

Computer Graphics Seminar

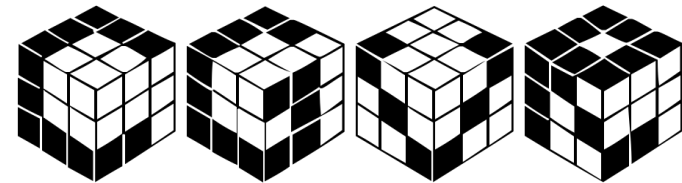
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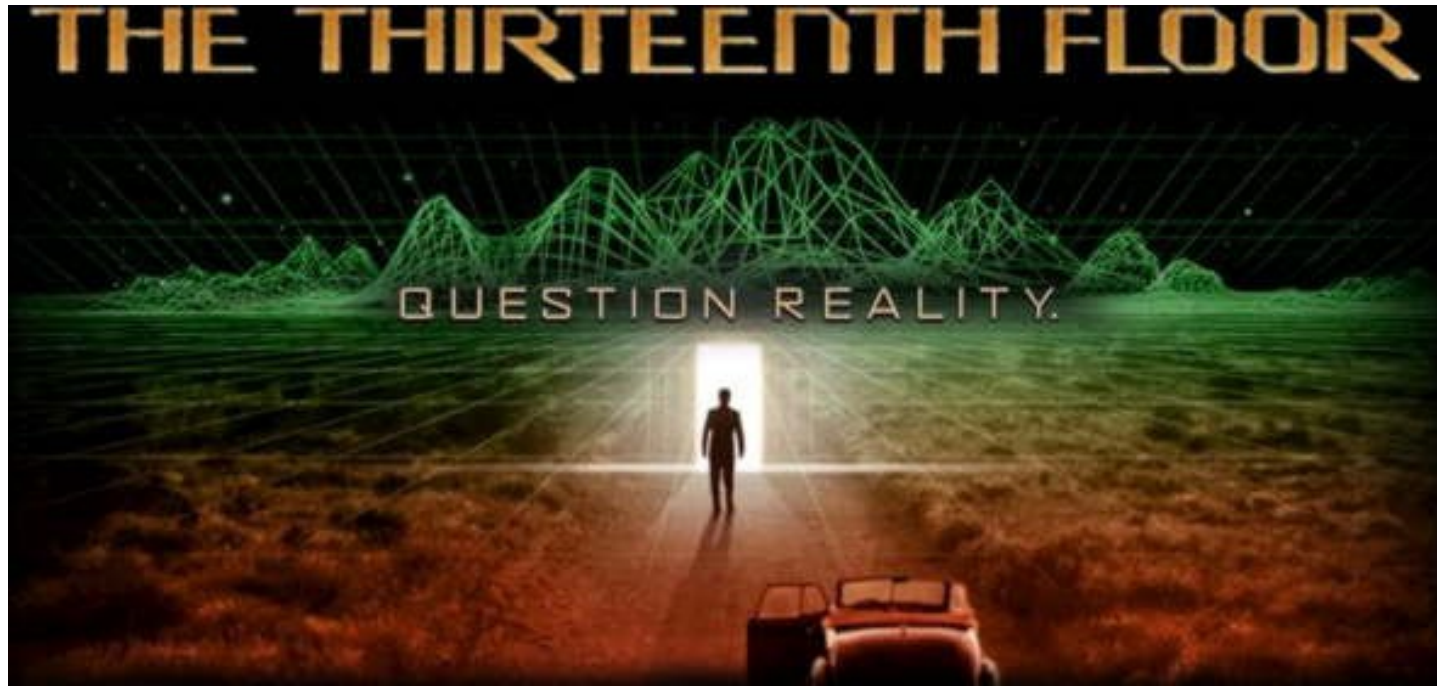


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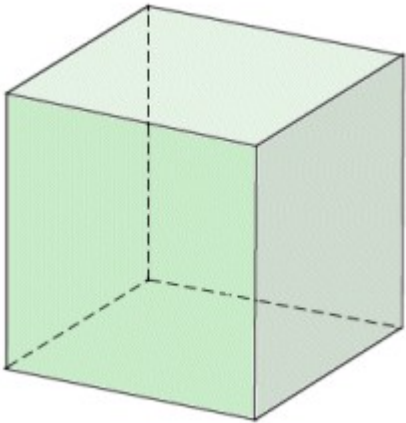
Computer Graphics

- Graphical illusion via the computer
- Displaying something meaningful (incl art)

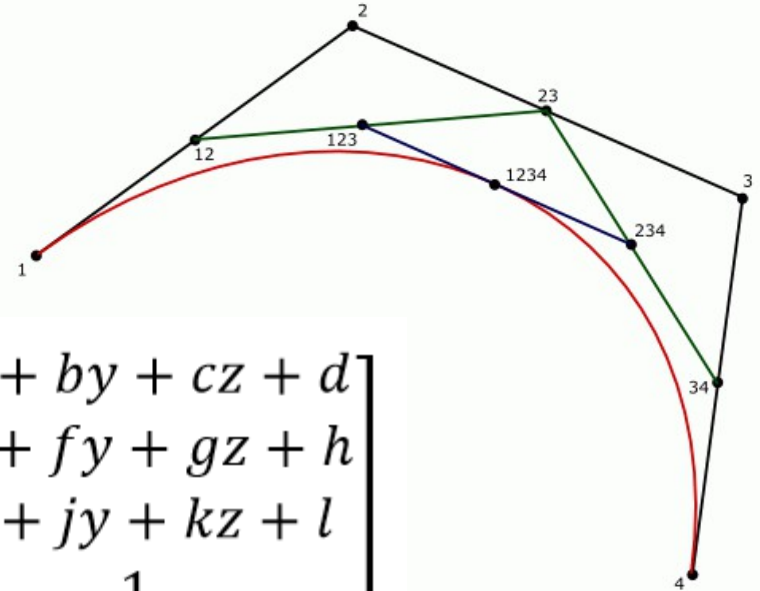


Math

- Computers are good at... computing.
- To do computer graphics, we need math for the computer to compute.
- Geometry, algebra, calculus.

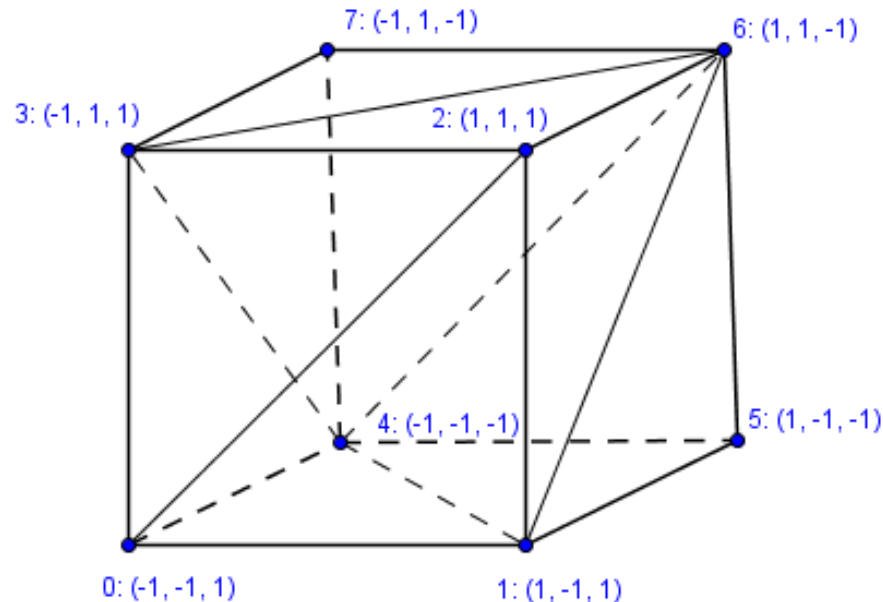


$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by + cz + d \\ ex + fy + gz + h \\ ix + jy + kz + l \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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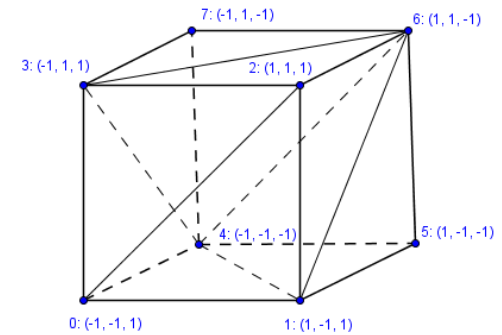
- For creating and manipulating 3D objects we use:
 - **Analytic geometry** – math about coordinate systems
 - **Linear algebra** – math about vectors and spaces



Skills for Computer Graphics

- Mathematical understanding
$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix}$$

- Geometrical (spatial) thinking



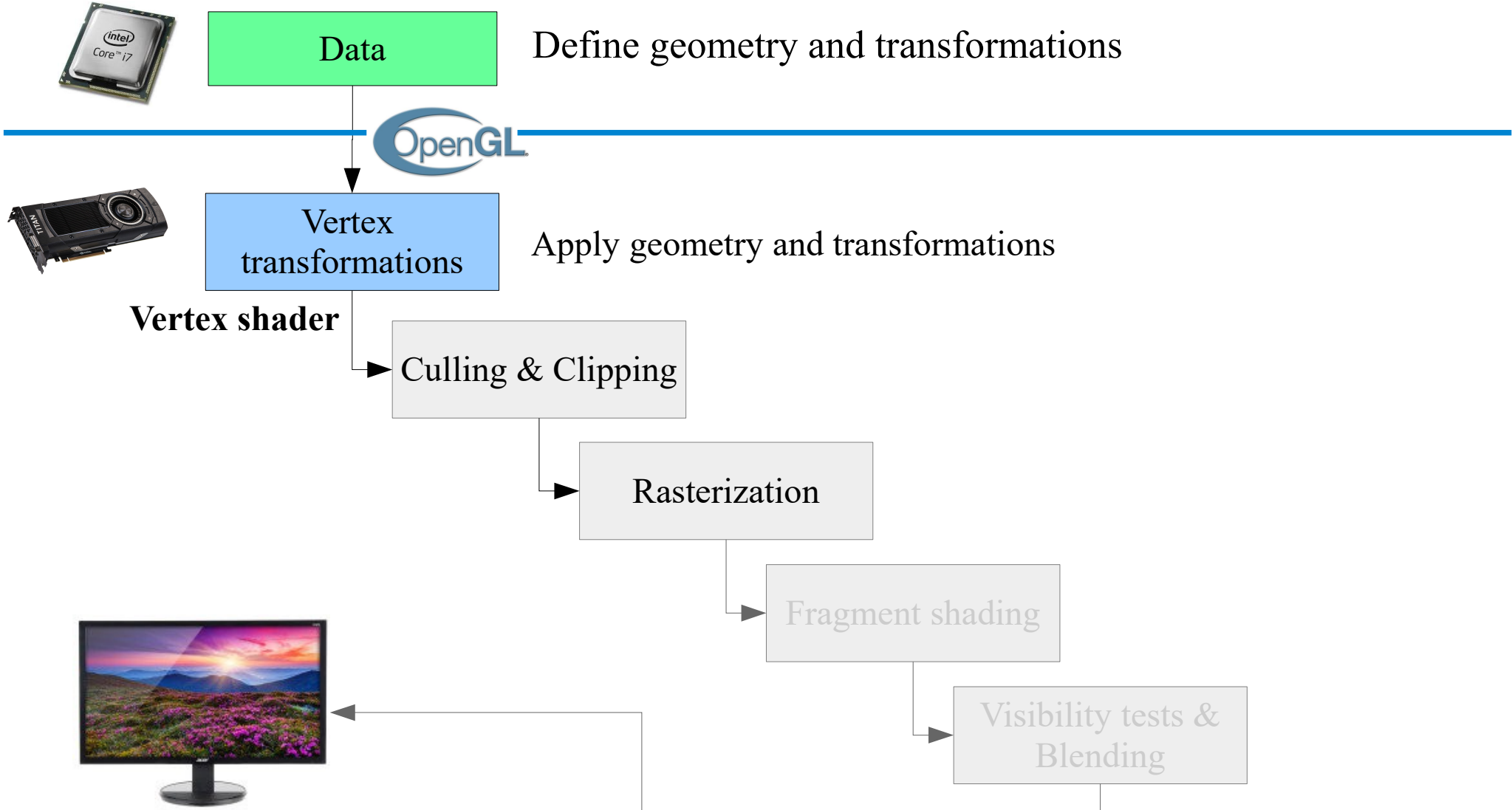
- Programming

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GLuint vaoHandle;  
glGenVertexArrays(1, &vaoHandle);  
glBindVertexArray(vaoHandle);
```

- Visual creativity & aesthetics



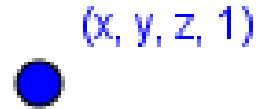
The Standard Graphics Pipeline



Point

- Simplest geometry primitive
- In homogeneous coordinates:

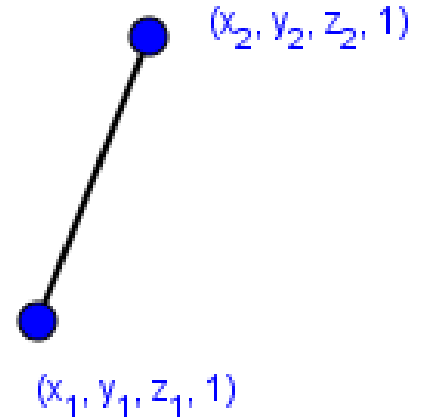
$$(x, y, z, w), w \neq 0$$



- Represents a point $(x/w, y/w, z/w)$
- Usually you can put **w = 1 for points**
- Actual division will be done by GPU later

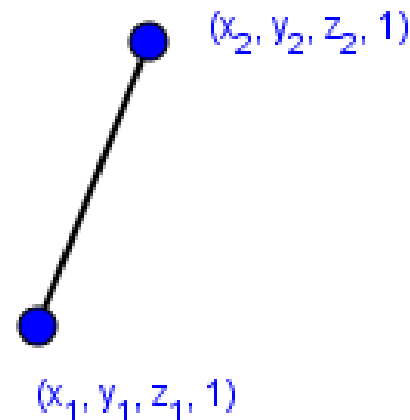
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 - 2 endpoints
 - *Infinite* number of points between
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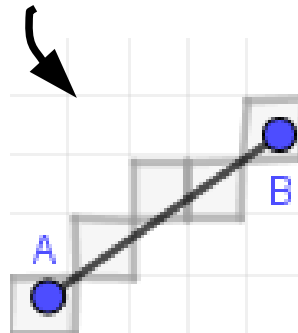
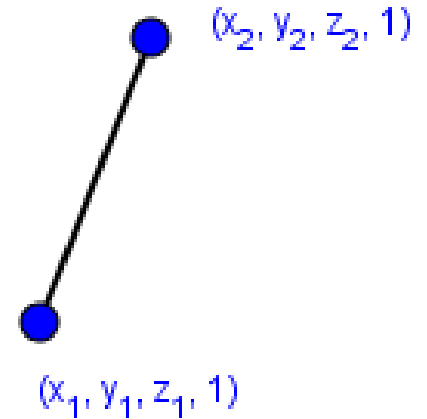
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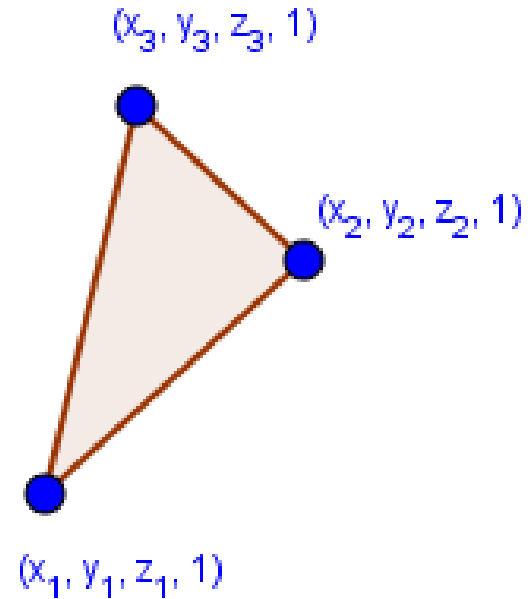
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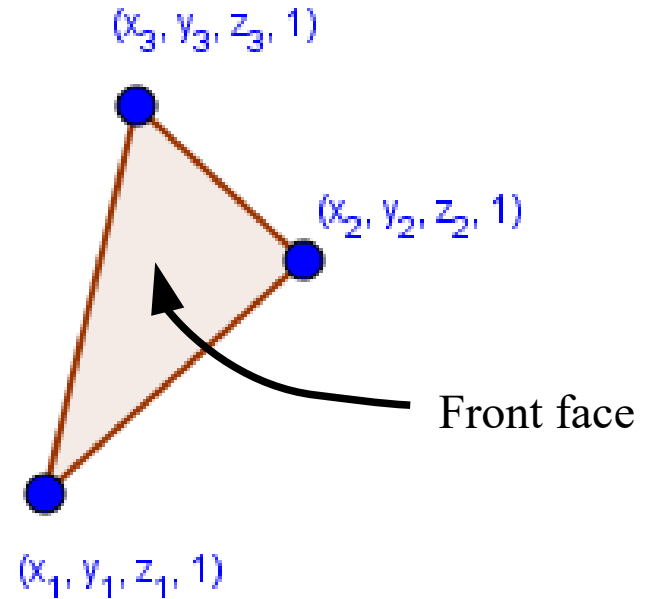
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 - 3 points called vertices
 - 3 lines called edges
 - 1 face
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- Counter-clockwise order defines the **front face**



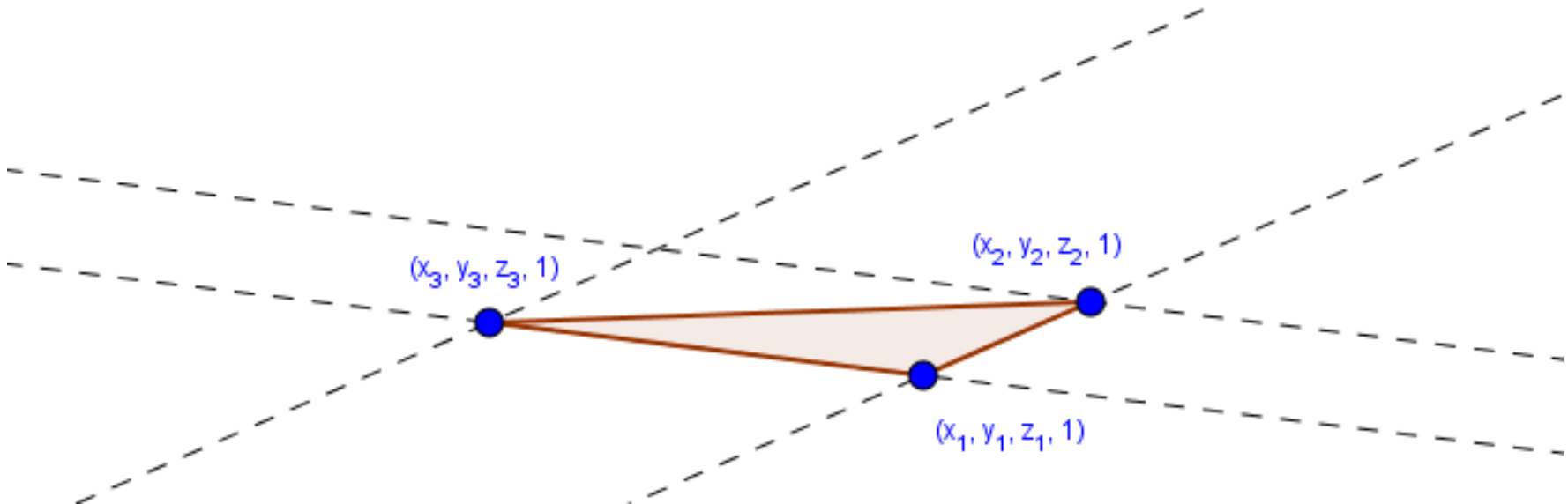
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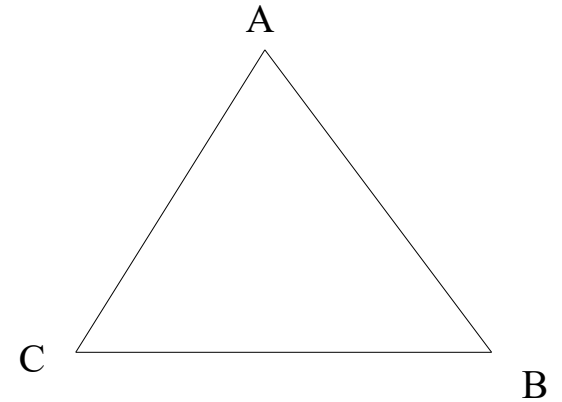
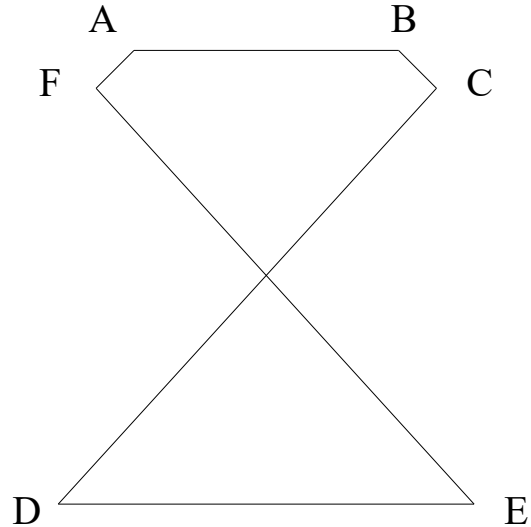
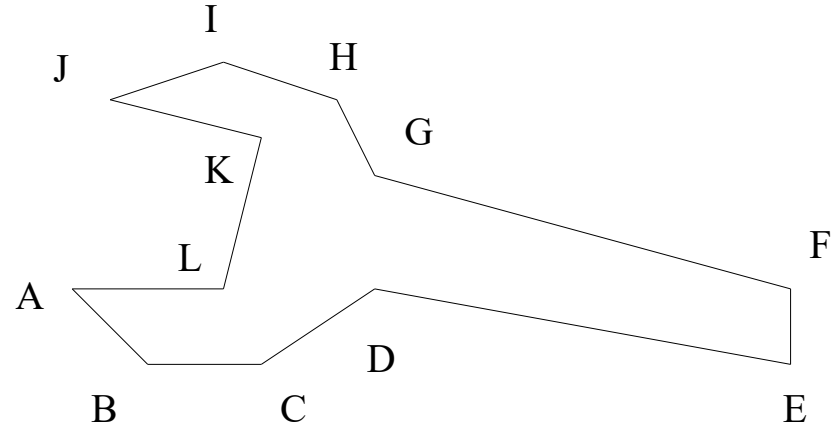
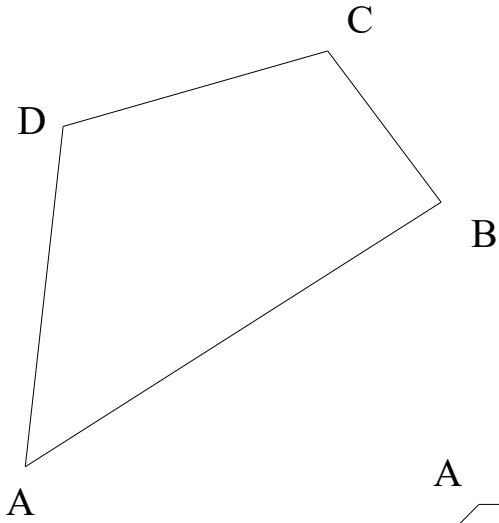
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- OpenGL used to support other polygons too
 - Must have been:
 - **Simple** – No edges intersect each other
 - **Convex** – All points between any two inner points are inner points

Examples of polygons



OpenGL < 3.1 primitives

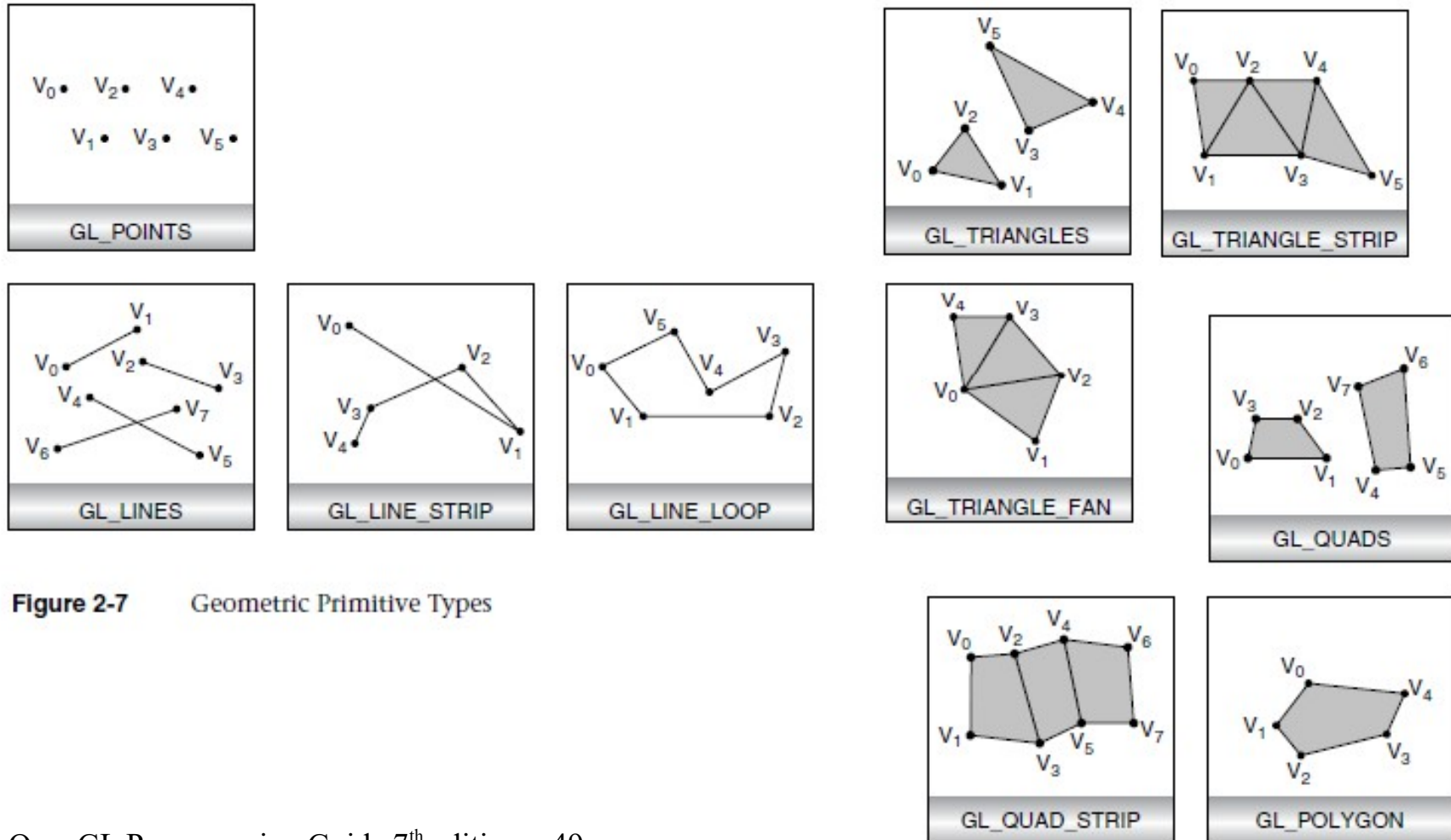


Figure 2-7 Geometric Primitive Types

After OpenGL 3.1

Table 3.1 OpenGL Primitive Mode Tokens

Primitive Type	OpenGL Token
Points	GL_POINTS
Lines	GL_LINES
Line Strips	GL_LINE_STRIP
Line Loops	GL_LINE_LOOP
Independent Triangles	GL_TRIANGLES
Triangle Strips	GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP
Triangle Fans	GL_TRIANGLE_FAN

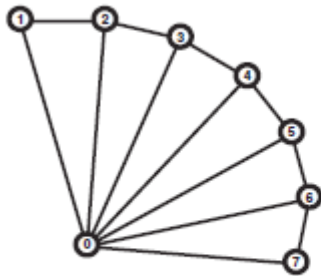


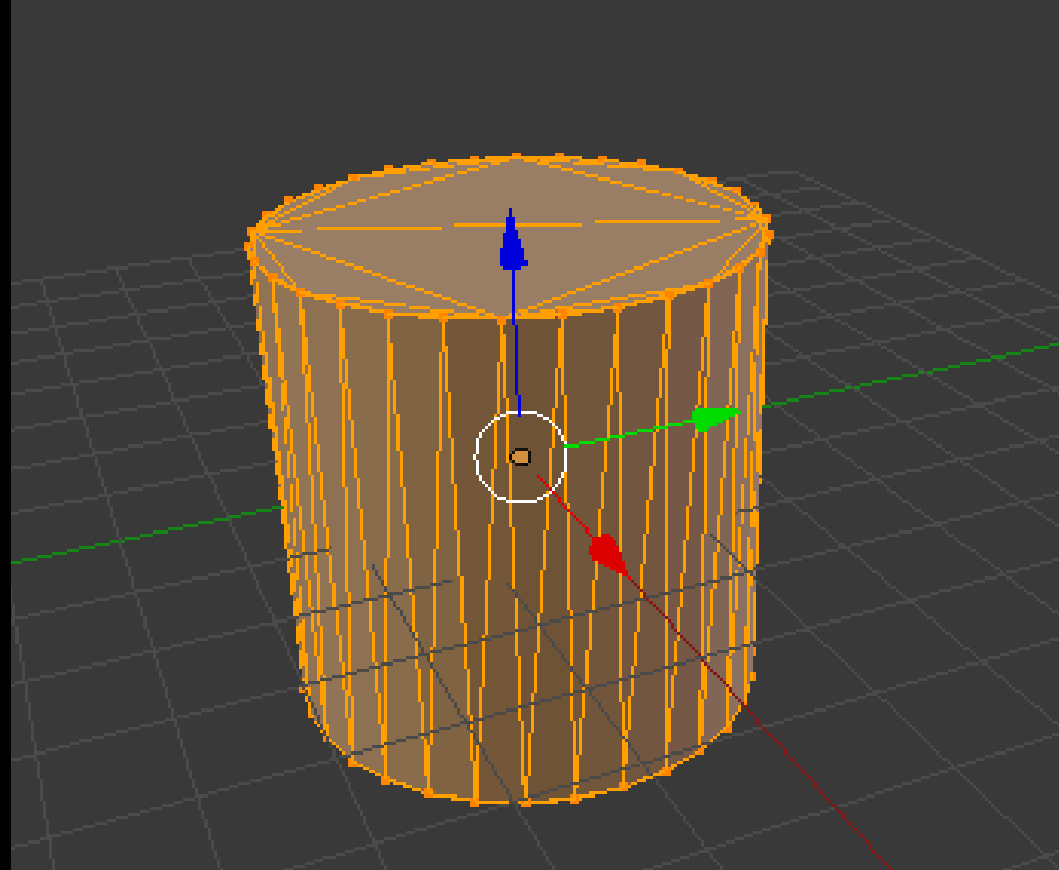
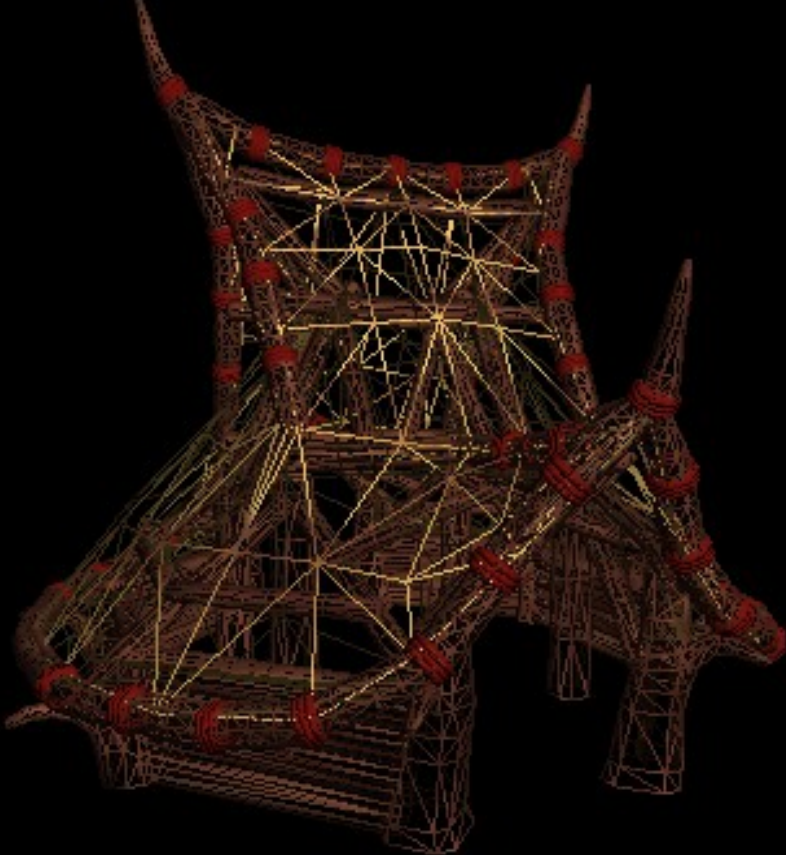
Figure 3.2 Vertex layout for a triangle fan



Figure 3.1 Vertex layout for a triangle strip

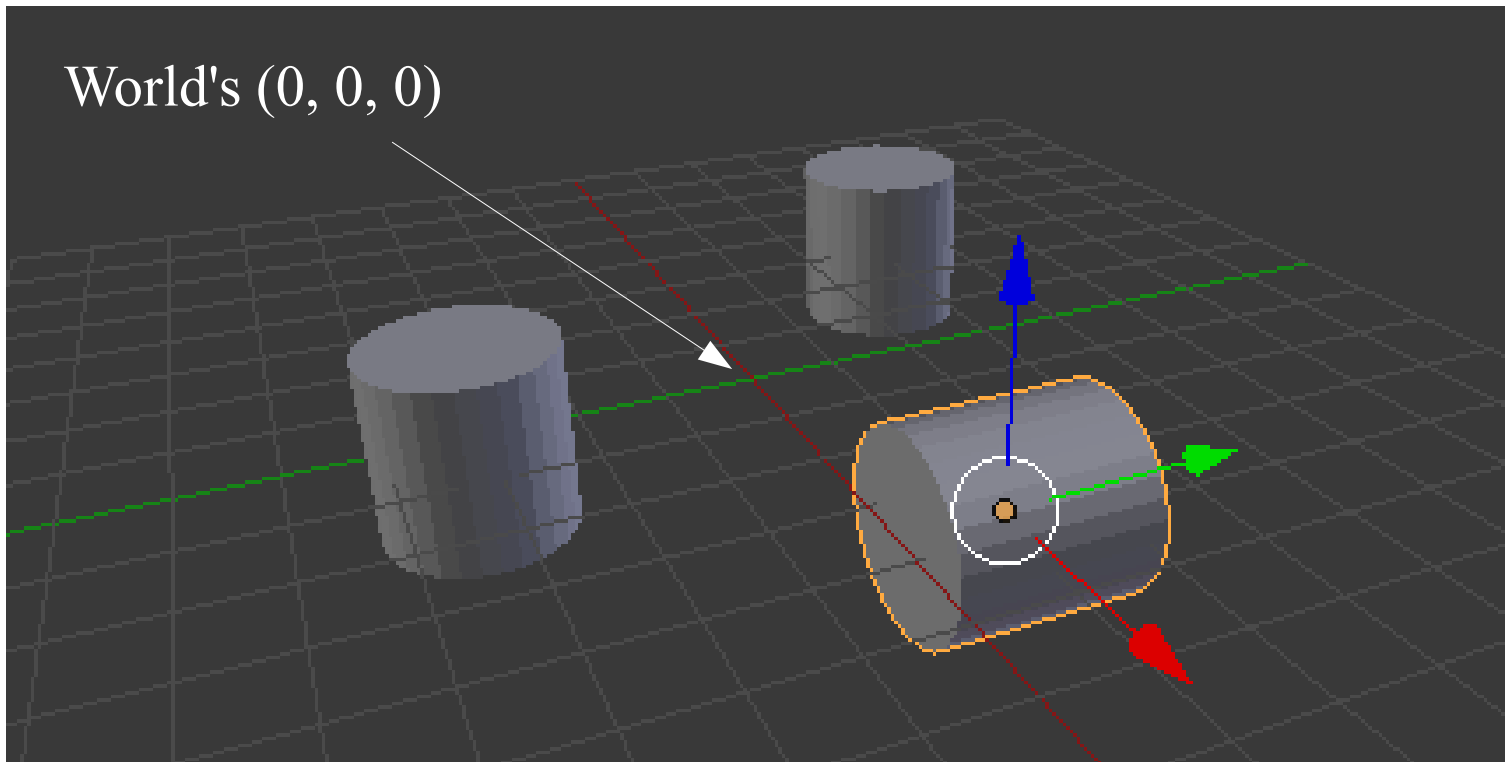
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- We can now define our geometric objects!
- We want to move our objects!



Transformations

- Linear transformations

- Scaling, reflection
- Rotation
- Shearing



- Affine transformations

- Translation (moving / shifting)



Homogeneous coordinates are needed here...

- Projection transformations

- Perspective
- Orthographic



...and for the perspective projection

Transformations

- Every transformation is a function
- As you have learned from algebra, **all linear functions can be represented as matrices**


$$f(v) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

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Column-major format

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Linear function, which increases the first coordinate two times.

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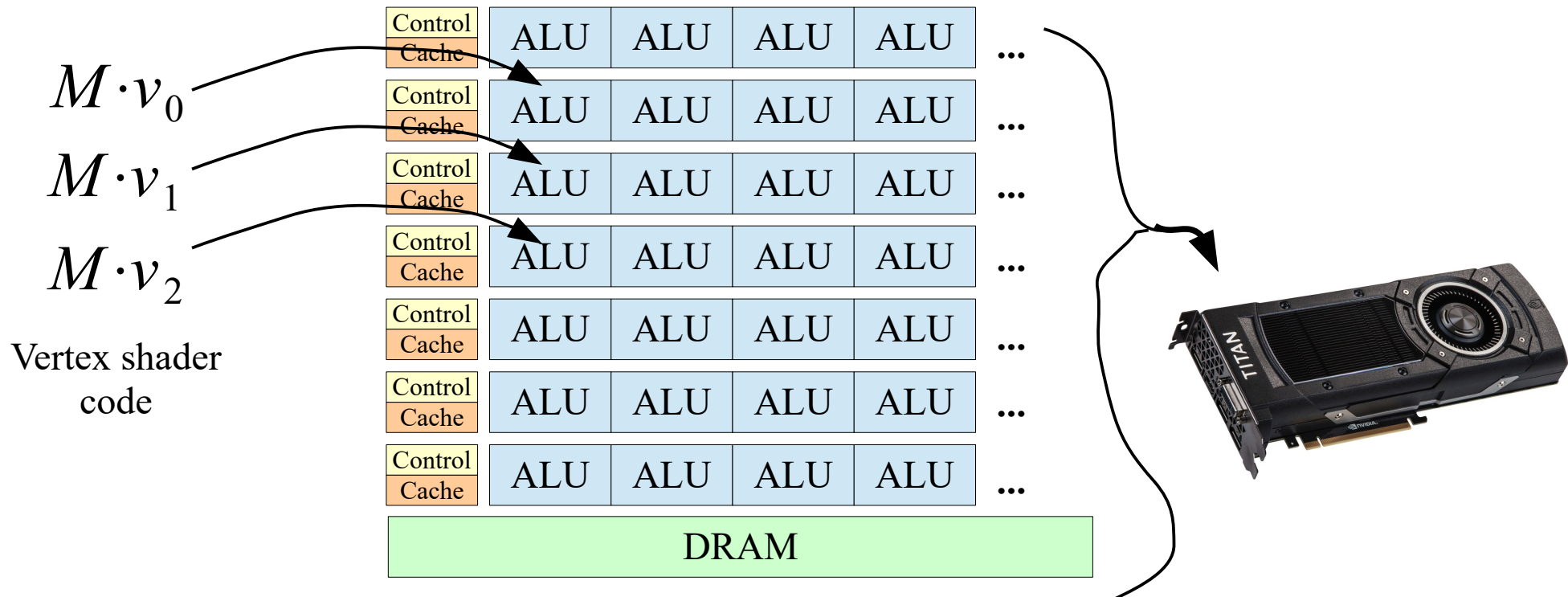
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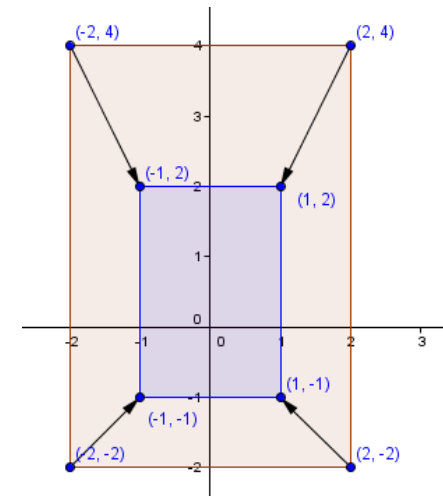
$$f(a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n) = a_1 f(x_1) + \dots + a_n f(x_n)$$

We will not use homogeneous coordinates at the moment, but they will be back...



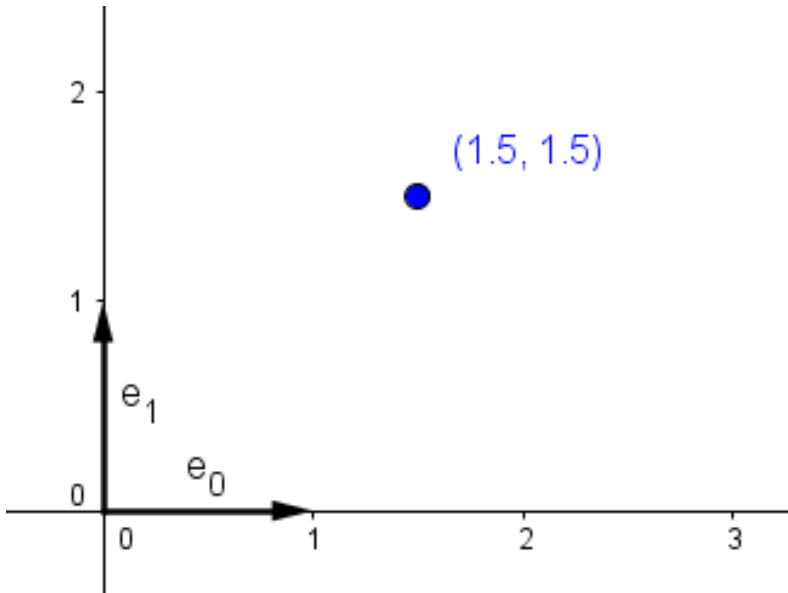
Linear Transformation

Scale

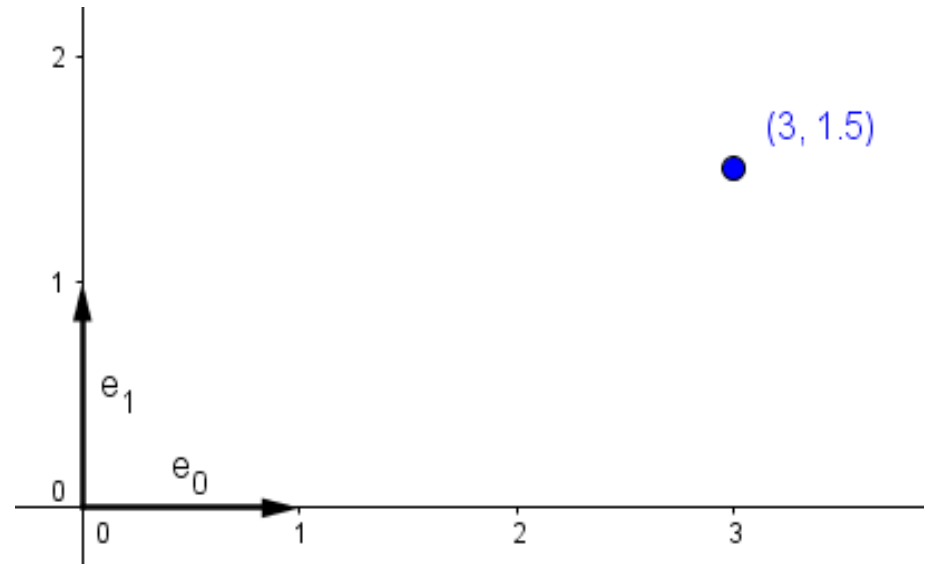


Scaling

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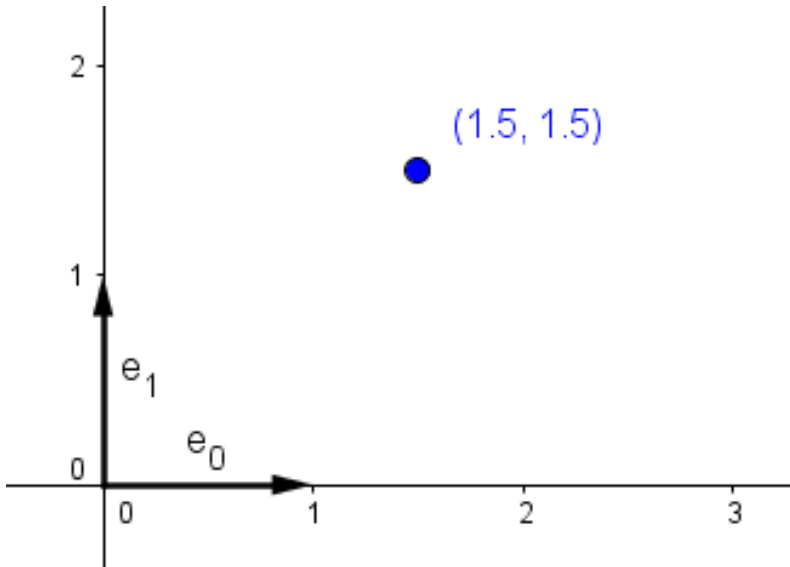
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$



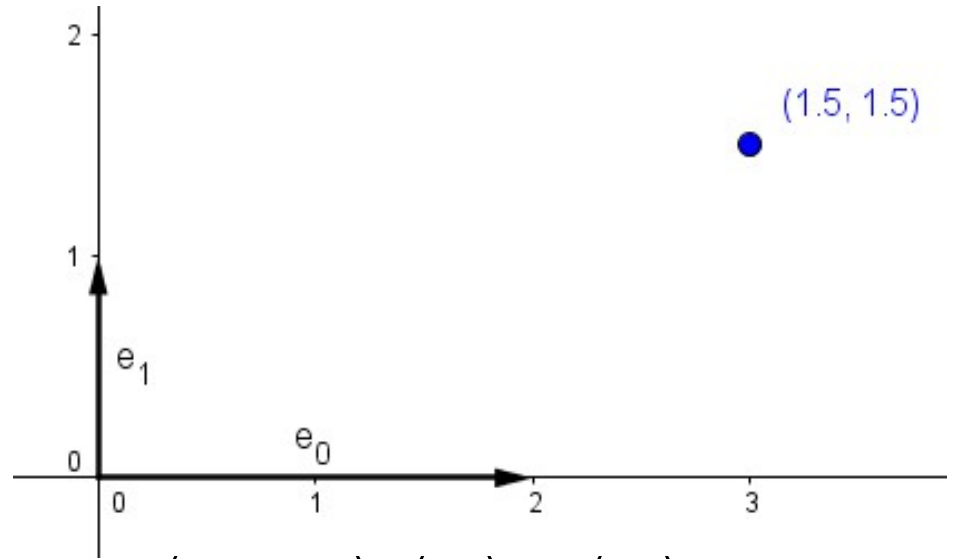
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ 1.5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Scaling

- Multiplies the coordinates by a scalar factor.
- Scales the standard basis vectors / axes.



$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = e_0$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = e_1$$

Scaling

- In general we could scale each axis

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_z \end{pmatrix}$$

a_x – x-axis scale factor

a_y – y-axis scale factor

a_z – z-axis scale factor

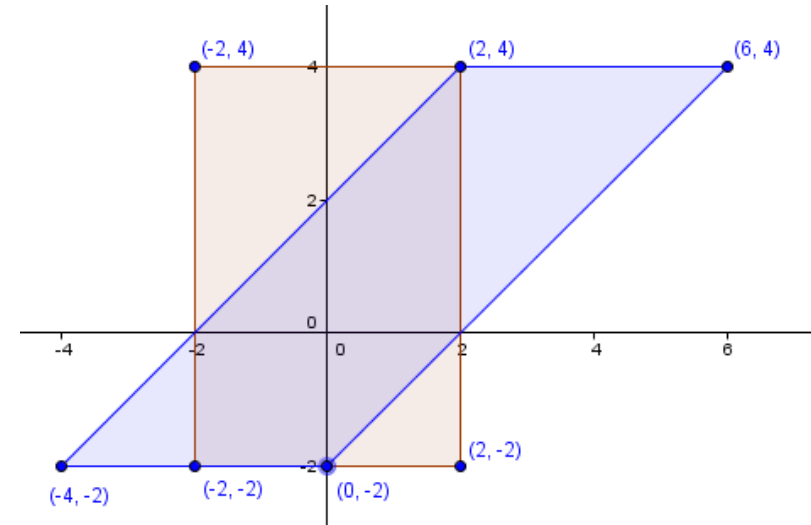
- If some factor is negative, this matrix will reflect the points from that axis. Thus we get reflection.

What happens to our triangles when an odd number of factors are negative?



Linear Transformation

Shear



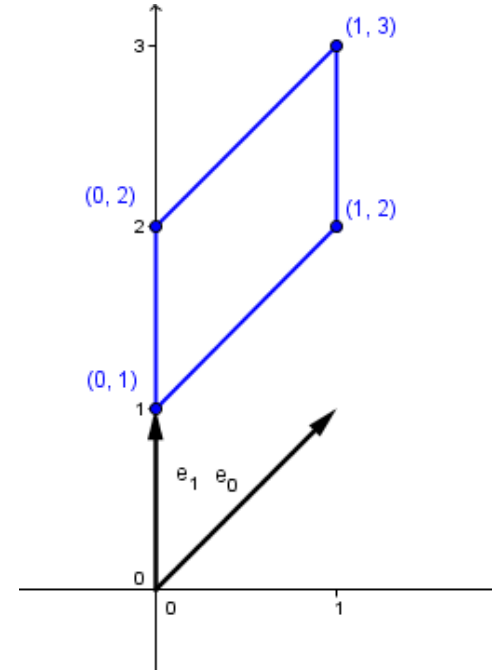
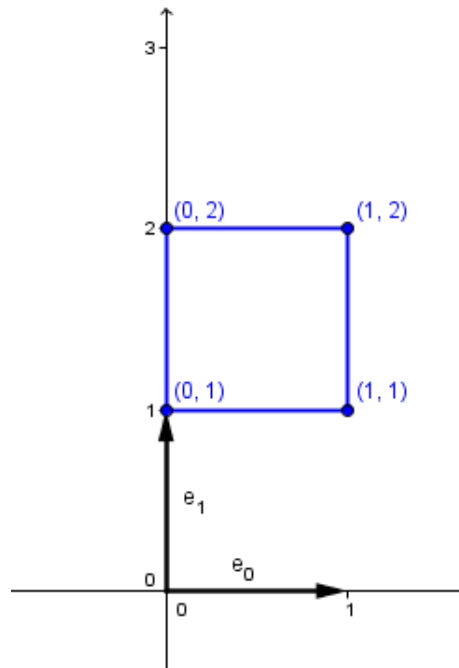
Shearing

- Remember it for translations later.
- Tilts only one axis.
- Squares become parallelograms.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

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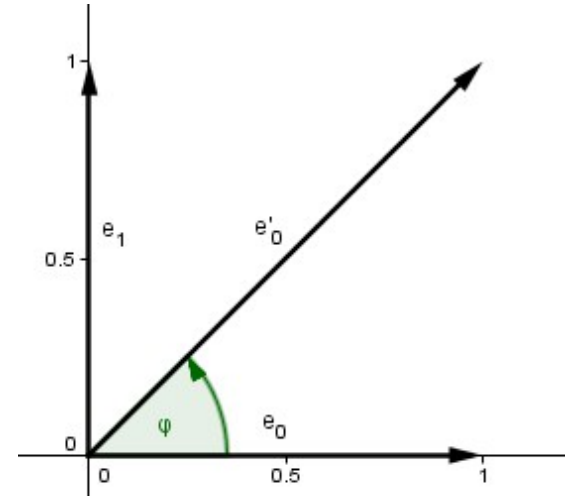
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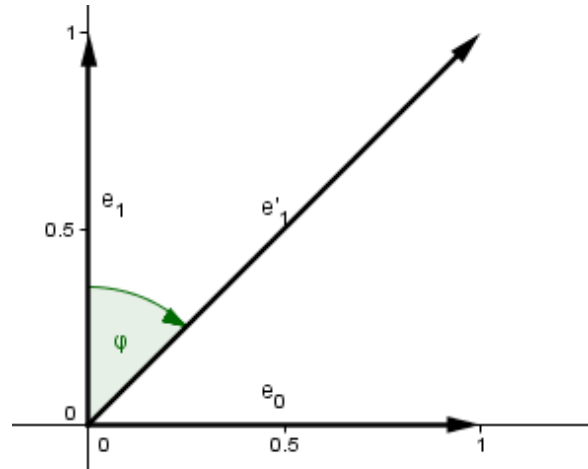
- **Shear-y**, we tilt parallel to y-axis by angle φ counter-clockwise

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \tan(\varphi) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y + \tan(\varphi) \cdot x \end{pmatrix}$$



- **Shear-x**, we tilt parallel to x-axis by angle φ clockwise

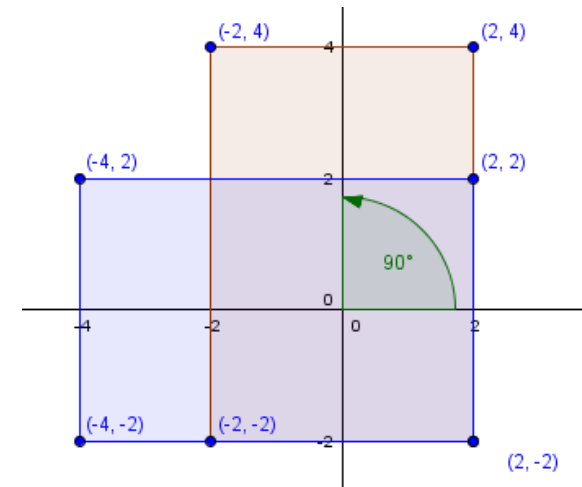
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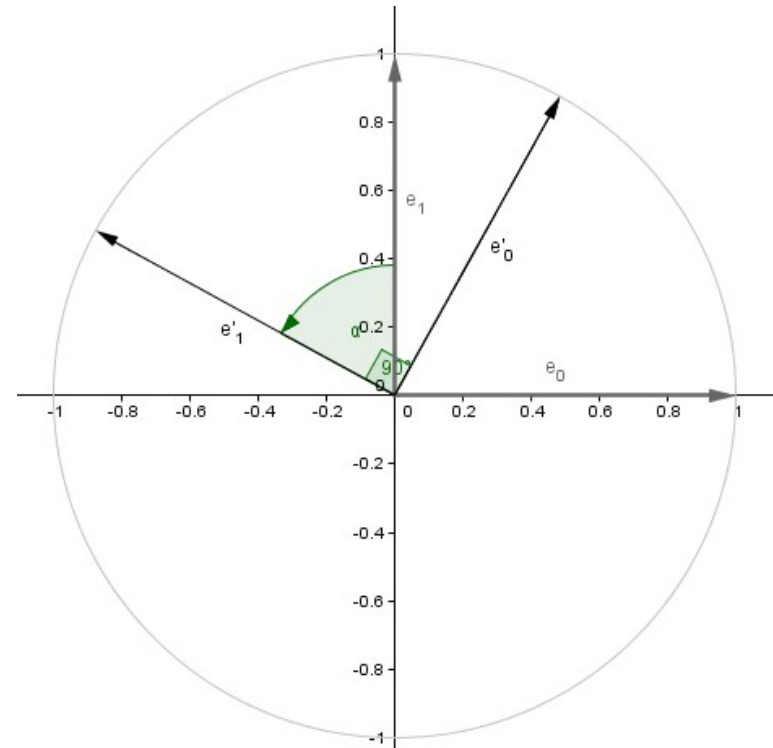
Linear Transformation

Rotation



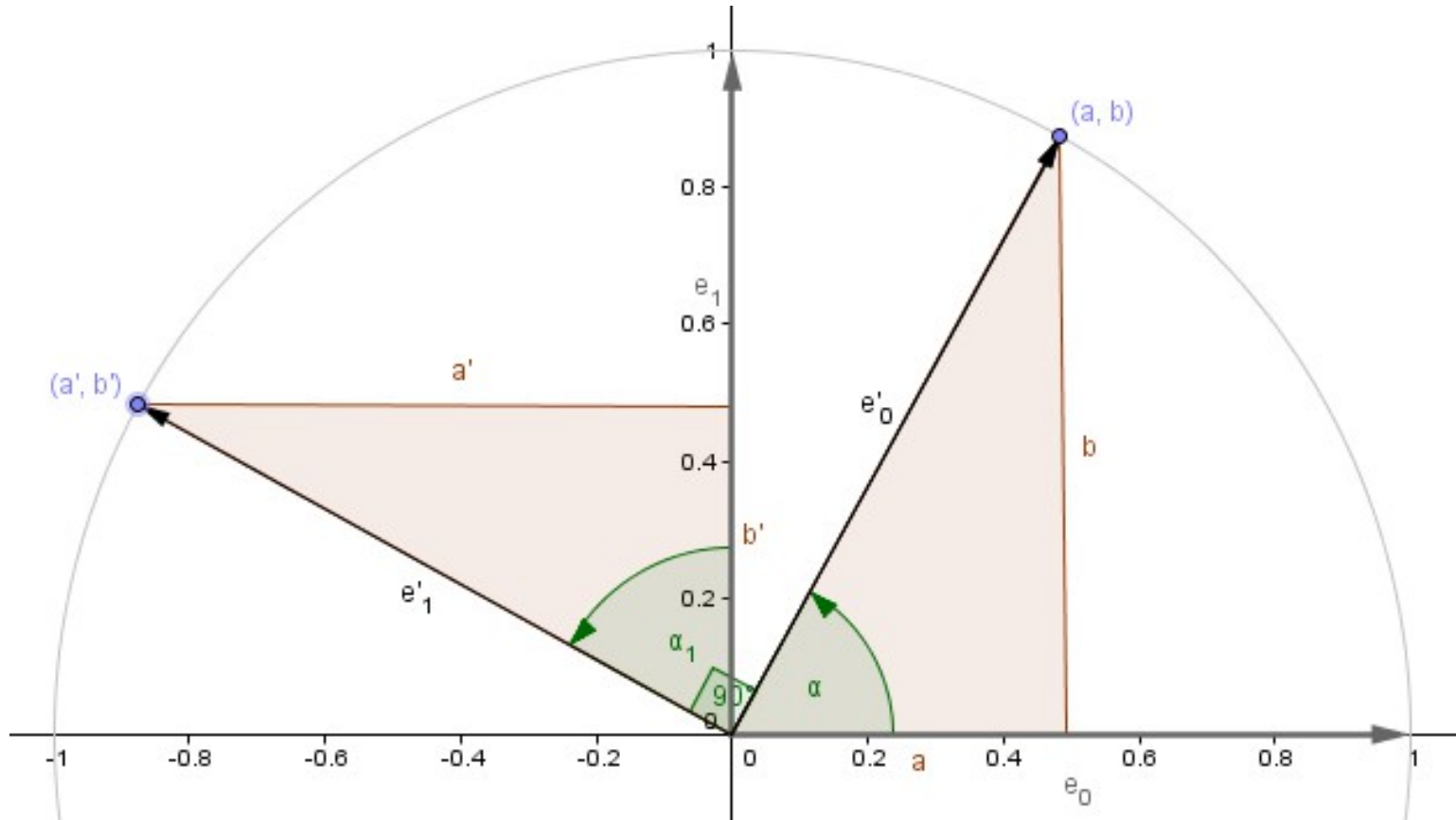
Rotation

- Shearing moved only one axis
- Also changed the size of the basis vector
- Can we do better?



Did you notice that the columns of the transformation matrix show the coordinates of the new basis vectors?

Rotation



$$e'_0 = (|a|, |b|) = (\cos(\alpha), \sin(\alpha))$$

$$e'_1 = (|a'|, |b'|) = (-\sin(\alpha), \cos(\alpha))$$

$$\cos(\alpha) = \frac{|a|}{|e'_0|} = \frac{|a|}{1} = |a|$$

Rotation

- So if we rotate by α in counter-clockwise order in 2D, the transformation matrix is:

$$\begin{matrix} e'_0 & & e'_1 \\ \searrow & & \swarrow \\ \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- In 3D we can do rotations in each plane (xy, xz, yz), so there can be 3 different matrices.

Rotation

- To do a rotation around an arbitrary axis, we can:

- Rotate that axis to be the x-axis

- Rotate around the new x-axis ←

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

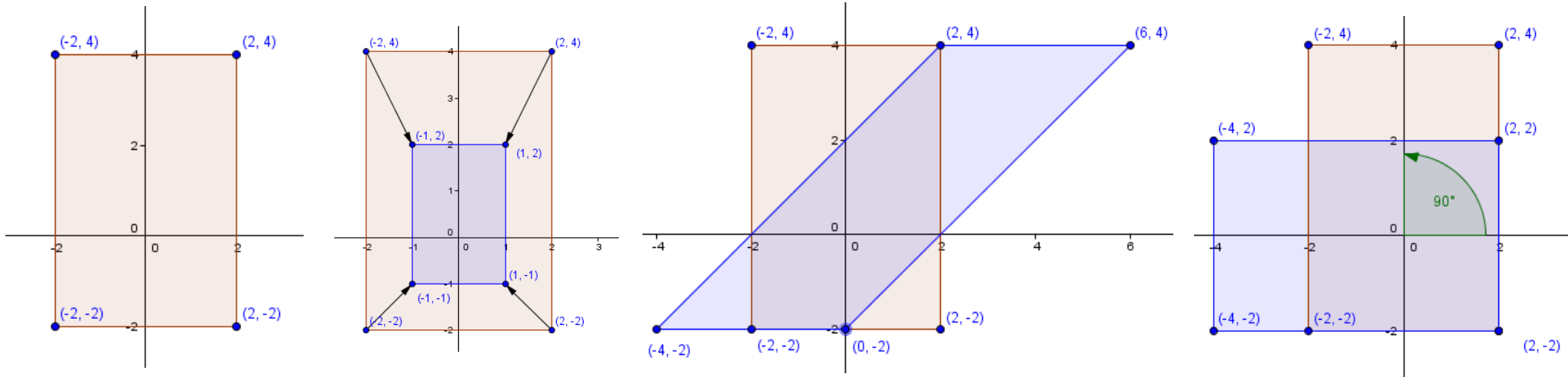
- Invert the first rotations
(move the old x-axis back)

- OpenGL provides a command for rotating around a given axis.
- Generally quaternions are used for rotations.

[Quaternions](#) are elements of a number system that extend the complex numbers...

Do we have everything now?

- We can scale, shear and rotate our geometry around the origin...



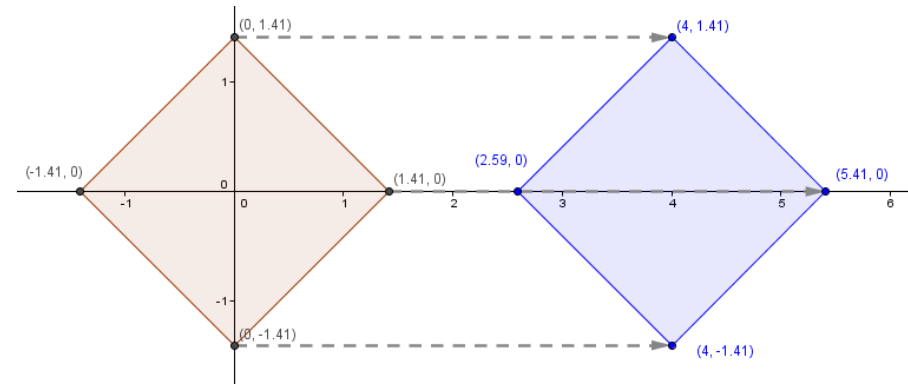
What if we have an object not centered in the origin?





Affine Transformation

Translation



Translation

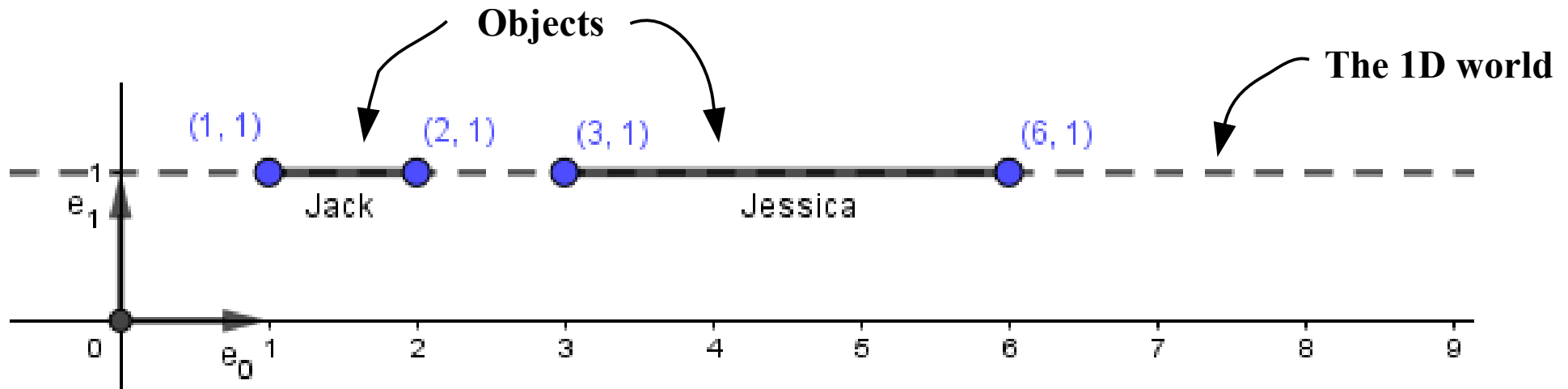
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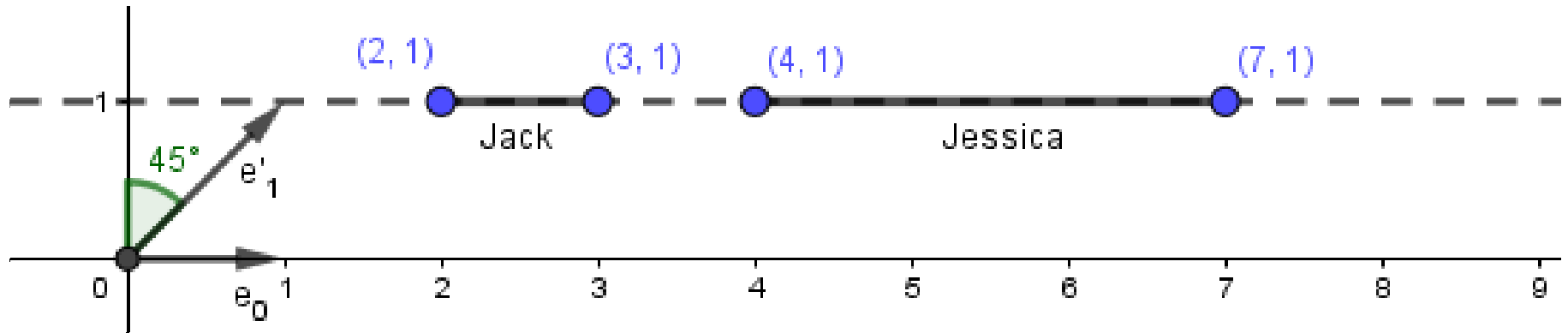


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Translation

$$\tan(45^\circ) = 1$$

- Do a shear-x(45°) operation on the 2D world!

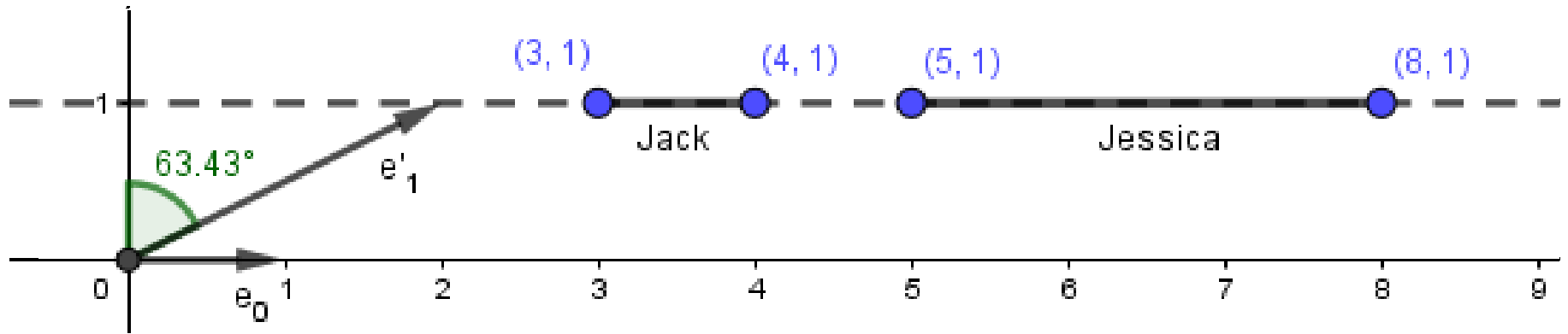


- Everything has now moved 1 unit in x to the right from the original position.

Translation

$$\tan(45^\circ) = 1$$
$$\tan(63.4^\circ) = 2$$

- What if we do shear-x(63.4°)?



- We can do translation (movement)!

Translation

- When we represent our points in one dimension higher space, where the extra coordinate is 1, we get to the **homogeneous** space.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + x_t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & x_t \\ 0 & 1 & y_t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + x_t \\ y + y_t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$




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Transformations

- This together gives us a very good **toolset** to transform our geometry as we wish.

Linear transformations

Translation column



Augmented transformation matrix!

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & x_t \\ d & e & f & y_t \\ g & h & i & z_t \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by + cz + x_t \\ dx + ey + fz + y_t \\ gx + hy + iz + z_t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

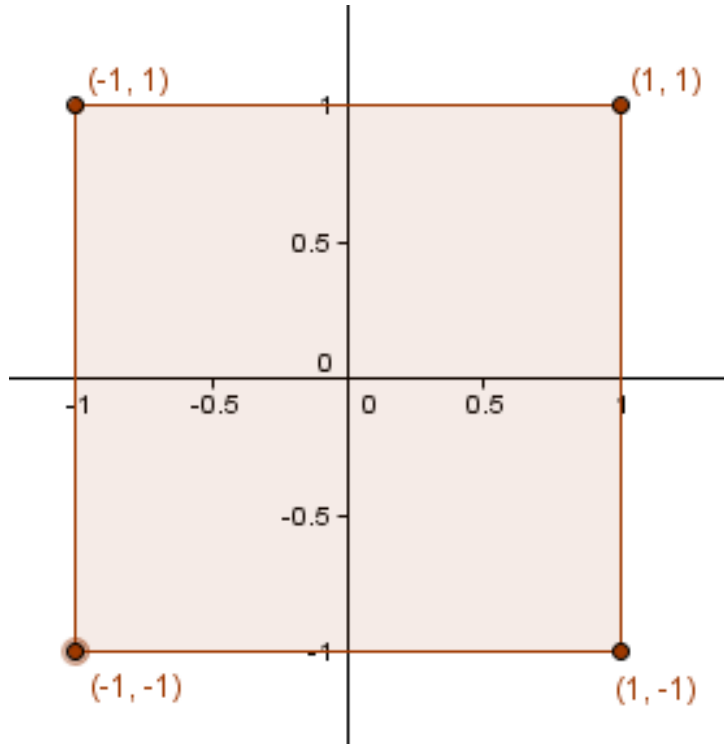
Used for perspective projection...

Multiple transformations

- Everything starts from the origin!
- To apply multiple transformations, just multiply matrices.

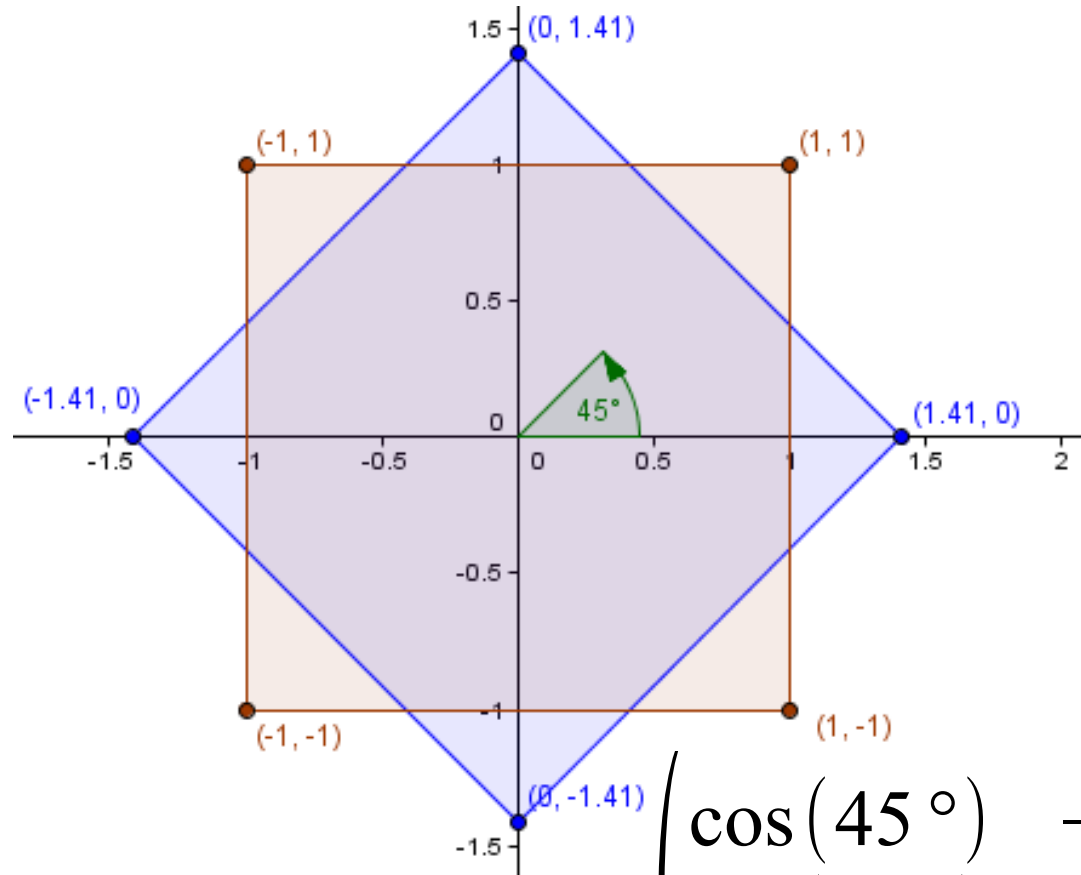


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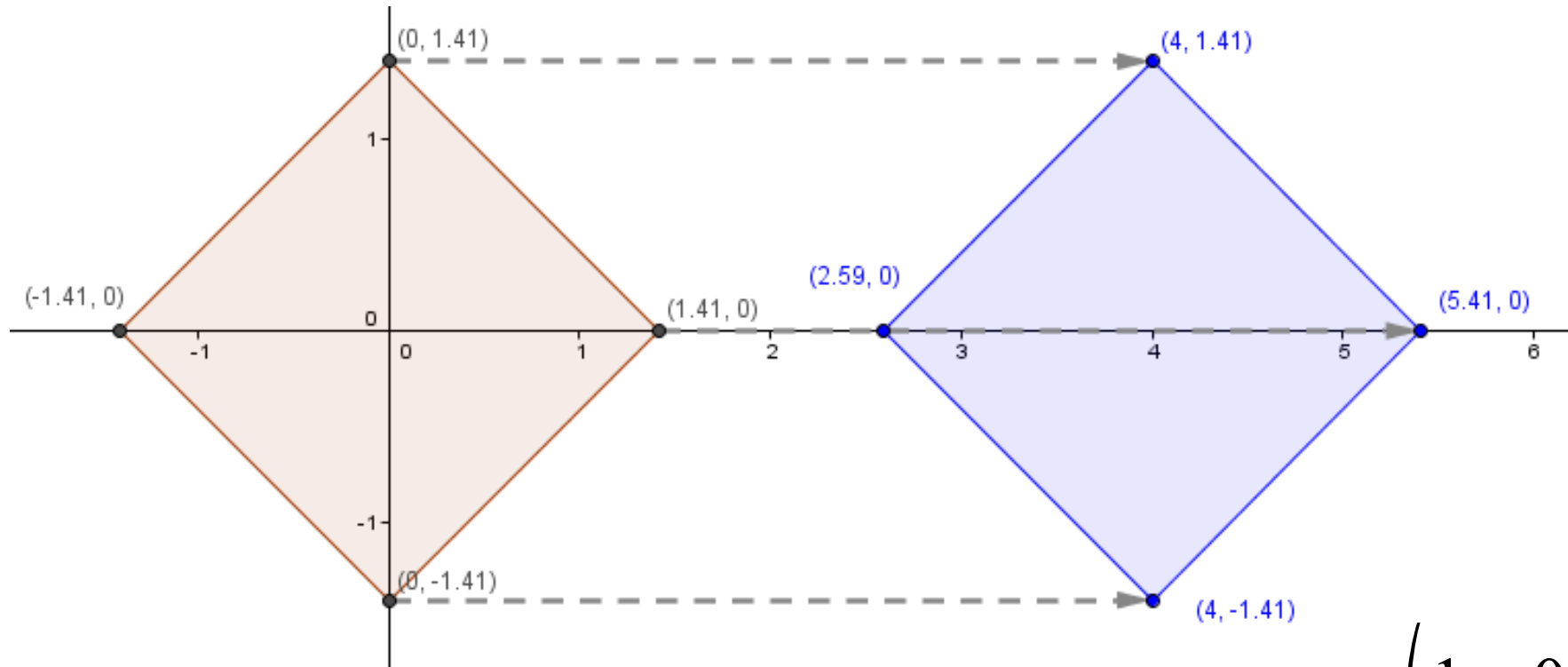
Our initial geometry defined by vertices: $(-1, -1)$, $(1, -1)$, $(1, 1)$, $(-1, 1)$

Multiple transformations



$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos(45^\circ) & -\sin(45^\circ) & 0 \\ \sin(45^\circ) & \cos(45^\circ) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiple transformations



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

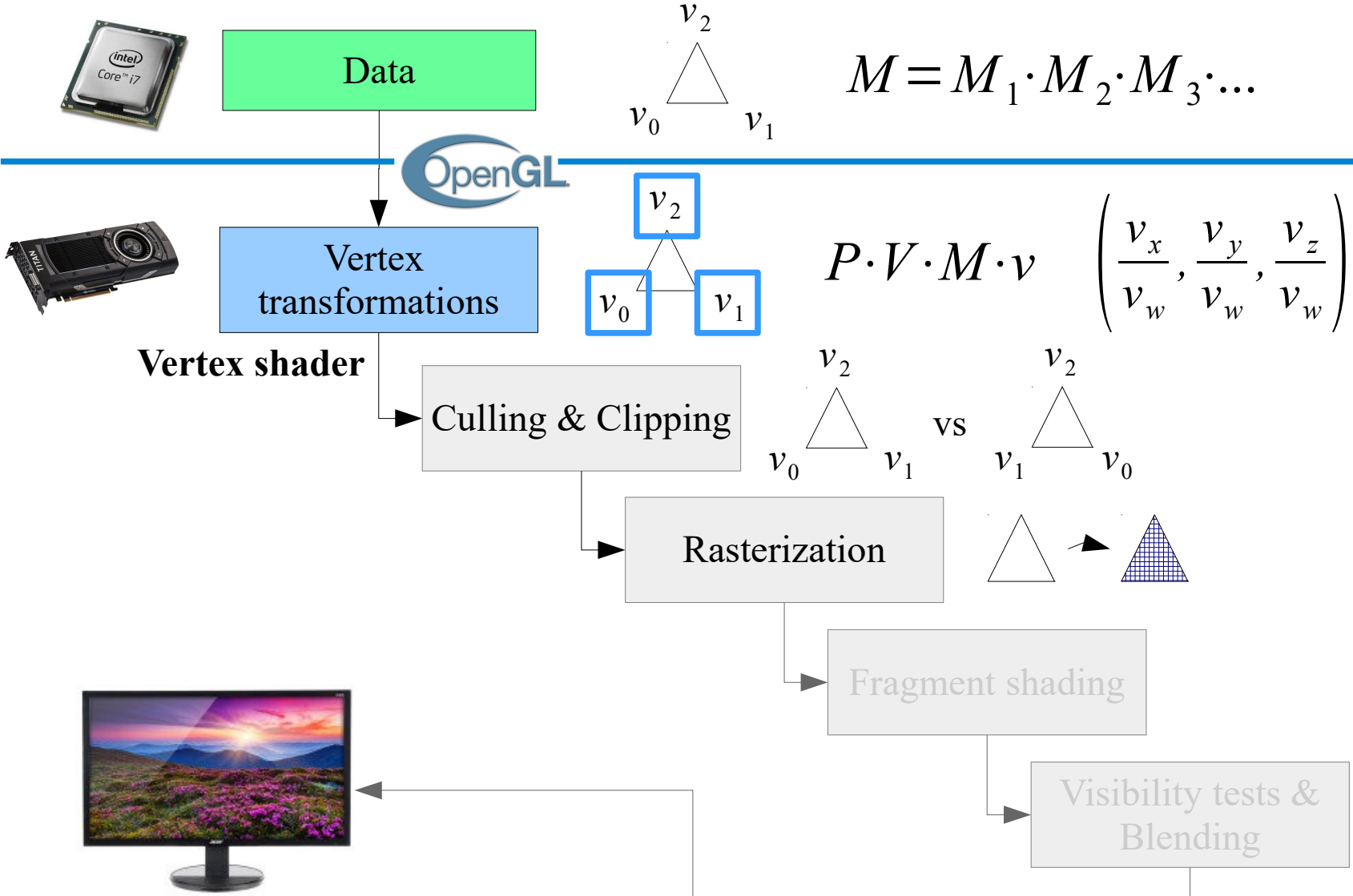
Multiple transformations

- Combine the transformations to a single matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos(45^\circ) & -\sin(45^\circ) & 0 \\ \sin(45^\circ) & \cos(45^\circ) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(45^\circ) & -\sin(45^\circ) & 4 \\ \sin(45^\circ) & \cos(45^\circ) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- This works for combining different affine transformations, but the result is hard to read...
- Order of transformations / matrices is important!
- <http://cgdemos.tume-maailm.pri.ee>

Now You Know



Next time...

- What is color in computer graphics?
- How to color our rasterized pixels?
- Light calculations.

