

# CHAPTER 3 : EUCLIDEAN GEOMETRY

**Def<sup>n</sup>** / An isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a mapping  $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $d(F(P), F(Q)) = d(P, Q) \quad \forall P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Note,  $d(P, Q) = \|P - Q\|$  so the condition above yields  $\|F(P) - F(Q)\| = \|P - Q\|$ .

**Ex (1) : TRANSLATION**

$T(P) = P + a \quad \forall P \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , clearly  $T(P) - T(Q) = (P+a) - (Q+a) = P - Q$   
hence  $\|T(P) - T(Q)\| = \|P - Q\|$ .

**Ex (2) : Rotation around coord. axis**

In xy-plane by angle  $\theta$  have  $(P_1, P_2) \mapsto (Q_1, Q_2)$  by :

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= P_1 \cos \theta - P_2 \sin \theta \\ Q_2 &= P_1 \sin \theta + P_2 \cos \theta \\ Q_3 &= P_3 \quad \text{if extend to } \mathbb{R}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Rotation around z-axis given above  $\mathcal{C}(P) = (P_1 \cos \theta - P_2 \sin \theta, P_1 \sin \theta + P_2 \cos \theta, P_3)$

**Lemma 1.3** :  $F, G$  isometries of  $\mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow G \circ F$  also an isometry.

Proof:  $d(G(F(P)), G(F(Q))) = d(G(b), G(a)) \rightarrow G$  an isom.  
 $= d(b, a)$   
 $= d(F(P), F(Q)) \rightarrow F$  an isom.  
 $= d(P, Q)$

Thus  $G \circ F$  is an isometry.

**Lemma 1.4** : (1.) If  $S, T$  are translations then  $S \circ T = T \circ S$  is also a translation.  
(2.)  $T$  a translation by  $a$  has  $T^{-1}(P) = P - a$ .  
(3.) given  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\exists!$   $T$  translation for which  $T(P) = Q$ .

Proof. (1), (2) are easy, well, so is (3) but:  $T(P) = P + a$  for  $a = Q - P$  suffices.

Def<sup>n</sup>/ Orthogonal Transformation  $C: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is linear with  $C(p) \cdot C(q) = p \cdot q \forall p, q$

Lemma 1.5: orthogonal transformations are isometries.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(C(p), C(q)) &= \|C(p) - C(q)\| \\
 &= \|C(p - q)\| \\
 &= \sqrt{C(p - q) \cdot C(p - q)} \\
 &= \sqrt{(p - q) \cdot (p - q)} \\
 &= d(p, q). //
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1.6: If  $F$  is an isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  s.t.  $F(0) = 0$  then  $F$  is an orthogonal transformation

Proof:  $\|F(p) - F(0)\| = \|F(p)\| = d(p, 0) = \|p\|$  thus  $F$  preserves norms.

Consider,  $d(F(p), F(q)) = d(p, q)$

$$\Rightarrow \|F(p) - F(q)\| = \|p - q\|$$

$$\Rightarrow (F(p) - F(q)) \cdot (F(p) - F(q)) = (p - q) \cdot (p - q)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|F(p)\|^2 - 2 F(p) \cdot F(q) + \|F(q)\|^2 = \|p\|^2 - 2 p \cdot q + \|q\|^2$$

But, we know  $\|F(p)\| = \|p\|$  and  $\|F(q)\| = \|q\|$ , so

$$F(p) \cdot F(q) = p \cdot q$$

Hence  $F$  preserves dot-products. It remains to show  $F$  linear.

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(a p_1 + b p_2) \cdot F(q) &= (a p_1 + b p_2) \cdot q \\
 &= a(p_1 \cdot q) + b(p_2 \cdot q) \\
 &= \{a p_1\} \cdot q + b p_2 \cdot q \\
 &= a F(p_1) \cdot F(q) + b F(p_2) \cdot F(q) = (a F(p_1) + b F(p_2)) \cdot F(q).
 \end{aligned}$$

\* } But, this holds  $\forall F(q)$  where  $q$  is free to vary over  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Thus  $F(a p_1 + b p_2) = a F(p_1) + b F(p_2)$ .

O'neil uses  $F(p) = \sum [F(p) \cdot F(u_i)] F(u_i)$  to prove it.

\* cheated, let's see how O'neil does it,

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$$F(P) = \sum_i (F(P) \cdot F(u_i)) / F(u_i)$$

$$F(P) \cdot F(u_i) = P \cdot u_i = P_i \quad \therefore F(P) = \sum_i P_i F(u_i).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } F(aP + bQ) &= \sum_i (aP + bQ)_i F(u_i) \\ &= a \sum_i P_i F(u_i) + b \sum_i Q_i F(u_i) \\ &= a F(P) + b F(Q). \end{aligned}$$

Remark: that wasn't so bad.

Thm (1.7) If  $F$  is an isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  then  $\exists!$  translation  $T$  and orthogonal transformation  $C$  such that  $F = TC$ .

Proof: Let  $T(P) = P + F(o)$  then  $T^{-1}(P) = P - F(o)$ . Note  $T^{-1}F$  is an isometry by Lemma 1.3. Moreover,

$$(T^{-1}F)(o) = T^{-1}(F(o)) = F(o) - F(o) = 0$$

Thus by Lemma 1.6,  $\exists C$  orthogonal trans. such that  $C = T^{-1}F$ .  
Consequently  $F = TC$ .

For uniqueness, suppose  $\exists \bar{T}, \bar{C}$  a trans, orthog. trans. such that  $F = \bar{T}\bar{C}$ . Note  $F = F$  so  $TC = \bar{T}\bar{C}$  thus

$$C = T^{-1}\bar{T}\bar{C}. \text{ Act on } P = o,$$

$$C(o) = T^{-1}\bar{T}\bar{C}(o) \Rightarrow o = T^{-1}\bar{T}(o)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(o) = \bar{T}(o)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(P) = \bar{T}(P) \quad \forall P \text{ as } T(P) = T(o) + P.$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \bar{T}$$

Hence  $C = T^{-1}\bar{T}\bar{C} \Rightarrow C = \bar{C}$  thus uniqueness follows.

Remark: order matters  $TC \neq CT$  generally, but upto this ordering,  $T, C$  uniquely describe a given isometry  $F$ .

# MATRIX STRUCTURE OF ISOMETRY

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1.)  $T(P) = P + a$  is not matrix multiplication. It's not linear. We just add vector  $a$ .

2.)  $C(P) \cdot C(Q) = P \cdot Q \quad \forall P, Q$  is given by matrix multiplication. Since  $C: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is linear  $\exists [C]$  such that  $C(P) = [C]P$  thus,

$$\begin{aligned} C(P) \cdot C(Q) = P \cdot Q &\implies ([C]P) \cdot ([C]Q) = P \cdot Q \\ &\implies P^T [C]^T [C] Q = P^T Q \end{aligned}$$

used  
 $v \cdot w = v^T w$   
and  
Sachs-Schur  
 $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

But, this holds  $\forall P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and note

$$\begin{aligned} u_i^T [C]^T [C] u_j &= ([C]^T [C])_{ij} \text{ or} \\ \text{generally } u_i^T A u_j &= A_{ij} \text{ so all components match } (I)_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \\ \text{and we conclude } ([C]^T [C])_{ij} &= u_i^T u_j = \delta_{ij} \implies \underline{[C]^T [C] = I} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for  $F = TC$  we may write

$$F(P) = T(C(P)) = T([C]P) = \underline{a + [C]P}.$$

If we instead wrote  $F = CT$  then,

$$F(P) = C(T(P)) = C(a + P) = \underline{[C]a + [C]P}.$$

§ 3.2 THE TANGENT MAP OF AN ISOMETRY

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The tangent map of  $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is what I called the push-forward in Math 332,  $F_*: T_p \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow T_{F(p)} \mathbb{R}^3$  or more descriptively,  $(dF)_p: T_p \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow T_{F(p)} \mathbb{R}^3$ . Let us recall the definition, well instead a prop. 7.5 in my notation:

$$\begin{aligned} (dF)_p (V_p) &= (V_p[F_1], V_p[F_2], V_p[F_3])_{F(p)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 V_p[F_i] U_i(F(p)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 dF_i(V_p) U_i(F(p)) \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, in terms of curves,

$$F_* (\alpha') = (F \circ \alpha)'$$

Or by Cor. 7.8,

$$F_* (U_i(p)) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(p) U_i(F(p)) \quad (F_i = f_i \text{ here})$$

In math 332, I sell this as coord. change for  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  generalized.

Ex  $F(x, y, z) = (2x, 3y, 4z)$

$$F_1(x, y, z) = 2x$$

$$F_2(x, y, z) = 3y$$

$$F_3(x, y, z) = 4z$$

$$(dF_p)(U_1) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} U_i = 2 U_1$$

$$(dF_p)(U_2) = 3 U_2$$

$$(dF_p)(U_3) = 4 U_3$$

If  $u = 2x, v = 3y, w = 4z$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} = 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$$

Likewise  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = 4 \frac{\partial}{\partial w}$ .

reverting to

$$V_p = \sum V_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Big|_p$$

notation momentarily  
(ignore if you like)  
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§ 3.2 continued:

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Thm / Let  $F$  be an isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with orthogonal part  $C$  then  $F_*(V_p) = C(V)_{F(p)}$

$$(dF_p)(V_p) = C(V)_{F(p)}$$

Proof: O'neil gives proof in terms of his det<sup>2</sup> 7.4 of (cpt. 1). I'll use a coordinate-based proof instead.

$$F = TC$$

$$F(p) = a + C(p)$$

$$F_i = a_i + \text{row}_i(C) \cdot (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (a_k) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 C_{kj} x_j \right]$$

$$= 0 + \sum_{j=1}^3 C_{kj} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x_i}$$

$$= C_{ki}$$

$$\text{Thus, } F_* (U_j^{(p)}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} U_i (F(p))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 C_{ij} U_i (F(p))$$

$$= (C_{1j}, C_{2j}, C_{3j})_{F(p)}$$

$$= \text{col}_j([C]) \text{ at } F(p).$$

Thus,  $F_* = C$  by linear algebra. Notice, we know  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is linear iff  $\exists [L]$  for which  $[L]p = L(p) \forall p \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Moreover,  $[L] = [L(u_1) | L(u_2) | L(u_3)]$ . Maybe his proof is better. Bottom line, best linear approx. to the change in an affine map is the linear part of the map. This is merely a special case of that result. The fact  $C$  is orthog. trans. has little to do with it. //

$$\text{Cor (2.2)} \quad F_* (V_p) \cdot F_* (W_p) = V_p \cdot W_p$$

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that is; isometry  $F$  has tangent map which preserves dot-products on tangent space.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } F_* (V_p) \cdot F_* (W_p) &= C(V_p) \cdot C(W_p) \\ &= V_p \cdot W_p. \end{aligned} \quad \leftarrow C \text{ orthogonal transformation.} //$$

Oh, so, I've left out a step,

$$\begin{aligned} F_* (V_p) \cdot F_* (W_p) &= (C(V_p))_{F(p)} \cdot (C(W_p))_{F(p)} \\ &= C(V_p) \cdot C(W_p) \\ &= V_p \cdot W_p \\ &= V_p \cdot W_p \end{aligned}$$

Comment: isometries allow us to map frames to frames via the tangent map.

Th<sup>m</sup> (2.3) Given any two frames on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  at  $P$  and  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  at  $Q$ ,  $\exists!$  isometry  $F$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $F_* (e_i) = f_i$  for  $i=1,2,3$ .  
 $(dF_p(e_i) = f_i \in T_Q \mathbb{R}^3)$   
 $(dF_p(e_i(p)) = f_i(Q) \text{ fwiw})$

Proof: see pg. 109. Basically,  $C(e_i) = f_i$  and extend linearly.

Computational Scheme:

$$A^T = [e_1 | e_2 | e_3] \quad \text{and} \quad B^T = [f_1 | f_2 | f_3]$$

By theorem  $F_* = C$  has  $C e_i = f_i \rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow C A^T = [C e_1 | C e_2 | C e_3] = [f_1 | f_2 | f_3] = B^T$$

$$\therefore \underline{C = B^T A}, \text{ as } A^T A = I$$

The translation part is then simple to tuck on.

• I'll try to work an example in class (today 1/27/14)