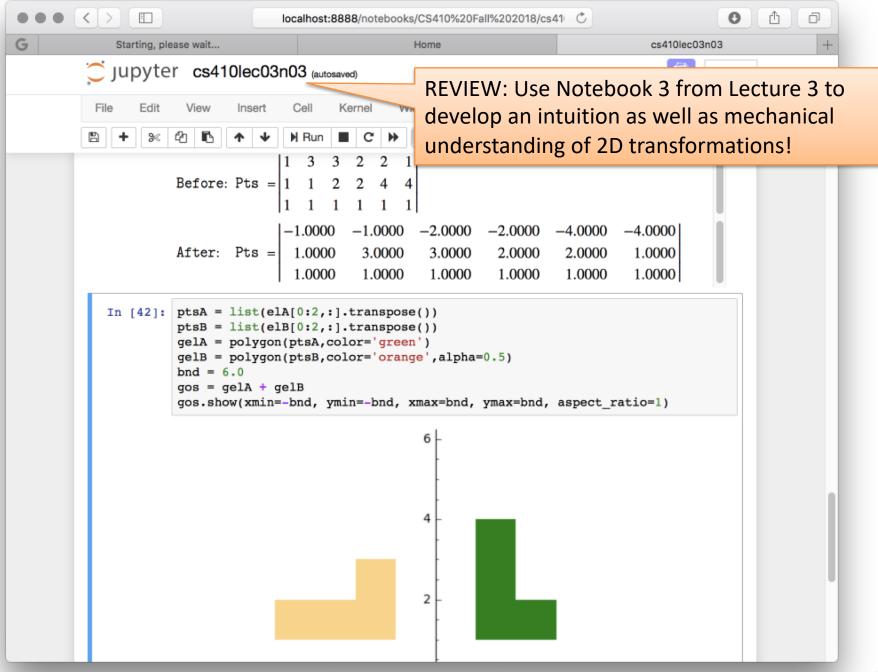
Lecture 04: 3D Transformations including Axis Angle Rotation

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Homogeneous Coordinates in 3D

- Same basic idea as for 2D.
- Now transformations are 4x4 matrices.
- 3D points represented as 4 element vectors.
- Let us consider the standard transformation
 - Translation
 - Scaling
 - Rotation

Translation and Scaling

To transform a Point A into translated Point B.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_{\mathcal{X}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_{\mathcal{Y}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_{\mathcal{Z}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

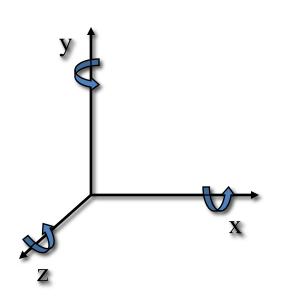
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To transform a Point A into scaled Point B.

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} s_{\mathcal{X}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_{\mathcal{Y}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_{\mathcal{Z}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation – Part 1: Euler Angles

Rotations in 3D are more complex, because we now have three orthogonal axes that we can rotate around:



These are called the "Euler Angles"

Trust me:

Any rotation around any axis can be expressed as a sequence of three rotations about the x, y and z axes.

Rotation about Each Axis

About the X axis

$$Rx = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

About the Y axis

$$Ry = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta) & 0 & -\sin(\beta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\beta) & 0 & \cos(\beta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

About the Z axis

$$Rz = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma) & -\sin(\gamma) & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler Angle Matrices - Pattern

 To rotate around any axis, start with the empty template:

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & 0 \\ & & 0 \\ & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The axis you rotate around won't change:

Remembering

$$\begin{bmatrix}
\cos(x) & -\sin(x) & 0 & 0 \\
\sin(x) & \cos(x) & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}$$

Pay attention to the pattern.

(Y)

Each version replicates a 2D rotation matrix in a part of the 3D rotation matrix.

Composition of Rotations

Rotate about x, then y, then z.

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma) & -\sin(\gamma) & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta) & 0 & -\sin(\beta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\beta) & 0 & \cos(\beta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma)\cos(\beta) & -\sin(\gamma)\cos(\alpha) - \cos(\gamma)\sin(\beta)\sin(\alpha) & \sin(\gamma)\sin(\alpha) - \cos(\gamma)\sin(\beta)\cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ \sin(\gamma)\cos(\beta) & \cos(\gamma)\cos(\alpha) + \sin(\gamma)\sin(\beta)\sin(\alpha) & -\cos(\gamma)\sin(\alpha) + \sin(\gamma)\sin(\beta)\cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ -\sin(\beta) & \cos(\beta)\sin(\alpha) & \cos(\beta)\sin(\alpha) & \cos(\beta)\cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Order matters! Rotate about z, then y, then x.

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma)\cos(\beta) & -\sin(\gamma)\cos(\beta) & -\sin(\beta) & 0 \\ \cos(\gamma)\sin(\beta)\sin(\alpha) - \sin(\gamma)\cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\gamma)\sin(\beta)\sin(\alpha) + \cos(\gamma)\cos(\alpha) & -\cos(\beta)\sin(\alpha) & 0 \\ -\cos(\gamma)\sin(\beta)\cos(\alpha) - \sin(\gamma)\sin(\alpha) & \sin(\gamma)\sin(\beta)\cos(\alpha) + \cos(\gamma)\sin(\alpha) & \cos(\beta)\cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

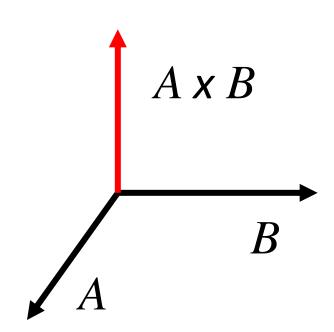
Please do not memorize these!

A Better Way – Axis Angle



Cross-Product

The cross product of two (3D) vectors is a new 3D vector that is perpendicular to both of the original vectors.



More Formally

$$V_1 \times V_2 = u |V_1| |V_2| \sin \theta$$

Where u is a unit vector perpendicular to both V_1 and V_2 , as determined by the right-hand rule

If
$$V=(V_x, V_y, V_z)$$
 then:

$$V_{1} \times V_{2} = \left(V_{1y}V_{2z} - V_{1z}V_{2y}, V_{1z}V_{2x} - V_{1x}V_{2z}, V_{1x}V_{2y} - V_{1y}V_{2x}\right)$$

....don't despair!

It's easier to compute by hand than it looks

$$V_1 \times V_2 = \left(V_{1y} V_{2z} - V_{1z} V_{2y}, V_{1z} V_{2x} - V_{1x} V_{2z}, V_{1x} V_{2y} - V_{1y} V_{2x} \right)$$

$$V_1 \times V_2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ V_{1x} & V_{1y} & V_{1z} \\ V_{2x} & V_{2y} & V_{2z} \end{bmatrix}$$
 Axes

$$V_{1} \times V_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ V_{1x} & V_{1y} & V_{1z} \\ V_{2x} & V_{2y} & V_{2z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{Blue product} \\ \text{minus red} \\ \text{products} \\ V_{2x} & V_{2y} & V_{2z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Blue products

Back to 3D Rotation

- In P' = MP, the points in P are projected onto the rows of M.
- In a rotation matrix:
 - The rows are unit length
 - Otherwise it scales the data...
 - The rows are orthogonal
 - Otherwise it shears the data...

To specify a rotation matrix, just specify the (orthogonal, unit) basis vectors of the new coordinate system!

Axis Angle Rotation

 In the special case that the axis is the Z axis, no problem:

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

Where θ is the magnitude of the rotation

But what about all the other possible axes?

Axis Angle (II)

 General rule: if there is a special-case coordinate system that makes life easy, adopt that coordinate system!

- In this case:
 - Rotate data to make Z the axis of rotation
 - Rotate about Z
 - 3. Apply the inverse of the original rotation

Axis Angle (III)

- How do we rotate the data to make the axis of rotation Z?
 - Multiplication is projection onto the rows of M
 - If M is orthonormal, it is a rotation matrix
 - Magnitude of every row is 1
 - Dot product of every pair of rows is 0
- If the third row is the axis of rotation, then
 - Z becomes the axis of rotation!

Axis Angle (IV)

- Step 1: normalize the axis of rotation
 - Write the normalized axis as $w = (w_x, w_y, w_z)$
- Step 2: pick any axis M not parallel to W
 - Heuristic: pick the smallest term in w, set it to 1 and renormalize to create m
- Step 3: create U = W × M
- Step 4: pick an axis v perpendicular to w & u
 - $-V = W \times U \text{ (or } U \times W)$

Axis Angle (V)

Now put those together in a rotation matrix:

$$R_{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{x} & u_{y} & u_{z} & 0 \\ v_{x} & v_{y} & v_{z} & 0 \\ w_{x} & w_{y} & w_{z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Axis Angle (VI)

To rotate by θ around ω:

$$P' = \left(R_{\omega}^{-1} R_{Z_{\theta}} R_{\omega}\right) P$$

- R_w is from the last slide
- $-R_{z\Theta}$ is the rotation matrix about Z, by amount θ
- What about R-1?

Axis Angle (V)

Useful math fact: the inverse of an orthonormal matrix is its transpose

$$P' = \left(R_{\omega}^T R_{Z_{\theta}} R_{\omega}\right) P$$

That's how you implement axis-angle rotation!

Practice with Axis-Angle

