



# More on Transformations

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# Agenda



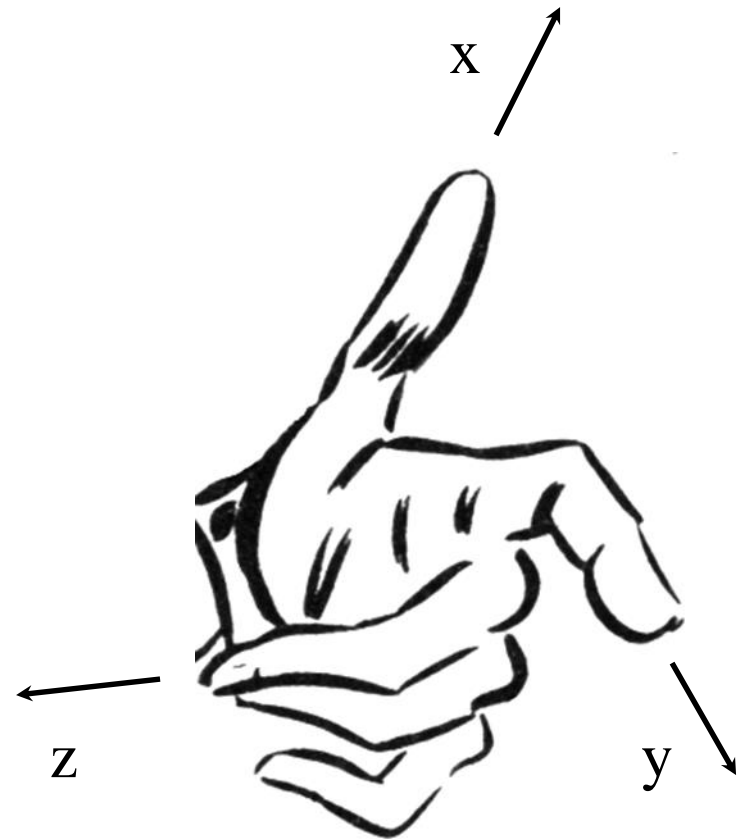
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# 3D Coordinate Systems



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- **Right-handed** vs. left-handed
- Right-hand rule for rotations:  
positive rotation = counterclockwise  
rotation about axis



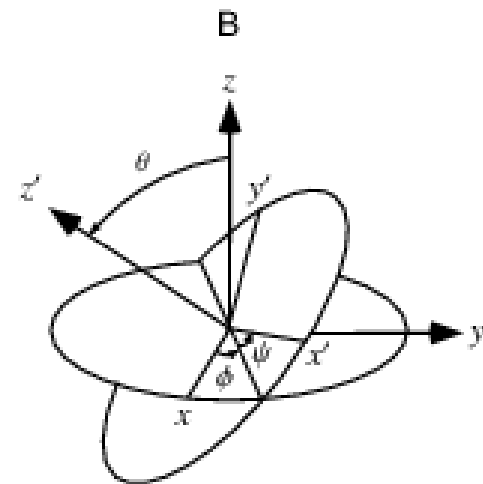
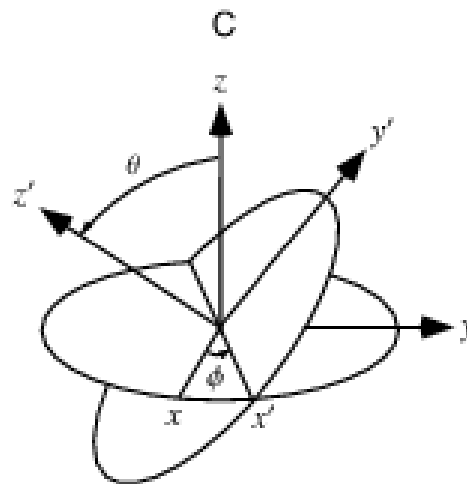
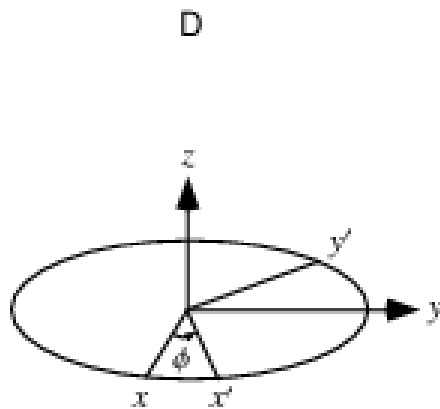


# General Rotations

- Recall: set of rotations in 3-D is 3-dimensional
  - Rotation group  $SO(3)$
  - Non-commutative
  - Corresponds to orthonormal  $3 \times 3$  matrices with determinant = +1
  
- Need 3 parameters to represent a general rotation (Euler's rotation theorem)

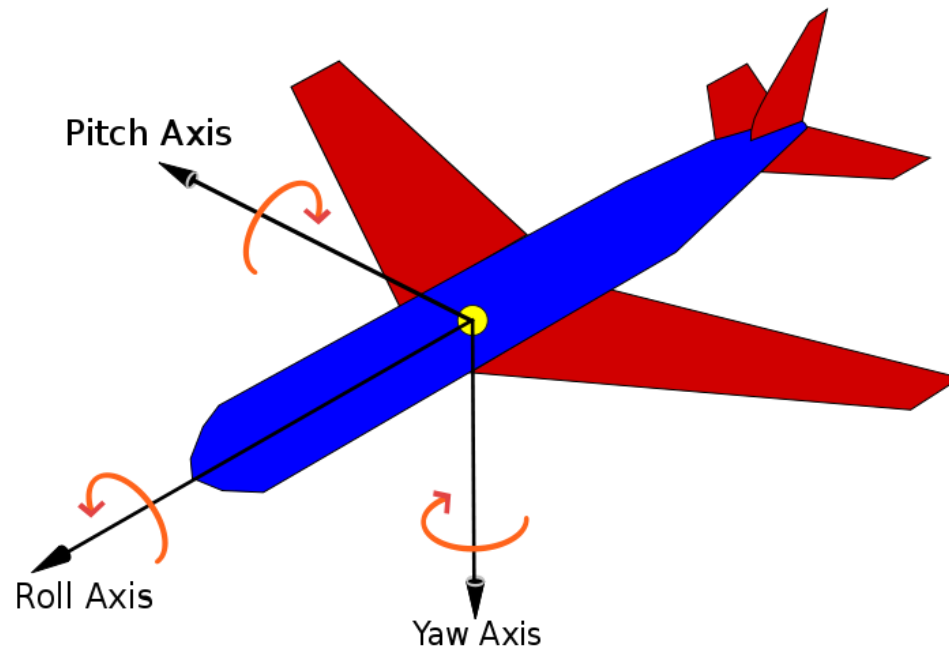
# Euler Angles

- Specify rotation by giving angles of rotation about 3 coordinate axes
- 12 possible conventions for order of axes, but one standard is Z-X-Z



# Euler Angles

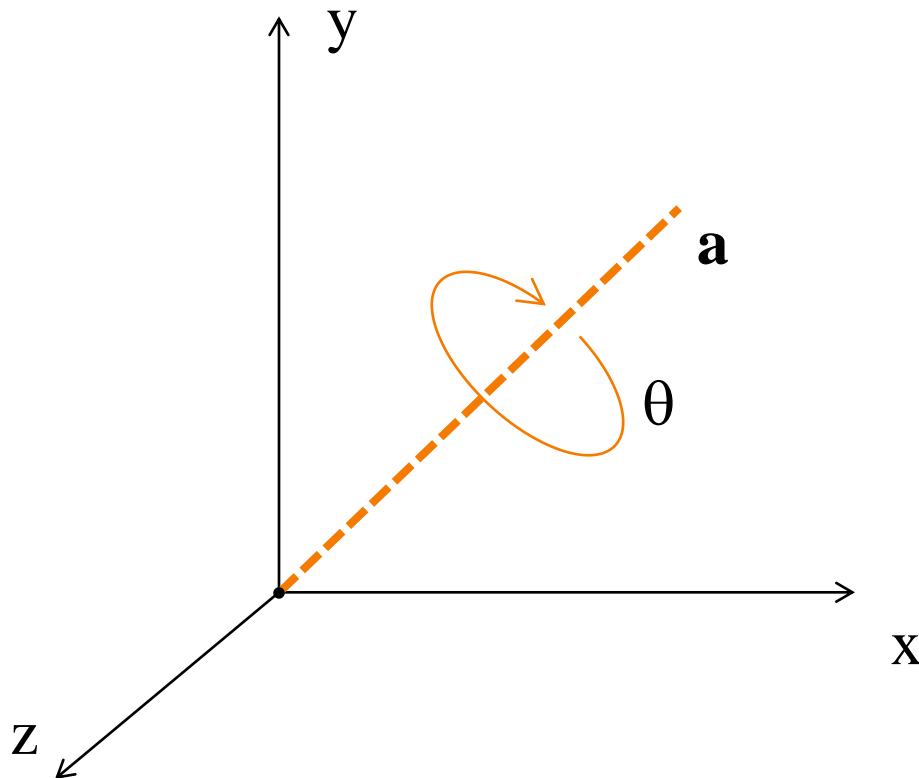
- Another popular convention: X-Y-Z
- Can be interpreted as yaw, pitch, roll of airplane





# Rodrigues's Formula

- Even more useful: rotate by an arbitrary angle (1 number) about an arbitrary axis (3 numbers, but only 2 degrees of freedom since unit-length)



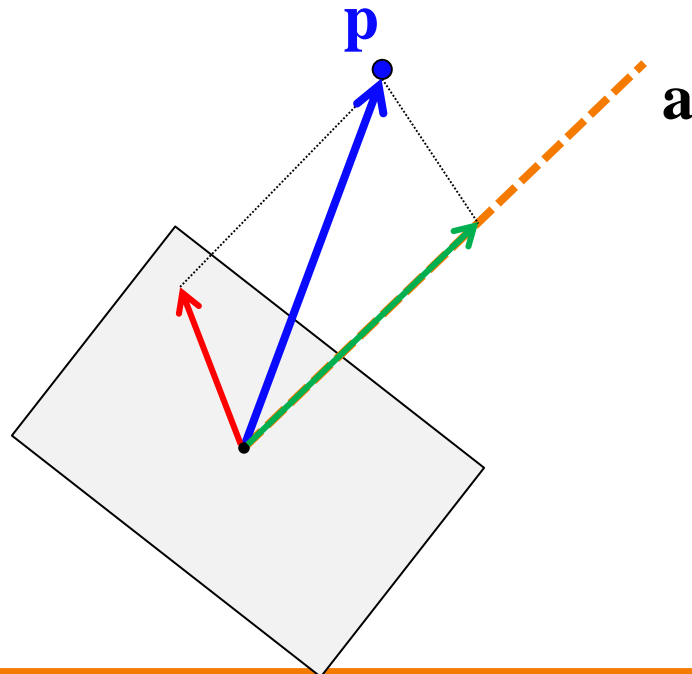




# Rodrigues's Formula

- An arbitrary point **p** may be decomposed into its components **along** and **perpendicular** to **a**

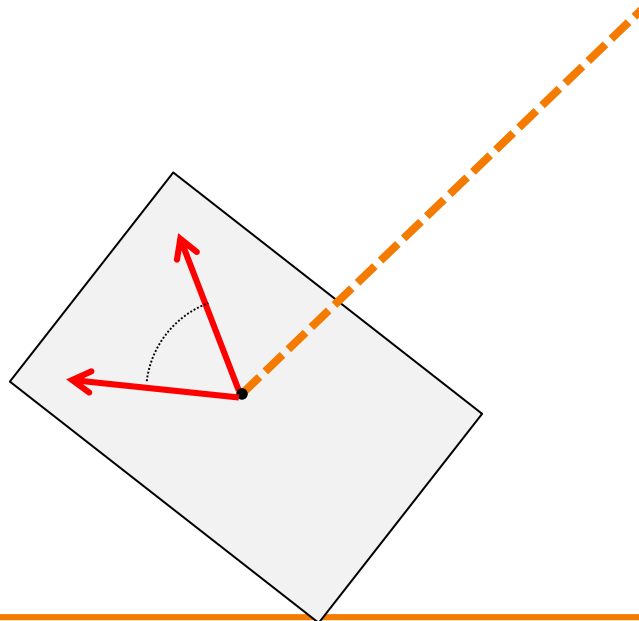
$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{a} (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{a}) + [\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{a} (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{a})]$$





# Rodrigues's Formula

- Rotating component **along**  $\mathbf{a}$  leaves it unchanged
- Rotating component **perpendicular** to  $\mathbf{a}$  (call it  $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ ) moves it to  $\mathbf{p}_\perp \cos \theta + (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{p}_\perp) \sin \theta$





# Rodrigues' Formula

- Putting it all together:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p} &= \mathbf{a} (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{a}) + \mathbf{p}_{\perp} \cos \theta + (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{p}_{\perp}) \sin \theta \\ &= \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{p} + (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{p}) \cos \theta + (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{p}) \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

Why?

- So:  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T) \cos \theta + [\mathbf{a}]_{\times} \sin \theta$

where  $[\mathbf{a}]_{\times}$  is the “cross product matrix”

$$[\mathbf{a}]_{\times} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -a_z & a_y \\ a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & a_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Olinde Rodrigues, "Des lois géométriques qui régissent les déplacements d'un système solide dans l'espace, et de la variation des coordonnées provenant de ces déplacements considérées indépendantes des causes qui peuvent les produire", *J. Math. Pures Appl.* **5** (1840), 380–440.

# Rotating One Direction into Another



- Given two directions  $\mathbf{d}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{d}_2$  (unit length), how to find transformation that rotates  $\mathbf{d}_1$  into  $\mathbf{d}_2$ ?
  - There are many such rotations!
  - Choose rotation with minimum angle
- Axis =  $\mathbf{d}_1 \times \mathbf{d}_2$
- Angle =  $\text{acos}(\mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d}_2)$

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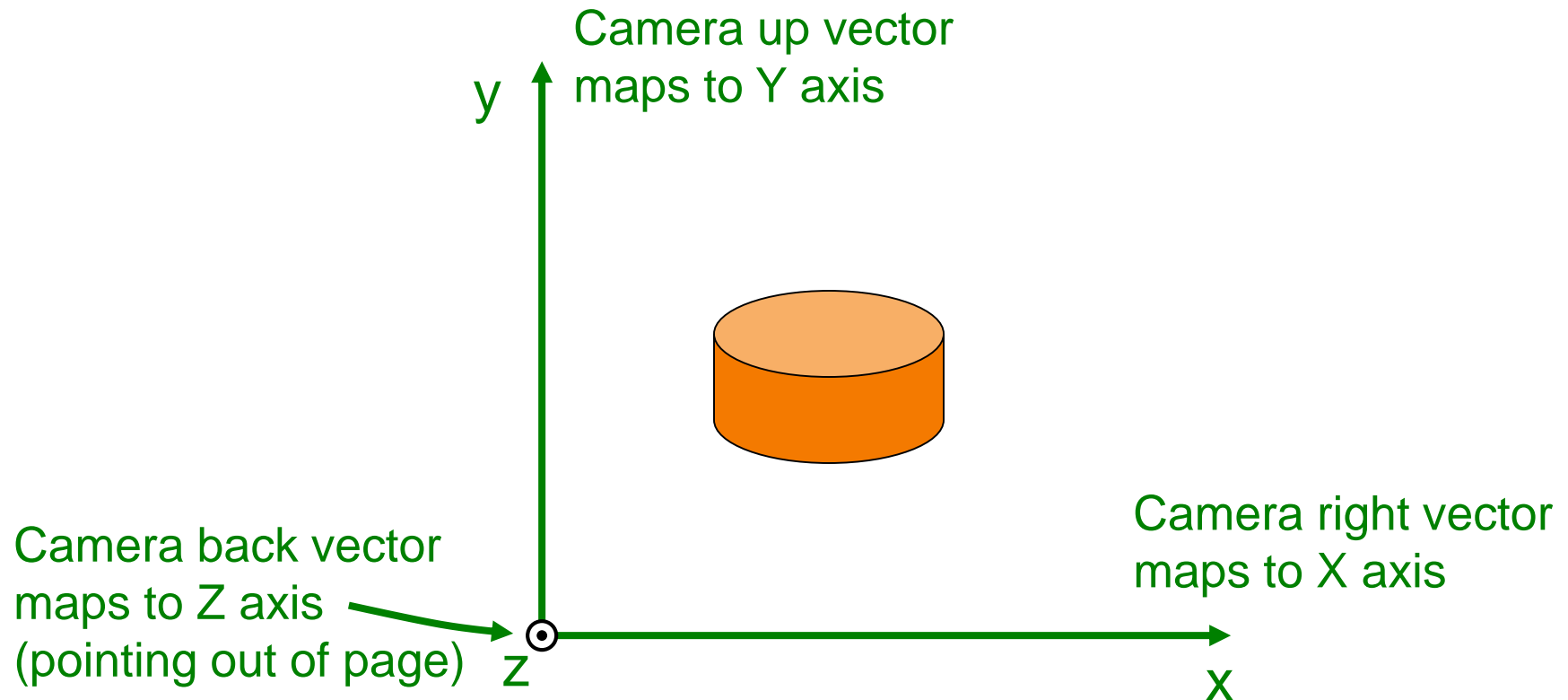
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# Camera Coordinates

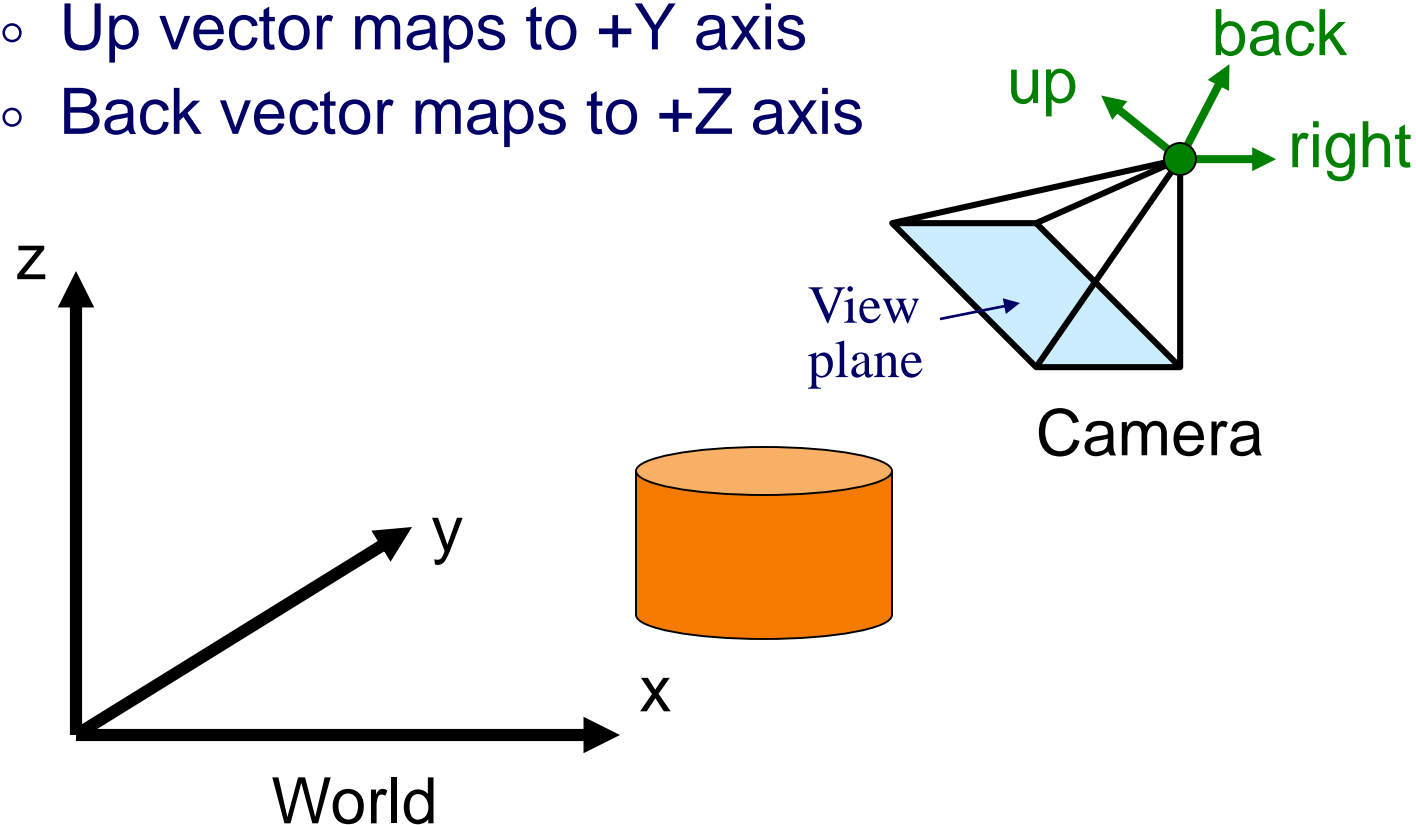
## Canonical camera coordinate system

- Convention is right-handed (looking down  $-z$  axis)
- Convenient for projection, clipping, etc.



# Viewing Transformation

- Mapping from world to camera coordinates
  - Eye position maps to origin
  - Right vector maps to +X axis
  - Up vector maps to +Y axis
  - Back vector maps to +Z axis



# Finding the viewing transformation



- We have the camera (in world coordinates)
- We want  $T$  taking objects from world to camera

$$p^c = T p^w$$

- Trick: find  $T^{-1}$  taking objects in camera to world

$$p^w = T^{-1} p^c$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ m & n & o & p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$





# Finding the Viewing Transformation



- Trick: map from camera coordinates to world
  - Origin maps to eye position
  - Z axis maps to Back vector
  - Y axis maps to Up vector
  - X axis maps to Right vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_x & U_x & B_x & E_x \\ R_y & U_y & B_y & E_y \\ R_z & U_z & B_z & E_z \\ R_w & U_w & B_w & E_w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

- This matrix is  $T^{-1}$  so we invert it to get  $T$  ... easy!

# Maintaining Viewing Transformation



For first-person camera control, need 2 operations:

- Turn: rotate( $\theta, 0, 1, 0$ ) in **local** coordinates
- Advance: translate( $0, 0, -v^* \Delta t$ ) in **local** coordinates
- Key: transformations act on local, not global coords
- To accomplish: **right**-multiply by translation, rotation

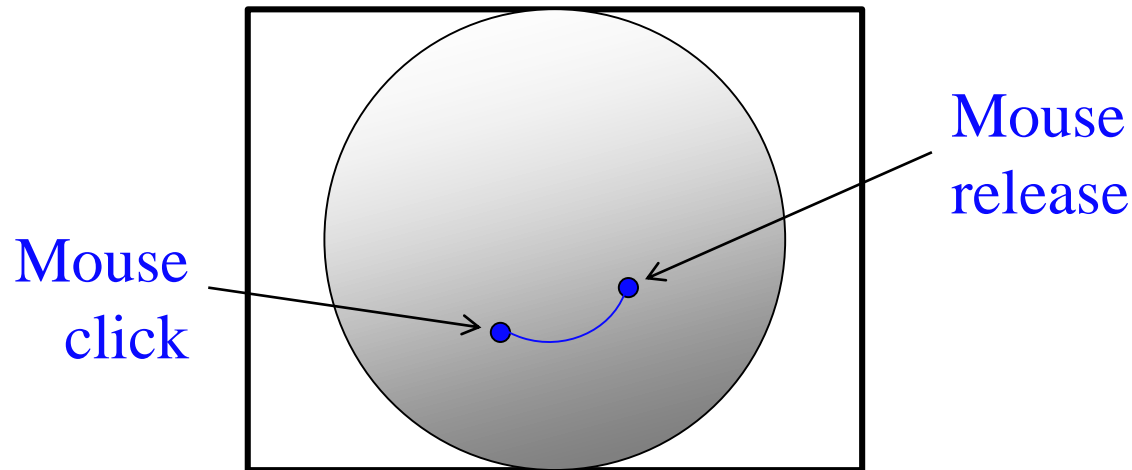
$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{new}} \leftarrow \mathbf{M}_{\text{old}} \mathbf{T}_{-v^* \Delta t, z} \mathbf{R}_{\theta, y}$$

# Maintaining Viewing Transformation



Object manipulation: “trackball” or “arcball” interface

- Map mouse positions to surface of a sphere



- Compute rotation axis, angle
- Apply rotation to **global** coords: **left-multiply**

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{new}} \leftarrow \mathbf{R}_{\theta, a} \mathbf{M}_{\text{old}}$$

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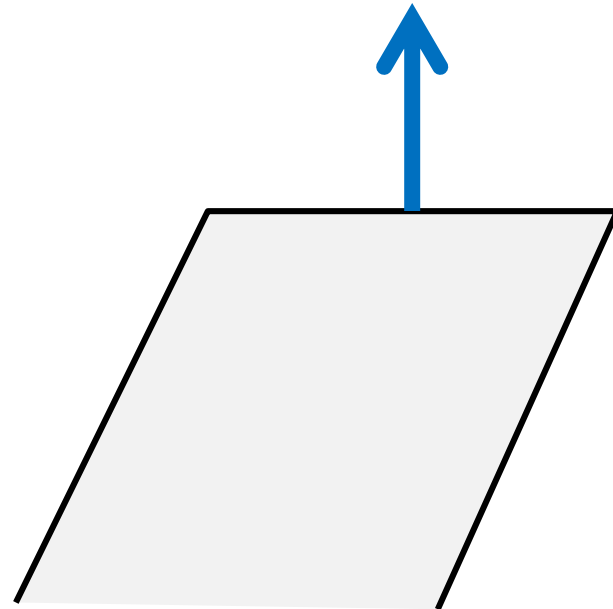
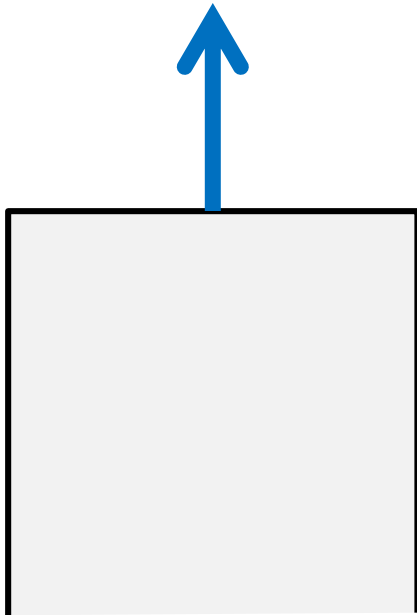
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# Transforming Normals



Normals do not transform the same way as points!

- Not affected by translation
- Not affected by shear perpendicular to the normal





# Transforming Normals

- Key insight: normal remains perpendicular to surface **tangent**

- Let  $\mathbf{t}$  be a tangent vector and  $\mathbf{n}$  be the normal

$$\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{n} = 0$$

- If matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  represents an affine transformation, it transforms  $\mathbf{t}$  as

$$\mathbf{t} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_L \mathbf{t}$$

where  $\mathbf{M}_L$  is the linear part (upper-left  $3 \times 3$ ) of  $\mathbf{M}$



# Transforming Normals

- So, after transformation, want

$$(\mathbf{M}_L \mathbf{t})^T \mathbf{n}_{\text{transformed}} = 0$$

- But we know that

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

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

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

- So,

$$\mathbf{n}_{\text{transformed}} = (\mathbf{M}_L^T)^{-1} \mathbf{n}$$

# Transforming Normals



- Conclusion: normals transformed by *inverse transpose* of *linear part* of transformation
- Note that for rotations, inverse = transpose, so inverse transpose = identity
  - normals just rotated



# COS 426 Midterm exam



- This Thursday, March 12
- Regular time/place: 3:00-4:20, Friend 101
- Covers everything through week 5:  
color, image processing, shape representations,  
transformations (but not today's lecture)
  - Also responsible for material in required parts of  
first two programming assignments
- Closed book, no electronics,  
one page (double sided) of notes / formulas