

Graphics Programming I – Assignment #1 (Lit cube scene)

Part 1 due on 01/29/2009

In this assignment, you will implement a simple scene containing several lit, animated cubes. This assignment is divided into three parts. The required elements for the second and third parts will be distributed later.

The first part requires only a single cube rotating in the scene. The majority of this is already implemented in the base code. A few key routines and class methods need to be implemented.

- Implement the missing `cross`, `dot4`, `dot3`, `magnitude`, `normalize`, addition operator, and subtraction operator methods of the `vec4` class. Put this code in a new file called `matrix.cpp`.
- Implement this missing `transpose`, `translate`, `scale`, `rotate`, `look_at`, `perspective`, addition operator, and multiplication operator methods of the `mat4` class. Put this code in a new file called `matrix.cpp`.
- Use these methods to finish the code in `Redisplay`. A single modeling and a single viewing matrix need to be created. The matrices need to be combined to form the final model-view matrix, `mv`.

Part 2 due on 02/05/2009

The second part requires several additions. Instead of a single cube, five cubes must be rendered. The cubes will start stacked in a column. Each cube will rotate around the edge with a positive X value that it shares with the cube below it. The should look like an arm bending. Each cube will repeatedly rotate from 0 to 45 degrees and back. At full rotation the top cube will be at the same level as the base cube. The five cubes will (roughly) form an arch.

Implement simple view frustum culling.

- Calculate a bounding sphere for each box. Transform the center of the bounding sphere by the model-view matrix.
- Calculate the plane equations for the camera-space view volume.
- Using the method described in the lecture notes to determine whether or not a sphere is inside the view volume.
- Do not render cubes associated with spheres that are outside the view volume.
- To test this, perform culling for a view volume that is much smaller than camera's actual view volume. Using have the actual field-of-view is a good choice.

Part 3 due on 02/12/2009

The third and final part of the assignment is to add lighting to the scene.

- Supply per-vertex normals
 - Modify `fill_in_cube_data` to generate per-vertex normals.
 - Create a new `attribute` in the vertex shader called `normal` and pass the per-vertex normals in through this attribute.
 - In addition to passing in the model-view-projection matrix, pass the upper 3x3 portion of the model matrix. Call this new matrix `normal_transform` in the vertex shader.
 - Transform the vertex normal by `normal_transform`. Question to think about: what “space” is the transformed normal in?
- Modify the vertex shader to perform per-vertex lighting.
 - Supply the position of a point light to the vertex shader in a uniform called `light_pos`. The point light should orbit the cubes around the (world-space) Z-axis. The point light should be 8 units from the origin.

- Supply the direction of a directional light to the vertex shader in a uniform called `light_dir`.
- Calculate the diffuse and specular lighting contributions for the point light.
- Calculate the diffuse and specular lighting contributions for the directional light.
- Combine the lighting from both lights with the vertex color. Pass the resulting color to the fragment shader in a varying called `color`.

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unacceptable
Completion	Program correctly implements all required elements in a manner that is readily apparent when the program is executed. User interface is complete and responsive to input. Program documents user interface functionality.	Program implements all required elements, but some elements may not function correctly. User interface is complete and responsive to input.	Program implements most required elements. Some of the implemented elements may not function correctly. User interface is complete and responsive to input.	Many required elements are missing. User interface is incomplete or is not responsive to input.
Correctness	Program executes without errors. Program handles all special cases. Program contains error checking code.	Program executes without errors. Program handles most special cases.	Program executes without errors. Program handles some special cases.	Program does not execute due to errors. Little or no error checking code included.
Efficiency	Program uses solution that is easy to understand and maintain. Programmer has analysed many alternate solutions and has chosen the most efficient. Programmer has included the reasons for the solution chosen.	Program uses an efficient and easy to follow solution (i.e., no confusing tricks). Programmer has considered alternate solution and has chosen the most efficient.	Program uses a logical solution that is easy to follow, but it is not the most efficient. Programmer has considered alternate solutions.	Program uses a difficult and inefficient solution. Programmer has not considered alternate solutions.
Presentation & Organization	Program code is formatted in a consistent manner. Variables, functions, and data structures are named in a logical, consistent manner. Use of white space improves code readability.	Program code is formatted in mostly consistent with occasional inconsistencies. Variables, functions, and data structures are named in a logical, mostly consistent manner. Use of white space neither helps or hurts code readability.	Program code is formatted with multiple styles. Variables, functions, and data structures are named in a logical but inconsistent manner. Use of white space neither helps or hurts code readability.	Program code is formatted in an inconsistent manner. Variables, functions, and data structures are poorly named. Use of white space hurts code readability.
Documentation	Code clearly and effectively documented including descriptions of all global variables and all non-obvious local variables. The specific purpose of each data type is noted. The specific purpose of each function is noted, as are the input requirements and output results.	Code documented including descriptions of most global variables and most non-obvious local variables. The specific purpose of each data type is noted. The specific purpose of each function is noted, as are the input requirements and output results.	Code documented including descriptions of the most important global variables and the most important local variables. The specific purpose of each data type is noted. The specific purpose of each function is noted.	No useful documentation exists.

This rubric is based loosely on the “Rubric for the Assessment of Computer Programming” used by Queens University (<http://educ.queensu.ca/compsci/assessment/Bauman.html>).