

Discussion 02

Triangles & Transforms

Computer Graphics and Imaging
UC Berkeley CS 184

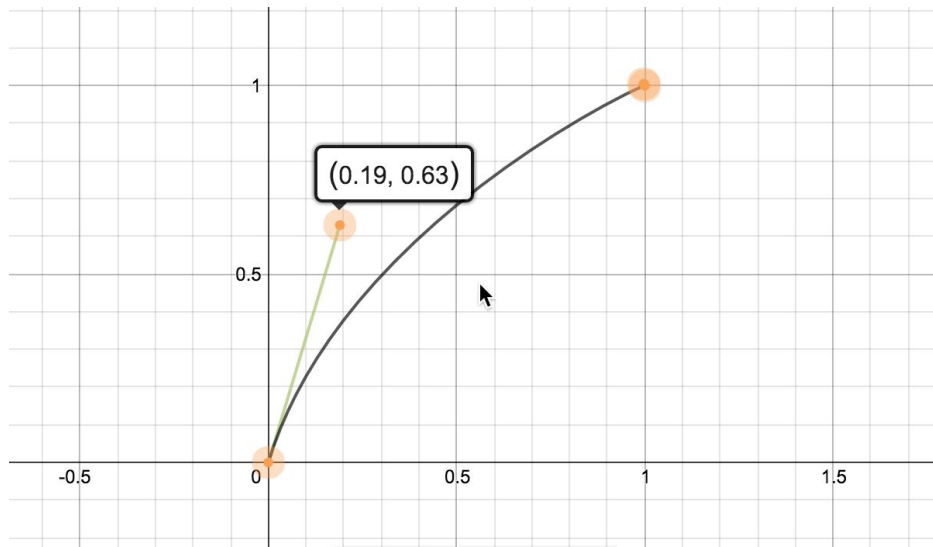
Week 2 Announcements

- Check out the [course website](#) for OH times, resources, and more!
- We start tallying [Participation Credit](#) this week :) By being here, you can earn +1 point (out of 4).
- The [Discussion Attendance form](#) is in the upper navigation of our website.
- **Homework 0** should be done! You still have until tomorrow night if you have any unforeseen circumstances.
- We want to make sure everyone is set-up for the semester :D

Vector Graphics

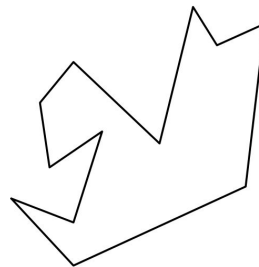
Vector Graphics

- Vector graphics are composed of geometric shapes: points, lines, curves, and polygons!



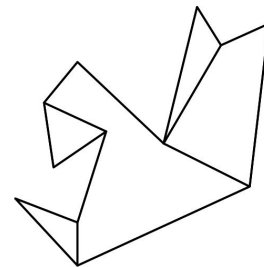
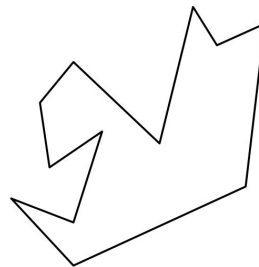
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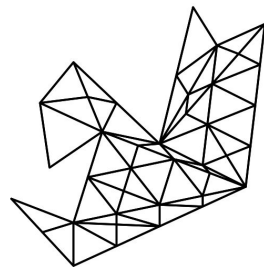
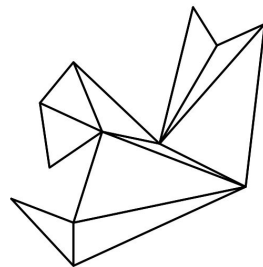
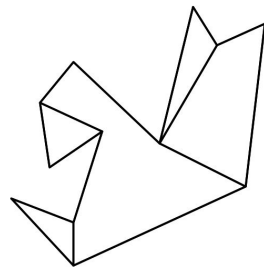
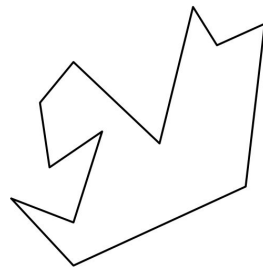
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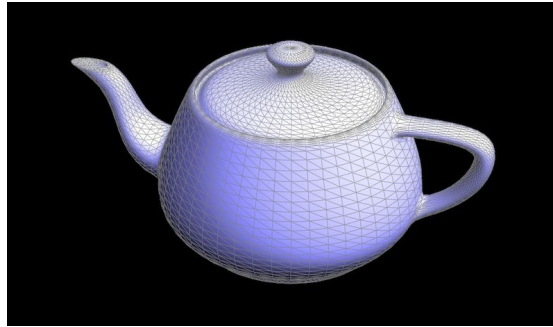
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- Using triangulation algorithms, our polygon can be translated from math \rightarrow triangles!



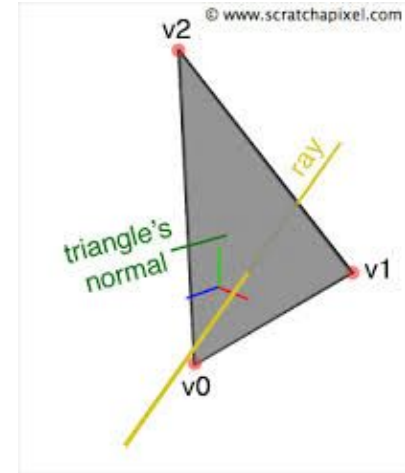
Triangles are everywhere!



Rasterization
HW 1



Geometric modeling
HW 2, HW 4



Ray tracing
HW 3

Why we use triangles in graphics

- **Rasterization**
 - Graphics hardware is optimized for triangles.
- **Geometric modeling**
 - 2D and 3D shapes can be modeled as a collection of triangles.
 - Detecting collisions is easy for triangles.
- **Ray tracing**
 - Triangles are planar in 3D space.
 - GPUs are optimized to work with triangles.

Vectors & Triangles

Linear Algebra Review

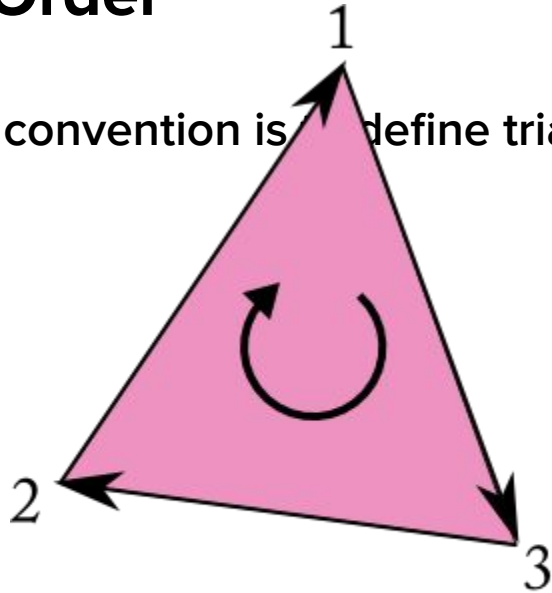
- Dot product
- Matrix-vector multiplication
- Cross product

Winding Order

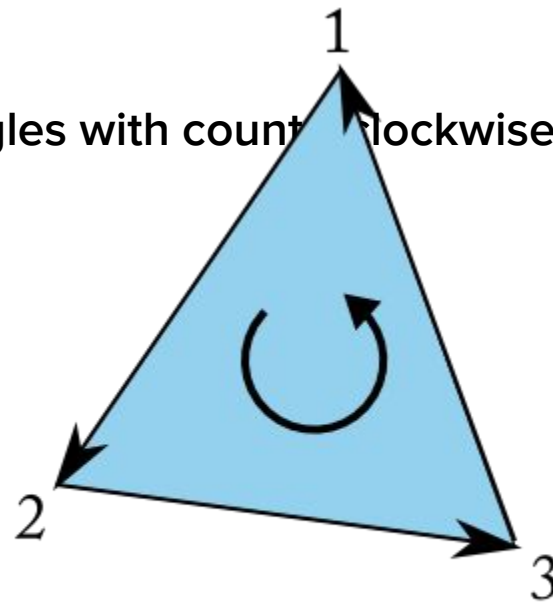
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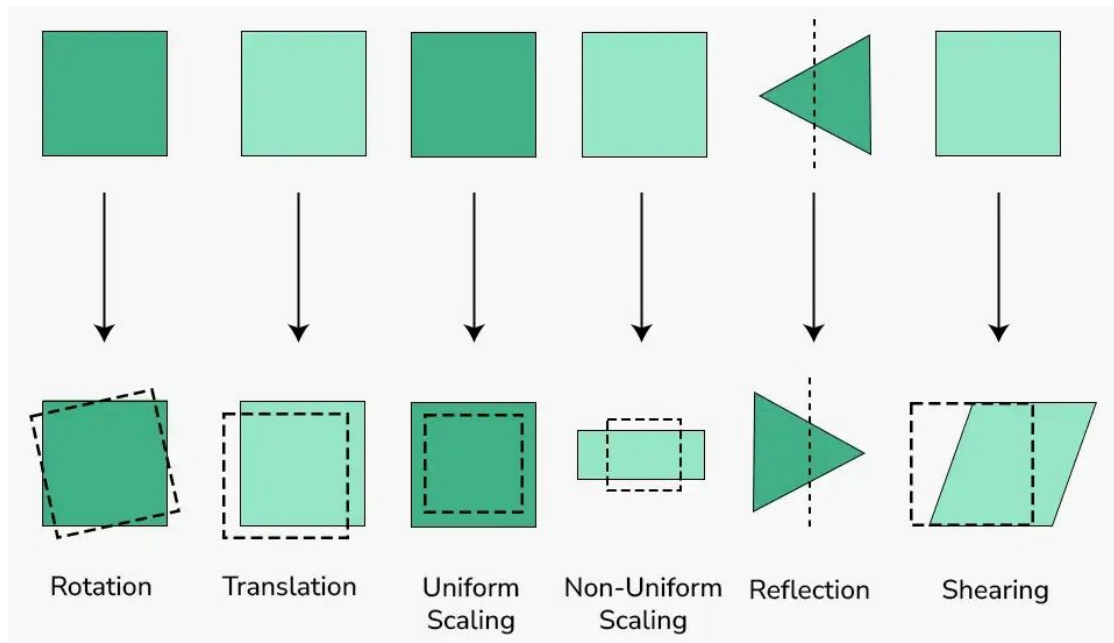


Counter Clockwise
Winding Order
(1 -> 2 -> 3)

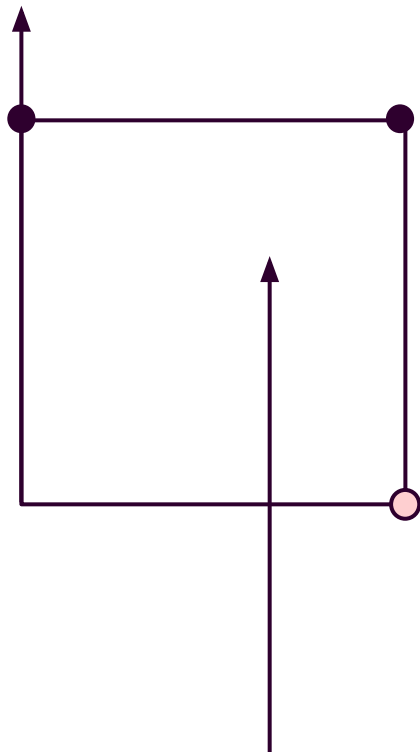
1. Given two vectors, $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -11 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, calculate $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$. Next, calculate $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$.
2. Draw the triangle given by points $(2, -1)$, $(12, 6)$, $(10, -5)$. What is the *winding order* of the triangle? In other words, are the points given in clockwise or counter-clockwise order?
3. What are the three vectors defined by the edges of this triangle? Assume the triangle is lying in the xy-plane. Select two of the three vectors. Calculate their cross product.
4. In general, given triangle vertices \mathbf{p}_0 , \mathbf{p}_1 , \mathbf{p}_2 , how can winding order be determined?

Transformation Matrices

Transformations

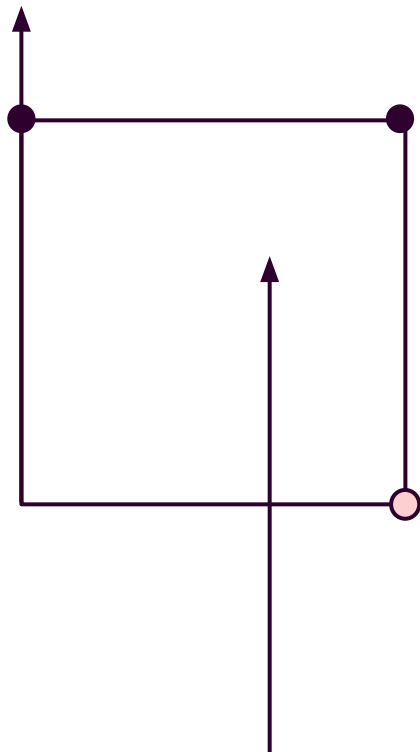


Matrix-Vector Multiplication



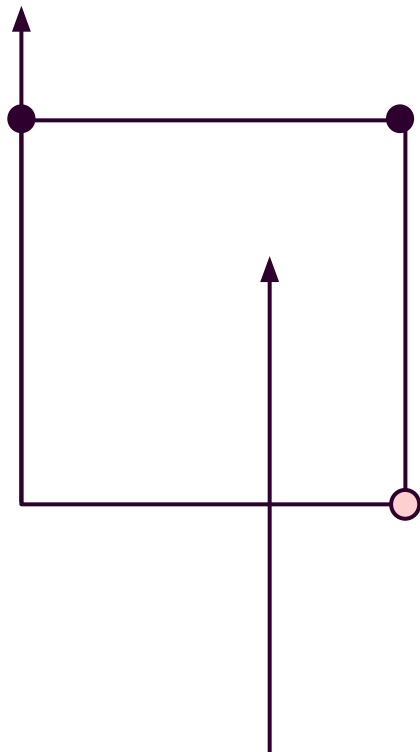
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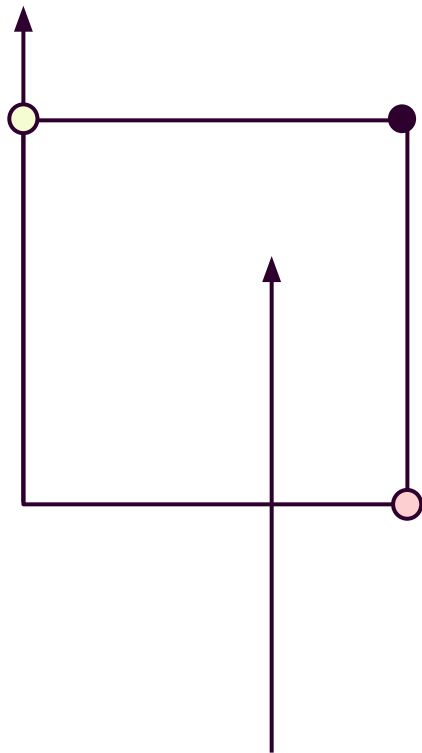
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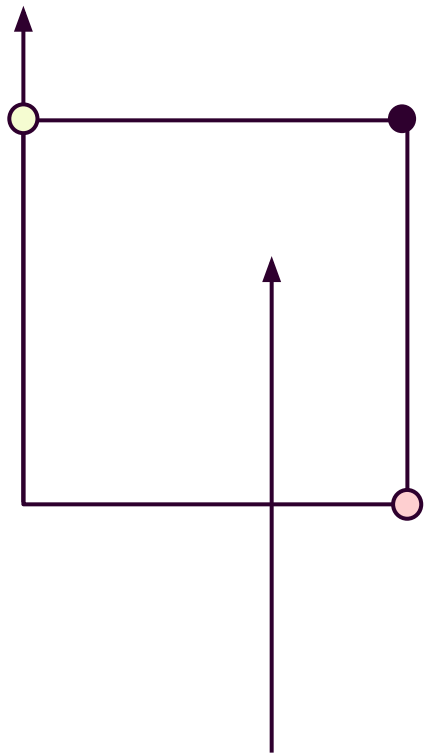
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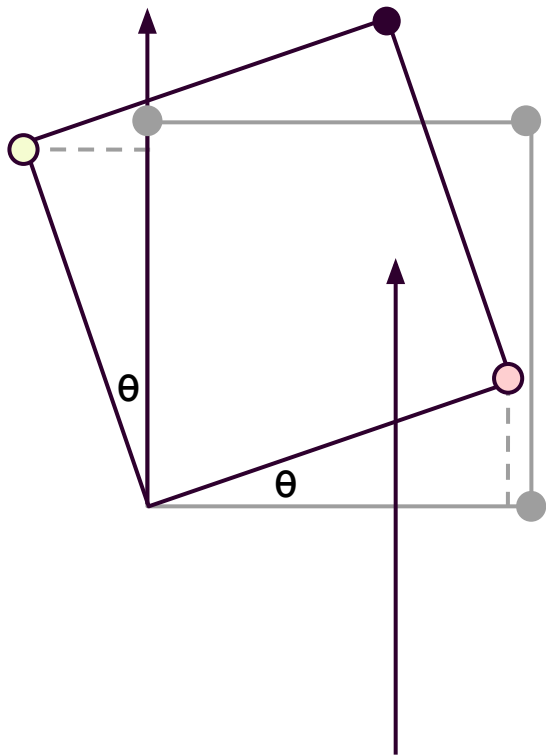
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Homogeneous Coordinates

- Homogeneous coordinates to represent translations as matrices!
- To shift right by t_x , shift up by t_y :

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

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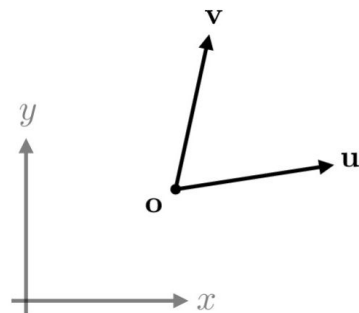
Coordinate System
Change

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Solution: Rotations, translations, and reflections (and their combinations) all fulfill this property. They are what we call isometries or rigid transformations (as if we were manipulating an object that cannot be bent or broken).

Scaling and shearing are examples of transformations that are not isometric.

2. Using homogenous coordinates, define a point, $\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, a vector, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, and a translation

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Point \mathbf{p} is shifted t_x to the right and t_y up.

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NOTHING :)

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A vector represents a direction, not a point in space, so it should be unaffected by translation transformations. (Translating a *direction* should not change anything about the *direction*.)

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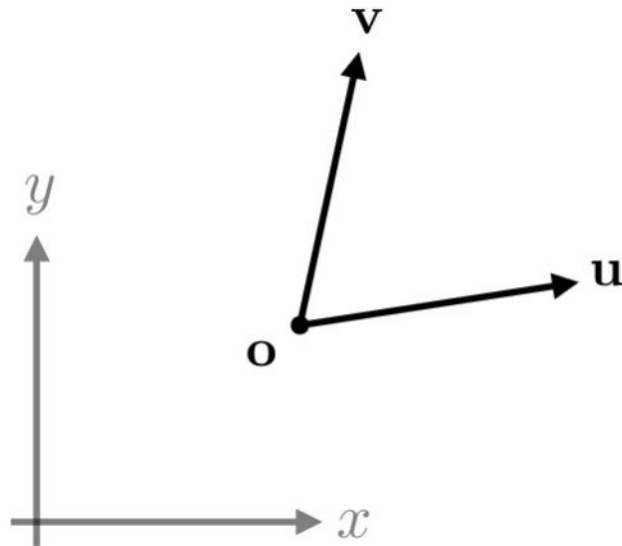
An important thing to remember here is that the transformation matrices are multiplied right to left. Keeping the order correct is important!

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Coordinate Spaces

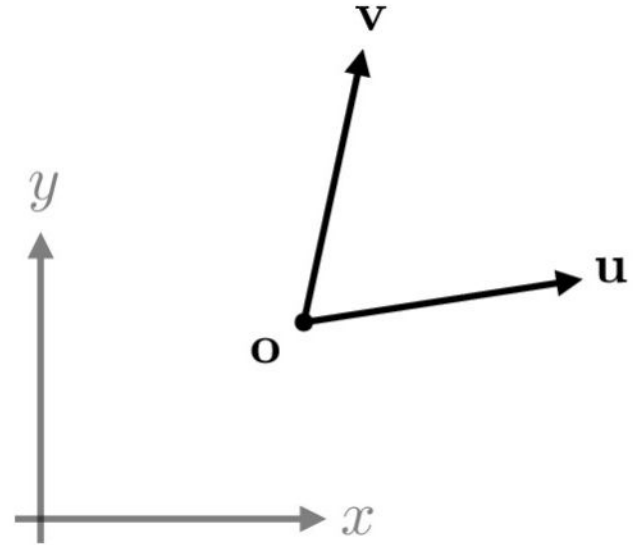
How do we specify coordinate spaces?

- In original coordinate space, specify:
 - Origin, \mathbf{o} .
 - Two unit vectors, \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .



Transform from (o, u, v) frame to (x, y) frame

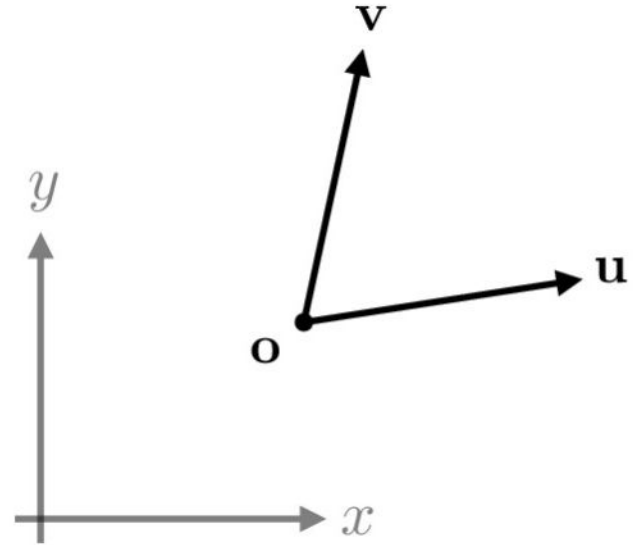
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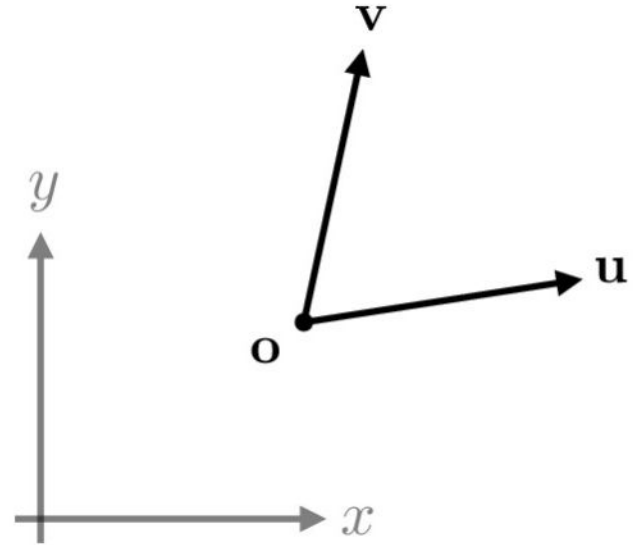


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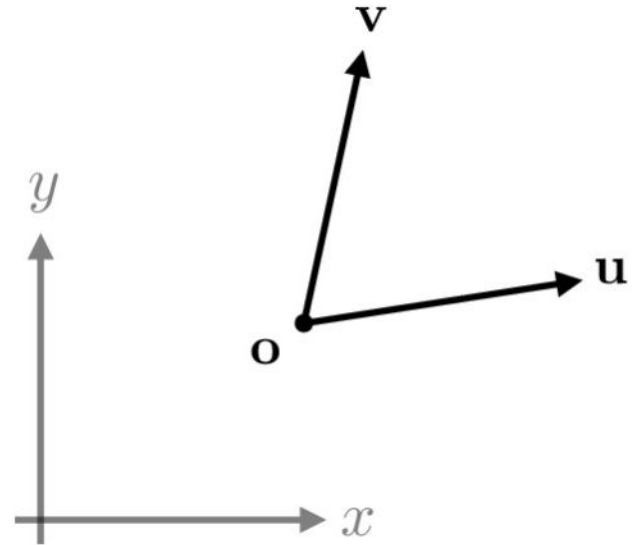
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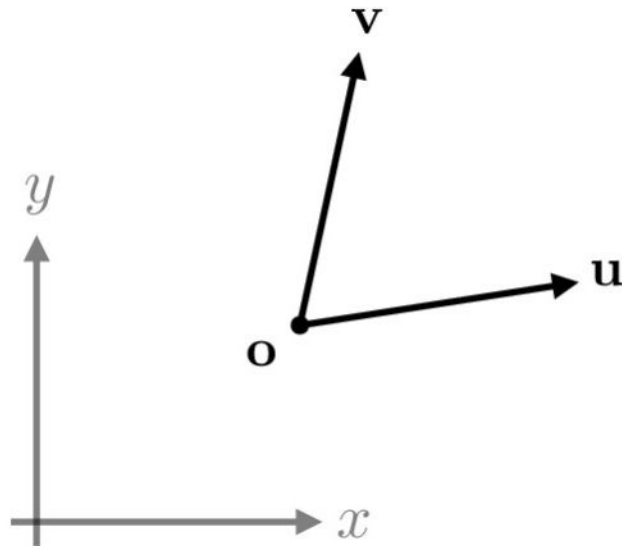


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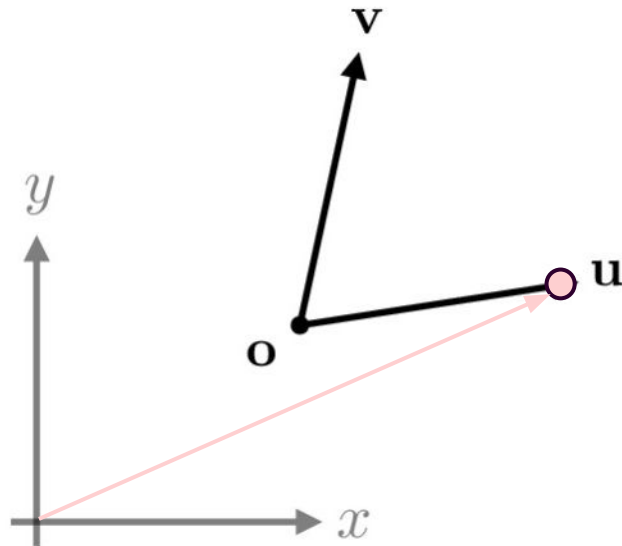


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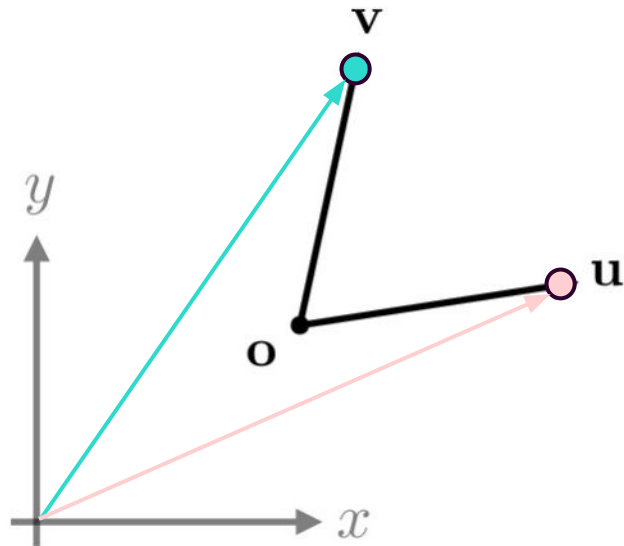


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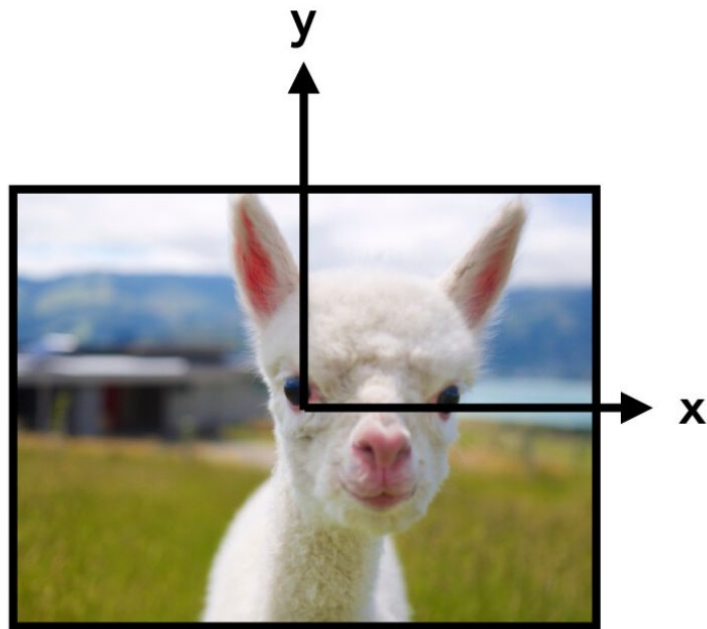
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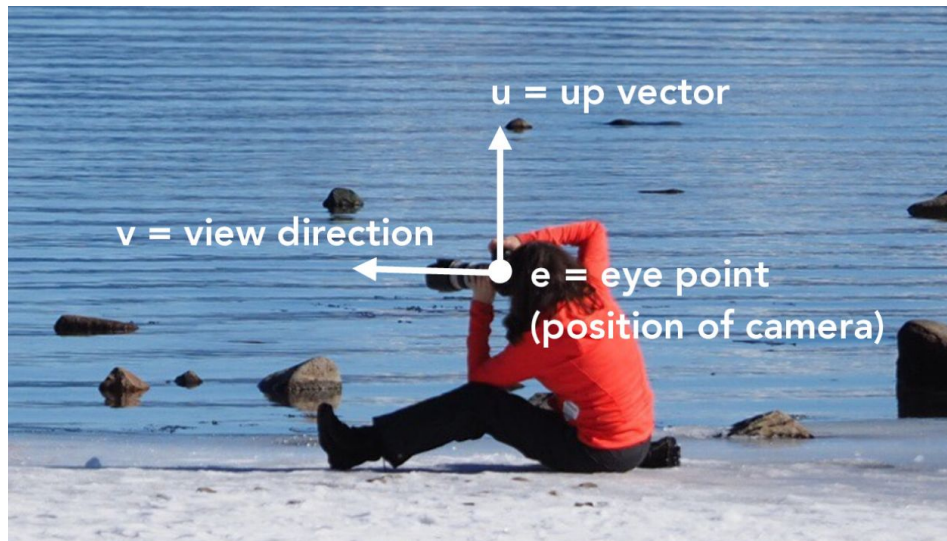
Camera coordinates



Resulting image
(z-axis pointing away from scene)

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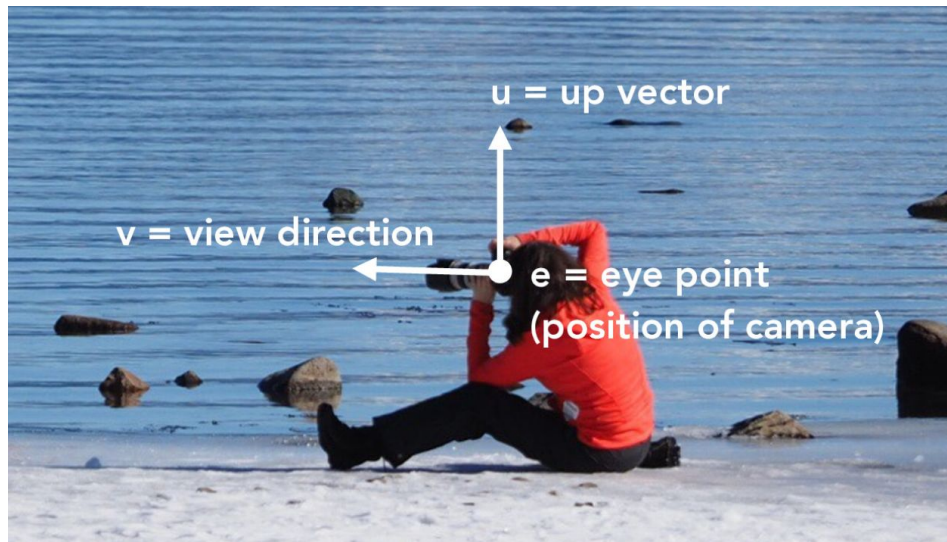
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Transformation matrix



$$\begin{pmatrix} r_x & u_x & -v_x & e_x \\ r_y & u_y & -v_y & e_y \\ r_z & u_z & -v_z & e_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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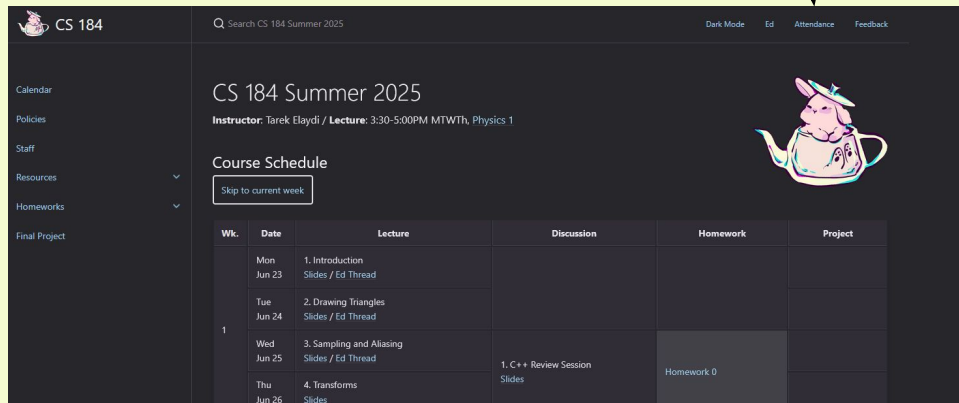
3. The up vector, \mathbf{u} , points in the direction of the positive y -axis of "standard" camera space. In world space coordinates, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Calculate the right vector, \mathbf{r} , which points in the direction of the positive x -axis of "standard" camera space.

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4. Write the matrix that transforms coordinates from “standard” camera space to world space. The inverse of this matrix is the *Look-At* matrix. What coordinate system transformation does the *Look-At* matrix perform?

Let's Take Attendance.

- The attendance form is in the header of the CS 184 course website:
cs184.eecs.berkeley.edu/su25/.
- Be sure to select Week 2 and input your TA's secret word 😊
- Any feedback? Let us know!



CS 184 Summer 2025

Instructor: Tarek Elaydi / Lecture: 3:30-5:00PM MTWTh, Physics 1

Course Schedule

Skip to current week

Wk.	Date	Lecture	Discussion	Homework	Project
1	Mon Jun 23	1. Introduction Slides / Ed Thread			
	Tue Jun 24	2. Drawing Triangles Slides / Ed Thread			
	Wed Jun 25	3. Sampling and Aliasing Slides / Ed Thread	1. C++ Review Session Slides	Homework 0	
	Thu Jun 26	4. Transforms Slides			