

# Last Time

## Chapter 2 Rigid Body Motion

### 1 Rigid Body Transformations

- Length Preserving:  $\|g(p) - g(q)\| = \|p - q\|$
- Orientation Preserving:  $g_*(v \times w) = g_*(v) \times g_*(w)$

### 2 Rotational motion in $\mathbb{R}^3$

- Rotation Matrix
  - Represents *configuration*
  - Represents (*rotational*) *transformation*
- Rotation Matrices with matrix multiplication form a *Group*
- Rotational Transformation is a *Rigid Body Transformation*

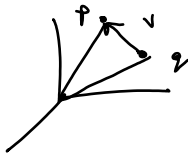
# Recap

- Rigid body Transformations

Point  $P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

Vector  $v = p - q = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

Trajectory  $P(t) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   
 $t \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{bmatrix}$



Properties of Rigid body Transformations :

(i)  $\|g(p) - g(q)\| = \|p - q\|$  - Preserves length

(ii)  $g_x(v \times w) = g_x(v) \times g_x(w)$

- Rotational Motion :

Rotation Matrix  $R_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{ab} & y_{ab} & z_{ab} \end{bmatrix}$

- Represents config. of Body Frame "B" wrt spatial frame "A"

- Represents (notational) transformation to convert vectors in "B" to "A"

$$SO(3) = \left\{ R \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \mid \begin{array}{l} \underline{R^T R = I} \\ \text{orthogonal} \end{array}, \frac{\det(R) = +1}{\text{special}} \right\}$$

$\Downarrow$   
 $\det(R) = \pm 1$

-  $(SO(3), \cdot)$  is a Group:

(i) closure :  $R, R_2 \in SO(3) \Rightarrow R, R_2 \in SO(3)$

(ii) Identity element :  $I \in SO(3)$  s.t.  $R \cdot I = R \in SO(3)$

(iii) Inverse element :  $\forall R \in SO(3), R^{-1} = R^T$  s.t.  $RR^T = I$

(iv) Associativity

- Rotational Motion is a Rigid body Transformation

(i) Preserves length:  $\|Rab \cdot (P_b - P_a)\| = \|P_b - P_a\|$

(ii) Preserves orientation:  $R(v \times w) = (Rv) \times (Rw)$

used property  $R \hat{v} R^T = \hat{Rv}$

hat map:  $\wedge : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathfrak{so}(3)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\wedge} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -v_3 & v_2 \\ v_3 & 0 & -v_1 \\ -v_2 & v_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v \times w = \hat{v} w$$

$$\mathfrak{so}(3) = \left\{ A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \mid A^T = -A \right\}$$



(1) scalar triple product:  $a \cdot (b \times c) = c \cdot (a \times b) = b \cdot (c \times a)$

(2) vector triple product:  $a \times (b \times c) = (a \cdot c) b - (a \cdot b) c$

(3) Jacobi Identity:  $(a \times b) \times c + (c \times a) \times b + (b \times c) \times a = 0$

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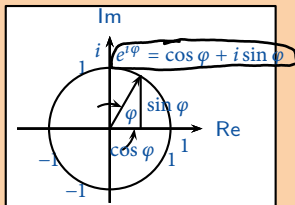


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### Euler's Formula

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$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$

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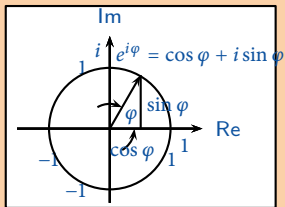


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$x(t), x_0, a \in \mathbb{R}$        $x_0, x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n, A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

(i) ODE  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = \underline{ax}(t) \\ x(0) = \underline{x_0} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underline{x(t) = e^{at} x_0}$        $\dot{x}(t) = A x(t), x(0) = x_0$

$x(t) = e^{At} x_0$

Matrix exponential  $e^{At} = I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots$

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(2) *constraints on R*

$$R \in SO(3), R = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{r_{11}} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & \boxed{r_{22}} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & \boxed{r_{33}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_i \cdot r_j = \begin{cases} \boxed{0}, & i \neq j \\ \boxed{1}, & i = j \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow 6 \text{ constraints}$$

$\Rightarrow$  **3 independent parameters!**

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*Rotational  
v.d. of point.*

(3) Consider motion of a point  $q$  on a rotating link

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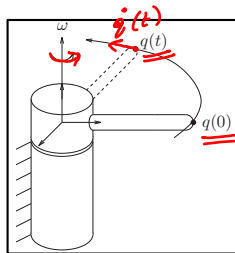


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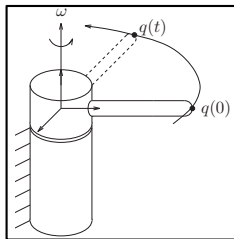


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By the definition of rigid transformation,  $R(\underline{\omega}, \underline{\theta}) = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$ . Let  $so(3) = \{\hat{\omega} | \omega \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$  or  $so(n) = \{S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} | S^T = -S\}$  where  $\wedge : \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto so(3) : \omega \mapsto \hat{\omega}$ , we have:

Exponential map:  $so(3) \rightarrow SO(3)$   
 $\hat{\omega} \theta \rightarrow e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$

**Property 3:**  $\exp : so(3) \mapsto SO(3), \hat{\omega}\theta \mapsto e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$

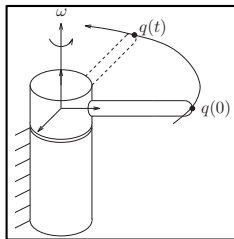


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Rodrigues' formula ( $\|\omega\| = 1$ ):

$$e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = I + \hat{\omega} \sin \theta + \hat{\omega}^2 (1 - \cos \theta)$$

Proof: LHS =  $e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = I + \hat{\omega}\theta + \frac{\hat{\omega}^2 \theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\hat{\omega}^3 \theta^3}{3!} + \dots$

$$\hat{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Skew-symmetric

$$\hat{\omega}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -(\omega_2^2 + \omega_3^2) & \omega_1 \omega_2 & \omega_1 \omega_3 \\ \omega_1 \omega_2 & -(\omega_1^2 + \omega_3^2) & \omega_2 \omega_3 \\ \omega_1 \omega_3 & \omega_2 \omega_3 & -(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

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Symmetric

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 & \omega_1 \omega_2 & \omega_1 \omega_3 \\ \omega_1 \omega_2 & \omega_2^2 & \omega_2 \omega_3 \\ \omega_1 \omega_3 & \omega_2 \omega_3 & \omega_3^2 \end{bmatrix} - (\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 + \omega_3^2) I$$

$$\hat{\omega}^2 = \omega \omega^T - I$$



$$\hat{\omega}^3 = \hat{\omega}(\omega\omega^T - \mathbf{I}) = \underbrace{\hat{\omega}\omega\omega^T}_0 - \hat{\omega} = -\hat{\omega}$$

$$\hat{\omega}^4 = \hat{\omega}\hat{\omega}^3 = \hat{\omega}(-\hat{\omega}) = -\hat{\omega}^2$$

$$\hat{\omega}^5 = \hat{\omega}\hat{\omega}^4 = -\hat{\omega}^3 = \hat{\omega}$$

$$e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = \mathbf{I} + \hat{\omega} \left[ \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots \right] + \hat{\omega}^2 \left[ \frac{\theta^2}{2!} - \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \frac{\theta^6}{6!} - \dots \right]$$

$$e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = \mathbf{I} + \hat{\omega} \sin\theta + \hat{\omega}^2 [1 - \cos\theta]$$

- Rodrigues Formula

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**Rodrigues' formula** ( $\|\omega\| = 1$ ):

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**Proof :**

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , write

$$a = \omega\theta, \omega = \frac{a}{\|a\|} \text{ (or } \|\omega\| = 1), \text{ and } \theta = \|a\|$$

$$e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = I + \hat{\omega}\theta + \frac{(\hat{\omega}\theta)^2}{2!} + \frac{(\hat{\omega}\theta)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

As

$$\hat{a}^2 = aa^T - \|a\|^2 I, \hat{a}^3 = -\|a\|^2 \hat{a}$$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} &= I + \left(\theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots\right)\hat{\omega} + \left(\frac{\theta^2}{2!} - \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \dots\right)\hat{\omega}^2 \\ &= I + \hat{\omega} \sin \theta + \hat{\omega}^2(1 - \cos \theta) \end{aligned}$$



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Rodrigues' formula for  $\|\omega\| \neq 1$ :

$$e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = I + \frac{\hat{\omega}}{\|\omega\|} \sin \|\omega\|\theta + \frac{\hat{\omega}^2}{\|\omega\|^2} (1 - \cos \|\omega\|\theta)$$

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**Proof for Property 3:**

Let  $R \triangleq e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$ , then:

$$(e^{\hat{\omega}\theta})^{-1} = e^{-\hat{\omega}\theta} = e^{\hat{\omega}^T\theta} = (e^{\hat{\omega}\theta})^T$$

$$\Rightarrow R^{-1} = R^T \Rightarrow R^T R = I \Rightarrow \det R = \pm 1$$

From  $\det \exp(0) = 1$  and the continuity of  $\det$  function w.r.t.  $\theta$ , we have  $\det e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = 1, \forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$  □

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{\wedge} \mathfrak{so}(3) \xrightarrow{\exp} \text{SO}(3)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\log} \mathfrak{so}(3) \xleftarrow{(\text{Vec map})} \mathbb{R}^3$$

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**Property 4:** The exponential map is onto.

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$$\text{exp: } \mathfrak{so}(3) \rightarrow \text{SO}(3)$$

**Property 4:** The exponential map is onto.

**Proof :**

Given  $R \in \text{SO}(3)$ , to show  $\exists \omega \in \mathbb{R}^3, \|\omega\| = 1$  and  $\theta$  s.t.  $R = e^{\hat{\omega}\theta}$

Let

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

and

$$v_\theta = 1 - \cos \theta, c_\theta = \cos \theta, s_\theta = \sin \theta$$

By Rodrigues' formula  $e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = I + \hat{\omega} \sin \theta + \hat{\omega}^2 (1 - \cos \theta)$

$$\text{Rework } \frac{d}{d\omega} e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 v_\theta + c_\theta & \omega_1 \omega_2 v_\theta - \omega_3 s_\theta & \omega_1 \omega_3 v_\theta + \omega_2 s_\theta \\ \omega_1 \omega_2 v_\theta + \omega_3 s_\theta & \omega_2^2 v_\theta + c_\theta & \omega_2 \omega_3 v_\theta - \omega_1 s_\theta \\ \omega_1 \omega_3 v_\theta - \omega_2 s_\theta & \omega_2 \omega_3 v_\theta + \omega_1 s_\theta & \omega_3^2 v_\theta + c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

s.t.  $e^{\hat{\omega}\theta} = R$

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Taking the trace of both sides,

$$\underline{\text{tr}(R)} = \underline{r_{11}} + \underline{r_{22}} + \underline{r_{33}} = \underline{1 + 2 \cos \theta} = \underline{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i} \in [-1, 3]$$

where  $\lambda_i$  is the eigenvalue of  $R$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$

Case 1:  $\text{tr}(R) = 3$  or  $R = I$ ,  $\theta = 0$   $\Rightarrow$   $\omega\theta = 0$

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Case 2:  $-1 < \text{tr}(R) < 3$ ,

$$\theta = \arccos \frac{\text{tr}(R) - 1}{2} \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{1}{2s_\theta} \begin{bmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Case 3:**  $\text{tr}(R) = -1$   $\Rightarrow \cos \theta = -1 \Rightarrow$   $\theta = \pm \pi$

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$$SO(3) \xrightarrow{\log} so(3)$$

$$R \xrightarrow{\hat{\omega} \sigma} \leftarrow \text{exp}$$

Following are 3 possibilities:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \omega = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

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

Note that if  $\omega\theta$  is a solution, then  $\omega(\theta \pm n\pi)$ ,  $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$  is also a solution. □

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Exp :

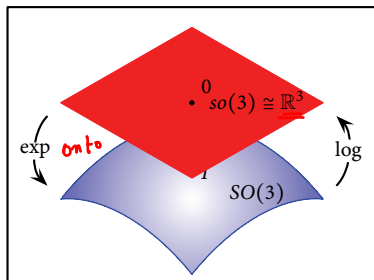


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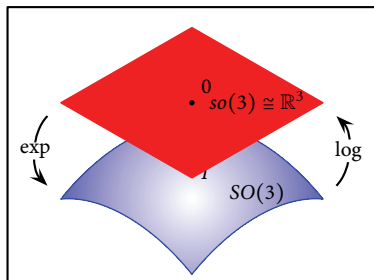


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**Property 5:**  $\exp$  is 1-1 when restricted to an open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  of radius  $\pi$ .

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**Theorem 1 (Euler):**

Any orientation is equivalent to a rotation about a fixed axis  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$  through an angle  $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ .



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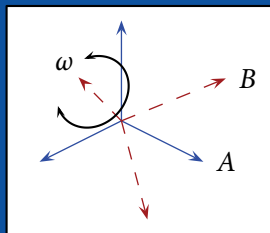


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$$\|\omega\| = 1, \theta$$

$$\omega$$

$\mathbb{R}^3$   $\xrightarrow{\omega}$   $\hat{\omega} \xrightarrow{\exp} \exp(\hat{\omega}) \in SO(3)$

$SO(3)$  can be visualized as a solid ball of radius  $\pi$ .

Radius  $\pi$

$$\exp\left(\frac{\omega}{\|\omega\|} \theta\right)$$

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## □ Other Parametrizations of $SO(3)$ :

- XYZ fixed angles (or Roll-Pitch-Yaw angle)

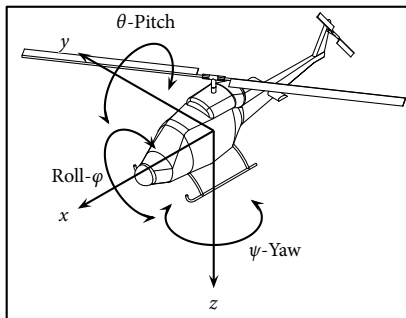


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- XYZ fixed angles (or Roll-Pitch-Yaw angle) Continued

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_x(\varphi) &:= e^{\hat{x}\varphi} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi \\ 0 & \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{bmatrix} \\
 R_y(\theta) &:= e^{\hat{y}\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \\
 R_z(\psi) &:= e^{\hat{z}\psi} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 \\ \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{ab} = R_x(\varphi)R_y(\theta)R_z(\psi)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta c_\psi & -c_\theta s_\psi & s_\theta \\ s_\varphi s_\theta c_\psi + c_\varphi s_\psi & -s_\varphi s_\theta s_\psi + c_\varphi c_\psi & -s_\varphi c_\theta \\ -c_\varphi s_\theta c_\psi + s_\varphi s_\psi & c_\varphi s_\theta s_\psi + s_\varphi c_\psi & c_\varphi c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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Figure 2.9

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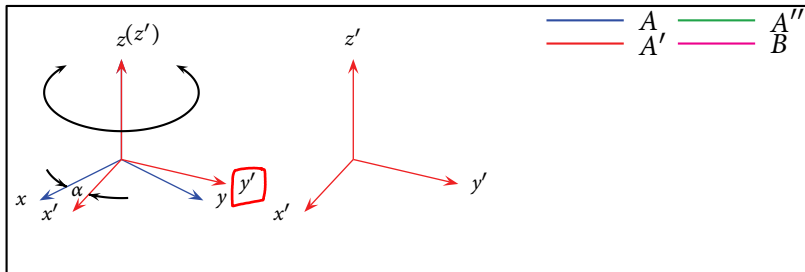


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$$R_{aa'} = R_z(\alpha)$$

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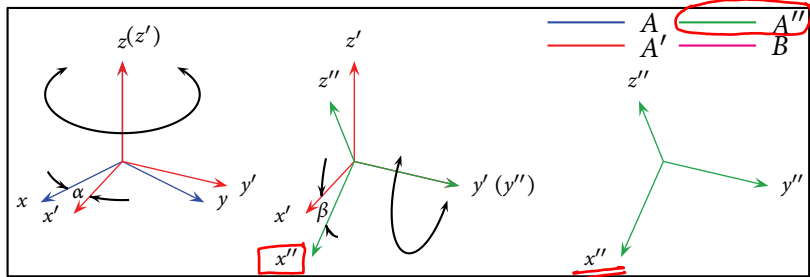


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$$R_{aa'} = R_z(\alpha)$$

$$\underline{R_{a'a''} = R_{y'}(\beta)}$$



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## ■ ZYX Euler angle

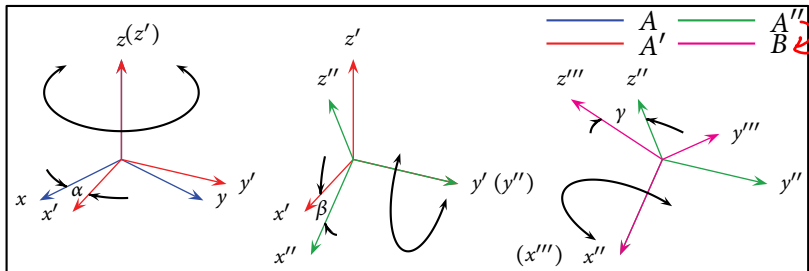


Figure 2.9

$$R_{aa'} = R_z(\alpha)$$

$$R_{a'a''} = R_{y'}(\beta)$$

$$R_{a''b} = R_{x''}(\gamma)$$

$$R_{ab} = R_z(\alpha)R_{y'}(\beta)R_{x''}(\gamma)$$

$$R_{ab} = R_{aa'} R_{a'a''} R_{a''b}$$

$$v_a = R_{ab} v_b$$

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- ZYX Euler angle (continued)

$$R_{ab}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha c_\beta & -s_\alpha c_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma & s_\alpha s_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma \\ s_\alpha c_\beta & c_\alpha c_\gamma + s_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma & -c_\alpha s_\gamma + s_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma \\ -s_\beta & c_\beta s_\gamma & c_\beta c_\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note:** When  $\beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\cos \beta = 0$ ,  $\alpha + \gamma = \text{const} \Rightarrow \text{singularity!}$

$$\beta = \text{atan2}(-r_{31}, \sqrt{r_{32}^2 + r_{33}^2})$$

$$\alpha = \text{atan2}(r_{21}/c_\beta, r_{11}/c_\beta)$$

$$\gamma = \text{atan2}(r_{32}/c_\beta, r_{33}/c_\beta)$$

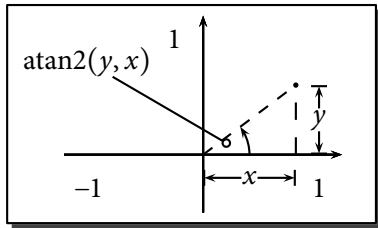


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