

# **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*, 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:  $(x', y', z') = f(x, y, z)$ .

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

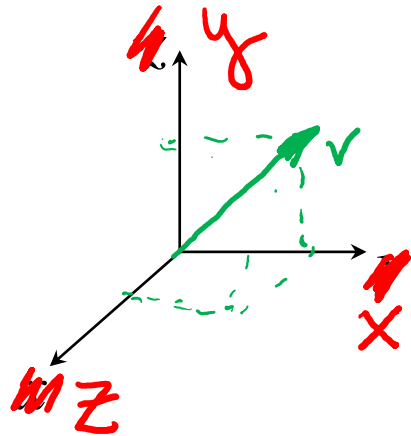
We can represent a **point**,  $\mathbf{p} = (x, y)$ , in the plane or  $\mathbf{p} = (x, y, z)$  in 3D space:

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

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

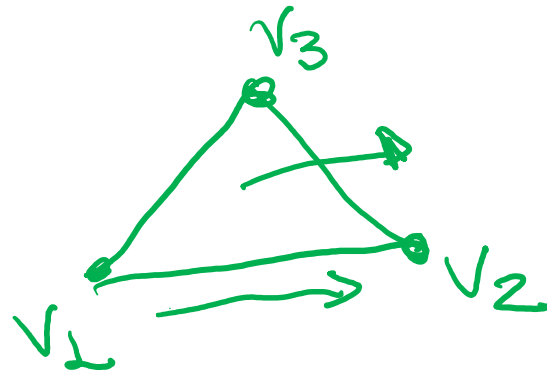
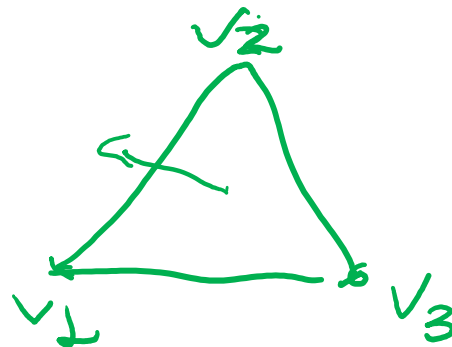
# Canonical axes

RIGHT-HANDED COORD SYSTEM

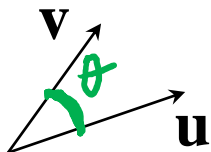


$$v = v_x \hat{x} + v_y \hat{y} + v_z \hat{z}$$

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



# Vector length and dot products



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

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \\ \mu_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}}{\|\boldsymbol{\mu}\|}$$

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

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} = \cos \theta$$

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

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mu_x \cdot v_x + \mu_y \cdot v_y + \mu_z \cdot v_z$$

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu} \stackrel{?}{=} \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{v} \quad \checkmark$$

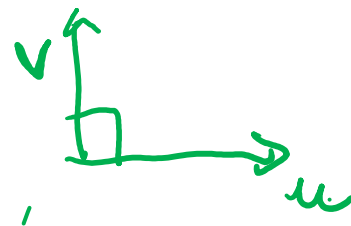
$$\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$$[\mu_x \mu_y \mu_z] \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}$$

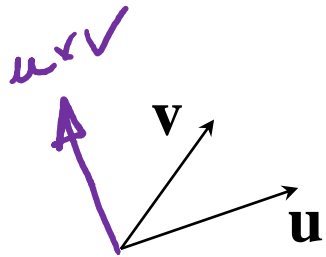
$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\boldsymbol{\mu}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \\ \|\boldsymbol{\mu}\|, \|\mathbf{v}\| \neq 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu} \perp \mathbf{v} \text{ (orthogonal)}$$



# Vector cross products



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

$$\begin{aligned} & (u_y v_z - u_z v_y) \hat{x} \\ & (-u_x v_z + u_z v_x) \hat{y} \\ & + (u_x v_y + u_y v_x) \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

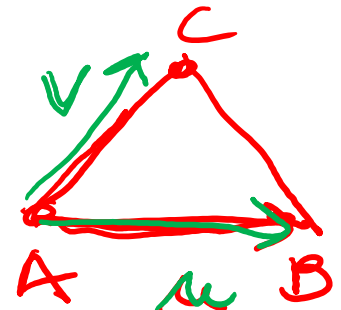
$$u \times v \text{ (in the } xy \text{ plane)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u_x v_y + u_y v_x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u \times v \stackrel{?}{=} v \times u$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} (u \times v) \cdot u &= 0 \\ (u \times v) \cdot v &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



## 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:

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

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

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**.

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

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

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

$$(AB)^{-1}A = B^{-1} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ A^{-1} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ A \end{matrix}$$

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



## 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

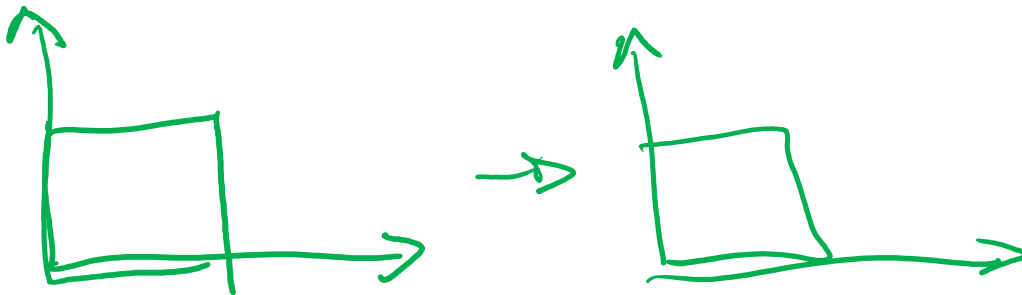
Suppose we choose  $a = d = 1, b = c = 0$ :

- ♦ Gives the **identity** matrix:

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

- ♦ Doesn't move the points at all

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



# Scaling

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

- ♦ Gives a **scaling** matrix:

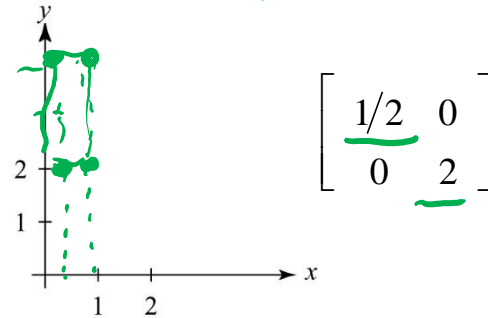
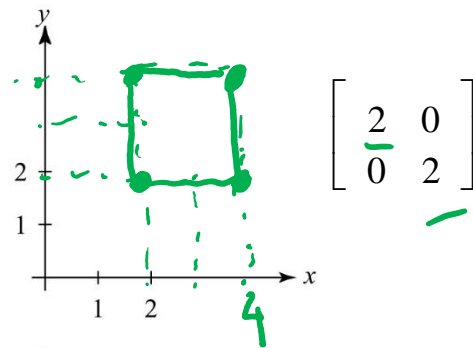
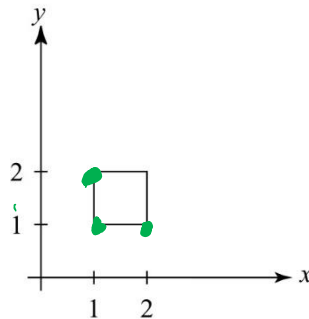
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$x' = ax$$

$$y' = dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} x=1, & \quad x'=2 \\ x=2, & \quad x'=4 \end{aligned}$$

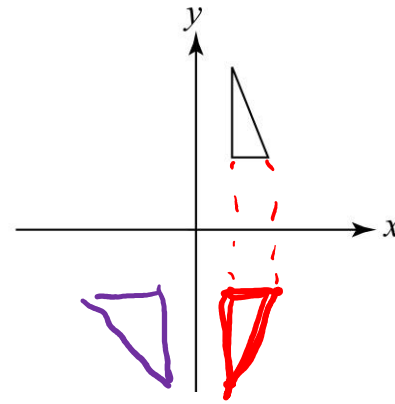
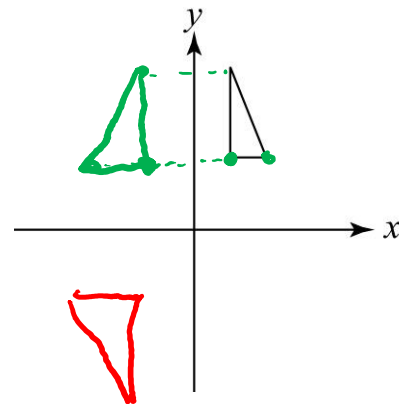


# Reflection, Mirror

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

Examples:

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



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

# Shear

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

The matrix

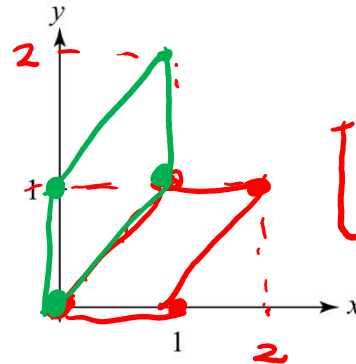
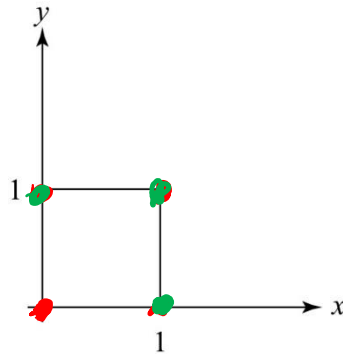
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

gives:

$$x' = x + by$$

$$y' = y$$

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



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

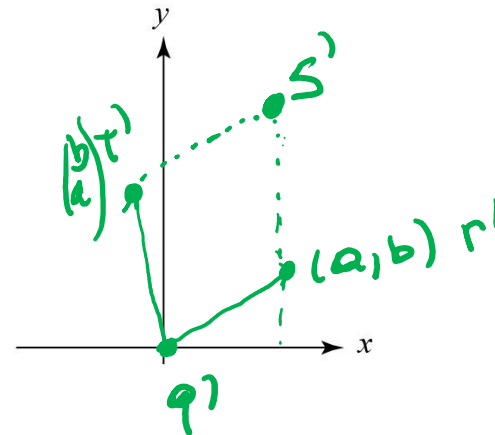
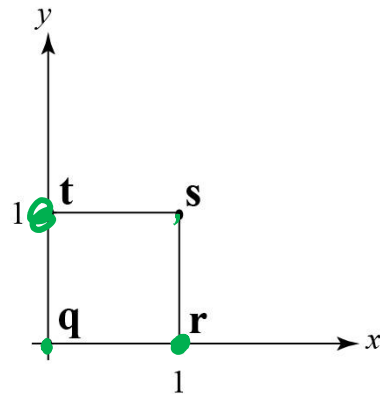
$$(0, 1) \rightarrow (1, 1)$$

## Effect on unit square

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

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

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



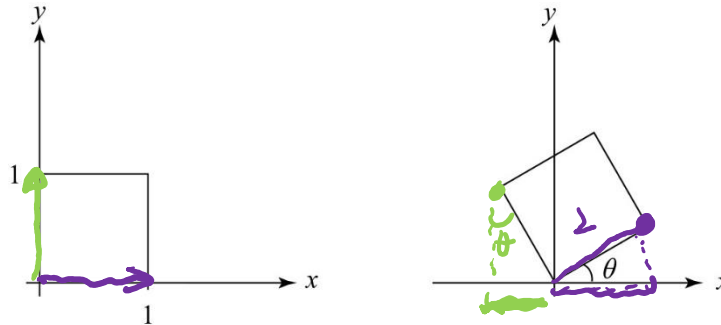
## Effect on unit square, cont.

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

# Affine transformations

In order to incorporate the idea that both the basis and the origin can change, we augment the linear space  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  with an origin  $\mathbf{t}$

An affine transformation then is expressed as:

$$\mathbf{p}' = x \cdot \mathbf{u} + y \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{t}$$
A handwritten green annotation is placed below the printed equation. It shows the matrix  $[u \ v]$  in green, followed by a green vector  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  enclosed in square brackets. To the right of this is a green plus sign and a green vector  $t$ .

How can we write an affine transformation with matrices?

# Homogeneous coordinates

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

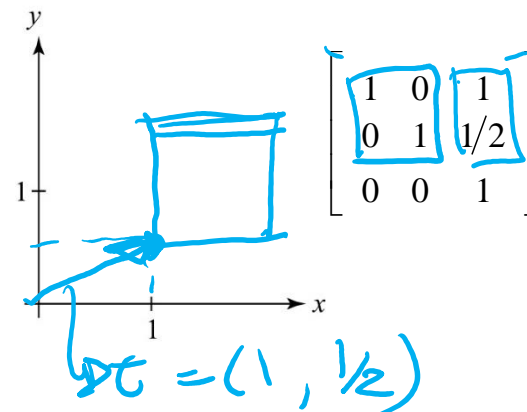
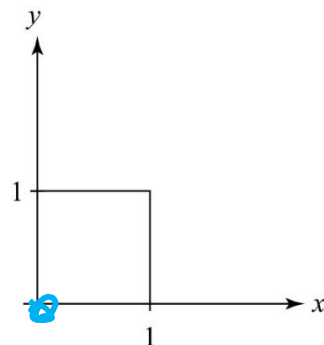
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

And then transform with a 3 x 3 matrix:

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

TRANSLATION



... 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:

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

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:

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

Applying an affine transformation gives another affine point:

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} ax + by + t_x \\ cx + dy + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Rotation about arbitrary points

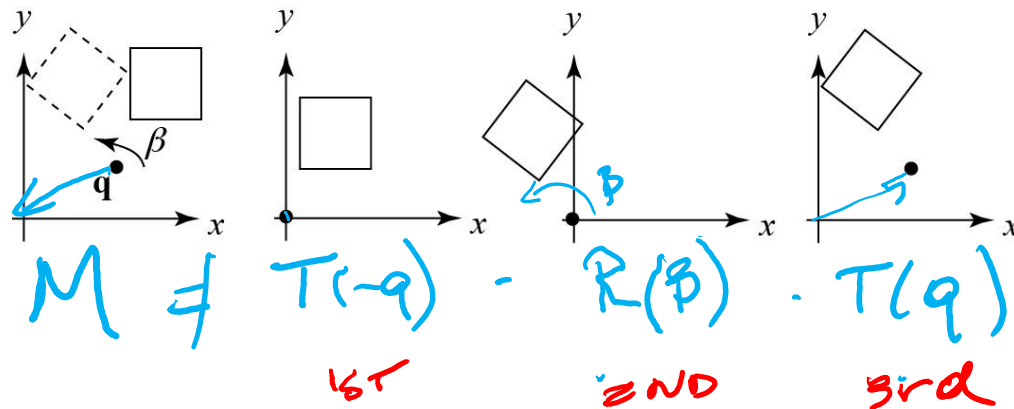
Until now, we have only considered rotation about the origin.

With homogeneous coordinates, you can specify a rotation by  $\beta$ , 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.

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

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



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

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

# 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?

$$\begin{aligned} V &= B - A \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} B_x - A_x \\ B_y - A_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

scalar · point + scalar · vector → POINT  
 scalar · vector + scalar · vector → VECTOR  
 scalar · point + scalar · point → IT DEPENDS

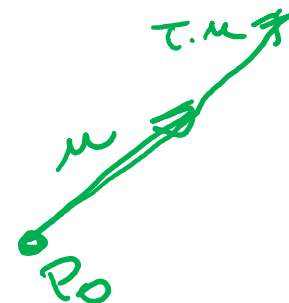
$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha A + \beta B \\ &\quad \uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \text{point} \quad \text{point} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha A_x + \beta B_x \\ \alpha A_y + \beta B_y \\ \alpha + \beta \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \alpha + \beta = 1 \rightarrow \text{POINT} \\ &\quad \alpha + \beta = 0 \rightarrow \text{VECTOR} \\ &\quad \text{else} \rightarrow \text{CHAOS} \end{aligned}$$

One useful combination of affine operations is:

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

Q: What does this describe?

$t \in (-\infty, \infty)$  line  
 $t \in [0, \infty)$  RAY

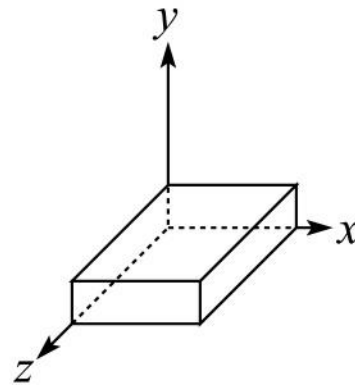
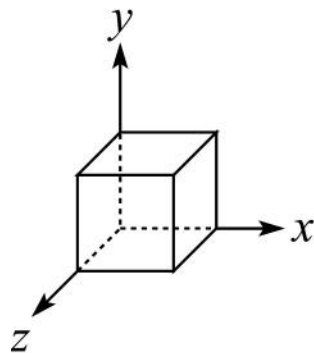


## Basic 3-D transformations: scaling

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

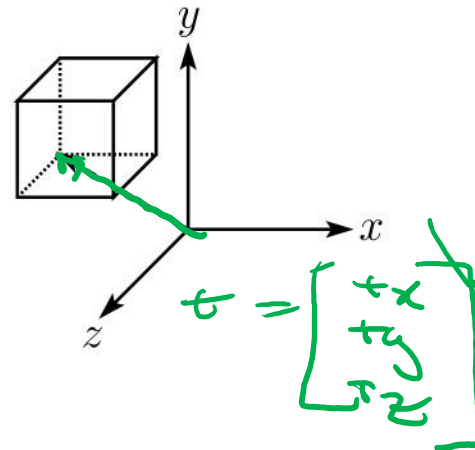
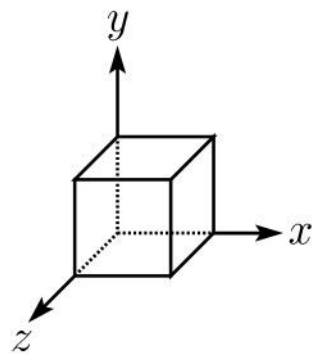
For example, scaling:

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



## Translation in 3D

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





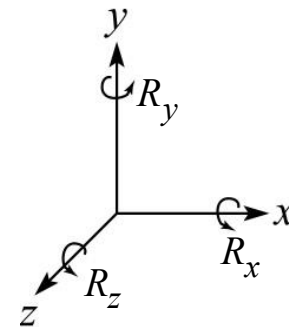
## Rotation in 3D

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

$$R = [u \ v \ w]$$

$$u \cdot u = 1 \quad u \cdot w = 0$$

$$v \cdot v = 1 \quad u \cdot w = 0$$

$$w \cdot w = 1 \quad v \cdot w = 0$$

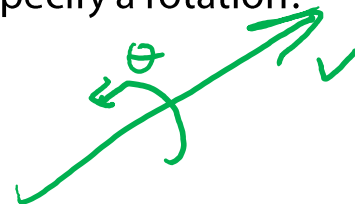
$$R^T R$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u^T \\ v^T \\ w^T \end{bmatrix} [u \ v \ w] =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \cdot u & u \cdot v & u \cdot w \\ v \cdot u & v \cdot v & v \cdot w \\ w \cdot u & w \cdot v & w \cdot w \end{bmatrix} =$$

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

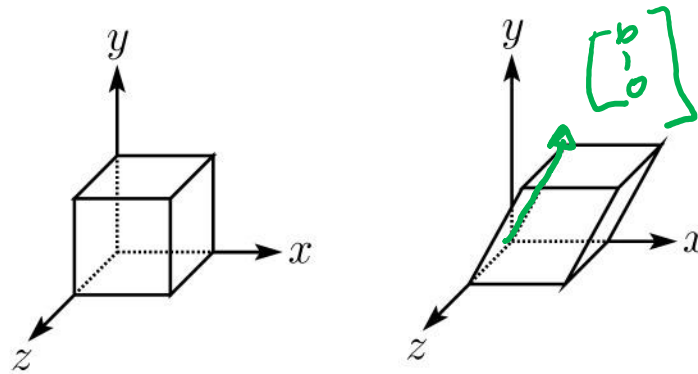
A general rotation can be specified in terms of a product of these three matrices. How else might you specify a rotation?



## Shearing in 3D

Shearing is also more complicated. Here is one example:

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

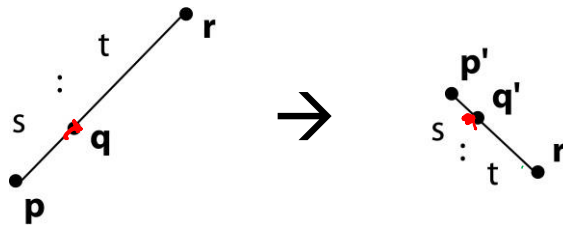


We call this a shear with respect to the  $x$ - $z$  plane.

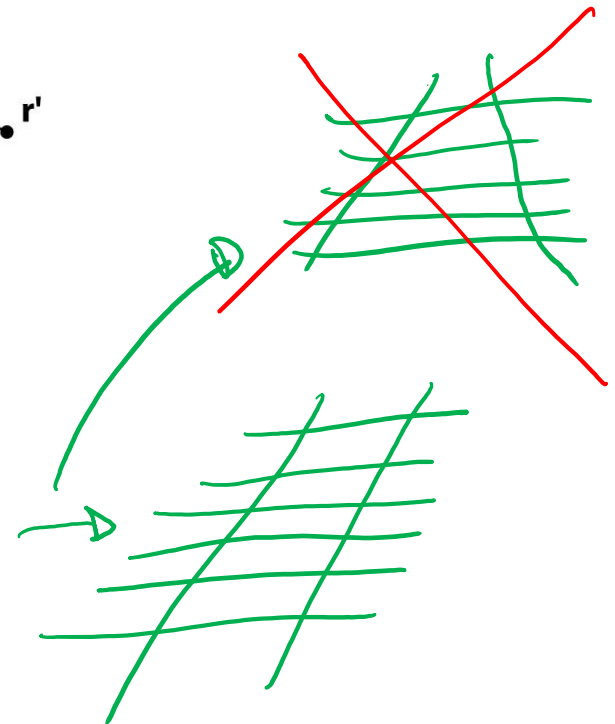
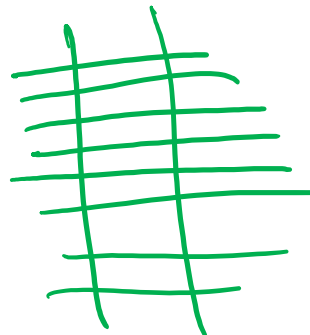
# Properties of affine transformations

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  $2 \times 2$  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.