tr2eul}(R) \Rightarrow \text{Gamma} = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3]$$

forward ↑  
reverse ↓  
special case :  
(singularity)

$$R_y(\theta) = I \Rightarrow R = R_z(\phi) R_z(\psi) = R_z(\phi + \psi)$$

$$\text{physically: } R_y(\theta) = I \Leftrightarrow \theta = 0 \quad = R_z(\phi - 0.3) R_z(\psi + 0.3)$$

Cardanian Way: commonly  $xy\bar{z}$  or  $\bar{z}yx$



usual sequence ①

yaw — direction of travel

(bank)

(rotation  $O_y$  along  $\bar{z}$  axis)

pitch — elevation of the front (rotation  $O_p$  along  $y$ )  
(altitude)

roll — rotation  $O_r$  along  $x$  axis  
(heading)

$\bar{z}yx$  sequence

$$\Rightarrow R = R_z(O_y) R_y(O_p) R_x(O_r)$$

MATLAB:

$\Rightarrow$

$$R = \text{rpy2r}(0, \alpha, \beta)$$

to know more, do "help rpy2r" in MATLAB

singularity analysis:

$$\Downarrow \alpha = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow R_y(O_p) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

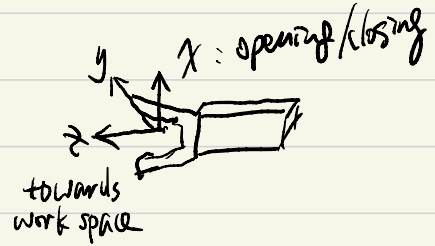
$\Downarrow$  aircrafts become rockets!

Fortunately, this is outside of the range of feasible attitudes for most vehicles.

MATLAB  $\Rightarrow$  tripeangle

Cardanian Way: commonly  $xy\dot{z}$  or  $z\dot{y}x$

usual sequence  $\odot$ :  $xy\dot{z}$  for <sup>eg.</sup> robotic grippers



Singularity occurs with using a minimal representation.

Singularity can be avoided by introducing a fourth dof.  $\Rightarrow$  quaternion

(won't talk too much)  
for now

Add new translation: 3D pose

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_B & t \\ 0_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ B_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = R_B \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ B_z \end{bmatrix} + t$$

${}^A T_B$ : 4x4 homogeneous transformation matrix

$$T_1 \cdot T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 R_2 & t_1 + R_1 t_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -R^T t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

MATLAB:  $\Rightarrow T = \text{transl}(1, 0, 0) \cdot \text{rotz}(\pi/2) \cdot \text{transl}(0, 1, 0)$

Rotation:  $SO_2 = \left\{ R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

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special orthogonal matrices in 2D

$$SE_2 = \left\{ T = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 1 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

↑  
special Euclidean group in 2D.

$$SO_3 = \left\{ R \mid R \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \quad R^T R = R R^T = I \right\}$$

$$SE_3 = \left\{ T \mid T = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \quad R R^T = R^T R = I \right\}$$

↑  
special Euclidean group of rigid-body motion

Wrapping up:

${}^A \mathcal{L}_B$  : pose of coordinate frame  $\{B\}$  relative to frame  $\{A\}$

$$\mathcal{L}_B = \mathcal{L}_{SA} \oplus {}^A \mathcal{L}_B$$

maps a coordinate vector from  $\{B\}$  to  $\{A\}$ :

$${}^A p = \mathcal{L}_B {}^B p$$