

# Mathematical Formulas for Geomview's Motion Model

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$m$  = coord sys of moving object;  $[x]_m$  = coords of  $x$  in  $m$

$c$  = coord sys of center object;  $[x]_c$  = coords of  $x$  in  $c$

$f$  = coord sys of frame object;  $[x]_f$  = coords of  $x$  in  $f$

$U$  = universal coord sys;  $[x]_U$  = coords of  $x$  in  $U$

$T_m$  changes  $m$  coords to  $U$  coords:  $[x]_m \cdot T_m = [x]_U$

$T_c$  changes  $c$  coords to  $U$  coords:  $[x]_c \cdot T_c = [x]_U$

$T_f$  changes  $f$  coords to  $U$  coords:  $[x]_f \cdot T_f = [x]_U$

1. Let  $p$  = origin of  $c$ :  $[p]_c = [0, 0, 0, 1]$ . Compute coords of  $p$  in  $f$ :

$$[p]_f = [p]_c \cdot T_c \cdot T_f^{-1} \quad (1)$$

$$= [p]_U \cdot T_f^{-1} \quad (2)$$

2. Let  $f'$  be  $f$  translated to have same center as  $c$ :

$$P = \text{translation taking } [0, 0, 0, 1] \text{ to } [p]_f \quad (3)$$

$$T'_f = P \cdot T_f \quad (4)$$

$$= \text{change } f' \text{ coords to } U \text{ coords: } [x]_{f'} \cdot T_{f'} = [x]_U \quad (5)$$

3.  $T_R = T_m \cdot T_{f'}^{-1}$  = change  $f'$  coords to  $m$  coords

4.  $T_l$  = local transform

- 4'. invert  $T_l$  if moving object is an ancestor of frame object

5. Compute the transform in  $m$ :

$$T = T_R \cdot T_l \cdot T_m^{-1} \quad (6)$$

$$= T_m \cdot T_f^{-1} \cdot P^{-1} \cdot T_l \cdot P \cdot T_f \cdot T_m^{-1} \quad (7)$$