

Lesson 1 - Introduction to three.js

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First example

In the first exercise we created a 3D scene, a camera and a renderer. To this scene we added a cube. Then we define a “*render()*” function to continuously render the scene, updating the rotation of the cube with *cube.rotation.x* += 0,01 and *cube.rotation.y* += 0,01 and also the camera's projection matrix.

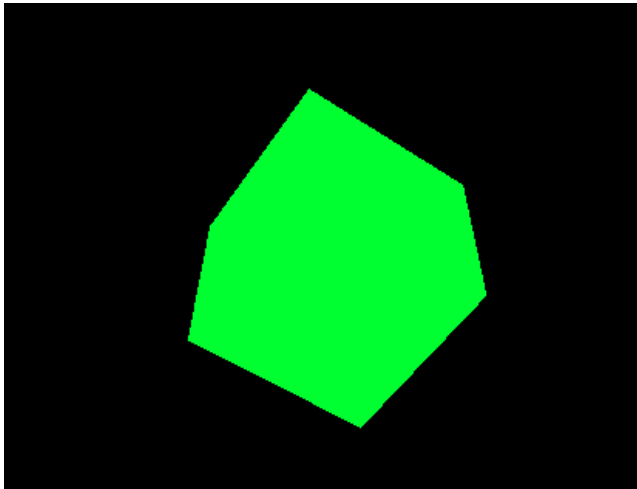


Figure 1 - Result of the first example.

2D Primitives

In the second exercise we created a black triangle. The triangle is created with the *THREE.BufferGeometry* geometry and the *MeshBasicMaterial* material.

In order to make this figure a triangle, we define the coordinates of 3 vertices through the *Float32Array* object. Then we change the position of the geometry to these coordinates, indicating that the points are in three dimensions. In the material of this figure, we changed the color to black, and finally we set the renderer color to red, through the *setClearColor* function.

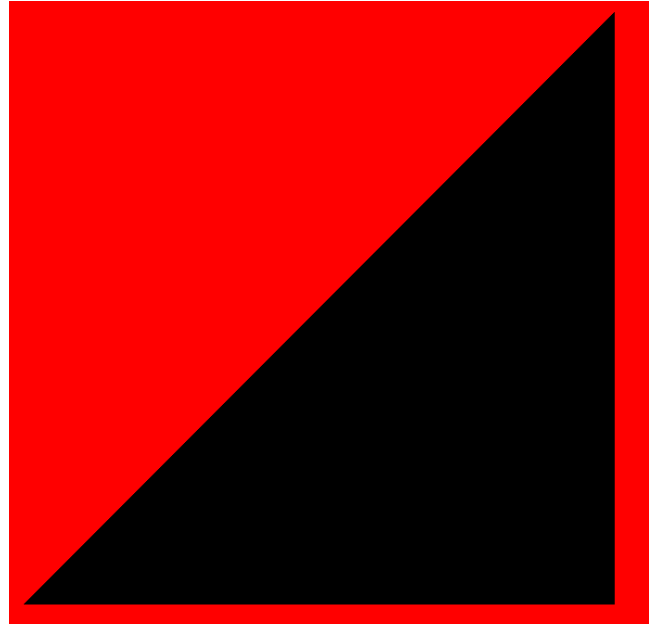


Figure 2 - Result of the 2D primitives.

2D Primitives (Addition of color)

In the next exercise we build a 2D scene with four triangles. The triangles are defined using *THREE.BufferGeometry* objects and *THREE.BufferAttribute* objects, and are rendered using *THREE.MeshBasicMaterial* objects. In order to define the vertices coordinates of each triangle, we used *Float32Array* and to define the colors of each triangle we used *Uint8Array*. Then, we need to set the positions and the colors of the triangles as geometry attributes and create the triangles as *THREE.Mesh* objects. The script continuously renders the scene of the four triangles.

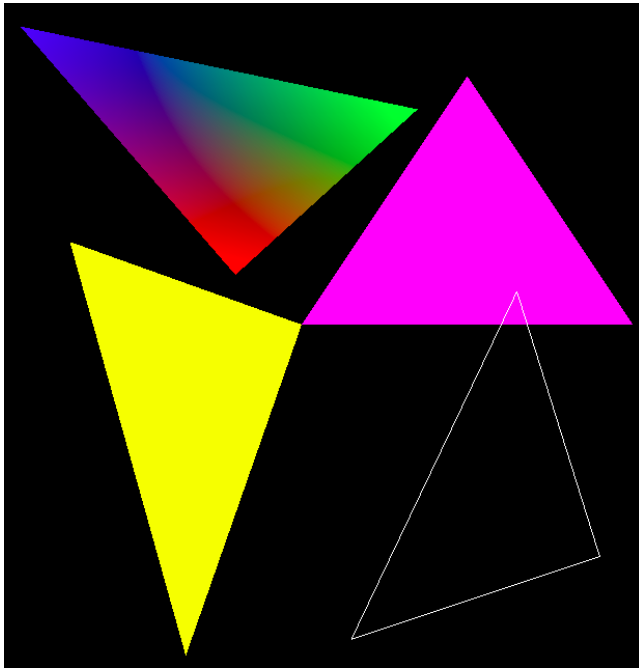


Figure 3 - Result of the 2D primitives (Addition of color) .

Viewport Update

In this exercise we were supposed to redefine the first exercise and update the visualization window so that the cube could continue to be visualized although the viewport (visualization window) changed. In order to do that, we added an event listener to the window object to ensure that the 3D scene is correctly displayed when the browser window is resized, by doing:

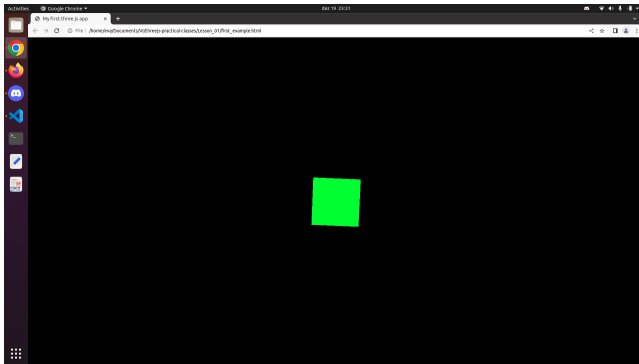


Figure 4 - Result with the fullscreen window.

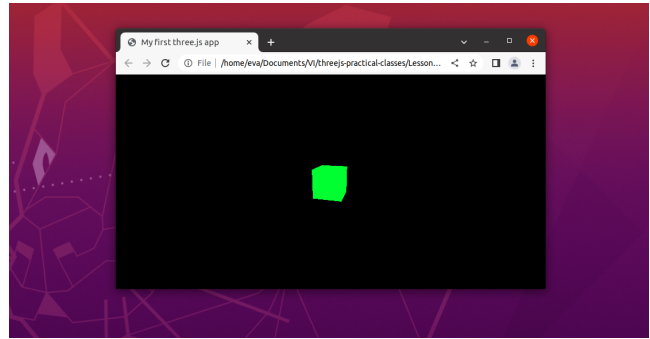


Figure 5 - Result with minimized window.

Other primitives

In this exercise we developed different types of geometries.

We implement a wireframe torus, with the `THREE.TorusGeometry` geometry. With a radius of 1, tube of 0.5, radialSegments 16 and tubularSegments 100. We place this figure with the pink color and with the positions (4,2,-1).

Next, we implemented a sphere, with the geometry `THREE.SphereGeometry`. With a radius of 1, widthSegments 32 and heightSegments 32. We place this sphere with the positions (0,1,-3) and with the red color.

We create a wireframe cylinder, with the geometry `THREE.CylinderGeometry`. With a radius of 1, height of 2 and with a radialSegments of 32. We place this figure in the positions (7,-3,-3) and with the color green.

Finally, we also create a wireframe cone, with the `THREE.ConeGeometry` geometry. With a radius of 1, height of 2 and radialSegments of 32. We position the cone at positions (-7,-3,-3) and change the color to blue.

In addition, we applied some animations, we made the torus rotate around its x axis, the cone rotate around its y axis, the cylinder perform a horizontal movement back and forth, and the sphere perform a horizontal and vertical movement at the same time, giving the impression that you are jumping.

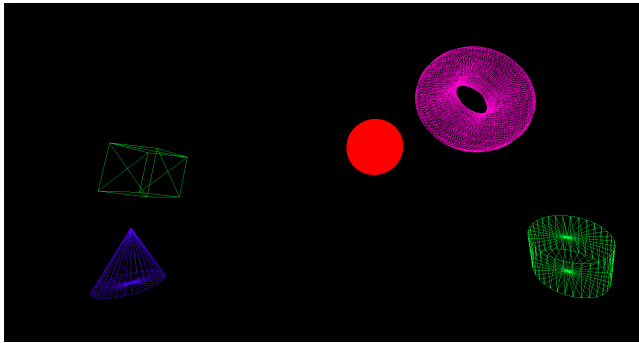


Figure 6 - Result of the other primitives.