
Computer Graphics

4 - Affine Space / Frame / Matrix

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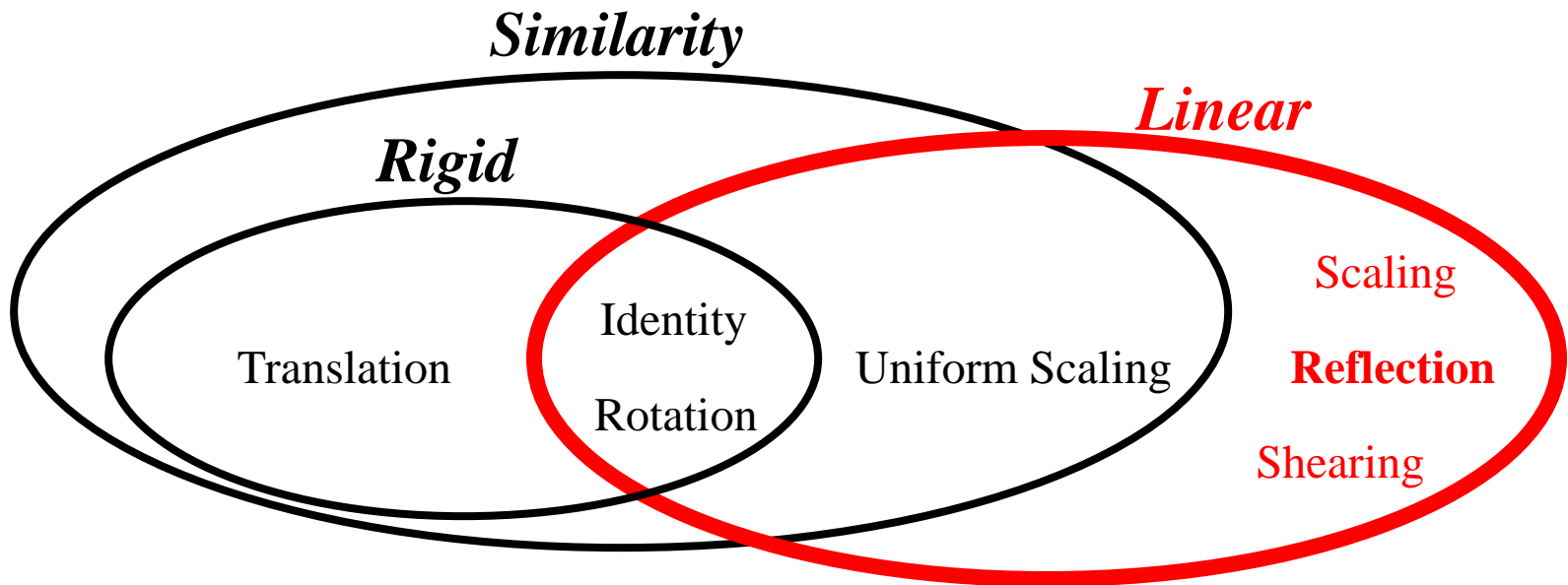
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Outline

- Affine Space - Point vs. Vector
- Coordinate System & Reference Frame
- Affine Transformation Matrix
- Interpretation of Composite Transformations

Clarification for Reflection

- Some people categorize reflection as a rigid transformation or a similarity transformation.
- However, this lecture does not categorize reflection as a rigid or similarity transformation.



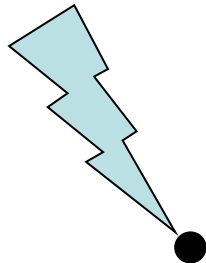
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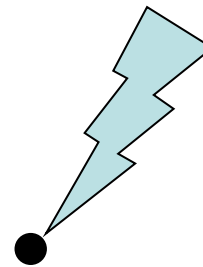
- Conceptually, *points* and *vectors* are quite different.
- Homogeneous coordinates can be used to express this difference.
- We will see affine space and the difference between points and vectors, and their relationship with the homogeneous coordinates.
- This concept has been called *coordinate invariant* or *coordinate-free* geometric programming.
 - Many of the following slides for this part are from the slides of Prof. Jehee Lee (SNU):
http://mrl.snu.ac.kr/courses/CourseGraphics/index_2017spring.html

Points

Point **p**



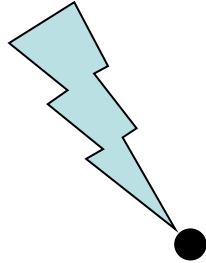
Point **q**



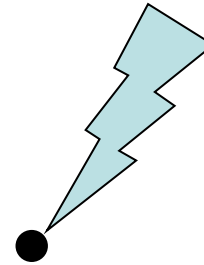
- What is the “sum” of these two “points” ?

If you assume coordinates, ...

$$\mathbf{p} = (x_1, y_1)$$



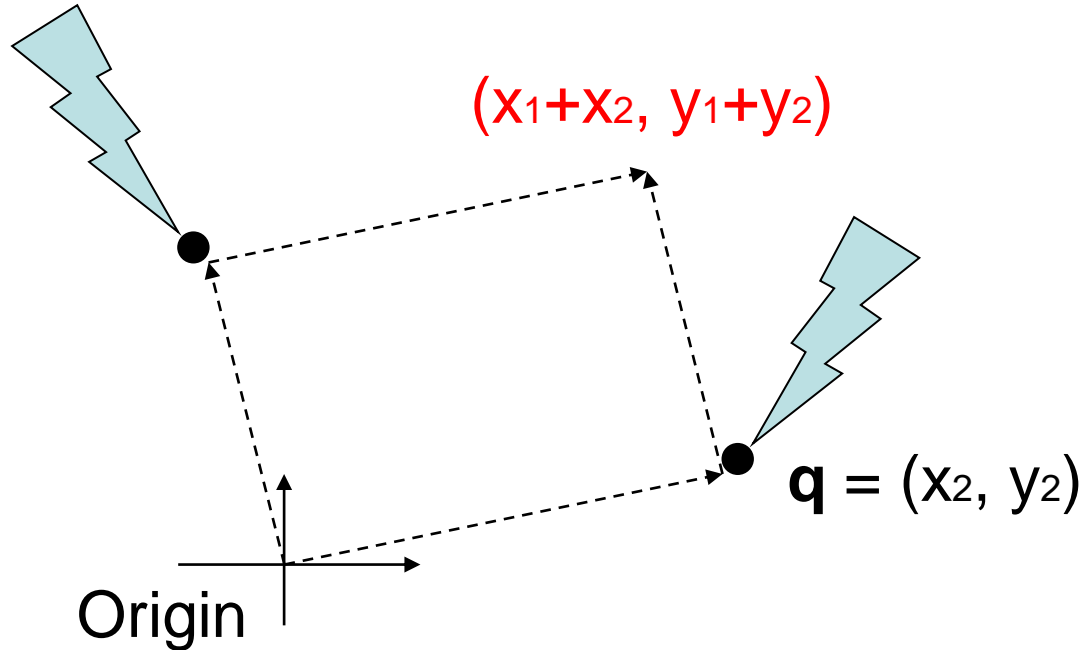
$$\mathbf{q} = (x_2, y_2)$$



- The sum is (x_1+x_2, y_1+y_2)
 - Is it correct ?
 - Is it geometrically meaningful ?

If you assume coordinates, ...

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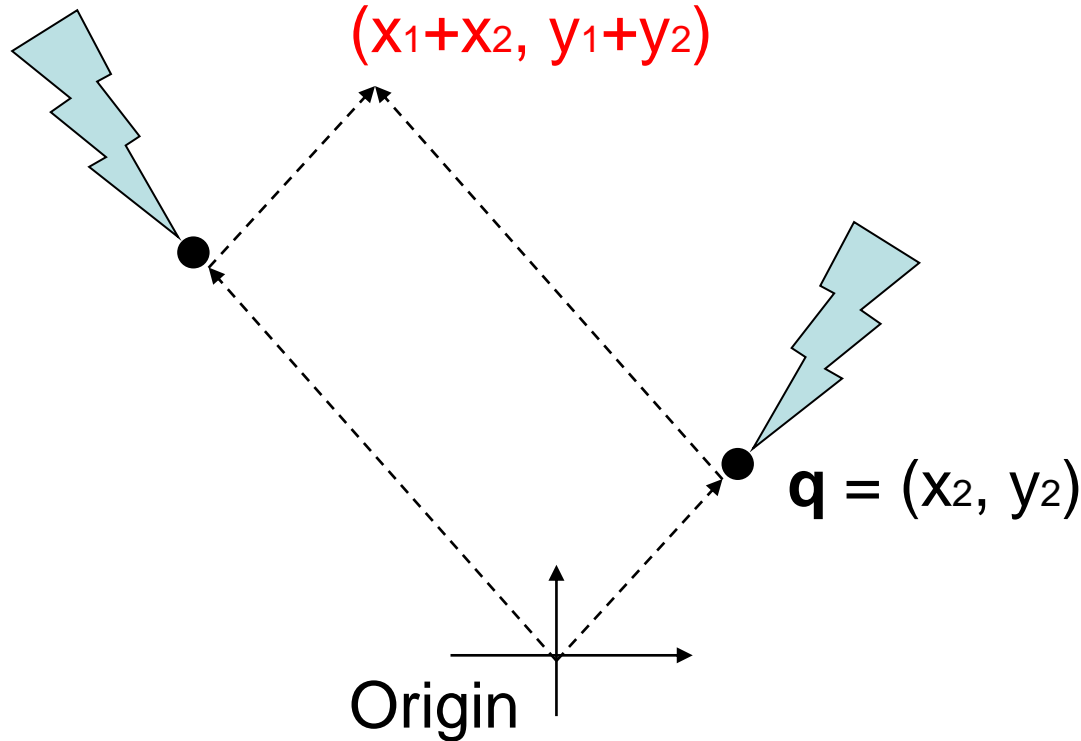


- **Vector sum**

- (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) are considered as vectors from the origin to \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} , respectively.

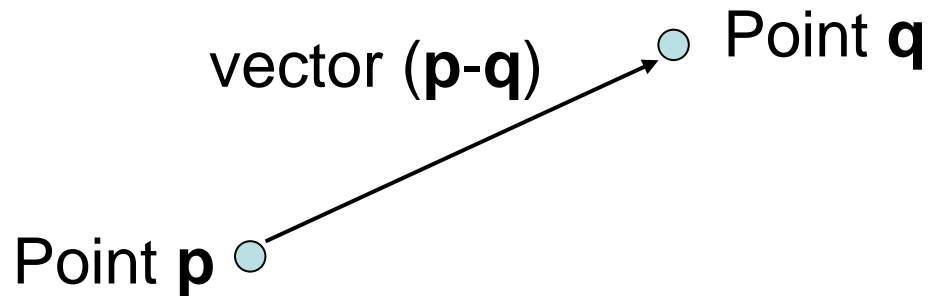
If you select a different origin, ...

$$\mathbf{p} = (x_1, y_1)$$



- If you choose a different coordinate frame, you will get a different result

Points and Vectors



- A **point** is a position specified with coordinate values.
- A **vector** is specified as the difference between two points.
- If an **origin** is specified, then a **point** can be represented by a **vector from the origin**.
- But, a point is still not a vector in **coordinate-free** concepts.

Points & Vectors are Different!

- Mathematically (and physically),
- A *point* is a **location in space**.
- A *vector* is a **displacement in space**.

- An analogy with time:
- A *datetime* is a **location in time**.
- A *duration* is a **displacement in time**.

Vector and Affine Spaces

- ***Vector space***
 - Includes vectors and related operations
 - No points

- ***Affine space***
 - Superset of vector space
 - Includes vectors, points, and related operations

Vector spaces

- A **vector space** consists of
 - Set of vectors, together with
 - Two operations: addition of vectors and multiplication of vectors by scalar numbers
- A **linear combination** of vectors is also a vector

$$\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N \in V \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_0 \mathbf{u}_0 + c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_N \mathbf{u}_N \in V$$

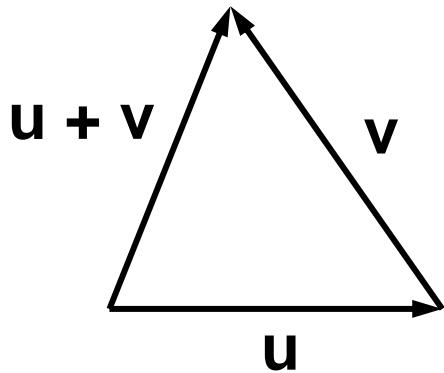
Affine Spaces

- An ***affine space*** consists of
 - Set of points, an associated vector space, and
 - Two operations: the difference between two points and the addition of a vector to a point

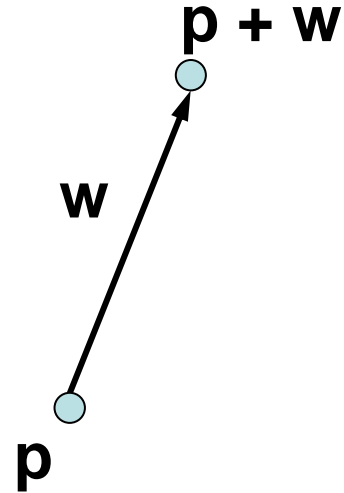
Coordinate-Free Geometric Operations

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Scalar multiplication

Addition



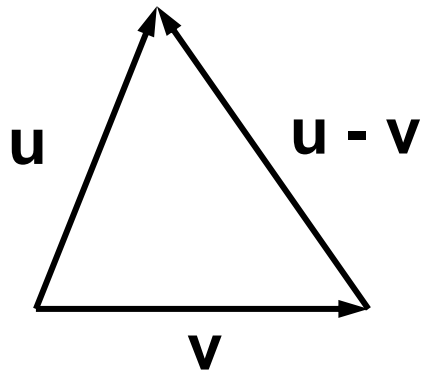
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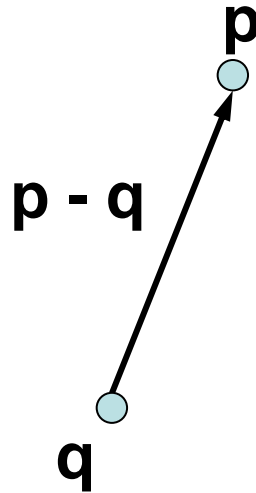
$p + w$ is a point

u, v, w : vectors
 p, q : points

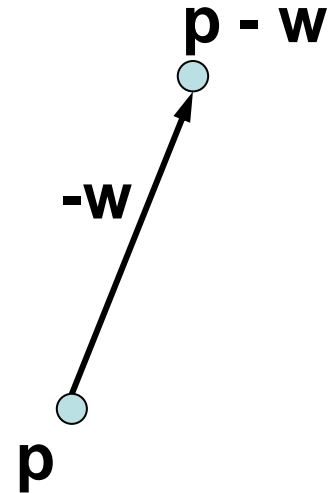
Subtraction



$u - v$ is a vector



$p - q$ is a vector



$p - w$ is a point

u, v, w : vectors
 p, q : points

Scalar Multiplication

scalar • vector = vector

1 • point = point

0 • point = vector

$c \cdot \text{point} = (\text{undefined})$ if $(c \neq 0, 1)$

Affine Frame

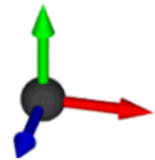
- A **frame** is defined as a set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_i \mid i=1, \dots, N\}$ and a point \mathbf{o}
 - Set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}$ are bases of the associate vector space
 - \mathbf{o} is an origin of the frame
 - N is the dimension of the affine space
 - Any point \mathbf{p} can be written as

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{o} + c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_N \mathbf{v}_N$$

- Any vector \mathbf{v} can be written as

$$\mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_N \mathbf{v}_N$$

in 3D space



: Three vectors
and a point

Summary

- In an affine space,

point + point = undefined

point - point = vector

point \pm vector = point

vector \pm vector = vector

scalar \cdot vector = vector

scalar \cdot point = point

= vector

= undefined

iff scalar = 1

iff scalar = 0

otherwise

Points & Vectors in Homogeneous Coordinates

- In homogeneous coordinates,
- A 3D **point** is represented: $(x, y, z, \mathbf{1})$
- A 3D **vector** is represented: $(x, y, z, \mathbf{0})$

- → This representation gives a completely consistent model with the concept of points and vectors in coordinate-free geometric programming!

Points & Vectors in Homogeneous Coordinates

$$\begin{matrix} (x_1, y_1, z_1, 1) & + & (x_2, y_2, z_2, 1) & = & (x_1+x_2, y_1+y_2, z_1+z_2, 2) \\ \textit{point} & & \textit{point} & & \textit{undefined} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} (x_1, y_1, z_1, 1) & - & (x_2, y_2, z_2, 1) & = & (x_1-x_2, y_1-y_2, z_1-z_2, 0) \\ \textit{point} & & \textit{point} & & \textit{vector} \end{matrix}$$

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$$\begin{matrix} (x_1, y_1, z_1, 0) & + & (x_2, y_2, z_2, 0) & = & (x_1+x_2, y_1+y_2, z_1+z_2, 0) \\ \textit{vector} & & \textit{vector} & & \textit{vector} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} c * (x_1, y_1, z_1, 0) & = & (cx_1, cy_1, cz_1, 0) \\ \textit{vector} & & \textit{vector} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} c * (x_1, y_1, z_1, 1) & = & (cx_1, cy_1, cz_1, c) \\ \textit{point} & & \textit{undefined} \end{matrix}$$

Points & Vectors in Homogeneous Coordinates

- Multiplying affine transformation matrix to a point and a vector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} M & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M\mathbf{v} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

point \longrightarrow point vector \longrightarrow vector

- Note that translation is not applied to a vector!

Quiz 1

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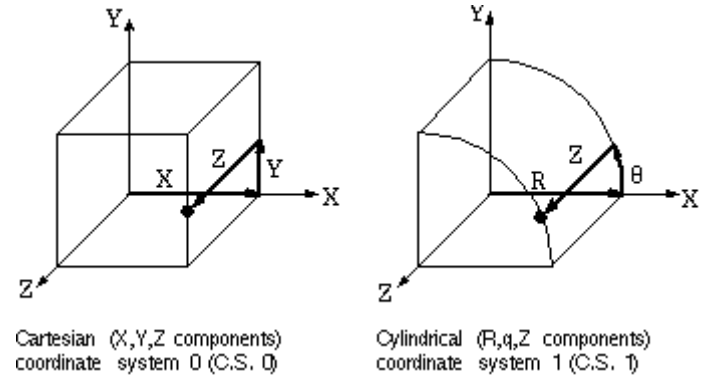
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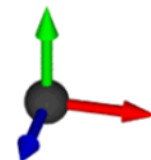
Coordinate System & Reference Frame

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- Coordinate system
 - A system which uses one or more numbers, or coordinates, to uniquely determine the position of points.



- Reference frame
 - Abstract coordinate system + physical reference points (to uniquely fix the coordinate system).



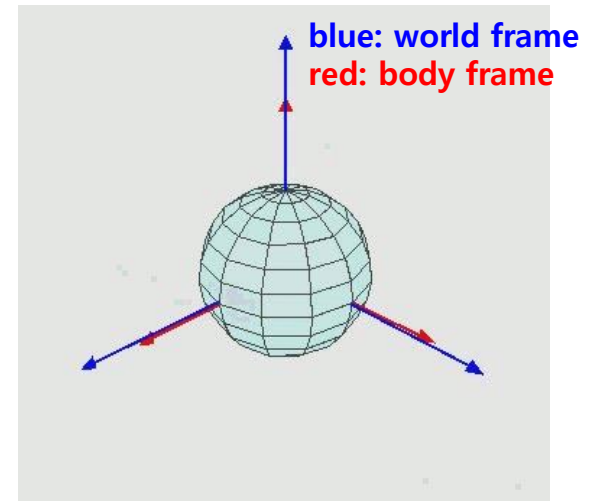
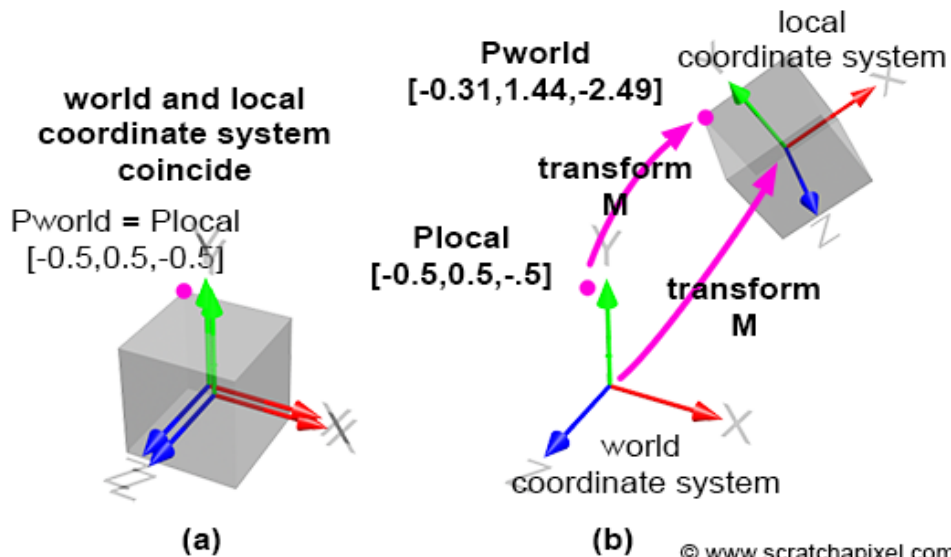
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Coordinate System & Reference Frame

- Two terms are slightly different:
 - **Coordinate system** is a mathematical concept, about a choice of "language" used to describe observations.
 - **Reference frame** is a physical concept related to state of motion.
 - You can think the coordinate system determines the way one describes/observes the motion in each reference frame.
- But these two terms are often mixed.

World / Body Frame (or Coordinate System)

- **World frame** (or coordinate system)
 - A frame (or coordinate system) attached to the **world**.
 - a.k.a. **global** frame, **fixed** frame
- **Body frame** (or coordinate system)
 - A frame (or coordinate system) attached to a **moving object**.
 - a.k.a. **local** frame



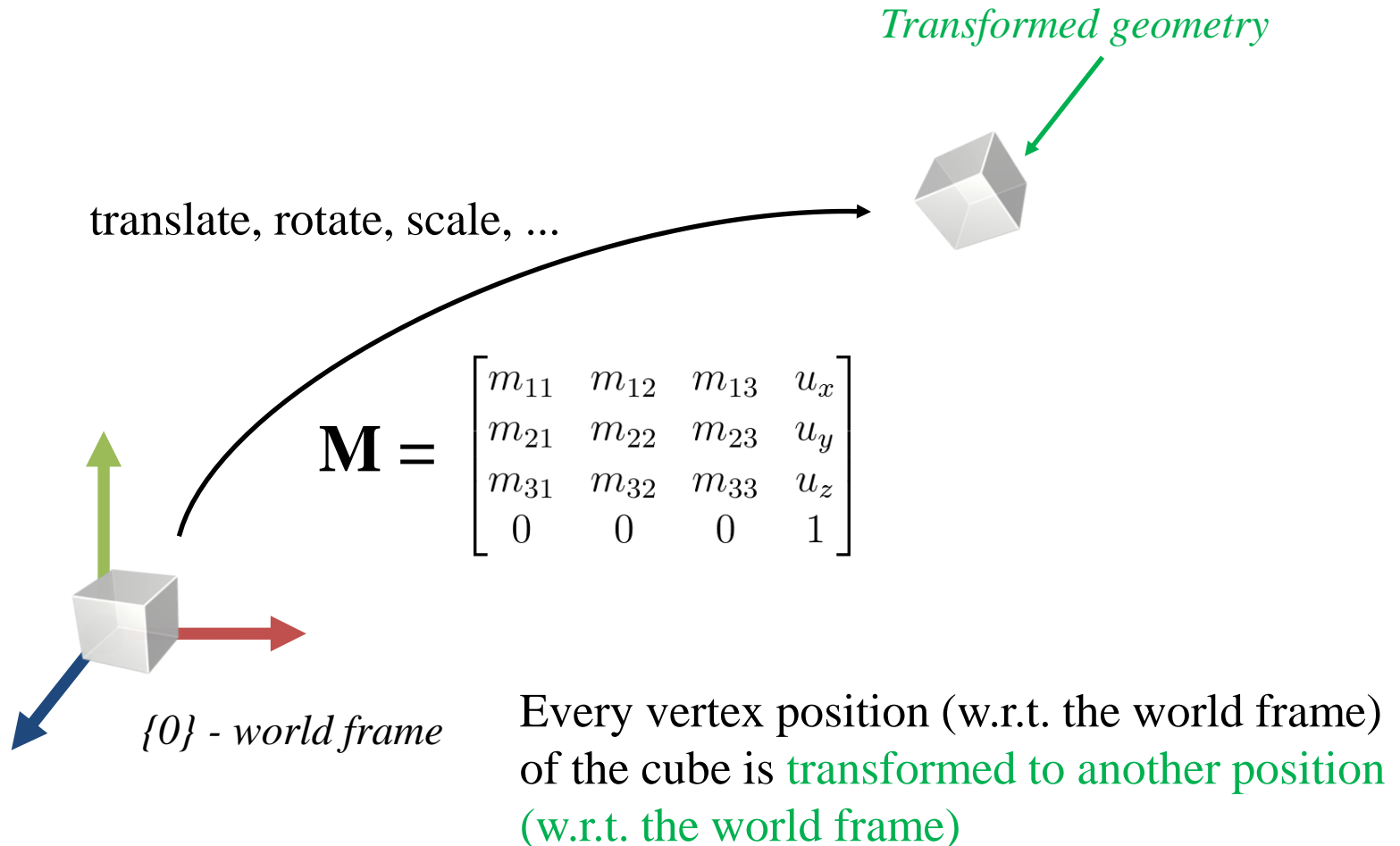
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Affine Transformation Matrix

Meanings of Affine Transformation Matrix

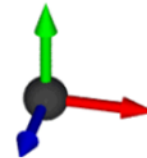
- The meaning of the same affine transformation matrix can be described from several different perspectives.

1) Affine Transformation Matrix **transforms** **a Geometry** w.r.t. World Frame



Review: Affine Frame

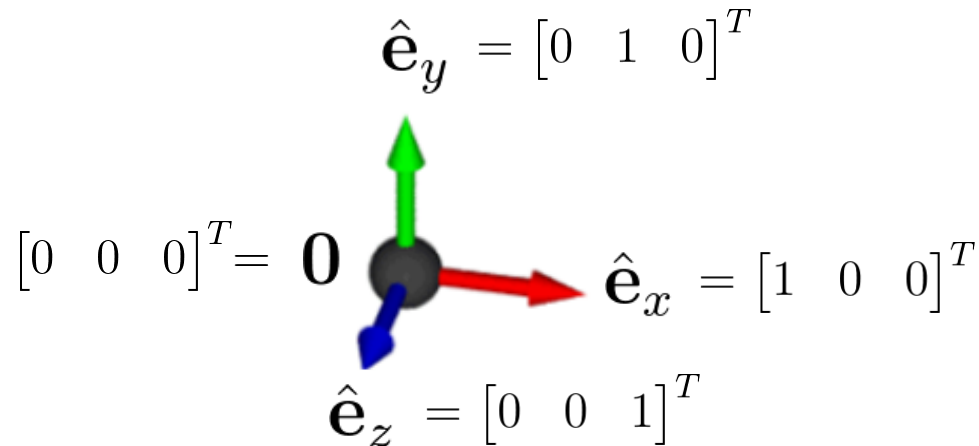
- An **affine frame** (for a 3D space) is defined by three vectors and one point
 - Three vectors for x, y, z axes
 - One point for origin



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World Frame

- The **world frame** is usually represented by
 - Standard basis vectors for axes : $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$
 - Origin point : $\mathbf{0}$



Let's transform a "world frame"

- Apply M to this "world frame", that is,
 - Multiply M with the x, y, z axis *vectors* and the origin *point* of the world frame:

x axis *vector*

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & u_x \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & u_y \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & u_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} \\ m_{21} \\ m_{31} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

y axis *vector*

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & u_x \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & u_y \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & u_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{12} \\ m_{22} \\ m_{32} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

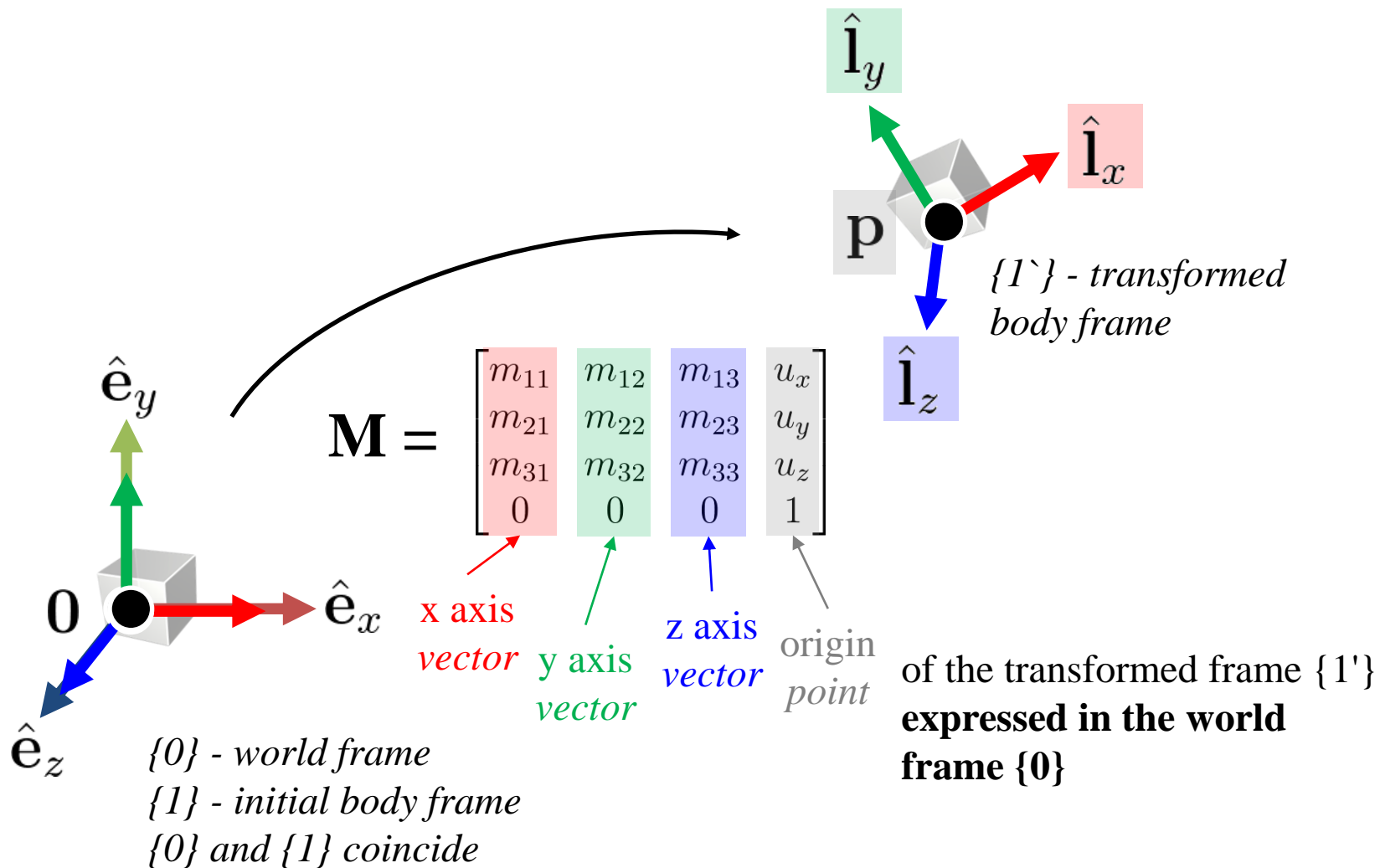
z axis *vector*

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & u_x \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & u_y \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & u_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{13} \\ m_{23} \\ m_{33} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

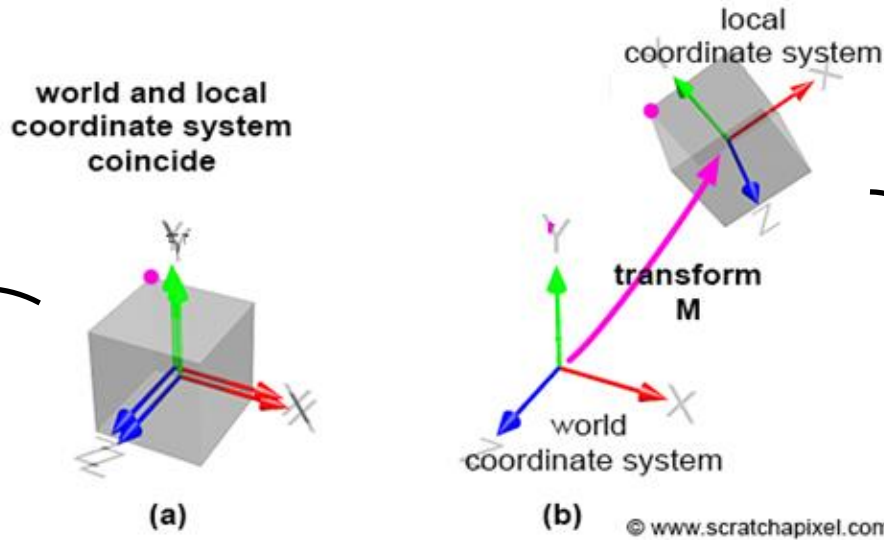
origin *point*

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & u_x \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & u_y \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & u_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2) Affine Transformation Matrix **defines an Affine Frame** w.r.t. World Frame



Examples



The object's body frame is defined by:

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

x axis vector y axis vector z axis vector origin point

of the body frame represented in the world frame

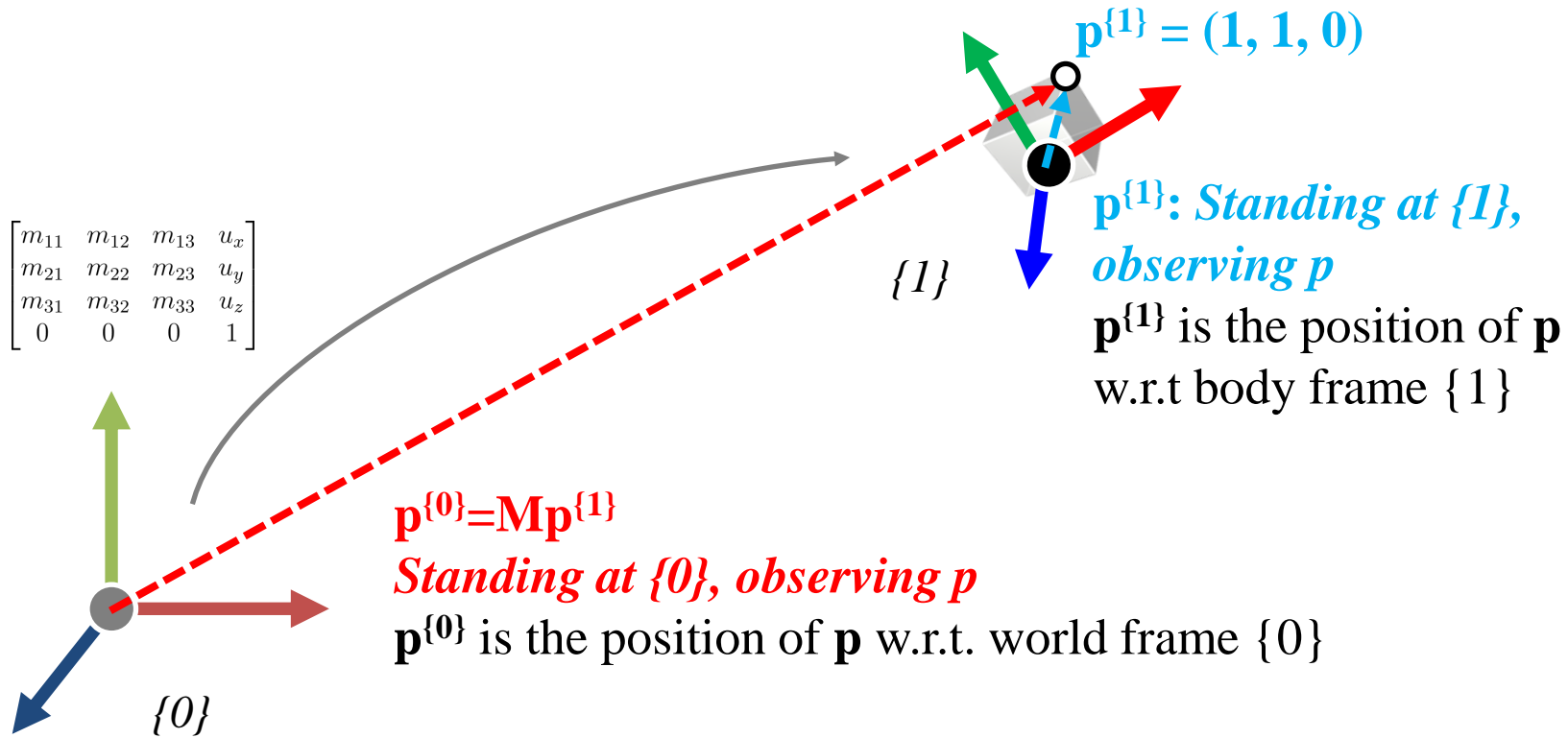
The object's body frame is defined by:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & u_1 \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & u_2 \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & u_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

x axis vector y axis vector z axis vector origin point

3) Affine Transformation Matrix transforms a Point Represented in an Affine Frame to (the same) Point (but) Represented in World Frame

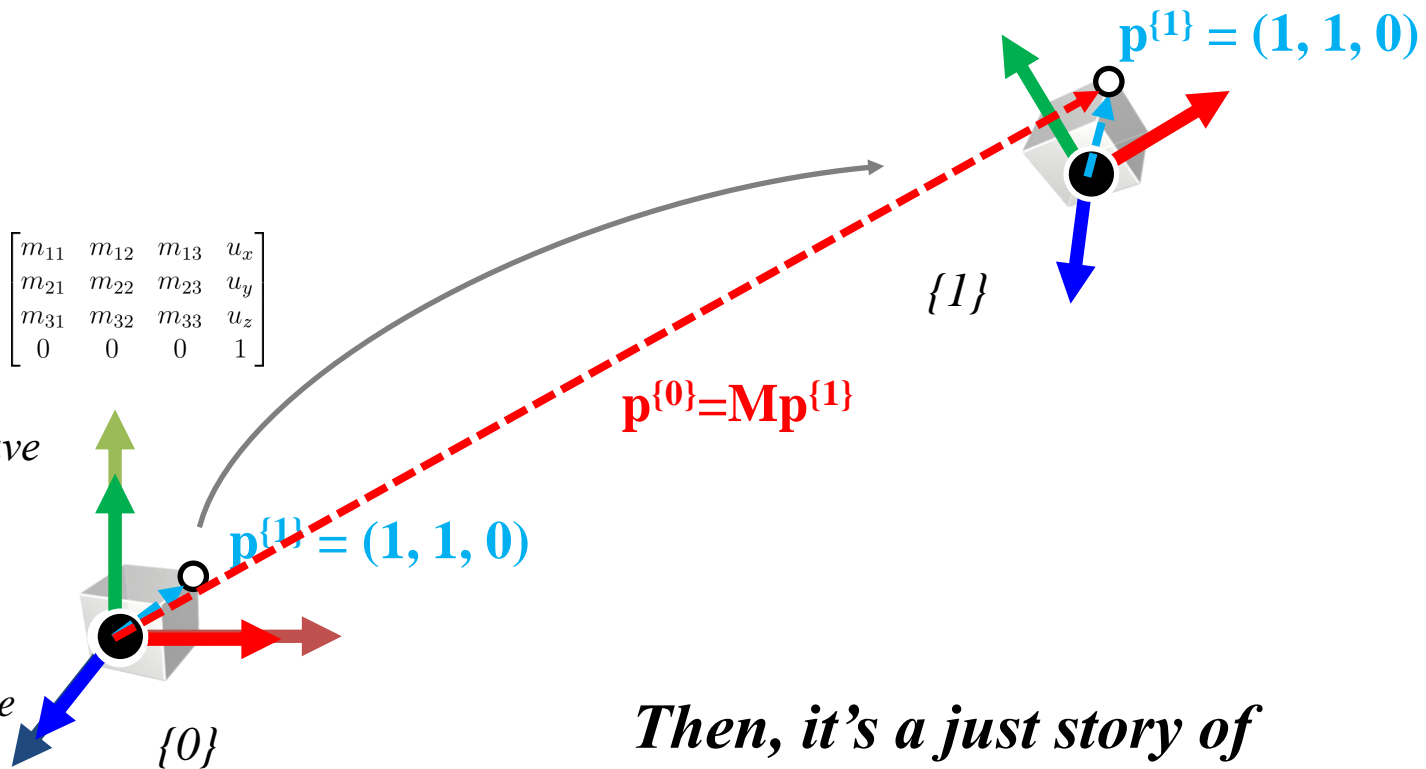
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3) Affine Transformation Matrix transforms a Point Represented in an Affine Frame to (the same) Point (but) Represented in World Frame Because...

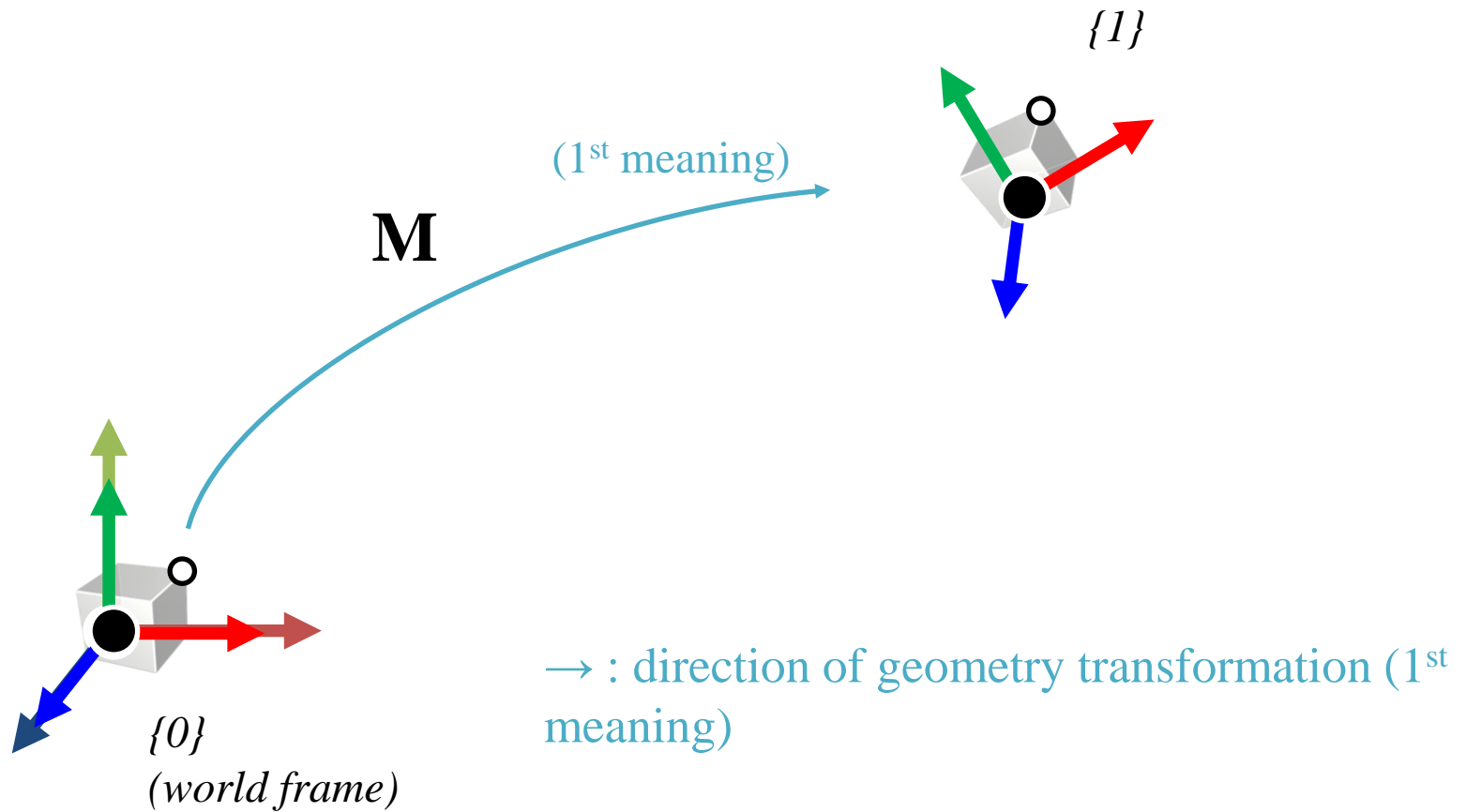
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Let's say we have the same cube object whose body frame coincides with the world frame

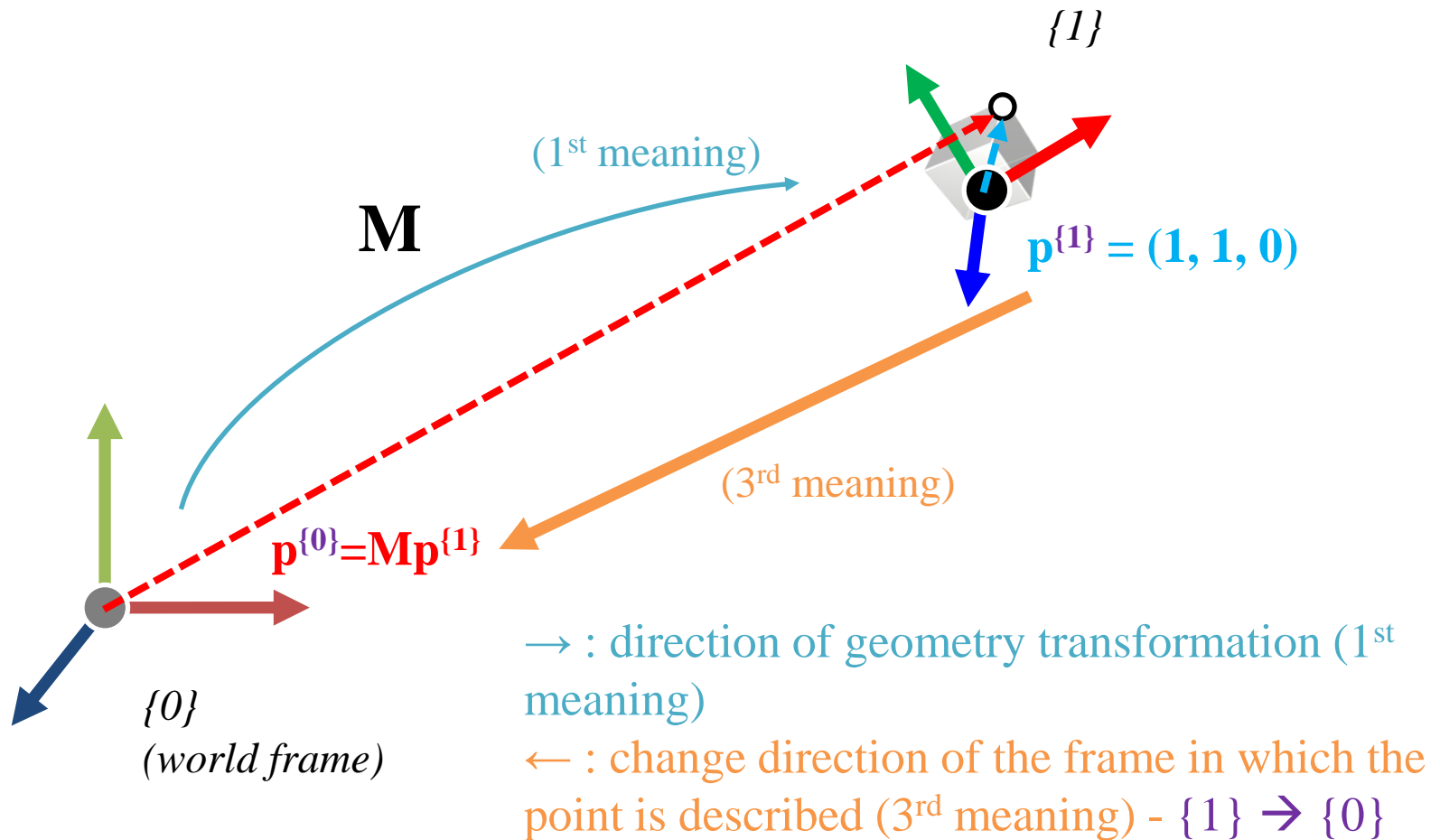


Then, it's a just story of transforming a geometry!

Directions of the "arrow"



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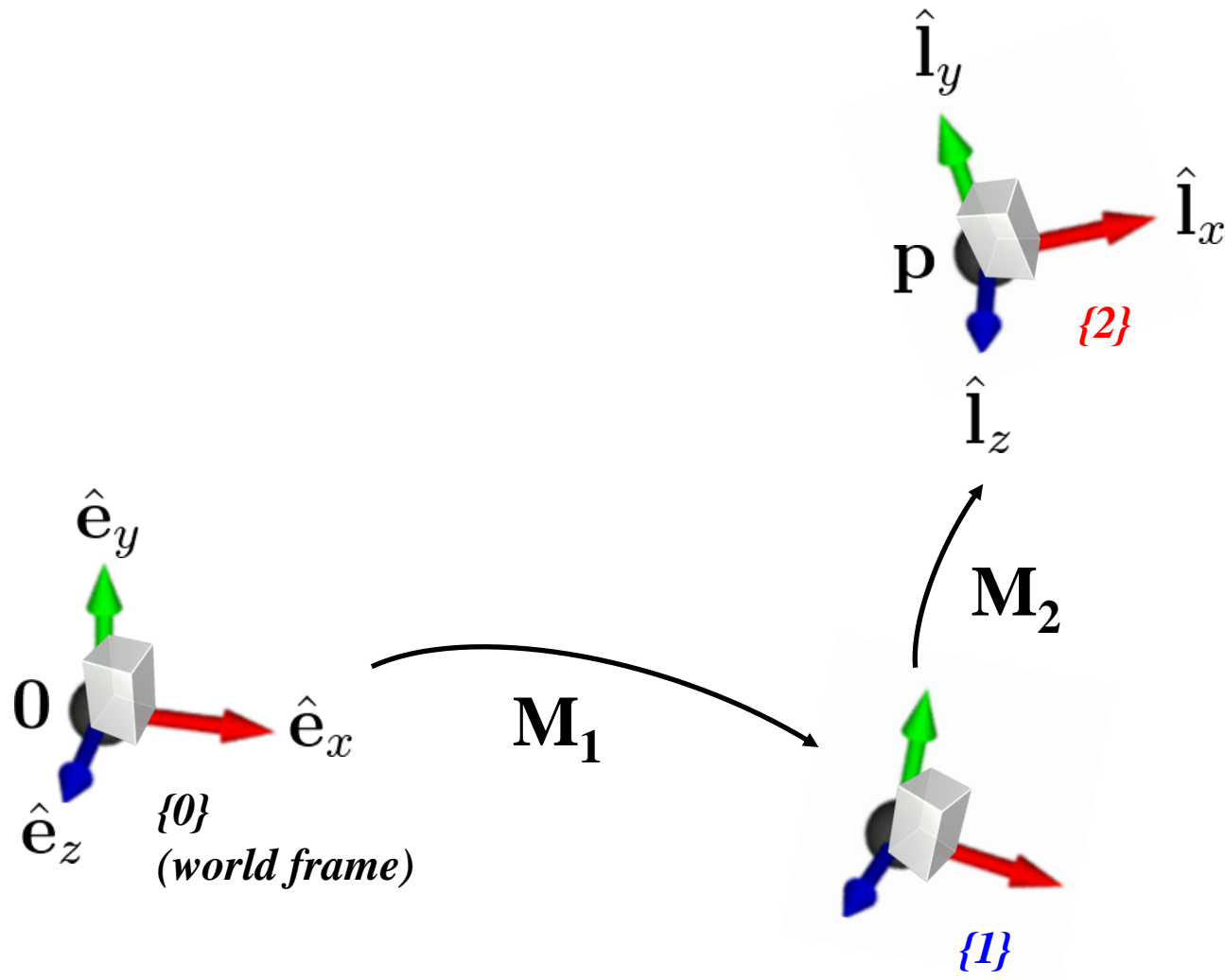
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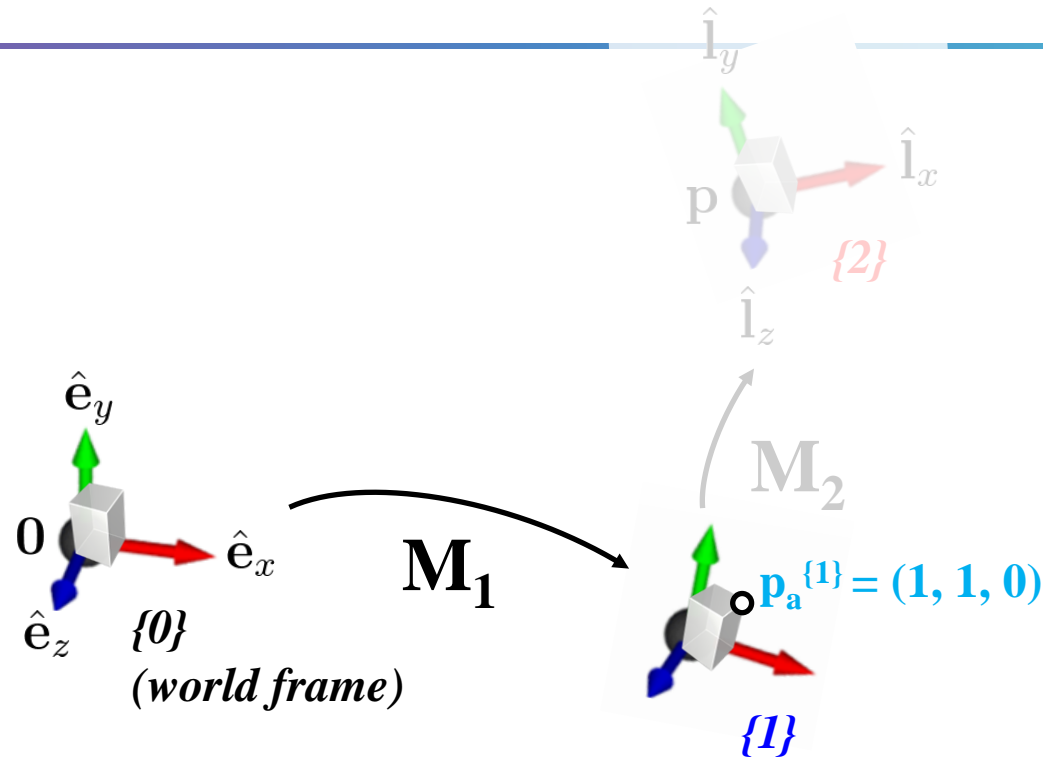
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All these concepts works even if the starting frame is not world frame!

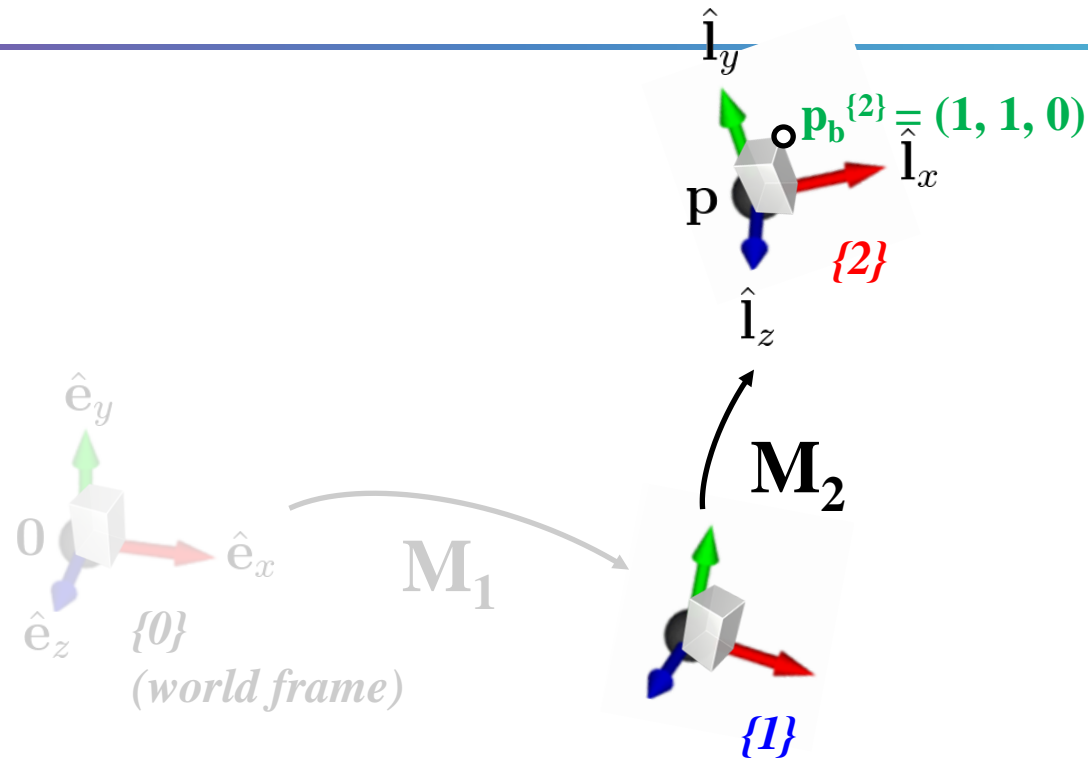


{0} to {1}



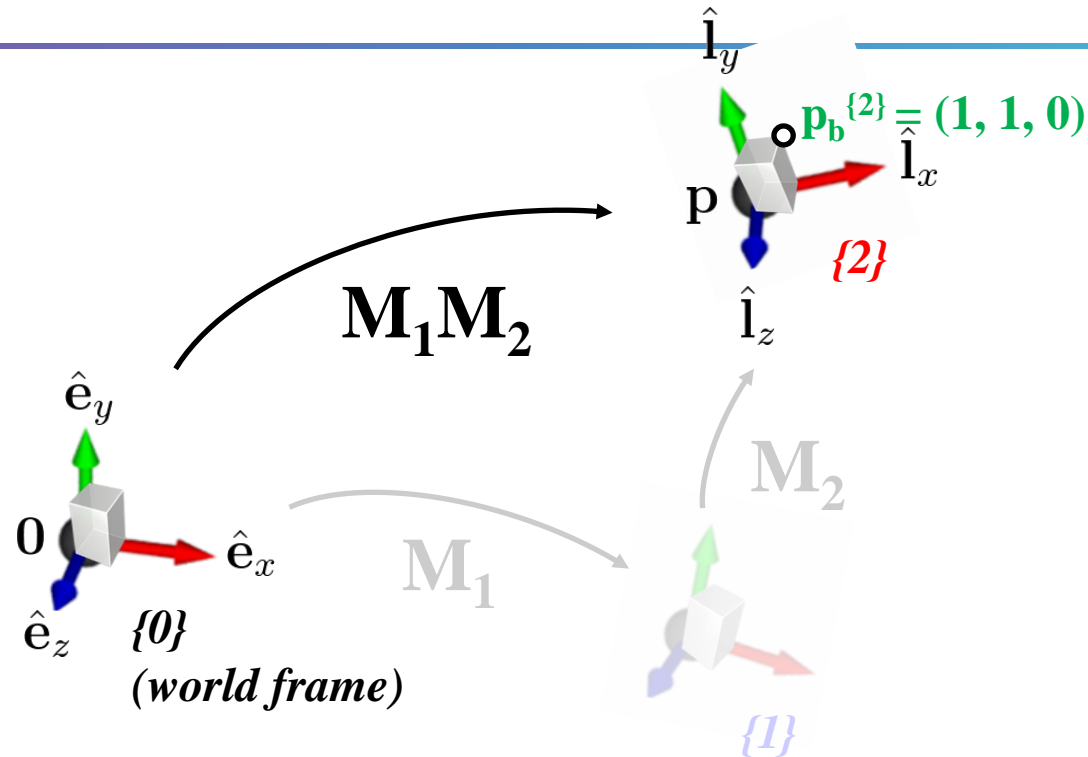
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- 2) M_1 defines an $\{1\}$ w.r.t. $\{0\}$
- 3) M_1 transforms a point represented in $\{1\}$ to the same point but represented in $\{0\}$
 - $\mathbf{p}_a^{\{0\}} = M_1 \mathbf{p}_a^{\{1\}}$

{1} to {2}



- 1) M_2 transforms w.r.t. $\{1\}$ a geometry represented in $\{1\}$
- 2) M_2 defines an $\{2\}$ w.r.t. $\{1\}$
- 3) M_2 transforms a point represented in $\{2\}$ to the same point but represented in $\{1\}$
 - $\mathbf{p}_b^{\{1\}} = M_2 \mathbf{p}_b^{\{2\}}$

{0} to {2}

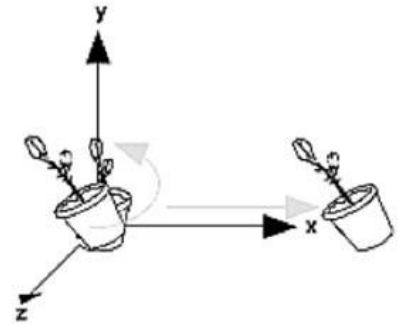


- 1) M_1M_2 transforms w.r.t. $\{0\}$ a geometry represented in $\{0\}$
- 2) M_1M_2 defines an $\{2\}$ w.r.t. $\{0\}$
- 3) M_1M_2 transforms a point represented in $\{2\}$ to the same point but represented in $\{0\}$
 - $\mathbf{p}_b^{\{1\}} = M_2\mathbf{p}_b^{\{2\}}$, $\mathbf{p}_b^{\{0\}} = M_1\mathbf{p}_b^{\{1\}} = M_1M_2\mathbf{p}_b^{\{2\}}$

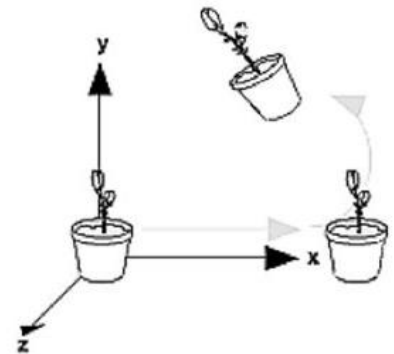
Interpretation of Composite Transformations

Revisit: Order Matters!

- If T and R are matrices representing affine transformations,
- $\mathbf{p}' = TR\mathbf{p}$
 - First apply transformation R to point \mathbf{p} , then apply transformation T to transformed point $R\mathbf{p}$
- $\mathbf{p}' = RT\mathbf{p}$
 - First apply transformation T to point \mathbf{p} , then apply transformation R to transformed point $T\mathbf{p}$
- *w.r.t. world frame!*



Rotate then Translate



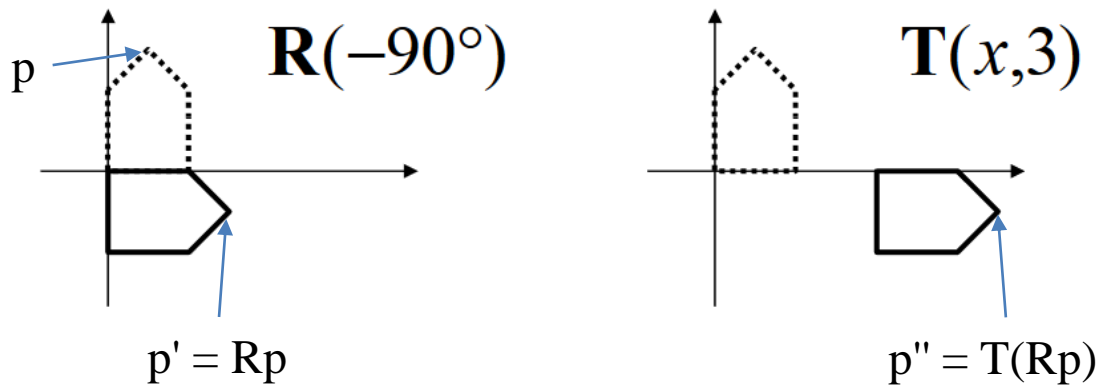
Translate then Rotate

Interpretation of Composite Transformations #1

- An example transformation:

$$M = \mathbf{T}(x,3) \cdot \mathbf{R}(-90^\circ)$$

- This is how we've interpreted so far:
 - R-to-L: Transforms *w.r.t. world frame*

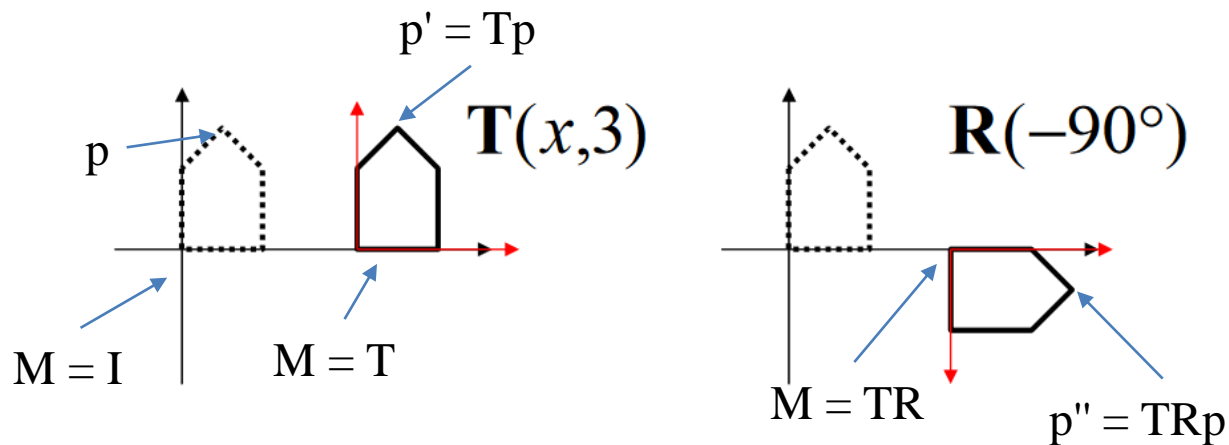


Interpretation of Composite Transformations #2

- An example transformation:

$$M = \mathbf{T}(x,3) \cdot \mathbf{R}(-90^\circ)$$

- **Another way of interpretation:**
 - L-to-R: Transforms *w.r.t. body frame*



(M defines the **body frame** w.r.t. world frame)

Left & Right Multiplication

- $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{M}_1\mathbf{M}_2\mathbf{p}$ (left-multiplication by \mathbf{M}_1)
 - (R-to-L)
 - 1) Apply \mathbf{M}_2 w.r.t. world frame to a point \mathbf{p} represented in world frame.
 - 2) Apply \mathbf{M}_1 w.r.t. world frame to a point $\mathbf{M}_2\mathbf{p}$ represented in world frame.
- $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{M}_1\mathbf{M}_2\mathbf{p}$ (right-multiplication by \mathbf{M}_2)
 - (L-to-R)
 - 1) Apply \mathbf{M}_1 w.r.t. initial body frame \mathbf{I} (world frame) to a point \mathbf{p} represented in body frame \mathbf{I} (world frame). Body frame is updated to \mathbf{M}_1 .
 - 2) Apply \mathbf{M}_2 w.r.t. body frame \mathbf{M}_1 to a point \mathbf{p} represented in body frame \mathbf{M}_1 . Body frame is updated to $\mathbf{M}_1\mathbf{M}_2$.
 - *Another useful interpretation:*
 - 1') Apply \mathbf{M}_1 w.r.t. body frame \mathbf{I} (world frame) to update body frame to \mathbf{M}_1
 - 2') Apply \mathbf{M}_2 w.r.t. body frame \mathbf{M}_1 to update body frame to $\mathbf{M}_1\mathbf{M}_2$
 - 3') Locate \mathbf{p} in body frame $\mathbf{M}_1\mathbf{M}_2$

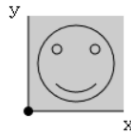
[Demo] L-to-R & R-to-L Interpretation

Transformation demo

An interactive demo for experimenting with 2D transformation matrix composition.

+ Translate + Scale + Rotate + Shear Reset

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



<https://observablehq.com/@esperanc/transformation-demo>

- Add translation and linear transforms in various orders with '+' buttons.
- Drag the slider to see the matrix value change and the shape transform.
- Interpret the meaning of composite transformations in L-to-R and R-to-L order.

Lab Session

- Now, let's start the lab today.