

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.

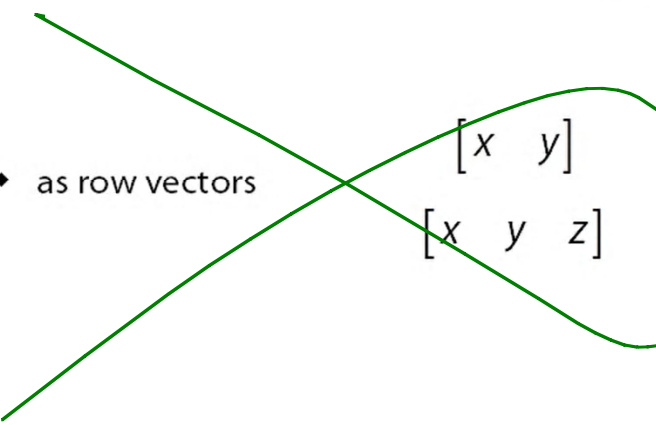
We'll focus on transformations that can be represented easily with matrix operations.

Vector representation

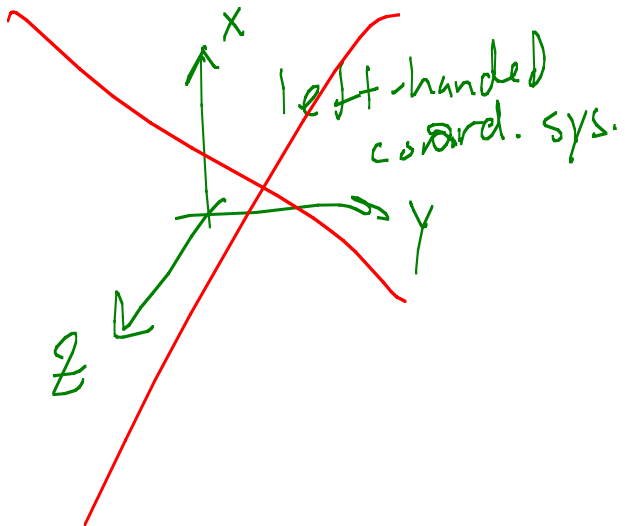
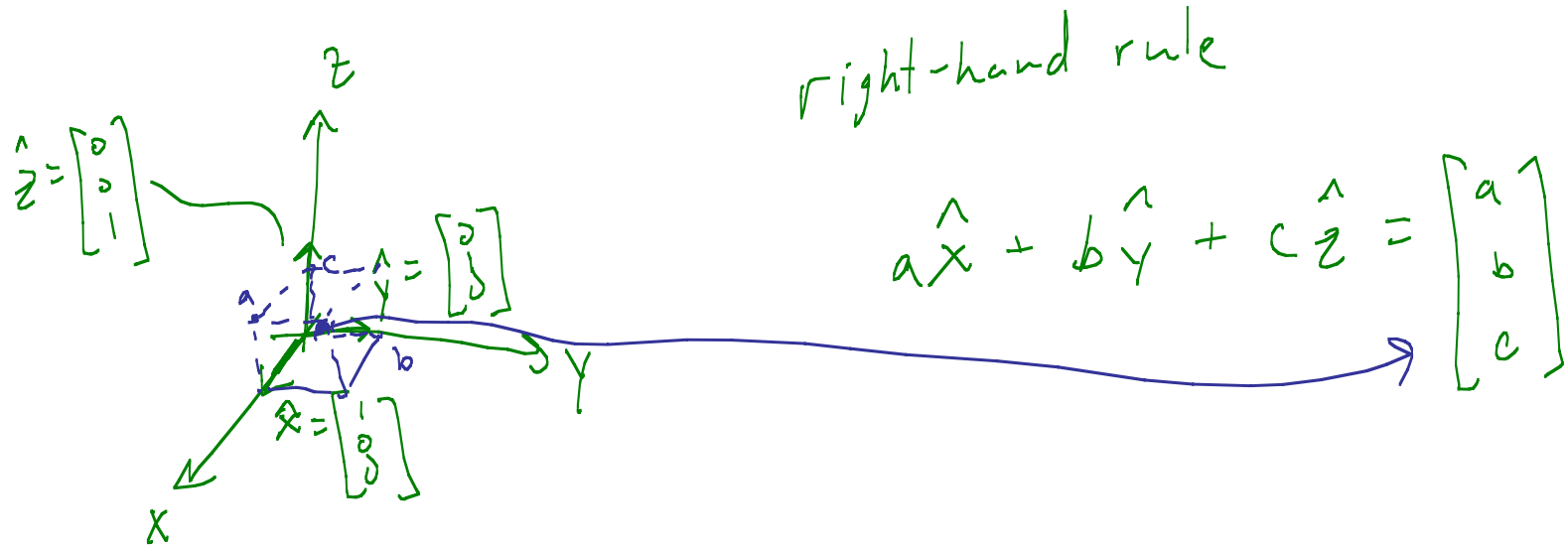
We can represent a **point**, $\mathbf{p} = (x,y)$, in the plane or $\mathbf{p}=(x,y,z)$ in 3D space

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

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

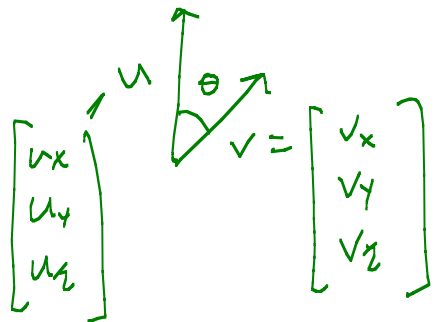


Canonical axes

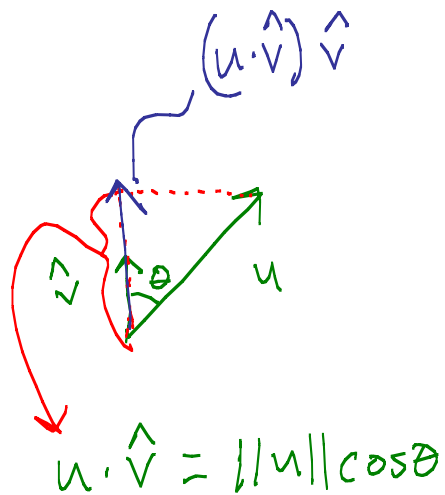


$$V^T = [v_x \ v_y \ v_z]$$

Vector length and dot products



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



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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow u \cdot v = v \cdot u \quad \text{yes!}$$

$$u^T v = [u_x \ u_y \ u_z] \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = u \cdot v \quad \text{yes!}$$

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

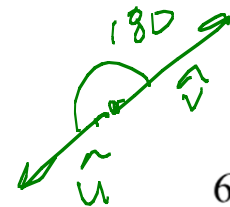
$$u \cdot v = 0 \Rightarrow u \perp v \quad \text{or } \|u\| \text{ or } \|v\| = 0$$

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

$$\|\hat{u}\| = 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{normalized vector unit vector}$$

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

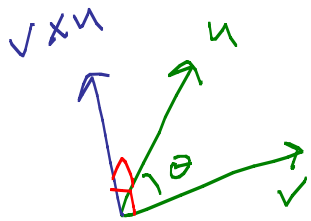
$$\hat{u} \cdot \hat{v} = -1 \Rightarrow$$



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

← scalar

Vector cross products



$$v \times u \equiv \det$$

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

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

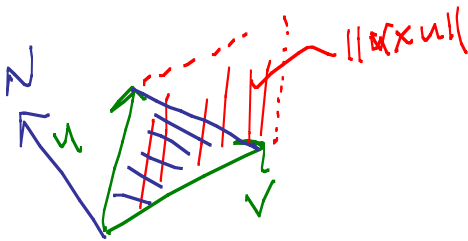
(right-handed coord system)

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

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

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

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



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

$$= \text{Area}(\square_{u,v})$$

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

$$N(A_{u,v}) \sim v \times u$$

$$u \sim v \quad u = \alpha v$$

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

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

$$M^{-1}M = I$$

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

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

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

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

$\{A, B \text{ are invertible matrices}\}$

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:

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

$$\mathbf{p}' = M\mathbf{p} \quad (\mathbf{p}')^T = (M\mathbf{p})^T$$

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

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

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

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

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:

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

- ◆ Doesn't move the points at all

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

Scaling

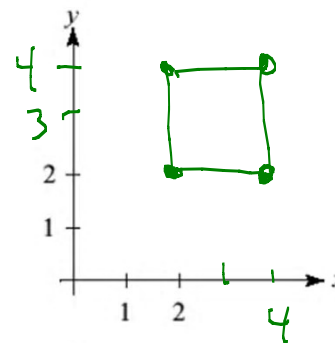
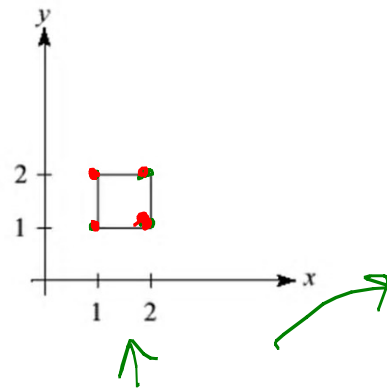
Suppose we set $b=c=0$, but let a and d take on any positive value:

- ◆ Gives a **scaling** matrix:

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

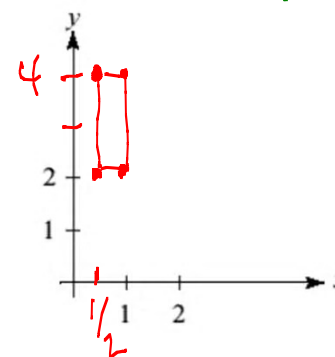
- ◆ Provides **differential (non-uniform) scaling** in x and y :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x' &= ax \\ y' &= dy \end{aligned} \right\}$$



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

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= 2x \\ y' &= 2y \end{aligned}$$



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

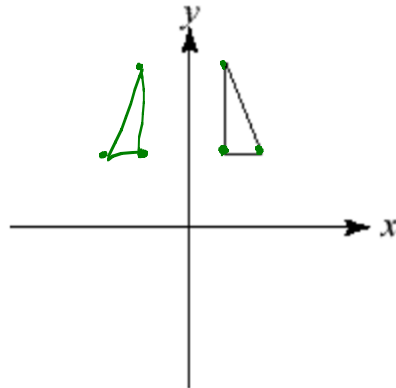
$$\begin{aligned} x' &= \frac{1}{2}x \\ y' &= 2y \end{aligned}$$

Reflection

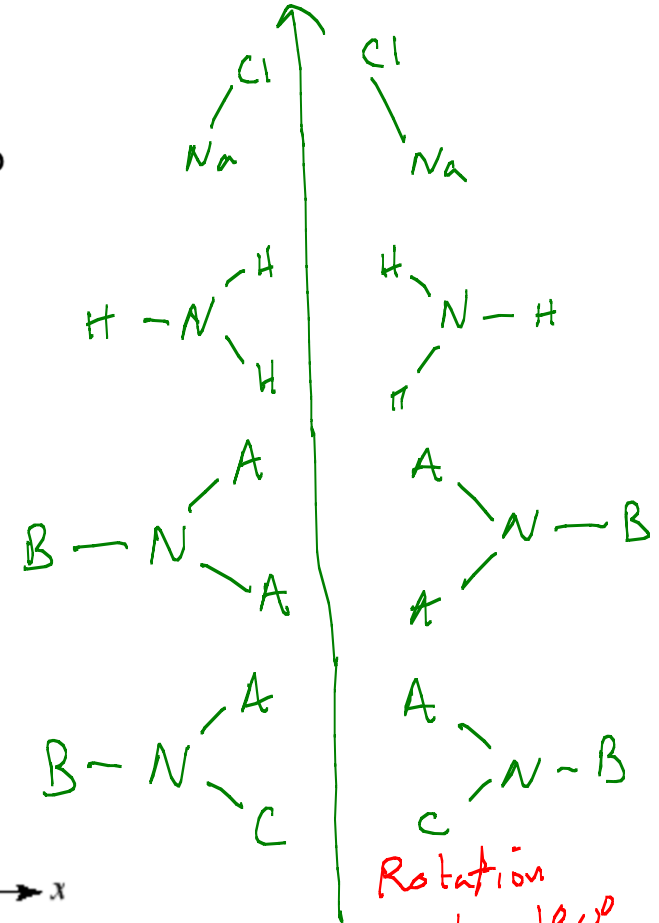
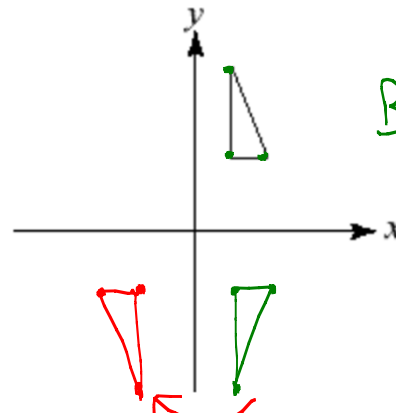
Suppose we keep $b=c=0$, but let either a or d go negative.

Examples:

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



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



Rotation
by 180°

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

chiral center

Shear

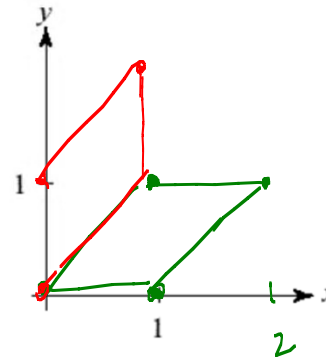
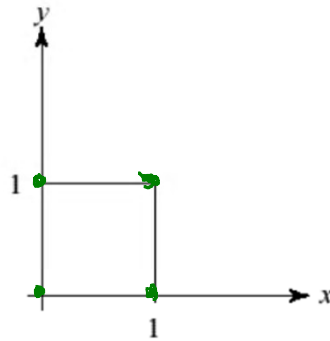
Now let's leave $a=d=1$ and experiment with b ...

The matrix

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

gives:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x' = x + by \\ y' = y \end{array} \right\}$$



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

$$x' = x + y$$

$$y' = y$$

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

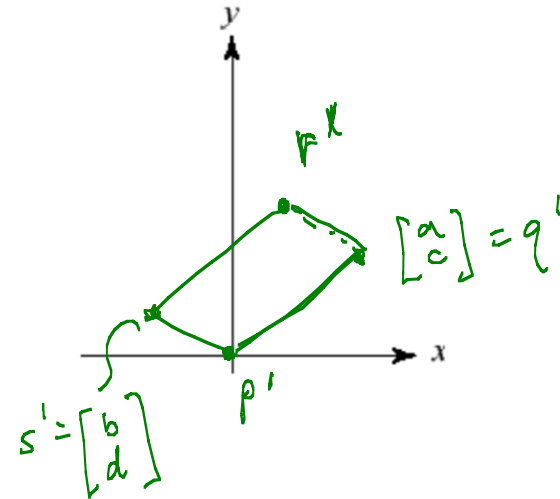
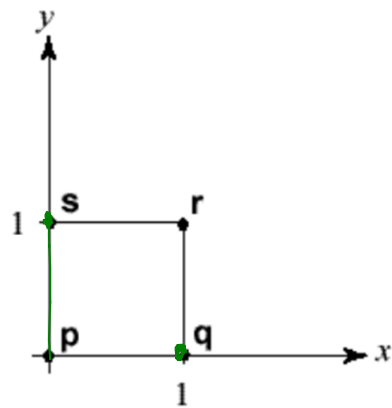
Effect on unit square

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

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

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

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



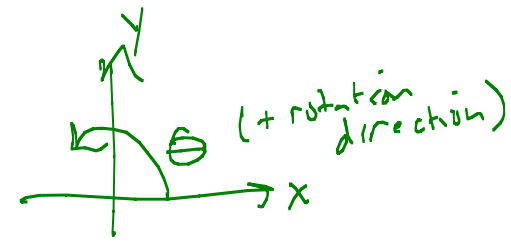
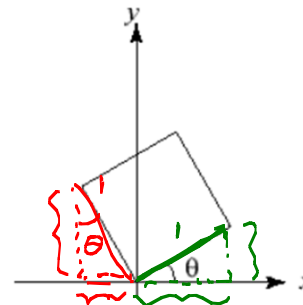
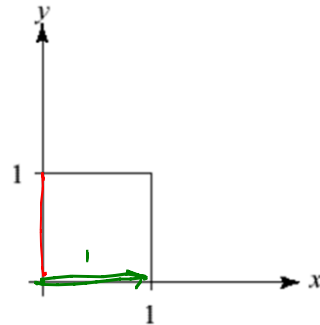
Effect on unit square, cont.

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

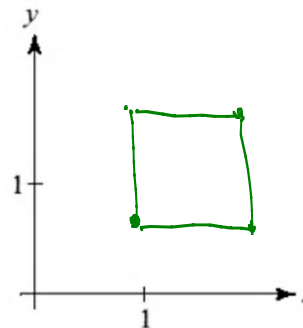
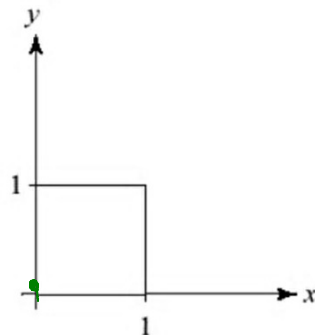
Idea is to lift the problem up into 3-space, adding a third component to every point:

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

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

And then transform with a 3 x 3 matrix:

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



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

... 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:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} A_{2 \times 2} & \mathbf{t} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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:

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

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

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

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

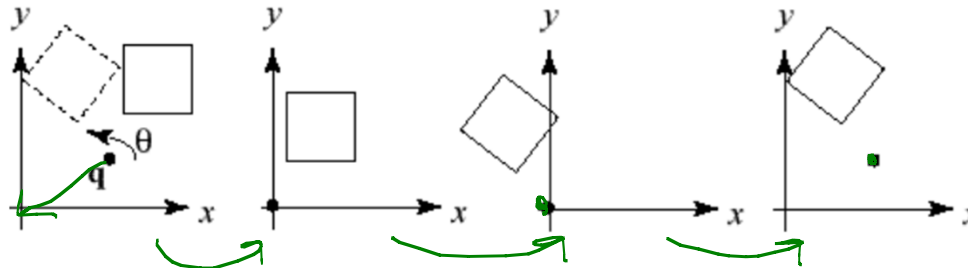
Rotation about arbitrary points

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

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

$T(\cdot)$ - translate

$R(\cdot)$ - rotate



$$M = T(-q) \cdot R(\theta) \cdot T(q)$$

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

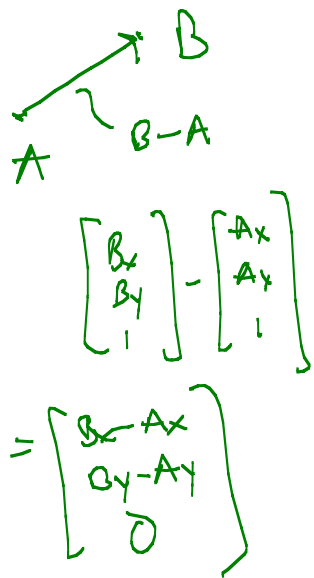
$$T(q) R(\theta) T(-q) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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.



$$\begin{bmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_x - A_x \\ B_y - A_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

One useful combination of affine operations is:

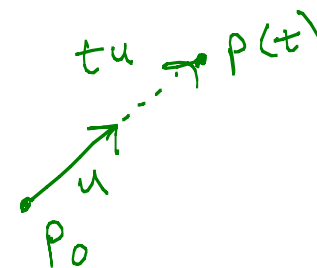
$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{u}$$

Q: What does this describe?

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

$aP + bQ \rightarrow$ point if $a+b=1$

$$a \begin{bmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} aP_x + bQ_x \\ aP_y + bQ_y \\ a+b \end{bmatrix}$$

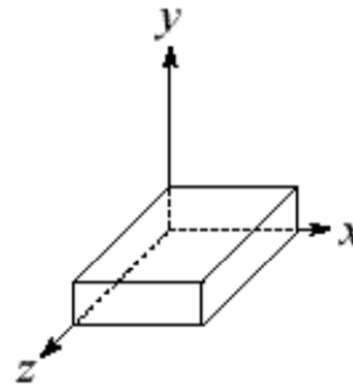
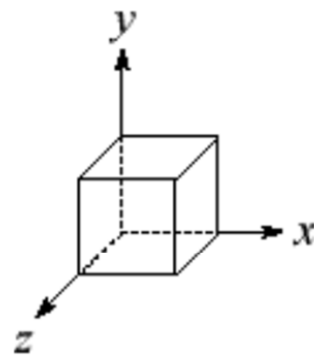


Basic 3-D transformations: scaling

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

For example, scaling:

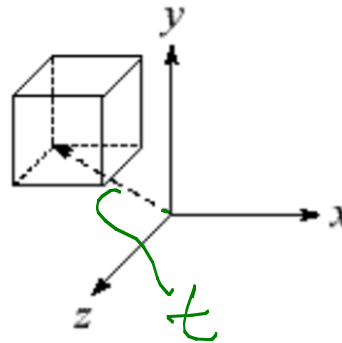
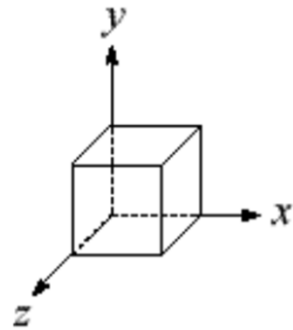
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Translation in 3D

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

$$t = \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



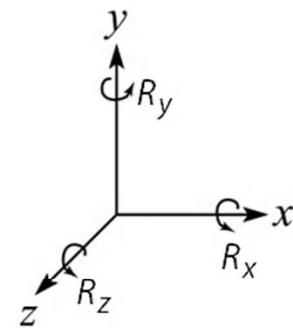
Rotation in 3D (cont'd)

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?

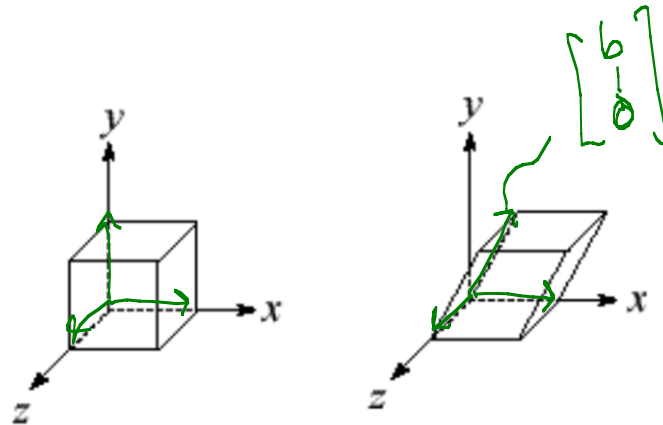
Rotation about a direction
 Quaternions ... equivalent to



Shearing in 3D

Shearing is also more complicated. Here is one example:

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

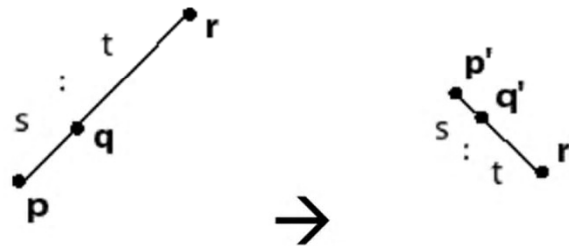
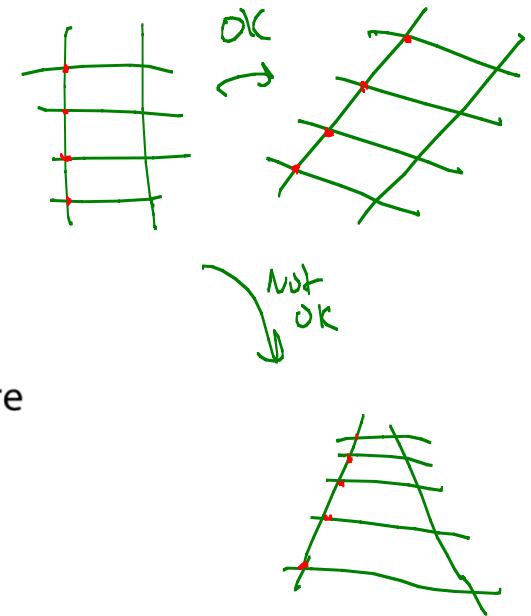


We call this a shear with respect to the x - z plane.

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.