

# CSCI-4530/6530 Advanced Computer Graphics

<http://www.cs.rpi.edu/~cutler/classes/advancedgraphics/S13/>

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## Luxo Jr.



Pixar Animation Studios, 1986

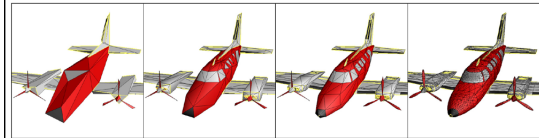
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## Topics for the Semester

- Meshes
  - representation
  - simplification
  - subdivision surfaces
  - construction/generation
  - volumetric modeling
- Simulation
  - particle systems, cloth
  - rigid body, deformation
  - wind/water flows
  - collision detection
  - weathering
- Rendering
  - ray tracing, shadows
  - appearance models
  - local vs. global illumination
  - radiosity, photon mapping, subsurface scattering, etc.
- procedural modeling
- texture synthesis
- non-photorealistic rendering
- hardware & more ...

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## Mesh Simplification

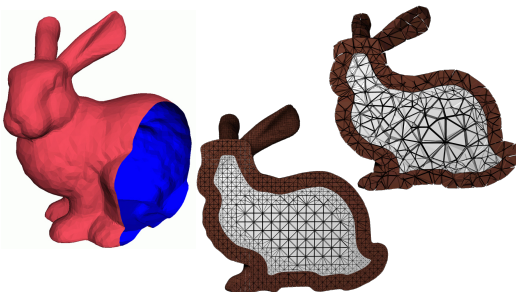


(a) Base mesh  $M^0$  (150 faces) (b) Mesh  $M^1$  (500 faces) (c) Mesh  $M^2$  (1,000 faces) (d) Original  $M = M^3$  (13,546 faces)

Hoppe "Progressive Meshes" SIGGRAPH 1996

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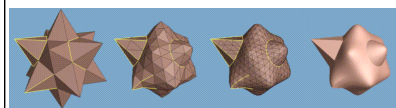
## Mesh Generation & Volumetric Modeling



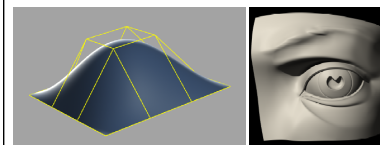
Cutler et al., "Simplification and Improvement of Tetrahedral Models for Simulation" 2004

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## Modeling – Subdivision Surfaces



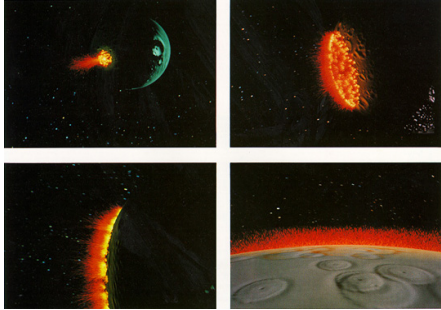
Hoppe et al., "Piecewise Smooth Surface Reconstruction" 1994



Geri's Game  
Pixar 1997

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## Particle Systems

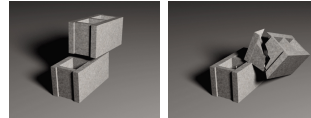
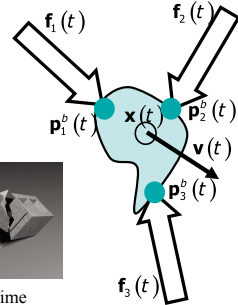


Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan 1982

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## Physical Simulation

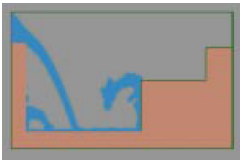
- Rigid Body Dynamics
- Collision Detection
- Fracture
- Deformation



Müller et al., "Stable Real-Time Deformations" 2002

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## Fluid Dynamics



"Visual Simulation of Smoke"  
Fedkiw, Stam & Jensen  
SIGGRAPH 2001

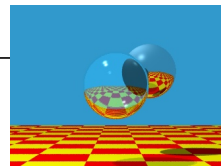


Foster & Matusik, 1996

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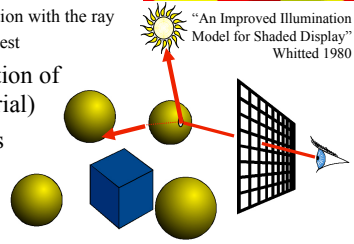
## Ray Casting/Tracing

- For every pixel construct a ray from the eye
  - For every object in the scene
    - Find intersection with the ray
    - Keep the closest



"An Improved Illumination Model for Shaded Display"  
Whitted 1980

- Shade (interaction of light and material)
- Secondary rays (shadows, reflection, refraction)

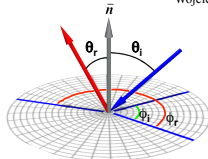


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## Appearance Models



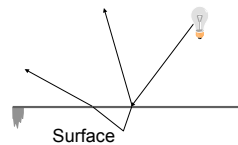
Wojciech Matusik



Henrik Wann Jensen

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## Subsurface Scattering



Jensen et al., "A Practical Model for Subsurface Light Transport" 2001

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## Syllabus & Course Website

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- Which version should I register for?
  - CSCI 6530 : 3 units of graduate credit, class ends at 3:20
  - CSCI 4530 : 4 units of undergraduate credit, class ends at 3:50 (same lectures, assignments, quizzes, & grading criteria)
- This is an intensive course aimed at graduate students and undergraduates interested in graphics research, involving significant reading & programming each week. Taking this course in a 5 course overload semester is discouraged.
- Other Questions?

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## Participation/Laptops in Class Policy

- Lecture is intended to be discussion-intensive
- Laptops, tablet computers, smart phones, and other internet-connected devices are not allowed
  - Except during the discussion of the day's assigned paper: students may use their laptop/tablet to view an electronic version of the paper
  - Other exceptions to this policy are negotiable; please see the instructor in office hours.

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## Introductions – Who are you?

- name
- year/degree
- graphics background (if any)
- research/job interests, future plans
- something fun, interesting, or unusual about yourself

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## What is a Transformation?

- Maps points  $(x, y)$  in one coordinate system to points  $(x', y')$  in another coordinate system

$$x' = ax + by + c$$

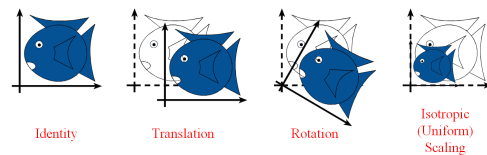
$$y' = dx + ey + f$$

- For example, Iterated Function System (IFS):



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## Simple Transformations



Identity Translation Rotation Isotropic (Uniform) Scaling

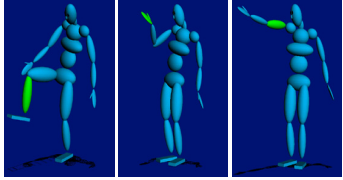
- Can be combined
- Are these operations invertible?

*Yes, except scale = 0*

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## Transformations are used to:

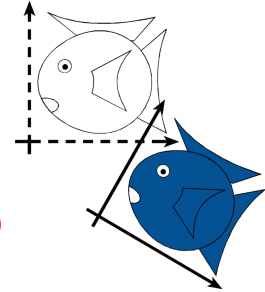
- Position objects in a scene
- Change the shape of objects
- Create multiple copies of objects
- Projection for virtual cameras
- Describe animations



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## Rigid-Body / Euclidean Transforms

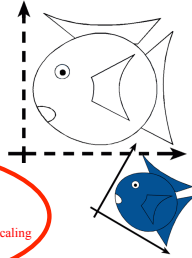
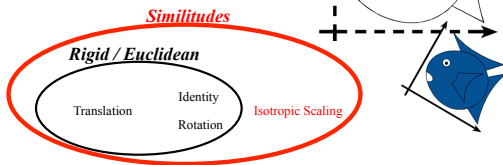
- Preserves distances
- Preserves angles



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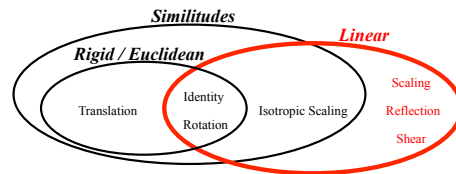
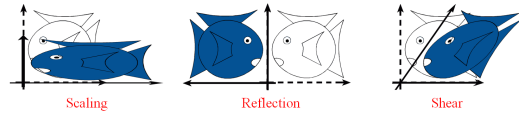
## Similitudes / Similarity Transforms

- Preserves angles



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## Linear Transformations



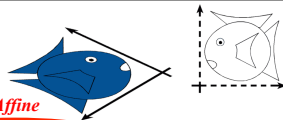
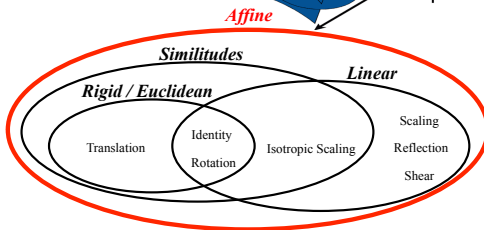
$$L(p + q) = L(p) + L(q)$$

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## Affine Transformations

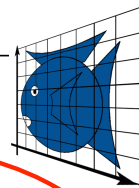
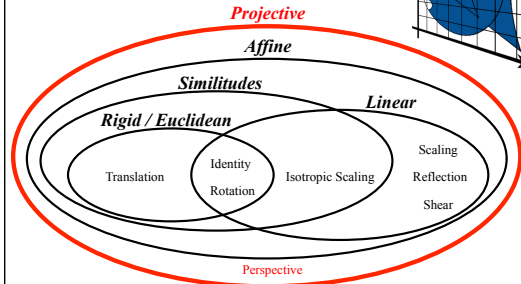
- preserves parallel lines



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## Projective Transformations

- preserves lines



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## General (Free-Form) Transformation

- Does not preserve lines
- Not as pervasive, computationally more involved



Fig 1. Undeformed Plastic

Fig 2. Deformed Plastic

Sederberg and Parry, Siggraph 1986

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## How are Transforms Represented?

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= ax + by + c \\ y' &= dx + ey + f\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ d & e \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c \\ f \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p' = Mp + t$$

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## Homogeneous Coordinates

- Add an extra dimension
  - in 2D, we use 3 x 3 matrices
  - In 3D, we use 4 x 4 matrices
- Each point has an extra value, w

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ w' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ m & n & o & p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p' = Mp$$

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## Translation in homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= ax + by + c \\ y' &= dx + ey + f\end{aligned}$$

Affine formulation

Homogeneous formulation

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ d & e \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c \\ f \end{pmatrix} \quad \left| \quad \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ l \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & l \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ l \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p' = Mp + t \quad \left| \quad p' = Mp$$

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## Homogeneous Coordinates

- Most of the time  $w = 1$ , and we can ignore it

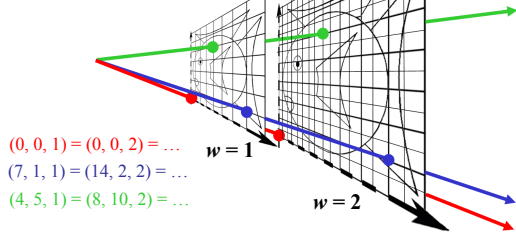
$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- If we multiply a homogeneous coordinate by an *affine matrix*, w is unchanged

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## Homogeneous Visualization

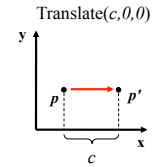
- Divide by  $w$  to normalize (homogenize)
- $w = 0$ ? *Point at infinity (direction)*



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## Translate ( $t_x, t_y, t_z$ )

- Why bother with the extra dimension?  
Because now translations can be encoded in the matrix!

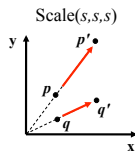


$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Scale ( $s_x, s_y, s_z$ )

- Isotropic (uniform) scaling:  $s_x = s_y = s_z$

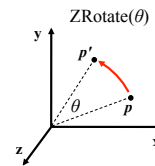


$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Rotation

- About z axis

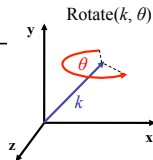


$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Rotation

- About  $(k_x, k_y, k_z)$ , a unit vector on an arbitrary axis (Rodrigues Formula)



$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_x k_x (1-c) + c & k_x k_y (1-c) - k_z s & k_x k_z (1-c) + k_y s & 0 \\ k_y k_x (1-c) + k_z s & k_y k_y (1-c) + c & k_y k_z (1-c) - k_x s & 0 \\ k_z k_x (1-c) - k_y s & k_z k_y (1-c) - k_x s & k_z k_z (1-c) + c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $c = \cos \theta$  &  $s = \sin \theta$

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## Storage

- Often,  $w$  is not stored (always 1)
- Needs careful handling of direction vs. point
  - Mathematically, the simplest is to encode directions with  $w = 0$
  - In terms of storage, using a 3-component array for both direction and points is more efficient
  - Which requires to have special operation routines for points vs. directions

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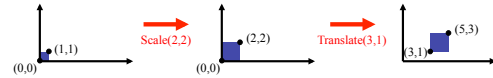
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## How are transforms combined?

Scale then Translate



Use matrix multiplication:  $p' = T(S p) = TS p$

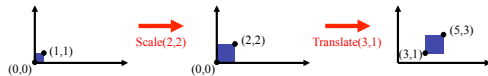
$$TS = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Caution: matrix multiplication is NOT commutative!

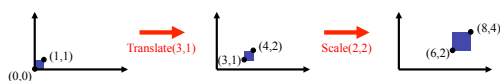
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## Non-commutative Composition

Scale then Translate:  $p' = T(S p) = TS p$



Translate then Scale:  $p' = S(T p) = ST p$



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Translate then Scale:  $p' = S(T p) = ST p$

$$ST = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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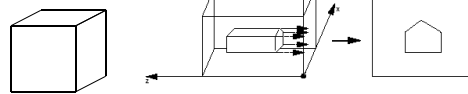
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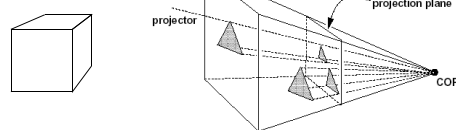
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## Orthographic vs. Perspective

- Orthographic



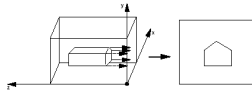
- Perspective



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## Simple Orthographic Projection

- Project all points along the  $z$  axis to the  $z = 0$  plane



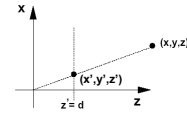
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Simple Perspective Projection

- Project all points along the  $z$  axis to the  $z = d$  plane, eyepoint at the origin:

By similar triangles:  
 $x'/x = d/z$   
 $x' = (x*d)/z$



homogenize

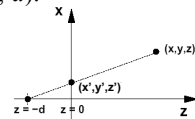
$$\begin{pmatrix} x * d / z \\ y * d / z \\ d \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ z / d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Alternate Perspective Projection

- Project all points along the  $z$  axis to the  $z = 0$  plane, eyepoint at the  $(0,0,-d)$ :

By similar triangles:  
 $x'/x = d/(z+d)$   
 $x' = (x*d)/(z+d)$



homogenize

$$\begin{pmatrix} x * d / (z + d) \\ y * d / (z + d) \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ (z + d) / d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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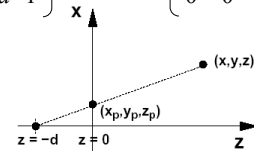
## In the limit, as $d \rightarrow \infty$

this perspective projection matrix...

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

...is simply an orthographic projection

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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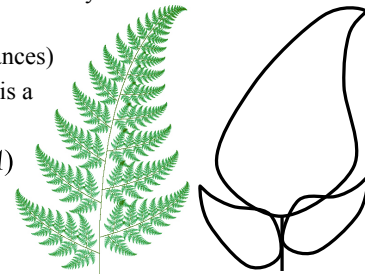
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## Iterated Function Systems (IFS)

- Capture self-similarity
- Contraction (reduce distances)
- An attractor is a fixed point

$$A = \bigcup f_i(A)$$

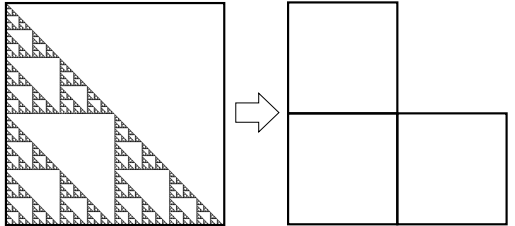


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## Example: Sierpinski Triangle

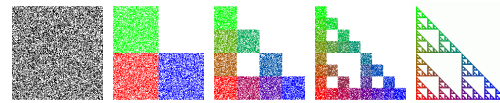
- Described by a set of  $n$  affine transformations
- In this case,  $n = 3$ 
  - translate & scale by 0.5



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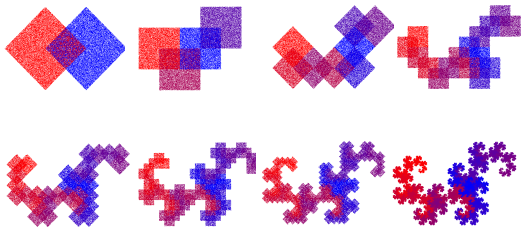
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for "lots" of random input points (x0, y0)
  for j=0 to num_iters
    randomly pick one of the transformations
    (xk+1, yk+1) = fi (xk, yk)
    display (xk, yk)
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Increasing the number of iterations

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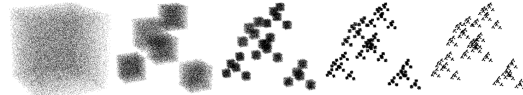
## Another IFS: The Dragon



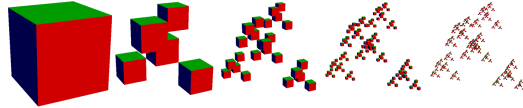
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## 3D IFS in OpenGL

GL\_POINTS



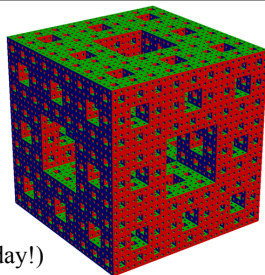
GL\_QUADS



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## Assignment 0: OpenGL Warmup

- Get familiar with:
  - C++ environment
  - OpenGL
  - Transformations
  - simple Vector & Matrix classes



- Have Fun!
- Due ASAP (start it today!)
- ¼ of the points of the other HWs  
(but you should still do it and submit it!)

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## Outline

- Course Overview
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- Representing Transformations
- Combining Transformations
- Orthographic & Perspective Projections
- Example: Iterated Function Systems (IFS)
  - OpenGL Basics

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## OpenGL

- OpenGL is a “state machine”
- OpenGL has lots of finicky setup & execution function calls
  - omitting a function call, swapping the order of 2 function calls, or passing the “wrong” argument, can result in a blank screen, nothing happens/changes, craziness happens, bus error, seg fault, etc.
- Often usually more than one way to do things
  - often one way is much faster than another
- What is possible depends on your hardware

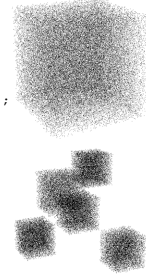
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## OpenGL Basics: Array Buffer

- Some useful commands:

```

/* store data in points array */
glGenBuffers(1, &points_VBO);
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, points_VBO);
glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, ..., points);
glColor3f(0, 0, 0);
glPointSize(1);
glEnableClientState(GL_VERTEX_ARRAY);
glVertexPointer(...);
glEnableVertexAttribArray(...);
glVertexAttribPointer(...);
glDrawArrays(GL_POINTS, ...);
glDisableClientState(GL_VERTEX_ARRAY);
glDisableVertexAttribArray(...);
    
```



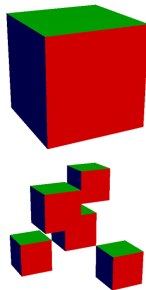
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## OpenGL Basics: Index Vertex Buffers

- Some useful commands:

```

/* store data in verts & faces arrays */
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, cube_verts_VBO);
glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, cube_verts, ...);
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER,
             cube_face_indices_VBO);
glBufferData(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER,
             cube_face_indices, GL_STATIC_DRAW);
glEnableClientState(GL_VERTEX_ARRAY);
glVertexPointer(..., BUFFER_OFFSET(0));
glEnableClientState(GL_NORMAL_ARRAY);
glNormalPointer(..., BUFFER_OFFSET(12));
glEnableClientState(GL_COLOR_ARRAY);
glColorPointer(..., BUFFER_OFFSET(24));
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER,
             cube_face_indices_VBO);
glDrawElements(GL_QUADS, ...);
glDisableClientState(GL_NORMAL_ARRAY);
glDisableClientState(GL_COLOR_ARRAY);
glDisableClientState(GL_VERTEX_ARRAY);
    
```



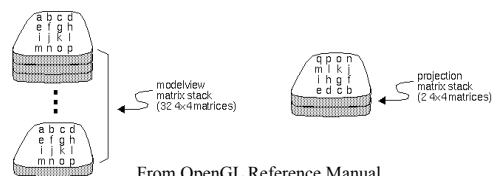
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## OpenGL Basics: Transformations

- Useful commands:

```

glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
glPushMatrix();
glPopMatrix();
glMultMatrixf(...);
    
```



From OpenGL Reference Manual

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## Questions?

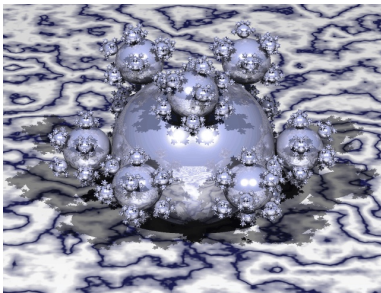
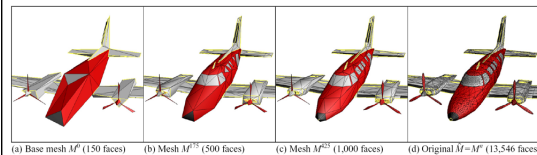


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## For Next Time:

- Read Hugues Hoppe “Progressive Meshes” SIGGRAPH 1996
- Post a comment or question on the course WebCT/LMS discussion by 10am on Friday



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