

SCE 594: Special Topics in Intelligent Automation & Robotics

Lecture 7: Rigid Body Kinematics



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- Recap Last Lectures
- Kinematic Modeling
- Lie group structure of $SO(3)$
- Lie group structure of $SE(3)$



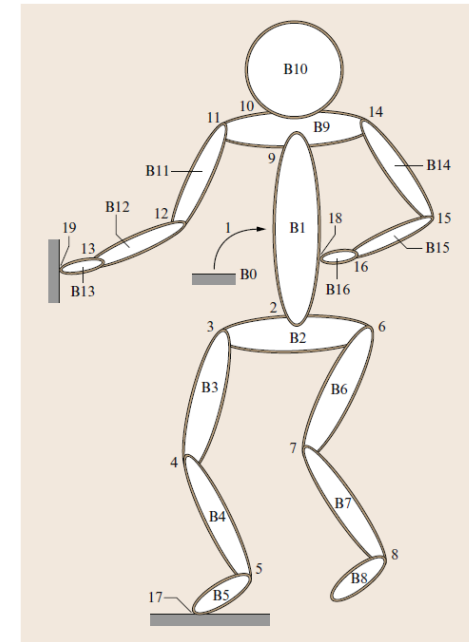
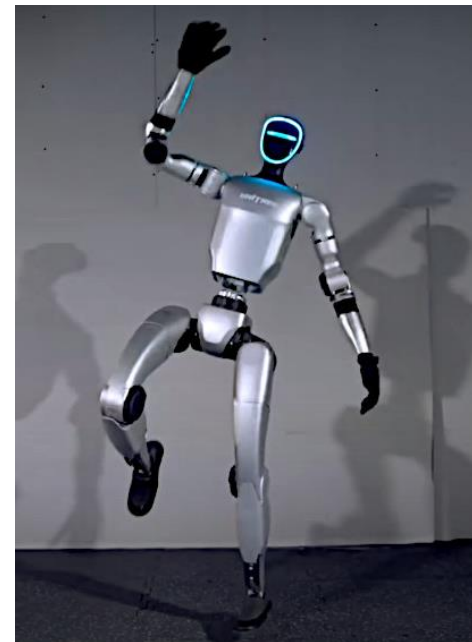
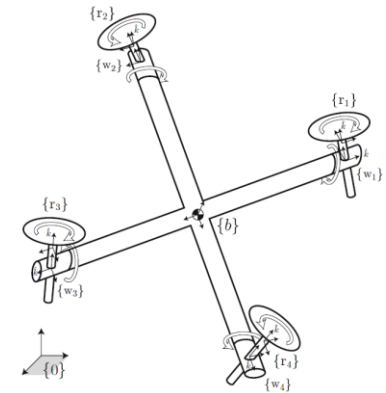
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Recap: Rigid Body Modeling

- Most robotic mechanisms are systems of **rigid bodies** connected by **joints**.
- Understanding how to **model** and **interconnect** rigid bodies is fundamental !



Recap: Special Euclidean Group

- The special Euclidean group $(SE(n), \blacksquare)$ is defined as

$$SE(n) := \{h = (R, \xi) | R \in SO(n), \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

- Group operation $\blacksquare: SE(n) \times SE(n) \rightarrow SE(n)$ defined as

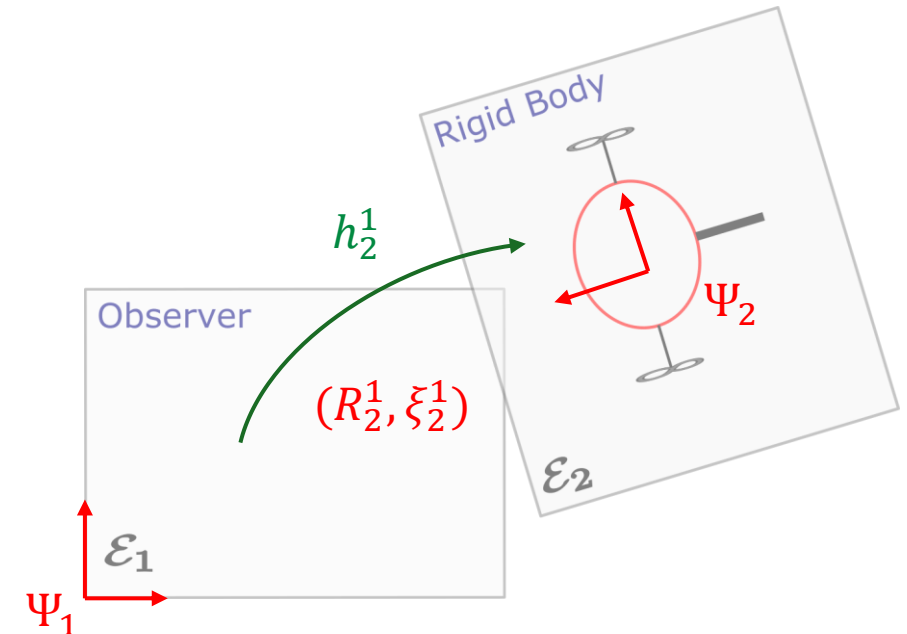
$$h_2 \blacksquare h_1 := (R_2 \cdot R_1, R_2 \cdot \xi_1 + \xi_2)$$

- Identity element $e \in SE(n)$:

$$e = (I_n, 0)$$

- Inverse element of any $h \in SE(n)$:

$$h^{-1} = (R^T, -R^T \cdot \xi)$$



Recap: Homogeneous transformations

- Using concepts from projective geometry, we can represent $SE(n) = SO(n) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$ using matrices in dimension $n + 1$.

$$SE(n) \rightarrow HM(n+1) \subset GL(n+1)$$

$$h = (R, \xi) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} R & \xi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} =: H.$$

$$H_2 H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} R_2 & \xi_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_1 & \xi_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_2 R_1 & R_2 \xi_1 + \xi_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

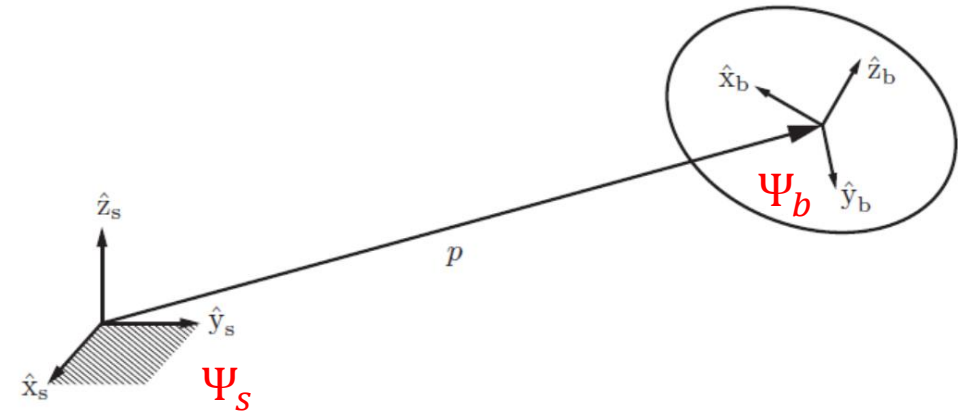
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Recap: Lie group $SE(n)$

- $SE(n)$ has the structure of a **Lie group**.
- $SO(n)$ itself is a **Lie sub-group**.

$$SE(n) = SO(n) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$$



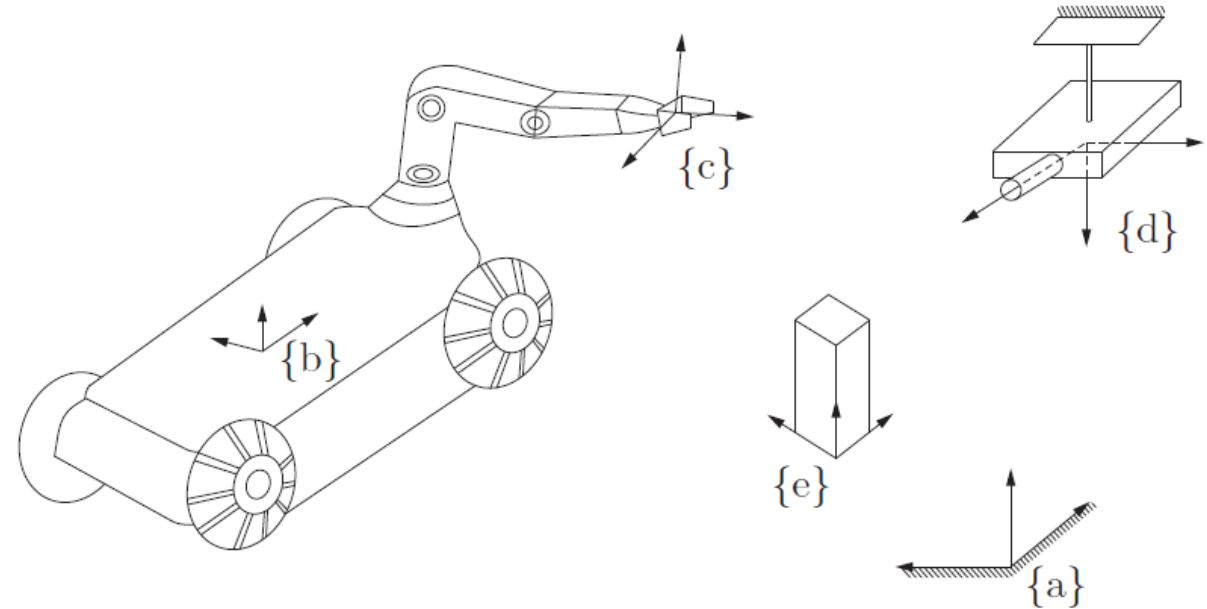
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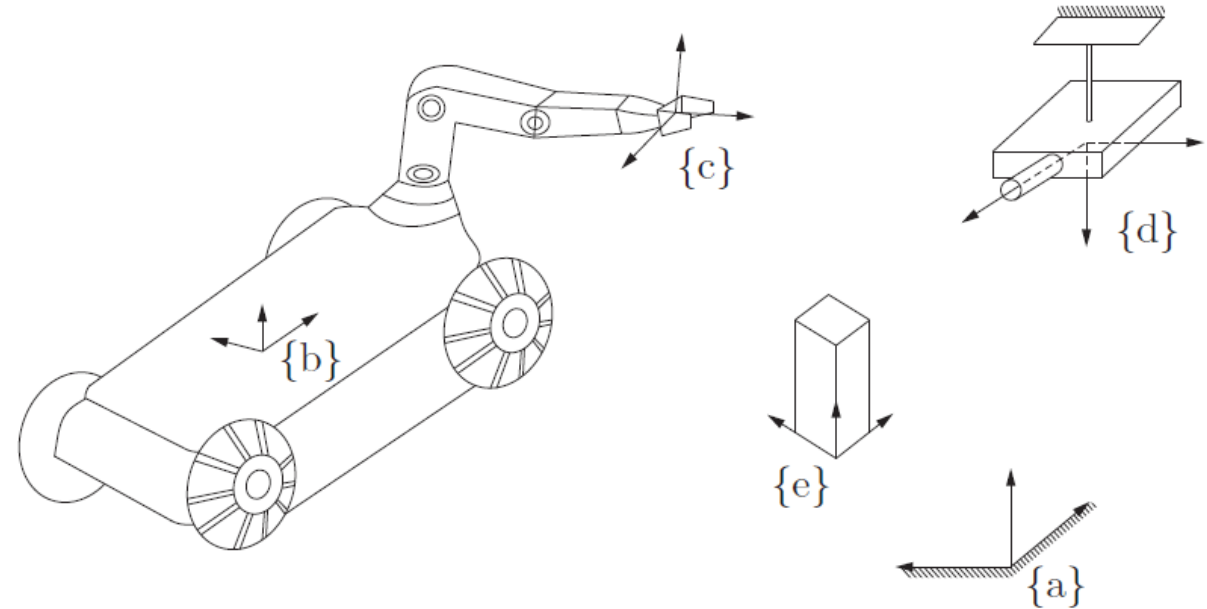
Kinematic Modeling

- A **kinematic model** describes the motion of bodies in a robotic mechanism without regard to the forces/torques that cause the motion.
- It focuses purely on **geometric** and **temporal** relationships between position, velocity, and acceleration.



Kinematic Modeling: Notation

- A frame will be denoted by Ψ_i or $\{i\}$.
- A frame can be stationary or moving (body-fixed).
- All frames are right-handed, and its axes are orthonormal.
- A body-fixed frame can be arbitrarily specified.



Kinematic Modeling: Notation

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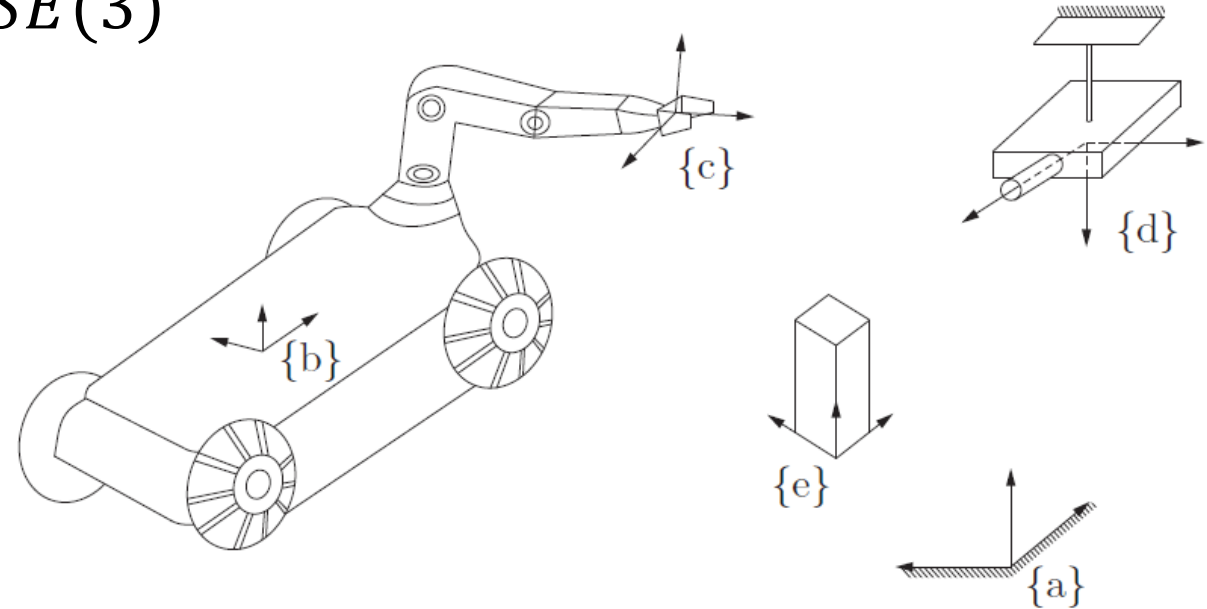
$$R_i^k \in SO(3)$$

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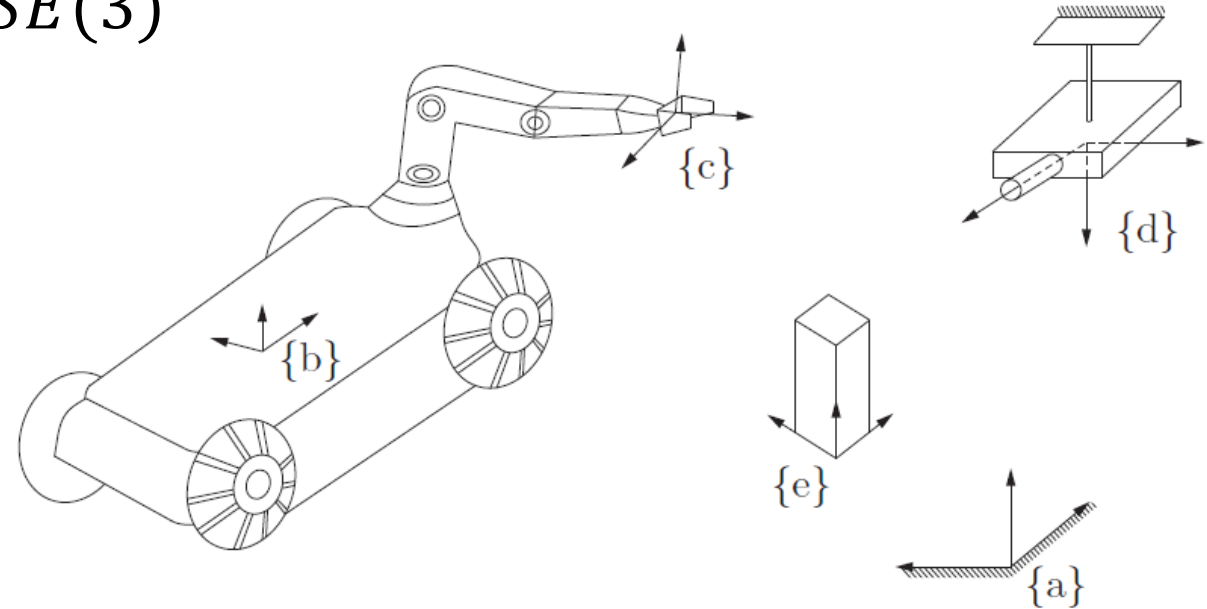
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Question:

What does $H_i^j = I_4$ mean?



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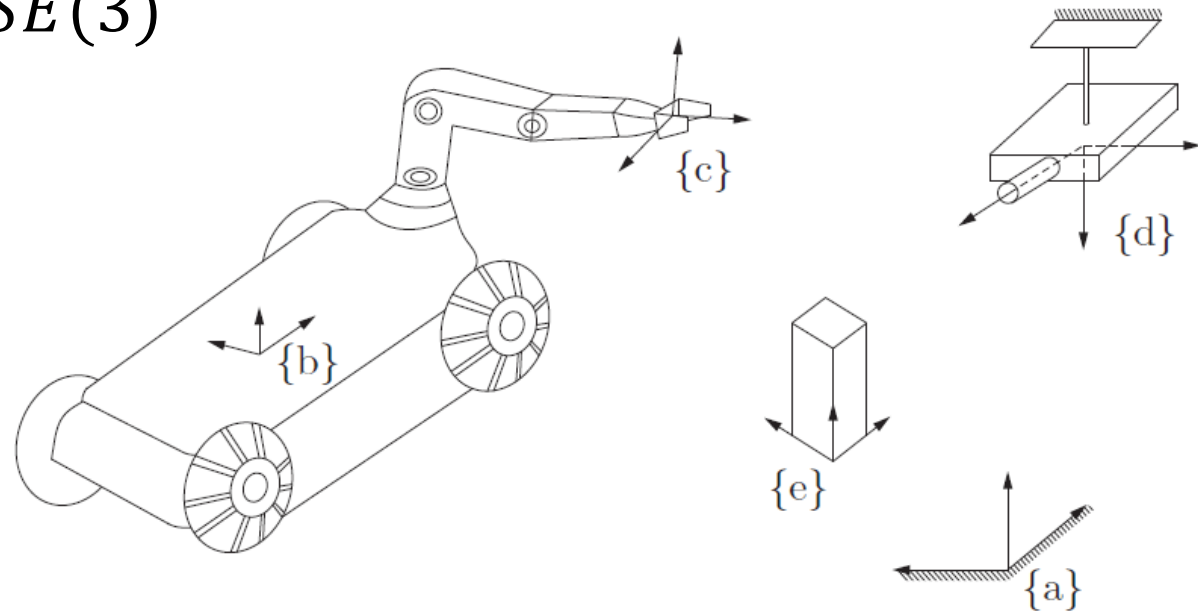
$$H_i^k \in SE(3)$$

The relative pose of $\{k\}$ with respect to $\{i\}$ is described by

$$H_k^i = (H_i^k)^{-1} \in SE(3)$$

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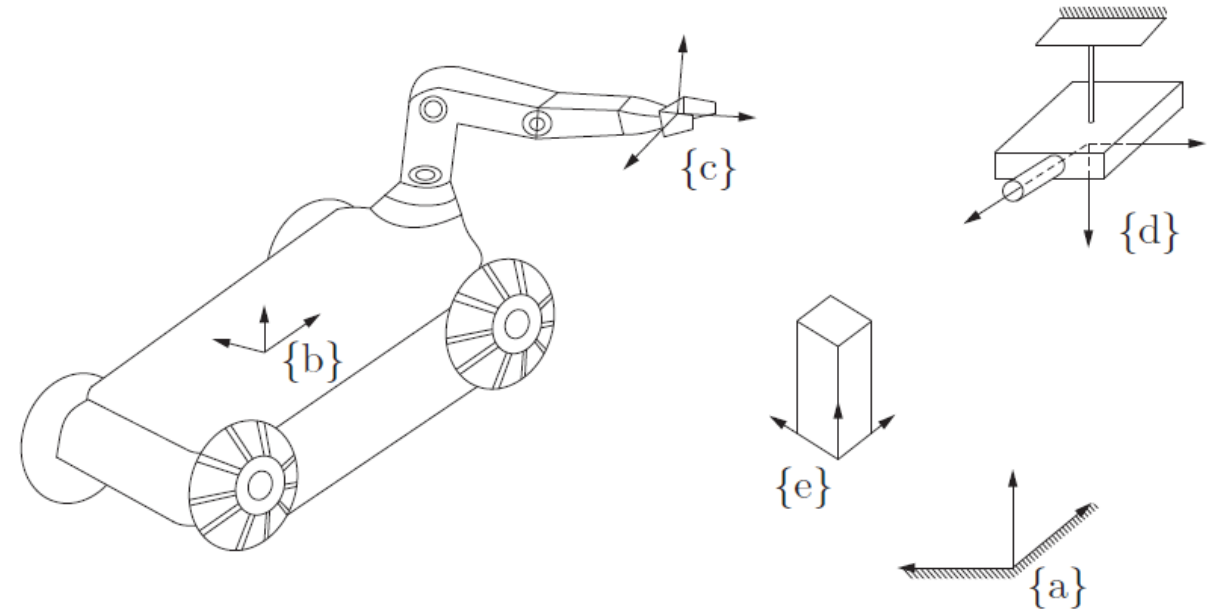
$$R_k^i = (R_i^k)^T \in SO(3), \quad \xi_k^i = -R_k^i \xi_i^k \in \mathbb{R}^3$$



Kinematic Modeling: Notation

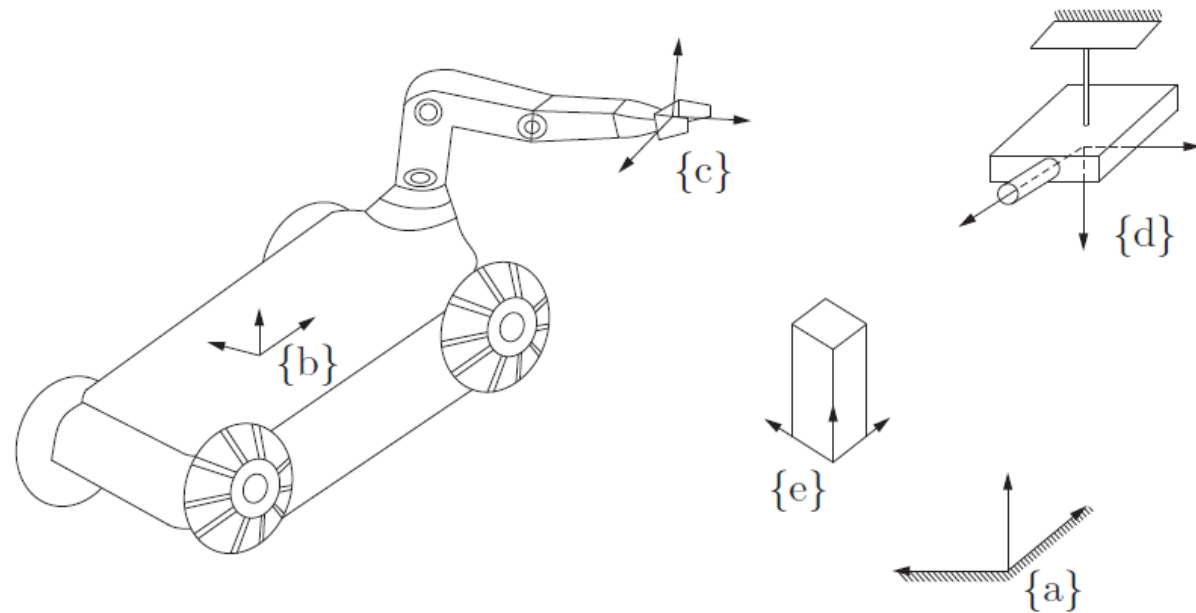
- Given the relative pose of $\{i\}$ with respect to $\{j\}$ and the relative pose of $\{j\}$ with respect to $\{k\}$, we have that

$$H_i^k = H_j^k H_i^j \in SE(3)$$



Kinematic Modeling: Notation

- We will introduce later several velocity variables denoted by:
 - $\omega_i^{k,j}$: angular velocity of body attached to $\{i\}$ w.r.t. $\{j\}$ expressed in $\{k\}$
 - $v_i^{k,j}$: linear velocity of body attached to $\{i\}$ w.r.t. $\{j\}$ expressed in $\{k\}$
 - $\mathcal{V}_i^{k,j}$: Twist (Combined velocity) of body attached to $\{i\}$ w.r.t. $\{j\}$ expressed in $\{k\}$



Note:
Velocity always has three indices !!



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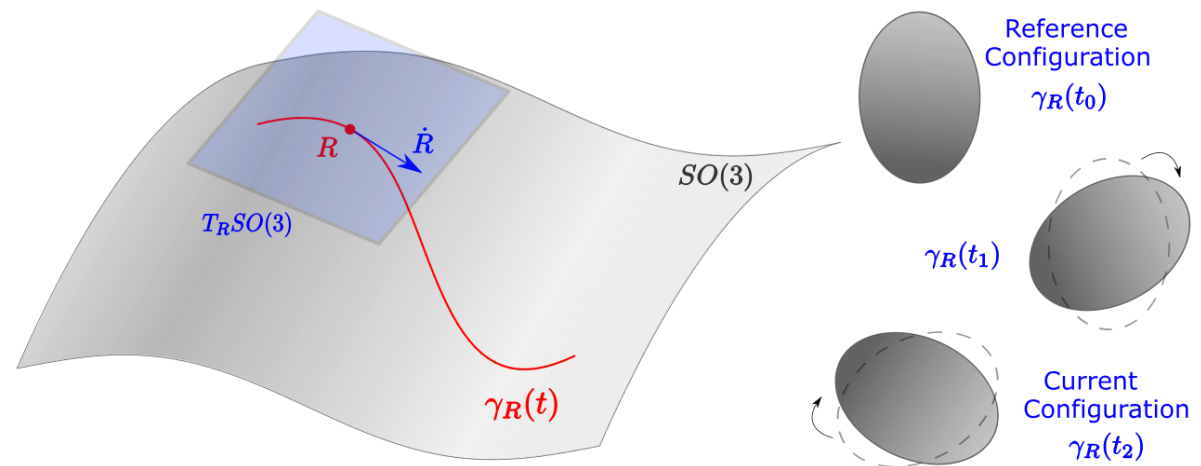


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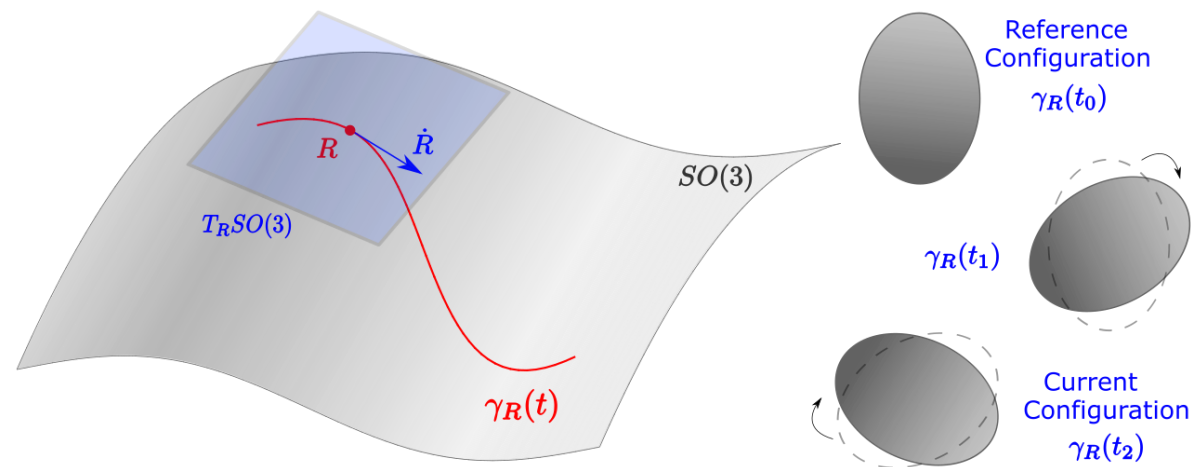
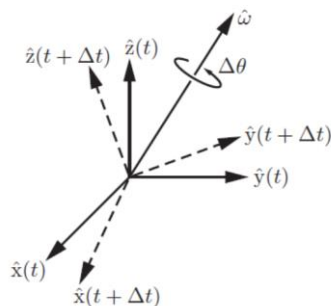
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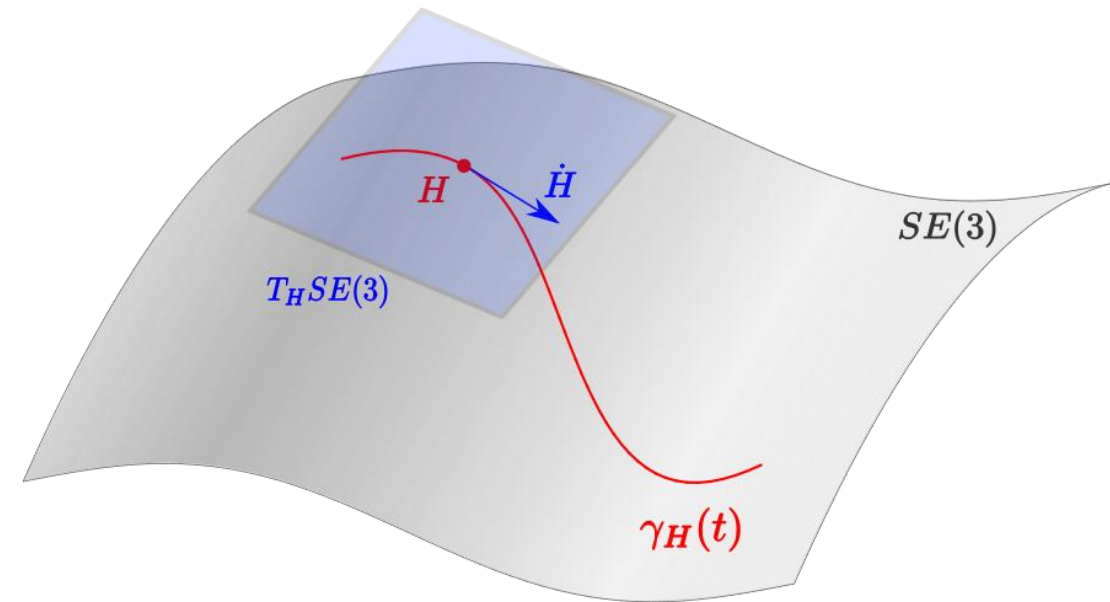


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- If $\mathbf{H} \in SE(3)$ represents the combined orientation and displacement of some rigid body with respect to some frame, can we represent angular and linear velocity with a single variable ?
- How do we represent the relation between rate-of-change of pose $\dot{\mathbf{H}}_t$ and that generalized velocity variable ?

