

Affine Transformations



Production Computer Graphics
Eric Shaffer

Objectives

Understand what affine transformations are

- ...and why they are not linear transformations

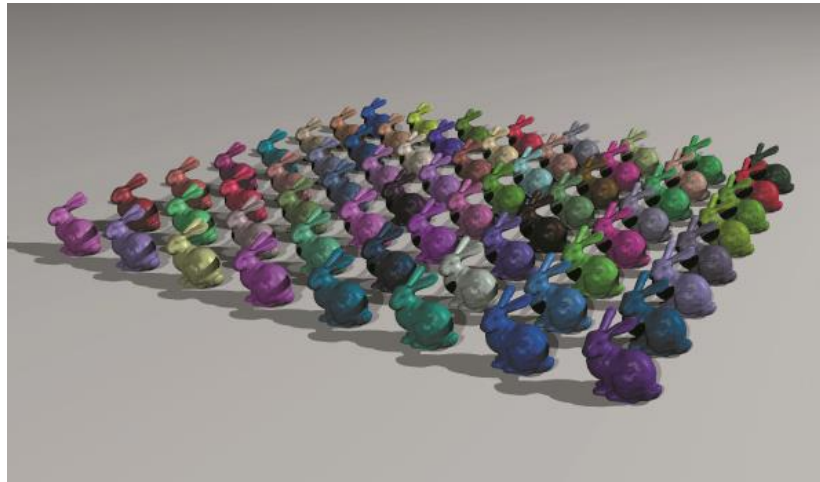
Review how to represent an affine transformation as a matrix

- ...and composite transformations
- ...and inverse transformations

Review homogeneous coordinates

Understand how to intersect transformed objects

Know how to use instancing



Affine Transformations

We will review:

- Rotation
- Scaling
- Translation
- Reflection

All linear functions are affine functions

Linear functions keep the origin fixed

- Affine functions need not do so

So...to include translation we use affine transformations

- ...and we're going to use homogeneous coordinates...

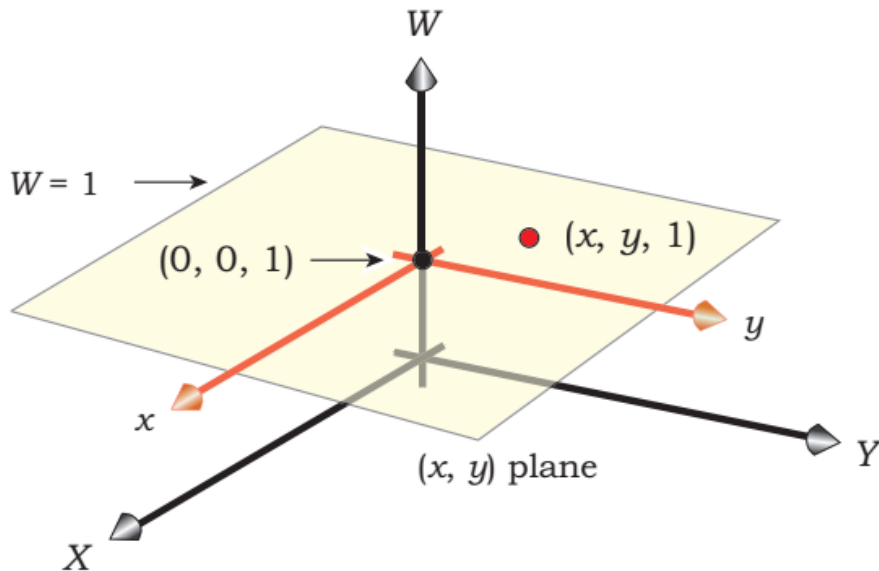
Homogeneous Coordinates

- Cartesian coordinates are often used in Euclidean Geometry
- Homogeneous coordinates are used in Projective Geometry

• Map between a 2D Cartesian point and a homogeneous point $(x, y, w) \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}\right)$
Homogeneous Cartesian

- $w=0$ corresponds to a point at infinity

- Mapping generalizes directly to 3D Cartesian points



What does (wX, wY, w) form in projective space?

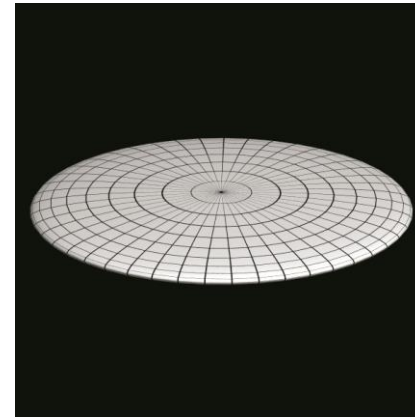
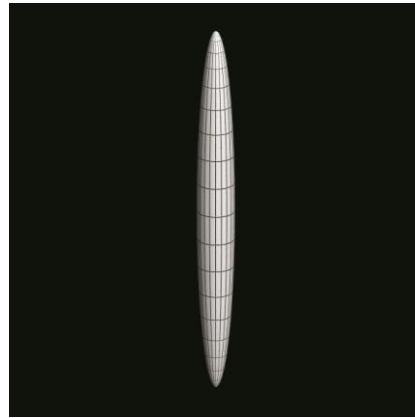
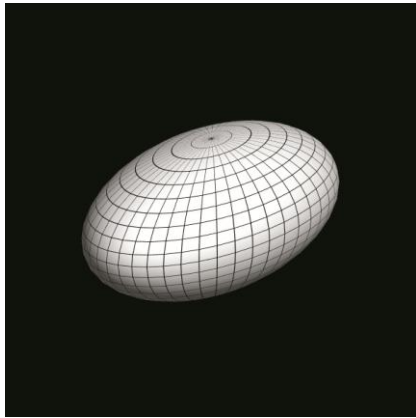
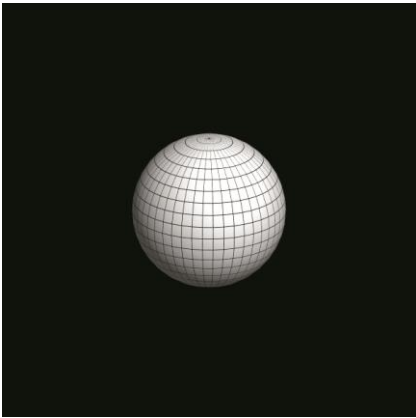
The (x, y) plane is embedded at $W = 1$ in the (X, Y, W) coordinate system.

3D Translation

$$T(d_x, d_y, d_z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & d_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & d_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3D Scaling

$$S(a, b, c) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$$

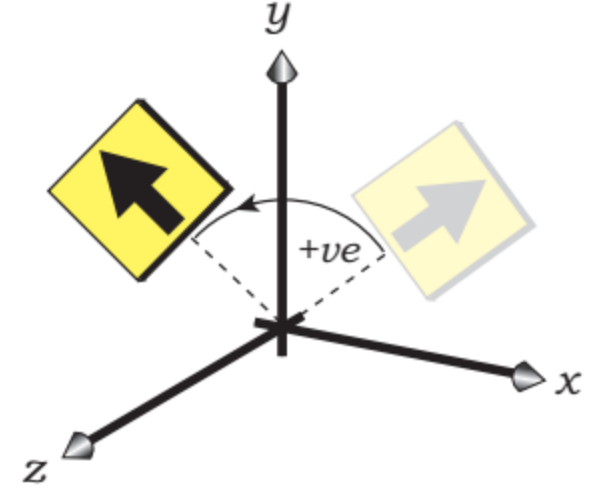
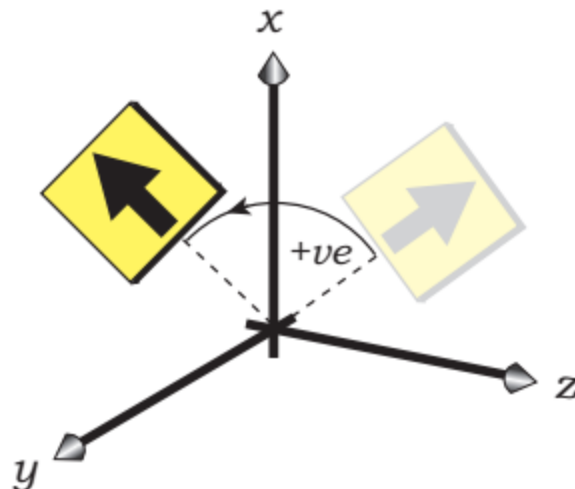
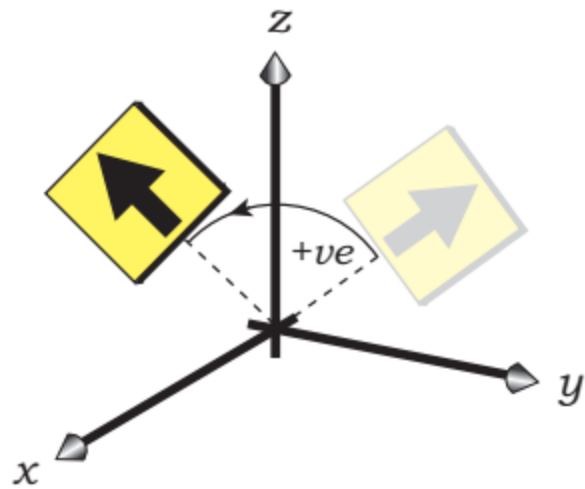


3D Rotation

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_x(q) &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{e}_1 & \hat{e}_2 & \hat{e}_3 & \hat{e}_4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos q & -\sin q & 0 \\ 0 & \sin q & \cos q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{u} \\ \hat{u} \\ \hat{u} \end{matrix} \\
 R_y(q) &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{e}_1 & \hat{e}_2 & \hat{e}_3 & \hat{e}_4 \\ \cos q & 0 & \sin q & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin q & 0 & \cos q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{u} \\ \hat{u} \\ \hat{u} \end{matrix} \\
 R_z(q) &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{e}_1 & \hat{e}_2 & \hat{e}_3 & \hat{e}_4 \\ \cos q & -\sin q & 0 & 0 \\ \sin q & \cos q & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{u} \\ \hat{u} \\ \hat{u} \end{matrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Pick an axis to rotate around (x, y, or z)

3D Rotation

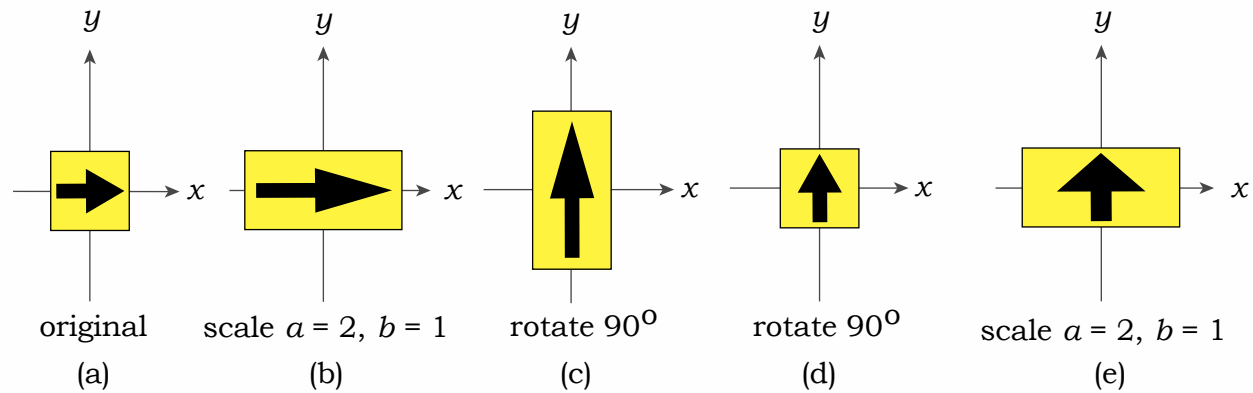
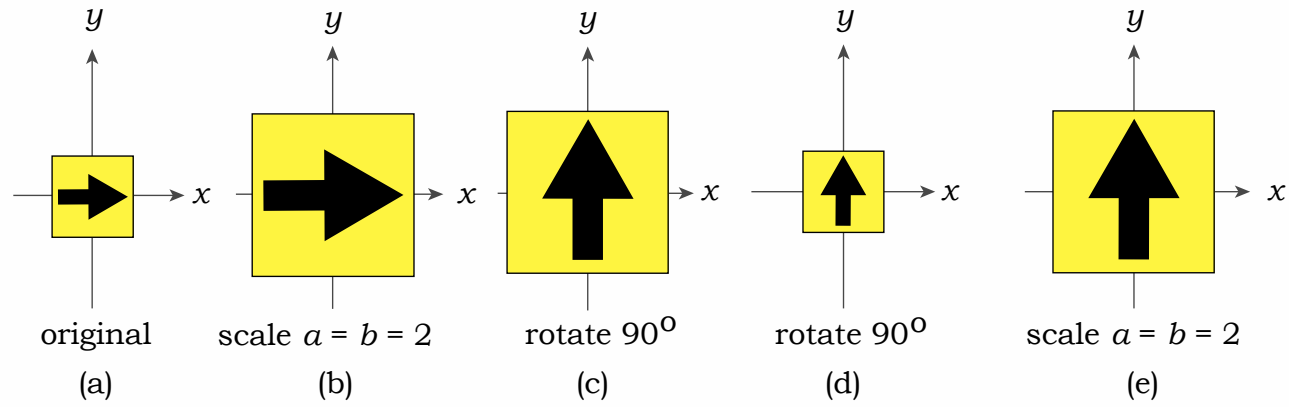


- Pick an axis to rotate around (x , y , or z)
- Looking along the negative axis, the rotation is counter-clockwise

3D Reflection

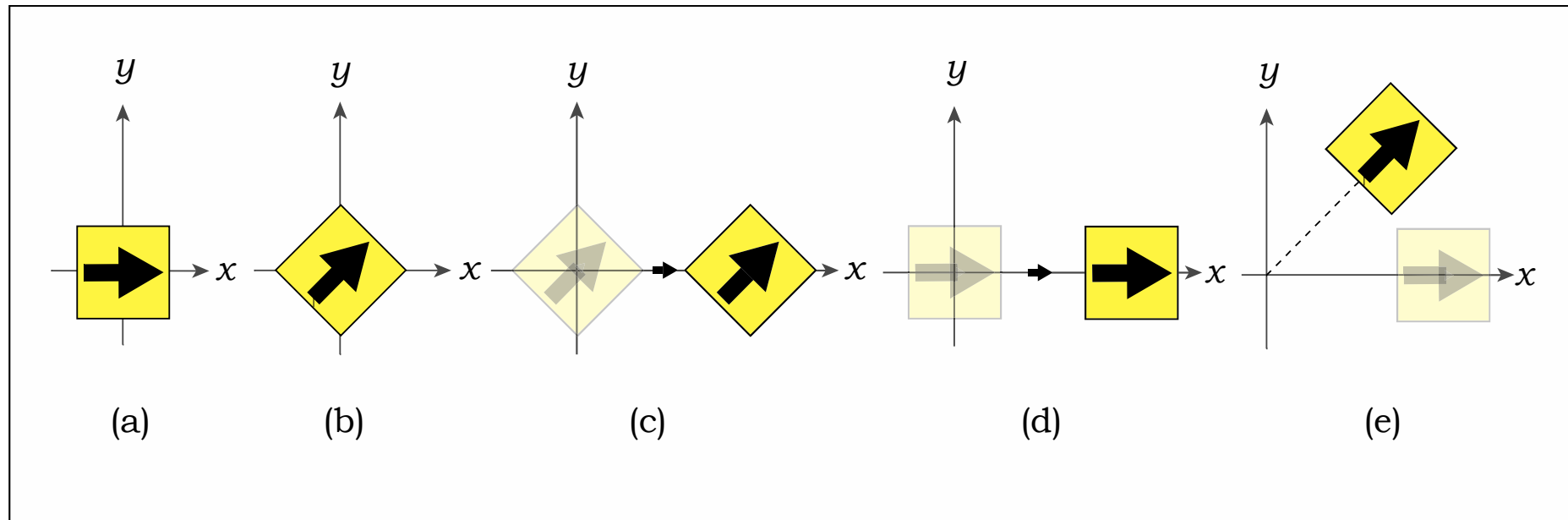
$$R_x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad R_y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad R_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Composing Transformations



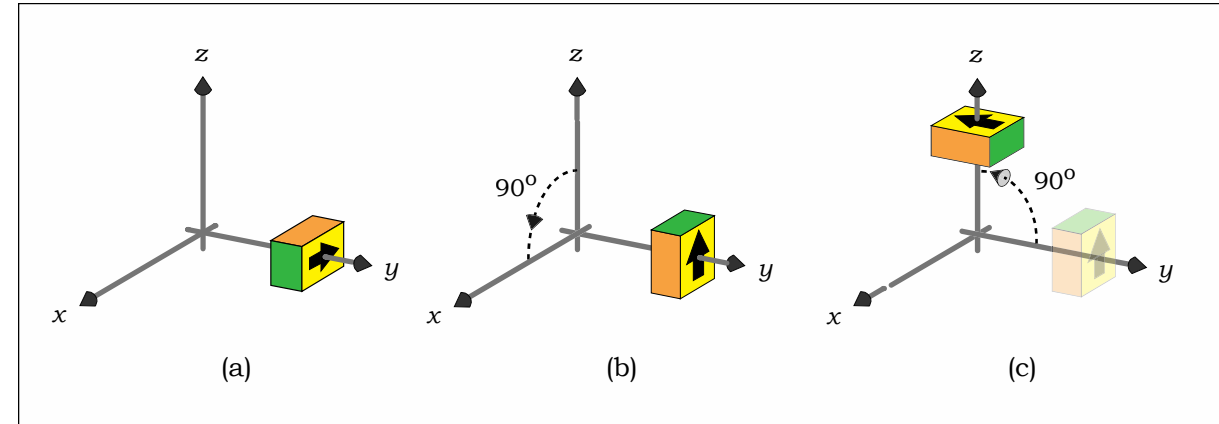
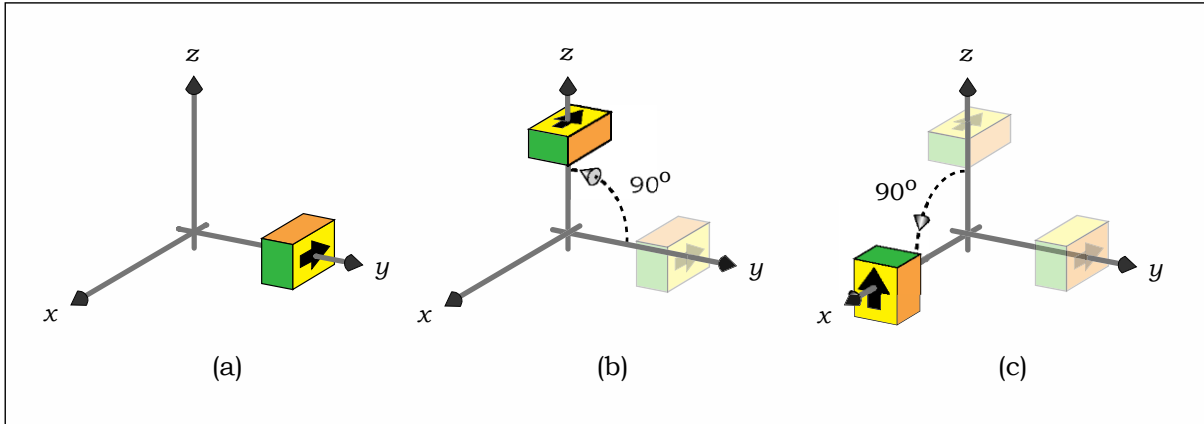
Non-uniform scaling and rotation do not commute

Composing Transformations



Rotation and translation do not commute

Composing Transformations



Rotations do not commute

Inverse Transformations

Generally easy to construct

- For translation and rotation \rightarrow just negate the terms in the matrix
- For scaling \rightarrow transform diagonal entries to their reciprocals

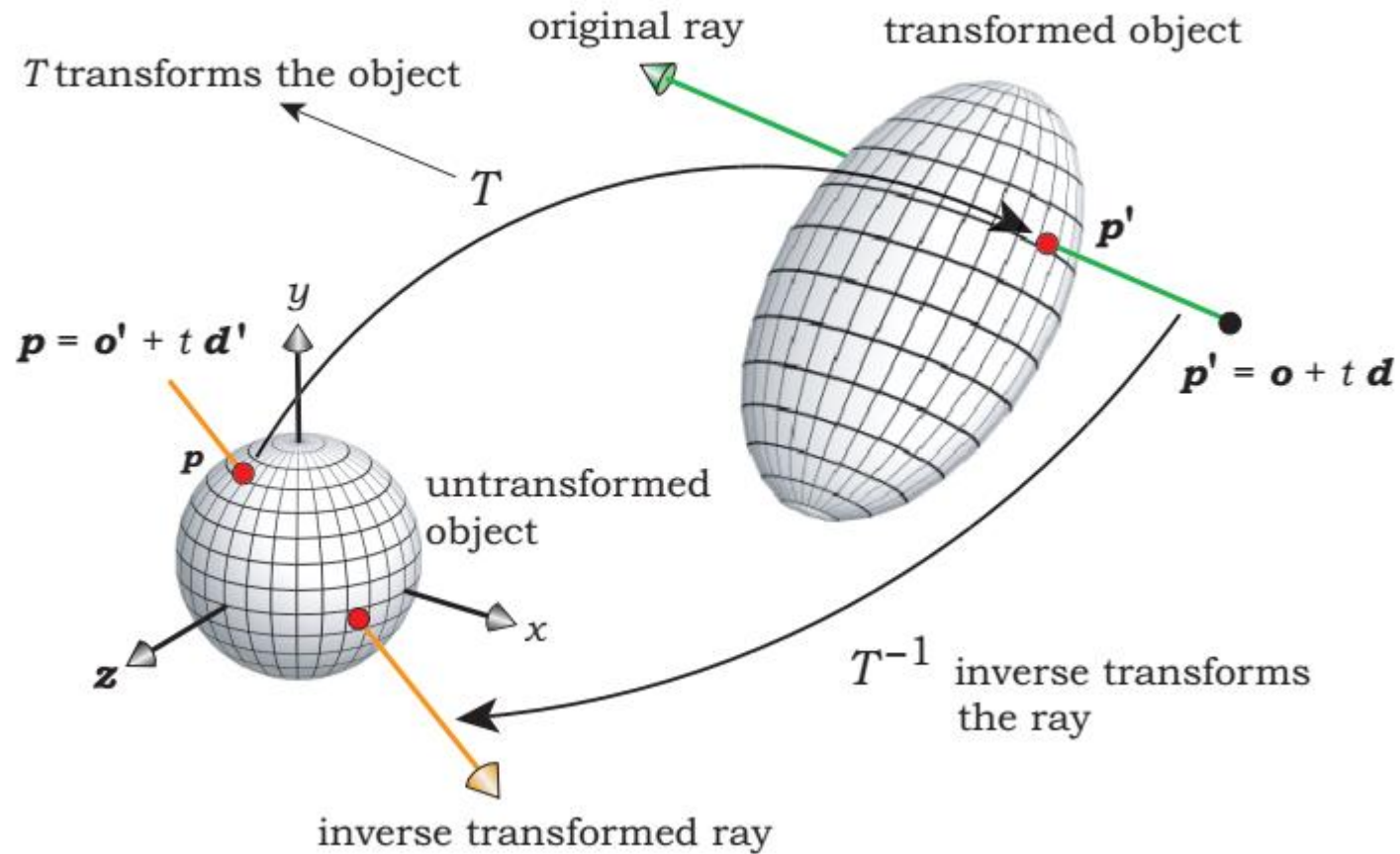
If we have $Tv = T_n T_{n-1} \dots T_1 v$ then $T^{-1} = T_1^{-1} \dots T_{n-1}^{-1} T_n^{-1}$

$$T^{-1}Tv = v$$

Intersecting Transformed Objects

- Apply inverse set of transformations to the ray
- Intersect inverse transformed ray with untransformed object
- Compute the normal at the hit point
- Use hit point to compute hit point on transformed object
- Use normal to compute normal on transformed object

Intersecting Transformed Objects



Intersecting Transformed Objects

To transform the ray

- Assume matrix T transforms the object
- Assume original ray is $\mathbf{o} + t\mathbf{d}$
- The inverse transformed ray is then $T^{-1}\mathbf{o} + tT^{-1}\mathbf{d}$

Note that \mathbf{d} is a vector

- It should be unaffected by translation
- Use a homogenous coordinate of 0 in \mathbf{d}

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{e}_x \\ \hat{e}_y \\ \hat{e}_z \\ \hat{e}_w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d_x \\ d_y \\ d_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_x \\ \hat{u}_y \\ \hat{u}_z \\ \hat{u}_w \end{pmatrix}$$

Finding the Hit Point

- p = hit point for transformed ray and untransformed object
- p' = hit point for original ray and transformed object
- If the hit point p occurs at t_0 then the hit point p' occurs at t_0
 - Just calculate the point p' using t_0 and the original ray
- Proof:

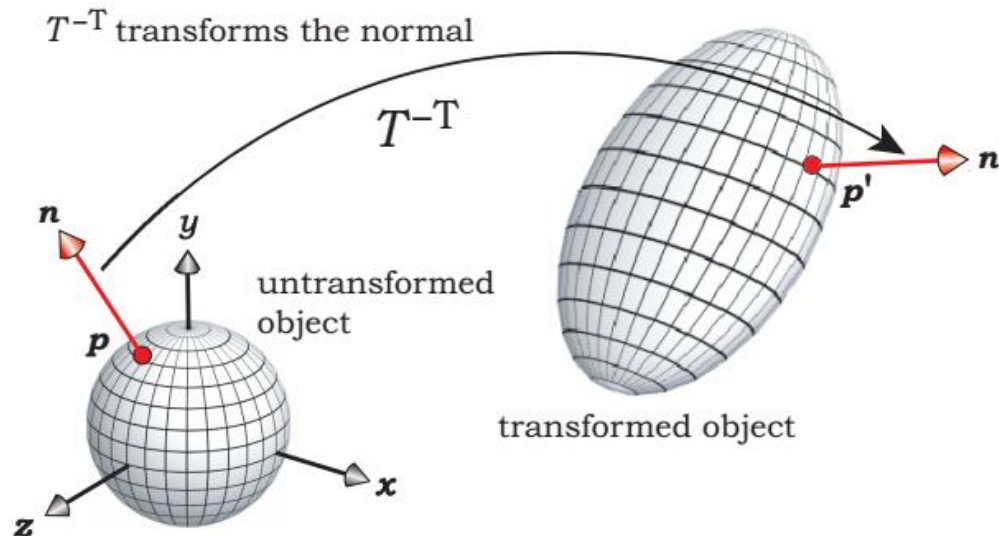
$$p = o\mathbb{C} + t_0 d\mathbb{C} = T^{-1}o + t_0 T^{-1}d$$

$$Tp = TT^{-1}o + t_0 TT^{-1}d = o + t_0 d = p\mathbb{C}$$

Transforming Normals

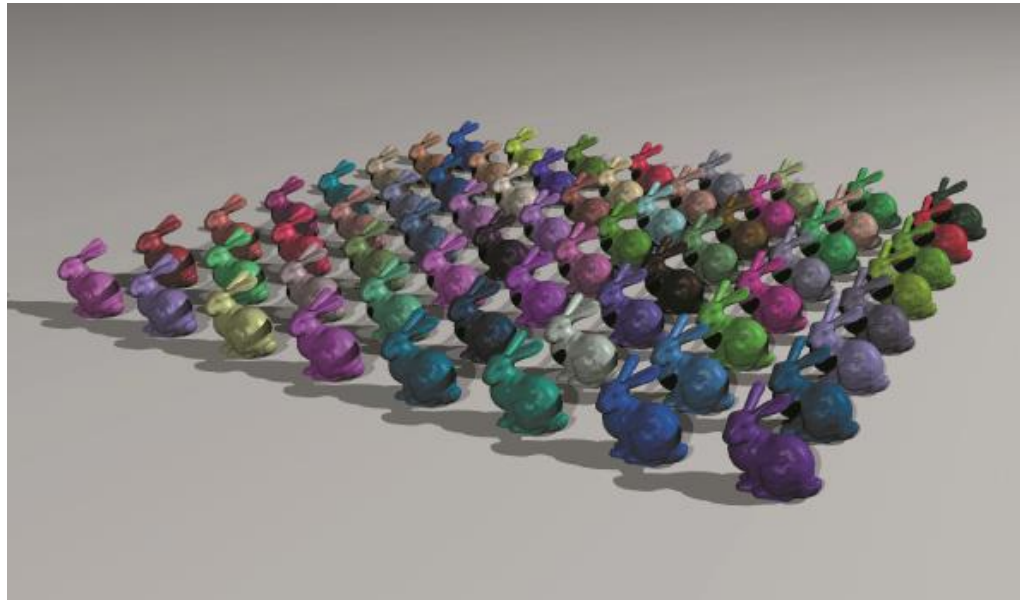
- Let n be the normal on the untransformed object
 - Found at hit point with inverse transformed ray
- Let n' be the normal on the transformed object: $n' = (T^{-1})^T n$
- If you only use uniform scaling and rotations $(T^{-1})^T = T$

- Use homogeneous coordinate of 0
- Normalize n' after you find it



Instancing

- Keep a single original geometric model
- Create instance models which consist of
 - Reference to original model
 - Inverse transformation matrix
 - Material



Grids and Transformed Objects

- Store references to instances just as you would normal objects
 - For a mesh this would be references to individual triangles
 - ...and references to a material and inverse transformation matrix
- How can you compute the bounding box for the instances?
 - Why do you need the bounding box?
 - What information do you need to compute it?

Grids and Transformed Objects

