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**Computer Viewing** is *moving the camera* to a desired position

There are three aspects of the viewing process, all of which are implemented in the pipeline:

**1. Positioning the camera**

- Setting the model-view matrix, which defines:
  - Where the camera is
  - Where it is looking at

**2. Selecting an appropriate lens** (*Setting the projection matrix*)

**3. Clipping**

- We set the *view volume*
- We decide what is visible to the camera and what isn't
- The camera cannot see forever, it is clipped at the far end, and at the sides, top, bottom

## The OpenGL Camera

In OpenGL, initially the object and camera frames are the same

The default model-view matrix is an identity

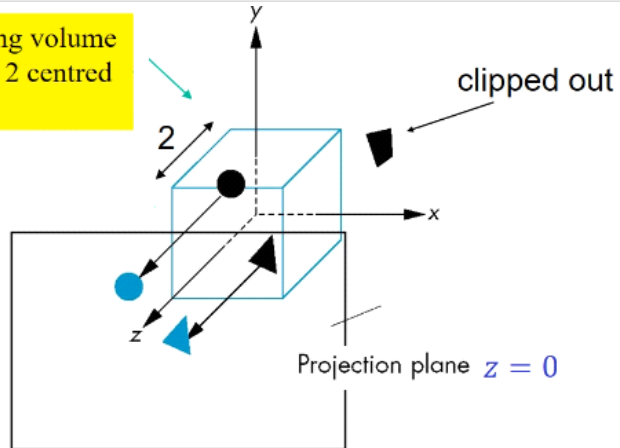
The **camera** is *located at the origin* and *points in the negative z direction*

OpenGL also specifies a default view volume that is a **cube with sides of length 2** centered at the origin

- The cube goes from -1 to 1 in x, y and z dimensions
- The *default projection matrix* is an identity

## The Default Projection

The default clipping volume is a cube of side = 2 centred at the origin.



The default projection is orthogonal - this means that *objects that are far will appear the same* as objects that are close

This is unrealistic

The projection plane is at  $z=0$

## Moving the Camera Frame

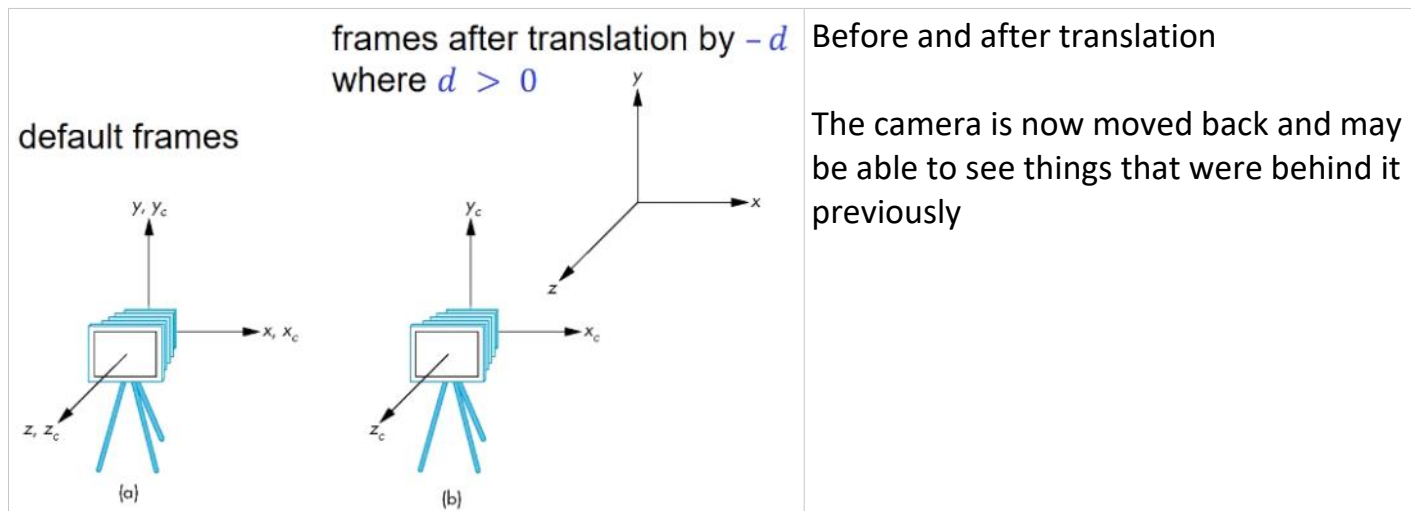
If we want to visualize objects that have both positive and negative z values we can either:

- *Move the camera* in the positive z direction (Translate the **camera frame**)
- **Move the objects** in the negative z direction (Translate the **world frame**)

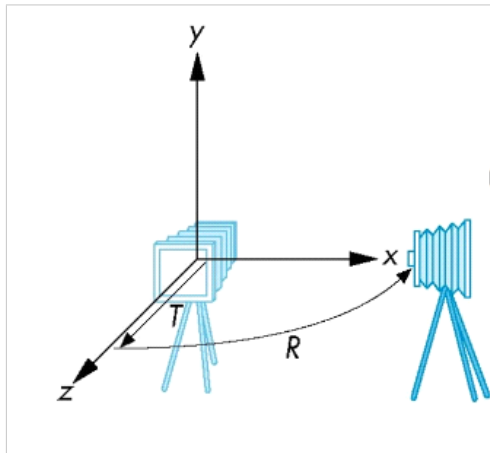
Both of these views are equivalent

- Moving the camera (frame) **is the same as** moving the objects (world frame)
- Both are determined by the model-view matrix
  - We do a translation on Z axis = Translate (0.0, 0.0, -d);
  - We move the objects in the -z direction.

## Moving Camera Back From Origin



## Moving the Camera



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We can move the camera to any desired position by a sequence of rotations and translations

**Example:** Side view at the +x axis looking the origin

1. Rotate the camera
2. Translate away from origin

- Model-view matrix (C)

- $C = TR$

- The rightmost matrix is the first applied

*The rightmost matrix is the first applied*

```
// Using mat.h
```

```
mat4 t = Translate (0.0, 0.0, -d);
```

```
mat4 ry = RotateY(90.0);
```

```
mat4 m = t*ry;
```

We rotate 90 degrees

We apply rotation first (multiply last)

**m is the model view matrix**



## The LookAt() Function

The GLU library contains the function **gluLookAt()** which can be used to form the required model-view matrix.

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void gluLookAt(eyeX, eyeY, eyeZ, centreX, centreY, centreZ, upX, upY, upZ)
```

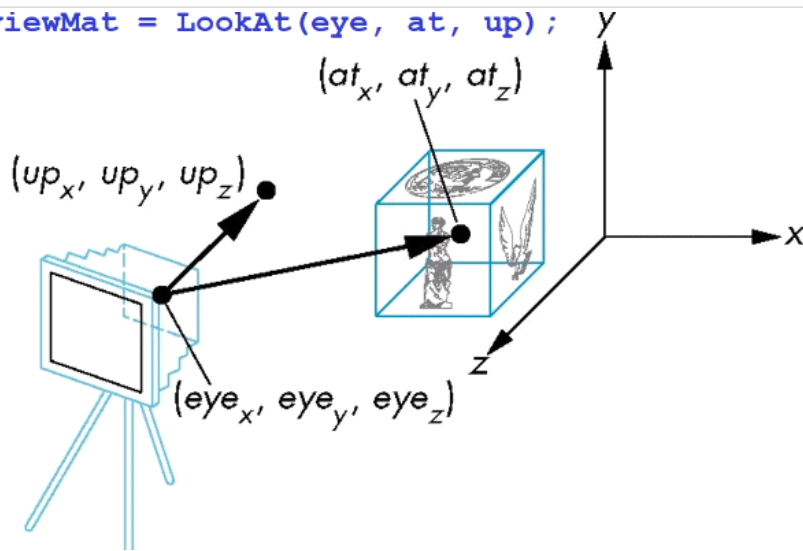
- We need to define the eye (camera) position, the center (fixation point) (where camera looks), and an up direction.
- All are of type GLdouble.

Alternatively, we can use **LookAt()** defined in **mat.h**

- The function returns a mat4 matrix.
- Can concatenate with modeling transformations
- Uses GLfloat
- Example:
  - `mat4 mv = LookAt(vec4 eye, vec4 at, vec4 up);`
  - Eye = xyz of eye + scaling number
  - Returns model view matrix

## Diagram

```
mat4 viewMat = LookAt(eye, at, up);
```



Example use of LookAt function

## Default Orthographic Projection

The default projection in the eye (camera) frame is orthogonal

For a point  $\mathbf{p} = (x, y, z, 1)^T$  within the default view volume, it is projected to  $\mathbf{p}_p = (xp, yp, zp, wp)^T$ , where

$$x_p = x, y_p = y, z_p = 0, w_p = 1$$

i.e., we can define

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and we can then write  $\mathbf{P}_p = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}$

This is default model view matrix. X, Y, Z, W is along diagonal

By default, everything is placed onto camera plane ( $z=0$ ) with no scaling ( $w=1$ )

In practice, we can let  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$  and set  $z$  term to 0 later

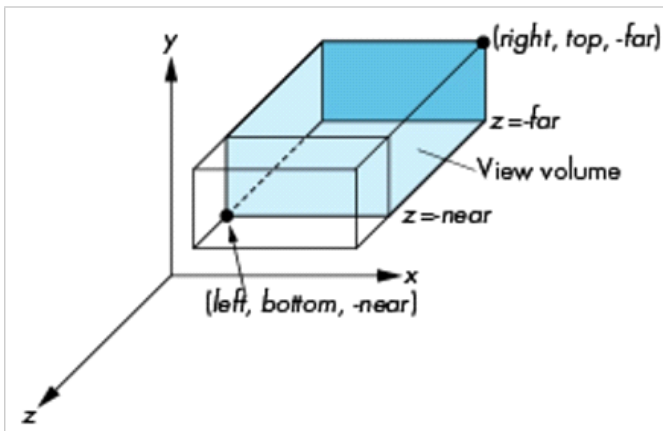
## Orthogonal Viewing

The OpenGL orthogonal viewing function:

- `void glOrtho(left, right, bottom, top, near, far);`
- Uses GLdouble

Alternatively, we can use `Ortho()` defined in `mat.h`:

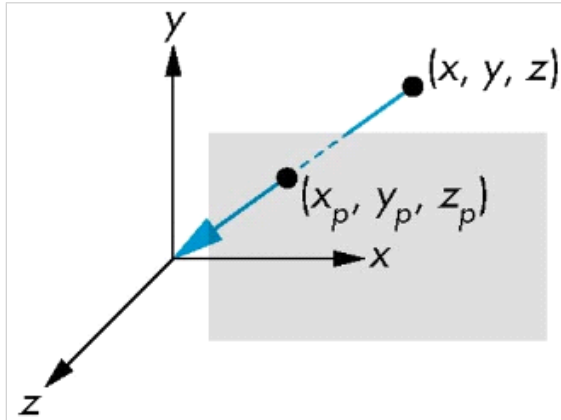
- `mat4 Ortho(left, right, bottom, top, near, far);`
- Returns matrix so can be combined with other matrices
- Uses GLfloat



Parameters for Ortho functions are shown here

- Left, Right
- Bottom, Top
- Near, Far (measured from camera)

## Simple Perspective



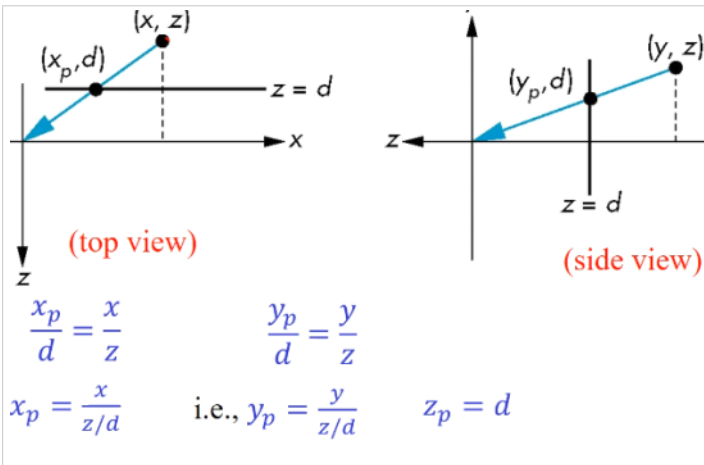
In **orthographic projection**, the *camera's focal length is infinite* (the camera lens is at infinity).

However, in perspective projection, the camera's **focal length  $d$**  is finite

A simple perspective projection:

- Center of projection is at the origin
- Projection plane  $z = d$ , where  $d$  is negative

## Top and Side Views



Every point is drawn in a straight line towards the center of projection, and wherever it *crosses the imaging plane* is **the location of its projection**

Recall the OpenGL synthetic camera model in an earlier lecture

## Matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M}\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q} \quad \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ z/d \end{bmatrix}$$

The element  $z/d$  in the vector  $\mathbf{q}$  is circled in red, and a red arrow points from it to the label  $\mathbf{w}$ .

$\mathbf{q}$  is the projected point  
 $\mathbf{w}$  is the perspective division

## Perspective Division

However, since  $w = z/d \neq 1$ , so we must divide by  $w$  to return back to inhomogeneous coordinates.

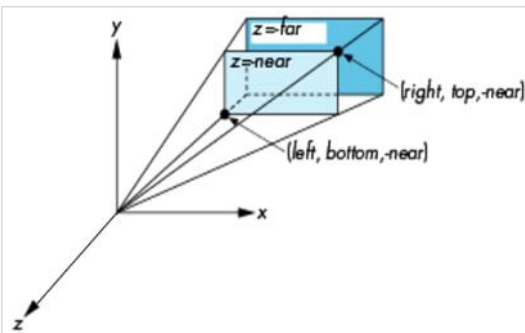
The **perspective division** yields the desired perspective equations:

$$x_p = \frac{x}{z/d} \quad y_d = \frac{y}{z/d} \quad z_p = d$$



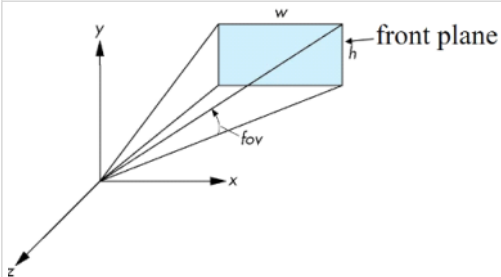
## Perspective Viewing

To define a perspective transformation matrix for the camera, we can use:



### The Frustum function in *mat.h*

- `mat4 Frustum(left, right, bottom, top, near, far)`
- Near is negative
- Uses GLfloat
- Possibly difficult to get the desired view.
- Can be combined with other matrices



### The Perspective function

- `mat4 Perspective(fovy, aspect, near, far)`
- Uses GLfloat
- Better interface
- Aspect =  $w/h$
- Fovy is an angle in degrees
- Near, far = distance from viewer to near/far clipping plane
- Has equivalent `gluPerspective(...)`