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: $(x', y', z') = \boldsymbol{f}(x, y, z)$.

These transformations can be very simple, such as scaling each coordinate, or complex, such as non-linear twists and bends.

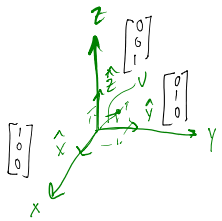
We'll focus on transformations that can be represented easily with matrix operations.

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

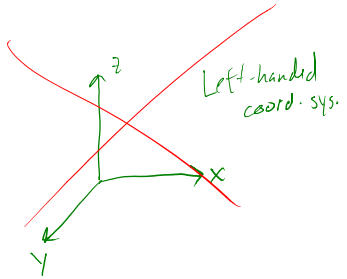
Canonical axes



Right-handed coord. system

$\|\hat{x}\| = \|\hat{y}\| = \|\hat{z}\| = 1$

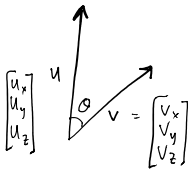
$v = v_x\hat{x} + v_y\hat{y} + v_z\hat{z}$



Left-handed coord. sys.

Vector length and dot products

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

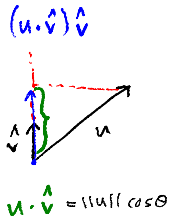


$\|v\| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}$

$u \cdot v \equiv u_x v_x + u_y v_y + u_z v_z$ ← scalar

$u \cdot v = v \cdot u$? Yes

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



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

When is $u \cdot v = 0$?

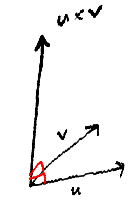
→ $u \perp v$

→ $\|u\|$ or $\|v\| = 0$

$\frac{u}{\|u\|} = \hat{u}$ $\quad \|\hat{u}\| = 1$

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

Vector cross products



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

$-\hat{y}(u_x v_z - u_z v_x)$

$+\hat{z}(u_x v_y - u_y v_x)$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$N(\Delta_{ABC}) \propto (B-A) \times (C-A)$

$u = \alpha v$

$u \times v = 0$

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

$M^{-1}M = I$

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

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

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

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

Representation, cont.

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

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

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

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

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

We will use **column vectors**.

$p' = Mp$

$(p')^T = (Mp)^T$

$(p')^T = p^T M^T$

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

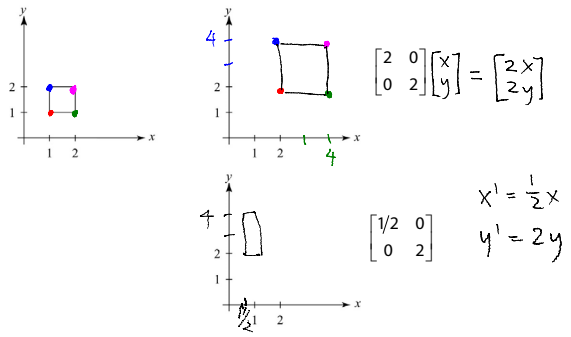
Suppose we set $b = c = 0$, but let a and d take on any *positive* value:

- Gives a **scaling** matrix:

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

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

$$x' = ax$$
$$y' = dy$$

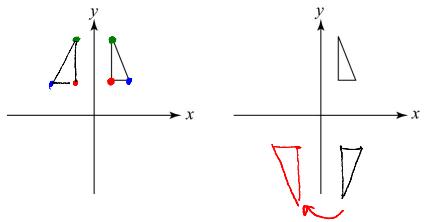


Mirror / Reflection

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

Examples:

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



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

Shear

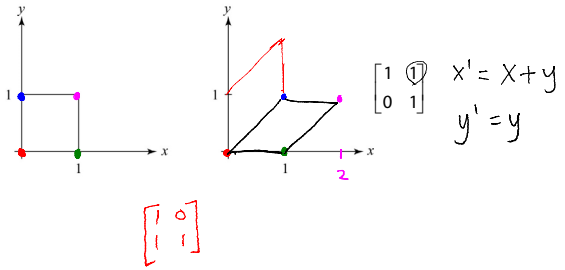
Now let's leave $a = d = 1$ and experiment with b . . .

The matrix

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

gives:

$$x' = x + by$$
$$y' = y$$



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

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

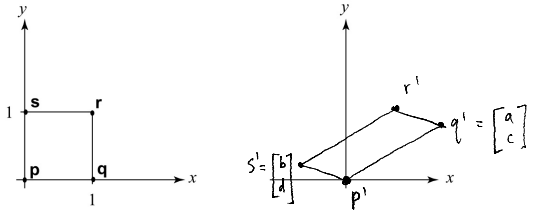
Effect on unit square

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

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

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

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



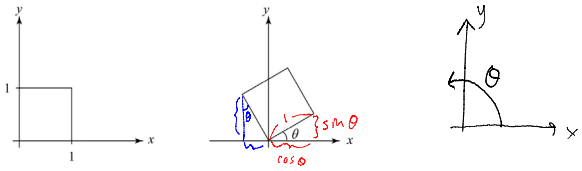
Effect on unit square, cont.

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

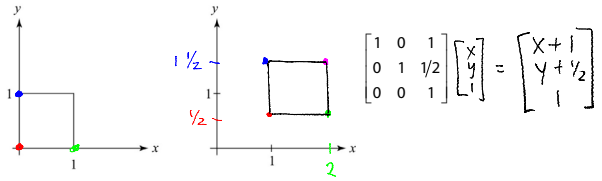
Idea is to loft the problem up into 3-space, adding a third component to every point:

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

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

And then transform with a 3 x 3 matrix:

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



. . . 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:

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

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:

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

Applying an affine transformation gives another affine point:

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

$$M \quad p_{aff}$$

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

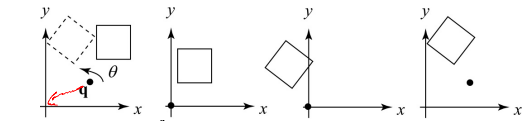
Rotation about arbitrary points

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

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

$T(\cdot)$ = translation

$R(\cdot)$ = rotation



$$M_p \neq T(-q) \cdot R(\theta) \cdot T(q) \cdot p$$

1. Translate **q** to origin
2. Rotate
3. Translate back

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

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.

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

One useful combination of affine operations is:

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

(point, vector)

Q: What does this describe?

$t \in [-\infty, \infty]$ ⇒ line

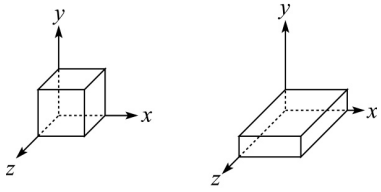
$t \in [0, \infty]$ ⇒ half-line, ray

Basic 3-D transformations: scaling

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

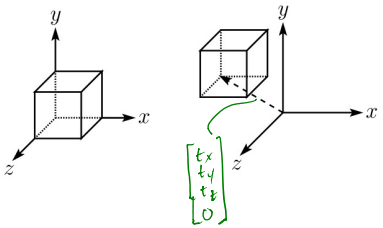
For example, scaling:

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



Translation in 3D

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



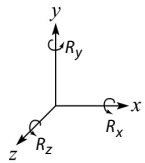
Rotation in 3D (cont'd)

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?

Quaternion ≈ rotation about a direction

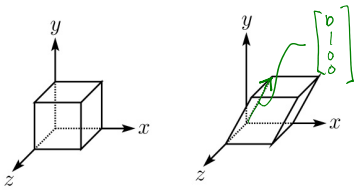
amount of rotation – θ

direction – $\hat{v}$ (normalized)

Shearing in 3D

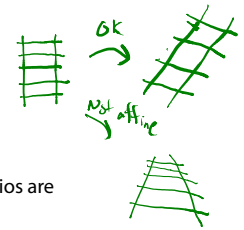
Shearing is also more complicated. Here is one example:

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



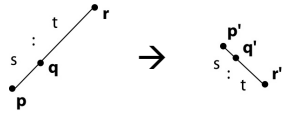
We call this a shear with respect to the x-z plane.

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)



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

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(`t_x`, `t_y`, `t_z`)` **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(`s_x`, `s_y`, `s_z`)` **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 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.