Introduction to Graphics Pipeline

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Applications of Computer Graphics

Display of information

- Architectural/mechanical drafting systems
- Cartography
- Plotting packages to visualize multiple large data sets
- Medical imaging (CT/MRI)

Design

- Computer-aided design (CAD)
- Very-large-scale integrated (VLSI) circuits design

Simulation and animation

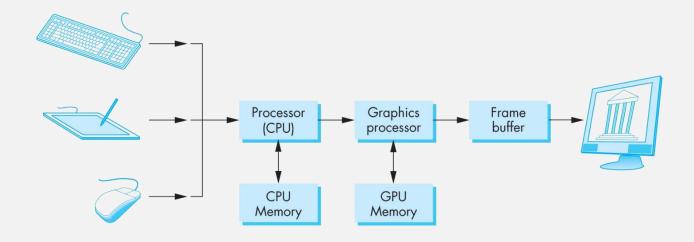
- Training of pilots
- 2D/3D motion-pictures in TV/advertising industries
- Virtual Reality (VR)

User interface

- Windowing systems
- Browser interface

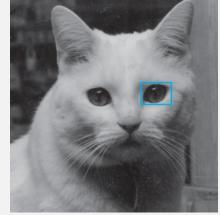
A Graphics System

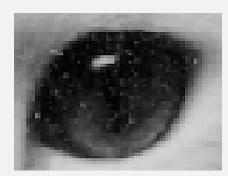
- Components of a general-purpose computer system:
 - Input devices
 - Central Processing Unit
 - Graphics Processing Unit
 - Memory
 - Frame buffer
 - Output devices



Pixels & Frame Buffer

- The image we see on the output device is an array (the raster) of picture elements (pixels) produced by the graphics system.
- Pixels are stored in a part of memory called the frame buffer.
- Resolution: the number of pixels in the frame buffer.
- Depth/Precision: the number of bits used for each pixel.
 - 1-bit-deep frame buffer: only two colors
 - 8-bit-deep frame buffer: 256 colors
 - Full-color/True-color/RGB-color system: 24 (or more) bits per pixel
 - HDR systems: 12 (or more) bits per color component



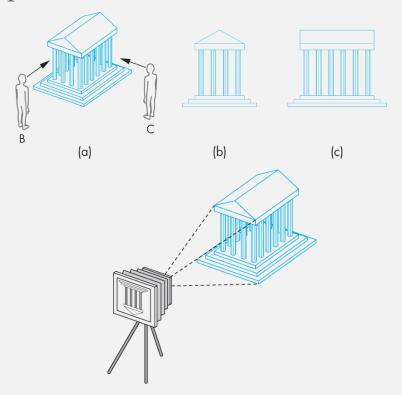


CPU & GPU

- Main graphical function of the processor:
 - Rasterization/Scan conversion: Conversion of geometric entities (such as lines, circles, polygons) to pixel colors and locations in the frame buffer.
- Frame buffer was part of the standard memory that could be directly addressed by the CPU in early graphics system.
- Today, graphical systems are characterized by special-purpose graphical processing units (GPUs) that can perform graphical operations with high degree of parallelism.
- GPU can be either on the mother board of the system or on a graphics card.

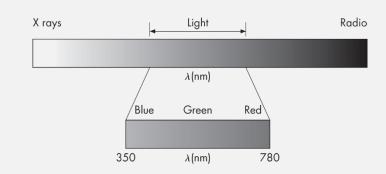
Objects & Viewers

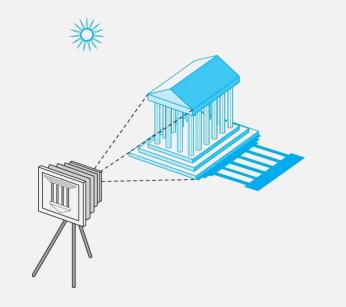
- Objects:
 - Can be defined/approximated by a set of locations in space, i.e. vertices.
- Viewers:
 - Who form the image of the objects.
- Both objects and viewers exist in a 3D world. However, the formed image is 2D.



Light & Images

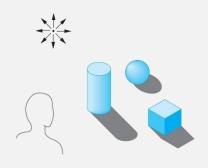
- Visible spectrum: 350~780 nm
- Point source:
 - Emits energy from a single location at one or more frequencies equally in all directions.
- Light bulb:
 - Emits light over an area and emitting more light in one direction than another.
- Complex light sources can be approximated by a number if carefully placed point sources.

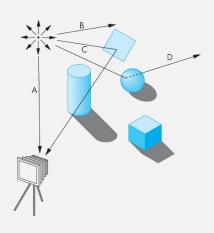




Imaging Models

- How we can form images from a set of objects with different light-reflecting properties and different light sources?
 - Building the imaging model by following light from a source.
 - E.g. Raytracing and photon mapping
 - □ Can provide a close approximation to the physical world, but is not well suited for real-time computation.
 - Conservation of energy.
 - E.g. Radiosity
 - Works best for surfaces that scatter the incoming light equally in all directions.

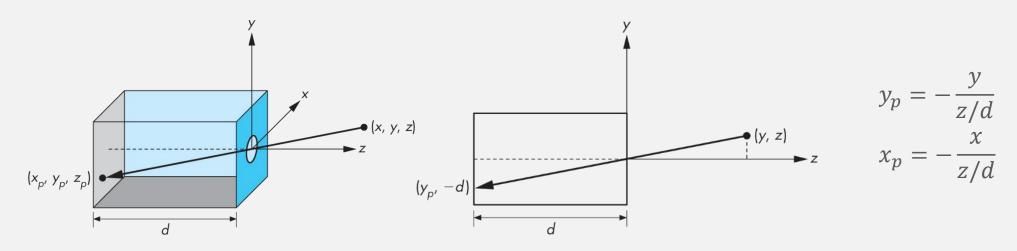




Imaging Systems: Pinhole Camera

■ The pinhole camera:

- Suppose that the camera is oriented along the z-axis, with the pinhole at the origin of our coordinate system.
- Assume that the hole is so small that only a single ray of light from a point can enter it.



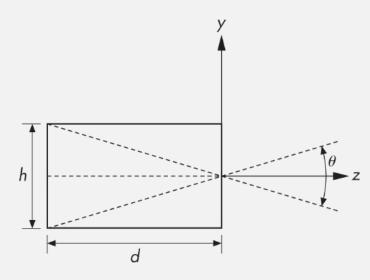
Imaging Systems: Pinhole Camera (Cont.)

■ The field/angle of view:

- The angle made by the largest object that our camera can image on its film plane.
- The ideal pinhole camera has an infinite depth of filed. (Every point in its filed of view is in focus)

■ Disadvantages:

- Admits only a single ray from a point source, and therefore almost no light enters the camera.
- The camera cannot be adjusted to have a different angle of view.

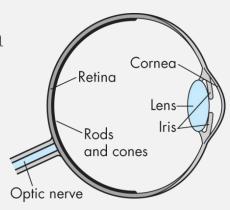


$$\tan\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{h/2}{d}$$

$$\theta = 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{h}{2d}$$

Imaging Systems: Human Visual System

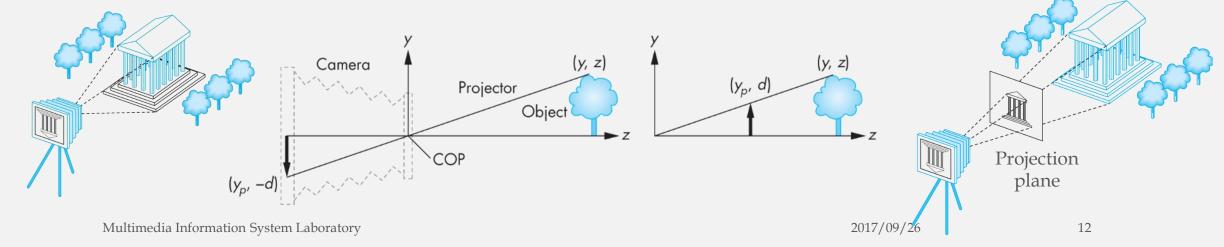
- Sensors in the human eye do not react uniformly to light energy at different wavelength.
 - Most sensitive to green light and least sensitive to red and blue.
- There are three types of cones and therefore we can use three standard primaries to approximate any color that we can perceive.
 - Intensity is a physical measure of light energy.
 - Brightness is a measure of how intense we perceive the light from an object.



The Synthetic-Camera Model

- The specification of the objects is independent of the specification of the viewer.
 - Within a graphics library, there will be separate functions for specifying the objects and the viewer.
- We can compute the image using simple geometric calculation

Draw another plane in front of the lens to avoid flipping



The Synthetic-Camera Model (Cont.)

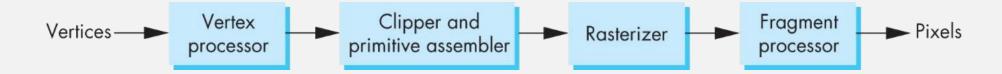
- Not all objects can be imaged onto the pinhole camera's film plane, and the synthetic camera move the limitation to the front by placing a clipping rectangle/window in the projection plane.
- What determines which object will appear in the image?
 - The location of the center of projection (COP)
 - The location and orientation of the projection plane
 - The size of the clipping rectangle

LookAt(COP, at, up);

Perspective(field_of_view, aspect_ratio, near, far);

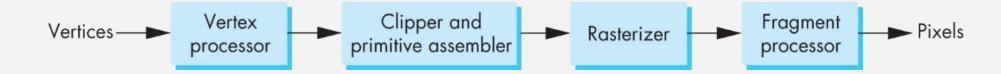


The Graphics Pipeline



- The graphics pipeline or rendering pipeline refers to the sequence of steps used to create a 2D raster representation of a 3D scene/model.
- Vertex processing
 - Each vertex is processed independently.
 - To carry out coordinate transformations.
 - Each change of the camera coordinate can be represented by a matrix.
 - To compute a color for each vertex.
- Clipper and Primitive Assembly
 - Efficient clipping must be done on a primitive-by-primitive basis rather than on a vertex-by-vertex basis.

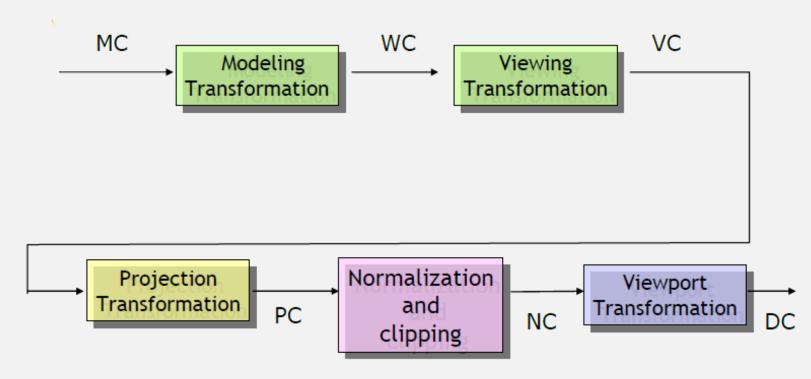
The Graphics Pipeline (Cont.)



- Rasterization (Scan conversion)
 - Primitives emerging from the clipper are still represented in terms of their vertices and must be converted to pixels in the frame buffer.
 - Determine which pixels in the frame buffer are inside the polygon.
 - Output of rasterization is a set of fragments (potential pixels with color, location, and depth information) for each primitive.
- Fragment Processing
 - Update the pixels in the frame buffer according to the processed fragments. (Some surfaces may not be visible because of occlusion)
 - The color of pixels in each fragment can be altered by texture mapping or bump mapping.

Viewing with A Computer

■ Pipeline View



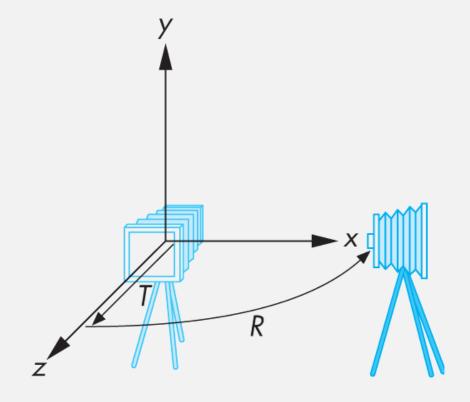
Viewing with A Computer (Cont.)

- Three aspects of the viewing process implemented in the pipeline:
 - Positioning the camera
 - Setting the model-view matrix
 - Selecting a lens
 - Setting the projection matrix: orthogonal or perspective
 - Normalization & Clipping
 - Setting the view volume

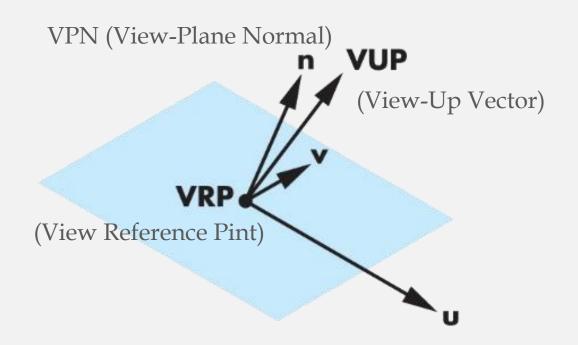
Moving the Camera

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

- Example: side view
 - Rotate the camera
 - Move it away from origin
 - View matrix C = TR



How to Obtain the View Matrix?



Given
$$VRP = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $\mathbf{n} = \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \\ n_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v}_{up} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{up_x} \\ \mathbf{v}_{up_y} \\ \mathbf{v}_{up_z} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha \mathbf{n} + \beta \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{up}}$$

To simplify, set $\beta = 1$ and $\alpha = -\frac{\mathbf{v_{up} \cdot n}}{\mathbf{n \cdot n}}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{up}} - \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{up}} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{n}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{n}$$

How to Obtain the View Matrix? (Cont.)

Normalize **u**, **v**, and **n**, and set the rotation matrix as:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} u'_{x} & v'_{x} & n'_{x} & 0 \\ u'_{y} & v'_{y} & n'_{y} & 0 \\ u'_{z} & v'_{z} & n'_{z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What we want is the opposite direction (A^{-1}) that represent the vectors in the original system in the $\mathbf{u}'\mathbf{v'n'}$ coordinate system. Hence, the rotation matrix of the model-view matrix is:

$$\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} u'_x & u'_y & u'_z & 0 \\ v'_x & v'_y & v'_z & 0 \\ n'_x & n'_y & n'_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

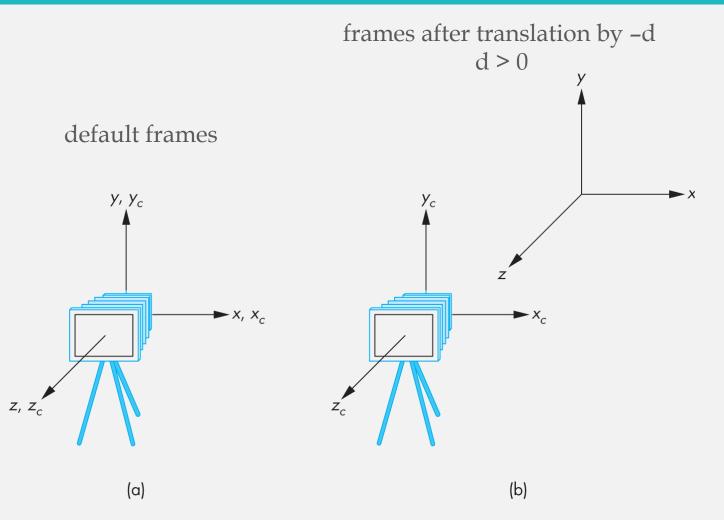
Finally, by multiplying the translation matrix **T**, we have:

$$C = R'T' = \begin{bmatrix} u'_{x} & u'_{y} & u'_{z} & 0 \\ v'_{x} & v'_{y} & v'_{z} & 0 \\ n'_{x} & n'_{y} & n'_{z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u'_{x} & u'_{y} & u'_{z} & -xu'_{x} - yu'_{y} - zu'_{z} \\ v'_{x} & v'_{y} & v'_{z} & -xv'_{x} - yv'_{y} - zv'_{z} \\ v'_{x} & v'_{y} & v'_{z} & -xv'_{x} - yv'_{y} - zv'_{z} \\ n'_{x} & n'_{y} & n'_{z} & -xn_{x} - yn'_{y} - zn'_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Moving the Camera Frame

- If we want to visualize object with 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 and are determined by the modelview matrix
 - Want a translation (glTranslatef(0.0,0.0,-d);)
 - = d > 0

Moving Camera back from Origin

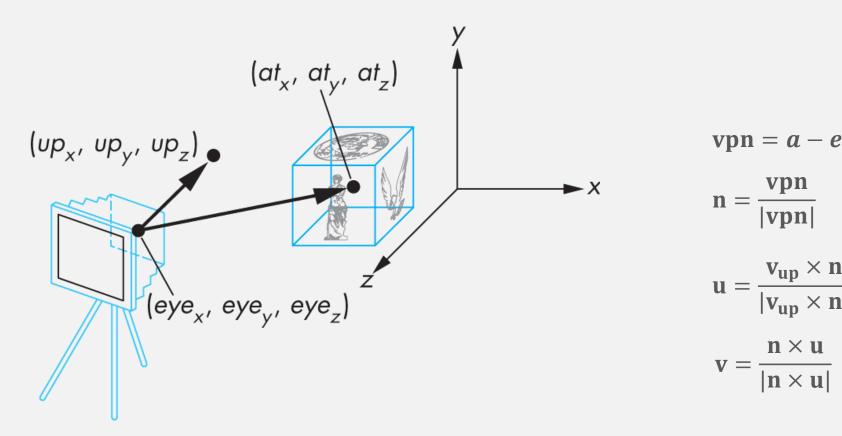


The OpenGL Camera

- In OpenGL, initially the object and camera frames are the same
 - Default model-view matrix is an identity
- The camera is located at 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
 - Default projection matrix is an identity

How to Set the Camera Position/Orientation?

OpenGL: gluLookAt(eye_x, eye_y, eye_z, at_x, at_y, at_z, up_x, up_y, up_z)



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Projections and Normalization

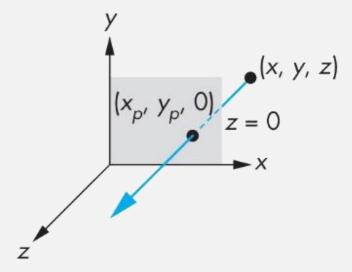
■ The default projection in the eye (camera) frame is orthogonal

For points within the default view volume

$$\mathbf{L} \chi_p = \chi$$

$$\blacksquare y_p = y$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_{p} = 0$$



Homogeneous Coordinate Representation

default orthographic projection

$$\blacksquare x_p = x$$

$$y_p = y$$

$$\blacksquare z_p = 0$$

$$q = Mp$$

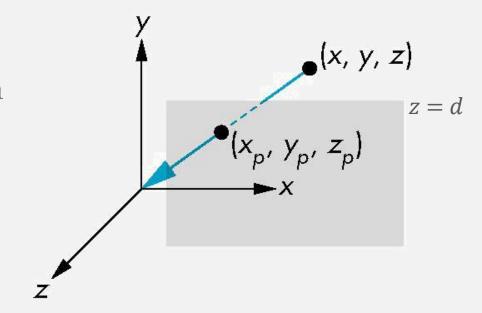
$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In practice, we can let M = I and set the z term to zero later

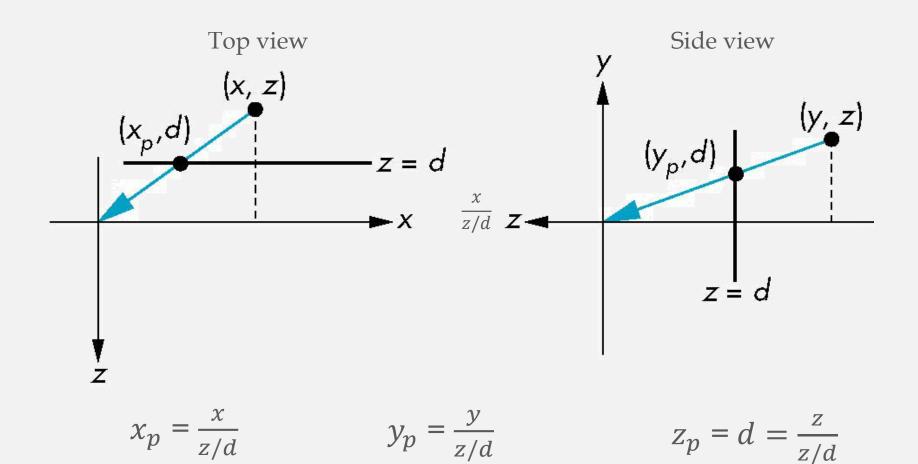
Simple Perspective Projections



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



Perspective Equations



Homogeneous Coordinate Representation

Consider **q=Mp** where

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

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

$$z_p = d = \frac{z}{z/d}$$



$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ z/d \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Perspective Division

The desired perspective equations:

$$x_{p} = \frac{x}{z/d}$$

$$y_{p} = \frac{y}{z/d}$$

$$z_{p} = d$$

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ z/d \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\mathbf{q'} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{z/d} \\ \frac{y}{z/d} \\ d \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_p \\ y_p \\ z_p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Viewing with A Computer (Cont.)

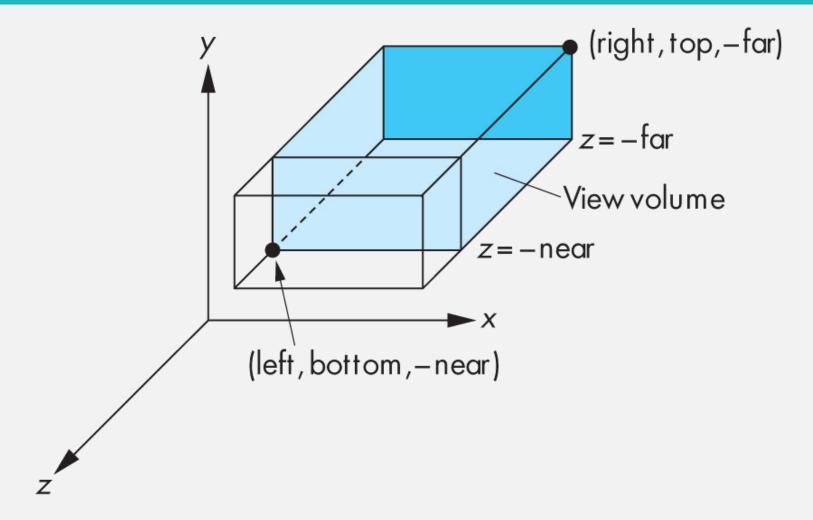
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Taking Clipping into Account

- After the view transformation, a simple projection and viewport transformation can generate screen coordinate.
- However, projecting all vertices are usually unnecessary.
- Clipping with 3D volume.
- Associating projection with clipping and normalization.

Why do we use normalization?

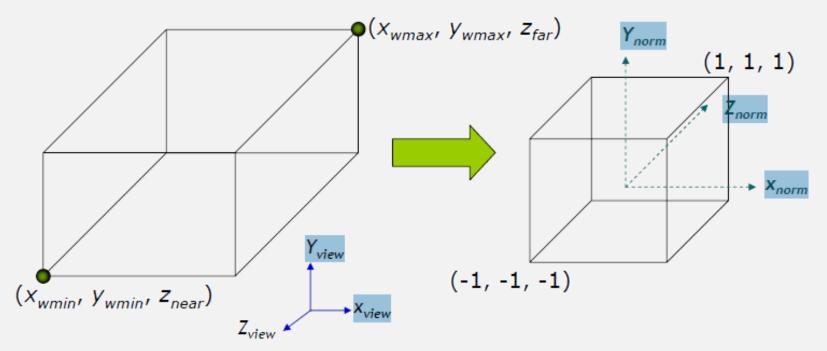
Orthogonal Viewing Volume



Orthogonal Normalization

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

normalization ⇒ find transformation to convert specified clipping volume to default



Orthogonal Normalization Matrix

- Two steps
 - T: Move center to origin
 - S: Scale to have sides of length 2

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}(-\frac{(right + left)}{2}, -\frac{(top + bottom)}{2}, -\frac{(far + near)}{2})$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}(\frac{2}{(right - left)}, \frac{2}{(top - bottom)}, \frac{2}{(near - far)})$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{ST} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{xw_{\text{max}} - xw_{\text{min}}} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{xw_{\text{max}} + xw_{\text{min}}}{xw_{\text{max}} - xw_{\text{min}}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{yw_{\text{max}} - yw_{\text{min}}} & 0 & -\frac{yw_{\text{max}} + yw_{\text{min}}}{xw_{\text{max}} - xw_{\text{min}}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{z_{near} - z_{far}} & \frac{z_{near} + z_{far}}{z_{near} - z_{far}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Final Orthogonal Projection

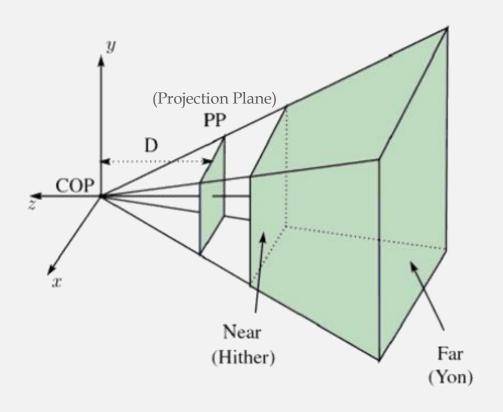
- \blacksquare Set z = 0
- Equivalent to the homogeneous coordinate transformation

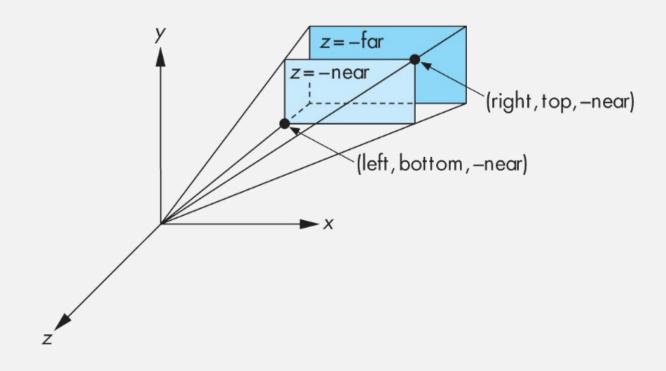
$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

■ Hence, general orthogonal projection in 4D is

$$P = M_{orth}ST$$

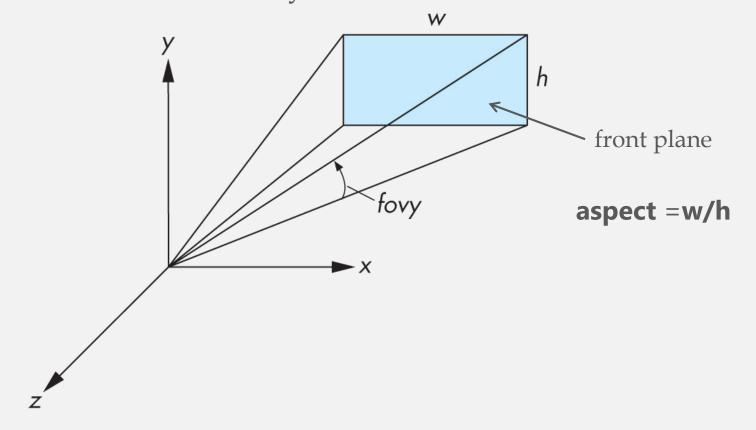
Perspective Viewing Volume



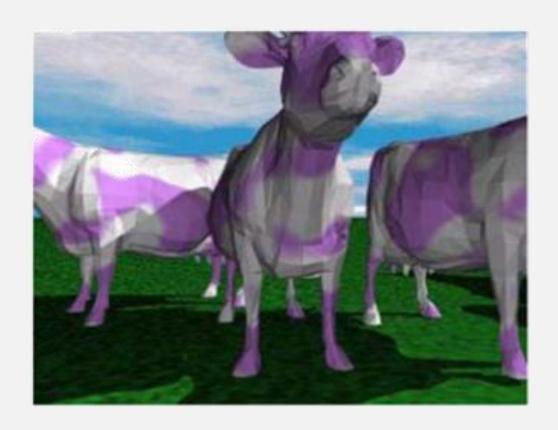


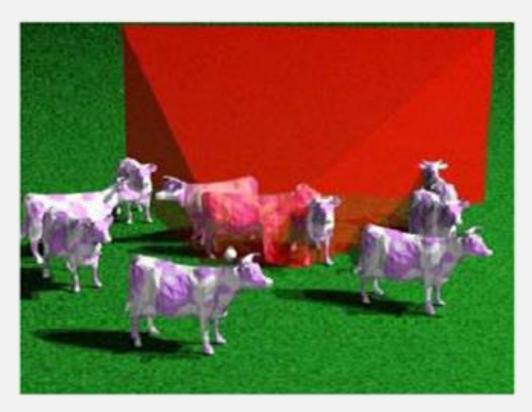
Using Field/Angle of View

■ In addition to directly assigning the viewing frustum, assigning field of view may be more user-friendly.

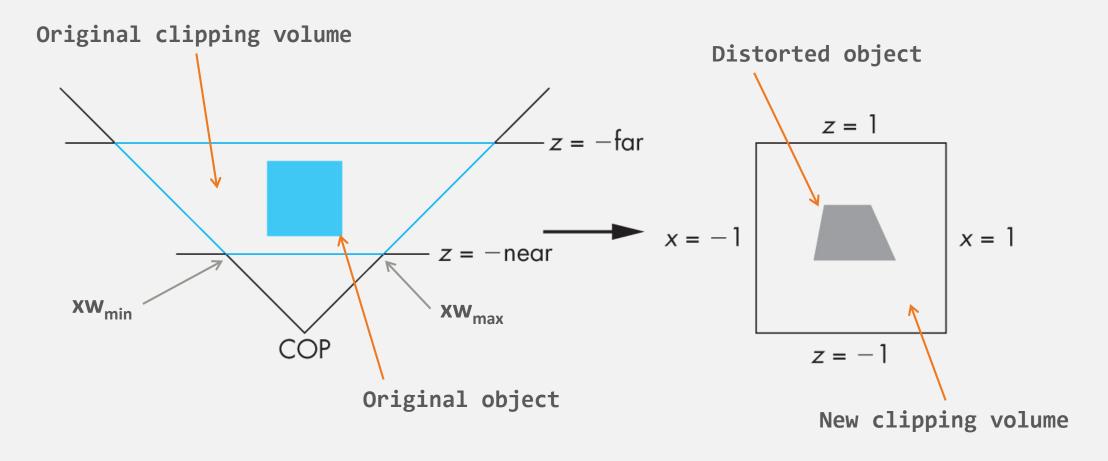


Clipping for Perspective Views

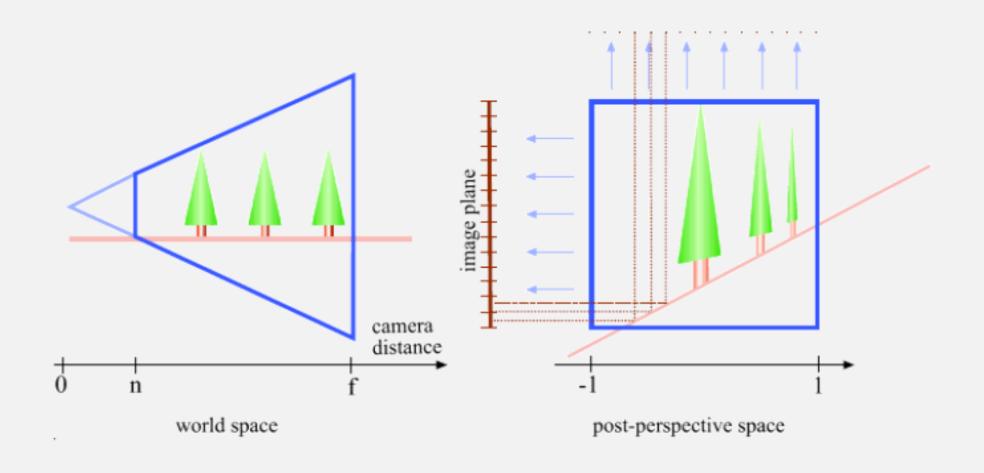




Perspective Normalization

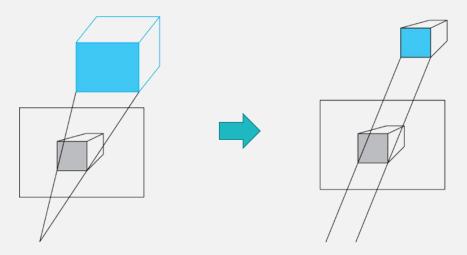


Perspective Normalization (Cont.)



Normalization

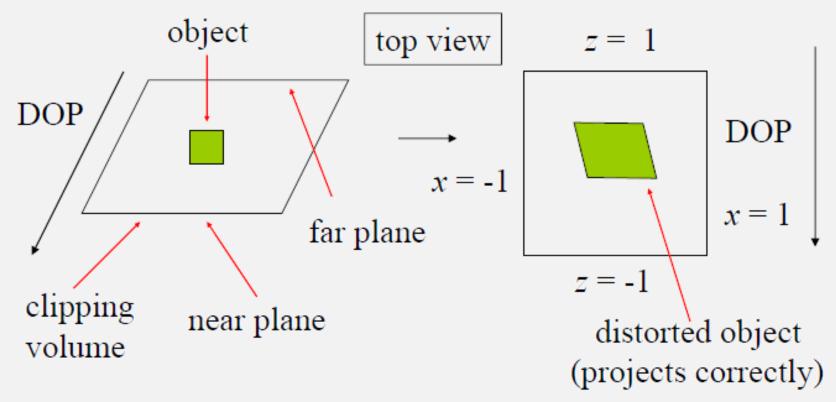
■ Rather than derive a different projection matrix for each type of projection, we can **convert all projections to orthogonal projections** with the default view volume



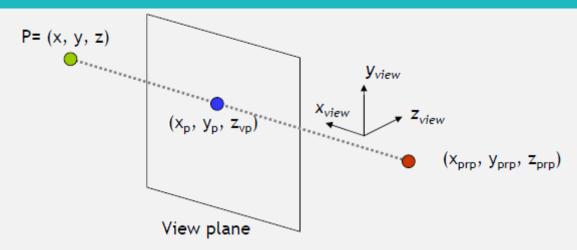
■ This strategy allows us to use **standard transformations** in the pipeline and makes for **efficient clipping**

Effect on Clipping

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



Perspective-Projection Transformation



$$x_p = (1-u)x + ux_{prp}$$
$$y_p = (1-u)y + uy_{prp}$$
$$u = 0 \sim 1$$

$$x_{p} = x \left(\frac{z_{prp} - z_{vp}}{z_{prp} - z}\right) + x_{prp} \left(\frac{z_{vp} - z}{z_{prp} - z}\right)$$
$$y_{p} = y \left(\frac{z_{prp} - z_{vp}}{z_{prp} - z}\right) + y_{prp} \left(\frac{z_{vp} - z}{z_{prp} - z}\right)$$

Given
$$x_{prp} = y_{prp} = z_{prp} = 0$$
, $z_{vp} = z_{near}$

$$x_{p} = x \left(\frac{-z_{near}}{-z} \right)$$

$$y_{p} = y \left(\frac{-z_{near}}{-z} \right)$$

Perspective-Projection Transformation (Cont.)

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

$$M_{pers} = egin{bmatrix} -z_{near} & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & -z_{near} & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & s_z & t_z \ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$x_p = x \left(\frac{-Z_{near}}{-Z} \right)$$

$$y_p = y\left(\frac{-Z_{near}}{-Z}\right)$$

$$z_p = \frac{s_z z + t_z}{-z} = -\left(s_z + \frac{t_z}{z}\right)$$

To make $-1 \le z_p \le 1$

$$S_z = \frac{Z_{near} + Z_{far}}{Z_{near} - Z_{far}}$$

$$t_z = \frac{-2Z_{near}Z_{far}}{Z_{near} - Z_{far}}$$

Further Normalization

$$M_{pers} = \begin{bmatrix} -z_{near} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -z_{near} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{z_{near} + z_{far}}{z_{near} - z_{far}} & \frac{-2z_{near}z_{far}}{z_{near} - z_{far}} \\ 0 & 0 & -a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z = -far$$

$$z = -far$$

$$z = -near$$

$$z = -near$$

$$z = -near$$

$$z = -1$$
original object



$$M_{normpers} = \begin{bmatrix} -z_{near} \frac{2}{xw_{max} - xw_{min}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -z_{near} \frac{2}{yw_{max} - yw_{min}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{z_{near} + z_{far}}{z_{near} - z_{far}} & \frac{-2z_{near}z_{far}}{z_{near} - z_{far}} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notes

■ Normalization let us clip against a simple cube regardless of type of projection

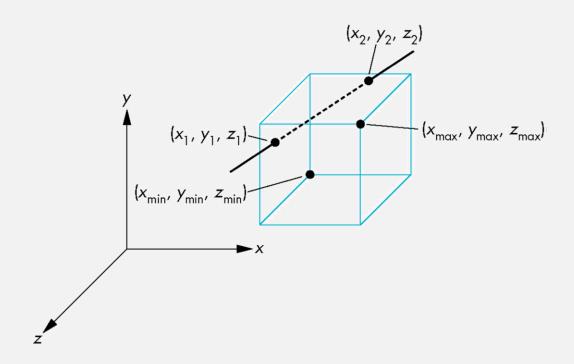
- Delay final "projection" until end
 - Important for *hidden-surface removal* to retain depth information as long as possible

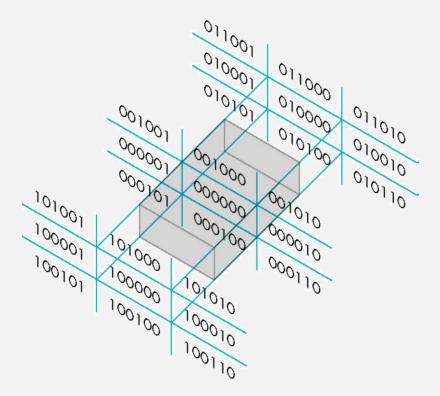
Why do we do it this way?

- 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
- Clipping is now "easier".

Cohen-Sutherland Method in 3D

- Use 6-bit outcodes
 - When needed, clip line segment against planes





Cohen-Sutherland Method in 3D (Cont.)

Check for outcodes:

$$-1 \le x_p \le 1$$
, $-1 \le y_p \le 1$, $-1 \le z_p \le 1$

Since

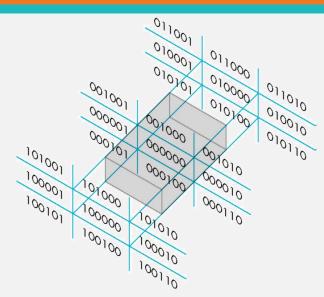
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_h \\ y_h \\ z_h \\ h \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_h \\ y_h \\ h \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_p \\ y_p \\ z_p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To avoid unnecessary float division, We can check

$$-h \le x_h \le h$$
, $-h \le y_h \le h$, $-h \le z_h \le h$

Cohen-Sutherland Method in 3D (Cont.)

- If outcode(A) == outcode(B) == 0
 - Accept the whole line segment.
- If(outcode(A) and outcode(B))!=0
 - Reject the line segment.



- Other cases
 - Calculate an intersection (according to outcode bits)
 - Then check outcode again
- Note: use parametric forms

$$x_h = x_{ha} + (x_{hb} - x_{ha})u$$

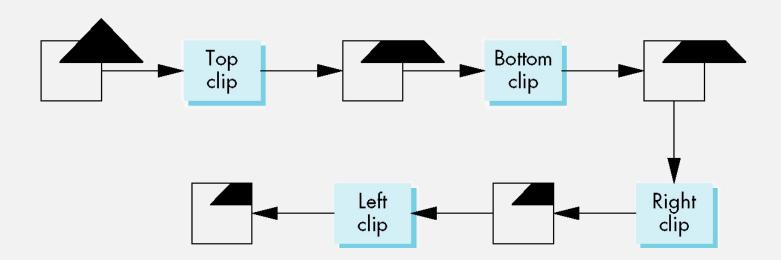
$$y_h = y_{ha} + (y_{hb} - y_{ha})u$$

$$z_h = z_{ha} + (z_{hb} - z_{ha})u$$

$$h = h_a + (h_b - h_a)u$$

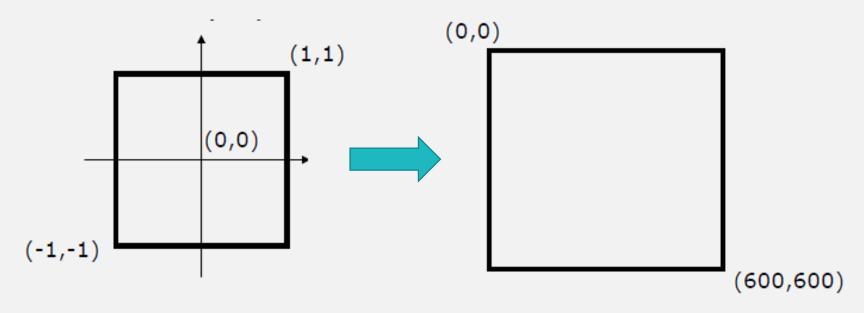
Polygon Clipping in 3D

- Similar to 2D clipping
 - Bounding box
 - Clipping with each clipping plane
 - Etc.....



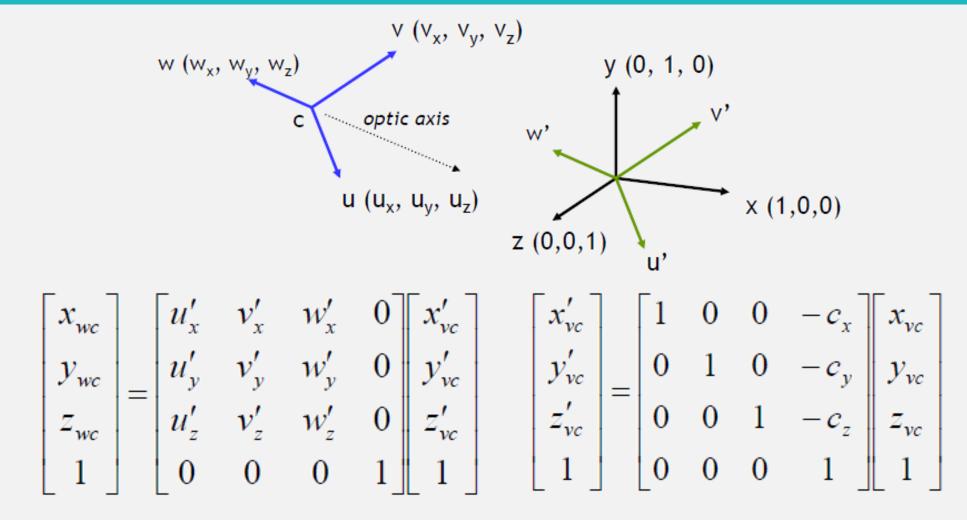
Viewport Transformation

■ From the working coordinate to the coordinate of display device.



By 2D scaling and translation

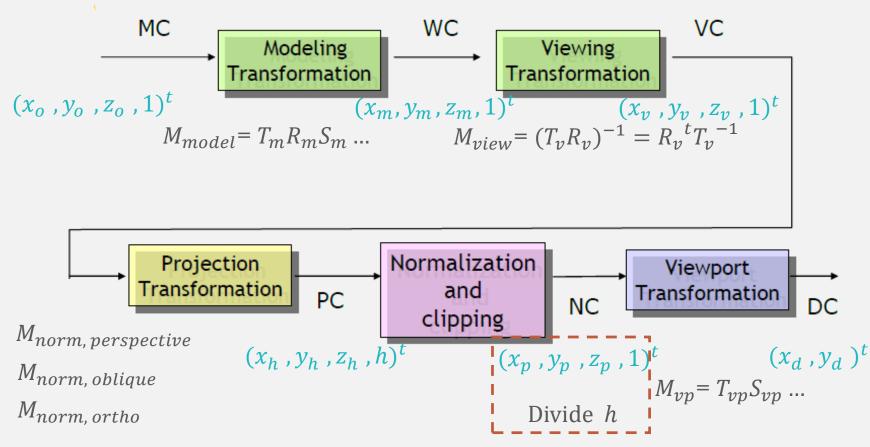
By Coordinate Transformations







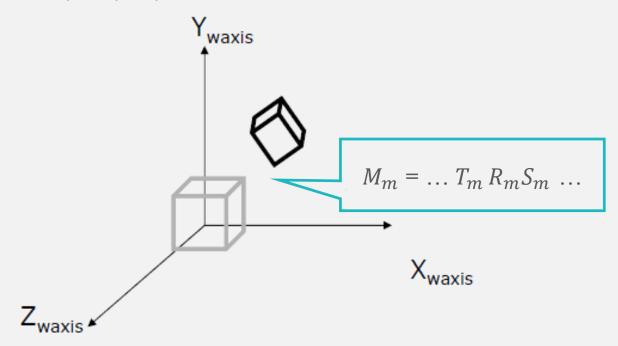
Pipeline View



Loading an Object

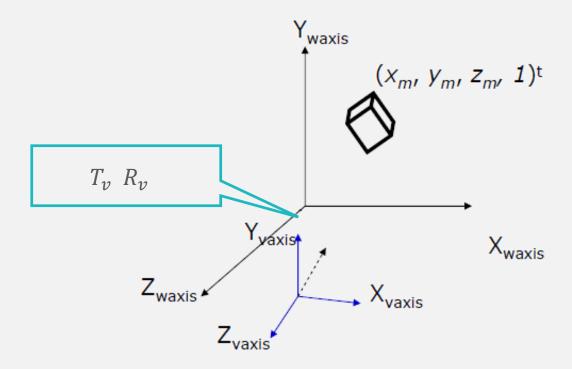
Modeling Transformation

$$(x_m, y_m, z_m, 1)^t = M_m(x_o, y_o, z_o, 1)^t$$
where $M_m = \dots T_m R_m S_m \dots$



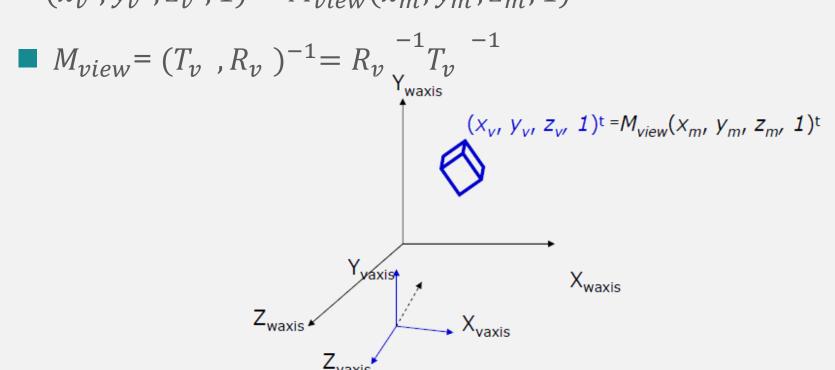
Put a Virtual Camera

 \blacksquare Move a camera from the origin (by $T_v R_v$)

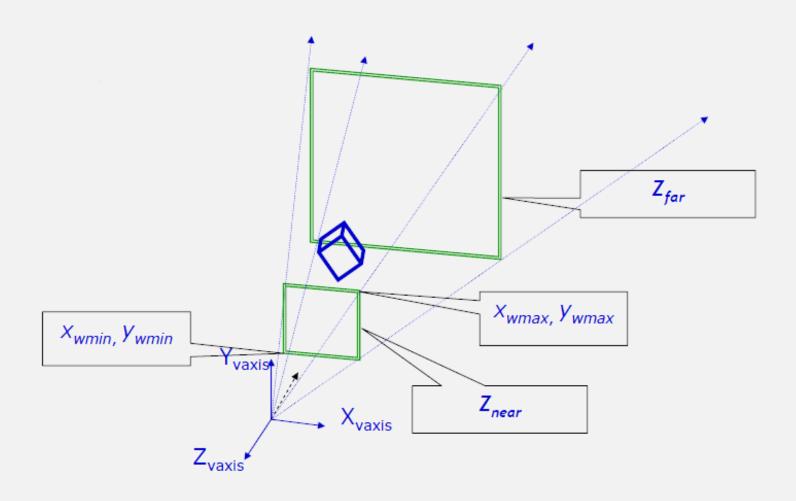


Virtual Camera's Coordinate

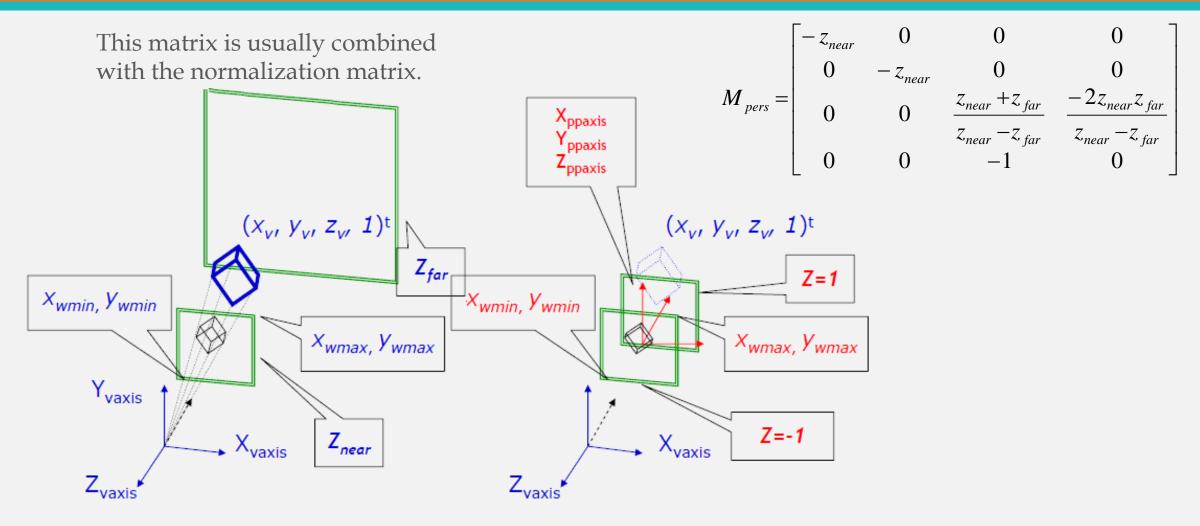
- Change the object's coordinate
- $(x_v, y_v, z_v, 1)^t = M_{view}(x_m, y_m, z_m, 1)^t$



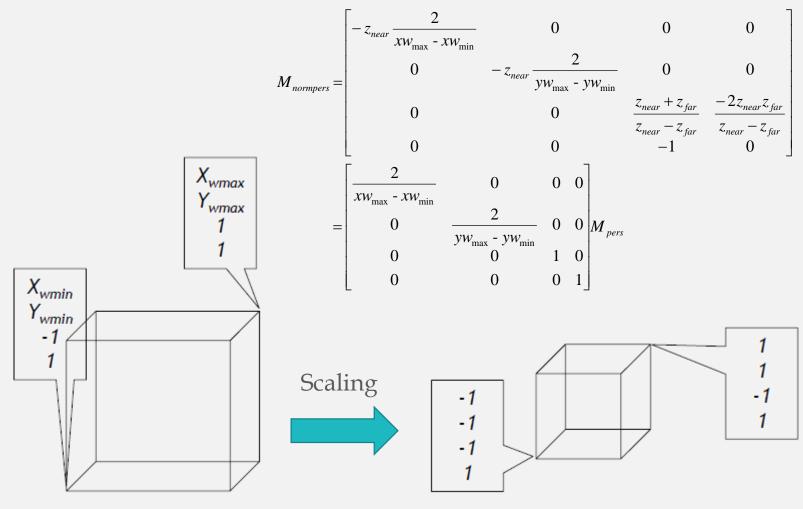
Virtual Camera's Coordinate (Cont.)



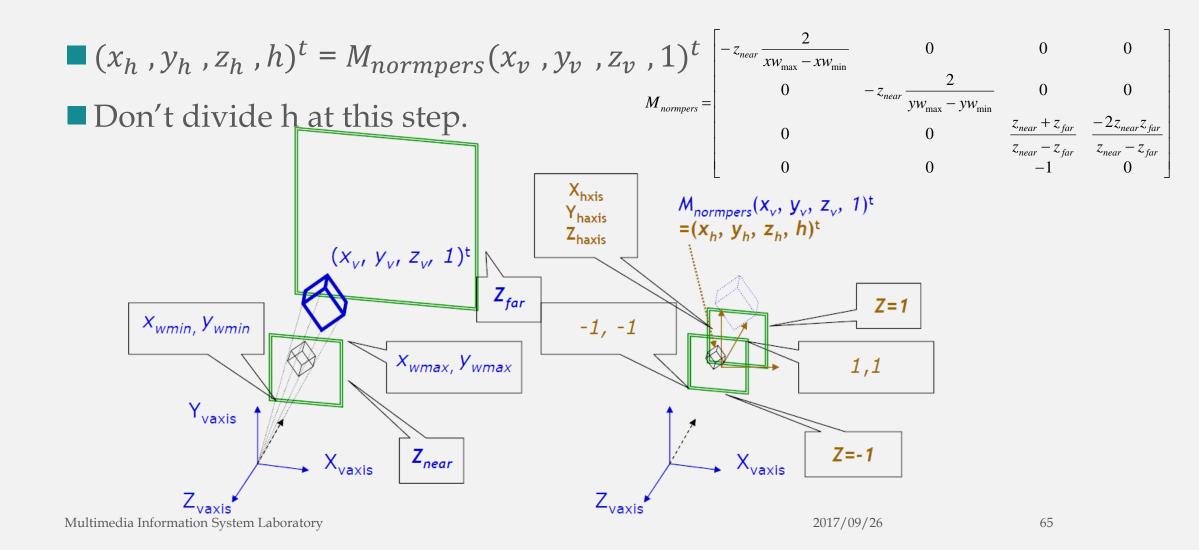
Perspective Projection



Projection + Normalization



Projection + Normalization (Cont.)



Clipping

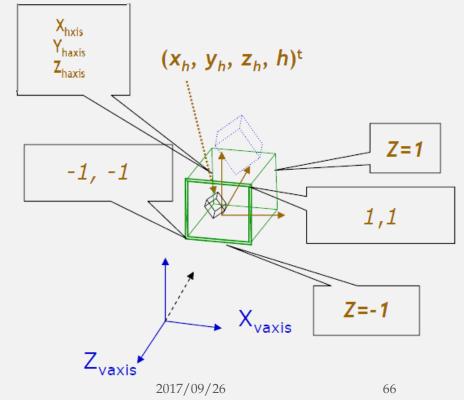
- Perform clipping with $(x_h, y_h, z_h, h)^t$
- Avoid unnecessary division $h \le x_h \le h$, $h \le y_h \le h$, $h \le z_h \le h$
- Use parametric forms for intersection

$$x_{h} = x_{ha} + (x_{hb} - x_{ha})u$$

$$y_{h} = y_{ha} + (y_{hb} - y_{ha})u$$

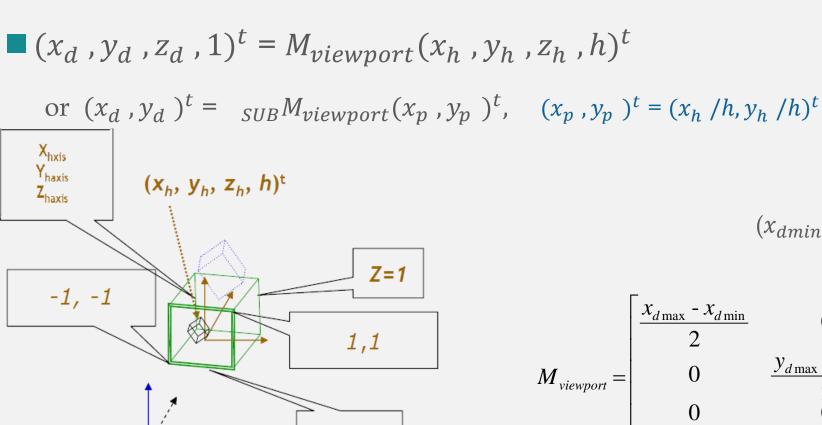
$$z_{h} = z_{ha} + (z_{hb} - z_{ha})u$$

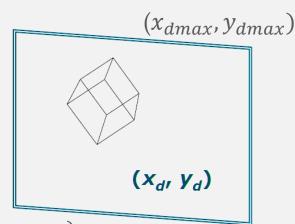
$$h = h_{a} + (h_{h} - h_{a})u$$



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 (x_{dmin}, y_{dmin})

$$M_{viewport} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_{d \max} - x_{d \min}}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{x_{d \max} + x_{d \min}}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{y_{d \max} - y_{d \min}}{2} & 0 & \frac{y_{d \max} + y_{d \min}}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Rasterization

Line drawing or polygon filling with

$$(x_d, y_d, z_d, 1)^t$$
 or $(x_d, y_d)^t$ and z_h

