

Depth Equations in Dolphin

1 Gamecube (SlowDepth)

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + far \quad (1)$$

2 Direct3D FastDepth

Depth equation:

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + near \quad (2)$$

Solution:

$$(far - near) * (\frac{z + w}{w}) + near \quad (3)$$

$$(far - near) * (\frac{z}{w} + \frac{w}{w}) + near \quad (4)$$

$$(far - near) * (\frac{z}{w} + 1) + near \quad (5)$$

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + (far - near) + near \quad (6)$$

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + far \quad (7)$$

($z + w$ introduces rounding errors)

3 OpenGL FastDepth

Depth equation:

$$\frac{far - near}{2} * \frac{z}{w} + \frac{near + far}{2} \quad (8)$$

Solution:

$$\frac{far - near}{2} * (\frac{2 * z + w}{w}) + \frac{near + far}{2} \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{far - near}{2} * (2 * \frac{z}{w} + \frac{w}{w}) + \frac{near + far}{2} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{far - near}{2} * (2 * \frac{z}{w} + 1) + \frac{near + far}{2} \quad (11)$$

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + \frac{far - near}{2} + \frac{near + far}{2} \quad (12)$$

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + \frac{far - near + near + far}{2} \quad (13)$$

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + \frac{far + far}{2} \quad (14)$$

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + far \quad (15)$$

($2 * z + w$ introduces rounding errors)

4 OpenGL FastDepth (Clip Control)

Depth equation:

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + near \quad (16)$$

Solution:

$$(near - far) * \frac{-z}{w} + far \quad (17)$$

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + far \quad (18)$$

(OpenGL allows $far < near$, no rounding errors)

5 Direct3D FastDepth (Depth Inversion)

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Depth equation:

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + near \quad (19)$$

Solution:

$$((1 - near) - (1 - far)) * \frac{-z}{w} + (1 - far) \quad (20)$$

$$((1 - 1) + (far - near)) * \frac{-z}{w} + (1 - far) \quad (21)$$

$$(far - near) * \frac{-z}{w} + (1 - far) \quad (22)$$

Depth inversion:

$$1 - ((far - near) * \frac{-z}{w} + (1 - far)) \quad (23)$$

$$1 + (far - near) * \frac{z}{w} - 1 + far \quad (24)$$

$$(far - near) * \frac{z}{w} + far \quad (25)$$

(Direct3D doesn't allow $far < near$, no rounding errors)