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OpenGL Transformations

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Objectives

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- Learn how to carry out transformations in OpenGL
 - Rotation
 - Translation
 - Scaling
 - Introduce OpenGL matrix modes
 - Model-view
 - Projection



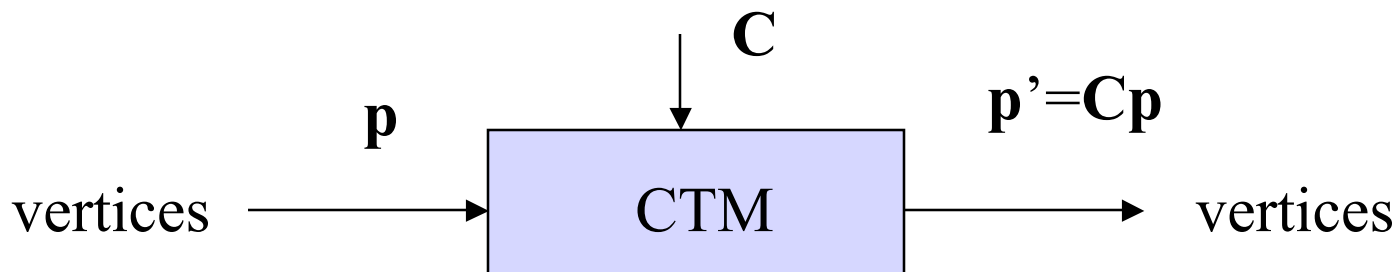
OpenGL Matrices

- 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 manipulated by
 - `glMatrixMode (GL_MODELVIEW) ;`
 - `glMatrixMode (GL_PROJECTION) ;`



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 postmultiplication

Load an identity matrix: $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{I}$

Load an arbitrary matrix: $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{M}$

Load a translation matrix: $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{T}$

Load a rotation matrix: $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{R}$

Load a scaling matrix: $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{S}$

Postmultiply by an arbitrary matrix: $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{C}\mathbf{M}$

Postmultiply by a translation matrix: $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{C}\mathbf{T}$

Postmultiply by a rotation matrix: $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{C}\mathbf{R}$

Postmultiply by a scaling matrix: $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{C}\mathbf{S}$



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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**.

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



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Reversing the Order

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

so we must do the operations in the following order

$$\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{C} \mathbf{T}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}$$

$$\mathbf{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{C} \mathbf{T}$$

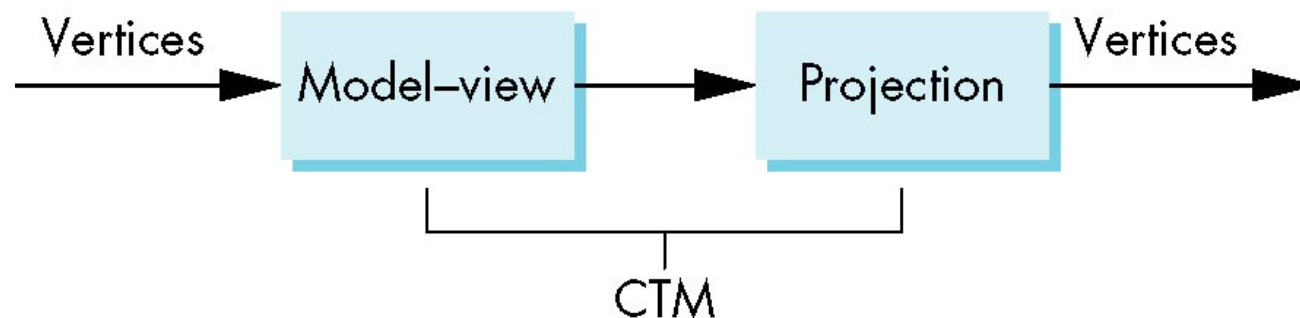
Each operation corresponds to one function call in the program.

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



CTM in 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





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Rotation, Translation, Scaling

Load an identity matrix:

```
glLoadIdentity()
```

Multiply on right:

```
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 (**glScaled**)



Example

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

```
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);  
glLoadIdentity();  
glTranslatef(1.0, 2.0, 3.0);  
glRotatef(30.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);  
glTranslatef(-1.0, -2.0, -3.0);
```

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



Arbitrary Matrices

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- 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



Matrix Stacks

- In many situations we want to save transformation matrices for use later
 - Traversing hierarchical data structures (Chapter 10)
 - Avoiding state changes when executing display lists
- OpenGL maintains stacks for each type of matrix
 - Access present type (as set by `glMatrixMode`) by
 - `glPushMatrix()`
 - `glPopMatrix()`



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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 as

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



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Using Transformations

- Example: use idle function to rotate a cube and mouse function to change direction of rotation
- Start with a program that draws a cube (`colorcube.c`) in a standard way
 - Centered at origin
 - Sides aligned with axes
 - Will discuss modeling in next lecture



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main.c

```
void main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    glutInit(&argc, argv);
    glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGB |
        GLUT_DEPTH);
    glutInitWindowSize(500, 500);
    glutCreateWindow("colorcube");
    glutReshapeFunc(myReshape);
    glutDisplayFunc(display);
    glutIdleFunc(spinCube);
    glutMouseFunc(mouse);
    glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);
    glutMainLoop();
}
```



Idle and Mouse callbacks

```
void spinCube()
{
    theta[axis] += 2.0;
    if( theta[axis] > 360.0 ) theta[axis] -= 360.0;
    glutPostRedisplay();
}

void mouse(int btn, int state, int x, int y)
{
    if(btn==GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON && state == GLUT_DOWN)
        axis = 0;
    if(btn==GLUT_MIDDLE_BUTTON && state == GLUT_DOWN)
        axis = 1;
    if(btn==GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON && state == GLUT_DOWN)
        axis = 2;
}
```




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Display callback

```
void display()
{
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
    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);
    colorcube();
    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

Note that because of fixed from of callbacks, variables such as `theta` and `axis` must be defined as globals

Camera information is in standard reshape callback



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Using the Model-view Matrix

- In OpenGL the model-view matrix is used to
 - Position the camera
 - Can be done by rotations and translations but 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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Model-view and Projection Matrices

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- Although both are manipulated by the same functions, we have to be careful because incremental changes are always made by postmultiplication
 - For example, rotating model-view and projection matrices by the same matrix are not equivalent operations. Postmultiplication of the model-view matrix is equivalent to premultiplication of the projection matrix



Smooth Rotation

- From a practical standpoint, we often want to use transformations to move and reorient an object smoothly
 - Problem: find a sequence of model-view matrices $\mathbf{M}_0, \mathbf{M}_1, \dots, \mathbf{M}_n$ 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)



Incremental Rotation

- Consider the two approaches
 - For a sequence of rotation matrices $\mathbf{R}_0, \mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_n$, find the Euler angles for each and use $\mathbf{R}_i = \mathbf{R}_{iz} \mathbf{R}_{iy} \mathbf{R}_{ix}$
 - 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

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- One of the major problems in interactive computer graphics is how to use two-dimensional devices 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