# Computer Graphics Exercises - EDA221, HT1 2013 

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## Abstract

Here is a short list of exercises that test transforms, parametric surfaces and camera setup. These topics are essential for understanding computer graphics, and a good way of get an intuition for these concepts is to work through a set of exercises.

## 1 Camera Setup

A camera is placed at the position $E=(1,2,3,1)$ with up vector $(0,1,0)$, and is looking at the point $C=(0,0,0,1)$.
a) Derive the view matrix
b) Derive the view matrix if $E=(1,1,1,1)$
c) Given the view matrix in $\mathbf{b}$ ), what is the camera space position of the world space point $P=(5,4,3,1)$ ?
d) What is an affine transform? Give one example of a transform that is not affine.

## 2 Rotation

Describe the matrix that rotates 30 degrees around the $y$ axis.
a) When the center of rotation is the origin.
b) When the center of rotation is $(3,0,6)$.
c) Are the matrices in a) and/or b) orthonormal? Motivate.

## 3 Interpolation

Smoothstep is cubic interpolation between 0,1 on the interval $x \in$ $[a, b]$, with the constraint that the derivative is zero at $x=a$ and $x=b$.
a) Derive the cubic interpolant.

## 4 Transform from Image

a) Describe the transform needed to transform the triangle from $A$ to B in Figure 1, either in RenderChimp syntax or as a (set of) matrices.


Figure 1: Transform from $A$ to $B$

## 5 Rotation around a Vector

a) Derive the formula for rotating the vector $\mathbf{v}$ around a vector $\mathbf{u}$.
b) If you rotate the vector $\mathbf{v}=(1,0,3) 10$ degrees around the vector $\mathbf{u}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1,1,1)$, what is the new vector $\mathbf{v}_{\text {rot }}$ ?

## 6 Projection

A camera with up-vector $(0,1,0)$, placed at $E=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0,10,10)$, and that is looking at the origin, has a view matrix:

$$
\mathbf{V}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \cos (\pi / 4) & -\sin (\pi / 4) & 0 \\
0 & \sin (\pi / 4) & \cos (\pi / 4) & -10 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

The projection matrix is given by:

$$
P=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\
0 & 0 & -1 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

a) Given a camera space coordinate $P_{\text {cam }}=(2,1,-1,1)$, what is the corresponding clip space coordinate?
b) Given a camera space coordinate $P_{\text {cam }}=(6,4,-2,1)$, what is the corresponding NDC coordinate?
c) What are the NDC coordinates of the world space triangle with vertices $P^{0}=(0,0,0,1), P^{1}=(-1,1,0,1)$ and $P^{2}=$ $(1,1,0,1)$ ?
d) The triangle in c) has a 90 degree angle at $P^{0}$ in world space. Prove this. Is the angle at $P^{0}$ in NDC still 90 degrees (i.e., for the 2 D projection of the triangle at the image plane)? Motivate your answer.

## 7 Parametric Surfaces



Figure 2: A parametric representation of a sphere.
As shown in Figure 2, a sphere with radius $(r=1)$ is given on parametric form

$$
s(\theta, \varphi)=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\sin \theta \sin \varphi  \tag{1}\\
-\cos \varphi \\
\cos \theta \sin \varphi
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $\theta \in[0,2 \pi[$ and $\varphi \in[0, \pi]$. We pick a tangent space such that the tangent, $\mathbf{t}$, is aligned with $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \theta}$ and the binormal, $\mathbf{b}$, is aligned with $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \varphi}$.
a) Define the position and tangent space at the parametric value

$$
(\theta, \varphi)=\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)
$$

b) Define the position and tangent space at the parametric value $(\theta, \varphi)=\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)$

## 8 Bump Mapping

For the point derived in Exercise 7b, we perform a texture lookup into a bump map texture.
a) If the texture lookup returns the color $(100,10,175)$, what is the perturbed normal in object space?
b) If the world matrix is given by the non-uniform scaling,

$$
\mathbf{M}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
3 & 0 & 0 & 0  \tag{2}\\
0 & 10 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

what is the perturbed normal vector in world space?

## 9 Basis Vectors

Given a orthonormal basis defined by the basis vectors $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$, and $\mathbf{c}$.
a) Define the $3 \times 3$ matrix that rotates $\mathbf{x}=(1,0,0)$ to align with $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y}=(0,1,0)$ to align with $\mathbf{b}$, and $\mathbf{z}=(0,0,1)$ with $\mathbf{c}$.
b) Both the basis $\{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\}$ and $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ are orthonormal. Derive the inverse of the matrix from question a). What is this matrix useful for?

## 10 The View Matrix

A view matrix is defined by

$$
\mathbf{M}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
0.36 & 0 & -0.93 & 0 \\
-0.44 & 0.88 & -0.17 & 0 \\
0.82 & 0.47 & 0.32 & -10.0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

and its inverse is given by:

$$
\mathbf{M}^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
0.36 & -0.44 & 0.82 & 8.23 \\
0 & 0.88 & 0.47 & 4.71 \\
-0.93 & -0.17 & 0.32 & 3.18 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

a) What is the camera position in world space?

## 11 Concatenation of Transforms

Let the matrix $\mathbf{A}$ represent a translation along the vector $(1,2,3)$, B a rotation with 45 degrees around the $x$ axis and $\mathbf{C}$ a scaling with $(4,6,1)$ in $(x, y, z)$.
a) Write the three matrices on $4 \times 4$ matrix form.
b) Given the point $\mathrm{P}=(3,4,5,1)$, what is $P_{A B C}=\mathbf{A B C} P$ ?
c) Given the point $\mathrm{P}=(3,4,5,1)$, what is $P_{C A B}=\mathbf{C A B} P$ ?
d) Given the point $P_{C A B}$, defined as in $\mathbf{c}$ ), describe how to get back to the point $P$ using three steps, where a transform is applied in each step.

## Solutions

Disclaimer This is the first version of these exercises and the solutions may contain errors or typo(s). if you find something that seems wrong, please email me at jacob@cs.lth.se, so I can update the document.

## 1. Camera Setup

a) $E=(1,2,3,1)$ gives

$$
\mathbf{V} \approx\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
0.95 & 0 & -0.32 & 0  \tag{3}\\
-0.17 & 0.85 & -0.51 & 0 \\
0.27 & 0.53 & 0.80 & -3.74 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

See derivation of the LookAt function in Lecture 5. p 5-12.
b) $E=(1,1,1,1)$ gives

$$
\mathbf{V} \approx\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
0.71 & 0 & -0.71 & 0  \tag{4}\\
-0.41 & 0.82 & -0.41 & 0 \\
0.58 & 0.58 & 0.58 & -1.73 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

c) $P_{\text {cam }}=(1.41,0,5.20,1)$.
d) See lecture \& book p. 182-185.

## 2. Rotation

a)

$$
\mathbf{R}_{y}(\theta=30 \mathrm{deg})=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\cos \frac{\pi}{6} & 0 & \sin \frac{\pi}{6} & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
-\sin \frac{\pi}{6} & 0 & \cos \frac{\pi}{6} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

b)
$\mathbf{T}((3,0,6)) \mathbf{R}_{y} \mathbf{T}(-(3,0,6)) \approx\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0.87 & 0 & 0.5 & -2.60 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 0 & 0.87 & 2.30 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right]$
See lecture 2 for details.
c) The matrix in a) is a pure rotation, and is orhonormal, $\mathbf{M}^{-1}=$ $\mathbf{M}^{T}$. The matrix in $\mathbf{b}$ ) is a concatenation of two translations and one rotation and is not orthonormal $\left(\mathbf{M}^{-1} \neq \mathbf{M}^{T}\right)$.

## 3. Interpolation

a) Set $t=\frac{x-a}{b-a}$, and denote the cubic interpolant $f(t)=c_{0}+$ $c_{1} t+c_{2} t^{2}+c_{3} t^{3}$. The values and derivatives at $t=0$ and $t=1$ give us the four equations:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f(t=0)=0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_{0}=0 \\
& f(t=1)=1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_{0}+c_{1}+c_{2}+c_{3}=1 \\
& f^{\prime}(t=0)=0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_{1}=0 \\
& f^{\prime}(t=1)=0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_{1}+2 c_{2}+3 c_{3}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Now use these four equations to solve for the four coefficients $c_{i}$. In general, this is a system of equations $\mathbf{A x}=\mathbf{b}$ that can be solved using a matrix inverse, i.e., $\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$, but
in this case, both $c_{0}$ and $c_{1}$ are zero, we are left with the two equations $c_{2}+c_{3}=1$ and $2 c_{2}+3 c_{3}=0$. Solving for $c_{2}$ and $c_{3}$, we get $c_{2}=3$ and $c_{3}=-2$, and the cubic interpolant is then:

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(t)=3 t^{2}-2 t^{3} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $t=\frac{x-a}{b-a}$.

## 4. Transform from Image

a) One possible solution is:

Assume the origin is placed in the lower left corner of triangle A, and that Figure 1 shows the $x y$-plane. First, scale the triangle at A with two in $x$. Then, rotate the triangle 45 degrees around the origin (around the $z$-axis, i.e., using the $\mathbf{R}_{z}$ rotation matrix). Finally, transform the lower left corner to point $(4,3,0)$. The matrix applied to the triangle at A is then:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{T}(4,3,0) \mathbf{R}_{z}(45) \mathbf{S}(2,1,1) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

The full matrix is given by:

$$
\mathbf{T}(4,3,0) \mathbf{R}_{z}(45) \mathbf{S}(2,1,1)=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\sqrt{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 4 \\
\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 3 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

In RenderChimp, each node has a TRS transform matrix, where the matrices are applied in that order, so for this example, given that triangle A is defined with the three vertices $P_{0}=(0,0,0), P_{1}=(2,0,0)$ and $P_{2}=(0,2,0)$, we can simply write

```
tri->setScale(2,1,1);
tri->setRotateZ(M_PI/4.0f);
tri->setTranslate( 4, 3, 0);
```

Note that if we want to multiply the matrices together in another order, e.g., SRT, we must create new nodes in RenderChimp to handle this case.

## 5. Rotation around a Vector

a) See lecture slides (Lecture 2).
b) $\mathbf{v}_{r o t} \approx(1.31,-0.18,2.87)$

## 6. Projection

a)

$$
P_{\text {clip }}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\
0 & 0 & -1 & 0
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 \\
1 \\
-1 \\
1
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
2 \\
1 \\
1 \\
1
\end{array}\right]
$$

b) First, compute the clip space coordinate as above. This gives us $P_{\text {clip }}=(6,4,4,2)$ Normalized device coordinates are obtained by performing the perspective divide on the clip space coordinate. Given a clip space coordinate $P$, the NDC coordinate $P_{N D C}$ is:

$$
\frac{P}{P_{w}}=\left(\frac{P_{x}}{P_{w}}, \frac{P_{y}}{P_{w}}, \frac{P_{z}}{P_{w}}, 1\right)
$$

In our case $P_{\text {clip }}=(6,4,4,2)$ and

$$
P_{N D C}=(3,2,2,1)
$$

c) We first apply view matrix to transform from world space to camera space, then the projection matrix to go from camera space to clip space, ( or more compact: directly apply the ViewProjection matrix $P_{\text {clip }}=[\mathbf{P r o j}][\mathbf{V i e w}] P$ ) on the world space triangle vertices to obtain the clip space positions:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P_{\mathrm{clip}}^{0}=(0,0,28,10) \\
& P_{\mathrm{clip}}^{1} \approx(-1,0.71,25.88,9.29) \\
& P_{\mathrm{clip}}^{2} \approx(1,0.71,25.88,9.29)
\end{aligned}
$$

The NDC positions are obtained by dividing each position with its $w$ component:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P_{\mathrm{NDC}}^{0}=(0,0,2.8) \\
& P_{\mathrm{NDC}}^{1} \approx(-0.11,0.076,2.78) \\
& P_{\mathrm{NDC}}^{2} \approx(0.11,0.076,2.78)
\end{aligned}
$$

d) In world space, the angle at $P^{0}$ is obtained by forming the two edge vectors $\mathbf{e}_{1}=P^{1}-P^{0}=(-1,1,0)$, and $\mathbf{e}_{2}=P^{2}-$ $P^{0}=(1,1,0)$. Now: $\operatorname{dot}\left(\mathbf{e}_{1}, \mathbf{e}_{2}\right)=0$, which implies that the angle between the two vectors are 90 degrees.

In NDC, again form the edge vectors

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{e}_{1}=P_{\mathrm{NDC}}^{1}-P_{\mathrm{NDC}}^{0} \approx(-0.11,0.076,-0.015) \\
& \mathbf{e}_{2}=P_{\mathrm{NDC}}^{2}-P_{\mathrm{NDC}}^{0} \approx(0.11,0.076,-0.015)
\end{aligned}
$$

Now note that $\operatorname{dot}\left(\mathbf{e}_{1}, \mathbf{e}_{2}\right) \neq 0$, so in NDC, i.e., after projection, there is no longer a 90 degree angle at $P_{0}$. Alternatively, we could directly look at the NDC $x y$-coordinates, and check the angle between the edges $P 1 P 0$ and $P 2 P 0$ of the 2D triangle. Again, we see that this angle is not 90 degrees. Projective transforms do not preserve angles, nor parallel lines.

## 7. Parametric Surfaces

a)

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{t}=\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \theta}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\cos \theta \sin \varphi \\
0 \\
-\sin \theta \sin \varphi
\end{array}\right]=[\text { normalize }]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\cos \theta \\
0 \\
-\sin \theta
\end{array}\right] \\
\mathbf{b}=\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \varphi}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\sin \theta \cos \varphi \\
\sin \varphi \\
\cos \theta \cos \varphi
\end{array}\right] \\
\mathbf{n}=\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \theta} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \varphi}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\sin \theta \sin \varphi \\
-\cos \varphi \\
\cos \theta \sin \varphi
\end{array}\right] .
\end{gathered}
$$

b) $(\theta, \varphi)=\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ gives $P=\mathbf{s}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)=(1,0,0)$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{t}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) & =(0,0,-1) \\
\mathbf{b}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) & =(0,1,0) \\
\mathbf{n}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) & =(1,0,0)
\end{aligned}
$$

c) $(\theta, \varphi)=\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)$ gives $P=\mathbf{s}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)=\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{t}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3 \pi}{4}\right) & =\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0,-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\
\mathbf{b}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3 \pi}{4}\right) & =\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}},-\frac{1}{2}\right) \\
\mathbf{n}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3 \pi}{4}\right) & =\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Note that for a unit sphere, the normal and position have the same xyz coordinates for all values of $(\theta, \varphi)$.

## 8. Bump Mapping

a) Map $[0,255] \rightarrow[-1,1]$. The color $\mathbf{c}=(100,10,175)$ then maps to :

$$
(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)=\frac{2 \mathbf{c}}{255}-(1,1,1) \approx(-0.22,-0.92,0.37)
$$

The object space normal is then:

$$
\mathbf{n}_{o}=\alpha \mathbf{t}+\beta \mathbf{b}+\gamma \mathbf{n} \approx(0.49,-0.39,0.80)
$$

Finally, normalize $\mathbf{n}_{o}: \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{o}=(0.49,-0.38,0.79)$.
b) If $\mathbf{M}$ is the world matrix, i.e., the matrix that transforms points from object space to world space, then the normal vectors should be transformed with the matrix $\mathbf{M}^{-T}$ (the inverse transpose of $\mathbf{M}$ ):

$$
\mathbf{M}^{-T}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0  \tag{7}\\
0 & \frac{1}{10} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

The world space normal is then

$$
\mathbf{n}_{w}=\mathbf{M}^{-T}\left[\hat{\mathbf{n}}_{o}, 0\right]^{T}
$$

$$
\mathbf{n}_{w}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \frac{1}{10} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
n_{o_{x}} \\
n_{o_{y}} \\
n_{o_{z}} \\
0
\end{array}\right] \approx\left[\begin{array}{c}
0.16 \\
-0.038 \\
0.39 \\
0
\end{array}\right]
$$

Finally, normalize $\mathbf{n}_{w}: \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{w} \approx(0.38,-0.089,0.92)$.

## 9. Basis Vectors

a)

$$
\mathbf{M}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\mid & \mid & \mid \\
\mathbf{a} & \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{c} \\
\mid & \mid & \mid
\end{array}\right] .
$$

See Lecture 3, slides 5-9.
b) The matrix $\mathbf{M}$ is orthogonal, thus:

$$
\mathbf{M}^{-1}=\mathbf{M}^{T}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
- & \mathbf{a} & - \\
- & \mathbf{b} & - \\
- & \mathbf{c} & -
\end{array}\right]
$$

This matrix rotates a to align with $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b}$ to align with $\mathbf{y}$, and $\mathbf{c}$ with $\mathbf{z}$. For example $\mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{b}=(0,1,0)$.

## 10. The View Matrix

a) The camera position in camera space is at the origin. Furthermore, the view inverse matrix transforms a point from camera space to world space. The camera position in world space is then $C_{\text {world }}=\mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{o}$ :

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
0.36 & -0.44 & 0.82 & 8.23 \\
0 & 0.88 & 0.47 & 4.71 \\
-0.93 & -0.17 & 0.32 & 3.18 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
0 \\
0 \\
1
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
8.23 \\
4.71 \\
3.18 \\
1
\end{array}\right]
$$

or simply the fourth column of the view inverse matrix.

## 11. Concatenation of Transforms

a)

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{A}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right] \\
\mathbf{B}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{4} & 0 \\
0 & \sin \frac{\pi}{4} & \cos \frac{\pi}{4} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right] \\
\mathbf{C}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
\end{gathered}
$$

b) $P_{A B C} \approx(13.0,15.44,23.51,1)$
c) $P_{C A B} \approx(16,7.76,9.36,1)$
d)

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_{C A B} & =\mathbf{C A B} P \\
P & =(\mathbf{C A B})^{-1} P_{C A B} \\
P & =\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{C}^{-1} P_{C A B}
\end{aligned}
$$

The three steps are then:

1) Scale $P_{C A B}$ with $\frac{1}{4}$ in $x$ and $\frac{1}{6}$ in $y$.
2) Translate along the vector ( $-1,-2,-3$ ).
3) Finally, rotate -45 degrees around the $x$-axis.
