

## Affine transformations

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## Reading

Required:

- Angel 3.1, 3.7-3.11

Further reading:

- Angel, the rest of Chapter 3
- Foley, et al, Chapter 5.1-5.5.
- David F. Rogers and J. Alan Adams, *Mathematical Elements for Computer Graphics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., McGraw-Hill, New York, 1990, Chapter 2.

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## Geometric transformations

Geometric transformations will map points in one space to points in another:  $(x', y', z') = f(x, y, z)$ .

These transformations can be very simple, such as scaling each coordinate, or complex, such as non-linear twists and bends.

We'll focus on transformations that can be represented easily with matrix operations.

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## Vector representation

We can represent a **point**,  $p = (x, y)$ , in the plane or  $p = (x, y, z)$  in 3D space



- as column vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

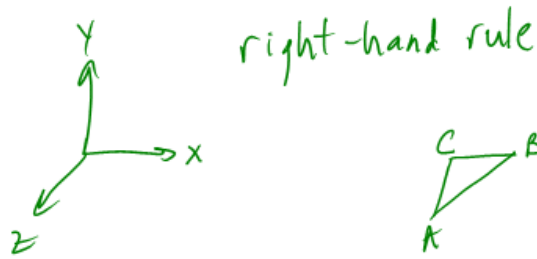
- as row vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Canonical axes

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = v_x \hat{x} + v_y \hat{y} + v_z \hat{z} = v_x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + v_y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + v_z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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### Vector length and dot products

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}$$

$$v \cdot u = v_x u_x + v_y u_y + v_z u_z = v^T u$$

$$v \cdot u = u \cdot v \text{ True} = [v_x \ v_y \ v_z] \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v \cdot v = \|v\|^2$$

$$v \cdot u = \|v\| \|u\| \cos \theta$$

$$v \cdot u = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 90, -90 \text{ } \perp \text{ or orthogonal}$$

or  $\|u\|=0$  or  $\|v\|=0$

$$\hat{v} = \frac{v}{\|v\|} \quad \|\hat{v}\| = 1 \quad \hat{v} \cdot \hat{u} = \cos \theta$$

$$\hat{v} \cdot u = \|u\| \cos \theta$$

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### Vector cross products



$$u \times v = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix} = (u_y v_z - u_z v_y) \hat{x} + (u_z v_x - u_x v_z) \hat{y} + (u_x v_y - u_y v_x) \hat{z}$$

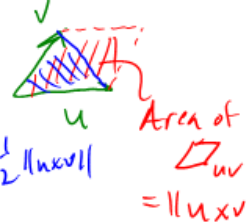
$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u \times v = -v \times u$$

$$(u \times v) \cdot u = 0$$

$$\|u \times v\| = \|u\| \|v\| \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_y v_z - u_z v_y \\ u_z v_x - u_x v_z \\ u_x v_y - u_y v_x \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\text{Area } \Delta_{uv} = \frac{1}{2} \|u \times v\|$$

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$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

### Representation, cont.

We can represent a **2-D transformation**  $M$  by a matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $p$  is a column vector,  $M$  goes on the left:

$$p' = Mp$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $p$  is a row vector,  $M^T$  goes on the right:

$$p' = pM^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' & y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by & cx + dy \end{bmatrix}$$

We will use **column vectors**.

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1} A^{-1}$$

$$A^{-1} A = I$$

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$$(AB)^{-1} A B^{-1} = I$$

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## Two-dimensional transformations

Here's all you get with a  $2 \times 2$  transformation matrix  $M$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= ax + by \\ y' &= cx + dy \end{aligned}$$

We will develop some intimacy with the elements  $a, b, c, d, \dots$

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## Identity

Suppose we choose  $a=d=1, b=c=0$ :

- Gives the **identity** matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Doesn't move the points at all

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## Scaling

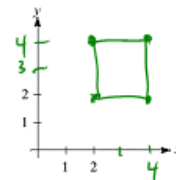
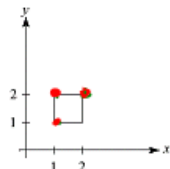
Suppose we set  $b=c=0$ , but let  $a$  and  $d$  take on any positive value:

- Gives a **scaling** matrix:

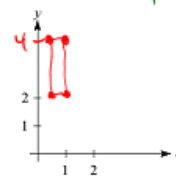
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$$

- Provides **differential (non-uniform) scaling** in  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= ax \\ y' &= dy \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix}$$

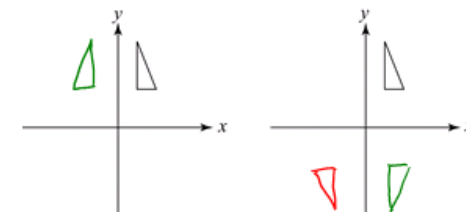
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## Reflection, mirror

Suppose we keep  $b=c=0$ , but let either  $a$  or  $d$  go negative.

Examples:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ rot } 180$$

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## Shear

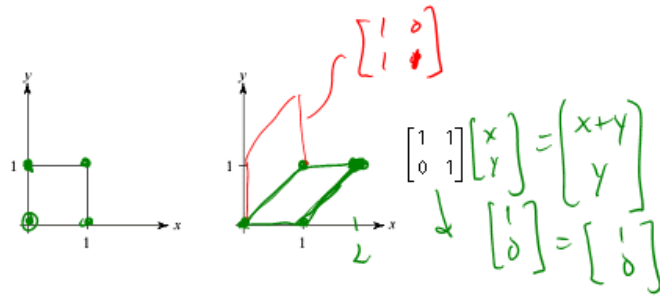
Now let's leave  $a=d=1$  and experiment with  $b$ ...

The matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

gives:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x + by \\ y' &= y \end{aligned}$$



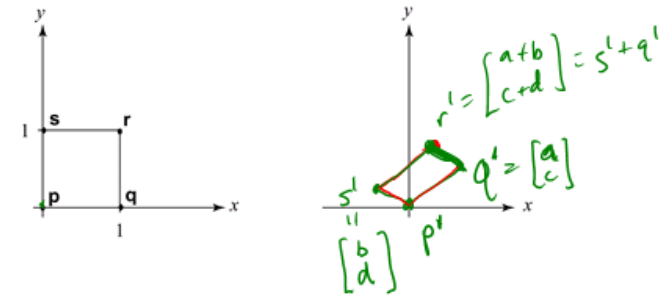
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## Effect on unit square

Let's see how a general  $2 \times 2$  transformation  $M$  affects the unit square:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & q & r & s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p' & q' & r' & s' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & a+b & b \\ 0 & c & c+d & d \end{bmatrix}$$



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## Effect on unit square, cont.

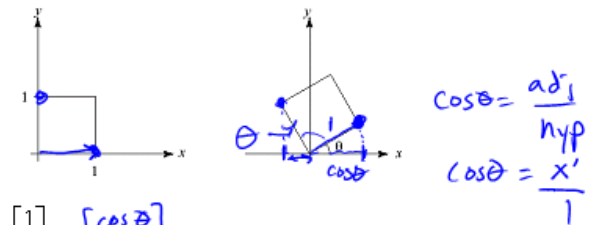
Observe:

- Origin invariant under  $M$
- $M$  can be determined just by knowing how the corners  $(1,0)$  and  $(0,1)$  are mapped
- $a$  and  $d$  give  $x$ - and  $y$ -scaling
- $b$  and  $c$  give  $x$ - and  $y$ -shearing

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## Rotation

From our observations of the effect on the unit square, it should be easy to write down a matrix for "rotation about the origin":



$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$M = R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Limitations of the 2 x 2 matrix

A 2 x 2 linear transformation matrix allows

- Scaling
- Rotation
- Reflection
- Shearing

Q: What important operation does that leave out?

Translation

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## Homogeneous coordinates

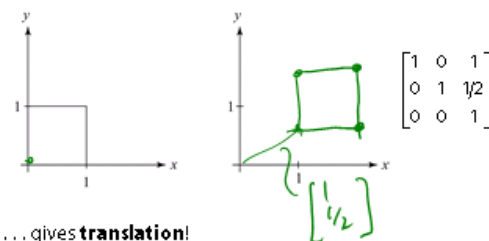
We can lift the problem up into 3-space, adding a third component to every point:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adding the third "w" component puts us in **homogenous coordinates**.

Then, transform with a 3 x 3 matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = T(\mathbf{t}) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+t_x \\ y+t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



... gives **translation!**

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## Affine transformations

The addition of translation to linear transformations gives us **affine transformations**.

In matrix form, 2D affine transformations always look like this:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{t} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{lin} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A\mathbf{p}_{lin} + \mathbf{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2D affine transformations always have a bottom row of [0 0 1].

An "affine point" is a "linear point" with an added w-coordinate which is always 1:

$$\mathbf{p}_{aff} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{lin} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying an affine transformation gives another affine point:

$$M\mathbf{p}_{aff} = \begin{bmatrix} A\mathbf{p}_{lin} + \mathbf{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

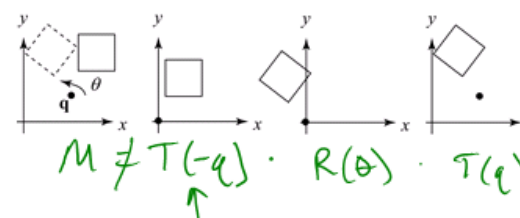
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## Rotation about arbitrary points

Until now, we have only considered rotation about the origin.

With homogeneous coordinates, you can specify a rotation,  $\theta$ , about any point  $\mathbf{q} = [q_x, q_y, 1]^T$  with a matrix:

$$T(\cdot) \\ R(\cdot)$$



1. Translate  $\mathbf{q}$  to origin
2. Rotate
3. Translate back

$$T(\mathbf{q}) R(\theta) T(-\mathbf{q}) V$$

$$M = T(\mathbf{q}) R(\theta) T(-\mathbf{q})$$

Note: Transformation order is important!!

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## Points and vectors

Vectors have an additional coordinate of  $w=0$ . Thus, a change of origin has no effect on vectors.

Q: What happens if we multiply a vector by an affine matrix?

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Av \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

These representations reflect some of the rules of affine operations on points and vectors:

- vector + vector  $\rightarrow$  vector
- scalar  $\cdot$  vector  $\rightarrow$  vector
- point - point  $\rightarrow$  vector
- point + vector  $\rightarrow$  point
- point + point  $\rightarrow$  chaos

One useful combination of affine operations is:

$$p(t) = p_0 + tu$$

Q: What does this describe?

$t \in [-\infty, \infty] \Rightarrow p(t)$  line  
 $t \in [0, \infty] \Rightarrow p(t)$  ray or half-line

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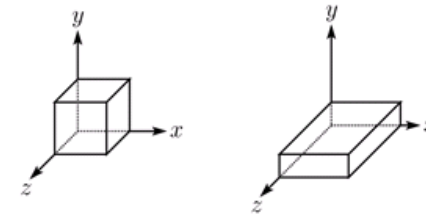
## Basic 3-D transformations: scaling

Some of the 3-D affine transformations are just like the 2-D ones.

In this case, the bottom row is always  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]$ .

For example, scaling:

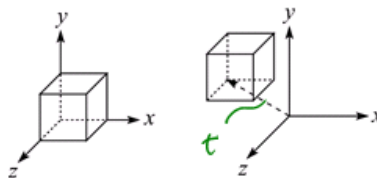
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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## Translation in 3D

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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## Rotation in 3D

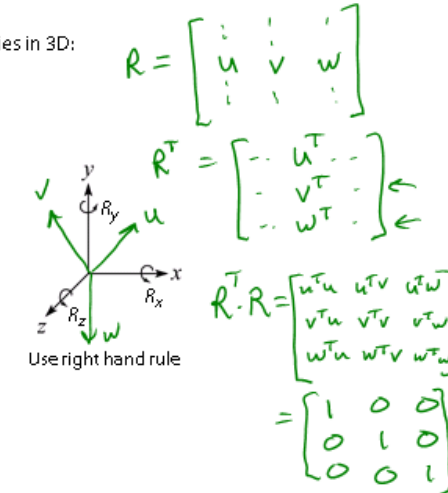
Rotation now has more possibilities in 3D:

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

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

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

$$R^T R = I \\ R^T = R^{-1}$$



A general rotation can be specified in terms of a product of these three matrices. How else might you specify a rotation?

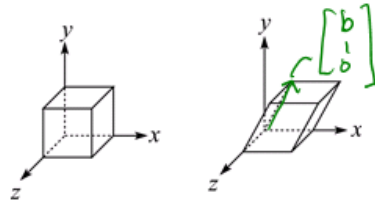
$$\begin{bmatrix} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{bmatrix} = I$$

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## Shearing in 3D

Shearing is also more complicated. Here is one example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



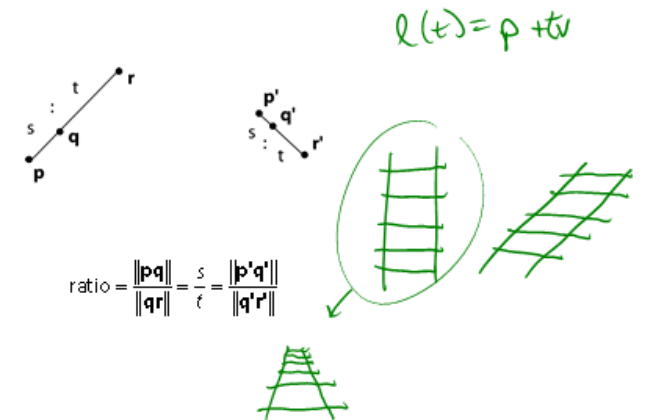
We call this a shear with respect to the x-z plane.

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## Properties of affine transformations

Here are some useful properties of affine transformations:

- Lines map to lines
- Parallel lines remain parallel
- Midpoints map to midpoints (in fact, ratios are always preserved)



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## Affine transformations in OpenGL

OpenGL maintains a "modelview" matrix that holds the current transformation **M**.

The modelview matrix is applied to points (usually vertices of polygons) before drawing.

It is modified by commands including:

- `glLoadIdentity()`                    **M** ← **I**  
- set **M** to identity
- `glTranslatef(tx, ty, tz)`        **M** ← **MT**  
- translate by (t<sub>x</sub>, t<sub>y</sub>, t<sub>z</sub>)
- `glRotatef(θ, x, y, z)`                **M** ← **MR**  
- rotate by angle θ about axis (x, y, z)
- `glScalef(sx, sy, sz)`                **M** ← **MS**  
- scale by (s<sub>x</sub>, s<sub>y</sub>, s<sub>z</sub>)

Note that OpenGL adds transformations by *postmultiplication* of the modelview matrix.

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## Summary

What to take away from this lecture:

- All the names in boldface.
- How points and transformations are represented.
- How to compute lengths, dot products, and cross products of vectors, and what their geometrical meanings are.
- What all the elements of a 2 x 2 transformation matrix do and how these generalize to 3 x 3 transformations.
- What homogeneous coordinates are and how they work for affine transformations.
- How to concatenate transformations.
- The mathematical properties of affine transformations.

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