

# 3D Modelling Transformations

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# Intended Learning Outcomes

- Understand the use of **homogeneous coordinates**
- Learn different types of **3D transforms** and the concept of **composite transform**
- Able to use **coordinate transform** to switch between one coordinate frame to another
- Able to use OpenGL to **implement** coordinate transform

# Homogeneous coordinates

- Represent a  $n$ -dimensional entity as a  $(n+1)$ -dimensional entity
- Allow all linear transforms to be expressed as matrix multiplications; eliminate matrix addition/subtraction

# Linear Transform

- $\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{M}_2$

$\mathbf{P}_1$  n-dimensional points (n x 1 column vector)

$\mathbf{P}_2$  Transformed n-dimensional points  
(n x 1 column vector)

$\mathbf{M}_1$  n x n square transform matrix

$\mathbf{M}_2$  n x 1 column transform vector

- Homogeneous coordinates allow us to express the multiplicative term  $\mathbf{M}_1$  and the addition term  $\mathbf{M}_2$  in a common 4 x 4 matrix. This is achieved by adding one dimension w.

# 3D Point

A 3D point ( $n = 3$ ) can be expressed as

- $(X, Y, Z)$  Euclidean coordinates
- $(X_w, Y_w, Z_w, W)$  Homogeneous coordinates

$$X = \frac{X_w}{W} \quad Y = \frac{Y_w}{W} \quad Z = \frac{Z_w}{W}$$

- $W$  can be any non-zero value.

# 3D Translation

## ■ Euclidean

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{T}(t_X, t_Y, t_Z) \quad \begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} t_X \\ t_Y \\ t_Z \end{pmatrix}$$

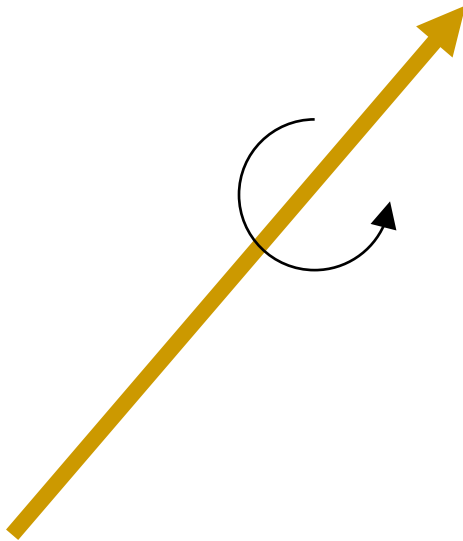
## ■ Homogeneous

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{T}(t_X, t_Y, t_Z) \mathbf{P}_1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_X \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_Y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_Z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \\ W_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note :  $W_2 = W_1 = 1$

# 3D Rotations

## ■ Rotation about an axis

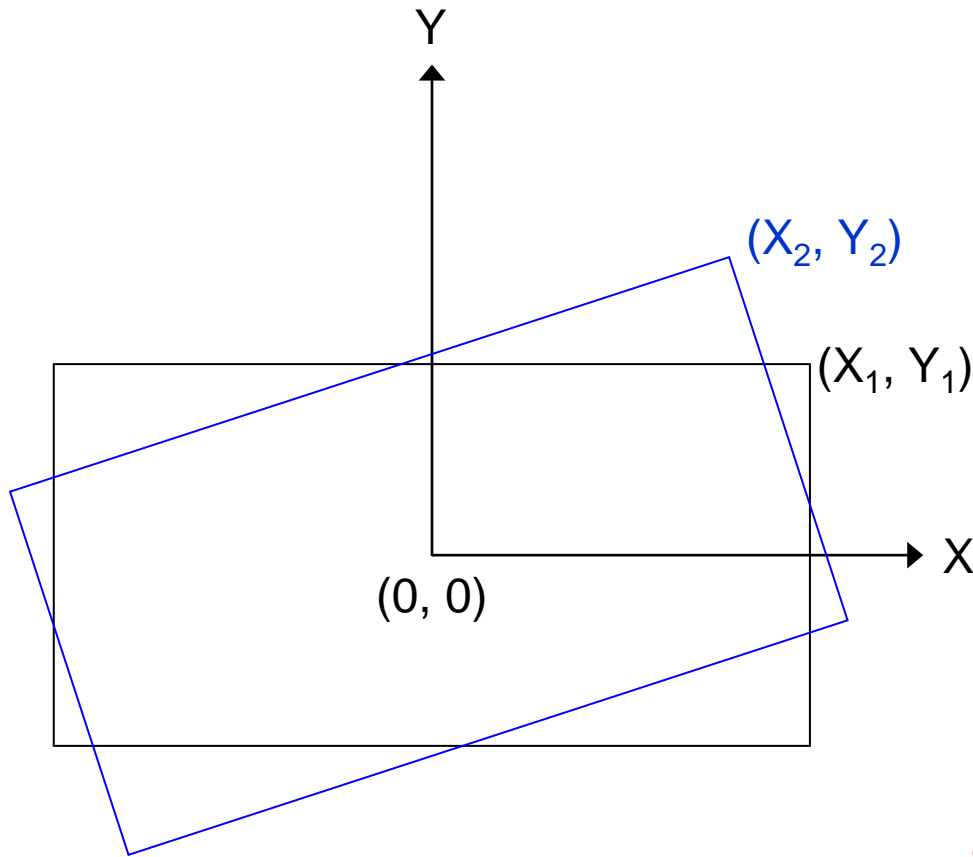


CCW  $\Rightarrow$  POSITIVE rotation

Right Hand Rule

# 2D Rotations about the origin

- About a common coordinate system X-Y



$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Equivalent to rotation about Z axis, which is pointing out of paper**



# Rotation about Z

- Euclidean

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{R}_Z(\theta) \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Homogeneous

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{R}_Z(\theta) \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \\ W_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Rotation about X

- Euclidean

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{R}_X(\theta) \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Homogeneous

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{R}_X(\theta) \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \\ W_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Rotation about Y

- Euclidean

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{R}_Y(\theta) \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Homogeneous

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{R}_Y(\theta) \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \\ W_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Scaling about the origin

- Euclidean

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{S}(s_X, s_Y, s_Z) \mathbf{P}_1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_X & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_Y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_Z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Homogeneous

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{S}(s_X, s_Y, s_Z) \mathbf{P}_1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_X & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_Y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_Z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \\ W_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Reflection about the X-Y plane

- Euclidean

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{F}_Z \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Homogeneous

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{F}_Z \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \\ W_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Shearing about the Z axis

- Euclidean

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{Sh}_z(a, b) \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Homogeneous

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{Sh}_z(a, b) \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_2 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \\ W_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Affine Transform

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $a_{ij}$  and  $b_i$  are constants.
- a linear transformation
- // lines are transformed to // lines
- Translation, rotation, scaling, reflection, shearing are special cases
- Any affine transform can be expressed as composition of the above 5 transforms

# Composite Transformation

- A number of (relative) transformations applied in sequence
- Models the complex movement of an object in the world coordinate system
- The transformation is pre-computed where possible.
- In practice, ONLY the final 4 x 4 composite transformation needs to be stored.



## E.g. 1 Rotation about an axis // to X axis.

- Let  $(X_f, Y_f, Z_f)$  be a point on the axis. The composite rotation is

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{T}^{-1} \mathbf{R}_x(\theta) \mathbf{T} \mathbf{P}_1$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}(-X_f, -Y_f, -Z_f)$$

- For the composite transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & X_f \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & Y_f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & Z_f \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -X_f \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -Y_f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -Z_f \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Only the product

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & -Y_f \cos \theta + Z_f \sin \theta + Y_f \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & -Y_f \sin \theta - Z_f \cos \theta + Z_f \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is stored

## E.g. 2 Scaling about $(X_f, Y_f, Z_f)$

- $\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{T}^{-1} \mathbf{S}(s_X, s_Y, s_Z) \mathbf{T} \mathbf{P}_1$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}(-X_f, -Y_f, -Z_f)$$

Similarly, only the final 4 x 4 composite transformation is stored

# Concept

- A composite transformation may have two physical meaning:
- Either
  - It represents a physical action
- Or
  - It represents a change of coordinate system

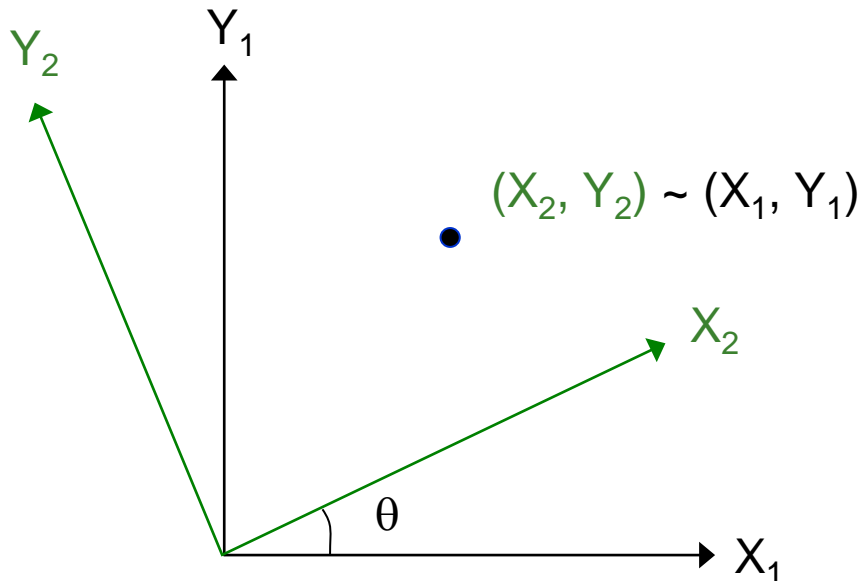
# 3 Kinds of Coordinate System in CG

- Each object defined in **their own natural** coordinate system – Modelling coordinate system (**MC**)
- All objects being placed in a **common** world coordinate system (**WC**)
- For correct viewing by a camera, objects need to be expressed in a **common viewer** or **camera** coordinate system (**VC**, **CC**)

**MC**     $\rightarrow$     **WC**     $\rightarrow$     **VC/CC**

# A point in two different coordinate sy.

- The **SAME** point has **DIFFERENT** coordinates in **DIFFERENT** coordinate systems



$$\mathbf{P}^{(2)} = \mathbf{R}(-\theta)\mathbf{P}^{(1)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(-\theta) & -\sin(-\theta) \\ \sin(-\theta) & \cos(-\theta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\mathbf{P}^{(i)}$  A point in coordinate system  $i$
- $\mathbf{M}_{j \leftarrow i}$  4 x 4 transformation that transforms a point in coordinate system  $i$  to coordinate system  $j$
- $\mathbf{P}^{(j)} = \mathbf{M}_{j \leftarrow i} \mathbf{P}^{(i)}$

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- Rule 1 for computing  $\mathbf{M}_{j \leftarrow i}$  :

$\mathbf{M}_{j \leftarrow i}$  is the inverse of the transformation that takes the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate system frame as if it is an object to the  $j^{\text{th}}$  coordinate system frame position, all the time using the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate system as the reference coordinate system

As  $\mathbf{M}_{j \leftarrow i} = \mathbf{M}_{i \leftarrow j}^{-1}$ , we have the alternative rule:

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- Alternative rule (rule 2) for computing  $\mathbf{M}_{j \leftarrow i}$  :

$\mathbf{M}_{j \leftarrow i}$  is the transformation that takes the  $j^{\text{th}}$  coordinate system frame as if it is an object to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate system frame position, all the time using the  $j^{\text{th}}$  coordinate system as the reference coordinate system

- which rule to use depends on which coordinate system is easier to get on hand

$M_{j \leftarrow i}$  is the INVERSE of the transformation that takes the  $i$ th coordinate system frame as if it is an object to the  $j$ th coordinate system frame

### Proof

Suppose we have two coordinate systems  $x_i$ - $y_i$ - $z_i$  and  $x_j$ - $y_j$ - $z_j$ . Treat  $x_i$ - $y_i$ - $z_i$  and  $x_j$ - $y_j$ - $z_j$  as two objects that consist of two sets of points, both defined in the  $x_i$ - $y_i$ - $z_i$  coordinate system. Let

$$\begin{aligned} x_i = (1, 0, 0)^T &\rightarrow x_j = (a_{11}, a_{21}, a_{31})^T + (t_x, t_y, t_z)^T \\ y_i = (0, 1, 0)^T &\rightarrow y_j = (a_{12}, a_{22}, a_{32})^T + (t_x, t_y, t_z)^T \\ z_i = (0, 0, 1)^T &\rightarrow z_j = (a_{13}, a_{23}, a_{33})^T + (t_x, t_y, t_z)^T \end{aligned}$$

where all the coordinates are defined in the  $x_i$ - $y_i$ - $z_i$  coordinate system.  $\rightarrow$  means "corresponds to".

The transformation  $T$  that transforms the three points  $x_i, y_i, z_i$  to  $x_j, y_j, z_j$  in the  $x_i$ - $y_i$ - $z_i$  coordinate system is thus

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & t_x \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & t_y \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

However, it can also be interpreted as changing from coordinate system  $j$  to coordinate system  $i$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}^{(j)} = (1, 0, 0)^T &\rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{(i)} = (a_{11}, a_{21}, a_{31})^T + (t_x, t_y, t_z)^T \\ \mathbf{P}^{(j)} = (0, 1, 0)^T &\rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{(i)} = (a_{12}, a_{22}, a_{32})^T + (t_x, t_y, t_z)^T \\ \mathbf{P}^{(j)} = (0, 0, 1)^T &\rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{(i)} = (a_{13}, a_{23}, a_{33})^T + (t_x, t_y, t_z)^T \end{aligned}$$

Since any arbitrary  $\mathbf{P}^{(j)}$  can be written as  $\lambda_1(1,0,0)^T + \lambda_2(0,1,0)^T + \lambda_3(0,0,1)^T$ , where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  are constants, it follows that

$$M_{i \leftarrow j} = T$$

$$\text{Since } M_{j \leftarrow i} = M_{i \leftarrow j}^{-1},$$

$$M_{j \leftarrow i} = T^{-1}$$

This gives the rule

$M_{j \leftarrow i}$  is the INVERSE of the transformation that takes the  $i$ th coordinate system frame as if it is an object to the  $j$ th coordinate system frame

# OpenGL Geometric Transformations

- 4 x 4 translation matrix  
*glTranslatef (tx, ty, tz);*
- 4 x 4 rotation matrix  
*glRotatef (theta, vx, vy, vz);*
- 4 x 4 scaling matrix  
*glScalef (sx, sy, sz);*
- 4 x 4 reflection matrix  
*glScalef (1, 1, -1); // reflection about Z axis*
- 4 x 4 shearing matrix  
*glMultMatrixf (matrix); // matrix is a 16 element*  
*// matrix in column-major order*

# OpenGL Matrix Operations

- Calls the current matrix, responsible for geometrical transformation

*glMatrixMode (GL\_MODELVIEW);*

(do not confuse with *glMatrixMode (GL\_PROJECTION)*, which is responsible for projection transformation)

- Assign identity matrix to current matrix

*glLoadIdentity ( );*

- Current matrix is modified by (relative) transformations
  - E.g. `glTranslatef`, `glScalef`, `glRotatef` ...
  - The meaning of the relative transformations may either be physical action or coordinate transformations
- Current matrix are *postmultiplied*. *Last operation specified is first operation performed, like a LIFO stack*

Let **C** be the composite matrix

■ Example 1

```
glMatrixMode (GL_MODELVIEW)
```

```
glLoadIdentity ( );           // C = identity matrix
```

```
glTranslatef (-25, 50, 25); // C = T(-25,50,25)
```



```
glRotatef (45, 0, 0, 1); // C = T (-25,50,25)RZ(45°)
```



```
glScalef (1, 2, 1); // C = T (-25,50,25)RZ(45°) S(1,2,1)
```

## ■ Example 2

*glMatrixMode (GL\_MODELVIEW)*

*glLoadIdentity ( );*

*glScalef (1, 2, 1);*

*glRotatef (45, 0, 0, 1);*

*glTranslatef (-25, 50, 25); //  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{S}(1,2,1)\mathbf{R}_Z(45^\circ)\mathbf{T}(-25,50,25)$*

*Note:* the order of the transformation is important

# OpenGL Matrix Stacks

- OpenGL has a stack for storing the relative transformations
- Stack is a LIFO data structure
- Stores intermediate results
- Push the current matrix into the stack  
*glPushMatrix ( );*
- Pop the current matrix from the stack  
*glPopMatrix ( );*

*Note: Very useful for modelling hierarchical structures*



## ■ Example

```
glMatrixMode (GL_MODELVIEW)
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glLoadIdentity ( );           // MV = identity matrix
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glTranslatef (-25, 50, 25); // MV = T(-25,50,25)
```

```
glRotatef    (45,  0,  0, 1); // MV = T (-25,50,25)RZ(45°)
```

```
glPushMatrix ( );           // MV is pushed to the stack
```

```
glScalef     (1, 2, 1);     // MV = T (-25,50,25)RZ(45°) S(1,2,1)
```

```
glTranslatef (0, 0, 10);    // MV = T RZ(45°)S(1,2,1) T(0, 0, 10)
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glPopMatrix  ( );
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```
// MV = T (-25,50,25)RZ(45°)
```

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# References

- Text: Sec 7.2 -7.3, 9.1 – 9.7 (except quaternion method), 9.8. The text uses a different exposition of the coordinate transformation method.
- Our discussion of coordinate transformation follows: Foley et. al., Computer Graphics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., 222-226
- The two methods of coordinate transformation are conceptually the same.