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A transformation class (example) 2/4

Methods to apply them



```

class Transform {
    // fields:
    float s; // scaling/size
    Rotation r; // rotation/orientation
    Vector3 t; // translation/position

    // methods:
    Vector3 apply_to_point( Vector3 p ){
        return r.apply_to( s * p ) + t;
    }
    Vector3 apply_to_vector( Vector3 v ){
        return r.apply_to( s * v ); // no traslation
    }
    Vector3 apply_to_versor( Vector3 n ){
        return r.apply_to( n ); // no transl or scaling!
    }
}

```

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A transformation class (example) 3/4

Composition, inversion, interpolation



- Methods to composite, invert, interpolate

```
class Transform {
    // fields:
    ...
    // methods:
    Vec3 apply_to_point( Vec3 p );
    Vec3 apply_to_vector( Vec3 v );
    Vec3 apply_to_versor( Vec3 d );

    Transform composite_with( Transform t );
    Transform inverse();
    Transform interpolate_with( Transform t , float k );
}
```

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A transformation class (example) 3/4

interpolate (aka «blend», «mix», «in-between» ...)



Just interpolate the three components

```
class Transform {
    // fields:
    float s;    // uniform scale
    Rotation r; // rotation
    Vec3 t;     // translation

    Transform mix_with( Transform b , float k ){
        Transform result;
        result.s = this.s * k + b.s * (1-k);
        result.r = this.r.mix_with( b.r , k );
        result.t = this.t * k + b.t * (1-k);
        return result;
    }
}
```

black-box for now

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Popular pick for game engines (Unity, Unreal...)

- **Rot + Transl. + Non-Uniform scaling**
 - how-to: scaling is a vector (not a scalar)
 - you get:
an unnamed subset of affine transforms.
 - **not closed to combination** - ☹ ugly!
 - that's why scale of a cumulated transf. is read-only, and approximate
 - but, non-uniform scaling deemed too useful to pass
 - just remember to avoid them if possible
 - e.g. act on 3D models on import – easier, sounder
 - scaling is applied *before* rot and transl. (i.e. «in local space»)
 - if you do use them, apply them early
i.e. in the leaves of the scene graph tree– see later



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Code example: inverse

It's not enough to invert the 3 components!

```
class Transform {  
    // fields:  
    float s; // scale  
    Rotation r; // rotation  
    Vec3 t; // translation  
  
    Transform inverse() {  
        Transform res;  
        res.s = 1.0f / this.s;  
        res.r = this.r.inverse();  
        res.t = -this.t;  
  
        return res;  
    }  
}
```

next lecture: we will see inside this class

WRONG!

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Code example: inverse

```

class Transform {
    // fields:
    float s;    // uniform scale
    Rotation r; // rotation
    Vec3 t;     // translation

    Transform inverse() {
        Transform res;
        res.s = 1.0f / this.s;
        res.r = this.r.inverse();
        res.t = -this.t;

        res.t = res.r.apply( res.t*res.s );

        return res;
    }
}

```

FIXED!
Takes in account the fixed order (1st scale, then rotate, then translate)

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Inverting a transformation:
the math

- Current transform: $f(p) = \mathbf{R}(s p) + \vec{t}$

the rotation the scaling the translation
- Inverse transform: $f^{-1}(p) = \mathbf{R}'(s' p) + \vec{t}'$

the new rotation the new scaling the new translation
- Important: the order of operations is the same!
- The problem: how to find \mathbf{R}' , s' , \vec{t}' such that
 - if $f(p) = q$
 - then $f^{-1}(q) = p$

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$f(p) = q$	$q = \mathbf{R}(s p) + \vec{t}$
$f^{-1}(q) = p$	$q - \vec{t} = \mathbf{R}(s p)$

↔ apply inverse rot on each side

$$\mathbf{R}^{-1}(q - \vec{t}) = s p$$

↔

$$\mathbf{R}^{-1}(q - \vec{t})/s = p$$

↔ rotations are linear funct

$$\mathbf{R}^{-1}(q)/s + \mathbf{R}^{-1}(-\vec{t})/s = p$$

↔ not valid for non-uniform scalings!

$$\mathbf{R}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s}q\right) + \mathbf{R}^{-1}(-\vec{t})/s = p$$

the new rotation
the new scaling
the new translation (a vector)

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Code example: composite (or, cumulate)

It's not enough to compose the 3 components

```
class Transform {
    // fields:
    float s;
    Rotation r;
    Vec3 t; // translation

    Transform cumulateWith( Transform b ) {
        Transform result;
        result.s = this.s * b.s;
        result.r = this.r.cumulateWith( b.r );
        result.t = this.t + b.t;
        return result;
    }
}
```

← WRONG!

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Code example: composite (or, cumulate)

```
class Transform {
    // fields:
    float s;
    Rotation r;
    Vec3 t; // translation

    Transform cumulateWith( Transform b ){
        Transform result;
        result.s = this.s * b.s;
        result.r = this.r.cumulateWith( b.r );
        result.t = b.r.apply( this.t * b.s ) + b.t;
        return result;
    }
}
```

correct

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Compositing transformations: the math

- stored transformation components
- Input transforms: $f_A(p) = \mathbf{R}_a(s_a p) + \vec{t}_a$
 $f_B(p) = \mathbf{R}_b(s_b p) + \vec{t}_b$
 - Composite transf: $f_{AB}(p) = \mathbf{R}'(s' p) + \vec{t}'$
output transformation components
 - Observe: f_{AB} still uses one scaling, rotation, & transl., to be applied in the same order
 - The problem: how to find \mathbf{R}' , s' , \vec{t}'
such that $f_{AB}(p) = f_A(f_B(p))$
(first B, then A)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{AB}(p) &= \\
 &= f_A(f_B(p)) \\
 &= f_A(\mathbf{R}_b(s_b p) + \vec{t}_b) \\
 &= \mathbf{R}_a(s_a(\mathbf{R}_b(s_b p) + \vec{t}_b)) + \vec{t}_a \\
 &= \mathbf{R}_a(s_a \mathbf{R}_b(s_b p) + s_a \vec{t}_b) + \vec{t}_a && \leftarrow \text{distribute scaling } s_a \\
 &= \mathbf{R}_a(s_a \mathbf{R}_b(s_b p)) + \mathbf{R}_a(s_a \vec{t}_b) + \vec{t}_a && \leftarrow \text{distribute rotation (they are linear func)} \\
 &= \mathbf{R}_a(\mathbf{R}_b(s_a s_b p)) + \mathbf{R}_a(s_a \vec{t}_b) + \vec{t}_a && \leftarrow \text{not valid for non-uniform scalings!} \\
 &= \mathbf{R}_{ab}(s_a s_b p) + \mathbf{R}_a(s_a \vec{t}_b) + \vec{t}_a
 \end{aligned}$$

the output rotation (composition of rot func) the output scale the output translation (a vector)

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Example: in unity

Class `Transform` with methods:

- `Vector3 TransformPoint(Vector3 pos)`
- `Vector3 TransformVector(Vector3 vec)`
- `Vector3 TransformDirection(Vector3 dir)`

No "invert" method but:

- `Vector3 InverseTransformPoint(Vector3 pos)`
- `Vector3 InverseTransformVector(Vector3 vec)`
- `Vector3 InverseTransformDirection(Vector3 dir)`

Mix: manually mix rotation, scaling, translation components

Cumulation: automatic when needed: see lecture on scene graph

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Example: in UNREAL ENGINE



Class `FTransform` with methods:

- `FVector TransformPosition(FVector pos)`
- `FVector TransformVector(FVector vec)`
- `FVector TransformVectorNoScale(FVector dir)`

- `FTransform inverse();`
- `FTransform blend(FTransform a, FTransform b);`
- `void accumulate(FTransform a);`

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In conclusion



- if my **3D transformation** is represented as
 - a **scaling** (optional), plus
 - a **rotation**, plus
 - a **translation**
- then I can easily / efficiently
 - **store** it
 - **apply** it (to points, vectors & versors)
 - **composite** it (with another transformation)
 - **invert** it
 - **interpolate** it (with another transformation)
- ...as long as I can do so with **rotations** !

the subject of
next lecture



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