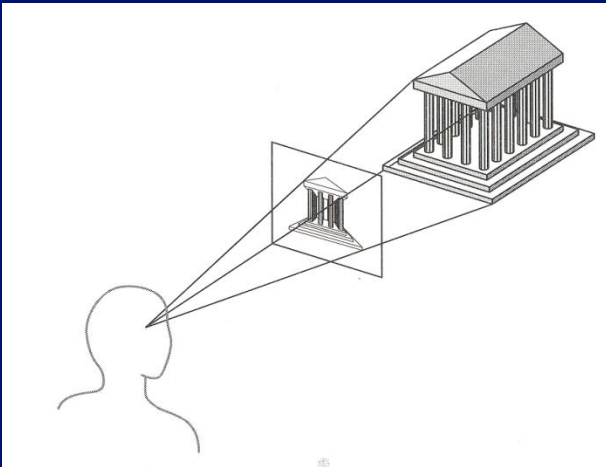


# CSE 409: Computer Graphics

## Camera Transformations and Projection



Angel: Interactive Computer  
Graphics

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# Projection

*In general, projections transform points in a coordinate system of dimension  $n$  into points in a coordinate system of dimension less than  $n$ .*

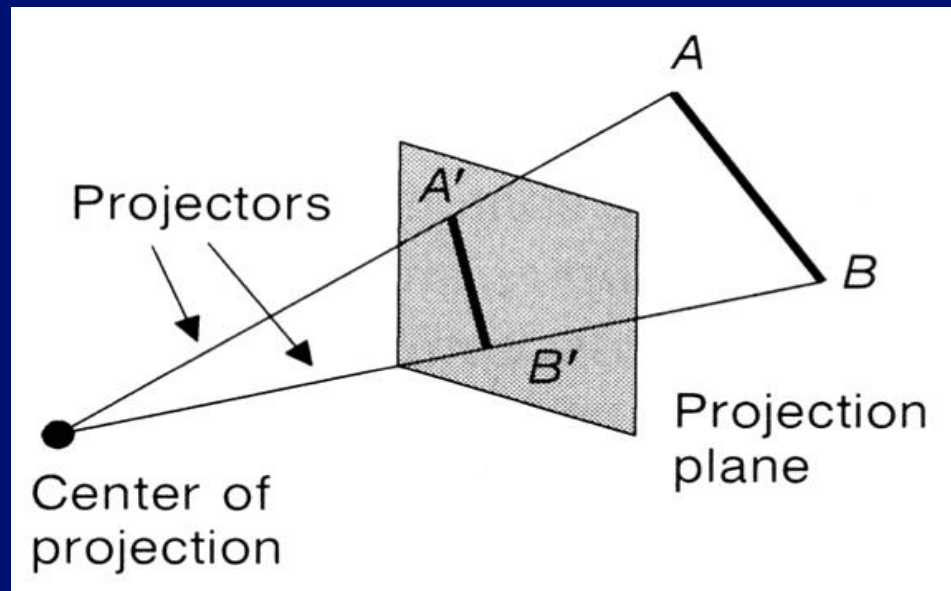
*We shall limit ourselves to the projection from 3D to 2D.*

*We will deal with **planar geometric projections** where:*

- ✧ The projection is onto a plane rather than a curved surface
- ✧ The projectors are straight lines rather than curves

# Projection

- key terms...
  - *Projection* from 3D to 2D is defined by straight *projection rays* (**projectors**) emanating from the '*center of projection*', passing through each point of the object, and intersecting the '*projection plane*' to form a projection.



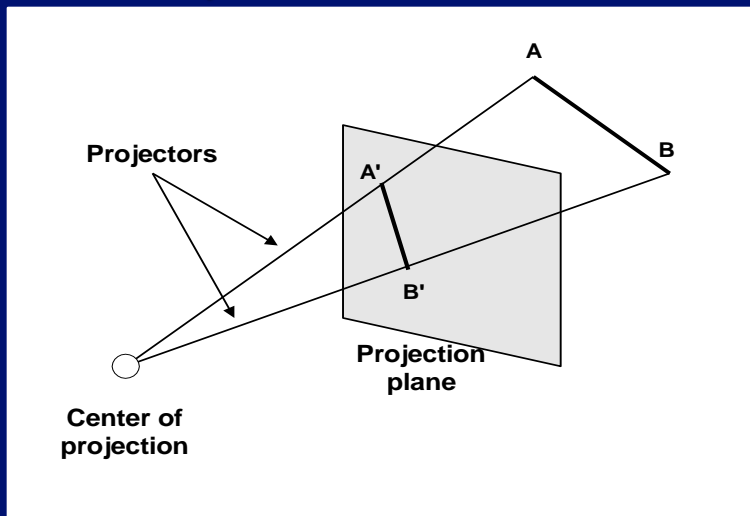
# Planer Geometric Projection

## *2 types of projections*

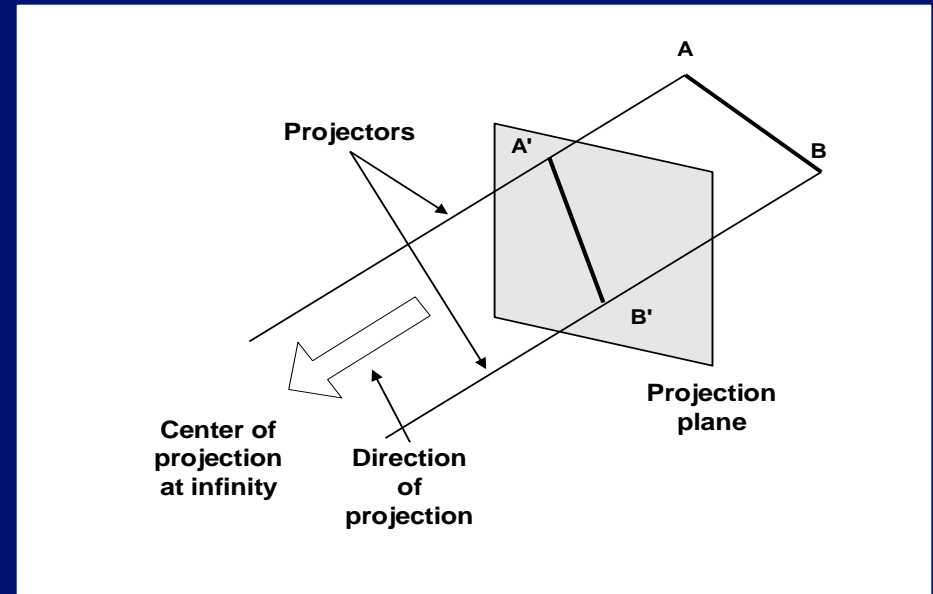
- *perspective and parallel.*

***Key factor is the center of projection.***

- if distance to center of projection is finite : perspective
- if infinite : parallel



*Perspective projection*

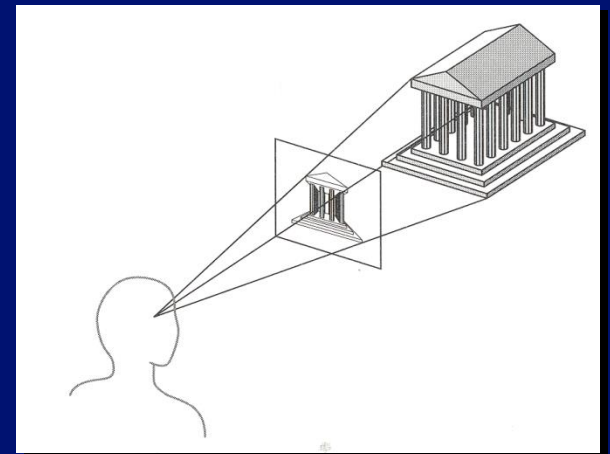


*Parallel projection*

# Perspective v Parallel

## *Perspective:*

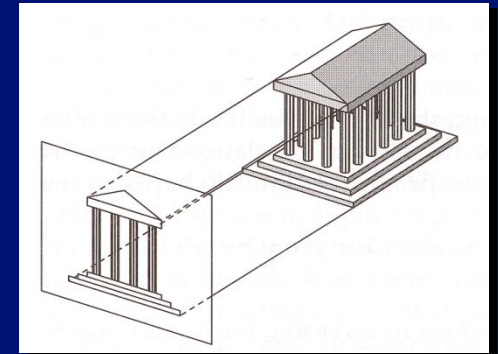
- visual effect is similar to human visual system...
- has 'perspective foreshortening'
  - size of object varies inversely with distance from the center of projection.
- Parallel lines do not in general project to parallel lines
- angles only remain intact for faces parallel to projection plane.



# Parallel

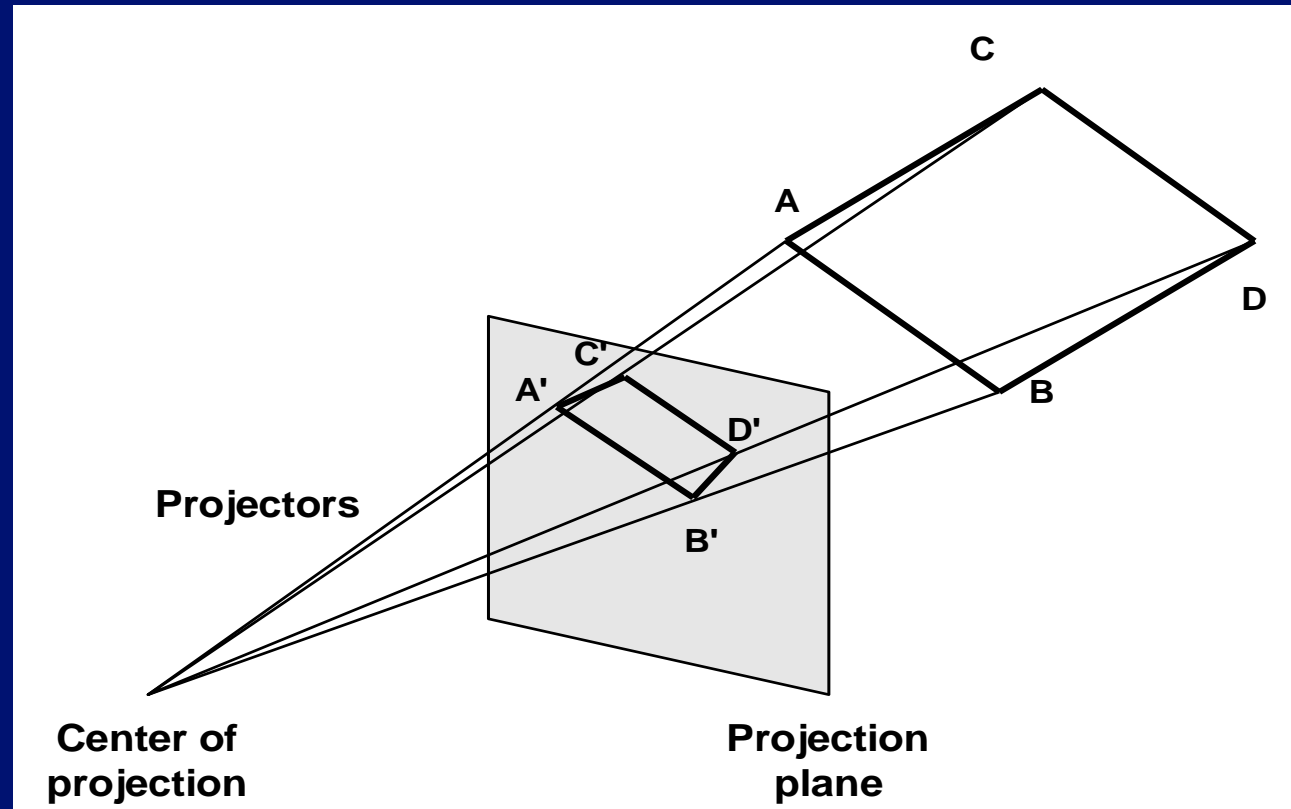
## *Parallel:*

- less realistic view because of no foreshortening
- however, parallel lines remain parallel.
- angles only remain intact for faces parallel to projection plane.



# Perspective projection- anomalies

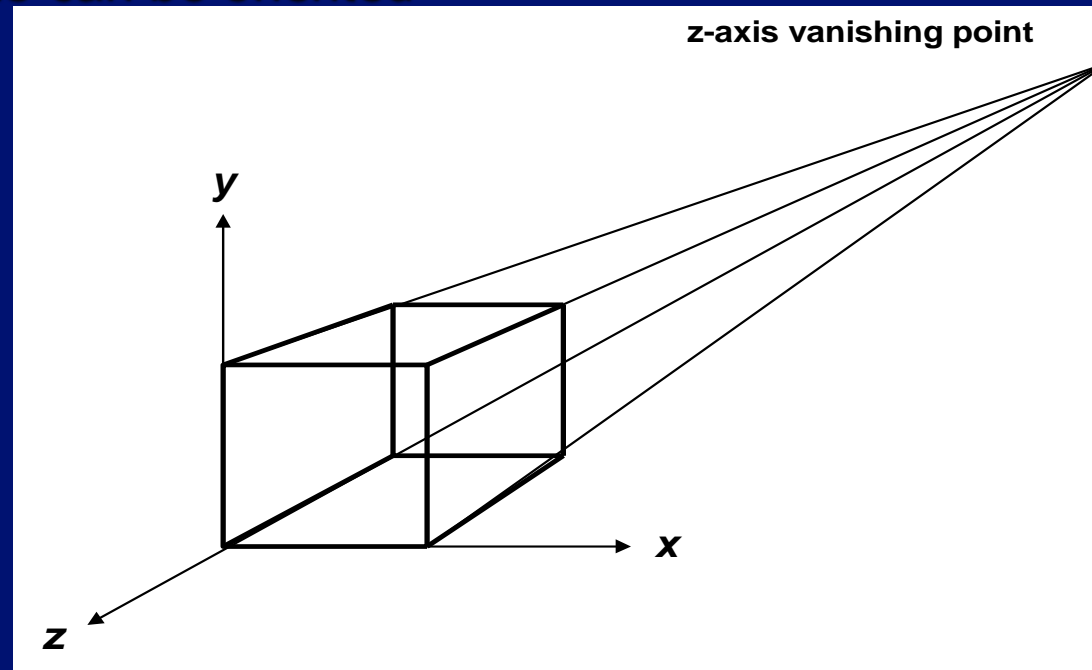
***Perspective foreshortening The farther an object is from COP the smaller it appears***



# Perspective projection- anomalies

***Vanishing Points: Any set of parallel lines not parallel to the view plane appear to meet at some point.***

- There are an infinite number of these, 1 for each of the infinite amount of directions line can be oriented



***Vanishing point***



# Vanishing Point



# Vanishing Point

*If a set of lines are parallel to one of the three axes, the vanishing point is called an axis vanishing point (Principal Vanishing Point).*

- There are at most 3 such points, corresponding to the number of axes cut by the projection plane

## ***One-point:***

- One principle axis cut by projection plane
- One axis vanishing point

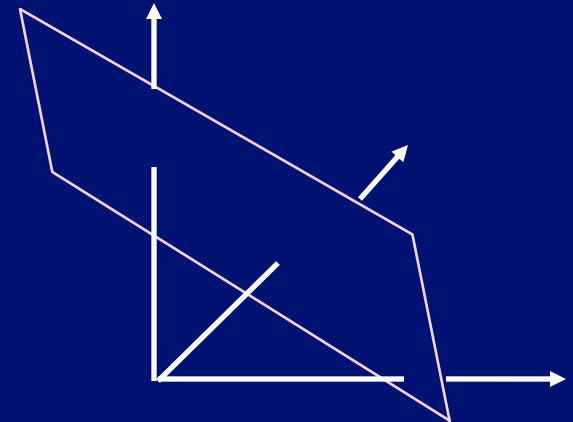
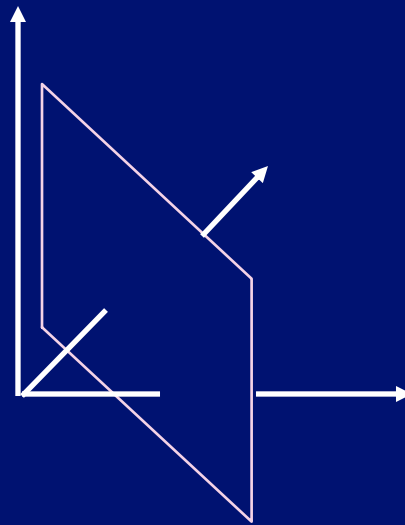
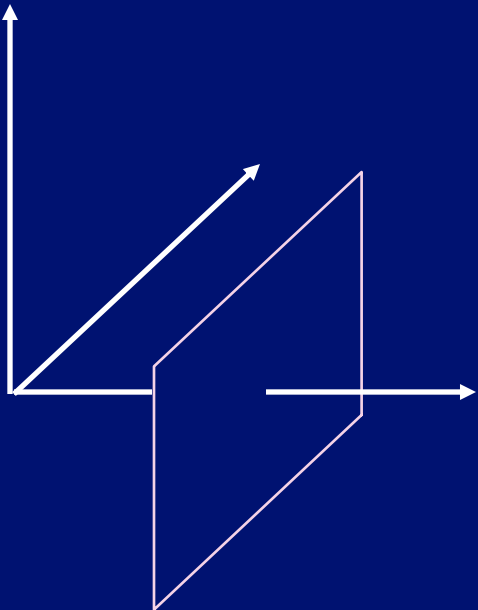
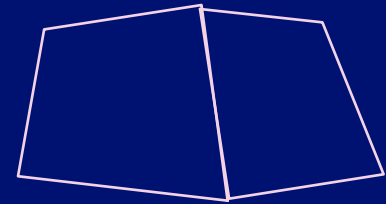
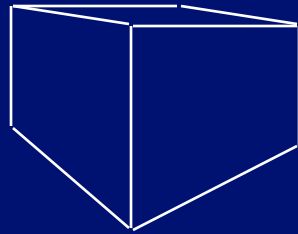
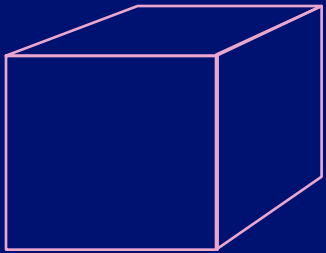
## ***Two-point:***

- Two principle axes cut by projection plane
- Two axis vanishing points

## ***Three-point:***

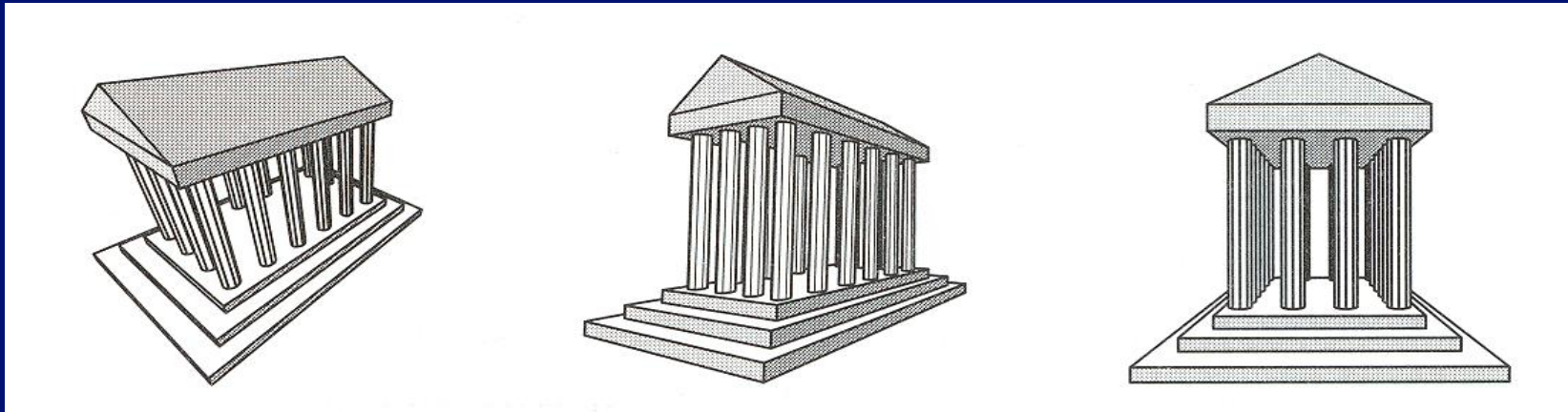
- Three principle axes cut by projection plane
- Three axis vanishing points

# Vanishing Point



# Perspective Projection

*How many vanishing points?*

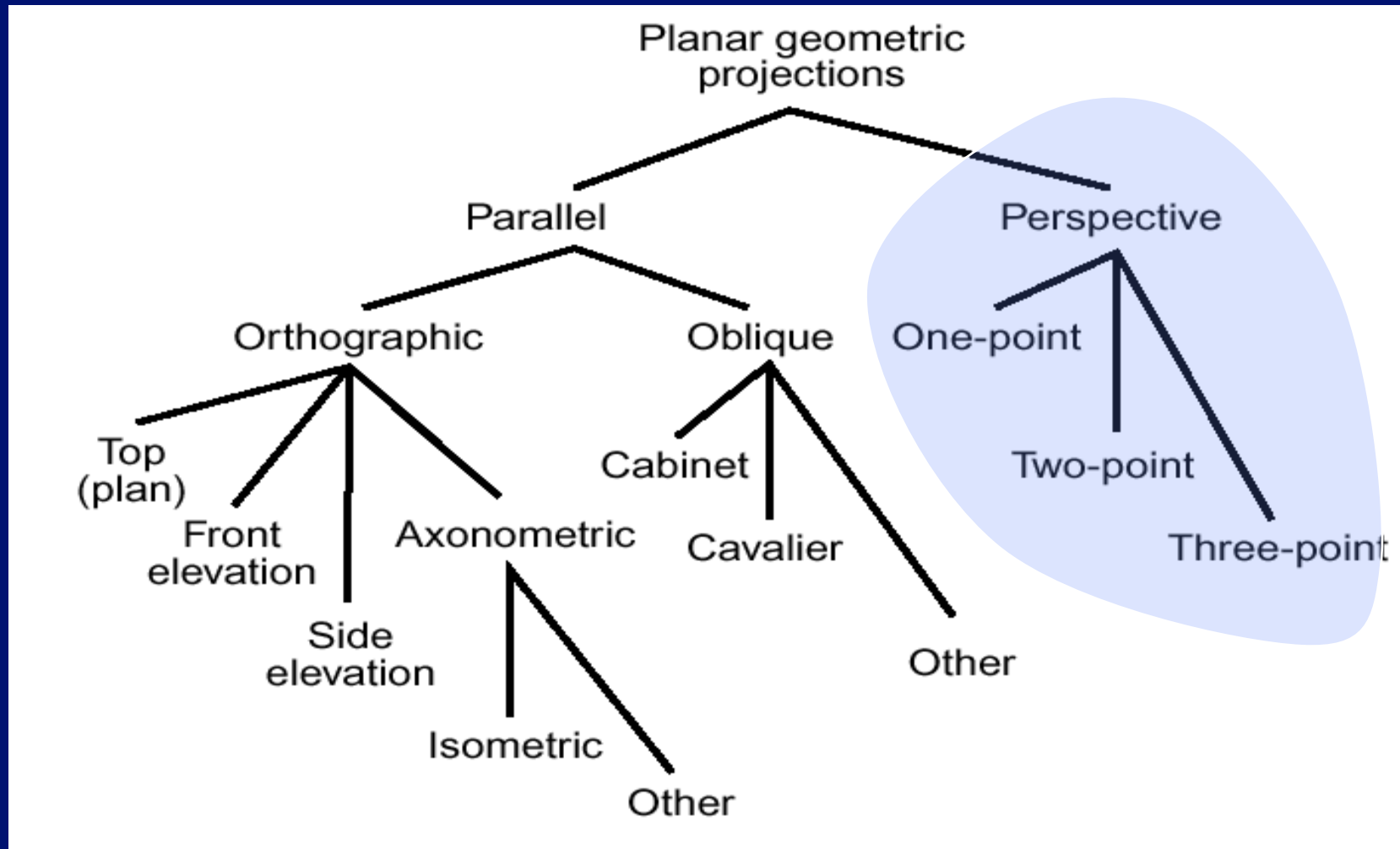


3-Point  
Perspective

2-Point  
Perspective

1-Point  
Perspective

# Taxonomy of Projection XM



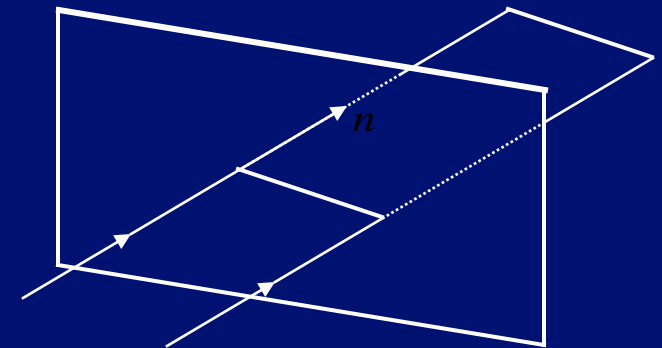
# Parallel projection

## **2 principle types:**

- *orthographic* and *oblique*.

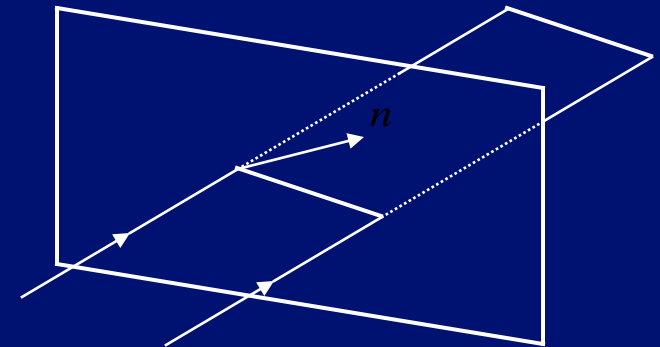
### **Orthographic :**

- direction of projection = normal to the projection plane.



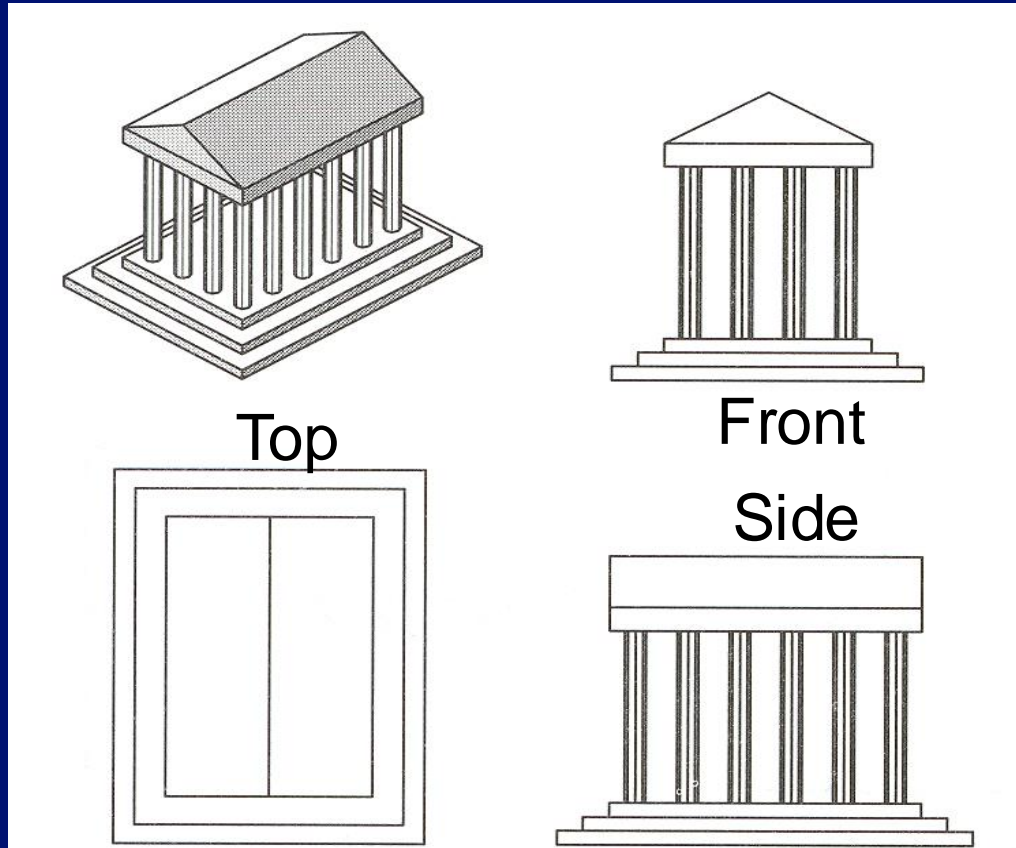
### **Oblique :**

- direction of projection  $\neq$  normal to the projection plane.



# Orthographic Projections

***DOP perpendicular to view plane***



# Axonometric Orthogonal Projection

Projection plane are not normal to the principle axis and therefore show several faces of an object at once.

**(XM) Isometric Axonometric Orthogonal Projection:** Projection plane normal makes equal angles with each principle axis. If the projection plane normal is  $(d_x, d_y, d_z)$  then

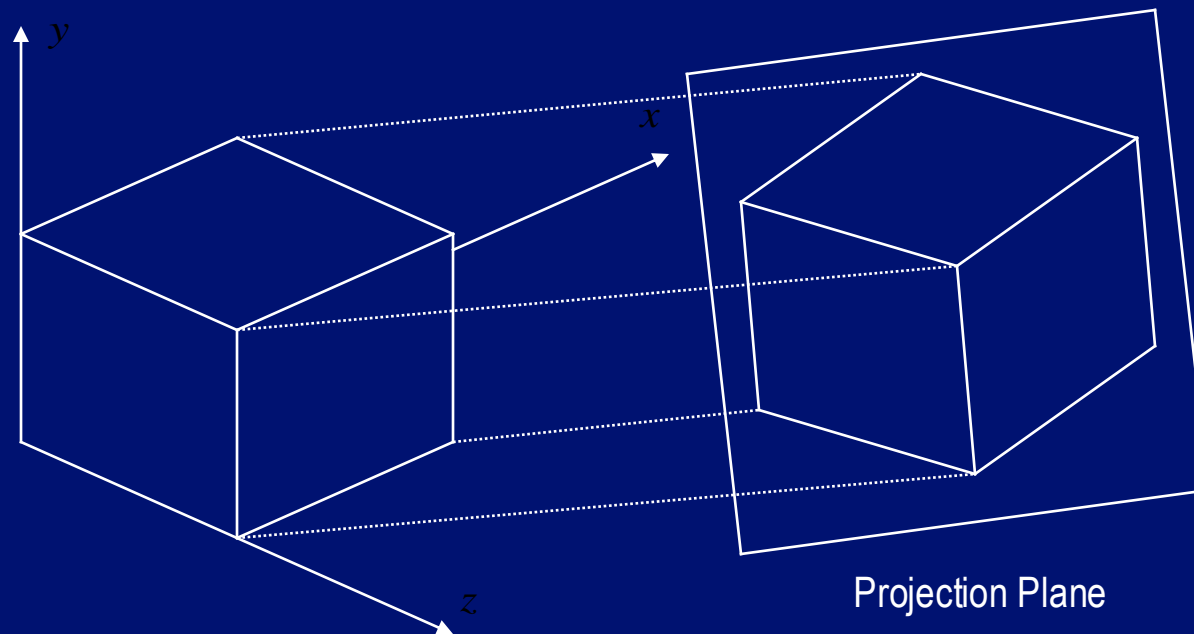
$|d_x| = |d_y| = |d_z|$ . There are 8 directions to satisfy this condition.



# Axonometric vs Perspective

***Axonometric projection shows several faces of an object at once like perspective projection.***

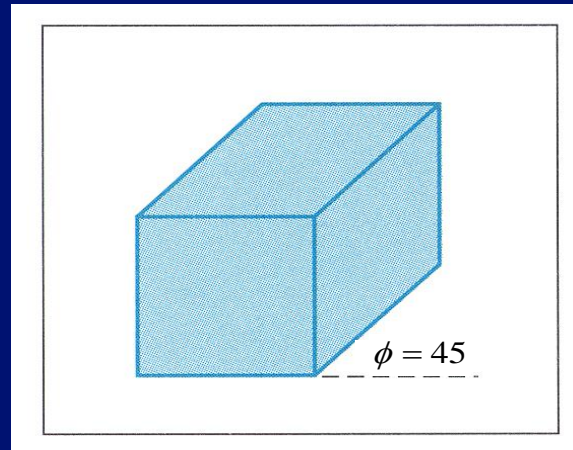
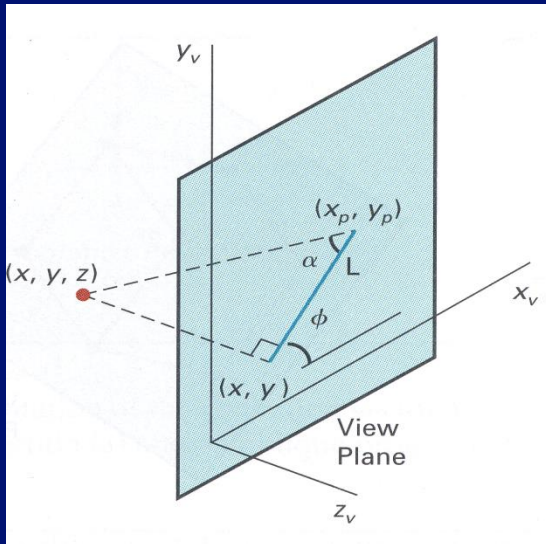
***But the foreshortening is uniform rather than being related to the distance from the COP.***



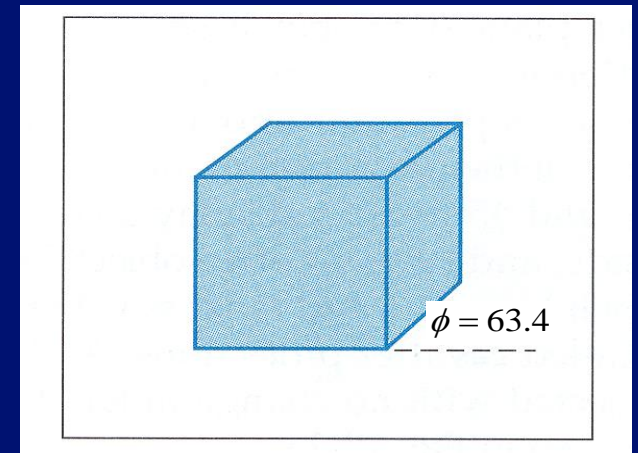
Isometric proj

# Oblique Projections

***DOP not perpendicular to view plane***



Cavalier  
(DOP  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ )  
 $\tan(\alpha) = 1$



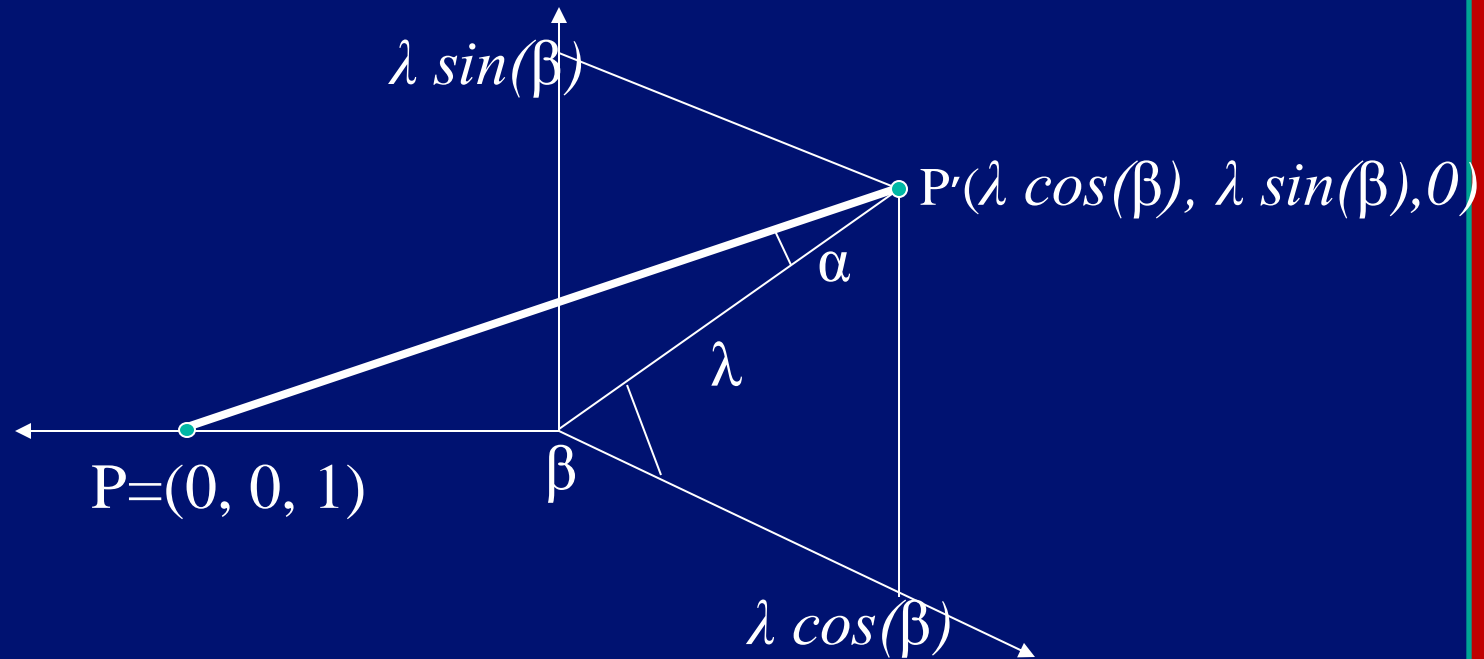
Cabinet  
(DOP  $\alpha = 63.4^\circ$ )  
 $\tan(\alpha) = 2$

H&B

# Oblique parallel projection

***Cavalier, cabinet and orthogonal projections can all be specified in terms of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  or  $(\lambda, \beta)$  since***

- $\tan(\alpha) = 1/\lambda$



# Oblique parallel projection

$\lambda=1$	$\alpha= 45$	Cavalier projection	$\beta= 0 - 360$
$\lambda=0.5$	$\alpha = 63.4$	Cabinet projection	$\beta= 0 - 360$
$\lambda=0$	$\alpha = 90$	Orthogonal projection	$\beta= 0 - 360$

# Oblique parallel projection

$$PP' = (\lambda \cos(\alpha), \lambda \sin(\alpha), -1) = DOP$$

$$Proj(P) = (\lambda \cos(\alpha), \lambda \sin(\alpha), 0)$$

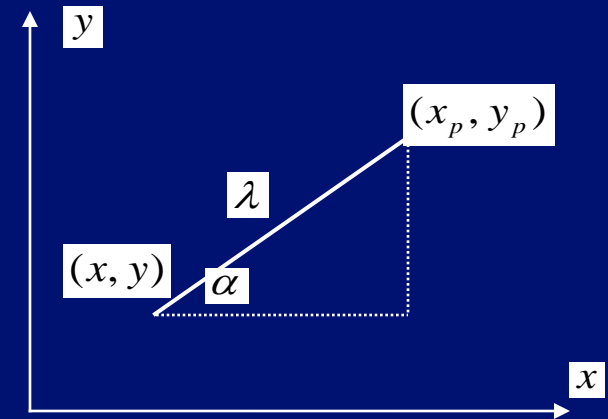
**Generally**

- multiply by z and allow for (non-zero) x and y

$$x' = x + z \lambda \cos \alpha$$

$$y' = y + z \lambda \sin \alpha$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \lambda \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \lambda \sin \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

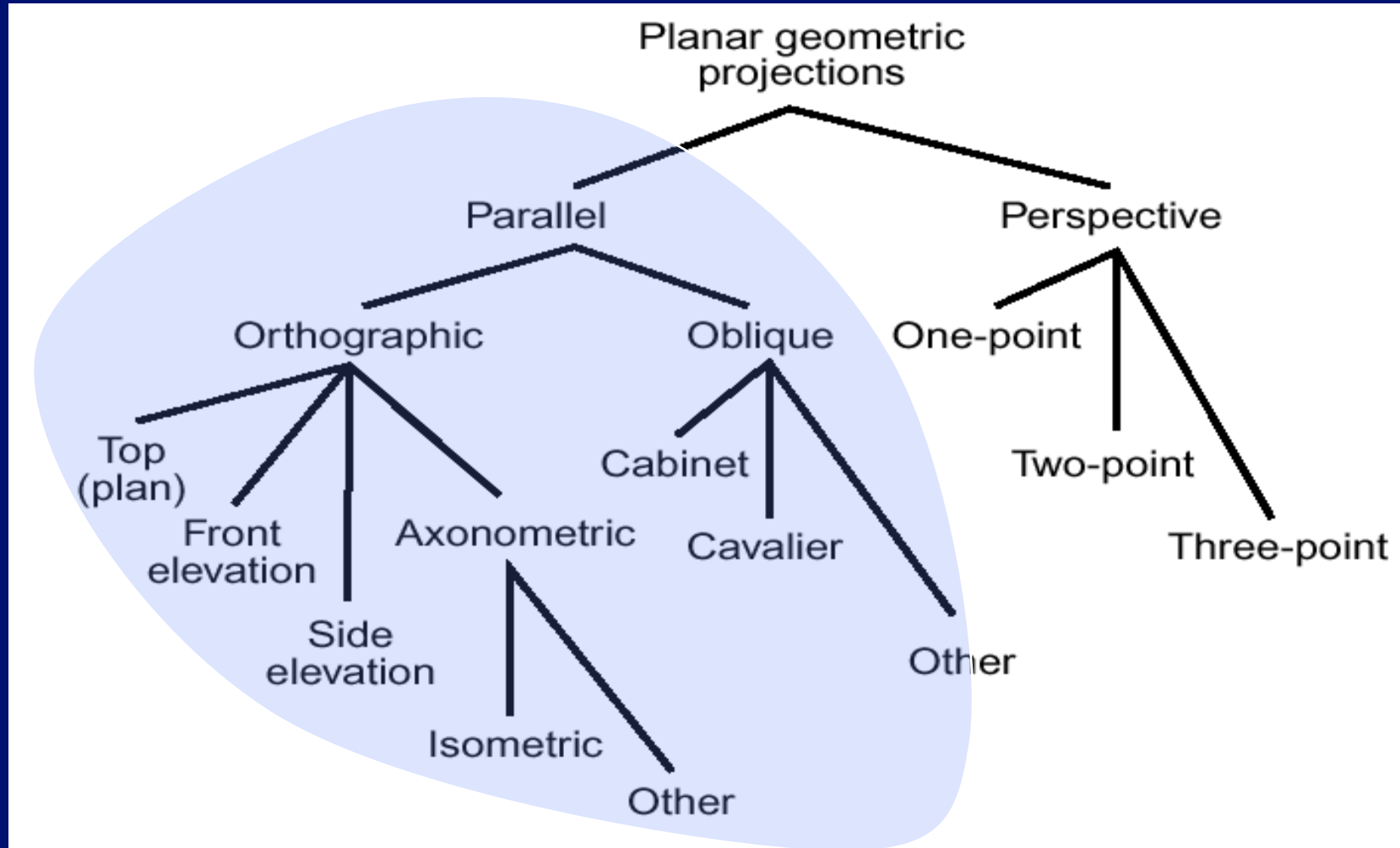


$$\therefore x_p = x + \lambda \cos \alpha$$

$$y_p = y + \lambda \sin \alpha$$

Replace  $\alpha$  by  $\beta$  for this slide

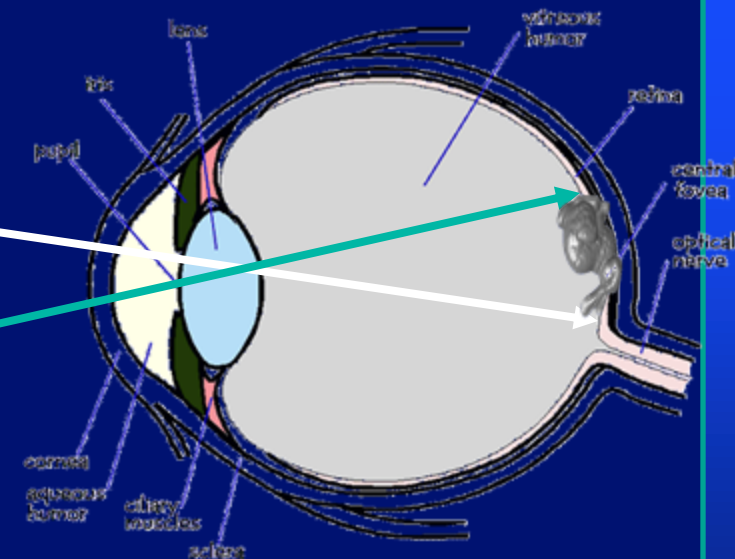
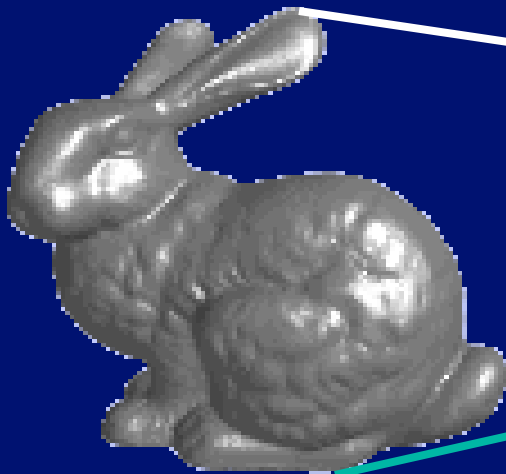
# Taxonomy of Projection



# Perspective Projection

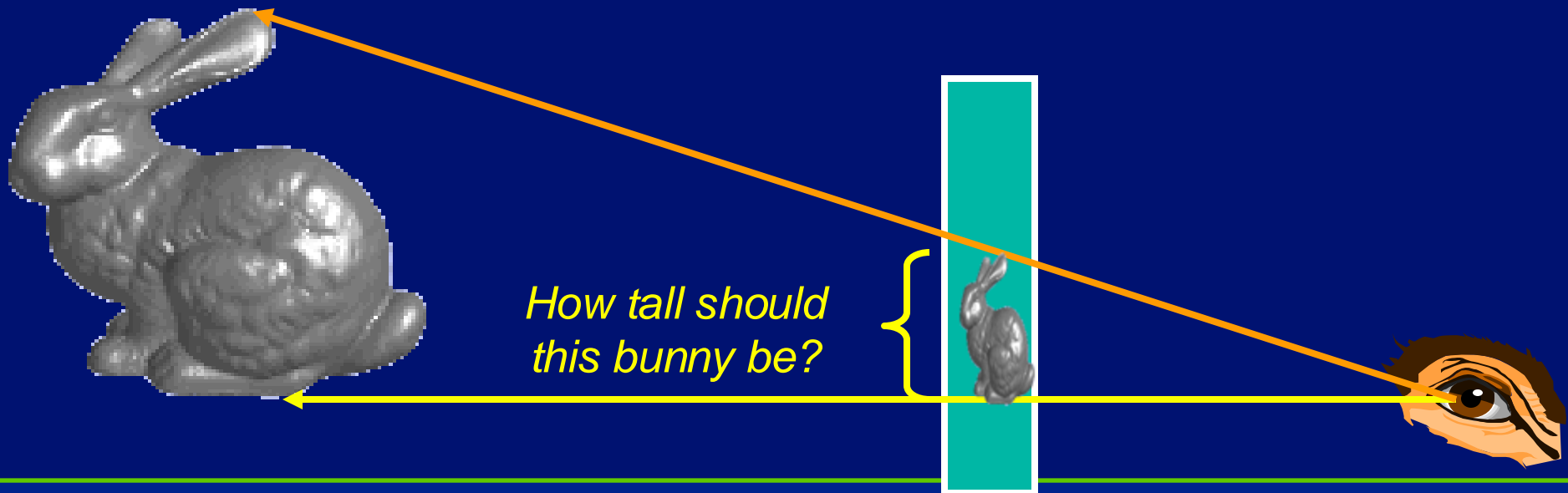
*In the real world, objects exhibit perspective foreshortening: distant objects appear smaller*

*The basic situation:*



# Perspective Projection

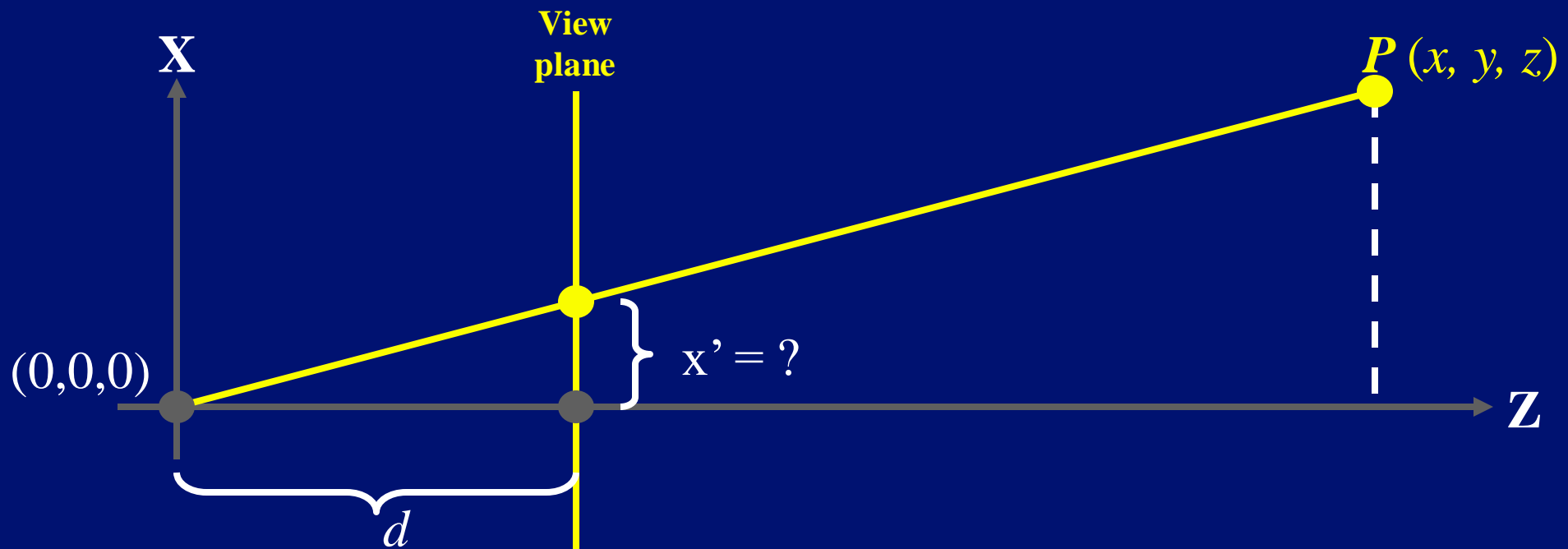
*When we do 3-D graphics, we think of the screen as a 2-D window onto the 3-D world:*





# Perspective Projection

*The geometry of the situation is that of similar triangles.  
View from above:*



**What is  $x'$  ?**

# Perspective Projection

*Desired result for a point  $[x, y, z, 1]^T$  projected onto the view plane:*

$$\frac{x'}{d} = \frac{x}{z}, \quad \frac{y'}{d} = \frac{y}{z}$$

$$x' = \frac{d \cdot x}{z} = \frac{x}{z/d}, \quad y' = \frac{d \cdot y}{z} = \frac{y}{z/d}, \quad z = d$$

**What could a matrix look like to do this?**

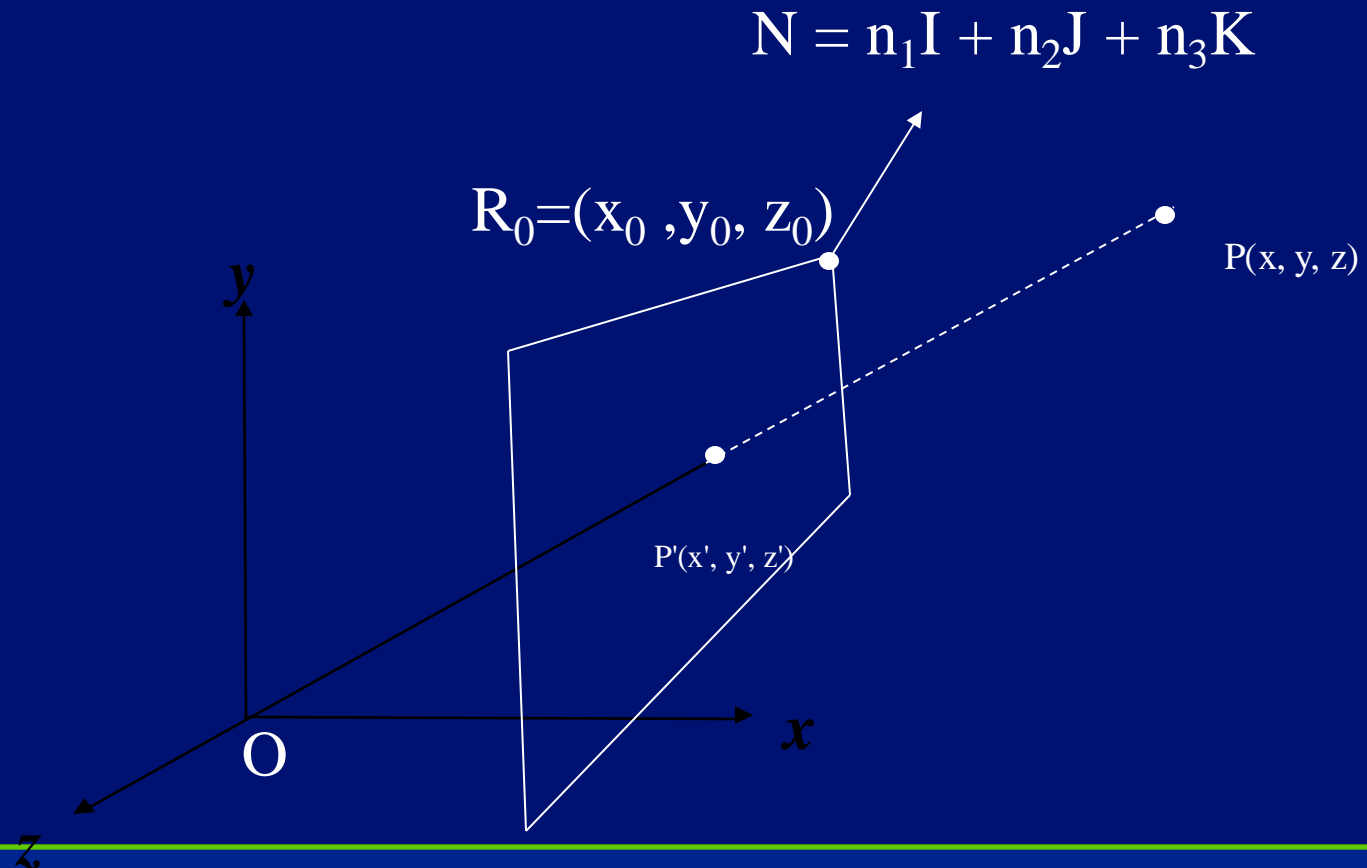
# A Perspective Projection Matrix

***Answer:***

$$M_{perspective} = \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Generalized Projection

- Using the origin as the center of projection, derive the perspective transformation onto the plane passing through the point  $R_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and having the normal vector  $N = n_1I + n_2J + n_3K$ .



# Generalized Projection

$$P'O = \alpha PO$$

$$x' = \alpha x, y' = \alpha y, z' = \alpha z$$

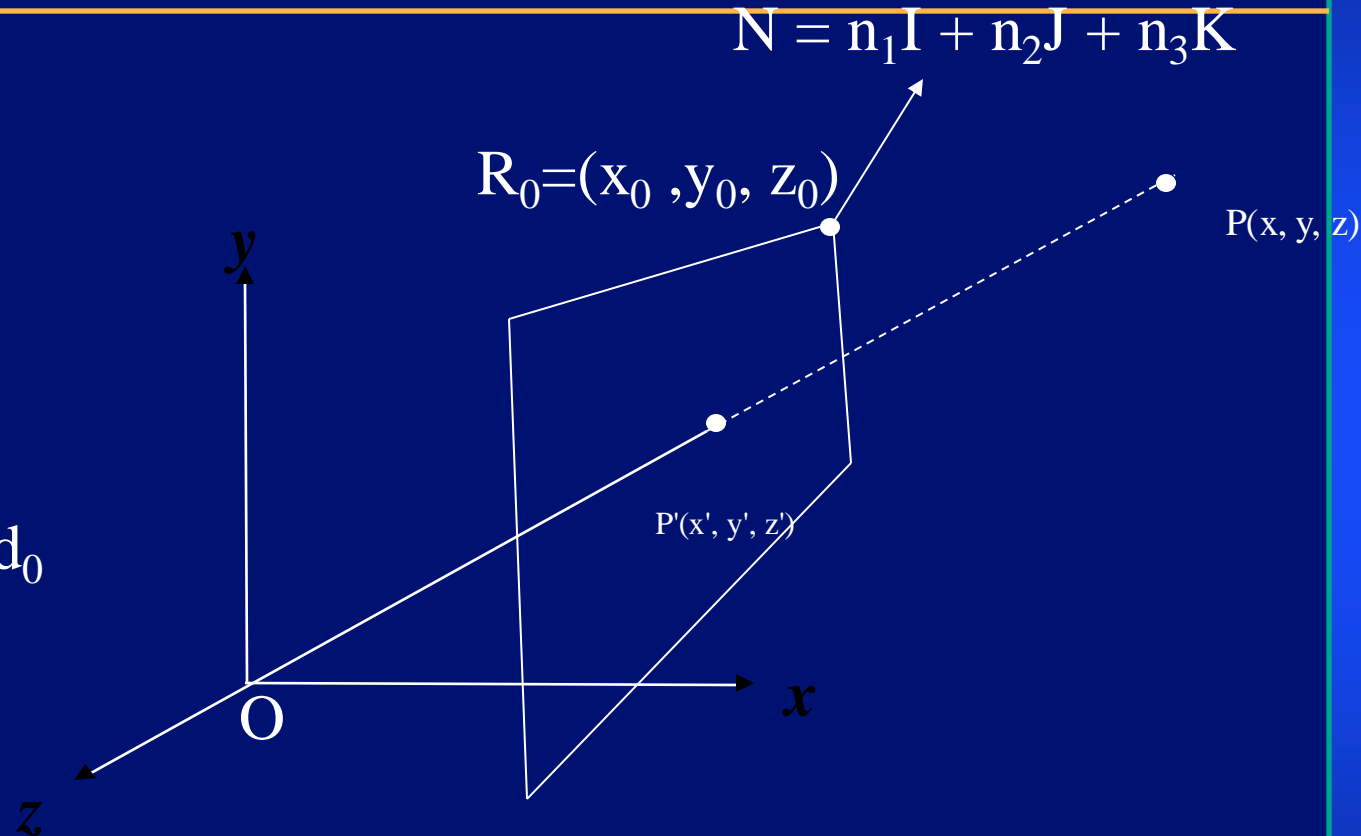
$$N \cdot R_0 P' = 0$$

$$n_1 x' + n_2 y' + n_3 z'$$

$$= n_1 x_0 + n_2 y_0 + n_3 z_0 = d_0$$

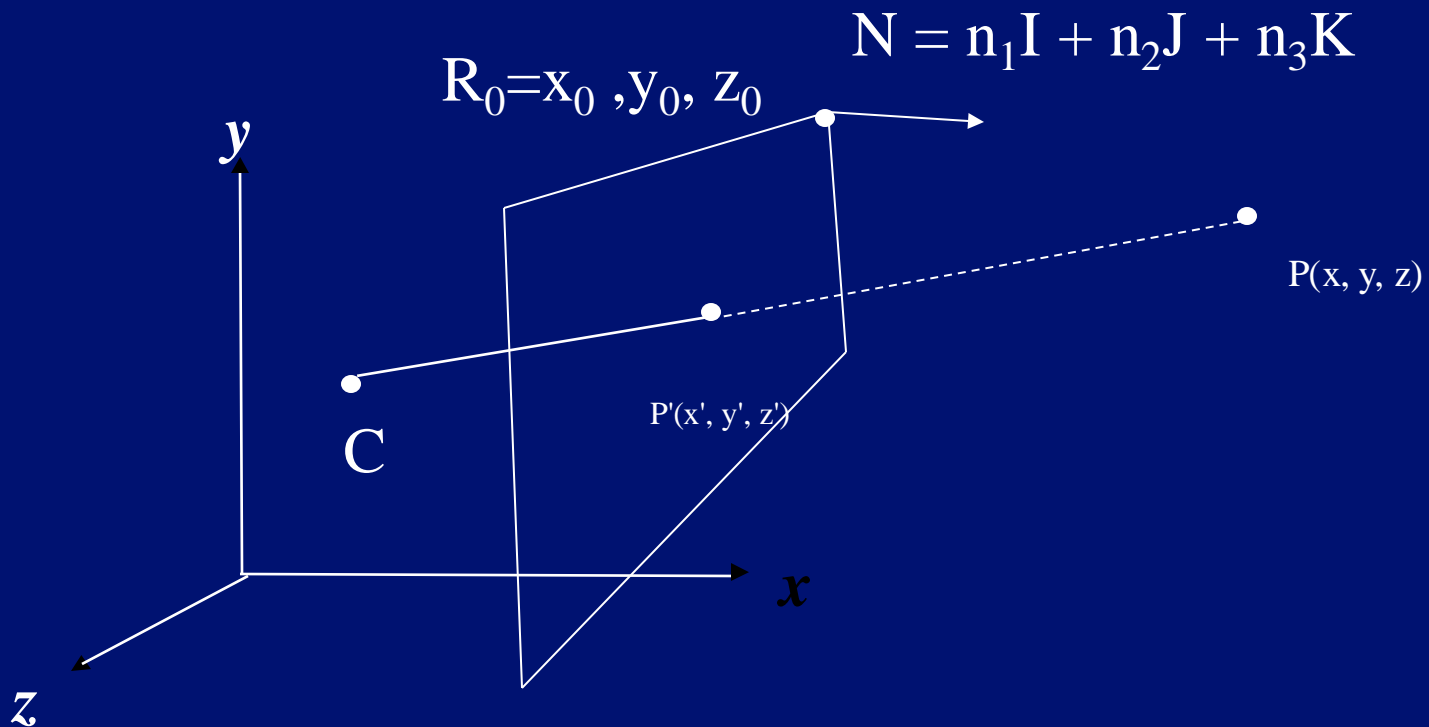
$$\alpha = \frac{d_0}{n_1 x + n_2 y + n_3 z}$$

$$Per = \begin{pmatrix} d_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_0 & 0 \\ n_1 & n_2 & n_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Generalized Projection

- Derive the general perspective transformation onto a plane with reference point  $R_0$  and normal vector  $N$  and using  $C(a,b,c)$  as the center of projection.



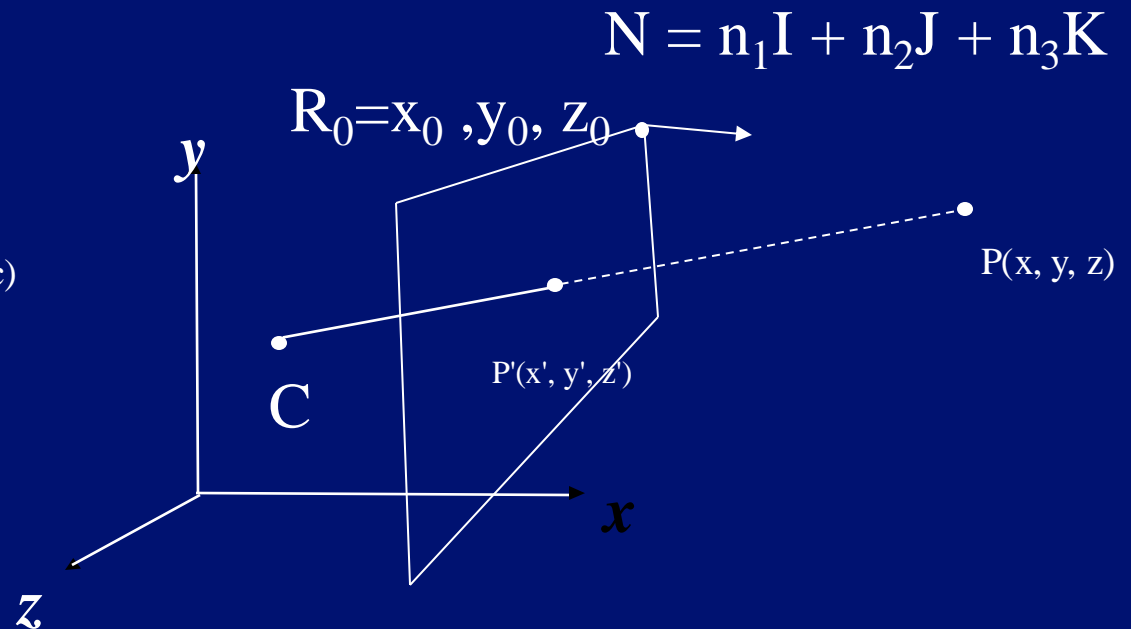
# Generalized Projection

$$P'C = \alpha PC$$
$$x' = \alpha(x-a) + a$$

$$n_1x' + n_2y' + n_3z' = d_0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{d}{n_1(x-a) + n_2(y-b) + n_3(z-c)}$$

$$d = (n_1x_0 + n_2y_0 + n_3z_0) - (n_1a + n_2b + n_3c)$$
$$= d_0 - d_1$$



# Generalized Projection

## • *Follow the steps* —

- Translate so that C lies at the origin
- Perform projection as the previous problem
- Translate back

$$\begin{pmatrix} d + an_1 & an_2 & an_3 & -ad_0 \\ bn_1 & d + bn_2 & bn_3 & -bd_0 \\ cn_1 & cn_2 & d + cn_3 & -cd_0 \\ n_1 & n_2 & n_3 & -d_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Viewing in OpenGL

*OpenGL has multiple matrix stacks - transformation functions right-multiply the top of the stack*

*Two most important stacks: `GL_MODELVIEW` and `GL_PROJECTION`*

*Points get multiplied by the modelview matrix first, and then the projection matrix*

*`GL_MODELVIEW`: Object->Camera*

*`GL_PROJECTION`: Camera->Screen*

*`glViewport(0,0,w,h)`: Screen->Device*

# OpenGL Example

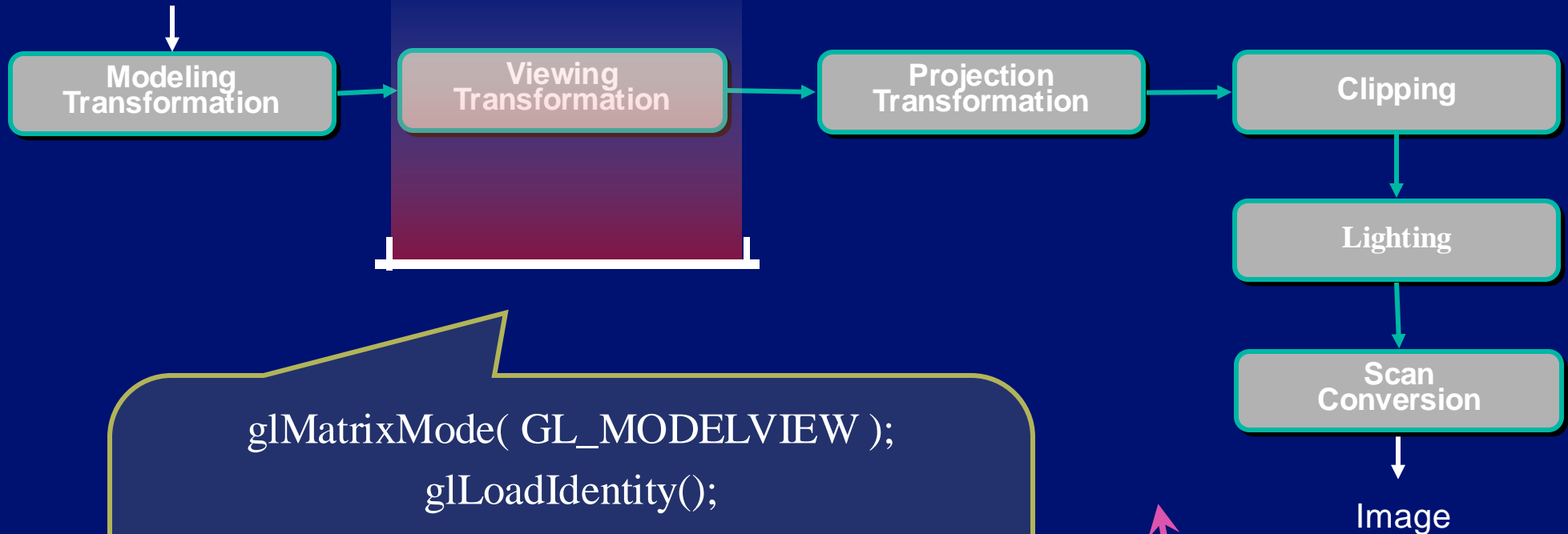
```
void SetUpViewing()
{
    // The viewport isn't a matrix, it's just state...
    glViewport( 0, 0, window_width, window_height );

    // Set up camera->screen transformation first
    glMatrixMode( GL_PROJECTION );
    glLoadIdentity();
    gluPerspective( 60, 1, 1, 1000 ); // fov, aspect, near, far

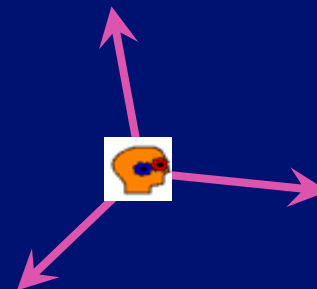
    // Set up the model->camera transformation
    glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
    gluLookAt( 3, 3, 2,    // eye point
               0, 0, 0,    // look at point
               0, 0, 1 ); // up vector
    glRotatef( theta, 0, 0, 1 ); // rotate the model
    glScalef( zoom, zoom, zoom ); // scale the model
}
```

# Graphics Pipeline Revisited

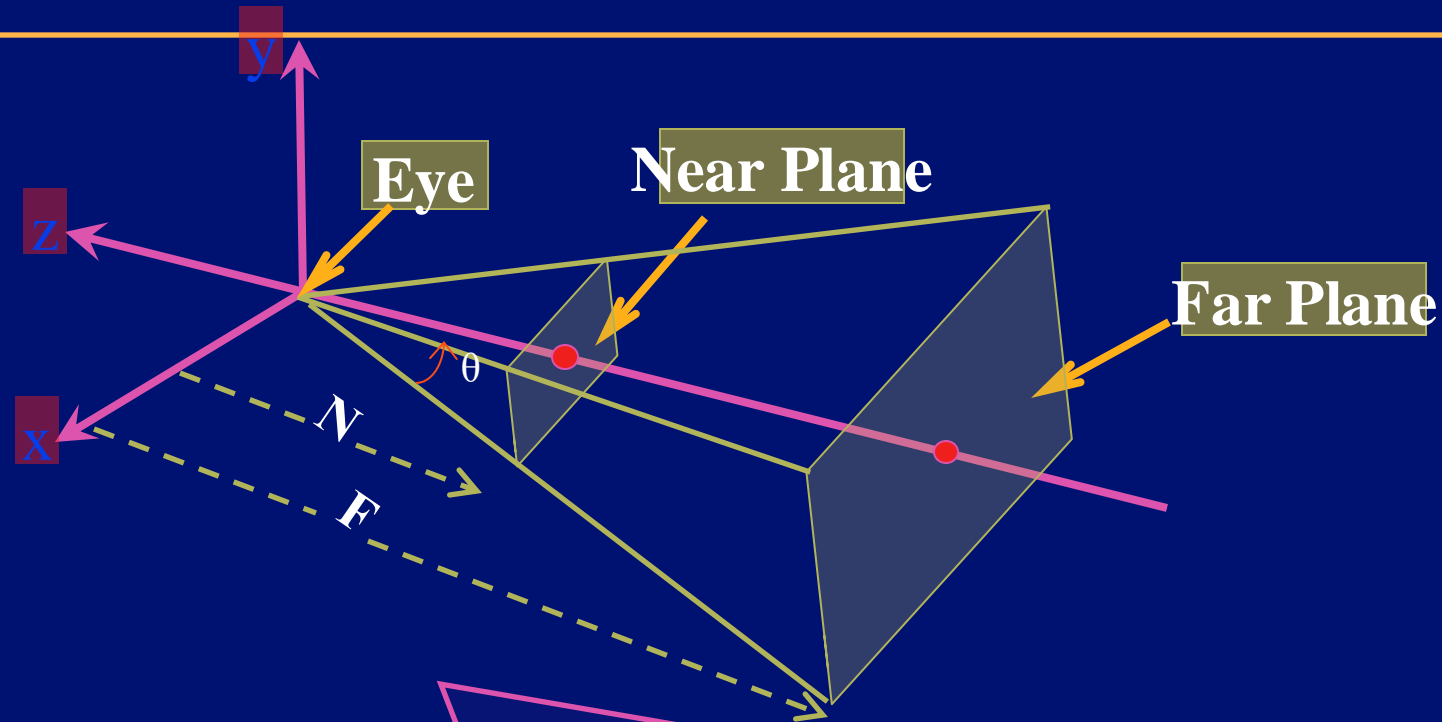
3D Geometric Primitives



```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );  
glLoadIdentity();  
gluLookAt ( eyex, eyey, eyez,  
            lookx, looky, lookz,  
            upx, upy, upz );
```

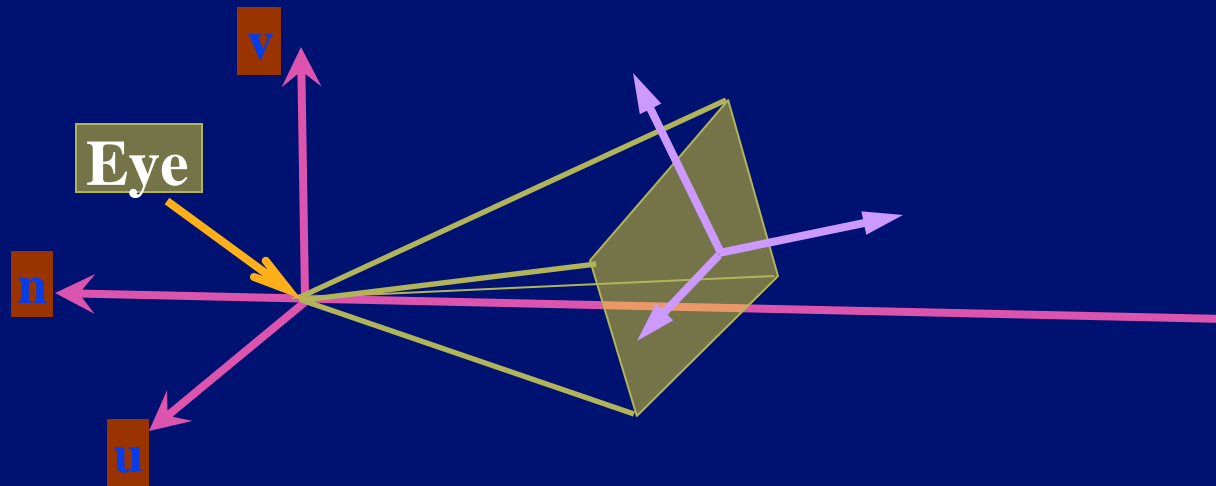


# Default Camera Position

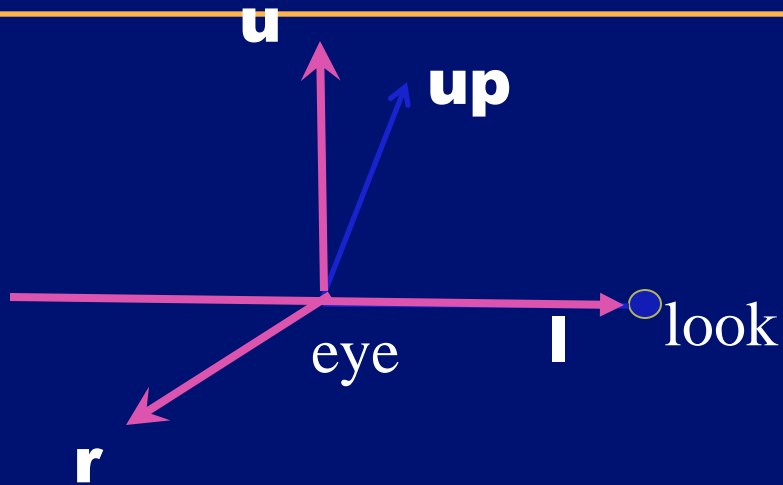


```
glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);  
glLoadIdentity();  
gluPerspective(viewAngle,  
aspectRatio, N, F);
```

# General Camera Position



# General Camera Position



$$\mathbf{l} = \text{look} - \text{eye}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{up}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{l}$$

- ***To transform world coordinate into camera's coordinate, transform***
  - eye into the origin
  - **r** into the vector **i**
  - **u** into the vector **j**
  - **-l** into the vector **k**

So what is the matrix for viewing transform?

# A 3D Scene

***Notice the presence of  
the camera, the  
projection plane, and  
the world  
coordinate axes***



***Viewing transformations define how to acquire the image  
on the projection plane***

# Viewing Transformations

*Create a camera-centered view*



*Camera is at origin*

*Camera is looking along negative z-axis*

*Camera's 'up' is aligned with y-axis*



## 2 Basic Steps

*Align the two coordinate frames by rotation*



## 2 Basic Steps

*Translate to align origins*



# Creating Camera Coordinate Space

*Specify a point where the camera is located in world space, the **eye point***

*Specify a point in world space that we wish to become the center of view, the **lookat point***

*Specify a vector in world space that we wish to point up in camera image, the **up vector***

*Intuitive camera movement*



# Constructing Viewing Transformation, V

**Create a vector from eye-point to lookat-point**

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_x \\ l_y \\ l_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{lookat}_x \\ \text{lookat}_y \\ \text{lookat}_z \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \text{eye}_x \\ \text{eye}_y \\ \text{eye}_z \end{bmatrix}$$

**Normalize the vector**

$$\hat{l} = \frac{\bar{l}}{\sqrt{l_x^2 + l_y^2 + l_z^2}}$$

**Desired rotation matrix should map this vector to  $[0, 0, -1]^T$  Why?**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{V}\hat{l}$$

# Constructing Viewing Transformation, V

*Construct another important vector from the cross product of the lookat-vector and the vup-vector*

$$\bar{r} = \bar{l} \times \bar{u}p$$

*This vector, when normalized, should align with  $[1, 0, 0]^T$  Why?*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{V} \frac{\bar{r}}{\sqrt{r_x^2 + r_y^2 + r_z^2}}$$

# Constructing Viewing Transformation, V

*One more vector to define...*

$$\bar{u} = \bar{r} \times \bar{l}$$

*This vector, when normalized, should align with  $[0, 1, 0]^T$*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{V} \frac{\bar{u}}{\sqrt{u_x^2 + u_y^2 + u_z^2}}$$

*Now let's compose the results*

# Compositing Vectors to Form V

*We know the three world axis vectors (x, y, z)*

*We know the three camera axis vectors (r, u, l)*

*Viewing transformation, V, must convert from world to camera coordinate systems*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{V} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{r} & \hat{u} & -\hat{l} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Compositing Vectors to Form V

## ***Remember***

- Each camera axis vector is unit length.
- Each camera axis vector is perpendicular to others

## ***Camera matrix is orthogonal and normalized***

- Orthonormal

***Therefore,  $M^{-1} = M^T$***



# Compositing Vectors to Form V

***Therefore, rotation component of viewing transformation is just transpose of computed vectors***

$$\mathbf{V}_{rotate} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{r} \\ \hat{u} \\ -\hat{l} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Compositing Vectors to Form V

*Translation component too*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{r} \\ \hat{u} \\ -\hat{l} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - eye_x \\ y - eye_y \\ z - eye_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix}$$

*Multiply it through*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{r} \\ \hat{u} \\ -\hat{l} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \hat{r} \\ \hat{u} \\ -\hat{l} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} eye_x \\ eye_y \\ eye_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix}$$

# Final Viewing Transformation, V

*To transform vertices, use this matrix:*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{r} & -\hat{r} \cdot \overline{eye} \\ \hat{u} & -\hat{u} \cdot \overline{eye} \\ -\hat{l} & \hat{l} \cdot \overline{eye} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

*And you get this:*



## **Ref.**

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