

SCE 594: Special Topics in Intelligent Automation & Robotics

Lecture 10: Rigid body dynamics II & MAV dynamics



Outline

- Recap last lectures
- Covector nature of wrenches and momenta
- Rigid body dynamics
- Case study: Multi-rotor aerial vehicles (MAVs)



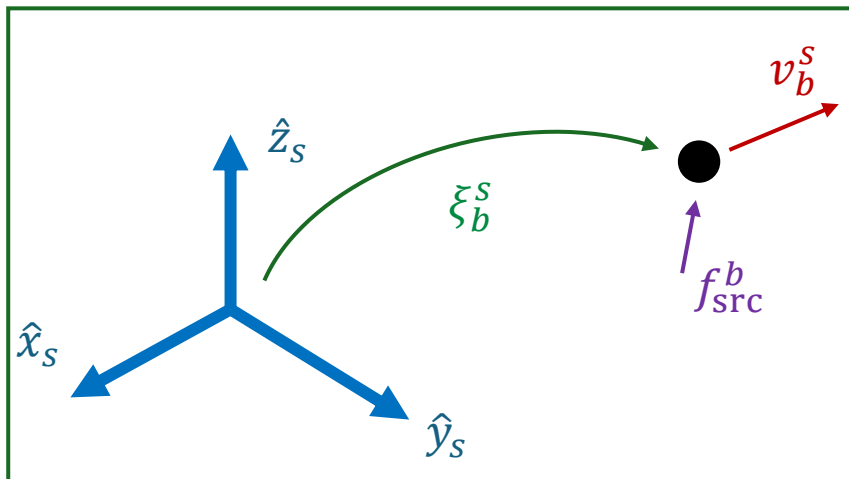
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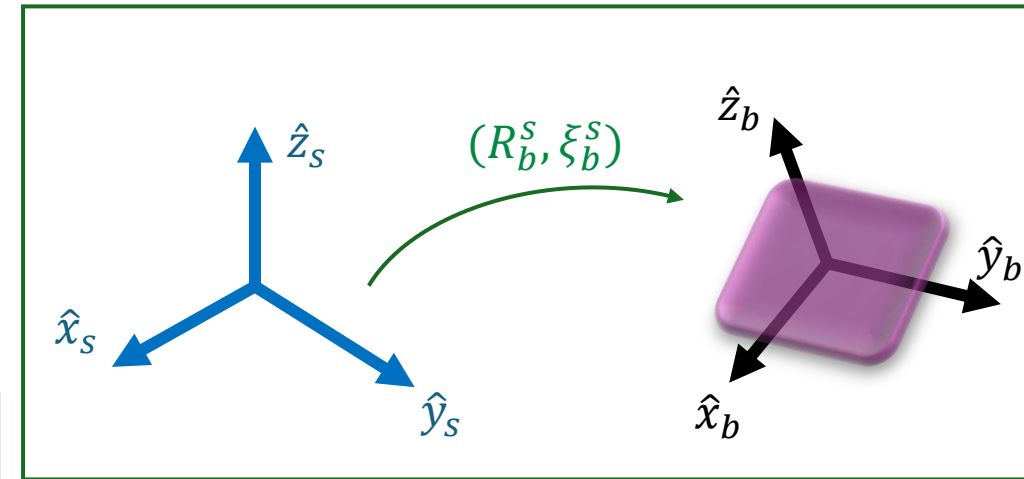
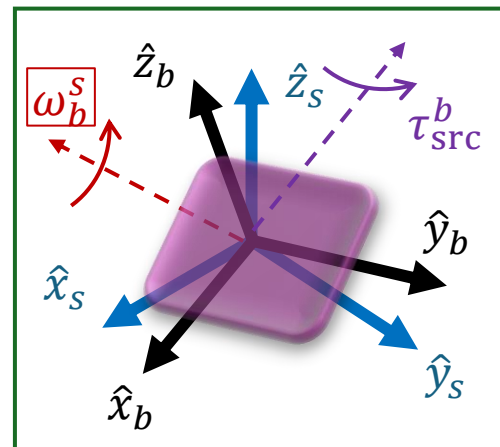
Recap: Dynamic modeling

- A dynamic model describes the motion of a system while considering the forces and torques that cause the motion.
- It includes both kinematics and conservation laws



Forces on translating point mass

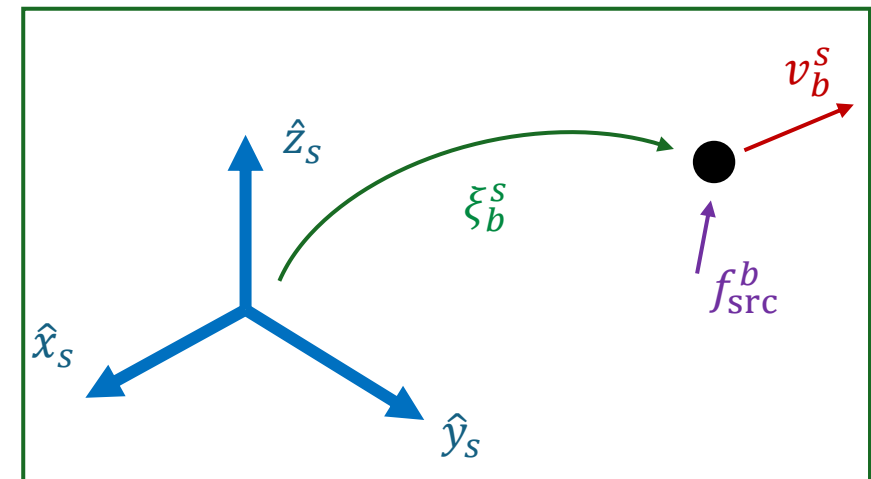
Torques on rotating rigid body



Wrenches on moving rigid body

Recap: Point mass dynamics

- We will denote by:
 - $f_{\text{src}}^b \in \mathbb{R}^3$: the abstract force from source **src** acting on point mass **b**
 - $f_{\text{src}}^{s,b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$: the force from source **src** acting on point mass **b**, expressed in $\{s\}$.
- The kinetic energy of point **b**, $E_k: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by:
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 - $P_v^{s,b} := \frac{\partial E_k}{\partial v_b^{s,s}}(v_b^{s,s}) = m v_b^{s,s}$
- Newton's law:
 - $\dot{P}_v^{s,b} = f_{\text{tot}}^{s,b}$
 - or
 - $\dot{v}_b^{s,s} = \frac{1}{m} f_{\text{tot}}^{s,b}$

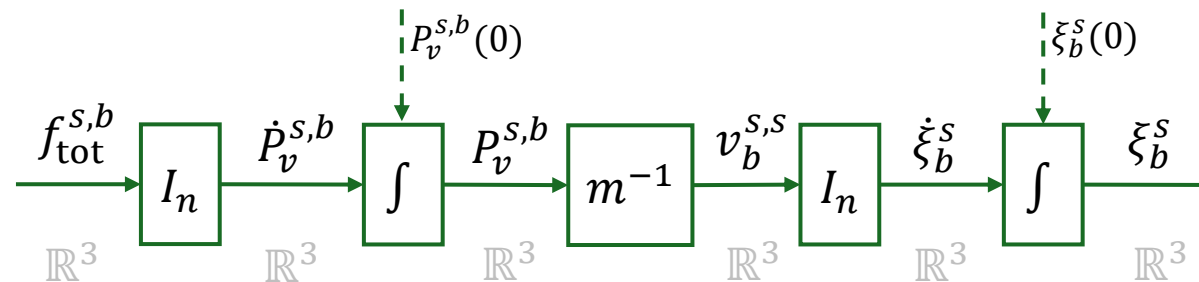


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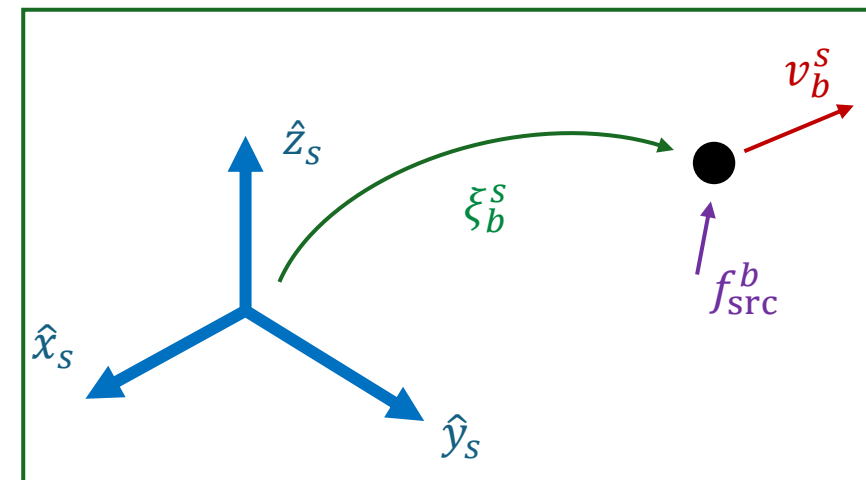
- In summary,



- $\dot{\xi}_b^s = v_b^{s,s}$ Kinematic relation
- $\dot{P}_v^{s,b} = f_{\text{tot}}^{s,b}$ Momentum balance
- $v_b^{s,s} = m^{-1} P_v^{s,b}$ Constitutive relation

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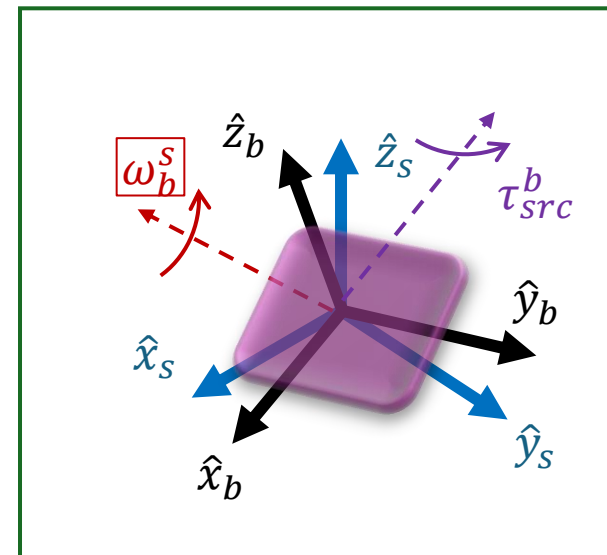


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Recap: Rigid body rotation dynamics

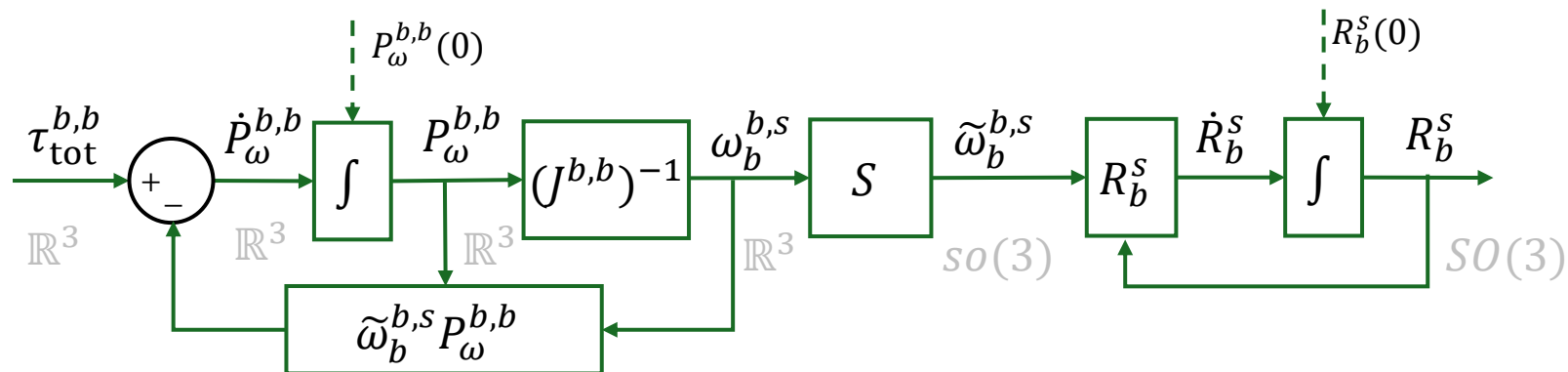
- We will denote by:
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 - $\tau_{\text{src}}^{*,b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$: the torque from source **src** acting on body attached to $\{b\}$, expressed in $\{*\}$.
- The kinetic energy of the rigid body, $E_k: SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by:
 - $E_k(R_b^s, \omega_b^{*,s}) = \frac{1}{2} (\omega_b^{*,s})^\top J^{*,b}(R_b^s) \omega_b^{*,s}$
- The angular momentum of the rigid body expressed in $\{*\}$, $P_\omega^{*,b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is given by:
 - $P_\omega^{*,b} := \frac{\partial E_k}{\partial \omega_b^{*,s}}(R_b^s, \omega_b^{*,s}) = J^{*,b}(R_b^s) \omega_b^{*,s}$
- Euler's law in $\{s\}$:
 - $\dot{P}_\omega^{s,b} = \tau_{\text{tot}}^{s,b}$



Torques on rotating rigid body



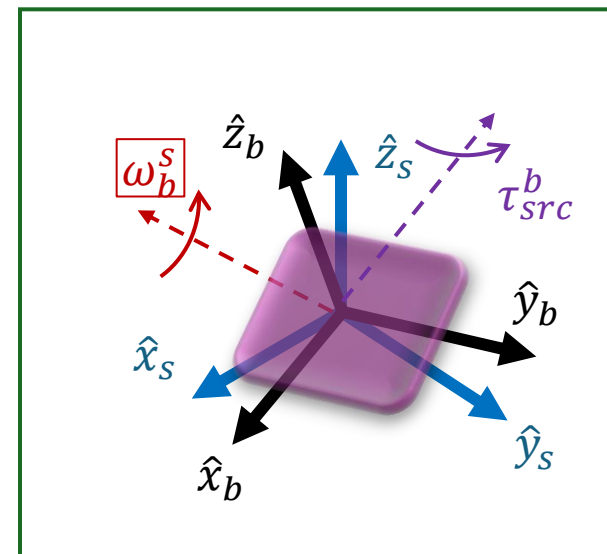
Recap: Rigid body rotation dynamics



- $\dot{R}_b^s = R_b^s \tilde{\omega}_b^{b,s}$ Kinematic relation
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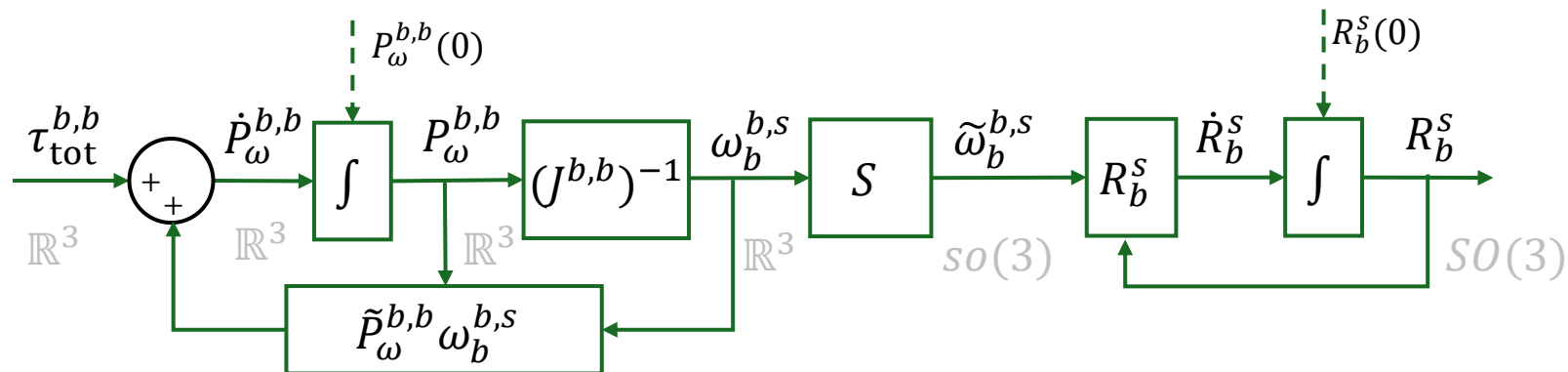


Torques on rotating rigid body

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Kinematic relation

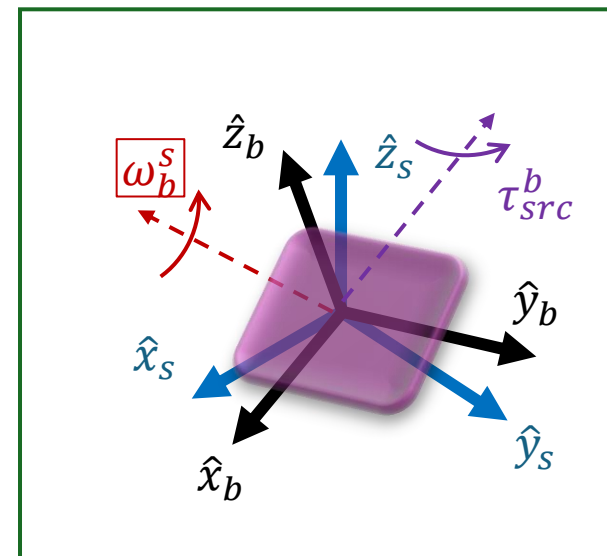
Momentum balance

Constitutive relation

Or rewritten
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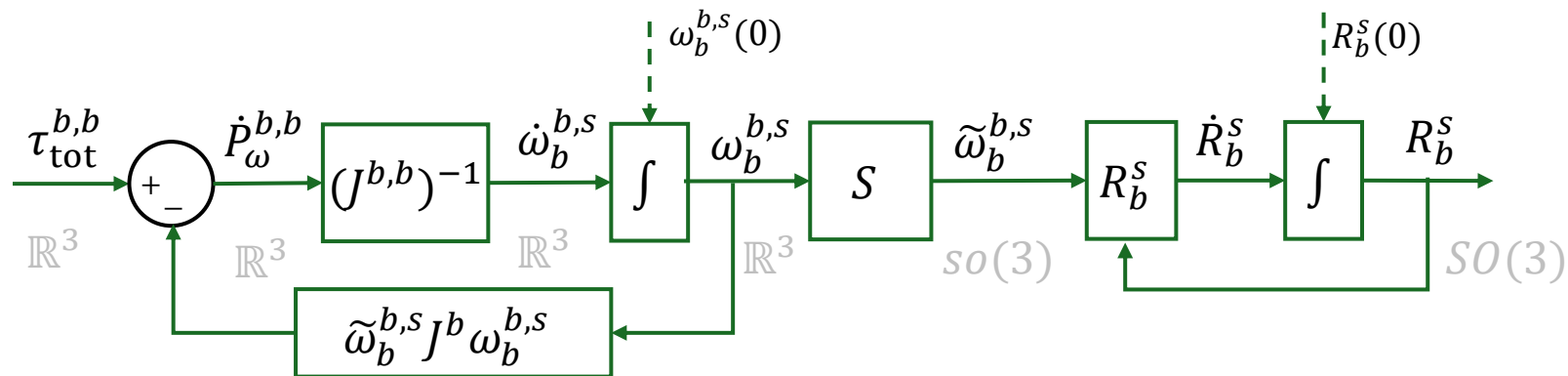


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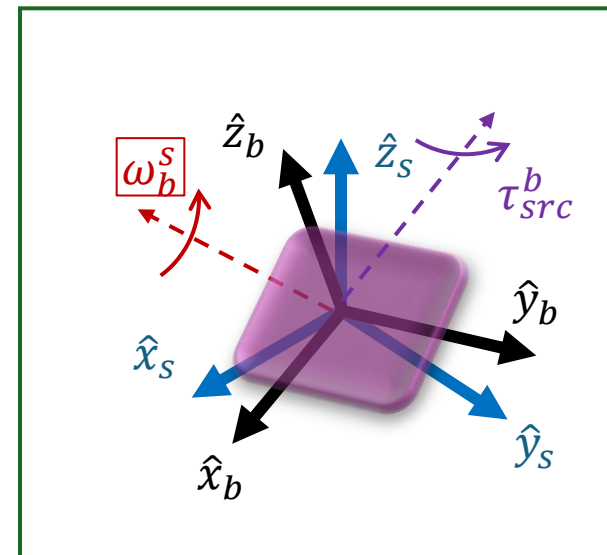
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Which can
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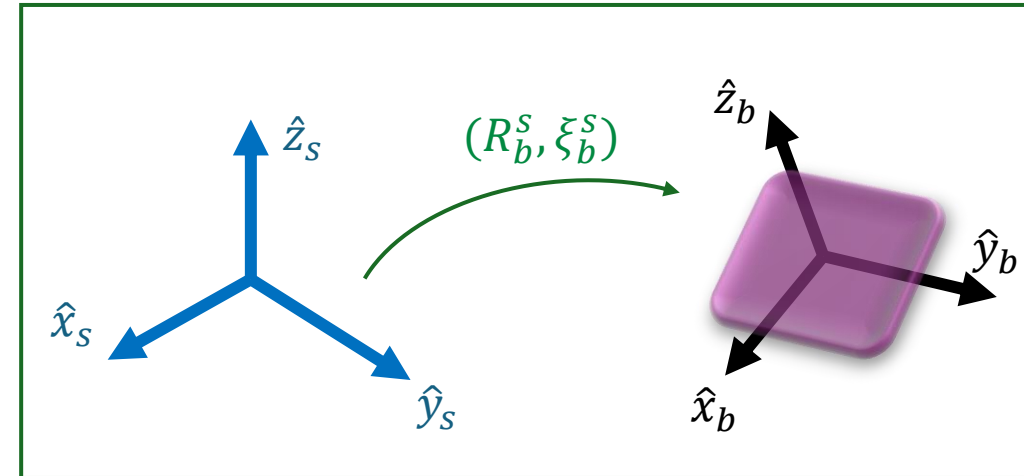
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- The generalized momentum of the rigid body expressed in $\{*\}$, $P^{*,b} \in (\mathbb{R}^6)^*$ is given by:
 - $P^{*,b} := \frac{\partial E_k}{\partial \mathcal{V}_b^{*,s}}(H_b^s, \mathcal{V}_b^{*,s}) = \mathfrak{T}^{*,b}(H_b^s) \mathcal{V}_b^{*,s}$
- Newton-Euler's law in $\{s\}$:
 - $\dot{p}^{s,b} = \mathcal{W}_{\text{tot}}^{s,b}$



Wrenches on moving rigid body

Note:

Wrenches and generalized momenta are covectors !!

$$\mathcal{W}^{*,b}, P^{*,b} \in (\mathbb{R}^6)^*$$



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- Let's examine the kinetic energy of the twist in $\{b\}$:

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$$\mathfrak{I}^{b,b} = \begin{pmatrix} J^{b,b} & m \tilde{\xi}_{\text{cm}}^b \\ -m \tilde{\xi}_{\text{cm}}^b & m I_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Generalized inertia

$\mathfrak{I}^{b,b} \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times 6}$ is the generalized inertia of body attached to $\{b\}$ expressed in $\{b\}$ and is independent of H_b^s



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- Using the definition of the generalized momentum, we have that

$$2E_k = (\mathcal{V}_b^{b,s})^\top P^{b,b} = (P^{b,b})^\top \mathcal{V}_b^{b,s}$$

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Generalized inertia



The duality pairing between twist $\mathcal{V}_b^{*,s}$ and generalized momentum $P^{*,b}$ is twice the kinetic energy $2E_k$

Generalized momentum

- Due to the invariance of kinetic energy, if we express the momentum and twist in the $\{s\}$ frame we have that:

$$2E_k = (P^{b,b})^\top \mathcal{V}_b^{b,s} = (P^{b,b})^\top Ad_{H_b^s} \mathcal{V}_b^{s,s} = (Ad_{H_b^s}^\top P^{b,b})^\top \mathcal{V}_b^{s,s} = (P^{s,b})^\top \mathcal{V}_b^{s,s}$$

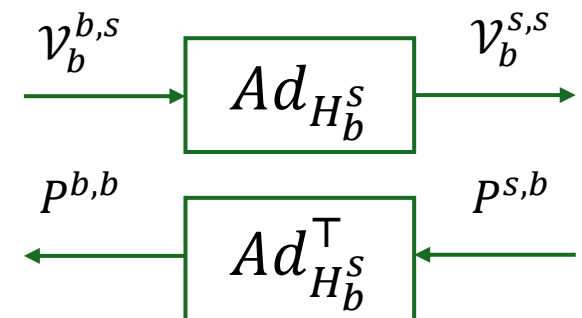
- Therefore,

Vector

$$\mathcal{V}_b^{s,s} = Ad_{H_b^s} \mathcal{V}_b^{b,s} \in \mathbb{R}^6$$

$$P^{s,b} = Ad_{H_b^s}^{-\top} P^{b,b} \in (\mathbb{R}^6)^*$$

Covector



A vector and a covector change coordinates differently !!



Wrench

- Just as with twists, we can merge torques and forces into a six-dimensional object we shall call a wrench.

$$\mathcal{W}^{*,b} = \begin{pmatrix} \tau^{*,b} \\ f^{*,b} \end{pmatrix} \in (\mathbb{R}^6)^*$$

- The duality pairing of a wrench and a twist gives mechanical power:

$$\text{Power} = (\mathcal{W}^{*,b})^\top \mathcal{V}_b^{*,s}$$

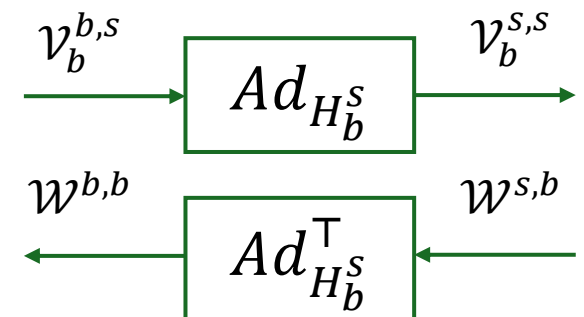
- Since power is also a coordinate-free concept, we have that

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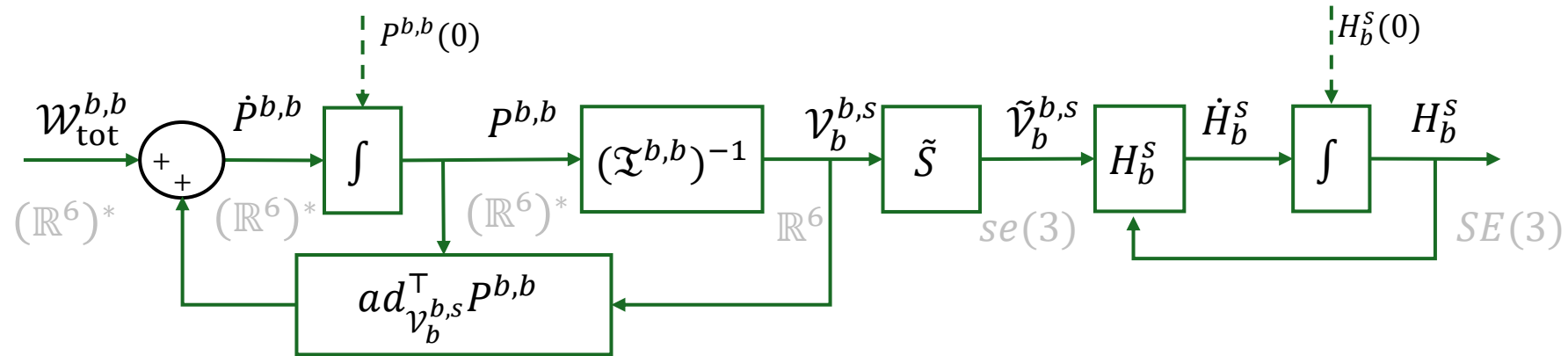


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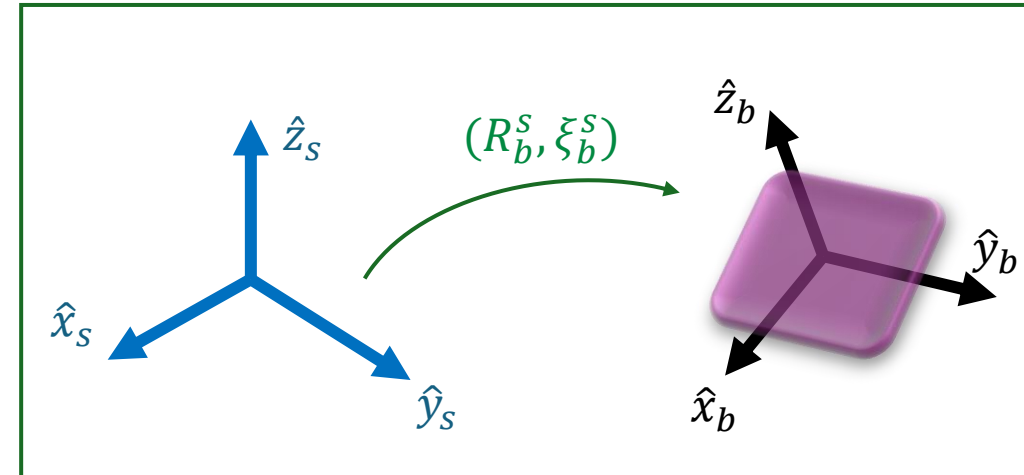


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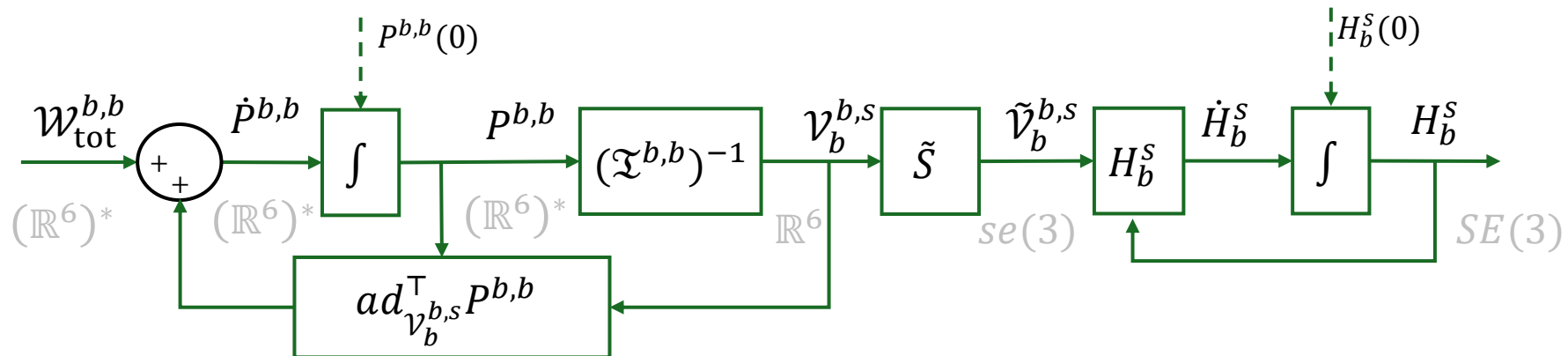
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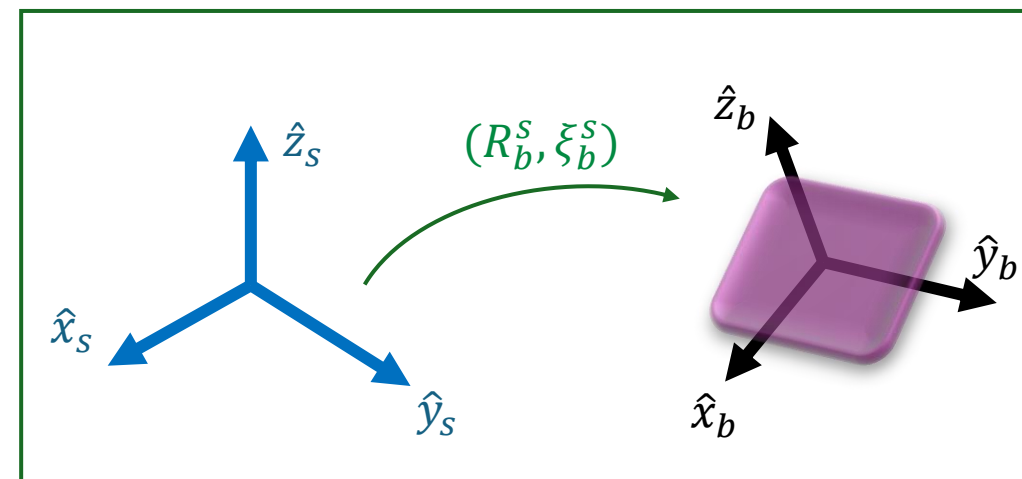
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$$ad_{\mathcal{V}_b^{b,s}}: \mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^6$$

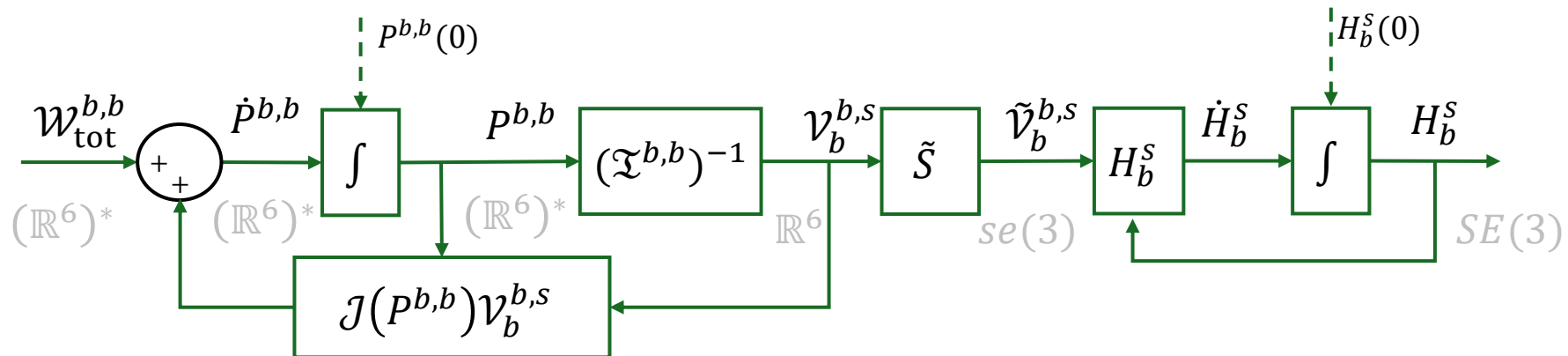
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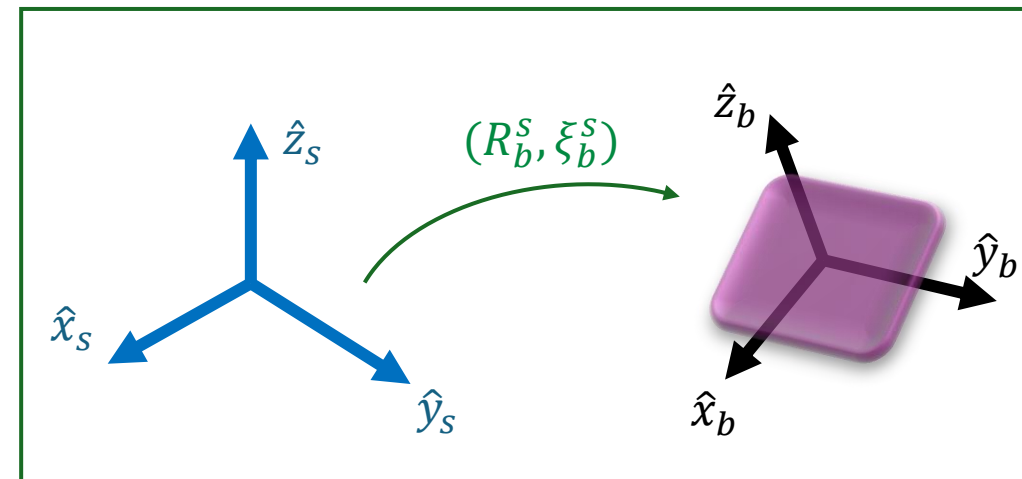
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Wrenches on moving rigid body



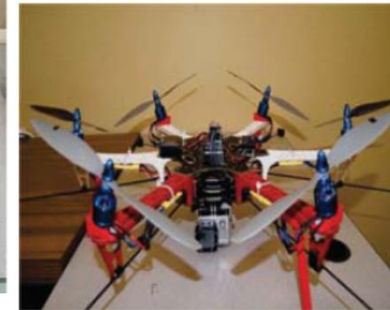
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Multi-rotor aerial vehicles

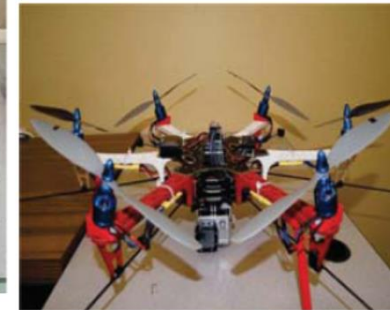
- Multi-rotor aerial vehicles (MAVs) are the most popular choice of aerial robotics platform.
- Usually, they have a simple mechanical structure and few moving parts.
- MAVs are usually modeled as a single rigid body floating in space.



Multi-rotor aerial vehicles

- MAVs are classified based on properties of the map between individual rotor thrusts λ_i and the resultant wrench applied on the MAV's body which is used for control.

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{con}}^{b,b} = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_{\text{con}}^{b,b} \\ f_{\text{con}}^{b,b} \end{pmatrix} = M(t)\lambda$$



$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{N_p}) \in \mathbb{R}^{N_p}$ is the rotors thrust vector and N_p is the number of propellers on the MAV.

