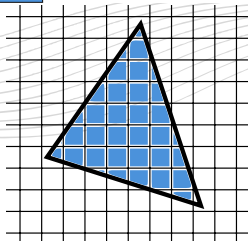
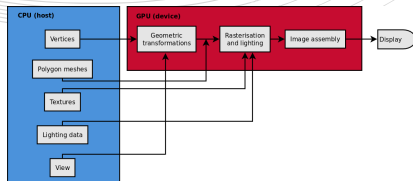


Introduction and your first triangle

Computer Graphics (DT3025)

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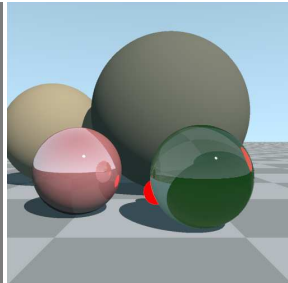
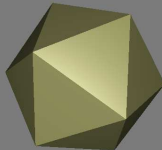
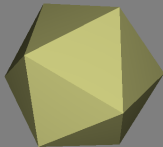
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The Last of Us



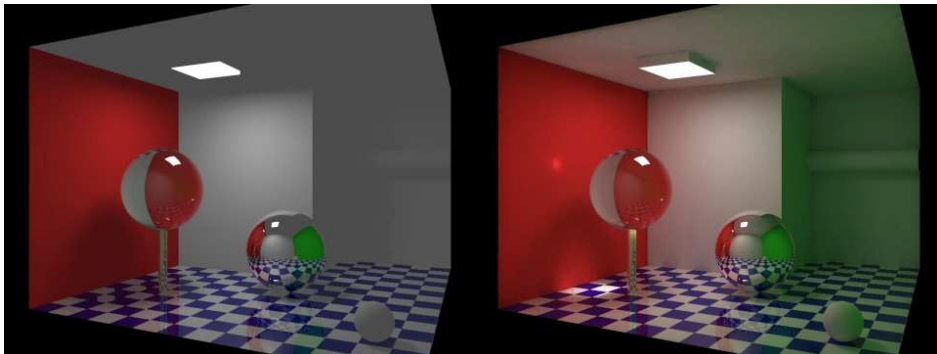
Light and material models



Textures and other mapping techniques



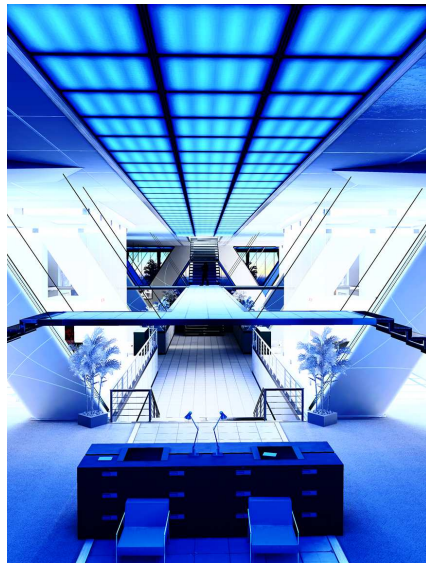
Ray tracing and global illumination



Game techniques for shadows and realistic lighting



Doom 3: id software



Mirror's edge

And the math required to do it

$$L^e(P, \omega_o) + \int_{\omega_i} L(R(P, \omega_i), -\omega_i) f_s(P, \omega_i, \omega_o) (\omega_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_P) d\omega_i$$

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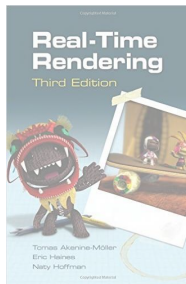
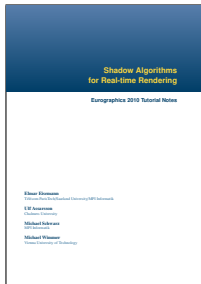
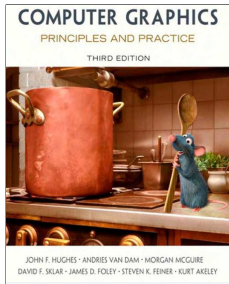
Lecture schedule

- today** Intro, and how to draw a triangle
- Tue, 1 Nov** Linear algebra and perspective
- Mon, 7 Nov** Materials and lighting
- Tue, 8 Nov** Textures and mapping techniques
- Mon, 14 Nov** Rasterised shadows
- Tue, 15 Nov** Ray casting and ray tracing
- Mon, 21 Nov** Ray tracing and path tracing
- Mon, 28 Nov** Path tracing
- Mon, 5 Dec** (placeholder)
- Mon, 12 Dec** Case studies, summary
- Thu, 12 Jan** Exam

Any changes to the schedule will be announced on Blackboard.

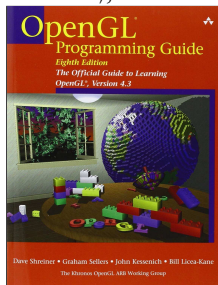
Course literature: theory

- Hughes et al., *Computer Graphics: Principles and Practice*, 3rd ed.
 - Main book.
- Eisemann et al., *Shadow Algorithms for Real-time Rendering*
 - For the lecture on rasterised shadows.
- (Akenine-Möller et al., *Real-Time Rendering*, 3rd ed.)
 - Good alternative (e-)book. Not required.
- Don't forget: lecture contents (keep notes!), and the slides. (But the slides cannot contain all of the course contents.)



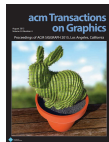
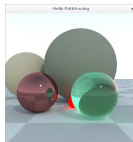
Course literature: practice

- OpenGL wiki: www.opengl.org/wiki/Main_Page
- OpenGL API documentation:
<https://www.opengl.org/sdk/docs/man4/>
- Shreiner et al., *OpenGL programming guide, 8th ed.*
 - Good reference (for OpenGL 4.3), but the web resources are enough.



Lab assignments

- 1 Intro to OpenGL, transformations
- 2 Materials and lighting
- 3 Textures and other mapping techniques
- 4 Ray tracing, path tracing
- 5 State-of-the-art literature review



Course objectives

- Knowledge and comprehension:
 - Explain theory and methods from computer graphics.
 - *Eg, rasterisation, path tracing, material models, shadow techniques.*
- Proficiency and ability:
 - Demonstrate skills in applying theory and methods for programming 3D graphics with industrially relevant methods.
 - *Eg, rendering and shader programming with OpenGL.*
- Judgement and approach:
 - Demonstrate the ability to continuously update knowledge within the field of computer graphics as the state of the art progresses.
 - *Review current literature in Lab 5.*

Today's lecture

- Vision and perception.
- Computer graphics hardware.
- Your first triangle in OpenGL.

Reading material

- Hughes et al.:
 - Chapter 1,
 - Chapter 5,
 - Chapter 15.7,
 - Chapter 16.1,3,
 - Chapter 28.1–3,5–8.
 - (Chapter 38 can be skimmed too.)

Intro

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Light and human vision

Perception

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Computer graphics

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Graphics hardware

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How to draw a triangle

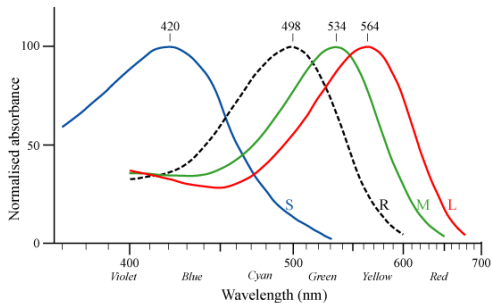
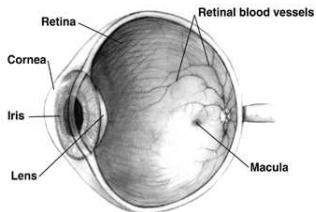
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Outro

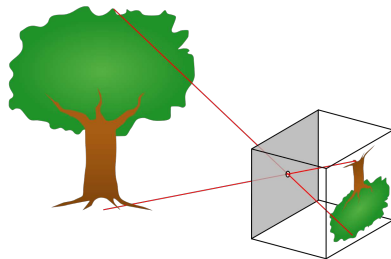
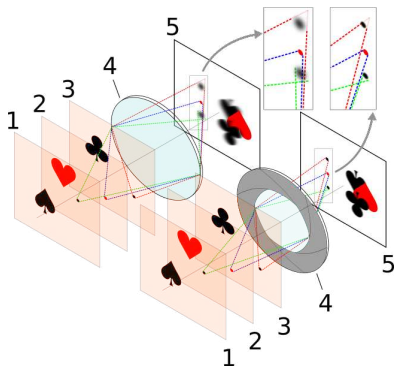
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What do we see?

How does the eye work?



Assume pin-hole camera



Assume geometric optics

Then we can't do:



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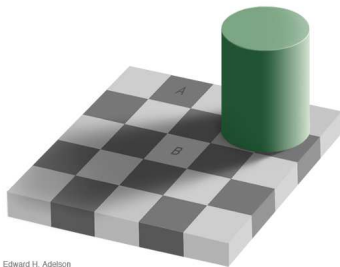
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Ingrid Moen et al.

What is colour?

- Colour is a *sensation*.
 - *Influenced* by light's mix of wavelengths, but not determined by it.
 - Example: different physical inputs can be perceived very similarly, and vice versa.



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- Example: "all cats are grey in the dark"
- Consider that about 5% of northern-Europeans are partially colourblind (8–10% of men, 1% of women).

Reproducing colours

- Colour spectrum continuous.



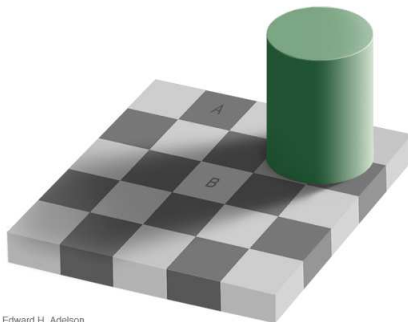
- (Sub-)pixels can only have one colour.
- What to do?
 - Model colours as weighted combination of basis colours.
 - RGB for screens (additive)
 - CMY for paper (subtractive)



Colour fundamentals

Brightness Perceived intensity (subjective)

Luminance (objective) measure of amount of energy that an observer receives



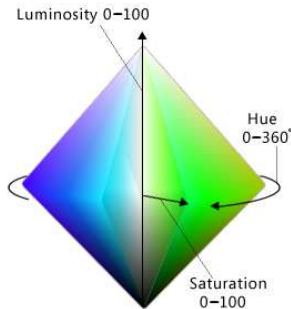
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Colour fundamentals

Hue Associated with dominant wavelength

Saturation Relative colour purity (how little white light mixed in)

Chromaticity Hue and saturation together

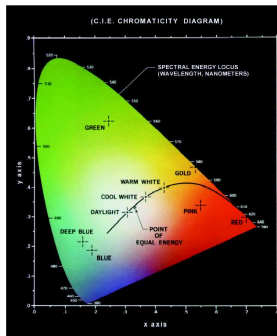


Colour fundamentals

Achromatic Uncoloured (white = unsaturated)

Chromatic With colour

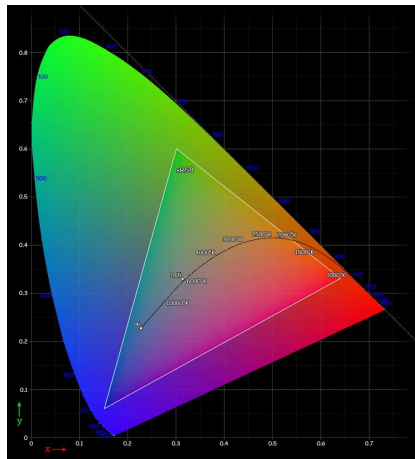
Monochromatic (Almost) only one wave length (laser)



General Electric co., via Gonzales et al. 2007

Colour space and gamut

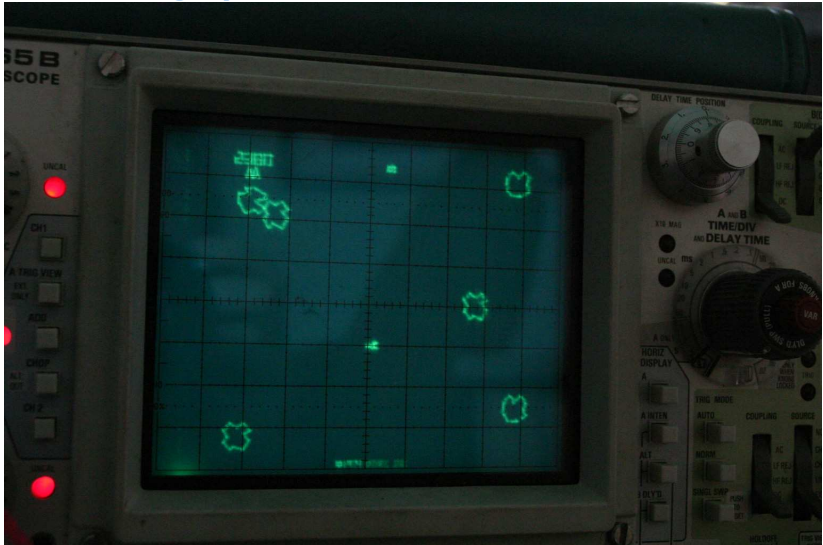
- Full CIE colour space is *tristimulus* model: x, y, z .
- Projection of xyz space where $x + y + z = 1$.
- Shows gamut of “standard person”.
- Monochromatic colours along edge (full saturation).
- sRGB gamut overlayed.



Raster (bit-map) and vector graphics

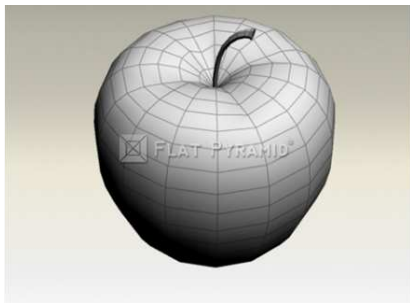


Actual vector graphics

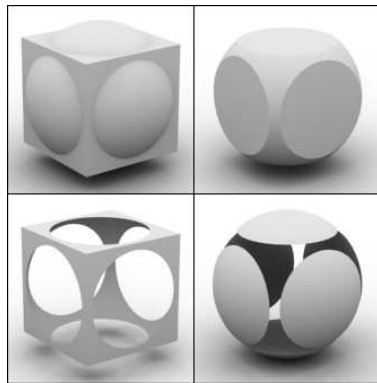


3D models

Tesselated



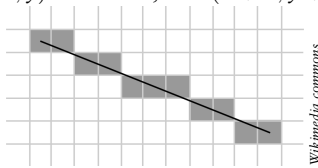
Procedural



Rasterisation (lines)

How to draw vector graphics on a rasterised screen (or printer)?

- Draw primitives on an output matrix (raster).
- Bresenham's algorithm (lines):
 - Line defined by end points (x_0, y_0) , (x_1, y_1) .
 - Can express it as $y = kx + m$.
 - Select which octant.
 - Start from top left (x_0, y_0) .
 - At each step increment x and decide whether the next point should be $(x + 1, y)$ or $(x + 1, y + 1)$.
 - Compute error e between pixel grid's y coordinate and the line's y coordinate.
 - Choose $(x + 1, y)$ if $e < 0.5$, and $(x + 1, y + 1)$ otherwise.



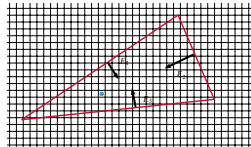
Rasterisation (triangles)

- Each triangle edge is on an infinite line.
- Line defines halfspace (inside vs outside).
- Triangle interior is all points inside the 3 halfspaces of its 3 edges.

$$E_i(x, y) = a_i x + b_i y + c_i$$

$$(x, y) \text{ within triangle} \equiv E_i(x, y) \geq 0, \forall i = 1, 2, 3$$

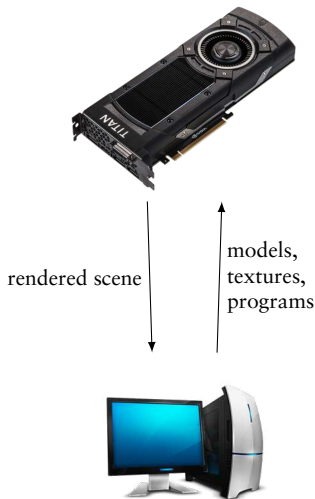
- Brute-force rasteriser:
- For each triangle
 - Compute $E_{1,2,3}$ from vertices (yields a_i, b_i, c_i)
 - For each pixel (x, y)
 - Evaluate edge functions (at pixel centre).
 - If all are ≥ 0 , pixel is inside.



- Is there a problem with that?
- Didn't I just say polygon objects have no inside?

What is a GPU?

- One or more processors specialised on
 - parallel floating point operations,
 - vector and matrix computations (4×4),
 - textures as matrices,
 - interpolation, blending, etc.
- Runs on-board *graphics cards*.
 - Limited access to memory.
 - Compile and upload program from CPU.
- We need an API for device-independent access to HW.



History of graphics hardware

1960's Screens replacing printers as output

1987 VGA (640×480 px, 256 col)

1989 SVGA (1024×768 px, 256 col)

1995 First combined 2D/3D card

- Fixed-function pipeline

1997 3DFX “Voodoo” cards

- Mip-mapping and Z-buffer in HW,
- AGP replaces PCI

1999–2002 nVidia GeForce, 32–128 MiB RAM

2008 nVidia/ATi GeForce/Radeon, 256–1024 MiB RAM

- Programmable shaders

Modern graphics cards



geforce.com

- 8000 million transistors
 - Intel Core i7 has ≈ 1000 million
- >3000 cores
 - Top consumer CPUs have 16
- 12 GiB memory
- >300 GiB/s memory bandwidth
 - Fast DRAM is around 20 GiB/s
- Polygon counts no longer important: more computations *per pixel*

Graphics APIs

How to interface with hardware?

OpenGL

- All desktops/laptops

WebGL, OpenGL|ES

- All devices

Direct3D

- Windows only

Vulkan

- “Next generation” OpenGL, allows more direct access to hardware (for better and worse)



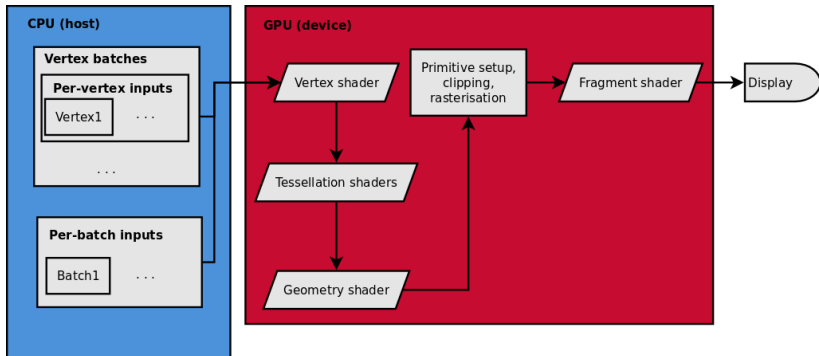
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Conceptual graphics pipeline: pseudocode

```
1  for (each triangle)
2  {
3      transform into eye space;
4      set up 3 edge equations;
5      for (each pixel x,y)
6      {
7          if (it passes all edge equations)
8              compute z
9              if (z < zbuffer[x,y])
10             {
11                 zbuffer[x,y] = z
12                 framebuffer[x,y] = shade()
13             }
14     }
15 }
```

The programmable graphics pipeline



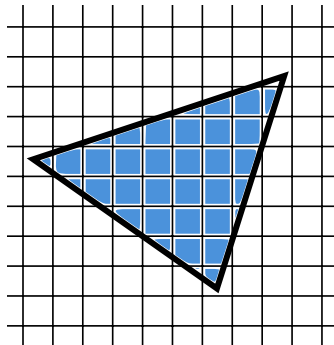
What's a vertex shader?



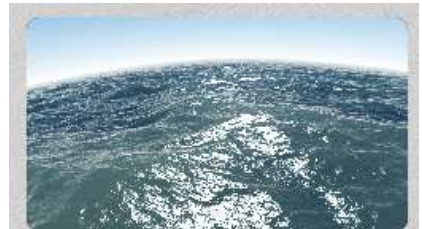
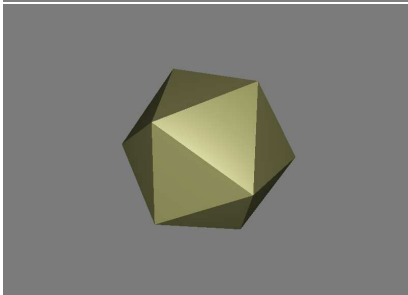
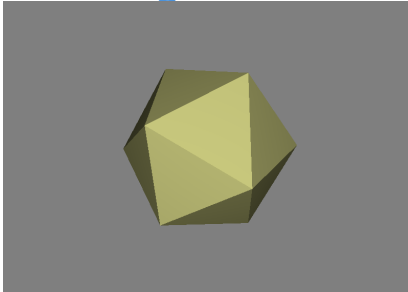
Left: trivial vertex shader. Right: also move each vertex in normal direction.

What's a fragment?

- *Pixel*: contents of frame buffer at a specific location (colour, depth, etc.)
- *Fragment*: state required to potentially update a pixel.
- Think of it as a *potential pixel*.
- If a fragment passes rasterisation tests, it will update a pixel in the frame buffer.



What's a fragment shader?



"Seascape" by TDM

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"Flame" by XT95

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Optional shaders

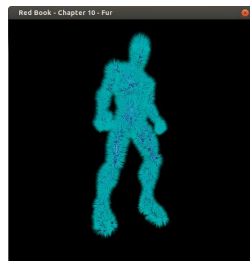
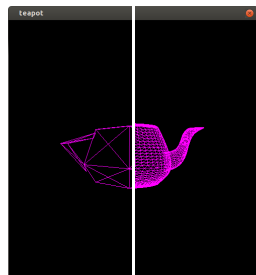
Additional shader stages between vertex and fragment shader.

Tessellation shaders

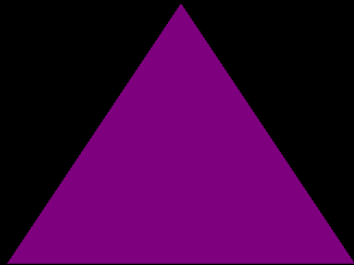
- Input:
 - (high-level) surface description
- Output:
 - Triangle list
- E.g, adaptive subdivision of surfaces, or *displacement mapping*.

Geometry shader

- Input:
 - A *primitive* (e.g, a triangle)
- Output:
 - Zero or more primitives.
- E.g, generate fur, render primitive on several images (for special effects)...



Hello Triangle



How to draw a triangle, in six steps

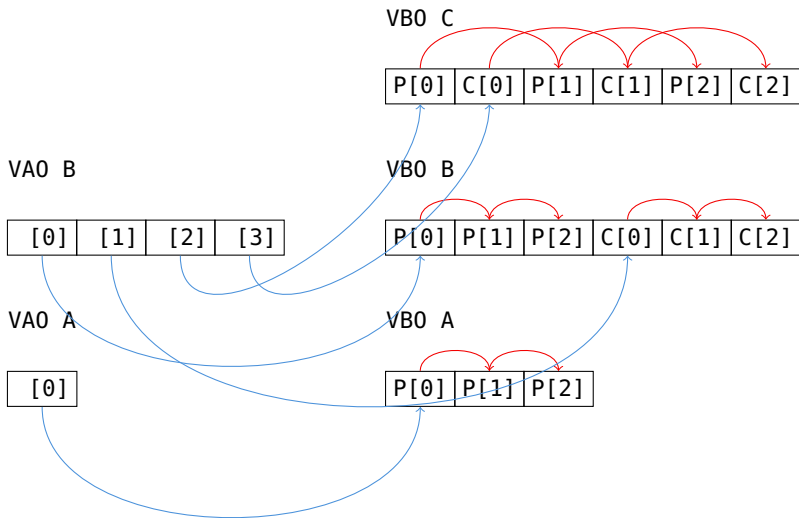
- 1 Create a *context* (a screen area) in which to draw.
- 2 Create a *vertex array object* (VAO) which will hold pointers to what to draw.
- 3 Create an array of *vertex attributes* (this is your triangle).
 - position, colour,
 - and/or normal, temperature... whatever you want
- 4 Put them in a *vertex buffer object* (VBO) and send them to GPU.
- 5 Compile a *shader program* to tell GPU what to do with the data.
 - Compile several shader *stages*, link them, and upload them.
- 6 Draw!

First step: giving OpenGL somewhere to draw

Excerpt: setting up rendering context in GLFW

```
1  // Init the GLFW helper library
2  if (not glfwInit())
3      exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
4
5  // Tell the OS to create a window for us
6  GLFWwindow* window = glfwCreateWindow( 20, 20, "Title", NULL, NULL );
7
8  if (not window) {
9      glfwTerminate();
10     exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
11 }
12
13 glfwMakeContextCurrent( window );
14
15 // Now you can tell OpenGL what to draw in the window
```

Buffer objects



Draw a triangle: CPU-side

```
1 // Allocate 3 vertices with 3 attributes each (3D position):
2 float vertices[3][3] = {
3     {-1.0, -1.0, 0.0},
4     { 1.0 , -1.0, 0.0},
5     { 1.0 , +1.0, 0.0}};
6
7 // (Set up buffer objects) . . .
8
9 // Specify how this attribute is stored:
10 glVertexAttribPointer(
11     0, // attribute nr
12     3, // size of attribute
13     GL_FLOAT, // data type
14     GL_FALSE, // normalise or not
15     0, // stride
16     (void*) &vertices); // array offset
17
18 // (Set up shader program) . . .
19 // (Enable and send data to GPU) . . .
20
21 // Draw triangle primitives, using 3 points per primitive.
22 glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, 3);
```

Draw a triangle: vertex shader

- Vertex attributes are inputs to a *vertex shader* – executed once per vertex.
- Vertex shader outputs variables that are passed to rasterisation and fragment shader.
 - **gl_Position** determines the screen coordinates. Stretches from $(-1, -1)$ to $(+1, +1)$.
 - **out** variables are passed to fragment shader (after linear interpolation!)

Shader code

```
layout(location=0) in vec4 inPosition; // Attribute nr 0 is position.  
out vec3 myColour;  
  
void main() {  
    gl_Position = inPosition;  
    myColour.rg = inPosition.xy;  
    myColour.b = 1.0;  
}
```

What does this vertex shader do?

Draw a triangle: fragment shader

- Recall: *fragment shader* is run once for every pixel on the screen that is covered by the graphic primitive.
- The fragment shader is run with inputs that (optionally) have already been interpolated between the vertices.
- Fragment shader should give (at least) an RGBA colour as output that is drawn on the screen.

Shader code

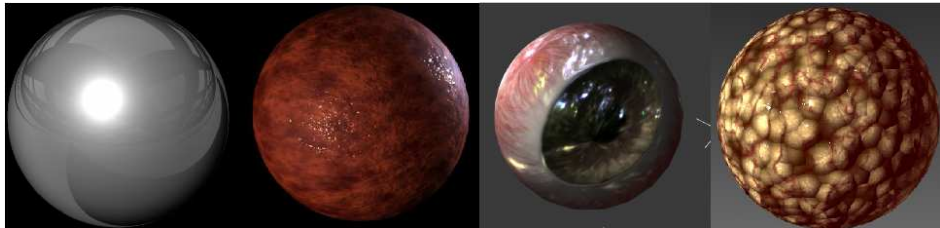
```
in vec3 myColour; // Remember myColour from last slide?
out vec4 pixel;

void main() {
    pixel.rgb = myColour;
    pixel.a = 0.0;
}
```

What does this fragment shader do?

How flexible is it?

- Same CPU code for generating a sphere used with different vertex/fragment shaders.



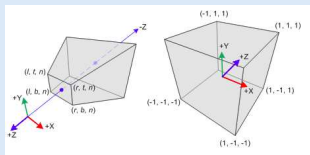
Summary

- Colour perception, tristimulus model
- Basic rasterisation
- Programmable graphics pipeline
- Pixels and fragments
- Vertex and fragment shaders

What's next

Lecture 2: Essential algebra for graphics

- Tomorrow, 15.15–17.00
- T-211
- Hughes et al.: **Chapters 7, 10, 11, 13**



Lab 1: OpenGL intro

- Wed 2 Nov, 08.15–12.00
- T-006

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