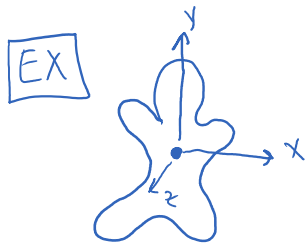


# Rotations

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Goal: Represent "which way" an object is facing  
 → how? using directions & 3x3 matrices



y is UP  
 z is FORWARD  
 (points out of page)

The direction of the character's z direction is the direction it is facing

The rotation matrix that represents the orientation of character corresponds to the matrix  $R = [x | y | z]$  ← 3x3 matrix

EX If the character is facing  $z = (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ , then  
 $x = (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$ ,  $y = (0, 1, 0)$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

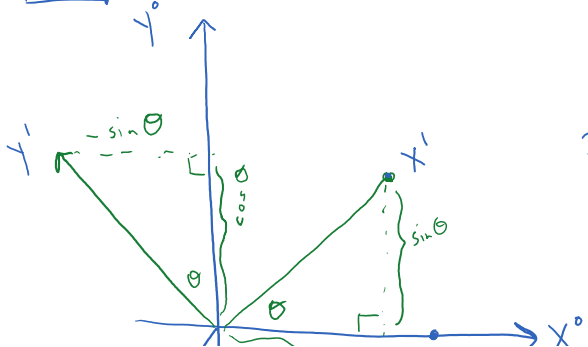
x    y    z

Note: the x, y, z directions of the character are all perpendicular to each other

## Rotation Matrices:

Perspective: A rotation matrix maps from one coordinate system to another

EX Rotation around z

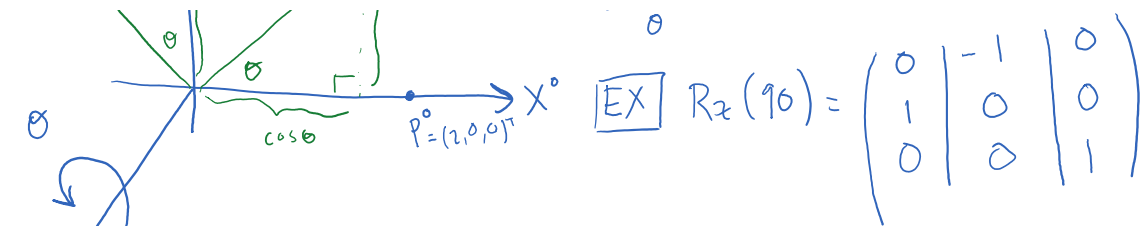


$$R_z(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} c\theta & -s\theta & 0 \\ s\theta & c\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
3x3 rotation  
around z  
by angle  
θ

note:  $c\theta = \cos(\theta)$   
 $s\theta = \sin(\theta)$

EX  $R_z(90) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



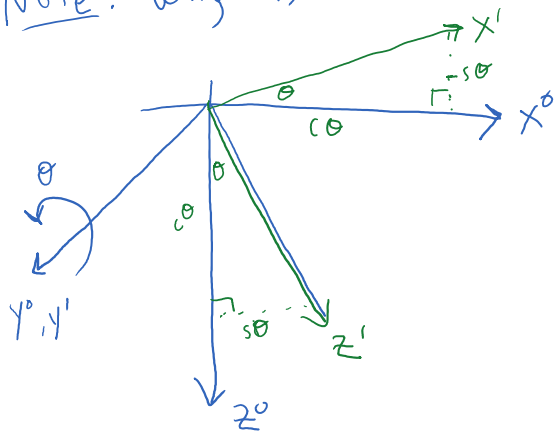
$$Y' = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin\theta \\ \cos\theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad X' = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_z(90) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} c\theta & 0 & s\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s\theta & 0 & c\theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{rotation around } y \text{ axis}$$

$$R_x(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c\theta & -s\theta \\ 0 & s\theta & c\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

NOTE: Why is Y matrix has the negative  $-s\theta$  in bottom, first col?



$$X' = (c\theta, 0, -s\theta)$$

$$Y' = (s\theta, 0, c\theta)$$

Properties of rotation matrices:

① Orthonormal

- each column has length 1
- each column is perpendicular to the others
- inverse is equal to the transpose, e.g.  
if R is orthonormal, then  $R^{-1} = R^T$

$$R^{-1} = R^T \quad \text{Hence } R^{-1} R = R R^{-1} = I$$

if  $R$  is orthonormal...

**EX** Show that  $R_z(\theta) R_z(\theta)^T = I$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c\theta & -s\theta & 0 \\ s\theta & c\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c\theta & s\theta & 0 \\ -s\theta & c\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c^2\theta + s^2\theta & c\theta s\theta - s\theta c\theta & 0 \\ s\theta c\theta - c\theta s\theta & c^2\theta + s^2\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**EX** Show that the first 2 columns of  $R_z(\theta)$  are perpendicular.  
Show the dot product is zero

Aside:  $\cos\theta = \frac{a \cdot b}{\|a\| \|b\|}$       $\cos(90) = 0$

$$(c\theta \ s\theta \ 0) \cdot (-s\theta \ c\theta \ 0) = -c\theta s\theta + s\theta c\theta + 0 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

### Euler Angles

Defn: An Euler angle is a triplet  $(\alpha, \theta, \beta)$  of angles to rotate around each local object axes