

Bioinformatics III

Analysis and prediction of 3D
macromolecule structures

Lecture 4 – coordinate systems

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Coordinate systems

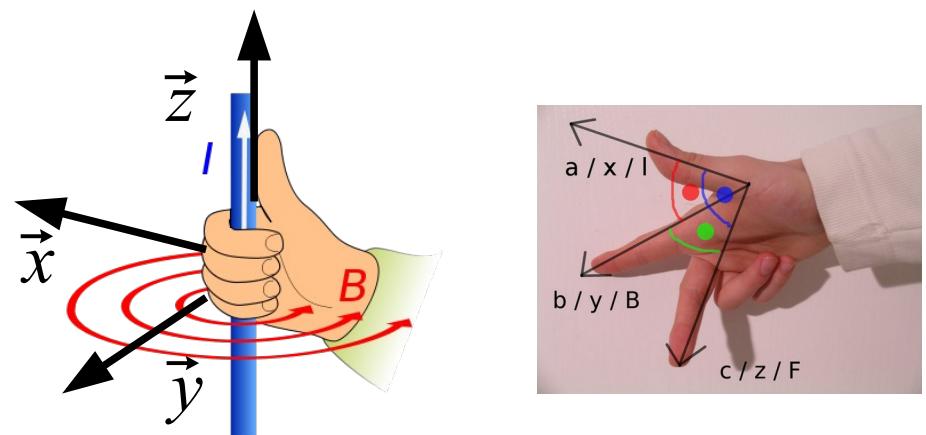
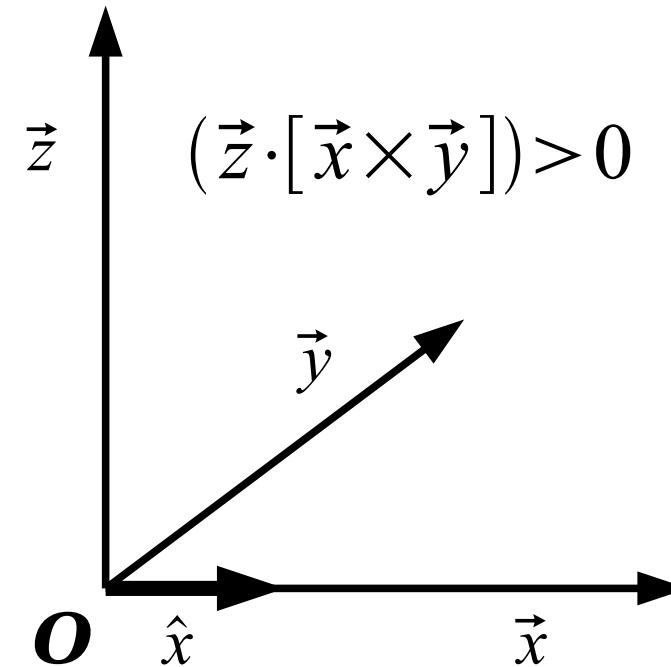
- What do we need to define a coordinate system:
 - origin
 - coordinate axes
- What type of coordinate systems exist:
 - Curvilinear (e.g. polar, spherical, cylinder)
 - Linear
 - **affine (non-orthogonal in general)**
 - **orthogonal (orthogonal basis vectors)**
 - **orthonormal (Cartesian)**

Vector algebra facts:

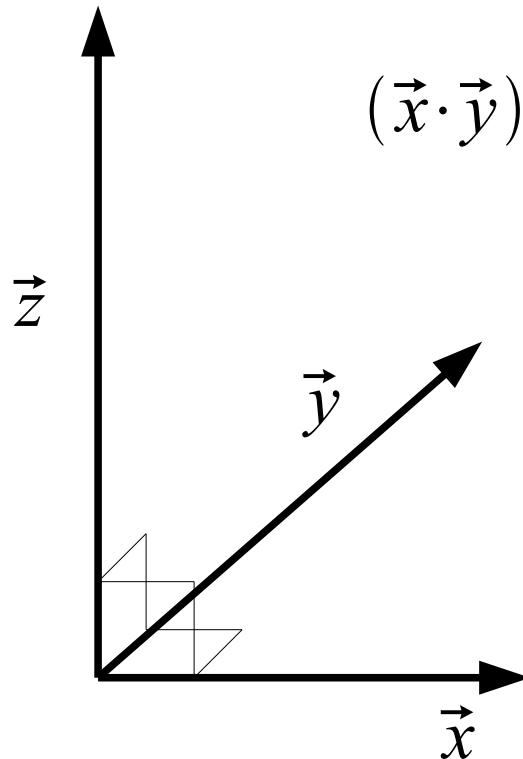
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Components of coordinate systems

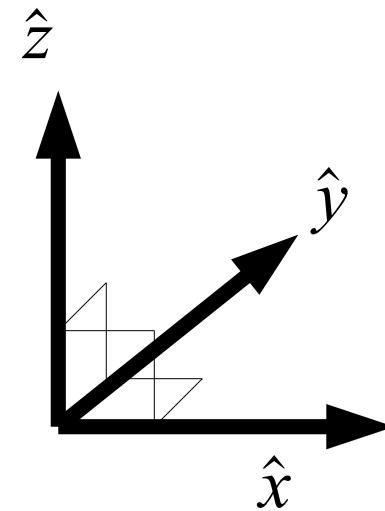
- Coordinate origin
- Coordinate axes
- Measurement units
- Handedness (!)



Orthogonal coordinates



$$(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}) = (\vec{y} \cdot \vec{z}) = (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{z}) = 0$$



Orthogonal:

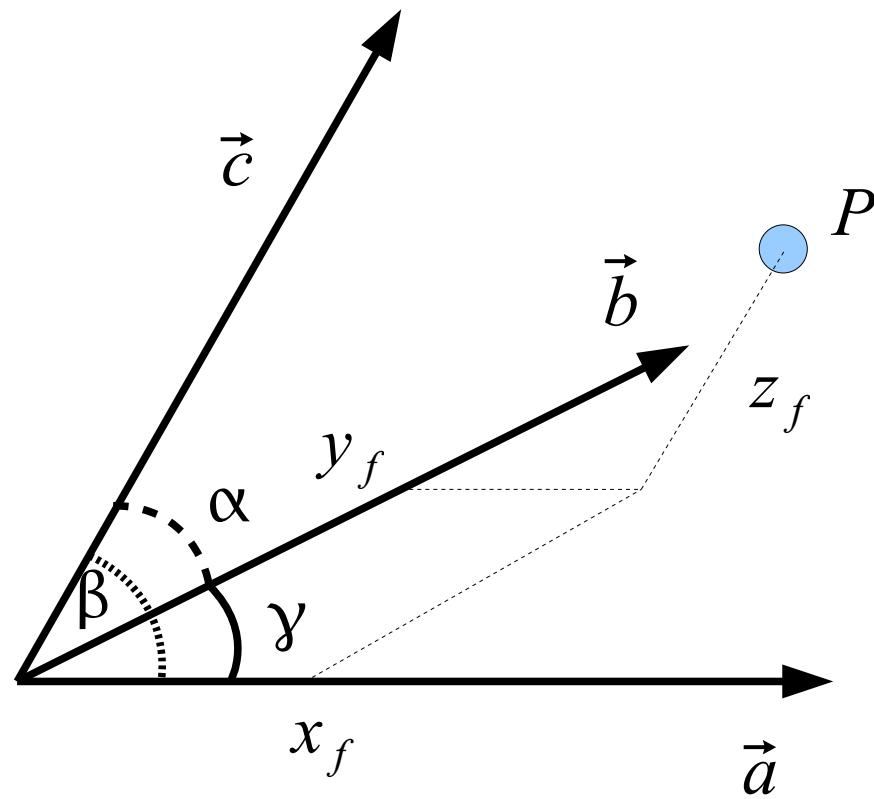
$$(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}) \neq 0; (\vec{y} \cdot \vec{y}) \neq 0; (\vec{z} \cdot \vec{z}) \neq 0$$

Orthonormal:

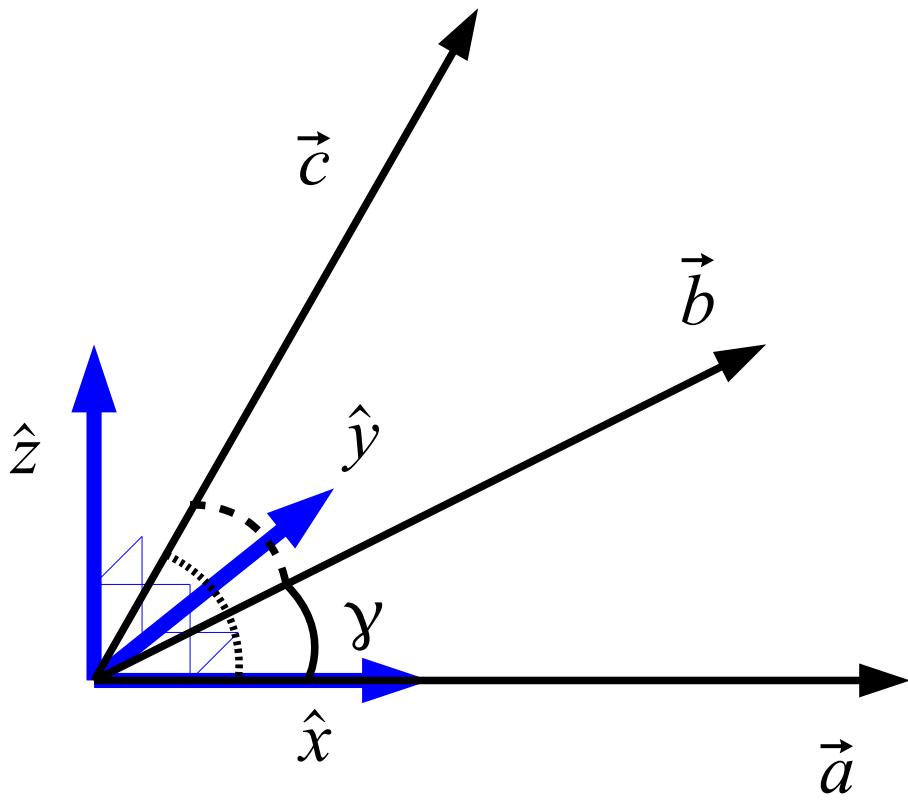
$$(\hat{x} \cdot \hat{x}) = (\hat{y} \cdot \hat{y}) = (\hat{z} \cdot \hat{z}) = 1$$

$$\hat{x} = \hat{e}_1; \quad \hat{y} = \hat{e}_2; \quad \hat{z} = \hat{e}_3; \quad |(\hat{e}_i \cdot \hat{e}_j)| = \delta_{ij}$$

Fractional (affine) coordinates



Orthogonalisation. Gram-Schmidt process



$$\hat{x} = \vec{a} / \|\vec{a}\| = \vec{a} / a$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{y} &= \vec{b} - (\vec{b} \cdot \hat{x}) \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} &= \vec{y} / \|\vec{y}\|\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{z} &= \vec{c} - (\vec{c} \cdot \hat{x}) \hat{x} - (\vec{c} \cdot \hat{y}) \hat{y} \\ \hat{z} &= \vec{z} / \|\vec{z}\|\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{z} = [\hat{x} \times \hat{y}]$$

PDB orthogonalisation conventions

If vector a, vector b, vector c describe the crystallographic cell edges, and vector A, vector B, vector C are unit cell vectors in the default orthogonal Angstroms system, then vector A, vector B, vector C and vector a, vector b, vector c have the same origin; vector A is parallel to vector a, vector B is parallel to vector C times vector A, and vector C is parallel to vector a times vector b (i.e., vector c*).

$$\hat{A} = \hat{x} = \vec{a} / \|\vec{a}\| = \vec{a} / a$$

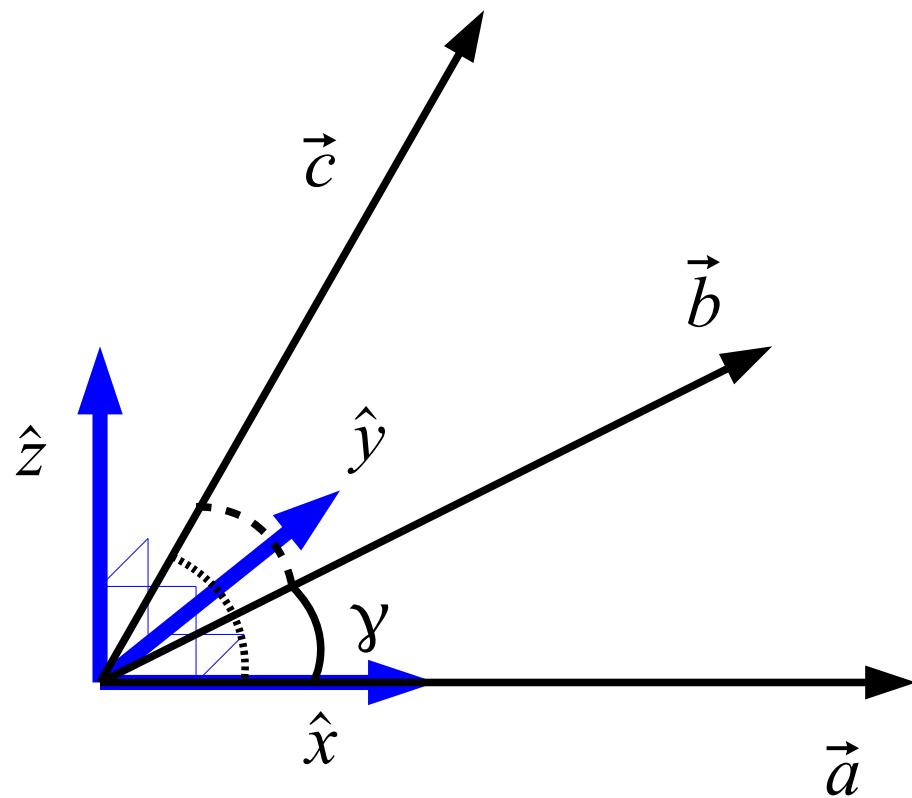
$$\begin{aligned}\vec{y} &= \vec{b} - (\vec{b} \cdot \hat{x}) \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} &= \vec{y} / \|\vec{y}\|\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{B} = \vec{B} = [\vec{C} \times \vec{A}]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{z} &= \vec{c} - (\vec{c} \cdot \hat{x}) \hat{x} - (\vec{c} \cdot \hat{y}) \hat{y} \\ \hat{z} &= \vec{z} / \|\vec{z}\|\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{C} &= \vec{c}^* = \frac{[\vec{a} \times \vec{b}]}{(\vec{a} \cdot [\vec{b} \times \vec{c}])}; \vec{C} \parallel \vec{z} \\ \hat{C} &= \vec{C} / \|\vec{C}\|\end{aligned}$$

Coordinate transformations



$$\begin{bmatrix} x_f \\ y_f \\ z_f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_a & y_a & z_a \\ 0 & y_b & z_b \\ 0 & 0 & z_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ 0 & b_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & c_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_f \\ y_f \\ z_f \end{bmatrix}$$



Components of old basis in
the new basis

PDB file matrices SCALEn

The SCALEn ($n = 1, 2$, or 3) records present the transformation from the orthogonal coordinates as contained in the entry to fractional crystallographic coordinates.

If the orthogonal Angstroms coordinates are X, Y, Z , and the fractional cell coordinates are $x_{\text{frac}}, y_{\text{frac}}, z_{\text{frac}}$, then:

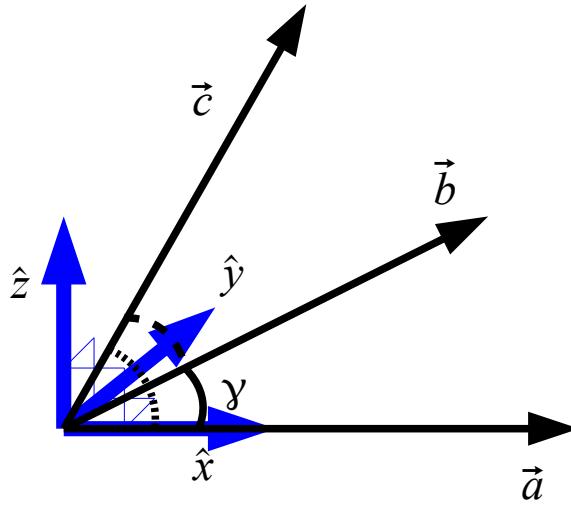
$$x_{\text{frac}} = S11*X + S12*Y + S13*Z + U1$$

$$y_{\text{frac}} = S21*X + S22*Y + S23*Z + U2$$

$$z_{\text{frac}} = S31*X + S32*Y + S33*Z + U3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_f \\ y_f \\ z_f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_a & y_a & z_a \\ 0 & y_b & z_b \\ 0 & 0 & z_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Scalar products in non-orthogonal systems



$$\begin{bmatrix} x_f \\ y_f \\ z_f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_a & y_a & z_a \\ 0 & y_b & z_b \\ 0 & 0 & z_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ 0 & b_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & c_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_f \\ y_f \\ z_f \end{bmatrix}$$



Components of the *old* basis
in the *new* basis

$$\vec{x} = E' \vec{x}' \quad E' = \begin{bmatrix} e_{1x} & e_{2x} & e_{3x} \\ e_{1y} & e_{2y} & e_{3y} \\ e_{1z} & e_{2z} & e_{3z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}' = E \vec{x}$$

$$E' = E^{-1}; \quad E \cdot E' = I$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{x}_1 \cdot \vec{x}_2) &= \vec{x}_1^T \vec{x}_2 = x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2 = \\ &= (\vec{x}'_1 \cdot \vec{x}'_2) = \\ &= \vec{x}'_1 {}^T E' {}^T E \vec{x}'_2 \end{aligned}$$

Metric tensor

$$G = E'{}^T E'$$

$$G = E'{}^T E' = \begin{bmatrix} e_{1x} & e_{1y} & e_{1z} \\ e_{2x} & e_{2y} & e_{2z} \\ e_{3x} & e_{3y} & e_{3z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{1x} & e_{2x} & e_{3x} \\ e_{1y} & e_{2y} & e_{3y} \\ e_{1z} & e_{2z} & e_{3z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{e}_1) & (\vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{e}_2) & (\vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{e}_3) \\ (\vec{e}_2 \cdot \vec{e}_1) & (\vec{e}_2 \cdot \vec{e}_2) & (\vec{e}_2 \cdot \vec{e}_3) \\ (\vec{e}_3 \cdot \vec{e}_1) & (\vec{e}_3 \cdot \vec{e}_2) & (\vec{e}_3 \cdot \vec{e}_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

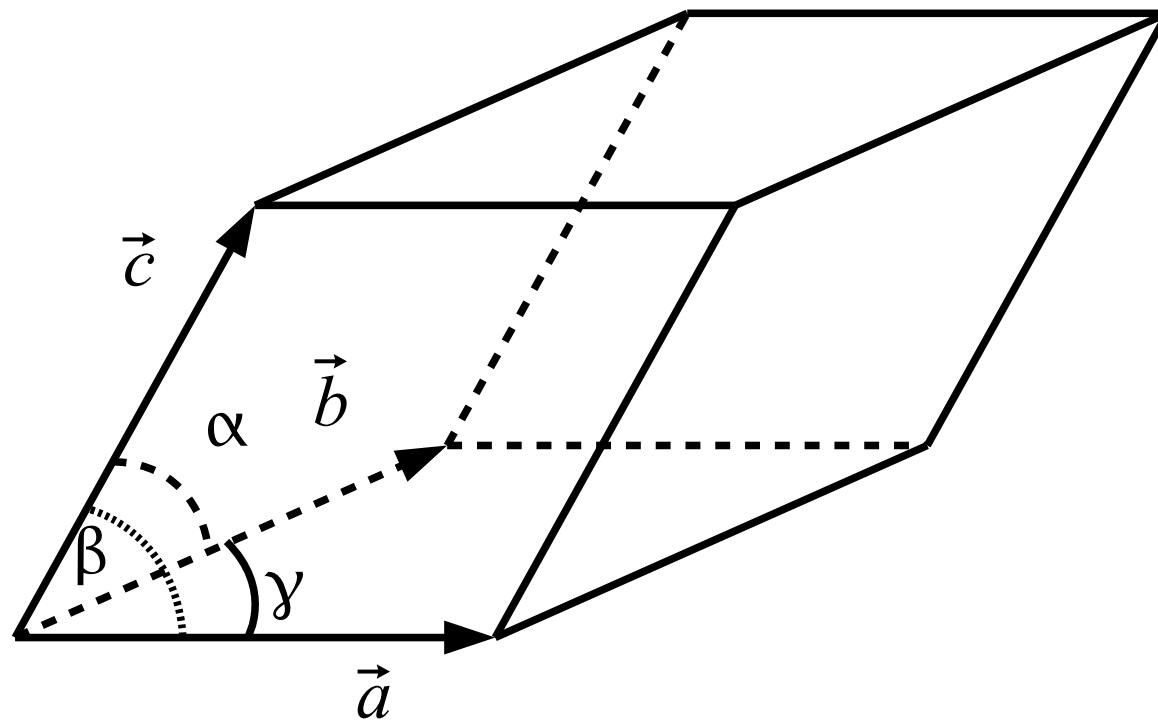
$$G = G^T$$

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}) & (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) & (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) \\ (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}) & (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}) & (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}) \\ (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) & (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}) & (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{c}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\vec{x}_1 \cdot \vec{x}_2) = \vec{x}_1^T G \vec{x}_2$$

Unit cell volume

$$V = (\vec{a} \cdot [\vec{b} \times \vec{c}]) = \begin{vmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \end{vmatrix} = \sqrt{|\det G|}$$



Determinant of the metric tensor

$$[\vec{b} \times \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x}(b_y c_z - b_z c_y) + \hat{y} \dots$$

$$V = (\vec{a} \cdot [\vec{b} \times \vec{c}]) = a_x(b_y c_z - b_z c_y) + a_y \dots = \begin{vmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \end{vmatrix} =$$
$$= \det E'{}^T = \det E'$$

$$\det G = \det(E'{}^T E) = \det(E'{}^T) \det(E') = (\det E')^2$$

$$V = (\vec{a} \cdot [\vec{b} \times \vec{c}]) = \det(E') = \sqrt{|\det G|}$$