Building Models

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Objectives

- Introduce simple data structures for building polygonal models
  - Vertex lists
  - Edge lists

Representation of 3D Transformations

- Z axis represents depth
- Right Handed System
  - When looking “down” at the origin, positive rotation is CCW
- Left Handed System
  - When looking “down”, positive rotation is in CW
  - More natural interpretation for displays, big z means “far”

Simple Representation

- Define each polygon by the geometric locations of its vertices
- Leads to OpenGL code such as
  ```cpp
  vertex[i] = vec3(x1, y1, z1);
  vertex[i+1] = vec3(x6, y6, z6);
  vertex[i+2] = vec3(x7, y7, z7);
  i+=3;
  ```
- Inefficient and unstructured
  - Consider moving a vertex to a new location
  - Must search for all occurrences

Inward and Outward Facing Polygons

- The order \( \{v_1, v_2, v_3\} \) and \( \{v_6, v_7, v_1\} \) are equivalent in that the same polygon will be rendered by OpenGL but the order \( \{v_1, v_7, v_6\} \) is different
- The first two describe outwardly facing polygons
- Use the right-hand rule = counter-clockwise encirclement of outward-pointing normal
- OpenGL can treat inward and outward facing polygons differently
**Geometry vs Topology**

- Generally it is a good idea to look for data structures that separate the geometry from the topology.
  - Geometry: locations of the vertices
  - Topology: organization of the vertices and edges
- Example: a polygon is an ordered list of vertices with an edge connecting successive pairs of vertices and the last to the first.
  - Topology holds even if geometry changes.

**Vertex Lists**

- Put the geometry in an array.
- Use pointers from the vertices into this array.
- Introduce a polygon list.

**Shared Edges**

- Vertex lists will draw filled polygons correctly but if we draw the polygon by its edges, shared edges are drawn twice.
- Can store mesh by edge list.

**Rotating Cube**

- Full example.
- Model Colored Cube.
- Use 3 button mouse to change direction of rotation.
- Use idle function to increment angle of rotation.

**Draw cube from faces**

```c
void colorcube()
{
    quad( 1, 0, 3, 2 );
    quad( 2, 3, 7, 6 );
    quad( 3, 0, 4, 7 );
    quad( 6, 5, 1, 2 );
    quad( 4, 5, 6, 7 );
    quad( 5, 4, 0, 1 );
}
```

Note that vertices are ordered so that we obtain correct outward facing normals.
Cube Vertices

// Vertices of a unit cube centered at origin
// sides aligned with axes
point4 vertices[8] = {
  point4(-0.5, -0.5,  0.5, 1.0 ),
  point4(-0.5,  0.5,  0.5, 1.0 ),
  point4( 0.5,  0.5,  0.5, 1.0 ),
  point4( 0.5, -0.5,  0.5, 1.0 ),
  point4(-0.5, -0.5, -0.5, 1.0 ),
  point4(-0.5,  0.5, -0.5, 1.0 ),
  point4( 0.5,  0.5, -0.5, 1.0 ),
  point4( 0.5, -0.5, -0.5, 1.0 )
};

Colors

// RGBA colors
color4 vertex_colors[8] = {
  color4( 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0 ),  // black
  color4( 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0 ),  // red
  color4( 1.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0 ),  // yellow
  color4( 0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0 ),  // green
  color4( 0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 1.0 ),  // blue
  color4( 1.0, 0.0, 1.0, 1.0 ),  // magenta
  color4( 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 ),  // white
  color4( 0.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 )  // cyan
};

Quad Function

// quad generates two triangles for each face and assigns colors
// to the vertices
int Index = 0;
void quad( int a, int b, int c, int d )
{
  colors[Index] = vertex_colors[a]; points[Index] = vertices[a]; Index++;
  colors[Index] = vertex_colors[b]; points[Index] = vertices[b]; Index++;
  colors[Index] = vertex_colors[c]; points[Index] = vertices[c]; Index++;
  colors[Index] = vertex_colors[d]; points[Index] = vertices[d]; Index++;
}

Color Cube

// generate 12 triangles: 36 vertices and 36 colors
void colorcube()
{
  quad( 1, 0, 3, 2 );
  quad( 2, 3, 7, 6 );
  quad( 3, 0, 4, 7 );
  quad( 6, 5, 1, 2 );
  quad( 4, 5, 6, 7 );
  quad( 5, 4, 0, 1 );
}

Initialization I

void init()
{
  colorcube();
  // Create a vertex array object
  GLuint vao;
  glGenVertexArrays( 1, &vao );
  glBindVertexArray( vao );
}

Initialization II

// Create and initialize a buffer object
GLuint buffer;
glGenBuffers( 1, &buffer );
glBindBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, buffer );
glBufferData( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(points) + sizeof(colors), NULL, GL_STATIC_DRAW );
glBufferSubData( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0, sizeof(points), points );
glBufferSubData( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(points), sizeof(colors), colors );
// Load shaders and use the resulting shader program
GLuint program = InitShader( "vshdrcube.glsl", "fshdrcube.glsl" );
gUseProgram( program );

Initialization III

```cpp
// set up vertex arrays
GLuint vPosition = glGetUniformLocation(program, "vPosition");
glEnableVertexAttribArray(vPosition);
glVertexAttribPointer(vPosition, 4, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 0, BUFFER_OFFSET(0));

GLuint vColor = glGetUniformLocation(program, "vColor");
glEnableVertexAttribArray(vColor);
glVertexAttribPointer(vColor, 4, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 0, BUFFER_OFFSET(sizeof(points)));

Glint thetaLoc = glGetUniformLocation(program, "theta");
```

Display Callback

```cpp
void display() {
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
    glUniform3fv(thetaLoc, 1, theta);
    glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, NumVertices);
    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

OpenGL code

• Remember that matrices are column major order in GLSL, so …

```
glUniformMatrix4fv(matrix_loc, 1, GL_TRUE, model_view);
```

Mouse Callback

```cpp
void mouse( int button, int state, int x, int y ) {
    if ( state == GLUT_DOWN ) {
        switch( button ) {
            case GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON: axis = Xaxis; break;
            case GLUT_MIDDLE_BUTTON: axis = Yaxis; break;
            case GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON: axis = Zaxis; break;
        }
    }
}
```

Idle Callback

```cpp
void idle() {
    theta[axis] += 0.01;
    if ( theta[axis] > 360.0 ) {
        theta[axis] -= 360.0;
    }
    glutPostRedisplay();
}
```

Transforming Each Vertex

```cpp
in vec4 vPosition, vColor;
out vec4 color;
uniform mat4 rot;

void main() {
    gl_Position = rot * vPosition;
    color = vColor;
}
```
OpenGL Default View Volume

- The default viewing volume is a box centered at the origin with sides of length 2
- $(-1, -1, -1) \rightarrow (1, 1, 1)$
- All geometry in box is parallel-projected into the $z=0$ plane!
- Then rendered

Assignment 4 Suggestions

- Define cube geometry and color in `init()`
- Keyboard callback
  - Figuring out how to change transformation values
  - Calculates new transformation matrix and sends it the GPU via a uniform variable
- Display function draws cube
- Vertex shader applies transformation matrix to vertices

Objectives

- Introduce the classical views
- Compare and contrast image formation by computer with how images have been formed by architects, artists, and engineers
- Learn the benefits and drawbacks of each type of view

Classical Viewing

- Viewing requires three basic elements
  - One or more objects
  - A viewer with a projection surface
  - Projectors that go from the object(s) to the projection surface

Classical views are based on the relationship among these elements
- The viewer picks up the object and orients it how she would like to see it
- Each object is assumed to be constructed from flat principal faces
  - Buildings, polyhedra, manufactured objects
Planar Geometric Projections

- Standard projections project onto a plane
- Projectors are lines that either
  - converge at a center of projection
  - are parallel
- Such projections preserve lines
  - but not necessarily angles
- Nonplanar projections are needed for applications such as map construction

Classical Projections

Perspective vs Parallel

- Computer graphics treats all projections the same and implements them with a single pipeline
- Classical viewing developed different techniques for drawing each type of projection
- Fundamental distinction is between parallel and perspective viewing even though mathematically parallel viewing is the limit of perspective viewing

Taxonomy of Planar Geometric Projections

Perspective Projection

Parallel Projection
Orthographic Projection

Projectors are orthogonal to projection surface

Multiview Orthographic Projection

- Projection plane parallel to principal face
- Usually form front, top, side views

Isometric (not multiview orthographic view)

in CAD and architecture, we often display three multiviews plus isometric

Advantages and Disadvantages

- Preserves both distances and angles
  - Shapes preserved
  - Can be used for measurements
    - Building plans
    - Manuals
- Cannot see what object really looks like because many surfaces hidden from view
  - Often we add the isometric

Axonometric Projections

- Allow projection plane to move relative to object
- Classify by how many angles of a corner of a projected cube are the same
  - None: trimetric
  - Two: dimetric
  - Three: isometric

Types of Axonometric Projections

- Dimetric
- Trimetric
- Isometric

Advantages and Disadvantages

- Lines are scaled (foreshortened) but can find scaling factors
- Lines preserved but angles are not
  - Projection of a circle in a plane not parallel to the projection plane is an ellipse
- Can see three principal faces of a box-like object
- Some optical illusions possible
- Parallel lines appear to diverge
- Does not look real because far objects are scaled the same as near objects
- Used in CAD applications
Oblique Projection

Arbitrary relationship between projectors and projection plane

Advantages and Disadvantages

- Can pick the angles to emphasize a particular face
  - Architecture: plan oblique, elevation oblique
- Angles in faces parallel to projection plane are preserved while we can still see "around" side
- In physical world, cannot create with simple camera; possible with bellows camera or special lens (architectural)

Perspective Projection

Projectors converge at center of projection

Vanishing Points

- Parallel lines (not parallel to the projection plane) on the object converge at a single point in the projection (the vanishing point)
- Drawing simple perspectives by hand uses these vanishing point(s)

Three-Point Perspective

- No principal face parallel to projection plane
- Three vanishing points for cube

Two-Point Perspective

- One principal direction parallel to projection plane
- Two vanishing points for cube
One-Point Perspective

- One principal face parallel to projection plane
- One vanishing point for cube

Advantages and Disadvantages

- Objects further from viewer are projected smaller than the same sized objects closer to the viewer (diminution)
- Looks realistic
- Equal distances along a line are not projected into equal distances (nonuniform foreshortening)
- Angles preserved only in planes parallel to the projection plane
- More difficult to construct by hand than parallel projections (but not more difficult by computer)

Taxonomy of Planar Geometric Projections

planar geometric projections

parallel perspective

multiview orthographic 1 point 2 point 3 point

isometric dimetric trimetric