

**Theorem 1.** A transformation  $\varphi$  is a similarity if and only if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $|\varphi(A)\varphi(B)| = \lambda|AB|$  for any points  $A, B$ .

**Theorem 2.** If two similarities  $\varphi, \psi$  coincide at three non-collinear points, then  $\varphi = \psi$ .

### Dilations

**Def. 1.** A *dilation* is a transformation that maps every line to a line parallel to it.

*Remark 1.* Dilations form a group of transformations.

**Theorem 3.** A dilation has exactly one fixed point or is a translation.

**Def. 2.** A dilation with a fixed point is called a *homothety*.

**Theorem 4.** A homothety is a similarity.

**Def. 3.** Let  $\varphi$  be a homothety with fixed point  $O$  and similarity ratio  $\lambda$ . The scale of the homothety is defined as the number  $s := -\lambda$  if for  $X \neq O$  we have  $\mathcal{B}(XO\varphi(X))$ , and as  $s := \lambda$  otherwise. We use the notation  $\mathbf{J}_O^s$ .

**Theorem 5** (Perfect homogeneity theorem). If  $\neg Col(ABC)$  and

$$\frac{|A'B'|}{|AB|} = \frac{|B'C'|}{|BC|} = \frac{|C'A'|}{|CA|},$$

then there exists exactly one similarity  $\varphi$  such that  $\varphi(A) = A'$ ,  $\varphi(B) = B'$ , and  $\varphi(C) = C'$ .

**Cor. 1.** Every similarity is a composition of a homothety and an isometry.

**Def. 4.** The composition of a homothety with an even or odd isometry is called an even or odd similarity, respectively.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $A \neq B$ , and let similarities  $\varphi, \psi$  be both even or both odd, with  $\varphi(A) = \psi(A)$  and  $\varphi(B) = \psi(B)$ . Then  $\varphi = \psi$ .

**Def. 5.** A *spiral similarity* is the composition  $\mathbf{R}_O^\alpha \circ \mathbf{J}_O^s$  of a homothety with a rotation having the same center, and a *dilative symmetry* is the composition  $\mathbf{S}_a \circ \mathbf{J}_O^s$  of a homothety with a reflection whose axis passes through the center of the homothety.

*Remark 2.* In Definition 5 the order of transformations can be changed:  $\mathbf{R}_O^\alpha \circ \mathbf{J}_O^s = \mathbf{J}_O^s \circ \mathbf{R}_O^\alpha$  and  $\mathbf{S}_a \circ \mathbf{J}_O^s = \mathbf{J}_O^s \circ \mathbf{S}_a$  for  $O \in a$ .

**Theorem 7.** Every non-isometric similarity has exactly one fixed point.

**Theorem 8.** Every non-isometric even similarity is a spiral similarity, and every odd one is a dilative symmetry.

**Theorem 9.** Isometries form a normal subgroup of the group of similarities.

### Half-planes and planes in dimension-free geometry

**Def. 6.** We say that points  $A, C$  lie:

1. on opposite sides of line  $b$ :  $\mathcal{B}(AbC) :\leftrightarrow A, C \notin b \wedge \exists T(T \in b \wedge \mathcal{B}(ATC))$
2. on the same side of line  $b$ :  $A \simeq_b C :\leftrightarrow \exists T(\mathcal{B}(AbT) \wedge \mathcal{B}(CbT))$ .

**Def. 7.** 1. The half-plane determined by point  $A$  and line  $b$  is the set:  
 $Hp(A, b) := \{X : X \simeq_b A\}$ .

2. The plane determined by point  $A$  and line  $b$  is the set:  $Pl(A, b) := b \cup Hp(A, b) \cup \{X : \mathcal{B}(XbA)\}$ .

3. Notation: capital Greek letters,  $Pl(a, b), Pl(A, B, C)$ .

### Upper dimension axiom for 3-dimensional space

**Def. 8.** Points  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are *coplanar*:  $Cp(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) :\leftrightarrow \exists \Phi(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \Phi)$

(A9') (Upper dimension axiom for 3-dimensional geometry)  $P \neq Q \wedge \forall_{i=1}^4 (A_i P \equiv A_i Q) \rightarrow Cp(A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4)$

**Def. 9.** The plane determined in (A9') is called the perpendicular bisector plane of segment  $PQ$  and is denoted by  $Ps(P, Q)$ .

**Def. 10.** Reflection in a plane and orthogonal projection onto a plane:

$$\mathbf{S}_\Phi(A) = A' :\leftrightarrow A = A' \vee \Phi = Ps(A, A').$$

$$\mathbf{R}_\Phi(A) = \mathbf{M}(A, \mathbf{S}_\Phi(A)).$$

### Parallelism and Perpendicularity

- $a \parallel b :\leftrightarrow a = b \vee \exists \Phi(a, b \in \Phi \wedge a \cap b = \emptyset)$ .
- Lines  $a, b$  are called *skew* if there is no plane  $\Phi$  such that  $a, b \subset \Phi$ .
- $a \parallel \Phi :\leftrightarrow \exists b(a \parallel b \subset \Phi)$ .
- $a \parallel b \rightarrow \forall \Phi(b \subset \Phi \rightarrow a \parallel \Phi)$ .
- $a \perp \Phi :\leftrightarrow \exists A, B(a = l(A, B) \wedge \Phi = Ps(A, B))$ .
- $a \perp \Phi \leftrightarrow \exists b, c \subset \Phi(b \neq c \wedge a \perp b, c) \leftrightarrow \forall b \subset \Phi(a \cap b \neq \emptyset \rightarrow a \perp b)$ .
- $\Phi \perp \Omega :\leftrightarrow \exists a(\Phi \perp a \subset \Omega)$ .
- $a \perp \Phi \rightarrow \forall \Omega(a \subset \Omega \rightarrow \Omega \perp \Phi)$ .
- Any two skew lines  $a, b$  have a common perpendicular ( $c \perp a, b$ ).

**Theorem 10** (Rigidity for space). 1. If  $\neg Cp(A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4)$  and  $(A_1A_2A_3A_4) \equiv (B_1B_2B_3B_4)$ , then there exists exactly one isometry  $\phi$  such that  $\forall_{i=1}^4 \phi(A_i) = B_i$ .

2.  $\mathbf{S}_\Phi$  is the only non-identity isometry that preserves the given three non-collinear points  $A, B, C$  ( $\Phi = Pl(ABC)$ ).

**Theorem 11.** Every isometry of space is a composition of at most four reflections in planes.

**Theorem 12** (Reduction theorem). If planes  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3$  are parallel or have a common line, then there exists a plane  $\Omega$  such that  $\mathbf{S}_{\Phi_3} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_2} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_1} = \mathbf{S}_\Omega$ .

### Classification of Euclidean space isometries

**Def. 11.** A composition of an even number of plane reflections is called a *proper motion*, and a composition of an odd number is called an *improper isometry*.

**Def. 12.** The composition  $\mathbf{S}_{\Phi_2} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_1}$  is called a *translation* if  $\Phi_1 \parallel \Phi_2$ , and a *rotation* if  $\Phi_1 \not\parallel \Phi_2$ . If additionally  $\Phi_1 \perp \Phi_2$ , the rotation is called a *half-turn* or a *reflection in a line*. Rotations are denoted  $\mathbf{R}_l^\alpha$ , translations  $\mathbf{T}_{\vec{u}}$ , half-turns  $\mathbf{S}_l$ .

*Remark 3.* The axis  $l$  and angle  $\alpha$  do not uniquely determine the rotation.

**Cor. 2.** In the representation  $\mathbf{S}_{\Phi_2} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_1}$  of a given rotation or translation, one of the planes can be any plane from the corresponding bundle of planes.

**Cor. 3.**  $\mathbf{S}_{\Phi_2} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_1} = \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_1} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_2}$  if and only if  $\Phi_1 \perp \Phi_2$ .

**Def. 13.** 1. A *glide reflection* is the composition  $\mathbf{T}_{\vec{u}} \circ \mathbf{S}_\Phi$ , where  $\vec{u} \parallel \Phi$ .

2. A *rotary reflection* is the composition  $\mathbf{R}_l^\alpha \circ \mathbf{S}_\Phi$ , where  $l \perp \Phi$ .

If  $\mathbf{R}_l^\alpha$  is a half-turn (i.e.,  $\mathbf{R}_l^\alpha = \mathbf{S}_l$ ), then the rotary reflection is called a *central symmetry* and denoted  $\mathbf{S}_O$ , where  $\{O\} := l \cap \Phi$ .

3. A *screw motion* is the composition  $\mathbf{R}_l^\alpha \circ \mathbf{T}_{\vec{u}}$ , where  $\vec{u} \parallel l$ .

**Cor. 4.**  $\mathbf{S}_{\Phi_3} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_2} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_1}$  is: a glide reflection if  $\Phi_1 \parallel \Phi_2 \perp \Phi_3$ ; a rotary reflection if  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \perp \Phi_3$  and  $\Phi_1 \not\parallel \Phi_2$ ; a central symmetry if  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3$  are mutually perpendicular.

A screw motion is a composition  $\mathbf{S}_{\Phi_4} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_3} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_2} \circ \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_1}$ , where  $\mathbf{S}_{\Phi_4}, \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_3} \perp \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_2} \parallel \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_1}$  and  $\mathbf{S}_{\Phi_4} \not\parallel \mathbf{S}_{\Phi_3}$ .

**Theorem 13.** Every improper isometry is either a rotary reflection or a glide reflection (including planar or central symmetries).

**Cor. 5.** Every improper isometry with a fixed point is a rotary reflection.

**Lemma 14.** Every composition of two half-turns is a screw motion.

**Theorem 15.** *Every proper motion is a screw motion (including identity, translation, or rotation).*

**Cor. 6.** 1. *Every proper motion with a fixed point is a rotation.*

2. *The composition of two rotations about intersecting lines is a rotation.*

**Cor. 7.** *The group of space isometries is bi-involutive, i.e., every isometry is a composition of two involutions (reflections in planes, lines, or points).*

*Remark 4.* Every similarity of space is a composition of a homothety with an isometry. However,  $\mathbf{S}_O = \mathbf{J}_O^{-1}$  is an improper isometry, so even and odd similarities cannot be defined in the same way as in the plane. An even similarity is the composition of an even isometry with a homothety of positive scale.

**Def. 14.** If  $O \in l$ , the composition  $\mathbf{R}_l^\alpha \circ \mathbf{J}_O^s$  is called a *spiral similarity*.

**Theorem 16.** *Every non-isometric similarity of space is a spiral similarity (even if  $s > 0$ , odd if  $s < 0$ ).*