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Keynote Lecture 1

Interpolation and Projective Representation in Computer Graphics, Visualization and Games



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Abstract: Today's engineering problem solutions are based mostly on computational packages. However the computational power doubles in 18 months. In 15 years perspective the computational power will be of $2^{10} = 1024$ of today's computational power. Engineering problems solved will be more complicated, complex and will lead to a numerically ill conditioned problems especially in the perspective of today available floating point representation and formulation in the Euclidean space.

Homogeneous coordinates and projective geometry are mostly connected with geometric transformations only. However the projective extension of the Euclidean system allows reformulation of geometrical problems which can be easily solved. In many cases quite complicated formulae are becoming simple from the geometrical and computational point of view. In addition they lead to simple parallelization and to matrix-vector operations which are convenient for matrix-vector hardware architecture like GPU.

In this short tutorial we will introduce "practical theory" of the projective space and homogeneous coordinates. We will show that a solution of linear system of equations is equivalent to generalized cross product and how this influences basic geometrical algorithms. The projective formulation is also convenient for computation of barycentric coordinates, as it is actually one cross-product implemented as one clock instruction on GPU. Selected examples of engineering disasters caused by non-robust computations will be presented as well.

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