

ME729 Advanced Robotics - Forward Kinematics

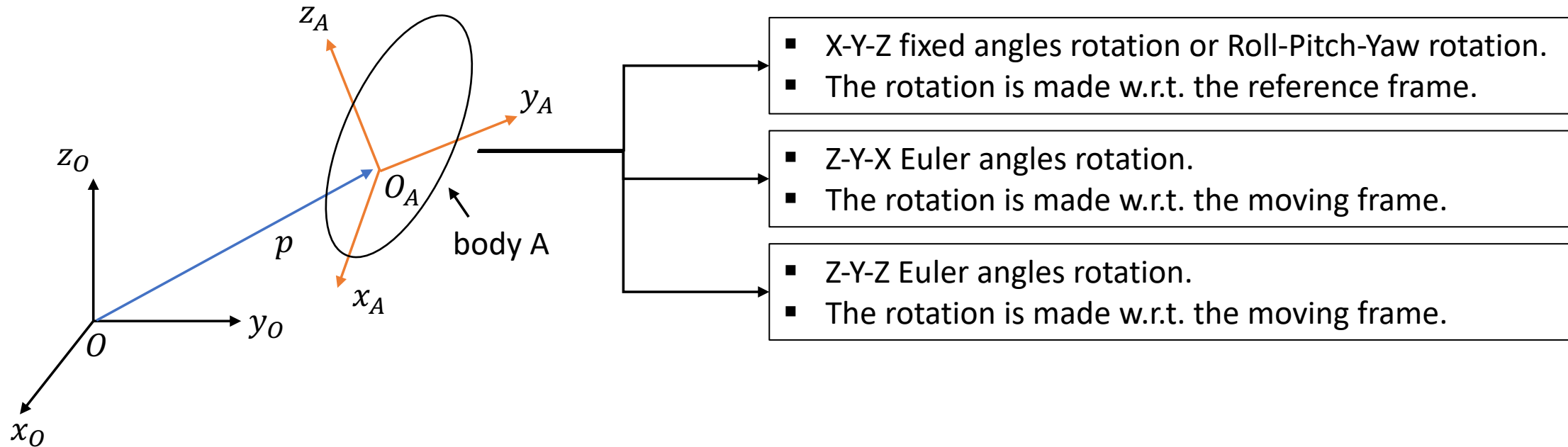
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Representation of Orientation

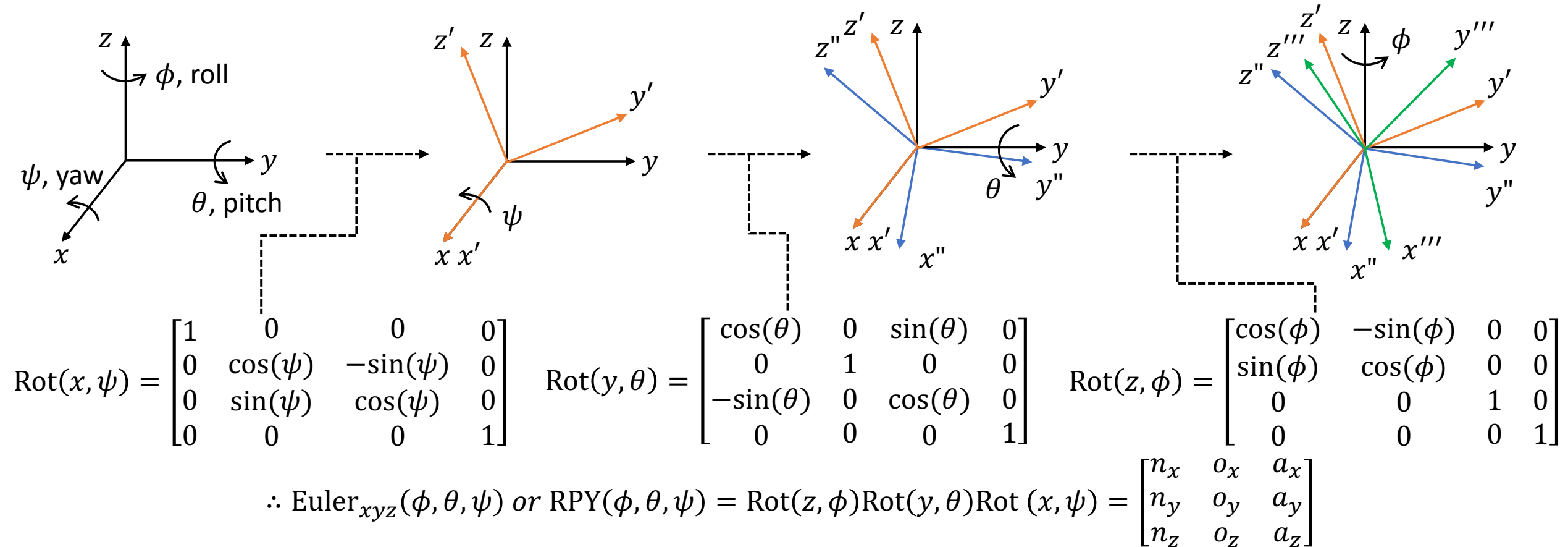
□ Three common methods to represent orientation

- There are a base frame and a moving frame A.
- We want to know how many rotations is the frame A made w.r.t. the base frame.



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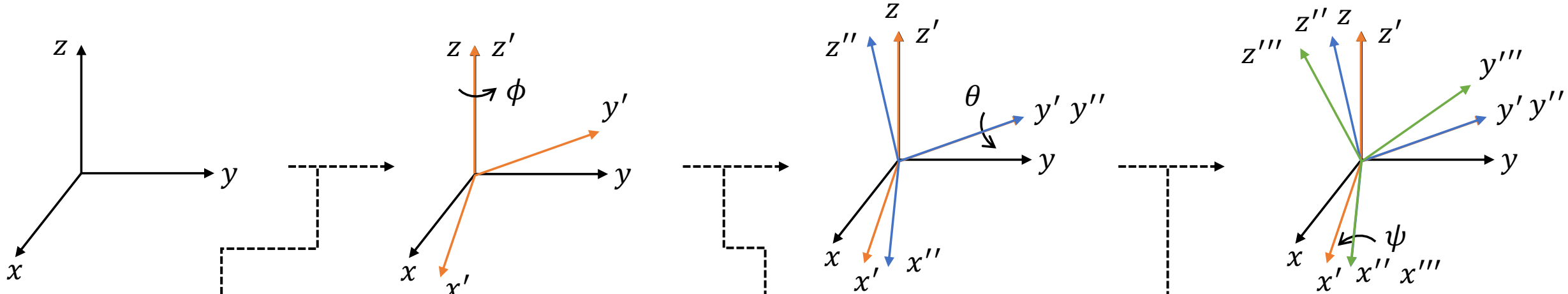
□ X-Y-Z fixed angles (Roll-Pitch-Yaw) rotation



$$\theta = \text{atan2}\left(-n_z, \sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2}\right), \phi = \text{atan2}\left(\frac{n_y}{\cos(\theta)}, \frac{n_x}{\cos(\theta)}\right), \psi = \text{atan2}\left(\frac{o_z}{\cos(\theta)}, \frac{a_z}{\cos(\theta)}\right)$$

Representation of Orientation

□ Z-Y-X Euler angles rotation



$$\text{Rot}(z, \phi) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Rot}(y, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

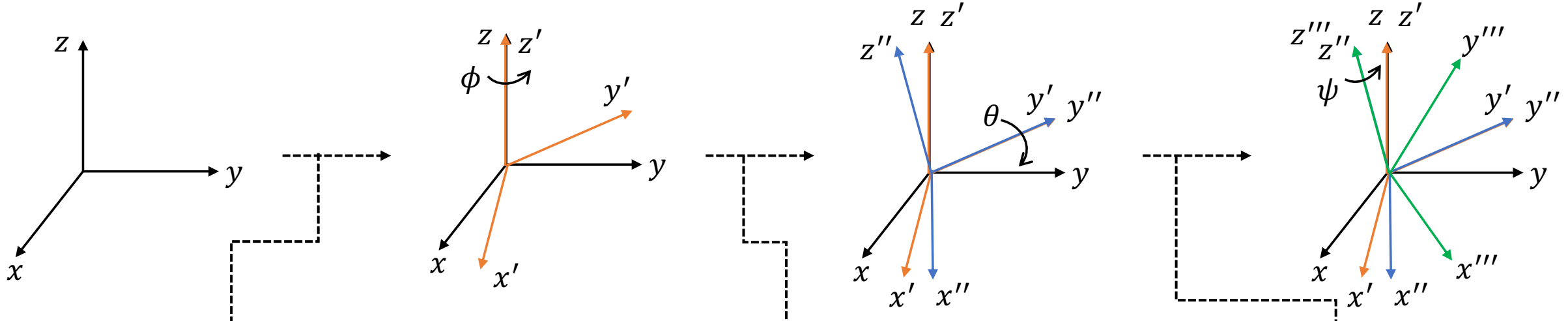
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$$\therefore \text{Euler}_{zyx}(\phi, \theta, \psi) = \text{Rot}(z, \phi)\text{Rot}(y, \theta)\text{Rot}(x, \psi) = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x \\ n_y & o_y & a_y \\ n_z & o_z & a_z \end{bmatrix}$$

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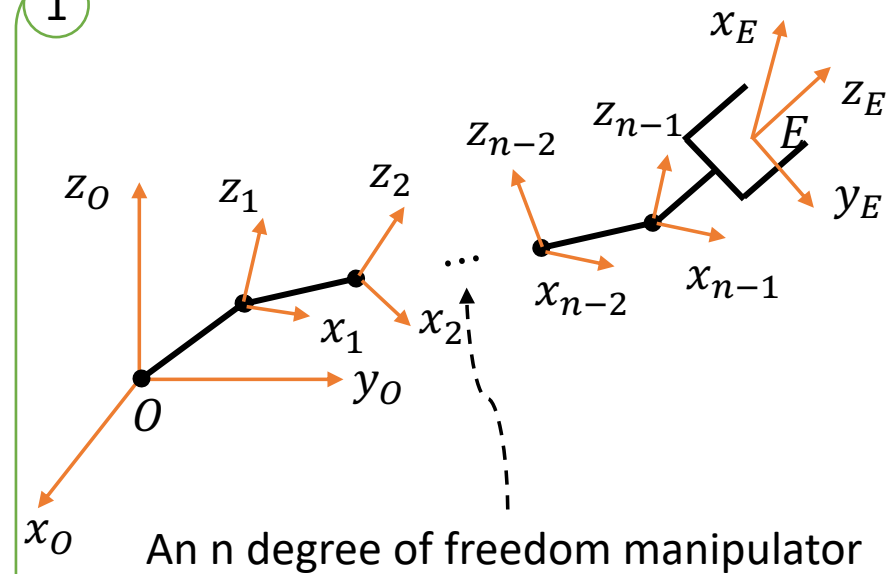
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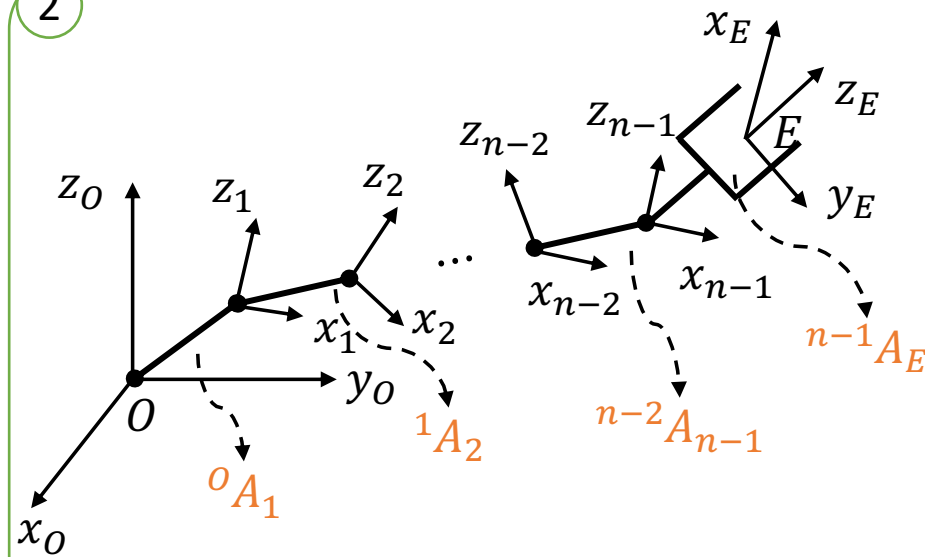
Forward Kinematics

- We will affix a **coordinate frame** to each link of the manipulator. → ①
- Using homogeneous transformations, we can describe **the relative position and orientation between these frames**.
- **The homogeneous transformation** describing the relation between one link and the next has been called an **A** matrix.
- These products of **A** matrices have been called **T** matrices. → ②
- Kinematics of robotics is to derive the relationships between **the reference frame** and **the end-effector's frame**. → ③

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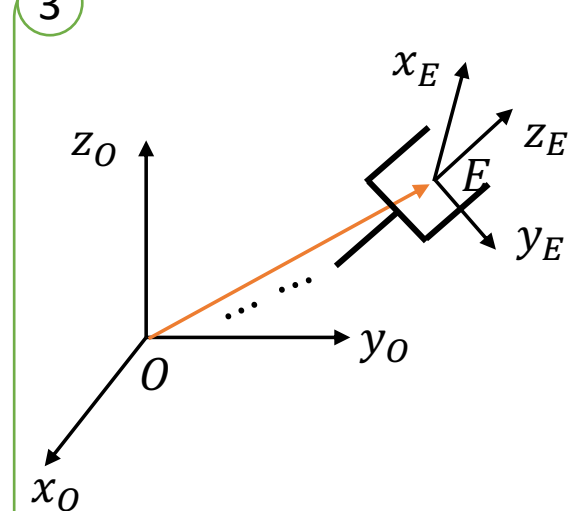


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$$T_E = {}^0A_1 {}^1A_2 \cdots {}^{n-2}A_{n-1} {}^{n-1}A_E$$

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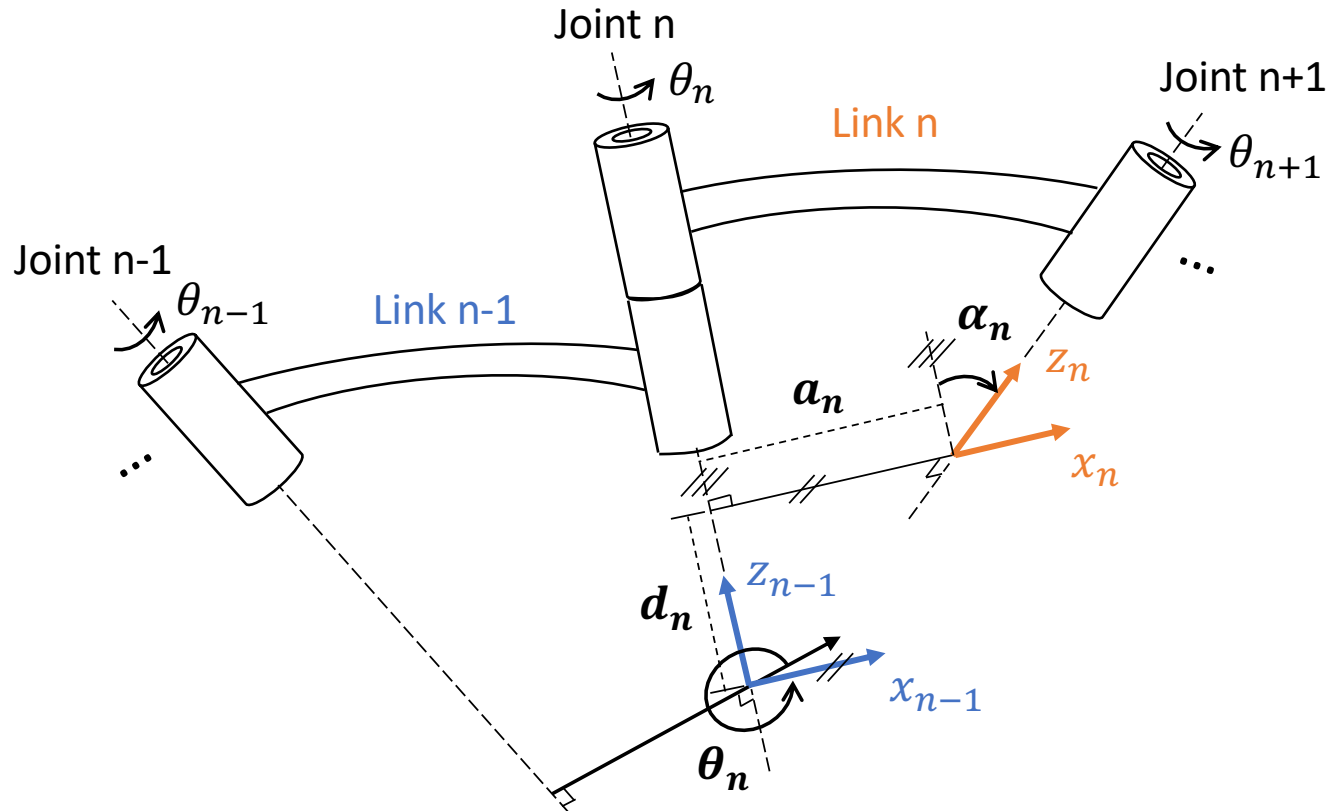
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$$\therefore T_E = {}^0A_E$$

Standard Denavit-Hartenberg Notation

□ How to affix the coordinate frame

- **The origin of the coordinate frame of link n** is set to be at the intersection of **the common normal** between the axes of joints n and n+1 and **the axis of joint n+1**.
- **The z axis for link n** will be aligned with **the axis of joint n+1**.
- **The x axis for link n** will be directed along the normal **between the axes of joints n and n+1**.



• DH parameters

- a_n : the distance from z_{n-1} to z_n along x_n .
- α_n : the angle between z_{n-1} to z_n about x_n .
- d_n : the distance from x_{n-1} to x_n along z_{n-1} .
- θ_n : the angle between x_{n-1} to x_n about z_{n-1} .

Standard Denavit-Hartenberg Notation

□ How to derive an A matrix

- We can establish an A matrix between successive frame $n-1, n$ by the following rotations and translations.
 1. Rotate about z_{n-1} , an angle θ_n
 2. Translate along z_{n-1} , a distance d_n
 3. Translate along rotated $x_{n-1} = x_n$, a length a_n
 4. Rotate about x_n , the twist angle α_n

$${}^{n-1}A_n = \text{Rot}(z, \theta_n) \text{Trans}(0, 0, d_n) \text{Trans}(a_n, 0, 0) \text{Rot}(x, \alpha_n)$$

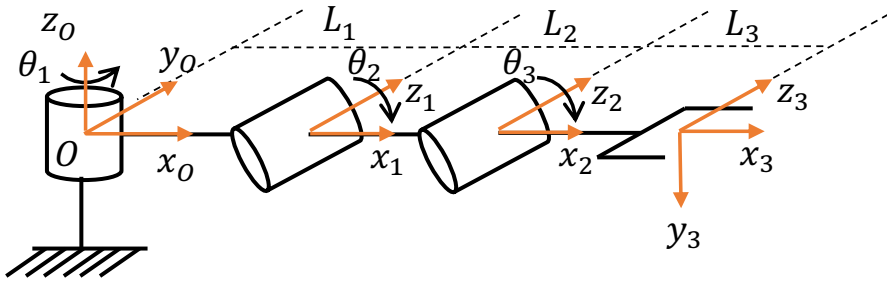
Relative transformation \rightarrow

$${}^{n-1}A_n = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_n) & -\sin(\theta_n) & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta_n) & \cos(\theta_n) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a_n \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\alpha_n) & -\sin(\alpha_n) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha_n) & \cos(\alpha_n) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore {}^{n-1}A_n = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_n) & -\sin(\theta_n)\cos(\alpha_n) & \sin(\theta_n)\sin(\alpha_n) & a_n\cos(\theta_n) \\ \sin(\theta_n) & \cos(\theta_n)\cos(\alpha_n) & -\cos(\theta_n)\sin(\alpha_n) & a_n\sin(\theta_n) \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha_n) & \cos(\alpha_n) & d_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Standard Denavit-Hartenberg Notation

□ DH parameters table for a 3-DOF manipulator



i	θ_i	α_i	a_i	d_i
1	θ_1	-90°	L_1	0
2	θ_2	0°	L_2	0
3	θ_3	0°	L_3	0

$${}^0A_1 = \boxed{\quad ? \quad}$$

$${}^1A_2 = \boxed{\quad ? \quad}$$

$${}^2A_3 = \boxed{\quad ? \quad}$$

$$\therefore {}^0T_3 = {}^0A_1 {}^1A_2 {}^2A_3$$

Standard Denavit-Hartenberg Notation

□ Forward kinematics for a 3-DOF manipulator

- Set the left-hand side of ${}^0T_3 = {}^0A_1 {}^1A_2 {}^2A_3$ as the following.

$${}^0T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} n_x & o_x & a_x & p_x \\ n_y & o_y & a_y & p_y \\ n_z & o_z & a_z & p_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The result of products of A matrices (i.e. the right-hand side of ${}^0T_3 = {}^0A_1 {}^1A_2 {}^2A_3$)

$$\therefore {}^0A_1 {}^1A_2 {}^2A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & f_{12}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & f_{13}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & f_{14}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ f_{21}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & f_{22}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & f_{23}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & f_{24}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ f_{31}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & f_{32}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & f_{33}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) & f_{34}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

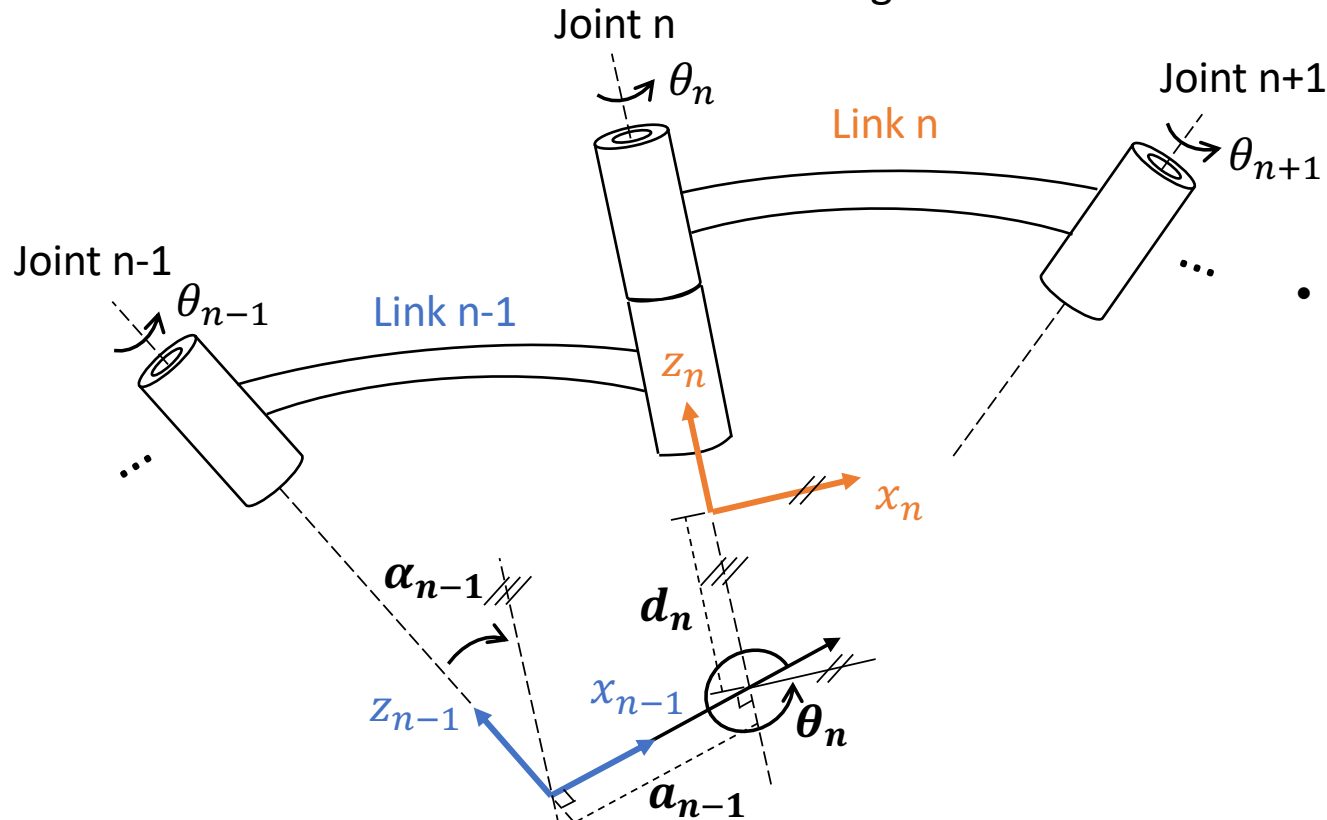
The rotation matrix = \mathbf{R}
The position vector = \mathbf{p}

- Therefore, the position and orientation of the manipulator is represented by the position vector and the rotation matrix.

Modified Denavit-Hartenberg Notation

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 3. Rotate about z_n , an angle θ_n
 4. Translate along z_n , a distance d_n

$${}^{n-1}A_n = \text{Rot}(x, \alpha_{n-1}) \text{Trans}(a_{n-1}, 0, 0) \text{Rot}(z, \theta_n) \text{Trans}(0, 0, d_n)$$

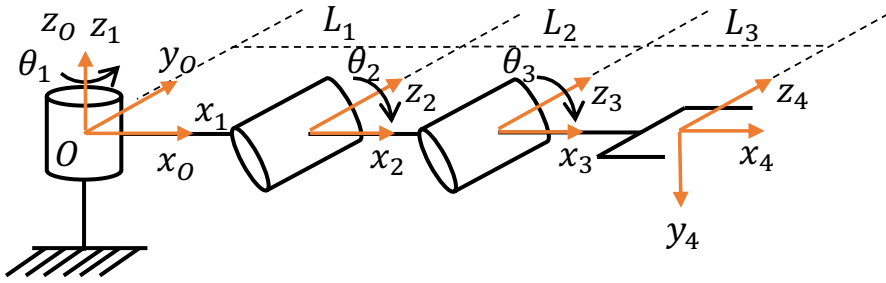
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$${}^3A_4 = \boxed{\quad ? \quad}$$

$$\therefore {}^0T_4 = {}^0A_1 {}^1A_2 {}^2A_3 {}^3A_4$$

Appx. - Denavit-Hartenberg Notation

□ Video clip to help understand Denavit-Hartenberg (DH) notation

- <https://youtu.be/rA9tm0gTln8> : A 'r' parameter in the video is same as an 'a' parameter in this note.

