

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

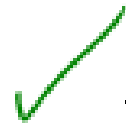
Geometric transformations will map points in one space to points in another: $(x', y', z') = f(x, y, z)$.

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

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

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

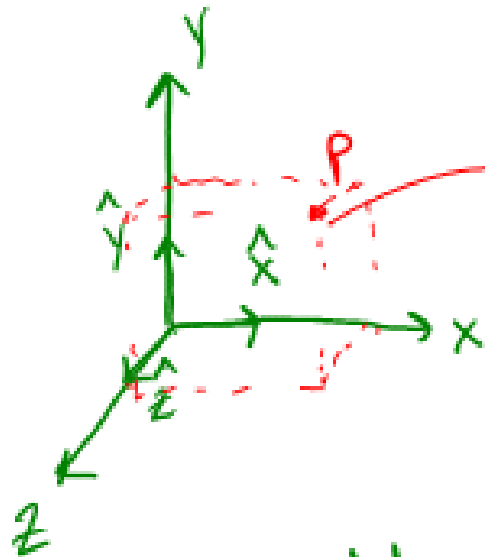
- as row vectors

$$[x \ y]$$

$$[x \ y \ z]$$

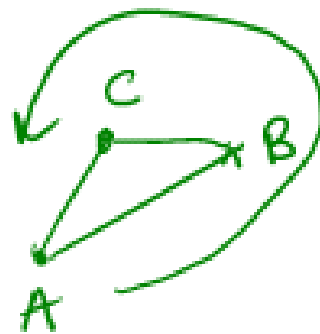
Canonical axes

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

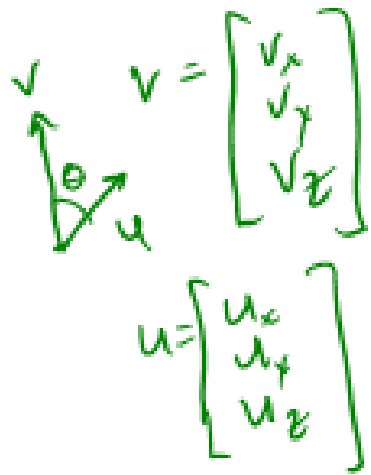


$$P_x \hat{x} + P_y \hat{y} + P_z \hat{z} = \begin{bmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{bmatrix}$$

right-handed
coord. system

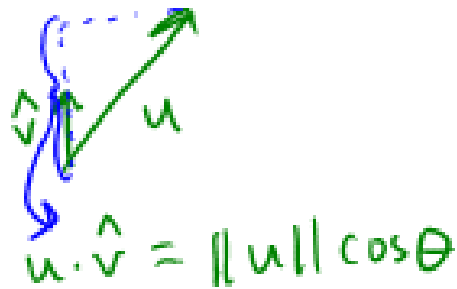


Vector length and dot products



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

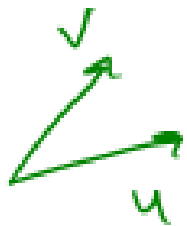
$$\begin{aligned} \underline{u \cdot v} &= \vec{u}_x v_x + \vec{u}_y v_y + \vec{u}_z v_z = \underbrace{[u_x \ u_y \ u_z]}_{u^T} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}}_v \\ &= u^T v \\ u \cdot v &\stackrel{?}{=} v \cdot u \quad \text{True} \\ v \cdot v &= \|v\|^2 \\ u \cdot v &= \|u\| \|v\| \cos \theta \\ u \cdot v = 0 &\Rightarrow \perp (\theta = 90^\circ \text{ or } 270^\circ) \\ &\text{or } \|v\| = 0 \text{ or } \|u\| = 0 \end{aligned}$$



if $\|u\| = \|v\| = 1 \Rightarrow u$ and v are normalized

$$\hat{u} = \frac{u}{\|u\|} \Rightarrow \text{unit vector} \quad \hat{u} \cdot \hat{v} = \cos \theta$$

Vector cross products



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

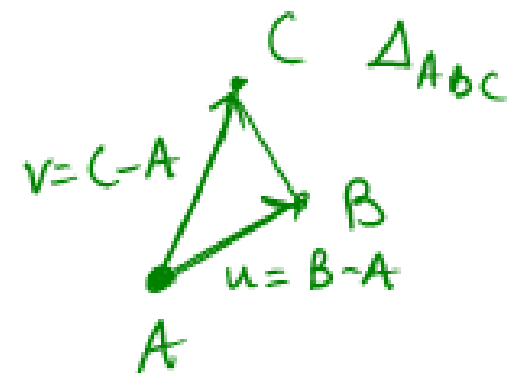
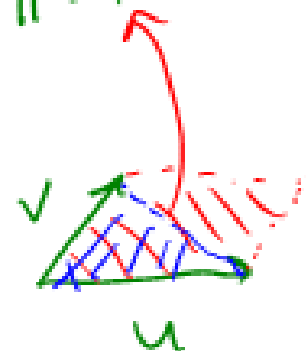
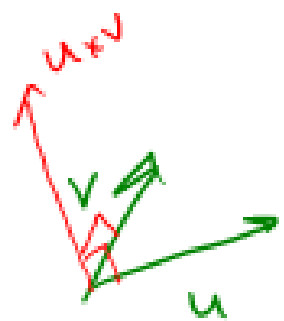
$$= \begin{bmatrix} u_y v_z - u_z v_y \\ u_z v_x - u_x v_z \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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

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



$$N \sim u \times v$$

$$\text{Area } \Delta_{ABC} = \frac{1}{2} \|u \times v\|$$

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:

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

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

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.

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)^{-1} \cancel{A} \cancel{B} \cancel{B}^{-1} \cancel{A}^{-1} \\ = I \cdot B^{-1} \cdot A^{-1} \\ = B^{-1}A^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

↙ + transpose

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, \dots

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:

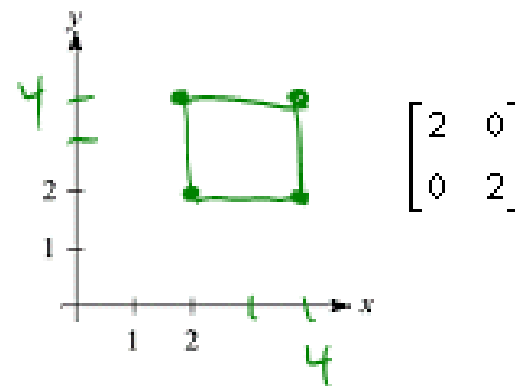
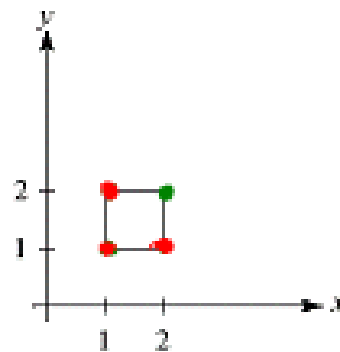
- Gives a **scaling** matrix:

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

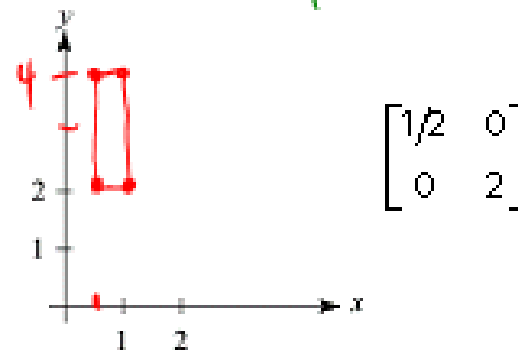
- Provides **differential (non-uniform) scaling** in x and y :

$$x' = ax$$

$$y' = dy$$



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



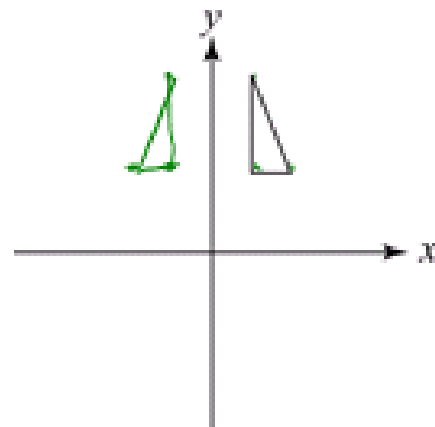
$$\begin{aligned} x' &= \frac{1}{2}x \\ y' &= 2y \end{aligned}$$

Reflection

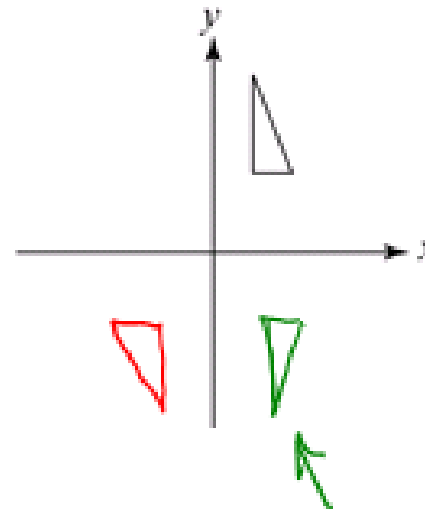
Suppose we keep $b=c=0$, but let either a or d go negative.

Examples:

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



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



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

Rotate by 180°

Shear

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

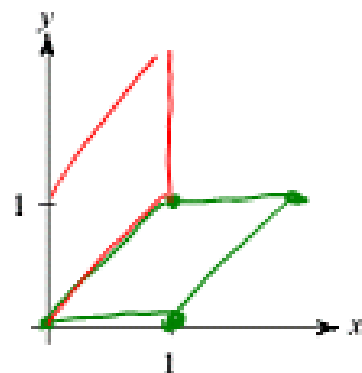
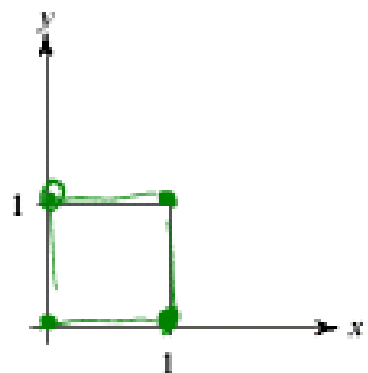
The matrix

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

gives:

$$x' = x + by$$

$$y' = y$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x' = x + y \\ y' = y \end{array}$$

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

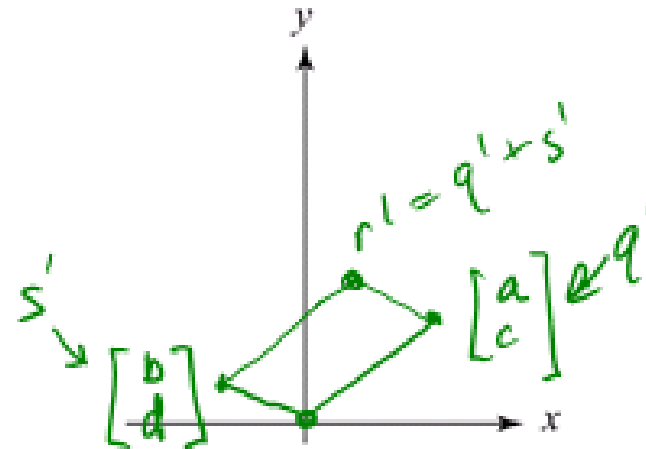
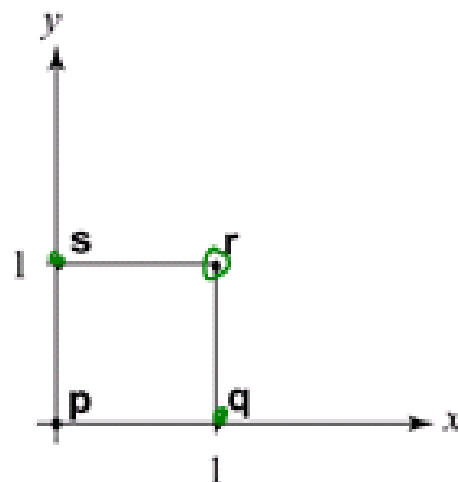
Effect on unit square

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

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

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

\uparrow \uparrow p
 \uparrow \uparrow p' q'
 \uparrow \uparrow c' s'
 $r' = q' + s'$



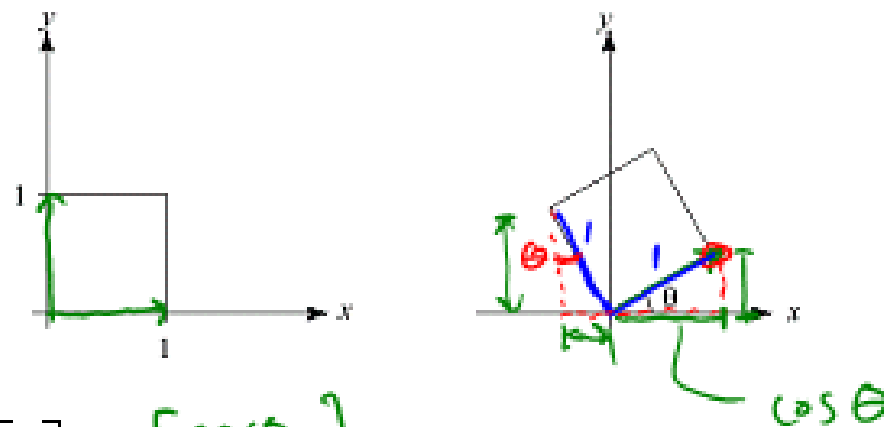
Effect on unit square, cont.

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

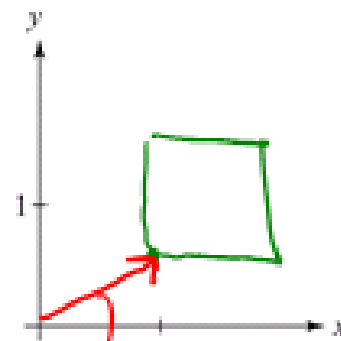
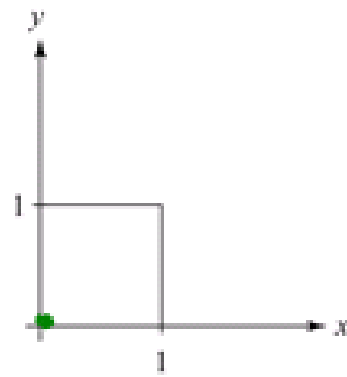
We can lift the problem up into 3-space, adding a third component to every point:

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

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

Then, transform with a 3 x 3 matrix:

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



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

... gives **translation!**

Affine transformations

The addition of translation to linear transformations gives us **affine transformations**.

In matrix form, 2D affine transformations always look like this:

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

The diagram shows the matrix M with a red circle around the entire matrix. A green circle highlights the top-left 2x2 submatrix $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, labeled "linear". A blue circle highlights the translation vector $\begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix}$, labeled "affine". A green arrow points from the linear part to the augmented matrix notation $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} A & & \mathbf{t} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$, and a blue arrow points from the affine part to the same notation.

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:

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

$$M \mathbf{p}_{\text{aff}} = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} A & & \mathbf{t} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{\text{lin}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying an affine transformation gives another affine point:

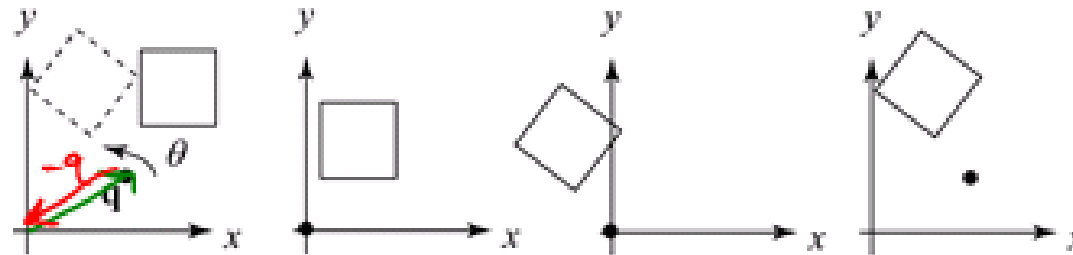
$$M \mathbf{p}_{\text{aff}} = \begin{bmatrix} A \mathbf{p}_{\text{lin}} + \mathbf{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 $\mathbf{q} = [q_x \ q_y \ 1]^T$ with a matrix:

$$\begin{matrix} R(\theta) \\ \underline{T(t)} \end{matrix}$$



$$M \neq \underbrace{T(-\mathbf{q})}_{\uparrow} \cdot R(\theta) \cdot T(\mathbf{q})$$


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

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

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.



$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: What happens if we multiply a vector by an affine matrix?

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



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

These representations reflect some of the rules of affine operations on points and vectors:

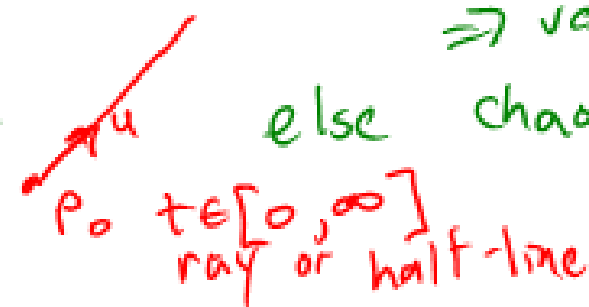
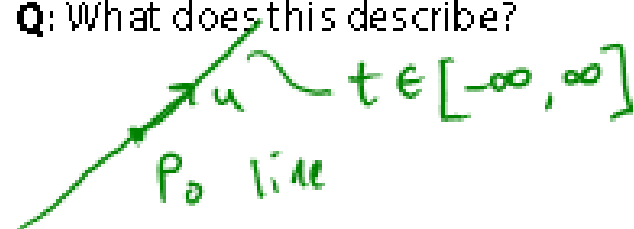
- vector + vector \rightarrow vector
- scalar \cdot vector \rightarrow vector
- point - point \rightarrow vector
- point + vector \rightarrow point
- point + point \rightarrow chaos

One useful combination of affine operations is:

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

\downarrow point \leftarrow vector

Q: What does this describe?



$scalar_1 \cdot point_1 + scalar_2 \cdot point_2$
 \downarrow
~~if $scalar_1 + scalar_2 = 0$
 \Rightarrow point~~

if $scalar_1 + scalar_2 = 1$
 \Rightarrow point
 if $scalar_1 + scalar_2 = 0$
 \Rightarrow vector

else chaos

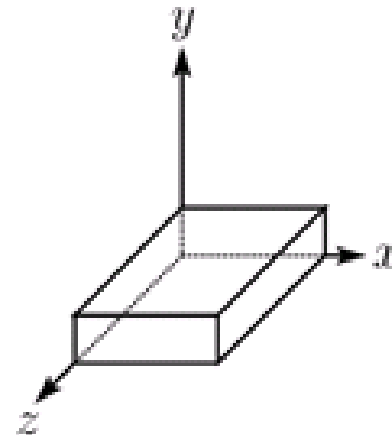
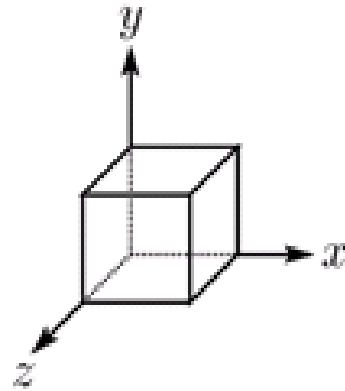
Basic 3-D transformations: scaling

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

In this case, the bottom row is always $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]$.

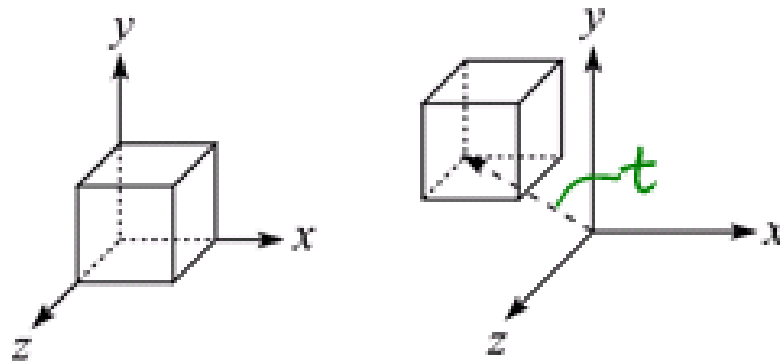
For example, scaling:

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



Translation in 3D

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



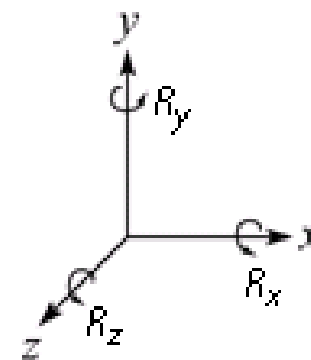
Rotation in 3D

Rotation now has more possibilities in 3D:

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

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

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



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?

quaternions



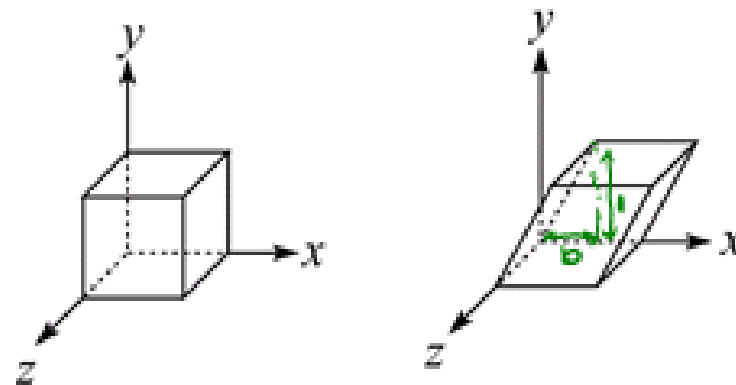
$$\hat{v} = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$$

Shearing in 3D

Shearing is also more complicated. Here is one example:

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

x-axis
y-axis
z-axis



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.