



Computer Systems in Engineering

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# **Software Development for Industrial Robots**

1. Vector spaces and matrices
2. Coordinate systems
3. Homogenous coordinates
4. Robot kinematics
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# 1. Vector spaces

- Definition: Vector space

A vector space  $V$  (over a field  $K$ ) is a tripel  $(V, +, \cdot)$ , where

- $V$  and  $+$  is an Abelian group and
- $\cdot$  is an associative, distributive Operation with

$$K \times V \rightarrow V$$

- $+$  is called vector addition and  $\cdot$  is called multiplication with a scalar.
- Definition: Vector  
Elements of  $V$  are called vectors.

- Simple example:
    - $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  with
      - "+" = addition by component-wise addition
      - "." = multiplication of all components with a scalar
  - Vectors are often interpreted in one of the two following, different geometric meanings:
    - as descriptor of a location (ger. Ortsvektor)
- OR
- as descriptor of a translation

- Definition: Linear combination

For a set of vectors  $v_i$ , all vectors of the form  $w_1 v_1 + \dots + w_n v_n$  with scalars (of  $K$ )  $w_i$  are called linear combinations (of the set of vectors  $v_i$ ).

- Definition: Lineare (in-)dependence

A set of vectors  $v_i$  is called linear dependent, if there exist scalars  $w_i$  (not ALL equal to 0) such that  $w_1 v_1 + \dots + w_n v_n = 0$ .

- Definition: Generating system

A subset  $E$  of a vector space  $V$  is called generating system, if every  $v$  of  $V$  is a linear combination of  $E$ .

- Definition: Basis

A linear independent, generating system  $E$  is called a basis of the vector space.

- Definition: Inner product

The mapping

$$V \times V \rightarrow R$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \bullet \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{pmatrix} = v_1 w_1 + \dots + v_n w_n$$

is called inner product.

- Definition: Absolute value

The term  $\sqrt{v \bullet v}$  is called (absolute) value of the vector  $v$ .

## 2. Coordinate systems

- Definition: Coordinate system

A tuple  $CS=(o, E)$  of some vector  $o$  and a basis  $E$  is called a coordinate system. The vectors of  $E$  are called basis vectors.

- Definition: Coordinate vector

The representation of a vector  $v$  by the vector of it's linear combination (according to  $E$ )

$$v= o+ w_1e_1 + ... + w_n e_n$$

is called coordinate vector (of  $v$  according to  $CS$ ).



- Definition: Orthogonal coordinate system
- A coordinate system is called orthogonal, iff the inner product of each pair of basis vectors equals 0.
- Geometrical meaning Euclidian space:  
90° angles between basis vectors
- Definition: Orthonormal coordinate system
- An orthogonal CS is called orthonormal, if the absolute value of all basis vectors equals 1.

- In general:

Any coordinate system  $CS'$  may be defined wrt. a coordinate system  $CS$  by definition of the origin  $o'$  and each basis vector of  $CS'$  as coordinate vectors of  $CS$ .

- From now on:  
We will only consider orthonormal, right-handed coordinate systems in Euclidian space.

- Geometric possibilities:
  - Translations  
2D: in two directions  
3D: in three directions
  - Rotations  
2D: around one axis  
3D: around three axis
- Important observation:
  - Any combination of two transformations may be expressed as a single transformation!

- Translation by  $v$ :

$$T_o : V \rightarrow V$$

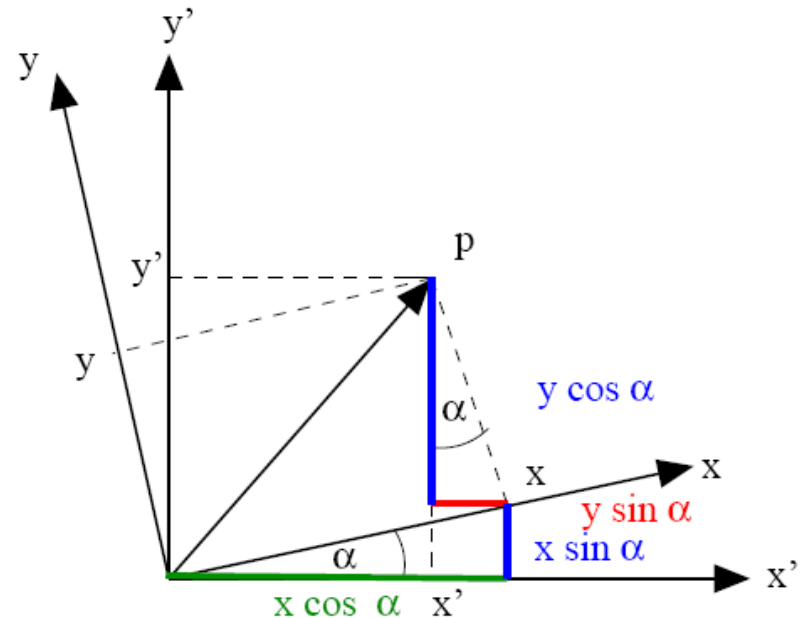
$$v \mapsto o + v$$

- Rotation by  $\alpha$  (around origin of CS):

$$R_{\alpha} : V \rightarrow V$$

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x * \cos \alpha - y * \sin \alpha \\ x * \sin \alpha + y * \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

- Proof:  
Making use of addition theorems of triangular functions



- Definition: Matrix

A  $n \times m$  matrix is a  $n$ -vector of  $m$  (row-) vectors.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (a_{11} \quad \dots \quad a_{1n}) \\ \dots \\ (a_{n1} \quad \dots \quad a_{nn}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & & \dots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Definition: Multiplication of a matrices

Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are multiplied by all inner products between all (row-)vectors of  $A$  and all (column) vectors of  $B$ .

$$A \circ B = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \\ \dots \\ \vec{a}_n^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \dots & \vec{b}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{a}_1 \bullet \vec{b}_1 & \dots & \vec{a}_1 \bullet \vec{b}_n \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \vec{a}_n \bullet \vec{b}_1 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \bullet \vec{b}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- Definition: Inverse matrix  
For some matrix  $A$  the matrix  $A^{-1}$  is called inverse (matrix) of  $A$ , iff for all  $v$  in  $V$ :

$$A^{-1}(Av) = v$$

- Remark:

The matrix multiplication  $A^{-1}A$  is diagonal matrix (with only „1“ on the diagonal). This matrix is called identity or 1-matrix.



- Matrix multiplication is (usually) not commutative

$$A \circ B \neq B \circ A$$

- In general, matrices may not be inverted
- Examples: YOUR turn!

- **Definition: Orthonormale matrix**  
A matrix whose row- or column vectors are pairwise orthonormal is called orthonormal.
- **Theorem: Inverse of an orthonormale matrix**  
The inverse of an orthonormal matrix is the transposed matrix.
- **Remark:**  
The transposed matrix is generated by swapping row- and column indices.

- Definition: Corresponding mapping  
For some  $(n \times n)$  matrix and some  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$

$$f_A : V \rightarrow V$$

$$v \mapsto Av = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & & \dots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i} v_i \\ \dots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ni} v_i \end{pmatrix}$$

defines a mapping from  $V$  to  $V$ .

# Rotation by matrix operations

- Rotations may be easily described by matrix mappings

- Matrix for a rotation:

$$A_{\alpha} := \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

- Corresponding mapping:

$$R_{\alpha} : V \rightarrow V$$

$$v \mapsto A_{\alpha} v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 * \cos \alpha - v_2 * \sin \alpha \\ v_1 * \sin \alpha + v_2 * \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

- Rotation x-axis:

$$A_{\alpha,x} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

- Rotation y-axis:

$$A_{\alpha,y} := \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & 0 & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \alpha & 0 & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

- Rotation z-axis:

$$A_{\alpha,z} := \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Can you describe a translation as a matrix operation?
- Answer: No
- Proof by contradiction:  
For all matrix mapping, the following holds
$$A(v+w)=Av + Aw$$

However, for translation this does never hold (except for translation by 0 vector)

- Situation:  
Orthogonal matrices allows very easy representation of rotations.
- Problem:  
Translation may not be represented by matrix operations!
- Solution:  
Embedded vector space in high-dimensional vector space.