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Introduction to 3D graphics

- Raster images
- Vector images
- From 2D to 3D
- Transformations
- Projections

Raster images

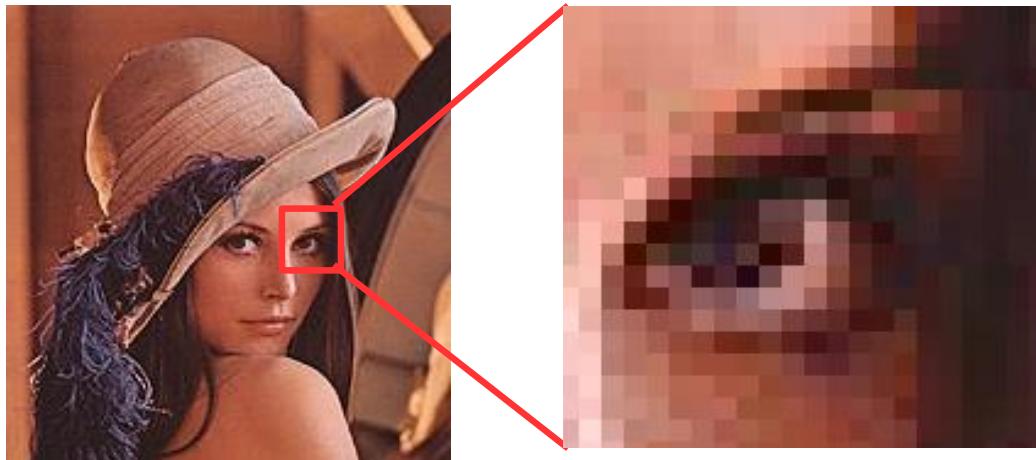
La maggior parte delle fotografie con cui abbiamo a che fare
=> composte da una griglia di PIXEL colorati

Raster images

→ lo svantaggio è che non contengono INFORMAZ. SEMANTICHE sull'imm.
stessa

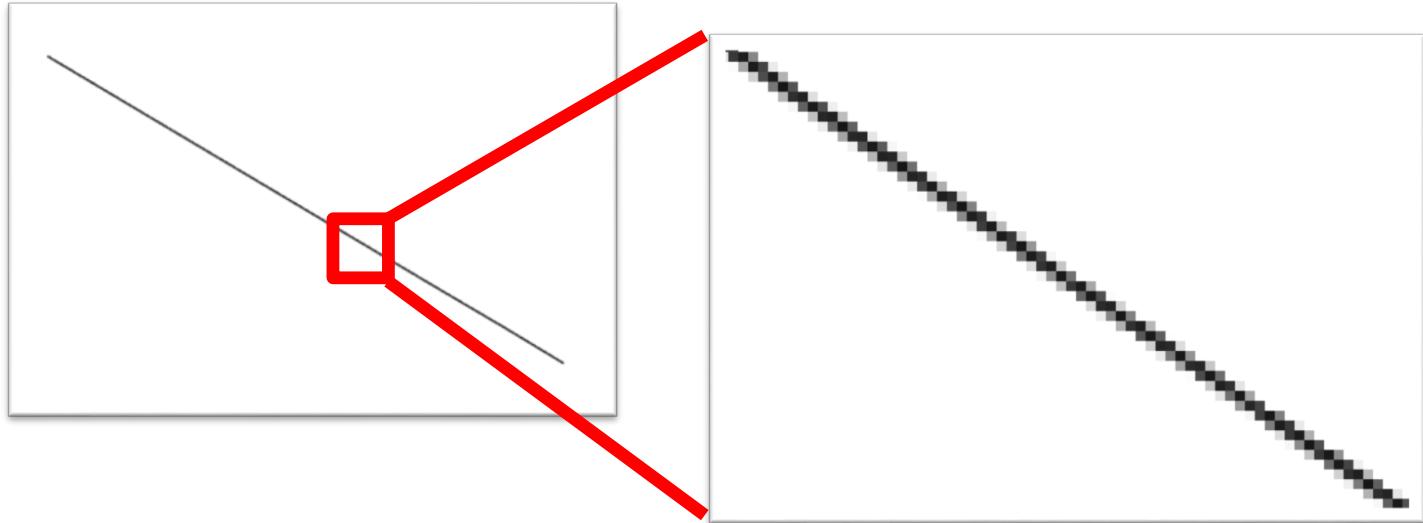
↓
significato
dell'immagine
(richiede interpretaz.)

- Raster images are composed of a grid of colored squares (the pixels)
- Pictures acquired with a digital cameras, each single frame of a digital video, the vast majority of web images... all of them are raster images



Semantic expressiveness

- The problem with raster images is their lack of semantic expressiveness. => *il computer non conosce la semantica di un'immagine ma la vede solo come un'insieme di pixel*
- This line is actually just a bunch of gray pixels

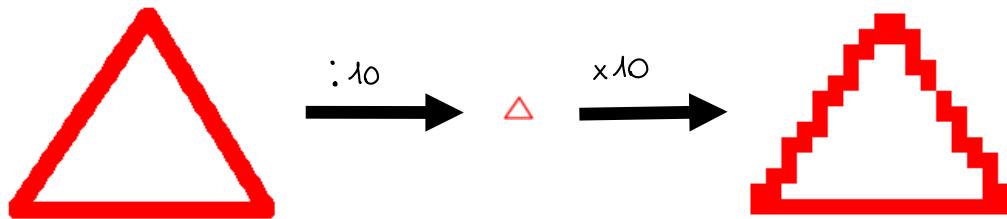


Information loss

→ quando manipolo l'immagine perdo informazione

es. se prendo un'immagine, la rimpicciolisco di 10 e la reingrandisco di 10 non avrà mai la risoluzione iniziale

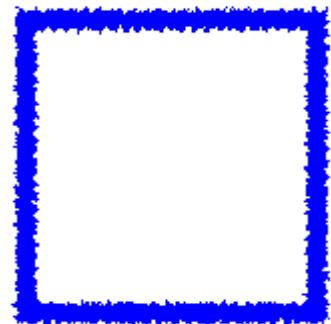
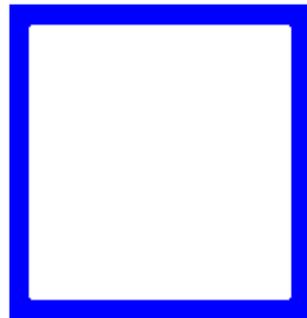
- The lack of semantic information has some drawbacks. What happens if you shrink and then enlarge an image?



- **Information loss!**

Information loss

- Rotating by 90° and rotating 9 times by 10° do not lead to the same result



- Only rotations of 90° (or multiples) can be handled without information loss



2D vector graphics

modo alternativo per preservare le informazioni geometriche dell'immagine

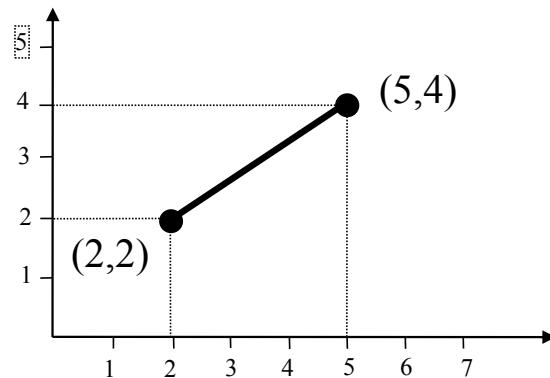
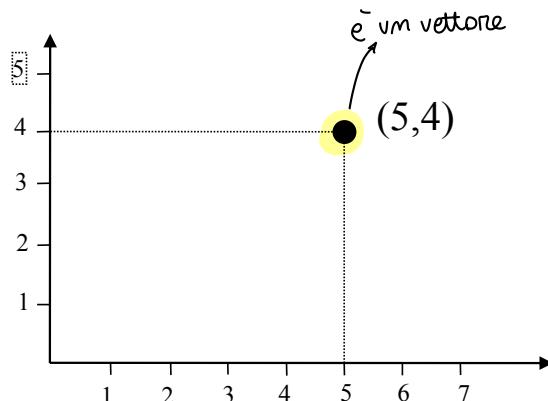
⇒ GRAFICA VETTORIALE

al posto che salvare un insieme di pixel salvo un'insieme di informazioni geometriche

→ - punti (vertici)
- linee (lati)

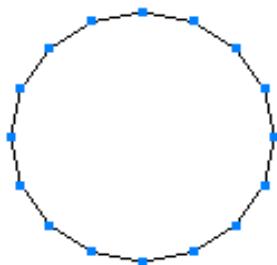
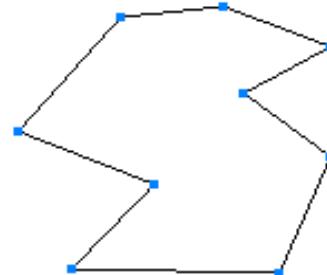
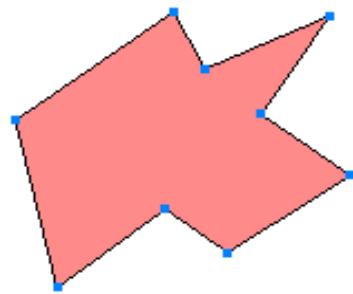
2D vector graphics

- Vector graphics relies on a geometric representation of images, using points (vertices) and segments (edges)



Vertices, edges and polygons

- Vertices and edges are the basic tools to build up polygons



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i font si basano sulla
grafica vettoriale

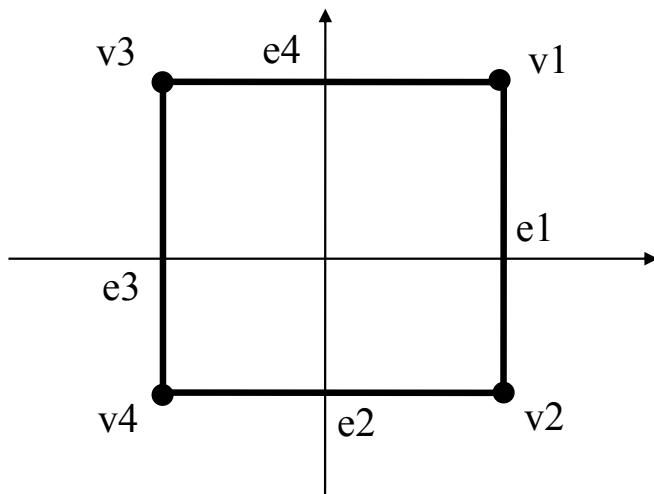
2D vector graphics representation

- A **vector draw** is no more composed of a set of pixels. Rather, it is **described by two sets, the vertices and edges**

e se devo, es., fare delle modellazioni faccio delle operaz. matematiche sui vertici (es. divido per 10)

$V = \{ v1(1,1),$
Vertici → $v2(1,-1),$
 $v3(-1,1),$
 $v4(-1,-1) \}$

$E = \{ e1(v1,v2),$
Lati → $e2(v2,v4),$
 $e3(v4,v3),$
 $e4(v3,v1) \}$



Curves in vector graphics

- What about **curves**?
- Two possible approaches:
 - **Approximate the curve with segments**



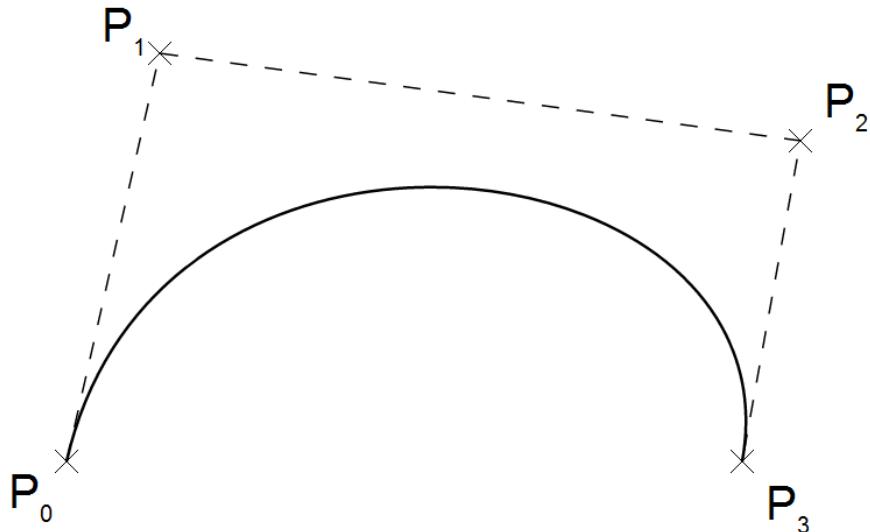
- Give a **mathematical description** of what a curve is

Bézier Curves

- Mathematical description of a curve based on its geometric properties
- You need to define a start point, an end point, and the tangent directions of the curve in those points



Bézier curves



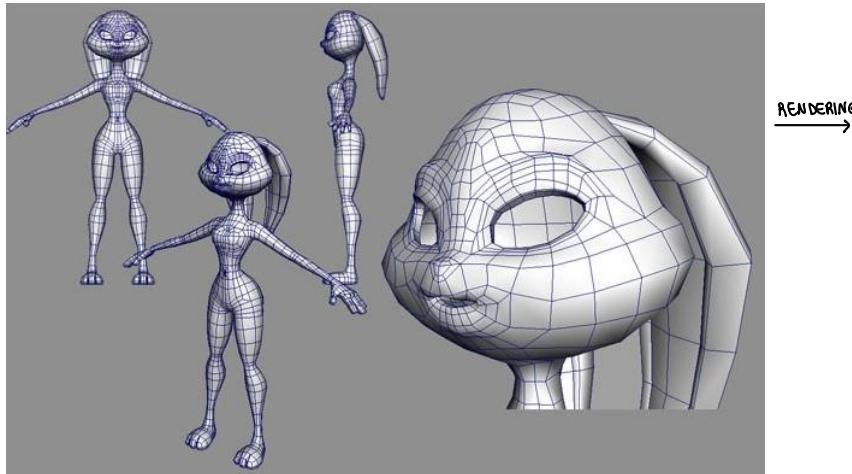
$$\mathbf{B}(t) = (1-t)^3 \mathbf{P}_0 + 3(1-t)^2 t \mathbf{P}_1 + 3(1-t)t^2 \mathbf{P}_2 + t^3 \mathbf{P}_3, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

Parametric equation of a cubic Bézier curve

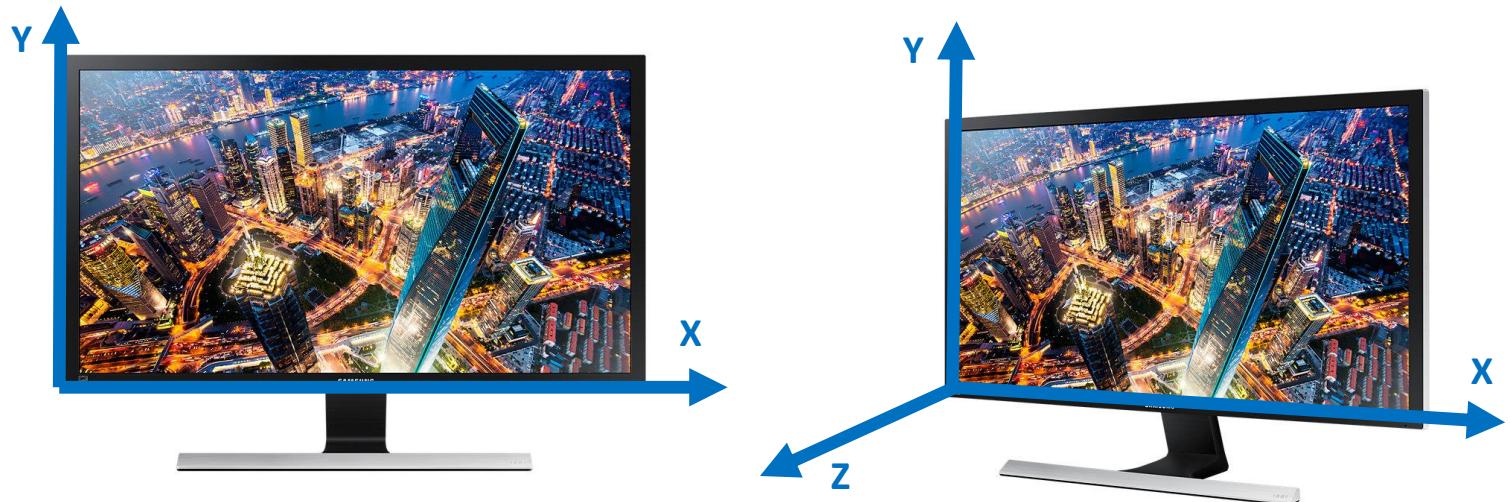
3D vector graphics

3D graphics

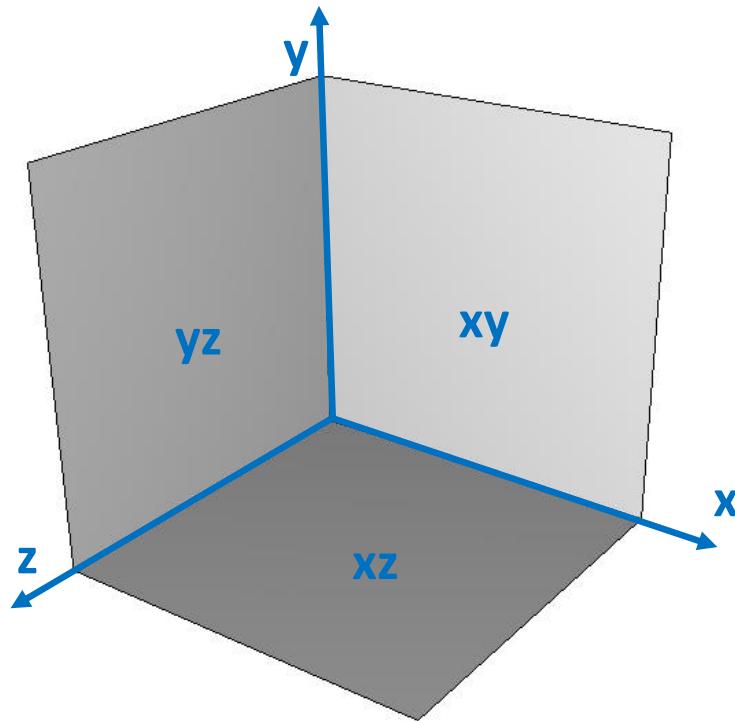
- We have seen that working on vector graphics allows to manipulate images without information loss
- This is why 3D artists work on **vector models**, which are converted to raster images only at the end of the creation process



From 2D to 3D



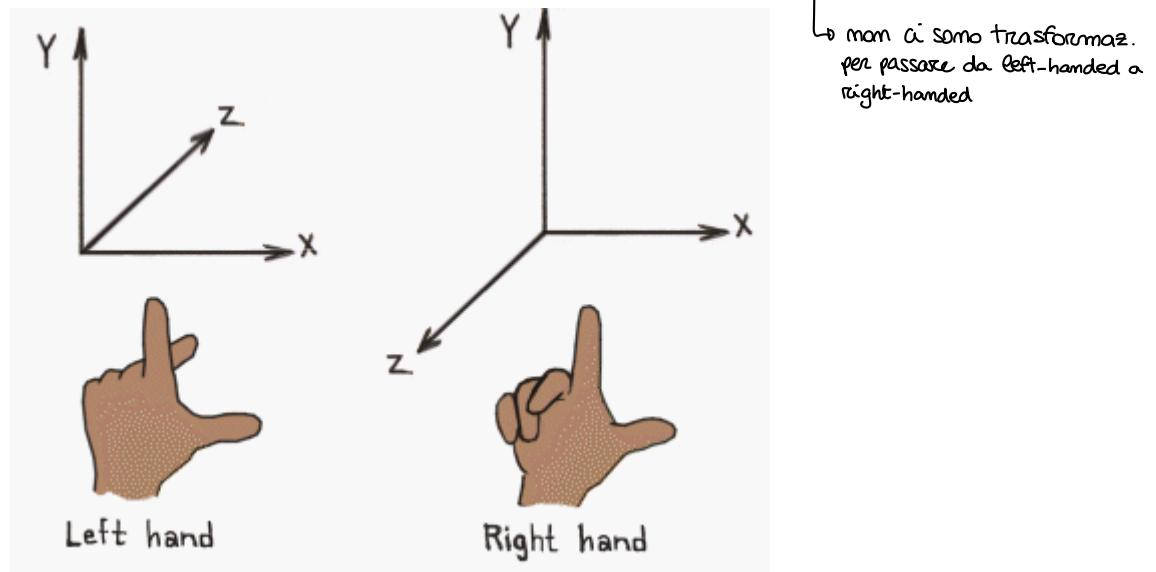
- The third dimension “exits” from the screen



- The three axes define the three main planes

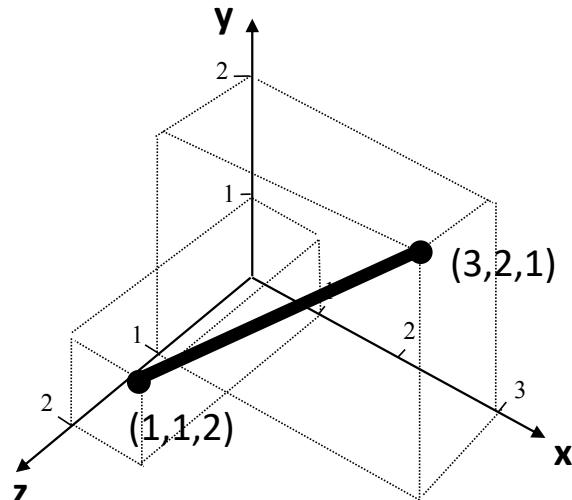
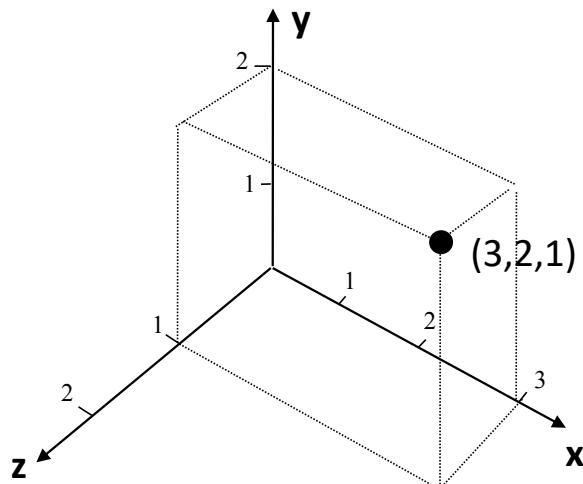
Reference systems

- The three axes define a reference system. Not all the systems are equal! Need to define:
 - Which axis aims upward (or downward)
 - If the system is left-handed or right-handed



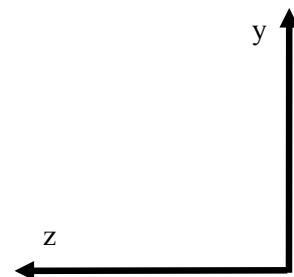
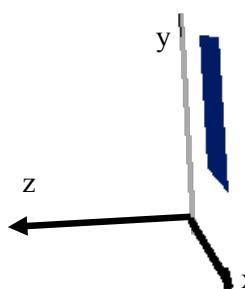
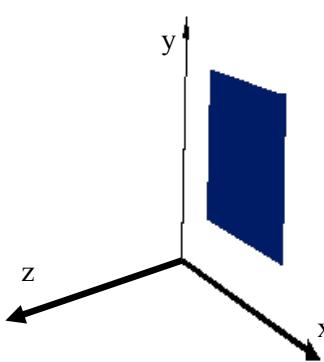
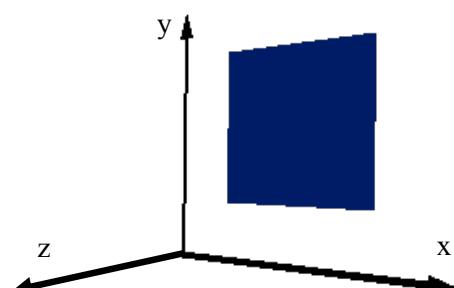
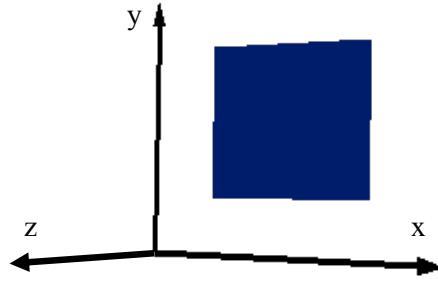
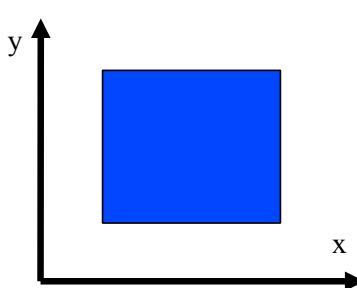
3D image representation

- Still vertices and edges, this time in a 3D space



Polygons

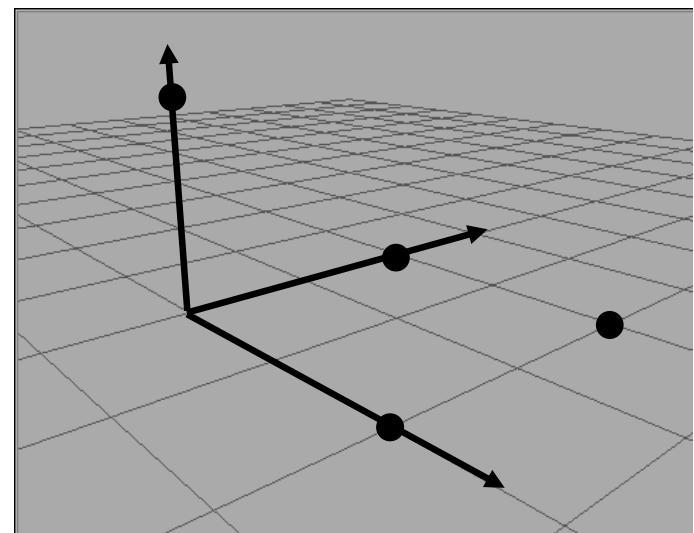
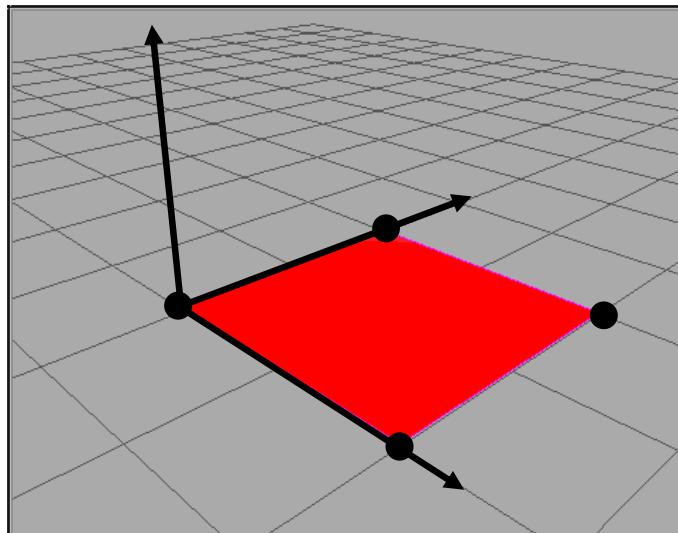
- Polygons are still 2D surfaces, they have no depth



Polygons in 3D

infatti es. dati 2 punti riesco a disegnare SEMPRE una retta passante, dati 3 punti non sempre riesco a disegnare una retta passante \Rightarrow questo vale nel 2D. nel 3D le limiti è 3, con 4 non riesco più

- Warning: not all sets of vertices and edges define a polygon.
Polygons are flat surfaces, and if the vertices are > 3 the surface passing through all of them may not exist

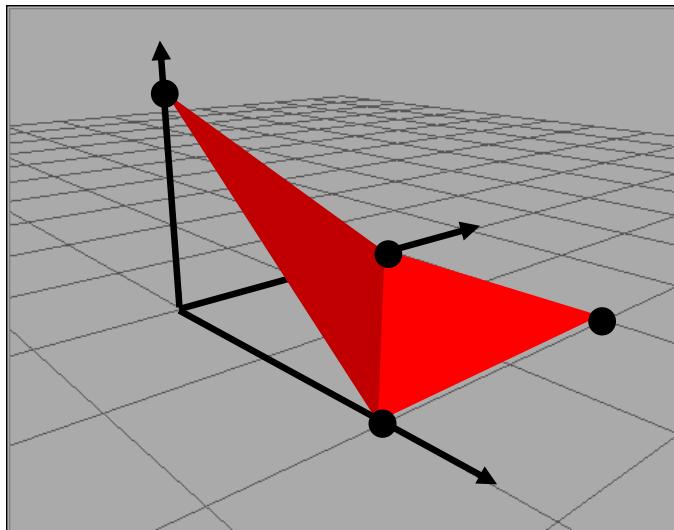


(2D equivalent: it is not always possible to draw a straight line across 3 or more points)

Triangles

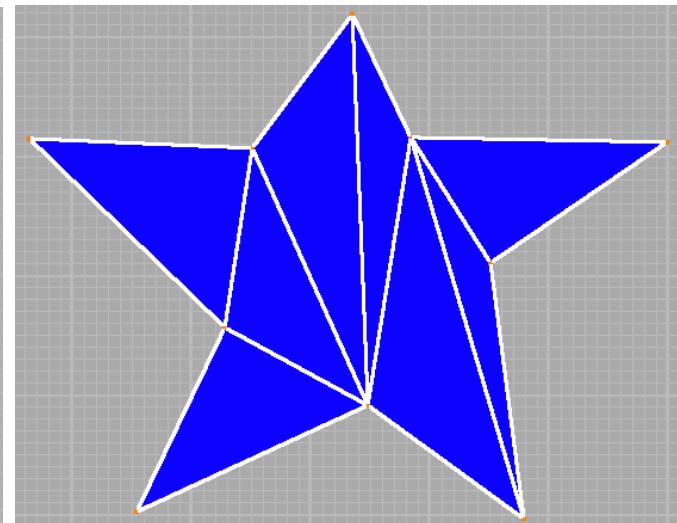
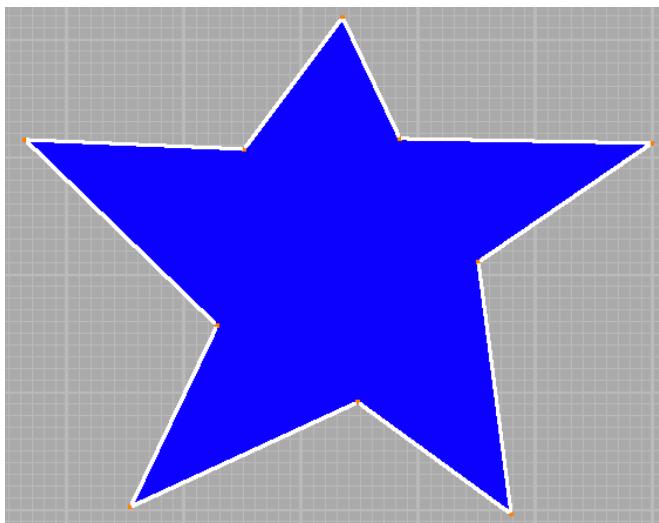
=> ogni poligono è composto da tanti triangoli

- However, three vertices always define a polygon (a triangle). This is why triangles are so important in 3D graphics



Triangulation

- Any generic polygon can be decomposed in a set of triangles. The decomposition is not unique, but the number of resulting triangles is fixed



Curiosity: if the polygon has n vertices, the triangulated version has $n-2$ triangles and $n-3$ new edges. No new vertices are added

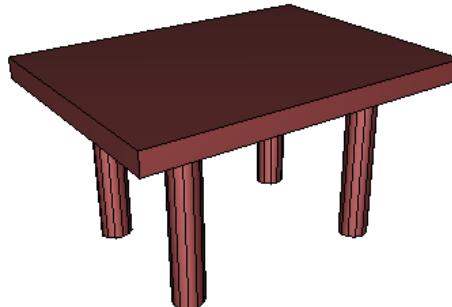
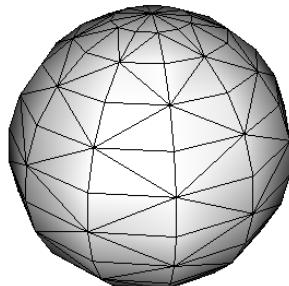
Triangulation: pros and cons

- Pros: no more impossible shapes due to vertices not lying on the same plane
- Cons: the image complexity increases

Polyhedra

→ insiemi di poligoni uniti da lati e vertici

- A polyhedron is set of polygons held together by shared vertices and edges
- E.g. the result of triangulation is a polyhedron
- Polyhedra can describe 3D shapes



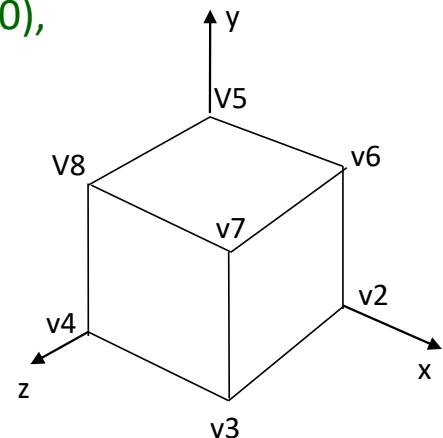
VOXEL: equivalente 3d di un pixel, quindi è un cubettino → questa rappresentazione serve perché "riempie" il poliedro, a differenza della classica rappresentazione (polygoni). Usata in medicina, es. TAC che fa un'immagine voxel che può poi essere sezionata.

Representation of 3D polyhedra

- Described by a set of **vertices**, one of **edges** and one of polygons (**faces**)

$V = \{v1(0,0,0), v2(1,0,0), v3(1,0,1), v4(0,0,1), v5(0,1,0), v6(1,1,0), v7(1,1,1), v8(0,1,1)\}$

$E = \{e1(v1,v2), e2(v2,v3), e3(v3,v4), e4(v4,v1), e5(v5,v6), e6(v6,v7), e7(v7,v8), e8(v8,v5), e9(v1,v5), e10(v2,v6), e11(v3,v7), e12(v4,v8)\}$



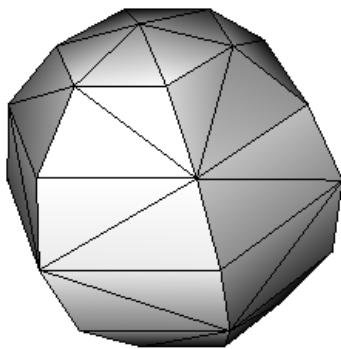
$P = \{p1(e1,e2,e3,e4), p2(e5,e6,e7,e8), p3(e3,e12,e7,e11), p4(e1,e9,e5,e10), p5(e4,e12,e8,e9), p6(e2,e11,e6,e10)\}$

Curved surfaces

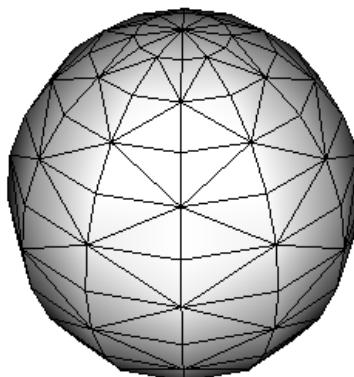
come gestisco le superfici curve?

- Two approaches:

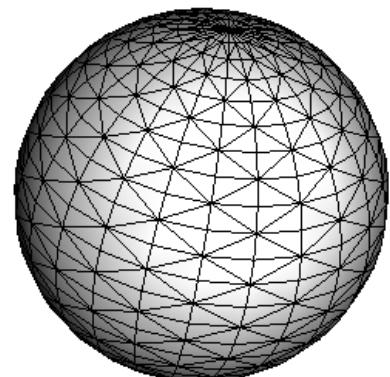
- Mathematical description (e.g. NURBS)
 - Polyhedron approximation



32 vertices, 60 faces



134 vertices, 264 faces



554 vertices, 1104 faces

Curiosity: in any polyhedron without holes, the number of vertices, edges and faces are related according to the Euler formula: $\text{faces} = \text{edges} - \text{vertices} + 2$

Transformations

Transformations

- Working on vector models allow us to manipulate (transform) 3D objects without information loss
- Basic transformations:
 - Translations
 - Rotations
 - Scale changes
- Mathematically described by algebraic operations (matrix-vector multiplications)

→ trasformaz. che posso descrivere matematicamente

!! una trasformaz. che applica ad un oggetto 3d è fatta solo sui VERTICI
i lati vengono da se

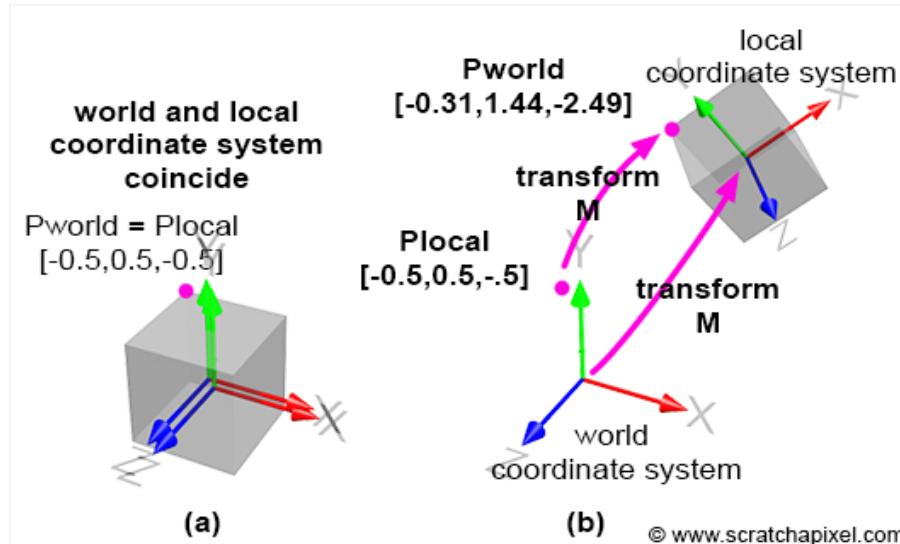
che sono dei vettori

↪ PRODOTTO MATRICE VETTORE

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix}$$

Local and global transformations

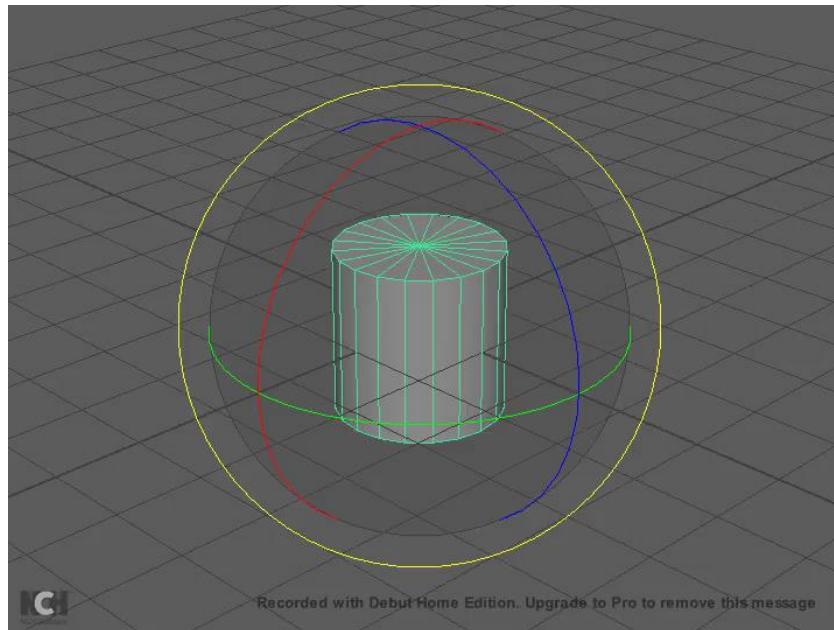
- Local: relative to a reference system that moves with the object (**object coordinates**)
↳ relative all'oggetto stesso
- Global: relative to a fixed reference system (**world coordinates**)
↳ relative ad un sistema di riferimento fissato



Pivots

→ **il punto che non si sposta durante la trasformazione**
CENTRO di una trasformazione

- The **pivot is the center of a transformation**, the point that does not move even when the object is rotated/scaled



Projections

i modelli 3d noi li vogliamo mostrare su uno schermo che è 2D, riuscir per la precisione

come rappresento un'immagine 3D su uno schermo 2D? → PROIEZIONI

Projections

- In order to visualize a 3D image on a 2D screen, we must drop a dimension
 - The process of creating 2D representations of 3D images is called projection
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- Basic idea: the projection plane is like a transparent plane between the object and the observer
 - The intersections of ray lights from the object to the observer with the plane define the projection

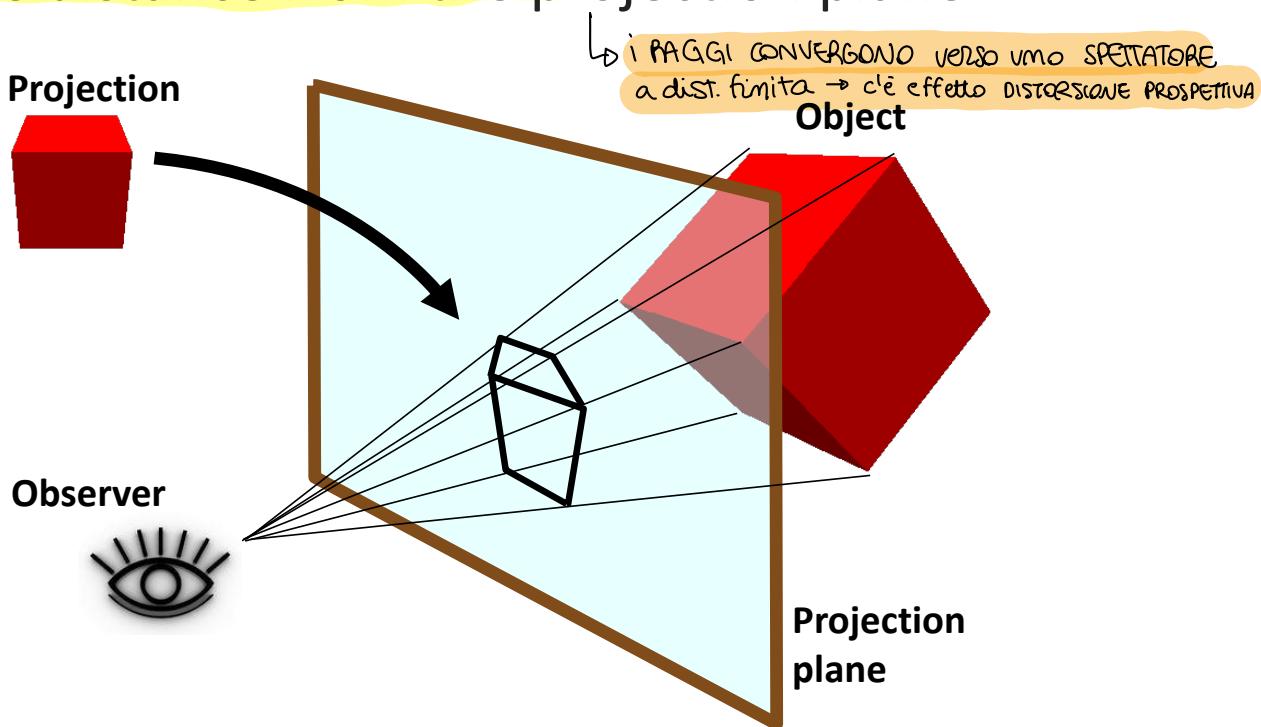
→ Una PROIEZIONE è PROSPETTICA se l'osservatore è posto a distanza FINITA dal piano di proiezione e dall'oggetto

Perspective projections

Il
qualsiasi esempio reale

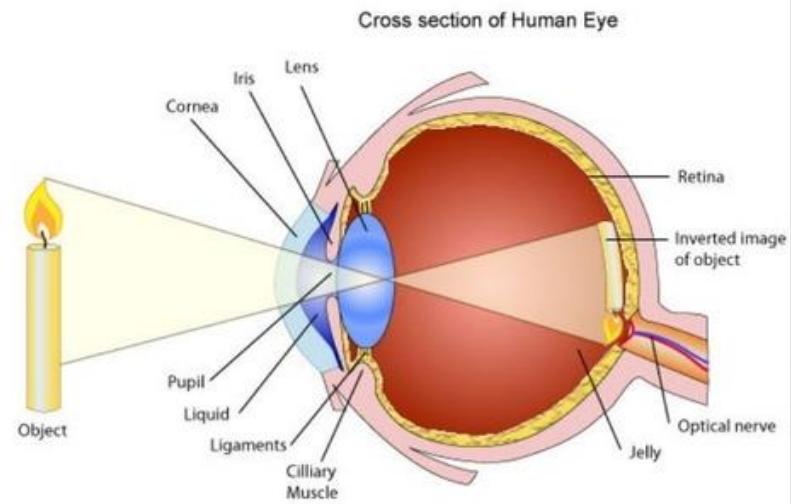
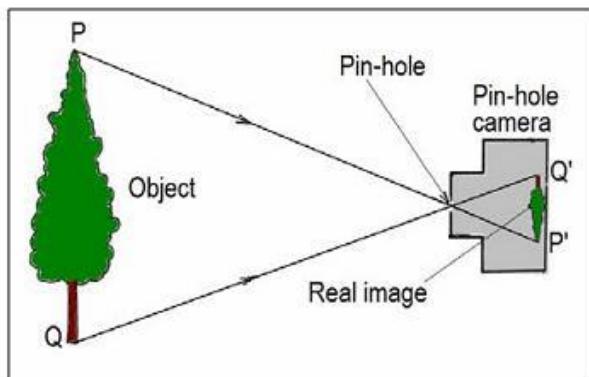
↳ una conseguenza è la DISTORSIONE PROSPETTICA

- In perspective projections, the observer is placed at finite distance from the projection plane



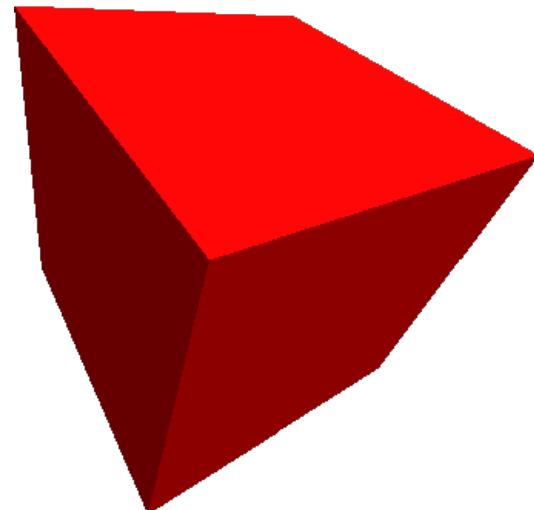
Perspective projections

- This is what happens in cameras or eyes



Perspective distortion

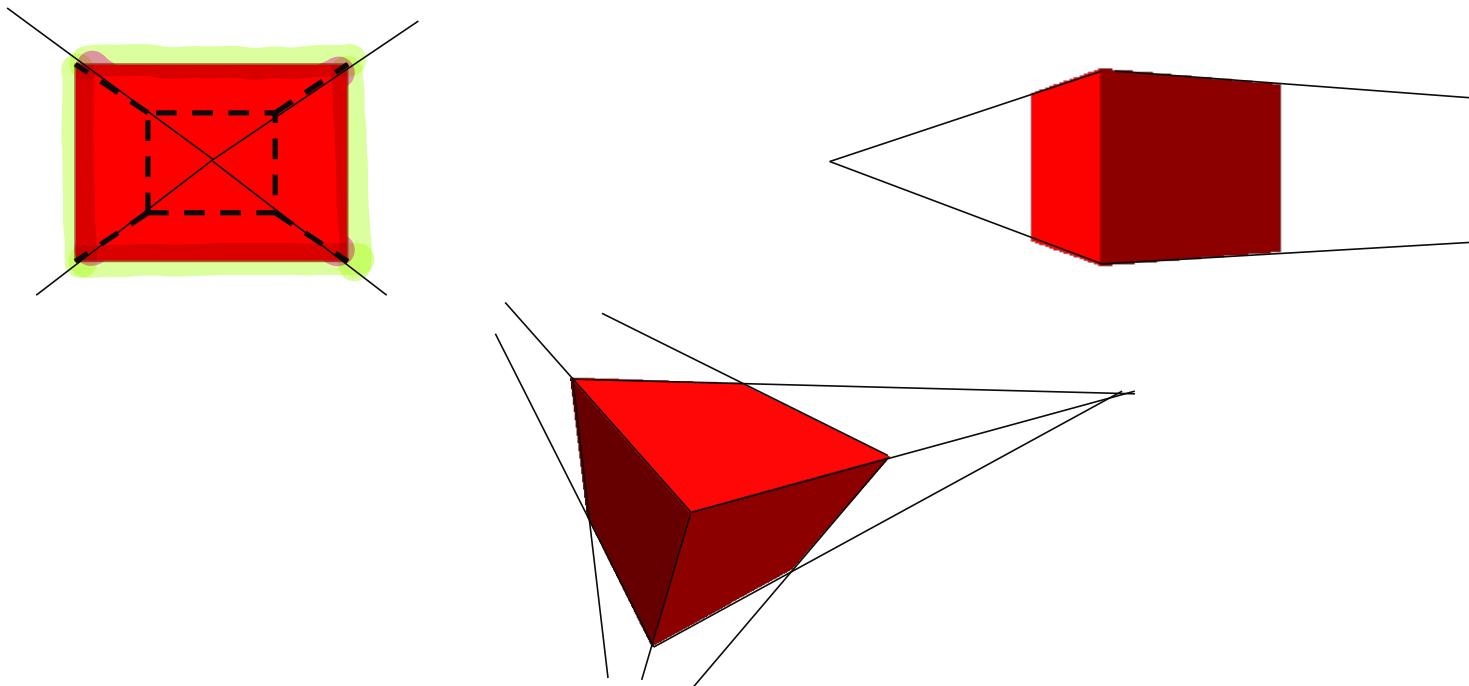
- In perspective projections, **perspective distortion** occurs: lines that are parallel in the 3D world, seem to converge towards a *vanishing point*
→ vedo le cose lontane più piccole



Vanishing points

→ nella proiezione due linee rimangono parallele se sono parallele al piano di proiezione

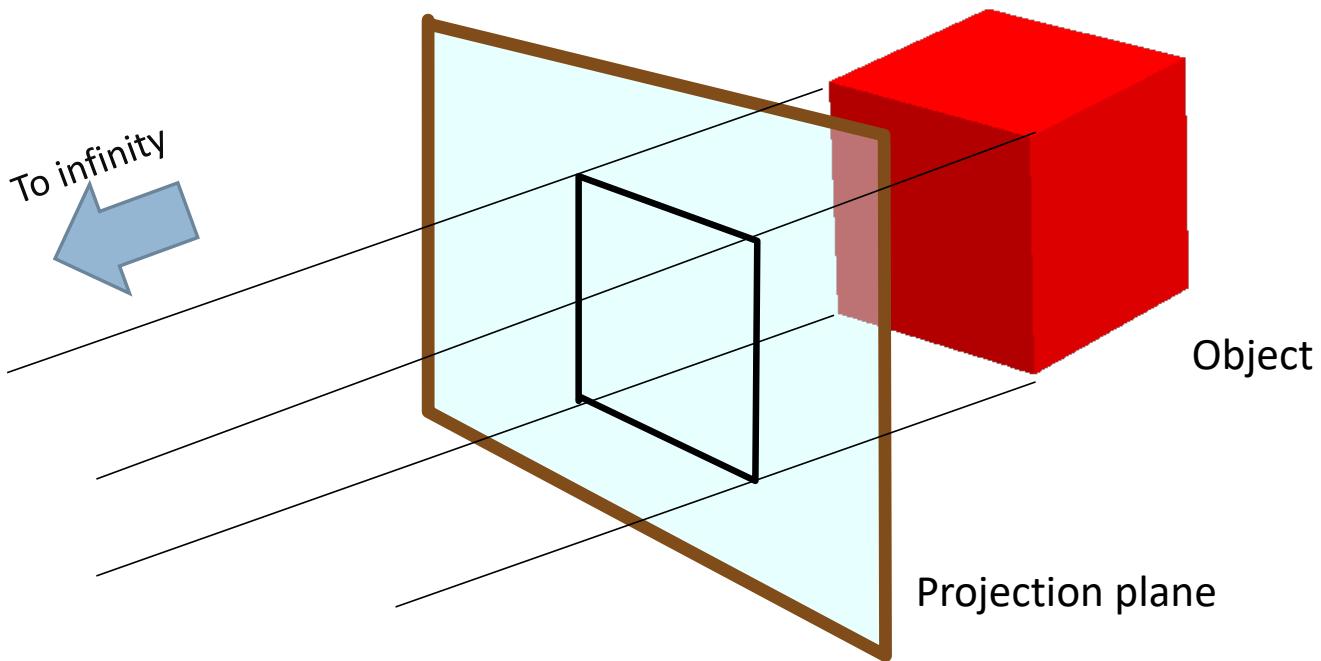
- Parallelism is preserved only for lines parallel to the projection plane. Thus, depending on the object shape and position, there can be multiple vanishing points



Axonometric projections

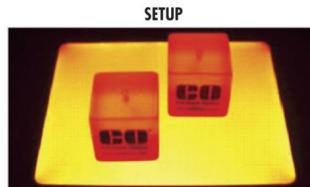
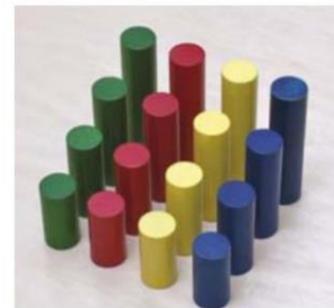
→ distanza ∞ , non c'è distorsione prospettica (si mantiene il parallelismo)

- In **axonometric projections**, the observer is placed at **infinity** and the light rays are **parallels**



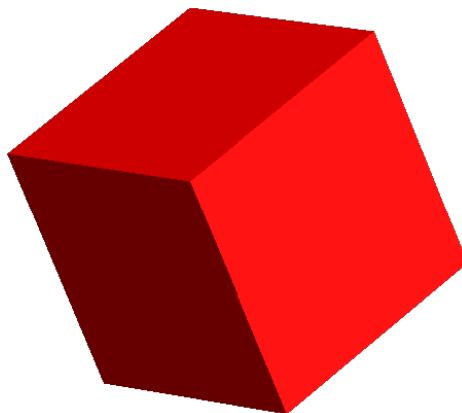
Axonometric projections

- Examples from machine vision, where special lenses (called telecentric lenses) are often used to achieve axonometric projections



Axonometric projections

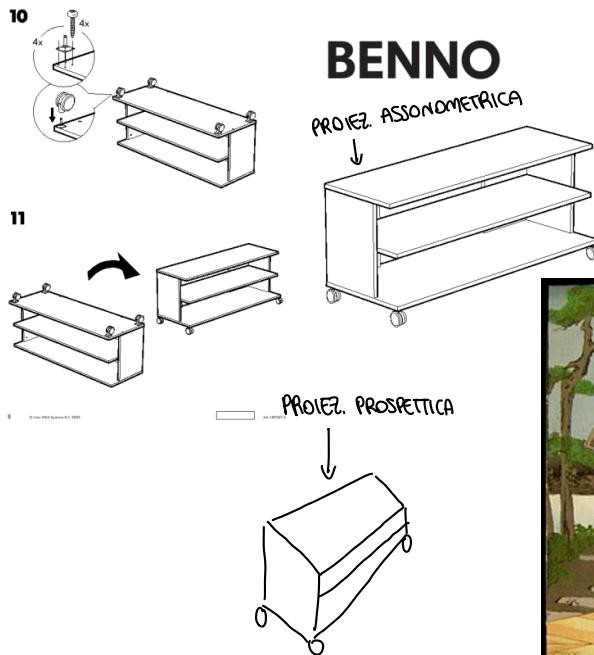
- Parallel lines in 3D are parallel in axonometric projections too.
- There is no perspective distortion. Objects with the same 3D size have the same 2D appearance



Axonometric projections

→ ad es. usate mei cataloghi IKEA

- Useful when it is important to clearly show spatial relations, because of the lack of distortion

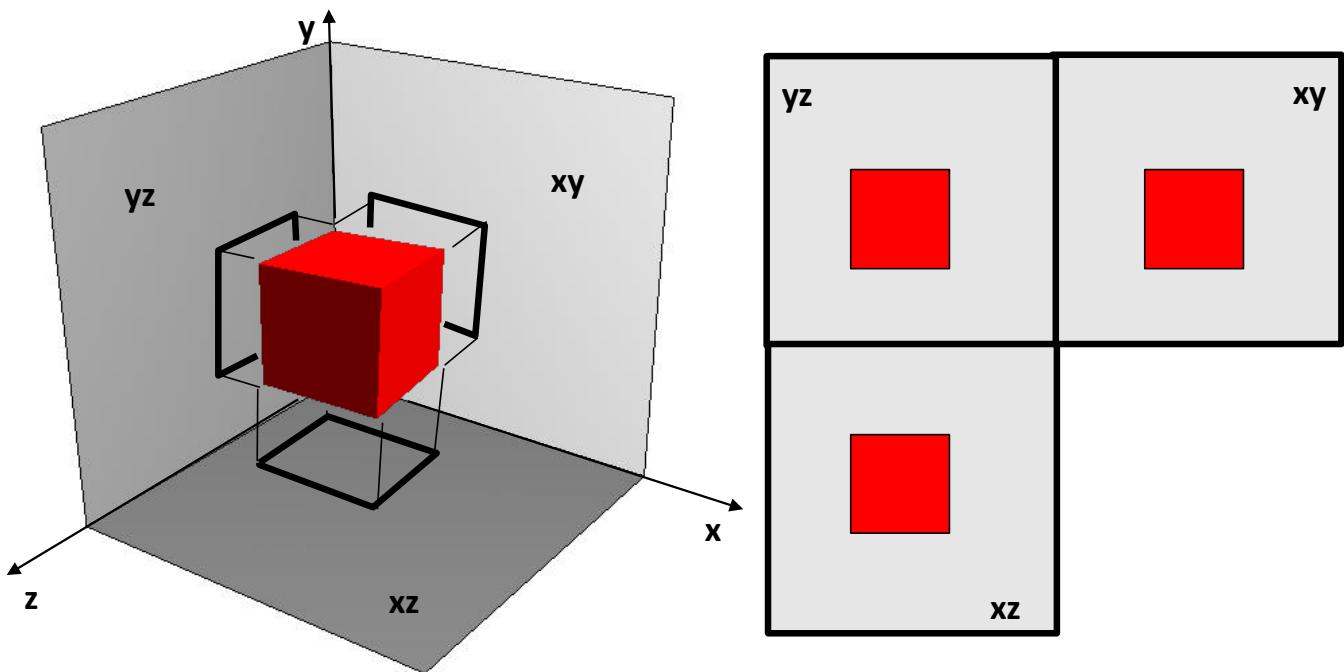


→ Se fosse usata la PROIEZ. PROSPETTICA avrei che il lato più vicino risulta più grande e (nel caso in cui i due lati non sono uguali) potrebbe creare confusione



Orthogonal projections

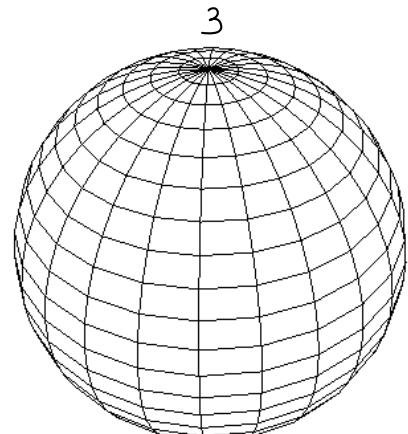
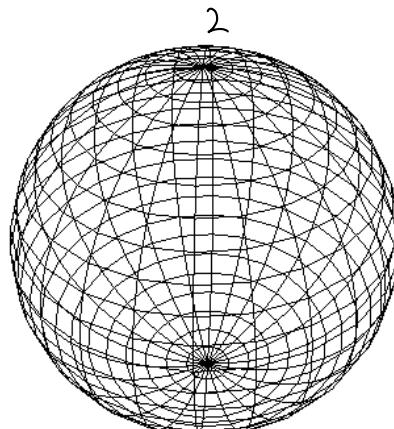
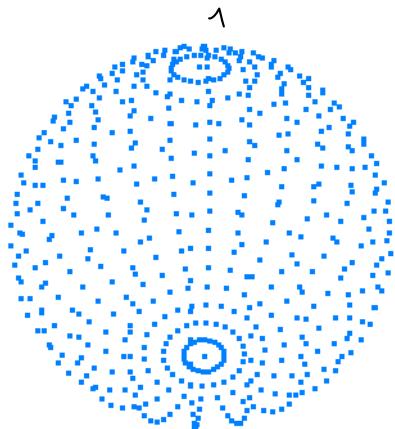
- Orthogonal (or orthographic) projections are just axonometric projections on the three main planes XY, XZ and YZ



Visualization of 3D objects

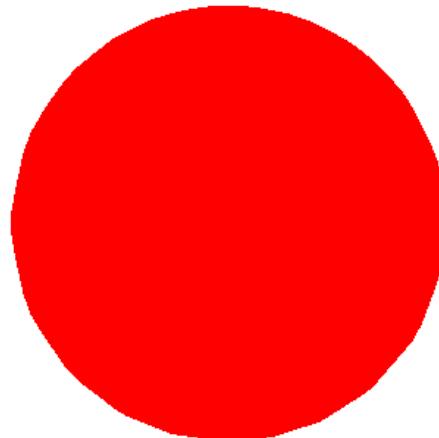
What to show

- Vertices only (point cloud)¹
- Edges only (wireframe)²
- Faces³



Showing faces

- In order to show the faces, they must have a color
- However, if all the faces were of the same color, the resulting image would be totally flat

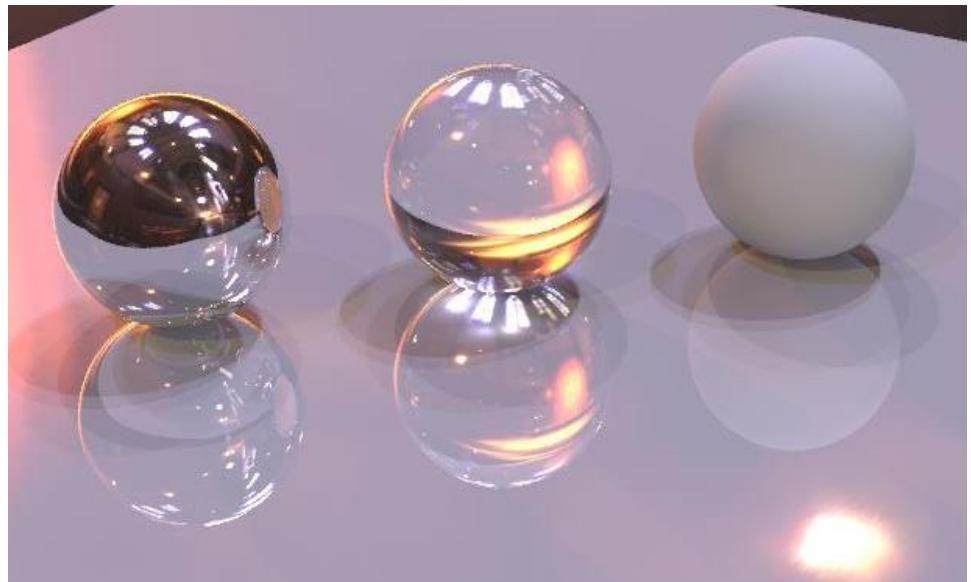


Materials

→ MATERIALE è l'insieme di cose che descrive come deve essere la resa visiva di un oggetto (deve avere geometria (forma) e resa visiva, se non l'oggetto NON PUÒ ESSERE VISUALIZZATO)

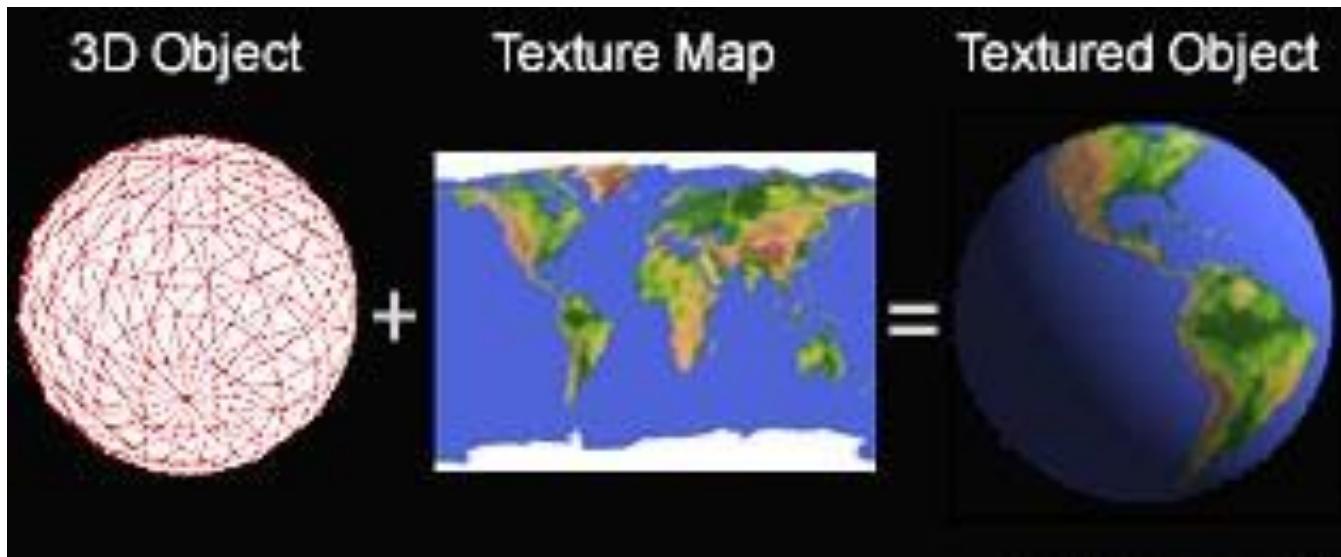
- A material defines not only the color, but also how the surface reacts to light, thus modelling several properties affecting the final appearance:

- Color
- Transparency
- Shininess
- ...



Textures

- Materials can be used to apply images (textures) on the surface of 3D objects



Rendering

- The term **rendering** denotes the process of creating a final raster image from a 3D model and the corresponding materials, lights, etc
- A **render engine** is a software computing renders

