

# LABORATORIO DI REALTÀ AUMENTATA

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# The mathematics of 3D graphics

# Linear algebra basic concepts

- **Scalar**: any real number. E.g. 5, -4, 2.14 ...  
↳ numeri REALI

- **Vector**: a “row” (or a “column”) of scalars.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1, 5, 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad [-10, 0, 0, 0, 3]$$

dim = 3      dim = 2

*three vectors of size 3, 2 and 5 respectively*

Un punto nello spazio 3d è identificato dal vettore  $[x, y, z]$

# Linear algebra basic concepts

- **Matrix:** a “grid” of scalars

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

*two matrices of sizes 2x2 and 3x2 respectively*

- **Size of a matrix:** **rows x columns**

Vectors can be seen as special matrices where one of the two dimensions is 1

# Addition

- Adding two vectors is done element-by-element.  
The two vectors must have the same size!
- $[a, b, c] + [d, e, f] = [a+d, b+e, c+f]$

$$[3, 2] + [1, 1] = [4, 3]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Addition

- Matrix addition has no surprises. The two matrices must have the same size, addition is done element-by-element

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Multiplication by a scalar

- Vectors and matrices can be multiplied element-by-element by a scalar

$$5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Dot product

- The dot product (or scalar product) is an operation between two vectors of the same size which returns a scalar

$$[a \quad b \quad c] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = ax + by + cz$$

(we will soon understand why we wrote the first as a row vector and the second as a column vector)

# Dot product

$$\square [1 \ 2] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 1 * 3 + 2 * 4 = 3 + 8 = 11$$

$$\square [-1 \ 2 \ 1] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = -3 + 2 - 2 = -3$$

$$\square [-6 \ 12 \ 0.76] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

# Matrix multiplication

- If A is an  $n \times m$  matrix and B is an  $m \times k$  matrix, then A and B can be multiplied, and the result is a  $n \times k$  matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix}$$

2x3      3x2      2x2

The number of columns of the first matrix must be equal to the number of rows of the second matrix!

# Matrix multiplication

- “rows by columns” method
- The element at row  $i$  and column  $j$  in the output matrix is the dot product of the  $i$ -th row of the first matrix and the  $j$ -th column of the second matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4} = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 4}$$

Diagram illustrating matrix multiplication of a  $2 \times 3$  matrix and a  $3 \times 4$  matrix to produce a  $2 \times 4$  matrix. The first matrix has its second row highlighted with a red box. The second matrix has its third column highlighted with a red box. The resulting matrix has the element at the intersection of the second row of the first matrix and the third column of the second matrix circled in red.

# Matrix multiplication

- Multiplication of a matrix and a vector is just a special case of matrix multiplication
- The same for the dot product of two vectors

# Matrix multiplication

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 * (-1) + 2 * 2 & 1 * 1 + 2 * 1 \\ 0 * (-1) + 3 * 2 & 0 * 1 + 3 * 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix multiplication

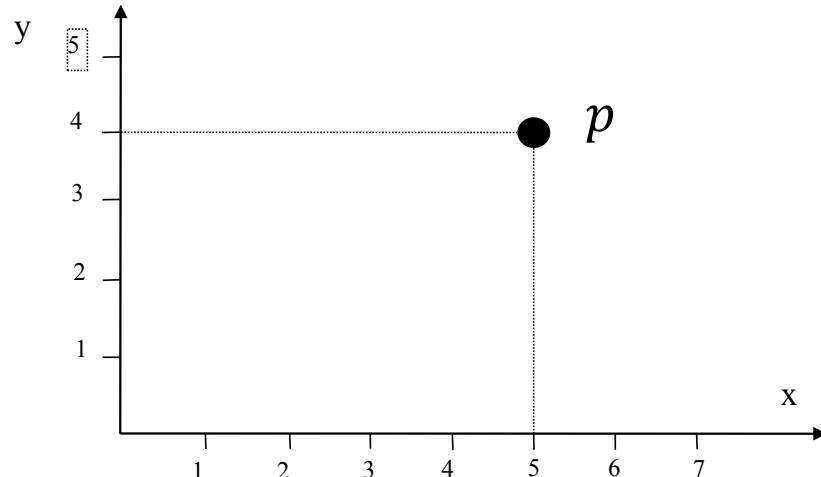
- $$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 - 5 \\ 0 + 15 \\ 6 + 20 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 15 \\ 26 \end{bmatrix}$$
- $$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = -3$$

# Matrix mult is not commutative

- **WARNING:** matrix multiplication is not commutative
- If  $A$  and  $B$  are matrices,  $AB \neq BA$
- Try with  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Try with  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Linear algebra and 3D graphics?

- We are used to denote the position of a point in a 2D space with its coordinates

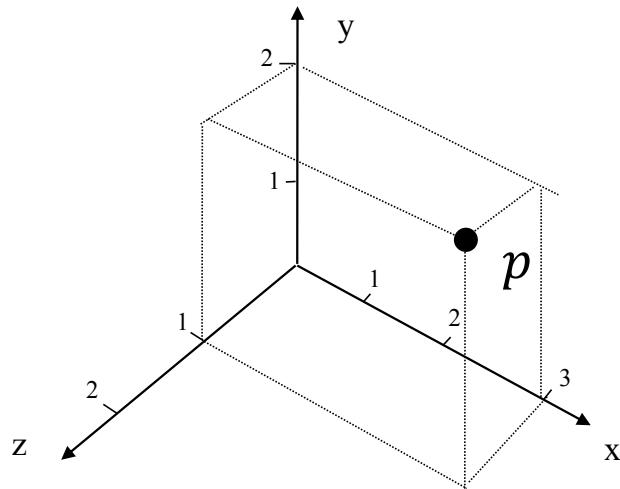


- A point in a 2D space is a vector of size 2

$$p = [5, 4]$$

A diagram showing a 2D coordinate system with x and y axes. A point p is plotted at (5, 4). A curved arrow points from the text 'VETTORE' to the point p. The x-axis is labeled 'x' and the y-axis is labeled 'y'.

# Linear algebra and 3D graphics?



- A point in a 3D space is a vector of size 3
- $p = [3, 2, 1]$   $\Rightarrow$  UN VETTORE RAPPRESENTA UN VERTICE !!

$x$   $y$   $z$

# Linear algebra and 3D graphics?

- Transforming a 3D shape means transforming its vertices → modifico solo i vertici
- The basic transformations (translate, rotate, scale) can be expressed as *matrix-vector multiplications*
  - ↳ Vanno per forza espresse come prodotto matrice vettore

# Translate

=> TRASLAZIONE è somma di vettori

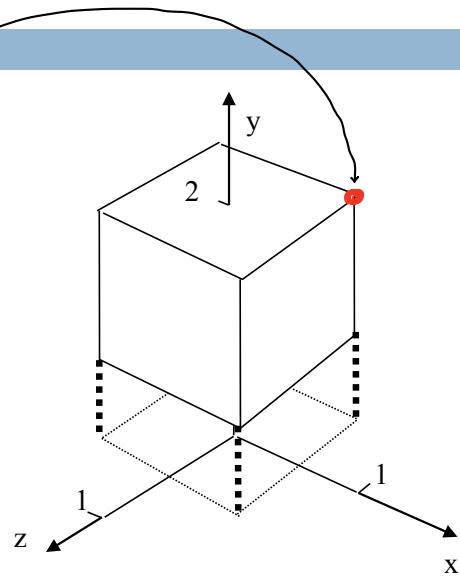
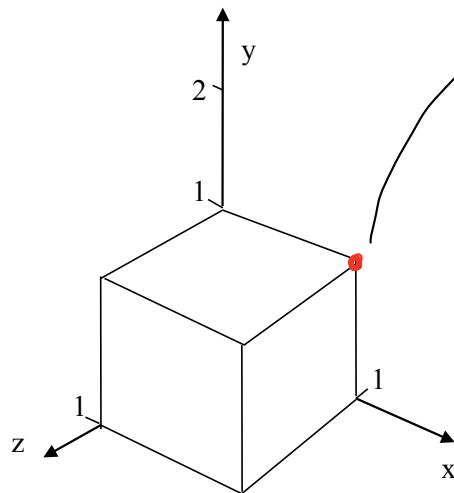
- To translate a point, just add its vector with the displacement vector (we will see later how to express it with a matrix-vector multiplication)

→ il problema è che noi vogliamo che tutte le trasformazioni  
siano MATRICE × VETTORE

- $$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + 1 \\ y + 3 \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

translate by 1 in the X direction and 3 in the Y direction

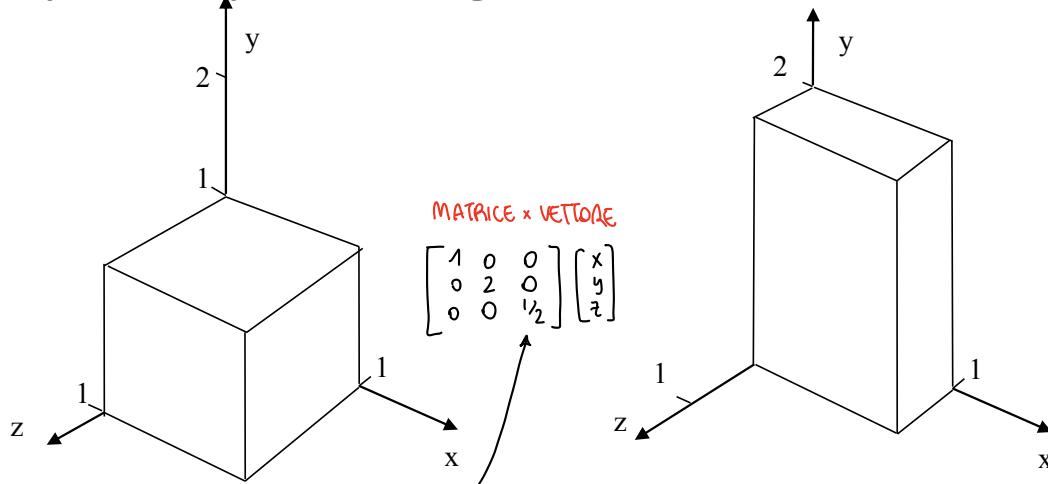
# Translate



- Add  $\begin{bmatrix} -0.5 \\ 1 \\ -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$  to each vertex

# Scale (at the origin)

- To scale a point, each element of its vector is multiplied by a scaling factor



- $$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2y \\ 0.5z \end{bmatrix}$$

=> **NON PER FORZA** devo avere lo stesso fattore  
**di scala per tutte le 3 dimensioni**

# Scale (at the origin)

- Scaling can be expressed as a matrix-vector multiplication

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x x \\ s_y y \\ s_z z \end{bmatrix}$$

questi sono cambiamenti di scala ALL'ORIGINE (centro di scala 0,0,0)

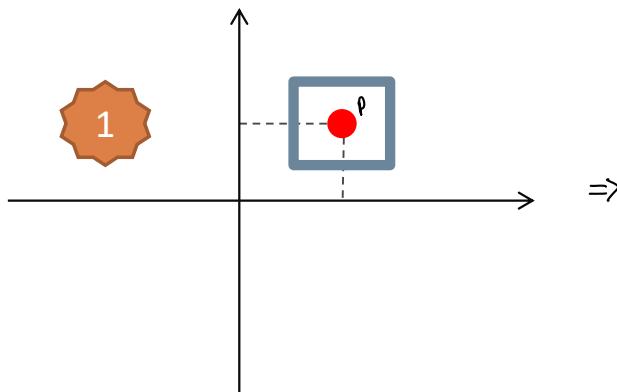
ovvero il punto che non cambia mai durante tutta la trasformazione è detto CENTRO DI SCALA, in questo caso è l'ORIGINE

# At the origin – what does it mean?



# Scaling around a generic point

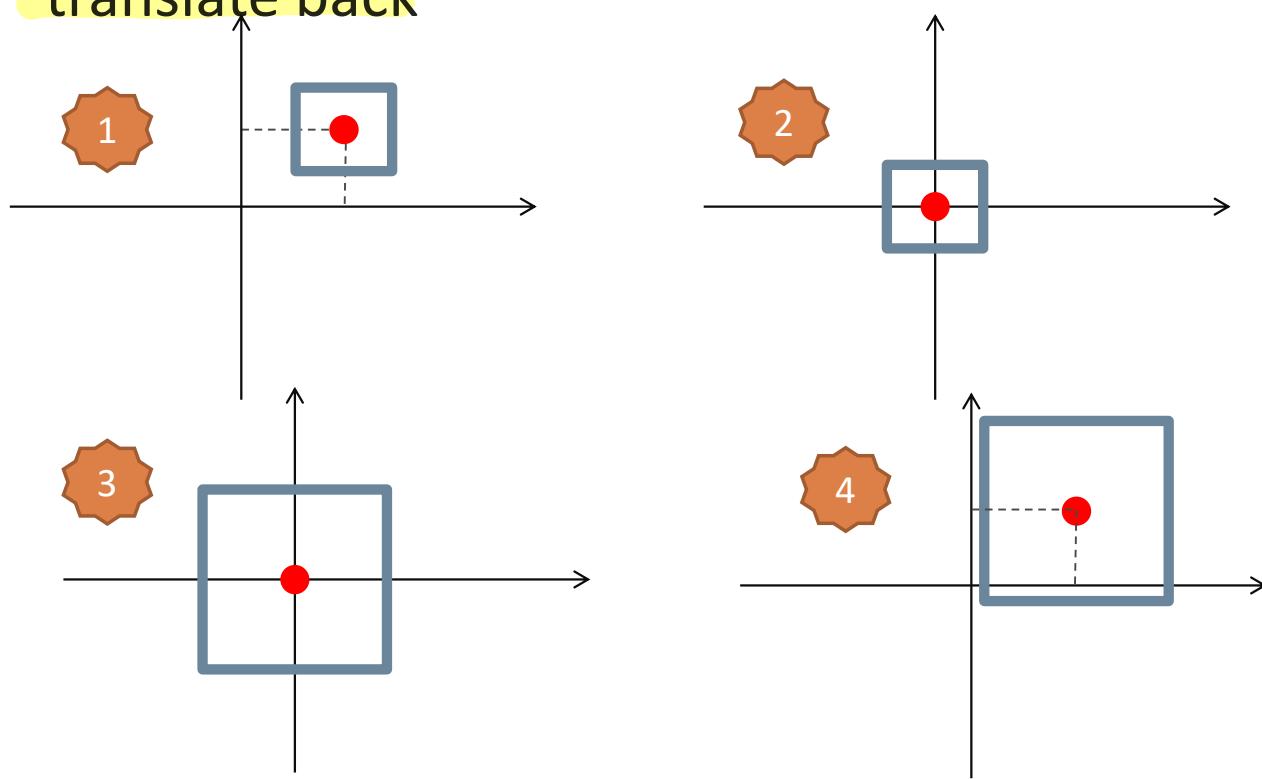
considero  $P$  come il PUNTO del CENTRO di CAMBIAMENTO di SCALA



- $\Rightarrow$
1. TRASLO tutto in modo che  $P$  coincida con l'ORIGINE
  2. SCALO
  3. RITRASLO nel punto iniziale (ovvero traslo tutto in modo che  $P$  torni nel punto di partenza)

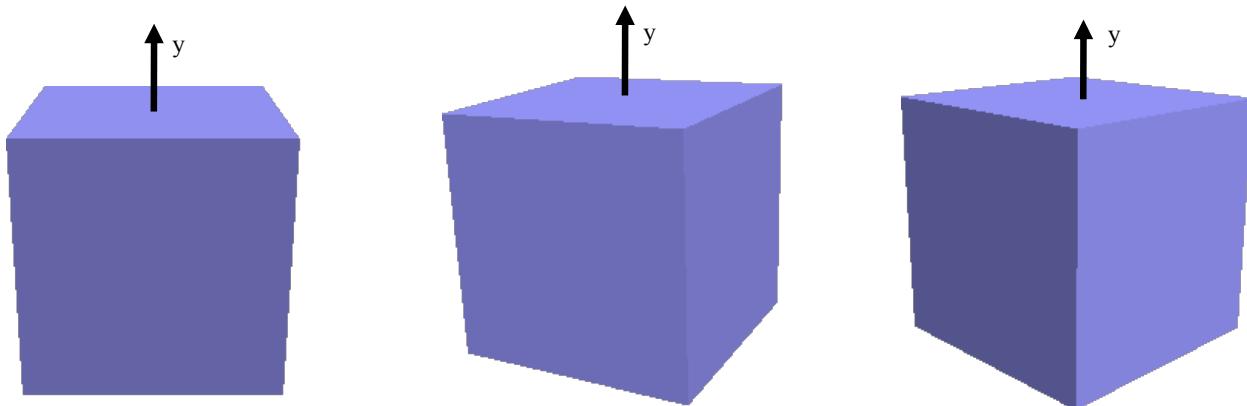
# Scaling around a generic point

- Translate the point at the origin, scale and translate back



# Rotations

- Three formulas, depending on the rotational axis



An example of rotation around the Y axis

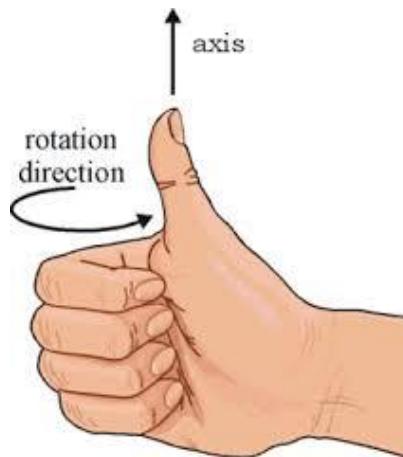
ROTAZIONI :  
- intorno all'asse x  
- intorno all'asse y  
- intorno all'asse z

# Rotations

- x mom varia*
- ↓
- Around the x axis: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$
- quando ruoto lungo l'asse x  
la x NON VARIA
- y mom varia*
- ↑
- Around the y axis: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$
- z mom varia*
- ↑
- Around the z axis: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Direction of rotation

- Right hand rule. Put your thumb on the rotational axis. When you close the other fingers, they move in the direction of a positive rotation



(to rotate in the opposite direction, just use a negative angle...)

# Rotations

□ Example. Rotate  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  by  $90^\circ$  around the x axis

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 90^\circ & -\sin 90^\circ \\ 0 & \sin 90^\circ & \cos 90^\circ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \leftarrow$$

Note that x does not change

# Rotations

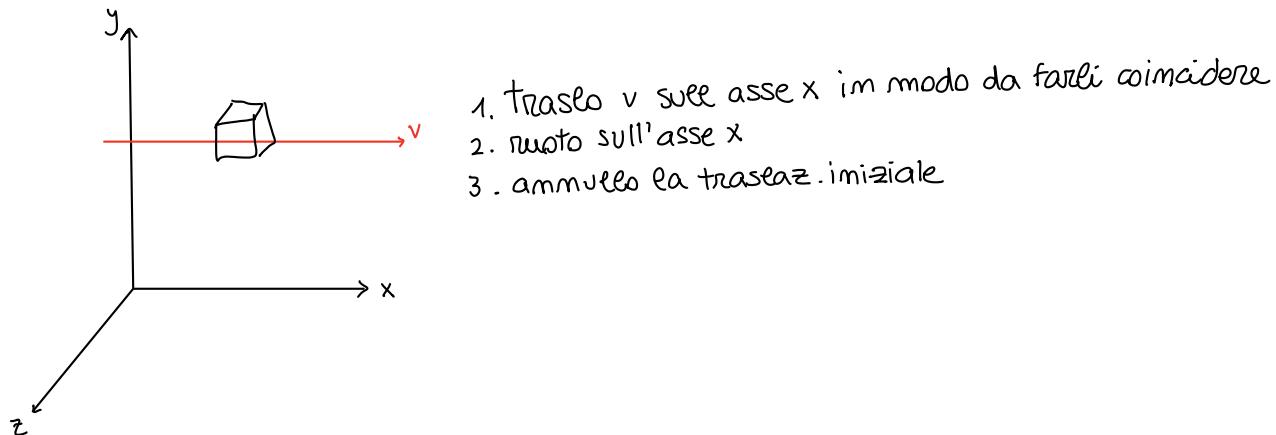
- Trigonometric table:

	0	30	45	60	90	180	270	360
cos	1	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$1/2$	0	-1	0	1
sin	0	$1/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	1	0	-1	0

# Rotations around generic axes

- Any rotation can be expressed as a combination of translations and “basic” rotations

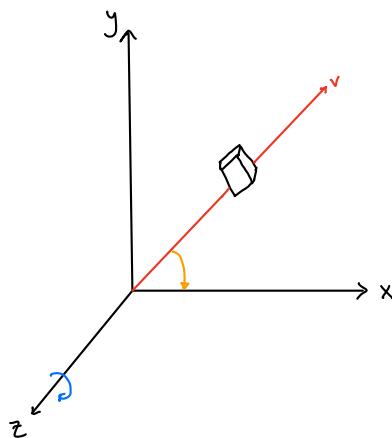
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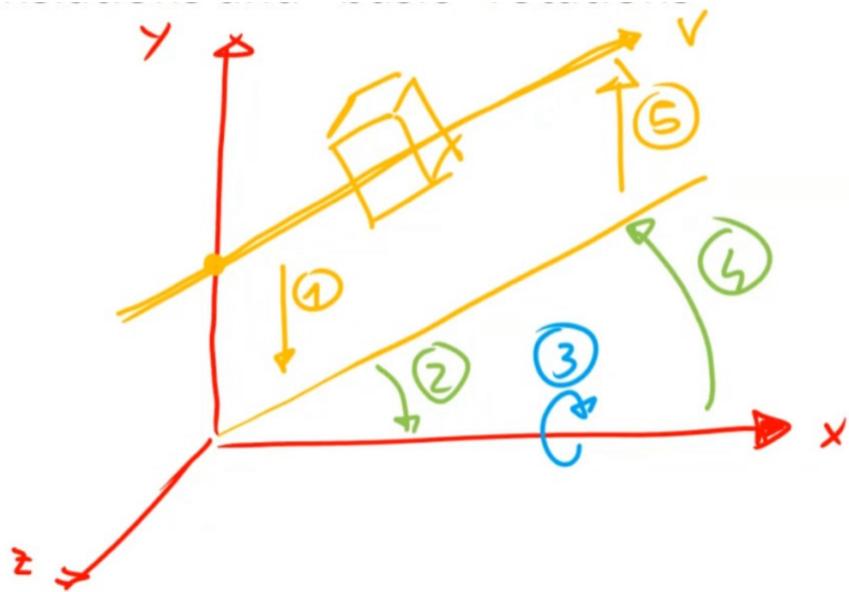
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1. devo far ruotare  $v$  in modo da farlo coincidere sull'asse  $x$   $\rightarrow$  ruoto  $z$   $\bullet$
2. ruoto sull'asse  $x$  (che coincide con  $v$ )
3. annullo la rotaz. iniziale su  $z$

# Rotations around generic axes

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# Combining transformations

- Multiple consecutive **rotations/scale changes** can be easily expressed by a sequence of matrix multiplications:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{ROTAZ. Z} & & \\ \cos 45^\circ & -\sin 45^\circ & 0 \\ \sin 45^\circ & \cos 45^\circ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{CAMPBLO SCALAF} & & \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{ROTAZ. X} & & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 90^\circ & \sin 90^\circ \\ 0 & \sin 90^\circ & \cos 90^\circ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

A  $90^\circ$  rotation around the X axis, followed by a scale change, followed by a  $45^\circ$  Z axis rotation.

↓  
in ordine da dx verso sx  
le sovra, poi non conta l'ordine  
delle moltiplicazioni

**Observation 1:** the “reading order” is from right to left

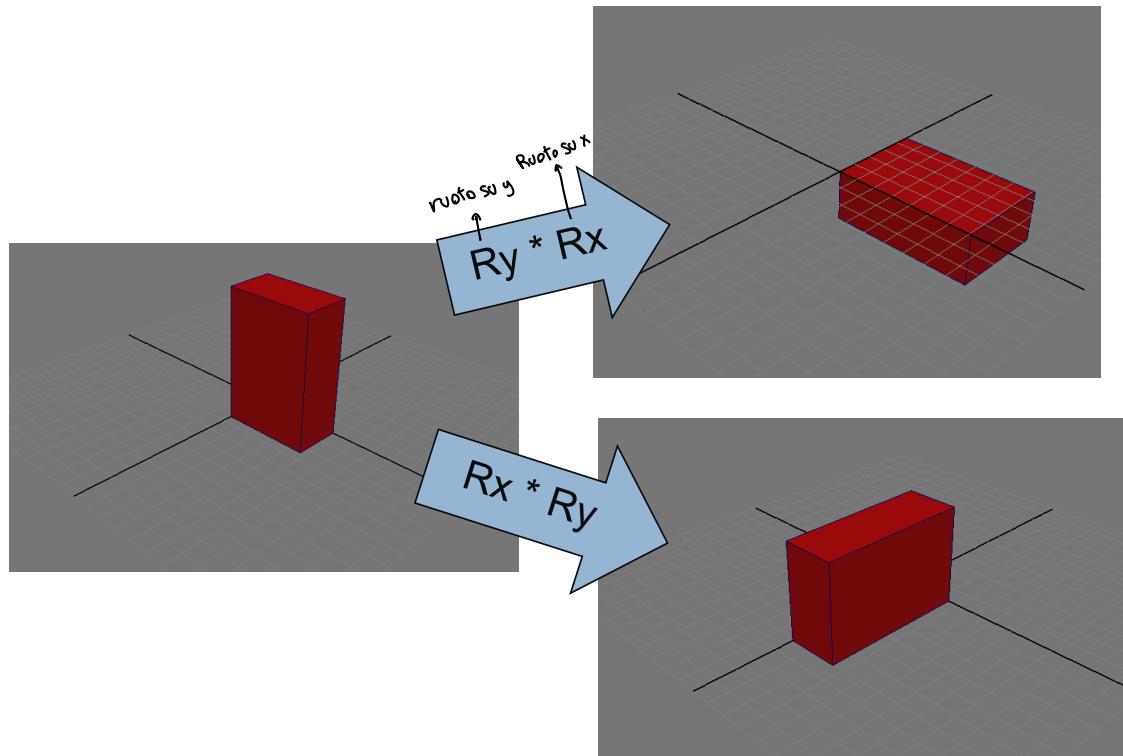
a JSRToolkit basta  
una sola matrice per  
localizzare il marker

**Observation 2:** if you multiply the three matrices, you will obtain a **single**  $3 \times 3$  matrix representing the three operations at once!

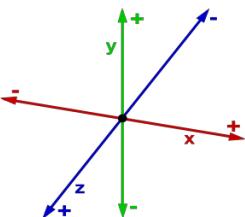
Thanks to the associative property of matrix multiplications

# Combining transformations

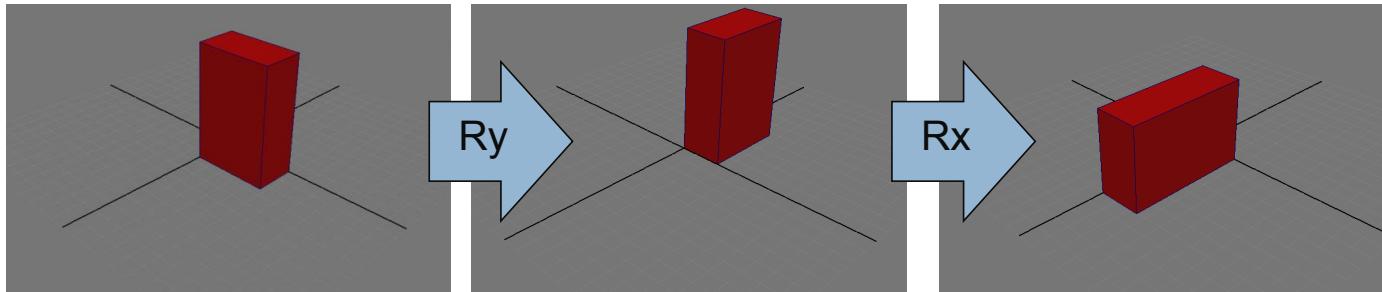
- We already know that matrix multiplication is **not** commutative.  
Consequence: the order of transformations **DOES** matter!



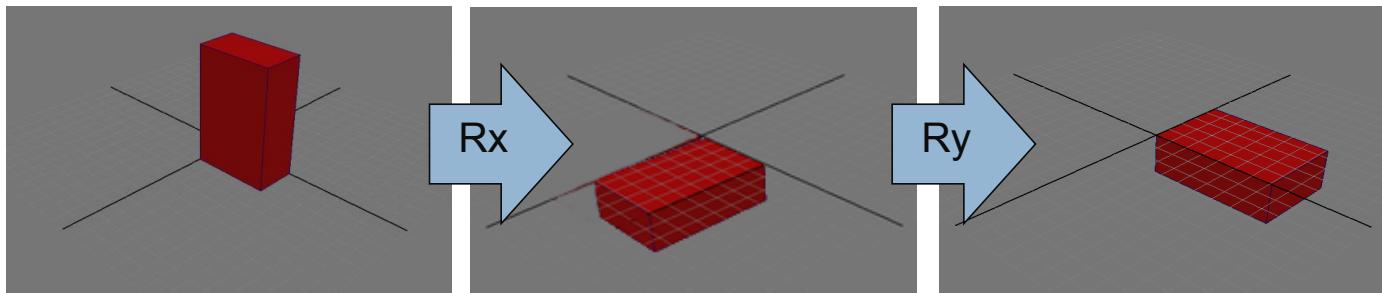
$dx$  verso SX



$Rx \cdot Ry$



$Ry \cdot Rx$



# Combining transformations

- Rotations and scales can be easily combined in a single matrix using matrix multiplication
- It would be extremely useful if ANY transformation could be expressed as a single matrix
  - ↳ ovvero anche le TRASLAZIONI
- Unfortunately, translations (as seen up to now) cannot be expressed as a matrix

# Homogeneous coordinates

- With homogeneous coordinates, a point in the 3D space is represented by a **4D vector** according to the following rule:
- From **non-homogeneous** to **homogeneous** coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{NON HOMOGENEOUS} \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} hx \\ hy \\ hz \\ h \end{bmatrix} \quad h \neq 0$$

- From **homogeneous** to **non-homogeneous** coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ h' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x'/h' \\ y'/h' \\ z'/h' \end{bmatrix}$$

(a full motivation of homogeneous coordinates is out of the scope of this course!)

# Examples

- Convert  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  from non-hom. to homogenous coordinates
- Many solutions exist:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 100 \\ 200 \\ 300 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix} = \dots$$

Non hom.  
homogenous

# Examples

- Convert  $\begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \\ 12 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  from hom. to non-homogeneous coords
- A single solution exists:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9/3 \\ 3/3 \\ 12/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Working with homogeneous coords

- Transformation matrices must be redefined
- Scale: CAMBIAMENTO DI SCALA con COORDINATE OMOGENEE

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x x \\ s_y y \\ s_z z \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

# Rotations in hom. coordinates

- Around the x axis:

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

- Around the y axis:

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

- Around the z axis:

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

# Translations in hom. coordinates

- Translation by  $[t_x, t_y, t_z]$

Elementi sulla diagonale sono 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_x \\ h_y \\ h_z \\ h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_x + ht_x \\ h_y + ht_y \\ h_z + ht_z \\ h \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{e poi divido per } h$$

=> ora so fare tutte le trasformazioni  
con una sola matrice

# Example

- Translate  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  by 3 in the X direction and 5 in the Y direction, using homogeneous coordinates
- First step: convert to homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Infinite valid choices: use the simplest one!

# Example

- Second step: use the translation matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 3 \\ 2 + 5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Third step: back to non-homogeneous coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} \begin{bmatrix} 4/1 \\ 7/1 \\ 3/1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is the  
expected result:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Final result

**With homogeneous coordinates, ANY  
possible transformation can be  
represented by a single  $4 \times 4$  matrix**

# Example

- Write the matrix that translates an object by [1,2,0] and then rotates it around the X axis by 90°

(basically all the matrix exercises in the final examination will be like this)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 90 & -\sin 90 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin 90 & \cos 90 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

⇒ è IMPORTANTE l'ORDINE in cui scrivo le matrici ma l'ORDINE delle MOLTIPLICAZIONI NON CONTA !!

# Solution

- Translation >> homogeneous coords are required
- Translation matrix  $T: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Rotation matrix  $R: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Final matrix:  $R \cdot T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Be careful: it's  $R \cdot T$ , not  $T \cdot R$