3d Maths Cheat Sheet

Vectors

Vector Addition

The sum of 2 vectors completes the triangle.



also a = c - b and b = c - a

Unit Vectors - "Normalised" Vectors

Used to represent a direction or **normal**. Length of 1.

$$\hat{A} = \frac{A}{||\vec{A}||}$$

Where $||\vec{A}||$ is the length or magnitude of \vec{A} .

Dot Product of 2 Vectors

Can be used to get the angle between 2 vectors.

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_i B_i = A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2 + \dots + A_n B_n$$

The dot product returns a single **scalar** value. $\theta = arccos(\hat{A} \cdot \hat{B})$

$$\theta = arccos(\frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{||\vec{A}||||\vec{B}||})$$

Where arccos is inverse cosine cos^{-1} .

Cross Product of 2 Vectors

Produces a vector perpendicular to the plane containing the 2 vectors.



$$\left[\begin{array}{c} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{array}\right] \times \left[\begin{array}{c} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} a_2b_3 - a_3b_2 \\ a_3b_1 - a_1b_3 \\ a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \end{array}\right]$$

To compute **surface normals** from 2 edges: N = normalize (cross (A, B)):

Matrices

Identity Matrix

All 0, except the top-left to bottom-right diagonal.

$$I_3 = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

if AB = I then A is the inverse of B and vice versa.

Matrix * Vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by + cz \\ dx + ey + fz \\ gx + hy + iz \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix * Matrix

Each cell (row, col) in AB is:

 $\sum_{i=1}^{n} A(row, 1) * B(1, col) + \dots + A(row, n) * B(n, col)$ Where n is dimensionality of matrix.

$$AB = \left[\begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} e & f \\ g & h \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{array} \right]$$



(rows of A with columns of B)

Matrix Determinant

For a 2x2 or 3x3 matrix use the Rule of Sarrus; add products of top-left to bottom-right diagonals, subtract products of opposite

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$
 Its determinant $|M|$ is:

|M| = aei + bfg + cdh - ceg - bdi - afh

For 4x4 use Laplace Expansion; each top-row value * the 3x3 matrix made of all other rows and columns:

$$|M| = aM_1 - bM_2 + cM_3 - dM_4$$

See http://www.euclideanspace.com/maths/algebra/matrix/ functions/determinant/fourD/index.htm

Matrix Transpose

Flip matrix over its main diagonal. In special case of orthonormal xyz matrix then inverse is the transpose. Can use to switch between row-major and column-major matrices.

$$M = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{array} \right] M^T = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{array} \right]$$

Matrix Inverse

Use an inverse matrix to reverse its transformation, or to transform relative to another object.

 $MM^{-1} = I$ Where I is the identity matrix.

If the determinant of a matrix is 0, then there is no inverse. The inverse can be found by multiplying the determinant with a large matrix of cofactors. For the long formula see

http://www.cg.info.hiroshima-cu.ac.jp/~miyazaki/ knowledge/teche23.html

Use the transpose of an inverse model matrix to transform normals: $n' = n(M^{-1})^T$

Homogeneous Matrices

Multiply affine transformations into a 4d matrix. Order is important.

Row-Order Homogeneous Matrix

Commonly used in Direct3D maths libraries

$$v' = \begin{bmatrix} V_x & V_y & V_z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_x & X_y & X_z & 0 \\ Y_x & Y_y & Y_z & 0 \\ Z_x & Z_y & Z_z & 0 \\ T_x & T_y & T_z & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

v' = vRT (change facing and position) v' = vTR (rotate around a point)

Column-Order Homogeneous Matrix

Commonly used in OpenGL maths libraries

$$v' = \begin{bmatrix} X_x & Y_x & Z_x & T_x \\ X_y & Y_y & Z_y & T_y \\ X_z & Y_z & Z_z & T_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

v' = TRv (change facing and position)

v' = RTv (rotate around a point)

Translation, Scaling, and Rotation

$$\text{column order } T = \begin{bmatrix}
 1 & 0 & 0 & T_x \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & T_y \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & T_z \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix} S = \begin{bmatrix}
 S_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & S_y & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & S_z & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & cos(\theta) & -sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & sin(\theta) & cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(column-order)
$$R_{y} = \begin{bmatrix} cos(\theta) & 0 & sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -sin(\theta) & 0 & cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(column-order)
$$R_{z} = \begin{bmatrix} cos(\theta) & -sin(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ sin(\theta) & cos(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(column-order)

View Matrix

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} R_x & R_y & R_z & -P_x \\ U_x & U_y & U_z & -P_y \\ -F_x & -F_y & -F_z & -P_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(column-order)

Where U is a vector pointing up, F forward, and P is world position of camera. Remember to multiply to combine transformations.

Bird's-eye view
$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (multipy T^{-1} to move)

 $V = T^{-1}R^{-1}$ (column order: orbit camera around a point)

 $V = R^{-1}T^{-1}$ (column order: orient camera and change position)

Projection Matrix

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_z & P_z \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(column-order)

 $S_x = (2 * near)/(range * aspect + range * aspect)$

 $S_y = near/range$

 $S_z = -(far + near)/(far - near)$

 $P_z = -(2 * far * near)/(far - near)$

range = tan(fov/2) * near

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