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("Principles of Computer Graphics" – Spring 2018)

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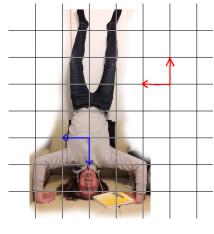
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Midterm

Using righthanded 2D coordinate system (y opens "left" of x) and visual inspection of red frame \vec{a} and blue frame \vec{b} , fill in the matrix:

$$\vec{\mathbf{b}}^T = \vec{\mathbf{a}}^T \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

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Today (if Visual Studio allows):

- ► Assignment 2 and 4 live. Some C++ language features weren't used in the earlier ones. Also, Assignment 4 is a bit larger code with less functionality implemented in the starter pack. Warm ups are done. Now we start working!
- ► C++ static member functions (i.e., "static methods")
- C++ object instantiation using constructors, operator overloading, temporary objects, pass-by-value vs. pass-by-reference
- ► C++ (and C) pass-by-pointer
- ► C++ pointer types and inheritance
- ▶ Dots, asterisks, ampersands, and arrows in C++ (and C)

C++

- 3 ways to pass arguments to a function
 - by value, e.g. float f(float x)
 - by reference, e.g. float f(float &x)
 - f can modify the value of x
 - by pointer, e.g. float f(float *x)
 - x here is a just a memory address
 - motivations:
 less memory than a full data structure if x has a complex type
 dirty hacks (pointer arithmetic),but just do not do it
 - clean languages do not use pointers
 - · kind of redundant with reference
 - arrays are pointers

Pointers

- Can get it from a variable using &
 - often a BAD idea. see next slide
- Can be dereferenced with *
 - float *px=new float; // px is a memory address to a float
 - *px=5.0; //modify the value at the address px
- Should be instantiated with new. See next slide

Pointers, Heap, Stack

- Two ways to create objects
 - The BAD way, on the stack

```
 myObject *f() {

         myObject x;
         ...
         return &x
```

- will crash because x is defined only locally and the memory gets de-allocated when you leave function f
- The GOOD way, on the heap

```
myObject *f() {myObject *x=new myObject;...return x
```

but then you will probably eventually need to delete it

Segmentation Fault

- When you read or, worse, write at an invalid address
- Easiest segmentation fault:
 - float *px; // px is a memory address to a float
 - *px=5.0; //modify the value at the address px
 - Not 100% guaranteed, but you haven't instantiated px, it could have any random memory address.
- 2nd easiest seg fault
 - Vector < float > vx(3);
 - -vx[9]=0;

Segmentation Fault

- TERRIBLE thing about segfault: the program does not necessarily crash where you caused the problem
- You might write at an address that is inappropriate but that exists
- You corrupt data or code at that location
- Next time you get there, crash

 When a segmentation fault occurs, always look for pointer or array operations before the crash, but not necessarily at the crash

Debugging

- Display as much information as you can
 - image maps (e.g. per-pixel depth, normal)
 - OpenGL 3D display (e.g. vectors, etc.)
 - cerr<< or cout<< (with intermediate values, a message when you hit a given if statement, etc.)
- Doubt everything
 - Yes, you are sure this part of the code works, but test it nonetheless
- Use simple cases
 - e.g. plane z=0, ray with direction (1, 0, 0)
 - and display all intermediate computation

Questions?

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The "steps of Jarno" (Ajattelumallia tehtävien ratkaisuun):

- 1. Luentomateriaali
- Tehtävänanto (muista mitä aiemmissa tehtävissä on tehty/annettu)
- 3. Hae lähdekoodi ja testaa sen toiminta
- 4. Yhdistä teoria tehtävään ja lähdekoodiin, ymmärrä kokonaisuus
- Hahmottele kevyt "speksi" esim. paperille UML, prosessikaavio, ...

- Tee osatehtävä 1
- Päivitä "speksi"
- 8. Tee osatehtävä 2
- 9. Päivitä "speksi"

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