HIERARCHICAL TRANSFORMATIONS
A Practical Introduction

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Before we begin...

Lab work
- Try to get Lab 1 to build
- Re-run of lab session 1 if necessary

Lab session(s)
- Three were added to schedule:
  Wed 28\textsuperscript{th} Mar, 13:00-15:00
  Wed 11\textsuperscript{th} Apr, 15:00-17:00
  Mon 23\textsuperscript{rd} Apr, 10:00-12:00
- Who cannot be there? (Doodle Poll)
Transformations

Many objects are composed of hierarchies
Transformations enable us to compose hierarchies
Geometric primitives
(a brief introduction)

Graphical objects are composed of primitives
• More about geometry in subsequent lectures
Transformations

Recall *translation* from previous lecture:

- Translate a point \( \mathbf{p} \) along a vector \( \mathbf{t} \)
- General case:
  \[
  \mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{t}
  \]

- 2D:
  \[
  \begin{bmatrix}
  x' \\ y'
  \end{bmatrix} =
  \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\ y
  \end{bmatrix} +
  \begin{bmatrix}
  t_x \\ t_y
  \end{bmatrix} =
  \begin{bmatrix}
  x + t_x \\ y + t_y
  \end{bmatrix}
  \]

- 3D:
  \[
  \begin{bmatrix}
  x' \\ y' \\ z'
  \end{bmatrix} =
  \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\ y \\ z
  \end{bmatrix} +
  \begin{bmatrix}
  t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z
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  \begin{bmatrix}
  x + t_x \\ y + t_y \\ z + t_z
  \end{bmatrix}
  \]
Translating an object

Translation operation takes place on a point
But a geometric object (*mesh*) is a collection of vertices
How to translate that?
Translate each of its vertices
Rotating an object

Rotation operation takes place on a point
How to rotate a object?
The same procedure applies:
Rotate each vertex that comprises the object
Multiple instances of the same object can be positioned in the world via individual transformations

- Objects positioned according to their respective object space origins
- More on this later
Representation

Recall: Transformations are represented as 4x4 matrices

From the last lecture:
Local Coordinate Marker

Nothing is displayed on the screen until you draw an object
Transformation matrices are stored in memory
How do we keep track of positioning information?

One answer: Local Coordinate Marker (LCM)

- A special coordinate system that we track via pen and graph paper or mentally
- The LCM represents a transformation matrix
- But in a manner more intuitive to humans
Practical transformations

The LCM represents a special transformation matrix

- *Modelview matrix*
- When a geometric object is drawn, it is placed according to the transform defined in the Modelview matrix

Transformation Operations

```
Initialise()
```

Modelview matrix

```
1.0  0.0  0.0  0.0
0.0  1.0  0.0  0.0
0.0  0.0  1.0  0.0
0.0  0.0  0.0  1.0
```
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![Diagram of transformation operations and identity matrix]

Transformation Operations

Initialise()

Identity matrix

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
1.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\
0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\
0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 \\
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\end{pmatrix}
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**Transformation Operations**

- Initialise()
- Translate(5,3)

**Modelview matrix**

$$
\begin{pmatrix}
1.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 5.0 \\
0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 & 3.0 \\
0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 \\
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### Transformation Operations

- Initialise()
- Translate(5,3)
- Draw_Square()
- Translate(-4,-1)

### Modelview matrix

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
1.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 \\
0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 & 2.0 \\
0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 \\
0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 \\
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Result
Rotations also occur about the origin of the object

- Default *axis of rotation*

Notice that the transformation is the exact same
Object space revisited

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Saving and loading transformations

When positioning multiple objects, saving and loading transformations can be useful.

Transformation Operations

Initialise()
Saving and loading transformations

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Save our transformation details (position and orientation of the LCM)

Transformation Operations

Initialise()
PushMatrix()
Saving and loading transformations

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Transformation Operations

- Initialise()
- PushMatrix()
- Translate(2,2)
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Transformation Operations

- Initialise()
- PushMatrix()
- Translate(2,2)
- Rotate(45)
- Draw_Square()
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Transformation Operations

- Initialise()
- PushMatrix()
- Translate(2,2)
- Rotate(45)
- Draw_Square()
- PopMatrix()

Load our previous transformation details

(another option in this case: re-initialise the Modelview matrix)
Saving and loading transformations

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- Initialise()
- PushMatrix()
  - Translate(2,2)
  - Rotate(45)
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- PopMatrix()
- PushMatrix()
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Adding some animation

Enter a variable angle for the first rotate
Increase it by e.g. 10 degrees at each update

Transformation Operations

\( x = 0 \)
- Initialise()
- PushMatrix()
- Translate(2,2)
- \textbf{Rotate}(x)
- Draw_Square()
- PopMatrix()
- PushMatrix()
- Translate(6,3)
- Draw_Square()
- PopMatrix()
- \( x = x + 10 \)

...(constrain \( x \) to sensible value)
The stack

Transformations are saved on and loaded from a stack data structure.

- Saving a matrix = *push* operation
- Loading a matrix = *pop* operation
- LIFO (last in, first out)
  - Push on to the top of the stack
  - Pop off the top of the stack

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Operations summary

**Initialise()**
- Initialise an identity transformation
- **Identity matrix** (look for functions with similar names to `LoadIdentity()`)

**Translate** \((t_x, t_y)\)
- Matrix multiplication

**Rotate** (degrees)
- Usually also specify an axis of rotation
- In our examples, assume it is \((0,0,1)\)
- Rotations around the z axis i.e. in the XY plane

**PushMatrix()**
- Save the current Modelview matrix state on stack

**PopMatrix()**
- Load a previous Modelview matrix state from stack
Introducing hierarchies

A tree of separate objects that move relative to each other

- The positions and orientations of objects further down the tree are dependent on those higher up
- Parent and child objects
- Transformations applied to parents are also applied down the hierarchy to their children

Examples:

1. The human arm (and body)
   Hand configuration depends the elbow configuration, depends on shoulder configuration, and so on…

2. The Solar system
   Solar bodies rotate about their own axes as well as orbiting around the Sun (moons around planets, planets around the Sun)
Hierarchies

• You have already learned the basic operations necessary for hierarchical transformations
• Recall: up to now, the LCM has been moved back to the world-space origin before placing each object
Hierarchies

It’s slightly different in a hierarchy

- Objects depend on others (a parent object) for their configurations (position and orientation)
- These objects need to be placed relative to their parent objects’ coordinates, rather than in world-space

In practice, this involves the use of nested `PushMatrix()` and `PopMatrix()` operations

- Especially when there are multiple branches
Simple chain example

• Three components
  • A handle
  • Two links
• In order to define a simple connected chain:
  – Translate the handle location and draw it
  – Translate to the first link and draw it
  – Translate to the second link and draw it
• Note: we do not translate back to the world-space origin after drawing each component
  • i.e. translations are relative to the respective parent objects
Step by step

• In more detail:

Transformation Operations

Initialise()
PushMatrix()
Step by step

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Transformation Operations

- Initialise()
- PushMatrix()
  - Translate(Handle_pos)
- DrawHandle()
Step by step

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  Initialise()
  PushMatrix()
  Translate(Handle_pos)
  DrawHandle()
  Translate(Link1_trans)
Step by step

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  - Rotate(Link1_ang)
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  Rotate(Link1_ang)
  Draw_Link1()
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- Rotate(Link1_ang)
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- Translate(Link2_trans)
Step by step

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Rotate(Link1_ang)
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Rotate(Link2_ang)
Step by step

• In more detail:

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PushMatrix()
  Translate(Handle_pos)
  DrawHandle()
  Translate(Link1_trans)
  Rotate(Link1_ang)
  Draw_Link1()
  Translate(Link2_trans)
  Rotate(Link2_ang)
  Draw_Link2()
Step by step

• In more detail:

Transformation Operations

- Initialise()
- PushMatrix()
  - Translate(Handle_pos)
  - DrawHandle()
  - Translate(Lean1_trans)
  - Rotate(Lean1_ang)
  - Draw_Link1()
  - Translate(Lean2_trans)
  - Rotate(Lean2_ang)
  - Draw_Link2()
- PopMatrix()
Putting it into Practice

...a flexible software sketchbook and a language for learning how to code within the context of visual arts”
• Good for a foray into transformations without the complexity of an IDE
• *OpenGL*-based: similar (but less sophisticated) functionality to the framework that you will use in the course
• Straight forward mapping from operations we covered in this lecture to graphics programming functions

https://processing.org/
Upcoming lectures and labs

- Lighting and Shading
  Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} April
  13:00 – 15:00, V1

- Upcoming Lab session:
  Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} April
  15:00-17:00, VIC Studio