CSE471 Introduction to Computer Graphics (fall 2019)

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Assignment 1: OpenGL Triangle Mesh Viewer

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1. Introduction

In this assignment, I implement an OpenGL triangular mesh viewer. I take three simple and complex triangular mesh data(bunny.off, fandisk.off, dragon-full.off), which are off-file format, through fstream. Then I render this triangular mesh file to OpenGL viewer. In addition, this viewer can have several functions, such as orthogonal/perspective projection, smooth/wireframe. And it also can have function of rotation, zooming, and panning, which can be used by using a mouse.

2. Method

2-1. File I/O

By using fstream library, I read off-format file and store it. To store the data efficiently, I use the 2 structures, dim_3 has 3-coordinates and idx_3 has 3-vertex index. In read_file function, after making the per-face normal when taking index data, I make per-vertex normal vector array. And I multiple 10 to data of bunny and dragon-full to larger the initial size of them.

2-2. Projection / Rendering

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■void key_input(unsigned char key, int x, int y) { ... }

glutKeyboardFunc(key_input);
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For implementing keyboard shortcut to switch between different projection & rendering mode, I use this key input() function with glutKeyboardFunc(). This function deal with 'key'

parameter like that, 'o' & 'p' is changing the projection between orthogonal and perspective, 's' & 'w'' is changing the rendering between smooth and wireframe. And I initialize these with orthogonal and smooth mode in main function.

2-3. Multiple light sources

I don't make function for light, just include it in renderScene() function. First light source is located in left side with red color, and second light source is located in right side with sky blue color.

2-4. Virtual trackball

For implementing mouse control for rotation, zooming, and panning, I use above 4 functions.

mouseButton() is called when user clicks, and in three cases(left, right, middle button & down) it can goes to mouseMotion() through 3 boolean variables after initializing current x,y coordinates.

mouseMotion() is called when user drags. In rotation with left button, user can rotate through glRotatef() with angle_x, angle_y variables, which are regulated in mouseMotion(). In zooming with right button, user can zoom through glScalef() with zoom variables, which depends on x-axis moving of right button drag. In panning with middle button, user can move the object through glTranslatef() but only in orthogonal projection. Because in perspective projection, we must consider the position of camera, so I use glLookat() and distinguish two cases through 2 boolean variables(is_ortho, is_persp).

3. Result

3-1. File I/O

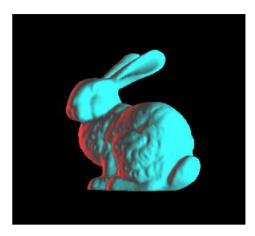
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b : Open <bunny.off>
f : Open <fandisk.off>
d : Open <dragon-full.off>
::: Enter b/f/d :
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When building and executing, user can first see above screen. Then user chooses the file he wants to open and enter the character among 'b', 'f', or 'd'. And in this code, it assume that 3 off-files are in same place with Assign_1.sln, that is in skeleton-code/build.

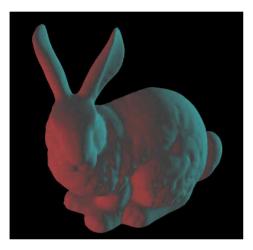
3-2. Projection / Rendering



Perspective Projection



Orthogonal Projection



Smooth Rendering

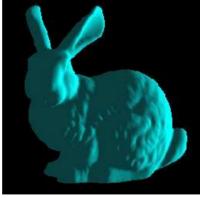


Wireframe Rendering

3-3. Multiple light sources



Left-red light

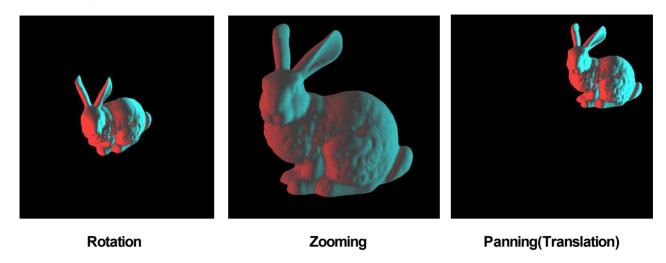


Right-sky blue light

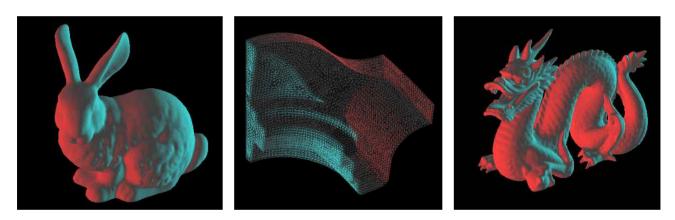


Both light source

3-4. Virtual trackball



4. Conclusion



Through this assignment implementation, I can learn and understand about basic of OpenGL. From reading and storing the data of off-files, to rendering them into 3D image and controling them, I can know about overall process of OpenGL usage. Especially, it is very nice that I become able to deal diverse glut functions and understand about projection concept. Moreover, from keyboard and mouse, taking the input to make virtual trackball functions, such as rotation, zooming, and panning, is also great chance to me.