

lab / space fixed
vs body-fixed

$$\vec{a} = \sum_i (\underbrace{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{e}_i}_{a_i}) \vec{e}_i = \sum_k (\underbrace{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{e}_k'}_{a_k'}) \vec{e}_k'$$

How are a_i and a_j' related? Basis transformation.

~~$$a_i' = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{e}_i' = \sum_j (a_j \vec{e}_j) \cdot \vec{e}_i' = \sum_j a_j (\vec{e}_j \cdot \vec{e}_i')$$~~

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components ~~express~~ \vec{e}_j in terms of \vec{e}_i'
of

$\phi_{ij} = \vec{e}_i' \cdot \vec{e}_j \rightarrow$ cosine of the angle between \vec{e}_j, \vec{e}_i'
or the axes they indicate

ϕ_{ij} cannot be independent:

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = \sum_i a_i a_i = \sum_i a_i' a_i' = a^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i a_i' a_i' &= \sum_{i,j,k} (\phi_{ij} a_j) (\phi_{ik} a_k) = \sum_{i,j,k} (\phi_{ij} \phi_{ik}) a_j a_k \\ &= \sum_{i,j,k} (\phi_{ji}^T \phi_{ik}) a_j a_k \stackrel{!}{=} \sum_j a_j a_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\sum_i (\phi_{ji}^T \phi_{ik}) = \delta_{jk}}}$$

orthogonal matrices

: called so because they preserve angles between vectors, i.e. scalar products - that's how we found them just now!

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_1' \\ a_2' \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \phi \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad \# \text{ cf. coupled oscillators}$$

we can just do the connection the other way, which implies

$$\sum_i O_{ji} O_{ik}^T = \delta_{jk}$$

for the inverse transformation.

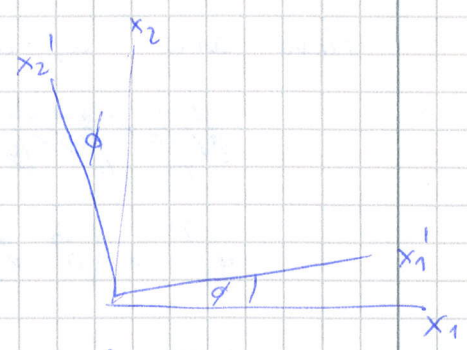
$$\Rightarrow O^T O = O O^T = \mathbb{1}$$

~~Standard~~ implies $O^T = O^{-1}$

Example: in plane,

$$x_1' = x_1 \cos \phi + x_2 \sin \phi$$

$$x_2' = -x_1 \sin \phi + x_2 \cos \phi$$



$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi \text{ specifies here.}$$

$$\Rightarrow O^T = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow O^T O = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi & \cos \phi \sin \phi - \sin \phi \cos \phi \\ \cos \phi \sin \phi - \sin \phi \cos \phi & \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbb{1}$$

Active vs. passive transformation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1' \\ a_2' \\ a_3' \end{pmatrix} = O \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

alternatively:

new vector, coordinates
sys. fixed
active

same vector,
coordinate system transformed
passive

Orthogonal matrices (or, more abstractly, orthogonal transformations)

form a group:

$$a_i'' = \sum_j A_{ij} a_j' = \sum_{jk} A_{ij} B_{jk} a_k$$

$= \sum (A \cdot B)_{ik} a_k \equiv \sum C_{ik} a_k$ *intuitively clear*

Is C orthogonal?

$$C = AB \Rightarrow C^T = B^T A^T$$
$$\Rightarrow C^T C = B^T \underbrace{A^T A}_{=I} B = \underbrace{B^T B}_{=I} = I$$

Intuitively clear: two successive rotations are still a rotation.

Group properties: (1) If A, B are elements of G , so is $C = AB$

(2) $A(BC) = (AB)C$ associativity

(3) G contains an identity element so that

$$A I = I A = A$$

(4) For each $A \in G$, there is a unique $B \in G$ satisfying $AB = BA = I$. B is called the inverse.

(1), (4) are clear/proved, (2) follows from associativity of matrix mult, (3) ~~from $A A^{-1}$~~ obvious.

\Rightarrow Orthogonal matrices are a group called $O(3)$, orth. transformations of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Determinant of O :

$$\det O \det O^T = \det(O O^T) = 1 \Rightarrow (\det O)^2 = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det O = \pm 1$$

Simple orthogonal matrix with $\det O = -1$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -I \Rightarrow \text{reflection!}$$

Multiplication with $-I$ does not correspond to an actual displacement / rotation - you cannot rotate a left-handed into a right-handed coordinate system! Thus, only orthogonal matrices with $\det O = +1$ ~~are~~ are rotations!

Rotations form a subgroup of $O(3)$, called $SO(3)$ ^{special}

$$\det C = \det A \det B = +1$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{=+1} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{=+1}$

$$\left(\det B = \det A \det B \neq -1 \right)$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{=-1} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{=-1}$

Can easily show that

$$(O\vec{a}) \cdot (O\vec{b}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \quad (\text{see above})$$

as well as

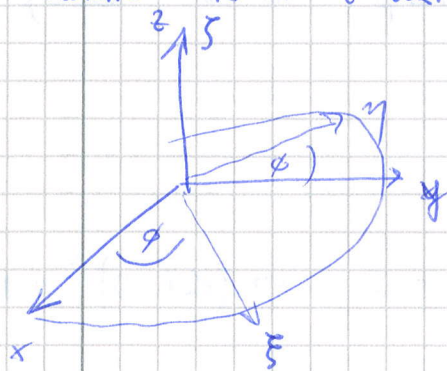
$$(O\vec{a}) \times (O\vec{b}) = O(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

One issue: group $SO(3)$ is ~~not~~ commutative / non-Abelian

$$A \cdot B \neq B \cdot A$$

Euler angles.

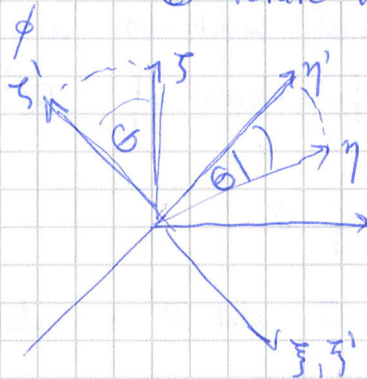
① Rotate about z axis by ϕ



acts on x, y, z

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

② rotate about y' by θ



Don't have x, y, z , need to act on y', z'

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$



acts on y'', z''

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi & \sin \psi & 0 \\ -\sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = BCD$$

$$0 \leq \psi \leq 2\pi$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$