Computer Viewing

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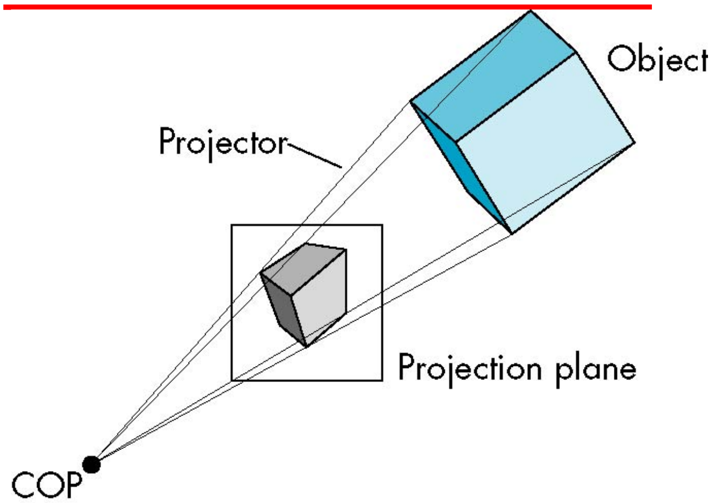
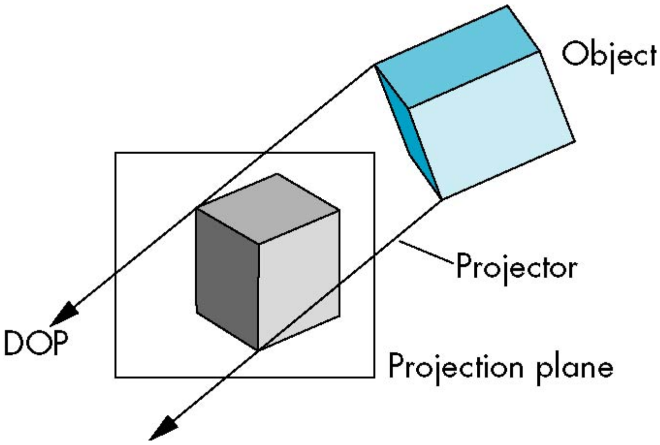
Perspective Projection

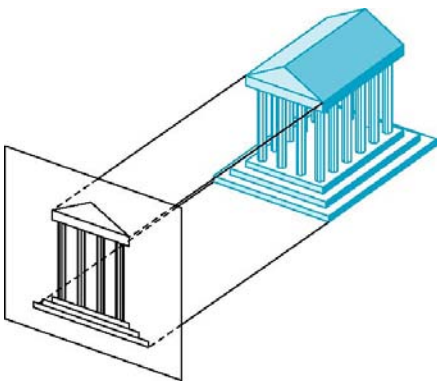


Parallel Projection



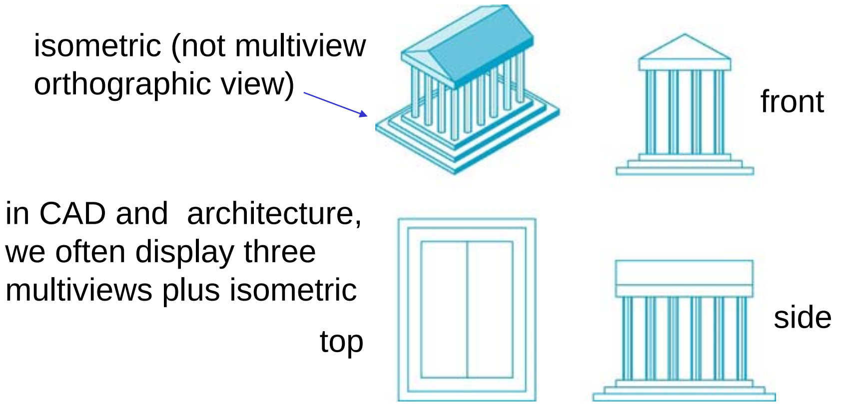
Orthographic Projection

Projectors are orthogonal to projection surface



Multiview Orthographic Projection

- Projection plane parallel to principal face
- Usually form front, top, side views

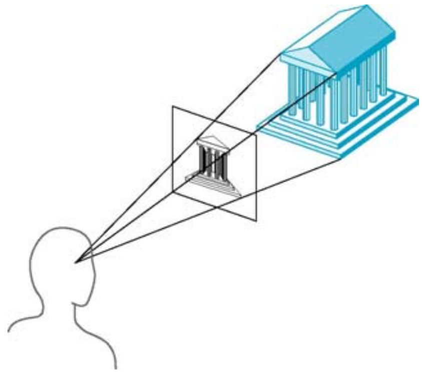


Advantages and Disadvantages

- Preserves both distances and angles
  - Shapes preserved
  - Can be used for measurements
    - Building plans
    - Manuals
- Cannot see what object really looks like because many surfaces hidden from view
  - Often we add the isometric

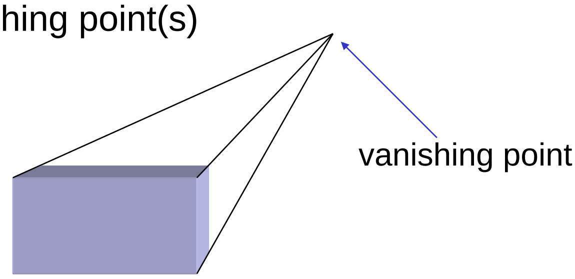
Perspective Projection

Projectors converge at center of projection



Vanishing Points

- Parallel lines (not parallel to the projection plan) on the object converge at a single point in the projection (the *vanishing point*)
- Drawing simple perspectives by hand uses these vanishing point(s)



One-Point Perspective

- One principal face parallel to projection plane
- One vanishing point for cube

Advantages and Disadvantages

- Objects further from viewer are projected smaller than the same sized objects closer to the viewer (*diminution*)
  - Looks realistic
- Equal distances along a line are not projected into equal distances (*nonuniform foreshortening*)
- Angles preserved only in planes parallel to the projection plane
- More difficult to construct by hand than parallel projections (but not more difficult by computer)

Computer Viewing

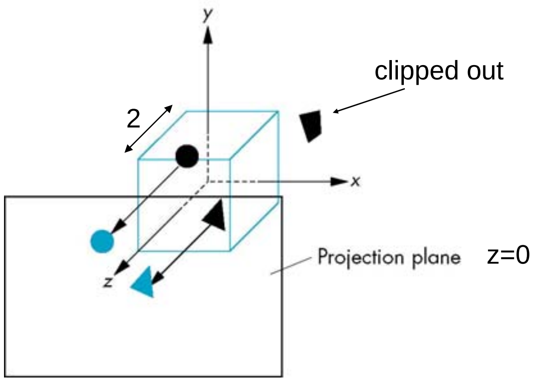
- There are three aspects of the viewing process, all of which are implemented in the pipeline,
  - Positioning the camera
    - Setting the model-view matrix
  - Selecting a lens
    - Setting the projection matrix
  - Clipping
    - Setting the view volume

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

Default Projection

Default projection is orthogonal



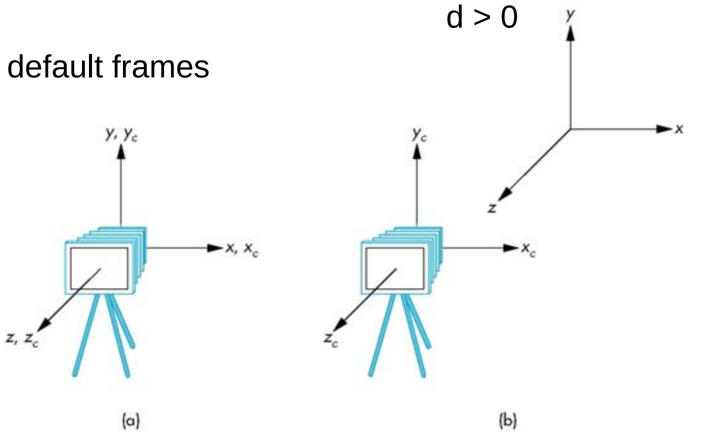
Moving the Camera Frame

- 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 model-view matrix
  - Want a translation (`glTranslatef(0.0,0.0,-d);`)
  - `-d > 0`

Moving Camera back from Origin

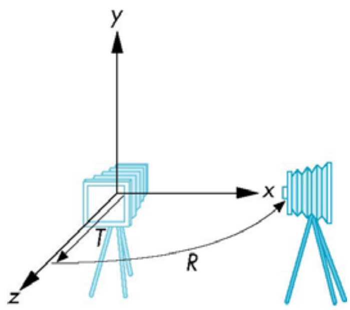
frames after translation by –d
d > 0

default frames



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 camera away from origin
  - Model-view matrix C = TR



OpenGL code

- Remember that last transformation specified is first to be applied

```
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW)
glLoadIdentity();
glTranslatef(0.0, 0.0, -d);
glRotatef(90.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
```


Projections and Normalization

- The default projection in the eye (camera) frame is orthogonal
- For points within the default view volume

$$x_p = x$$
$$y_p = y$$
$$z_p = 0$$

- Most graphics systems use *view normalization*
  - All other views are converted to the default view by transformations that determine the projection matrix
  - Allows use of the same pipeline for all views

Homogeneous Coordinate Representation

default orthographic projection

$x_p = x$
$y_p = y$
$z_p = 0$
$w_p = 1$

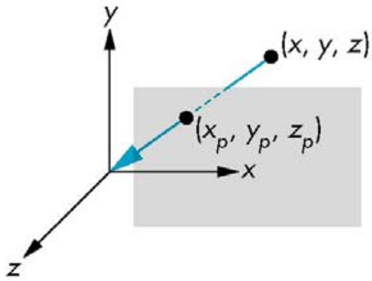
$$\mathbf{p}_p = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}$$

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

In practice, we can let $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$ and set the z term to zero later

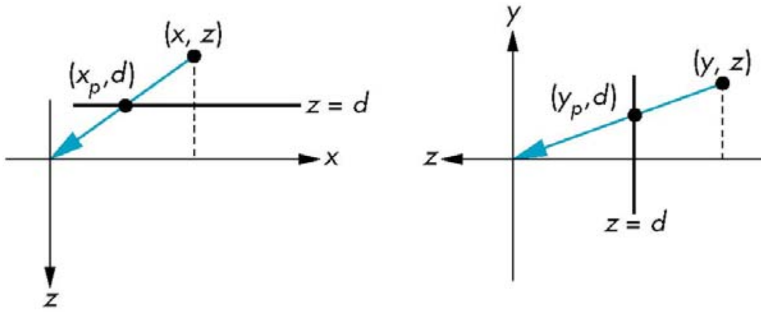
Simple Perspective

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



Perspective Equations

Consider top and side views



$$x_p = \frac{x}{z/d} \qquad y_p = \frac{y}{z/d} \qquad z_p = d$$

Homogeneous Coordinate Form

consider $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}$ where $\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ z/d \end{bmatrix}$$

Perspective Division

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

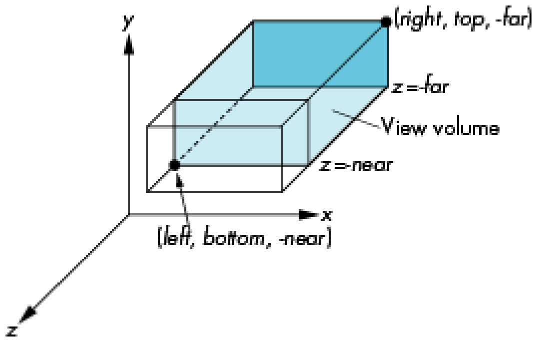
$$x_p = \frac{x}{z/d} \qquad y_p = \frac{y}{z/d} \qquad z_p = d$$

the desired perspective equations

- We will consider the corresponding clipping volume with the OpenGL functions

OpenGL Orthogonal Viewing

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



`near` and **`far`** measured <u>from</u> camera

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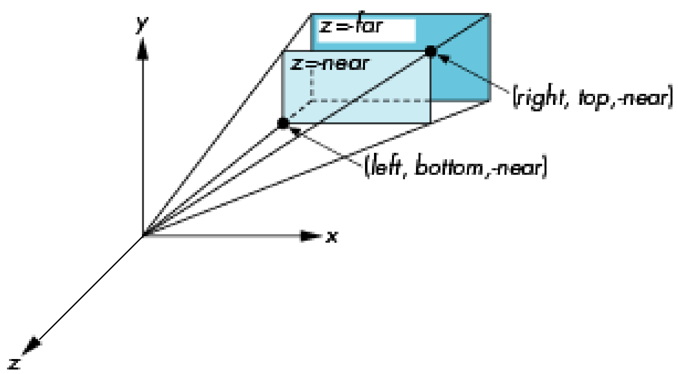
OpenGL Perspective

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



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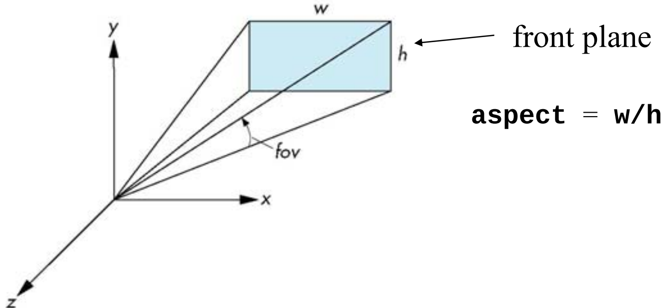
Using Field of View

- With **`glFrustum`** it is often difficult to get the desired view
- **`gluPerpective(fovy, aspect, near, far)`** often provides a better interface



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Projection Matrices

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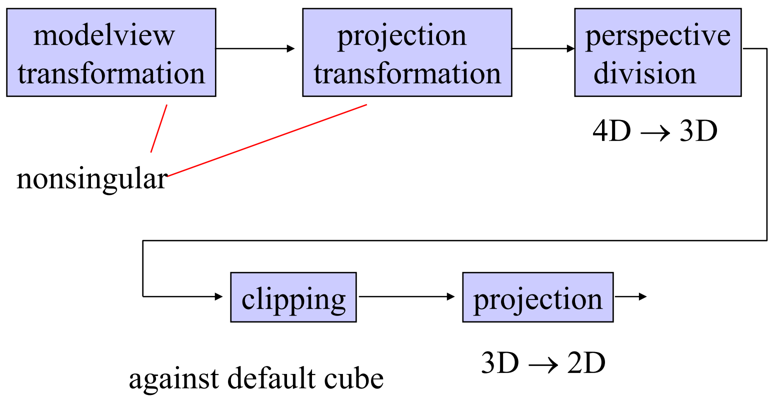
Normalization

- 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

Pipeline View



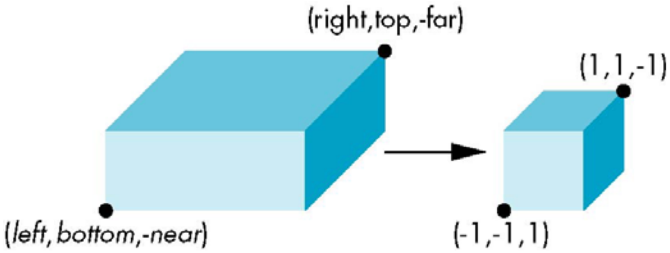
Notes

- We stay in four-dimensional homogeneous coordinates through both the modelview and projection transformations
  - Both these transformations are nonsingular
  - Default to identity matrices (orthogonal view)
- Normalization lets us clip against 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

Orthogonal Normalization

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

normalization ⇒ find transformation to convert specified clipping volume to default



Orthogonal Matrix

- Two steps
  - Move center to origin

    T(-(left+right)/2, -(bottom+top)/2,(near+far)/2))
  - Scale to have sides of length 2

    S(2/(left-right),2/(top-bottom),2/(near-far))

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{ST} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{right-left} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{right-left}{right-left} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{top-bottom} & 0 & -\frac{top+bottom}{top-bottom} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{near-far} & \frac{far+near}{far-near} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Final Projection

- Set $z = 0$
- Equivalent to the homogeneous coordinate transformation

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

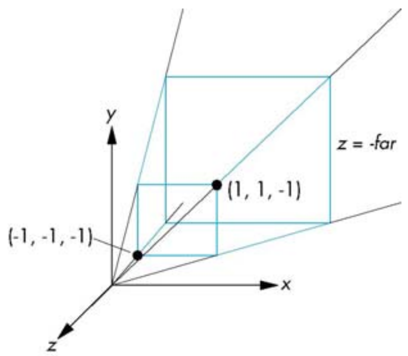
- Hence, general orthogonal projection in 4D is

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}}\mathbf{ST}$$

Simple Perspective

Consider a simple perspective with the COP at the origin, the near clipping plane at z = -1, and a 90 degree field of view determined by the planes

$x = \pm z,\ y = \pm z$



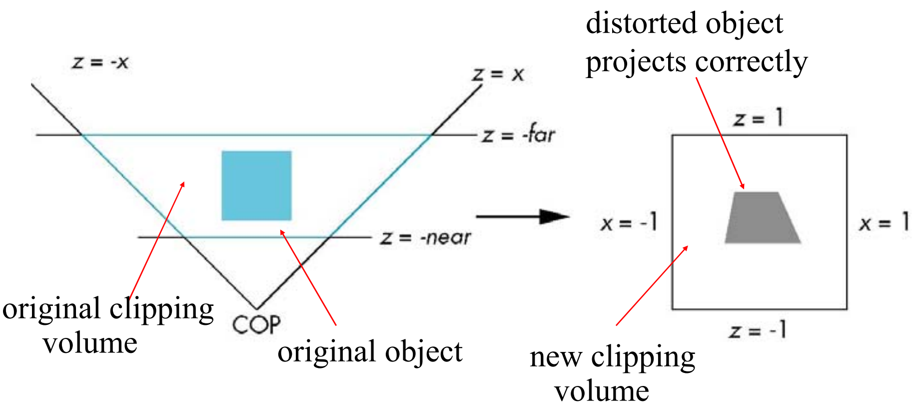
Perspective Matrices

Simple projection matrix in homogeneous coordinates

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

Note that this matrix is independent of the far clipping plane

Normalization Transformation



Generalization

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$x'' = -x/z$
$y'' = -y/z$
$z'' = -(\alpha+\beta/z)$

which projects orthogonally to the desired point regardless of α and β (both nonzero)

Picking α and β

If we pick

$$\alpha = \frac{\text{near} + \text{far}}{\text{far} - \text{near}}$$

$$\beta = \frac{2\text{near} * \text{far}}{\text{near} - \text{far}}$$

the near plane is mapped to $z = -1$
the far plane is mapped to $z = 1$
and the sides are mapped to $x = \pm 1$, $y = \pm 1$

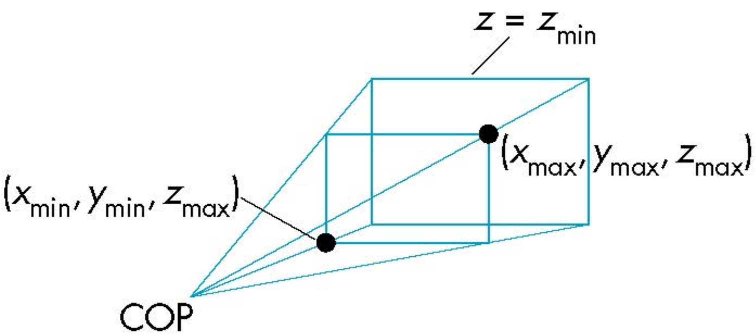
Hence the new clipping volume is the default clipping volume

Normalization and Hidden-Surface Removal

- Although our selection of the form of the perspective matrices may appear somewhat arbitrary, it was chosen so that if $z_1 > z_2$ in the original clipping volume then the same holds for the transformed points: $z_1'' > z_2''$
- Thus hidden surface removal works if we first apply the normalization transformation
- However, the formula $z'' = -(\alpha+\beta/z)$ implies that the distances are distorted by the normalization which can cause numerical problems especially if the near distance is small (depth buffer usually 24 or 32 bits)

OpenGL Perspective

- `glFrustum` allows for an unsymmetric viewing frustum (although `gluPerspective` does not)



OpenGL Perspective Matrix

- The normalization in `glFrustum` requires an initial shear to form a right viewing pyramid, followed by a scaling to get the normalized perspective volume. Finally, the perspective matrix results in needing only a final orthogonal transformation

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{NSH}$$

our previously defined perspective matrix

shear and scale

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
- We simplify clipping