

الفيزياء الرياضية - ١ -

Mathematical Physics -1-

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**Series of Applications in Physics**

**Application II:    **Matrices****

# Introduction

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**Applications of matrices** are faced in most scientific fields. Particularly, in **physics**, including classical mechanics, optics, electromagnetism, quantum mechanics, and quantum electrodynamics, they are used to study physical phenomena, such as the motion of rigid bodies.

## Coordinate Transformation

In many problems we will need to use different coordinate systems in order to describe different vector physical quantities. The above operations, written in component form, only make sense once all the vectors involved are described with respect to the same frame.

In several situations we need to know how these physical quantities are given in other frames.

We need hence to see how the components of a vector are transformed when we change the reference frame.

 We focus here on the cases dealing with rotation

## Application: Coordinate Transformation- Rotation

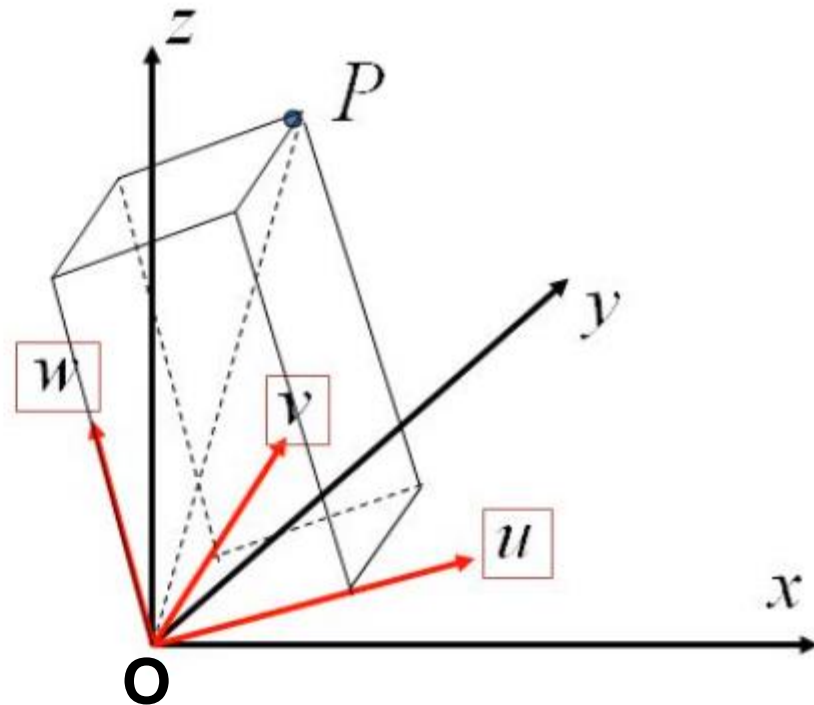
A vector **OP** given in two different frames

- Coordinate Transformation

$$\vec{P}_{xyz} = p_x \hat{i}_x + p_y \hat{j}_y + p_z \hat{k}_z$$

$$\vec{P}_{uvw} = p_u \hat{i}_u + p_v \hat{j}_v + p_w \hat{k}_w$$

$$P_{xyz} = RP_{uvw}$$



How to relate the coordinate in these two frames?

## Application: Coordinate Transformation- Rotation

- Basic Rotation

- $P_x, P_y$  and  $P_z$  represent the projections of  $P$  onto OX, OY, OZ axes, respectively

- Since  $P = P_u \mathbf{i}_u + P_v \mathbf{j}_v + P_w \mathbf{k}_w$

$$P_x = \mathbf{i}_x \cdot P = \mathbf{i}_x \cdot \mathbf{i}_u P_u + \mathbf{i}_x \cdot \mathbf{j}_v P_v + \mathbf{i}_x \cdot \mathbf{k}_w P_w$$

$$P_y = \mathbf{j}_y \cdot P = \mathbf{j}_y \cdot \mathbf{i}_u P_u + \mathbf{j}_y \cdot \mathbf{j}_v P_v + \mathbf{j}_y \cdot \mathbf{k}_w P_w$$

$$P_z = \mathbf{k}_z \cdot P = \mathbf{k}_z \cdot \mathbf{i}_u P_u + \mathbf{k}_z \cdot \mathbf{j}_v P_v + \mathbf{k}_z \cdot \mathbf{k}_w P_w$$

Coordinates in the Frame (x,y,z)

## Application: Coordinate Transformation- Rotation

The previous 3 relations (in 3 dimensions) can be written in matrix-form as function of the scalar product between the unit vectors of the two systems of coordinates

- Basic Rotation Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}_x \cdot \mathbf{i}_u & \mathbf{i}_x \cdot \mathbf{j}_v & \mathbf{i}_x \cdot \mathbf{k}_w \\ \mathbf{j}_y \cdot \mathbf{i}_u & \mathbf{j}_y \cdot \mathbf{j}_v & \mathbf{j}_y \cdot \mathbf{k}_w \\ \mathbf{k}_z \cdot \mathbf{i}_u & \mathbf{k}_z \cdot \mathbf{j}_v & \mathbf{k}_z \cdot \mathbf{k}_w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_u \\ p_v \\ p_w \end{bmatrix}$$

## Application: Rotation about X-axis

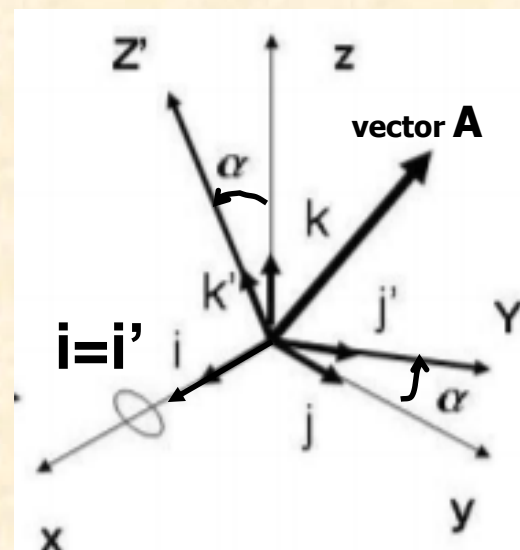
$$\begin{pmatrix} A'_1 \\ A'_2 \\ A'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i}'_1 \cdot \hat{i}_1 & \hat{i}'_1 \cdot \hat{i}_2 & \hat{i}'_1 \cdot \hat{i}_3 \\ \hat{i}'_2 \cdot \hat{i}_1 & \hat{i}'_2 \cdot \hat{i}_2 & \hat{i}'_2 \cdot \hat{i}_3 \\ \hat{i}'_3 \cdot \hat{i}_1 & \hat{i}'_3 \cdot \hat{i}_2 & \hat{i}'_3 \cdot \hat{i}_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Called: transformation matrix

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الاحداثيات في المرجع ٢



Simply, becomes

Because unit vectors  
Have magnitude 1

$$\mathbf{A}' = \begin{pmatrix} A'_1 \\ A'_2 \\ A'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_{11}) & \cos(\theta_{12}) & \cos(\theta_{13}) \\ \cos(\theta_{21}) & \cos(\theta_{22}) & \cos(\theta_{23}) \\ \cos(\theta_{31}) & \cos(\theta_{32}) & \cos(\theta_{33}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Property:**  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{T}]^T \mathbf{A}'$ .  
Transformation

the transpose of the

Matrix will transform  $\mathbf{A}'$  back to



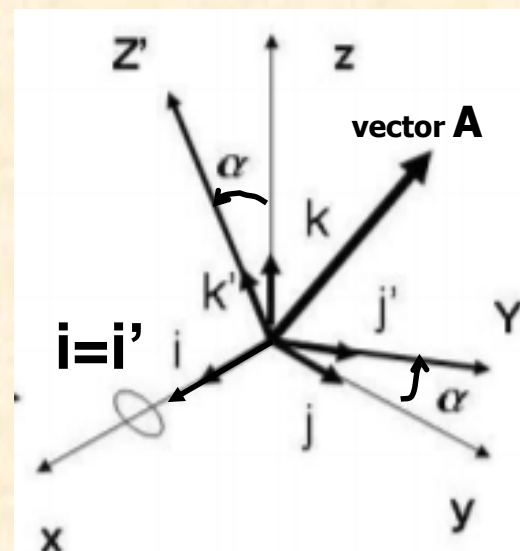
## Application: Rotation about X-axis

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

transformation matrix

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### Ex:

A point  $P$  is represented in the  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  coordinate system as  $P(3,1,2)$ . In another coordinate system, the same point is represented as  $P(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)$ , where  $x_2$  has been rotated toward  $x_3$  around the  $x_1$ -axis by an angle of  $\pi/4$ .

a- find the rotation matrix.

b- determine the new coordinates  $P(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)$

## Application: Rotation about X-axis

Sol:

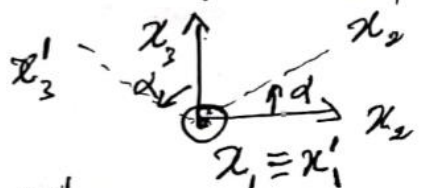
- a) Rotation Matrix around  $x_1$ -axis  
counter clockwise

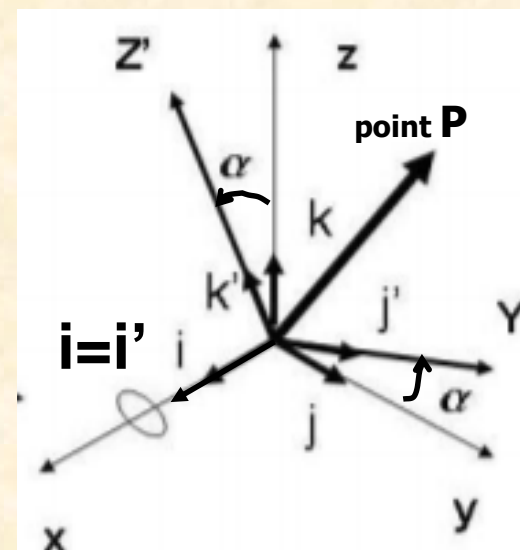
$$M_L \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$\alpha \equiv \pi/4$

$$\equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

b)

$$P \begin{pmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \\ x_3' \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{pmatrix}$$




**Note:** If you compute the magnitude of the OP vector in the two systems  
Of coordinates you will find them equal.

**Any scalar quantity is invariant under coordinates transformation**

(و هي خاصية مهمة في الفيزياء)