

Computer Graphics - Transformations in OpenGL

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Camera Analogy

- OpenGL coordinate system has different origin (lower-left corner) from the window system (upper-left corner)
- The transformation process to produce the desired scene for viewing is analogous to taking a photograph with a camera
- The steps with a camera (or a computer) might be the following:
 - Arrange the scene to be photographed into the desired composition (modelling transformation)
 - Set up your tripod and pointing the camera at the scene (viewing transformation).
 - Choose a camera lens or adjust the zoom (projection transformation)
 - Determine how large you want the final photograph to be (viewport transformation)

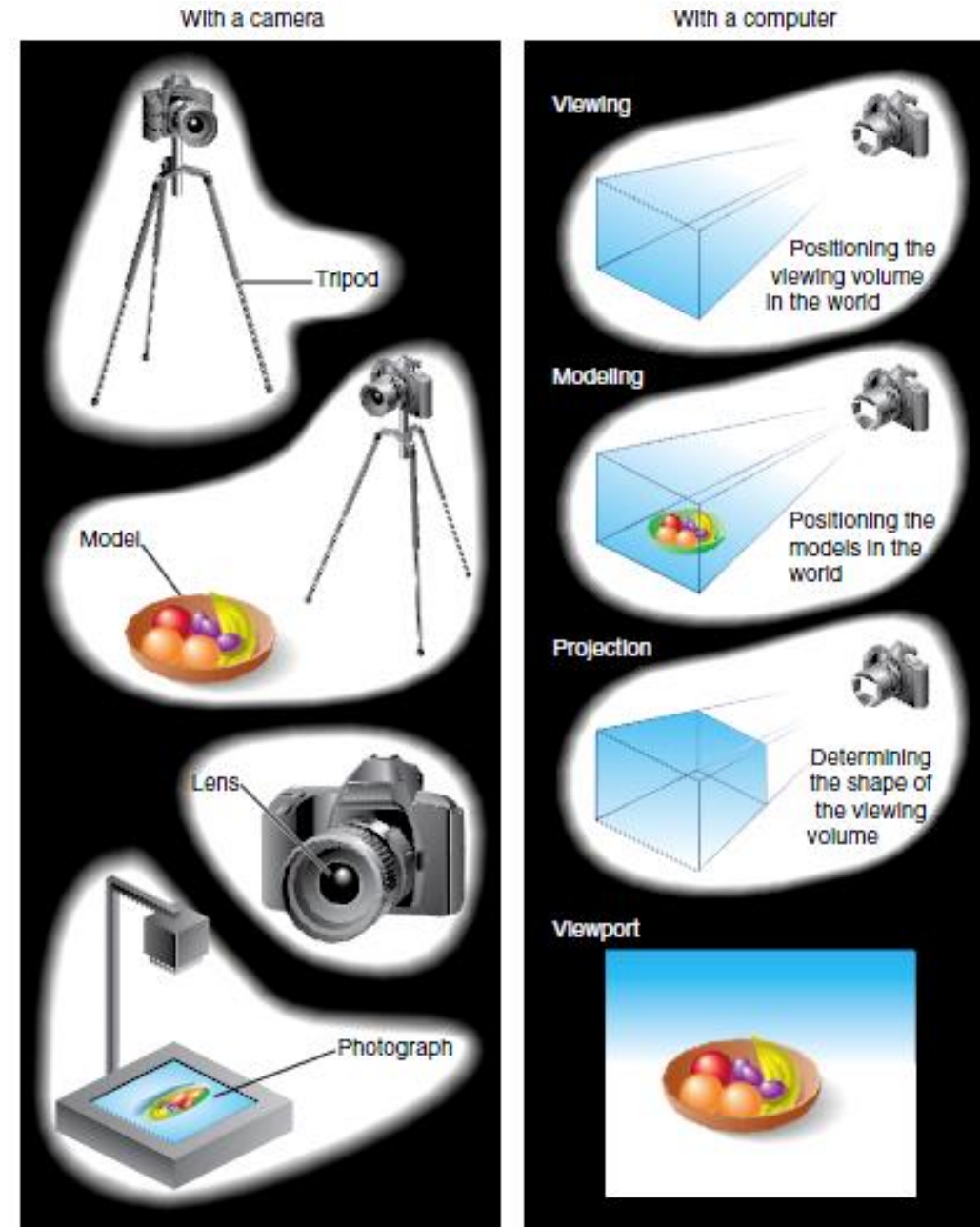
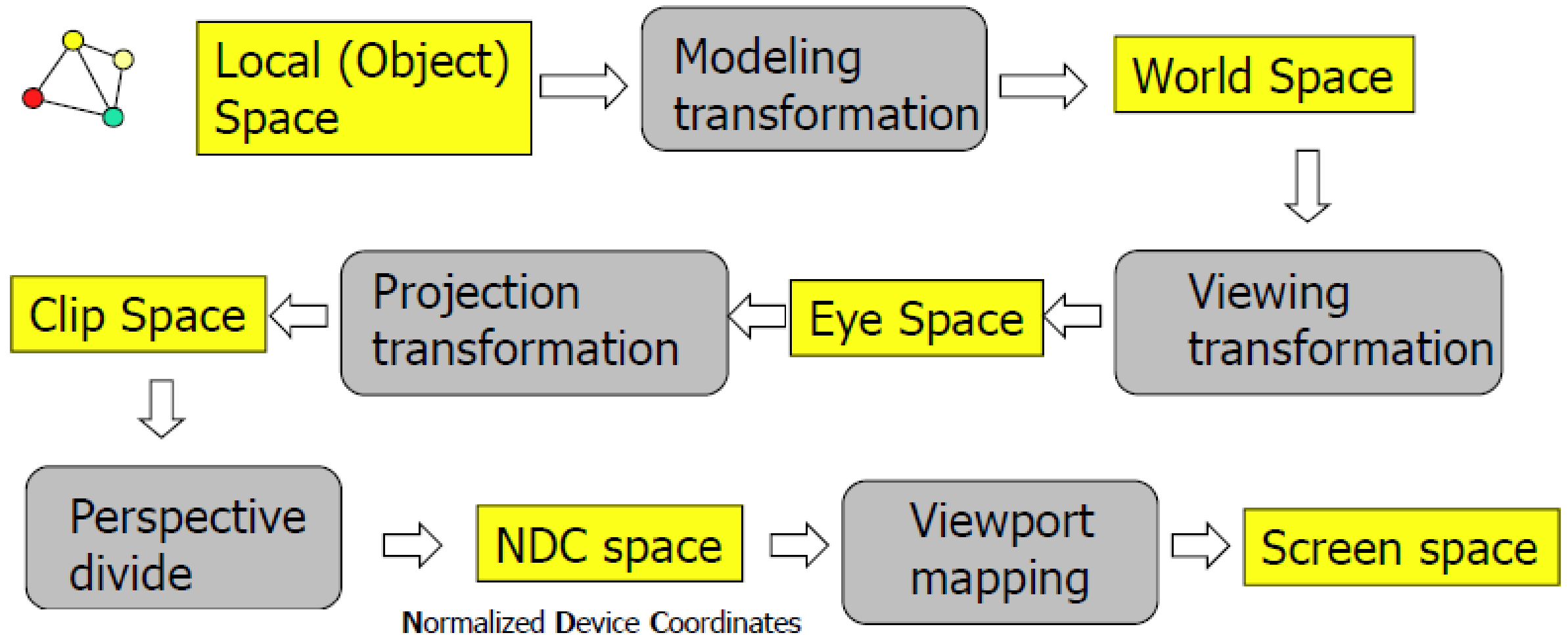


Figure 3-1 The Camera Analogy

Transformation Pipeline



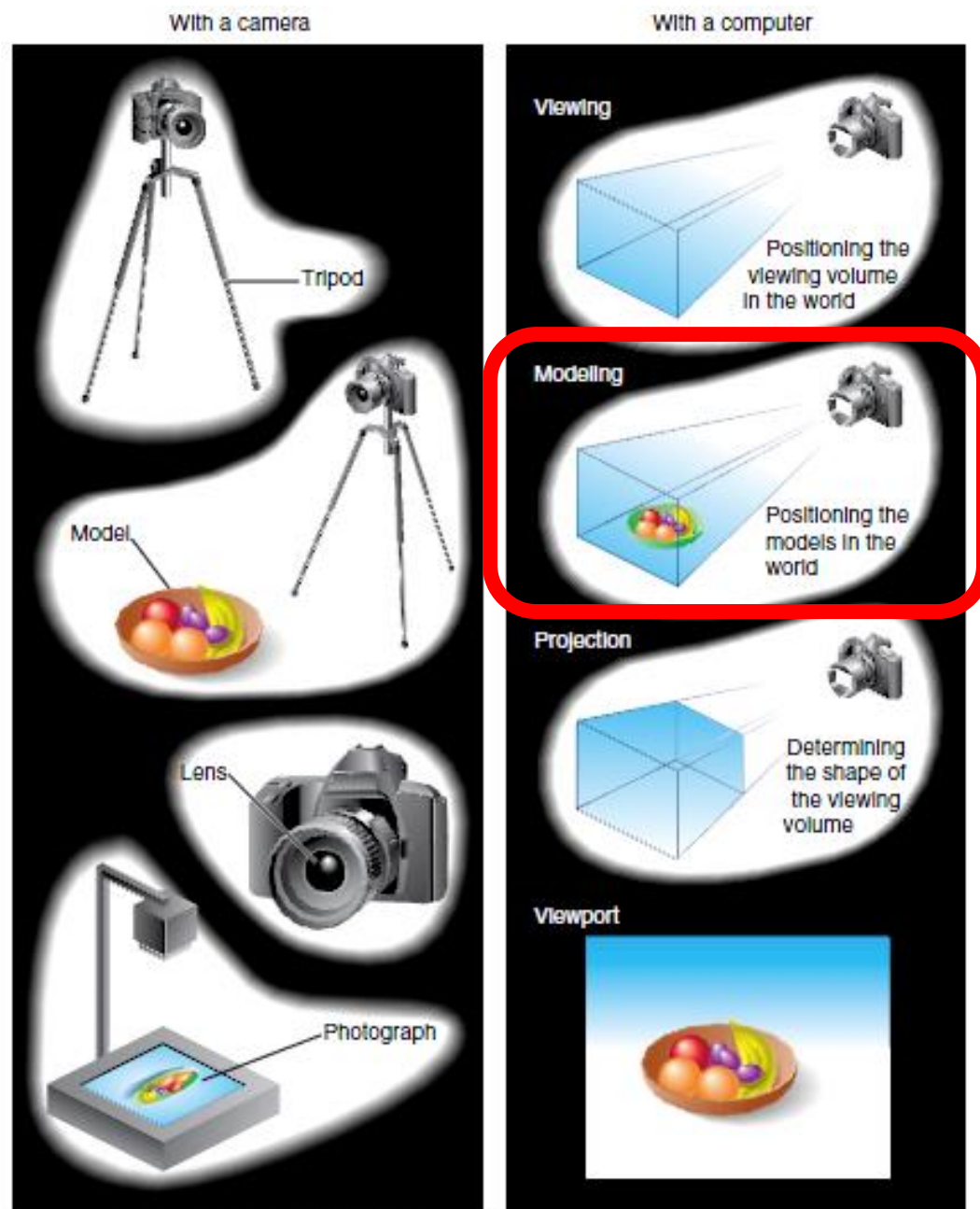
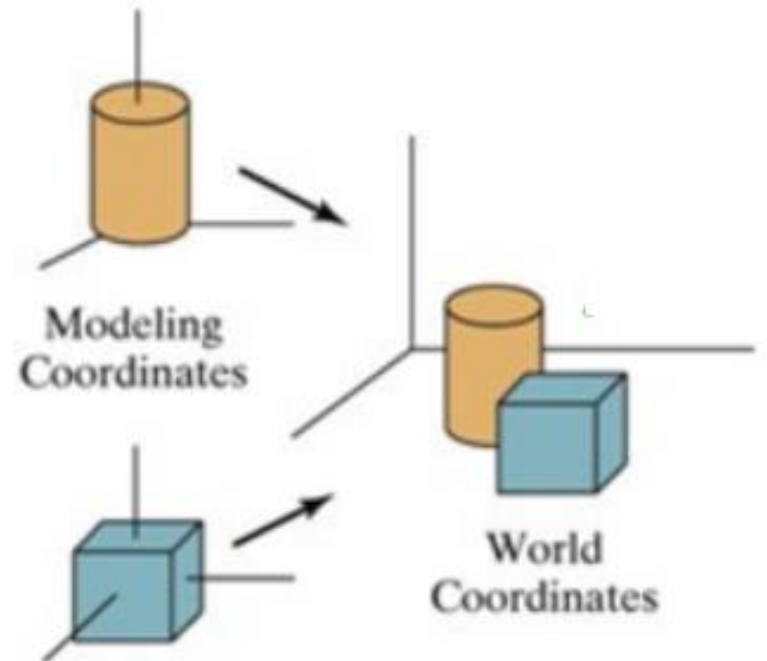


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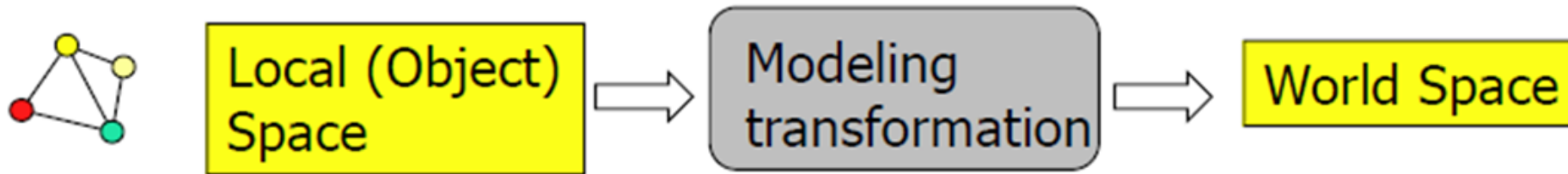
Local Coordinate System

- When you load a file containing a 3d object, its vertices stores coordinates in local CS.
- Assuming obj1, obj2 & obj3 are loaded.
 - Normally, their centers are the origins if they are actually created by code or hand.
 - Sometimes, their centers are not the origins of their local CS respectively if they are results of 3D scanning, etc.
 - Anyway, they are treated as local CS



World Coordinate System

- When the obj is just loaded, its local CS is used as WCS.
- To place multiple objs in your WCS, you need specify position, size, orientation of them
- Transformations need to be performed to position the object in WCS



- A modeling transformation is a sequence of translations, rotations, scalings (in arbitrary order) matrices multiplied together

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}' &= m_{11}\mathbf{x} + m_{12}\mathbf{y} + m_{13}\mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{y}' &= m_{21}\mathbf{x} + m_{22}\mathbf{y} + m_{23}\mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{z}' &= m_{31}\mathbf{x} + m_{32}\mathbf{y} + m_{33}\mathbf{z} \end{aligned} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & 0 \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & 0 \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Modeling transformation matrix

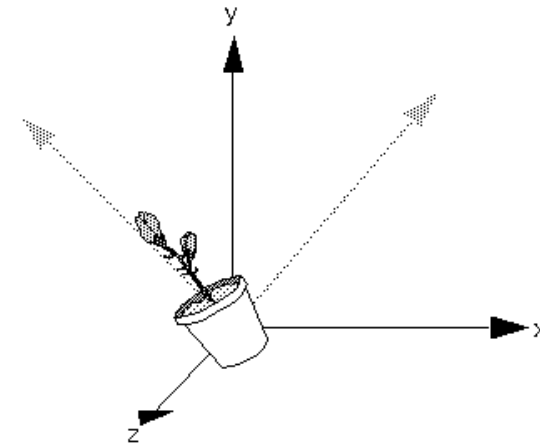
Modeling Transformations

- The three OpenGL routines for modeling transformations are:

- `glTranslate*()`,
- `glScale*()`
- `void glRotate{fd}(TYPE angle, TYPE x, TYPE y, TYPE z);`
- `glRotatef(45.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0)`

deprecated

- These routines **transform an object (or coordinate system**, if you're thinking of it that way) by moving, rotating, stretching, shrinking, or reflecting it
- All three commands are **equivalent** to producing an appropriate translation, rotation, or scaling **matrix**, and then calling `glMultMatrix*()` with that matrix as the argument
- OpenGL **automatically** computes the matrices for you

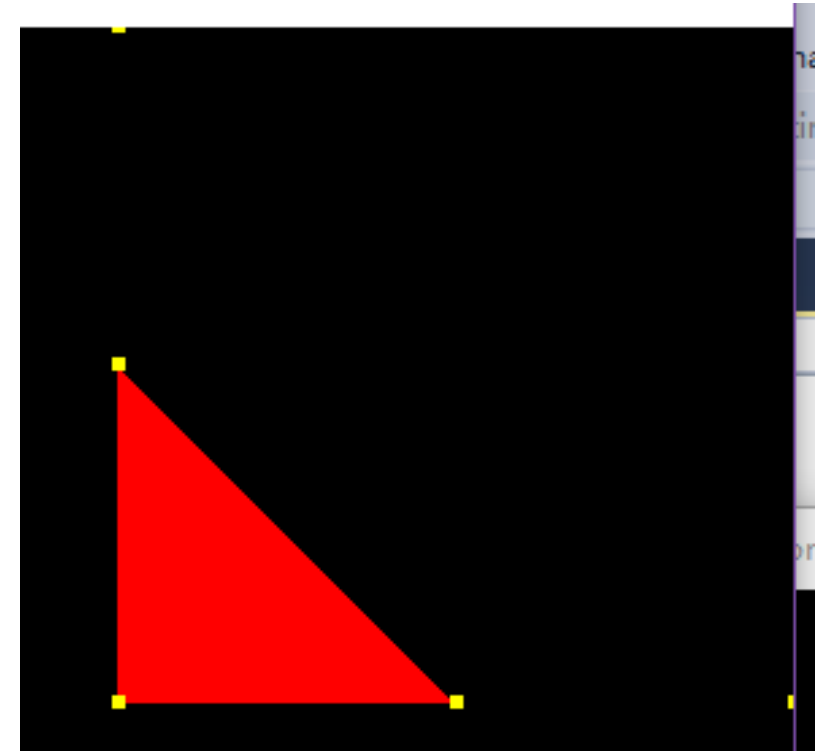


Modeling Transformations

- Each of these **postmultiplies** the *current matrix*
 - E.g., if current matrix is **C**, then **C=C*S**
- The current matrix is either the **modelview** matrix or the projection matrix (also a texture matrix, won't discuss)
 - Set these with `glMatrixMode()`, e.g.:
`glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);`
`glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);`
- **WARNING: common mistake ahead!**
 - Be sure that you are in **GL_MODELVIEW** mode before making modeling or viewing calls!
 - Ugly mistake because it can appear to work, at least for a while..., see https://sjbaker.org/steve/omniv/projection_abuse.html

Example for Modeling Transformation 1

```
void display() {  
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);  
    glColor4f(1,1,0,1); //glColor* have been deprecated in OpenGL 3  
  
    // draw triangle 1  
    glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES);  
    glColor4f(1.0,0.0,0.0,1.0);glVertex3f(0.0, 0.0, -10.0);  
    glVertex3f(1.0, 0.0, -10.0); glVertex3f(0.0, 1.0, -10.0);  
    glEnd();  
    ...  
}
```



Example for Modeling Transformation 2

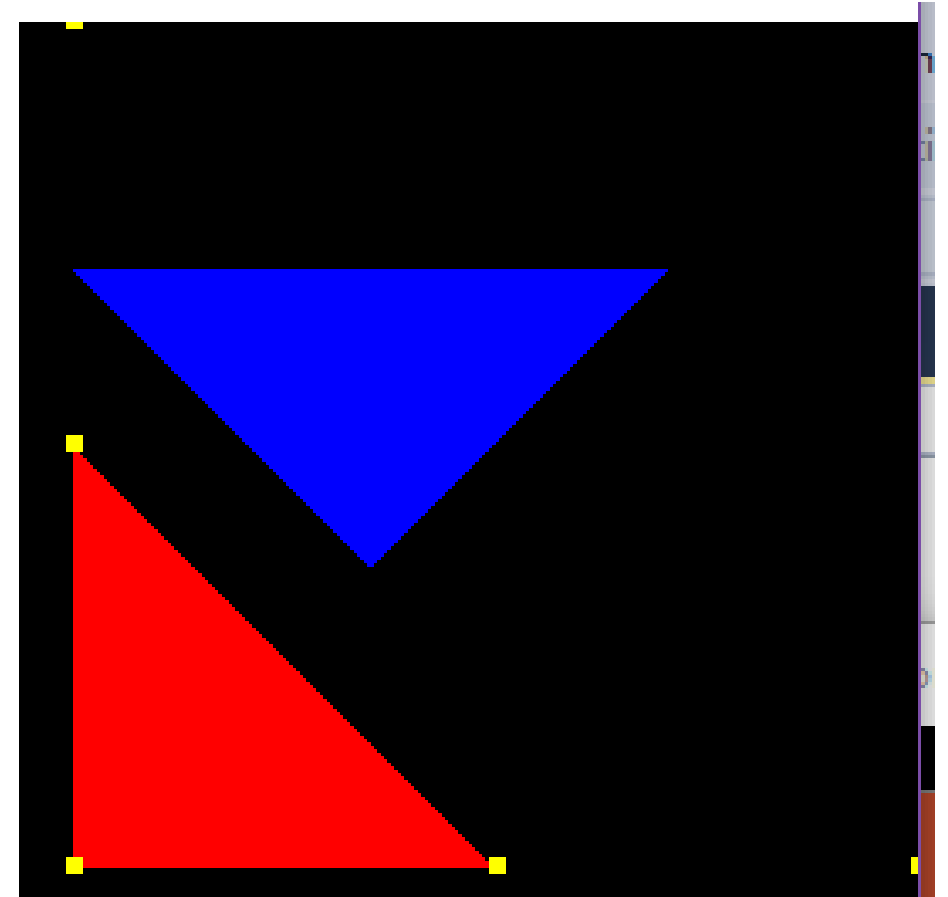
```
// draw triangle 3
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
glPushMatrix(); glLoadIdentity(); //More details will be explained
glRotatef(45, 0, 0, 1);
glTranslatef(1, 0, 0);
glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES);
glColor4f(0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0);glVertex3f(0.0, 0.0, -10.0);
glVertex3f(1.0, 0.0, -10.0);glVertex3f(0.0, 1.0, -10.0);
glEnd();
glPopMatrix();

glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

**Could you draw the two
triangles on some paper?**

Example for Modeling Transformation 2

```
// draw triangle 3
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
glPushMatrix(); glLoadIdentity();
glRotatef(45, 0, 0, 1);
glTranslatef(1, 0, 0);
glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES);
glColor4f(0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0);
glVertex3f(0.0, 0.0, -10.0);
glVertex3f(1.0, 0.0, -10.0);
glVertex3f(0.0, 1.0, -10.0);
glEnd();
glPopMatrix();
glutSwapBuffers();
}
```



Example for Modeling Transformation 2

// draw triangle 2

```
glPushMatrix(); glLoadIdentity();
```

```
glTranslatef(1, 0, 0);
```

```
glRotatef(45, 0, 0, 1);
```

```
glColor4f(0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0);
```

```
glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES); ... glEnd();
```

```
glPopMatrix();
```

// draw triangle 3

```
glPushMatrix(); glLoadIdentity();
```

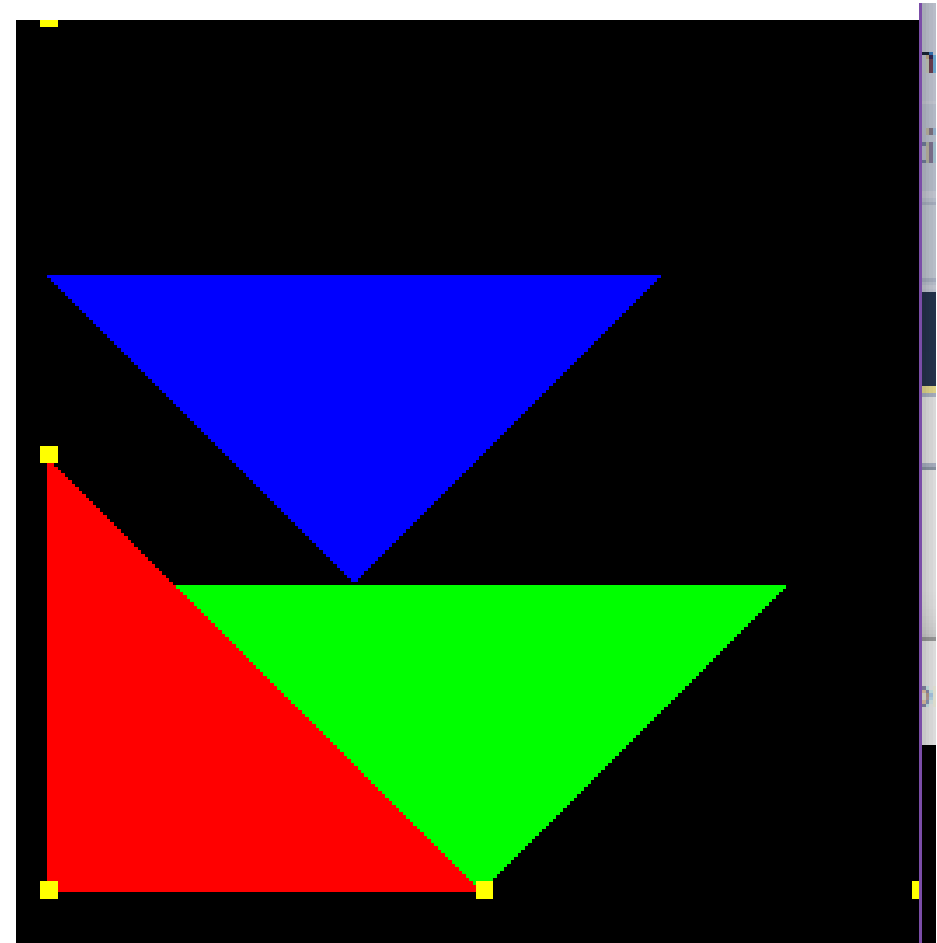
```
glRotatef(45, 0, 0, 1);
```

```
glTranslatef(1, 0, 0);
```

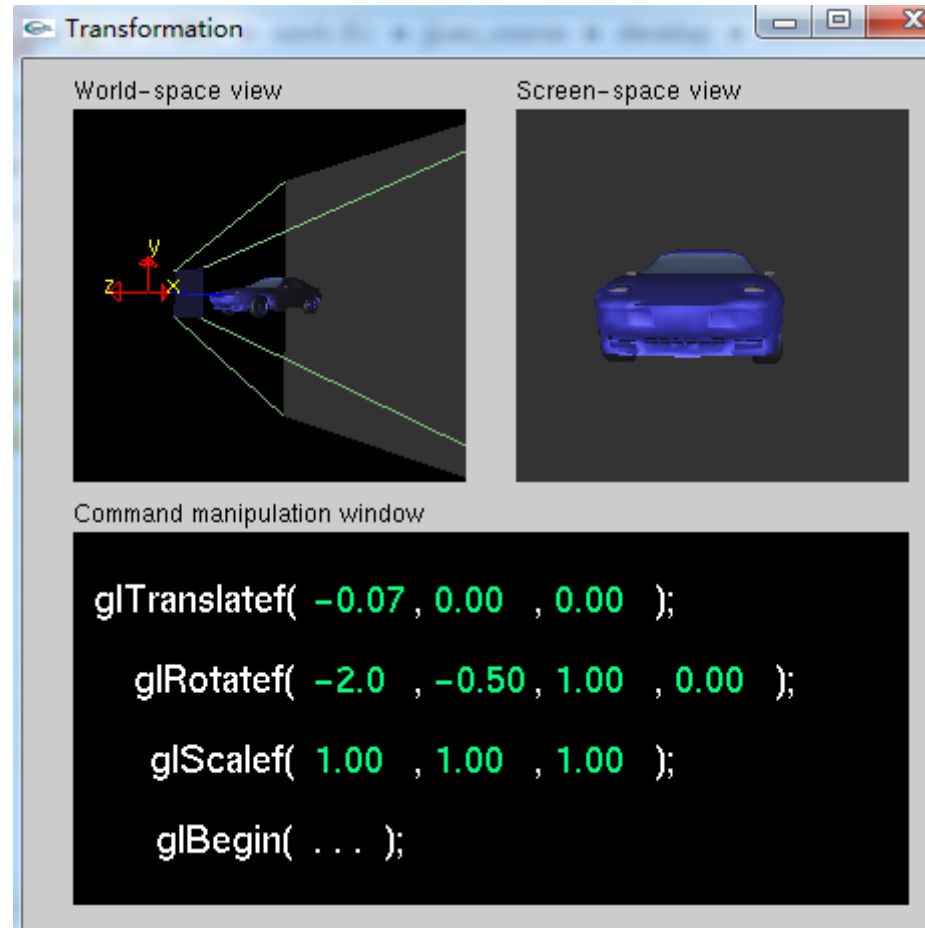
```
glColor4f(0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0);
```

```
glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES); ... glEnd();
```

```
glPopMatrix();
```

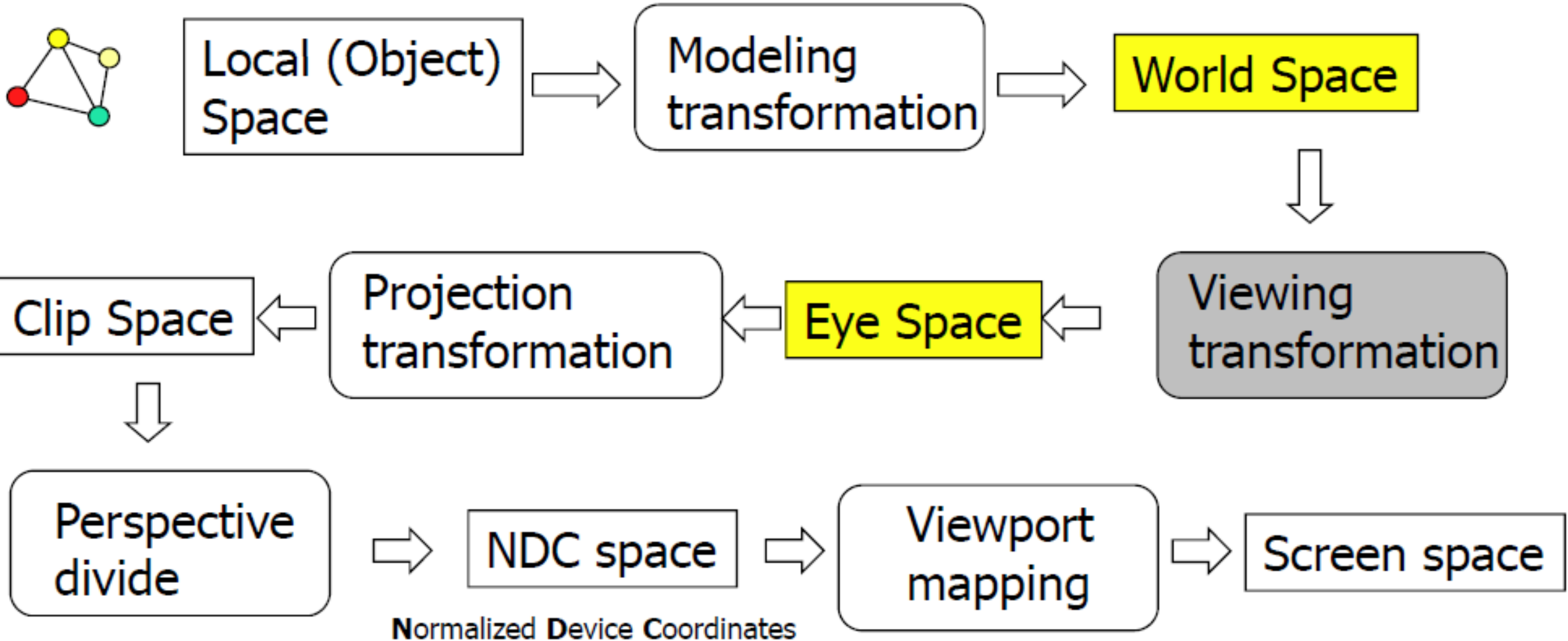


Modeling Transformations (cont)



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Viewing transformation



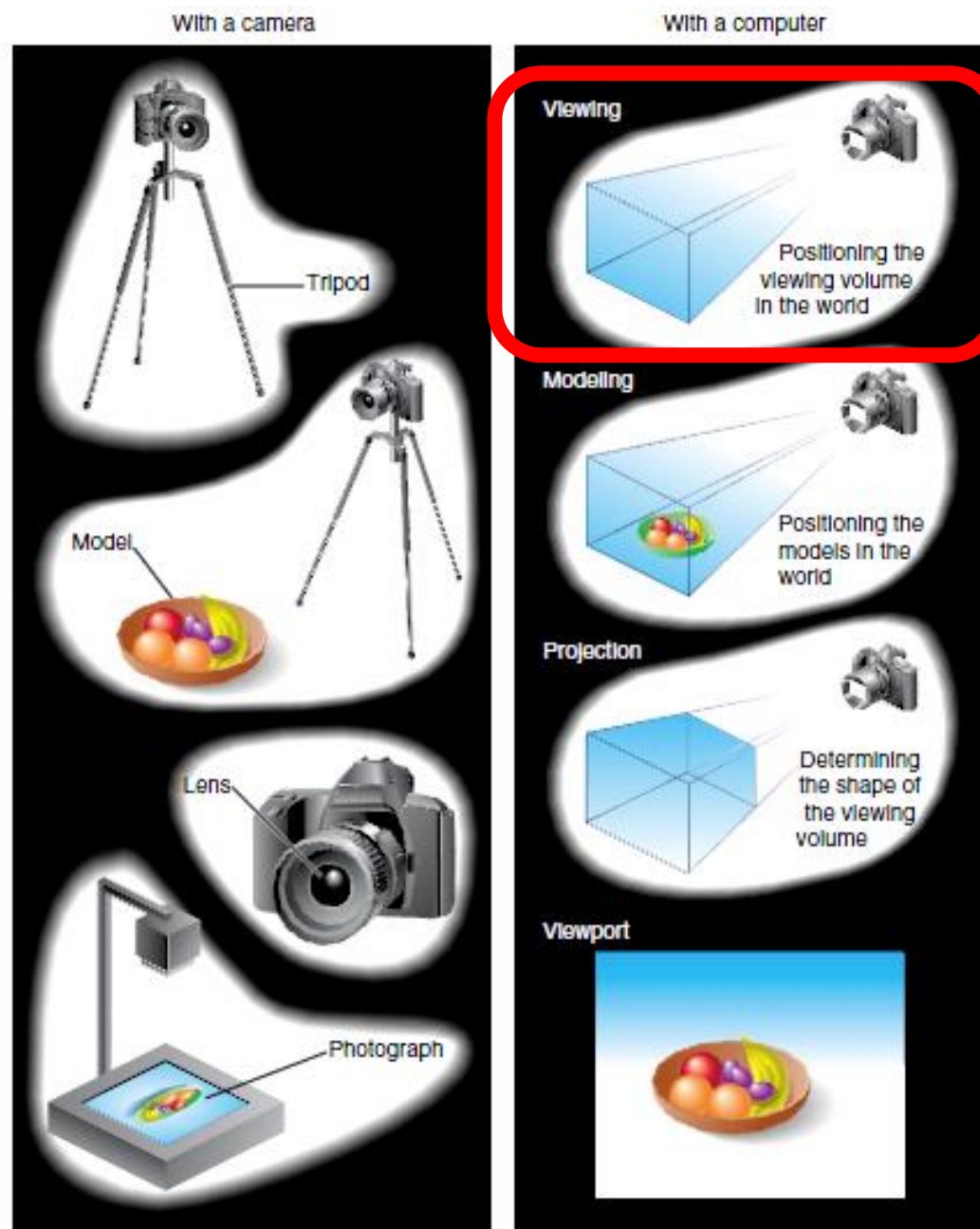


Figure 3-1 The Camera Analogy

Viewing Transformation

- Convert from WCS to the camera (eye) coordinate sys
- The camera position is the origin initially.
- The objs are also in the origin mostly. Or have been placed well in WCS
- Anyway, we need move the camera to see what we wish to see (may see nothing using default camera/viewing transformation)

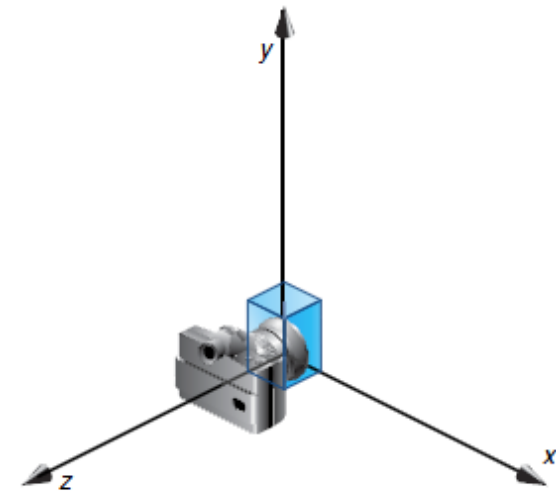
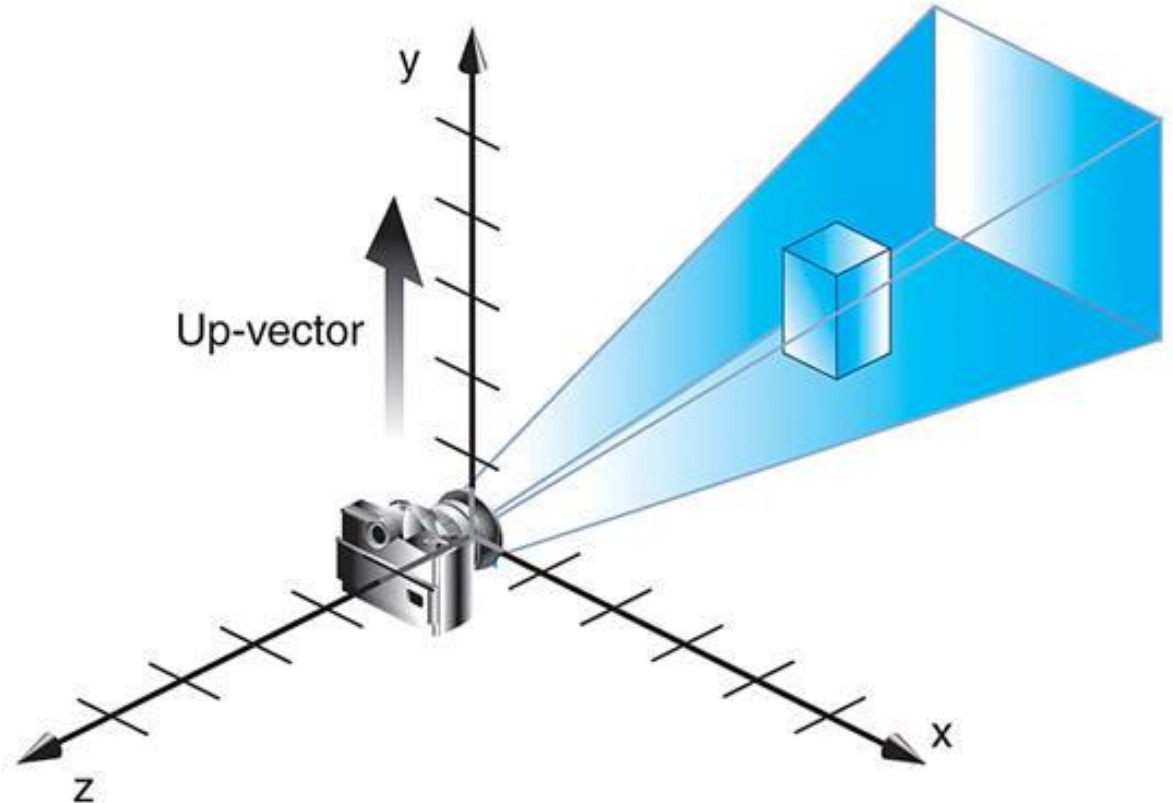
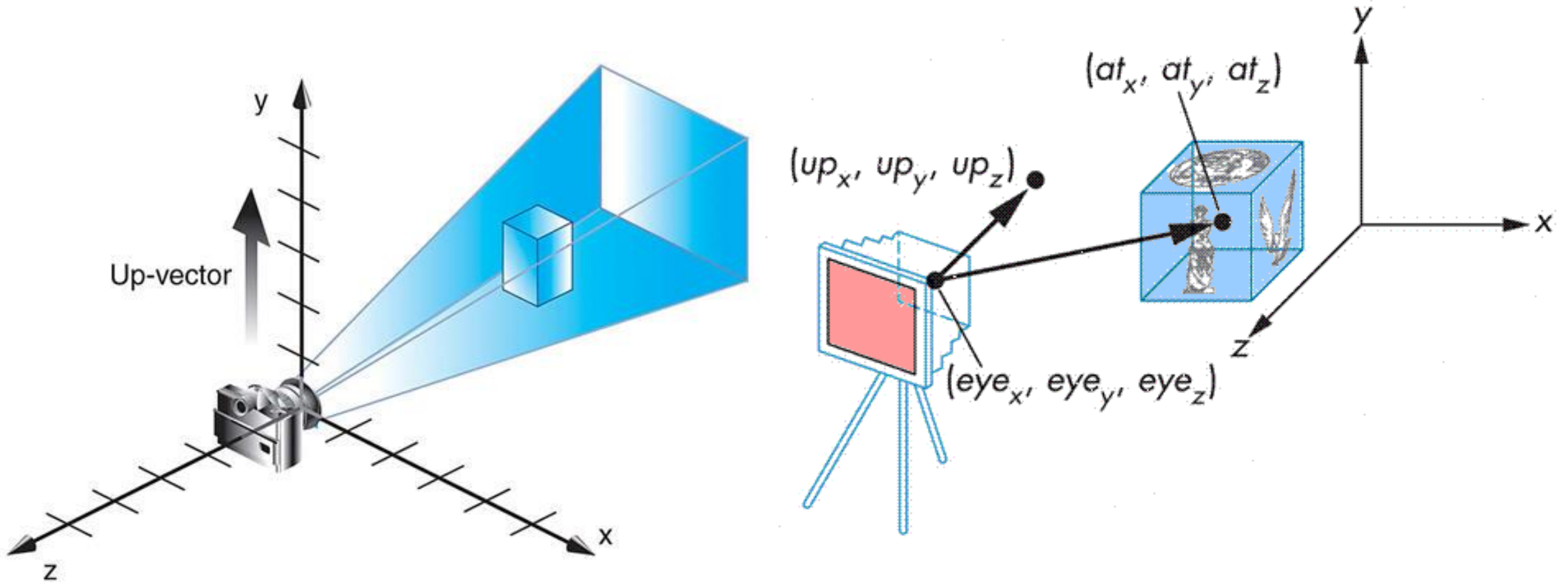


Figure 3-9 Object and Viewpoint at the Origin



Viewing Transformation

- void **gluLookAt**(eyeX, eyeY, eyeZ, centerX, centerY, centerZ, upX, upY, upZ);



Example: modeling + viewing transformation

- With all this, we can give an outline for a typical display routine for drawing an image of a 3D scene with OpenGL 1.1:

```
// possibly set clear color here, if not set elsewhere
```

```
glClear( GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT );
```

```
// possibly set up the projection here, if not done elsewhere
```

```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW ); glLoadIdentity();
```

```
gluLookAt( eyeX,eyeY,eyeZ, refX,refY,refZ, upX,upY,upZ ); // Viewing transform
```

```
glPushMatrix();
```

```
. .. // apply modeling transform and draw an object
```

```
glPopMatrix();
```

```
glPushMatrix();
```

```
. .. // apply another modeling transform and draw another object
```

```
glPopMatrix()
```

```
...
```

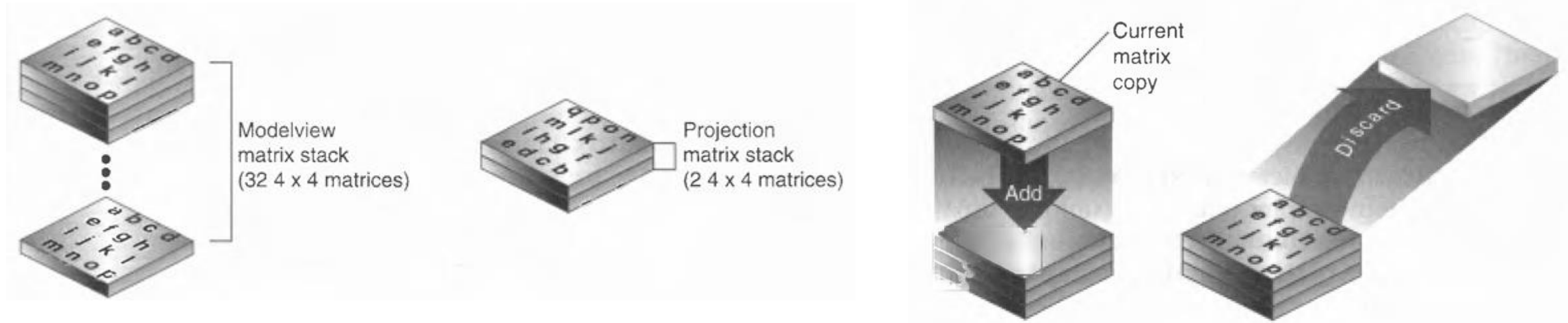
pushes the current matrix stack down by one, duplicating the current matrix:

glPushMatrix()

pops the current matrix stack, replacing the current matrix with the one below it on the stack:

glPopMatrix()

Manipulating the Matrix Stacks



```
void glPushMatrix(void);
```

Pushes all matrices in the current stack down one level. The current stack is determined by `glMatrixMode()`. The topmost matrix is copied, so its contents are duplicated in both the top and second-from-the-top matrix. If too many matrices are pushed, an error is generated.

```
void glPopMatrix(void);
```

Pops the top matrix off the stack, destroying the contents of the popped matrix. What was the second-from-the-top matrix becomes the top matrix. The current stack is determined by `glMatrixMode()`. If the stack contains a single matrix, calling `glPopMatrix()` generates an error.

Assuming you are drawing a car with four wheels:
Draw the car body.

- Remember where you are, and translate to the right front wheel.
- Draw the wheel and throw away the last translation so your current position is back at the origin of the car body.
- Remember where you are, and translate to the left front wheel...

`glPushMatrix()` means “remember where you are” and **`glPopMatrix()`** means “go back to where you were.”

Current matrix and matrix stack

- `glLoadIdentity` — replace the current matrix with the identity matrix

It is semantically equivalent to calling [glLoadMatrix](#) with the identity matrix

- `glLoadMatrix` — replace the current matrix with the specified matrix

- [glMultMatrix](#)

- The current matrix is postmultiplied by the matrix

```
glLoadIdentity();  
glMultMatrixf (M1);  
glMultMatrixf (M2);
```



$$M = M1 \cdot M2$$

Column major

0	4	8	12
1	5	9	13
2	6	10	14
3	7	11	15

- matrix stack

- `glPushMatrix` pushes the current matrix stack down by one, duplicating the current matrix. That is, after a `glPushMatrix` call, the matrix on top of the stack is identical to the one below it.
 - [glPopMatrix](#) pops the current matrix stack, replacing the current matrix with the one below it on the stack.
 - Initially, each of the stacks contains one matrix, an identity matrix.

- Stack query

```
float mat[16]; // get the modelview matrix  
glGetFloatv(GL_MODELVIEW_MATRIX, mat);
```

```
Int depth;
```

```
glGetIntegerv( GL_MODELVIEW_STACK_DEPTH, &depth);
```

Push and Pop Matrix Stack

```
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
```

```
glLoadIdentity();
```

```
... // Transform using M1;
```

```
... // Transform using M2;
```

```
glPushMatrix();
```

```
... // Transform using M3
```

```
glPushMatrix();
```

```
.. // Transform using M4
```

```
glPopMatrix();
```

```
...// Transform using M5
```

```
...
```

```
glPopMatrix();
```

Modelview matrix (M)

$M = I$

$M = M1$

$M = M1 \times M2$

$M = M1 \times M2 \times M3$

$M = M1 \times M2 \times M3 \times M4$

$M = M1 \times M2 \times M3$

$M = M1 \times M2 \times M3 \times M5$

$M = M1 \times M2$

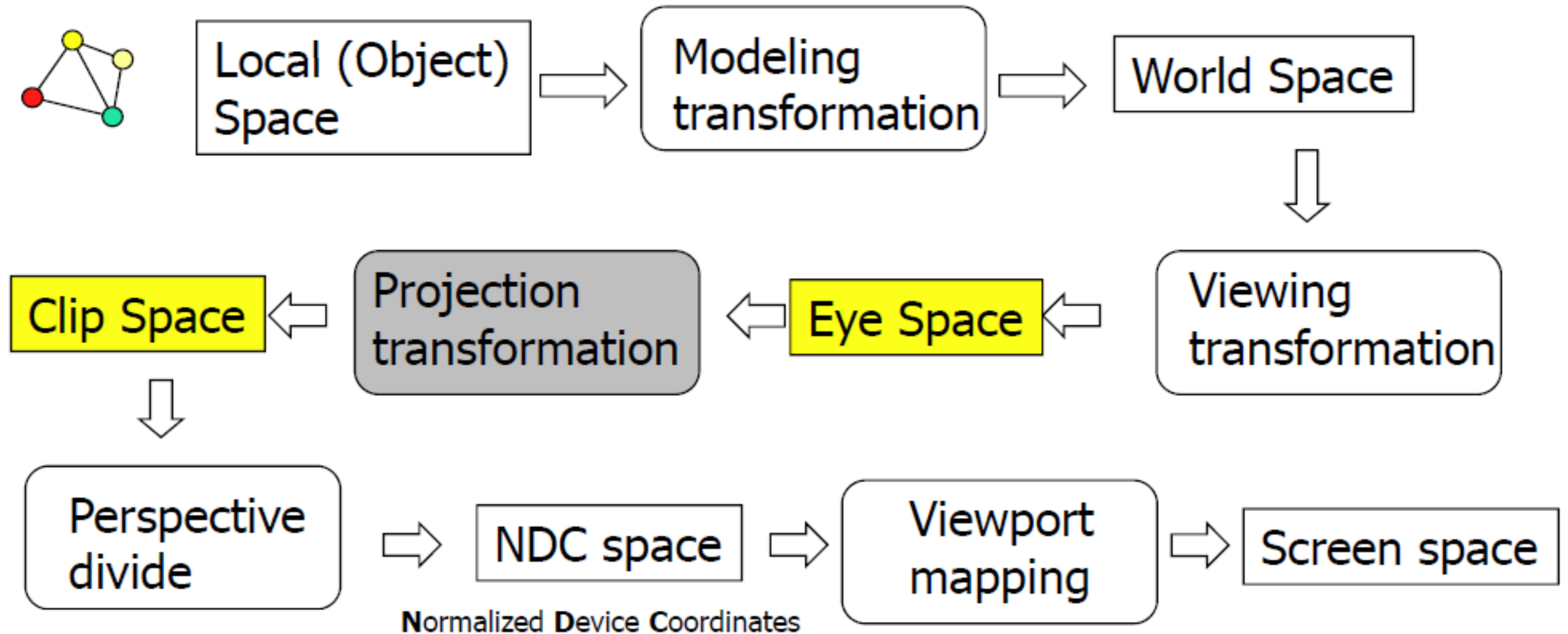
Stack

$M1 \times M2$

$M1 \times M2 \times M3$
 $M1 \times M2$

$M1 \times M2$

Transformation Pipeline



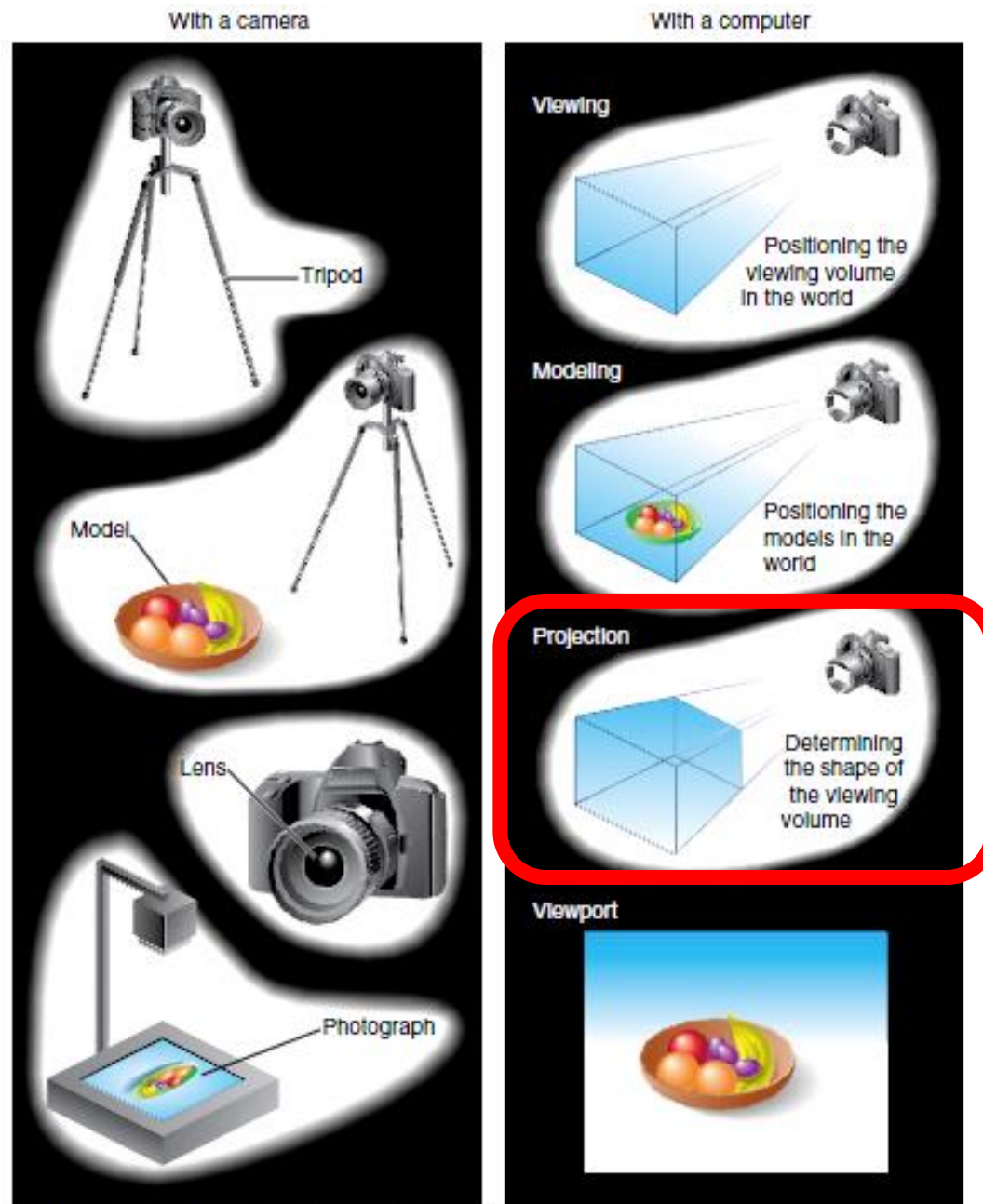


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Perspective projection



Early painting: incorrect perspective

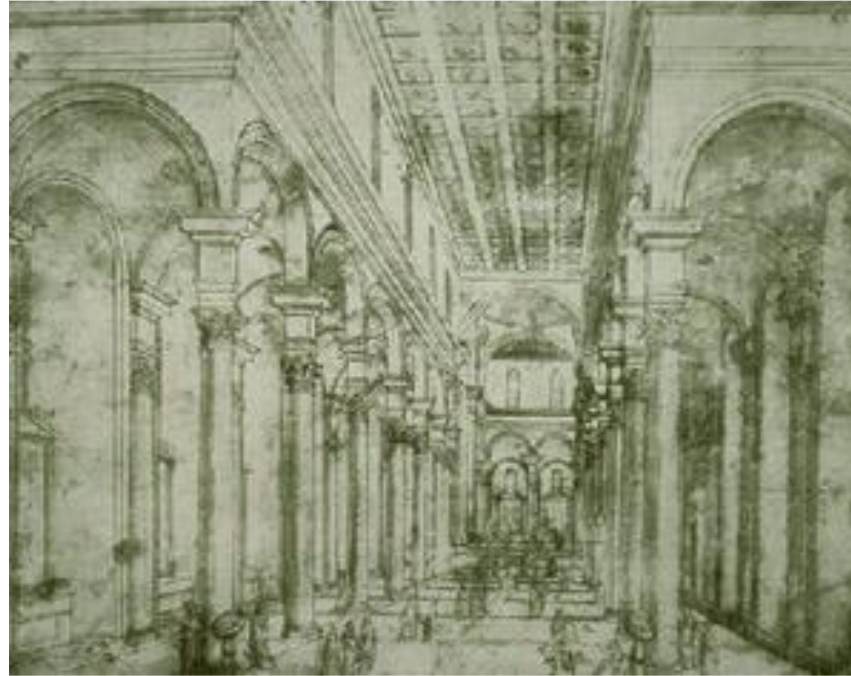


8-9th century painting

Geometrically correct perspective in art



Ambrogio Lorenzetti
Annunciation, 1344

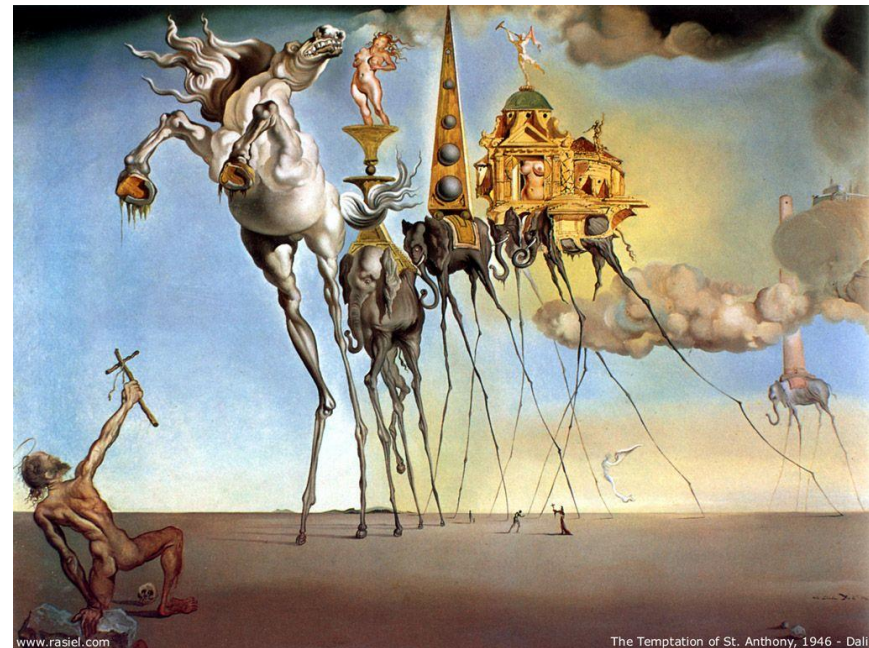


Brunelleschi, elevation of Santo
Spirito, 1434-83, Florence



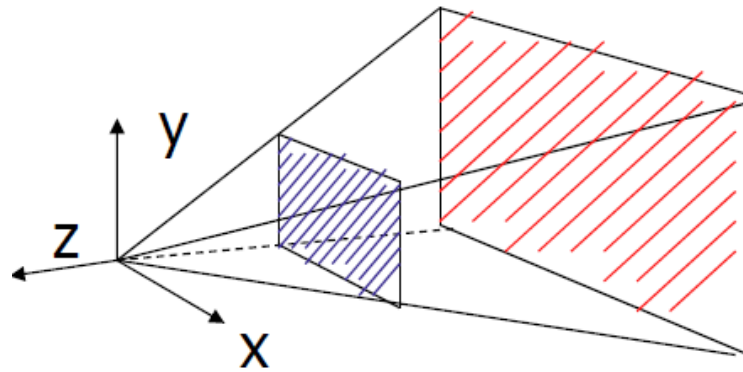
Masaccio - The Tribute Money
c. 1426-27
Fresco, The Brancacci Chapel,
Florence

Later... rejection of proper perspective projection

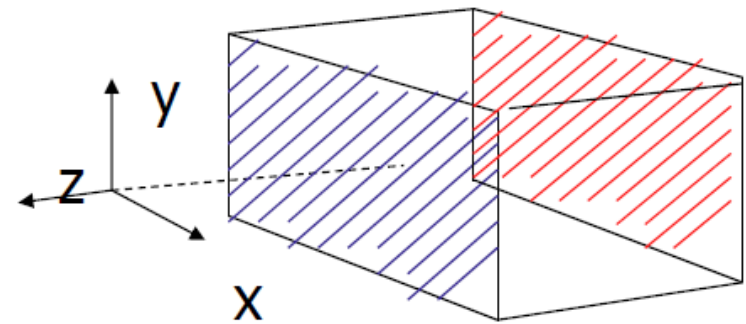


Projection Transformation

- Specifying PT is like choosing a **lens for a camera**
- The purpose of PT is to define a **viewing volume**, which is used in two ways.
 - The viewing volume determines **how an object is projected** onto the screen (that is, by using a perspective or an orthographic projection), and
 - Defines **which objects or portions of objects are clipped out** of the final image
- Need to establish the appropriate mode for constructing the viewing transformation, or in other words select the projection mode
 - **`glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);`**
- This designates the projection matrix as the current matrix, which is originally set to the identity matrix



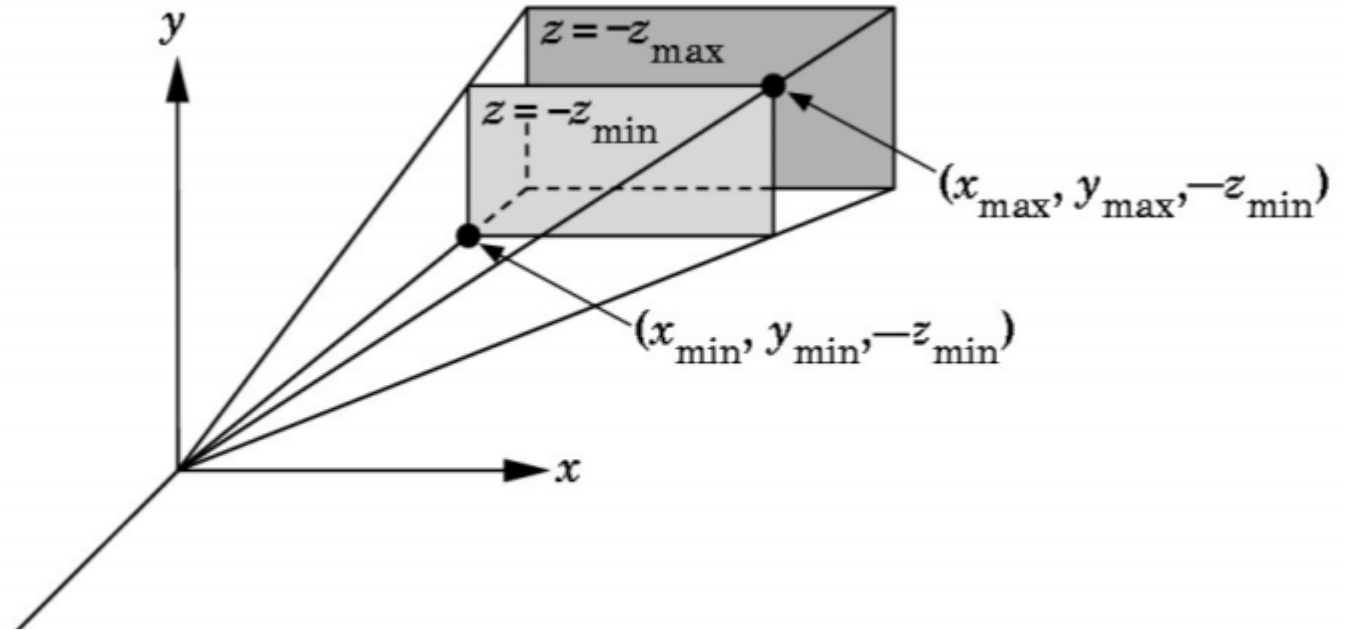
Perspective: **`gluPerspective()`**



Parallel: **`glOrtho()`**

Perspective Projection

`glFrustum(xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax, N, F);` N = near plane, F = far plane

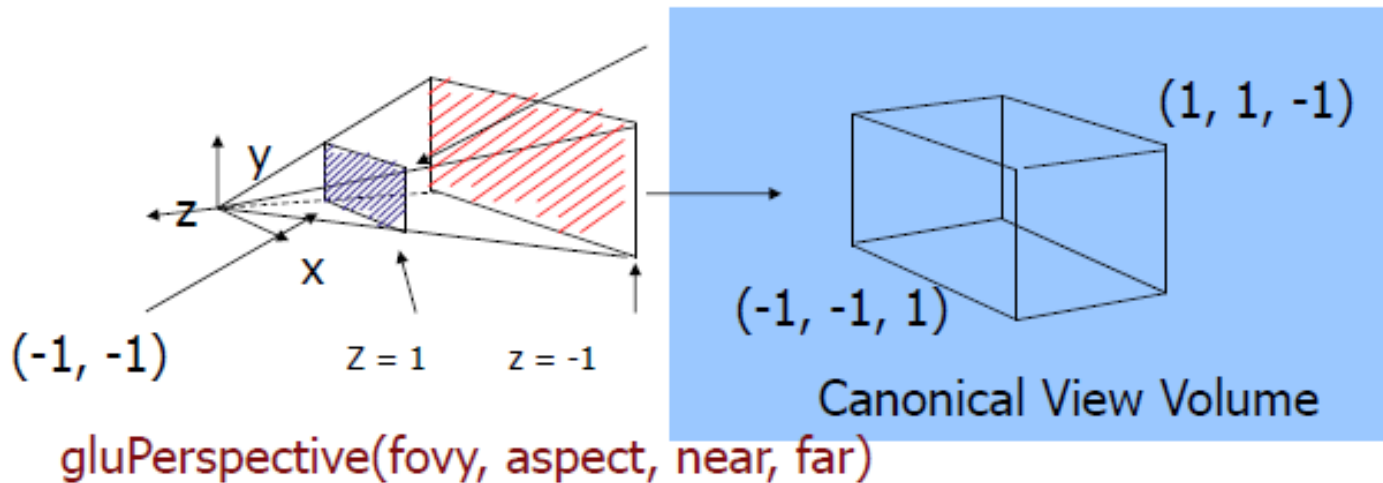


Projection Matrix

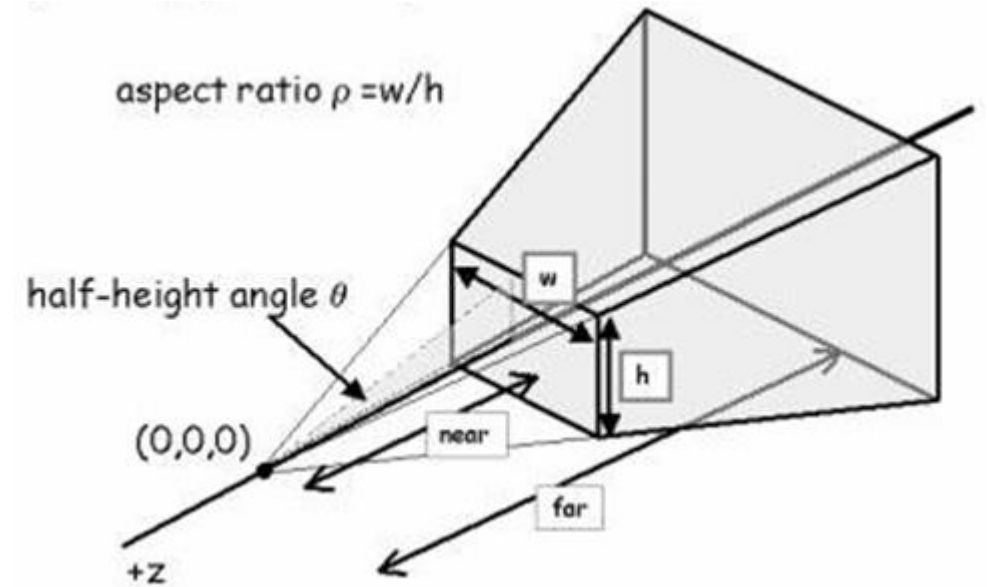
$$\begin{array}{l}
 x' \\
 y' \\
 z' \\
 w'
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{c}
 \left| \begin{array}{cccc|c}
 2N/(x_{\max}-x_{\min}) & 0 & (x_{\max}+x_{\min})/(x_{\max}-x_{\min}) & 0 & x \\
 0 & 2N/(y_{\max}-y_{\min}) & (y_{\max}+y_{\min})/(y_{\max}-y_{\min}) & 0 & y \\
 0 & 0 & -(F+N)/(F-N) & -2FN/(F-N) & z \\
 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1
 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

gluPerspective

- `glFrustum()` isn't intuitive to use so can use **gluPerspective** to specify
 - Fovy: the angle of the field of view in the y direction
 - Aspect: the aspect ratio of the width to height (x/y)
 - Near & far: distance between the viewpoint and the near and far clipping planes
- Note that `gluPerspective()` is limited to creating frustums that are symmetric in both the x- and y-axes along the line of sight

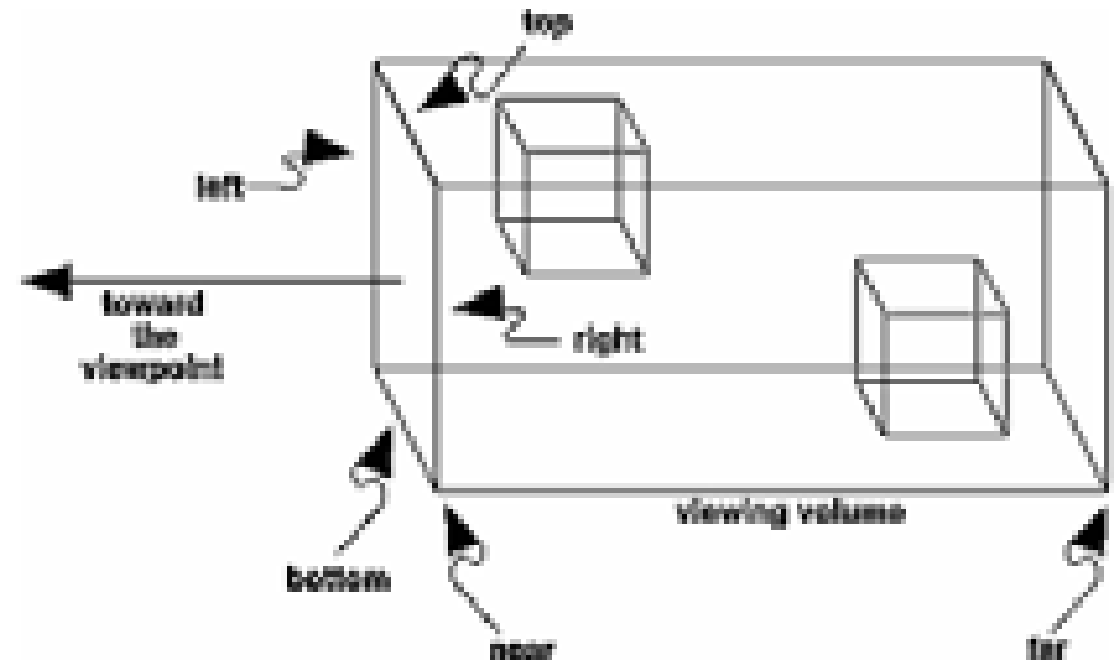
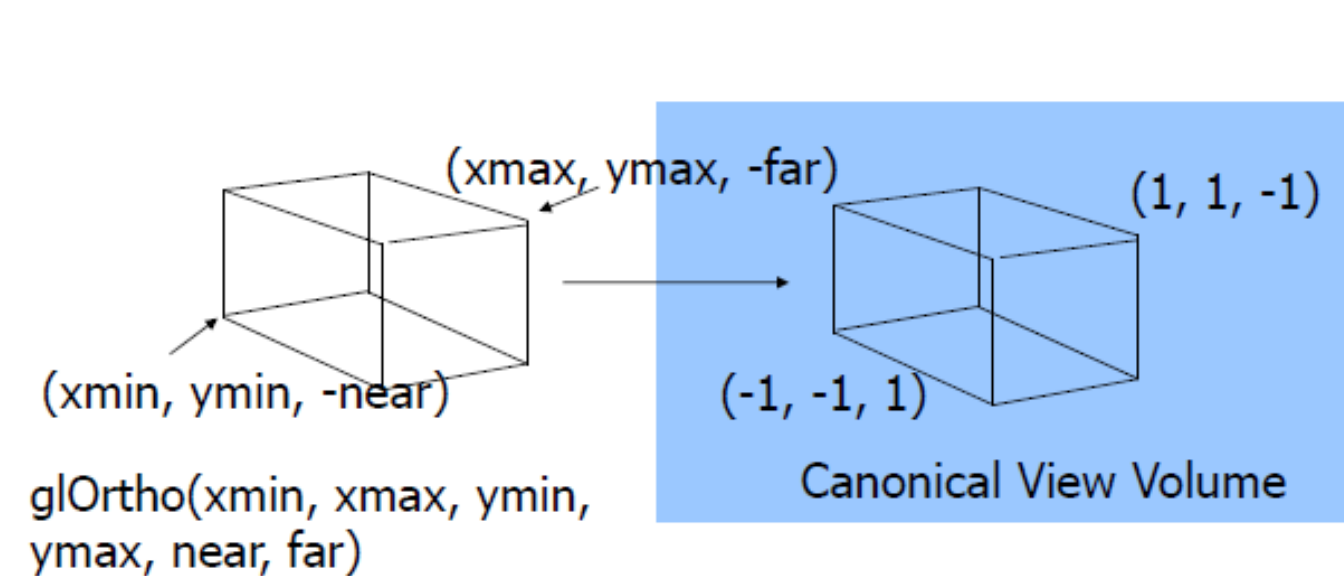


Maps (projects) everything in the visible volume into a **canonical view volume**



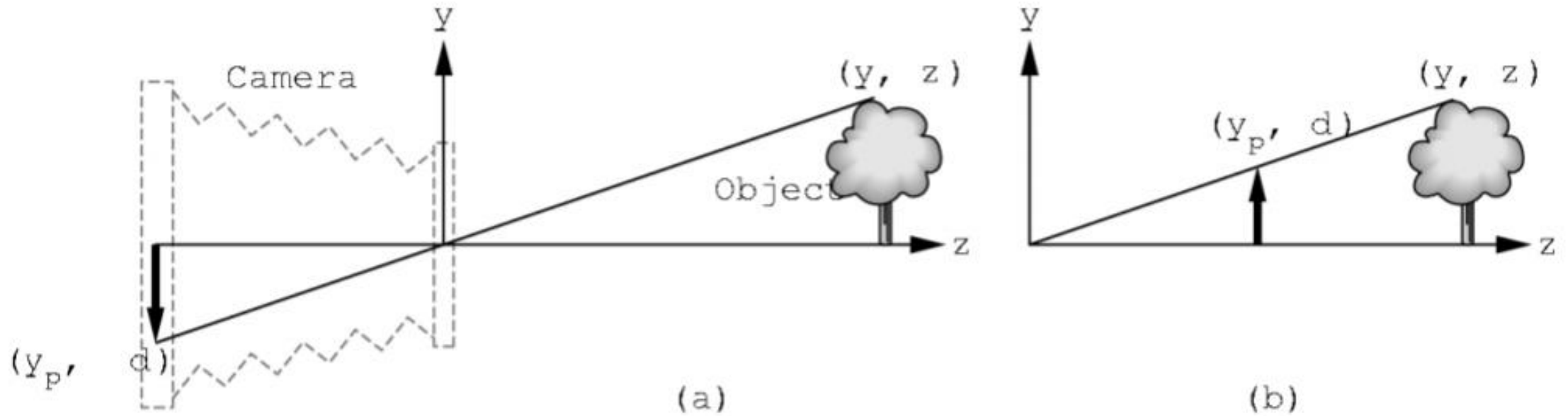
Orthographic Projection

- Orthographic projection is used for applications such as creating architectural blueprints and computer-aided design, where it's crucial to maintain the actual sizes of objects and angles between them
 - void **gluOrtho2D** (left, right, bottom, top);
 - void **glOrtho** (left, right, bottom, top, near, far);



Maps (projects) everything in the visible volume into a **canonical view volume**

Perspective Viewing Mathematically



- d = focal length
- $y/z = y_p/d$ so $y_p = y/(z/d) = yd/z$
- Note that y_p is **non-linear** in the depth z !

homogeneous coordinates

Perspective projection is not affine:

$$M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{z/d} \\ \frac{y}{z/d} \\ d \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{has no solution for } M$$

Idea: exploit homogeneous coordinates

$$p = w \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for arbitrary } w \neq 0$$

Perspective Projection Matrix

- Use multiple of point

$$(z/d) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{z/d} \\ \frac{y}{z/d} \\ d \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \frac{z}{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{z/d} \\ \frac{y}{z/d} \\ d \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solve

$$M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \frac{z}{d} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{d} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Projection Algorithm

- **Input:** 3D point $[x \ y \ z]^T$ to project
- Form $[x \ y \ z \ 1]^T$
- Multiply M with $[x \ y \ z \ 1]^T$; obtaining $[X \ Y \ Z \ W]^T$

- Perform **perspective division:**
 X/W , Y/W , Z/W

- **Output:** $[X/W, Y/W, Z/W]^T$

- (last coordinate will be d)

$$M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \frac{z}{d} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{d} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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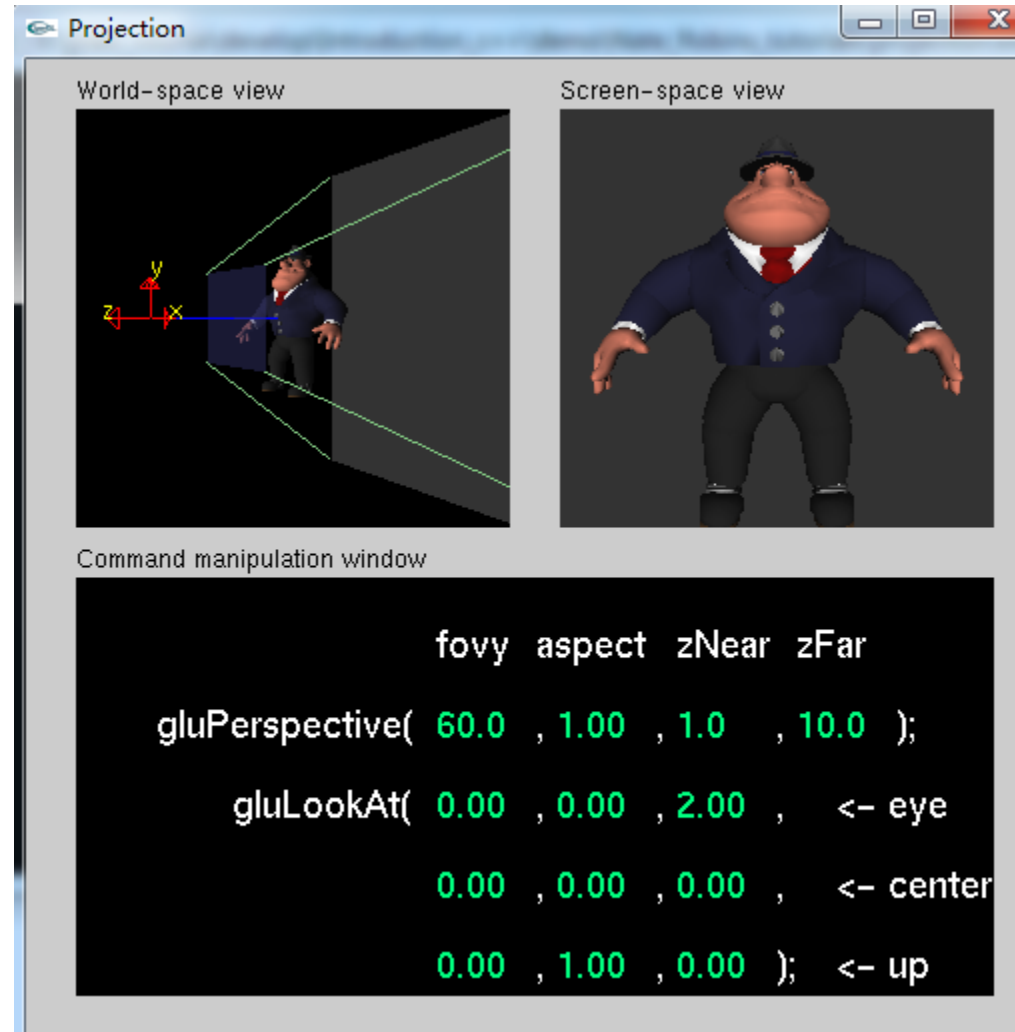
Perspective Division

- Normalize $[X\ Y\ Z\ W]^T$ to $[X/W, Y/W, Z/W, 1]^T$
- Perform perspective division after projection



- Projection in OpenGL is more complex (includes clipping)

Projection & Viewpoint (cont)

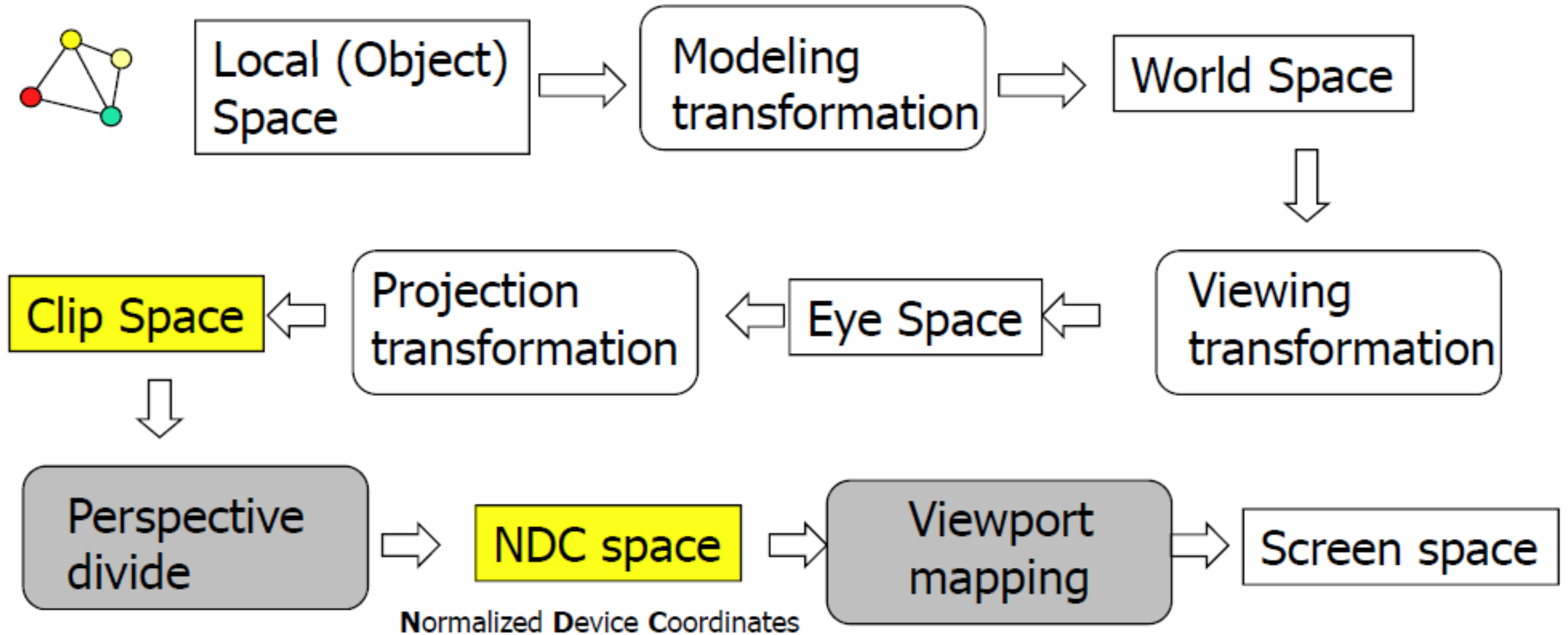


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The Golden Rule

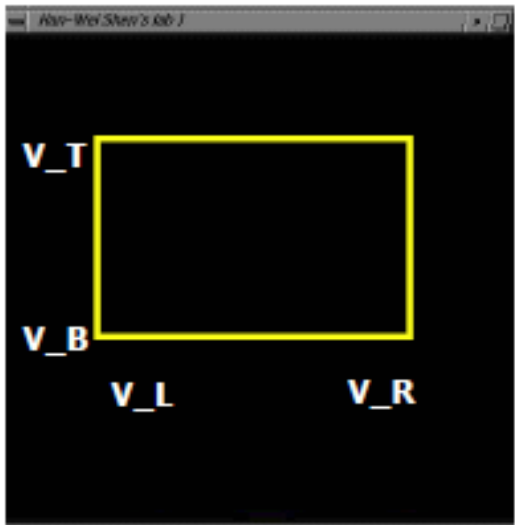
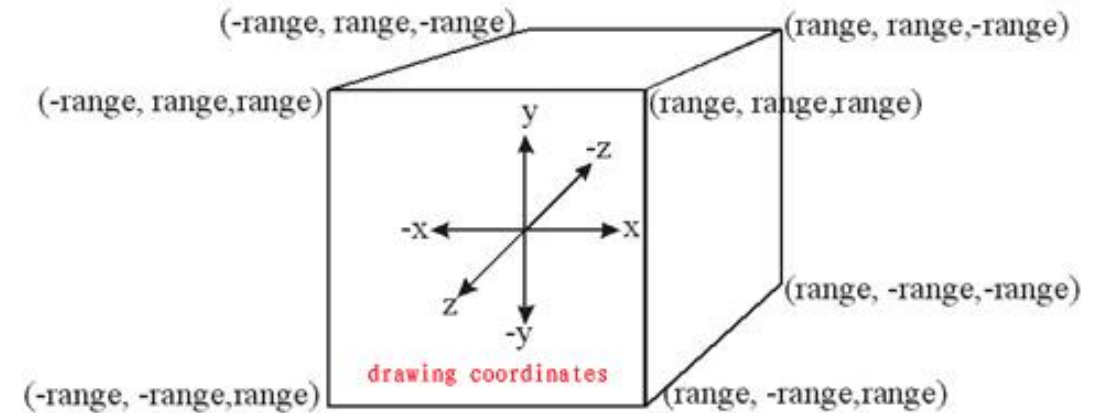
- Modeling transformation
 - `glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW); glRotate3f?`
- Viewing transformation
 - `glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW); gluLookAt()`
- Projection transformation
 - `glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);`
 - `glLoadIdentity` - to initialize current matrix.
 - **`gluPerspective/glFrustum/glOrtho/gluOrtho2` - to set the appropriate projection onto the stack.**
 - You **could** use `glLoadMatrix` to set up your own projection matrix (if you understand the restrictions and consequences) - but I'm told that this can cause problems for some OpenGL implementations which rely on data passed to `glFrustum`, etc to determine the near and far clip planes.

Transformation Pipeline



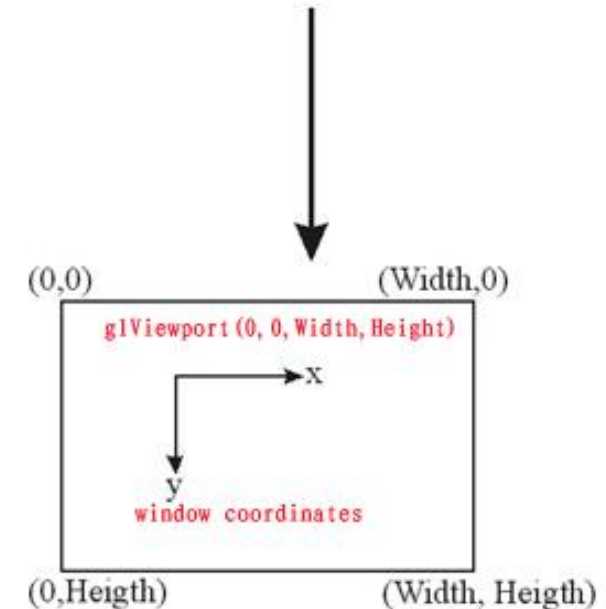
Viewpoint transformation

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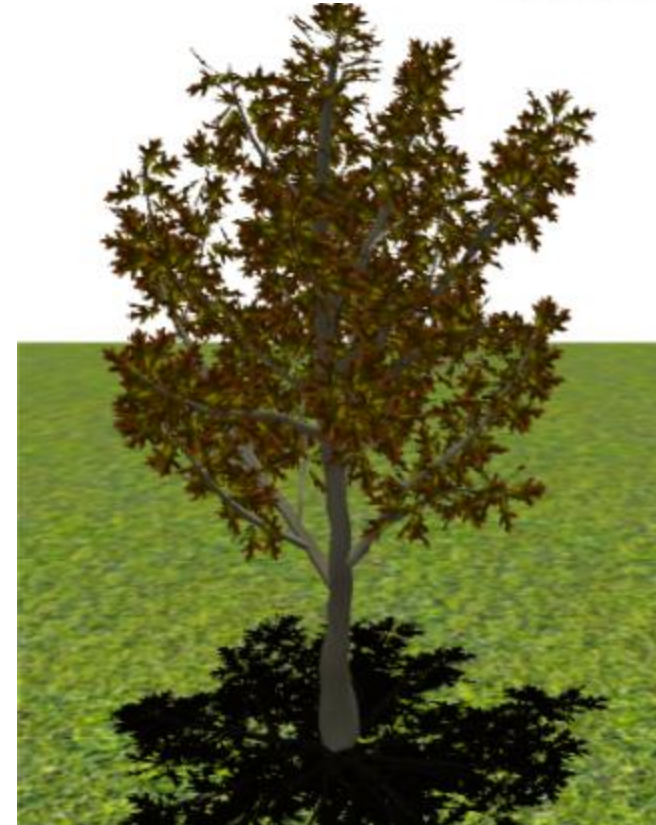
```
glViewport(int left, int bottom,  
          int (right-left),  
          int (top-bottom));
```

call this function before drawing
(calling glBegin() and
glEnd())



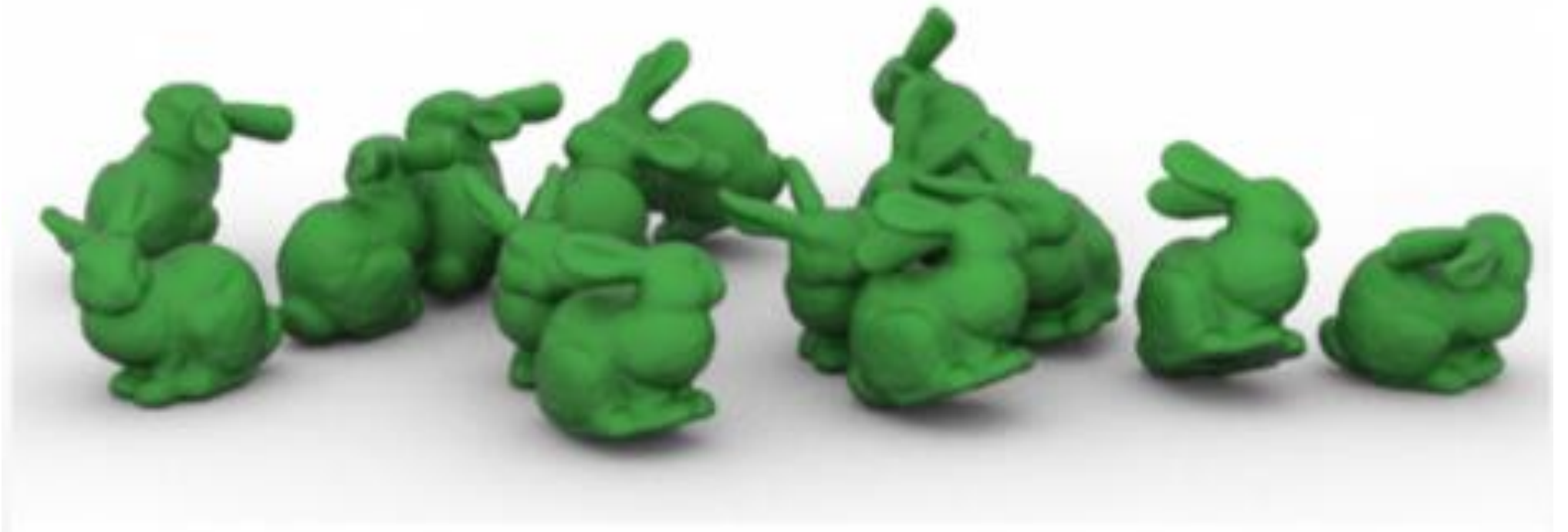
Hierarchical Models

- Many graphical objects are structured
- Structure often naturally hierarchical
 - Wheels of a car
 - Arms or legs of a figure
 - Chess pieces
- Exploit structure for
 - Efficient rendering
 - Example: tree leaves
 - Concise specification of model parameters
 - Example: joint angles

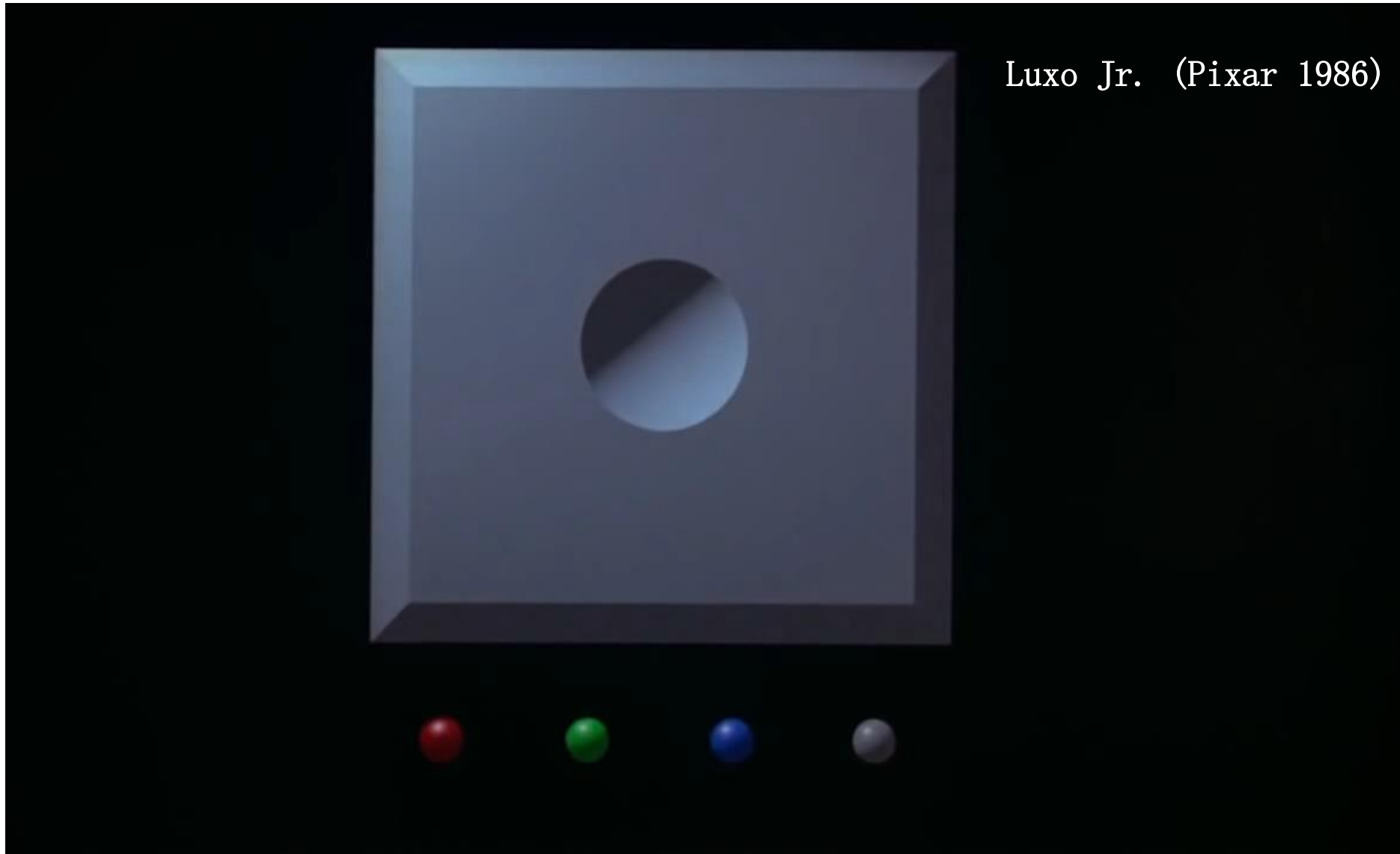


Instance Transformation

- Instances can be shared across space or time
- Write a function that renders the object in “standard” configuration
- Apply transformations to different instances
- Typical order: scaling. rotation. translation

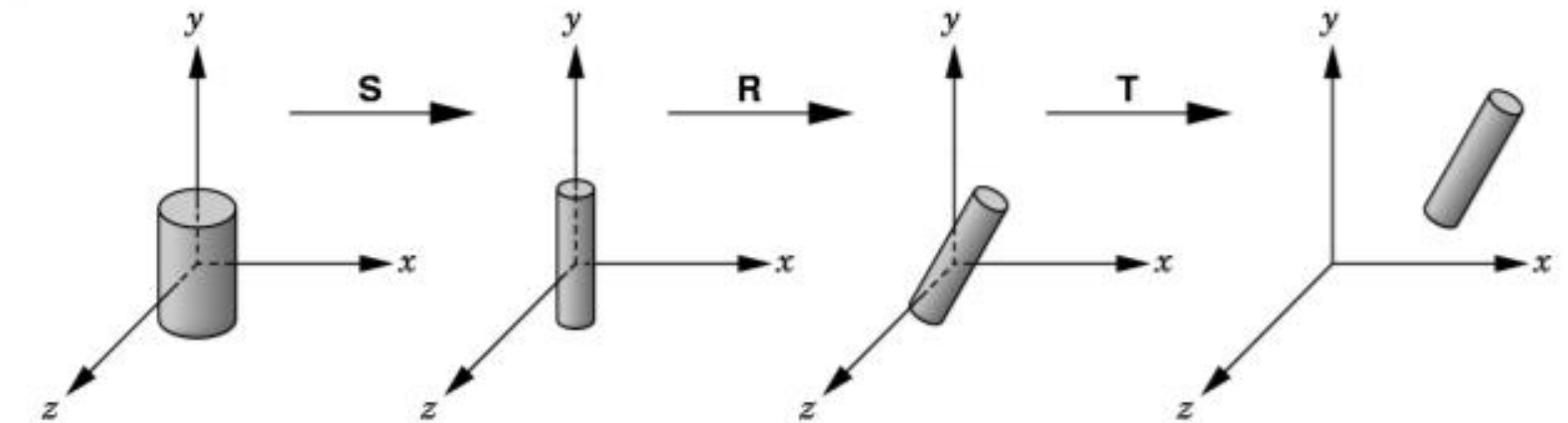


Animation: modeling motion



Sample Instance Transformation

```
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);  
glLoadIdentity();  
glTranslatef(...);  
glRotatef(...);  
glScalef(...);  
gluCylinder(...);
```



Display Lists

- Sharing display commands
- Display lists are stored on the GPU
- May contain drawing commands and transfn.

- Initialization:

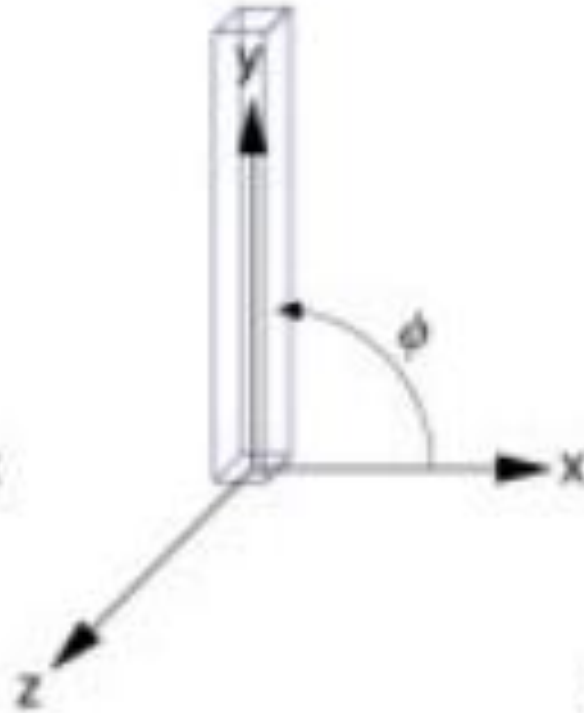
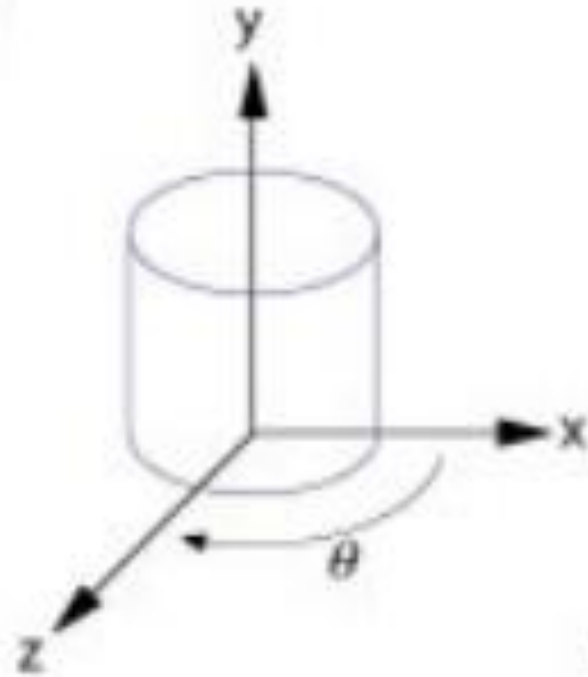
```
GLuint torus = glGenLists(1);  
glNewList(torus, GL_COMPILE);  
    Torus(8, 25);  
glEndList();
```

- Use: `glCallList(torus);`
- Can share both within each frame, and across different frames in time
- Can be hierarchical: a display list may call another

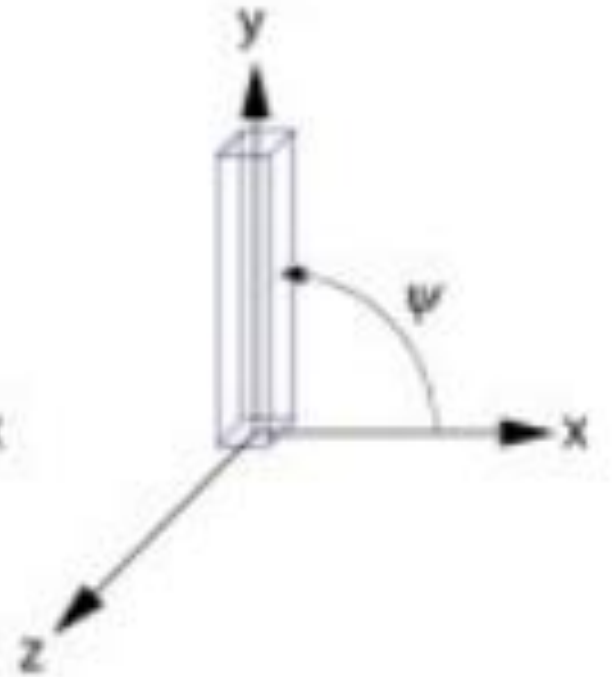
Drawing a Compound Object



(a)



(b)

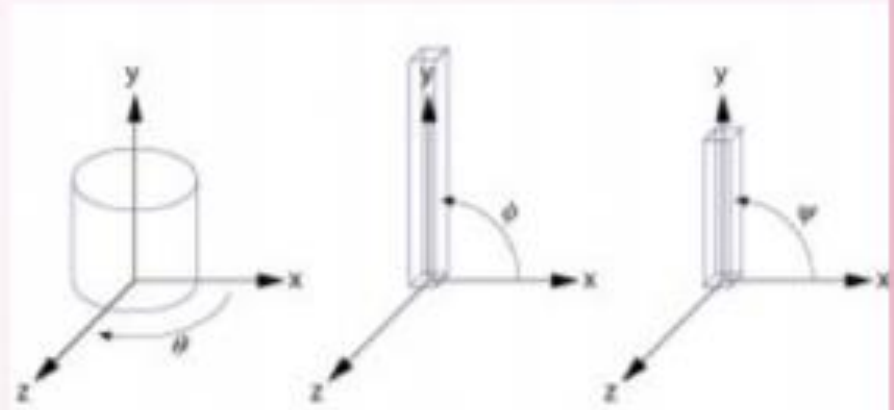
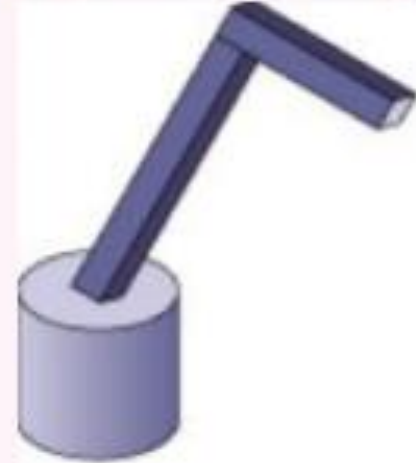


Base rotation θ , arm angle ϕ , joint angle ψ

Interleave Drawing & Transformation

$h1$ = height of base, $h2$ = length of lower arm

```
void drawRobot(GLfloat theta, GLfloat phi, GLfloat psi)
{
    glRotatef(theta, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
    drawBase();
    glTranslatef(0.0, h1, 0.0);
    glRotatef(phi, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
    drawLowerArm();
    glTranslatef(0.0, h2, 0.0);
    glRotatef(psi, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
    drawUpperArm();
}
```



Assessment of Interleaving

- Compact
- Correct “by construction”
- Efficient
- Inefficient alternative:

```
glPushMatrix();  
glRotatef(theta, ...);  
drawBase();  
glPopMatrix();
```

```
glPushMatrix();  
glRotatef(theta, ...);  
glTranslatef(...);  
glRotatef(phi, ...);  
drawLowerArm();  
glPopMatrix();
```

...etc...

Hierarchical Objects and Animation

- Drawing functions are time-invariant
 - `drawBase(); drawLowerArm(); drawUpperArm();`
- Can be easily stored in display list
- Change parameters of model with time
- Redraw when idle callback is invoked

A Bug to Watch

- GLfloat theta = 0.0; ...; /* update in idle callback */
- GLfloat phi = 0.0; ...; /* update in idle callback */
- GLuint arm = glGenLists(1);

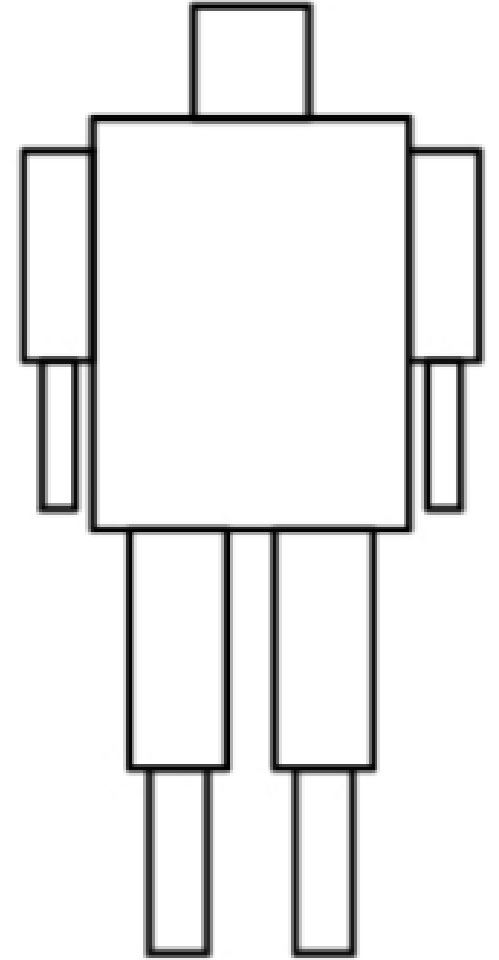
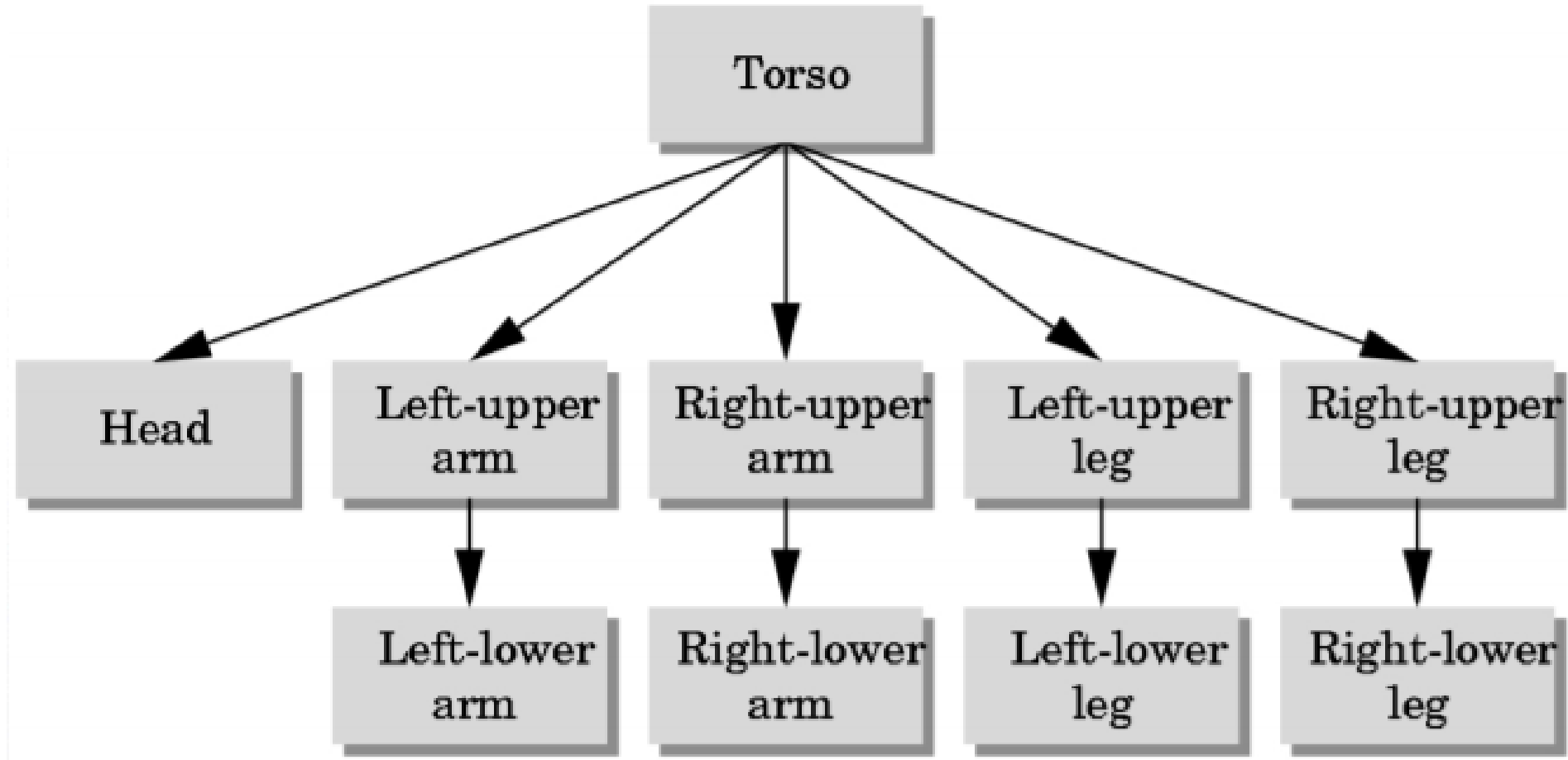
- /* in init function */
- glNewList(arm, GL_COMPILE);
- glRotatef(theta, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
- drawBase();
- ...
- drawUpperArm();
- glEndList();

- /* in display callback */
- glCallList(arm);

What is wrong?

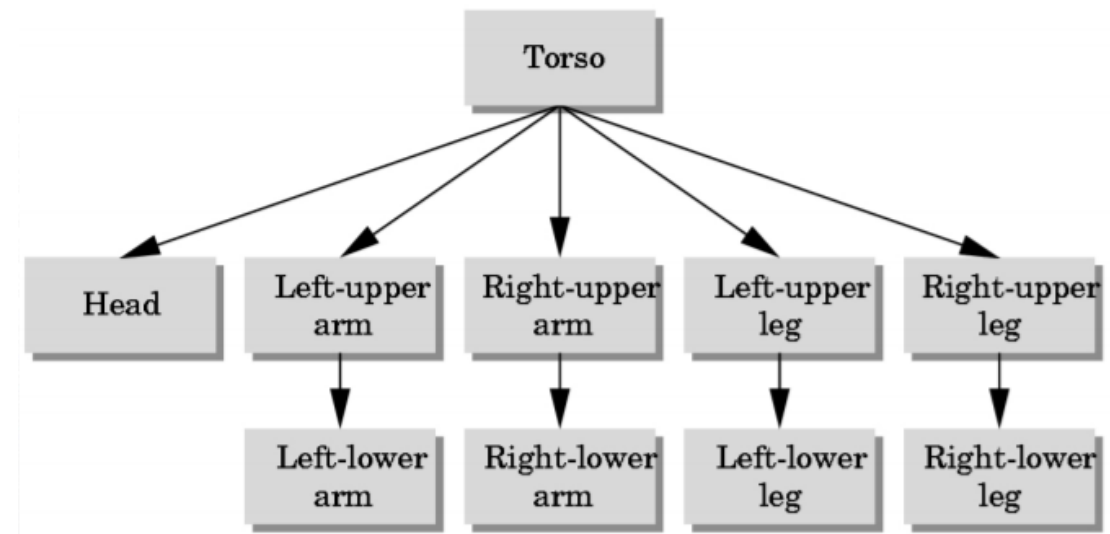
More Complex Objects

- Tree rather than linear structure
- Interleave along each branch
- Use push and pop to save state



Hierarchical Tree Traversal

- Order not necessarily fixed
- Example:



```
void drawFigure()
{
    glPushMatrix(); /* save */
    drawTorso();
    glTranslatef(...); /* move head */
    glRotatef(...); /* rotate head */
    drawHead();
    glPopMatrix(); /* restore */
```

```
glPushMatrix();
glTranslatef(...);
glRotatef(...);
drawLeftUpperArm();
glTranslatef(...)
glRotatef(...)
drawLeftLowerArm();
glPopMatrix();
... }
```


Using Tree Data Structures

- Can make tree form explicit in data structure

```
typedef struct treeNode
{
    GLfloat m[16];
    void (*f) ();
    struct treeNode *sibling;
    struct treeNode *child;
} treeNode;
```

Initializing Tree Data Structure

- Initializing transformation matrix for node
 treenode torso, head, ...;
 /* in init function */
 glLoadIdentity();
 glRotatef(...);
 glGetFloatv(GL_MODELVIEW_MATRIX, torso.m);
- Initializing pointers
 torso.f = drawTorso;
 torso.sibling = NULL;
 torso.child = &head;

Generic Traversal

- Recursive definition

```
void traverse (treenode *root)
{
    if (root == NULL) return;
    glPushMatrix();
    glMultMatrixf(root->m);
    root->f();
    if (root->child != NULL) traverse(root->child);
    glPopMatrix();
    if (root->sibling != NULL) traverse(root->sibling);
}
```

See demo code