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# Geometry<sup>1</sup>

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## Definition 1.1

Given a fixed direction in the plane specified by a unit vector  $v = (v_1, v_2)$ , consider the lines  $d$  with direction  $v$  and the oriented distance  $d$  from the origin. The shear about the origin of factor  $r$  in the direction  $v$  is defined to be the transformation which maps a point  $M(x, y)$  on  $d$  to the point  $M' = M + rdv$ . The equation of the line through  $M$  of direction  $v$  is  $v_2X - v_1Y + (v_1y - v_2x) = 0$ . The oriented distance from the origin to this line is  $v_1y - v_2x$ . Thus the action of the shear  $Sh(v, r) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  about the origin of factor  $r$  in the direction  $v$  is

$$\begin{aligned} Sh(v, r)(x, y) &= (x, y) + rd(v_1, v_2) \\ &= (x, y) + (r(v_1y - v_2x)v_1, r(v_1y - v_2x)v_2) \\ &= (x, y) + (-rv_1v_2x + rv_1^2y, -rv_2^2x + rv_1v_2y) \\ &= ((1 - rv_1v_2)x + rv_1^2y, -rv_2^2x + (1 + rv_1v_2)y) \end{aligned}$$

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Thus

$$\begin{aligned} [Sh(v, r)^c] \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) &= \begin{bmatrix} (1 - rv_1 v_2)x + rv_1^2 y \\ -rv_2^2 x + (1 + rv_1 v_2)y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - rv_1 v_2 & rv_1^2 \\ -rv_2^2 & 1 + rv_1 v_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } [Sh(v, r)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - rv_1 v_2 & rv_1^2 \\ -rv_2^2 & 1 + rv_1 v_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

### Example 1.3

Consider a quadrilateral with vertices  $A(1, 1)$ ,  $B(3, 1)$ ,  $C(2, 2)$ , and  $D(1.5, 3)$ . Find the image quadrilaterals through the translation  $T(1, 2)$ , the scaling  $S(2, 2.5)$ , the reflections about the  $x$  and  $y$ -axes, the clockwise rotation through the angle  $\pi/2$  and the shear  $Sh((2/\sqrt{5}, 1/\sqrt{5}), 1.5)$ .

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## The affine transformation

$$L : \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, L(x, y) = (ax + by + c, dx + ey + f)$$

can be written by using the matrix language and by equations:

1. 1.1 identifying the vectors  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with the line matrices  $[x \ y] \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 2}$  and implicitly  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\mathbb{R}^{1 \times 2}$ :

$$L[x \ y] = [x \ y] \begin{bmatrix} a & d \\ b & e \end{bmatrix} + [c \ f].$$

- 1.2 identifying the vectors  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with the column matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$  and implicitly  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$ :

$$L \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ d & e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ f \end{bmatrix}.$$

2.  $\begin{cases} x' = ax + by + c \\ y' = dx + ey + f. \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ d & e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ f \end{bmatrix}$

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Observe that the representation

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ d & e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ f \end{bmatrix}$$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In this lesson we identify the points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with the points  $(x, y, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and even with the punctured lines of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $(rx, ry, r)$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}^*$ . Due to technical reasons we shall actually identify the points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with the punctured lines of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  represented in the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} rx \\ ry \\ r \end{bmatrix}, \quad r \in \mathbb{R}^*,$$

and the latter ones we shall call *homogeneous coordinates* of the point  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

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The set of homogeneous coordinates  $(x, y, w)$  will be denoted by  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  and call it the real *projective plane*. The homogeneous coordinates  $(x, y, w) \in \mathbb{RP}^2$ ,  $w \neq 0$  și  $(\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, 1)$  represent the same element of  $\mathbb{RP}^2$ .

## Definition 1.4

A projective transformation *of the projective plane*  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  is a transformation  $L : \mathbb{RP}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{RP}^2$  defined by

$$L \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by + cw \\ dx + ey + fw \\ gx + hy + kw \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1.1)$$

unde  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & k \end{bmatrix}$$

is called the homogeneous transformation matrix.

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If  $g = h = 0$  and  $k \neq 0$ , then the projective transformation (1.1) is said to be *affine*. Observe that a projective transformation (1.1) is well defined since

$$L \begin{bmatrix} rx \\ ry \\ rw \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} arx + bry + crw \\ drx + ery + frw \\ grx + hry + krw \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r(ax + by + cw) \\ r(dx + ey + fw) \\ r(gx + hy + kw) \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Observation 1.5

*The projective plane  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  is actually the quotient set  $(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}) / \sim$ , where  $\sim$  is one of the following equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ :*

$$(x, y, w) \sim (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \Leftrightarrow \exists r \in \mathbb{R}^* \text{ s.t. } (x, y, w) = r(\alpha, \beta, \gamma).$$

Observe that the equivalence classes of the equivalence relation  $\sim$  are right the punctured lines of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  through the origine without the origine itself, i.e. the elements of the real projective plane  $\mathbb{RP}^2$ .

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**Observation 1.6.** If  $L_1, L_2 : \mathbb{RP}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{RP}^2$  are two

*projective applications, then their product  $L_1 \circ L_2$  is also a projective transformation and its homogeneous transformation matrix is the product of the homogeneous transformation matrices of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .*

Indeed, if

$$L_1 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ d_1 & e_1 & f_1 \\ g_1 & h_1 & k_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad L_2 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_2 & e_2 & f_2 \\ g_2 & h_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$(L_1 \circ L_2) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ d_1 & e_1 & f_1 \\ g_1 & h_1 & k_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_2 & e_2 & f_2 \\ g_2 & h_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

**Observation 1.7**

*If  $L_1, L_2 : \mathbb{RP}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{RP}^2$  are two affine applications, then their product  $L_1 \circ L_2$  is also an affine transformation.*

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In this section we shall identify an affine transformation of  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  with its homogeneous transformation matrix

- The homogeneous transformation matrix of the translation  $T(h, k)$  is

$$T(h, k) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & h \\ 0 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The homogeneous transformation matrix of the scaling  $S(s_x, s_y)$  is

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

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- The homogeneous transformation matrix of reflection  $S_x$  about the  $x$ -axis is

$$S_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The homogeneous transformation matrix of reflection  $S_y$  about the  $y$ -axis is

$$S_y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The homogeneous transformation matrix of reflection  $S_l$  about the line  $l : ax + by + c = 0$  is

$$S_l = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b^2 - a^2}{a^2 + b^2} & -\frac{2ab}{a^2 + b^2} & -\frac{2ac}{a^2 + b^2} \\ -\frac{2ab}{a^2 + b^2} & \frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^2 + b^2} & -\frac{2bc}{a^2 + b^2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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The homogeneous transformation matrix of the rotation  $R_\theta$  about the origin through an angle  $\theta$  is

$$R_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Example 1.8

*The homogeneous transformation matrix of the rotation  $R_\theta(x_0, y_0)$  about the point  $M_0(x_0, y_0)$  through an angle  $\theta$  is*

$$\begin{aligned} R_\theta(x_0, y_0) &= T(x_0, y_0) R_\theta T(-x_0, -y_0) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & x_0 \\ 0 & 1 & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -x_0 \\ 0 & 1 & -y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & -x_0 \cos \theta + y_0 \sin \theta + x_0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & -x_0 \sin \theta - y_0 \cos \theta + x_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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Thus the equations of the rotation  $R_\theta(x_0, y_0)$  about the point  $M_0(x_0, y_0)$  through an angle  $\theta$  are:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & -x_0 \cos \theta + y_0 \sin \theta + x_0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & -x_0 \sin \theta - y_0 \cos \theta + x_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{cases} x' = x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta - x_0 \cos \theta + y_0 \sin \theta + x_0 \\ y' = x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta - x_0 \sin \theta - y_0 \cos \theta + x_0. \end{cases}$$

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