

Image Processing and Computer Graphics

Transformations and Homogeneous Coordinates

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Motivation

- transformations are used
 - to position, reshape, and animate objects, lights, and the virtual camera
 - to orthographically or perspectively project three-dimensional geometry onto a plane
- transformations are represented with 4x4 matrices
- transformations are applied to vertices and normals
- vertices (positions) and normals (directions) are represented with 4D vectors

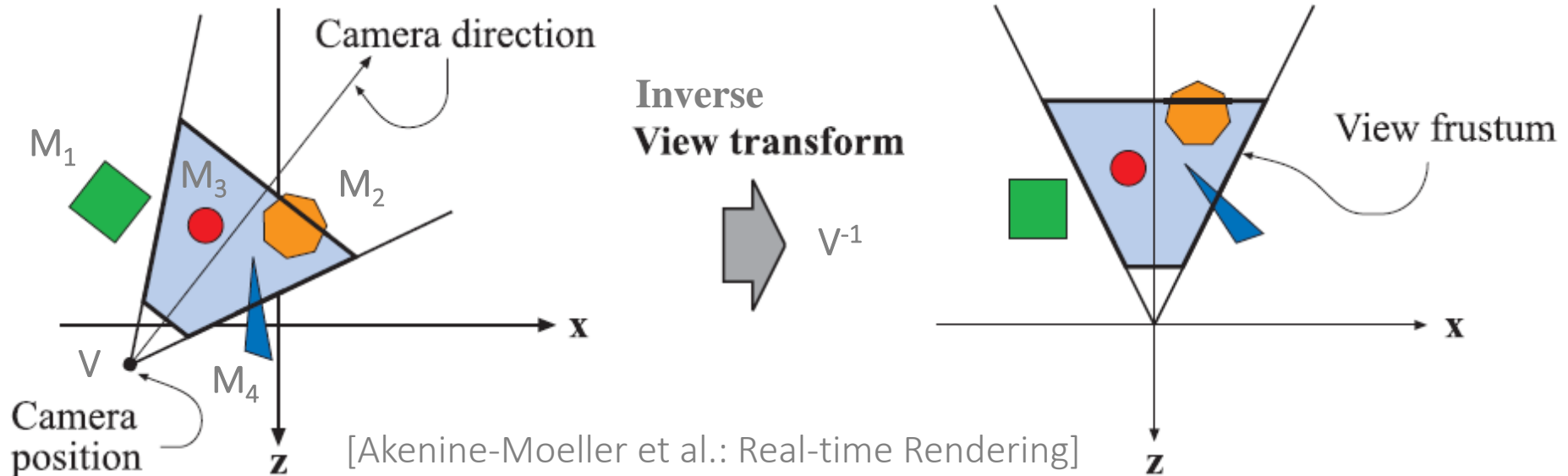
Outline

- transformations in the rendering pipeline
- motivations for the homogeneous notation
- homogeneous notation
- basic transformations in homogeneous notation
- compositing transformations
- summary

Vertex Processing

- modelview transform
- (lighting)
- projection transform
- (clipping)
- viewport transform

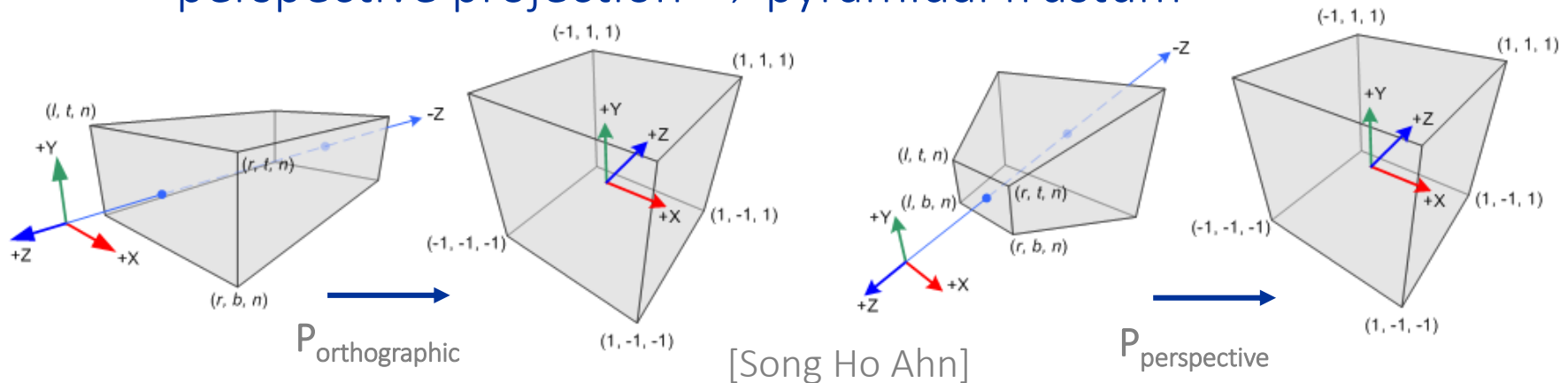
Modelview Transform



- M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4, V are matrices representing transformations
- M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4 are model transforms to place the objects in the scene
- V places and orientates the camera in space
 - V^{-1} transforms the camera to the origin looking along the negative z -axis
- model and view transforms are combined in the modelview transform
- the modelview transform $V^{-1}M_{1..4}$ is applied to the objects

Projection Transform

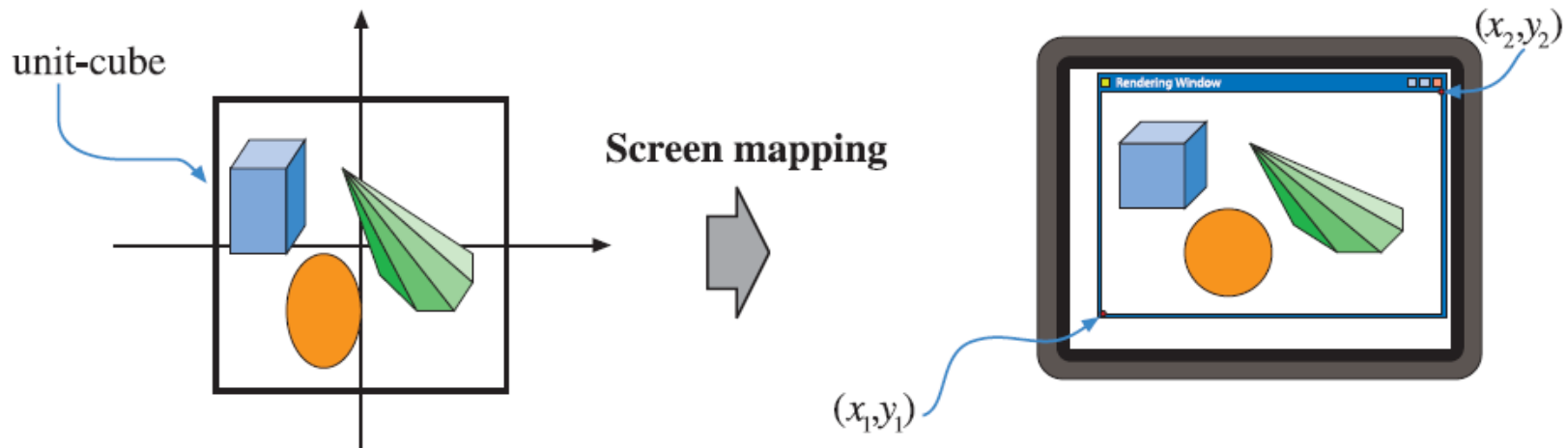
- P transforms the view volume to the canonical view volume
- the view volume depends on the camera properties
 - orthographic projection \rightarrow cuboid
 - perspective projection \rightarrow pyramidal frustum



- canonical view volume is a cube from $(-1, -1, -1)$ to $(1, 1, 1)$
- view volume is specified by near, far, left, right, bottom, top

Viewport Transform / Screen Mapping

- projected primitive coordinates (x_p, y_p, z_p) are transformed to screen coordinates (x_s, y_s)
- screen coordinates together with depth value are window coordinates (x_s, y_s, z_w)



[Akenine-Moeller et al.: Real-time Rendering]

Vertex Transforms

object space

⇓ modelview transform

eye space / camera space

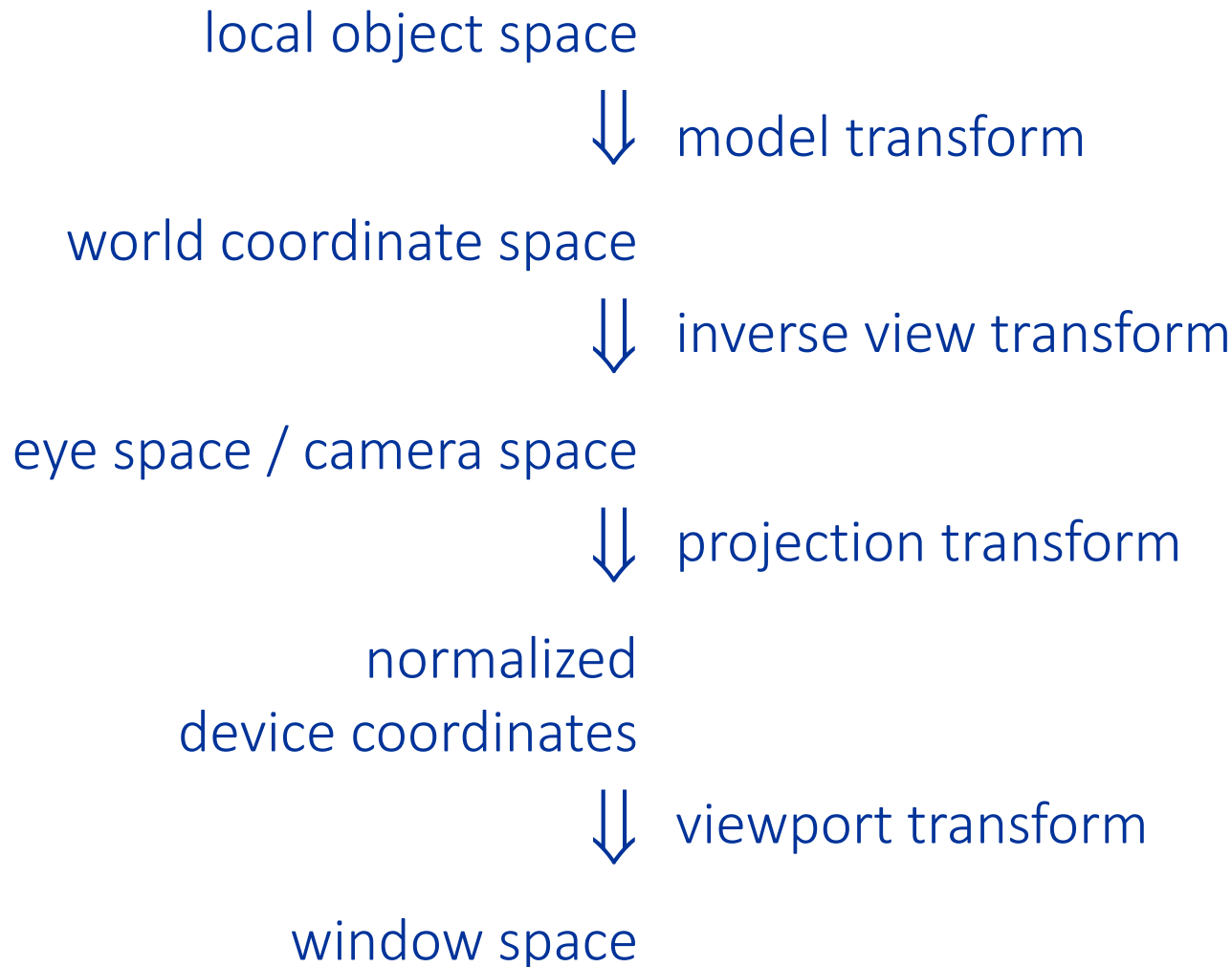
⇓ projection transform

normalized
device coordinates

⇓ viewport transform

window space

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Some Transformations

- congruent transformations
(Euclidean transformations)
 - preserve shape and size
 - translation, rotation, reflection
- similarity transformations
 - preserve shape
 - translation, rotation, reflection, scale

Affine Transformations

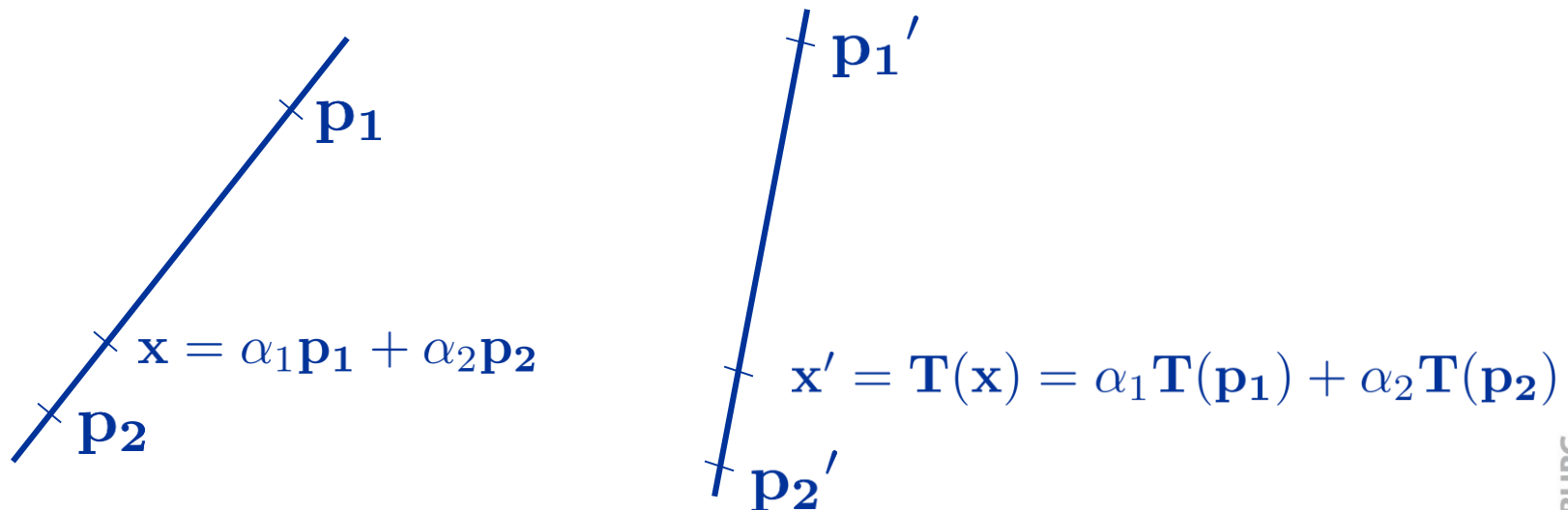
allowing for or preserving parallel relationships , w/ scale

- preserve collinearity
 - points on a line are transformed to points on a line
- preserve proportions
 - ratios of distances between points are preserved
- preserve parallelism
 - parallel lines are transformed to parallel lines
- angles and lengths are not preserved
- translation, rotation, reflection, scale, shear are affine
- orthographic projection is a combination of affine transf.
- perspective projection is not affine

a strain in the structure of a substance produced by pressure, when its layers are laterally shifted in relation to each other

Affine Transformations

- affine transformations of a 3D point \mathbf{p} : $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{t}$
- affine transformations preserve affine combinations
 $\mathbf{T}(\sum_i \alpha_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_i) = \sum_i \alpha_i \cdot \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{p}_i)$ for $\sum_i \alpha_i = 1$
- e.g., a line can be transformed by transforming its control points



Affine Transformations

- affine transformations of a 3D point \mathbf{p}
 $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{t}$
- the 3x3 matrix \mathbf{A} represents scale and rotation
- the 3D vector \mathbf{t} represents translation
- using homogeneous coordinates,
all affine transformations are represented
with one matrix-vector multiplication

Points and Vectors

- the rendering pipeline transforms vertices, normals, colors, texture coordinates
- points (e.g. vertices) specify a location in space
- vectors (e.g. normals) specify a direction
- relations between points and vectors
 - point - point = vector
 - point + vector = point
 - vector + vector = vector
 - point + point = not defined
 - $\vec{p} = \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{O} \quad \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{O} + \vec{p}$



Points and Vectors

- transformations can have different effects on points and vectors
- translation
 - translation of a point moves the point to a different position
 - translation of a vector does not change the vector
- using homogeneous coordinates, transformations of vectors and points can be handled in a unified way

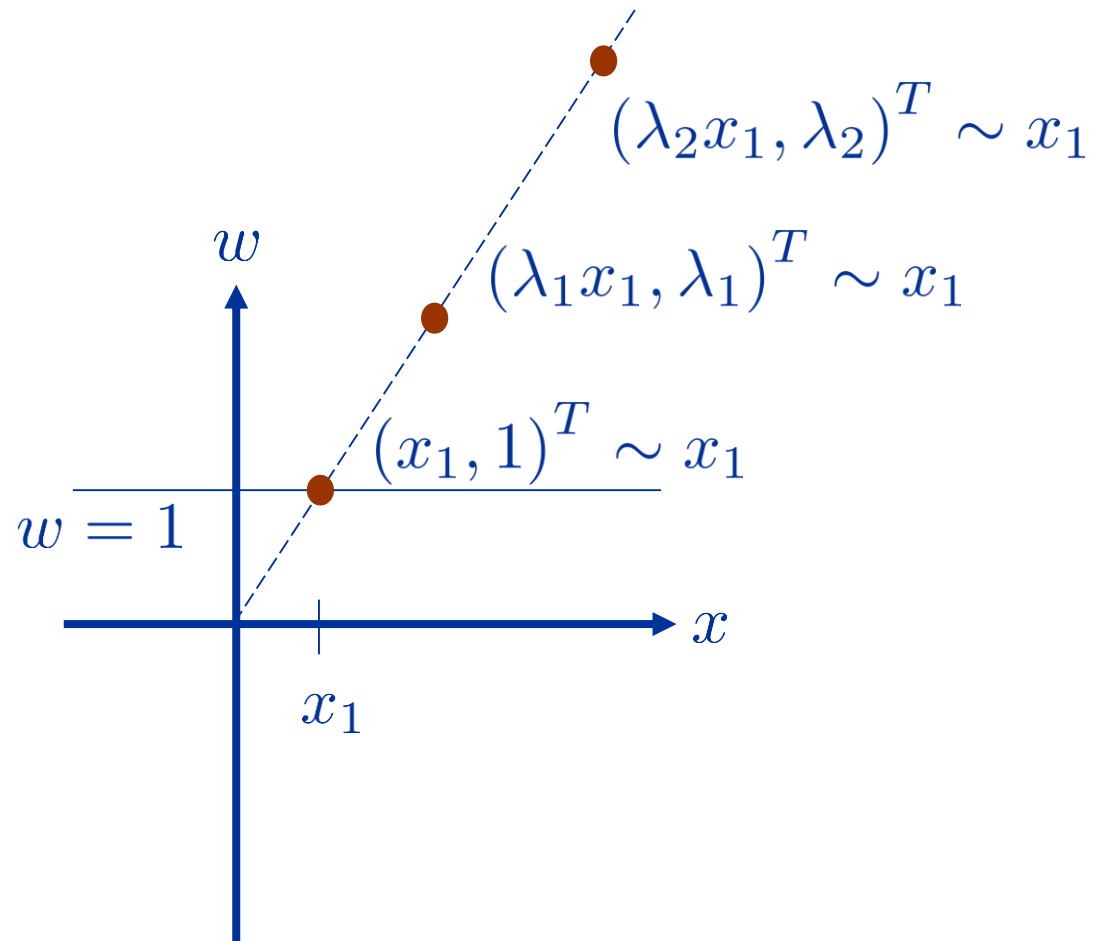
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Homogeneous Coordinates of Points

- $(x, y, z, w)^T$ with $w \neq 0$ are the homogeneous coordinates of the 3D point $(\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w})^T$
- $(\lambda x, \lambda y, \lambda z, \lambda w)^T$ represents the same point $(\frac{\lambda x}{\lambda w}, \frac{\lambda y}{\lambda w}, \frac{\lambda z}{\lambda w})^T = (\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w})^T$ for all λ with $\lambda \neq 0$
- examples
 - $(2, 3, 4, 1) \sim (2, 3, 4)$
 - $(2, 4, 6, 1) \sim (2, 4, 6)$
 - $(4, 8, 12, 2) \sim (2, 4, 6)$

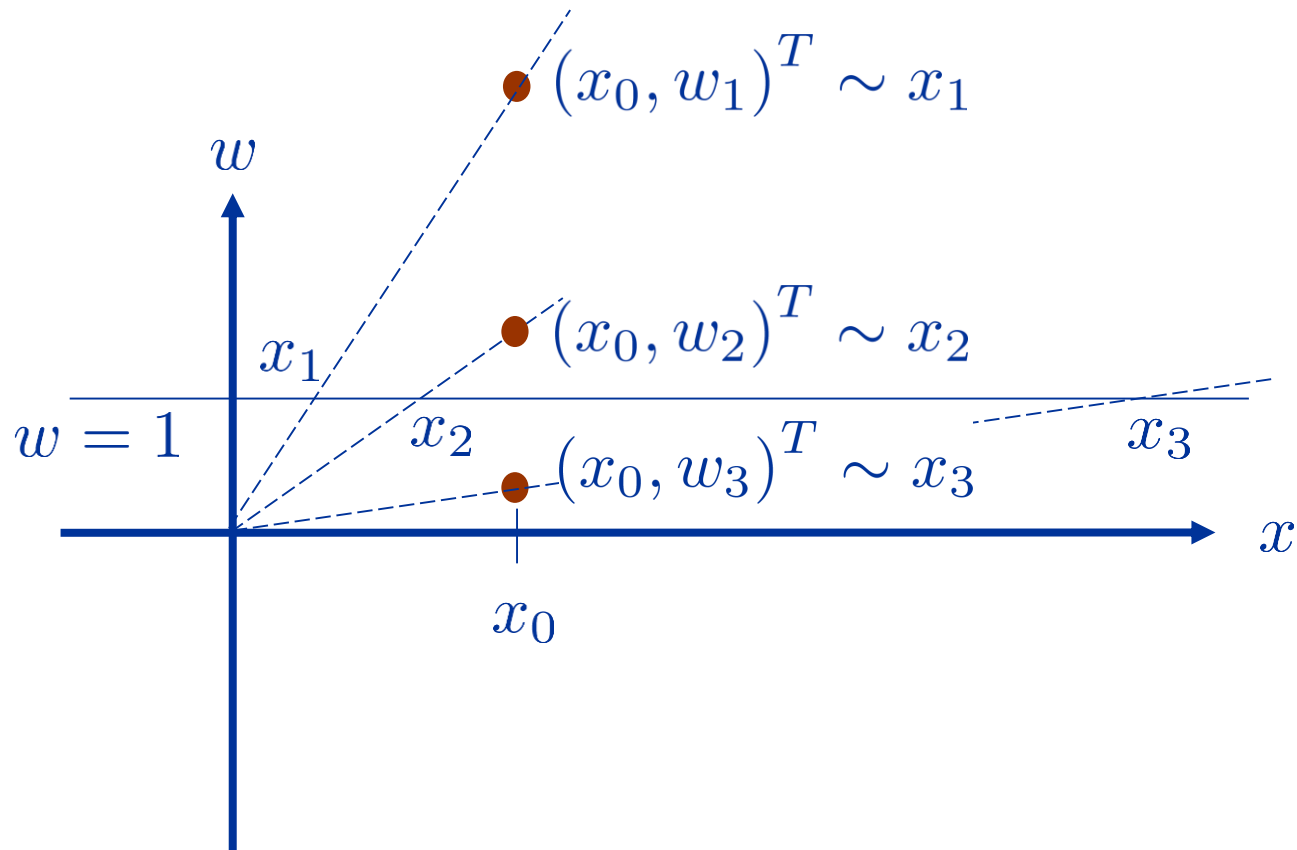
1D Illustration



Homogeneous Coordinates of Vectors

- for varying w , a point $(x, y, z, w)^T$ is scaled and the points $(\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w})^T$ represent a line in 3D space
- the direction of this line is characterized by $(x, y, z)^T$
- for $w \rightarrow 0$, the point $(\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w})^T$ moves to infinity in the direction $(x, y, z)^T$
- $(x, y, z, 0)^T$ is a point at infinity in the direction of $(x, y, z)^T$
- $(x, y, z, 0)^T$ is a vector in the direction of $(x, y, z)^T$

1D Illustration



Points and Vectors

- if points are represented in the homogeneous (normalized) form, point - vector relations can be represented
- vector + vector = vector
$$\begin{pmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_x + v_x \\ u_y + v_y \\ u_z + v_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
- point + vector = point
$$\begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_x + v_x \\ p_y + v_y \\ p_z + v_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
- point - point = vector
$$\begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} r_x \\ r_y \\ r_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_x - r_x \\ p_y - r_y \\ p_z - r_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Homogeneous Representation of Linear Transformations

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{00} & m_{01} & m_{02} \\ m_{10} & m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{20} & m_{21} & m_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} m_{00} & m_{01} & m_{02} & 0 \\ m_{10} & m_{11} & m_{12} & 0 \\ m_{20} & m_{21} & m_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- if the transform of $\begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{pmatrix}$ results in $\begin{pmatrix} r_x \\ r_y \\ r_z \end{pmatrix}$, then
- the transform of $\begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ results in $\begin{pmatrix} r_x \\ r_y \\ r_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} r_x \\ r_y \\ r_z \end{pmatrix}$

Affine Transformations and Projections

- general form

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{00} & m_{01} & m_{02} & t_0 \\ m_{10} & m_{11} & m_{12} & t_1 \\ m_{20} & m_{21} & m_{22} & t_2 \\ p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & w \end{pmatrix}$$

- m_{ij} represent rotation, scale
- t_i represent translation
- p_i represent projection
- w is analog to the fourth component for points / vectors

Homogeneous Coordinates - Summary

- $(x, y, z, w)^T$ with $w \neq 0$ are the homogeneous coordinates of the 3D point $(\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w})^T$
- $(x, y, z, 0)^T$ is a point at infinity in the direction of $(x, y, z)^T$
- $(x, y, z, 0)^T$ is a vector in the direction of $(x, y, z)^T$
- $\begin{pmatrix} m_{00} & m_{01} & m_{02} & t_0 \\ m_{10} & m_{11} & m_{12} & t_1 \\ m_{20} & m_{21} & m_{22} & t_2 \\ p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & w \end{pmatrix}$ is a transformation, representing rotation, scale, translation, projection

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Translation

- of a point

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{t})\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_x + t_x \\ p_y + t_y \\ p_z + t_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- of a vector

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{t})\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- inverse (\mathbf{T}^{-1} "undoes" the transform \mathbf{T})

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1}(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{T}(-\mathbf{t})$$

Rotation

- positive (anticlockwise) rotation with angle ϕ around the x-, y-, z-axis

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{y}}(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & 0 & \sin \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & 0 & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z}}(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Inverse Rotation

- $\mathbf{R}_x(-\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos -\phi & -\sin -\phi & 0 \\ 0 & \sin -\phi & \cos -\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R}_x^T(\phi)$
- $\mathbf{R}_x^{-1} = \mathbf{R}_x^T \quad \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} = \mathbf{R}_y^T \quad \mathbf{R}_z^{-1} = \mathbf{R}_z^T$
- the inverse of a rotation matrix corresponds to its transpose

Mirroring / Reflection

- mirroring with respect to $x=0$, $y=0$, $z=0$ plane
- changes the sign of the x -, y -, z - component

$$\mathbf{P}_x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{P}_y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{P}_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- the inverse of a reflection corresponds to its transpose

$$\mathbf{P}_x^{-1} = \mathbf{P}_x^T \quad \mathbf{P}_y^{-1} = \mathbf{P}_y^T \quad \mathbf{P}_z^{-1} = \mathbf{P}_z^T$$

Orthogonal Matrices

- rotation and reflection matrices are orthogonal
$$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{R}^T\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$$
$$\mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^T$$
- $\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2$ are orthogonal $\Rightarrow \mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_2$ is orthogonal
- rotation: $\det \mathbf{R} = 1$ reflection: $\det \mathbf{R} = -1$
- length of a vector does not change $\|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\|$
- angles are preserved $\langle \mathbf{R}\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{R}\mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$

Scale

- scaling x -, y -, z - components of a point or vector

$$\mathbf{S}(s_x, s_y, s_z)\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x p_x \\ s_y p_y \\ s_z p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- inverse $\mathbf{S}^{-1}(s_x, s_y, s_z) = \mathbf{S}(\frac{1}{s_x}, \frac{1}{s_y}, \frac{1}{s_z})$
- uniform scaling: $s_x = s_y = s_z = s$

$$\mathbf{S}(s, s, s) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{s} \end{pmatrix}$$

Shear

- one component is offset with respect to another component
- six basic shear modes in 3D
- e.g., shear of x with respect to z

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{xz}}(s)\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & s & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_x + sp_z \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

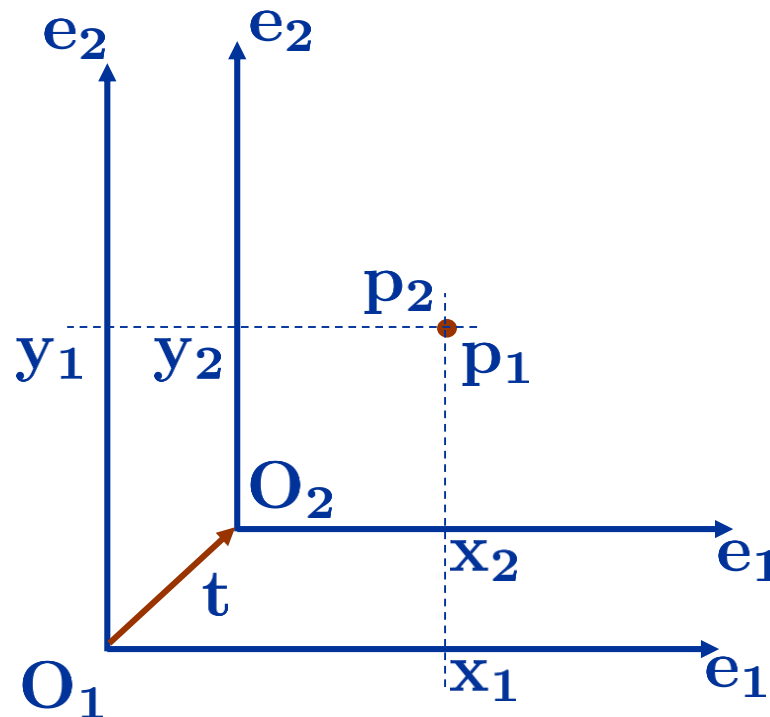
- inverse

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{xz}}^{-1}(s) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{xz}}(-s)$$

Basis Transform - Translation

- two coordinate systems

$$C_1 = (O_1, \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}) \quad C_2 = (O_2, \{e_1, e_2, e_3\})$$



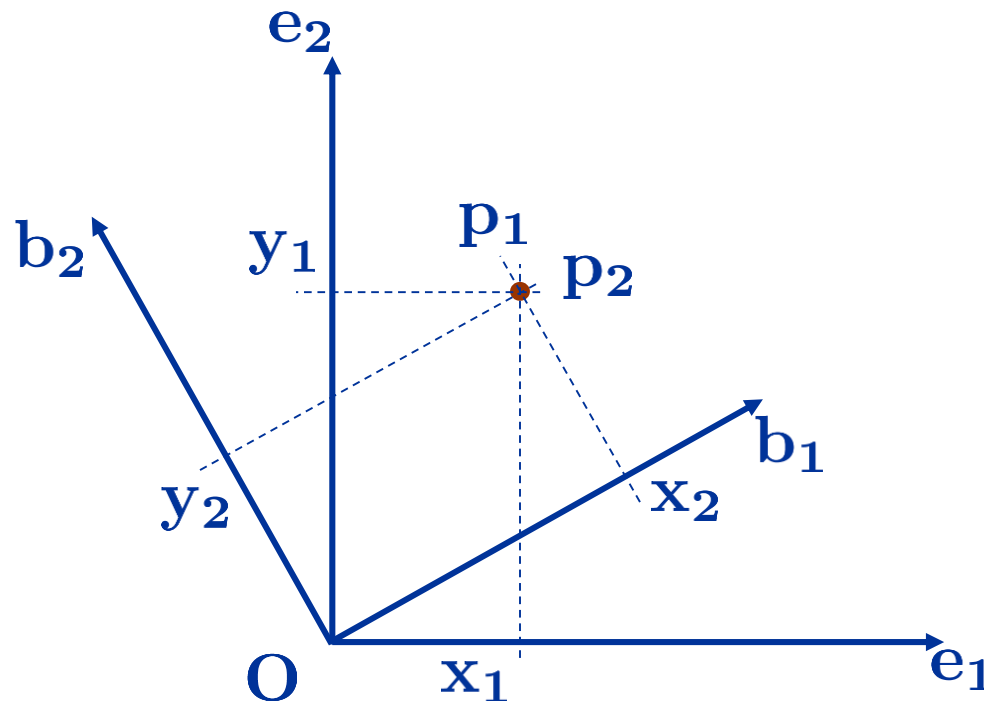
Basis Transform - Translation

- the coordinates of \mathbf{p}_1 with respect to \mathbf{C}_2 are given by $\mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{t}$ $\mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{T}(-\mathbf{t})\mathbf{p}_1$
- the coordinates of a point in the transformed basis correspond to the coordinates of point in the untransformed basis transformed by the inverse basis transform
 - translating the origin by \mathbf{t} corresponds to translating the object by $-\mathbf{t}$
 - also: rotating the basis vectors by an angle corresponds to rotating the object by the same negative angle

Basis Transform - Rotation

- two coordinate systems

$$C_1 = (O, \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}) \quad C_2 = (O, \{b_1, b_2, b_3\})$$



Basis Transform - Rotation

- the coordinates of \mathbf{p}_1 with respect to \mathbf{C}_2 are given by

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1^T \\ \mathbf{b}_2^T \\ \mathbf{b}_3^T \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 \sim \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_{1x} & \mathbf{b}_{1y} & \mathbf{b}_{1z} & 0 \\ \mathbf{b}_{2x} & \mathbf{b}_{2y} & \mathbf{b}_{2z} & 0 \\ \mathbf{b}_{3x} & \mathbf{b}_{3y} & \mathbf{b}_{3z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1$$

- $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3$ are the basis vectors of \mathbf{C}_2 with respect to \mathbf{C}_1
- $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3$ are orthonormal, therefore the basis transform is a rotation
- rotating the basis vectors by an angle corresponds to rotating the object by the same negative angle

Basis Transform - Application

- the view transform can be seen as a basis transform
- objects are placed with respect to a (global) coordinate system $\mathbf{C}_1 = (\mathbf{O}_1, \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\})$
- the camera is also positioned at \mathbf{O}_2 and oriented at $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$ given by viewing direction and up-vector
- after the view transform, all objects are represented in the eye or camera coordinate system $\mathbf{C}_2 = (\mathbf{O}_2, \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\})$
- placing and orienting the camera corresponds to the application of the inverse transform to the objects
- rotating the camera by \mathbf{R} and translating it by \mathbf{T} , corresponds to translating the objects by \mathbf{T}^{-1} and rotating them by \mathbf{R}^{-1}

Planes and Normals

- planes can be represented by a surface normal \mathbf{n} and a point \mathbf{r} . All points \mathbf{p} with $\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{r}) = 0$ form a plane.

$$n_x p_x + n_y p_y + n_z p_z + (-n_x r_x - n_y r_y - n_z r_z) = 0$$

$$n_x p_x + n_y p_y + n_z p_z + d = 0$$

$$(n_x \ n_y \ n_z \ d)(p_x \ p_y \ p_z \ 1)^T = 0$$

$$(n_x \ n_y \ n_z \ d)\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A}(p_x \ p_y \ p_z \ 1)^T = 0$$

- the transformed points $\mathbf{A}(p_x \ p_y \ p_z \ 1)^T$ are on the plane represented by $(n_x \ n_y \ n_z \ d)\mathbf{A}^{-1} = ((\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T(n_x \ n_y \ n_z \ d)^T)^T$
- if a surface is transformed by \mathbf{A} , its homogeneous notation (including the surface normal) is transformed by $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T$

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Compositing Transformations

- composition is achieved by matrix multiplication
 - a translation \mathbf{T} applied to \mathbf{p} , followed by a rotation \mathbf{R}
 $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{T}\mathbf{p}) = (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{T})\mathbf{p}$
 - a rotation \mathbf{R} applied to \mathbf{p} , followed by a translation \mathbf{T}
 $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}) = (\mathbf{T}\mathbf{R})\mathbf{p}$
 - note that generally $\mathbf{TR} \neq \mathbf{RT}$
 - the order of composed transformations matters

Examples

- rotation around a line through \mathbf{t} parallel to the x -, y -, z - axis

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{t})\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{xyz}}(\phi)\mathbf{T}(-\mathbf{t})$$

- scale with respect to an arbitrary axis

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{xyz}}(\phi)\mathbf{S}(s_x, s_y, s_z)\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{xyz}}(-\phi)$$

- e.g., $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3$ represent an orthonormal basis, then scaling along these vectors can be done by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \mathbf{b}_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{S}(s_x, s_y, s_z) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \mathbf{b}_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

Rigid-Body Transform

- $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{t})\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}$

with \mathbf{R} being a rotation and \mathbf{t} being a translation is a combined transformation

- inverse

$$(\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{t})\mathbf{R})^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{t})^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^T\mathbf{T}(-\mathbf{t})$$

- in Euclidean coordinates $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{t}$

- the inverse transform $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{t}$

- therefore $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}^T & -\mathbf{R}^T\mathbf{t} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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Summary

- usage of the homogeneous notation is motivated by a unified processing of affine transformations, perspective projections, points, and vectors
- all transformations of points and vectors are represented by a matrix-vector multiplication
- "undoing" a transformation is represented by its inverse
- compositing of transformations is accomplished by matrix multiplication