

## LO2. LINEAR ALGEBRA AND COORDINATE SYSTEMS

EECS 498-6: Autonomous Robotics Laboratory

## Linear Algebra Review

- Basics:
  - Matrix: 2D (MxN), upper-case letters.
    Vector: 1D (Nx1 or 1xN), lower-case letters.
- □ Addition:
  - Element-wise
- Multiplication
   Mixture of column vectors

## **Multiplication**



Constraints on matrix dimensions?

Note: AB != BA

## Transpose

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

□ Symmetry:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad A^T = A$$

## Rank

How many linearly independent columns?

$$\square \mathsf{A}: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\square \mathsf{B}: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Rank Quiz

This matrix is not of full rank. Find a rank-2 basis for it.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? \\ ? & ? \\ ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? \\ ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$ 

### Inverses

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}A &= AA^{-1} = I \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1.2 & 0.2 & 1.8 \\ 0.8 & 0.2 & -1.2 \\ 0.2 & -0.2 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What happens when A is not full rank?
 Projecting a vector with A loses information
 Cannot be undone, i.e., no inverse exists.

Useful identity:

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

## **Orthonormal matrices**

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Columns/rows are orthogonal to each other

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_i^T x_i &=& 1\\ x_i^T x_j &=& 0 \end{array}$$

□ I.e.:

 $R^T R = I$ 

## Ax = b

Most basic linear algebra problem!

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax = b$$
$$A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}b$$
$$x = A^{-1}b$$

## Over-determined Ax=b



□ Error of each line is (Ax - b)□ Minimize squared error  $(Ax - b)^T (Ax - b)$ 

□ Solution:  $x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$ 

#### What is a Rigid-Body transformation?

- A transformation consisting of a translation and a rotation
- Can be encoded as a matrix.
  - Projection of a point is a matrix-vector product.
- The shape and size of objects is preserved
   i.e. they're rigid.
- They can be un-done.
  - e.g., matrices are invertible.

## **Coordinate Frames**

- Robot has its own robot-relative coordinate frame
  - Robot faces down 'x' axis
  - Robot is at x=0, y=0, theta=0 in local coordinate frame
- Global coordinate frame
  Arbitrary but fixed.
  GPS?
- If we know the coordinates of something in the robot's frame, what are the coordinates in the global frame?

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## 2D Rigid-Body Transformations

# In 2D, a rigid-body transformation has three parameters:

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## **Projecting Points**

# Homogeneous coordinates (for points)

$$p = \left[ \begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{array} \right]$$

![](_page_13_Figure_3.jpeg)

Global coordinates of a point p observed in coordinate frame T:

$$p' = Tp$$

#### **Rigid-Body Transformation Composition**

#### RBTs can be composed

Watch out for correct ordering of multiplications

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![](_page_14_Figure_4.jpeg)

## **RBT** Mini Quiz

- 1. Robot moves forward one meter. What is the RBT?
- 2. We obtain three consecutive RBTs from odometry  $T_1, T_2, T_3, ...$ 
  - How do we project a locally-observed feature into the global coordinate frame?

A) 
$$p' = T_1 T_2 T_3 p$$
  
B)  $p' = T_3 T_2 T_1 p$ 

3. Let 'q' be a point in global coordinates. Where would it appear in our local coordinate frame from problem 2?

## **XYT Shortcuts: Composition**

- We can compose two rigid-body transformations A, T such that B = AT
- How to derive?
  - Multiply the matrices, manipulate until parameters can be read out.

$$x_B = \cos(\theta_A)x_T - \sin(\theta_A)y_T + x_A$$

$$y_B = \sin(\theta_A)x_T + \cos(\theta_A)y_T + y_A$$

 $\theta_B = \theta_A + \theta_T$ 

## **XYT Shortcuts: Prediction**

# Suppose I know A & B. What is T? We know B = AT T = A<sup>-1</sup>B

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_T &= \cos(\theta_A)(x_B - x_A) + \sin(\theta_A)(y_B - y_A) \\ \mathbf{y}_T &= -\sin(\theta_A)(x_B - x_A) + \cos(\theta_A)(y_B - y_A) \\ \theta_T &= \theta_B - \theta_A \end{aligned}$$

## **3D Rigid-Body Transformations**

- How many degrees of freedom?
  - Translation?
  - Rotation?

## **3D Rigid-Body Transformations**

In 3D, there are 6 DOFs

Some debate over "best" representation of 3D rotation

![](_page_19_Figure_3.jpeg)

of the three (orthogonal) axes!

## The problem with rotation matrices

- It's important that rotation matrices be rigid-body transform matrices
  - But if we keep multiplying matrices by other matrices, errors will accumulate
  - Matrix will become non-rigid
  - Axes of rotation matrix become non-orthogonal
  - Restoring orthogonality is annoying
- The problem is that we have 9 degrees of freedom for only a 3 degree-of-freedom quantity
   The other 6 variables just lead to grief.

## Angle Axis

## A unit vector and an amount to rotate around that vector.

$$(\omega, \hat{u})$$

- Four parameters (instead of 9 for a matrix)
- Don't become non-rigid due to rounding errors
- Gimbal-lock free

![](_page_21_Picture_7.jpeg)

## Quaternions

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- Just a rescaling of axis angle (but with slightly more elegant mathematical properties).
  - Think of as axis-angle (which is intuitive) with goofy scaling.

 $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\omega/2) \\ \sin(\omega/2)\hat{u}_1 \\ \sin(\omega/2)\hat{u}_2 \\ \sin(\omega/2)\hat{u}_3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

![](_page_22_Picture_5.jpeg)

## **Non-Rigid Transformations**

#### If you take a picture of a flat surface, is shape and size preserved?

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## Next time...

#### Cameras

- Basic theory
- Calibration
- Color spaces
- Simple object detection
- Lab 1 Milestone 1 due!