Matrices

A matrix is a 2D array of numbers, arranged in rows that go across and columns that go down:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 \\
4 & 5 & 6 \\
7 & 8 & 9
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Matrix sizes are termed "#rows x #columns", so this is a 3x4 matrix

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\
9 & 10 & 11 & 12
\end{bmatrix}
\]

This is a 3x4 matrix

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 5 & 9 \\
2 & 6 & 10 \\
3 & 7 & 11 \\
4 & 8 & 12
\end{bmatrix}
\]

This is a 4x3 matrix

Matrix Transpose

A matrix transpose is formed by interchanging the rows and columns:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\
9 & 10 & 11 & 12
\end{bmatrix}^T =
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 5 & 9 \\
2 & 6 & 10 \\
3 & 7 & 11 \\
4 & 8 & 12
\end{bmatrix}
\]

This is a 3x4 matrix

This is a 4x3 matrix

Square Matrices

A square matrix has the same number of rows and columns:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 \\
4 & 5 & 6 \\
7 & 8 & 9
\end{bmatrix}
\]

This is a 3x3 matrix

Row and Column Matrices

A matrix can have a single row (a "row matrix") or just a single column (a "column matrix")

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3
\end{bmatrix}
\]

This is a 1x3 matrix

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
4 \\
5 \\
6
\end{bmatrix}
\]

This is a 3x1 matrix

Matrix Multiplication

The basic operation of matrix multiplication is to pair-wise multiply a single row by a single column:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3
\end{bmatrix} \times
\begin{bmatrix}
4 \\
5 \\
6
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
4*1 + 5*2 + 6*3
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
32
\end{bmatrix}
\]

This is a 1x3 matrix

3x1

1x1

Sometimes these are called row and column vectors, but that overloads the word "vector" and we won't do it...
Matrix Multiplication

Two matrices, A and B, can be multiplied if the number of columns in A equals the number of rows in B. The result is a matrix that has the same number of rows as A and the same number of columns as B.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
4 & 5 & 6 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\Rightarrow
\begin{bmatrix}
22 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Matrix Multiplication in Software

Here’s how to remember how to do it:

1. \( C = A \times B \)
2. \( [I \times J] = [I \times K] \times [K \times J] \)

\[
C[i][j] = A[i][k] \times B[k][j];
\]

Note: \( numAcols \) must == \( numBrows \)!

Matrix Multiplication where B and C are Column Matrices

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
I \\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
A \\
B \\
\end{bmatrix}
\Rightarrow
\begin{bmatrix}
C \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

for( int i = 0; i < numArows; i++ )
{
    for( int j = 0; j < numBcols; j++ )
    {
        C[i][j] = 0.;
        for( int k = 0; k < numAcols; k++ )
        {
            C[i][j] += A[i][k] \times B[k][j];
        }
    }
}

Note: numAcols must == numRows!

A Special Matrix

Consider the matrix * column situation below:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
C_x \\
C_y \\
C_z \\
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
0 & -A_z & A_y \\
A_z & 0 & -A_x \\
-A_y & A_x & 0 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
B_x \\
B_y \\
B_z \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

This gives:

\[
C = (A_x B_z - A_z B_x, A_y B_z - A_z B_y, -A_y B_x + A_x B_y)
\]

Which you hopefully recognize as the Cross Product \( A \times B \)
Determinants

The determinant is important in graphics applications. It represents sort of a "scale factor", when the matrix is used to represent a transformation.

The determinant of a 2x2 matrix is easy:

\[
\det \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = A \times D - B \times C
\]

The determinant of a 3x3 matrix is done in terms of its component 2x2 sub-matrices:

\[
\begin{vmatrix} A & B & C \\ D & E & F \\ G & H & I \end{vmatrix} =
A \times \begin{vmatrix} E & F \\ H & I \end{vmatrix} - B \times \begin{vmatrix} D & F \\ G & I \end{vmatrix} + C \times \begin{vmatrix} D & E \\ G & H \end{vmatrix}
\]

\[
= A \times (EI - FH) - B \times (DI - FG) + C \times (DH - EG)
\]

Inverses

The matrix inverse is also important in graphics applications because it represents the undoing of the original transformation matrix. It is also useful in solving systems of simultaneous equations.

The inverse of a 2x2 matrix is the transpose of the cofactor matrix divided by the determinant:

\[
\left[ \begin{array}{cc} A & B \\ C & D \end{array} \right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{A \times D - B \times C} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} D & -B \\ -C & A \end{array} \right]
\]

Inverses

The determinant of a 3x3 matrix is done in terms of its component 2x2 sub-matrices:

\[
\begin{vmatrix} A & B & C \\ D & E & F \\ G & H & I \end{vmatrix} =
\begin{vmatrix} E & F \\ H & I \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} D & F \\ G & I \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} D & E \\ G & H \end{vmatrix}
\]

\[
= A \times (EI - FH) - B \times (DI - FG) + C \times (DH - EG)
\]

Sidebar: The i-j-k order doesn’t matter as long as the “C[i][j] +=” line is right – different ordering affects performance

for( int i = 0; i < numArows; i++ )
{
    for( int j = 0; j < numBcols; j++ )
    {
        for( int k = 0; k < numAcols; k++ )
        {
            C[i][j] += A[i][k] * B[k][j];
        }
    }
}