3D Polygon Rendering Pipeline

Jason Lawrence

CS 4810: Graphics

Acknowledgment: slides by Misha Kazhdan, Allison Klein, Tom Funkhouser, Adam Finkelstein and David Dobkin
Road Map for Next Lectures

• Leaving ray-tracing

• Moving on to polygon-based rendering
  o Rendering pipeline (today)
  o Clipping
  o Scan conversion & shading
  o Texture-mapping
  o Hidden-surface removal

• Polygon-based rendering is what happens on your PC (think NVIDIA, etc.)
3D Polygon Rendering

- Many applications use rendering of 3D polygons with direct illumination
3D Polygon Rendering

• Many applications use rendering of 3D polygons with direct illumination
3D Polygon Rendering

• Many applications use rendering of 3D polygons with direct illumination
Ray Casting Revisited

• For each sample …
  o Construct ray from eye position through view plane
  o Find first surface intersected by ray through pixel
  o Compute color of sample based on surface radiance

More efficient algorithms utilize spatial coherence!
3D Polygon Rendering

• Logical inverse of ray casting

• Idea: Instead of sending rays from the camera into the scene, send rays from the scene into the camera.
3D Polygon Rendering

• Ray casting: pick pixel and figure out what color it should be based on what object its ray hits

• Polygon rendering: pick polygon and figure out what pixels it should affect
3D Rendering Pipeline (direct illumination)

This is a pipelined sequence of operations to draw a 3D primitive into a 2D image.
3D Rendering Pipeline (direct illumination)

Transform from current (local) coordinate system into 3D world coordinate system
3D Rendering Pipeline (for direct illumination)

3D Geometric Primitives

Transform into 3D world coordinate system

Transform into 3D camera coordinate system

Modeling Transformation

Camera Transformation

Lighting

Projection Transformation

Clipping

Scan Conversion

Image
3D Rendering Pipeline (for direct illumination)

3D Geometric Primitives

Modeling Transformation

Transform into 3D world coordinate system

Camera Transformation

Transform into 3D camera coordinate system

Lighting

Illuminate according to lighting and reflectance

Projection Transformation

Clipping

Scan Conversion

Image
3D Rendering Pipeline (for direct illumination)

3D Geometric Primitives

Modeling Transformation

Camera Transformation

Lighting

Illuminate according to lighting and reflectance

Projection Transformation

Transform into 3D world coordinate system

Transform into 3D camera coordinate system

Clipping

Transform into 2D camera coordinate system

Scan Conversion

Image
3D Rendering Pipeline (for direct illumination)

3D Geometric Primitives

- **Modeling Transformation**: Transform into 3D world coordinate system.
- **Camera Transformation**: Transform into 3D camera coordinate system.
- **Lighting**: Illuminate according to lighting and reflectance.
- **Projection Transformation**: Transform into 2D camera coordinate system.
- **Clipping**: Clip (parts of) primitives outside camera’s view.
- **Scan Conversion**: 

Final output: Image
3D Rendering Pipeline (for direct illumination)

3D Geometric Primitives

Modeling Transformation

Transform into 3D world coordinate system

Camera Transformation

Transform into 3D camera coordinate system

Lighting

Illuminate according to lighting and reflectance

Projection Transformation

Transform into 2D camera coordinate system

Clipping

Clip (parts of) primitives outside camera’s view

Scan Conversion

Draw pixels (includes texturing, hidden surface, ...)

Image
Transformations

3D Geometric Primitives

- Model Transformation
- Camera Transformation
- Lighting
- Projection Transformation
- Clipping
- Scan Conversion

Transform into 3D world coordinate system

Transform into 3D camera coordinate system

Illuminate according to lighting and reflectance

Transform into 2D camera coordinate system

Clip primitives outside camera’s view

Draw pixels (includes texturing, hidden surface, etc.)
Transformations

\[ p(x,y,z) \]

\[ \rightarrow \]

3D Object Coordinates

Modeling Transformation

3D World Coordinates

Camera Transformation

3D Camera Coordinates

Projection Transformation

2D Screen Coordinates

Window-to-Viewport Transformation

2D Image Coordinates

\[ p'(x',y') \]

Transformations map points from one coordinate system to another

3D World Coordinates

3D Camera Coordinates

3D Object Coordinates

2D Screen Coordinates

2D Image Coordinates
Viewing Transformations

\[ p(x,y,z) \]

1. Modeling Transformation
   - 3D Object Coordinates
2. Camera Transformation
   - 3D World Coordinates
   - 3D Camera Coordinates
3. Projection Transformation
   - 2D Screen Coordinates
4. Window-to-Viewport Transformation
   - 2D Image Coordinates

\[ p'(x',y') \]
Viewing Transformation

- Mapping from world to camera coordinates
  - Eye position maps to origin
  - Right vector maps to X axis
  - Up vector maps to Y axis
  - Back vector maps to Z axis
Camera Coordinates

- Canonical coordinate system
  - Convention is right-handed (looking down -$z$ axis)
  - Convenient for projection, clipping, etc.
Finding the Viewing Transformation

• We have the camera (in world coordinates)

• We want $T$ taking objects from world to camera

\[ p^c = T \cdot p^w \]

• Trick: find $T^{-1}$ taking objects in camera to world

\[ p^w = T^{-1} p^c \]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  x' \\
  y' \\
  z' \\
  w'
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
  a & b & c & d \\
  e & f & g & h \\
  i & j & k & l \\
  m & n & o & p
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  z \\
  w
\end{bmatrix}
\]
Finding the Viewing Transformation

• Trick: map from camera coordinates to world
  • Origin maps to eye position
  • OZ axis maps to Back vector
  • OY axis maps to Up vector
  • OX axis maps to Right vector

\[
p^w = T^{-1}p^c
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
x' \\
y' \\
z' \\
w'
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
R_x & U_x & B_x & E_x \\
R_y & U_y & B_y & E_y \\
R_z & U_z & B_z & E_z \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x \\
y \\
z \\
w
\end{bmatrix}
\]

• This matrix is \( T^{-1} \) so we invert it to get \( T \) … easy!
Finding the Viewing Transformation

• Trick: map from camera coordinates to world
  o Remember, with homogeneous coordinates, we divide through by $w$ values…
  o So if we know actual point in 3D, $w = 1$
  o Easy to find code to invert a matrix

$$p^w = T^{-1} p^c$$

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
x'

y'

z'

1
\end{bmatrix}
= 
\begin{bmatrix}
R_x & U_x & B_x & E_x \\
R_y & U_y & B_y & E_y \\
R_z & U_z & B_z & E_z \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x
y
z
1
\end{bmatrix}
\]

• This matrix is $T^{-1}$ so we invert it to get $T$ ... easy!
Viewing Transformations

\[ p(x,y,z) \]

1. **Modeling Transformation**
   - 3D Object Coordinates

2. **Camera Transformation**
   - 3D World Coordinates
   - 3D Camera Coordinates

3. **Projection Transformation**
   - 2D Screen Coordinates

4. **Window-to-Viewport Transformation**
   - 2D Image Coordinates

\[ p'(x',y') \]
Projection

• General definition:
  o A linear transformation of points in $n$-space to $m$-space ($m<n$)

• In computer graphics:
  o Map 3D camera coordinates to 2D screen coordinates
Taxonomy of Projections

Planar geometric projections

Parallel

Orthographic
- Top (plan)
- Front elevation
- Side elevation

Axonometric

Oblique
- Cabinet
- Cavalier

One-point
- Two-point
- Three-point

Perspective

Other

FvDFH Figure 6.13
Projection

- Two general classes of projections, both of which shoot rays from the scene, through the view plane:
  - Parallel Projection:
    » Rays converge at a point at infinity and are parallel
  - Perspective “Projection”:
    » Rays converge at a finite point, giving rise to perspective distortion
Taxonomy of Projections

Planar geometric projections

Parallel

Orthographic
- Top (plan)
- Front elevation

Axonometric
- Side elevation

Oblique
- Cabinet
- Cavalier

Perspective
- One-point
- Two-point
- Three-point

Other
Parallel Projection

- Center of projection is at infinity
  - Direction of projection (DOP) same for all points

Angel Figure 5.4
Parallel Projection

- Parallel lines remain parallel
- Relative proportions of objects preserved
- Angles are not preserved
- Less realistic looking
  
  Far away objects don’t get smaller
Taxonomy of Projections

Planar geometric projections

Parallel

Orthographic
- Top (plan)
- Front elevation
- Side elevation

Axonometric
- Isometric
- Other

Oblique
- Cabinet
- Cavalier
- Other

Perspective
- One-point
- Two-point
- Three-point

FvDFH Figure 6.13
Orthographic Projections

- DOP perpendicular to view plane
Orthographic Projections

- DOP perpendicular to view plane

- Lines perpendicular to the view plane vanish
- Faces parallel to the view plane are un-distorted.
Taxonomy of Projections

Planar geometric projections

Parallel

Orthographic

Oblique

Front elevation

Axonometric

Cabinet

Cavalier

Perspective

One-point

Three-point

Two-point

Top (plan)

Side elevation

Isometric

Other

FvDFH Figure 6.13
Oblique Projections

• DOP not perpendicular to view plane

Cavalier
(DOP $\alpha = 45^\circ$)

- $\phi$ describes the angle of the projection of the view plane’s normal
- $L$ represents the scale factor applied to the view plane’s normal

Cabinet
(DOP $\alpha = 63.4^\circ$)

H&B Figure 12.21
Parallel Projection Matrix

- General parallel projection transformation:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  x_p \\
  y_p
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  1 & 0 & L \cos \phi \\
  0 & 1 & L \sin \phi
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  z
\end{bmatrix}
\]

H&B Figure 12.21
Parallel Projection View Volume

H&B Figure 12.30
Taxonomy of Projections

Planar geometric projections

Parallel

Orthographic
- Top (plan)
- Front elevation
- Side elevation

Axonometric
- Isometric

Oblique
- Cabinet
- Cavalier

One-point
- Two-point
- Three-point

Perspective

Other

FVFHP Figure 6.10
Perspective "Projection"

- Map points onto "view plane" along "projectors" emanating from "center of projection" (COP)
Perspective Projection

- How many vanishing points?

Number of vanishing points determined by number of axes parallel to the view plane

Angel Figure 5.10
Perspective Projection

- Perspective “projection” is not really a projection because it is not a linear map from 3D to 2D.
  - Parallel lines do not remain parallel!
Perspective Projection View Volume
Perspective Projection

• What are the coordinates of the point resulting from projection of \((x_0, y_0, z_0)\) onto the view plane at a distance of \(D\) along the z-axis?
Perspective Projection

- Use the fact that for any point \((x_0, y_0, z_0)\) and any scalar \(\alpha\), the points \((x_0, y_0, z_0)\) and \((\alpha x_0, \alpha y_0, \alpha z_0)\) map to the same location:
Perspective Projection

• Use the fact that for any point \((x_0, y_0, z_0)\) and any scalar \(\alpha\), the points \((x_0, y_0, z_0)\) and \((\alpha x_0, \alpha y_0, \alpha z_0)\) map to the same location.

• Since we want the position of the point on the line that intersect the image plane at a distance of \(D\) along the z-axis:

\[
(x_0, y_0, z_0) \rightarrow \left( x_0 \frac{D}{z_0}, y_0 \frac{D}{z_0}, D \right)
\]
Perspective Projection Matrix

- 4x4 matrix representation?

\[
\begin{align*}
x_s &= x_c \frac{D}{z_c} \\
y_s &= y_c \frac{D}{z_c} \\
z_s &= D \\
w_s &= 1
\end{align*}
\]
Perspective Projection Matrix

- 4x4 matrix representation?

\[
\begin{align*}
x_s &= x_c \frac{D}{z_c} \\
y_s &= y_c \frac{D}{z_c} \\
z_s &= D \\
w_s &= 1
\end{align*}
\]

We want to divide by the \( z \) coordinate. How do we do that with a 4x4 matrix?
Perspective Projection Matrix

- 4x4 matrix representation?

\[
\begin{align*}
x_s &= x_c \frac{D}{z_c} \\
y_s &= y_c \frac{D}{z_c} \\
z_s &= D \\
w_s &= 1
\end{align*}
\]

We want to divide by the z coordinate. How do we do that with a 4x4 matrix?

Recall that in homogenous coordinates:
\((x, y, z, w) = (x/w, y/w, z/w, 1)\)
Perspective Projection Matrix

- 4x4 matrix representation?

\[
\begin{align*}
    x_s &= x_c \frac{D}{z_c} \\
    y_s &= y_c \frac{D}{z_c} \\
    z_s &= D \\
    w_s &= 1
\end{align*}
\]

We want to divide by the \(z\) coordinate. How do we do that with a 4x4 matrix?

Recall that in homogenous coordinates:

\[
(x, y, z, w) = (x/w, y/w, z/w, 1)
\]
Perspective Projection Matrix

• 4x4 matrix representation?

\[
\begin{align*}
x_s &= x_c D / z_c \\
y_s &= y_c D / z_c \\
z_s &= D \\
w_s &= 1
\end{align*}
\]

We want to divide by the z coordinate. How do we do that with a 4x4 matrix?

Recall that in homogenous coordinates:

\[
(x, y, z, w) = (x/w, y/w, z/w, 1)
\]

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{x_c D}{z_c} , \frac{y_c D}{z_c} , D , 1
\end{pmatrix}
\]

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
x_c \\
y_c \\
z_c \\
w_s
\end{pmatrix}
= \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1/D & 0
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
x_c \\
y_c \\
z_c \\
w_s
\end{pmatrix}
\]
Perspective vs. Parallel

• Perspective projection
  + Size varies inversely with distance - looks realistic
  – Distance and angles are not preserved
  – Only parallel lines that are parallel to the view plane remain parallel

• Parallel projection
  + Good for exact measurements
  + Parallel lines remain parallel
  + Angles are preserved on faces parallel to the view plane
  – Less realistic looking