## Representation

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#### **Objectives**

- Introduce concepts such as dimension and basis
- Introduce coordinate systems for representing vectors spaces and frames for representing affine spaces
- Discuss change of frames and bases

#### **Linear Independence**

- A set of vectors  $v_1, v_2, ..., \gamma$  is linearly independent if  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + ... \alpha_n v_n = 0$  iff  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = ... = 0$
- If a set of vectors is linearly independent, we cannot represent one in terms of the others
- If a set of vectors is linearly dependent, at least one can be written in terms of the others

#### **Dimension**

- In a vector space, the maximum number of linearly independent vectors is fixed and is called the *dimension* of the space
- In an *n*-dimensional space, any set of *n* linearly independent vectors form a *basis* for the space
- Given a basis  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  any vector v can be written as

$$v = qv_1 + qv_2 + \dots + qv_n$$

where the  $\{\alpha_i\}$  are unique

#### Representation

- Until now we have been able to work with geometric entities without using any frame of reference, such as a coordinate system
- Need a frame of reference to relate points and objects to our physical world.

For example, where is a point? Can't answer without a reference system

World coordinates

Camera coordinates

#### **Coordinate Systems**

- Consider a basis v<sub>1</sub>, v<sub>2</sub>,..., y
- A vector is written  $v = qv_1 + qv_2 + .... + qv_n$
- The list of scalars  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_n\}$  is the *representation* of v with respect to the given basis
- We can write the representation as a row or column array of scalars

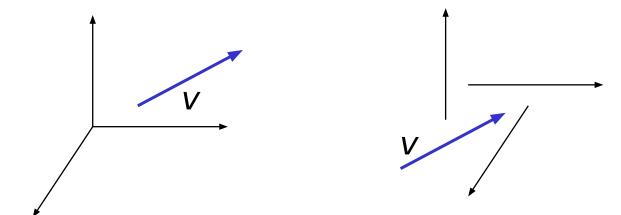
$$\mathbf{a} = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \dots \ \alpha_n]^T = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \cdot \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Example

- $v=2y+3y-4y_3$   $a=[23-4]^T$
- Note that this representation is with respect to a particular basis
- For example, in WebGL we will start by representing vectors using the object basis but later the system needs a representation in terms of the camera or eye basis

## **Coordinate Systems**

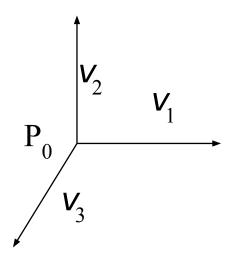
• Which is correct?



Both are, because vectors have no fixed location

#### **Frames**

- A coordinate system is insufficient to represent points
- If we work in an affine space we can add a single point, the *origin*, to the basis vectors to form a *frame*



#### Representation in a Frame

- Frame determined by  $(P_0, V_1, V_2, V_3)$
- Within this frame, every vector can be written as

$$v = \alpha v_1 + \alpha v_2 + \dots + \alpha v_n$$

Every point can be written as

$$P = P_0 + \beta_1 V_1 + \beta_2 V_2 + \dots + \beta_n V_n$$

## **Confusing Points and Vectors**

Consider the point and the vector

$$P = P_0 + \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_n v_n$$
  
$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

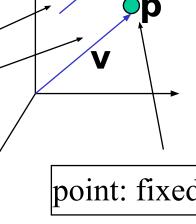
They appear to have the similar representations

$$\boldsymbol{p} = [\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3]$$
  $\boldsymbol{v} = [\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3]$ 

which confuses the point with the vector

A vector has no position

Vector can be placed anywhere



## **Homogeneous Coordinates**

#### **Objectives**

- Introduce homogeneous coordinates
- Introduce change of representation for both vectors and points

## **A Single Representation**

If we define 0•P = 0 and 1•P =P then we can write

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \alpha_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3 \ 0 \ ] \ [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3 \ \mathsf{P}_0]^\mathsf{T}$$

$$P = P_0 + \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \beta_3 v_3 = [\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3 1] [v_1 v_2 v_3 P_0]^T$$

Thus we obtain the four-dimensional homogeneous coordinate representation

$$\mathbf{v} = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3 \ 0]^T$$

$$\mathbf{p} = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3 \ 1]^T$$

# Homogeneous Coordinates and Computer Graphics

 Homogeneous coordinates are key to all computer graphics systems

All standard transformations (rotation, translation, scaling) can be implemented with matrix multiplications using 4 x 4 matrices

Hardware pipeline works with 4 dimensional representations

For orthographic viewing, we can maintain w=0 for vectors and w=1 for points

For perspective we need a perspective division

## **Change of Coordinate Systems**

 Consider two representations of a the same vector with respect to two different bases. The representations are

$$\mathbf{a} = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3]$$
  
 $\mathbf{b} = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3]$ 

where

$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 = [\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3] [v_1 v_2 v_3]^T$$

$$= \beta_1 u_1 + \beta_2 u_2 + \beta_3 u_3 = [\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3] [u_1 u_2 u_3]^T$$

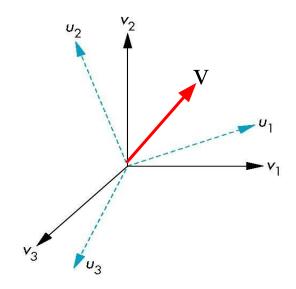
#### Representing second basis in terms of first

Each of the basis vectors, u<sub>1</sub>, u<sub>2</sub>, u<sub>3</sub>, are vectors that can be represented in terms of the first basis

$$u_{1} = \gamma_{11} v_{1} + \gamma_{12} v_{2} + \gamma_{13} v_{3}$$

$$u_{2} = \gamma_{21} v_{1} + \gamma_{22} v_{2} + \gamma_{23} v_{3}$$

$$u_{3} = \gamma_{31} v_{1} + \gamma_{32} v_{2} + \gamma_{33} v_{3}$$



#### **Matrix Form**

The coefficients define a 3 x 3 matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{12} & \gamma_{13} \\ \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{22} & \gamma_{23} \\ \gamma_{31} & \gamma_{32} & \gamma_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

and the bases can be related by

$$a = Mb$$

see text for numerical examples

#### **Change of Frames**

 We can apply a similar process in homogeneous coordinates to the representations of both points and vectors

Consider two frames:  $(P_0, v_1, v_2, v_3)$   $(Q_0, u_1, u_2, u_3)$   $P_0$   $V_3$   $V_3$ 

- Any point or vector can be represented in either frame
- We can represent Q<sub>0</sub>, u<sub>1</sub>, u<sub>2</sub>, u<sub>3</sub> in terms of P<sub>0</sub>, v<sub>1</sub>, v<sub>2</sub>, v<sub>3</sub>

#### Representing One Frame in Terms of the Other

Extending what we did with change of bases

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_{1} &= \gamma_{11} \mathbf{v}_{1} + \gamma_{12} \mathbf{v}_{2} + \gamma_{13} \mathbf{v}_{3} \\ \mathbf{u}_{2} &= \gamma_{21} \mathbf{v}_{1} + \gamma_{22} \mathbf{v}_{2} + \gamma_{23} \mathbf{v}_{3} \\ \mathbf{u}_{3} &= \gamma_{31} \mathbf{v}_{1} + \gamma_{32} \mathbf{v}_{2} + \gamma_{33} \mathbf{v}_{3} \\ \mathbf{Q}_{0} &= \gamma_{41} \mathbf{v}_{1} + \gamma_{42} \mathbf{v}_{2} + \gamma_{43} \mathbf{v}_{3} + \gamma_{44} \mathbf{P}_{0} \end{aligned}$$

defining a 4 x 4 matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{12} & \gamma_{13} & 0 \\ \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{22} & \gamma_{23} & 0 \\ \gamma_{31} & \gamma_{32} & \gamma_{33} & 0 \\ \gamma_{41} & \gamma_{42} & \gamma_{43} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## **Working with Representations**

Within the two frames any point or vector has a representation of the same form

$$\mathbf{a} = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3 \ \alpha_4]$$
 in the first frame  $\mathbf{b} = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3 \ \beta_4]$  in the second frame

where  $\alpha_{A} = \beta_{A} = 1$  for points and  $\alpha_{A} = \beta_{A} = 0$  for vectors and

$$a = Mb$$

The matrix **M** is 4 x 4 and specifies an affine transformation in homogeneous coordinates

#### **Affine Transformations**

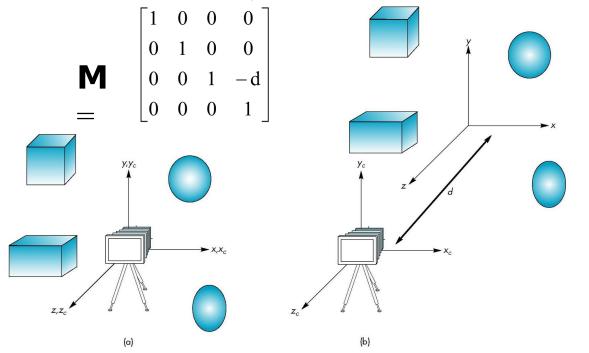
- Every linear transformation is equivalent to a change in frames
- Every affine transformation preserves lines
- However, an affine transformation has only 12
   degrees of freedom because 4 of the elements in the
   matrix are fixed and are a subset of all possible 4 x 4
   linear transformations

#### The World and Camera Frames

- When we work with representations, we work with n-tuples or arrays of scalars
- Changes in frame are then defined by 4 x 4 matrices
- In OpenGL, the base frame that we start with is the world frame
- Eventually we represent entities in the camera frame by changing the world representation using the model-view matrix
- Initially these frames are the same (M=I)

#### **Moving the Camera**

If objects are on both sides of z=0, we must move camera frame



## **Transformations**

#### **Objectives**

Introduce standard transformations

Rotation

**Translation** 

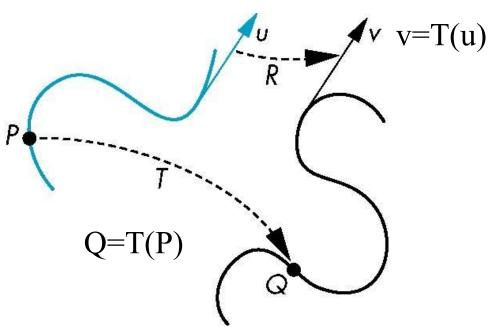
Scaling

Shear

- Derive homogeneous coordinate transformation matrices
- Learn to build arbitrary transformation matrices from simple transformations

#### **General Transformations**

A transformation maps points to other points and/or vectors to other vectors



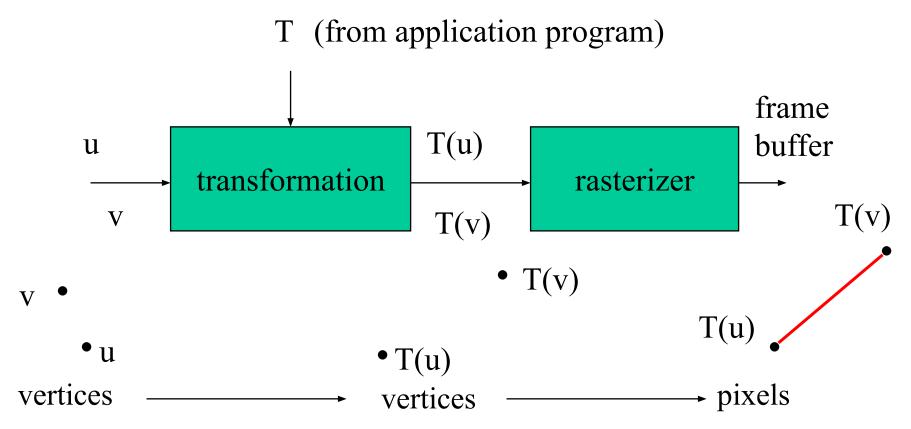
#### **Affine Transformations**

- Line preserving
- Characteristic of many physically important transformations

Rigid body transformations: rotation, translation Scaling, shear

 Importance in graphics is that we need only transform endpoints of line segments and let implementation draw line segment between the transformed endpoints

## **Pipeline Implementation**



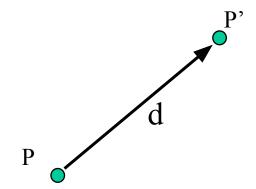
#### **Notation**

We will be working with both coordinate-free representations of transformations and representations within a particular frame

- P,Q, R: points in an affine space
- u, v, w: vectors in an affine space
- $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ : scalars
- **p**, **q**, **r**: representations of points
  - -array of 4 scalars in homogeneous coordinates
- u, v, w: representations of vectors
  - -array of 4 scalars in homogeneous coordinates

#### **Translation**

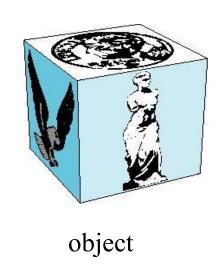
Move (translate, displace) a point to a new location

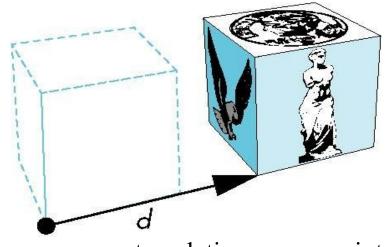


Displacement determined by a vector d
 Three degrees of freedom
 P'=P+d

## How many ways?

Although we can move a point to a new location in infinite ways, when we move many points there is usually only one way





translation: every point displaced by same vector

## **Translation Using Representations**

Using the homogeneous coordinate representation in some frame

$$\mathbf{p} = [\mathbf{x} \ \mathbf{y} \ \mathbf{z} \ 1]^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$\mathbf{p'} = [\mathbf{x'} \ \mathbf{y'} \ \mathbf{z'} \ 1]^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = [\mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{x}} \ \mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{y}} \ \mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{z}} \ 0]^{\mathsf{T}}$$
Hence  $\mathbf{p'} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{d}$  or

$$x'=x+d_x$$

$$y'=y+d_y$$

$$z'=z+d_{z}$$

note that this expression is in four dimensions and expresses point = vector + point

#### **Translation Matrix**

We can also express translation using a 4 x 4 matrix **T** in homogeneous coordinates

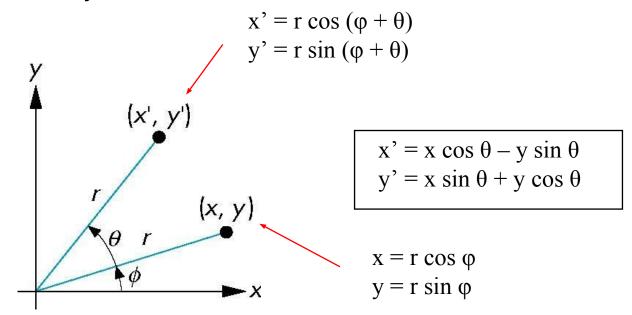
p'=Tp where

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}(d_{x}, d_{y}, d_{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & d_{x} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & d_{y} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_{z} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This form is better for implementation because all affine transformations can be expressed this way and multiple transformations can be concatenated together

## Rotation (2D)

Consider rotation about the origin by  $\theta$  degrees radius stays the same, angle increases by  $\theta$ 



#### Rotation about the z axis

 Rotation about z axis in three dimensions leaves all points with the same z

Equivalent to rotation in two dimensions in planes of constant z

$$x' = x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta$$
  
 $y' = x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta$   
 $z' = z$ 

or in homogeneous coordinates

$$\mathbf{p'}=\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z}}(\theta)\mathbf{p}$$

#### **Rotation Matrix**

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{Z}}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Rotation about x and y axes

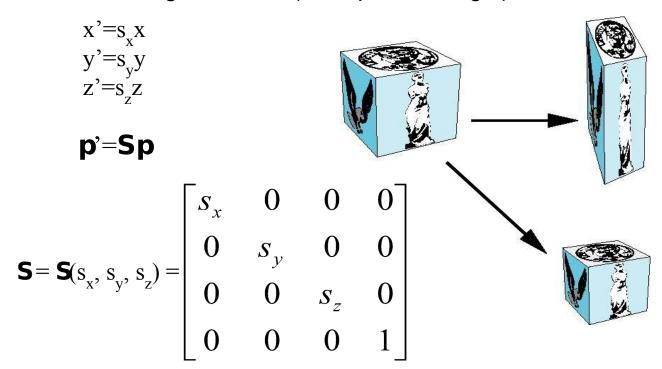
Same argument as for rotation about z axis For rotation about x axis, x is unchanged For rotation about y axis, y is unchanged

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{Y}}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_{y}(\theta) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

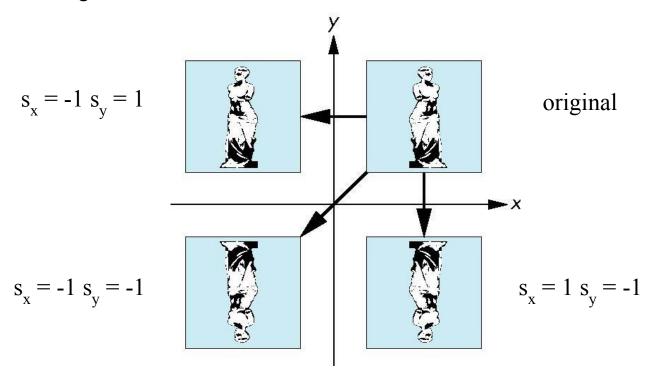
## **Scaling**

Expand or contract along each axis (fixed point of origin)



#### Reflection

corresponds to negative scale factors



#### Inverses

Although we could compute inverse matrices by general formulas, we can use simple geometric observations

Translation: 
$$\mathbf{T}^{-1}(d_x, d_y, d_z) = \mathbf{T}(-d_x, -d_y, -d_z)$$

Rotation:  $\mathbf{R}^{-1}(\theta) = \mathbf{R}(-\theta)$ 

- Holds for any rotation matrix
- O Note that since  $cos(-\theta) = cos(\theta)$  and  $sin(-\theta) = -sin(\theta)$  $\mathbf{R}^{-1}(\theta) = \mathbf{R}^{T}(\theta)$

Scaling: 
$$\mathbf{S}^{-1}(s_x, s_y, s_z) = \mathbf{S}(1/s_x, 1/s_y, 1/s_z)$$

#### **Concatenation**

- We can form arbitrary affine transformation matrices by multiplying together rotation, translation, and scaling matrices
- Because the same transformation is applied to many vertices, the cost of forming a matrix M=ABCD is not significant compared to the cost of computing Mp for many vertices p
- The difficult part is how to form a desired transformation from the specifications in the application

#### **Order of Transformations**

- Note that matrix on the right is the first applied
- Mathematically, the following are equivalent

$$p' = ABCp = A(B(Cp))$$

 Note many references use column matrices to represent points. In terms of column matrices

$$\mathbf{p}^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{p}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{T}}$$

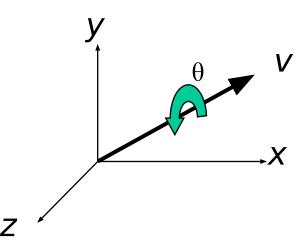
## **General Rotation About the Origin**

A rotation by  $\theta$  about an arbitrary axis can be decomposed into the concatenation of rotations about the x, y, and z axes

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \mathbf{R}_{z}(\theta_{z}) \ \mathbf{R}_{y}(\theta_{y}) \ \mathbf{R}_{x}(\theta_{x})$$

 $\theta_x \theta_y \theta_z$  are called the Euler angles

Note that rotations do not commute We can use rotations in another order but with different angles



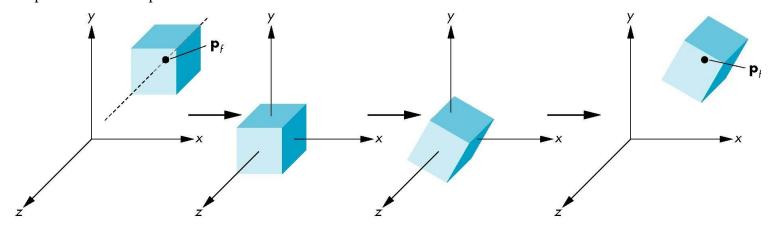
# Rotation About a Fixed Point other than the Origin

Move fixed point to origin

Rotate

Move fixed point back

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{T}(p_f) \ \mathbf{R}(\theta) \ \mathbf{T}(-p_f)$$



## Instancing

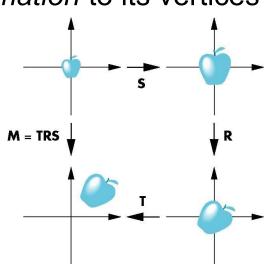
 In modeling, we often start with a simple object centered at the origin, oriented with the axis, and at a standard size

We apply an instance transformation to its vertices to

Scale

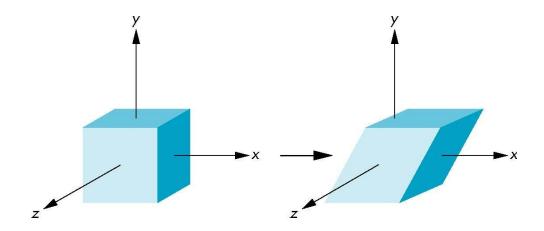
Orient

Locate



#### Shear

- Helpful to add one more basic transformation
- Equivalent to pulling faces in opposite directions

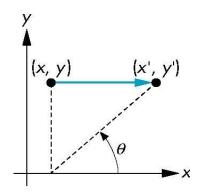


#### **Shear Matrix**

#### Consider simple shear along *x* axis

$$x' = x + y \cot \theta$$
  
 $y' = y$   
 $z' = z$ 

$$\mathbf{H}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cot \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## **WebGL Transformations**

## **Objectives**

Learn how to carry out transformations in WebGL

Rotation

**Translation** 

Scaling

Introduce MV.js transformations

Model-view

Projection

## **Pre 3.1 OpenGL Matrices**

- In Pre 3.1 OpenGL matrices were part of the state
- Multiple types

```
Model-View (GL_MODELVIEW)
Projection (GL_PROJECTION)
Texture (GL_TEXTURE)
Color(GL COLOR)
```

- Single set of functions for manipulation
- Select which to manipulated by

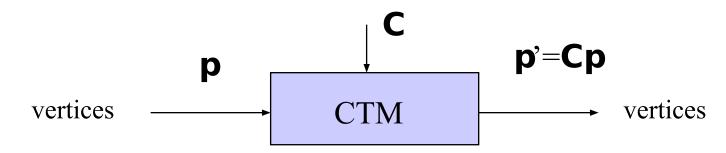
```
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);
```

## Why Deprecation

- Functions were based on carrying out the operations on the CPU as part of the fixed function pipeline
- Current model-view and projection matrices were automatically applied to all vertices using CPU
- We will use the notion of a current transformation
   matrix meaning that it may be applied in the shaders

## **Current Transformation Matrix (CTM)**

- Conceptually there is a 4 x 4 homogeneous coordinate matrix, the current transformation matrix (CTM) that is part of the state and is applied to all vertices that pass down the pipeline
- The CTM is defined in the user program and loaded into a transformation unit



## **CTM** operations

The CTM can be altered either by loading a new CTM or by post-mutiplication

Load an identity matrix:  $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{I}$ 

Load an arbitrary matrix: **C** ← **M** 

Load a translation matrix:  $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{T}$ 

Load a rotation matrix:  $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{R}$ 

Load a scaling matrix: **C** ← **S** 

Postmultiply by an arbitrary matrix: **C** ← **C M** 

Postmultiply by a translation matrix: **C** ← **C T** 

Postmultiply by a rotation matrix: **C** ← **C R** 

Postmultiply by a scaling matrix: **C** ← **C S** 

#### **Rotation about a Fixed Point**

Start with identity matrix:  $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{I}$ 

Move fixed point to origin: **C** ← **CT** 

Rotate: C ← CR

Move fixed point back:  $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{C}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$ 

Result:  $C = TR T^{-1}$  which is **backwards**.

This result is a consequence of doing post-multiplications.

Let's try again.

## **Reversing the Order**

We want  $C = T^{-1} R T$ , so we must do the operations in the following order

$$C \leftarrow I$$

 $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{C}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$ 

 $C \leftarrow CR$ 

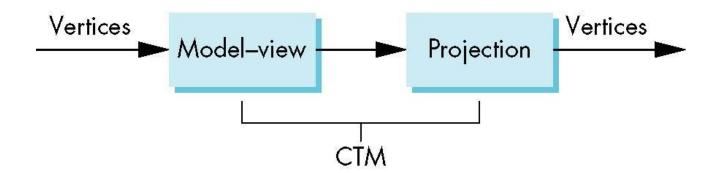
C ← CT

Each operation corresponds to one function call in the program.

Note that the last operation specified is the first executed in the program

#### CTM in WebGL

- OpenGL had a model-view and a projection matrix in the pipeline which were concatenated together to form the CTM
- We will emulate this process



## **Using the ModelView Matrix**

- In WebGL, the model-view matrix is used to
  - Position the camera
    - Can be done by rotations and translations but is often easier to use the lookAt function in MV.js
  - Build models of objects
- The projection matrix is used to define the view volume and to select a camera lens
- Although these matrices are no longer part of the OpenGL state, it
  is usually a good strategy to create them in our own applications

$$q = P \cdot MV \cdot p$$

## Rotation, Translation, Scaling

Create an identity matrix:

```
var m = mat4();
 Multiply on right by rotation matrix of theta in degrees
 where (\mathbf{vx}, \mathbf{vy}, \mathbf{vz}) define axis of rotation
  var r = rotate(theta, vx, vy, vz)
  m = mult(m, r);
Also have rotateX, rotateY, rotateZ
The same with translation and scaling:
  var s = scale(sx, sy, sz)
  var t = translate(dx, dy, dz);
  m = mult(s, t);
```

## **Example**

Rotation about z axis by 30 degrees with a fixed point of (1.0, 2.0, 3.0)

```
var m = mult(translate(1.0, 2.0, 3.0),
    rotate(30.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0));
m = mult(m, translate(-1.0, -2.0, -3.0));
```

Remember that last matrix specified in the program is the first applied

## **Arbitrary Matrices**

- Can load and multiply by matrices defined in the application program
- Matrices are stored as one dimensional array of 16 elements by
   MV.js but can be treated as 4 x 4 matrices in row major order
- OpenGL wants column major data
- gl.uniformMatrix4f has a parameter for automatic transpose by it must be set to false.
- flatten function converts to column major order which is required by WebGL functions

#### **Matrix Stacks**

- In many situations we want to save transformation matrices for use later
  - Traversing hierarchical data structures (Chapter 9)
- Pre 3.1 OpenGL maintained stacks for each type of matrix
- Easy to create the same functionality in JS
  - push and pop are part of Array object
    var stack = [ ]
    stack.push (modelViewMatrix);
    ...
    modelViewMatrix = stack.pop();

## **Applying Transformations**

## **Using Transformations**

- Example: Begin with a cube rotating video w04/cube
- Use mouse or button listener to change direction of rotation
- Start with a program that draws a cube in a standard way
  - Centered at origin
  - Sides aligned with axes
  - Will discuss modeling in next lecture

## Where do we apply transformation?

- Same issue as with rotating square
  - in application to vertices
  - in vertex shader: send MV matrix
  - in vertex shader: send angles
- Choice between second and third unclear
- Do we do trigonometry once in CPU or for every vertex in shader?
  - GPUs have trigonometry functions hardwired

#### **Rotation Event Listeners**

#### **Rotation Event Listeners**

```
function render() {
    gl.clear( gl.COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | gl.DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
    theta[axis] += 2.0;
    gl.uniform3fv(thetaLoc, theta);
    gl.drawArrays( gl.TRIANGLES, 0, NumVertices );
    requestAnimFrame( render );
}
```

#### **Rotation Shader**

```
attribute vec4 vPosition;
attribute vec4 vColor;
varying vec4 fColor;
uniform vec3 theta;
void main() {
    vec3 angles = radians( theta );
   vec3 c = cos(angles);
   vec3 s = sin(angles);
```

## **Rotation Shader (cont)**

```
// Remember: these matrices are column-major
mat4 rx = mat4(1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,
    0.0, c.x, s.x, 0.0,
    0.0, -s.x, c.x, 0.0,
    0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
mat4 ry = mat4(c.y, 0.0, -s.y, 0.0,
    0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0,
    s.y, 0.0, c.y, 0.0,
    0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
 mat4 rz = mat4(c.z, -s.z, 0.0, 0.0,
    s.z, c.z, 0.0, 0.0,
    0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0,
    0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
```

## **Rotation Shader (cont)**

```
fColor = vColor;
gl_Position = rz * ry * rx * vPosition;
```

#### **Smooth Rotation**

 From a practical standpoint, we often want to use transformations to move and reorient an object smoothly

Problem: find a sequence of model-view matrices  $\mathbf{M_0}, \mathbf{M_1}, ..., \mathbf{M_n}$  so that when they are applied successively to one or more objects we see a *smooth* transition

 For orientating an object, we can use the fact that every rotation corresponds to part of a great circle on a sphere

Find the axis of rotation and angle

Virtual trackball (see text)

#### **Incremental Rotation**

Consider the two approaches

For a sequence of rotation matrices  $\mathbf{R_0}, \mathbf{R_1}, \dots, \mathbf{R_n}$ , find the Euler angles for each and use  $\mathbf{R_i} = \mathbf{R_{iz}}, \mathbf{R_{iv}}, \mathbf{R_{ix}}$ 

Not very efficient

Use the final positions to determine the axis and angle of rotation, then increment only the angle

Quaternions can be more efficient

#### **Quaternions**

- Extension of imaginary numbers from two to three dimensions
- Requires one real and three imaginary components i, j, k

$$q=q_0+q_1i+q_2j+q_3k$$

 Quaternions can express rotations on sphere smoothly and efficiently. Process:

> Model-view matrix → quaternion Carry out operations with quaternions Quaternion → Model-view matrix

#### **Interfaces**

- One of the major problems in interactive computer graphics is how to use a two-dimensional device such as a mouse to interface with three dimensional objects
- Example: how to form an instance matrix?
- Some alternatives
  - Virtual trackball
  - 3D input devices such as the spaceball
  - Use areas of the screen
  - Distance from center controls angle, position, scale depending on mouse button depressed