



# CS482: Interactive Computer Graphics

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## AFFINE TRANSFORMATION

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## Points vs. vectors



- Vector  $\vec{v}$  := motion between points in space
  - lives in a space we call  $R^3$
  - has the structure of a linear/vector space.
  - addition and scalar multiplication have meaning
  - zero vector is no motion
  - cannot really translate motion

## Points vs. vectors



- Point  $\tilde{p}$  := a position in space
  - lives in a space we might call  $A^3$
  - has the structure of a so-called affine space.
  - addition and scalar multiplication don't make sense
  - zero doesn't make sense
  - subtraction does make sense, gives us a vector

## Points and frames



- Subtraction of points:

$$\tilde{p} - \tilde{q} = \vec{v}$$

- Moving a point with a vector:

$$\tilde{q} + \vec{v} = \tilde{p}$$

- Basis is three vectors

$$\vec{v} = \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i$$

- How could we present translations?

- Affine transform (4-by-4 matrix)
- usage: transformation of objects and camera projection (3D  $\rightarrow$  2D)

## Points and frames



- for affine space we will use a frame

- start with a chosen origin point  $\tilde{o}$
- add to it a linear combination combination of vectors using coordinates  $c_i$  to get to any desired point  $\tilde{p}$

## Affine frame



- Movement of a point (original  $\tilde{o}$   $\rightarrow$  a point  $\tilde{p}$ )

$$\tilde{p} = \tilde{o} + \vec{v}.$$

$$\tilde{p} = \tilde{o} + \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **Affine frame** (made of three vectors and a point):  $\tilde{p} = \vec{f}^t \mathbf{c}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} = \vec{f}^t$$

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## Defining an affine matrix



- point is specified with a 4-coordinates vector
  - four numbers
  - last one is always 1  $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^t$
  - ... or 0. (and we get a vector)

- let's define an affine matrix as 4-by-4 matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- we are transforming a point to another with an affine frame:

$$\tilde{p} = \vec{f}^t \mathbf{c}.$$

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## Transforming a point



- affine transform

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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## Transforming a point



- for short

$$\tilde{p} = \vec{f}' \mathbf{c} \Rightarrow \vec{f}' \mathbf{A} \mathbf{c}. \quad \text{where } \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} = \vec{f}'$$

- transforming **coordinate vectors** (4 with a one as the fourth entry)

$$\begin{bmatrix} c'_1 \\ c'_2 \\ c'_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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## transforming a point



- Alternatively, transforming the basis vectors

$$\left[ \vec{b}'_1 \quad \vec{b}'_2 \quad \vec{b}'_3 \quad \tilde{o}' \right] = \left[ \vec{b}_1 \quad \vec{b}_2 \quad \vec{b}_3 \quad \tilde{o} \right] \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- This transformation is to apply the affine transform to a frame as

$$\left[ \vec{b}_1 \quad \vec{b}_2 \quad \vec{b}_3 \quad \tilde{o} \right] \Rightarrow \left[ \vec{b}_1 \quad \vec{b}_2 \quad \vec{b}_3 \quad \tilde{o} \right] \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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## Linear transformation



- 3-by-3 transform matrix  $\rightarrow$  4-by-4 affine transform

$$\left[ \vec{b}_1 \quad \vec{b}_2 \quad \vec{b}_3 \quad \tilde{o} \right] \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left[ \vec{b}_1 \quad \vec{b}_2 \quad \vec{b}_3 \quad \tilde{o} \right] \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & 0 \\ e & f & g & 0 \\ i & j & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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## Linear transformation

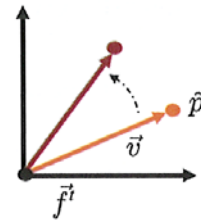


- affine transformation:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} l & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where, L is a 4-by-4 matrix; l is a 3-by-3 matrix.

- A linear transform is applied to a point. This is accomplished by applying the linear transform to its offset vector.



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## Translation transform



- translation transformation to points

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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## Translation transform



- translation transformation to points

$$c_1 \Rightarrow c_1 + t_x$$

$$c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 + t_y$$

$$c_3 \Rightarrow c_3 + t_z$$

- translation matrix

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} i & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- where, T is a 4-by-4 matrix; i is a 3-by-3 identity matrix, t is 3-by-1 matrix for translation.

## Affine transform matrix



- An affine matrix can be factored into a linear part and a translational part:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & d \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & 0 \\ e & f & g & 0 \\ i & j & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} l & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} i & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = TL$$



## Affine transform matrix



- NB as **matrix multiplication is not commutative**, the order of the multiplication  $TL$  matters!!!

$$TL \neq LT$$

- Since these matrices have the same size (4-by-4), it is difficult to debug when you messed up the order. Pay extra attention on it while you are coding...

## Rigid body transformation



- When the linear transform is a rotation, we call this as **rigid body transformation (rotation + translation only)**.

$$A = TR$$

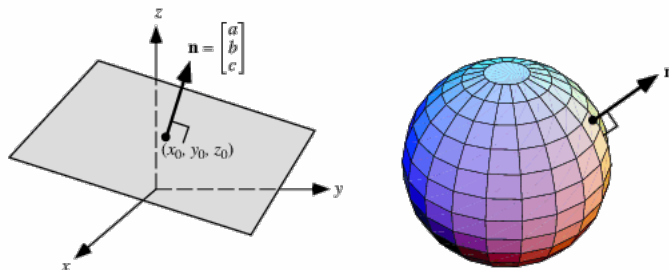
- A rigid body transformation preserves dot product between vectors, handedness of a basis, and distance between points.
- Its geometric topology is maintained while transforming it.

## Affine transform acting on vector

- If fourth coordinate of  $\mathbf{c}$  is zero, this just transforms a vector to a vector.
  - note that the fourth column is irrelevant
  - a vector cannot be translated

## Normals

- Normal: a vector that is orthogonal to the **tangent plane** of the surfaces at that point.
  - the tangent plane is a plane of vectors that are defined by subtracting (infinitesimally) **nearby** surface points:
$$\vec{n} \cdot (\tilde{p}_1 - \tilde{p}_2) = 0$$



## Normals



- We use normals for shading
- how do they transform
- suppose  $i$  rotate forward
  - normal gets rotated forward
- suppose squash in the  $y$  direction

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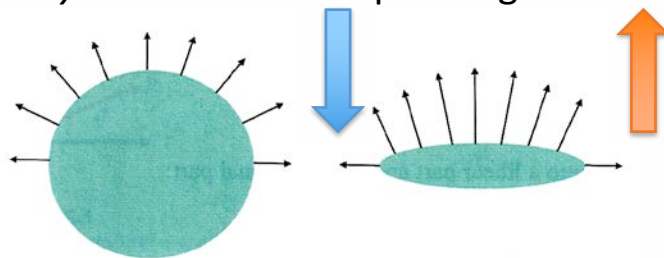
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## Changing a shape



- Squashing a sphere makes its normals stretch along the  $y$  axis instead of squashing.



- normal gets higher in the  $y$  direction
- what is the rule?

$$\begin{bmatrix} nx \\ ny \\ nz \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} nx' \\ ny' \\ nz' \end{bmatrix}.$$

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## Transforming normals



- Since the normal  $\vec{n}$  and very close points  $\tilde{p}_1$  and  $\tilde{p}_2$  are on a surface:

$$\vec{n} \cdot (\tilde{p}_1 - \tilde{p}_2) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} nx & ny & nz & * \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ y1 \\ z1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x0 \\ y0 \\ z0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0.$$

- After applying an affine transform  $A$ ,

the normal of the transformed geometry

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} nx & ny & nz & * \end{bmatrix} A^{-1} \right) A \left( \begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ y1 \\ z1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x0 \\ y0 \\ z0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0.$$

## Transforming normals



- Transformed normals:

$$\begin{bmatrix} nx' & ny' & nz' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} nx & ny & nz \end{bmatrix} T^{-1}.$$

- Transposing this expression:

$$\begin{bmatrix} nx' \\ ny' \\ nz' \end{bmatrix} = T^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} nx \\ ny \\ nz \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Transforming normals



- Remember  $L$  is a rotation matrix (orthonormal), thus **its inverse transpose is the same** as the

original:  $L^{-t} = L$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

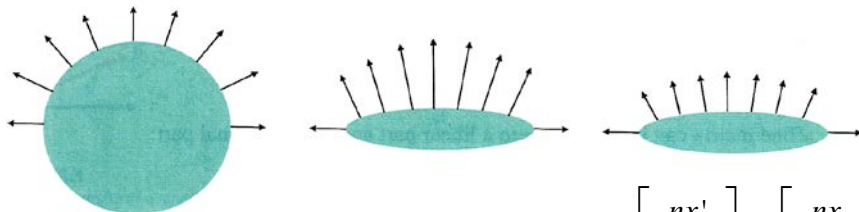
$$LL^t = I (L^t = L^{-1}), \det L = 1$$

- inverse transpose
  - so inverse transpose/transpose inverse is the rule
  - for rotation, transpose = inverse
  - for scale, transpose = nothing
  - in the code next week, we will send  $A$  and  $L^t$  to the vertex shader.

## Transforming normals



- Renormalize to correct unit normals of squashed shape:



$$L^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} nx' \\ ny' \\ nz' \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} nx \\ ny \\ nz \end{bmatrix}$$