

# Chapter 4 - Kinematics of Constrained Rigid Bodies

We found previously that

$$\bar{U}_P = \bar{U}_{O'} + (\bar{U}_P)_{xyz} + \bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}_{P/O'}$$

velocity of  
the frame's  
origin

relative velocity -  
velocity of P  
within the  
frame

velocity of point  
due to rotation of  
the frame,  $\bar{\omega}$

$$\bar{a}_P = \bar{a}_{O'} + (\bar{a}_P)_{xyz} + \bar{\alpha} \times \bar{r}_{P/O'} + \bar{\omega} \times (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}_{P/O'}) + 2\bar{\omega} \times (\bar{U}_P)_{xyz}$$

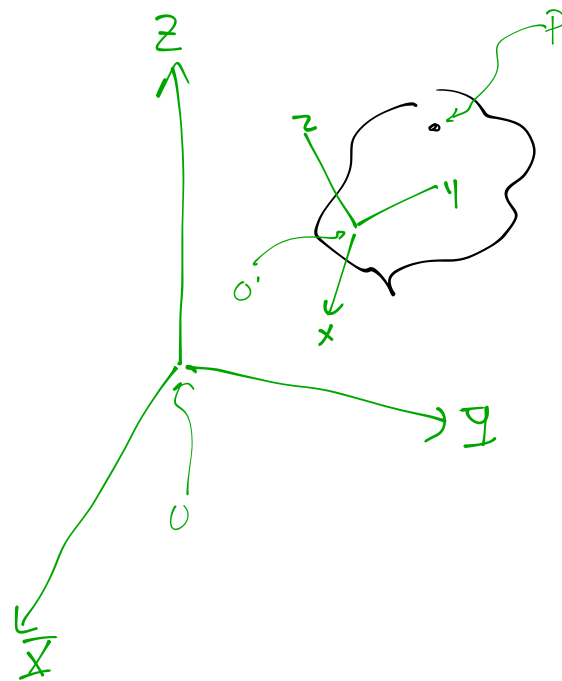
If point P and point O' are on the same rigid body, to which the xyz frame is fixed, then:

$$(\bar{U}_P)_{xyz} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\bar{a}_P)_{xyz} = 0$$

So

$$\bar{U}_P = \bar{U}_{O'} + \bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}_{P/O'}$$

$$\bar{a}_P = \bar{a}_{O'} + \bar{\alpha} \times \bar{r}_{P/O'} + \bar{\omega} \times (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}_{P/O'})$$



## Chasle's Theorem:

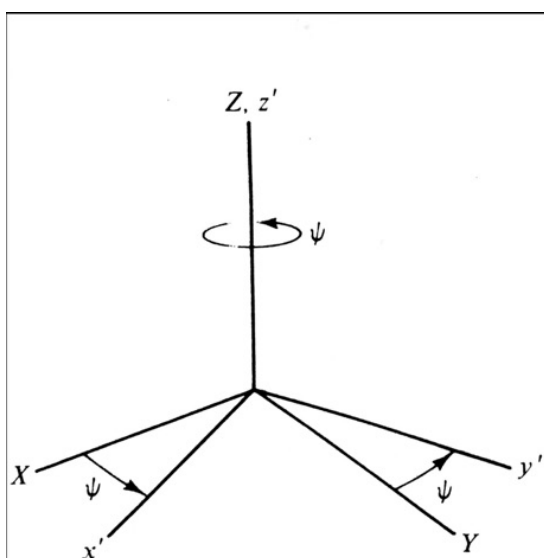
We can write the general motion of a rigid body by the translation of a point (with constant orientation), then a pure rotation about that point.

Key: Which point we choose is arbitrary

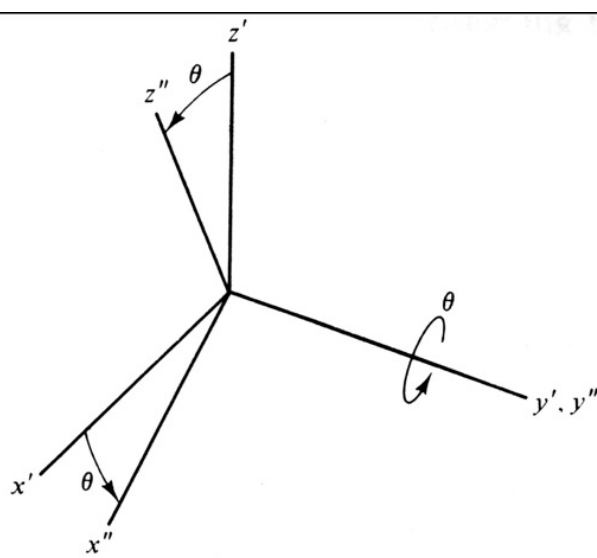
## Eulerian Angles (Sec. 4.1)

Describe the rotation of a body by a:

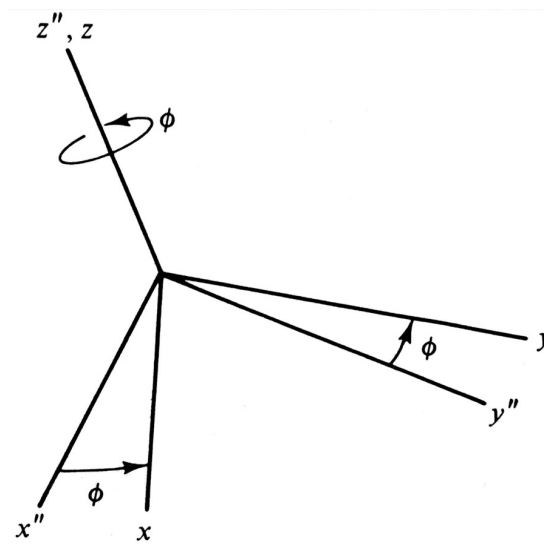
1. precession - about a fixed Z axis
2. nutaton - about the precessed y-axis, typically written  $y'$
3. spin - about the nutated z-axis, typically written  $z''$



**Figure 4.2** Precession.



**Figure 4.3** Nutation.



**Figure 4.4** Spin.

Let's write the rotation matrices describing these rotations.

Precession -  $XyZ \rightarrow x'y'z'$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = R_\psi \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{where } R_\psi = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \psi & \sin \psi & 0 \\ -\sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Nutation -  $x'y'z' \rightarrow x''y''z''$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \\ z'' \end{bmatrix} = R_\theta \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{where } R_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Spin -  $x''y''z'' \rightarrow xyz$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = R_\phi \begin{bmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \\ z'' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{where } R_\phi = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Eulerian Angles (cont.)

So, the total transformation is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = R_\phi R_\theta R_\psi \begin{bmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \\ z'' \end{bmatrix}$$

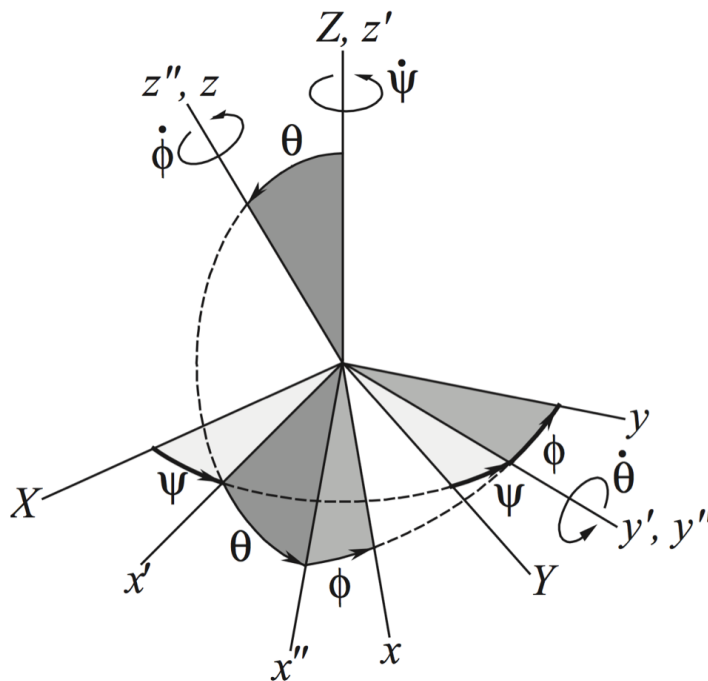


Figure 4.2. Definition of the Eulerian angles.

We can write angular velocity and angular accel. by adding rotation rates about the various axes.

$$\bar{\omega} = \dot{\psi} \bar{k} + \dot{\theta} \bar{j}' + \dot{\phi} \bar{k}'' = \dot{\psi} \bar{k} + \dot{\theta} \bar{j}' + \dot{\phi} \bar{k} \quad \leftarrow \bar{k}'' = \bar{k}$$

Write these in array notation -  $\bar{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$

$$\bar{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}_{xyz} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{x'y'z'} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix}_{x''y''z''} \quad \leftarrow \text{Now, use the rotation matrices to resolve into a single coord. system}$$

$$\bar{\omega} = \underbrace{R_\phi R_\theta R_\psi}_{\text{rotation from } XYZ \text{ to } xyz} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}_{xyz} + \underbrace{R_\phi R_\theta}_{\text{rotation from } x'y'z' \text{ to } xyz} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{x'y'z'} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix}_{xyz}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{\psi} \sin\theta \cos\phi \\ \dot{\psi} \sin\theta \sin\phi \\ \dot{\psi} \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}_{xyz} + \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \sin\phi \\ \dot{\theta} \cos\phi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{xyz} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix}_{xyz} = \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{\psi} \sin\theta \cos\phi + \dot{\theta} \sin\phi \\ \dot{\psi} \sin\theta \sin\phi + \dot{\theta} \cos\phi \\ \dot{\psi} \cos\theta + \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix}_{xyz} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \omega_x \\ \leftarrow \omega_y \\ \leftarrow \omega_z \end{array} \right\} \bar{\omega} = \omega_x \bar{i} + \omega_y \bar{j} + \omega_z \bar{k}$$

This is valid for all time, so  $\bar{\alpha} = \frac{d\bar{\omega}}{dt}$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\cdot) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\cdot) + \bar{\omega} \times (\cdot) \rightarrow \bar{\alpha} = [\dot{\omega}_x \bar{i} + \dot{\omega}_y \bar{j} + \dot{\omega}_z \bar{k}] + [\bar{\omega} \times \bar{\omega}]$$