Primitives - Box & Cylinder

• Box

Box()

Constructs a default box 2.0 metres in height, width, and depth, centred at the origin

Box(float xdim, float ydim, float zdim, Appearance app) Constructs a box of a given dimension and appearance

• Cylinder

Cylinder()

Constructs a default cylinder of radius 1.0 metre and height 2.0 metres, aligned along the y-axis and centred at the origin

Cylinder(float radius, float height)

Constructs a cylinder of a given radius and height Cylinder(float radius, float height, Appearance app)

Constructs a cylinder of a given radius, height and appearance



Primitives - Surface Normals

The previous set of constructors create primitives without surface normals. In order to illuminate a geometric object surface normals must be provided. The following set of constructors will generate surface normals when creating the primitives -

```
Box (xdim, ydim, zdim,
        Box.GENERATE_NORMALS, appearance)
Cone (radius, height,
        Cone.GENERATE_NORMALS, appearance)
Cylinder (radius, height,
        Cylinder.GENERATE_NORMALS, appearance)
Sphere (radius, Sphere.GENERATE_NORMALS, appearance)
```



Shape3D - Geometry

- Subclasses of Geometry fall into three broad categories
 - Non-indexed vertex-based geometry
 - Each time a visual object is rendered, its vertices may be used only once
 - Indexed vertex-based geometry
 - Each time a visual object is rendered, its vertices may be reused
 - Other visual objects
 - Raster, Text3D and CompressedGeometry

Geometry Arrays	
GeometryArray(int	vertexCount, int vertexFormat)
Constructs an empty GeometryArray object with the specified number of vertices, and vertex format. One or more individual flags are bitwise ORed together to describe the per-vertex data. The flag constants used for specifying the format are:	
COORDINATES:	This vertex array contains co-ordinates
	This bit must be set
NORMALS:	This vertex array contains surface normals
COLOR_3:	This vertex array contains colours without transparency
COLOR_4:	This vertex array contains colours with transparency
TEXTURE_COORDINATE_2: This vertex array contains 2D texture co-ords	
TEXTURE_COORDINATE_3: This vertex array contains 3D texture co-ords	
For each flag a corresponding array is created internal to the GeometryArray	









Insides and Outsides

- Right-hand rule
 - Place right hand over a polygon and curl fingers in direction in which vertices have been ordered
 - Thumb will point in outwards direction
- Triangle strip arrays cause a problem
 - Direction of thumb alternates for each successive triangle
- For GeometryStripArray objects Java does this alternation automatically







Tetrahedron Example – Co-ordinates

Consider the following code fragments from the tetrahedron code supplied -

```
// Construct an indexed triangle array object to hold 12
// indices to the co-ordinates of the 4 vertices
IndexedTriangleArray tetrahedronGeometry =
new IndexedTriangleArray(4, GeometryArray.COORDINATES, 12);
// Generate an array to define the co-ordinates of 4 vertices
Point3d vertices[] = new Point3d[4];
vertices[0]= new Point3d(-1.0,-1.0,0.0);
vertices[1]= new Point3d(1.0,-1.0,0.0);
vertices[2]= new Point3d(0.0,1.0,0.0);
vertices[3]= new Point3d(0.0,0.0,2.0);
// Set the co-ordinates of the 4 vertices starting with the
// vertex defined in element 0 of the vertices array
tetrahedronGeometry.setCoordinates(0,vertices);
Shape3D tetrahedron = new Shape3D(tetrahedronGeometry);
```



Tetrahedron Example – Geometry and Colours

// Construct an indexed triangle array object to hold // 12 indices to the co-ordinates of the 4 vertices // and to 12 indices to colours for the vertices IndexedTriangleArray TetrahedronGeometry = new IndexedTriangleArray(4,GeometryArray.COORDINATES|GeometryArray.COLOR_3,12); // Note that the colours will be used to gradient fill // the 4 faces of the tetrahedron depending on which // colours are linked to which vertices of each face Shape3D tetrahedron = new Shape3D(tetrahedronGeometry);



Tetrahedron Example – Polygon Attributes

// Set the appearance of the tetrahedron
PolygonAttributes tetrahedronAttributes =
 new PolygonAttributes();

tetrahedronAttributes.setPolygonMode(
 PolygonAttributes.POLYGON_LINE);

Appearance appear = new Appearance(); appear.setPolygonAttributes(tetrahedronAttributes); tetrahedron.setAppearance(appear);

// Note that setting the appearance with PolygonMode
// in PolygonAttributes enforces rendering in
// wire-frame mode according to POLYGON_LINE



GeometryInfo Class

- GeometryInfo() constructs a triangle array from a co-ordinate list defining a set of polygons
 - It also permits some of the polygons to define holes within other polygons
 - A separate Triangulator() can perform an additional random triangulation (deprecated!)
- NormalGenerator() generates normals for each vertex in the triangle array
- Stripifier() turns the triangle array into a triangle strip array for greater efficiency



GeometryInfo Details

- The vertices are specified as an ordered array of co-ordinates
 - With duplication of vertices as in geometry arrays
- A strip count array gathers the co-ordinates into an ordered list of polygonal faces
 - By stating how many vertices belong to each polygon starting from the beginning of the co-ordinate list
- A contour count array identifies containing polygons and the holes they contain
 - By forming groups of the polygons in the strip count array the first of which is a container, the rest holes



Gasket Example – Strip Counts

```
// Generate a strip count array which
// associates co-ordinates with polygons
int gasketStripCount[] = {
        4,4,
               // Bottom face and its hole
        4,4,
               // Front face and its hole
               // Right face and its hole
        4,4,
               // Left face
        4,
               // Top face
        4,
        4
               // Back face
        };
gasket.setStripCounts(gasketStripCount);
```



GeometryInfo Manipulations

To perform an additional random triangulation -Triangulator triang = new Triangulator(1); triang.triangulate(gasket);

To generate normals for each vertex in the triangle array -NormalGenerator norma = new NormalGenerator(); norma.generateNormal(gasket);

```
To turn the triangle array into a triangle strip array -
Stripifier stripper = new Stripifier();
stripper.stripify(gasket);
```

Note that the geometry required by the Shape3D object is obtained from the geometry array in the gasket GeometryInfo object, not gasket itself - Shape3D gasketShape = new Shape3D(); gasketShape.setGeometry(gasket.getGeometryArray());