

## Lecture 7: Viewing

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# Overview

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- Mathematics of projection
- Coordinate transformation pipeline
- Derive GL projection matrices



# Computer Viewing

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- There are three aspects of the viewing process implemented in the graphics pipeline
  - Placing objects, positioning the camera
    - Setting the ***model-view matrix***
  - Selecting a lens
    - Setting the ***projection matrix***
  - Clipping
    - Setting the ***view volume***



# The GL Camera

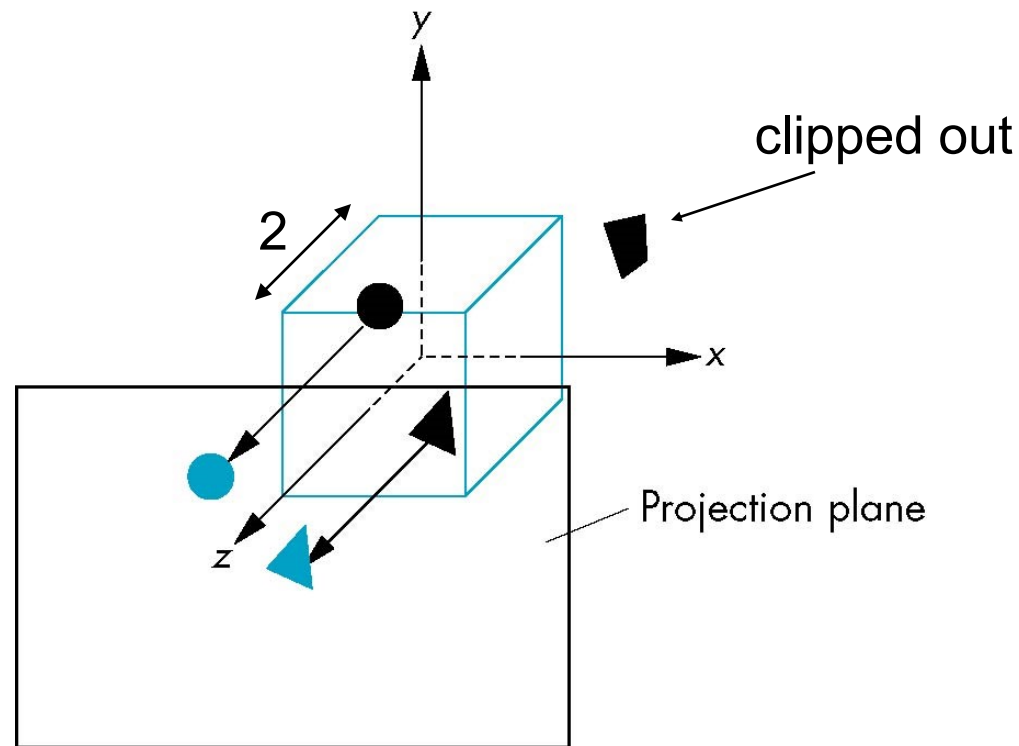
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- In GL, initially the object and camera frames are the same
- GL specifies a default view volume that is a cube with sides of length 2 centered at the origin
- If the modelview matrix is an identity, then the camera is located at origin and points to the negative z direction
- If the default projection matrix is an identity, then it is orthogonal projection



# Default Camera & Projection

- Orthogonal



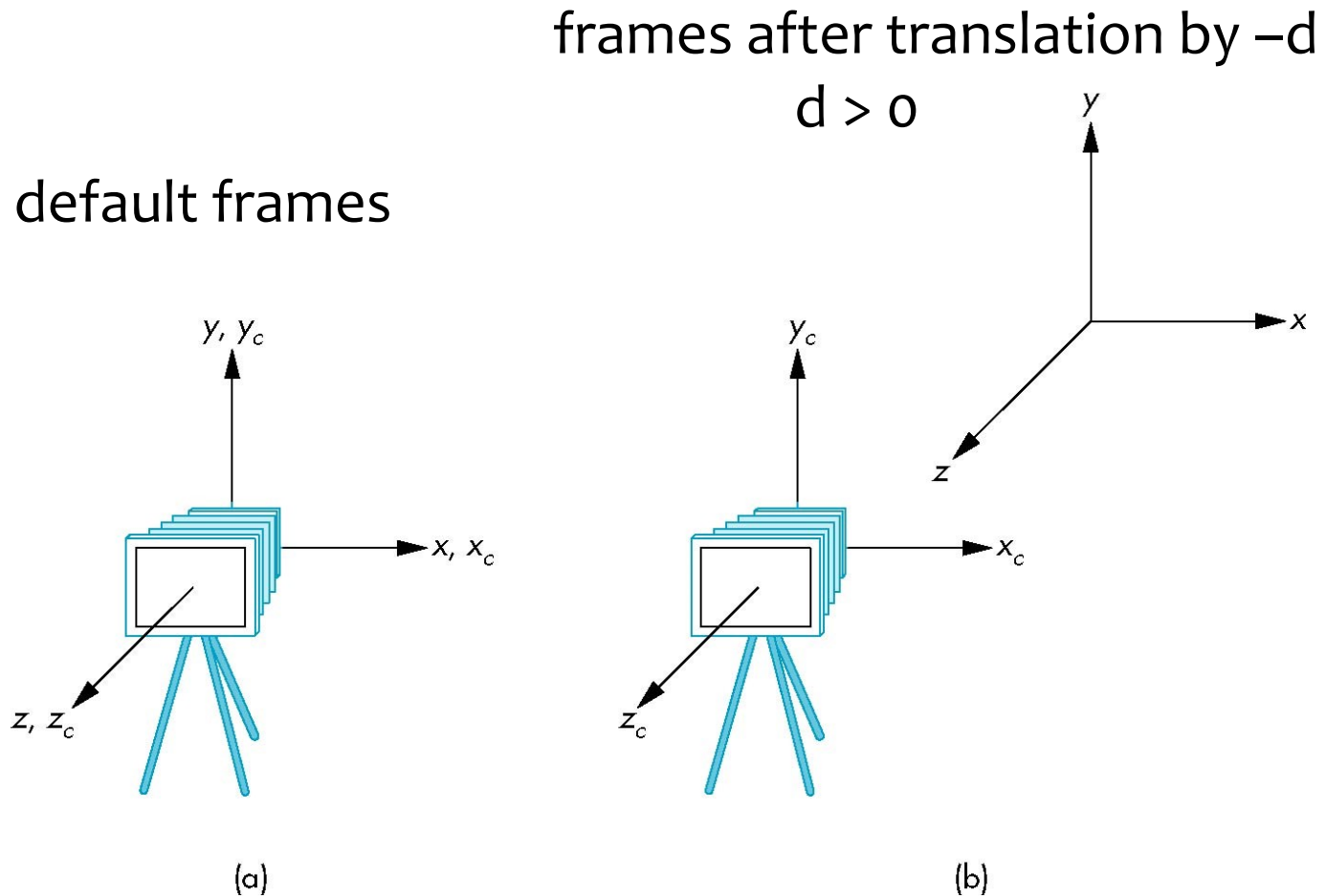
# Moving the Camera Frame

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- 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 (`Translate(0.0, 0.0, -d);`)
  - $d > 0$



# Moving the Camera



# Example

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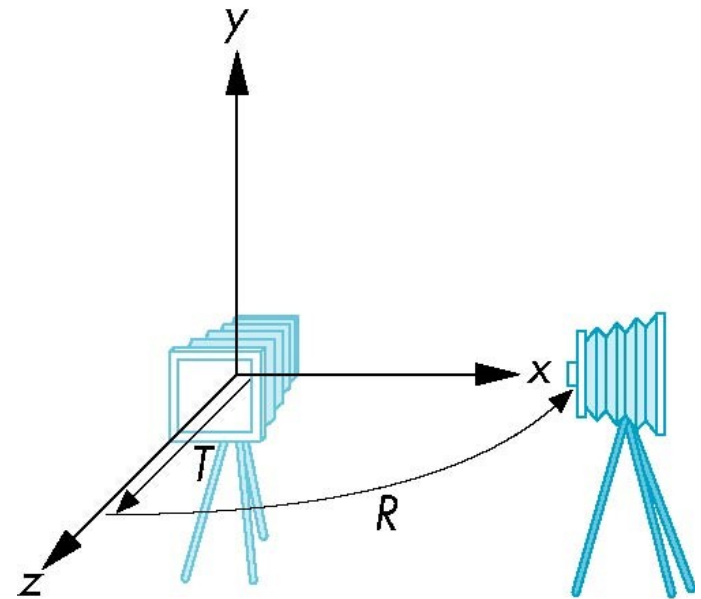
- Point (10, 20 -30)
- Place camera at (0,0,10)
  - Translate camera 10 along z or,
  - Translate point -10 along z
  - In modelview matrix, we move points
- Point coordinate in camera frame (relative to the camera origin)
  - (10,20,-40)





# Moving the Camera

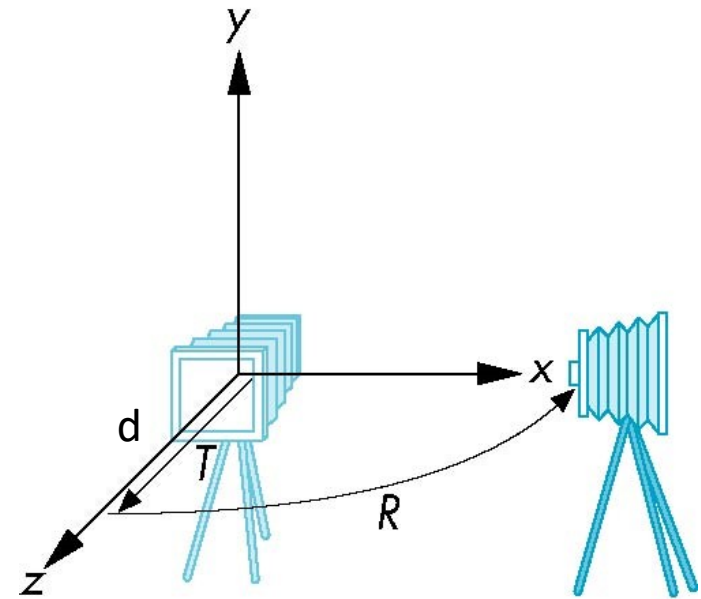
- We can move the camera to any desired position by a sequence of rotations and translations
- Example: side view
  - Rotate the camera
  - Move it away from origin
  - Model-view matrix  $C = TR$



# Moving the Camera

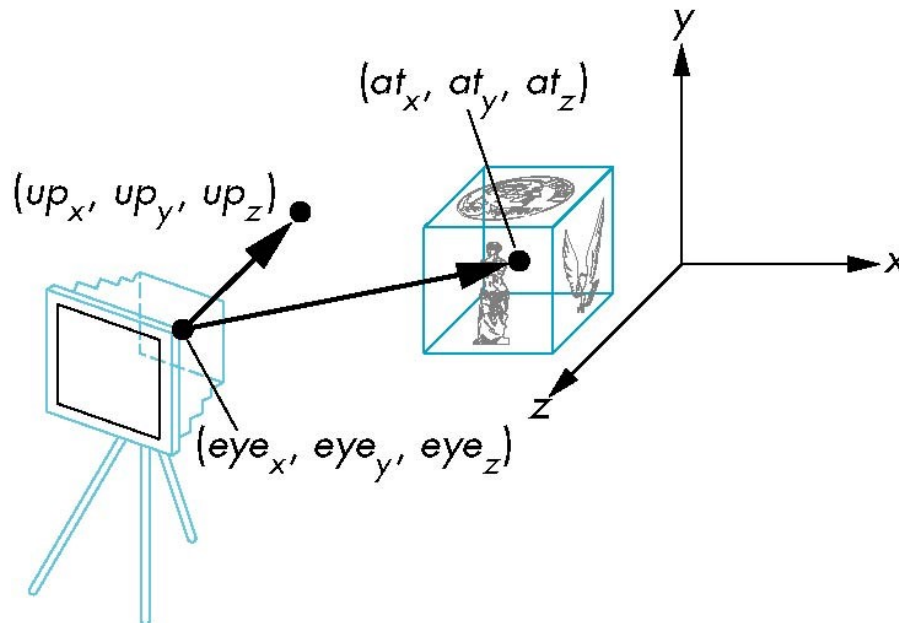
- Camera is moving
  - $\text{RotY}(90) \rightarrow \text{TrX}(d) = \text{TrX}(d) * \text{RotY}(90)$ , or
  - $\text{TrZ}(d) \rightarrow \text{RotY}(90) = \text{RotY}(90) * \text{TrZ}(d)$
- Object is moving
  - Inverse of camera movement
  - $\text{TrZ}(-d) * \text{RotY}(-90)$

Note  $A * B$  means  $B \rightarrow A$  order!



# lookAt Function

- mat.h provides a function to form the modelview matrix through a simple interface
- lookAt() does the same job
  - Can concatenate with modeling transformations



# From 3D to 2D in GL

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

$$x_p = x$$

$$y_p = y$$

$$z_p = 0$$

- How to apply Parallel or Perspective?



# Orthographic Projection

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- Homogeneous coordinate form

$$x_p = x$$

$$y_p = y$$

$$z_p = 0$$

$$w_p = 1$$

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

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

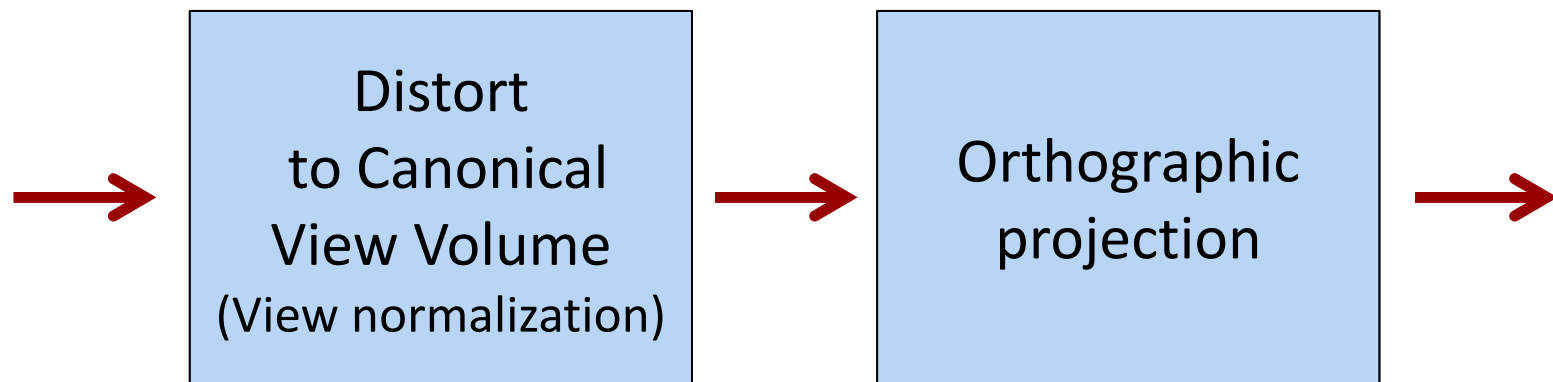
In practice, we can let  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$  and set the  $z$  term to zero later



# Projection Normalization

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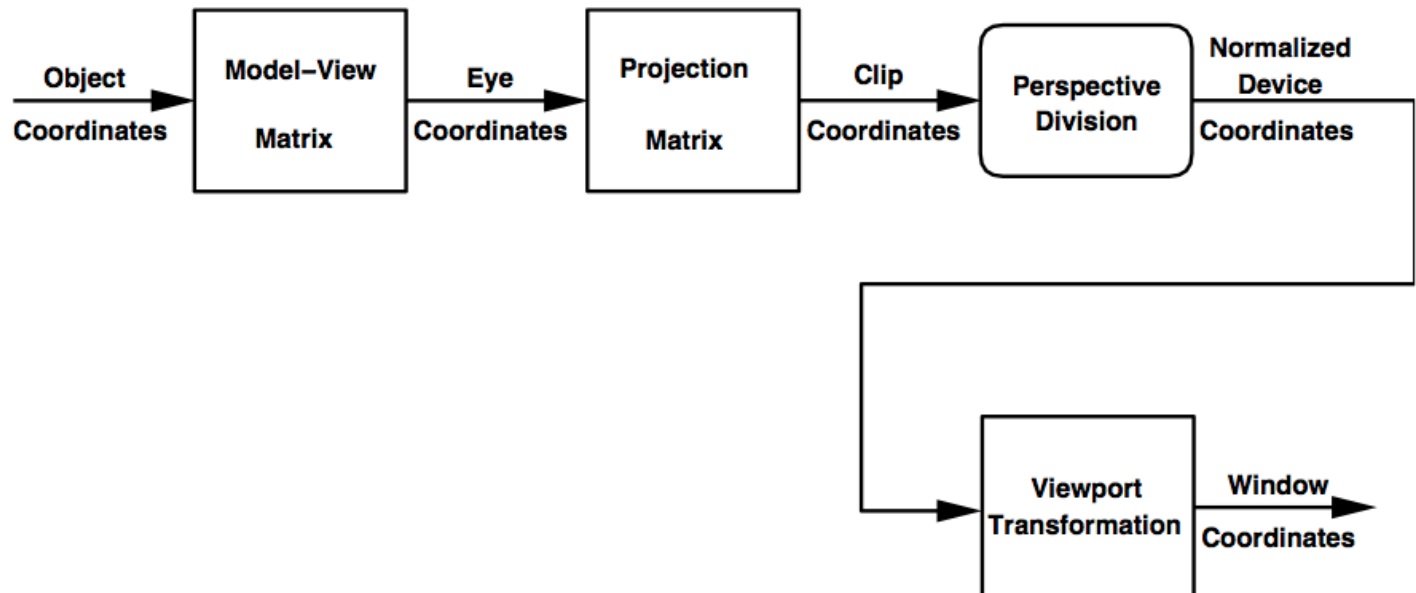
- GL uses *view normalization*
  - All other views are converted to the default view by transformations that determine the projection matrix
  - Use **canonical view volume** ( $x, y, z = \pm 1$ )
  - Allows use of the same pipeline for all views



# Coordinate Transformations

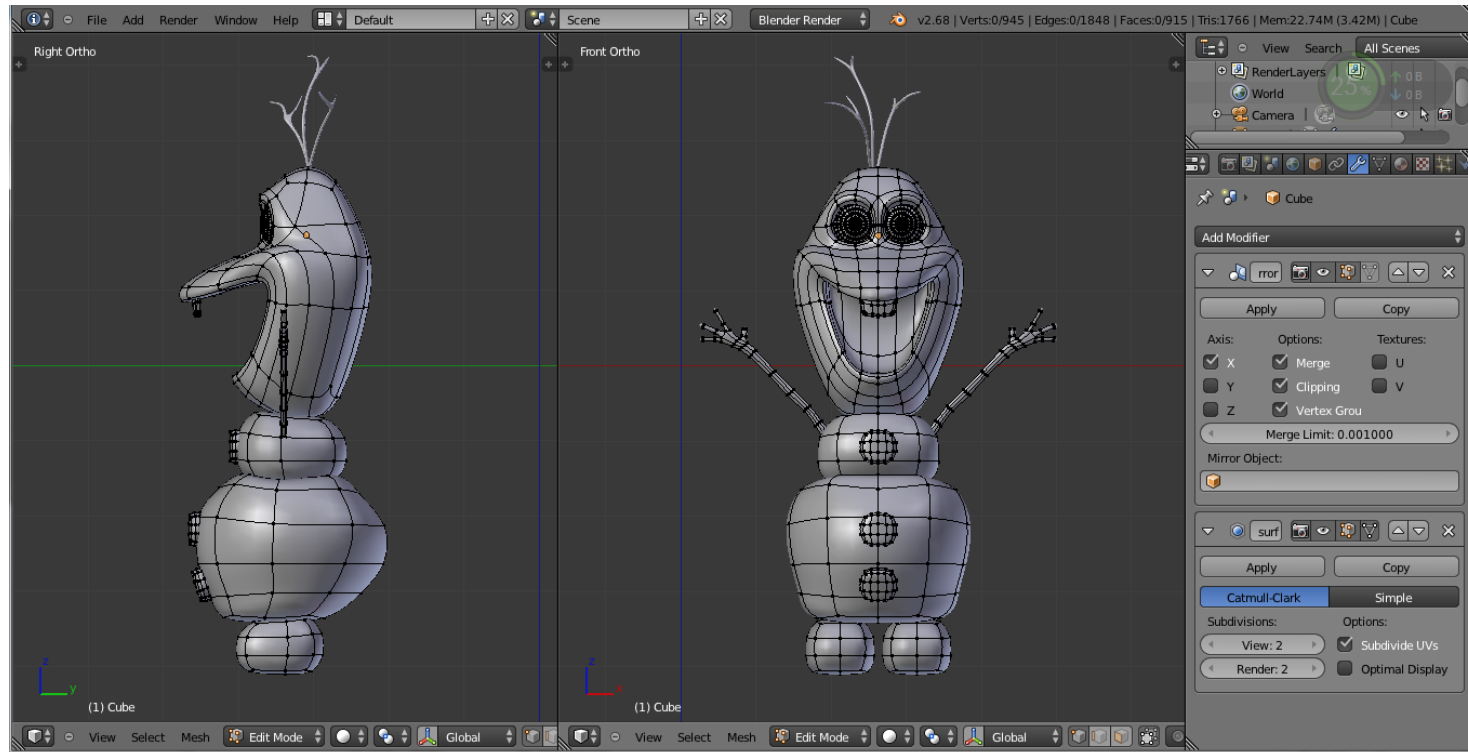
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- Object coordinate
- Eye coordinate
- Clip coordinate
- Normalize device coordinate
- Windows coordinate



# Object Coordinate

- Local frame per each object
- 3D coordinate





# Eye Coordinate

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- How objects are located relative to my eye
  - Coordinate in camera (eye) frame
- Modelview matrix
  - Modeling transformation ( $M_T$ ), and
  - Viewing transformation ( $M_V$ )

$$\mathbf{p}_{eye} = M_V M_T \mathbf{p}_{obj}$$



# Modeling Transformation

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- Per-object affine transformation
- Translate, rotate, scale, shear, ...
- Homogeneous coordinate

$$M_T = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \alpha_{14} \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} & \alpha_{24} \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} & \alpha_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Viewing Transformation

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- Camera position and orientation
- Matrix for lookAt(E,C,U) E:eye, C:at, U:up

$$f = \frac{(C - E)}{\|(C - E)\|}, \quad s = \frac{f \times U}{\|f \times U\|}, \quad u = \frac{s \times f}{\|s \times f\|}$$

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\* Move Camera

\* Move point(object)

Rotation R

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ s & u & -f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Translation T

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & e_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & e_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & e_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴ T · R

$(T \cdot R)^{-1} = R^{-1} T^{-1} = R^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -e_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -e_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -e_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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$$M_V = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & s_y & s_z & -s_x e_x - s_y e_y - s_z e_z \\ u_x & u_y & u_z & -u_x e_x - u_y e_y - u_z e_z \\ -f_x & -f_y & -f_z & f_x e_x + f_y e_y + f_z e_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Clip Coordinate

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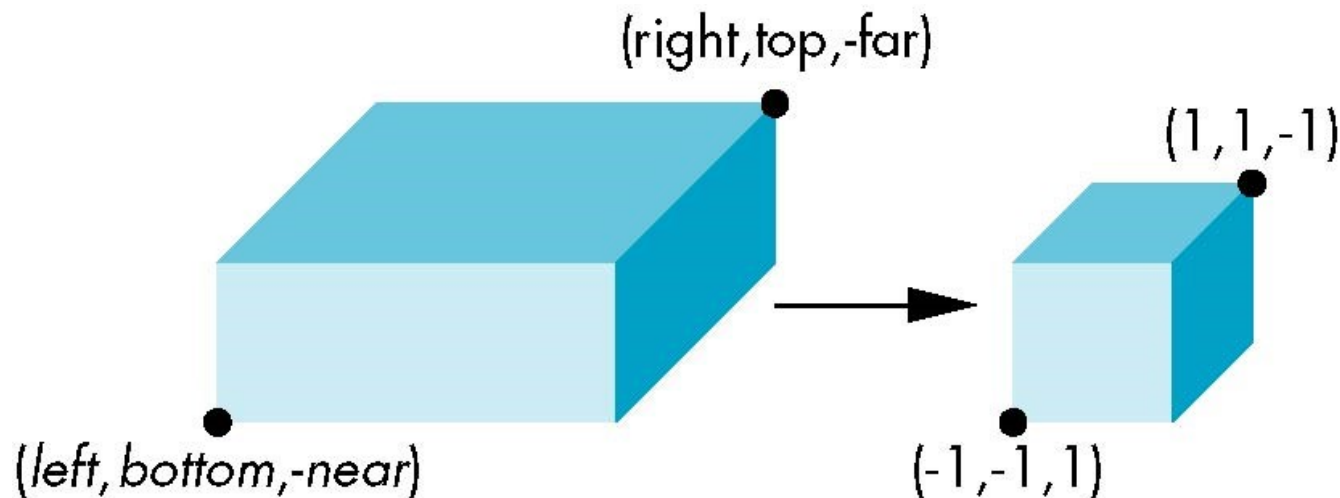
- Projection matrix
  - Orthogonal projection
  - Oblique projection
  - Perspective projection
- Clipping happens in this coordinate
- Homogeneous coordinate

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}_{clip} &= \mathbf{M}_P \mathbf{p}_{eye} \\ &= \mathbf{M}_P \mathbf{M}_V \mathbf{M}_T \mathbf{p}_{obj}\end{aligned}$$



# Orthogonal Projection

- Mapping view volume to normalized cube
- `Ortho()` in `mat.h`



# Orthogonal Projection

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

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





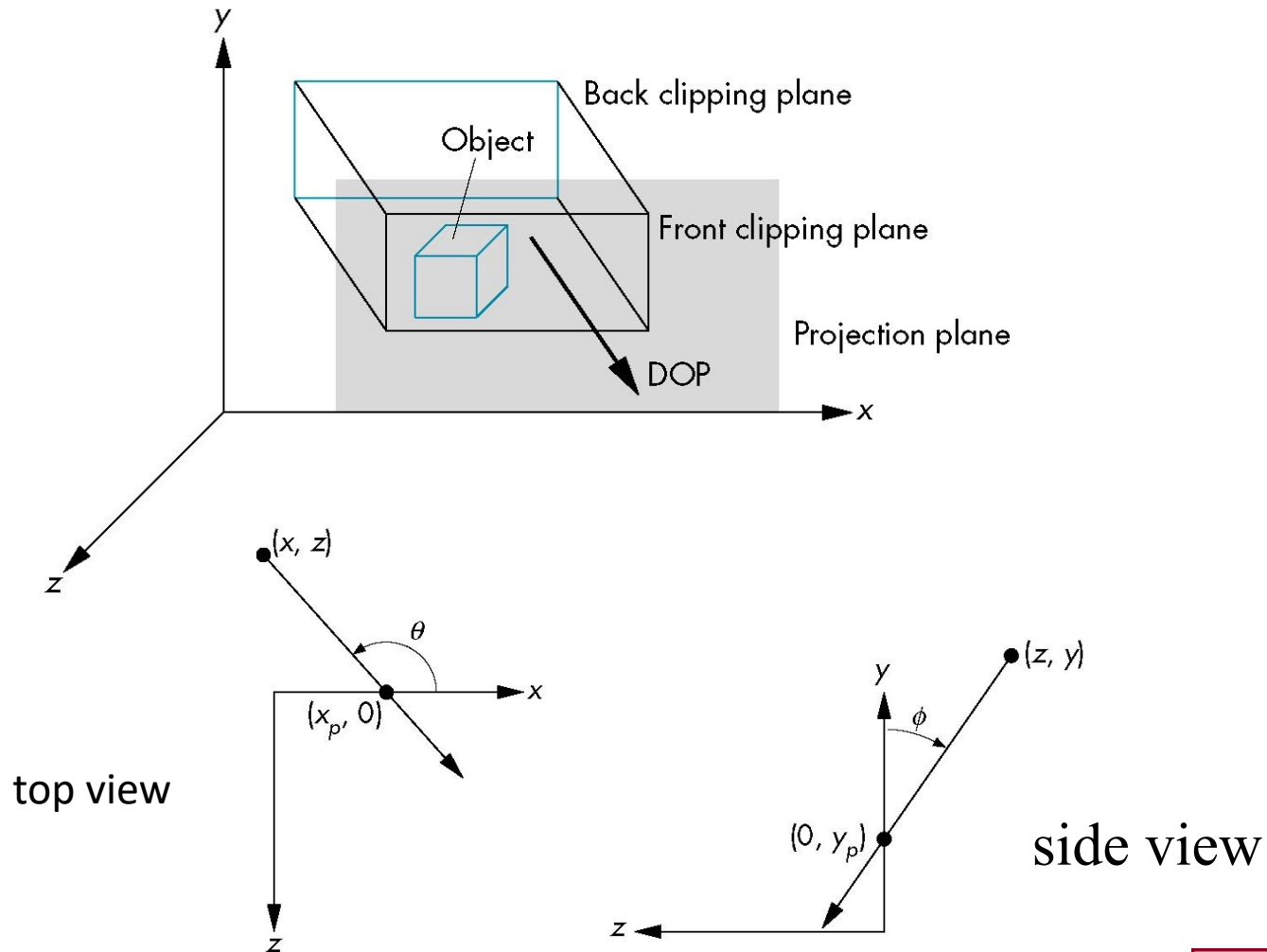
# Oblique Projection

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- General parallel projection
  - Projector does not need to be orthogonal to projection plane
- If we look at the example of the cube, it appears that the cube has been sheared
- Oblique Projection = Shear + Orthogonal Projection



# General Shear



# Oblique Projection

- Shear matrix

$$M_s = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cot \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cot \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- General oblique projection matrix

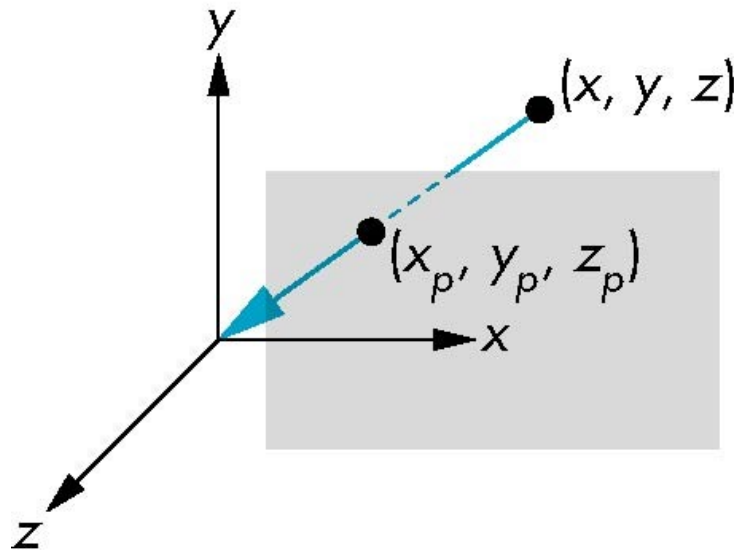
$$M_p = STM_s = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\text{right} - \text{left}} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\text{right} + \text{left}}{\text{right} - \text{left}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}} & 0 & -\frac{\text{top} + \text{bottom}}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2}{\text{far} - \text{near}} & -\frac{\text{far} + \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cot \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cot \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Simple Perspective

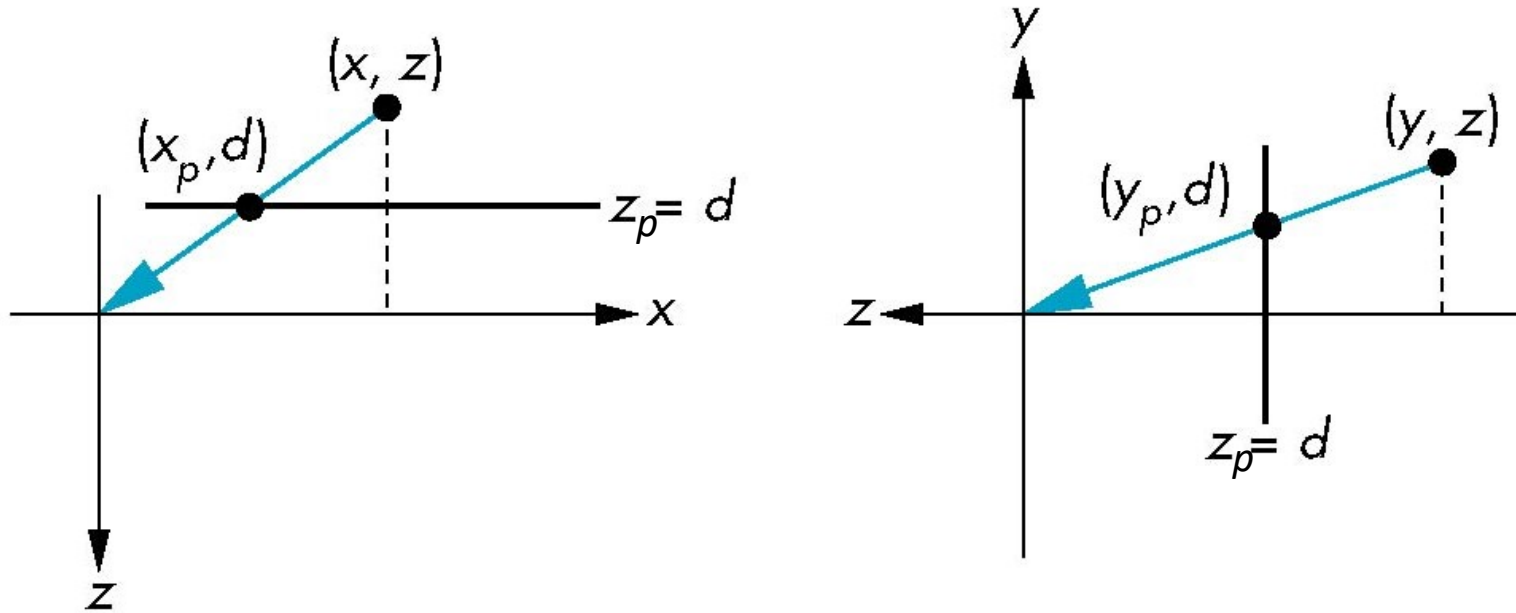
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- Center of projection at the origin
- Projection plane  $z = d, d < 0$



# Perspective Equations

- Top and side views



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

# Homogeneous Coordinate Form

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Consider  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}$  where

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

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

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



# Perspective Division

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

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

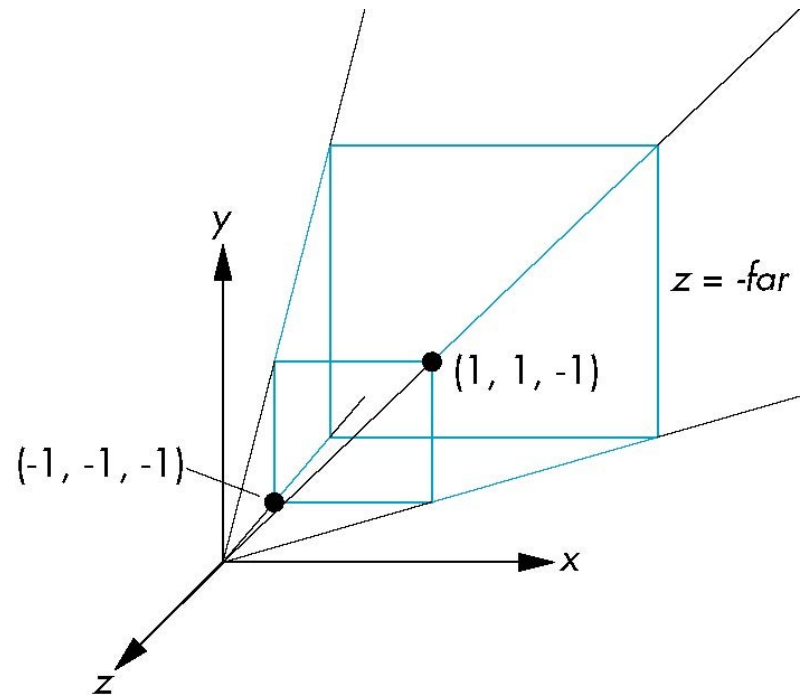


# Simple Perspective Projection

- Symmetric, 90 degree field of view frustum

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

near plane is  $z=-1$   
far plane is not defined





# Generalization

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

$$x' = -\frac{x}{z}$$

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

$$z' = -(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{z})$$

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

Perspective normalization matrix

which projects orthogonally  
to the desired point  
regardless of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

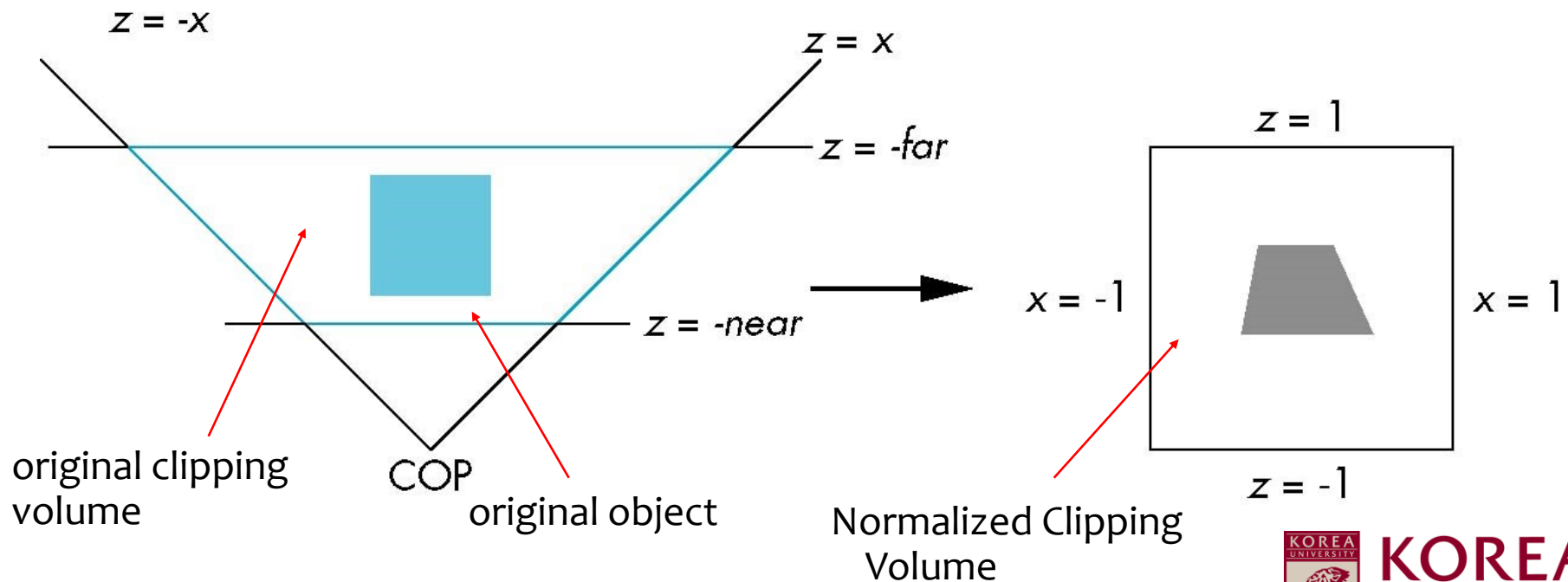


# Picking $\alpha$ and $\beta$

- Map view volume to unit cube
  - the near plane is mapped to  $z = -1$
  - the far plane is mapped to  $z = 1$
  - and the sides are mapped to  $x = \pm 1, y = \pm 1$   
if  $x = \pm z$  and  $y = \pm z$

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

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



# Normalization and Hidden-Surface Removal

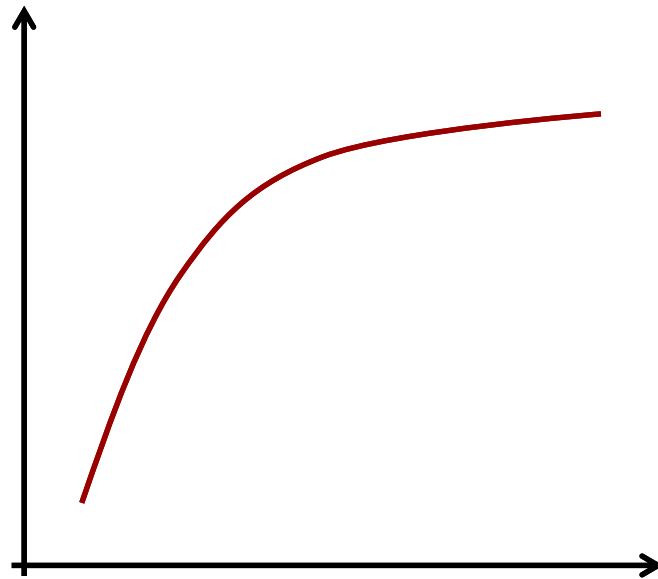
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- Our selection of the form of the perspective matrices was chosen so that if  $z_1 > z_2$  in the original clipping volume then the for the transformed points  $z_1' > z_2'$
- Hidden surface removal works in the normalized clipping volume
- However, the formula  $z' = -(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{z})$  implies that the distances are distorted by the normalization which can cause numerical problems

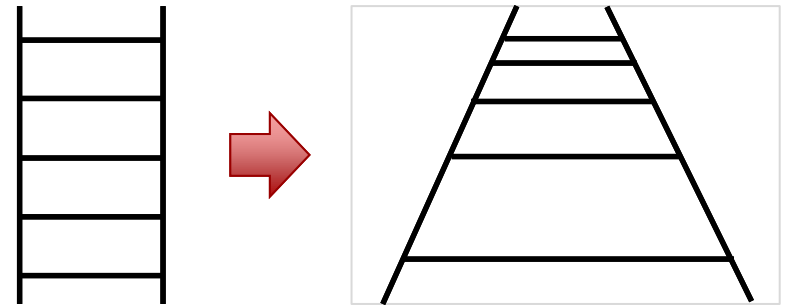


# Depth Precision

- Nonlinear z-scaling



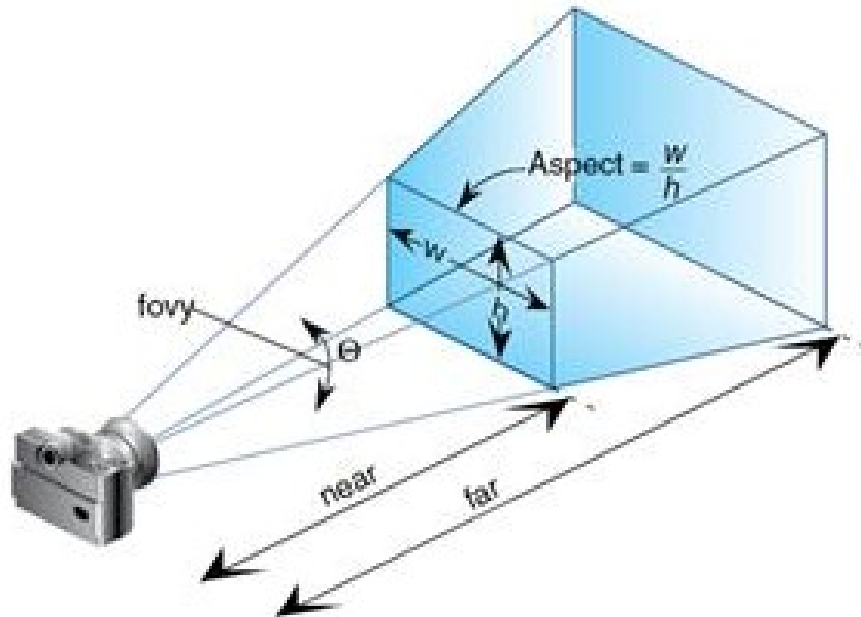
$$z' = -\left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{z}\right)$$



linear binning for z-buffer = precision problem

# Perspective Projection

- `Perspective()` in `mat.h`



# Perspective Matrix for Arbitrary View Frustum

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- The normalization in view frustum requires an initial **shear** to form a right viewing pyramid, followed by a **scaling** to get the normalized perspective volume.

$$M_p = N S M_s$$

our previously defined  
perspective matrix

shear and scale



# Normalized Device Coordinate

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- Perspective division
  - $(x/w, y/w, z/w)$
- 3D coordinate

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}_{ndc} &= \mathbf{p}_{clip} / w \\ &= \mathbf{M}_P \mathbf{p}_{eye} / w \\ &= \mathbf{NSM}_S \mathbf{p}_{eye} / w \\ &= \mathbf{NSM}_S \mathbf{M}_V \mathbf{M}_T \mathbf{p}_{obj} / w\end{aligned}$$



# Windows Coordinate

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- Viewport transformation
  - Canonical view volume to screen
- 2D coordinate
  - $[-1, 1]$  mapped to min/max pixel coordinates
- Depth value
  - $[-1, 1]$  quantized to  $[0, 1]$  (16/32 bit)

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{w}{2}x_{ndc} + (x + \frac{w}{2}) \\ \frac{h}{2}y_{ndc} + (y + \frac{w}{2}) \\ \frac{f-n}{2}z_{ndc} + \frac{f+n}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

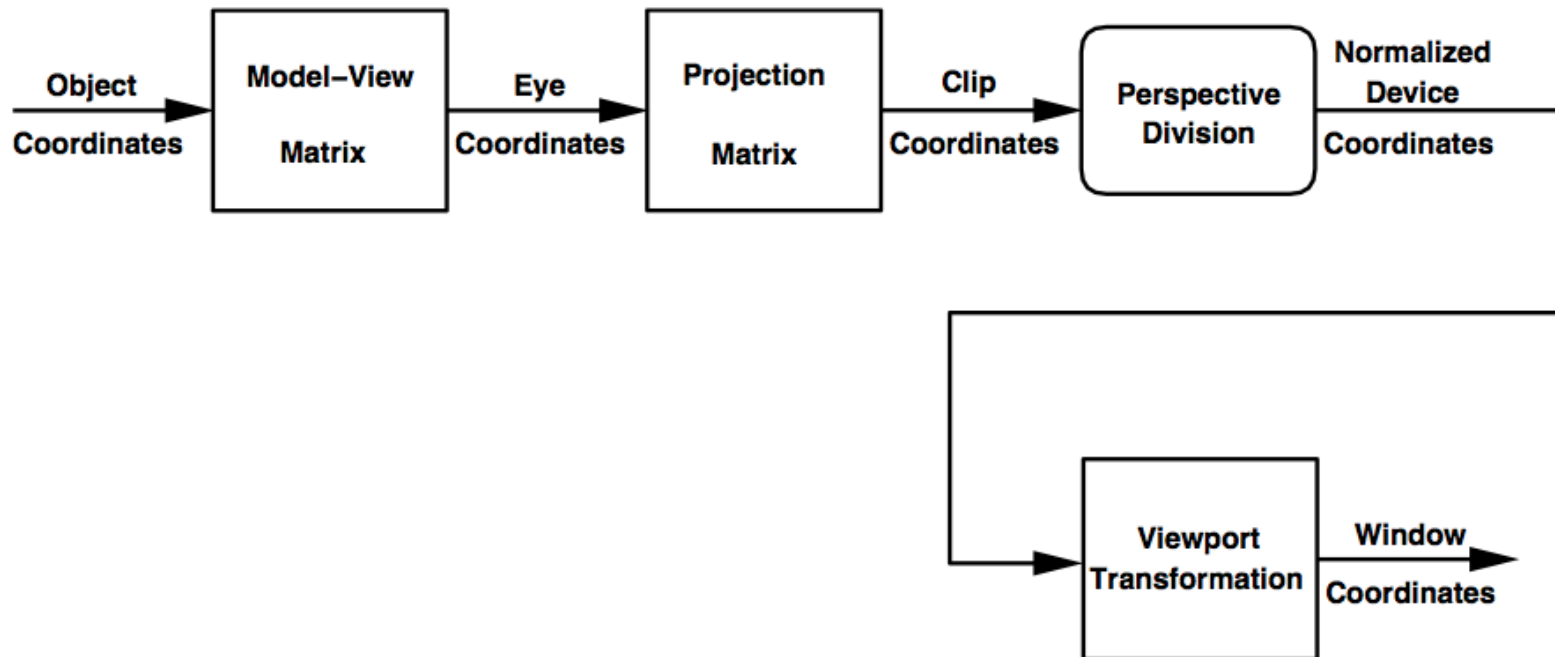
$w, h$ : width/height of the window  
 $x, y$ : window offset (in the screen)  
 $n$ : 0,  $f$ : 1





# Coordinate Transformations

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# Questions?

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