Computer Graphics (CS 543) Lecture 4 (Part 3): Hierarchical 3D Models

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Instance Transformation



- Start with unique object (a *symbol*)
- Each appearance of object in model is an *instance*
 - Must scale, orient, position
 - Defines instance transformation



Symbol-Instance Table

Can store intances + instance transformations





Problems with Symbol-Instance Table

- Symbol-instance table does not show relationships between parts of model
- Consider model of car
 - Chassis (body) + 4 identical wheels
 - Two symbols



• Relationships:

- Wheels connected to chassis
- Chassis motion determined by rotational speed of wheels



Structure Program Using Function Calls?

```
car(speed)
{
    chassis()
    wheel(right_front);
    wheel(left_front);
    wheel(right_rear);
    wheel(left_rear);
}
```

- Fails to show relationships between parts
- Explore graph representation

Graphs



- Edge connects a pair of nodes
 - Directed or undirected
- Cycle: directed path that is a loop





Tree



- Graph in which each node (except root) has exactly one parent node
 - A parent may have multiple children
 - Leaf node: no children



Tree Model of Car





Hierarchical Transforms



- Robot arm: Many small connected parts
- Attributes (position, orientation, etc) depend on each other



Hierarchical Transforms



 Object dependency description using tree structure



Object position and orientation can be affected by its parent, grand-parent, grand-grand-parent ... nodes

Hierarchical representation is known as a **Scene Graph**

Transformations



- Two ways to specify transformations:
 - (1) Absolute transformation: each part transformed independently (relative to origin)



Relative Transformation



A better (and easier) way:

(2) **Relative transformation:** Specify transformation for each object relative to its parent



Relative Transformation



Step 2: Rotate the lower arm and all its descendants relative to the base's local y axis by -90 degree



Relative Transformation



• Relative transformation using scene graph



Hierarchical Transforms Using OpenGL

- Translate base and all its descendants by (5,0,0)
- Rotate lower arm and its descendants by -90 degree about local y





ctm = LoadIdentity();

... // setup your camera

```
ctm = ctm * Translatef(5,0,0);
```

```
Draw_base();
```

ctm = ctm * Rotatef(-90, 0, 1, 0);

Draw_lower _arm(); Draw_upper_arm(); Draw_hammer();

Hierarchical Modeling



- For large objects with many parts, need to transform groups of objects
- Need better tools



Hierarchical Modeling

- Previous CTM had 1 level
- Hierarchical modeling: extend CTM to stack with multiple levels using linked list
- Manipulate stack levels using 2 operations
 - pushMatrix
 - popMatrix





PushMatrix



- PushMatrix(): Save current modelview matrix (CTM) in stack
- Positions 1 & 2 in linked list are same after PushMatrix



PushMatrix



- Further Rotate, Scale, Translate affect only top matrix
- E.g. ctm = ctm * Translate (3,8,6)



PopMatrix



• **PopMatrix():** Delete position 1 matrix, position 2 matrix becomes top







Humanoid Figure



Building the Model

- Draw each part as a function
 - torso()
 - left_upper_arm(), etc
- Transform Matrices: transform of node wrt its parent
 - M_{lla} positions left lower arm with respect to left upper arm
- Stack based traversal (push, pop)







Draw Humanoid using Stack









^{//} rest of code()

Complete Humanoid Tree with Matrices



Scene graph of Humanoid Robot

VRML

- Scene graph introduced by SGI Open Inventor
- Used in many graphics applications (Maya, etc)
- <u>Virtual Reality Markup Language</u>
 - Scene graph representation of virtual worlds on Web
 - Scene parts can be distributed across multiple web servers
 - Implemented using OpenGL







References

 Angel and Shreiner, Interactive Computer Graphics (6th edition), Chapter 8



Exam 1 Next Week

Exam 1 Overview

- Tuesday, February 14, in-class
- Will cover up to lecture 4 (hierarchical transforms)
- Can bring:
 - One page cheat-sheet, hand-written (not typed)
 - Calculator
- Will test:
 - Theoretical concepts
 - Mathematics
 - Algorithms
 - Programming
 - OpenGL/GLSL knowledge (program structure and some commands)





What am I Really Testing?

- Understanding of
 - concepts (NOT only programming)
 - programming (pseudocode/syntax)
- Test that:
 - you can plug in numbers by hand to check your programs
 - you did the projects
 - you understand what you did in projects

General Advise



- **Read your projects** and refresh memory of what you did
- Read the slides: worst case if you understand slides, you're more than 50% prepared
- Try to **predict subtle changes** to algorithm.. What ifs?..
- **Past exams**: One sample midterm is on website
- All lectures have references. Look at refs to focus reading
- Do all readings I asked you to do on your own

Grading Policy



- I try to give as much partial credit as possible
- In time constraints, laying out outline of solution gets you healthy chunk of points
- Try to write something for each question
- Many questions will be easy, exponentially harder to score higher in exam

Introduction



- Motivation for CG
- Uses of CG (simulation, image processing, movies, viz, etc)
- Elements of CG (polylines, raster images, filled regions, etc)
- Device dependent graphics libraries (OpenGL, DirectX, etc)

OpenGL/GLUT



- High-level:
 - What is OpenGL?
 - What is GLUT?
 - What is GLSL
 - Functionality, how do they work together?
- Sequential Vs. Event-driven programming
- OpenGL/GLUT program structure (create window, init, callback registration, etc)
- GLUT callback functions (registration and response to events)

OpenGL Drawing



- Vertex Buffer Objects
- glDrawArrays
- OpenGL :
 - Drawing primitives: GL_POINTS, GL_LINES, etc (should be conversant with the behaviors of major primitives)
 - Data types
 - Interaction: keyboard, mouse (GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON, etc)
 - OpenGL state
- GLSL Command format/syntax
- Vertex and fragments shaders
- Shader setup, How GLSL works

2D Graphics: Coordinate Systems

- Screen coordinate system/Viewport
- World coordinate system/World window
- Setting Viewport
- Tiling, aspect ratio



Fractals



- What are fractals?
 - Self similarity
 - Applications (clouds, grass, terrain etc)
- Mandelbrot set
 - Complex numbers: s, c, orbits, complex number math
 - Dwell function
 - Assigning colors
 - Mapping mandelbrot to screen
- Koch curves, gingerbread man, hilbert transforms

Points, Scalars Vectors

- Vector Operations:
 - Addition, subtraction, scaling
 - Magnitude
 - Normalization
 - Dot product
 - Cross product
 - Finding angle between two vectors
- Finding normal of plane using cross product, Newell method



Transforms

- Homogeneous coordinates Vs. Ordinary coordinates
- 2D/3D affine transforms: rotation, scaling, translation, shearing
- Should be able to take problem description and build transforms and apply to vertices
- 2D: rotation (scaling, etc) about arbitrary center:
 - T(Px,Py) R(θ) T(-Px,-Py) * P
- Composing transforms
- 3D rotation:
 - x-roll, y-roll, z-roll, about arbitrary vector (Euler theorem) if given azimuth, latitude of vector or (x, y, z) of normalized vector
- Matrix multiplication!!
- Hierarchical transforms!!



Building 3D Models

- Drawing Polygonal meshes
- Edge list
- Vertex List

