# EE 565: Position, Navigation and Timing 

## Navigation Mathematics: Translation

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(1) Vector Notation for Translation
(2) Translation Between More Than Two Coordinate Frames
(3) Example

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

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


Same vector, so same "direction" and length.

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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., $\vec{r}_{a b}, \vec{r}_{b c}, \vec{r}_{a c}, C_{b}^{a}, C_{c}^{b}$, 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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Shorthand notation: $\vec{p}^{a} \equiv \vec{p}_{a p}^{a}$

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& C_{a}^{b} \vec{p}_{b p}^{a}=C_{a}^{b}\left(\vec{p}_{a p}^{a}-\vec{r}_{a b}^{a}\right) \\
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- Location wrt different frame: $\vec{p}_{c p}^{c}=\vec{r}_{c b}^{c}+C_{b}^{c} \vec{r}_{b a}^{b}+C_{a}^{c} \vec{p}_{a p}^{a}$ (vector addition in same frame) $\neq C_{a}^{c} \vec{p}_{a p}^{a}$

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\end{aligned}
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- In what frame? doesn't matter, so long as same
- Can always recoordinatize given $C_{b}^{a}, C_{c}^{b}, C_{a}^{c}$

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## Example - Find $C_{c}^{a}$

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C_{c}^{a}=C_{b}^{a} C_{c}^{b}=R_{z, 50^{\circ}} R_{y,-30^{\circ}}
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\begin{aligned}
\vec{r}_{a c}^{a} & =\vec{r}_{a b}^{a}+\vec{r}_{b c}^{a} \\
& =\vec{r}_{a b}^{a}+C_{b}^{a} \vec{r}_{b c}^{b} \\
& =\left[\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
0 \\
2
\end{array}\right]+R_{z, 50^{\circ}}\left[\begin{array}{l}
3 \\
0 \\
0
\end{array}\right] \\
& =\left[\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
0 \\
2
\end{array}\right]+\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\cos 50^{\circ} & -\sin 50^{\circ} & 0 \\
\sin 50^{\circ} & \cos 50^{\circ} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
3 \\
0 \\
0
\end{array}\right] \\
& =\left[\begin{array}{l}
1.93 \\
2.30 \\
2.00
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
\vec{r}_{c a}^{c} & =-\vec{r}_{a c}^{c} \\
& =-C_{a}^{c} \vec{r}_{a c}^{a} \\
& =-\left[C_{c}^{a}\right]^{T} \vec{r}_{a c}^{a} \\
& =-\left[R_{z, 50^{\circ}} R_{y,-30^{\circ}}\right]^{T}\left[\begin{array}{l}
1.93 \\
2.30 \\
2.00
\end{array}\right] \\
& =\left[\begin{array}{c}
-3.59 \\
0 \\
-0.232
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
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