

**NUSRI Summer Programme 2016**

**RI3004A**

# **3D Graphics Rendering**

## **Lecture 5**

### **Viewing**

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# Objectives

- Specifying camera position and orientation
  - View transformation
- Projection
  - Orthographic
  - Perspective

# Elements of Image Formation

- Objects ✓

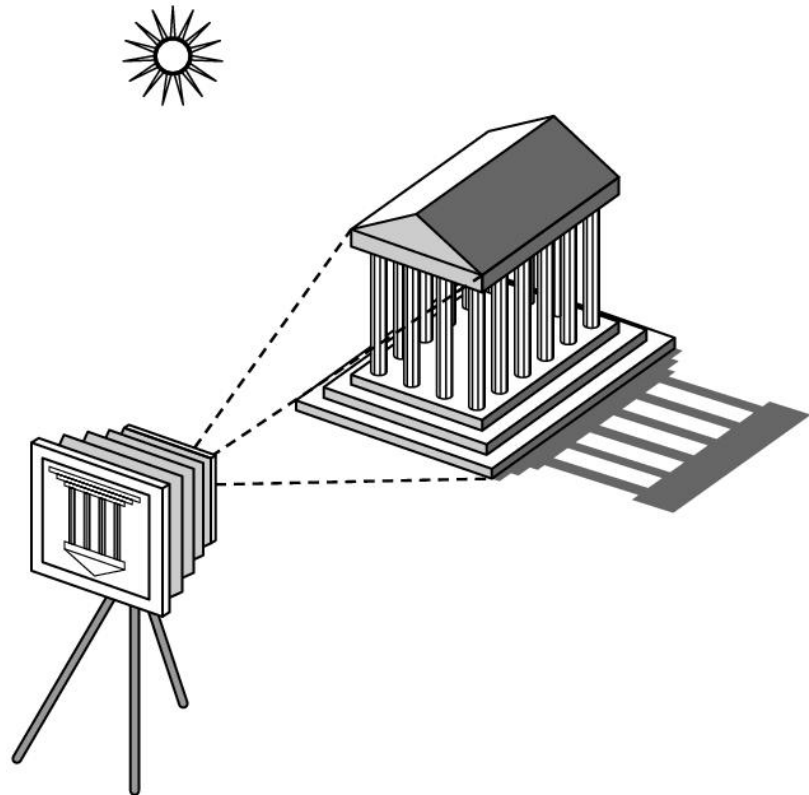
- We have learned how to define objects' geometry and put them in the world coordinate frame

- Viewer

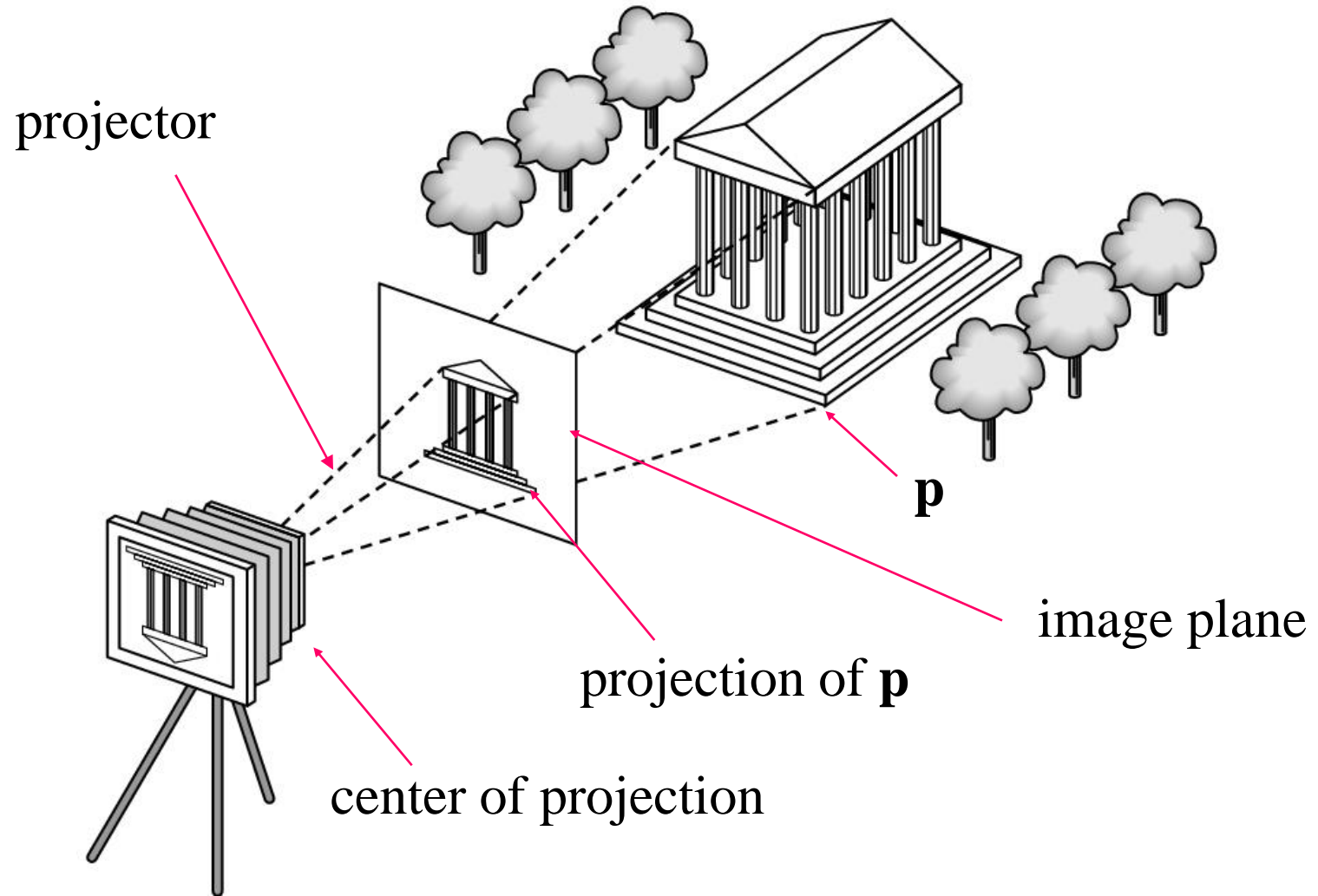
- This lecture

- Light source(s)

- Materials



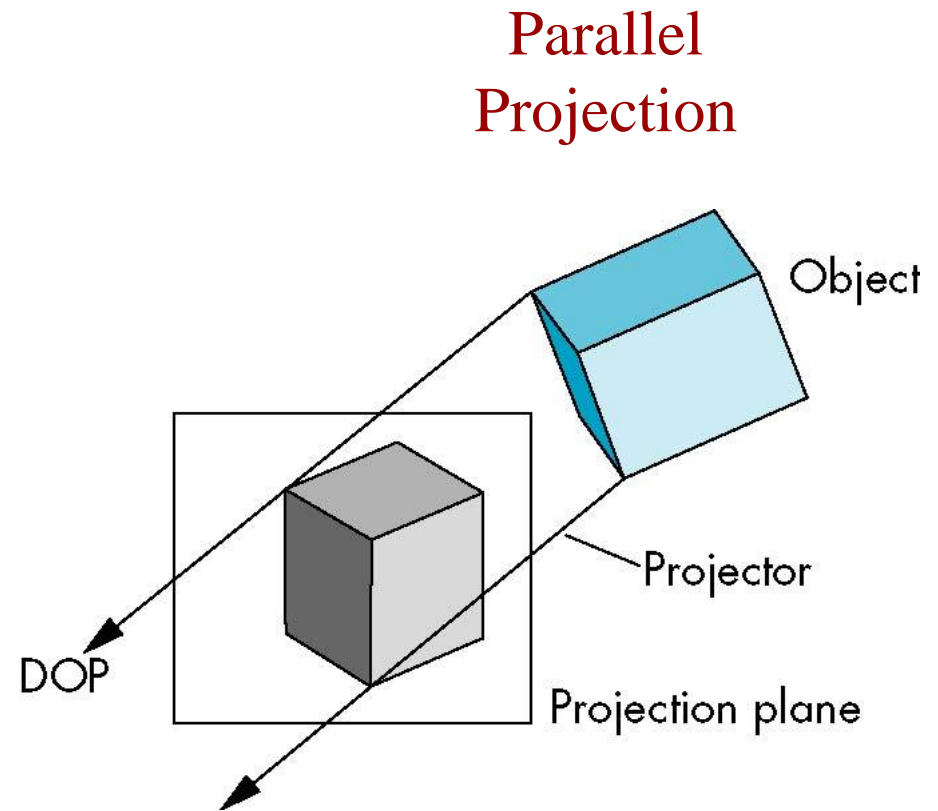
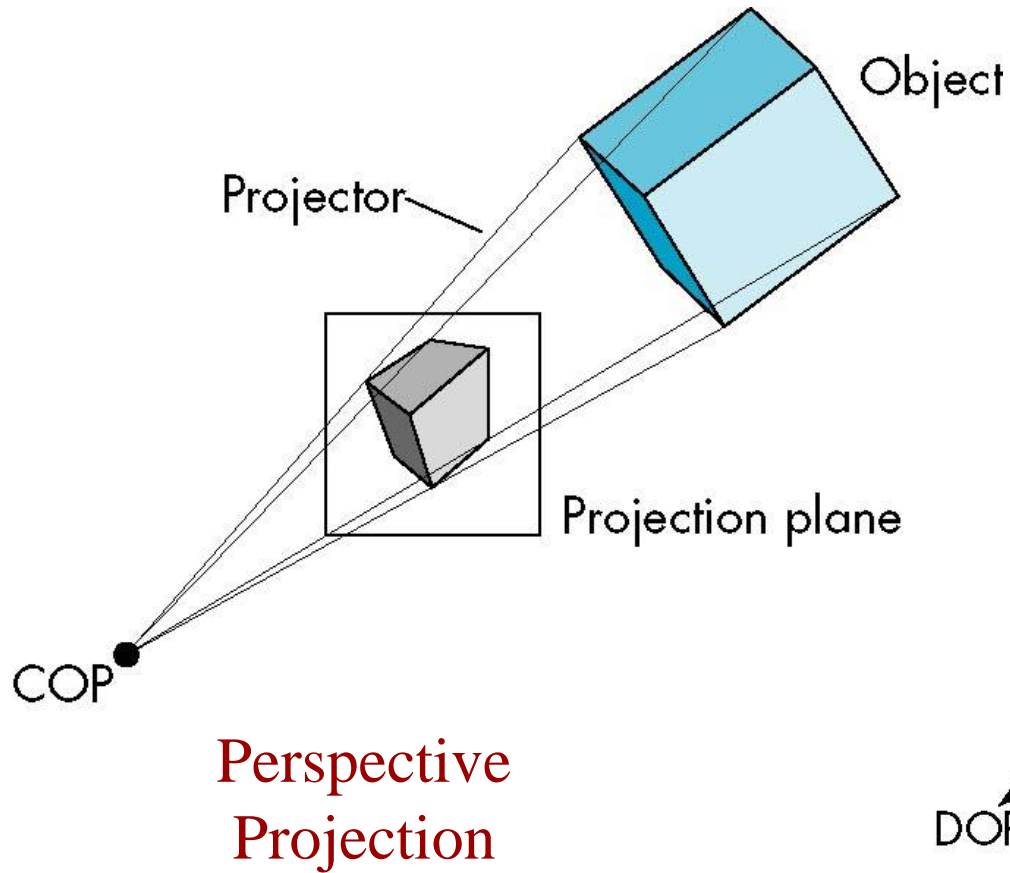
# Synthetic Camera Model



# Planar Geometric Projections

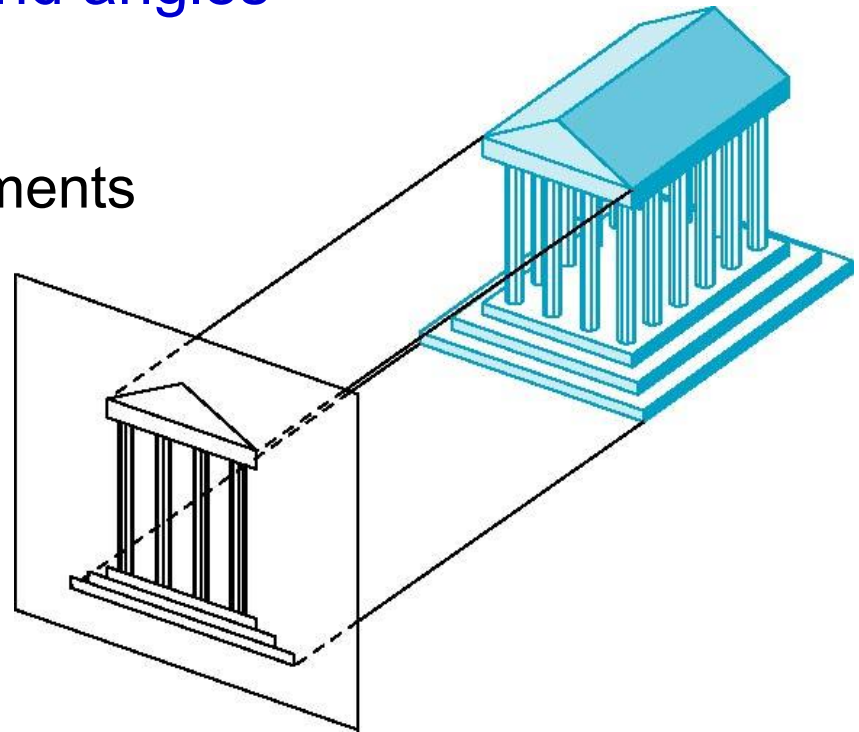
- Standard projections project onto a plane
- Projectors are lines that either
  - converge at a center of projection
  - are parallel
- Such projections preserve lines
  - but not necessarily angles
- Nonplanar projection surfaces are needed for applications such as map construction

# Perspective vs Parallel



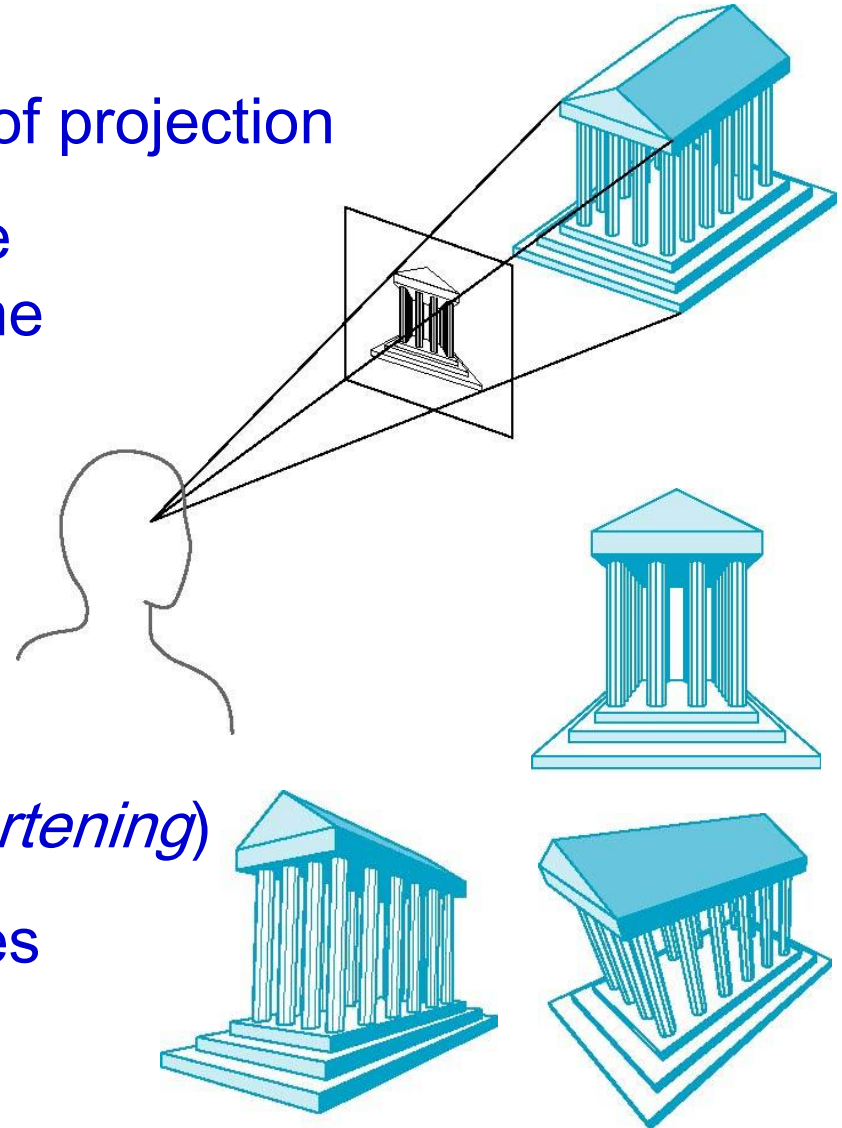
# Orthographic Projection

- Special case of parallel projection
  - Projectors are orthogonal to projection surface
- Preserves both distances and angles
  - Shapes preserved
  - Can be used for measurements
    - Building plans
    - Manuals



# Perspective Projection

- Projectors converge at center of projection
- Objects further from viewer are projected smaller than the same sized objects closer to the viewer (*diminution*)
  - Looks more realistic
- Equal distances along a line are not projected into equal distances (*nonuniform foreshortening*)
- Angles preserved only in planes parallel to the projection plane





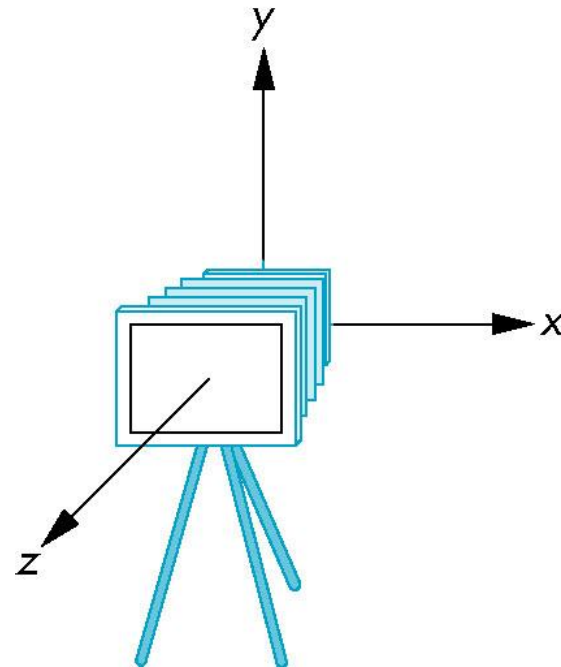
# **Computer Viewing**

# Computer Viewing

- There are three aspects of the viewing process, all of which are implemented in the pipeline
  - Positioning the camera
    - Setting the model-view matrix
  - Selecting a lens
    - Setting the projection matrix
      - Perspective or orthographic
  - Clipping
    - Setting the view volume
      - Only some part of the world appears in viewport

# The OpenGL Camera

- The camera has a local coordinate frame, called the *camera coordinate frame*
  - Camera is located at the origin
  - Looking in negative  $z$  direction
  - $+y$ -axis is the "*up-vector*"
- All projections are w.r.t. the camera frame
- Initially the world and camera frames are the same
  - Default model-view matrix is an identity

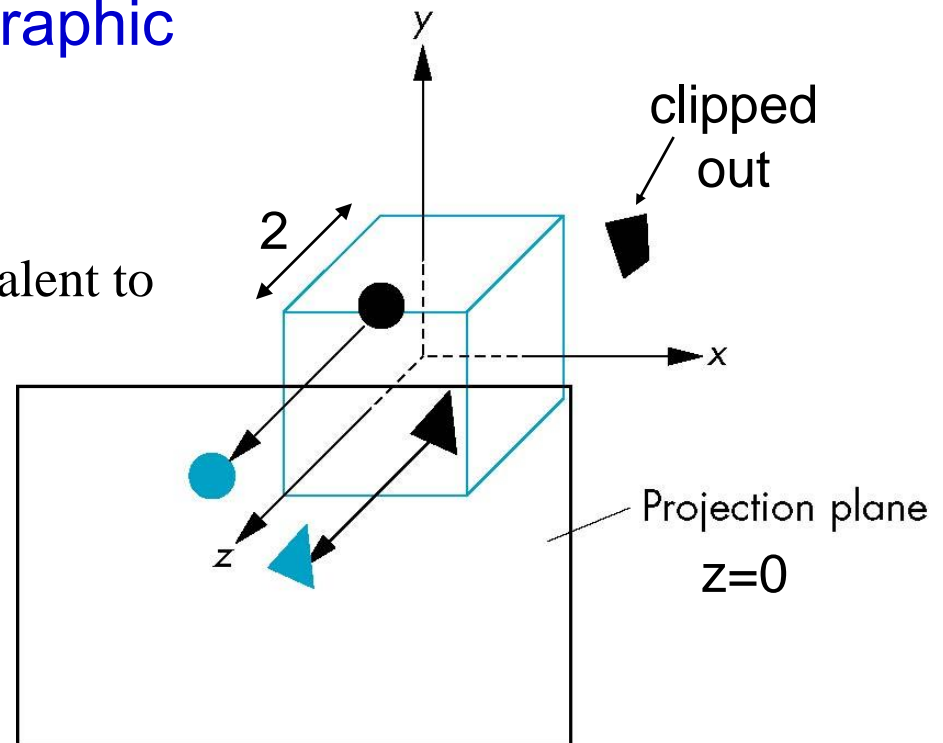


# Default Projection

- OpenGL also specifies a default view volume that is a cube with sides of length 2 centered at the origin
  - Default projection matrix is an identity
- Default projection is orthographic

Note that the default projection is equivalent to

```
glOrtho( -1.0, 1.0,  
         -1.0, 1.0,  
         1.0, -1.0 );
```

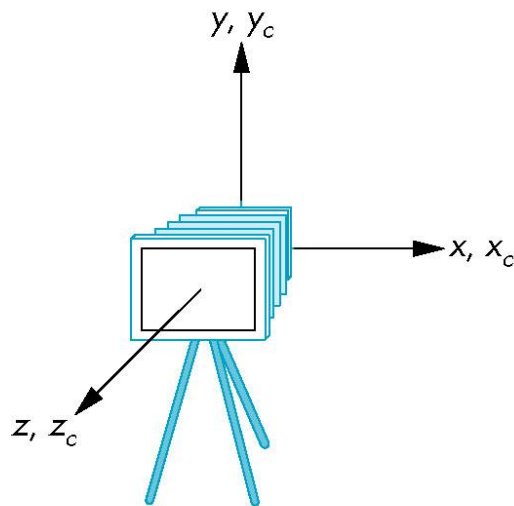


# **View Transformation**

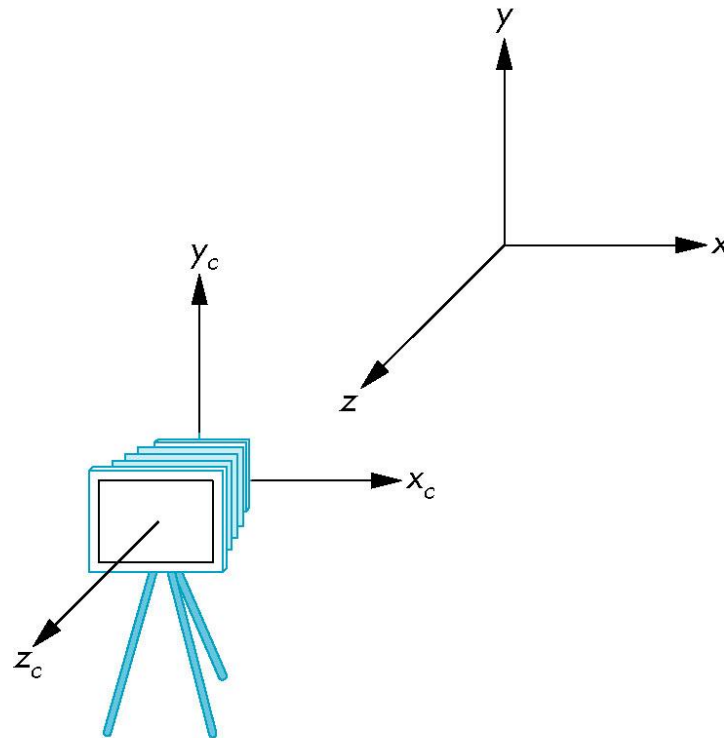
## **Positioning the Camera**

# Moving the Camera Frame

- By default, the camera coordinate coincides with the world coordinate frame
- Often, we want to put the camera at other location and orientation



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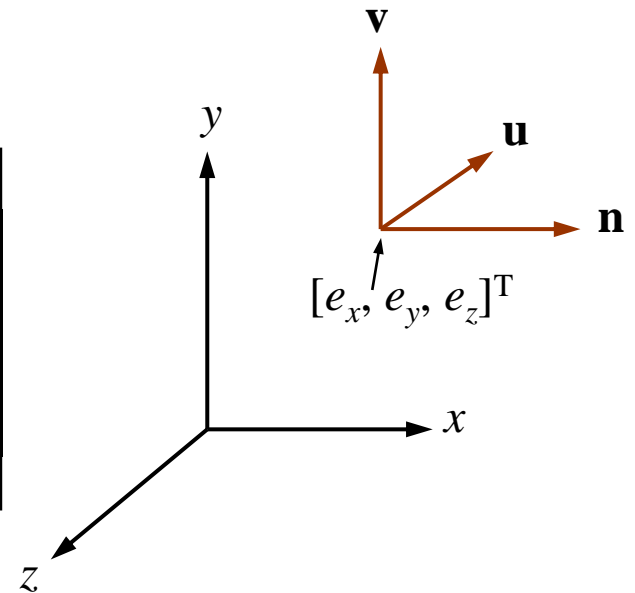
# View Transformation

- In order to do projection and clipping later, all points in the world frame must be expressed w.r.t. the camera frame
  - This is called *view transformation*
  - Can be performed using a 4x4 matrix
  - It is made up of a translation first, then a rotation
    - $\mathbf{M}_{\text{view}} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T}$
  - The translation  $\mathbf{T}$  moves the camera position back to the world origin
  - The rotation  $\mathbf{R}$  rotates the axes of the camera frame to coincide with the corresponding axes of the world frame
  - Multiply all points in the world frame by  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{view}}$  and they will be expressed w.r.t. to the camera frame

# View Transformation

- Suppose the camera has been moved to the location  $[e_x, e_y, e_z]^T$ , and its  $x_c, y_c, z_c$  axes are the unit vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{n}$ , respectively, then

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{view}} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z & 0 \\ v_x & v_y & v_z & 0 \\ n_x & n_y & n_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -e_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -e_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -e_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



- Note that  $[e_x, e_y, e_z]^T$  and  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{n}$  are all specified w.r.t. to the world frame



# View Transformation in OpenGL

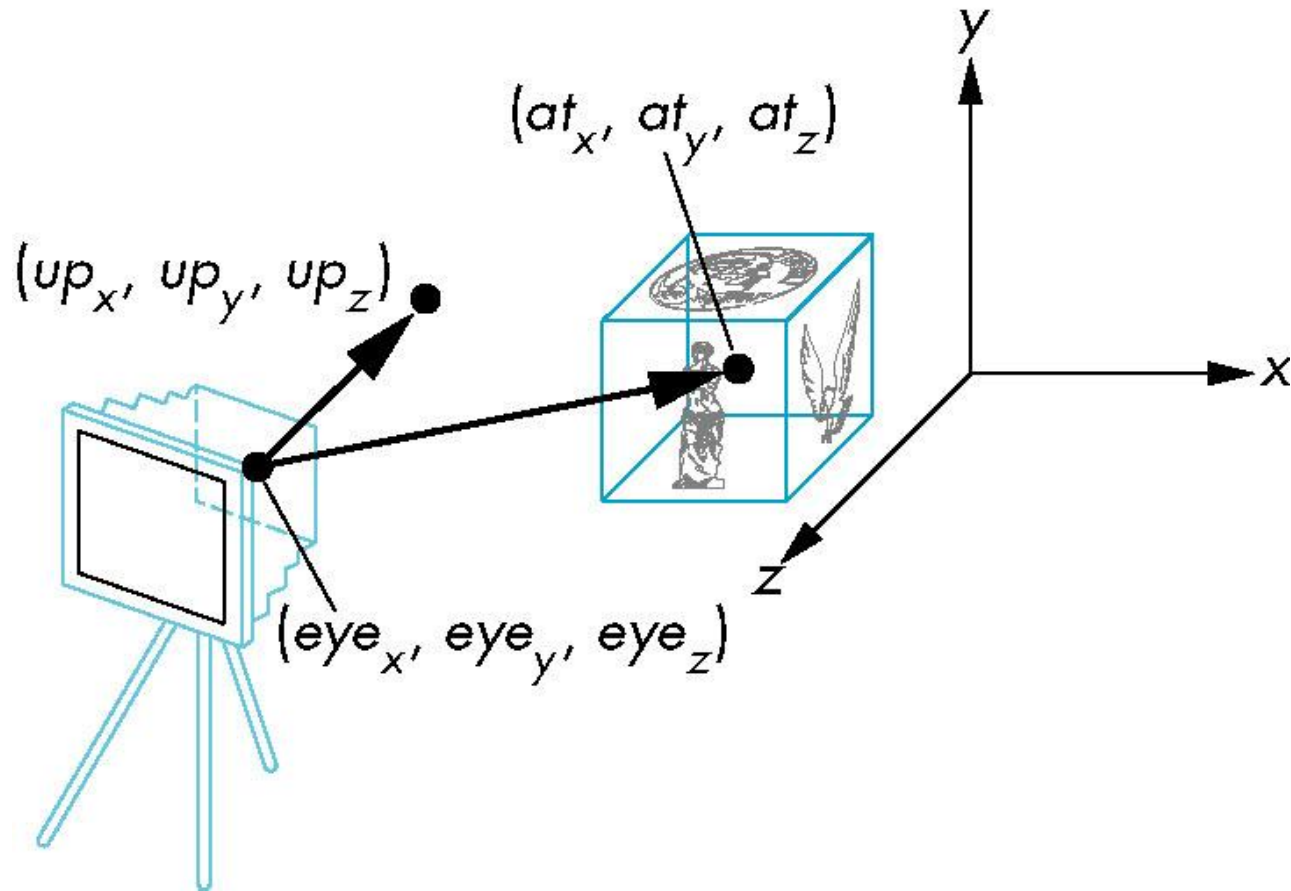
- In OpenGL, the view transformation matrix is normally the last transformation in the model-view matrix

```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );  
glLoadIdentity();  
// specify view transformation matrix here;  
...
```

- The GLU library contains the function `gluLookAt()` to form the required view transformation matrix through a simple interface
  - Conceptually, it positions the camera at the required location and orientation
  - Internally, it generates a view transformation matrix and post-multiplies it to the current model-view matrix

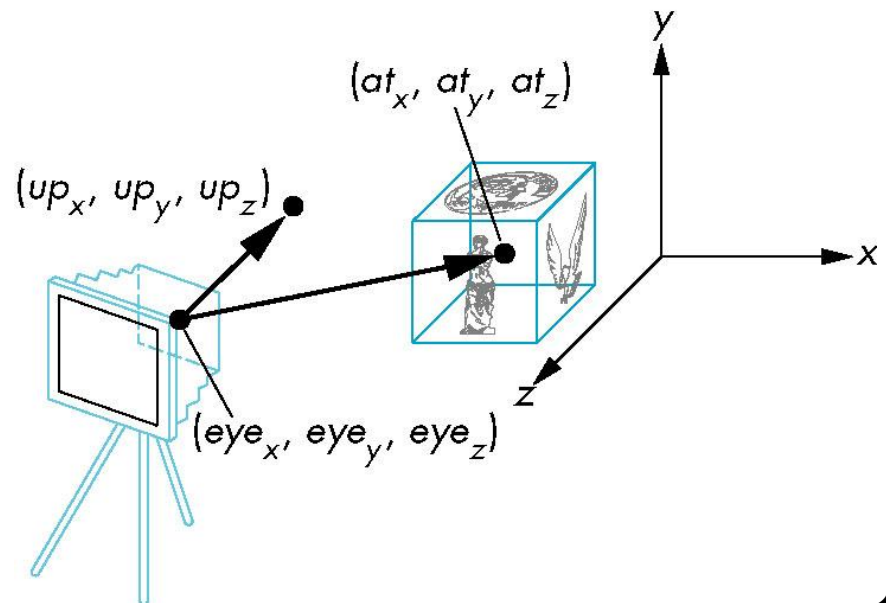
# Using the `gluLookAt()` Function

```
gluLookAt( eyex, eyey, eyez,  
           atx, aty, atz,  
           upx, upy, upz );
```



# The `gluLookAt()` Function

- Note that it does not directly specify the camera frame axes vectors **u**, **v**, **n**
- The "up-vector" may not be perpendicular to the view direction
- The vectors **u**, **v**, **n** can be derived as follows
  - $\mathbf{n} = \text{normalize}(\mathbf{eye} - \mathbf{at})$
  - $\mathbf{u} = \text{normalize}(\mathbf{up}) \times \mathbf{n}$
  - $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{u}$



# **Projection**

## **Defining the View Volume**

# OpenGL Projections

- In OpenGL, after a vertex is multiplied by the model-view matrix, it is then multiplied by the projection matrix
- The projection matrix is a 4x4 matrix that defines the type of projection
- The projection matrix can be specified by first defining a *view volume* (or *clipping volume*) in the camera frame
  - For orthographic projection, use `glOrtho()`
  - For perspective projection, use `glFrustum()`

# OpenGL Projections

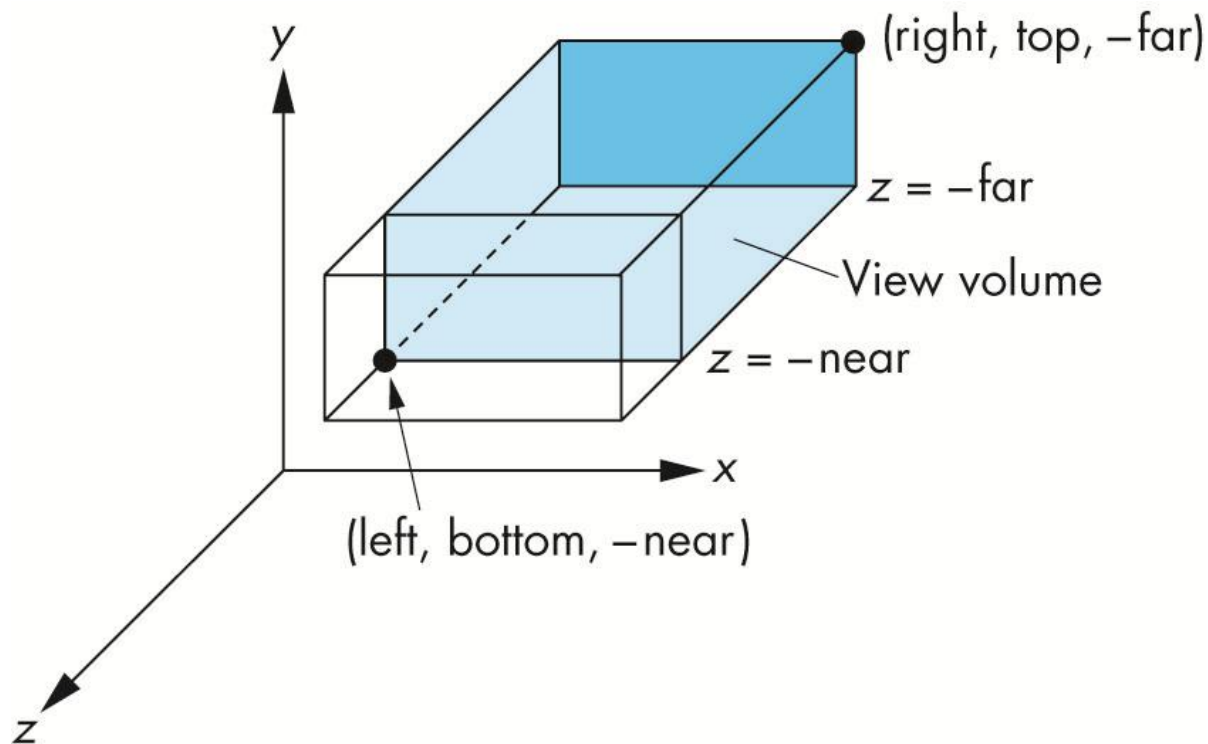
- A projection matrix is then computed such that it maps points in the view volume to a *canonical view volume*
  - The canonical view volume is the 2 x 2 x 2 cube defined by the planes  $x = \pm 1$ ,  $y = \pm 1$ ,  $z = \pm 1$
  - Also called the *Normalized Device Coordinates* (NDC)
- The canonical view volume is then mapped to the viewport (*viewport transformation*)

# **Orthographic Projection**

# OpenGL Orthographic Projection

- Can be specified by defining a view volume (in the camera frame) using

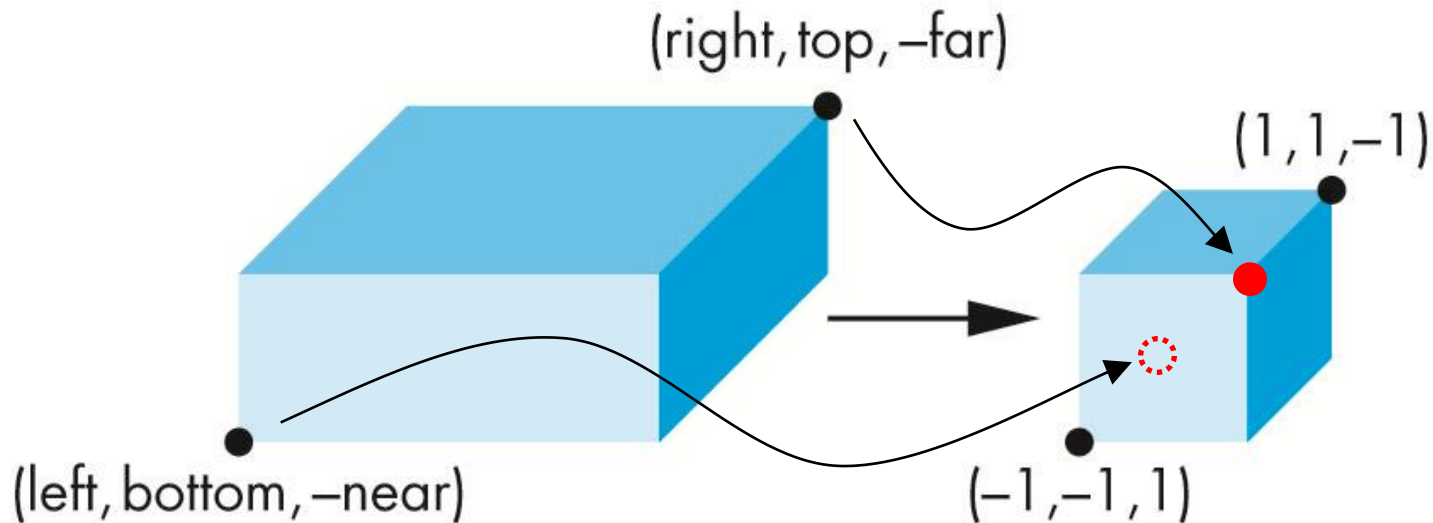
```
glOrtho( left, right, bottom, top, near, far );
```





# OpenGL Orthographic Projection

- The `glOrtho()` function then generates a matrix that linearly maps the view volume to the canonical view volume, where
  - (left, bottom, -near) is mapped to  $(-1, -1, -1)$
  - (right, top, -far) is mapped to  $(1, 1, 1)$



# Orthographic Projection Matrix

- The mapping can be found by
  - First, translating the view volume to the origin
  - Then, scaling the view volume to the size of the canonical view volume

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{ortho}} = \mathbf{S} \left( \frac{2}{\text{right} - \text{left}}, \frac{2}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}}, \frac{2}{\text{near} - \text{far}} \right) \cdot \mathbf{T} \left( \frac{-(\text{right} + \text{left})}{2}, \frac{-(\text{top} + \text{bottom})}{2}, \frac{(\text{far} + \text{near})}{2} \right)$$

- Note that  $z = -\text{near}$  is mapped to  $z = -1$ ,  
and  $z = -\text{far}$  to  $z = +1$

# Orthographic Projection Matrix

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{ortho}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\text{right} - \text{left}} & 0 & 0 & \frac{-(\text{right} + \text{left})}{\text{right} - \text{left}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}} & 0 & \frac{-(\text{top} + \text{bottom})}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-2}{\text{far} - \text{near}} & \frac{-(\text{far} + \text{near})}{\text{far} - \text{near}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Viewport Transformation

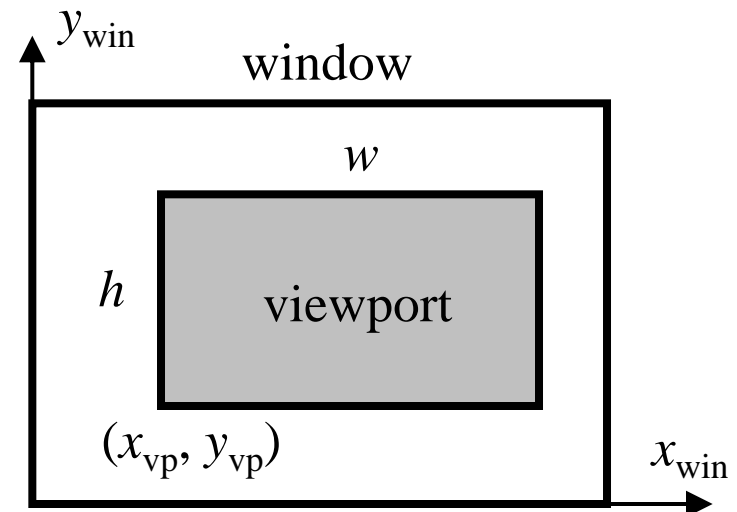
- The canonical view volume is then mapped to the viewport (from NDC to window coordinates)

$$\frac{x_{\text{NDC}} - (-1)}{2} = \frac{x_{\text{win}} - x_{\text{vp}}}{w} \Rightarrow x_{\text{win}} = x_{\text{vp}} + \frac{w(x_{\text{NDC}} + 1)}{2}$$

$$\frac{y_{\text{NDC}} - (-1)}{2} = \frac{y_{\text{win}} - y_{\text{vp}}}{h} \Rightarrow y_{\text{win}} = y_{\text{vp}} + \frac{h(y_{\text{NDC}} + 1)}{2}$$

$$z_{\text{win}} = \frac{z_{\text{NDC}} + 1}{2}$$

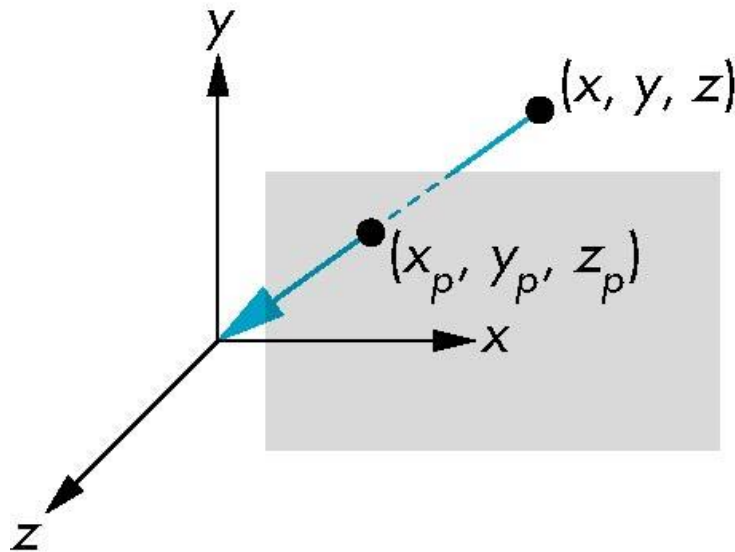
- By default,  $z_{\text{win}}$  is between 0 and 1
- It is needed for z-buffer hidden surface removal



# **Perspective Projection**

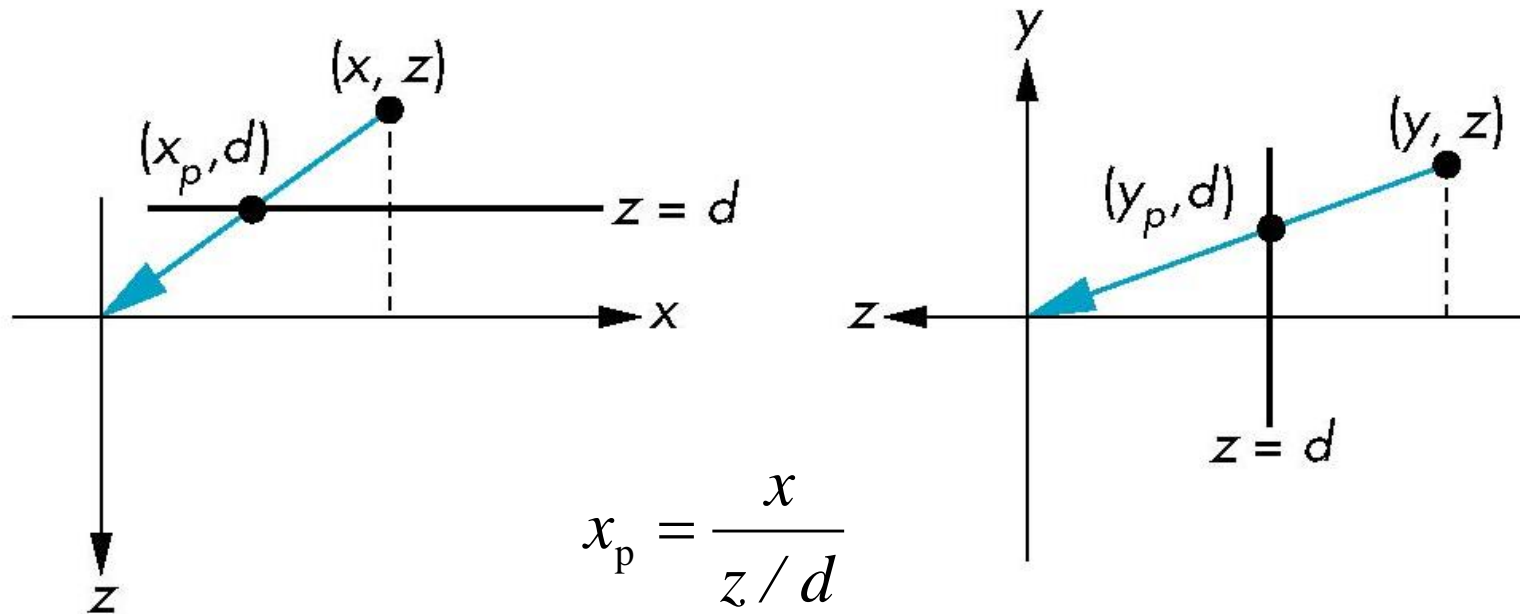
# Simple Perspective Projection

- Center of projection at the origin
- Projection plane is  $z = d$ ,  $d < 0$



# Perspective Equations

- Consider top and side views



$$x_p = \frac{x}{z/d}$$

$$y_p = \frac{y}{z/d}$$

$$z_p = d$$

# Using Matrix Multiplication

- Consider  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{q}$  where

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



# Perspective Division

- However  $w \neq 1$ , so we must divide by  $w$  to return from homogeneous coordinates
- This *perspective division* yields

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ z/d \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{perspective division}} \mathbf{p}' = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{z/d} \\ \frac{y}{z/d} \\ d \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

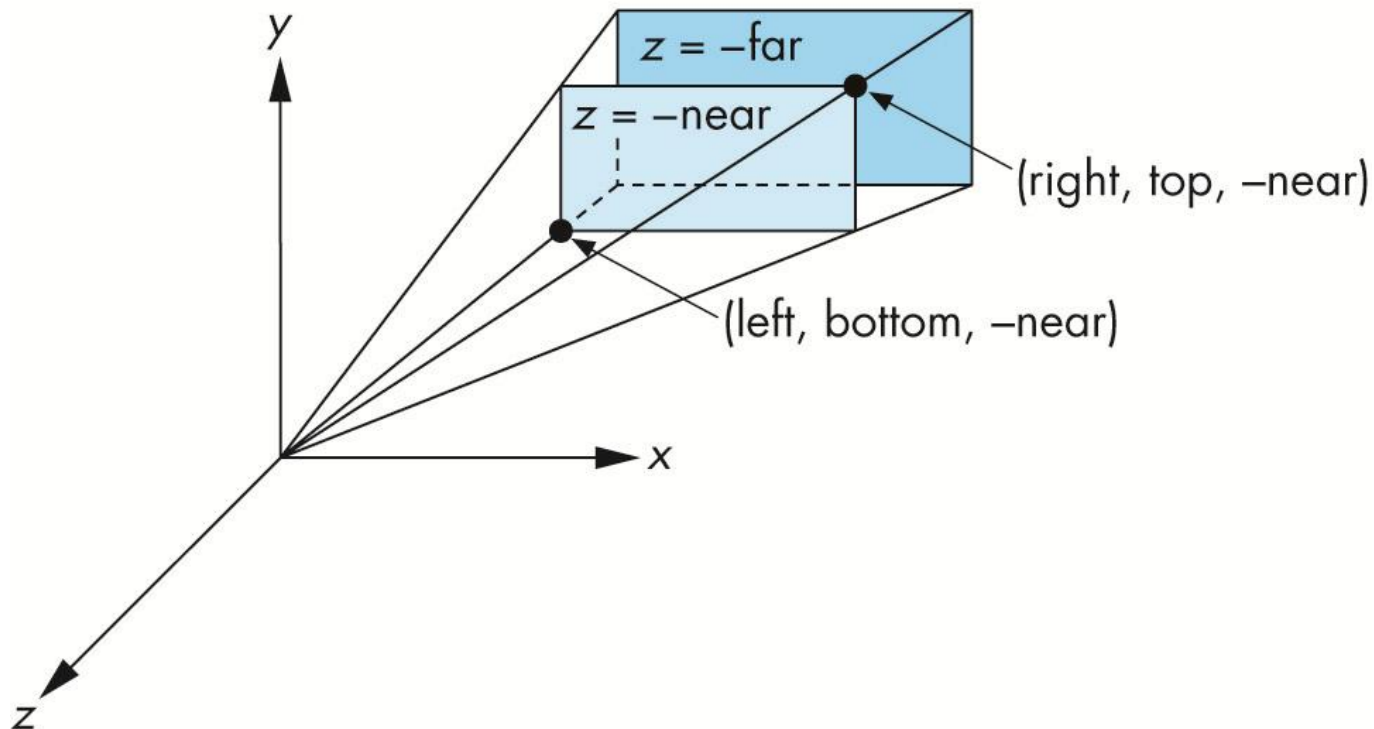
the desired perspective equations

- This is one reason why 3D graphics API uses homogeneous coordinates

# OpenGL Perspective Projection

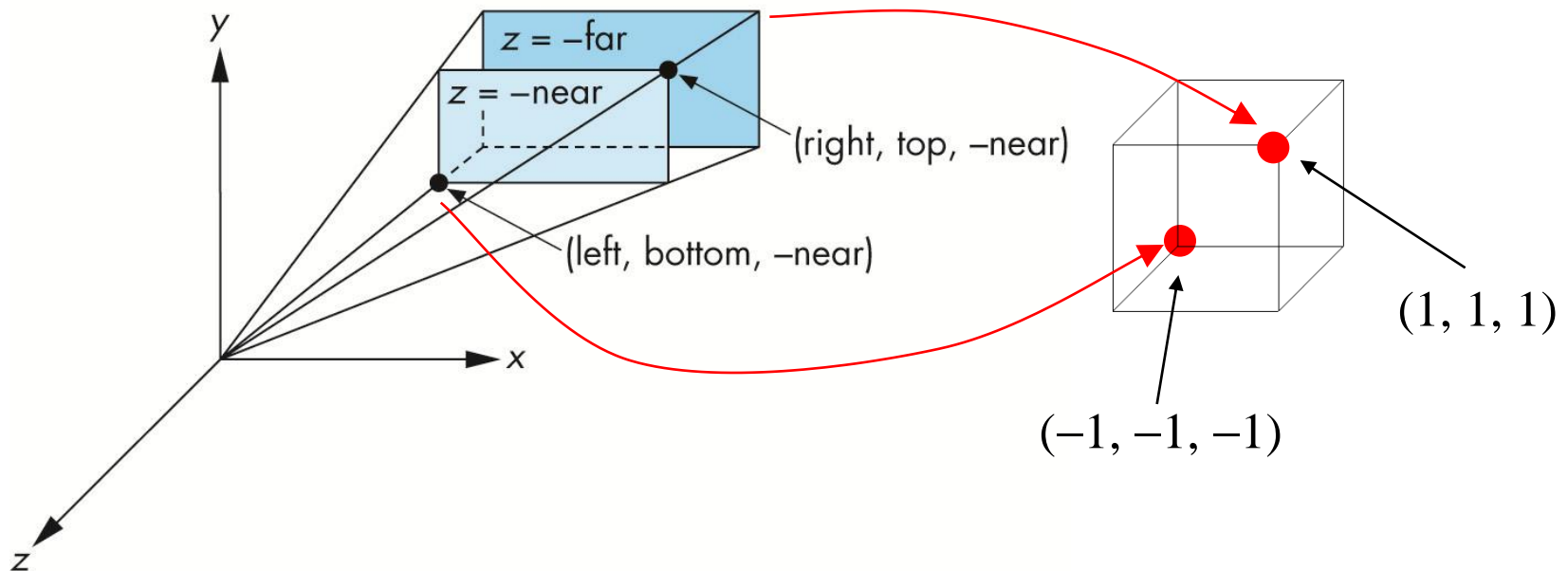
- Can be specified by defining a view volume (*view frustum*) in the camera frame using

```
glFrustum( left, right, bottom, top, near, far );
```

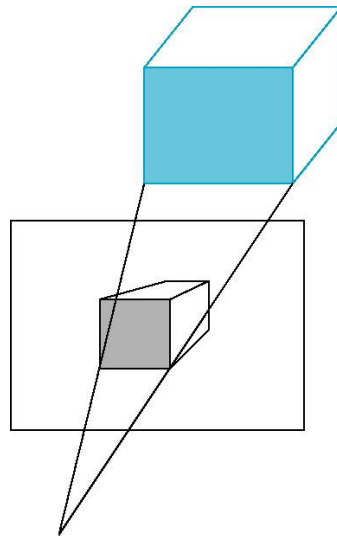
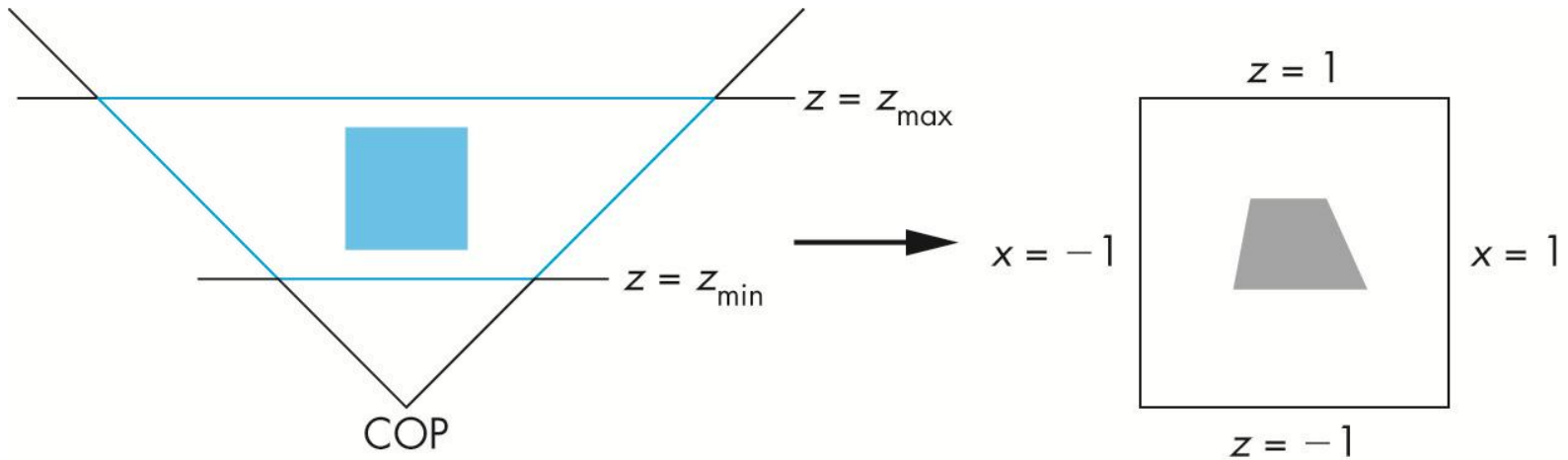


# OpenGL Perspective Projection

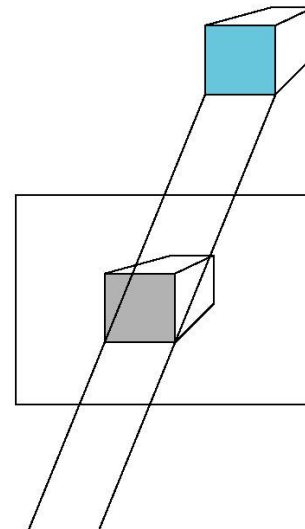
- The `glFrustum()` function then generates a matrix that maps the view frustum to the canonical view volume, where



# OpenGL Perspective Projection



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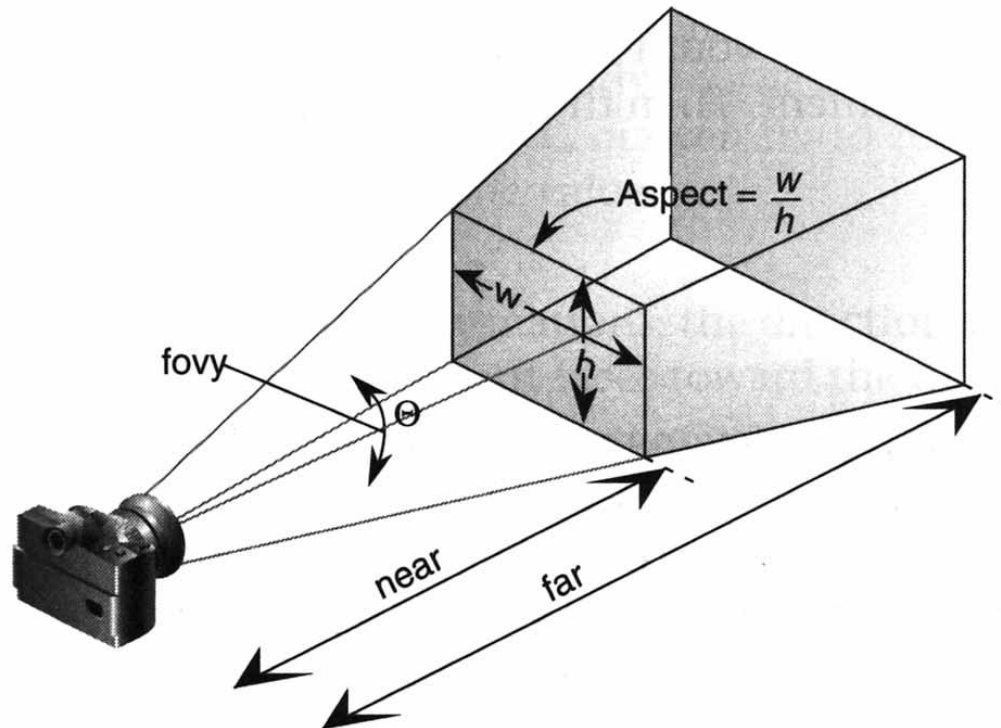
# Perspective Projection Matrix

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{persp}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2 \cdot \text{near}}{\text{right} - \text{left}} & 0 & \frac{\text{right} + \text{left}}{\text{right} - \text{left}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}} & \frac{\text{top} + \text{bottom}}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-(\text{far} + \text{near})}{\text{far} - \text{near}} & \frac{-2 \cdot \text{far} \cdot \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

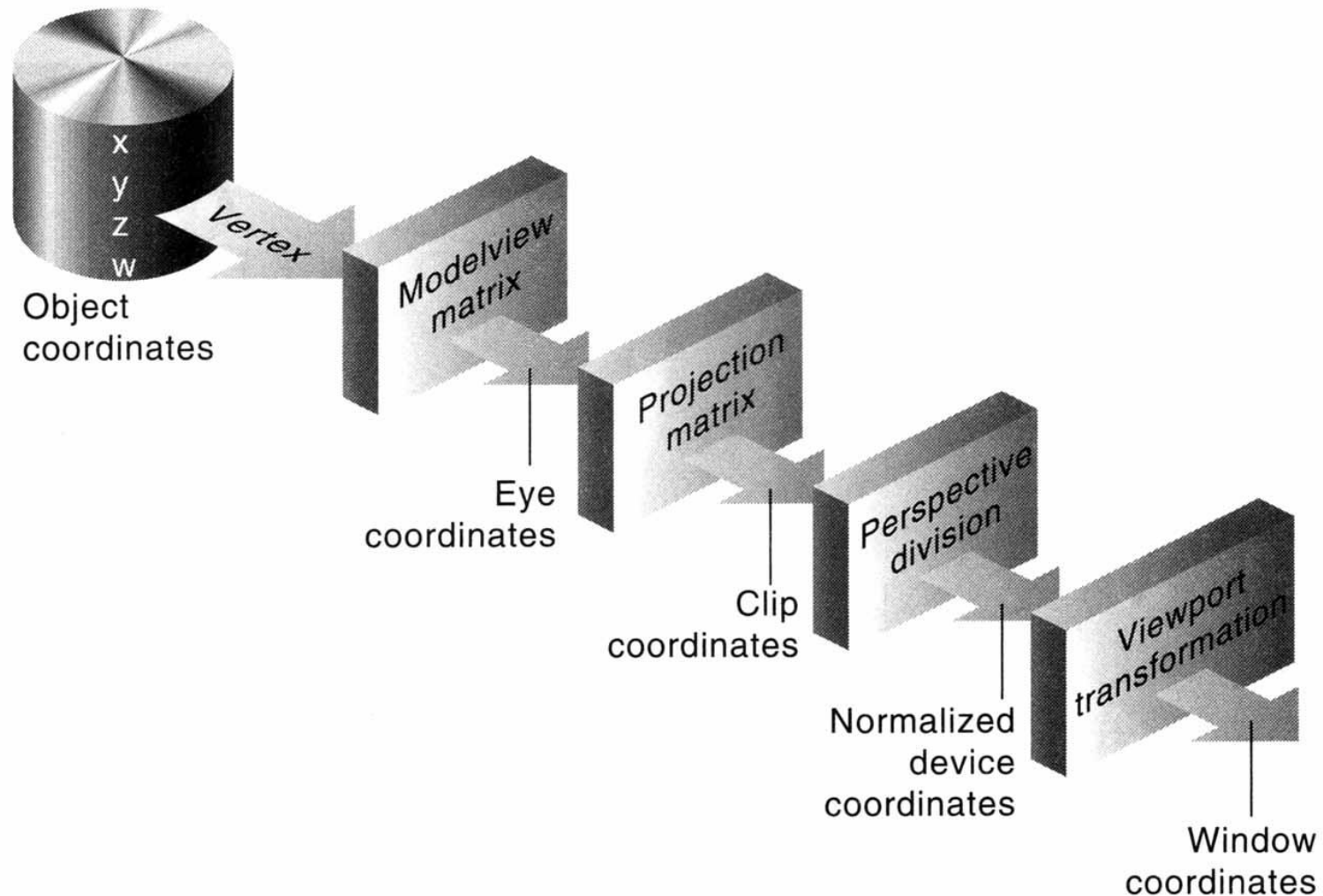
# Perspective Projection Using Field of View

- The `glFrustum()` function allows non-symmetric view
- More often, we want to specify a symmetric view volume
- We can use

```
gluPerspective( fovy, aspect, near, far );
```



# The OpenGL Transformation Stages



**End of Lecture 5**