

# **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.

## Geometric transformations

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

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.

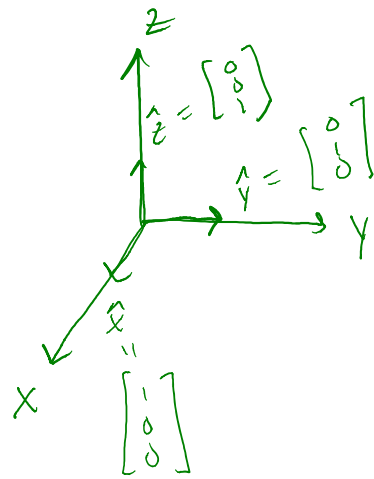
# Vector representation

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

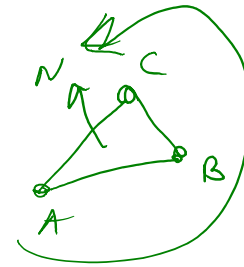
- ◆ as column vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

- ◆ as row vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$

# Canonical axes



right-handed  
coordinate systems

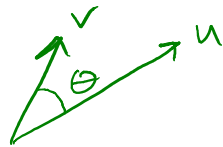


$$V = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = v_x \hat{x} + v_y \hat{y} + v_z \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{x} \times \hat{y} = \hat{z}$$

## Vector length and dot products

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} \quad u = \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{bmatrix}$$



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

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

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

$$u \cdot v = v \cdot u \quad \checkmark$$

$$u \cdot v = u^T v = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v \cdot u = v^T u$$

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

$$u \cdot v = 0$$

$$(\|u\| \neq 0, \|v\| \neq 0)$$

$\iff u \perp v$  (perpendicular orthogonal)

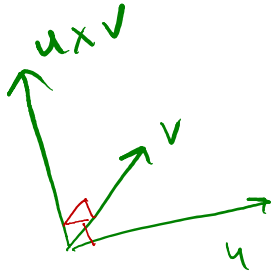
$$\|u\| = \|v\| = 1 \implies u \cdot v = \cos \theta$$

$$\hat{w} \leftarrow \frac{w}{\|w\|} \quad \text{vector normalization}$$

$$\|\hat{w}\| = 1$$

"direction"

## Vector cross products

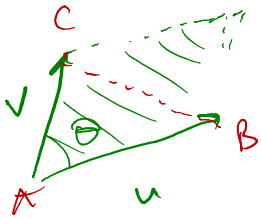


$$u \times v = \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{bmatrix} = (u_y v_z - u_z v_y) \hat{x} + (u_z v_x - u_x v_z) \hat{y} + (u_x v_y - u_y v_x) \hat{z}$$

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

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

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



$$\|u \times v\| = \|u\| \|v\| \sin \theta = \text{Area}(\triangle_{u,v}) = 2 \text{Area}(\triangle_{ABC})$$

$$N_{ABC} \sim u \times v$$

$$\|(\hat{u} \times \hat{v})\| = 1 \Leftrightarrow 90^\circ \quad u \perp v$$

$$\|u \times v\| = 0 \Rightarrow u \parallel v$$

## Representation, cont.

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

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

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

$$u \cdot v = u^T v = v^T u$$

If  $\mathbf{p}$  is a column vector,  $M$  goes on the left:

$$\mathbf{p}' = M\mathbf{p}$$

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

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

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

$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{p}M^T$$

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

We will use **column vectors**.



## Two-dimensional transformations

Here's all you get with a 2 x 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:

$$x' = ax + by$$

$$y' = cx + dy$$

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

# Identity

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

- ◆ Gives the **identity** matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x' = x \\ y' = y \end{array}$$

- ◆ Doesn't move the points at all

# Scaling

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

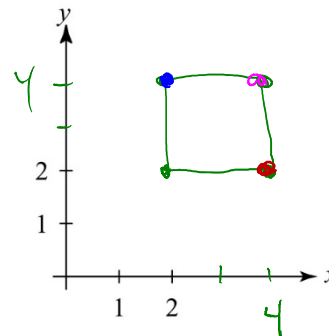
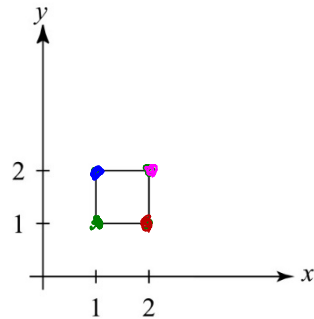
- ◆ Gives a **scaling** matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

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

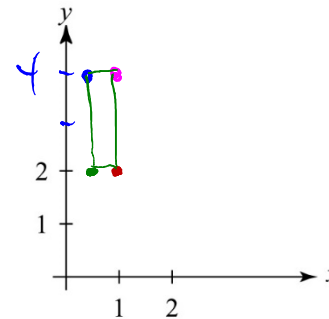
$$x' = ax$$

$$y' = dy$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$a=d$  uniform scale  
 $x' = 2x$   
 $y' = 2y$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

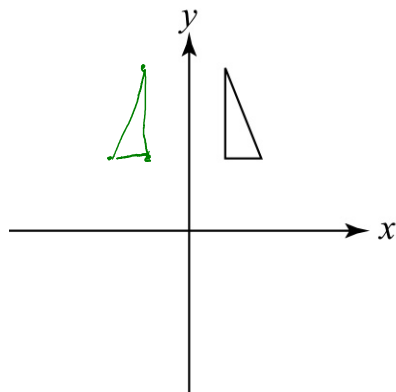
non-uniform scale  
 $a \neq d$   
 $x' = 1/2x$   
 $y' = 2y$

## Reflection (mirror)

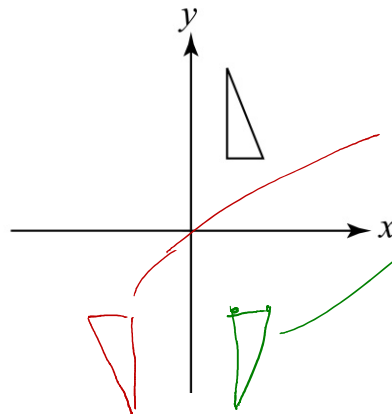
Suppose we keep  $b=c=0$ , but let either  $a$  or  $d$  go negative.

Examples:

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



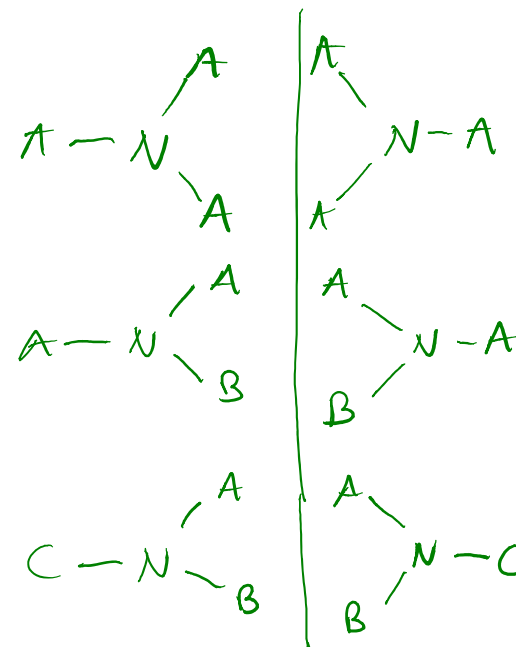
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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

rotation  
by  $180^\circ$

Chiral center  
(organic chem.)



# Shear

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

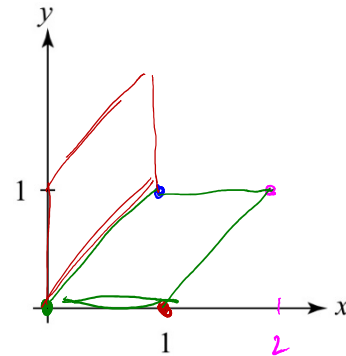
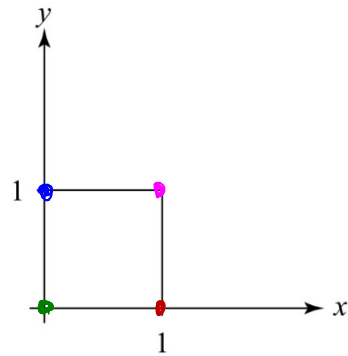
The matrix

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

gives:

$$x' = x + by$$

$$y' = y$$



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

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

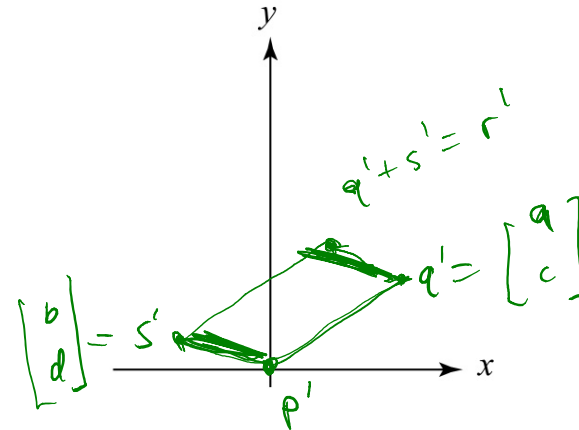
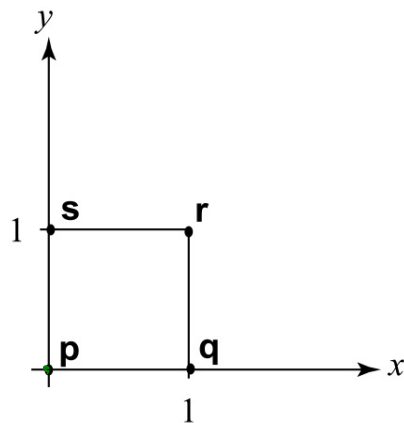
$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x + y \\ y' &= y \end{aligned}$$

## Effect on unit square

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

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

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



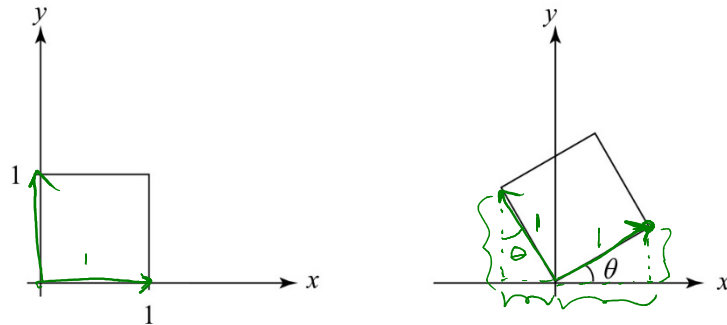
## Effect on unit square, cont.

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

# 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":



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

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

Thus,

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



## 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

## Homogeneous coordinates

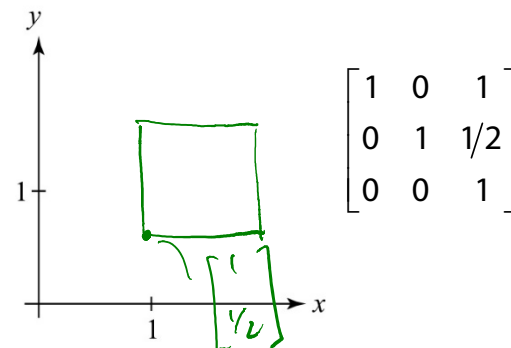
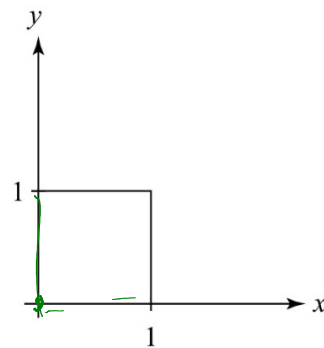
Idea is to lift the problem up into 3-space, adding a third component to every point:

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

Adding the third “ $w$ ” component puts us in **homogenous coordinates**.

And 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!**

## Anatomy of an affine matrix

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

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

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} \mathbf{A} & & \mathbf{t} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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:

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

Applying an affine transformation gives another affine point:

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \parallel \\ & \begin{bmatrix} ax+by+t_x \\ cx+dy+t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \parallel \\ & \begin{bmatrix} ax+by \\ cx+dy \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \parallel \\ & \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## Rotation about arbitrary points

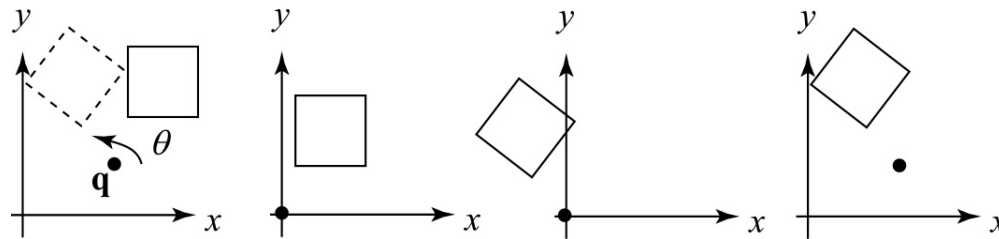
$$R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$T(t_x, t_y)$$

$$T(\mathbf{t})$$



$$M \neq T(-\mathbf{q})$$

$$R(\theta) \quad T(\mathbf{q})$$

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

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

Note: Transformation order is important!!

## 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?

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} av_x + bv_y \\ cv_x + dv_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

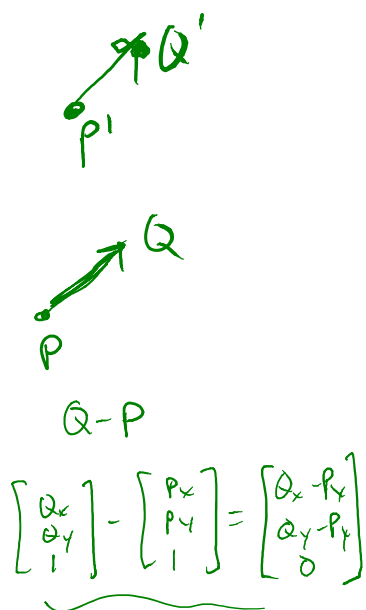
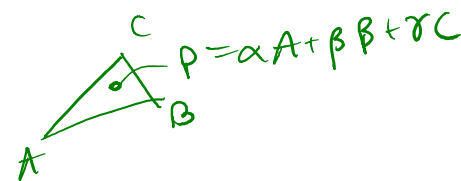
- vector + vector  $\rightarrow$  vector
- scalar  $\cdot$  vector  $\rightarrow$  vector
- point - point  $\rightarrow$  vector
- point + vector  $\rightarrow$  point
- point + point  $\rightarrow$  chaos

$$\alpha P + \beta Q$$

$$\alpha \begin{bmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha P_x + \beta Q_x \\ \alpha P_y + \beta Q_y \\ \alpha + \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 1 \Rightarrow \text{point}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \text{vector}$$



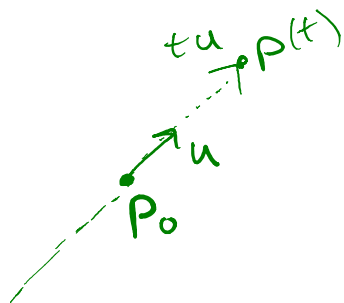
One useful combination of affine operations is:

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{u}$$

**Q:** What does this describe?

$$t \in (-\infty, \infty) \Rightarrow \text{line}$$

$$t \in [0, \infty) \Rightarrow \text{ray (half-line)}$$

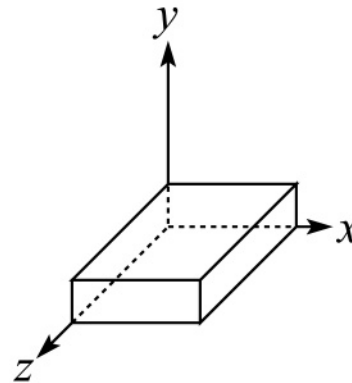
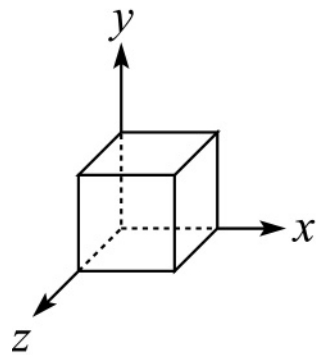


## Basic 3-D transformations: scaling

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

For example, scaling:

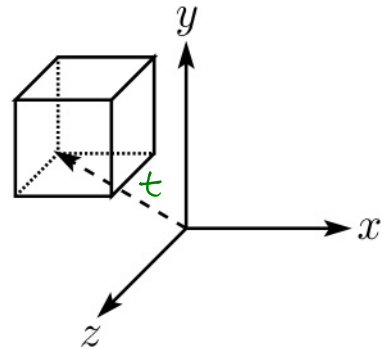
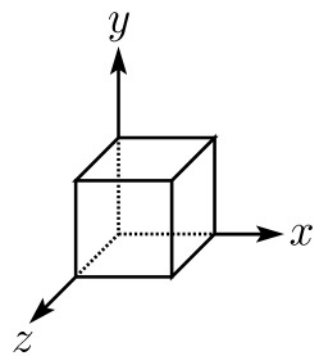
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Translation in 3D

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

A green circle highlights the translation parameters  $t_x$ ,  $t_y$ , and  $t_z$  in the matrix, with a green arrow pointing to a green  $t$  symbol above it.



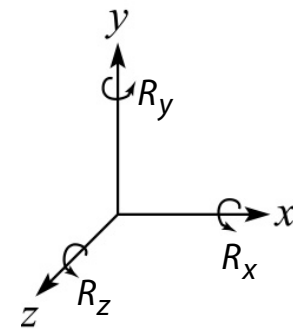
## Rotation in 3D (cont'd)

These are the rotations about the canonical axes:

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

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

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



Use right hand rule

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

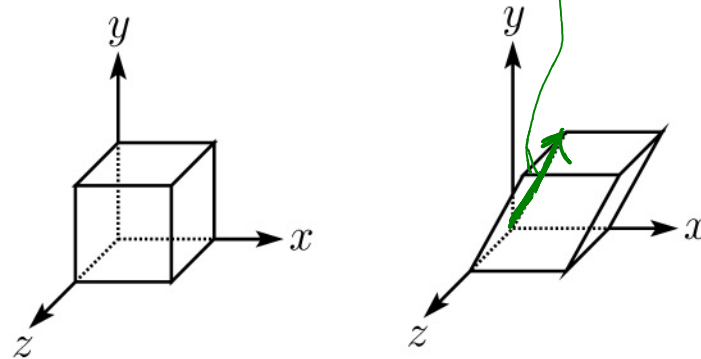
*"quaternion" → specifies rotation about arbitrary direction*



## Shearing in 3D

Shearing is also more complicated. Here is one example:

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

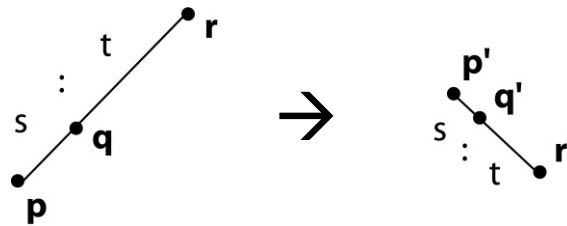
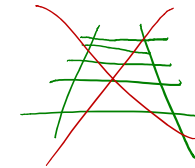
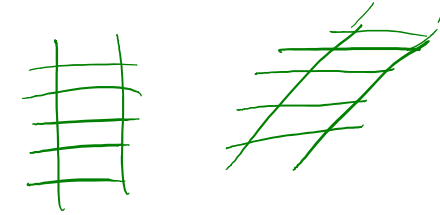


We call this a shear with respect to the  $x$ - $z$  plane.

# 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)



$$\text{ratio} = \frac{\|pq\|}{\|qr\|} = \frac{s}{t} = \frac{\|p'q'\|}{\|q'r'\|}$$

## 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.

## 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  $2 \times 2$  transformation matrix do and how these generalize to  $3 \times 3$  transformations.
- ◆ What homogeneous coordinates are and how they work for affine transformations.
- ◆ How to concatenate transformations.
- ◆ The mathematical properties of affine transformations.