
OpenGL: Transformations

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Objectives

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 - Scaling
 - Rotation
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Scaling

Expand or contract along each axis (fixed point of origin)

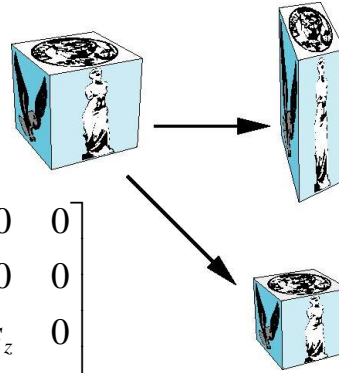
$$x' = s_x x$$

$$y' = s_y y$$

$$z' = s_z z$$

$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{p}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}(s_x, s_y, s_z) = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Example ..

```
GLfloat CubeVertices[][3] = {{-1.0,-1.0,-1.0},
    {1.0,-1.0,-1.0}, {1.0,1.0,-1.0}, {-1.0,1.0,-1.0},
    {-1.0,-1.0,1.0}, {1.0,-1.0,1.0}, {1.0,1.0,1.0},
    {-1.0,1.0,1.0}};
```

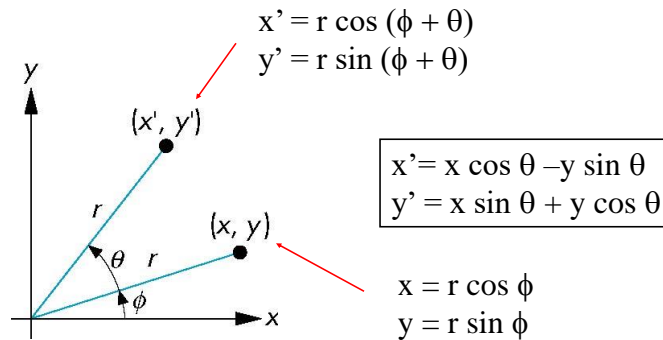
- `colorcube();` // not using scaling factor
- `glScaled(0.3, 0.3, 0.3);`
`colorcube();`

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Rotation (2D)

Consider rotation about the origin by θ degrees

- radius stays the same, angle increases by θ



Rotation about the z axis

- Rotation about z axis in three dimensions leaves all points with the same z

- Equivalent to rotation in two dimensions in planes of constant z

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta \\ y' &= x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \\ z' &= z \end{aligned}$$

- or in homogeneous coordinates

$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{R}_z(\theta) \mathbf{p}$$

Rotation Matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

`glRotated(θ , 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);`



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Rotation about x and y axes

- Same argument as for rotation about z axis

- For rotation about x axis, x is unchanged

- For rotation about y axis, y is unchanged

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{glRotated}(\theta, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0);$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{glRotated}(\theta, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);$$



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General Rotation About the Origin

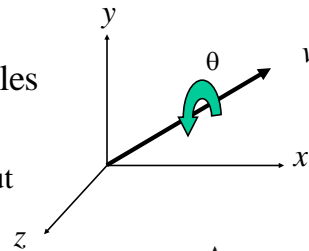
A rotation by θ about an arbitrary axis can be decomposed into the concatenation of rotations about the x , y , and z axes

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \mathbf{R}_z(\theta_z) \mathbf{R}_y(\theta_y) \mathbf{R}_x(\theta_x)$$

$\theta_x \theta_y \theta_z$ are called the Euler angles

Note that rotations do not commute.

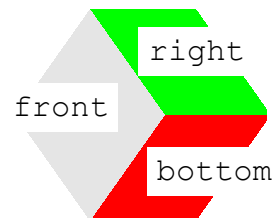
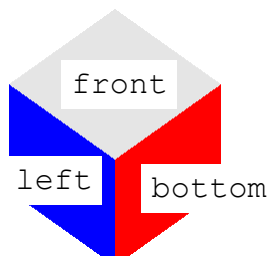
We can use rotations in another order but with different angles.



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Example ..

How would you achieve this ?



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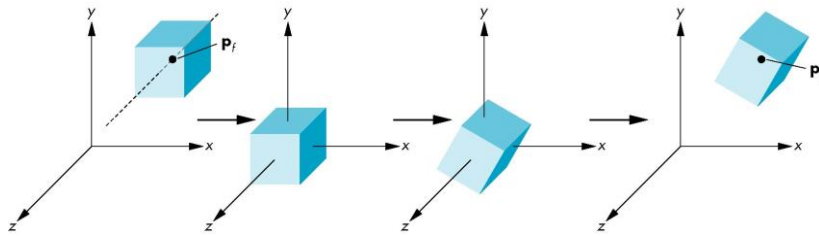
Rotation About a Fixed Point other than the Origin

Move fixed point to origin

Rotate

Move fixed point back

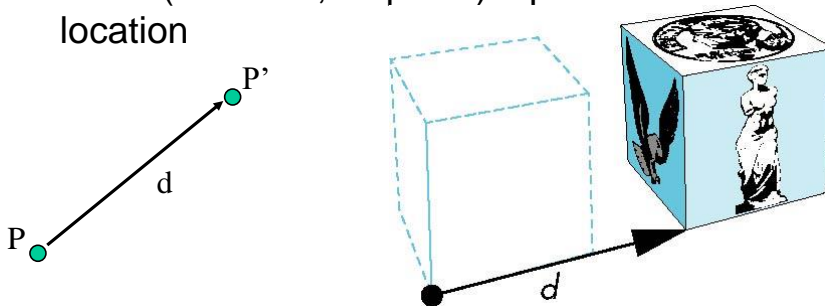
$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{p}_f) \mathbf{R}(\theta) \mathbf{T}(-\mathbf{p}_f)$$



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Translation

- Move (translate, displace) a point to a new location



- Displacement determined by a vector \mathbf{d}
 - Three degrees of freedom
 - $\mathbf{P}' = \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{d}$

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Translation Matrix

We can also express translation using a
4 x 4 matrix **T** in homogeneous coordinates
 $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{p}$ where

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}(d_x, d_y, d_z) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & d_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & d_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & d_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{glTranslated}(d_x, d_y, d_z);$$

This form is better for implementation because all affine transformations can be expressed this way and multiple transformations can be concatenated together



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Example ..

```
glTranslated(-0.5, -0.5, 0.0);
glRotated(45.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
glRotated(45.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
glScaled(0.3, 0.3, 0.3);
colorcube();

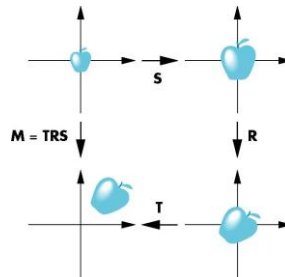
glTranslated(0.5, 0.5, 0.0);
glRotated(45.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
glRotated(45.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
glScaled(0.3, 0.3, 0.3);
colorcube();
```



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Instancing

- In modelling, we often start with a simple object centered at the origin, oriented with the axis, and at a standard size (a “model”)
- We apply an *instance transformation* to its vertices to
 - Scale
 - Orient
 - Locate



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OpenGL Matrices

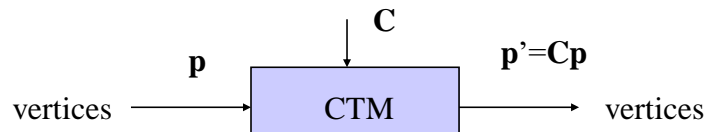
- In OpenGL matrices are part of the state
- Multiple types
 - Model-View (**GL_MODELVIEW**)
 - Projection (**GL_PROJECTION**)
 - Texture (**GL_TEXTURE**) (ignore for now)
 - Color (**GL_COLOR**) (ignore for now)
- Single set of functions for manipulation
- Select which to manipulate with:
 - **glMatrixMode** (**GL_MODELVIEW**) ;
 - **glMatrixMode** (**GL_PROJECTION**) ;



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Current Transformation Matrix (CTM)

- Conceptually there is a 4 x 4 homogeneous coordinate matrix, the *current transformation matrix* (CTM) that is part of the state and is applied to all vertices that pass down the pipeline (recall that they are created by glVertex)



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CTM operations

- The CTM can be altered either by loading a new CTM or by postmultiplication

Load an identity matrix: $C \leftarrow I$ `glLoadIdentity`
 Load an arbitrary matrix: $C \leftarrow M$ `glLoadMatrixf`

Load a translation matrix: $C \leftarrow T$
 Load a rotation matrix: $C \leftarrow R$
 Load a scaling matrix: $C \leftarrow S$

Postmultiply by an arbitrary matrix: $C \leftarrow CM$ `glMultMatrixf`
 Postmultiply by a translation matrix: $C \leftarrow CT$ `glTranslatef`
 Postmultiply by a rotation matrix: $C \leftarrow CR$ `glRotatef`
 Postmultiply by a scaling matrix: $C \leftarrow CS$ `glScalef`



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e.g. Rotation about a Fixed Point

Start with identity matrix: $C \leftarrow I$
 Move fixed point to origin: $C \leftarrow CT$
 Rotate: $C \leftarrow CR$
 Move fixed point back: $C \leftarrow CT^{-1}$

Result: $C = TRT^{-1}$ which is **backwards**. **WRONG!**

This result is a consequence of doing **postmultiplications**.



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Reversing the Order

We want $C = T^{-1} R T$

so we must do the operations in the following order

$C \leftarrow I$
 $C \leftarrow C T^{-1}$
 $C \leftarrow C R$
 $C \leftarrow C T$

Each operation corresponds to one function call in the program.

Note that the last operation specified is the first executed in the program



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Example (revisited)

```
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);

glLoadIdentity();
glTranslated(-0.5, -0.5, 0.0);
glRotated(45.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
glRotated(45.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
glScaled(0.3, 0.3, 0.3);
colorcube();

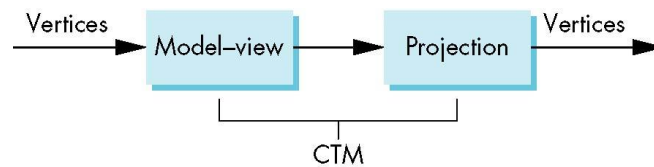
glLoadIdentity();
glTranslated(0.5, 0.5, 0.0);
glRotated(45.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
glRotated(45.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
glScaled(0.3, 0.3, 0.3);
colorcube();
```



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CTM in OpenGL

- OpenGL has a model-view and a projection matrix in the pipeline which are concatenated together to form the CTM
- Can manipulate each by first setting the correct matrix mode



Rotation, Translation, Scaling

Load an identity matrix:

- `glLoadIdentity()`

Multiply on right (postmultiplication):

- `glRotatef(theta, vx, vy, vz)`

`theta` in degrees, (`vx`, `vy`, `vz`) define axis of rotation

- `glTranslatef(dx, dy, dz)`
- `glScalef(sx, sy, sz)`

Each has a float (f) and double (d) format (e.g. `glScaled`)

Example (1)

- Rotation about z axis by 30 degrees with a fixed point of (1.0, 2.0, 3.0)

- Remember that the last matrix specified in the program is the first applied



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Example (2)

- Instantiate by scaling, rotating and translating.

```
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
glLoadIdentity();
glTranslatef(-0.3, 0.2, 0.0);
glRotatef(30.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
glRotatef(30.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
glRotatef(30.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
glScalef(0.5, 0.2, 0.3);
colorcube()
```

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Arbitrary Matrices

- Can load and multiply by matrices defined in the application program

```
glLoadMatrixf(m)
glMultMatrixf(m)
```

- The matrix **m** is a one dimension array of 16 elements which are the components of the desired 4 x 4 matrix stored by columns
- In **glMultMatrixf**, **m** multiplies the existing matrix on the right



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Reading Back Matrices

- Can also access matrices (and other parts of the state) by *query* functions

```
glGetIntegerv
glGetFloatv
glGetBooleanv
glGetDoublev
glIsEnabled
```

- For matrices, we use:

```
GLfloat m[16];
glGetFloatv(GL_MODELVIEW, m);
```



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Using the OpenGL matrices

- In OpenGL the model-view matrix is used to
 - Position the camera
 - Can be done by rotations and translations but it is often easier to use `gluLookAt`
 - Build models of objects
- The projection matrix is used to define the view volume and to select a camera lens



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Matrix Stacks

- In many situations we want to save transformation matrices for later use
 - E.g when traversing hierarchical data structures
- OpenGL maintains stacks for each type of matrix
 - Access present type (as set by `glMatrixMode`) by

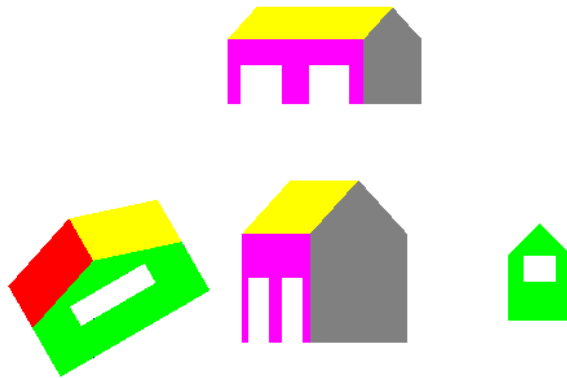
```
glPushMatrix()
glPopMatrix()
```



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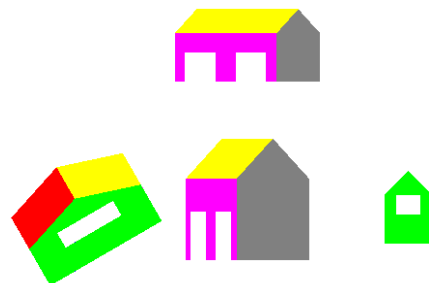
Example

Use instance transformation to create the following scene:



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```
void display()
{
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
    glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
    glLoadIdentity();
    glRotatef(theta[0], 1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
    glRotatef(theta[1], 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
    glRotatef(theta[2], 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
    glPushMatrix();
    glScalef (0.5, 0.5, 0.5);
    barn();
    glPopMatrix();
    glTranslatef (0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
    glScalef (0.3, 0.3, 1.0);
    barn();
    glLoadIdentity();
    glTranslatef (1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
    glScalef (0.3, 0.3, 0.3);
    barn();
    glLoadIdentity();
    glTranslatef (-1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
    glRotatef(30.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.1);
    glRotatef(30.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
    glScalef (0.8, 0.3, 0.3);
    barn();
    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```



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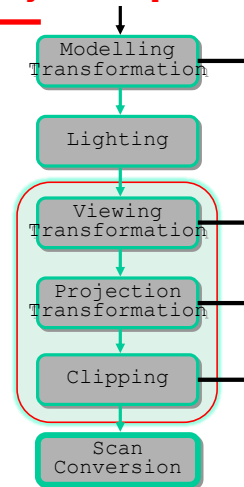


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Computer Viewing

- There are three aspects of the viewing process, all of which are implemented in the pipeline:
 - Positioning the camera
 - Setting the model-view matrix
 - Selecting a lens
 - Setting the projection matrix
 - Clipping
 - Setting the view volume

3D geometric primitives



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The OpenGL Camera

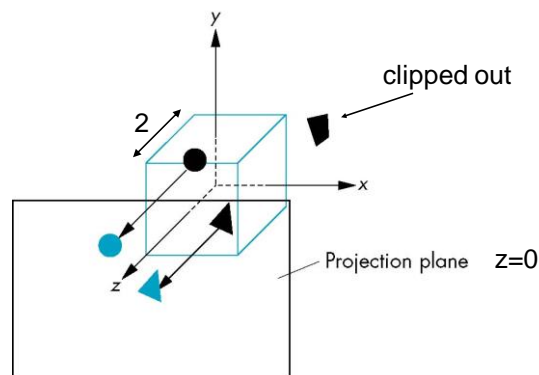
- In OpenGL, initially the object and camera frames are the same
 - Default model-view matrix is an identity
- The camera is located at origin and points in the negative z direction
- OpenGL also specifies a default view volume that is a cube with sides of length 2 centered at the origin
 - Default projection matrix is an identity



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Default Projection

Default projection is orthogonal



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Moving the Camera Frame

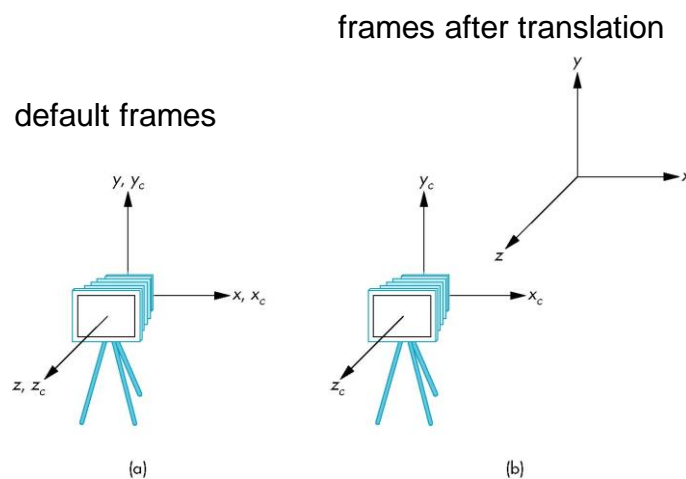
- We can either:
 - Move the camera in the positive z direction
 - Translate the camera frame
 - Move the objects in the negative z direction
 - Translate the world frame
- Both of these views are equivalent and are determined by the model-view matrix

```
glTranslatef(0.0, 0.0, d);
```



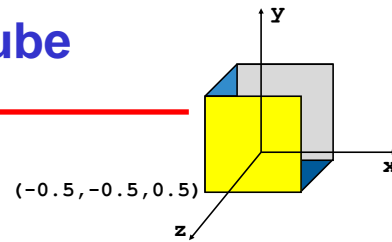
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Moving Camera away from Origin



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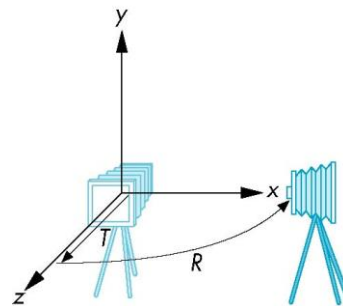
Colorcube



1. `glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);`
`glLoadIdentity();`
`glTranslatef(0.0, 0.0, 1.0);`
`colorcube();`
2. `glTranslatef(0.0, 0.0, -1.0);`

Moving the Camera

- We can move the camera (in fact the objects) to any desired position by a sequence of rotations and translations
- Example: side view
 - Rotate
 - Move away from origin
 - Model-view matrix $C = TR$

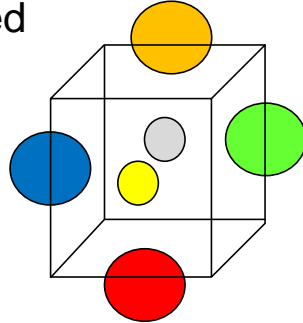


Example OpenGL code

- Remember that last transformation specified is first to be applied

```
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW)
```

- `glLoadIdentity();`
`glRotatef(90.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);`
- `glLoadIdentity();`
`glTranslatef(0.0, 0.0, -1.0);`
`glRotatef(90.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);`

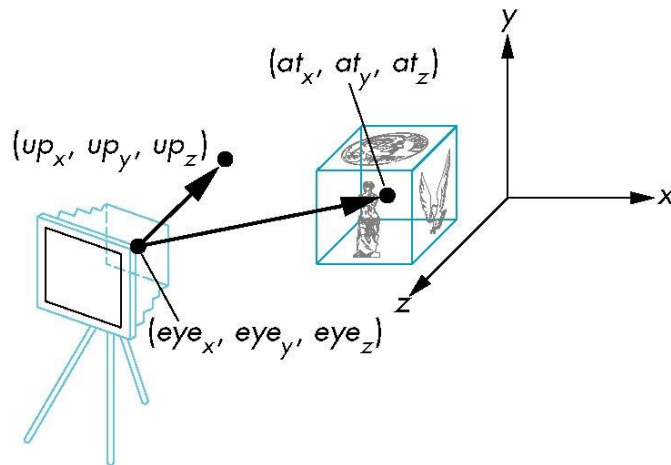


The LookAt Function

- The GLU library contains the function `gluLookAt` to form the required modelview matrix through a simple interface
- Note the need for setting an up direction
- Still need to initialize
 - Can concatenate with modeling transformations

gluLookAt

```
gluLookAt(eyex, eyey, eyez, atx, aty, atz, upx, upy, upz)
```

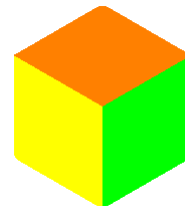
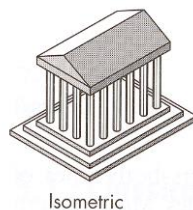


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gluLookAt: example

- Example: **isometric view** of cube aligned with axes

```
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);  
glLoadIdentity();  
gluLookAt(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
```



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Other Viewing APIs

- The LookAt function is only one possible API for positioning the camera
- Others include
 - View reference point, view plane normal, view up (PHIGS, GKS-3D)
 - Yaw, pitch, roll
 - Elevation, azimuth, twist
 - Direction angles