

VECTOR DIRECTION



What is our GOAL for this MODULE?

We learned to find the direction between two position vectors of two elements in the A-Frame scene using Three.js methods.

What did we ACHIEVE in the class TODAY?

- Learned to find the direction vector between two position vectors.
- Learned to use Three.js method to find the direction vector.

Which CONCEPTS/CODING BLOCKS did we cover today?

- `.subVectors()`, `.normalize()` methods
- `THREE.Vector3()`, `.getWorldDirection(vectorVariable)`
- `document.querySelectorAll()`, `.addEventListener()`, `setAttribute()`, `getAttribute()`, `.registerComponent()` methods

How did we DO the activities?

1. Create the aframe scene which shows the player's life and the number of tanks left to shoot.

```

<!--Enemy-->
<a-entity id="enemy1" rotation="0 90 0" gltf-model="#tank" position="-10 0 -15"
  scale="0.015 0.015 0.015" animation-mixer static-body
  animation="property: position; to: 10 0 -15; dur: 20000; easing: linear; loop: true; dir:alternate">
</a-entity>

<a-entity id="enemy2" rotation="0 90 0" gltf-model="#tank" position="-50 0 -40"
  scale="0.015 0.015 0.015" animation-mixer static-body
  animation="property: position; to: 10 0 -40; dur: 20000; easing: linear; loop: true; dir:alternate">
</a-entity>

<!--Text-->
<a-entity id="level1" position="-6 5.21669 -7.1" text="font: mozillavr; width:5; height: 5; value: Level 1">
</a-entity>

<a-entity id="tanktargets" position="7 5 -7.1" text="font: mozillavr; width:10; height: 5; value: Shoot Tanks:">
  <a-entity id="countTank" position="3 0 0" text="font: mozillavr; width:10; height: 5; value: 2"></a-entity>
</a-entity>

<a-entity id="playerLife" position="-2 5 -7.16344"
  text="font: mozillavr; width:10; height: 5; value: Player Life:">
  <a-entity id="countLife" position="3 0 0" text="font: mozillavr; width:10; height: 5; value: 2"></a-entity>
</a-entity>

<a-entity id="over" position="1 1 -3"
  text="font: mozillavr; width:5; height: 5; value: Better Luck Next Time :(" visible="false">
</a-entity>

<a-entity id="completed" position="1.5 1 -3"
  text="font: mozillavr; width:5; height: 5; value: Level Completed :)" visible="false">
</a-entity>

```



2. Register the “enemy-bullets” component having **init()** method and **shootEnemyBullet()** functions and attach it to the <a-entity> in the index.html file.

```
<script src="./enemyShoot.js"></script>
```

```
AFRAME.registerComponent("enemy-bullets", {  
  init: function () {  
  
  },  
  shootEnemyBullet: function () {  
  
  },  
  
});
```

```
<!--Bullets-->  
<a-entity bullets></a-entity>  
<a-entity enemy-bullets></a-entity>
```

3. Use the **setInterval()** method to call the function to shoot enemy bullets continuously.

```

AFRAME.registerComponent("enemy-bullets", {
  init: function () {
    |    setInterval(this.shootEnemyBullet, 2000)
  },
  shootEnemyBullet: function () {
  },
});

```

4. Add the class name to enemy entities.

```

<!-- Enemy -->
<a-entity class="enemy" id="enemy1" rotation="0 90 0" gltf-model="#tank" position="-10 0 -15"
  scale="0.015 0.015 0.015" animation-mixer static-body
  animation="property: position; to: 10 0 -15; dur: 20000; easing: linear; loop: true; dir:alternate">
</a-entity>

<a-entity class="enemy" id="enemy2" rotation="0 90 0" gltf-model="#tank" position="-50 0 -40"
  scale="0.015 0.015 0.015" animation-mixer static-body
  animation="property: position; to: 10 0 -40; dur: 20000; easing: linear; loop: true; dir:alternate">
</a-entity>

```

5. Create a variable to select an entity using class name.

```

shootEnemyBullet: function () {
  |
  //get all enemies using className
  var els = document.querySelectorAll(".enemy");
},

```

6. Create an entity element and set its geometry, position, material using **setAttribute()**.

```
//get all enemies using className
var els = document.querySelectorAll(".enemy");

for (var i = 0; i < els.length; i++) {

  //enemyBullet entity
  var enemyBullet = document.createElement("a-entity");

  enemyBullet.setAttribute("geometry", {
    primitive: "sphere",
    radius: 0.1,
  });

  enemyBullet.setAttribute("material", "color", "#282B29");

  var position = els[i].getAttribute("position")

  enemyBullet.setAttribute("position", {
    x: position.x + 1.5,
    y: position.y + 3.5,
    z: position.z,
  });

  var scene = document.querySelector("#scene");
  scene.appendChild(enemyBullet);
}
```

7. To get the position vectors:

- Add 2 variables and get the enemy and player position as a Three.js object.

```
var enemy = els[i].object3D;
var player = document.querySelector("#weapon").object3D;
```

- Create two **THREE.Vector3()** variables in which we can store the position of enemy object and the player object.

```
var position1 = new THREE.Vector3();
var position2 = new THREE.Vector3();
```

- Use the **getWorldPosition()** method of the three.js library to store the value of player position and enemy position as vectors.

```
player.getWorldPosition(position1);
enemy.getWorldPosition(position2);
```

8. Set velocity using direction and **multiplyScalar()** method and show output.

```
//set the velocity and it's direction
var direction = new THREE.Vector3();

direction.subVectors(position1, position2).normalize();

enemyBullet.setAttribute("velocity", direction.multiplyScalar(10));
```



9. Detect the collision between the bullet and the player to update the player's life.

```
enemyBullet.setAttribute("dynamic-body", {
  shape: "sphere",
  mass: "0",
});
```

```
var element = document.querySelector("#countLife");
var playerLife = parseInt(element.getAttribute("text").value);
```

```
//collide event on enemy bullets
enemyBullet.addEventListener("collide", function (e) {
  if (e.detail.body.el.id === "weapon") {
    if (playerLife > 0) {
      playerLife -= 1;
      element.setAttribute("text", {
        value: playerLife
      });
    }
  }
});
```



```
<a-entity id="weapon" gltf-model="#shooter"
  position="0 -4.4 3" rotation="0 180 0" scale="0.35 1 1"
  body="type: static; mass: 5; shape: none;"
  shape="shape: sphere; radius: 5; offset: 0 3 0;"
  player-movement>
</a-entity>
```

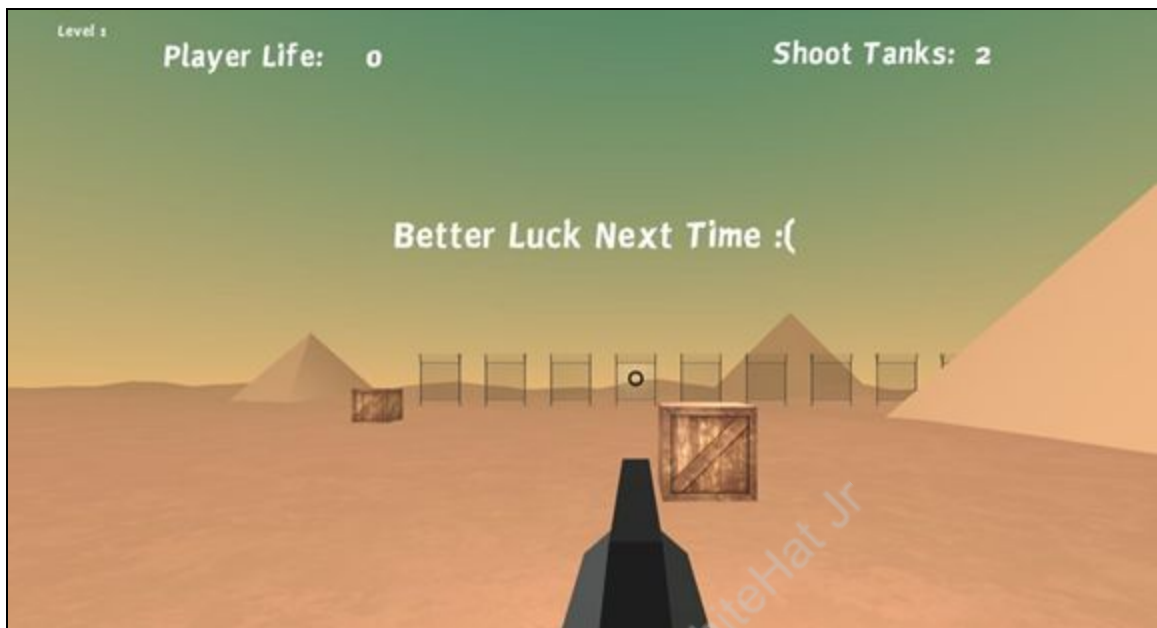


10. Once the player's life is zero, show the game over text and remove all the tank elements from the scene.

```
if (playerLife <= 0) {
  //show text
  var txt = document.querySelector("#over");
  txt.setAttribute("visible", true);

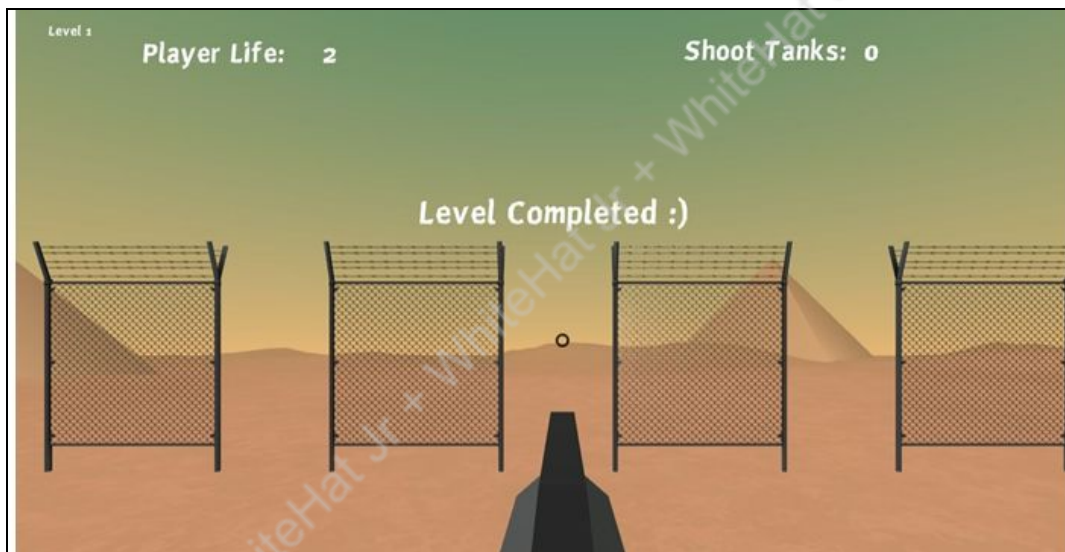
  //remove tanks
  var tankEl = document.querySelectorAll(".enemy")

  for (var i = 0; i < tankEl.length; i++) {
    scene.removeChild(tankEl[i])
  }
}
```



11. Update the tanks left to shoot to complete the level.

```
if (elementHit.id.includes("enemy")) {  
  
    var countTankEl = document.querySelector("#countTank");  
    var tanksFired = parseInt(countTankEl.getAttribute("text").value);  
    tanksFired -= 1;  
  
    countTankEl.setAttribute("text", {  
        value: tanksFired  
    });  
  
    if (tanksFired === 0) {  
        var txt = document.querySelector("#completed");  
        txt.setAttribute("visible", true);  
    }  
    scene.removeChild(elementHit);  
}
```

We have successfully learned to find direction vectors using Three.js method.

What's NEXT?

In the next class, we will learn the basics of Augmented Reality Web Apps.

EXTEND YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

- You can refer to the link below to explore more about A-Frame:
[A-Frame](#).
- You can refer to the link below to explore more about Three.js:
[Three.js Object3D](#).