Computer Graphics II - Blending (Questions)

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• Blending: blend several colors (of different objects) to a single color (Transparency allows to see through objects)

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glEnable(GL_BLEND);
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$$\bar{C}_{result} = \bar{C}_{source} \cdot F_{source} + \bar{C}_{destination} \cdot F_{destination}$$

- \overline{C}_{source} : source color vector (originates from the texture)
- $\overline{C}_{destination}$: destination color vector (currently stored in the color buffer)
- \overline{F}_{source} : source factor value (impact of the alpha value on the source color)
- $\overline{F}_{destination}$: destination factor value (impact of the alpha value on the destination color)

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$$\bar{C}_{result} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\0.6 \end{pmatrix} \cdot 0.6 + \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (1-0.6) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4\\0\\0.6\\0.76 \end{pmatrix}$$



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When drawing a scene with non-transparent and transparent objects the general outline is usually as follows:

- 1. Draw all opaque objects first.
- 2. Sort all the transparent objects.
- 3. Draw all the transparent objects in sorted order.

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• GL_FRONT: Culls only the front faces