

Affine transformations

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Reading

Optional reading:

- ♦ Angel and Shreiner: 3.1, 3.7-3.11
- ♦ Marschner and Shirley: 2.3, 2.4.1-2.4.4, 6.1.1-6.1.4, 6.2.1, 6.3

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*, 2nd 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.

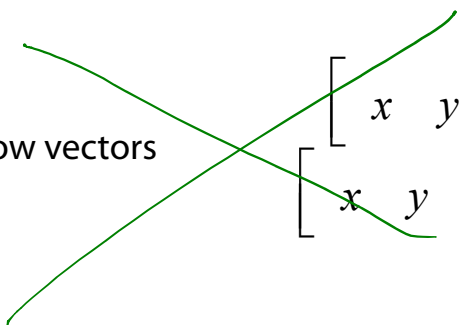
We'll focus on transformations that can be represented easily with matrix operations.

Vector representation

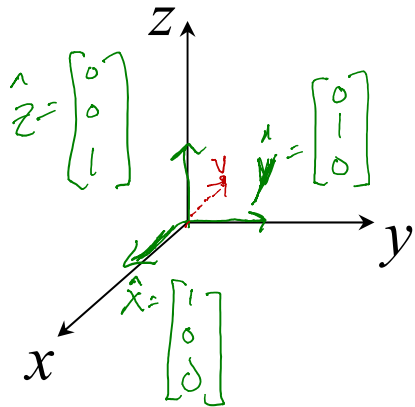
We can represent a **point**, $\mathbf{p} = (x, y)$, in the plane or $\mathbf{p} = (x, y, z)$ in 3D space:

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

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



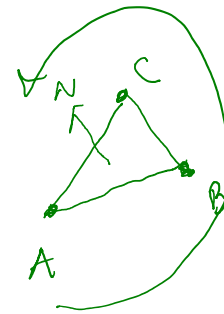
Canonical axes



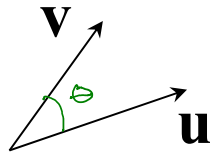
right hand rule

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

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



Vector length and dot products



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

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

$$\hat{v} = \frac{v}{\|v\|} \Rightarrow \|\hat{v}\| = 1$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

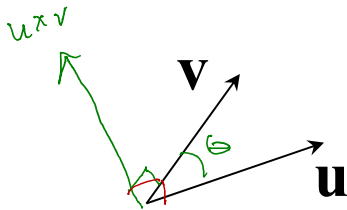
$$u \cdot v = 0 \Rightarrow u \perp v \quad \text{perpendicular, orthogonal}$$

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

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

$$(\|\hat{u}\| = \|\hat{v}\| = 1)$$

Vector cross products



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

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

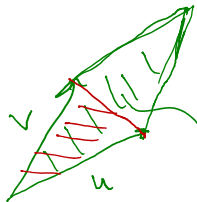
$$(u \times v) \cdot u = 0$$

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

$$u \times v = \|u\| \|v\| \sin \theta \hat{n}$$

\hat{n} is unit vector \perp to u and v

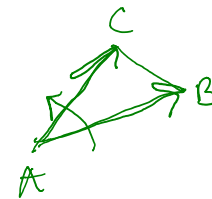
$$u \times v \text{ (x-y plane vectors)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u_x v_y - u_y v_x \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\text{Area}(\Delta_{u,v}) = \frac{1}{2} \|u \times v\| = \frac{1}{2} \|u\| \|v\| |\sin \theta|$$

$\frac{1}{2} \text{Area}(\Delta_{u,v})$

$$u = \lambda v \Rightarrow u \times v = 0$$



Representation, cont.

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

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

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

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

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**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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

- ◆ Doesn't move the points at all

$$x' = x$$

$$y' = y$$

Scaling

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

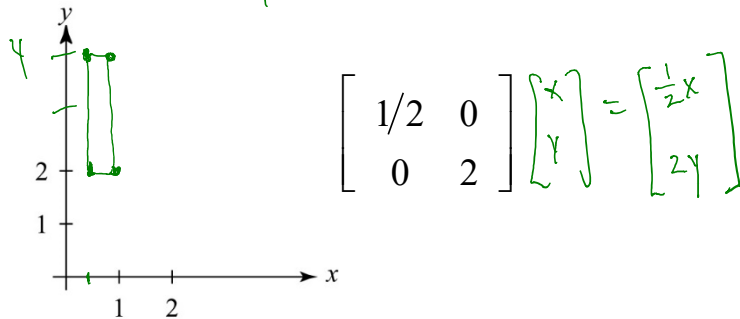
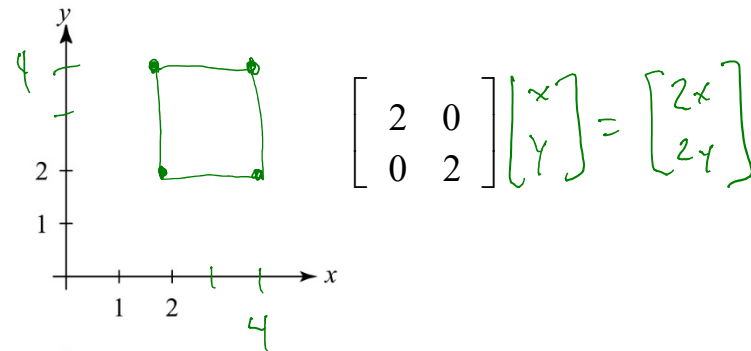
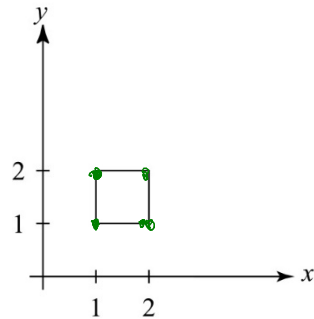
- ◆ Gives a **scaling** matrix:

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

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

$$x' = ax$$

$$y' = dy$$



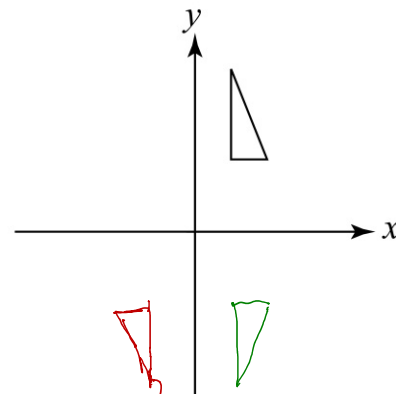
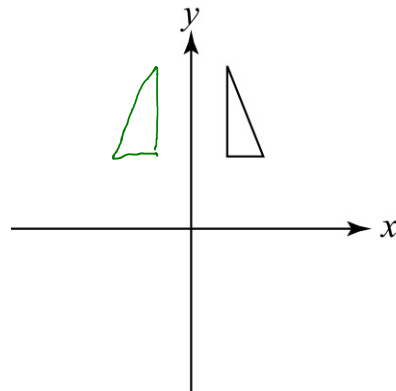
Mirror / reflection

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

Examples:

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

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



rotation by 180°

Shear

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

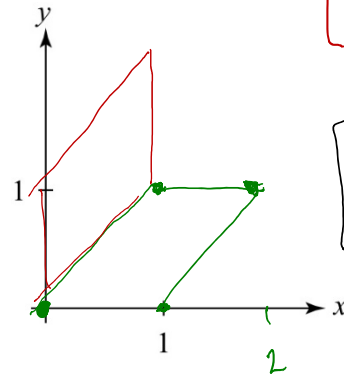
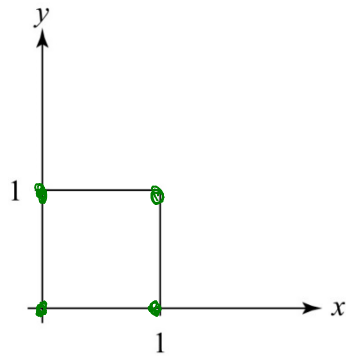
The matrix

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

gives:

$$x' = x + by$$

$$y' = y$$



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

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

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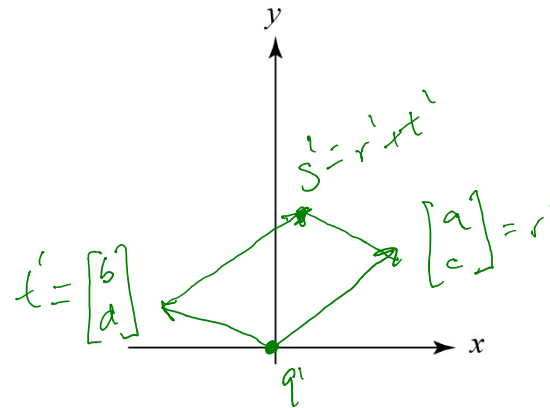
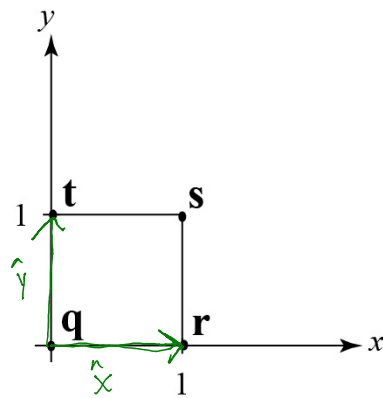
Effect on unit square

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q} & \mathbf{r} & \mathbf{s} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}' & \mathbf{r}' & \mathbf{s}' & \mathbf{t}' \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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Effect on unit square, cont.

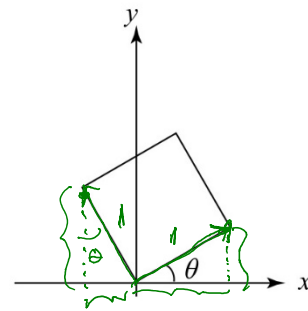
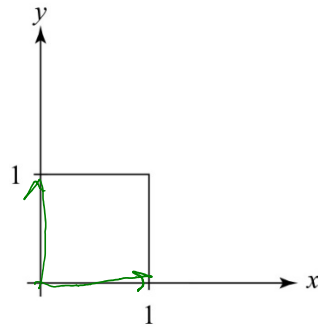
Observe:

- ◆ 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

Rotation

soh cah toa

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

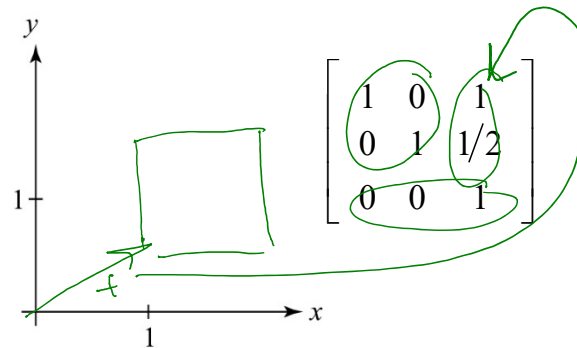
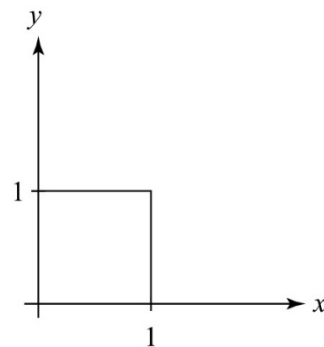
Idea is to lift the problem up into 3-space, adding a third component to every point:

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

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:

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

$$M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by + t_x \\ cx + dy + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{bmatrix} Ax + t \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \end{bmatrix}$

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:

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

Applying an affine transformation gives another affine point:

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

Rotation about arbitrary points

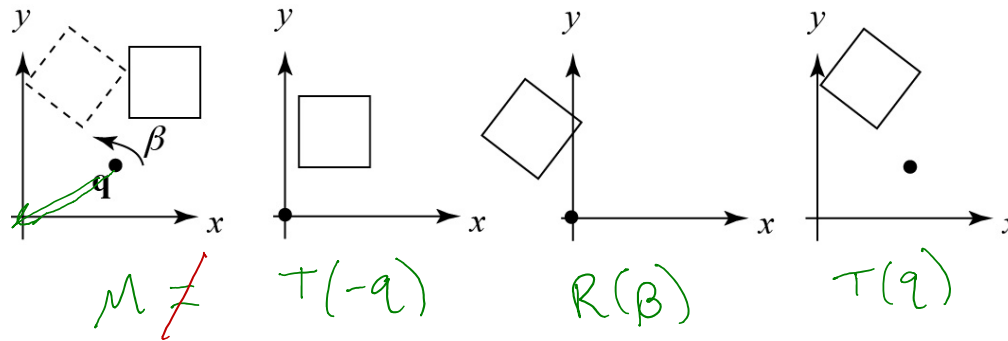
Until now, we have only considered rotation about the origin.

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

Let's do this with rotation and translation matrices of the form $R(\theta)$ and $T(\mathbf{t})$, respectively.

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

$$T(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

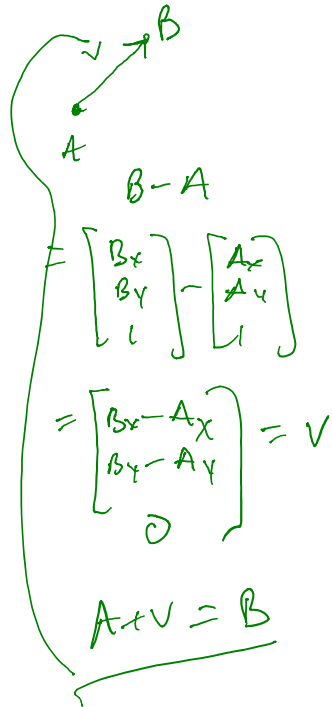


$$M = T(q)R(\beta)T(-q)$$

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

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?

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

$$\alpha \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha A_x + \beta B_x \\ \alpha A_y + \beta B_y \\ \alpha + \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

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

- vector + vector → vector
- scalar · vector → vector
- point - point → vector
- point + vector → point
- point + point → chaos

- $\alpha A + \beta B$
- $\alpha + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow$ vector
- $\alpha + \beta = 1 \Rightarrow$ point
- else \Rightarrow chaos

- scalar · vector + scalar · vector → vector
- scalar · point + scalar · point → it depends!

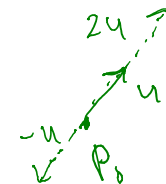
One useful combination of affine operations is:

$$P(t) = P_0 + t\mathbf{u}$$

$t \in (\mathbb{R}, \infty) =$ line

$t \in [0, \infty)$

half-line ray



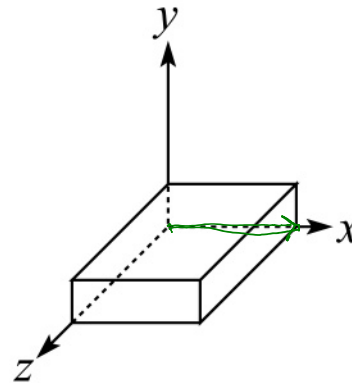
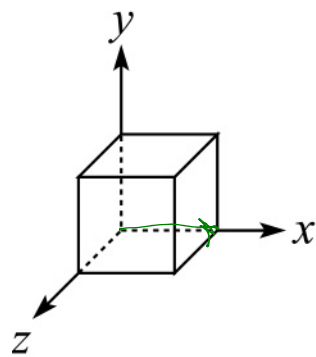
Q: What does this describe?

Basic 3-D transformations: scaling

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

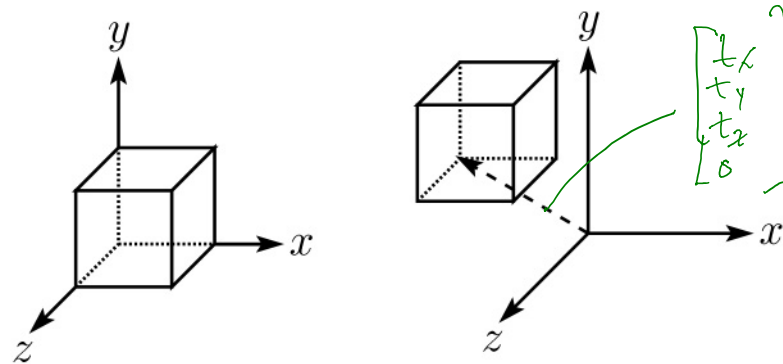
For example, scaling:

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



Translation in 3D

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



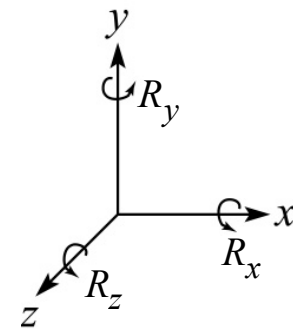
Rotation in 3D (cont'd)

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

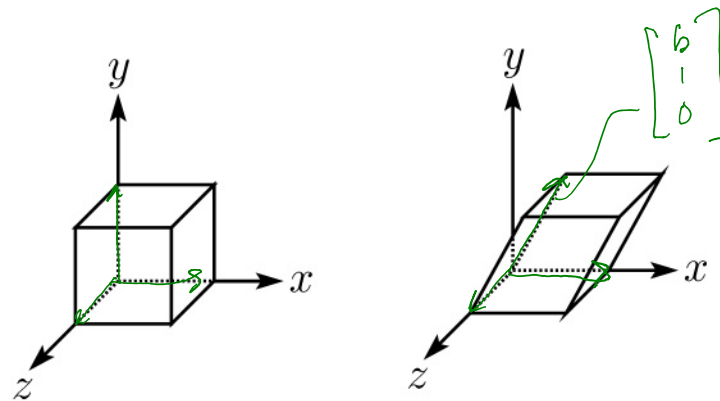
A general rotation can be specified in terms of a product of these three matrices. How else might you specify a rotation?

rotation by θ around direction \hat{v}
quaternion

Shearing in 3D

Shearing is also more complicated. Here is one example:

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

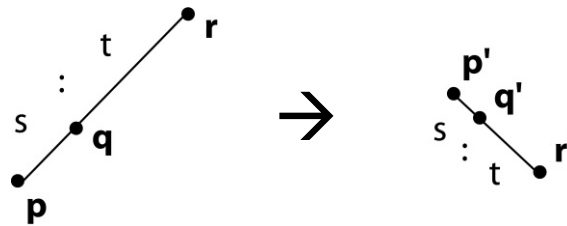
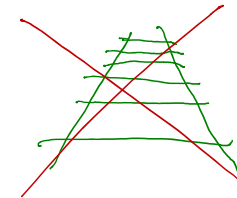
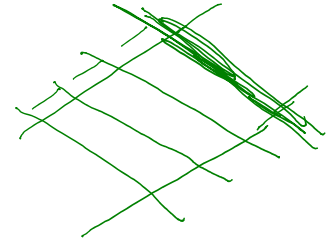


We call this a shear with respect to the x - z plane.

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)



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

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