

# The Essentials of CAGD

## Chapter 1: The Bare Basics

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# Introduction to The Bare Basics

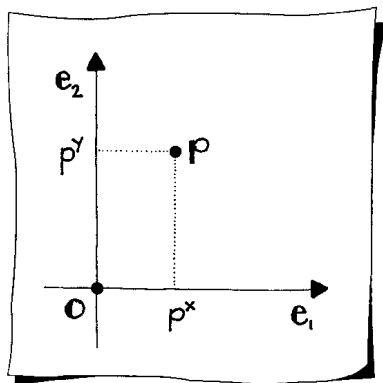


A bare basic affine mapping of a vector

Goals:

- Introduce basic geometry
- Notation

# Points and Vectors

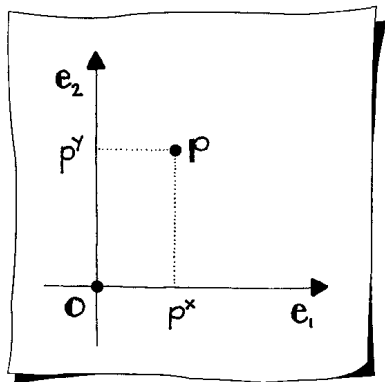


Geometry in two dimensions 2D

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For a 3D space ...

# Points and Vectors



## Point

- Denotes a 2D or 3D location
- Lower case boldface letters

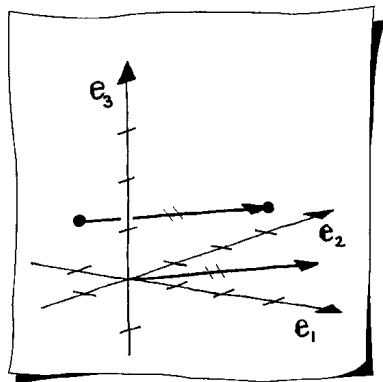
$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Affine space or Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^2$

# Points and Vectors



**Vector:** difference of two points

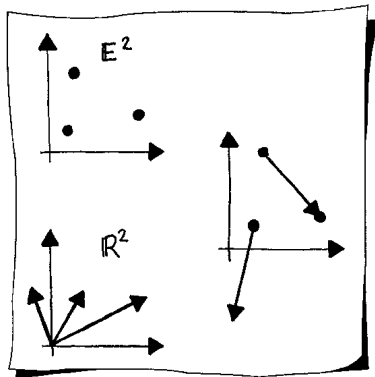
$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Lower case boldface
- Components

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

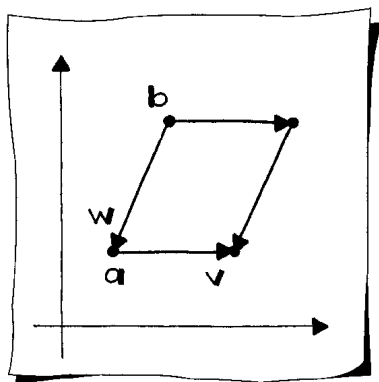
Linear space or Real space  $\mathbb{R}^3$

# Points and Vectors



Affine/Euclidean  
and  
linear/real spaces

# Operations on Points and Vectors



## Translation

- Moves the point by a displacement
- Displacement defined by a vector

$$\hat{p} = p + v$$

No effect on vectors



# Operations on Points and Vectors

## Adding points and vectors

For vectors: **Linear combination**

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n, \quad \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

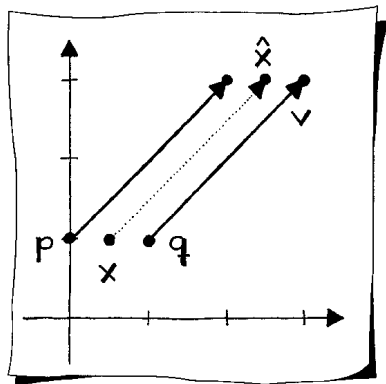
For points: **barycentric combination**

$$\mathbf{p} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{p}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{p}_n, \quad \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n = 1$$

What barycentric combination results in the midpoint of two points?

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{p} + \beta \mathbf{q} \quad \alpha + \beta = 1$$

# Operations on Points and Vectors



Barycentric coordinates are invariant under translations

$$(\alpha\mathbf{p} + \beta\mathbf{q}) + \mathbf{v} = \alpha(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}) + \beta(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{v})$$

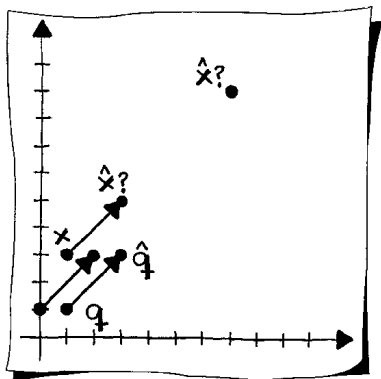
Sketch illustrates midpoint

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Translation vector } \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Operations on Points and Vectors

The problem with  
non-barycentric combinations



$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Translation vector } \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = 2\hat{\mathbf{p}} + \hat{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \neq \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}!$$

# Operations on Points and Vectors

Ratio of three (ordered) points

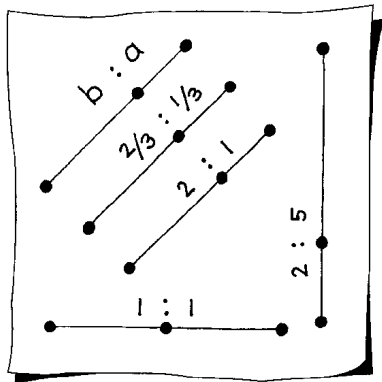
$$\text{ratio}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}\|}{\|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}\|}$$

Ratios and barycentric coordinates:

$$\mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{p} + b\mathbf{q} \text{ where } a + b = 1$$

$$\text{ratio}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}) = b : a = \frac{b}{a}$$

What if  $\mathbf{x}$  not between  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ ?



# Products

Dot product or scalar product of vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$

$$2D: \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = v_x w_x + v_y w_y$$

$$3D: \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = v_x w_x + v_y w_y + v_z w_z$$

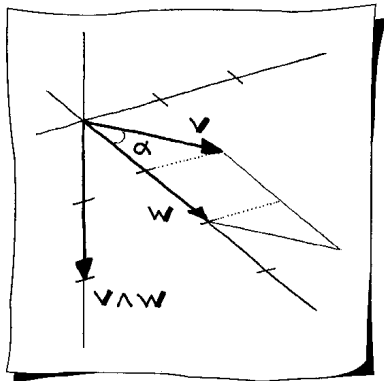
Angle  $\alpha$  between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ :

$$\cos(\alpha) = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|}$$

Length of a vector:  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}$

When is  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$ ?

# Products

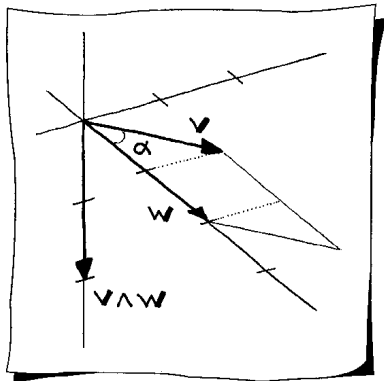


Cross product or vector product

$$\mathbf{v} \wedge \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} v_y w_z - v_z w_y \\ v_z w_x - v_x w_z \\ v_x w_y - v_y w_x \end{bmatrix}$$

Cross product of two vectors is perpendicular to both of them

# Products



Area of parallelogram  
spanned by  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$

$$\|\mathbf{v} \wedge \mathbf{w}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\|\|\mathbf{w}\| \sin(\alpha)$$

Application: area of a triangle

When is  $\mathbf{v} \wedge \mathbf{w} = 0$  ?

Cross products are *antisymmetric*

$$\mathbf{v} \wedge \mathbf{w} = -\mathbf{w} \wedge \mathbf{v}$$

# Affine Maps

Used to move or modify a geometric figure

Given:  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{E}^2$  and affine map defined by  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  and  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}} = A\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{E}^2 \quad (\text{with help of origin point})$$

$A$  represents a **linear map**

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{scale:} & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} & \text{reflection:} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} & \text{projection:} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{rotation:} & \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) \end{bmatrix} & \text{shear:} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & \end{array}$$

How would you define a 3D affine map?



# Affine Maps

## Example

Three collinear 2D points

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

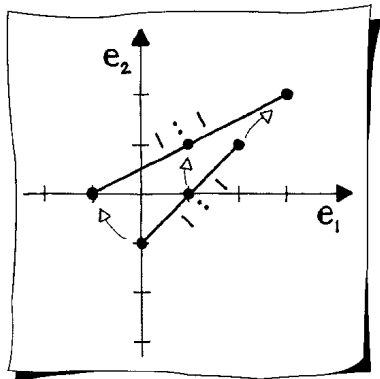
Affine map

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Images of points

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Midpoint mapped to midpoint!



# Affine Maps

## Properties:

- Map points to points, lines to lines, and planes to planes
- Leave the ratio of three collinear points unchanged
- Parallel lines to parallel lines
  - Two parallel lines mapped to ...
  - Two non-intersecting lines mapped to ...
- Planes ...

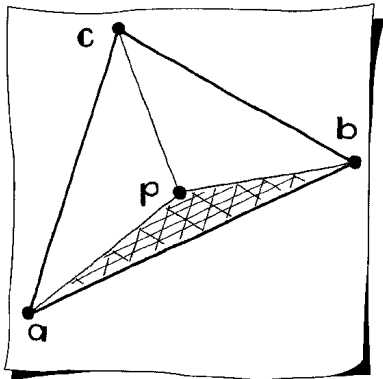
# Triangles and Tetrahedra

2D **triangle**  $T$  formed by three noncollinear points  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$

Triangle **area** computed using a  $3 \times 3$  determinant:

$$\text{area}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{c} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a_x & b_x & c_x \\ a_y & b_y & c_y \end{vmatrix}$$

# Triangles and Tetrahedra



Given  $\mathbf{p}$  inside  $T$

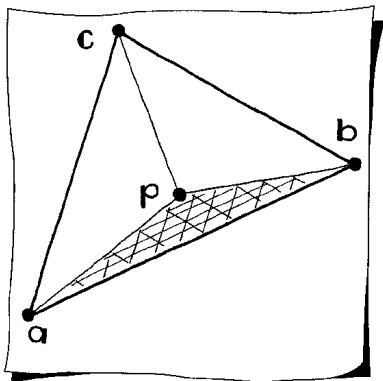
Write  $\mathbf{p}$  as a combination of the triangle vertices

$$\mathbf{p} = u\mathbf{a} + v\mathbf{b} + w\mathbf{c}$$

Combination of points  
 $\Rightarrow$  barycentric combination

Find  $u, v, w$  by solving  
3 equations in 3 unknowns

# Triangles and Tetrahedra



$$u = \frac{\text{area}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})}{\text{area}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})}$$

$$v = \frac{\text{area}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{a})}{\text{area}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})}$$

$$w = \frac{\text{area}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})}{\text{area}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})}$$

barycentric coordinates

$$\mathbf{u} = (u, v, w)$$

## Triangles and Tetrahedra

Barycentric coordinates not independent of each other

– e.g.,  $w = 1 - u - v$

Behave much like “normal” coordinates:

– If  $\mathbf{p}$  is given, can find  $\mathbf{u}$

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Not necessary that  $\mathbf{p}$  be inside  $T$

– Need *signed* area

3 vertices of the triangle have barycentric coordinates

$$\mathbf{a} \cong (1, 0, 0) \quad \mathbf{b} \cong (0, 1, 0) \quad \mathbf{c} \cong (0, 0, 1)$$

A triangle may also be defined in 3D

$$\text{area}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{2} \| [\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}] \wedge [\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}] \|$$

# Triangles and Tetrahedra

Example:

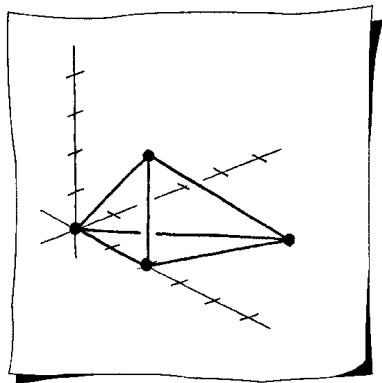
$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \wedge (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{area}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = \frac{\sqrt{69}}{2}$$

# Triangles and Tetrahedra



**Tetrahedron:** four 3D points

$\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4$

$$\text{vol}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2 & \mathbf{p}_3 & \mathbf{p}_4 \end{vmatrix}$$

**Example:**

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{p}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{p}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{vol} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$