

Euclidean geometry: 3D

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Overview

Claim:

	O-preserving isometries = orthogonal matrices M	isometries $M\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}$
\mathbb{E}^2	R_φ, S_φ	Tr, Rot, Rfl, Gl
\mathbb{E}^3	$\begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & R_\varphi \end{pmatrix}$?
\mathbb{E}^n	?	?

Notation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & R_\varphi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi \\ 0 & \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

Classification of matrices occurring in isometries of \mathbb{E}^3

T isometry of $\mathbb{E}^3 \implies T = M\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}$

M 3×3 matrix \implies eigenvalue equation $\det(M - \lambda I) = 0$ has degree 3
 $\implies \exists$ real eigenvalue λ

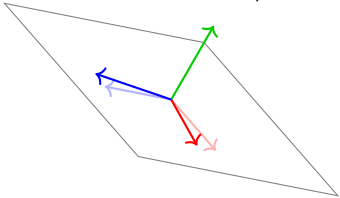
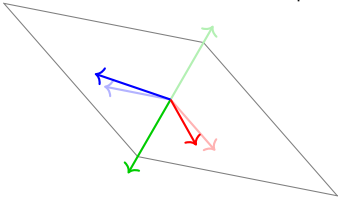
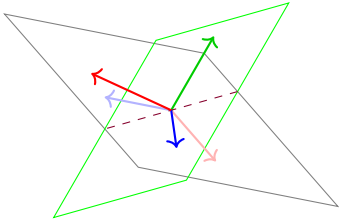
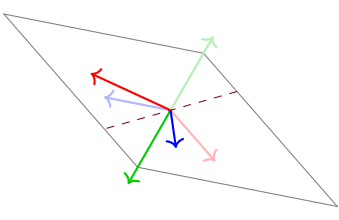
M length-preserving \implies no vector magnified or shrunk
 $\implies \lambda = \pm 1$

$\Pi :=$ plane through $\mathbf{0}$ perpendicular to eigenvector \mathbf{v}_λ

M angle-preserving \implies plane $\perp \mathbf{v}_\lambda \mapsto$ plane $\perp M\mathbf{v}_\lambda = \pm \mathbf{v}_\lambda$
 $\implies \Pi \mapsto \Pi$

M restricted to $\Pi = M$ corresponding to isometry of \mathbb{E}^2
 $= R_\varphi$ or $S_\varphi = \text{Rfl}_\ell$

Matrices occurring in isometries of $\mathbb{E}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\varphi \end{pmatrix}$

	$\lambda = 1$	$\lambda = -1$
$M _\Pi = R_\varphi$	$\text{Rot}_{\mathbf{v}_\lambda, \varphi} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\varphi \end{pmatrix}$ 	$\text{Rot}_{\mathbf{v}_\lambda, \varphi} \circ \text{Rfl}_\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\varphi \end{pmatrix}$ 
$M _\Pi = \text{Rfl}_\ell$	$\text{Rfl}_{\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_\lambda, \ell)} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$ 	$\text{Rot}_{\ell, \pi} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\pi \end{pmatrix}$ 

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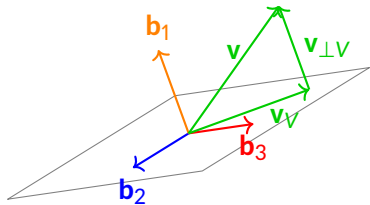
\mathbb{E}^3 isometry matrices composed with translations

any \mathbb{E}^3 isometry $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\varphi \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}$

$\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3 :=$ basis corresponding to this matrix representation

$V := \text{span}(\mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3) =$ plane of R_φ

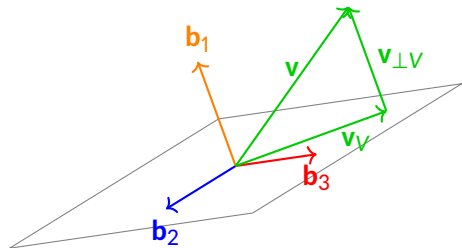
$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{v}_V + \mathbf{v}_{\perp V}$$



$$\begin{aligned} T &= \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\varphi \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left(\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\varphi \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}}_{T_1} \right)}_{T_2 \circ T_1} + \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

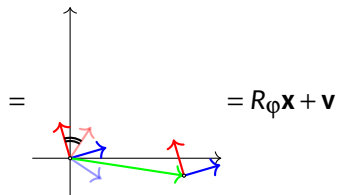
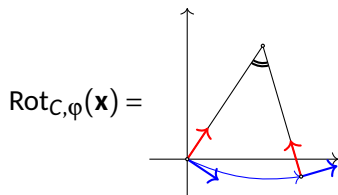
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$$T_1(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Tr} \circ \text{Rot} = \begin{cases} \text{Rot}_{\text{line} \perp V, \varphi} \\ \text{Tr}_{\mathbf{v}_V} \end{cases} \quad \text{if } \varphi = 0$$

Recall:

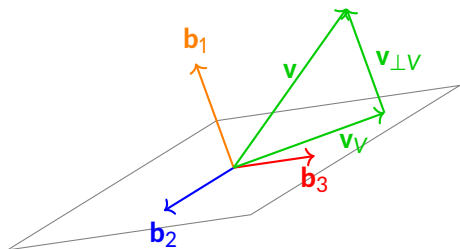


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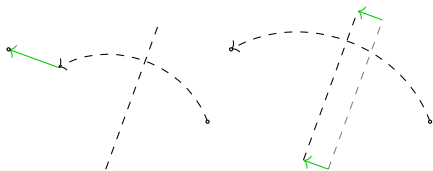
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$$T_2(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Tr}_{\mathbf{v}_{\perp V}} \\ \text{or} \\ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Rfl}_{V + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_{\perp V}}$$

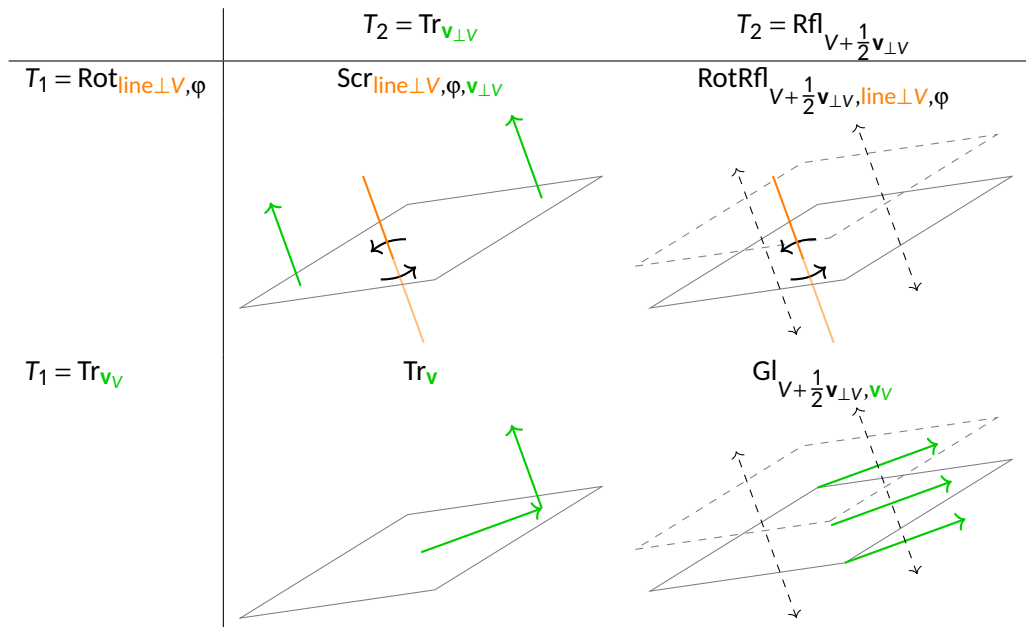
Recall:



$$\text{Rfl}_\ell \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_{\perp \ell} = \text{Rfl}_{\ell + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_{\perp \ell}}(\mathbf{x})$$



Classification of \mathbb{E}^3 isometries



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❓ Orthogonal matrices in \mathbb{R}^n

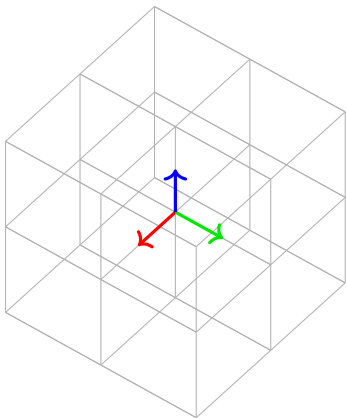
$$M \text{ orthogonal } n \times n \text{ matrix} \implies M = \begin{pmatrix} I_p & & & & & \\ & -I_q & & & & \\ & & R_{\varphi_1} & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & R_{\varphi_r} \\ & & & & & & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

for a suitable choice of orthonormal basis; $p, q, r \geq 0$, $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_r \in (-\pi, \pi]$, $p + q + 2r = n$.

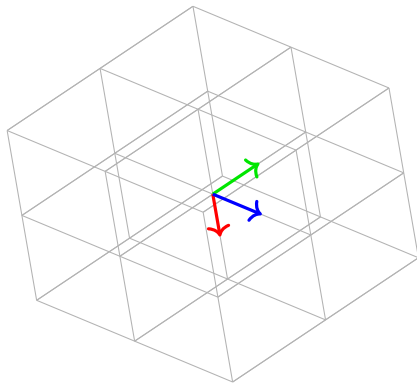
The M 's we found for \mathbb{E}^3 :

	p	q	r	φ_1
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\varphi \end{pmatrix}$	1	2	0	φ
$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\varphi \end{pmatrix}$	1	2	0	φ
$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$	1	0	1	0
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\pi \end{pmatrix}$	1	2	0	π

❓ What kind of isometry?

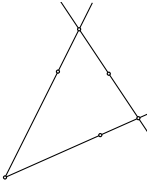
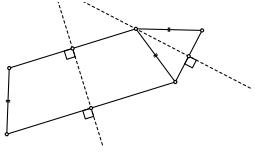
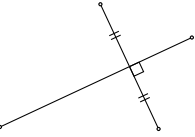


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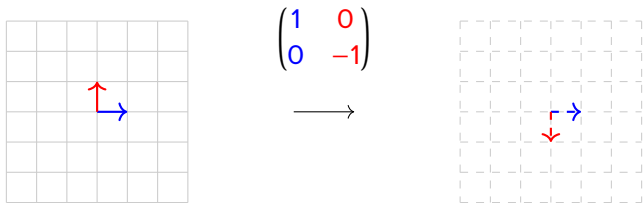
Recall: any isometry of $\mathbb{E}^3 \in \{\text{Tr}, \text{Scr}, \text{RotRfl}, \text{Gl}\}$.

Earlier results that generalise

	... points* determine an isometry. (* not all in a \mathbb{E}^{n-1} subspace)	Any isometry = product of ... reflections.	... options for isometries left when effect on \mathbb{E}^{n-1} fixed.
\mathbb{E}^1	2	2	2
\mathbb{E}^2	3	3	2
			
\mathbb{E}^3	4	4	2
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
\mathbb{E}^n	n+1	n+1	2

❓ Indirect isometry of $\mathbb{E}^n \sim$ direct isometry of \mathbb{E}^{n+1} ?

\mathbb{E}^2 reflection in x-axis = S_π (det = -1 : indirect)



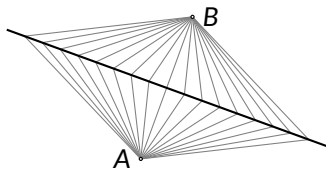
$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_\pi \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{E}^3 \text{ rotation about x-axis} \quad (\text{det} = 1 : \text{direct})$$

❓ Can we generalise?

Alternative definition of line in \mathbb{E}^2

Suppose we had taken as our definition of line sets of the form

$$\{P \in \mathbb{E}^2 : d(A, P) = d(B, P)\}$$



Advantages of this definition:

- Fits better with the theorem

perpendicular bisector of AB
 $= \{\text{points equidistant to } A, B\}$

that we have used several times.

- Enables a simpler proof that lines \mapsto lines under isometries T , namely:

If

$$L = \{P \in \mathbb{E}^2 : d(A, P) = d(B, P)\}$$

$$L' = \{Q \in \mathbb{E}^2 : d(T(A), Q) = d(T(B), Q)\}$$

then

$$P \in L \implies ?$$

$$\implies ?$$

$$\implies T(P) \in L'$$

and

$$Q \in L' \implies ?$$

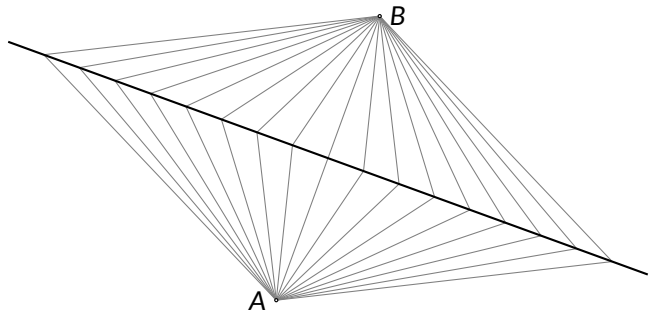
$$\implies ?$$

$$\implies T^{-1}(Q) \in L$$

Hence $T(L) = L' = \text{a line}$.

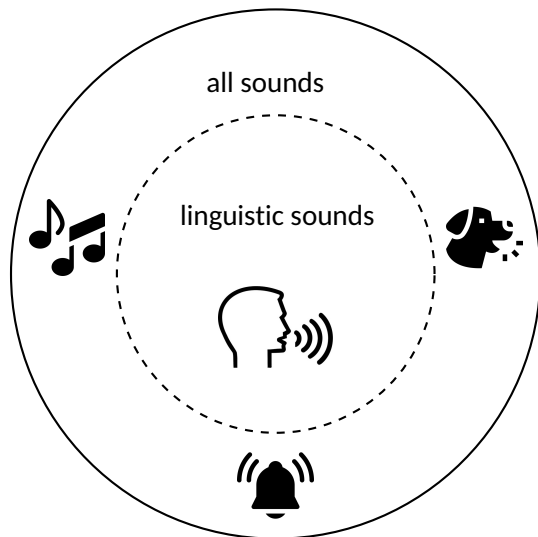
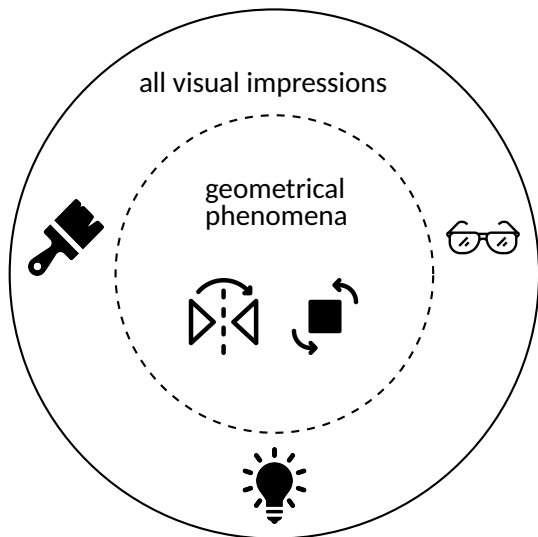
❓ What disadvantages arise when trying to generalise this definition of line to \mathbb{E}^n ?

$$\{P \in \mathbb{E}^2 : d(A, P) = d(B, P)\}$$



What is geometry?

How to “demarcate” or “pick out from the environment”?



Demarcating geometry according to Poincaré

flipping a card

= cancellable through isometry/motion

= geometrical transformation



changing colour of a liquid

= not cancellable through motion/isometry

= not a geometrical transformation

