

**Boas 3-6.25** Two successive rotations in the  $xy$ -plane rather than two successive rotations of a vector. In this case, the rotational matrix is just the transpose of (6.14). That is  $r'' = Cr$

where 
$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta + \phi) & \sin(\theta + \phi) \\ -\sin(\theta + \phi) & \cos(\theta + \phi) \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $r'' = B(Ar) = BA r$  Assoc. Rule

Proof  $BA = C$ :

$$\begin{aligned} BA &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi \cos \theta - \sin \phi \sin \theta & \cos \phi \sin \theta + \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ -\sin \phi \cos \theta - \cos \phi \sin \theta & -\sin \phi \sin \theta + \cos \phi \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now use

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x \pm y) &= \sin x \cos y \pm \cos x \sin y \\ \cos(x \pm y) &= \cos x \cos y \mp \sin x \sin y \end{aligned}$$

where  $x = \phi$  and  $\theta = y$

$\therefore BA = C$