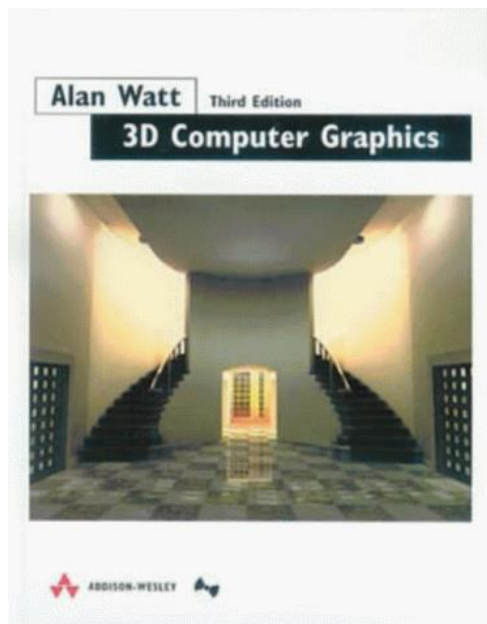


COM3503/4503/6503: 3D Computer Graphics

Lecture 1: Introduction...



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...to the module
...to computer graphics

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Beginnings...



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The course website...

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- Aim: lecture slides posted before lecture
- May update some after lecture



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Welcome to this module on 3D Computer Graphics. In lectures, I will be covering a range of fundamental topics that will give you the knowledge to work in many areas of computer graphics and help you to understand some of the techniques used in 3D animated films and games. In lab classes, you will be learning how to use the OpenGL API. The lab classes will ground some of the theory given in lectures and help you to understand the use of specific algorithms.



Resources



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Resources

There are a range of good books on 3D Computer Graphics, each covering the relevant theory in this module. You will find it helpful to read at least one book. There are plenty of copies of Watt's books in the [University library](#). Whilst this is a fairly old book, it covers the theory of 3D Computer Graphics well. My lecture notes build on the material in this book, enhancing it with more recent work.

JOGL 2.0

The lab classes will provide exercise sheets to help you learn how to use JOGL. However, the following resources may also be useful:

- [jogamp](#) - JOGL 2.x project home
- [The jogamp JOGL Tutorial](#)

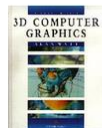
OpenGL

On the module we will be using modern OpenGL, which includes the programmable pipeline. (The most recent version is version 4.5.) The tutorials below are done with C++ in mind. Nonetheless, all the relevant OpenGL can be reused in a Java program with a few changes.

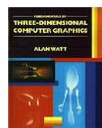
- [opengl.org](#)
- John Kessenich, Graham Sellers, Dave Shreiner. OpenGL Programming Guide: The Official Guide to Learning OpenGL, Version 4.5 with SPIR-V Paperback (ninth edition), Addison Wesley, 2016
- [Learn OpenGL](#) by Joey de Vries - I **recommend this tutorial** for learning modern OpenGL. There is also a downloadable book.
- Anton's OpenGL 4 Tutorials - Also useful, and has an accompanying book
- Modern OpenGL tutorial by Alexander Overvoorde
- Free tutorials for modern OpenGL (3.3 and later) in C/C++
- [wikibooks: OpenGL programming](#)
- Learning Modern 3D Graphics Programming by Jason L. McKesson



A. Watt, "3D Computer Graphics (3rd edition)", Addison-Wesley, 2000



A. Watt, "3D Computer Graphics (2nd edition)", Addison-Wesley, 1993



A. Watt, "Fundamentals of 3D Computer Graphics", Addison-Wesley, 1989

Maths for computer graphics

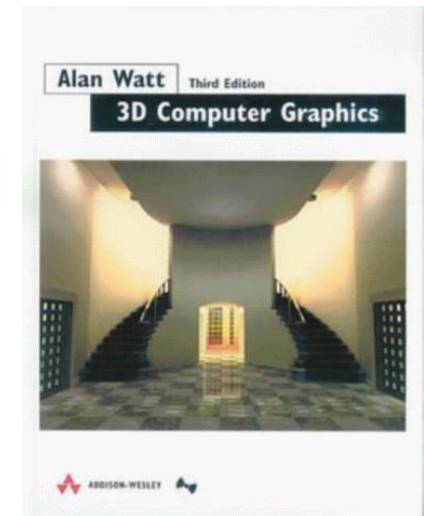
- [immersive linear algebra](#) by J. Ström, K. Åström, and T. Akenine-Möller
- [Vector maths tutorial](#)
- [Essence of Linear Algebra](#): video tutorial series by Grant Sanderson on the mathematics of transformations and linear algebra.
- Dunn, F. and I. Parberry, 3D Math Primer for Graphics and Game Development, AK Peters/CRC Press, 2nd edition, 2011.
- Vince, J.A., "Mathematics for Computer Graphics (Undergraduate Topics in Computer Science)", (Fourth edition), Springer, 2014.

Java links

- [Oracle's Java page](#) - A good starting point to find many other Java resources.
- [Oracle's Java tutorial](#) - Lots of practical examples of using all the Java classes.
- Horstmann, C.S. and G. Cornell, "Core Java ..." - I recommend these books for learning to program in Java. They also include good material on building GUIs.

General

- [Glossary of computer graphics terms](#)
- [GuerrillaCG](#) - a non for profit organisation dedicated to teaching the fundamentals of computer graphics.
- [Edinburgh online graphics dictionary](#)
- [Brown University cs123 resources](#)
- [Tools for movie generation and image processing](#)
- [Unity game engine \(free download\)](#)
- [jMonkeyEngine: 3D games engine using Java and OpenGL](#)
- Blender - "free open source 3D content creation suite, available for all major operating systems under the GNU General Public License".
- [Autodesk Education Community](#) - Free autodesk software including 3ds Max, AutoCAD and Maya
- [regentcourt.zip](#) - a Google SketchUp model of Regent Court
- [WebGL path tracing](#) (Use Chrome web browser)
- [ACM SIGGRAPH](#)
- [Eurographics](#)



Assessment

- Both assignment and exam
- All assignments will be available on MOLE
- All assignments must be submitted through MOLE

	Credits	Programming Assignment <i>Weeks 5-11</i> <i>(Handin: week 11, 3pm, Wed 6 Dec)</i>	Individual research study <i>Weeks 5-12</i> <i>(Handin: week 12, 3pm Wed 13 Dec)</i>	Exam <i>Sometime in weeks 13-15</i>
com3503	10	40%		60%
com4503	15	27%	33%	40%
com6503	15	27%	33%	40%

Reflections on last year

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Com3503 (19/53 responses)		5%	42%	53%
Com4503 (1/3 responses)			67%	33%
Com6503 (13/17 responses)			54%	46%

- Lots of positive comments.
- But, a few students found the course challenging

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CG, IP, CV

How do I make this look/move like reality?

Computer Graphics

3D scene
description

image

(3D) scene
understanding

Image could be
real, synthetic,
multiple, video

image

Computer Vision
(also pattern
recognition)

Image Processing
(also image
analysis)

image — image

High-level: Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, its...

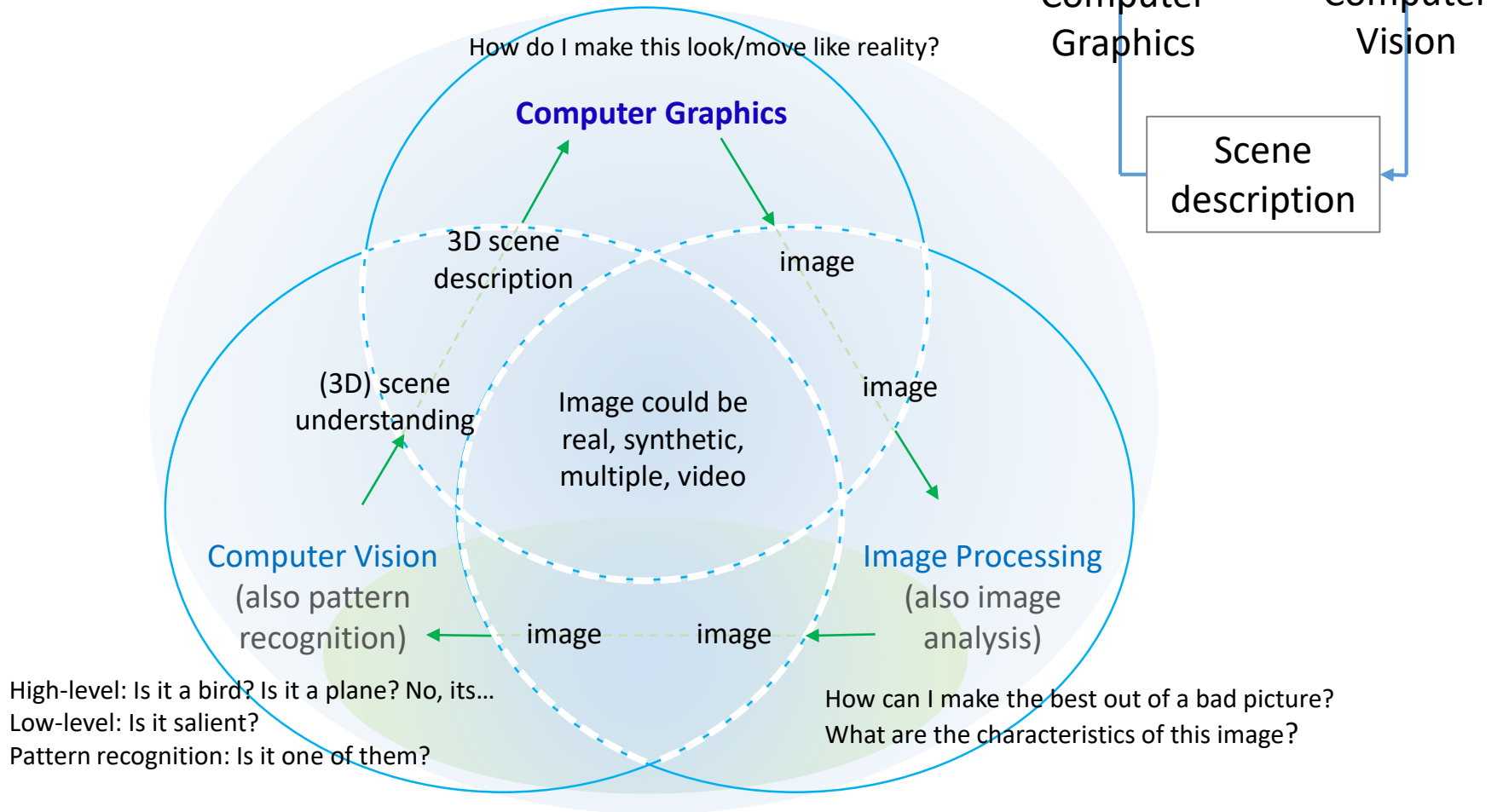
Low-level: Is it salient?

Pattern recognition: Is it one of them?

How can I make the best out of a bad
picture?

What are the characteristics of this
image?

CG, IP and CV



1. Uses of computer graphics

- Training & testing: experiments in the real world can be expensive and dangerous
- Design – enables spaces/objects to be investigated before construction
- Understanding using scientific visualisation
- Enhancing the existing world – mix models with the real world: special effects, augmented reality
- Entertainment and pleasure – games, TV and films, art



The Diamond



[The Virtual Hole in the Road](#)

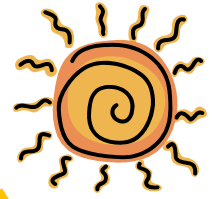
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2. Real world versus synthesis

- In the real world, light transport happens naturally



Illumination



Reflection

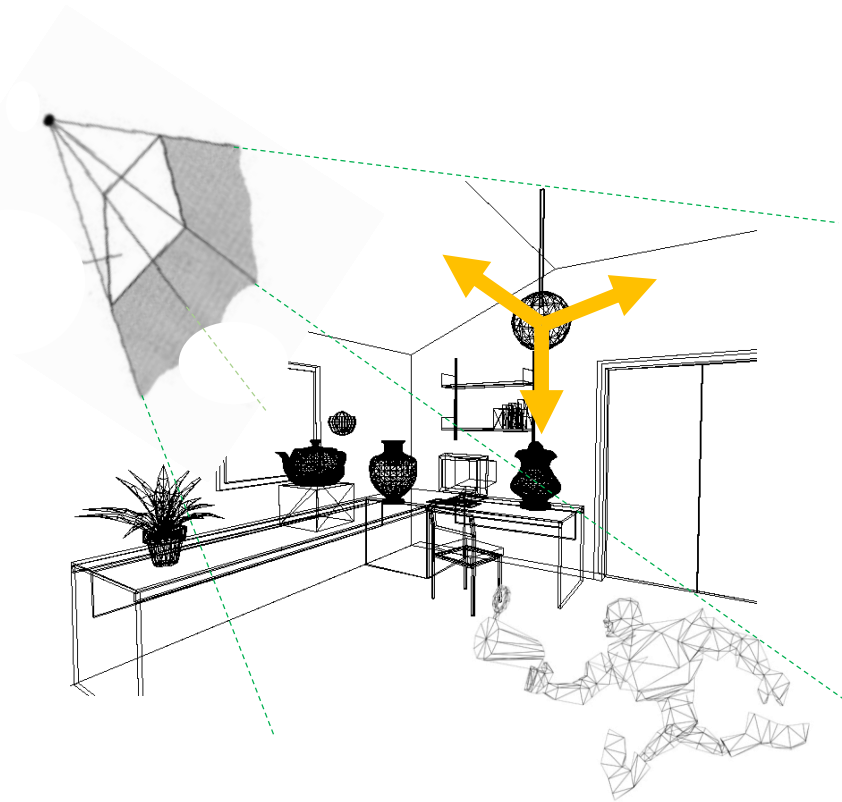


Reflections and
Absorption

Gold-painted Royal Mail post box
celebrating heptathlete Jessica
Ennis's 2012 Olympic gold medal
(<http://www.goldpostboxes.com/>)

2. Real world versus synthesis

- In computer graphics we have to do everything...
- Geometric Modelling
 - Define a set of objects and arrange them in a scene
- Position a synthetic camera
- Define the lighting
- Calculate the lighting for each object
 - Different approaches simplify this in different ways
- Convert the 3D scene into a 2D view
- Animate the scene
- Requires: Lots of maths and programming



Maths

- 2D and 3D coordinates
- Vectors
- Matrices
- ...

Matrix algebra

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$

$$AB \neq BA$$

$$AI = IA = A$$

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

$$A^{-1}A = I$$

$$a + b = b + a$$

$$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

$$\lambda(a + b) = \lambda a + \lambda b$$

...

$$v = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}$$

Dot product

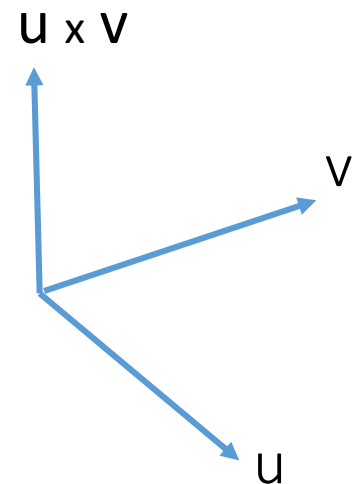
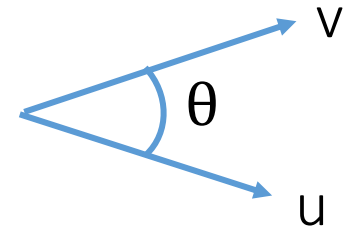
$$u \cdot v = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

$$u \cdot v = \|u\| \|v\| \cos \theta$$

Cross product

$$\|u \times v\| = \|u\| \|v\| \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} bz - cy \\ cx - az \\ ay - bx \end{pmatrix}$$



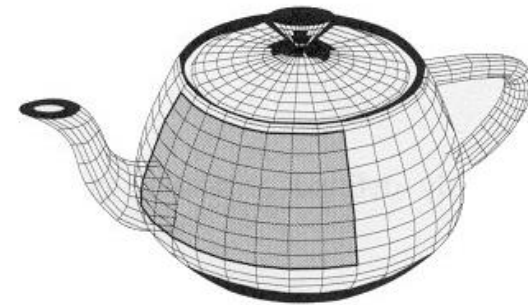
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3. Modelling

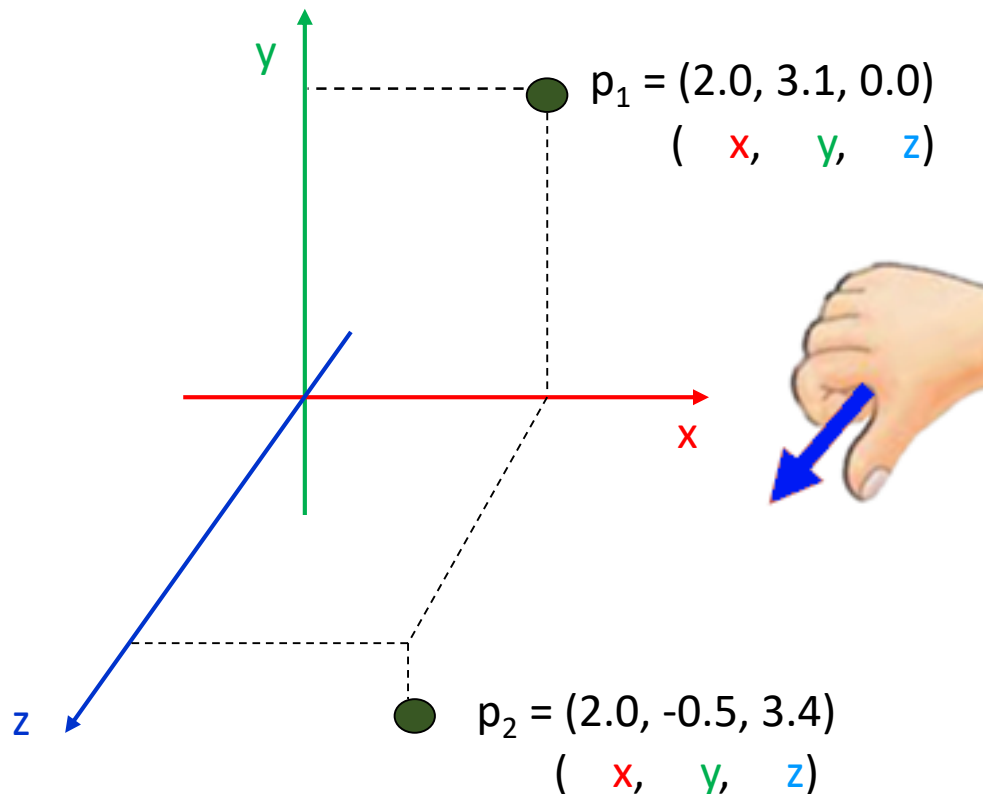
(~6 lectures)

- A 3D model is a geometric description of a real-world object
- Lots of alternative representations
 - Polygons, patches, CSG, implicit surfaces, procedural approaches, space subdivision, ...
- The models are arranged in a scene
 - Scene graphs, transformations, projections



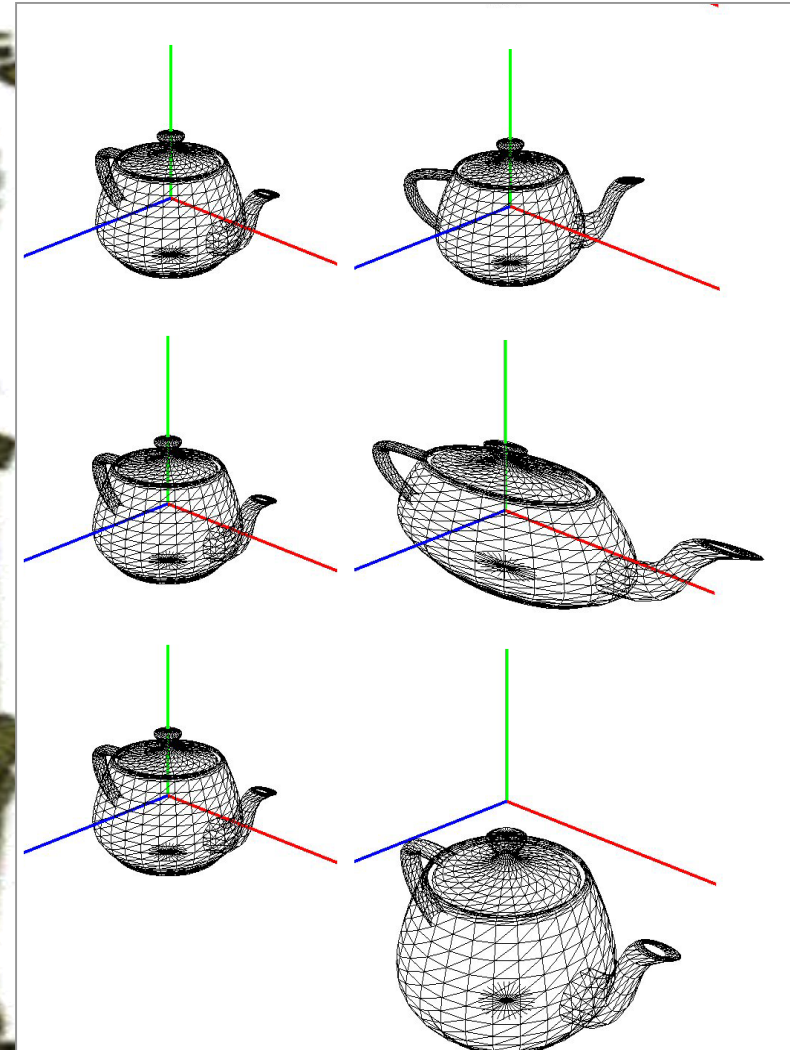
3.1 Coordinate systems and transformations

- Coordinate systems are used to describe locations of points
 - Polygon vertices are represented as position vectors, e.g. (2.0, 3.1, 0.0)
- OpenGL adopts a right hand coordinate system (RHS)



3.1 Coordinate systems and transformations

- Common transformations are rotation, scale and translation
- Transformations are represented as matrices
 - Composition of transformations – matrix multiplication
 - Linear algebra and homogeneous coordinates
- We'll also use transformations to build scenes and hierarchical objects



3.2 Material properties

- Specify material properties of each object
 - colours, textures

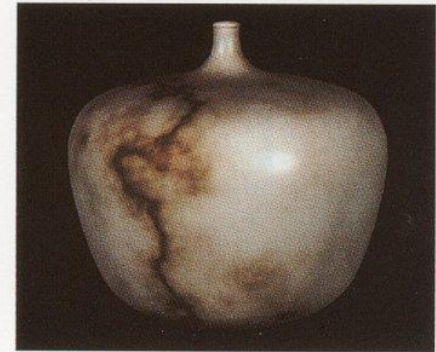
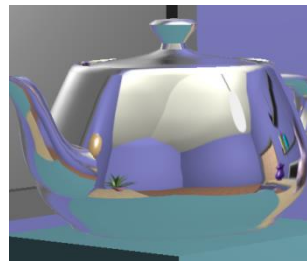
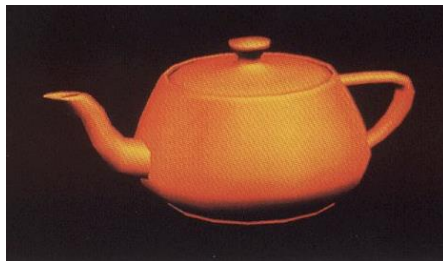
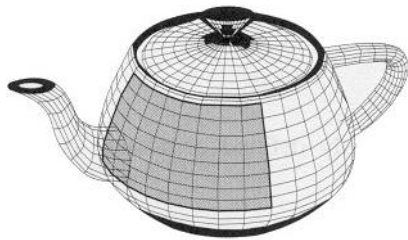
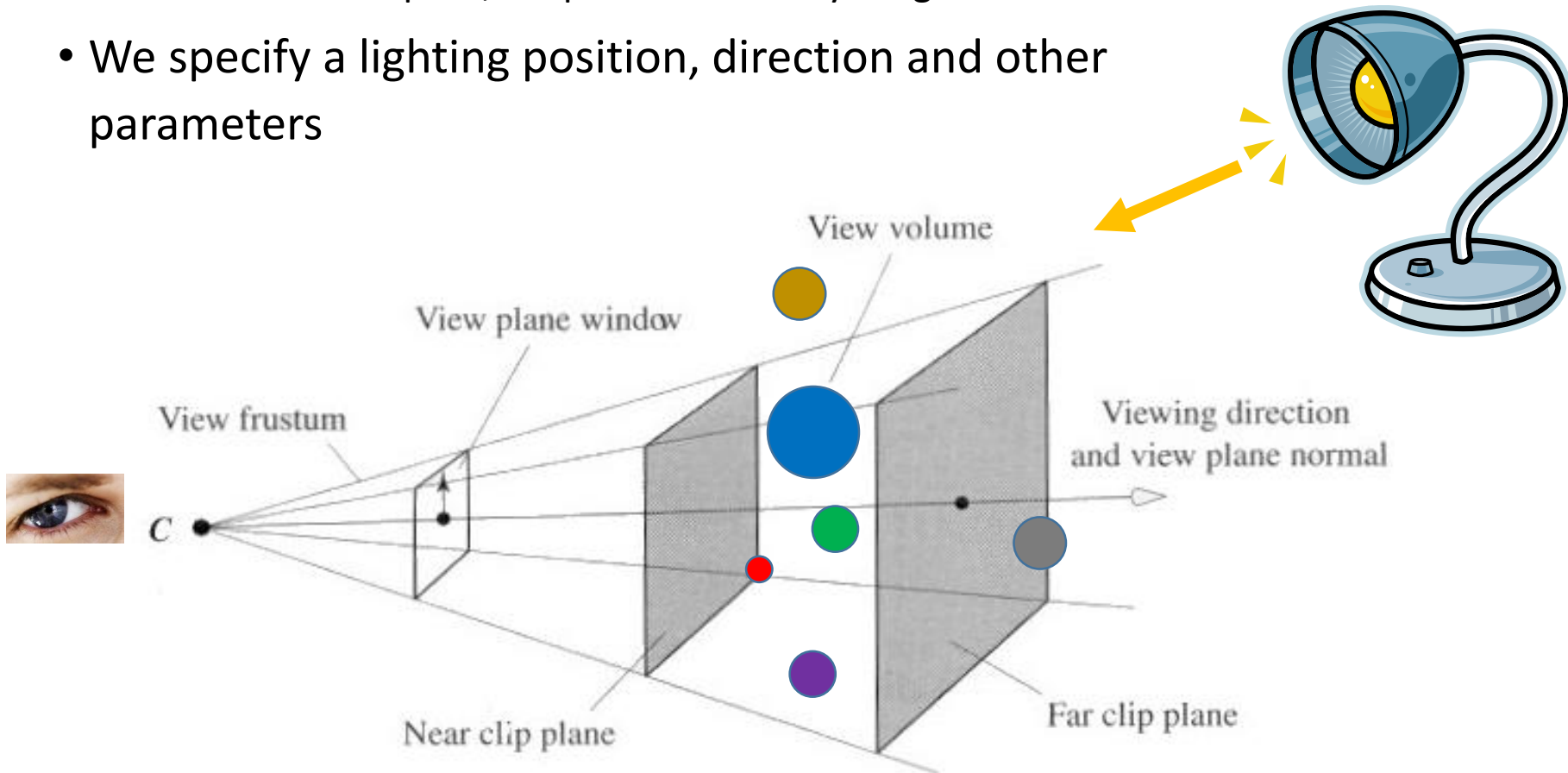


Figure 8.21 Imitating marble – the classic example of three-dimensional procedural texture.

3.3 Lights and cameras

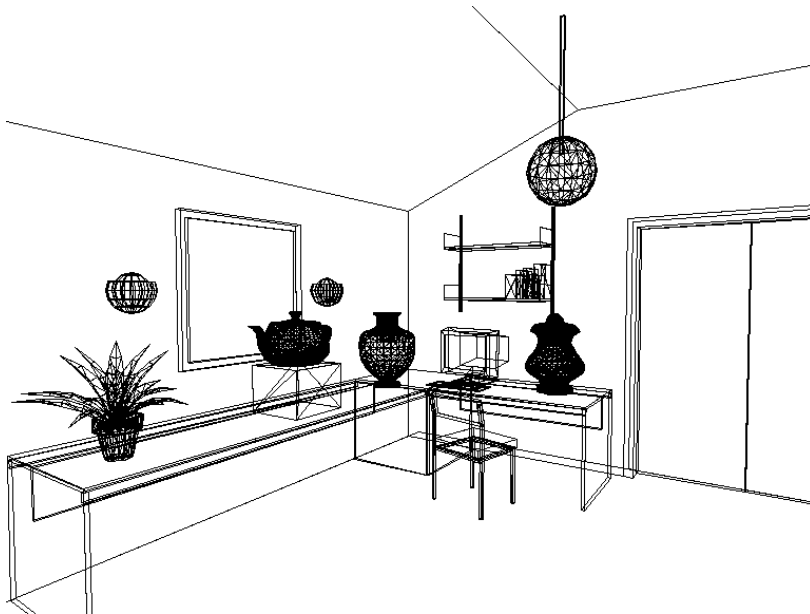
- We specify a camera position, a view direction and an up vector
 - Create a view space, i.e. position of everything relative to the camera
- We specify a lighting position, direction and other parameters



4. Rendering

(~10 lectures)

- Convert the 3D scene into a 2D view
 - View space and perspective projection
 - Hidden surface removal – decide which objects can be seen



4. Rendering

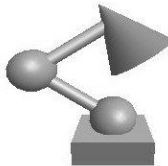
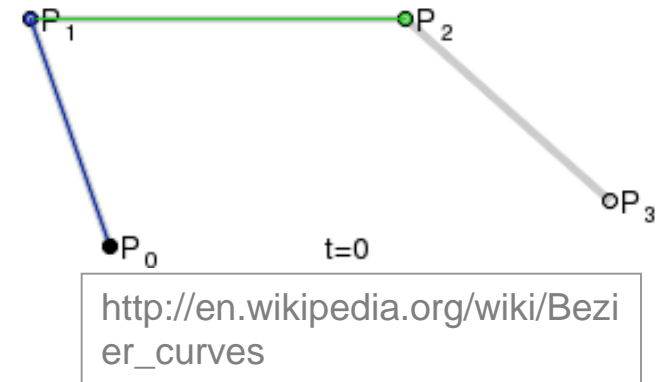
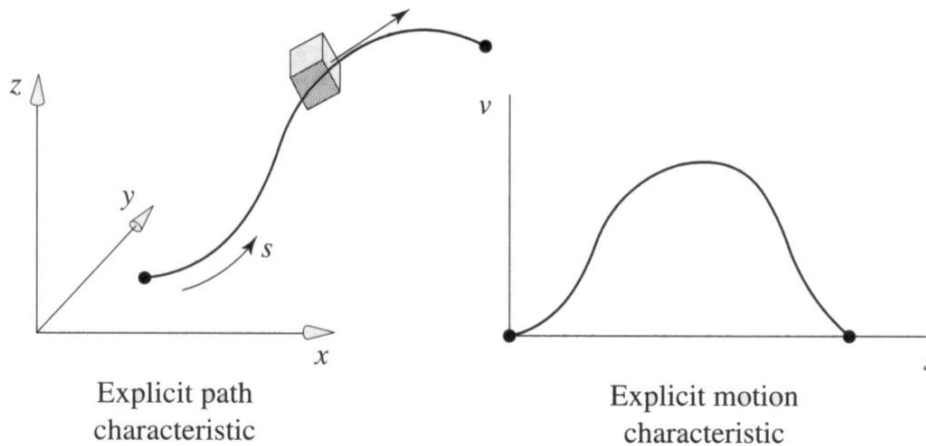
- Calculate the lighting variation over each object's surface
 - Consider local and global illumination
 - Texture and shadows
 - Different approaches deal with this in different ways – interactive rendering, photorealistic rendering, artistic rendering



5. Animation

(~3 lectures)

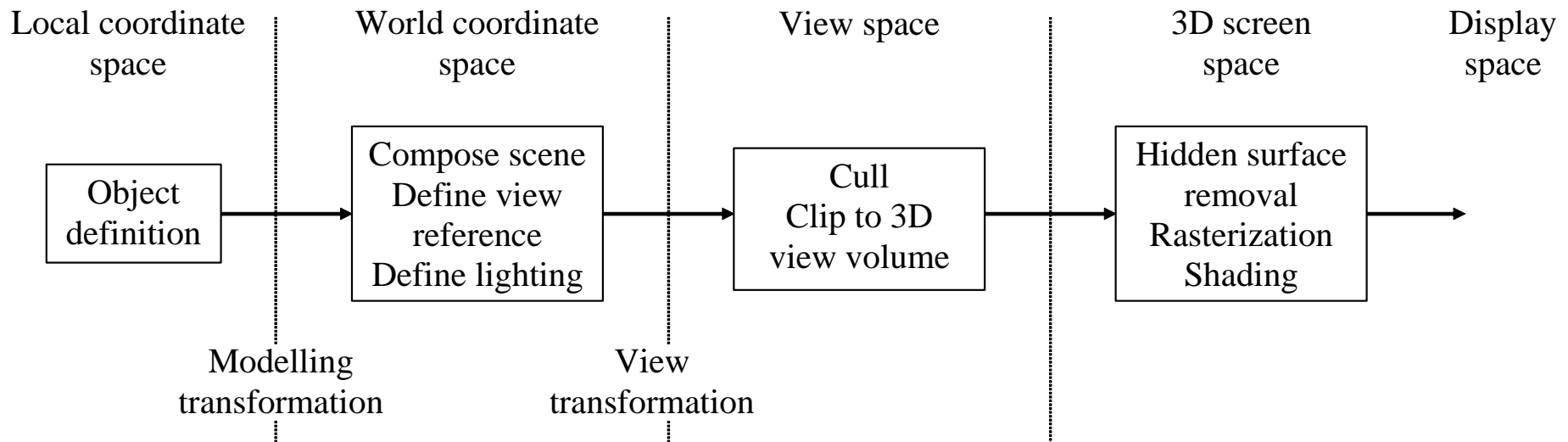
- How to update parts of the scene, e.g. position, hierarchy, colour, lighting, etc.



Knep et al, 95

6. The graphics pipeline

- For interactive rendering, we can consider the following high-level stages:



- For an advanced rendering approach such as ray tracing, aspects of this change

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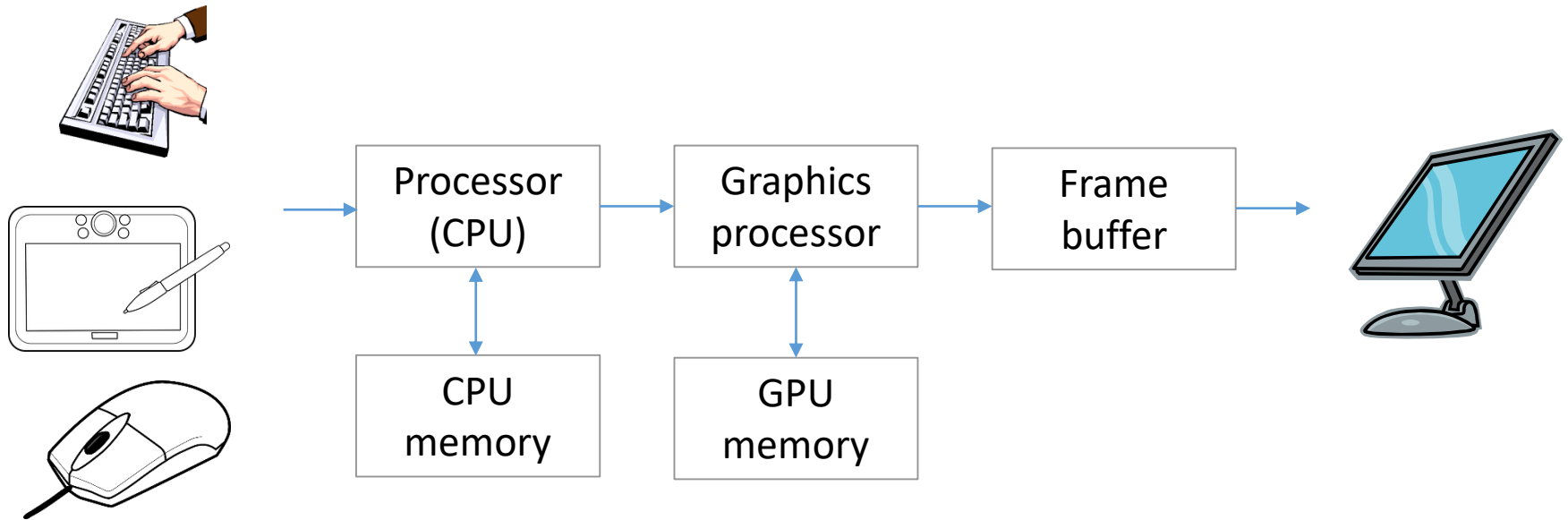
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7. Software for 3D computer graphics

- Use software tools to create and render models
 - 3ds Max, Blender, Cinema 4D, Maya, Mudbox, Poser, Rhinoceros 3D, SketchUp, Softimage, SolidWorks, ZBrush
- Use games engines to create and develop
 - Blender, CryEngine, Euphoria, jMonkeyEngine, Torque, Unity, Unreal
- Specialist tools for particular applications
 - AutoCAD, NUKE, VTK
- Use a graphics API
 - Direct3D, Java 3D, JOGL, LWGL, OGRE, OpenGL (,WebGL), OpenSceneGraph, RenderMan
- More often than not a mixture of tools is used to suit the application
- OpenGL is a hardware-independent, OS-independent, vendor-neutral computer graphics rendering API
 - We will cover JOGL, the Java binding for the OpenGL API



8. A basic graphics system



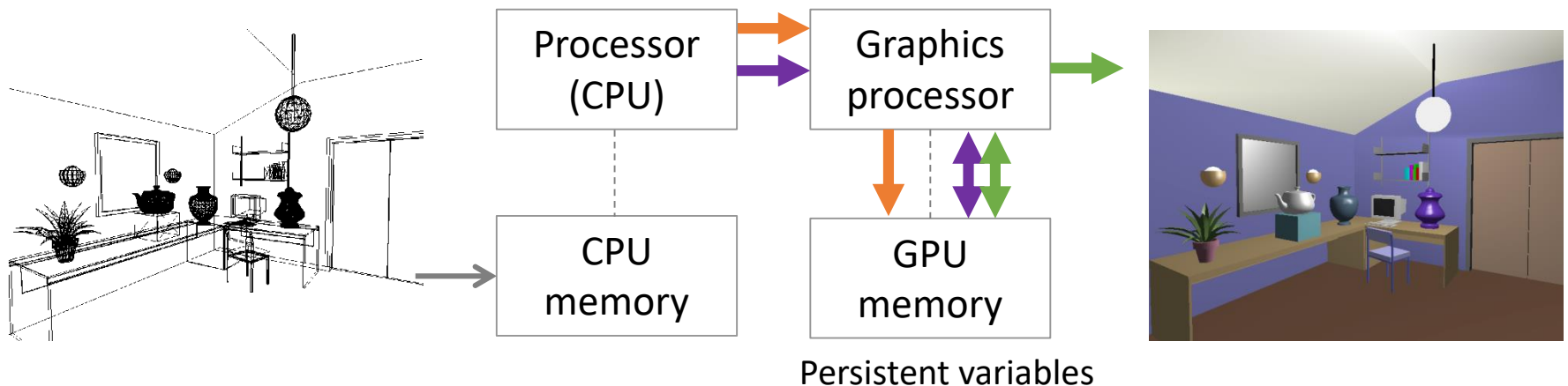
Input devices

Image formed in frame buffer

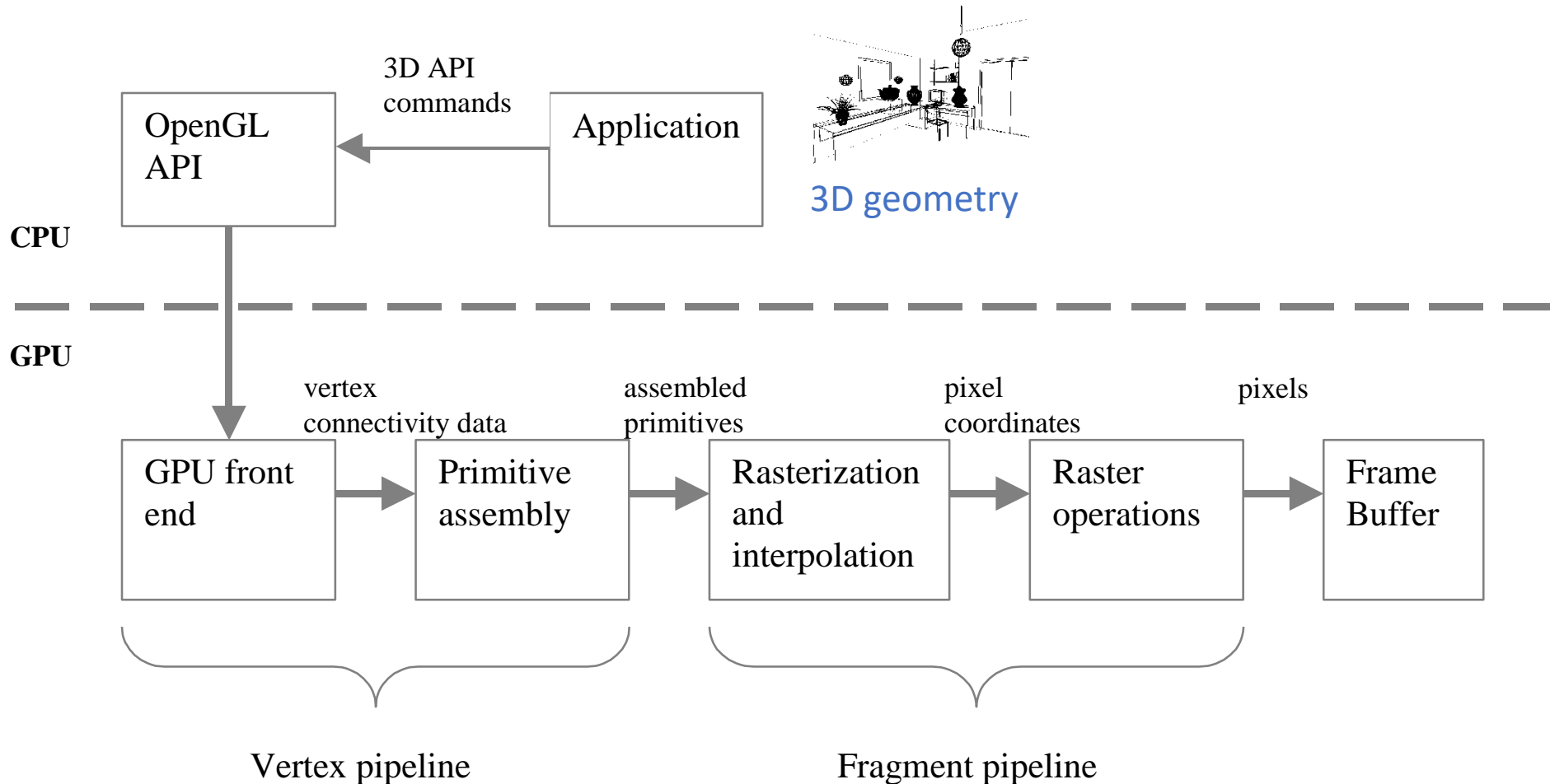
Output device

8.1 OpenGL Fixed-function pipeline

- State-based rendering – use API functions to:
 - **Set up the state**: Send information to change the OpenGL state machine (e.g. information about the camera and lights in a 3D world)
 - **Pass in data**, e.g. points, lines and polygons
 - **Data is modified by existing state and then passed on** as pixels to be displayed on the screen.

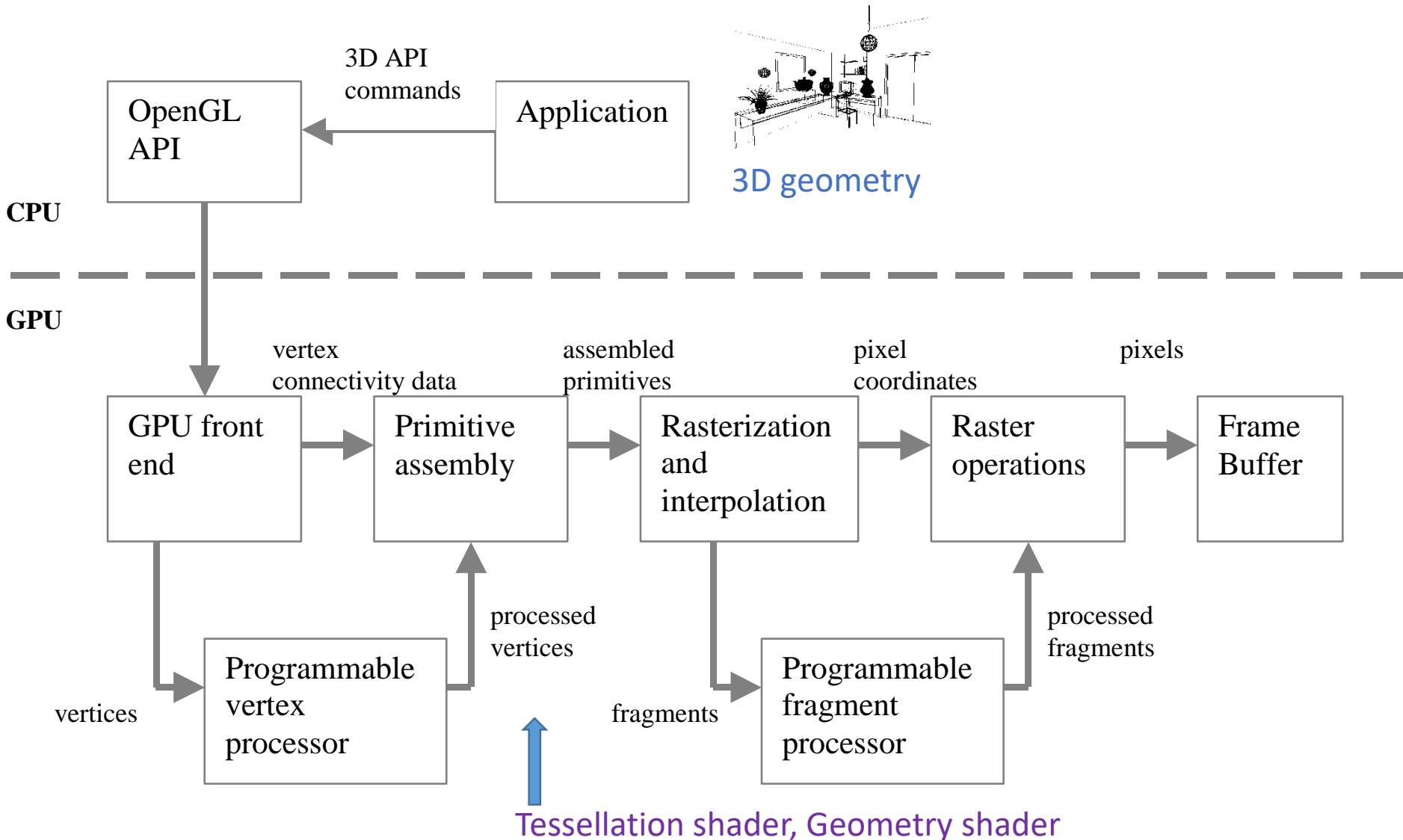


8.1 Fixed-function pipeline

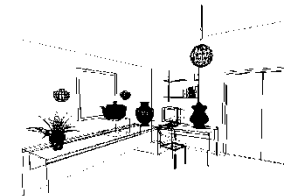
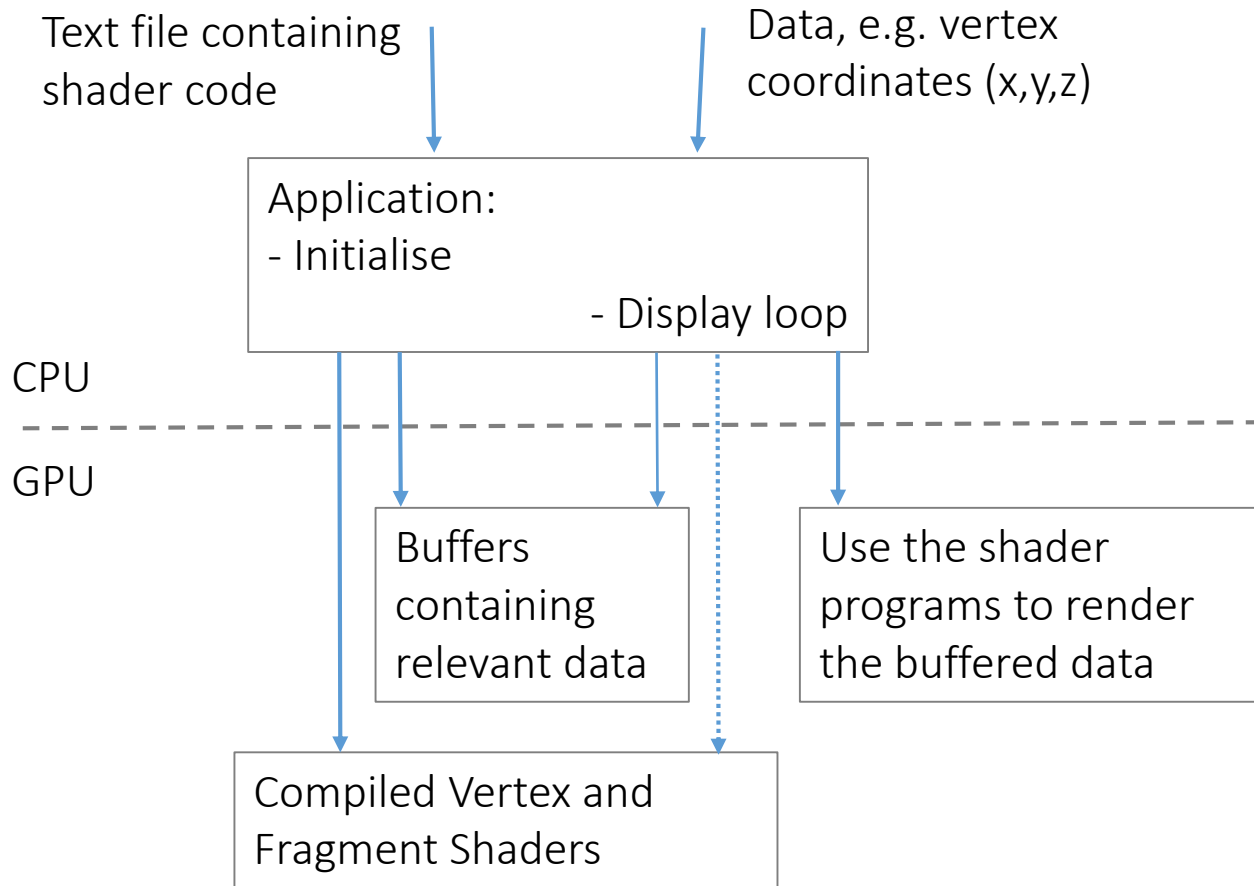


Transform geometry from 3D to 2D; Generate fragments from 2D geometry; Combine fragments to produce image

8.2 Programmable pipeline



8.2 Programmable pipeline



3D geometry



Rendered image

9. The assignment (More in week 5)

- Java
- OpenGL – provides an API for drawing objects specified in 3D
- JOGL – Java binding for OpenGL
 - <http://jogamp.org/>
 - JOGL 2, not 1.x
- Programming environment – your choice
- *However:* Assignments must compile and run from the command line (on a Windows machine)



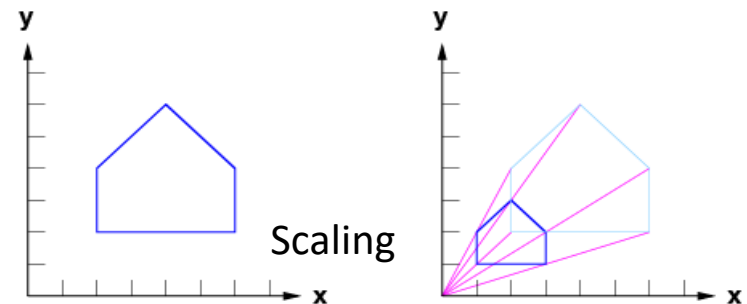
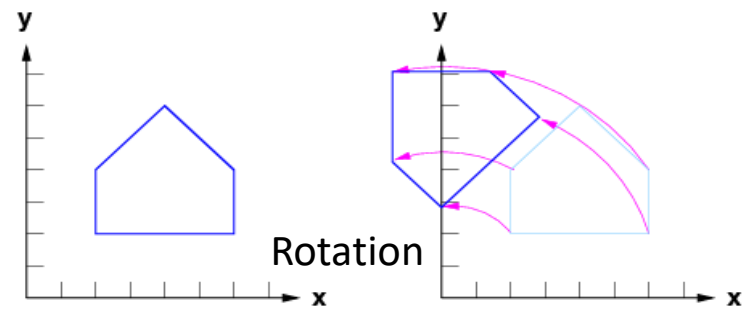
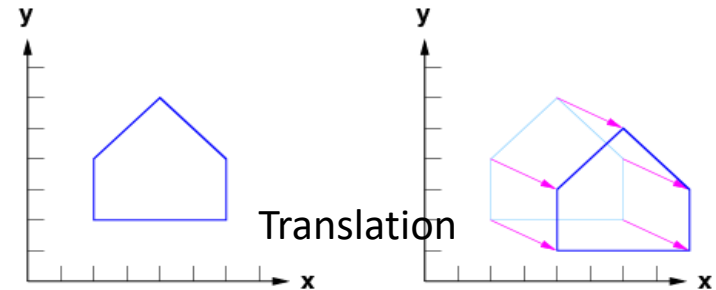
OpenGL versions	
1.0-1.5	Fixed function pipeline
2.0-2.1	Support for programmable shaders
3.0	Adopts deprecation model (fixed function deprecated), but retains backward compatibility
3.x	Fixed function pipeline and associated functions removed (but can be accessed using a compatibility context)
4.x	Geometry and tessellation shaders
ES 1.x	Fixed-function version (stripped down) [ES - embedded systems]
ES 2.x	Programmable shader version
ES 3.x	Geometry and tessellation shaders

10. Summary

- The computer graphics pipeline gives us a ‘track’ to follow
- OpenGL is a cross-platform standard that provides an API for rendering objects specified in 3D
- *This Module*: Main focus is on a pipeline for rendering polygon mesh objects
- Towards the end of the semester: more advanced rendering approaches based on a global consideration of light illumination and reflection
- **Next lecture**: transformations
 - Please make sure you understand the material in the Appendix before the next lecture.
 - Read through the relevant chapters of <http://immersivemath.com/ila/index.html> and <http://chortle.ccsu.edu/vectorlessons/>

Appendix. Two-dimensional (2D) Affine Transformations

- The most common modelling and animation transformations we use are Translation, Rotation and Scaling
- Properties:
 - Parallel lines remain parallel
 - Collinearity: points remain on a line in same order (which means we can just transform endpoints of lines and join them to remake the lines)
 - Ratios of distance: midpoints remain as midpoints



A.1 Translation

- Translate a point (x_i, y_i) to position (x'_i, y'_i) by distance (dx, dy)

$$x'_i = x_i + dx$$

$$y'_i = y_i + dy$$

- Given $dx = 2, dy = -1$, consider p_1 :

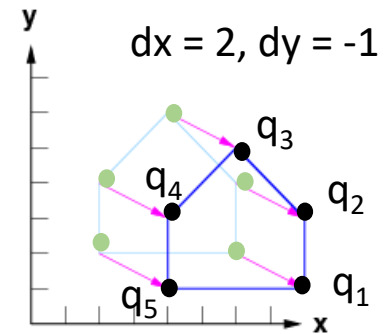
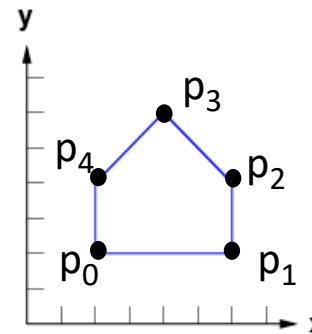
$$x'_1 = 6 + 2 = 8$$

$$y'_1 = 2 + (-1) = 1$$

- Using vectors:

$$q_i = p_i + T \quad \text{where } T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{pmatrix}$$



A.2 Scaling

- Enlarge or shrink points:

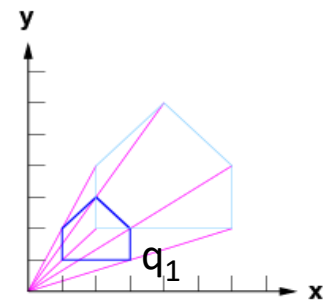
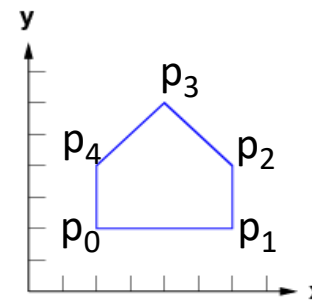
$$x'_i = s_x x_i$$

$$y'_i = s_y y_i$$

- For p_1 :

$$x'_i = 0.5 * 6 = 3$$

$$y'_i = 0.5 * 2 = 1$$



- Matrix arithmetic

$$q_i = S p_i \quad \text{where } S = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x & 0 \\ 0 & s_y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix}$$

- If $s_x=1$ and $s_y=1$, then its the identity matrix: $I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Reminder of matrix multiplication

- Matrix multiplication: 'row x column'
- Example:
 - Assume array index starts at 0
 - $\text{result}(0,0)$ = row '0' of matrix a x column '0' of matrix b

$$\text{result} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{0,0} & a_{0,1} \\ a_{1,0} & a_{1,1} \\ a_{2,0} & a_{2,1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{0,0} & b_{0,1} & b_{0,2} & b_{0,3} \\ b_{1,0} & b_{1,1} & b_{1,2} & b_{1,3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{0,0} \times b_{0,0} + a_{0,1} \times b_{1,0} & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & a_{1,0} \times b_{0,2} + a_{1,1} \times b_{1,2} & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \end{pmatrix}$$

- 3x2 matrix, a, multiplied by 2x4 matrix, b, gives a 3x4 matrix, result

A.3 Translation, scaling, rotation

$$q_i = p_i + T$$

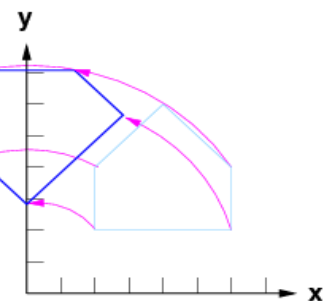
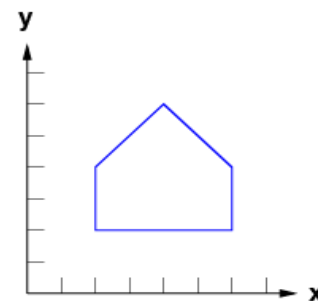
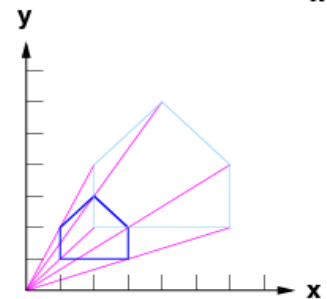
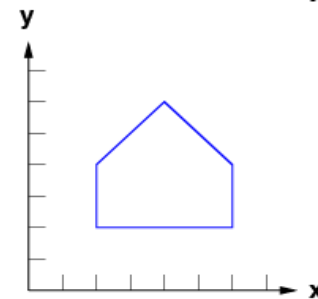
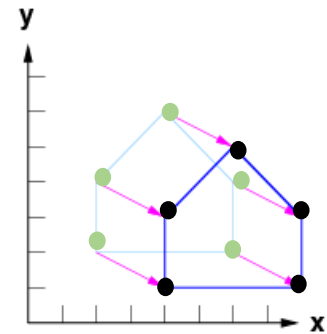
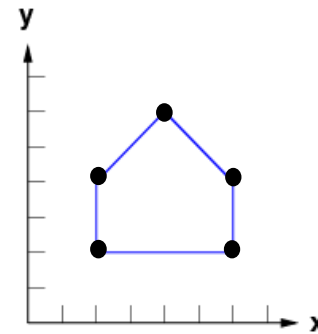
$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{pmatrix}$$

$$q_i = S p_i$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x & 0 \\ 0 & s_y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix}$$

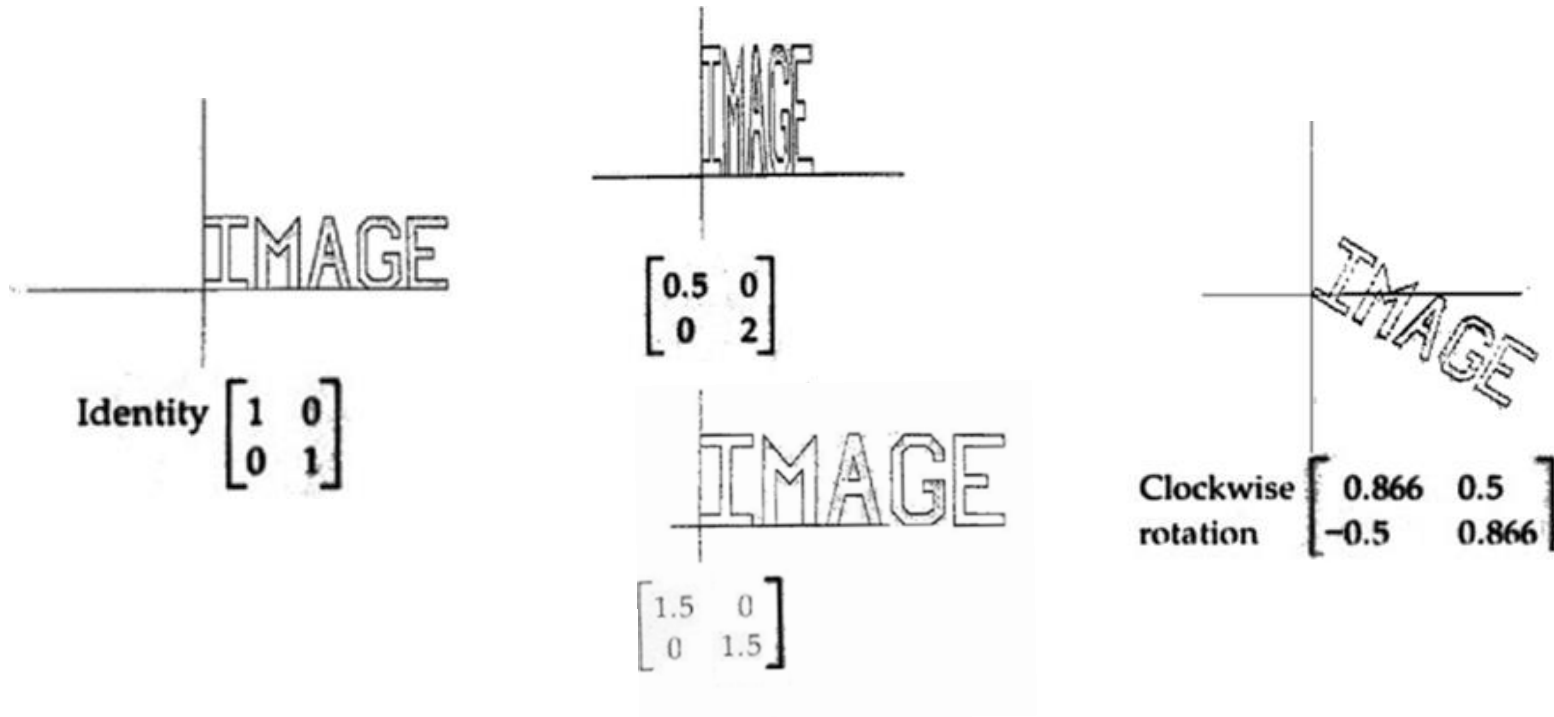
$$q_i = R p_i$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix}$$



A.4 Respect to the origin

- All transformations are 'with respect to' the origin
- The point at position (0,0) does not move for scaling
- The point at position (0,0) does not move for rotation



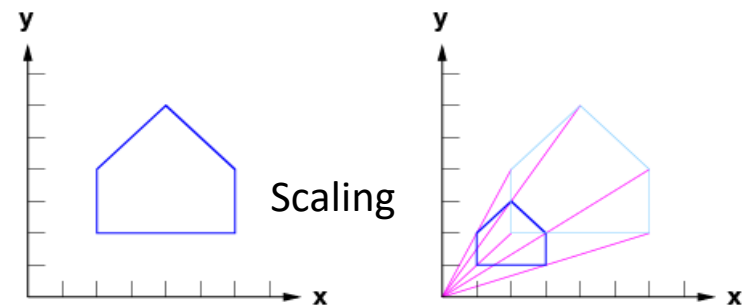
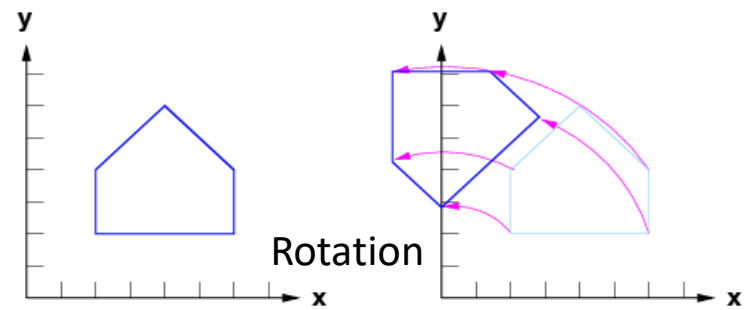
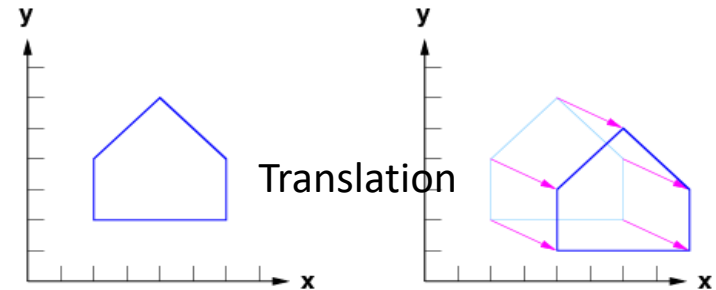
A.5 Summarising...

- A vertex is represented as a vector
- Transformation is achieved using matrix arithmetic

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_x \\ q_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{pmatrix}$$

New position Rotate and/or Scale Old position Translate

- *Issue:* Translation is a separate matrix operation



A.6 Homogeneous coordinates

- $(x, y) \rightarrow (wx, wy, w)$ for any constant $w \neq 0$
- The vertex representation is augmented with an extra '1': $(x, y, 1)$
- The matrix representation becomes 3x3 for a 2D system

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

scale

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

rotate (anti-
clockwise)

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

translate

- And we have $q = Mp$ where $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

A.7 Translation can be done as matrix multiplication

- Instead of:

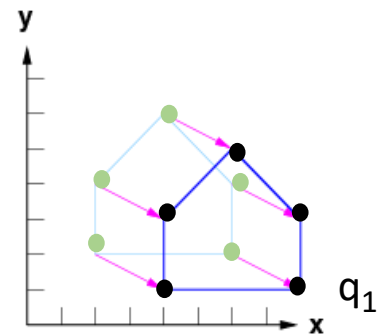
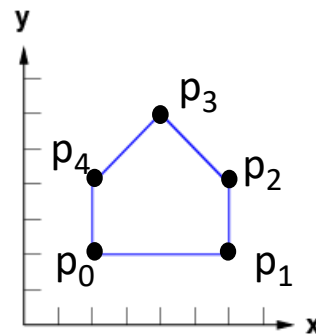
$$\begin{pmatrix} q_x \\ q_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{pmatrix}$$

- We can use: $q = Mp$ where $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Example, for p1, (6,2,1):

$$q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



A.8 Composing transformations

- Unified view: multiply matrices.
- Given two transformations A and B, and a set of points p, the new set of points q is:

$$q = BAp$$

$$M = BA$$

$$q = Mp$$

- **Note:** *Order matters*: AB is generally not the same as BA

Order matters

- Consider scaling (A) and translating (B) a set of points

$$\begin{array}{l} M = BA \\ M = AB \end{array} \longrightarrow q = Mp$$

- Scale then translate, $M = BA$

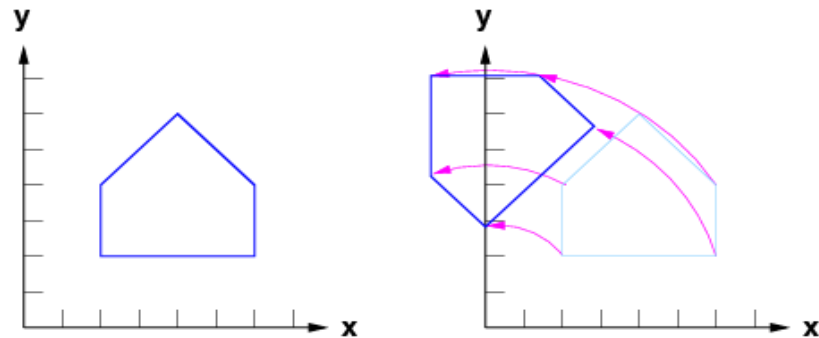
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Translate then scale, $M = AB$

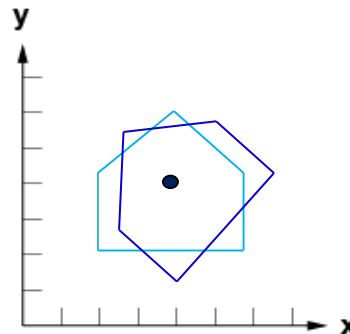
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A.9 Rotation about an arbitrary point

- Rotation matrix rotates points about the origin of the coordinate system



- If we want to rotate about an arbitrary point, we need to use a combination of transformations



A.10 Rotation about an arbitrary point

- *General plan*: Translate to world origin (T), rotate (R), and translate back again (T^{-1})

$$q_i = T^{-1} (R(T p_i))$$

$$q_i = (T^{-1} R T) p_i$$

- Combining these:

$$M = T^{-1} R T = T^{-1}(R T)$$

$$q_i = M p_i$$

