

# Computer Graphics

## - 3D Viewing

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# Viewing, backward and forward

- **So far have used the backward approach to viewing**
  - start from pixel
  - ask what part of scene projects to pixel
  - explicitly construct the ray corresponding to the pixel
- **Next will look at the forward approach**
  - start from a point in 3D  
compute its projection into the image
- **Central tool is matrix transformations**
  - combines seamlessly with coordinate transformations used to position camera and model
  - **ultimate goal:** single matrix operation to map any 3D point to its correct screen location.

# Forward viewing

- Would like to just invert the ray generation process
- Inverting the ray tracing process requires division for the perspective case

# Viewing transformations

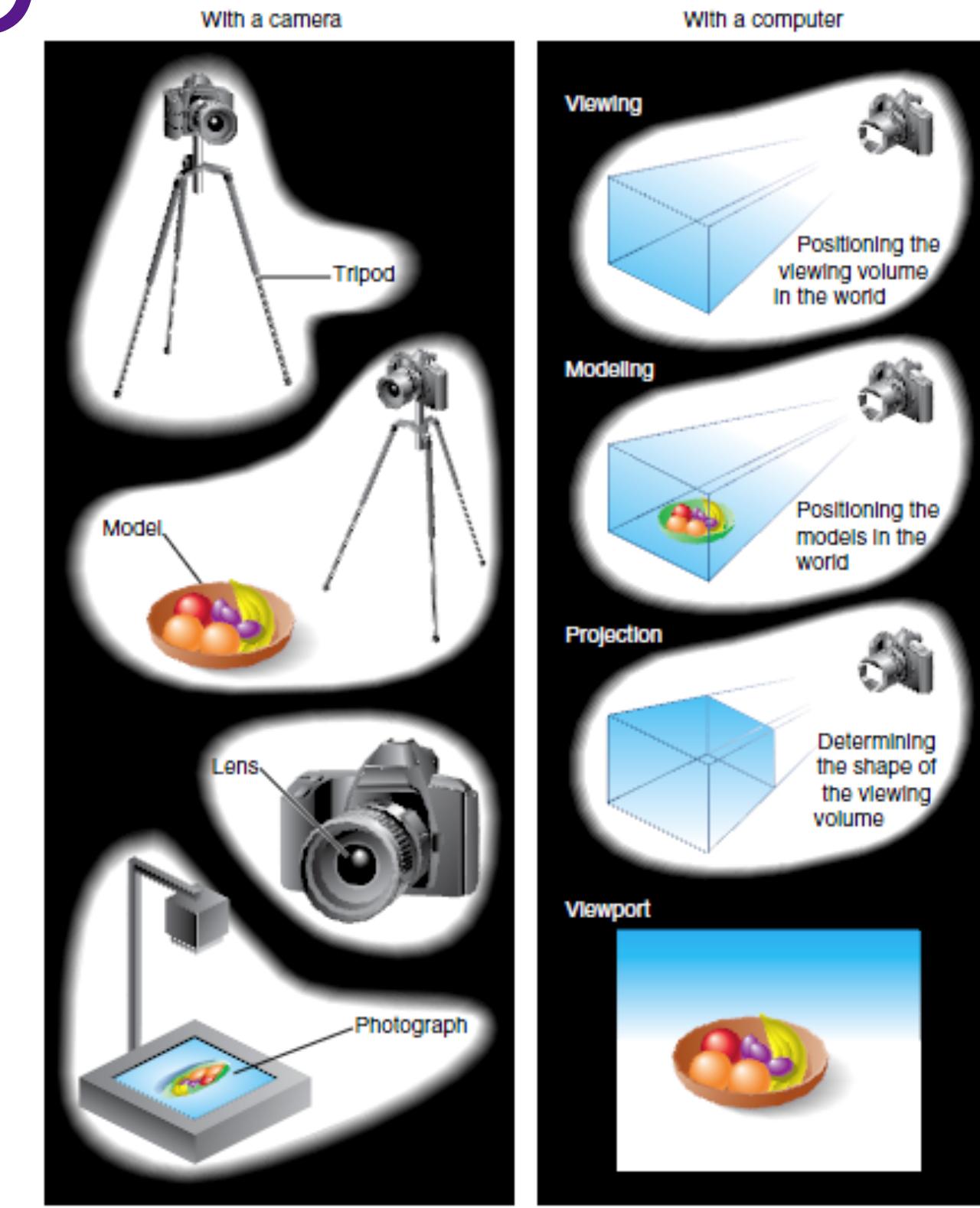
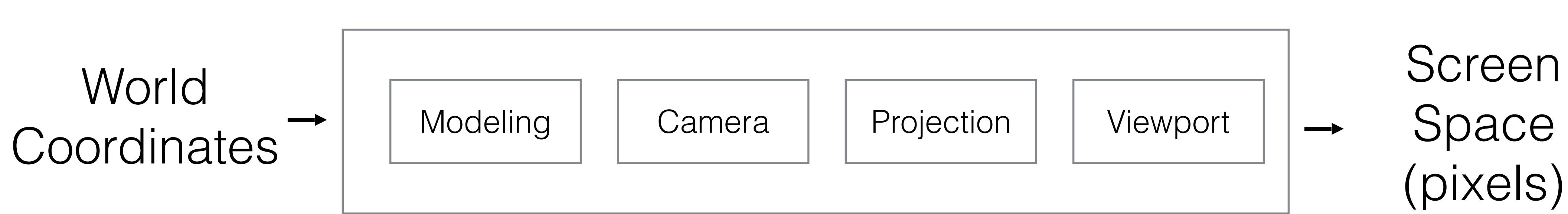
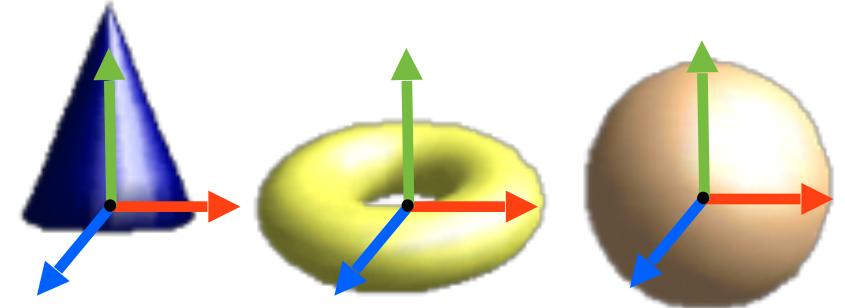


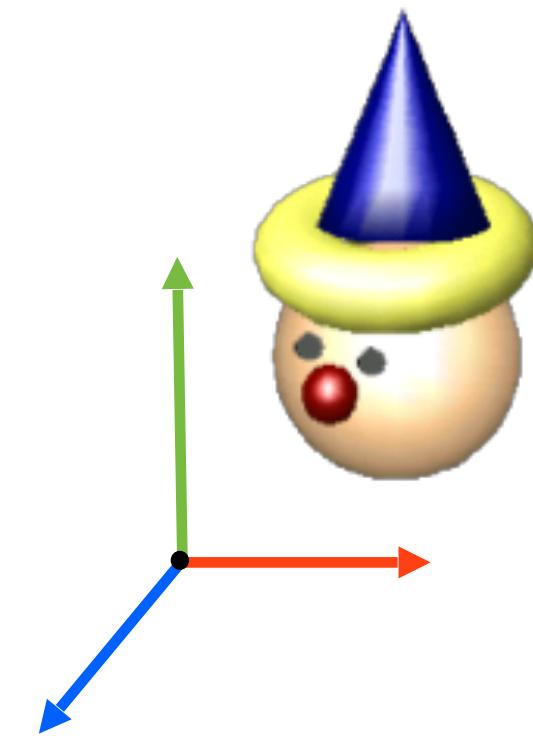
Figure 3-1 The Camera Analogy



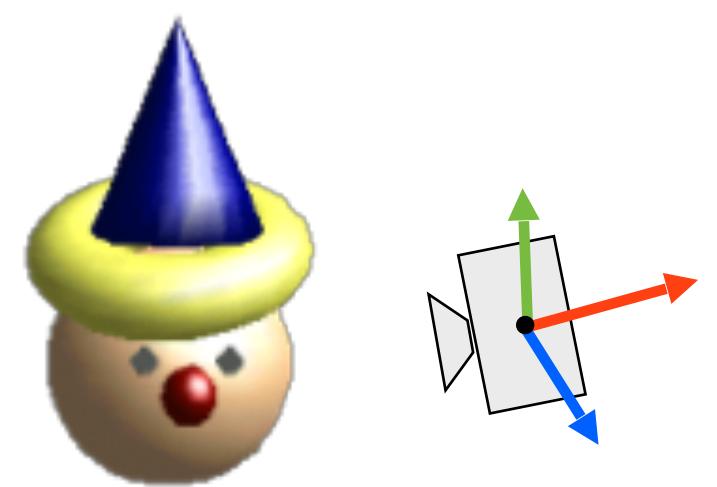
# Coordinate Systems



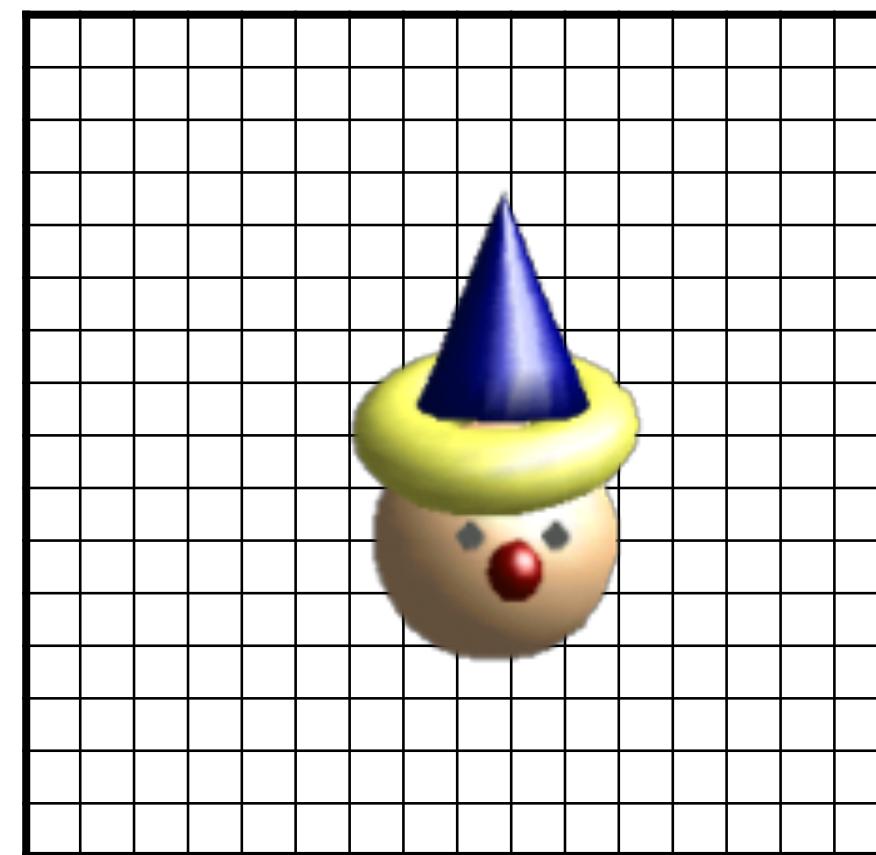
object  
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world  
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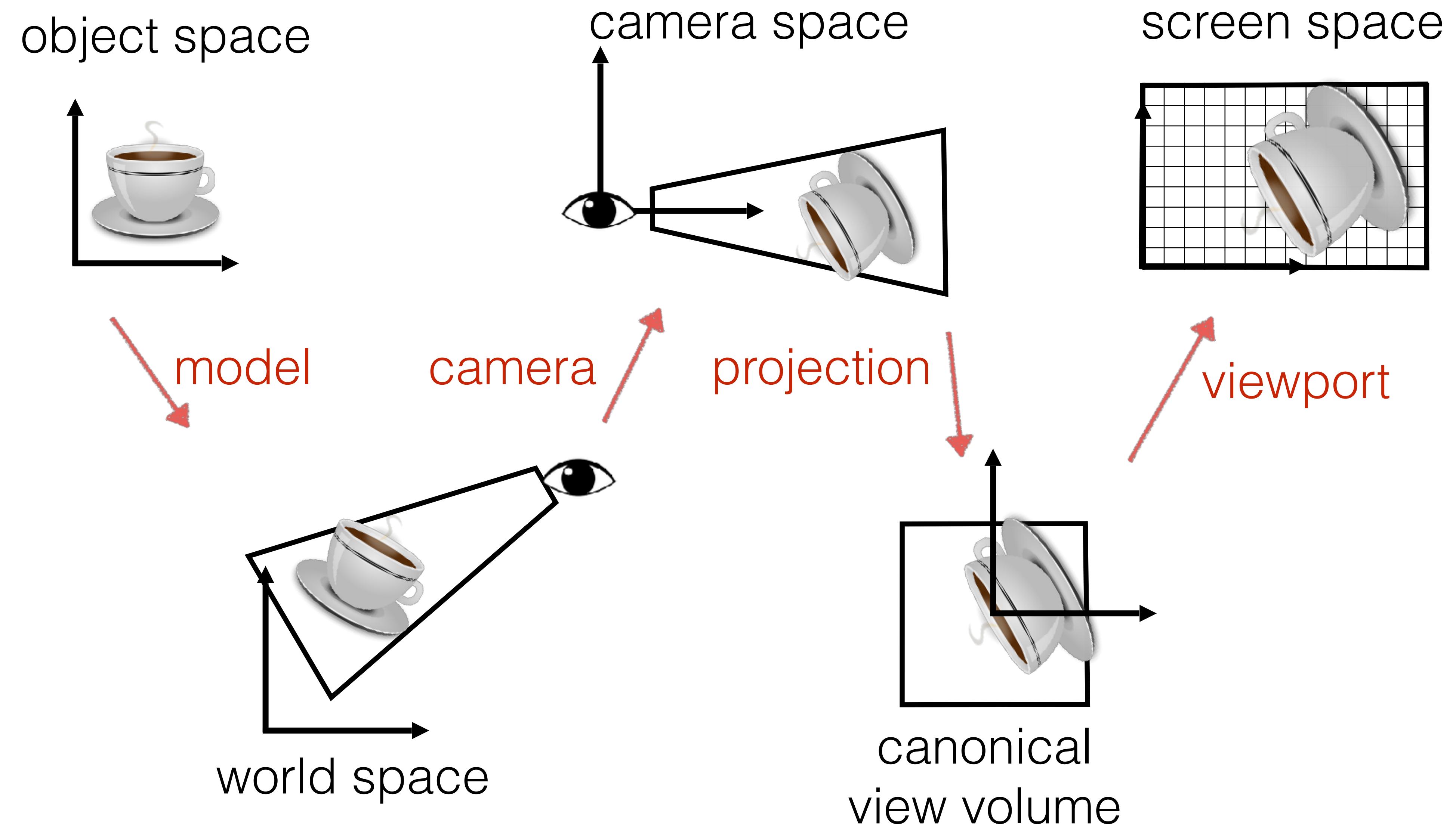


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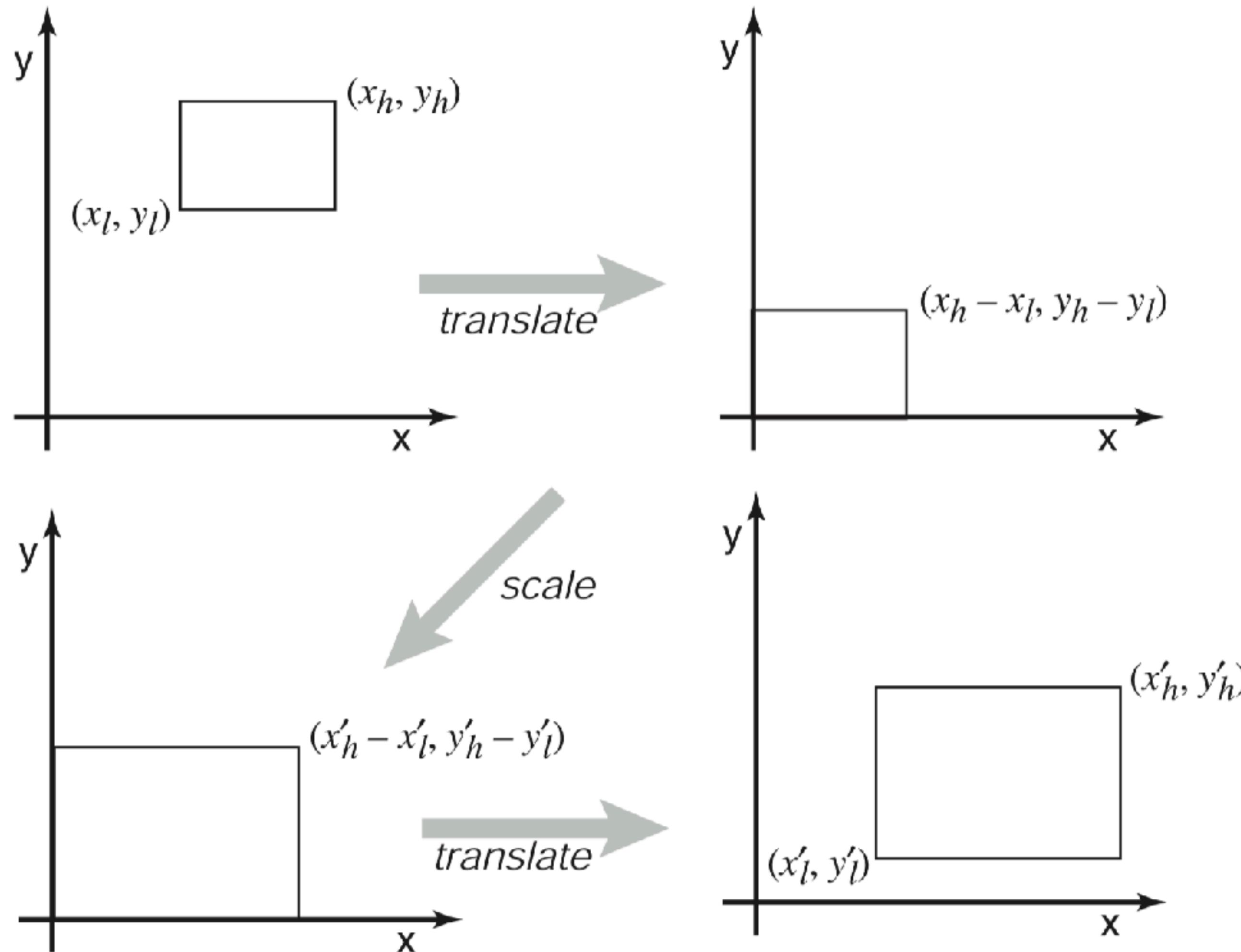
screen  
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# Viewing Transformation



# Windowing transforms

- take one axis-aligned rectangle or box to another

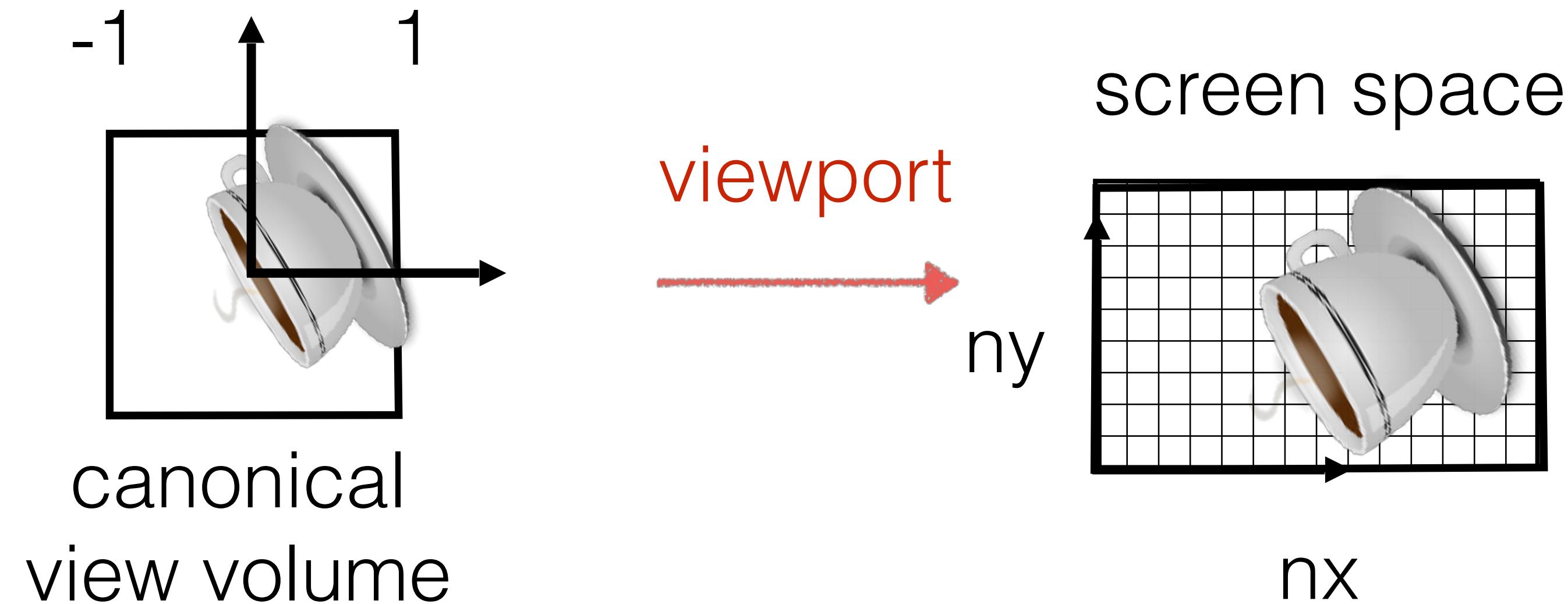


$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & x'_l \\ 0 & 1 & y'_l \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x'_h - x'_l}{x_h - x_l} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{y'_h - y'_l}{y_h - y_l} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -x_l \\ 0 & 1 & -y_l \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Viewport transformation

It is a simple windowing transform

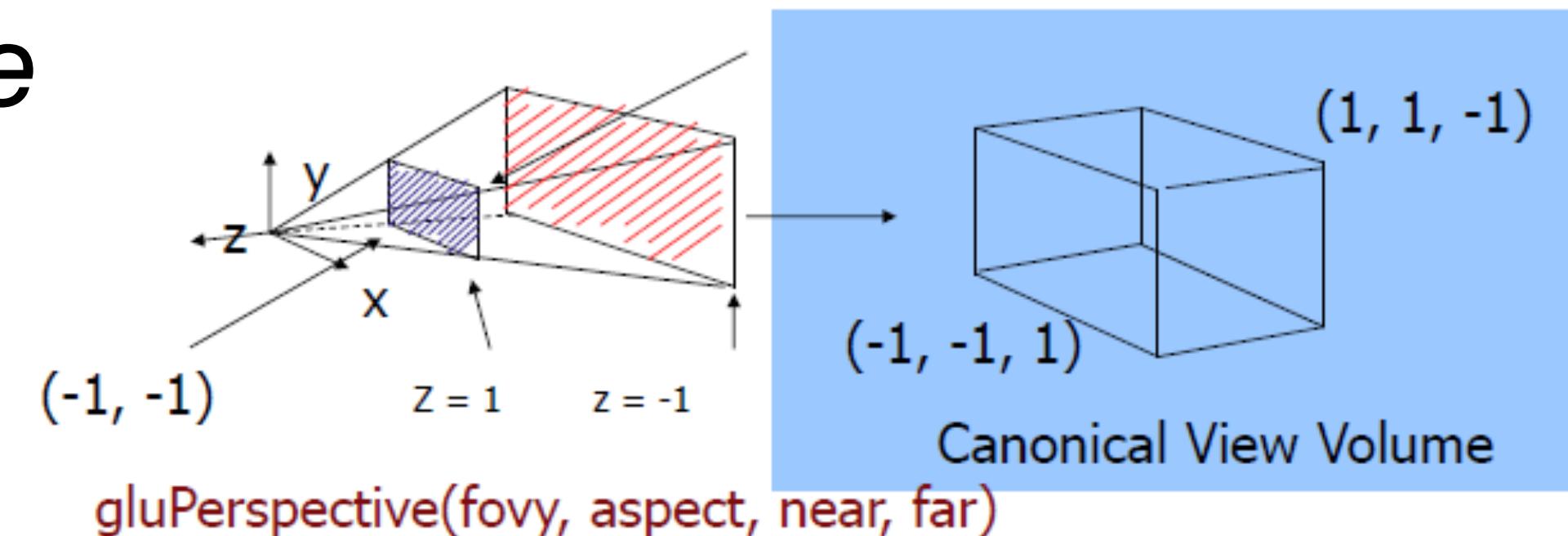


$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{screen} \\ y_{screen} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} nx/2 & 0 & \frac{n_x-1}{2} \\ 0 & ny/2 & \frac{n_y-1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{canonical} \\ y_{canonical} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

How does it look in 3D?

# Canonical view volume to screen space

- a restricted case: the *canonical view volume*



- coordinates in it are called “normalized device coordinates” (NDC)**

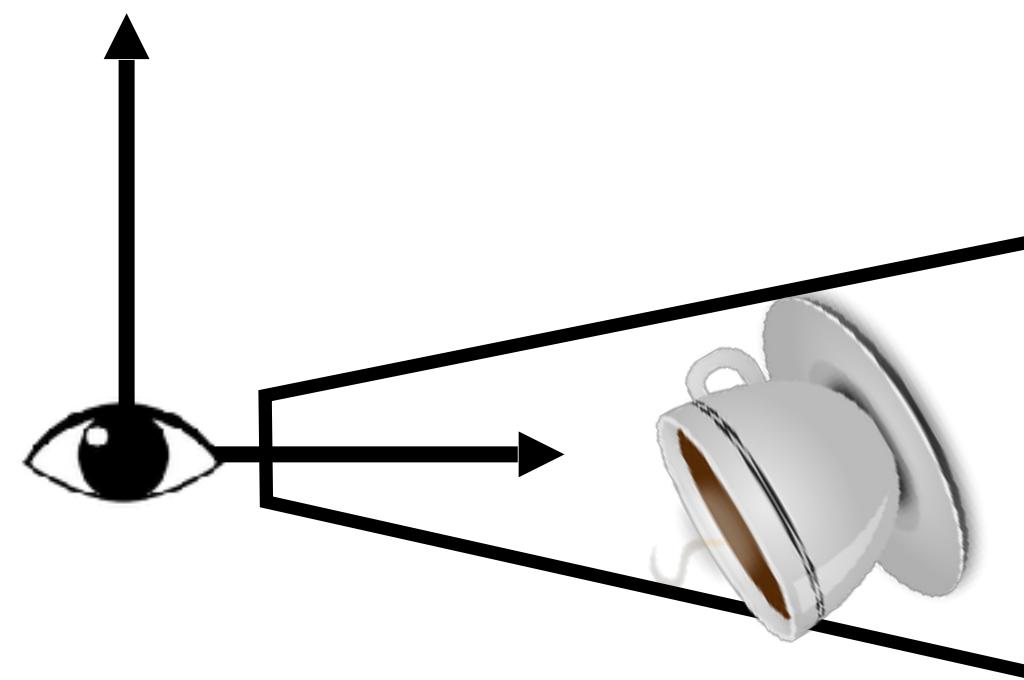
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$$M_{vp} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n_x}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{n_x-1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{n_y}{2} & 0 & \frac{n_y-1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

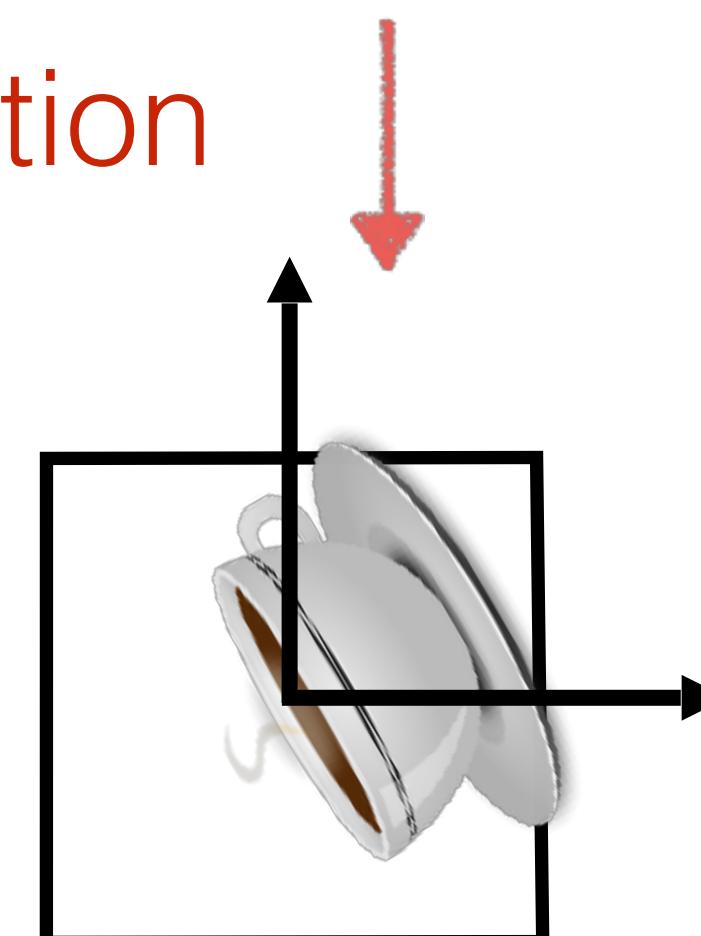
# Orthographic Projection

It is also a windowing transform

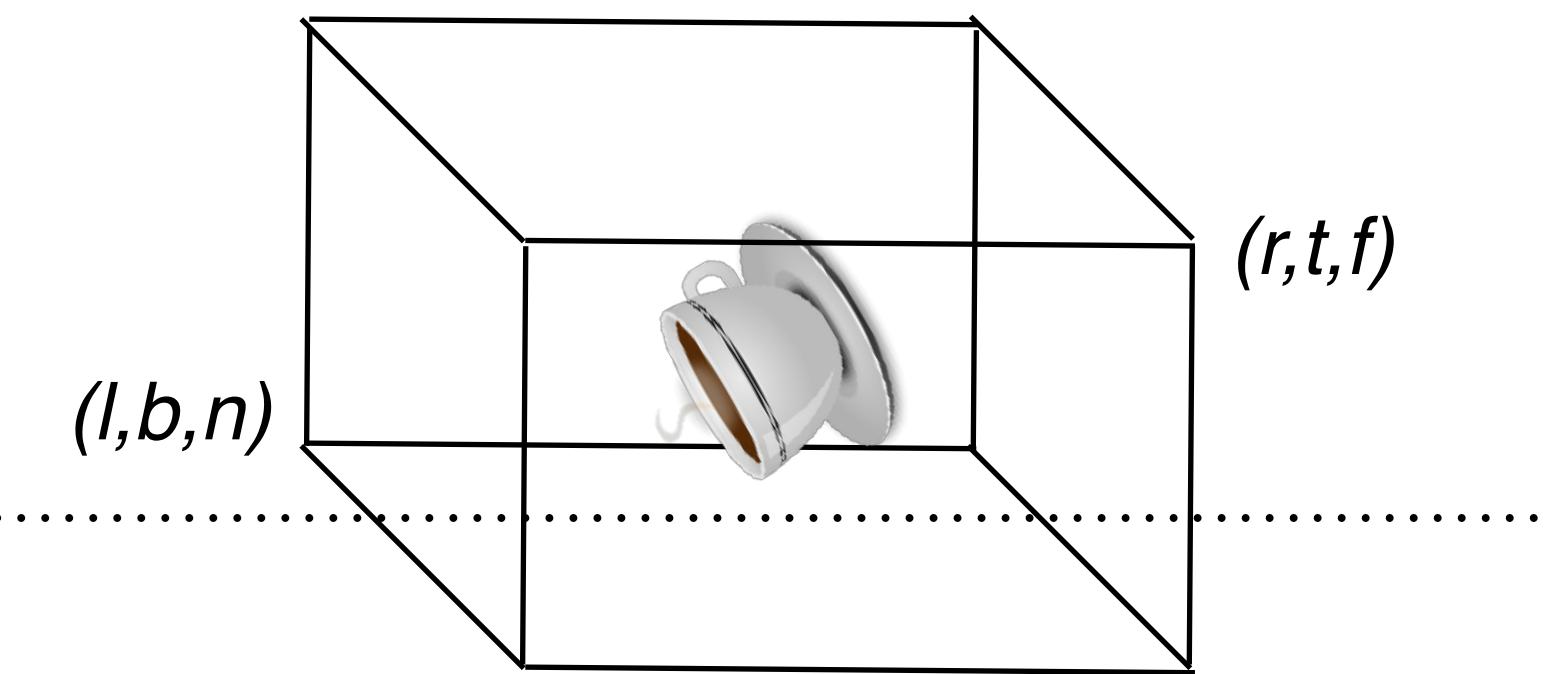
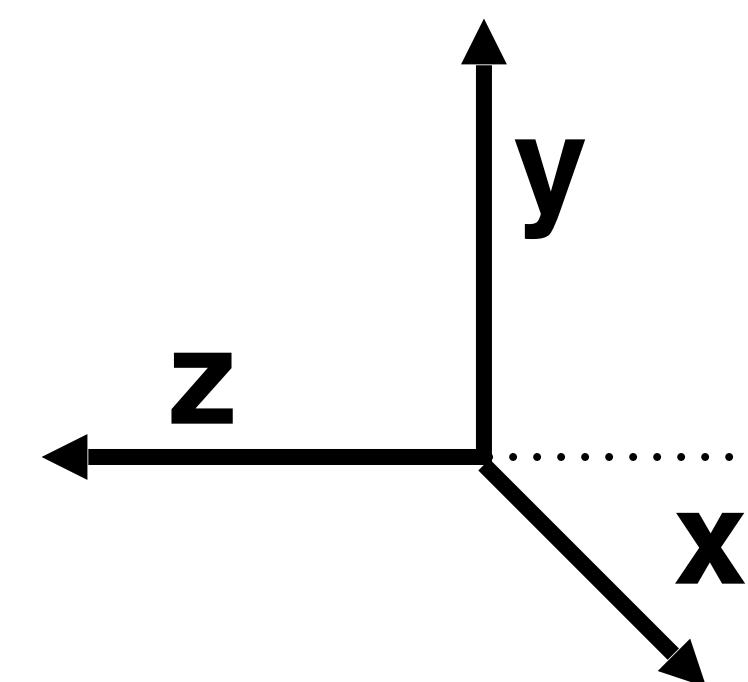
camera space



projection

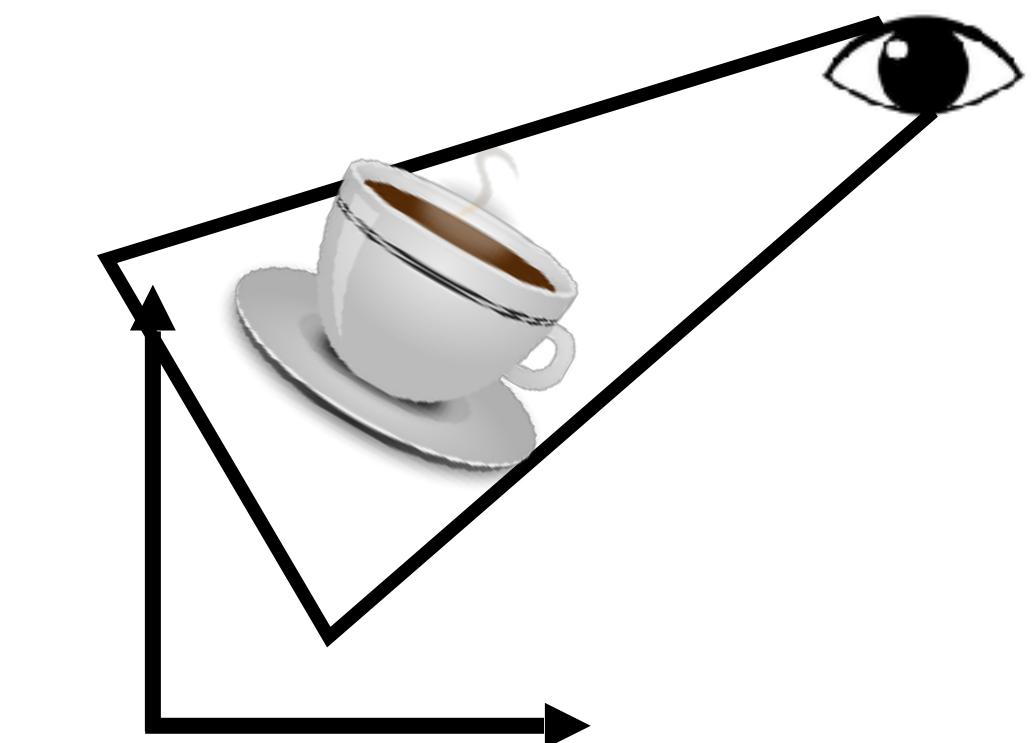


canonical  
view volume



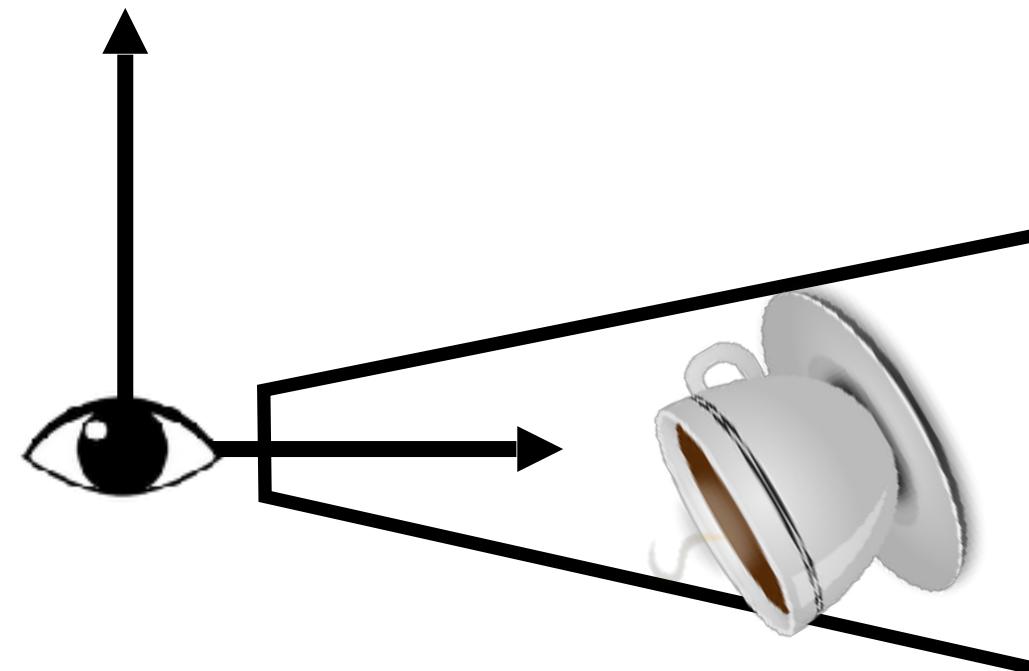
$$\mathbf{M}_{orth} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & -\frac{n+f}{n-f} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Camera Transformation



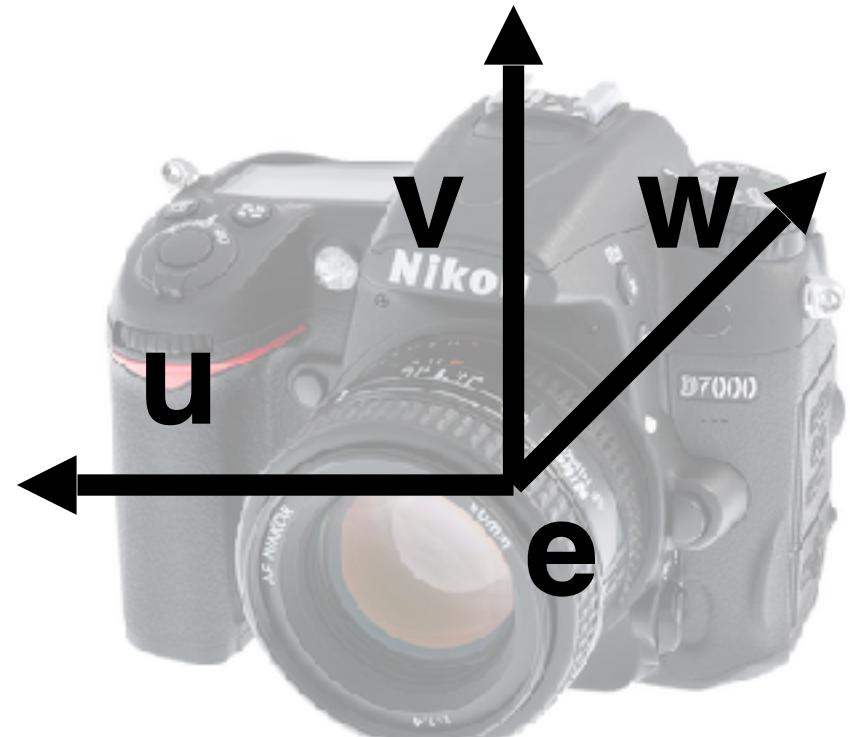
world space

↓ camera



camera space

1. Construct the camera reference system given:
  1. The eye position  $\mathbf{e}$
  2. The gaze direction  $\mathbf{g}$
  3. The view-up vector  $\mathbf{t}$

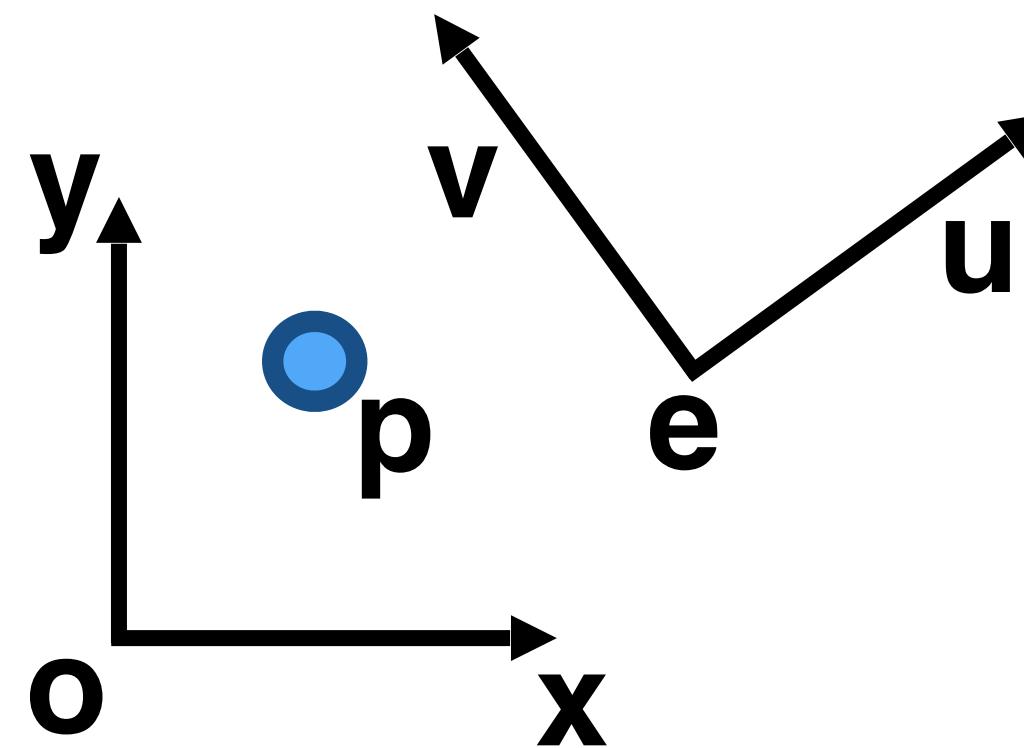


$$\mathbf{w} = -\frac{\mathbf{g}}{\|\mathbf{g}\|}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{w}\|}$$

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

# Change of frame



$$\mathbf{p} = (p_x, p_y) = \mathbf{o} + p_x \mathbf{x} + p_y \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = (p_u, p_v) = \mathbf{e} + p_u \mathbf{u} + p_v \mathbf{v}$$

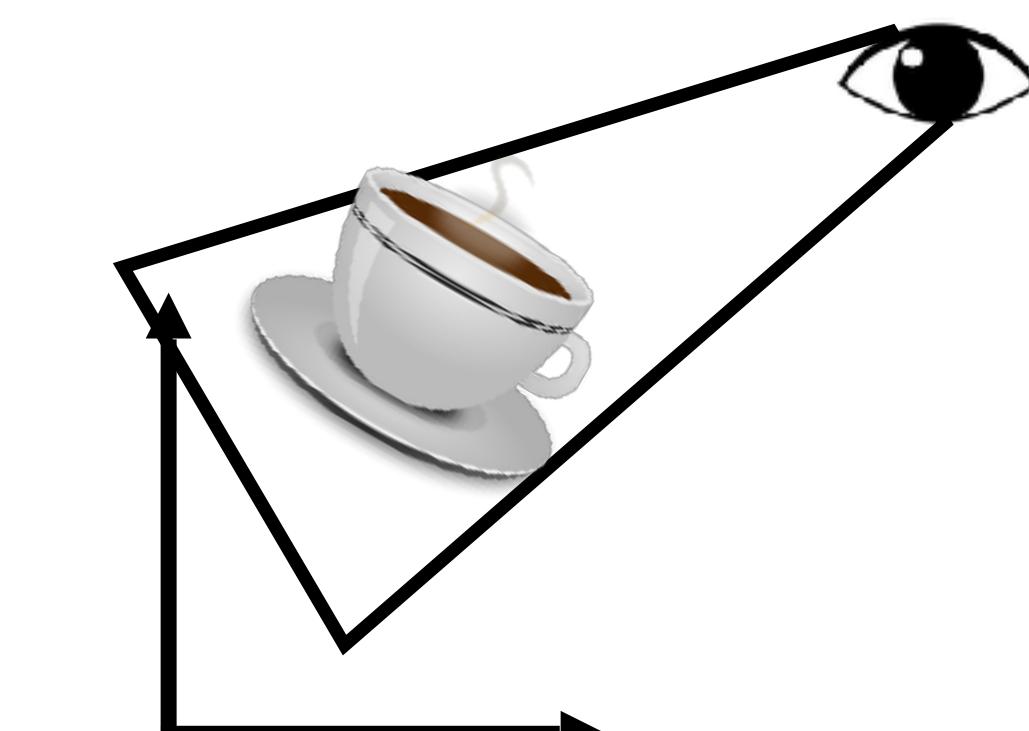
$$\begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & e_x \\ 0 & 1 & e_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_x & v_x & 0 \\ u_y & v_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_u \\ p_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & v_x & e_x \\ u_y & v_y & e_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_u \\ p_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{xy} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{e} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{uv}$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{uv} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{e} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \mathbf{p}_{xy}$$

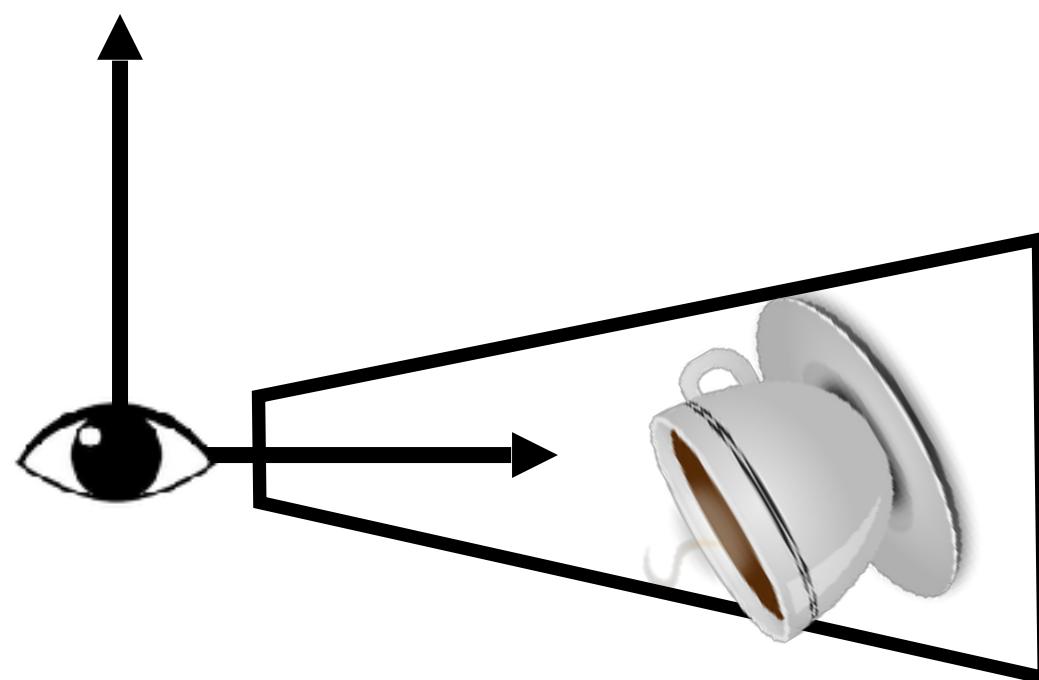
Can you write it directly without the inverse?

# Camera Transformation



world space

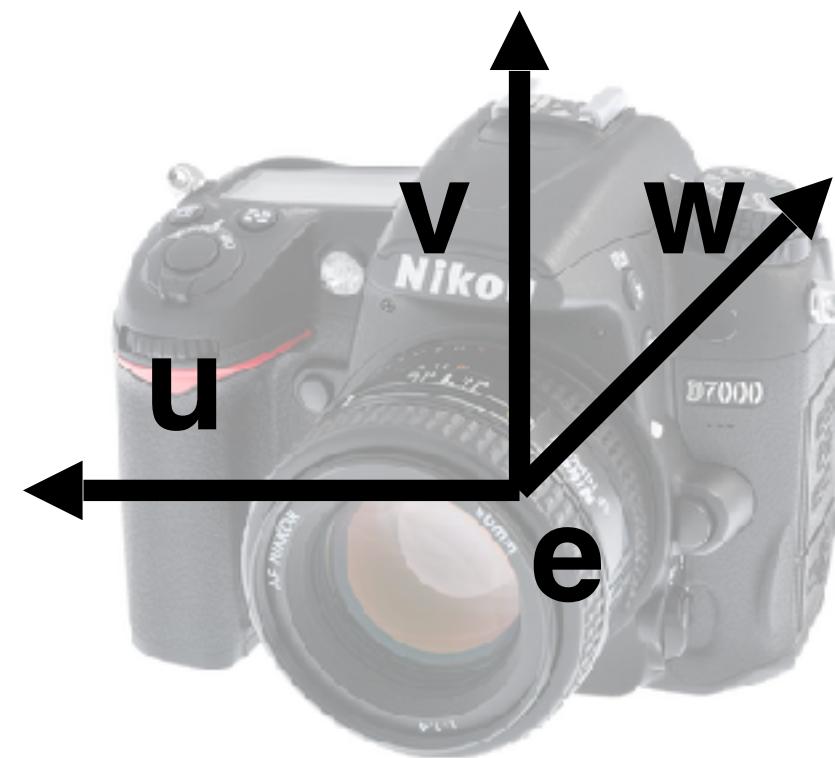
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camera space

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$$\mathbf{w} = -\frac{\mathbf{g}}{\|\mathbf{g}\|}$$

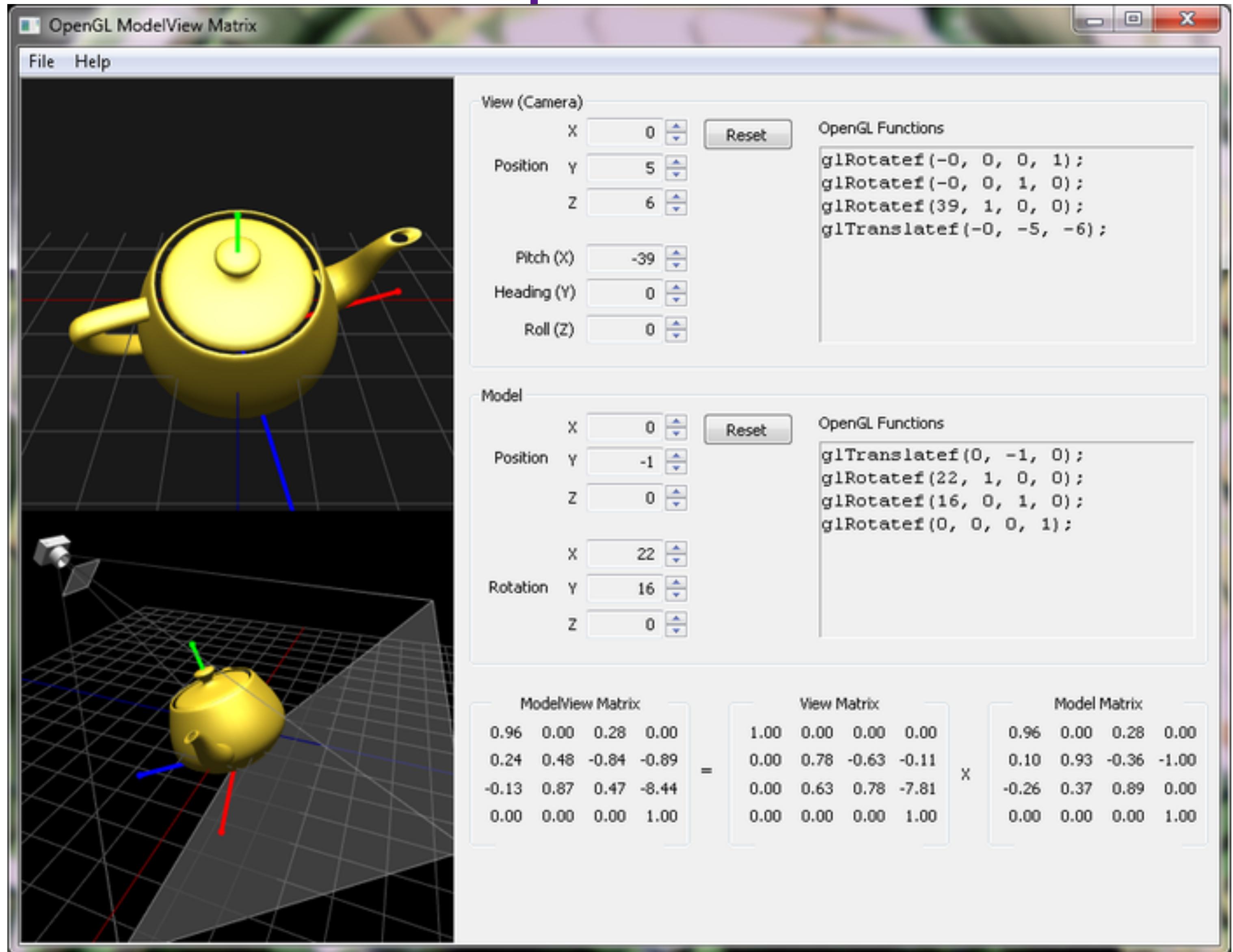
$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{w}\|}$$

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

2. Construct the unique transformations that converts world coordinates into camera coordinates

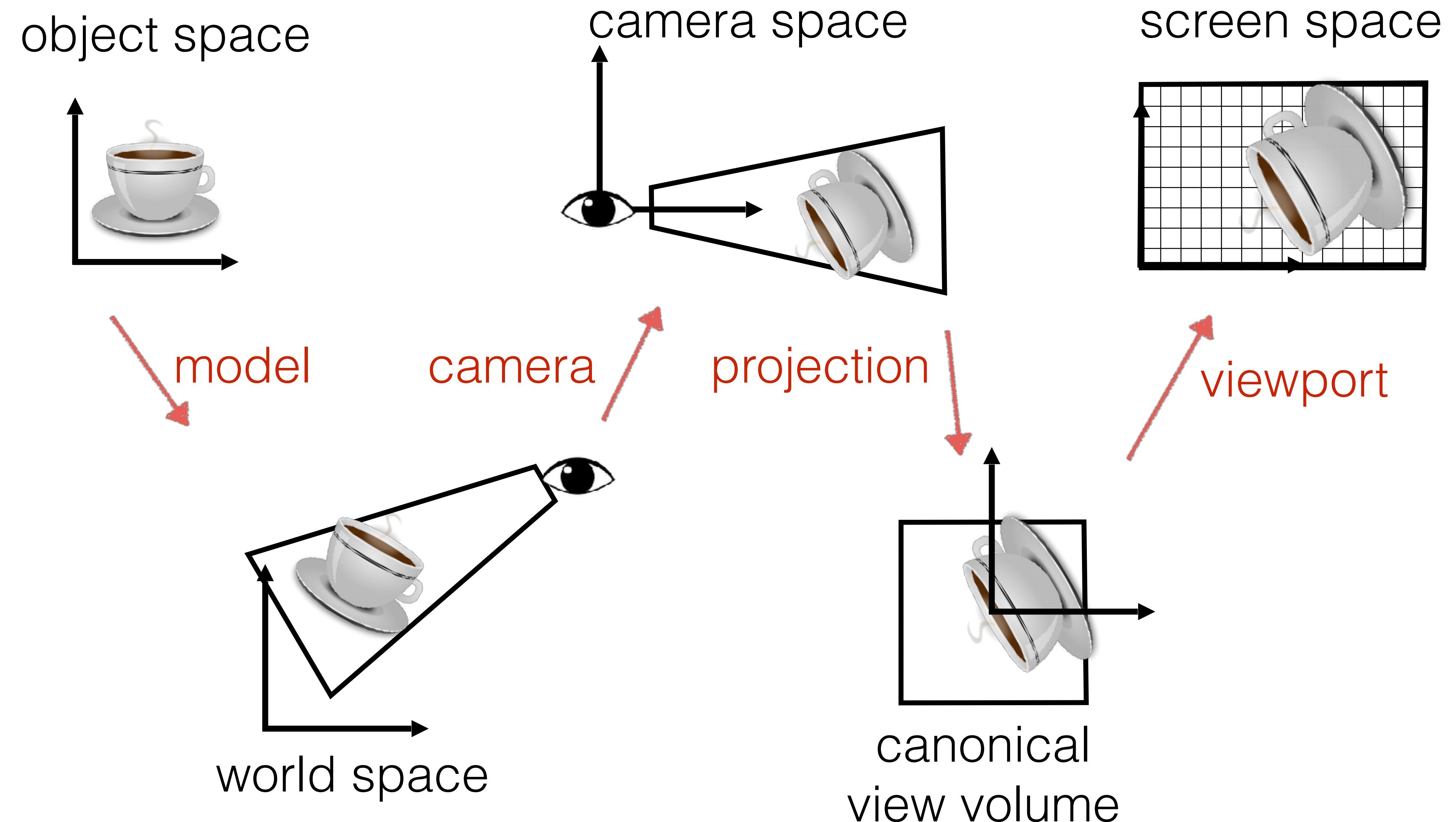
$$\mathbf{M}_{cam} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{w} & \mathbf{e} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

# Example: ModelView Matrix



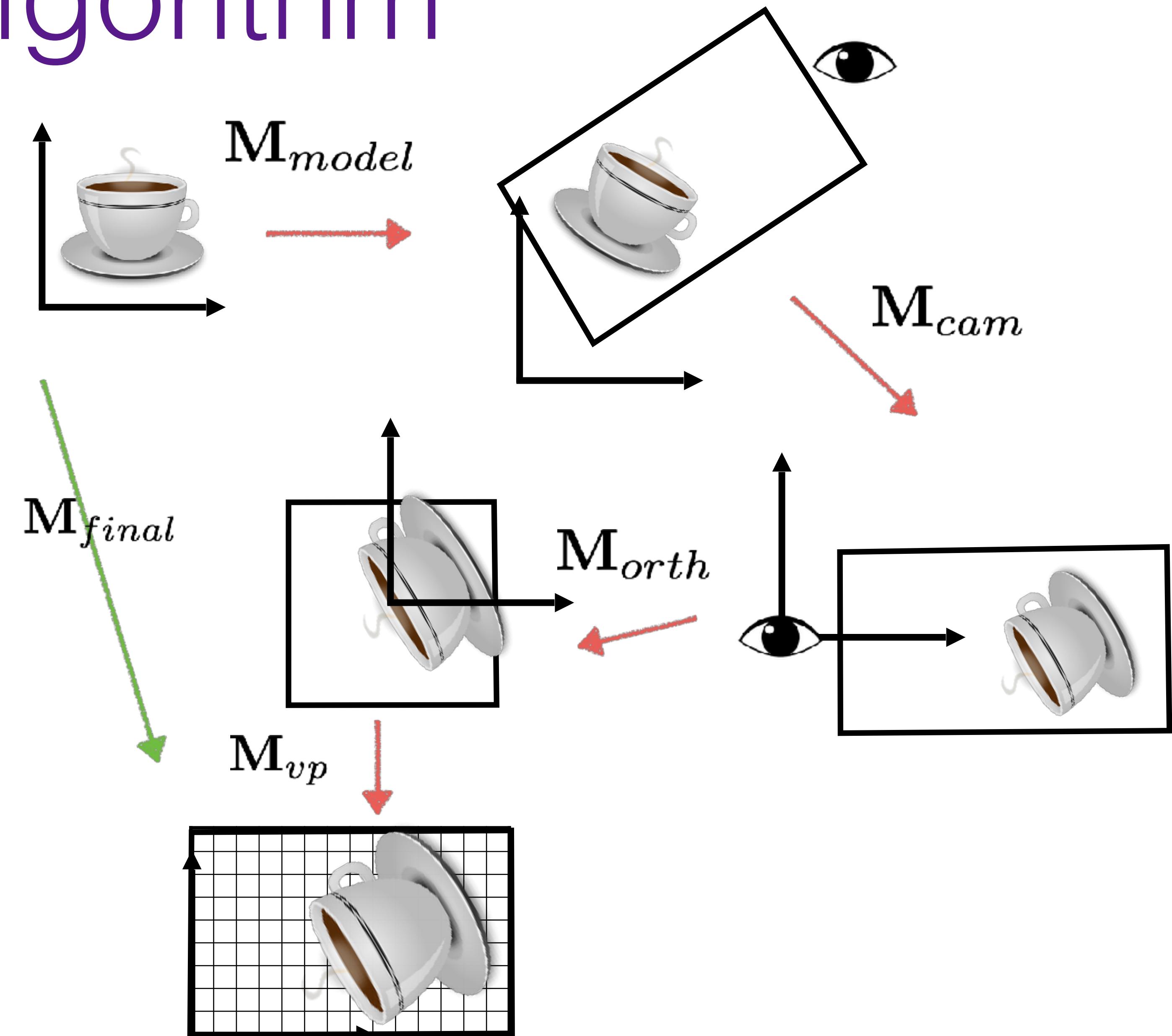
- [http://www.songho.ca/opengl/gl\\_transform.html#example1](http://www.songho.ca/opengl/gl_transform.html#example1)

# Viewing Transformation



# Algorithm

- Construct Viewport Matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{vp}$
- Construct Projection Matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{orth}$
- Construct Camera Matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{cam}$
- $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_{vp}\mathbf{M}_{orth}\mathbf{M}_{cam}$
- For each model
  - Construct Model Matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{model}$
  - $\mathbf{M}_{final} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}_{model}$
  - For every point  $\mathbf{p}$  in each primitive of the model
    - $\mathbf{p}_{final} = \mathbf{M}_{final}\mathbf{p}$
    - Rasterize the model



# Orthographic transformation chain

- Start with coordinates in object's local coordinates
- Transform into world coords (modeling transform,  $M_m$ )
- Transform into eye coords (camera xf.,  $M_{cam} = F_c^{-1}$ )
- Orthographic projection,  $M_{orth}$
- Viewport transform,  $M_{vp}$

$$\mathbf{p}_s = M_{vp} M_{orth} M_{cam} M_m \mathbf{p}_o$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_s \\ y_s \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n_x}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{n_x-1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{n_y}{2} & 0 & \frac{n_y-1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & -\frac{n+f}{n-f} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{w} & \mathbf{e} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} M_m \begin{bmatrix} x_o \\ y_o \\ z_o \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**NDC**

**eye space**

**world space**

**object space**

**screen space**



# Rudimentary perspective in cave drawings



Lascaux, France source: Wikipedia

# Painting in middle ages: incorrect perspective

- Art in the service of religion
- Perspective abandoned or forgotten



Ottonian manuscript, ca. 1000

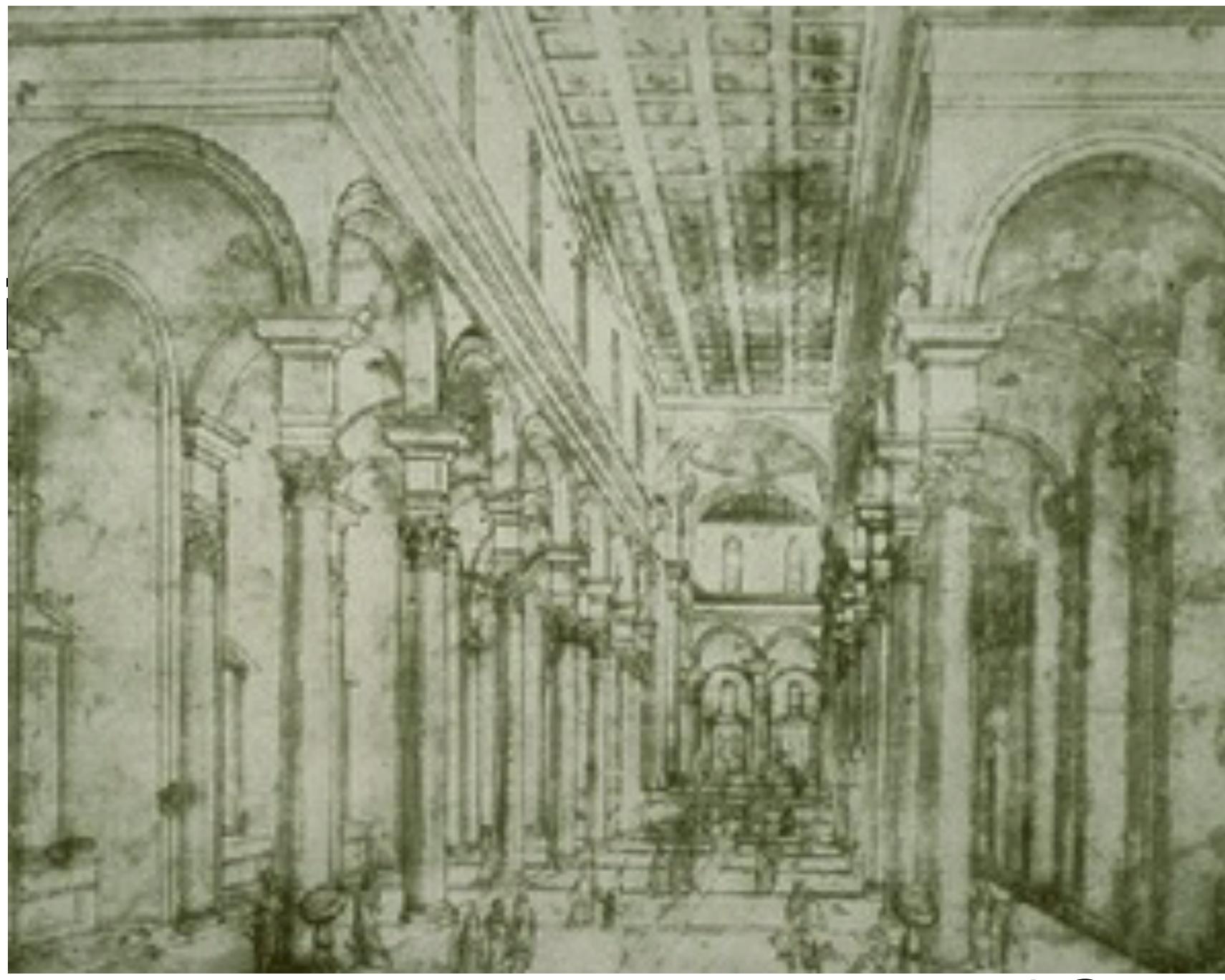


8-9th century painting

# Renaissance



Filippo Brunelleschi Florence, 1415



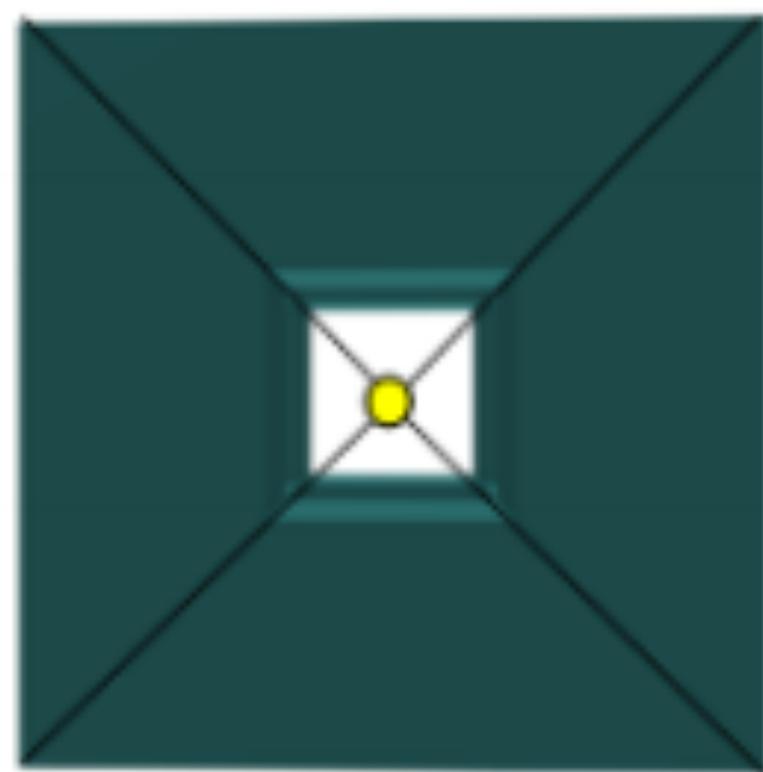
Brunelleschi, elevation of Santo Spirito, 1434-83, Florence



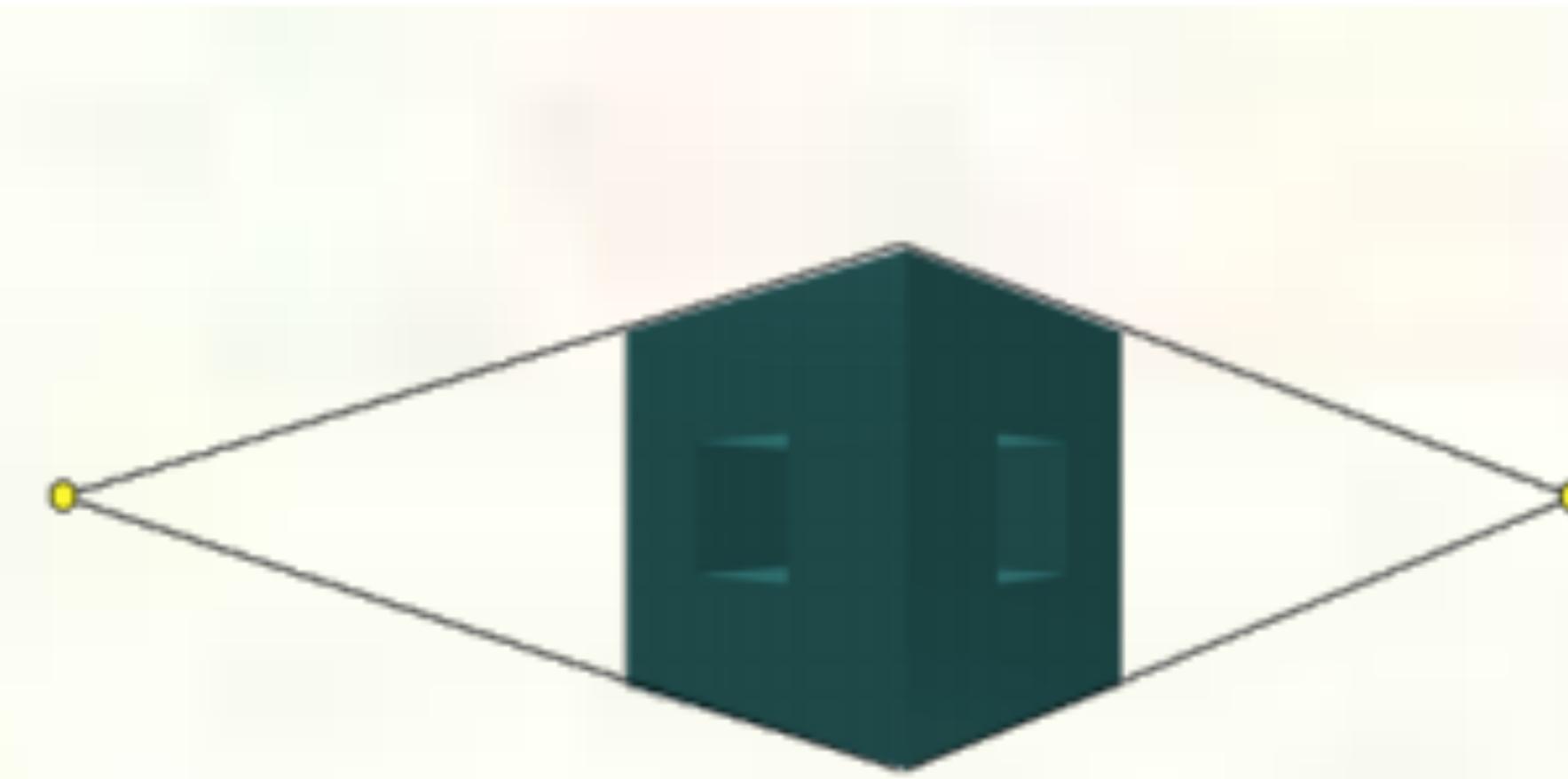
Masaccio – The Tribute Money c. 1426-27

Fresco, The Brancacci Chapel, Florence

# 1-, 2-, and 3-point Perspective



1-point perspective



2-point perspective



3-point perspective

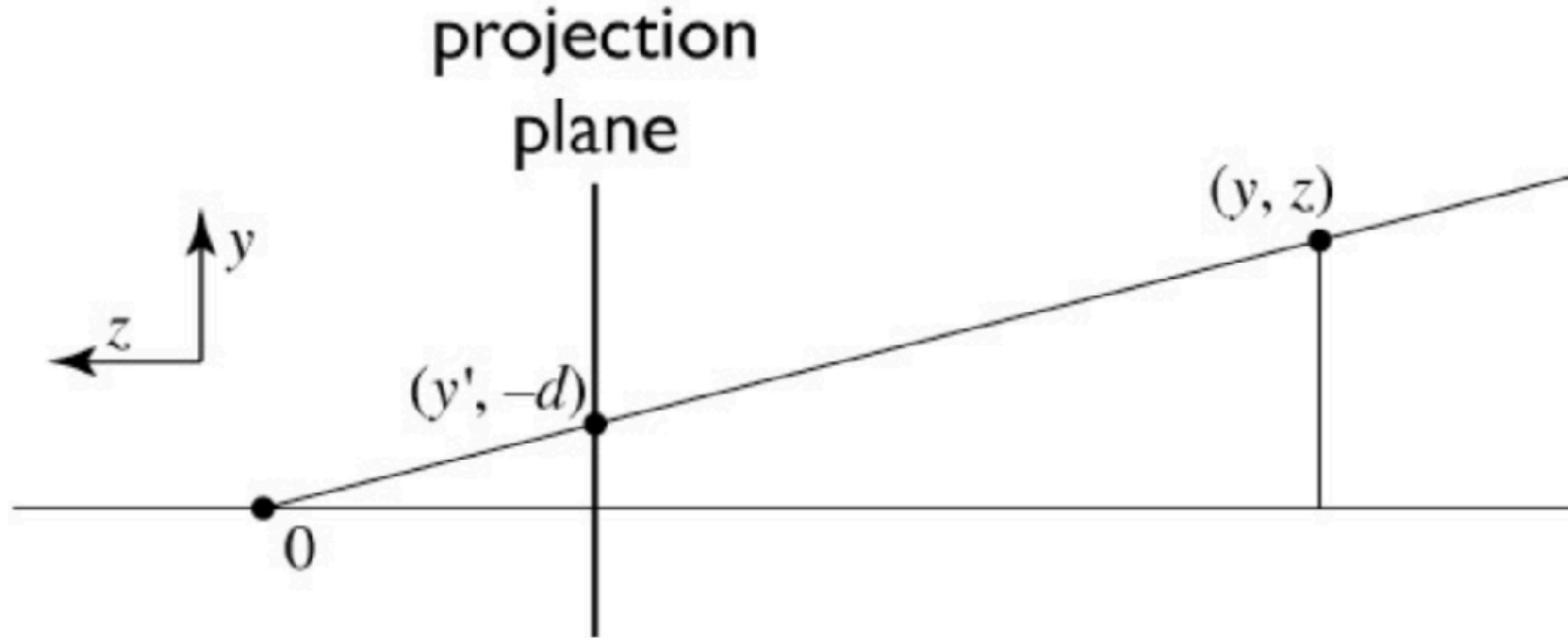


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# Perspective projection



similar triangles:

$$\frac{y'}{d} = \frac{y}{-z}$$

$$y' = -dy/z$$

# Homogeneous coordinates revisited

- Perspective requires division
  - that is not part of affine transformations
  - in affine, parallel lines stay parallel
    - therefore not vanishing point
    - therefore no rays converging on viewpoint
  - “True” purpose of homogeneous coords: projection

# Homogeneous coordinates revisited

- **Introduced  $w = 1$  coordinate as a placeholder**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

– used as a convenience for unifying translation with linear

- **Can also allow arbitrary  $w$**

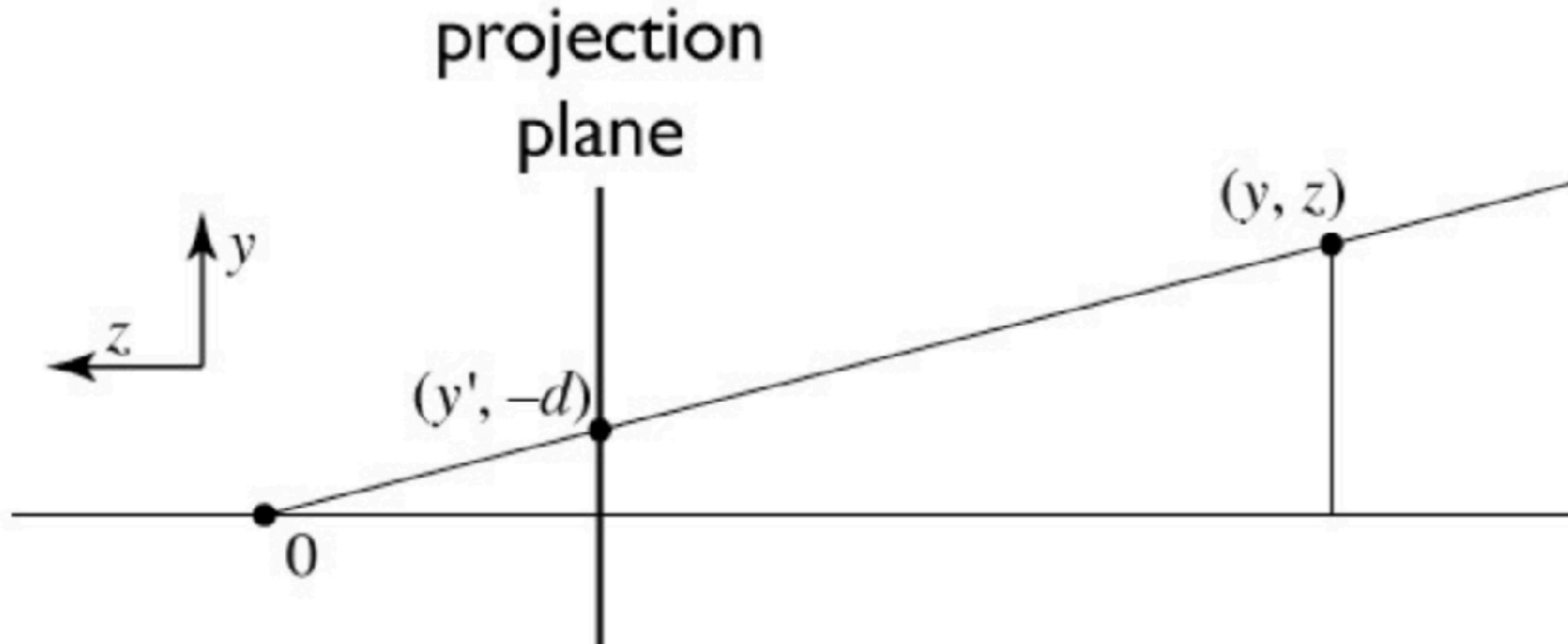
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} wx \\ wy \\ wz \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

# Implications of $w$

- All scalar multiples of a 4-vector are equivalent
- When  $w$  is not zero, can divide by  $w$ 
  - therefore these points represent “normal” affine points
- When  $w$  is zero, it’s a point at infinity, a.k.a. a direction
  - this is the point where parallel lines intersect
  - can also think of it as the vanishing point

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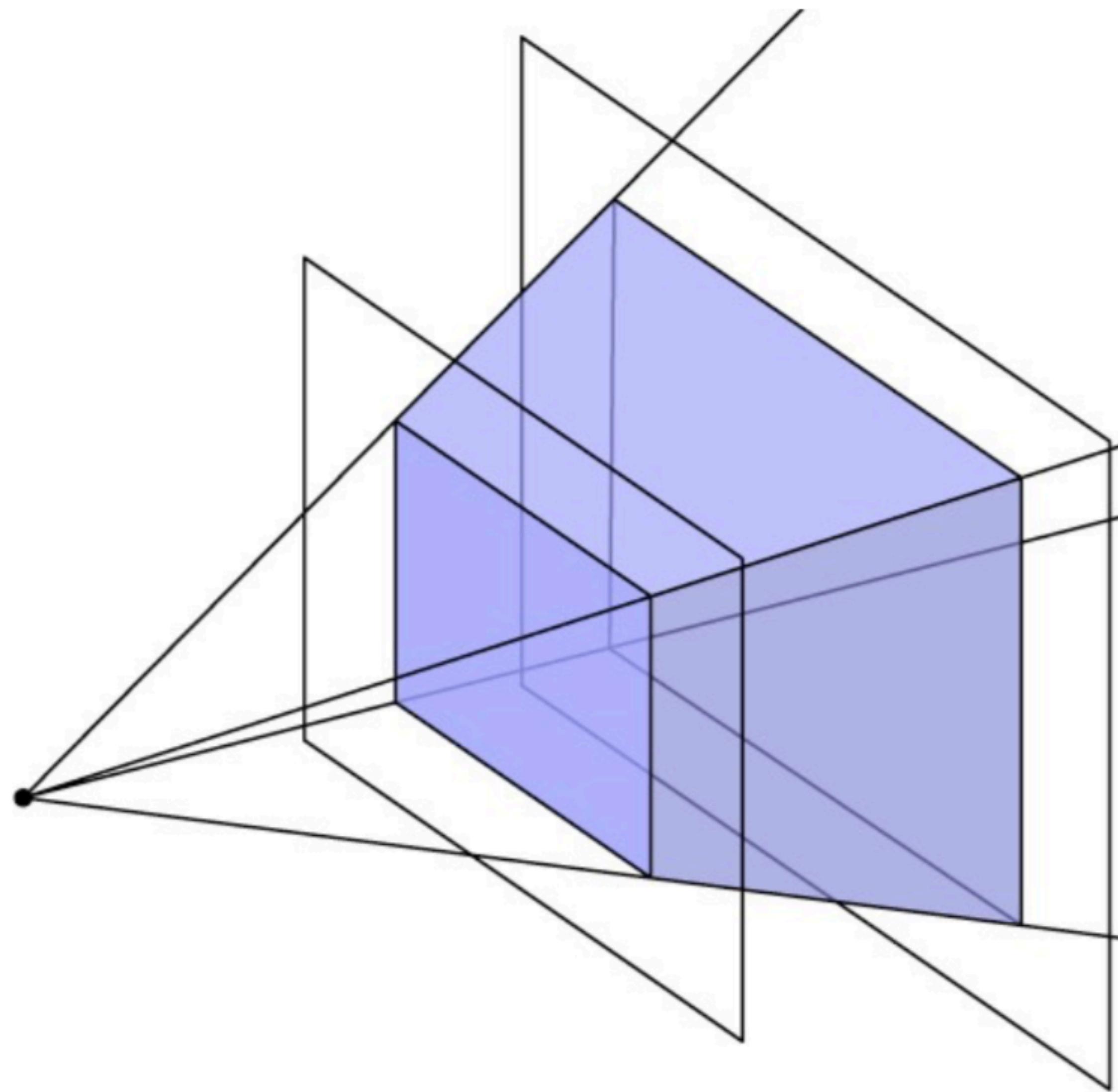
# Perspective projection



to implement perspective, just move  $z$  to  $w$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -dx/z \\ -dy/z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \\ -z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# View volume: perspective (clipped)



# Carrying depth through perspective

- Perspective can't preserve depth!
- Compromise: preserve depth on near and far planes

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ \tilde{y} \\ \tilde{z} \\ -z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

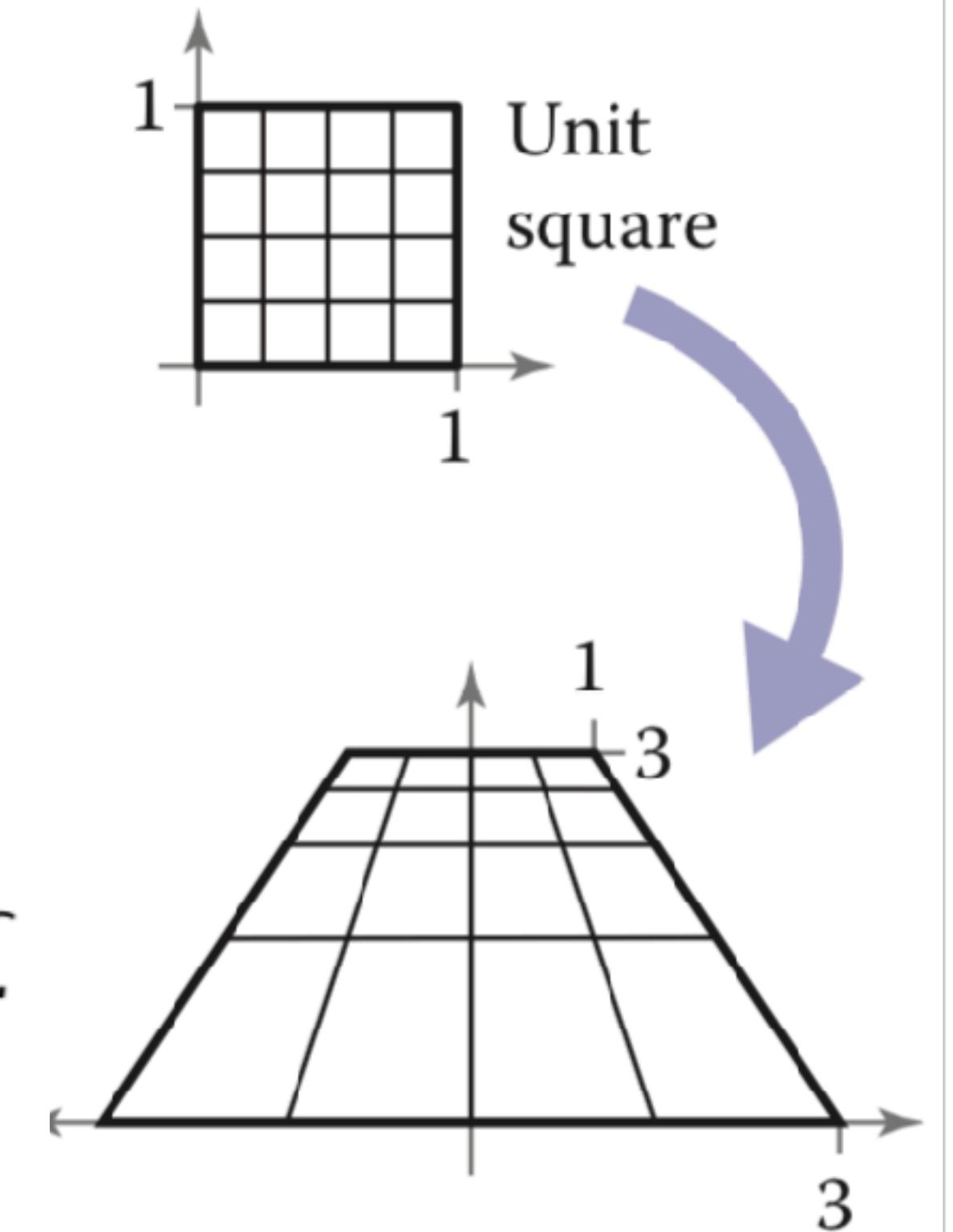
– that is, choose  $a$  and  $b$  so that  $z'(n) = n$  and  $z'(f) = f$ .

$$\tilde{z}(z) = az + b$$

$$z'(z) = \frac{\tilde{z}}{-z} = \frac{az + b}{-z}$$

want  $z'(n) = n$  and  $z'(f) = f$

result:  $a = -(n + f)$  and  $b = nf$  (try it)



# Official perspective matrix

- **Use near plane distance as the projection distance**
  - i.e.,  $d = -n$
- **Scale by  $-I$  to have fewer minus signs**
  - scaling the matrix does not change the projective transformation

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n + f & -fn \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Perspective projection matrix

- Product of perspective matrix with orth. projection matrix

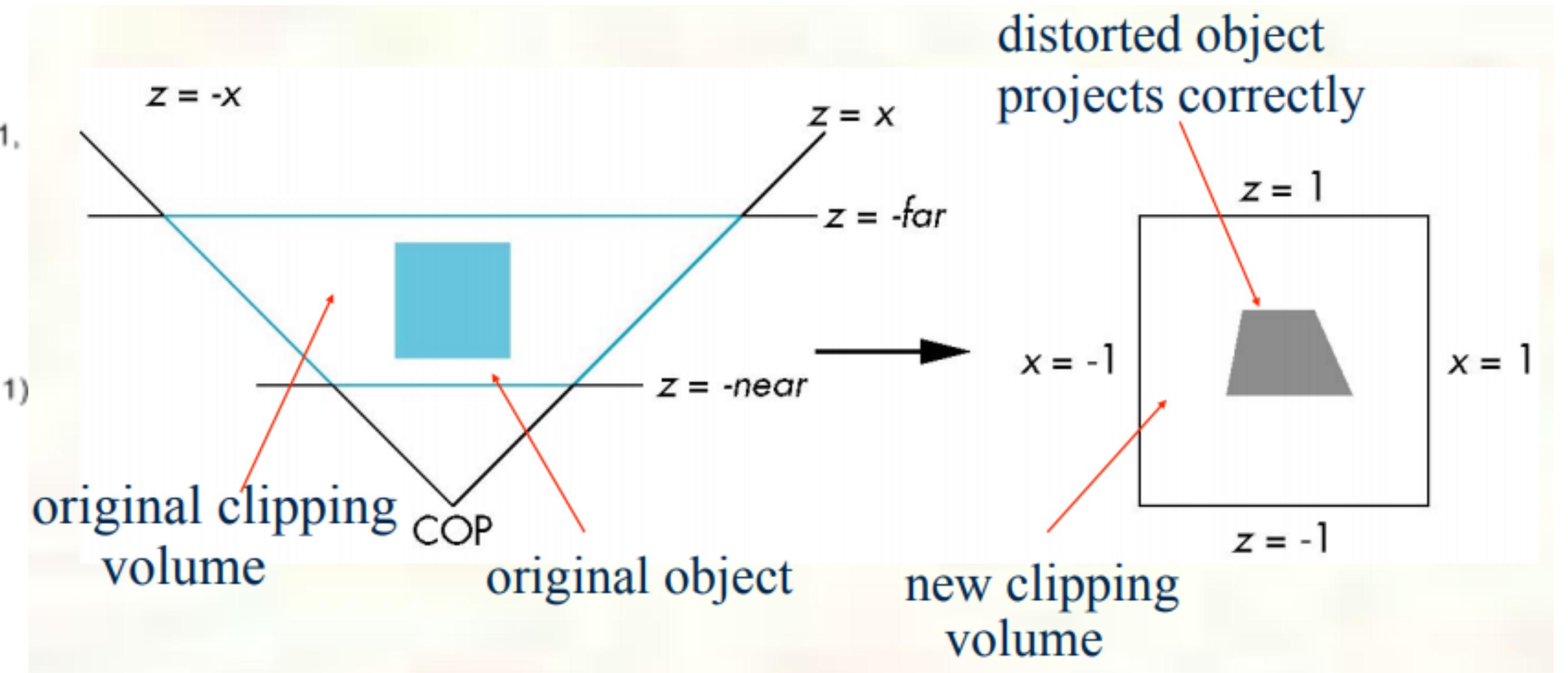
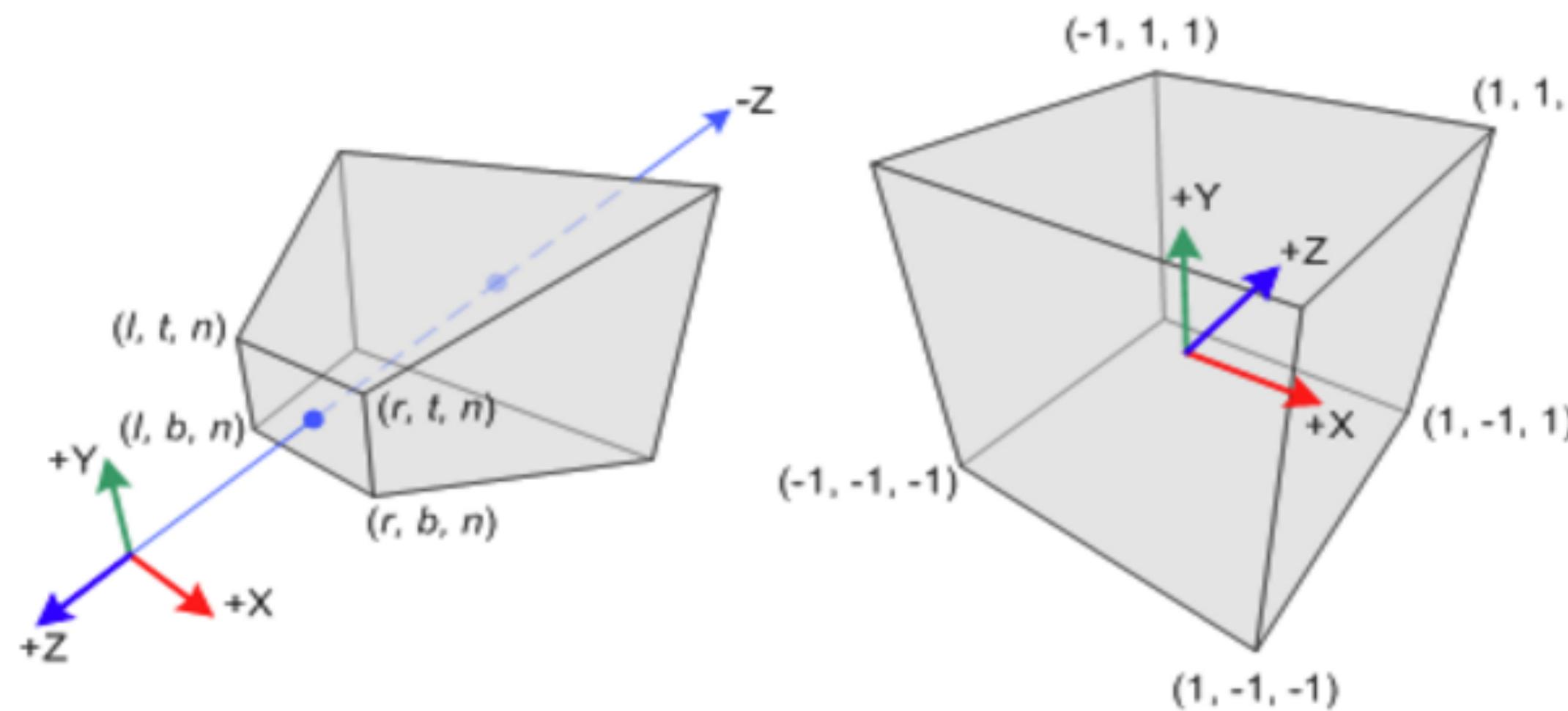
$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{per}} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}} \mathbf{P}$$

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

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

**caution:** differences from traditional OpenGL standard!  
Here,  $n$  and  $f$  are negative;  
near is +1 in the canonical view volume; and both eye space and clip space have right handed coordinates.

# Perspective projection matrix



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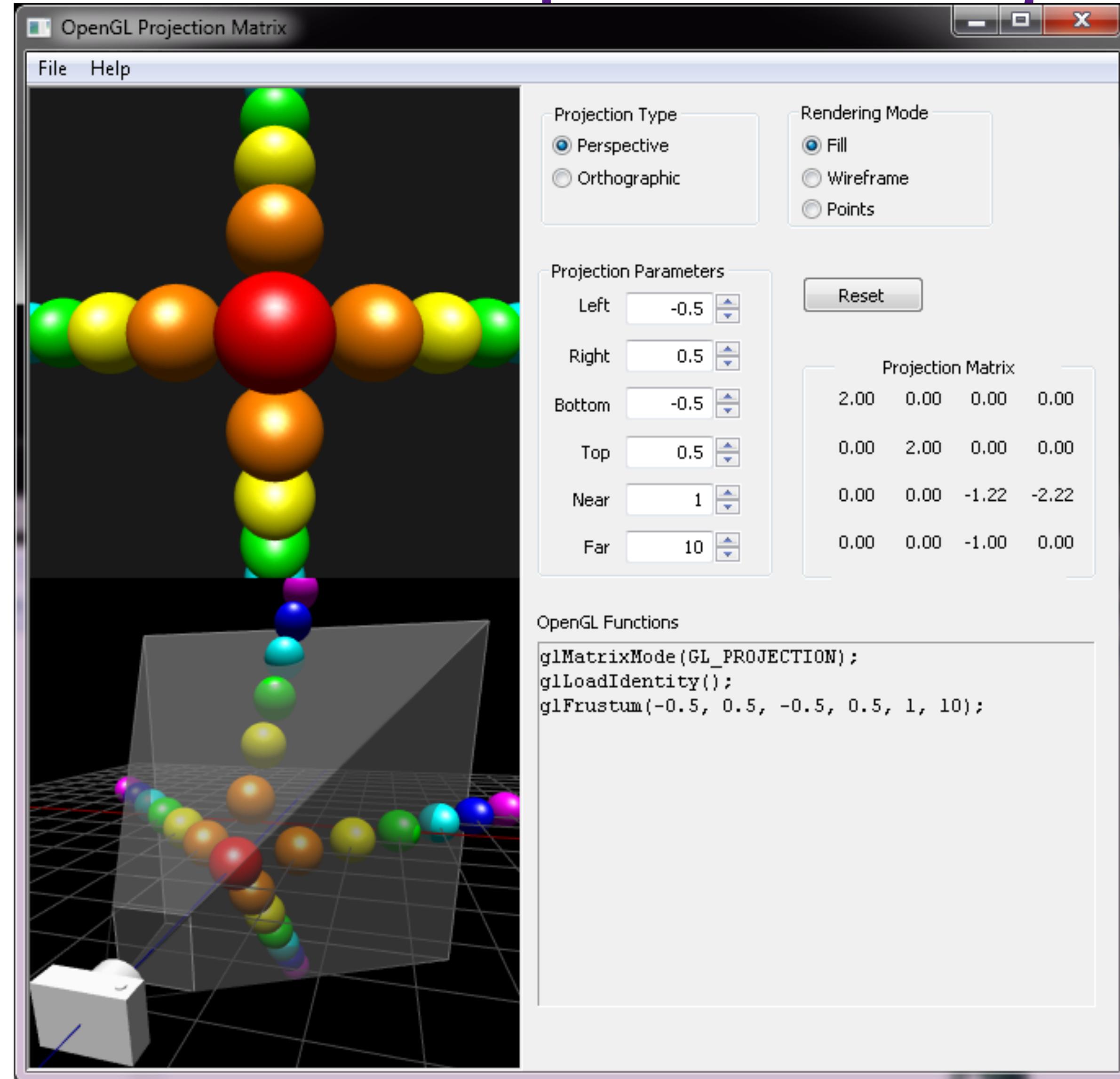
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**screen space**
**NDC**
**eye space**
**object space**

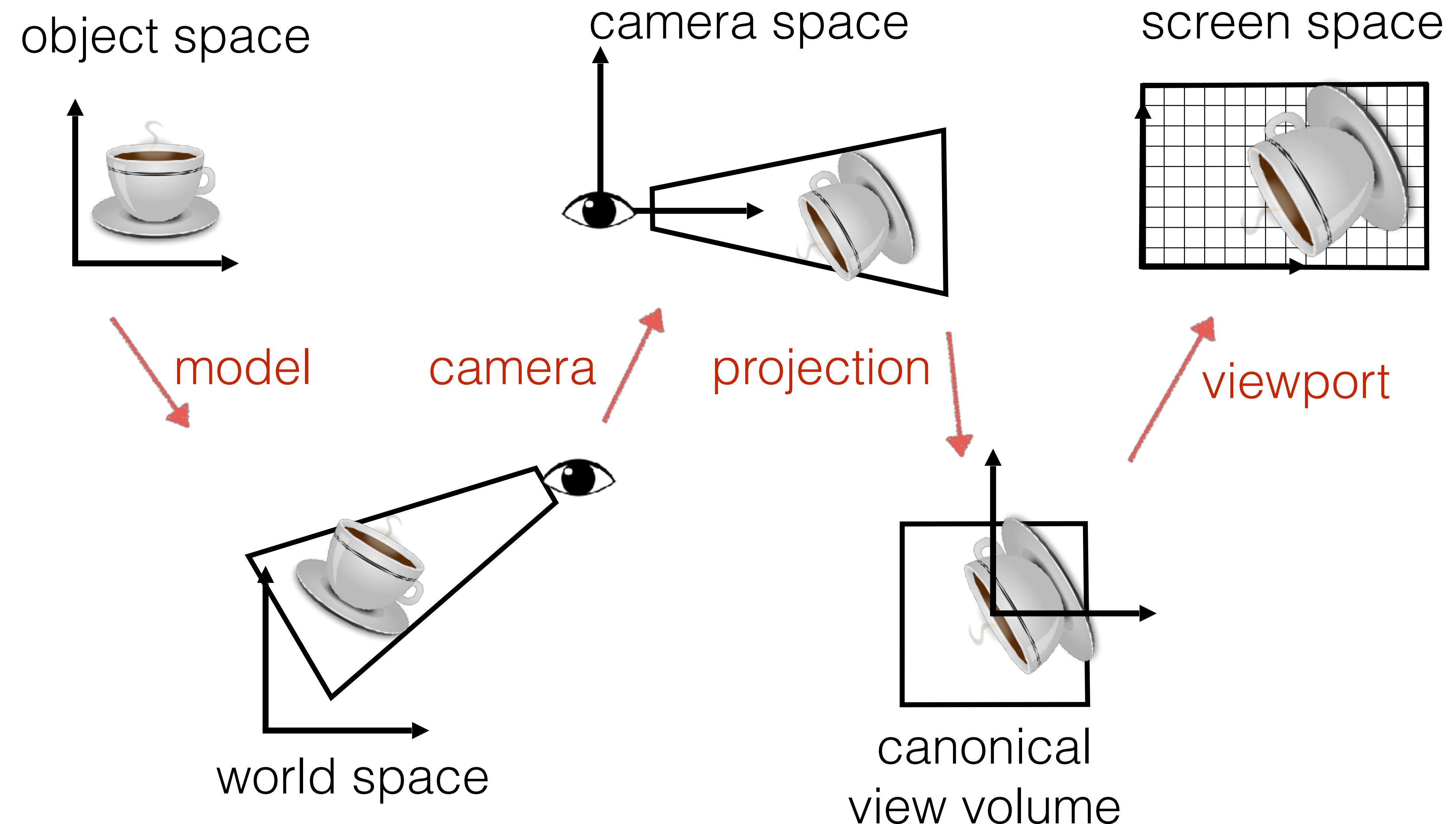
**world space**
**object space**

# Example: Projection Matrix



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# Viewing Transformation



# References

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Chapter 7