

## PROBLEMS

- 2-1 - If  $R$  is an orthogonal matrix show that the column vectors of  $R$  are of unit length and mutually perpendicular.
- 2-2 If  $R$  is an orthogonal matrix show that  $\det R = \pm 1$ .
- 2-3 Show that  $\det R = +1$  if we restrict ourselves to right-handed coordinate systems.
- 2-4 Verify Equations 2.1.14–2.1.16.
- 2-5 Derive Equations 2.1.17 and 2.1.18.
- 2-6 Suppose  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  rotation matrix. In other words  $A^T A = I$  and  $\det A = 1$ . Show that there exists a unique  $\theta$  such that  $A$  is of the form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2-7 Find the rotation matrix representing a roll of  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  followed by a yaw of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  followed by a pitch of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .
- 2-8 If the coordinate frame  $o_1 x_1 y_1 z_1$  is obtained from the coordinate frame  $o_0 x_0 y_0 z_0$  by a rotation of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  about the  $x$ -axis followed by a rotation of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  about the fixed  $y$ -axis, find the rotation matrix  $R$  representing the composite transformation. Sketch the initial and final frames.

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Suppose that three coordinate frames  $o_1x_1y_1z_1$ ,  $o_2x_2y_2z_2$ , and  $o_3x_3y_3z_3$  are given, and suppose

$$R_1^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_1^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the matrix  $R_2^3$ .

2-10 Verify Equation 2.2.16.

2-11 If  $R$  is a rotation matrix show that  $+1$  is an eigenvalue of  $R$ . Let  $\mathbf{k}$  be a unit eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $+1$ . Give a physical interpretation of  $\mathbf{k}$ .

2-12 Let  $\mathbf{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, 1, 1)^T$ ,  $\theta = 90^\circ$ . Find  $R_{\mathbf{k}, \theta}$ .

2-13 Show by direct calculation that  $R_{\mathbf{k}, \theta}$  given by (2.2.16) is equal to  $R$  given by (2.3.5) if  $\theta$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are given by (2.3.6) and (2.3.7), respectively.

2-14 Suppose  $R$  represents a rotation of  $90^\circ$  about  $y_0$  followed by a rotation of  $45^\circ$  about  $z_1$ . Find the equivalent axis/angle to represent  $R$ . Sketch the initial and final frames and the equivalent axis vector  $\mathbf{k}$ .

2-15 Find the rotation matrix corresponding to the set of Euler angles  $\{\frac{\pi}{2}, 0, \frac{\pi}{4}\}$ . What is the direction of the  $x_1$  axis relative to the base frame?

2-16 Compute the homogeneous transformation representing a translation of 3 units along the  $x$ -axis followed by a rotation of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  about the current  $z$ -axis followed by a translation of 1 unit along the fixed  $y$ -axis. Sketch the frame. What are the coordinates of the origin  $o_1$  with respect to the original frame in each case?

2-17 Consider the diagram of Figure 2-10. Find the homogeneous transformations  $H_0^1$ ,  $H_0^2$ ,  $H_1^2$  representing the transformations among the three frames shown. Show that  $H_0^2 = H_0^1 H_1^2$ .

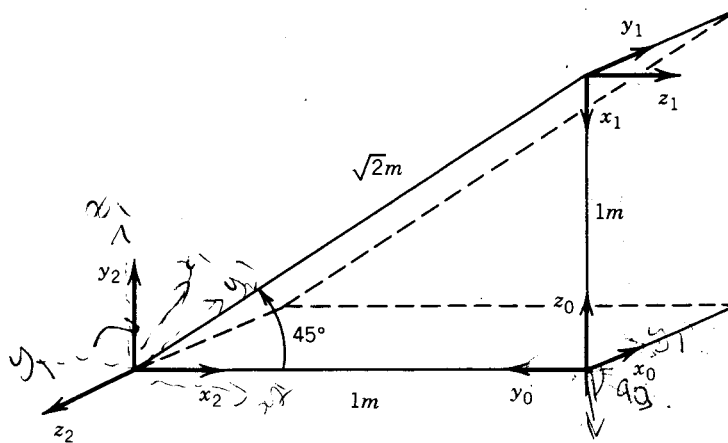
**FIGURE 2-10**

Diagram for Problem 2-17.

2-18 Consider the diagram of Figure 2-11. A robot is set up 1 meter from a table, two of whose legs are on the  $y_0$  axis as shown. The table top is 1 meter high and 1 meter square. A frame  $o_1x_1y_1z_1$  is fixed to the edge of the table as shown. A cube measuring 20 cm on a side is placed in the center of the table with frame  $o_2x_2y_2z_2$  established at the center of the cube as shown. A camera is situated directly above the center of the block 2 m above the table top with frame  $o_3x_3y_3z_3$  attached as shown. Find the homogeneous transformations relating each of these frames to the base frame  $o_0x_0y_0z_0$ . Find the homogeneous transformation relating the frame  $o_2x_2y_2z_2$  to the camera frame  $o_3x_3y_3z_3$ .

2-19 In Problem 2-18, suppose that, after the camera is calibrated, it is rotated  $90^\circ$  about the axis  $z_3$ . Recompute the above coordinate transformations.

2-20 If the block on the table is rotated  $90^\circ$  degrees about the axis  $z_2$  and moved so that its center has coordinates  $(0, .8, .1)^T$  relative to the frame  $o_1x_1y_1z_1$ , compute the homogeneous transformation relating the block frame to the camera frame; the block frame to the base frame.

2-21 Verify Equation 2.5.7 by direct calculation.

2-22 Prove assertion (2.5.8) that  $R(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = R\mathbf{a} \times R\mathbf{b}$ , for  $R \in SO(3)$ .

2-23 Suppose that  $\mathbf{a} = (1, -1, 2)^T$  and that  $R = R_{x,90}$ . Show by direct calculation that

$$RS(\mathbf{a})R^T = S(R\mathbf{a})$$

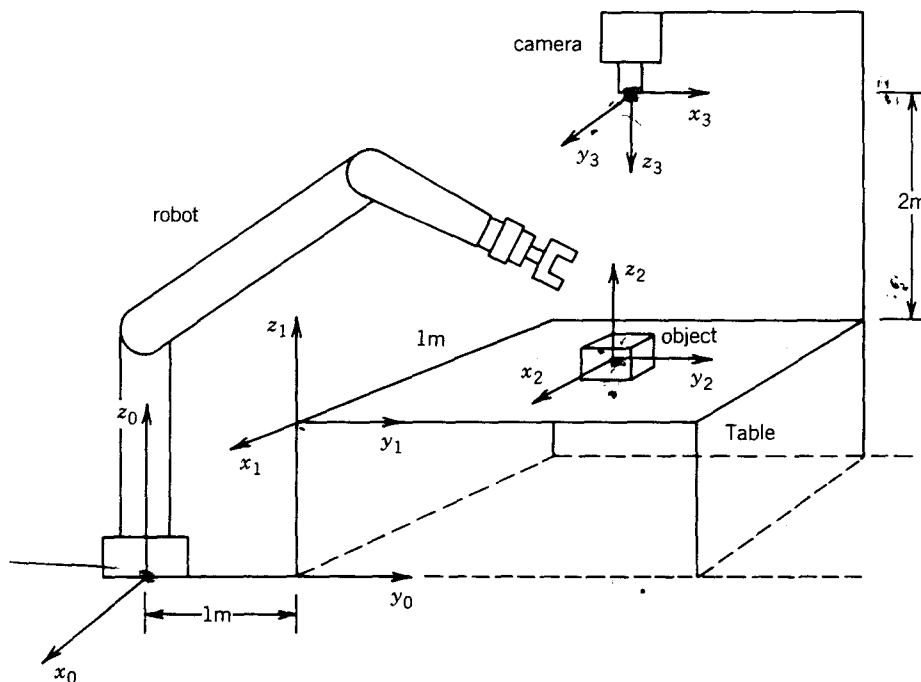
**FIGURE 2-11**

Diagram for Problem 2-18.

- 2-24 Given  $R_0^1 = R_{x,\theta} R_{y,\phi}$ , compute  $\frac{\partial R_0^1}{\partial \phi}$ . Evaluate  $\frac{\partial R_0^1}{\partial \phi}$  at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

- 2-25 Use Equation 2.2.16 to show that

$$R_{\mathbf{k},\theta} = I + S(\mathbf{k})\sin(\theta) + S^2(\mathbf{k})\text{vers}(\theta)$$

- 2-26 Verify (2.5.19) by direct calculation.

- 2-27 Show that  $S(\mathbf{k})^3 = -S(\mathbf{k})$ . Use this and Problem 2-25 to verify Equation 2.5.20.

- 2-28 Given any square matrix  $A$ , the exponential of  $A$  is a matrix defined as

$$e^A = I + A + \frac{1}{2}A^2 + \frac{1}{3!}A^3 + \dots$$

Given  $S \in SS(3)$  show that  $e^S \in SO(3)$ .

[Hint: Verify the facts that  $e^A e^B = e^{A+B}$  provided that  $A$  and  $B$  commute, that is,  $AB = BA$ , and also that  $\det(e^A) = e^{\text{Tr}(A)}$ .]

- 2-29 Show that  $R_{\mathbf{k},\theta} = e^{S(\mathbf{k})\theta}$ .  
 [Hint: Use the series expansion for the matrix exponential together with Problems 2-25 and 2-27. Alternatively use the fact that  $R_{\mathbf{k},\theta}$  satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{dR}{d\theta} = S(\mathbf{k})R$$

- 2-30 Use Problem 2-29 to show the converse of 2-28, that is, if  $R \in SO(3)$  then there exists  $S \in \mathcal{SS}(3)$  such that  $R = e^S$ .
- 2-31 Given the Euler angle transformation

$$R = R_{z,\psi} R_{y,\theta} R_{z,\phi}$$

show that  $\frac{d}{dt}R = S(\boldsymbol{\omega})R$  where

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \{c_\psi s_\theta \dot{\phi} - s_\psi \dot{\theta}\}\mathbf{i} + \{s_\psi s_\theta \dot{\phi} + c_\psi \dot{\theta}\}\mathbf{j} + \{\dot{\psi} + c_\theta \dot{\phi}\}\mathbf{k}.$$

The components of  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$ , respectively, are called the **nutation**, **spin**, and **precession**.

- 2-32 Repeat Problem 2-31 for the Roll-Pitch-Yaw transformation. In other words, find an explicit expression for  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  such that  $\frac{d}{dt}R = S(\boldsymbol{\omega})R$ , where  $R$  is given by (2.3.10).
- 2-33 Two frames  $o_0x_0y_0z_0$  and  $o_1x_1y_1z_1$  are related by the homogeneous transformation

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A particle has velocity  $\mathbf{v}_1(t) = \{3, 1, 0\}^T$  relative to frame  $o_1x_1y_1z_1$ . What is the velocity of the particle in frame  $o_0x_0y_0z_0$ ?

- 2-34 Three frames  $o_0x_0y_0z_0$ ,  $o_1x_1y_1z_1$ , and  $o_2x_2y_2z_2$  are given below. If the angular velocities  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_0^1$  and  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_1^2$  are given as

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_0^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}_1^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

what is the angular velocity  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_0^2$  at the instant when

$$R_0^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$