



Transforming Normals



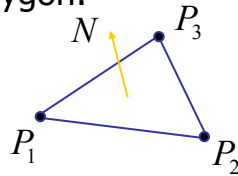
Interpolation During Scanconversion

- interpolate values between vertices
 - z values
 - r,g,b - colour components
 - u,v - texture coordinates
 - N_x, N_y, N_z - surface normals



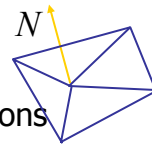
Computing Normals

- polygon:



$$N = (P_2 - P_1) \times (P_3 - P_1)$$

- assume vertices ordered CCW when viewed from visible side of polygon
- normal for a vertex
 - used for lighting
 - supplied by model (i.e., sphere), or computed from neighboring polygons



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Transforming Normals

- What is a normal?
 - **Vector**
 - Orthogonal (perpendicular) to plane/surface
 - Do standard transformations preserve orthogonality?



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Planes and Normals

- Plane - all points where $P \cdot N = 0$
- $PN^T = 0$ (transpose for matrix mult!)

$$P = [x \quad y \quad z \quad 1]$$

$$N = [A \quad B \quad C \quad D]$$

- Implicit form



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$$\text{Plane} = A \cdot x + B \cdot y + C \cdot z + D$$



Finding Correct Normal Transform

- transform a plane

$$\begin{array}{l} P \\ N \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} P' = PM \\ N' = NQ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Given } M, \\ \text{find } Q \end{array}$$

$$P' N'^T = 0$$

stay perpendicular

$$(PM)(NQ)^T = 0$$

substitute from above

$$PMQ^T N^T = 0$$

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

$$MQ^T = I$$

$$PN^T = 0$$



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$$Q = (M^{-1})^T$$

Normal transformed by *inverse transpose* of modelling transformation