

# Game Engine Development

## Chapter 5 3D Math for Games

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# Topics

- Math for games
  - New Unity Mathematics
  - Points and Vectors
  - Matrices
  - Quaternions
  - Comparison of rotational representations
  - Other useful math objects
  - Hardware-accelerated SIMD Math
  - Random Number Generation

# What is Unity.Mathematics

- Shader/SIMD math library
- Implements vector and matrix types:
  - floatN, quaternion
  - Float3x3, float4x4
- And some elementary functions:
  - Min, max, fabs, etc
  - Sin, cos, sqrt, normalize, dot, cross, etc

# When to use Unity.Mathematics

- Data Oriented Technology Stack (DOTS)
  - Entity package
  - Unity.Physics package
  - Burst is aware of Unity.Mathematics
- Determinism (future)
  - Compute a floating number in different platforms
  - Arm or Intel CPU creates different floating point!
  - You can deterministically generate the same floating point across different platforms (Very important in multiplayer in networking).
- Performance (more on this later)

# When not to use Unity Mathematics

- Reliance on extremely specific behavior
- Using `UnityEngine.Mathf` functions with no clear equivalent
- Dependence on some libraries that expect `Vector3/Matrix4x4`

# How do I use Unity.Mathematics?

- Make sure it's installed?
- Window → Package Manager → mathematics
- In your code:
  - Using Unity.Mathematics

# Componentwise Vector Multiply

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# Quaternions

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# Generating Random Numbers

Wolfram Random Number Class

Generate, independent, Random Walk

Generate, Random Range, .g .g

Wolfram Random Number Unit Distribution

Continuous, discrete, and set of random numbers generated

Unit, independent, Random, Unit Distribution, Random

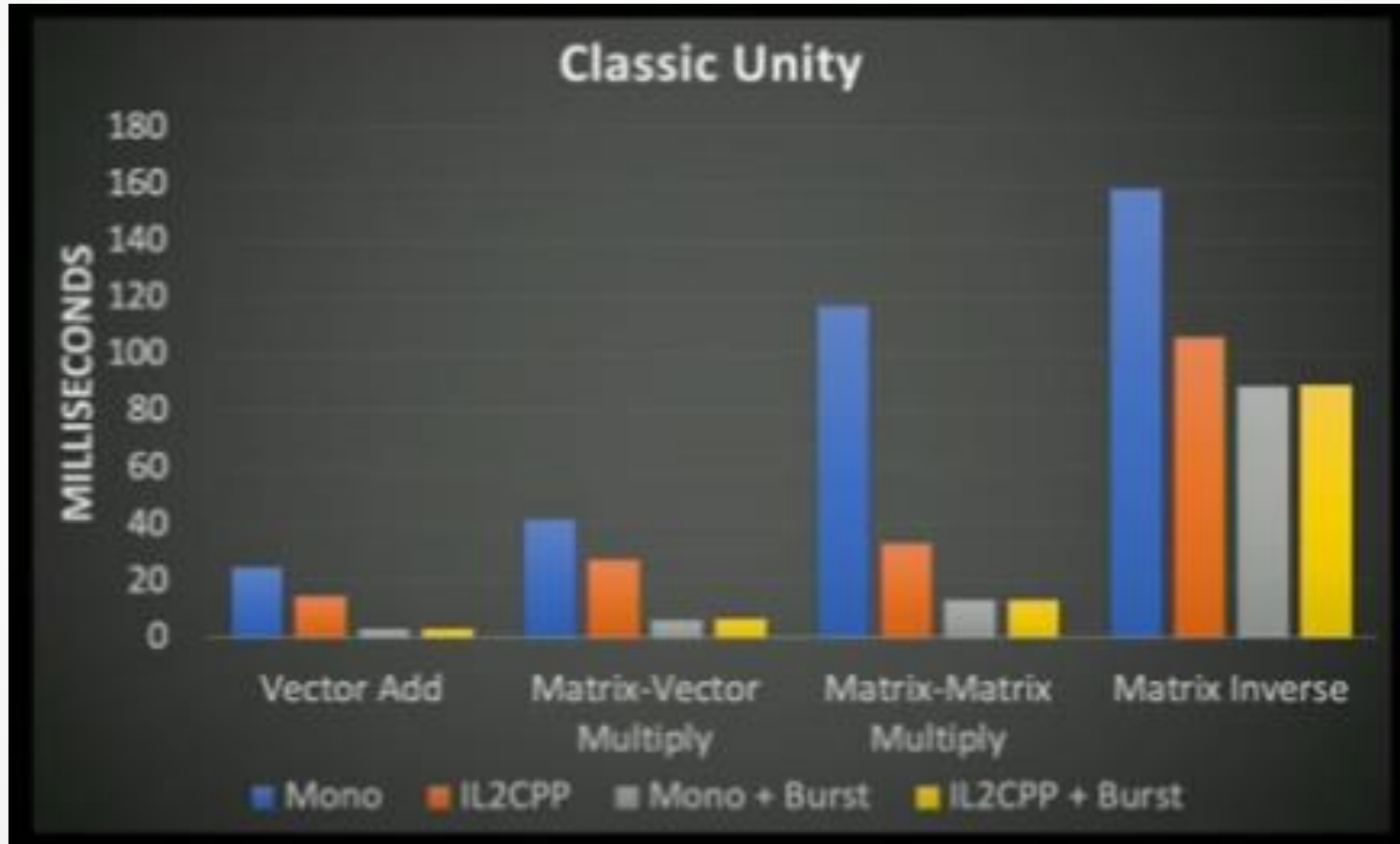
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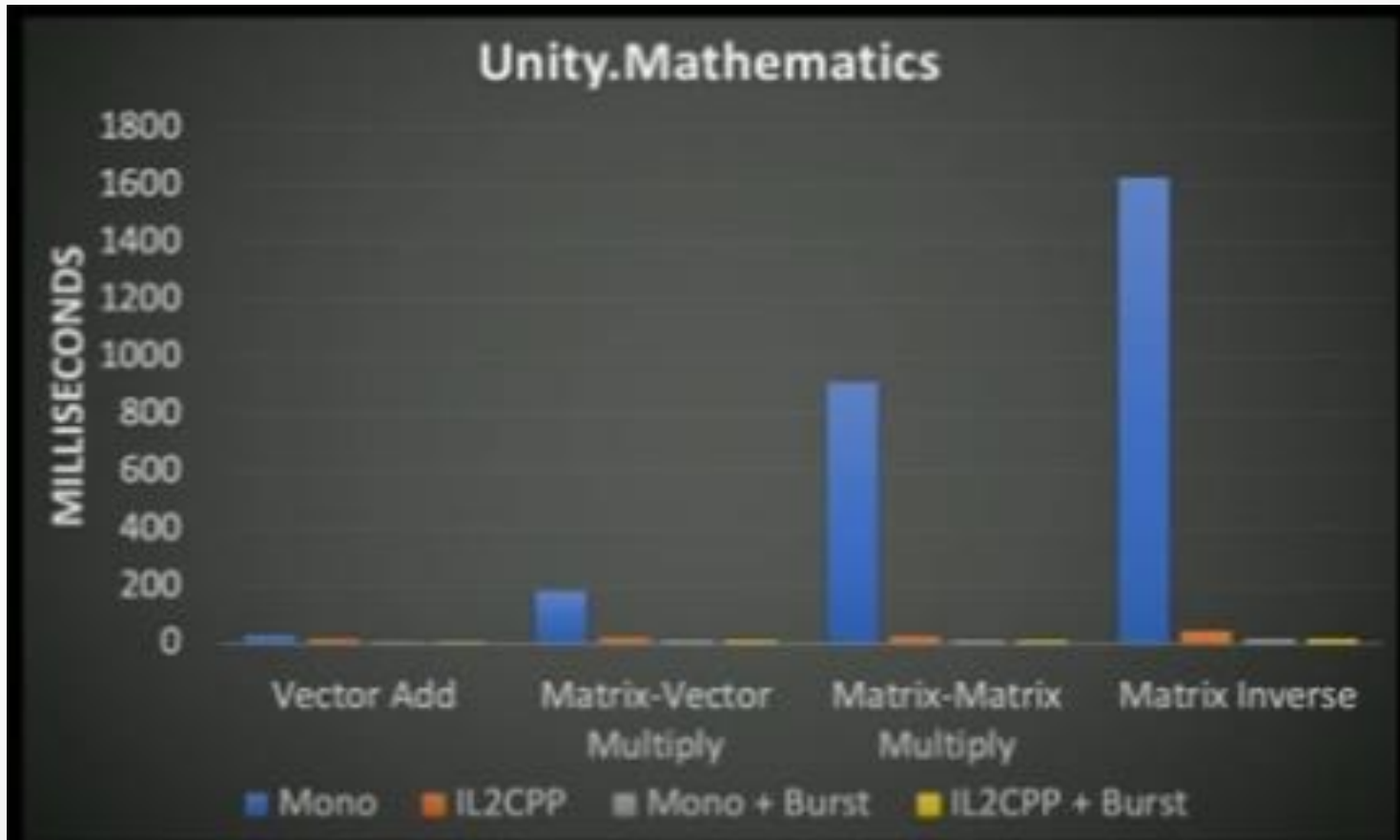
# Performance

- 1,000,000 of the following:
  - Vector 4 additions
  - Matrix4x4, Vector4 multiplies
  - Matrix4x4, Matrix4x4 multiples
  - Matrix4x4 inverse
- Mono, IL2CPP, Burst
- How does classic Unity fare?

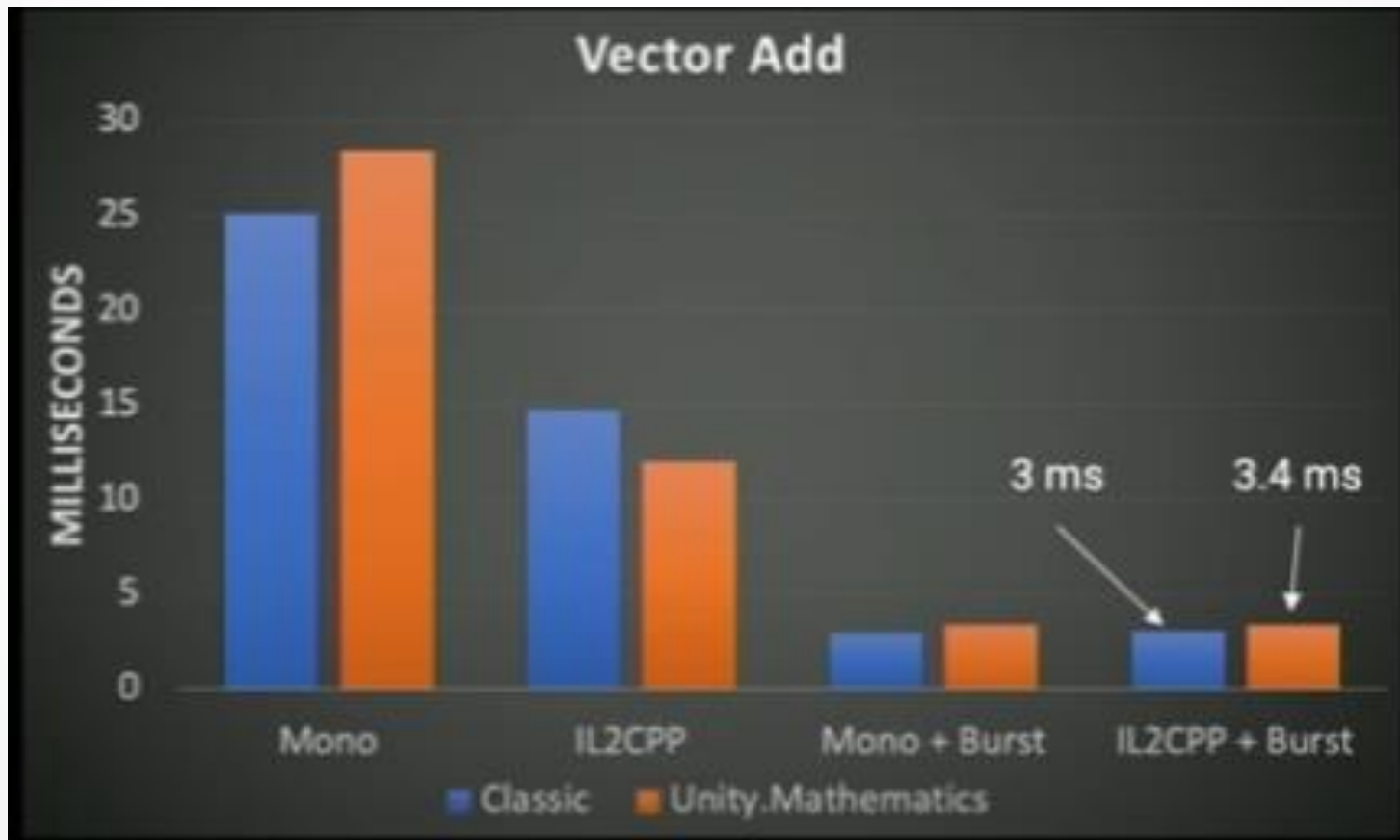
# Performance: Classic Unity



# Unity Mathematics

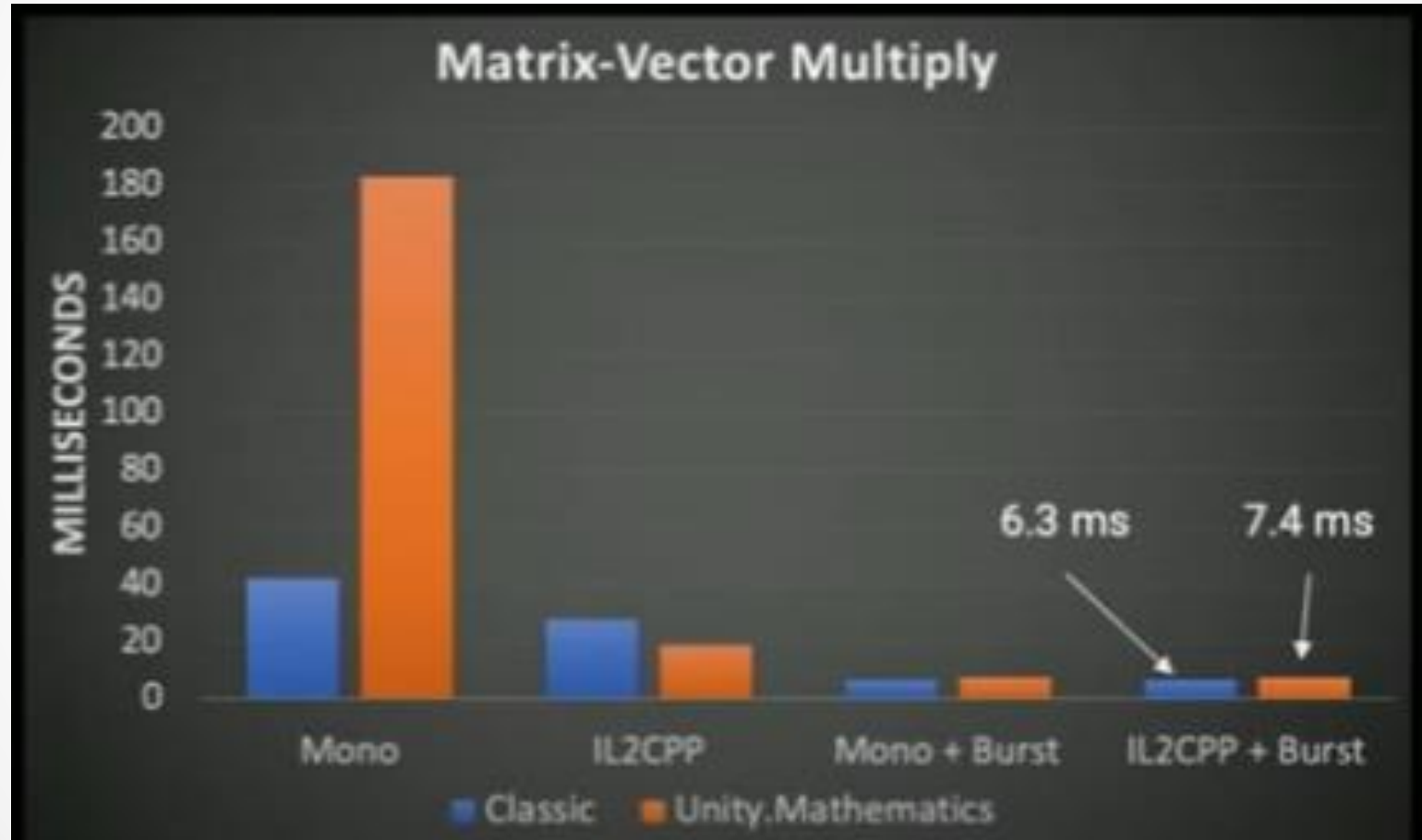


# Vector Add





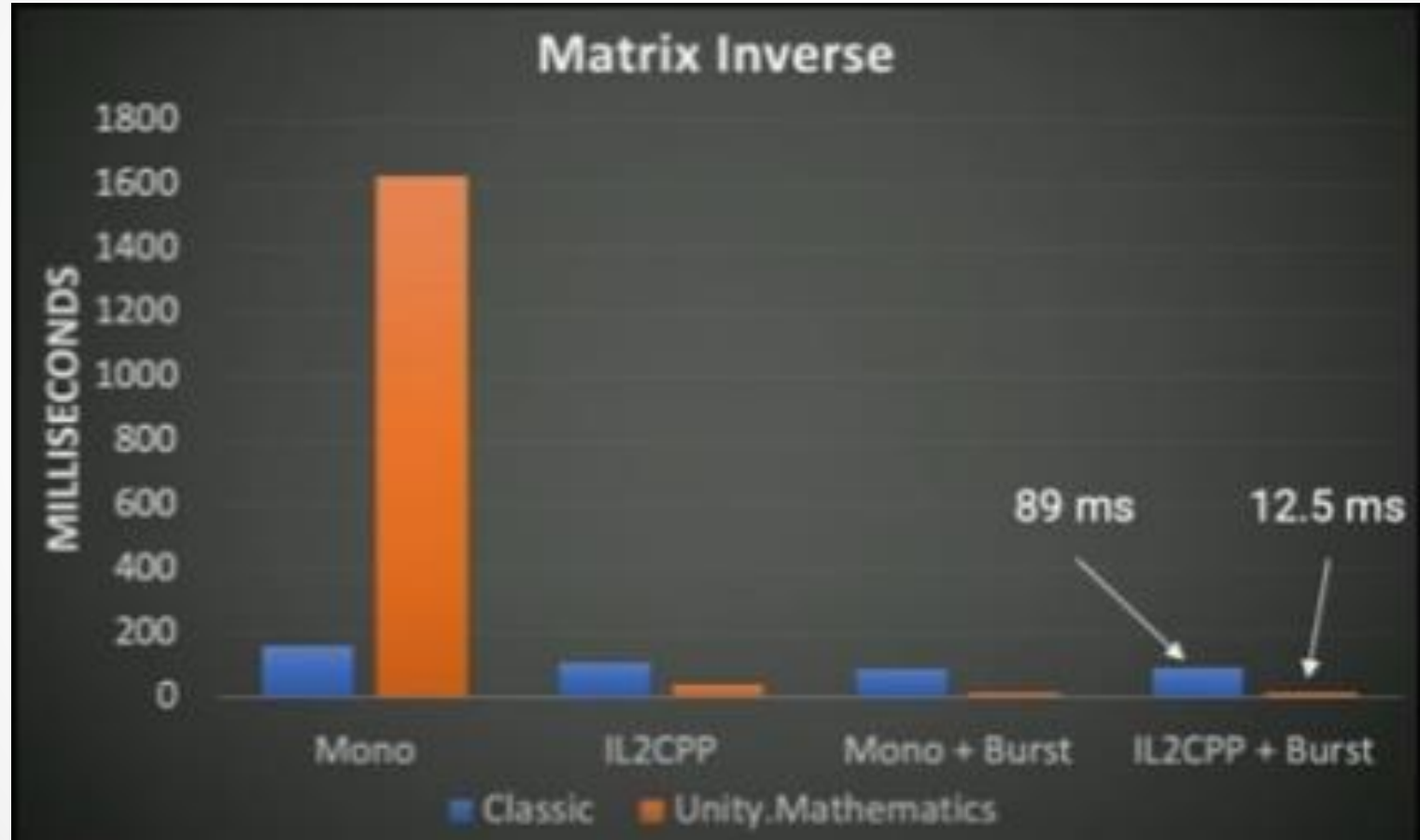
# Matrix-Vector Multiply



# Matrix-Matrix Multiply



# Matrix Inverse

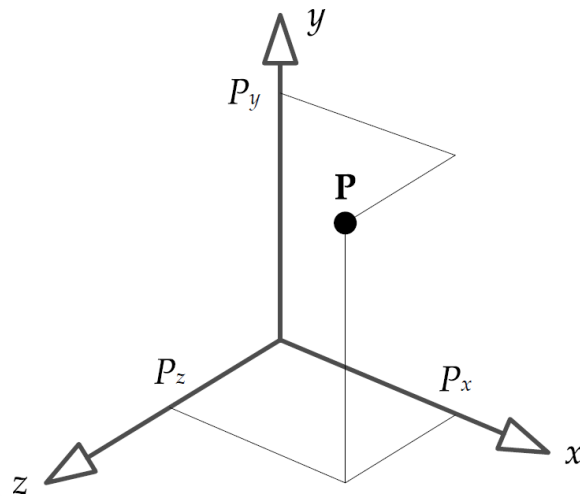


# 2D as a Start

- Most operations in 3D also make sense in 2D
- Always use 2D as a basis, it'll help

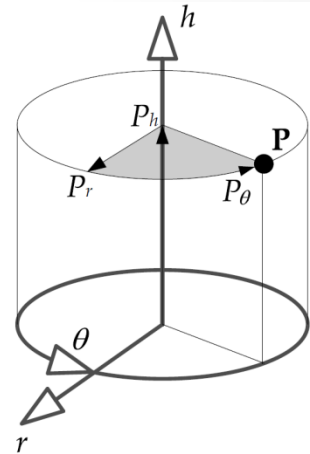
# Points and vectors

- A point is a location in n-dimensional space
- Usually represented in Cartesian space
  - Two or three mutually perpendicular axes
  - A point is a triple of numbers  $(P_x, P_y, P_z)$

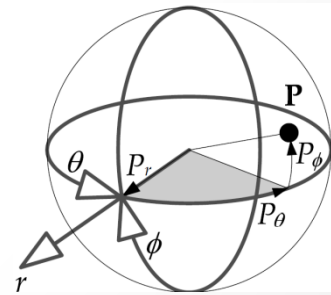


# Other systems

- Cylindrical
  - Employs a height axis ( $h$ ), a radial axis ( $r$ ), and a yaw angle ( $\theta$ )
  - Points represented as  $(P_h, P_r, P_\theta)$



- Spherical
  - Pitch( $\phi$ ), yaw( $\theta$ ), and radial ( $r$ )
  - Points represented as  $(P_r, P_\phi, P_\theta)$

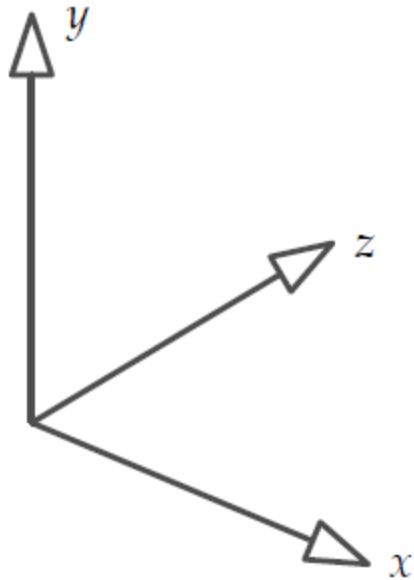


# Picking a system

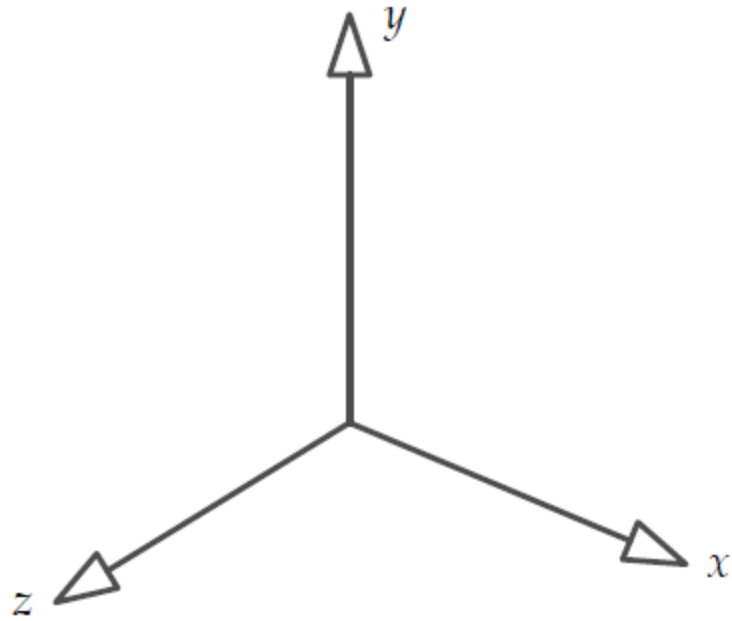
- Most people use Cartesian
- Sometimes it is easier to use something else
  - Swirling objects around a character are easier in cylindrical
  - Explosions may be easier in spherical

# Left vs Right

- When using Cartesian coordinates, you get to choose either left or right handed coordinate systems



**Left-Handed**



**Right-Handed**



# Left vs Right

- Converting is easy, flip the direction of any one axis.
- Graphics programmers typically pick left-handed with y pointing up, x to the right, and z pointing into the screen
- Helps with z-buffering

# Vectors

- Vector have
  - Magnitude
  - Direction
- Extend from the tail toward the head
- Differs from a scalar because of the direction
- Technically represents an offset relative to a known point
- Can be used to represent a point if it is relative to the origin
  - Called a position vector versus direction vector

# Basis Vectors

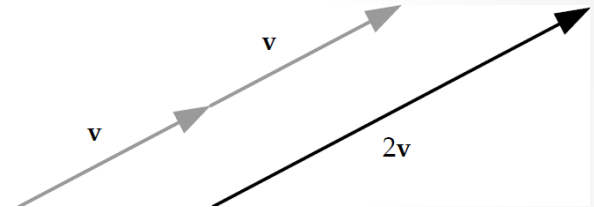
- Sometimes useful to define orthogonal unit vectors
  - **i** is along the x-axis
  - **j** is along the y-axis
  - **k** is along the z-axis
- Can now represent points as the sum of scalars multiplied by the unit vectors

$$(5, 3, -2) = 5\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

# Vector Operations

- Multiply by a scalar - scales the magnitude without affecting direction

$$s\mathbf{a} = (sa_x, sa_y, sa_z)$$



- Non-uniform scaling

$$\mathbf{s} \otimes \mathbf{a} = (s_x a_x, s_y a_y, s_z a_z)$$

$$a\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x s_x & a_y s_y & a_z s_z \end{bmatrix}$$

# Vector operations

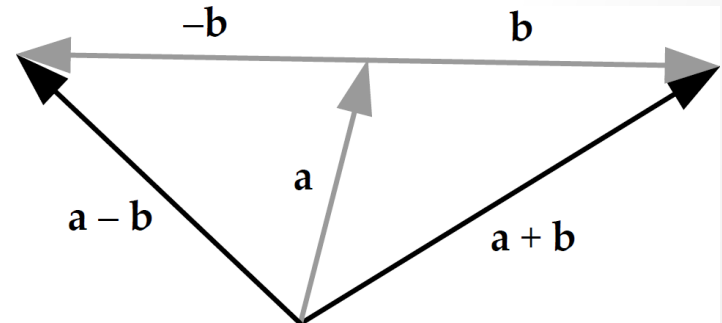
- Addition and Subtraction

$$a + b = [(a_x + b_x), (a_y + b_y), (a_z + b_z)]$$

$$a - b = [(a_x - b_x), (a_y - b_y), (a_z - b_z)]$$

- Points and directions

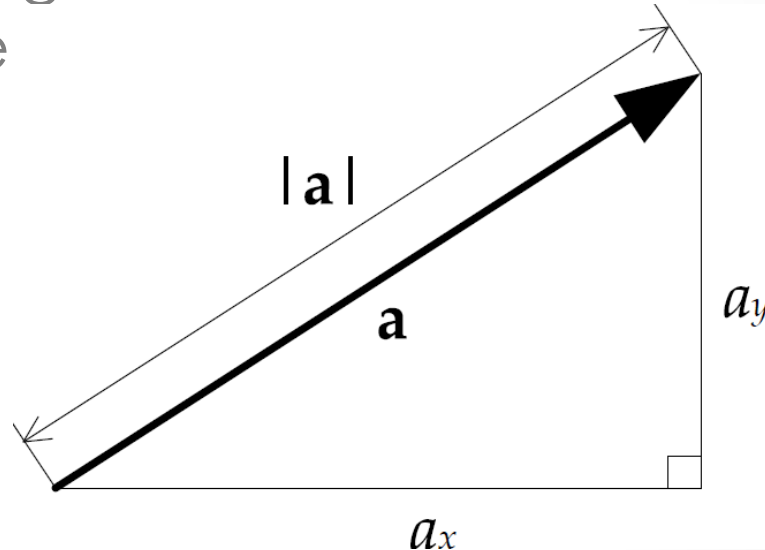
- direction + direction = direction
- direction - direction = direction
- point + direction = point
- point - point = direction
- point + point = crap



# Vector Operations

- Calculating magnitude – think of it as distance
- We can use the Pythagorean theorem to calculate a vector's magnitude

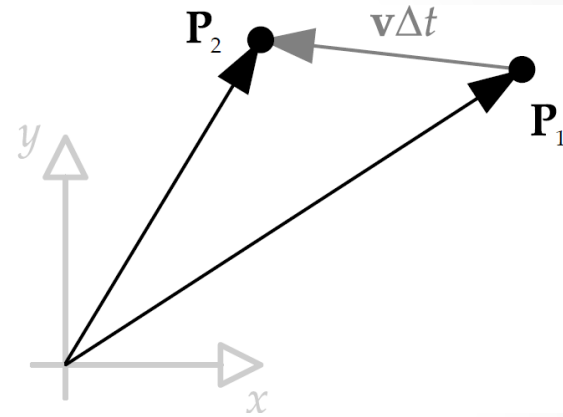
$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2}$$



# Use of Vector Operations

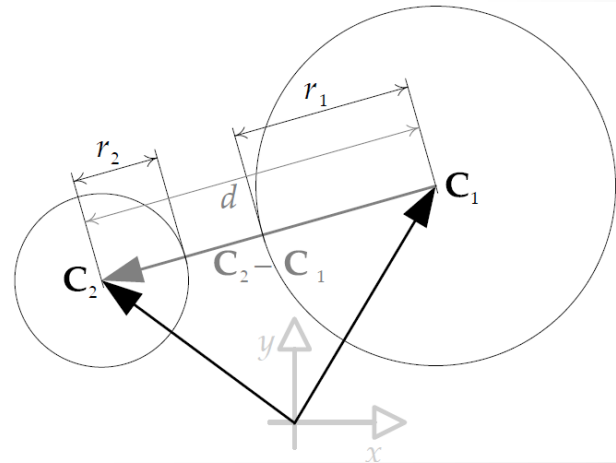
- Moving objects

- $\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{v}\Delta t$



- Object collision

- if  $d < r_1 + r_2$  then they collide
  - Faster to compare  $d^2 < (r_1 + r_2)^2$



# Unit Vectors

- Sometimes you need a unit length vector in the same direction as the original – called normalization, not a normal vector  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{1}{v} \mathbf{v}$
- A vector is said to be *normal* to a surface if it is *perpendicular* to that surface.
- Lighting calculations make heavy use of normal vectors to define the direction of surfaces relative to the direction of the light rays.
- Normal vectors are usually of unit length



# DOT product

- Add the components of the vector

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z$$

- Also written as

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos(\theta)$$

- It is commutative, distributive, and works with scalar multiplication

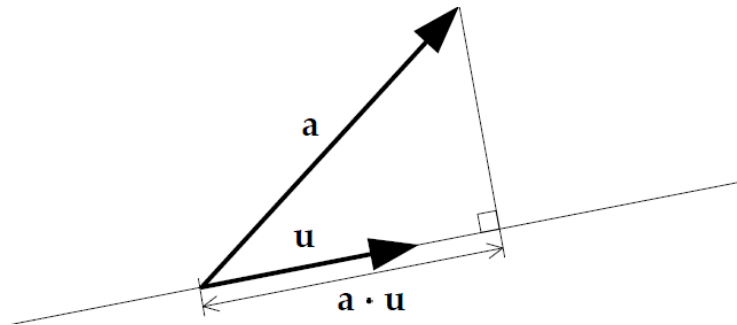
$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$$

$$s\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot s\mathbf{b} = s(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})$$

# Vector Projection

- If  $\mathbf{u}$  is a unit vector:  $|\mathbf{u}| = 1$
- then the dot product of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  represents the length of the projection of  $\mathbf{a}$  onto  $\mathbf{u}$



# Magnitude

- You can use the dot product to find the magnitude as well

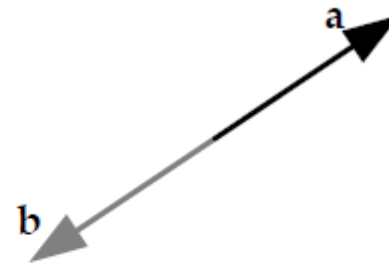
$$|\mathbf{a}|^2 = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}$$

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}}$$

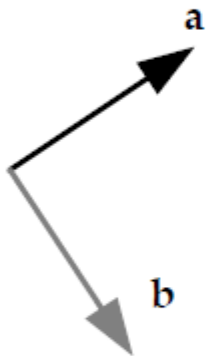
# Useful Dot Product Tests



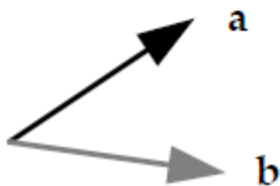
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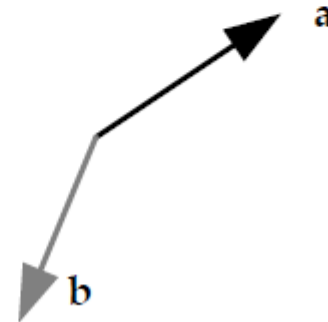
$$(a \cdot b) = -ab$$



$$(a \cdot b) = 0$$



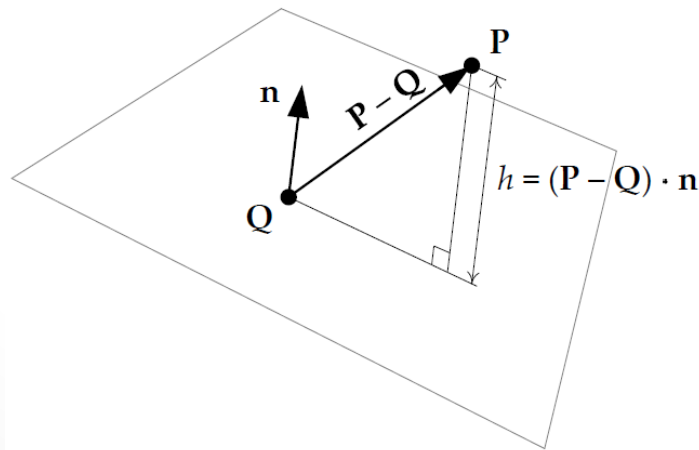
$$(a \cdot b) > 0$$



$$(a \cdot b) < 0$$

# Other applications

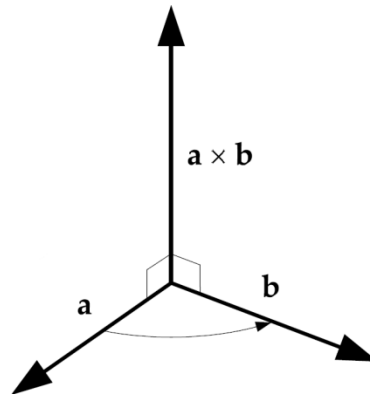
- Visibility – can player P see enemy E
  - $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{P}$  gives the relative position of E in relation to P
  - if  $\mathbf{f}$  is the facing vector of P then when  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{f}$  is negative E is behind P
- If we define a plane as a point  $\mathbf{Q}$  and a normal  $\mathbf{n}$  then we can find the height  $h$  of a point P above the plane using projection



# Cross Product

- Yields another vector that is perpendicular to the vectors being multiplied

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = [(a_y b_z - a_z b_y), (a_z b_x - a_x b_z), (a_x b_y - a_y b_x)]$$
$$= (a_y b_z - a_z b_y)\mathbf{i} + (a_z b_x - a_x b_z)\mathbf{j} + (a_x b_y - a_y b_x)\mathbf{k}$$

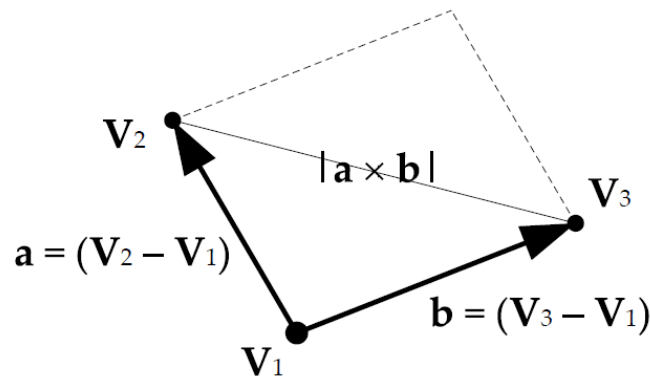


# Magnitude of X-product

- Magnitude of the cross product is the area of the parallelogram formed by the two vectors

$$|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|\sin(\theta)$$

$$A_{triangle} = \frac{1}{2} |(\mathbf{V}_2 - \mathbf{V}_1) \times (\mathbf{V}_3 - \mathbf{V}_1)|$$



# Properties of the cross product

- It is not commutative

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$$

- It is anti-commutative

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$$

- Distributive over addition

$$\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c})$$

- Combine with scalar multiplication

$$(s\mathbf{a}) \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \times (s\mathbf{b}) = s(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$$

- Cartesian basis vector are related by cross product

$$(\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j}) = \mathbf{k}$$

$$(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{i}$$

$$(\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i}) = \mathbf{j}$$



# Uses of the cross product

- Finding a vector that is perpendicular to two other vectors
- Finding the normal vector to a plane

$$\mathbf{n} = \text{normalize}((\mathbf{P}_2 - \mathbf{P}_1) \times (\mathbf{P}_3 - \mathbf{P}_1))$$

- Calculate torque
  - Given a force  $\mathbf{F}$  and a vector  $\mathbf{r}$  from the center of mass the torque is

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$$

# Pseudovectors

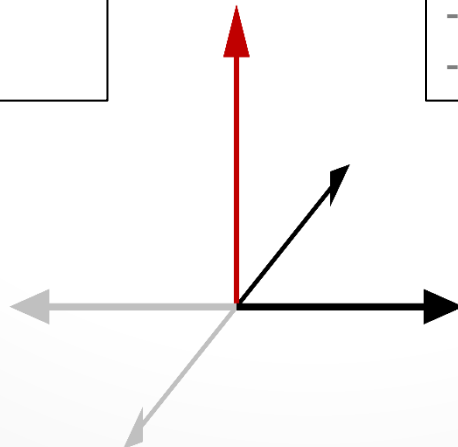
- Cross product doesn't actually produce a vector
  - Creates a pseudovector
- Difference is quite subtle – only apparent on reflection
  - Vectors reflect to mirror image
  - Pseudovectors reflect to mirror image, but also change direction

## Vectors

- Position
- Velocity
- Acceleration

## Pseudovectors

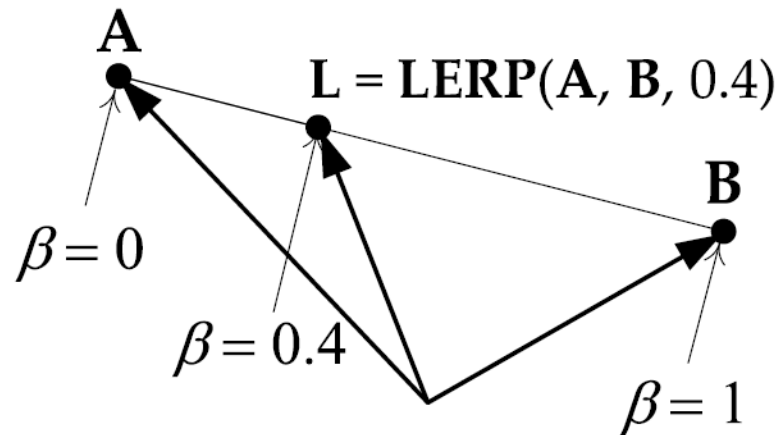
- Angular velocity
- Magnetic fields
- Normals to a surface



# LERP

- A simple linear interpolation between 2 points  
( $\beta$  ranges from 0 to 1)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L} &= \text{LERP}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \beta) = (1 - \beta)\mathbf{A} + \beta\mathbf{B} \\ &= [(1 - \beta)\mathbf{A}_x + \beta\mathbf{B}_x, (1 - \beta)\mathbf{A}_y + \beta\mathbf{B}_y, (1 - \beta)\mathbf{A}_z + \beta\mathbf{B}_z] \end{aligned}$$



# Matrices

- A matrix is a rectangular array of  $m \times n$  scalars

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} \\ M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- They are convenient for representing translation, rotation, and scale operations
- When all rows and columns are of unit magnitude it is called isotropic or orthonormal – represent pure rotations

# 4x4 Matrix

- Sometimes 4x4 matrices are used to represent 3D transformations
  - They call them transformation matrices
- Affine matrix is a 4 x 4 transformation matrix that
  - Preserves parallelism of line
  - Relative distance ratio
  - Not necessarily absolute lengths and angles
- Affine matrix is any combination of translation, rotations, scale or shear

# Matrix Multiplication

- The product of two matrices is written as  $\mathbf{P}=\mathbf{AB}$ , if  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are transformation matrices then so is  $\mathbf{P}$
- Multiplication is done by taking the dot products of the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$ . The inner dimensions must be the same  $n_A=m_B$ .

# Multiplication

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{AB}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} = A_{row1} \cdot B_{col1} & P_{12} = A_{row1} \cdot B_{col2} & P_{13} = A_{row1} \cdot B_{col3} \\ P_{21} = A_{row2} \cdot B_{col1} & P_{22} = A_{row2} \cdot B_{col2} & P_{23} = A_{row2} \cdot B_{col3} \\ P_{31} = A_{row3} \cdot B_{col1} & P_{32} = A_{row3} \cdot B_{col2} & P_{33} = A_{row3} \cdot B_{col3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$$

# Points and Vectors as Matrices

- Can represent points or vectors as row matrices (1 x n) or column matrices (n x 1)
- For example  $\mathbf{v} = (3, 4, -1)$  can be

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = [3 \quad 4 \quad -1]$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{v}_1^T$$



# Vector X Matrix

- If multiplying a row vector ( $1 \times n$ ) by an  $n \times n$  matrix, the vector appears on the left

$$\mathbf{v}'_{1 \times n} = \mathbf{v}_{1 \times n} \mathbf{M}_{n \times n}$$

- If multiplying an  $n \times n$  matrix by a column vector ( $n \times 1$ ) the vector appears on the right

$$\mathbf{v}'_{n \times 1} = \mathbf{M}_{n \times n} \mathbf{v}_{n \times 1}$$

- $\mathbf{v}' = \left( ((v\mathbf{A})\mathbf{B})\mathbf{C} \right)$  row vectors: read left-to-right
- $\mathbf{v}'^T = \left( \mathbf{C}^T \left( \mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{A}^T v^T) \right) \right)$  column vectors: read right-to-left

# Identity matrix

- Usually denoted by the symbol  $\mathbf{I}$
- Always square ( $n=m$ ) with the diagonals = 1 and 0 everywhere else

$$\mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{AI} \equiv \mathbf{IA} \equiv \mathbf{A}$$

# Inverse Matrix

- An inverse matrix **A** (denoted **A**<sup>-1</sup>) undoes the effects of matrix **A**
- When you multiply a matrix by its inverse, the result is always the identity matrix **A**(**A**<sup>-1</sup>)  $\equiv$  (**A**<sup>-1</sup>)**A**  $\equiv$  **I**
- Not all matrices have inverses. The ones in game development do.
- Undoing concatenated matrices requires special care

$$(\mathbf{ABC})^{-1} = \mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

# Transposition

- The transpose of matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is  $\mathbf{M}^T$
- Found by reflecting across the diagonal

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{bmatrix}$$

- Inverse of an orthonormal (pure rotation) matrix is equal to its transpose
- Transpose of concatenated matrices is handled like inverse

$$(\mathbf{ABC})^T = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$$

# Homogeneous Coordinates

- A 2x2 matrix can be used to represent rotations in 2 dimensions

$$\begin{bmatrix} r'_x & r'_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_x & r_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

- The same is true for 3 dimensions

$$\begin{bmatrix} r'_x & r'_y & r'_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_x & r_y & r_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Translations?

- Can you use a 3 x 3 to represent a translation?
- Nope  $\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{t} = [r_x + t_x \quad r_y + t_y \quad r_z + t_z]$
- We can however use a 4 x 4

$$\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{t} = [r_x \quad r_y \quad r_z \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ t_x & t_y & t_z & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= [r_x + t_x \quad r_y + t_y \quad r_z + t_z \quad 1]$$

# Points versus Vectors

- Remember points and vectors are different
  - Points can be translated, vectors cannot
- We can achieve this by setting the last value in the homogenized vector to 1 for point and 0 for vectors
  - Eliminates the effects of translations

$$[\mathbf{v} \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} U & 0 \\ \mathbf{t} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [(\mathbf{v}\mathbf{U} + 0\mathbf{t}) \ 0] = [\mathbf{v}\mathbf{U} \ 0]$$

- Technically we can convert from 4D homogeneous to 3D non-homogeneous by dividing

$$[x \ y \ z \ w] \equiv \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ w & w & w \end{bmatrix}$$

- Now makes sense why we set  $w=0$  for vectors

# Atomic transformation matrices

- Notice that a 4 x 4 transformation matrix can be partitioned into 4 components

$$M_{affine} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 1} \\ \mathbf{t}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\mathbf{U}$  represents rotation and/or scaling
- $\mathbf{t}$  represents the translation
- $\mathbf{0} = [0 \ 0 \ 0]^T$
- a scalar 1



# Point times Atomic

- When you multiply a point by a matrix the result is

$$[\mathbf{r}'_{1 \times 3} \quad 1] = [\mathbf{r}_{1 \times 3} \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 1} \\ \mathbf{t}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{r}\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{t} \quad 1]$$

# Atomic translation

Previous translation matrix

Now be written as

$$\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{t} = [r_x \quad r_y \quad r_z \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ t_x & t_y & t_z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow [r \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ t & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [r + t \quad 1]$$

- The inversion is just the negation of  $\mathbf{t}$

# Atomic Rotation

- Pure rotations have the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} r & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} rR & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Rotations

- The 1 within the rotation matrix always appears on the axis of rotation, the sine and cosine are off axis
- Positive rotations go from
  - x to y - about z
  - y to z - about x
  - z to x - about y - this explains the transpose of the matrix
- The inverse of a pure rotation is its transpose

- $\text{Rotate}_x(\mathbf{r}, \alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} r_x & r_y & r_z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\alpha & \sin\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin\alpha & \cos\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Scaling

Written as

$$\mathbf{rS} = \begin{bmatrix} r_x & r_y & r_z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

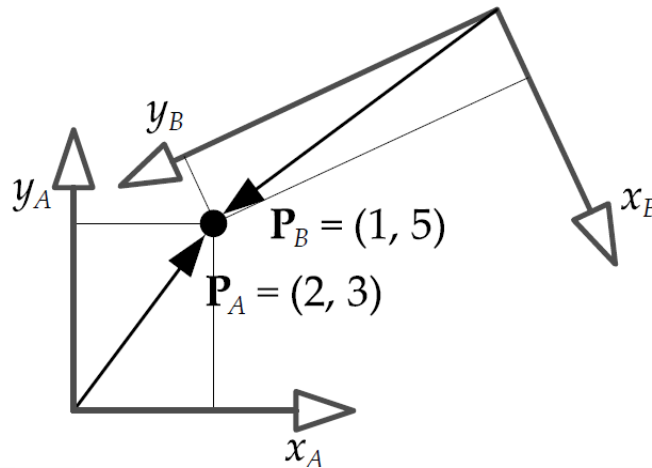
Shorthand of

$$\xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \begin{bmatrix} r & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{rS}_{3 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- To invert scaling just use the reciprocals of the scaling factors
- If all the scaling factors are the same it is called uniform scaling

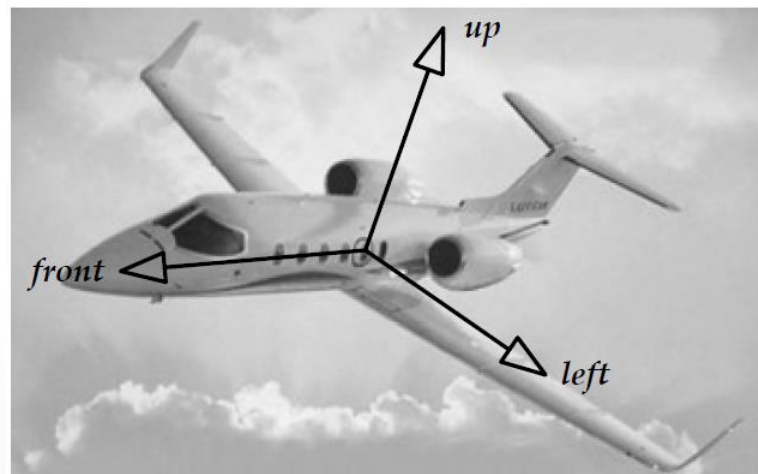
# Coordinate Spaces

- We can think of a point as being a vector relative to a given set of axes
- The axes are just for a frame of reference and are referred to as a coordinate space



# Model space

- When a model is created, the vertices are relative to a coordinate system called model space
- Model space origin is usually in the center of the object
- Model space axes are usually named something like front, left, and up



# Mapping model to world

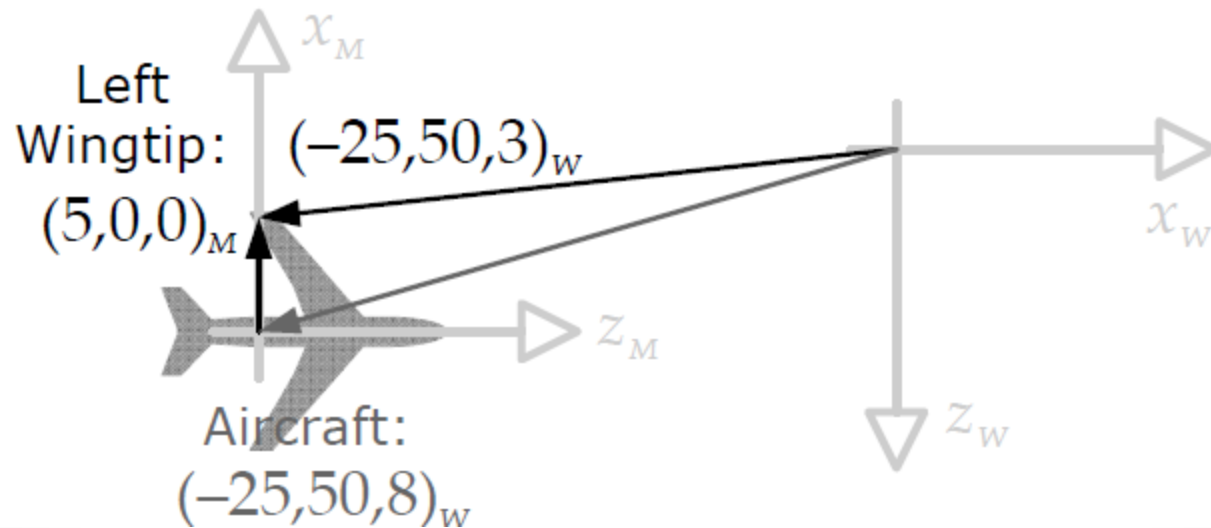
- The mapping can be arbitrary
  - Front =  $\mathbf{k}$ , Left =  $\mathbf{i}$ , Up =  $\mathbf{j}$  or Front =  $\mathbf{i}$ , Right =  $\mathbf{k}$ , Up =  $\mathbf{j}$
- Why use model space?
  - Consider pitch, yaw, and roll
  - They cannot be represented in terms of  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$ ,  $\mathbf{k}$



# World Space

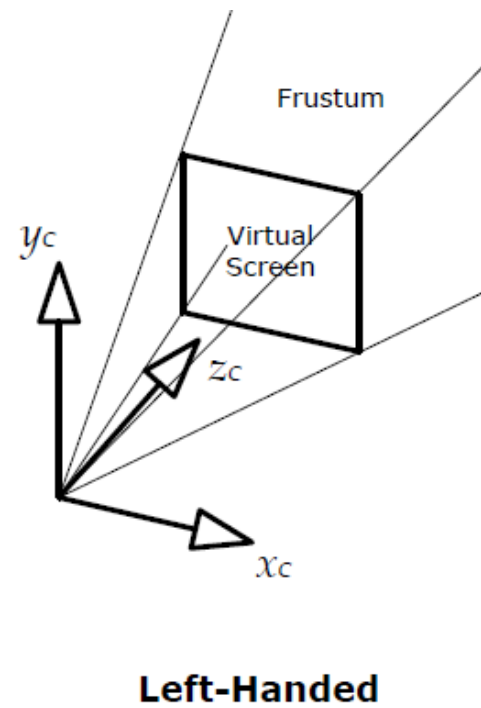
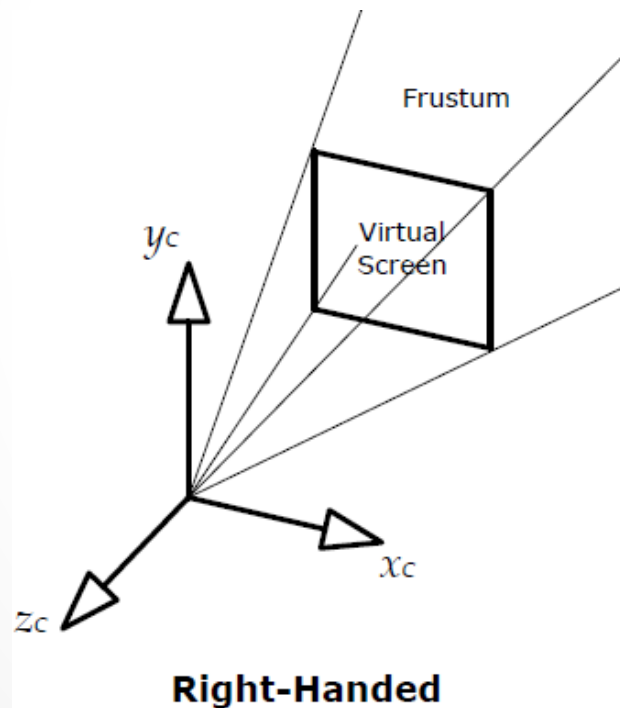
- A fixed coordinate system where the objects, orientations, and scales are defined
- Center usually placed at the center of the playable area
- The orientation is arbitrary but usually y or z is up

# Model to world



# View space

- A coordinate space fixed to the location of the camera



# Change of basis

- All coordinate spaces are relative
  - You must specify them in relation to another space
- This implies a hierarchy of spaces
  - The world space is at the root
- The camera has a location in world space, so its view space has the world space as a parent

# Change of basis matrix

- The matrix from transforming a child to parent space is called

$$\mathbf{M}_{C \rightarrow P}$$

- With the matrix any child-space position can be transformed into a parent-space position

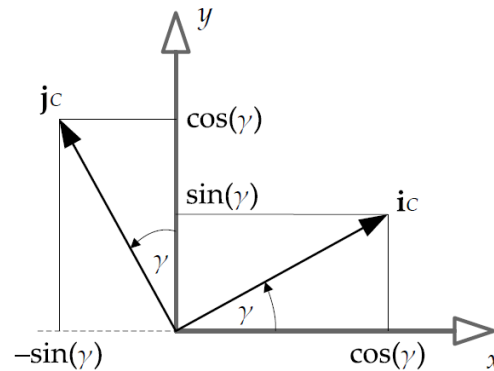
$$\mathbf{P}_P = \mathbf{P}_C \mathbf{M}_{C \rightarrow P}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{C \rightarrow P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}_C & 0 \\ \mathbf{j}_C & 0 \\ \mathbf{k}_C & 0 \\ \mathbf{t}_C & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}_{Cx} & \mathbf{i}_{Cy} & \mathbf{i}_{Cz} & 0 \\ \mathbf{j}_{Cx} & \mathbf{j}_{Cy} & \mathbf{j}_{Cz} & 0 \\ \mathbf{k}_{Cx} & \mathbf{k}_{Cy} & \mathbf{k}_{Cz} & 0 \\ \mathbf{t}_{Cx} & \mathbf{t}_{Cy} & \mathbf{t}_{Cz} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{i}_C$  unit x-axis basis vector of child in parent space  
 $\mathbf{j}_C$  unit y-axis basis vector of child in parent space  
 $\mathbf{k}_C$  unit z-axis basis vector of child in parent space  
 $\mathbf{t}_C$  translation of child relative to parent space

# An example

- Consider a child space rotating by  $\gamma$  around the z-axis



- We can see that  $i_c = [\cos \gamma \quad \sin \gamma \quad 0]$  and  $j_c = [-\sin \gamma \quad \cos \gamma \quad 0]$

# Child to Parent

- By putting these into our mapping equation with  $k_C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  we get

$$\mathbf{M}_{C \rightarrow P} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = rotate_z(r, \gamma)$$

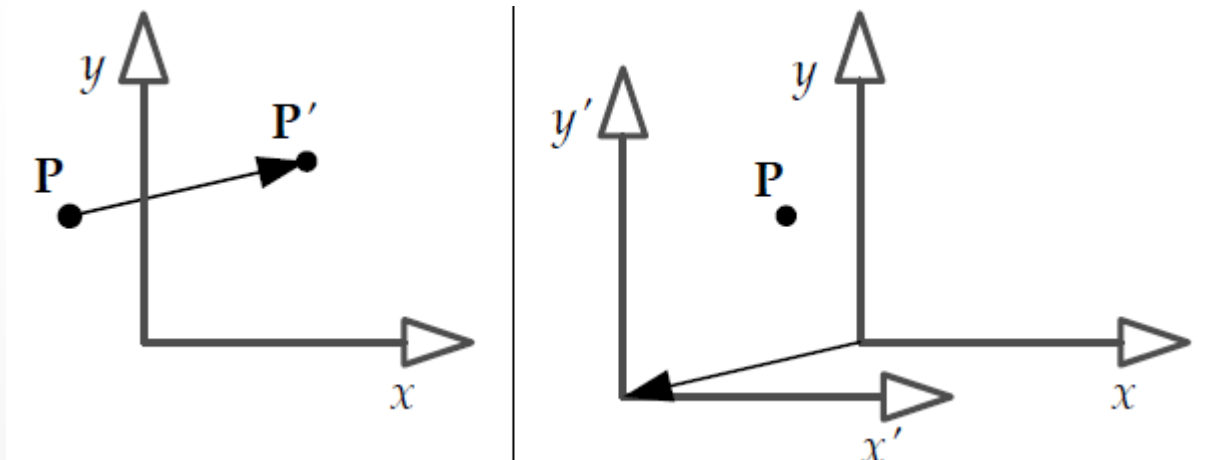
# Extracting the basis

- Given a 4 X 4 transformation matrix we can extract the unit basis vectors by grabbing the proper row
- Say you have a vehicle's model-to-world affine matrix and assume the vehicle always points in the positive z-axis
- We can extract  $\mathbf{k}_c$  from the transformation to get the vehicle facing direction (by grabbing its third row)



# Confusion


- You can transform a coordinate system as well as a point, but in the opposite direction
- So, if a matrix transforms a point from child to parent space, then it also transforms coordinate axes from parent to child space



# Transforming normal vectors

- Remember a normal vector has to remain perpendicular to the surface it is associated with
- In general if the point can be rotated from A to B with a 3X3 matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{A \rightarrow B}$  then the normal vector will be transformed by  $(\mathbf{M}_{A \rightarrow B}^{-1})^T$

## Transforming normal vectors



normal tangent

$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{t} = 0$

$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{M}}$

normal' tangent'

$\mathbf{t}' = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{t}$

$\mathbf{n}'^T \mathbf{t}' = 0$

If M is a rotation,  
 $(\mathbf{M}^{-1})^T = \mathbf{M}$

$(\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1})(\mathbf{M} \mathbf{t}) = 0$

$\mathbf{n}' = (\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1})^T = (\mathbf{M}^{-1})^T \mathbf{n}$

# Storing Matrices in Memory

- `Ogre::Matrix3 rotMat = Matrix3(0.28, 0.96, -0.04, 0.58, -0.20, -0.79, -0.77, 0.20, -0.61);`
- syntax, the first subscript is the row and the second is the column,

```
Matrix3(Real fEntry00, Real fEntry01, Real fEntry02,  
Real fEntry10, Real fEntry11, Real fEntry12,  
Real fEntry20, Real fEntry21, Real fEntry22)  
{  
    m[0][0] = fEntry00;  
    m[0][1] = fEntry01;  
    m[0][2] = fEntry02;  
    m[1][0] = fEntry10;  
    m[1][1] = fEntry11;  
    m[1][2] = fEntry12;  
    m[2][0] = fEntry20;  
    m[2][1] = fEntry21;  
    m[2][2] = fEntry22;  
}
```

# Quaternions

- We can use a 3X3 matrix to represent a rotations
- Not ideal
  - Nine floating point numbers for 3 DOF
  - Rotating a vector requires 9 multiplications and 6 additions
  - They are hard to interpolate
- We can use a quaternion

$$q = [q_x \quad q_y \quad q_z \quad q_w]$$

# Quaternion

- Developed by Sir William Rowan Hamilton in 1843
  - Used to solve problems in mechanics
- The unit length quaternions can represent 3D rotations
  - All of them obey the constraint

$$q_x^2 + q_y^2 + q_z^2 + q_w^2 = 1$$

# Quaternion

- Composed of two elements
  - A unit axis of rotation scaled by the sine of the half angle of rotation
  - The cosine of the half angle

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q} &= [\mathbf{q}_V \quad q_S] \\ &= [\mathbf{a} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \quad \cos \frac{\theta}{2}] , \end{aligned}$$

- Can also be written as a four element vector

$$\mathbf{q} = [q_x \quad q_y \quad q_z \quad q_w] , \text{where}$$

$$q_x = q_{V_x} = a_x \sin \frac{\theta}{2},$$

$$q_y = q_{V_y} = a_y \sin \frac{\theta}{2},$$

$$q_z = q_{V_z} = a_z \sin \frac{\theta}{2},$$

$$q_w = q_S = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}.$$

# Operations

- Magnitude and vector addition work the same
- Adding two quaternions together is not the sum of two angles though
- Multiplication is the most important operations – represents one rotation followed by another

$$pq = [(p_s \mathbf{q}_V + q_s \mathbf{p}_V + \mathbf{p}_V \times \mathbf{q}_V) \quad (p_s q_s - \mathbf{p}_V \cdot \mathbf{q}_V)]$$

# Conjugate and Inverse

- The inverse of a quaternion  $q$ , denoted  $q^{-1}$ , has the following property

$$qq^{-1} = 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k} + 1$$

- To determine the inverse we need the conjugate

$$q^* = [-\mathbf{q}_V \quad q_S]$$

- The inverse then is

$$q^{-1} = \frac{q^*}{|q|^2}$$



# It's simple

- Remember our quaternions are all unit length this means

$$q^{-1} = q^* = [-\mathbf{q}_V \quad q_S]$$

- Other useful facts

$$(pq)^* = q^* p^*$$

$$(pq)^{-1} = q^{-1} p^{-1}$$

# Rotating with quaternions

- To rotate a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  by a quaternion  $q$

1. We first write the vector in quaternion form

$$\mathbf{v} = [\mathbf{v} \ 0] = [v_x \ v_y \ v_z \ 0]$$

2. Then multiple  $q$  times  $\mathbf{v}$  and by the inverse of  $q$

$$\mathbf{v}' = \text{rotate}(q, \mathbf{v}) = q\mathbf{v}q^{-1}$$

or

$$\mathbf{v}' = \text{rotate}(q, \mathbf{v}) = q\mathbf{v}q^*$$

3. Finally extract the vector out of  $\mathbf{v}' = [\mathbf{v}' \ 0]$

# Concatenation

- For matrices we followed the rule

$$\mathbf{R}_{net} = \mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{R}_3$$
$$\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{R}_3 = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{R}_{net}$$

- We do something similar with quaternion rotation

$$q_{net} = q_3 q_2 q_1$$
$$\mathbf{v}' = q_3 q_2 q_1 \mathbf{v} q_1^{-1} q_2^{-1} q_3^{-1}$$
$$= q_{net} \mathbf{v} q_{net}^{-1}$$

# Quaternion to matrix

- If

$$\mathbf{q} = [\mathbf{q}_V \quad q_s] = [q_{V_x} \quad q_{V_y} \quad q_{V_z} \quad q_s] = [x \quad y \quad z \quad w]$$

- Then

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2y^2 - 2z^2 & 2xy + 2zw & 2xz - 2yw \\ 2xy - 2zw & 1 - 2x^2 - 2z^2 & 2yz + 2xw \\ 2xz + 2yw & 2yz - 2xw & 1 - 2x^2 - 2y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Much harder to go the other way

# Some useful (normalized) quaternions

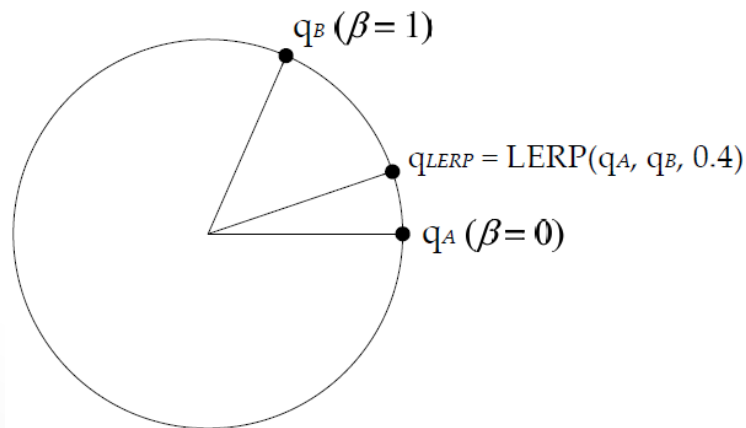
- $[w, x, y, z] = [\cos(\frac{a}{2}), \sin(\frac{a}{2})n_x, \sin(\frac{a}{2})n_y, \sin(\frac{a}{2})n_z]$
- Where  $\mathbf{a}$  is the angle of rotation and  $(n_x, n_y, n_z)$  is the axis of rotation

w	x	y	z	Description
1	0	0	0	Identity quaternion, no rotation
0	1	0	0	180° turn around X axis
0	0	1	0	180° turn around Y axis
0	0	0	1	180° turn around Z axis
sqrt(0.5)	sqrt(0.5)	0	0	90° rotation around X axis
sqrt(0.5)	0	sqrt(0.5)	0	90° rotation around Y axis
sqrt(0.5)	0	0	sqrt(0.5)	90° rotation around Z axis
sqrt(0.5)	-sqrt(0.5)	0	0	-90° rotation around X axis
sqrt(0.5)	0	-sqrt(0.5)	0	-90° rotation around Y axis
sqrt(0.5)	0	0	-sqrt(0.5)	-90° rotation around Z axis

## Rotational Interpolation

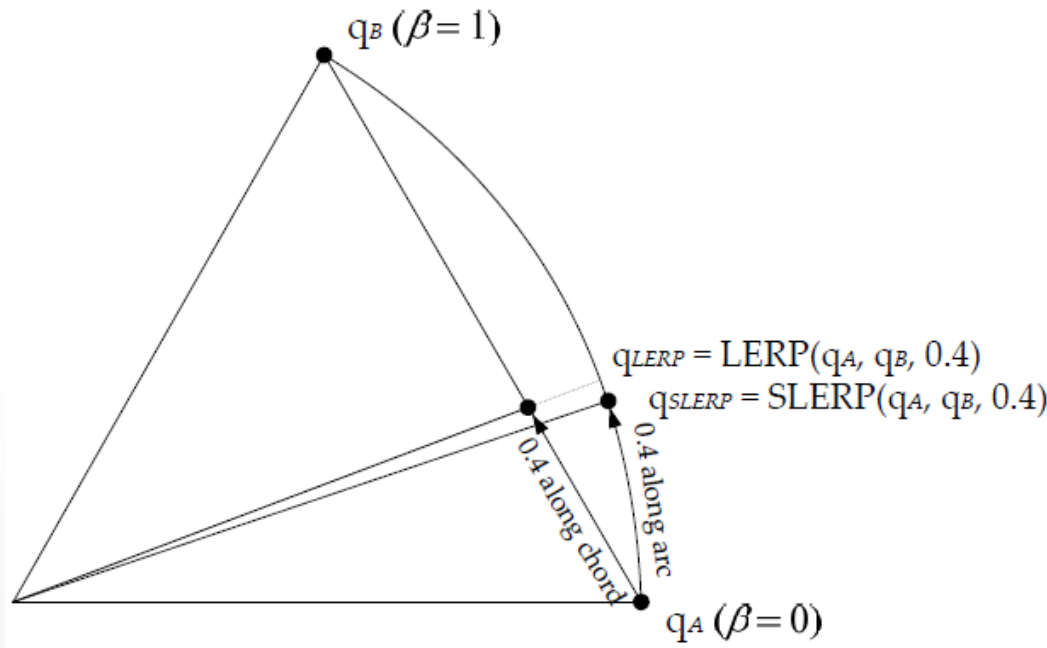
- Given two quaternions  $q_A$  and  $q_B$  we can find an intermediate rotation  $\beta$  percent between them as

$$q_{LERP} = LERP(q_A, q_B, \beta) = \frac{(1 - \beta)q_A + \beta q_B}{|(1 - \beta)q_A + \beta q_B|}$$
$$= \text{normalize} \left( \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \beta)q_{A_x} + \beta q_{B_x} \\ (1 - \beta)q_{A_y} + \beta q_{B_y} \\ (1 - \beta)q_{A_z} + \beta q_{B_z} \\ (1 - \beta)q_{A_w} + \beta q_{B_w} \end{bmatrix}^T \right)$$



# Problems with lerp

- Because LERP interpolate along a chord instead of the actual surface of the 4D hyper-sphere, the angular speed is not constant
  - The beginning and end are slower than the middle



# Slerp

- Spherical Linear Interpolation (SLERP) fixes this
- SLERP is like LERP, but the weighting of the two quaternions is modified based on the angle between them

$$\text{SLERP}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, \beta) = w_p \mathbf{p} + w_q \mathbf{q},$$

where

$$w_p = \frac{\sin(1 - \beta)\theta}{\sin \theta},$$
$$w_q = \frac{\sin \beta\theta}{\sin \theta}.$$



# Find the angle

- To find the angle  $\theta$  we use the following

$$\cos(\theta) = \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} = p_x q_x + p_y q_y + p_z q_z + p_w q_w$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q})$$

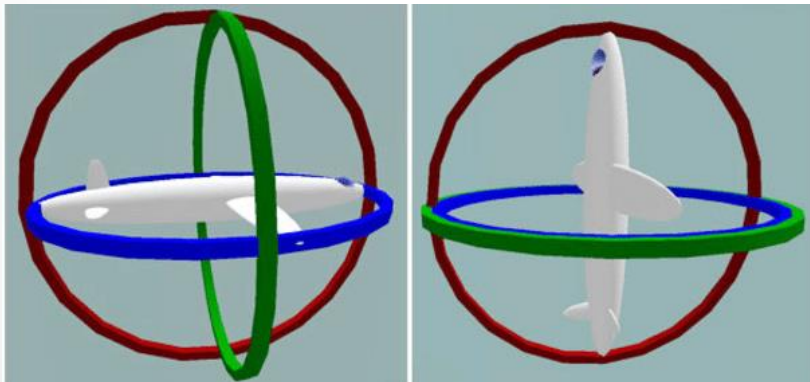
# Should you slerp?

- It depends
- If you can get it to be fast enough, then use it
- Otherwise LERP is fine and likely the user can't tell anyway

# Comparison of Rotational Representations

- Euler Angles
  - Simple: yaw, pitch and roll
  - represented by a 3D vector  $[q_Y \ q_P \ q_R]$ .
  - Easy to visualize
  - Easy to interpolate unless it is around an arbitrary axis
  - Prone to gimbal lock
  - Order of the rotations matters

**PYR  $\neq$  YPR  $\neq$  RYP**



# 3X3 Matrix

- Overall pretty good
- Not subject to gimbal lock
- Uses lots of computation and memory
- Not very intuitive to read

# Axis/Angle

- We can use a representation similar to quaternions called axis+angle  $[\mathbf{a} \ \theta]$
- Easy to understand
- Compact
- Cannot interpolate rotations
- Cannot be easily applied to points and vectors

# Quaternions

- Small
- Can be easily applied to vectors and points
- Easy to interpolate
- Hard to read

# SQT Transforms

- Quaternions can only represent rotations
- We can combine them with translation and scaling into a SQT transform
- Good for most things
  - Easy to understand
  - Easy to interpolate
  - Compact representation

$$SQT = [\mathbf{s} \quad \mathbf{q} \quad \mathbf{t}]$$

# Dual Quaternions

- A *rigid transformation* is a transformation involving a rotation and a translation—a “corkscrew” motion.
- A rigid transformation can be represented using a mathematical object known as a *dual quaternion*
- A dual quaternion is like an ordinary quaternion, except that its four components are *dual numbers* instead of regular real-valued numbers
- A dual number can be written as the sum of a non-dual part and a dual part as follows:  $a + \varepsilon b$ .
- Here  $\varepsilon$  is a magical number called the *dual unit*
- $\varepsilon^2 = 0$

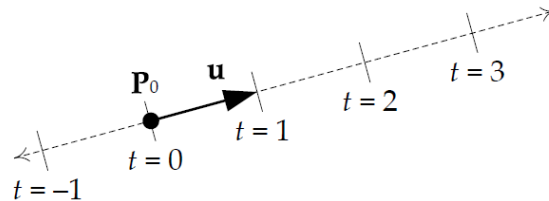


# Rotations and Degrees of Freedom

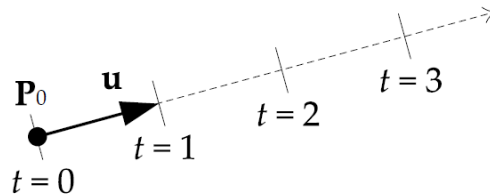
- DOF refers to the number of mutually independent ways in which an object's physical state (position and orientation) can change.
- a three-dimensional object has three degrees of freedom in its translation (along the x-, y- and z-axes) and three degrees of freedom in its rotation (about the x-, y- and z-axes) → 6 DOF
- For example, Euler angles require three floats, but axis+angle and quaternion representations use four floats, and a 3X3 matrix

# Other useful object

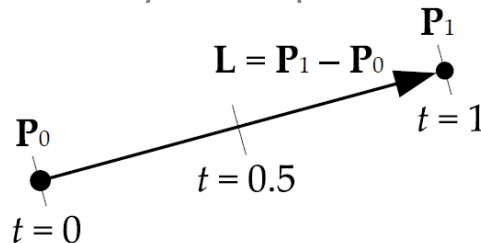
- Line – can be represented using a parametric equation  
 $P(t) = P_0 + t\mathbf{u}$  where  $-\infty < t < +\infty$



- Ray – only extends in one direction so  $t \geq 0$

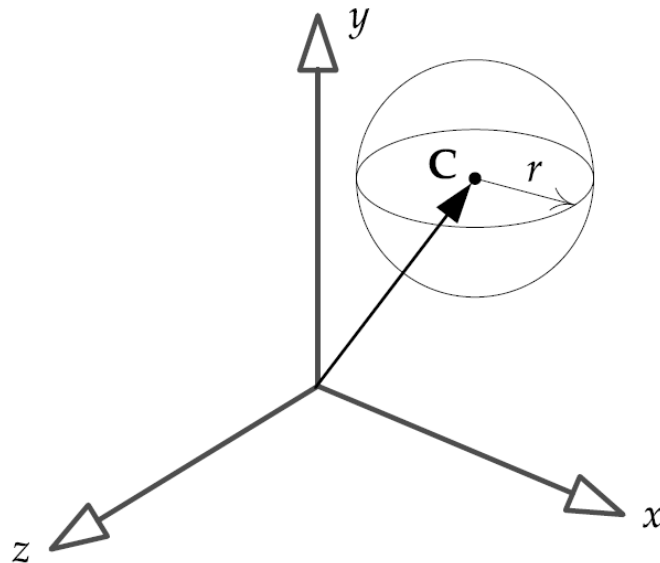


- Segment – bounded by two points  $0 \leq t \leq L$



# Spheres

- Defined using a center point  $C$  and a radius  $r$
- Fits nicely in a 4 element vector

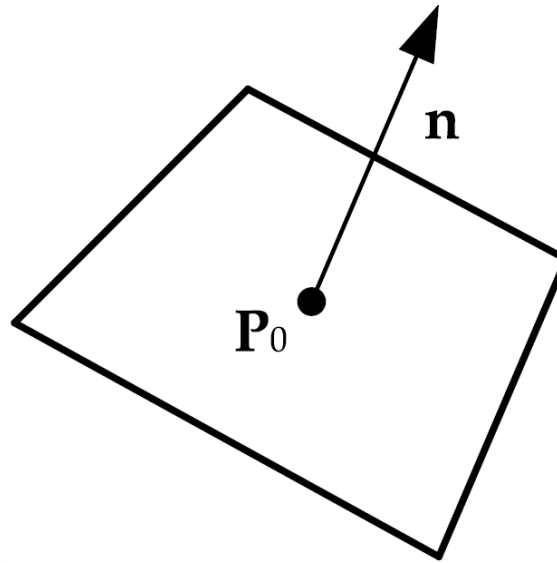


# Planes

- Plane is a 2D surface in 3D space
- Only satisfied when  $\mathbf{P}=[x \ y \ z]$  lies on the plane
$$Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$$

# Point-normal

- Planes can also be represented by
  - A point  $\mathbf{P}_0$
  - A unit vector  $\mathbf{n}$  that is normal to the plane



# Different, but the same

- If A,B,C from the traditional equation are interpreted as a vector
- The vector lies in the direction of the plane normal
- The normalized version  $[a \ b \ c] = \mathbf{n}$
- The normalized parameter  $d = D/\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}$  is the distance to the origin

# AABB

- Axis aligned bounding box
- Useful for collision detection
- Represented using 6 values

$$[x_{min}, x_{max}, y_{min}, y_{max}, z_{min}, z_{max}]$$

- Or two points  $\mathbf{P}_{min}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_{max}$
- Easy to test if a point is within the bounds

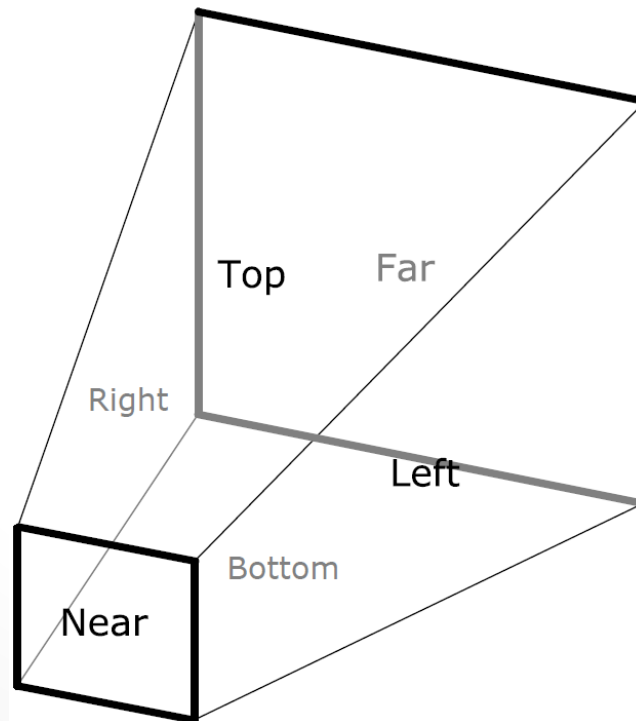
# oBB

- Oriented bounding box
- Differs from AABB because it aligns with the objects local coordinate space, not the world space
- Testing for intersection usually involves transforming the point into the OBB coordinate system



# Frusta

- A group of 6 planes that create a truncated pyramid shape
- Usually represented as an array of six planes in point-normal form

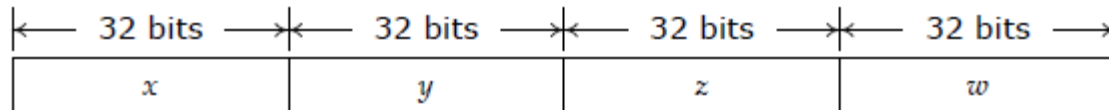


# Hardware-accelerated SIMD Math

- Stands for Single Instruction Multiple Data
- Allows a single operation to be performed on multiple data items in parallel
- For example you can multiply four pairs of floating point numbers with a single command

# History

- Intel introduced MMX instruction in the first Pentiums
- Could do SIMD on 8-eight bit, 4-16 bit or 2-32 bit integers
- Later enhancements resulted in the Streaming SIMD Extensions (SSE)
  - Uses special 128-bit registers
  - Can perform parallel operation on 32-bit floating point numbers



# SSE Registers

- In packed 32-bit floating point mode holds 4 -32 floating point numbers
- Elements are called  $[x \ y \ z \ w]$
- Consider the SIMD instruction

`addps xmm0, xmm1`

- This performs the following operations

`xmm0.x = xmm0.x + xmm1.x;`  
`xmm0.y = xmm0.y + xmm1.y;`  
`xmm0.z = xmm0.z + xmm1.z;`  
`xmm0.w = xmm0.w + xmm1.w;`

# Using SIMD

- Visual Studio has a special datatype `__m128`
  - Compiler understands how to use it

```
__m128 v= _mm_set_ps(-1.0f, 2.0f, 0.5f, 1.0f);
```

- GNU C/C++ uses the keyword `vector`

```
vector float = (vector float) (-1.0f, 2.0f, 0.5f, 1.0f);
```

# Coding with SSE

- Can use inline assembly

```
__m128 addWithAssembly(const __m128 a, const __m128 b)
{
    __asm addps xmm0, xmm1
}
```

- Can use intrinsics (# include <xmmintrin.h>)

```
__m128 addWithIntrinsics(const __m128 a, const __m128 b)
{
    return _mm_add_ps (a,b);
}
```

# Vector-matrix multiplication

- Say you want to multiply a 1X4 vector  $\mathbf{v}$  with a 4X4 matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  to get the solution  $\mathbf{r}$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{vM}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_x & r_y & r_z & r_w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x & v_y & v_z & v_w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} & M_{14} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} & M_{24} \\ M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} & M_{34} \\ M_{41} & M_{42} & M_{43} & M_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} v_x M_{11} + v_y M_{21} + v_z M_{31} + v_w M_{41} \\ v_x M_{12} + v_y M_{22} + v_z M_{32} + v_w M_{42} \\ v_x M_{13} + v_y M_{23} + v_z M_{33} + v_w M_{43} \\ v_x M_{14} + v_y M_{24} + v_z M_{34} + v_w M_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Attempt 1

- We could store  $\mathbf{v}$  in an SSE and each column of  $\mathbf{M}$  in an SSE
- The multiple each  $\mathbf{M}$  SSE by the  $\mathbf{v}$  SSE
- We get

$$vMcol1 = [v_x M_{11} \quad v_y M_{21} \quad v_z M_{31} \quad v_w M_{41}];$$

$$vMcol2 = [v_x M_{12} \quad v_y M_{22} \quad v_z M_{32} \quad v_w M_{42}];$$

$$vMcol3 = [v_x M_{13} \quad v_y M_{23} \quad v_z M_{33} \quad v_w M_{43}];$$

$$vMcol4 = [v_x M_{14} \quad v_y M_{24} \quad v_z M_{34} \quad v_w M_{44}];$$

- Now we have to add across the vectors
  - Not very fast



# Attempt 2

- We could create SSEs with replicated values from  $\mathbf{v}$  and multiple each row of  $\mathbf{M}$  by the appropriate  $\mathbf{v}$  SSE

# Random Number Generator

- Linear Congruent Generators
  - Found in the `c rand()` function
  - Not particular good
- Mersenne Twister
  - Very large period (before repeating a sequence)
  - Very high order of equidistribution
  - Passes numerous test for randomness
  - Fast
- Mother-of-All
  - Published by George Marsaglia
  - Reasonable period
  - Faster than Mersenne Twister