

# Visual Computing

## 2024/2025

**Class 5**

**3D Visualization, Transformations  
and Projections**

# Agenda

- 3D Transformations
- Projections
- Brief on Shaders' Anatomy
- Hands On

# 3D transformations

# 3D Transformations

- Translation

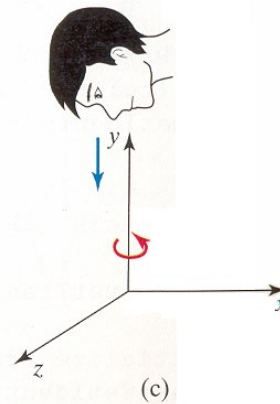
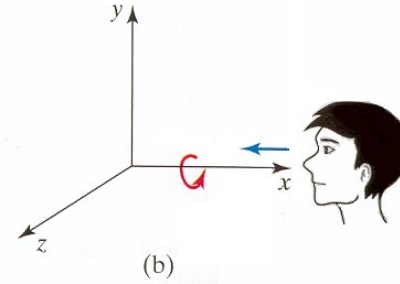
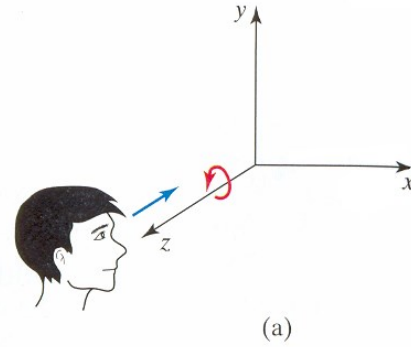
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- Scaling

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# 3D Rotation

- Rotation around each one of the coordinate axis
- Positive rotations are CCW !!

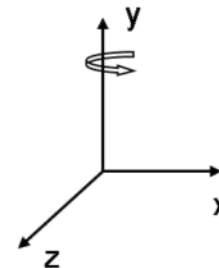
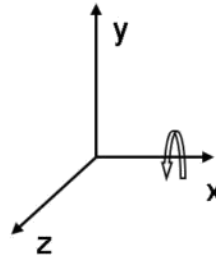
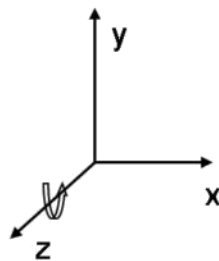


# Rotation around each axis

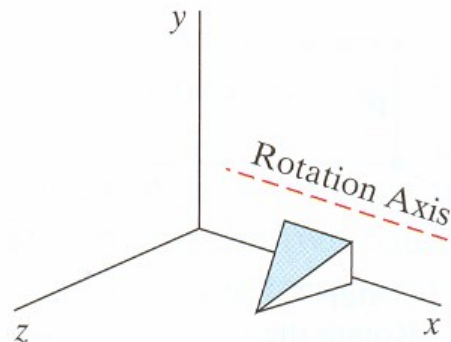
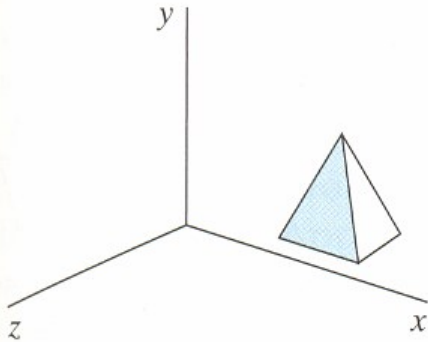
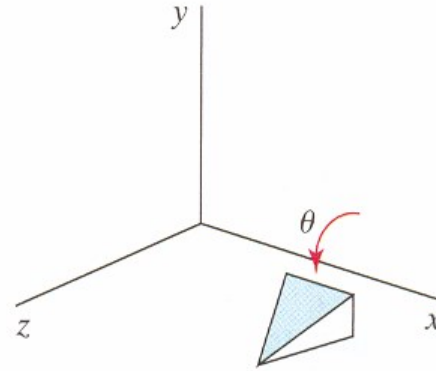
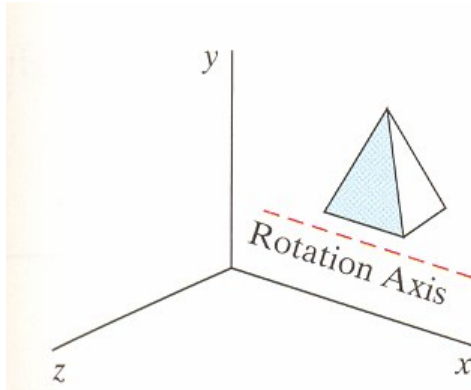
## Coordinate-Axes Rotations

■ Z-Axis Rotation   ■ X-Axis Rotation   ■ Y-Axis Rotation

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# Example – Decomposition

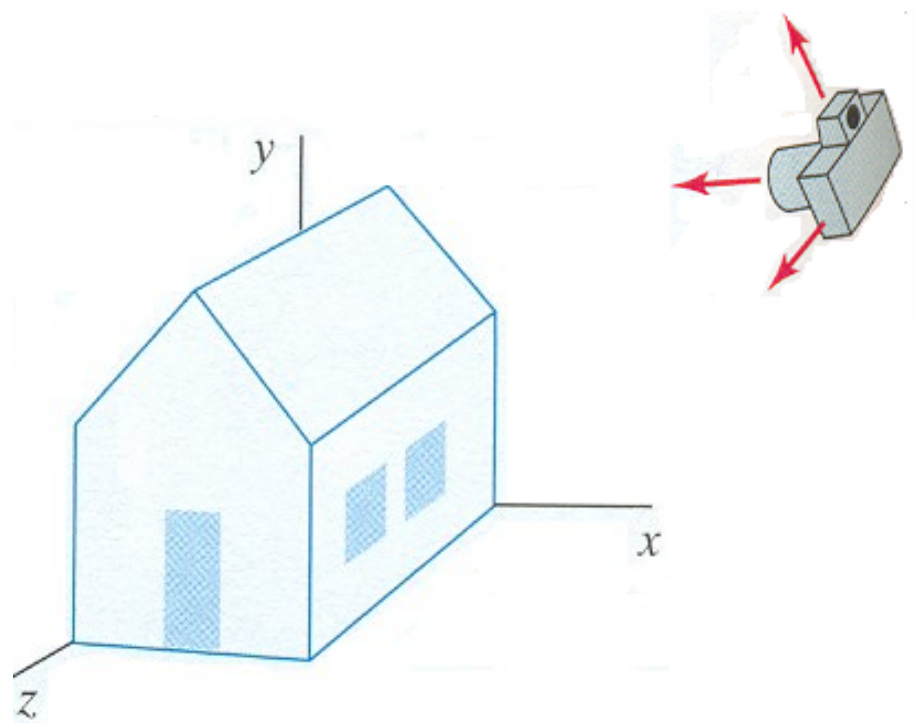


And  
inverse  
translation  
follows

# 3D projections



# 3D Viewing



# 3D Viewing

- Where is the observer / the camera ?
  - **Position** ?
    - Close to the 3D scene ?
    - Far away ?
- How is the observer looking at the scene ?
  - **Orientation** ?
- How is the scene represented as a 2D image ?
  - **Projection** ?

# Projections

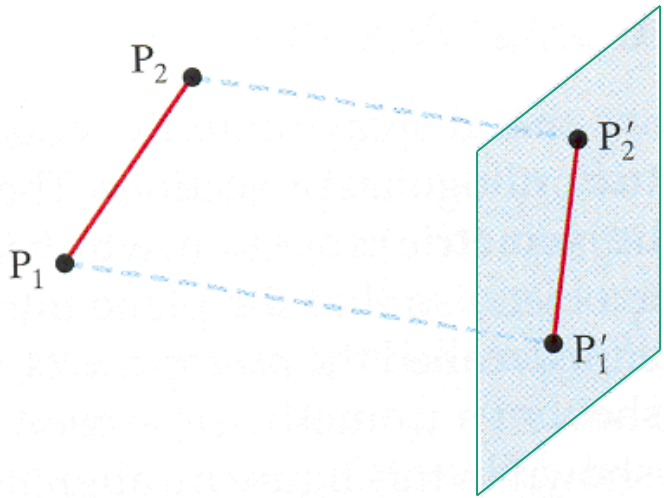


Parallel Projection  
Projection

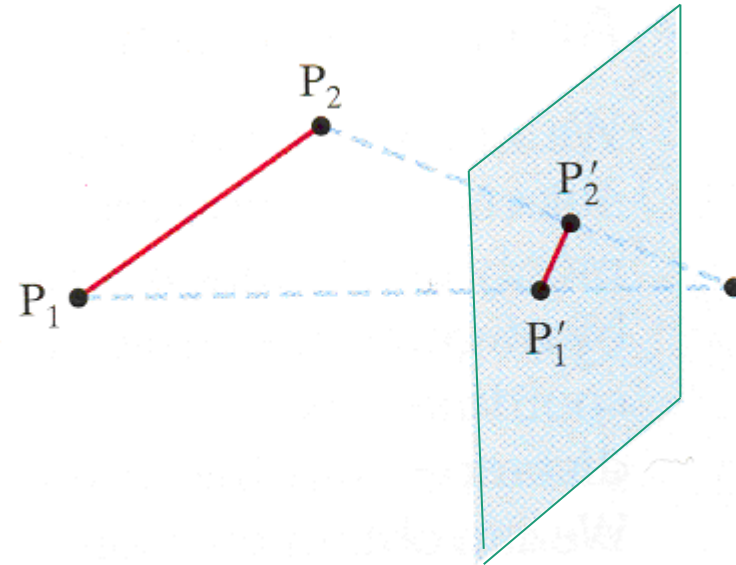


Perspective

# Projections

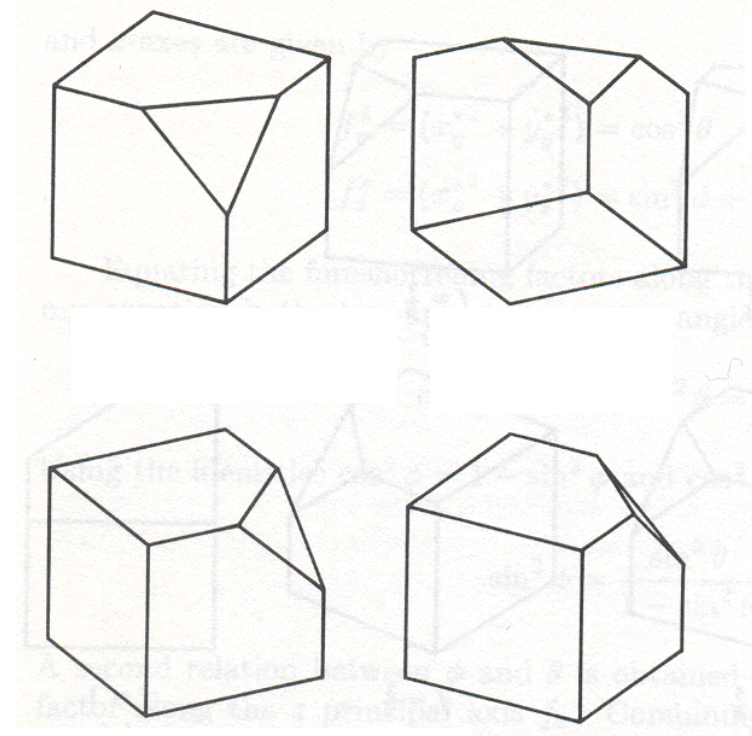
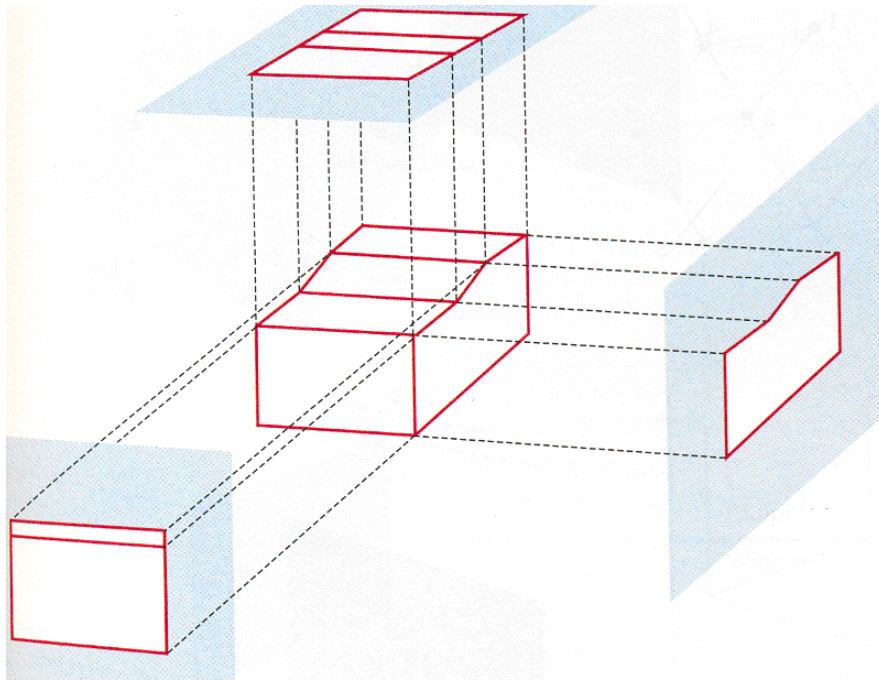


Parallel Projection



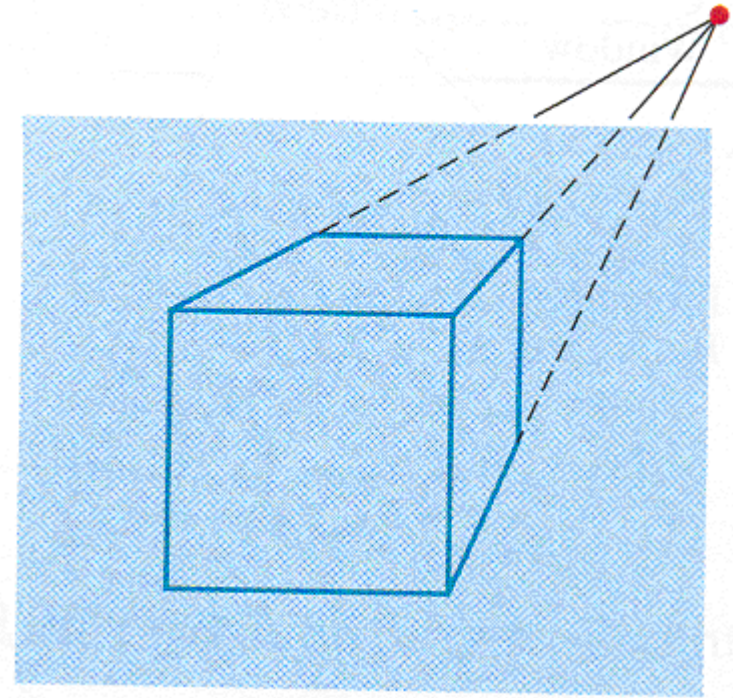
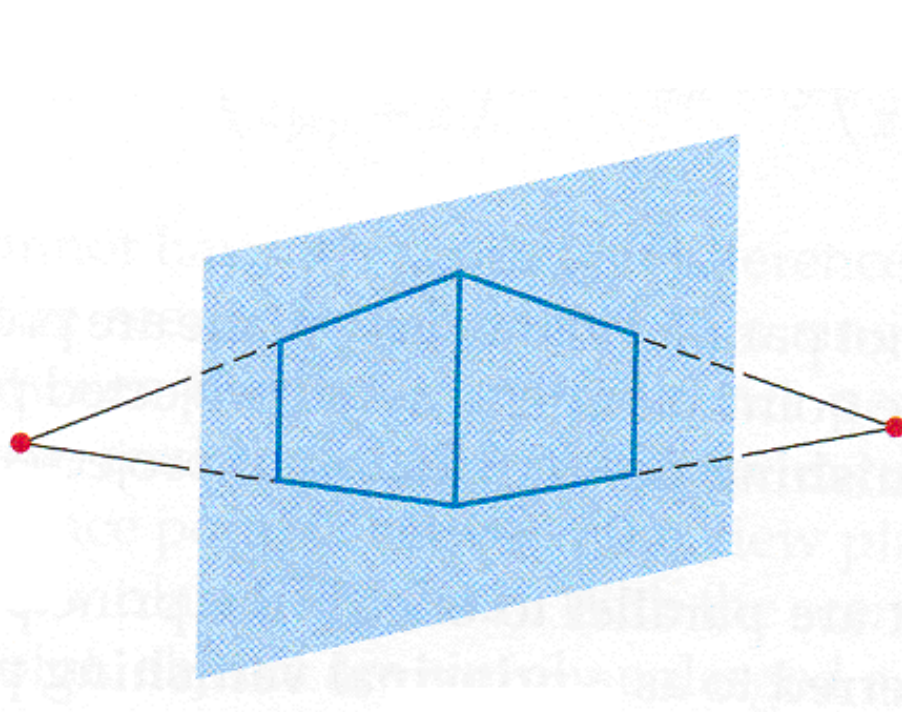
Perspective Projection

# Parallel Projections

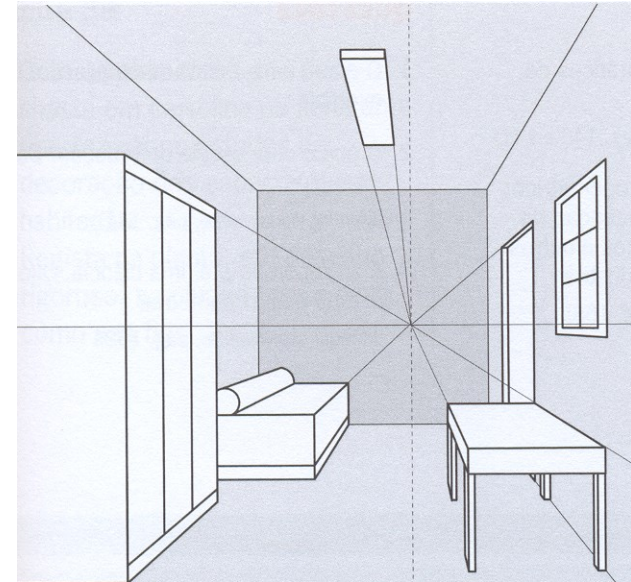
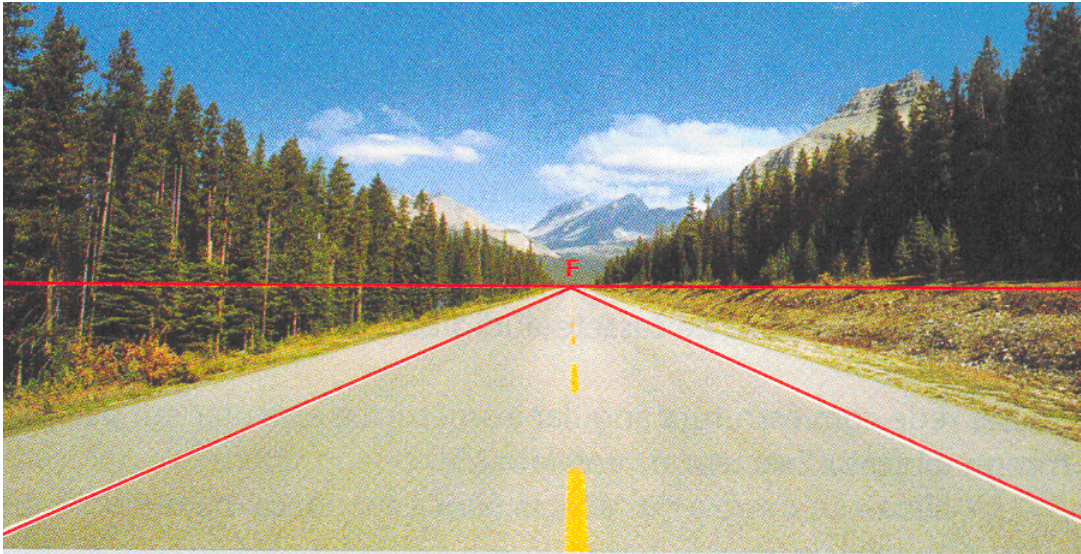




# Perspective Projections



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# How to represent ?

- Projection matrices
- Homogeneous coordinates
- Concatenation through matrix multiplication
- Don't worry! Graphics APIs implement usual projections !



# Homogeneous Coordinates

# Homogeneous Coordinates

Coordinate system for projective geometry

Formulas involving homogeneous coordinates are often simpler than in the Cartesian approach

A **single matrix** can represent **affine and projective transformations** (remember translations with and without homogeneous coordinates...)

# Homogeneous Coordinates

The representation of a geometric object is **homogeneous** if  $x$  and  $\alpha x$  represent the same object for  $\alpha \neq 0$

- $x = \alpha x$ , in homogeneous coordinates
- $x \neq \alpha x$ , in Euclidian coordinates, unless  $\alpha = 1$

# Homogeneous Coordinates

We add one dimension:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x} \\ \text{homogeneous} \end{matrix}$$

We can multiply by a constant, and it remains the same object:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} wx \\ wy \\ w1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

Euclidian                      homogeneous

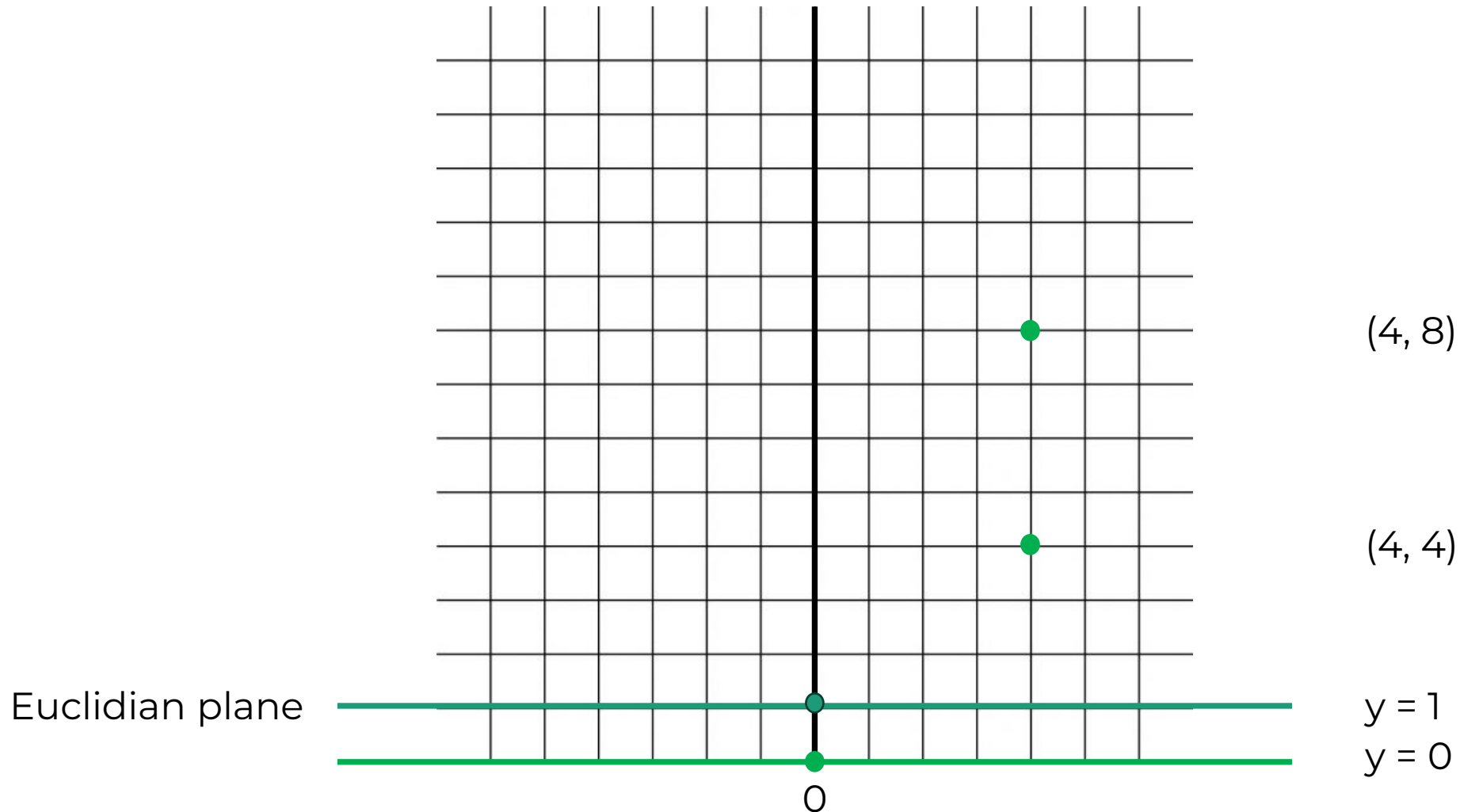
# Homogeneous Coordinates Converting to Euclidian Space

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u/w \\ v/w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u/w \\ v/w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

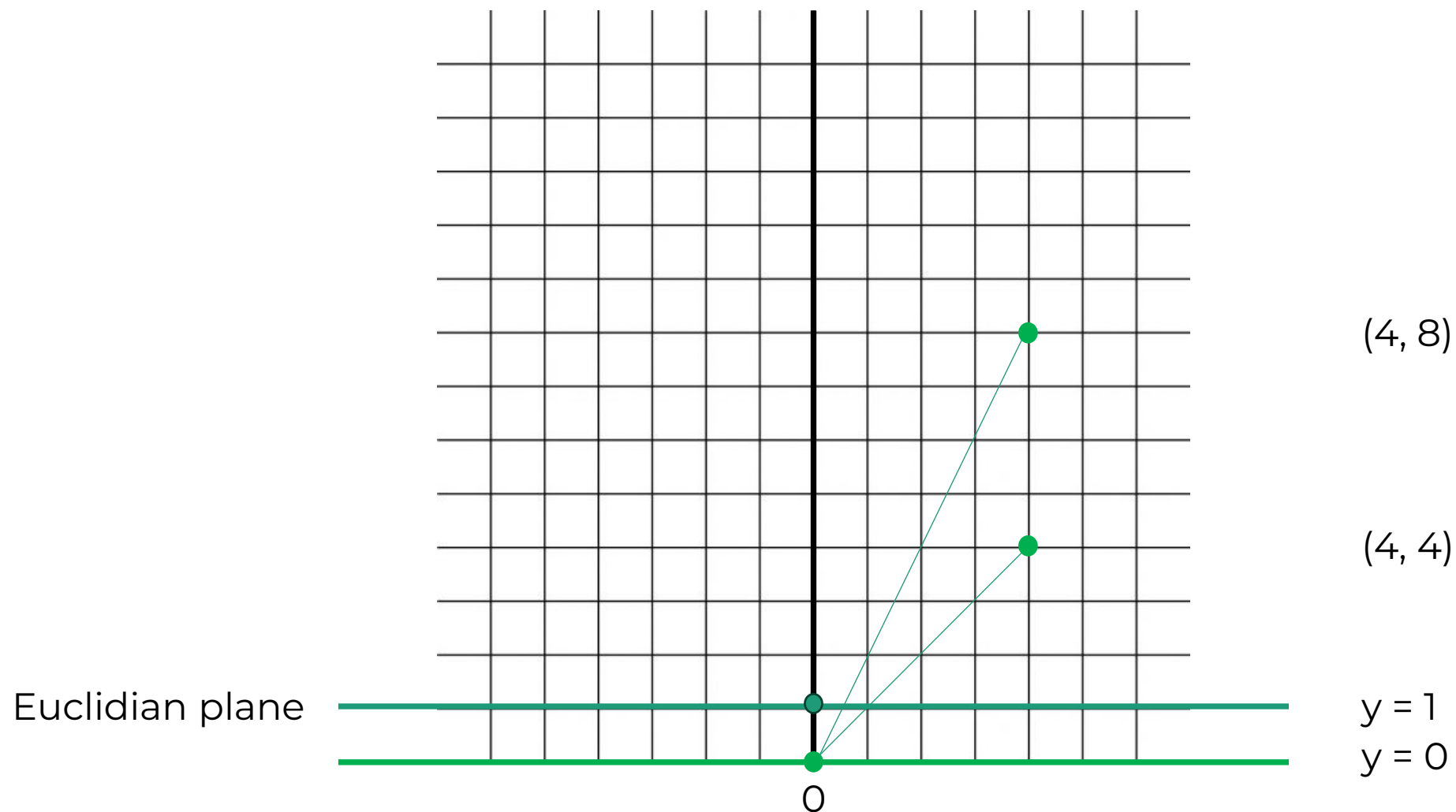
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Euclidian

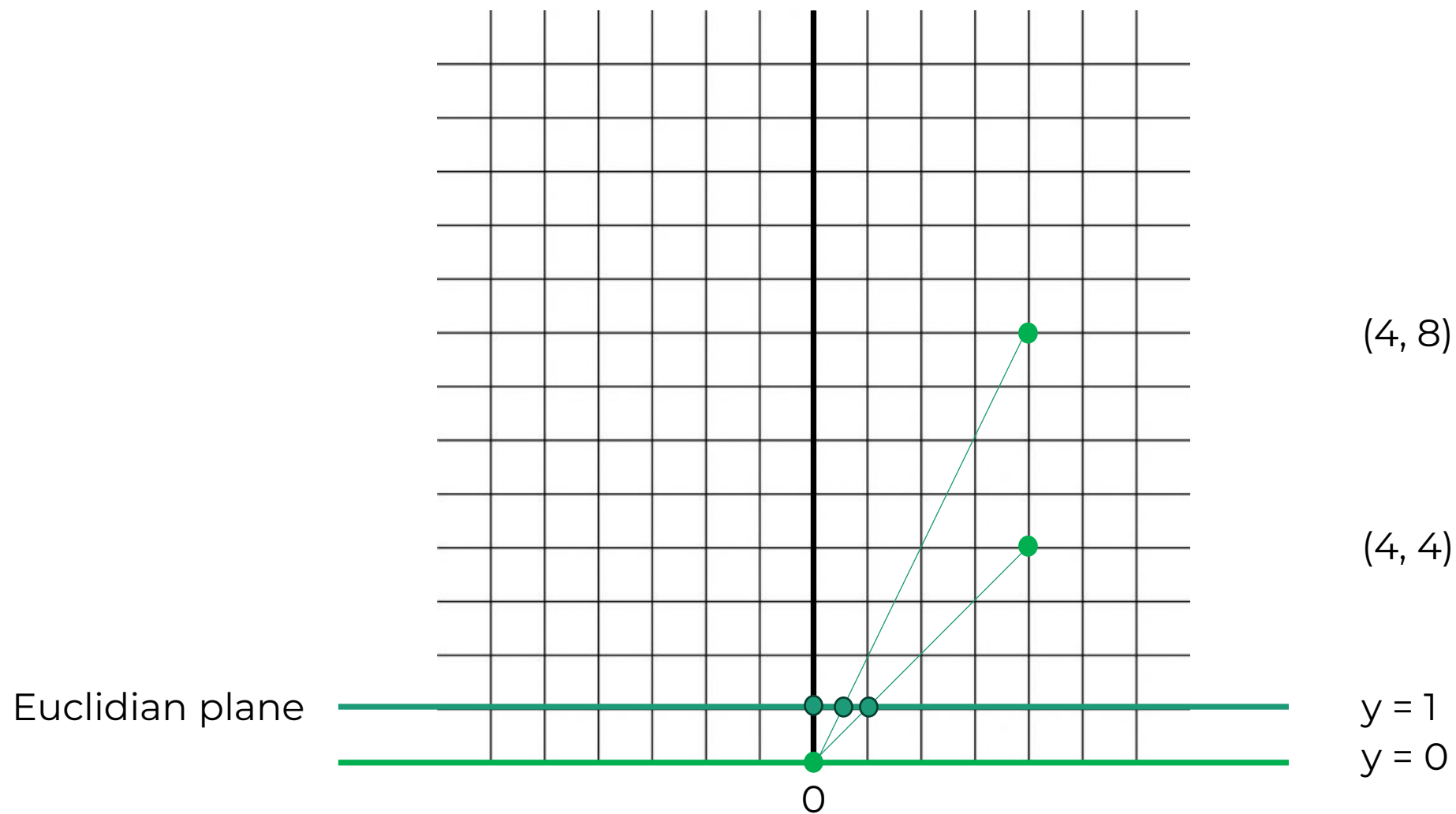
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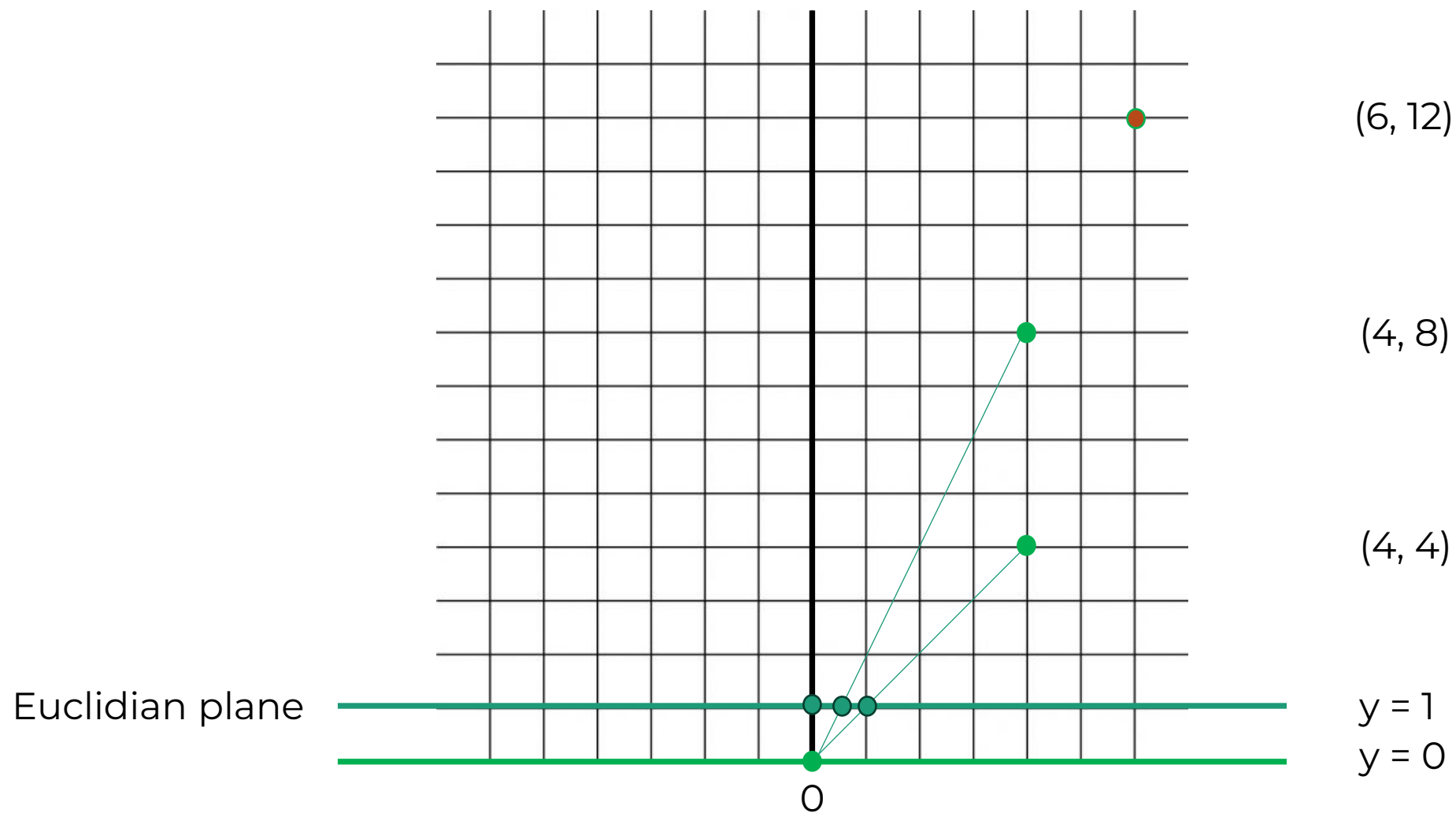


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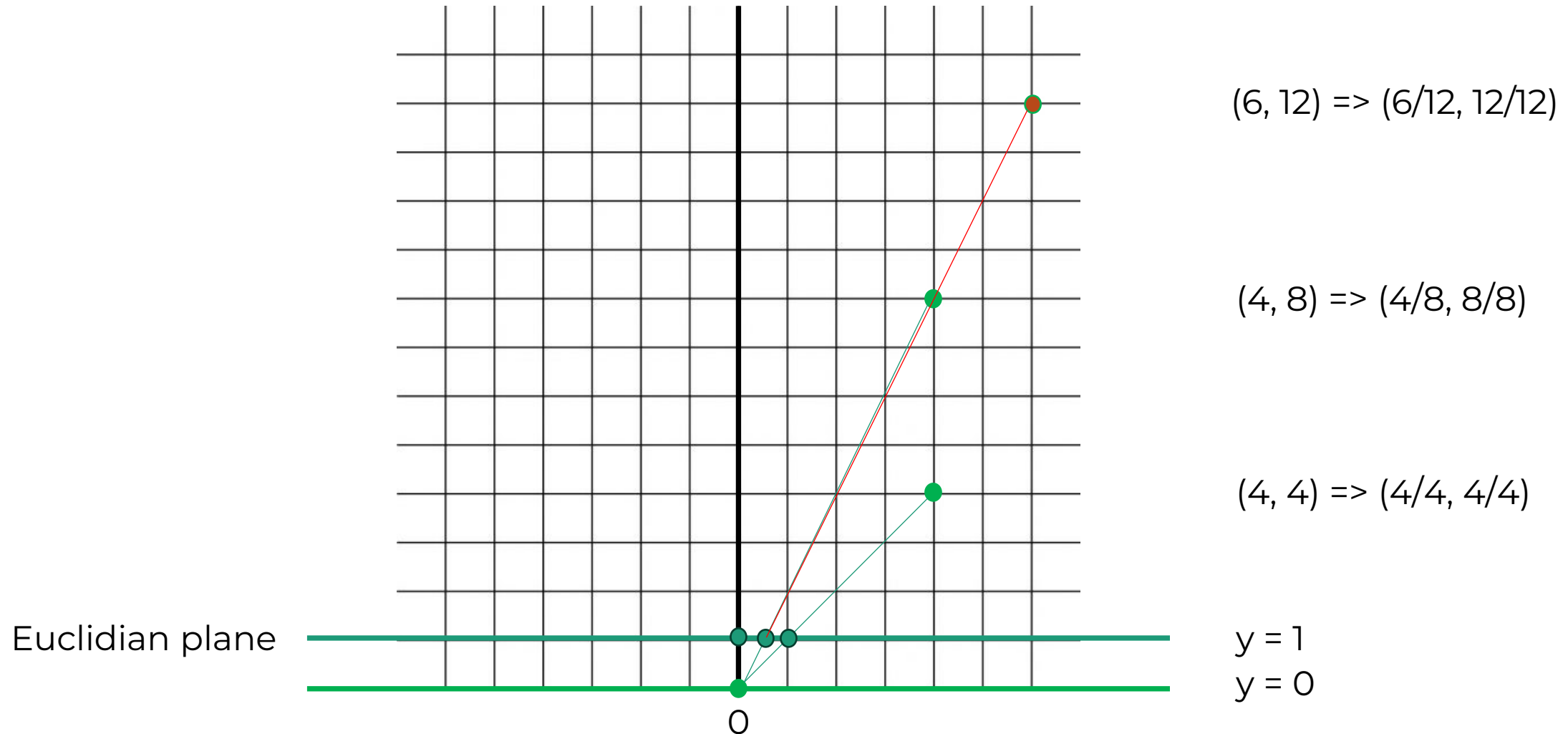




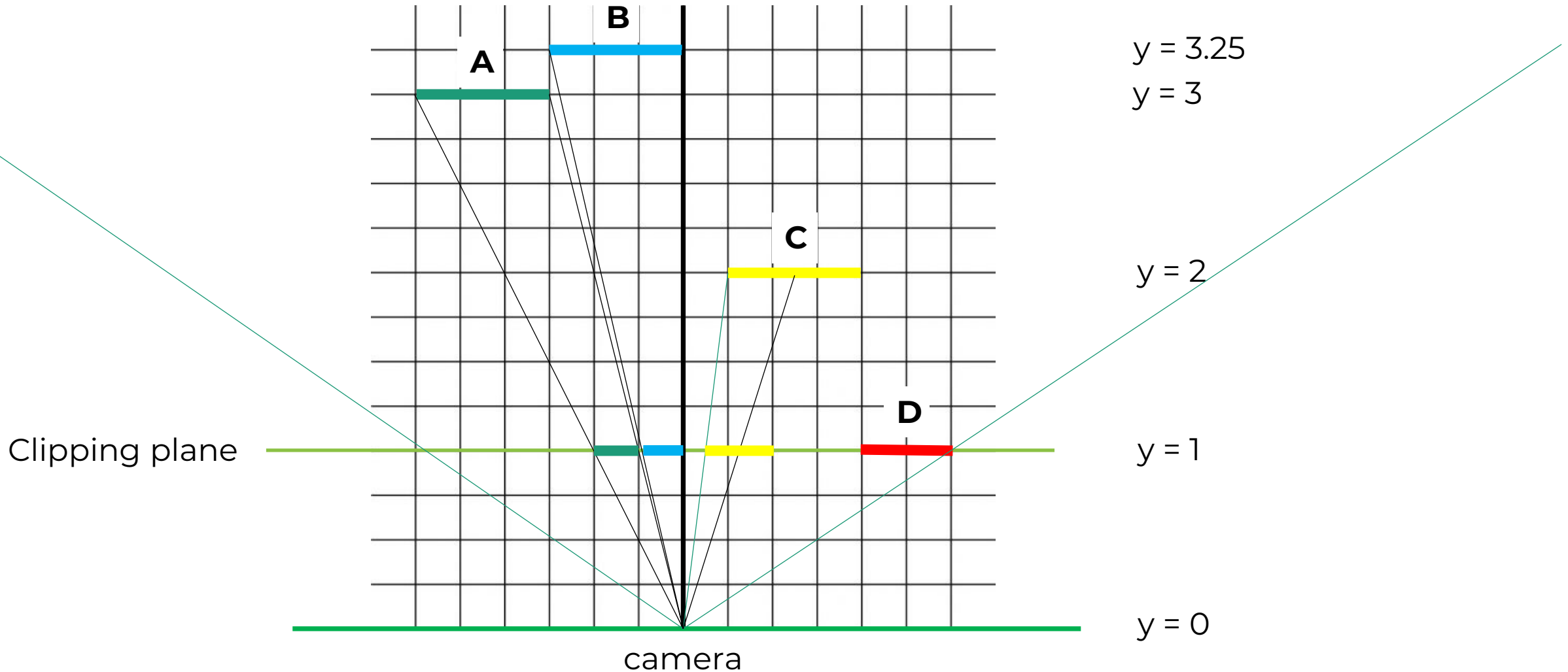
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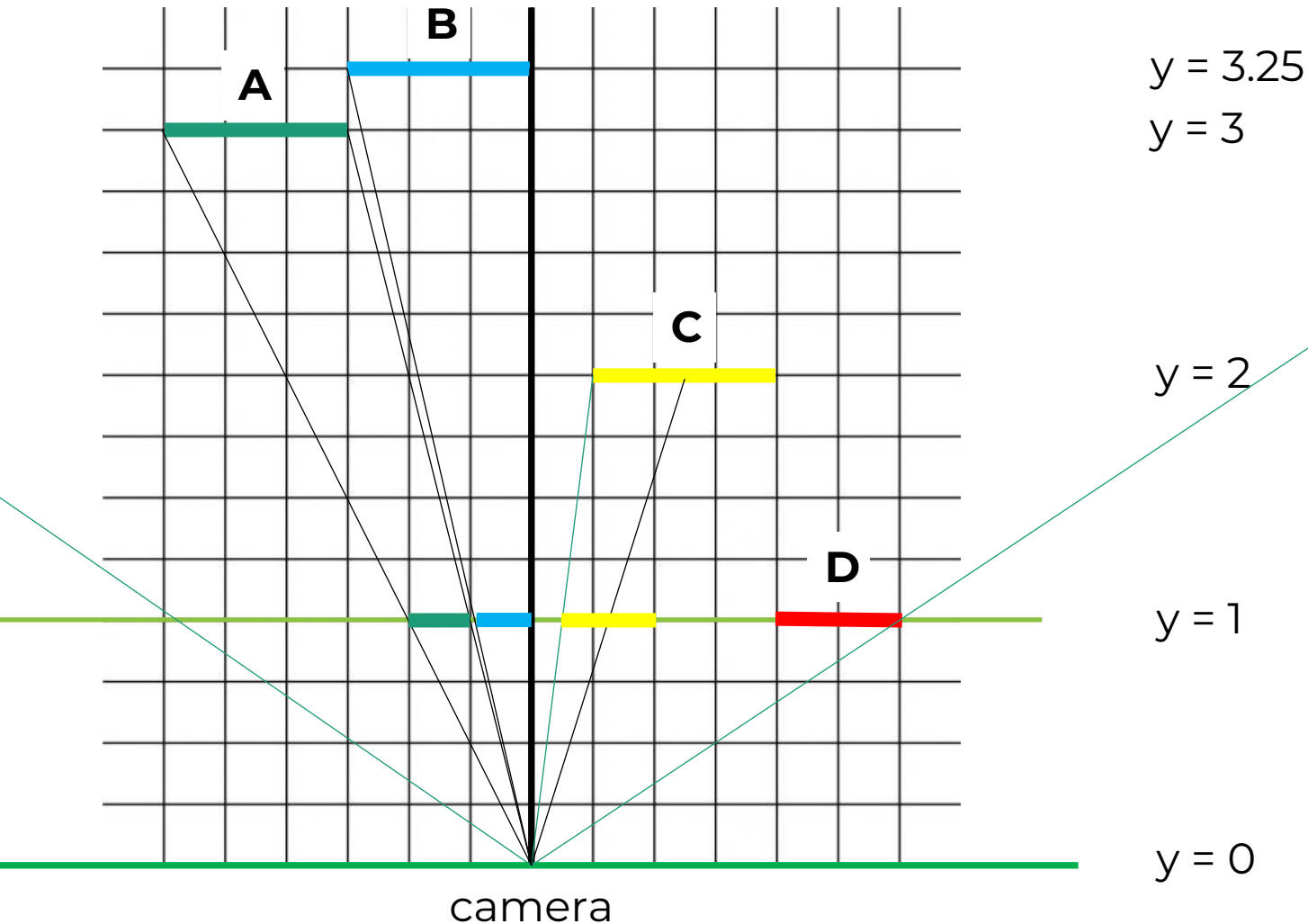
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We do the basic projection  
by dividing all coordinates  
by the last coordinate!

But, we want to do so  
using matrices!


How?

# We know why we use homogeneous coordinates

Let's go step by step:

1. We have a point  $P = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

2. We represent it in homogeneous coordinates to be able to do rotations, scaling, and translations always doing matrix multiplication

$$P_h = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$


w

# We use them for transformations and then get back

Translations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Whenever we want to go back to original coordinates, we just divide everything by  $w$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u/w \\ v/w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u/w \\ v/w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous

Euclidian

# But what matrix can be used for perspective projections?

Loading dumb intelligence model to draw figure  
Please wait



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ y \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x/y \\ y/y \\ y/y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x/y \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Error! No artistic qualities!

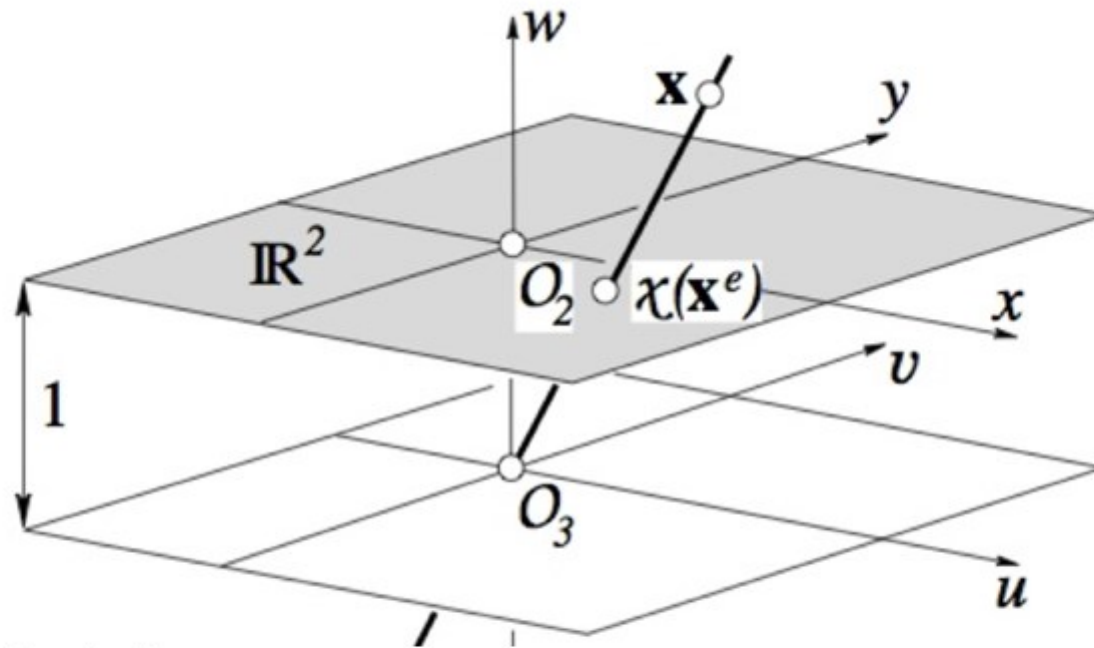
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$$\begin{bmatrix} x/y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Homogeneous Coordinates

## 2D Example



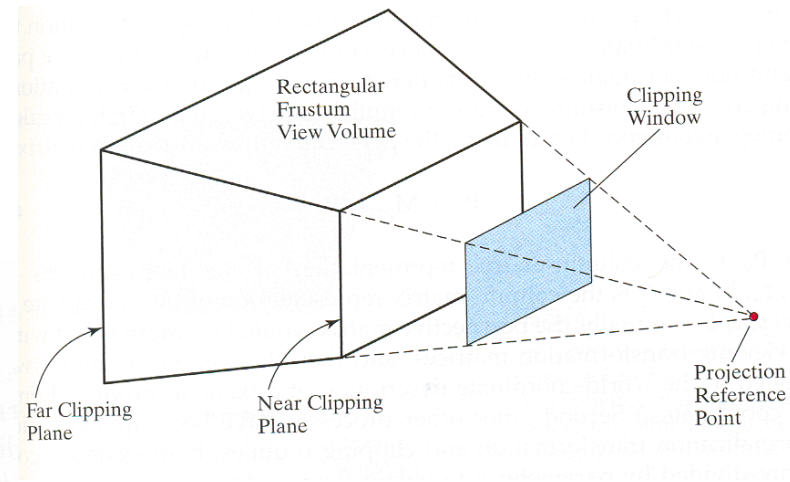
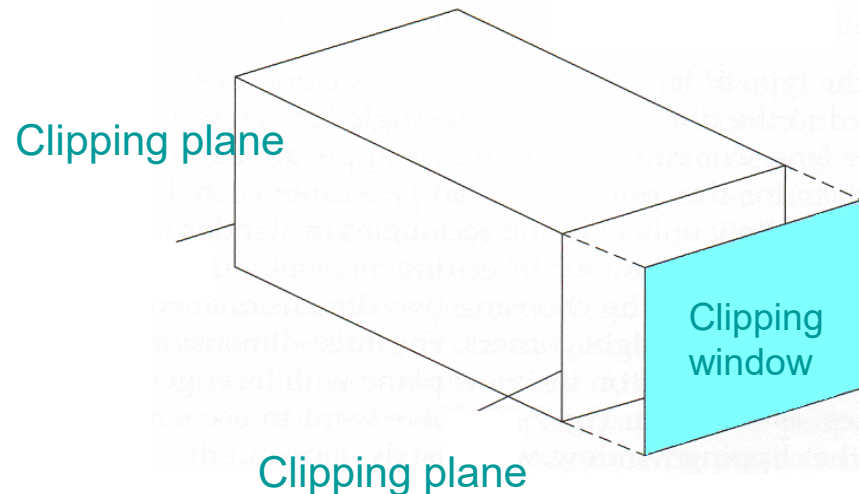
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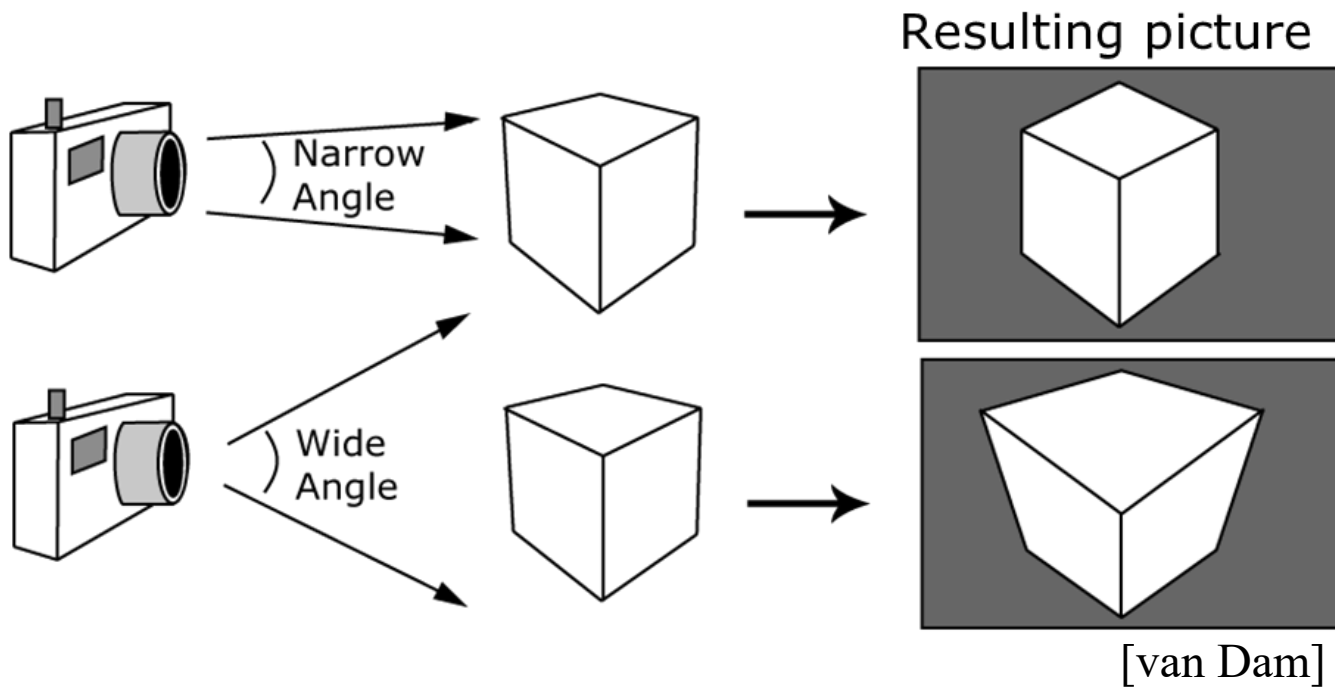
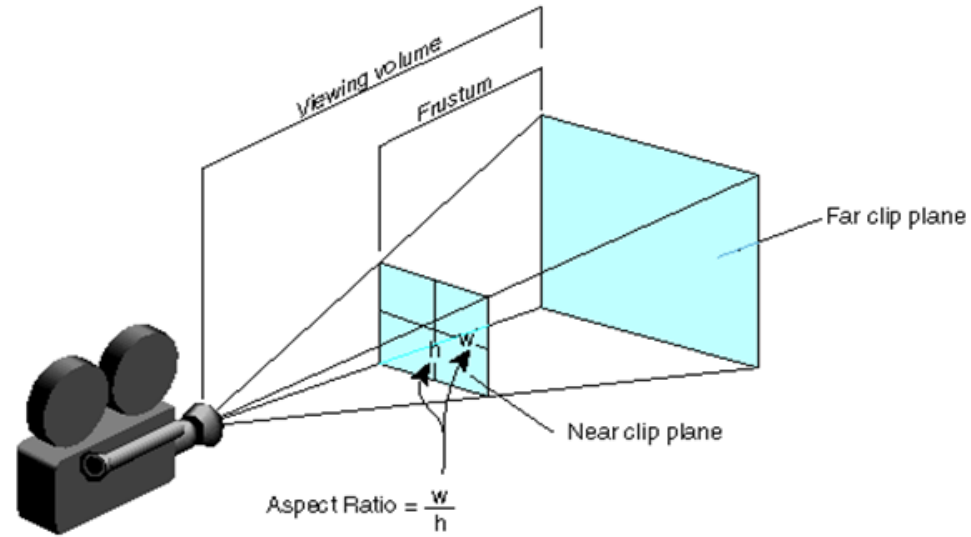
# View volume & clipping

# How to limit what is observed ?

- **Clipping window** on the projection plane
- **View volume** in 3D



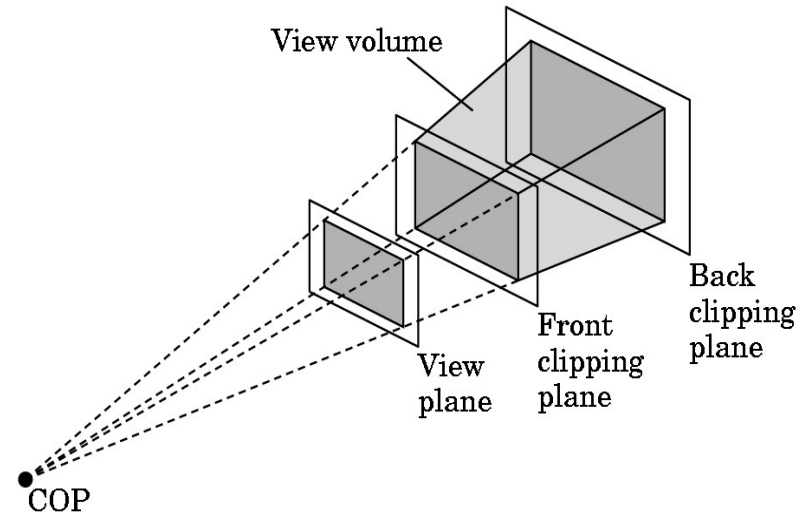
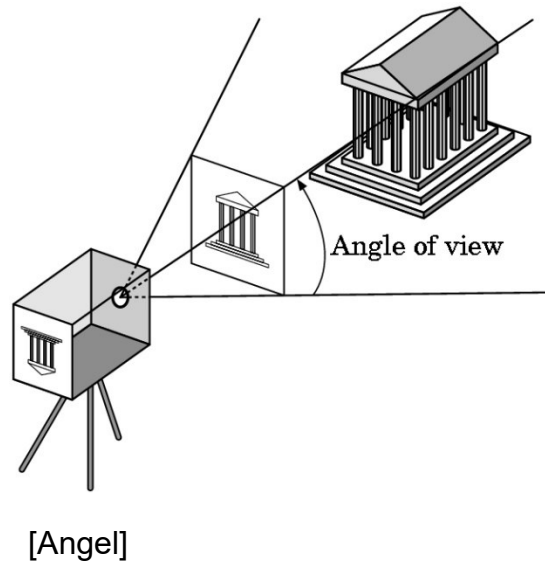
# View Angle



# Clipping

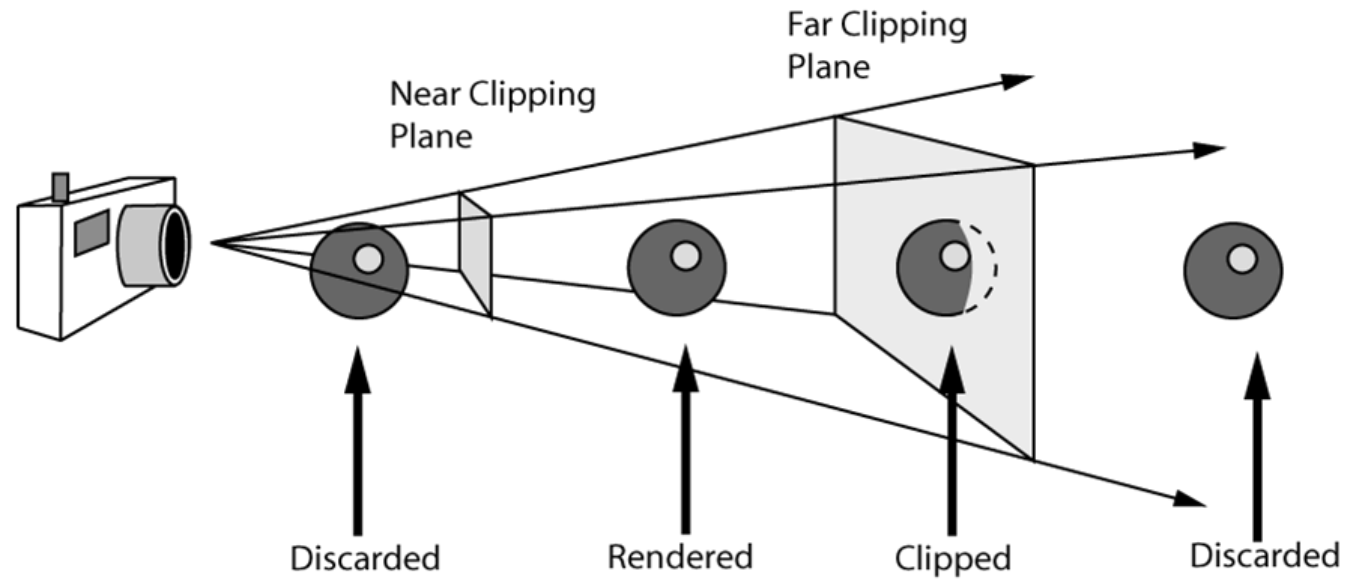
## View Volume

The virtual camera only “sees” part of the world or object space



# Clipping Planes

## View Volume



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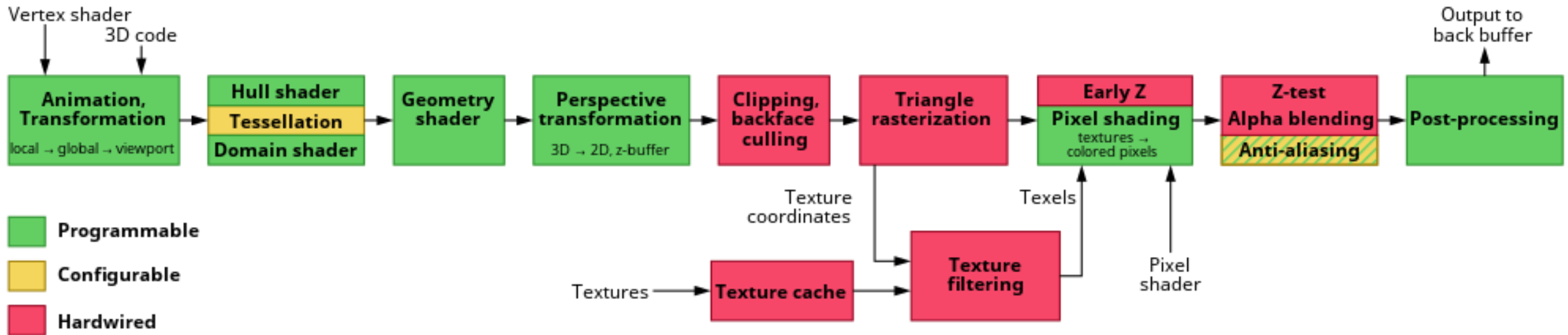
# 3D Viewing

- How to view primitives that are **outside** the view volume ?
  - **Translate** !
- How to view **a side face** of a model ?
  - **Rotate** !
- ...

# The 3D visualization pipeline



# 3D visualization pipeline



# 3D visualization pipeline

- Instantiate **models**
  - Position, orientation, size
- Establish **viewing parameters**
  - Camera position and orientation
- **Define projection**
- Perform **clipping**
- **Rasterize**
- Compute **illumination** and **shade polygons**

# 3D visualization pipeline

- Main operations represented as **point transformations**
  - Homogeneous coordinates
  - Transformation matrices
  - Projection matrix
  - Matrix multiplication
- Each object is processed **separately**



# Shaders

What you've seen on the hands on...

# Down the shader's hole

## Script side

- Object defined by its vertices, colors, normals, etc

```
self.triangle_vertices = array([  
    [0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1],  
    [1, -1, 0, 0, 1, 1],  
    [-1, -1, 0, 1, 1, 0]  
], 'f')
```

- Data placed on the GPU:

```
self.triangle_vbo = glGenBuffers(1)  
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, self.triangle_vbo)  
glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 4 * self.triangle_vertices.size, self.triangle_vertices, GL_STATIC_DRAW)
```

# Down the shader's hole

## Script side

- Just before rendering, what attributes are available and where are they are placed in the GPU?

```
self.triangle_vertices = array([
    [0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1],
    [1, -1, 0, 0, 1, 1],
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], 'f')
```

```
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, self.triangle_vbo)

glVertexAttribPointer(0, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 6*4, None)
glVertexAttribPointer(1, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 6*4, ctypes.c_void_p(3 * 4))

glEnableVertexAttribArray(0)
glEnableVertexAttribArray(1)
```

# Down the shader's hole

## Script side

- Do I need to pass additional data to the shader?  
Remember the transformation matrices
- We will see, ahead, how do we receive this data on the shader

```
# translation
self.modelMatrix = glm.translate(self.modelMatrix, tx, ty, tz)

modelLoc = glGetUniformLocation(self.shader, "model")
glUniformMatrix4fv(modelLoc, 1, GL_FALSE, self.modelMatrix)
```

# Down the shader's hole

## Shader side

- What attributes am I expecting and their locations
- Using the attributes

Vertex shader

```
#version 330
  layout (location = 0) in vec3 position;
  layout (location = 1) in vec3 color;

  uniform mat4 model;
  uniform mat4 view;
  uniform mat4 projection;

  out vec3 vColor;

  void main() {
    gl_Position = projection * view * model * vec4(position, 1.0);
    vColor = vec3(color);
  }
```



# Down the shader's hole

## Shader side

- Passing attributes out from a shader
- Receiving attributes in the next shader

### Fragment shader

```
#version 330
in vec3 vColor;
out vec4 out_color;

void main() {
    out_color = vec4(vColor, 1.0);
}
```

### Vertex shader

```
#version 330
layout (location = 0) in vec3 position;
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uniform mat4 model;
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out vec3 vColor;

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