

# Scene Graphs

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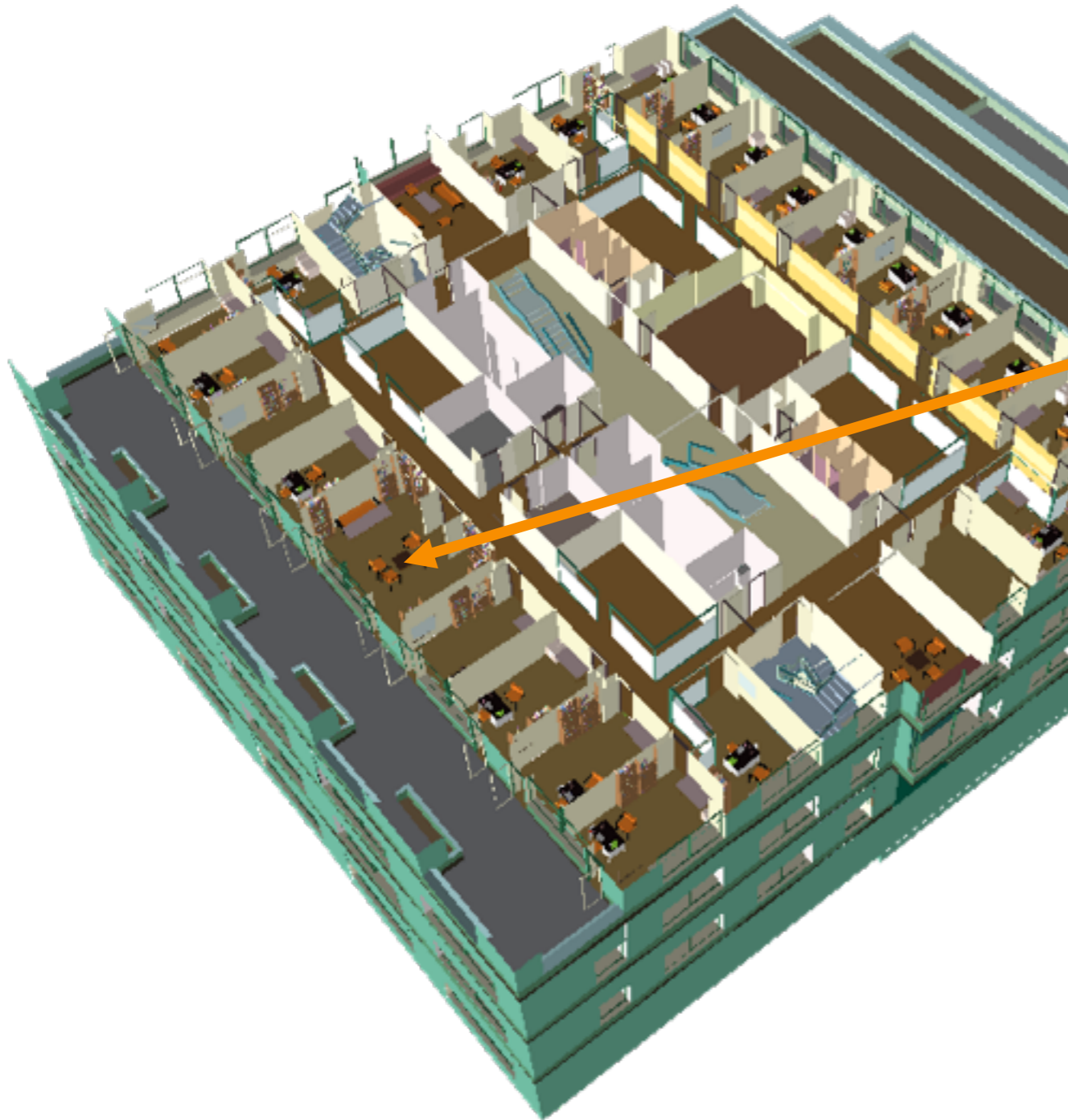
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# Overview

- 2D Transformations
  - Basic 2D transformations
  - Matrix representation
  - Matrix composition
- 3D Transformations
  - Basic 3D transformations
  - Same as 2D
- Transformation Hierarchies
  - Scene graphs
  - Ray casting

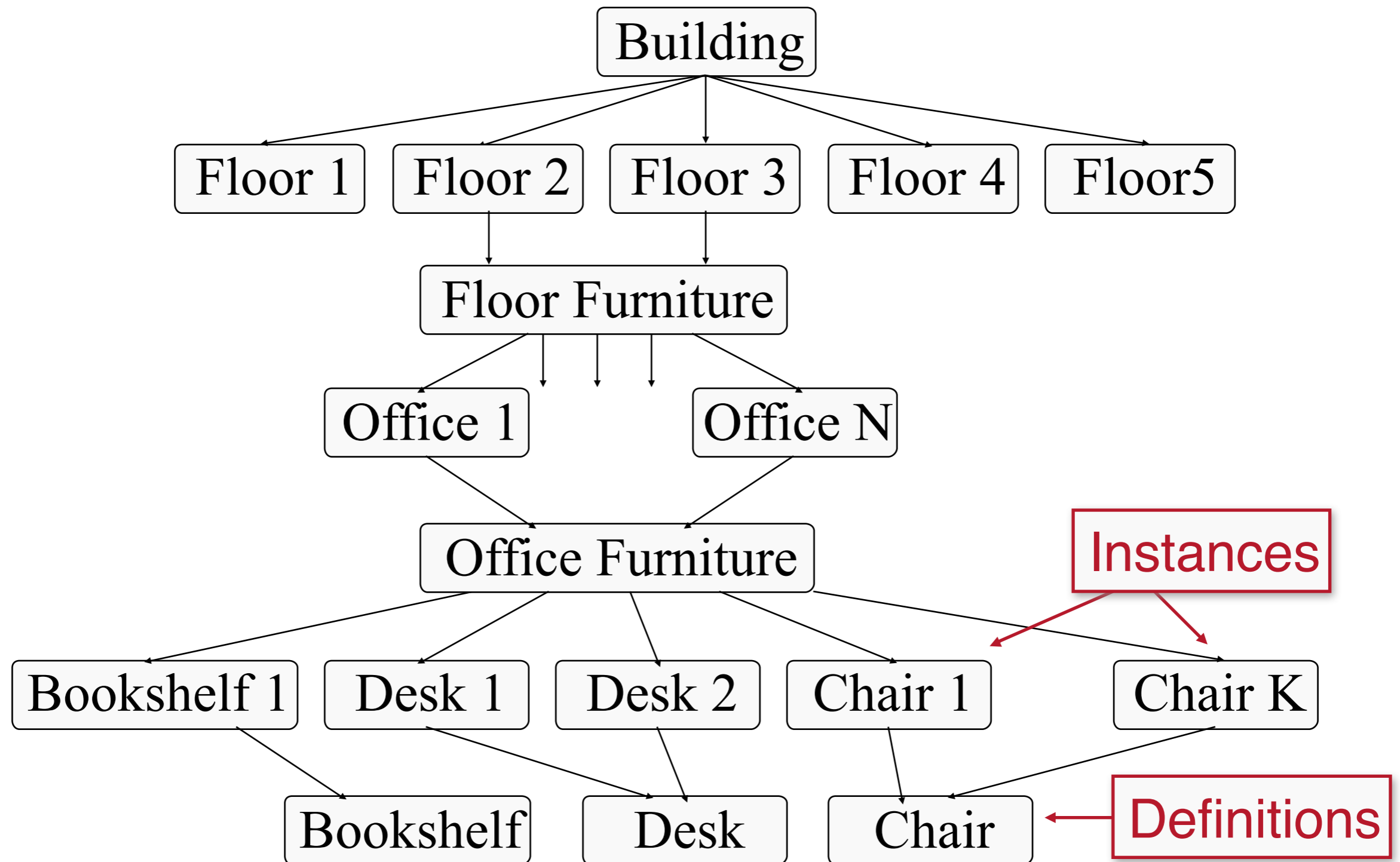
# Transformation Example 1

- An object may appear in a scene multiple times



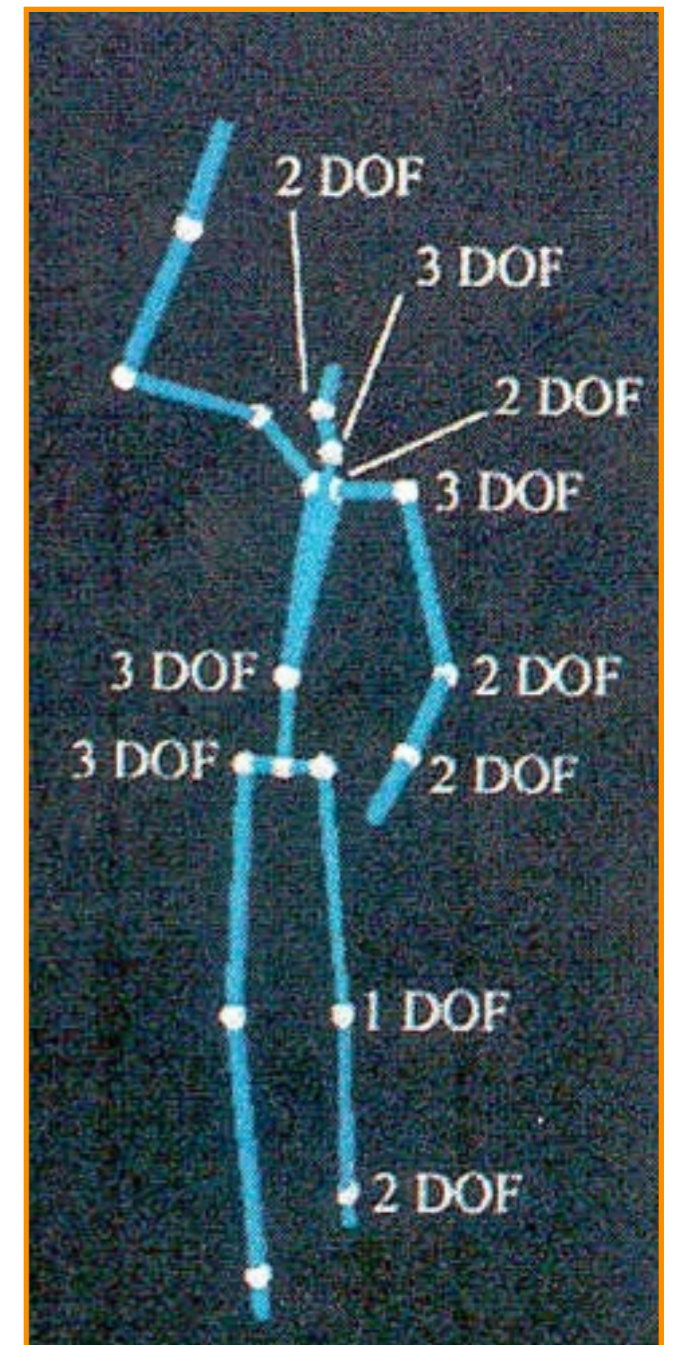
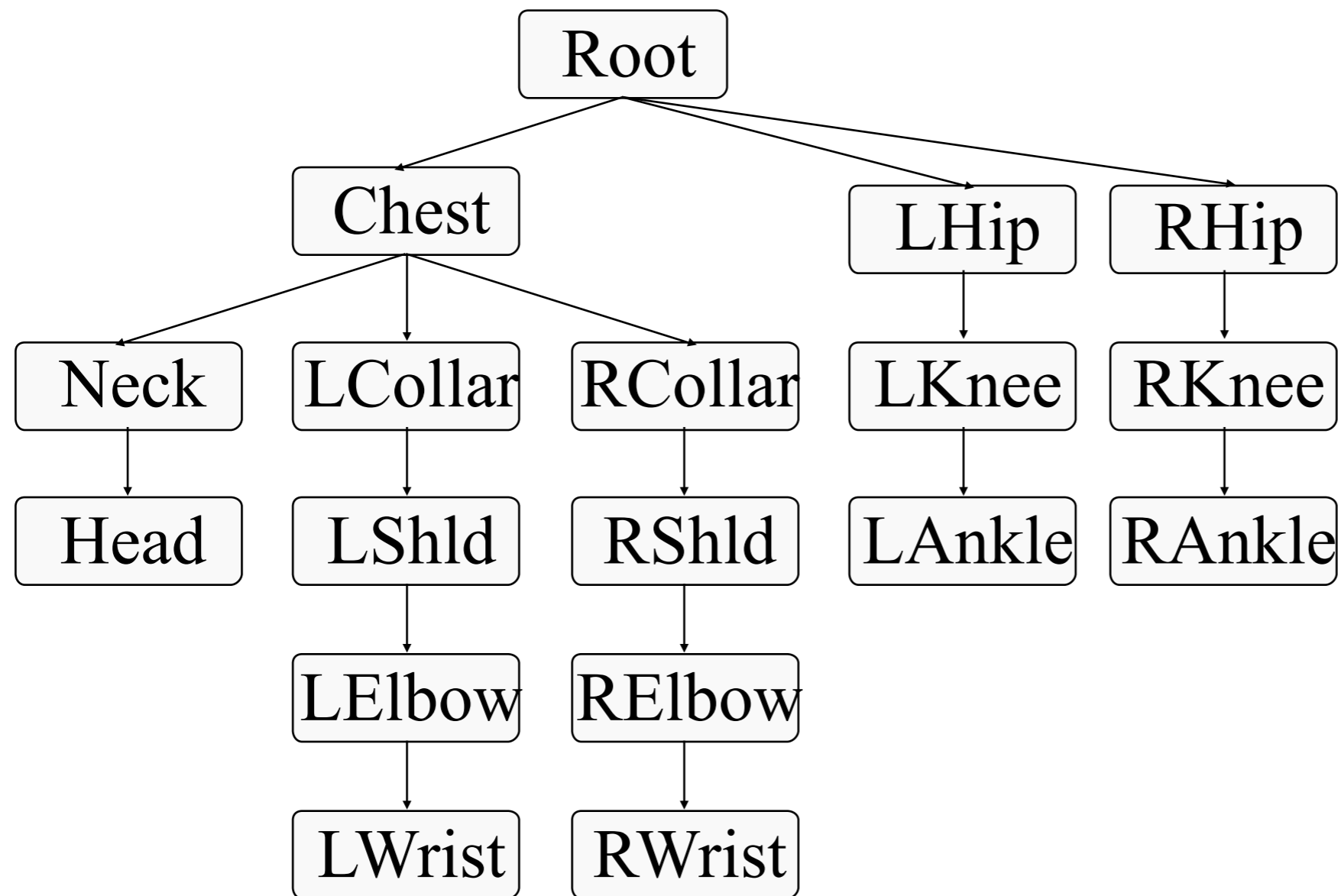
Draw same 3D data with different transformations

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# Transformation Example 2

- Well-suited for humanoid characters



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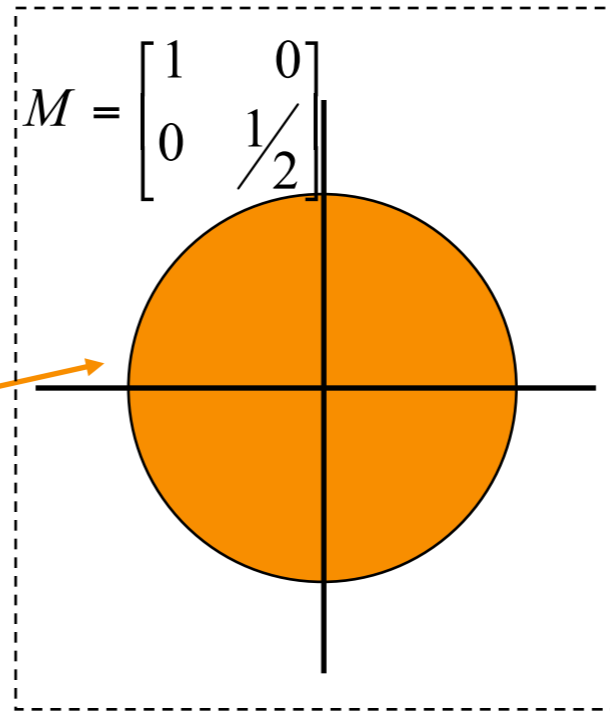
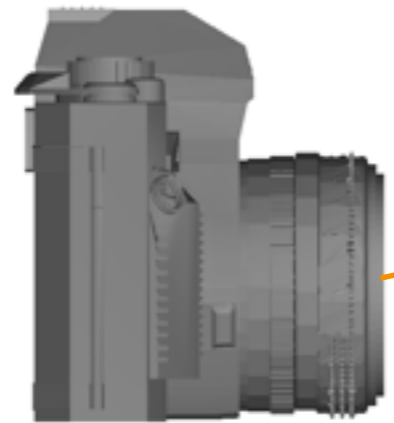
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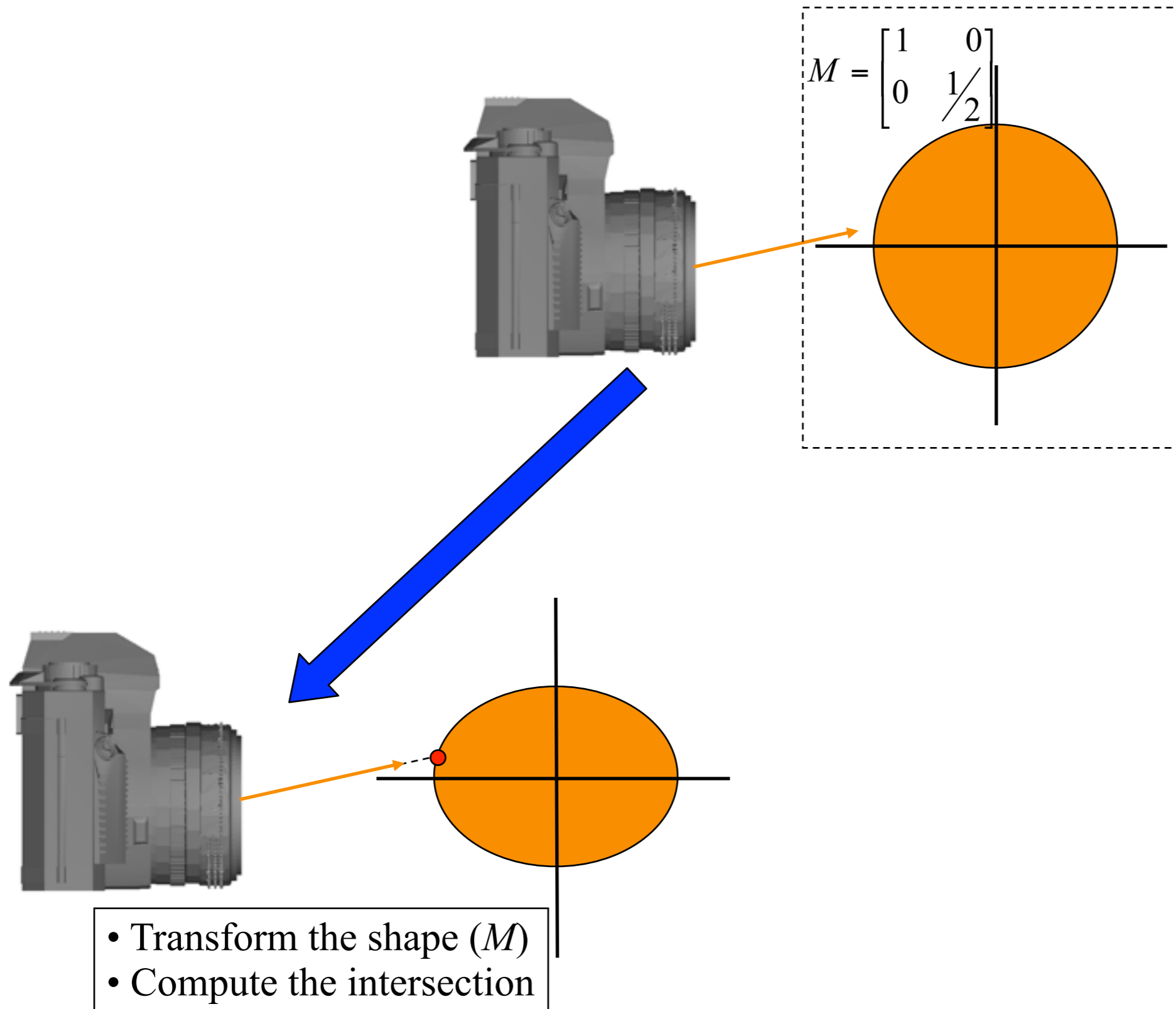
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- **Accelerate ray-tracing by providing a hierarchical structure that can be used for bounding volume testing**

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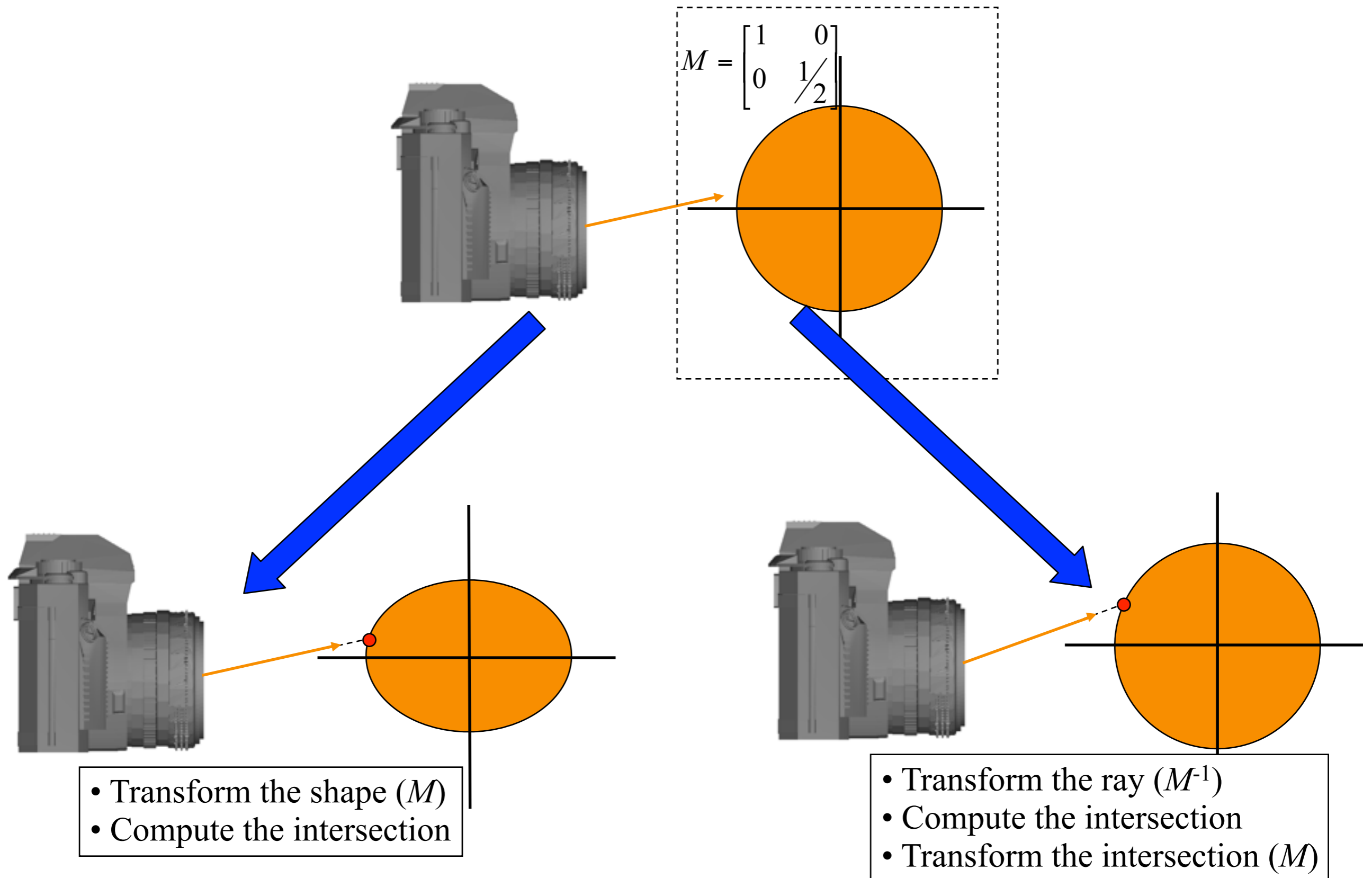




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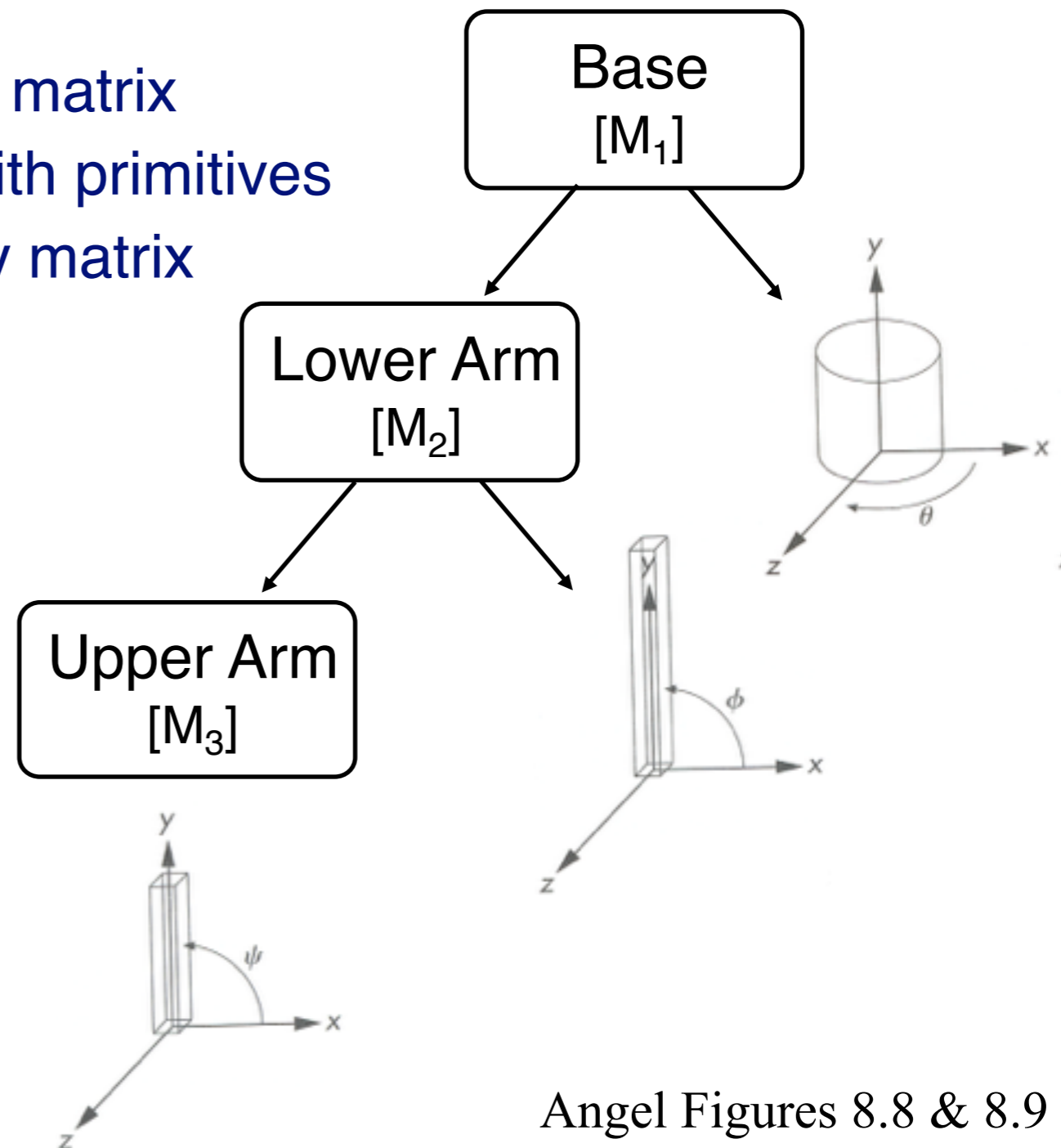
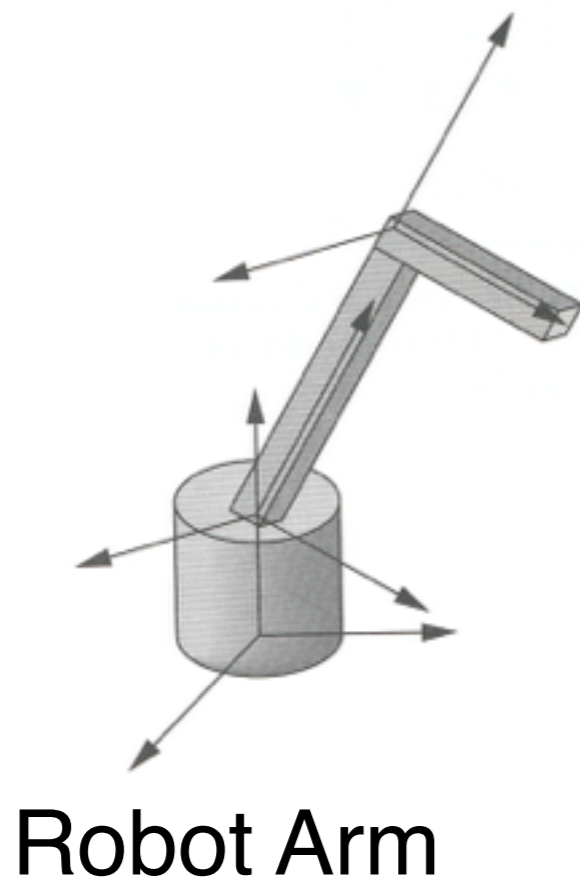


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- Apply the full affine transformation:

$$p' = M(p) = (M_T \times M_L)(p)$$

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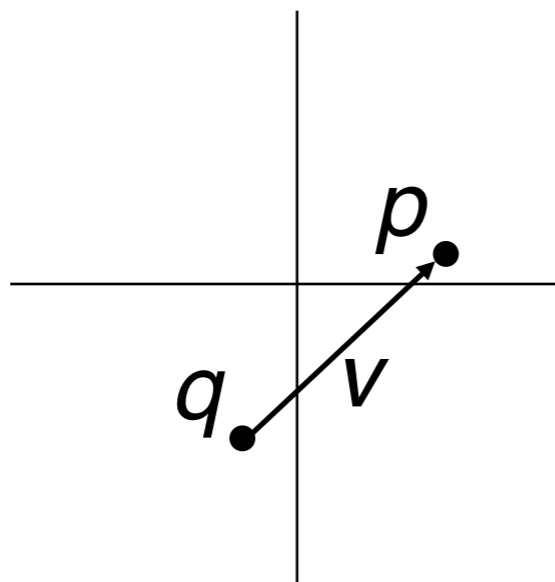
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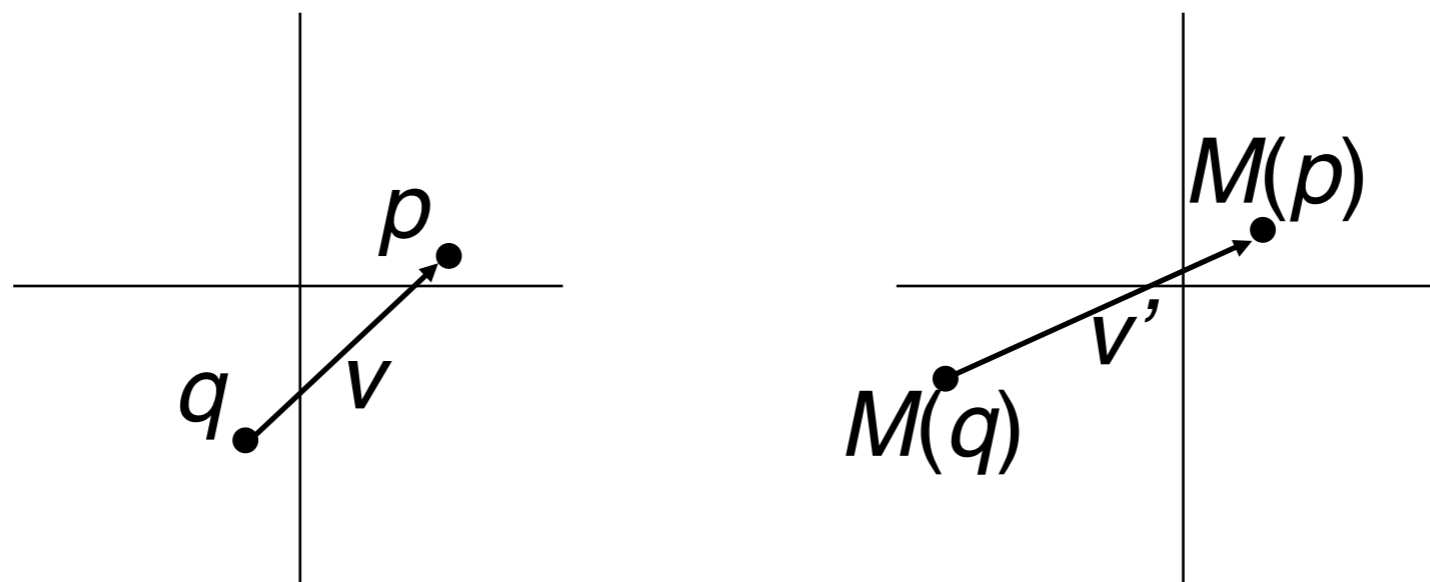
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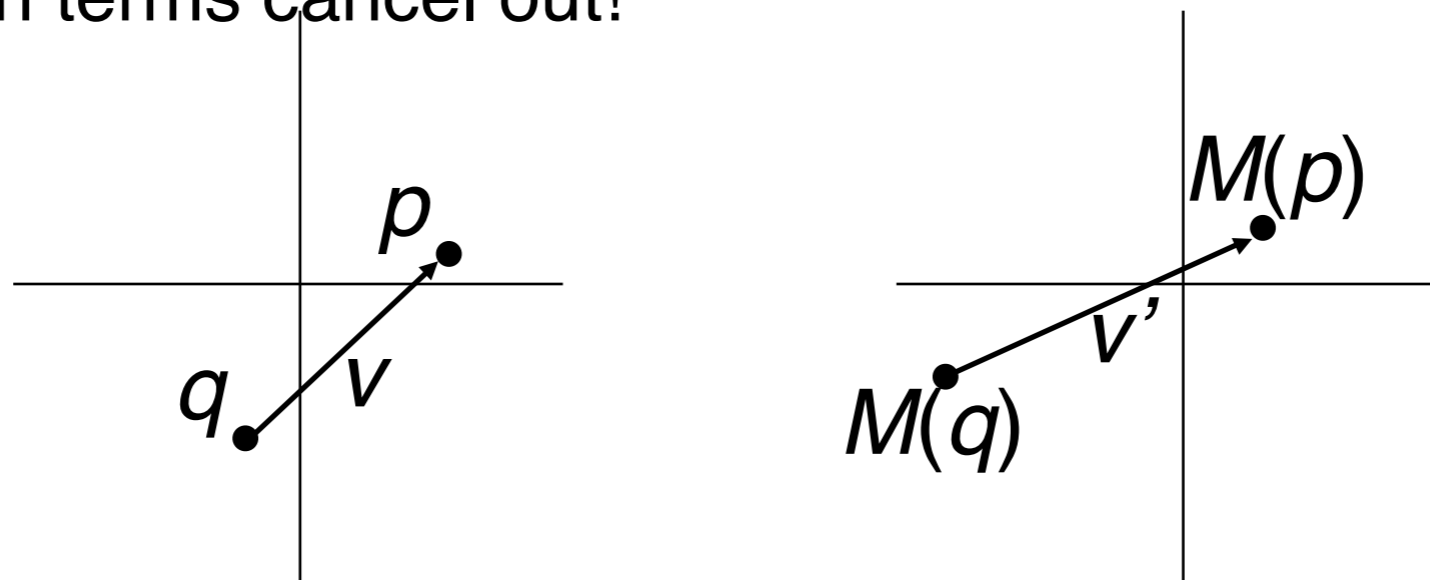
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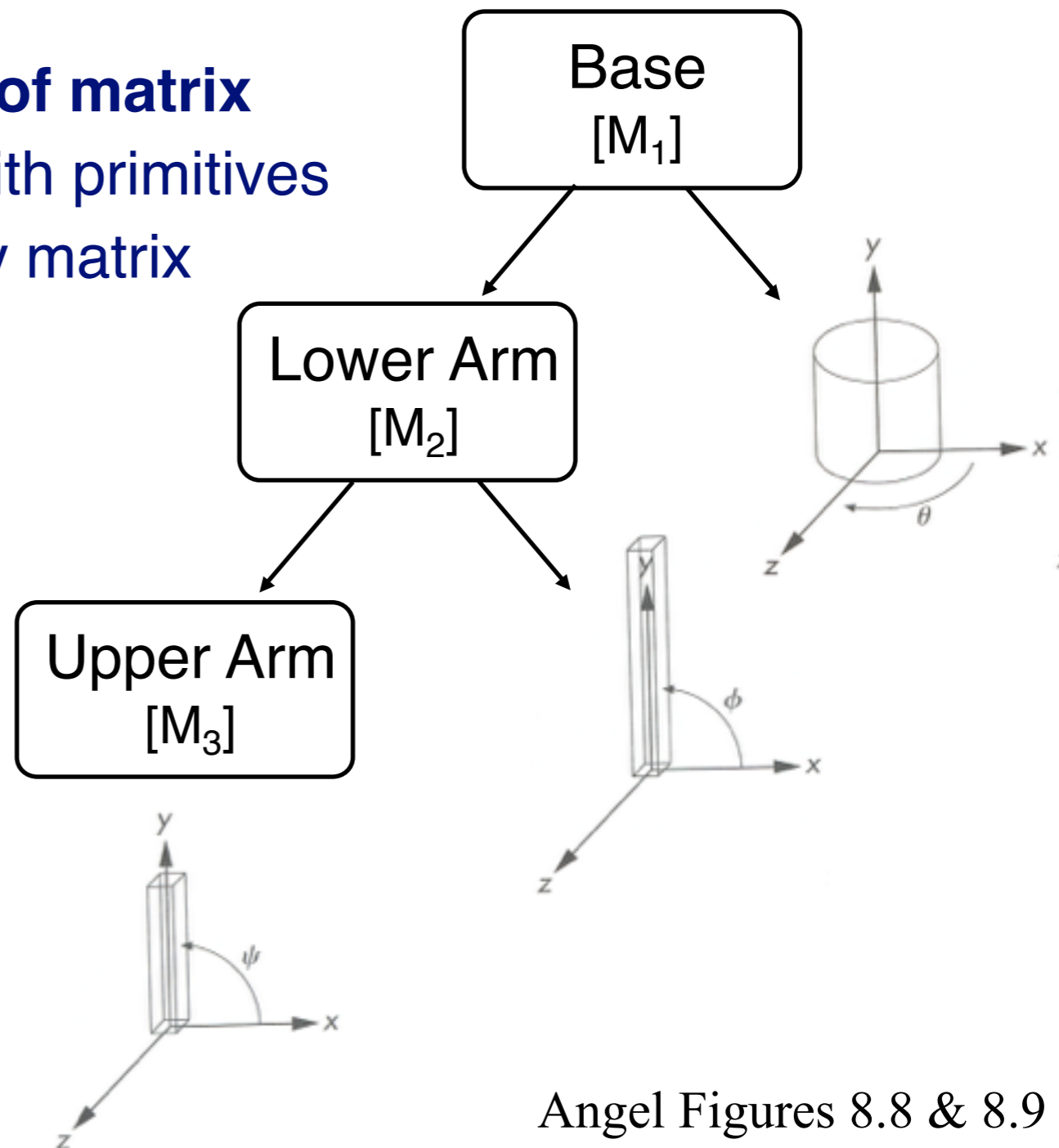
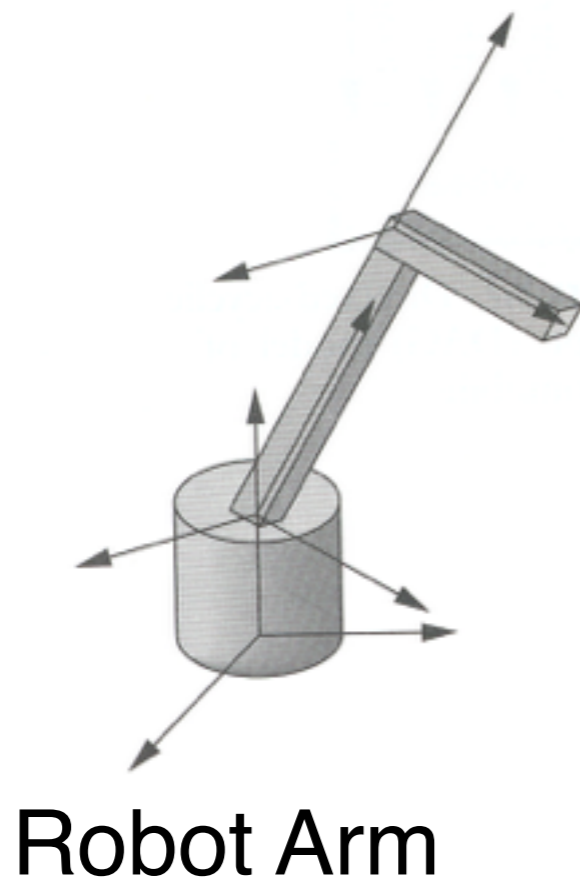
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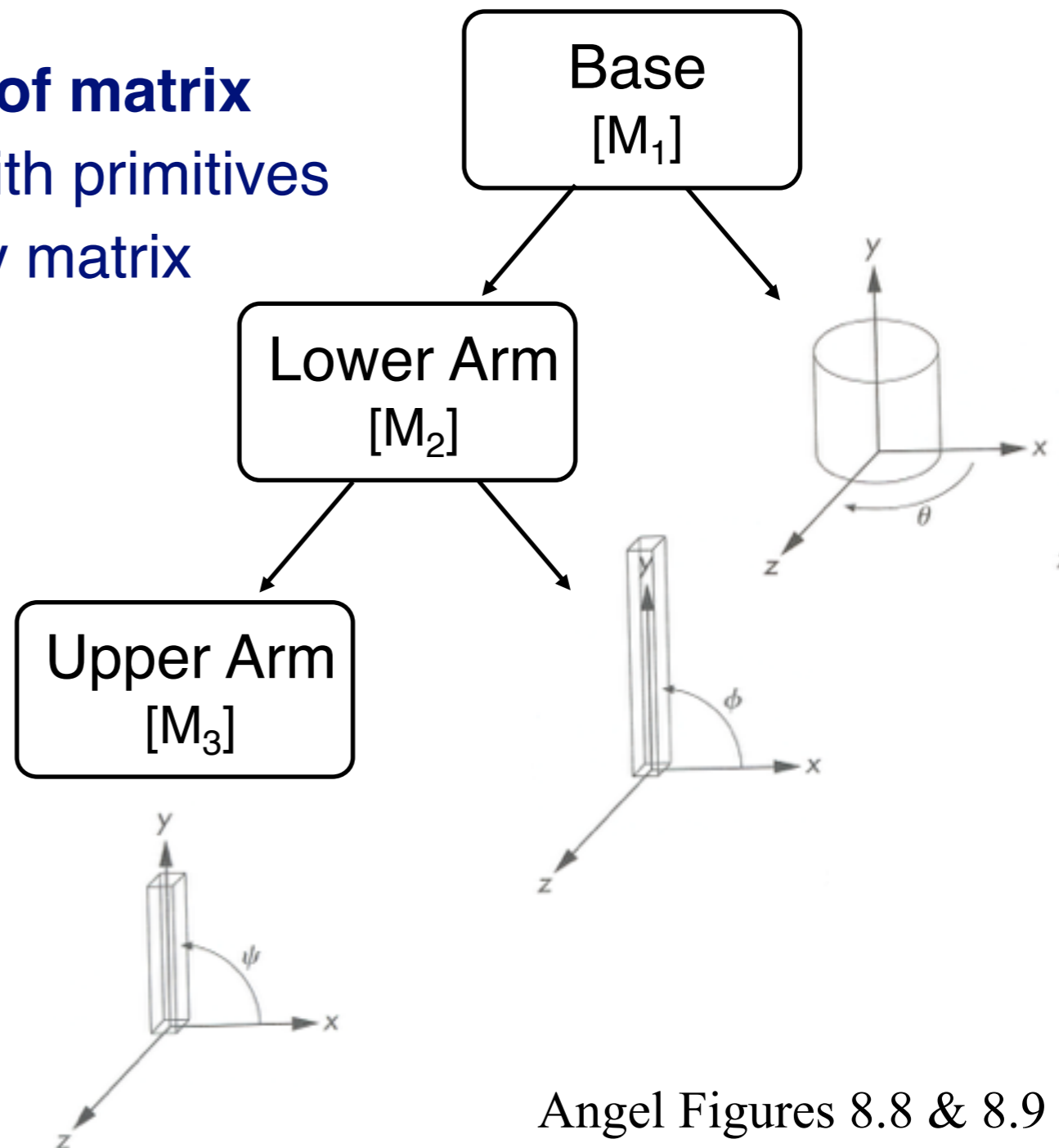
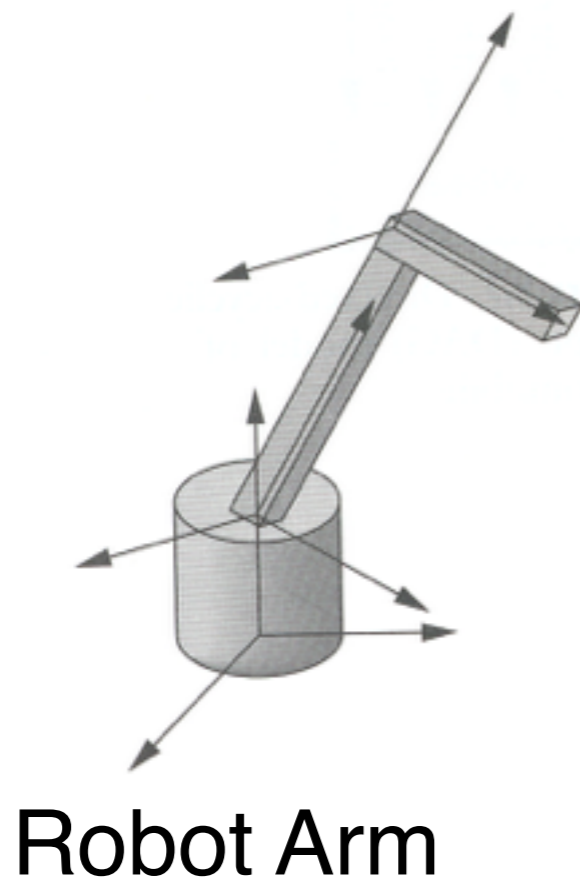
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If  $v$  is a direction in 2D, and  $n$  is a vector perpendicular to  $v$ , we want the transformed  $n$  to be perpendicular to the transformed  $v$ :

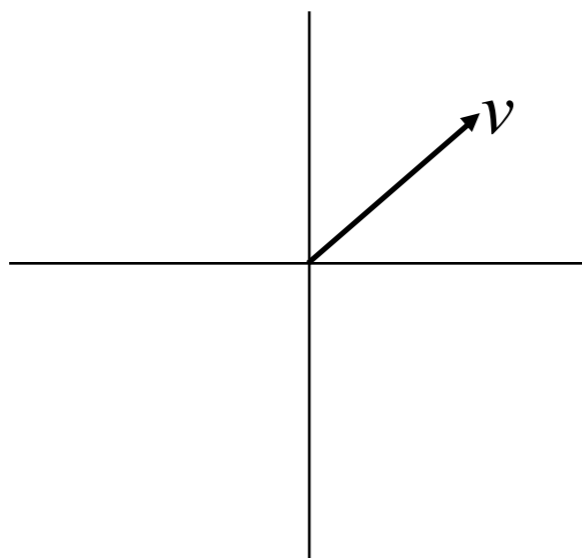
$$\hat{v} \cdot \hat{n} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad M_L(\hat{v}) \cdot \hat{n}' = 0$$

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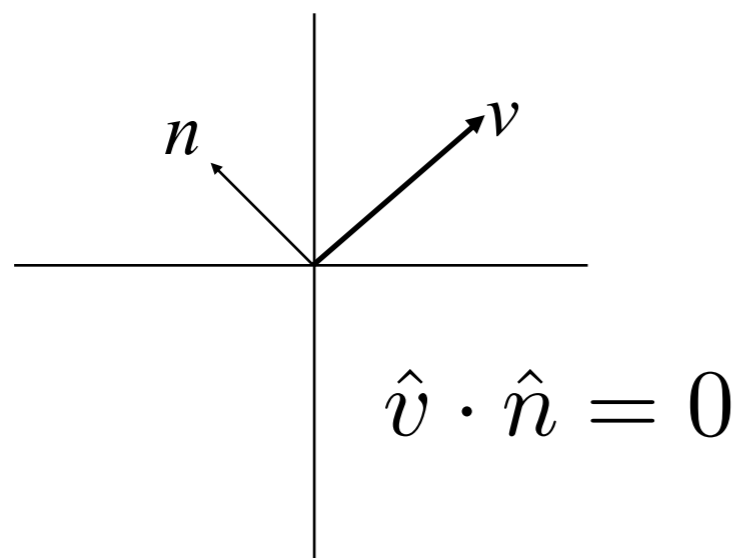


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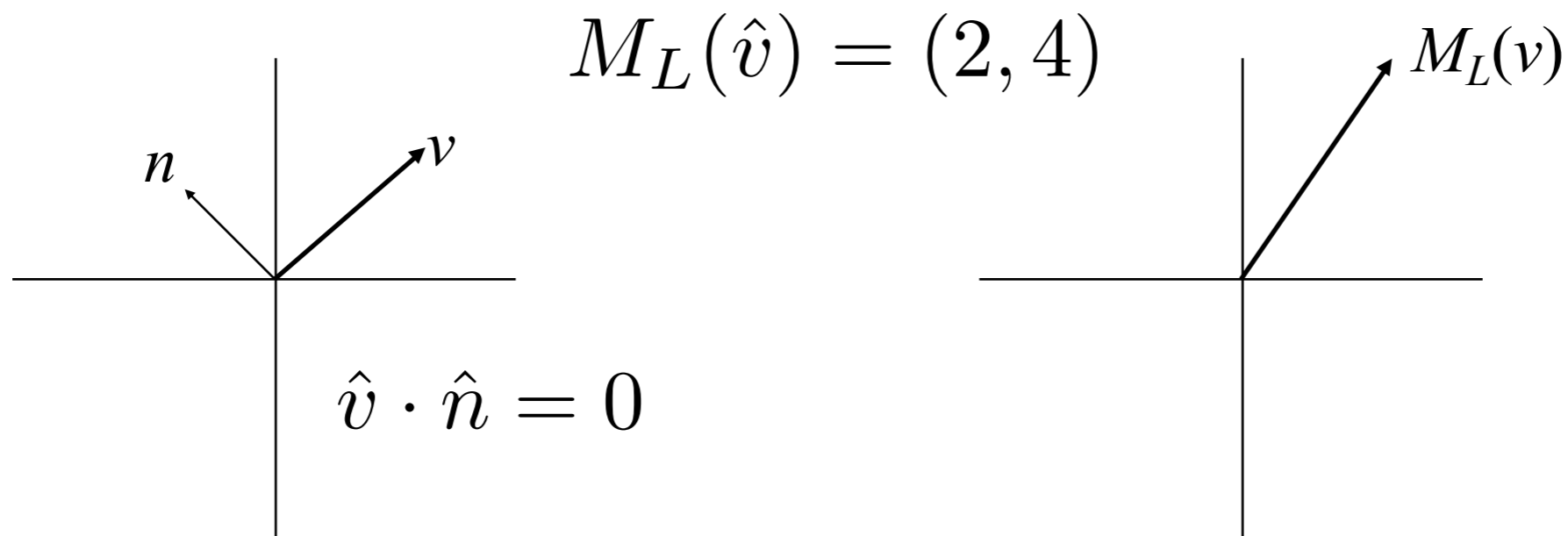


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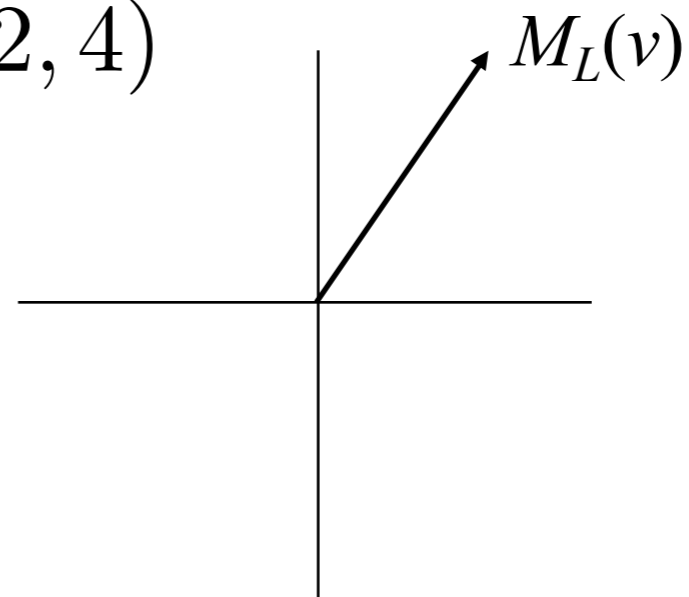
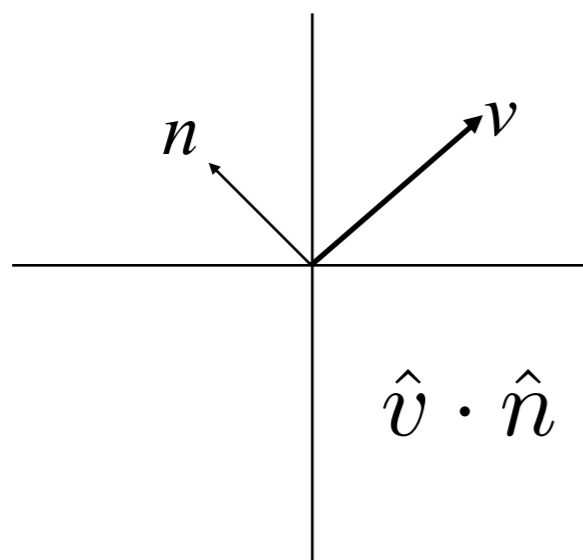
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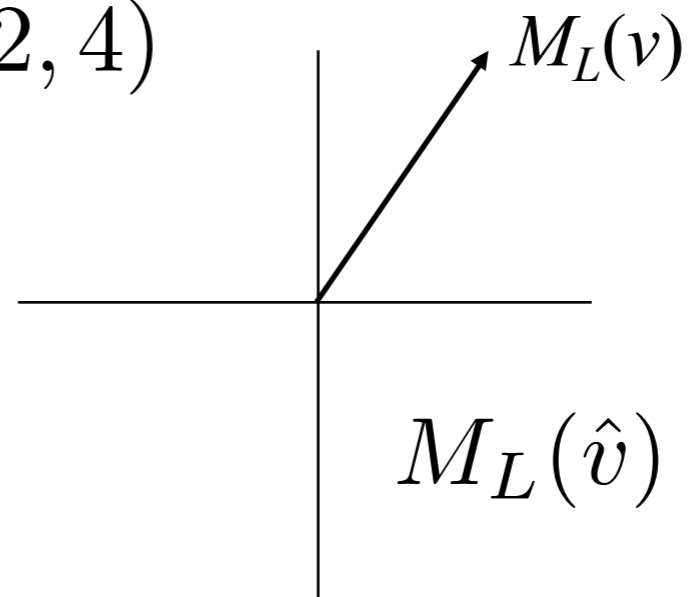
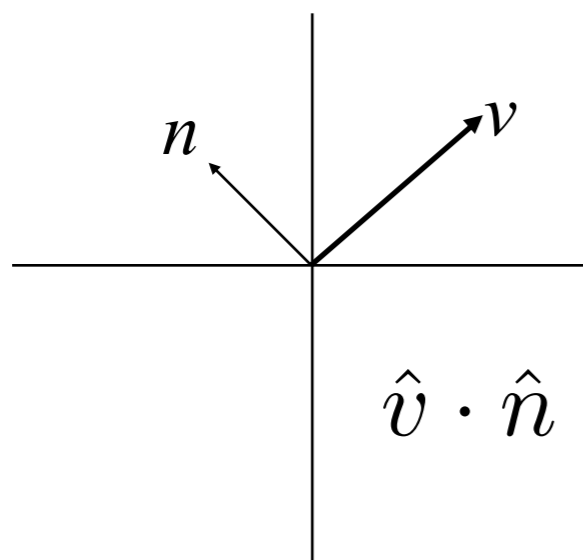
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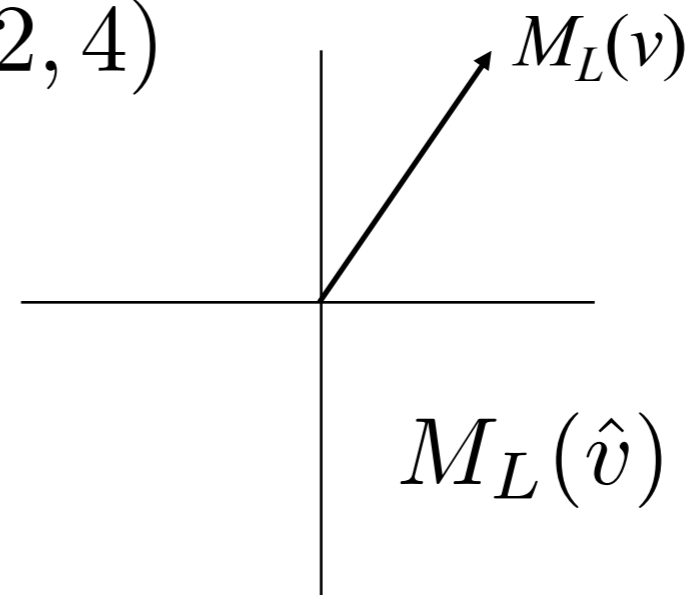
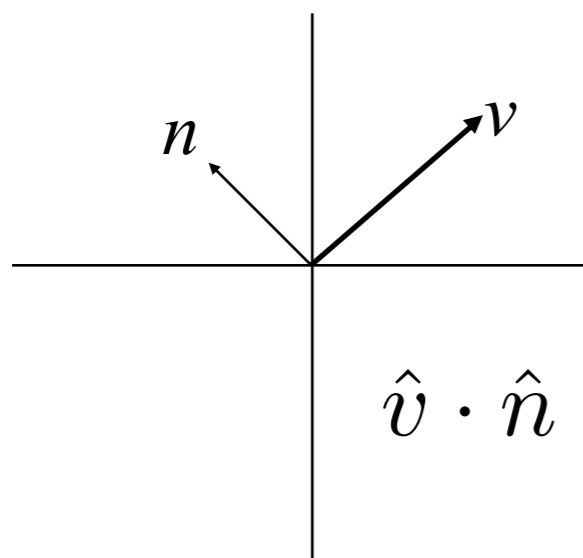
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Simply applying the directional part of the transformation to  $n$  does not result in a vector that is perpendicular to the transformed  $v$ .

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$$(MN)^t = N^t M^t$$

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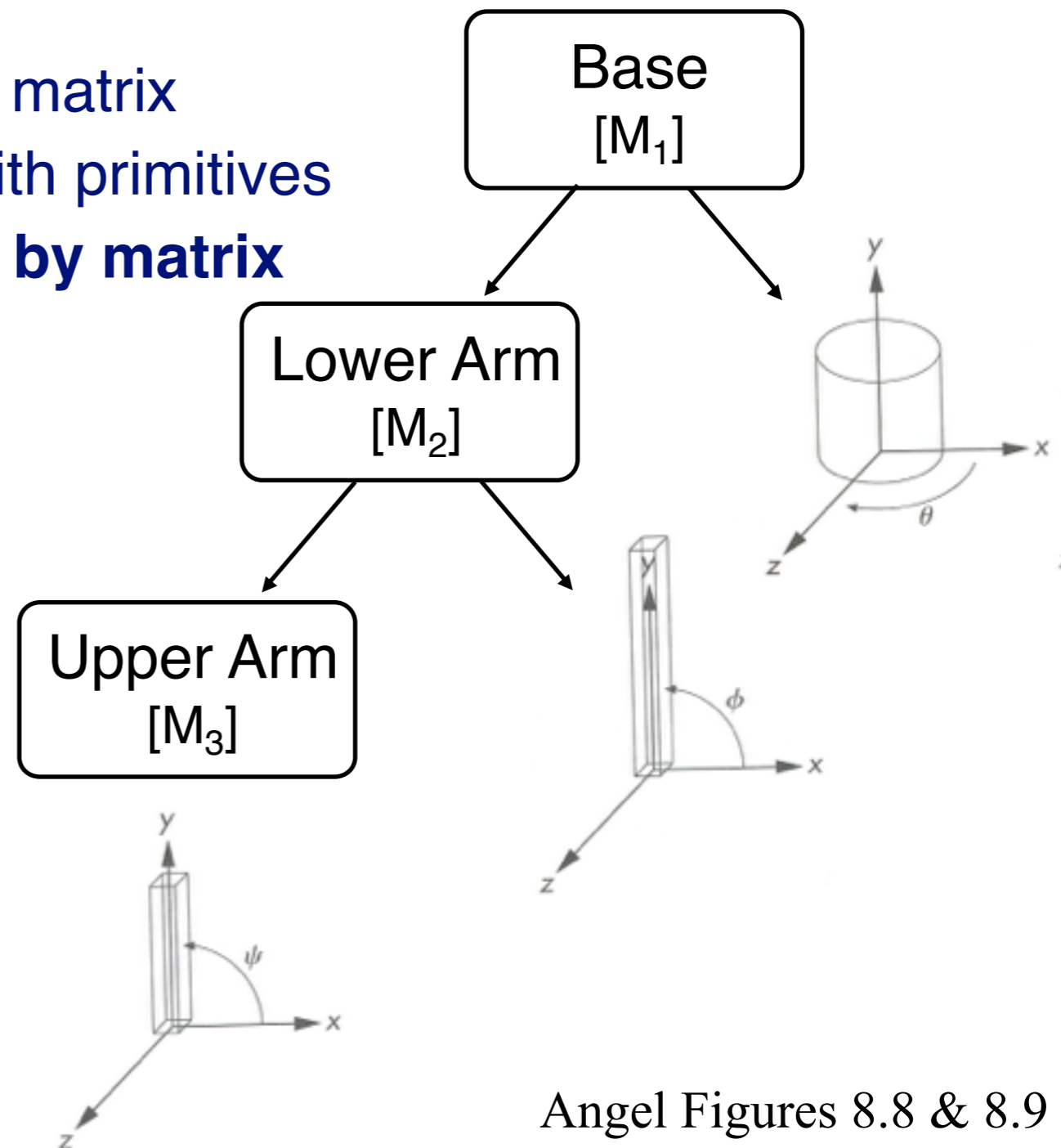
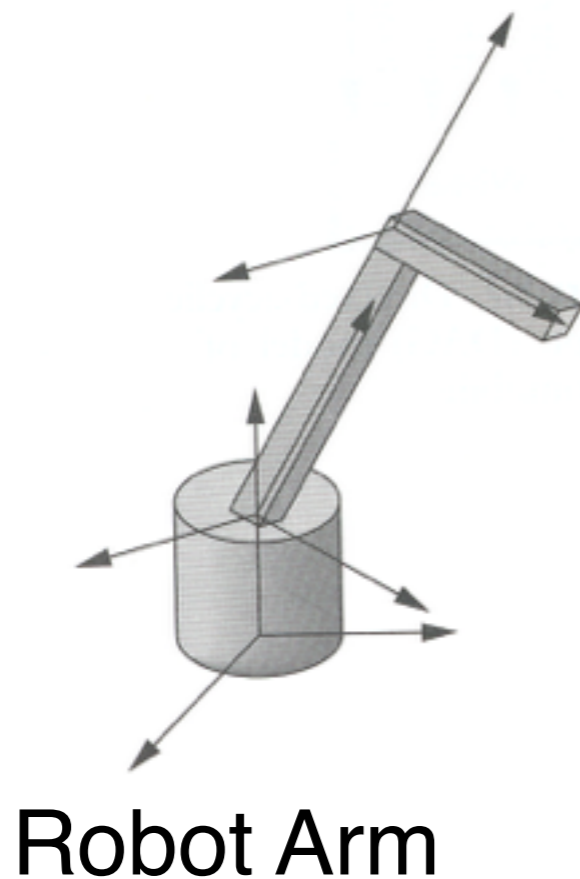
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- If  $M$  is the transformation mapping a scene-graph node into the global coordinate system, then we transform the hit information  $hit$  by:

- $hit'.position = M(hit.position)$

- $hit'.normal = ((M_L)^t)^{-1}(hit.normal)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Affine} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & tx \\ d & e & f & ty \\ g & h & i & tz \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ M \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Translate} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & tx \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & ty \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & tz \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ M_T \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Linear} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & 0 \\ d & e & f & 0 \\ g & h & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ M_L \end{array}$$