

Advanced Robotics

Lecture 3

Space, coordinates, motion

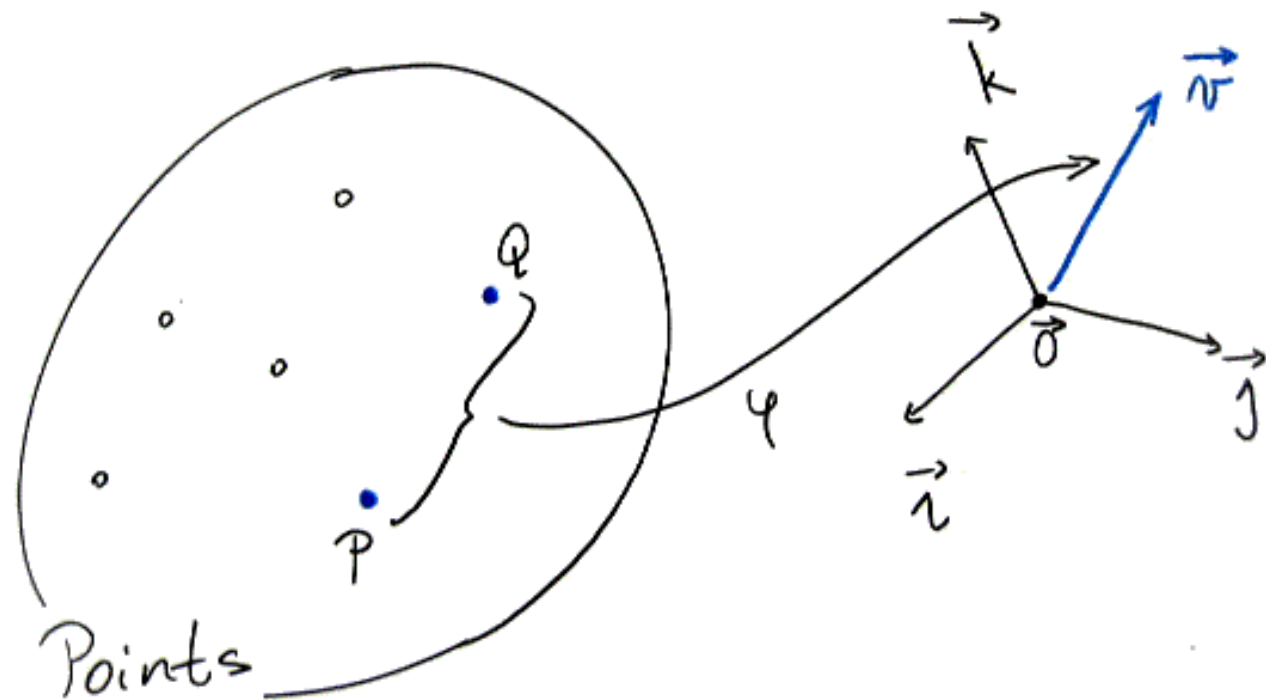
Affine Space

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\mathcal{P} ... set of points

\mathcal{V} ... linear space

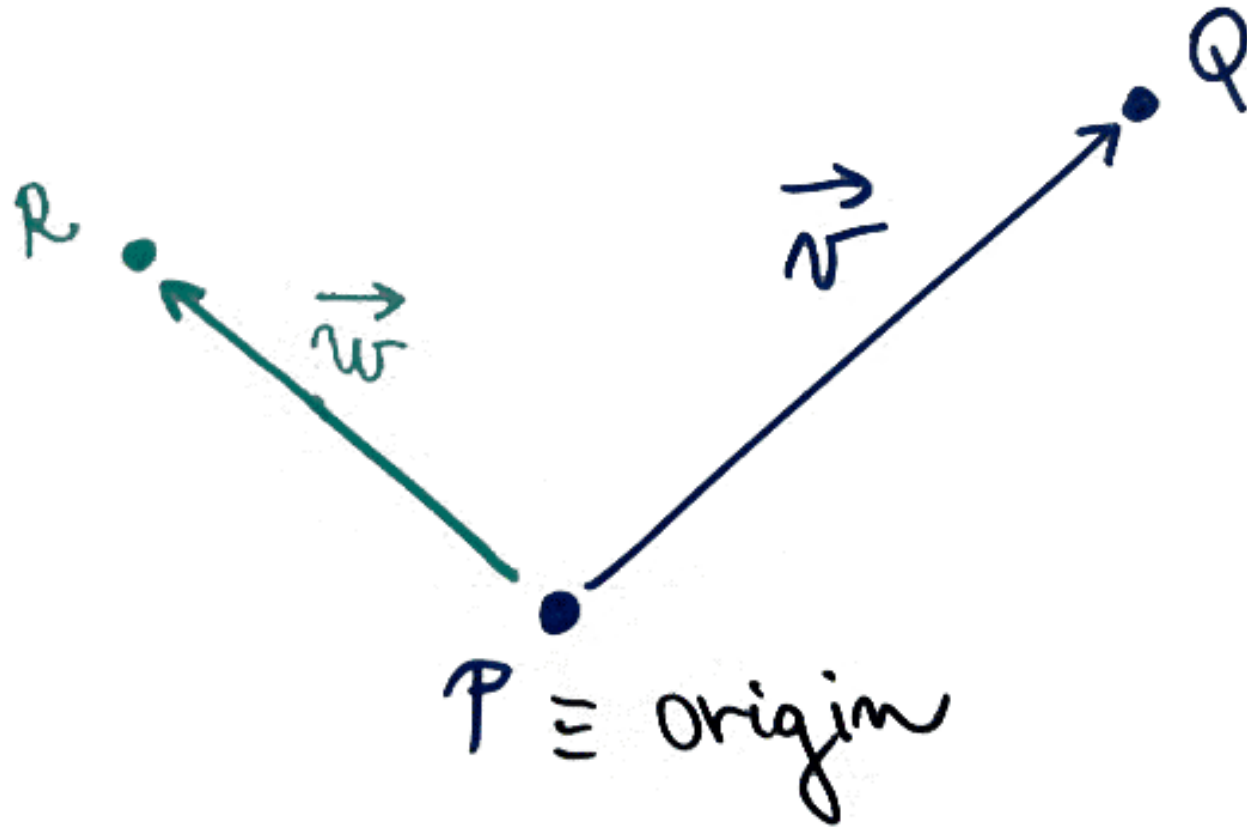
φ ... function $\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$



Affine Space

We always define φ when drawing vectors

$$\varphi: \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$$



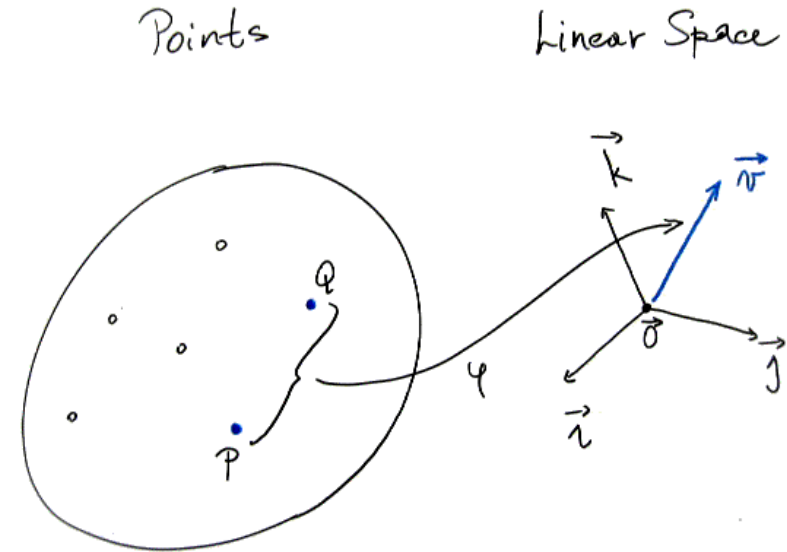
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1. $\forall P, Q \in \mathcal{P} \exists! \vec{v} \in \mathcal{V} : \varphi(P, Q) = \vec{v}$ (i.e. φ is a function)

2. $\forall P \in \mathcal{P} \forall \vec{v} \in \mathcal{V} \exists! Q \in \mathcal{P} : \varphi(P, Q) = \vec{v}$ ($\psi(P, \vec{v}) \rightarrow Q$ is a function)

3. $\forall P, Q, R \in \mathcal{P} : \varphi(P, Q) + \varphi(Q, R) - \varphi(P, R) = 0$ (Δ -equality)

Affine Space

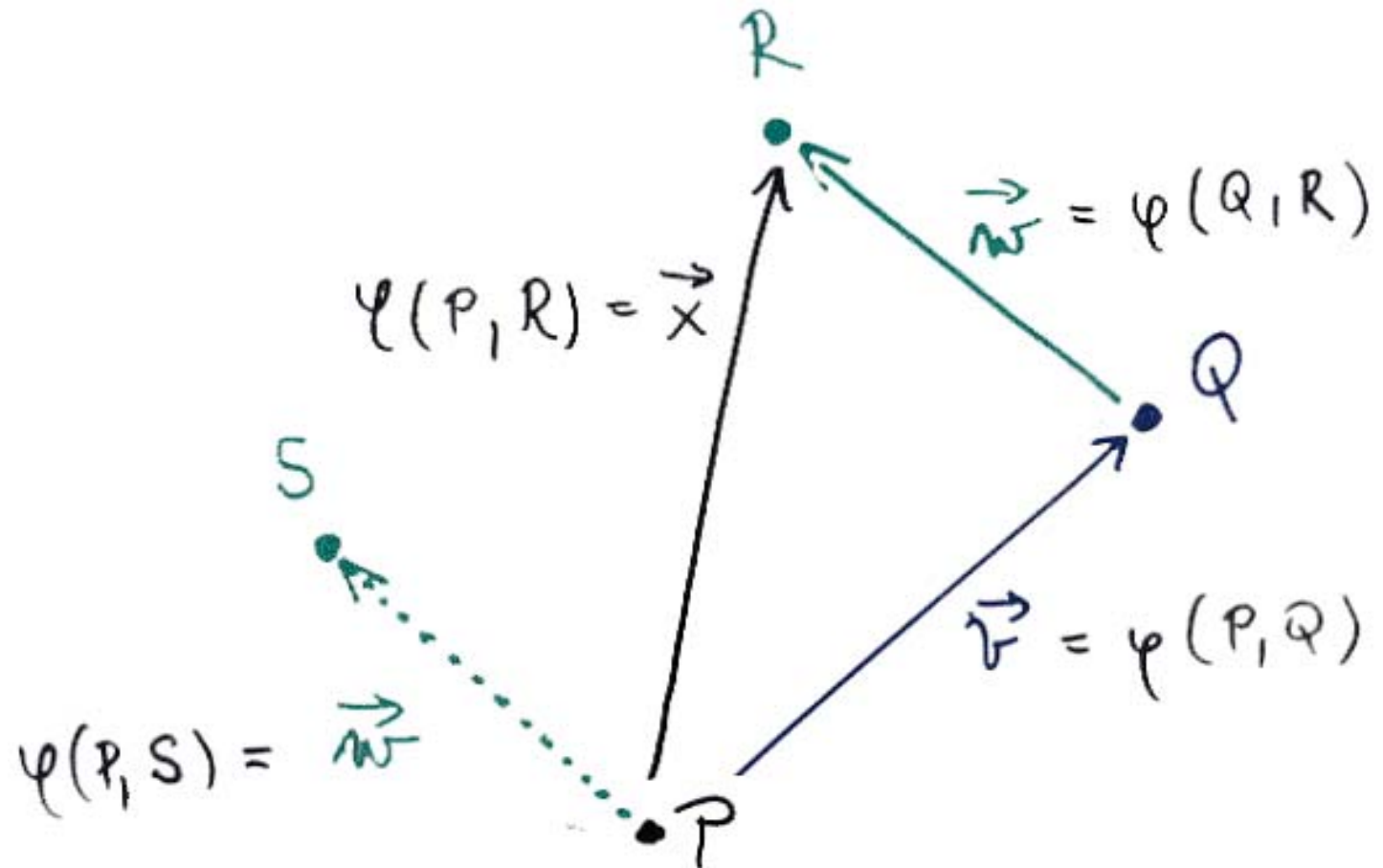
Δ -equality in detail

$$\forall P, Q, R \in \mathcal{P} : \varphi(P, Q) + \varphi(Q, R) - \varphi(P, R) = 0$$

$$\vec{v} = \varphi(P, Q)$$

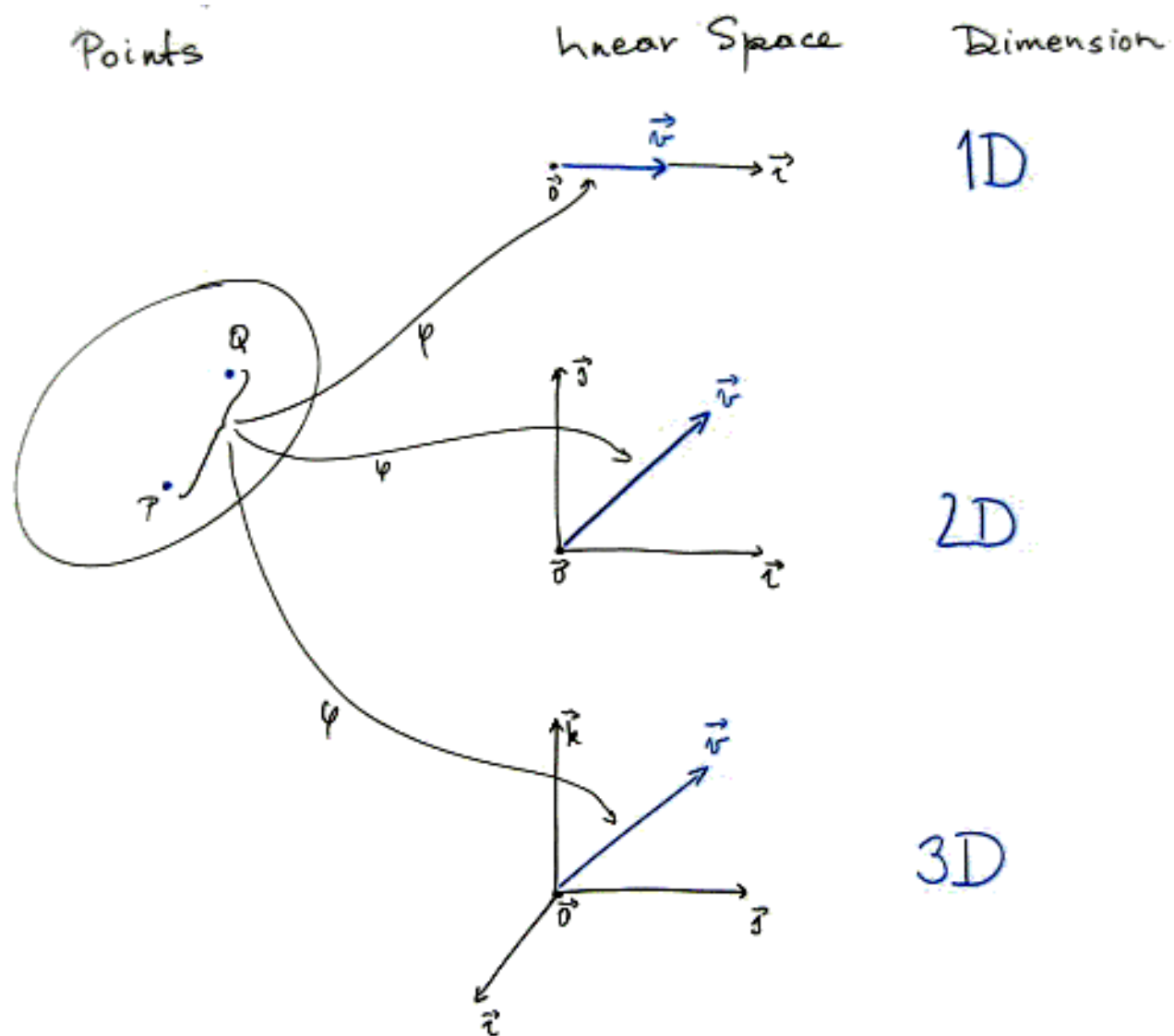
$$\vec{w} = \varphi(Q, R)$$

$$\vec{x} = \varphi(P, R)$$



Affine Space

Dimension of an affine space: $\dim \mathcal{A} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \dim \mathcal{V}$



Affine Space

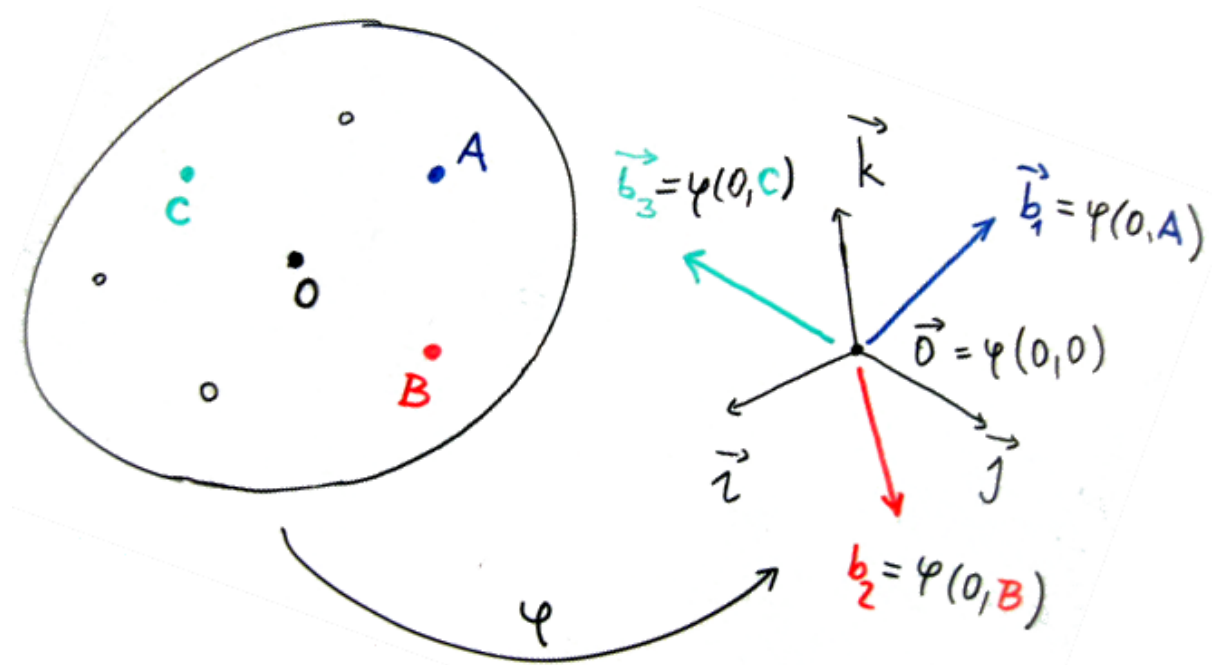
Affine coordinate system

1. ordered 4-tuple of points (O, A, B, C) and an
2. ordered basis $(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3)$

such that there is φ

1. satisfying conditions of the affine space

2. $\varphi(O, A) = \vec{b}_1$
 $\varphi(O, B) = \vec{b}_2$
 $\varphi(O, C) = \vec{b}_3$



1. $\vec{x} = \varphi(O, X)_{(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3)}$ is a 1:1 correspondence between \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{V}
2. $\varphi(P, Q) = \varphi(O, Q) - \varphi(O, P)$

Euclidean Space

def
 \equiv an affine space + the Euclidean distance d

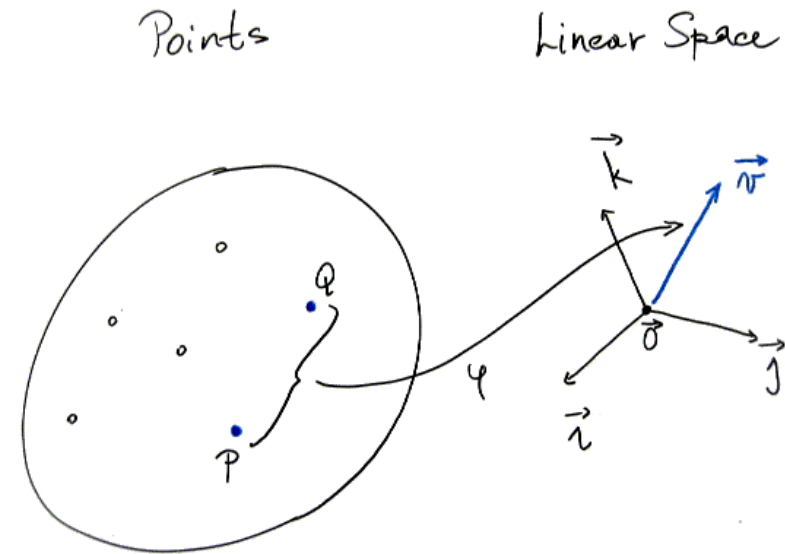
quadruple $\mathcal{E} = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{V}, \varphi, d)$

\mathcal{P} ... set of points

\mathcal{V} ... linear space

φ ... function $\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$

d ... distance $\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (the real numbers)



$$d(P, Q) = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} = \sqrt{\varphi(P, Q) \cdot \varphi(P, Q)}$$

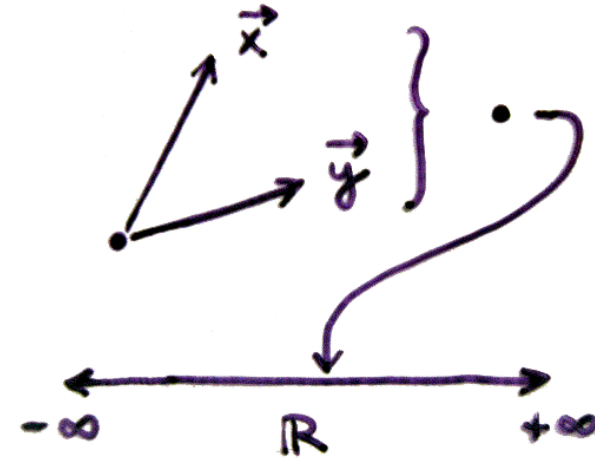
where $\cdot : \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the “Euclidean” scalar product
(spheres are “spherical”)

Euclidean Space

Scalar product $\cdot : \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

For every $\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in \mathcal{V}$

1. $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{y} \cdot \vec{x}$
2. $(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) \cdot \vec{z} = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{z} + \vec{y} \cdot \vec{z}$
3. $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} \geq 0$
4. $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{0}$
5. $(\lambda \vec{x}) \cdot \vec{y} = \lambda (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y})$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

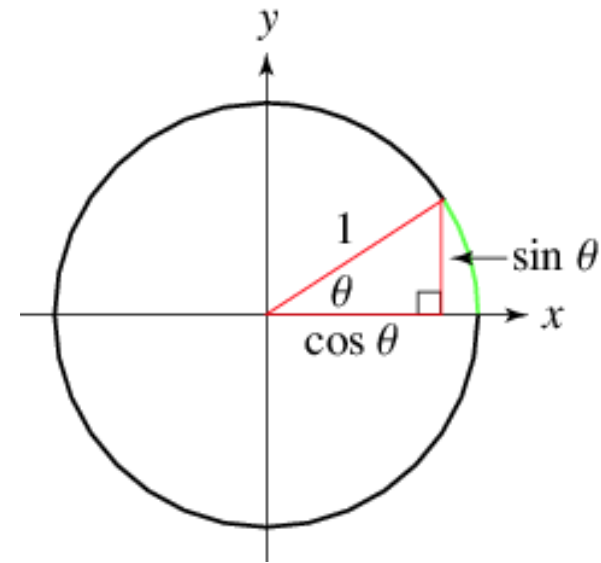
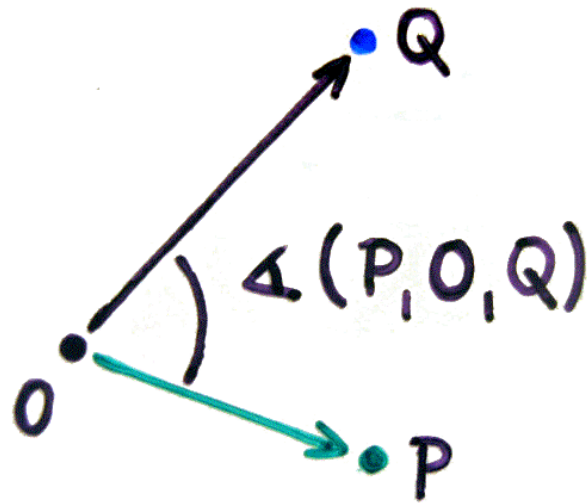


Euclidean Space

The “Euclidean” scalar product (\exists non-Euclidean s. p’s!)

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \sum_i^n x_i y_i$$

$\vec{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T$, $\vec{y} = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]^T$ in the *standard basis*



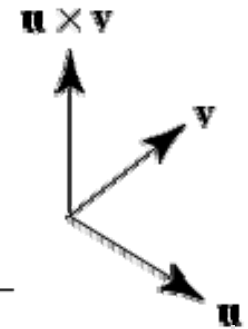
Angle

$$\cos \angle(P, O, Q) = \frac{\varphi(O, P) \cdot \varphi(O, Q)}{\sqrt{\varphi(O, P) \cdot \varphi(O, P)} \sqrt{\varphi(O, Q) \cdot \varphi(O, Q)}}$$

Right-handed bases in a 3-dimensional linear space

An orthonormal basis $(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3)$ in a 3-dimensional linear space is right-handed if

$$\vec{b}_3 = \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2$$



\times ... vector product of $\vec{a} = [a_1, a_2, a_3]^\top$, $\vec{b} = [b_1, b_2, b_3]^\top$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \left[\det \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}, -\det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}, \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

It holds

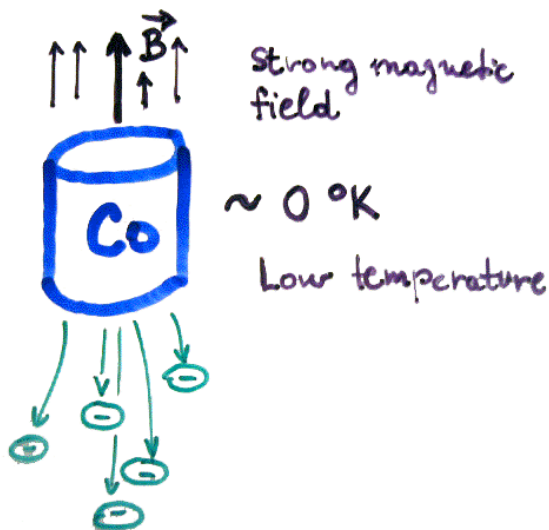
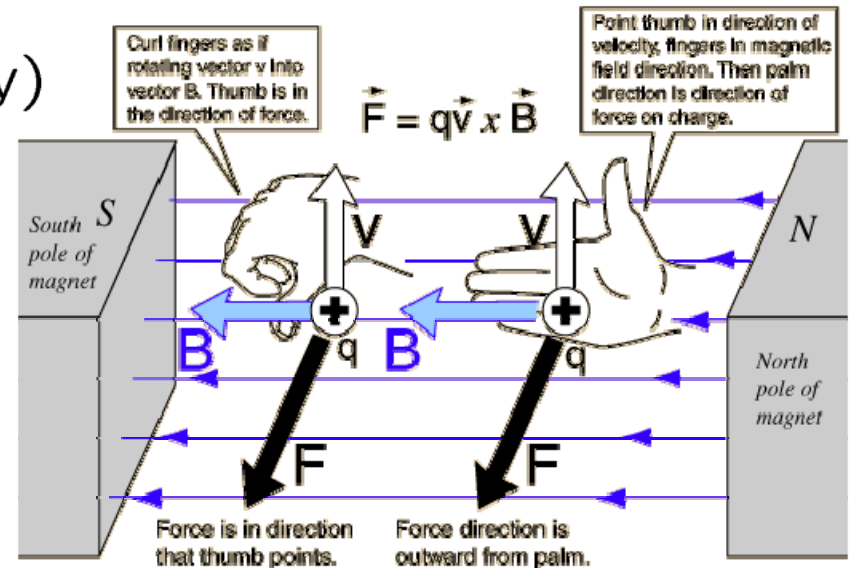
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) &= c_1 \det \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} - c_2 \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a} & \vec{b} & \vec{c} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Orientation in 3-dimensional Euclidean space

Orientation $o(O; A, B, C) = \{-1, 0, 1\}$

a 4-tuple of points $(O; A, B, C)$ is positively oriented iff

1. $\varphi(O, A) \equiv \vec{B}$ (magnetic intensity)
2. $\varphi(O, B) \equiv \vec{F}$ (force)
3. $\varphi(O, C) \equiv \vec{v}$ (velocity)



There are two equal choices of orientations in the macro-world but only one in the micro-world of quantum mechanics:

“When we put cobalt atoms in an extremely strong magnetic field, more disintegration electrons go down than up”

R. Feynman. Six Not-So-Easy Pieces. Addison-Wesley 1997.

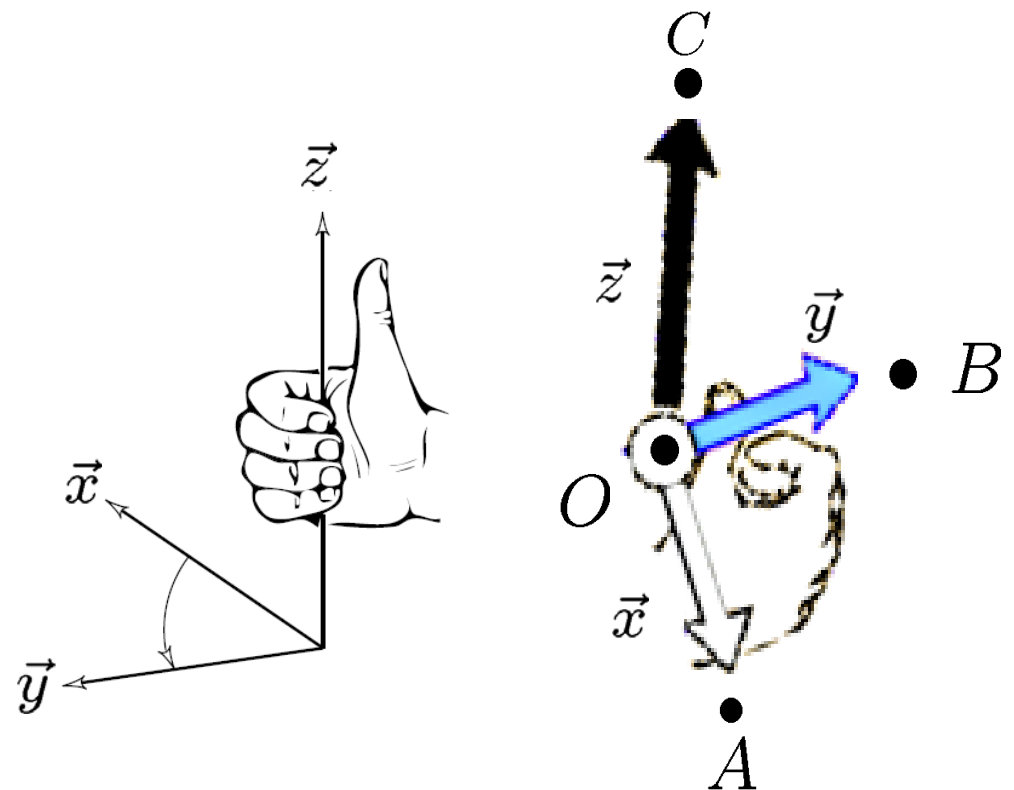
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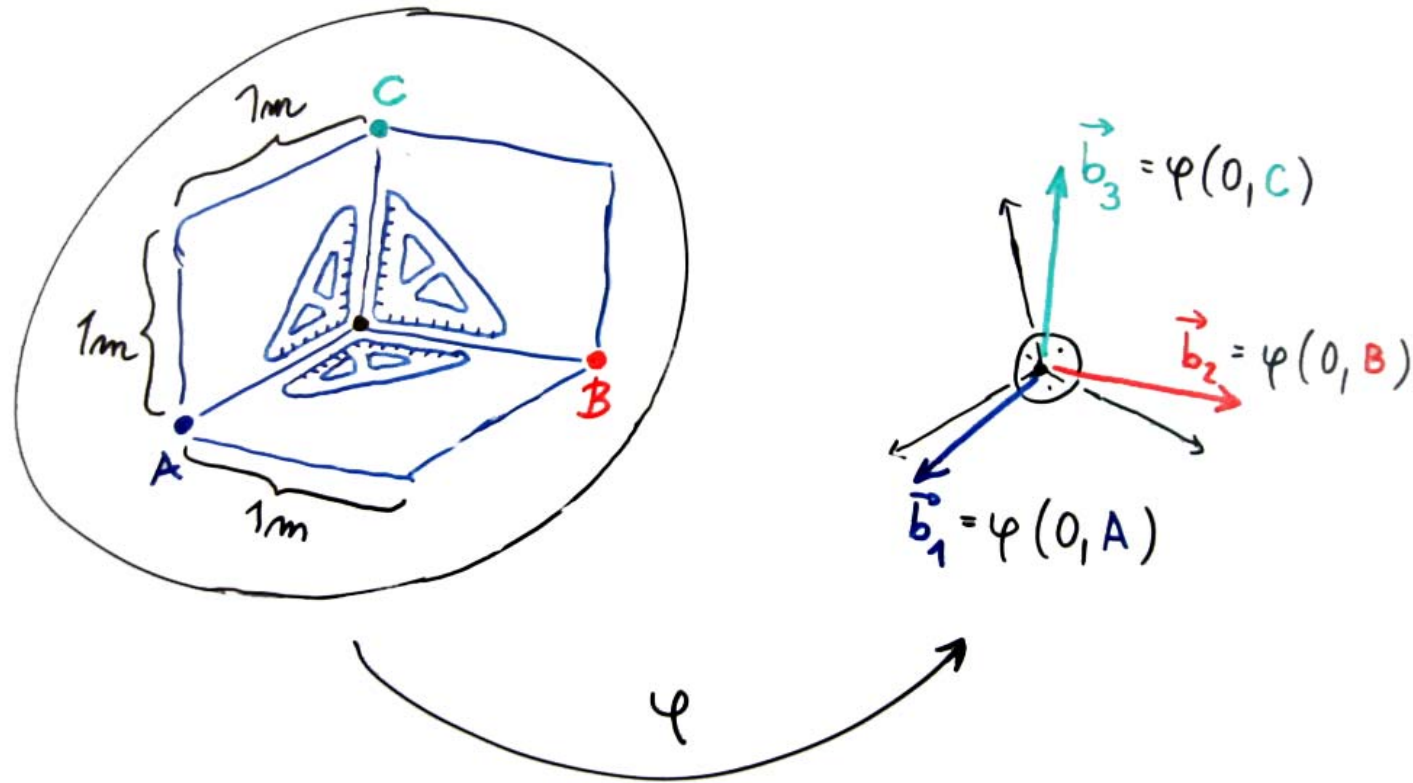
a 4-tuple of points $(O; A, B, C)$ is positively oriented iff the right hand corresponds to

1. $\varphi(O, A) \equiv \vec{x}$ (magnetic intensity)
2. $\varphi(O, B) \equiv \vec{y}$ (force)
3. $\varphi(O, C) \equiv \vec{z}$ (velocity)

as in the following figure



Euclidean Space



Cartesian coordinate system (O, A, B, C) & $(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3)$

1. $(O; A, B, C)$... positively oriented vertices of a unit cube
2. $(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3) = (\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k})$... the standard basis (is right-handed and orthonormal)

Euclidean Space

Robot kinematics is done in a

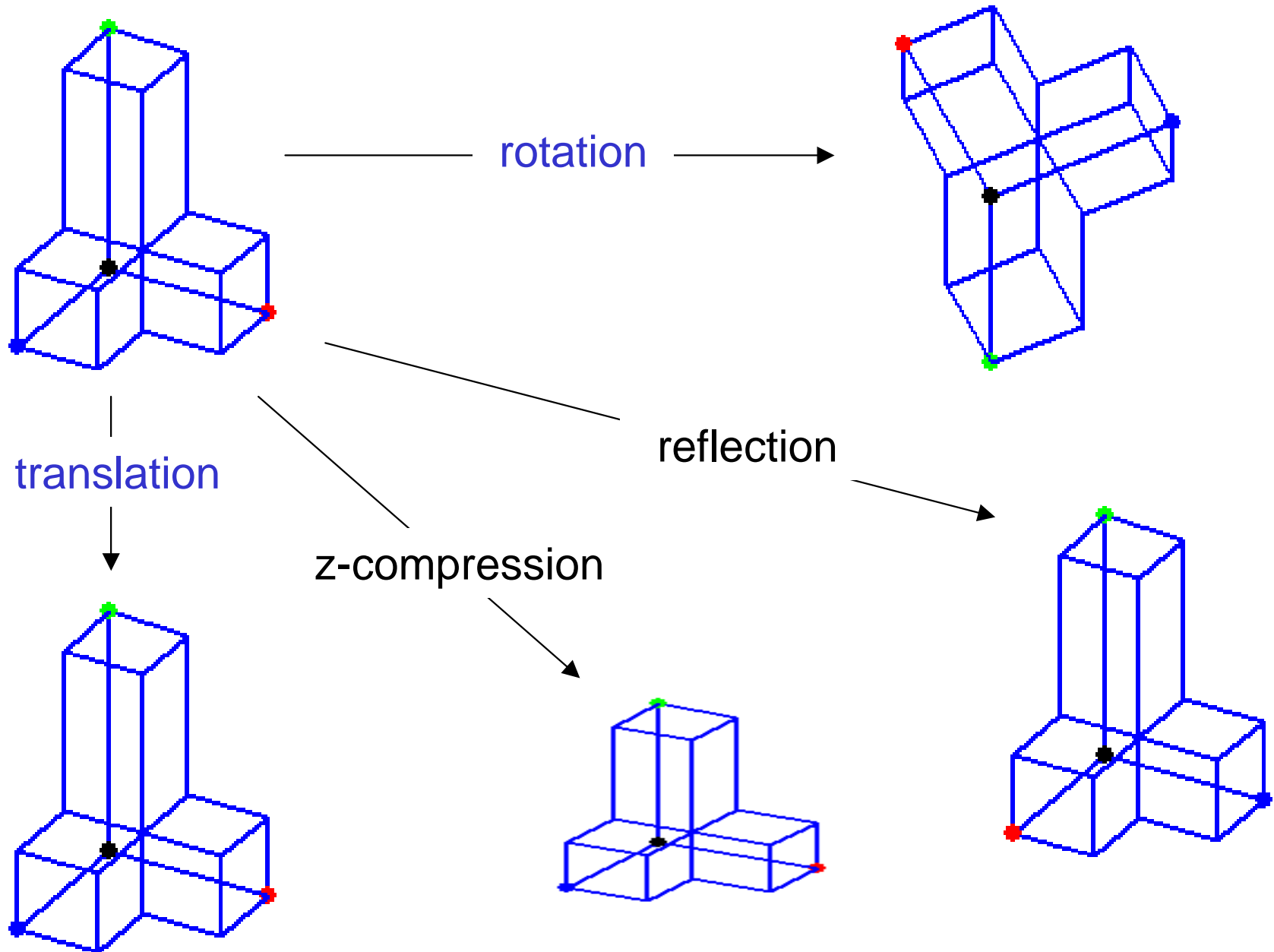
subspace of the three-dimensional Euclidean space

line ... 1D

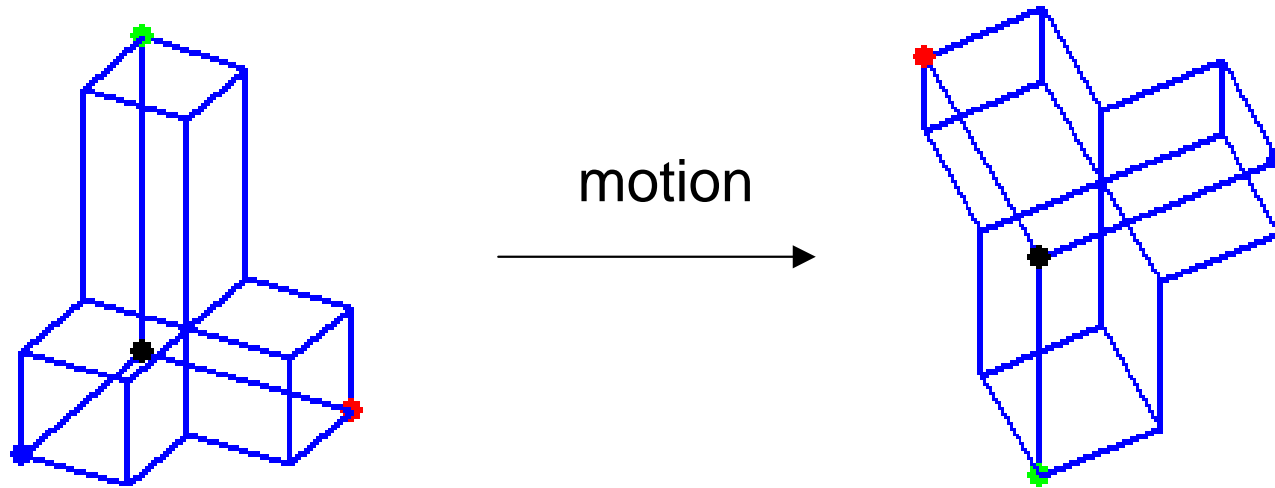
plane ... 2D

space ... 3D

Motion in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space



Motion in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space

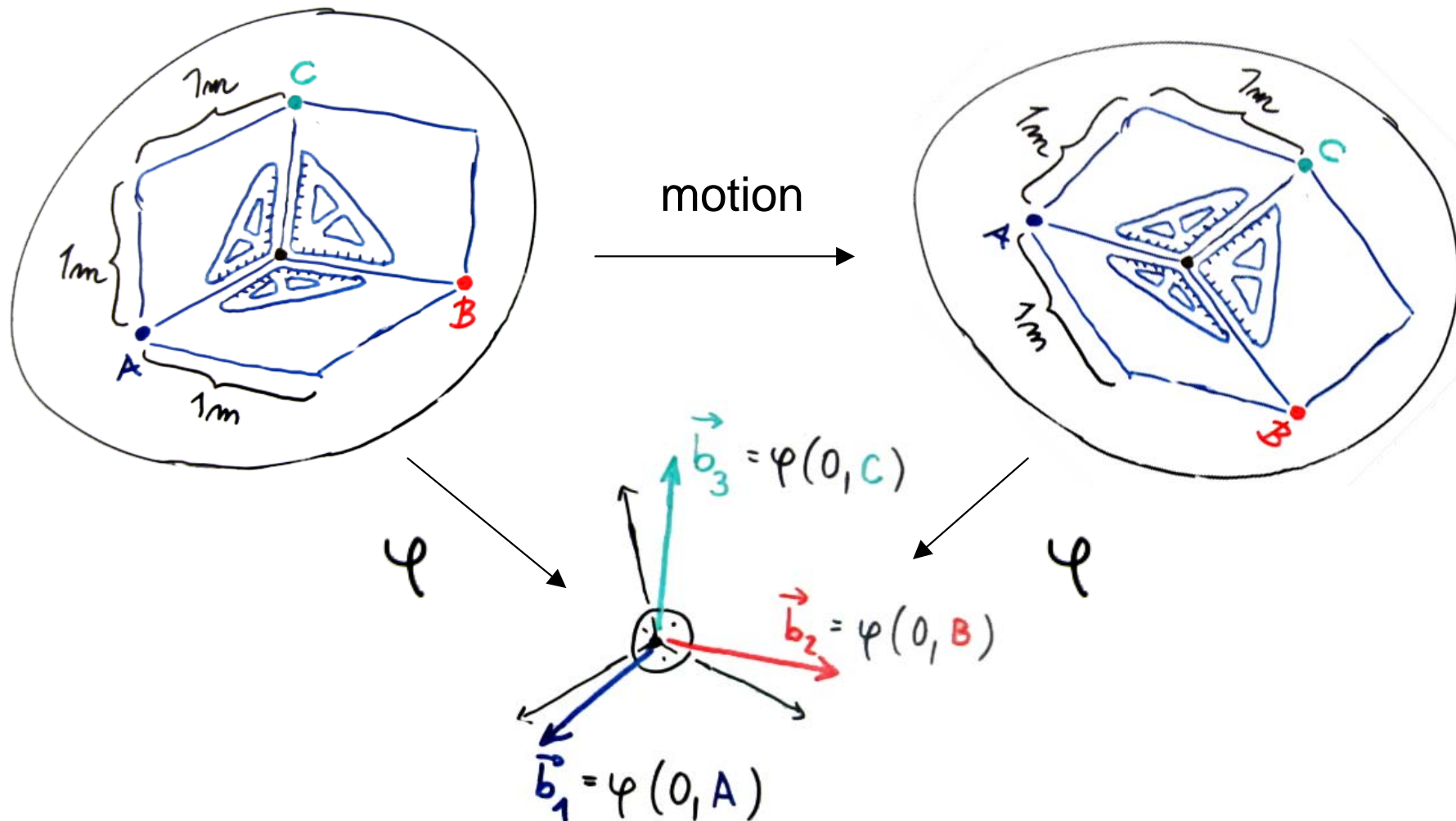


We say that $m: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ is *motion* iff for every $O, A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}$

1. distances preserved: $d(m(A), m(B)) = d(A, B)$
2. orientation preserved: $o(O; A, B, C) = o(m(O); m(A), m(B), m(C))$

Motion in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space

Motion $m: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ maps Cartesian coordinate systems to Cartesian coordinate systems

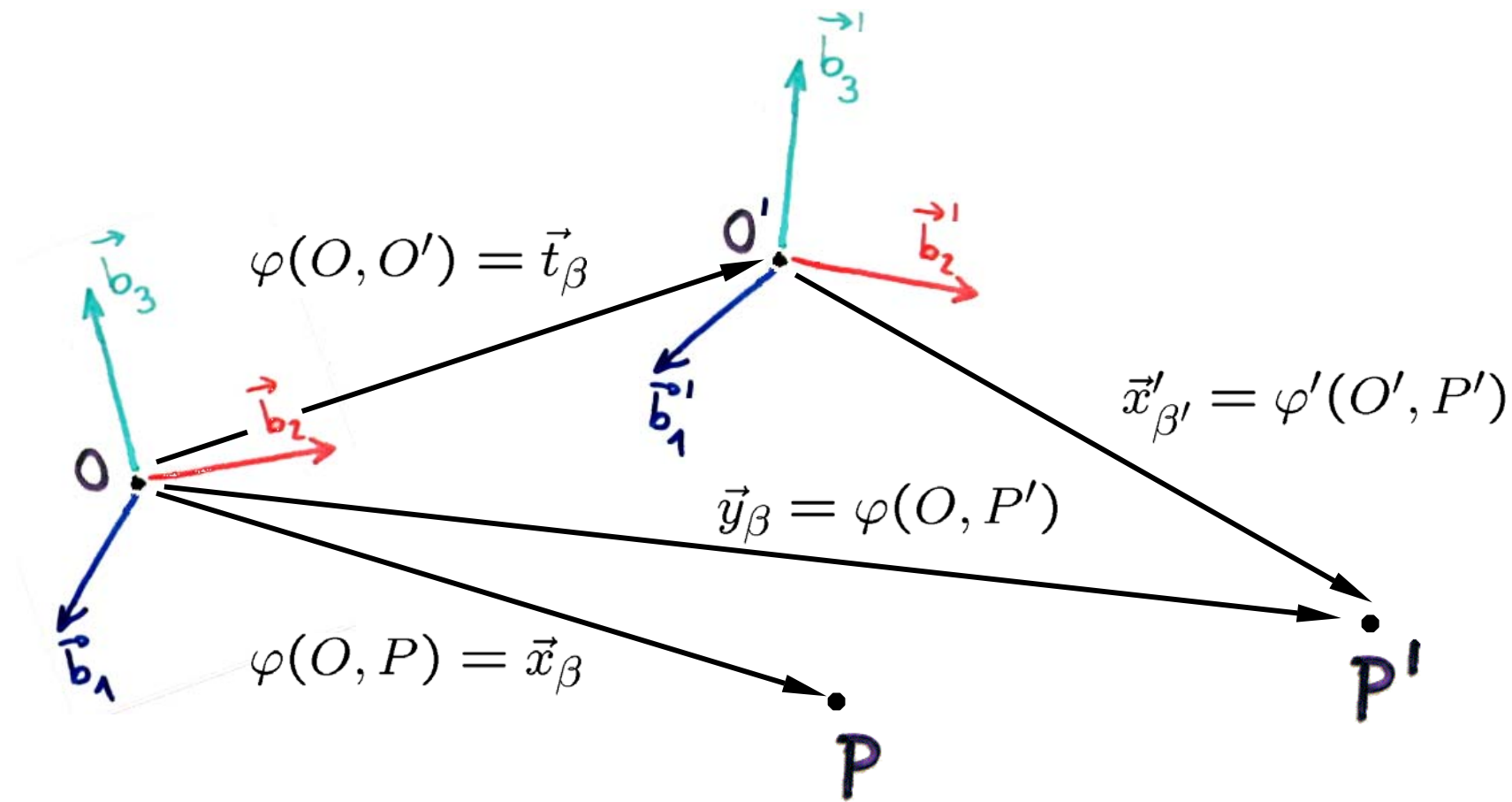


Motion in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space

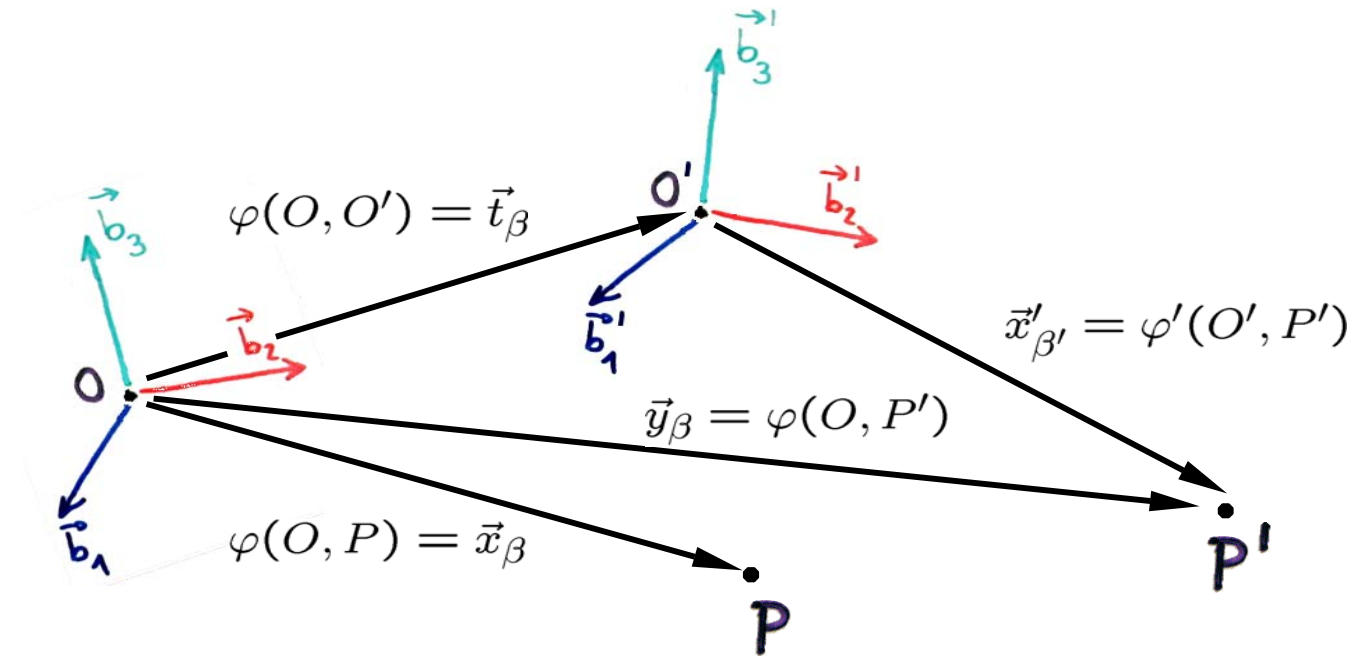
$$P' = m(P) : \vec{x}_\beta \rightarrow \vec{y}_\beta$$

$$\beta = (\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3)$$

$$\beta' = (\vec{b}'_1, \vec{b}'_2, \vec{b}'_3)$$



Motion in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space



Motion: $\vec{x}'_{\beta'} := \vec{x}_\beta$

Δ -equality: $\vec{y}_\beta = \vec{x}'_{\beta'} + \vec{t}_\beta$

$$\vec{y}_\beta = \vec{x}'_{\beta'} + \vec{t}_\beta = R \vec{x}'_{\beta'} + \vec{t}_\beta = R \vec{x}_\beta + \vec{t}_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{b}'_{1\beta} & \vec{b}'_{2\beta} & \vec{b}'_{3\beta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}_\beta + \vec{t}_\beta$$

$$\vec{x}_\beta = R^{-1}(\vec{y}_\beta - \vec{t}_\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{b}_{1\beta'} & \vec{b}_{2\beta'} & \vec{b}_{3\beta'} \end{pmatrix} (\vec{y}_\beta - \vec{t}_\beta)$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{b}'_{1\beta} & \vec{b}'_{2\beta} & \vec{b}'_{3\beta} \end{pmatrix} \dots \text{a rotation matrix}$$

Rigid motion as a coordinate transformation

Motion induces a mapping of the associated linear space into itself

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{m} & P' \\ \bullet & & \bullet \\ \varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi \\ \vec{x} & \xrightarrow{m} & \vec{x}' \end{array}$$

With a fixed origin O and mapping φ ,

$m : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ induces a mapping $m : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$

$$P' = m(P)$$

$$\vec{x}' = m(\vec{x})$$

$$\vec{x} = \varphi(O, P)$$

$$\vec{x}' = \varphi(O, m(P))$$

Motion characterisation in \mathcal{V}

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x} &= \varphi(O, P) & m: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \text{ motion} \Rightarrow \forall P, Q \in \mathcal{P}: \\ \vec{x}' &= \varphi(O, m(P)) & d(m(P), m(Q)) = d(P, Q) \\ \vec{y} &= \varphi(O, Q) \\ \vec{y}' &= \varphi(O, m(Q))\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}d(P, Q) &= \sqrt{\varphi(P, Q) \cdot \varphi(P, Q)} \\ &= \sqrt{(\varphi(O, Q) - \varphi(O, P)) \cdot (\varphi(O, Q) - \varphi(O, P))} \\ &= \sqrt{(\vec{y} - \vec{x}) \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{x})} \\ d(m(P), m(Q)) &= \sqrt{(\vec{y}' - \vec{x}') \cdot (\vec{y}' - \vec{x}')}\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in L: \quad \sqrt{(\vec{y} - \vec{x}) \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{x})} = \sqrt{(\vec{y}' - \vec{x}') \cdot (\vec{y}' - \vec{x}')}$$

Motion characterisation in \mathcal{V}

$$d(m(P), m(Q)) = d(P, Q) \text{ for every } P, Q$$

$$\sqrt{(\vec{y} - \vec{x}) \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{x})} = \sqrt{(\vec{y}' - \vec{x}') \cdot (\vec{y}' - \vec{x}')}$$

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \Updownarrow$$

$$(\vec{y} - \vec{x}) \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{x}) = (\vec{y}' - \vec{x}') \cdot (\vec{y}' - \vec{x}')$$

$$(\vec{y} - \vec{x}) \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{x}) = (m(\vec{y}) - m(\vec{x})) \cdot (m(\vec{y}) - m(\vec{x})) \text{ for every } \vec{x}, \vec{y}$$

Motion is not linear in general

$f : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ is linear iff $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathcal{V}$ holds

$$f(\alpha \vec{x} + \beta \vec{y}) = \alpha f(\vec{x}) + \beta f(\vec{y})$$

A general motion m is not linear since, e.g.,

Translation $m_{\vec{o}}(\vec{x}) = \vec{x} + \vec{o}$ is a motion since

$$\begin{aligned}(m_{\vec{o}}(\vec{y}) - m_{\vec{o}}(\vec{x})) \cdot (m_{\vec{o}}(\vec{y}) - m_{\vec{o}}(\vec{x})) &= (\vec{y} + \vec{o} - \vec{x} - \vec{o}) \cdot (\vec{y} + \vec{o} - \vec{x} - \vec{o}) \\ &= (\vec{y} - \vec{x}) \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{x})\end{aligned}$$

but

$$m_{\vec{o}}(\alpha \vec{x}) = \alpha \vec{x} + \vec{o} \neq \alpha \vec{x} + \alpha \vec{o} = \alpha m_{\vec{o}}(\vec{x})$$

for $\vec{o} \neq \vec{0}$... translations are not linear

But there are motions that are linear as we will show ...

Motion that fixes origin preserves the scalar product

For every motion holds

$$(\vec{y} - \vec{x}) \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{x}) = (m(\vec{y}) - m(\vec{x})) \cdot (m(\vec{y}) - m(\vec{x})) \quad \text{for every } \vec{x}, \vec{y}$$

$$(\vec{y} - \vec{x}) \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{x}) = (\vec{y}' - \vec{x}') \cdot (\vec{y}' - \vec{x}')$$

moreover, if $m(O) = O$, i.e. $m(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$, then for $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, we get

$$\vec{y}' \cdot \vec{y}' = \vec{y} \cdot \vec{y} \quad \text{for every } \vec{y} \text{ and } \vec{y}' = m(\vec{y})$$

and thus

$$(\vec{y} - \vec{x}) \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{x}) = (\vec{y}' - \vec{x}') \cdot (\vec{y}' - \vec{x}')$$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{y} - 2\vec{y} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{y}' \cdot \vec{y}' - 2\vec{y}' \cdot \vec{x}' + \vec{x}' \cdot \vec{x}'$$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{y} - 2\vec{y} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{y} \cdot \vec{y} - 2\vec{y}' \cdot \vec{x}' + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}$$

$$-2\vec{y} \cdot \vec{x} = -2\vec{y}' \cdot \vec{x}'$$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{y}' \cdot \vec{x}'$$

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{x} = m(\vec{y}) \cdot m(\vec{x}) \quad \text{for every } \vec{x}, \vec{y}$$

Motion that fixes origin is linear

There exists an orthonormal basis $\beta = (\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n)$ in \mathcal{V}

It is mapped by m to vectors $\beta' = (\vec{e}'_1, \dots, \vec{e}'_n)$ as

$$\vec{e}'_i = m(\vec{e}_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

which are also an orthonormal basis

$$\vec{e}'_i \cdot \vec{e}'_j = m(\vec{e}_i) \cdot m(\vec{e}_j) = \vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j$$

Take a general vector \vec{x} and its image $m(\vec{x})$

$$\vec{x} = x_1 \vec{e}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{e}_n \quad m(\vec{x}) = x'_1 \vec{e}'_1 + \dots + x'_n \vec{e}'_n$$

Use the scalar product to compute the coordinates

$$\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{x} = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j (\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j) = x_i (\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_i) + \sum_{j \neq i}^n x_j (\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j) = x_i \cdot 1 + \sum_{j \neq i}^n x_j \cdot 0 = x_i$$

$$x_{i\beta} = \vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{x} = m(\vec{e}_i) \cdot m(\vec{x}) = \vec{e}'_i \cdot \vec{x}' = x'_{i\beta'}$$

Motion that fixes origin is linear

For every \vec{x} , $m(\vec{x})$ can be obtained in the following way

1. choose an orthonormal basis $\beta = (\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n)$ in \mathcal{V}
2. find coordinates of \vec{x} w.r.t. β : $x_{i\beta} = \vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{x}$
3. construct $m(\vec{x}) = x_{1\beta} m(\vec{e}_1) + \dots + x_{n\beta} m(\vec{e}_n)$

Linearity:

$$(a\vec{x} + b\vec{y})_{i\beta} = \vec{e}_i \cdot (a\vec{x} + b\vec{y}) = a(\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{x}) + b(\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{y}) = a x_{i\beta} + b y_{i\beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(a\vec{x} + b\vec{y}) &= (a x_{1\beta} + b y_{1\beta}) m(\vec{e}_1) + \dots + (a x_{n\beta} + b y_{n\beta}) m(\vec{e}_n) \\ &= (a x_{1\beta} m(\vec{e}_1) + \dots + a x_{n\beta} m(\vec{e}_n)) \\ &\quad + (b y_{1\beta} m(\vec{e}_1) + \dots + b y_{n\beta} m(\vec{e}_n)) \\ &= a(x_{1\beta} m(\vec{e}_1) + \dots + x_{n\beta} m(\vec{e}_n)) \\ &\quad + b(y_{1\beta} m(\vec{e}_1) + \dots + y_{n\beta} m(\vec{e}_n)) \\ &= a m(\vec{x}) + b m(\vec{y}) \end{aligned}$$

Motion that fixes origin is linear

Express vectors of the the basis $\beta' = m(\beta)$ in the basis β :

$$m(\vec{e}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \vec{e}_i, \quad \vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \vec{e}_i, \quad m(\vec{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n x'_j m(\vec{e}_j)$$

Find the coordinates y_k of $m(\vec{x})$ w.r.t. the basis β :

$$\begin{aligned} m(\vec{x}) &= \sum_{k=1}^n y_k \vec{e}_k = \sum_{j=1}^n x'_j m(\vec{e}_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j m(\vec{e}_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \vec{e}_i \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \right) \vec{e}_i \end{aligned}$$

and since the coordinates of a vector w.r.t. a basis are unique, $k = i \Rightarrow y_k = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j$

$$\vec{e}_1'_{\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i1} \vec{e}_i$$

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \quad \equiv \quad \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Motion that fixes origin is linear

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$$

It holds $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathcal{V}: m(\vec{x}) \cdot m(\vec{y}) = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$

Writing $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{x}^\top \vec{y}$ we get

$$\vec{x}^\top A^\top A \vec{y} = \vec{x}^\top \vec{y} \quad \text{for all } \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathcal{V}$$

In particular, for the standard basis $\vec{x} = \vec{e}_i, \vec{y} = \vec{e}_j$ we get

$$\vec{e}_i^\top A^\top A \vec{e}_j = \begin{pmatrix} a_{i1} & \dots & a_{in} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{nj} \end{pmatrix} = \vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i = j \\ 1 & \text{for } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

A is an orthogonal matrix

Motion that fixes origin is represented by an orthonormal matrix

Choose a Cartesian coordinate system $(O; A, B, C)$, $(\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3)$.

Motion m , which preserves the origin, maps it to the

Cartesian coordinate system, $(O; m(A), m(B), m(C))$, $(\vec{e}_1', \vec{e}_2', \vec{e}_3')$

$$\vec{e}_i' = A \vec{e}_i$$

for some orthogonal matrix A .

Every motion m is orientation preserving:

$$\forall O, A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}: o(O; A, B, C) = o(m(O); m(A), m(B), m(C))$$

i.e. it maps right-handed bases to the right-handed bases.

$$\vec{e}_3 = \vec{e}_1 \times \vec{e}_2 \xrightarrow{m} \vec{e}_3' = \vec{e}_1' \times \vec{e}_2'$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \vec{e}_3' \cdot \vec{e}_3' = \vec{e}_3' \cdot (\vec{e}_1' \times \vec{e}_2') = \det \begin{pmatrix} \vec{e}_1' & \vec{e}_2' & \vec{e}_3' \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \det (A \begin{pmatrix} \vec{e}_1' & \vec{e}_2' & \vec{e}_3' \end{pmatrix}) = \det A \det \begin{pmatrix} \vec{e}_1' & \vec{e}_2' & \vec{e}_3' \end{pmatrix} = \det A \cdot 1 \\ &= \det A \end{aligned}$$

A is orthonormal

Every motion is a linear transformation followed by a translation

Be m motion. Motion m maps $\vec{0}$ somewhere. Introduce $\vec{b} = m(\vec{0})$ and the new motion $m'(\vec{x}) = (t_{-\vec{b}} \circ m)(\vec{x})$, where $t_{-\vec{b}}(\vec{x}) = \vec{x} - \vec{b}$ is a translation. Motion m' maps origin to origin:

$$m'(\vec{0}) = (t_{-\vec{b}} \circ m)(\vec{0}) = t_{-\vec{b}}(m(\vec{0})) = t_{-\vec{b}}(\vec{b}) = \vec{b} - \vec{b} = \vec{0}$$

and therefore there is an orthonormal matrix A such that

$$\begin{aligned}m'(\vec{x}) &= A \vec{x} \\m(\vec{x}) - \vec{b} &= A \vec{x} \\m(\vec{x}) &= A \vec{x} + \vec{b}\end{aligned}$$

Motion representation by a 4×4 matrix

For the motion in the three-dimensional Euclidean world

$$m(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} + \vec{b}$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ and } \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

can be written in a concise way as

$$m(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} + \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} & A & & \vec{b} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



non-linear mapping