

8.7 PERSPECTIVE PROJECTION

8.7.1 Introduction

- In perspective projection, the centre of projection (COP) is at a finite distance from the projection plane.
- When a 3D object is projected onto a view plane using perspective transformation equations, any set of parallel lines in the object that are not parallel to the projection plane, converge at a point. This point at which a set of projected parallel lines appears to converage is called *vanishing point*.
- A perspective projection produces realistic views but does not preserve the relative proportions of an object dimensions.
- Projections of distant objects are smaller than the projections of objects of same size that are closer to the projection plane.
- Mathematically, perspective projection can be described by specifying (see figure 8.15):
 - 1. Centre of Projection (COP). It is a point where lines or projection that are not parallel to projection plane appear to meet.
 - 2. View Plane or Projection Plane. The view plane is determined by :

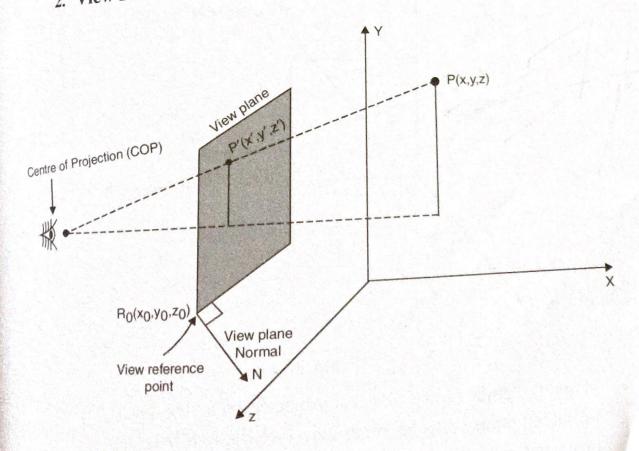


Fig. 8.15 Perspective Projection

- (i) View reference point $R_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$
- (ii) View plane normal N *i.e.* $\overrightarrow{N} = n_1 \hat{i} + n_2 \hat{j} + n_3 \hat{k}$
- 3. Location of an Object. It is specified by a point P that is located in world coordinates at (x, y, z) location. The objective of perspective projection is to determine the image point P' whose coordinates are (x', y', z')