

Some of the main points from Jan 5 lecture can be summarized as:

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}; \mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_j = 1 \text{ if } i = j \text{ else } 0$$

let \mathcal{B} in an orthonormal basis

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{b}_3 \cdot \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

representation of \mathbf{x} in \mathcal{B}

$$\mathbf{x} = x_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + x_3 \mathbf{b}_3 \text{ decomposition of } \mathbf{x} \text{ along basis vectors}$$

$$[\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} + [\mathbf{y}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

linearity of coordinate representation

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 \cdot \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{b}_3 \cdot \mathbf{c}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{b}_2 \cdot \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{b}_3 \cdot \mathbf{c}_2 \\ \mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \mathbf{c}_3 & \mathbf{b}_2 \cdot \mathbf{c}_3 & \mathbf{b}_3 \cdot \mathbf{c}_3 \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}};$$

coord. transform between two orthonormal bases

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = |\mathbf{x}| |\mathbf{y}| \cos(\theta)$$

def. of dot product; θ is angle between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y}

$$|\mathbf{x}| = \sqrt{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}}$$

vector length in terms of \cdot

$$\mathbf{I} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$$

def. of identity tensor

$$(\mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{y}) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x} (\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

definition of tensor product \otimes

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}^T [\mathbf{y}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

computing dot products with components in \mathcal{B}

$$[\mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{y}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{y}]_{\mathcal{B}}^T$$

computing tensor products with components in \mathcal{B}

$$[\mathbf{T}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{31} & T_{32} & T_{33} \end{bmatrix}; T_{ij} = \mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{T} \mathbf{b}_j$$

representation of \mathbf{T} in \mathcal{B}

$$\mathbf{T}_{\text{scale}} = \mathbf{I} + (\alpha - 1)(\hat{\mathbf{x}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{x}})$$

scales by α along $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$

$$\mathbf{T}_{\text{shear}} = \mathbf{I} + \beta \hat{\mathbf{x}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

shears \mathbf{v} along $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ by $\beta \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \mathbf{v}$

Feb 3: the LHS of “computing tensor products” was incorrectly $\mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{y}$ instead of $[\mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{y}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ in the original HW

1) Consider a 2-dimensional space with orthonormal basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$.

1. What is $[\mathbf{I} + (\alpha - 1)\mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$? (What are the components of this 2-by-2 matrix?)
2. Show that the same scaling transform could also have been written $\alpha \mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \otimes \mathbf{y}$.
3. What is a simpler way to write $\mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \otimes \mathbf{y}$? (hint: a single letter!) Why is this?
4. Let $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{v}/|\mathbf{v}|$. What is $[\hat{\mathbf{v}}]_{\mathcal{B}}$? (That is, what are the components of this 2-vector?)
5. What is $[\mathbf{I} + (\alpha - 1)\hat{\mathbf{v}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{v}}]_{\mathcal{B}}$?

2) Consider a 3-dimensional space with orthonormal basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$.

1. Describe geometrically what the transform $\mathbf{T}_1 = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{z} \otimes (\alpha \mathbf{x} + \beta \mathbf{y})$ does.
2. What is $[\mathbf{T}_1]_{\mathcal{B}}$? (What will this 3x3 matrix look like?)

3. Let $\mathbf{T}_2 = \mathbf{I} + \alpha \mathbf{y} \otimes \mathbf{v}$, for an arbitrary vector \mathbf{v} . What is $[\mathbf{T}_2]_{\mathcal{B}}$? The answer should involve the v_i components of $[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$.

3) The Real-Time Rendering book (Table 1.2 page 7) uses the symbol \otimes to represent component-wise multiplication of two vectors $\mathbf{u} = (u_1 \ u_2)^T$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1 \ v_2)^T$ as

$$\mathbf{u} \text{“}\otimes\text{”} \mathbf{v} = (u_1 v_1 \ u_2 v_2)^T, \quad (1)$$

where we’re using two-dimensional vectors for simplicity. The book doesn’t follow the same practice as above in notationally distinguishing between geometric vectors and their representation in some basis, but given some orthonormal basis \mathcal{B} we could interpret this “ \otimes ” as a multiplication of two geometric vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} that gives back a new geometric vector $\mathbf{u} \text{“}\otimes\text{”} \mathbf{v}$, with a product that happens to depend on the components of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathcal{B} :

$$[\mathbf{u}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}; [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [\mathbf{u} \text{“}\otimes\text{”} \mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 v_1 \\ u_2 v_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u} \text{“}\otimes\text{”} \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + u_2 v_2 \mathbf{b}_2 \quad (3)$$

If you had chosen a different orthonormal basis, would the vector $\mathbf{u} \text{“}\otimes\text{”} \mathbf{v}$ always be the same? Find a two-dimensional counter-example: two orthonormal bases \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} , and two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , so that the product $\mathbf{u} \text{“}\otimes\text{”} \mathbf{v}$ can produce two very different (coordinate-free, geometric) answers, depending on the basis used. You can draw a picture, or symbolically define \mathcal{C} in terms of \mathcal{B} , and the two vectors in terms of \mathcal{B} . This is a question that take much less space answer, than to ask, and don’t over-think it!