

Axis-Angle Rotation and Quaternions

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Intro. to Autonomous Robotics

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Robot Operating Systems

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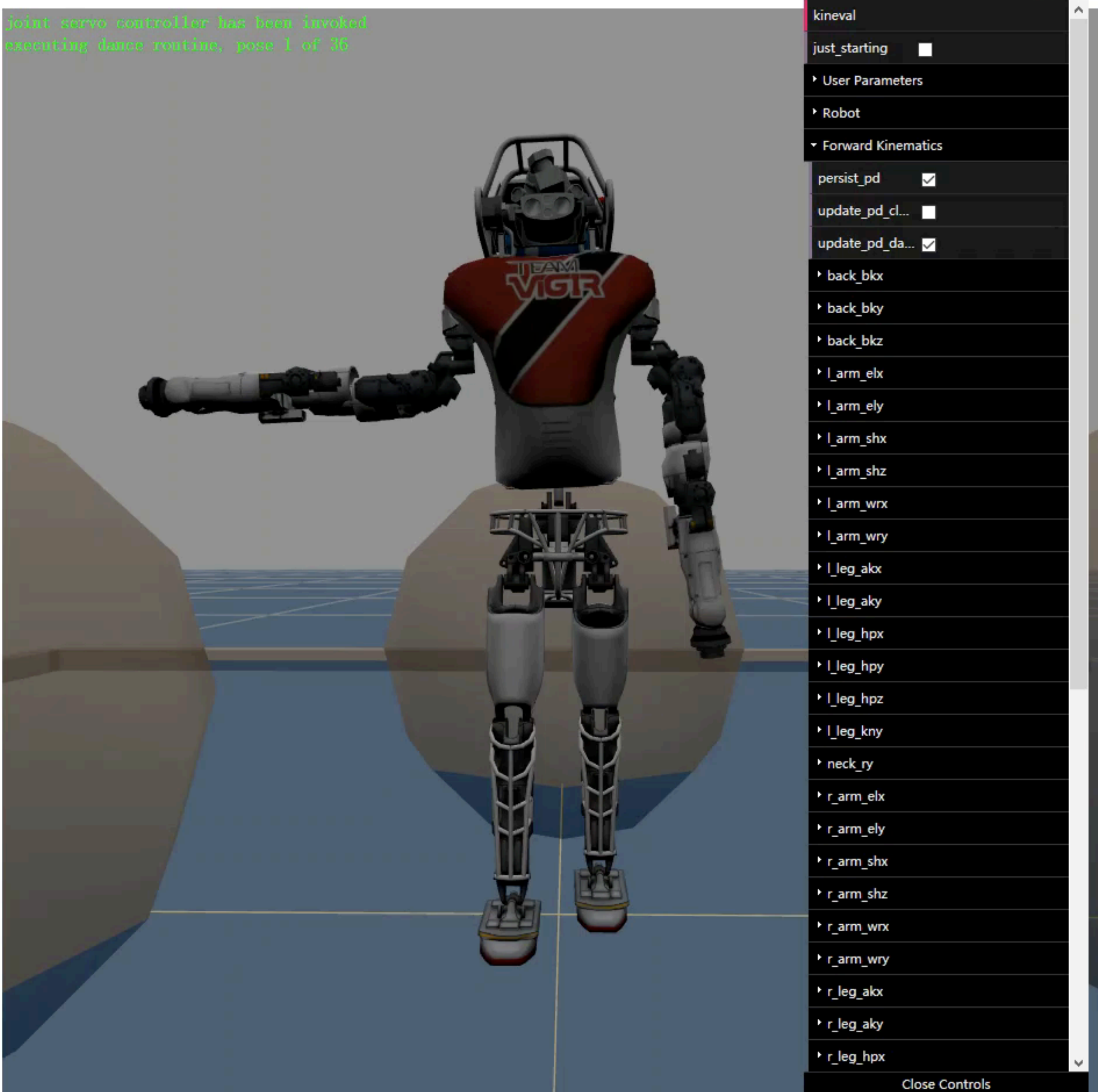
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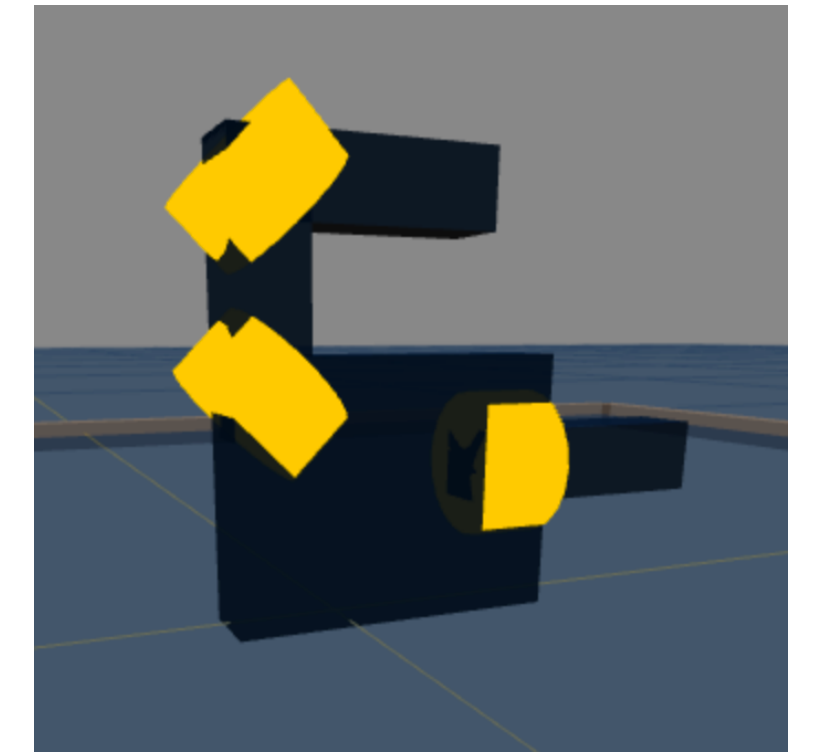
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Can your robot do better?

(Assignment 4 is coming...)

Forward Kinematics

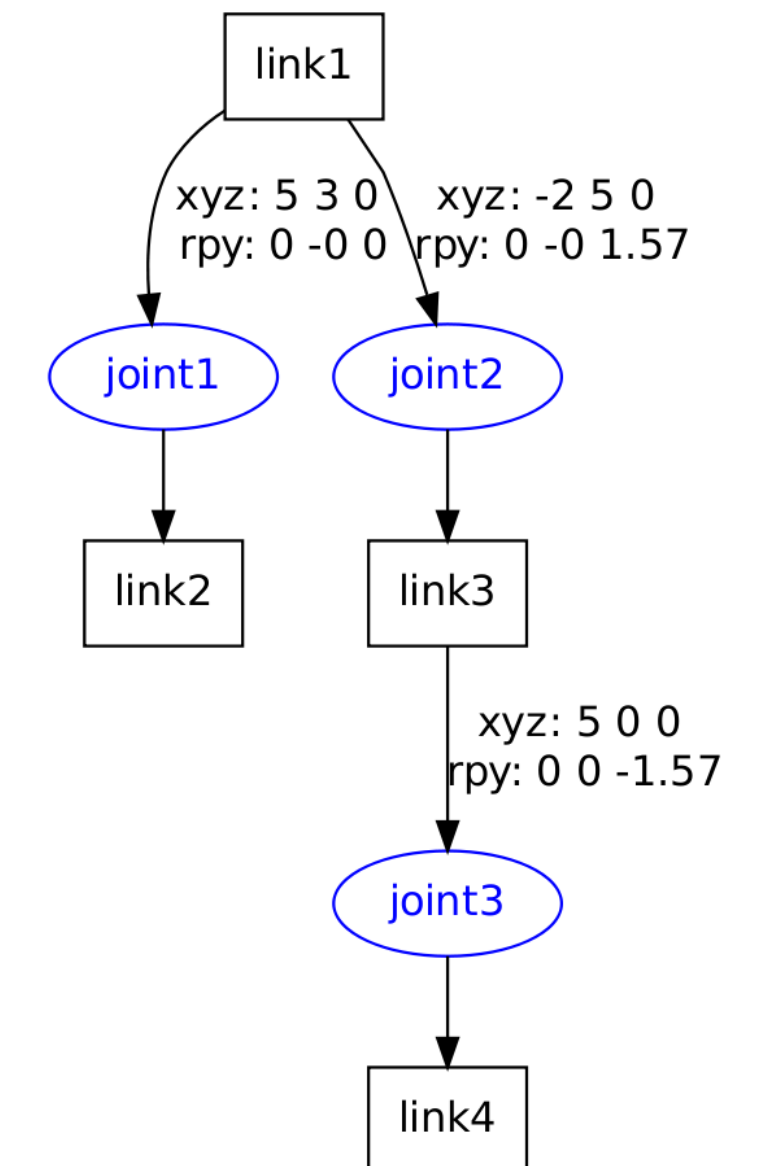
Infer: pose of each joint and link in a common world workspace



Lecture 7 ☒ 1) How to represent homogeneous transforms?
☒ 2) How to compute transform to endeffector?

Assuming as given the:

- ☒ geometry of each link
- ☒ robot's kinematic definition



- **current state of all joints** **This lecture**
- **reactive control for choreography** **Next lecture**

Hierarchies of Transforms

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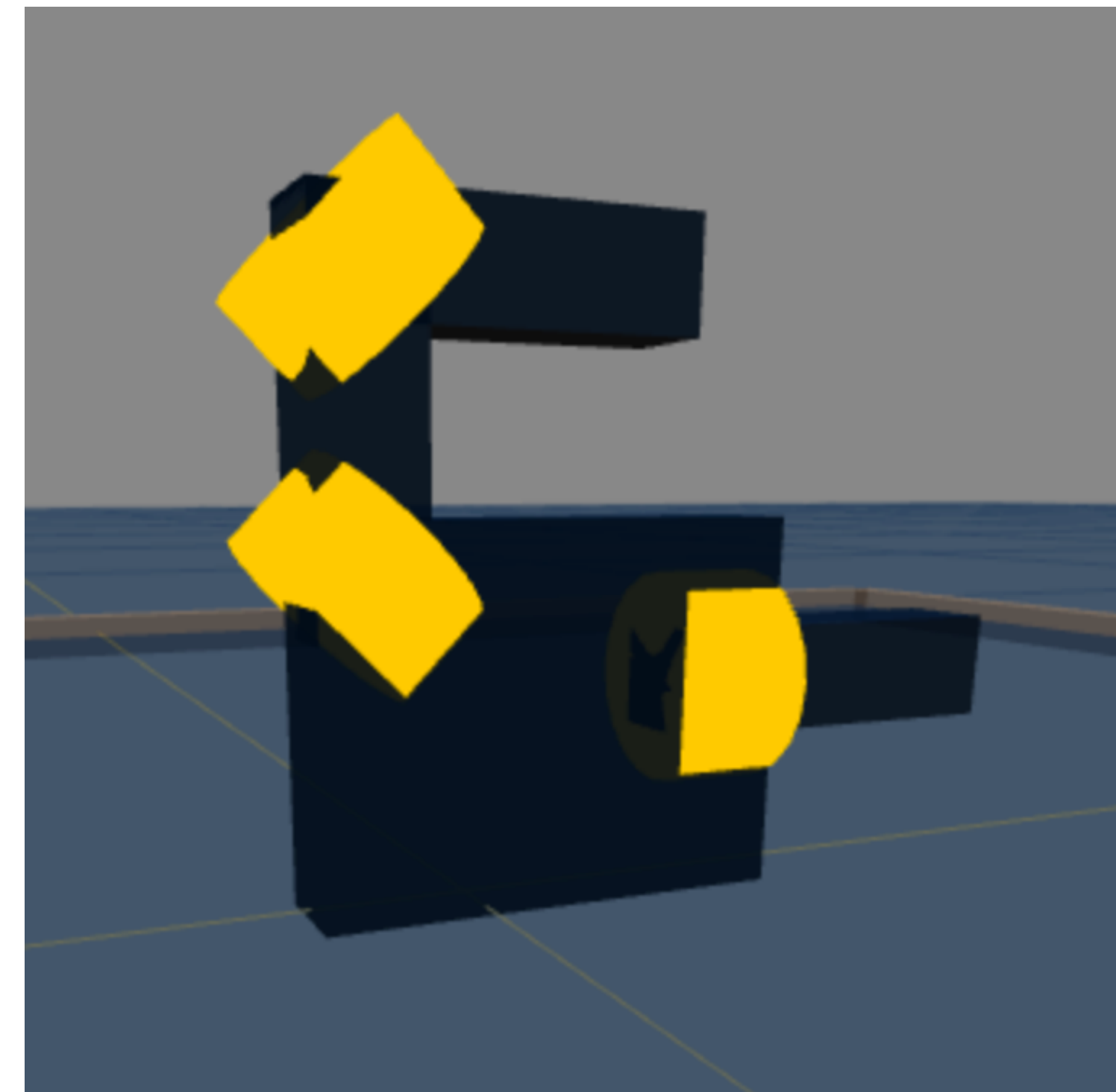
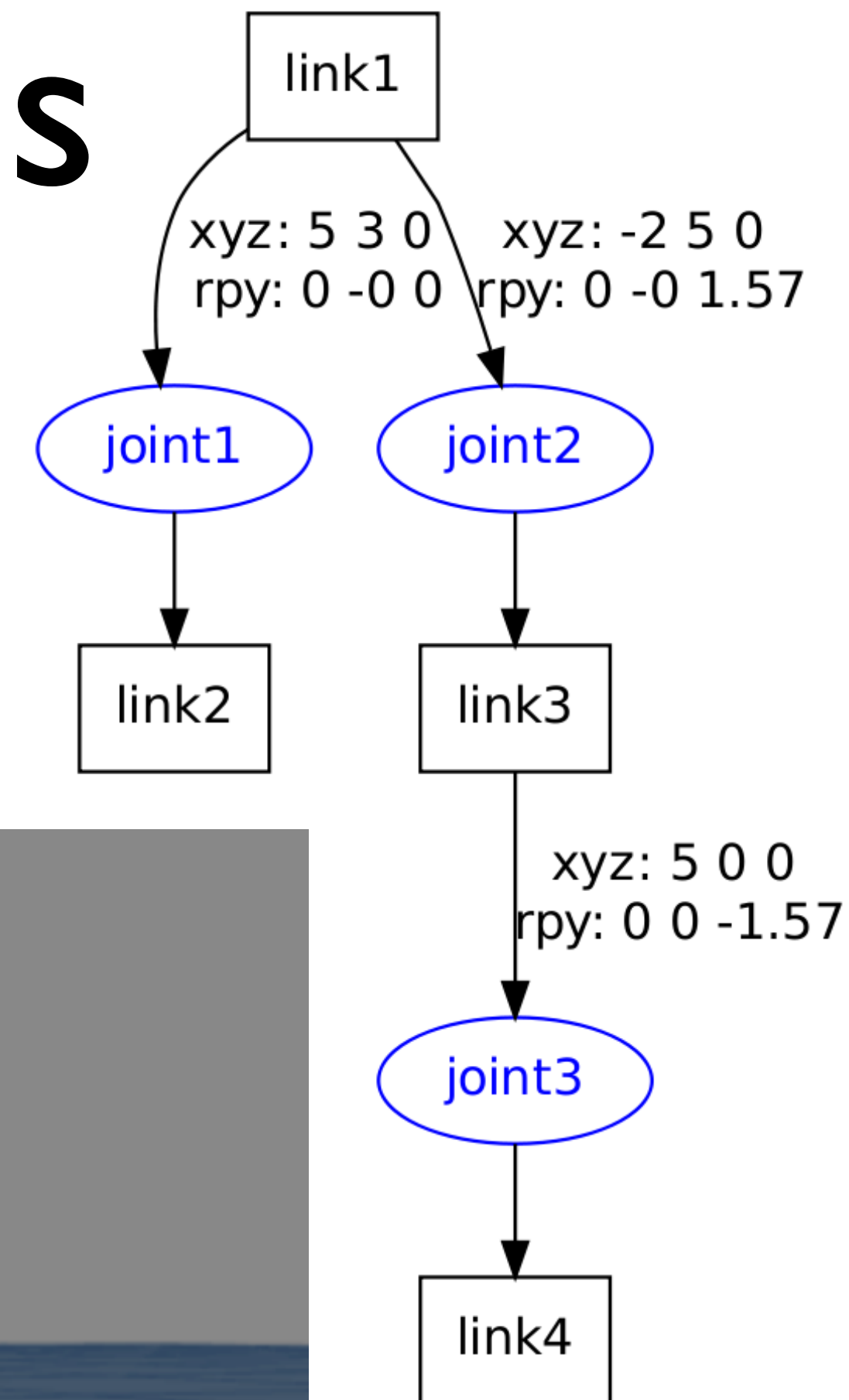
URDF defines kinematics of a robot

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```

includes axis for each joint

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<joint name="joint2" type="continuous">  
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  <origin xyz="-2 5 0" rpy="0 0 1.57" />  
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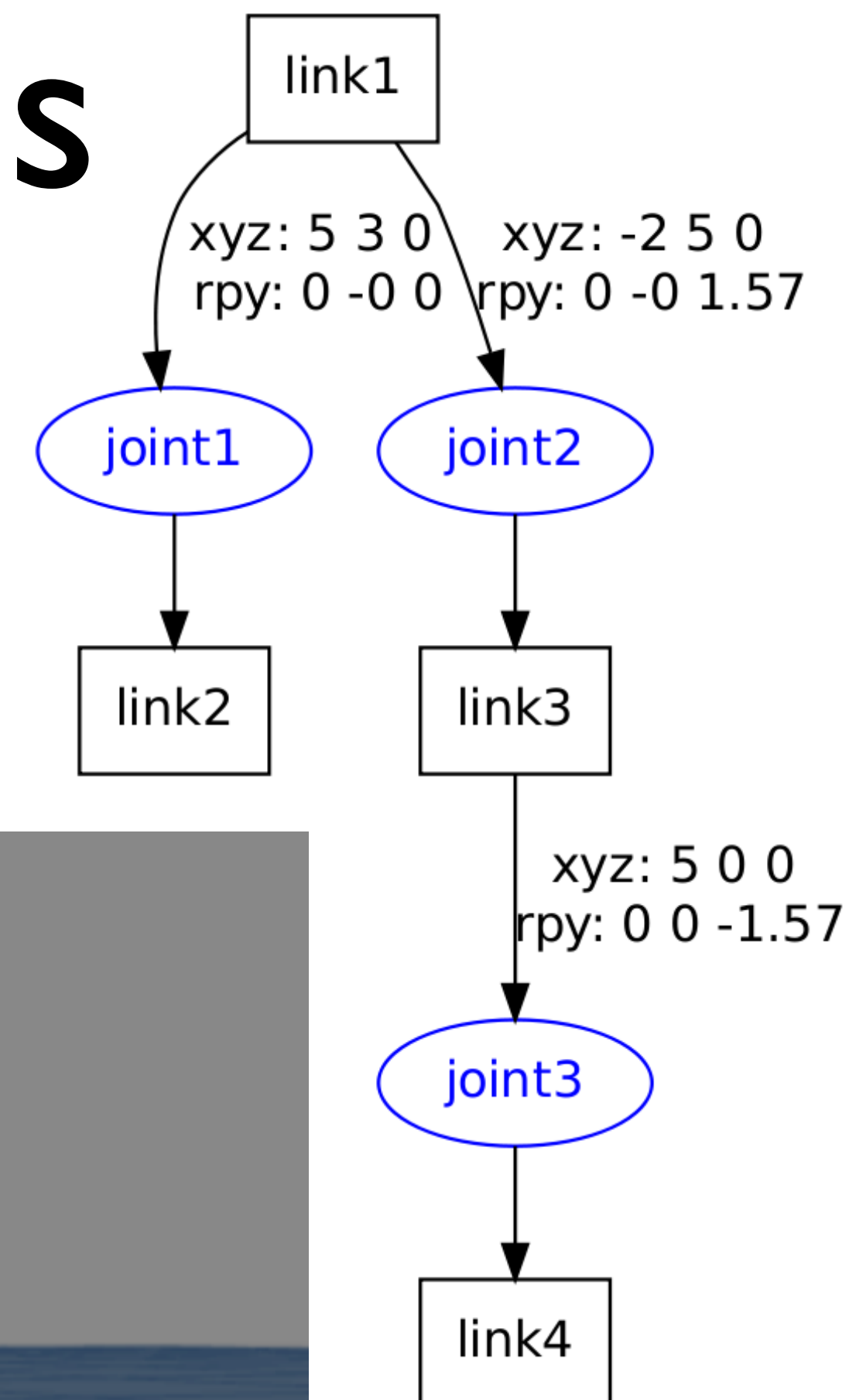
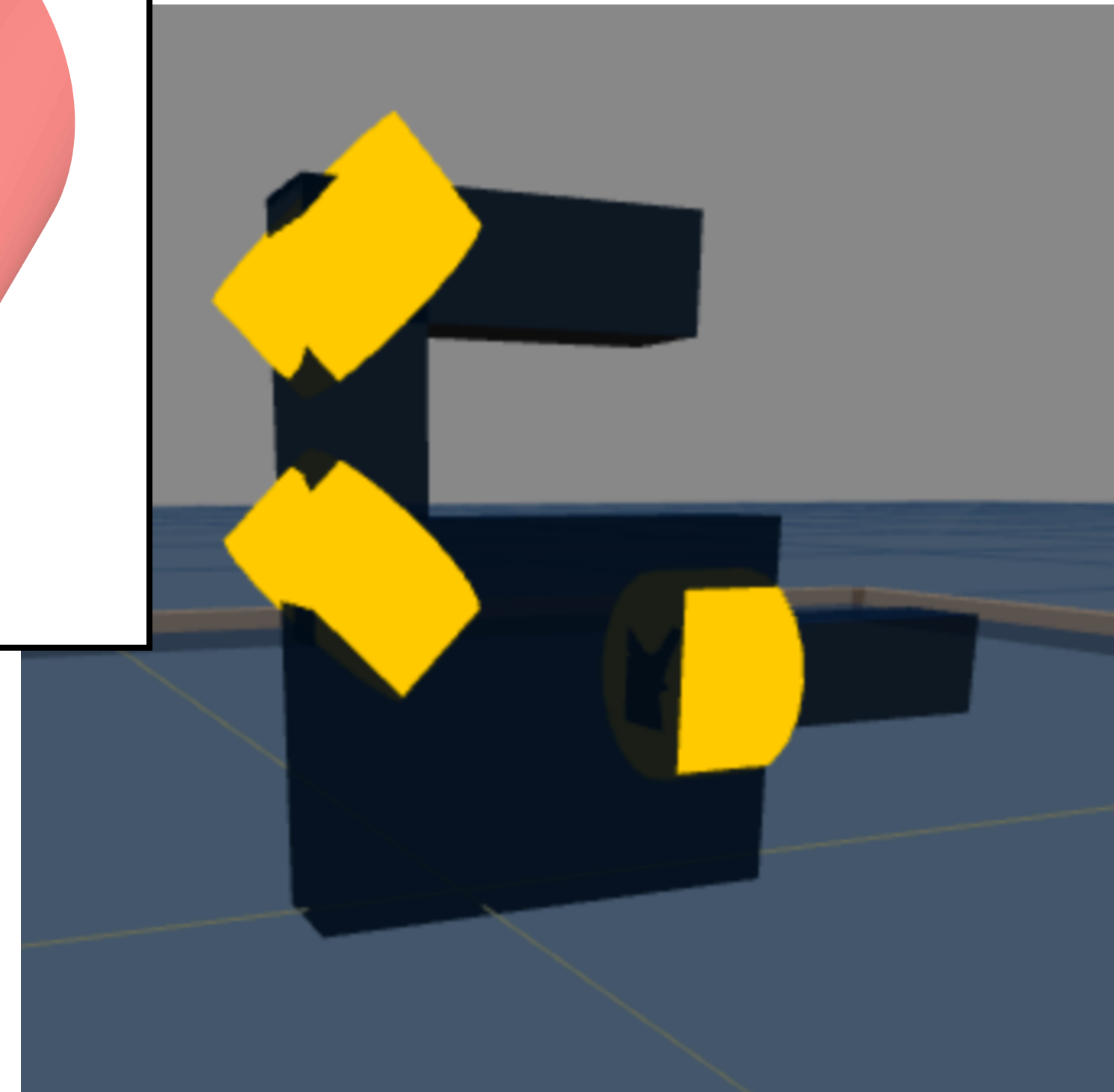
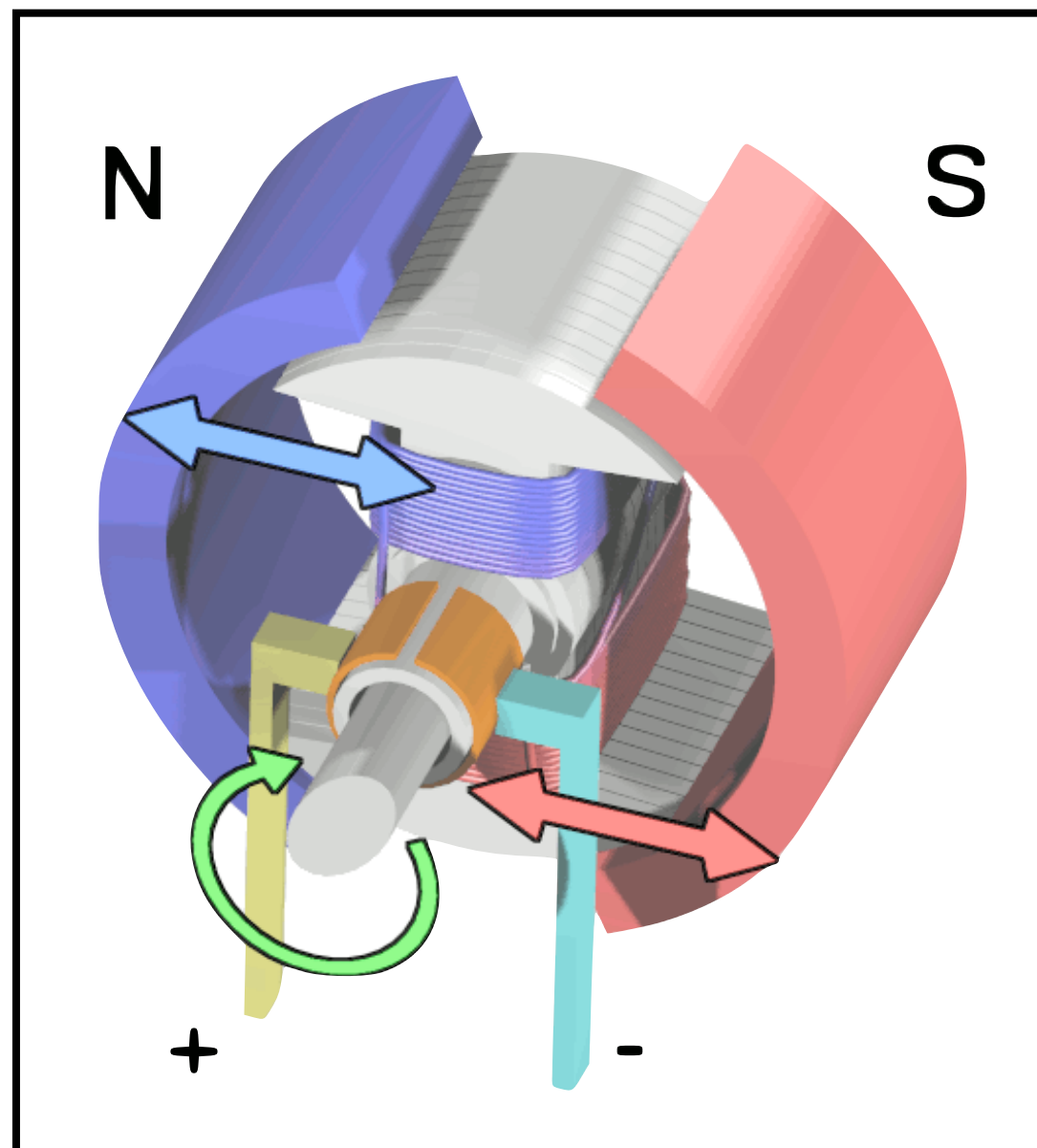
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each axis is a DOF that can
be moved by a motor

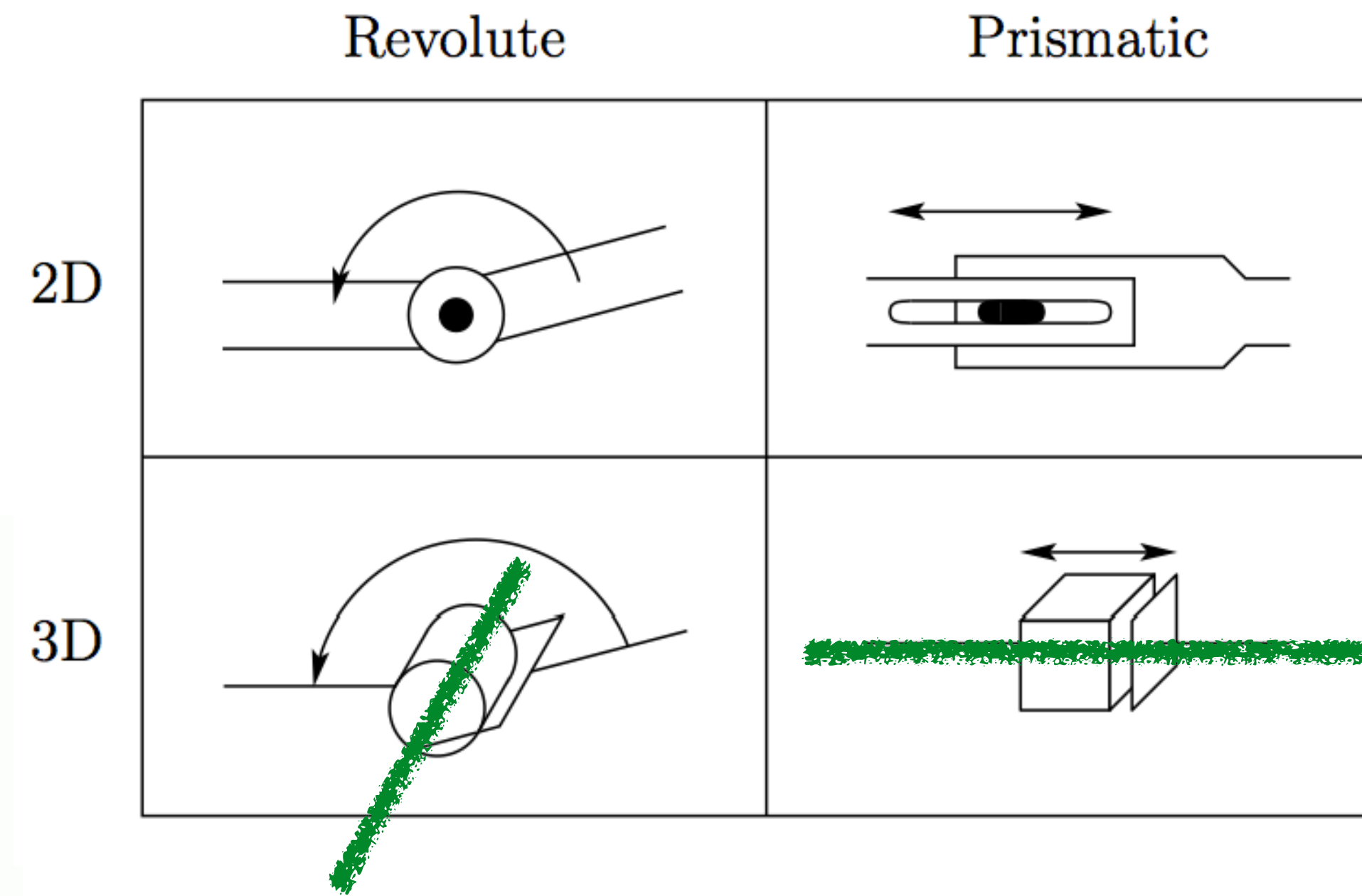
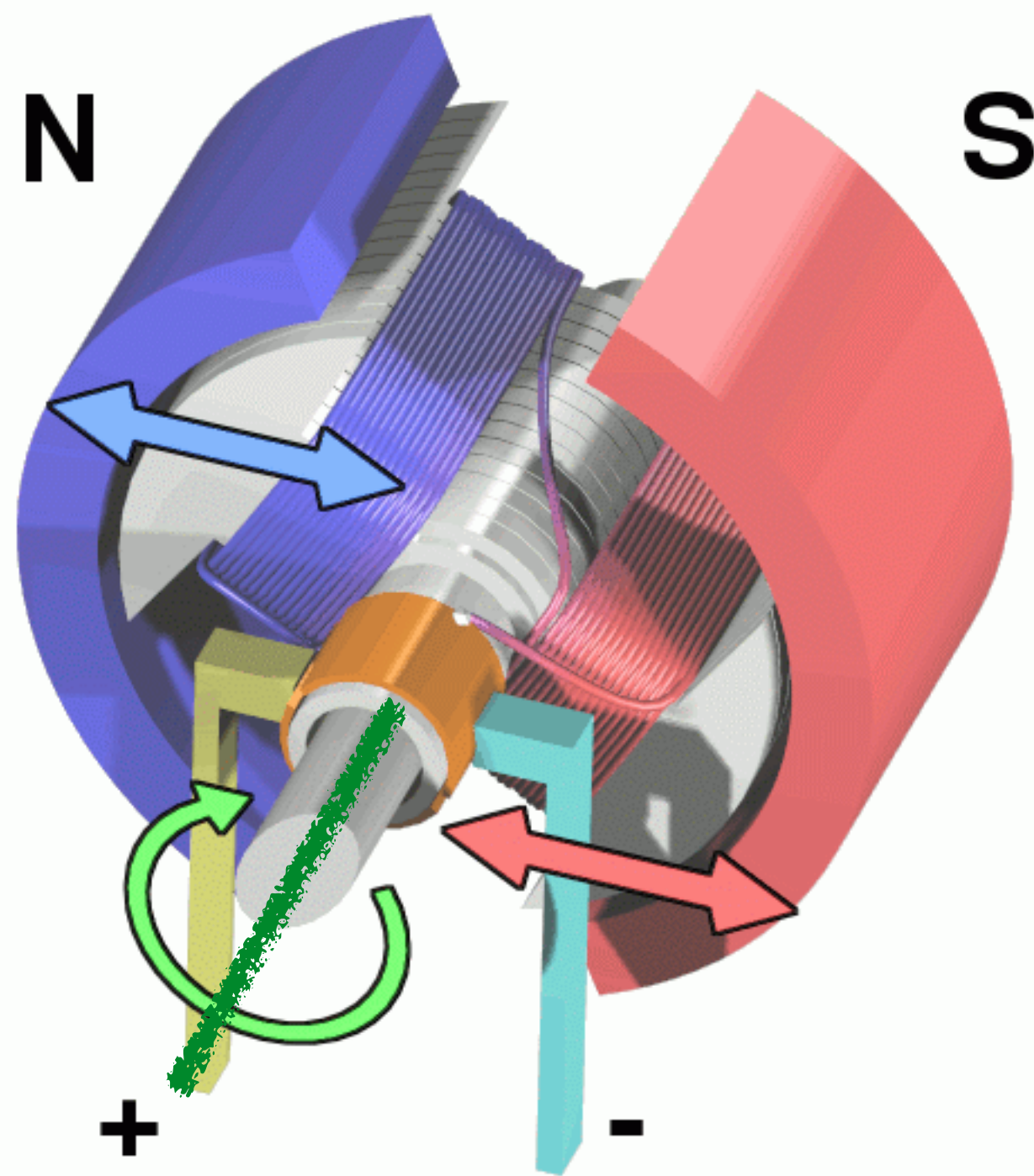
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Brushed DC Motor

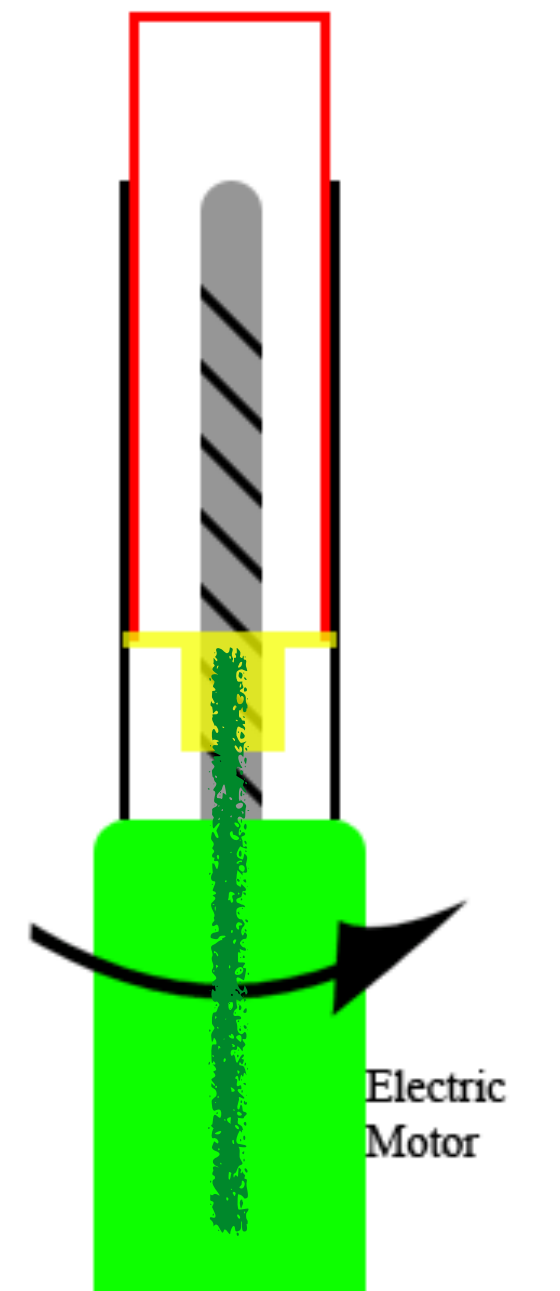
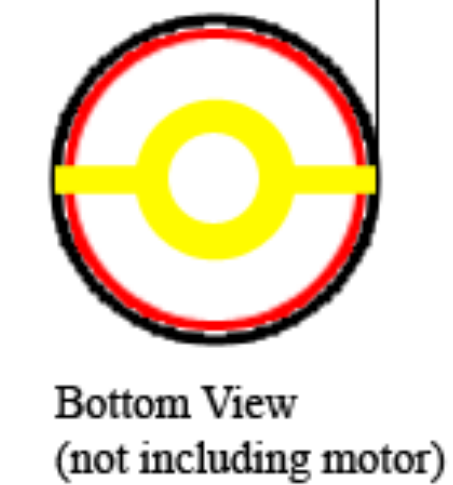


Motor axis in 3D could be placed in any direction

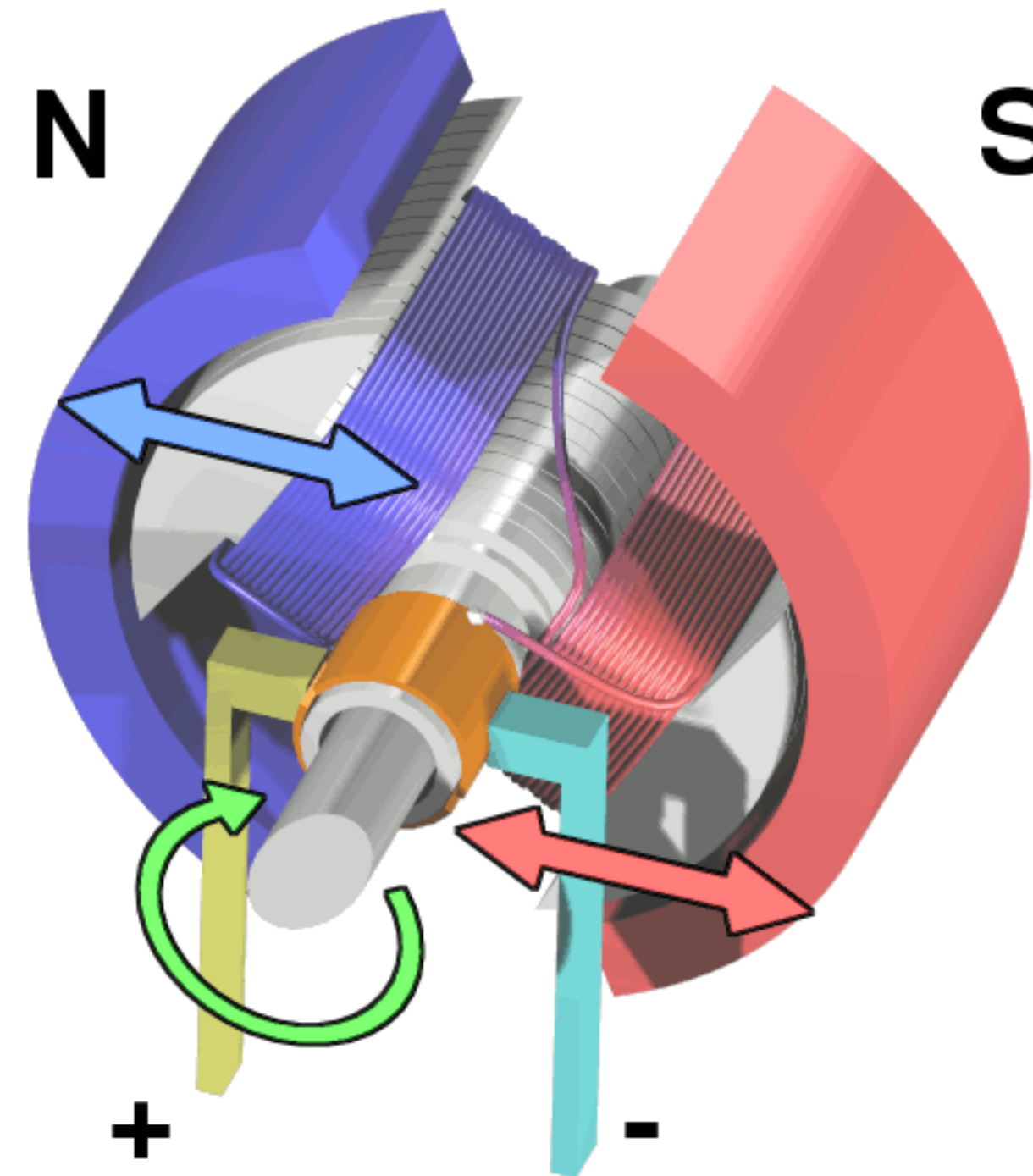
Linear actuator with rotational motor



Yellow nut interlocks with black tube to prevent the nut/red tube assembly from rotating with respect to the black tube.



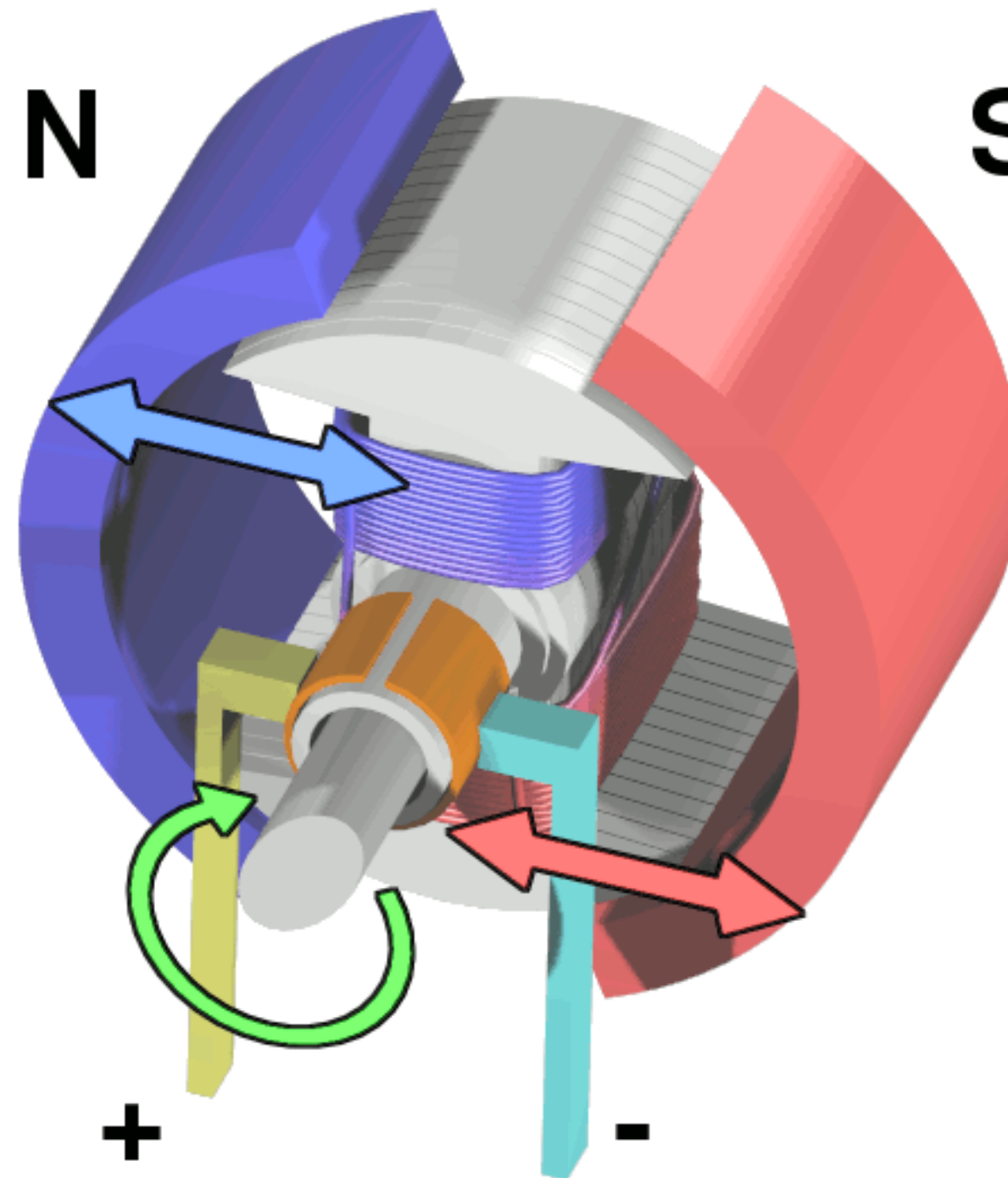
Magnets repel



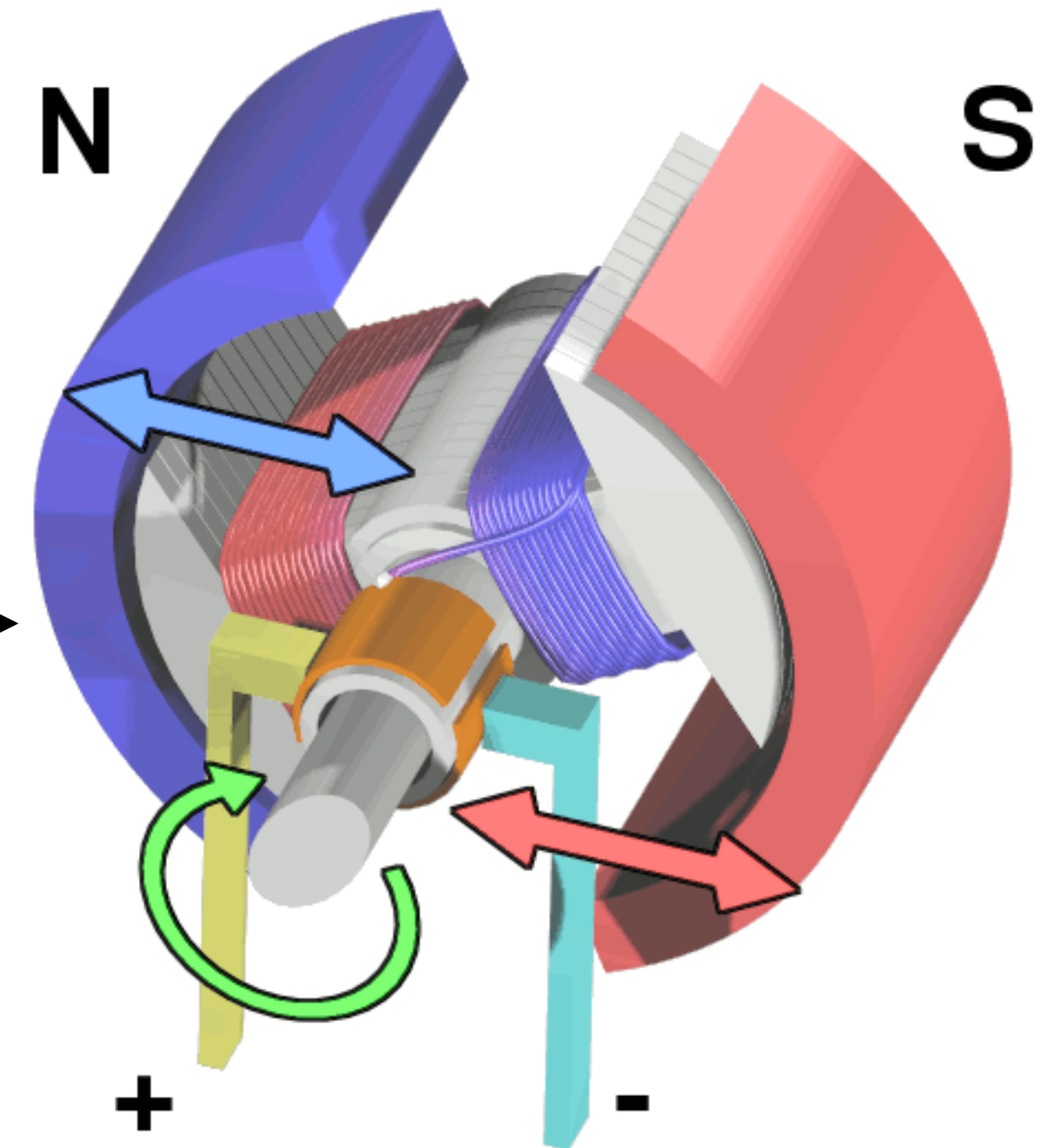
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N

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Magnets attracted
to equilibrium



N

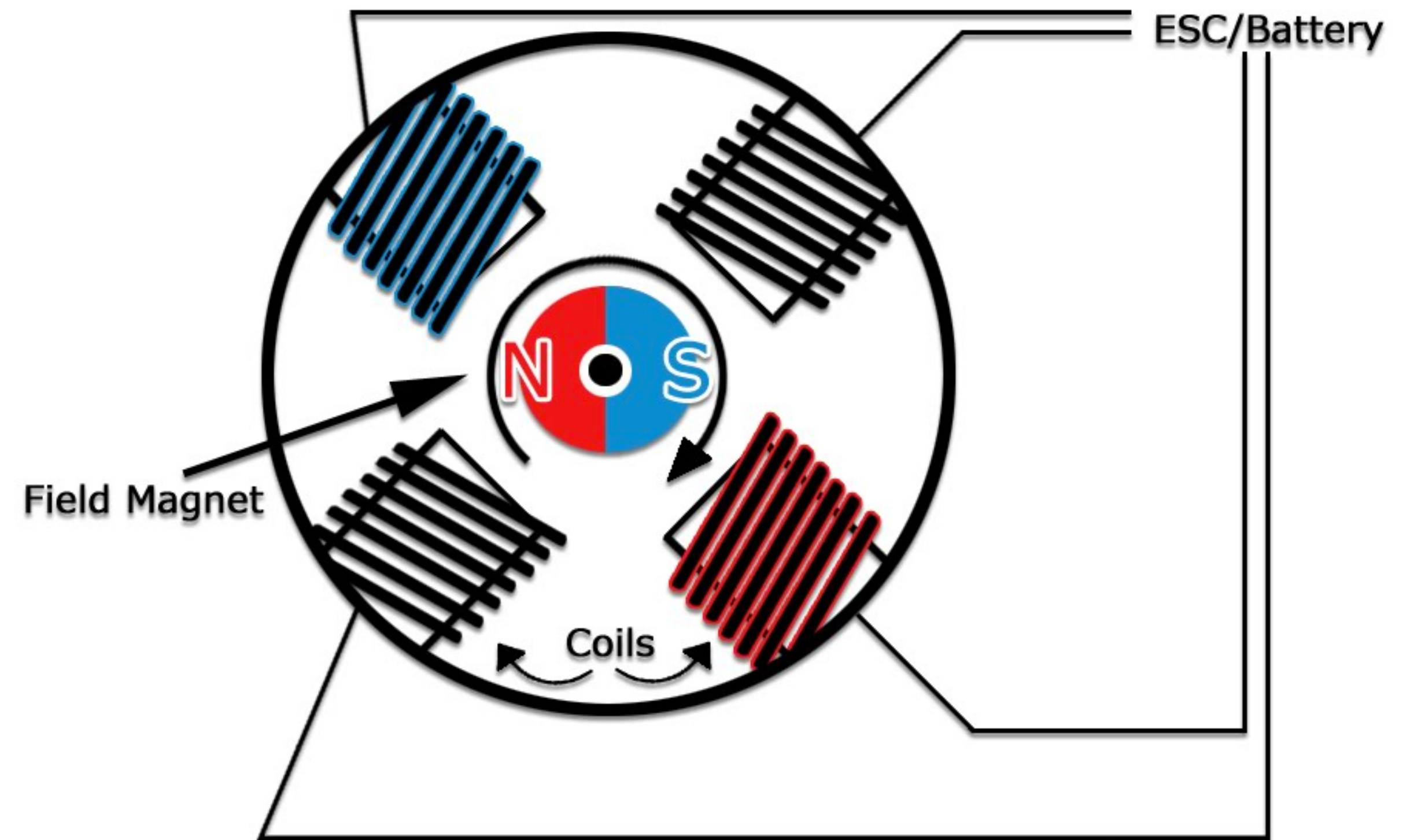
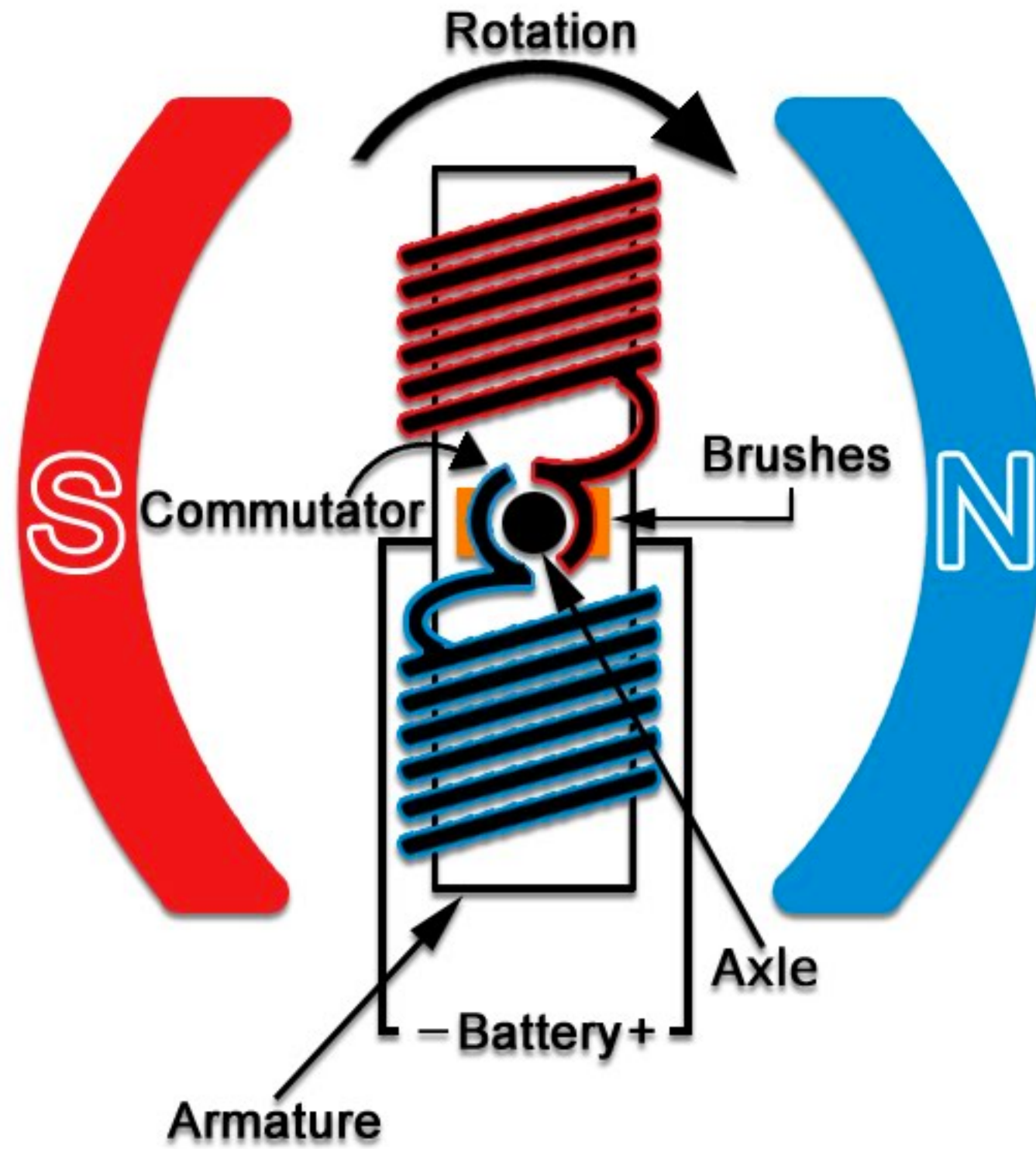
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reverse current direction

Brushed DC Motor

VS

Brushless DC Motor



How to include joint movement in matrix stack?

How to rotate about an axis?

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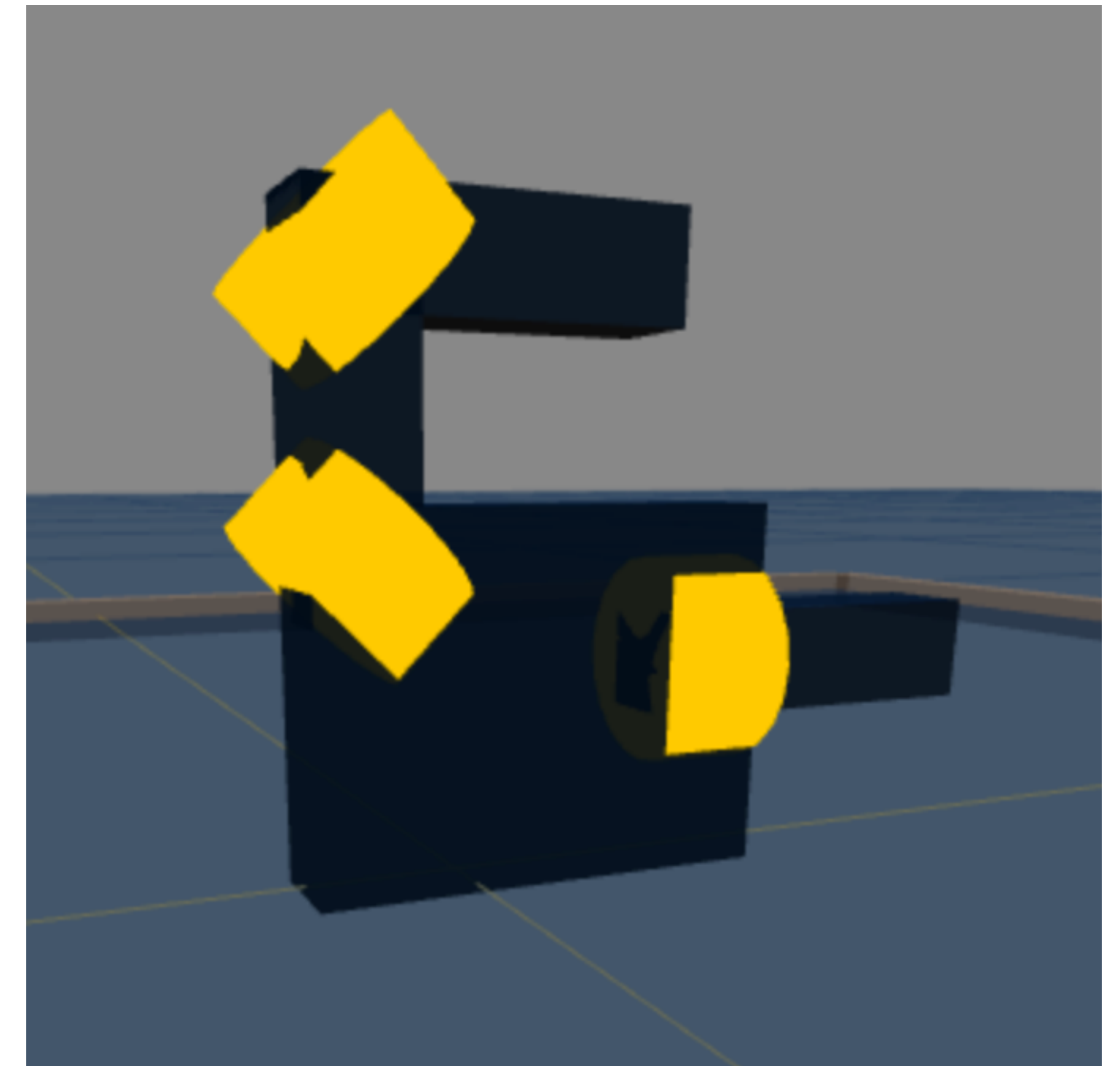
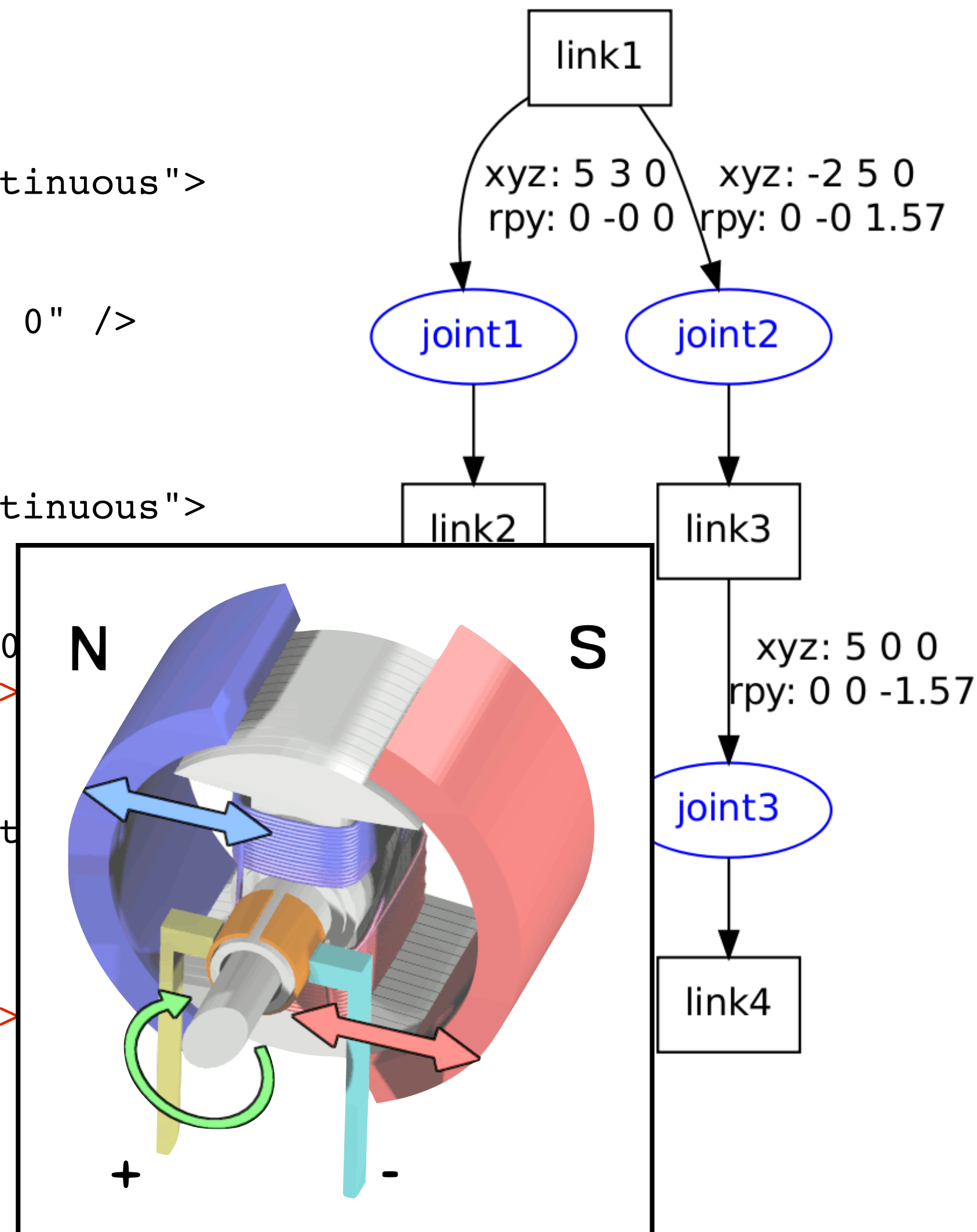
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<axis xyz="0.707 -0.707 0" />
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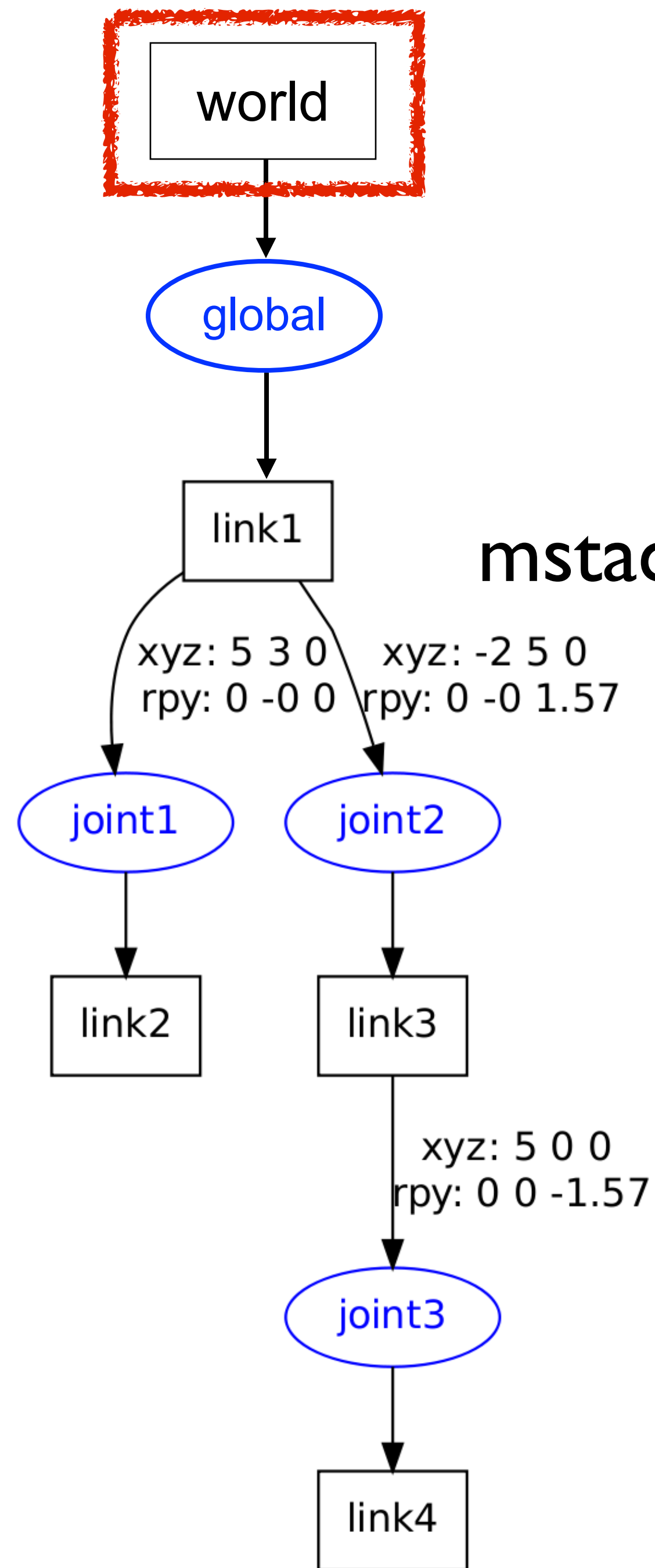
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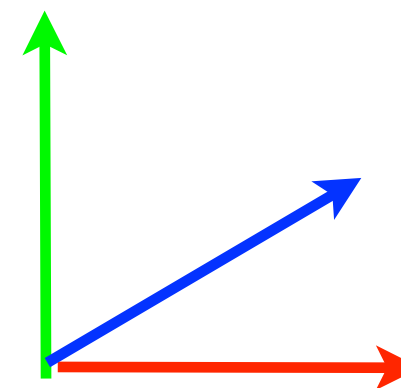
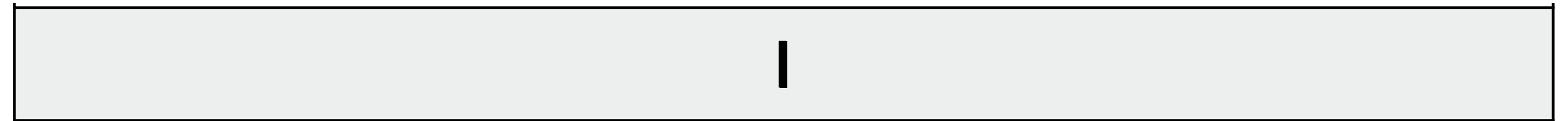


Matrix Stack Reloaded

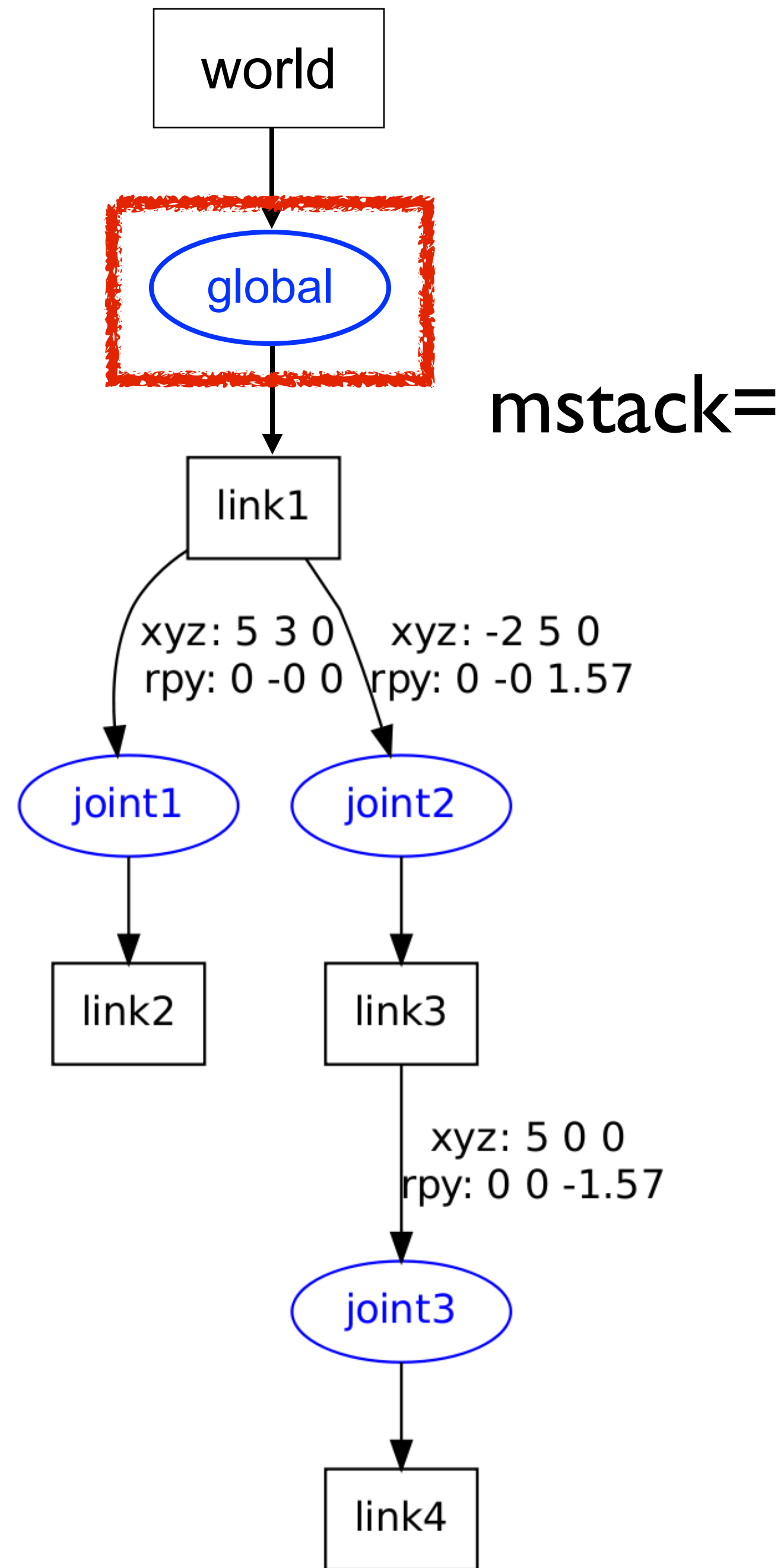
Matrix Stack Reloaded



mstack=

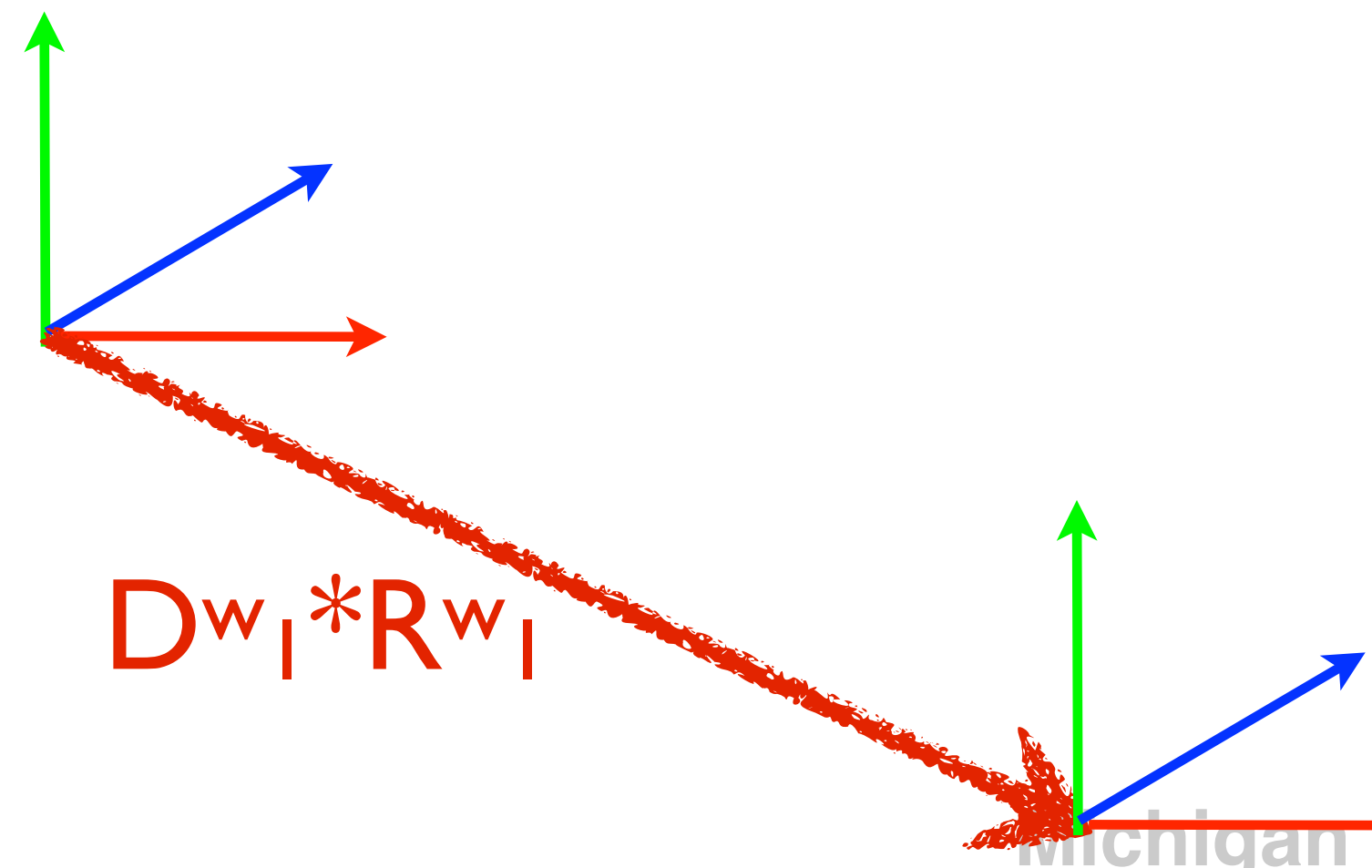


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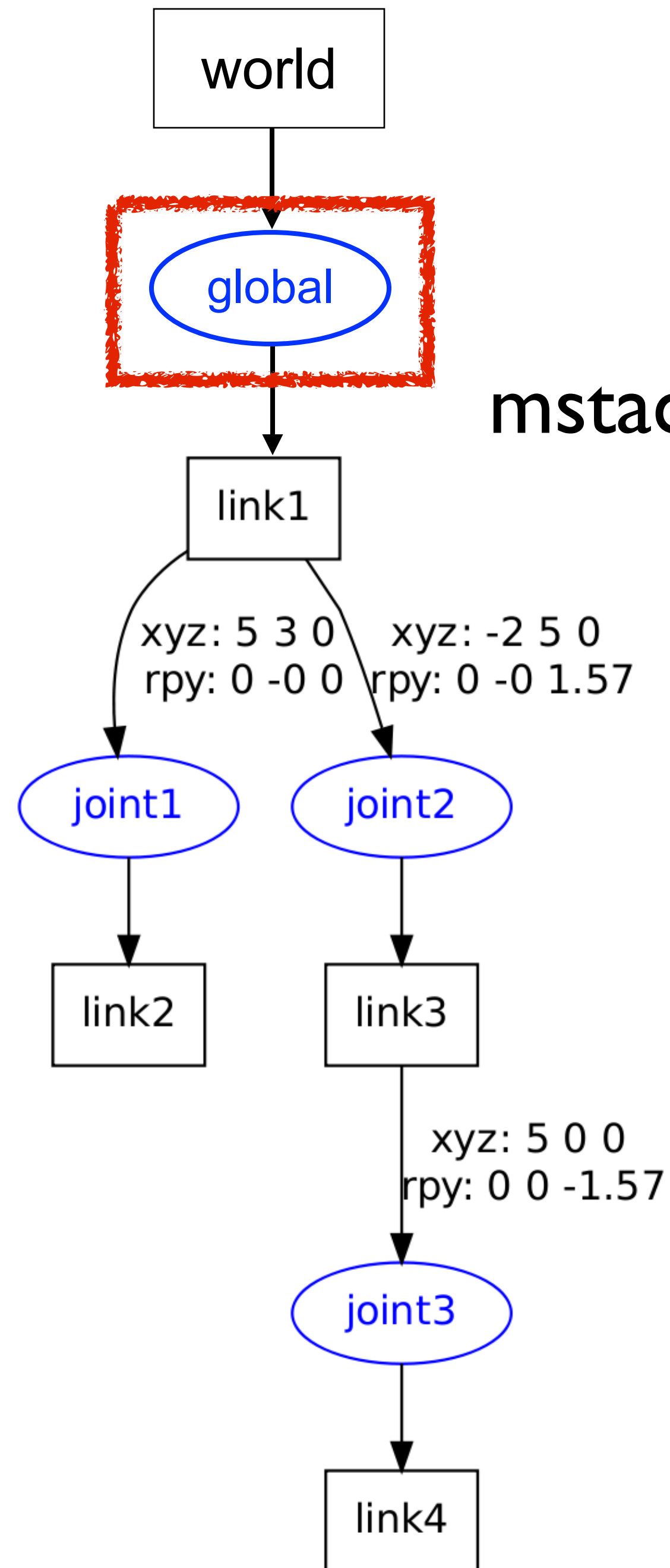


	I
	I

Push top of matrix stack up one level



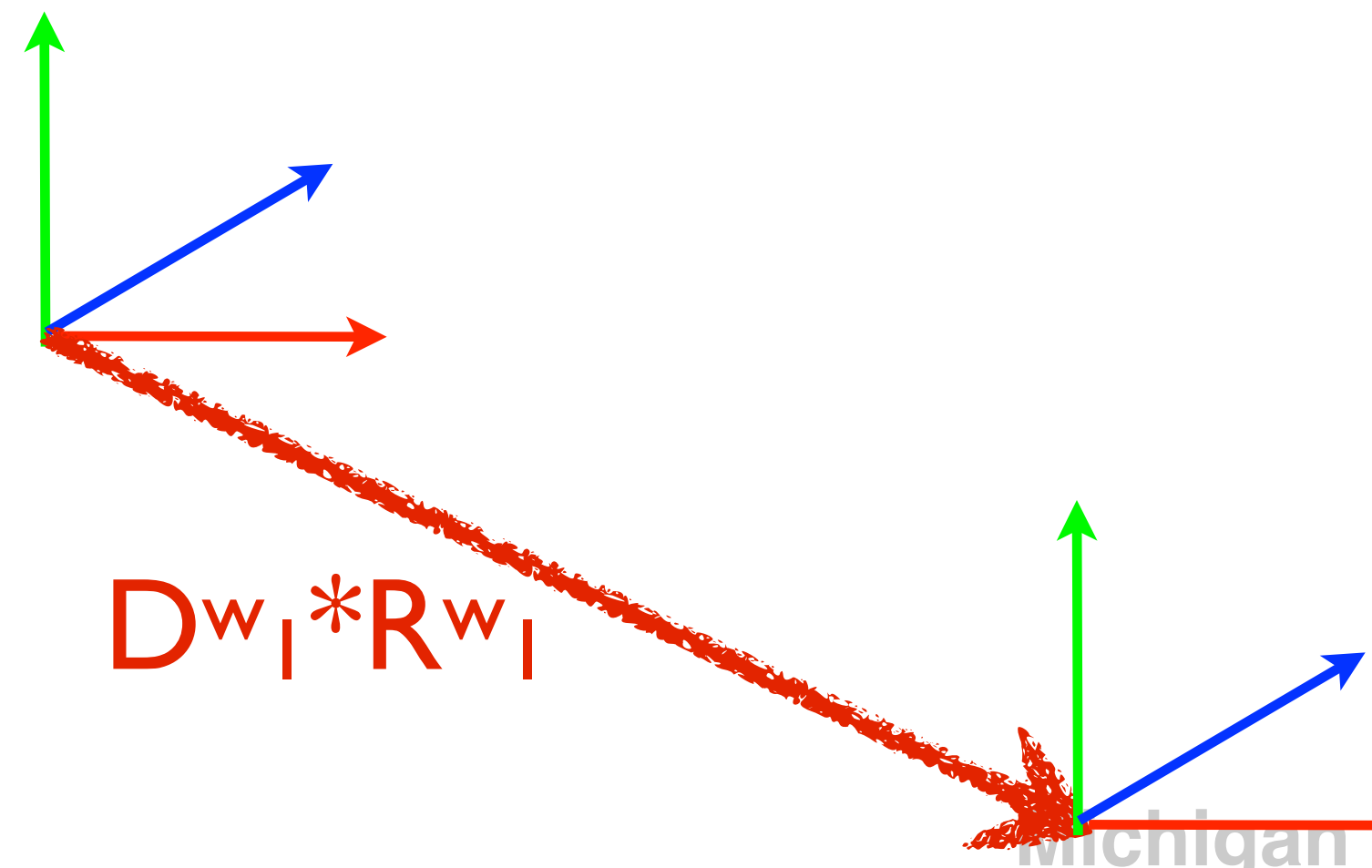
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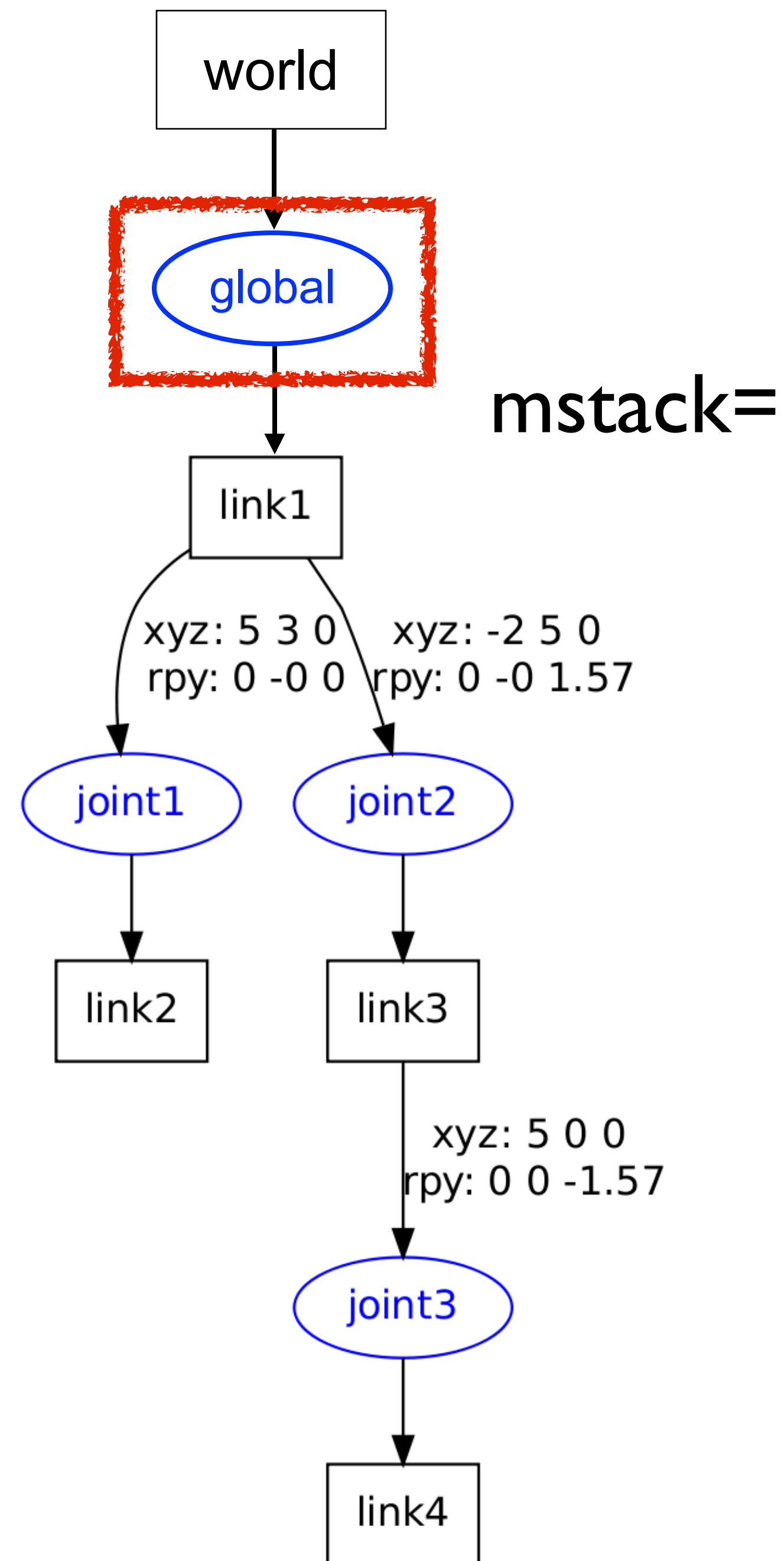
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$I * D^{w_1} * R^{w_1}$
I

Multiply by transform of base frame
wrt. world frame



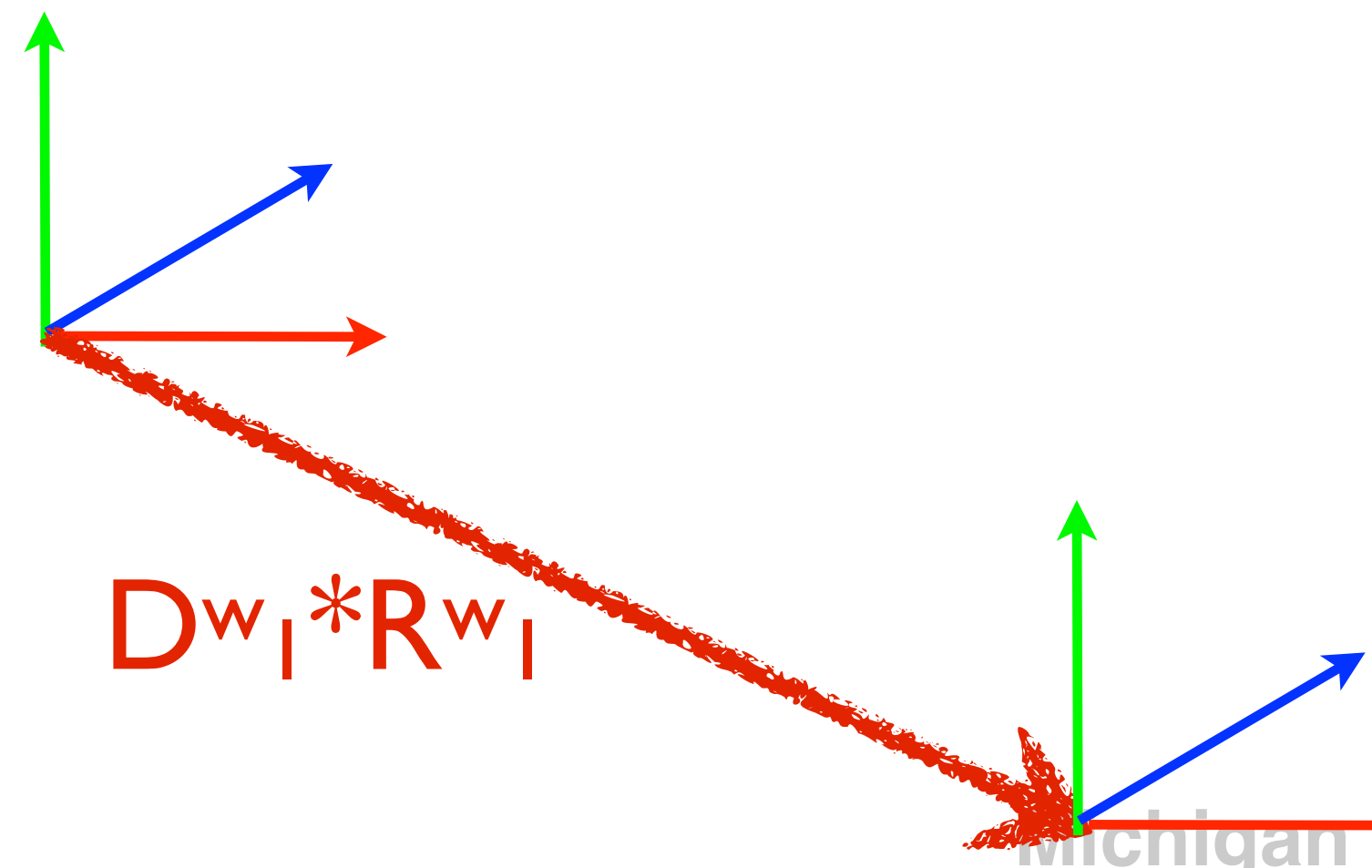
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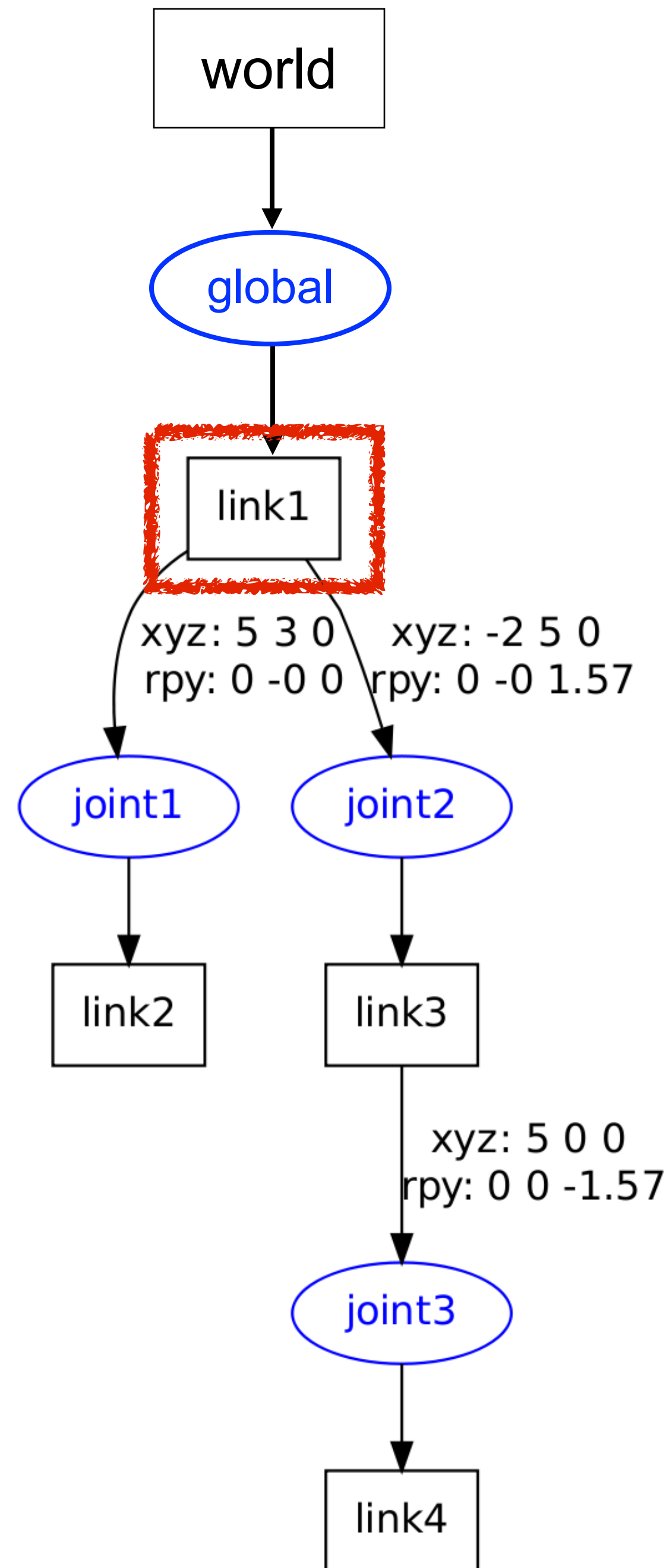
mstack=

$D^{w_l} * R^{w_l}$
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Top of matrix stack is now base frame posed wrt. the world frame

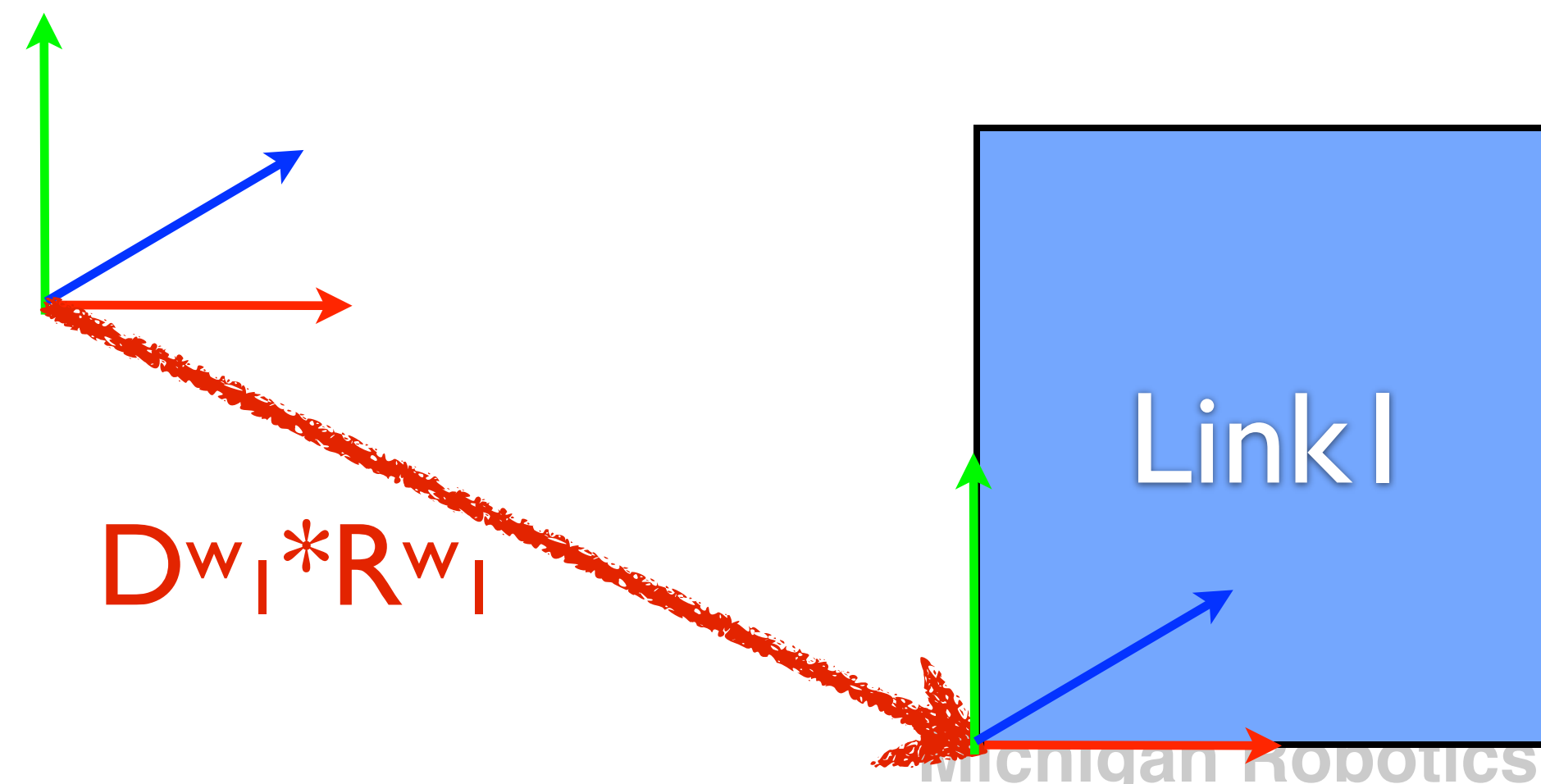


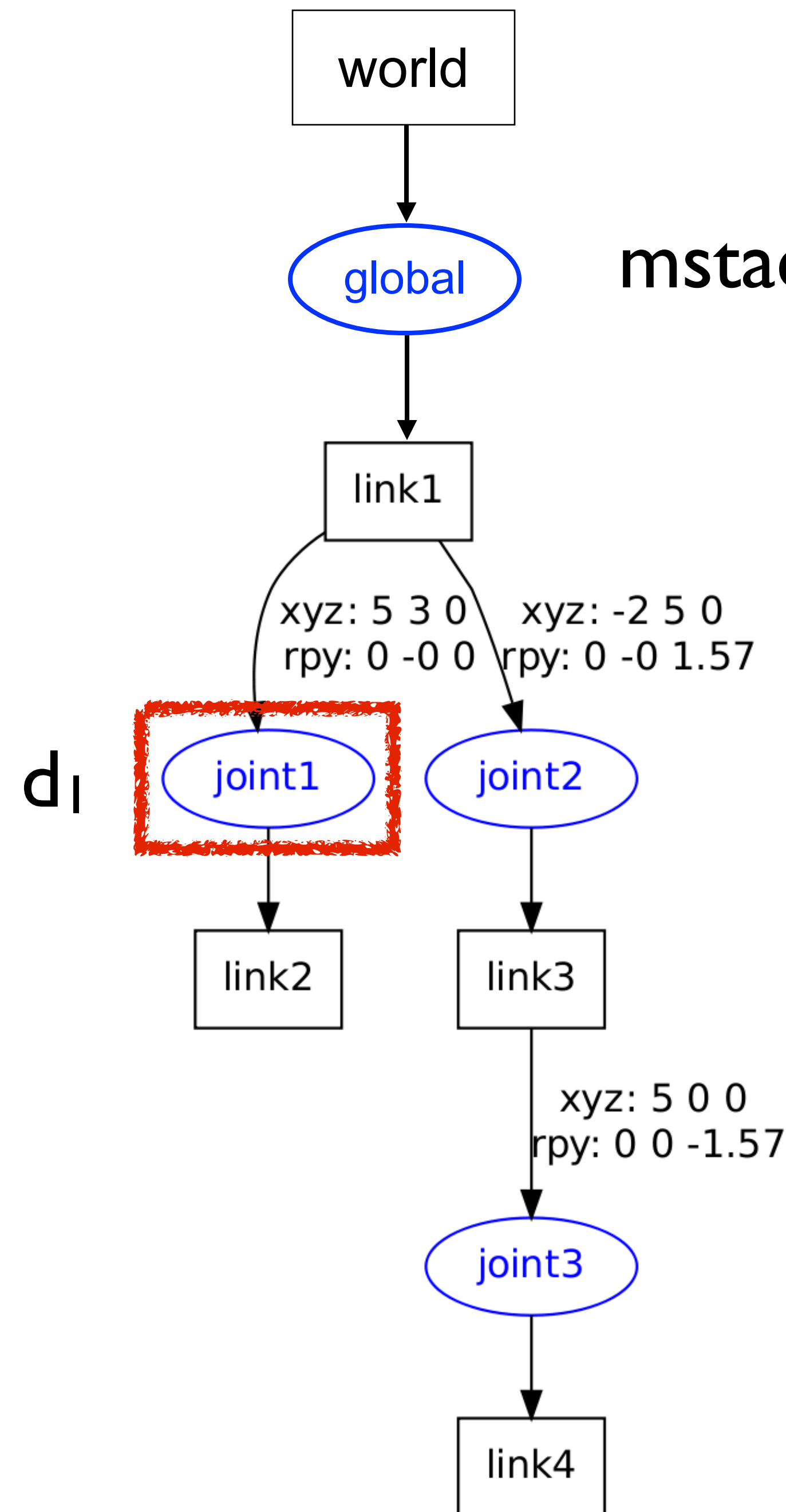
Matrix Stack Reloaded



$D^{w_l} * R^{w_l}$
I

Geometry vertices of link1 can now be transformed into pose in the world frame

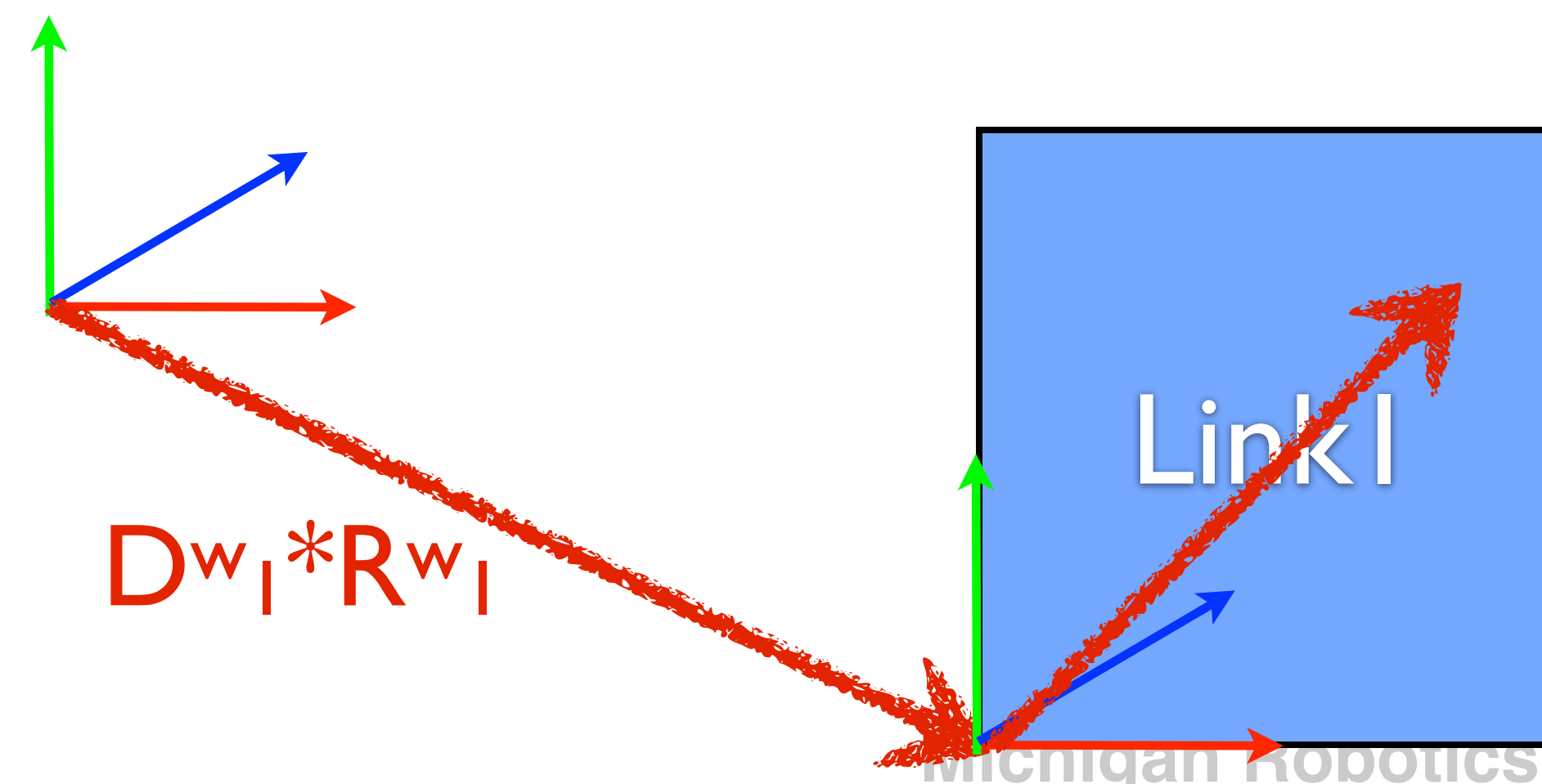


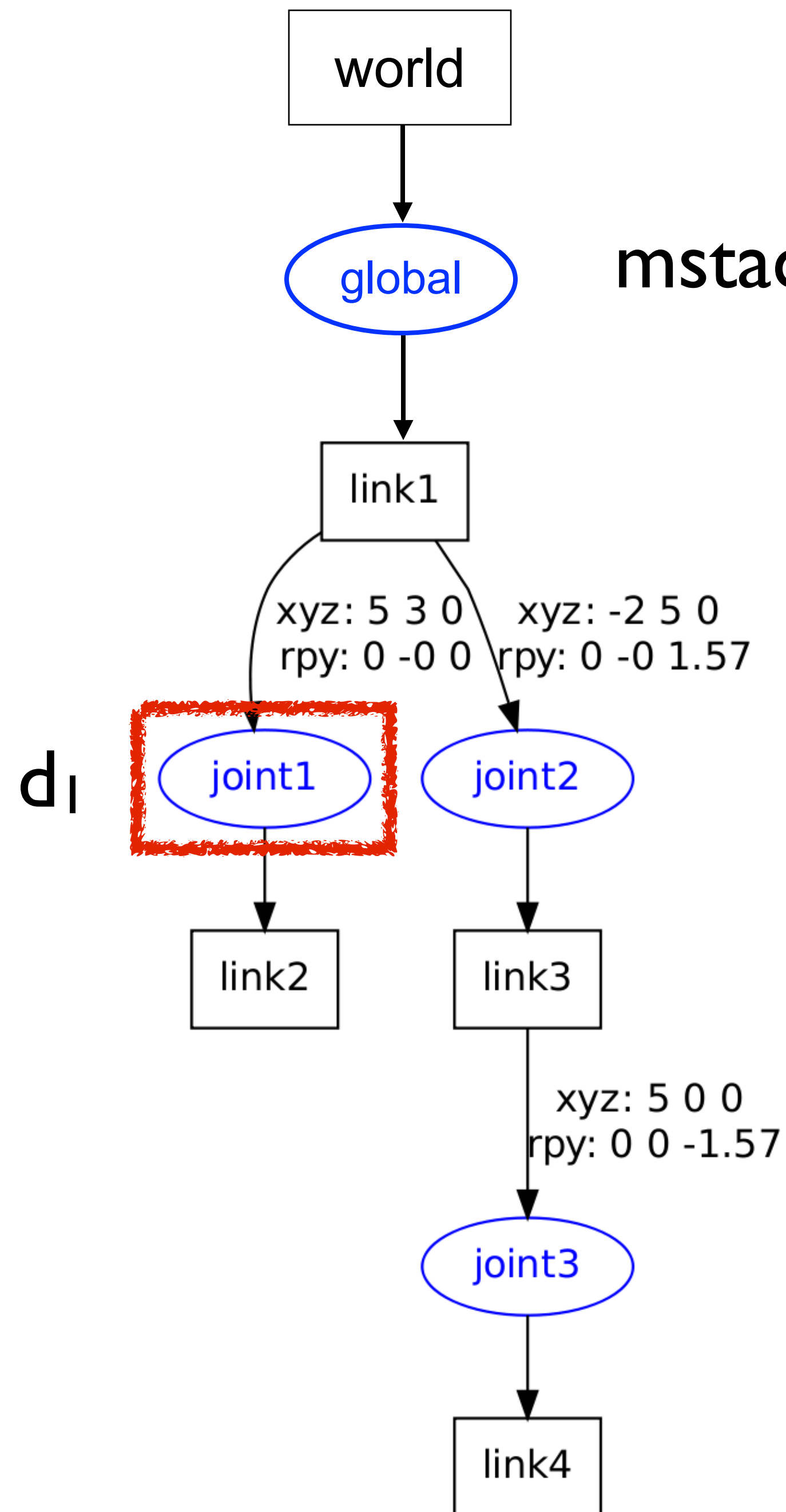


mstack=

$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1} * D^{l_2} * R^{l_2}$
$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1}$
I

Traverse first child joint (joint1) of link1.
 Push top of matrix stack one level.
 Multiply by transform from base to joint1 (link2).

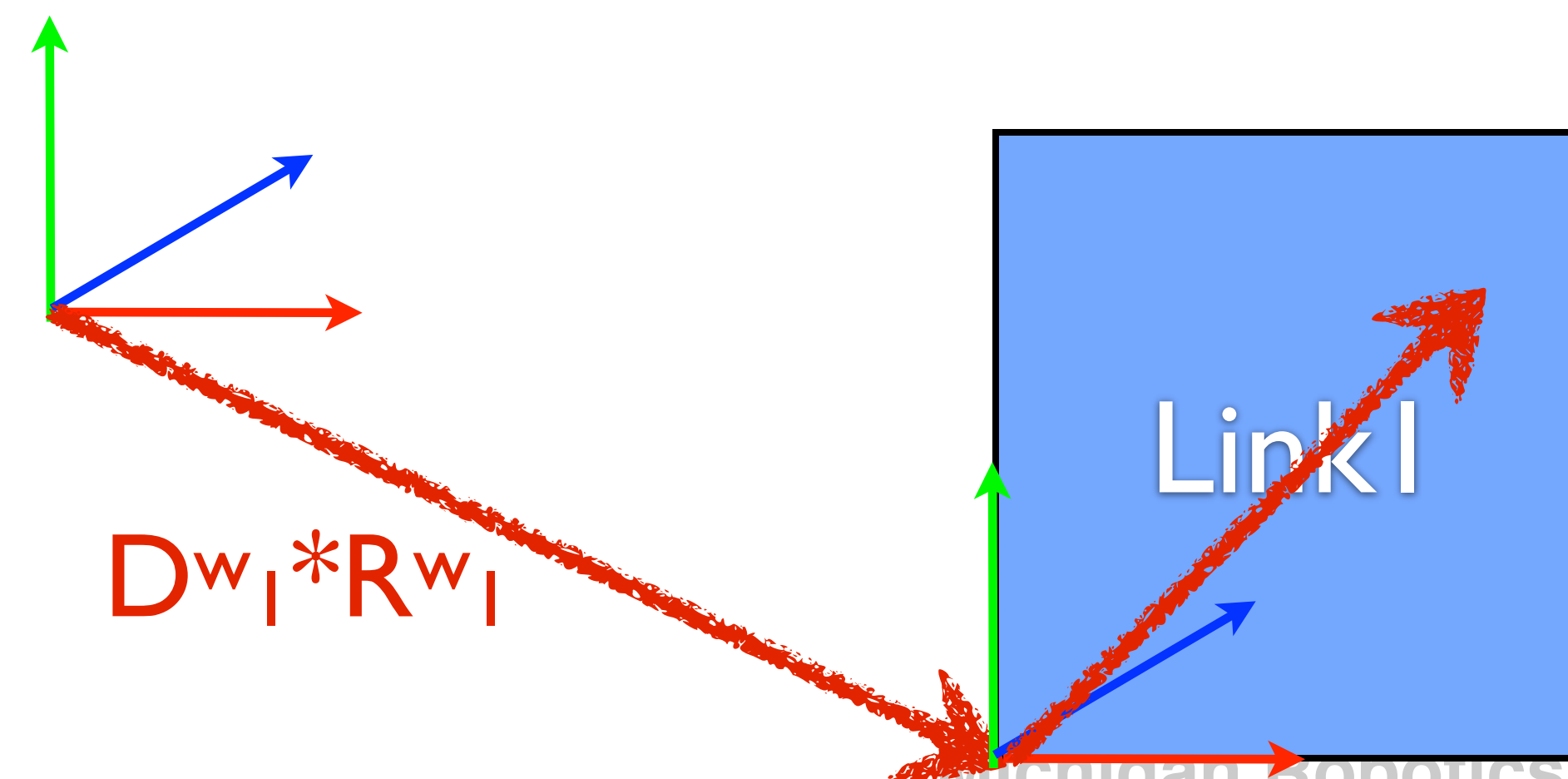


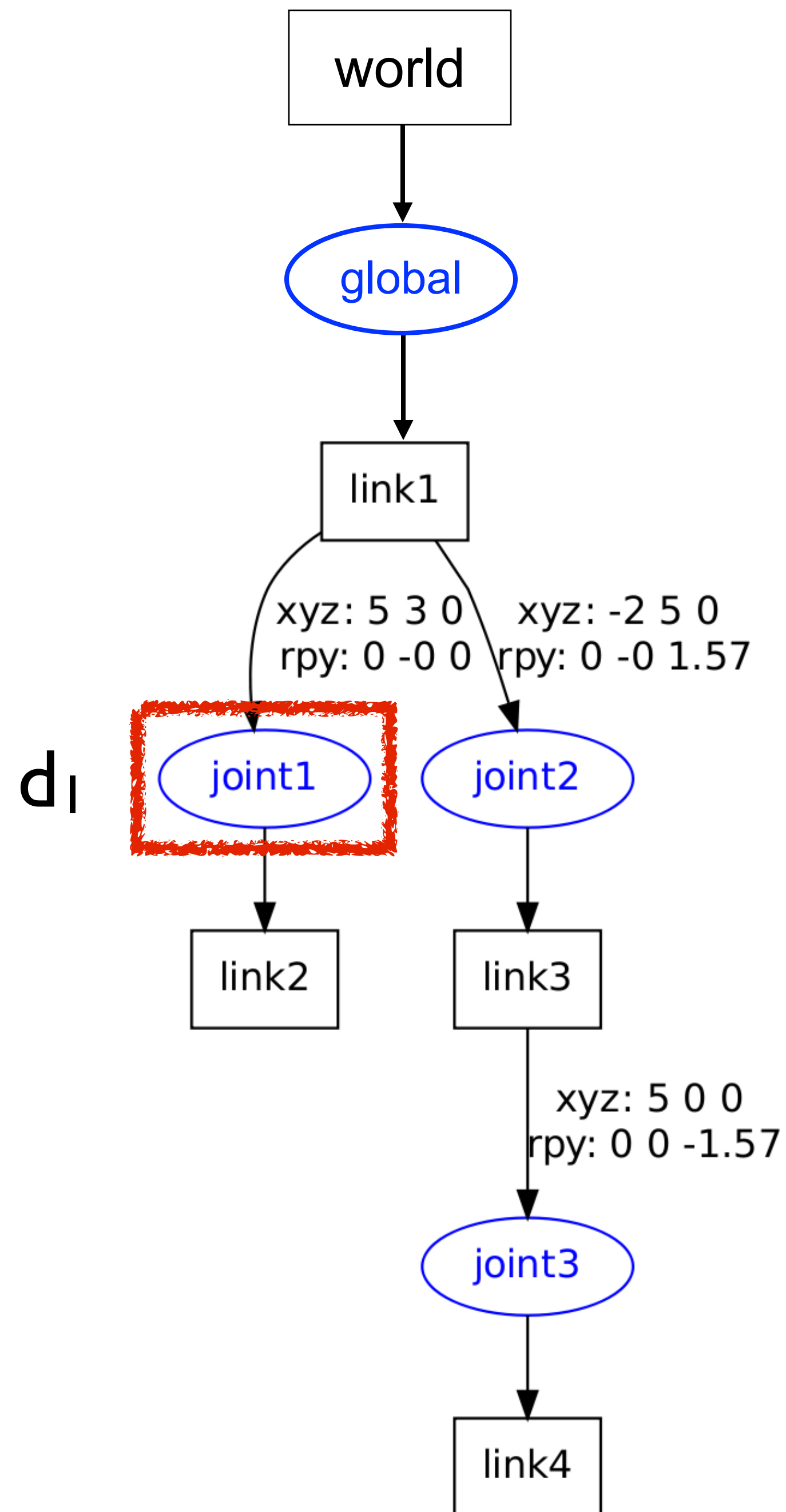


mstack=

$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1} * D^{l_2} * R^{l_2}$
$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1}$
I

Recursively, call a function to process joint

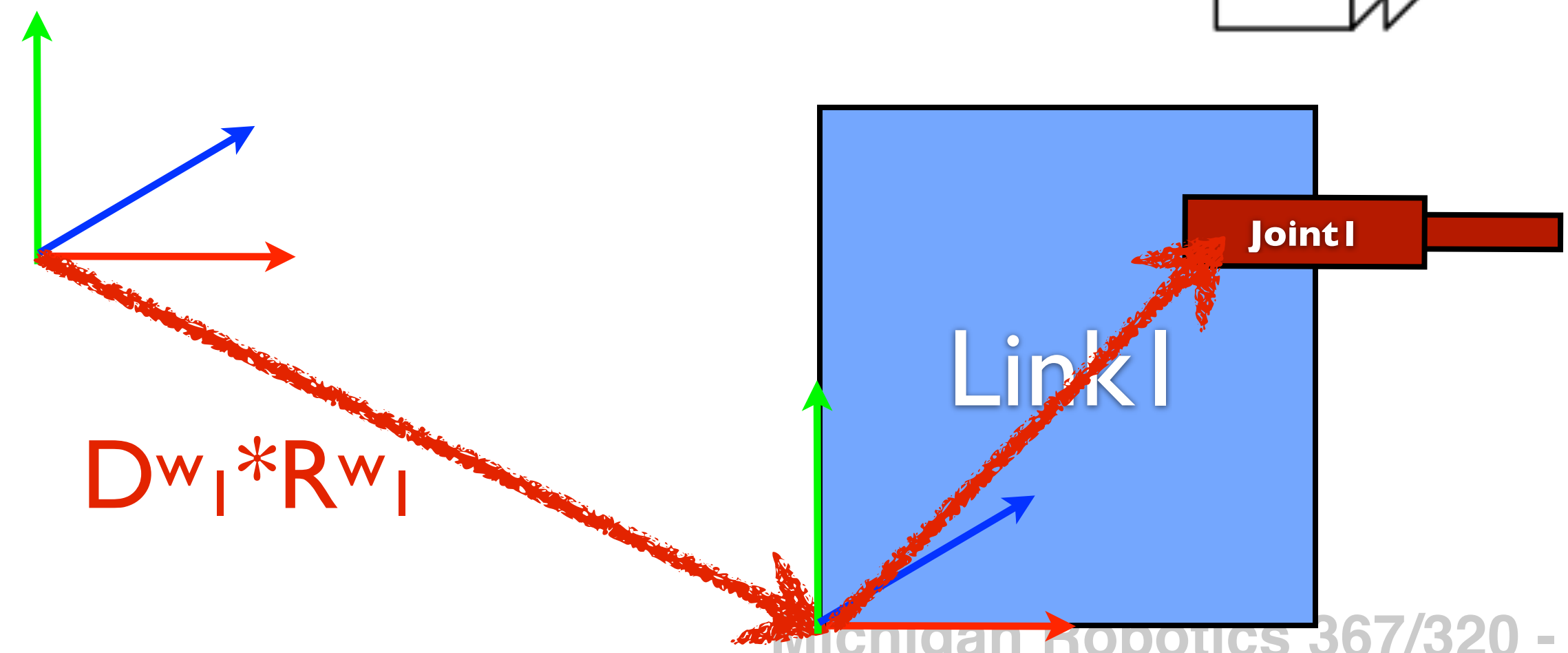
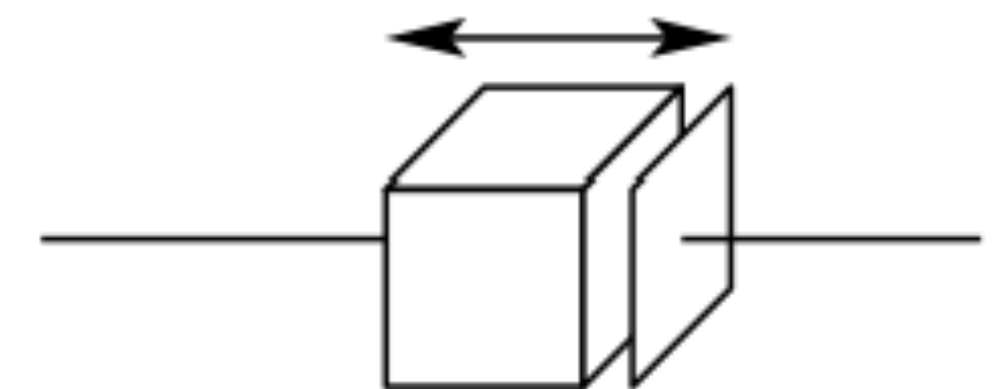




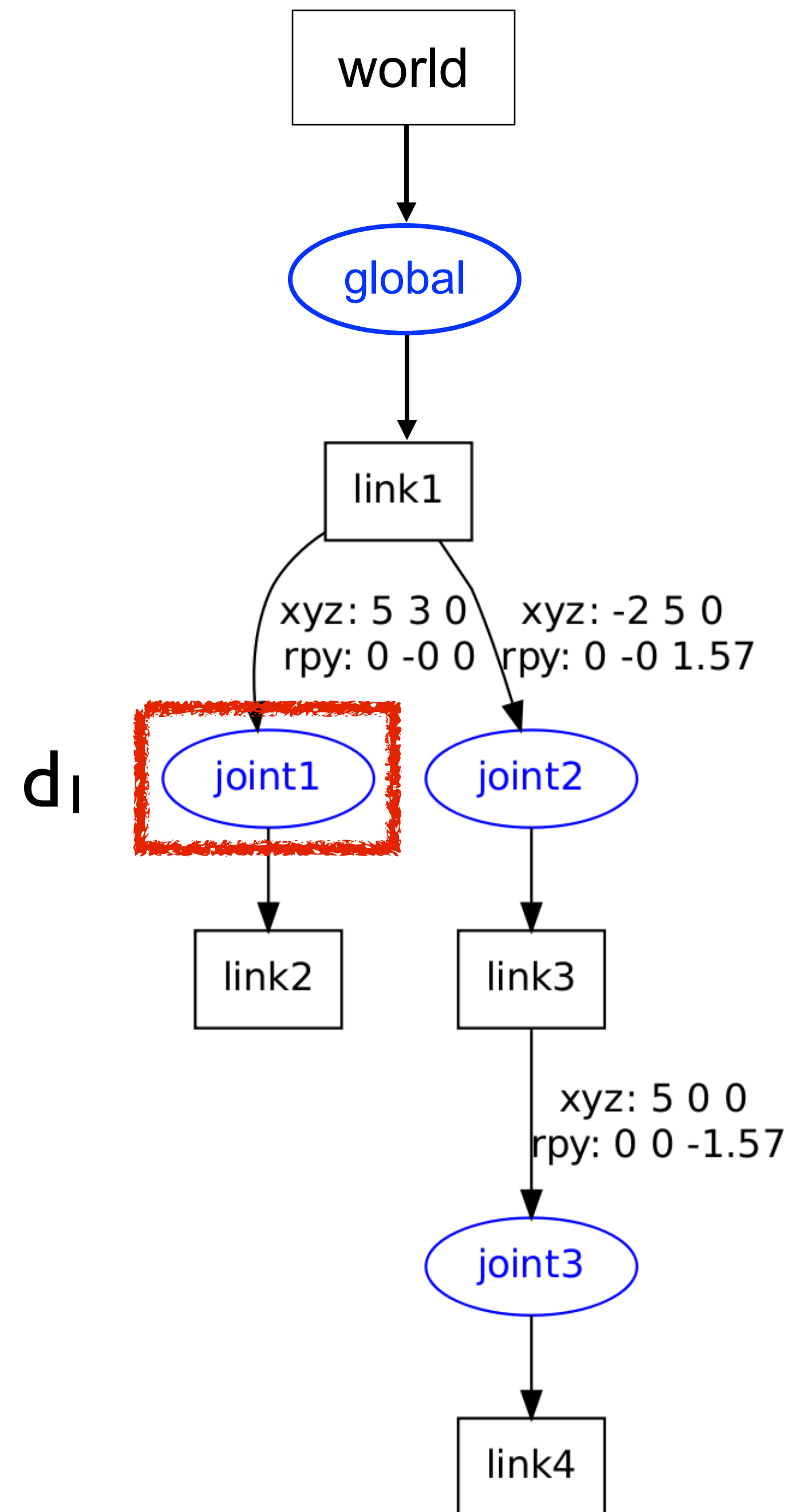
Assume joint1 is prismatic

$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1} * D^{l_2} * R^{l_2}$
$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1}$
I

How can we account for joint1's motion?



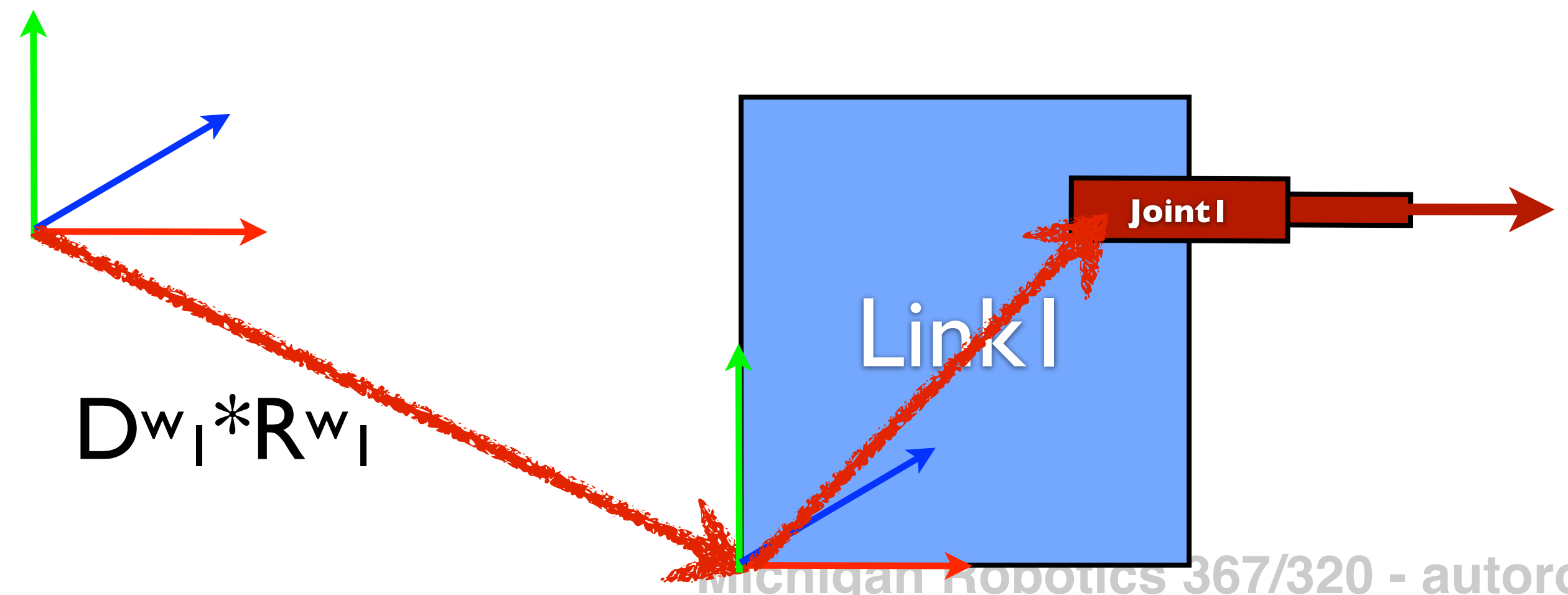
also push transform due to motor DOF

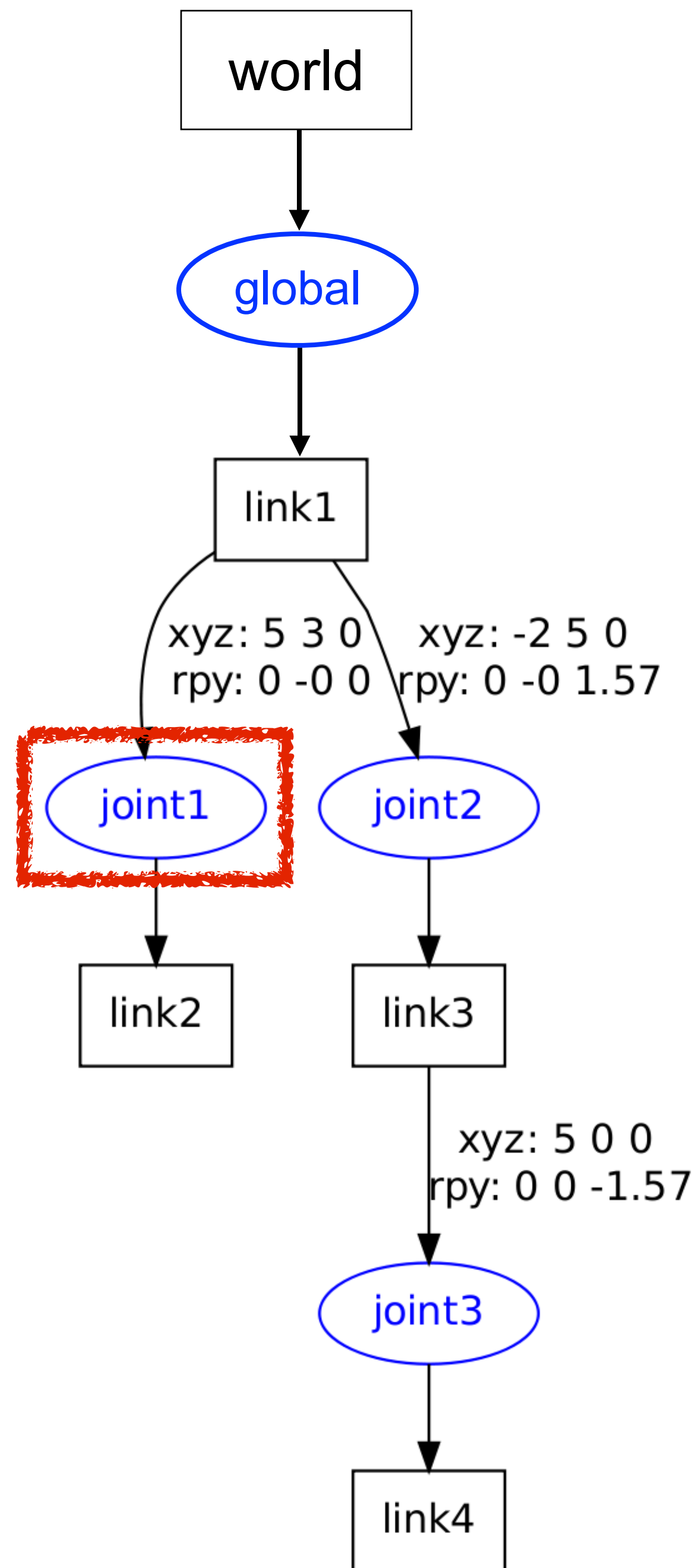


$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1} * D^{l_2} * R^{l_2} \text{ ???}$
$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1}$
I

What transform can account for joint1's motion?

```
// joint axis in parent frame
robot.joints["joint1"].axis = [-0.9 0.15 0];
```

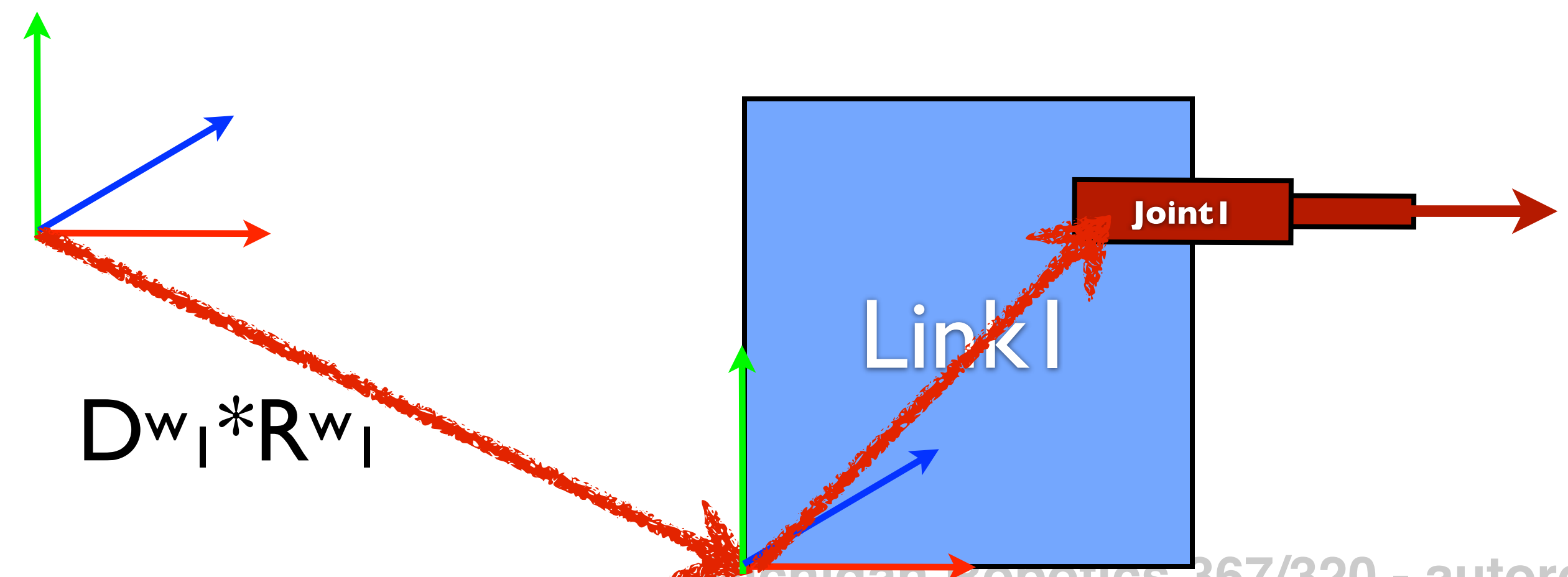




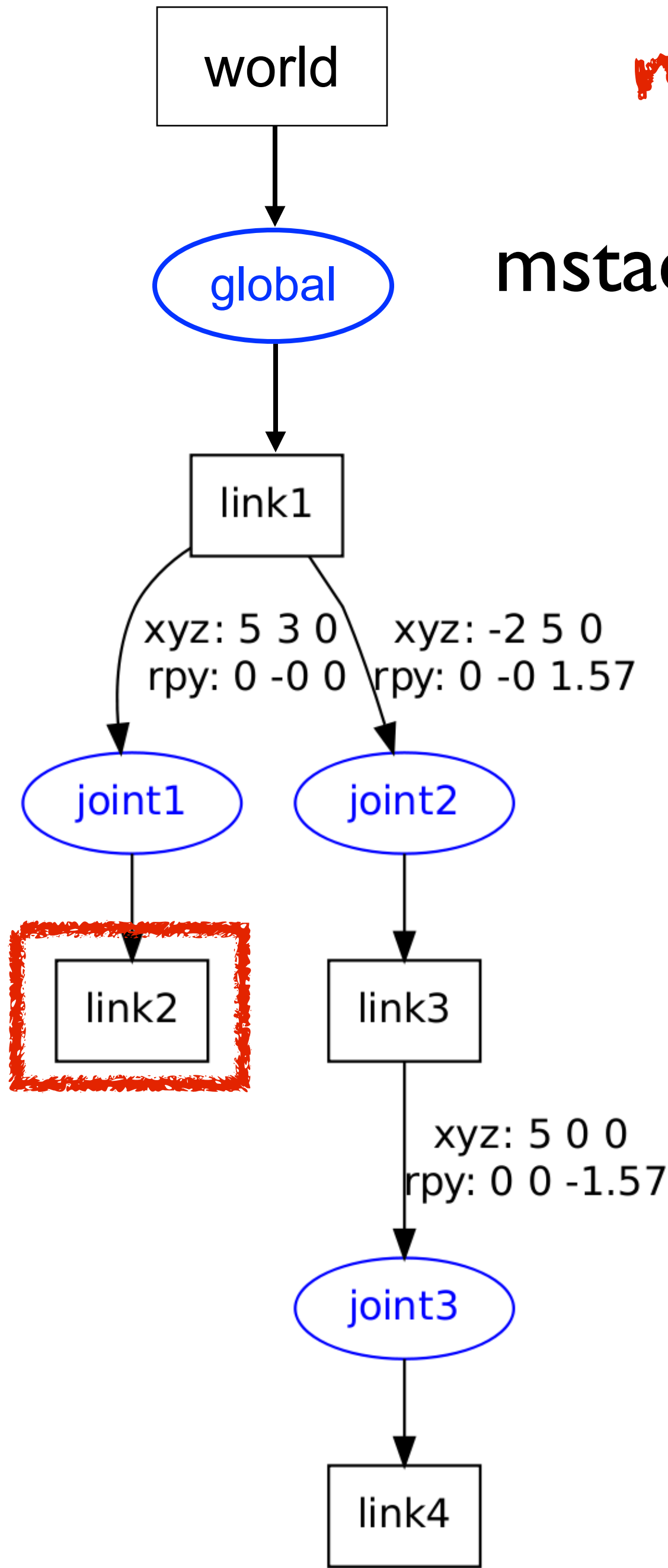
$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1} * D^{l_2} * R^{l_2} * D^{u_1}(q_1)$
$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1}$
I

translation on unit joint axis u_1 scaled by joint state q_1

```
// transform of joint wrt. world
robot.joints["joint1"].xform = //this matrix
```



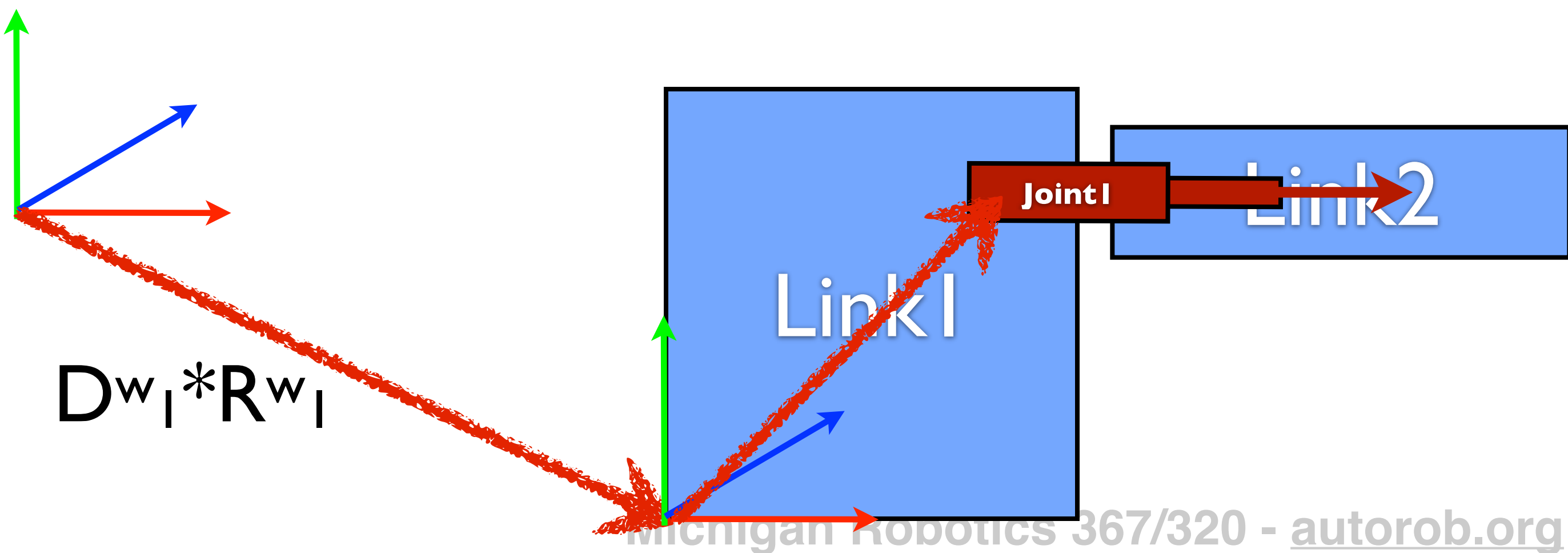
motor transform affects outboard chain

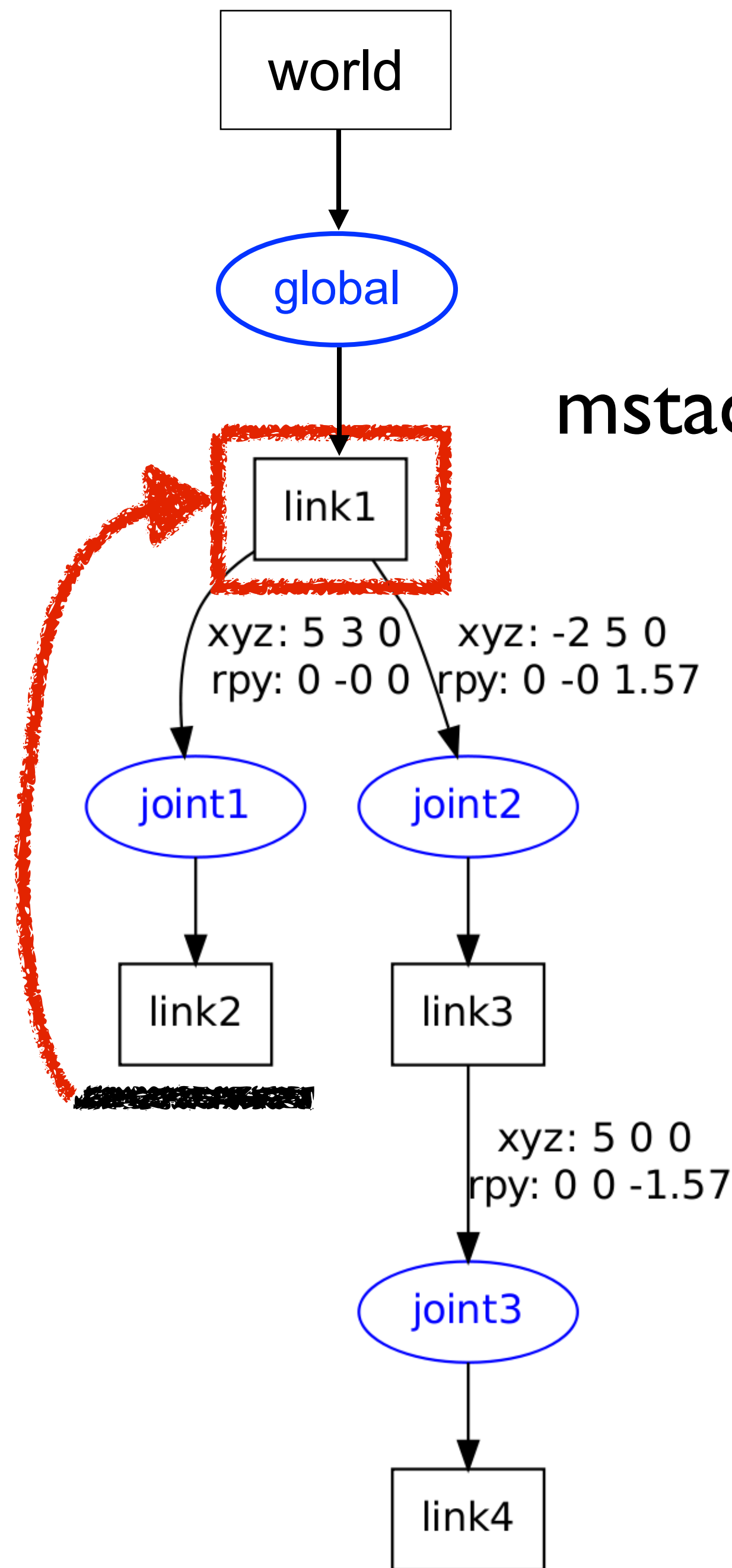


mstack=

$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1} * D^{l_2} * R^{l_2} * D_{u1}(q_1)$
$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1}$
I

$Link_2^{world} = mstack * Link_2^{link2}$
 $= (D^{w_1} * R^{w_1} * D^{l_2} * R^{l_2} * D_{u1}(q_1)) * Link_2^{link2}$

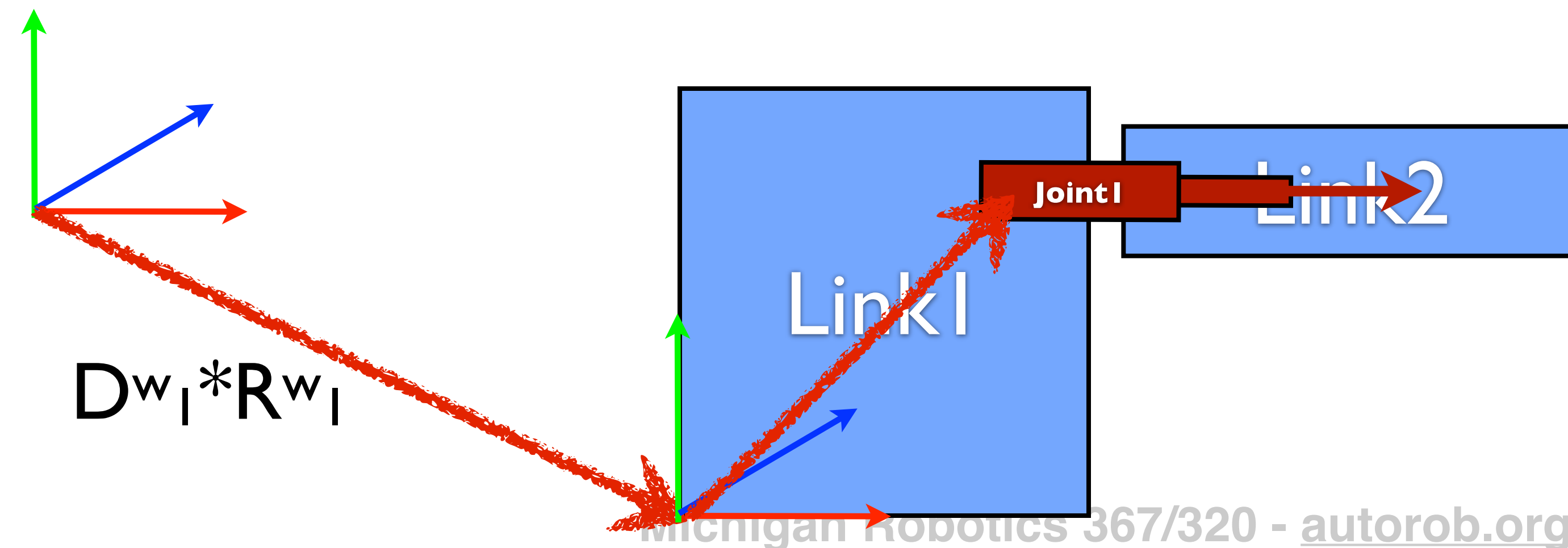


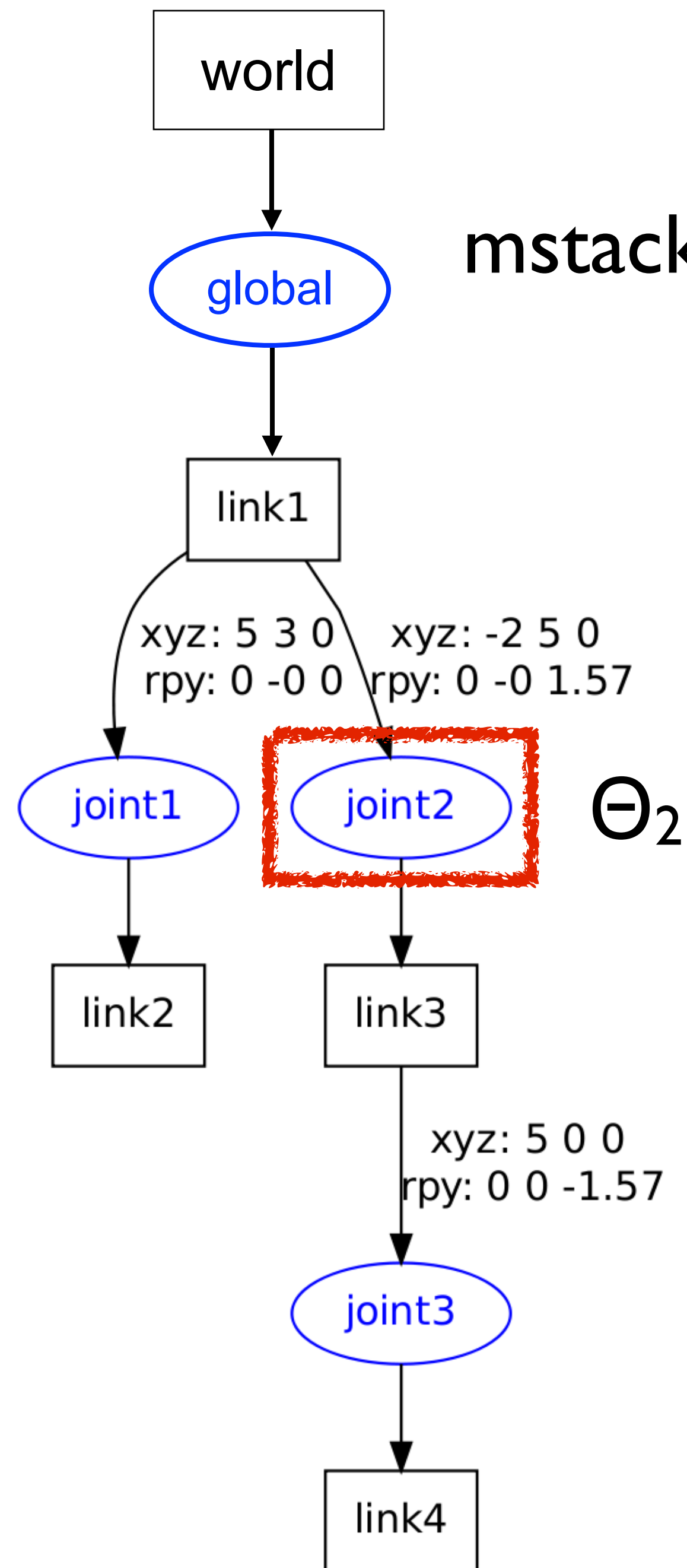


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$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1}$
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Pop off top level of matrix stack.
Recursion: pop implicit via function return

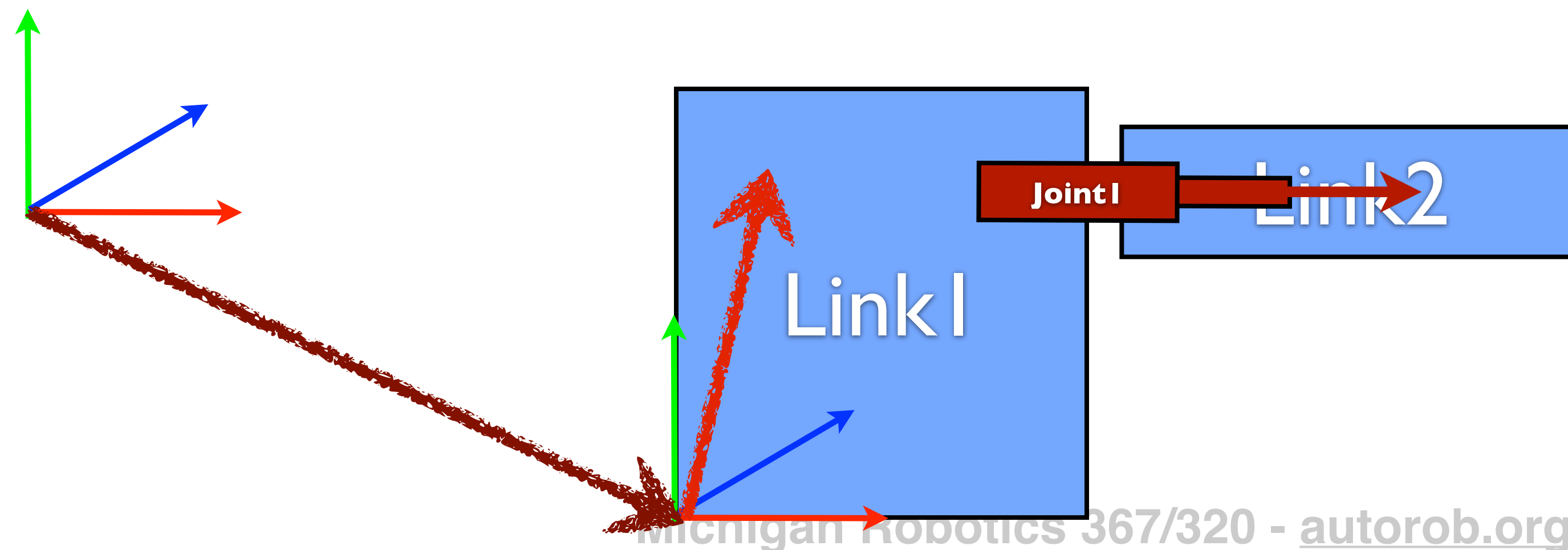


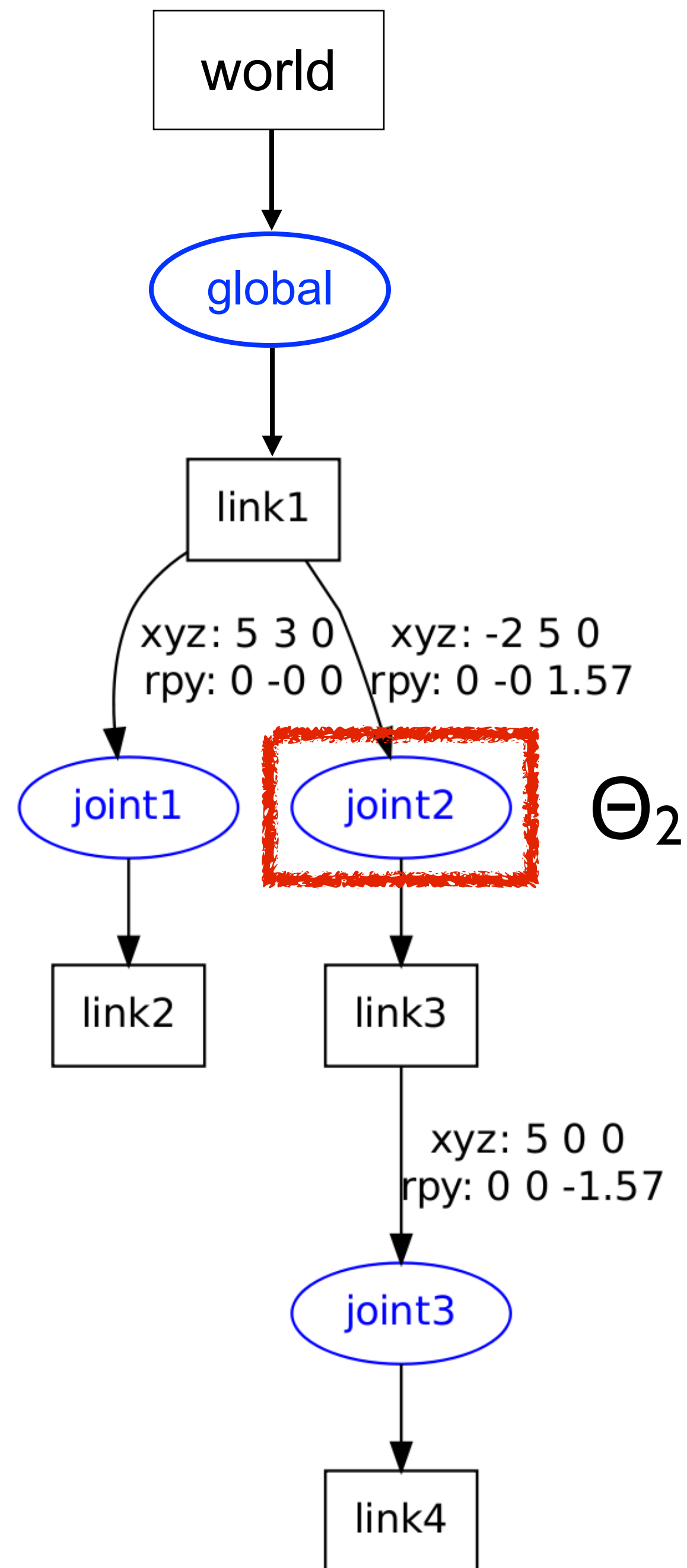


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$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1} * D^{l_3} * R^{l_3}$
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Traverse second child joint (joint2) of link1.

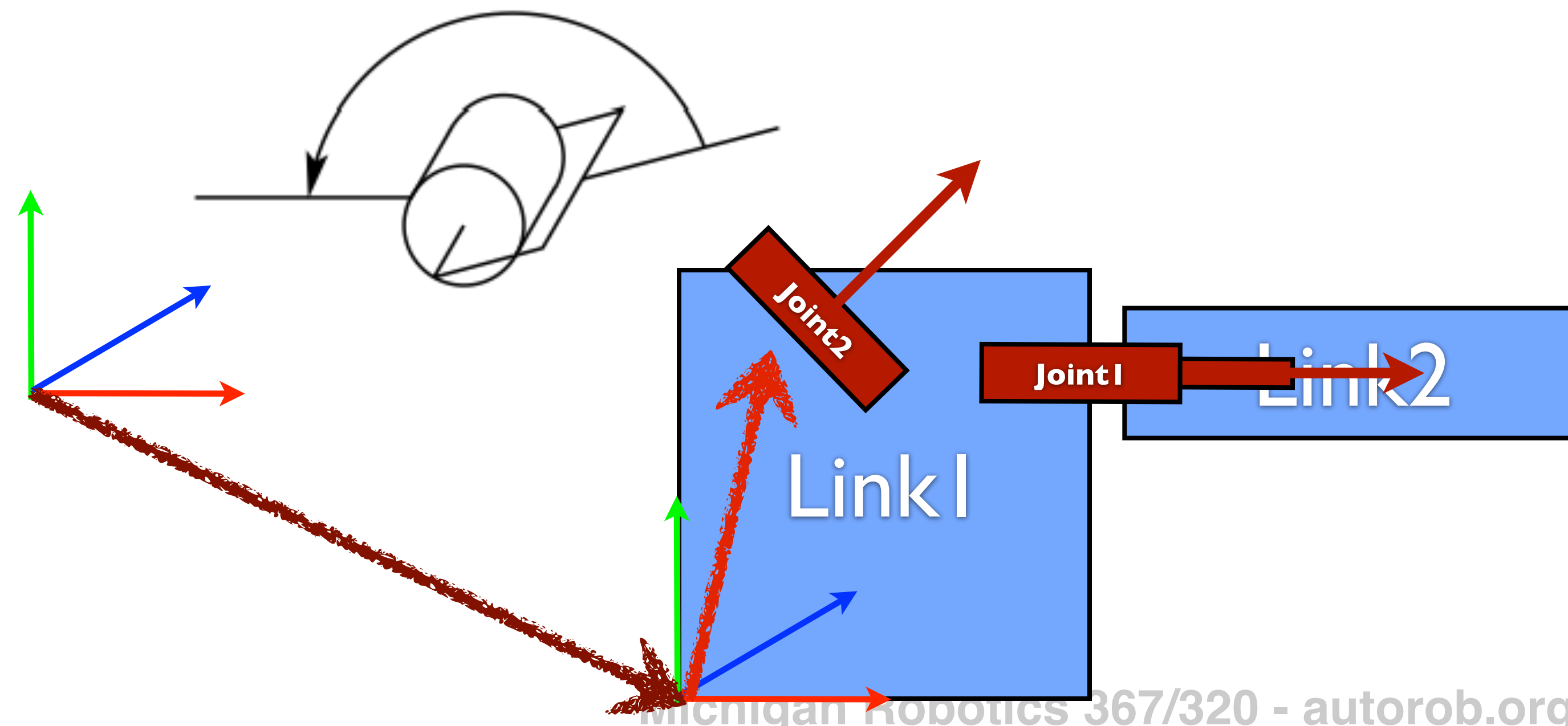


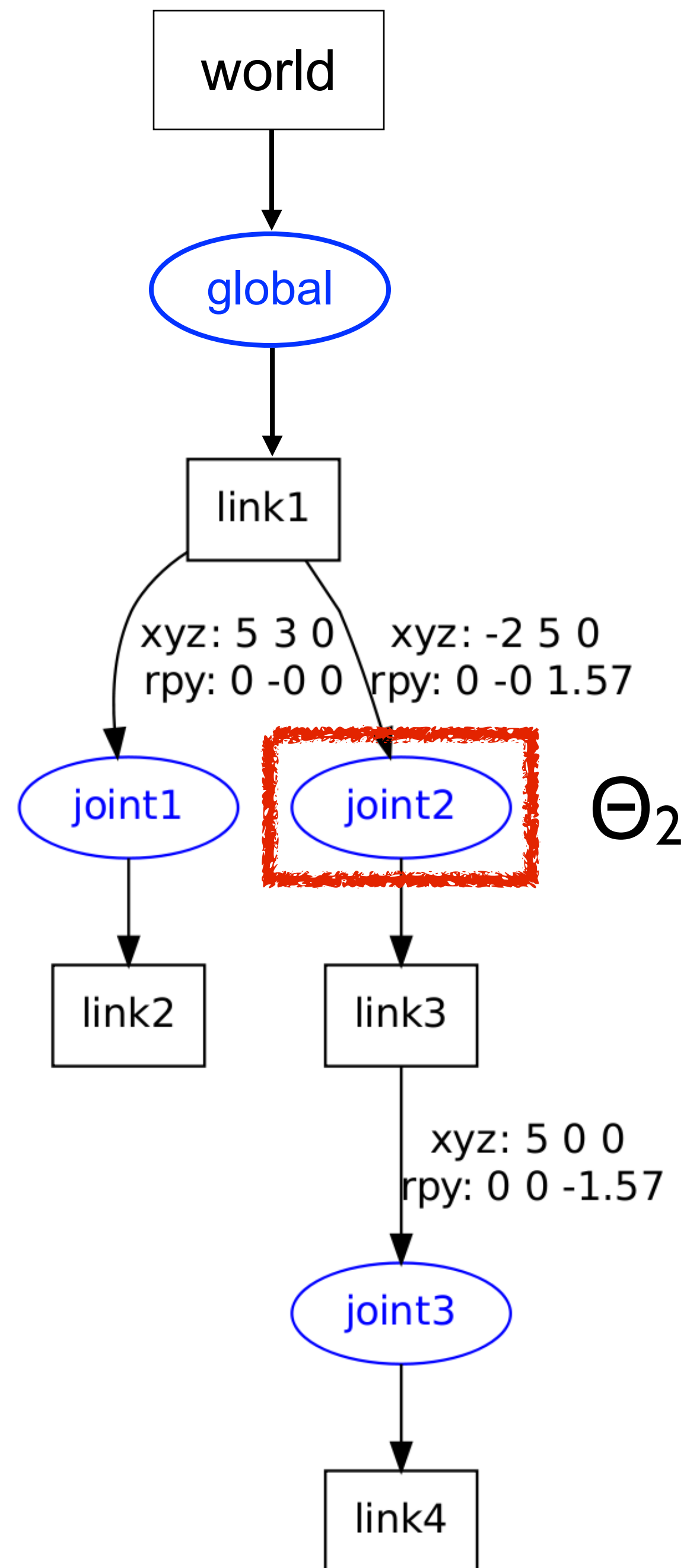


joint2 is revolute

$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1} * D^{l_3} * R^{l_3} \text{ ???}$
$D^{w_1} * R^{w_1}$
I

How can we account for joint2's motion?





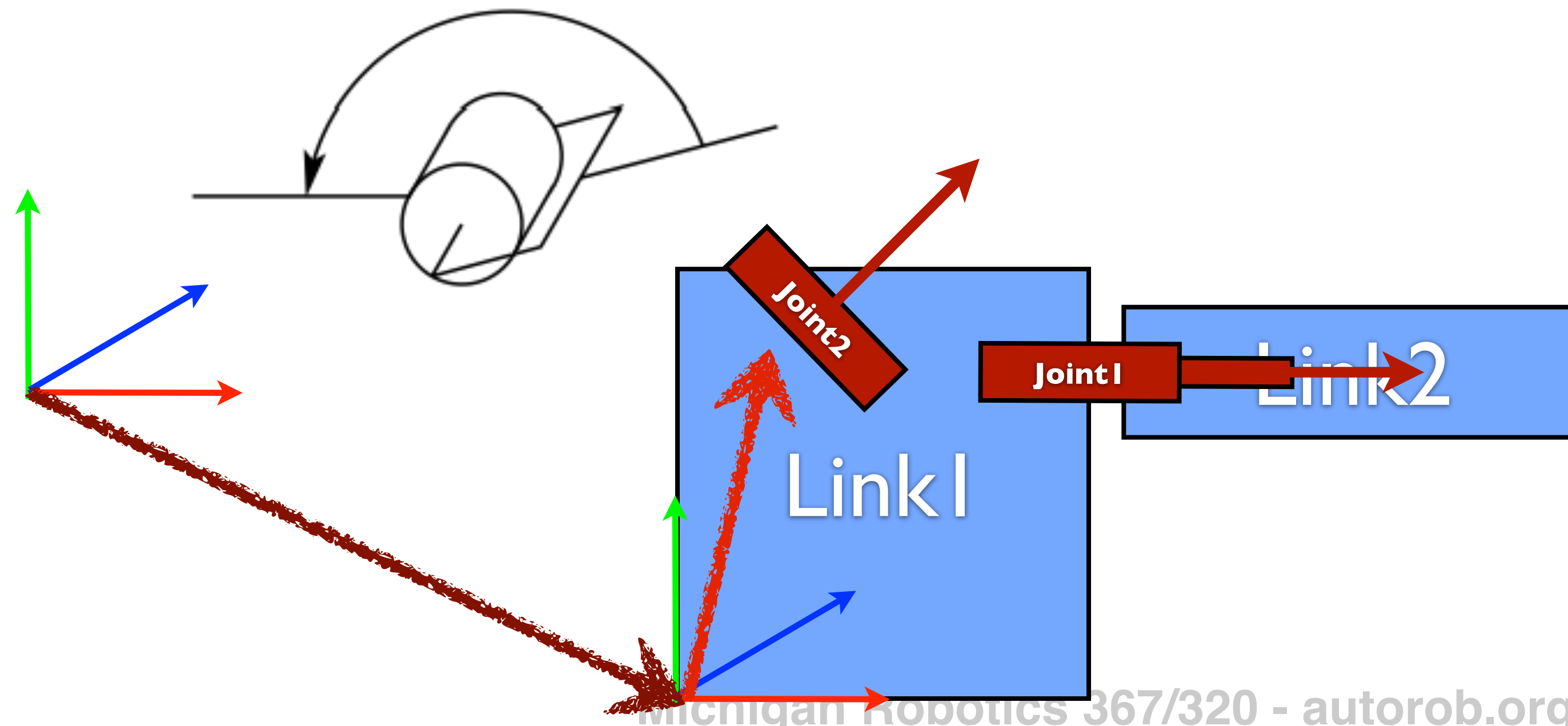
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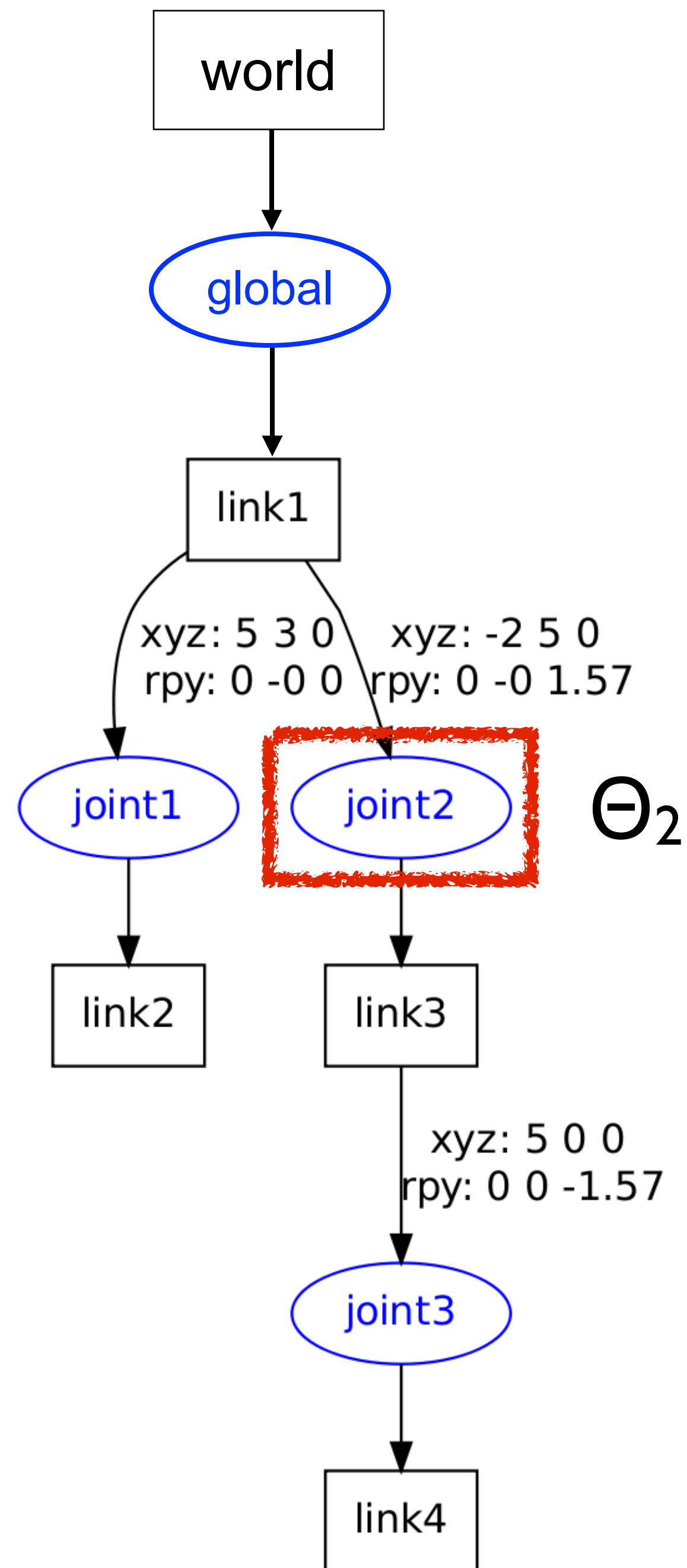
$D_{w_1} * R_{w_1} * D_{l_3} * R_{l_3} * R_{u_2}(q_2)$
$D_{w_1} * R_{w_1}$
I

rotation about unit joint axis u_2 by joint state q_2

//joint motor rotation axis

`robot.joints["joint2"].axis = [0.707, 0.0, 0.707]`

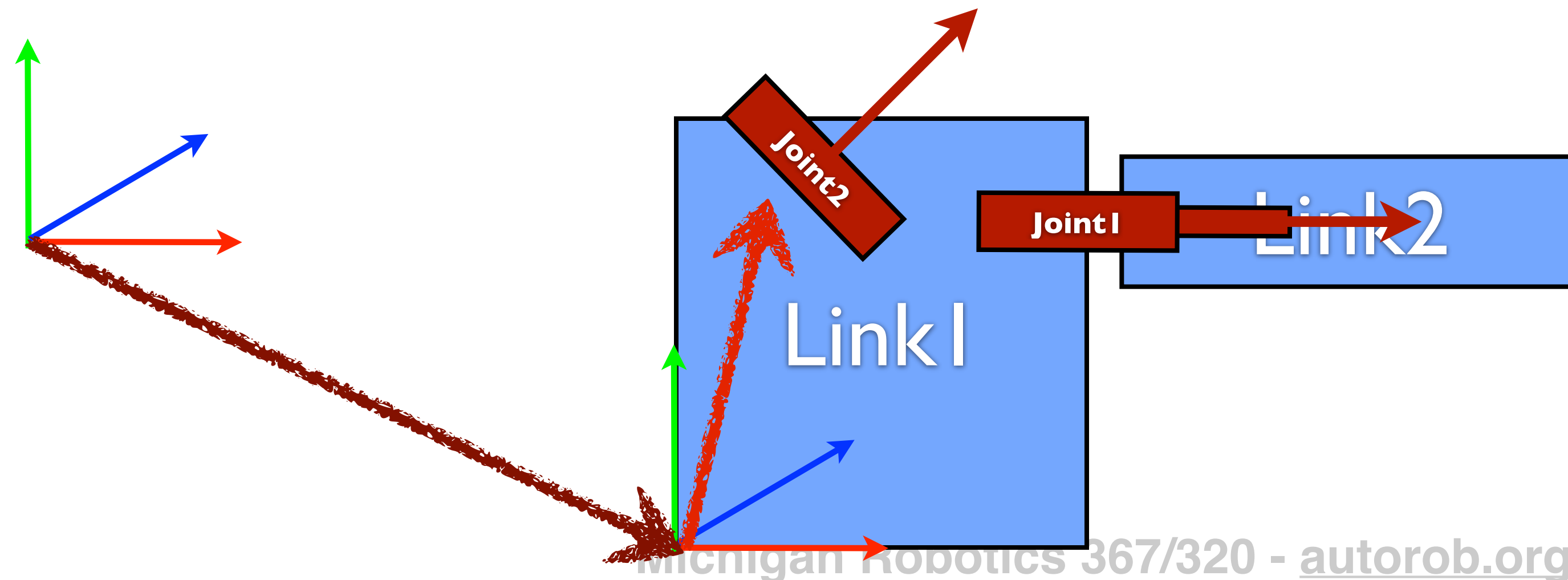




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//joint motor rotation axis
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```

how to perform this rotation?



Euler Angles

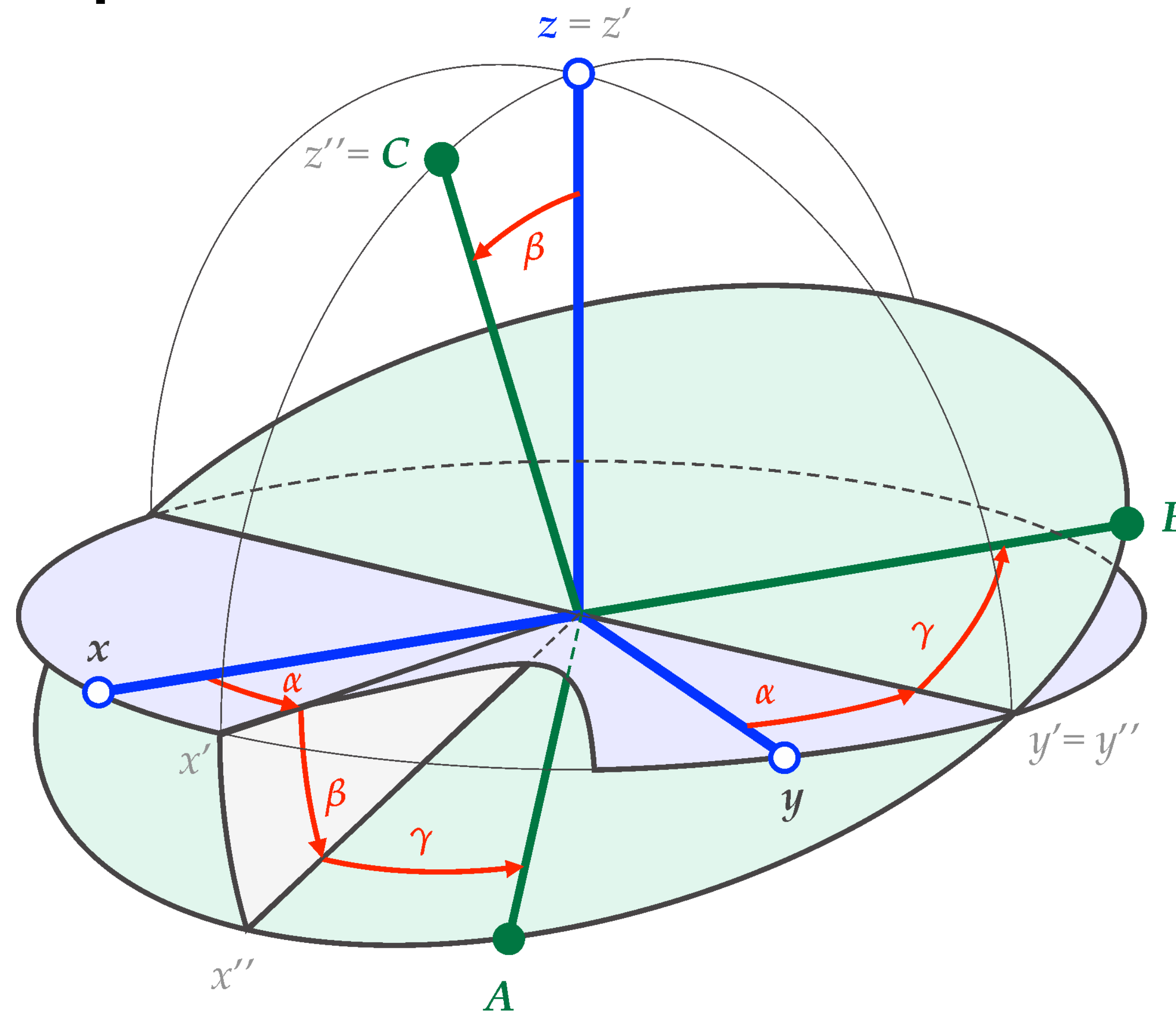
- Rotate about each axis in chosen order: $R = R_x(\Theta_x) R_y(\Theta_y) R_z(\Theta_z)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 24 different choices for rotation ordering
- $R_x(\Theta_x)$: roll, $R_y(\Theta_y)$: pitch, $R_z(\Theta_z)$: yaw
- Matrix rotation not commutative across different axes

AutoRob uses XYZ order:
 $R_z R_y R_x$ (X then Y then Z)

Example: ZYZ Euler angles



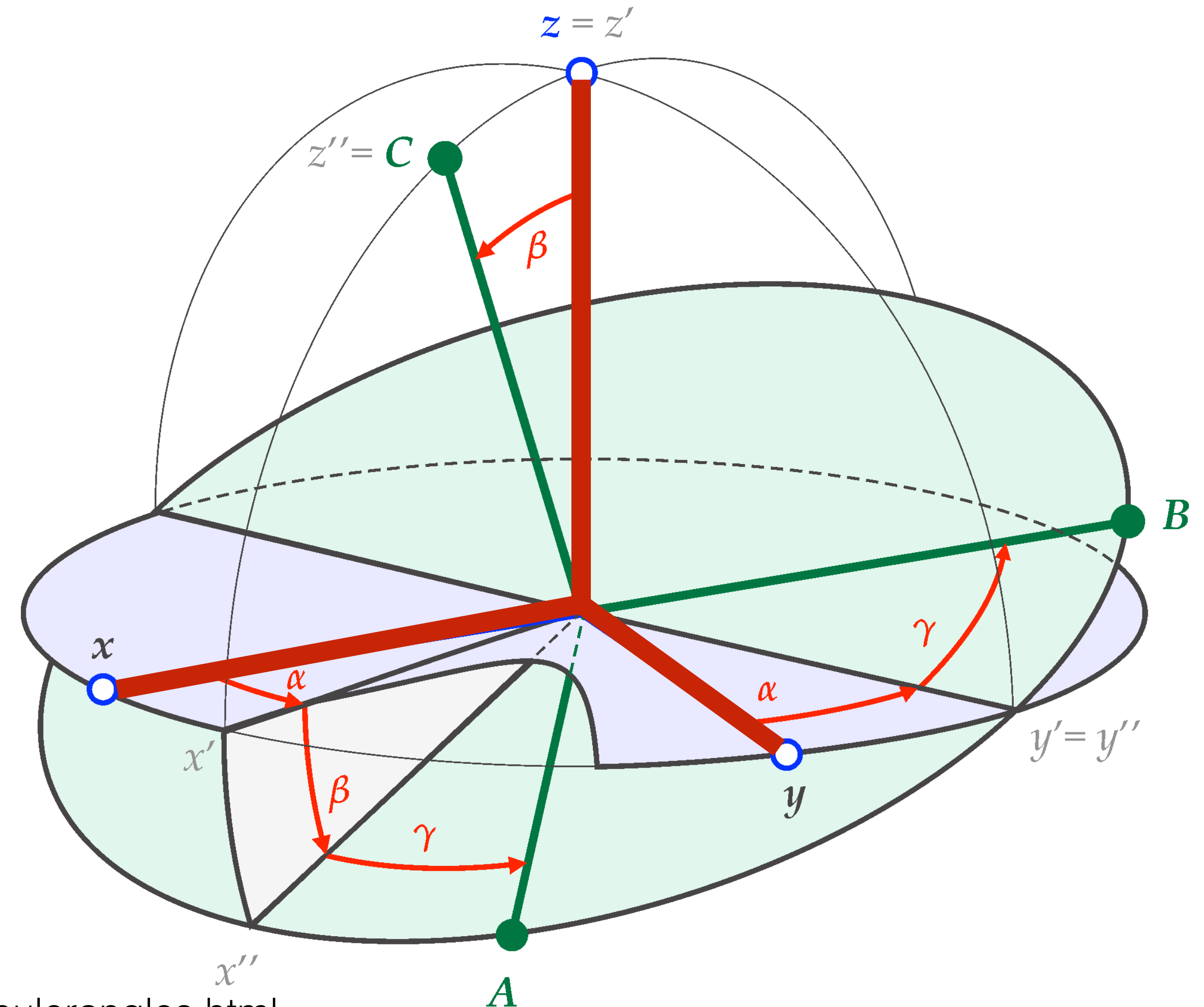
<http://easypin.org/documentation/eulerangles.html>

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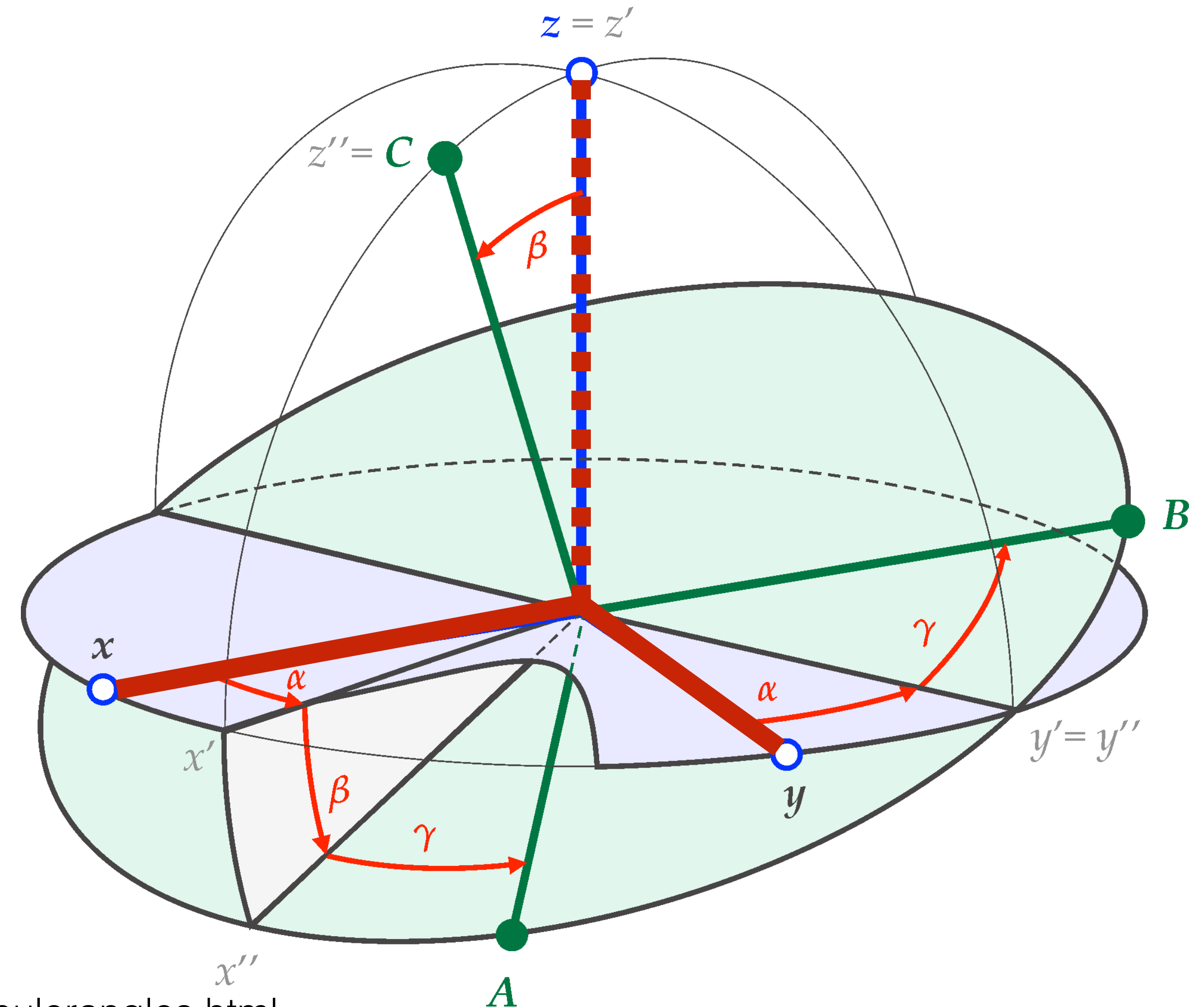


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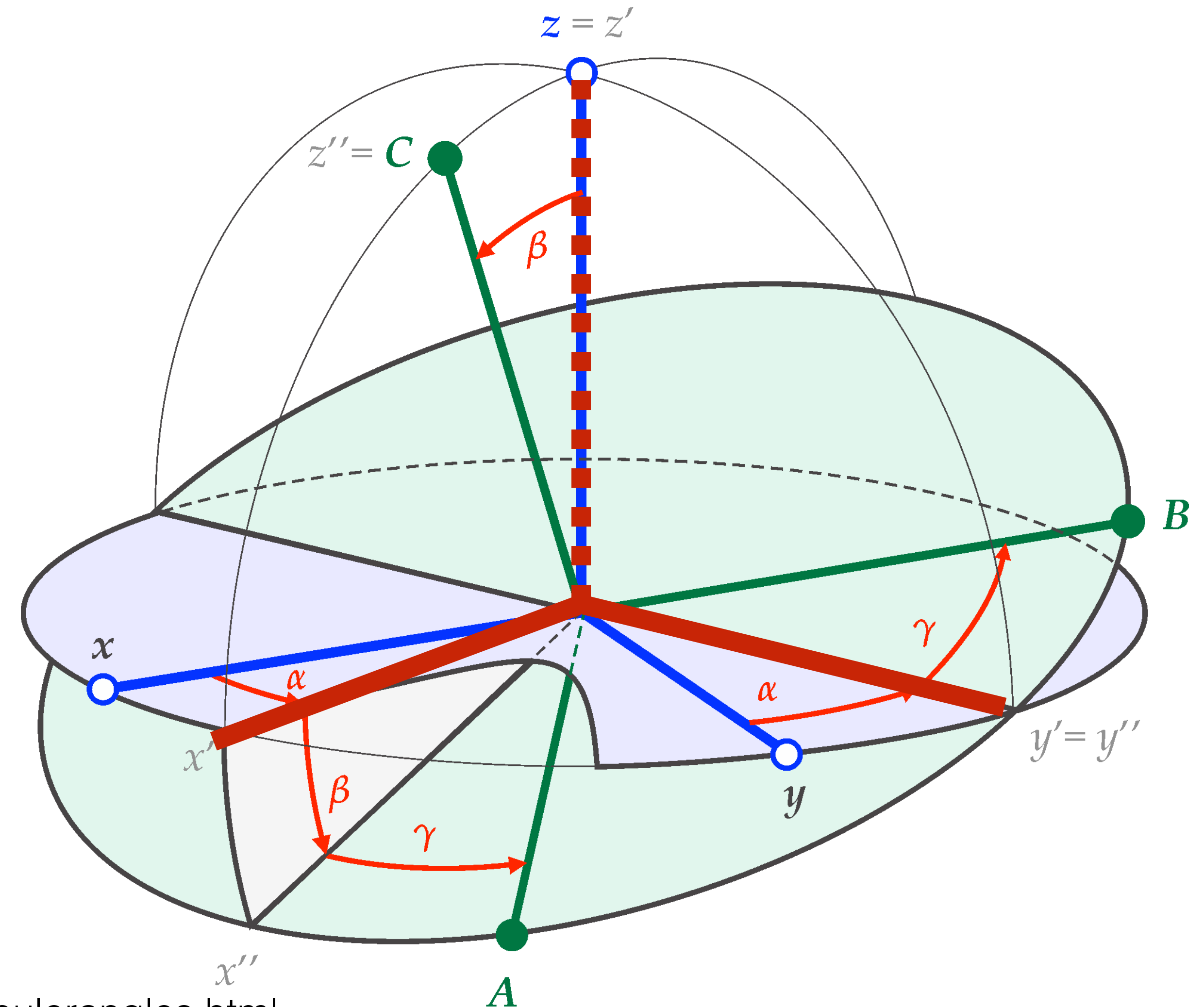


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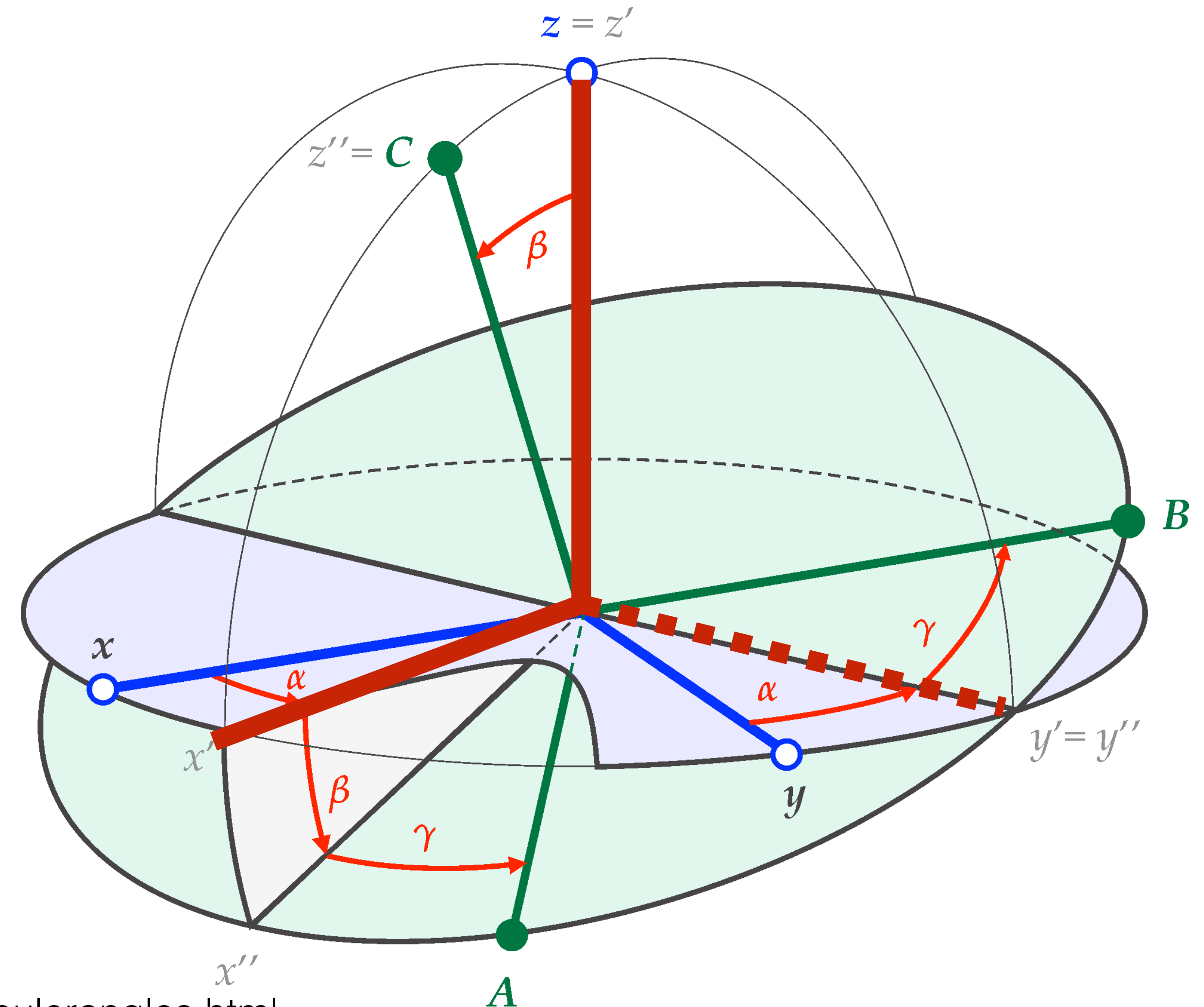


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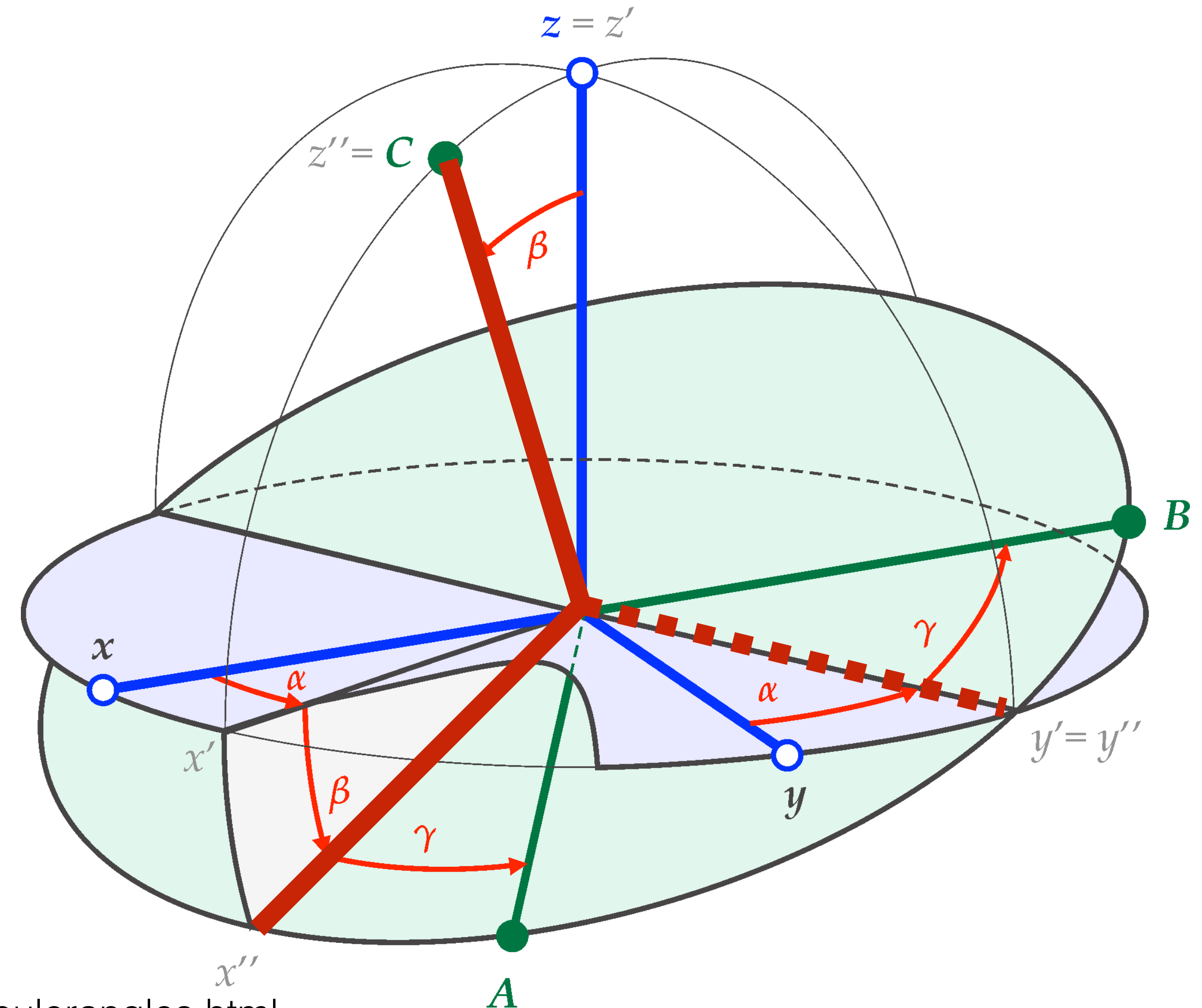


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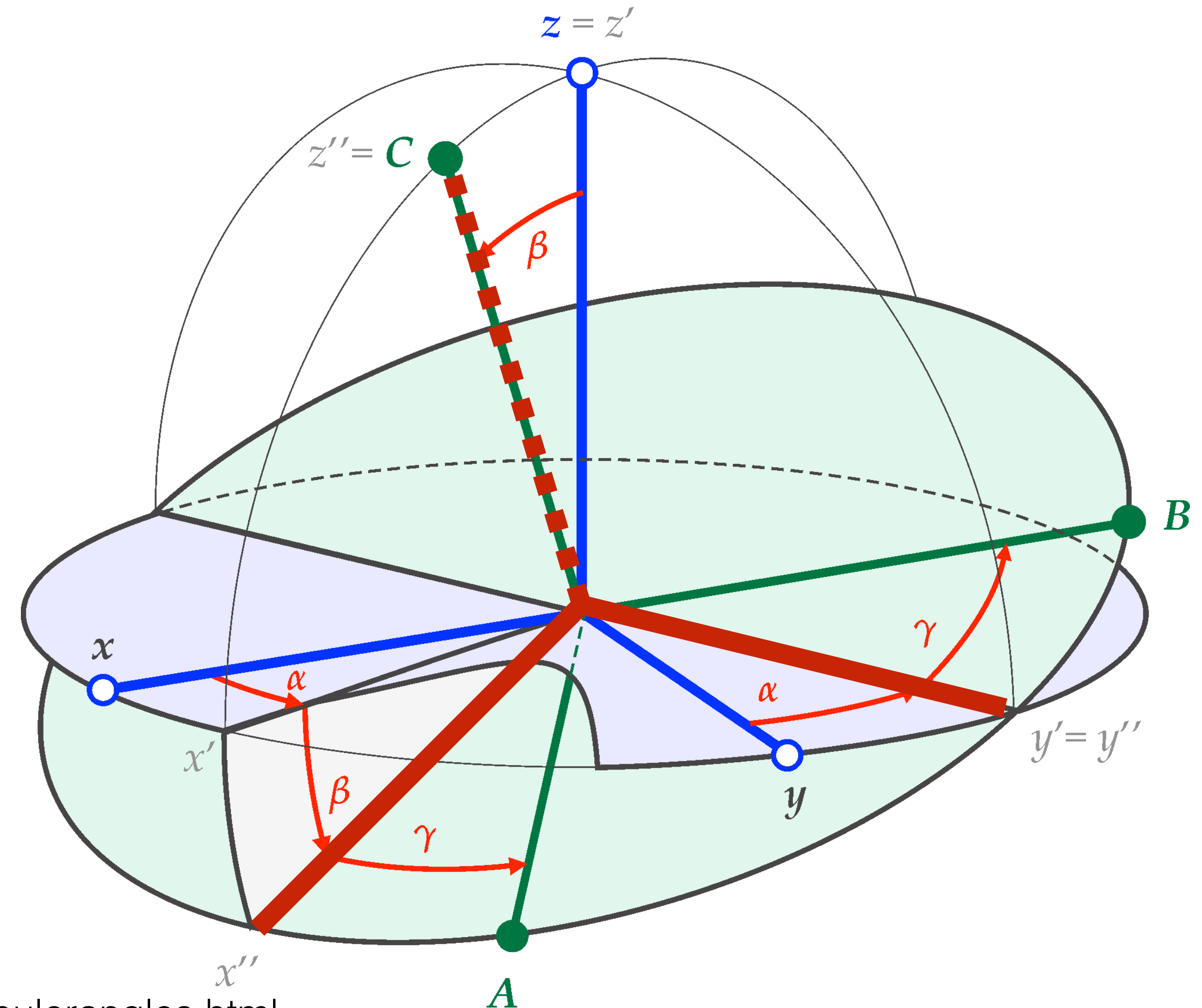


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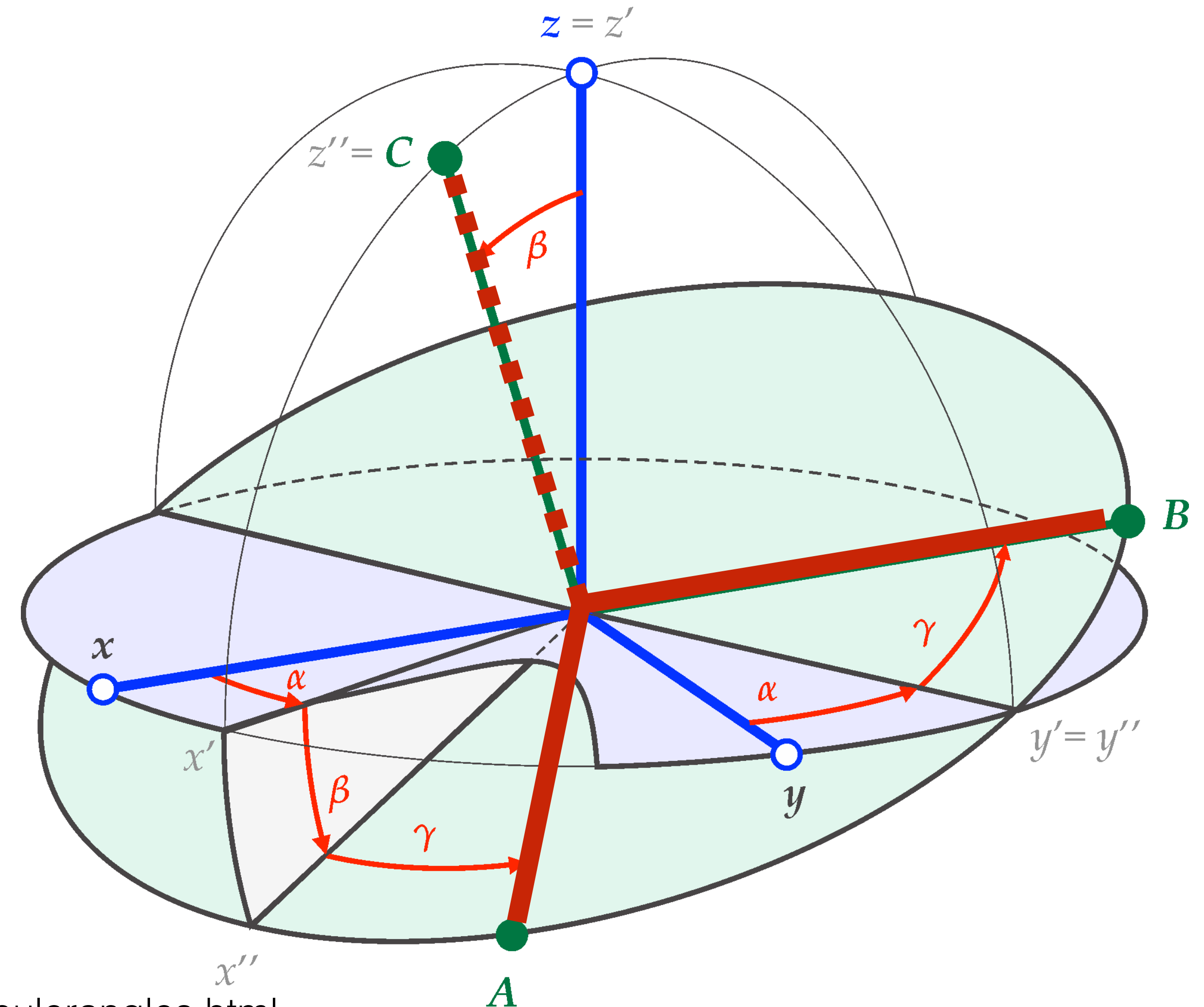


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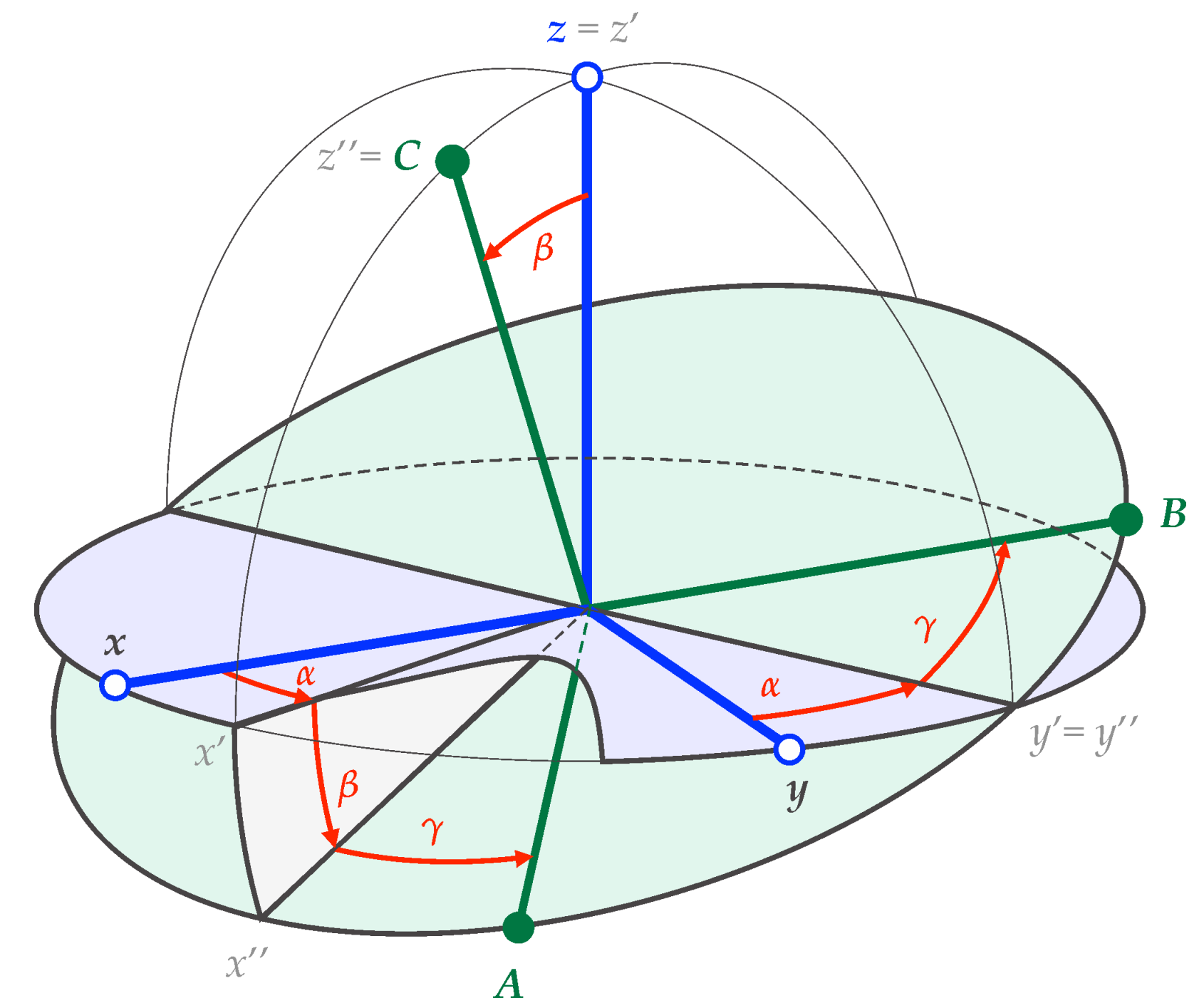
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 \end{aligned}$$



Each rotation changes the non-rotated axes
results in a new frame for the next rotation

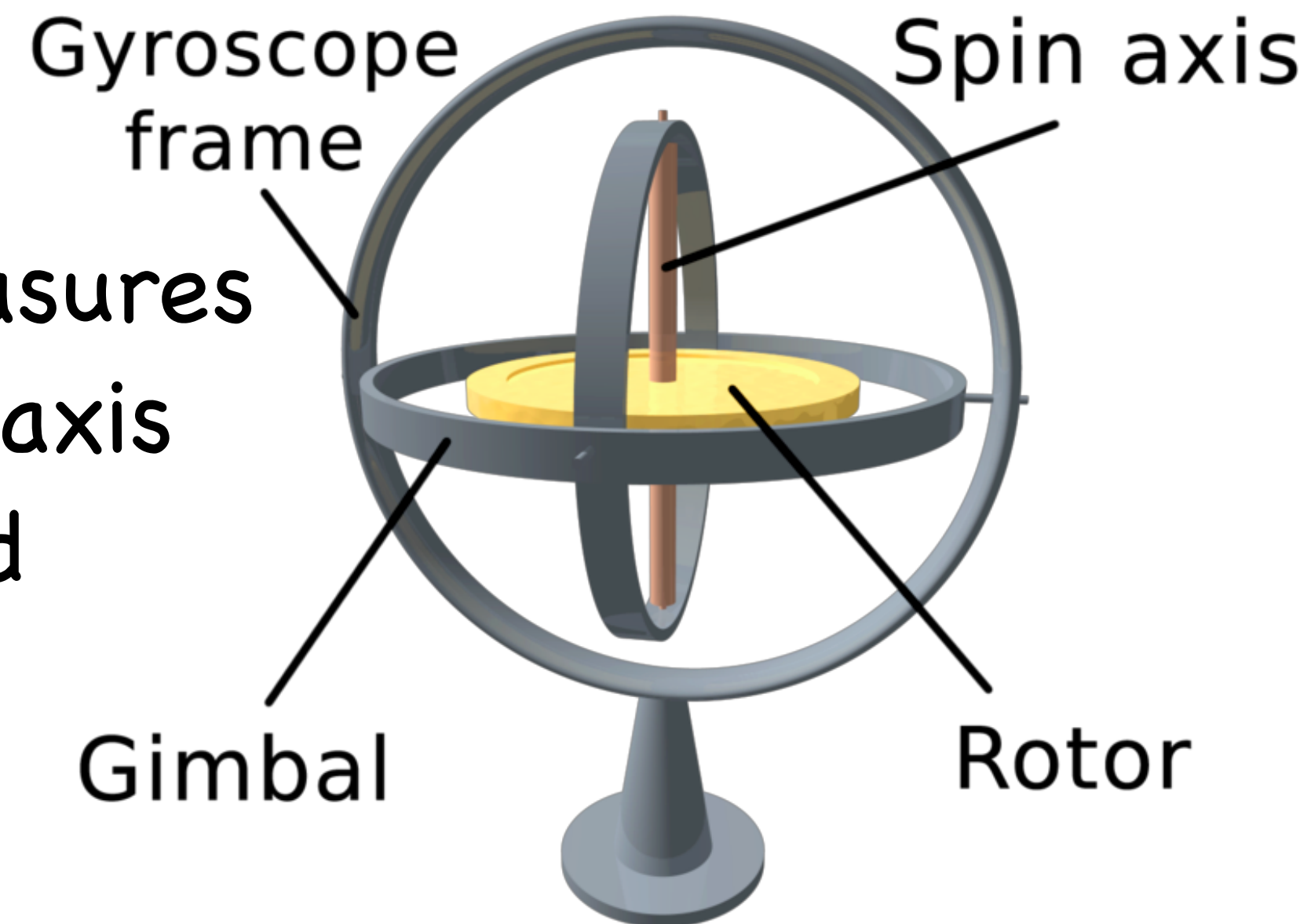
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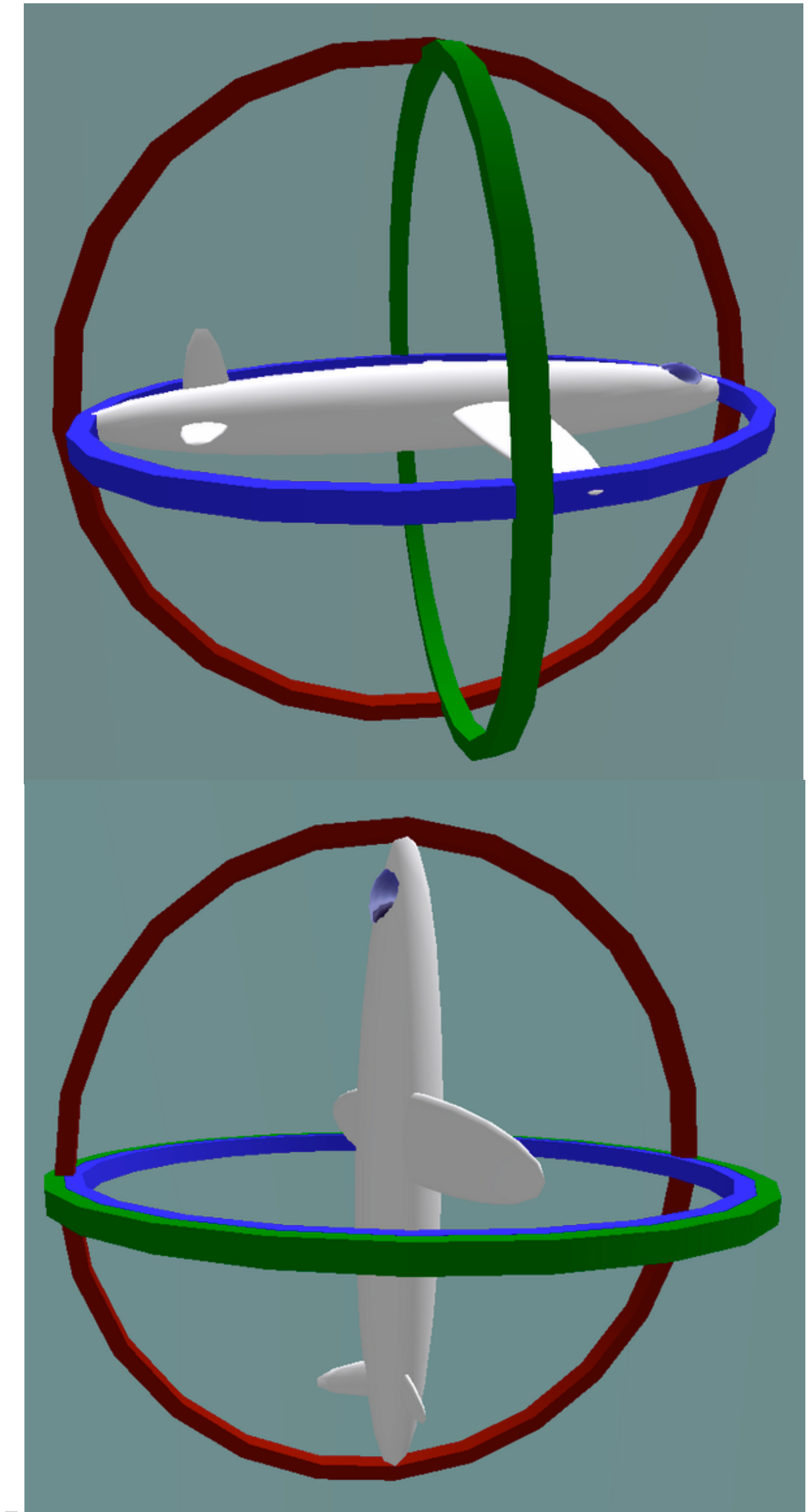
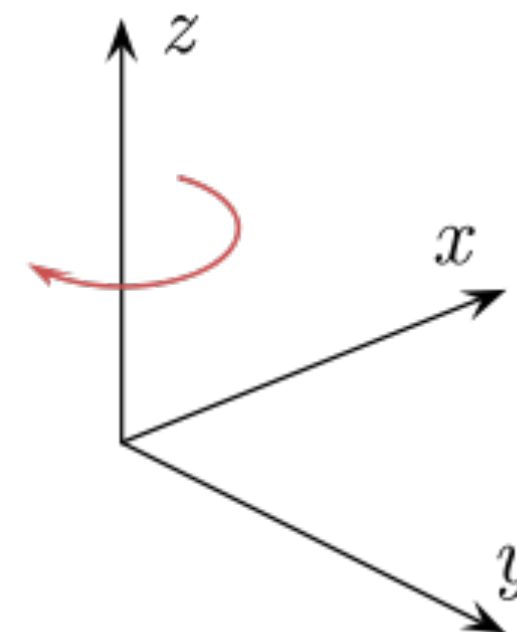
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Consider gyroscope

Gyroscope measures
angle on each axis
(wrt frame and
wheel)



Rotate about each axis in order
 $R = R_x(\Theta_x) R_y(\Theta_y) R_z(\Theta_z)$

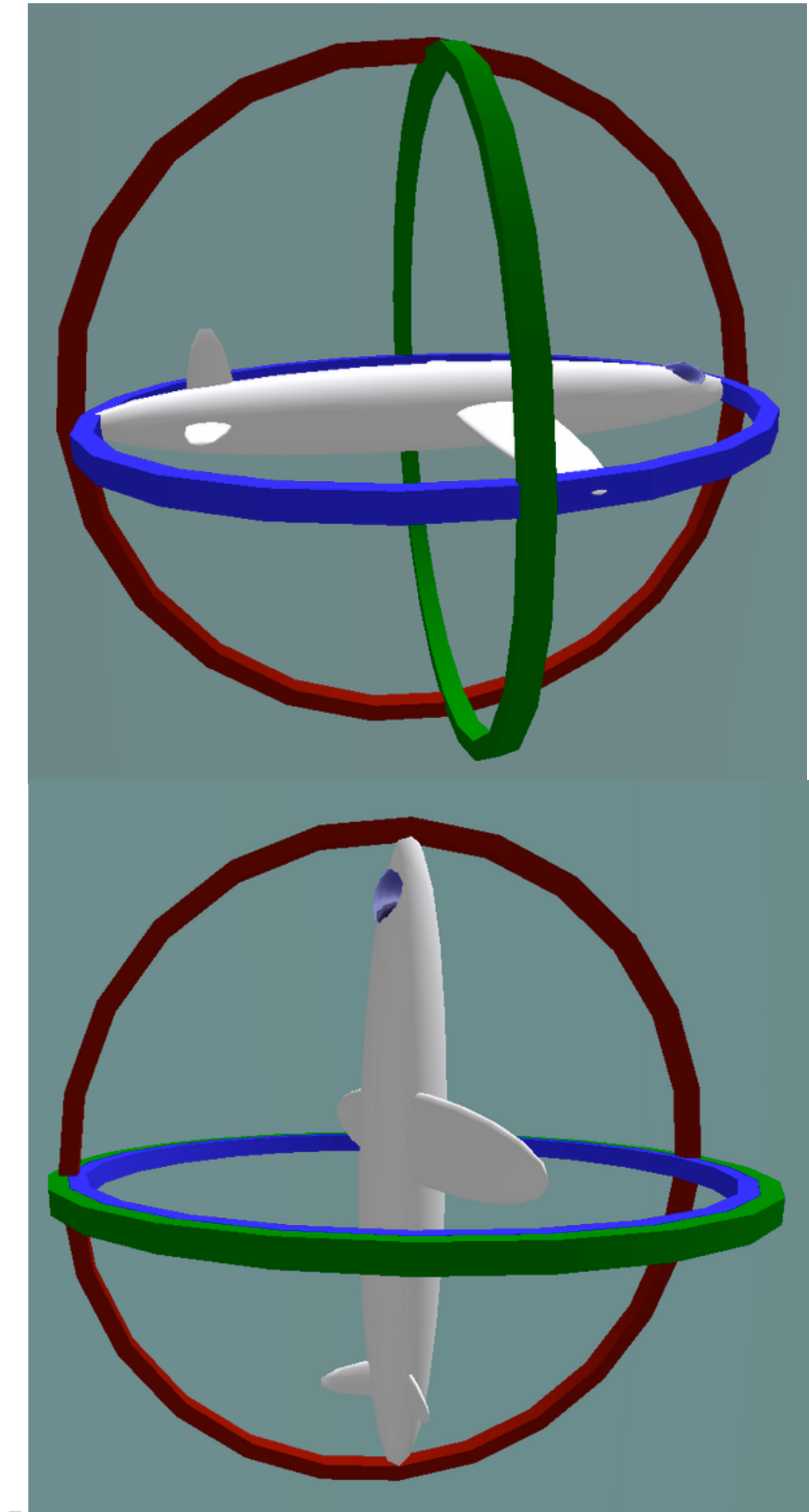
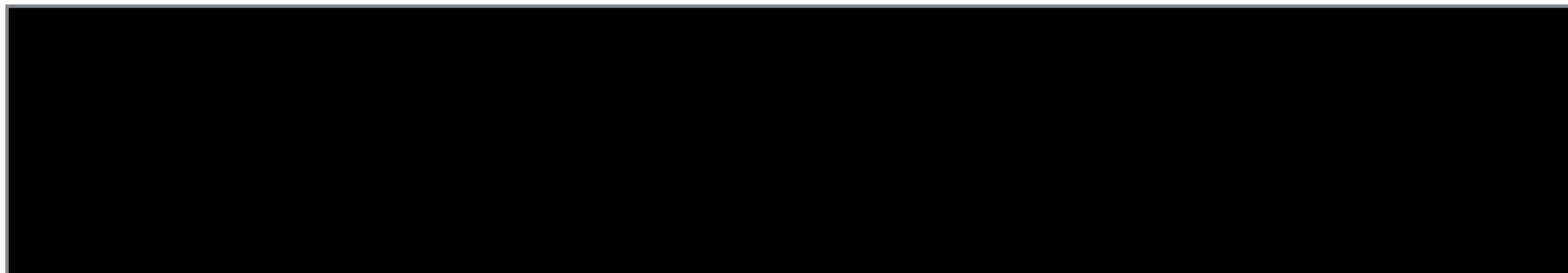


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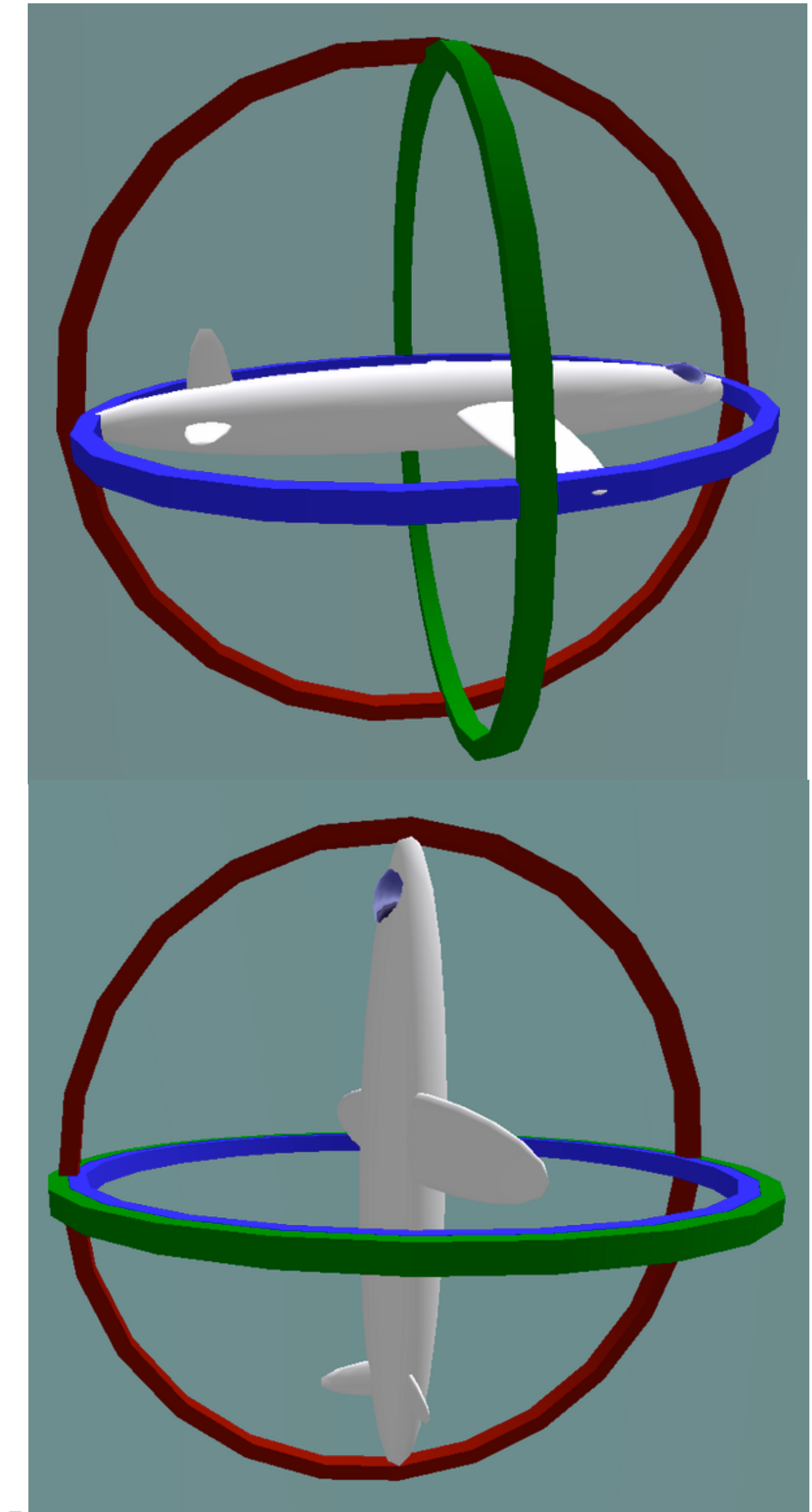
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How many linearly independent axes are available when gimbal lock occurs?



Consider a few examples
(on your own)

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Rotation now only occurs about z-axis

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$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \sin(\alpha + \gamma) & \cos(\alpha + \gamma) & 0 \\ -\cos(\alpha + \gamma) & \sin(\alpha + \gamma) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

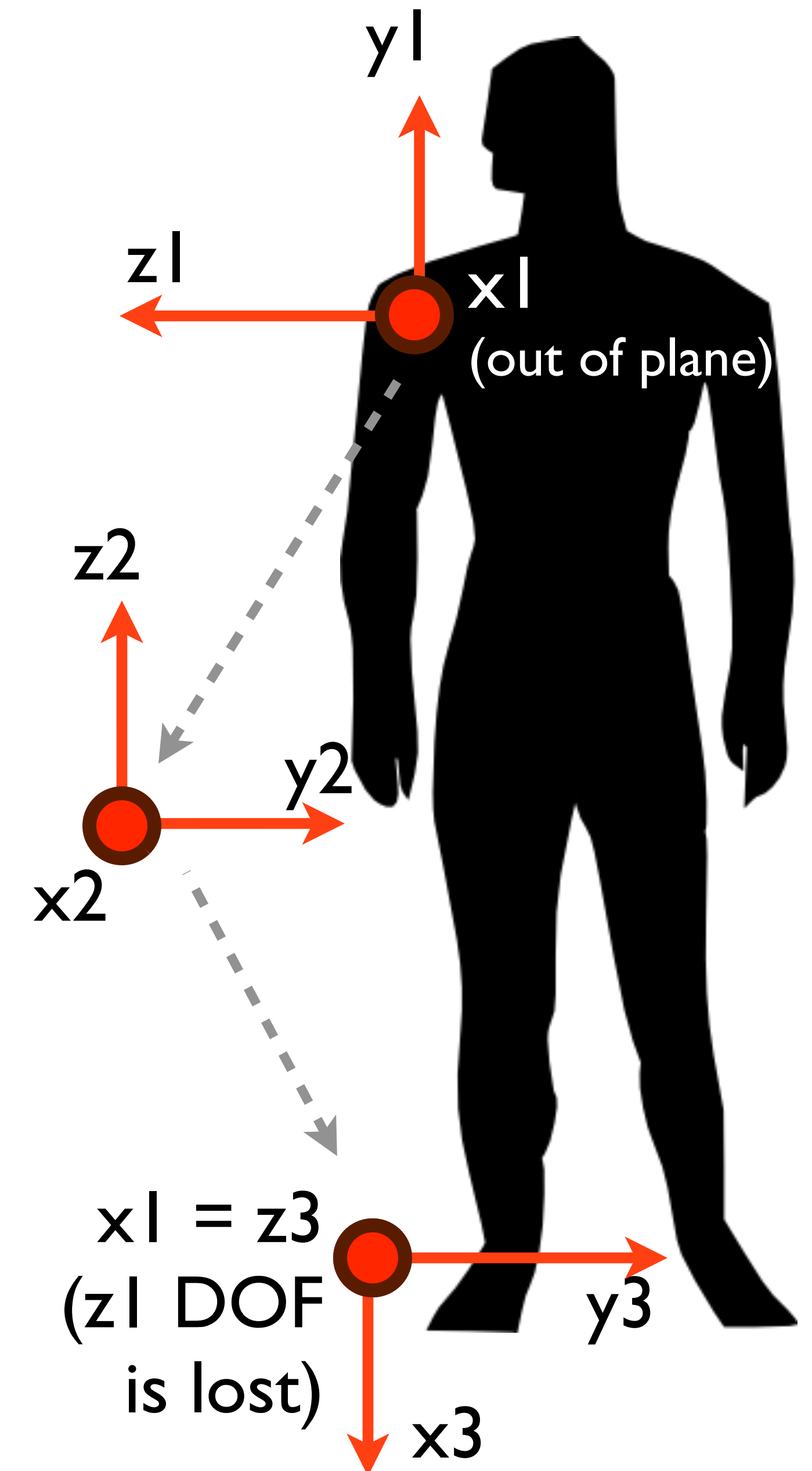
try multiplying
by a vector

beta must change from $\pi/2$ in order for alpha and gamma to have proper effect

Gimbal lock example

rotation order: X then Y then Z

- Consider: $R_z(90^\circ) R_y(90^\circ) R_x(90^\circ)$
- Rotate your arm upward 90 degrees about initial x-axis
- Rotate 90 degrees downward about new y-axis
gimbal lock occurs: current z-axis aligns with initial x-axis
- Rotate 90 degrees about new z-axis
rotation occurs about initial x-axis
return to approximately original pose
- Remember: rotations axes move with rotations



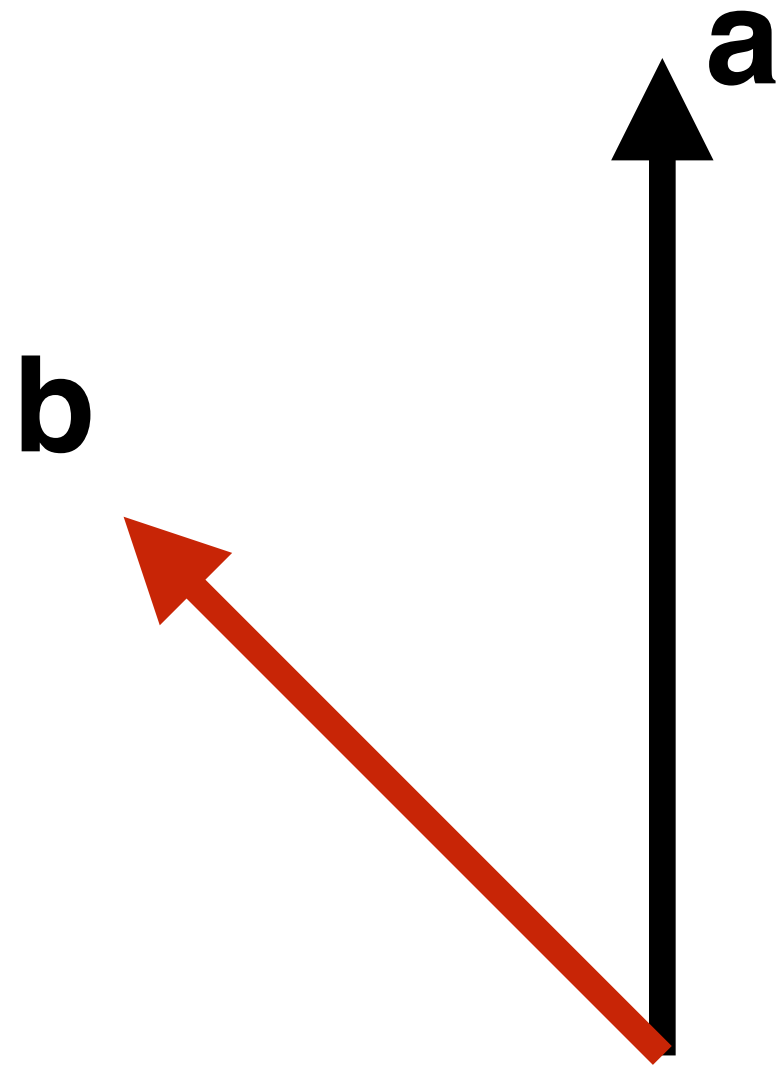
Let's try rotating about an axis

Rodrigues Axis-Angle Rotation



Benjamin Olinde Rodrigues
1795-1851

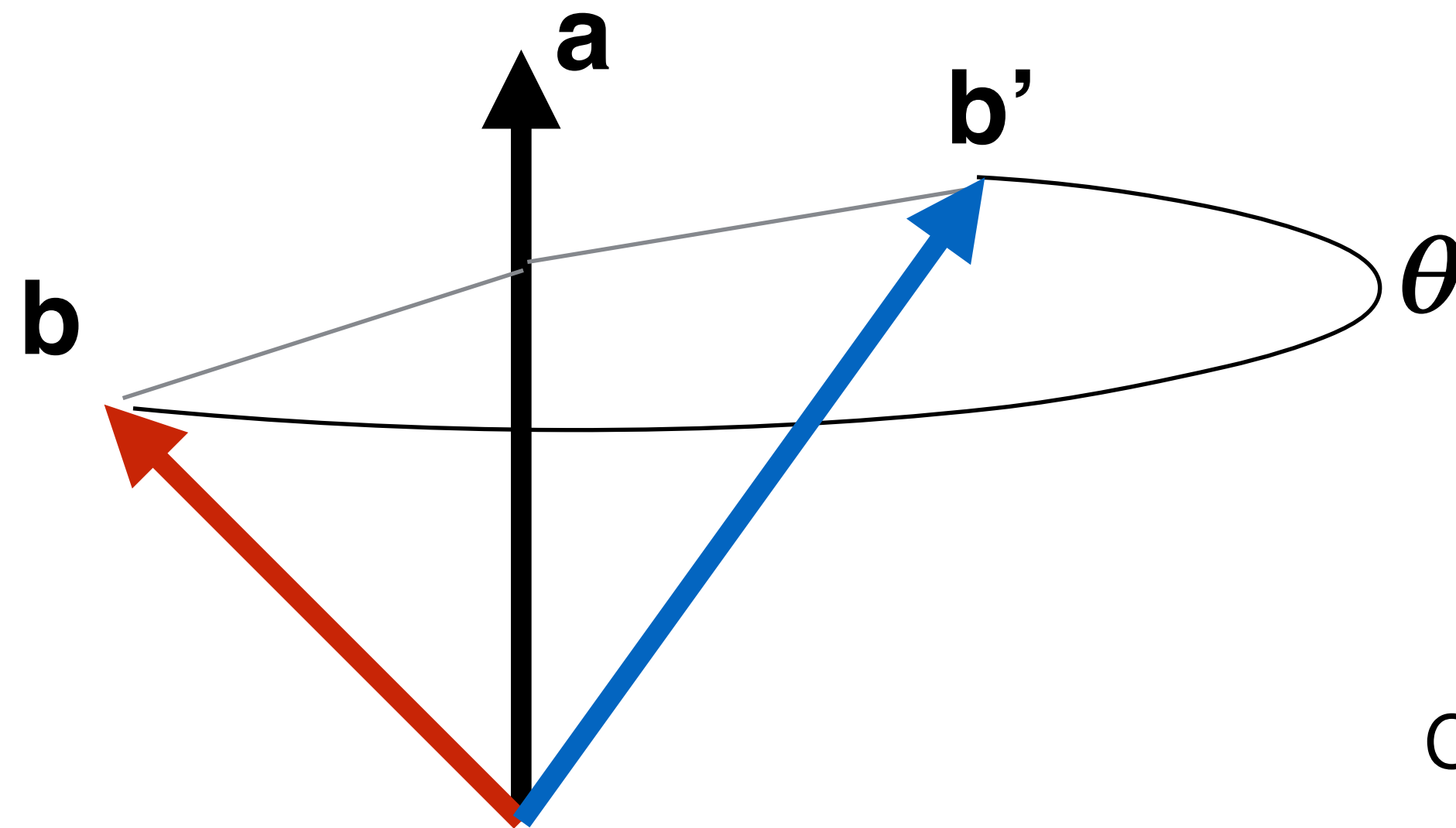
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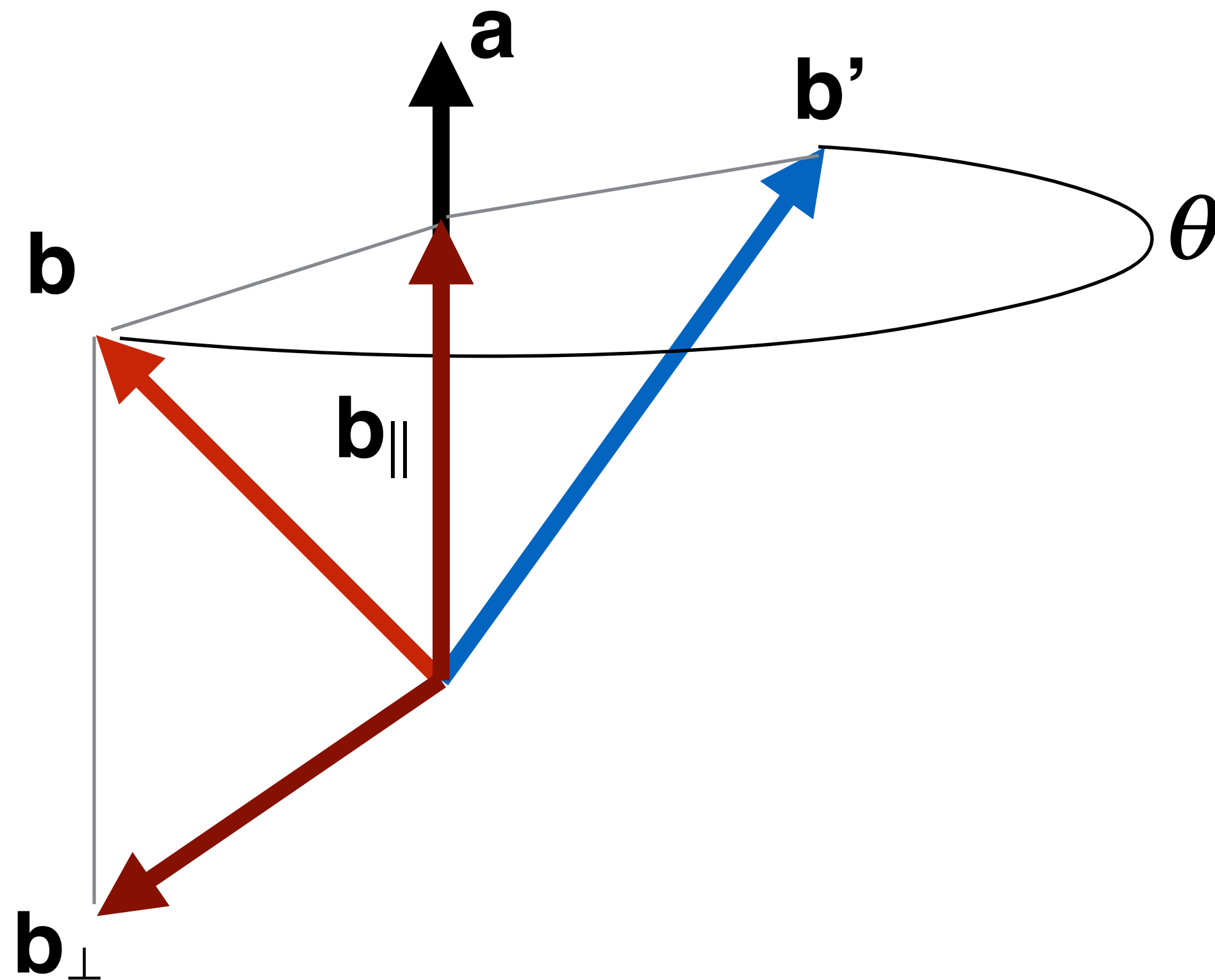
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Given two vectors **a** and **b**,
compute **b'** as rotation of **b** around **a** by θ

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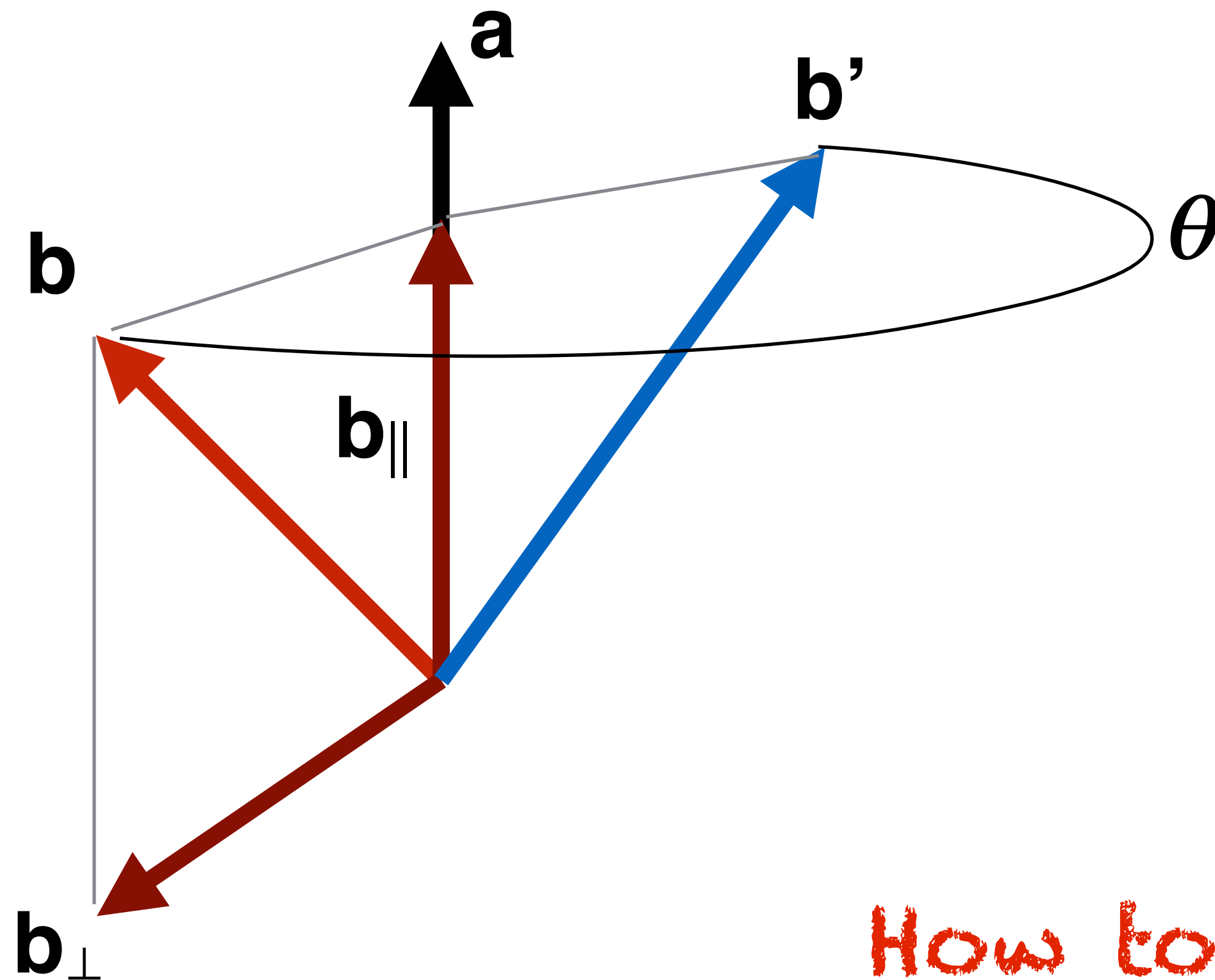
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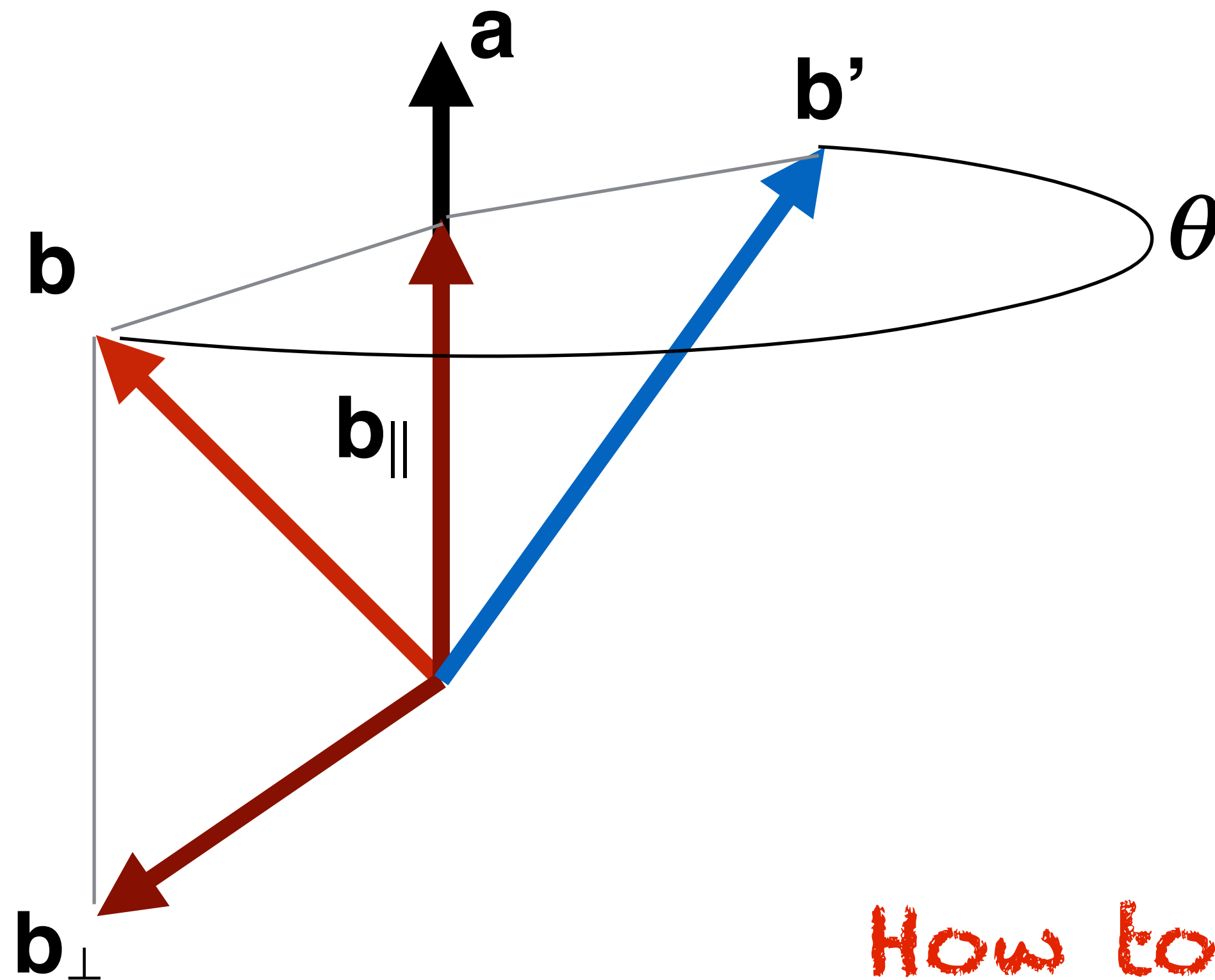
Operator to compute $\mathbf{b}_{||}$?

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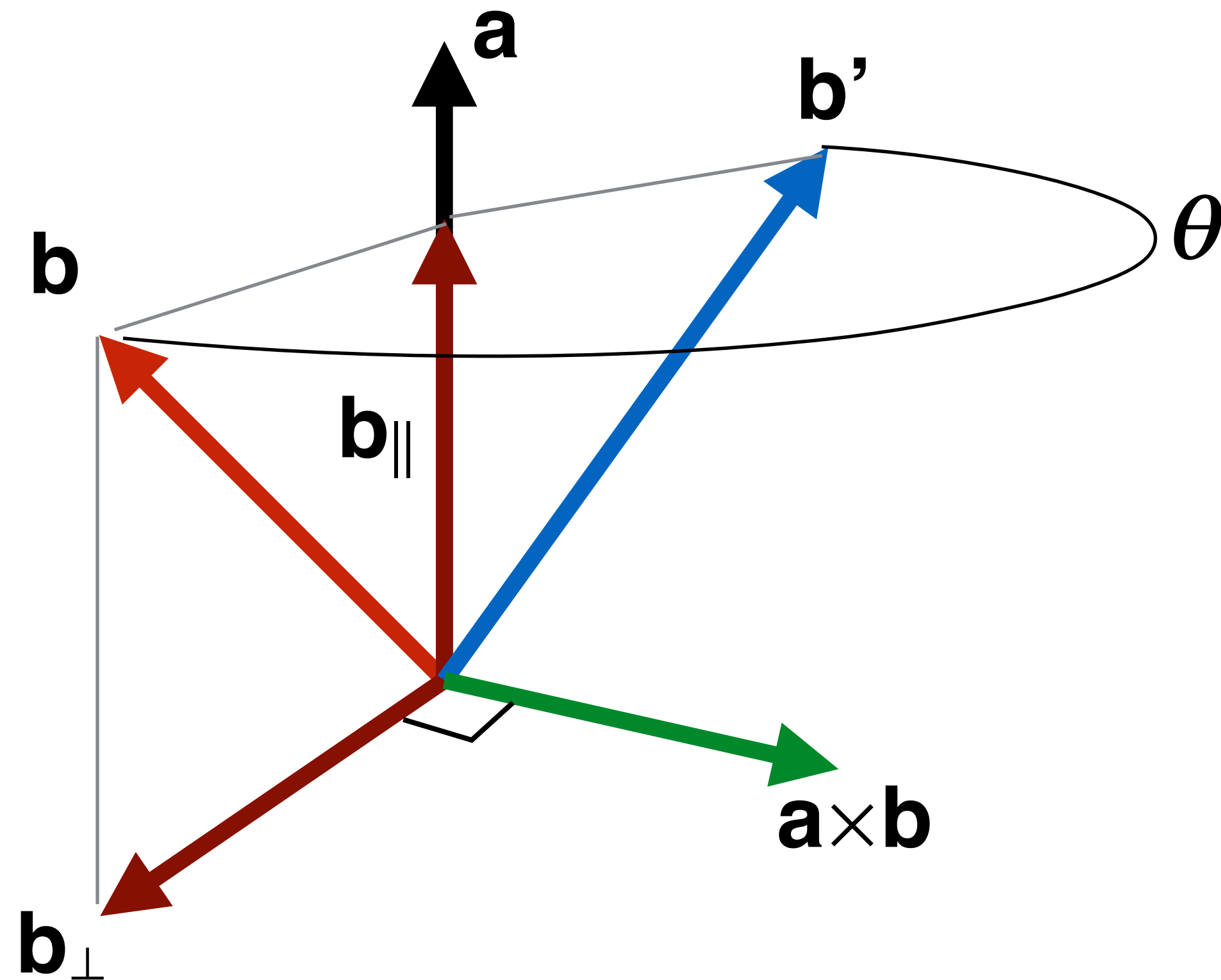
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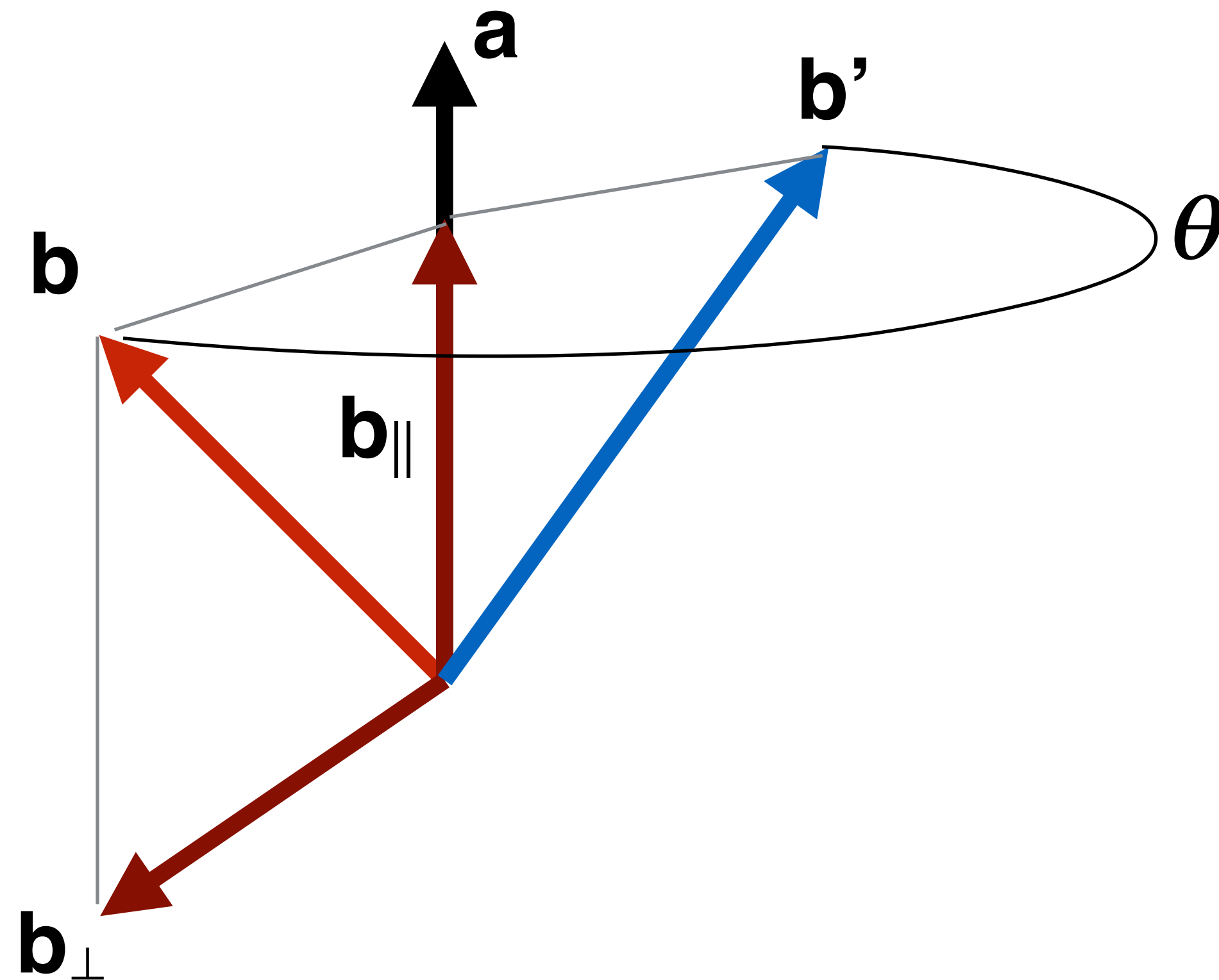
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$$\mathbf{b}_{\perp} = -\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$$

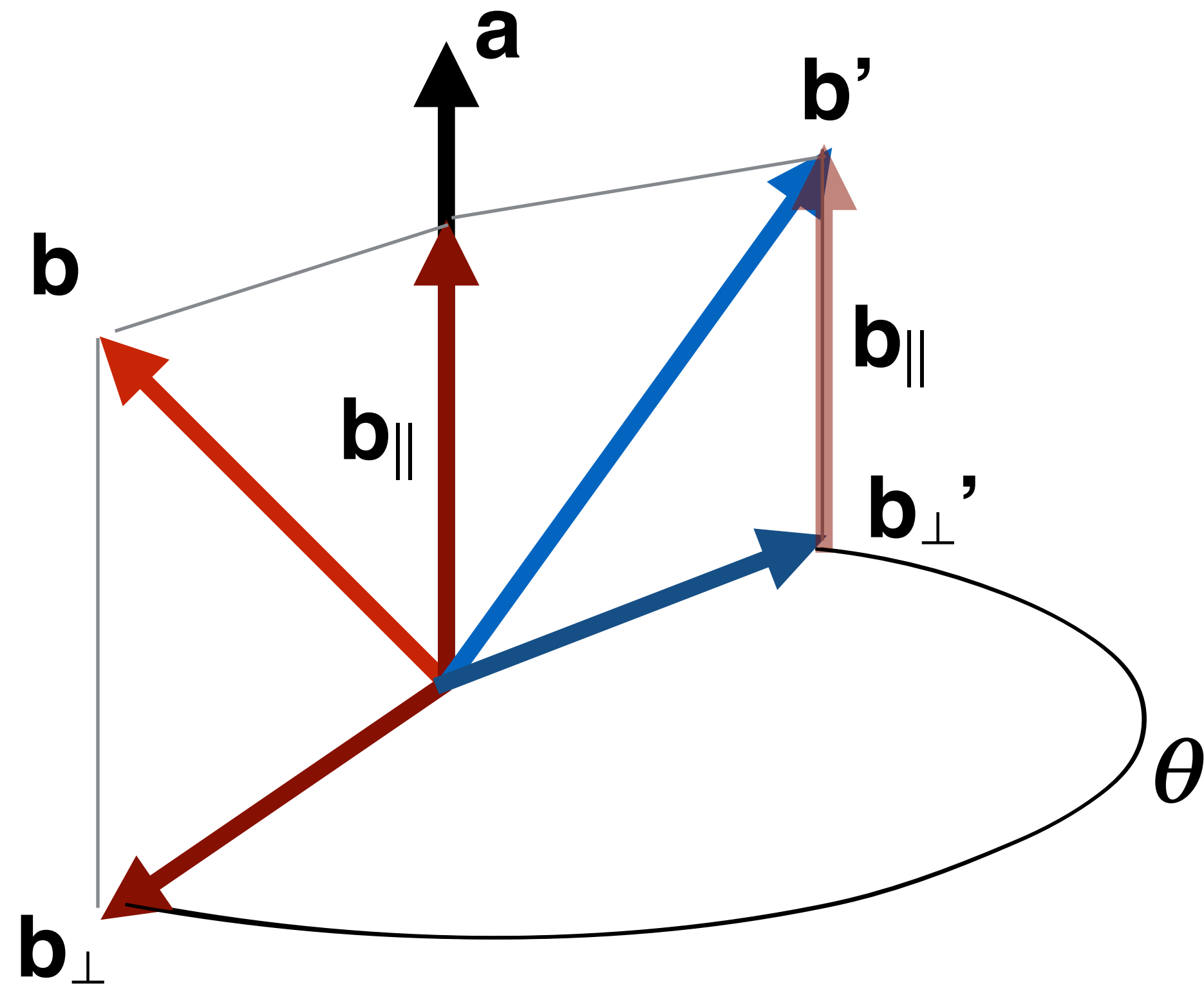
such that **b = b_{||} + b_⊥**

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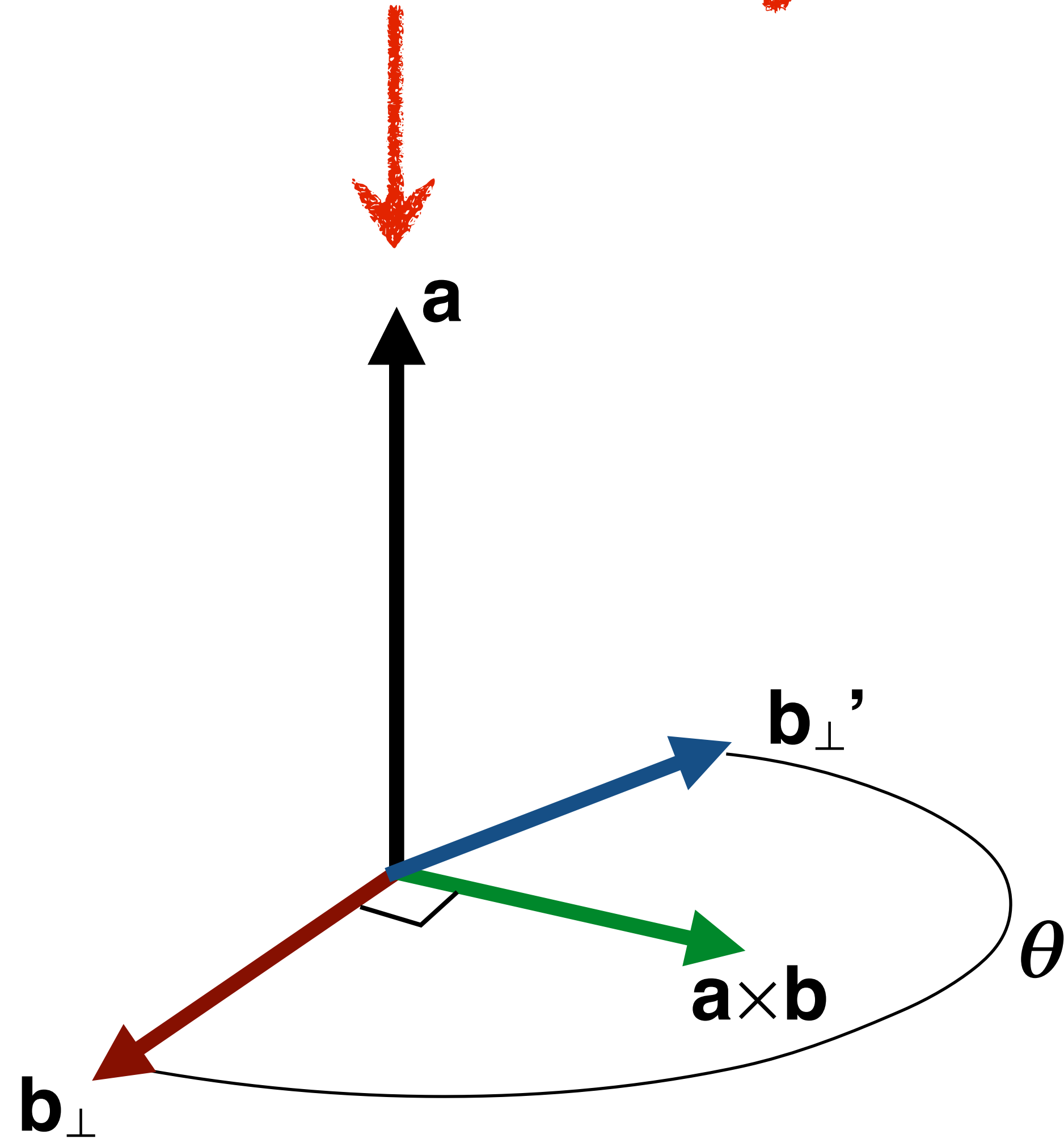
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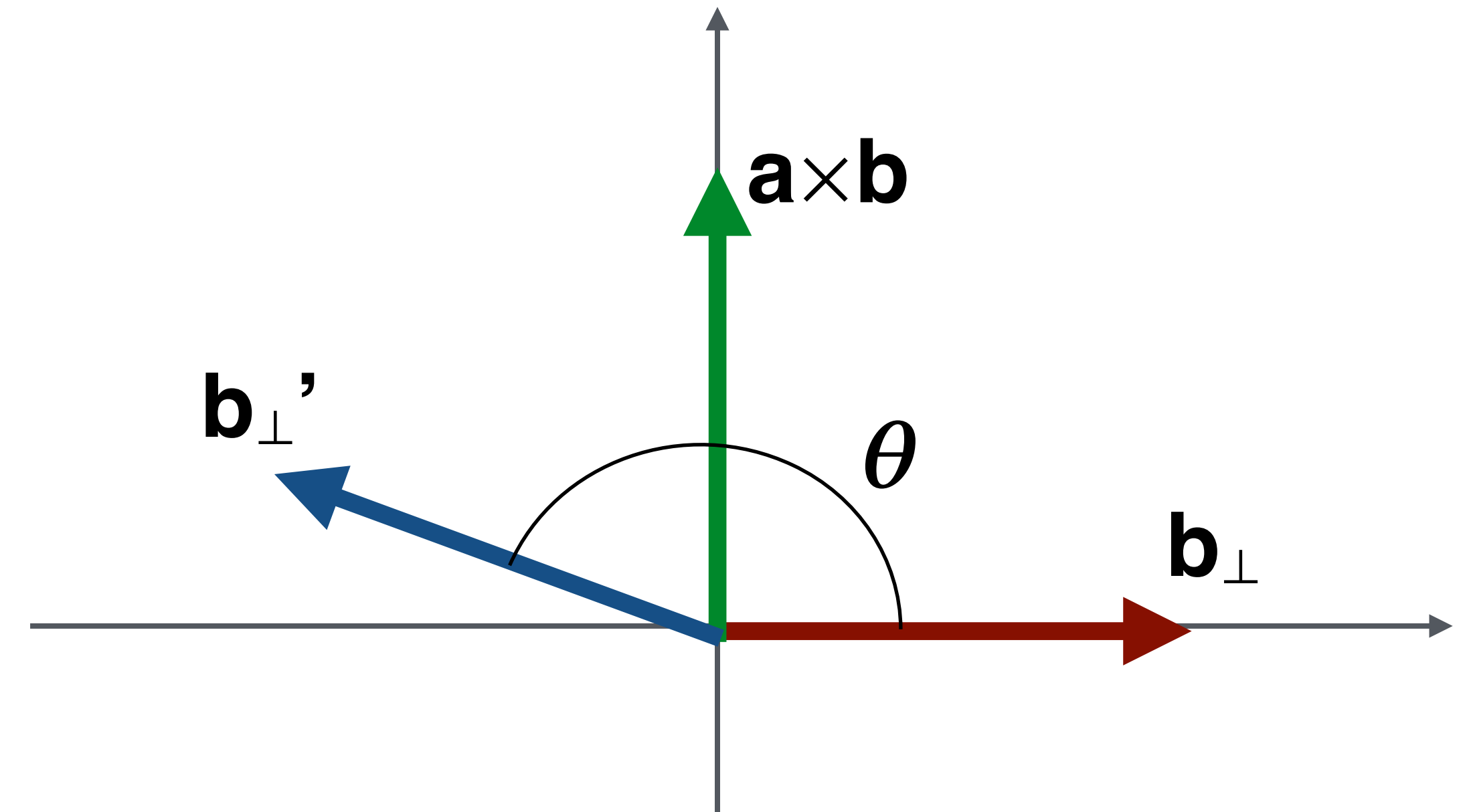
then rotation of $\mathbf{b}$ is $\mathbf{b}_{||} + \mathbf{b}_{\perp}'$

What makes us think we can rotate $\mathbf{b}_{\perp}$ around $\mathbf{a}$?

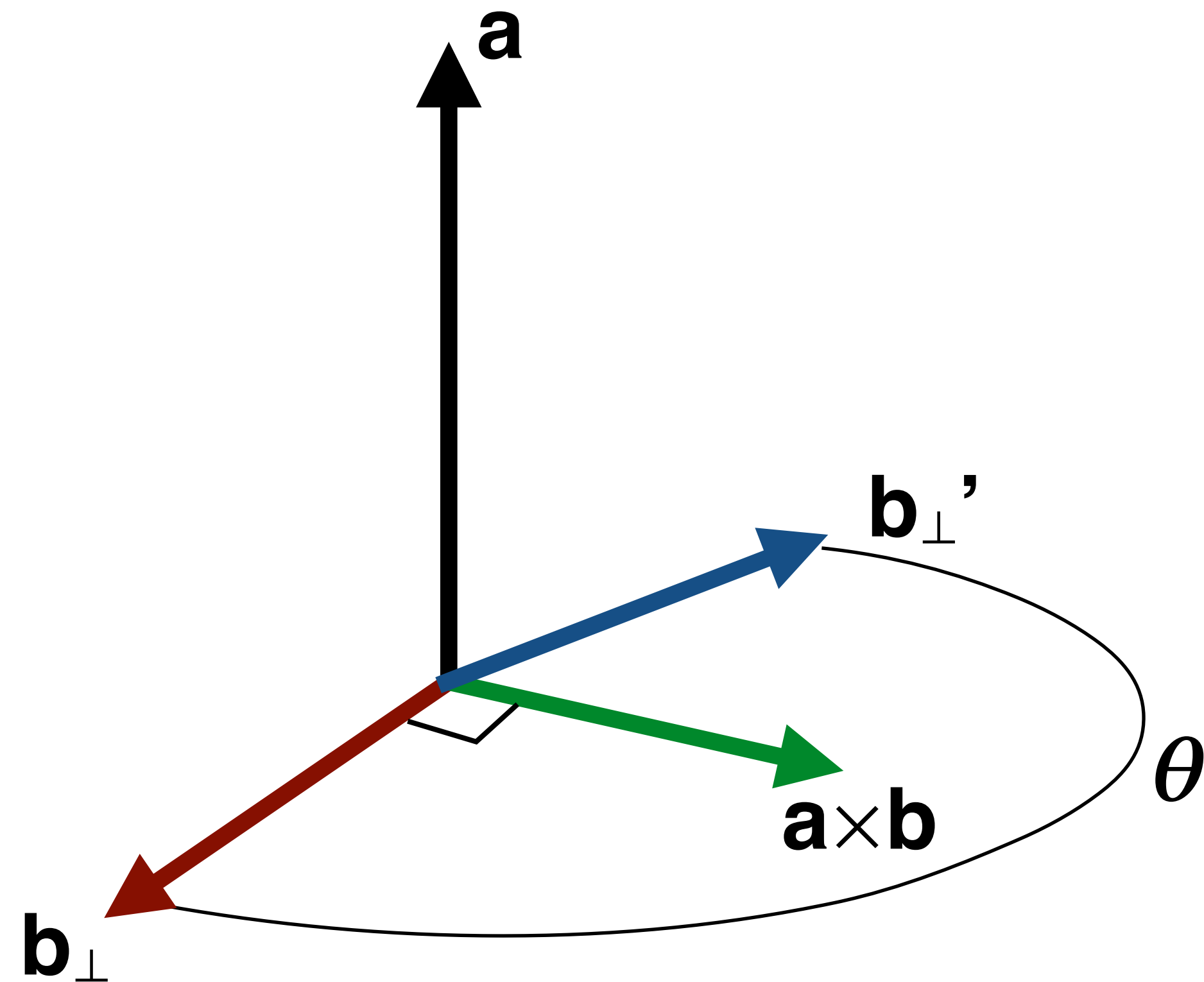
look this way



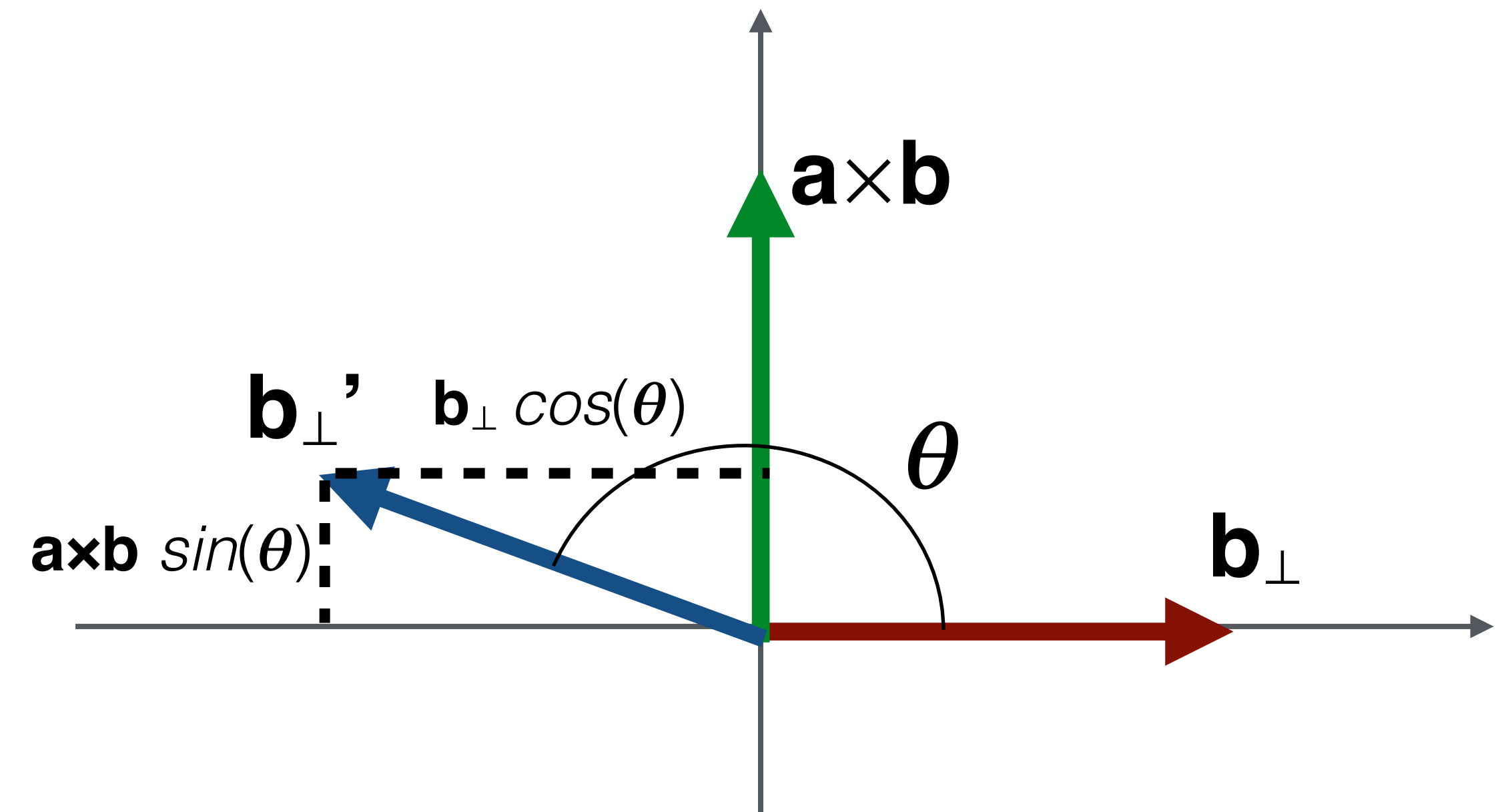
plane orthogonal to $\mathbf{a}$ defined by
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assume $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ aligned with x-axis $\mathbf{e}_1$
and $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ aligned with y-axis $\mathbf{e}_2$

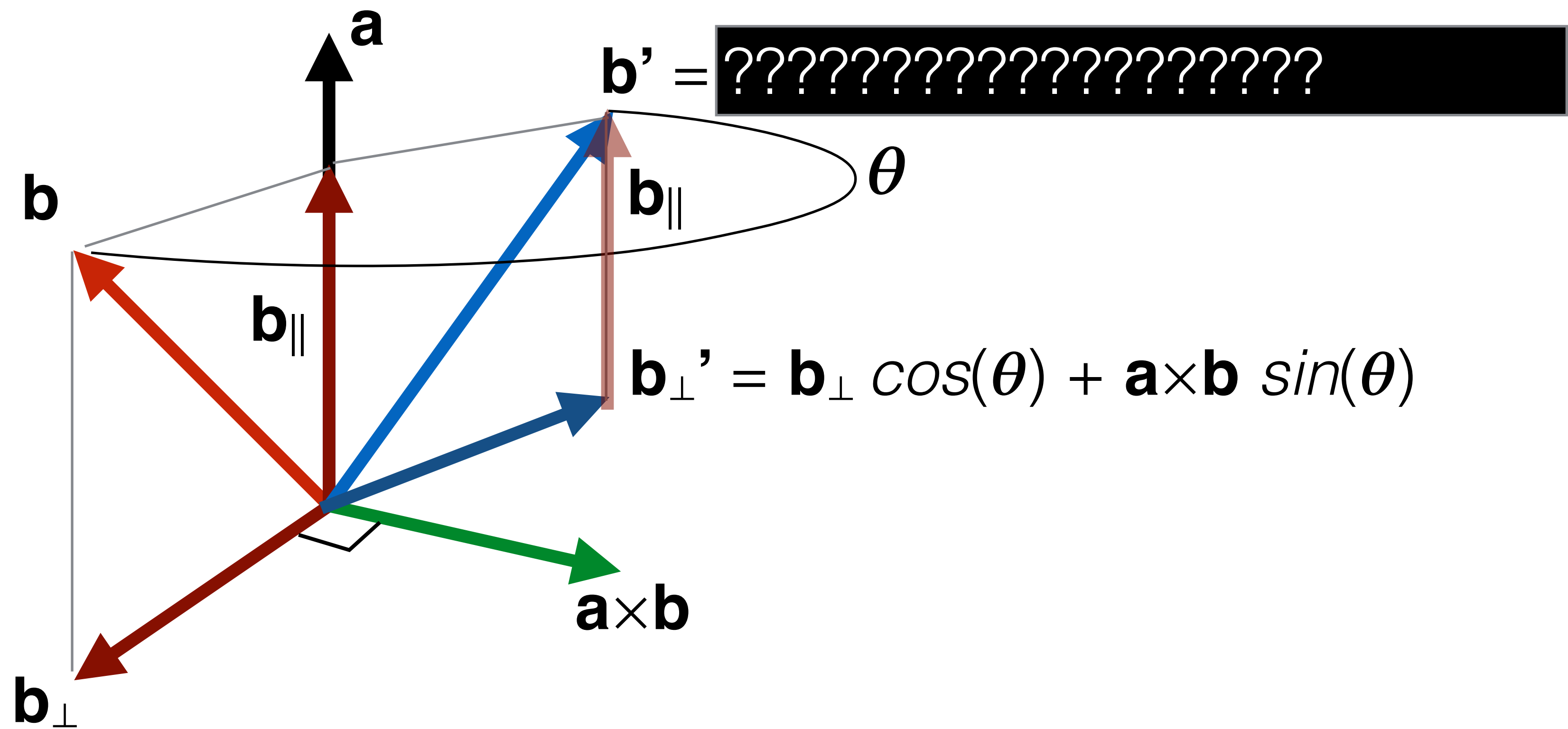


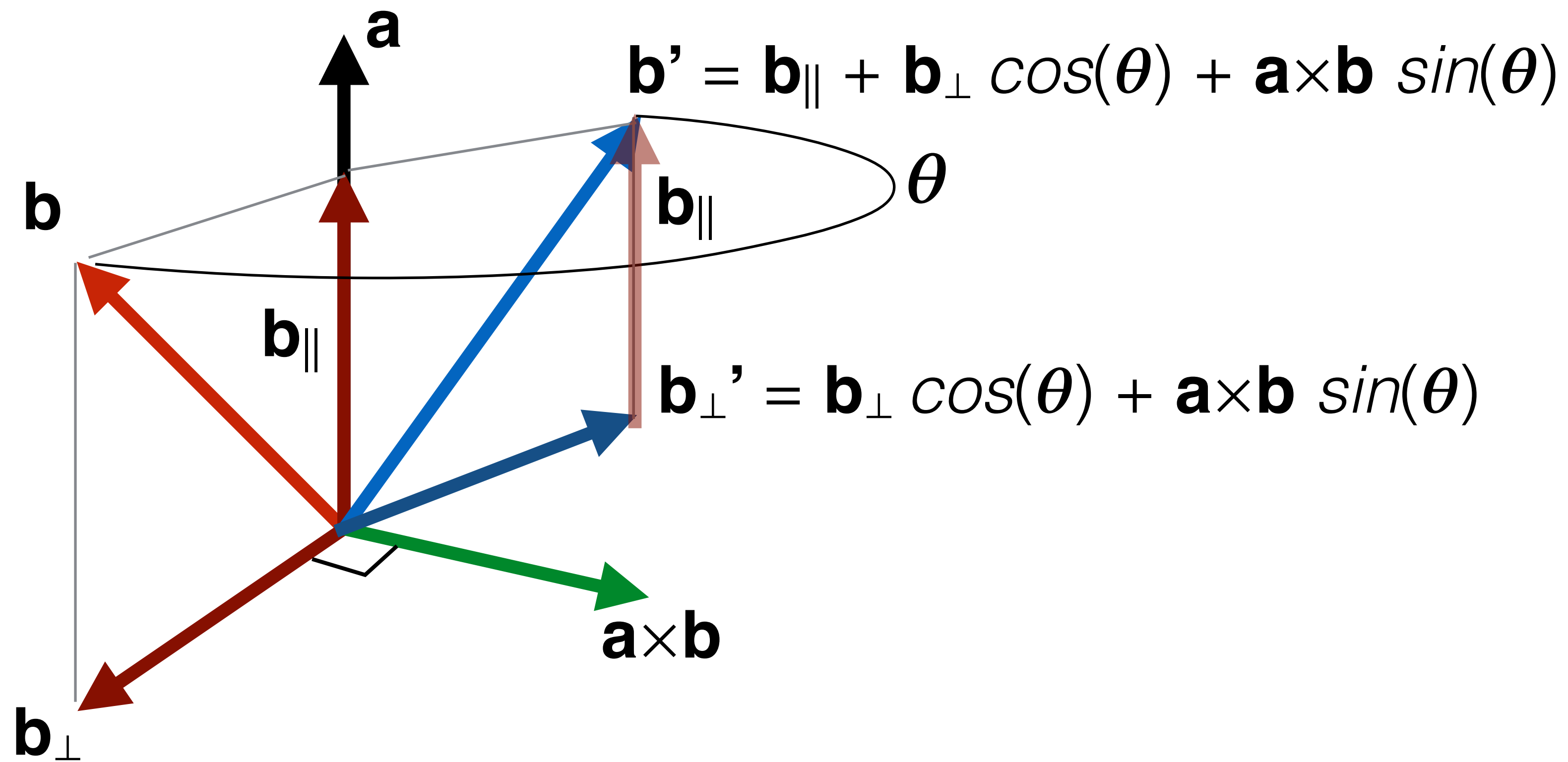
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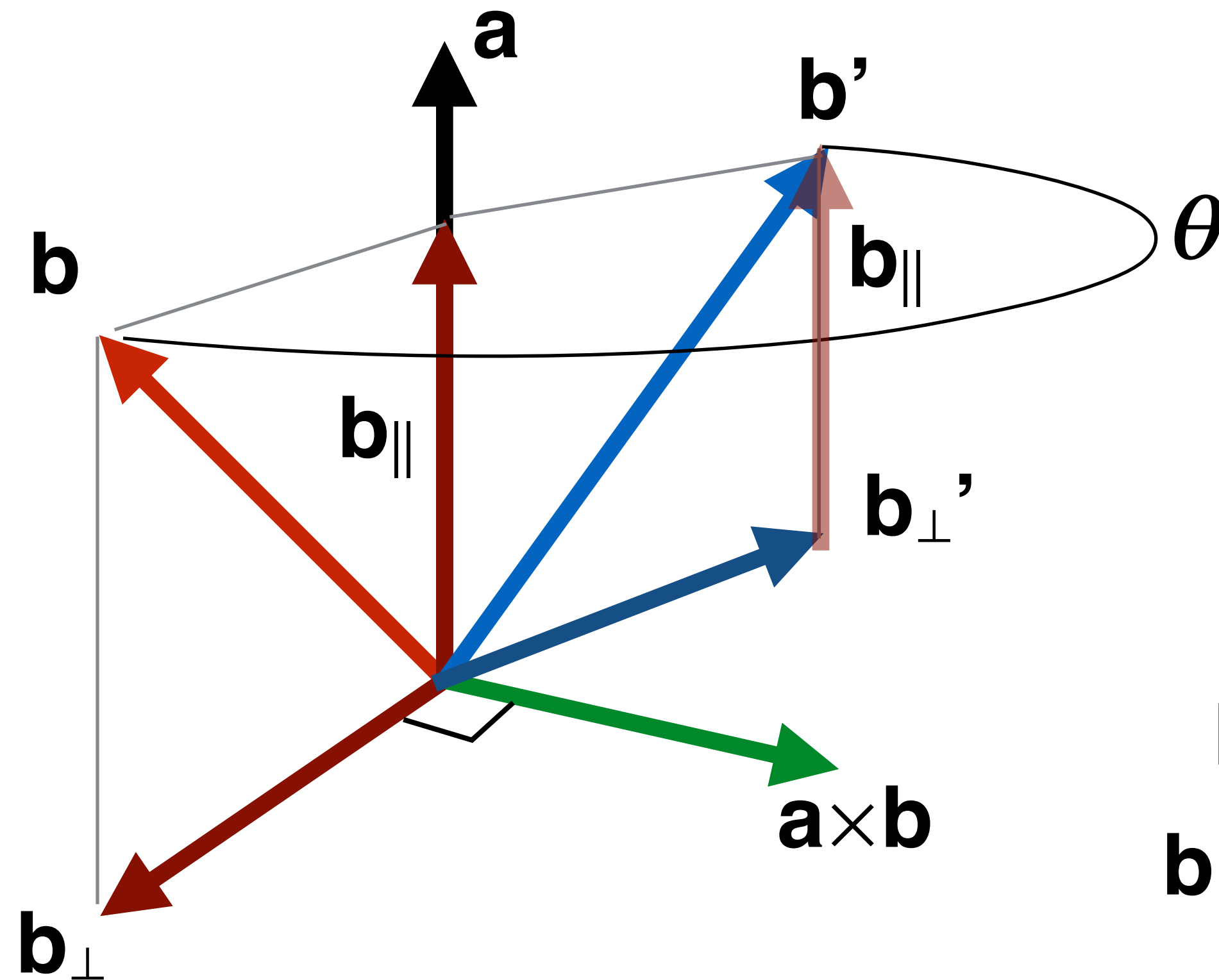
rotation of $\mathbf{b}_\perp$ by θ is then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{b}_\perp' &= \mathbf{e}_1 \cos(\theta) + \mathbf{e}_2 \sin(\theta) \\ &= \mathbf{b}_\perp \cos(\theta) + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \sin(\theta)\end{aligned}$$





Rodrigues Rotation Formula



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group $\mathbf{b}_{\parallel}$ terms

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skew symmetric matrix
of vector $\mathbf{u}$

$$[\mathbf{u}]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -u_z & u_y \\ u_z & 0 & -u_x \\ -u_y & u_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

cross product is multiplication
with skew symmetric matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v})_x \\ (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v})_y \\ (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v})_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_y v_z - k_z v_y \\ k_z v_x - k_x v_z \\ k_x v_y - k_y v_x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -k_z & k_y \\ k_z & 0 & -k_x \\ -k_y & k_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}.$$

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resulting rotation matrix

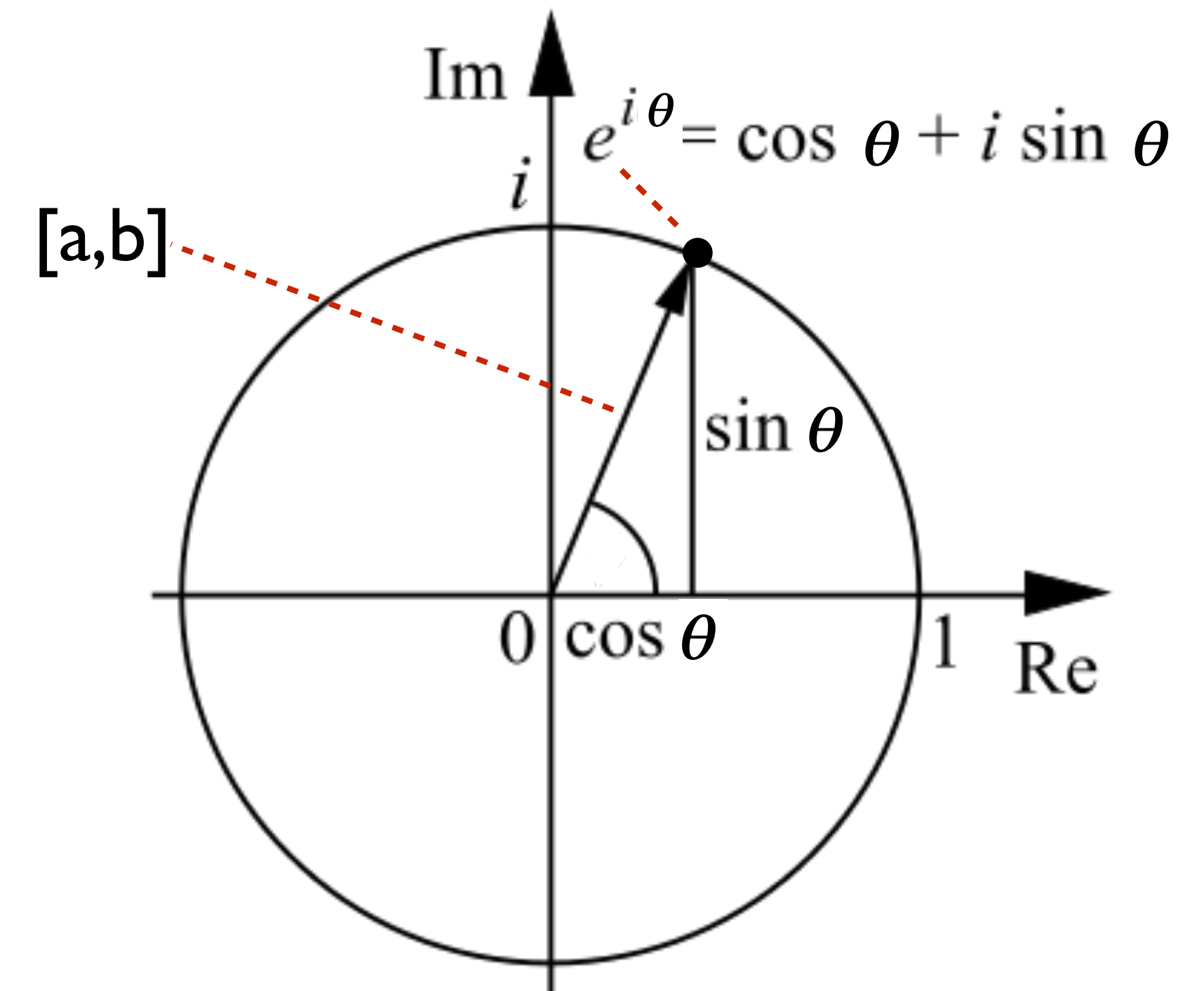
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Rotation by complex numbers

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- Complex number: $a + bi$, $i = \text{sqrt}(-1)$
- $[a,b]$ is unit vector in 2D real/imaginary space, and Θ is rotation angle
- Additional 2D rotation can be performed as a complex multiplication, with polar coordinates: $a_i = \cos(\Theta_i)$ and $b_i = \sin(\Theta_i)$
- Euler's Formula $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$
- Multiplication of two complex numbers (z and w) composes rotation



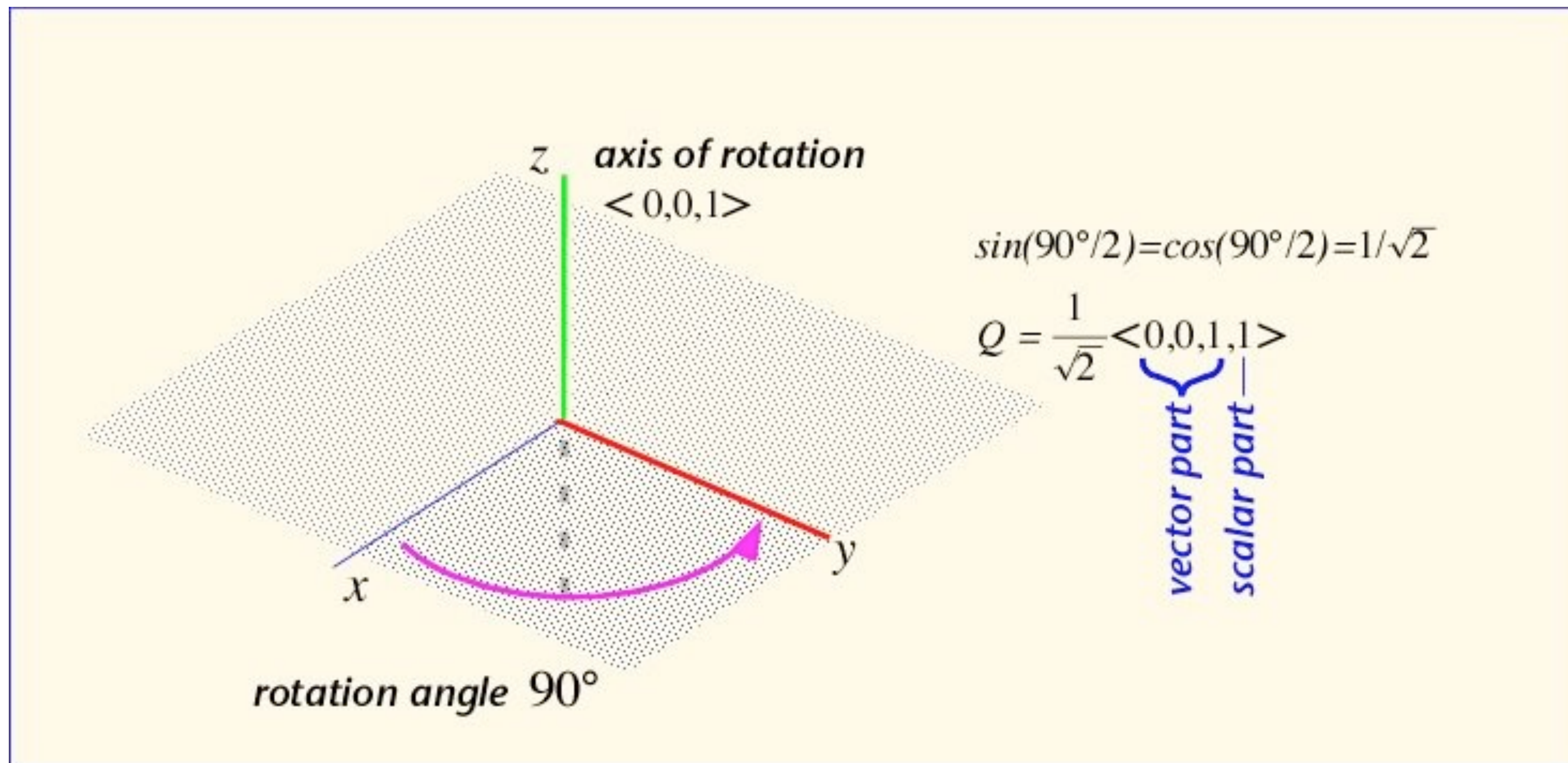
$$zw = (a + bi)(c + di) = e^{i\phi} r e^{i\theta} = r e^{i(\theta+\phi)}$$

Rotation by Quaternion

(No axis order, No gimbal lock)

Quaternions can perform Rodrigues axis-angle 3D rotation

Provide a clean mathematical expression for rotation composition and interpolation



Quaternion

Quaternion plaque on Brougham (Broom) Bridge, Dublin



Sir William Rowan Hamilton
(1805-1865)

Here as he walked by on the 16th of October 1843 Sir William Rowan Hamilton in a flash of genius discovered the fundamental formula for quaternion multiplication $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$ & cut it on a stone of this bridge

Quaternions in 3D

- Uses three imaginary numbers ($\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$) to provide a basis that satisfies

- $\mathbf{i}^2 = -1, \mathbf{j}^2 = -1, \mathbf{k}^2 = -1$

- $\mathbf{ij} = \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{jk} = \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{ki} = \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{ji} = -\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{kj} = -\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{ik} = -\mathbf{j}$

- Forms a real 3D basis indicated by cross product relations

$$\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{i}$$

- Quaternion defined as $\mathbf{q} = a + b\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} + d\mathbf{k}$

- where a, b, c, d are scalars

- breaks down into real scalar and imaginary vector: $\mathbf{q} = (a, [b, c, d]) = (r, \mathbf{v})$

Note: q is typically configuration, but will be used temporarily as a quaternion

Quaternions in 3D

- Set of quaternions is a vector space and has three operations

- Addition $(r_1, \vec{v}_1) + (r_2, \vec{v}_2) = (r_1 + r_2, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2)$

$$\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 = (a + b\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} + d\mathbf{k})(e + f\mathbf{i} + g\mathbf{j} + h\mathbf{k}) = (a + e) + (b + f)\mathbf{i} + (c + g)\mathbf{j} + (d + h)\mathbf{k}$$

- Scalar multiplication $s\mathbf{q}_1 = (sa) + (sb)\mathbf{i} + (sc)\mathbf{j} + (sd)\mathbf{k}$

- Quaternion multiplication $(r_1, \vec{v}_1)(r_2, \vec{v}_2) = (r_1r_2 - \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2, r_1\vec{v}_2 + r_2\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{q}_1\mathbf{q}_2 &= (a + b\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} + d\mathbf{k})(e + f\mathbf{i} + g\mathbf{j} + h\mathbf{k}) \\ &= (ae - bf - cg - dh) + (af + be + ch - dg)\mathbf{i} + (ag - bh + ce + df)\mathbf{j} + (ah + bg - cf + de)\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

- Not commutative: $\mathbf{q}_1\mathbf{q}_2 \neq \mathbf{q}_2\mathbf{q}_1$ Why?

Quaternion Properties

- Norm: $|\mathbf{q}|^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$
- Conjugate quaternion: $\overline{\mathbf{q}} = a - b\mathbf{i} - c\mathbf{j} - d\mathbf{k} = (a, -[b, c, d]) = (r, -\mathbf{v})$
- Inverse quaternion: $\mathbf{q}^{-1} = \overline{\mathbf{q}} / |\mathbf{q}|^2$
- Unit quaternion: $|\mathbf{q}| = 1$
- Inverse of unit quaternion: $\mathbf{q}^{-1} = \overline{\mathbf{q}}$

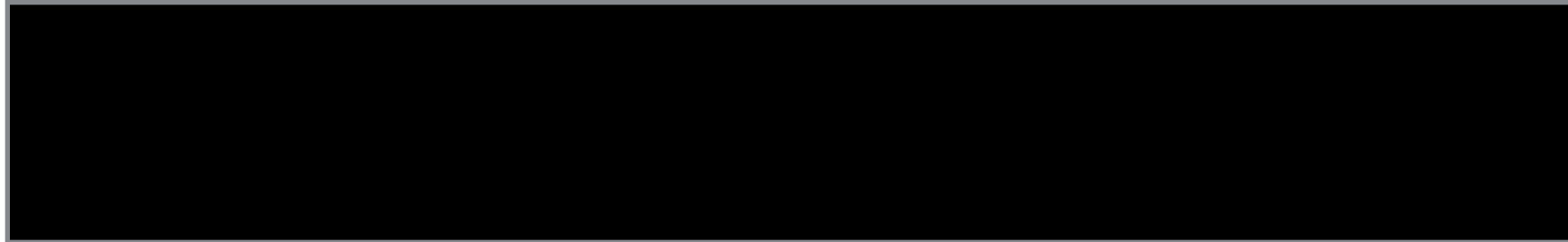
Rotation by Quaternion

- Rotations are represented by unit quaternions
 - quaternion is point on 4D unit sphere geometrically
- Quaternion $\mathbf{q} = (a, \mathbf{u}) = a + b\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} + d\mathbf{k} = (\cos(\Theta/2), \mathbf{u} \sin(\Theta/2))$
 $= [\cos(\Theta/2), u_x \sin(\Theta/2), u_y \sin(\Theta/2), u_z \sin(\Theta/2)]$
 - $\mathbf{u} = [u_x, u_y, u_z]$ is rotation axis, Θ rotation angle
- Rotating a 3D point $\mathbf{p}$ by unit quaternion $\mathbf{q}$ is performed by conjugation of $\mathbf{v}$ by $\mathbf{q}$
 - $\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{q}\mathbf{v}\mathbf{q}^{-1}$, where $\mathbf{q}^{-1} = a - \mathbf{u}$,
 - quaternion $\mathbf{v}$ is constructed from point $\mathbf{p}$ as $\mathbf{v} = 0 + \mathbf{p} = 0 + p_x\mathbf{i} + p_y\mathbf{j} + p_z\mathbf{k}$
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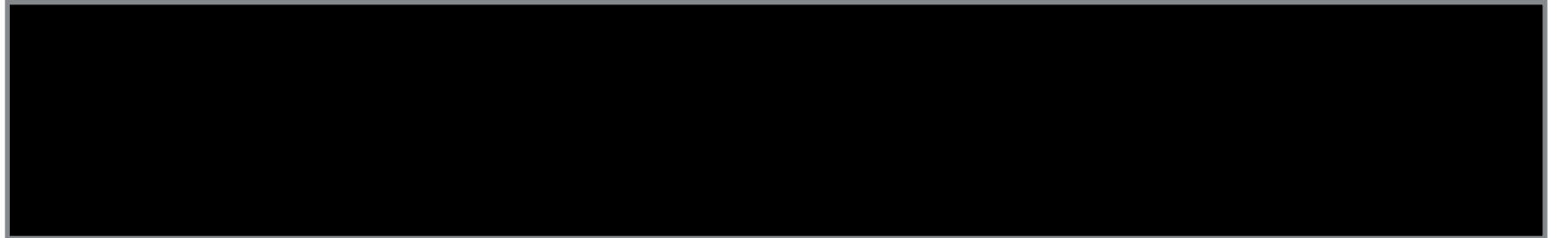
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- Remember: 3D rotations do not commute

Rodrigues and Quaternion Equivalency

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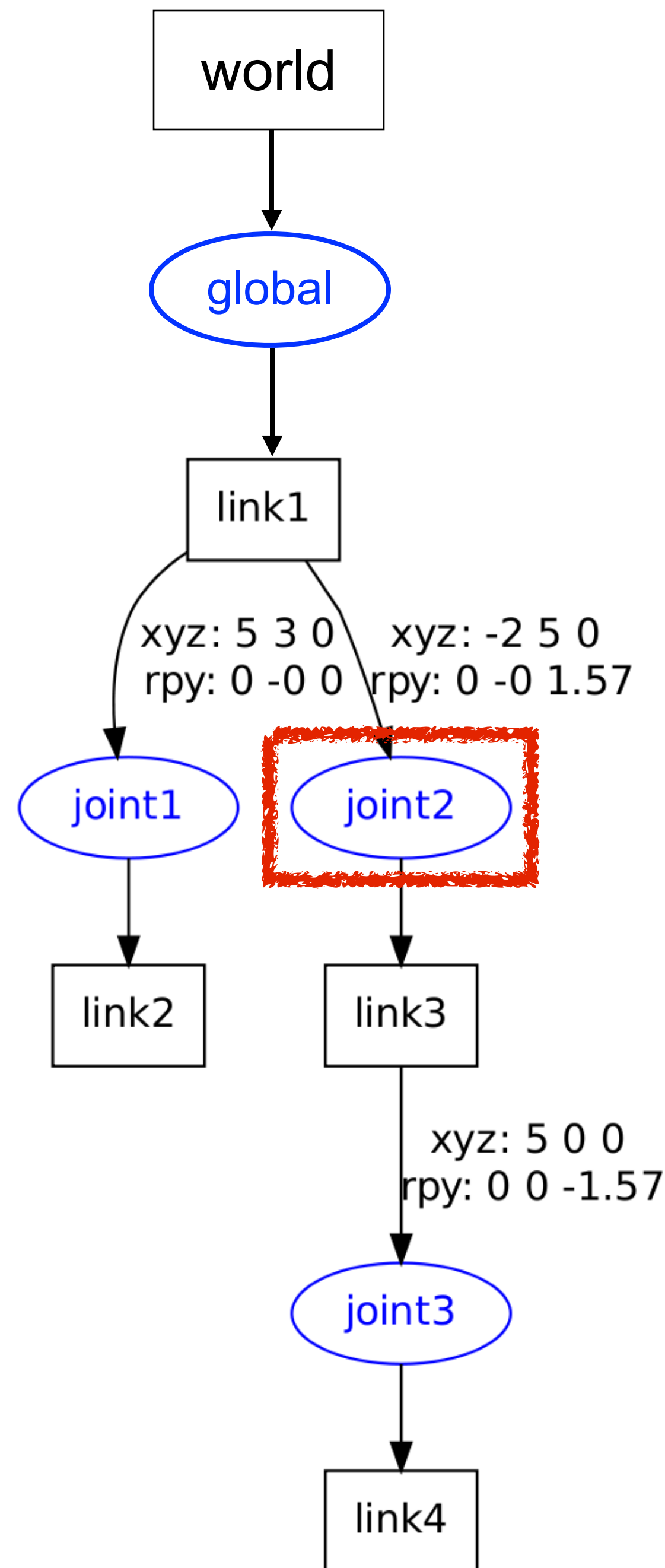
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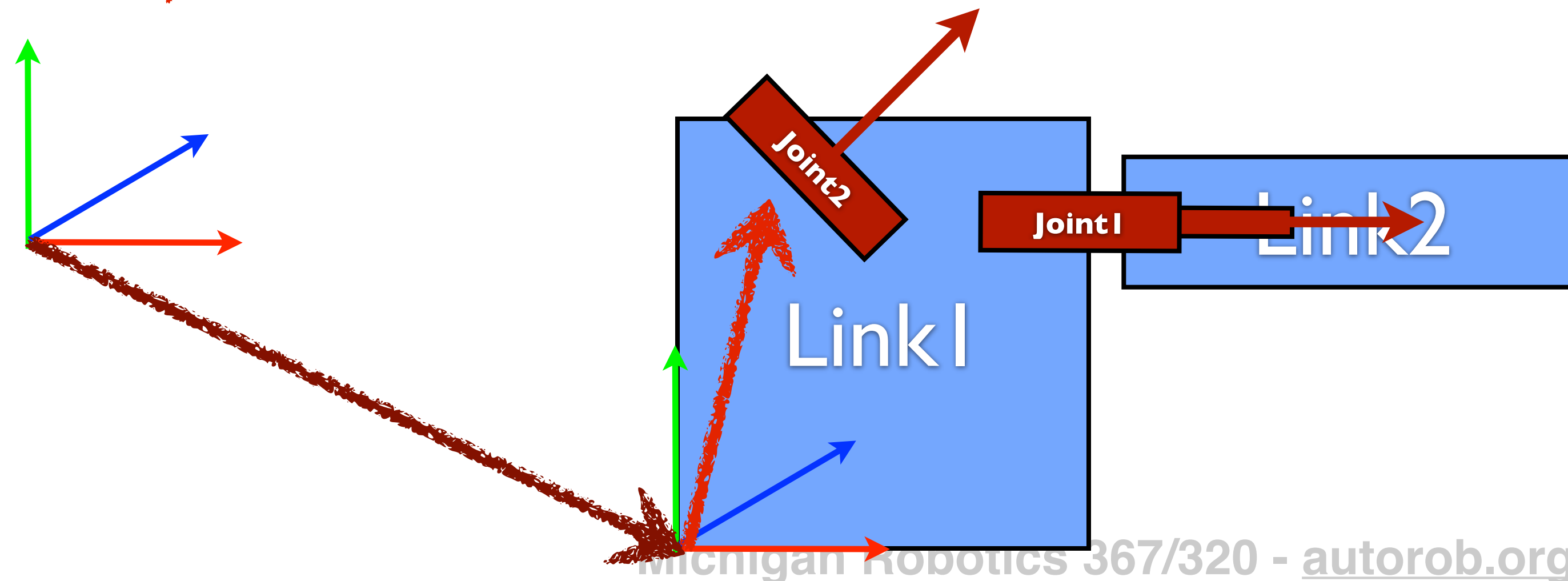
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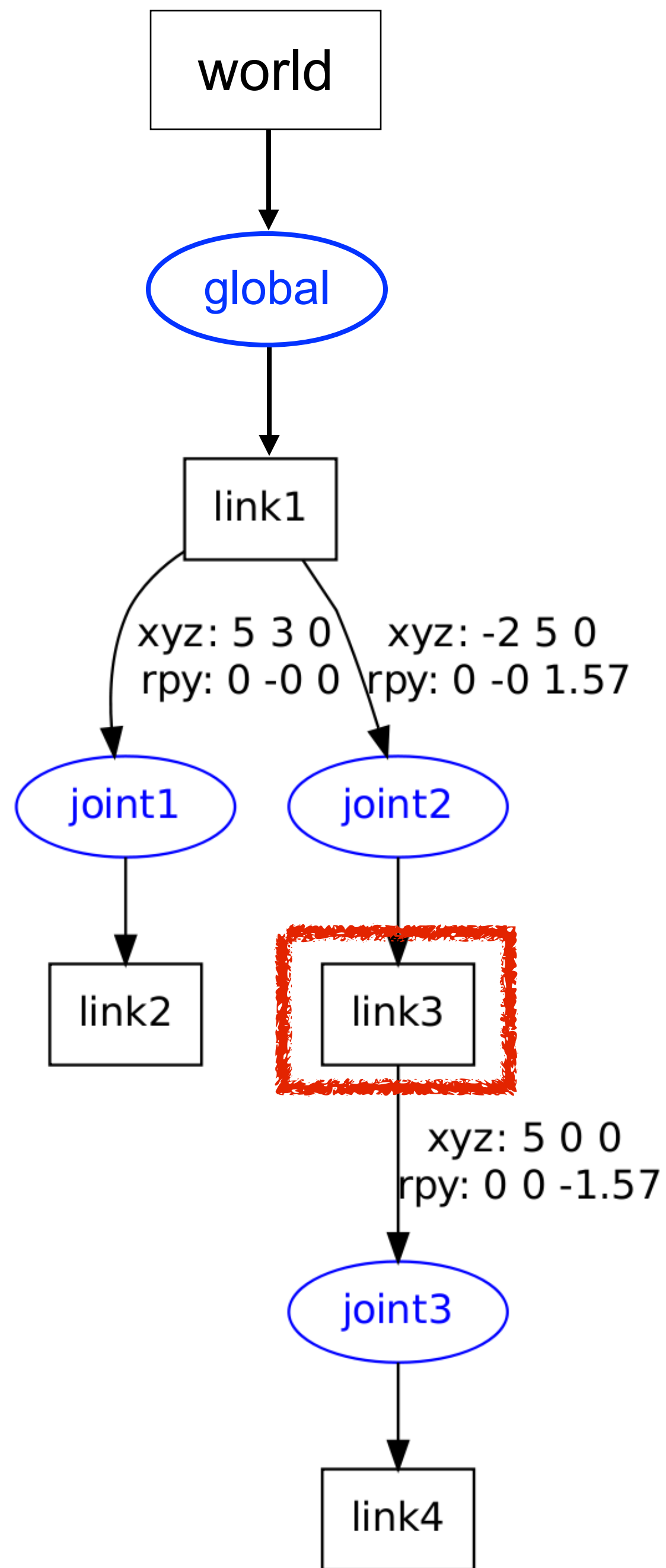


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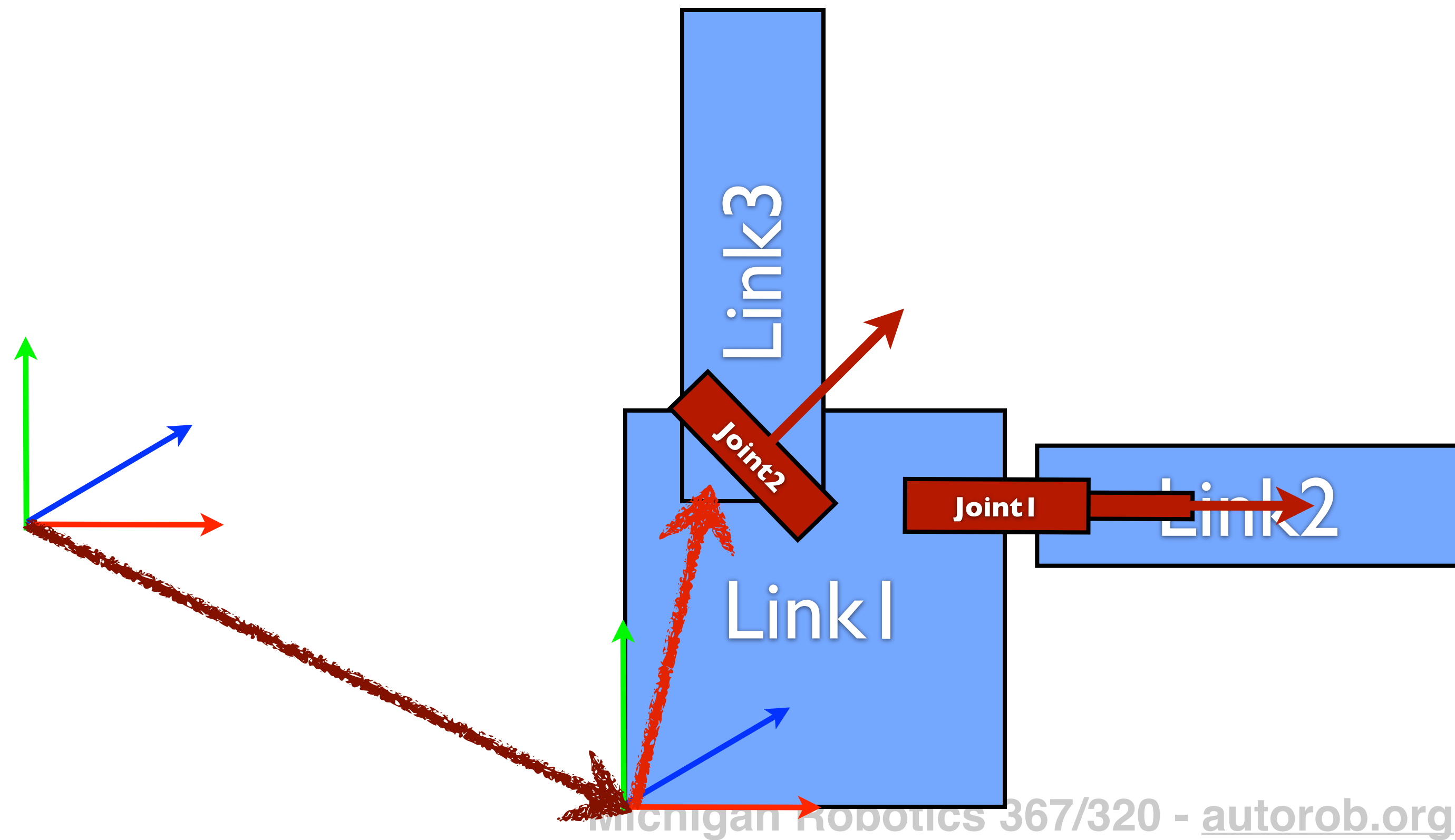
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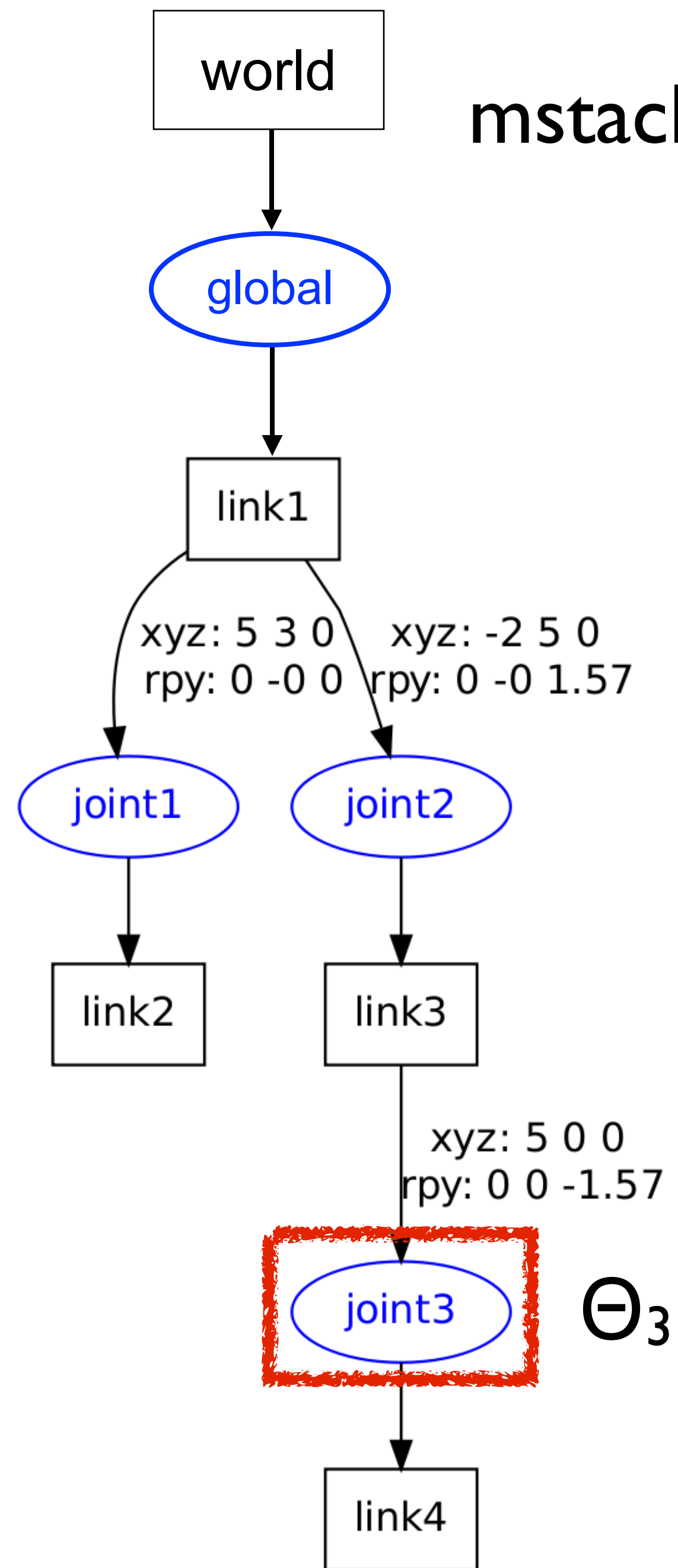
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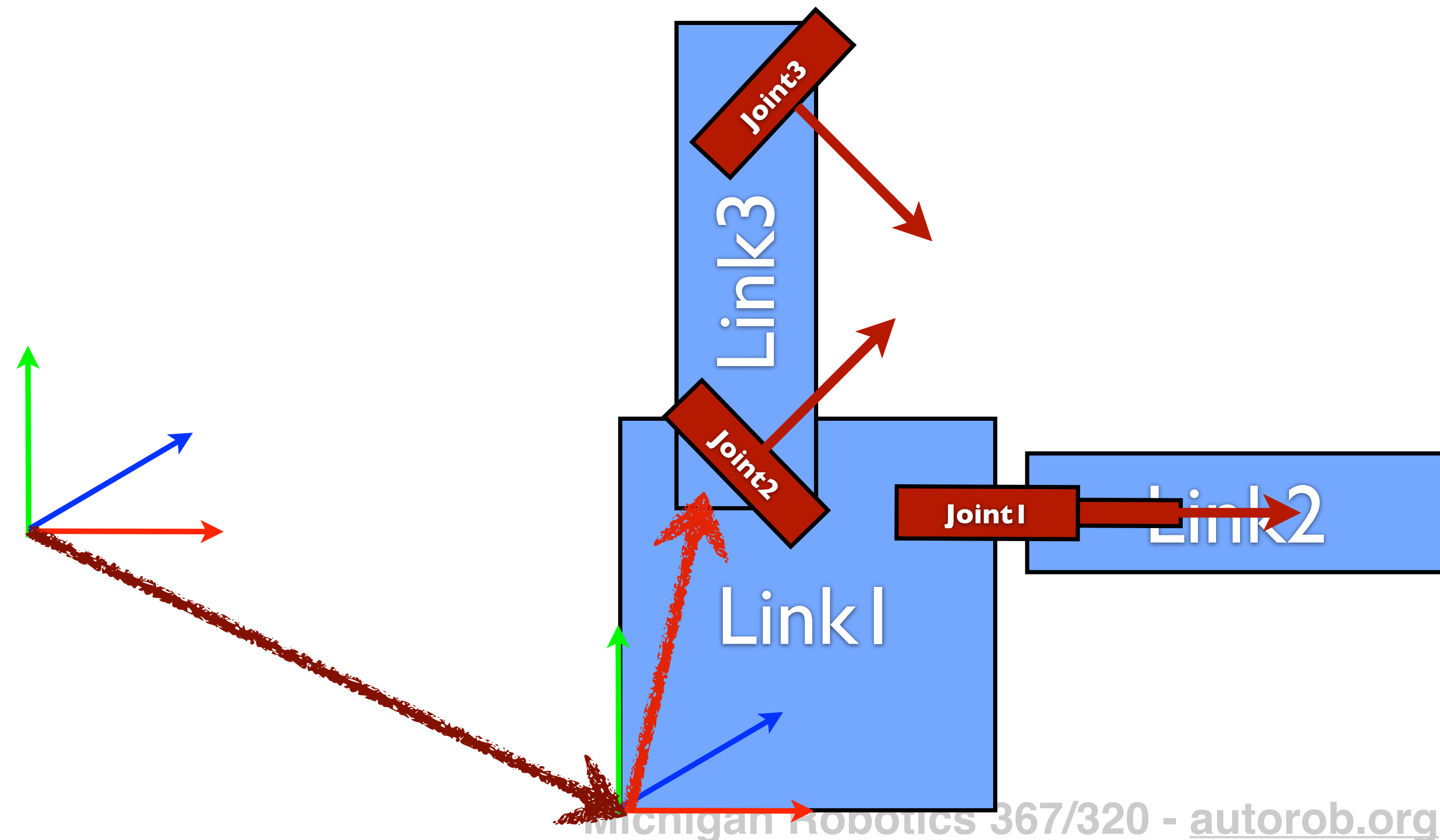
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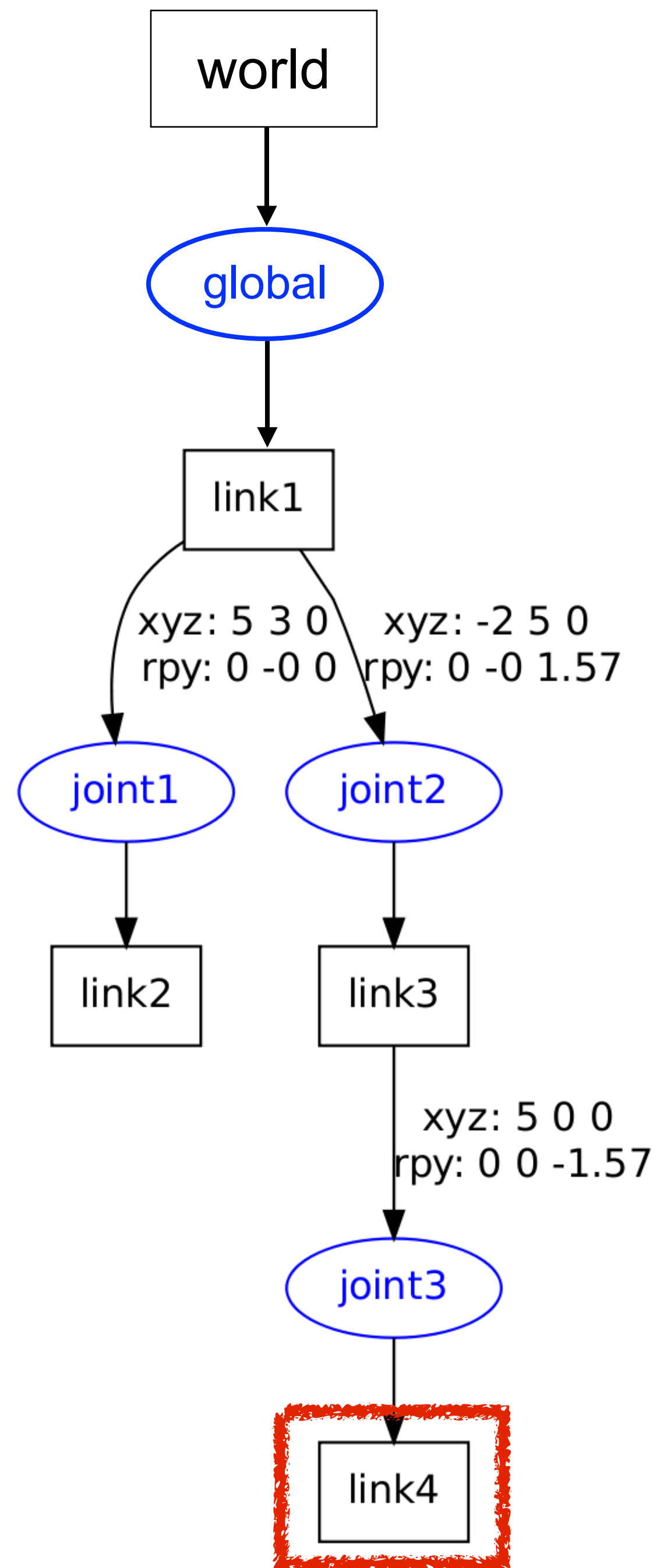




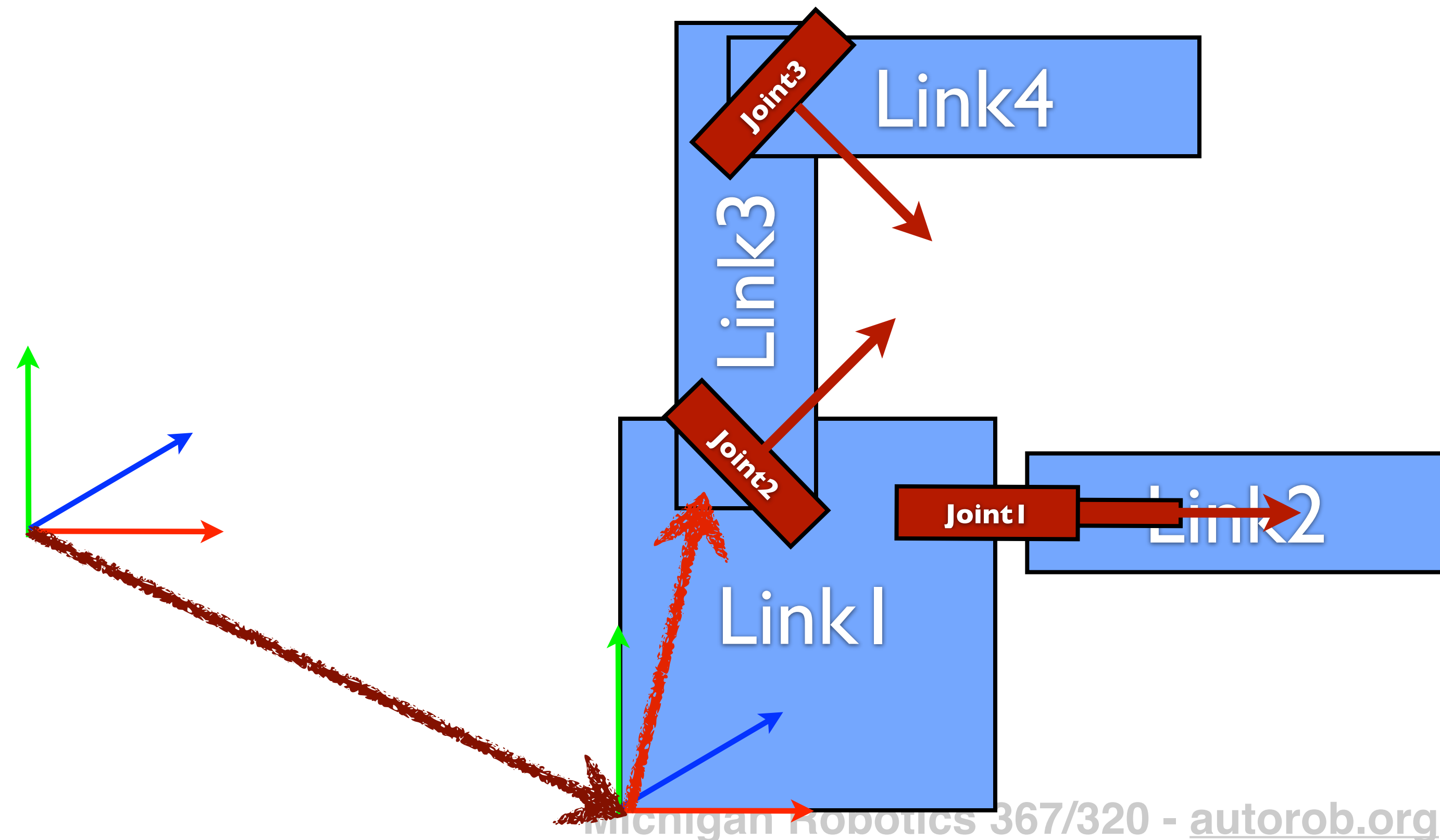
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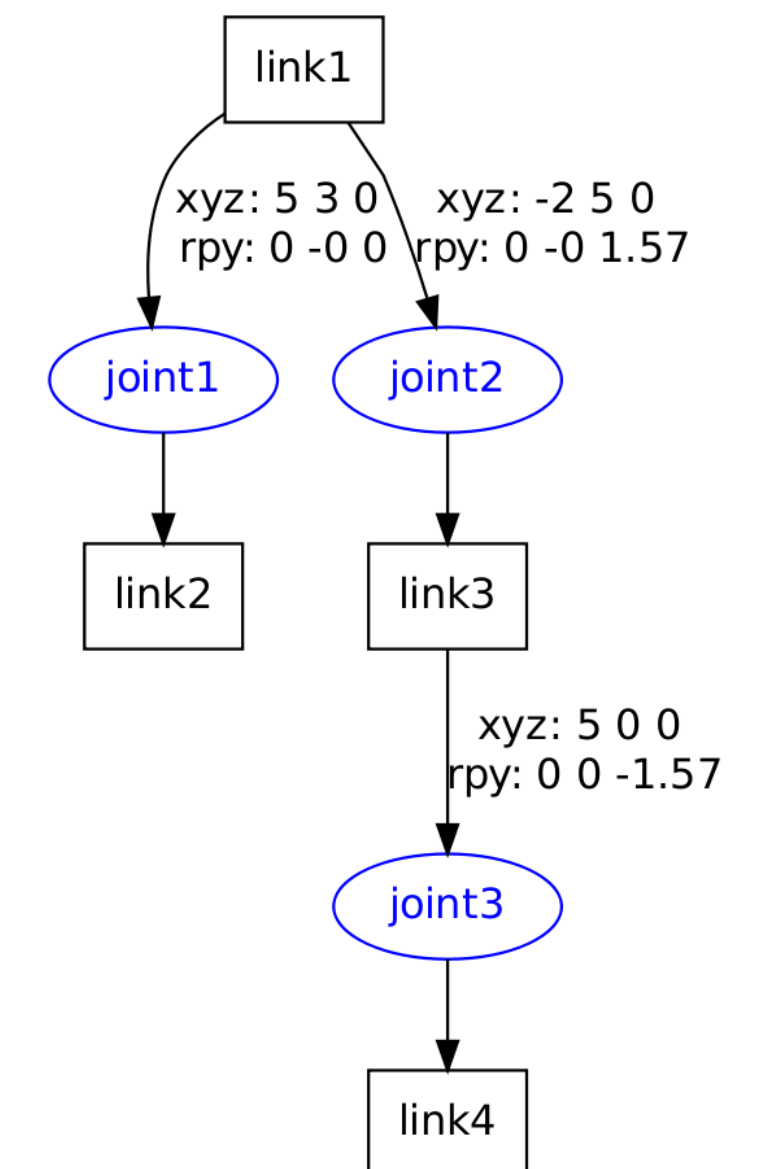
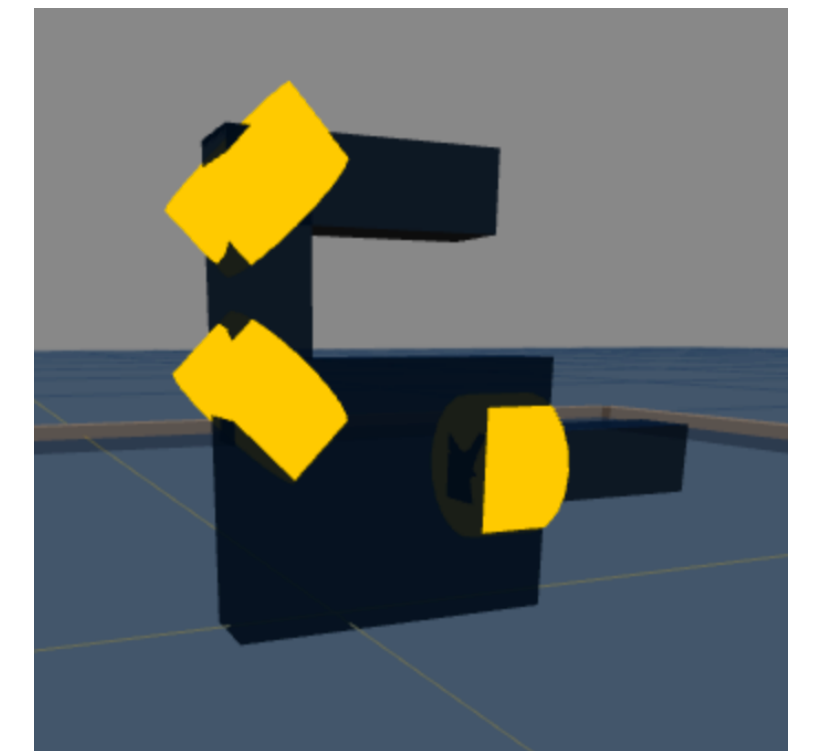
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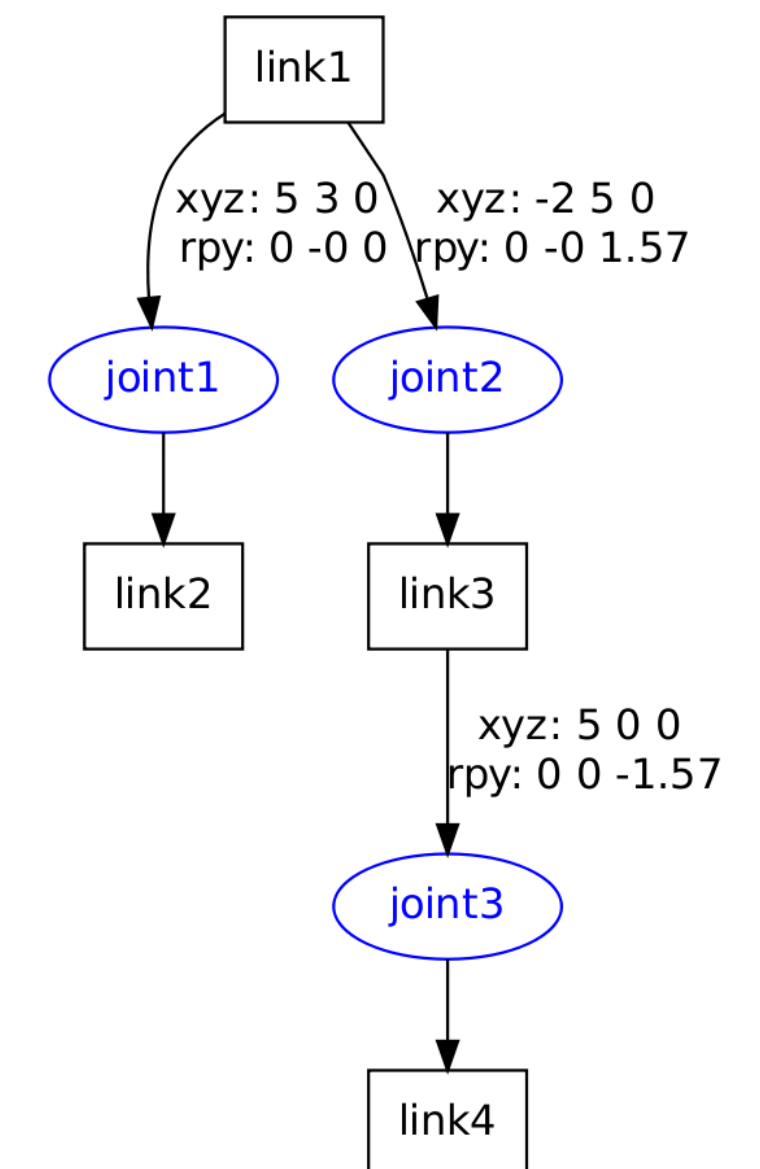
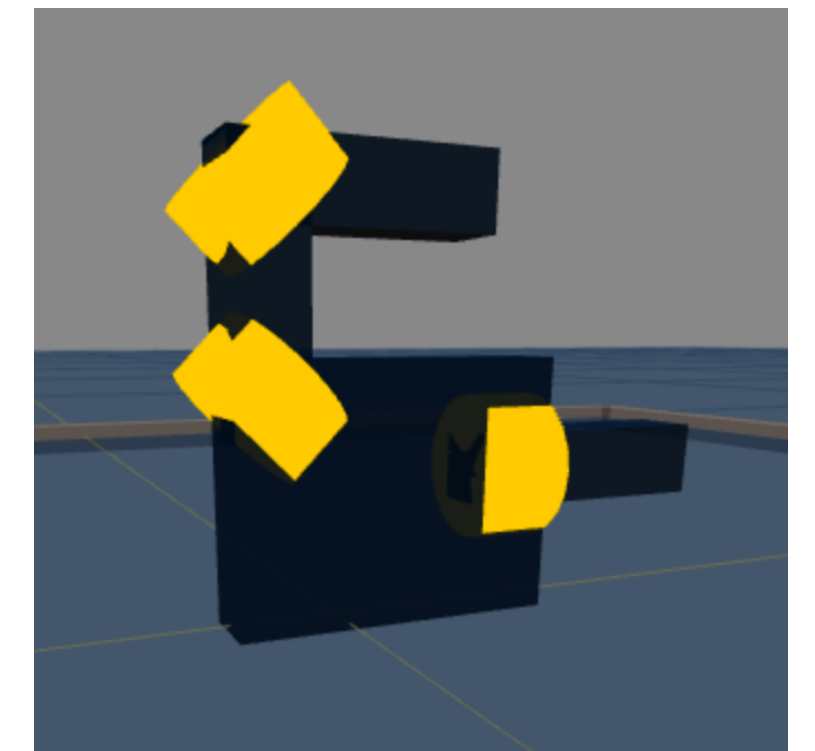
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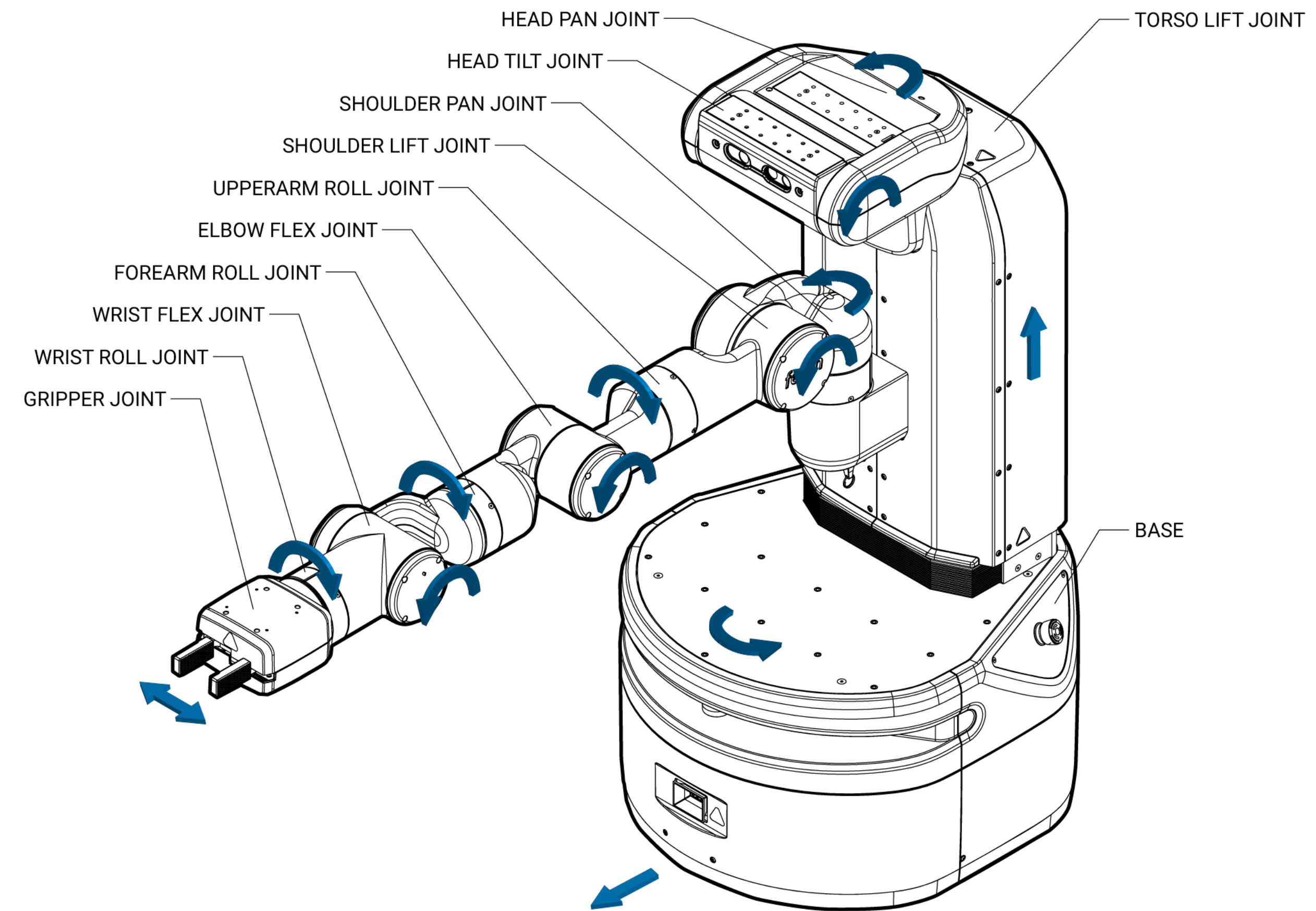
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Can a joint move infinitely far?



Joint Limits

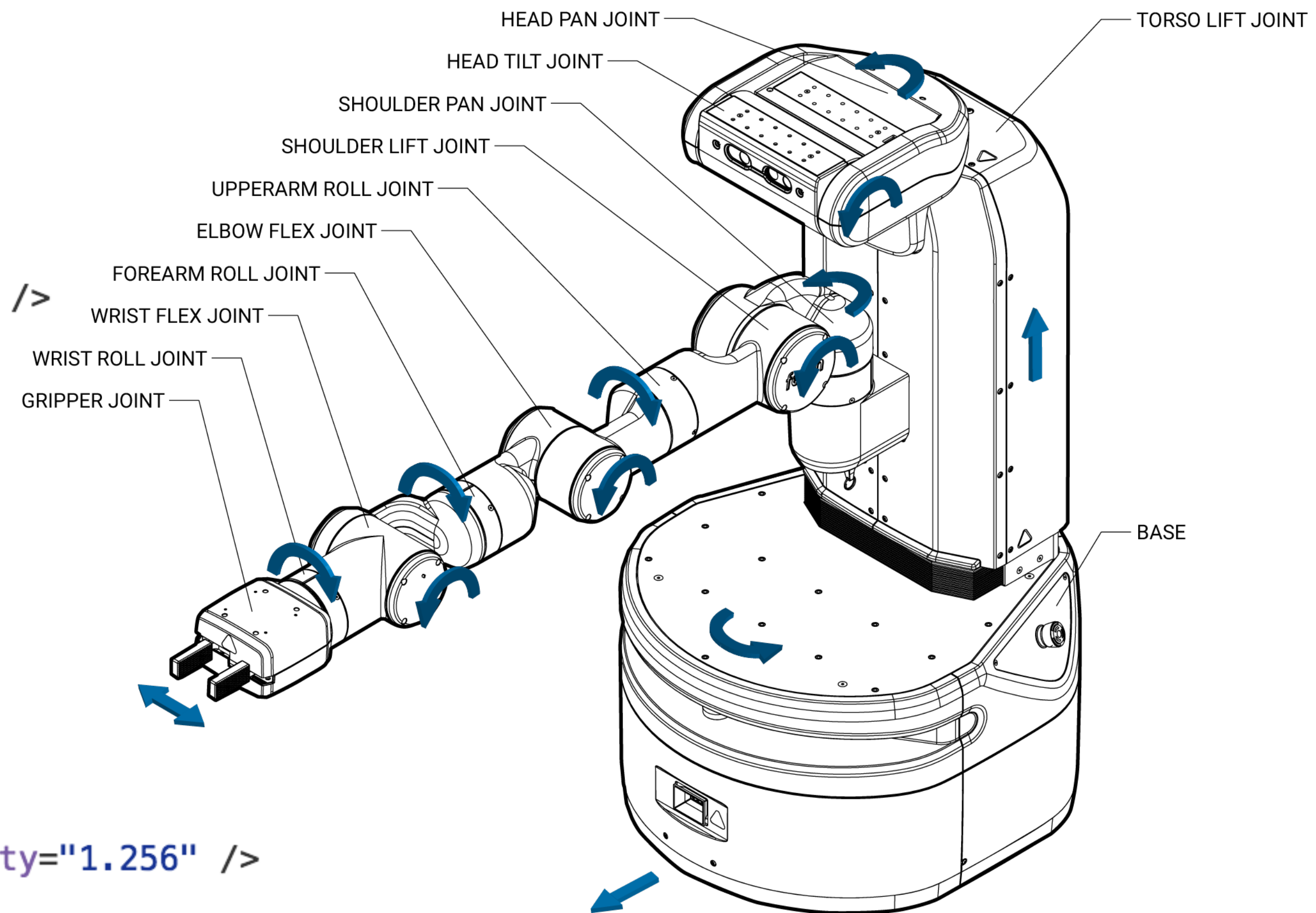
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Continuous joints have no limits



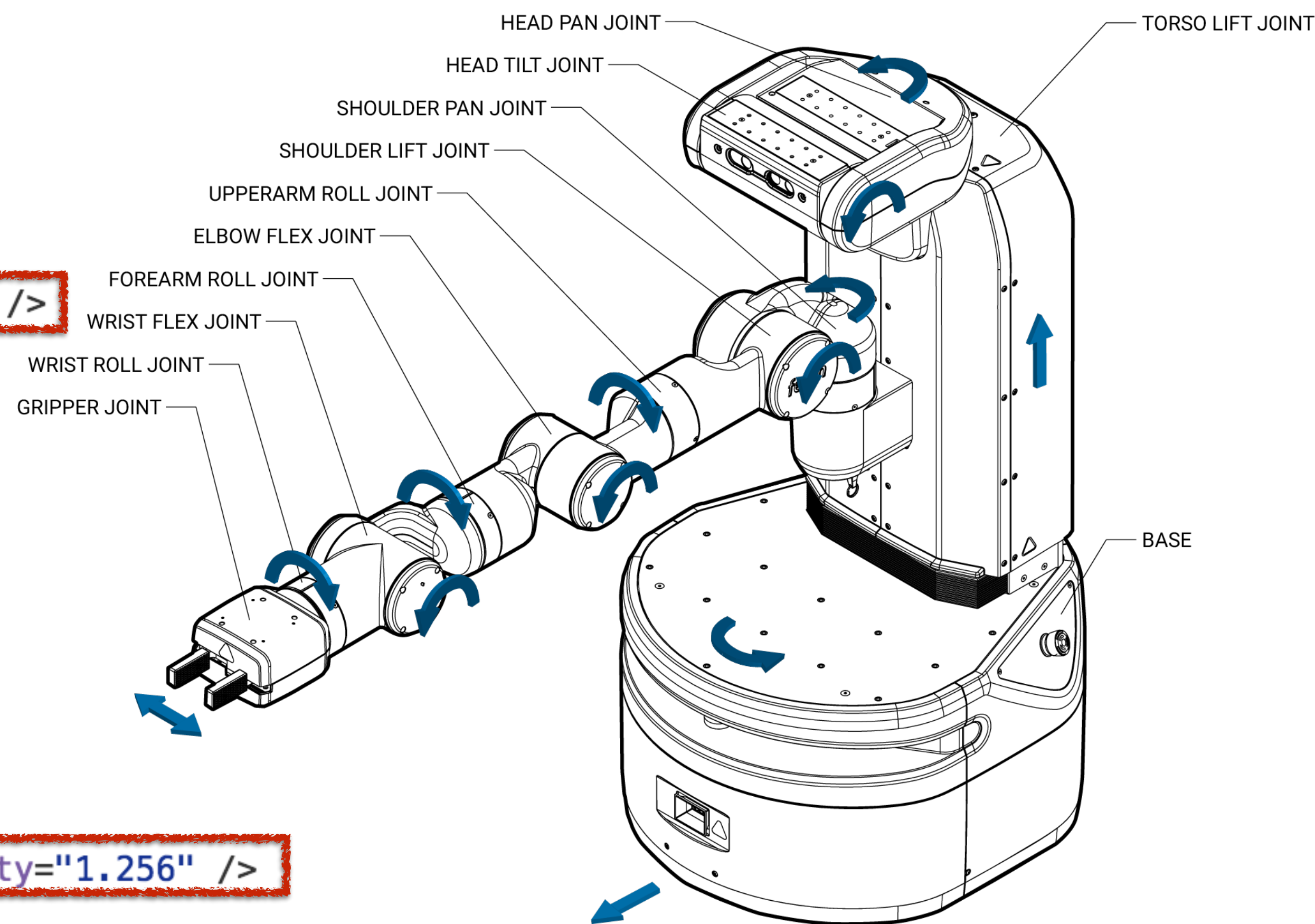
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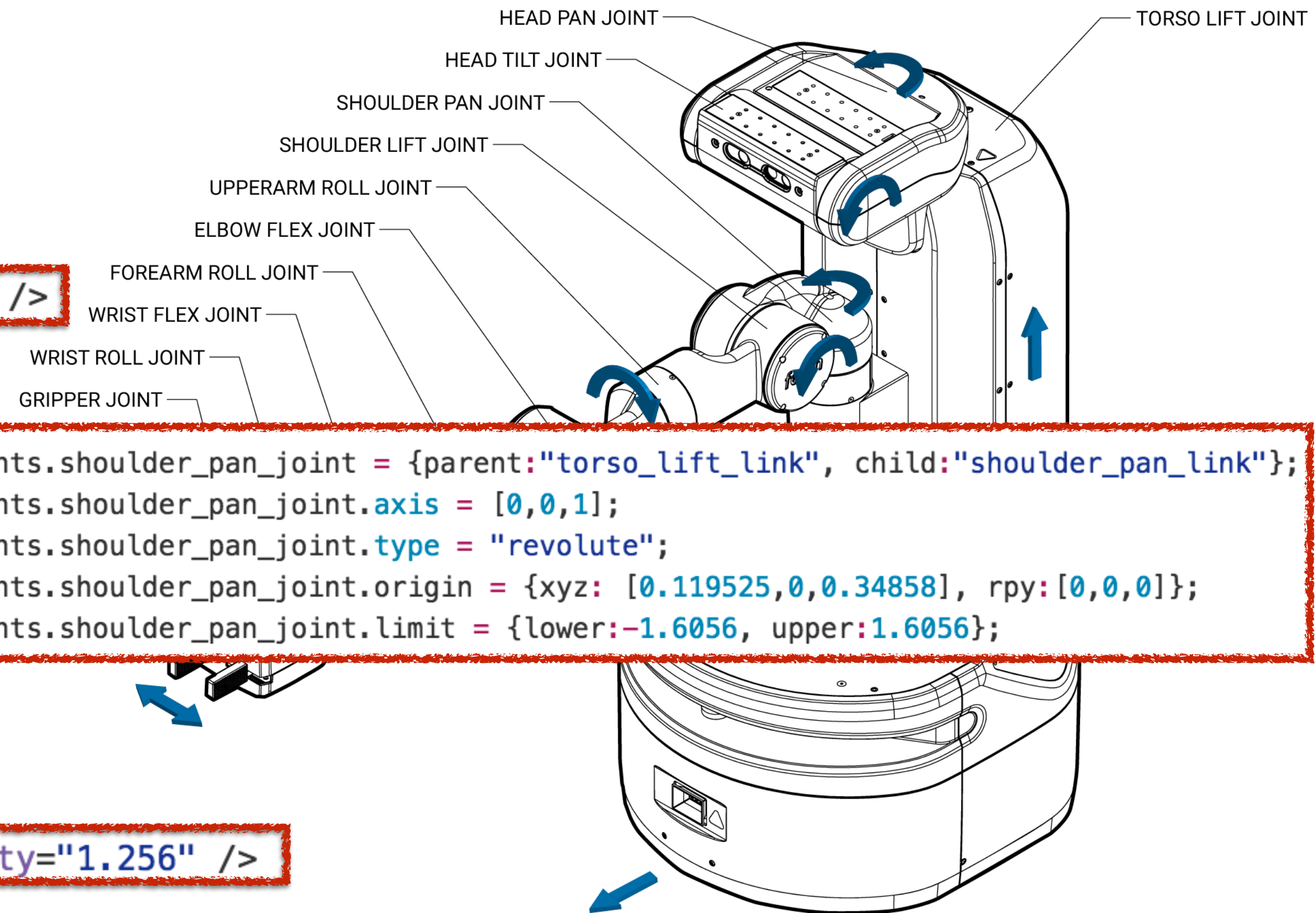
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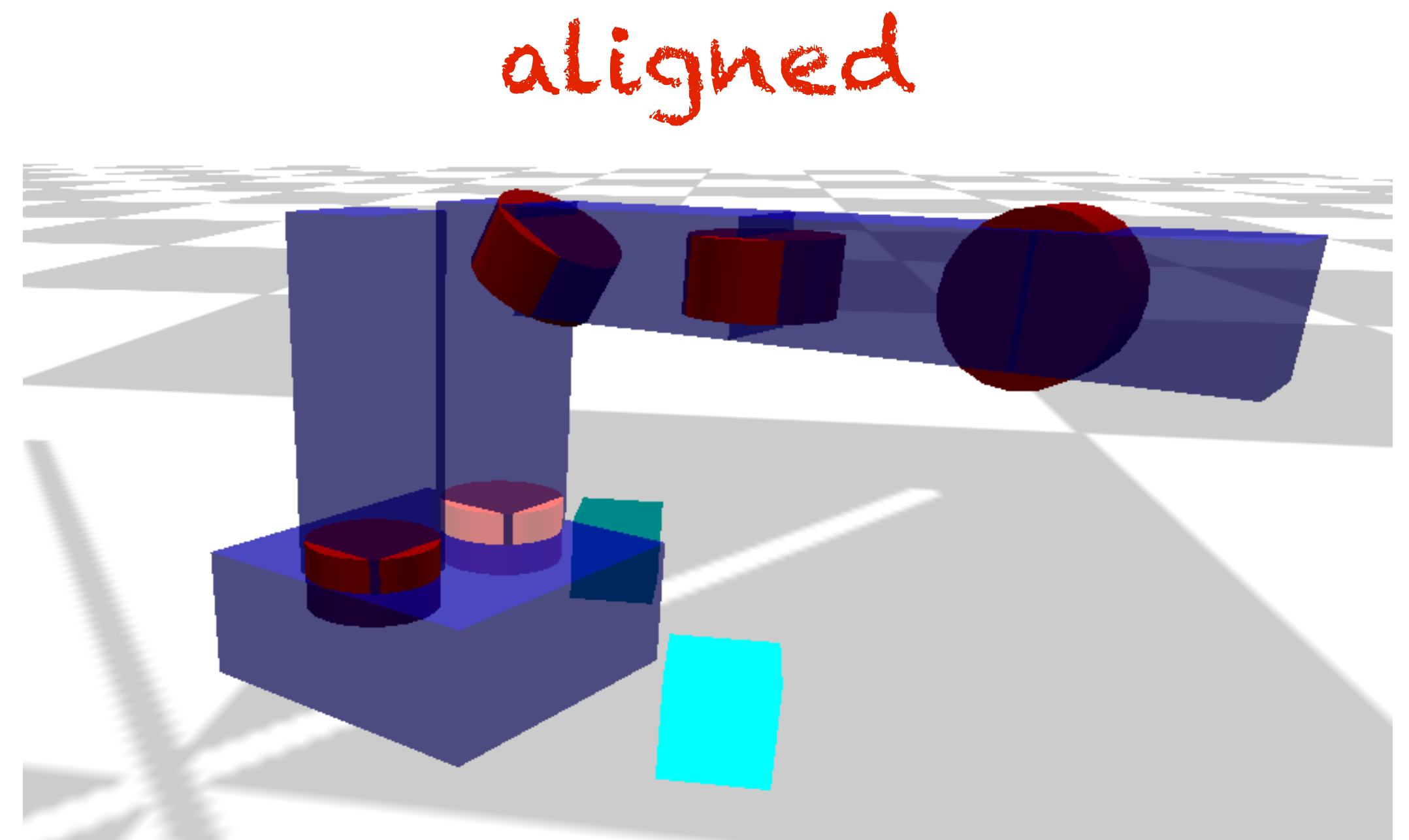
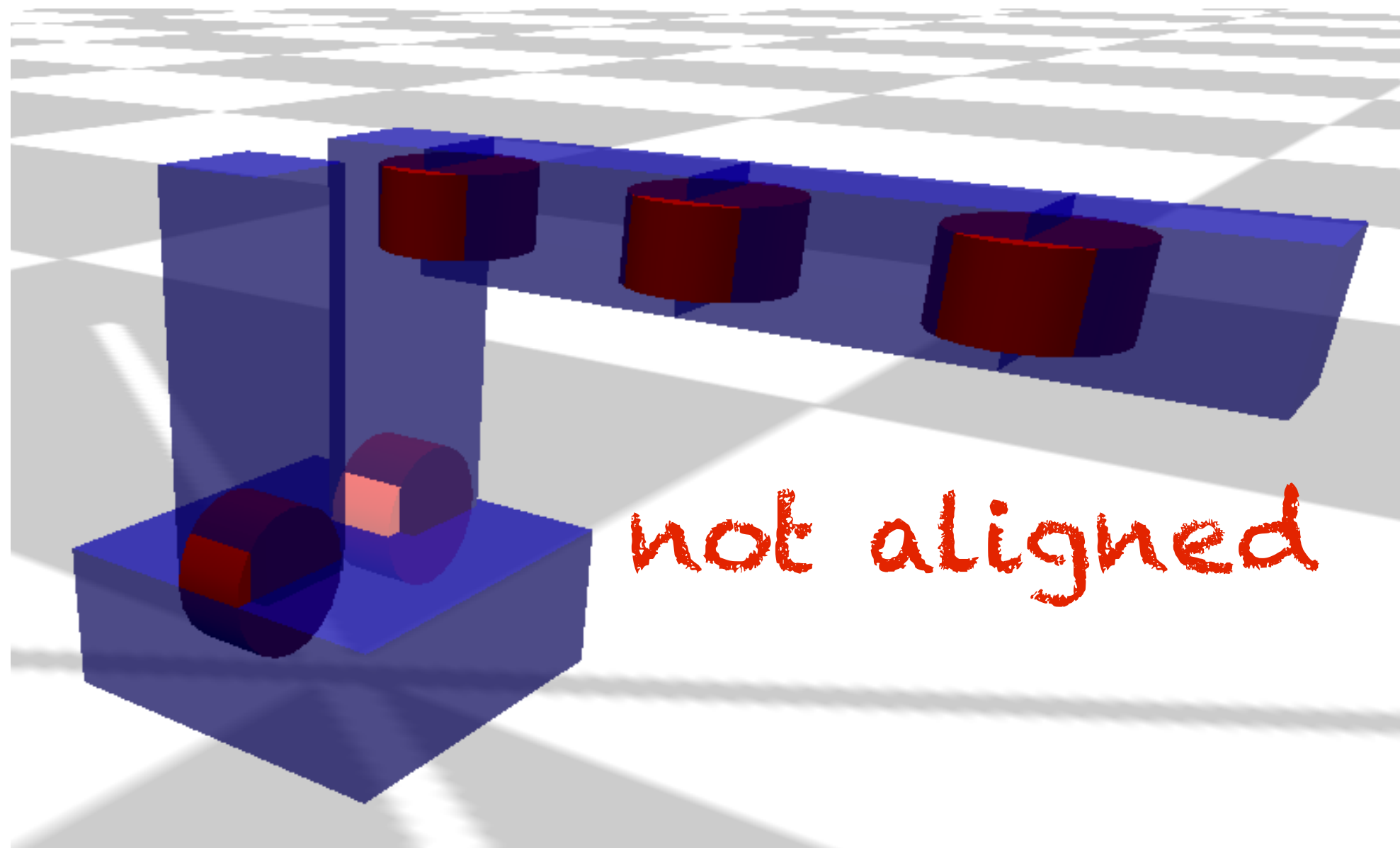

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- Rotation order I use: **XYZ** ($R_z R_y R_x$)
- `vector_cross()`: code stencil tests for and uses this function
- Base controls: must be implemented for interactive control
- The “.origin” field of links and joints are used to store transforms without consideration of joint motion (provided only for debugging)
- A joint and its child link will share the same coordinate frame

KinEval joint cylinder rendering

- threejs creates cylinders with axes aligned along y-axis
- you need to implement `vector_cross()` for KinEval to render joint cylinders properly along joint axis



Global controls for base

- Assume we have a base that is holonomic wrt. ground plane
 - holonomic: can move in any direction
- `kineval_userinput.js` assumes:

How to perform this
base movement?

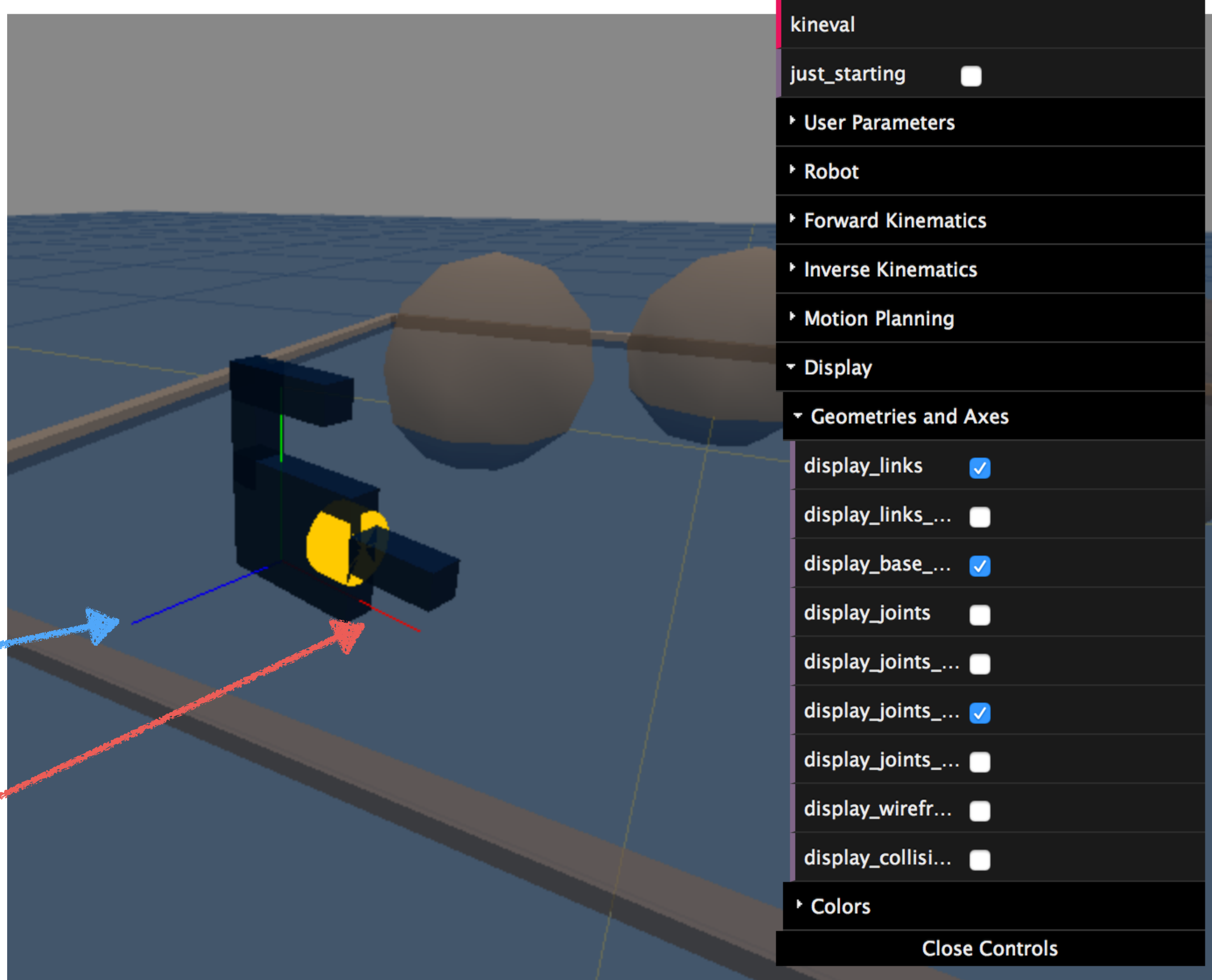


Transform vectors for heading (local z-axis) and lateral (local x-axis) of robot base into world coordinates

Store transformed vectors in variables “robot_heading” and “robot lateral”

Forward heading of the robot

Lateral heading of the robot



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▸ User Parameters

▸ Robot

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display_links_... ☐

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▸ Colors

Close Controls

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(revisited)

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Alternatives for FK

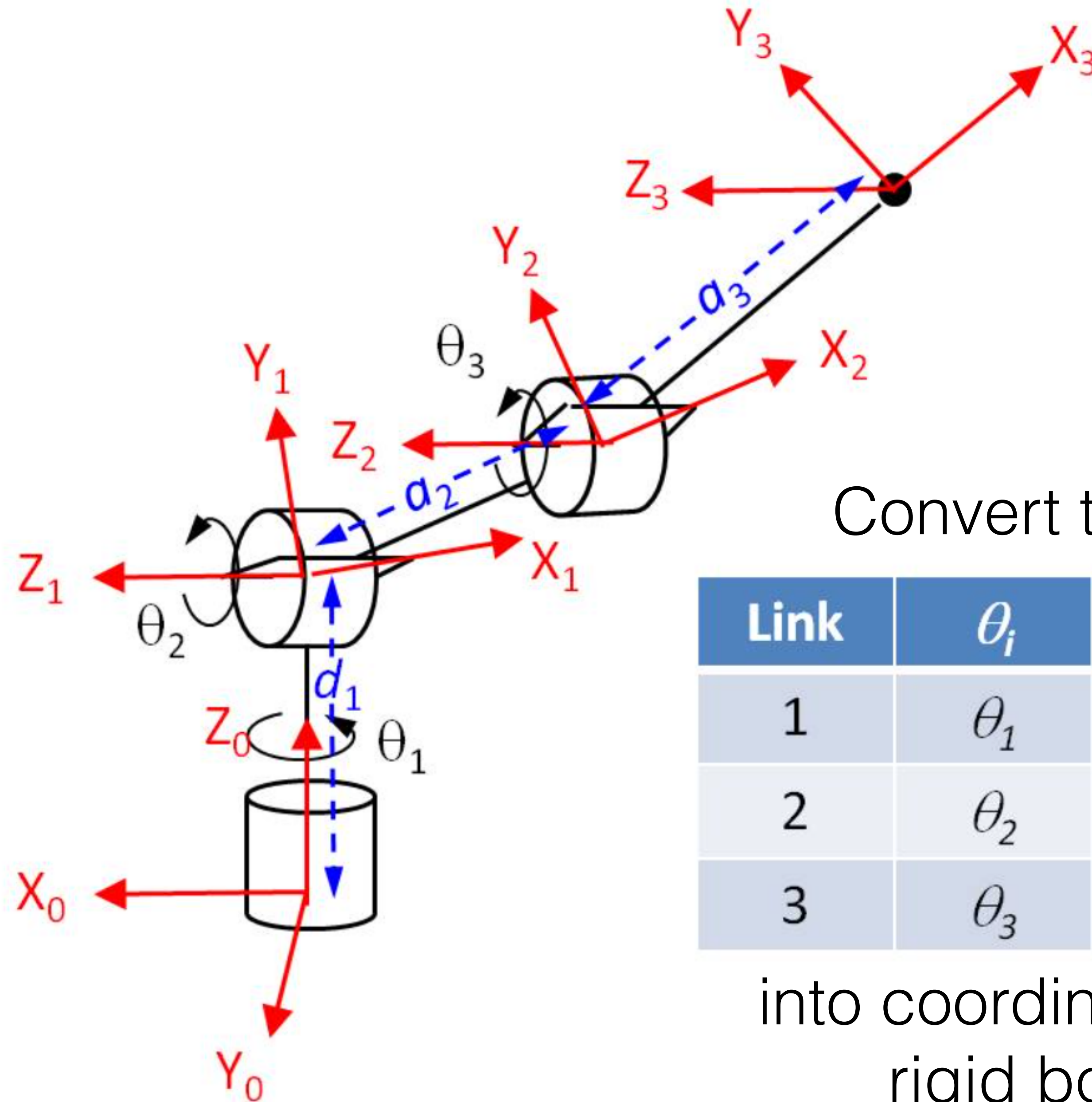
Alternatives for FK

- Denavit-Hartenberg Convention **ROB 550**
- Product of Exponentials with Matrix Stack **AutoRob**
- Screw vectors as Dual Quaternions
 [Kenwright 2012, Daniilidis 1999]

Denavit-Hartenberg Transform

$$A_i = Rot_{z,\theta_i} Trans_{z,d_i} Trans_{x,a_i} Rot_{x,\alpha_i}$$

- **A_i** represents the transform between a link i and its parent $i-1$
 - z-axis of parent link $i-1$ aligned with DoF axis of joint i
- 4 parameters for joint angle (θ_i), link offset (d_i), link length (a_i), link twist (α_i)
 - Only one parameter will be variable, depending on joint type
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- Composed into one homogeneous transformation by matrix multiplication



DH example for
individual exploration:
3 DoF robot arm

Convert these parameters

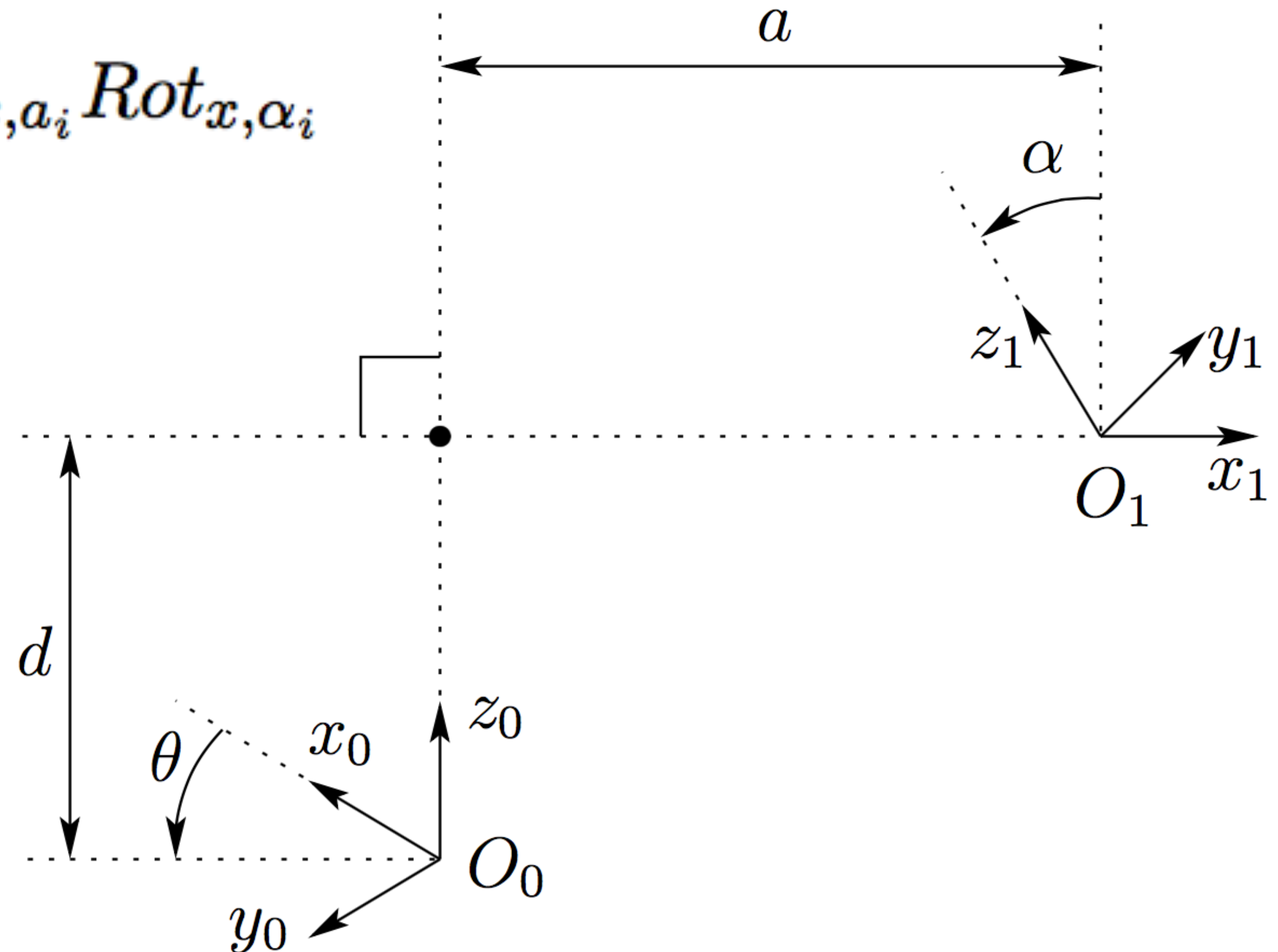
Link	θ_i	d_i	a_i	α_i
1	θ_1	d_1	0	90°
2	θ_2	0	a_2	0
3	θ_3	0	a_3	0

into coordinate frames for each
rigid body of the robot

DH Properties

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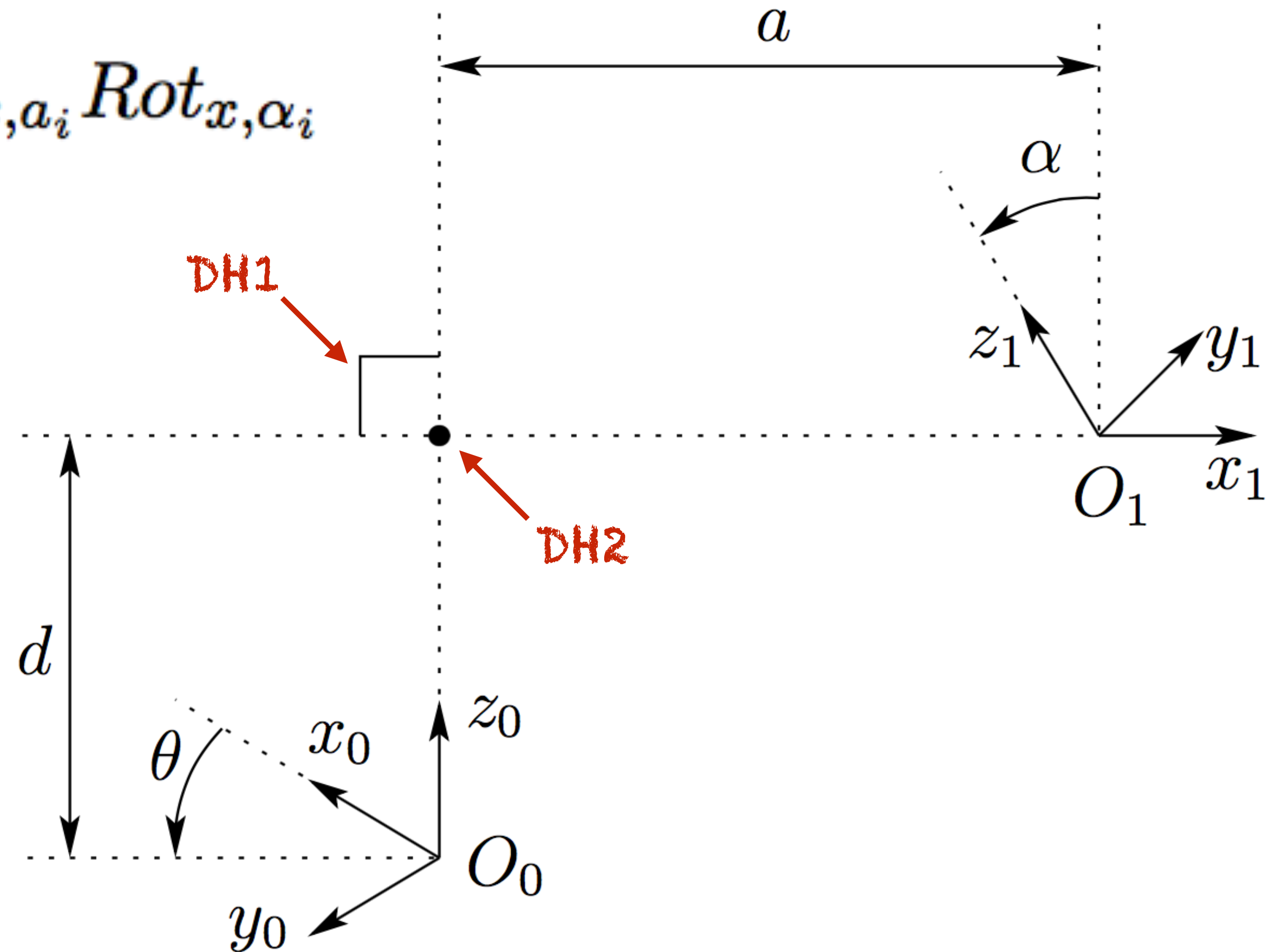
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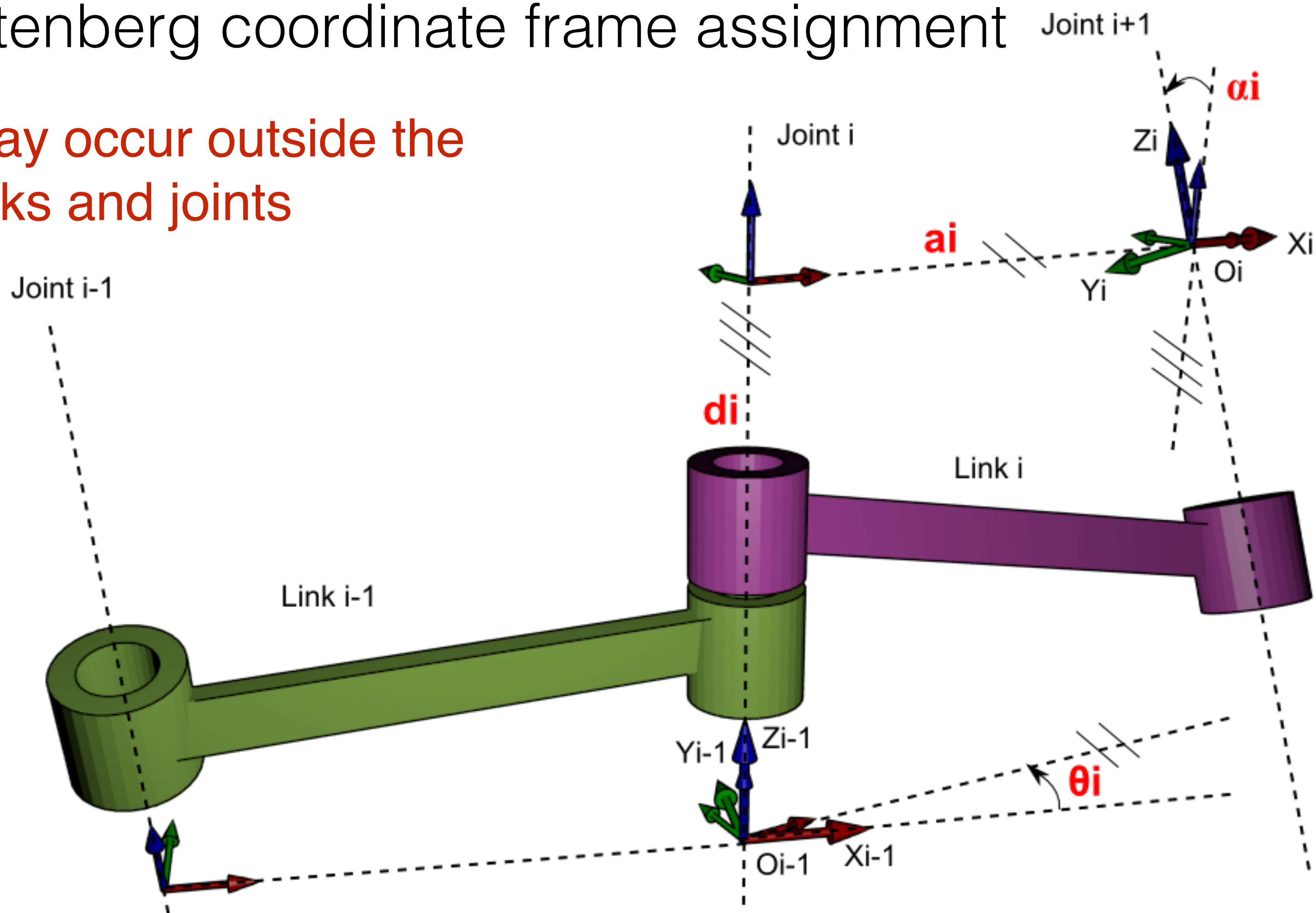
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Denavit-Hartenberg coordinate frame assignment

frames may occur outside the links and joints



Coordinate frames for each body align the z-axis with axis of joint rotation and the x-axis with the direction of the link

D-H versus Matrix stack

- 4 parameters to transform between links
 - 4 matrices to compose per joint
 - Uniformity in frame selection
 - Only link frames are necessary for computations
 - Less intuitive
- 10 parameters to transform between links
 - 3 matrices to compose per joint
 - Flexibility in frame selection
 - Child link shares frame with parent joint
 - More bookkeeping

Approaches to FK

- Denavit-Hartenberg Convention ROB 550
- Product of Exponentials with Matrix Stack AutoRob
- **Screw vectors as Dual Quaternions**
 [Kenwright 2012, Daniilidis 1999]

Dual Quaternion

- Dual number: $\check{z} = a + \epsilon b$ with $\epsilon^2 = 0$
- Dual quaternion: $\check{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{q} + \epsilon \mathbf{q}'$
 - comprised of a real quaternion $\mathbf{q}$ and dual quaternion $\mathbf{q}'$
- Operations include addition, scalar multiplication, and multiplication:

$$\check{\mathbf{q}}_1 + \check{\mathbf{q}}_2 = (\check{s}_1 + \check{s}_2, \check{\mathbf{q}}_1 + \check{\mathbf{q}}_2),$$

$$\check{\lambda}(\check{s}, \check{\mathbf{q}}) = (\check{\lambda}\check{s}, \lambda\check{\mathbf{q}}),$$

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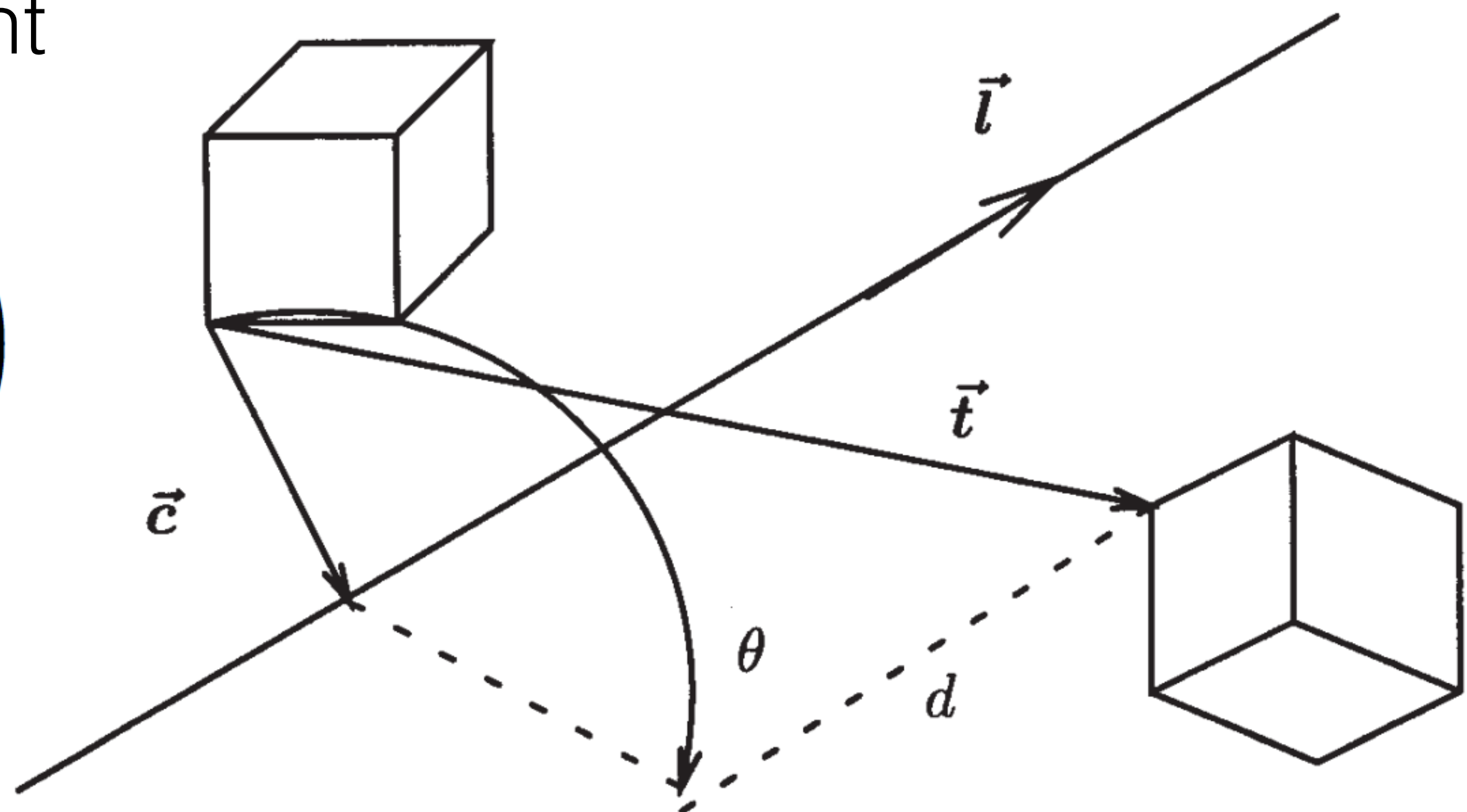
Screw motion

- Every rigid motion can be modeled as a rotation with angle θ about axis $\mathbf{c}$ with direction $\mathbf{l}$ and subsequent translation $\mathbf{d}$ along the axis
- Dual quaternion can represent screw motion

$$\check{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \vec{\mathbf{l}} \end{pmatrix} + \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{d}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \vec{\mathbf{m}} + \frac{d}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \vec{\mathbf{l}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Rigid transformation of a line by a dual quaternion

$$\check{\mathbf{l}}_a = \check{\mathbf{q}} \check{\mathbf{l}}_b \check{\mathbf{q}}^{-1}$$

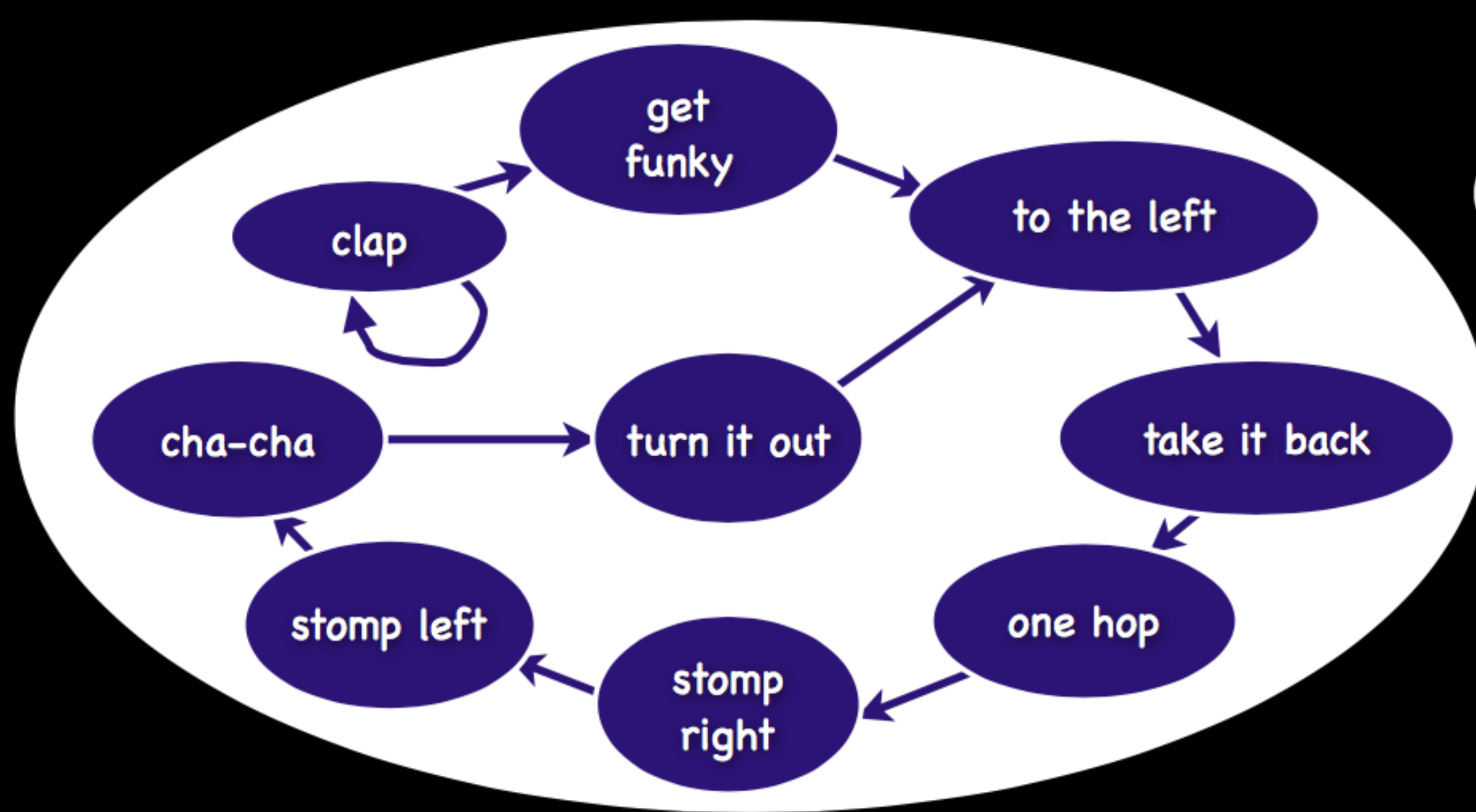


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Next lecture: Finite State Machines

HRP-2 Aizu-Bandai
<https://youtu.be/6hLcz-c1Y-M>



Next class:
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Machines

fast reactive
decision making