

## Advanced Computer Graphics (Spring 2013)

CS 283, Lecture 18:

Basic Geometric Concepts and Rotations

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## Motivation

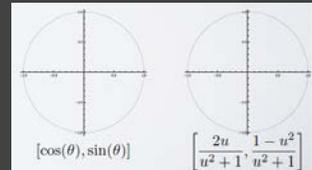
- Moving from rendering to simulation, animation
- Basic differential geometry crucial
  - How to compute frames, curvature, rotations
- This lecture relates to geometry, but focuses more on continuous concepts
- Future lectures deal with animation and simulation
- Quite mathematical, useful knowledge

## Outline

- Parametric Curves
- Parametric Surfaces
- Rotations in 3D

## Parametric Curves (later Surfaces)

- Curve is a geometric entity (set of points in space)
- Any local region is isomorphic to a line
- Generator function  $\mathbf{x}(t)$ 
  - Vector valued, or scalar function for each dimension.
  - Particular parameterization is arbitrary and not unique (not *intrinsic* to the curve)



## Arclength

$$s = A(t) = \int_0^t \|\mathbf{x}(\tau)\| d\tau$$

- Intrinsic parameterization of curve

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}(s) = \mathbf{x}(A^{-1}(s))$$

- But practical closed form may be hard to find
- Unique up to sign change and translation

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{x}}(s)}{ds} = \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} \left\| \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} \right\|^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \left\| \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{x}}(s)}{ds} \right\| = 1$$

## Tangents, Normals, Binormals

- Tangent vector geometric property of curve
  - Intrinsic, independent of parameterization
  - Can exist where parametric velocity is 0 or undefined

$$\mathbf{T} = \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{x}}(s)}{ds}$$



## Curvature and Normal

Note:  $\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{T} = 1$   
 $(\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{T})' = (1)'$   
 $\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{T}' = 0$

Therefore:  $\mathbf{T} \perp \mathbf{T}'$

We can write:  $\mathbf{T}' = \kappa \mathbf{N}$

Curvature of the curve at this point      Normal of the curve at this point



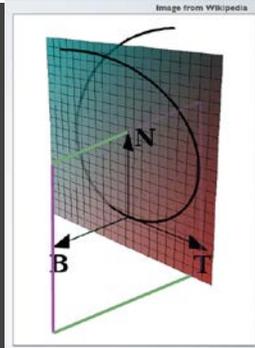
Taylor expansion implies that if curvature is zero curve must be locally a straight line.

## Frenet Frame

- Define binormal by  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{N}$
- Gives us an orthonormal coordinate frame
  - Moves along curve
  - Gives local frame of reference
  - Not defined at inflection points where no curvature
- Can find some nice demos online

## Frenet Frame

- Osculating Plane
  - Defined by  $\mathbf{N}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$
  - Locally contains curve
- Normal plane
  - Defined by  $\mathbf{N}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$
  - Locally perpendicular to curve



## Torsion

$$\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 1 \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}' = 0$$

$$\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{T} = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{B}' \cdot \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{T}' = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{B}' \cdot \mathbf{T} = -\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{T}' = -\mathbf{B} \cdot \kappa \mathbf{N} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{B}' \perp \mathbf{B} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B}' \perp \mathbf{T}$$

Change in binormal is then  $\mathbf{B}' = -\tau \mathbf{N}$

Torsion

If torsion is zero, we have a planar curve.

The minus sign is to make positive torsion CCW wrt. tangent.

## Evolution of Frenet Frame

$$\mathbf{N}' \perp \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}' = \alpha \mathbf{T} + \beta \mathbf{B}$$

$$\alpha = \mathbf{N}' \cdot \mathbf{T} \quad \text{Recall it's an orthonormal basis.}$$

$$\beta = \mathbf{N}' \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

Differentiate  $\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{T} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

Yields  $\mathbf{N}' \cdot \mathbf{T} = -\mathbf{N} \cdot \kappa \mathbf{N} = -\kappa$

$$\mathbf{N}' \cdot \mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{N} \cdot (-\tau) \mathbf{N} = \tau$$

Therefore  $\mathbf{N}' = -\kappa \mathbf{T} + \tau \mathbf{B}$

We know  $\mathbf{T}' = \kappa \mathbf{N}$  and  $\mathbf{B}' = -\tau \mathbf{N}$

## Evolution of Frenet Frame

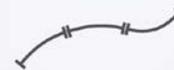
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}' &= \kappa \mathbf{N} \\ \mathbf{N}' &= -\kappa \mathbf{T} + \tau \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}' &= -\tau \mathbf{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}' \\ \mathbf{N}' \\ \mathbf{B}' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \kappa & 0 \\ -\kappa & 0 & \tau \\ 0 & -\tau & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{N} \\ \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}$$

ODE for evolution of Frenet Frame

Given starting point, if you know curvature and torsion, then you can build curve.  
 (Need "speed" also if not arclength parameterized.)

Discrete analogy: stacking up macaroni



## Radius of Curvature

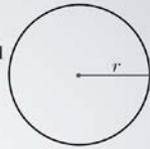
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}(s) = \left[ r \cos\left(\frac{s}{r}\right), r \sin\left(\frac{s}{r}\right) \right]$$

Note that  $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}'\| = 1$

$$\mathbf{T} = \left[ -\sin\left(\frac{s}{r}\right), \cos\left(\frac{s}{r}\right) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{T}' = \left[ -\frac{1}{r} \cos\left(\frac{s}{r}\right), -\frac{1}{r} \sin\left(\frac{s}{r}\right) \right]$$

$$\kappa = \|\mathbf{T}'\| = \frac{1}{r}$$



Curvature is inverse of radius of curvature.

## Complicated Formulae

For arclength parameterized curve

$$\kappa = \|\hat{\mathbf{x}}(s)''\|$$

$$\tau = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}' \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{x}}'' \times \hat{\mathbf{x}}''')}{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}''\|^2}$$

For arbitrarily parameterized curve

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\mathbf{x}'(t) \times \mathbf{x}''(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{x}'(t)\|^3}$$

$$\tau = \frac{\mathbf{x}'(t) \times \mathbf{x}''(t) \cdot \mathbf{x}'''(t)}{\|\mathbf{x}'(t) \times \mathbf{x}''(t)\|^2}$$

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## Parametric Surfaces

- Surface is geometric entity (set of points in space)
- Any local region is isomorphic to a plane
- Generator function  $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})$ 
  - Vector valued, or scalar function for each dimension of embedding space (e.g. 2D surface embedded in 3D)
  - The parameter  $\mathbf{u}$  itself is of dimension two
  - Particular parameterization is arbitrary and not unique (not *intrinsic* to the surface)

## Tangent Space

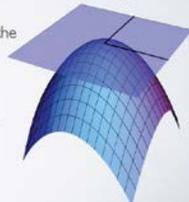
The *tangent space* at a point on a surface is the vector space spanned by

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})}{\partial u} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})}{\partial v}$$

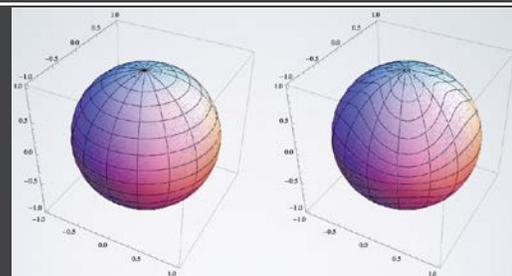
- Definition assumes that these directional derivatives are linearly independent.
- Tangent space of surface may exist even if the parameterization is bad

For surface the space is a plane

- Generalized to higher dimension manifolds



## Non-Orthogonal Tangents



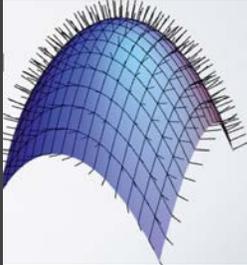
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) \cos(\phi\pi/2) \\ \sin(\theta/2) \cos(\phi\pi/2) \\ \sin(\theta\pi/2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\pi\theta) \cos\left(\frac{1}{3}\pi\left(\frac{1}{3}(1-|\phi|)\cos(6\pi\theta)\phi + \phi\right)\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{1}{3}\pi\left(\frac{1}{3}(1-|\phi|)\cos(6\pi\theta)\phi - \phi\right)\right) \sin(2\pi\theta) \\ \sin\left(\frac{1}{3}\pi\left(\frac{1}{3}(1-|\phi|)\cos(6\pi\theta)\phi + \phi\right)\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\theta \in [0, 1]$   $\phi \in [-1, 1]$

## Normals

- Normal at a point is unit vector perpendicular to the tangent space



$$\mathbf{N} = \frac{\partial_u \mathbf{x} \times \partial_v \mathbf{x}}{\|\partial_u \mathbf{x} \times \partial_v \mathbf{x}\|}$$

## First Fundamental Form

- Fundamental forms key concepts on surfaces

Pick a direction in parametric space:  $d\mathbf{u} = [du, dv]$

Corresponding direction in the tangent plane:  $d\mathbf{x} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial v} dv$

$$d\mathbf{x} = d\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})$$

For unit speed in parametric space, the speed in the embedding space is

$$s^2 = d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = d\mathbf{u}^T \cdot (\nabla \mathbf{x}) \cdot (\nabla \mathbf{x})^T \cdot d\mathbf{u}$$

$$d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = d\mathbf{u}^T \cdot \mathbf{I} \cdot d\mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_u \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_u \mathbf{x} & \partial_u \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_v \mathbf{x} \\ \partial_u \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_v \mathbf{x} & \partial_v \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_v \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} \quad I_{ij} = (\partial_i x_k)(\partial_j x_k)$$

## Properties of First Fundamental Form

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_u \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_u \mathbf{x} & \partial_u \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_v \mathbf{x} \\ \partial_u \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_v \mathbf{x} & \partial_v \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_v \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} \quad I_{ij} = (\partial_i x_k)(\partial_j x_k)$$

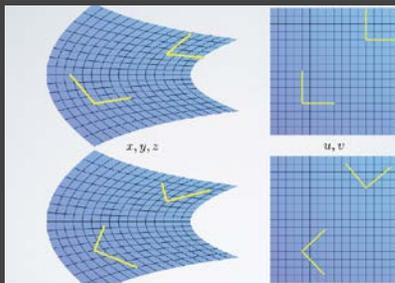
- Encodes distance *metric* on surface
- For orthonormal tangents, simply identity
- Used as a metric by Green's strain
- Invariant to translations and rotations

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_i x'_k)(\partial_j x'_k) &= (\partial_i R_{kp} x_p)(\partial_j R_{kq} x_q) \\ &= R_{kp} R_{kq} (\partial_i x_p)(\partial_j x_q) \\ \text{e.g. } x'_i = R_{ij} x_j &= \delta_{pq} (\partial_i x_p)(\partial_j x_q) \\ &= (\partial_i x_p)(\partial_j x_p) \end{aligned}$$

## ArcLength over Surface

$$\begin{aligned} c(t) &= \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}(t)) \\ l &= \int_a^b \left\| \frac{dc(t)}{dt} \right\| dt \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{\|d\mathbf{x}\|^2} dt \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}} dt \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{d\mathbf{u}^T \cdot \mathbf{I} \cdot d\mathbf{u}} dt \end{aligned}$$

## Principal Tangents



Bottom row is eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{I}$   
Not intrinsic features of the surface!

## Orthonormal Parameterization

Eigen decomposition of First Fundamental

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{S}^2 \mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$$

Define coordinate transform by

$$d\mathbf{u}' = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{R}^T d\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}^T d\mathbf{u}$$

$$d\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{R} (1/\mathbf{S}) d\mathbf{u}' = \mathbf{A}^{-T} d\mathbf{u}'$$

In transformed parameterization  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity.

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{u}'^T \cdot \mathbf{I}' \cdot d\mathbf{u}' &= d\mathbf{u}'^T \cdot (1/\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{R}^T \cdot (\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{S}^2 \cdot \mathbf{R}^T) \cdot \mathbf{R} \cdot (1/\mathbf{S}) \cdot d\mathbf{u}' \\ &= d\mathbf{u}'^T \cdot ((1/\mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{R}^T \cdot \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{S}^2 \cdot \mathbf{R}^T \cdot \mathbf{R} \cdot (1/\mathbf{S})) \cdot d\mathbf{u}' \end{aligned}$$

Similar to definition of arclength reparameterization.

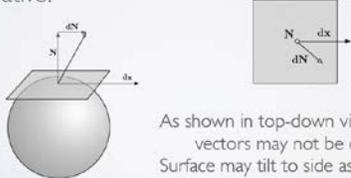
## Second Fundamental Form

Let  $\mathbf{dx}$  be some tangent direction  $\mathbf{dx} = \mathbf{du} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})$

The directional derivative of the normal is

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{N} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{N}}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial \mathbf{N}}{\partial v} dv$$

The normal is unit length so it is perpendicular to its derivative.



As shown in top-down view, the three vectors may not be co-planar. Surface may tilt to side as point moves.

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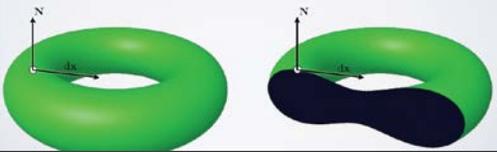
The change in normal restricted to the plane containing the tangent and normal is given by

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{N}_T &= -\mathbf{dx} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{N} \\ &= -(\mathbf{du} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{du} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{N}) \\ &= \mathbf{du}^T \begin{bmatrix} -\partial_u \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_u \mathbf{N} & -\partial_u \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_v \mathbf{N} \\ -\partial_v \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_u \mathbf{N} & -\partial_v \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_v \mathbf{N} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{du} \end{aligned}$$

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Matches definition of curvature for curve defined by cutting surface with the normal-tangent plane, but scaled by the surface metric.



## Properties

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{\Pi} &= \begin{bmatrix} -\partial_u \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_u \mathbf{N} & -\partial_u \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_v \mathbf{N} \\ -\partial_v \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_u \mathbf{N} & -\partial_v \mathbf{x} \cdot \partial_v \mathbf{N} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{uu} \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{N} & \partial_{uv} \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{N} \\ \partial_{vu} \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{N} & \partial_{vv} \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{N} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Symmetry

- Easy to show second version by expanding normal
- Box product with repeat is zero
- Any change in normal length will be perpendicular to surface
- Permutation of box product does not change results

## Normal Curvature

$$\kappa = \frac{\mathbf{du}^T \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} \cdot \mathbf{du}}{\mathbf{du}^T \cdot \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{du}}$$

Recall

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{S}^2 \mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$$

$$\mathbf{du} = \mathbf{R}(1/S) \mathbf{du}' = \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{du}'$$

$$\kappa \mathbf{du}^T \cdot \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{du} = \mathbf{du}^T \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} \cdot \mathbf{du}$$

$$\kappa \mathbf{du}^T \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-T} \cdot \mathbf{du}' = \mathbf{du}^T \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-T} \cdot \mathbf{du}'$$

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$$\kappa = \frac{\mathbf{du}^T \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-T} \cdot \mathbf{du}'}{\|\mathbf{du}'\|^2}$$

## Principal Curvatures

$$\kappa = \frac{\mathbf{du}'^T \cdot \mathbf{\Pi}' \cdot \mathbf{du}'}{\|\mathbf{du}'\|^2} \quad \mathbf{\Pi}' = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-T}$$

Dot product projects away "twisting" curvature

Eigenvectors are where there is nothing to project away

- Notice that it's a real and symmetric matrix

$$\mathbf{\Pi}' \cdot \mathbf{v} = \kappa \mathbf{v}$$

## Principal Curvatures

$\mathbf{\Pi}' \cdot \mathbf{v} = \kappa \mathbf{v}$

Elliptic  
 $\kappa_1 \kappa_2 > 0$

Hyperbolic  
 $\kappa_1 \kappa_2 < 0$

Parabolic  
 $\kappa_1 \kappa_2 = 0$

Includes planar case

## Curvatures

- Gaussian curvature  $K = \kappa_1 \kappa_2$
- Mean curvature  $H = \frac{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}{2}$

## Geodesic Curves

- Given a curve,  $\mathbf{C}$ , on a surface,  $\mathbf{S}$ 
  - $\mathbf{C}(t) = \mathbf{S}(u(t), v(t))$
- The geodesic curvature is
  - $\kappa^2 = \kappa_g^2 + \kappa_n^2$
  - $\kappa_n = \kappa(\mathbf{N}_s \cdot \mathbf{N}_c)$
- Separates curvature into
  - What's necessary to stay on surface
  - What's wiggling in tangent plane
- Geodesics are curves with  $\kappa_g = 0$ 
  - Generalize straight lines
  - Locally shortest path between points
  - On a circle they are great arcs

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{C}}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial u_i} = 0 \quad \forall i$$

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ODE for curve

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$$\ddot{u}_q = (\mathbf{I}^{-1})_{qp} \frac{\partial S_k}{\partial u_p} \frac{\partial^2 S_k}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} \dot{u}_i \dot{u}_j$$

## Geodesic Curves

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## General 3D Rotations

- Non-commutative, much more complex than 2D
- General 3D axis, angle of rotation
- In axis-aligned case, simpler
  - In all cases, orthogonal matrices
  - Rows and columns of matrix are orthonormal

$$\mathbf{R}_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{R}_y = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_z = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Arbitrary 3D rotations

Can be built from axis-aligned matrices:

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_{\hat{z}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{\hat{y}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{\hat{x}}$$

Result due to Euler... hence called Euler Angles  
Easy to store in vector

But NOT a vector:

$$\mathbf{R} = \text{rot}(x, y, z)$$


### Rotation Matrices

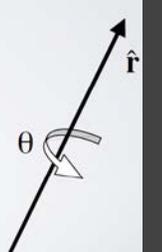
Consider:

$$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{l} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{xx} & r_{xy} & r_{xz} \\ r_{yx} & r_{yy} & r_{yz} \\ r_{zx} & r_{zy} & r_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

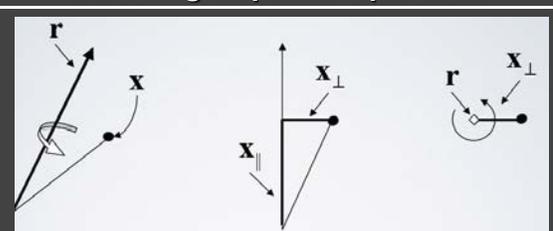
Columns are coordinate axes after transformation (true for general matrices)  
Rows are original axes in original system (not true for general matrices)

### Axis-Angle

Direct representation of arbitrary rotation  
AKA: axis-angle, angular displacement vector  
Rotate  $\theta$  degrees about some axis  
Encode  $\theta$  by length of vector

$$\theta = |\mathbf{r}|$$


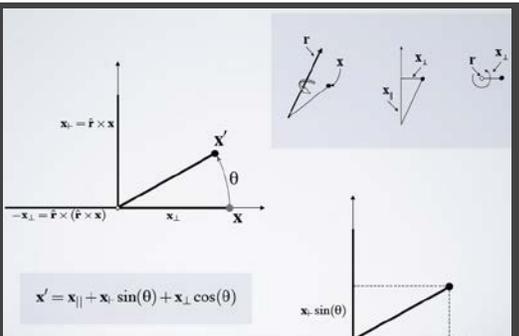
### Axis Angle split Components



Vector expressing a point has two parts

- $\mathbf{x}_{\parallel}$  does not change
- $\mathbf{x}_{\perp}$  rotates like a 2D point

### Axis Angle Components



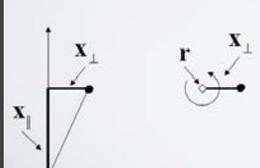
$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{x}_{\perp} \sin(\theta) + \mathbf{x}_{\perp} \cos(\theta)$

### Rodriguez Formula

$$\mathbf{x}' = \hat{\mathbf{r}}(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{x}) + \sin(\theta)(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{x}) - \cos(\theta)(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{x}))$$

Linear in  $\mathbf{x}$

Actually a minor variation ...



## Rodriguez Matrix

$$\mathbf{x}' = ((\hat{\mathbf{r}}\hat{\mathbf{r}}^t) + \sin(\theta)(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times) - \cos(\theta)(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)) \mathbf{x}$$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\hat{r}_z & \hat{r}_y \\ \hat{r}_z & 0 & -\hat{r}_x \\ -\hat{r}_y & \hat{r}_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Antisymmetric matrix

$$(\mathbf{a}\times)\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}\times\mathbf{b}$$

Easy to verify by expansion

## Exponential Maps

- Allows tumbling
- No gimbal lock
- Orientations are space within  $\pi$  radius ball
- Nearly unique representations
- Singularities on shells at  $2\pi$
- Nice for interpolation

## Exponentials: Basic Properties

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$e^{i\theta} = 1 + \frac{i\theta}{1!} + \frac{-\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{-i\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{-\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \dots\right) + i\left(\frac{\theta}{1!} + \frac{-\theta^3}{3!} + \dots\right)$$

$$= \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$$

## Matrix Exponentials

$$e^{(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)\theta} = \mathbf{I} + \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)\theta}{1!} + \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)^2\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)^3\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)^4\theta^4}{4!} + \dots$$

But notice that:  $(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)^3 = -(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)$

$$e^{(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)\theta} = \mathbf{I} + \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)\theta}{1!} + \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)^2\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{-(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{-(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)^2\theta^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$e^{(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)\theta} = (\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times) \left( \frac{\theta}{1!} - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \dots \right) + \mathbf{I} + (\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)^2 \left( \frac{\theta^2}{2!} - \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \dots \right)$$

$$e^{(\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)\theta} = (\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times) \sin(\theta) + \mathbf{I} + (\hat{\mathbf{r}}\times)^2 (1 - \cos(\theta))$$

## Quaternions

- More popular than exponential maps
- Natural extension of complex numbers
- Hamilton 1843: interesting history
- Uber-complex numbers

$$\mathbf{q} = (z_1, z_2, z_3, s) = (\mathbf{z}, s)$$

$$\mathbf{q} = iz_1 + jz_2 + kz_3 + s$$

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$$

$$ij = k \quad ji = -k$$

$$jk = i \quad kj = -i$$

$$ki = j \quad ik = -j$$

## Quaternion Properties

Multiplication natural consequence of defn.

$$\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{z}_q s_p + \mathbf{z}_p s_q + \mathbf{z}_p \times \mathbf{z}_q, s_p s_q - \mathbf{z}_p \cdot \mathbf{z}_q)$$

Conjugate

$$\mathbf{q}^* = (-\mathbf{z}, s)$$

Magnitude

$$\|\mathbf{q}\|^2 = \mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{z} + s^2 = \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{q}^*$$

## Quaternion Rotations

Vectors as quaternions

$$\mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{v}, 0)$$

Rotations as quaternions

$$\mathbf{r} = (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, \cos \frac{\theta}{2})$$

Rotating a vector

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{r}^*$$

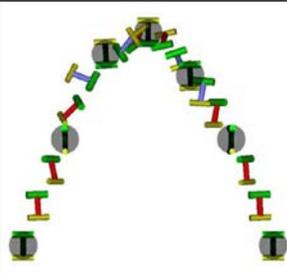
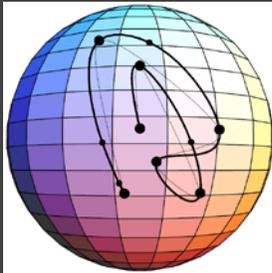
Composing rotations

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}_2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Compare to Exp. Map}$$

## Quaternions

- No tumbling
- No gimbal lock
- Orientations are double unique
- Surface of unit 3-sphere in 4D
- Nice for interpolation
  - Slerps
  - Optimal quaternion splines

## Interpolation



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