

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*, 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.

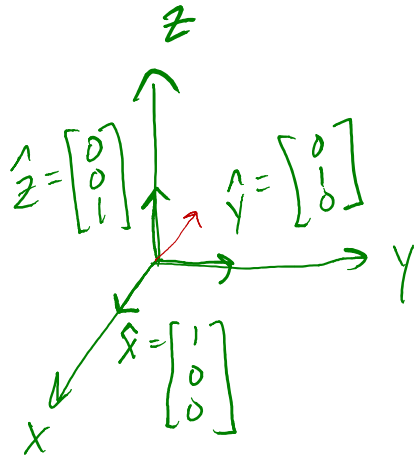
Vector representation

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 $[x \ y]$ $[x \ y \ z]$

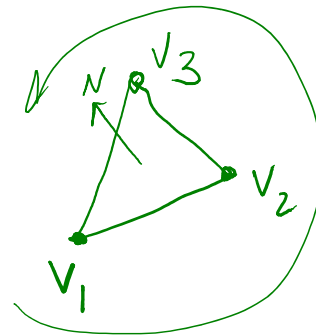
Canonical axes



right-handed
coord. system

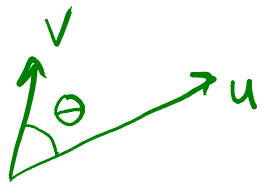
$$V = \begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix} = V_x \hat{x} + V_y \hat{y} + V_z \hat{z}$$

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



right-hand rule
for Δ 's

Vector length and dot products



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

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

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

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

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

$$u \cdot v \stackrel{?}{=} v \cdot u \quad \checkmark \text{ yes}$$

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

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

$$u \cdot v = 0 \iff u \perp v \quad (\text{orthogonal})$$

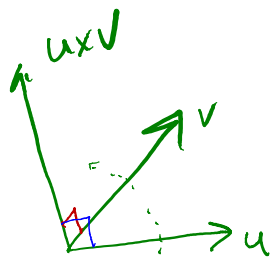
($\|u\|, \|v\| \neq 0$)

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

Direction

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

Vector cross products

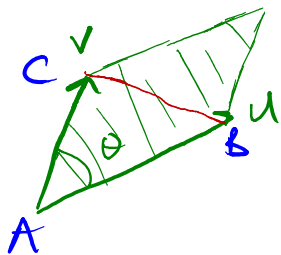


$$u \times v = \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{bmatrix} = (u_y v_z - u_z v_y) \hat{x} + (u_z v_x - u_x v_z) \hat{y} + (u_x v_y - u_y v_x) \hat{z}$$

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

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

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



$$u = B - A$$

$$v = C - A$$

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

$$N \sim u \times v$$

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

$$\|\hat{u} \times \hat{v}\| = 1 \iff \hat{u} \perp \hat{v}$$

$$\|u \times v\| = 0 \iff u = \alpha v$$

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

$$(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T = A^{-T}$$

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

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

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

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:

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

- ◆ Doesn't move the points at all

Scaling

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

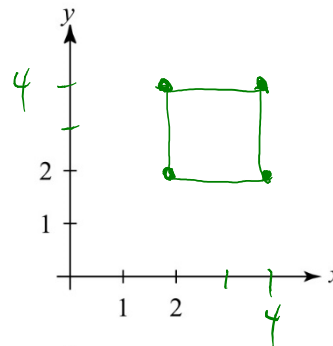
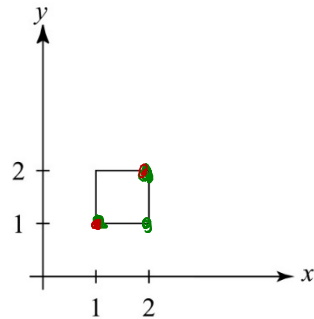
- ◆ Gives a **scaling** matrix:

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

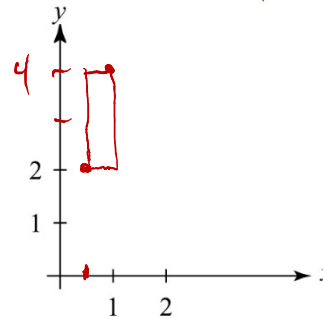
- ◆ Provides **differential (non-uniform) scaling** in x and y :

$$x' = ax$$

$$y' = dy$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{uniform scaling}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{non-uniform scaling}$$

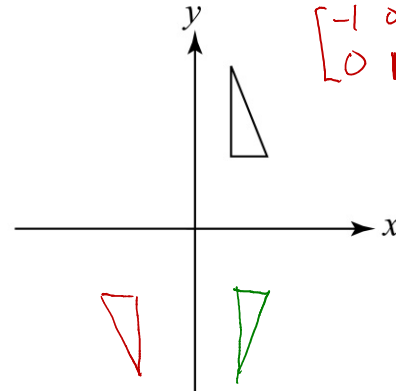
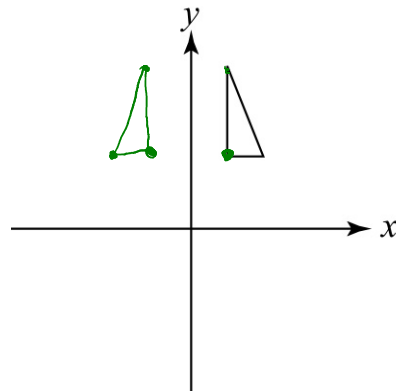
Mirror or Reflection

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

Examples:

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

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



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

$R(180^\circ)$

Shear

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

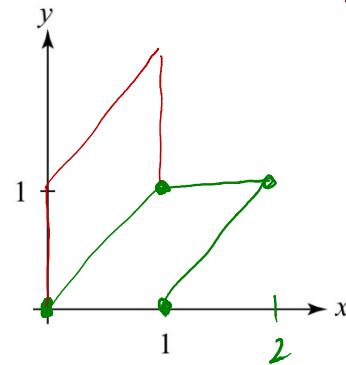
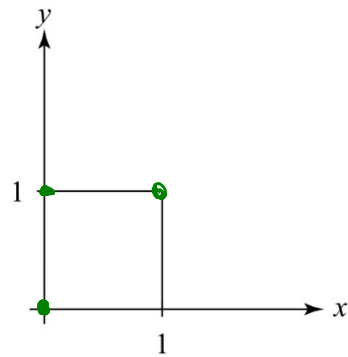
The matrix

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

gives:

$$x' = x + by$$

$$y' = y$$



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

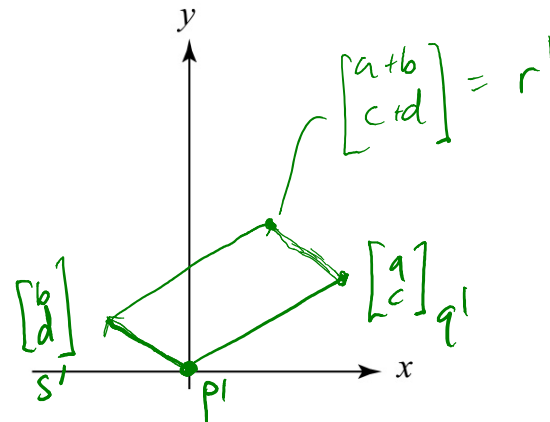
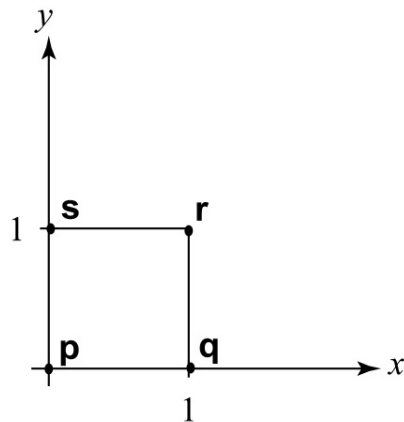
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+y \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Effect on unit square

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

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

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



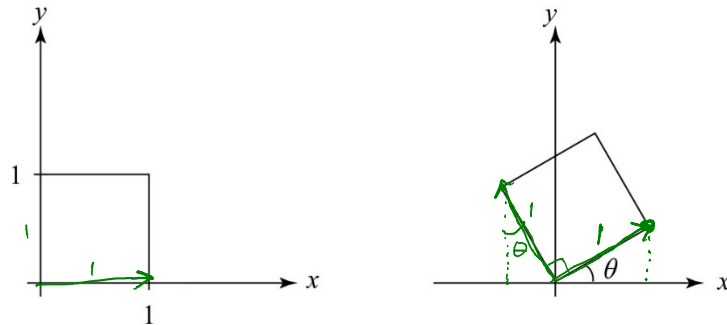
Effect on unit square, cont.

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

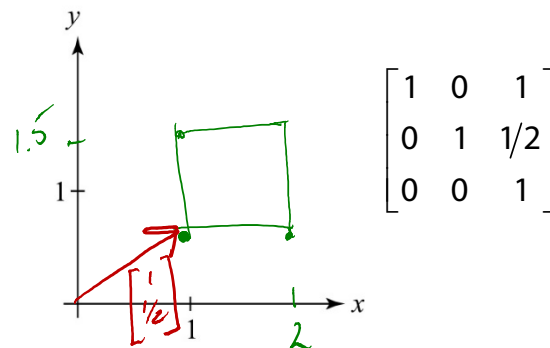
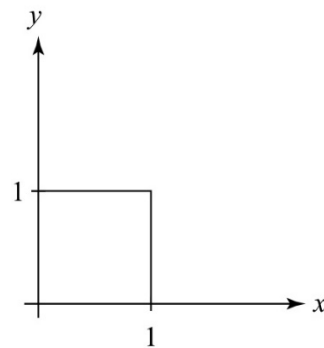
Idea is to lift the problem up into 3-space, adding a third component to every point:

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

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:

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} ax + by + t_x \\ cx + dy + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying an affine transformation gives another affine point:

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation about arbitrary points

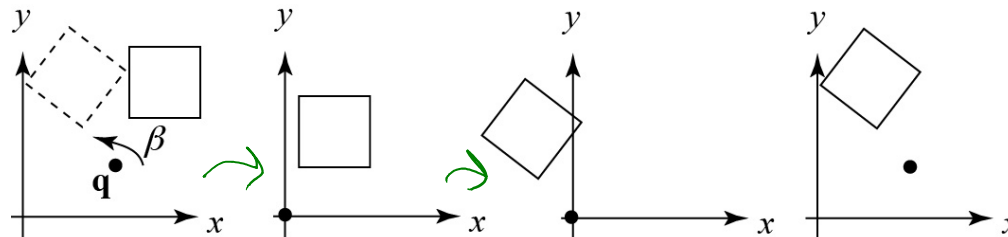
Until now, we have only considered rotation about the origin.

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.

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

$$T(-\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -q_x \\ 0 & 1 & -q_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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

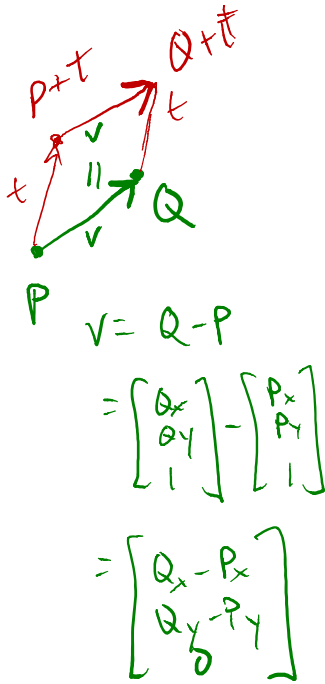
1. Translate \mathbf{q} to origin
2. Rotate
3. Translate back

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

order of xforms 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?

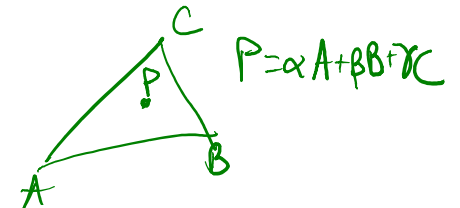
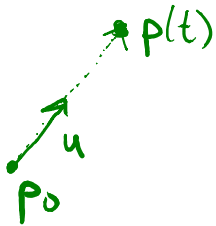
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a v_x + b v_y \\ c v_x + d v_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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



One useful combination of affine operations is:

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

Q: What does this describe?

$t \in (-\infty, \infty) \Rightarrow$ line

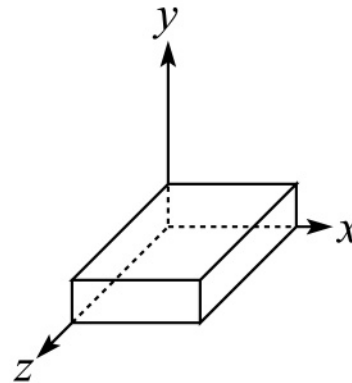
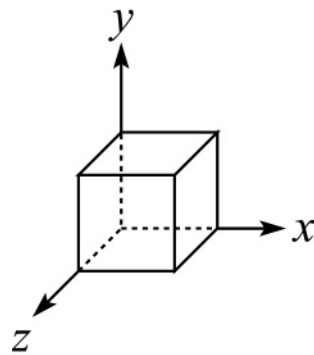
$t \in [0, \infty) \Rightarrow$ ray (half-line)

Basic 3-D transformations: scaling

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

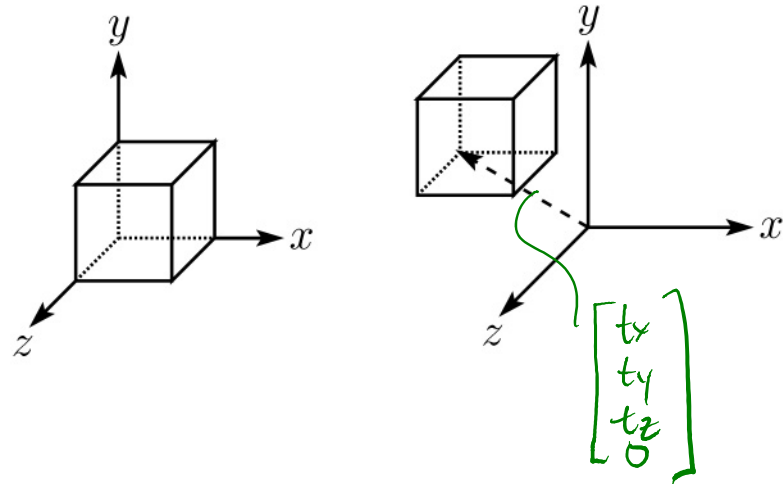
For example, scaling:

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



Translation in 3D

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



Rotation in 3D (cont'd)

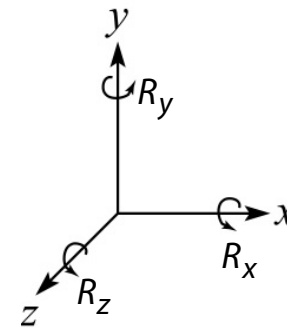
$$R^{-T} = R$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} u \cdot u &= 1 & u \cdot v &= 0 \\ v \cdot v &= 1 & u \cdot w &= 0 \\ w \cdot w &= 1 & v \cdot w &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$R^T R = \begin{bmatrix} u^T \\ v^T \\ w^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u & v & w \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} u^T u & u^T v & u^T w \\ v^T u & v^T v & v^T w \\ w^T u & w^T v & w^T w \end{bmatrix} = I$$

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

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

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

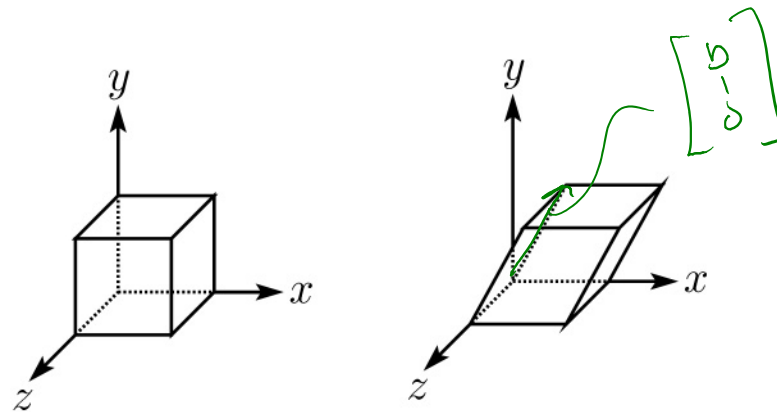


$$q = \begin{bmatrix} q_x \\ q_y \\ q_z \\ q_w \end{bmatrix}$$

Shearing in 3D

Shearing is also more complicated. Here is one example:

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

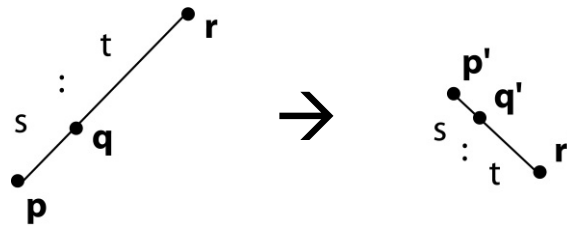
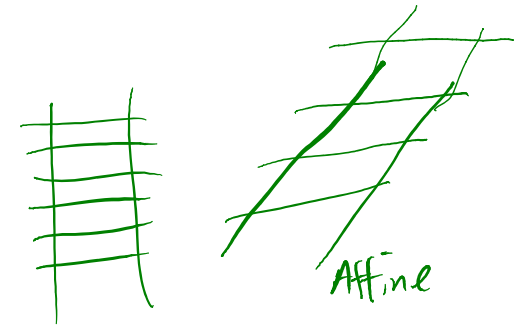


We call this a shear with respect to the x - z plane.

Properties of affine transformations

Here are some useful properties of affine transformations:

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



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

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_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.

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.