# Introduction to Graphics Programming and its Applications

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**Transformation** 

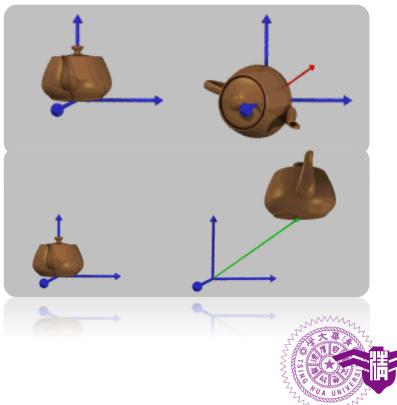
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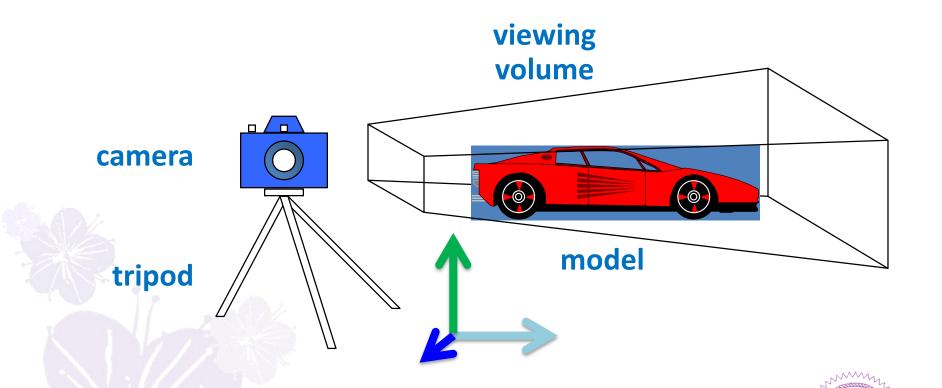
# Projection & Transformation





# **Camera Analogy**

3D rendering is like taking a photograph



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#### **Camera Analogy and Transformation**

- Modeling transformation
  - Moving the model around the world
- Viewing transformation
  - Tripod : defining how does the camera view the world
- Projection transformation
  - Take the shoot!
- Viewport transformation
  - Manipulate the physical photograph



#### **Coordinate System and Transformation**

- Steps toward capturing an image:
  - Specify geometry (world coordinate)
  - Specify camera (camera coordinate)
  - Projection (window coordinate)
  - Map to the viewport (screen coordinate)
- Each step uses a transformation
- Every transformation is equivalent to a change in coordinate system



$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by + c \\ dx + ey + f \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by + cz \\ dx + ey + fz \\ gx + hy + iz \end{bmatrix}$$

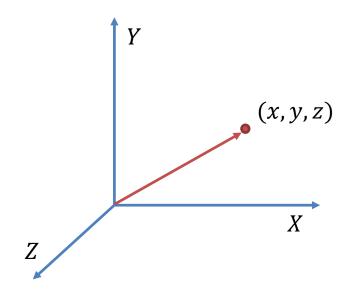
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by + cz + d \\ ex + fy + gz + h \\ ix + jy + kz + l \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **VECTOR & MATRIX**



#### **Vector**

 A vector can be thought of a *point* in a space or a *direction* from the origin to the point





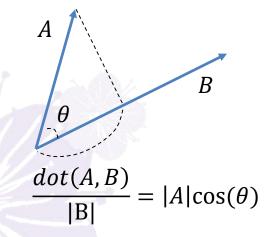
#### **Vector**

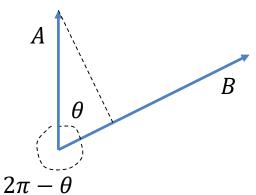
- The length of a vector is the square root of the sum of the squares of each components
- $length(V) = \sqrt{V.x^2 + V.y^2 + V.z^2}$
- Euclidean norm or 2-norm
- V is said to be a unit vector or a normalized vector if its length is 1



#### **Vector Dot Product**

- Dot product is the projection length of vector
   A onto vector B multiplied by the length of B
- $dot(A, B) = |A||B|\cos\theta$
- Remember that  $\cos \theta = \cos(2\pi \theta)$
- Note that dot(A, B) = dot(B, A)







#### **Vector Cross Product**

- Cross product of A, B is a vector orthogonal to A and B
- We only discuss the cross product in 3D space
- 2D vector is a 3D vector special case with z = 0
- $cross(A, B) = |A||B| \sin \theta n =$

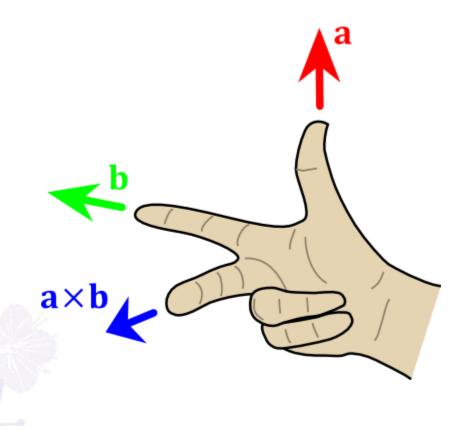
$$\begin{bmatrix} A. y * B. z - A. z * B. y \\ A. z * B. x - A. x * B. z \\ A. x * B. y - A. y * B. x \end{bmatrix}$$

• Note that cross(A, B) = -cross(B, A)



#### **Vector Cross Product**

Rule of right hand





## **Homogeneous Coordinates**

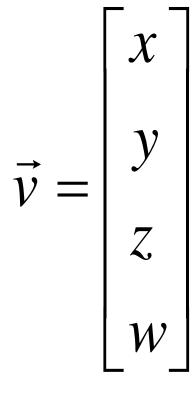


- In 3D graphics, we usually present a point by a 4D vector (x, y, z, 1), a direction by (x, y, z, 0)
- There is no strong mathematical reason for doing so; but it has many advantages
  - Projective geometry
  - For example, a point subtracting by another point yields a direction
- Matrix transformation can benefit from this representation too



# **Homogeneous Coordinates**

- To sum up:
  - Each vertex is a column vector
  - w is none-zero for *points*, zero for *directions*
  - All operations are multiplication of matrices





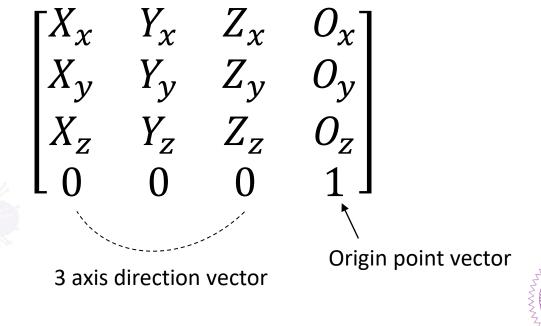
#### **Matrix**

 Matrices can be thought of as a table of column vectors, and they are widely used in 3D graphics, we focus on the *effect* of a matrix after it is *multiplied to a vector*, which is often called *matrix transformation*

• Example: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} x+a \\ y+b \\ z+c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **Generic Matrix**

 Generally, a 4x4 matrix represents 3 unit axes and an origin of a coordinate system with respect to a basis

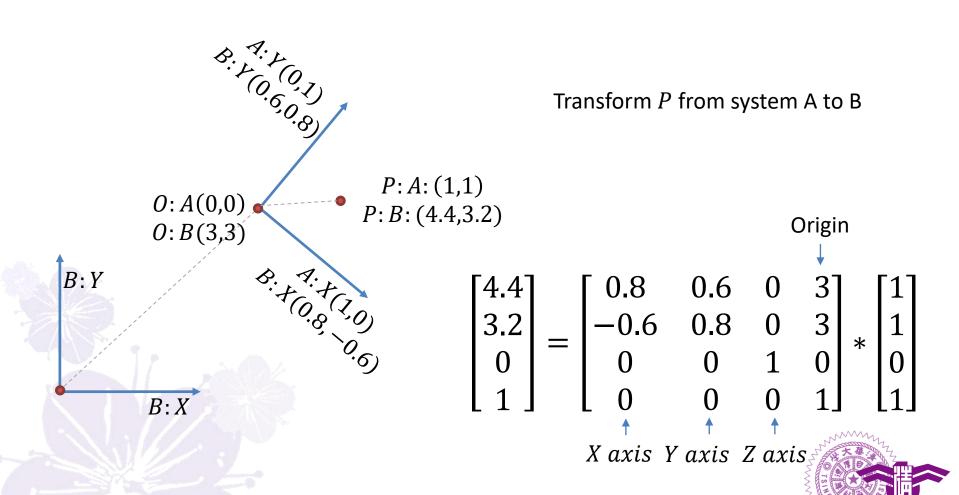


#### **Generic Matrix**

- Multiply a vertex expressed in the identity coordinate system, the result is a new vertex that has been transformed to the new coordinate system
- To transform a vertex in system A to system B,
   calculate A changed basis to B



#### **Generic Matrix**



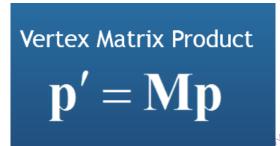
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#### **Transformation in 3D**

- To sum up:
  - A vertex is transformed by a 4 x 4 matrix
  - All matrices are stored in column-major order
  - All operations are multiplication of matrices
  - Matrices are always pre-multiplied

*GLfloat*(*GLdouble*) M[16]=

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_0 & m_4 & m_8 & m_{12} \\ m_1 & m_5 & m_9 & m_{13} \\ m_2 & m_6 & m_{10} & m_{14} \\ m_3 & m_7 & m_{11} & m_{15} \end{bmatrix}$$



# **Identity Matrix**

 An identity matrix only has 1s in its diagonal components. It has no net effect

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$



#### **Translation Matrix**

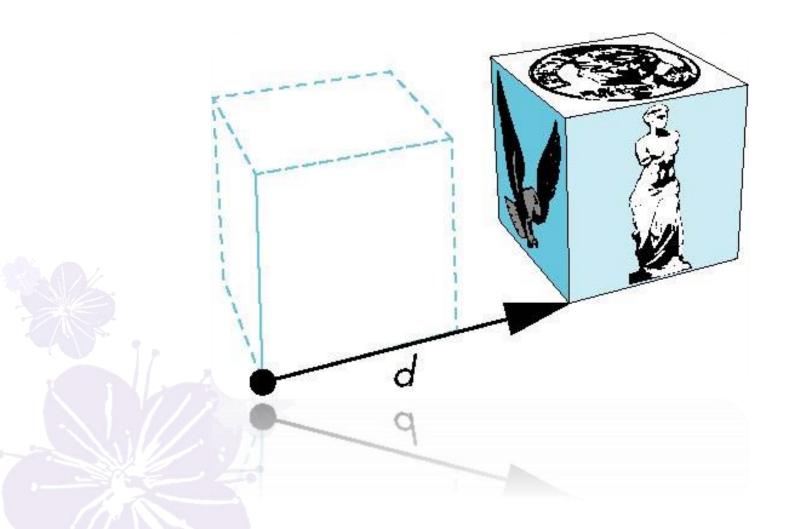
- A translation matrix is used to position an object within 3D space without rotating in any way
- Direction vectors (w = 0) are not effected

$$\begin{bmatrix} x + T_x w \\ y + T_y w \\ z + T_z w \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & T_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & T_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & T_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

• The LHS equals (x, y, z, 0) when w = 0

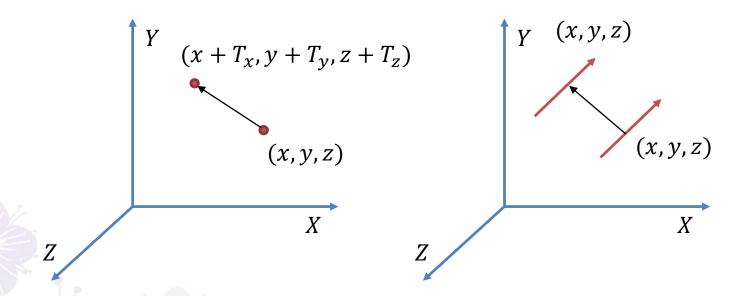


# **Translation Matrix**





### **Translation Matrix**



A direction is not changed by a translation matrix



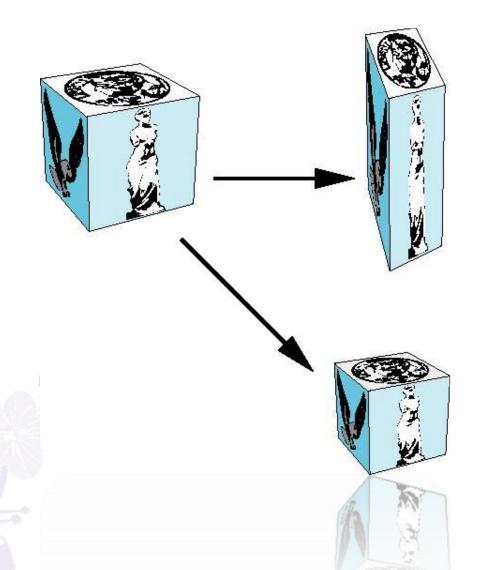
- A scaling matrix is used to enlarge or shrink the size of a 3D object
- Uniform scaling:  $S_x = S_y = S_z$

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{x}x \\ S_{y}y \\ S_{z}z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{x} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_{y} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_{z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

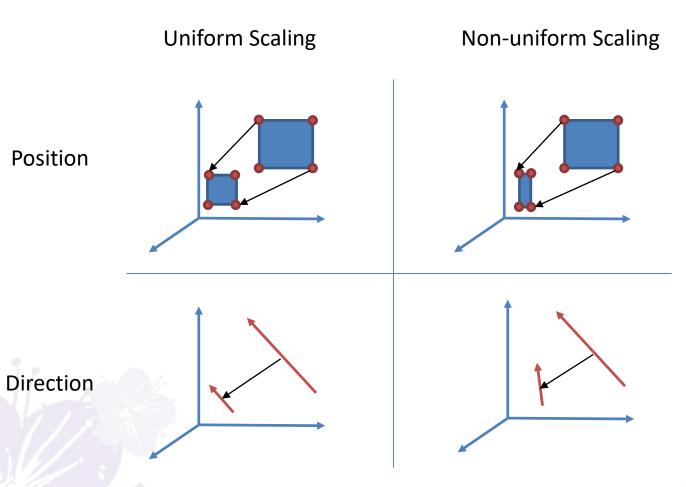


- Point vectors
  - Point is scaled
- Direction vectors
  - Uniform: length scaled, direction may be unchanged or negated
  - Non-uniform: both length and direction may change
- Usually, scaling matrix won't be applied to direction vectors



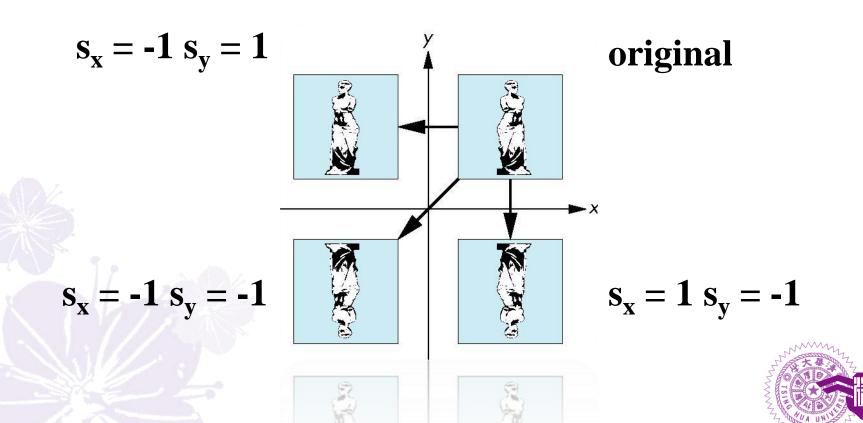






#### **Reflection Matrix**

Using negative scale factors

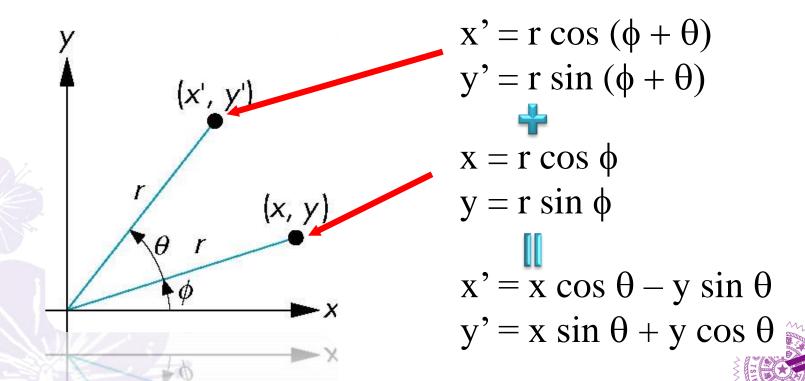


#### **Rotation Matrix**

- A rotation matrix is used to rotate a set of points within a coordinate system.
- While the individual points are assigned new coordinates, their relative distances do not change
- 1. Rotation around x, y, z axis
- 2. Rotation based on Euler angles
- 3. Rotation around given axis  $(R_x, R_y, R_z)$

#### **Rotation in 2D**

- Consider rotating about the origin by q degrees.
  - radius stays the same, angle increases by q.



#### **Rotation around Axis**

• Given x, y or z axis and an angle  $\theta$ 

$$x \text{ Axis} \qquad M_{rot\_x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y \text{ Axis} \qquad M_{rot\_y} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

z Axis 
$$M_{rot\_z} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# **Euler Angles Rotation**

- Extension of axis rotations
- Given a Euler angles  $(\theta_x, \theta_y, \theta_z)$  representing rotation angles of x, y, z axis, apply axis rotation to each axis to rotate the object
- Gimbal-lock: The final rotation matrix depends on the *order of multiplication*, it is sometimes the case that the rotation in one axis will be mapped onto another rotation axis

#### **Rotation around Given Axis**

- First, we compute a *quaternion* (x, y, z, w) from the given axis  $(R_x, R_y, R_z)$  and angle  $\theta$
- Quaternion: a 4D vector representing a rotation, it extends the concept of rotation in 3D to rotation in 4D. This avoids the problem of gimbal-lock and allows for the implementation of smooth and continuous rotation



#### **Rotation around Given Axis**

- R = normalize(R)
- $Q = \left(R_x \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, R_y \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, R_z \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, \cos \frac{\theta}{2}\right) = (X, Y, Z, W)$
- $C = 1 \cos \theta$

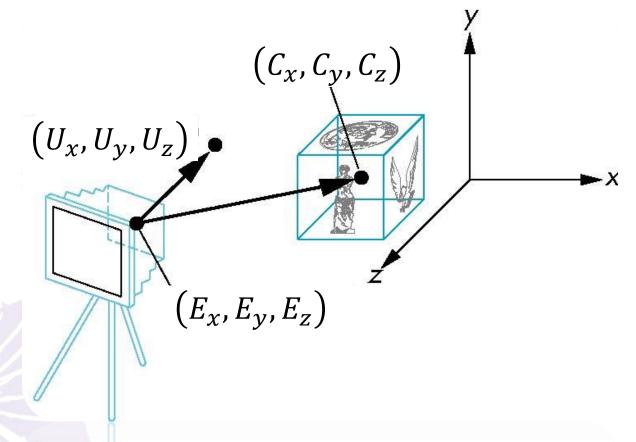
$$M_{rot} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - (2Y^2 + 2Z^2) & 2XY - 2ZW & 2XZ + 2YW & 0 \\ 2XY + 2ZW & 1 - (2X^2 + 2Z^2) & 2YZ - 2XW & 0 \\ 2XZ - 2YW & 2YZ + 2XW & 1 - (2X^2 + 2Y^2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta + R_x^2 C & R_x R_y C - R_z \sin \theta & R_x R_z C + R_y \sin \theta & 0 \\ R_x R_y C + R_z \sin \theta & \cos \theta + R_y^2 C & R_y R_z C - R_x \sin \theta & 0 \\ R_x R_z C - R_y \sin \theta & R_y R_z C + R_x \sin \theta & \cos \theta + R_z^2 C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# **Viewing Matrix**

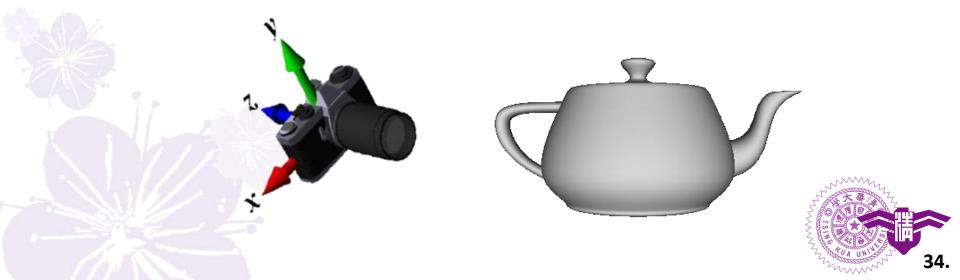
 A viewing matrix is used to set camera position and direction in world space





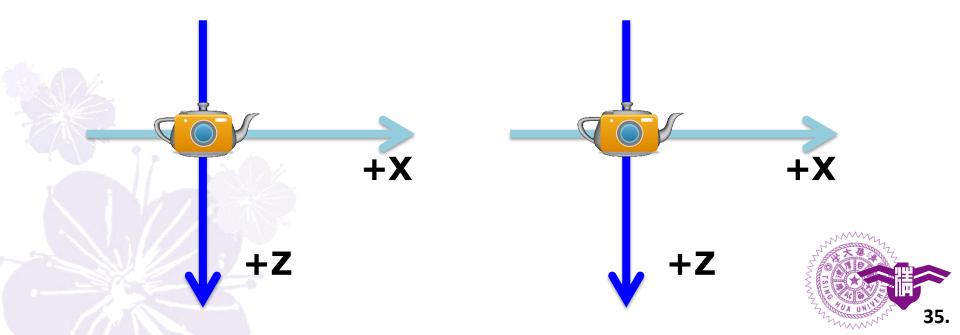
# **Viewing Matrix**

- Position the camera/eye in the world.
  - Setup the configuration of tripod and camera.
- To "fly through" in the 3D world.
  - change viewing transformation and redraw scene



# Viewing v.s. Modeling

- Move the camera in the positive z direction.
  - Translate the camera coordinate frame.
- Move the objects in the negative z direction.
  - Translate the world coordinate frame.



## **Viewing Matrix**

- $M_{viewing} = M_{rotation} * M_{translation}$
- Given camera position E, eye look at position  $\mathcal{C}$  and up direction  $\mathcal{U}$
- 1. Move the origin to camera position
- 2. Then rotate camera's *forward direction to -z* axis and camera up direction to +y axis



# **Viewing Matrix**

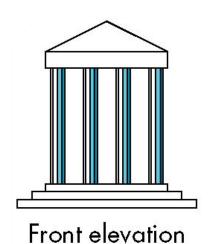
- Forward direction F = normalize(C E)
- Side direction S = normalize(cross(F, U))
- U' = normalize(cross(S, F))

$$M_{viewing} = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & S_y & S_z & 0 \\ U'_x & U'_y & U'_z & 0 \\ B_{F_x} & B_{F_y} & B_{F_z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -P_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -P_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -P_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

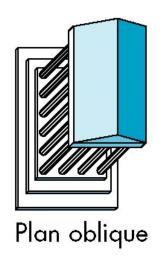
(S, U, F) is, in fact, a left-handed coordinate system, so it must be converted to right-handed. This conversion also conveniently map forward to -z axis

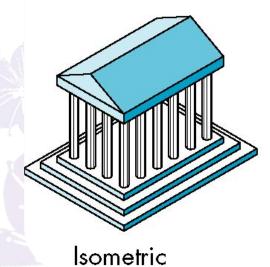


# **Classical Projections**



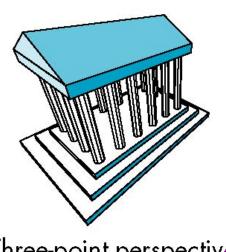






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One-point perspective

Three-point perspectives 38.

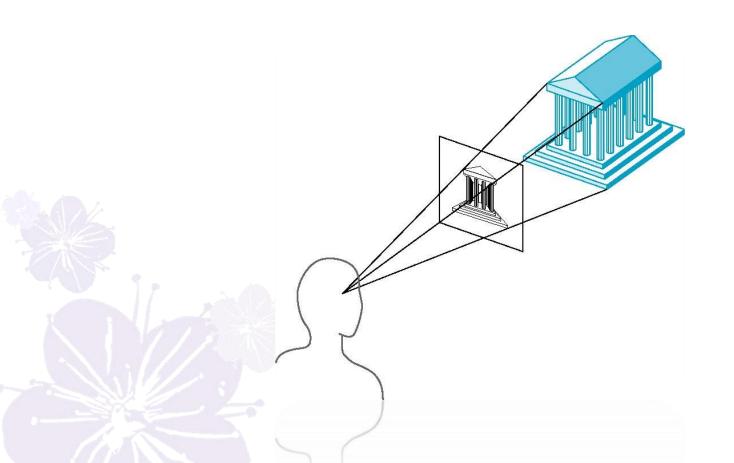
### **Projection Matrix**

- A projection matrix is used to create a projection of the 3D scene to a 2D plane
- Like camera lenses
- It also converts points from right-handed coordinate (RHC) to left-handed coordinate (LHC) in OpenGL
- Perspective and orthographic



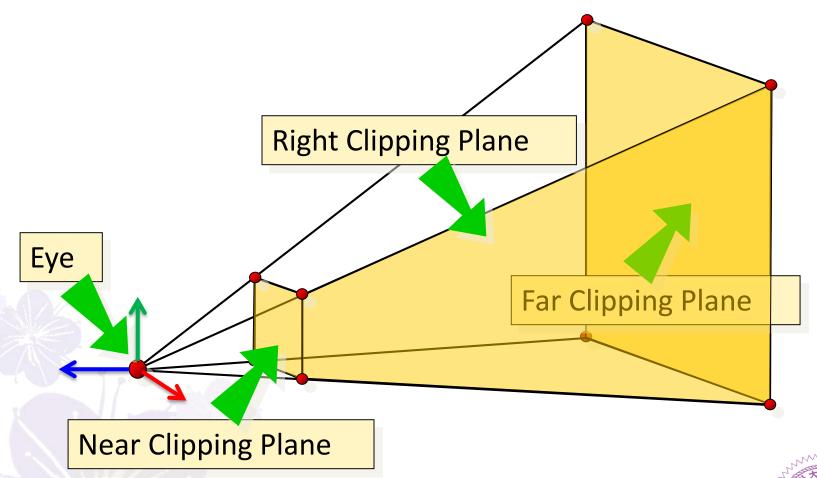
# **Perspective Projection**

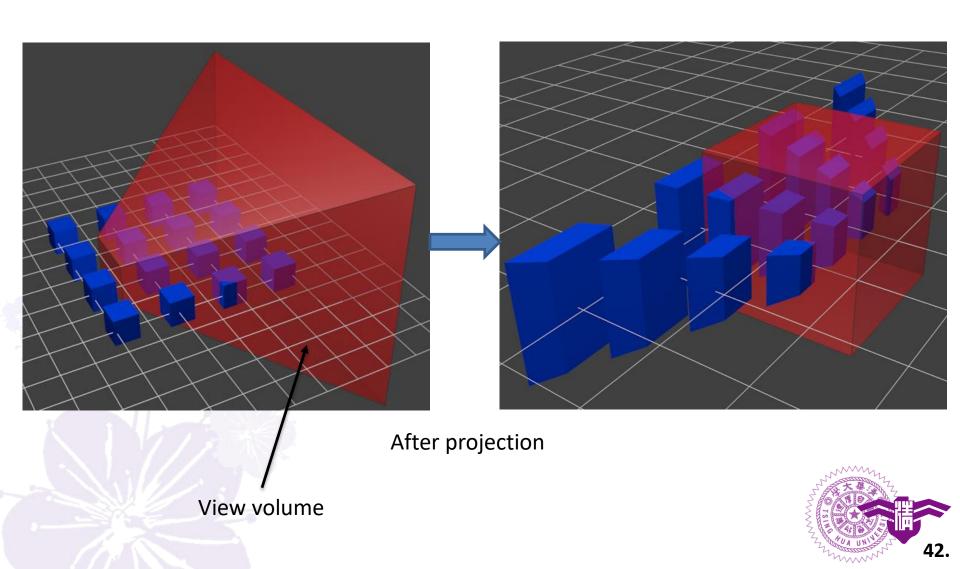
Projectors converge at the center of projection



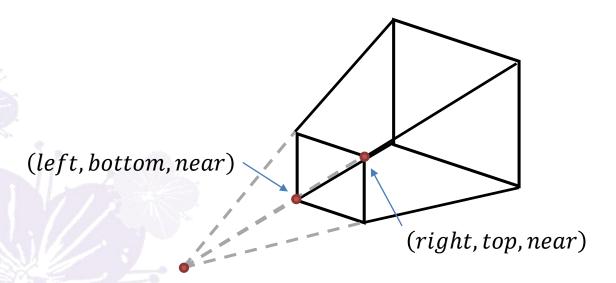


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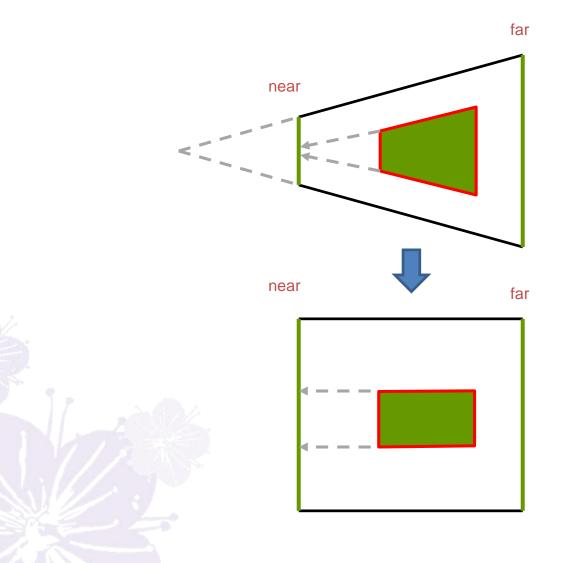




- Define a perspective projection view volume with a *frustum*
- A frustum is defined by six parameters, (left, right, bottom, top, near, far)









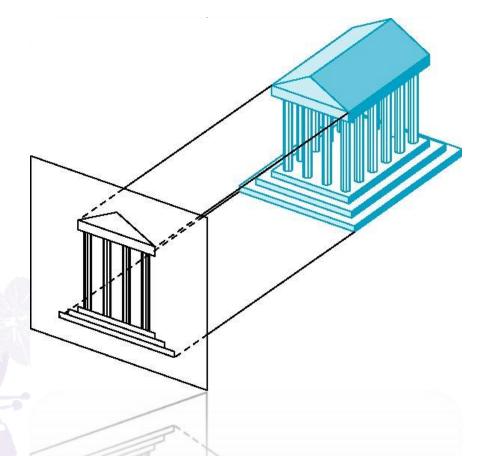
Remember RHC/LHC conversion

$$M_{perspective} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2n}{r-l} & 0 & \frac{r+l}{r-l} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2n}{t-b} & \frac{t+b}{t-b} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{f+n}{f-n} & -\frac{2fn}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{LHC/RHC conversion}$$

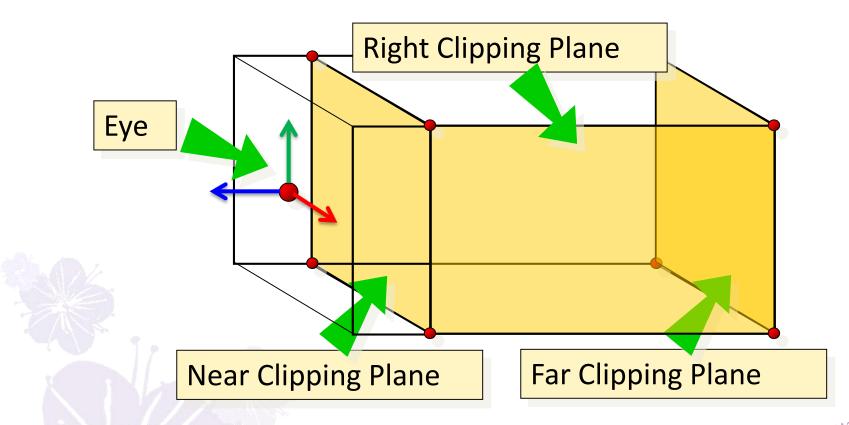
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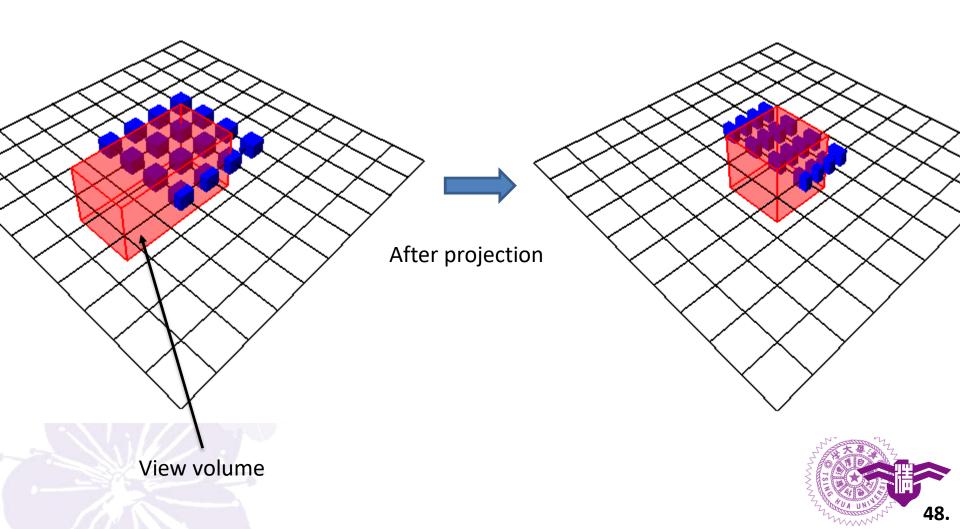
 Projectors are orthogonal to the projection surface



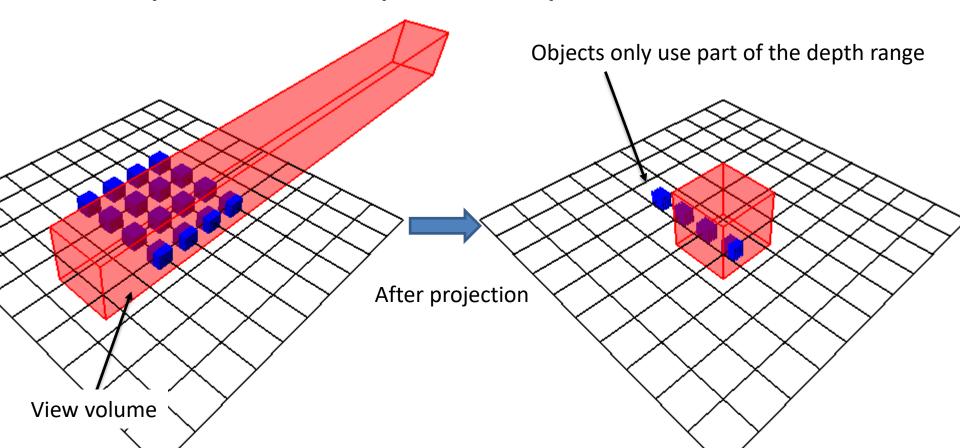


# **Orthographic Projection**





 Use appropriate depth range, or depth buffer may suffer from precision problems



- $M_{orthographic} = M_{scaling} * M_{translation}$
- 1. Move the center of a *view volume* defined by left, right, bottom, top, near and far boundaries to origin (0,0,0)
- 2. Then scale the volume into *Normalized Device Coordinate* (NDC)
  - ([-1,1], [-1,1], [-1,1])
- 3. Don't forget to do RHC/LHC conversion!



- glOrtho(left, right, bottom, top, near, far)
- Center = [(right, top, far) + (left, bottom, near)]/2
- Size = (right, top, far) Center

$$M_{ortho} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{S_x} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{S_y} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{S_z} & 0 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -C_x\\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -C_y\\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -C_z\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
RHC/LHC conversion

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$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{S_x} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{C_x}{S_x} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{S_y} & 0 & -\frac{C_y}{S_y} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{S_z} & -\frac{C_z}{S_z} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-2}{f-n} & -\frac{f+n}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



#### **Matrix Inverse**

- Although the inverse of matrices can be computed using general methods:
  - Gaussian elimination, or LU decomposition
- We can exploit simple geometric observations:
  - Translation:  $T^{-1}(dx, dy, dz) = T(-dx, -dy, -dz)$
  - Rotation:  $R^{-1}(q) = R(-q)$ 
    - Holds for any rotation matrix
    - Note that cos(-q) = cos(q) and sin(-q)=-sin(q)
    - $R^{-1}(q) = R^{T}(q)$
  - Scaling:  $S^{-1}$  (sx, sy, sz) = S(1/sx, 1/sy, 1/sz)



#### **Matrix Concatenation**

- We can form arbitrary affine transformation matrices by multiplying the rotation, translation, and scaling matrices
- Because the same transformation is applied to many vertices, the cost of computing a matrix  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{ABCD}$  is much lower than the cost of computing  $\mathbf{p'} = \mathbf{Mp}$
- The difficult part is how to form a desired transformation from the specifications in the application



#### **Order of Transformations**

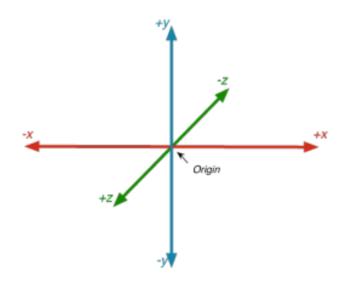
- The matrix on the right-hand-side is applied to vertex first
- Mathematically, the following are equivalent:

$$\mathbf{p'} = \mathbf{ABCp} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{Cp}))$$

 Many references use column matrices to represent points. In terms of column matrices

$$\mathbf{p}^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{p}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{T}}$$





### **COORDINATE SPACES**



# **Coordinate Spaces**

"I understand how the engines work now. It came to me in a dream. The engines don't move the ship at all. The ship stays where it is and the engines move the universe around it."

「現在我明白那引擎怎麼運作了。這個想法在我 的夢中浮現。引擎完全沒有移動太空船。太空船 待在同一個地方,而引擎移動了環繞它的宇宙。」

- Futurama《飛出個未來》

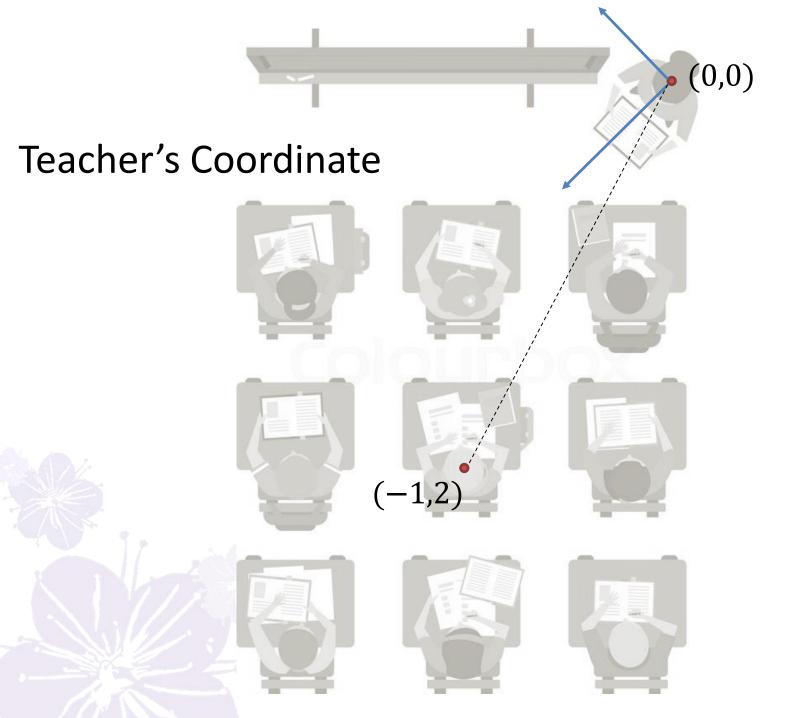




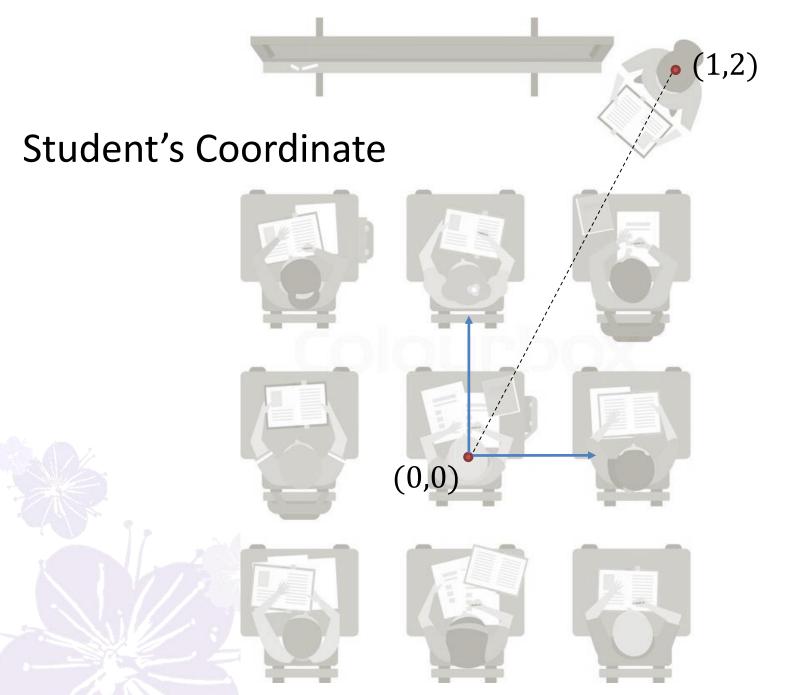
#### The Classroom Analogy



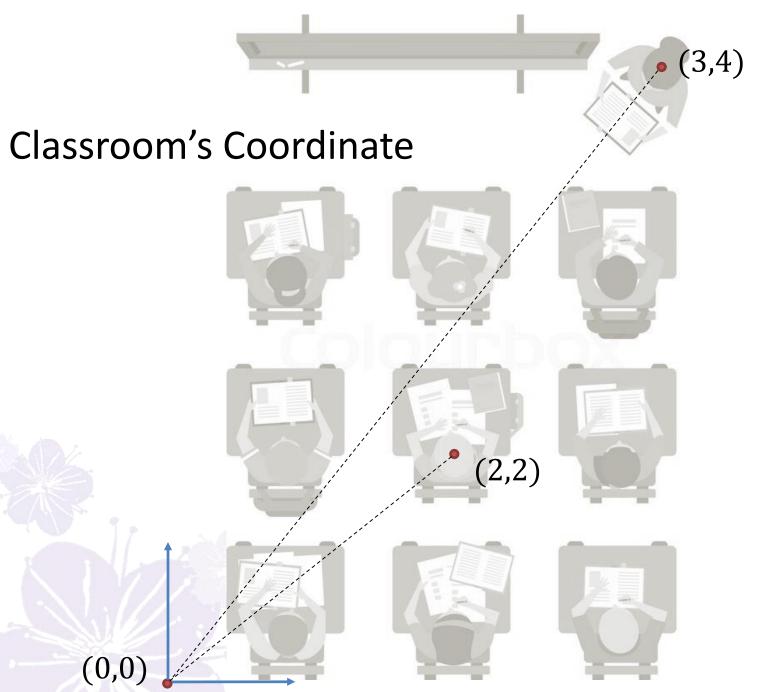




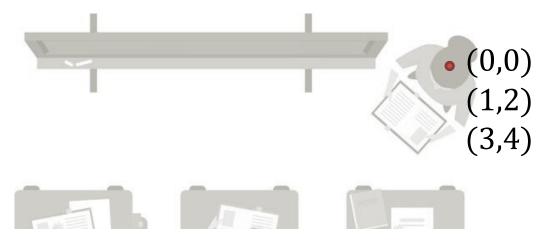








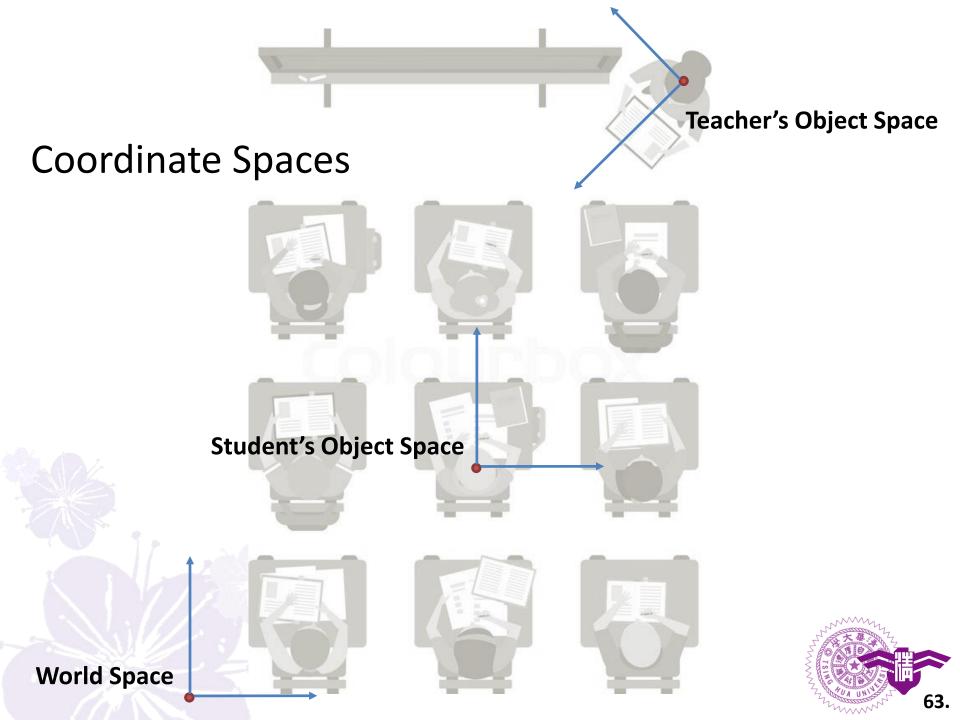




Both teacher and student can be represented by many different coordinates, But it is always the same classroom









 $\begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{30} & a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Teacher's Object Space** 

 $\begin{bmatrix} b_{00} & b_{01} & b_{02} & b_{03} \\ b_{10} & b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{20} & b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{30} & b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ 

Student's Object Space

Coordinate space conversions can be expressed by matrix transformations

**World Space** 



## **Coordinate Spaces**

- Why do we care about coordinate spaces?
- OpenGL is, ultimately, an API that draws pixels on the screen
- How to express "I want to draw a triangle?"
- To make this problem scalable and easy to human, we break down (divide-and-conquer) the process and model it as a series of space transformation



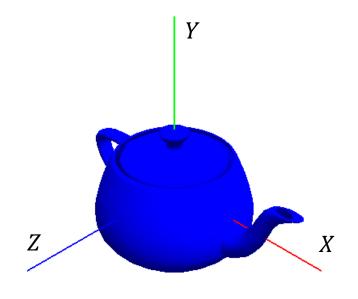
# **Coordinate Spaces**

Coordinate Space	Туре
Object space	Right-handed coordinate
↓ Model matrix	
World space	Right-handed coordinate
↓ View matrix	
Eye space	Right-handed coordinate
↓ Projection matrix	
Clip space	Left-handed coordinate
↓ Perspective division	
Normalized device space	Left-handed coordinate
↓ Viewport transformation	
Screen space	Left-handed coordinate



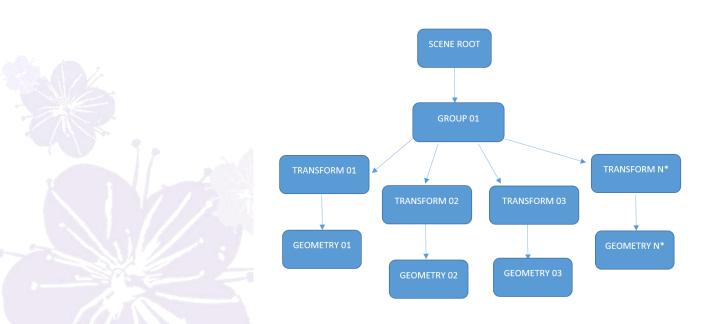
## **Object Space**

- Also called model space
- Raw input points. The position is relative to a local origin. Positions are supposed to be in right-handed coordinate
- Your input model may be in left-handed coordinate. If so, you need to convert it



## **Object Space -> World Space**

- Apply transformations (translation, scaling and rotation) to each different object space
- This is often modeled as a graph or a tree, and referred to as a scene graph

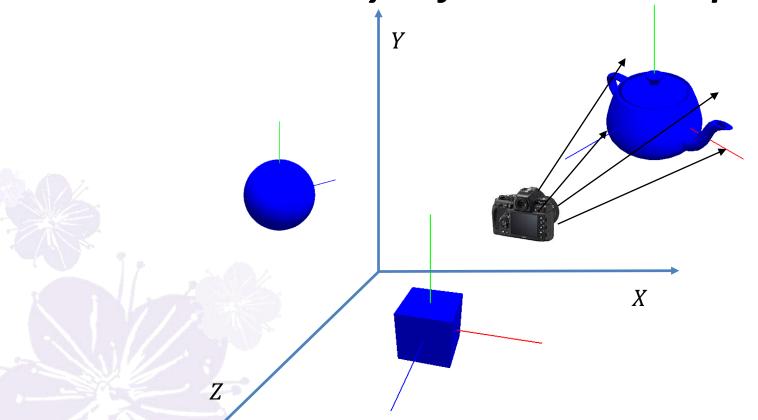




### **World Space**

Points from different object spaces

Camera is usually defined in world space





# World Space -> Eye Space

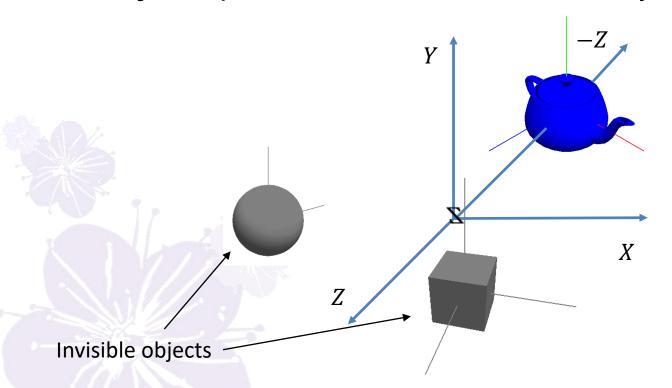
Use viewing matrix

$$M_{viewing} = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & U'_x & -F_x & 0 \\ S_y & U'_y & -F_y & 0 \\ S_z & U'_z & -F_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -P_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -P_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -P_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## **Eye Space**

- Also called camera space or view space
- Everything in front of camera (or all visible objects) is moved to -z axis in eye space





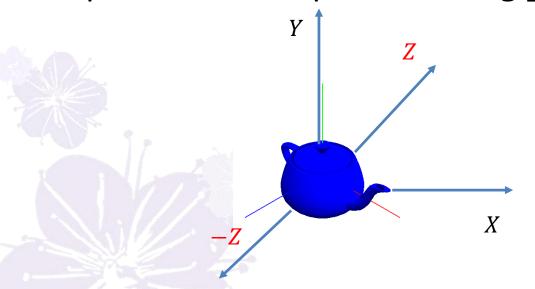
### **Eye Space -> Clip Space**

- Use projection matrices
  - Perspective or orthographic

Orthographic Perspective  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-2}{f-n} & -\frac{f+n}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2n}{r-l} & 0 & \frac{r+l}{r-l} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2n}{t-b} & \frac{t+b}{t-b} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{f+n}{f-n} & -\frac{2fn}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

# Clip Space

- After projection transformation, it is left-handed coordinate and the center of the view volume is moved to origin
- In vertex shaders, you assign a clip space point to the predefined output variable gl\_Position



The shape (spaceship) is not changed; But the coordinate system (universe) around it is changed



# Clip Space -> NDC

- OpenGL will automatically and forcibly perform *perspective division* to transform points to normalized device space
- Perspective division is, actually, very simple:

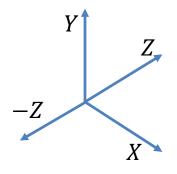
$$(x, y, z, w) = \left(\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w}, \frac{w}{w}\right) = \left(\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w}, 1\right)$$

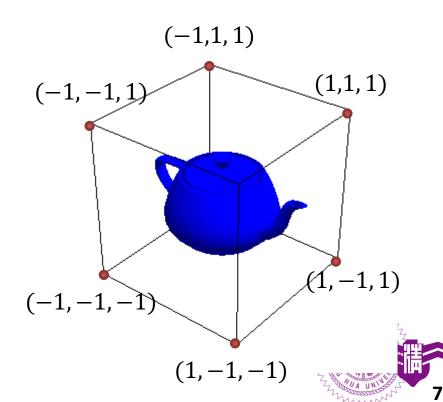
• What happens if w = 0? OpenGL treats it as  $(\infty, \infty, \infty, \infty, 0)$ , which is out of visible range



# **Normalized Device Space**

- Everything visible in the final output is inside the cube  $\{(x,y,z)|x,y,z=[-1,1]\}$
- The near plane in the view volume is now z = -1, and the
  far plane is z = 1



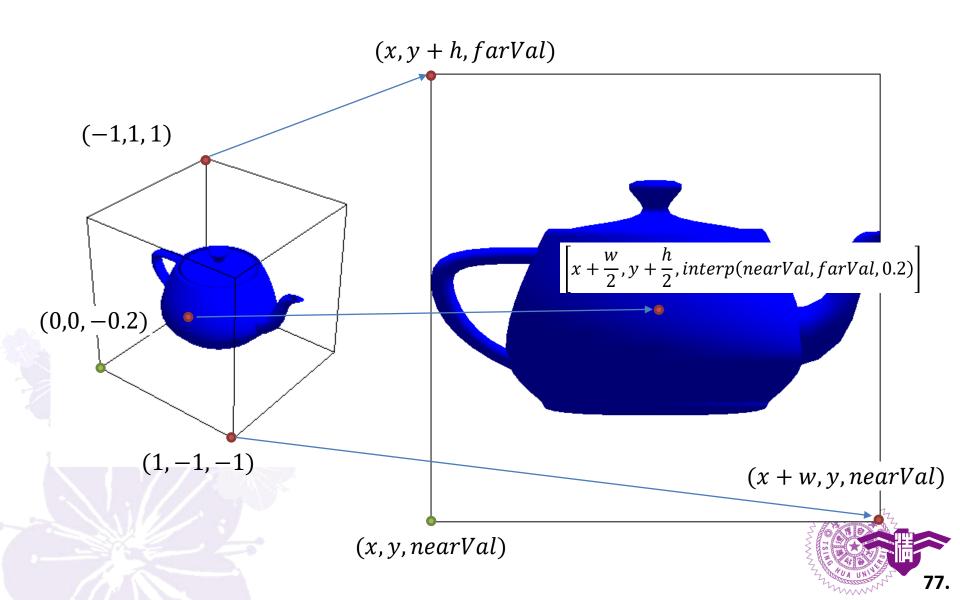


### NDC -> Screen Space

- Viewport transformation
- The viewport transformation is determined by the parameters set by glViewport(x, y, w, h) and glDepthRange(nearVal, farVal)
- glViewport(x, y, w, h) is used to map x, y value of vertices
- glDepthRange(nearVal, farVal) is used to map z value of vertices



## NDC -> Screen Space



#### **Screen Space**

- Each point is transformed into its actual pixel position in the window with a depth value
- The final pixel position (x, y) is in the rectangle area defined by the glViewport(x, y, w, h) call
- The final pixel depth is in the range [0,1]





# **Coordinate Spaces**

Coordinate Space	Туре
Object space	Right-handed coordinate
↓ Model matrix	
World space	Right-handed coordinate
↓ View matrix	
Eye space	Right-handed coordinate
↓ Projection matrix	
Clip space	Left-handed coordinate
↓ Perspective division	
Normalized device space	Left-handed coordinate
↓ Viewport transformation	
Screen space	Left-handed coordinate

Performed in main programor programmable shader by the user

Performed automatically (and forcibly) by OpenGL



#### **Matrix Transformation**

- So, after all, how do I program these coordinate space blah blah blah...?
- V' = Projection \* Viewing \* Modeling \* V

main.cpp

```
mat4 model;
mat4 view;
mat4 proj;
...
mat4 mvp = proj * view * model;
glUniformMatrix4fv(0, 1, GL_FALSE, &mvp[0][0]);
```

vert.glsl

```
mat4 um4mvp;
in vec4 vertex;
void main()
{
    gl_Position = um4mvp * vertex;
}
```



## Questions You Might Ask...

- Q1: Why do we put objects to -z axis in eye space? Isn't +z axis good?
- Answer: In fact, -z axis of RHC is +z axis in LHC. Visible objects are always on +z axis in LHC. It is just a *convention* to use RHC for model, world and eye space, and LHC for clip, NDC and screen space. You don't need to follow this convention



## **Questions You Might Ask...**

- Q2: Some code I found is not the same as this slide! The viewing matrix and the projection matrix are different! Who is right?
- Answer: As mentioned in Q1, some people decided to use LHC for all the coordinates (In fact, Direct X does so). They put visible objects on +z axis and don't do RHC/LHC conversion in projection matrix. As long as your coordinate system ends up in LHC, the result will be the same

## Questions You Might Ask...

- Q3: Why do OpenGL use z = [-1,1] in NDC? The final visible z value is in range [0,1] anyway? Why not just use z = [0,1] in NDC?
- Answer: The NDC is a normalized representation such that each component is in range [-1,1]. A z=[0,1] range means that we will have a *rectangle* NDC, which is more complicated

