DMET 502/701 Computer Graphics

Projections

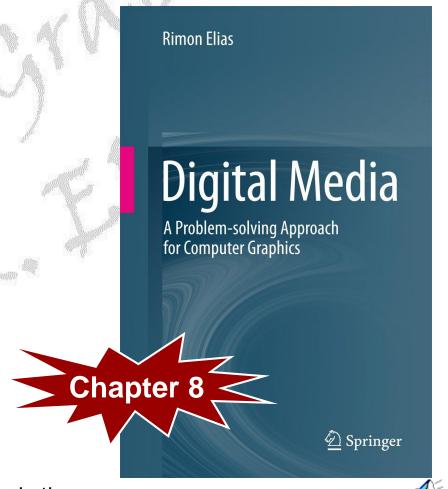
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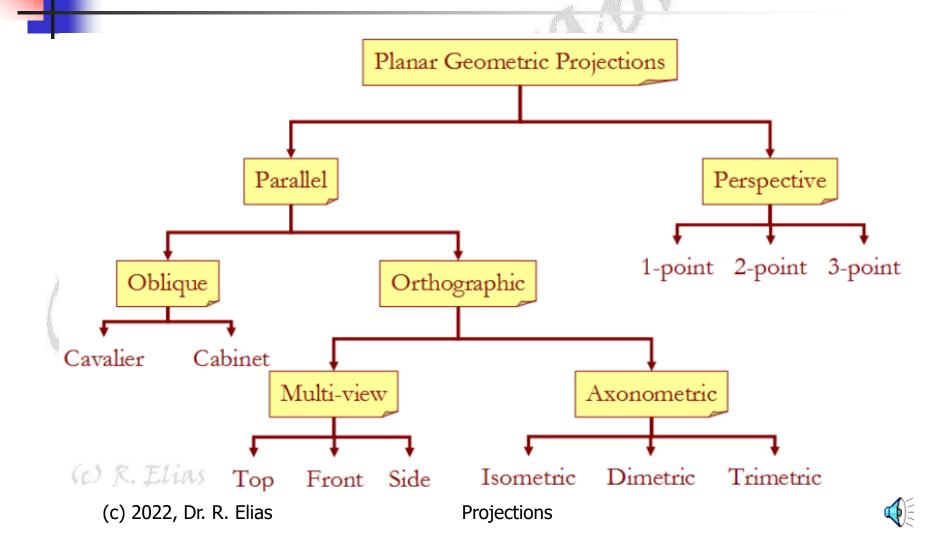
Main Types of Projections

- Types of projections can be split into two main categories:
 - Planar projection
 - Non-planar projection
- The differences between them are in the type of viewing surface and the projectors.

Туре	Viewing surface	Projectors
Planar projection	Planar (view plane)	Straight lines
Non-planar projection	Curved	Curved

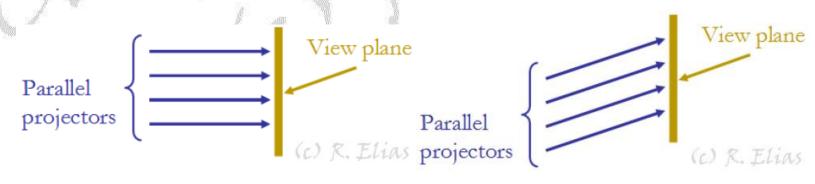


Subclasses of Planar Geometric Projections



Parallel Projections

- Two main characteristics appear in parallel projections:
 - The viewpoint or the center of projection is placed at infinity.
 - 2. Consequently, projectors are parallel to each other; hence comes the term "parallel projection"
- This results in a parallelepiped view volume.
- The proportions of an object (not necessarily the actual measurements) are maintained through parallel projections.



Orthographic Projections

- In orthographic projections, the projectors are:
 - Parallel to each other and
 - perpendicular to view plane.

Parallel projectors View plane

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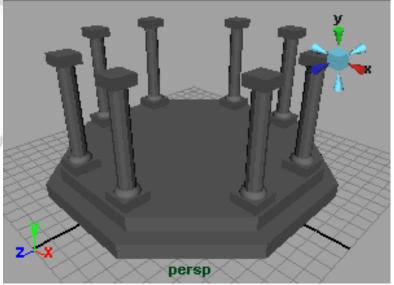
Depending on the normal to the view plane

- Orthographic projections are categorized as:
 - Multi-view or
 - Axonometric



Multi-view Projections

- They do not show the object as a 3D model.
- A multi-view projection may display a single face of a 3D model.
- Examples: top, front and side views.
- The view plane normal is parallel to one of the principal axes.
- They do preserve the dimensions and the angles. Thus, they are used in engineering and architectural drawings.



Perspective of a 3D model (**not** a multi-view projection)

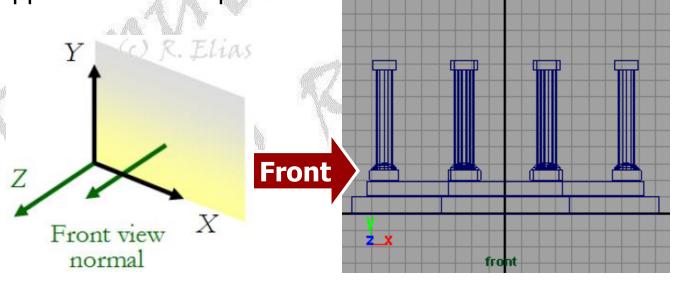


Multi-view Projections: Front View

In a right-handed coordinate system where the y-axis points upwards, the front view normal is parallel to the positive z-axis. In other words, the view plane is parallel to the xy-plane.

• The z-coordinates are discarded and the x- and y-coordinates are

mapped to the view plane.



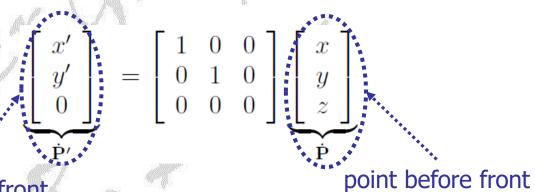
Front view



Multi-view Projections: Front View

We can estimate the location of a 3D point $[x, y, z]^T$ after front projection onto the xy-plane as

Inhomogeneous coordinates



point after front projection

Homogeneous coordinates

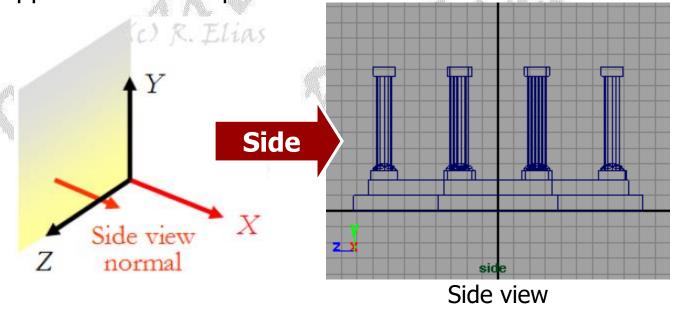
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Multi-view Projections: Side View

- In a right-handed coordinate system, the side view normal is parallel to the positive x-axis. In other words, the view plane is parallel to the yz-plane.
- The x-coordinates are discarded and the y- and z-coordinates are mapped to the view plane.

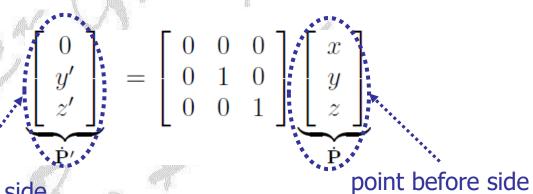




Multi-view Projections: Side View

We can estimate the location of a 3D point $[x, y, z]^T$ after side projection onto the yz-plane as

Inhomogeneous coordinates



point after side projection

Homogeneous coordinates

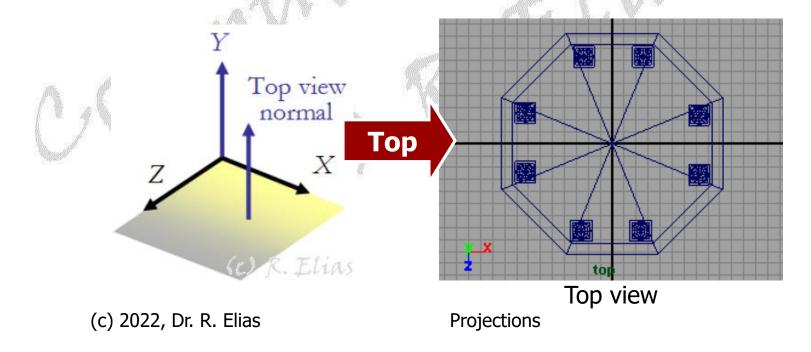
$$\begin{bmatrix}
0 \\
y' \\
z' \\
1
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x \\
y \\
z \\
1
\end{bmatrix}$$

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Multi-view Projections: Top View

- In a right-handed coordinate system, the top view normal is parallel to the positive y-axis. In other words, the view plane is parallel to the zx-plane.
- The y-coordinates are discarded and the z- and x-coordinates are mapped to the view plane.

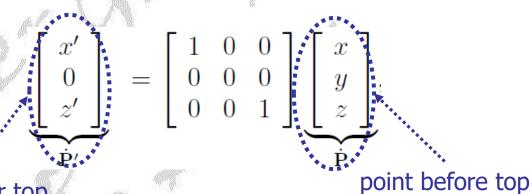




Multi-view Projections: Top View

We can estimate the location of a 3D point $[x, y, z]^T$ after top projection onto the zx-plane as

Inhomogeneous coordinates



point after top projection

Homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix}
x' \\
0 \\
z' \\
1
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
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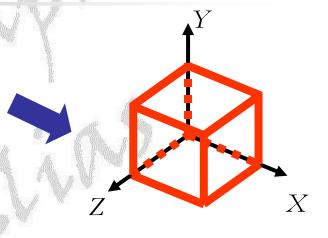


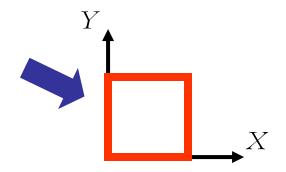


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Axonometric Projections

- In axonometric projection, the view plane normal is placed in any direction such that the three axes may be visible.
- In this case, the view plane should intersect at least two of the principal axes.
- If the view plane normal is placed parallel to *one* principal axis, the projection turns to a multi-view projection.







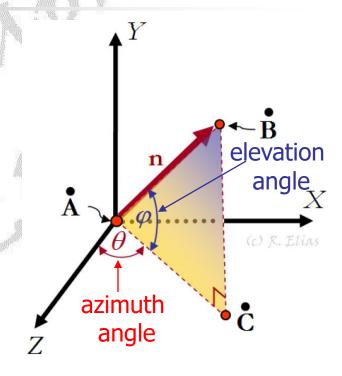


- In an axonometric projection:
 - Parallel lines remain parallel after projection.
 - In addition:
 - If a line is parallel to the view plane:
 - Line length is preserved.
 - If a line is not parallel to the view plane:
 - Line proportions (not lengths) are maintained.
 - Equal lengths of parallel lines will be foreshortened equally.



Axonometric Projections

- The axonometric projection matrix can be obtained by rotating the normal vector **n** to coincide with the z-axis; hence, the front projection matrix can be used.
 - 1. Rotate through an angle $-\theta$ about the *y*-axis.
 - 2. Rotate through an angle φ about the x-axis.
 - 3. Use the front view projection matrix.









$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\varphi) & -\sin(\varphi) \\ 0 & \sin(\varphi) & \cos(\varphi) \end{bmatrix}$$

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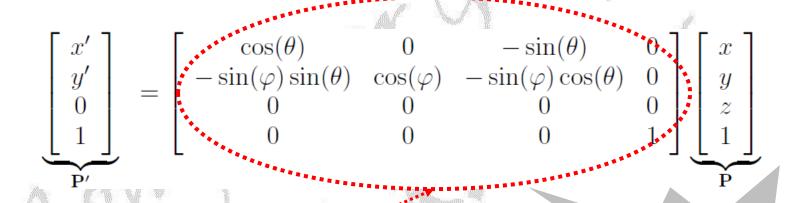
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\varphi)\sin(\theta) & \cos(\varphi) & -\sin(\varphi)\cos(\theta) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}}_{\dot{\mathbf{P}}}$$

Axonometric projection matrix

Inhomogeneous coordinates



Axonometric Projections



Axonometric projection matrix

Homogeneous coordinates



Axonometric Projections: An Example

- Example: When omitting the front view projection, estimate the projection matrix in this case for inhomogeneous points.
- Answer:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\varphi) & -\sin(\varphi) \\ 0 & \sin(\varphi) & \cos(\varphi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\varphi)\sin(\theta) & \cos(\varphi) & -\sin(\varphi)\cos(\theta) \\ \cos(\varphi)\sin(\theta) & \sin(\varphi) & \cos(\varphi)\cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}}_{\dot{\mathbf{p}}}$$

Inhomogeneous coordinates

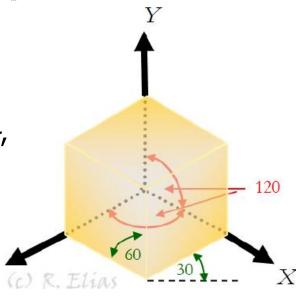


Isometric Projection

- In isometric projection, the view plane normal makes equal angles with the three principal axes.
- The angles between the projection of the x-, y-, and z- axes are all the same, or 120°.
- The normal n is expressed as:

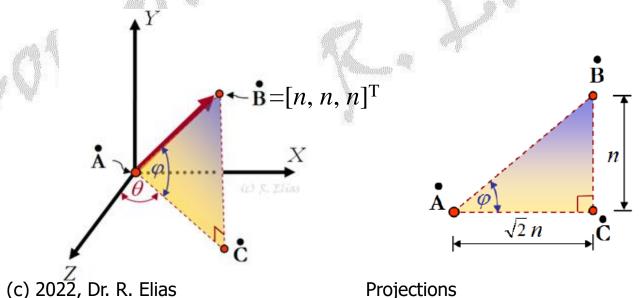
$$\mathbf{n} = [x_n, y_n, z_n]^T$$
 such that $|x_n| = |y_n| = |z_n|$

 This restricts the view plane to only 8 directions; one for each octant.



Isometric Projection

- Isometric projection properties:
 - Parallel lines remain parallel.
 - Vertical lines remain vertical.
 - Horizontal lines are drawn at 30° to the horizontal.
 - Line lengths are preserved or scaled equally along each axis.

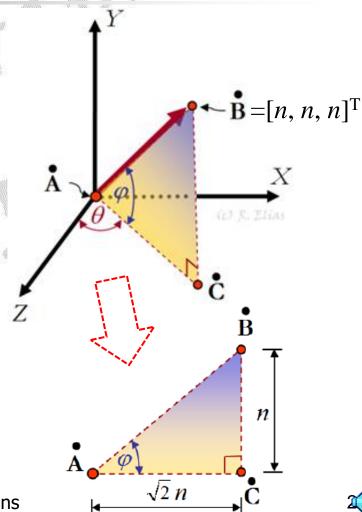


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Isometric Projection: What are the Angles θ and φ ?

- Assuming that the normal vector to the view plane is [n, n, n]^T:
 - the azimuth angle θ must be 45°.
 - the elevation angle φ is estimated as

$$\varphi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{n}{\sqrt{2}n}\right) = 35.2644^{\circ}$$



Isometric Projection: An Example

Example: Based on the previous angle values, estimate the isometric projection matrix for the octant where the x-, y- and zcoordinates are all positive.

Answer:

Answer:
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\varphi)\sin(\theta) & \cos(\varphi) & -\sin(\varphi)\cos(\theta) \\ \cos(\varphi)\sin(\theta) & \sin(\varphi) & \cos(\varphi)\cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(45) & 0 & -\sin(45) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(45) & 0 & -\sin(45) \\ -\sin(35.2644)\sin(45) & \cos(35.2644) & -\sin(35.2644)\cos(45) \\ \cos(35.2644)\sin(45) & \sin(35.2644) & \cos(35.2644)\cos(45) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$
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Inhomogeneous coordinates

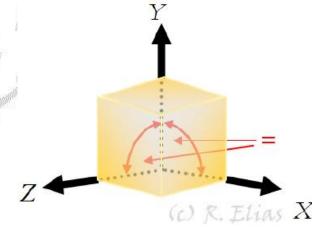
Dimetric Projection

- In dimetric projection, the view plane normal makes equal angles with only two of the principal axes.
- Consequently, two of the angles enclosed between the projections of the principal axes are equal.
- If the normal n is expressed as:

$$\mathbf{n} = [x_n, y_n, z_n]^T$$

then

$$x_n = |y_n|$$
 or $x_n = |z_n|$ or $y_n = |z_n|$



 Parallel lines remain parallel and their lengths are preserved or scaled equally along the two equally foreshortened axes.

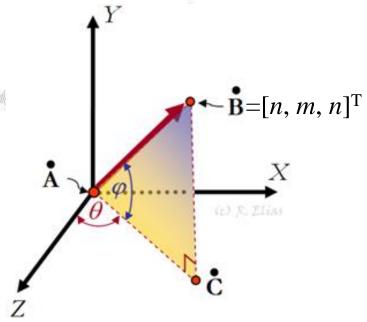
Dimetric Projection: An Example

Example: Assuming that the normal vector to the view plane is $[n, m, n]^T$, determine the values of the azimuth and elevation angles (i.e., θ and φ).

Answer:

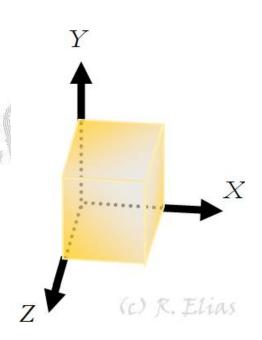
- The azimuth angle θ must be 45°.
- The elevation angle φ is estimated as

$$\varphi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{m}{\sqrt{2}n} \right).$$



Trimetric Projection

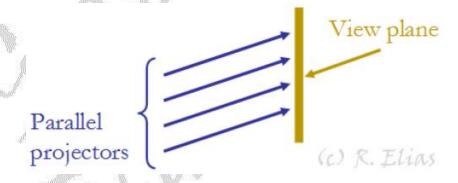
- In trimetric projection, the view plane normal makes different angles with the three principal axes.
- No two components of **n** have the same value.
- None of the angles enclosed between the projections of the principal axes are equal.
- Lines are scaled differently along principal axes.





Oblique Projections

- In **oblique projections**, the projectors are:
 - Parallel to each other but
 - NOT perpendicular to view plane.



- Similar to axonometric projections, oblique projections present
 3D models.
- Similar to multi-view projections, oblique projections displays the exact shapes of faces parallel to the view plane.
- Oblique projections are categorized as:
 - Cavalier or
 - Cabinet



Oblique Projections

How is oblique projection achieved?

• Consider a 3D point $[x,y,z]^T$ and a view plane.

- If the point is orthographically projected (i.e., the projectors make an angle of 90° with the view plane) onto the plane, the location of the projected point will appear at point [x₁, y₁]^T.
- Alternatively, if the projectors form another angle with the plane, the projected point will reside at another location $[x_2, y_2]^T$ on this plane.
- The angle α between the oblique projector and the line connecting $[x_1, y_1]^T$ and $[x_2, y_2]^T$ determines the category of the oblique projection (i.e., cavalier or cabinet).



View

plane

 $[x_i, y_i]^T$

 $[x_2,y_2]^T$

Oblique

projector

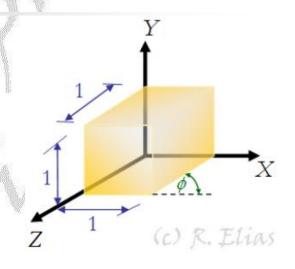
Orthographic

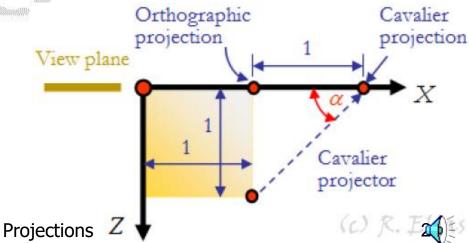
projector

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Cavalier Projection

- The projection is a **cavalier projection** when $\alpha = 45^{\circ}$.
- Consider a cube with faces parallel to the principal planes in the world coordinate system.
- One face (parallel to the view plane) will be orthographically projected as in multi-view projections.
- The lines perpendicular to that face will maintain their actual lengths since $tan(\alpha) = 1$.
- However, it does not seem to be a real 3D model!





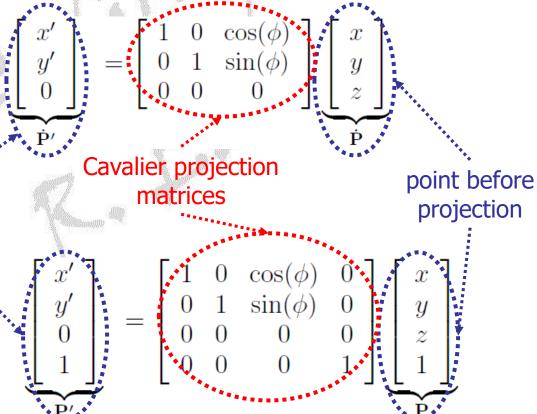
Cavalier Projection

The location of $[x, y, z]^T$ after cavalier projection onto the xy-plane:

Inhomogeneous coordinates

point after projection

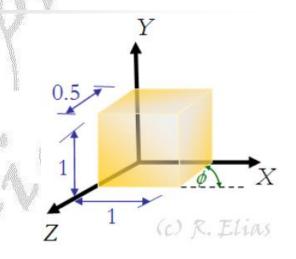
Homogeneous coordinates

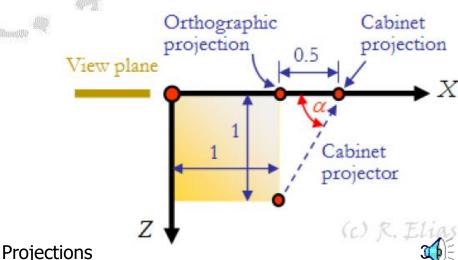




Cabinet Projection

- The projection is a **cabinet projection** if $\alpha = 63.4^{\circ}$.
- Unlike the previous case, lines perpendicular to the view plane are displayed at one-half of their actual lengths since tan(α) = 2.
- It does seem to be a real 3D model!





Cabinet Projection

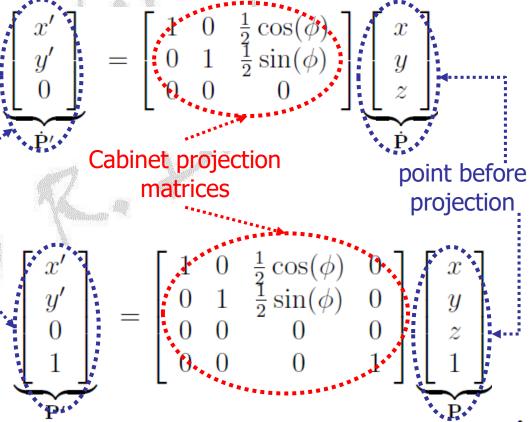
The location of $[x, y, z]^T$ after cabinet projection onto the xy-plane:

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point after projection

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Oblique Projections: An Example

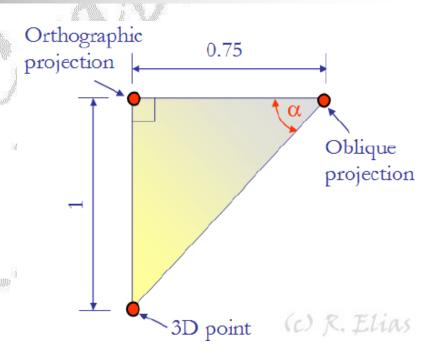
- Example: Consider a cube whose faces are parallel to the three principal planes. If an oblique projection is applied to this cube such that the view plane is parallel to the xy-plane, one face of the cube that is parallel to the view plane is orthographically projected.
- The lines perpendicular to that face maintain their actual lengths if α = 45° in case of cavalier projection. The same lines may be displayed at one-half of their actual lengths if α = 63.4° in case of cabinet projection.
- What would the value of angle α be if those lines are to be projected at 0.75 of their actual lengths?



Oblique Projections: An Example

Answer:

- Consider the triangle shown whose vertices are
 - 1. the 3D point
 - 2. its orthographic projection
 - 3. its oblique projection.
- The angle α is obtained as

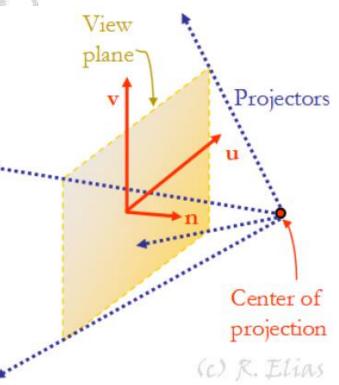


$$\alpha = \cot^{-1}(0.75) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = 53.1301^{\circ}$$



Perspective Projections

- **Perspective projections** represent the 2nd subclass of planar geometric projections.
- The two main characteristics appearing in perspective projections are:
 - The viewpoint or the center of projection (COP) is placed at a finite distance from the view plane.
 - Consequently, projectors are NOT parallel to each other as in case of parallel projections.
- This results in a pyramidal view volume.





Perspective Projections

- In this class of projections, lines not parallel to the view plane converge to a distant point (called a vanishing point).
- Objects far from the center of projection appear smaller comparing to identical objects closer to the center of projection.

This gives a more realistic look!



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Perspective Projections: Categories

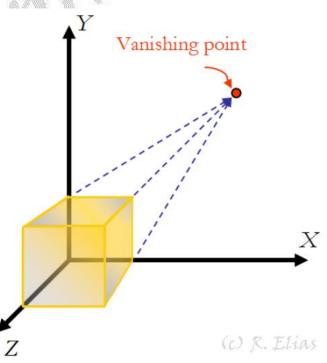
- Perspective projections can be categorized into:
 - One-point projections.
 - Two-point projections.
 - Three-point projections.
- The differences between these categories are in the orientation of the view plane and the number of vanishing points.

The terms one-, two- and three-point perspective projections do not mean that the exact numbers of vanishing points in these projections are one, two and three points respectively.



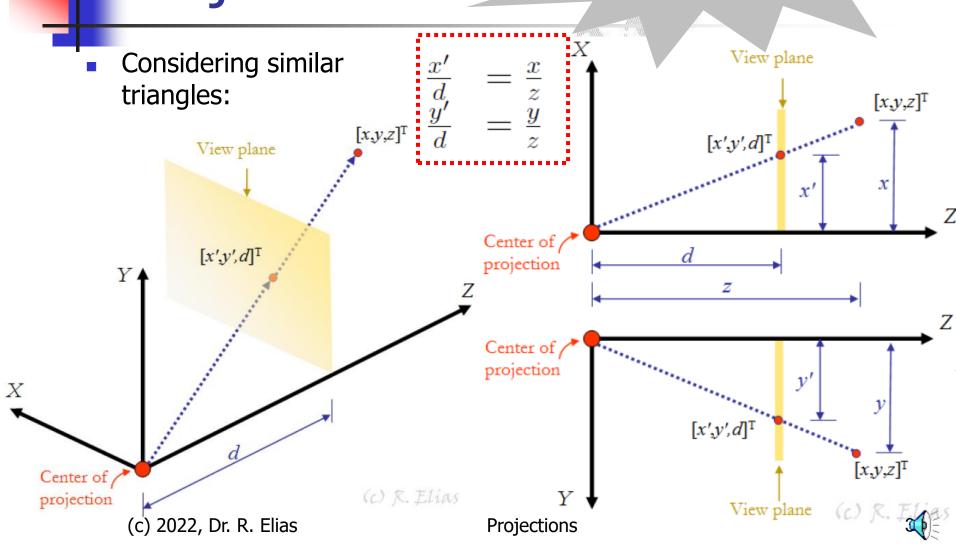
One-point Perspective Projection

- One-point perspective exists when the view plane is parallel to two principal axes (*x* and *y*-axes in the figure shown).
- In this case:
 - The view plane intersects the z-axis.
 - The normal to the view plane is parallel to the z-axis.
 - Two components of the view plane normal **n** are zeros.
 - Lines parallel to the view plane will be orthographically projected as a multi-view projection.
 - Lines parallel to the 3rd axis (which is parallel to the view plane normal) converge to a single vanishing point.



One-point Perspective Projection COP is at the view plane

COP is at the origin and view plane is at z=d



One-point Perspective Projection COP is at the view plane

COP is at the origin and view plane is at z=d

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{x'}{d} & = \frac{x}{z} \\ \frac{y'}{d} & = \frac{y}{z} \end{array}$$



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

$$y' = \frac{y}{z/d}.$$

One-point perspective

Thus projection matrix

$$\mathbf{P}' = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{d} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P}_{per}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \frac{z}{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

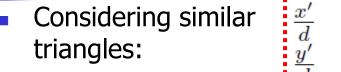
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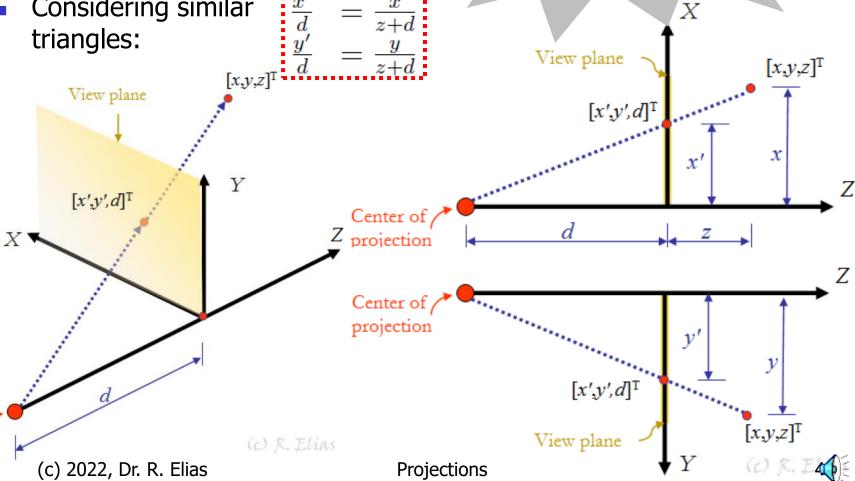
One-point Perspective Projection COP is at $[0, 0, -d]^T$ and

view plane is at z=0



Center of

projection



One-point Perspective Projection COP is at [0,

COP is at $[0, 0, -d]^T$ and view plane is at z=0

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{x'}{d} & = \frac{x}{z+d} \\ \frac{y'}{d} & = \frac{y}{z+d} \end{array}$$



$$x' = \frac{x}{(z/d)+1}$$
$$y' = \frac{y}{(z/d)+1}$$

one-point perspective

Thus projection matrix

$$\mathbf{P'} \ = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{d} & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P'}_{per}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ \frac{z+d}{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

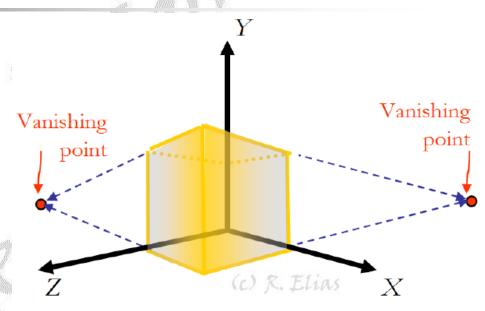
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Two-point Perspective Projection

- Two-point perspective exists when the view plane is parallel to a principal axis (y-axis in the figure shown).
- In this case:
 - The view plane intersects
 the x- and z-axes.

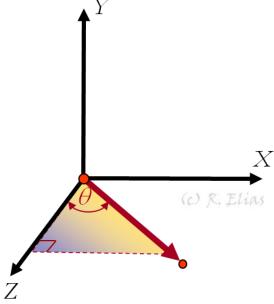


- The normal to the view plane is perpendicular to the y-axis.
- One component of the view plane normal n is zero.
- Lines parallel to the y-axis remain parallel to this axis.
- Lines parallel to the other two axes converge to two different vanishing points.



Two-point Perspective Projection

- When
 - the center of projection is at the origin and
 - the normal to the view plane makes an angle θ with the yzplane,



- the overall two-point perspective projection process can be achieved in three steps.
 - 1. Rotate through an angle $-\theta$ about the *y*-axis so that the normal to the view plane coincides with the *z*-axis.
 - 2. Perform a one-point perspective projection.
 - 3. Rotate back through an angle θ about the *y*-axis.



Two-point Perspective Projection

$$\mathbf{M}_{1} = \mathbf{R}_{y}(-\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{3} = \mathbf{R}_{y}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathsf{M}_2 = \mathsf{P}_{per} = \left[egin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & rac{1}{d} & 0 \end{array}
ight]$$

The two-point perspective projection matrix

$$\mathbf{P}_{per2} = \mathbf{M}_{3}\mathbf{M}_{2}\mathbf{M}_{1} \\
= \begin{bmatrix}
\cos(\theta) & 0 & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
-\sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{1}{d} & 0
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

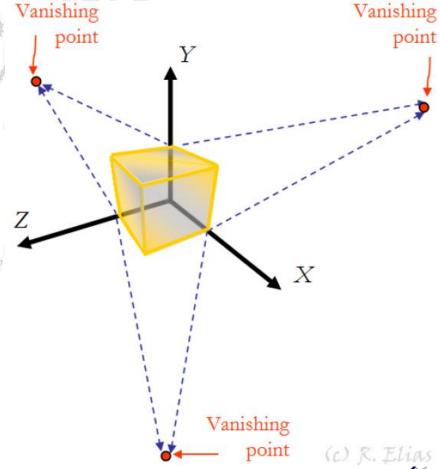
$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
\frac{\sin(\theta)}{d} & 0 & \frac{\cos(\theta)}{d} & 0
\end{array}$$

Three-point Perspective Projection

Three-point perspective exists when the view plane is not parallel to any of the principal axes.

In this case:

- The view plane intersects all three axes.
- No component in the view plane normal **n** is zero.
- Lines parallel to the three principal axes converge to three different vanishing points.



Three-point Perspective Projection

- When
 - the center of projection is at the origin and
 - the normal to the view plane makes an angle θ with the yzplane and an angle ϕ with the zx-plane,
- the overall three-point perspective projection process can be achieved in three steps.
 - 1. Rotate through an angle φ about the x-axis so that the normal to the view plane coincides with the zx-plane.
 - 2. Perform a two-point perspective projection.
 - 3. Rotate back through an angle $-\varphi$ about the x-axis.



Three-point Perspective Projection

The three-point perspective projection matrix

$$\mathsf{P}_{per3} \ = \mathsf{M}_3 \mathsf{M}_2 \mathsf{M}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\sin(\theta)}{d} & \frac{\cos(\theta)\sin(\varphi)}{d} & \frac{\cos(\theta)\cos(\varphi)}{d} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Projections



An Example

- **Example:** If the normal to the view plane is [0,0,1]^T, determine whether or not the following projections can be produced:
 - Multi-view projection as front view
 - Cabinet projection
 - Cavalier projection
 - Isometric projection
 - One-point perspective projection
- If more than one projection type can be produced using that same normal to the view plane, which is [0,0,1]^T, what are the other settings that would make such differences among these projections?



An Example

Answer:

- **Front view**: Can be produced using [0,0,1]^T if the projectors are:
 - Parallel and
 - perpendicular to view plane.
- **Cabinet projection**: Can be produced using [0,0,1][⊤] if projectors:
 - Parallel,
 - not perpendicular to view plane and
 - α =63.4°.



An Example

- **Cavalier projection**: Can be produced using [0,0,1]^T if projectors:
 - Parallel,
 - not perpendicular to view plane and
 - α =45°.
- **Isometric projection**: Cannot be produced using [0,0,1]^T.
- One-point perspective projection: Can be produced using $[0,0,1]^T$ if:
 - The viewpoint or the center of projection is placed at a finite distance from the view plane (i.e., if the projectors are not parallel to each other as in case of parallel projections).



Summary

Types of projections:

- Non-planar projection
- Planar projection
 - Parallel projection
 - Orthographic
 - Multi-view
 - Axonometric
 - Oblique
 - Cavalier
 - Cabinet
 - Perspective projection
 - One-point
 - Two-point
 - Three-point

