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MGM.01 Perpendicular Frames BASICS

Mathematica Initializations

B.5) 3D perpendicular frames. Hanging and aligning in 3D

□ B.5.a.i) 3D perpendicular frames and Euler angles

You dial up a 3D perpendicular frame by setting three angles r , s and t :

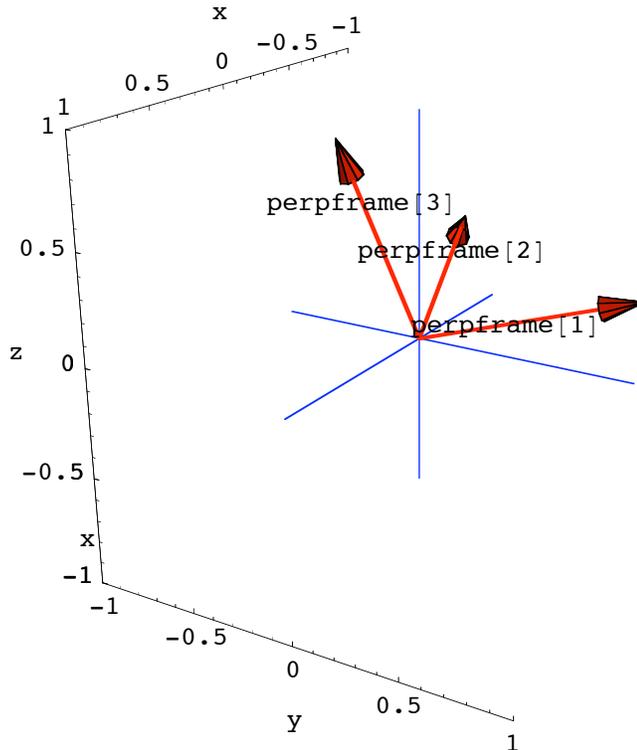
```
Clear[perpframe, r, s, t];
{perpframe[1], perpframe[2], perpframe[3]} =
{{Cos[r] Cos[t] - Cos[s] Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[s] Cos[t] Sin[r] + Cos[r] Sin[t],
 Sin[r] Sin[s]}, {-Cos[t] Sin[r] - Cos[r] Cos[s] Sin[t],
 Cos[r] Cos[s] Cos[t] - Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[r] Sin[s]},
 {Sin[s] Sin[t], -Cos[t] Sin[s], Cos[s]}}

{{Cos[r] Cos[t] - Cos[s] Sin[r] Sin[t],
 Cos[s] Cos[t] Sin[r] + Cos[r] Sin[t], Sin[r] Sin[s]},
 {-Cos[t] Sin[r] - Cos[r] Cos[s] Sin[t], Cos[r] Cos[s] Cos[t] - Sin[r] Sin[t],
 Cos[r] Sin[s]}, {Sin[s] Sin[t], -Cos[t] Sin[s], Cos[s]}}
```

Here's one:

```
r = Pi / 4;
s = Pi / 8;
t = Pi / 3;
Clear[perpframe];
{perpframe[1], perpframe[2], perpframe[3]} =
{{Cos[r] Cos[t] - Cos[s] Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[s] Cos[t] Sin[r] + Cos[r] Sin[t],
 Sin[r] Sin[s]}, {-Cos[t] Sin[r] - Cos[r] Cos[s] Sin[t], Cos[r] Cos[s] Cos[t] -
 Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[r] Sin[s]}, {Sin[s] Sin[t], -Cos[t] Sin[s], Cos[s]}};
ranger = 1.0;
frameplot = Show[Table[
  Arrow[perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Red], {k, 1, 3}],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[1]", 0.4 perpframe[1]]],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[2]", 0.7 perpframe[2]]],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[3]", 0.7 perpframe[3]]],
Axes3D[2, 0.1],
```

```
PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
Boxed -> False,
Axes -> True, ViewPoint -> CMView, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"};
```



Lots of folks call the angles r , s and t by the name "Euler angles."
 What is the physical meaning meaning of the Euler angles r , s and t ?

It's really hard to find a part of math that Euler didn't contribute to.

□ Answer:

As Euler himself once said, one example gives the idea.

In the example above

$$r = \frac{\pi}{4}; s = \frac{\pi}{8}; t = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

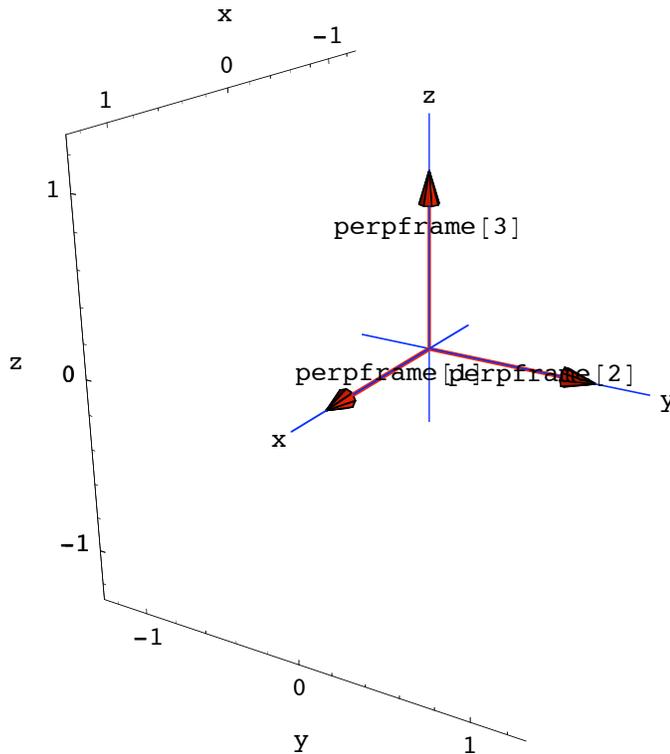
To see how this was built up, start with the usual perpendicular frame pointing out the positive x , y and z axes:

```
Clear[perpframe];
{perpframe[1], perpframe[2], perpframe[3]} = {{1, 0, 0}, {0, 1, 0}, {0, 0, 1}};
ranger = 1.3;
originalframeplot = Show[Table[
  Arrow[perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Red], {k, 1, 3}],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[1]", 0.4 perpframe[1]]],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[2]", 0.7 perpframe[2]]],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[3]", 0.7 perpframe[3]]],
Axes3D[1.3, 0.1],
```

```

PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
Boxed -> False,
Axes -> True, ViewPoint -> CMView, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"};

```



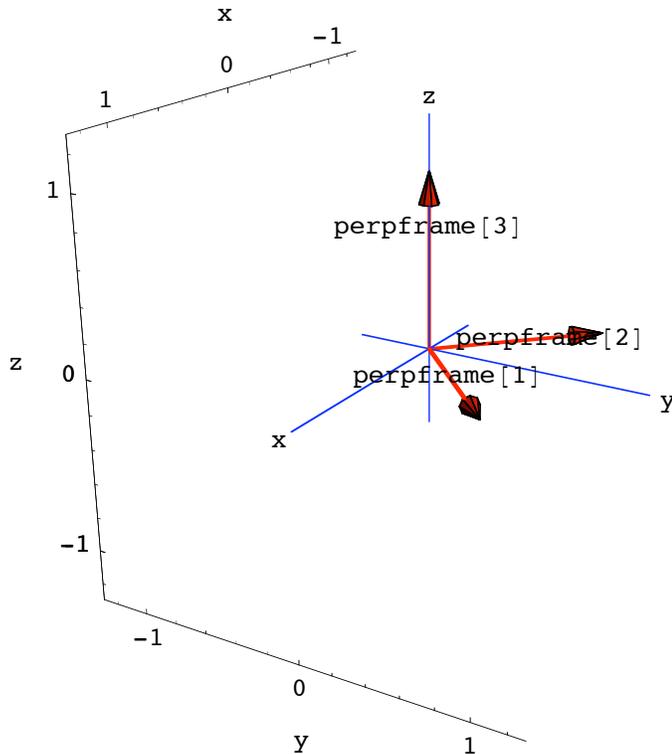
To see the effect of r , go with Euler angles $r = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $s = 0$, $t = 0$:

```

r = Pi / 4;
s = 0;
t = 0;
Clear[perpframe];
{perpframe[1], perpframe[2], perpframe[3]} =
{{Cos[r] Cos[t] - Cos[s] Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[s] Cos[t] Sin[r] + Cos[r] Sin[t],
 Sin[r] Sin[s]}, {-Cos[t] Sin[r] - Cos[r] Cos[s] Sin[t], Cos[r] Cos[s] Cos[t] -
 Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[r] Sin[s]}, {Sin[s] Sin[t], -Cos[t] Sin[s], Cos[s]}};

rframeplot = Show[Table[
  Arrow[perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Red], {k, 1, 3}],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[1]", 0.4 perpframe[1]]],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[2]", 0.7 perpframe[2]]],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[3]", 0.7 perpframe[3]]],
Axes3D[1.3, 0.1],
PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
Boxed -> False,
Axes -> True, ViewPoint -> CMView, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}];

```



You get the perpendicular frame corresponding to Euler angles

$r = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $s = 0$ and $t = 0$ by rotating everything by r radians about the z axis.

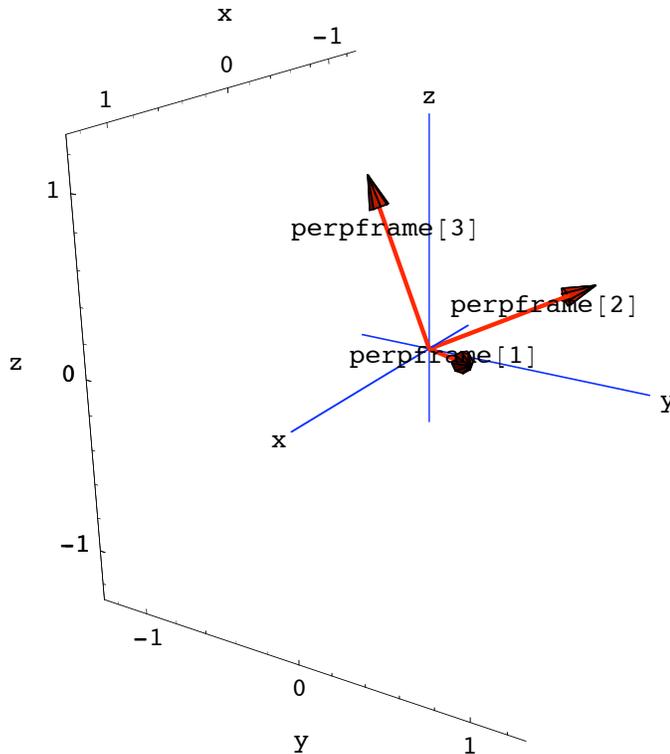
To see the combined effect of r and s , go with Euler angles

$r = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $s = \frac{\pi}{8}$ and $t = 0$:

```

r = Pi / 4;
s = Pi / 8;
t = 0;
Clear[perpframe];
{perpframe[1], perpframe[2], perpframe[3]} =
  {{Cos[r] Cos[t] - Cos[s] Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[s] Cos[t] Sin[r] + Cos[r] Sin[t],
    Sin[r] Sin[s]}, {-Cos[t] Sin[r] - Cos[r] Cos[s] Sin[t], Cos[r] Cos[s] Cos[t] -
    Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[r] Sin[s]}, {Sin[s] Sin[t], -Cos[t] Sin[s], Cos[s]}};
frameplot = Show[Table[
  Arrow[perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Red], {k, 1, 3}],
  Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[1]", 0.4 perpframe[1]]],
  Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[2]", 0.7 perpframe[2]]],
  Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[3]", 0.7 perpframe[3]]],
  Axes3D[1.3, 0.1],
  PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
  Boxed -> False,
  Axes -> True, ViewPoint -> CMView, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}];

```

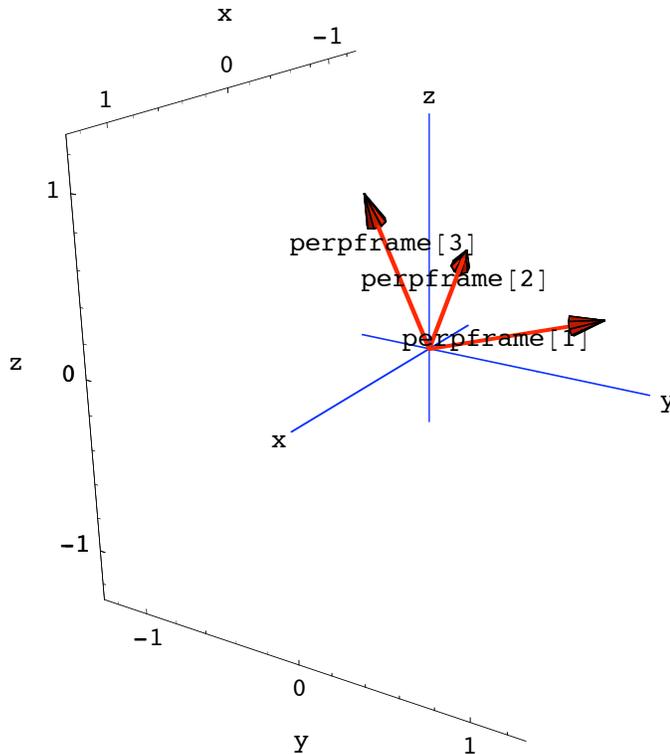


You get the perpendicular frame corresponding to $r = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $s = \frac{\pi}{8}$ and $t = 0$ by
 -> first rotating everything by r radians about the z axis
 -> and then rotating everything by s radians about the x -axis.

To see the combined effect of r , s and t go with Euler angles

$r = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $s = \frac{\pi}{8}$ and $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$:

```
r = Pi / 4;
s = Pi / 8;
t = Pi / 3;
Clear[perpframe];
{perpframe[1], perpframe[2], perpframe[3]} =
{{Cos[r] Cos[t] - Cos[s] Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[s] Cos[t] Sin[r] + Cos[r] Sin[t],
 Sin[r] Sin[s]}, {-Cos[t] Sin[r] - Cos[r] Cos[s] Sin[t], Cos[r] Cos[s] Cos[t] -
 Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[r] Sin[s]}, {Sin[s] Sin[t], -Cos[t] Sin[s], Cos[s]}};
frameplot = Show[Table[
  Arrow[perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Red], {k, 1, 3}],
  Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[1]", 0.4 perpframe[1]]],
  Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[2]", 0.7 perpframe[2]]],
  Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[3]", 0.7 perpframe[3]]],
  Axes3D[1.3, 0.1],
  PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
  Boxed -> False,
  Axes -> True, ViewPoint -> CMView, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}];
```



You get the perpendicular frame corresponding to $r = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $s = \frac{\pi}{8}$ and $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$

by

->first rotating everything by r radians about the z axis

-> and then rotating everything by s radians about the x -axis

and finally

-> then rotating everything by t radians about the z -axis (again).

□ B.5.b.i) Hanging an ellipsoid on a 3D perpendicular frame

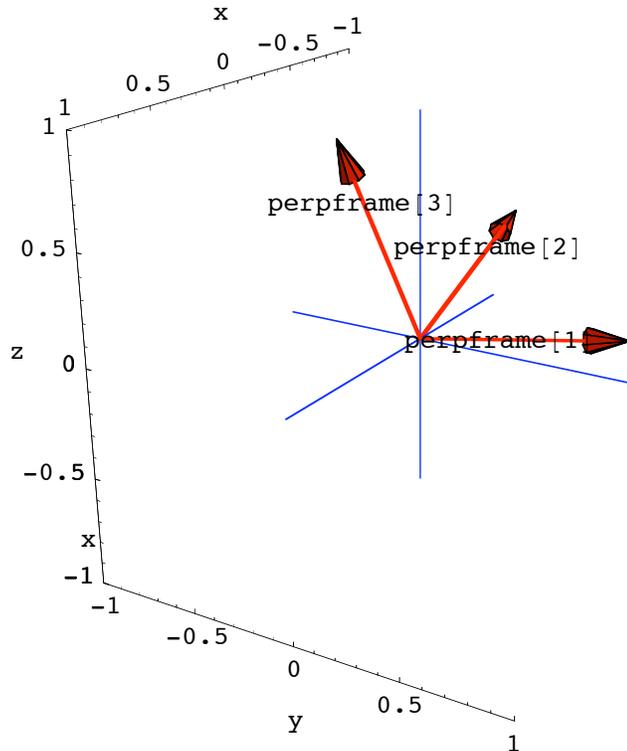
Here's a 3D perpendicular frame:

```

r =  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ ;
s =  $\frac{\pi}{8}$ ;
t =  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ ;
Clear[perpframe];
{perpframe[1], perpframe[2], perpframe[3]} =
{{Cos[r] Cos[t] - Cos[s] Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[s] Cos[t] Sin[r] + Cos[r] Sin[t],
 Sin[r] Sin[s]}, {-Cos[t] Sin[r] - Cos[r] Cos[s] Sin[t], Cos[r] Cos[s] Cos[t] -
 Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[r] Sin[s]}, {Sin[s] Sin[t], -Cos[t] Sin[s], Cos[s]}};
ranger = 1.0;
frameplot =

```

```
Show[Table[Arrow[perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Red], {k, 1, 3}],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[1]", 0.4 perpframe[1]],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[2]", 0.7 perpframe[2]],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[3]", 0.7 perpframe[3]], Axes3D[2, 0.1],
PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
Boxed -> False, Axes -> True, ViewPoint -> CMView, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}];
```

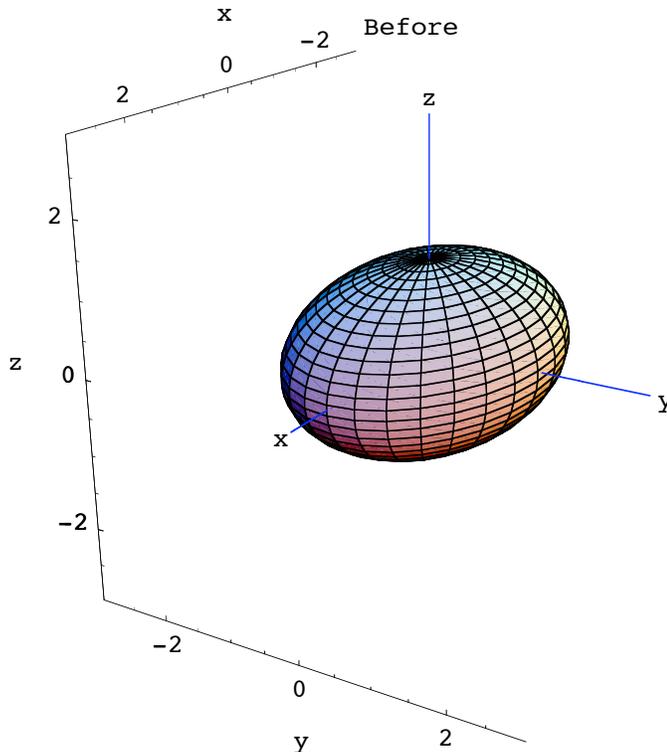


Here's a fat ellipsoid (football) skewered on the the x,y,and z axes:

```
Clear[x, y, z, s, t, pointcolor];
{x[s_, t_], y[s_, t_], z[s_, t_]} = {2.3 Sin[s] Cos[t], 1.6 Sin[s] Sin[t], 1.2 Cos[s]};
{slow, shigh} = {0,  $\pi$ };
{tlow, thigh} = {0,  $2\pi$ };
ranger = 3.0;

football = ParametricPlot3D[{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]}, {s, slow, shigh}, {t, tlow, thigh},
PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
Axes -> True, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}, Boxed -> False,
ViewPoint -> CMView, DisplayFunction -> Identity];

Show[football, Axes3D[3, 0.2], PlotLabel -> "Before", DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction];
```



Hang this ellipsoid on the plotted perpendicular frame with `perpframe[1]` playing the former role of the positive x-axis, `perpframe[2]` playing the former role of the positive y-axis, and with `perpframe[3]` playing the former role of the positive z-axis.

□ Answer:

You just take the xyz- parameterization $\{x[s,t], y[s,t], z[s,t]\}$, rip off $x[s,t]$, $y[s,t]$ and $z[s,t]$ and insert them like this

`hangplotter[s, t] =`

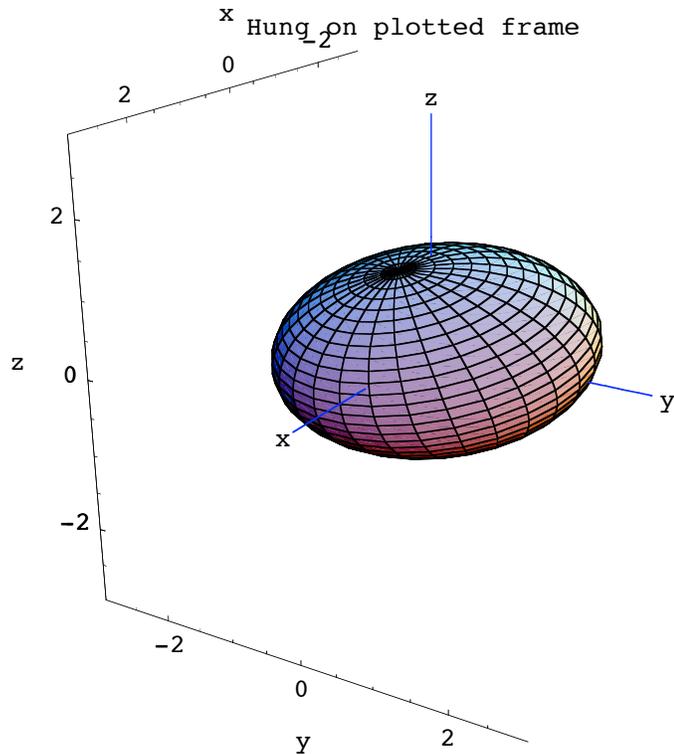
`x[s, t] perpframe[1] + y[s, t] perpframe[2] + z[s, t] perpframe[3]`

And plot:

```
Clear[hangplotter];
hangplotter[s_, t_] = x[s, t] perpframe[1] + y[s, t] perpframe[2] + z[s, t] perpframe[3];

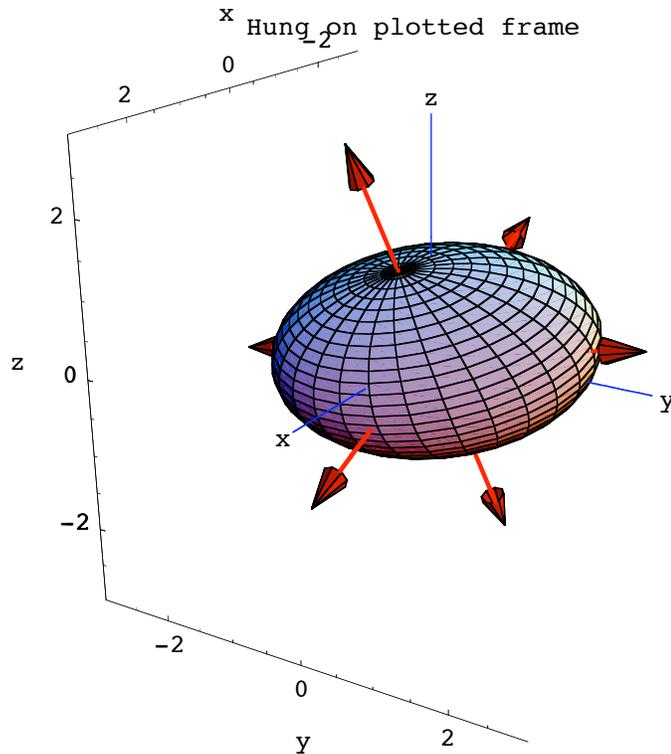
hungfootball = ParametricPlot3D[hangplotter[s, t], {s, slow, shigh}, {t, tlow, thigh},
  PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
  Axes -> True, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}, Boxed -> False,
  ViewPoint -> CMView, DisplayFunction -> Identity];

hungplot = Show[hungfootball, Axes3D[3, 0.2],
  PlotLabel -> "Hung on plotted frame", DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction];
```



See this plot together with scaled versions of the perpendicular frame:

```
scaledframeplot = {Table[
  Arrow[perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, ScaleFactor -> 3, VectorColor -> Red],
  {k, 1, 3}], Table[Arrow[-perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0},
  ScaleFactor -> 3, VectorColor -> Red], {k, 1, 3}]];
Show[hungfootball, scaledframeplot, Axes3D[3, 0.2],
PlotLabel -> "Hung on plotted frame", DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction];
```



Grab and animate the last three plots.

The new football is skewered on the plotted perpendicular frame the same way that the original football is skewered on the x,y, and z axes.

□ B.5.b.ii) Hanging a surface on a 3D perpendicular frame

Here's a surface shown together with a scaled 3D perpendicular frame:

```

Clear[x, y, z, s, t];
{x[s_, t_], y[s_, t_], z[s_, t_]} =
  s {2 Cos[t], 1, 1.5 Sin[t]} + (1 - s) {0.3 Cos[t], 3, 0.4 Sin[t]};

{tlow, thigh} = {0, 2 π};
{slow, shigh} = {0, 1};
ranger = 4;

surfaceplot = ParametricPlot3D[{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]}, {s, slow, shigh},
  {t, tlow, thigh}, PlotPoints → {2, Automatic}, DisplayFunction → Identity];

Clear[perpframe];
{perpframe[1], perpframe[2], perpframe[3]} =
  {{Cos[r] Cos[t] - Cos[s] Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[s] Cos[t] Sin[r] + Cos[r] Sin[t],
    Sin[r] Sin[s]}, {-Cos[t] Sin[r] - Cos[r] Cos[s] Sin[t],
    Cos[r] Cos[s] Cos[t] - Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[r] Sin[s]},
  {Sin[s] Sin[t], -Cos[t] Sin[s], Cos[s]}} /. {r → 0.3, s →  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ , t →  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$ };

scaledframeplot =

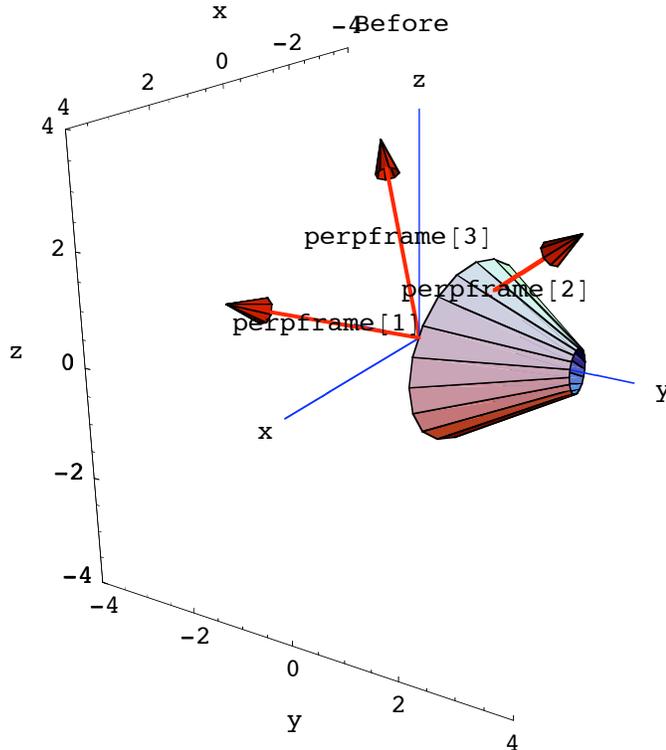
```

```

{Table[Arrow[ranger perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Red], {k, 1, 3}],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[1]", 0.5 ranger perpframe[1]]],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[2]", 0.5 ranger perpframe[2]]],
Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[3]", 0.5 ranger perpframe[3]]]];

before = Show[scaledframeplot, surfaceplot, Axes3D[ranger],
PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
AspectRatio -> Automatic, Axes -> True, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}, ViewPoint -> CMView,
PlotLabel -> "Before", Boxed -> False, DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction];

```



Pick up this surface up and hang it on the plotted frame with
 perpframe[1] playing the former role of $\{1,0,0\}$ pointing along the
 positive x-axis
 perpframe[2] playing the former role of $\{0,1,0\}$ pointing along the
 positive y-axis
 and with
 perpframe[3] playing the former role of $\{0,0,1\}$ pointing along the
 positive z-axis

□ Answer:

All you do is:

You just take the xyz- parameterization $\{x[s,t], y[s,t], z[s,t]\}$, rip off $x[s,t]$,
 $y[s,t]$ and $z[s,t]$ and insert them like this

hangplotter[s, t] =

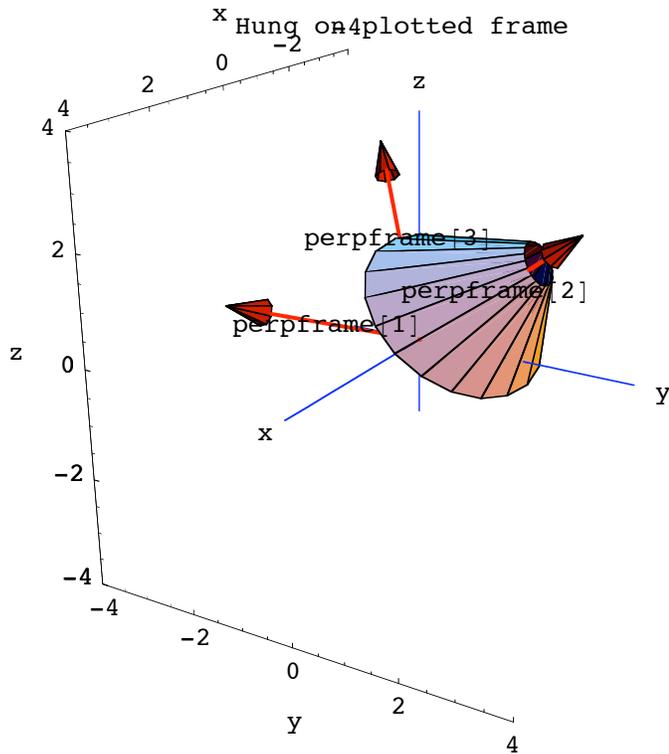
$$x[s, t] \text{ perpframe}[1] + y[s, t] \text{ perpframe}[2] + z[s, t] \text{ perpframe}[3]$$

And plot:

```
Clear[hangplotter];
hangplotter[s_, t_] = x[s, t] perpframe[1] + y[s, t] perpframe[2] + z[s, t] perpframe[3];

hungsurface = ParametricPlot3D[hangplotter[s, t],
  {s, slow, shigh}, {t, tlow, thigh}, PlotPoints -> {2, Automatic},
  PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
  Axes -> True, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}, Boxed -> False,
  ViewPoint -> CMView, DisplayFunction -> Identity];

hungplot = Show[hungsurface, Axes3D[ranger], scaledframeplot,
  PlotLabel -> "Hung on plotted frame", DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction];
```



Grab both plots and animate.

Done.

□ B.5.c.i) Aligning an ellipsoid on the x,y and z axes in 3D

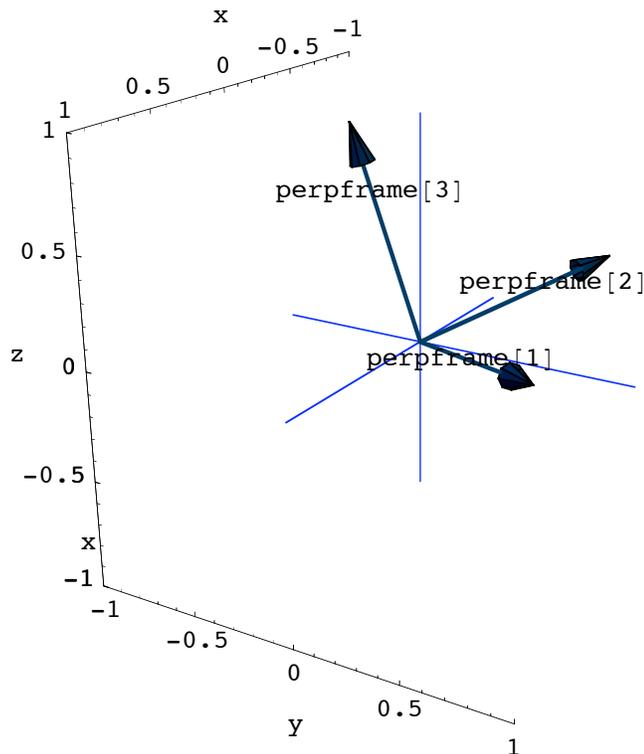
Here's a 3D perpendicular frame:

```
r = 0.6;
s = 0.3;
t = 0.4;
Clear[perpframe];
```

```

{perpframe[1], perpframe[2], perpframe[3]} =
  {{Cos[r] Cos[t] - Cos[s] Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[s] Cos[t] Sin[r] + Cos[r] Sin[t],
    Sin[r] Sin[s]}, {-Cos[t] Sin[r] - Cos[r] Cos[s] Sin[t], Cos[r] Cos[s] Cos[t] -
    Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[r] Sin[s]}, {Sin[s] Sin[t], -Cos[t] Sin[s], Cos[s]}};
ranger = 1.0;
frameplot = Show[Table[
  Arrow[perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Indigo], {k, 1, 3}],
  Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[1]", 0.4 perpframe[1]]],
  Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[2]", 0.7 perpframe[2]]],
  Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[3]", 0.7 perpframe[3]]],
  Axes3D[2, 0.1],
  PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
  Boxed -> False,
  Axes -> True, ViewPoint -> CMView, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}];

```



Here's a fat ellipsoid (football) skewered on the same perpendicular frame:

```

Clear[x, y, z, s, t, pointcolor];
{x[s_, t_], y[s_, t_], z[s_, t_]} =
  2.3 Sin[s] Cos[t] perpframe[1] + 1.6 Sin[s] Sin[t] perpframe[2] + 1.2 Cos[s] perpframe[3];

{slow, shigh} = {0, π};
{tlow, thigh} = {0, 2 π};
ranger = 4.0;

football = ParametricPlot3D[{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]}, {s, slow, shigh}, {t, tlow, thigh},
  PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
  Axes -> True, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}, Boxed -> False,
  ViewPoint -> CMView, DisplayFunction -> Identity];

scaledframeplot =

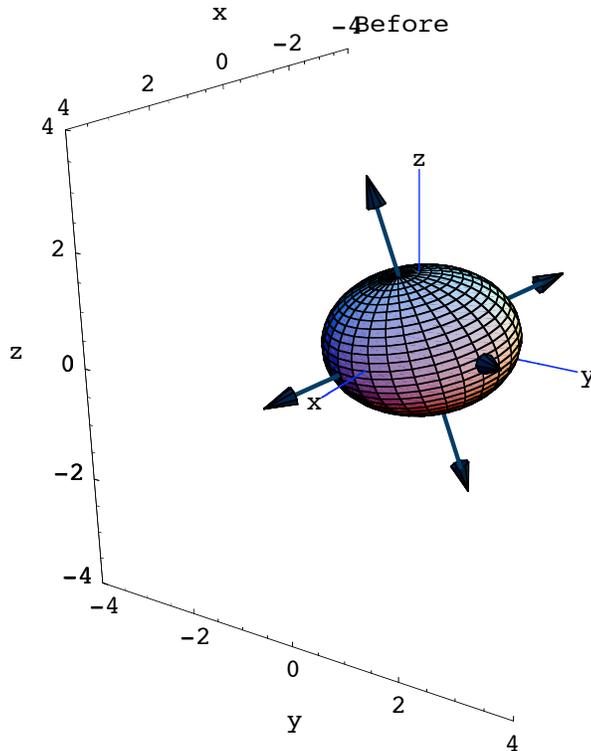
```

```

{Table[Arrow[perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, ScaleFactor -> 3, VectorColor -> Indigo],
{k, 1, 3}], Table[Arrow[-perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0},
ScaleFactor -> 3, VectorColor -> Indigo], {k, 1, 3}]];

Show[football, Axes3D[3, 0.2], scaledframeplot,
PlotLabel -> "Before", DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction];

```



Align this ellipsoid on the x,y and z- axes with
 $\{1,0,0\}$ pointing along the positive x- axis playing the former role of
 $\text{perpframe}[1]$,
 $\{0,1,0\}$ pointing along the positive y- axis playing the former role of
 $\text{perpframe}[2]$,
 $\{0,0,1\}$ pointing along the positive z- axis playing the former role of
 $\text{perpframe}[3]$.

□ Answer:

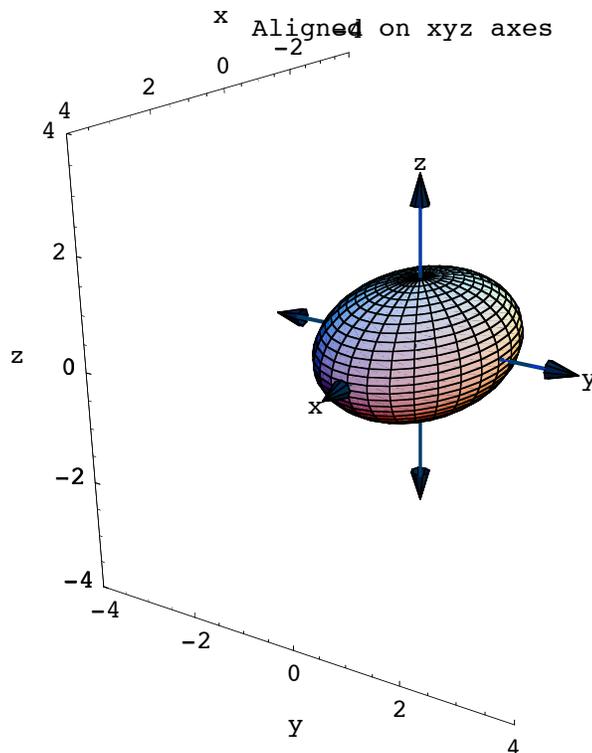
Just as in 2D, you take the given xyz- parameterization $\{x[s,t],y[s,t],z[s,t]\}$ of the ellipsoid and go with the coordinates of $\{x[s,t],y[s,t],z[s,t]\}$ and then plot

$$\{ \{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]\}.perpframe[1], \\ \{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]\}.perpframe[2], \\ \{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]\}.perpframe[3] \} :$$

```
alignedfootball = ParametricPlot3D[
  {{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]}.perpframe[1], {x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]}.perpframe[2],
   {x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]}.perpframe[3]}, {s, slow, shigh}, {t, tlow, thigh},
  PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
  Axes -> True, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}, Boxed -> False,
  ViewPoint -> CMView, DisplayFunction -> Identity];
xyzperpframe[1] = {1, 0, 0};
xyzperpframe[2] = {0, 1, 0};
xyzperpframe[3] = {0, 0, 1};

scaledxyzunitvectors =
  {Table[Arrow[xyzperpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, ScaleFactor -> 3, VectorColor -> Indigo],
   {k, 1, 3}], Table[Arrow[-xyzperpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0},
   ScaleFactor -> 3, VectorColor -> Indigo], {k, 1, 3}]};

Show[alignedfootball, Axes3D[3, 0.2], scaledxyzunitvectors,
  PlotLabel -> "Aligned on xyz axes", DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction];
```



Grab both plots and animate.

There you go.

This ellipsoid is now aligned on the x,y and z- axes with
 $\{1,0,0\}$ pointing along the positive x- axis playing the former role of
 perpframe[1],
 $\{0,1,0\}$ pointing along the positive y- axis playing the former role of
 perpframe[2],
 $\{0,0,1\}$ pointing along the positive z- axis playing the former role of
 perpframe[3].

□ B.5.c.ii) Aligning a surface on the x,y and z axes in 3D

Here's a 3D surface shown with a plot of a 3D perpendicular frame::

```
r = Pi / 8;
s = Pi / 4;
t = Pi / 4

Clear[perpframe];
{perpframe[1], perpframe[2], perpframe[3]} =
  {{Cos[r] Cos[t] - Cos[s] Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[s] Cos[t] Sin[r] + Cos[r] Sin[t],
   Sin[r] Sin[s]}, {-Cos[t] Sin[r] - Cos[r] Cos[s] Sin[t], Cos[r] Cos[s] Cos[t] -
   Sin[r] Sin[t], Cos[r] Sin[s]}, {Sin[s] Sin[t], -Cos[t] Sin[s], Cos[s]}};

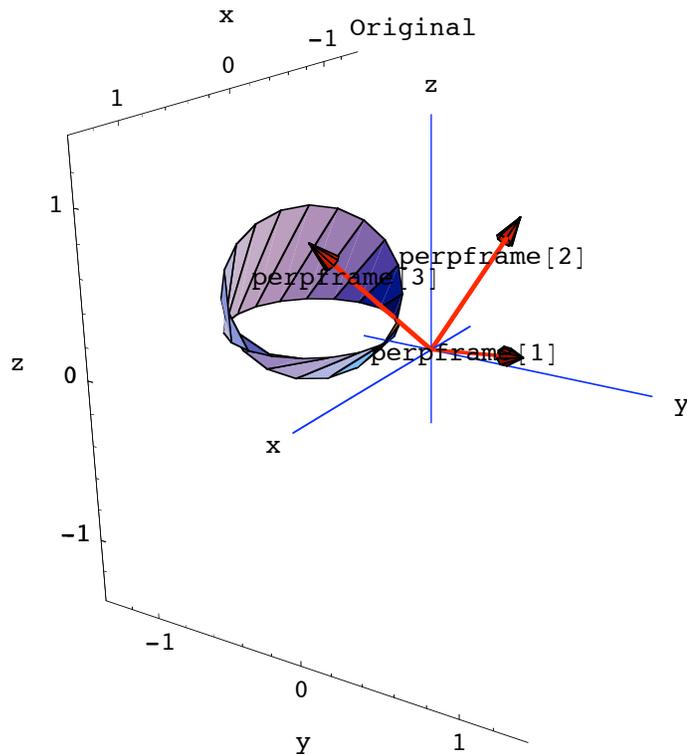
ranger = 1.0;
scaledframeplot =
  {Table[Arrow[perpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Red], {k, 1, 3}],
   Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[1]", 0.4 perpframe[1]]],
   Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[2]", 0.7 perpframe[2]]],
   Graphics3D[Text["perpframe[3]", 0.7 perpframe[3]]]};

Clear[x, y, z, s, t];
{x[s_, t_], y[s_, t_], z[s_, t_]} = 0.5 s (Cos[t] perpframe[1] + Sin[t] perpframe[2]) +
  perpframe[3] - 0.5 {Cos[t], Sin[t], Cos[s]};

{slow, shigh} = {0, 1};
{tlow, thigh} = {0, 2 Pi};

ranger = 1.4;
surfaceplot = ParametricPlot3D[{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]}, {s, slow, shigh},
  {t, tlow, thigh}, PlotPoints -> {2, Automatic}, DisplayFunction -> Identity];

before = Show[surfaceplot, Axes3D[ranger], scaledframeplot,
  PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
  Axes -> True, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}, Boxed -> False, PlotLabel -> "Original",
  ViewPoint -> CMView, DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction];
```

$$\frac{\pi}{4}$$


Align this surface on the x,y and z- axes with
 $\{1,0,0\}$ pointing along the positive x- axis playing the former role of
 perpframe[1],
 $\{0,1,0\}$ pointing along the positive y- axis playing the former role of
 perpframe[2],
 $\{0,0,1\}$ pointing along the positive z- axis playing the former role of
 perpframe[3].

□ Answer:

Just as in 2D, you take the given xyz- parameterization $\{x[s,t],y[s,t],z[s,t]\}$ of the surface and go with the coordinates of $\{x[s,t],y[s,t],z[s,t]\}$ relative to the perpendicular frame

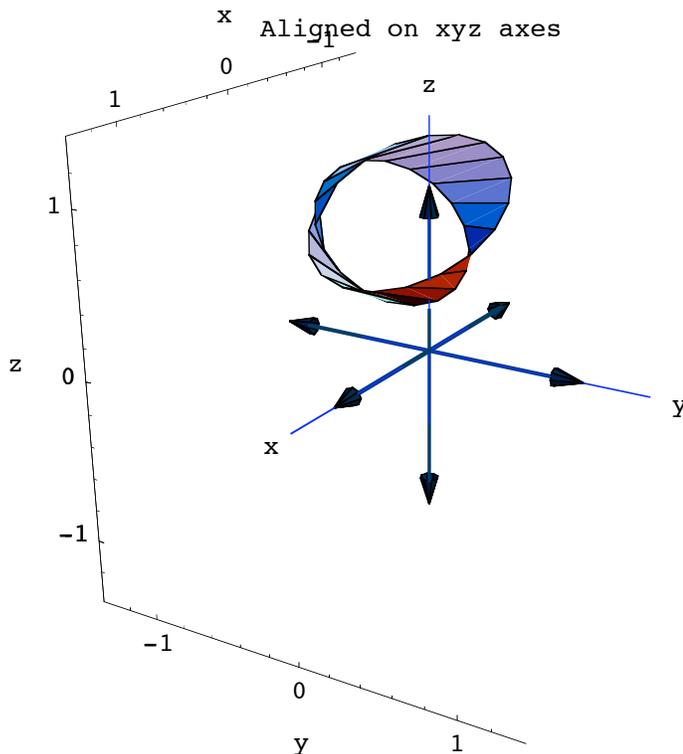
$$\{ \{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]\}. \text{perpframe}[1], \\ \{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]\}. \text{perpframe}[2], \\ \{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]\}. \text{perpframe}[3] \} :$$

And then plot:

```
alignedsurface = ParametricPlot3D[
  {{x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]}.perpframe[1], {x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]}.perpframe[2],
   {x[s, t], y[s, t], z[s, t]}.perpframe[3]}, {s, slow, shigh}, {t, tlow, thigh},
  PlotRange -> {{-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}, {-ranger, ranger}},
  Axes -> True, AxesLabel -> {"x", "y", "z"}, PlotPoints -> {2, Automatic},
  Boxed -> False, ViewPoint -> CMView, DisplayFunction -> Identity];
xyzperpframe[1] = {1, 0, 0};
xyzperpframe[2] = {0, 1, 0};
xyzperpframe[3] = {0, 0, 1};

xyzunitvectors =
  {Table[Arrow[xyzperpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Indigo], {k, 1, 3}],
   Table[Arrow[-xyzperpframe[k], Tail -> {0, 0, 0}, VectorColor -> Indigo], {k, 1, 3}]};

after = Show[alignedsurface, xyzunitvectors, Axes3D[ranger],
  PlotLabel -> "Aligned on xyz axes", DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction];
```



Grab both plots, align and animate.

Now the z-axis pierces the aligned surface just the way `perpframe[3]` pierces the original surface.

Done.