



# Linear Transformations & Rotation Matrices

in Theme 2. Attitude

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## Definition

**Attitude** is a term used in geometry that refers to the orientation of a body in space.

Express the attitude of a body is not simple. How is it done?

- Define an orthonormal basis. It would be the world reference frame.
- Define an orthonormal basis that moves with the object.

Why you will need it?

- Position of characters in a virtual world
- Virtual Camera views
- VR

Look at that: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unxUdhP3bu8>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNOT\\_fL27Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNOT_fL27Y)



We are going to spend a few of classes talking about:

- Transformations between reference frames
- Attitude representation
- How the several attitude representations relate
- Which is the best way of representing attitude



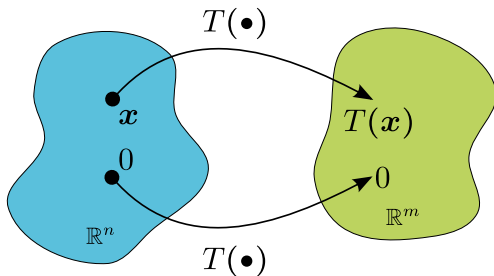
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## Definition

A **Linear Transformation** is a Multivariate function that transforms the space **maintaining the origin**,

$$T : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$





## Property

If  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $T$  is a **Linear Transformation** iff

$$\begin{aligned}T(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) &= T(\mathbf{a}) + T(\mathbf{b}) \\T(\lambda \cdot \mathbf{a}) &= \lambda \cdot T(\mathbf{a})\end{aligned}$$

**Note:** Points on a line remain alienated after the transformation:

$$T(\mathbf{x} + \lambda \cdot \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{x}) + \lambda \cdot T(\mathbf{v})$$

## Example

Is  $T(\mathbf{x}) = T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 3x_3 \\ -x_1 + x_3 \end{pmatrix}$  a linear transformation?





### Exercises 1.1, 1.2, 1.3

Find  $\mathbf{A}$ , subject to  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ , for

**1**  $T(\mathbf{x}) = T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 \\ -x_1 + x_2 \end{pmatrix}$  It is ok

**2**  $T(\mathbf{x}) = T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3x_1}{x_2} + x_3 \\ 2x_1x_3 \end{pmatrix}$  It is not linear

**3**  $T(\mathbf{x}) = T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_2 + 1 \\ -x_1 \end{pmatrix}$  Do not maintain the origin



## Exercise 2

Find  $\mathbf{x}$  subject to  $T(\mathbf{x}) = T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  if  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is a linear transformation and

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Linear transformation

## Matrix form

### Proposition

A **Transformation**  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is **Linear**  $\iff$  it is possible to find a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  s.t.  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{M}_{m \times n}$  be

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  is a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  such that

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$$



# Linear transformation

## Matrix form

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Is  $\mathbf{Ax}$  always a linear transformation?

**Note** that, using the canonical basis:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{x} = x_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + \cdots + x_n \mathbf{e}_n$$

Then

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 T(\mathbf{e}_1) + x_2 T(\mathbf{e}_2) + \cdots + x_n T(\mathbf{e}_n) \Rightarrow$$

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ T(\mathbf{e}_1) & T(\mathbf{e}_2) & \cdots & T(\mathbf{e}_n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} =: \mathbf{Ax}$$



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# Rotation

## What is?

### Definition

A **Rotation** is a especial **Linear Transformation** in the same dimension  $n$

$$R : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

that preserves

- Distances (vector norm)
- Angles (dot product)
- Volumes (triple product)



## Definitions

**Vector norm** Length of a vector

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2} = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}}$$

**Dot product** Angle between vectors (a.k.a. scalar product, inner product)

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \cdots + x_n y_n = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos \alpha$$

**Triple product** Volume (from vector product / cross product)

$$\mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{y} \times \mathbf{z})$$

**Remember:** [cross product wikipedia](#)



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# DoFs in Rotations

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$

## Rotations in $\mathbb{R}^3$ can be defined with 3 parameters

Let  $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let a Rotation  $R$  be defined as  $R(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}$ , with

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad (9 \text{ DoF})$$

then  $\{\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{e}_1), \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{e}_2), \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{e}_3)\}$  is also an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , so accomplishing 6 restrictions,

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{e}_j)^T \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{e}_i) = 1 \text{ if } j = i, \quad \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{e}_j)^T \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{e}_i) = 0 \text{ if } j \neq i$$

leading to 3 DoF.



# DoFs in Rotations

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$

## Equivalent restrictions

The 6 restrictions over matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  about orthonormality are equivalent to state that,

- $\det(\mathbf{R}) = 1$ , and
- $\mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{R}^{-1}$



# DoFs in Rotations

## An aside (II)

### The Grassman rule

The **Determinant** of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix can be calculated using the **Grassman rule**

$$\det(\mathbf{M}) = |\mathbf{M}| = \begin{vmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \\ m_{11}m_{22}m_{33} + m_{21}m_{32}m_{13} + m_{31}m_{12}m_{23} - \\ -(m_{11}m_{23}m_{32} + m_{21}m_{12}m_{33} + m_{31}m_{22}m_{13})$$



# DoFs in Rotations

## Three Exercises

### Geometric meaning

Let  $R(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}$  represent a rotation of 90 degs about the  $z$  axis.

- 1 What are the elements in matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  for this case? (Hint:  $z$  remains,  $x$  goes to  $y$  and  $y$  goes to  $-x$ )
- 2 Which are the images for the vectors,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 0, 0)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 1, 0)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (0, 0, 1)^T$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_4 = (-1, 2, 2)^T$ ?
- 3 Which rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  performs the inverse rotation?



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# Dualism with change of basis

## Rotations & change of basis

### Change of basis

$$\mathcal{B}_2 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{C}} \mathcal{B}_1$$

- 1**  $\mathbf{C}$  is a matrix whose columns are the vectors in basis  $\mathcal{B}_2$  seen from  $\mathcal{B}_1$ .
- 2**  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}$  means “I take a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $\mathcal{B}_2$  and it goes to  $\mathcal{B}_1$ ”

### Exercise

Applying dualism, rotates vector  $\mathbf{x}$  like in the previous exercise, i.e. rotates 90 degs about the  $z$  axis.



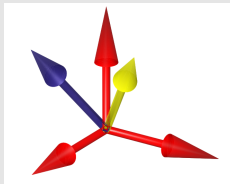
Take the rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

and the vector  $\mathbf{p} = (1, 0, 1)^\top$ , then:  $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, 1, \sqrt{2})^\top$

## Rotations

If we are talking about rotations, we meant





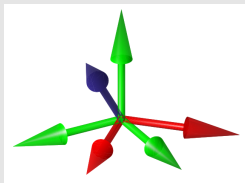
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and the vector  ${}^A\mathbf{p} = (1, 0, 1)^\top$ , then:  ${}^B\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{R}{}^A\mathbf{p} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, 1, \sqrt{2})^\top$

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# Concatenation

## Linear transforms

### Definition

Let  $T_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  and  $T_2(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}$  be linear transformations, then the **concatenation**

$$T_2(T_1(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

is also a linear transformation.

- Note the order!!!,  $\mathbf{BA} \neq \mathbf{AB}$
- The same definition applies to rotations.



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# Exercise 1

## Homework

### Exercise 1

Given the next two transformations, find which of them are linear transformations and which of them are rotations and argument why.

1  $T_1(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$T_1(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x_1 + x_2 \\ 3 - x_3 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2  $T_2(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$T_2(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_3) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}x_2 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(x_3 - x_2) \\ \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_3) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 2  
Homework

## Exercise 2

Two vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  have known components on two orthonormal basis  $\{A\}$  and  $\{B\}$

$${}^A\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 0, 0)^\top$$

$${}^B\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3}, 1, 0)^\top$$

$${}^A\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 1, 0)^\top$$

$${}^B\mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} - 1, 1 + \sqrt{3}, 0)^\top$$

- Calculate the components of the vector  $\mathbf{p}$  in the frame  $\{A\}$ , that is  ${}^A\mathbf{p}$ , if it is known that in the frame  $\{B\}$  the vector is given by:

$${}^B\mathbf{p} = \left(3, -2, \frac{1}{2}\right)^\top$$



# Exercise 3

## Homework

### Exercise 3

The matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & -0.2655 & -0.2113 \\ a_2 & 0.9640 & -0.0726 \\ a_3 & a_4 & 0.9747 \end{pmatrix}$$

represents a rotation. Which are the values of  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$  and  $a_4$ ?