

**SDM5008 Advanced Control for Robotics**

# **Lecture 1: Rigid Body Configuration and Velocity**

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# Outline

- Rigid Body Configuration
- Rigid Body Velocity (Twist)
- Geometric Aspect of Twist: Screw Motion

# Free Vector

- **Free Vector:** geometric quantity with length and direction



- Given a reference frame,  $v$  can be moved to a position such that the base of the arrow is at the origin without changing the orientation. Then the vector  $v$  can be represented by its coordinates  $v$  in the reference frame.



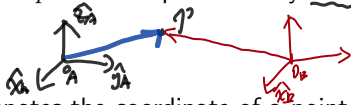
- $v$  denotes the physical quantity while  ${}^A v$  denote its coordinate wrt frame  $\{A\}$ .

# Point

- **Point:**  $p$  denotes a point in the physical space

•  $p$

- A point  $p$  can be represented by a vector from frame origin to  $p$



$${}^A p \triangleq {}^A(\vec{O_A p}), \quad {}^B p = {}^B(\vec{O_B p})$$

- ${}^A p$  denotes the coordinate of a point  $p$  wrt frame  $\{A\}$   ${}^B(\vec{O_A p})$

- When left-superscript is not present, it means the physical vector itself or the coordinate of the vector for which the reference frame is clear from the context.

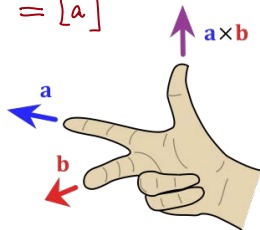
# Cross Product

- **Cross product** or **vector product** of  $a \in \mathbb{R}^3, b \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is defined as

$$\underline{a \times b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & -a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{= [a]} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

## Properties:

- $\|a \times b\| = \|a\| \|b\| \sin(\theta)$
- $a \times b = -b \times a$
- $a \times a = 0$



## Skew symmetric representation

- It can be directly verified from definition that  $a \times b = [a]b$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} &= \hat{A}^T \\ \hat{A} &= -\hat{A}^T \end{aligned}$$

$$[a] \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

- $a = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow [a]$
- $[a] = -[a]^T$  (called skew symmetric)
- $[a][b] - [b][a] = [a \times b]$  (Jacobi's identity)

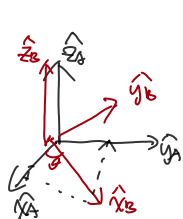
# Rotation Matrix

- **Frame:** 3 coordinate vectors (unit length)  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$ , and an origin

-  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$  mutually orthogonal  $\cdot \hat{x}^T \hat{y} = 0, \hat{x}^T \hat{z} = 0, \hat{y}^T \hat{z} = 0$

-  $\hat{x} \times \hat{y} = \hat{z} \Leftarrow$  right hand rule

- **Rotation Matrix:** specifies orientation of one frame relative to another



$${}^A R_B \triangleq [ {}^A \hat{x}_B \quad {}^A \hat{y}_B \quad {}^A \hat{z}_B ]$$

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

$$({}^A R_B)^T = \begin{bmatrix} ({}^A \hat{x}_B)^T \\ ({}^A \hat{y}_B)^T \\ ({}^A \hat{z}_B)^T \end{bmatrix} [{}^A \hat{x}_B \quad \dots]$$

- A valid rotation matrix  $R$  satisfies: (i)  $R^T R = I$ ; (ii)  $\det(R) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \det({}^A R_B) \\ &= ({}^A \hat{x}_B)^T ({}^A \hat{y}_B \times {}^A \hat{z}_B) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Special Orthogonal Group

$SO(3)$ ,  $SO(2)$

- **Special Orthogonal Group:** Space of Rotation Matrices in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is defined as

$$\underline{SO}(n) = \{R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : R^T R = I, \det(R) = 1\}$$

- $SO(n)$  is a *group*. We are primarily interested in  $SO(3)$  and  $SO(2)$ , rotation groups of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , respectively.

- **Group** is a set  $G$ , together with an operation  $\bullet$ , satisfying the following group axioms:

- **Closure:**  $a \in G, b \in G \Rightarrow a \bullet b \in G$

clock arithmetic

$\{ \{0, 1, 2, 3\}, \text{"4"} \}$

- **Associativity:**  $(a \bullet b) \bullet c = a \bullet (b \bullet c), \forall a, b, c \in G$



$\begin{cases} 0+2=2 \\ 2+2=0 \end{cases}$

- **Identity element:**  $\exists e \in G$  such that  $e \bullet a = a$ , for all  $a \in G$ .

- **Inverse element:** For each  $a \in G$ , there is a  $b \in G$  such that  $a \bullet b = b \bullet a = e$ , where  $e$  is the identity element.

geometry study of "symmetry".



## Use of Rotation Matrix (1/2)

- Representing an orientation  ${}^A R_B$  : directly from definition.  
orientation of  $\{B\}$  relative to  $\{A\}$
- Changing the reference frame  ${}^A R_B$ :

Given vector  $v$ , its coordinate in  $\{A\}$ ,  $\{B\}$  are  ${}^A v$ ,  ${}^B v$

$${}^A v = {}^A R_B {}^B v \quad \text{proof. "coordinate-free"}$$

- we have only one vector  $v$ ,  ${}^A v = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  ${}^B v = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix}$

"physics"  $v = \alpha_1 \hat{x}_A + \alpha_2 \hat{y}_A + \alpha_3 \hat{z}_A$   
 $= \beta_1 \hat{x}_B + \beta_2 \hat{y}_B + \beta_3 \hat{z}_B$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 \hat{x}_A + \alpha_2 \hat{y}_A + \alpha_3 \hat{z}_A = \beta_1 \hat{x}_B + \beta_2 \hat{y}_B + \beta_3 \hat{z}_B \quad \dots \text{"physics"}$$

$\Rightarrow$  express "physics" in  $\{A\}$

## Use of Rotation Matrix (2/2)

$$\alpha_1 \hat{x}_A + \alpha_2 \hat{y}_A + \alpha_3 \hat{z}_A = \beta_1 \hat{x}_B + \beta_2 \hat{y}_B + \beta_3 \hat{z}_B$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_A & \hat{y}_A & \hat{z}_A \end{bmatrix}}_I \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{AV} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_B & \hat{y}_B & \hat{z}_B \end{bmatrix}}_{\triangleq {}^A R_B} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{BV}$$

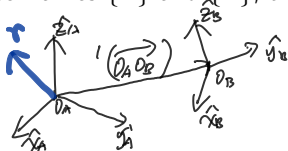
$$AV = {}^A R_B BV$$

- Rotating a vector or a frame  $\text{Rot}(\hat{\omega}, \theta)$ : will be discussed in next lecture.

# Rigid Body Configuration (pose)

- Given two coordinate frames  $\{A\}$  and  $\{B\}$ , the configuration of B relative to A is determined by

-  ${}^A R_B$  and  ${}^A O_B$



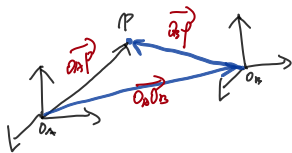
$${}^A R_B = [{}^A \hat{x}_B \dots]$$

$${}^A O_B = A \begin{pmatrix} \vec{O}_B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_B \\ O_B \end{pmatrix}$$

- For a (free) vector  $r$ , its coordinates  ${}^A r$  and  ${}^B r$  are related by:

$${}^A r = {}^A R_B {}^B r \quad \checkmark$$

- For a point  $p$ , its coordinates  ${}^A p$  and  ${}^B p$  are related by:



$$\underline{{}^A p} = A \begin{pmatrix} \vec{O}_A p \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{{}^B p} = B \begin{pmatrix} \vec{O}_B p \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}^B p = B \begin{pmatrix} \vec{O}_B p \end{pmatrix}$$

physics:  $\vec{O}_A p = \vec{O}_A O_B + \vec{O}_B p$

choose  $\{A\}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  to express physics

$$A \begin{pmatrix} \vec{O}_A p \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} \vec{O}_A O_B \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \vec{O}_B p \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}^A p = {}^A O_B + {}^A R_B {}^B p \dots \textcircled{1}$$

# Homogeneous Transformation Matrix

$$y = ax$$

$$y = ax + b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Homogeneous Transformation Matrix:  ${}^A T_B$

$$\frac{{}^A \tilde{p}}{3 \times 1} = \underbrace{{}^A D_B}_{3 \times 1} + \underbrace{{}^A R_B}_{3 \times 3} \underbrace{p}_{3 \times 1} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} {}^A p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{p}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & {}^A D_B \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{4 \times 4} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{p}}$$

$${}^A T_B = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & {}^A D_B \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$$

- Homogeneous coordinates:  $T = (R, p)$  : pose of a frame  $\{B\}$  relative to  $\{A\}$

Given a point  $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , its homogeneous coordinate is defined as

$$\tilde{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \quad A \tilde{p} = {}^A T_B \tilde{p}$$

Given a vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , its homo-coordinate is  $\tilde{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$v = p_1 - p_2 \quad \tilde{v} = \tilde{p}_1 - \tilde{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A \tilde{v} = {}^A T_B \tilde{v}$$

# Example of Homogeneous Transformation Matrix

Fixed frame  $\{a\}$ ; end effector frame  $\{b\}$ , the camera frame  $\{c\}$ , and the workpiece frame  $\{d\}$ . Suppose  $\|p_c - p_b\| = 4$

1. camera "location" ?  ${}^aT_c = ({}^aR_c, p_c)$

$${}^aR_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad {}^a p_c = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

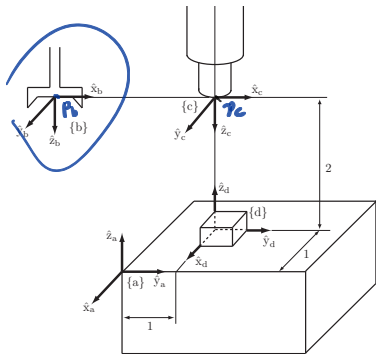
$${}^aT_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. end-effector frame  ${}^aT_b$

$${}^aT_b = {}^aT_c {}^cT_b$$

$${}^cT_b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^aT_b = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{a}_x & \tilde{a}_y & \tilde{a}_z & \tilde{a}_0 \\ \tilde{a}_1 & \tilde{a}_2 & \tilde{a}_3 & \tilde{a}_4 \\ \tilde{a}_5 & \tilde{a}_6 & \tilde{a}_7 & \tilde{a}_8 \\ \tilde{a}_9 & \tilde{a}_{10} & \tilde{a}_{11} & \tilde{a}_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$



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- Geometric Aspect of Twist: Screw Motion

## Rigid Body Velocity (1/3)

- Consider a rigid body in motion. The body has infinitely many points  $\{p_i\}$  with different velocities  $\{v_{p_i}\}$



$$v_{p_1} = g(p_1, \text{parameter})$$

$$v_{p_2} = g(p_2, \text{parameter})$$

$$v_{p_3} = \vdots$$

parameter common to all points on the body

- All these velocities  $v_{p_i}$ 's are not independent
- They can be expressed by the same set of parameter
- Rigid body velocity (i.e. spatial velocity, twist) is one such parameterization

## Rigid Body Velocity (2/3)

- Pure rotation case



Assume  $p_0$  on the rotation axis

$$v_{p_i} = \omega \times \vec{p}_0 p_i = g(p_i, \omega), \quad \underline{v_{p_0} = 0}$$

- General motion

1°. Again, assume  $p_0$  on rotation axis/body fixed.

$$v_{p_i} = \dot{p}_i(t) = (\dot{p}_0(t) + \vec{p}_0 \dot{p}_i(t))' = \underbrace{v_{p_0}}_{\text{para} = (v_{p_0}, \omega)} + \omega \times \vec{p}_0 p_i = g(p_i, \text{para})$$

$$\underline{v_{p_i} = v_{p_0} + \omega \times \vec{p}_0 p_i}$$

In this case,  $p_0$  is a reference point we use to express velocities of all the other points

2°. What is ref point NOT on rotation axis

e.g. consider arbitrary body-fixed  $z$ , with velocity  $v_a$

- we still have the SAME expression.  $\underline{v_{p_i} = v_a + \omega \times \vec{z} p_i}$



## Rigid Body Velocity (3/3)

- why? use  $p_0$  as an intermediate variable

$q$  is body-fixed  $\Rightarrow$  by ①  $\Rightarrow v_q = v_{p_0} + \omega \times \vec{p}_0 q$

$$\Rightarrow v_{p_i} = v_{p_0} + \omega \times \vec{p}_0 p_i$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{p_i} = v_q - \omega \times \vec{p}_0 q + \omega \times \vec{p}_0 p_i$$

$$\downarrow \quad (\vec{p}_0 p_i - \vec{p}_0 q = \vec{q} p_i)$$

$$= \underline{v_q} + \omega \times \vec{q} p_i$$

3 what if the reference joint

"r" is NOT body-fixed

(e.g. r is stationary, or move in another way)

- let  $q$  be the body-fixed joint

"currently, coincide with r"

i.e.  $q(t) = r$  at time  $t$  ( $q(t_1)$  may not equal  $r$  at  $t_1 \neq t$ )



By ②  $v_{p_i} = v_{q(t)} + \omega \times \vec{q}(t) p_i(t)$

If we define " $v_r$ "  $\triangleq v_{q(t)}$  then  $v_{p_i} = v_r + \omega \times \vec{r} p_i$

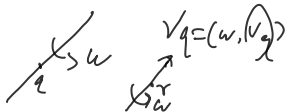
# Rigid Body Velocity: Spatial Velocity (Twist)

- How to represent a rigid body velocity?
  - Pick an arbitrary point  $r$  (reference point), which may or may not be body-fixed
  - Define  $v_r$  as the velocity of **the body-fixed point currently coincides with**  $r$
  - For any body-fixed point  $p$  on the body:  $v_p = \underbrace{v_r + \omega \times (r\vec{p})}_{\text{coordinate free}}$

- **Spatial Velocity (Twist):**  $\mathcal{V}_r = (\omega, v_r)$

- Twist is a “physical” quantity (just like linear or angular velocity)
  - It can be represented in any frame for any chosen reference point  $r$

- A rigid body with  $\mathcal{V}_r = (\omega, v_r)$  can be “thought of” as translating at  $v_r$  while rotating with angular velocity  $\omega$  about an axis passing through  $r$ 
  - This is just one way to interpret the motion.

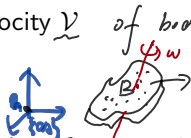


# Spatial Velocity Representation in a Reference Frame

- Given frame  $\{A\}$  and a spatial velocity  $\mathcal{V}$  of body  $B$

$$T_A = \{R_A, O_A\}$$

convention



- Choose  $O_A$  (the origin of  $\{A\}$ ) as the reference point to represent the rigid body velocity

$${}^A\mathcal{V}_{O_A} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A\omega \\ {}^A v_{O_A} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Coordinates of  $\mathcal{V}$  in  $\{A\}$ :

$$\underline{{}^A\mathcal{V}_{O_A} = ({}^A\omega, {}^A v_{O_A})}$$

- By default, we assume the origin of the frame is used as the reference point:

$${}^A\mathcal{V} = {}^A\mathcal{V}_{O_A}$$

let  $p$  be a body-fixed point of body  $B$

"physics":  $V_p = v_{O_A} + \omega \times (O_A p) \implies$

using  $\{A\}$   
to express physics

$$\left. \begin{aligned} {}^A V_p &= {}^A v_{O_A} + {}^A \omega \times ({}^A \overrightarrow{O_A p}) \\ &= {}^A v_{O_A} + {}^A \omega \times {}^A p \end{aligned} \right\}$$

# Example of Twist I

- Example I: what's the twist of the spinning top?

Choose  $\{A\}$  - frame:

$${}^A v_{top} = ({}^A \omega, {}^A v_{o_A}) = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \omega \\ \vdots \\ {}^A v_{o_A} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 50 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

choose frame  $\{B\}$

$${}^B v_{top} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B \omega \\ \vdots \\ {}^B v_{o_B} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 50 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

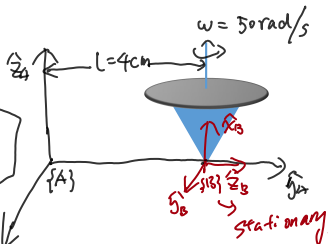
$${}^A \omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A v_{o_A} = \begin{bmatrix} 50 \times 0.04 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

coordinate-free

$${}^A v_{o_A} = {}^A v_{o_B} + {}^A \omega \times ({}^A r_{B/A})$$

$$= 0 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.04 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



twist using  $\{B\}$

$${}^A v_{top} = {}^A X_B {}^B v_{top}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 50 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A X_B = [AdT] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.04 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\varphi] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \times & \times \\ -0 & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example of Twist II

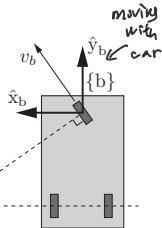
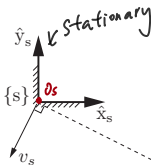
- Example II: what's the car rotates about  $r$  with angular velocity  $w$

$${}^s v_{car} = \begin{bmatrix} s w \\ s v_b \\ s v_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s v_b = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s v_b &= s v_r + s w \times r_b \\ &= 0 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \times (-s r) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$${}^b v_{car} = \begin{bmatrix} b w \\ b v_b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -2.8 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b v_b &= b v_r + b w \times ({}^b r_b) \\ &= 0 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1.4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2.8 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



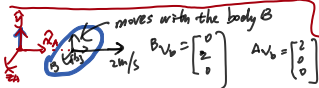
$$b v_r \neq 0$$

$$b(v_r/s)$$

$v_r$ : "r" velocity relative to fs

inertia

$$s r_x = (2, -1, 0), \quad b r_x = (2, -1.4, 0), \quad w = 2 \text{ rad/s}$$



# Change Reference Frame for Twist (1/2)

- Given a twist  $\mathcal{V}$ , let  ${}^A\mathcal{V}$  and  ${}^B\mathcal{V}$  be their coordinates in frames  $\{A\}$  and  $\{B\}$

$${}^A\mathcal{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{{}^A\omega}{{}^A v_A} \end{bmatrix}, \quad {}^B\mathcal{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{{}^B\omega}{{}^B v_B} \end{bmatrix} \quad {}^B v_{O_B} \quad v_B$$

- They are related by  ${}^A\mathcal{V} = {}^A X_B {}^B\mathcal{V}$

①  ${}^A\omega = {}^A R_B {}^B\omega$  . . . . .

② "coordinate-free"



$v_{O_A}$ : velocity of body-fixed pt currently coincides with  $O_A$

$v_{O_B}$ : . . . . .  $O_B$

$v_{O_A} = v_{O_B} + \omega \times O_B O_A$   $\xrightarrow{\text{choose } \{A\} \text{ to express physics.}}$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^A v_{O_A} &= {}^A v_{O_B} + {}^A \omega \times (O_B O_A) \\ &= {}^A R_B {}^B v_{O_B} + {}^A R_B {}^B \omega \times ({}^A O_B) \\ &= {}^A R_B {}^B v_{O_B} + \underbrace{{}^A O_B \times} {}^A R_B {}^B \omega \\ &= {}^A R_B {}^B v_{O_B} + [{}^A O_B] {}^A R_B {}^B \omega = \end{aligned}$$

$a \times b = -b \times a$   
 $a \times b = [a] b$

# Change Reference Frame for Twist (2/2)

$$\begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow {}^A \mathcal{V} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A \omega \\ {}^A v_{O_A} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} {}^A R_B & 0 \\ [{}^A D_B] {}^A R_B & {}^A R_B \end{bmatrix}}_{6 \times 6} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} {}^B \omega \\ {}^B v_{O_B} \end{bmatrix}}_{6 \times 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^A v_{O_A} = \begin{bmatrix} [{}^A D_B] {}^A R_B \\ \vdots \\ {}^A R_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B \omega \\ {}^B v_{O_B} \end{bmatrix}$$

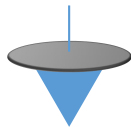
$\hat{=} {}^A X_B \Leftrightarrow$  change of coordinate matrix for twist depends on conf of B relative to A  
 ${}^A T_B = ({}^A R_B, {}^A D_B)$

- If configuration {B} in {A} is  $T = (R, p)$ , then

$${}^A X_B = [\text{Ad}_T] \hat{=} \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ [p]R & R \end{bmatrix}$$

Adjoint operator

# Example I Revisited









# Outline

- Rigid Body Configuration
- Rigid Body Velocity (Twist)

- Geometric Aspect of Twist: Screw Motion

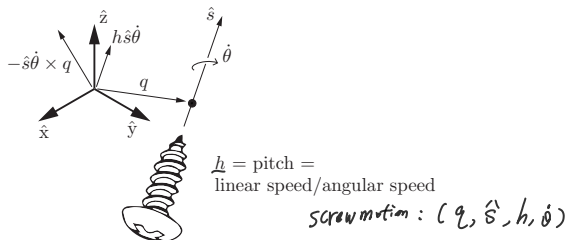
- Recall: linear velocity  $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$  ,  $v = \hat{v} \cdot \|v\|$   scalar

- angular velocity:  $w \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .  $w = \hat{w} \dot{\theta}$   scalar speed.  
 direction

- rigid body velocity:  $\mathcal{V} = \begin{bmatrix} w \\ v \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \text{Direction} \cdot \text{speed}$

# Screw Motion: Definition

- Rotating about an axis while also translating along the axis



- Represented by screw axis  $\{q, \hat{s}, h\}$  and rotation speed  $\dot{\theta}$ 
  - $\hat{s}$ : unit vector in the direction of the rotation axis
  - $q$ : any point on the rotation axis
  - $h$ : **screw pitch** which defines the ratio of the linear velocity along the screw axis to the angular velocity about the screw axis
- Theorem (Chasles): Every rigid body motion can be realized by a screw motion.

# From Screw Motion to Twist : screw motion is a special rigid body motion

- Consider a rigid body under a screw motion with screw axis  $\{\hat{s}, h, q\}$  and (rotation) speed  $\dot{\theta}$

- Fix a reference frame  $\{A\}$  with origin  $O_A$ .

- Find the twist  ${}^A\mathcal{V} = ({}^A\omega, {}^A v_{O_A})$

$${}^A\omega = {}^A\hat{S} \cdot \dot{\theta}$$

$${}^A v_{O_A} = {}^A\hat{S} h \dot{\theta} + {}^A\omega \times (-{}^A q)$$

$$= {}^A\hat{S} (h \dot{\theta}) + {}^A\hat{S} \dot{\theta} \times {}^A q$$

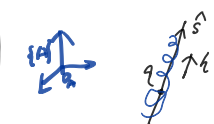
$$= ({}^A\hat{S} \cdot h - {}^A\hat{S} \times {}^A q) \cdot \dot{\theta}$$



- Result:** given screw axis  $\{\hat{s}, h, q\}$  with rotation speed  $\dot{\theta}$ , the corresponding twist  $\mathcal{V} = (\omega, v)$  is given by

$$\underline{\omega = \hat{s} \dot{\theta} \quad v = -\hat{s} \dot{\theta} \times q + h \hat{s} \dot{\theta}}$$

screw axis



"coordinate" free given arbitrary body-fixed point  $q$ . using  $q$  as ref pt

$$v_q = v_q + \omega \times (q - q_q)$$

$$v_{O_A} = v_q + \omega \times (q_{O_A})$$

$$= \hat{s} \dot{\theta} h + \omega \times (q_{O_A})$$

- The result holds as long as all the vectors and the twist are represented in the same reference frame

$${}^A\mathcal{V} = \text{ScrewToTwist}(\hat{s}, h, q, \dot{\theta}) = \text{ScrewToTwist}(\hat{s}, h, q, \dot{\theta})$$

# From Twist to Screw Motion

- The converse is true as well: given any twist  $\mathcal{V} = (\omega, v)$  we can always find the corresponding screw motion  $\{q, \hat{s}, h\}$  and  $\theta$ 
  - If  $\omega = 0$ , then it is a pure translation ( $h = \infty$ )

$$\hat{s} = \frac{v}{\|v\|}, \quad \dot{\theta} = \|v\|, \quad h = \infty, \quad q \text{ can be arbitrary}$$

- If  $\omega \neq 0$ :

$$\hat{s} = \frac{\omega}{\|\omega\|}, \quad \dot{\theta} = \|\omega\|, \quad q = \frac{\omega \times v}{\|\omega\|^2}, \quad h = \frac{\omega^T v}{\|\omega\|}$$

you can plug into the equation to verify the result.

## Examples: Screw Axis and Twist

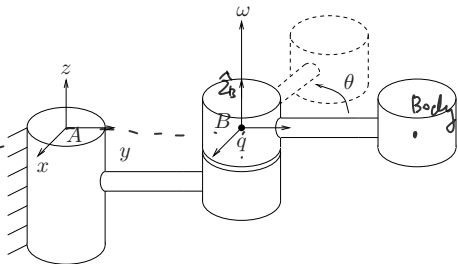
- What is the twist that corresponds to rotating about  $\hat{z}_B$  with  $\dot{\theta} = 2$ ?

choose  $\{A\}$  frame.

$${}^A \hat{S} = {}^A \hat{z}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad {}^A q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad h = 0, \quad \dot{\theta} = 2$$

$${}^A w = {}^A \hat{S} \dot{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^A v_{O_A} = {}^A \hat{S} h \dot{\theta} - {}^A w \times {}^A q = 0 - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2l_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



- What is the screw axis for twist  $v = (0, 2, 2, 4, 0, 0)$ ?  $= \sqrt{8} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} ( \quad ) \right)$

$$\hat{S} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}{\sqrt{8}}, \quad \dot{\theta} = \sqrt{8}, \quad q = \frac{w \times v}{\|w\|^2}, \quad h =$$

# Screw Representation of a Twist

- Recall: an angular velocity vector  $\omega$  can be viewed as  $\hat{\omega}\dot{\theta}$ , where  $\hat{\omega}$  is the unit rotation axis and  $\dot{\theta}$  is the rate of rotation about that axis

$$\omega = \hat{\omega}\dot{\theta}$$

- Similarly, a twist (spatial velocity)  $\mathcal{V}$  can be interpreted in terms of a **screw axis**  $\hat{S}$  and a velocity  $\dot{\theta}$  about the screw axis

$$\mathcal{V} = \hat{S}\dot{\theta} \quad \hat{S} = \text{ScrewToTwist}(\hat{s}, q, h, \dot{\theta}=1)$$

- Consider a rigid body motion along a screw axis  $\hat{S} = \{\hat{s}, h, q\}$  with speed  $\dot{\theta}$ . With slight abuse of notation, we will often write its twist as

$$\underline{\mathcal{V}} = \underline{\hat{S}}\dot{\theta} \quad \hat{S} \leftrightarrow (\hat{s}, h, q), \dot{\theta}=1$$

- In this notation, we think of  $\hat{S}$  as the twist associated with a unit speed motion along the screw axis  $\{\hat{s}, h, q\}$

# More Discussions