

# **3-D Graphics**

## **Overview of 3-D Computer Graphics**

- Display image of real or imagined 3-D scene on a 2-D screen

## **Some Aspects of 3-D Graphics**

- Modeling and Rendering
  - Wireframe Models
  - Polygon Mesh Models
- Rendering
  - Types of Projections
  - The Viewing Pipeline
  - Hidden surface removal
  - Shading

### **Problem # 1: Modeling**

- Representing objects in 3-D space
- First need to represent points
- Use a 3-D coordinate system, e.g.:
  - Cartesian: (x, y, z)
  - Spherical: (rho, theta, phi)
  - Cylindrical: (r, theta, z)

## Conversions

- Spherical to Cartesian

$$x = \rho * \sin(\phi) * \cos(\theta)$$

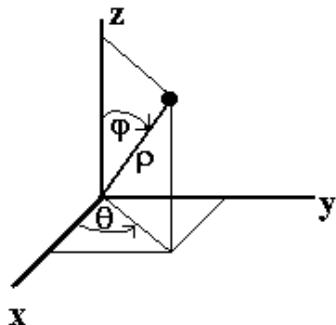
$$y = \rho * \sin(\phi) * \sin(\theta)$$

$$z = \rho * \cos(\phi)$$

RH Coord System

Could be LH

Viewing system



## Types of 3-D Models

- 1. Boundary Representation (B-Rep)
  - Surface descriptions
  - Two common ones:
    - A. Polygonal
    - B. Bicubic parametric surface patches
- 2. Solid Representation
  - Solid modeling

## Polygonal Models

- Object surfaces approximated by a mesh of planar polygons

Scene -->

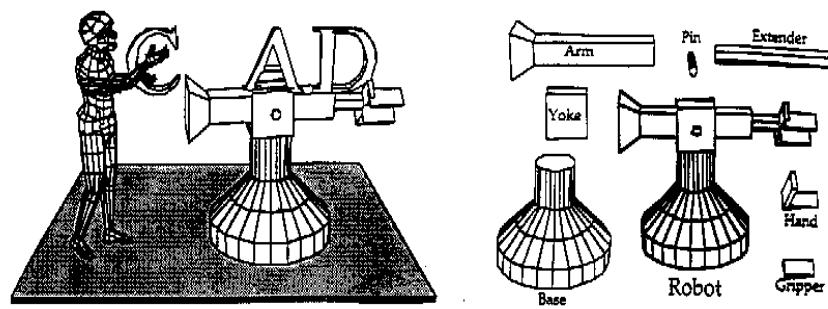
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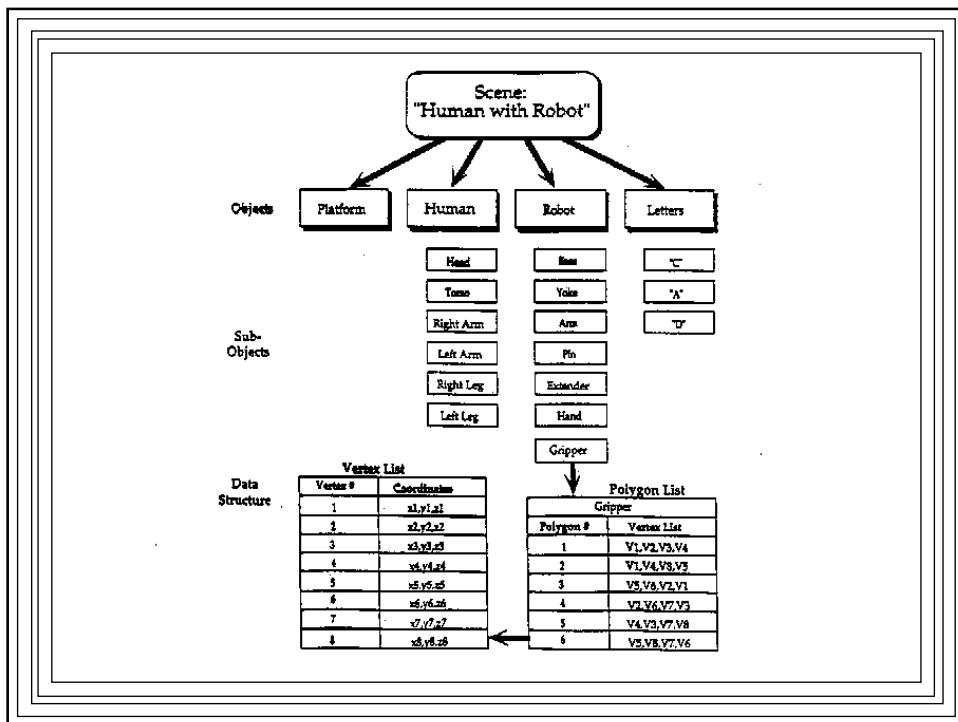
Sub-objects -->

Polygons -->

Vertices (points)

## Polygon Mesh Model Example Scene

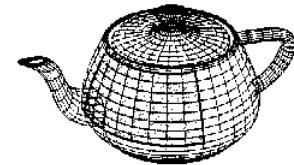
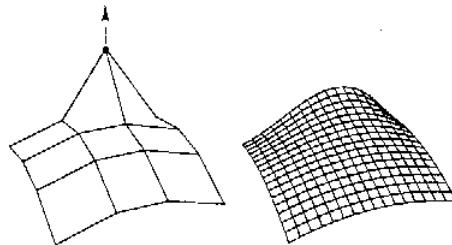
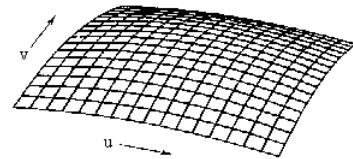
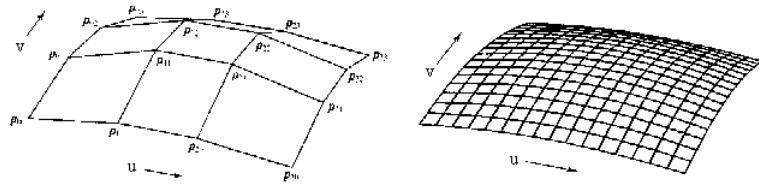




## Bicubic Parametric Surface Patches

- Objects represented by nets of elements called surface patches
  - Polynomials in two parametric variables
  - Usually cubic
    - Bezier surface patches
    - B-Spline surface patches

## Bicubic Parametric Surface Patches

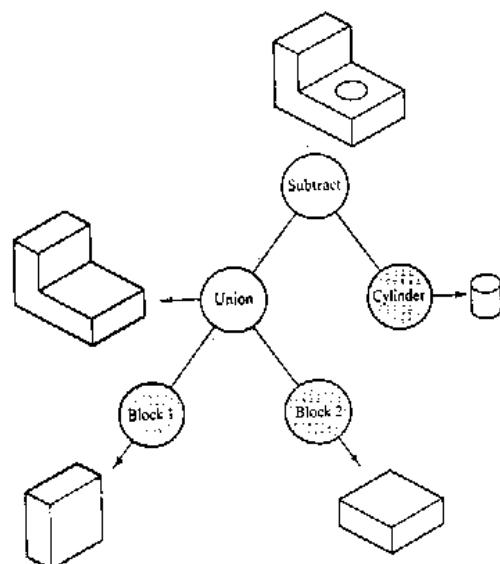


## Solid Representation-- Solid Modeling

- Objects represented exactly by combinations of elementary solid objects
  - e.g., spheres, cylinders, boxes, etc
  - Called geometric primitives

# Constructive Solid Geometry (CSG)

- Complex objects built up by combining geometric primitives using Boolean set operations
  - union, intersection, difference
- and linear transformations
- Object stored as a tree
  - Leaves contain primitives
  - Nodes store set operators or transformations

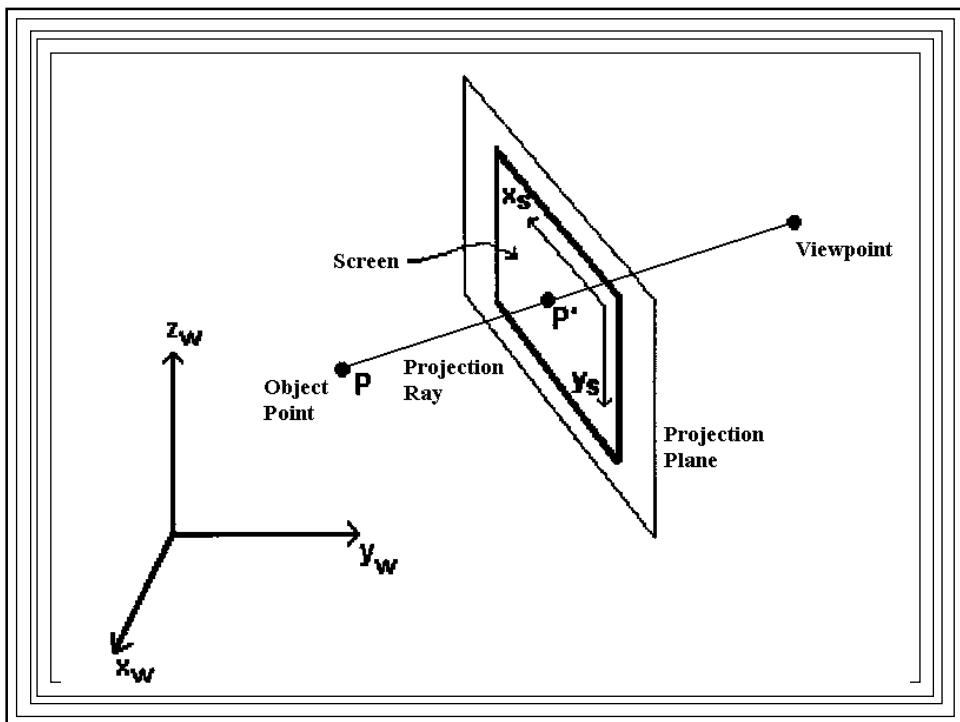


## Problem # 2: Rendering

- Displaying a 2-D view of a 3-D model

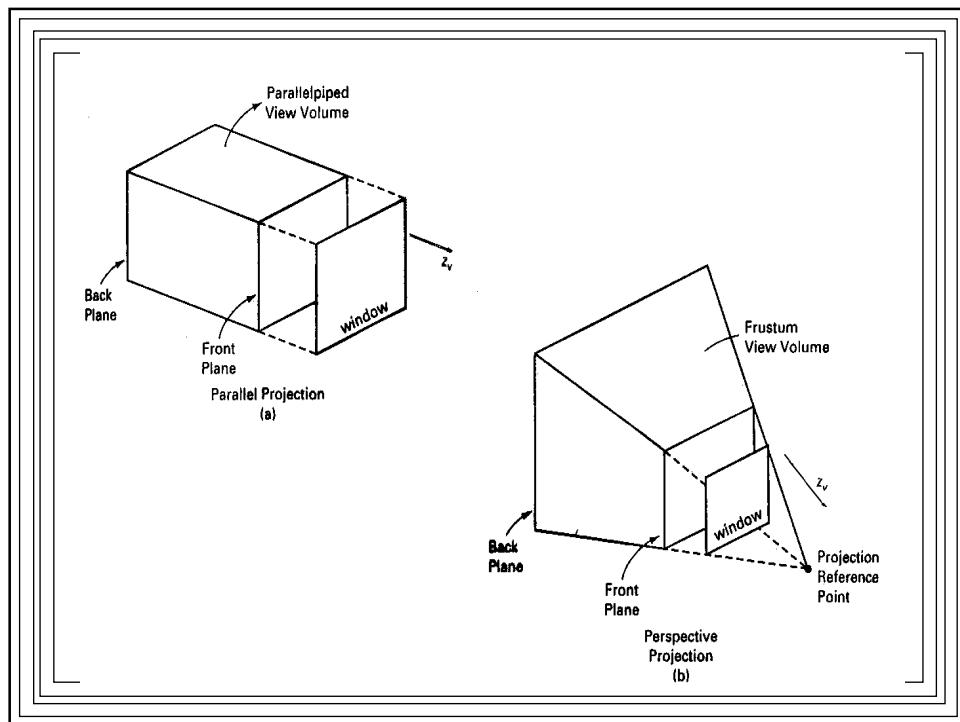
### A. Projection

- Going from 3-D to 2-D
  - Every world coordinate point in scene ( $x_w, y_w, z_w$ ) maps to a point on device viewing screen ( $x_s, y_s$ )
- Camera model
  - Construct projection rays
    - From points in scene through projection plane terminating on “Center of Projection”
      - Camera point or view point
  - Projection Point:
    - Intersection of projection ray with projection plane



## Two Basic Types of Projection

- 1. Parallel projection
  - Center of Projection at infinity
  - So projection rays are parallel
  - Equal-size objects at different distances from screen project to same size images
  - Parallel lines in scene project to parallel lines on screen
  - Useful in CAD



## ● 2. Perspective projection

- Center of Projection at finite distance from screen
- Far objects of the same size project to smaller images than close objects
  - Farther objects appear to be smaller
  - More realistic images
  - Parallel lines in scene don't necessarily project to parallel lines on screen

## **B. Hidden surface removal**

- Surfaces facing away from viewer are invisible
  - Should not be displayed
    - Backface culling
- Surfaces blocked by objects closer to viewer are invisible
  - Should not be displayed
    - General hidden surface removal algorithms

## **C. Shading**

- Projections of surfaces should be colored (shaded)
- Color depends on intensity of light reflected from surface into viewer's eye
- Need an illumination/reflection model
  - Must take into account:
    - Material properties of surfaces
    - How light interacts with them

## **D. Other effects**

- Shadows
- Transparency
- Multiple reflections
- Atmospheric absorption
- Surface textures
- Lots of others
- Physics and Optics!!

## **The Viewing Pipeline**

- Chain of transformations/operations needed to go from a 3-D model to a 2-D image on the viewing screen

1. Local coordinate space (3-D):  
Individual object descriptions given

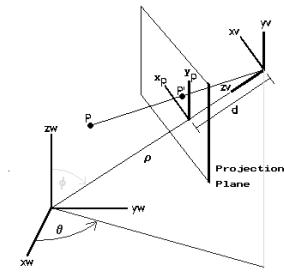
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| Modeling Transformations  
| (Geometric transformations)

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2. World coordinate space (3-D):  
Scene is composed  
Objects, lights positioned

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| 3-D Viewing Transformation

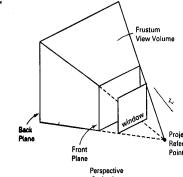
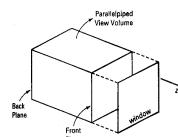
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3. Viewing coordinate space (3-D):  
Eye/camera coordinate system

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| 3-D clipping  
| Backface culling

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4. 3-D viewing volume:  
Eye/camera coordinate system

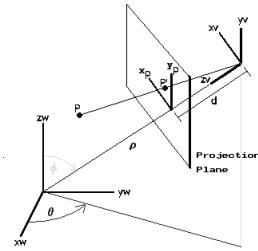
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| Projection Transformation

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5. 2-D projection plane description:  
2-D World coordinate system window

- | 2-D Viewing xformation (window to viewport)
- | 2-D clipping
- | Hidden surface removal
- | Shading
- | Other effects
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6. 2-D Device coordinate space:  
2-D Screen coordinate system viewport

## 3-D Modeling with Polygons

- Two types of polygon models

1. Wireframe

- Store the polygon edges
- List of edge endpoints
- Not useful for shaded images

2. Polygon Mesh

- Store the polygon faces:
- Array of vertex lists
- One list for each polygon

## Data structures

- Polygons represent/approximate object surfaces
- In either case we must store 3-D world coordinates of each vertex
  - Use an array of 3-D points:

```
struct point3d {float x; float y; float z};  
                           // a single 3-D point  
Struct point3d w_pts[ ];      // w_pts is the 3-D  
                           // points array
```

## **Storing Polygons in a Wireframe Model**

- Store polygon edges as an array
- Each element a pair of indices into the 3D points array:

```
int edges[ ][2]; // Each second-index value gives the  
                  // position of an edge's endpoint vertex  
                  // in the 3-D points array
```

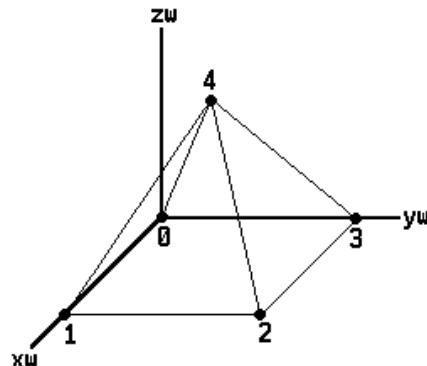
## **Storing Polygons in a Polygon Mesh Model**

- Object: Can be represented as an array of polygons
- Each polygon consists of:
  - (a) the number of vertices in the polygon
  - (b) a list of indices into the 3-D points array
    - (An index gives the position of a vertex in the 3-D points array)

```
struct polygon {int n; int *inds};  
    // n: The number of vertices  
    // inds: List of indices into the points array  
        // Specifies which vertices form the polygon  
  
struct polygon object[ ];  
    // The object being modeled  
    // An array of polygons
```

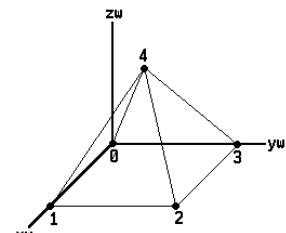
## Example--A Pyramid

- Pyramid below has 5 vertices, 8 edges and 5 polygon faces



## Vertex Coordinates

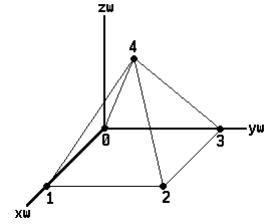
vertex	xw	yw	zw
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0	0	0	0
1	150	0	0
2	150	150	0
3	0	150	0
4	75	75	150



## The Pyramid's Points Array

```
struct point3d w_pts[5];
    // Pyramid vertices in world coords.
int b=150, h=75 ; // Dimensions of pyramid

// Set up world coordinate points array
w_pts[0].x=w_pts[0].y=w_pts[0].z=0;
w_pts[1].x=b; w_pts[1].y=w_pts[1].z=0;
w_pts[2].x=w_pts[2].y=b; w_pts[2].z=0;
w_pts[3].x=w_pts[3].z=0; w_pts[3].y=b;
w_pts[4].x=w_pts[4].y=b/2; w_pts[4].z=h;
```

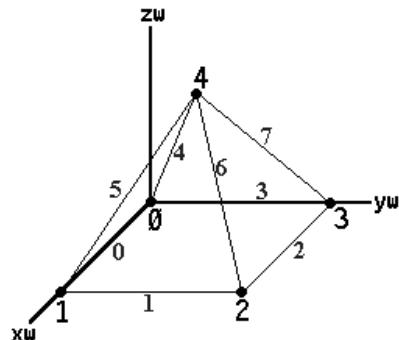


## Edge Array (Wireframe)

Edge    Endpoints  
(points array indices)

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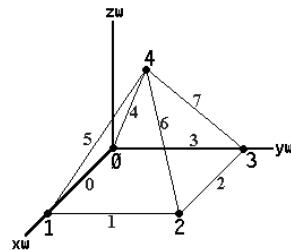
0	0 , 1
1	1 , 2
2	2 , 3
3	3 , 0
4	0 , 4
5	1 , 4
6	2 , 4
7	3 , 4



## Edge Array

- Edge array could be generated by:

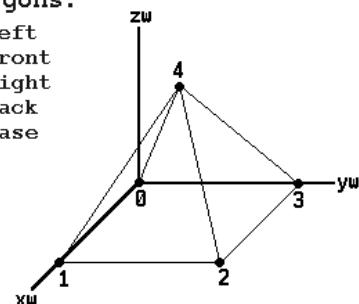
```
int edges[8][2] =  
    {{0,1},{1,2},{2,3},{3,0},{0,4},{1,4},{2,4},{3,4}};
```



## Polygons Array (Mesh)

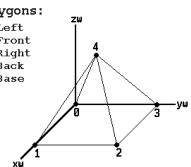
polygon	# vertices	vertices
0	3	0, 1, 4
1	3	1, 2, 4
2	3	2, 3, 4
3	3	0, 4, 3
4	4	0, 3, 2, 1

**Polygons:**  
0: Left  
1: Front  
2: Right  
3: Back  
4: Base



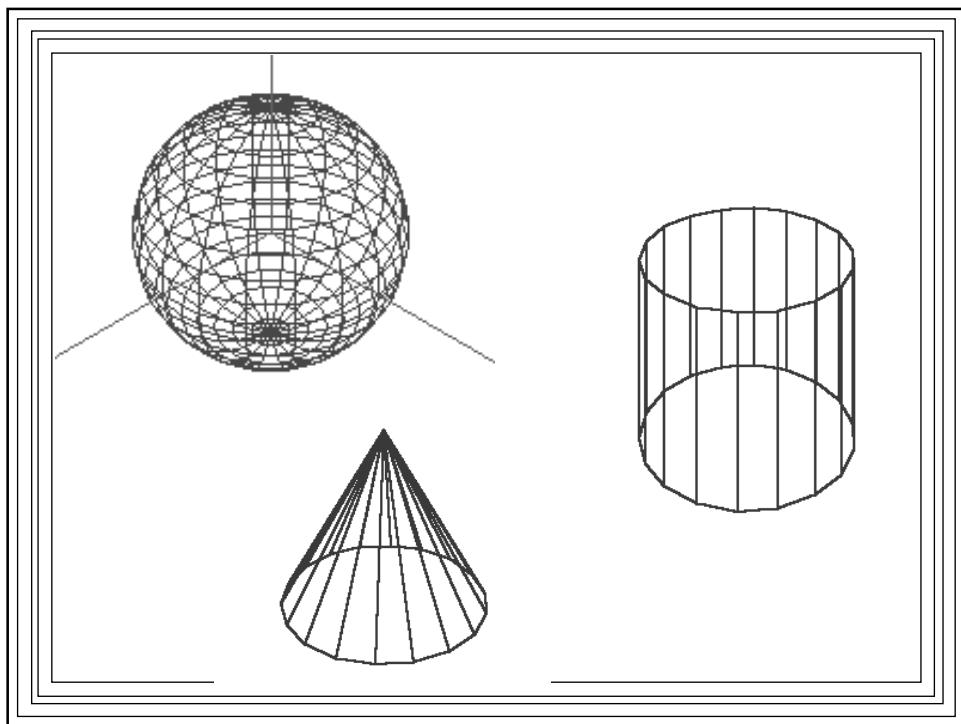
- Polygon array could be generated by:

```
struct polygon object[5];
// Allocate Space:
for (i=0;i<=3;i++)
{ object[i].n=3; object[i].inds = (int *) calloc(3,sizeof(int)); }
object[4].n=4; object[4].inds = (int *) calloc(4,sizeof(int));
// Define the polygons in the object
// define the side triangles
object[0].inds[0]=0; object[0].inds[1]=1; object[0].inds[2]=4;
object[1].inds[0]=1; object[1].inds[1]=2; object[1].inds[2]=4;
object[2].inds[0]=2; object[2].inds[1]=3; object[2].inds[2]=4;
object[3].inds[0]=0; object[3].inds[1]=4; object[3].inds[2]=3;
// define the square base
object[4].inds[0]=0; object[4].inds[1]=3;object[4].inds[2]=2;
object[4].inds[3]=1;
```



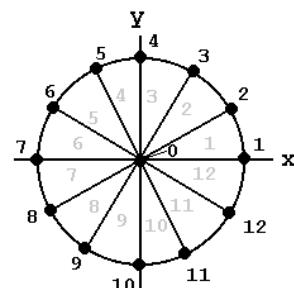
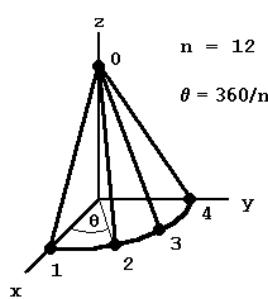
## More Complex 3-D Objects

- Approximate surfaces with polygons
- Often points, edges, and/or polygons arrays can be generated procedurally



## Example 1: A Cone

- Approximate with  $n$  triangular sides
- $n+1$  vertices (apex +  $n$  in the base)
- And a Base polygon with  $n$  sides  
(example,  $n=12$ )



## Cone Points Array

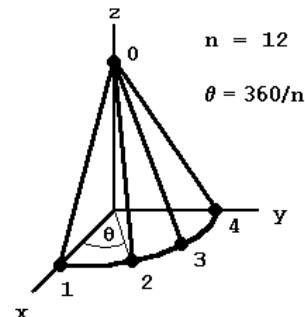
- Base points:

```
x = R * cos ( i * θ );  
y = R * sin ( i * θ );  
// θ = 360/n
```

$z = 0;$

- Apex point:

```
x = y = 0;  
z = h; // (height of cone)
```



## Cone Polygons Array

```
poly[0] = {12, {12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1}};
```

```
poly[1] = {3, {1,2,0}};
```

```
poly[2] = {3, {2,3,0}};
```

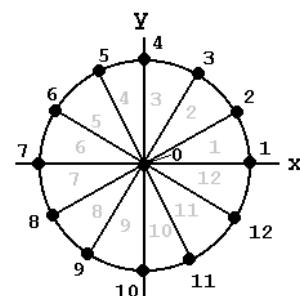
```
poly[3] = {3, {3,4,0}};
```

```
poly[4] = {3, {4,5,0}};
```

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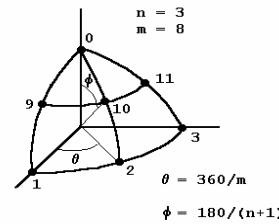
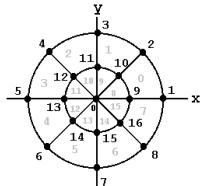
```
poly[12] = {3,{12,1,0}};
```

- The triangles can be generated in a loop



## Example 2: A Sphere

- Divide with n lines of latitude and m lines of longitude
- Gives triangles and quadrilaterals
- Latitude/Longitude intersection points used as approximating-polygon vertices
- Number of vertices =  $m \cdot n + 2$
- Number of polygons =  $(n+1) \cdot m$
- Example  $n=3, m=8$



Example:  $n=3, m=8$

$8 \cdot 3 + 2 = 26$  vertices

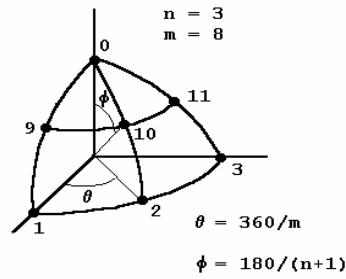
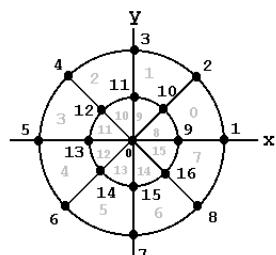
Can get x, y, z from spherical coordinates

Loop j: 0->n-1 (latitudes), i: 0->m-1 (longitudes)

$$x = R \cdot \sin(i^*\theta) \cdot \cos(j^*\phi);$$

$$y = R \cdot \sin(i^*\theta) \cdot \sin(j^*\phi);$$

$$z = R \cdot \cos(i^*\theta);$$



$(3+1)*8 = 32$  polygons

Number them in a consistent way

`poly[0] = {4, {1,2,10,9}};` // Upper Hemisphere

`poly[1] = {4, {2,3,11,10}};`

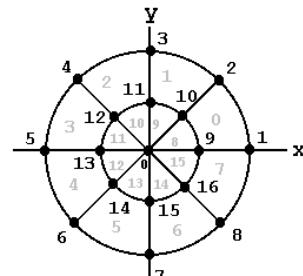
etc.

`poly[8] = {3, {0,9,10}};`

`poly[9] = {3, {0,10,11}};`

etc.

These can be  
generated in a loop



## 3-D Geometric Transformations

- Move objects in a 3-D scene
- Extension of 2-D Affine Transformations
- Three important ones:
  - Translation
  - Scaling
  - Rotations

## Representing 3-D Points

- Homogeneous coordinates
- $P(x,y,z) \rightarrow P'(x',y',z')$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline x \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x' \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline y \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline y' \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline z \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline z' \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# Translations

- Given 3-D translation vector  $T=(tx, ty, tz)$
- Component equations
  - $x' = x + tx$
  - $y' = y + ty$
  - $z' = z + tz$
- Represent translation as matrix equation
  - $P' = T * P$
- $T$  is a  $4 \times 4$  Homogeneous Matrix

## Homogeneous Translation Matrix

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & tx \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & ty \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & tz \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Notice obvious extension from 2-D to 3-D

## Scaling with respect to origin

- Given three scaling factors  $s_x, s_y, s_z$   
 $P' = S * P$
- $S$  is the following  $4 \times 4$  scaling matrix:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Again obvious extension from 2D

## Rotations

- Need to specify angle of rotation
- And axis about which the rotation is to be performed
- Infinite number of possible rotation axes
  - Rotation about any axis: linear combinations of rotations about x-axis, y-axis, z-axis

## Rotations about z-axis

- Consider rotation of point  $P=(x,y,z)$  by angle theta about the z-axis giving rotated point  $P'=(x',y',z')$ 
  - Same x,y equations as in the 2-D case
  - z will not change

## Z-Axis Rotation Component Equations

$$x' = x \cdot \cos(\theta) - y \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$y' = x \cdot \sin(\theta) + y \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$z' = z$$

- Represented as homogeneous matrix equation:

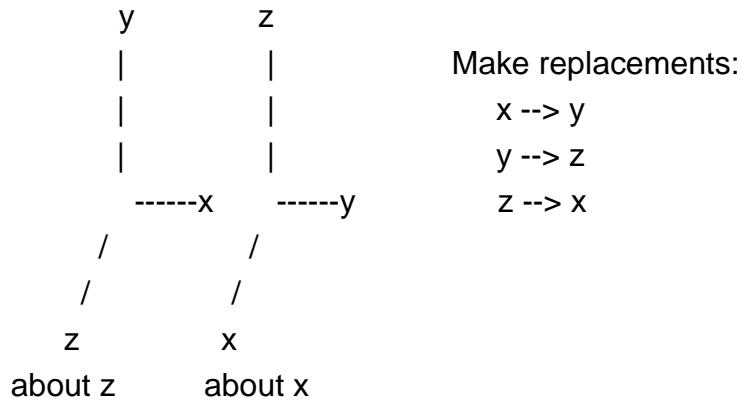
$$P' = R_z \cdot P$$

## Z-Axis Rotation Matrix

$$R_z = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Rx Matrix for rotations about x-axis

- Symmetry argument



- Original rotation about z-axis equations:

$$x' = x \cos(\theta) - y \sin(\theta)$$

$$y' = x \sin(\theta) + y \cos(\theta)$$

$$z' = z$$

- $x \rightarrow y$ ,  $y \rightarrow z$ ,  $z \rightarrow x$  transformed equations:

$$y' = y \cos(\theta) - z \sin(\theta)$$

$$z' = y \sin(\theta) + z \cos(\theta)$$

$$x' = x$$

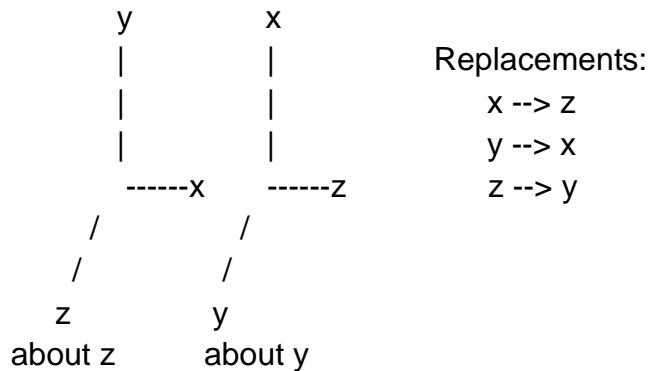
- Represented as matrix equation:

$$P' = R_x * P$$

$$R_x = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

## Ry Rotation Matrix

- Symmetry:

  
y                    x  
|                    |  
|                    |  
|                    |  
-----x            -----z  
/                    /  
/                    /  
z                    y  
about z            about y

Replacements:  
x --> z  
y --> x  
z --> y

x --> z  
y --> x  
z --> y

$$z' = z \cdot \cos(\theta) - x \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$x' = z \cdot \sin(\theta) + x \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$y' = y$$

$$P' = Ry * P$$

$$Ry = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Rotation Sense

- Positive sense
  - Defined as counter clockwise as we look down the rotation axis toward the origin