

# **Geometry Representation**

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#### **Outline**

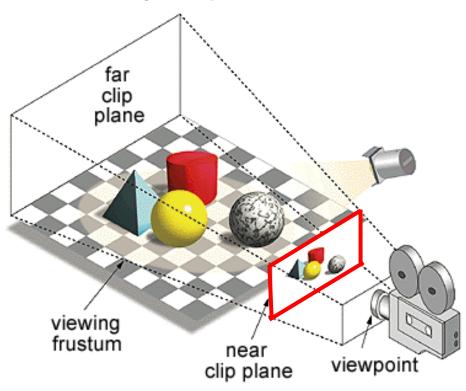
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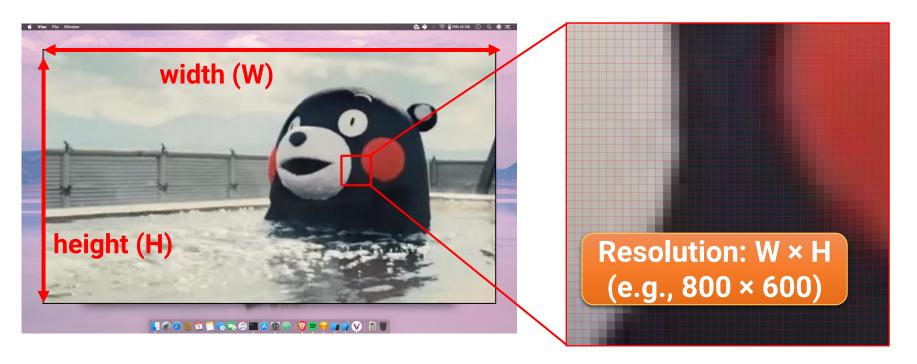
### **Rendering Process: 3D to 2D**

- In computer graphics, we generate an image from a virtual 3D world
- We are going to introduce the image representation first



#### **Pixels**

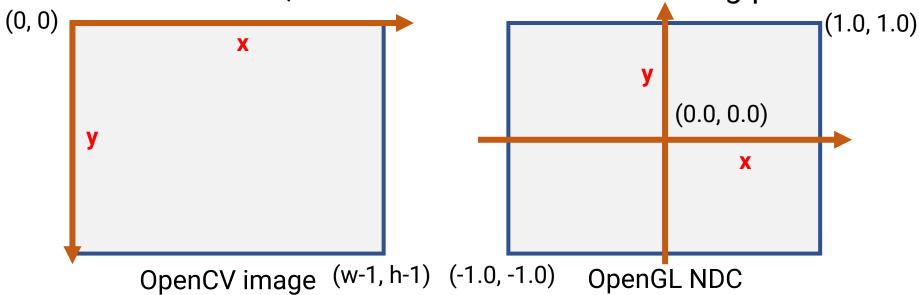
- A 2D image (on a screen) is a rectangular array of pixels (small, usually square, dots of color)
  - Merge optically when viewed at a suitable distance to produce the impression of continuous tones



#### 2D Coordinate

- Used to identify the position on a 2D surface (e.g., image)
- The coordinate of a 2D image depends on libraries
- For an image (or screen), the coordinate is a pair of positive integers

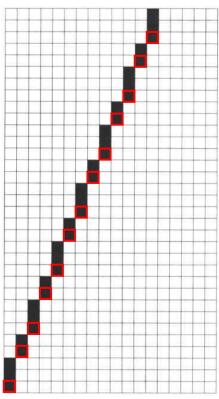
For other cases, the coordinates can be floating-point



# Rendering of Math (Continuous to Discrete)

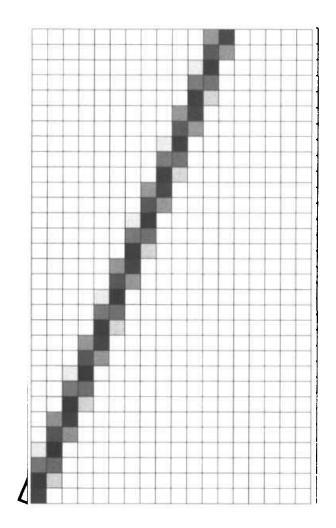
- The coordinates of a shape can be floating-point
- However, when the shapes come to the screen and become pixels, they should be discretized
- Example: y = 5x/2 + 1 pass through (0, 1), (1, 4), (2, 6), (3, 9) ...

- Jaggedness is inevitable!
  - Due to the use of a grid of discrete pixels

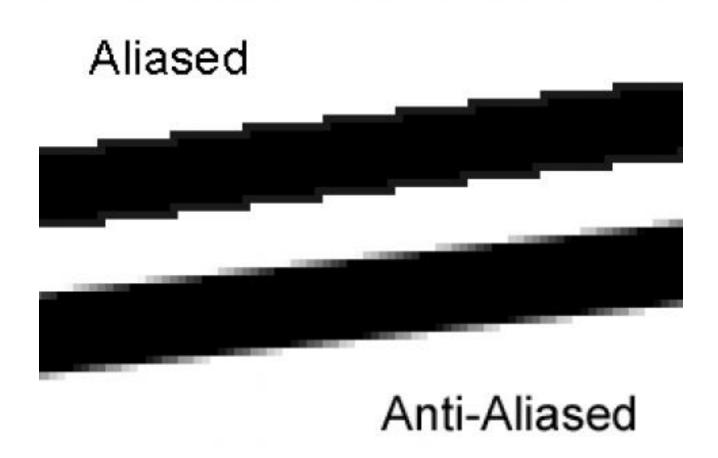


# **Anti-aliasing**

- Anti-aliasing is a practical technique to reduce the jaggies
- Use intermediate grey values
  - In the frequency domain, it relates to reducing the frequency of the signal
- Coloring each pixel in a shade of grey whose brightness is proportional to the area of the intersection between the pixels and a "one-pixel-wide" line

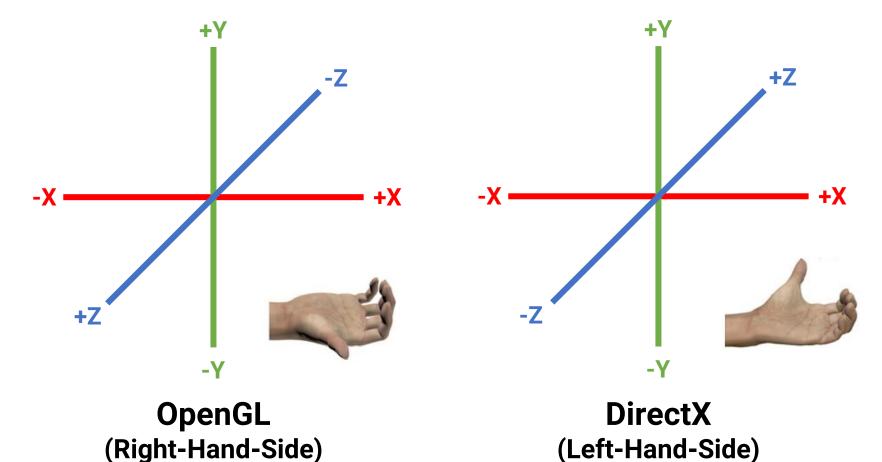


# **Anti-aliasing (cont.)**



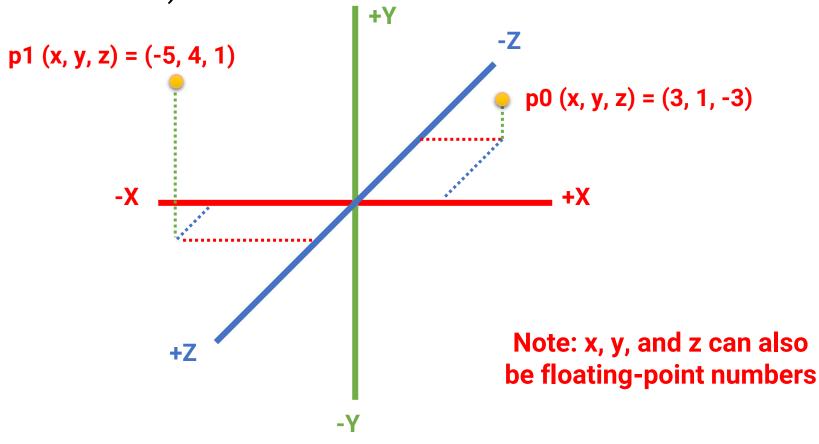
### **Description of the 3D World**

• 3D coordinate systems



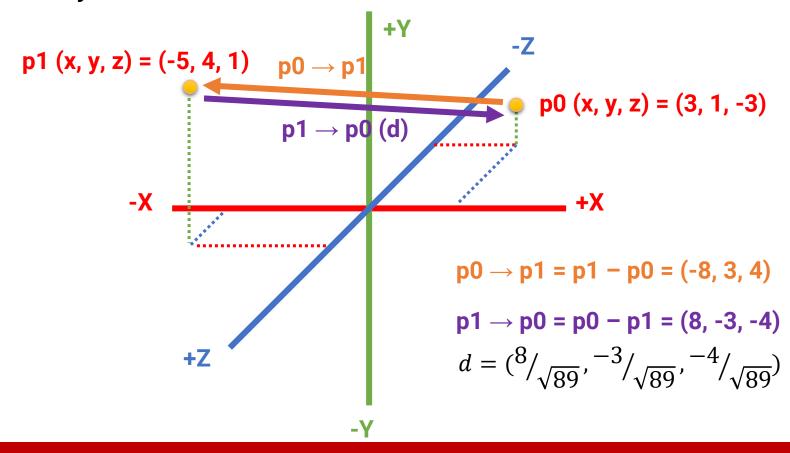
# **Points in 3D Space**

 Described by a 3D coordinate (the components in x, y, and z axises)



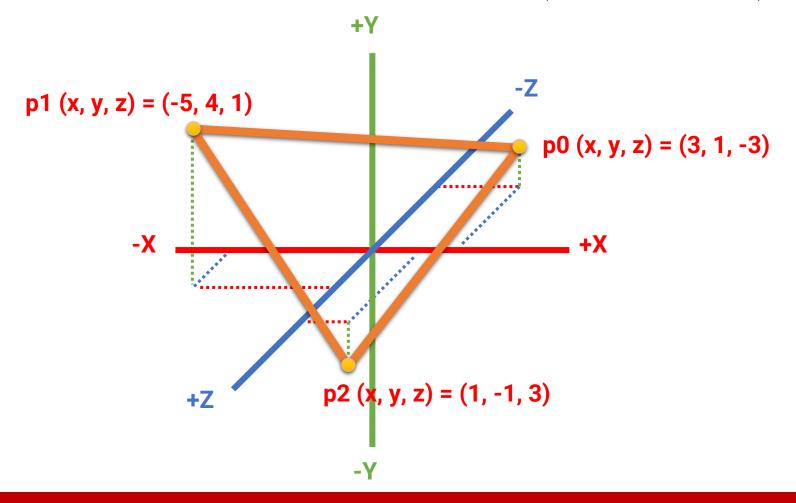
# **Vector in 3D Space**

- Represent direction (e.g., movement) in the 3D world
- Usually described in a normalized version



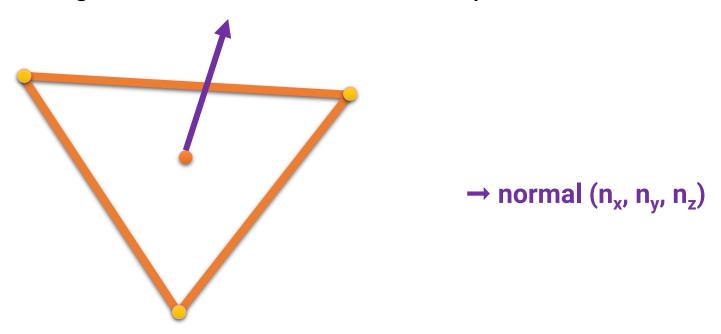
# **Triangles in 3D**

Composed of three points as endpoints (called vertices)



#### **3D Surface Normal**

- A surface normal is a vector that is perpendicular to a surface at a particular position
- Represent the orientation of the face
- The length of a normal should be equal to 1



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# **Library for Supporting Drawing**

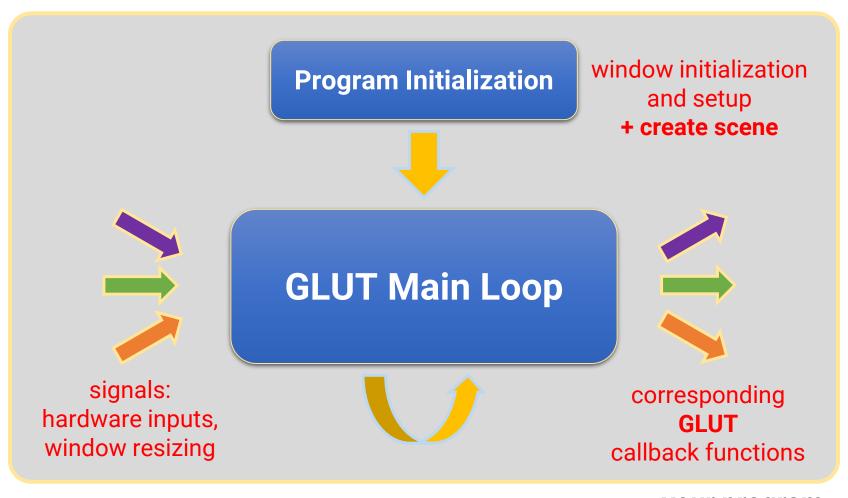
- GLEW: The OpenGL Extension Wrangler Library (<u>link</u>)
  - A cross-platform open-source C/C++ extension loading library
  - Provide efficient run-time mechanisms for determining which OpenGL extensions are supported on the target platform
- GLM: OpenGL Mathematics (<u>link</u>)
  - A header-only C++ mathematics library for graphics software based on the OpenGL Shading Language (GLSL) specifications

Put the library (\*.h, \*.lib, \*.dll) in the project like what we do for FreeGLUT

#### **Enable GLEW and Add Init. Functions**

```
□int main(int argc, char** argv)
     // Setting window properties.
     glutInit(&argc, argv);
     glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGBA | GLUT_DEPTH);
     glutInitWindowSize(640, 360);
     qlutInitWindowPosition(100, 100);
     glutCreateWindow("OpenGL Renderer");
      // Initialize GLFW.
                                                                 // OpenGL and FreeGlut headers.
     // Must be done after glut is initialized!
                                                               ∃#include <qlew.h>
     GLenum res = glewInit();
                                                                #include <freeqlut.h>
     if (res \neq GLEW_OK) {
         std::cerr << "GLEW initialization error: "</pre>
                    << glewGetErrorString(res) << std::endl;</pre>
         return 1;
     // Initialization.
     SetupRenderState();
     SetupScene();
     // Register callback functions.
     glutDisplayFunc(RenderSceneCB);
```

# Recap: Life Cycle of a GLUT Program



your program

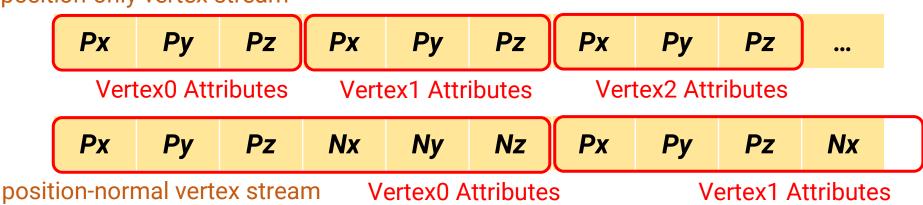
### **Draw a Single Point**

```
// Global variables.
GLuint vbo;
               vertex buffer object
□void SetupScene()
     // Draw a single point.
    float VertexPosition[3] = {0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f};
     // Generate the vertex buffer.
    glGenBuffers(1, &vbo);
    glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
    glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(VertexPosition), VertexPosition, GL_STATIC_DRAW);
           create a vertex buffer and upload vertex data (initialization)
□void RenderSceneCB()
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
     // Render a point on screen.
    glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
    glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
    qlVertexAttribPointer(0, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, sizeof(float)*3, 0);
    glDrawArrays(GL_POINTS, 0, 1); // # vertices = 1.
    glDisableVertexAttribArray(0);
                           render shapes with the vertex buffer
    qlutSwapBuffers();
```

#### **Vertex Buffer**

- A buffer storing the vertex attribute data
- Possible vertex attributes include (but are not limited to)
  - Vertex position
  - Vertex normal (optional)
  - <u>Texture coordinate</u> (optional)
- Will be passed to GPU for rendering

position-only vertex stream



- Generate a buffer
  - void glGenBuffers(GLsizei n, GLuint \*buffers);
- Upload data into the buffer
  - void glBindBuffer(GLenum[target], GLuint[buffer]); [Link]
  - void glBufferData(

```
Link
```

```
GLenum target, GLsizeiptr size, const void * data, GLenum usage);
```

```
float VertexPosition[3] = {0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f};

// Generate the vertex buffer.
glGenBuffers(1, &vbo);
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(VertexPosition), VertexPosition, GL_STATIC_DRAW);
```

Render with the vertex buffer

```
    void glEnableVertexAttribArray(GLuint index);

    void glVertexAttribPointer(

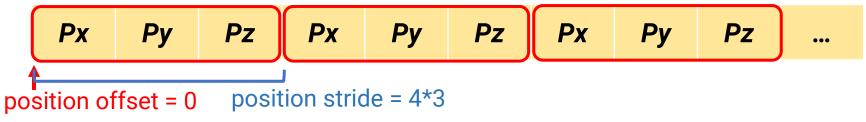
                                    The index of the attribute
             GLuint index ,
                                    E.g., 0 for position, 1 for normal, etc.
             GLint size, Number of components of the attribute
             GLenum type , Type of the attribute component
             GLboolean normalized,
             GLsizei stride, The byte offset to the same attribute
                                                 of the next vertex
             const void * pointer
                           The byte offset of the first component
glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
glVertexAttribPointer(0, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, sizeof(float)*3, 0);
```

void glVertexAttribPointer(

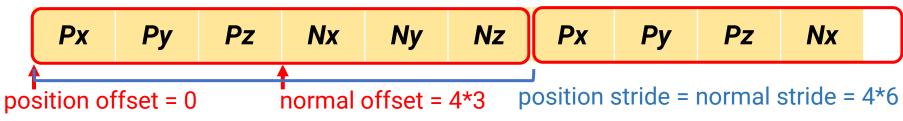
```
GLsizeistride, The byte offset to the same attribute of the next vertex of the next vertex);

The byte offset of the first component
```

position-only vertex stream



position-normal vertex stream



```
• void glDrawArrays(
GLenum mode), The type of the primitive
E.g., GL_POINTS, GL_LINE_LOOP,
GLint first, GL_TRIANGLES, etc.

GLsizei count The start index

); The number of indices to be rendered
```

void glDisableVertexAttribArray(GLuint index);

```
// Render a point on screen.
glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
glVertexAttribPointer(0, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, sizeof(float)*3, 0);
glDrawArrays(GL_POINTS, 0, 1); // # vertices = 1.
glDisableVertexAttribArray(0);
```

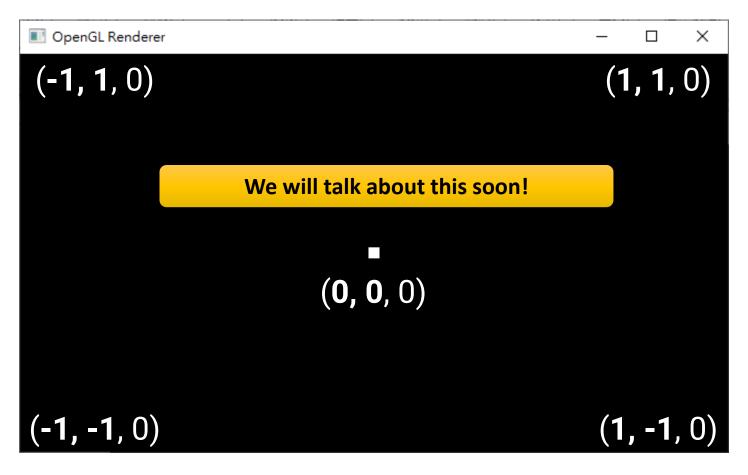
### **Change the Point Size**

void glPointSize(GLfloat size)

```
Pvoid SetupRenderState()
{
    // Default.
    glPointSize(1);
}
```

```
Pvoid SetupRenderState()
{
    glPointSize(10);
}
```

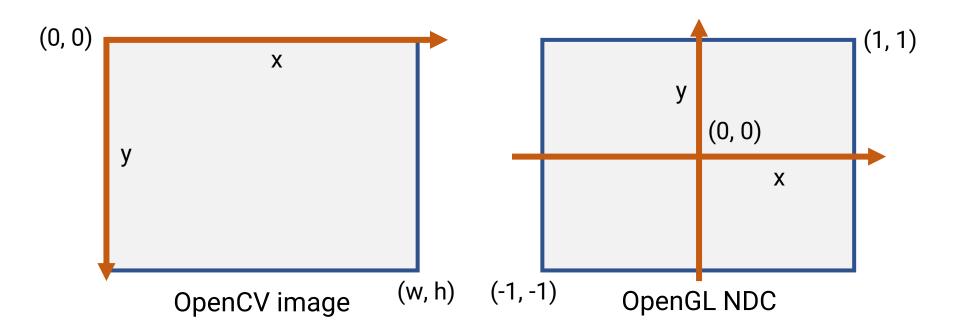
# **Insight: Coordinate (Recall)**



What about the z coordinate? You can find the point will only be visible if its z value is within [-1, 1]

### **Recall: Image Coordinate**

The coordinate of a 2D image depends on libraries



# **Draw a Circle (Ellipse)**

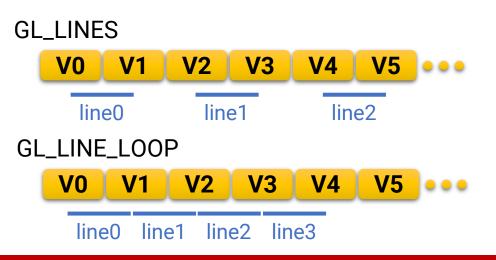
```
// C++ STL headers.
                             // Global variables.
∃#include <iostream>
                         GLuint vbo;
 #include <vector>
                               const int numCircleSamples = 36;
 #define _USE_MATH_DEFINES
 #include <math.h>
□void SetupScene()
     // Draw a circle.
     float VertexPosition[numCircleSamples * 3];
     const float thetaOffset = 2.0f * M_PI / (float)numCircleSamples;
     float startTheta = 0.0f;
     float r = 0.5f;
     for (int i = 0; i < numCircleSamples; ++i) {</pre>
         float theta = startTheta + i * thetaOffset;
         VertexPosition[3 * i + 0] = r * std::cos(theta); // x.
         VertexPosition[3 * i + 1] = r * std::sin(theta); // y.
                                                             // z.
         VertexPosition[3 * i + 2] = 0.0f;
     // Generate the vertex buffer.
     glGenBuffers(1, &vbo);
     glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
     glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(VertexPosition), VertexPosition, GL_STATIC_DRAW);
```

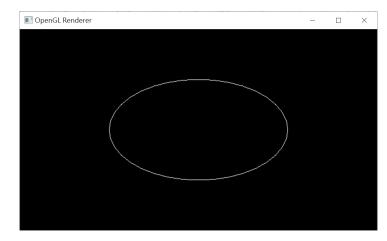
# Draw a Circle (Ellipse)

```
void RenderSceneCB()
{
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);

    // Render a point on screen.
    glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
    glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
    glVertexAttribPointer(0, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, sizeof(float)*3, 0);
    glDrawArrays(GL_LINE_LOOP, 0, numCircleSamples);
    glDisableVertexAttribArray(0);

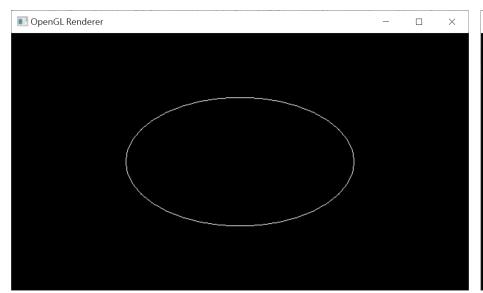
glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

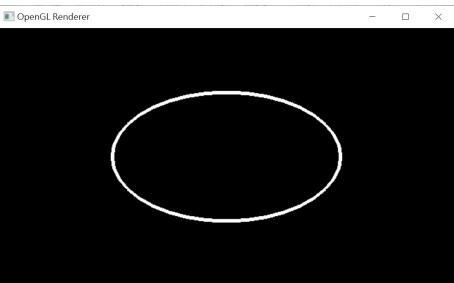




### **Change the Line Width**

void glLineWidth(GLfloat width)





```
void SetupRenderState()
{
    glLineWidth(5);
}
```

# The GLM Library

- In computer graphics, we need a data structure to store and manipulate multi-dimensional data, such as position, normal, texture coordinate, and color
- The GLM library provides an elegant way to process multi-dimensional data
  - Support operator overloading
  - Match the syntax of OpenGL shading language (GLSL)
  - Support alias of components
    - For position or normal, we used to use (x, y, z, w)
    - For texture coordinate, we used to use (u, v, s, t)
    - For color, we used to use (r, g, b, a)

# The GLM Library Examples

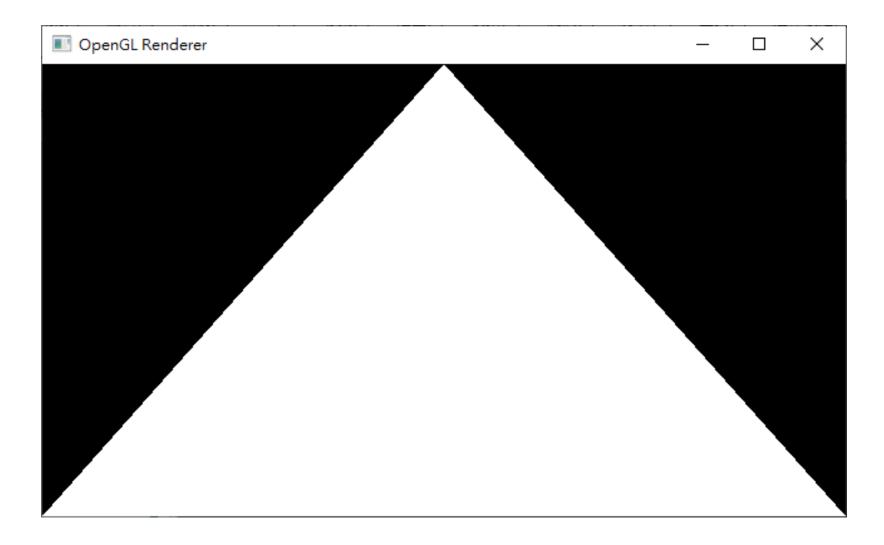
- The most common data types are three/four-dimensional vectors and four-by-four matrices
- Example: compute the average direction of three vectors

```
glm::vec3 dir1 = glm::vec3(1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f);
glm::vec3 dir2 = glm::vec3(0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f);
glm::vec3 dir3 = glm::vec3(0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f);
glm::vec3 avgDir = (dir1 + dir2 + dir3) / 3.0f;
```

### **Draw a Triangle**

```
□void SetupScene()
     // Draw a triangle.
     glm::vec3 VertexPosition[3];
     VertexPosition[0] = glm::vec3(-1.0f, -1.0f, 0.0f);
     VertexPosition[1] = glm::vec3( 0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f);
     VertexPosition[2] = glm::vec3( 1.0f, -1.0f, 0.0f);
     // Generate the vertex buffer.
     glGenBuffers(1, &vbo);
     glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
     qlBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(VertexPosition), VertexPosition, GL_STATIC_DRAW);
□void RenderSceneCB()
     glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
     // Render a point on screen.
     glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
     glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
     glVertexAttribPointer(0, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, sizeof(glm::vec3), 0);
     glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, 3);
     qlDisableVertexAttribArray(0);
     qlutSwapBuffers();
```

# Draw a Triangle (cont.)



# **Avoid Deprecated APIs**

You may find online tutorials that use the following APIs:

```
glBegin(GL_POINTS/GL_LINES/GL_TRIANGLES);
glVertex3f(...);
glVertex3f(...);
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glVertex3f(...);
```

- Although it seems convenient, do NOT use it
- These APIs have been deprecated since OpenGL 3.2 due to the performance issue

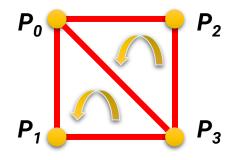
# **GLM Vector for Representing Color**

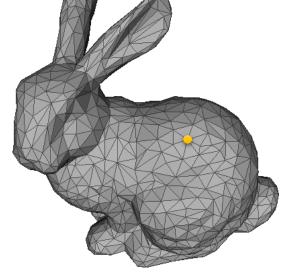
```
OpenGL Renderer
                                                                                           X
             pvoid SetupRenderState()
                  qlm::vec4 clearColor = glm::vec4(0.44f, 0.57f, 0.75f, 1.00f);
                  glClearColor(
                      (GLclampf)(clearColor.r),
                       (GLclampf)(clearColor.g),
                       (GLclampf)(clearColor.b),
                       (GLclampf)(clearColor.a)
                  );
```

#### **Index Buffer**

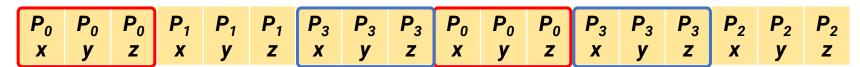
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• E.g., a quad with 2 triangles





**Vertex Buffer** 

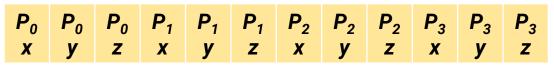


Using glDrawArrays will need 6 vertices in the vertex buffer

# **Index Buffer (cont.)**

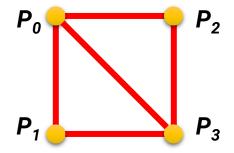
- Lots of the vertices are shared when drawing triangle mesh with multiple triangles
- We can use an index buffer to identify the vertex defined in the vertex buffer
- E.g., a quad with 2 triangles

#### **Vertex Buffer**



#### **Index Buffer**





Now we need only 4 vertices and an integer array (save lots of memory when the vertex has many attributes)

#### **Index Buffer**

- Generate a buffer and upload data
  - Use the same functions as we create the vertex buffer, but with different parameters

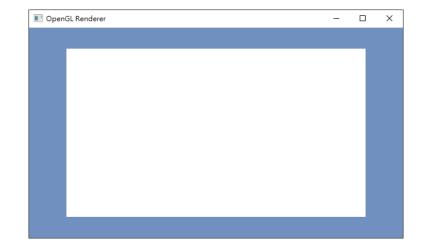
```
// Draw a quad with indexed triangles.
qlm::vec3 vertexPosition[4];
vertexPosition[0] = qlm::vec3(-0.8f, 0.8f, 0.0f);
vertexPosition[1] = qlm::vec3(-0.8f, -0.8f, 0.0f);
vertexPosition[2] = glm::vec3( 0.8f, 0.8f, 0.0f);
vertexPosition[3] = qlm::vec3( 0.8f, -0.8f, 0.0f);
// Generate the vertex buffer.
qlGenBuffers(1, &vbo);
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
qlBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(vertexPosition), vertexPosition, GL_STATIC_DRAW);
unsigned int vertexIndices[6] = { 0, 1, 3, 0, 3, 2 };
// Generate the index buffer.
qlGenBuffers(1, &ibo);
glBindBuffer GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER,
                                      ibo);
qlBufferData(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER,
                                      sizeof(vertexIndices), vertexIndices, GL_STATIC_DRAW);
```

# **Index Buffer (cont.)**

Render with the vertex buffer and index buffer

```
// Render a quad on screen.
glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
glVertexAttribPointer(0, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, sizeof(glm::vec3), 0);
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, ibo);
glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLES, 6) GL_UNSIGNED_INT, 0);
glDisableVertexAttribArray(0);
```

```
void glDrawElements (
GLenum mode ,
GLsizei count , The data type
GLenum type , of indices
const void * indices
);
The start location
(byte offset)
```



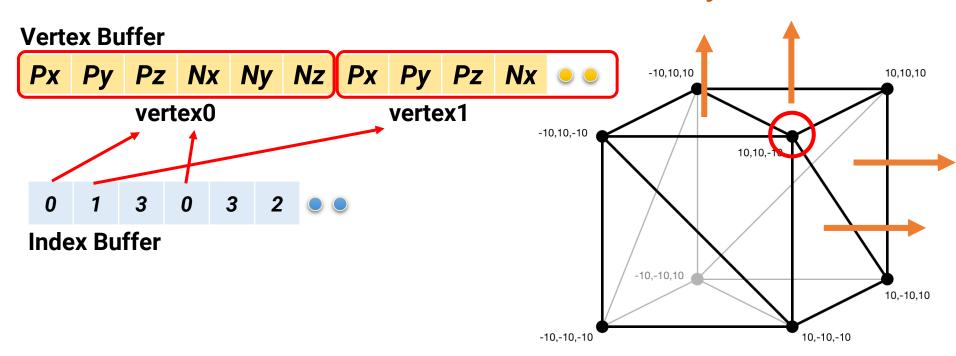
#### **Change Polygon Render Mode**

- OpenGL provides API for changing polygon render mode
  - void glPolygonMode(GLenum face, GLenum mode);

```
void ProcessSpecialKeysCB(int key, int x, int y)
    // Handle special (functional) keyboard inputs such as F1, spacebar, page up, etc.
    switch (key) {
    case GLUT_KEY_F1:
        // Render with point mode.
        glPointSize(5);
       glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_POINT);
        break;
   case GLUT_KEY_F2:
                                                                              ConenGL Render
        // Render with line mode.
        qlLineWidth(5);
       glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_LINE);
        break:
    case GLUT_KEY_F3:
        // Render with fill mode.
       glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_FILL);
        break;
    default:
        break;
```

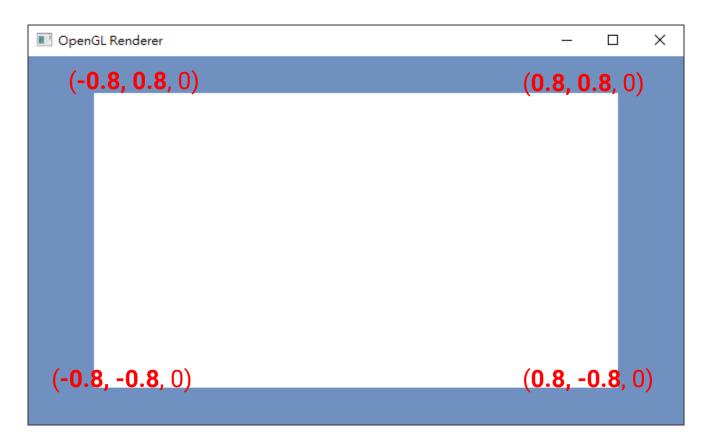
# Pitfalls of Using Index Buffer

- Sometimes vertices will share the same positions but different other attributes such as vertex normal and texture coordinate
- These vertices should be stored individually



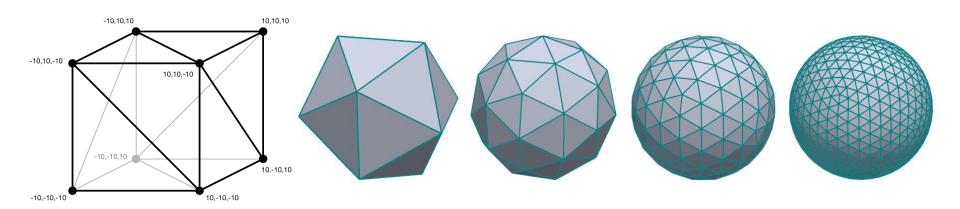
#### Question

A rectangle? Why not a square? (we will answer later)



## **Take Home Assignments**

- Try to create some 3D shapes, e.g., cube, sphere ...
  - Practice to create the vertex data
  - Practice to create a vertex buffer
  - Practice to render with a vertex buffer
  - Practice to render with a vertex and index buffer

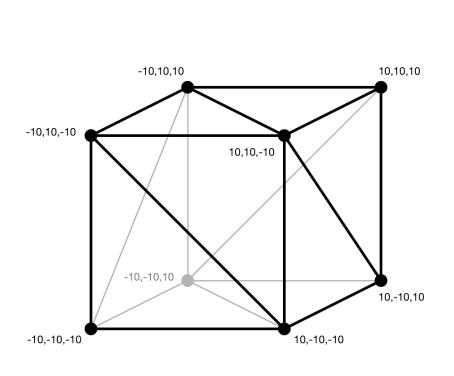


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## **Triangle Mesh**

 We can define the geometry of an object by specifying the coordinates of the vertices and their adjacencies



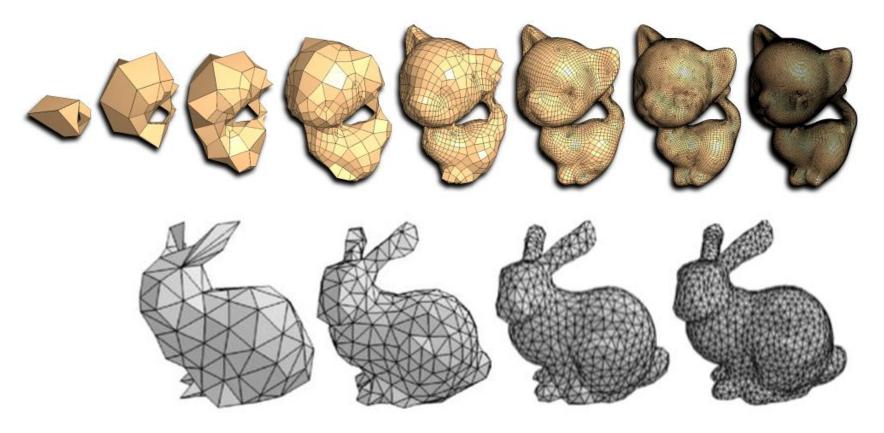
12 triangles



10K triangles

# **Triangle Mesh (cont.)**

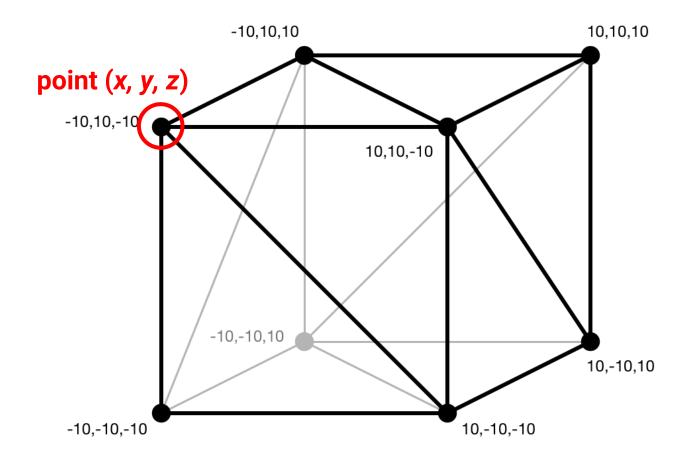
- Using more triangles can lead to higher-quality meshes
  - However, takes more time to render



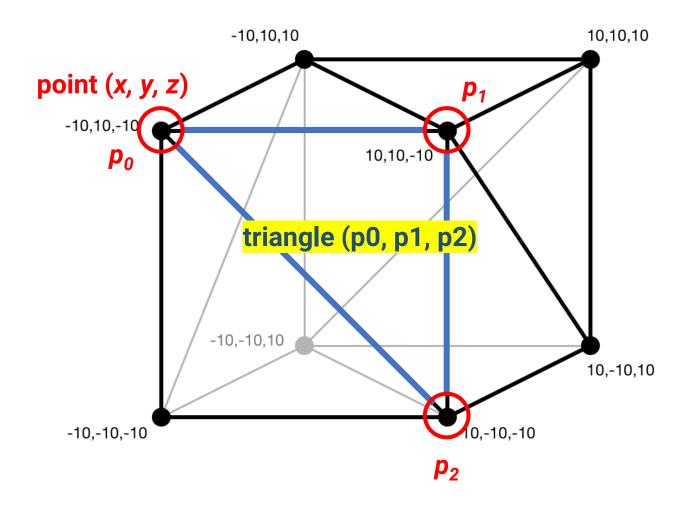
# **Scene Built with Triangle Mesh**



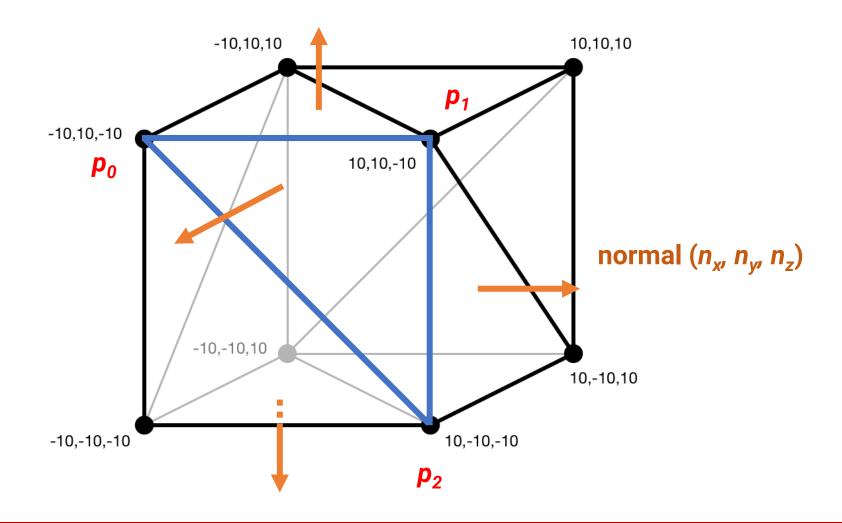
# Point, Triangle, and Surface Normal



#### Point, Triangle, and Surface Normal



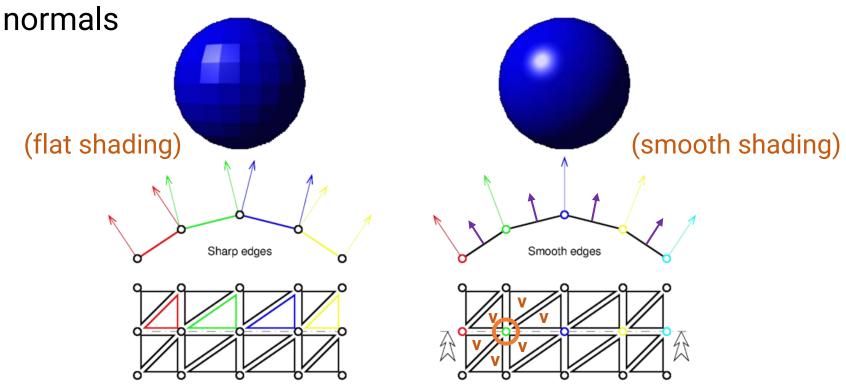
### Point, Triangle, and Surface Normal



#### **Vertex Normal**

 Compute by averaging the surface normals of the faces that contain that vertex

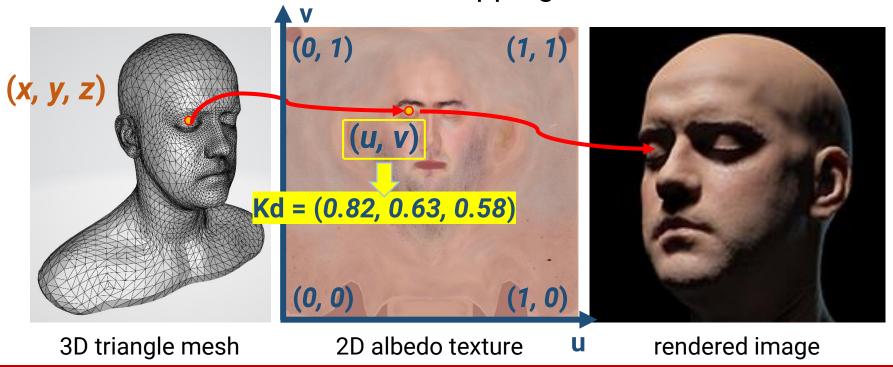
Can achieve much smooth shading than using triangle



#### **Vertex Texture Coordinate**



- A coordinate to look up the texture
  - The way to map a point on the 3D surface to a pixel (texel) on a 2D image texture
- We will introduce texture mapping in the near future



#### **3D Model Format**

- A model is often stored in a file
- Common file format includes
  - Wavefront (\*.obj)
  - Polygon file format (\*.ply)
  - Filmbox (\*.fbx)
  - MAX (\*.max)
  - Digital Asset Exchange File (\*.dae)
  - STereoLithography (\*.stl)

#### **Example: Wavefront OBJ File Format**

cube.obj

```
vn 0.0 -1.0 0.0

vn 0.0 1.0 0.0

vn 1.0 0.0 0.0

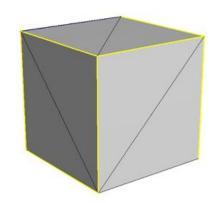
vn -0.0 0.0 1.0

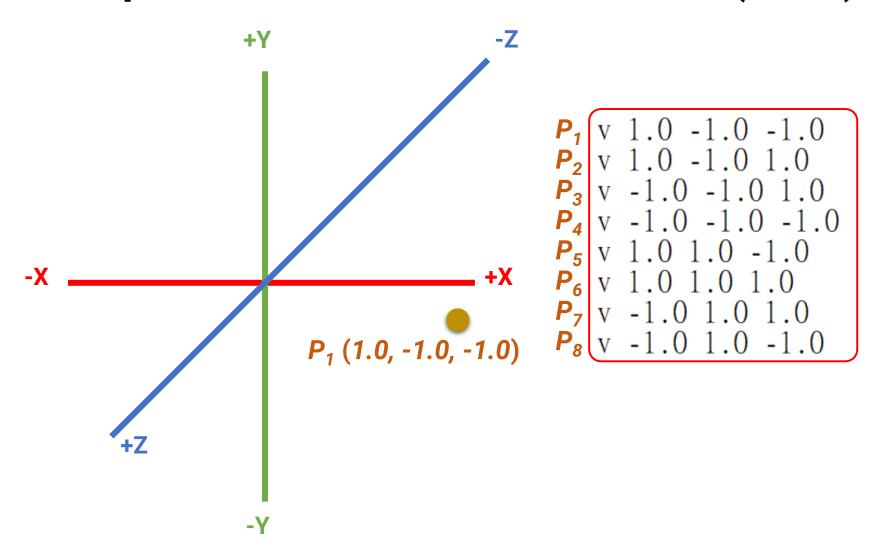
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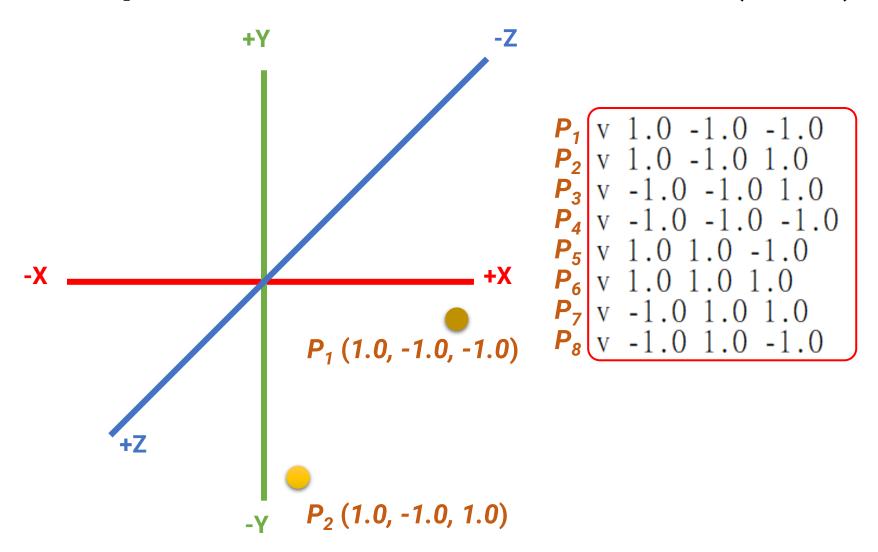
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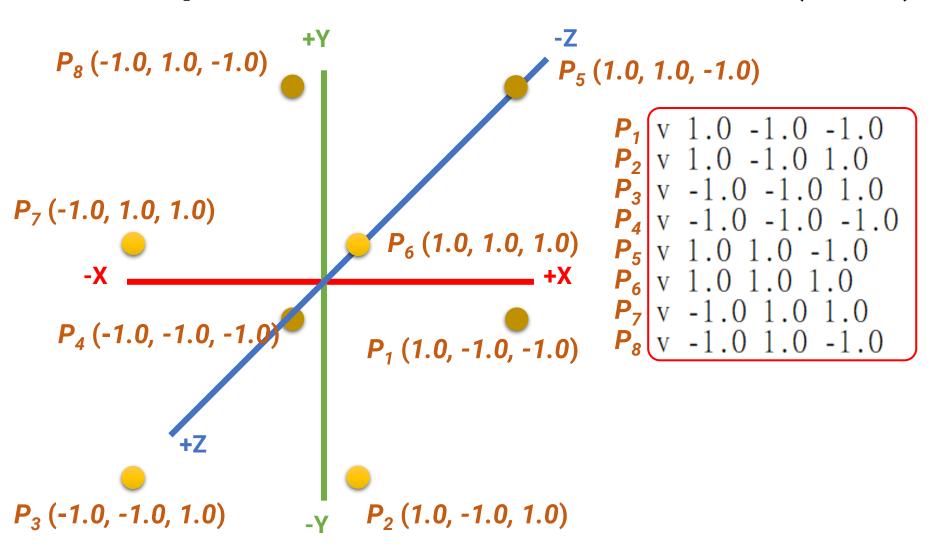
vertex normal declaration
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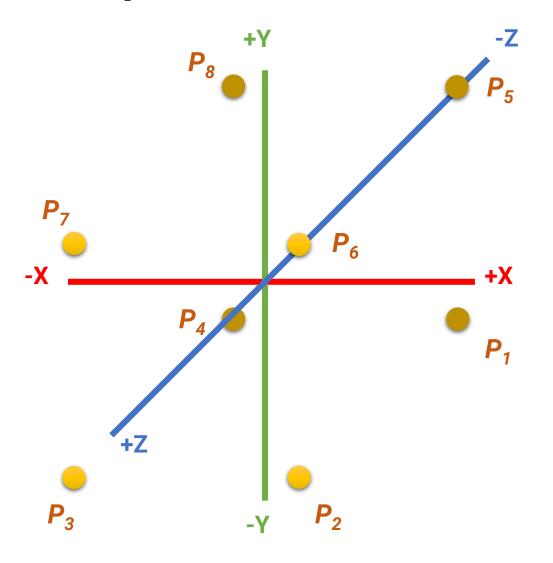
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usemt1 cubeMt1
f 8/2/2 7/1/2 6/3/2
f 5/4/2 8/2/2 6/3/2
f 2/4/1 3/2/1 4/1/1
f 1/3/1 2/4/1 4/1/1
f 2/3/4 6/4/4 3/1/4
f 6/4/4 7/2/4 3/1/4
f 5/4/3 6/2/3 2/1/3
f 1/3/3 5/4/3 2/1/3
f 3/3/5 7/4/5 8/2/5
f 4/1/5 3/3/5 8/2/5
f 5/2/6 1/1/6 8/4/6
f 1/1/6 4/3/6 8/4/6
(adjacency, submesh)
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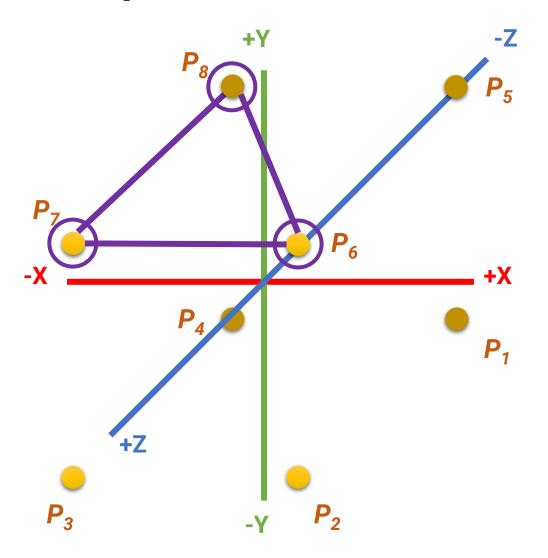


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F<sub>1</sub> f 8/2/2 7/1/2 6/3/2 f 5/4/2 8/2/2 6/3/2 F<sub>3</sub> f 2/4/1 3/2/1 4/1/1 F<sub>4</sub> f 1/3/1 2/4/1 4/1/1 f 2/3/4 6/4/4 3/1/4 F<sub>6</sub> f 6/4/4 7/2/4 3/1/4 F<sub>7</sub> f 5/4/3 6/2/3 2/1/3 F<sub>8</sub> f 1/3/3 5/4/3 2/1/3 F<sub>9</sub> f 3/3/5 7/4/5 8/2/5 F<sub>10</sub> f 4/1/5 3/3/5 8/2/5 f 5/2/6 1/1/6 8/4/6 f 1/1/6 4/3/6 8/4/6
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vertex1 vertex2 vertex3

f P/T/N P/T/N P/T/N

P: index of vertex position
T: index of texture coordinate
N: index of vertex normal
(Note: indices start by 1)

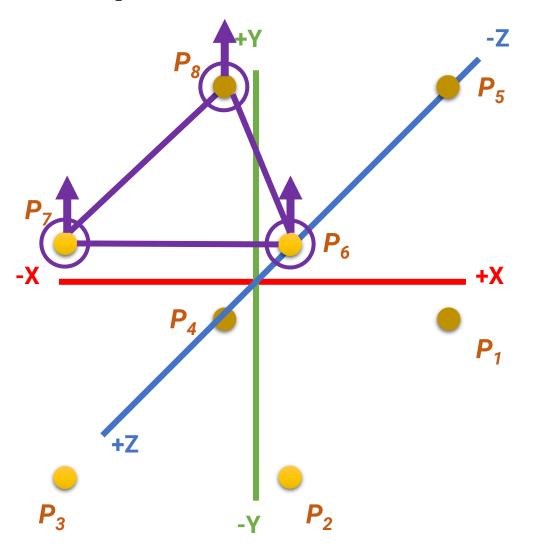


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F<sub>1</sub> f 8/2/2 7/1/2 6/3/2
f 5/4/2 8/2/2 6/3/2
f 2/4/1 3/2/1 4/1/1
F<sub>4</sub> f 1/3/1 2/4/1 4/1/1
f 2/3/4 6/4/4 3/1/4
F<sub>6</sub> f 6/4/4 7/2/4 3/1/4
f 5/4/3 6/2/3 2/1/3
f 3/3/5 7/4/5 8/2/5
f 4/1/5 3/3/5 8/2/5
f 5/2/6 1/1/6 8/4/6
f 1/1/6 4/3/6 8/4/6
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vertex1 vertex2 vertex3 f P/T/N P/T/N

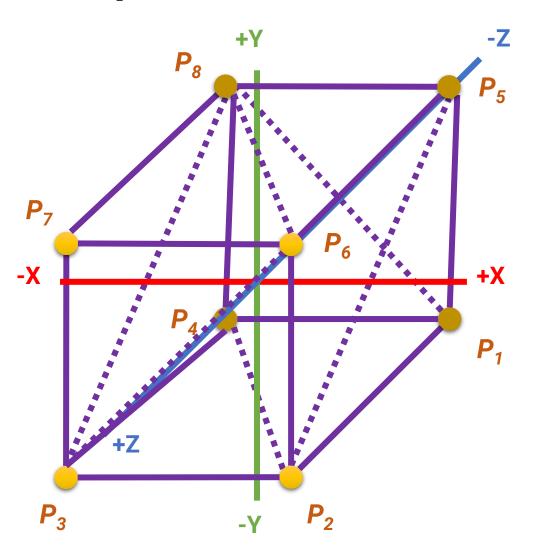
P: index of vertex position
T: index of texture coordinate
N: index of vertex normal

(Note: indices start by 1)



vertex1 vertex2 vertex3 f P/T/N P/T/N P/T/N

P: index of vertex position
T: index of texture coordinate
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F<sub>1</sub> f 8/2/2 7/1/2 6/3/2 f 5/4/2 8/2/2 6/3/2 f 5/4/2 8/2/2 6/3/2 f 2/4/1 3/2/1 4/1/1 F<sub>3</sub> f 1/3/1 2/4/1 4/1/1 f 2/3/4 6/4/4 3/1/4 F<sub>6</sub> f 6/4/4 7/2/4 3/1/4 F<sub>7</sub> f 5/4/3 6/2/3 2/1/3 f 3/3/5 7/4/5 8/2/5 f 4/1/5 3/3/5 8/2/5 f 5/2/6 1/1/6 8/4/6 f 1/1/6 4/3/6 8/4/6
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vertex1 vertex2 vertex3

f P/T/N P/T/N P/T/N

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