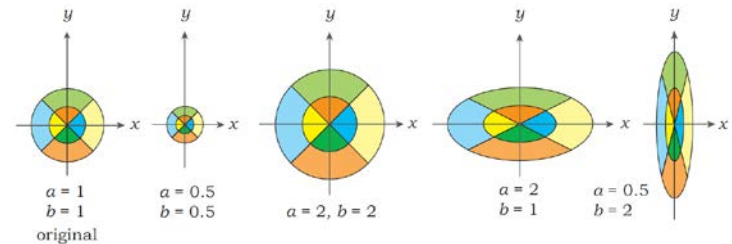
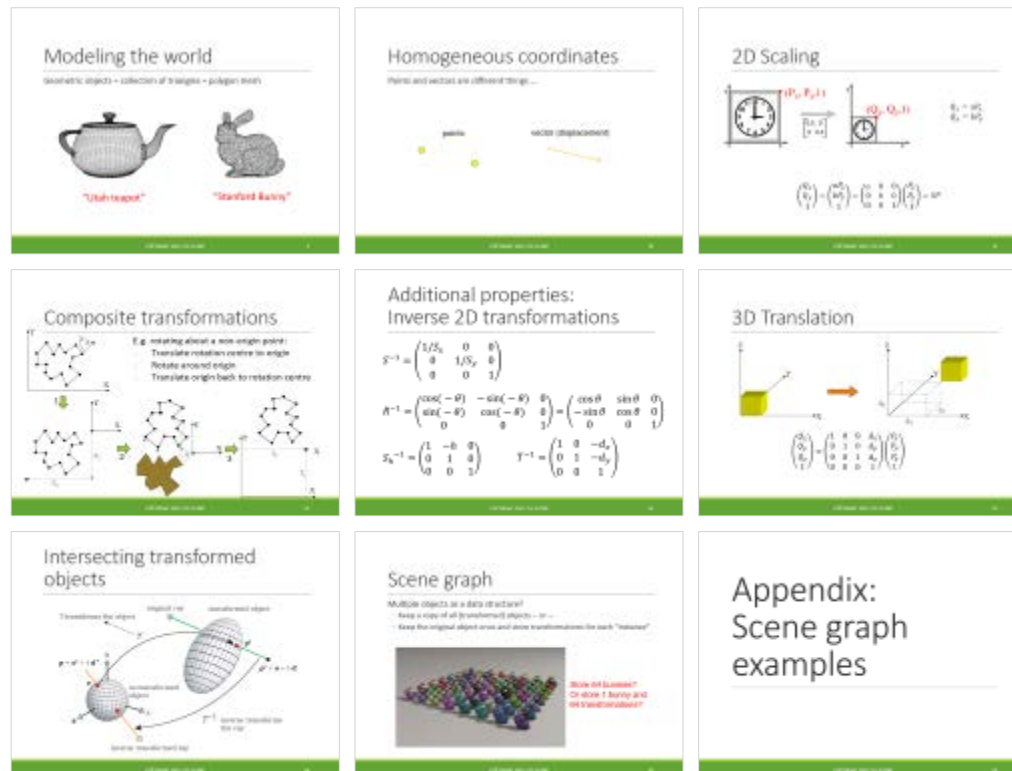


# Transformations and Scene Graphs



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# Lecture Overview



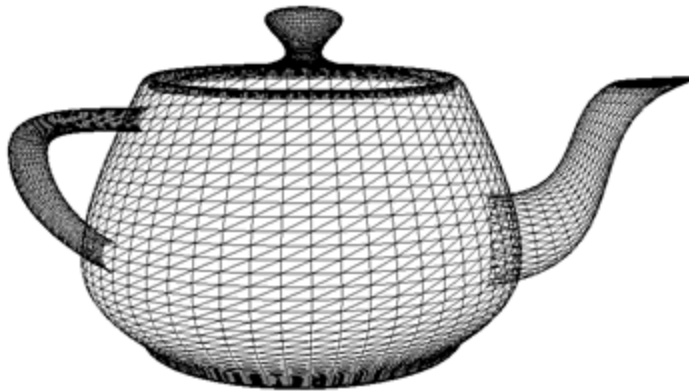
Relevant sections in book: Chapter 19, 20, 21

(Illustrations from *Ray Tracing From The Ground Up*, *Physically-Based Rendering*, *Fundamentals of Computer Graphics*)  
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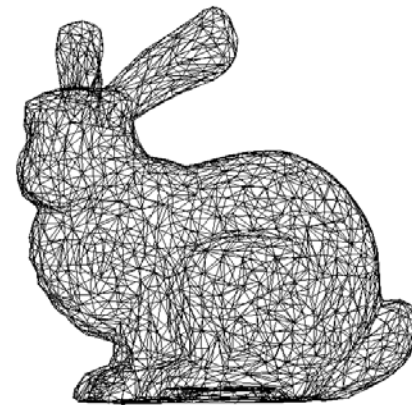
# Modeling the world

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Geometric objects = collection of triangles = polygon mesh



“Utah teapot”



“Stanford Bunny”

# Modeling the world

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# Modeling the world

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Ray tracing is not restricted to triangles

Any object ... as long as we can compute an intersection with a ray (... and a normal vector)



## Ray Tracing Deterministic 3-D Fractals

John C. Hart\*, Daniel J. Sandin\*, Louis H. Kauffman†

## Practical Ray Tracing of Trimmed NURBS Surfaces

William Martin

Elaine Cohen

Russell Fish

Peter Shirley

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## Ray Tracing JELL-O® Brand Gelatin

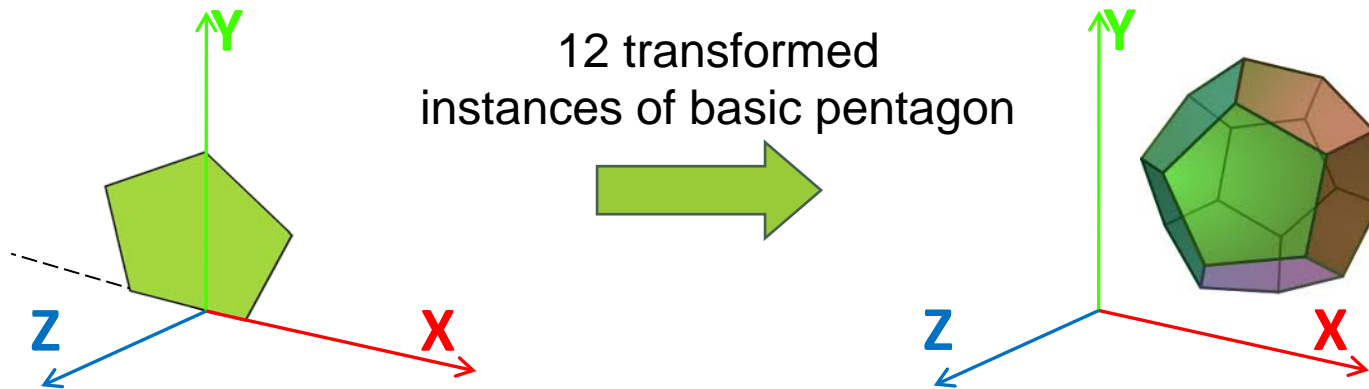
*Paul S. Heckbert*  
Dessert Foods Division  
Pixar  
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# Datastructures for modeling

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Define objects only once

- ... then transform to compose bigger objects
- Use translations, rotations, scaling, ...

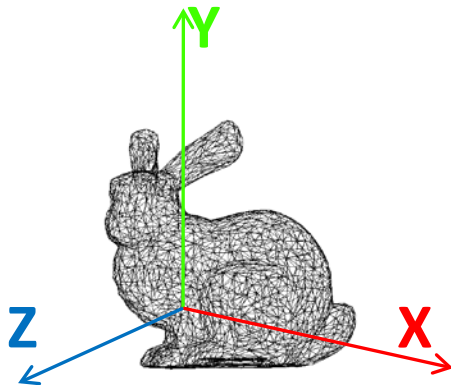


# Datastructures for modeling

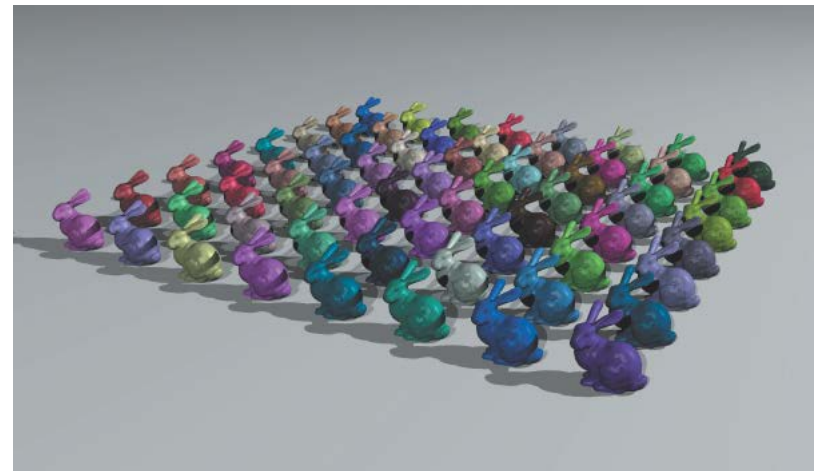
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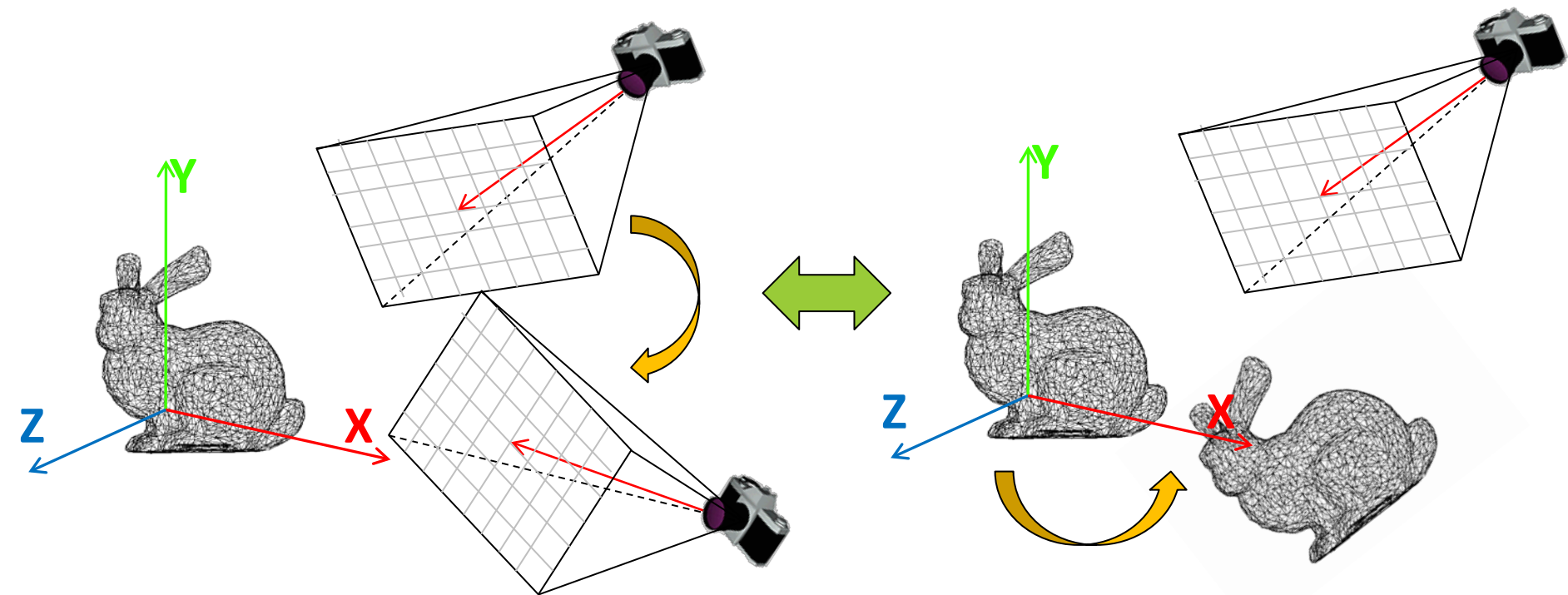
64 transformed  
instances of bunny



# Why are transformations (also) useful?

Move the camera in the 3D scene

- ... equivalent to keeping camera fixed, and apply inverse transformation to the 3D scene

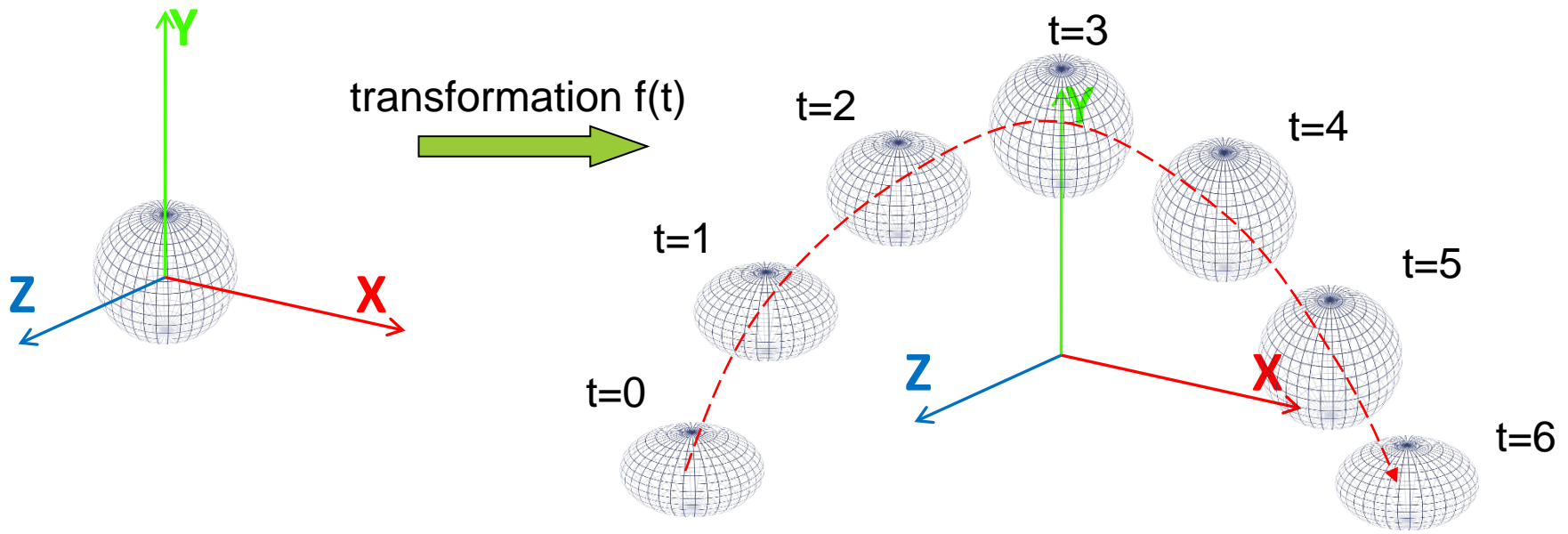




# Why are transformations (also) useful?

## Computer animation

- Translate / rotate / warp object over time
- Transformations can be time-dependent



# Homogeneous coordinates

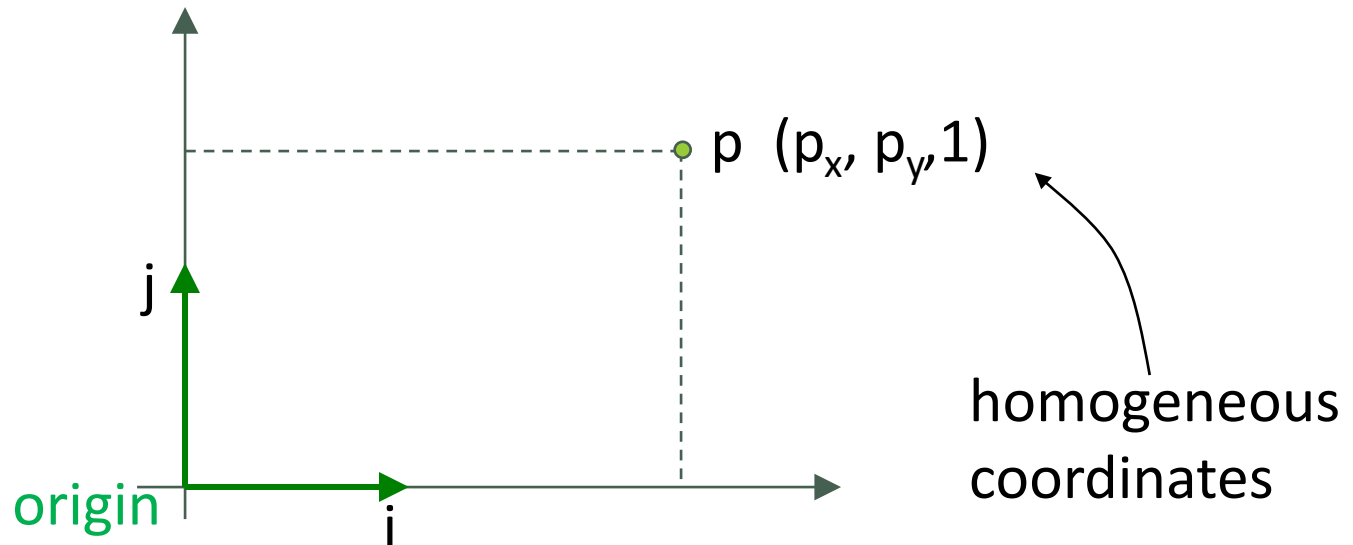
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Points and vectors are different things ...



# Homogeneous coordinates

Each point can be expressed in a coordinate system:  $\mathbf{p} = p_x \mathbf{i} + p_y \mathbf{j} + \text{origin}$



# Homogeneous coordinates

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points:  $(x \ y \ z \ 1)$

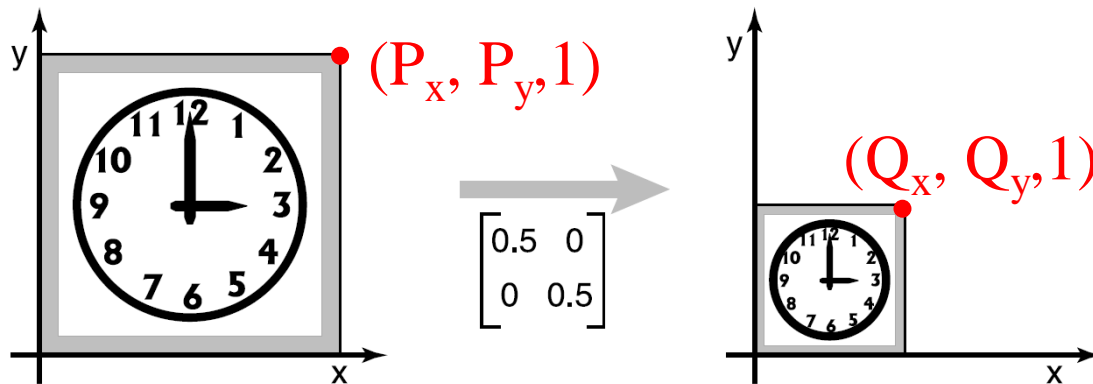
vectors:  $(x \ y \ z \ 0)$ , “points at infinity”

subtraction:  $(* \ * \ * \ 1) - (* \ * \ * \ 1) = (* \ * \ * \ 0)$

addition:  $(* \ * \ * \ 1) + (* \ * \ * \ 0) = (* \ * \ * \ 1)$

$(x \ y \ z \ w)$  is the same point as  $(x/w \ y/w \ z/w \ 1)$

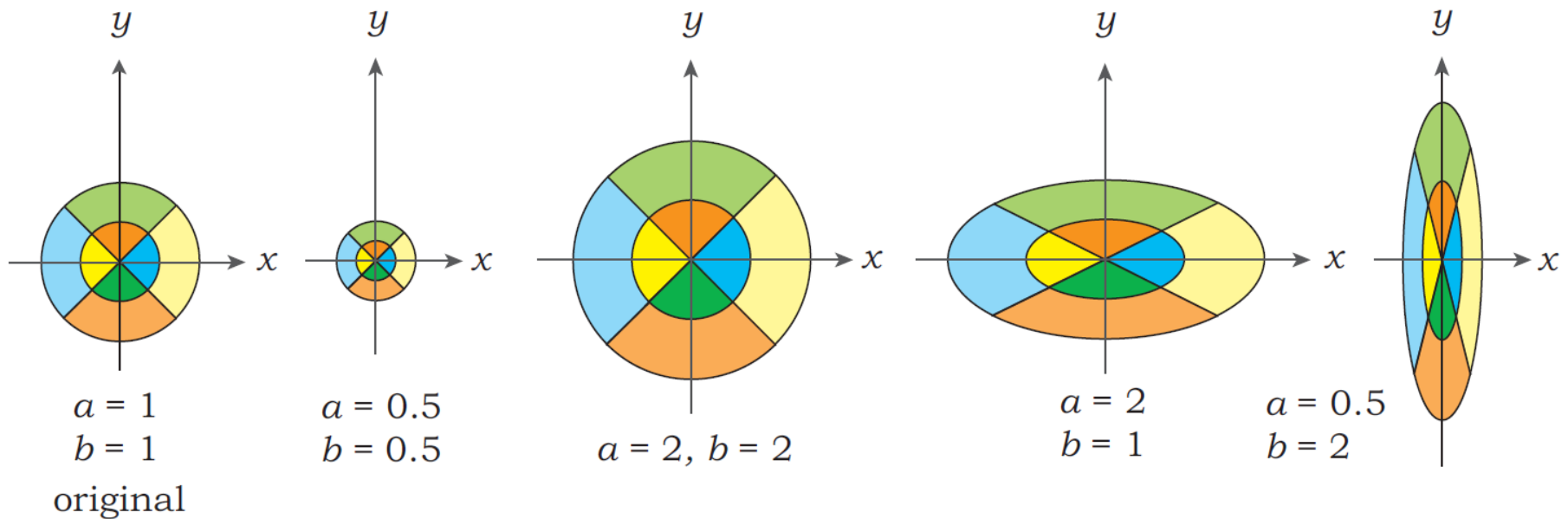
# 2D Scaling



$$\begin{aligned}Q_x &= aP_x \\Q_y &= bP_y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} aP_x \\ bP_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = SP$$

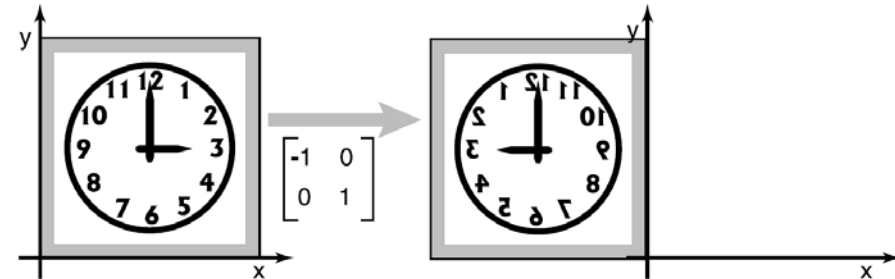
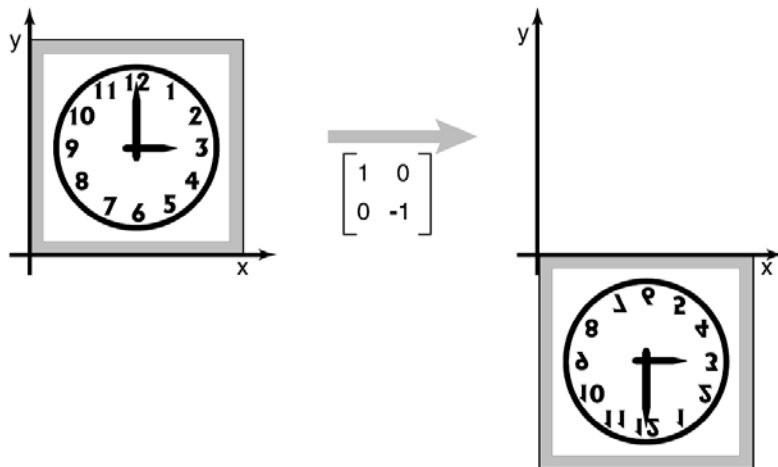
# 2D Scaling



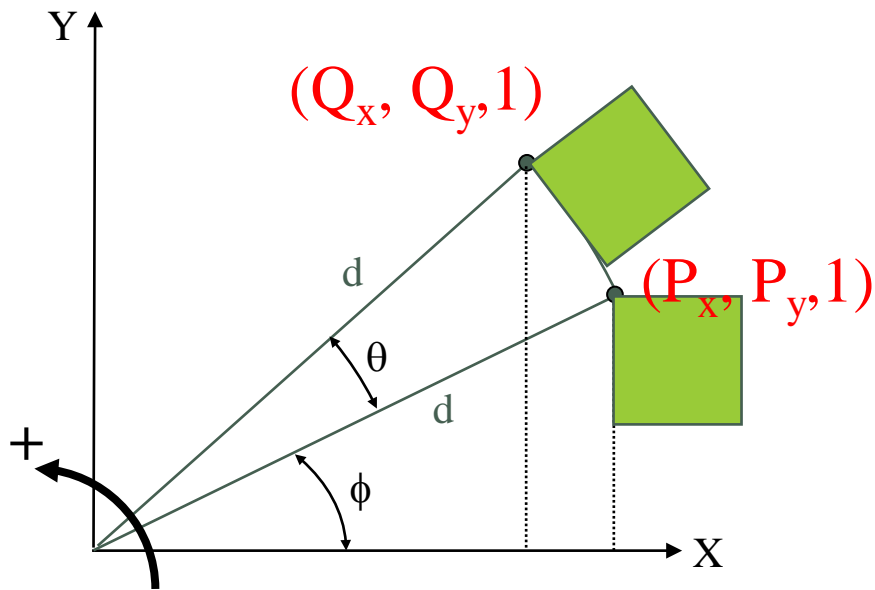
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# 2D Reflection

Special case of scaling



# 2D Rotation



$$P_x = d \cos \varphi$$

$$P_y = d \sin \varphi$$

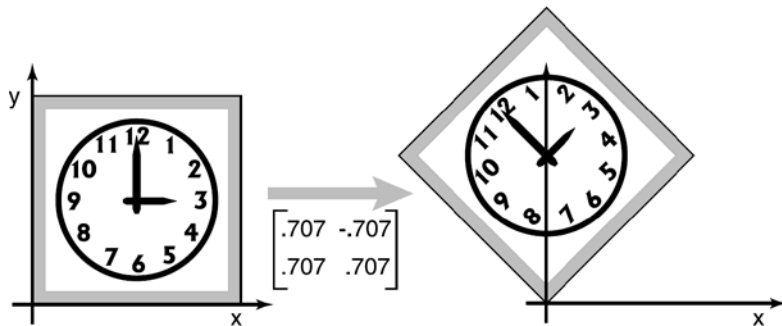
$$Q_x = d \cos(\varphi + \theta)$$

$$Q_y = d \sin(\varphi + \theta)$$

$$\cos(\varphi + \theta) = \cos \varphi \cos \theta - \sin \varphi \sin \theta$$

$$\sin(\varphi + \theta) = \sin \varphi \cos \theta + \cos \varphi \sin \theta$$

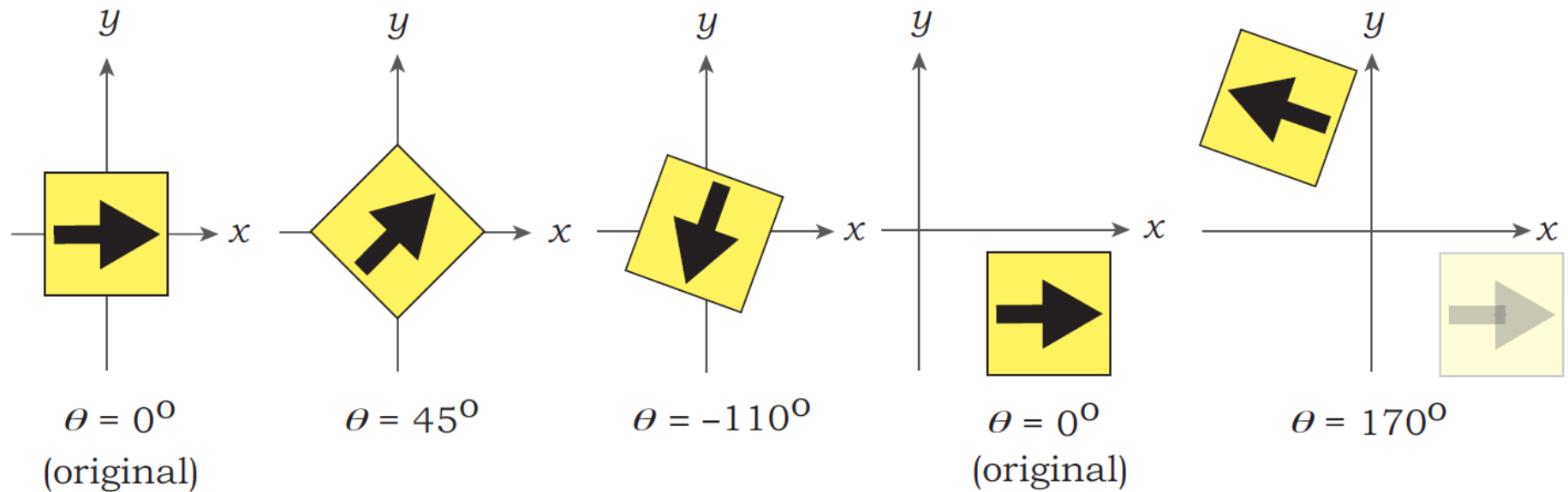
$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = RP$$



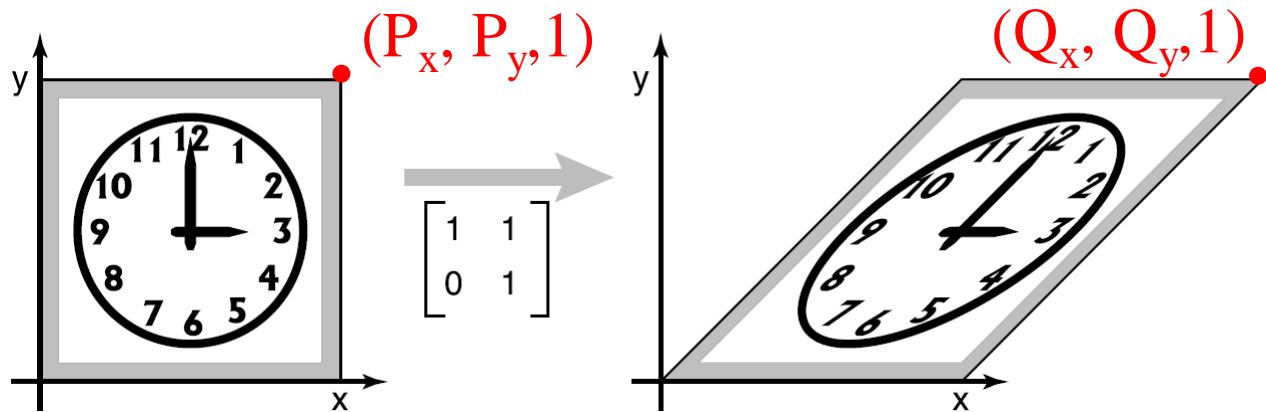


# 2D Rotation

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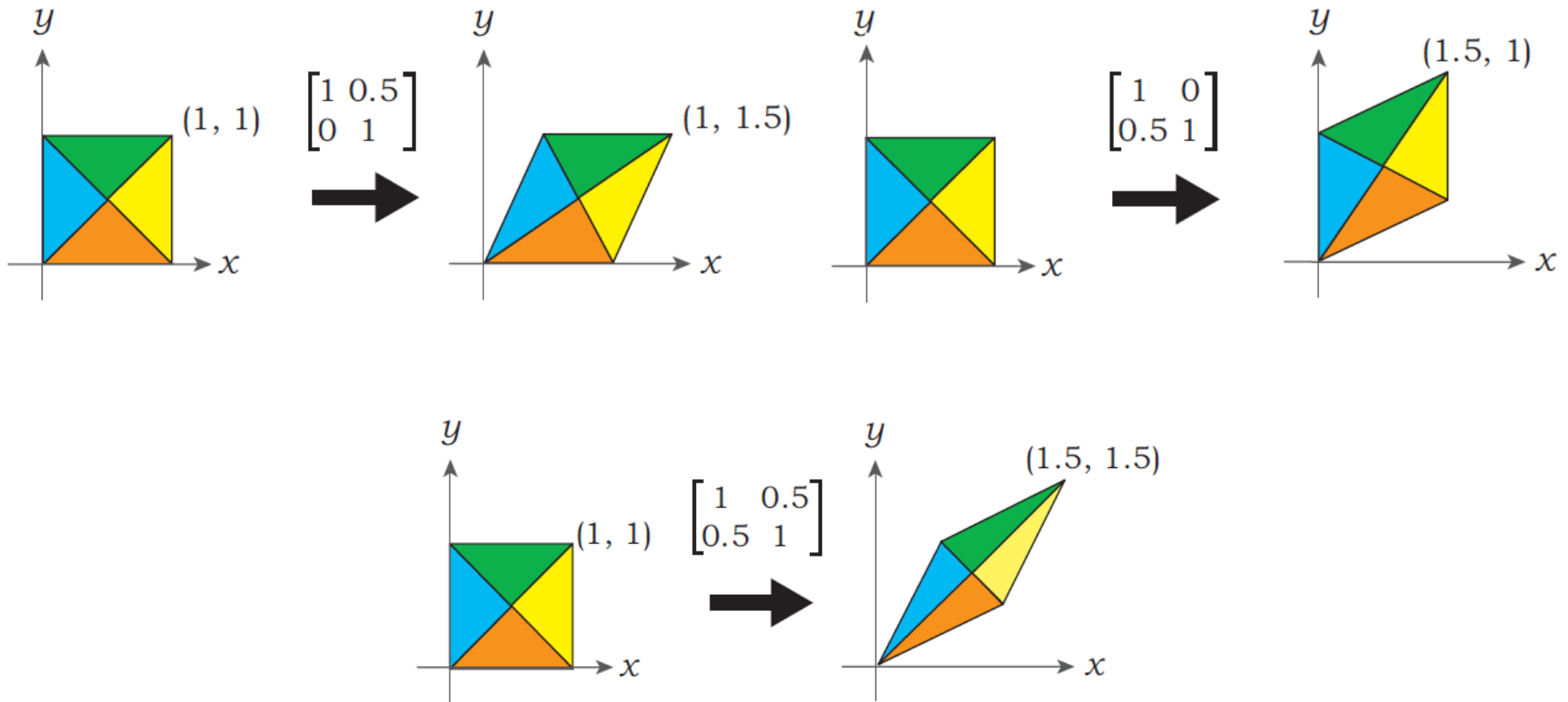
# 2D Shear



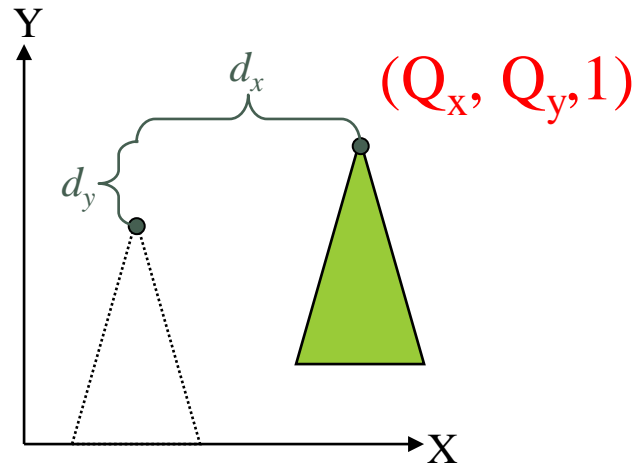
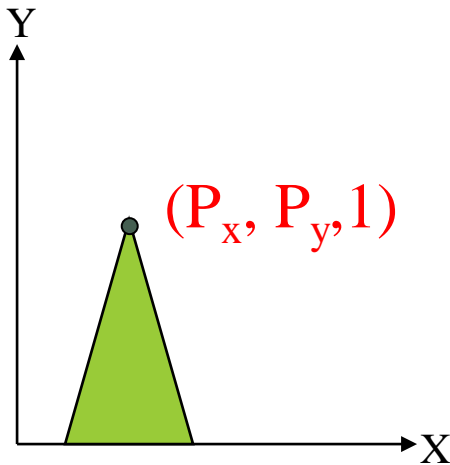
$$\begin{aligned} Q_x &= P_x + hP_y \\ Q_y &= P_y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_x + hP_y \\ P_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = S_h P$$

# 2D Shear



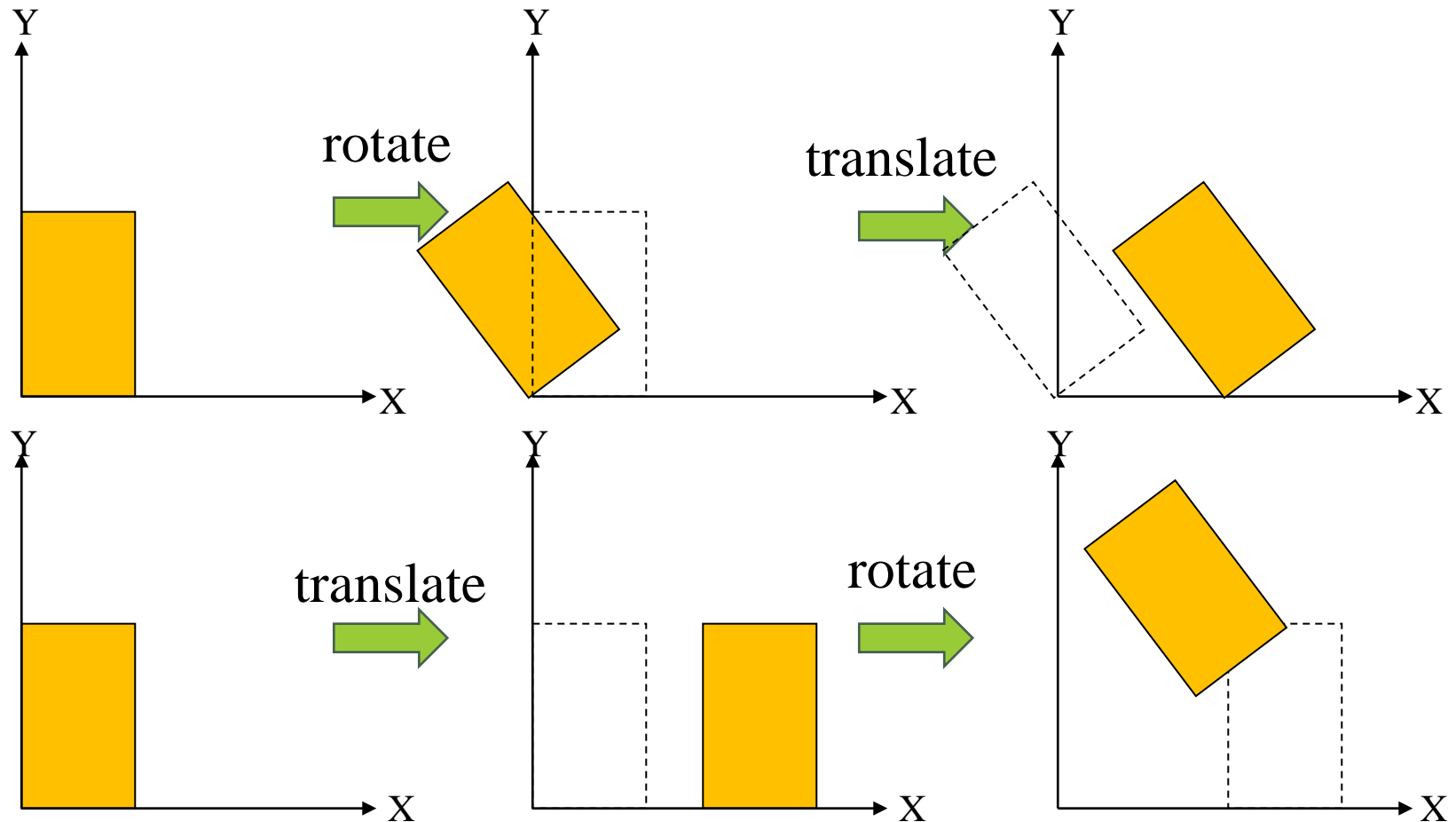
# 2D translation



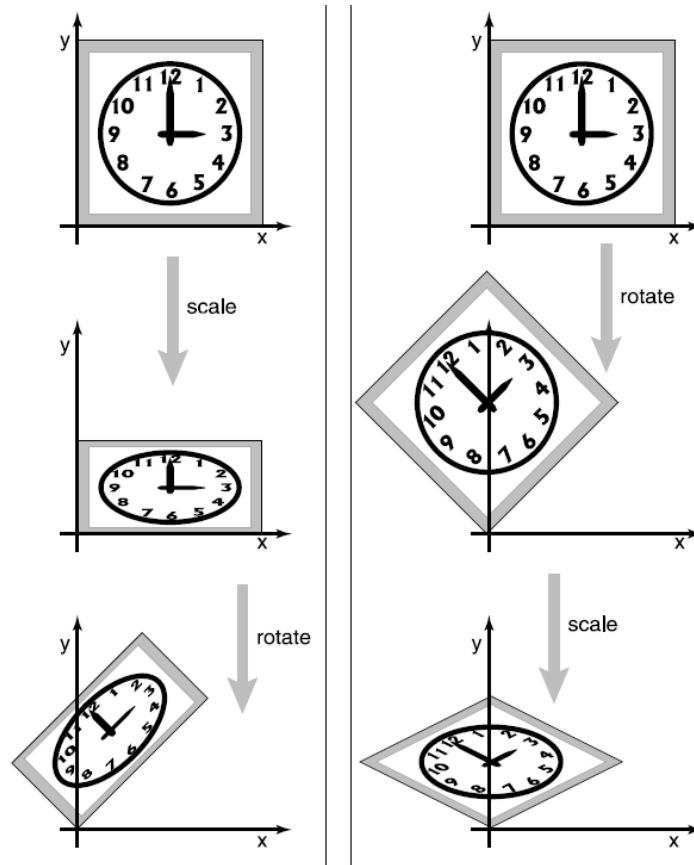
$$Q_x = P_x + d_x$$
$$Q_y = P_y + d_y$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_x + d_x \\ P_y + d_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & d_x \\ 0 & 1 & d_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = TP$$

# Order of transformations



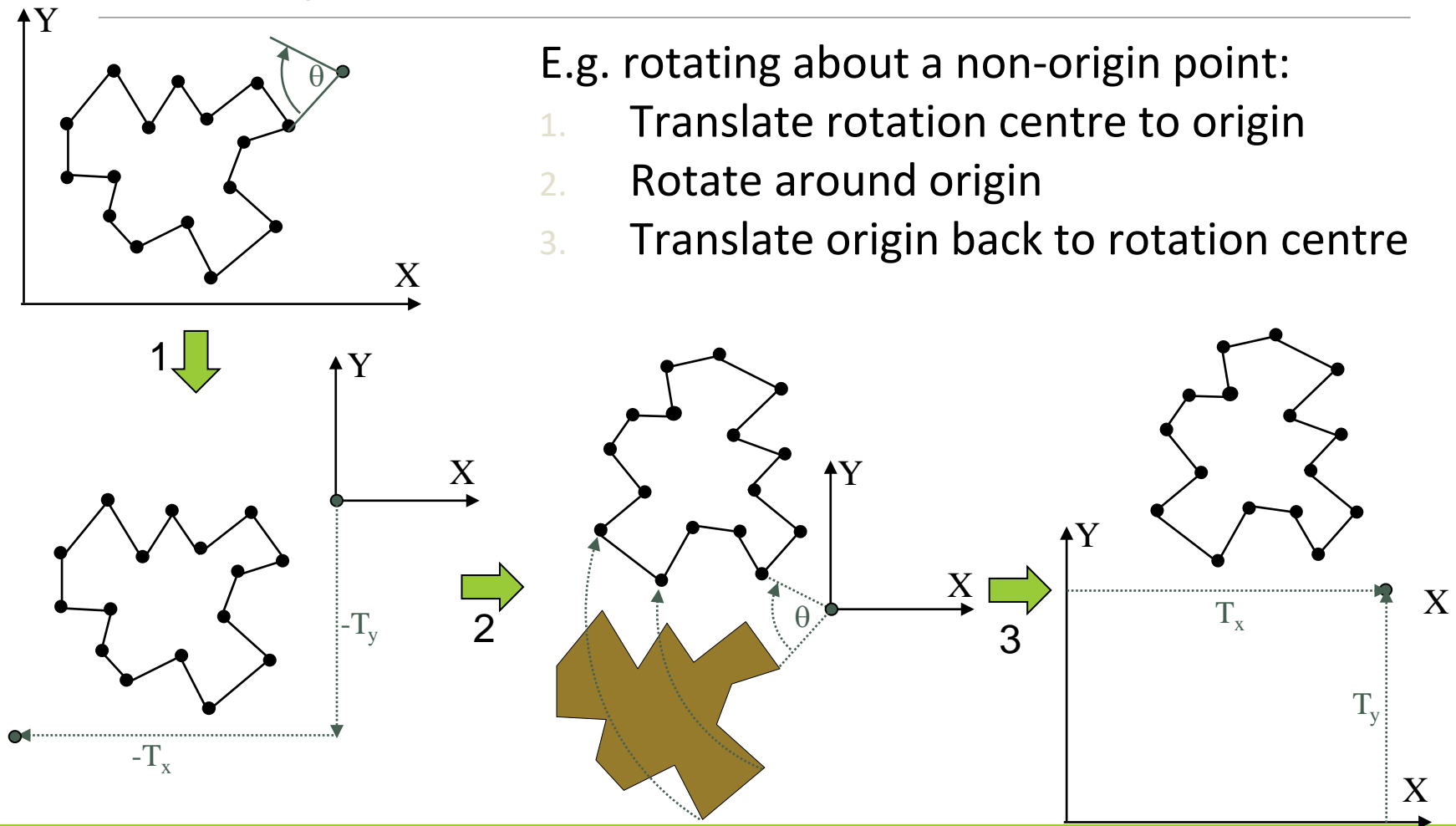
# Order of transformations



# Composite transformations

E.g. rotating about a non-origin point:

1. Translate rotation centre to origin
2. Rotate around origin
3. Translate origin back to rotation centre



# Composite transformations

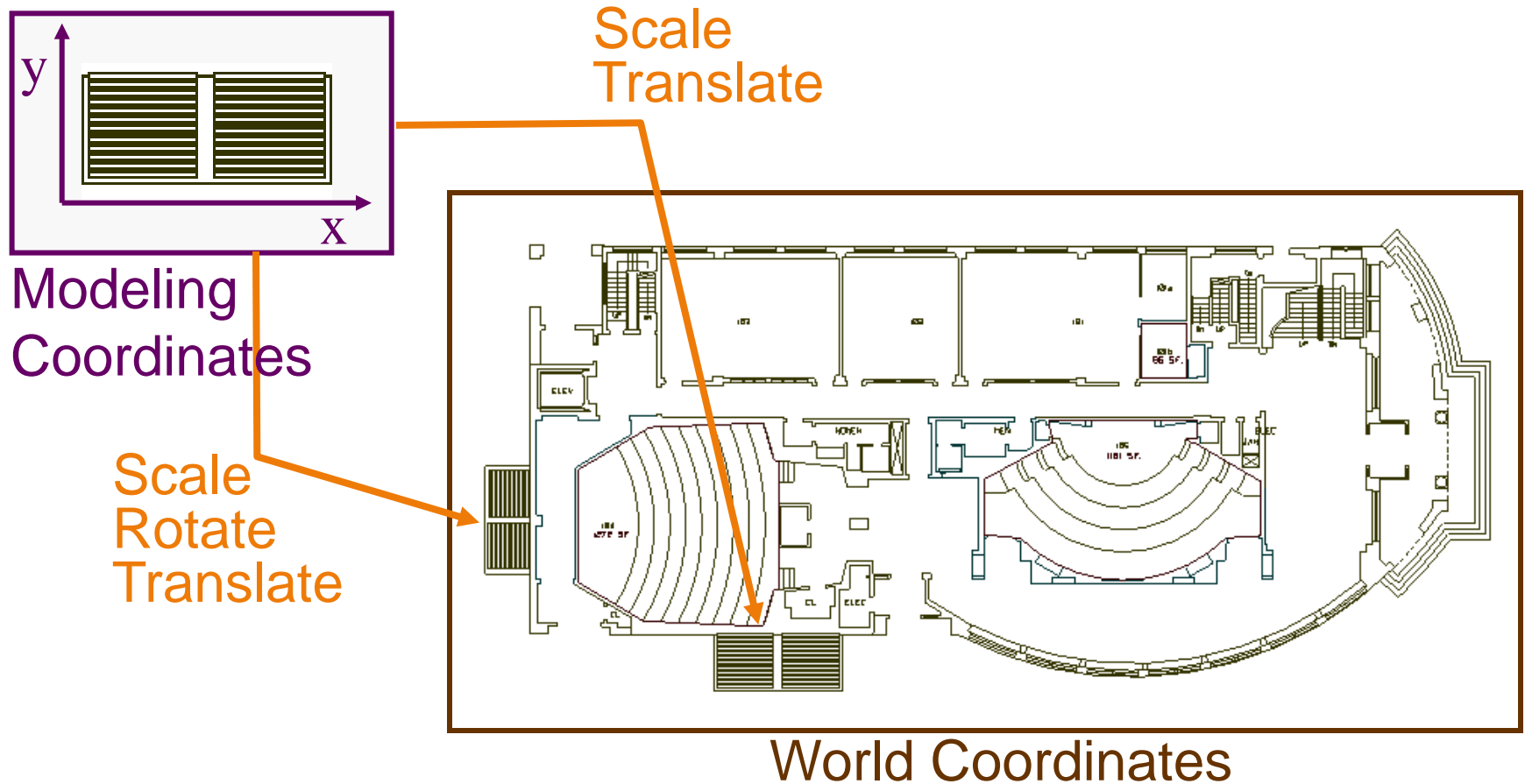
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$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & T_x \\ 0 & 1 & T_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -T_x \\ 0 & 1 & -T_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = T^{-1} R T P$$

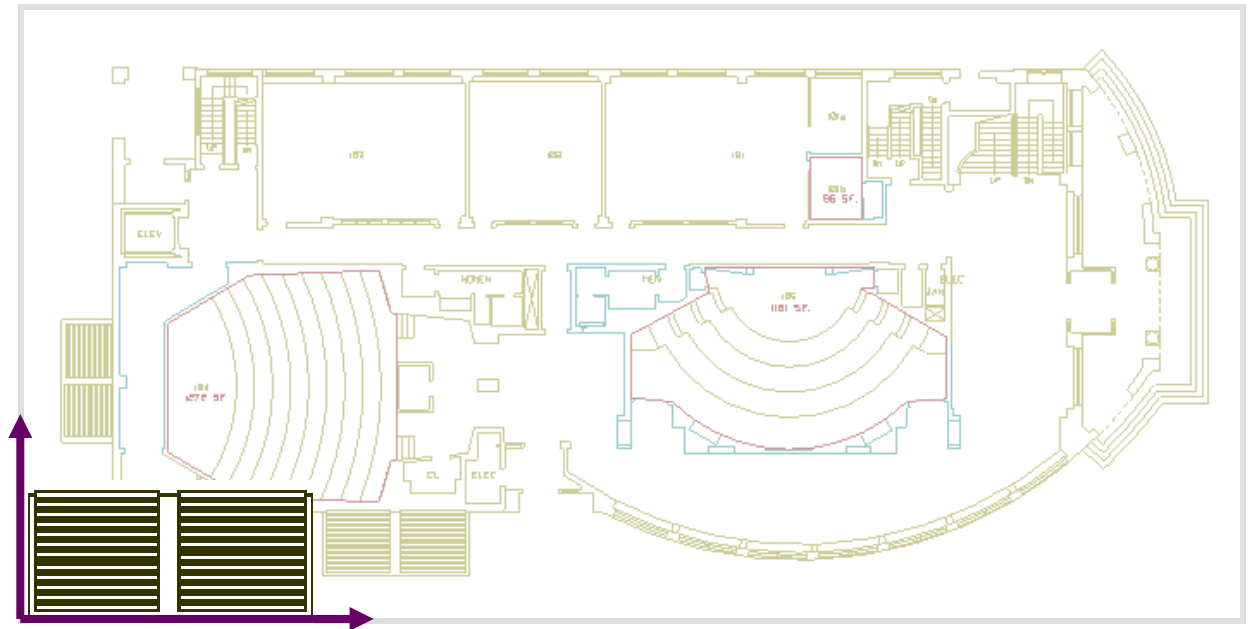
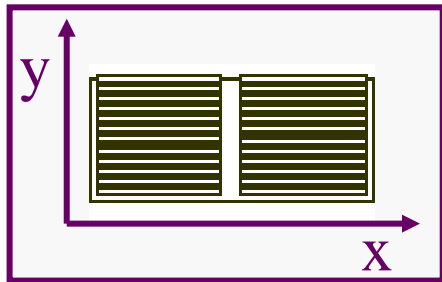
$$T^{-1} R T = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & -\cos \theta T_x + \sin \theta T_y + T_x \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta T_x - \cos \theta T_y + T_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



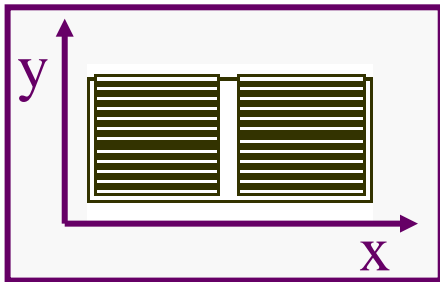
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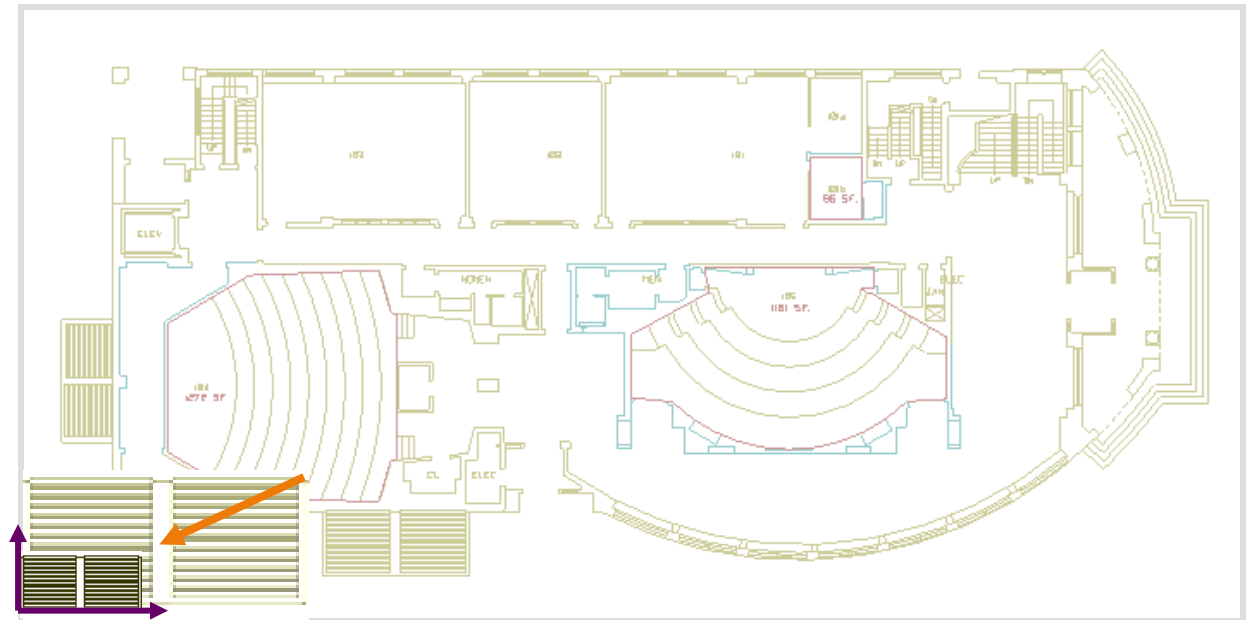
# Example



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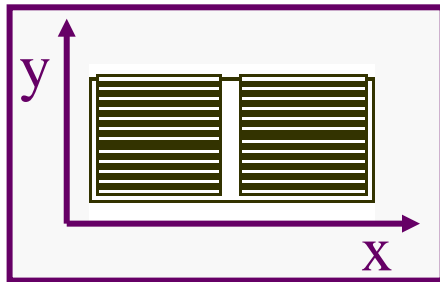


$$x' = x * sx$$
$$y' = y * sy$$

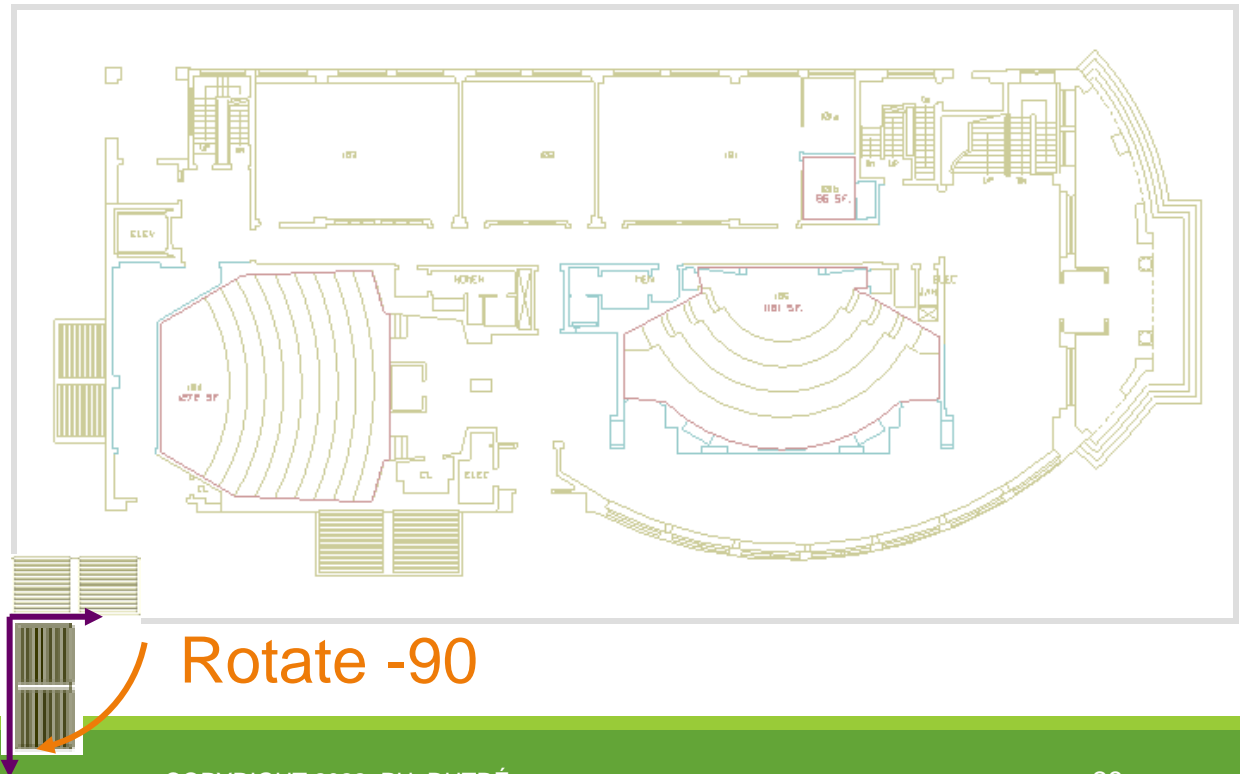


Scale .3,.3

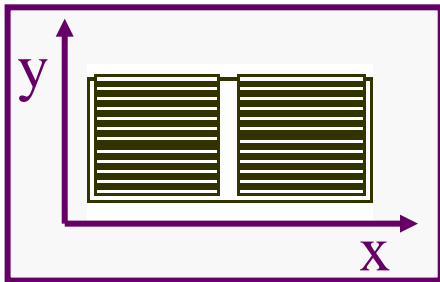
# Example



$$\begin{aligned}x' &= (x \cdot s_x) \cdot \cos\Theta - (y \cdot s_y) \cdot \sin\Theta \\ y' &= (x \cdot s_x) \cdot \sin\Theta + (y \cdot s_y) \cdot \cos\Theta\end{aligned}$$

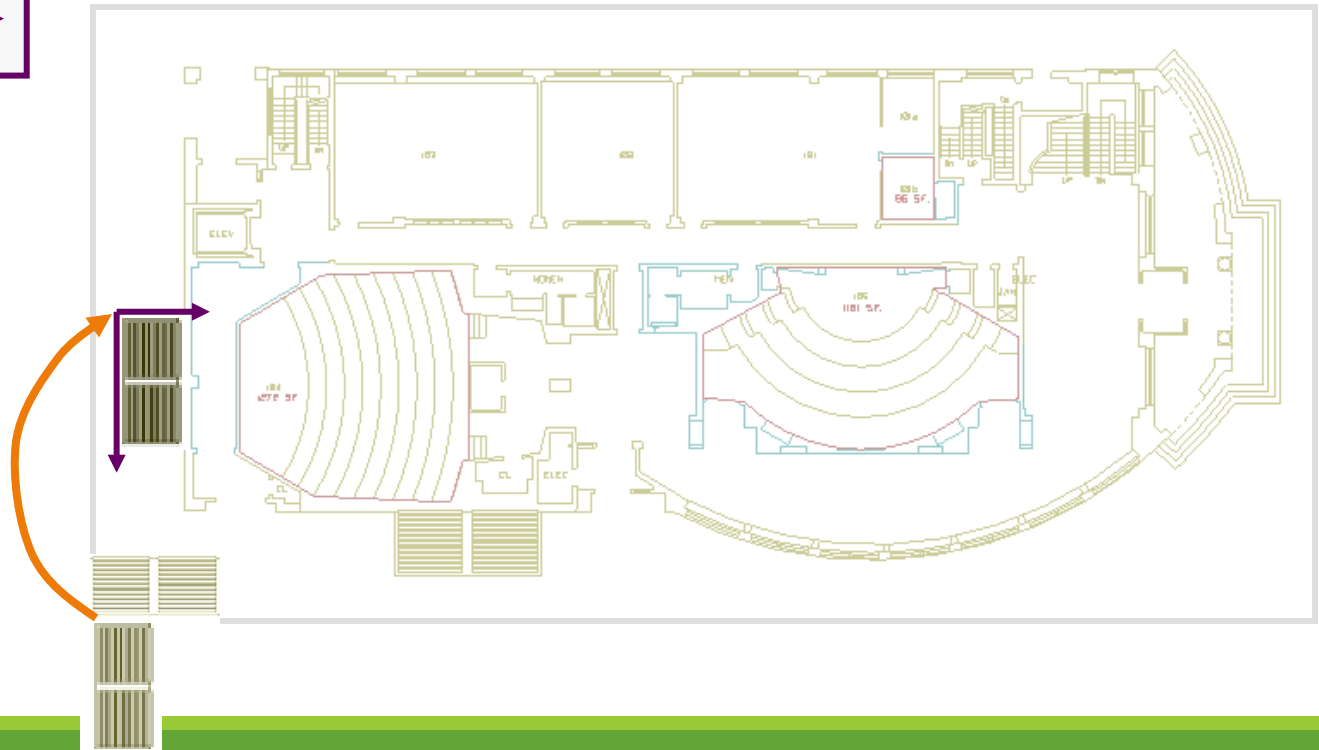


# Example



$$\begin{aligned}x' &= ((x*sx)*\cos\Theta - (y*sy)*\sin\Theta) + tx \\ y' &= ((x*sx)*\sin\Theta + (y*sy)*\cos\Theta) + ty\end{aligned}$$

Translate 3, 5



# Additional properties: Inverse 2D transformations

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$$S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/S_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/S_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(-\theta) & -\sin(-\theta) & 0 \\ \sin(-\theta) & \cos(-\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

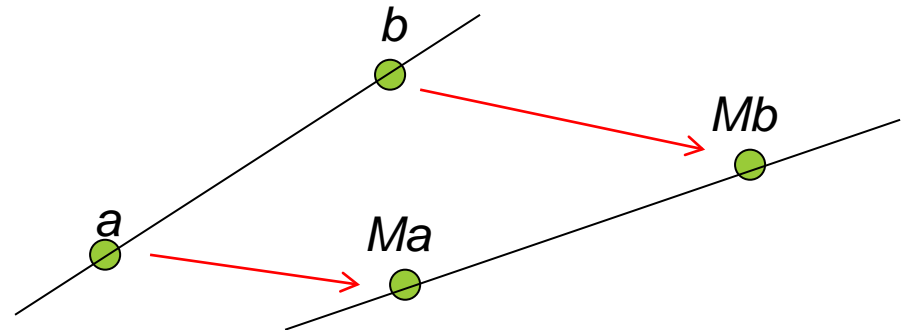
$$S_h^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -h & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -d_x \\ 0 & 1 & -d_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Additional properties: Affine Transformations

Coordinates of Q are a linear combination of coordinates of P

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11}P_x + m_{12}P_y + m_{13} \\ m_{21}P_x + m_{22}P_y + m_{23} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = MP$$

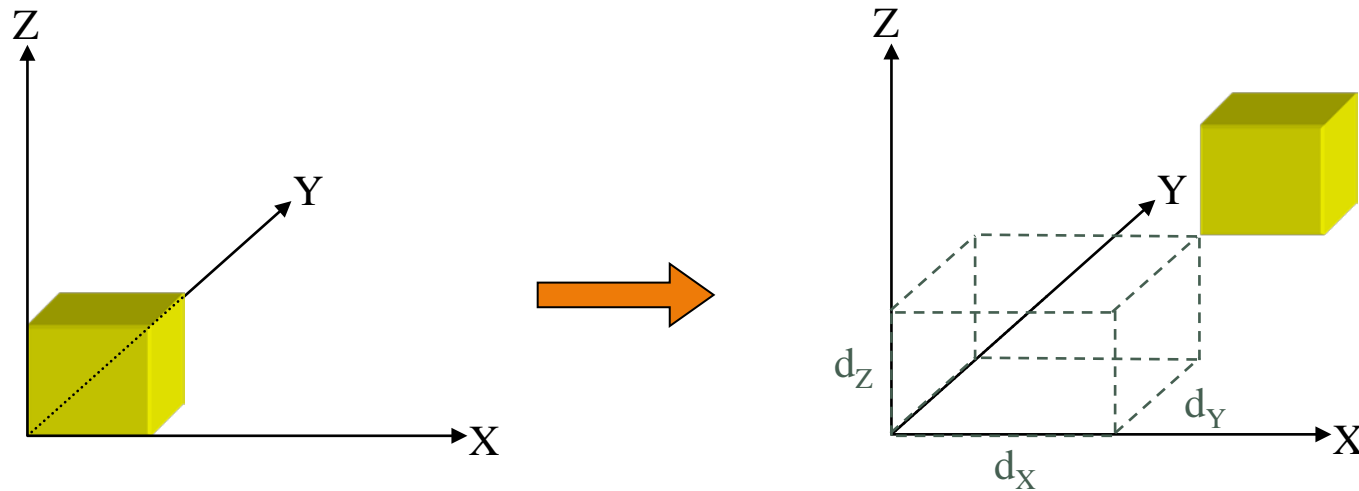
Lines remain lines:



$Mp = Ma + t(Mb - Ma)$  is the transformed line → transforming vertices is sufficient for transforming a triangle

$$Mp = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_x + t(b_x - a_x) \\ a_y + t(b_y - a_y) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11}a_x + m_{12}a_y + t(m_{11}(b_x - a_x) + m_{12}(b_y - a_y)) + m_{13} \\ m_{21}a_x + m_{22}a_y + t(m_{21}(b_x - a_x) + m_{22}(b_y - a_y)) + m_{23} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

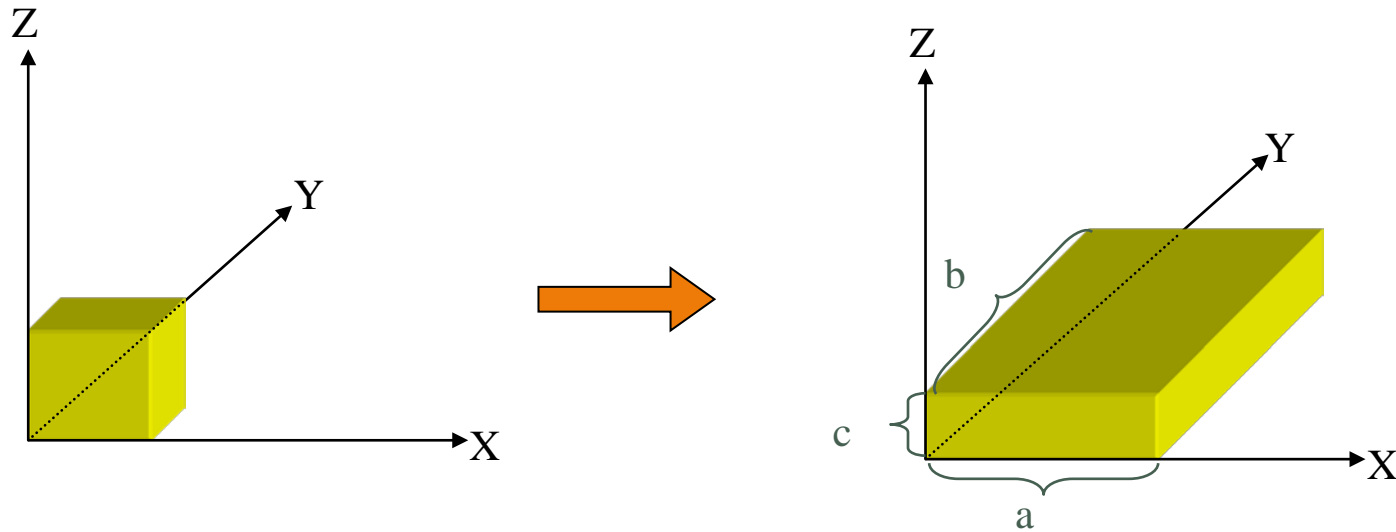
# 3D Translation



$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ Q_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & d_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & d_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

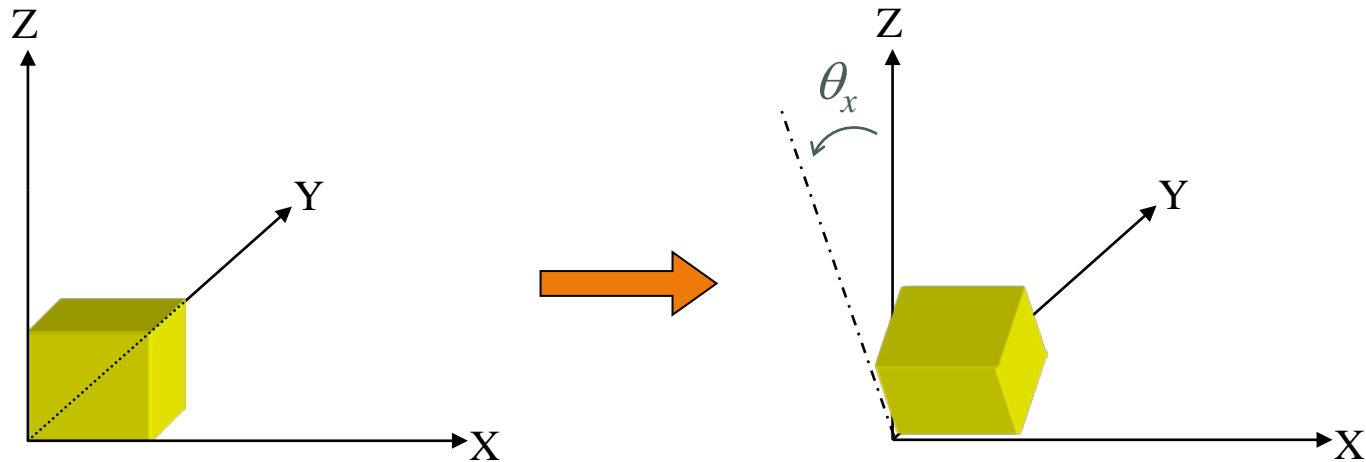


# 3D Scaling



$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ Q_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

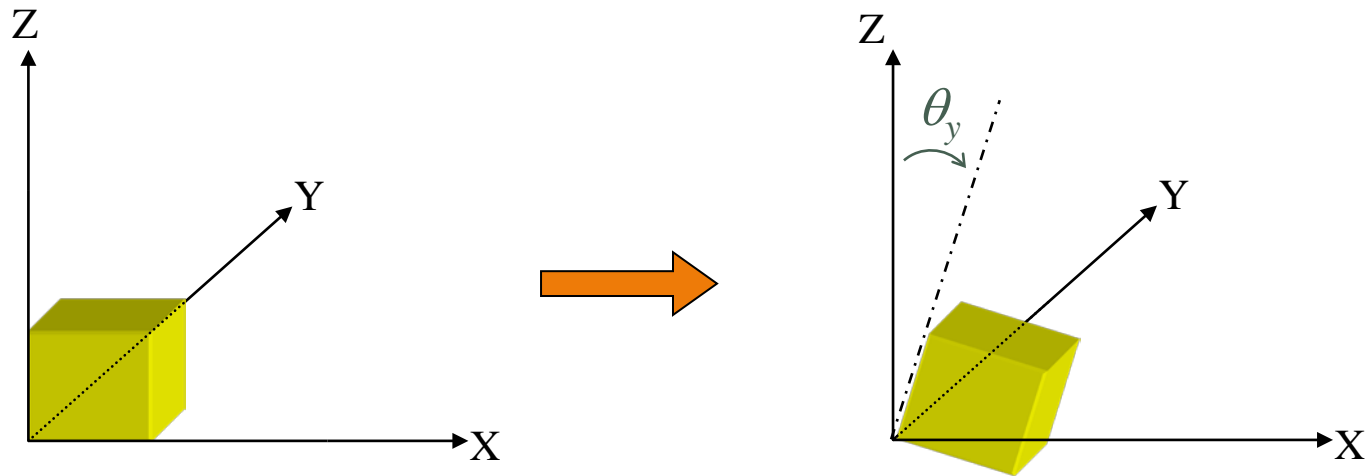
# 3D Rotation around X-axis



$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ Q_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_x & -\sin \theta_x & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta_x & \cos \theta_x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

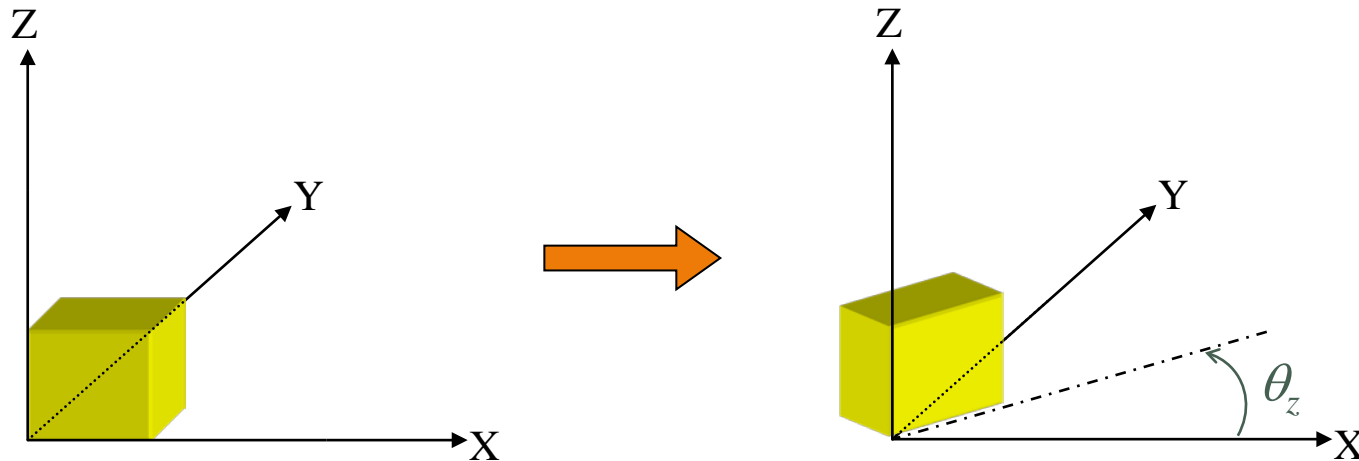
# 3D Rotation around Y-axis

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$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ Q_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_x & 0 & \sin \theta_x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_x & 0 & \cos \theta_x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# 3D Rotation around Z-axis

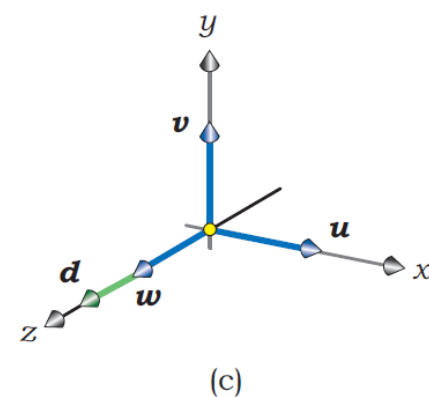
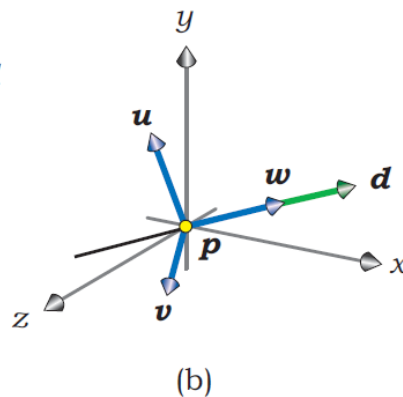
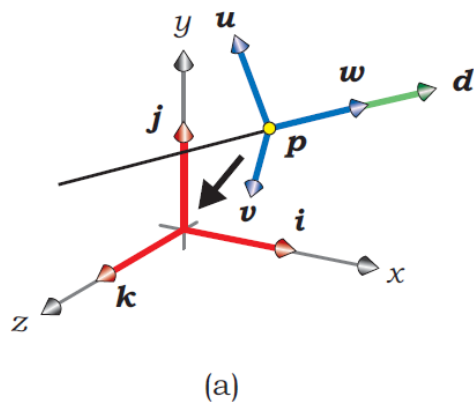


$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ Q_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_z & -\sin \theta_z & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta_z & \cos \theta_z & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

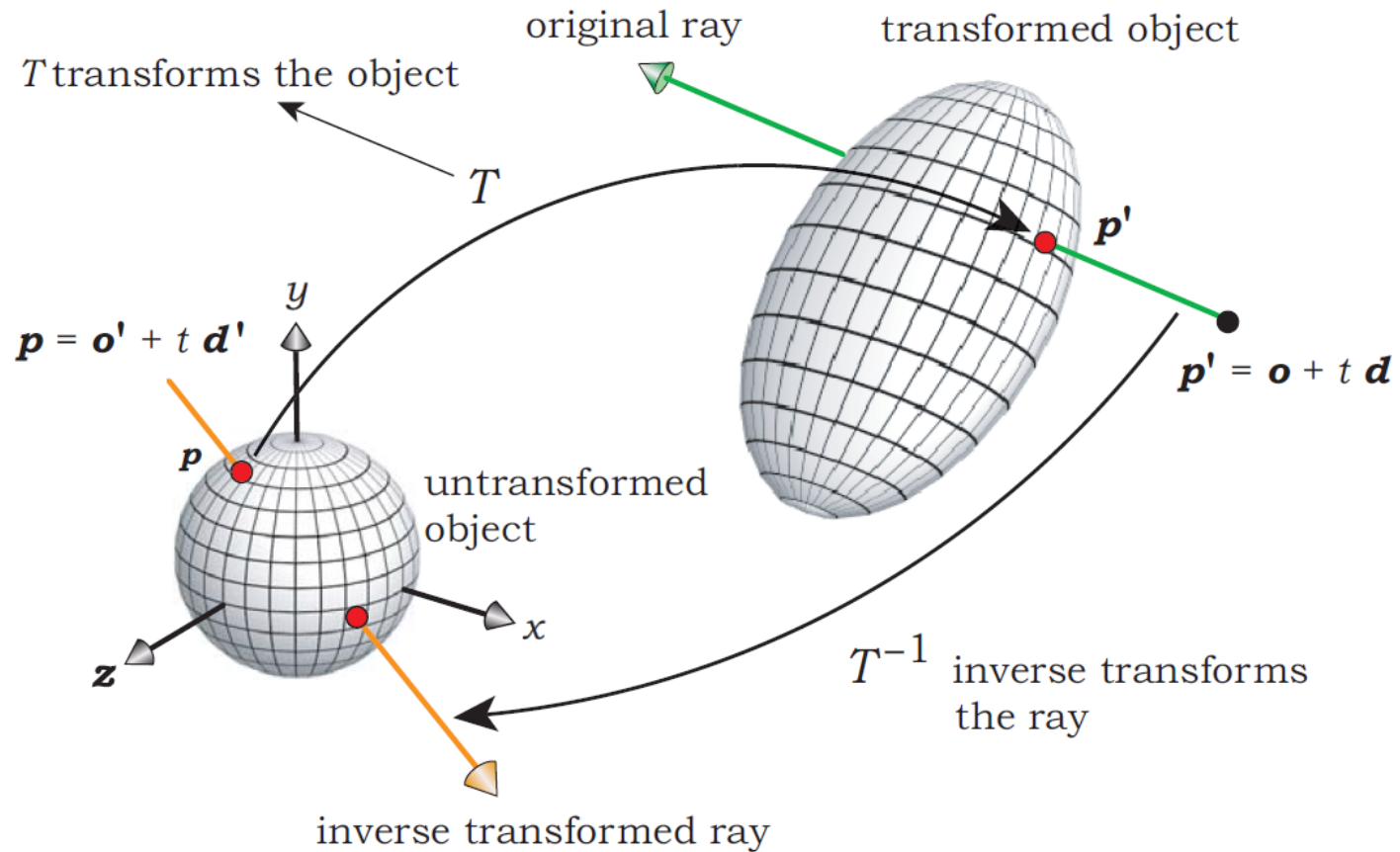
# 3D Rotation around arbitrary axis

Composite transformation:

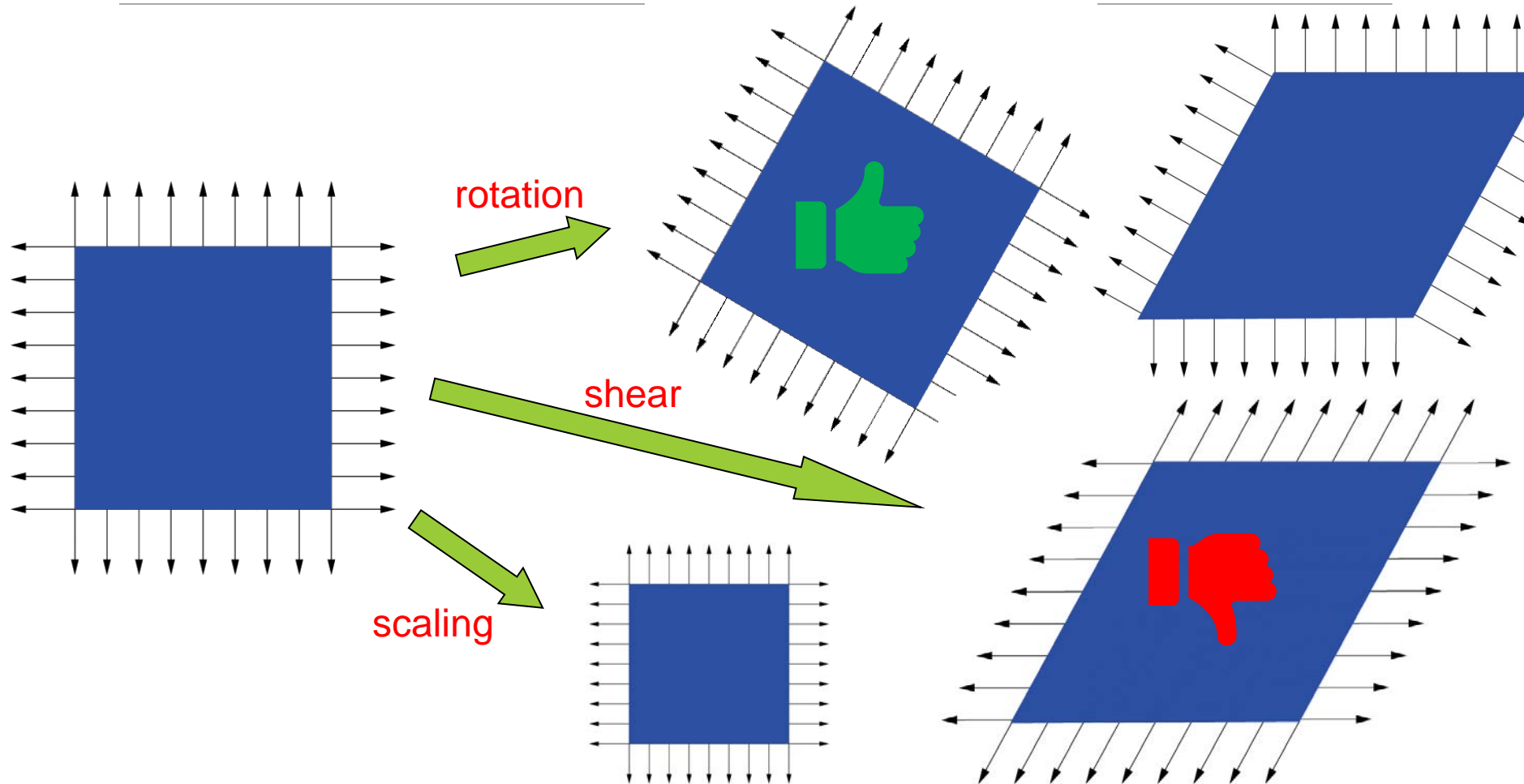
- Place axis aligned with coordinate axis
  - (translation + 2 rotations)
- Rotate around coordinate axis
- Inverse transformation
  - (2 inverse rotations + inverse translation)



# Intersecting transformed objects

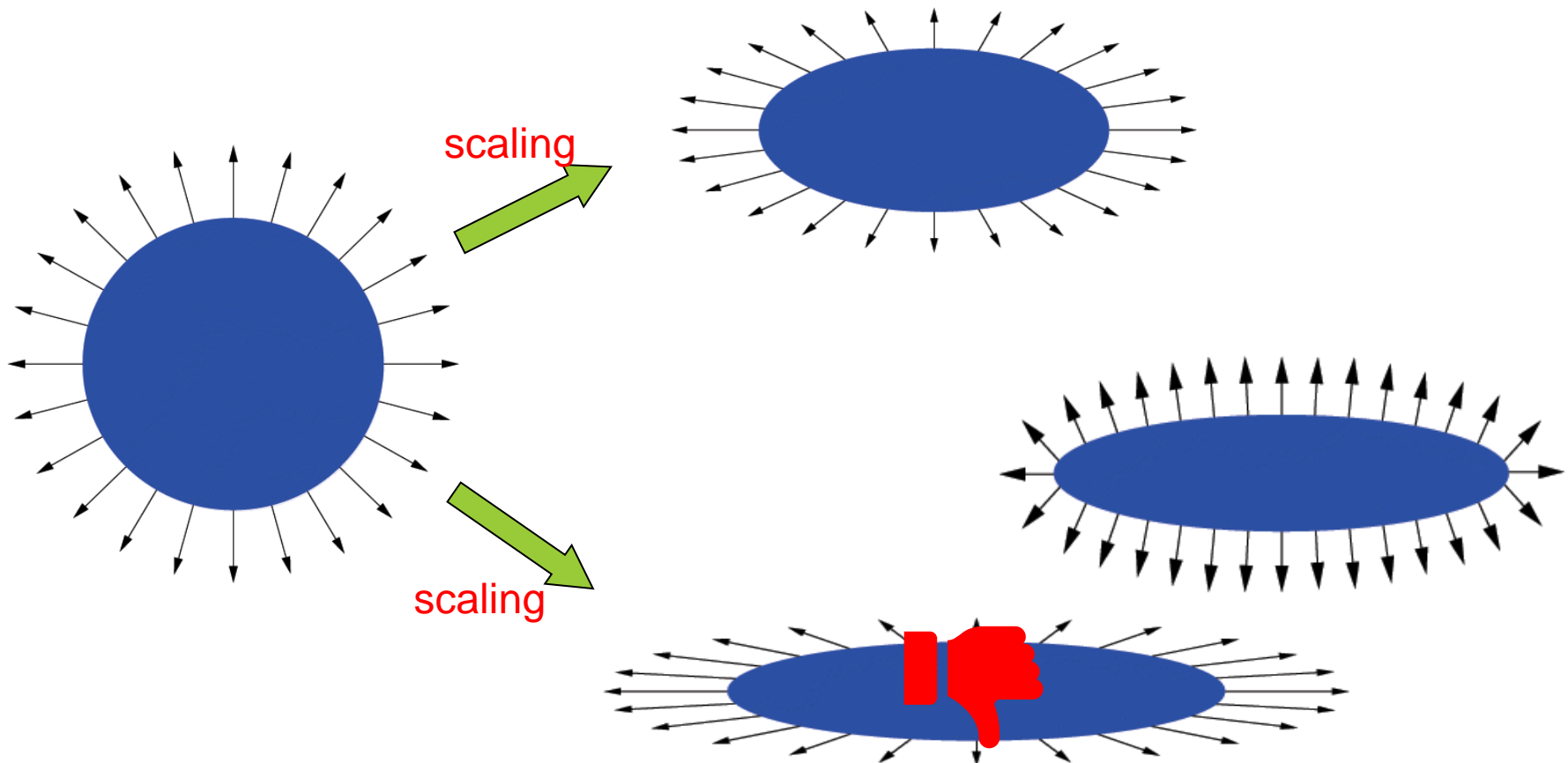


# Applying transformations to normal vectors



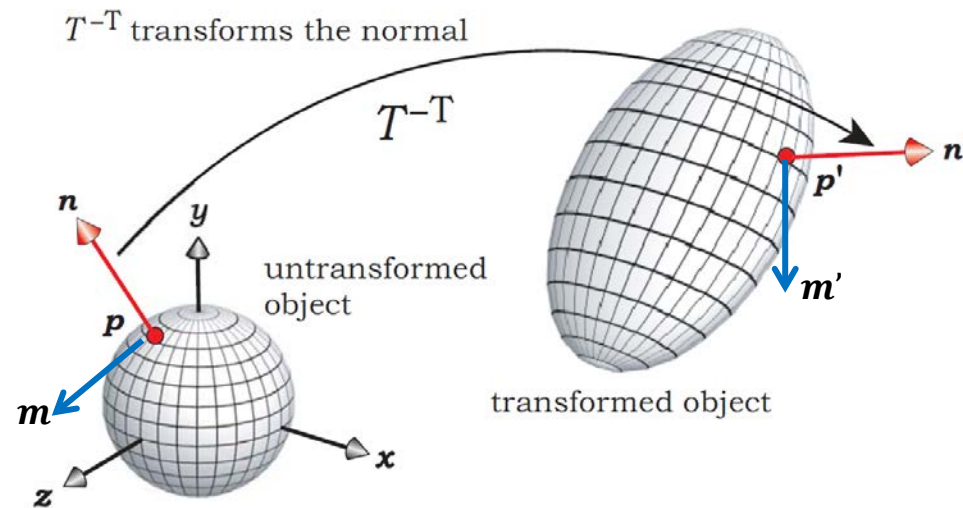
# Applying transformations to normal vectors

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# Transformation of normal vectors



$$\begin{aligned}
 n^T m &= 0 \\
 n^T Tm &= 0 \\
 n^T T^{-1}Tm &= 0 \\
 (n^T T^{-1})(Tm) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

We know:  $n'^T (Tm) = 0$

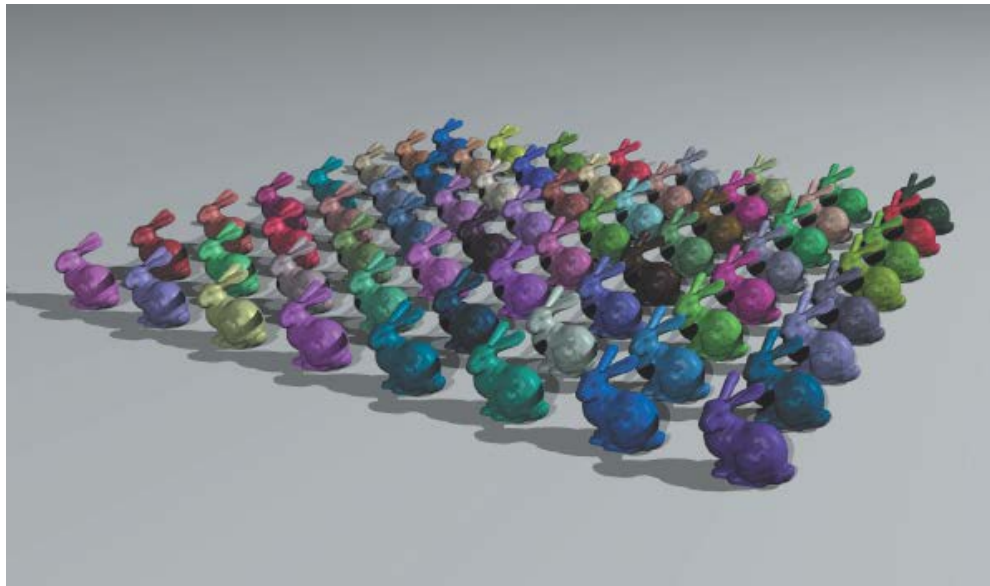
So:  $n'^T = (n^T T^{-1})$   
 $n' = (n^T T^{-1})^T$   
 $n' = (T^{-1})^T n$

# Scene graph

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Multiple objects as a data structure?

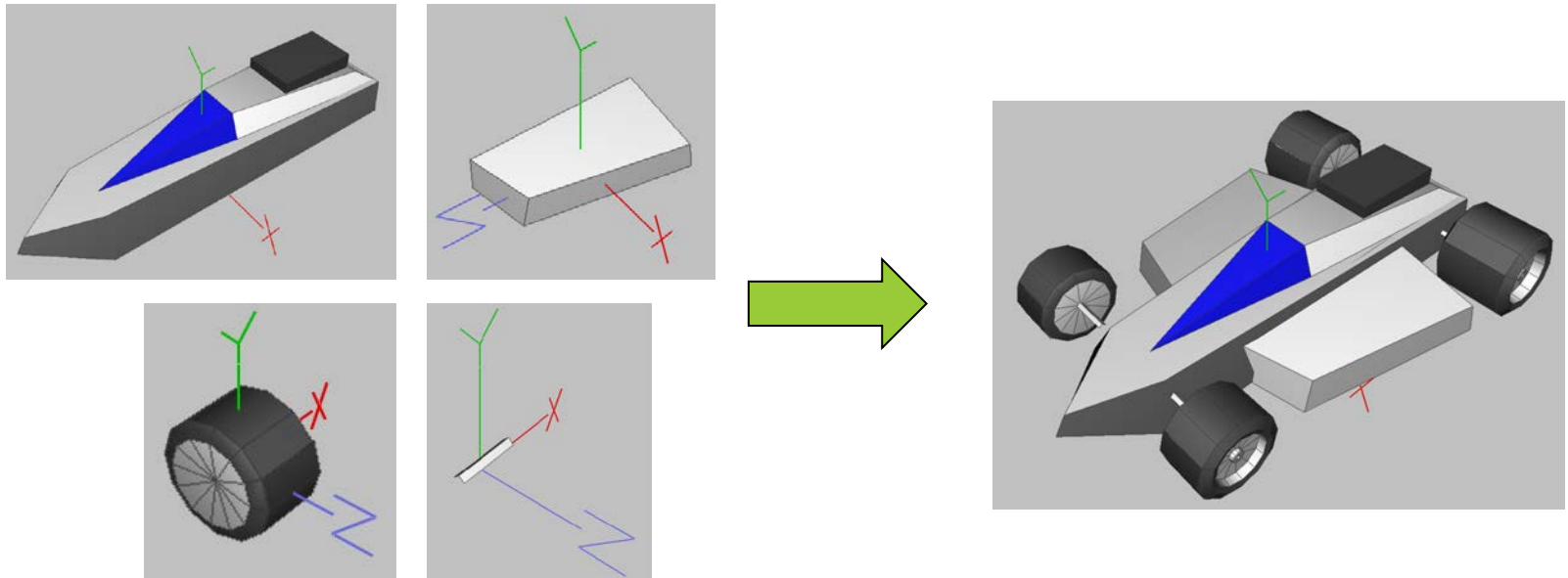
- Keep a copy of all (transformed) objects -- or --
- Keep the original object once and store transformations for each “instance”



Store 64 bunnies?  
Or store 1 bunny and  
64 transformations?

# Scene graph

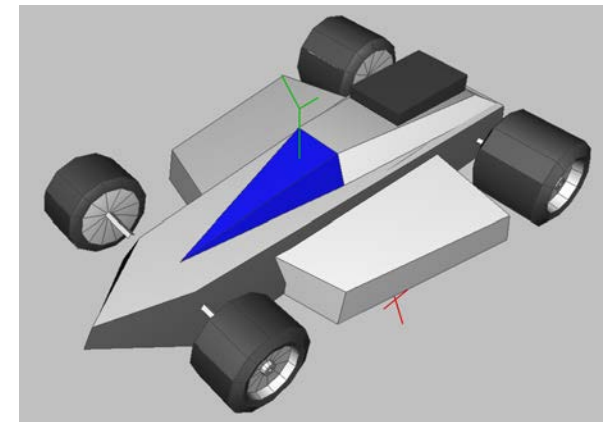
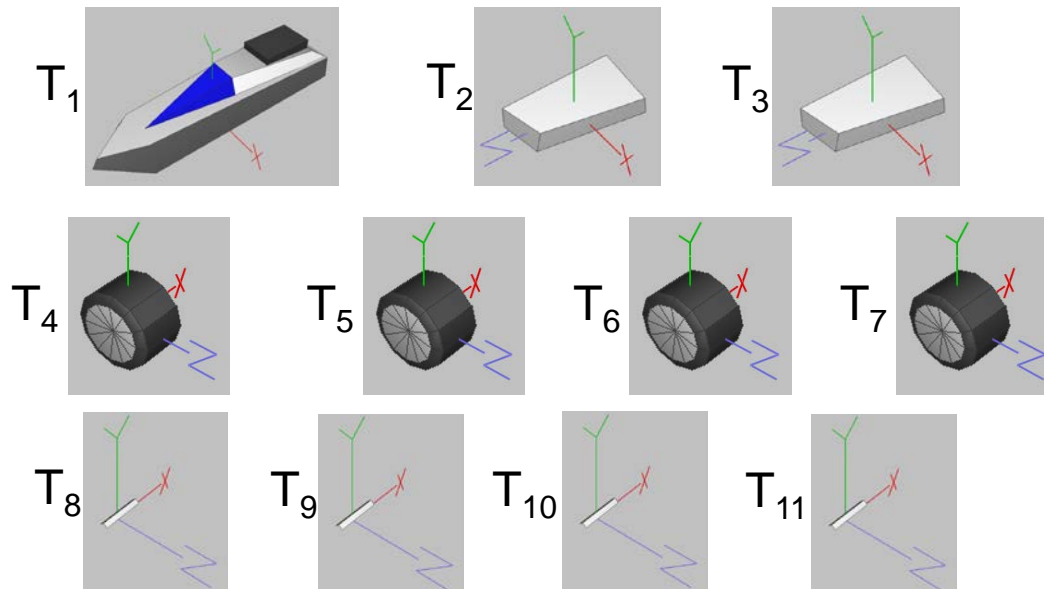
3D Objects are hierarchically modeled



# Scene graph

## Option 1:

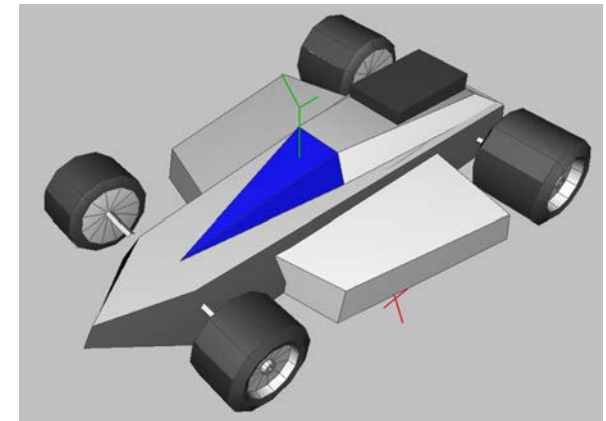
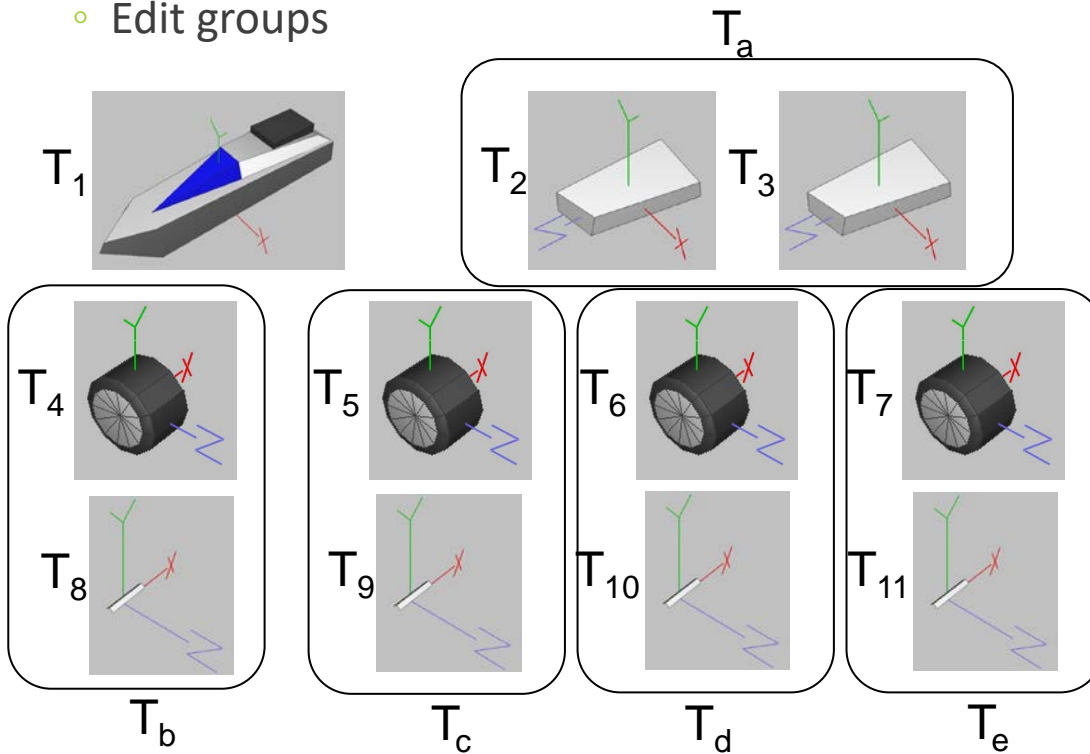
- Store copy of each component object + associated transformation
- Editing the shape is difficult ...



# Scene graph

## Option 2:

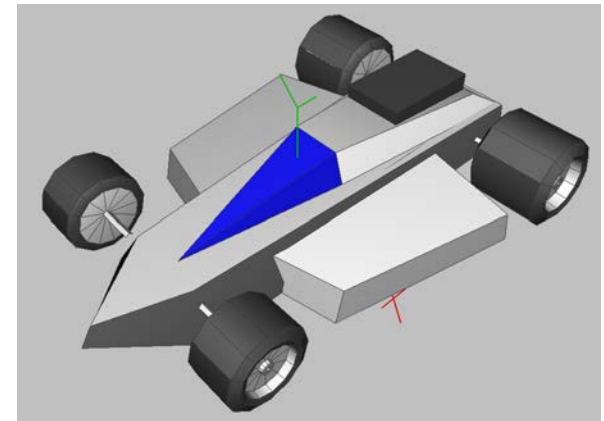
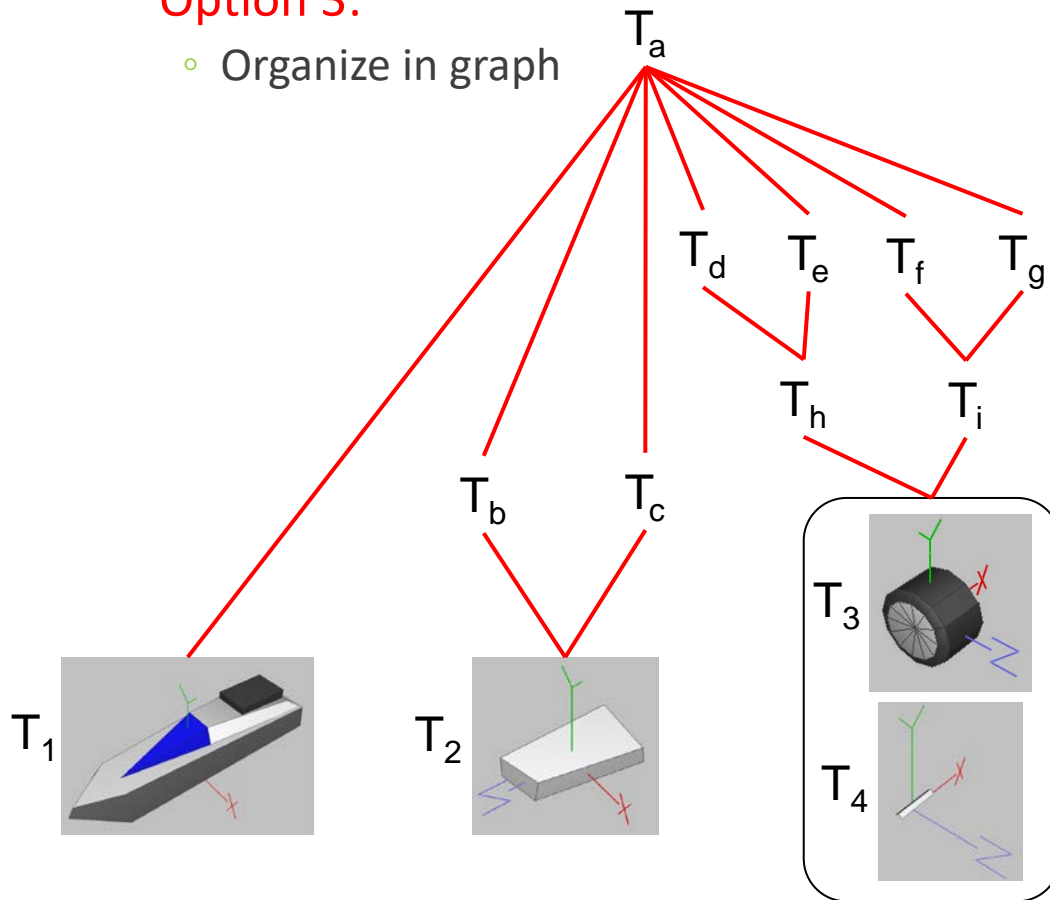
- Group objects together
- Edit groups



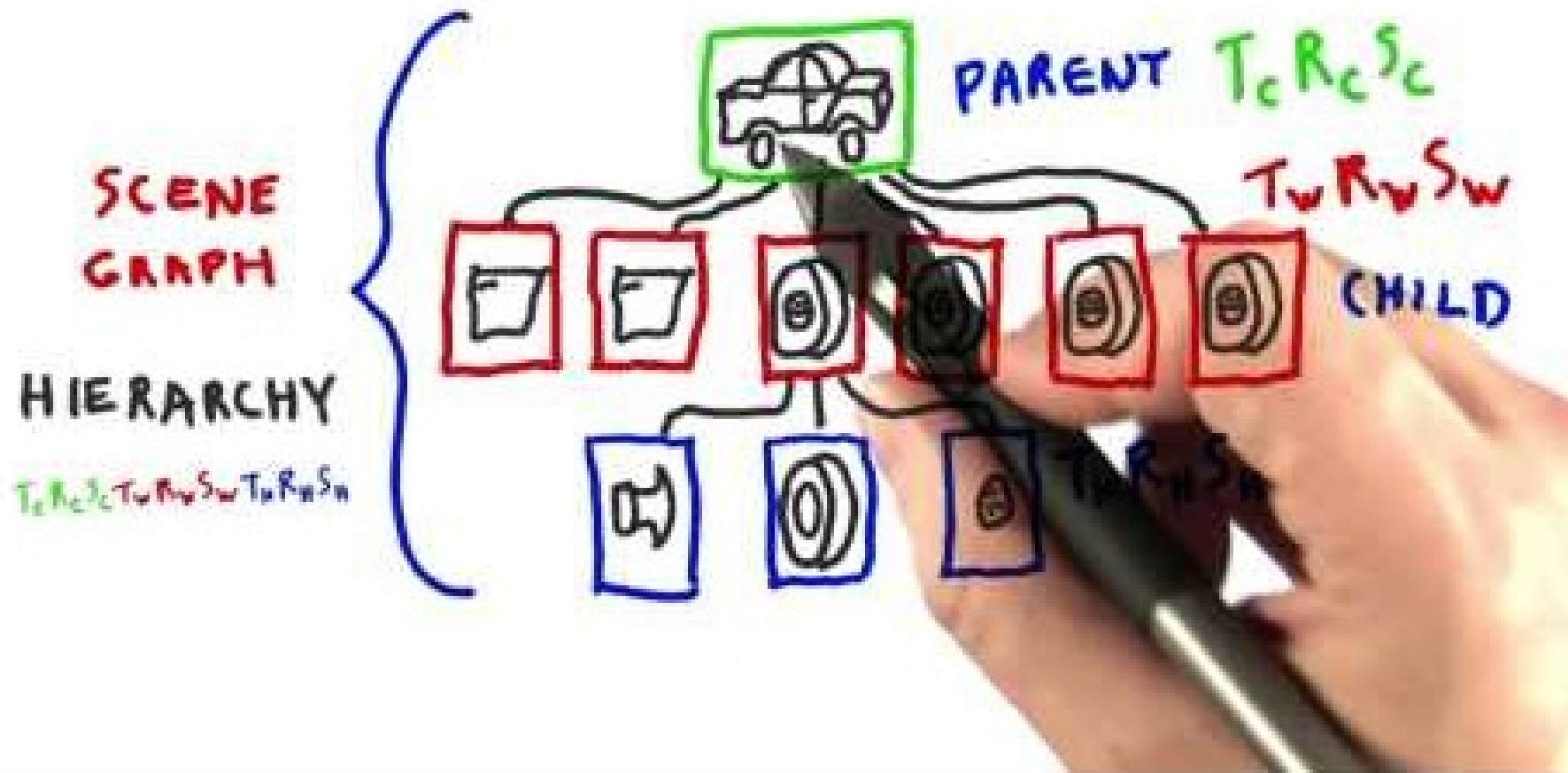
# Scene graph

## Option 3:

- Organize in graph



# HIERARCHY OF OBJECTS



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXoGR5pobG4>

# Scene graph and ray tracing

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Scene graph is used for modeling, storing, manipulating ... the scene.

How to raytrace a scene graph? (**option 1**)

- Before ray tracing is started:
  - traverse scene graph, **apply (composite) transformations to each geometric object**, place all transformed objects in 3D world, ...
- During ray tracing:
  - trace rays in fully instantiated 3D world and intersect rays with transformed objects



# Scene graph and ray tracing

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Scene graph is used for modeling, storing, manipulating ... the scene.

How to raytrace a scene graph? (option 2)

- During ray tracing:
  - traverse the scene graph for each ray, apply inverse transformations to ray
  - intersect transformed rays with original, non-transformed objects

# Scene graph and ray tracing

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## GENERATE ENTIRE WORLD

- Entire world in memory
- Difficult to intersect or represent some types of object (e.g. transformed torus)
- easier to build acceleration structures (see next lectures)

## INVERSE-TRANSFORM THE RAY

- No need to keep all instances of objects in memory
- Easy to intersect most objects (e.g. transformed torus)
- more difficult to build acceleration structures (see next lectures)

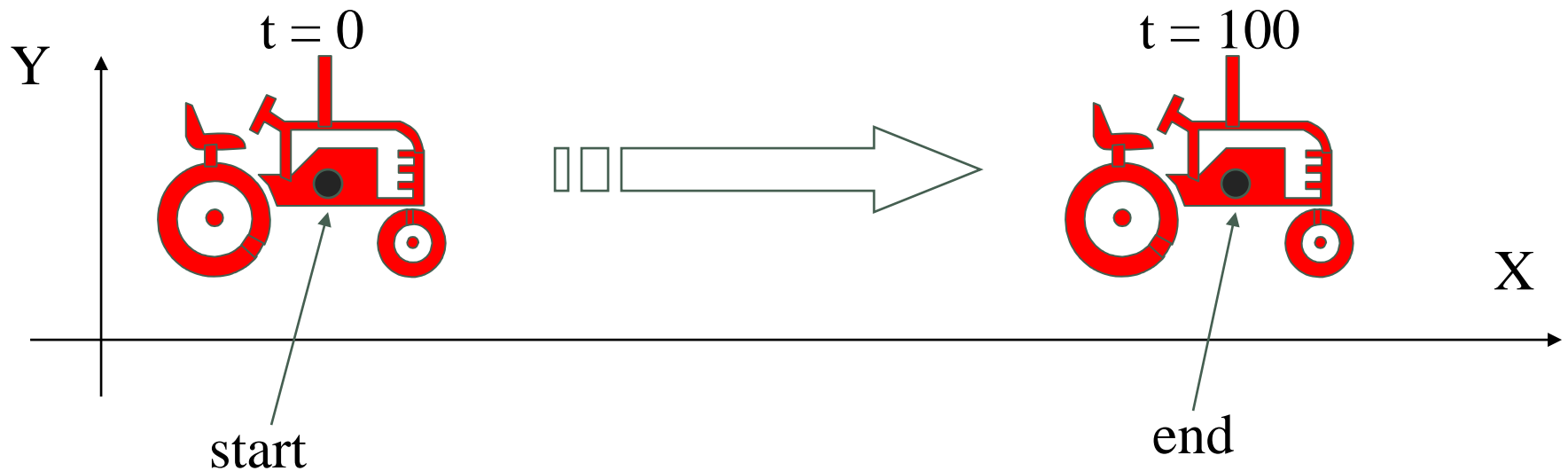
➔ Often a hybrid approach is used

# Appendix: Scene graph examples

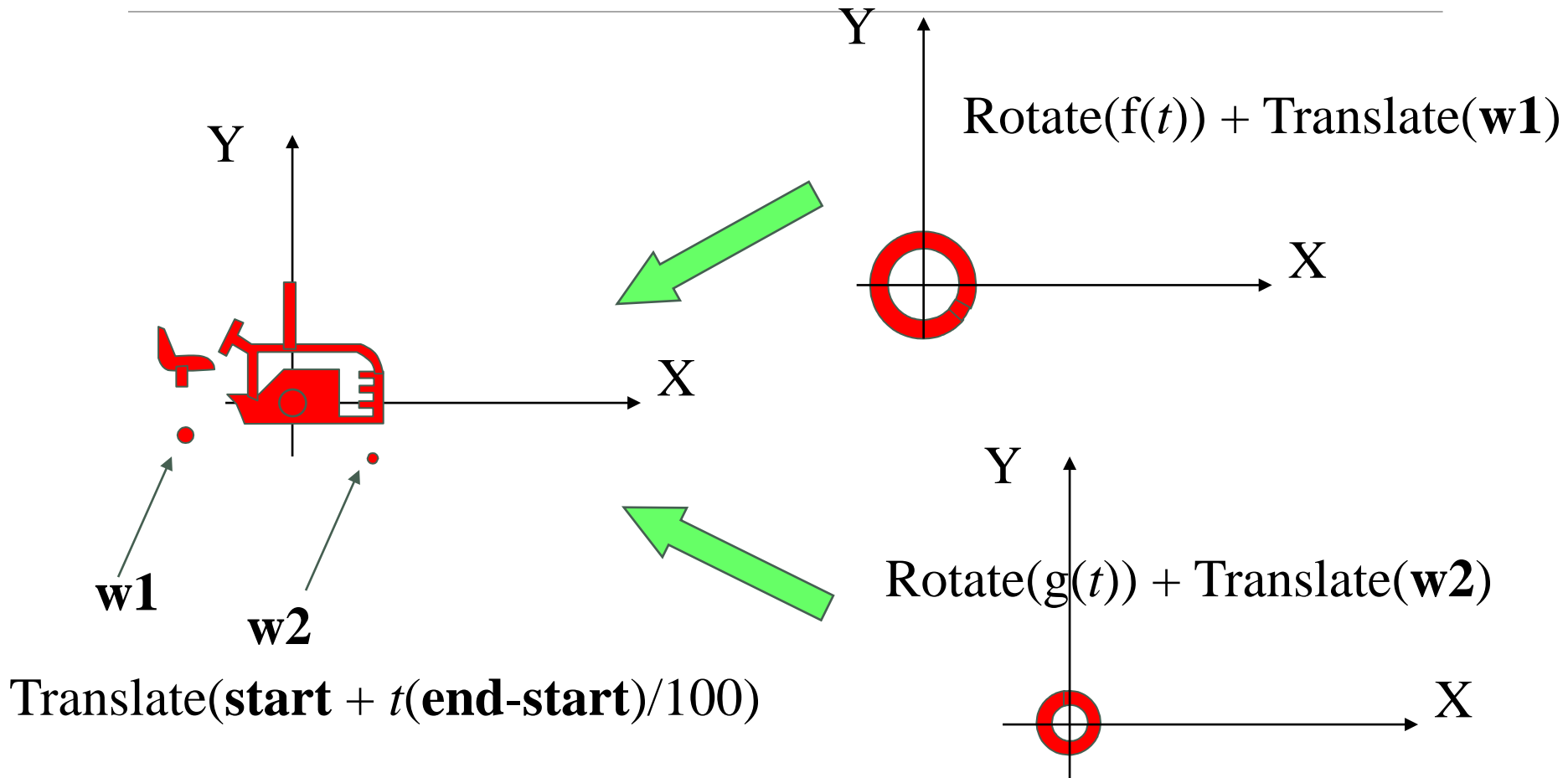
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# Scene graph: moving tractor

Model a vehicle with rotating wheels ...

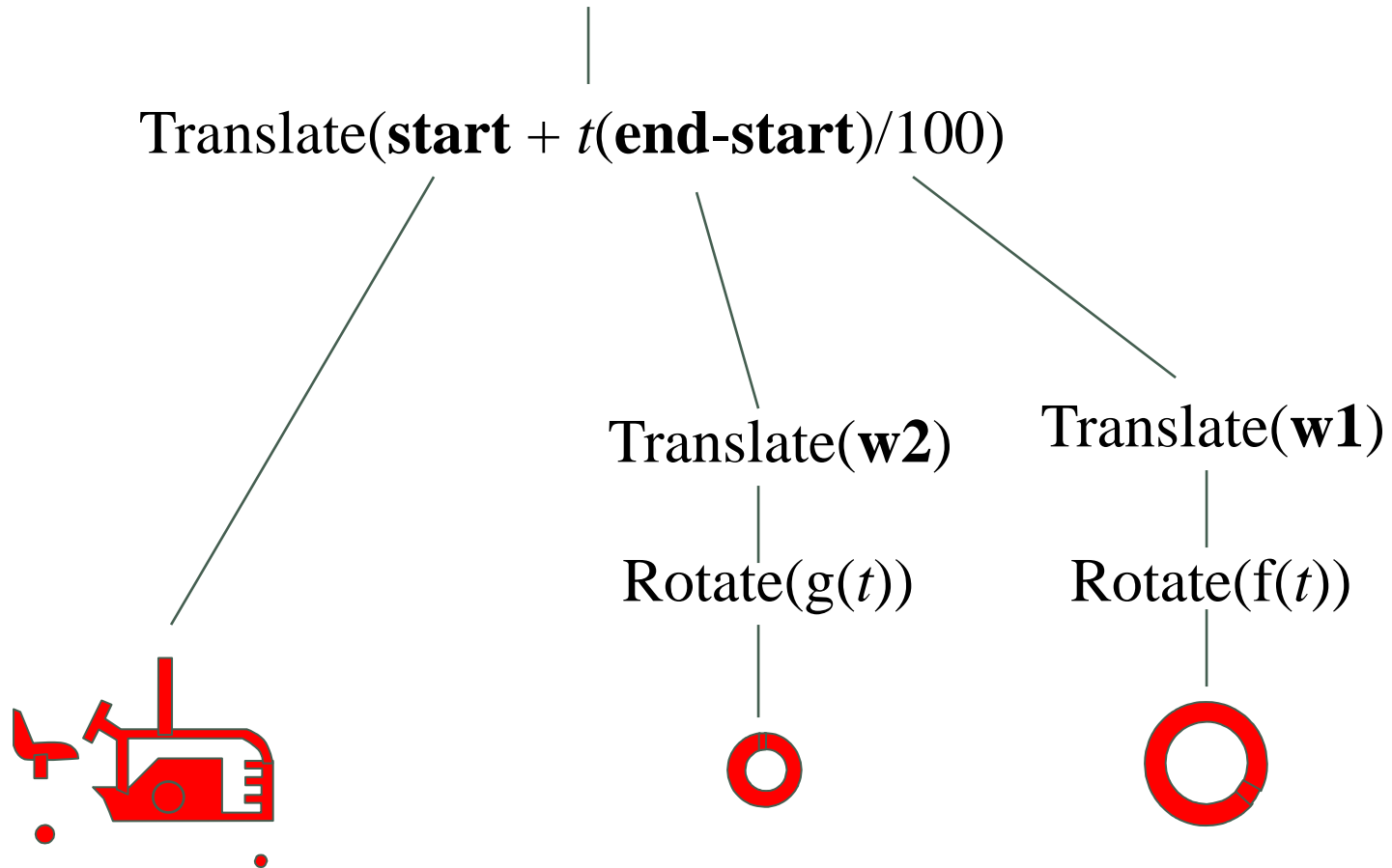


# Scene graph: moving tractor



# Scene graph: moving tractor

Scene (identity matrix)



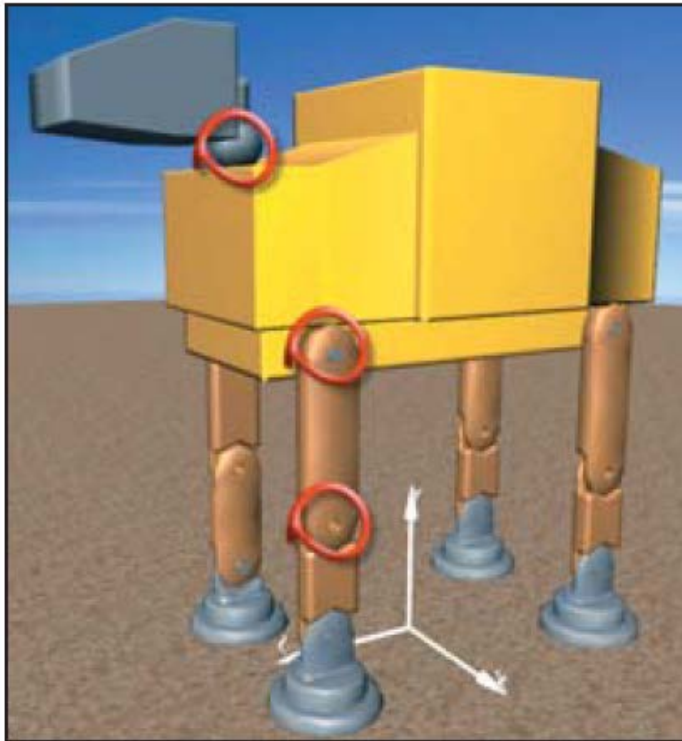
# Scene graph: camel caravan

(Computer Graphics: Principles and practice, Hughes et al.)

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## Camel model

- 3 (rotation) joints: neck, hip, knee



# Scene graph: camel caravan

(Computer Graphics: Principles and practice, Hughes et al.)

## Model of a single leg

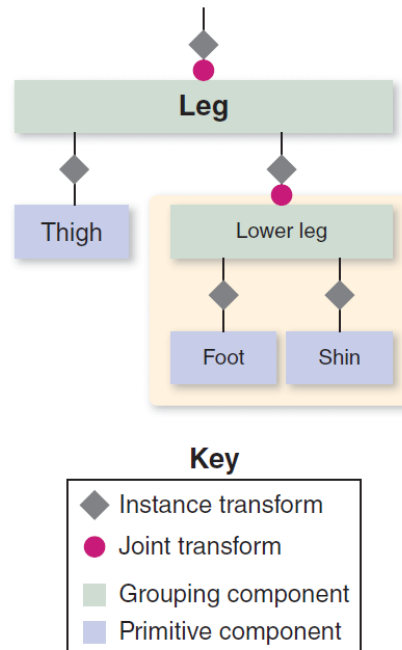


Figure 6.41: Scene graph of the camel-leg model. Here, and below, we use a beige background to highlight a portion of the graph that is being used as a component or submodel.



# Scene graph: camel caravan

(Computer Graphics: Principles and practice, Hughes et al.)

## Model of a single leg

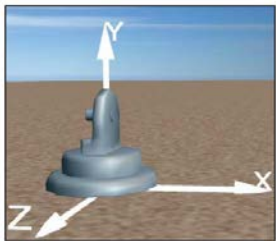


Figure 6.42: Rendering of the foot model, at its canonical position at the origin.

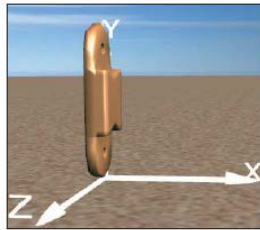


Figure 6.43: Rendering of the shin model, at its canonical position at the origin.



Figure 6.45: Rendering of the lower-leg model, now corrected via application of a modeling transformation on the shin sub-component.



Figure 6.47: Rendering of the complete leg model.

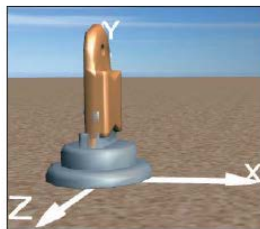


Figure 6.44: Rendering of a first draft of a lower-leg model, constructed by composing the two subcomponents without moving them from their canonical positions at the origin of the coordinate system.

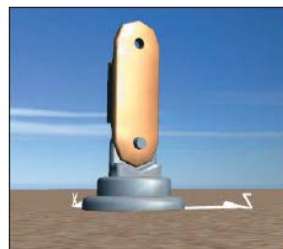


Figure 6.46: Rendering of the lower-leg model from a second point of view.

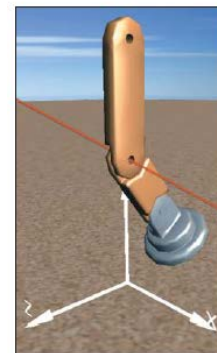


Figure 6.48: Result of specifying a 37° rotation at the knee joint, annotated with a red line through the joint, parallel to the x-axis, showing the axis of rotation.

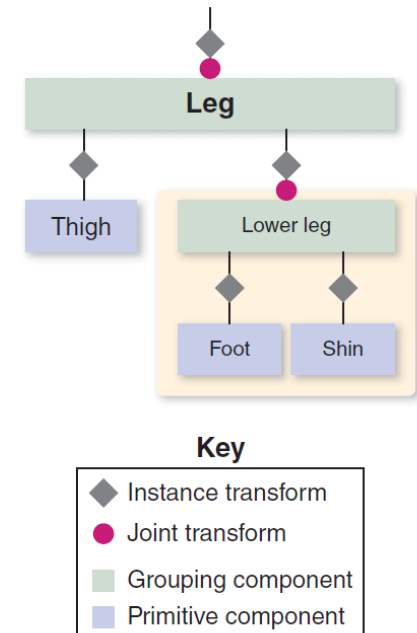


Figure 6.41: Scene graph of the camel-leg model. Here, and below, we use a beige background to highlight a portion of the graph that is being used as a component or submodel.

# Scene graph: camel caravan

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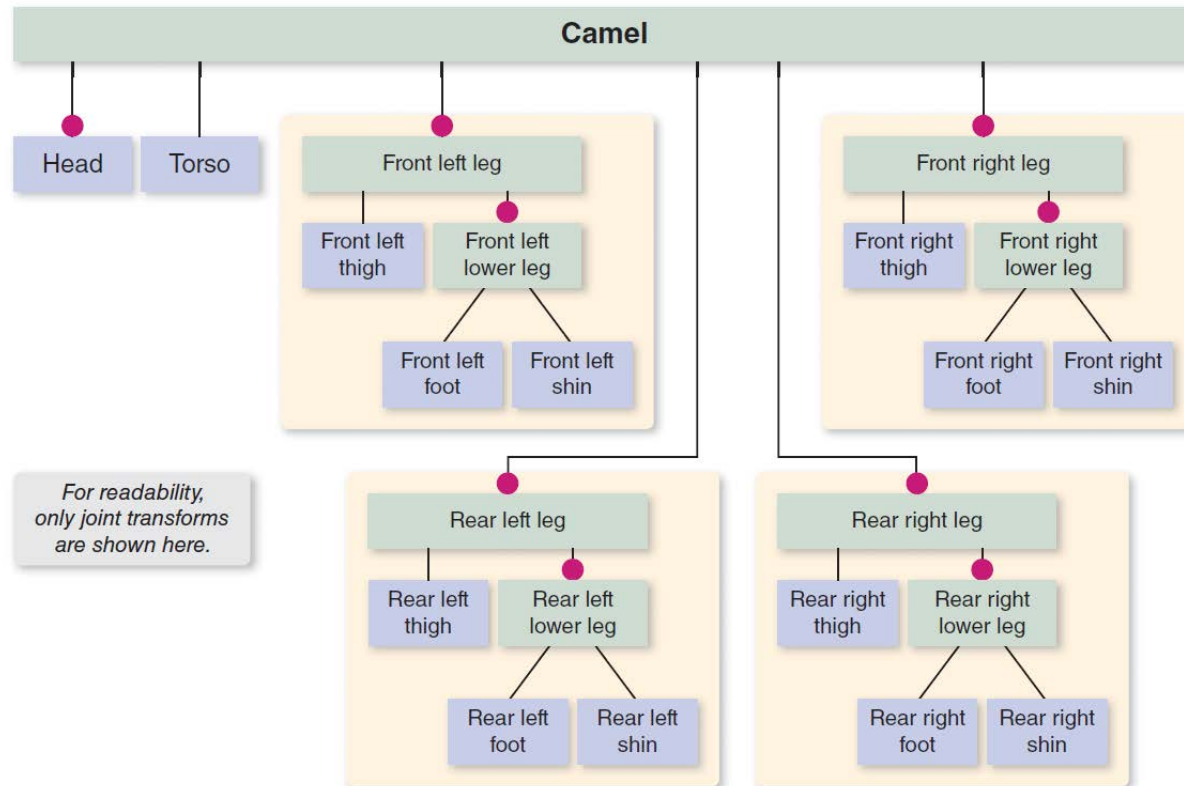
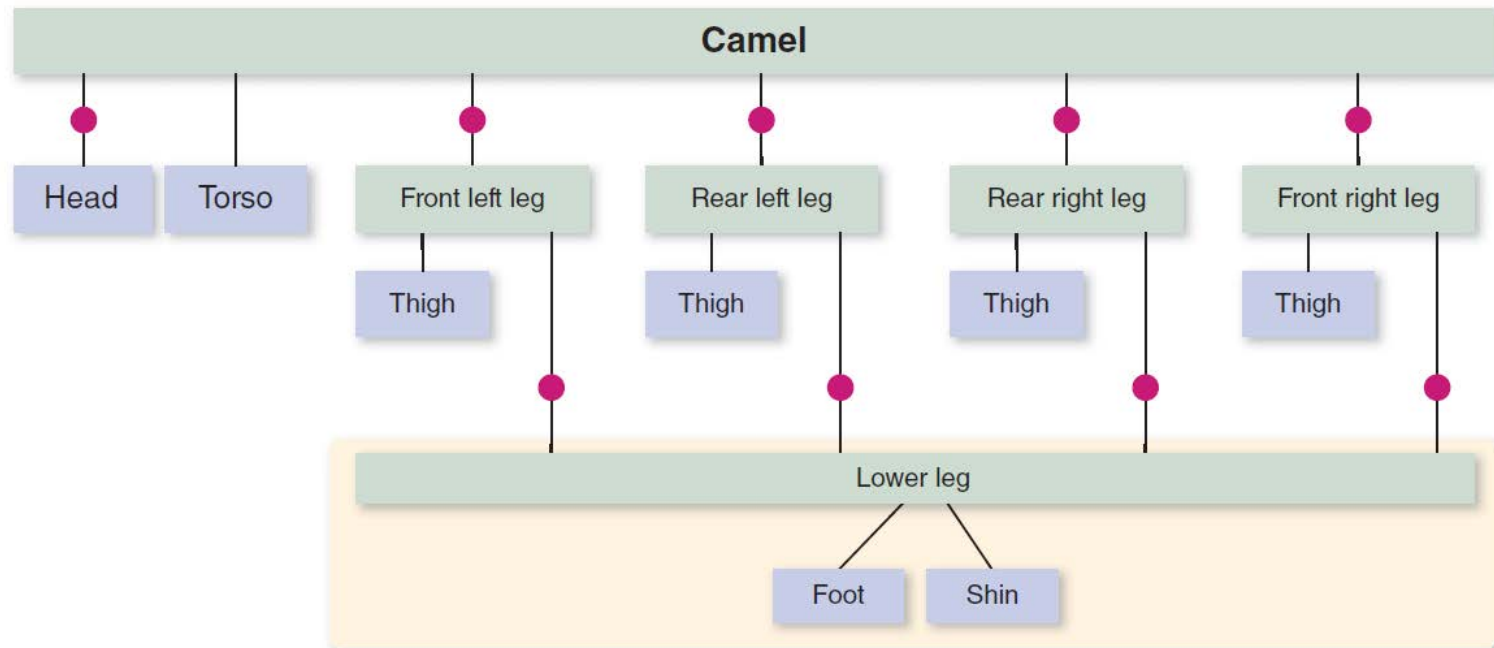


Figure 6.49: Scene graph of a camel constructed without reusable components, allowing individual control of each joint.

# Scene graph: camel caravan

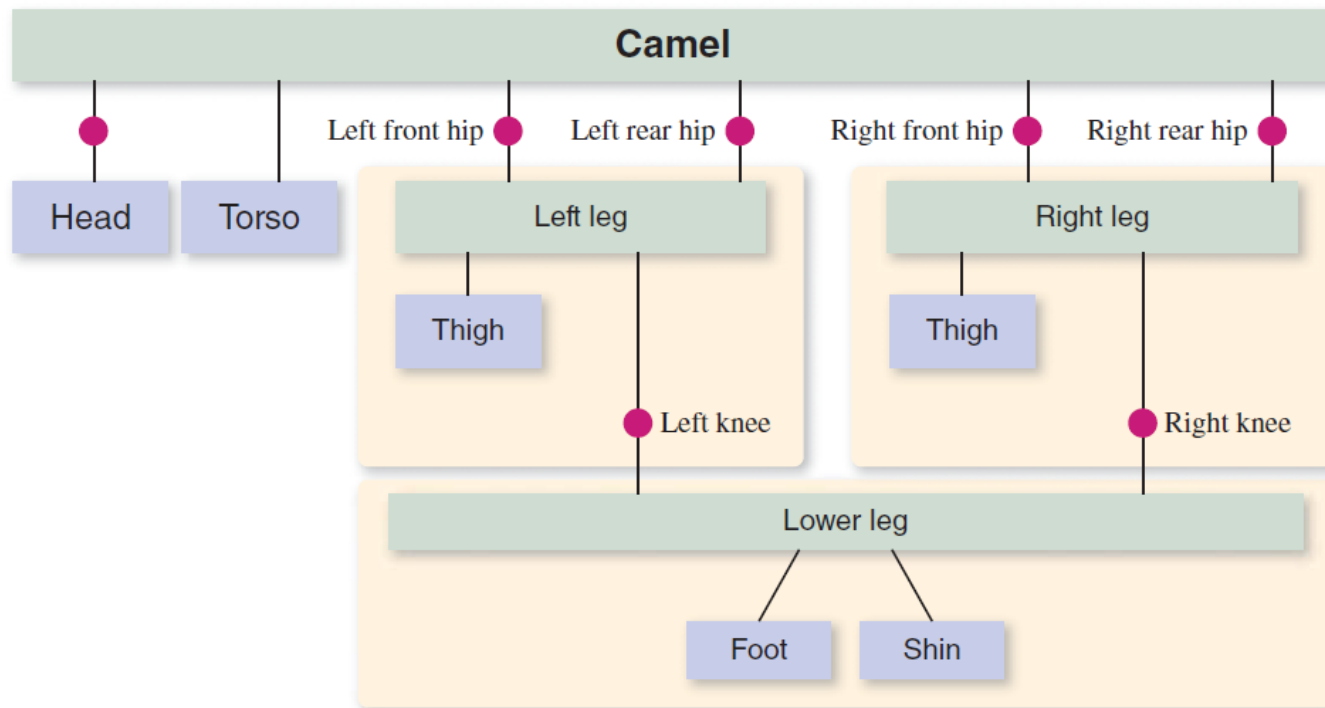
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*Figure 6.50: Reducing the storage cost by reusing a lower-leg submodel, with no loss of flexibility in joint control.*

# Scene graph: camel caravan

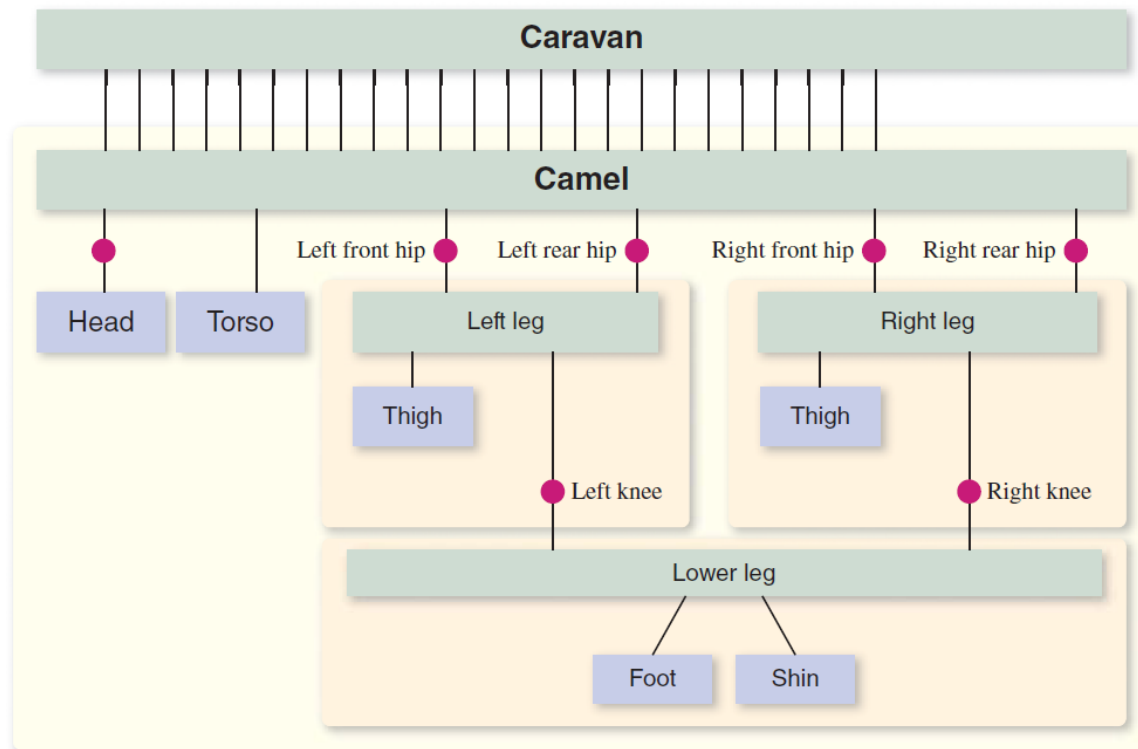
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*Figure 6.51: Reducing the storage cost by reusing a model for the left-side legs and a separate model for the right-side legs, with great loss of flexibility in joint control.*

# Scene graph: camel caravan

(Computer Graphics: Principles and practice, Hughes et al.)



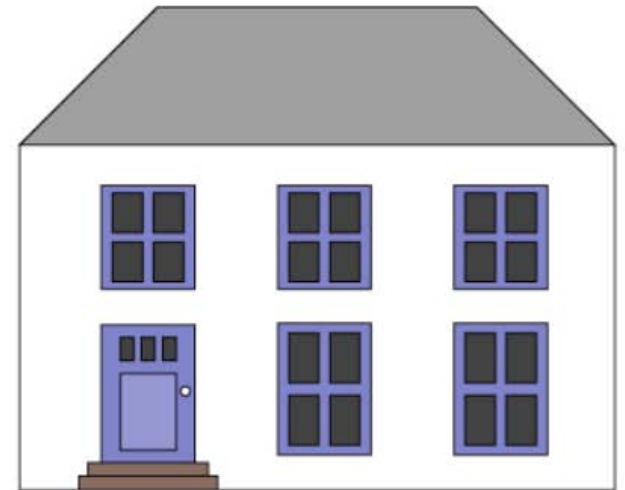
*Figure 6.52: Modeling a caravan by reusing a single camel model, a highly scalable approach at the cost of excessive synchronized leg movement.*

# Scene graph: 2D House

Modeling a scene: many different transformations on different objects

Editing is difficult

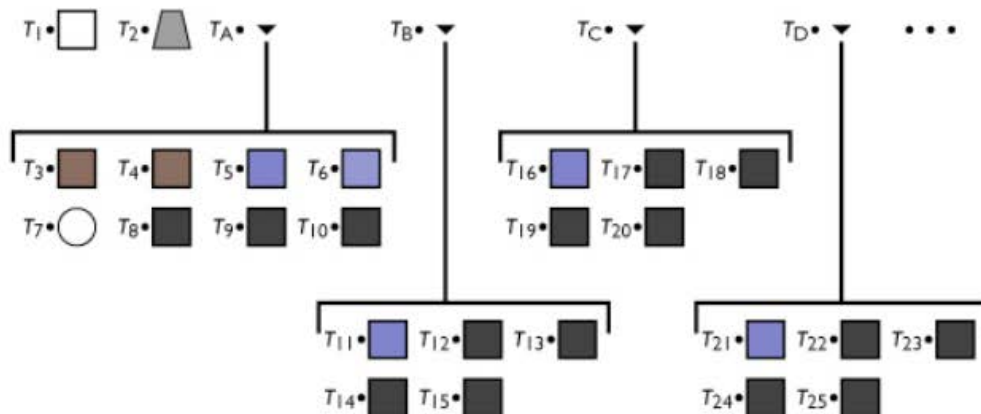
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# Scene graph: 2D House

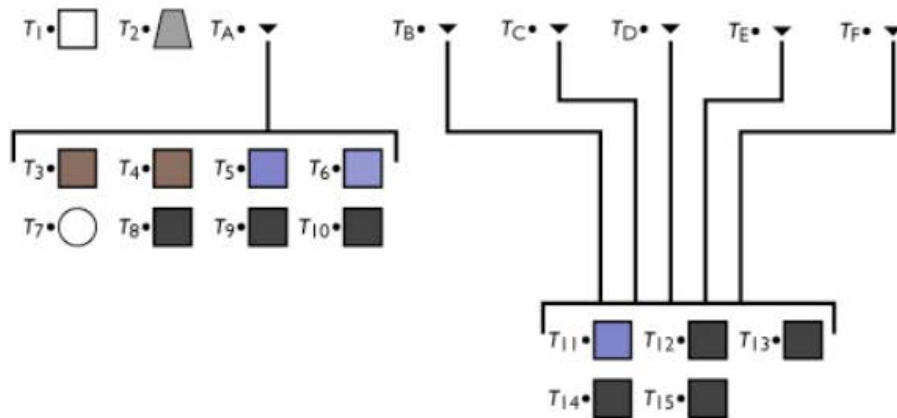
Group objects together

Edit groups



# Scene graph: 2D House

Group objects, traverse graph to process scene

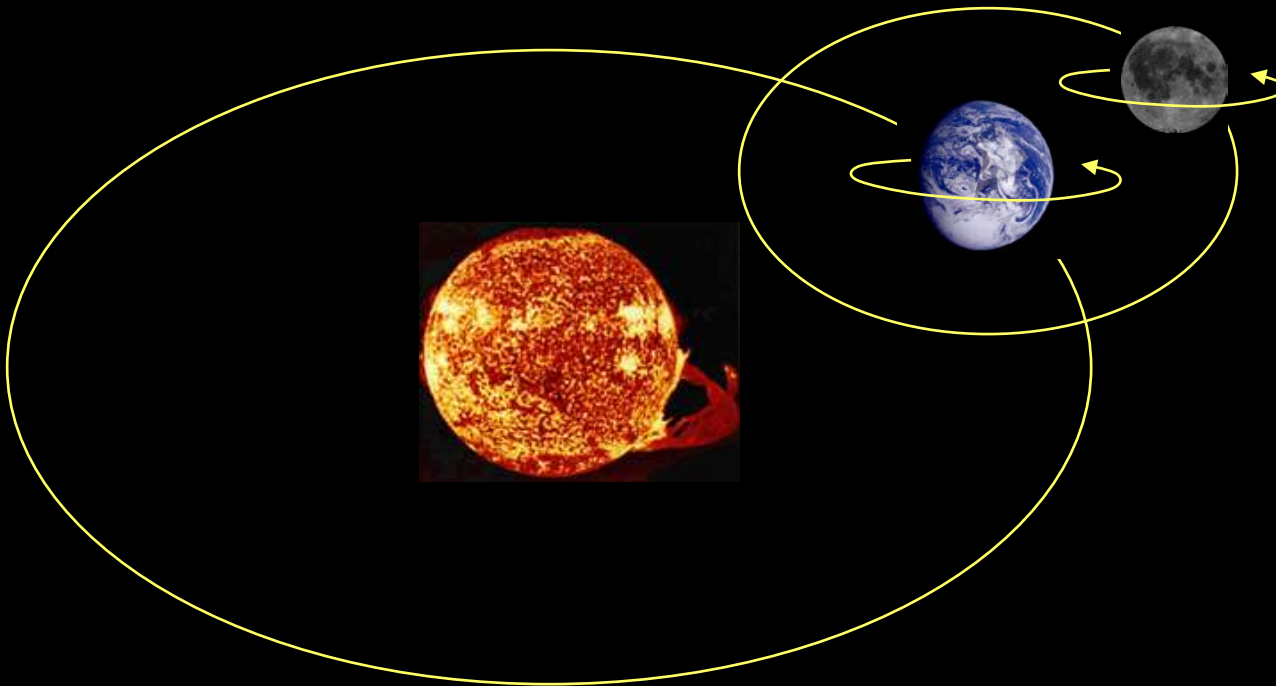




# Scene graph: Sun-Earth-Moon

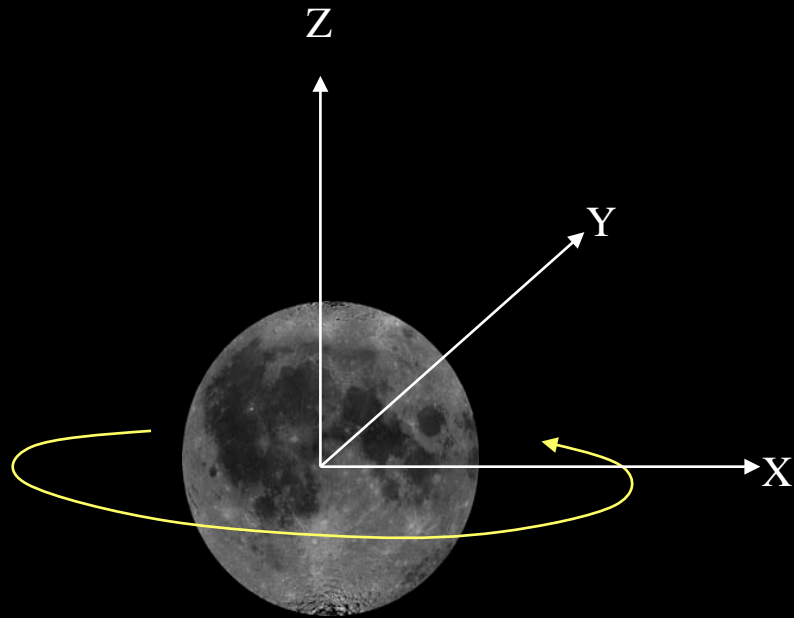
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## □ Rotating planets ...



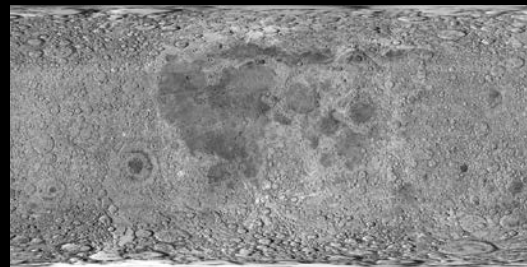
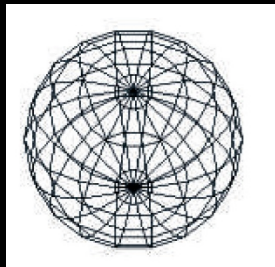
# Scene graph: Sun-Earth-Moon

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Scale:  $S(\text{moon\_size})$

Rotate:  $R(\text{moon\_rotation})$

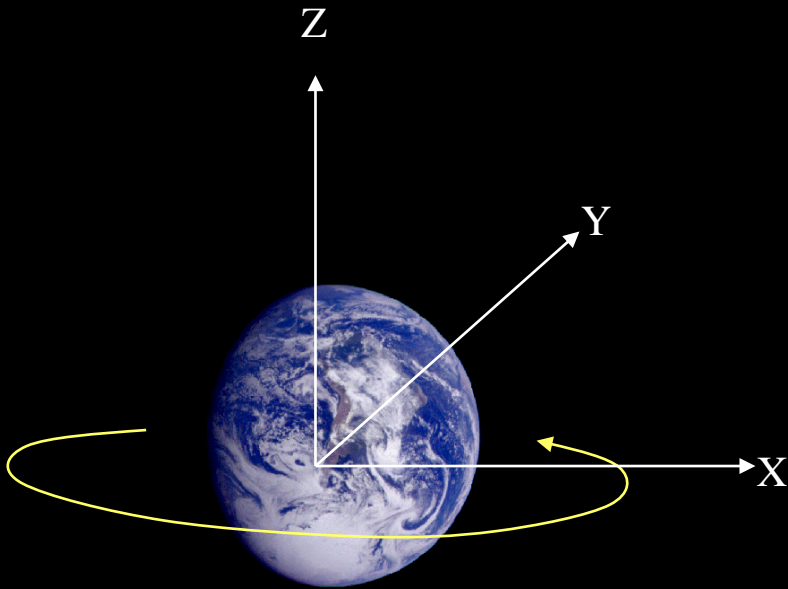


Geometry + texture (later ... )

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# Scene graph: Sun-Earth-Moon

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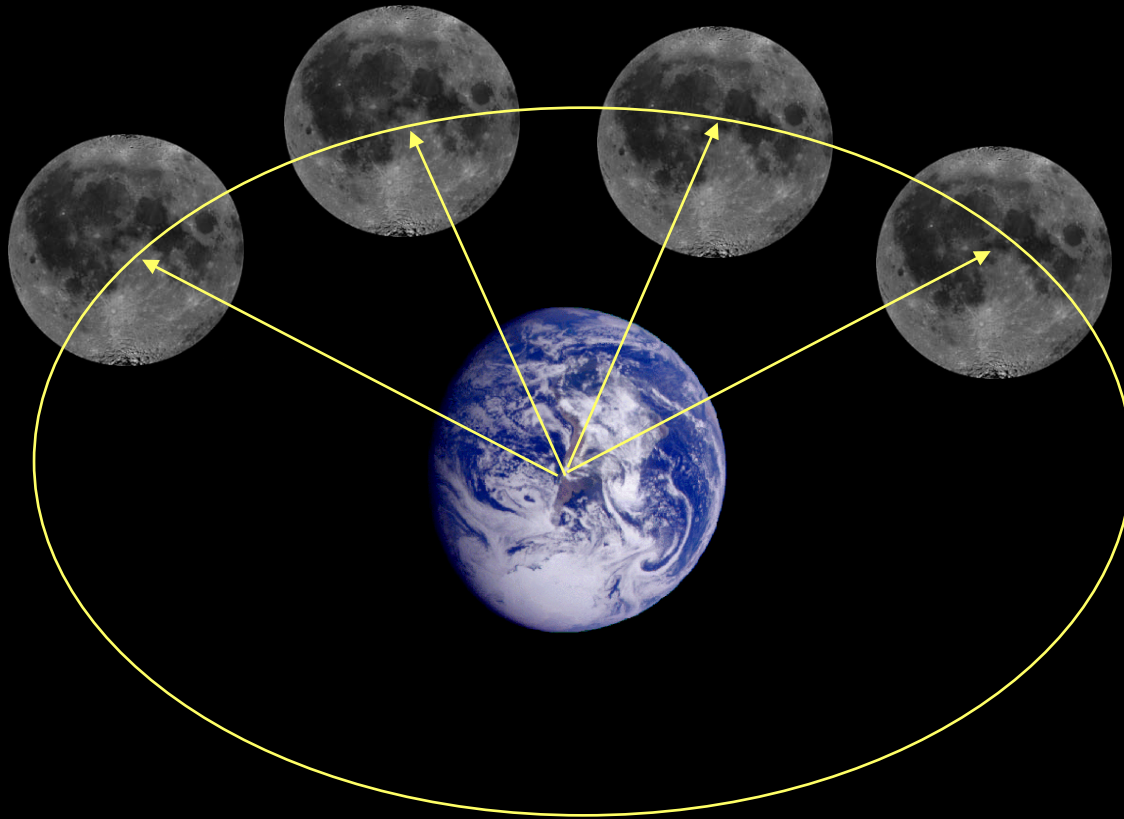


Scale:  $S(\text{earth\_size})$

Rotate:  $R(\text{earth\_rotation})$

# Scene graph: Sun-Earth-Moon

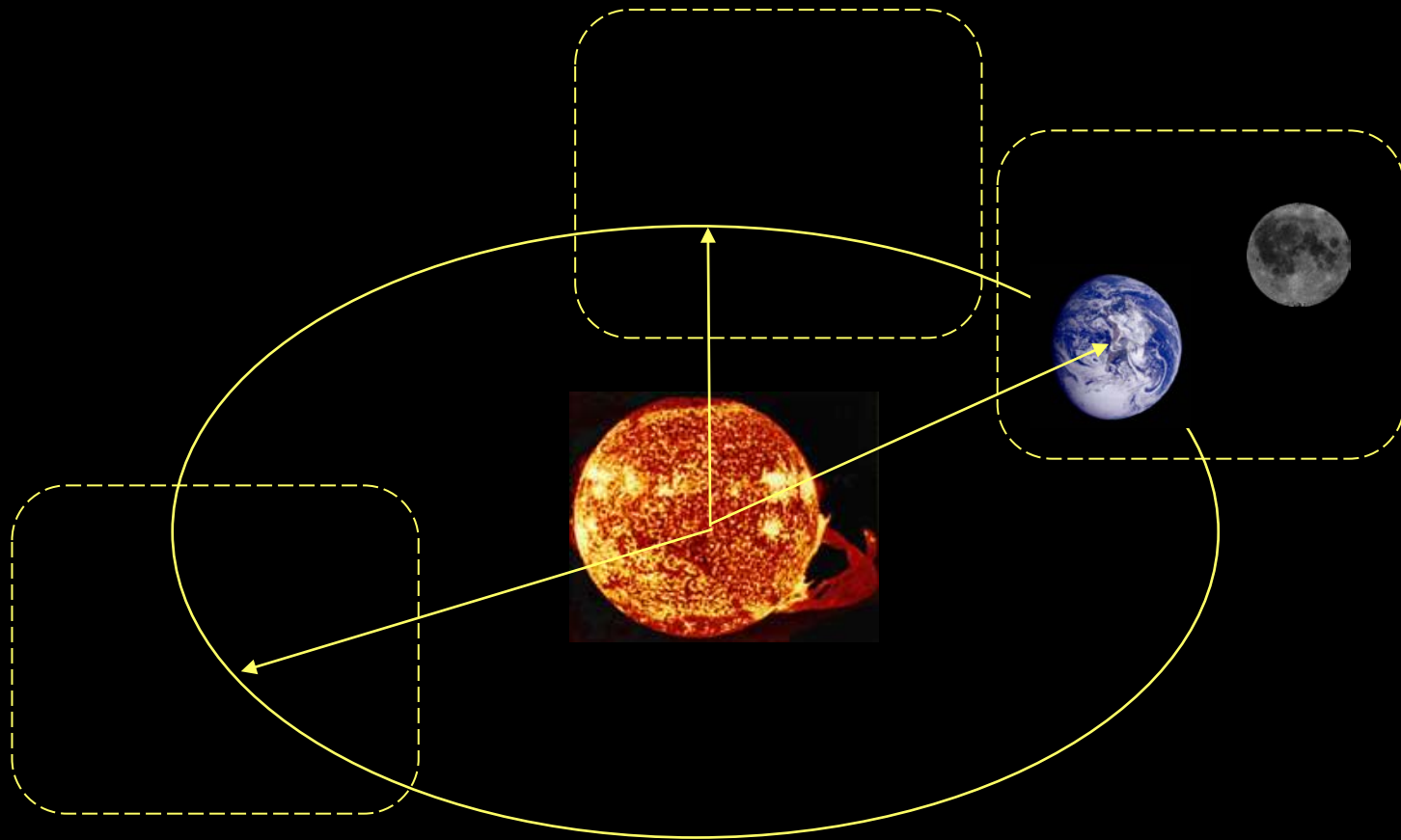
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Translate  $T(\text{moon-earth})$

# Scene graph: Sun-Earth-Moon

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Scale  $S(\text{sun\_size})$

Translation  $T(\text{earth-sun})$

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# Scene graph: Sun-Earth-Moon

