Computer Graphics and Visualization: Introduction and Overview

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Presentation Outline

- Computer graphics as a basic computational tool for visual computing
- Various applications
- 3D graphics pipeline
- Programming basics

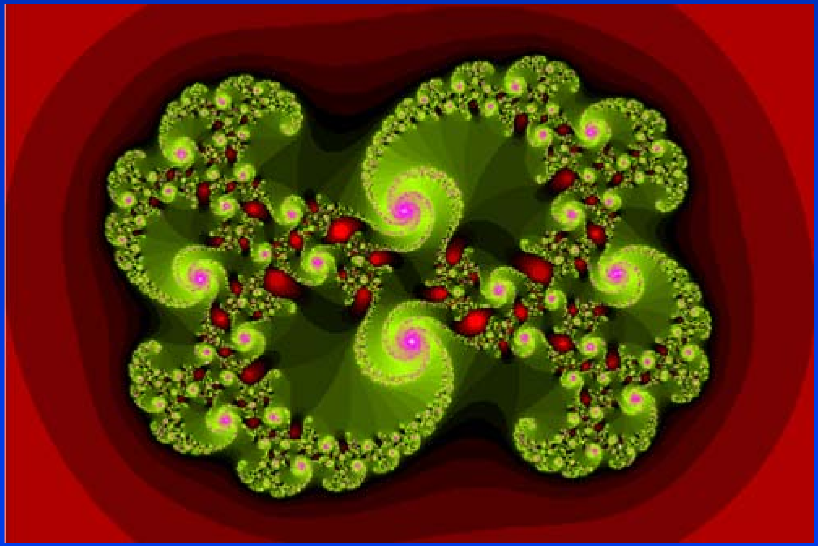
What is Computer Graphics?

- The creation of, manipulation of, analysis of, and interaction with pictorial representations of objects and data using computers.

  - Dictionary of Computing

- A picture is worth a thousand words.

  - Chinese Proverb



1000 words (or just 94 words), many letters though…

It looks like a swirl. There are smaller swirls at the edges. It has different shades of red at the outside, and is mostly green at the inside. The smaller swirls have purple highlights. The green has also different shades. Each small swirl is composed of even smaller ones. The swirls go clockwise. Inside the object, there are also red highlights. Those have different shades of red also. The green shades vary in a fan, while the purple ones are more uni-color. The green shades get darker towards the outside of the fan …

Computer Graphics Definition

- What is Computer Graphics?
  - (Realistic) Pictorial synthesis of real and/or imaginary objects from their computer-based models (or datasets)
- Fundamental, core elements of computer graphics
  - Modeling: representation choices, geometric processing
  - Rendering: geometric transformation, visibility, simulation of light
  - Interaction: input/output devices, tools
  - Animation: lifelike characters, natural phenomena, their interactions, surrounding environments
- So, we are focusing on computer graphics hardware, software, and mathematical foundations
- Computer Graphics is computation
  - A new method of visual computing
- Why is Computer Graphics useful and important?

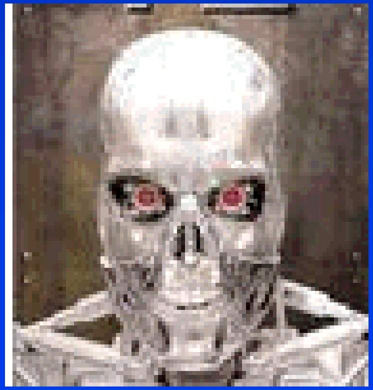
Why Computer Graphics?

- About 50% of the brain neurons are associated with vision
- Dominant form of computer output
- Enable scientists (also engineers, physicians, and general users) to observe their simulation and computation
- Enable them to describe, explore, and summarize their datasets (models) and gain insights
- Enrich the discovery process and facilitate new inventions

Why Computer Graphics?

- Applications (In essence, computer graphics is application-driven)
  - Entertainment: Movies, Video games
  - Graphical user interface (GUI)
  - Computer aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM)
  - Engineering analysis and business
  - Medical applications
  - Computer Art
  - Engineering Analysis
  - Scientific visualization / simulation
  - Virtual Reality
  - others

Entertainment



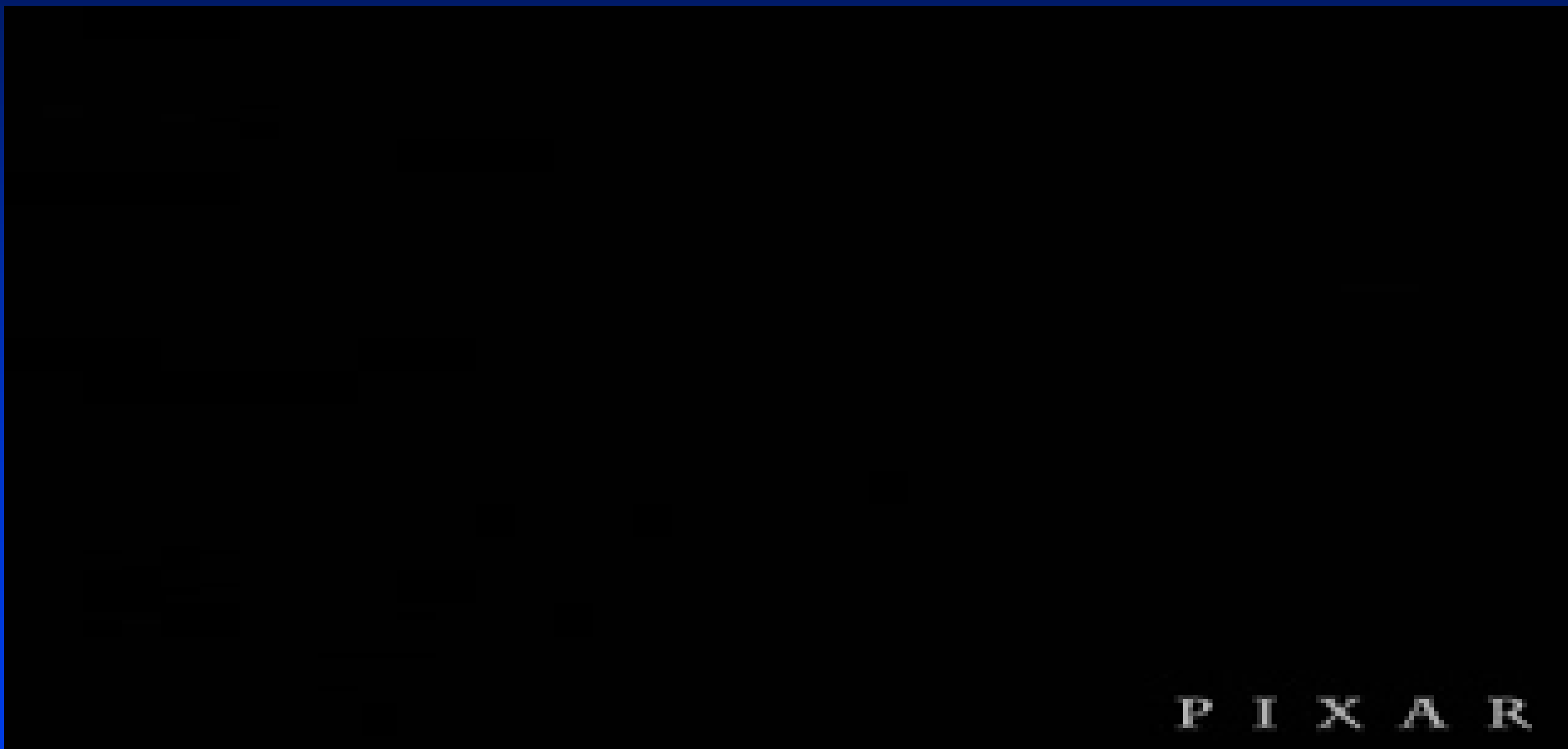
Movies

- If you can image it, it can be done with computer graphics!
- More than one billion dollars on special effects.
- No end in sight for this trend!

Movies

"The Day After Tomorrow"

Movies



"Geri's Game", Academy Award Winner, Best Animated Short Film, 1997

Video Games

- Important driving force
- Focus on interactivity
- Try to avoid computation and use various tricks

Games

Quake III

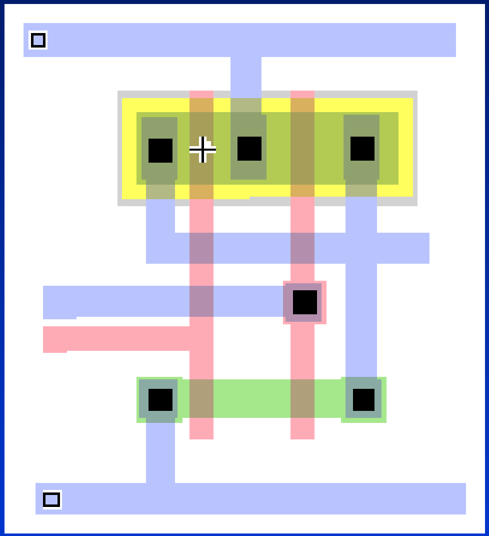
Metroid Pride

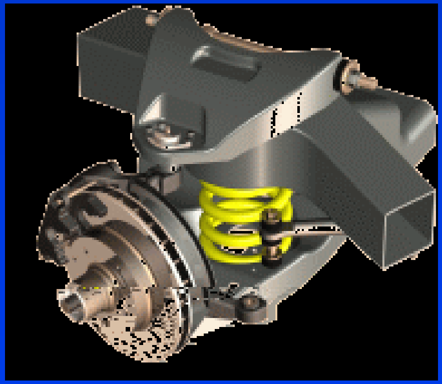
Halo

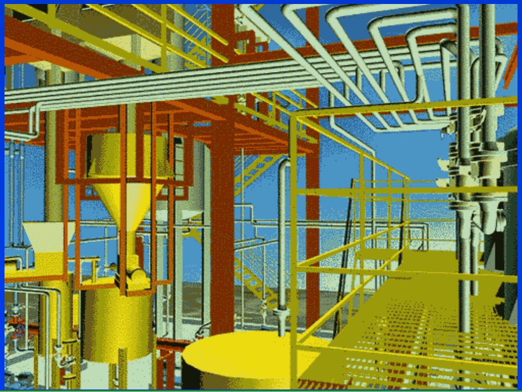
Doom

Computer-Aided Design

- Significant impact on the design process
- Mechanical, electronic design
  - entirely on computer
- Architectural and product design
  - Migrate to the computer



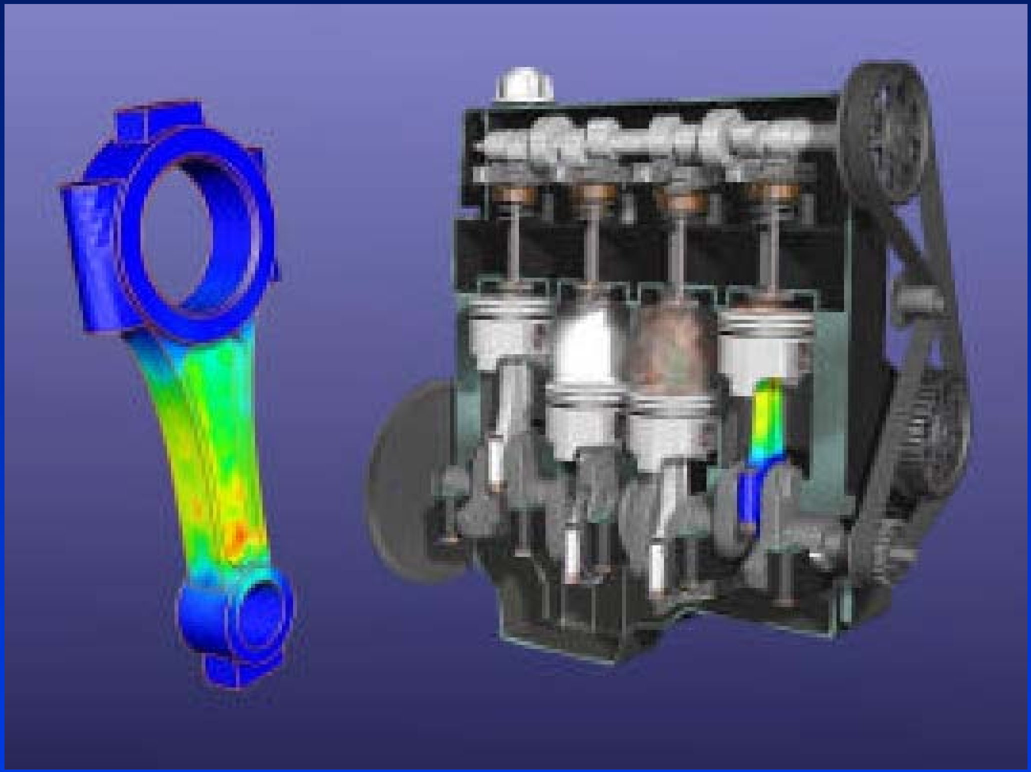




UGS: towards virtual manufacturing

Engineering Design

- Engineering & Architecture Software
- Buildings, aircraft, automobile, computers, appliances, etc.
- Interactive design (mesh editing, wire-frame display, etc.)
- Standard shape database
- Design of structural component through numerical simulation of the physical operating environment
- Testing: real-time animations



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Architectural Design

- Architecture, Engineering, Construction
- Final product appearance: surface rendering, realistic lighting
- Construction planning: architects, clients can study appearance before actual construction

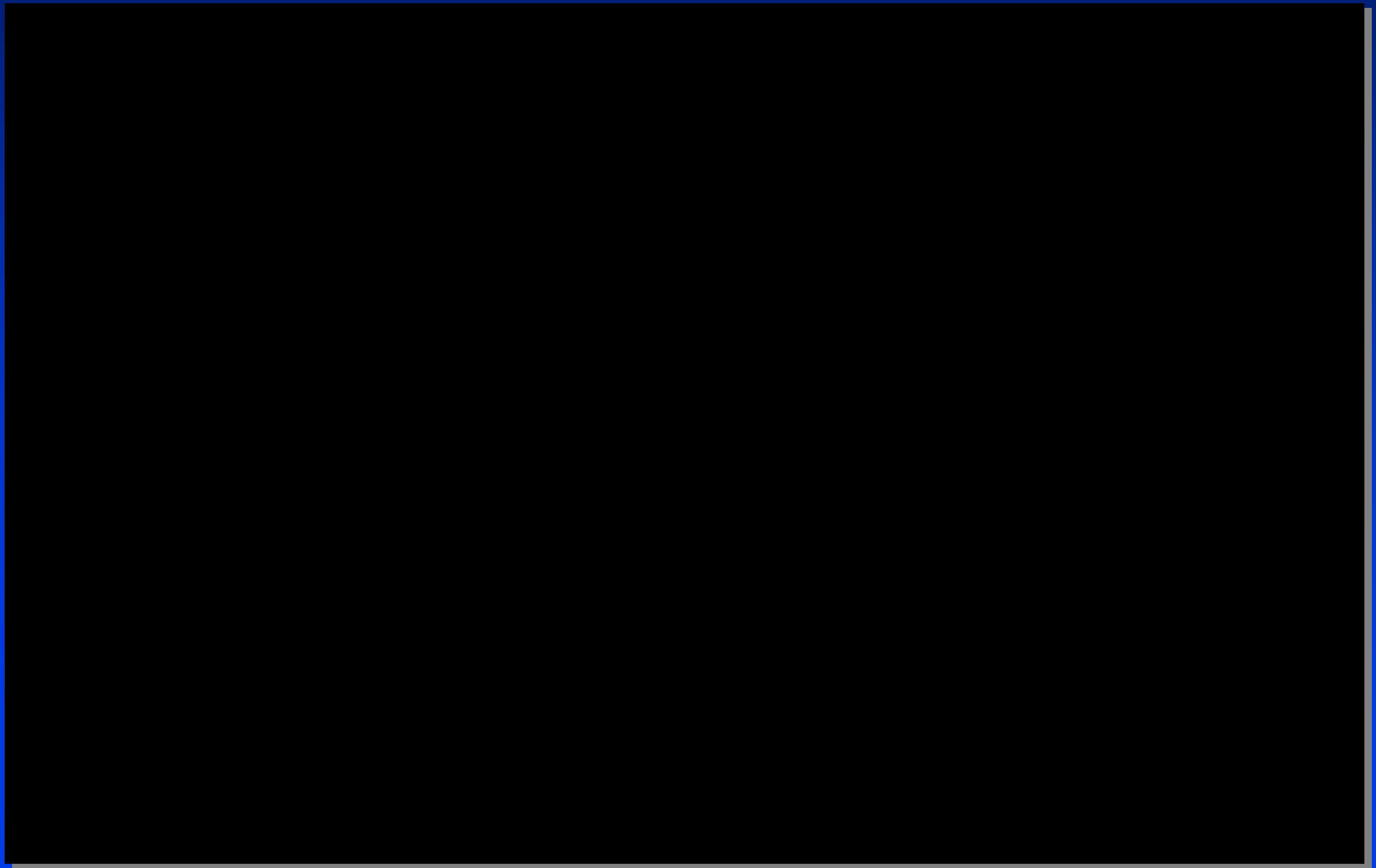
Courtesy of Craig Mosher & Ron Burdock, Peripheral Vision Animations

Textile Industry

- Fashion design
- Real-time cloth animation
- Web-based virtual try-on applications

Courtesy of Thalmann, Switzerland

Computer-Aided Design (CAD)



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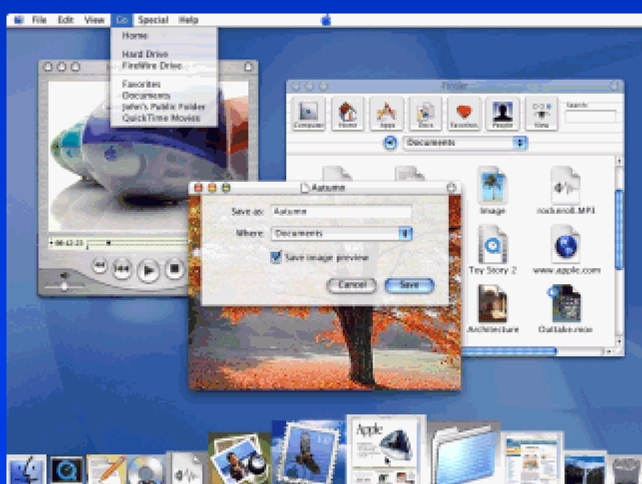
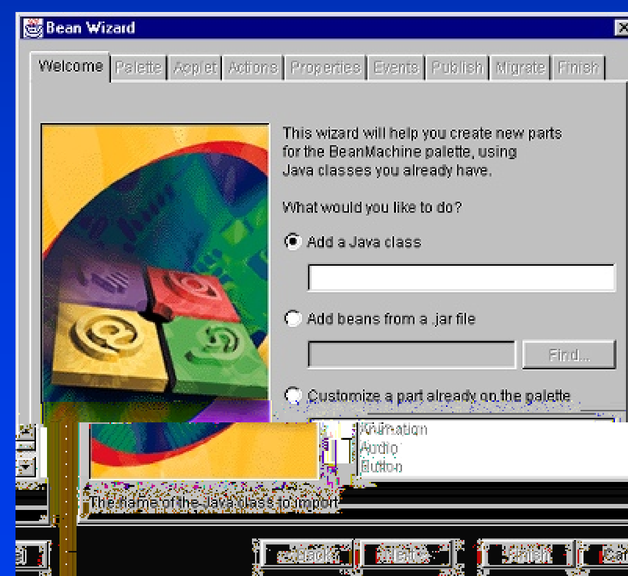
Graphical User Interface: GUI

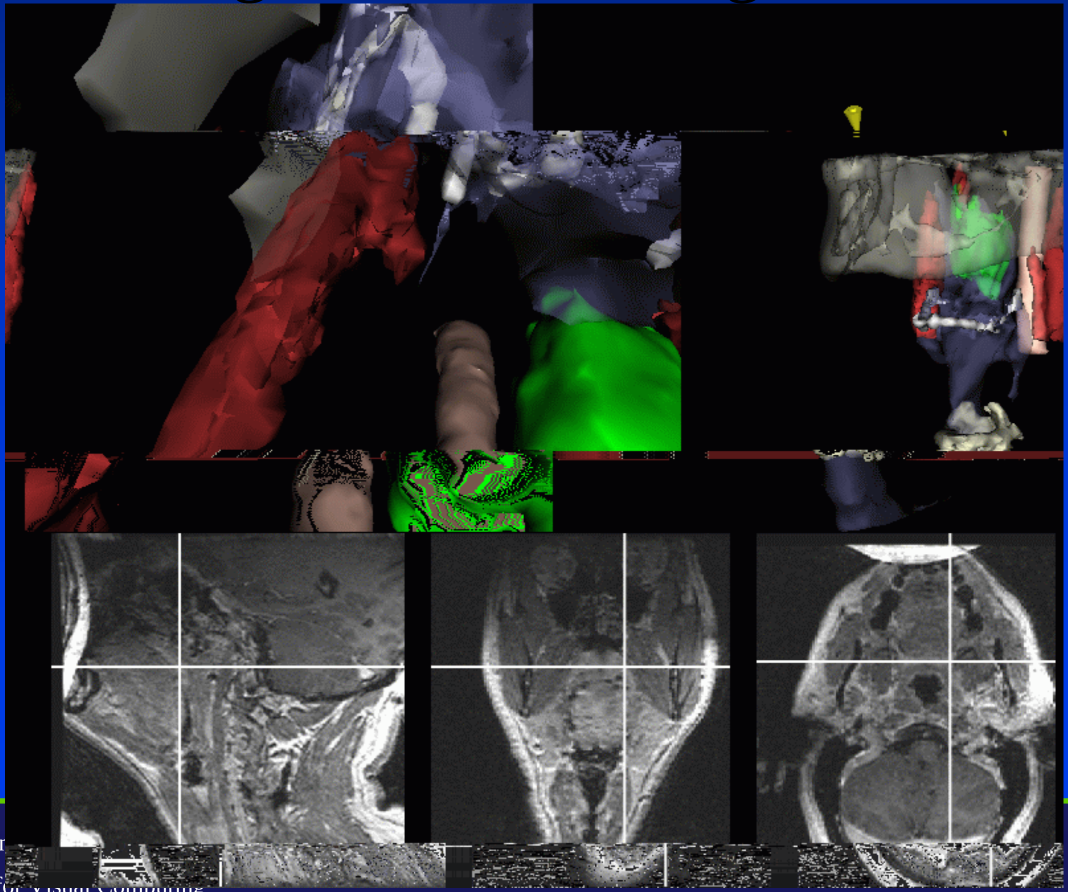
- Integral part of everyday computing
- Graphical elements everywhere
  - Windows, cursors, menus, icons, etc
- Nearly all professional programmers must have an understanding of graphics in order to accept input and present output to users.





Medical Applications

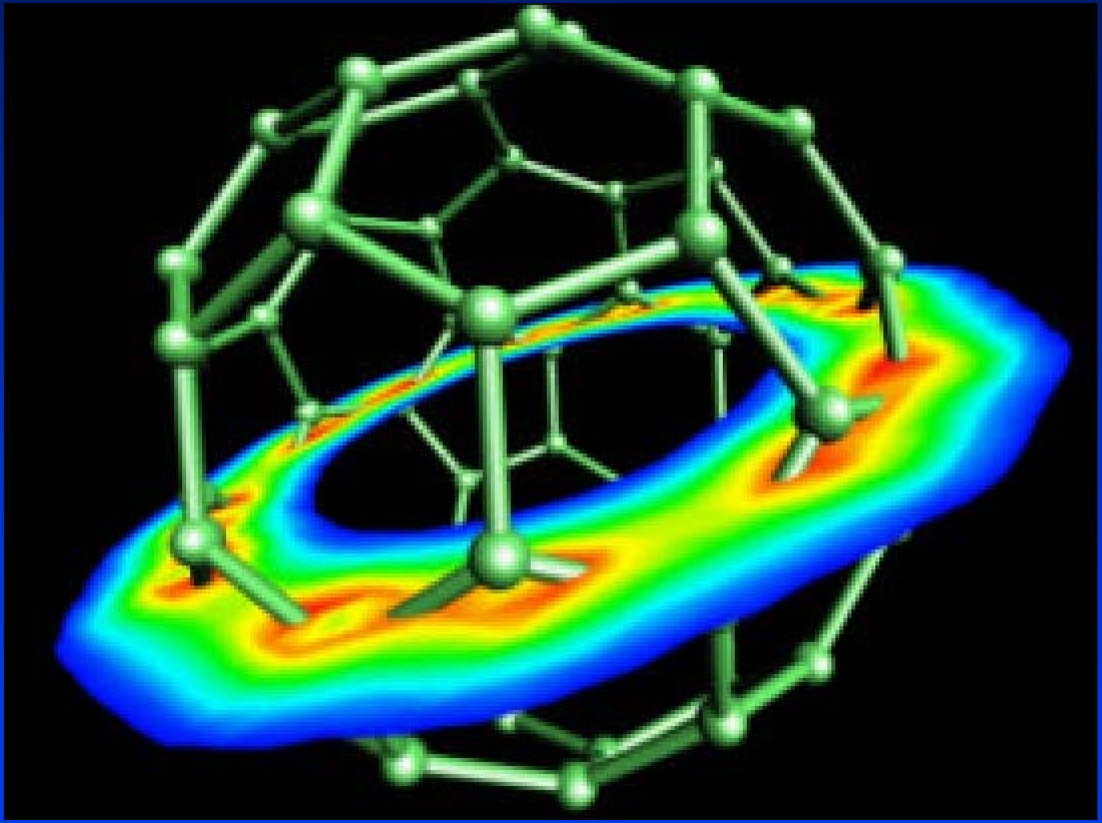
- Significant role in saving lives
- Training, education, diagnosis, treatment



Creation of complete, anatomically detailed 3D representation of human bodies.

Scientific Visualization

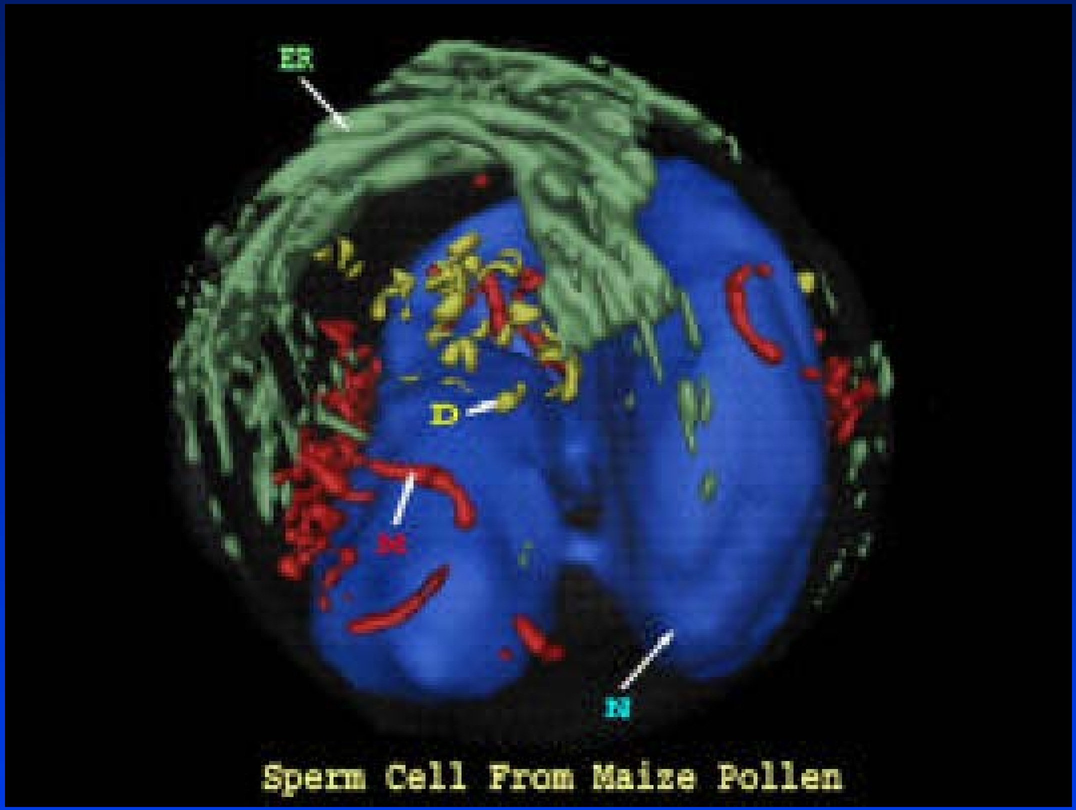
- Scientific data representation
- Picture vs. stream of numbers
- Techniques: contour plots, color coding, constant value surface rendering, custom shapes



Display of a 2D slice through the total electron density of C-60; Created by Cary Sandvig of SGI

Scientific Visualization

- Life Sciences
- Providing quantitative, three dimensional electron microscopy.
- Scientists can see structures as they were before being sectioned for viewing in the electron microscope.



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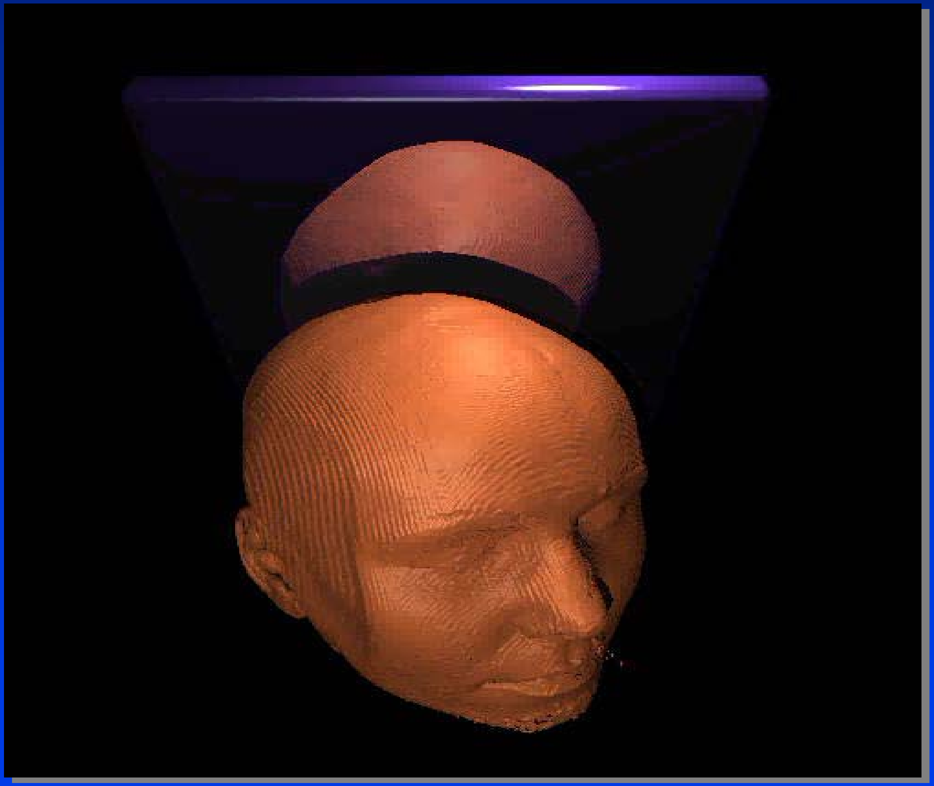
Scientific Visualization

- Medical imaging & visualization



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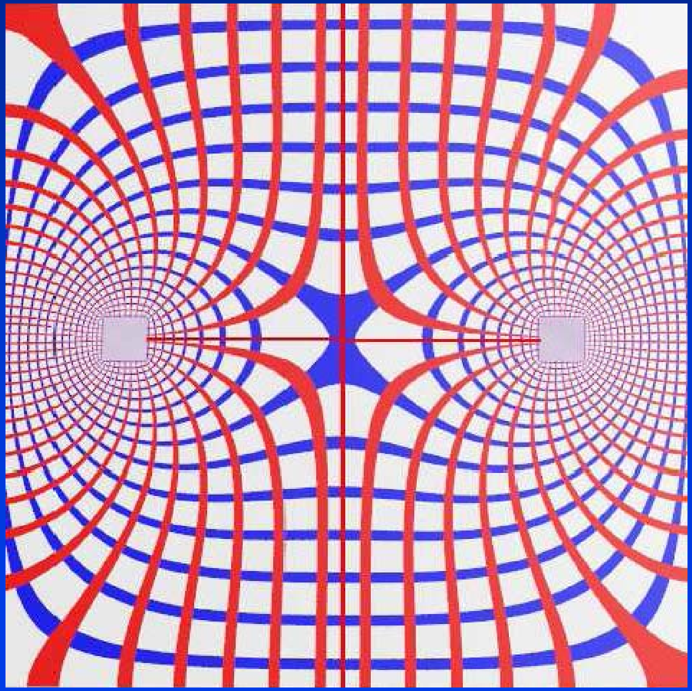
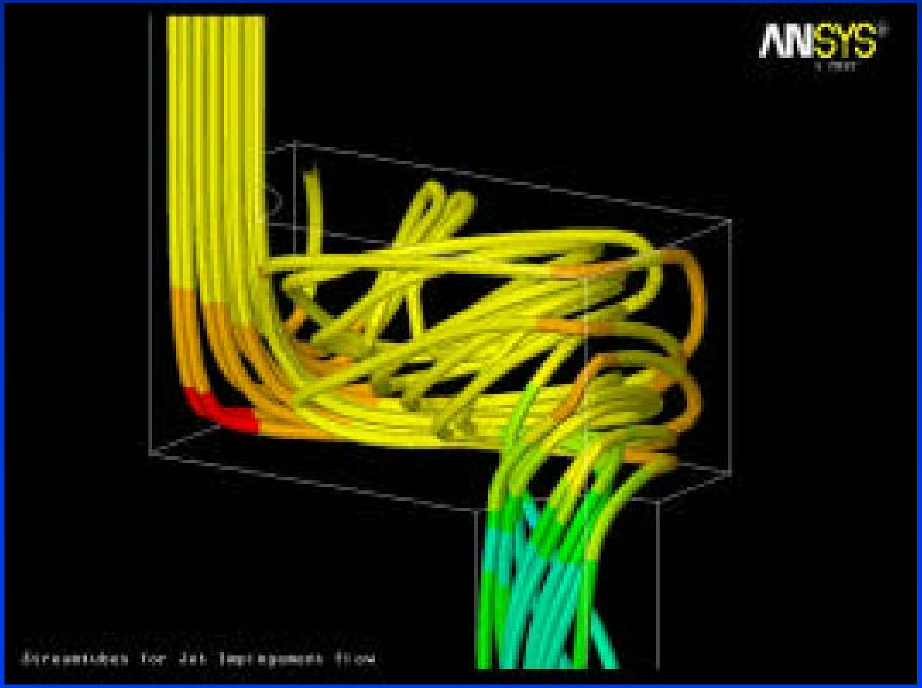
Scientific Visualization / Simulation

Electromagnetic potential field



Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)



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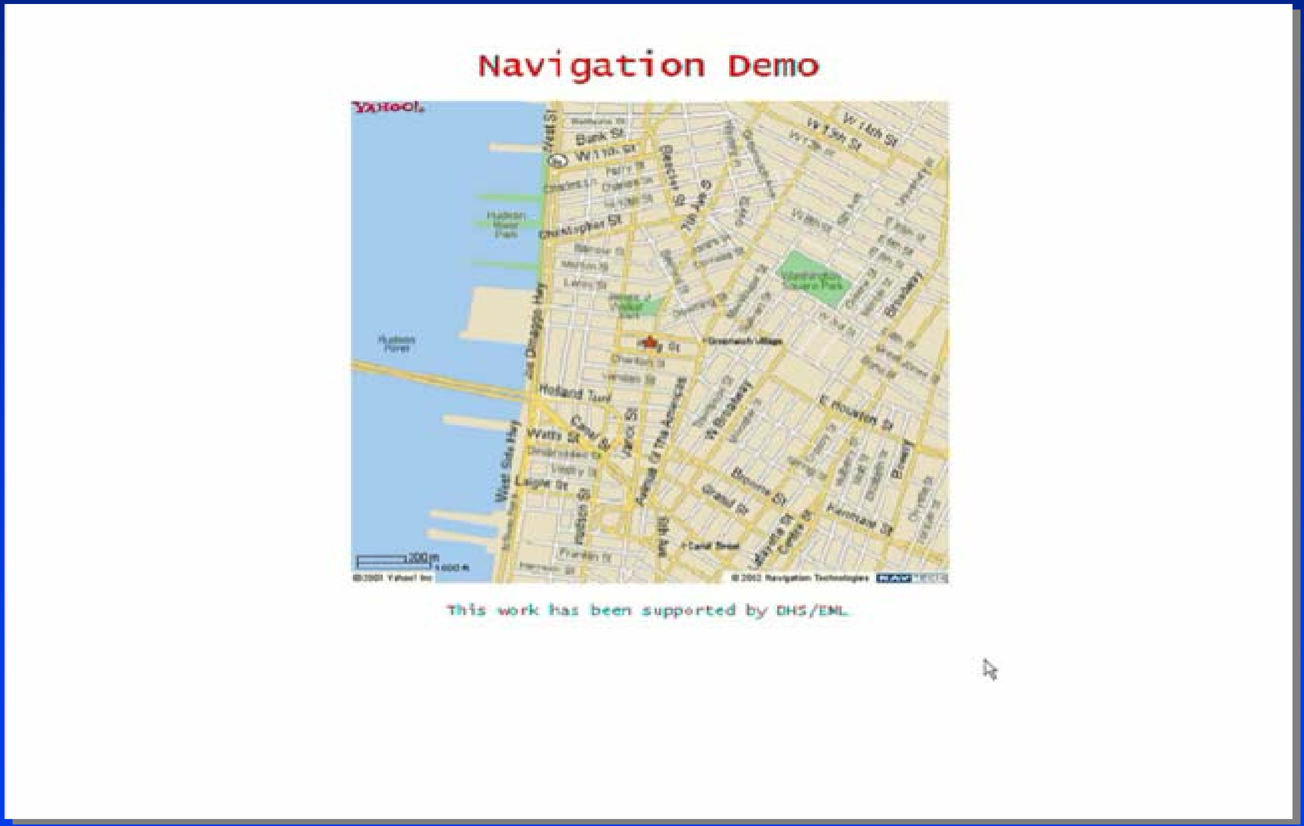
Scientific Visualization / Simulation

- Urban security



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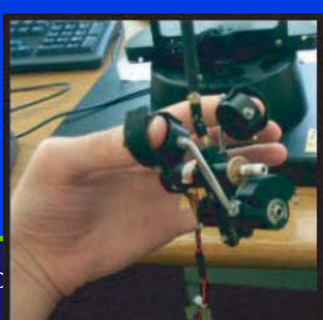
Virtual Reality

- User interacts with objects in a 3D scene
- Special devices (input, output)
- Virtual walkthroughs
- Equipment training (pilots, surgeons, etc.)

Force reflecting gripper



Haptic devices

Force feedback exoskeleton

Haptic workstation

Virtual Reality

- Education using computer-generated system & process models
- Visual simulation:
  - Aircraft simulator
  - Spacecraft simulator
  - Naval craft simulator
  - Automobile simulator
  - Heavy machinery simulator
  - Surgery simulator
- Special hardware required

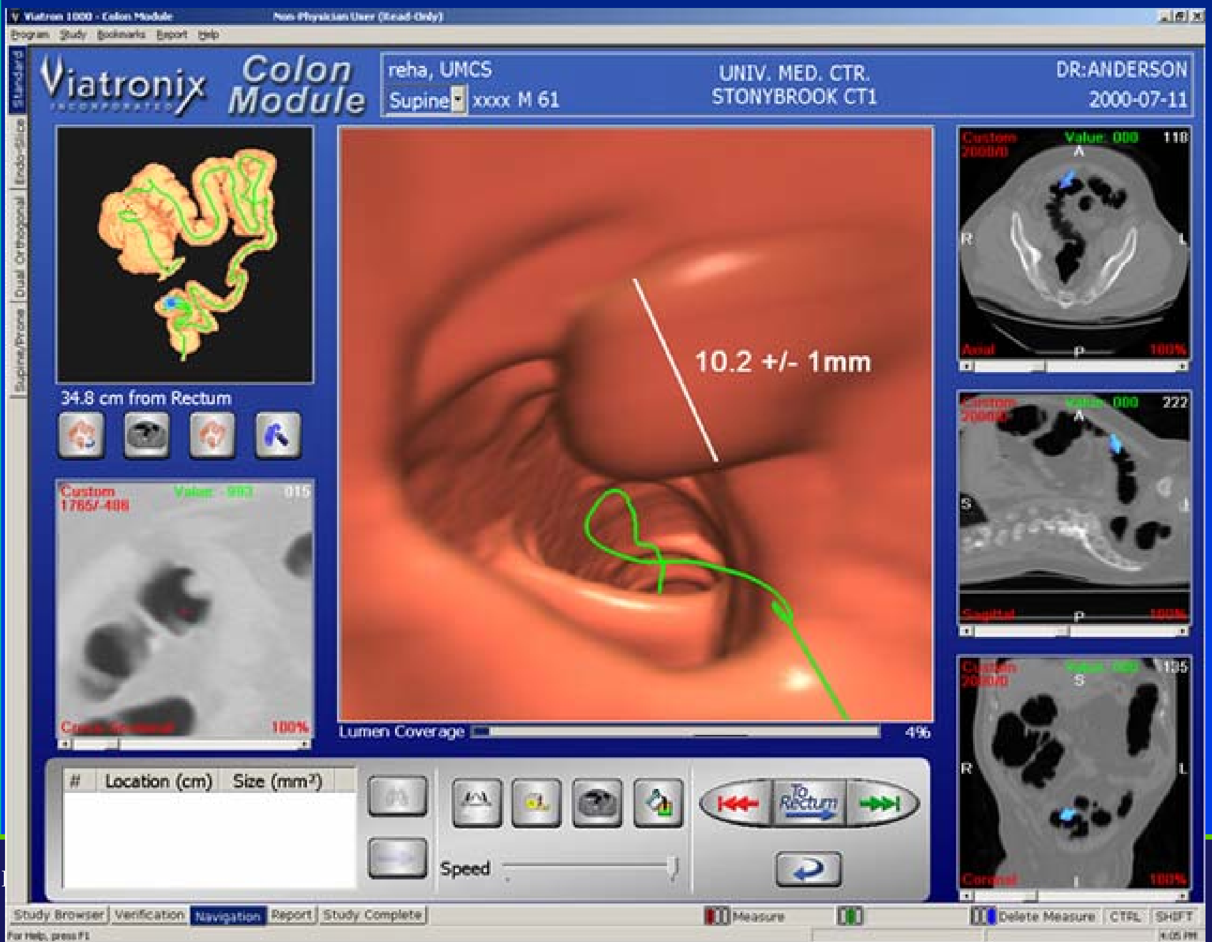
Virtual Reality

- Virtual tour of historical remains

Virtual tour of Ancient Olympia, Courtesy of SGI

Virtual Reality

- Virtual colonoscopy



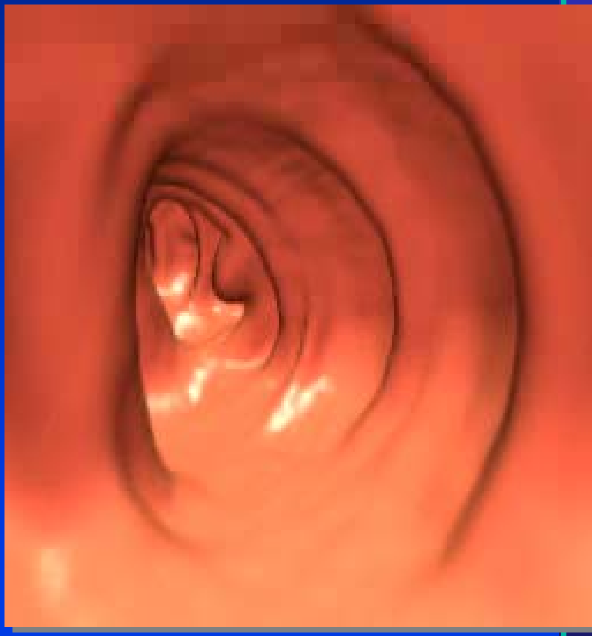


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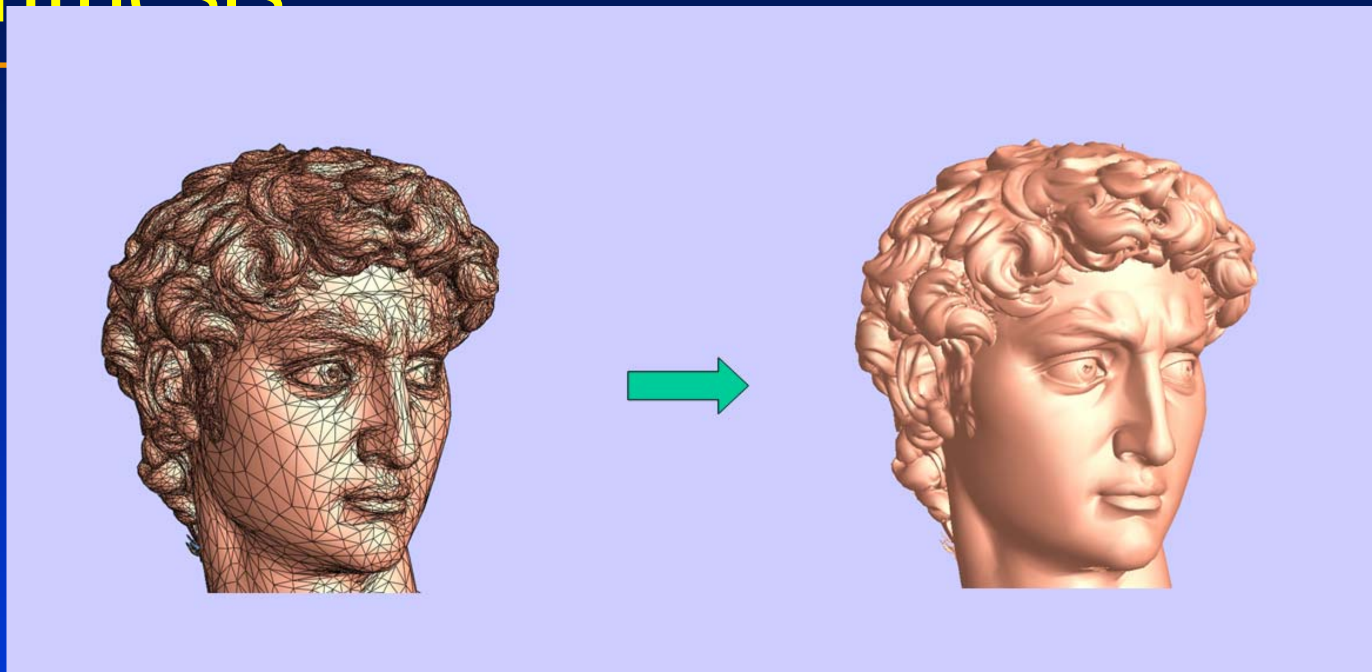
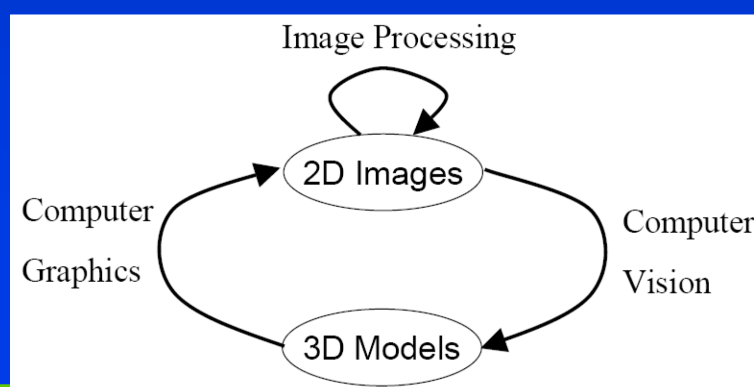
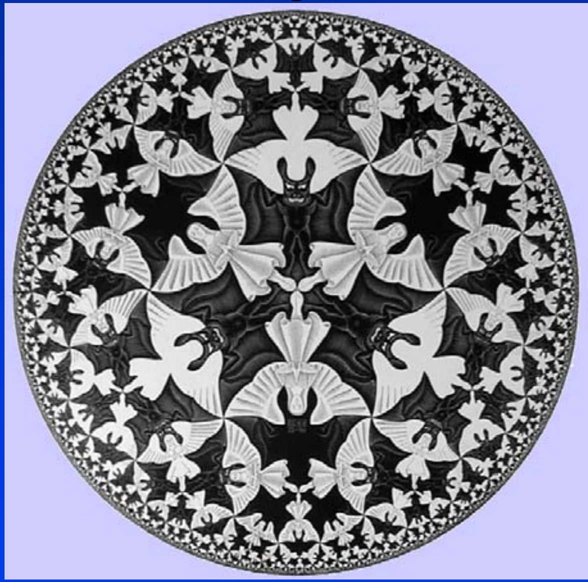
Image Processing, Analysis, and Synthesis





Computer Art

- Escher Drawing
  - Combine interlocking shapes with tessellation to convey the beauty in structure and infinity



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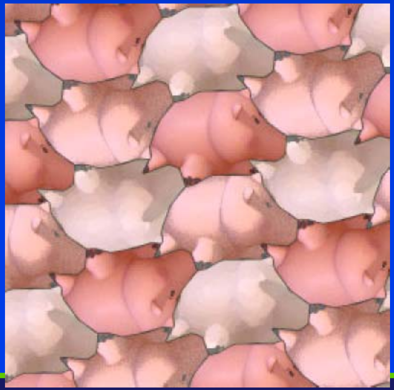


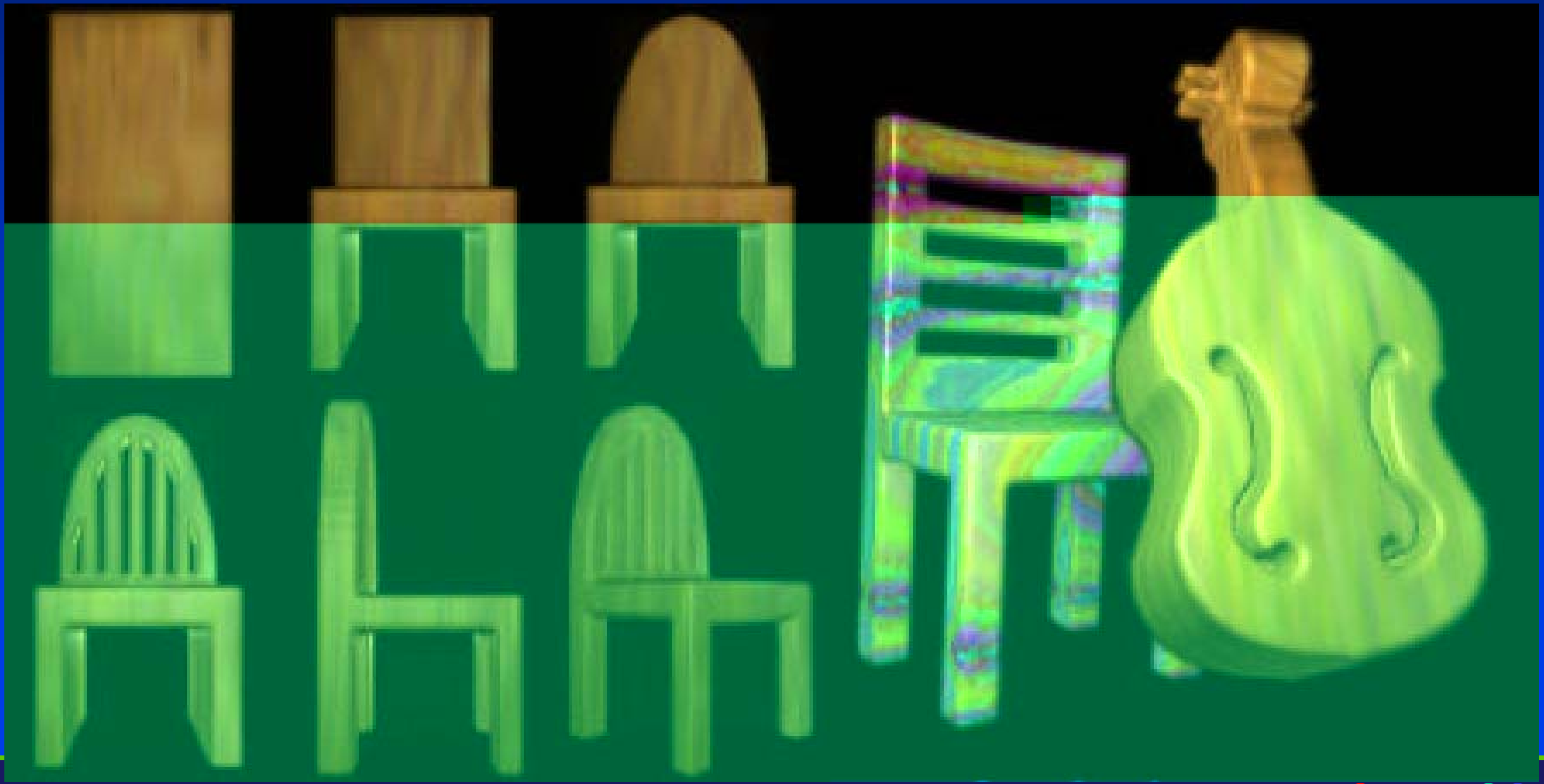
Computer Art

- Fine arts, commercial art
- Artistic tools for digital art:
  - Mathematical software (Matlab, Mathematica)
  - CAD software
  - Sculpting, painting, calligraphy systems
- Graphical user interfaces
- Special input devices (pressure-sensitive stylus, graphical tablet, etc.)

Baxter and Scheib demonstate their haptic art kit, at UNC

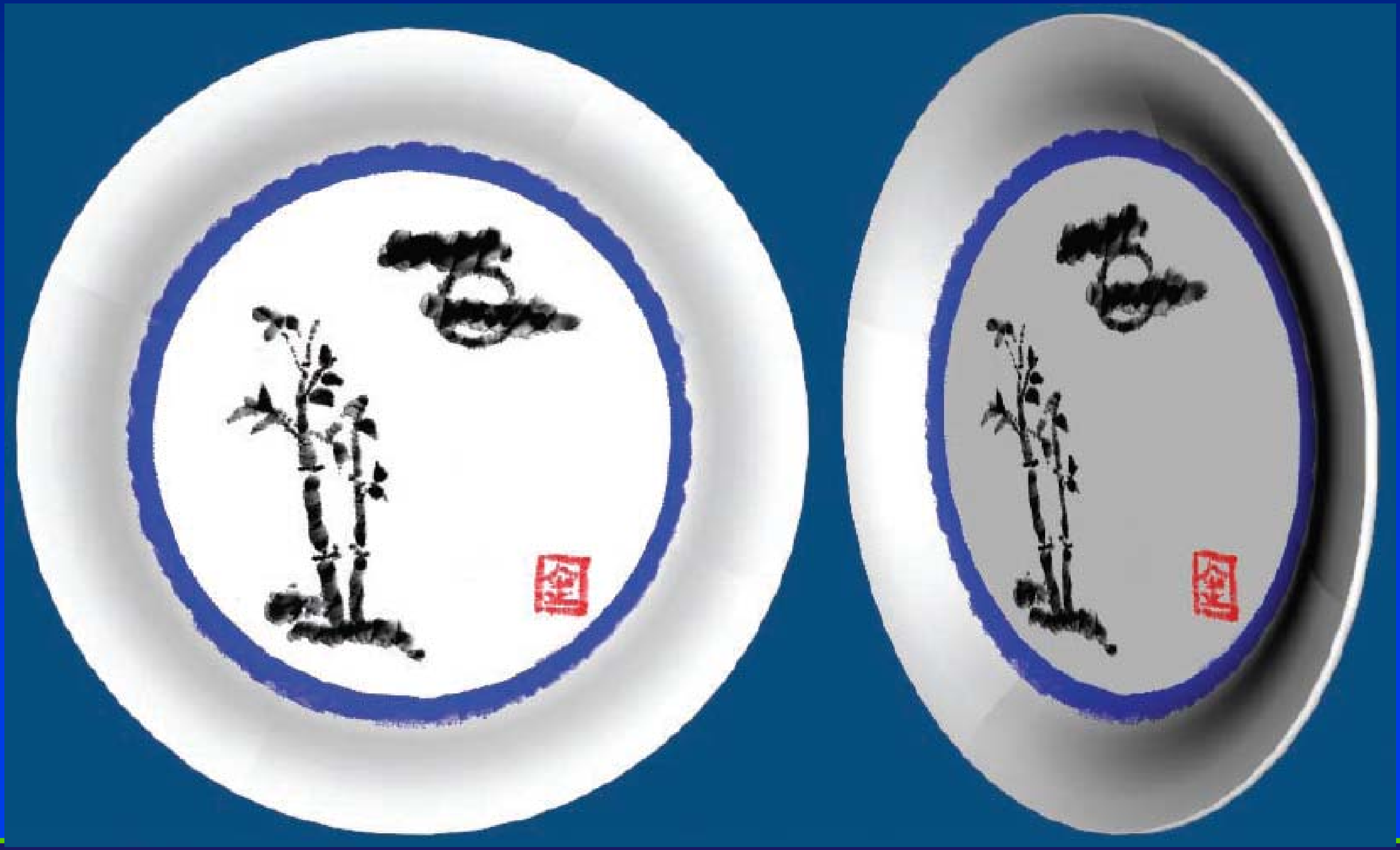
Computer Art

- Digital Sculpting



Computer Art

- Digital Painting



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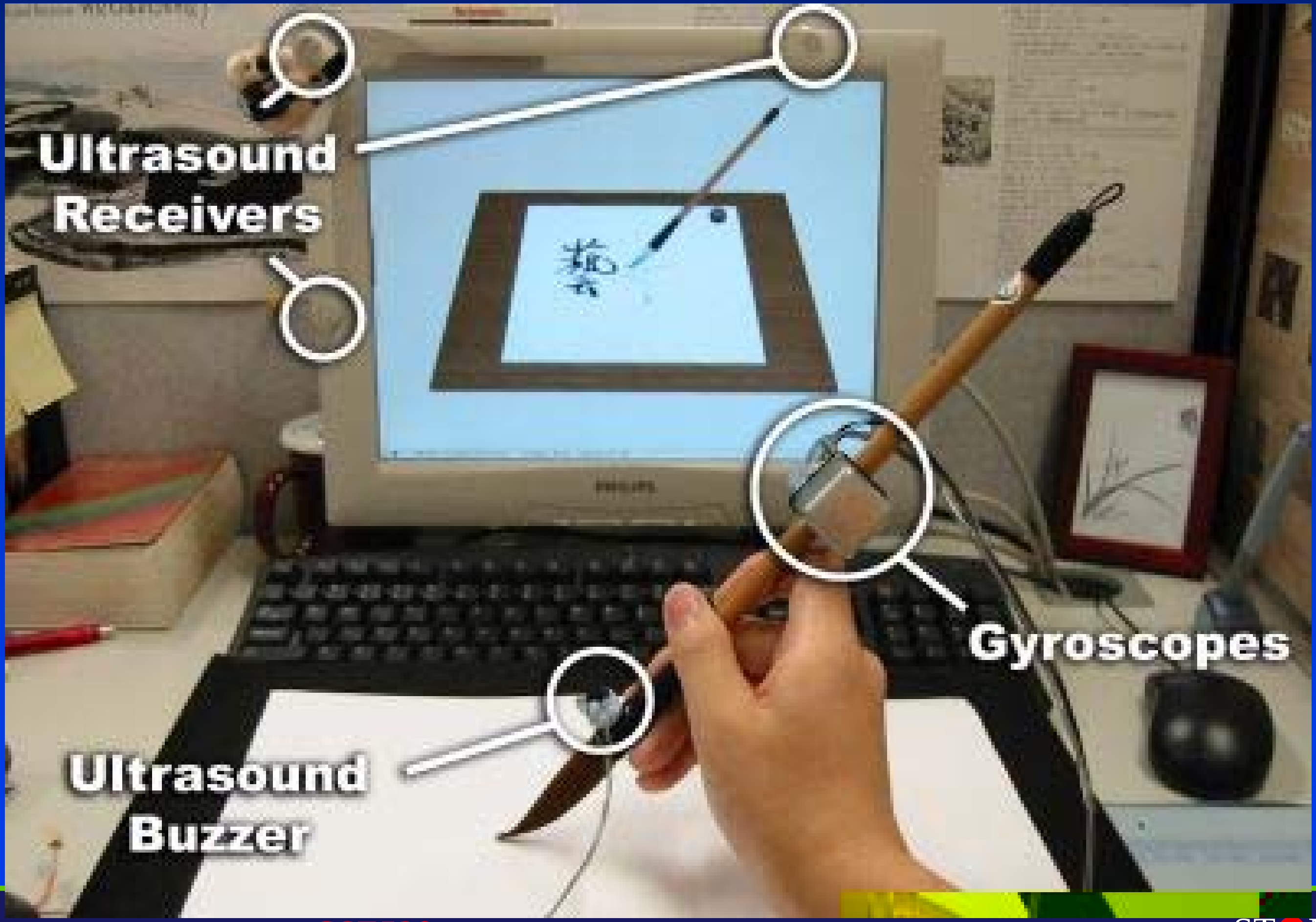
Computer Art

- Digital Calligraphy



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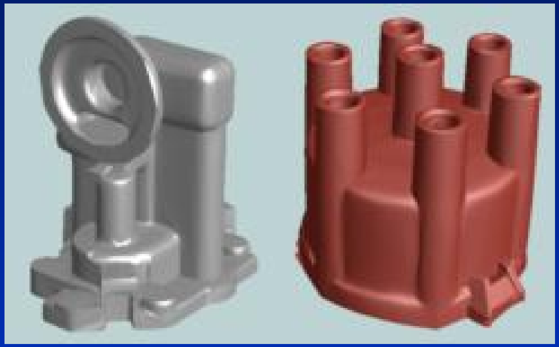
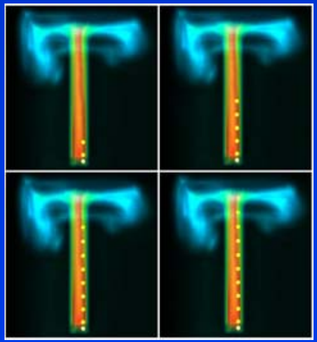
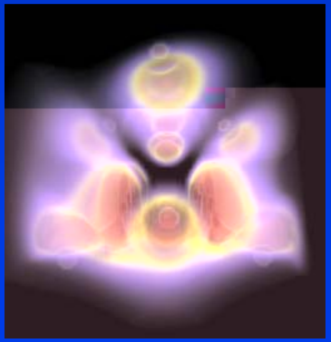
Graphics Examples

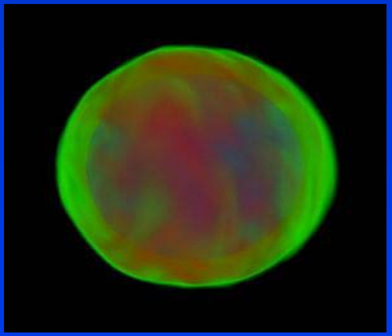


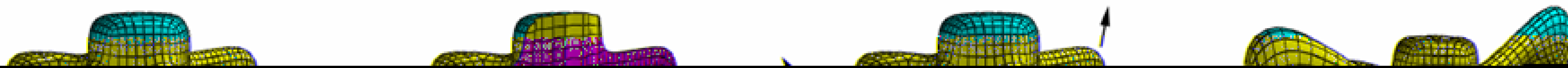
Why Visualization

Visualization is a method of extracting meaningful information from complex or voluminous datasets through the use of interactive graphics and imaging









Why Visualization

- Enable scientists (also engineers, physicians, general users) to observe their simulation and computation
- Enable them to describe, explore, and summarize their datasets (models) and gain insights
- Offer a method of SEEING the UNSEEN
- Reason about quantitative information
- Enrich the discovery process and facilitate new inventions

Why Visualization

- Analyze and communicate information
- Revolutionize the way scientists/engineers/physicians conduct research and advance technologies
- About 50% of the brain neurons are associated with vision
- The gigabit bandwidth of human eye/visual system permits much faster perception of visual information and identify their spatial relationships than any other modes
  - Computerized human face recognition

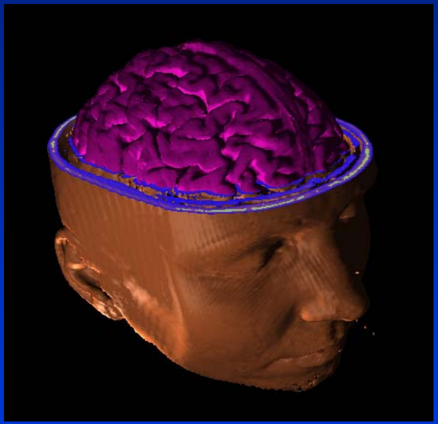
Graphics Examples: Representation

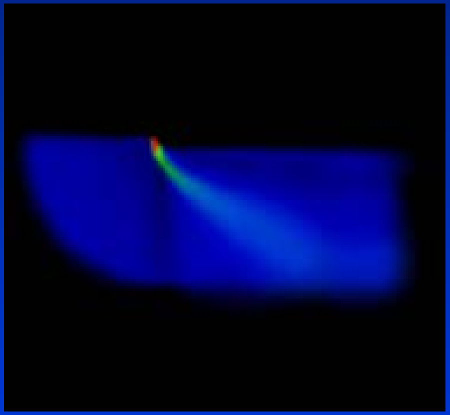
Images

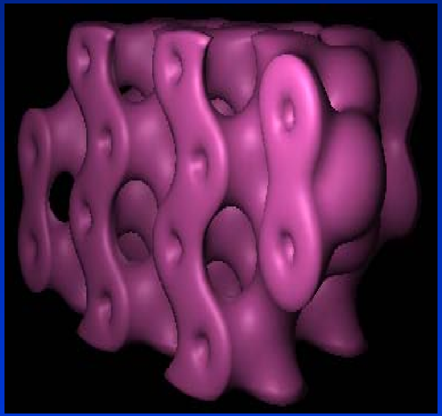
Points

Volumes

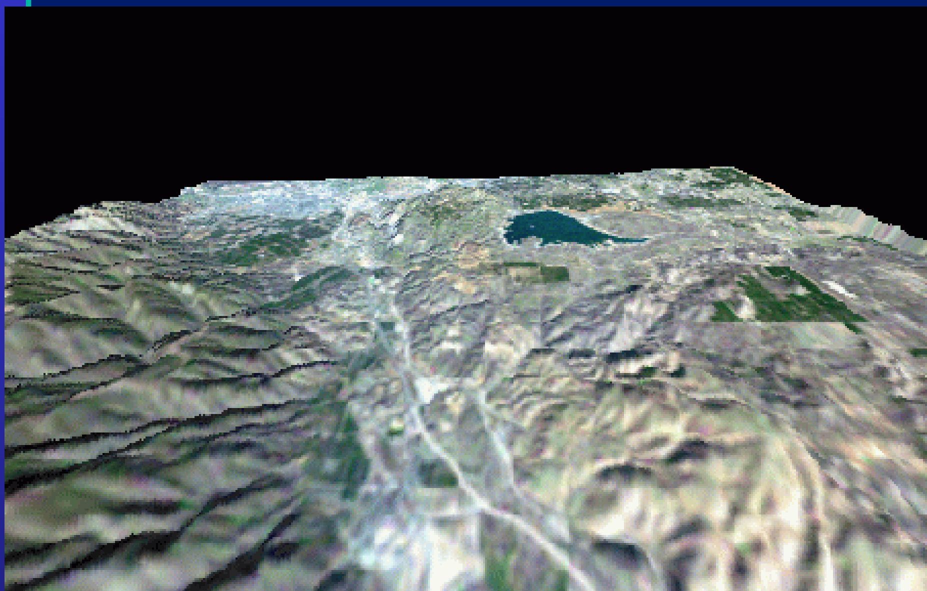
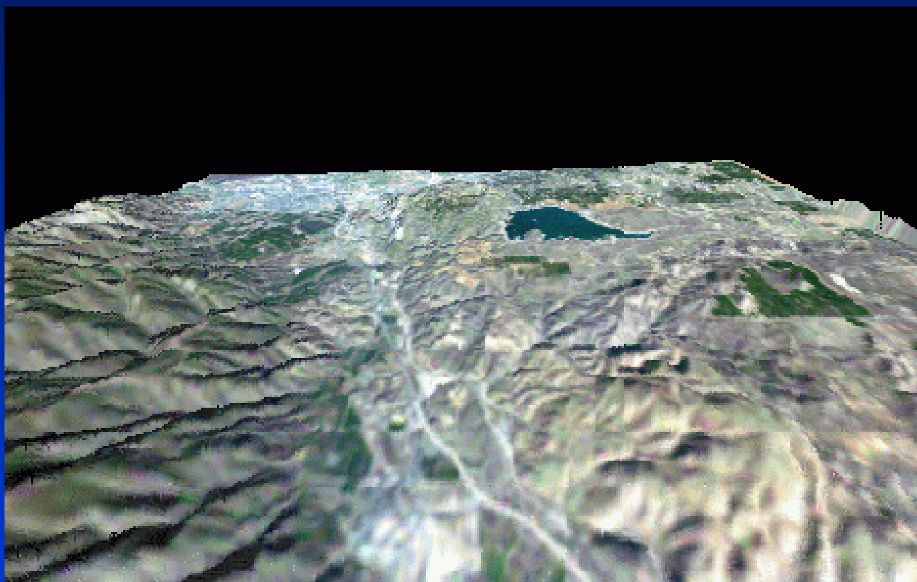
More Examples



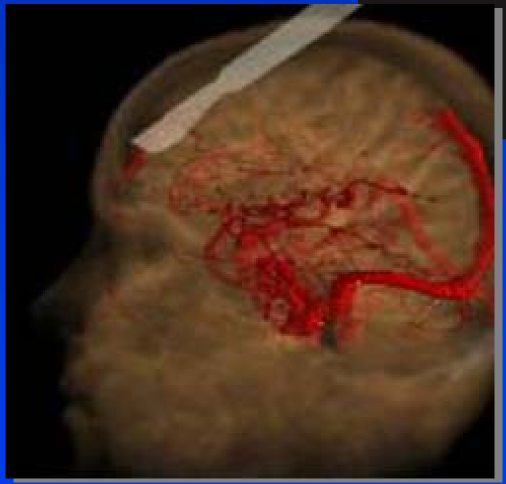




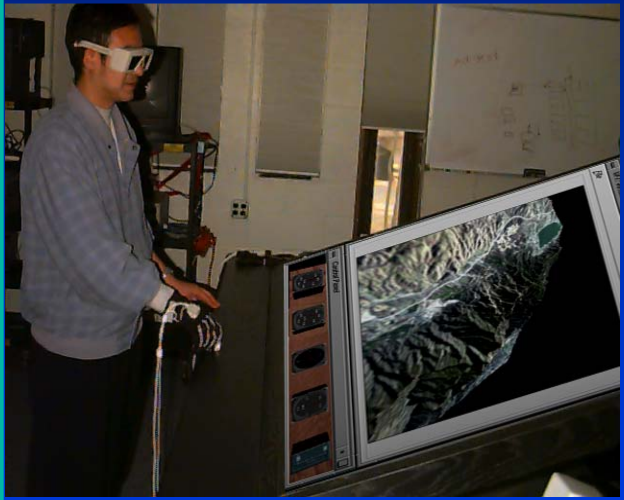
Terrain Modeling and Rendering

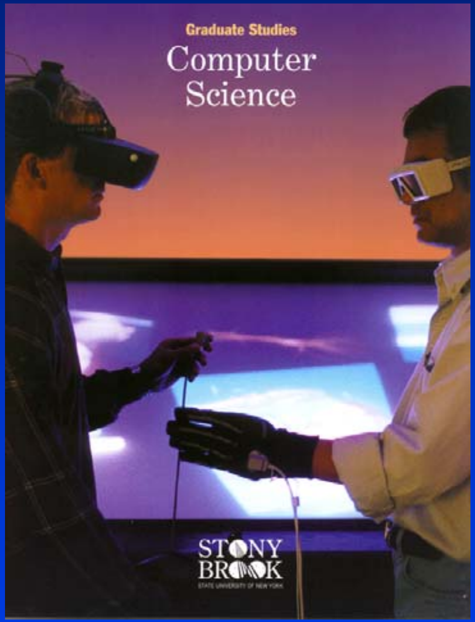



Medicine and Health-care

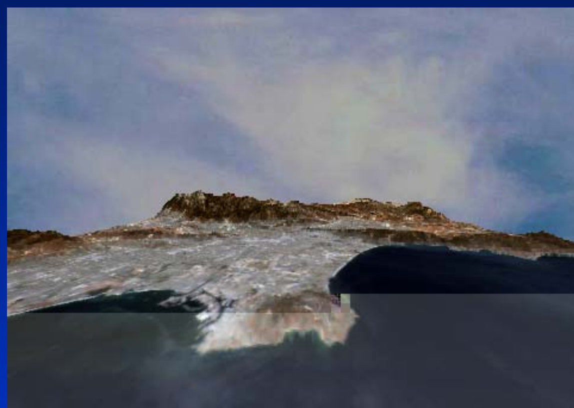


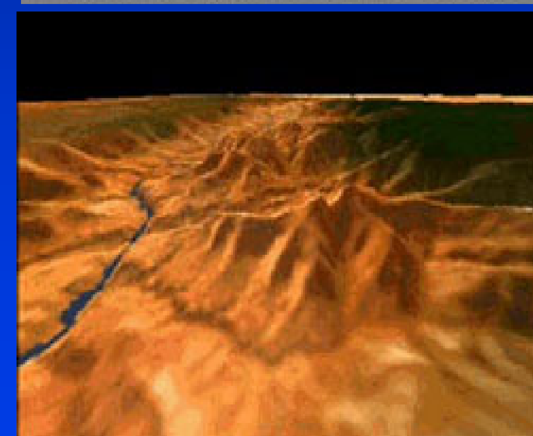
Virtual Environment





National Security



Network Graphics

3D Advertisement

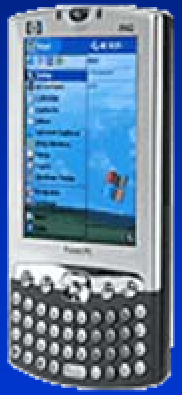
Server

Virtual Museum

Client

Live Sports Broadcast

Wireless Graphics



Prerequisites: Basic Requirements

- Computer science
  - Programming language: C/C++, Java, …
  - Data structure: array, list, queue, …
- Mathematics
  - Linear algebra: scalar, vector, matrix, dot product, cross product, ….
  - Calculus: derivatives, function plot, curves, surfaces,
  - Geometry: Euclidean geometry, analytic geometry
    - Computer graphics has a strong 2D/3D geometry component!

Mathematical Background

- Computer graphics has a strong 2D/3D geometry component
- Basic linear algebra is also helpful – matrices, vectors, dot products, cross products, etc.
- More continuous math (vs. discrete math) than in typical computer science courses
- Function plots, curves, and surfaces
- Advanced math/physics for research:
  - Modeling: Differential Geometry – curves, surfaces, solids
  - Animation: Computational Solid Mechanics, Fluid Dynamics
  - Rendering: Optics
  - ….

Different Perspectives

- Application-oriented
  - Motivation, driven by real problems
  - E.g. scientific visualization, simulation, animation, virtual reality, computer-aided design, ….
- Mathematics-oriented
  - Mathematical elements
  - E.g. computational geometry, differential geometry, PDEs, ….
- Programming-oriented
  - Modeling and rendering primitives: triangle mesh, point clouds, splines, ….
  - Basic procedural routines: edge flip, edge collapse, subdivision routines, ….
- System-oriented
  - Architecture, hardware, and software components
  - E.g. workstation, cluster, GPU, ….

What’s computer graphics course all about?

Not!

- Paint and Imaging packages (Adobe Photoshop)
- Cad packages (AutoCAD)
- Rendering packages (Lightscape)
- Modelling packages (3D Studio MAX)
- Animation packages (Digimation)

What’s computer graphics all about?

- •Graphics programming and algorithms
  - •OpenGL, Glut, rendering …
- •Graphics data structures
  - • polygonal mesh, half-edge structure…
- •Applied geometry, modeling
  - •Curve, surfaces, transformation, projection…

Well, it is a Computer Science course!

Presentation Outline

- 3D graphics pipeline

Basic Elements of Computer Graphics

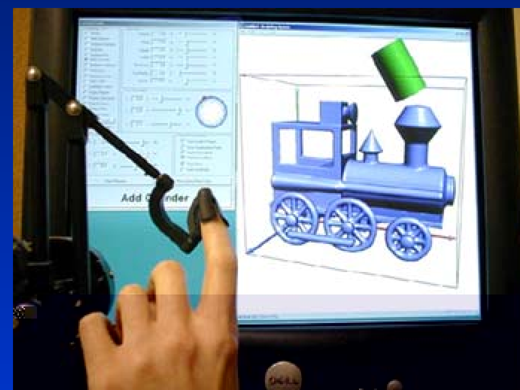
- Graphics modeling: representation choices
- Graphics rendering: geometric transformation, visibility, discretization, simulation of light, etc.
- Graphics interaction: input/output devices, tools
- Animation: lifelike characters, their interactions, surrounding environments

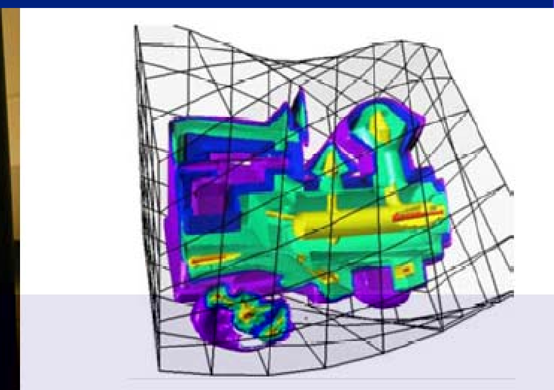
Two Approaches

- Don't care the time/costs, want results
  - Special effects, Movie
- Don't care results, want real-time cheap
  - Games, Virtual Reality
- Recently: a lot of convergence
  - Movie quality games

Two Basic Questions

- What to render?
  - Scene representation
  - Modeling techniques
  - Animation, simulation
  - ...





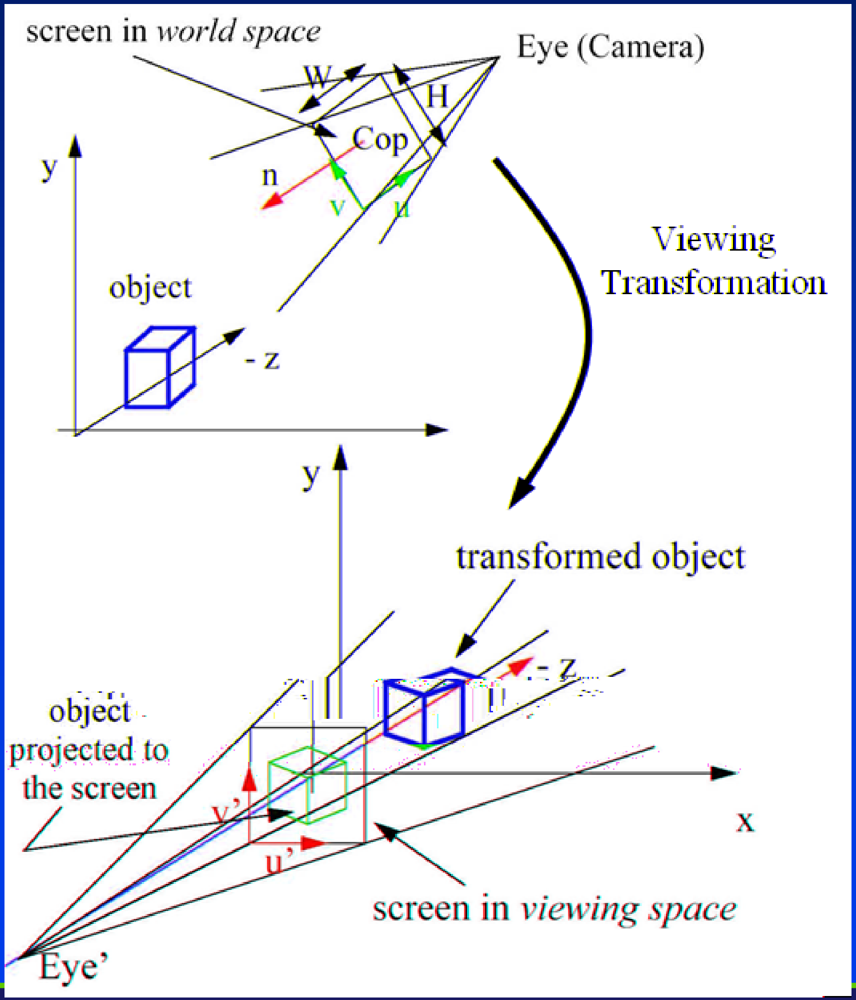
- How to put it on the screen?
  - Projection
  - Visibility
  - Illumination and shading
  - ....

Basic Topics – Undergraduate

- Hardware, system architecture
  - Basic display devices
  - Raster-scan system (rasterization)
  - Input / output devices: keyboard, mouse, haptics, data glove, scanner, …
  - Software packages: standards, APIs, special-purpose software

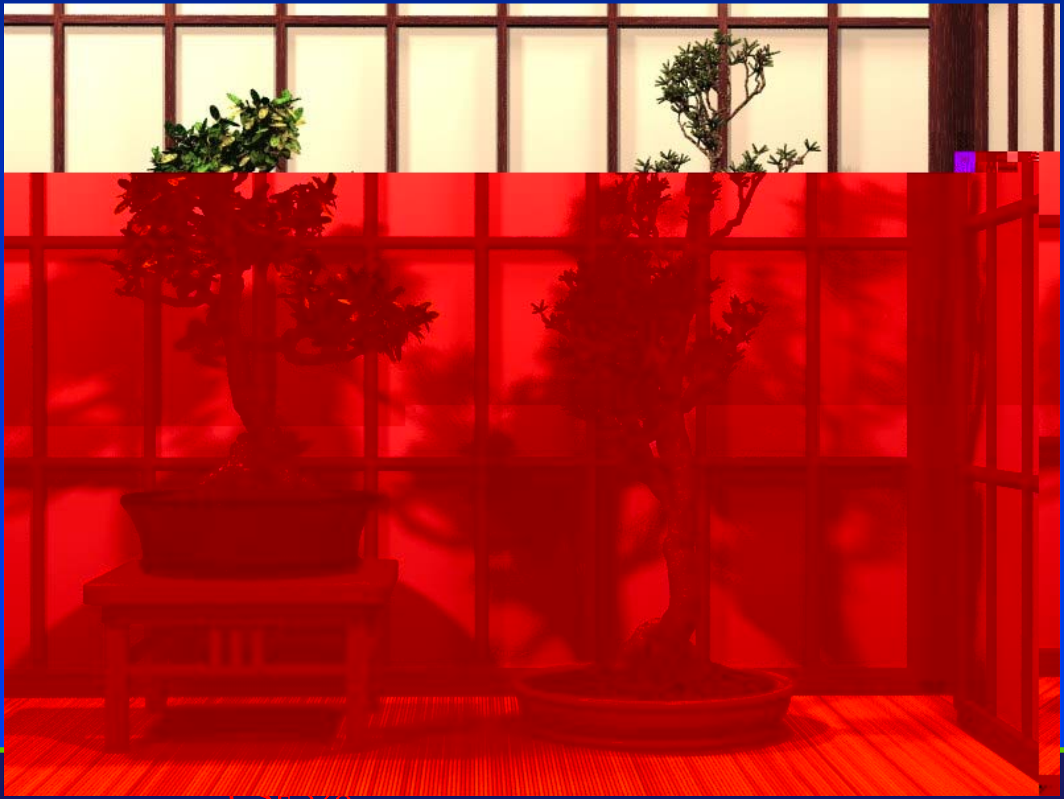
Basic Topics – Undergraduate

- 2D / 3D transformation and viewing
  - 3D viewing pipeline
  - Multiple coordinate system and their transformation
  - Projection: parallel, perspective
  - Mathematical (matrix) representations



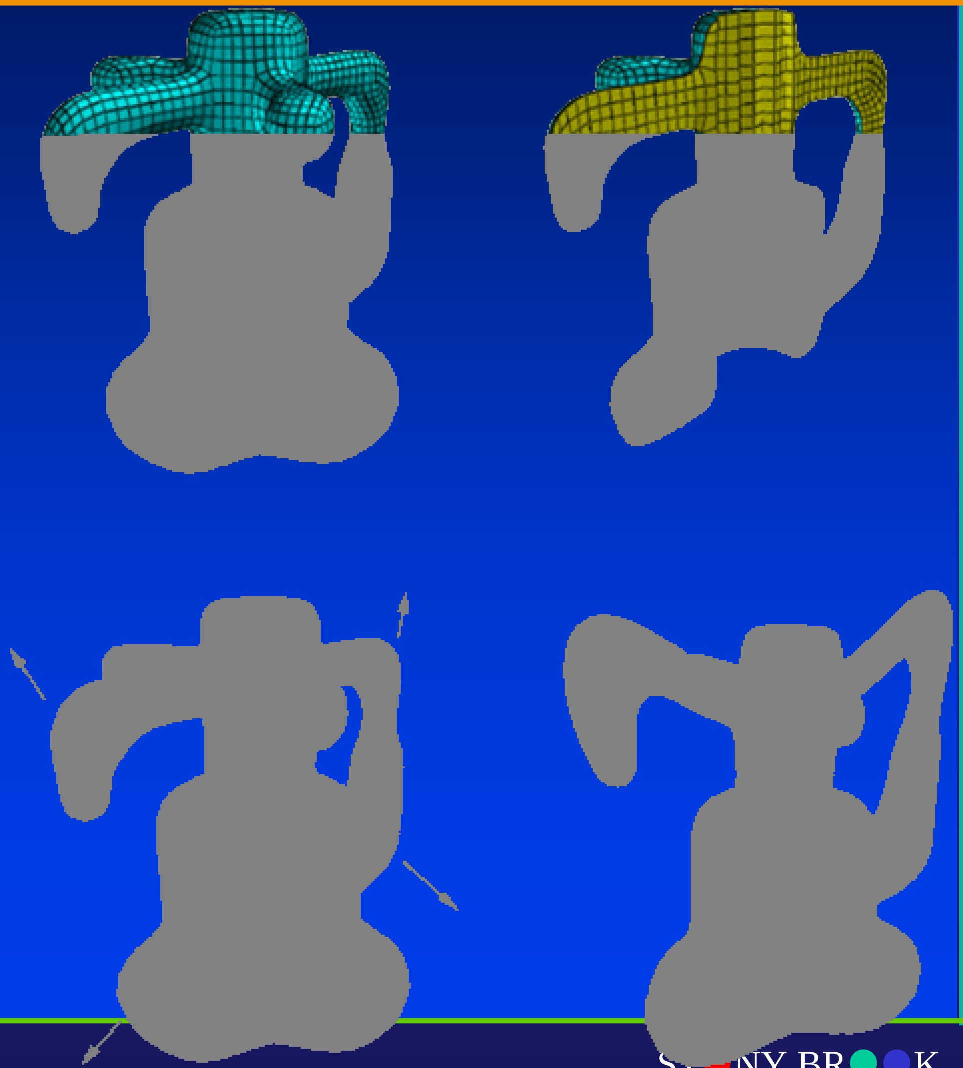
Basic Topics – Undergraduate

- Ray-casting and ray-tracing
  - Creating photorealistic rendering images



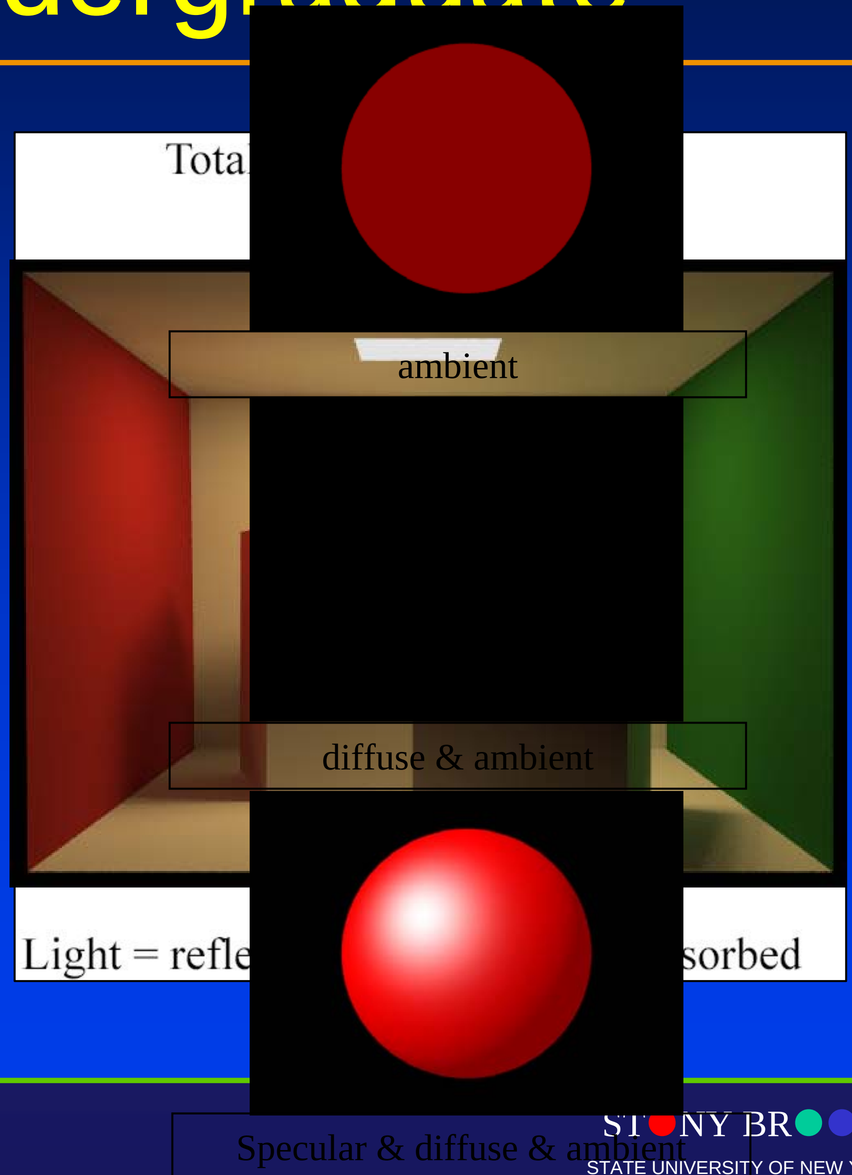
Basic Topics – Undergraduate

- Geometric models
  - Curves, surfaces, solids
  - Polygonal models
  - Parametric representations
  - Implicit representations
  - Boundary representations
  - Boolean operations (union, subtraction, ….)
  - Editing, Deformation

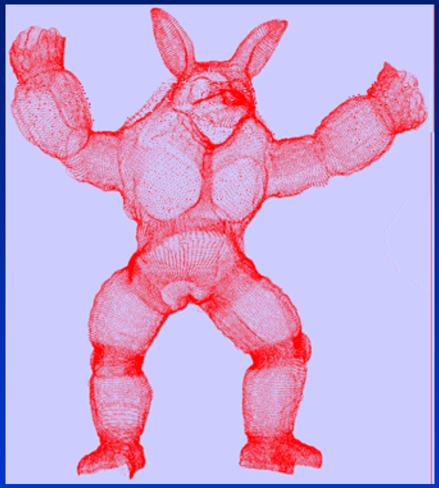


Basic Topics – Undergraduate

- Illumination and Shading
  - Light properties, light simulation
  - Local illumination (ambient, diffuse, specular)
  - Global illumination (ray-tracing)



3D Graphics Pipeline



3D Model Acquisition → Geometric Modeling → Animation & Rendering

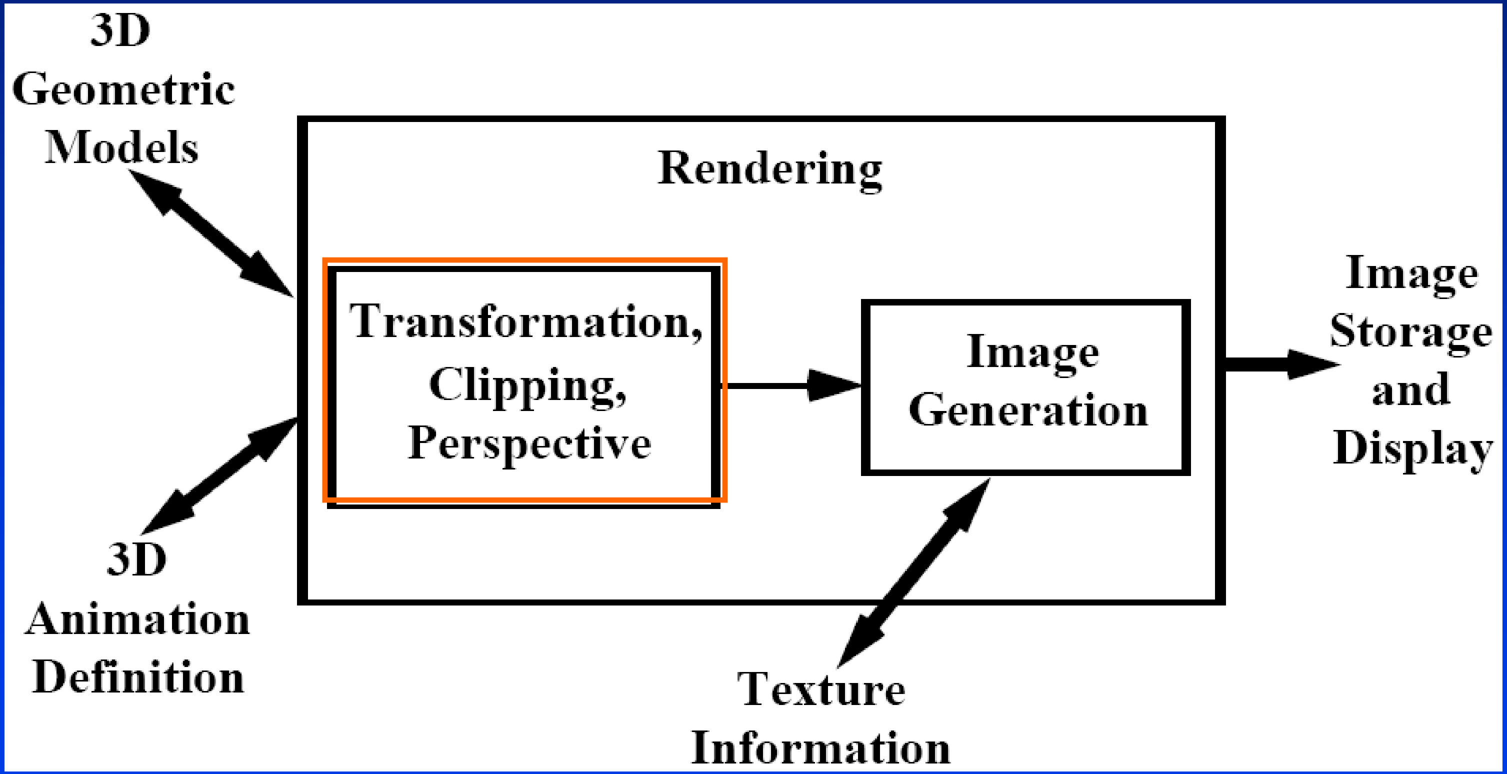
Point clouds

Curves & surfaces
Digital geometry processing
Multi-resolution modeling
…

Ray tracing
Texture synthesis
Appearance modeling
Physics-based simulation
…

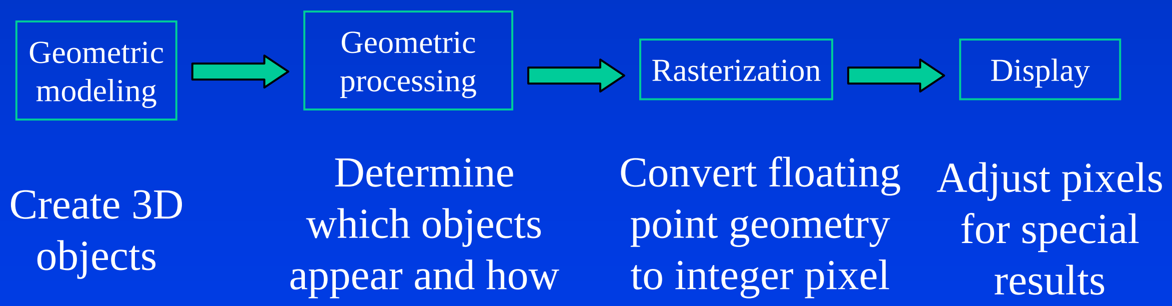
Graphics Rendering

- Conversion of a 3D scene into a 2D image



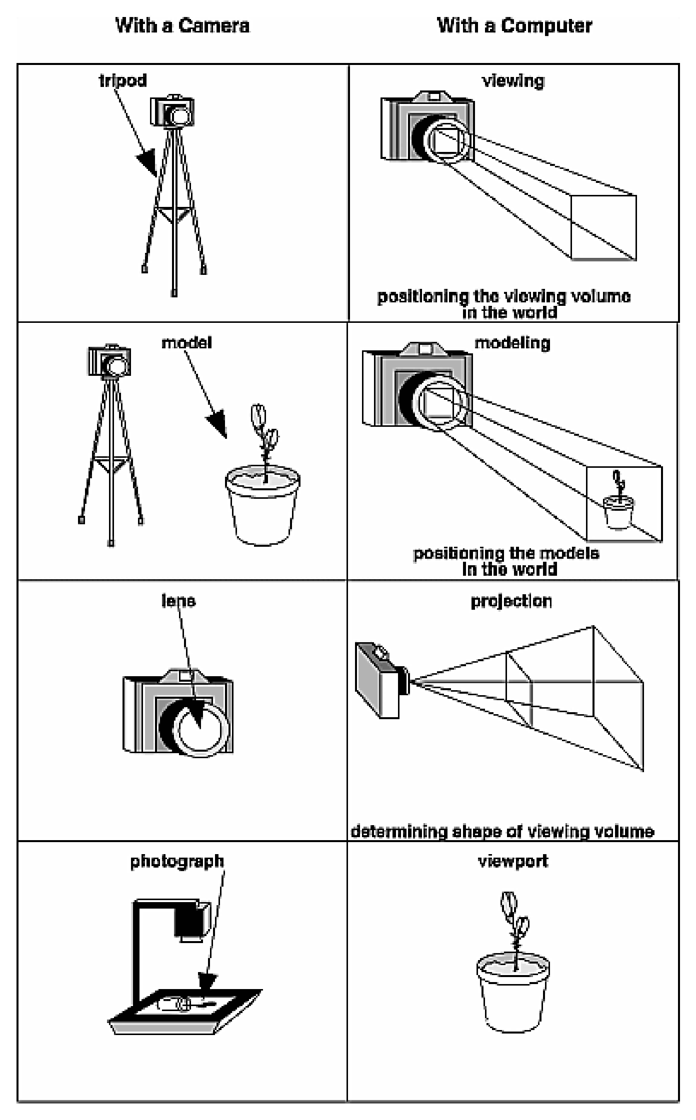
Rendering Pipeline

- Build a pipeline
- Process 3D information in a series of steps
- Each step generates results for the next one



The Camera Analogy

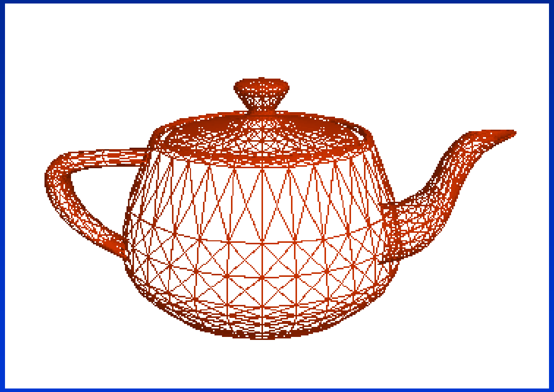
Viewing:	position camera	position viewing volume
Modeling:	position model	position model
Projection:	choose lens	choose v.v. shape
Viewport:	choose photo size	choose portion of screen

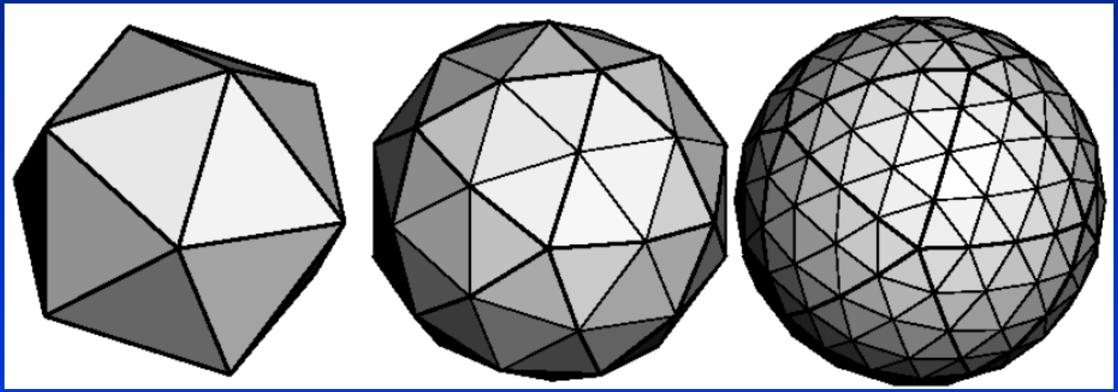


3D Models

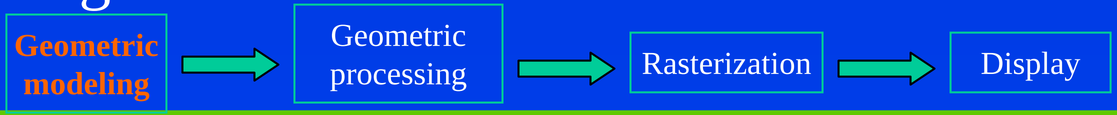
- Arbitrary shapes can be triangulated!

Polygonal approximation of surfaces

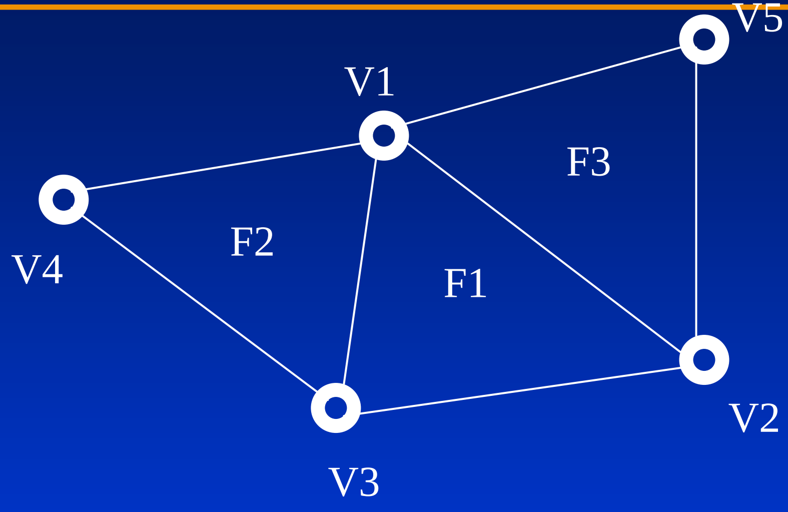




Any 2D shape (or 3D surface) can be approximated with locally linear polygons. To improve, we only need to increase the number of edges

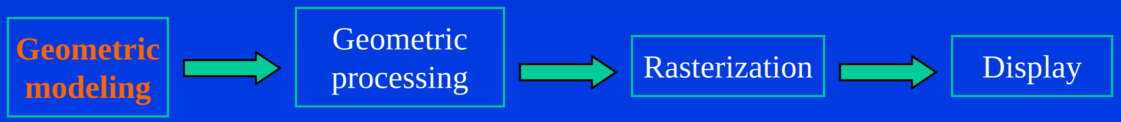


How Do We Represent Triangles?



Vertex table	
V1	(x1,y1,z1)
V2	(x2,y2,z2)
V3	(x3,y3,z3)
V4	(x4,y4,z4)
V5	(x5,y5,z5)

Face table	
F1	V1,V3,V2
F2	V1,V4,V3
F3	V5,V1,V2



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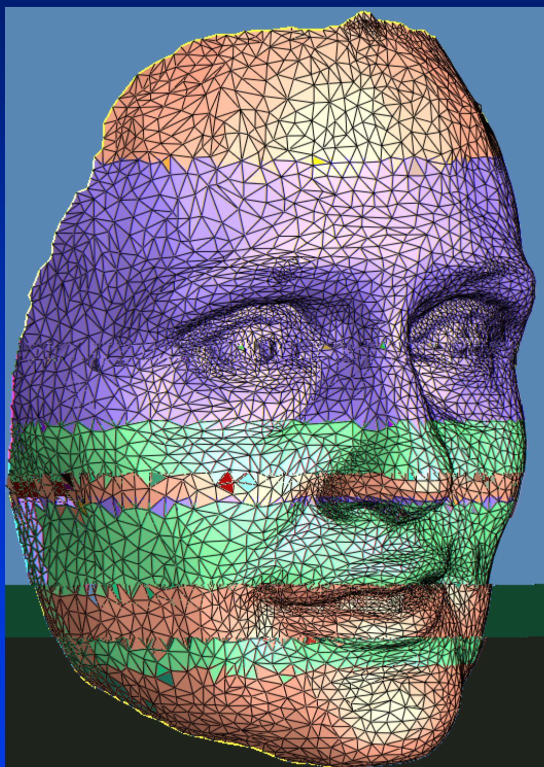

mesh with 10k triangles

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Vertex 4 0.611634016 0.5039420128 0.08098520339
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Face 10 11 67 10
Face 11 12 67 11
Face 12 14 75 13
Face 13 68 76 15
Face 14 16 68 15
Face 15 17 68 16
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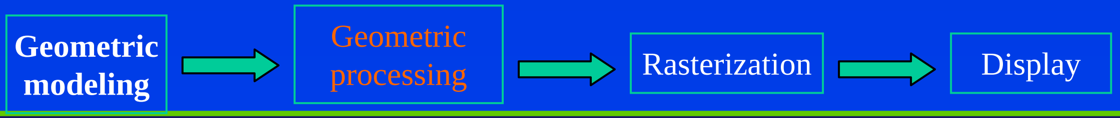
Geometric modeling → Geometric processing → Rasterization → Display

Modeling Transformation

- 3D scene
  - Many 3D models
  - Each one has its own coordinate system – object/model coordinates
- Modeling transformation
  - Place the objects in the world coordinate system
  - Translation, scaling, shearing, and rotation
- Result:
  - Object/model coordinates (local) → world coordinates (global)
  - All vertices of scene in shared 3-D “world” coordinate system

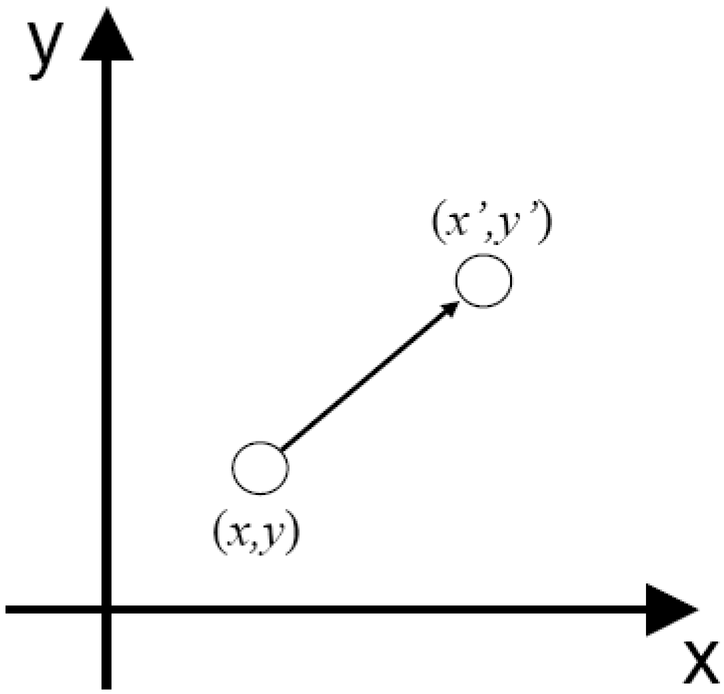


Modeling Transformation: 2D Example

- Translation

- $x' = x + t_x$
- $y' = y + t_y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix}$$

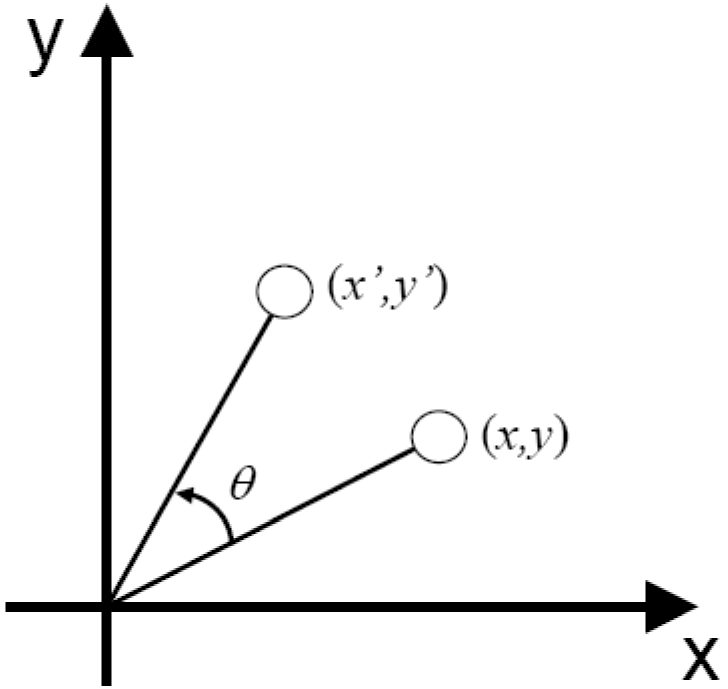


Modeling Transformation: 2D Example

- Rotation

- $x' = x \cdot \cos\theta - y \cdot \sin\theta$
- $y' = x \cdot \sin\theta + y \cdot \cos\theta$

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

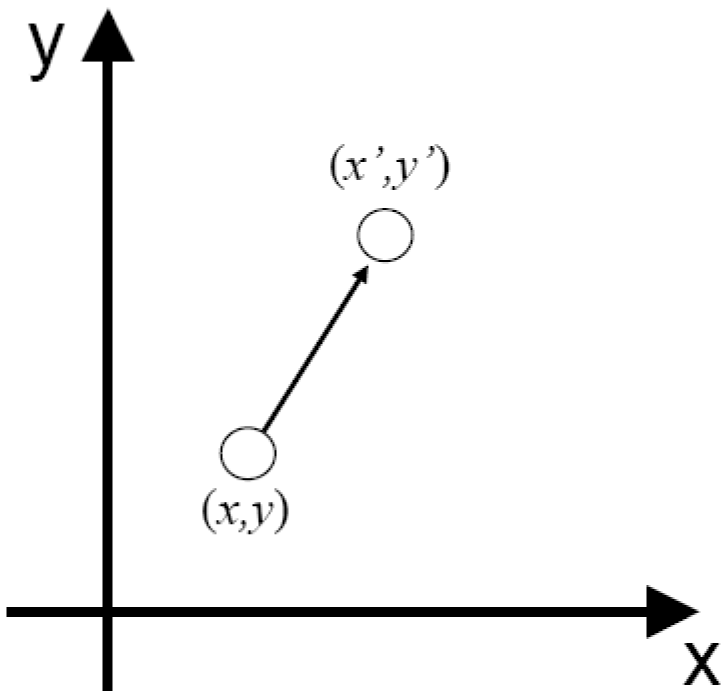


Modeling Transformation: 2D Example

- Scaling

- $x' = S_x \cdot x$
- $y' = S_y \cdot y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & 0 \\ 0 & S_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

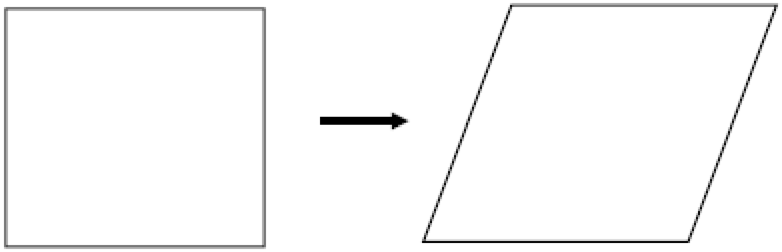


Modeling Transformation: 2D Example

- Shearing

- $x' = x + h_x \cdot y$
- $y' = y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h_x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$



Homogeneous Coordinates

- Each point (x, y) is represented as (x, y, 1)
  - Append a 1 at the end of vector!
- All transformations can be represented as matrix multiplication!
- Composite transformation becomes much easier

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Conventional coordinate

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous coordinate

Homogeneous Coordinates

- All transformations can be represented as matrix multiplication!
- Composite transformation becomes much easier!

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

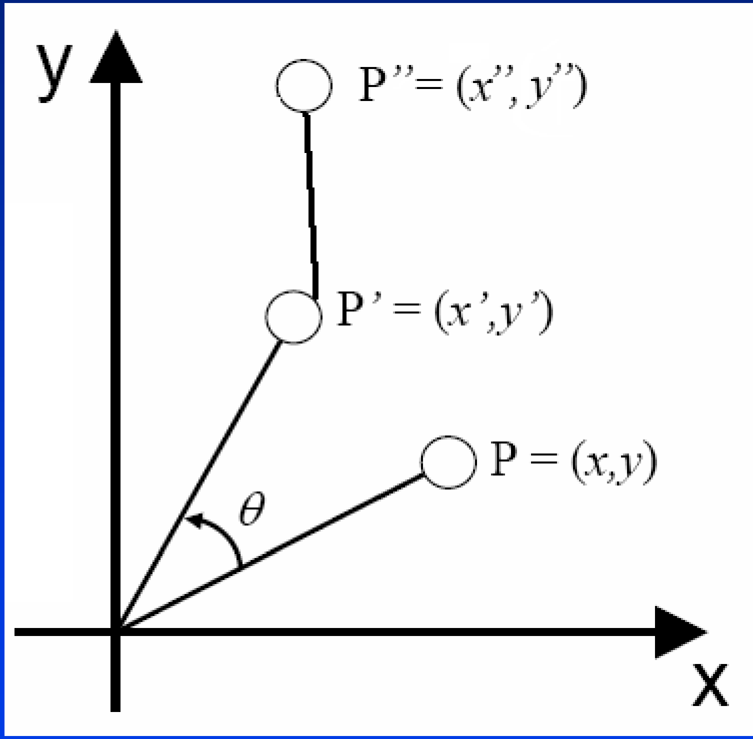
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h_x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogeneous Coordinates

- Composite transformation



$$P' = R(\theta) \cdot P$$

$$P'' = T(t_x, t_y) \cdot P'$$

$$P'' = T(t_x, t_y) \cdot R(\theta) \cdot P$$

- Matrix multiplication

Homogeneous Coordinates

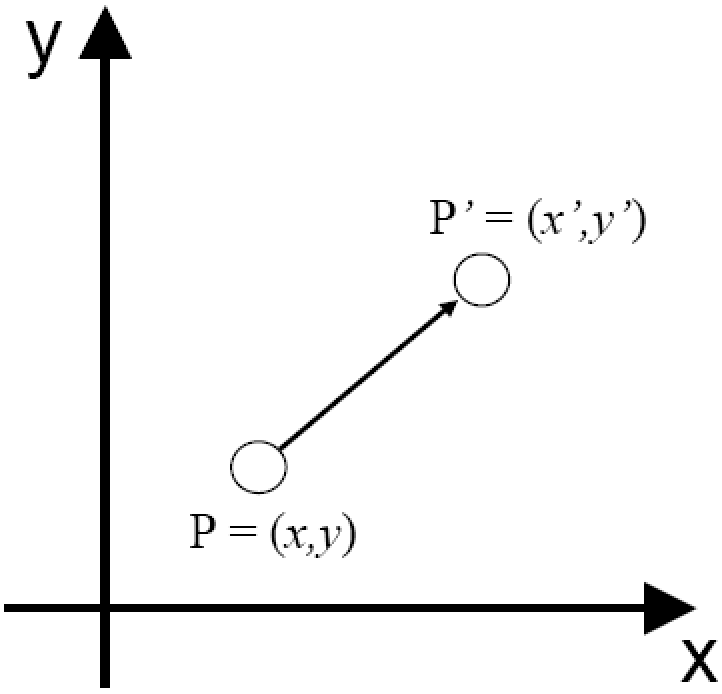
- Transformation in homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix}$$

- $x' = x + t_x$
- $y' = y + t_y$

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

$$\mathbf{P'} = \mathbf{T}(t_x\ ,\ t_y) \bullet \mathbf{P}$$



Homogeneous Coordinates

- Rotation in homogeneous coordinates

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

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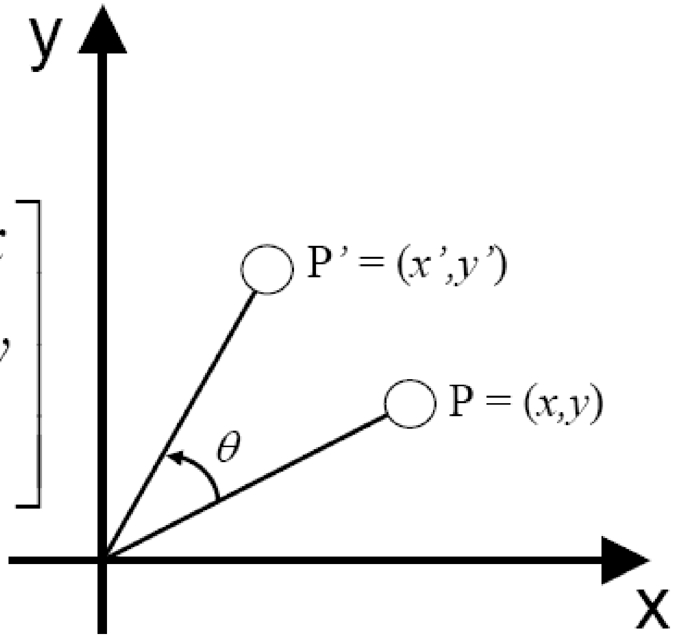
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{P}' = \mathbf{R}(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

Homogeneous Coordinates

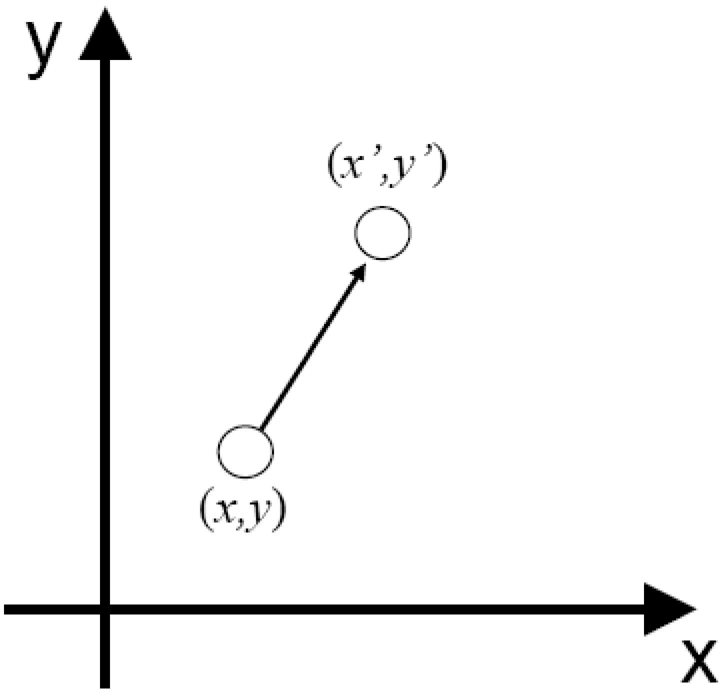
- Scaling in homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & 0 \\ 0 & S_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

- $x' = s_x \cdot x$
- $y' = s_y \cdot y$

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

$$\mathbf{P'} = \mathbf{S}(s_x , s_y) \cdot \mathbf{P}$$



Homogeneous Coordinates

- Shearing in homogeneous coordinates

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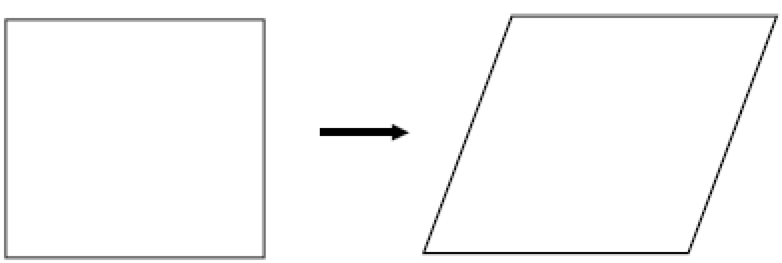
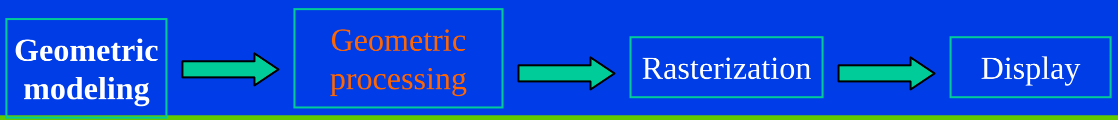


$$\mathbf{P'} = \mathbf{SH}_x \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

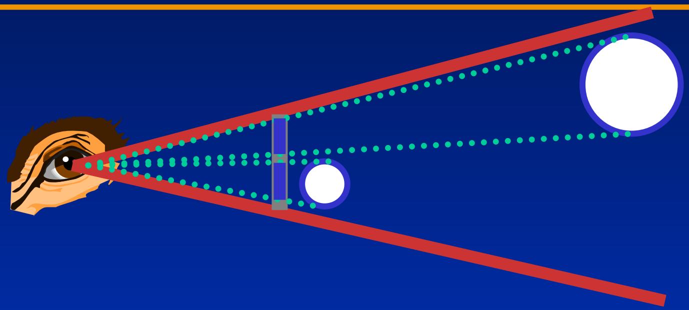
Viewing Transformation

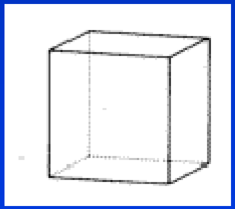
- Rotate & translate the world to lie directly in front of the camera
  - Typically place camera at origin
  - Typically looking down -Z axis
- Result:
  - World coordinates → view coordinates
  - Scene vertices in 3-D “view” or “camera” coordinate system

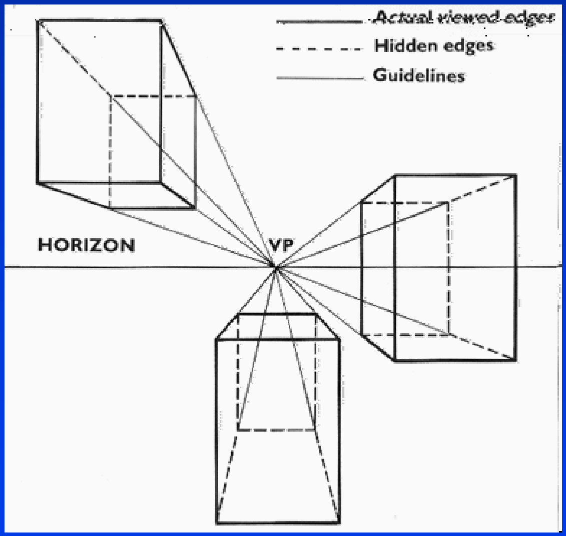


Projection

- Projection transform
  - Perspective projection
  - Orthographic projection
- Results
  - View coordinates → screen coordinates
  - 2-D screen coordinates of clipped vertices







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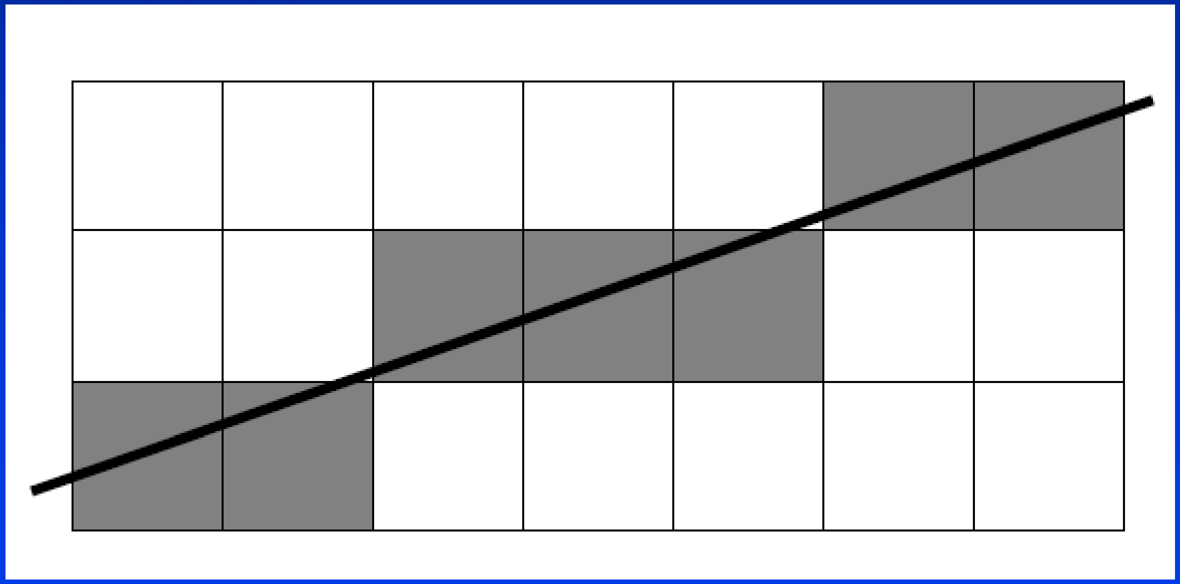
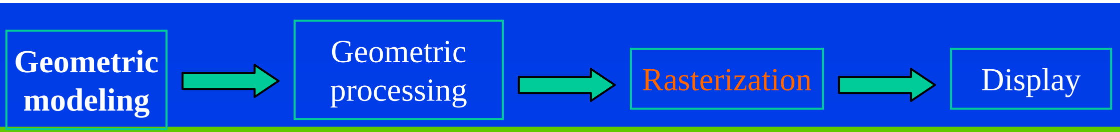
Rasterization & Display

- Convert a vertex representation in the view coordinate system to a pixel representation on computer screen



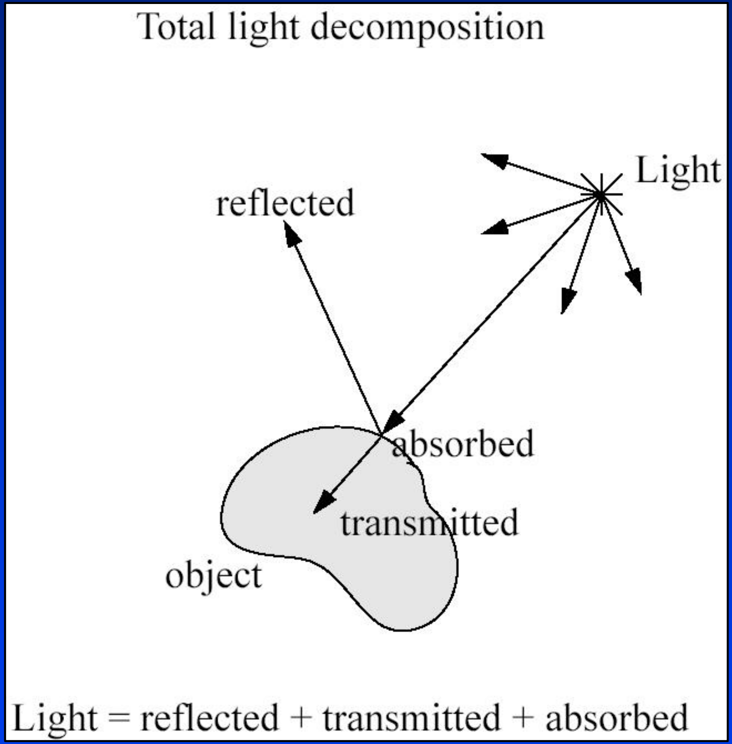


Basic Topics – Undergraduate

- Hardware, system architecture, raster-scan graphics (rasterization)
- 2D / 3D transformation and viewing
- Ray-casting and ray-tracing
- Interface
- Geometric models
- Color representations
- Hidden object removal
- Illumination models

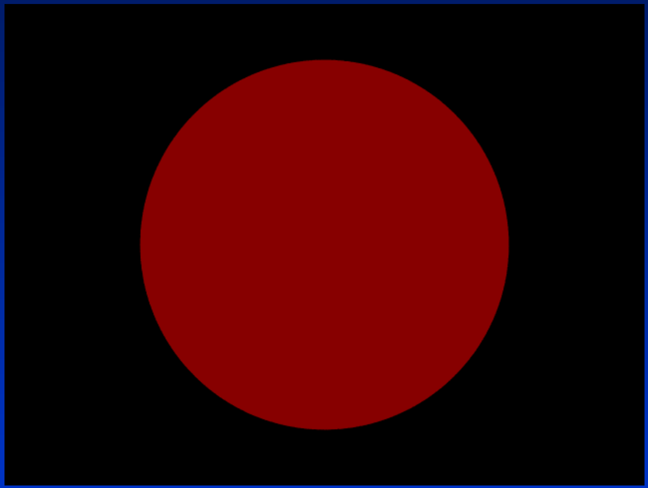
Illumination and Shading

- Now we'll look at how to shade **surfaces** to make them look 3D
- We'll see different *shading models*, or frameworks that determine a surface's color at a particular point
- These shading models can be easily modified to incorporate illumination and shading into the volume rendering pipeline
- A shading model checks what the lighting conditions are and then figures out what the surface should look like based on the lighting conditions and the surface parameters:
- Amount of light reflected (and which color(s))
- Amount of light absorbed
- Amount of light transmitted (passed through)
- Thus, we can characterize a surface's shading parameters by how much incoming light that strikes a surface is reflected to the eye, absorbed by the object, and transmitted



Ambient Reflection

- *Ambient reflection* refers to reflected light that originally came from the "background" and has no clear source
- Models general level of brightness in the scene
- Accounts for light effects that are difficult to compute (secondary diffuse reflections, etc)
- Constant for all surfaces of a particular object and the directions it is viewed from
- Directionless light
- One of many hacks or kludges used in computer graphics since every ray of light or photon has to come from somewhere!

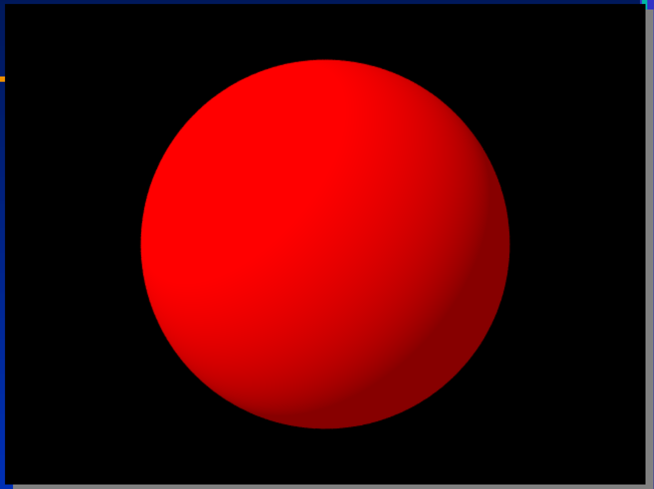


Ambient-lit sphere

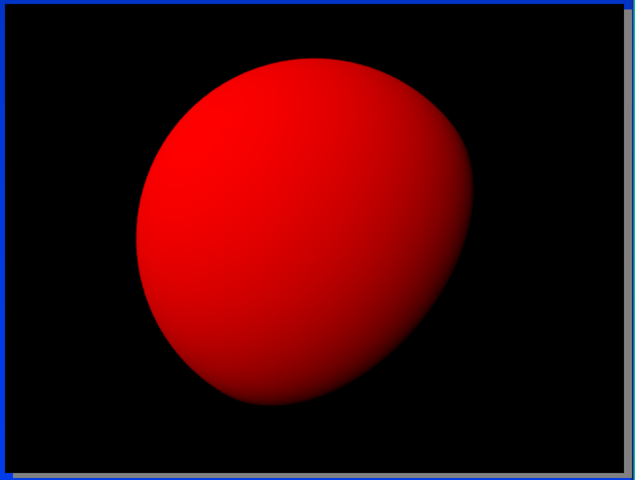
- Imagine yourself standing in a room with the curtains drawn and the lights off
- Some sunlight will still get through, but it will have bounced off many objects before entering the room
- When an object reflect this kind of light, we call it *ambient reflection*
- $I_a = k_a \cdot I_A$ I_A = ambient light k_a = material's ambient reflection coefficient

Diffuse Reflection

- Models dullness, roughness of a surface
- Equal light scattering in all directions
- For example, chalk is a diffuse reflector
- Unlike ambient reflection, diffuse reflection is dependent on the location of the light relative to the object
- So, if we were to move the light from the front of the sphere to the back, there would be little or no diffuse reflection visible on the near side of the sphere
- Compare with ambient light, which has no direction
- With ambient, it doesn't matter where we position the camera since the light source has no true position
- Computer graphics purists don't use ambient lights and instead rely on diffuse light sources to give some minimal light to a scene



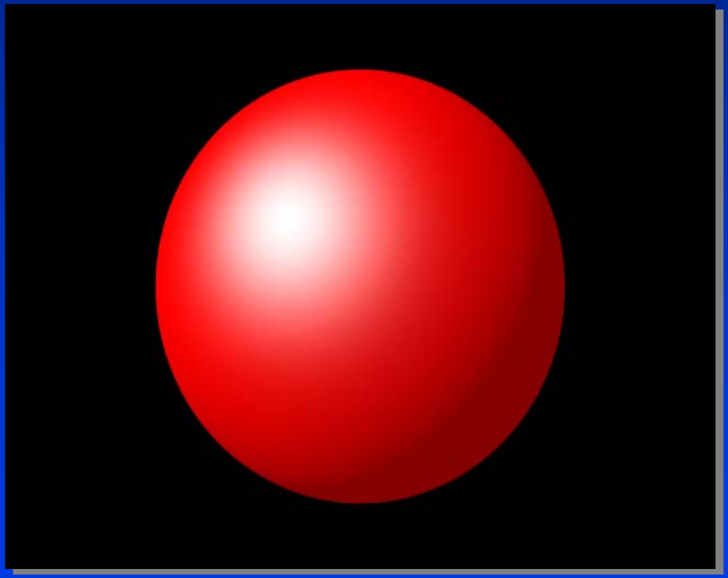
Ambient & diffuse



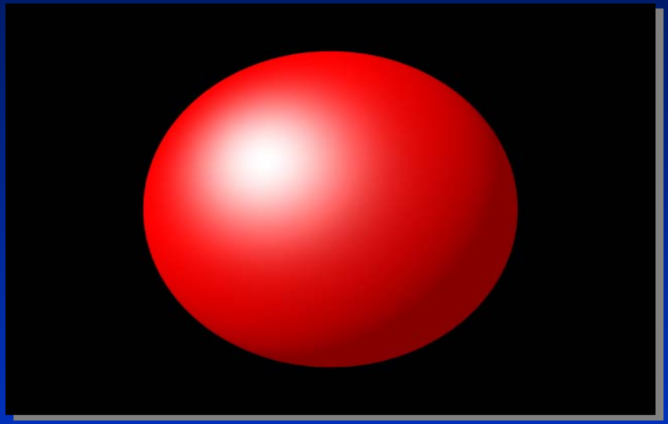
Diffuse only

Specular Reflection

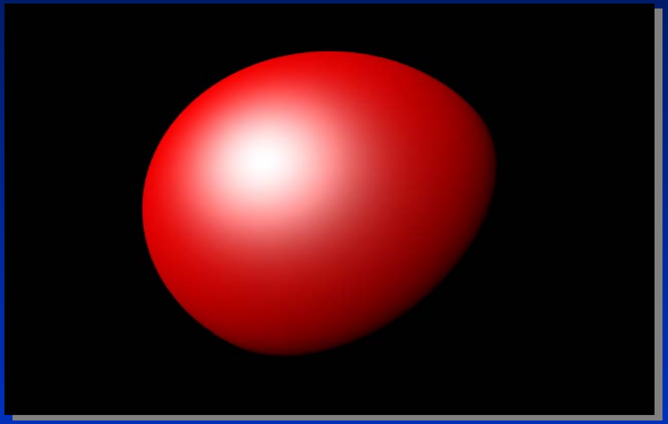
- Models reflections on shiny surfaces (polished metal, chrome, plastics, etc.)
- Specular reflection is *view-dependent* – the specular *highlight* will change as the camera's position changes
- This implies we need to take into account not only the angle the light source makes with the surface, but the angle the viewing ray makes with the surface
- Example: the image you perceive in a mirror changes as you move around
- Example: the chrome on your car shines in different ways depending on where you stand to look at it



Specular Reflection



Specular & diffuse & ambient



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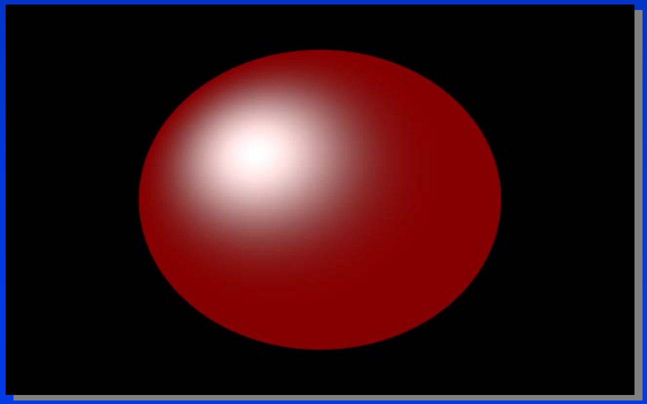
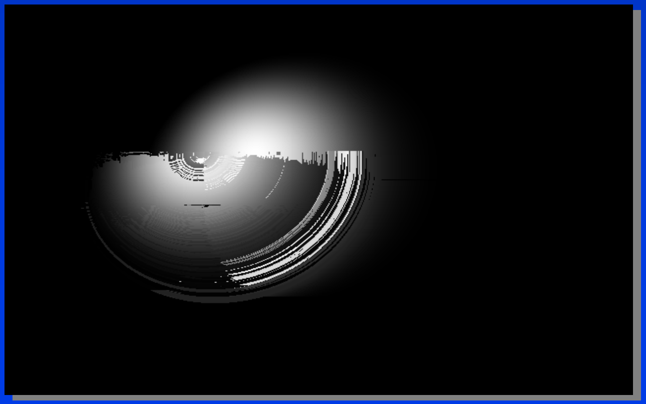


Specular & ambient



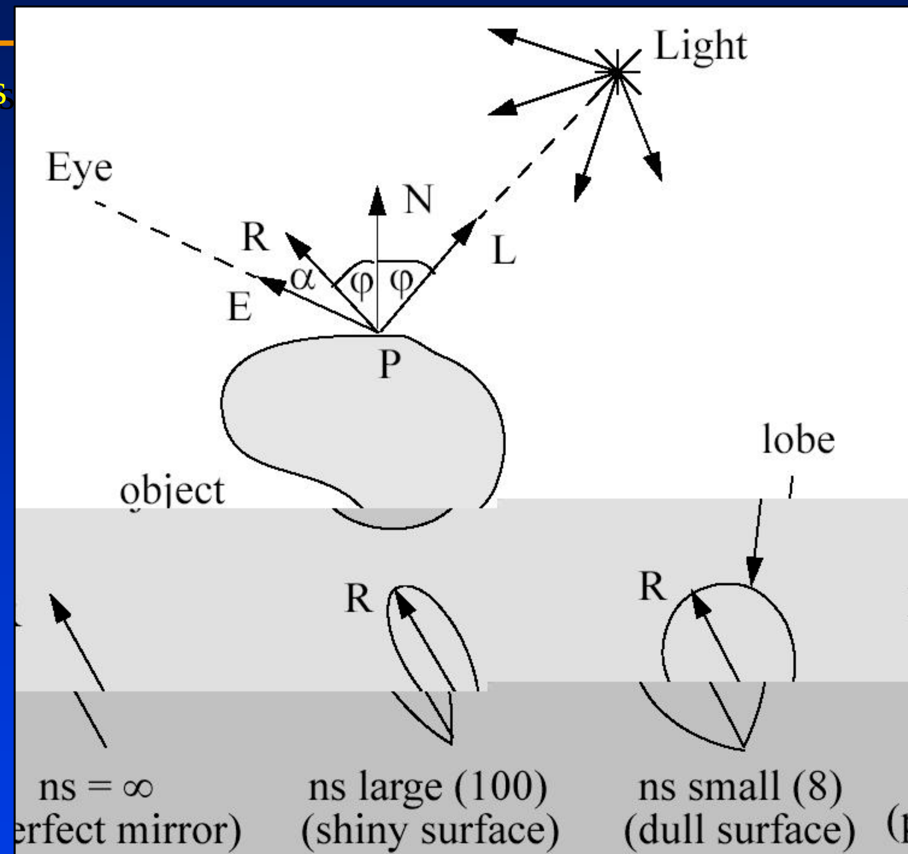
Specular only

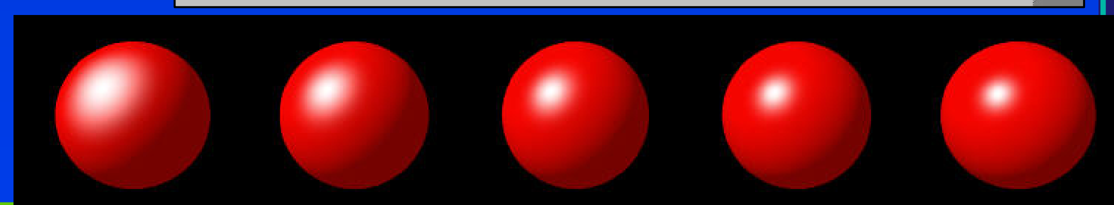
Specular Reflection

- Ideal specular reflector (perfect mirror) reflects light only along reflection vector R
- Non-ideal reflectors reflect light in a lobe centered about R
- Phong specular reflection model:

$$I_s = k_s\, I_L\, (\cos \alpha)^{ns} = k_s\, I_L\, (E \cdot R)^{ns}$$

- cos(α) models this lobe effect
- The width of the lobe is modeled by Phong exponent ns, it scales cos(α)
- I_L: intensity of light source
- L: light vector
- R: reflection vector = 2 N (N·L) - L
- E: eye vector = (Eye-P) / |Eye-P|
- α: angle between E and R
- ns: Phong exponent
- k_s: specular reflection coefficient





increasing *ns* value

Programming in Graphics

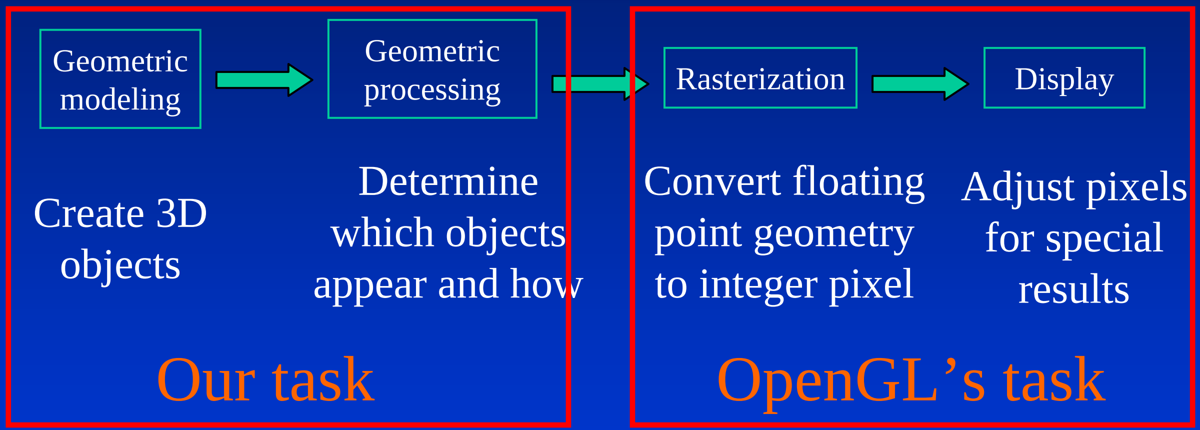
- Programming languages
  - C/C++, JAVA
- Graphics library -- a software interface to graphics hardware
  - Easy to use
  - Programs run efficiently
  - Hardware-independent
- Examples:
  - OpenGL
  - DirectX (Microsoft)
  - Java3D

OpenGL

- Contains a library of over 200 functions
- Portable
  - Implementations available for nearly all hardware and operating systems
- Portability → input or windowing are *not* included
  - Options for Windows: GLUT or MFC
  - GLUT = OpenGL Utility Toolkit
  - Implementations of GLUT exist for most computing environments
  - GLUT is portable
- Controlled by the OpenGL Architectural Review Board
  - SGI, IBM, NVIDIA, ATI, … -- some major players in CG
- www.opengl.org

Major Elements in OpenGL Programming

- Let us recall the rendering pipeline (which is shown earlier)



- Our focus now becomes: geometric modeling and processing
- Rasterization & display operations are mostly done for us by OpenGL (it also supports certain special rendering effects such as texture mapping and anti-aliasing)

Major Elements in OpenGL Programming

- Geometric primitives
  - Points, lines, polygons
  - Smooth curves and surfaces rendered in a discrete form
- Appearance
  - Color and material
  - Definition of geometric objects is separate from definition of appearance

OpenGL Commands: A Quick Look

- Just function calls:

  glColor3f(1.0, 1.0, 1.0);

  type suffix (if variable), can also end with “v”

  command name

  GL prefix

  Number of arguments (if variable)

- Same command, different arguments:

  glColor3b(255,255,255); -- same result

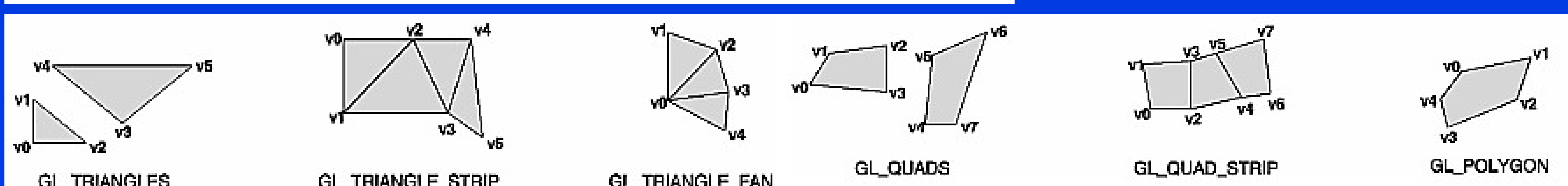
Draw Geometric Primitives

- **Example**

```
glBegin(mode);            ← Specify geometric primitivies

    glColor3f(1,0,0);     ← Specify appearance

    glVertex3f(0,1.5,-2); ← Specify vertices
    glVertex3f(0,0.8,0);
    ……

glEnd(void);              ← End OpenGL drawing
```

Geometric Primitives Names

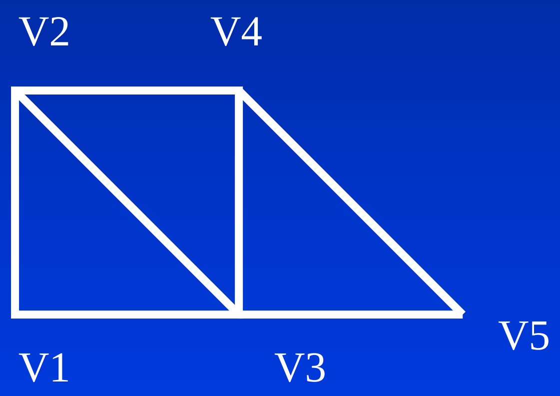
- GL_POINTS: individual points
- GL_LINES: pairs of vertices interpreted as individual line segments
- GL_LINE_STRIP: series of connected line segments
- GL_LINE_LOOP: similar to above, with a segment added between last and first vertices
- GL_TRIANGLES: triples of vertices interpreted as triangles.
- GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP: linked strip of triangles.
- GL_TRIANGLE_FAN: linked fan of triangles.
- GL_QUADS: quadruples of vertices interpreted as four-sided polygons
- GL_QUAD_STRIP: linked strip of quadrilaterals
- GL_POLYGON: boundary of simple, convex polygon



OpenGL Primitives

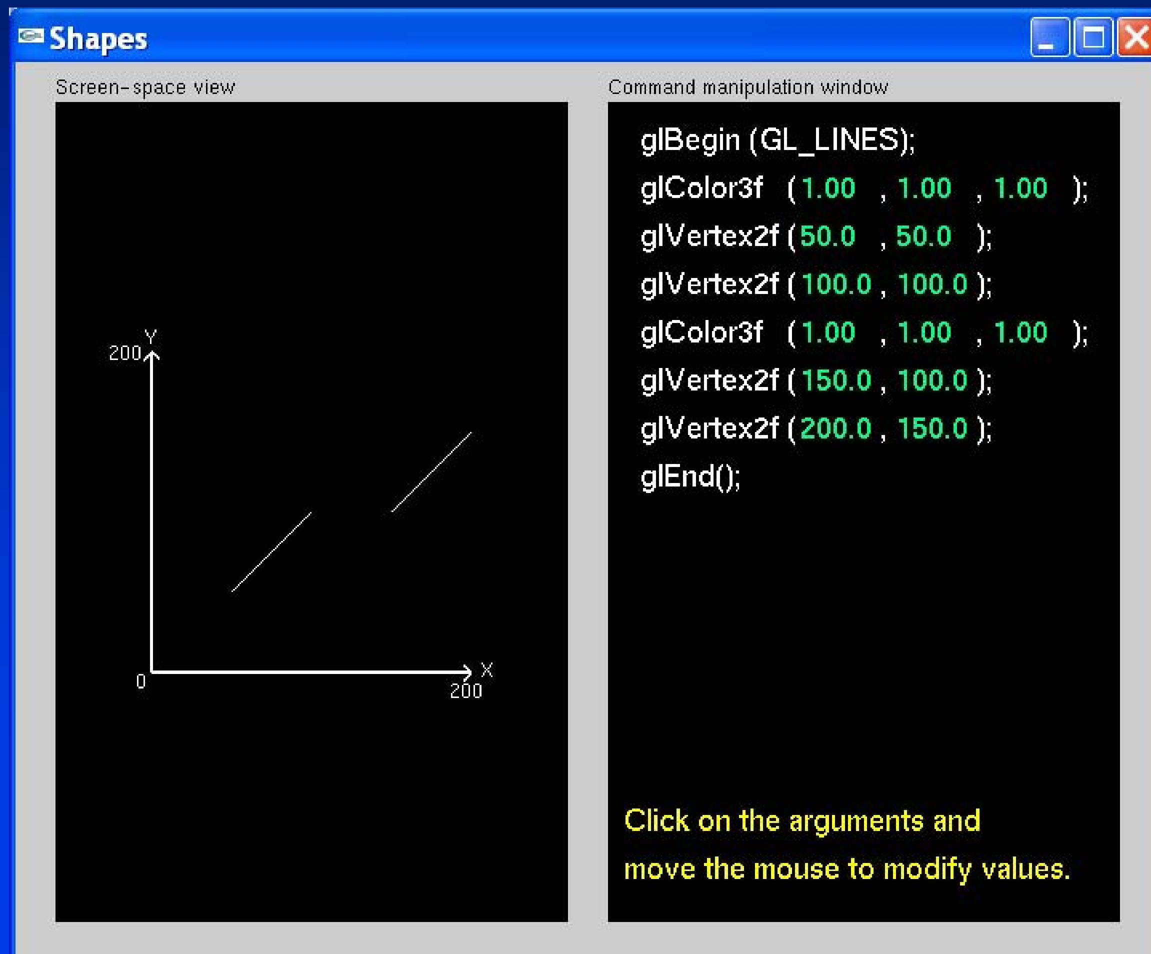
- **Example**

```
glBegin(GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP);
        glColor3f(1,1,1);  // color
        glVertex2f(0,0);   // v1
        glVertex2f(0,1);   // v2
        glVertex2f(1,0);   // v3
        glVertex2f(1,1);   // v4
        glVertex2f(2,0);   // v5
glEnd();
```



OpenGL Primitives

- Demo



OpenGL Geometric Processing

- Viewing: specify the view point (camera)
  - gluLookAt
- Modeling: place the models
  - glTranslate, glRotate
- Projection: set the lens
  - gluPerspective, gluOrtho2D
- Viewport: set the size of the photos
  - gluViewport

OpenGL Geometric Processing

- Place the camera
  - gluLookAt(eye_x, eye_y, eye_z, // view point

    cen_x, cen_y, cen_z, // center point

    up_x, up_y, up_z); // up vector

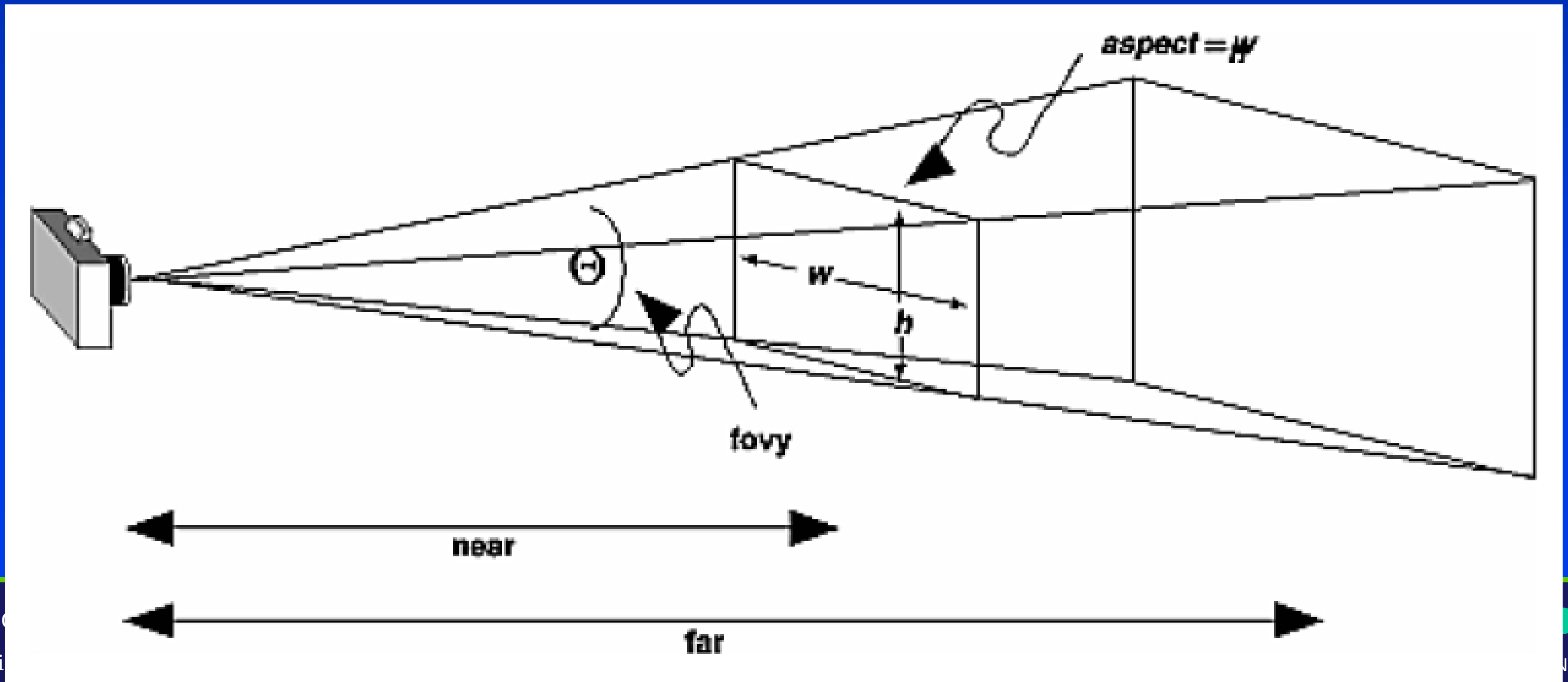
```
gluLookAt(eye_x, eye_y, eye_z,   // view point
          cen_x, cen_y, cen_z,   // center point
          up_x, up_y, up_z);     // up vector
```

OpenGL Geometric Processing

- Set the lens
  - gluPerspective (fovy, // view angle in degrees

    aspect, // aspect ratio of x (width) to y (height)

    zNear, zFar); // near and far clipping plane



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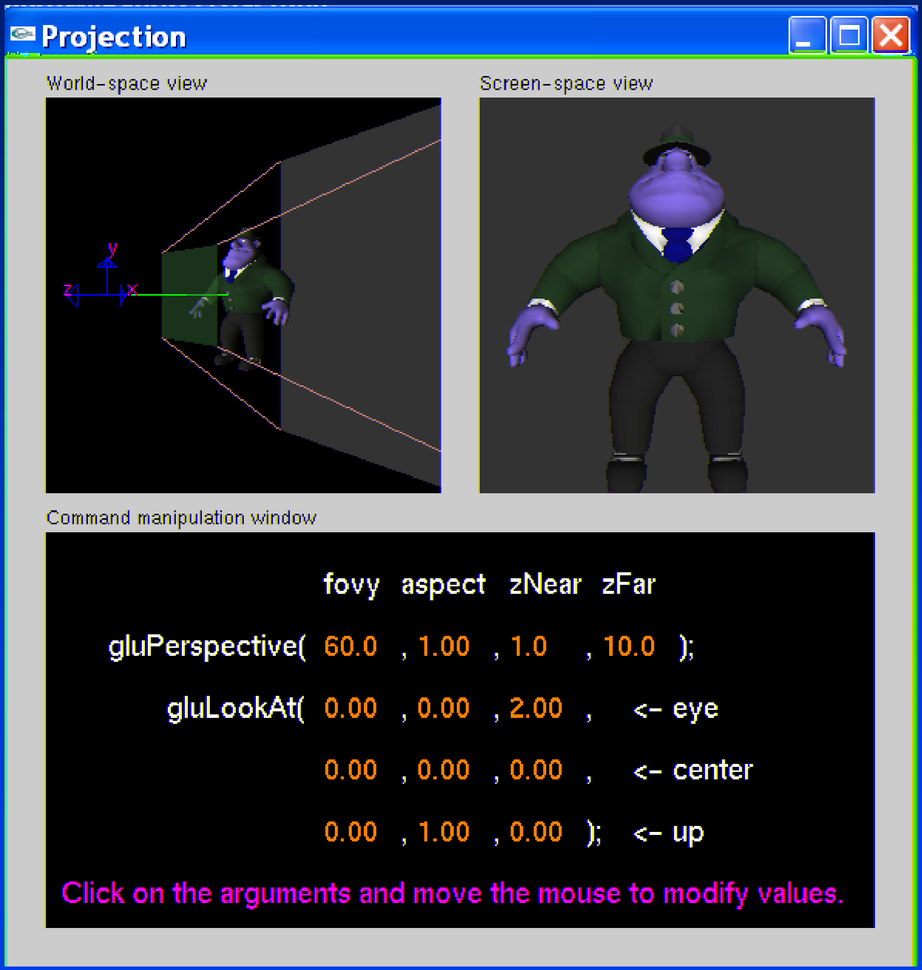
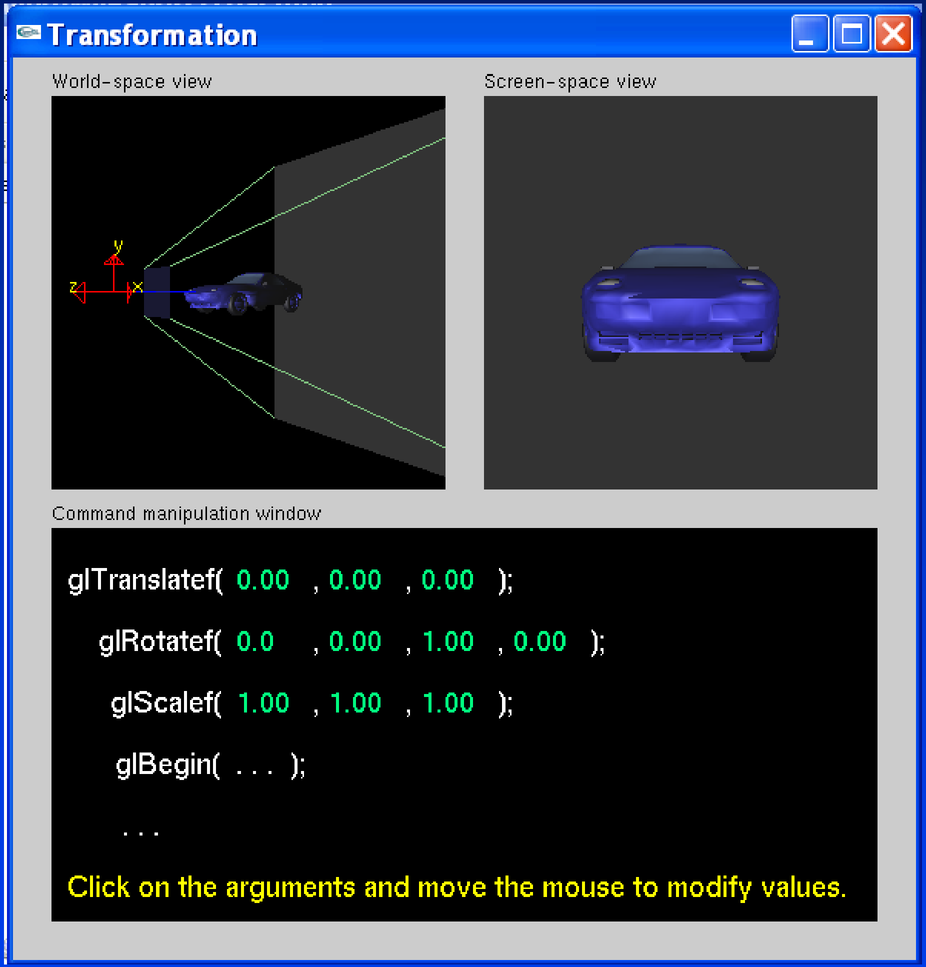
- Demo



OpenGL Geometric Processing

- Demo



OpenGL Reference Books

1. OpenGL Programming Guide, 4th Edition: The Official Guide to Learning OpenGL, Version 1.4, Addison-Wesley, 2004.
2. OpenGL Reference Manual, 4th Edition: The Official Reference Document to OpenGL, Version 1.4, Addison-Wesley, 2004.

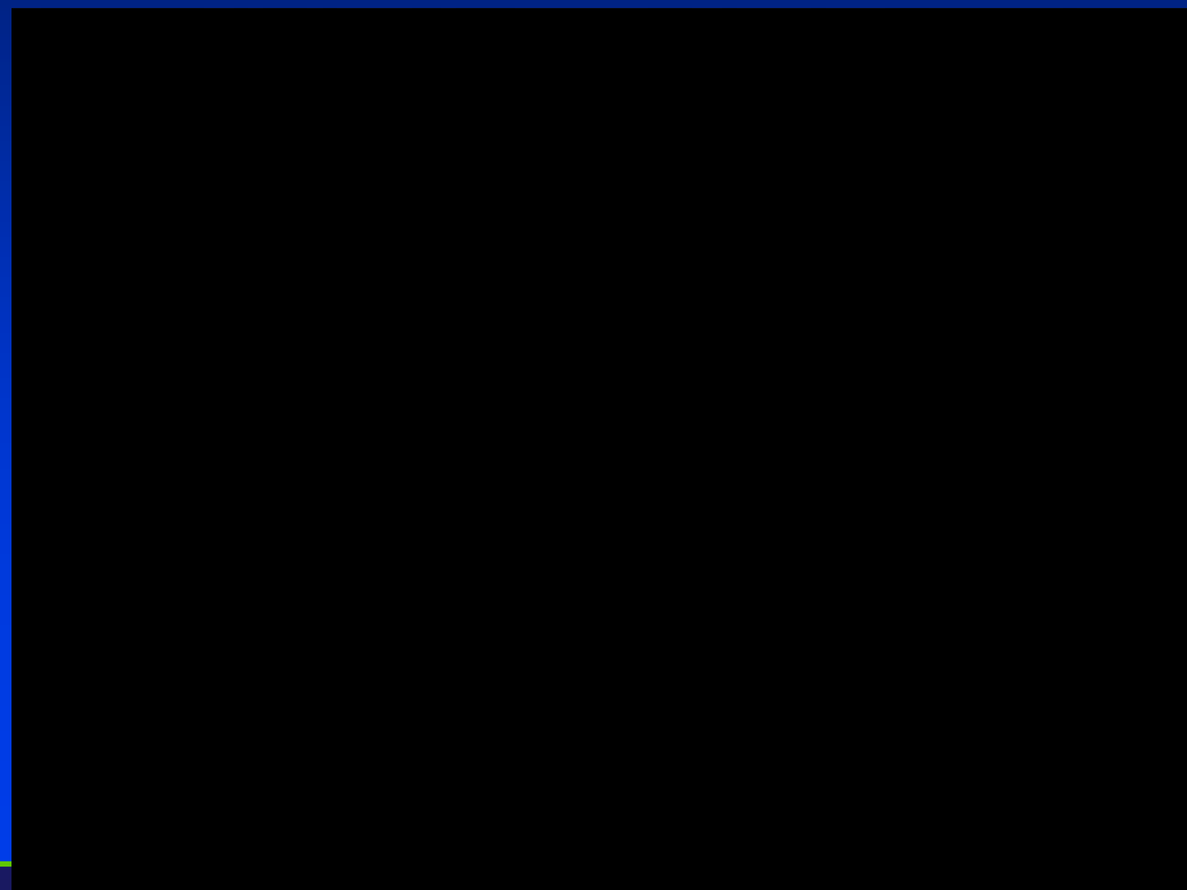
Advanced Topics

- Geometric Modeling & Processing
  - Editing & deformation
    - Interactive
    - Intuitive
    - Natural
  - Variety of tools
    - Boolean
  - User interface
    - 2D sketch
  - Other topics
    - Reconstruction
    - Parameterization
    - ….

Courtesy of Microsoft Research Asia

Advanced Topics

- Computer Animation & Simulation
  - Solving PDEs
  - Speed vs. accuracy
  - Physics/semi-physics
  - Numerical stability
  - Solid
    - Linear: fast, distortion
    - Nonlinear: slow, accurate
  - Fracture
    - Connectivity
    - Topology
  - Fluid



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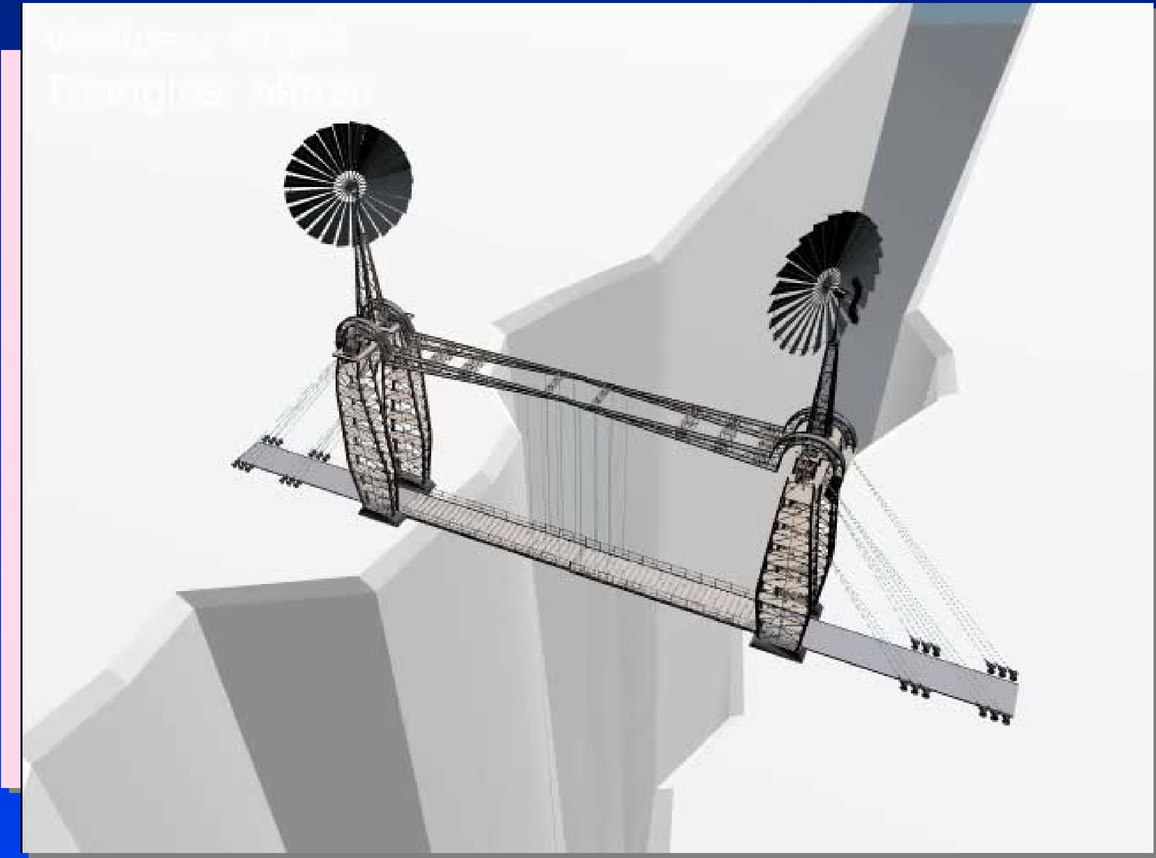
Advanced Topics

- Human-Computer Interaction, Virtual Reality
  - Dynamic manipulation
  - Computational power
  - Low-end devices



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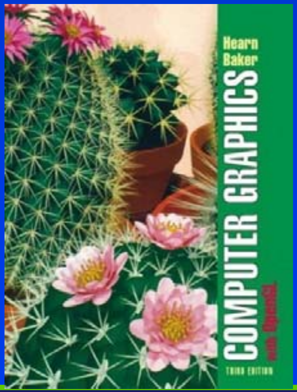
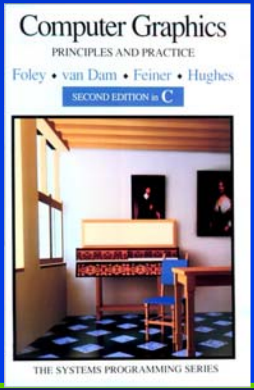
Other Advanced Topics

- Programmable graphics hardware
- Visualization
- Medical Imaging
- Non-photorealistic rendering
- Image-based rendering
- ....
- Each topic can be a course of its own!!!

Graphics Textbooks

- If you want to study computer graphics seriously:
- *Computer Graphics with OpenGL*, 3rd Edition, Donald Hearn and M. Pauline Baker, Prentice Hall, 2004.
- *Computer Graphics: Principles and Practice*, 2nd edition, Foley, van Dam, Feiner, and Hughes, Addison-Wesley Professional, 1995
- Many other textbooks and/or reference books are available in bookstores….





Presentation Outline

- Modern Approach for Computer Graphics

What Are Our Ultimate Goals?

- A large variety of datasets (acquired via scanning devices, super-computer simulation, mathematical descriptions, etc.)
- A pipeline of data processing that consists of data modeling (reconstruction), representation, manipulation (rigid transformation or deformation), classification (segmentation), feature extraction, simulation, analysis, visual display, conversion, storage, etc.
- Visual information processing

What Are Our Ultimate Goals?

- Datasets that are huge, multi-dimensional, time-evolving, unstructured, multi-attributes (geometric info. + material distributions), scattered (both temporal and spatial)…
- We are investigating mathematical tools and computational techniques for data modeling, reconstruction, manipulation, simulation, analysis, and display

Challenges

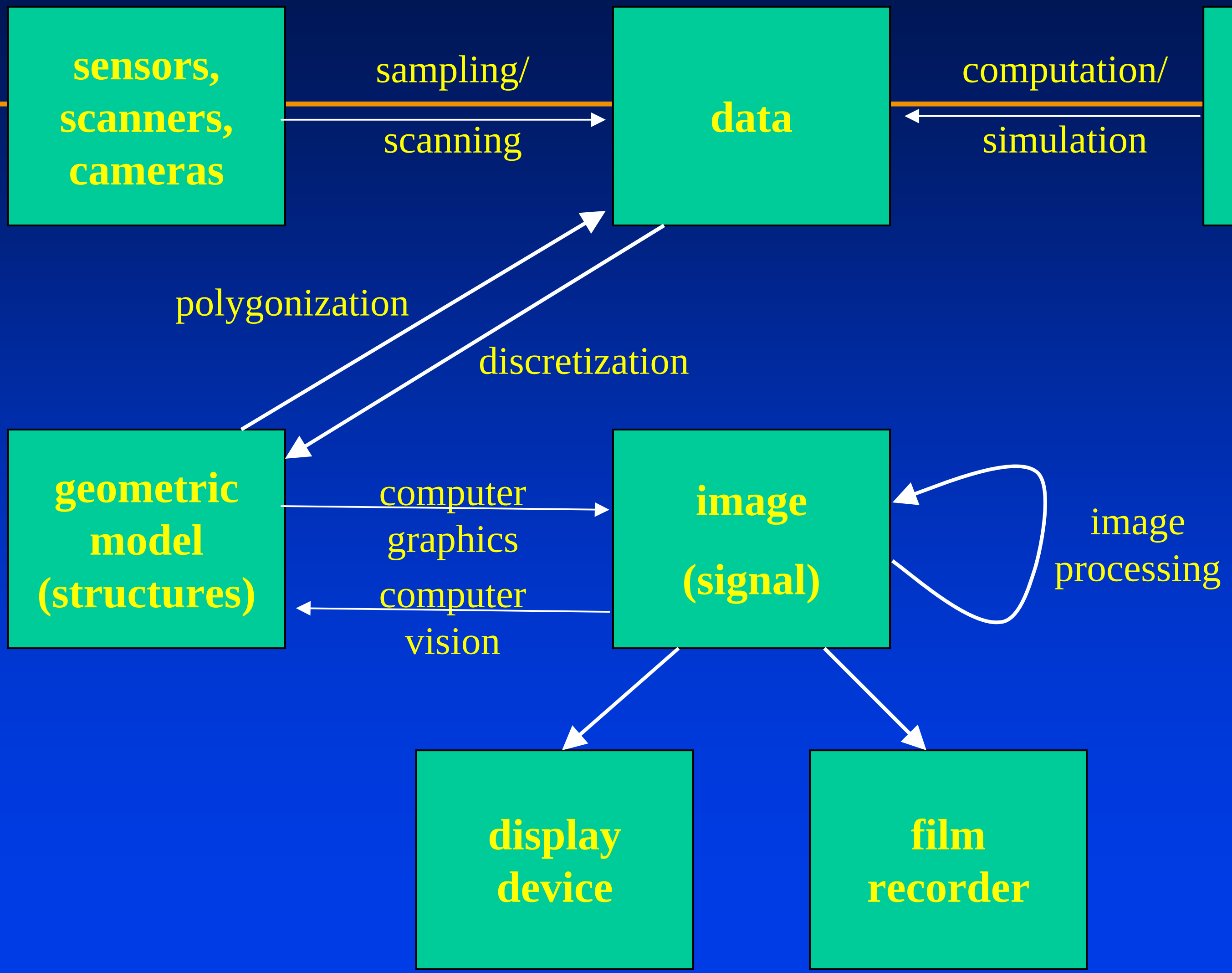
- TOO MUCH data
- The number of data sources keeps increasing
- Sensor quality and resolution are increasing
- Existing instruments are still available
- The speed of supercomputer is faster than ever
- We must do something (besides collecting and storing the datasets)
- We must deal with the huge datasets effectively
- Visual communication, improve our visual interaction with data

Challenges

- Data-driving, scientific computing to steer calculations
- Real-time interaction with computer and data experimentation
- Drive and gain insight into the scientific discovery process

Related Fields

- Computer graphics (image synthesis)
  - Generate images from complex multivariate datasets
- Image processing, signal processing
- Image understanding (pattern recognition)
  - Interpret image data
- Computational vision
- Human-computer interaction
  - Mechanisms to communicate, use, perceive visual information
- Computer-aided design
- Neurological/physiological studies on human brain and our visual system



sensors, scanners, cameras
sampling/
scanning
data
computation/
simulation
super-computers
polygonization
discretization
geometric model (structures)
computer graphics
computer vision
image (signal)
image processing
display device
film recorder

Computer Graphics Pipeline

- Data acquisition and representation
- Modeling data and their (time-varying) behaviors (e.g., physical experiments or computational simulations)
- Graphics system for data rendering
- Image-based techniques

Data Sources

- Scanned, computed, modeled data
- The first process is data-gathering
- Large variety of data sources
- Extremely large-scale datasets

Data Acquisition and Processing

- Pixels and voxels
- Regular & irregular grids
- Numerical simulations
- Surface or volumetric data
- Scalar, vector, tensor data with multiple attributes
- Higher-dimensional and/or time-varying data
- Popular techniques
  - Contouring, iso-surfaces, triangulation, marching cubes, slicing, segmentation, volume rendering, reconstruction
- Image-based processing techniques
  - Sampling, filtering, anti-aliasing, image analysis and manipulation

Information Domain

- Sciences (e.g., statistics, physics)
- Engineering (e.g., empirical observations for quality control)
- Social events (e.g., population census)
- Economic activities (e.g., stock trading)
- Medicine (e.g., computed tomograph (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), X-rays, ultrasound, various imaging modalities)
- Geology

Information Domain

- Biology (e.g., electronic microscopes, DNA sequences, molecular models, drug design)
- Computer-based simulations (e.g., computational fluid dynamics, differential equation solver, finite element analysis)
- Satellite data (e.g., earth resource, military intelligence, weather and atmospheric data)
- Spacecraft data (e.g., planetary data)
- Radio telescope, atmospheric radar, ocean sonar, etc.
- Instrumental devices recording geophysical and seismic activities (e.g., earthquake)

Graphics and Visualization

- Data acquisition, representation, and modeling
- Imaging processing
- Visualization (displaying) methods and algorithms
- More advanced research topics

Pathway to Success

- Highly-motivated
- Hard-working
- Start as soon as possible
- Communicate with the instructor on a regular basis
- Actively interact with your fellow students
- Visit university libraries frequently
- Read as many papers as possible

Computer Graphics

- "The purpose of scientific computing is insight, not numbers," by Richard Hamming many years ago
- These fields are all within computer science and engineering, yet computer graphics spans multi-disciplines
- Computer Graphics (another definition)
  - Application of computers to the disciplines of sciences/engineering

Computer Graphics

- Computer Graphics is application-driven, so what are its applications?

Applications

- Simulation and training: flight, driving
- Scientific visualization: weather, natural phenomena, physical process, chemical reaction, nuclear process
- Science: Mathematics, physics (differential equations) biology (molecular dynamics, structural biology)
- Environments sciences
- Engineering (computational fluid dynamics)
- Computer-aided design/manufacturing (CAD/CAM): architecture, mechanical part, electrical design (VLSI)

Applications

- Art and Entertainment, animation, commercial advertising, movies, games, and video
- Education, and graphical presentation
- Medicine: 3D medical imaging and analysis
- Financial world
- Law
- WWW: graphical design and e-commerce
- Communications, interface, interaction
- Military
- Others: geographic information system, graphical user interfaces, image and geometric databases, virtual reality, etc.

Key Components

- Modeling: representation choices of different models
- Rendering: simulating light and shadow, camera control, visibility, discretization of models
- HCI (human-computer interface): specialized I/O devices, graphical user interfaces
- Animation: lifelike characters, natural phenomena, surrounding environments

Conclusions

- Bigger picture about Computer Graphics
  - Animation, computer-aided design, medical application, entertainment, and other applications relevant to Computer Graphics
  - Key components for undergraduates
  - Advanced topics for senior undergraduates, and graduate research
- Graphics rendering pipeline
  - Geometric modeling
  - Modeling/viewing transformation
  - Rasterization & Display
- Programming basics
  - OpenGL

Questions?

Thank You!

Primary Topics

- Overview, applications
- Basic components, history development
- Hardware, system architecture, raster-scan graphics
- Line drawing, scan conversion
- 2D transformation and viewing
- 3D transformation and viewing
- Hierarchical modeling
- Interface
- Geometric models
- Color representations
- Hidden object removal
- Illumination models
- Advanced topics

A Very Good Textbook for General Issues in Computer Graphics

- Computer Graphics with OpenGL, 3rd Edition, Donald Hearn and M. Pauline Baker, Prentice Hall, 2004.