

# Computer Graphics

## 2. Transformations

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Textbook: E. Angel, D. Shreiner Interactive Computer Graphics, 6th Ed., Pearson

Ref: D.D. Hearn, M. P. Baker, W. Carithers, Computer Graphics with OpenGL, 4th Ed., Pearson

# Intended Learning Outcomes

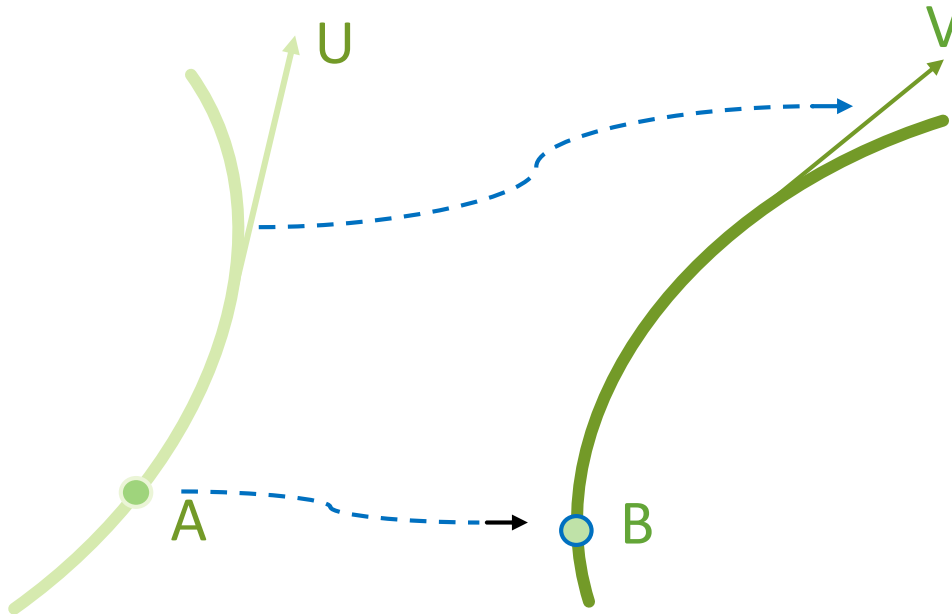
- ▶ On completion of this chapter, a student will be able to:
  - ▶ Identify the basic **transformations** for 3D objects.
  - ▶ Apply the basic transformations for **object movement** in a 3D scene.
  - ▶ Explain and write the pseudo **codes in OpenGL style** with a sequence of transformations.

# Outline

- ▶ Introduce standard transformations
  - ▶ Rotation
  - ▶ Translation
  - ▶ Scaling
  - ▶ Shear
- ▶ Derive homogeneous coordinate transformation matrices
- ▶ Learn to build arbitrary transformation matrices from simple transformations

# General Transformations

- A transformation maps points to other points and/or vectors to other vectors



# Affine Transformations

- ▶ A transformation that **preserves** lines and parallelism
  - ▶ maps parallel lines to parallel lines
- ▶ Characteristic of many physically important transformations
  - ▶ Rigid body transformations: **rotation**, **translation**
  - ▶ **Scaling**, **shear**

# Translation

- Using the homogeneous coordinate representation in some frame

$$\mathbf{p} = [x \ y \ z \ 1]^T$$

$$\mathbf{p}' = [x' \ y' \ z' \ 1]^T$$

$$\mathbf{d} = [d_x \ d_y \ d_z \ 0]^T$$

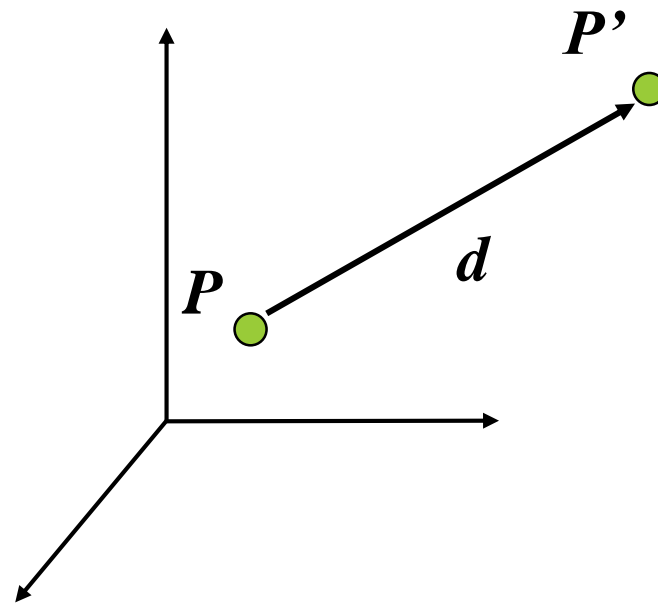
note that this expression is in four dimensions and expresses point = vector + point

Hence  $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{d}$  or

$$x' = x + d_x$$

$$y' = y + d_y$$

$$z' = z + d_z$$



# Translation Matrix

- We can also express translation using a 4 x 4 matrix **T** in homogeneous coordinates

$$p' = Tp$$

where

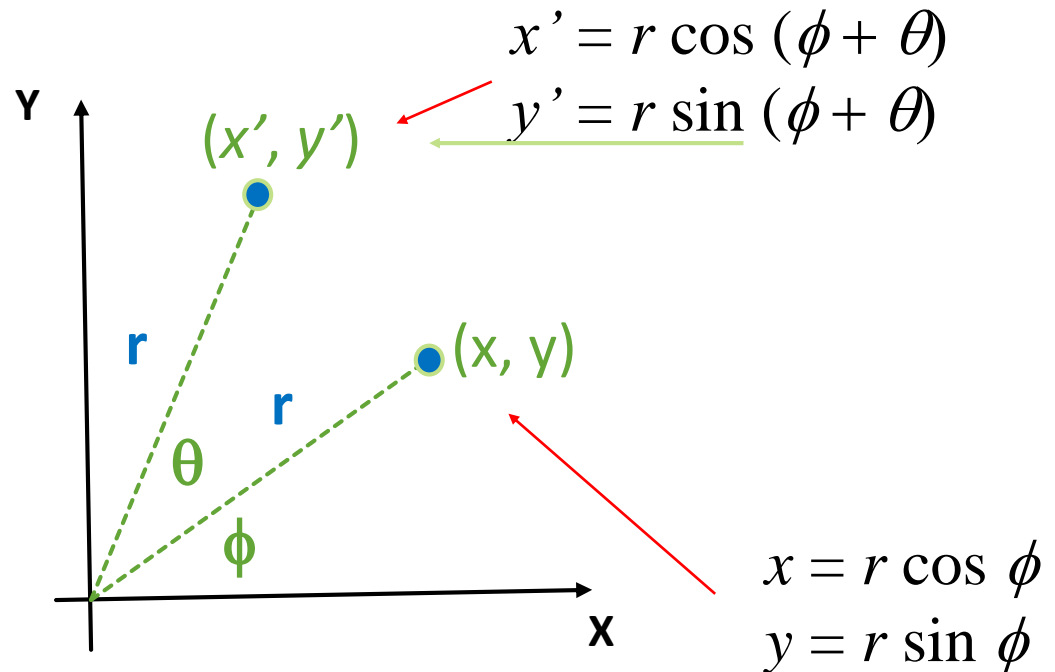
$$T = T(d_x, d_y, d_z) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & d_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & d_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Why do we use a matrix form instead of vector addition?

# Rotation (2D)

- Consider rotation about the origin by  $q$  degrees
  - radius stays the same, angle increases by  $q$



trigonometric identities

$$\sin(\theta + \phi) = \sin \theta \cos \phi + \cos \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\cos(\theta + \phi) = \cos \theta \cos \phi - \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta \\ y' &= x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$



# Rotation about the z axis

- ▶ Rotation about z axis in three dimensions
  - ▶ leaves all points with the same z
  - ▶ Equivalent to rotation in two dimensions in planes of constant z

$$x' = x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta$$

$$y' = x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta$$

$$z' = z$$

- ▶ or in homogeneous coordinates

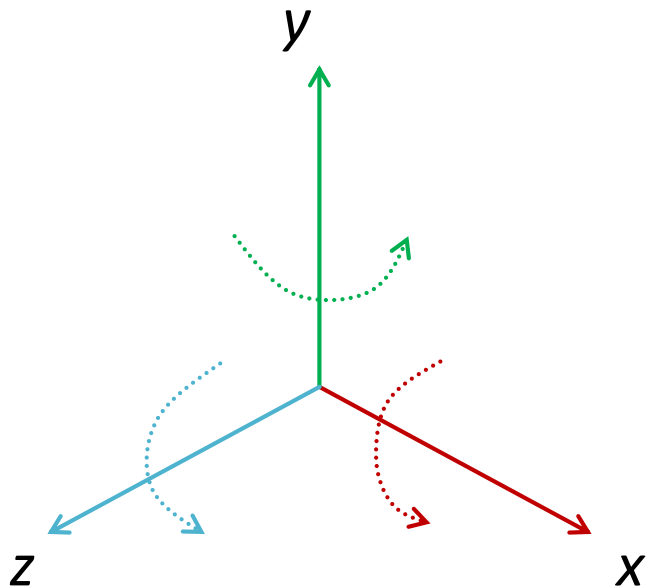
$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{R}_z(\theta) \mathbf{p}$$

# Rotation Matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Rotation about x and y axes

- ▶ Same argument as for rotation about z axis
  - ▶ For rotation about x axis, x is unchanged
  - ▶ For rotation about y axis, y is unchanged



$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Scaling

- Expand or contract along each axis (fixed point of origin)

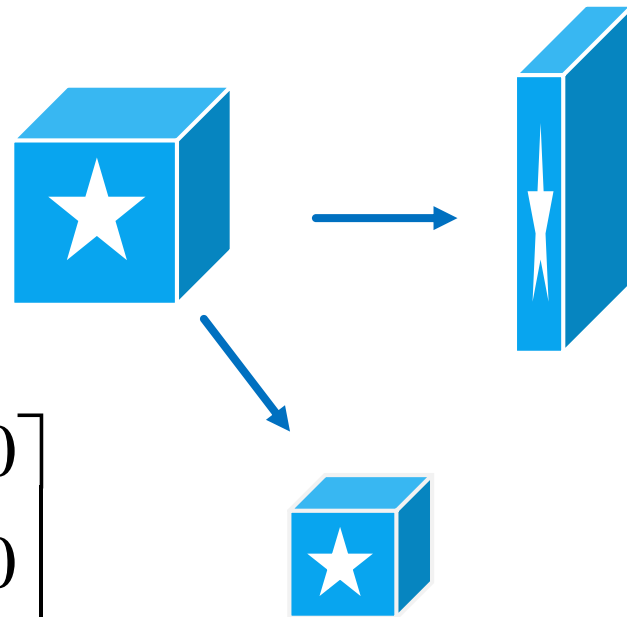
$$x' = s_x x$$

$$y' = s_y y$$

$$z' = s_z z$$

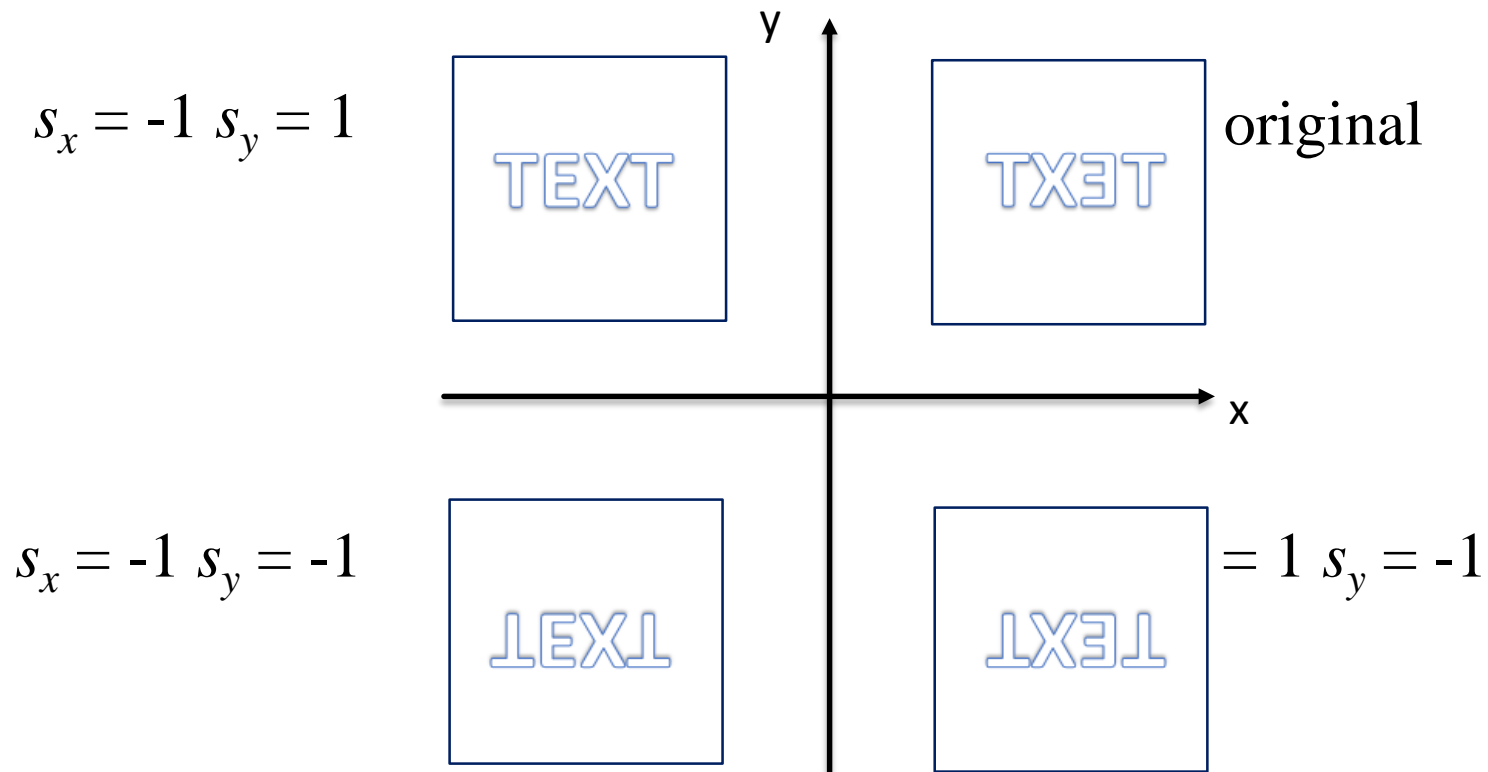
$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{p}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}(s_x, s_y, s_z) = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Reflection

- corresponds to negative scale factors



# Inverses

- Compute inverse matrices by general formulas, or use simple geometric observations

- Translation:  $\mathbf{T}^{-1}(d_x, d_y, d_z) = \mathbf{T}(-d_x, -d_y, -d_z)$

- Rotation:  $\mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{R}(-\mathbf{q})$

- Holds for any rotation matrix

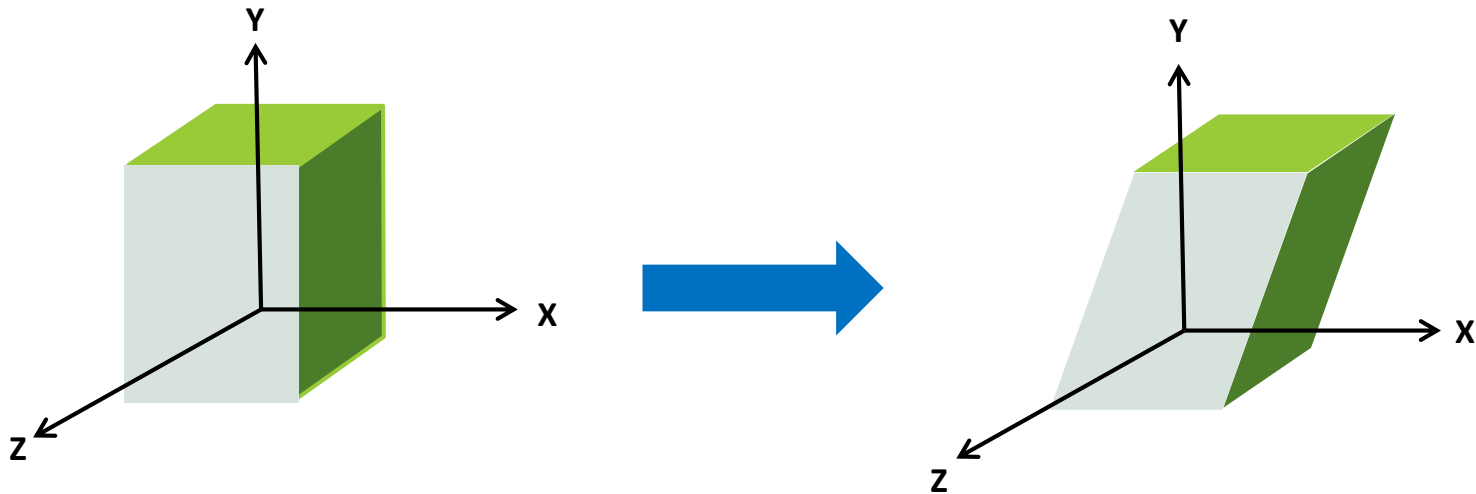
- Since  $\cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$  ;  $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$

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

- Scaling:  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}(s_x, s_y, s_z) = \mathbf{S}(1/s_x, 1/s_y, 1/s_z)$

# Shear

- Equivalent to pulling faces in opposite directions



# Shear Matrix

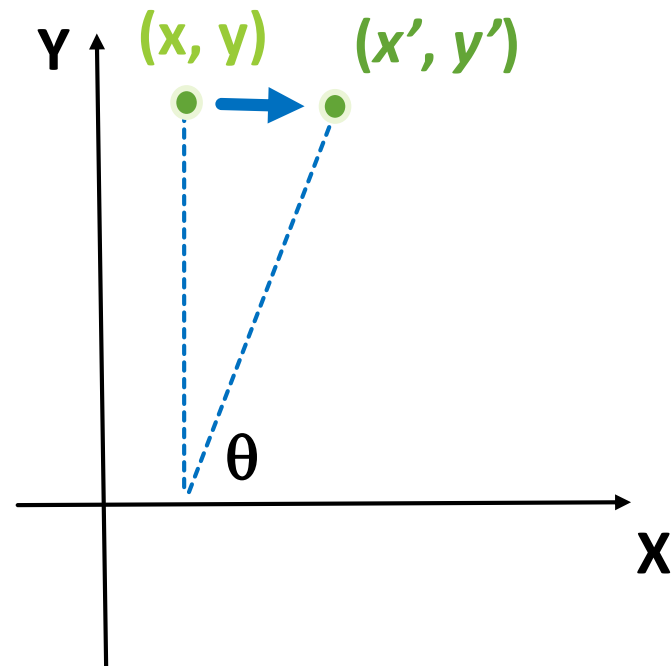
- Consider simple shear along x axis

$$x' = x + y \cot \theta$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cot \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





# Concatenation

- Form arbitrary affine transformation matrices by multiplying together rotation, translation, and scaling matrices.

*for each  $i$*   
 *$ABCDp_i$ ,*

or

*$M=ABCD$ ,*  
*for each  $i$*   
 *$Mp_i$*

# Order of Transformations

- ▶ Note that matrix on the right is the first applied
- ▶ Mathematically, the following are equivalent

$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{p}))$$

- ▶ Note many references use column matrices to represent points. In terms of column matrices

$$\mathbf{p}'^T = \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$$

*Matrix multiplication is associative !*

# General Rotation about the Origin

- ▶ Decompose into the concatenation of rotations about the x, y, and z axes

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \mathbf{R}_z(\theta_z) \mathbf{R}_y(\theta_y) \mathbf{R}_x(\theta_x)$$

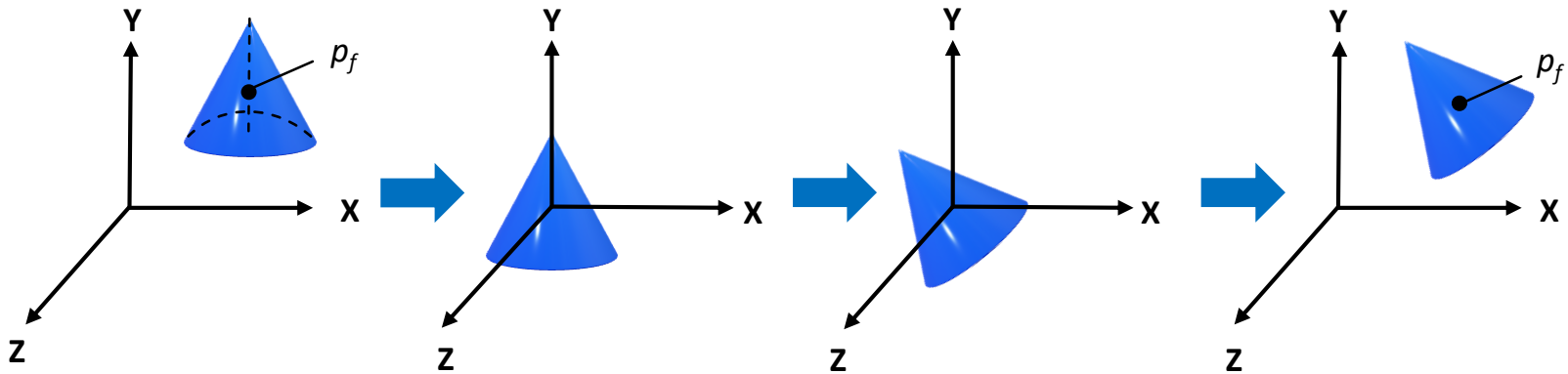
$\theta_x, \theta_y, \theta_z$  are rotation angles with respect to the corresponding axes.

- ▶ Commutative?

# Rotation about a Fixed Point other than the Origin

1. Move fixed point to origin
2. Rotate
3. Move fixed point back

$$M = T(p_f) R(q) T(-p_f)$$



# Rotation about an Arbitrary Axis

- Rotate around an axis vector  $u$ .

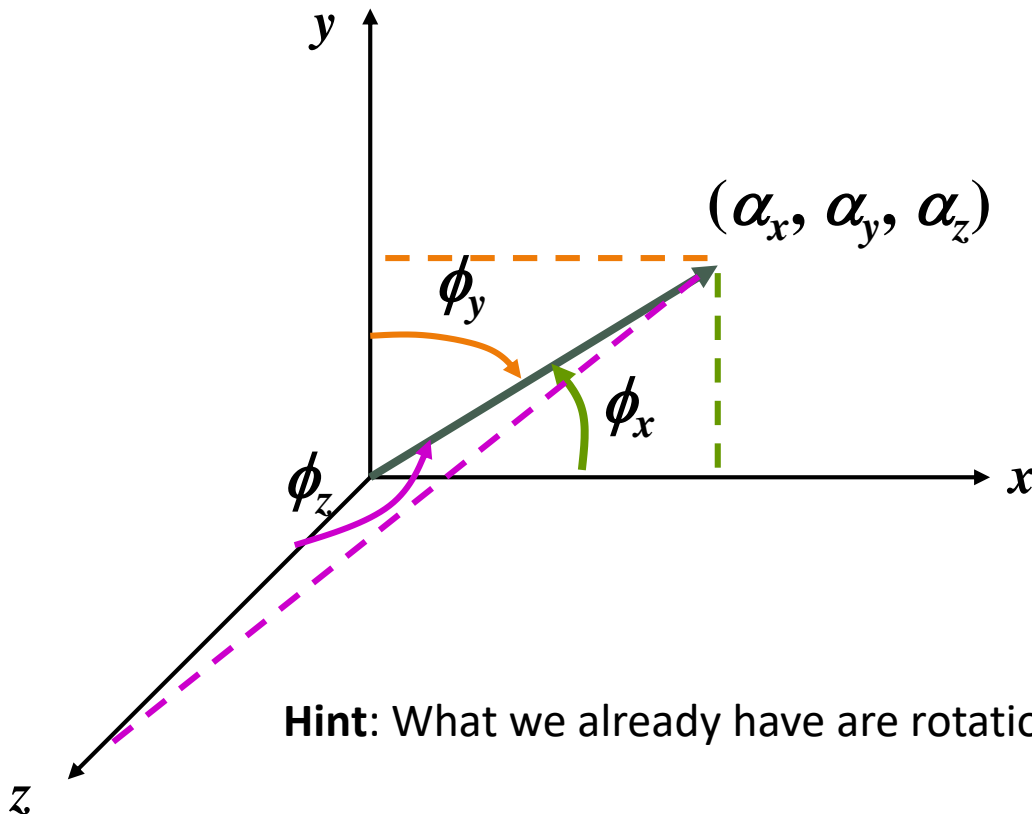
$$v = u/|u| = [\alpha_x, \alpha_y, \alpha_z]^T$$

$$\cos \phi_x = \alpha_x$$

$$\cos \phi_y = \alpha_y$$

$$\cos \phi_z = \alpha_z$$

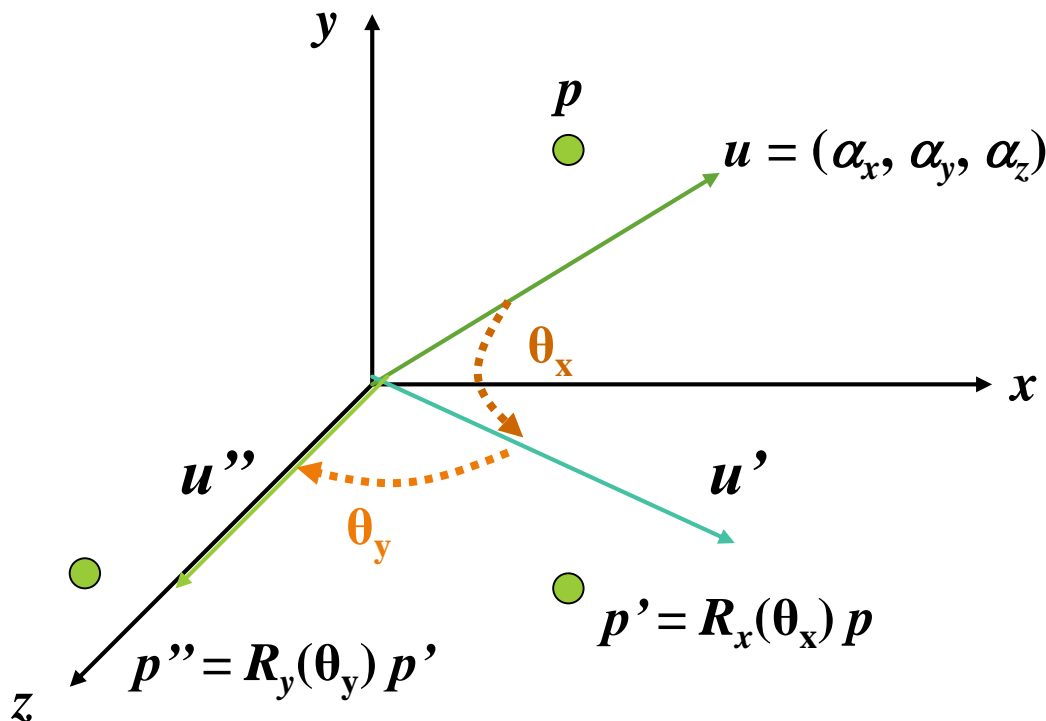
$$\cos^2 \phi_x + \cos^2 \phi_y + \cos^2 \phi_z = 1$$



**Hint:** What we already have are rotations around x, or y, or z axes.

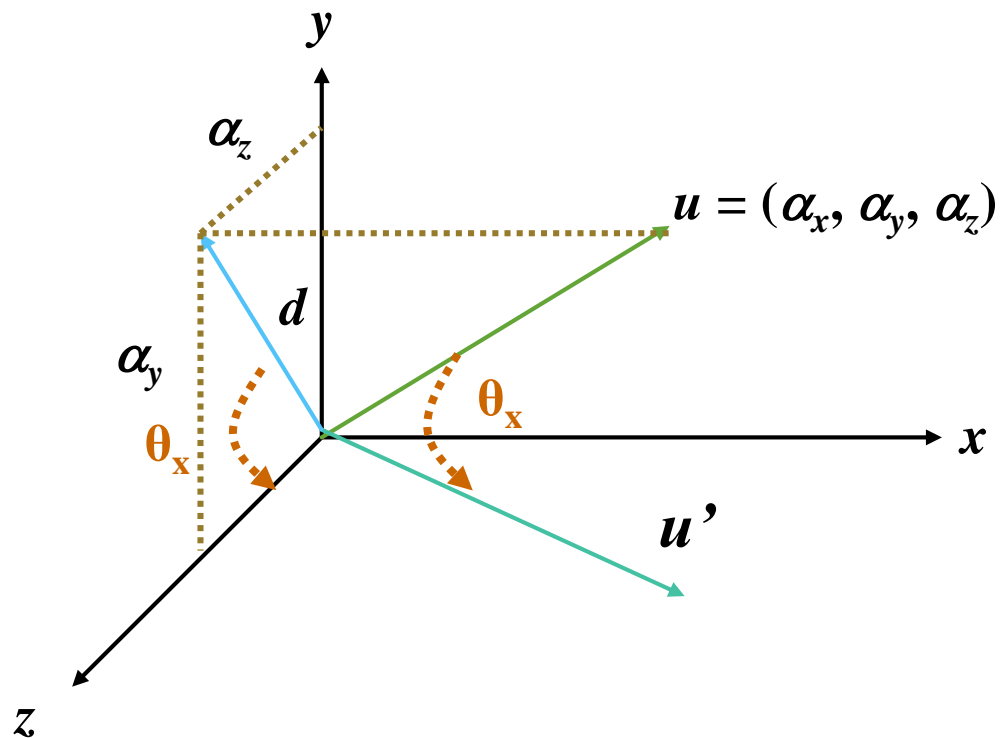
# Rotation about an Arbitrary Axis

1. Rotate the axis vector to match z (x or y) axis.  $[R_{axis}]$
2. Rotate around z axis.  $[R_z(\theta)]$
3. Rotate the axis vector back.  $[R_{axis}^{-1}]$



$$R_{axis} = R_y(\theta_y) R_x(\theta_x)$$

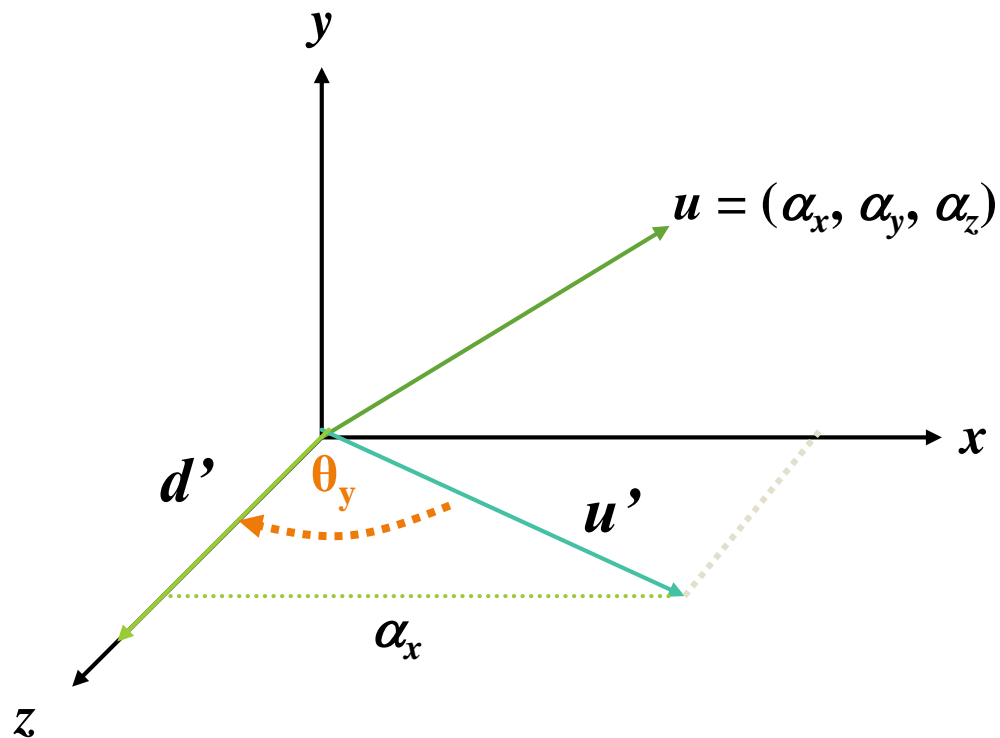
$$R_x(\theta_x)$$



$$\alpha_y^2 + \alpha_z^2 = d^2$$

$$R_x(\theta_x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_z/d & -\alpha_y/d & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_y/d & \alpha_z/d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\theta_y)$$



$$\|u'\| = \|u\| = 1$$

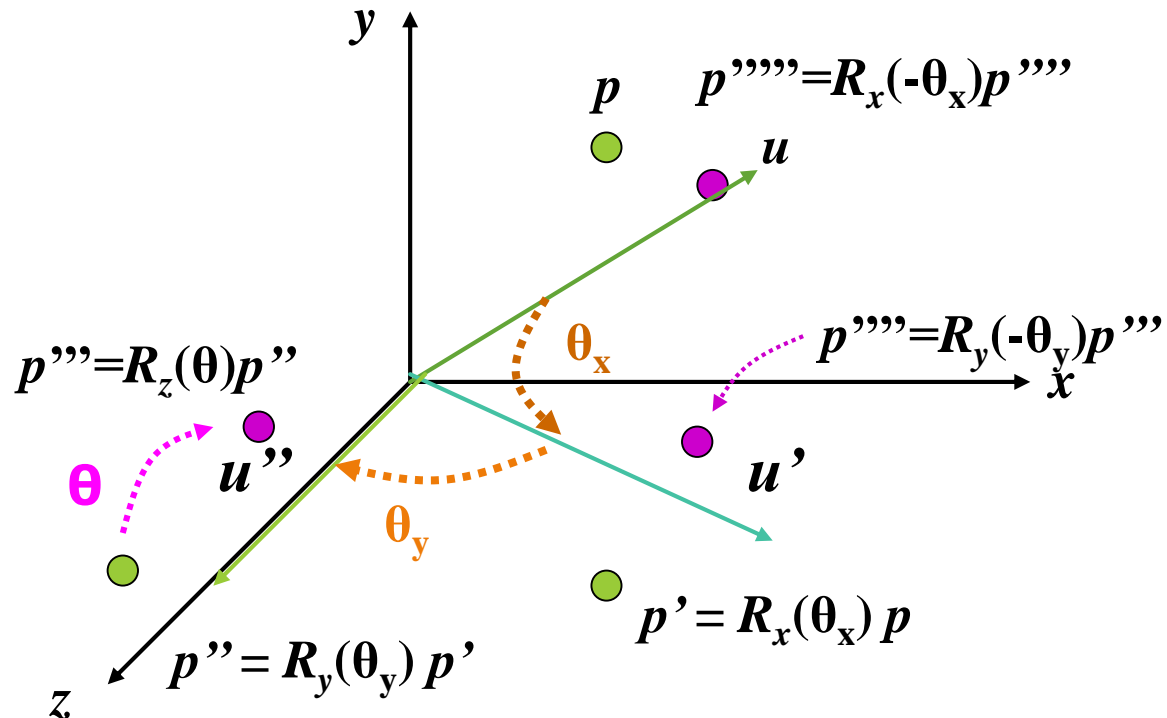
$$d'^2 + \alpha_x^2 = u'^2$$

$$R_y(\theta_y) = \begin{bmatrix} d' & 0 & -\alpha_x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_x & 0 & d' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Rotation about an Arbitrary Axis

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= R_{axis}^{-1} R_z(\theta) R_{axis} \\
 &= R_x(-\theta_x) R_y(-\theta_y) R_z(\theta) R_y(\theta_y) R_x(\theta_x)
 \end{aligned}$$



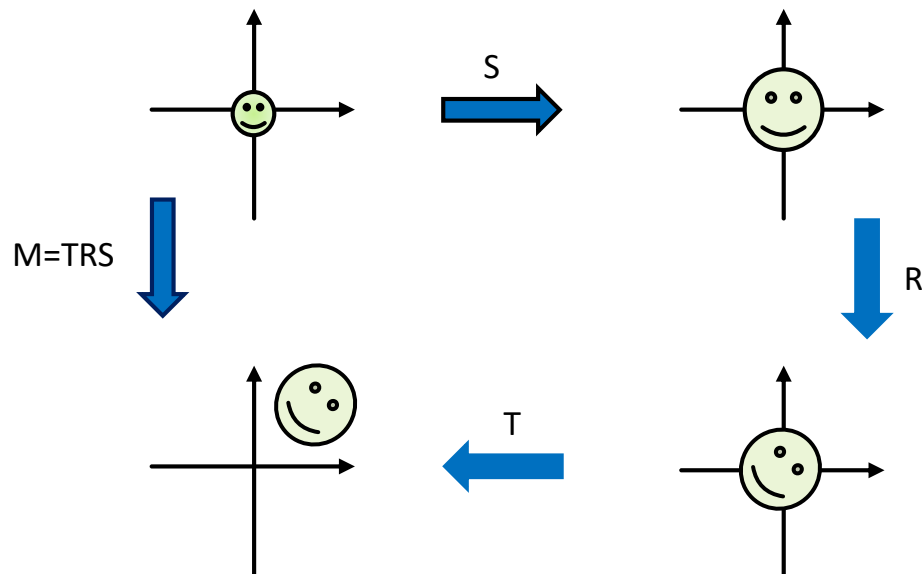
# Instancing

- ▶ In modeling, we often start with a simple object centered at the origin, oriented with the axis, and at a standard size
- ▶ We apply an *instance transformation* to its vertices to

Scale

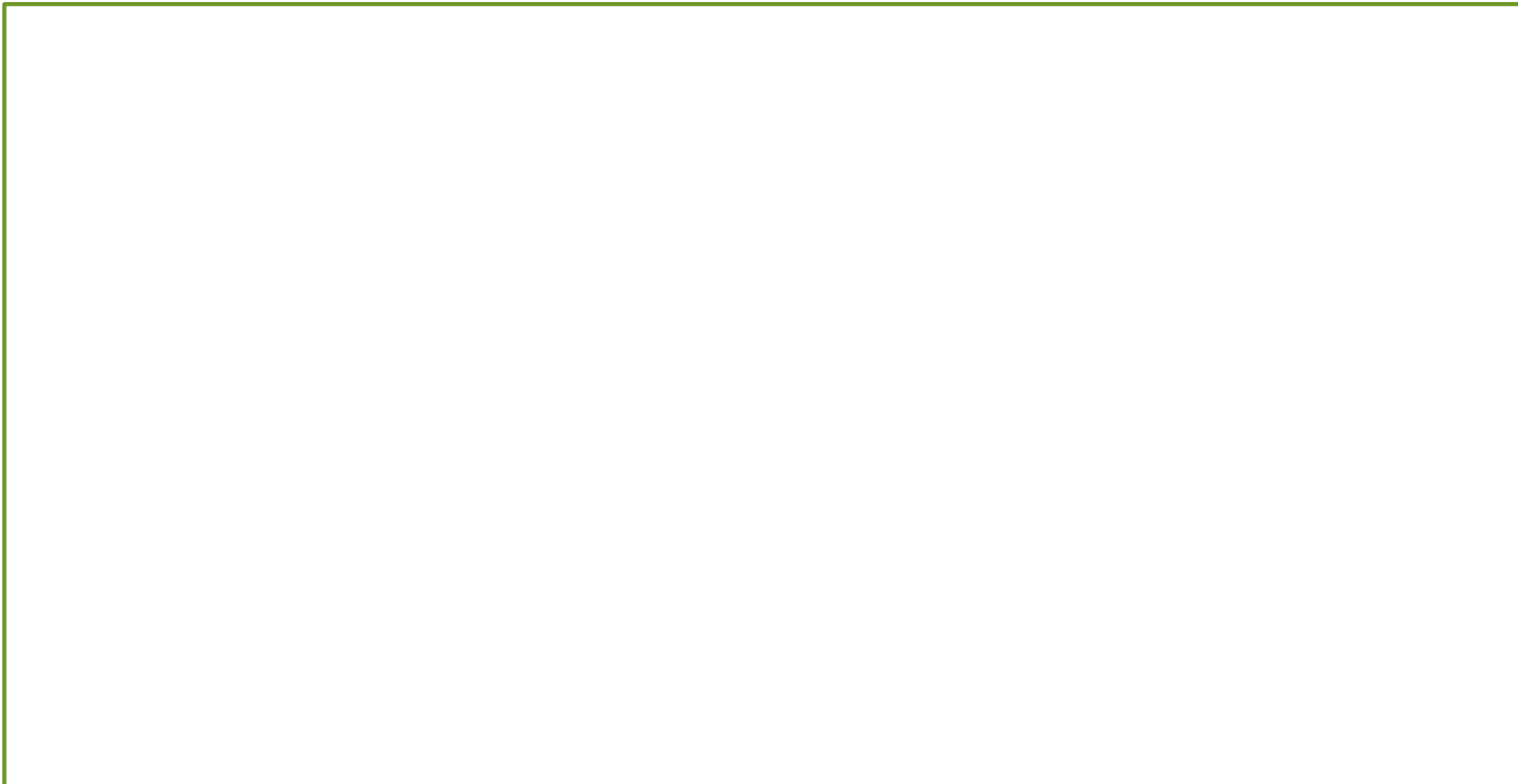
Orient

Locate



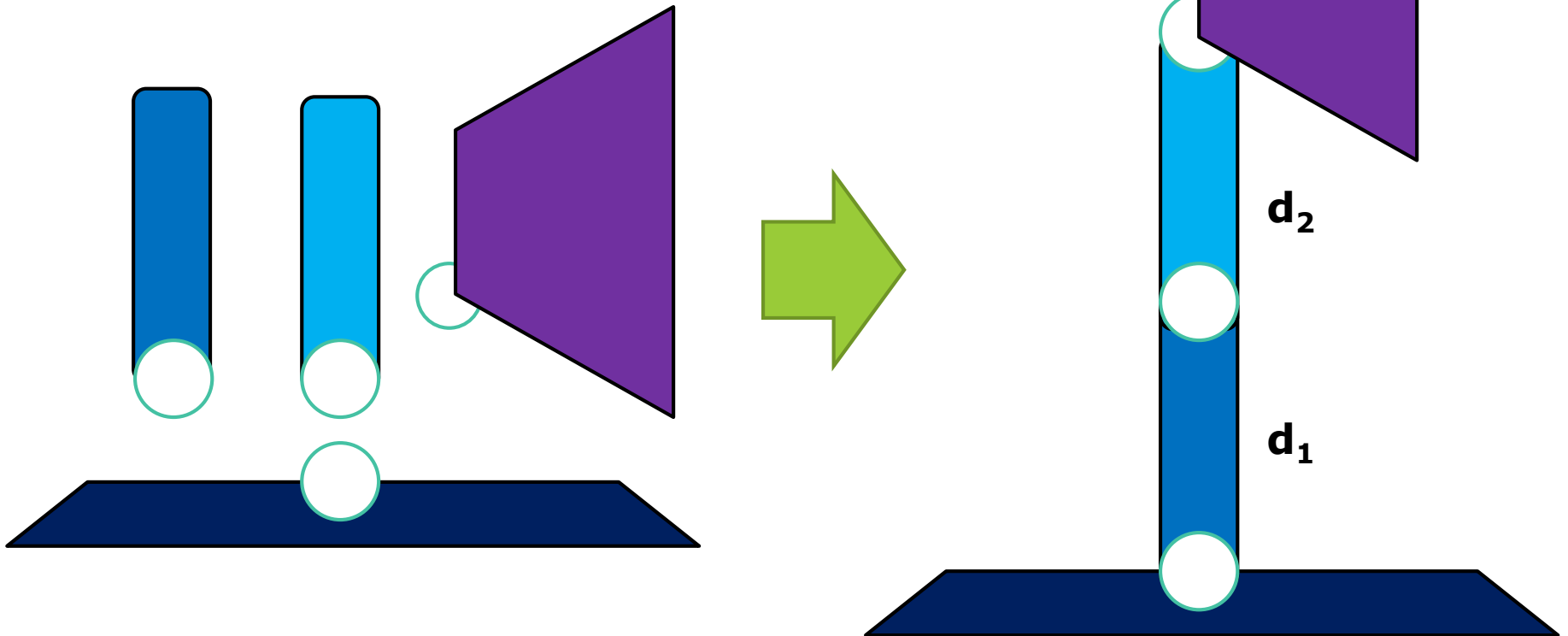
# Hierarchical structure

- ▶ In addition to separate instances, plenty of objects consist of hierarchical sub-components , e.g. skeletons, desk lamps, excavators, etc.



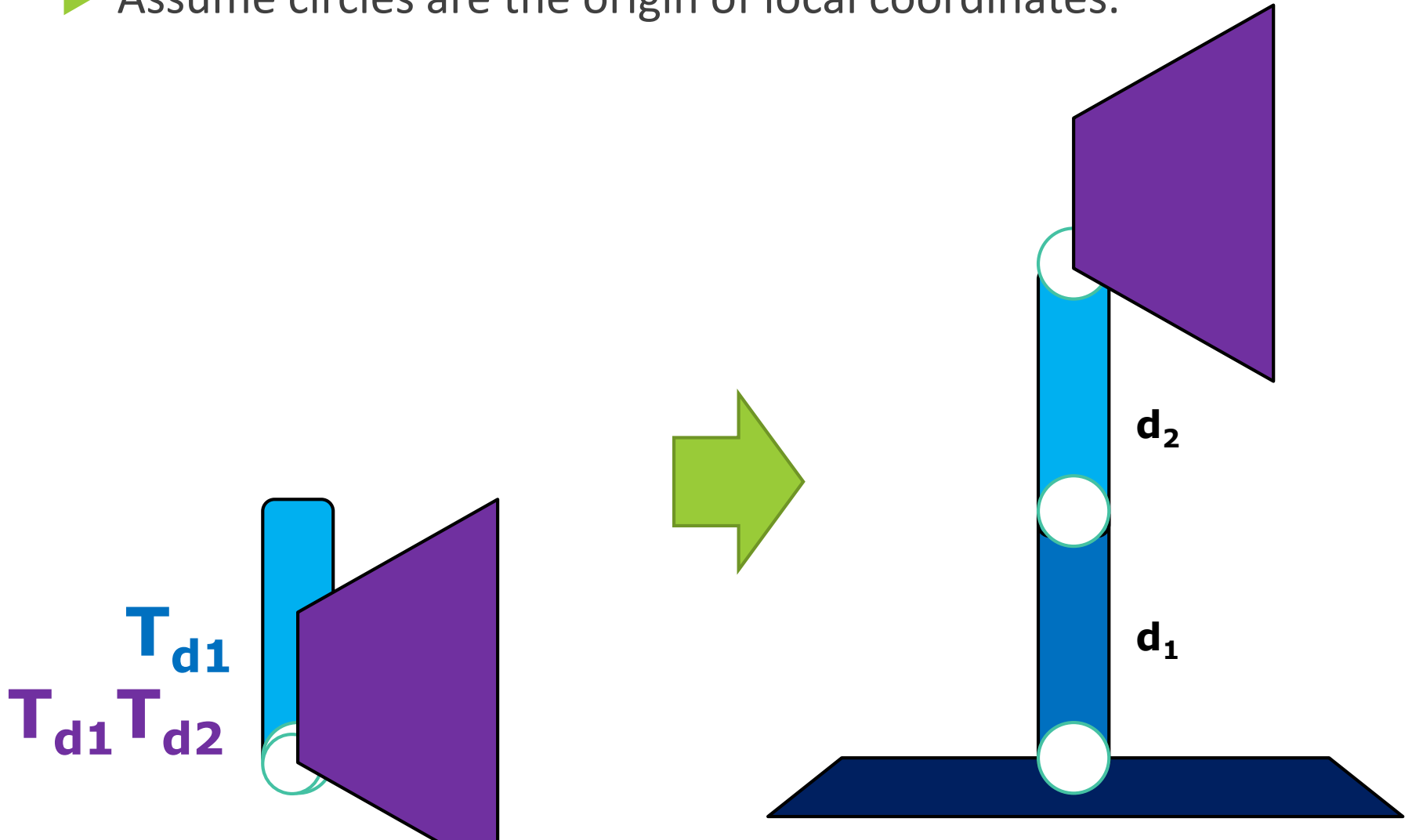
# Hierarchical structure (cont.)

- How to represent the transformation of such hierarchical structure?



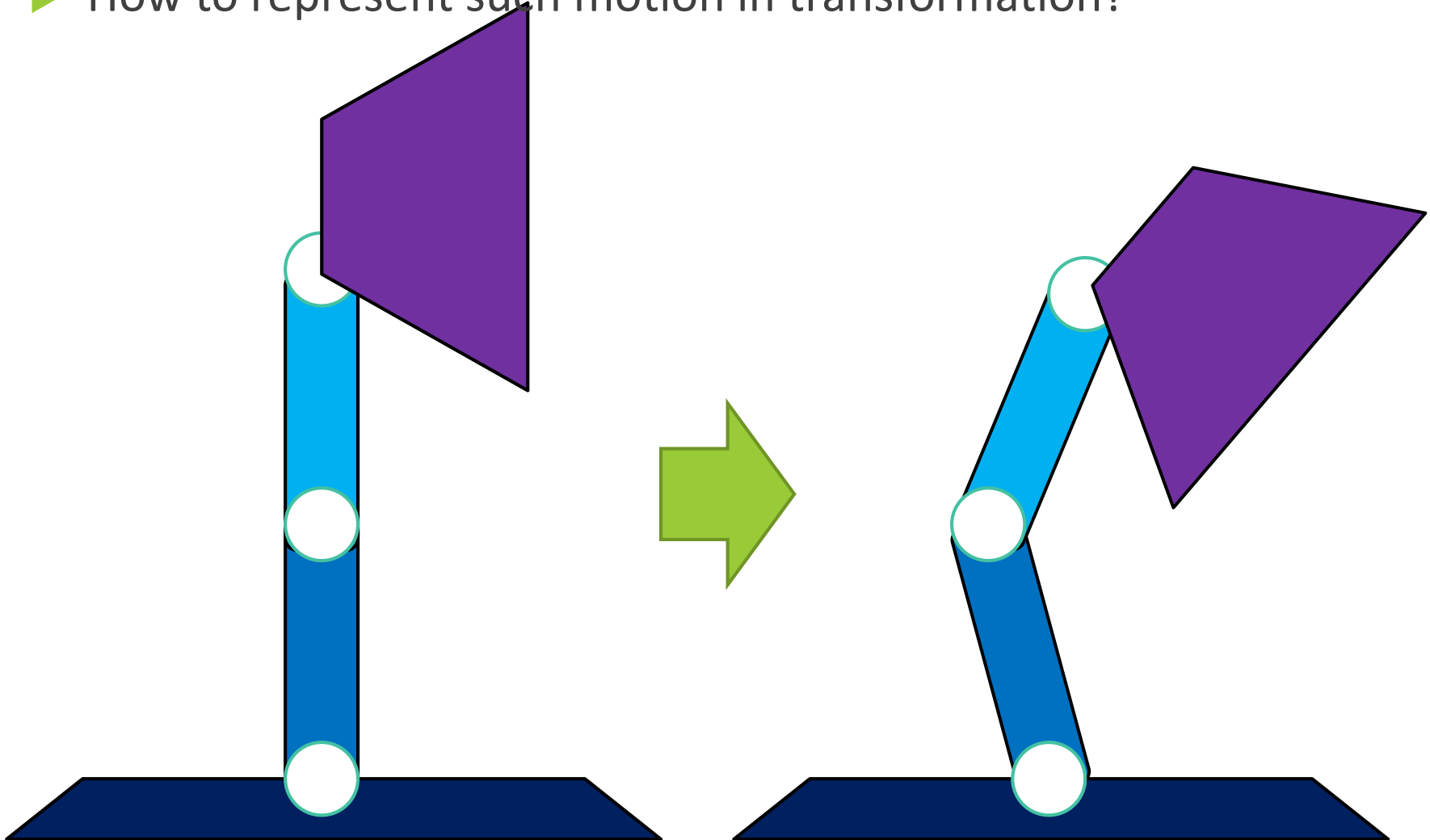
# Hierarchical structure (cont.)

- Assume circles are the origin of local coordinates.



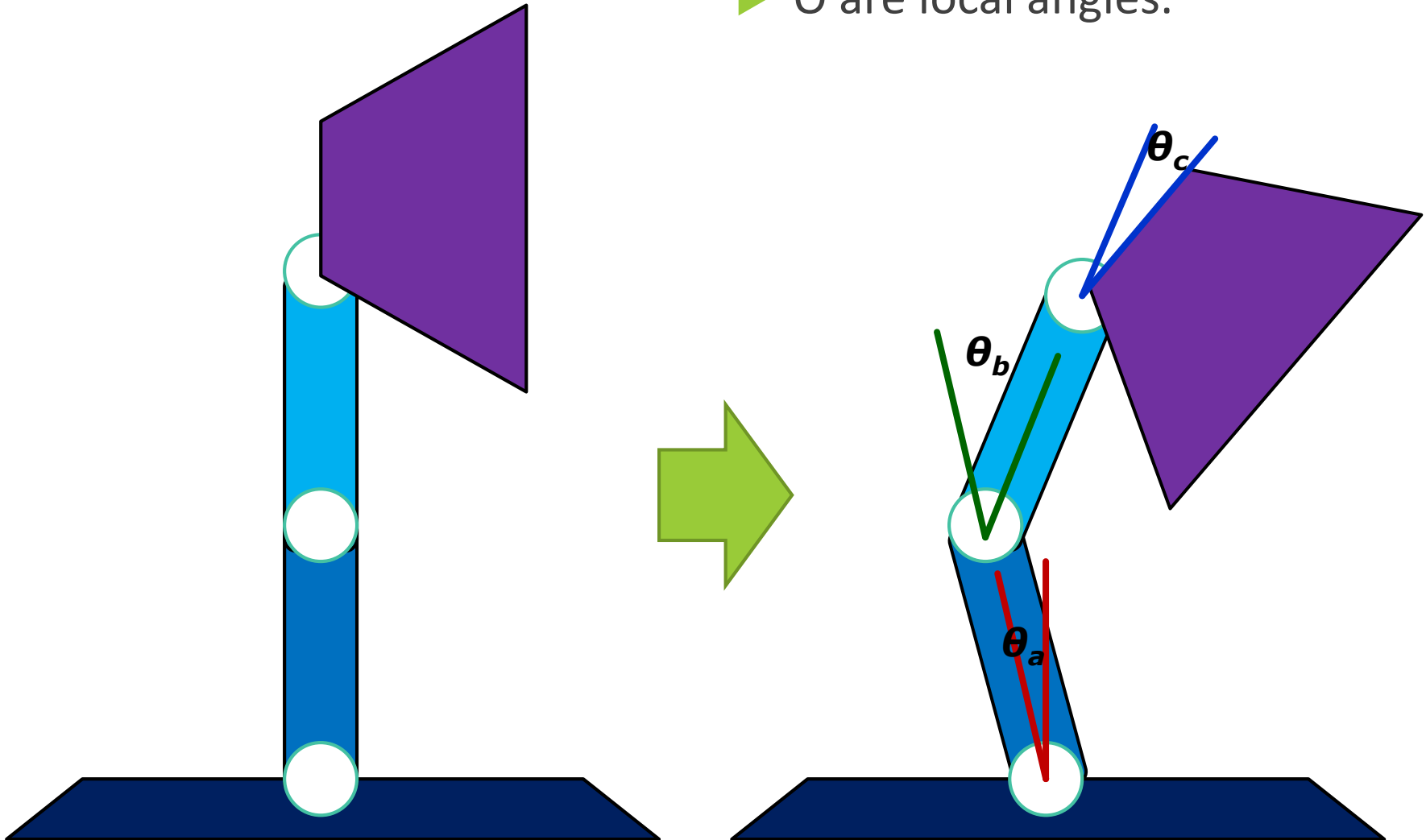
# Hierarchical structure (cont.)

- How to represent such motion in transformation?



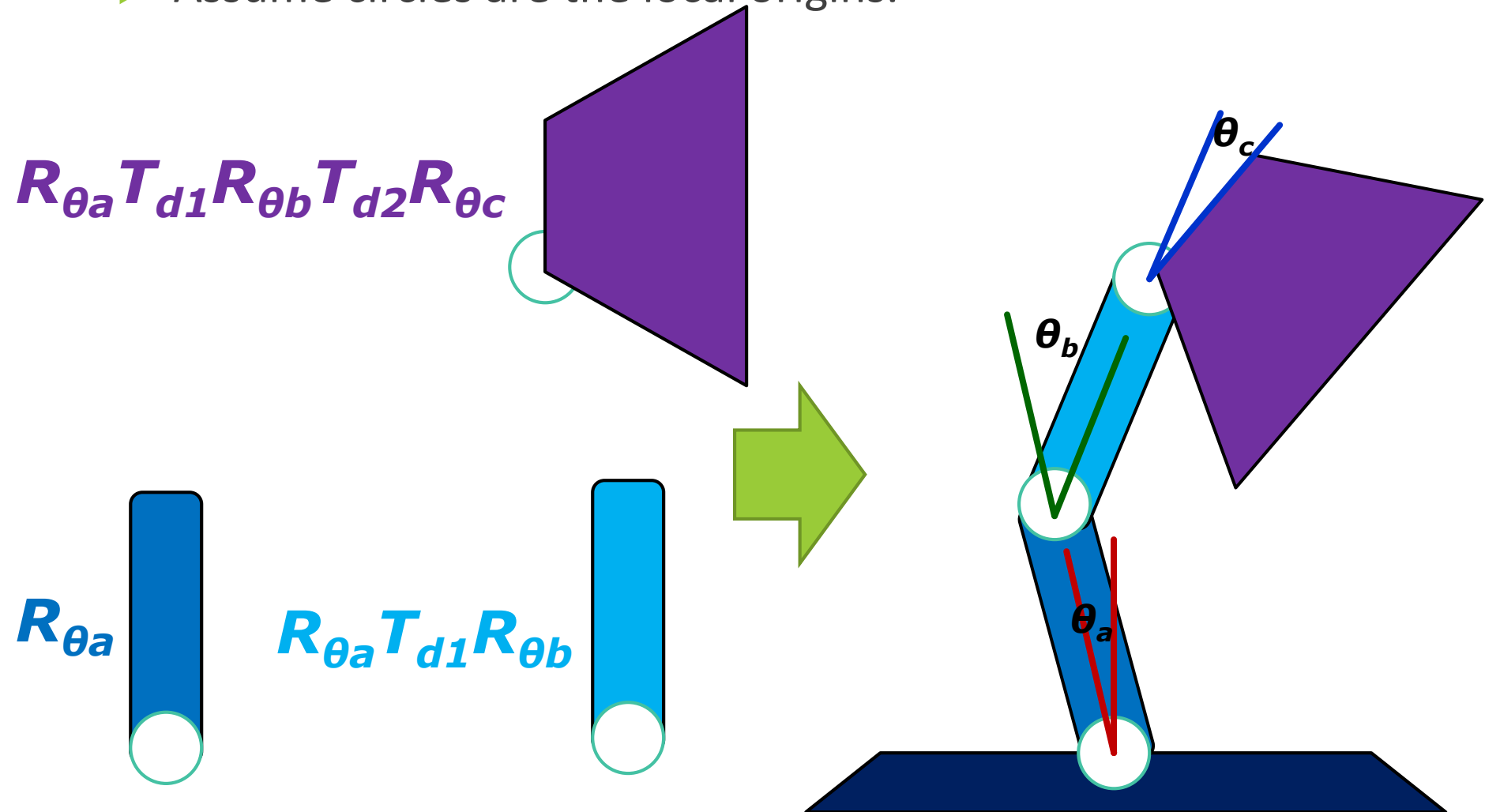
# Hierarchical transformation

►  $\Theta$  are local angles.



# Hierarchical transformation (cont.)

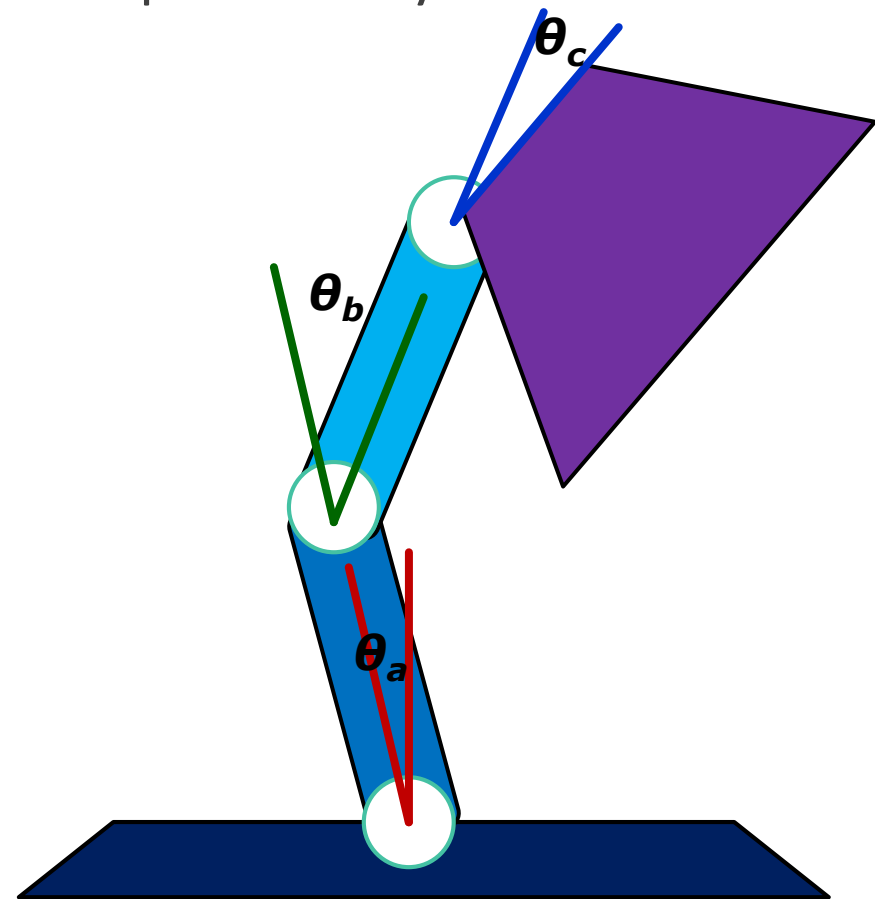
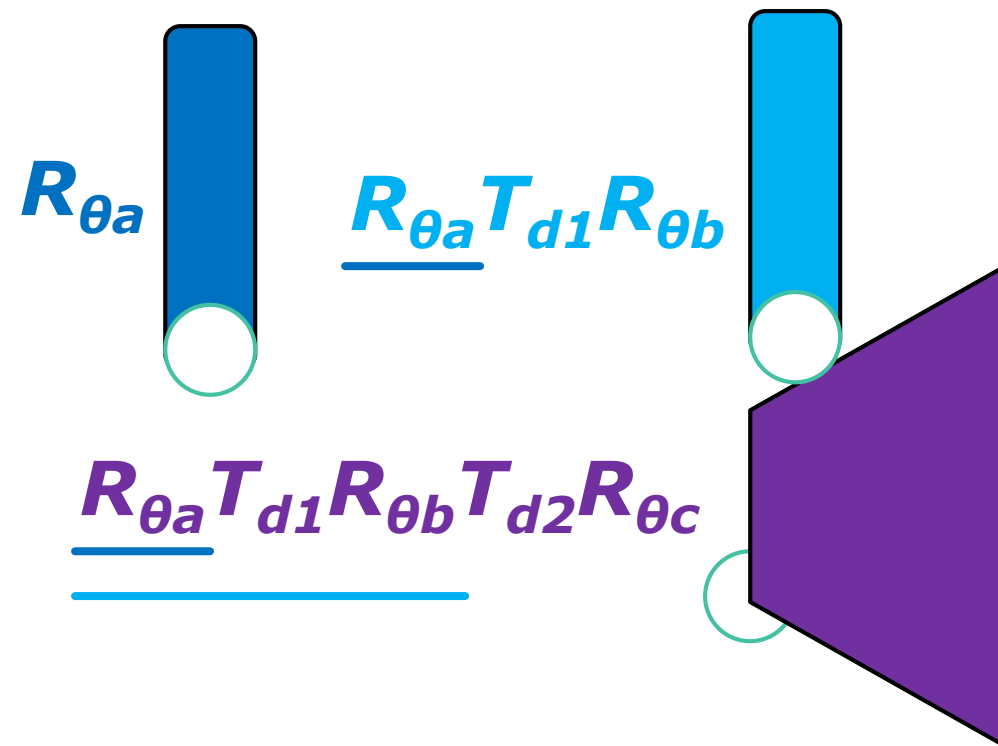
- Assume circles are the local origins.





# Hierarchical transformation (cont.)

- ▶ There are common sub-transformation.
- ▶ We can avoid redundant matrix multiplication by stack mechanism.
  - ▶ Hierarchical coordinates.



# Matrix in OpenGL style (Legacy)

.....

“Draw the base”

```
glRotate( $\theta_a$ );
```

```
glPushMatrix();
```

“Draw the dark blue arm”

```
glPopMatrix();
```

```
glTranslate( $\mathbf{d}_1$ );
```

```
glRotate( $\theta_b$ );
```

```
glPushMatrix();
```

“Draw the light blue arm”

```
glPopMatrix();
```

```
glTranslate( $\mathbf{d}_2$ );
```

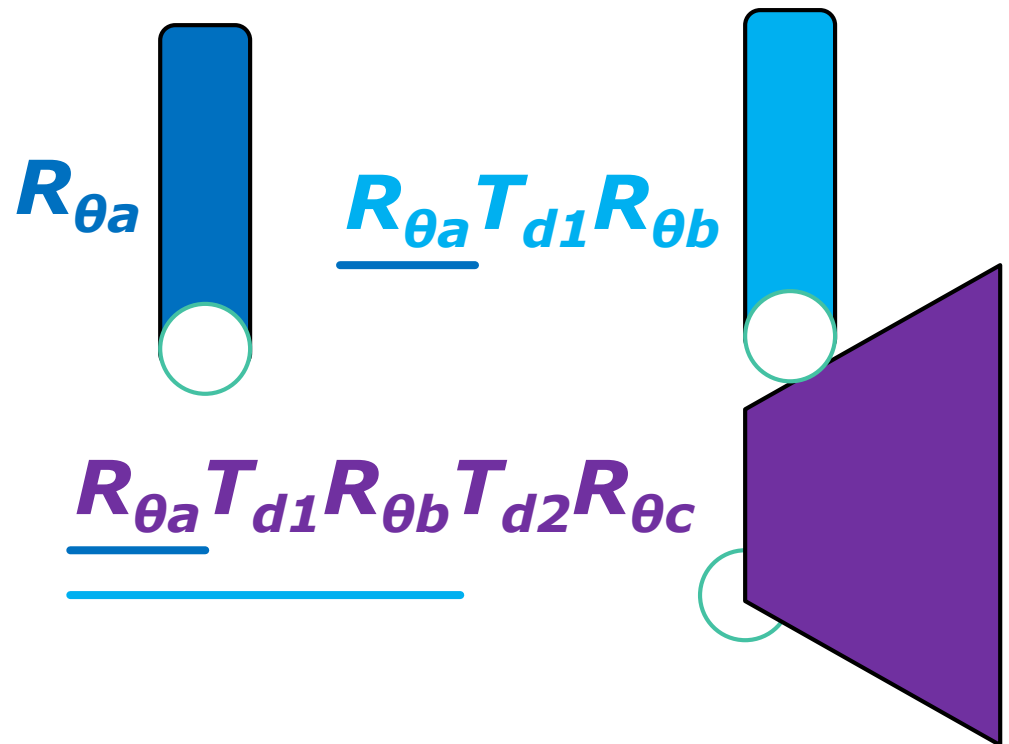
```
glRotate( $\theta_c$ );
```

```
glPushMatrix();
```

“Draw the lampshade”

```
glPopMatrix();
```

.....



*How to deal with branches?*

With **glm** lib. `glm::translate( X, vec3) -> X * glm::translate( Identity, vec3 )`

# Matrix in OpenGL style (Modern)

.....  
“Draw the base”

`MatA = glm::rotate(Mat,  $\theta_a$ );`

“Pass the MatA”

“Draw the dark blue arm”

`Mat1 = glm::translate(MatA,  $\mathbf{d}_1$ );`

`MatB = glm::rotate(Mat1,  $\theta_b$ );`

“Pass the MatB”

“Draw the light blue arm”

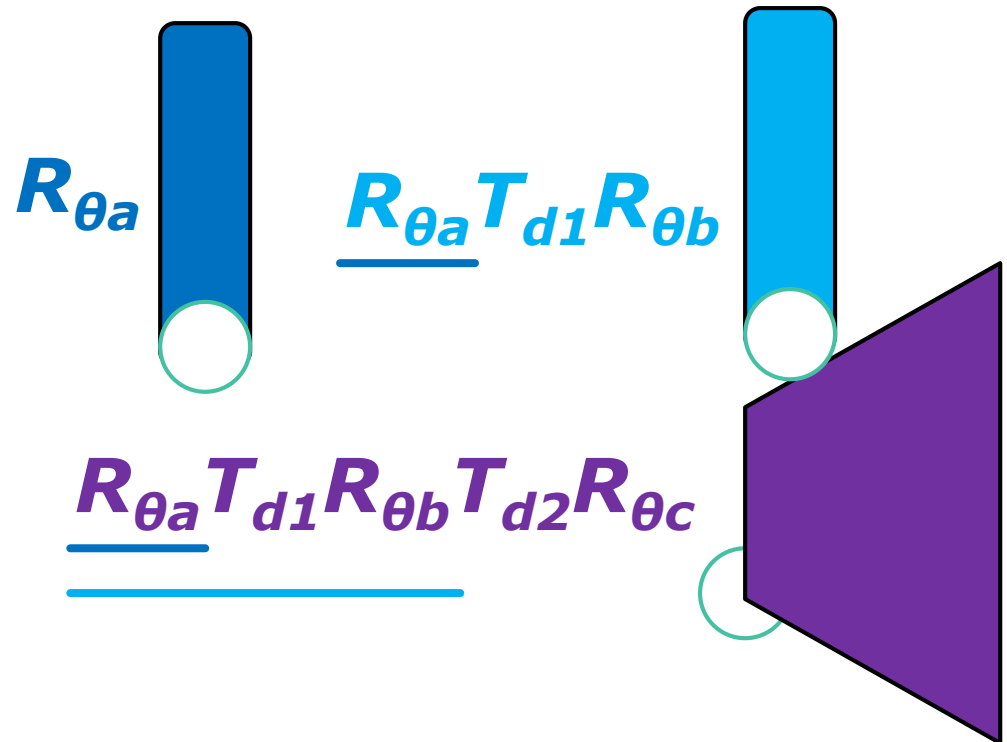
`Mat2 = glm::translate(MatB,  $\mathbf{d}_2$ );`

`MatC = glm::rotate(Mat2,  $\theta_c$ );`

“Pass the MatC”

“Draw the lampshade”

.....



*How to deal with branches?*

# A Modern-OpenGL Example

- Given a box located at the origin,  
What's the result with the following trans?

```
glm::mat4 model = glm::mat4(1.0f);
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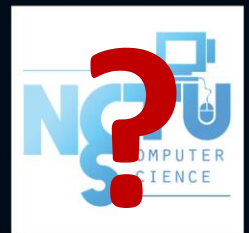
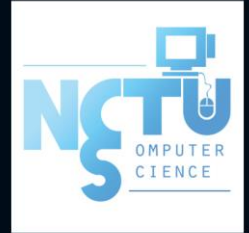
```
model = glm::rotate(model, glm::radians(45.0f), glm::vec3(0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f));
```

```
model = glm::translate(model, glm::vec3(0.0f, 0.8f, 0.0f));
```

```
model = glm::rotate(model, glm::radians(30.0f), glm::vec3(0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f));
```

```
model = glm::scale(model, glm::vec3(0.5f, 0.5f, 0.5f));
```

```
//For all i, BoxPts(i) = model * BoxPts(i)
```



With *glm* lib. `glm::translate( X, vec3) -> X * glm::translate( Identity, vec3 )`

## A Modern-OpenGL Example (cont.)

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*I*

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$m * R_z(45^\circ)$

```
model = glm::translate(model, glm::vec3(0.0f, 0.8f, 0.0f));
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$m * T(0, 0.8, 0)$

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model = glm::rotate(model, glm::radians(30.0f), glm::vec3(0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f));
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$m * R_y(30^\circ)$

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```

$m * S(0.5, 0.5, 0.5)$

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```

$m * BoxPt(i)$

$R_z(45^\circ) * T(0, 0.8, 0) * R_y(30^\circ) * S(0.5, 0.5, 0.5) * BoxPts(i)$

*Direction of instruction execution*



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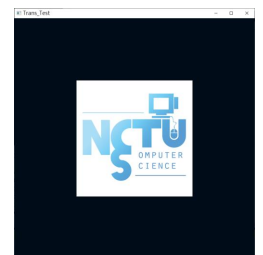
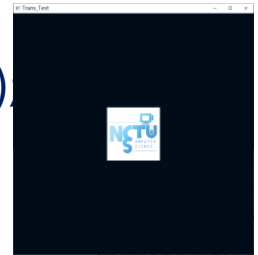
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$S(0.5, 0.5, 0.5) * \text{BoxPt}(i)$

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*You can infer the final pose of the box in this way*



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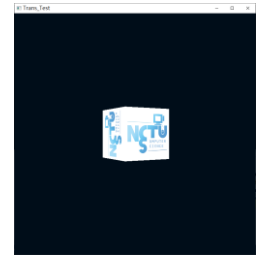
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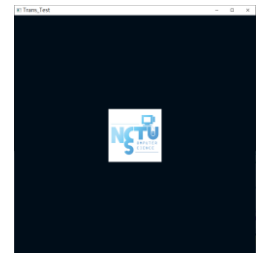
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$R_y(30^\circ) * Pt'(i)$



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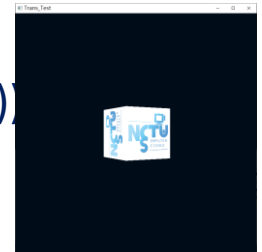
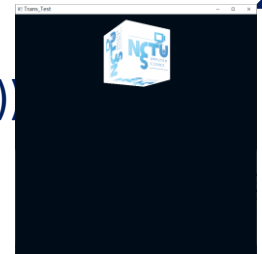
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$$R_z(45^\circ) * Pt'''(i)$$

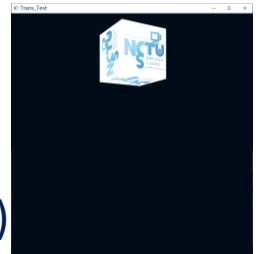
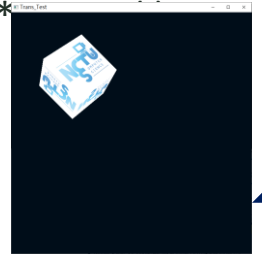
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model = glm::translate(model, glm::vec3(0.0f, 0.8f, 0.0f));
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model = glm::rotate(model, glm::radians(30.0f), glm::vec3(0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f))
```

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model = glm::scale(model, glm::vec3(0.5f, 0.5f, 0.5f));
```

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//For all i, BoxPts(i) = model * BoxPts(i)
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*You can infer the final pose of the box in this way*



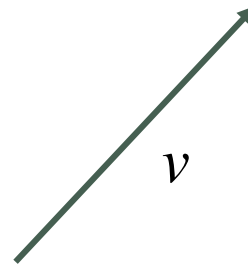
# Appendix

# *Basic Elements*

- ▶ Geometry:
  - ▶ the relationships among objects in an *n-dimensional space*
  - ▶ Computer graphics mainly focuses on *three dimensions*.
- ▶ Want a minimum set of primitives from which we can build more sophisticated objects
- ▶ We will need three basic elements
  - ▶ Scalars
  - ▶ Vectors
  - ▶ Points

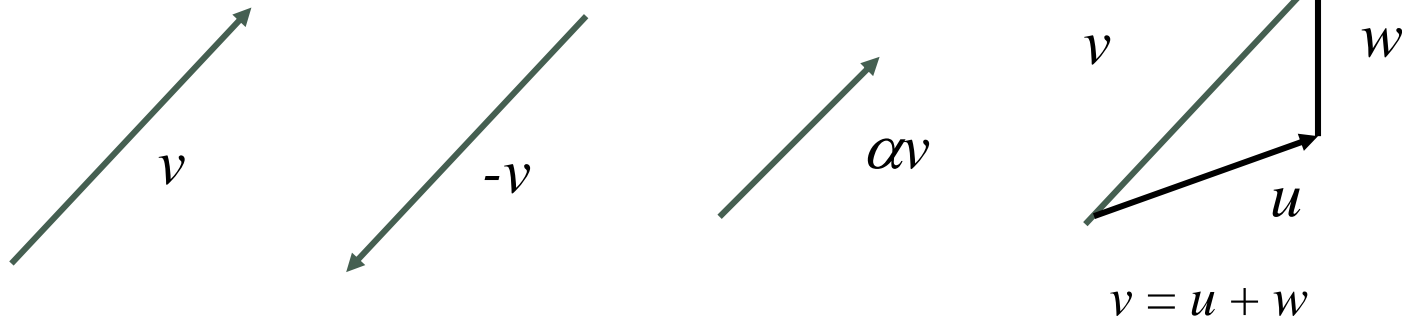
# Vectors

- ▶ Physical definition: a vector is a quantity with two attributes
  - ▶ Direction
  - ▶ Magnitude
- ▶ Examples include
  - ▶ Force
  - ▶ Velocity
  - ▶ Directed line segments
    - ▶ Most important example for graphics
    - ▶ Can map to other types



# Vector Operations

- ▶ Every vector has an inverse
  - ▶ Same magnitude but points in opposite direction
- ▶ Every vector can be multiplied by a scalar
- ▶ There is a zero vector
  - ▶ Zero magnitude, undefined orientation
- ▶ The sum of any two vectors is a vector
  - ▶ Use head-to-tail axiom

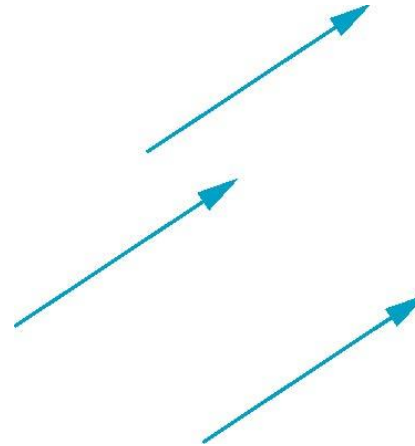


# *Linear Vector Spaces*

- ▶ Mathematical system for manipulating vectors
- ▶ Operations
  - ▶ Scalar-vector multiplication  $u = \alpha v$
  - ▶ Vector-vector addition:  $w = u + v$
- ▶ Expressions such as
$$v = u + 2w - 3r$$
- ▶ Make sense in a vector space

# *Vectors Lack Position*

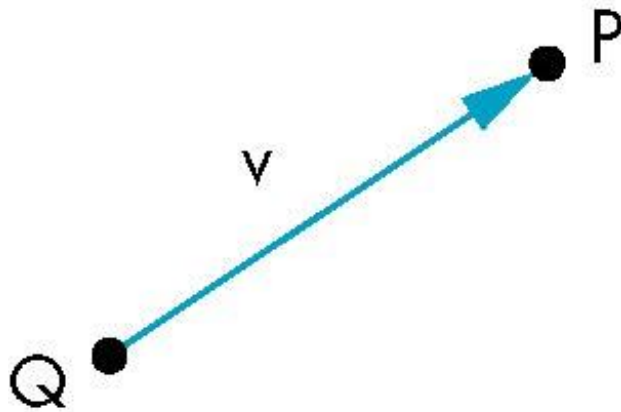
- ▶ These vectors are identical
  - ▶ Same length and magnitude



- ▶ Vectors spaces insufficient for geometry
  - ▶ Need points

# Points

- ▶ Location in space
- ▶ Operations allowed between points and vectors
  - ▶ Point-point subtraction yields a vector
  - ▶ Equivalent to point-vector addition



$$v = P - Q$$

$$P = v + Q$$

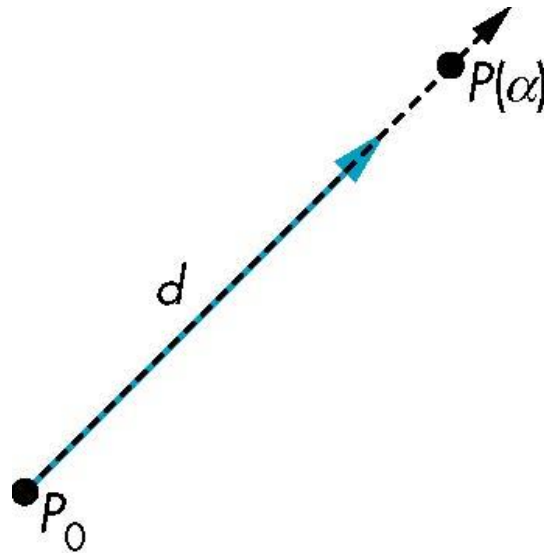


# *Affine Spaces*

- ▶ Point + a vector space
- ▶ Operations
  - ▶ Vector-vector addition
  - ▶ Scalar-vector multiplication
  - ▶ Point-vector addition
  - ▶ Scalar-scalar operations
- ▶ For any point define
  - ▶  $1 \bullet P = P$
  - ▶  $0 \bullet P = \mathbf{0}$  (zero vector)

# Lines

- ▶ Consider all points of the form
  - ▶  $P(\alpha) = P_0 + \alpha \mathbf{d}$
  - ▶ Set of all points that pass through  $P_0$  in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{d}$



# Parametric Form

- ▶ This form is known as the parametric form of the line
  - ▶ More robust and general than other forms
  - ▶ Extends to curves and surfaces
- ▶ Two-dimensional forms
  - ▶ **Explicit:**  $y = mx + h$
  - ▶ **Implicit:**  $ax + by + c = 0$
  - ▶ **Parametric:**
$$x(\alpha) = \alpha x_0 + (1-\alpha)x_1$$
$$y(\alpha) = \alpha y_0 + (1-\alpha)y_1$$

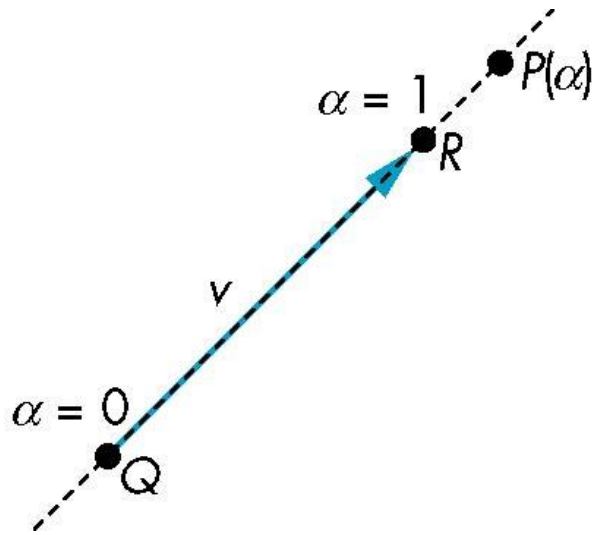
# Rays and Line Segments

►  $\alpha \geq 0$ , ray leaving  $P_0$  in the direction  $\mathbf{d}$

► If we use two points to define  $\mathbf{v}$ , then

$$P(\alpha) = Q + \alpha (R - Q) = Q + \alpha \mathbf{v} = \alpha R + (1 - \alpha)Q$$

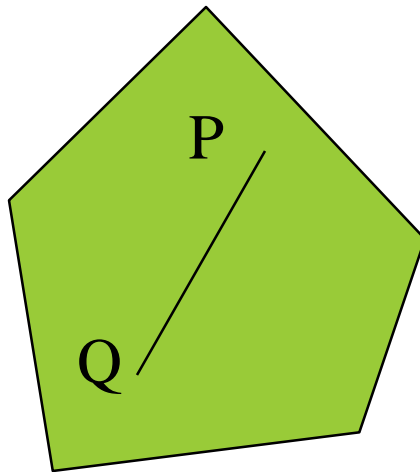
►  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , line segment joining  $R$  and  $Q$



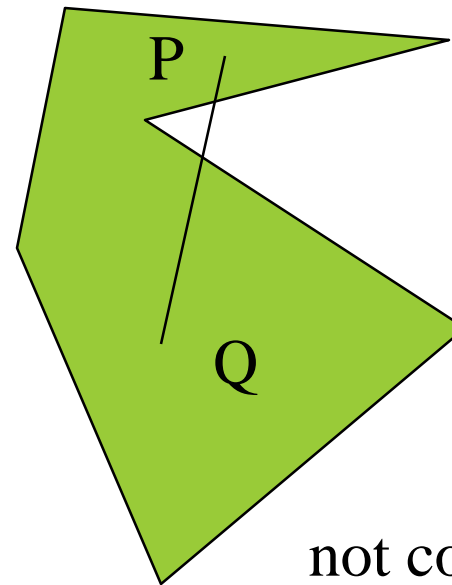
# Convexity

► *Convex* iff:

- for any two points in the object all points on the line segment between these points are also in the object



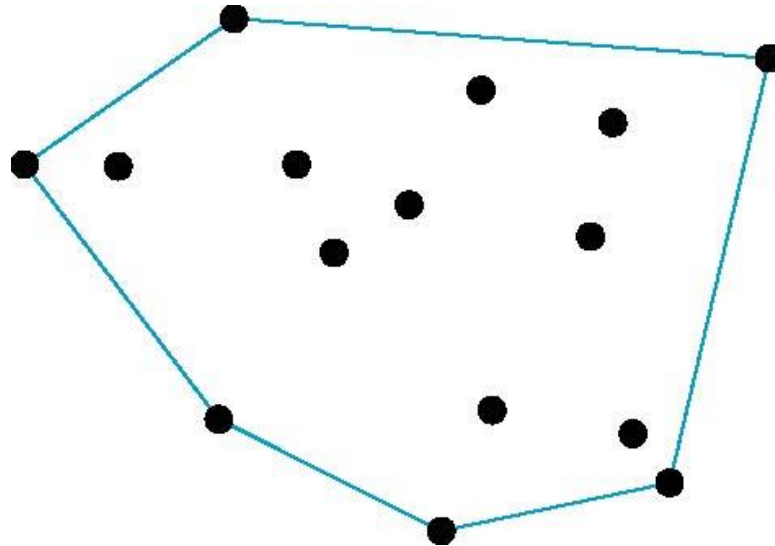
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not convex

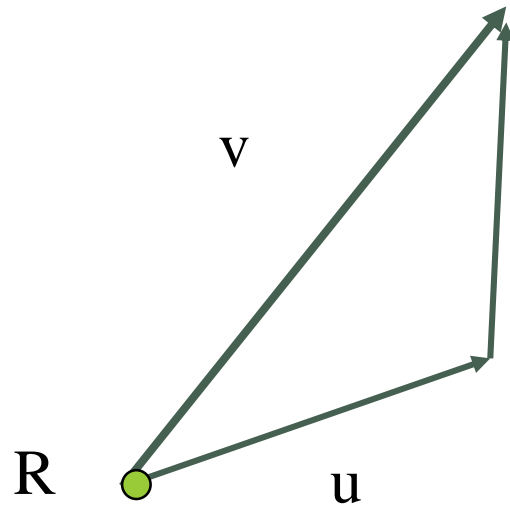
# Convex Hull

- ▶ Smallest convex object containing  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$
- ▶ Formed by “shrink wrapping” points

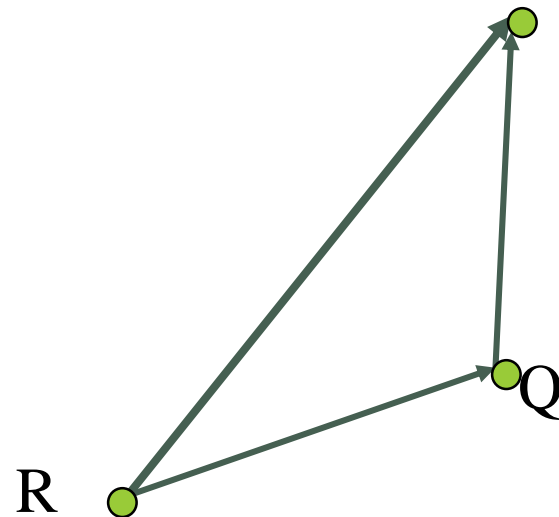


# Planes

- A plane can be defined by a point and two vectors or by three points

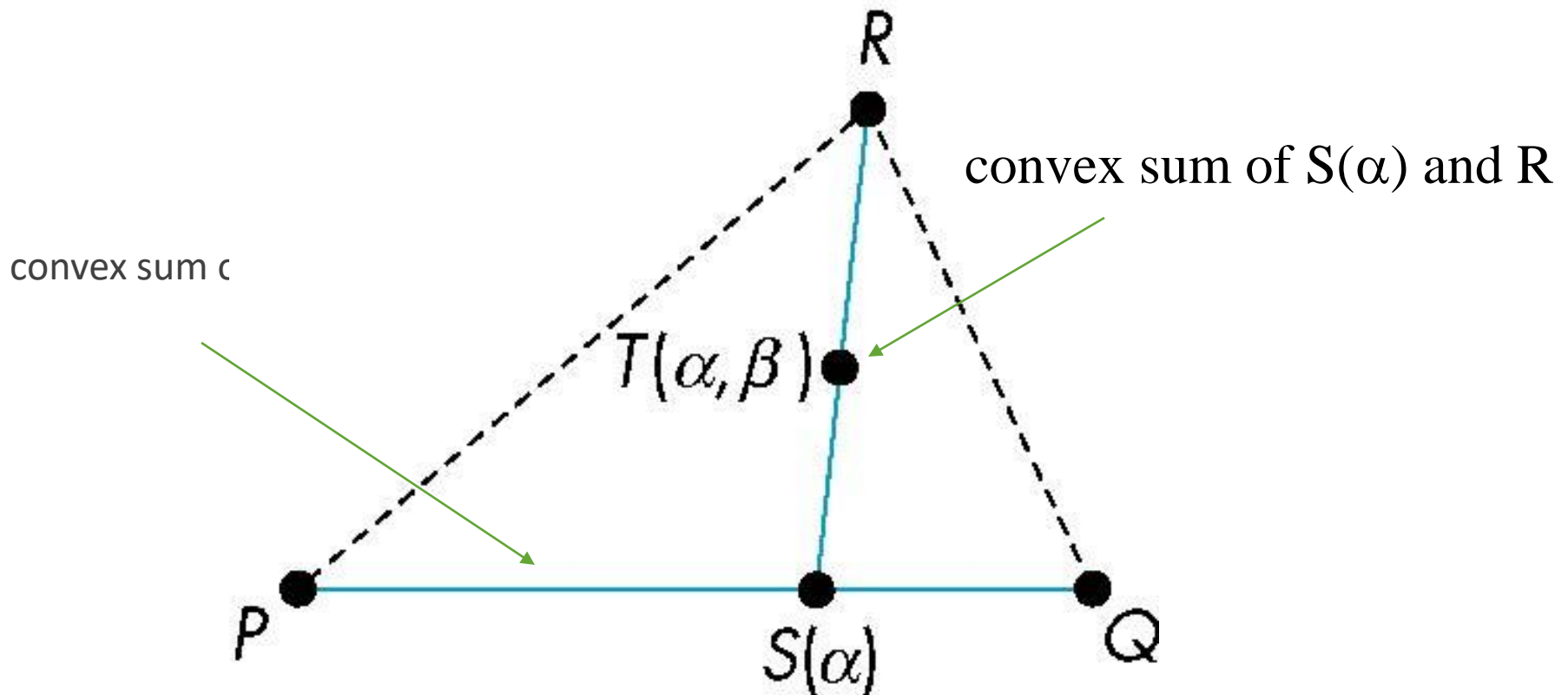


$$P(\alpha, \beta) = R + \alpha u + \beta v$$



$$P(\alpha, \beta) = R + \alpha(Q - R) + \beta(P - Q)$$

# Triangles



for  $0 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 1$ , we get all points in triangle



# *Barycentric Coordinates*

- ▶ Triangle is convex so any point inside can be represented as an affine sum

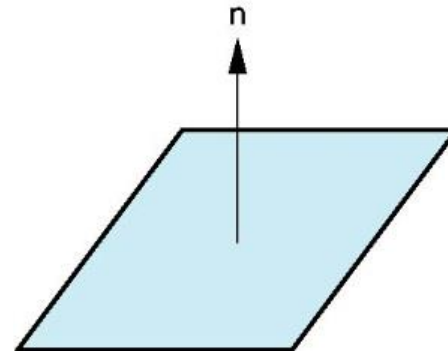
$$P(a_1, a_2, a_3) = a_1P + a_2Q + a_3R$$

where  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1$ , and  $a_i \geq 0$

- ▶ The representation is called the barycentric coordinate representation of P

# Normals

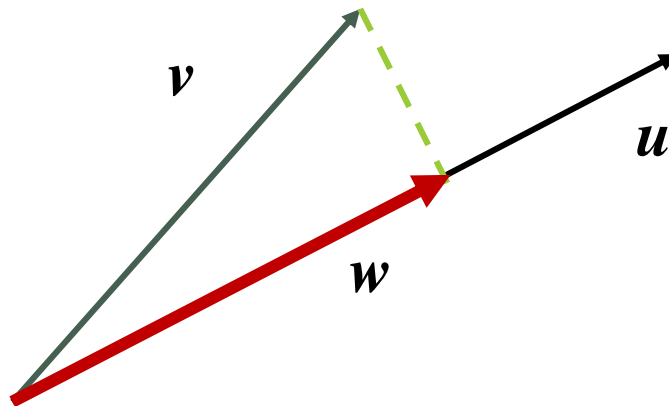
- ▶ Every plane has a vector  $n$  normal (perpendicular, orthogonal) to it
- ▶ From point-two vector form  $P(\alpha, \beta) = R + \alpha u + \beta v$ , we know we can use the cross product to find  $n = u \times v$  and the equivalent form  $(P(\alpha) - P) \cdot n = 0$



# Dot product

- ▶  $u = [x_1, x_2, x_3]^T$
- ▶  $v = [y_1, y_2, y_3]^T$
- ▶  $u \cdot v = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + x_3 y_3 = |u||v|\cos\theta$

- ▶ Projection



$$\begin{aligned} w &= (|v| \cos\theta) \text{unit}(u) \\ &= \left( |v| \frac{u \cdot v}{|u| |v|} \right) \frac{u}{|u|} \\ &= \left( \frac{u \cdot v}{|u|^2} \right) u \end{aligned}$$

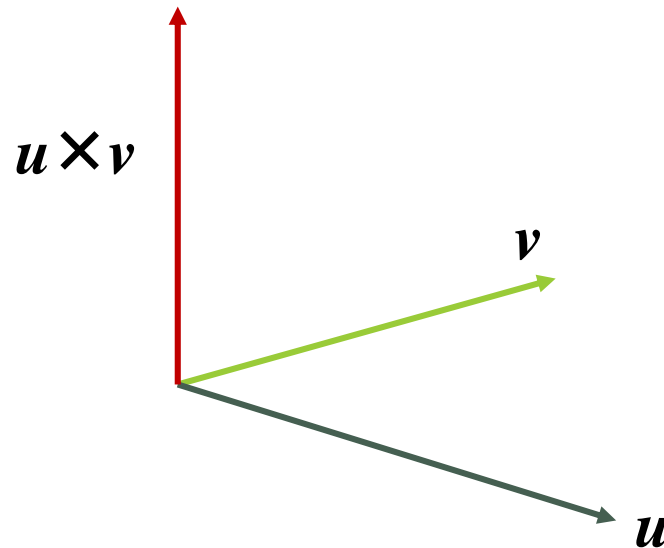
# Cross Product

►  $u = [x_1, x_2, x_3]^T$

►  $v = [y_1, y_2, y_3]^T$

►  $|u \times v| = |u||v|\sin\theta$

$$w = u \times v = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2 \\ x_3 y_1 - x_1 y_3 \\ x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Linear Independence

- ▶ A set of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is *linearly independent* if
$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0 \text{ iff } \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = 0$$
- ▶ If a set of vectors is linearly independent, we cannot represent one in terms of the others
- ▶ If a set of vectors is linearly dependent, at least one can be written in terms of the others

# Dimension

## ► Dimension of a space

- In a vector space, the maximum number of linearly independent vectors is fixed

## ► Basis

- In an  $n$ -dimensional space, any set of  $n$  linearly independent vectors form a *basis* for the space

## ► Given a basis $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ , any vector $v$ can be written as

$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

where the  $\{\alpha_i\}$  are unique

# *Representation*

- ▶ Need a frame of reference to relate points and objects to our physical world.
  - ▶ For example, where is a point? Can't answer without a reference system
  - ▶ World coordinates
  - ▶ Camera coordinates

# Coordinate Systems

- ▶ Consider a basis  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$
- ▶ A vector is written  $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$
- ▶ The list of scalars  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is the *representation* of  $v$  with respect to the given basis
- ▶ We can write the representation as a row or column array of scalars

$$\mathbf{a} = [\alpha_1 \quad \alpha_2 \quad \dots \quad \alpha_n]^T = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}$$



## *Example*

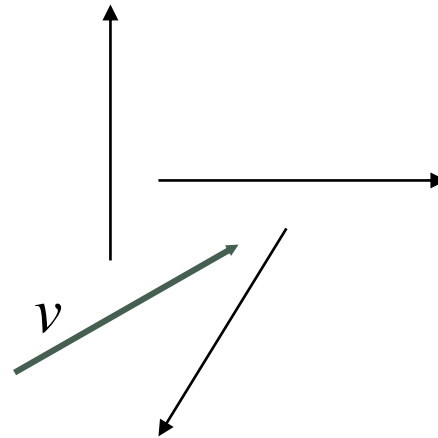
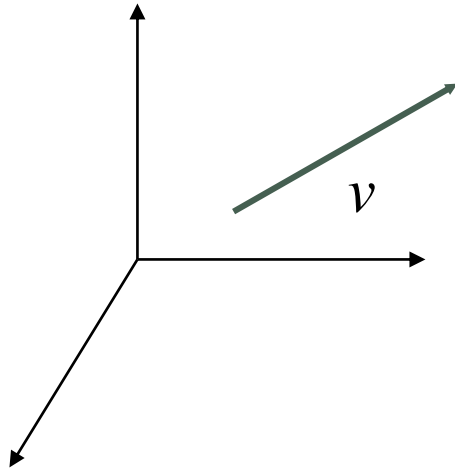
►  $v = 2v_1 + 3v_2 - 4v_3$

►  $\mathbf{a} = [2 \ 3 \ -4]^T$

► Note that this representation is with respect to a particular basis

# Coordinate Systems

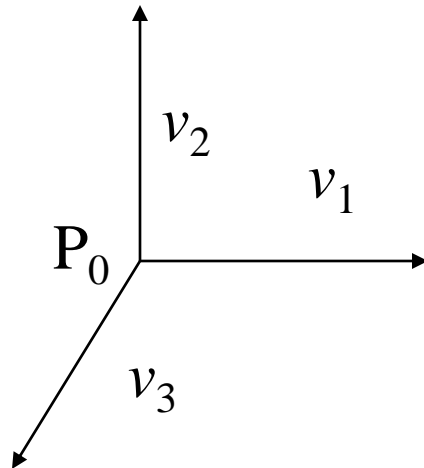
► Which is correct?



► Both are because vectors have no fixed location

# Frames

- ▶ A coordinate system is insufficient to represent points
- ▶ If we work in an affine space we can add a single point, the *origin*, to the basis vectors to form a *frame*



## *Representation in a Frame*

- ▶ Frame determined by  $(P_0, v_1, v_2, v_3)$
- ▶ Within this frame, every vector can be written as

$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

- ▶ Every point can be written as

$$P = P_0 + \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_n v_n$$

# Confusing Points and Vectors

Consider the point and the vector

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_0 + \beta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \beta_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

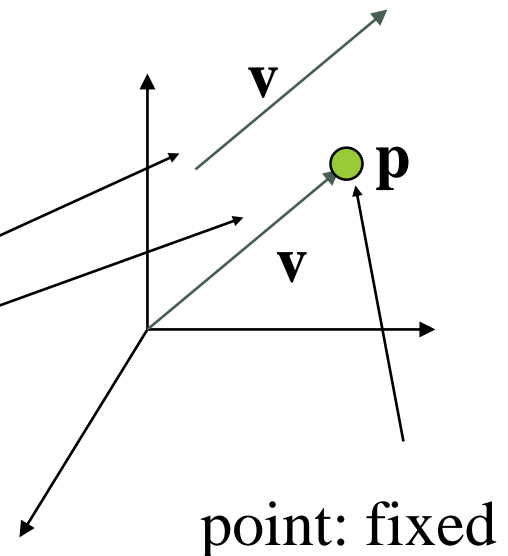
$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

They appear to have the similar representations

$$\mathbf{p} = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3]$$

$$\mathbf{v} = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3]$$

Vector can be placed anywhere



point: fixed

## *A Single Representation*

► If we define  $0 \bullet P = \mathbf{0}$  and  $1 \bullet P = P$  then we can write

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \alpha_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3 \ 0] [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3 \ P_0]^T$$

$$P = P_0 + \beta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \beta_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3 \ 1] [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3 \ P_0]^T$$

► Thus we obtain the four-dimensional homogeneous coordinate representation

$$\mathbf{v} = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3 \ 0]^T$$

$$\mathbf{p} = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3 \ 1]^T$$

# Homogeneous Coordinates

- ▶ A three dimensional point  $[x \ y \ z]$  is given as

$$\mathbf{p} = [x' \ y' \ z' \ w]^T = [wx \ wy \ wz \ w]^T$$

- ▶ We return to a three dimensional point (for  $w \neq 0$ ) by

$$x = x'/w ; y = y'/w ; z = z'/w$$

- ▶ If  $w=0$ , a vector.
- ▶ Homogeneous coordinates replaces points in three dimensions by lines through the origin in four dimensions.

# Homogeneous Coordinates and Computer Graphics

- ▶ Homogeneous coordinates are key to all computer graphics systems
  - ▶ All standard transformations (rotation, translation, scaling) can be implemented with matrix multiplications using 4 x 4 matrices
  - ▶ Hardware pipeline works with 4 dimensional representations
  - ▶ For orthographic viewing, we can maintain  $w=0$  for vectors and  $w=1$  for points
  - ▶ For perspective we need a *perspective division*



# *Change of Coordinate Systems*

- Consider two representations of a the same vector with respect to two different bases. The representations are

$$\mathbf{a} = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3]$$

$$\mathbf{b} = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3]$$

where

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \alpha_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3] [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3]^T$$

$$= \beta_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \beta_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \beta_3 \mathbf{u}_3 = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3] [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \mathbf{u}_3]^T$$

## *Representing second basis in terms of first*

- Each of the basis vectors,  $u_1, u_2, u_3$ , are vectors that can be represented in terms of the first basis

$$u_1 = \gamma_{11}v_1 + \gamma_{12}v_2 + \gamma_{13}v_3$$

$$u_2 = \gamma_{21}v_1 + \gamma_{22}v_2 + \gamma_{23}v_3$$

$$u_3 = \gamma_{31}v_1 + \gamma_{32}v_2 + \gamma_{33}v_3$$

