Computer Graphics

- Transformations -

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Overview

Last time

- Introduction to Ray Tracing
- Today
 - Vector spaces and affine spaces
 - Homogeneous coordinates
 - Basic transformations in homogeneous coordinates
 - Concatenation of transformations
 - Projective transformations

Vector Space

Math recap

3D vector space over the real numbers

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$$\boldsymbol{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \boldsymbol{V}^3 = \mathbb{R}^3$$

- Vectors written as n x 1 matrices
- Vectors describe directions not positions!
 - All vectors start from the origin of the coordinate system
- 3 linear independent vectors create a basis
 - Standard basis

$$\{\boldsymbol{e}_1, \boldsymbol{e}_2, \boldsymbol{e}_3\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$



- Any vector can now be represented uniquely with coordinates v_i
 - $v = v_1 e_1 + v_2 e_2 + v_3 e_3$ $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in \mathbb{R}$

Vector Space - Metric

• Standard scalar product a.k.a. dot or inner product

– Measure lengths

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$$|v|^2 = v \cdot v = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2$$

- Compute angles
 - $u \cdot v = |u||v|\cos(u,v)$
- Projection of vectors onto other vectors

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$$|u|\cos(\theta) = \frac{u \cdot v}{|v|} = \frac{u \cdot v}{\sqrt{v \cdot v}}$$



Vector Space - Basis

Orthonormal basis

- Unit length vectors
 - $|e_1| = |e_1| = |e_1| = 1$
- Orthogonal to each other

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$$e_i \cdot e_j = \delta_{ij}$$

Handedness of the coordinate system

 $- e_1 \times e_2 = \pm e_3$

- Positive: Right-handed
- Negative: Left-handed

Affine Space

Basic mathematical concepts

- Denoted as A³
 - Elements are positions (not directions)
- Defined via its associated vector space V^3
 - $a, b \in A^3 \Leftrightarrow \exists! v \in V^3: v = b a$
 - \rightarrow : unique, \leftarrow : ambiguous
- Operations on A³
 - Subtraction yields a vector
 - No addition of affine elements
 - Its not clear what the some of to points would mean
 - But: Addition of points and vectors:
 - $\ a + v = b \in A^3$
 - Distance
 - dist(a,b) = |a-b|



Affine Space - Basis

Affine Basis

- Given by its origin o (a point) and the basis of an associated vector space
 - { e_1, e_2, e_3, o }: $e_1, e_2, e_3 \in V^3$; $o \in A^3$

Position vector of point p

-(p-o) is in V^3



Affine Coordinates

Affine Combination

- Linear combination of (n+1) points
 - $p_0, \ldots, p_n \in A^n$
- With weights forming a partition of unity
 - $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\sum_i \alpha_i = 1$

$$- p = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \alpha_i p_i = p_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i (p_i - p_0) = o + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i v_i$$

- Basis
 - (n + 1) points form am **affine basis** of A^n
 - Iff none of these point can be expressed as an affine combination of the other points
 - Any point in A^n can then be uniquely be represented as an affine combination of the affine basis $p_0, \ldots, p_n \in A^n$
 - Any vector in another basis can be expressed as a linear combination of the p_i , yielding a matrix for the basis

Affine Coordinates

Closely related to "Barycentric Coordinates"

- Center of mass of (n + 1) points with arbitrary masses (weights) m_i is given as

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$$p = \frac{\sum m_i p_i}{\sum m_i} = \sum \frac{m_i}{\sum m_i} p_i = \sum \alpha_i p_i$$

- Convex / Affine Hull
 - If all α_i are non-negative than p is in the **convex hull** of the other points
- In 1D
 - Point is defined by the splitting ratio $\alpha_1: \alpha_2$

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$$p = \alpha_1 p_1 + \alpha_2 p_2 = \frac{|p - p_2|}{|p_2 - p_1|} p_1 + \frac{|p - p_1|}{|p_2 - p_1|} p_2$$

- In 2D
 - Weights are the relative areas in $\Delta(A_1, A_2, A_3)$
 - $t_i = \alpha_i = \frac{\Delta(P, A_{(i+1)\%3}, A_{(i+2)\%3})}{\Delta(A_1, A_2, A_3)}$

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$$p = \alpha_1 A_1 + \alpha_2 A_2 + \alpha_3 A_3$$

Note: Length and area measures need to be signed here

p₁

 t_2

(1/2, 0, 1/2)

(1/2,1/4,1/4) (1/4,1/2,1/4)

(1/4,1/4,1/2)

 A_3

 A_{2}

 A_1

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 p_2

 A_2

(0,1/2,1/2)

Affine Mappings

Properties

- Affine mapping (continuous, bijective, invertible)
 - T: $A^3 \rightarrow A^3$
- Defined by two non-degenerated simplicies
 - 2D: Triangle, 3D: Tetrahedron, ...
- Invariants under affine transformations:
 - Barycentric/affine coordinates
 - Straight lines, parallelism, splitting ratios, surface/volume ratios
- Characterization via fixed points and lines
 - Given as eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the mapping

Representation

- Matrix product and a translation vector:
 - Tp = Ap + t with $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Invariance of affine coordinates
 - $Tp = T(\sum \alpha_i p_i) = A(\sum \alpha_i p_i) + t = \sum \alpha_i (Ap_i) + \sum \alpha_i t = \sum \alpha_i (Tp_i)$

Homogeneous Coordinates for 3D

- Homogeneous embedding of R³ into the projective 4D space P(R⁴)
 - Mapping into homogeneous space

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$$\mathbb{R}^3 \ni \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in P(\mathbb{R}^4)$$

- Mapping back by dividing through fourth component

$$\cdot \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ W \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X/W \\ Y/W \\ Z/W \end{pmatrix}$$

Consequence

- This allows to represent affine transformations as 4x4 matrices
- Mathematical trick
 - Convenient representation to express rotations and translations as matrix multiplications
 - Easy to find line through points, point-line/line-line intersections
- Also important for projections (later)

Point Representation in 2D

Point in homogeneous coordinates

All points along a line through the origin map to the same point in 2D



Homogeneous Coordinates in 2D

- Some tricks (works only in P(R³), i.e. only in 2D)
 - Point representation

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$$(X) = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ W \end{pmatrix} \in P(\mathbb{R}^3), \ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X/W \\ Y/W \end{pmatrix}$$

- Representation of a line $l \in \mathbb{R}^2$
 - Dot product of I vector with point in plane must be zero:

$$-l = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \middle| ax + by + c \cdot 1 = 0 \right\} = \left\{ X \in P(\mathbb{R}^3) \middle| X \cdot l = 0, l = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- Line I is normal vector of the plane through origin and points on line
- Intersection of lines I and I':
 - Point on both lines → point must be orthogonal to both line vectors
 - $X \in l \cap l' \Leftrightarrow X = l \times l'$
- Line trough 2 points p and p'
 - Line must be orthogonal to both points
 - $p \in l \land p' \in l \Leftrightarrow l = p \times p'$

Affine view

- $P^n(\mathbb{R})$ projective space
- \mathbb{R}^n affine view
 - typically: last coordinate =1



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Intersections

- $P^n(\mathbb{R})$ projective space
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Orthonormal Matrices

- Columns are orthogonal vectors of unit length
 - An example
 - $\cdot \ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 - Directly derived from the definition of the matrix product
 - $M^T M = 1$
 - In this case the transpose must be identical to the inverse
 - $M^{-1} \coloneqq M^T$

Linear Transformation: Matrix

- Transformations in a Vector space: Multiplication by a Matrix
 - Action of a linear transformation on a vector
 - Multiplication of matrix with column vector (e.g. in 3D)

$$p' = \begin{pmatrix} X' \\ Y' \\ Z' \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{T}p = \begin{pmatrix} T_{xx} & T_{xy} & T_{xz} \\ T_{yx} & T_{yy} & T_{yz} \\ T_{zx} & T_{zy} & T_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$$

Composition of transformations

- Simple matrix multiplication $(T_1, \text{ then } T_2)$
 - $T_2T_1p = T_2(T_1p) = (T_2T_1)p = Tp$
- Note: matrix multiplication is associative but not commutative!
 - T_2T_1 is not the same as T_1T_2 (in general)

Affine Transformation

Remember:

- Affine map: Linear mapping and a translation

• Tp = Ap + t

• For 3D: Combining it into one matrix

- Using homogeneous 4D coordinates
- Multiplication by 4x4 matrix in P(R⁴) space

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$$p' = \begin{pmatrix} X' \\ Y' \\ Z' \\ W' \end{pmatrix} = Tp = \begin{pmatrix} T_{xx} & T_{xy} & T_{xz} & T_{xw} \\ T_{yx} & T_{yy} & T_{yz} & T_{yw} \\ T_{zx} & T_{zy} & T_{zz} & T_{zw} \\ T_{wx} & T_{wy} & T_{wz} & T_{ww} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ W \end{pmatrix}$$

- Allows for combining (concatenating) multiple transforms into one using normal (4x4) matrix product
- Let's go through the different transforms we need:

Transformations: Translation

• Translation (T)

$$- T(t_x, t_y, t_z)p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + t_x \\ y + t_y \\ z + t_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Translation of Vectors

- So far: only translated points
- Vectors: Difference between 2 points

$$- v = p - q = \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} q_x \\ q_y \\ q_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_x - q_x \\ p_y - q_y \\ p_z - q_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Fourth component is zero
- Consequently: Translations do not affect vectors!

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$$T(t_x, t_y, t_z)v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Translation: Properties

Properties

- Identity
 - *T*(0,0,0) = **1** (Identity Matrix)
- Commutative (special case)

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$$T(t_x, t_y, t_z)T(t'_x, t'_y, t'_z) = T(t'_x, t'_y, t'_z)T(t_x, t_y, t_z) = T(t_x + t'_x, t_y + t'_y, t_z + t'_z)$$

- Inverse

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$$T^{-1}(t_x, t_y, t_z) = T(-t'_x, -t'_y, -t'_z)$$

Basic Transformations (2)

• Scaling (S)

$$- \mathbf{S}(s_{\chi}, s_{y}, s_{z}) = \begin{pmatrix} s_{\chi} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & s_{y} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & s_{z} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Note: $s_x, s_y, s_z \ge 0$ (otherwise see mirror transformation)
- Uniform Scaling s: $s = s_x = x_y = s_z$



Basic Transformations

Reflection/Mirror Transformation (M)

Reflection at plane (x=0)

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$$M_x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Analogously for other axis
- Note: changes orientation
 - Right-handed becomes left-handed and v.v.
 - Indicated by $det(M_i) < 0$
- Reflection at origin

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$$M_o = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x \\ -y \\ -z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Note: changes orientation in 3D
 - But not in 2D (!!!): Just two scale factors
 - Each scale factor reverses orientation once





Basic Transformations (4)

• Shear (H)

$$- H(h_{xy}, h_{xz}, h_{yz}, h_{yx}, h_{zx}, h_{zy}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h_{xy} & h_{xz} & 0 \\ h_{yx} & 1 & h_{yz} & 0 \\ h_{zx} & h_{zy} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + h_{xy}y + h_{xz}z \\ y + h_{yx}x + h_{yz}z \\ z + h_{zx}x + h_{zy}y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Determinant is 1
 - Volume preserving (as volume is just shifted in some direction)



Rotation in 2D



x' x

Rotation in 3D

Rotation around major axes

$$-R_{x}(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$-R_{y}(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & 0 & \sin \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & 0 & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$-R_{z}(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 2D rotation around the respective axis
 - Assumes right-handed system, mathematically positive direction
- Be aware of change in sign on sines in R_y
 - Due to relative orientation of other axis

Rotation in 3D (2)

- Properties
 - $R_a(0) = \mathbf{1}$
 - $R_a(\theta)R_a(\phi) = R_a(\theta + \phi) = R_a(\phi)R_a(\theta)$
 - Rotations around the same axis are commutative (special case)
 - In general: Not commutative
 - $R_a(\theta)R_b(\phi) \neq R_b(\phi)R_a(\theta)$
 - Order does matter for rotations around different axes

$$- R_a^{-1}(\theta) = R_a(-\theta) = R_a^T(\theta)$$

- Orthonormal matrix: Inverse is equal to the transpose
- Determinant is 1
 - Volume preserving

Rotation Around Point

Rotate object around a point p and axis a

- Translate p to origin, rotate around axis a, translate back to p
 - $\mathbf{R}_{a}(p,\theta) = \mathbf{T}(p)\mathbf{R}_{a}(\phi)\mathbf{T}(-p)$



Rotation Around Some Axis

- Rotate around a given point p and vector r (|r|=1)
 - Translate so that p is in the origin
 - Transform with rotation $R=M^{T}$
 - M given by orthonormal basis (r,s,t) such that r becomes the **x** axis
 - Requires construction of a orthonormal basis (r,s,t), see next slide
 - Rotate around x axis
 - Transform back with R⁻¹
 - Translate back to point p



Rotation Around Some Axis

Compute orthonormal basis given a vector r

- Using a numerically stable method
- Construct s such that its normal to r (verify with dot product)
 - Use fact that in 2D, orthogonal vector to (x,y) is (-y, x)
 - Do this in coordinate plane that has largest components

$$s' = \begin{cases} (0, -r_z, r_y), \text{ if } x = \operatorname{argmin}_{x, y, z} \{ |r_x|, |r_y|, |r_z| \} \\ (-r_z, 0, r_x), \text{ if } y = \operatorname{argmin}_{x, y, z} \{ |r_x|, |r_y|, |r_z| \} \\ (-r_y, r_x, 0), \text{ if } z = \operatorname{argmin}_{x, y, z} \{ |r_x|, |r_y|, |r_z| \} \end{cases}$$

– Normalize

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$$s = s'/|s'|$$

- Compute t as cross product
 - $t = r \times s$
- r,s,t forms orthonormal basis, thus M transforms into this basis

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$$M(r) = \begin{pmatrix} r_x & s_x & t_x & 0 \\ r_y & s_y & t_y & 0 \\ r_z & s_z & t_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
, inverse is given as its transpose: $M^{-1} = M^T$

Concatenation of Transforms

- Multiply matrices to concatenate
 - Matrix-matrix multiplication is not commutative (in general)
 - Order of transformations matters!



Transformations

- Line
 - Transform end points
- Plane
 - Transform three points
- Vector
 - Translations to not act on vectors

Normal vectors

- Problem: e.g. with non-uniform scaling



Transforming Normals

• Dot product as matrix multiplication

$$- n \cdot v = n^T v = \begin{pmatrix} n_x & n_y & n_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Normal N on a plane

- For any vector v in the plane: $n^T v = 0$
- Find transformation *M*' for normal vector, such that :
 - $(M'n)^T(Mv) = 0$ $M'^TMM^{-1} = 1M^{-1}$
 - $n^T (\mathbf{M}'^T \mathbf{M}) v = 0$ and thus $\mathbf{M}'^T = \mathbf{M}^{-1}$ $\mathbf{M}'^T \mathbf{M} = 1$ $\mathbf{M}' = \mathbf{M}^{-1T}$
- *M*' is the adjoint of *M*
 - Exists even for non-invertible matrices
 - For *M* invertible and orthogonal $M' = (M^{-1})^T = (M^T)^T = M$

• Remember:

 Normals are transformed by the transpose of the inverse of the 4x4 transformation matrix of points and vectors

USING TRANSFORMATIONS

Coordinate Systems

- Local (object) coordinate system (3D)
 - Object vertex positions
 - Can be hierarchically nested in each other (scene graph, transf. stack)
- World (global) coordinate system (3D)
 - Scene composition and object placement
 - Rigid objects: constant translation, rotation per object, (scaling)
 - Animated objects: time-varying transformation in world-space
 - Illumination can be computed in this space

Hierarchical Coordinate Systems

Hierarchy of transformations



Hierarchical Coordinate Systems

Used in Scene Graphs

- Group objects hierarchically
- Local coordinate system is relative to parent coordinate system
- Apply transformation to the parent to change the whole sub-tree (or sub-graph)



Ray-tracing Transformed Objects

- Ray (world coordinates)
- *T* set of triangles (local coordinates)
- *M* transformation matrix (local-to-world)



Ray-tracing Transformed Objects

• Option 1: transform the triangles



Ray-tracing Transformed Objects

• Option 2: transform the ray



Transforming Tangents

• Transform ray by inverse and intersect object...



- ...then transform tangents back to world space
 - Bitangent might need to be adjusted to obtain orthonormal basis
 - Adjoint matrix not necessary, can compute normal from tangent and bitangent

Ray-tracing through a Hierarchy



Instancing

- *T* set of triangles
 - local coordinates
 - memory
- M_i transformation matrices

 M_1

- local-to-world
- Multiple rendered objects
 - Correct lighting, shadows, etc...
 - Never "materialized" in memory

 M_2

 M_3

 M_4

