

# Linear transformations of figures

## 1 Rotation matrix in space. Euler angles

Suppose we are given with coordinate system  $O, \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$ . Basis is right orthonormal.

Suppose coordinate system was moved into arbitrary point in space and rotated around arbitrary axis with unit direction vector  $\mathbf{v} \mapsto (x, y, z)$ .

Most effective approach is to overlook such arbitrary axis and expand whole rotation into elementary planar rotations corresponding with coordinate axis

### 1.1 Rotation by coordinate axes

By axis  $Ox$  on angle  $\alpha$ :

$$R_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

By axis  $Oy$  on angle  $\beta$ :

$$R_y = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

By axis  $Oz$  on angle  $\gamma$ :

$$R_z = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix of whole rotation:

$$R = R_x R_y R_z = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma \cos \beta & \sin \beta \\ \sin \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma + \sin \gamma \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma + \cos \alpha \cos \gamma & -\sin \alpha \cos \beta \\ \sin \alpha \sin \gamma - \sin \beta \cos \alpha \cos \gamma & \sin \alpha \cos \gamma + \sin \beta \sin \gamma \cos \alpha & \cos \alpha \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

### 1.2 Euler angles

Leonhard Euler purposed more clear procedure of rotation expansion:

1. Rotation around axis  $Oz$  with **precession angle**  $\alpha$ , hence  $Ox \mapsto ON$
2. Rotation around axis  $ON$  with **nutation angle**  $\beta$ , hence  $Oz \mapsto OZ$
3. Rotation around axis  $OZ$  with **angle of rotation**  $\gamma$ , hence  $ON \mapsto OX$

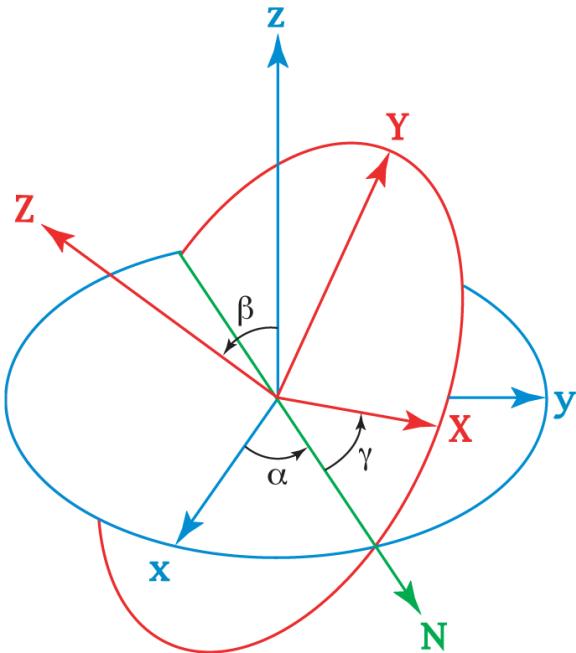


Figure 1: Rotation with Euler angles

Each rotation has expression as a plane rotation matrix for corresponding plane:

$$R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \beta & -\sin \beta \\ 0 & \sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotation matrix expressing whole transformation is now

$$R = R_1 R_2 R_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \cos \gamma - \cos \beta \sin \alpha \sin \gamma & -\cos \gamma \sin \alpha - \cos \alpha \cos \beta \sin \gamma & \sin \beta \sin \gamma \\ \cos \beta \cos \gamma \sin \alpha + \cos \alpha \sin \gamma & \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma - \sin \alpha \sin \gamma & -\cos \gamma \sin \beta \\ \sin \alpha \sin \beta & \cos \alpha \sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Steps of this expansion are **non-commutative**

## 2 Orthogonality of rotation matrix

**Definition.** We call arbitrary matrix orthogonal if vectors shaped with its columns or rows are pairwise orthogonal unit vectors

Example for matrix  $3 \times 3$ :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{c} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{a}| &= |\mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{c}| = 1 \\ \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} &= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a'^x & b'^x & c'^x \\ a'^y & b'^y & c'^y \\ a'^z & b'^z & c'^z \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{a}' \ \mathbf{b}' \ \mathbf{c}')$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{a}'| &= |\mathbf{b}'| = |\mathbf{c}'| = 1 \\ \mathbf{a}' \cdot \mathbf{b}' &= \mathbf{a}' \cdot \mathbf{c}' = \mathbf{b}' \cdot \mathbf{c}' = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Inverse matrix of any orthogonal matrix is its transposition.*

*Proof.* See course of algebra □

**Corollary 2.2.** *Inverse of orthogonal matrix is orthogonal matrix too.*

For rotation matrix on plane:

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

For rows:

$$\begin{aligned} (\cos \varphi)^2 + (\sin \varphi)^2 &= \cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi = 1 \\ (-\sin \varphi)^2 + (\cos \varphi)^2 &= \sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi = 1 \\ (\cos \varphi) \cdot (\sin \varphi) + (-\sin \varphi) \cdot ((\cos \varphi)) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

For columns:

$$\begin{aligned} (\cos \varphi)^2 + (-\sin \varphi)^2 &= \cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi = 1 \\ (\sin \varphi)^2 + (\cos \varphi)^2 &= \sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi = 1 \\ (\cos \varphi) \cdot (-\sin \varphi) + (\sin \varphi) \cdot ((\cos \varphi)) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

For any form of space rotation matrix the same check may be done.  
Mirror reflection corresponds with

### 3 Linear transformations of figures

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Suppose arbitrary coordinate system with right orthonormal basis rigidly assigned with arbitrary figure  $F$ . Such coordinates in physics are called **material** or **Lagrangian**. Now any deformation of the figure causes transformation of these coordinates and preserves coordinates of each point of figure. Therefore, we need to study transformation of these coordinates instead deformation and displacement of figure.

Coordinates system assigned to arbitrary point in space in this case called **space** or **Euler** coordinates.

 In general case deformation of figure generates **curvilinear material coordinates**.

Here we take a look on some important particular cases

Let figure  $F$  be transformed into figure  $F'$  with some transformation which preserves linearity of the coordinate axes, hence this transformation of coordinates is expressed with arbitrary transformation matrices  $S$  and  $T = S^{-1}$  and transition vector  $\mathbf{r}$ .

In components this transformation has expression:

$$\begin{cases} x' = a_{11}x + a_{12}y + a_{13}z + a_{14} \\ y' = a_{21}x + a_{22}y + a_{23}z + a_{24} \\ z' = a_{31}x + a_{32}y + a_{33}z + a_{34} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Coefficients  $a_{ij}$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$  correspond with components of transformation matrix, and coefficients  $a_{i4}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  correspond with transition vector.

While rotation and mirror reflection correspond with orthogonal transformation matrix, this condition may be rewritten for them:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{ii}^2 = 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{ij}^2 = 0, \quad j \neq i \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

**Definition.** Any linear transformation satisfying (2) is called **orthogonal transformation**.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Any transformation written in form (1) is orthogonal transformation if conditions (2) are satisfied for its coefficients.*

*Proof.* Orthogonal transformation is combination of motion and mirror reflection, hence distance between any two points of the figure is invariant against it.

Let  $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  be two distant points of the figure. After apply of transformation they become  $A'(x'_1, y'_1, z'_1)$  and  $B(x'_2, y'_2, z'_2)$ .

Transformations of coordinates are:

$$\begin{cases} x'_1 = a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}y_1 + a_{13}z_1 + a_{14} \\ y'_1 = a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}y_1 + a_{23}z_1 + a_{24} \\ z'_1 = a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}y_1 + a_{33}z_1 + a_{34} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} x'_2 = a_{11}x_2 + a_{12}y_2 + a_{13}z_2 + a_{14} \\ y'_2 = a_{21}x_2 + a_{22}y_2 + a_{23}z_2 + a_{24} \\ z'_2 = a_{31}x_2 + a_{32}y_2 + a_{33}z_2 + a_{34} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d(A'B'))^2 &= (x'_1 - x'_2)^2 + (y'_1 - y'_2)^2 + (z'_1 - z'_2)^2 = \\ &= (a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}y_1 + a_{13}z_1 + a_{14} - a_{11}x_2 - a_{12}y_2 - a_{13}z_2 - a_{14})^2 + \\ &\quad + (a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}y_1 + a_{23}z_1 + a_{24} - a_{21}x_2 - a_{22}y_2 - a_{23}z_2 - a_{24})^2 + \\ &\quad + (a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}y_1 + a_{33}z_1 + a_{34} - a_{31}x_2 - a_{32}y_2 - a_{33}z_2 - a_{34})^2 = \\ &= (a_{11}(x_1 - x_2) + a_{12}(y_1 - y_2) + a_{13}(z_1 - z_2))^2 + \\ &\quad + (a_{21}(x_1 - x_2) + a_{22}(y_1 - y_2) + a_{23}(z_1 - z_2))^2 + \\ &\quad + (a_{31}(x_1 - x_2) + a_{32}(y_1 - y_2) + a_{33}(z_1 - z_2))^2 = \dots \end{aligned}$$

After expansion, and rearrange

$$\dots = (x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2$$

□

Key features of orthogonal transformation:

1. Identity transformation defined by formulas

$$\begin{cases} x' = x \\ y' = y \\ z' = z \end{cases}$$

is orthogonal.

2. Any sequence of orthogonal transformations is orthogonal transformation.
3. Inverse of orthogonal transformation is orthogonal transformation

**Definition.** Distance between points is key invariant of orthogonal transformation.

## 4 Affine transformation

**Definition.** Any transformation (1) with Coefficients satisfying condition

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

called **affine transformation**.

Therefore, any honest transformation of basis with matrices  $S$  and  $T = S^{-1}$  defines affine transformation

Key features of orthogonal transformation:

1. Identity transformation defined by formulas

$$\begin{cases} x' = x \\ y' = y \\ z' = z \end{cases}$$

is affine, hence it is transformation with unit matrix  $Id$ .

2. Any sequence of orthogonal transformations is affine transformation.
3. Inverse of orthogonal transformation is affine transformation, hence it is transformation with inverse matrix.

**Lemma 4.1.** *It is necessary to build mapping between four distant not laying in a single plane points of figure and its mapping to define affine transformation in space explicitly.*

*Proof.* Affine transformation defined with 16 parameters, 4 parameters for each coordinate.

Mapping of coordinate  $x$  for these 4 points is

$$\begin{cases} x'_1 = a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}y_1 + a_{13}z_1 + a_{14} \\ x'_2 = a_{11}x_2 + a_{12}y_2 + a_{13}z_2 + a_{14} \\ x'_3 = a_{11}x_3 + a_{12}y_3 + a_{13}z_3 + a_{14} \\ x'_4 = a_{11}x_4 + a_{12}y_4 + a_{13}z_4 + a_{14} \end{cases}$$

Determinant of this system to be solved for  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{12}$ ,  $a_{13}$  and  $a_{14}$  is

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & z_3 & 1 \\ x_4 & y_4 & z_4 & 1 \end{vmatrix},$$

and must be non-zero to grant solution.

It corresponds with left part of the equation of plane passing through three points and must be zero to satisfy coplanarity.

Hence, it is not zero for non-coplanar points. □

While, affine transformation establishes explicit correspondence, between original and image points, it never merges several points into single point, and never splits single point into group of points.

**Lemma 4.2.** *Affine transformation maps plane into plane and line into line and preserves parallelism.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\sigma$  is plane with equation

$$ax + by + cz + d = 0.$$

Substituting (2) into it and regrouping, we yield

$$a'x' + b'y' + c'z' + d' = 0,$$

and  $\sigma$  is part of this plane, say  $\sigma'$ .

Inverse transform all whole plane  $\sigma'$  yields original equation, hence transformation maps  $\sigma \mapsto \sigma'$  and vice-versa  $\square$

While affine transformation for points is bijective, it maps distant planes into distant planes. As particular case, while parallel planes do not contain common points, images will not contain common points and will be parallel.

If we define line as crossing of two planes, distant lines must be mapped into distant lines.

Constructing parallel lines as a section of parallel planes with third common plane, we grant mapping of parallel lines into parallel lines.

## 5 Key invariant of affine transformation. Ratio of three points

**Definition.** Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be three points on a line.

We call number

$$(ABC) = \frac{AB}{BC}$$

the **ratio of three points on line**

**Lemma 5.1.** *Ratio of three points is invariant against any affine transformation.*

*Proof.* While orthogonal transformation is a particular case of affine transformation, we can assume without any leak of generalization that line in question is axis  $Ox$  and its image is axis  $O'x'$ .

If it is not true, we apply auxiliary orthogonal transformations to grant it.

$$(ABC) = \frac{|x_A - x_B|}{|x_B - x_C|}$$

Image of each point on this line has coordinate  $x' = a_{11}x + a_{14}$ .

$$(A'B'C') = \frac{|x'_{A'} - x'_{B'}|}{|x'_{B'} - x'_{C'}|} = \frac{|a_{11}x_A + a_{14} - a_{11}x_B + a_{14}|}{a_{11}x_B + a_{14} - a_{11}x_C + a_{14}} = \frac{|a_{11}||x_A - x_B|}{|a_{11}||x_B - x_C|} = \frac{|x_A - x_B|}{|x_B - x_C|} = (ABC)$$

$\square$

## 6 Projective transformation

**Definition.** Projective transformation is a transformation defined with formulas

$$\begin{cases} x' = \frac{a_{11}x + a_{12}y + a_{13}z + a_{14}}{a_{41}x + a_{42}y + a_{43}z + a_{44}} \\ y' = \frac{a_{21}x + a_{22}y + a_{23}z + a_{24}}{a_{41}x + a_{42}y + a_{43}z + a_{44}} \\ z' = \frac{a_{31}x + a_{32}y + a_{33}z + a_{34}}{a_{41}x + a_{42}y + a_{43}z + a_{44}}, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

while coefficients satisfy condition:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

Discussed above affine transformation is particular case of projective transformation with  $a_{41} = a_{42} = a_{43} = 0$ , and  $a_{44} = 1$ .

Condition of non-zero denominator, yields that transformed figure must not intersect planes

$$\sigma_\infty : a_{41}x + a_{42}y + a_{43}z + a_{44} = 0$$

All three key features of affine transformation are preserved:

1. Identity transformation defined by formulas

$$\begin{cases} x' = x \\ y' = y \\ z' = z \end{cases}$$

is projective.

2. Any sequence of projective transformations is projective transformation.
3. Inverse of projective transformation is projective transformation

Projective transformation is also explicit and transforms lines into lines

**Definition.** Suppose  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are points laying on a line, and  $\mathbf{e}$  is non-zero vector, not perpendicular with line. Cross ratio of this point is a number.

$$(ABCD) = \frac{\mathbf{e} \cdot \overrightarrow{AC}}{\mathbf{e} \cdot \overrightarrow{BC}} : \frac{\mathbf{e} \cdot \overrightarrow{AB}}{\mathbf{e} \cdot \overrightarrow{BD}}$$

Any basis vector may be treated as  $\mathbf{e}$  if it is not perpendicular with line.

As particular case we take  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{e}_1$ , therefore

$$(ABCD) = \frac{x_C - x_A}{x_C - x_B} : \frac{x_D - x_A}{x_D - x_B}$$

Application of auxiliary orthogonal transformations grants that both original and image points lay on such line without any leak of generalization

**Lemma 6.1.** *Cross ratio is invariant against any projective transformation.*

*Proof.* While orthogonal transformation is a particular case of affine transformation, we can assume without any leak of generalization that line in question is axis  $Ox$  and its image is axis  $O'x'$ .

If it is not true, we apply auxiliary orthogonal transformations to grant it.

$x$  coordinate now has transformation

$$x' = \frac{a_{11}x + a_{14}}{a_{44}x + a_{44}}$$

Substituting this identity into formula, we yield desired result.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.2.** *Any planar figure  $F'$  on a plane  $\alpha$  which is an image of application of any non-affine projective transformation to figure  $F$  laying on the same plane is an image of central projection with arbitrary center  $C$  of a figure  $F''$  equal with  $F$ .*

*And any image of such projection is image of projective transformation.*

Suppose without leak of generalization that plane  $\alpha$  coincide with  $xOy$ .

Let  $A(x, y, 0)$  be point of  $F'$ , and  $A''(x'', y'', z'')$  is corresponding point of  $F''$ ,  $S(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is a center of projection, and  $A'(x', y', 0)$ .

Central projection means that  $S$ ,  $A'$  and  $A''$  lay on a single line:

$$\frac{x' - x_0}{x'' - x_0} = \frac{y' - y_0}{y'' - y_0} = \frac{-z_0}{z'' - z_0}.$$

Hence,

$$x' = \frac{-z_0 x'' + x_0 z''}{z'' - z_0}, \quad x'' = \frac{-z_0 y'' + y_0 z''}{z'' - z_0}$$

Transformation of  $F''$  into  $F$  is orthogonal, therefore there is projective transformation  $F$  into  $F'$ .

## 7 Homogeneous coordinates

**Definition.** Homogeneous coordinates of a point on plane is triplet of points  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ , at least one is non-zero, having correspondence with Cartesian coordinates

$$x = \frac{x_1}{x_3} \quad y = \frac{y_1}{x_3}$$

*Remark.* For any non-zero  $\rho$  homogeneous coordinates  $\rho x_1, \rho_2, \rho x_3$  define the same point as  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ .

Any line on plane has in Cartesian coordinates representation (basis is right orthogonal):

$$a_1x + a_2y + a_3 = 0 \quad (a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0)$$

In homogeneous coordinates we write:

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 = 0$$

For any point on plane  $A(x, y)$  we can assign homogeneous coordinates  $(x, y, 1)$ .

But for triplet  $(x_1, x_2, 0)$  there is no corresponding point on plane.

Hence, we **compliment** line with infinity-distant point corresponding with such triplet

**Definition.** On complimented plane equation

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 = 0$$

govern arbitrary line.

Equation

$$a_3x_3 = 0$$

govern infinity distant line

While system

$$\begin{cases} a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 = 0 \\ b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + b_3x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

**must** have non-trivial solution, any pair of lines on this complimented plane are crossing.

Parallel lines are crossing in infinity-distant point.

Projective transformation on plane written in homogeneous coordinates has form:

$$\begin{aligned} x'_1 &= a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 \\ x'_2 &= a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 \\ x'_3 &= a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

Natural form for non-complimented plane may be yielded with division of first and second line with third for any non-infinite point.

In space we define homogeneous coordinates as quadruplet  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$ :

$$x = \frac{x_1}{x_4} \quad y = \frac{x_2}{x_4} \quad z = \frac{x_3}{x_4}$$

In this case we compliment space with infinity-distant points, lines and planes corresponding with  $x_4 = 0$ .

Any equation

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + a_4x_4 = 0$$

governs a plane.

Any pair of equations

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_3 + a_4x_4 = 0 \quad b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + b_3x_3 + b_4x_4 = 0$$

governs a line.

Projective transformation now has form:

$$\begin{aligned} x'_1 &= a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + a_{14}x_4 \\ x'_2 &= a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + a_{24}x_4 \\ x'_3 &= a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 + a_{34}x_4 \\ x'_4 &= a_{41}x_1 + a_{42}x_2 + a_{43}x_3 + a_{44}x_4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$