

# Affine transformations

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## AFFINE TRANSFORMATIONS

We define AFFINE TRANSFORMATION the geometric function  $\mathcal{U}$

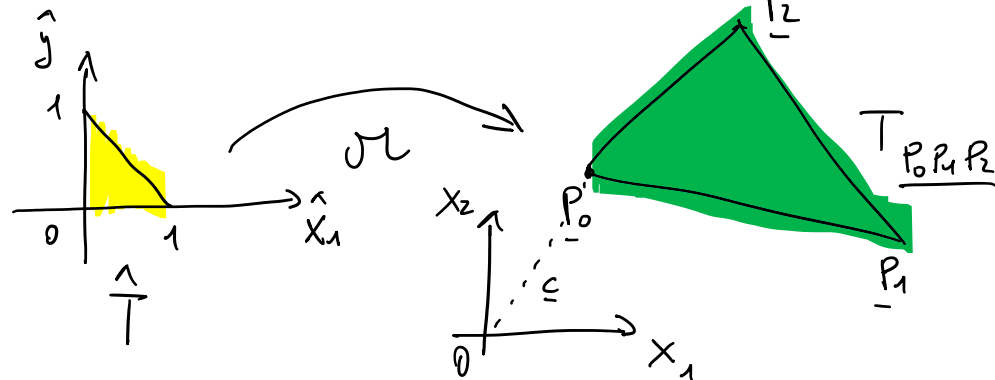
$$\mathcal{U}: \underline{x} = \underline{A} \hat{\underline{x}} + \underline{c}, \quad \forall \hat{\underline{x}}, \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

with  $\det(\underline{A}) \neq 0$ ,  $\underline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $\underline{c} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

EXAMPLE we recall the definition of the Triangle  $T_{P_0 P_1 P_2} \in \mathbb{E}^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}: \underline{x} &= \alpha_0 \underline{P}_0 + \alpha_1 \underline{P}_1 + (1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) \underline{P}_0 = \\ &= \underline{P}_0 + \alpha_0 (\underline{P}_2 - \underline{P}_0) + \alpha_1 (\underline{P}_1 - \underline{P}_0) = \\ &= \underline{P}_0 + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \underline{P}_1 - \underline{P}_0 & \underline{P}_2 - \underline{P}_0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{A}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\hat{\underline{x}} = (\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2)^T} \end{aligned}$$

with  $0 \leq \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \hat{x}_1 \in [0, 1], \hat{x}_2 \in [0, 1 - \hat{x}_1]$

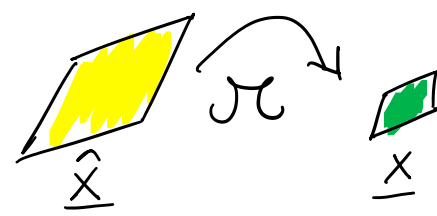


NOTE the condition  $\det(\underline{A}) \neq 0$  is required to guarantee the existence of  $\mathcal{U}^{-1}$

$$\mathcal{U}^{-1}: \underline{x} = \underline{A}^{-1} (\hat{\underline{x}} - \underline{c})$$

Particular cases of affine transformations are:

1) SIMILARITY:  $\underline{A}^T \underline{A} = \lambda^2 \underline{I}$ , maintains the ratio of distances between points conserved. Indeed, if  $\underline{c} = \underline{0}$



$$\|\underline{x}\|_2^2 = \underline{x}^T \underline{x} = (\underline{A} \hat{\underline{x}})^T (\underline{A} \hat{\underline{x}}) = \hat{\underline{x}}^T \underline{A}^T \underline{A} \hat{\underline{x}} = \lambda^2 \hat{\underline{x}}^T \hat{\underline{x}} = \lambda^2 \|\hat{\underline{x}}\|_2^2$$

Moreover, given  $\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\begin{cases} \underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} = \|\underline{x}\|_2 \|\underline{y}\|_2 \cos(\theta) = \lambda^2 \|\hat{\underline{x}}\|_2 \|\hat{\underline{y}}\|_2 \cos(\theta) \\ \underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} = (\underline{A} \hat{\underline{x}})^T (\underline{A} \hat{\underline{y}}) = \lambda^2 \hat{\underline{x}}^T \hat{\underline{y}} = \lambda^2 \hat{\underline{x}} \cdot \hat{\underline{y}} = \lambda^2 \|\hat{\underline{x}}\|_2 \|\hat{\underline{y}}\|_2 \cos(\hat{\theta}) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \cos(\theta) = \cos(\hat{\theta})$$

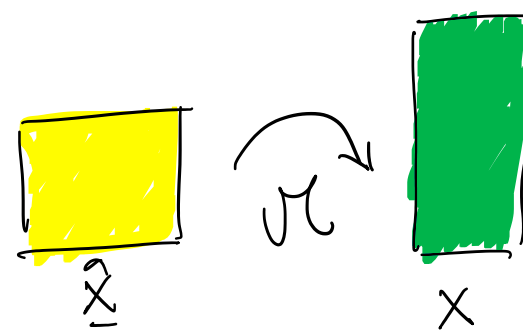
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2) EQUIAFFINE:  $\det(\underline{A}) = \pm 1$

the volume is preserved, indeed given a set of points  $\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_n$  the volume is defined as

$$V = \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_1 & \dots & \underline{x}_n \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det(\underline{A}) \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\underline{x}}_1 & \dots & \hat{\underline{x}}_n \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \pm \hat{V}$$

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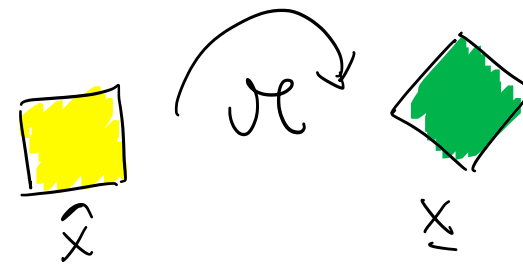


3) ROTATIONS: both SIMILARITY and EQUIAFFINE, thus

$$|\underline{A}^T \underline{A}| = |\underline{A}|^2 = |\underline{A}|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{A}^T \underline{A} = \underline{I}, \text{ rotations}$$

here the DISTANCES are preserved



$$\begin{aligned} d(\underline{x}, \underline{y})^2 &= (\underline{x} - \underline{y}) \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{y}) = \\ &= \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} + \underline{y} \cdot \underline{y} - \underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} - \underline{y} \cdot \underline{x} = \\ &= \hat{\underline{x}} \cdot \hat{\underline{x}} + \hat{\underline{y}} \cdot \hat{\underline{y}} - \hat{\underline{x}} \cdot \hat{\underline{y}} - \hat{\underline{y}} \cdot \hat{\underline{x}} = d(\hat{\underline{x}}, \hat{\underline{y}})^2 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 5: Given a plane  $\Pi$  with normal  $\underline{n}$  find the rotation (rotation matrix) which map the points on  $\Pi$  to plane  $xy$

Solution: We need to find the transformation  $\mathcal{U}$  which maps  $\Pi$  to  $xy$ -plane ( $\hat{\Pi}$ ).

$$\mathcal{U}: \underline{x} = \underline{Q} \hat{\underline{x}} + \underline{c}$$

Let's require the plane passing from the origin  $\underline{0}$ , thus

$$\Pi: \underline{n}^T \underline{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{c} = \underline{0}$$

Now we need to find  $\underline{Q}$  s.t.

$$\underline{x} = \underline{Q} \hat{\underline{x}}$$

The idea is to find three orthogonal arrays ( $\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}$ )

s.t.

$$\underline{Q} \underline{i} = \underline{u}, \quad \underline{Q} \underline{j} = \underline{v}, \quad \underline{Q} \underline{k} = \underline{w} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{Q} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{u} & \underline{v} & \underline{w} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $(\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{k})$  are the orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

We choose  $\underline{w} = \underline{n} \Rightarrow \underline{Q} \underline{k} = \underline{n}$

To find  $\underline{u}$  we compute the tangent vector of the line intersection between  $\Pi$  and  $\hat{\Pi}$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} \underline{n}^T \underline{x} = 0 \\ \underline{k}^T \underline{x} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underline{u} = \frac{\underline{n} \times \underline{k}}{\|\underline{n} \times \underline{k}\|_2} = \frac{1}{\|\underline{n} \times \underline{k}\|_2} \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ n_x & n_y & n_z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \frac{1}{\|\underline{n} \times \underline{k}\|_2} = \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2}} (n_y, -n_x, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, to compute  $\underline{v}$  we require that  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$  and  $\underline{w}$  are orthogonal  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{v} &= \frac{\underline{u} \times \underline{n}}{\|\underline{u} \times \underline{n}\|_2} = \frac{1}{\|\underline{u} \times \underline{n}\|_2} \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ n_y & -n_x & 0 \\ \frac{n_y}{\sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2}} & \frac{-n_x}{\sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2}} & n_z \end{vmatrix} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\|\underline{u} \times \underline{n}\|_2} \left( -\frac{n_x n_z}{\sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2}}, -\frac{n_y n_z}{\sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2}}, \sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2} \right) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } \underline{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} n_y & -\frac{n_x n_z}{\sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2}} & n_x \\ -n_x & -\frac{n_y n_z}{\sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2}} & n_y \\ 0 & \sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2} & n_z \end{pmatrix}$$

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