

# CSCI-4530/6530

## Advanced Computer Graphics

<http://www.cs.rpi.edu/~cutler/classes/advancedgraphics/S21/>

Barb Cutler  
cutler@cs.rpi.edu

1

## Luxo Jr.

---



Pixar Animation Studios, 1986

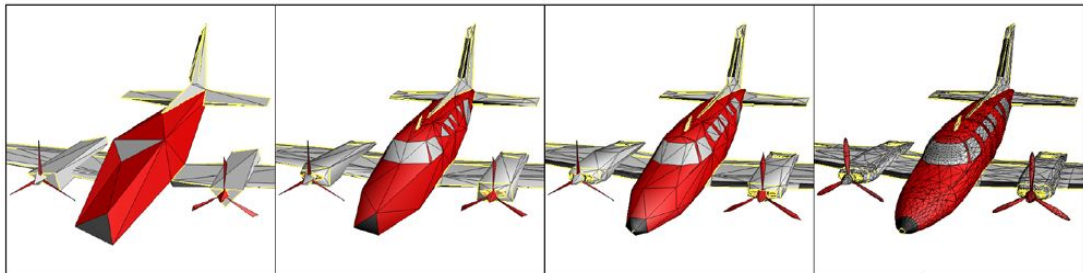
2

# 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 ...

3

## Mesh Simplification



(a) Base mesh  $M^0$  (150 faces)

(b) Mesh  $M^{175}$  (500 faces)

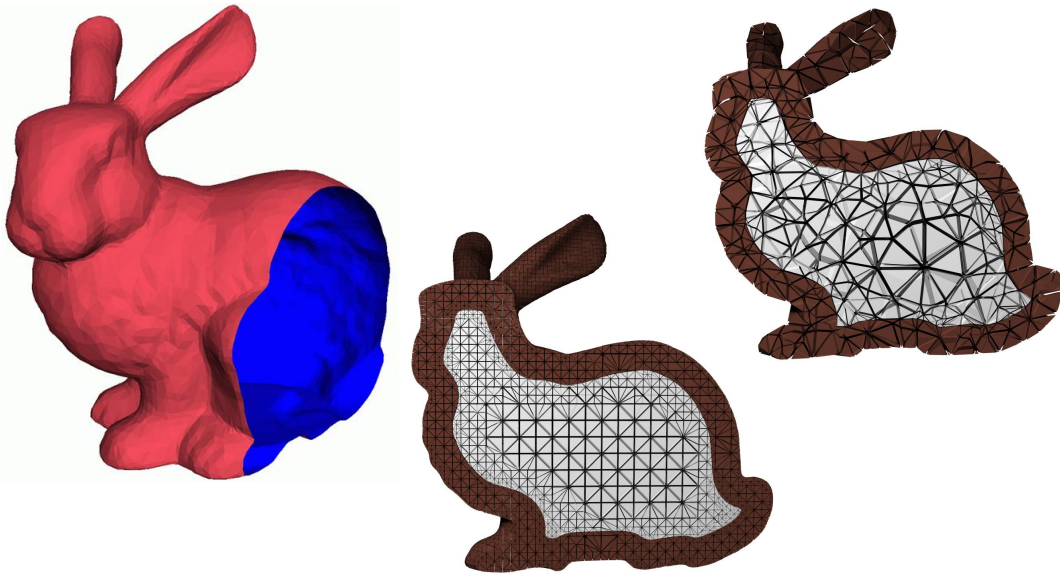
(c) Mesh  $M^{425}$  (1,000 faces)

(d) Original  $M = M^m$  (13,546 faces)

Hoppe "Progressive Meshes" SIGGRAPH 1996

4

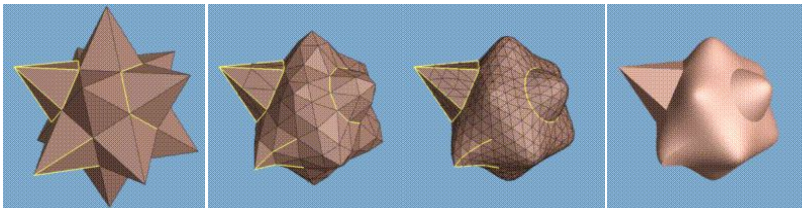
# Mesh Generation & Volumetric Modeling



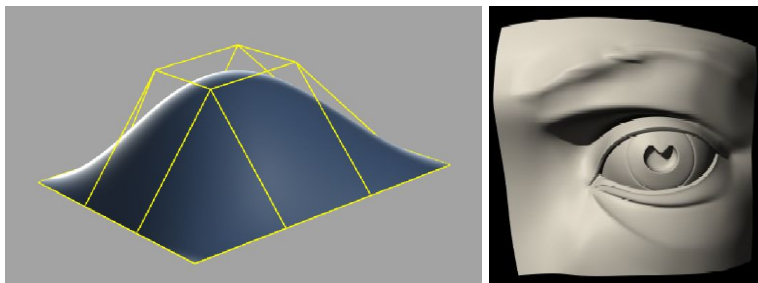
Cutler et al., "Simplification and Improvement of Tetrahedral Models for Simulation" 2004

5

# Modeling – Subdivision Surfaces



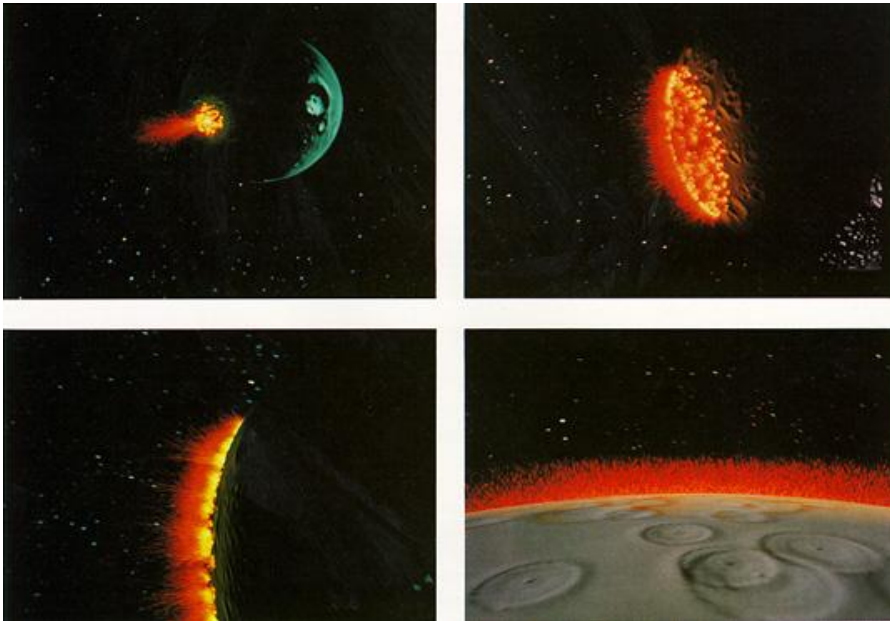
Hoppe et al., "Piecewise Smooth Surface Reconstruction" 1994



Geri's Game  
Pixar 1997

6

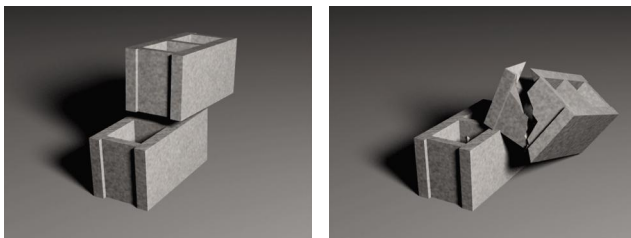
# Particle Systems



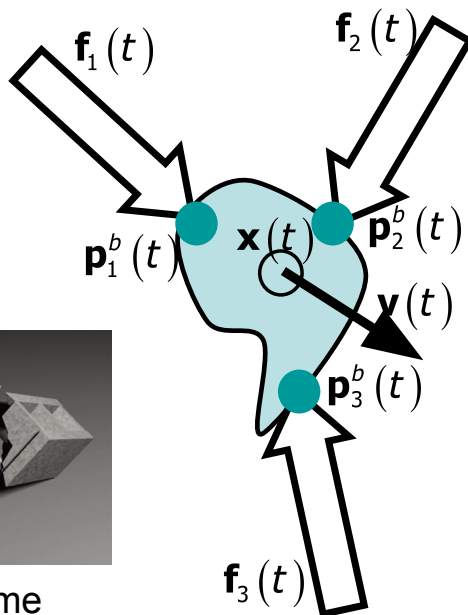
Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan 1982

# Physical Simulation

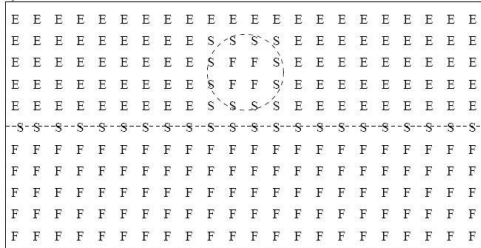
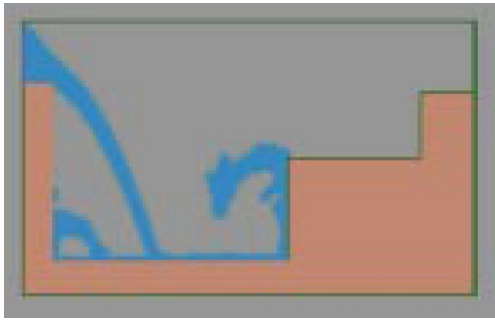
- Rigid Body Dynamics
- Collision Detection
- Fracture
- Deformation



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



# Fluid Dynamics



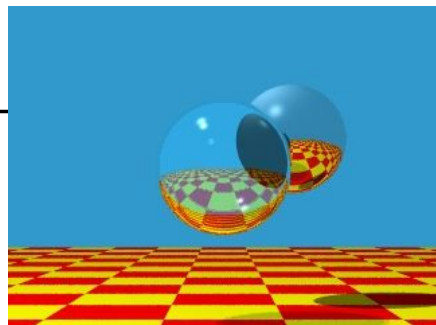
Foster & Matyas, 1996



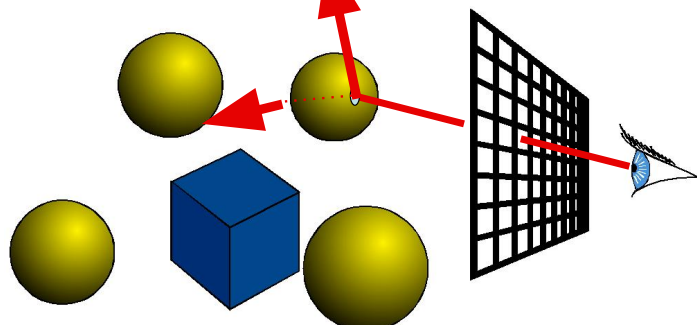
“Visual Simulation of Smoke”  
Fedkiw, Stam & Jensen  
SIGGRAPH 2001

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



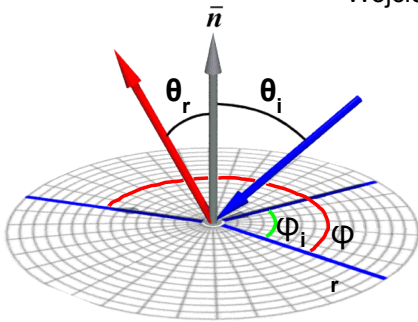
“An Improved Illumination Model for Shaded Display”  
Whitted 1980



# Appearance Models

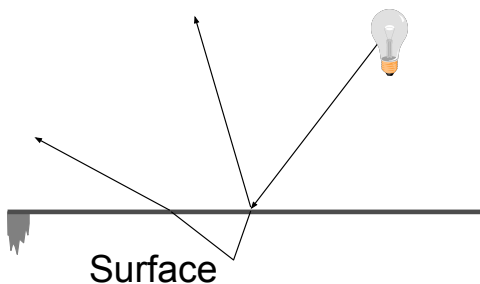


Wojciech Matusik



Henrik Wann Jensen

# Subsurface Scattering



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

# Syllabus & Course Website

---

<http://www.cs.rpi.edu/~cutler/classes/advancedgraphics/S21/>

- Which version should I register for?  
CSCI 6530 : 4 units of graduate credit  
CSCI 4530 : 4 units of undergraduate credit
- 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.*

13

# Grades

---

<http://www.cs.rpi.edu/~cutler/classes/advancedgraphics/S21/>

- This course counts as “communications intensive” for undergraduates. As such, you must satisfactorily complete all readings, presentations, project reports to pass the course.
- As this is an elective (not required) course, I expect to grade this course: “A”, “A-”, “B+”, “B”, “B-”, or “F”
  - *Don’t expect C or D level work to “pass”*
  - *I don’t want to give any “F”s*

14

# Lecture Attendance/Participation

---

<http://www.cs.rpi.edu/~cutler/classes/advancedgraphics/S21/>

- Lecture will be discussion-intensive
  - We will discuss research papers
  - We will do worksheets in groups of 2 or 3
- You are expected to regularly attend and participate in the live lecture
  - Lecture will be recorded & posted on Mediasite
  - If time zones or technical problems force you to miss more than a couple lectures, please contact me ASAP

15

# Questions?

---



# Outline

---

- Course Overview
- **Classes of Transformations**
- Representing Transformations
- Combining Transformations
- Orthographic & Perspective Projections
- Example: Iterated Function Systems (IFS)

17

## What is a Transformation?

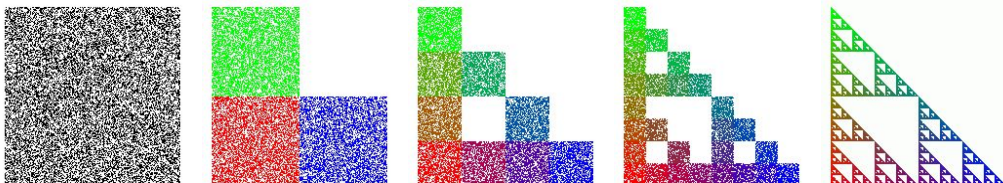
---

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

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

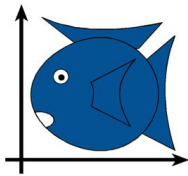
$$y' = dx + ey + f$$

- For example, Iterated Function System (IFS):

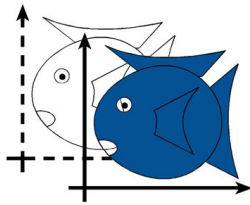


18

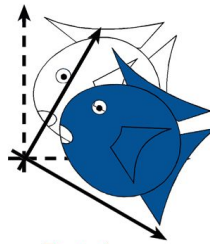
# Simple Transformations



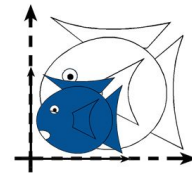
Identity



Translation



Rotation



Isotropic  
(Uniform)  
Scaling

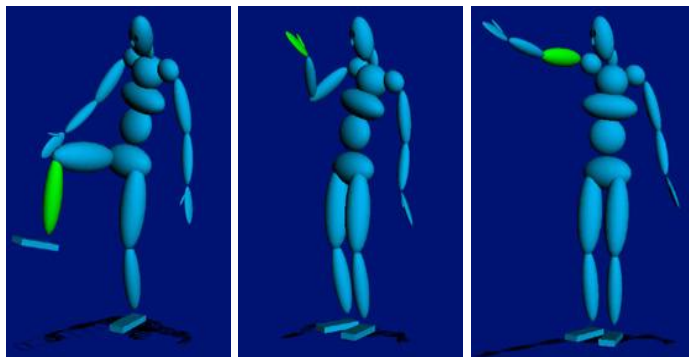
- Can be combined
- Are these operations invertible?

*Yes, except scale = 0*

19

## Transformations are used to:

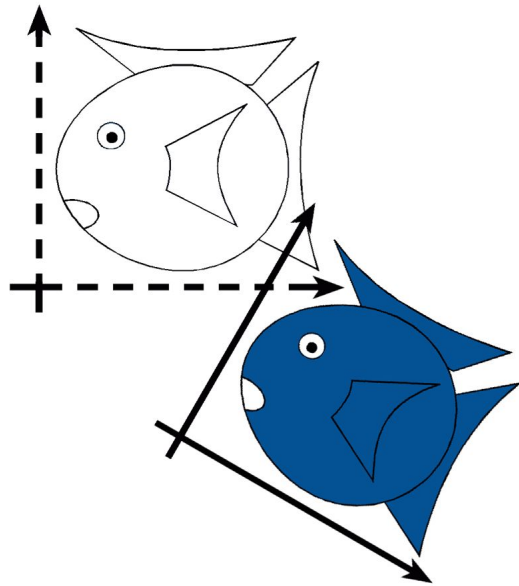
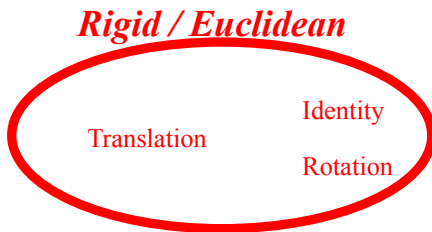
- Position objects in a scene
- Change the shape of objects
- Create multiple copies of objects
- Projection for virtual cameras
- Describe animations



20

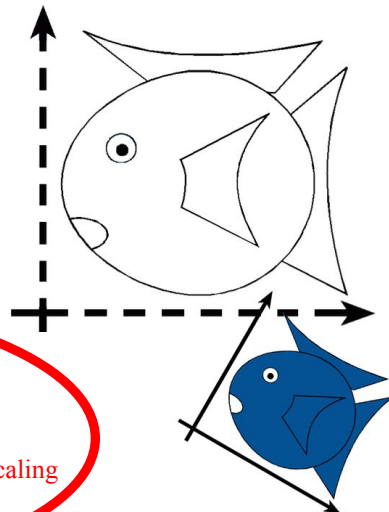
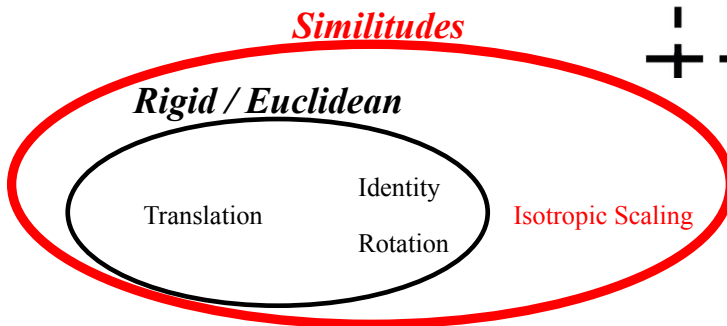
# Rigid-Body / Euclidean Transforms

- Preserves distances
- Preserves angles

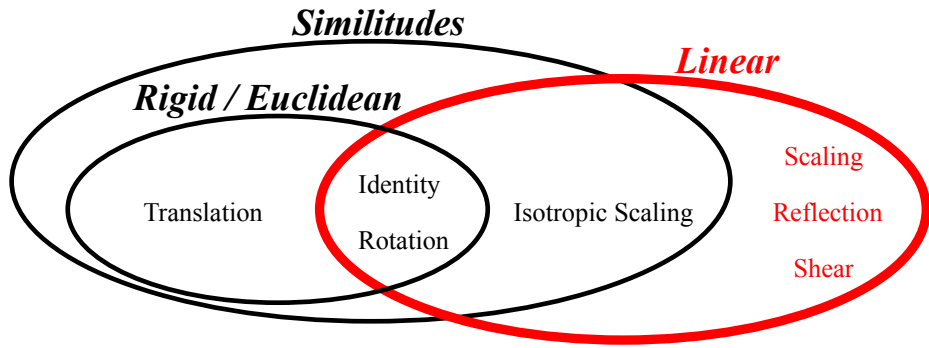
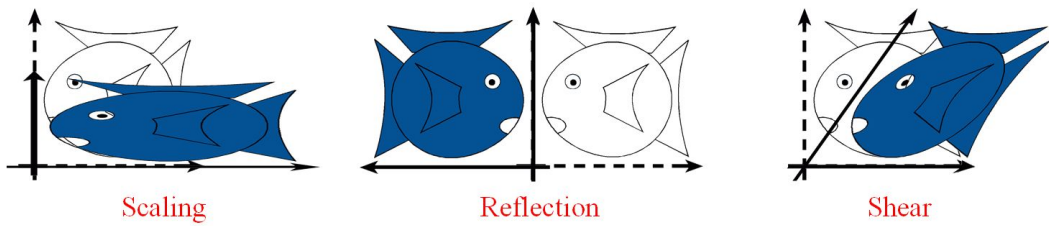


# Similitudes / Similarity Transforms

- Preserves angles



# Linear Transformations

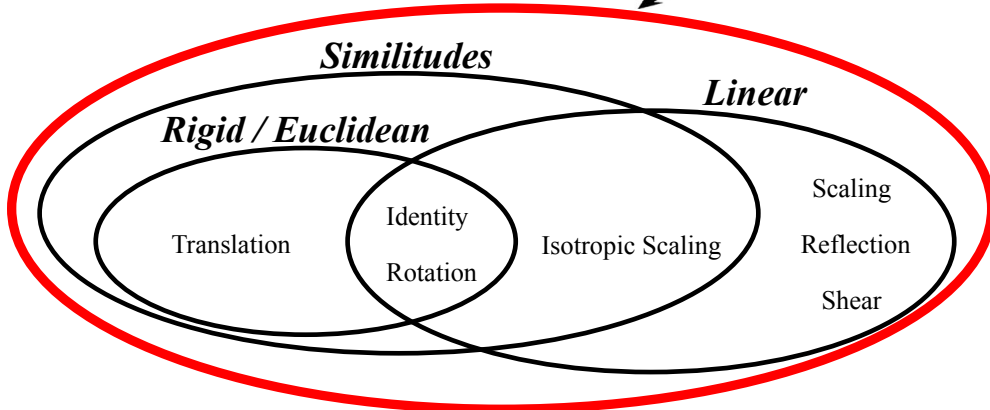
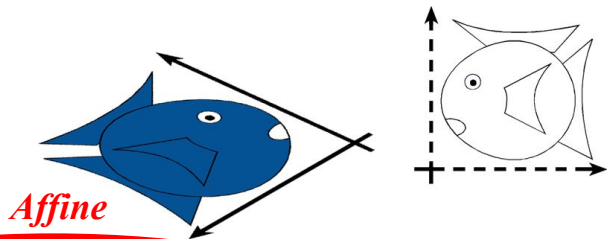


$$L(p + q) = L(p) + L(q)$$

$$L(ap) = a L(p)$$

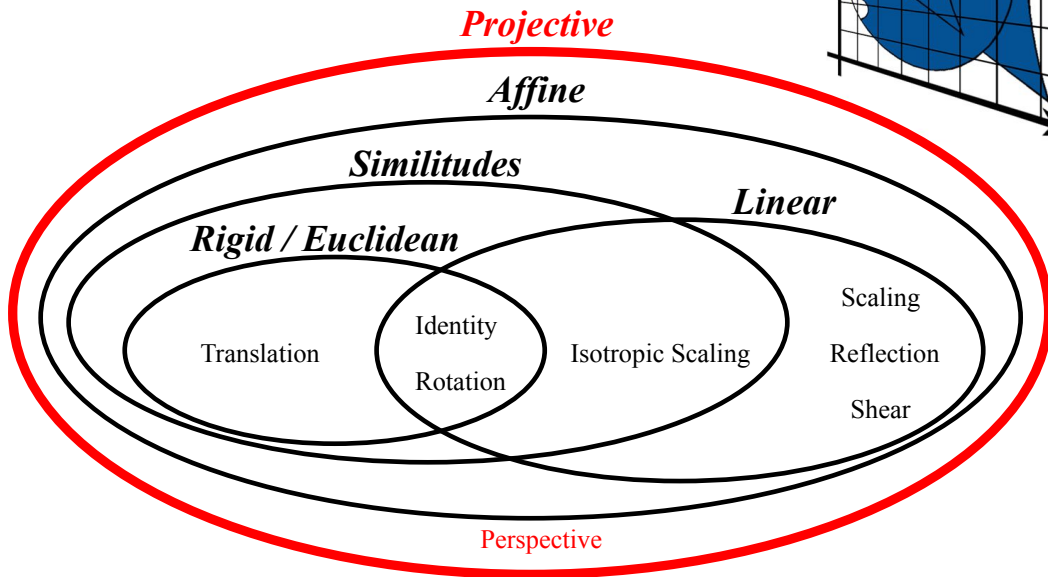
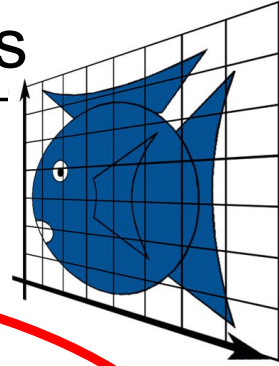
# Affine Transformations

- preserves parallel lines



# Projective Transformations

- preserves lines



25

# General (Free-Form) Transformation

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

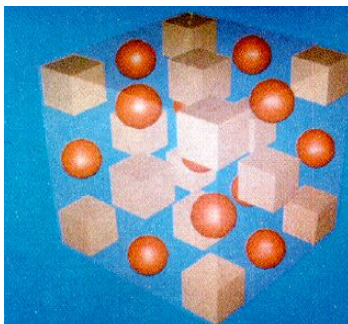


Fig 1. Undeformed Plastic



Fig 2. Deformed Plastic



Sederberg and Parry, Siggraph 1986

26

# Outline

---

- Course Overview
- Classes of Transformations
- **Representing Transformations**
- Combining Transformations
- Orthographic & Perspective Projections
- Example: Iterated Function Systems (IFS)

27

## How are Transforms Represented?

---

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

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

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

$$p' = Mp + t$$

28

# 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

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

29

## Translation in homogeneous coordinates

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

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

Affine formulation

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

$$p' = M p + t$$

Homogeneous formulation

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p' = M p$$

30

# Homogeneous Coordinates

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

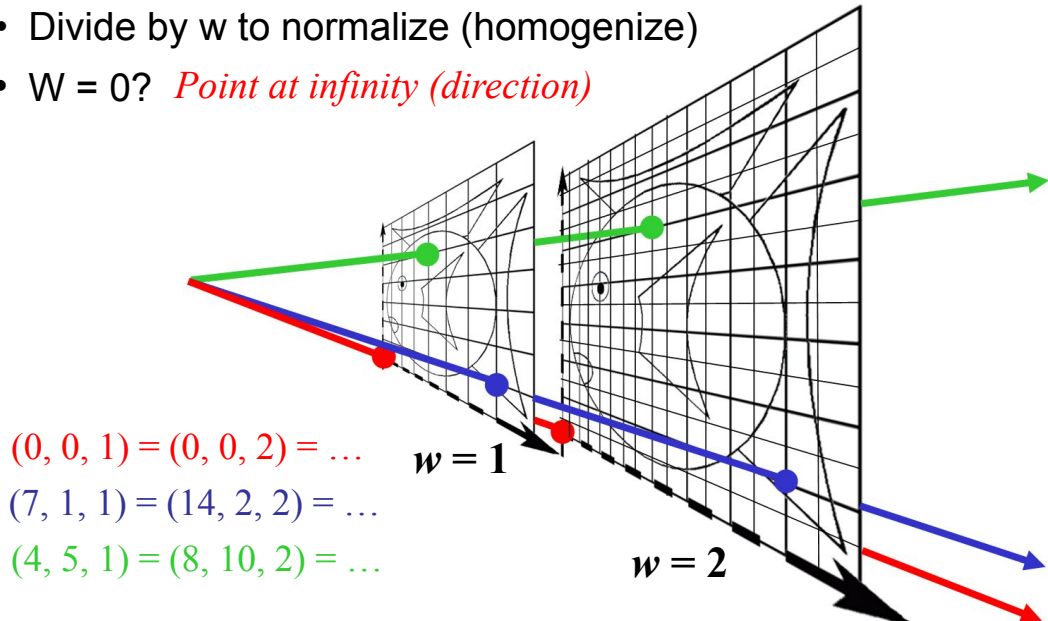
$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

31

# Homogeneous Visualization

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



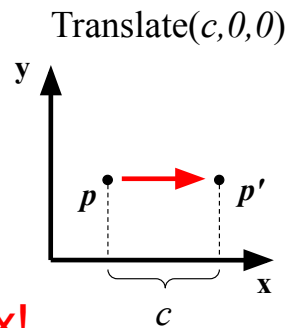
32



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

- Why bother with the extra dimension?

Because now translations can be encoded in the matrix!

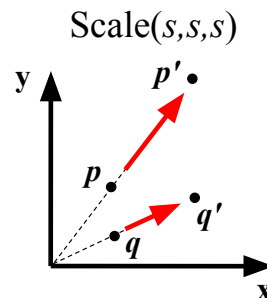


$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

33

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

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

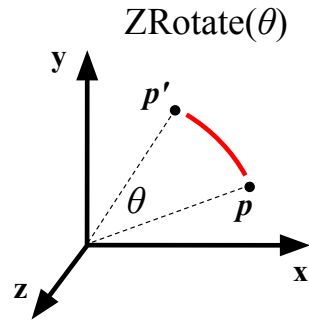


$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

34

# Rotation

- About z axis

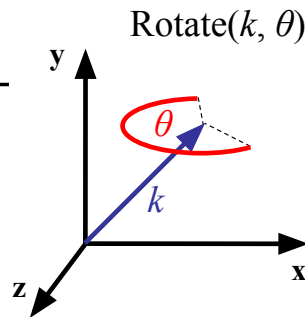


$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

35

# Rotation

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



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

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

36

# 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

37

# Outline

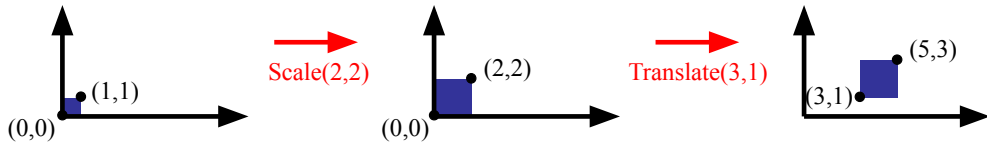
---

- Course Overview
- Classes of Transformations
- Representing Transformations
- **Combining Transformations**
- Orthographic & Perspective Projections
- Example: Iterated Function Systems (IFS)

38

# How are transforms combined?

Scale then Translate



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

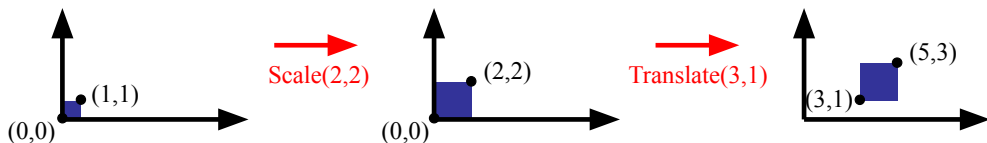
$$TS = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Caution: matrix multiplication is NOT commutative!

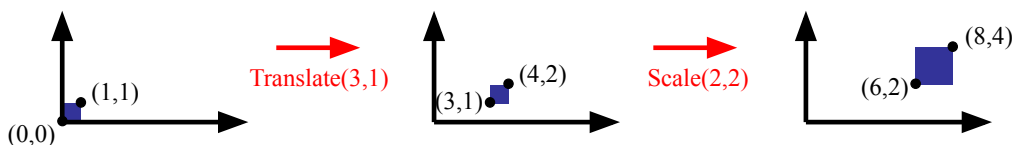
39

# Non-commutative Composition

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



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



40

# Non-commutative Composition

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

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

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

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

41

## Worksheet!

WebEx Breakout Sessions  
(teams of 2 or 3)  
Team upload to Submitty

Write down the 3x3 matrix that transforms this set of 4 points:

to th

*NOTE: We'll be doing pair worksheets throughout the term. We'll randomize the groups so you work with lots of different partners.*

Show your work.

*If you finish early...*

*Solve the problem using a different technique.*

# Outline

---

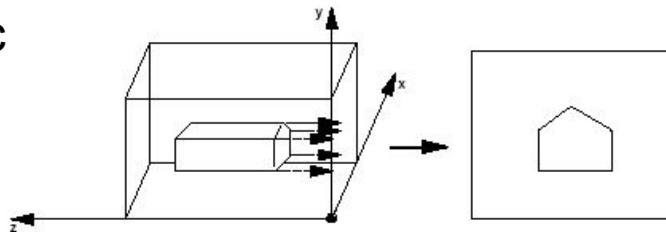
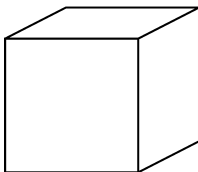
- Course Overview
- Classes of Transformations
- Representing Transformations
- Combining Transformations
- **Orthographic & Perspective Projections**
- Example: Iterated Function Systems (IFS)

43

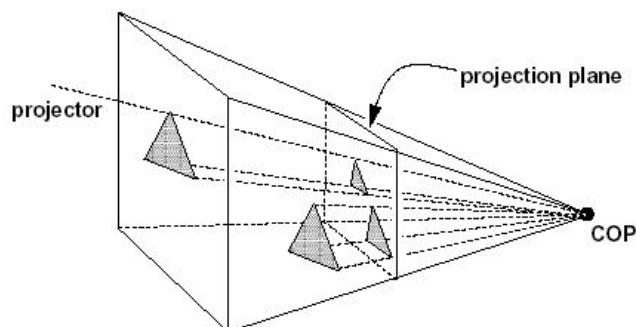
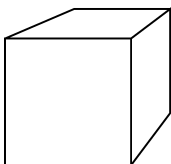
# Orthographic vs. Perspective

---

- Orthographic



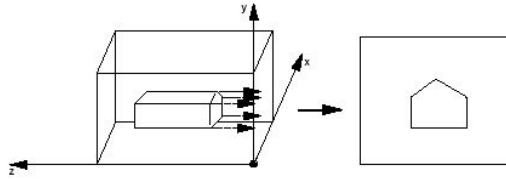
- Perspective



44

# Simple Orthographic Projection

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



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

45

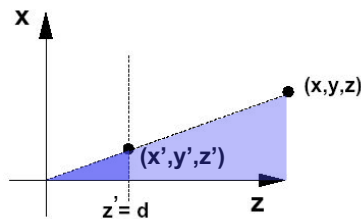
# Simple Perspective Projection

- 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*

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

46

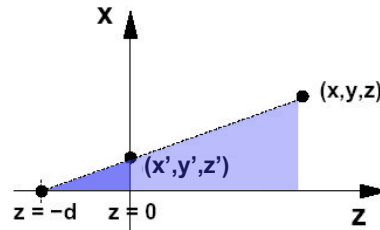
# Alternate Perspective Projection

- 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*

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

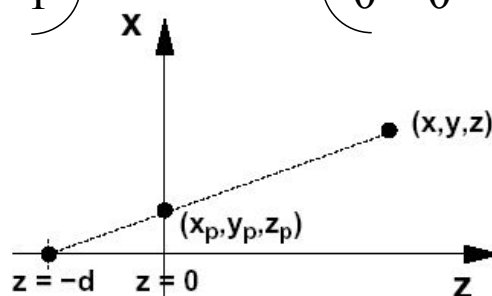
## In the limit, as $d \rightarrow \infty$

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

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





# Outline

---

- Course Overview
- Classes of Transformations
- Representing Transformations
- Combining Transformations
- Orthographic & Perspective Projections
- **Example: Iterated Function Systems (IFS)**

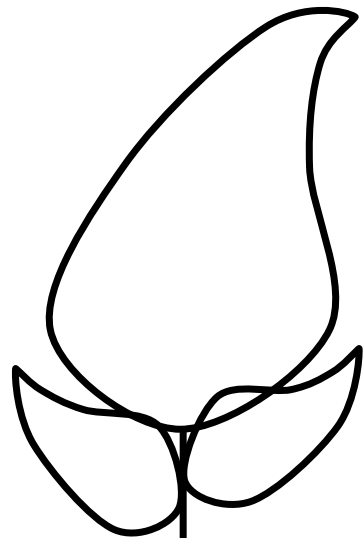
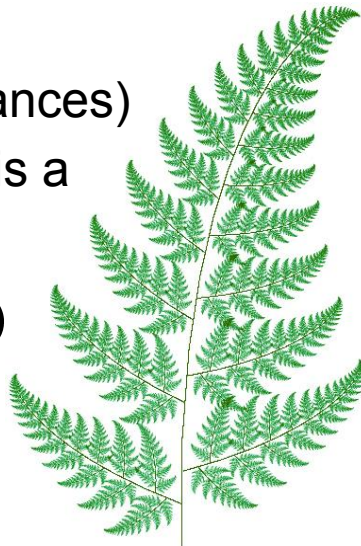
49

# Iterated Function Systems (IFS)

---

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

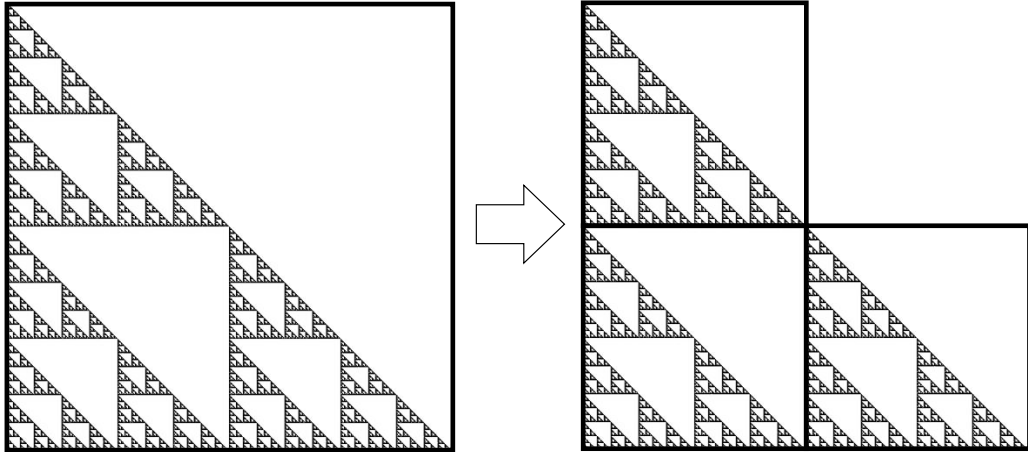
$$A = \bigcup f_i(A)$$



50

# Example: Sierpinski Triangle

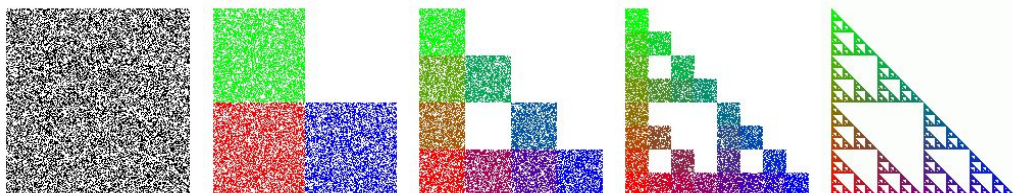
- Described by a set of  $n$  affine transformations
- In this case,  $n = 3$ 
  - translate & scale by 0.5




51

# Example: Sierpinski Triangle

```
for "lots" of random input points  $(x_0, y_0)$ 
  for j=0 to num_iters
    randomly pick one of the transformations
     $(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}) = f_i(x_k, y_k)$ 
    display  $(x_k, y_k)$ 
```

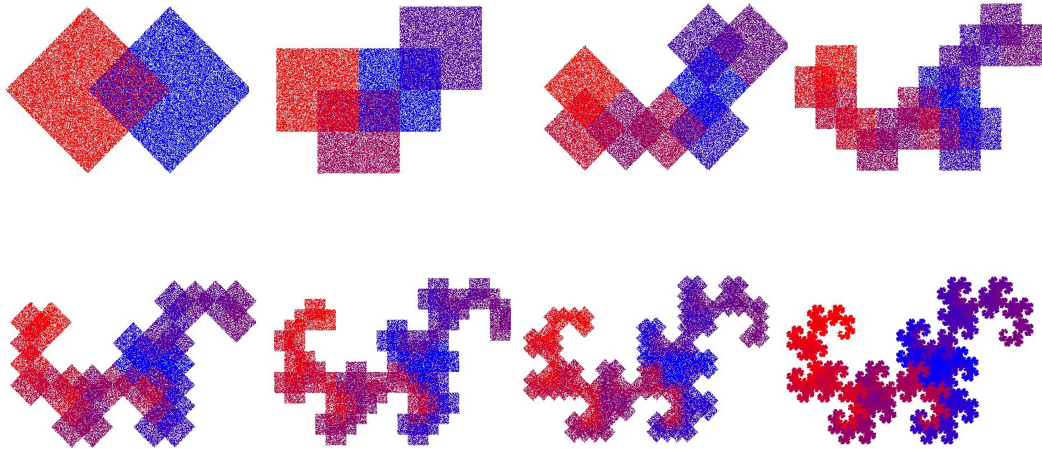


Increasing the number of iterations 

52

# Another IFS: The Dragon

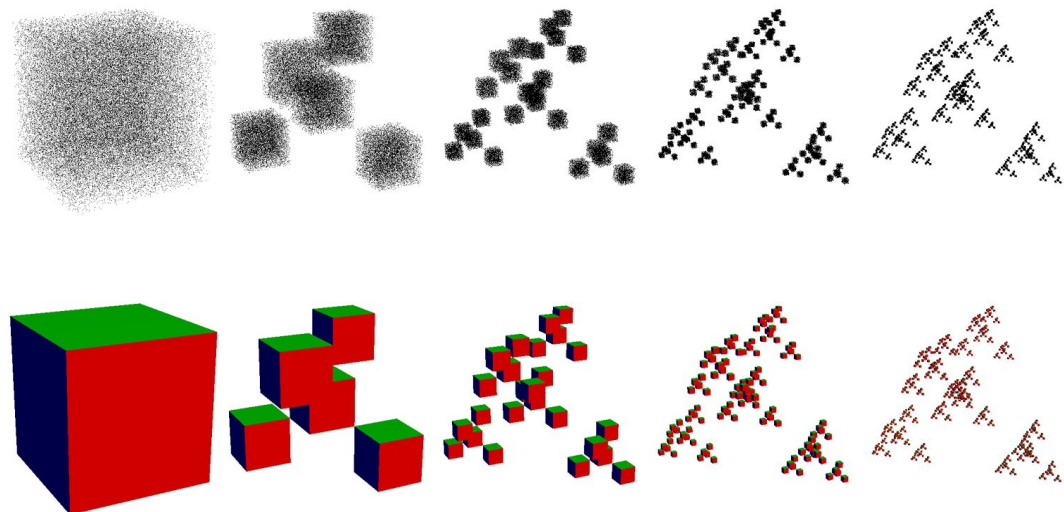
---



53

# 3D IFS in OpenGL / Apple Metal

---

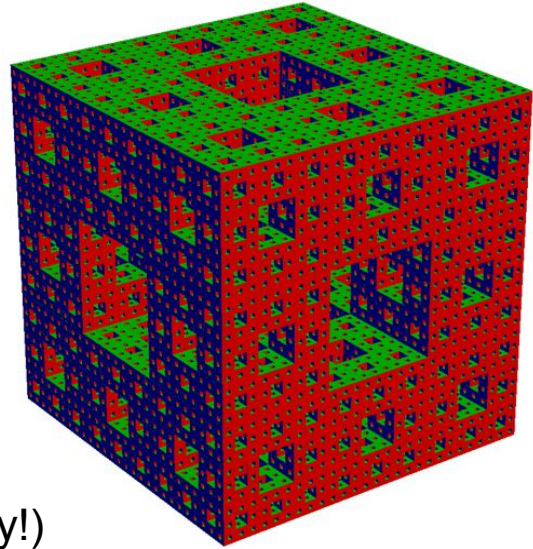


54

# Assignment 0: OpenGL/Metal Warmup

---

- Get familiar with:
  - C++ environment
  - OpenGL / Metal
  - Transformations
  - simple Vector & Matrix classes
- Have Fun!
- Due ASAP (start it today!)
- $\frac{1}{4}$  of the points of the other HWs  
*(but you should still do it and submit it!)*



55

## Questions?

---

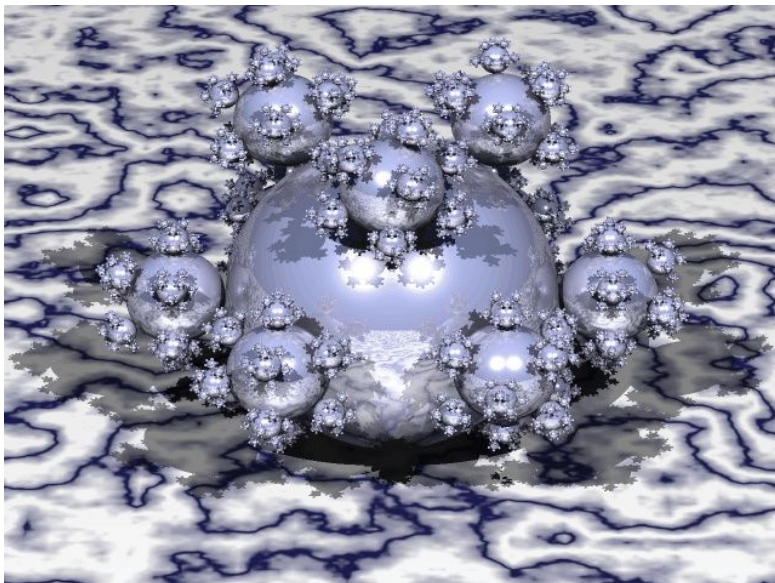


Image by Henrik Wann Jensen

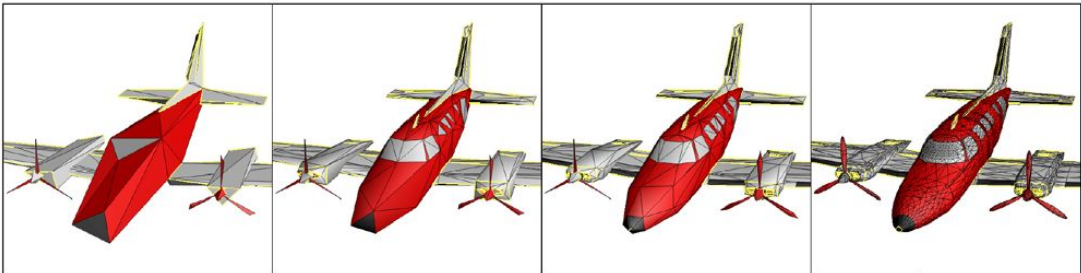
56

## For Next Time:

We need 4 volunteers to be "Discussants"

*Note: This is not a "presentation". Don't make slides!  
Be sure to read blurb (& linked webpage) on course  
webpage about Assigned Readings & Discussants.*

- Read Hugues Hoppe "Progressive Meshes" SIGGRAPH 1996
- Everyone will a comment or question on the course Submitty discussion forum before 10am on Friday



(a) Base mesh  $M^0$  (150 faces)

(b) Mesh  $M^{175}$  (500 faces)

(c) Mesh  $M^{425}$  (1,000 faces)

(d) Original  $\bar{M}=M^\infty$  (13,546 faces)

57

## Questions to think about:

- How do we represent meshes?
- How to automatically decide what parts of the mesh are important / worth preserving?
- Algorithm performance: memory, speed?
- What were the original target applications?  
Are those applications still valid?  
Are there other modern applications that can leverage this technique?