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## Computer Science 184 - Computer Graphics

### Fall 1992 - Midterm Exam

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Question 1: **Transformations** [20 points]

Figure 1 shows a triangle ABC transformed by a transformation matrix  $T$  to a new position PQR.

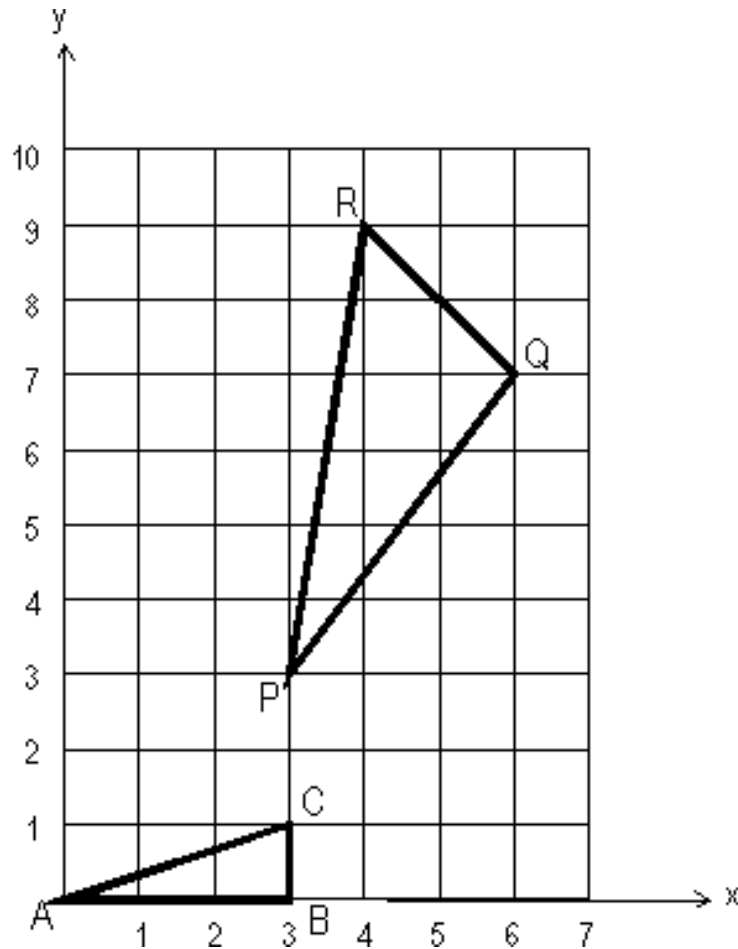


Figure 1

A) Write down the transformation matrix  $T$ . Show all work. [17 points]

B) If the problem was to compute the inverse matrix  $T^{-1}$ , i.e. if the original triangle was PQR which gets transformed by  $T^{-1}$  to ABC, is there enough information to compute all the elements of  $T^{-1}$ ? [3 points]

Answer 1: **Transformations**

Question 2: **Scan Conversion** [20 points]

A) For each of the 18 regions labeled a-r in figure 2, fill in the chart below with the words "IN" or "OUT" which represent what the particular scan conversion rule (odd/even vs. non-zero winding) would conclude about that region. [13 points]

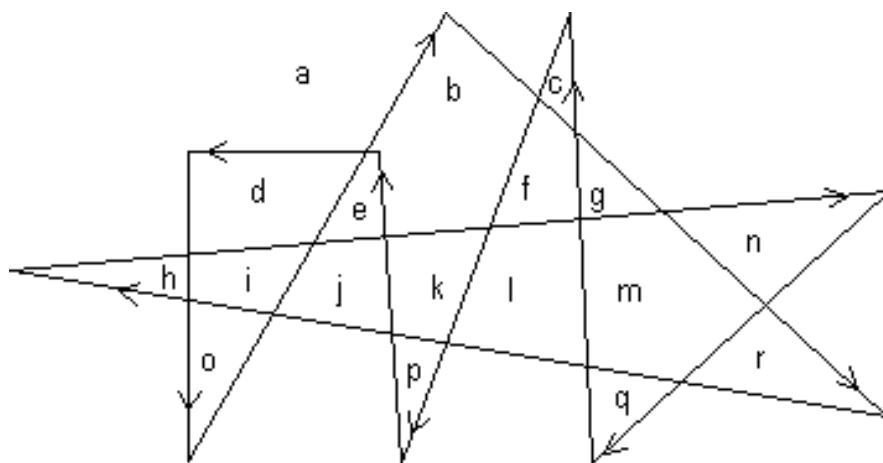


Figure 2

B) What is the minimum number of edges a polygon would need so that the non-zero winding rule and odd/even rule have different answers for a particular region of a polygon? Draw it, highlight the region which is labeled differently and tell which rule labeled it in and which one out. [7 points]

Answer 2: **Scan Conversion**

Label	Odd/Even	Non-zero Winding
a		
b		
c		
d		

e		
f		
g		
h		
i		
j		
k		
l		
m		
n		
o		
p		
q		
r		

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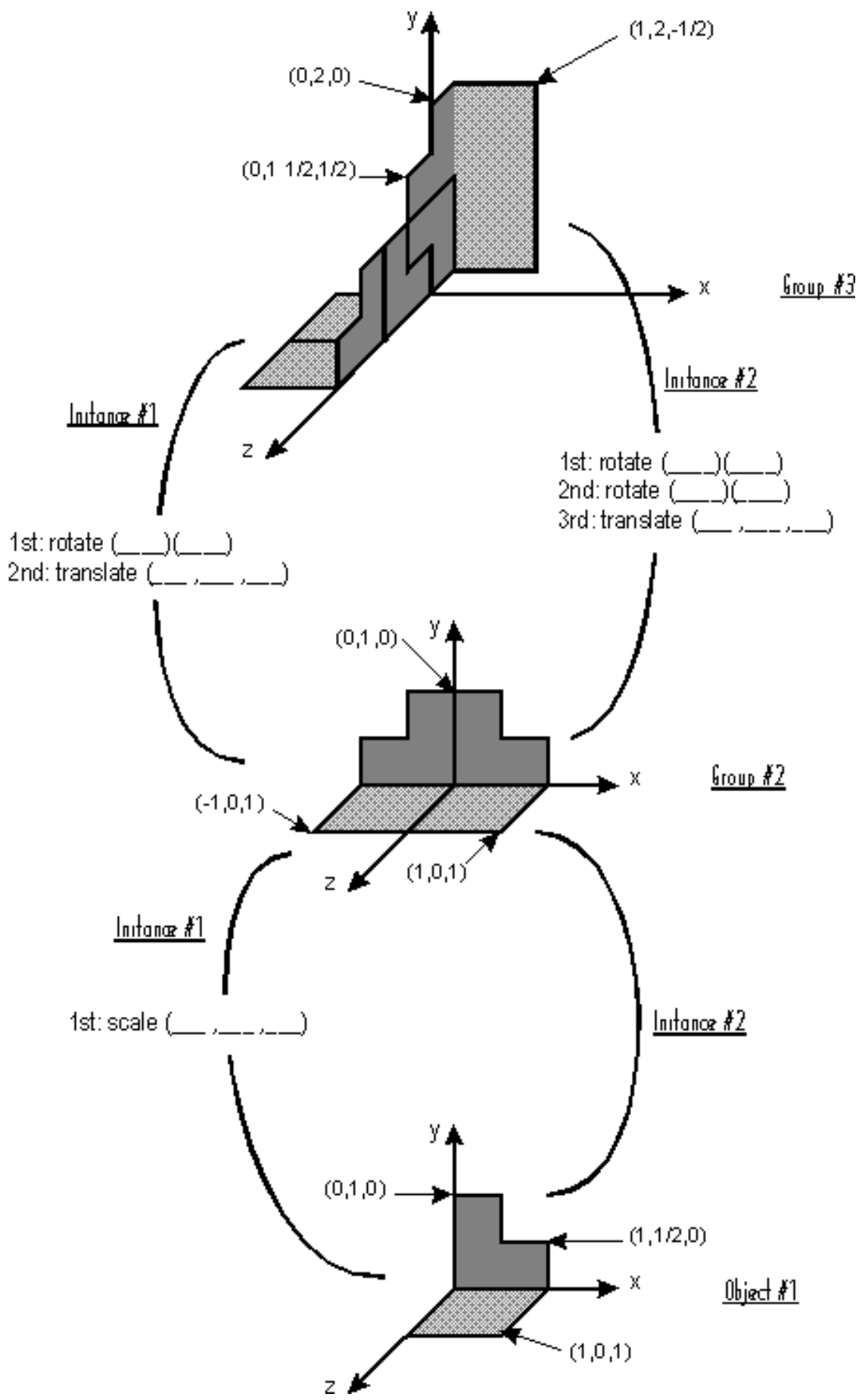
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**Question 3: Hierarchial Modeling** [20 points - 10 points this page, 10 points next page]

A) The following diagram represents a hierarchial object description which might be found in a SDL file. Fill in the missing arguements to the transformation statements so that object #1 is instanced correctly in group #2 and group #2 is instanced correctly in group #3. [10 points]

The transformation statement format is: rotate (axis) (degrees), translate (tx,ty,tz) and scale (sx,sy,sz). Note that the axes are in a right handed coordinate system, as in SDL and GL, therefore use the right hand convention for rotations.

**Answer 3: Hierarchial Modeling**



Question 3: **Hierarchical Modeling** (continued)

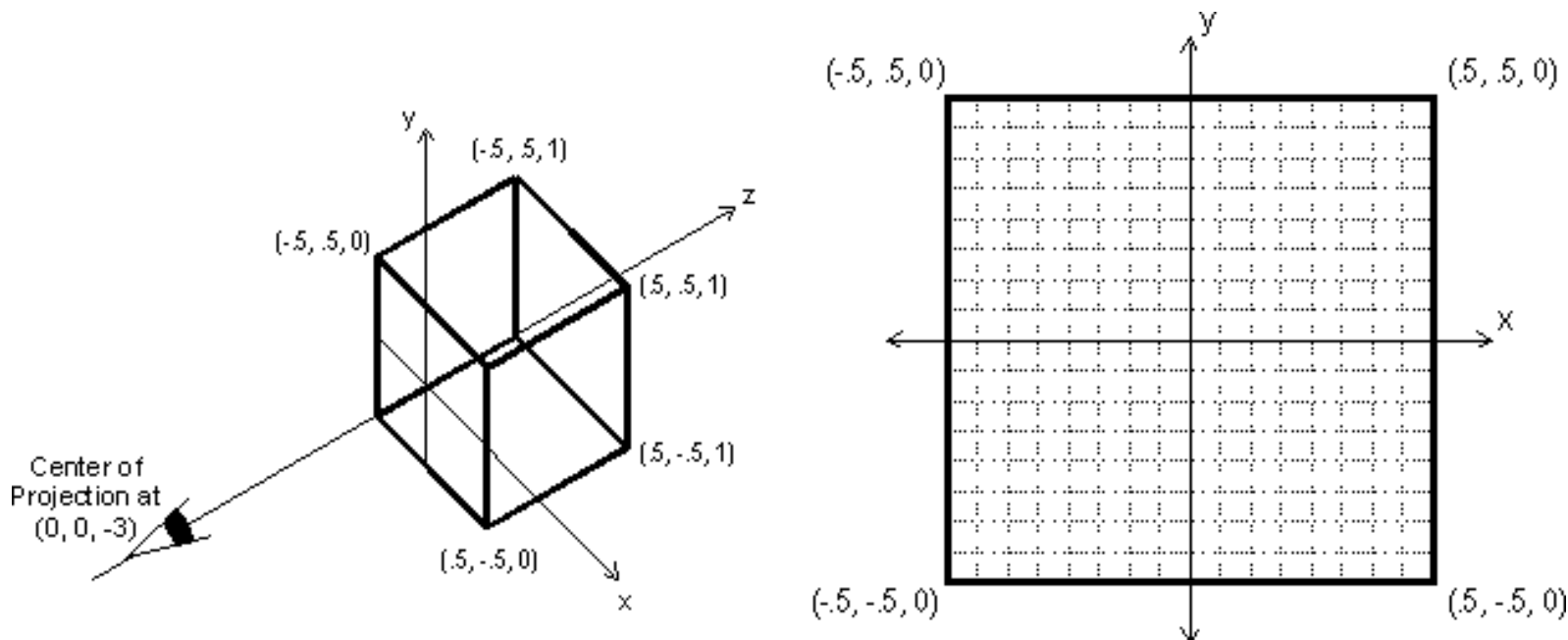
B) The composite object shown in part (A) could be represented alternatively as a list of vertices and faces in group #3, without the hierarchy of transformations. List some advantages and disadvantages of both the hierarchical and non-hierarchical modeling schemes. Consider the problem of rendering, animation, storage and anything else you can think of. [10 points]

Answer 3: **Hierarchical Modeling**

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Question 4: **Projections** [20 points]

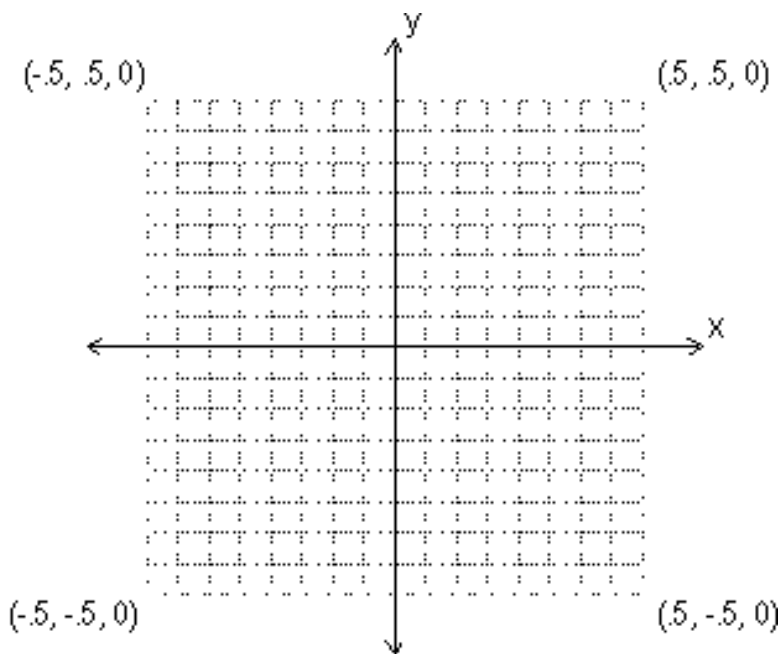
A unit wireframe cube is centered at  $(0,0,5)$  in the left-handed picture-plane coordinate system as shown in figure 3 below. The plane of projection is the  $x$ - $y$  plane. If the center of projection (COP) is at  $(0,0,-\infty)$ , the projection of the cube onto the projection plane is shown in figure 4.

Figure 4: Projection onto  $x$ - $y$  plane if COP at  $(0, 0, -\infty)$ 

A) If the COP is moved to  $(0,0,-3)$  as shown in figure 3, draw the resulting projection in the grid provided below. Show all work - a sketch with no algebra will receive very little credit. [10 points]

B) The COP remains at  $(0,0,-3)$ . The cube is deformed such that its projection is exactly that of figure 4. Note that there are infinitely many deformations that generate the same projection. Assume the deformation *does not* scale the cube along the  $z$ -axis (i.e.  $z$ -coordinates are unchanged). What are the coordinates of the vertices of the cube after deformation? [10 points]

Answer 4: **Projections**



Draw your projection for part (A) above

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**Question 5: User interface Considerations** [20 points]

In your "Polygon Entry" assignment you created polygons by clicking in the window to add vertices and then clicked a different way to signify that you were done. Here we consider user interface issues related to the *deletion* of vertices. A fellow student (who didn't attend the 2-D Interaction lecture) suggests the following interaction technique:

- 1) Type Esc-Shift-Control-7, which tells the computer the user is ready to choose the single vertex to remove.
- 2) Type the pixel coordinates of the vertex in the following format exactly: "[{4-digit-X-location},{4-digit-Y-location}]". e.g. "[{0123},{0056}]" for the vertex at point (123,56)
- 3) Type "REMOVE\_THE\_VERTEX\_NOW"

A) Describe briefly three distinct, fundamental problems with this suggestion. [9 points]

B) You are hired by the Nanosoft<sup>TM</sup> corporation to implement the delete-vertex module in a large 2-D draw-style program. You are given an entire semester to create the most flexible and powerful module possible. Your users will be people of all ranges of computing skills - from novices to experts. Assume you have at your disposal the standard draw selection tools. Describe (at a user level, not a programming level) the mouse-oriented techniques you would use for removing vertices. Explain reasons behind the decisions you make. [11 points]

**Answer 5: User interface Considerations**



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