

# Lecture

## Navigation Mathematics: Translation

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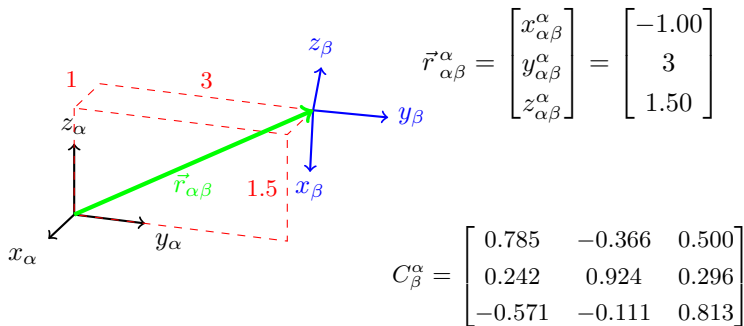
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## 1 Vector Notation for Translation

### Translation Between Frames

Define the vector  $\vec{r}_{\alpha\beta}$  from the origin of  $\{\alpha\}$  to the origin of  $\{\beta\}$ .

- specifies translation between frames



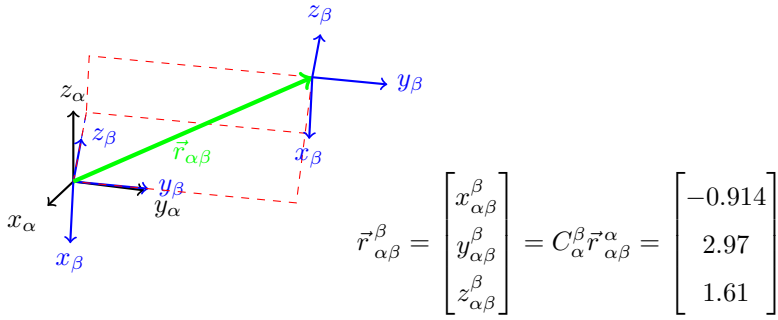
Now have means (and notation) to describe rotation and translation between coordinate frames.

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### Translation Between Frames

- Resolve, i.e., coordinatize,  $\vec{r}_{\alpha\beta}$  wrt frame  $\{\beta\}$ .





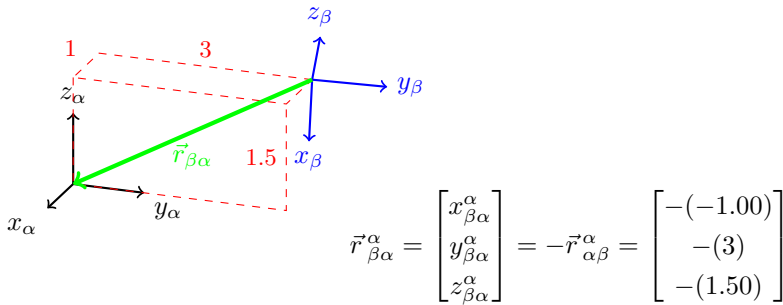
Same vector, so same “direction” and length.

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### Translation Between Frames

Reverse vector  $\vec{r}$ , i.e., now from origin of  $\{\beta\}$  to origin of  $\{\alpha\}$ .

- notation:  $\vec{r}_{\beta\alpha}^{\alpha} = -\vec{r}_{\alpha\beta}^{\alpha}$



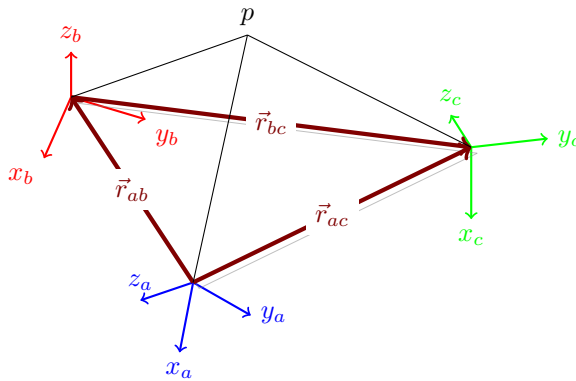
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## 2 Translation Between More Than Two Coordinate Frames

### Translation (more than two coordinate frames)

Consider three coordinate systems  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{b\}$ ,  $\{c\}$  that have translation and rotation relative to each other.

- Knowing relationships between frames  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{b\}$ , and  $\{c\}$ , i.e.,  $\vec{r}_{ab}$ ,  $\vec{r}_{bc}$ ,  $\vec{r}_{ac}$ ,  $C_b^a$ ,  $C_c^b$ , and  $C_c^a$ , location of point  $p$  can be described in any frame, i.e.,  $\vec{p}^a$  or  $\vec{p}^b$  or  $\vec{p}^c$ .

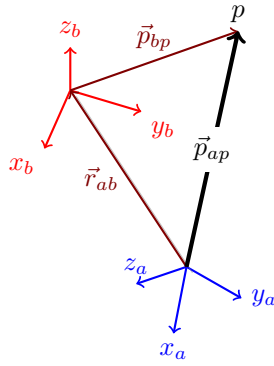


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### Translation (more than two coordinate frames)

Determine the location of the point  $p$  relative to  $\{a\}$  given location of point  $p$  is known relative to  $\{b\}$ .





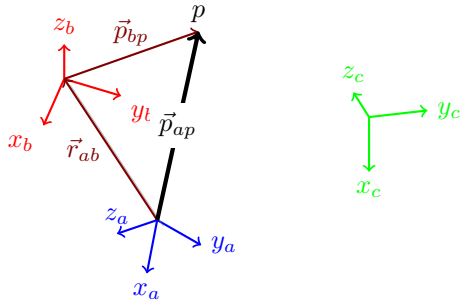
- $\vec{p}_{ap} = \vec{r}_{ab} + \vec{p}_{bp}$  In what frame?
- $\vec{p}_{ap}^a = \vec{r}_{ab}^a + \vec{p}_{bp}^a$  or  
 $\vec{p}_{ap}^b = \vec{r}_{ab}^b + \vec{p}_{bp}^b$  or  
 $\vec{p}_{ap}^c = \vec{r}_{ab}^c + \vec{p}_{bp}^c$

Shorthand notation:  $\vec{p}^a \equiv \vec{p}_{ap}^a$

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### Translation (more than two coordinate frames)

Given  $\vec{p}_{ap}^a = \vec{r}_{ab}^a + \vec{p}_{bp}^a$  and/or the diagram, how would one find  $\vec{p}_{bp}^b$ ?



- use given relationship or vector addition  
 $\Rightarrow \vec{p}_{bp}^a = \vec{p}_{ap}^a - \vec{r}_{ab}^a$
- now need to reference to {b}  
 $C_a^b \vec{p}_{bp}^a = C_a^b (\vec{p}_{ap}^a - \vec{r}_{ab}^a)$   
 $\Rightarrow \vec{p}_{bp}^b = \vec{p}_{ap}^b - \vec{r}_{ab}^b$

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### Translation (more than two coordinate frames)

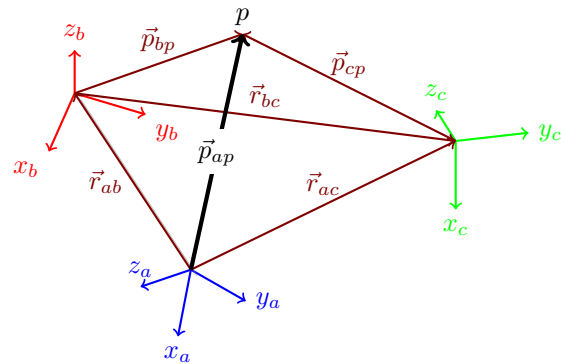
It is important to remember difference between recoordinating a vector and finding a location wrt a different frame.

- Recoordinating:  $\vec{p}_{ap}^c = C_a^c \vec{p}_{ap}^a$  (only frame of reference changes)
- Location wrt different frame:  $\vec{p}_{cp}^c = \vec{r}_{cb}^c + C_b^c \vec{r}_{ba}^b + C_a^c \vec{p}_{ap}^a$  (vector addition in same frame)  $\neq C_a^c \vec{p}_{ap}^a$

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### Translation (more than two coordinate frames)

Determine location of point p from frame {c};  $\Rightarrow$  looking for  $\vec{p}_{cp}$



Many approaches given labeled vectors/translations.

$\vec{p}_{cp}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\vec{r}_{bc} + \vec{p}_{bp} \\
 &= -\vec{r}_{ac} + \vec{r}_{ab} + \vec{p}_{bp} \\
 &= -\vec{r}_{ac} + \vec{p}_{ap}
 \end{aligned}$$

- In what frame? doesn't matter, so long as same
- Can always re-coordinate given  $C_b^a, C_c^b, C_a^c$

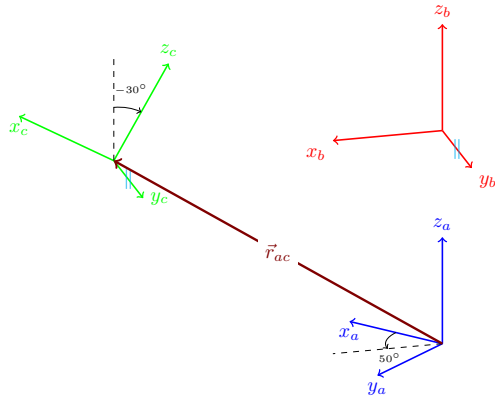
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## 3 Example

### Example - Given

Consider the three coordinate frames {a}, {b}, {c} shown with the rotations and translations between some frames given.

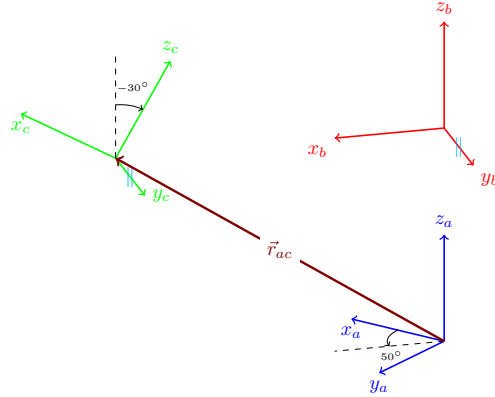




$$\begin{aligned}
 C_b^a &= R_{z, 50^\circ} \\
 C_c^b &= R_{y, -30^\circ} \\
 \vec{r}_{ab}^a &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^T \\
 \vec{r}_{bc}^b &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \\
 \bullet \text{ find} \\
 C_c^a \\
 \vec{r}_{ac}^a \\
 \vec{r}_{ca}^c
 \end{aligned}$$

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Example - Find  $C_c^a$

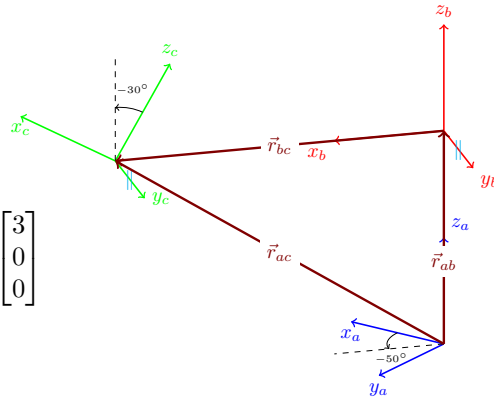


$$C_c^a = C_b^a C_c^b = R_{z, 50^\circ} R_{y, -30^\circ}$$

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Example - Find  $\vec{r}_{ac}^a$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{r}_{ac}^a &= \vec{r}_{ab}^a + \vec{r}_{bc}^a \\
 &= \vec{r}_{ab}^a + C_b^a \vec{r}_{bc}^b \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + R_{z, 50^\circ} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos 50^\circ & -\sin 50^\circ & 0 \\ \sin 50^\circ & \cos 50^\circ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1.93 \\ 2.30 \\ 2.00 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

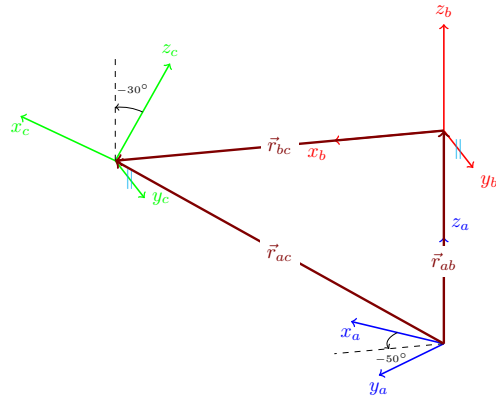


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Example - Find  $\vec{r}_{ca}^c$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{r}_{ca}^c &= -\vec{r}_{ac}^c \\
 &= -C_a^c \vec{r}_{ac}^a \\
 &= -[C_c^a]^T \vec{r}_{ac}^a \\
 &= -[R_{z,50^\circ} \ R_{y,-30^\circ}]^T \begin{bmatrix} 1.93 \\ 2.30 \\ 2.00 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -3.59 \\ 0 \\ -0.232 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$




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The End

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