

Math

Dot Product: $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = x_a x_b + y_a y_b + z_a z_b = ||\mathbf{a}|| ||\mathbf{b}|| \cos \theta$

Cross Product: $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = (y_a z_b - z_a y_b, z_a x_b - x_a z_b, x_a y_b - y_a x_b) = ||\mathbf{a}|| ||\mathbf{b}|| \sin(\theta) \mathbf{n}$

MatMul:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 66 & 72 & 78 \\ 156 & 171 & 186 \end{bmatrix}$$

$C[i][j] = 1 + 7 + 2 \cdot 10 + 3 \cdot 13 = 7 + 20 + 39 = 66$ For target $c_{i,j}$ iterate over the i th row in the first matrix and the j th column in the second – perform inner product and save.

Right Hand Rule: For axes, x is thumb, y is index, and z is middle finger.

Interpolation: t is how far along the line p_t is from p_0 to p_1 as a percentage between 0 and 1.

$t = (x_t - x_0)/(x_1 - x_0)$ or $t = (y_t - y_0)/(y_1 - y_0)$

$v_u = (1 - t)v_0 + tv_1$ **Bi-linear Interpolation** linearly interpolate both sides, then linearly interpolate that.

Cramer's Rule

Given $Ax = b$, where $A \in R^{n \times n}$ has a nonzero determinant,

then $x_i = \frac{\det(A_i)}{\det(A)}$, where A_i is A with the i th column replaced with b .

Barycentric Interpolation (Area): From Triangle ABC,

point $P(x, y, z)$ can be defined using u, v, w , where

$P = uA + vB + wC$. **IMPORTANT:** $u + v + w = 1$.

From World to Bary:

$$P = uA + vB + wC = u \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + v \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + w \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3w \\ 4u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = B \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y/4 - x/3 \\ 1 - y/4 - x/3 \\ x/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w &= x/3, u = y/4 \\ u + v + w &= 1 \\ v &= 1 - u - w = 1 - y/4 - x/3 \end{aligned}$$

Transformations & Coordinate Systems

Linear Transformation:

$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x + a_{12}y \\ a_{21}x + a_{22}y \end{bmatrix} \text{ satisfies:}$$

$$f(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = f(\mathbf{u}) + f(\mathbf{v}) \text{ and } f(c\mathbf{u}) = cf(\mathbf{u})$$

In other words, origin is unchanged, straight lines remain straight lines.

Affine Transformation Straight lines remain lines.

2D Rotations

$$f(p) = x \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

3D Rotations

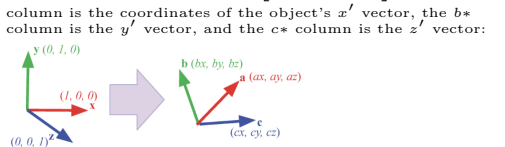
Note: All orthonormal matrices are rotation matrices.

$$\text{Rotate around } X \quad f(p) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Rotate around } Y \quad f(p) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Rotate around } Z \quad f(p) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{For a generic 3D rotation: } R = \begin{bmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ a_y & b_y & c_y \\ a_z & b_z & c_z \end{bmatrix} \text{ Where the } a^* \text{ column is the coordinates of the object's } x' \text{ vector, the } b^* \text{ column is the } y' \text{ vector, and the } c^* \text{ column is the } z' \text{ vector:}$$



$$\text{2D Reflection Reflect X: } \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Reflect Y: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{3D Scaling } \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x x \\ s_y y \\ s_z z \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogenous Coordinate 2D points represented by (x, y, z) , 2D location is $(x/z, y/z) \mid z = 1$ or other value 3D points represented by (x, y, z, w) , 3D location is $(x/w, y/w, z/w) \mid w = 1$ or other value Used for perspective projection, z becomes depth value.

Transformation Matrix

2D Transformation Matrix becomes 3×3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2D \text{ trans } M_{2D} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3D Transformation Matrix becomes 4×4

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3D \text{ trans } M_{3D} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ 3D point}$$

homogeneous: translation, rotation, scaling all in one

Composite Transformation Since scaling, rotation, etc is about origin, operations are not commutative!

Examples To rotate around an object's centre, 1 translate object centre to origin, 2 rotate, 3 translate back.

To scale an object along a non uniform axis, 1 rotate the object to align with a canonical axis, 2 scale object, 3 rotate object back.

Inversions For rotation, scaling, and translating, the inverse of a matrix M^{-1} can be used. For rotation specifically, $M_{\text{rot}}^{-1} = M_{\text{rot}}$

For scaling, inversion is essentially $1/s$ for your scale factor. For translating, do $-x$.

Coordinate Systems *World/Global Coordinate* Only one, unique. Each model in scene goes through M_{model} to transform from model space to world space.

Camera / Viewing Transformations

Viewing General Steps

1. Model 3D Objects in local space
2. Put 3D object at world coordinates
3. View scene in Camera space
4. Project camera space into canonical space
5. Transform canonical space to screen

World Space \rightarrow Camera Space: M_{cam} Given camera position e , gaze direction g and 'up' direction t , construct basis u, v, w for camera coordinate system.

$$w = -\frac{g}{||g||}, u = \frac{t \times w}{||t \times w||}, v = w \times u$$

Camera Space \rightarrow World Space:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & x_e \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & y_e \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & z_e \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_u & x_v & x_w & 0 \\ y_u & y_v & y_w & 0 \\ z_u & z_v & z_w & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

World Space \rightarrow Camera Space: $M_{\text{cam}} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_u & y_u & z_u & 0 \\ x_v & y_v & z_v & 0 \\ x_w & y_w & z_w & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -x_e \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -y_e \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -z_e \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3x3 Camera Matrix $M_{\text{cam}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{\text{cam}} & y_{\text{cam}} & z_{\text{cam}} \end{bmatrix}$

Use column vectors

Step 1 (left matrix): Translates camera position e to origin e .

Things originally at e are now at $\vec{0}$.

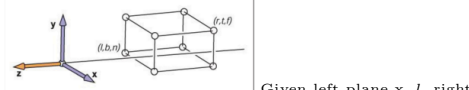
Step 2 (right matrix): Rotates, maps basis vectors:

$$u \mapsto (1, 0, 0), v \mapsto (0, 1, 0), w \mapsto (0, 0, 1)$$

Canonical Space

Canonical space is the space (x, y, z) s.t. $x, y, z \in [-1, 1]$.

Orthographic Projection



plane x, r , top plane y, t , bottom plane y, b , near plane n , far plane f . Recall that f, n are negative z values. See diagram.

M_{orth} projects the view box defined above onto the canonical space.

$$M_{\text{orth}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & -\frac{f+n}{n-f} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

translates center to origin, scales width of all dimensions to be 2, fitting inside $[-1, 1]$.

Perspective Projection

l, r, b, t , now define the near plane XY , with n being the Z .

Far plane is only defined by f . **OR** use depth of field: $\theta =$ FOV on y -axis, $ratio = (r - l)/(t - b)$, n is near plane z , f is far plane z .

Frustum to Box: Recall Homogenous Coordinates. We want frustum \mapsto box s.t. n stays near and f stays far.

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n + f & -fn \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_{\text{per}} = M_{\text{orth}} P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2n}{r-l} & 0 & \frac{l+r}{l-r} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2n}{t-b} & \frac{b+t}{b-t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{f+n}{n-f} & \frac{2fn}{n-f} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Canonical Space To View Port (VP) Diagram of viewport, which has no z depth.

1. Translate x, y center from $(0, 0)$ to $((n_x - 1)/2, (n_y - 1)/2)$.
2. Scale x, y size from $(2, 2)$ to (n_x, n_y) .

$$M_{\text{vp}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n_x}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{n_x-1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{n_y}{2} & 0 & \frac{n_y-1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rasterization

Definition: finding all pixels on the screen that are occupied by a geometric primitive.

Line Rasterization Given pixels

$P_0 = (x_0, y_0), P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$, fill the pixels on the screen between them.

$$f(x, y) : y = mx + c$$

$$iterate \ x \text{ from } (y_1 - y_0)/(x_1 - x_0), c = (x_1 y_0 - x_0 y_1)/(x_1 - x_0)$$

Implicit line function: $f(x, y) : Ax + By + C = 0$.

Checking sign of $f(x_p, y_p)$ can determine point position relative to line. If $A > 0 \wedge B < 0$, then $f(x_p, y_p) < 0$ means point P is above the line.

Naive Implementation: Use the function $y = mx + c$ and iterate x from x_0 to x_1 . No vertical lines!

Non-overlapping Triangles sharing edges: We want to ensure no-double drawing. Assume T_1, T_2 share one edge. Let a be the vertex of T_1 not along this edge. Let b be the corresponding vertex in T_2 . Choose offscreen point q . T_1 should be responsible of drawing the edge if q falls on the same side of the edge as a . Likewise for T_2 and b .

Proper Perspective Attribute Attribution: How we set up the above code leads to incorrect attribute interpolation when taking perspective into account. This is because we are interpolating on the 2d projection of the triangle and not considering the distance of the 3d space.

Anti-Aliasing

Supersample: Screen Goal is 256×256 . We instead render $x4$, meaning we actually render a 1024×1024 image. Each highresolution pixel is considered a **fragment**. Then, on scale down, we can average the 16 virtual pixels into 1 screen pixel. Can use box filter or a gaussian filter.

Multisample: Screen goal is 256×256 . We still rasterize for a higher resolution, but fragment (triangle) colour computation is only calculated once. Then, we sample n times from the pixel area, averaging the samples to get the true pixel colour. **Fragments** here are each dot on a pixel.

Pipeline

Application

Main Program Runs on CPU Defines geometry vertex positions, normals, texture coords, colours, etc. Sets up camera position, orientation, projection volume Sets screen size Copies data to GPU

Vertex Shader

Per-vertex Computation No transformation: Simply assigns input to output (pass-through shader) Transforming vertex: Apply $M_{\text{proj}} M_{\text{cam}} M_{\text{model}}$ to input Shading: determines vertex color (Gouraud) GPU performs parallel processing on each vertex

Culling

Backface Culling Removes primitives facing away from camera Look at face normal / right hand rule, face normal points in same direction as face.

View Frustum Culling Removes geometries outside view volume. 6 planes: near, far, left, right, top, bottom. Plane function is $f(p) = n \cdot (p - a) = n \cdot p + n \cdot a = n \cdot p + D = 0$ **Test if outside view volume** Take bounding box of object, e.g. a sphere with centre c , radius r . Check $f(c)$, c 's signed distance to plane, see if it intersects or is within frustum.

Clipping View volume cuts primitive to avoid drawing out of bounds

Clipping a Line Plane Function: $f(p) = n \cdot p + D$ or $f(p) = n \cdot (p - c)$, p is some point, n is the normal, D is a known const, c is a known point on the plane. If $f(p) = 0$, then p is on the plane.

Line Function: $p(t) = a + t(b - a)$

Intersection Point Plug p into plane function

$$f(p) = n \cdot (a + t(b - a)) + D = 0 \text{ Solve for } t = \frac{n \cdot a + D}{n \cdot (a - b)}$$

Clipping a Triangle

Plane Function: Same as above

Intersection: Assume a, b is on one side, c is on the other side Compute intersection points **A, B** using line clipping method.

Split Triangle $T_1 = \triangle abA, T_2 = \triangle bBA, T_3$

Throw Away If $f(c) \geq 0$, keep T_3 ; if $f(c) < 0$, keep T_1, T_2

Special Case Handle zero-area triangles

Depth Testing

We need to order object rendering so things closer to camera appear 'ontop' of things further away. Multiple primitives can occupy the same fragment.

Painter's Algorithm: Sort primitive by their depths, draw primitives far to near. *Drawbacks:* Sorting is slow, many writes to buffer Occlusion cycle: cases where no correct order appears correct

Color and Z Buffer Two buffers, one for colour and one for depth. Draw primitives as they come in (no sorting), check z buffer (initied with ∞). If the primitive's depth is closer to the camera than what is there (smaller), update the z buffer and override the colour buffer.

Z Fighting: is caused by two primitives sharing the same z value. There are 2^n distinct values that z can be, where n is the number of bits for the depth value. *Precision Formula:*

$$\text{precision} = (z_{\text{far}} - z_{\text{near}}) / 2^b \text{ We want}$$

precision $<$ max difference between z values *Mitigation Tactics:* Good near far planes, objects not too close together.

Transparency / Alpha We can define a primitive's Transparency as $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, color now is RGBA.

α is the colour we want to write, dest is the colour existing in the buffer.

Over Operation: is defined as $\alpha_{\text{src}} C_{\text{src}} + (1 - \alpha_{\text{src}}) C_{\text{dest}}$. This keeps buffer alpha after the operation $= 1$.

Post-multiplication Set dest rgb using the over operation.

$$C_{\text{src}} = (R, G, B)$$

Pre-multiplication Premultiplied alpha has C_{src} already multiplied together with α_{src} when calculating the blending. Thus, we set dest rgb. $C_{\text{src}} = (R_{\alpha_{\text{src}}}, G_{\alpha_{\text{src}}}, B_{\alpha_{\text{src}}})$.

$$C_{\text{dest}} = C_{\text{src}} + (1 - \alpha_{\text{src}}) C_{\text{dest}}$$

Alpha and Depth Test

Zbuffer does not care if the fragment has Transparency – Fragments are not ordered. However- **ORDER matters when dealing with transparency!** Thus, We draw all opaque objects first using the depth buffer, then use painters algorithm to draw transparent objects.

Mesh

Manifold intuition: Mesh is "watertight", "a small neighborhood around any point could be smoothed out into a bit of flat surface" **Manifold:** Every edge is shared by exactly two triangles. Every vertex has a single, complete loop of triangles around it. **Manifold with Boundary:** Every edge is used by either one or two triangles. Every vertex connects to a single edge-connected set of triangles.

Manifold useful for 2d regular grid, better control of neighboring topology, consistent triangle orientation.

Implicit vs Explicit: Explicit Defines 3D geometry via vertices, edges, and faces. Implicit Defines 3D geometry via a mathematical function

Pros of Explicit Representation: Efficient rendering, direct manipulation, widely supported. **Cons of Explicit Representation:** Memory-heavy, complex storage, explicit connectivity needed.

Pros of Implicit Representation: Compact for complex shapes, smooth surfaces, ideal for Boolean operations. **Cons of Implicit Representation:** Costly rendering, harder to edit, requires function evaluation.

Euler's Formula: $V - E + F = 2(1 - g) \approx 0$ Where F is # of triangles, E is # of edges, V is # of vertices, g is genus (# of holes in surface) Each edge is used 2x, each triangle uses 3 edges, $2E = 3F, F = 2V, E = 3V$. $V: E: F \approx 1: 3: 2$

Mesh data structures

Separate Triangles (Triangle Soup) It's just an unorganized list of triangles. Storage cost: 72 bytes per vertex (F triangles, 3 vertices, 3 vector components, Euler formula)

Indexed Triangle Mesh Store list of vertices, list of triangle indices separately. Allows for deduplicating vertices, decoupling vertex positions from connectivity. (Blendshapes) Vertices in Bytes: $V \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = 12V$ Triangles in Bytes: $F \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = 12F \approx 24V$ Total in bytes is 36 bytes / vertex

Triangle Fans List of vertices, list

