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Projection Matrices

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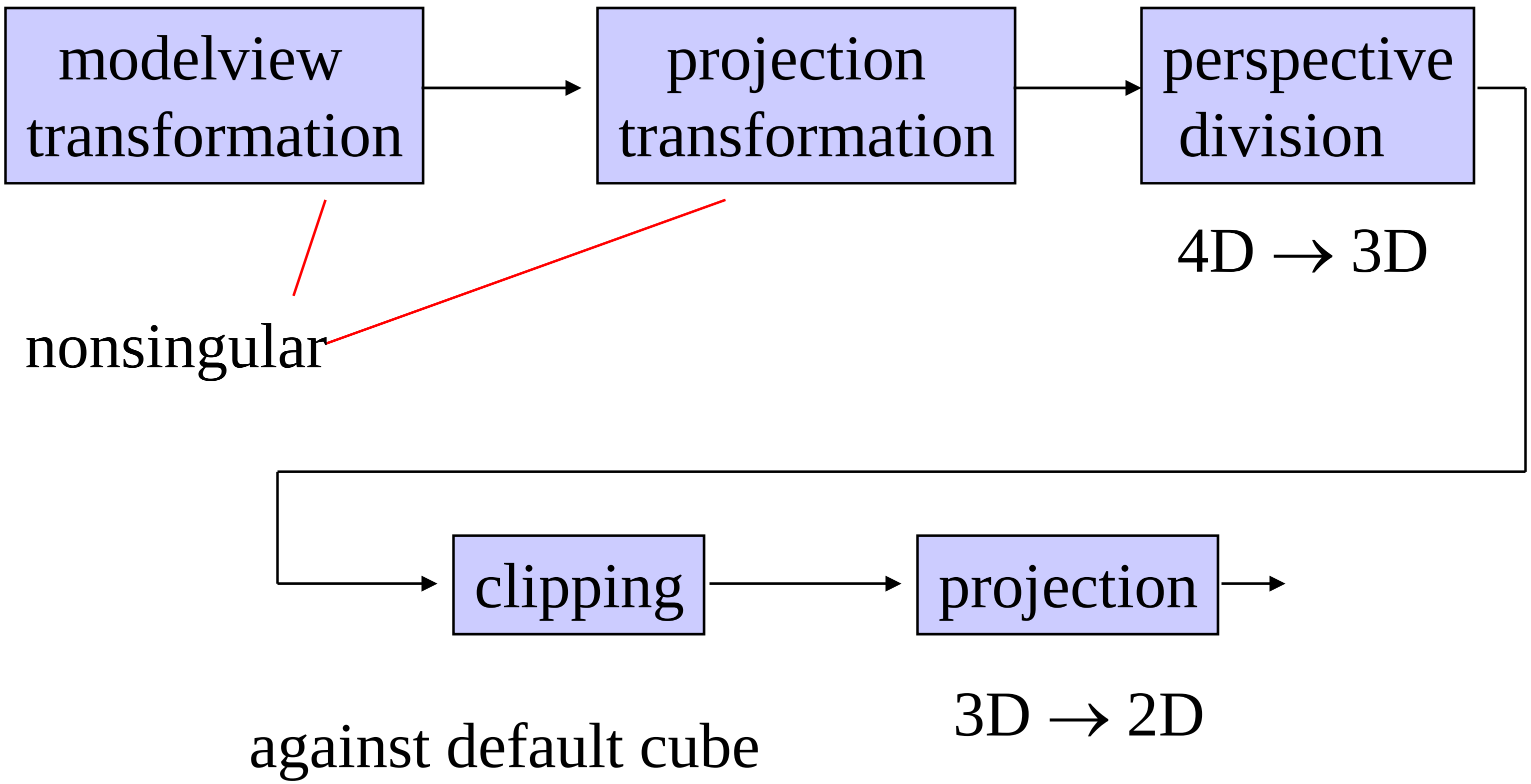
Objectives

- Derive the projection matrices used for standard OpenGL projections
- Introduce oblique projections
- Introduce projection normalization

Normalization

- Rather than derive a different projection matrix for each type of projection, we can convert all projections to orthogonal projections with the default view volume
- This strategy allows us to use standard transformations in the pipeline and makes for efficient clipping

Pipeline View



Notes

- We stay in four-dimensional homogeneous coordinates through both the modelview and projection transformations
  - Both these transformations are nonsingular
  - Default to identity matrices (orthogonal view)
- Normalization lets us clip against simple cube regardless of type of projection
- Delay final projection until end
  - Important for hidden-surface removal to retain depth information as long as possible

Orthogonal Normalization

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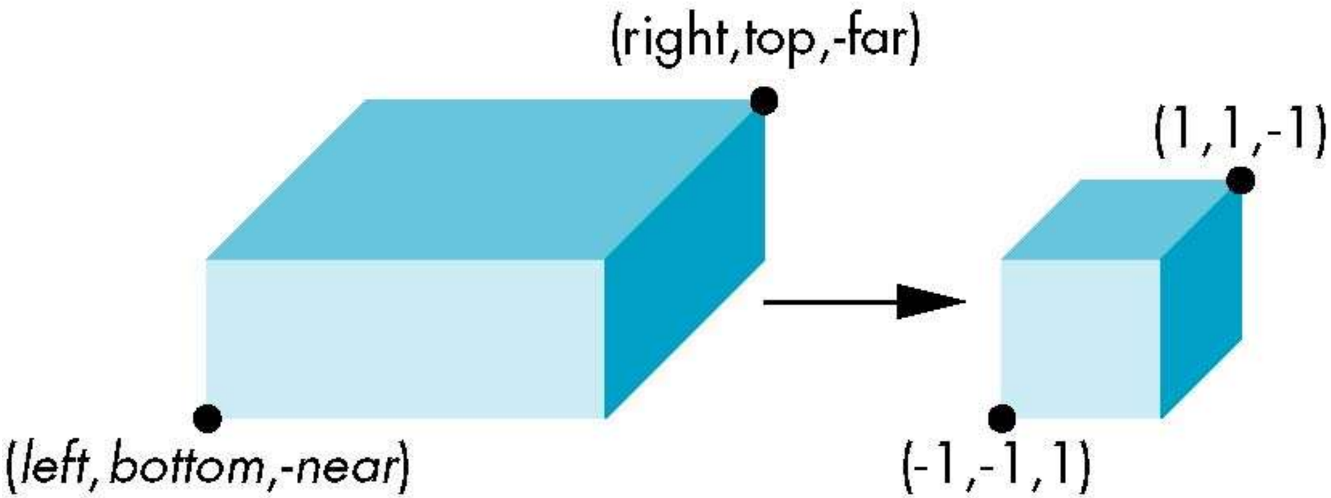
`Ortho(left,right,bottom,top,near,far)`

normalization ⇒ find transformation to convert specified clipping volume to default



Orthogonal Matrix

- Two steps
  - Move center to origin

    T(-(left+right)/2, -(bottom+top)/2,(near+far)/2))
  - Scale to have sides of length 2

    S(2/(left-right),2/(top-bottom),2/(near-far))

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{ST} = \begin{bmatrix} \dfrac{2}{right-left} & 0 & 0 & -\dfrac{right-left}{right-left} \\ 0 & \dfrac{2}{top-bottom} & 0 & -\dfrac{top+bottom}{top-bottom} \\ 0 & 0 & \dfrac{2}{near-far} & \dfrac{far+near}{far-near} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Final Projection

- Set z =0
- Equivalent to the homogeneous coordinate transformation

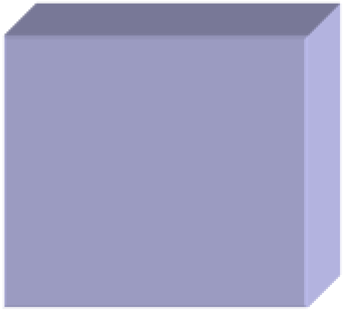
$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Hence, general orthogonal projection in 4D is

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}}\mathbf{ST}$$

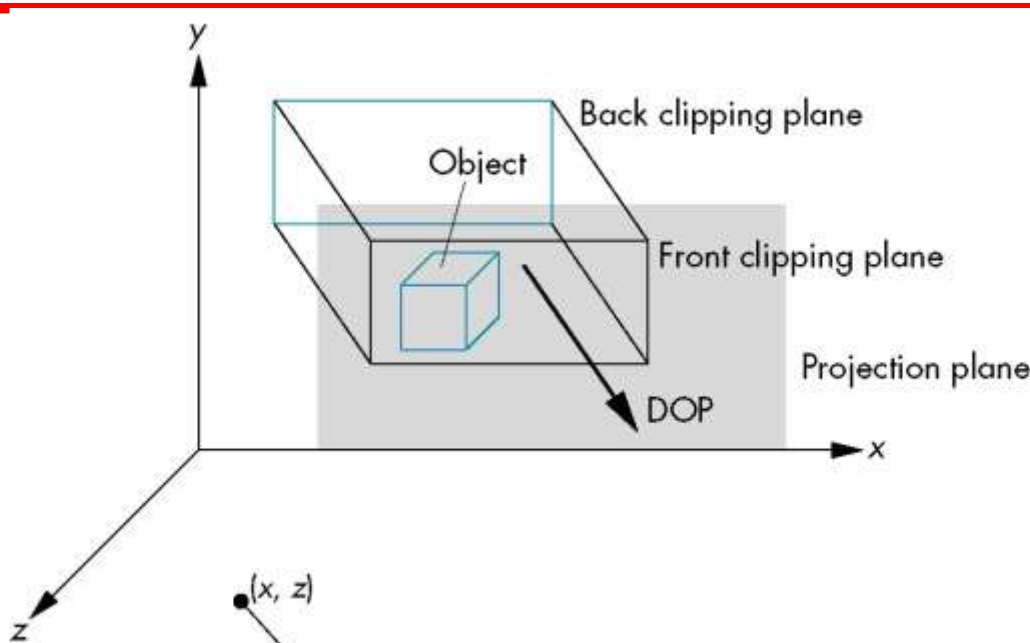
Oblique Projections

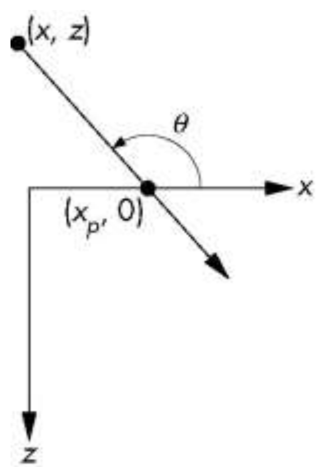
- The OpenGL projection functions cannot produce general parallel projections such as



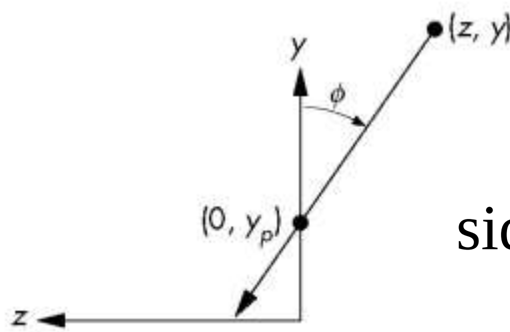
- However if we look at the example of the cube it appears that the cube has been sheared
- Oblique Projection = Shear + Orthogonal Projection

General Shear





top view



side view

Shear Matrix

xy shear (*z* values unchanged)

$$\mathbf{H}(\theta,\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\cot\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\cot\varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Projection matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}}\, \mathbf{H}(\theta,\phi)$$

General case: $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}}\, \mathbf{STH}(\theta,\phi)$

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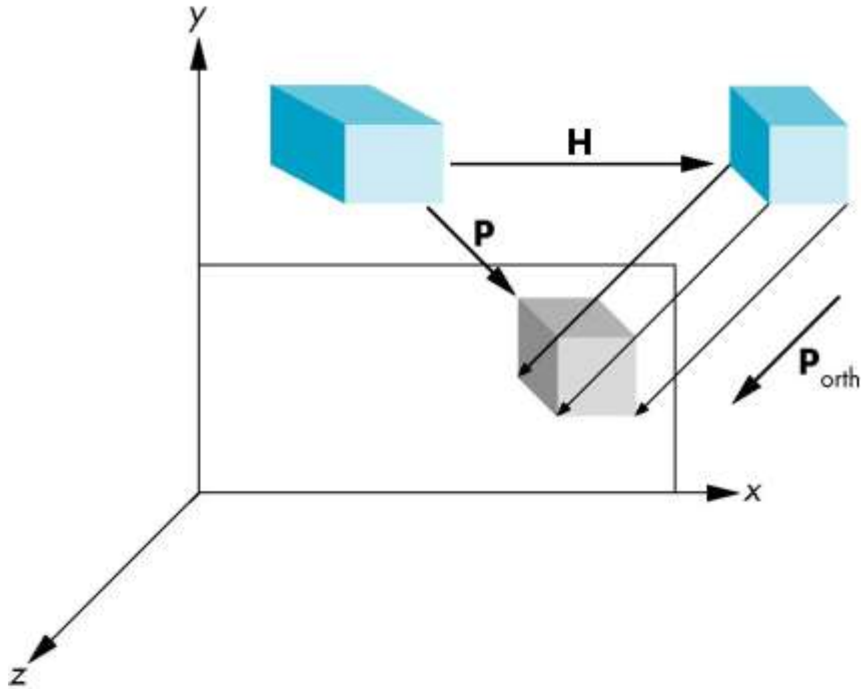
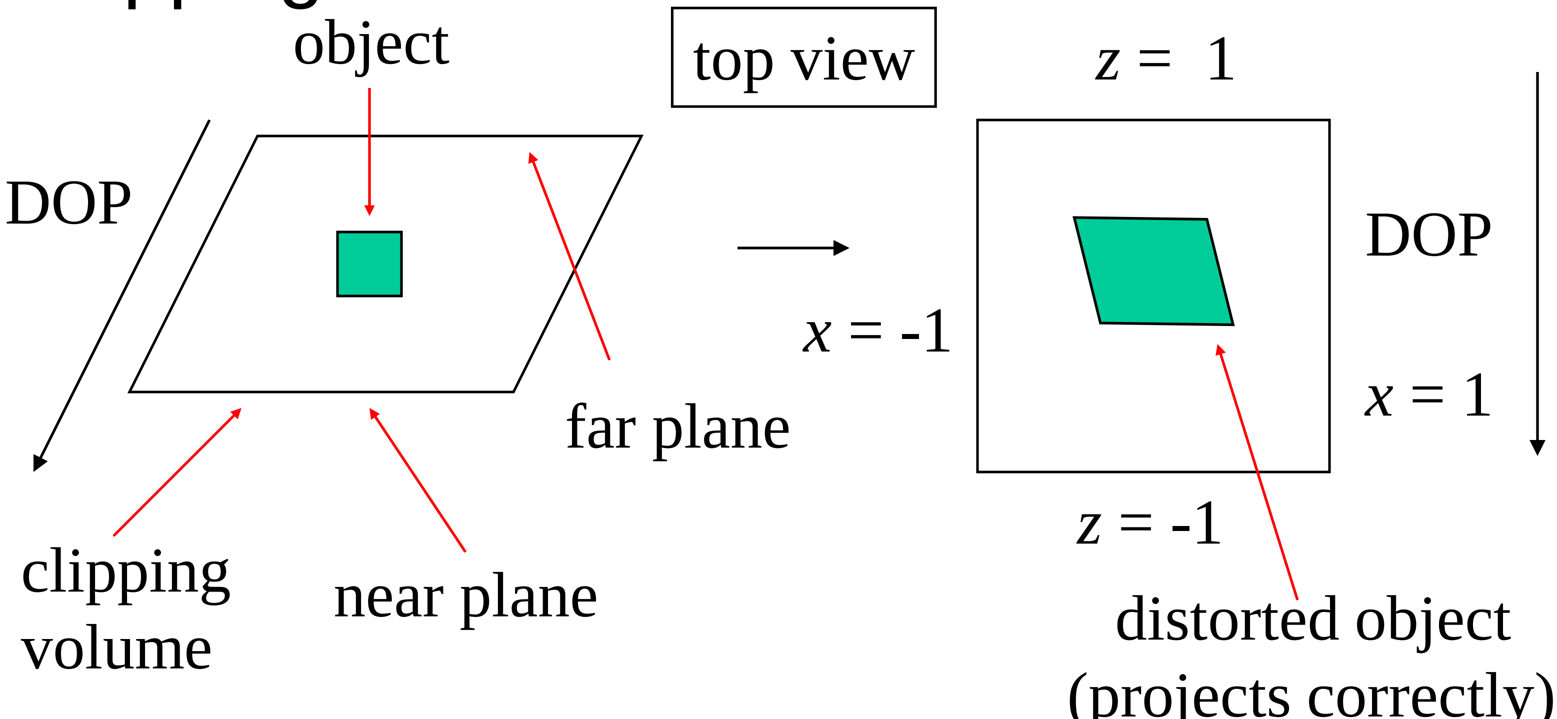
Equivalency



Effect on Clipping

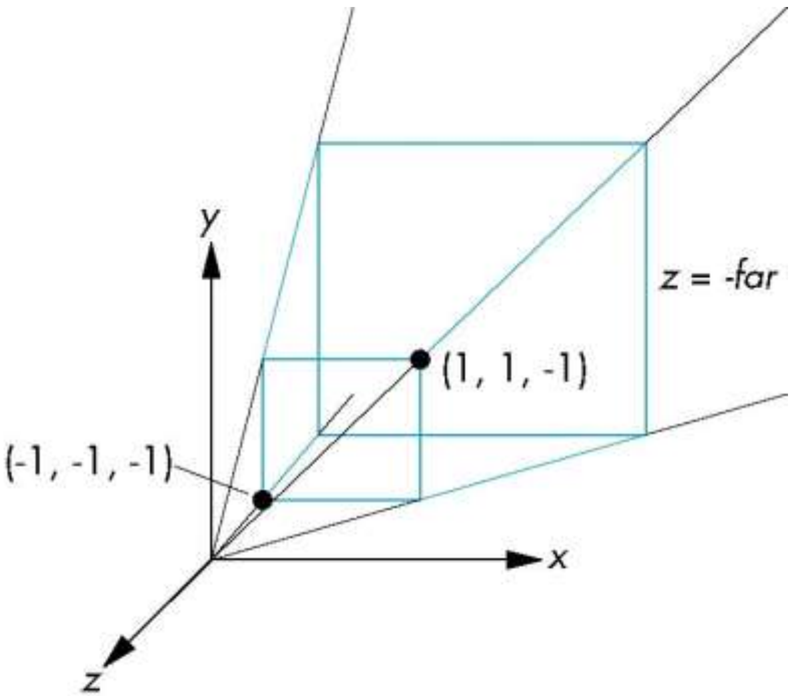
- The projection matrix **P** = **STH** transforms the original clipping volume to the default clipping volume



Simple Perspective

Consider a simple perspective with the COP at the origin, the near clipping plane at z = -1, and a 90 degree field of view determined by the planes

$x = \pm z,\ y = \pm z$



Perspective Matrices

Simple projection matrix in homogeneous coordinates

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

Note that this matrix is independent of the far clipping plane

Generalization

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

after perspective division, the point (x, y, z, 1) goes to

$x'' = x/z$
$y'' = y/z$
$Z'' = -(\alpha+\beta/z)$

which projects orthogonally to the desired point regardless of α and β

Picking α and β

If we pick

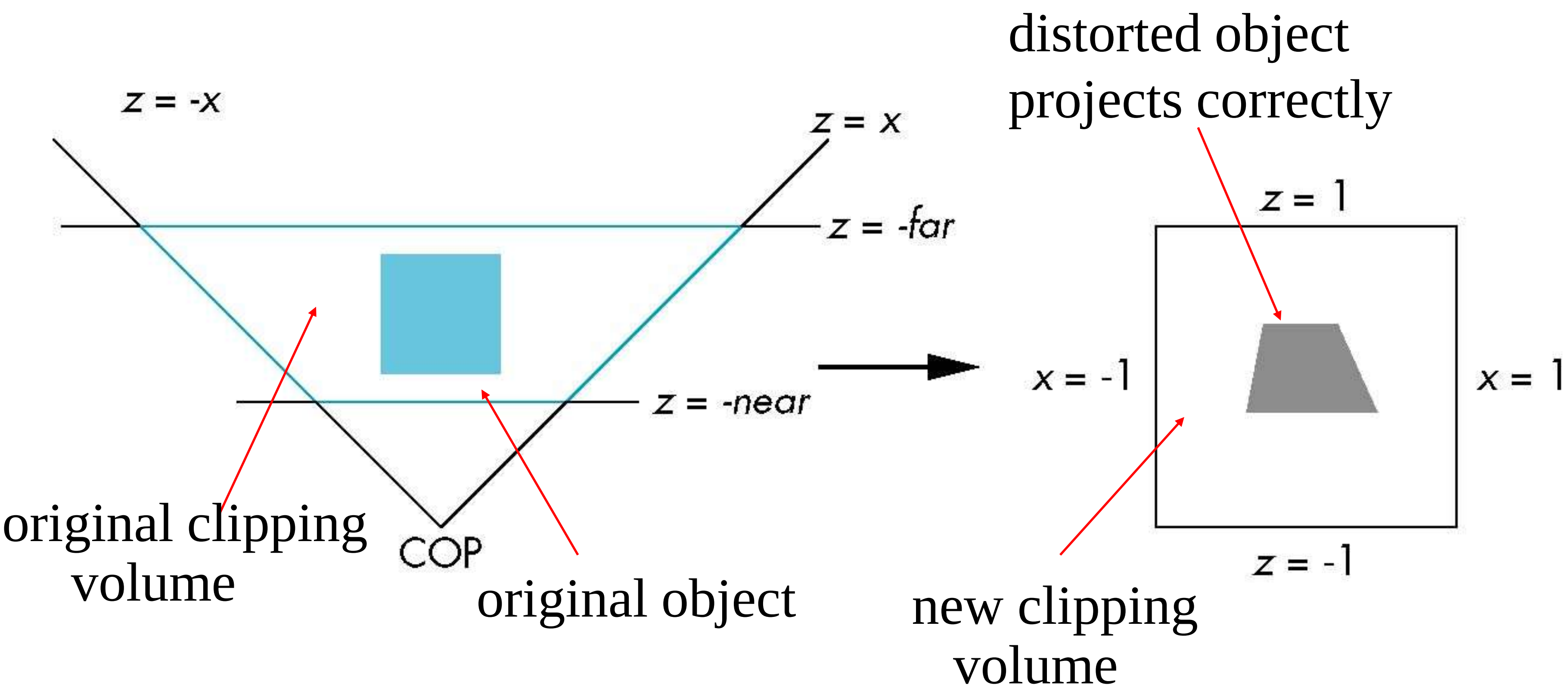
$$\alpha = \frac{\text{near} + \text{far}}{\text{far} - \text{near}}$$

$$\beta = \frac{2\text{near} * \text{far}}{\text{near} - \text{far}}$$

the near plane is mapped to $z = -1$
the far plane is mapped to $z = 1$
and the sides are mapped to $x = \pm 1, y = \pm 1$

Hence the new clipping volume is the default clipping volume

Normalization Transformation

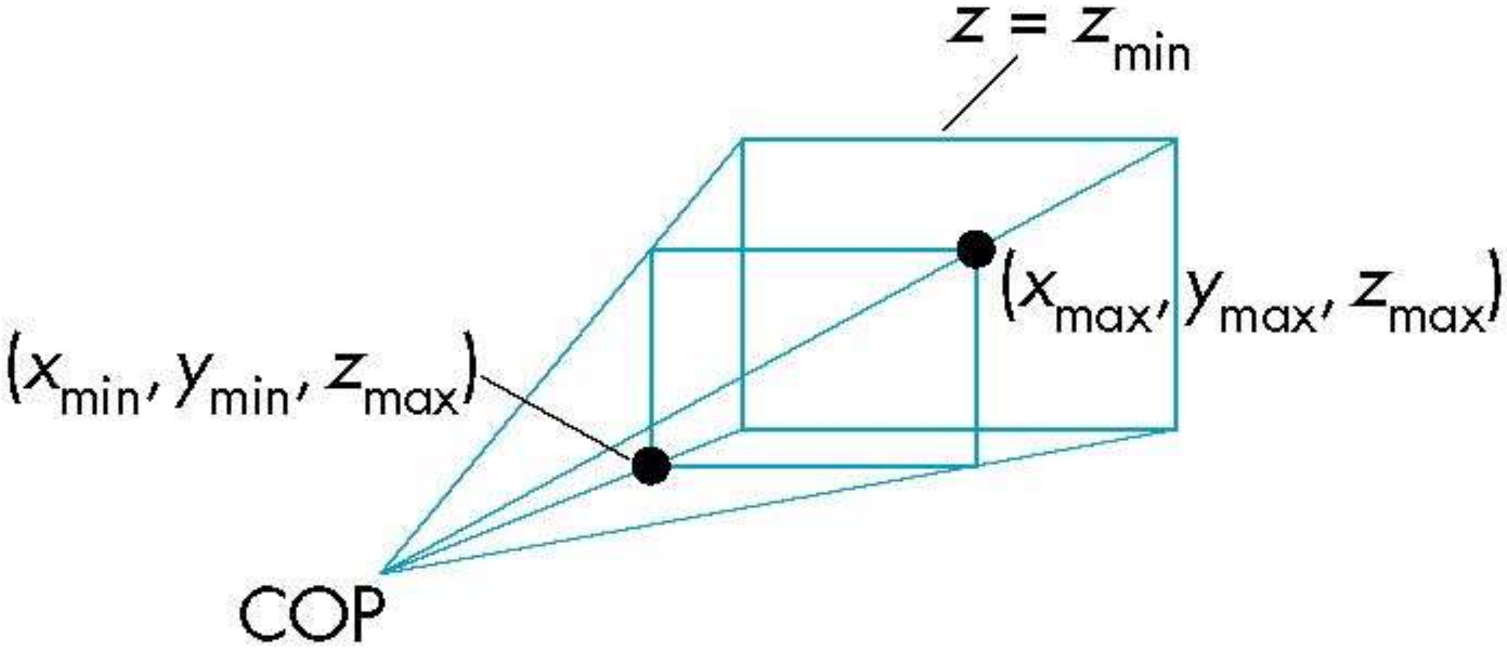


Normalization and Hidden-Surface Removal

- Although our selection of the form of the perspective matrices may appear somewhat arbitrary, it was chosen so that if $z_1 > z_2$ in the original clipping volume then the for the transformed points $z_1' > z_2'$
- Thus hidden surface removal works if we first apply the normalization transformation
- However, the formula $z'' = -(\alpha+\beta/z)$ implies that the distances are distorted by the normalization which can cause numerical problems especially if the near distance is small

OpenGL Perspective

- **`glFrustum`** allows for an unsymmetric viewing frustum (although **`Perspective`** does not)



OpenGL Perspective Matrix

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- The normalization in `Frustum` requires an initial shear to form a right viewing pyramid, followed by a scaling to get the normalized perspective volume. Finally, the perspective matrix results in needing only a final orthogonal transformation

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{NSH}$$

our previously defined perspective matrix

shear and scale

Why do we do it this way?

- Normalization allows for a single pipeline for both perspective and orthogonal viewing
- We stay in four dimensional homogeneous coordinates as long as possible to retain three-dimensional information needed for hidden-surface removal and shading
- We simplify clipping