

# OpenGL Programming-1

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# Topics in OpenGL

- **OpenGL basics**
- **Drawing geometric objects**
  
- Viewing
- Color
  
- Lighting
- Some special topics (texture mapping)

# What is OpenGL?

A Standard, hardware-independent interface to  
Graphics hardware

Introduced in 1992

Most widely used 3D graphics API

Portable across a wide array of platforms

Current version: OpenGL 4.2

Older versions: 1.'s, 2.'s and 3.'s

No commands for windows management

Does not create window

Does not take user input (such as mouse click)

# What Is OpenGL?

Provides a powerful but primitive set of rendering commands

Points, lines and polygons

No high-level rendering commands

Ultimate control over modeling 3D objects

Assembler language of computer graphics

Foundations for high-performance graphics

Many APIs built on the top of OpenGL

# What Is OpenGL?

GL routine has a prefix `gl`

`glColor()`

Head file for GL-library calls

`#include <GL/gl.h>`

Software information and download

<http://www.opengl.org>

# OpenGL Command Syntax

## OpenGL functions

Prefix **gl** and initial capital letters for each word  
making up the function name

`glVertex()` `glClearColor()`

## OpenGL defined constants

Begin with **GL\_**, use all capital letters, and use  
underscore to separate words

`GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT` `GL_TRIANGLES`

# OpenGL Command Syntax

## Suffixes in functions

```
void glVertex {234} {sifd} [v](TYPE coords)
```

2 or 3 or 4 means the # of arguments to be given

s or i or f or d means data type

v means a pointer to a vector or array of three values

```
glVertex3f(2.0, 4.0, 1.0);
```

Three floating-point numbers for three arguments

```
GLfloat dvect[3] = {2.0, 4.0, 1.0};
```

```
glVertex3fv(dvect);
```

Representation of three arguments by a vector *dvect*

# OpenGL Data Types

b	8	GLbyte	signed char
s	16	GLshort	short
i	32	GLint, GLsizei	int / long
f	32	GLfloat, GLclampf	float
d	64	GLdouble, GLclampd	double
ub	8	GLubyte, GLboolean	unsigned char
us	16	GLushort	unsigned short
ui	32	GLuint, GLenum, GLbitfield	unsigned int



# OpenGL Related Libraries

- Libraries for extending different window and operating systems to support OpenGL
- Different OpenGL extensions
  - GLX: X Window
  - AGL: Apple Mac
  - PGL: IBM OS/2 Warp
  - WGL: Microsoft Windows NT and Windows 95

# OpenGL Related Libraries

## OpenGL Utility Library: GLU

Routines for special tasks

Matrices for viewing orientations and projections

Polygon tessellation

Surfaces Rendering

Prefix glu

```
#include <GL/glu.h>
```

# OpenGL Related Libraries

OpenGL Utility Toolkit: GLUT

Window-system independent

Prefix glut

```
#include <GL/glut.h>
```

Window management

Creating window and handling input events

Modeling 3D objects

High-level drawing commands built on top of OpenGL

# Window Management

## Initializing and Creating a Window

➤ `void glutInit(int *argc, char **argv);`

Initializes the GLUT

Appears before any other GLUT routine

➤ `void glutInitDisplayMode(unsigned int mode);`

Specifies a display mode(color mode or buffer)

A double-buffered and RGBA color mode window:

```
glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGBA);
```

# Window Management

```
void glutInitWindowPosition(int x, int y);
```

- Specifies the location of the upper-left corner of the window

```
void glutInitWindowSize(int width,int height);
```

- Specifies window's size in pixels

```
void glutCreateWindow(char* name);
```

- Opens window with previously set characteristics(display mode, size, etc)
- Window is not displayed until glutMainLoop() is called

# Window Management

Handling window and input events

- Callback functions to specify specific events, e.g. mouse click, keyboard input
- Register these functions before entering the main loop

```
void glutDisplayFunc( void (*func)(void) );
```

- Specifies the function that is called whenever the contents of the window need to be redrawn

# Window Management

```
void glutMouseFunc( void (*func)(int button, int state, int x, int  
    y) );
```

- Specifies the function, *func*, that's called when a mouse button is pressed or released

```
void glutMotionFunc( void (*func)(int x, int y) );
```

- Specifies the function, *func*, that's called when the mouse pointer moves with the mouse button being pressed

# Window Management

```
void glutKeyboardFunc(void (*func)(unsigned int key, int x, int  
y) );
```

- Specifies the function, *func*, that's called when a key is pressed

```
void glutReshapeFunc(void (*func)(int width, int height));
```

- Specifies the function that's called whenever the window is resized or moved
- *Func* reestablishes the rectangular region as a new rendering canvas and adjust coordinate system



# Window Management

Managing a background process

```
void glutIdleFunc(void (*func)(void) );
```

- Specifies the function, *func*, to be executed if no other events are pending
- If NULL(zero) is passed in, execution of the function is disabled

```
void glutPostRedisplayFunc(void);
```

- Marks the current window as needing to be redrawn
- At the next opportunity, the callback function registered by `glutDisplayFunc()` is called

# Window Management

Running the program

- GLUT program enters an “event-processing loop”

```
void glutMainLoop(void);
```

- Enters the GLUT processing loop, never returns
- Registered callback functions will be called when the corresponding events occur

# Drawing 3D Objects with GLUT

GLUT has many high-level drawing routines

Two flavors of model

➤ **Wireframe without surface normal**

```
void glutWireCube(Gldouble size);
```

```
void glutWireSphere(Gldouble radius, Glint slices, Glint stacks);
```

➤ **Solid with shading and surface normal**

```
void glutSolidCube(Gldouble size);
```

```
void glutSolidSphere(Gldouble radius, Glint slices, Glint stacks);
```

➤ **Other examples**

torus, icosahedron, octahedron, cone, teapot

# Important OpenGL Operations

Clearing the window

- Clear the color buffer filled by the last picture before drawing  
`glClearColor(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0);`  
`glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);`

Specifying a color

- Set the color to red (RGB mode) before any drawing  
`glColor3f(1.0, 0.0, 0.0);`

Forcing completion of drawing

- Force previous commands to begin execution  
`void glFlush(void);`
- Particularly useful in client-server framework

# OpenGL Setup

- 1). Check: <http://www.ece.lsu.edu/xinli/OpenGL/GLUTSetup.htm> to download the precompiled libraries you need.
- 2). Download the “HelloWorld” program from:  
<http://www.ece.lsu.edu/xinli/OpenGL/program1.cpp>
- 3). Create a Win32 console project, include this “program1.cpp”, then compile and run it.
- 4). If you get linker errors or run-time errors, your system environment might not be compatible with the precompiled libraries. You might need to go back to 1) and download the source codes, compile them in your system. Then use the libraries (glut.h, glut32.lib, glut32.dll) newly generated.

# Examples 1: OpenGL Program

## Draws a red sphere in a white window

```
#include <GL/glut.h>
void display (void)
{
    glClearColor(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 0.0);
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glColor3f(1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
    glutSolidSphere(0.4, 50, 40);
    glFlush();
}
int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    glutInit(&argc, argv);
    glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_SINGLE | GLUT_RGB);
    glutInitWindowSize(500, 500);
    glutInitWindowPosition(100, 100);
    glutCreateWindow("A red sphere in a white window");
    glutDisplayFunc(display);
    glutMainLoop();
    return 0;
}
```

# Simplified Example 1

## Using default settings for window and drawing color

```
#include <GL/glut.h>
void display (void)
{
    glClear (GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glutSolidSphere(0.4,50,40);
    glFlush();
}
int main (int argc, char **argv)
{
    glutInit (&argc,argv);
    glutCreateWindow ("A white sphere in the black window");
    glutDisplayFunc(display);
    glutMainLoop();
}
```

# Example 2: Keyboard Input

- Draws a different object when different **key** is pressed

t for triangle

c for circle

s for square

- Drawing view remains unchanged with change in window size



# Menus

- GLUT provides one important widget: menus

Pop-up menus

- Three steps in defining a menu

Decide what entries are in the menu

Tie specific actions to the rows

Tie each menu to a mouse button

- Relevant functions

`glutCreateMenu()`

`glutSetMenu()`

`glutAddMenuEntry()`

`glutAttachMenu()`

`glutAddSubMenu()`

# SubWindows and Multiple Windows

- Create a top-level window name and returns an identifier for it  
`glutCreateWindow (name)`
- When a window is created, it becomes the current window, which can be changed by  
`glutSetWindow (id)`  
Each window has its own properties, called context
- Create a subwindow of *parent* and returns its id. The subwindow has its origin at (x,y) and has size *width by height* in pixels  
`glutCreateSubWindow (parent, x, y, width, height)`  
`glutPostWindowRedisplay (wind)`

# OpenGL as a state machine

Can be put into various states (modes) that remain in effect until they are changed

- **Current color**
- **Current viewing and projection transformations**
- **Position and characteristics of light sources**

State variables are queryable

```
glGetFloatv(GL_CURRENT_COLOR, params);
```

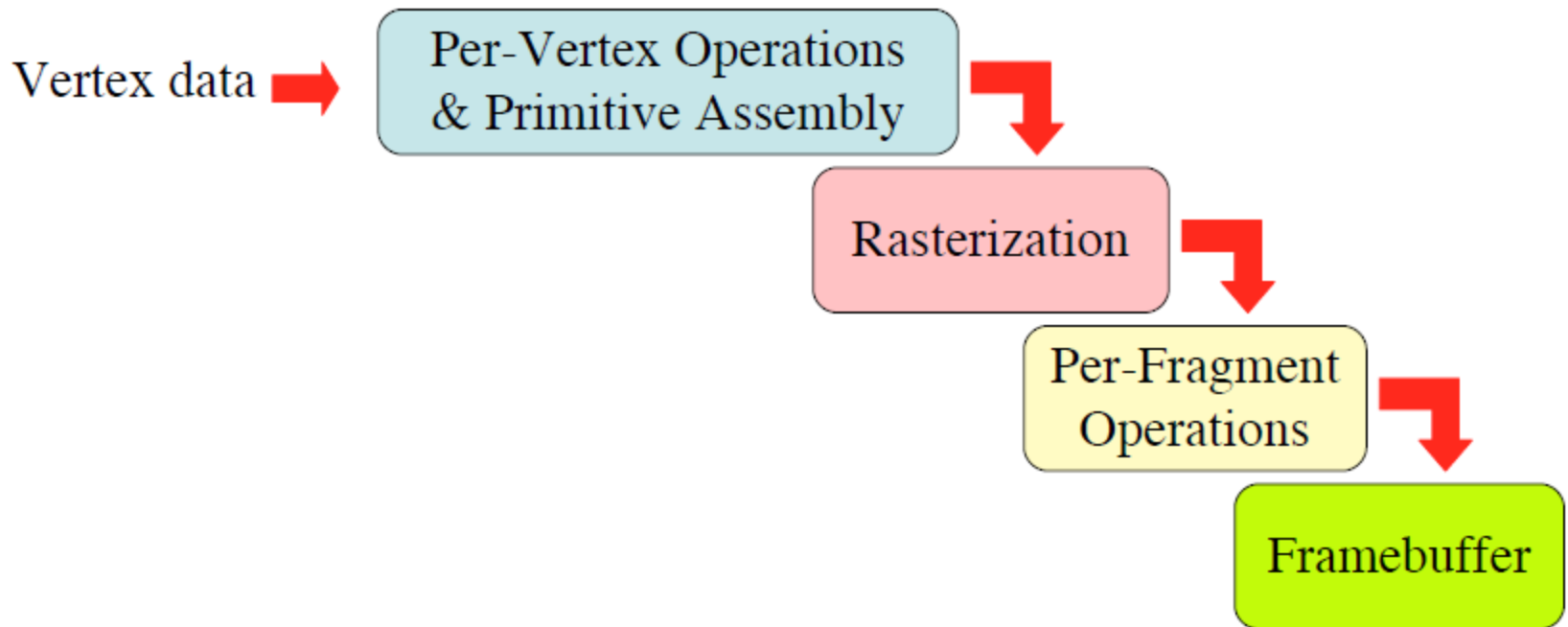
By default, these states either have some values or are inactive

Many states can be turned on and off with

```
glEnable() and glDisable()
```

# Graphics Pipeline

- OpenGL rendering pipeline
  - a series of processing stages from vertex data to display



# Stages in Rendering Process

- **Vertex data:** Data for geometric objects consist of vertices
- **Per-Vertex operations:** Translations and rotations are performed for some vertices. Positions in the 3D world are projected onto positions on the screen. Lighting calculations are performed using the vertices, surface normal, light sources, and material properties.
- **Primitive assembly:** Clipping eliminates portions of geometry, which fall outside the screen
- **Rasterizations:** Conversion of geometric data into fragments. Each fragment square corresponds to a pixel in the framebuffer. Color and depth (z coordinate) values are assigned.
- **Pre-fragment operations:** Hidden surface removal using the depth buffer (z buffer) or alpha blending for transparent materials
- **Framebuffer:** A collocation of buffers that store data for screen pixels (screen is, for example, 1024 pixels wide and 1024 pixels high) such as color, depth information for hidden surface removal, ect.

# OpenGL Basics: Summary

- OpenGL and related libraries
- Window Management
- Basic structure of OpenGL program
- OpenGL as a state machine
- Graphics pipeline

# Resources:

There are many online resources about OpenGL:

1. The OpenGL official website <http://www.opengl.org/> find coding resources, documentation, tutorials...
2. Nate Robins OpenGL website:  
<http://www.xmission.com/~nate/index.html>
3. OpenGL Tutorials at NeHe <http://nehe.gamedev.net/>
4. And so on...

# Drawing Geometric Objects



# Drawing Primitives

- OpenGL sets three types of drawing primitives

Points

Lines

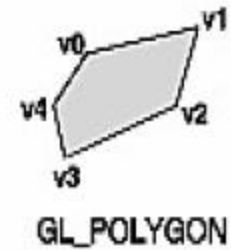
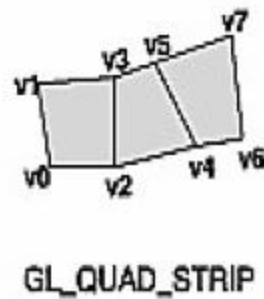
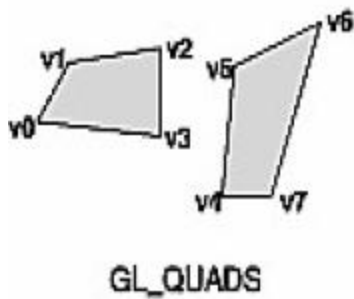
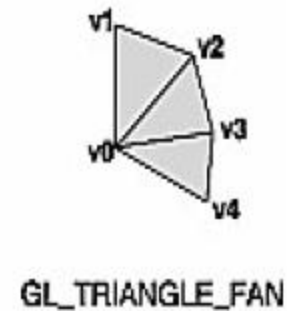
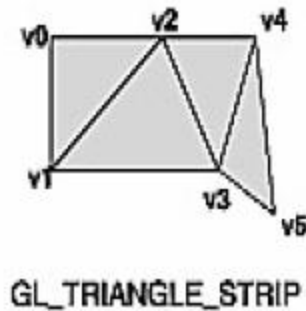
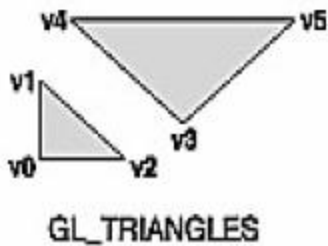
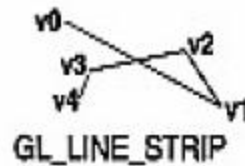
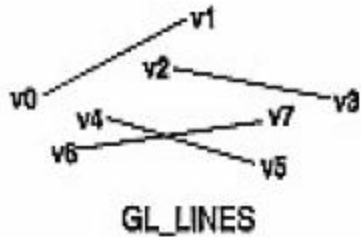
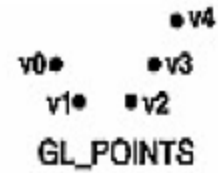
Polygons, e.g, triangles

- All primitives are represented in terms of vertices that define the positions of the points themselves or the ends of line segments or the corners of polygons

# OpenGL Primitives

- Geometric object is described by a set of vertices (glVertex\*) and the type of the primitive to be drawn
  - GL\_POINTS
  - GL\_LINES, GL\_LINE\_STRIP, GL\_LINE\_LOOP
  - GL\_TRIANGLES, GL\_TRIANGLE\_STRIP, GL\_TRIANGLE\_FAN
  - GL\_QUADS, GL\_QUAD\_STRIP
  - GL\_POLYGON

# OpenGL Primitives



# Points

- Objects of zero dimension (infinitely small)
- Specified by a set of floating-point numbers (coordinates) called a vertex
  
- Displayed as a single pixel on screen
- `void glPointSize (GLfloat size);`  
Sets the size of a rendered point in pixels

# Specifying Vertices

- `void glVertex {234} {sidf} [v](TYPE coords);`

Specifies a vertex for use in describing a geometric object

```
glVertex2s(2,4);
```

```
glVertex4f(2.3,1.0,-2.2,1.0);
```

```
Gldouble dvect[3] = {5.0,9.0,4.0};
```

```
glVertex3dv(dvect);
```

- OpenGL works in homogeneous coordinates

`vertex:: (x,y,z,w)`

`w=1` for default

# Displaying Vertices

- Bracket a set of vertices between a call to `glBegin()` and a call to `glEnd()` pair

The argument `GL_POINTS` passed to `glBegin()` means drawing vertices in the form of the points

```
glBegin(GL_POINTS);
```

```
    glVertex2f(0.0,0.0);
```

```
    glVertex2f(4.0,0.0);
```

```
    glVertex2f(4.0,4.0);
```

```
    glVertex2f(0.0,4.0);
```

```
glEnd();
```



- Other drawing options for vertex-data list

Lines (`GL_LINES`)

Polygon (`GL_POLYGON`)

# Lines

- The term *line* refers to a *line* segment
- Specified by the vertices at their endpoints
- Displayed solid and one pixel wide
- Smooth curves from line segments



# Drawing Lines

- To draw a vertex-data list as lines

```
glBegin(GL_LINES);
```

```
    glVertex2f(0.0, 0.0);
```

```
    glVertex2f(4.0, 0.0);
```

```
    glVertex2f(4.0, 4.0);
```

```
    glVertex2f(0.0, 4.0);
```

```
glEnd();
```

- `GL_LINE_STRIP`

A series of connected lines

- `GL_LINE_LOOP`

A closed loop





# Wide and Stippled Lines

- void **glLineWidth**(GLfloat *width*);

Sets the width in pixels for rendered lines

- void **glLineStipple**(GLint *factor*, GLshort *pattern*);

Sets the current stippling pattern (dashed or dotted) for lines

*Pattern* is a 16-bit series of 0s and 1s

1 means one pixel drawing, and 0 not drawing

*Factor* stretches the pattern multiplying each bit

Turn on and off stippling

**glEnable**(GL\_LINE\_STIPPLE)

**glDisable**(GL\_LINE\_STIPPLE)

# Example of Stippled Lines

- **glLineStipple(1, 0x3F07);**

*Pattern 0x3F07 translates to 0011111100000111*

*Line is drawn with 3 pixels on, 5 off, 6 on, and 2 off*



- **glLineStipple(2, 0x3F07);**

*Factor is 2*

*Line is drawn with 6 pixels on, 10 off, 12 on, and 4 off*



# Polygon

- Areas enclosed by single closed loops of line segments
- Specified by vertices at the corners
- Displayed as solid with the pixels in the interior filled in

Examples: Triangle and Pentagon



# Polygon Tessellation

- Simple and convex polygon

Triangle

Any three points always lie on a plane



- Polygon tessellation

Nonsimple or nonconvex polygons can be represented in the form of triangles



- Curved surfaces can be approximated by polygons

# Drawing Polygon

- Draw a vertex-data list as a polygon

```
glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
```

```
    glVertex2f(0.0, 0.0);
```

```
    glVertex2f(4.0, 0.0);
```

```
    glVertex2f(4.0, 4.0);
```

```
    glVertex2f(0.0, 4.0);
```

```
glEnd();
```

- GL\_TRIANGLES

Draws first three vertices as a triangle

- GL\_QUADS

Quadrilateral is a four-sided polygon



# Drawing Polygons

- `GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP`

Draws a series of triangles using vertices in the order

$v_0, v_1, v_2; v_2, v_1, v_3$

$v_2, v_3, v_4; v_4, v_3, v_5$

All triangles are drawn with the same orientation (clockwise order)

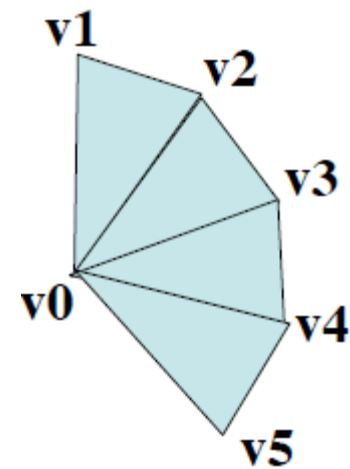
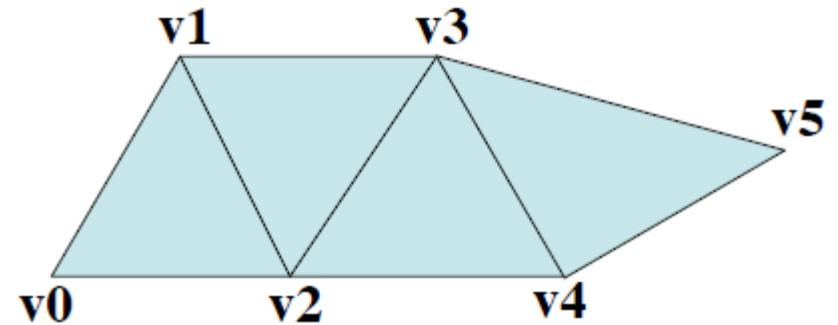
- `GL_TRIANGLE_FAN`

One vertex is in common to all triangles

Clockwise orientation

- `GL_QUAD_STRIP`

Draws a series of quadrilaterals



# Polygons as Points and Outlines

- void **glPolygonMode**(GLenum *face*, GLenum *mode*);  
Controls the drawing mode for a polygon's front and back faces

```
glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT, GL_FILL);
```

```
glPolygonMode(GL_BACK, GL_LINE);
```

```
glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_POINT);
```

- By convention, polygons whose vertices appear in counterclockwise order are front-facing

**GL\_CCW**

# Deciding Front- or Back Facing

- Decision based the sign of the polygon's area,  $a$  computed in window coordinates

$$a = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [x_i y_{i \oplus 1} - x_{i \oplus 1} y_i]$$

- For GL\_CCW, if  $a > 0$  means the polygon be front-facing, then  $a < 0$  means the back-facing
- For GL\_CW, if  $a < 0$  for front-facing, then  $a > 0$  for back-facing



# Reversing and Culling Polygons

- void **glFrontFace**(GLenum *mode*);
  - Controls how front-facing polygons are determined
  - Default mode is GL\_CCW (vertices in counterclockwise order)
  - Needs to be enabled
  
- void **glCullFace**(GLenum *mode*);
  - Indicates which polygons (back-facing or front-facing) should be discarded (culled)
  - Needs to be enabled

# Stippling Polygons

- Void **glPolygonStipple**(const GLbyte \**mask*);  
Defines the current stipple pattern for the filled polygons  
The argument is a pointer to a 32x32 bitmap (a mask of 0s and 1s)
- Needs to be enabled and disabled  

```
glEnable(GL_POLYGON_STIPPLE);  
glDisable(GL_POLYGON_STIPPLE);
```

# Normal Vectors

- Points in a direction that is perpendicular to a surface  
The normal vectors are used in lighting calculations
- `void glNormal3(bsidf)(TYPE nx, TYPE ny, TYPE nz);`  
Sets the current normal vector as specified by the arguments
- `void glNormal3(bsidf)v(const TYPE *v);`  
Vector version supplying a single array *v* of three element

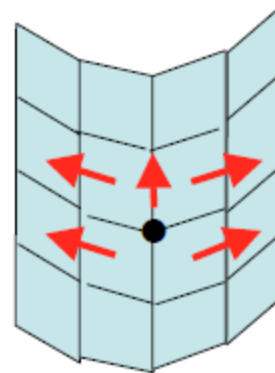
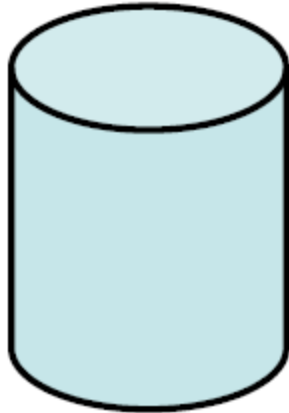
# Finding Normal Vector

- Surfaces described with polygonal data

Calculate normal vector for each polygonal facet

Average these normals for neighboring facets

Use the averaged normal for the vertex that the neighboring facets have in common



- Using normal vectors in lighting model to make surface appear smooth rather than facet

# Finding Normal Vector

- Make two vectors from any three vertices  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$  and  $v_3$

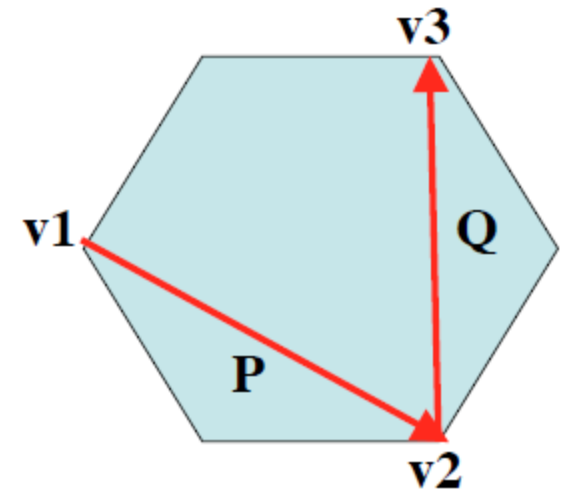
$$P = v_1 - v_2; Q = v_2 - v_3$$

- Cross product of these vectors is perpendicular to polygonal surface

$$\begin{aligned} N &= P \times Q = [P_x \ P_y \ P_z] \times [Q_x \ Q_y \ Q_z] \\ &= [P_y Q_z - Q_y P_z] \ [Q_x P_z - P_x Q_z] \ [P_x Q_y - Q_x P_y] \\ &= [N_x \ N_y \ N_z] \end{aligned}$$

- Normalize the vector

$$\begin{aligned} n &= [n_x \ n_y \ n_z] = [N_x/L \ N_y/L \ N_z/L] \\ &\text{where } L \text{ is length of the vector } [N_x \ N_y \ N_z] \end{aligned}$$



# Vertex Arrays

- OpenGL has vertex array routines to specify a lot of vertex-related data with a few arrays

To reduce the number of function calls

To avoid processing of shared vertices

- Three steps in using vertex arrays

Activate up to eight arrays

Put data into the arrays

Render geometry with the data

# Step1: Enabling Arrays

- void **glEnableClientState**(GLenum *array*);

Specifies the array to enable

Parameter *array* defines the type (up to eight types)

GL\_VERTEX\_ARRAY

GL\_COLOR\_ARRAY

GL\_NORMAL\_ARRAY

**glEnableClientState**(GL\_NORMAL\_ARRAY);

- void **glDisableClientState**(GLenum *array*);

Specifies the array to disable

**glDisableClientState**(GL\_NORMAL\_ARRAY);

# Step2: Specifying Data for the Arrays

- void **glVertexPointer**(GLint *size*, GLenum *type*, GLsizei *stride*, const GLvoid \**pointer*);

Specifies where vertex (spatial coordinate) data can be accessed  
*Pointer* is the memory address of the first coordinate of the first vertex in the array

Static GLint vertices[] = (2.0, 4.0, 1.5, ....)

glVertexPointer(3, GL\_FLOAT, 0, vertices);

- void **glColorPointer**(GLint *size*, GLenum *type*, GLsizei *stride*, const GLvoid \**pointer*);
- void **glNormalPointer**(GLenum *type*, GLsizei *stride*, const GLvoid \**pointer*);



# Step3: Dereferencing and Rendering

- `void glArrayElement(GLint ith);`  
Obtains the data of one (the *ith*) vertex for all enabled arrays  
Called between **glBegin()** and **glEnd()**
- `void glDrawElements(GLenum mode, GLsizei count, GLenum type, void *indices);`  
Defines a sequence of geometric primitives (*mode*) using *count* number of elements with indices in the array *indices*
- `void glDrawArrays(GLenum mode, GLint first, GLsizei count);`  
Constructs a sequence of geometric primitives (*mode*) using array elements starting at *first* and ending at *first+count-1*

# Building Polygonal Models of Surfaces

- You can approximate smooth surfaces by polygons
- Important points
  - Polygon orientation consistency (all clockwise or all anticlockwise)
  - Caution at non-triangular polygons
  - Trade-off between display speed and image quality

# Examples

- Building an icosahedron

# Examples

- Polygonal approximation to a sphere