

## Something noteworthy



- Very very noteworthy ...
- OpenGL **postmultiply** each new transformation matrix  
 $M = M \times M_{new}$
- Example: perform translation, then rotation
  - 0)  $M = \text{Identity}$
  - 1) translation  $T(tx,ty,0) \rightarrow M = M \times T(tx,ty,0)$
  - 2) rotation  $R(\theta) \rightarrow M = M \times R(\theta)$
  - 3) Now, transform a point  $P \rightarrow P' = M \times P$   
 $= T(tx, ty, 0) \times R(\theta) \times P$  Wrong!!!

## Example Revisit

- We want rotation and then translation
- Generate wrong results if you do:

```
glRotated(60,0,0,1);  
glTranslated(5,0,0);  
glBegin()
```

```
glTranslated(5,0,0);  
glRotate(60,0,0,1);  
glBegin()  
...
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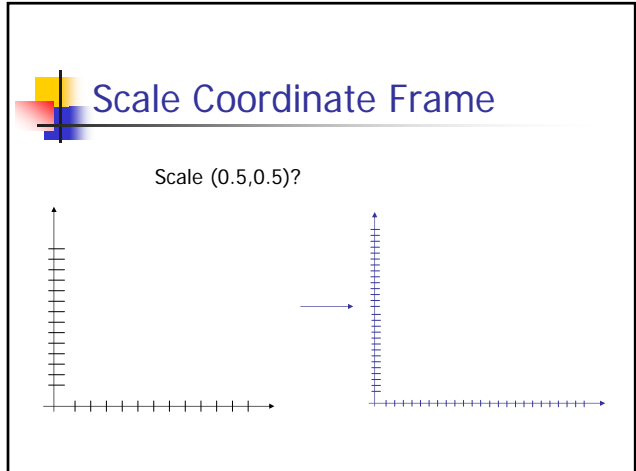
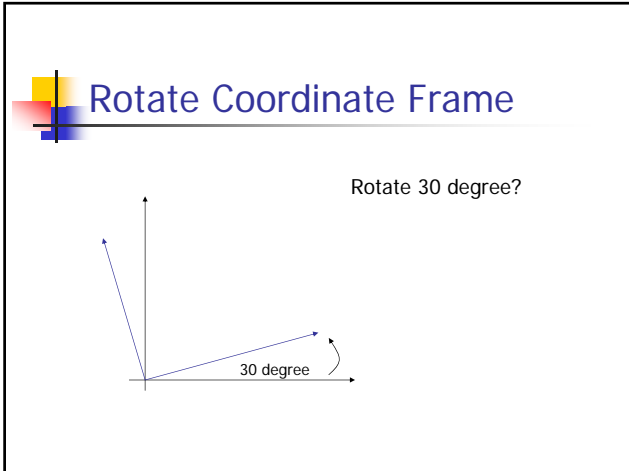
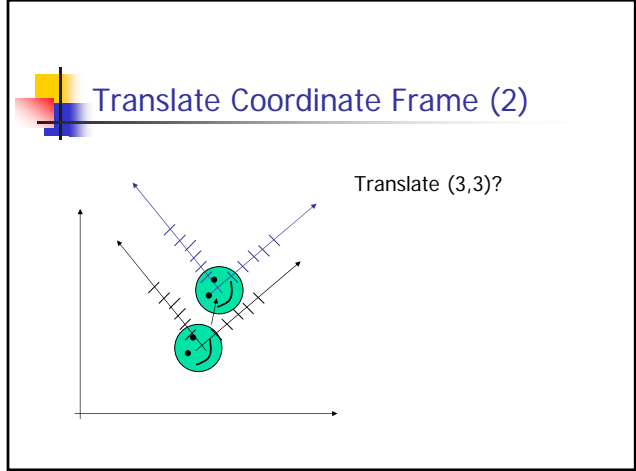
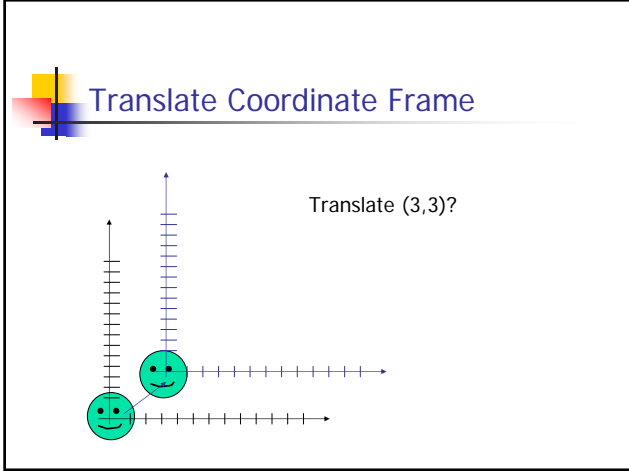
You need to specify the transformation in the opposite order!!

## How Strange ...

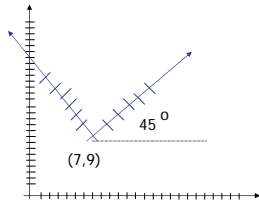
- OpenGL has its reason ...
- It wants you to think of transformation in a different way
- Instead of thinking of transform the object in a fixed global coordinate system, you should think of transforming an object as moving (transforming) its local coordinate system

## OpenGL Transformation

- When use OpenGL, we need to think object transformations as moving (transforming) its local coordinate frame
- All the transformations are performed **relative to the current coordinate frame and axes**



## Compose Transformations

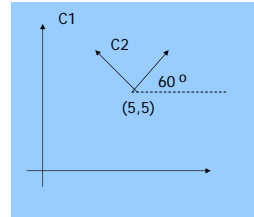


Transformations?

Answer:

1. Translate(7,9)
2. Rotate 45
3. Scale (2,2)

## Another example



How do you transform from C1 to C2?

Translate (5,5) and then Rotate (60)

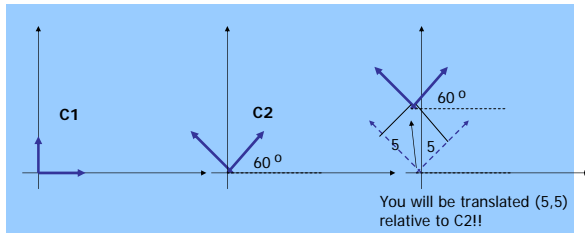
OR

Rotate (60) and then Translate (5,5) ???

**Answer: Translate(5,5) and then Rotate (60)**

## Another example (cont'd)

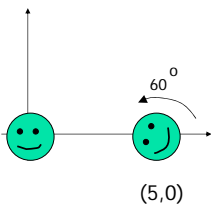
If you Rotate(60) and then Translate(5,5) ...



## Transform Objects

- What does coordinate frame transformation have anything to do with object transformation?
- You can view transformation as to tie the object to a local coordinate frame and move that coordinate frame

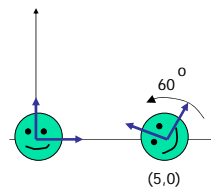
## Example



Old way: Transformation as moving the object relative to the origin of a global world coordinate frame

- 1) Rotate (  $60^\circ$  )
- 2) Translate (5,0)

## Example (cont'd)

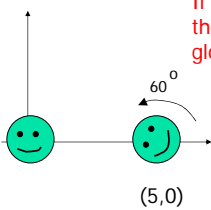


If you think of transformations as moving the local coordinate frame

- 1) Translate (5,0)
- 2) Rotate (  $60^\circ$  )

Exact the opposite order compared to the previous slide!!

## So ...



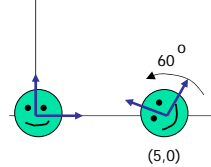
If you think of transformations as moving the object relative to the origin of a global world coordinate frame

- 1) Rotate (  $60^\circ$  ) -  $M_R$
- 2) Translate (5,0) -  $M_T$

$P' = M_T \times M_R \times P$  is the Correct multiplication

However, OpenGL will do  $M_R \times M_T \times P$  if you call `glRotate()` first, and then `glTranslate()` because of postmultiplication

## So ... (cont'd)



If you think of transformations as moving the coordinate frame

- 1) Translate (5,0) -  $M_T$
- 2) Rotate (  $60^\circ$  ) -  $M_R$

So if you think in terms of moving coordinate frames, you will want to perform Translate first, and then Rotate (i.e., call `glTranslate()` first and then `glRotate()`)  
OpenGL will do  $M_T \times M_R \times P$  -> **The correct multiplication order!!!**

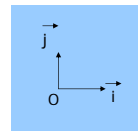
## Put it all together

When you use OpenGL ...

- Think of transformation as moving coordinate frames
- Call OpenGL transformation functions in that order
- OpenGL will actually perform the transformations in the reverse order
- Everything will be just right!!!

## Change Coordinate System (1)

- What constitutes a coordinate system?
- Origin  $O$
- Basis vector  $\vec{i}, \vec{j}$

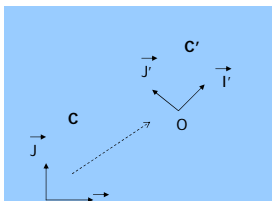


Any point  $P(x,y)$  in the coordinate system can be represented:

$$P = O + x * \vec{i} + y * \vec{j}$$

## Change Coordinate System (2)

- Transform a coordinate system



We can denote the transformation of coordinate systems as

$$C' = M \times C$$

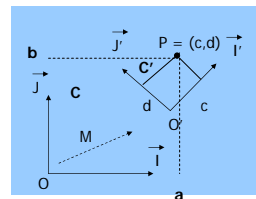
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{O}' &= M \times \vec{O} \\ \vec{I}' &= M \times \vec{I} \\ \vec{J}' &= M \times \vec{J} \end{aligned}$$

(Note that when we transform a vector  $(a,b)$ , we use  $(a,b,0)$  to multiply with the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $M$  (as opposed to  $(a,b,1)$  like we do for points)

## Change Coordinate System (3)

- Assuming  $P(c, d)$  in  $C'$ , and  $C'$  is obtained by transforming  $C$  using  $M$ , i.e.,

$$C' = M \times C$$

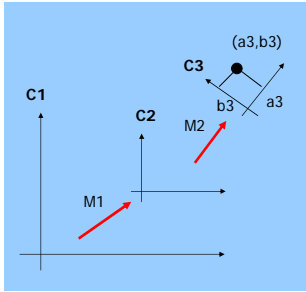


Then the coordinates for  $P$  in  $C$  is

$$P' = M \times P$$

$$(a,b,1) = M \times (c,d,1)$$

## Successive Coordinate Changes



$$C1 \xrightarrow{M1} C2 \xrightarrow{M2} C3$$

Given P (a3,b3) in C3  
What is P's coordinates in C1?

- 1) Get P's coordinates in C2  
 $P_{c2} = M2 \times P$
- 2) Get  $P_{c2}$ 's coordinates in C1  
 $P_{c1} = M1 \times P_{c2}$

$$P_{c1} = M1 \times M2 \times P \quad \text{the answer!!}$$

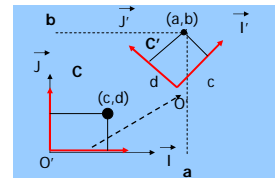
## Change Coordinate System (4)

- What does it have anything to do with object transformation?
- We can view transformation as moving the coordinate system (reference frame) and tie the object with that frame

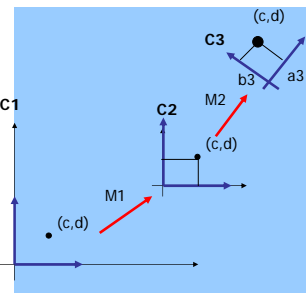
$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = M \times \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

What is (a,b)? The coordinates of the point P (c,d) in C after the coordinate system change

i.e, the new coordinates after transforming (c,d)



## Look at transformation again...

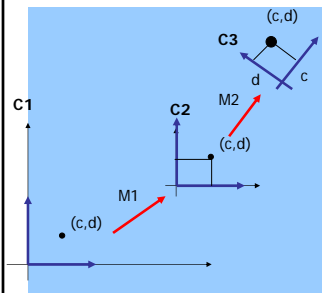


Think transformation of point P (c,d) as a sequence of coordinate frame change

P (c,d) is always tied to the (local) coordinate frame

P's final position after the Transformations?  
-> (c,d)'s coordinates in C1

## Look at transformation again (2)



Tell OpenGL to transform Using:

M1 (move C1 to C2)  
M2 (move C2 to C3)

P's final coordinates = P's coordinates in C1 =  $M1 \times M2 \times P$

This is what we want, and exactly what OpenGL does!!

i.e. Apply the last transformation (M2) to the point first

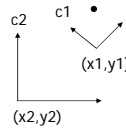
## Look at transformation again (3)

- In other words: If you think of transformations as **changing coordinate frames**, the order that you specify the transformations (for the frames) **will be exactly opposite to the order** that the transformations are actually applied (i.e. matrix- multiplied) to the object

## Put it all together

### Coordinate system transformation

- Transform an object from coordinate system C1 with the origin at  $(x_1, y_1)$  or  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  in 3D, to coordinate system C2 with the origin  $(x_2, y_2)$  or  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  in 3D



1. Find the transformation sequence to move C2 to C1 (so C2 will align with C1)
  - Move the origin of C2 to coincide with the origin of C1
  - Rotate the basis vectors of C2 so that they coincide with C1's.
  - Scale the unit if necessary
2. Apply the above transformation sequence to the object in the opposite order