17.2 Three-Dimensional Transformations

and the perpendicular part is what remains of $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$ after we subtract the parallel part:

$$\mathbf{v}_{\perp} = \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{r}}.\tag{17.11}$$

To calculate the rotation of \mathbf{v}_{\perp} , we need two perpendicular basis vectors in the plane of rotation. If we use \mathbf{v}_{\perp} as the first basis vector, then we can take the cross product with $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ to produce a vector \mathbf{w} that is guaranteed to be perpendicular to \mathbf{v}_{\perp} and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$:

$$\mathbf{w} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{v}_{\perp} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{v}. \tag{17.12}$$

The rotation of \mathbf{v}_{\perp} is now calculated in terms of this new basis:

$$\mathbf{v}' = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{v}_{\perp}) = \cos\theta \,\mathbf{v}_{\perp} + \sin\theta \,\mathbf{w}. \tag{17.13}$$

The final result is the sum of this rotated vector and the parallel part that does not change:

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{v}_{\perp}) + \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} \tag{17.14a}$$

$$= \cos \theta \, \mathbf{v}_{\perp} + \sin \theta \, \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} \tag{17.14b}$$

$$= \cos \theta \left[\mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right] + \sin \theta \left(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{v} \right) + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \tag{17.14c}$$

or

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{v}) = [1 - \cos\theta](\mathbf{v} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \sin\theta \,(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{v}) + \cos\theta \,\mathbf{v}. \tag{17.15}$$

Equation (17.15) is known as the *Rodrigues formula* and provides a way of constructing rotation matrices in terms of the direction of the axis of rotation $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = (r_x, r_y, r_z)$, the cosine of the rotation angle $c = \cos \theta$, and the sine of the rotation angle $s = \sin \theta$. If we expand the vector products in (17.15), we obtain the matrix

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{bmatrix} tr_{x}r_{x} + c & tr_{x}r_{y} - sr_{z} & tr_{x}r_{z} + sr_{y} \\ tr_{x}r_{y} + sr_{z} & tr_{y}r_{y} + c & tr_{y}r_{z} - sr_{x} \\ tr_{x}r_{z} - sr_{y} & tr_{y}r_{z} + sr_{x} & tr_{z}r_{z} + c \end{bmatrix},$$
(17.16)

where $t = 1 - \cos \theta$. Homogeneous coordinates are transformed using

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{R} & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{17.17}$$

where the \mathcal{R} submatrix is given in (17.16).

The Rotation3D class constructor (see Listing 17.2) computes the rotation matrix. The direct method uses this matrix to transform a point. Note that the point passed to this method as an argument is copied into a temporary vector and that the point's coordinates are then changed. You will define an inverse method that reverses this operation in Exercise 17.5.

Listing 17.2 The Rotation3D class implements three-dimensional rotations using a matrix representation.

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package org.opensourcephysics.sip.ch17;
public class Rotation3D {
   // transformation matrix
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private double[][] mat = new double[4][4]; public Rotation3D(double theta, double[] axis) { double norm = Math.sqrt(axis[0]*axis[0]+axis[1]*axis[1] +axis[2]*axis[2]); double x = axis[0]/norm, y = axis[1]/norm,z = axis[2]/norm;double c = Math.cos(theta), s = Math.sin(theta); double t = 1-c: // matrix elements not listed are zero mat[0][0] = t*x*x+c;mat[0][1] = t*x*y-s*z;mat[0][2] = t*x*y+s*y;mat[1][0] = t*x*y+s*z;mat[1][1] = t*y*y+c;mat[1][2] = t*y*z-s*x: mat[2][0] = t*x*z-s*y;mat[2][1] = t*y*z+s*x;mat[2][2] = t*z*z+c;mat[3][3] = 1;public void direct(double[] point) { int n = point.length; double[] pt = new double[n]; System.arraycopy(point, 0, pt, 0, n); for(int i = 0;i<n;i++) { point[i] = 0;for(int $i = 0: i \le n: i++)$ { point[i] += mat[i][j]*pt[j];

Exercise 17.4 Rodrigues formula

Show that a rotation about the z-axis is consistent with (17.15) and (17.16). That is, define the direction of rotation to be $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = (0, 0, 1)$ and show that both formulas give the same result and that this result is consistent with a two-dimensional rotation in the xy-plane. Write a test program to test the Rotation3D class.

Exercise 17.5 Inverse matrix

What is the inverse matrix of (17.16)? Hint: What happens physically if you change the sign of the rotation angle. Is the matrix orthogonal? Add an inverse method to Rotation3D and write a test program to test the inverse method. Show that the original vector is recovered if the inverse and direct methods are applied in succession.

A projection transforms an object in a coordinate system of dimension d into another object in a coordinate system less than d. The simplest projection is an *orthographic parallel* projection, which maps an object onto a plane perpendicular to a coordinate axis. For example, if we choose to project along the z-axis, the point (x, y, z) is mapped to the point (x, y) by dropping the third coordinate. A line is projected by projecting the endpoints and then connecting the projected values. A sphere with radius R is displayed by projecting