

Theorem: Distance is invariant under the transformation of rotation.

Given two points $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
the distance between them is given by

$$d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \sqrt{(a-c)^2 + (b-d)^2}$$

We know a rotation about the origin is given by the transformation matrix

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The image of the points under the rotation is given by the expressions

$$\bar{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a(\cos \theta) - b(\sin \theta) \\ a(\sin \theta) + b(\cos \theta) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c(\cos \theta) - d(\sin \theta) \\ c(\sin \theta) + d(\cos \theta) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The distance of the two points,

$$\begin{aligned} d(\bar{x}', \bar{y}') &= \sqrt{(a-c)^2(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + (b-d)^2(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)} \\ &= \sqrt{(a-c)^2 + (b-d)^2} = d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \end{aligned}$$

The distances are the same before and after rotation.

Therefore, distance is invariant under the transformation of rotation.