# Rigid Body Transformations and Eigen

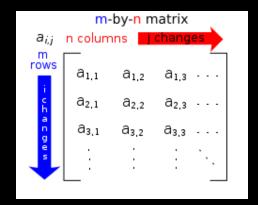
## Outline

- Linear algebra review
- Transforms
- Transforms in Eigen

# Linear Algebra Review

### Matrices and Vectors

• Matrix:



A square matrix has m = n

Vector: an m-by-1 matrix

### Matrix operations

- For matrices with the <u>same dimensions</u>
  - Can add them elementwise, e.g.:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} & a_{13} + b_{13} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} & a_{23} + b_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

Can scale them, e.g.:

$$2.4 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.4a_{11} & 2.4a_{12} & 2.4a_{13} \\ 2.4a_{21} & 2.4a_{22} & 2.4a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

### Matrix Multiplication

- For matrices A and B, their product is written as AB
- Each element in AB is the dot product of <u>a row</u> of A with <u>a column</u> of B

  Number of columns of A

$$(\mathbf{AB})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n_a} a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & b_{12} & \cdot \\ \cdot & b_{22} & \cdot \\ \cdot & b_{32} & \cdot \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & c_{22} & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_{22} = a_{2:} \cdot b_{:2} = a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} + a_{23}b_{32}$$

### Matrix Multiplication

Matrix multiplication is not commutative!

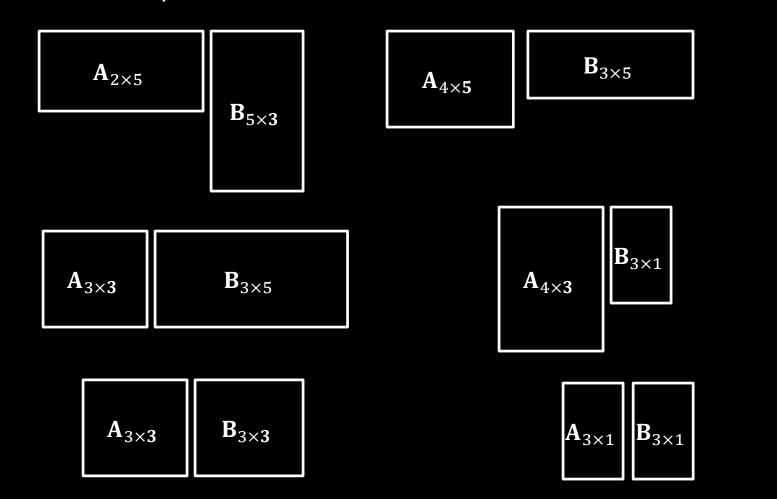
$$AB \neq BA$$

You can only multiply matrices if they have <u>compatible dimensions</u>

$$\mathbf{A}_{m_a \times n_a} \mathbf{B}_{m_b \times n_b} = \mathbf{C}_{m_a \times n_b}$$
 $n_a = m_b \text{ must be true}$ 

## Matrix Multiplication

Which multiplications are valid? What is the dimension of AB?



### Matrix Transpose

- The transpose of an m-by-n matrix A is denoted A<sup>T</sup>
- Transpose is done by flipping the matrix about the diagonal; i.e. swap rows and columns:

$$[\mathbf{A}^T]_{ij} = \mathbf{A}_{ji}$$

• Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{13} \\ a_{23} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

Distributing transpose:

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

 $(\mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{A}$ 

## **Identity Matrix**

- The identity matrix  $I_n$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix that does no change when multiplied
  - Diagonal elements (i = j) are 1
  - Off-diagonal elements  $(i \neq j)$  are 0

$$\mathbf{I_3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For an m x n matrix A

$$AI_n = A$$

$$AI_n = A$$
 $I_m A = A$ 

# Rigid Body Transformations

### Rigid Body Transformations

- An understanding of 2D and 3D rigid-body transformations is essential for robotics
- There are many representations, none is the "best"
  - Representations: Transform matrices, quaternions, Euler angles, etc.
  - Each representation is useful in a different way

We'll only cover Transform Matrices (most common form) today

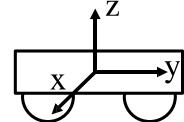
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### **Objects and Embedded Coordinate Frames**

 Objects of interest are real: wheels, sensors, obstacles.



- Abstract them by sets of axes fixed to the body.
- These axes:
  - Have a state of motion
  - Can be used to express vectors.
- Call them coordinate frames.



#### **Coordinate Frames**

• <u>Points</u> possess position but not orientation:

Particle (orientation undefined)

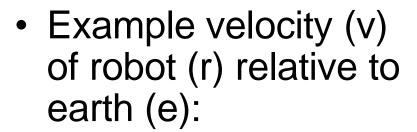
Rigid Bodies possess position and orientation:
 Ball (can rotate)

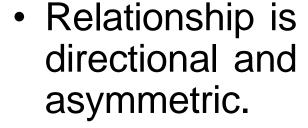


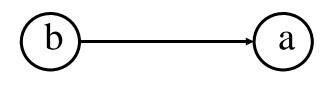
#### **Relations**

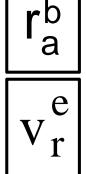
 Mechanics is about relations between objects.













#### **Notational Conventions**

Vectors:

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix}^T$$

- Also <u>sometimes</u> as <u>p</u> or as p to emphasize it is a vector.
- Matrices:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} t_{xx} & t_{xy} & t_{xz} \\ t_{yx} & t_{yy} & t_{yz} \\ t_{zx} & t_{zy} & t_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$



## **Converting Coordinates**

$$p^b = T_a^b p^a$$

• We will see later that  $\hat{a}$  notation satisfies our conventions where it means the 'T' property of 'object' a w.r.t 'object' b.



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#### **Affine Transformation**

Most general linear transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- r's and t's are the transform constants
- Can be used to effect translation, rotation, scale, reflections, and shear.
- Preserves linearity but not distance (hence, not areas or angles).



## **Homogeneous Transformation**

• Set t1 = t2 = 0:  $\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + 0$ 

- r's are the transform constants
- Can be used to effect rotation, scale, reflections, and shear (<u>not translation</u>).
- Preserves linearity but not distance (hence, not areas or angles).



## **Orthogonal Transformation**

Looks the same ... but:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11}r_{12} + r_{21}r_{22} = 0 \\ r_{11}r_{11} + r_{21}r_{21} = 1 \\ r_{12}r_{12} + r_{22}r_{22} = 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Can be used to effect rotation, reflections.
- Preserves linearity <u>AND distance</u> (hence, areas and angles).



#### **Rotation Matrix**

Looks the same ... but:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11}r_{12} + r_{21}r_{22} = 0 \\ r_{11}r_{11} + r_{21}r_{21} = 1 \\ r_{12}r_{12} + r_{22}r_{22} = 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R \qquad \qquad \text{Determinant}(\mathbf{R}) = 1$$

- Can be used to effect rotation.
- Preserves linearity <u>AND distance</u> (hence, areas and angles).



#### **Definitions**

- Heading = angle of path tangent.
- Yaw = rotation about vertical axis
- Pitch = rotation about level sideways axis
- Roll = rotation about "forward" axis.
- Attitude = pitch & roll
- Azimuth = yaw (for a pointing device)
- Elevation = pitch (for a pointing device)



#### **Definitions**

- Orientation = attitude & yaw.
- Pose = position & orientation

2D: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & \psi \end{bmatrix}^T$$
 3D:  $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & \theta & \phi & \psi \end{bmatrix}^T$ 

- Motion = movement of the whole body through space.



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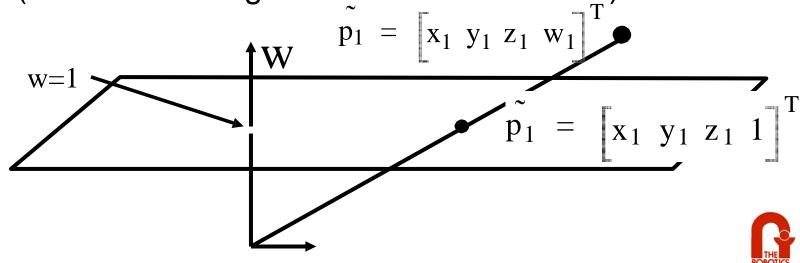


## **Homogeneous Coordinates**

 Coordinates which are <u>unique up to a scale</u> factor. i.e

$$\underline{x} = 6\underline{x} = -12\underline{x} = 3.14\underline{x} =$$
same thing

• The numbers in the vectors are not the same but we interpret them to mean the same thing (in fact. the thing whose scale factor is 1).



#### **Pure Directions**

- Its also possible to represent pure directions
  - Pure in the sense they "are everywhere" (i.e. have no position and cannot be moved).
- We use a scale factor of zero to get a pure direction:

$$d_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ y_{1} \\ z_{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

It will shortly be clear why this works.



## Why Bother?

 Points in 3D can be rotated, reflected, scaled, and sheared with 3 X 3 matrices....

• But not translated. 
$$p_2 = p_1 + p_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix} \neq T \operatorname{rans}(p_k) p_1$$



#### Trick: Move to 4D

$$p_{2} = p_{1} + p_{k} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ y_{1} \\ z_{1} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x_{k} \\ y_{k} \\ z_{k} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & x_{k} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & y_{k} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z_{k} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ y_{1} \\ z_{1} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = Trans(p_{k})p_{1}$$

$$x_2 = 1 \times x_1 + x_k$$

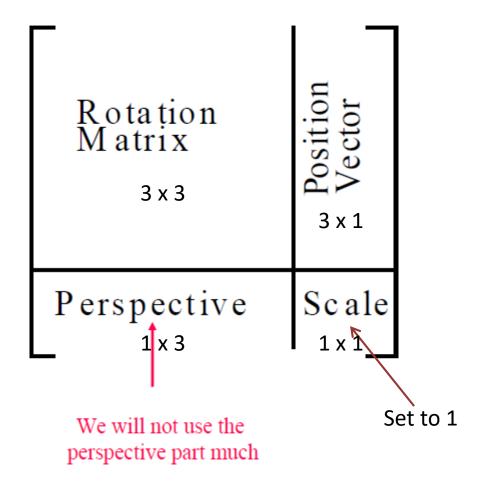
$$y_2 = 1 \times y_1 + y_k$$

$$z_2 = 1 \times z_1 + z_k$$

 The scale factor in the <u>vector</u> is used to add a scaled amount of the 4<sup>th</sup> <u>matrix</u> column.

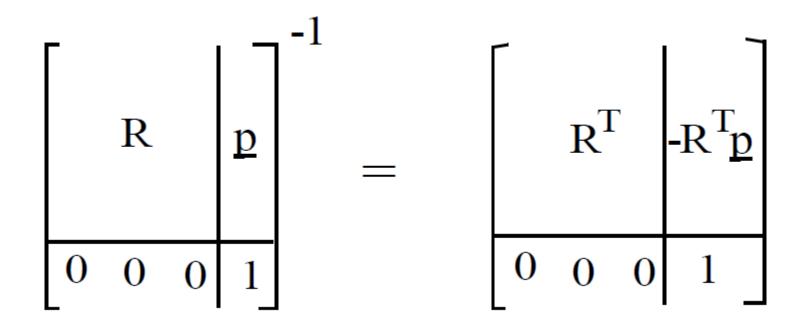
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## Format of Homogeneous Transforms (HTs)





#### **Inverse of a HT**



 Of course standard matrix inverse also works, but this is faster



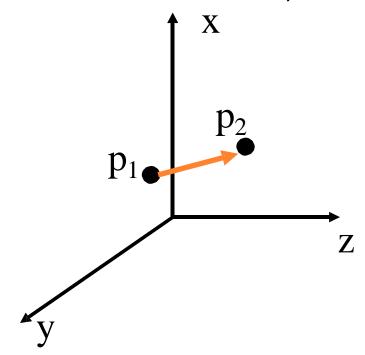
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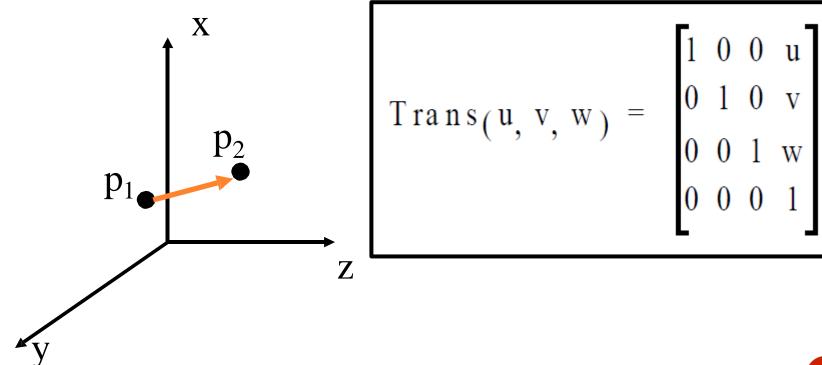
## **Operators**

- Mapping:
  - Point1 -> Point2 (both expressed in same coordinates)





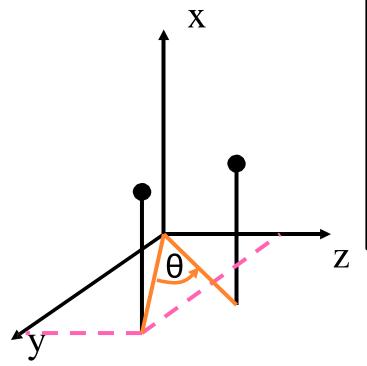
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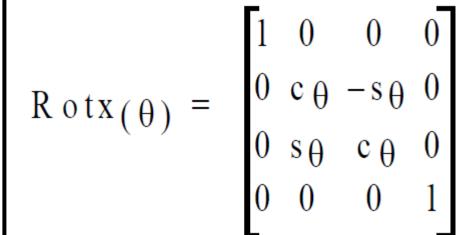




## **Operators**

$$s\theta = sin(\theta)$$
  
 $c\theta = cos(\theta)$ 

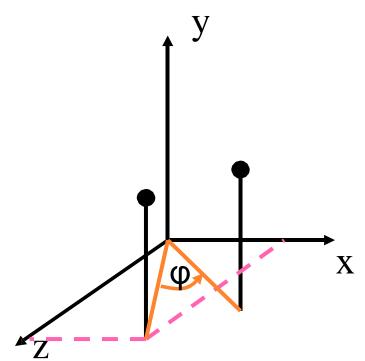






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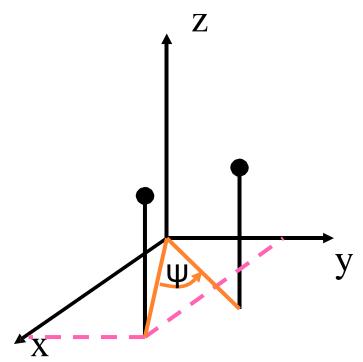


$$Roty_{(\phi)} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\phi} & 0 & s_{\phi} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -s_{\phi} & 0 & c_{\phi} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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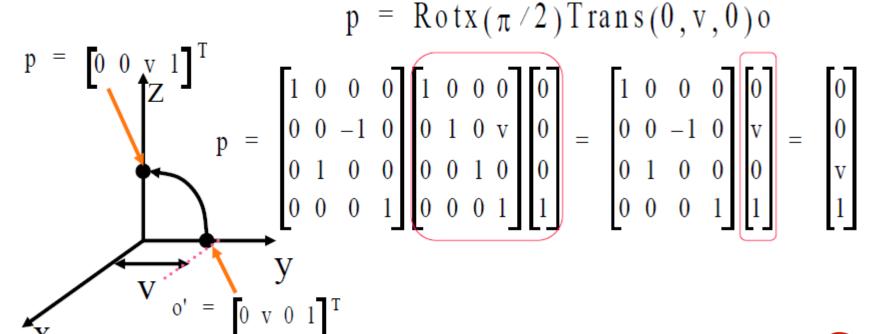


$$R \ otz_{(\psi)} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\psi} & -s_{\psi} & 0 & 0 \\ s_{\psi} & c_{\psi} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# **Example: Operating on a Point**

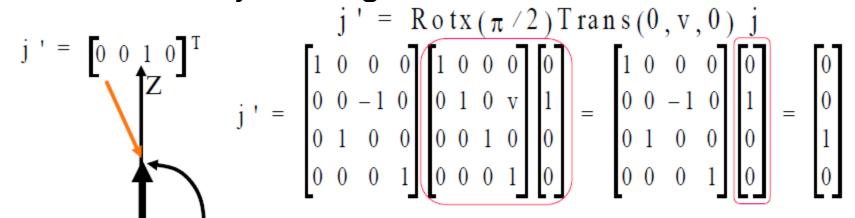
 A point at the origin is translated along the y axis by 'v' units and then the resulting point is rotated by 90 degrees around the x axis.





# **Example: Operating on a Direction**

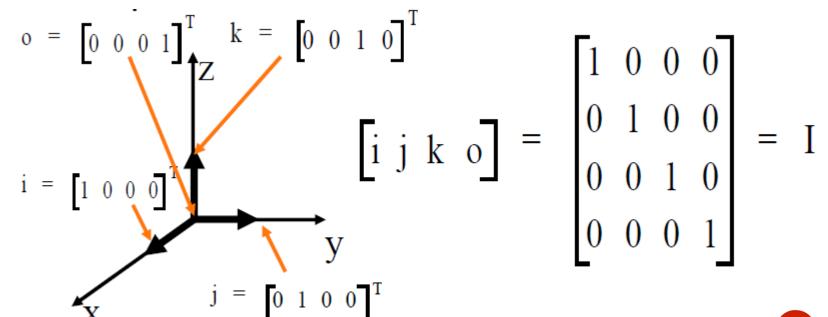
 The y axis unit vector is translated along the y axis by v units and then rotated by 90 degrees around the x axis.



y • Having a zero scale factor
 j = [0 1 0 0]<sup>T</sup> disables translation.

### **HTs as Coordinate Frames**

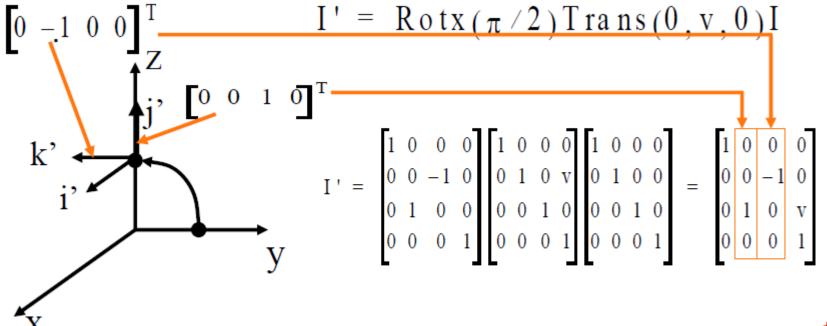
 The columns of the identity HT can be considered to represent 3 directions and a point – the coordinate frame itself.





## **Example: Operating on a Frame**

 Each resulting column of this result is the transformation of the corresponding column in the original identity matrix





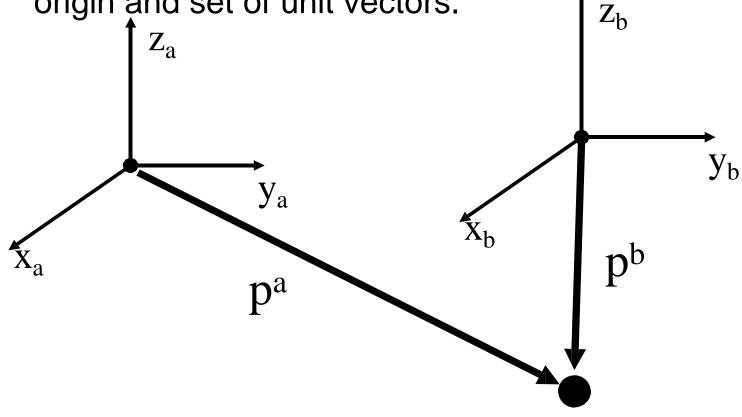
## Huh?

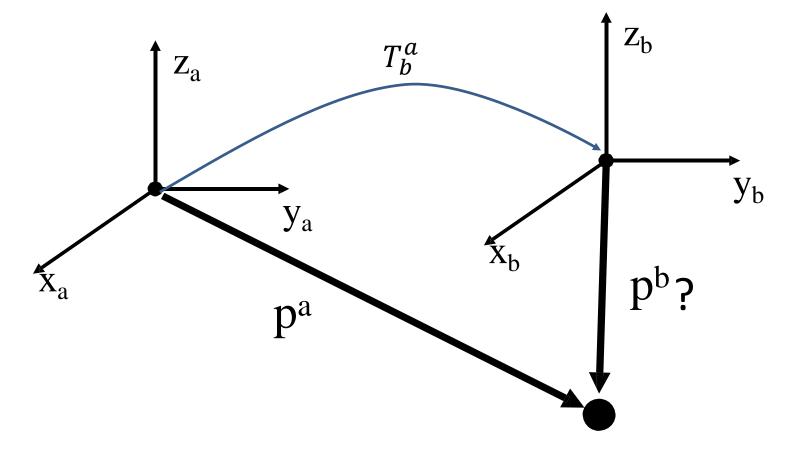
- Columns of an input matrix are treated independently in multiplication.
- Every orthonormal matrix can be viewed as one set of axes located with respect to another set.
  - The "locations" can be read right from the matrix they're just the columns.
- We can use this idea to track the position and orientation of rigid bodies....
  - Imagine <u>embedding frames</u> inside them somewhere and track their motions.



# **Converting Coordinates**

Converting coordinates is about expressing the <u>same physical point</u> with respect to a new origin and set of unit vectors.





• Given  $T_b^a$  and  $p^a$ , how to compute  $p^b$ ?

# Similarity Transforms

• Suppose you have a transform  $A^0$  defined relative to frame 0, and you want to know what it is in frame 1. Assume you know  $T_1^0$ .

$$B = (T_1^0)^{-1} A^0 T_1^0$$

• B is transform  $A^0$  represented in frame 1

# **Sequencing Transforms**

- Any sequence of transforms can be represented by a single transform (Euler's rotation theorem)
- How you sequence transforms depends on if you are transforming w.r.t. the *fixed* or the *current* axes
- Transforming w.r.t. *current* axes: multiply *on the right*  $T_n^0 = T_1^0 T_2^1 \dots T_n^{n-1}$
- Transforming w.r.t. *fixed* axes of frame 0: multiply *on the left*  $T_2^0 = T_1^0[(T_1^0)^{-1}A^0T_1^0] = A^0T_1^0$

Similarity transform

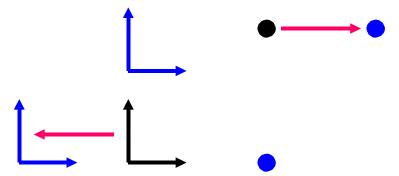
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# **Summary**

 Everything is relative. There is no way to distinguish moving a point "forward" from moving the coordinate system "backward".



• In both cases, the resulting (blue) point has the same relationship to the blue frame.



# **Summary**

- Homogeneous Transforms are:
  - Operators
  - Frames
- They can be both the things that operate on other things and the things operated upon.



# BREAK

# Eigen

## What is Eigen?

- Our first external library!
- A library used for matrices and vectors
  - Used frequently in industry for linear algebra in C++
- Many many functions and classes
  - We'll use just a few of these in this course
- Eigen has it's own geometry classes (e.g. Affine Transform, Translation, etc.)
  - We won't use these in this lecture, just the Matrix and Vector classes
- Very useful quick reference: <a href="https://eigen.tuxfamily.org/dox/group\_QuickRefPage.html">https://eigen.tuxfamily.org/dox/group\_QuickRefPage.html</a>

# Eigen "hello world"

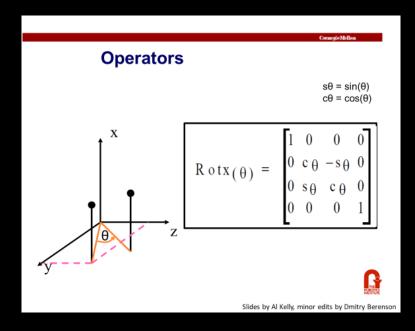
```
#include <iostream>
#include <math.h>
#include <eigen3/Eigen/Eigen> //this has already been installed for you on the VM
int main(){
    Eigen::Matrix4d m1; //same as Eigen::MatrixXd m1(4,4);
        << 1, 2, 3, 1,
            1, 1, 0, 2,
            1, 0, 1, 3,
            1, 0, 0, 4;
    m1(0,0) = 3;
    std::cout << "m1: " << std::endl << m1 <<std::endl<<std::endl;</pre>
    std::cout << "m1.inverse(): " << std::endl << m1.inverse() <<std::endl<<std::endl;</pre>
    std::cout << "m1*m1.inverse(): " << std::endl << m1 * m1.inverse() <<std::endl<<std::endl;</pre>
```

```
m1:
3231
1102
1013
1004
m1.inverse():
 1 -2 -3 3
-0.5 2 1.5 -2
-0.25 0.5 1.75 -1.5
-0.25 0.5 0.75 -0.5
m1*m1.inverse():
1000
0100
0010
0001
```

## Eigen basics

- Can't create a matrix as easily as matlab or python, need to think about size and datatype, e.g.:
  - Eigen::Matrix4d is the type for a 4x4 matrix where each entry is of type double
  - Eigen::Matrix2f is the type for a 2x2 matrix where each entry is of type float
  - We will use matrices that have entries of type double in this course
- What if I want to change my matrix size?
  - **Eigen::**MatrixXd is the type for arbitrary size matrices
  - Can use arbitrary size matrices at initialization:
    - Eigen::MatrixXd x(4,30);
  - Can initialize to empty and then set size later:
    - Eigen::MatrixXd x;
       x.resize(7,5); //WARNING: this will delete the data in the matrix
- Same idea for vectors:
  - E.g. Eigen::Vector4d Or Eigen::VectorXd

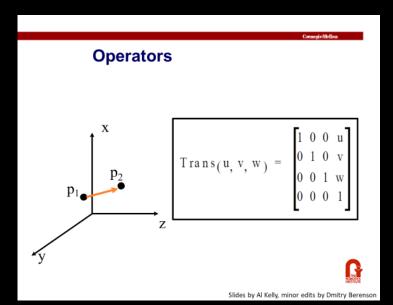
## Transforms with Eigen: Rotation



```
#include <iostream>
#include <math.h>
#include <eigen3/Eigen/Eigen>
Eigen::Matrix4d Rotx(double angle)
    Eigen::Matrix4d m;
    m << 1, 0, 0, 0,
            0, cos(angle), -sin(angle), 0,
            0, sin(angle), cos(angle), 0,
            0, 0, 0, 1;
    return m;
int main(){
    std::cout << "Rotx(pi/4): " << std::endl</pre>
              << Rotx(M_PI/4)<<std::endl;
    return 0;
```

```
Rotx(pi/4):
0 0.707107 -0.707107 0
0 0.707107 0.707107 0
0 0 0 1
```

## Transforms with Eigen: Translation



```
#include <iostream>
#include <math.h>
#include <eigen3/Eigen/Eigen>
Eigen::Matrix4d Trans(const Eigen::Vector3d& vec)
    Eigen::Matrix4d m;
    m.setIdentity();
    m(0,3) = vec(0);
    m(1,3) = vec(1);
    m(2,3) = vec(2);
    return m;
int main(){
    std::cout << "Trans(Vector3d(0.1,0.2,0.3)): "</pre>
               << std::endl
               << Trans(Eigen::Vector3d(0.1,0.2,0.3))</pre>
               << std::endl;
    return 0;
```

```
Trans(Vector3d(0.1,0.2,0.3)):
1 0 0 0.1
0 1 0 0.2
0 0 1 0.3
0 0 0 1
```

## Transforms with Eigen: Rotate a vector

```
#include <iostream>
#include <math.h>
#include <eigen3/Eigen/Eigen>
Eigen::Matrix4d Rotx(double angle)
    Eigen::Matrix4d m;
       << 1, 0, 0, 0,
            0, cos(angle), -sin(angle), 0,
            0, sin(angle), cos(angle), 0,
            0, 0, 0, 1;
    return m;
int main(){
   //the "1" at the end makes this homogenous coordinates
    Eigen::Vector4d xyzw(0.5,0.7,1.2,1);
    std::cout << "Rotx(pi/4)*xyzw: " << std::endl</pre>
              << Rotx(M PI/4)*xyzw << std::endl;
    return 0;
```

```
Rotx(pi/4)*xyzw:
0.5
-0.353553
1.3435
```

## Copy contents of an std::vector to an Eigen::Vector

- If you know the std::vector is a certain (small) size, use e.g. Eigen::Vector3d
- Otherwise, use <u>Figen::VectorXd</u>, but be careful about how you copy data

```
std::vector<double> std_vec{1.1,2.1,3.1};

//this works because Vector3d is a known size (reads 3 values)
Eigen::Vector3d eigen_vec1(std_vec.data()); //std_vec.data() returns a pointer

//do this if you want to use VectorXd
Eigen::VectorXd eigen_vec2 = Eigen::Map<Eigen::VectorXd>(std_vec.data(), std_vec.size());
```

WARNING: Make sure the data type of std::vector and Eigen::Vector are the same!

### Homework

- Homework 3 due Weds!
- (optional for review) Boyd Linear Algebra Book: Chapters 1.1-1.4; 3.1-3.2; 5.1-5.3; 6.1-6.4; 10.1; 11
- (not optional for least squares) Boyd Linear Algebra Book: Chapter
   13.1