Computer Graphics Camera Control

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First Person Camera

- camera attached to avatar
 - not at the same position (would only see its inside), but moving with it
 - in effect it is like a game object that has the avatar as its parent
 - the camera's view matrix is composed of the avatar's model matrix and its local pose matrix computed with its relative orientation and position (and then inverted)

Third Person Camera

- yaw, pitch, roll unknown
- but we know the look-at point
 - i.e. the avatar's position
- the world-space base vectors of the camera are found using the camera position and look-at point
- the view matrix is assembled directly using these vectors

View transformation: base directions from lookat point





View transformation: matrix from base directions and eye position





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Generic up direction in the world

PerspectiveCamera.worldUp = new Vec3(0, 1, 0);

Base directions

this.right.setVectorProduct(
 this.ahead,
 PerspectiveCamera.worldUp);
this.right.normalize();
this.up.setVectorProduct(this.right, this.ahead);

Compute view matrix

this.viewProjMatrix.set(this.viewMatrix).mul(this.projMatrix);