

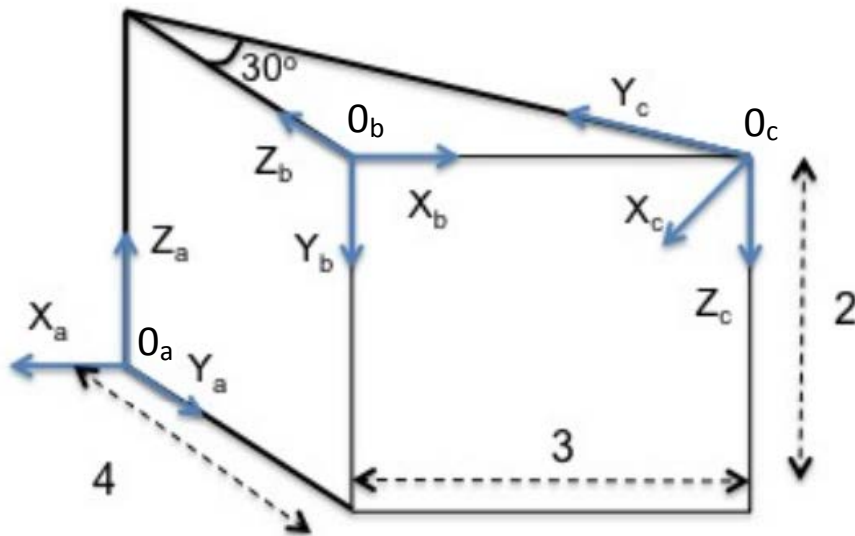
## Homework 2

CMSC 498F/828K

due 3/9/2017

1.) Consider a differential drive robot with distance  $d = 20\text{cm}$  between the wheels. The wheels are of radius  $r = 10\text{ cm}$ . The robot is at  $(x, y, \theta) = (0, 0, 0)$ . It then moves for 3 seconds with wheel angular velocities  $\dot{\phi}_L = 0.1\text{ rad/sec}$  and  $\dot{\phi}_R = 0.15\text{ rad/sec}$ . What is the pose  $(x', y', \theta')$  of the robot after the motion?

2.) Let there be three coordinate frames : frame A with axes  $(X_a, Y_a, Z_a)$  at center  $O_a$ , frame B with axes  $(X_b, Y_b, Z_b)$  at  $O_b$ , and frame C with axes  $(X_c, Y_c, Z_c)$  at  $O_c$ , as shown in the figure. You will compute the values of the transformation  ${}^A_c T$  which will transform the coordinates from frame C to frame A. Carry out the computations in steps, as explained in a.) to c.)



a.) Let the vectors  $X_a, Y_a, Z_a, X_b, Y_b, Z_b$  be of unit length, then the rotation matrix taking coordinates from frame B to frame A is computed from the scalar product of these vectors as:

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} X_b \cdot X_a & Y_b \cdot X_a & Z_b \cdot X_a \\ X_b \cdot Y_a & Y_b \cdot Y_a & Z_b \cdot Y_a \\ X_b \cdot Z_a & Y_b \cdot Z_a & Z_b \cdot Z_a \end{bmatrix}$$

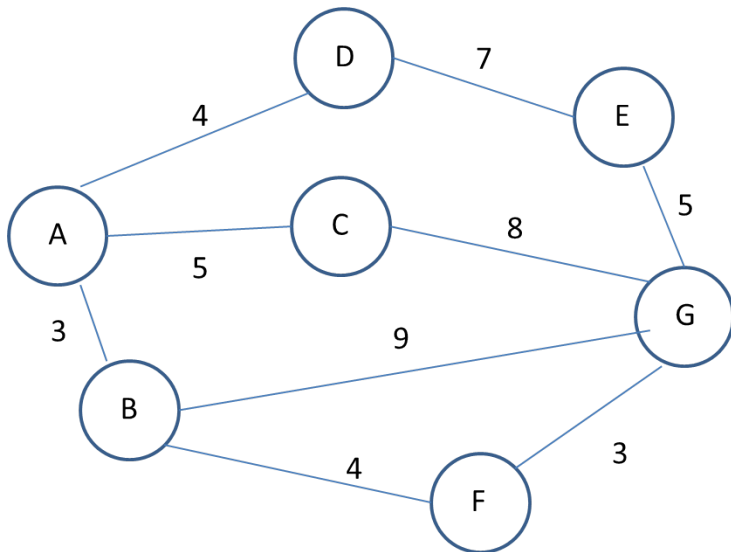
Derive  ${}^A_B R$  and  ${}^B_C R$ .

- b.) Derive  ${}^A O_b$  and  ${}^B O_c$
- c.) Derive the complete transformation  ${}^A T_c$

**3.)**

- a.) What is meant by *static stability* and what by *dynamic stability*? Given an example of a dynamically stable, but statically unstable vehicle.
- b.) What is a castor wheel? What are the degrees of freedom of an office chair with all castor wheels?
- c.) What is a Swedish wheel?
- d.) What is a spherical wheel? Why are spherical wheels not used very much in Robotics?

- 4.)** a.) For the graph shown below, show step by step, how Dijkstra's algorithm computes the shortest path from A to G.



- b.) Suggest a useful heuristic for solving this graph problem with the A\* algorithm.
- c.) What is the complexity of Dijkstra's algorithm? How will it change when moving from a 2D to a 3D search space?