

## Administrative:

Asst 2 due this Friday at 5pm

Asst 3 out today, due next Friday at 5pm

Athena stuff

**setup 6.837** for timely announcements  
(subscribes to 6.837 **zephyr** instance)

Theory review: **W (tomorrow) 7-9 in 34-101**

My office hours: T 4pm, 4-370 / NE43-252

## Today:

Object, World Space Modeling (H&B S7.3,10.1,11.5)

Using Inventor on Athena SGI machines

Modeling file format

Useful viewers/editors

Extensible (C++) tool suite, dev't. env't.

Modeling Your Own 3D Shapes

Assignment 3 out (due Friday 1 October)

Inventor object modeling; C, C++ programming !

## Thursday:

More of the Graphics Pipeline

Object space a sort of “workbench” where

components are assembled, combined

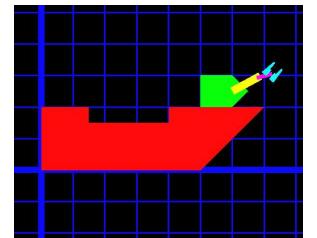
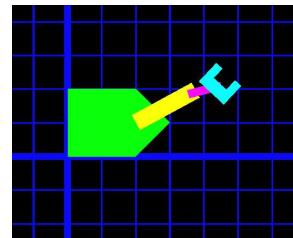
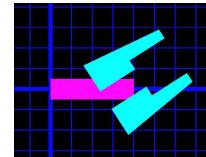
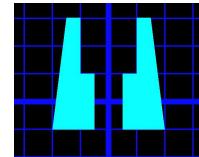
World space is a “canvas” on/in which

finished objects are placed

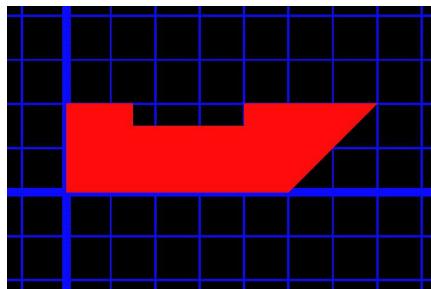
But: often useful to view both ways

Usually, required transformations, ordering obvious

Example: Boat, sub, articulated grasper arm, treasure



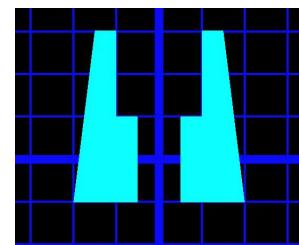
## Modeling the Boat



```
# boat, version 1
Switch { DEF boat Separator {
    Material { diffuseColor 1 0 0 } # RGB (red)
    Coordinate3 {
        point [ 0     0     0,
                5     0     0,
                7     2     0,
                4     2     0,
                4     1.5   0,
                1.5   1.5   0,
                1.5   2     0,
                0     2     0]
    } # Coordinate3
    IndexedFaceSet { coordIndex [ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, -1 ] }
} } # Switch
```

## Modeling Jason, with Robot Arm

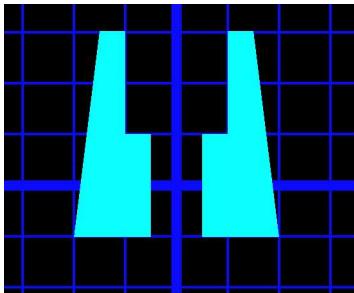
Proceed “bottom up”: Grasper, Forearm, Arm, Sub



```
# grasper
Switch { DEF grasper Separator {
    Material { diffuseColor 0 1 1 }
    Coordinate3 {
        point [ -2    -1    0,
                -0.5   -1    0,
                0.5    -1    0,
                2     -1    0,
                1.5    3    0,
                1     3    0,
                1     1    0,
                0.5    1    0,
                -0.5   1    0,
                -1    1    0,
                -1    3    0,
                -1.5   3    0 ]
    } # Coordinate3
    IndexedFaceSet { coordIndex [ 0, 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, -1,
                                    2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, -1 ] }
} } # Switch
```

## Use of Symmetry

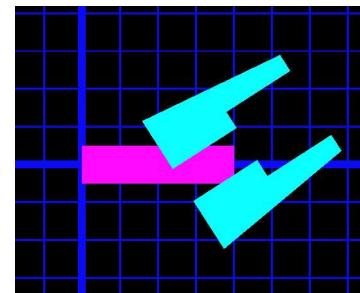
Can exploit symmetry even within grasper DEF:



```
# grasper alternative
Switch { DEF grasper Separator {
    Material { diffuseColor 0 1 1 }
    Coordinate3 {
        point [ -2 -1 0,
                 -0.5 -1 0,
                 -0.5 1 0,
                 -1 1 0,
                 -1 3 0,
                 -1.5 3 0 ]
    } # Coordinate3
    FaceSet { numVertices [ 6 ] }
    Scale { scaleFactor -1 1 1 } # why ?
    FaceSet { numVertices [ 6 ] }
} } # Switch
```

## Forearm

Note USE of grasper (rotation, translation)

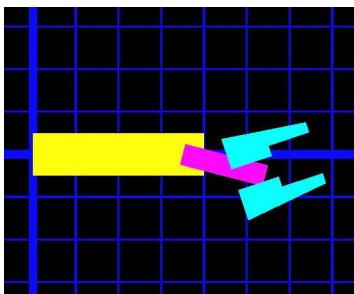


```
# forearm
Switch { DEF forearm Separator {
    Material { diffuseColor 1 0 1 } # RGB (magenta)
    Coordinate3 {
        point [ 0 -0.5 0,
                 4 -0.5 0,
                 4 0.5 0,
                 0 0.5 0 ]
    } # Coordinate3
    IndexedFaceSet { coordIndex [ 0, 1, 2, 3, -1 ] }

    # instance grasper
    Translation { translation 3.5 0 0 }
    RotationXYZ { axis Z angle -1 }
    USE grasper
} } # Switch
```

## Arm

Note USE of forearm (which USEs grasper)

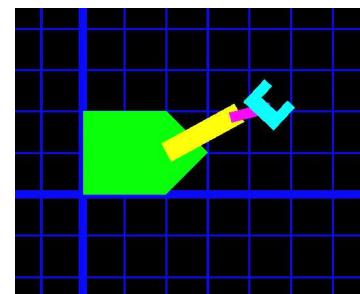


```
# arm
Switch { DEF arm Separator {
    Material { diffuseColor 1 0.5 0 }
    Coordinate3 {
        point [ 0 -0.5 0,
                 4 -0.5 0,
                 4 0.5 0,
                 0 0.5 0 ]
    } # Coordinate3
    IndexedFaceSet { coordIndex [ 0, 1, 2, 3, -1 ] }

    # instance forearm
    Translation { translation 3.5 0 0 }
    Scale { scaleFactor 0.5 0.5 0 }
    RotationXYZ { axis Z angle -0.25 } # joint angle wrt. mount
    USE forearm
} } # Switch
```

## Jason Sub

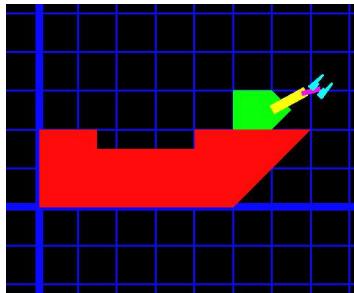
Note USE of arm (which USEs forearm, which USEs...)



```
# jason sub
Switch { DEF jason Separator {
    Material { diffuseColor 0 1 0 }
    Coordinate3 {
        point [ 0 0 0,
                 2 0 0,
                 3 1 0,
                 2 2 0,
                 0 2 0 ]
    } # Coordinate3
    IndexedFaceSet { coordIndex [ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, -1 ] }

    # instance entire arm
    Translation { translation 2 1 0 }
    Scale { scaleFactor 0.5 0.5 0 }
    RotationXYZ { axis Z angle 0.5 } # joint angle wrt. mount
    USE arm
} } # Switch
```

## Placing Sub on Boat



```
# boat, version 2
Switch { DEF boat Separator {
    Material { diffuseColor 1 0 0 }
    Coordinate3 {
        point [ 0 0 0,
                5 0 0,
                7 2 0,
                4 2 0,
                4 1.5 0,
                1.5 1.5 0,
                1.5 2 0,
                0 2 0]
    } # Coordinate3
    IndexedFaceSet { coordIndex [ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, -1 ] }

    # instance jason sub wrt boat
    Translation { translation 5 2 0 } # on board (up)
    Scale { scaleFactor 0.5 0.5 0 }
    USE jason
} } # Switch
```

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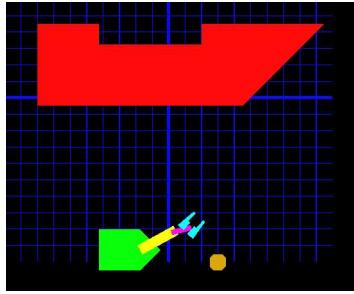
```
# coin
Switch { DEF coin Separator {
    Material { diffuseColor 0.8 0.6 0 } # gold
    Coordinate3 {
        point [ -1 -2 0,
                1 -2 0,
                2 -1 0,
                2 1 0,
                1 2 0,
                -1 2 0,
                -2 1 0,
                -2 -1 0 ]
    } # Coordinate3
    FaceSet { numVertices [ 8 ] }
} } # Switch
```

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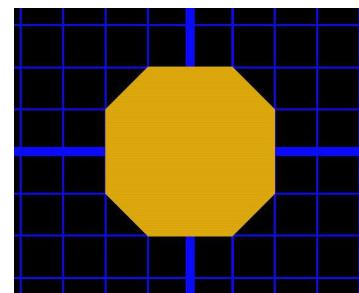
## Placing Boat, Coin in Ocean



```
# boat, version 3
Switch { DEF boat Separator {
    ...
    # instance jason sub wrt boat
    Translation { translation 1.5 -4 0 } # diving (down)
    Scale { scaleFactor 0.5 0.5 0 }
    USE jason
} } # Switch
# place boat on sea surface
Separator { Translation { translation -8 -0.5 0 }
    Scale { scaleFactor 2.5 2.5 0 }
    USE boat }
# place coin on sea bottom
Separator { Translation { translation 3 -10 0 }
    Scale { scaleFactor 0.25 0.25 0 }
    USE coin }
```

How to get grasper to pick up coin?

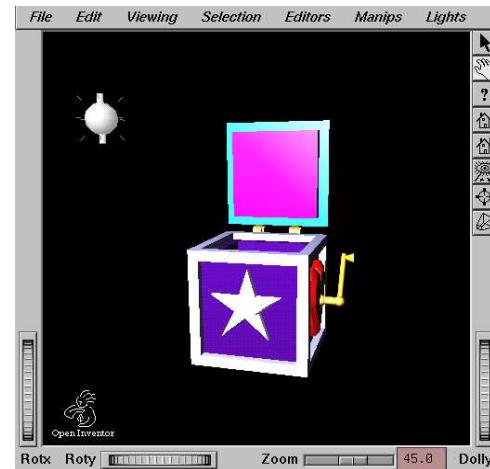
## Treasure: Gold Coin(s)



## Inventor Tools

### SceneViewer

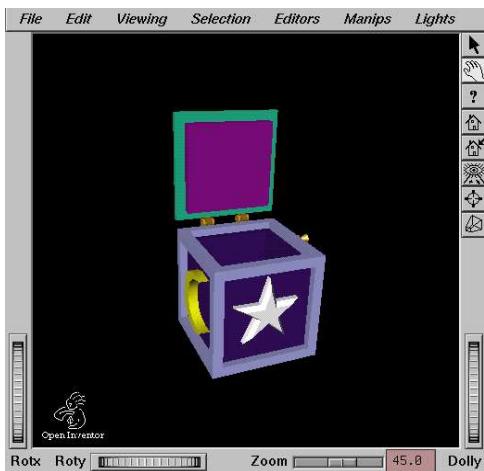
Manipulate, edit, light Inventor models



```
/usr/sbin/SceneViewer foo.iv
/usr/share/data/models/*.iv
/usr/share/data/models/simple/*.iv
/usr/share/data/models/*/*.iv
```

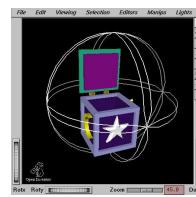
## Interaction Modes & Icons

Default: 3D Viewer (hand icon)

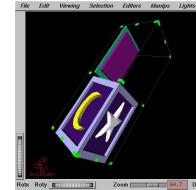


Trackball, Walk, Fly, Plane view  
Also Select, Help, Home, Set Home,  
Center, Set Center, Ortho/Perspective

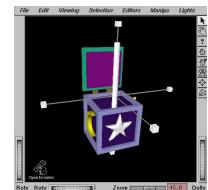
## Manipulators



Trackball



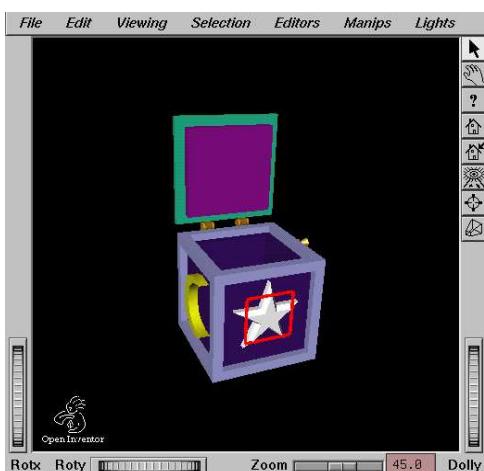
Tab Box



Jack

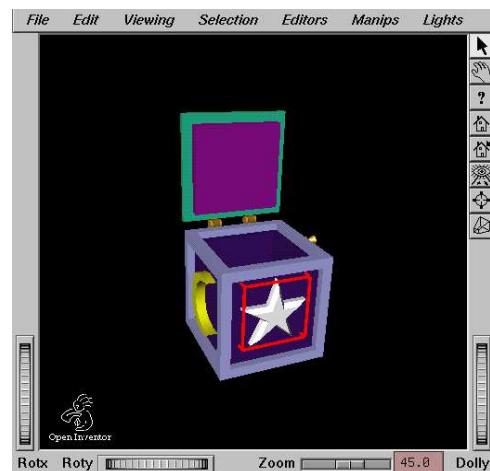
## Selection

Pick mode (arrow icon); select



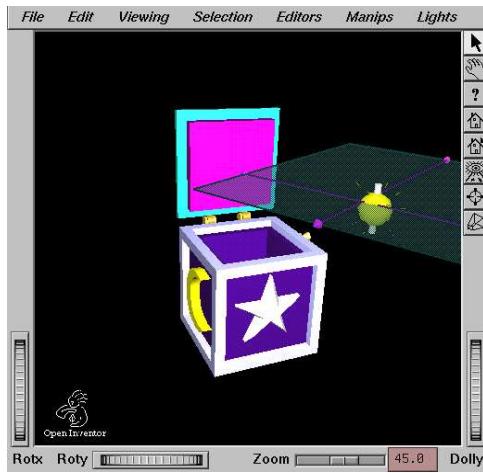
## Selection

Edit → Pick Parent



## Light Creation/Editing

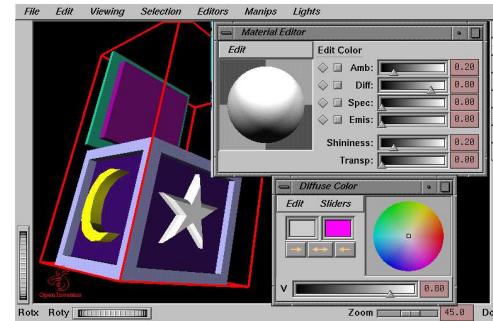
Lights → Create {Point, Dir, Spot}



## Material / Color Editing

Editors → {Material, Color}

Enabled only when some entity is selected



## Inventor Representations

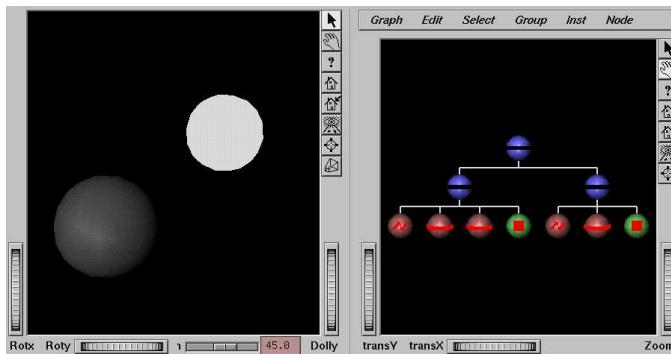
Scene graph (DAG), comprised of several node types:

Shape: 3D geometric objects

Transform: Affect current transformation

Property: Appearance, texture, etc.

Group: Collection of subgraphs



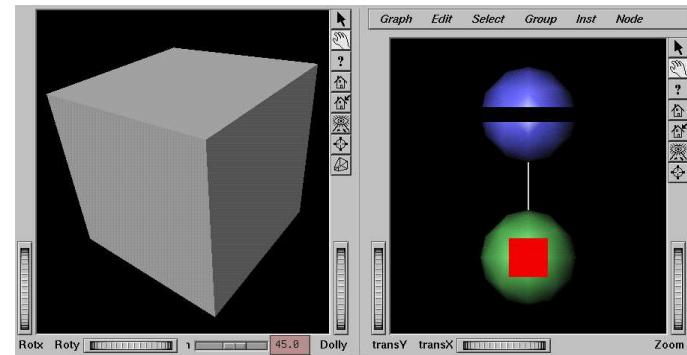
Traversal state:

Maintained during (modified) pre-order traversal  
current node, children (left to right), recursively  
some nodes have effects in both directions!

## Built-In Geometric Primitives

First, trivial example:

```
#Inventor V2.1 ascii
Cube {}
```



Primitive attributes:

Default W,H,D (for cubes, spheres, cones, etc.);

Default Color; Material; &c

Traversal state (all defaulted for now):

Xform; Lights; Material; &c

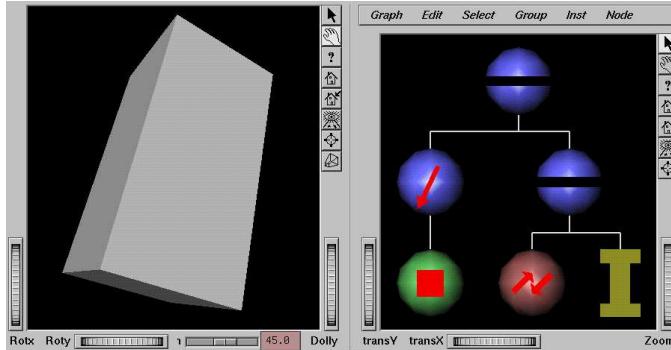
## Definition & Instantiation

```

Switch { DEF unitcube
    Cube {}
} # Switch

Separator {
    Scale { scaleFactor 1 1 2 }
    USE unitcube
} # Separator

```



Note: `gview` comes up with nodes “closed”

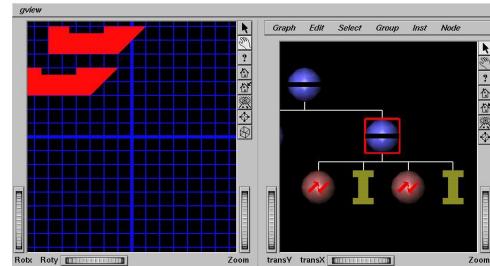
To open, mouse-select, then use Alt-O(pen)

## Persistence of Traversal State

```

# place two boats on surface (surprising result ?)
Separator {
    Translation { translation -8 3 0 }
    USE boat
    Translation { translation 2 3 0 }
    USE boat
}

```

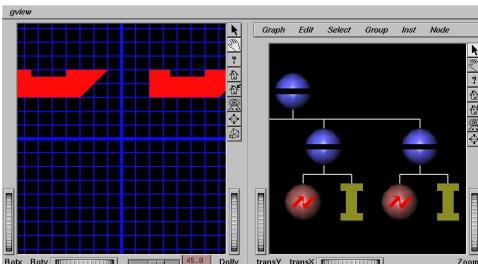


## Separator Nodes

```

# place two boats on surface (expected result)
Separator {
    Translation { translation -8 3 0 }
    USE boat
}
Separator {
    Translation { translation 2 3 0 }
    USE boat
}

```



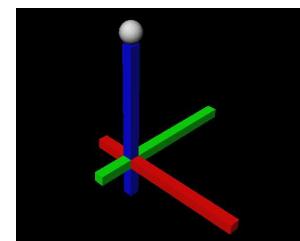
Pushes (saves) state when encountered ↓  
Pops (restores) state when encountered ↑

## Useful scene graph: Axes (coordaxes.iv)

```

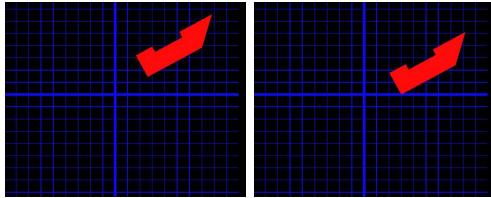
Separator {
    Translation { translation 2 0 0 }
    Scale { scaleFactor 4.0 0.25 0.25 }
    Material { diffuseColor 1 0 0 }
    Cube {}
} # Separator
Separator {
    ...
    Material { diffuseColor 0 1 0 }
    Cube {}
} # Separator
...
Separator {
    ...
    Sphere {}
} # Separator

```



## Composing Transformations

```
...
Separator {
    Rotation { rotation 0 0 1 0.5 } # axis, angle
    Translation { translation 3 0 0 }
    USE boat
} # Separator
```



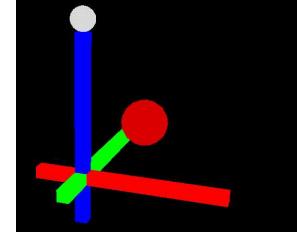
```
...
Separator {
    Translation{ translation 3 0 0 }
    Rotation { rotation 0 0 1 0.5 } # axis, angle
    USE boat
} # Separator
```

Conclusion?

## Material Properties

To color with “intrinsic material”:

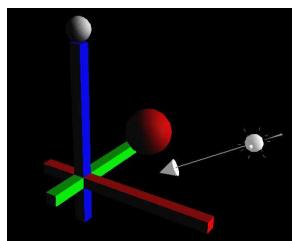
```
...
LightModel { model BASE_COLOR }
File { name "coordaxes.iv" }
Separator {
    Material { diffuseColor 0.8 0.0 0.0 }
    Sphere {}
} # Separator
```



## Using a Lighting Model

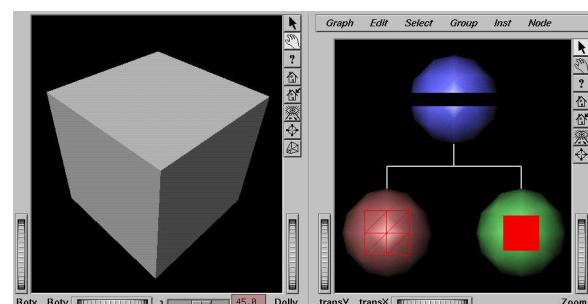
To shade with “lighting model”:

```
...
LightModel { model PHONG }
DirectionalLight {
    intensity 1
    color 1 1 1
    direction -1 -1 -1 # "shining" this dir
}
Separator {
    Material {
        diffuseColor 0.25 0.25 0.25
        specularColor 0.8 0.8 0.8
        shininess 0.9
    } # Material
    Sphere {}
} # Separator
```



## Polyhedral Objects

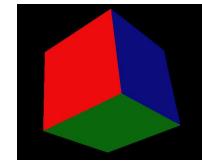
```
Separator {
    Coordinate3 {
        point [ -1 1 1, -1 -1 1, 1 -1 1, 1 1 1,
                -1 1 -1, -1 -1 -1, 1 -1 -1, 1 1 -1 ]
    } # Coordinate3
    IndexedFaceSet { # multiple faces
        coordIndex [ 0, 1, 2, 3, -1, # vertex ids, -1 ends face
                    3, 2, 6, 7, -1,
                    7, 6, 5, 4, -1,
                    4, 5, 1, 0, -1,
                    0, 3, 7, 4, -1,
                    1, 5, 6, 2, -1 ]
    } # IndexedFaceSet
} # Separator
```



## Specifying Face Normals, Colors

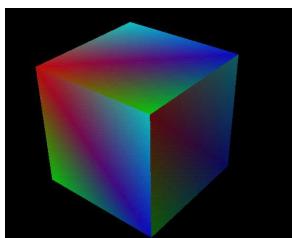
```
# primarycube.iv
Separator {
    # cube vertices
    ...
    # face normals, per-face
    Normal {
        vector [
            -1 0 0,
            1 0 0,
            0 -1 0,
            0 1 0,
            0 0 -1,
            0 0 1,
        ]
    } # Normal
    # assign normals per face
    NormalBinding { value PER_PART }
    # face colors, per-face
    BaseColor { # set diffuse colors
        rgb [ 1 0 0, # 0, red
              0 1 0, # 1, green
              0 0 1, # 2, blue
              0 1 1, # 3, ~red
              1 0 1, # 4, ~green
              1 1 0, ]# 5, ~blue
    } # BaseColor
    ...
}
```

```
...
# assign color ids per face
MaterialBinding { value PER_FACE_INDEXED }
IndexedFaceSet {
    coordIndex [ # define faces with vertex ids
        4, 5, 1, 0, -1, # -x
        3, 2, 6, 7, -1, # +x
        1, 5, 6, 2, -1, # -y
        0, 3, 7, 4, -1, # +y
        7, 6, 5, 4, -1, # -z
        0, 1, 2, 3, -1, ]# +z
    materialIndex [ # material ids per face
        3, 0, 4, 1, 5, 2, -1 ]
} # IndexedFaceSet
} # Separator
```



## Normals, Colors Per Vertex

```
...
MaterialBinding { value PER_VERTEX_INDEXED }
...
materialIndex [ # color ids; per face, then per vertex
    0, 1, 2, 3, -1, # -x
    0, 1, 2, 3, -1, # +x
    0, 1, 2, 3, -1, # -y
    0, 1, 2, 3, -1, # +y
    0, 1, 2, 3, -1, # -z
    0, 1, 2, 3, -1 # +z
]
```



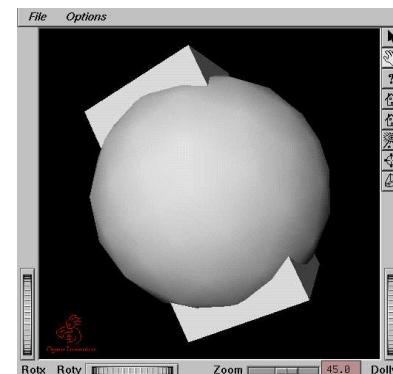
See % man SoNormalBinding for normals

## File Inclusion

```
#Inventor V2.1 ascii
# file cubesphere.iv, a cube and sphere.
Switch {
    DEF mycube Separator { Cube { height 4 } }
    DEF mysphere Separator { Sphere { radius 2. } }
}

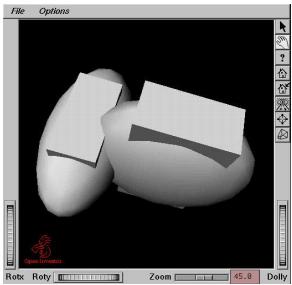
# top-level Separator is optional
USE mycube
USE mysphere

# end of cubesphere.iv
```



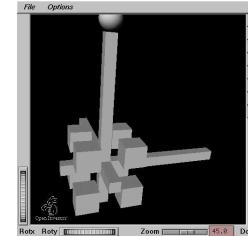
## File Inclusion & Instancing

```
#Inventor V2.1 ascii
# instance 2 cubespheres.
Switch {
    DEF cubesphere # call it what you wish
    File { name "cubesphere.iv" }
}
Separator {
    Translation { translation 2 0 0 }
    Scale { scaleFactor 2 2 1 }
    USE cubesphere
}
Separator {
    Translation { translation -2 0 0 }
    Scale { scaleFactor 1 1 2 }
    USE cubesphere
}
```



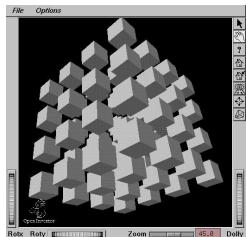
## Hierarchical Instancing

```
#Inventor V2.1 ascii
File { name "coordaxes.iv" }
Switch { DEF fourcubes Separator {
    Separator {
        Translation { translation -1 -1 -1 }
        Scale { scaleFactor 0.5 0.5 0.5 }
        Cube {}
    } # Separator
    ...
    Separator {
        Translation { translation 1 -1 -1 }
        Scale { scaleFactor 0.5 0.5 0.5 }
        Cube {}
    } # Separator
} }
USE fourcubes
Translation { translation 0 0 2 }
USE fourcubes
```



## Hierarchical Instancing

```
#Inventor V2.1 ascii
Switch {
    DEF eightcubes
    File { name "eightcubes.iv" }
}
Switch { DEF fourgroups Separator {
    Separator {
        Translation { translation -1 -1 -1 }
        Scale { scaleFactor 0.5 0.5 0.5 }
        USE eightcubes } # Separator
    ...
    Separator {
        Translation { translation 1 -1 -1 }
        Scale { scaleFactor 0.5 0.5 0.5 }
        USE eightcubes } # Separator
} }
USE fourgroups
Translation { translation 0 0 2 }
USE fourgroups
```



## Modeling Complex Structures

Use simple hierarchy when:

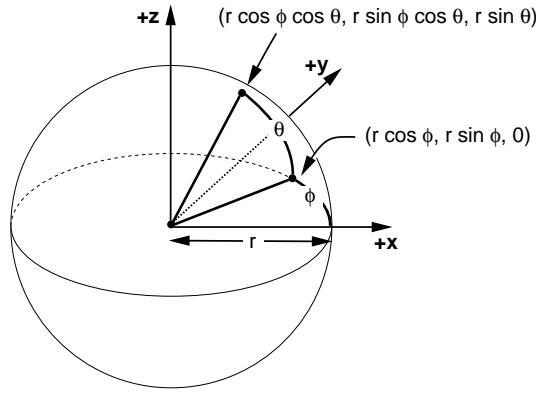
- natural “ownership” relation exists
- repetitive structure occurs
- simple shapes reoccur

Some entities require generalized hierarchy graphs, networks, etc.

Some entities have no hierarchical structure induce one with *spatial data structures*

## Representing Smooth Surfaces with Polygons

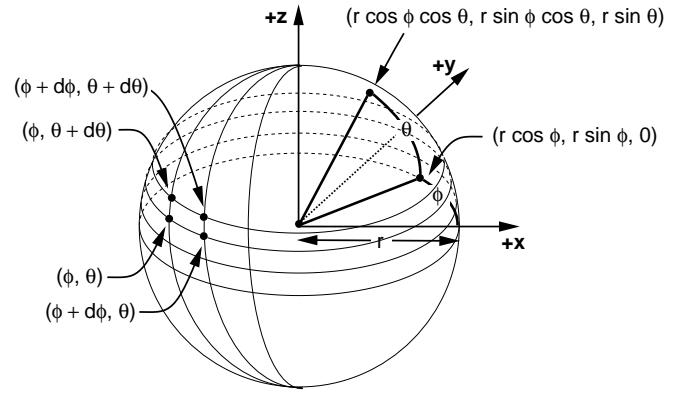
Example: Sphere, using Spherical Coordinates



$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos(\phi) \cos(\theta) \\y &= r \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) \\z &= r \sin(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

## Example: Faceted Sphere

Method 1: Explicit Parametrization



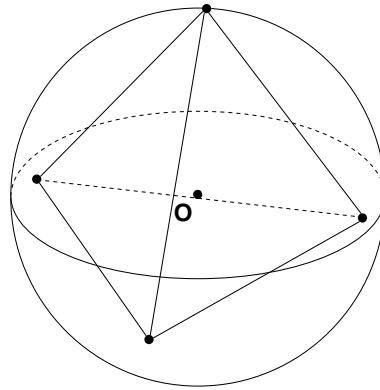
What range should  $\phi, \theta$  take for sphere?

Advantages?

Disadvantages?

## Projective Methods

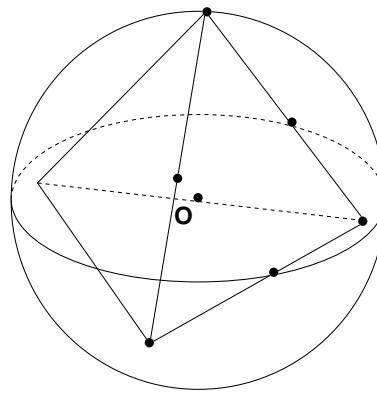
Start with a **regular polyhedron**, with cospherical vertices (by definition)



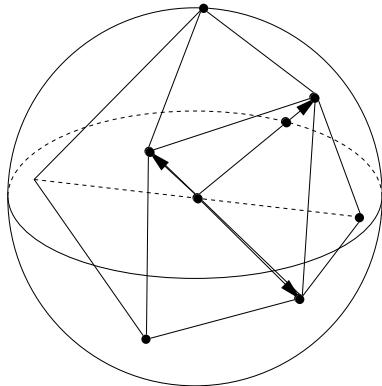
**Subdivide** each (planar) face  
**Project** new vertices onto sphere  
**Recurse**

## Subdivision

Center-based, edge-based



## Projection



Sphere equation (implicit):

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$$

Ray from origin to vertex  $v_x, v_y, v_z$  (explicit):

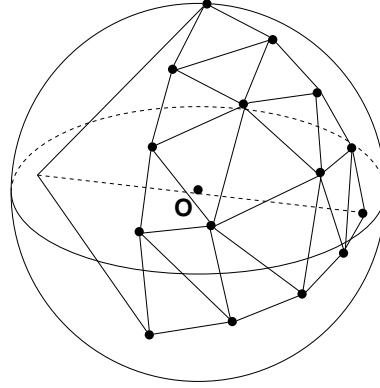
$$(0, 0, 0) + t(v_x, v_y, v_z)$$

Plug in:

$$t^2(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2) = r^2$$

Solve for  $t$ , plug in to *explicit* expression

## Recursion



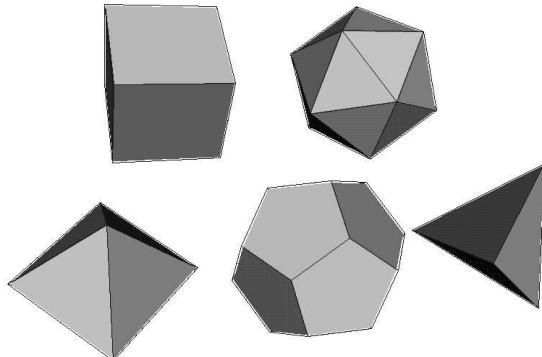
How many triangles after  $n$  recursion steps?

(consider initial tetrahedron as  $n = 1$ )

Does this scheme exhibit any degeneracies?

What is surface normal at projected vertex  $(v_x', v_y', v_z')$ ?

## Regular polyhedra



Tetrahedron (four equilateral triangles,  $\pi$  ster)

Cube (six squares,  $2\pi/3$  ster)

Octahedron (eight equilateral triangles,  $\pi/2$  ster)

Dodecahedron (twelve regular pentagons,  $\pi/3$  ster)

Icosahedron (twenty equilateral triangles,  $\pi/5$  ster)

These and many more sited at graphics group page

## Quadratics

Implicit surfaces of form

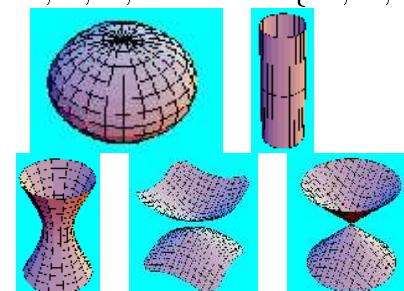
$$(X \ Y \ Z \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} A & B & C & D \\ B & E & F & G \\ C & F & H & I \\ D & G & I & J \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Or, can be expressed as

$$Ax^2 + 2Bxy + 2Cxz + 2Dx + Ey^2 + 2Fyz + 2Gy + Hz^2 + 2Iz + J = 0$$

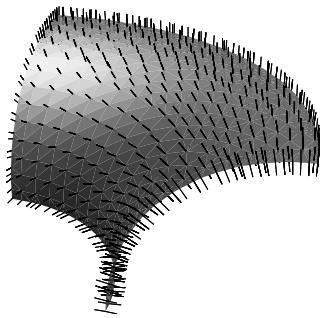
“Normalized” form:

$A, E, H$ , and one of  $\{ D, G, I \}$   $\in 0, \pm 1$



## Parametrizing More Complex Objects

Example: Torus



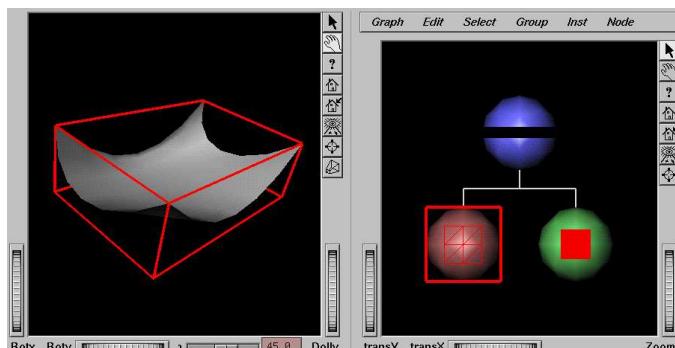
How do you parametrize a torus?

## Free-Form Surfaces: Bézier Patches

```

Separator {
    Coordinate3 {
        point [ -1.5 -1.5 0,
                 -0.5 -1.5 0,
                 ...
                 0.5  1.5 0,
                 0.5  1.5 0, ]
    } # Coordinate3
    IndexedNurbsSurface {
        numUControlPoints 4
        numVControlPoints 4
        uKnotVector [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1 ]
        vKnotVector [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1 ]
        coordIndex [ 0, 1, 2, 3,
                     4, 5, 6, 7,
                     8, 9, 10, 11,
                     12, 13, 14, 15 ]
    } # IndexedNurbsSurface
}

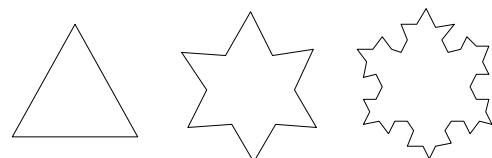
```



Use very sparingly (slow to render...)

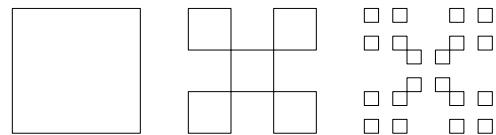
## Fractals: Self-similar objects (FvDFHP §9.5)

Recursive *construction rules* yield regular fractals

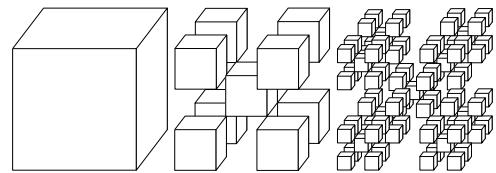


von Koch snowflake

(strictly speaking, convergent or limit curve)  
Sub-objects need not be connected:

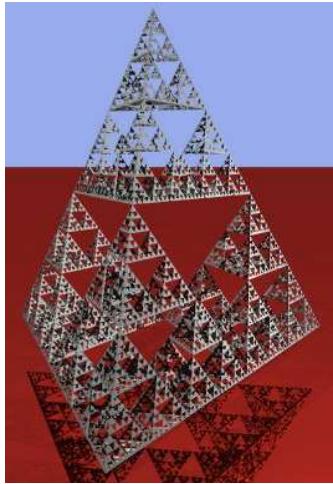


Three-D construction rules abound:



## Fractal Objects

Sierpinski's gadget (area, volume in limit?)

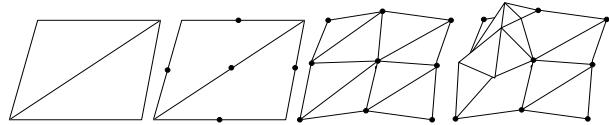


(Credit: Unreal image, rendered on Amiga)

Other versions possible

## Terrain: irregular fractal generation

Usually height fields, i.e.,  $z = f(x, y)$



Displacements can be *random*:

```
// returns pseudo-random numbers in [ 0 .. (2^15)-1 ]
extern int rand ( void );

// return random float in [low..high]
float randr ( float low, float high )
{
    return low + ( rand() / ((1<<15)-1.0) ) * (high-low);
}
```

Can also use randomness for (e.g.)  
geometric perturbations  
parameter settings  
material properties

## Assignment 3 – Object Modeling

At least four “things going on” today:

- Defining a single object in Inventor (.iv files)
- Viewing such objects with Inventor viewing tools
- Inventor’s internal representation for SceneGraphs
- Writing a C program to output **one** such file

Parametrize the program to output one object  
for each configuration of command-line parameters

Only the first and last are part of Assignment 3 !

We provide the “template” program **uid\_object.c**  
generalized command-line handling  
valid Inventor file (by default)  
embedded informational comments

## Parametric Modeling

You should support at least four parameter types:

- Existence – a binary attribute
  - Continuous – some arbitrary-valued attribute
  - Discrete – some integer-valued attribute
  - Material – a modifier for the surface properties
- Extensions:
- Animation (Rotor, Shuttle, Engines, etc.)
  - Constraint: object must render at  $\geq 5$  Hz on an O2  
(can use **ivview -q** to optimize)

## Review: Useful Inventor Facts

Quick reference for all Inventor node types:

[http://www.sgi.com/Technology/  
Inventor/PostScript/quickRef.ps](http://www.sgi.com/Technology/Inventor/PostScript/quickRef.ps)

Every file must start with **#Inventor V2.1 ascii**

Comments begin with **#**, continue to end of line

File inclusion via **File { name "file.iv" }**

Define name in **including**, not included, file

Separator nodes save and restore state

All rotations in axis-angle form (angles in radians)

Use gview:Node→Create to add primitives

SceneViewer:File→Save Environment saves view, lights

Note: Use (shorthand) **Transform** carefully if at all:

```
Transform { # fixed order S, R, T!
    translation 0 0 6.5
    rotation 1 1 1 1.5707963
    scaleFactor 0.5 0.5 0.5
} # Transform
```

Use **ShapeHints { faceType UNKNOWN\_FACE\_TYPE }**

if you specify non-convex polygons (note scope)

## Inventor Resources

Example Files & Documentation

**athena:/usr/share/data/models/**

**athena:/usr/share/src/Inventor/**

**athena% man SoCube, man SoTranslation, etc.**

(should have **/usr/share/catman** in **\$MANPATH**)

On reserve at LCS reading room NE43-113

Open Inventor C++ Reference Manual

(The “green book”)

Inventor Mentor

(The “orange book”)

On Web: Inventor Quick Reference

Top-level link from course page