Affine transformations

Reading

Required:

• Foley, et al, Chapter 5.1-5.5.

Further reading:

 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.

Representation

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

• as a column vector

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

• as a row vector

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

Representation, cont.

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \end{bmatrix}_{=} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \end{bmatrix}$$

If **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:

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

Doesn't move the points at all

Scaling

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

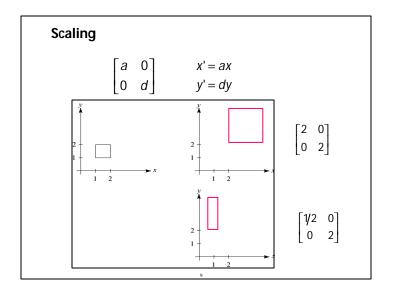
• Gives a scaling matrix:

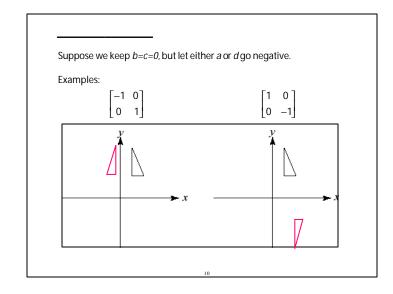
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$$

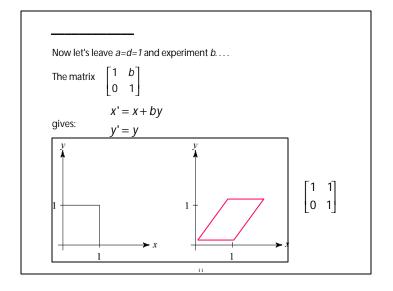
• Provides differential scaling in x and y.

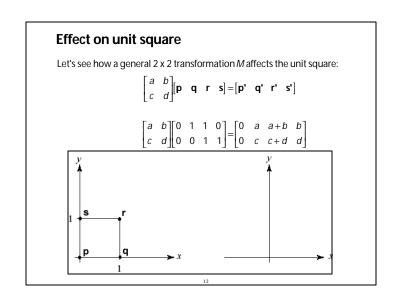
$$x' = ax$$

$$y' = dy$$









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 dgive x- and y-scaling
- band cgive x- and y-shearing

Rotation

 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\mathbf{q}) \\ \cos(\mathbf{q}) \end{bmatrix} \quad M = R(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\mathbf{q}) \\ \cos(\mathbf{q}) \end{bmatrix}$

Limitations of the 2 x 2 matrix

A 2 x 2 matrix allows

- Scaling
- Rotation
- Reflection
- Shearing

Q: What important operation does that leave out?

Homogeneous coordinates

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

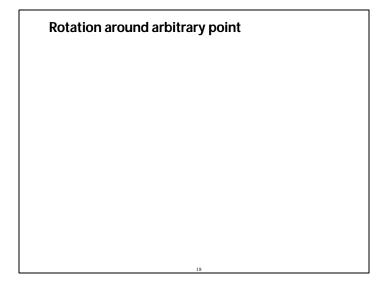
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

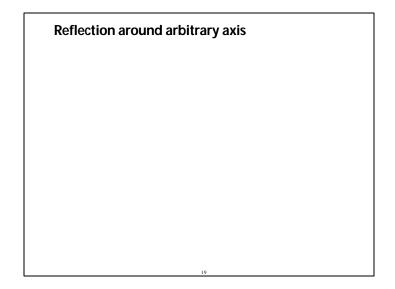
And then transform with a 3 x 3 matrix:

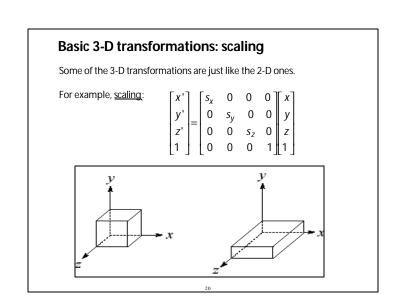
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = T(\mathbf{t}) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

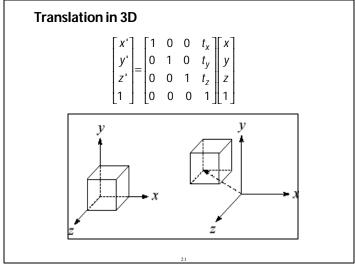
Homogeneous coordinates
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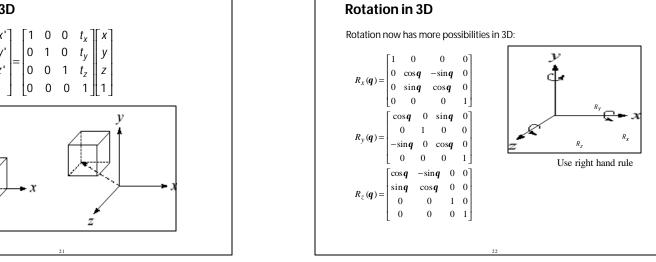
$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
... gives translation!

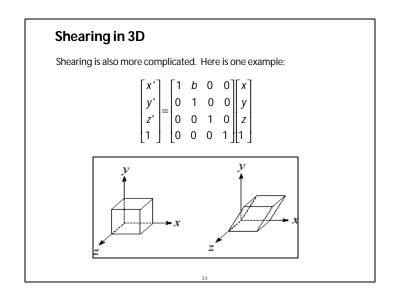


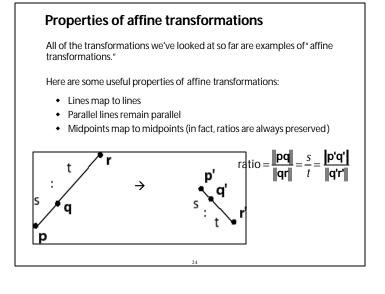












Summary

What to take away from this lecture:

- All the names in boldface.
- How points and transformations are represented.
- 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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