

Introduction to Computer Graphics with WebGL

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Representation

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Objectives

- Introduce concepts such as dimension and basis
- Introduce coordinate systems for representing vectors spaces and frames for representing affine spaces
- Discuss change of frames and bases



• A set of vectors $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$ is *linearly independent* if

 $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0$ iff $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = 0$

- If a set of vectors is linearly independent, we cannot represent one in terms of the others
- If a set of vectors is linearly dependent, at least one can be written in terms of the others

Dimension

- In a vector space, the maximum number of linearly independent vectors is fixed and is called the *dimension* of the space
- In an *n*-dimensional space, any set of n linearly independent vectors form a *basis* for the space
- Given a basis $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$, any vector v can be written as

 $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$ where the $\{\alpha_i\}$ are unique



Representation

- Until now we have been able to work with geometric entities without using any frame of reference, such as a coordinate system
- Need a frame of reference to relate points and objects to our physical world.
 - For example, where is a point? Can't answer without a reference system
 - World coordinates
 - Camera coordinates



Coordinate Systems

- Consider a basis $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$
- A vector is written $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \ldots + \alpha_n v_n$
- The list of scalars $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_n\}$ is the *representation* of *v* with respect to the given basis
- We can write the representation as a row or column array of scalars $\lceil \alpha_1 \rceil$

$$\mathbf{a} = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \dots \ \alpha_n]^T = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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Example

- $v=2v_1+3v_2-4v_3$
- $\mathbf{a} = [2 \ 3 \ -4]^{\mathrm{T}}$
- Note that this representation is with respect to a particular basis
- For example, in WebGL we will start by representing vectors using the object basis but later the system needs a representation in terms of the camera or eye basis



• Which is correct?



Both are because vectors have no fixed location

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Frames

- A coordinate system is insufficient to represent points
- If we work in an affine space we can add a single point, the *origin*, to the basis vectors to form a *frame*



Representation in a Frame

- Frame determined by (P_0, v_1, v_2, v_3)
- Within this frame, every vector can be written as

$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

• Every point can be written as

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_0 + \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_n v_n$$

Confusing Points and Vectors

Consider the point and the vector

$$P = P_0 + \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_n v_n$$

$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$
They appear to have the similar representations
$$p = [\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3] \quad v = [\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3]$$
which confuses the point with the vector
A vector has no position
$$v = p$$
Vector can be placed anywhere
point: fixed



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Homogeneous Coordinates

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- Introduce homogeneous coordinates
- Introduce change of representation for both vectors and points

A Single Representation

If we define
$$0 \cdot P = 0$$
 and $1 \cdot P = P$ then we can write
 $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 = [\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 0] [v_1 v_2 v_3 P_0]^T$
 $P = P_0 + \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \beta_3 v_3 = [\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3 1] [v_1 v_2 v_3 P_0]^T$
Thus we obtain the four-dimensional
homogeneous coordinate representation

$$\mathbf{v} = [\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 0]^{\mathrm{T}}$$
$$\mathbf{p} = [\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3 1]^{\mathrm{T}}$$

Homogeneous Coordinates and Computer Graphics

- Homogeneous coordinates are key to all computer graphics systems
 - All standard transformations (rotation, translation, scaling) can be implemented with matrix multiplications using 4 x 4 matrices
 - Hardware pipeline works with 4 dimensional representations
 - For orthographic viewing, we can maintain $w\!=\!\!0$ for vectors and $w\!=\!\!1$ for points
 - For perspective we need a *perspective division*

Change of Coordinate Systems

 Consider two representations of a the same vector with respect to two different bases. The representations are

$$\mathbf{a} = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3]$$
$$\mathbf{b} = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3]$$

where

$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 = [\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3] [v_1 v_2 v_3]^T$$

= $\beta_1 u_1 + \beta_2 u_2 + \beta_3 u_3 = [\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3] [u_1 u_2 u_3]^T$



Representing second basis in terms of first

Each of the basis vectors, u1,u2, u3, are vectors that can be represented in terms of the first basis v_2





The coefficients define a 3 x 3 matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{12} & \gamma_{13} \\ \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{22} & \gamma_{23} \\ \gamma_{31} & \gamma_{32} & \gamma_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

and the bases can be related by

$a = M^T b$

see text for numerical examples

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Change of Frames

 We can apply a similar process in homogeneous coordinates to the representations of both points and vectors



• We can represent Q_0 , u_1 , u_2 , u_3 in terms of P_0 , v_1 , v_2 , v_3



Extending what we did with change of bases

$$\begin{split} & u_1 = \gamma_{11} v_1 + \gamma_{12} v_2 + \gamma_{13} v_3 \\ & u_2 = \gamma_{21} v_1 + \gamma_{22} v_2 + \gamma_{23} v_3 \\ & u_3 = \gamma_{31} v_1 + \gamma_{32} v_2 + \gamma_{33} v_3 \\ & Q_0 = \gamma_{41} v_1 + \gamma_{42} v_2 + \gamma_{43} v_3 + \gamma_{44} P_0 \end{split}$$

defining a 4 x 4 matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{12} & \gamma_{13} & 0 \\ \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{22} & \gamma_{23} & 0 \\ \gamma_{31} & \gamma_{32} & \gamma_{33} & 0 \\ \gamma_{41} & \gamma_{42} & \gamma_{43} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Working with Representations

Within the two frames any point or vector has a representation of the same form

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{a} = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \ \alpha_3 \ \alpha_4 \] \text{ in the first frame} \\ \mathbf{b} = [\beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \ \beta_3 \ \beta_4 \] \text{ in the second frame} \end{array}$

where $\alpha_4 = \beta_4 = 1$ for points and $\alpha_4 = \beta_4 = 0$ for vectors and

$a = M^T b$

The matrix **M** is 4 x 4 and specifies an affine transformation in homogeneous coordinates

Affine Transformations

- Every linear transformation is equivalent to a change in frames
- Every affine transformation preserves lines
- However, an affine transformation has only 12 *degrees of freedom* because 4 of the elements in the matrix are fixed and are a subset of all possible 4 x 4 linear transformations



- When we work with representations, we work with n-tuples or arrays of scalars
- Changes in frame are then defined by 4 x 4 matrices
- In OpenGL, the base frame that we start with is the world frame
- Eventually we represent entities in the camera frame by changing the world representation using the model-view matrix
- Initially these frames are the same (M=I)



Moving the Camera

If objects are on both sides of z=0, we must move camera frame





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Transformations

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Objectives

- Introduce standard transformations
 - Rotation
 - Translation
 - Scaling
 - Shear
- Derive homogeneous coordinate transformation matrices
- Learn to build arbitrary transformation matrices from simple transformations



A transformation maps points to other points and/or vectors to other vectors



Affine Transformations

- Line preserving
- Characteristic of many physically important transformations
 - Rigid body transformations: rotation, translation
 - Scaling, shear
- Importance in graphics is that we need only transform endpoints of line segments and let implementation draw line segment between the transformed endpoints





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Notation

- We will be working with both coordinate-free representations of transformations and representations within a particular frame
 - P,Q, R: points in an affine space
- u, v, w: vectors in an affine space
- α , β , γ : scalars
- p, q, r: representations of points
 - -array of 4 scalars in homogeneous coordinates
- u, v, w: representations of vectors-array of 4 scalars in homogeneous coordinates



- Displacement determined by a vector d
 - Three degrees of freedom
 - P'=P+d



How many ways?

Although we can move a point to a new location in infinite ways, when we move many points there is usually only one way





Translation Using Representations

Using the homogeneous coordinate representation in some frame

$$p = [x y z 1]^T$$

 $p' = [x' y' z' 1]^T$
 $d = [dx dy dz 0]^T$

Hence $\mathbf{p'} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{d}$ or

 $x'=x+d_x$ $y'=y+d_y$ $z'=z+d_z$

note that this expression is in four dimensions and expresses point = vector + point


We can also express translation using a 4 x 4 matrix T in homogeneous coordinates p'=Tp where

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

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

Rotation (2D)

Consider rotation about the origin by θ degrees - radius stays the same, angle increases by θ





- 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

x'=x $\cos \theta$ -y $\sin \theta$ y' = x $\sin \theta$ + y $\cos \theta$ z' =z

- or in homogeneous coordinates $p' = R_{\underline{Z}}(\theta)p$

Rotation Matrix

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

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

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

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

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





Reflection



Inverses

- Although we could compute inverse matrices by general formulas, we can use simple geometric observations
 - Translation: $\mathbf{T}^{-1}(d_x, d_y, d_z) = \mathbf{T}(-d_x, -d_y, -d_z)$
 - Rotation: $\mathbf{R}^{-1}(\theta) = \mathbf{R}(-\theta)$
 - Holds for any rotation matrix
 - Note that since $\cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$ and $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$ **R** $^{-1}(\theta) =$ **R** $^{T}(\theta)$
 - Scaling: S⁻¹(s_x , s_y , s_z) = S(1/ s_x , 1/ s_y , 1/ s_z)



Concatenation

- We can form arbitrary affine transformation matrices by multiplying together rotation, translation, and scaling matrices
- Because the same transformation is applied to many vertices, the cost of forming a matrix M=ABCD is not significant compared to the cost of computing Mp for many vertices p
- The difficult part is how to form a desired transformation from the specifications in the application

Order of Transformations

- Note that matrix on the right is the first applied
- Mathematically, the following are equivalent

 $\mathbf{p'} = \mathbf{ABCp} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{Cp}))$

 Note many references use column matrices to represent points. In terms of column matrices

 $\mathbf{p}^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{p}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{T}}$



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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Rotation About a Fixed Point other than the Origin

- Move fixed point to origin Rotate Move fixed point back
- $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{T}(p_f) \ \mathbf{R}(\theta) \ \mathbf{T}(-p_f)$



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Instancing

- In modeling, we often start with a simple object centered at the origin, oriented with the axis, and at a standard size
- We apply an *instance transformation* to its vertices to







- Helpful to add one more basic transformation
- Equivalent to pulling faces in opposite directions



Shear Matrix

Consider simple shear along *x* axis





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WebGL Transformations

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Objectives

- Learn how to carry out transformations in WebGL
 - Rotation
 - Translation
 - Scaling
- Introduce MV.js transformations
 - Model-view
 - Projection

Pre 3.1 OpenGL Matrices

- In Pre 3.1 OpenGL matrices were part of the state
- Multiple types
 - Model-View (GL_MODELVIEW)
 - Projection (GL_PROJECTION)
 - Texture (GL_TEXTURE)
 - Color(GL_COLOR)
- Single set of functions for manipulation
- Select which to manipulated by
 - -glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
 - -glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);

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- Functions were based on carrying out the operations on the CPU as part of the fixed function pipeline
- Current model-view and projection matrices were automatically applied to all vertices using CPU
- We will use the notion of a **current transformation matrix** with the understanding that it may be applied in the shaders

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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
- The CTM is defined in the user program and loaded into a transformation unit



CTM operations

The CTM can be altered either by loading a new CTM or by postmutiplication
 Load an identity matrix: C ← I
 Load an arbitrary matrix: C ← M

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: $C \leftarrow CM$ Postmultiply by a translation matrix: $C \leftarrow CT$ Postmultiply by a rotation matrix: $C \leftarrow C R$ Postmultiply by a scaling matrix: $C \leftarrow C S$ Angel and Shreiner: Interactive Computer Graphics 7E © Addison-Wesley 2015

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: $C = TR T^{-1}$ which is **backwards**.

This result is a consequence of doing postmultiplications. Let's try again.



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 CT^{-1}
C \leftarrow CR
C \leftarrow CT
```

Each operation corresponds to one function call in the program.

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



CTM in WebGL

- OpenGL had a model-view and a projection matrix in the pipeline which were concatenated together to form the CTM
- •We will emulate this process



Using the ModelView Matrix

- In WebGL, the model-view matrix is used to
 - Position the camera
 - Can be done by rotations and translations but is often easier to use the lookAt function in MV.js
 - Build models of objects
- The projection matrix is used to define the view volume and to select a camera lens
- Although these matrices are no longer part of the OpenGL state, it is usually a good strategy to create them in our own applications

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Rotation, Translation, Scaling

Create an identity matrix:

var m = mat4();

Multiply on right by rotation matrix of theta in degrees where $(\mathbf{vx}, \mathbf{vy}, \mathbf{vz})$ define axis of rotation

```
var r = rotate(theta, vx, vy, vz)
m = mult(m, r);
```

Also have rotateX, rotateY, rotateZ Do same with translation and scaling:

```
var s = scale( sx, sy, sz)
var t = translate(dx, dy, dz);
m = mult(s, t);
```

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Example

- Rotation about z axis by 30 degrees with a fixed point of (1.0, 2.0, 3.0)
 - var m = mult(translate(1.0, 2.0, 3.0), rotate(30.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0));
 - m = mult(m, translate(-1.0, -2.0, -3.0));

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



- Can load and multiply by matrices defined in the application program
- Matrices are stored as one dimensional array of 16 elements by MV.js but can be treated as 4 x 4 matrices in row major order
- OpenGL wants column major data
- gl.unifromMatrix4f has a parameter for automatic transpose by it must be set to false.
- flatten function converts to column major order which is required by WebGL functions



Matrix Stacks

- In many situations we want to save transformation matrices for use later
 - Traversing hierarchical data structures (Chapter 9)
- Pre 3.1 OpenGL maintained stacks for each type of matrix
- Easy to create the same functionality in JS
 - push and pop are part of Array object

var stack = []

stack.push(modelViewMatrix);

modelViewMatrix = stack.pop(); Angel and Shreiner: Interactive Computer Graphics 7E © Addison-Wesley 2015



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Applying Transformations

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Using Transformations

- Example: Begin with a cube rotating
- Use mouse or button listener to change direction of rotation
- Start with a program that draws a cube in a standard way
 - Centered at origin
 - Sides aligned with axes
 - Will discuss modeling in next lecture



Where do we apply transformation?

- Same issue as with rotating square
 - in application to vertices
 - in vertex shader: send MV matrix
 - in vertex shader: send angles
- Choice between second and third unclear
- Do we do trigonometry once in CPU or for every vertex in shader
 - GPUs have trig functions hardwired in silicon

Rotation Event Listeners

document.getElementById("xButton").onclick = function () {
 axis = xAxis; }; document.getElementById("yButton").onclick =
 function () { axis = yAxis; }; document.getElementById(
 "zButton").onclick = function () { axis = zAxis; };

function render(){

gl.clear(gl.COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | gl.DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT); theta[axis] += 2.0; gl.uniform3fv(thetaLoc, theta); gl.drawArrays(gl.TRIANGLES, 0, NumVertices); requestAnimFrame(render);



Rotation Shader

attribute vec4 vPosition; attribute vec4 vColor; varying vec4 fColor; uniform vec3 theta; void main() { vec3 angles = radians(theta); vec3 c = cos(angles);vec3 s = sin(angles);// Remember: these matrices are column-major 0.0, c.x, s.x, 0.0, 0.0, -s.x, c.x, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);


```
fColor = vColor;
gl_Position = rz * ry * rx * vPosition;
}
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```



Smooth Rotation

- From a practical standpoint, we are often want to use transformations to move and reorient an object smoothly
 - Problem: find a sequence of model-view matrices M_0, M_1, \ldots, M_n so that when they are applied successively to one or more objects we see a smooth transition
- For orientating an object, we can use the fact that every rotation corresponds to part of a great circle on a sphere
 - Find the axis of rotation and angle
 - Virtual trackball (see text)

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Incremental Rotation

- Consider the two approaches
 - For a sequence of rotation matrices
 R₀, R₁,...., R_n, find the Euler angles for each and use R_i= R_{iz} R_{iy} R_{ix}
 Not very efficient
 - Use the final positions to determine the axis and angle of rotation, then increment only the angle
- Quaternions can be more efficient than either



Quaternions

- Extension of imaginary numbers from two to three dimensions
- Requires one real and three imaginary components **i**, **j**, **k**

$$q = q_0 + q_1 \mathbf{i} + q_2 \mathbf{j} + q_3 \mathbf{k}$$

- Quaternions can express rotations on sphere smoothly and efficiently. Process:
 - Model-view matrix \rightarrow quaternion
 - Carry out operations with quaternions
 - Quaternion \rightarrow Model-view matrix

Interfaces

- One of the major problems in interactive computer graphics is how to use a twodimensional device such as a mouse to interface with three dimensional objects
- Example: how to form an instance matrix?
- Some alternatives
 - Virtual trackball
 - 3D input devices such as the spaceball
 - Use areas of the screen
 - Distance from center controls angle, position, scale depending on mouse button depressed