

Affine transformations

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Reading

Optional reading:

- ♦ Angel 3.1, 3.7-3.11
- ♦ 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.

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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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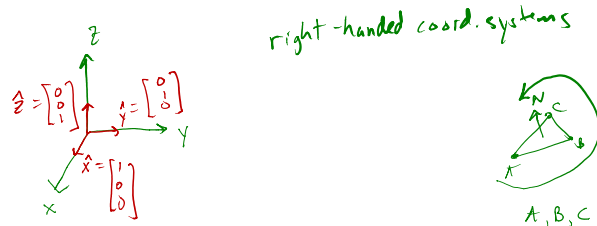
Vector representation

We can represent a **point**, $\mathbf{p} = (x, y)$, 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 ~~$\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix}$
 $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$~~

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Canonical axes



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

$$v_x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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Vector length and dot products



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

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

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} \quad \|v\| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}$$

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

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

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

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

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

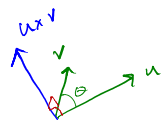
$$u \cdot v = 0 \Rightarrow u \perp v \quad (\theta = 90^\circ)$$

$$\{u \neq 0, v \neq 0\}$$

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

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Vector cross products



$$u, v \perp u \times v$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$u \neq 0, v \neq 0 \quad u = \alpha v$$

$$\|u \times v\| = \text{Area}(\triangle_{u,v})$$

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

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Representation, cont.

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

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

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

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

$$p' = Mp \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax+by \\ cx+dy \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right\} u_s$$

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

$$p' = pM^T$$

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

We will use **column vectors**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Two-dimensional transformations

Here's all you get with a 2×2 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 $a, b, c, d \dots$

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

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

Scaling

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

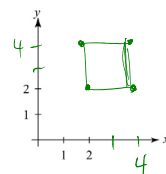
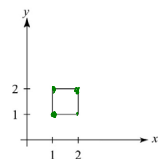
- ♦ Gives a **scaling** matrix:

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

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

$$x' = ax$$

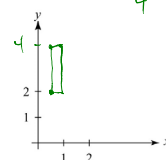
$$y' = dy$$



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

$$x' = 2x$$

$$y' = 2y$$



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

$$x' = \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$y' = 2y$$

Mirror or reflection

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

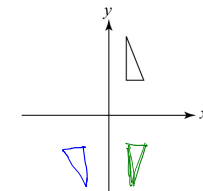
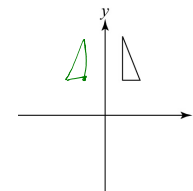
Examples:

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

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

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

rotation by 180°



Shear

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

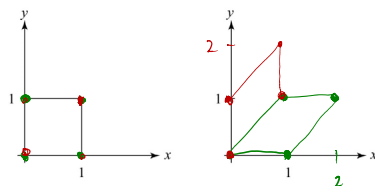
The matrix

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

gives:

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

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



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

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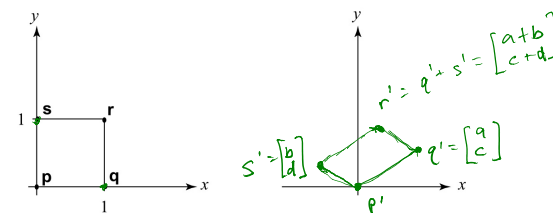
Effect on unit square

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

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

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

$p \ q \ r \ s \quad p' \ q' \ r' \ s'$



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Effect on unit square, cont.

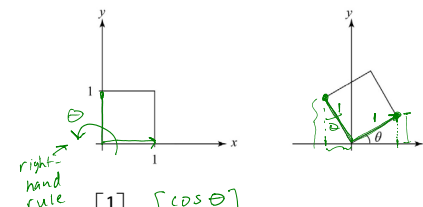
Observe:

- 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":



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

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

Thus,

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

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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

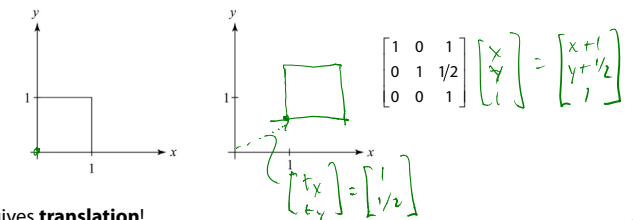
Idea is to lift the problem up into 3-space, adding a third component to every point:

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

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

And then transform with a 3 x 3 matrix:

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



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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:

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

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:

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

Applying an affine transformation gives another affine point:

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by + t_x \\ cx + dy + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \mathbf{p}_{\text{lin}} + \mathbf{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

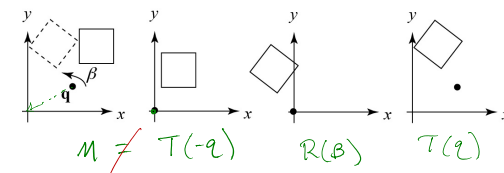
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Rotation about arbitrary points

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

With homogeneous coordinates, you can specify a rotation 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.



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

$$T(\mathbf{q}) R(\beta) T(-\mathbf{q}) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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?

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & tx \\ c & d & ty \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax+by+tx \\ cx+dy+ty \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$B-A = \begin{bmatrix} B_x-A_x \\ B_y-A_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

vector + vector \rightarrow vector
scalar · vector \rightarrow vector
point - point \rightarrow vector
point + vector \rightarrow point
point + point \rightarrow chaos

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

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

scalar · vector + scalar · vector \rightarrow vector
scalar · point + scalar · point \rightarrow it depends

One useful combination of affine operations is:

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

Q: What does this describe? $t \in (-\infty, \infty) \Rightarrow$ line
 $t \in [0, \infty) \Rightarrow$ half-line
 $t \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow$ ray

$$\alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C$$

$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1 \Rightarrow$ point

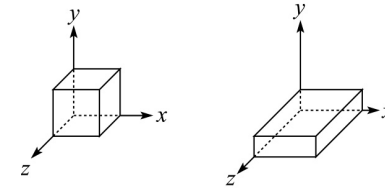
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Basic 3-D transformations: scaling

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

For example, scaling:

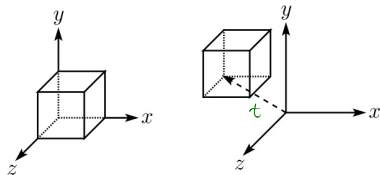
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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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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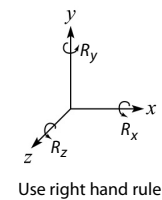
Rotation in 3D (cont'd)

These are the rotations about the canonical axes:

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

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

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



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

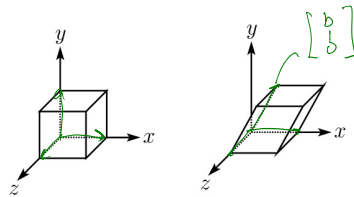
quaternions

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Shearing in 3D

Shearing is also more complicated. Here is one example:

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



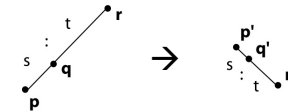
We call this a shear with respect to the x-z plane.

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Properties of affine transformations

Here are some useful properties of affine transformations:

- Lines map to lines
- Parallel lines remain parallel
 - (when transforming from N dimensions to N dimensions)
- Midpoints map to midpoints (in fact, ratios are always preserved)



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

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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_x*, *t_y*, *t_z*)
- `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_x*, *s_y*, *s_z*)

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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