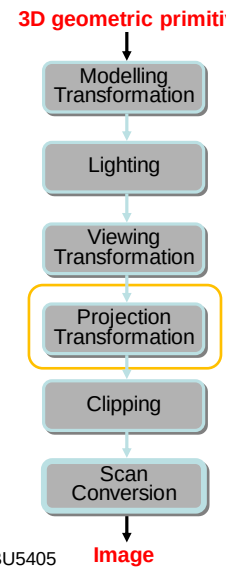
3D Graphics Programming Tools

Projection

The 3D rendering pipeline



Transform individual object coordinates into 3D world coordinate system

Illuminate according to lighting and reflectance

Transform 3D scene into 3D camera coordinate system

Transform 3D coordinates into 2D screen coordinate system

Clip primitives outside camera's view

Draw pixels (includes texturing, hidden surface, ...)

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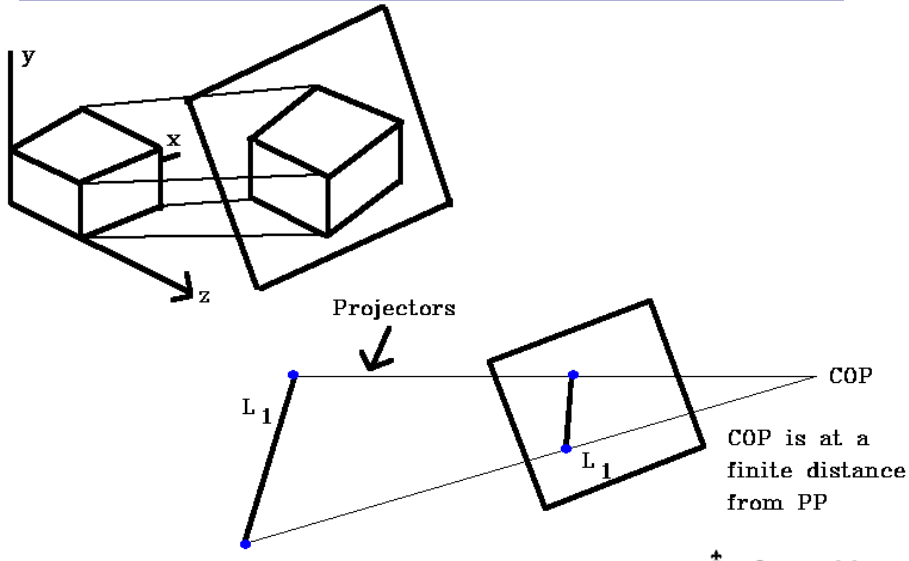
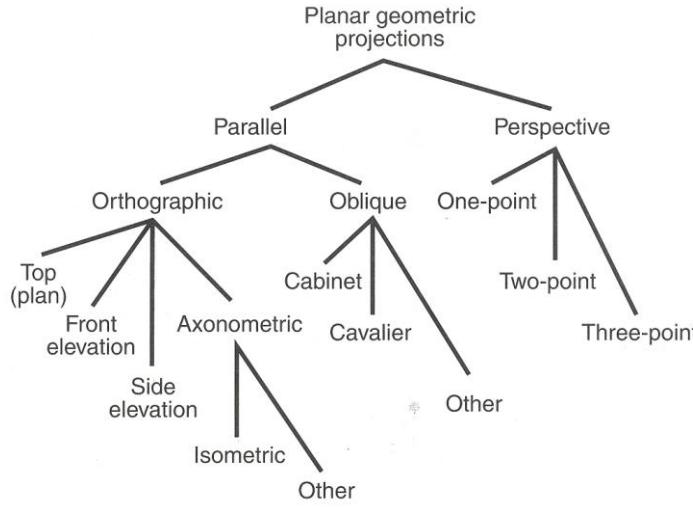
- Taxonomy of projections
- Parallel projection
- Perspective projection

Planar Geometric Projection



Taxonomy of projections



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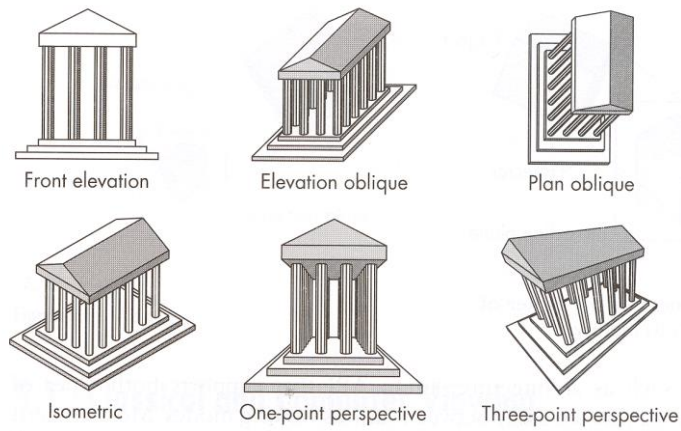
Classical projections



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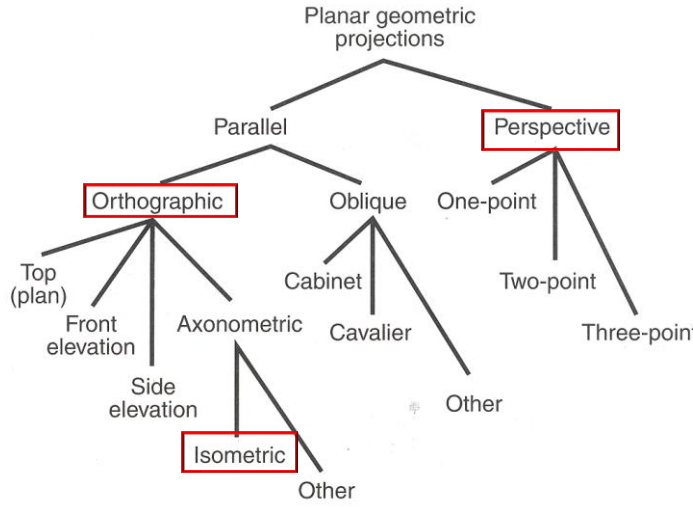
Taxonomy of projections



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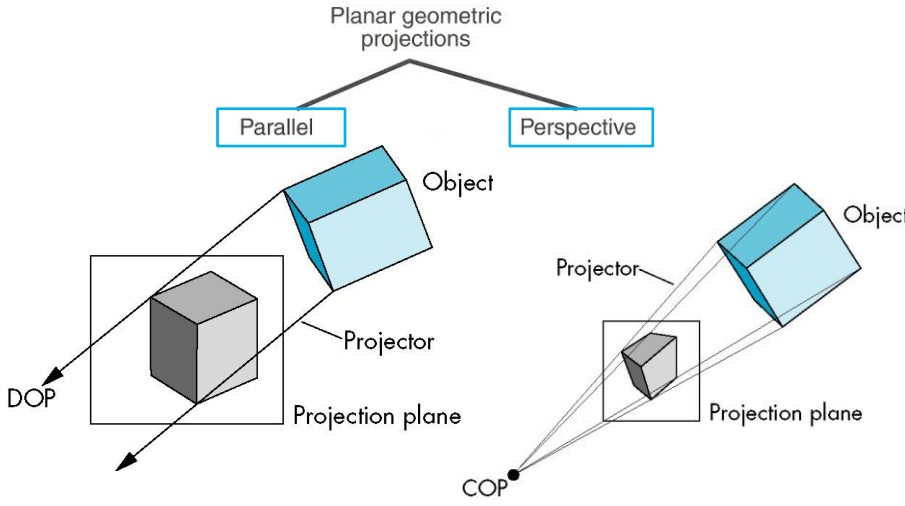
Planar geometric projections



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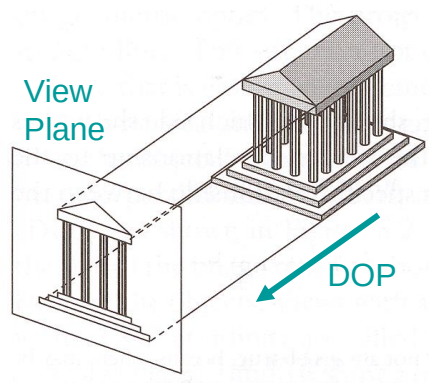
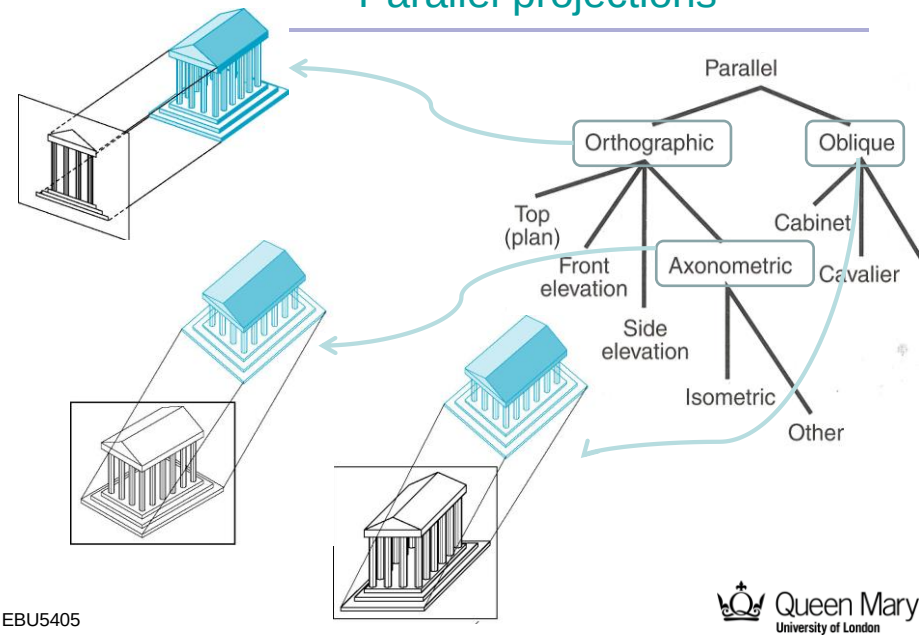
Parallel projection

Center of projection is at infinity

– Direction of projection (DOP) is the same for all points



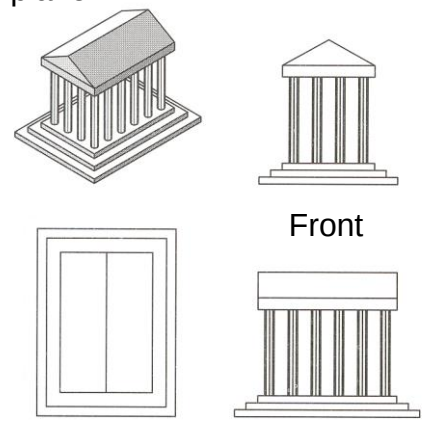
Parallel projections



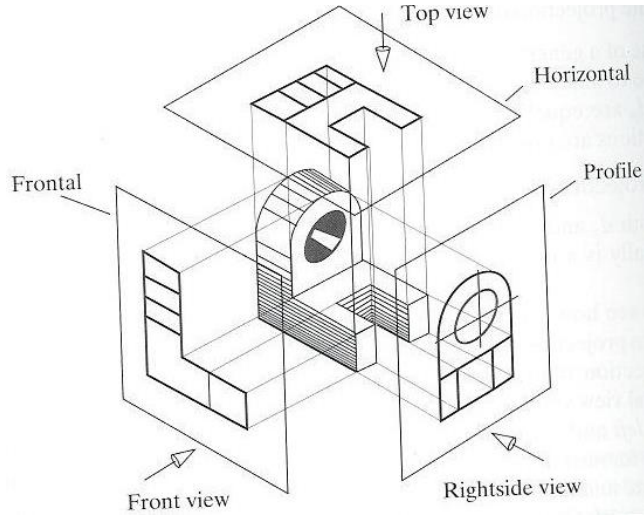
Orthographic projections

DOP is perpendicular to the view plane

- Advantage: you can make accurate measurements of image features in the two dimensions that remain.
- Disadvantage: images don't appear natural (i.e. they lack perspective foreshortening).

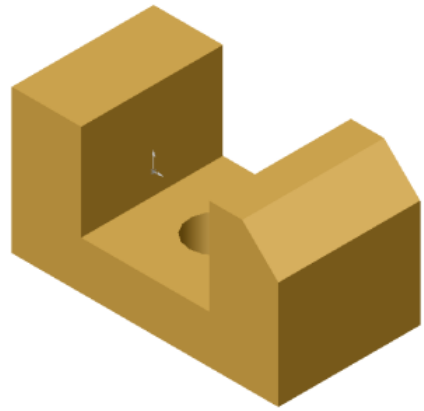


Orthographic projection



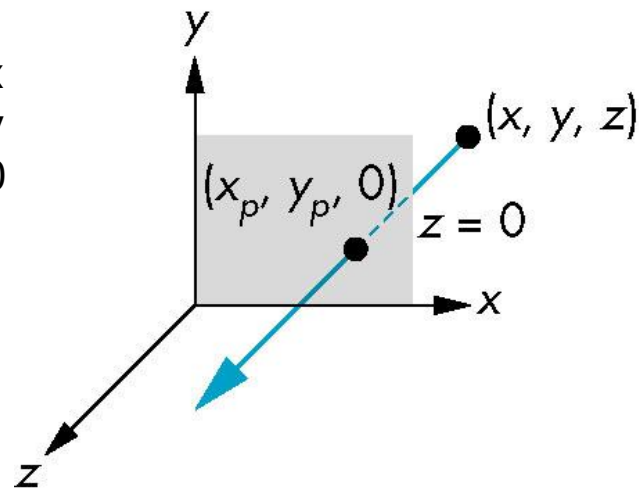
Exercise

Draw the top, front and right side views



Orthographic projection

$x_p = x$
$y_p = y$
$z_p = 0$



Orthographic projection

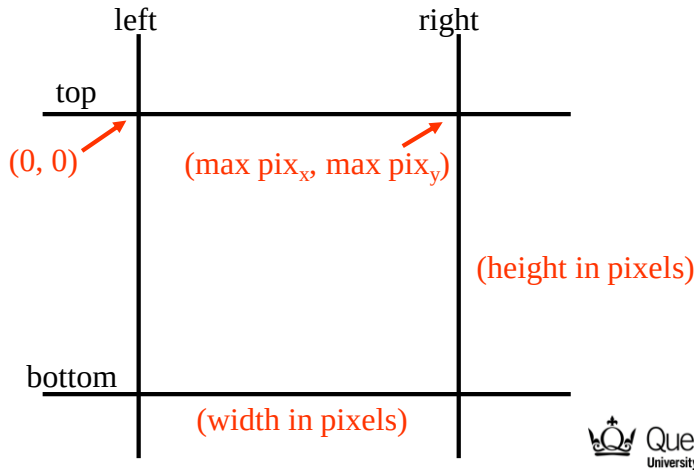
- Simple orthographic transformation

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

- Notice that the parallel lines of the tiled floor remain parallel after orthographic projection.

Orthographic: screen space transformation

- glOrtho (left, right, bottom, top, near, far)



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Screen space transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{width}{right-left} & 0 & 0 & \frac{-left \times width}{right-left} \\ 0 & \frac{height}{bottom-top} & 0 & \frac{-top \times height}{bottom-top} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{z_{max}}{far-near} & \frac{-near \times z_{max}}{far-near} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- This matrix scales and translates to accomplish the transition in units
  - Left, right, top, bottom refer to the viewing frustum (view volume) in modelling coordinates
  - width and height are in pixel units (viewport)

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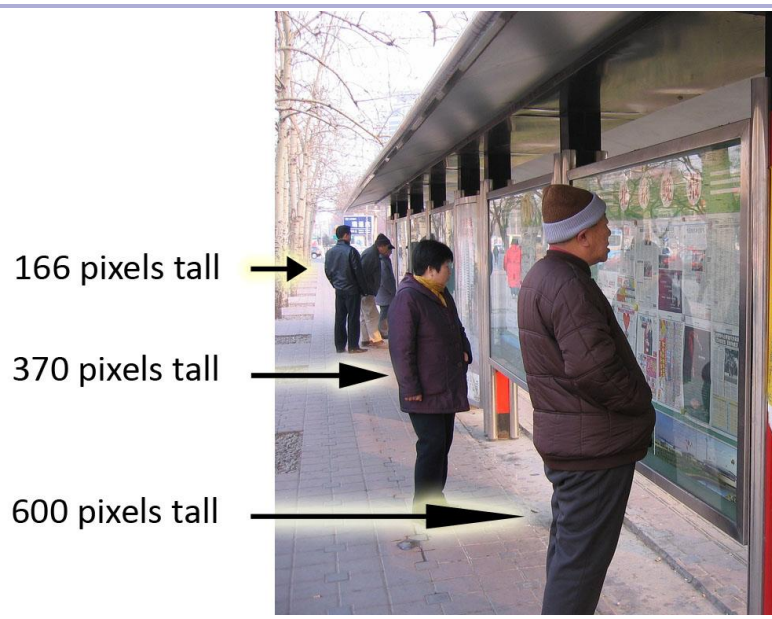
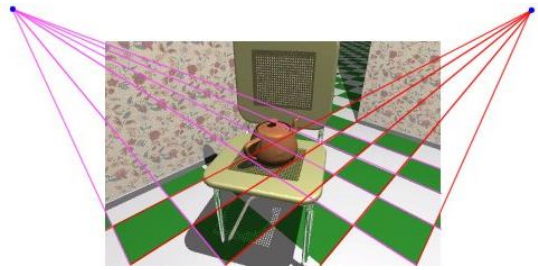
Perspective



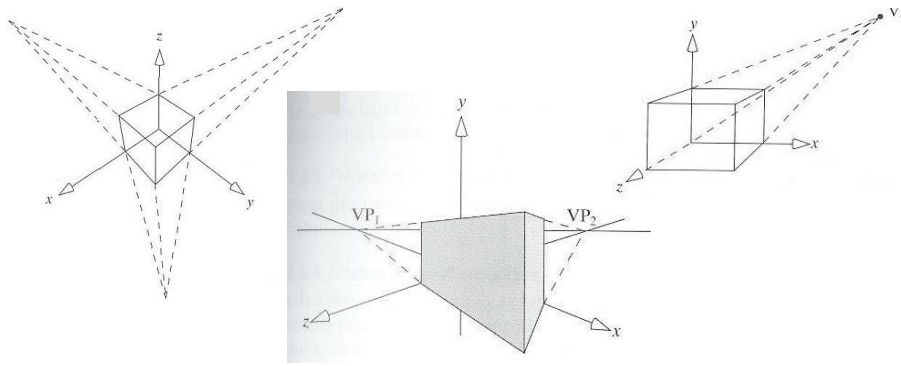
Perspective projection

- In the real world, objects exhibit perspective foreshortening
  - distant objects appear smaller
  - objects closer to viewer look larger
- Parallel lines appear to converge to single point (vanishing point)
- First discovered by Donatello, Brunelleschi, and Da Vinci during Renaissance



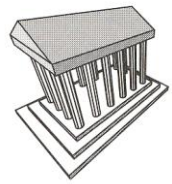
Perspective projection

How many vanishing points?

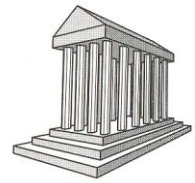


3-point perspective | 2-point perspective | 1-point perspective

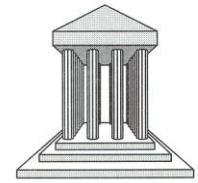
Perspective projection



3-point perspective



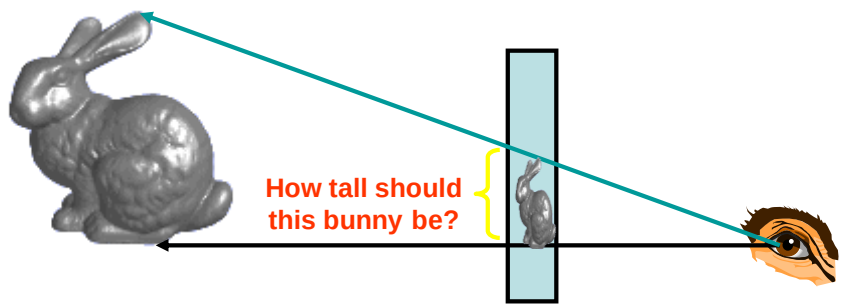
2-point perspective



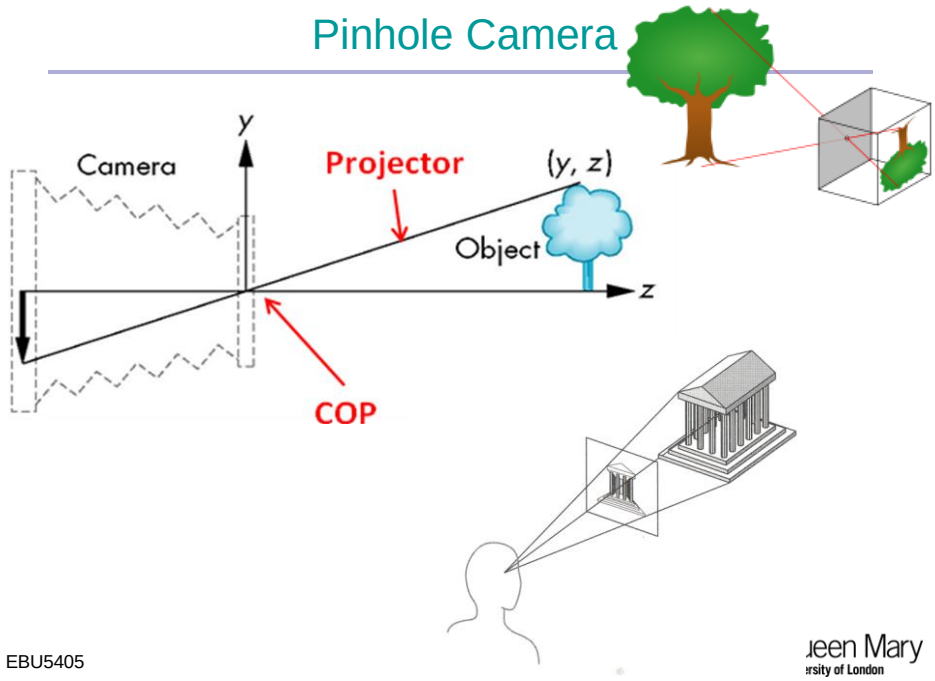
1-point perspective

Perspective projection

- 3-D graphics → think of the screen as a 2-D window onto the 3-D world



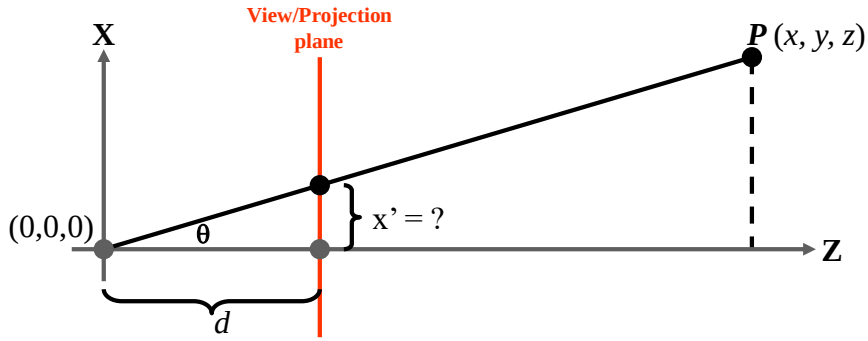
Pinhole Camera



Synthetic Camera

- The geometry of the situation is that of similar triangles.

View from above



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

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?

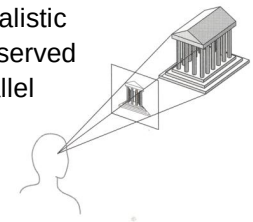
Perspective projection matrix

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

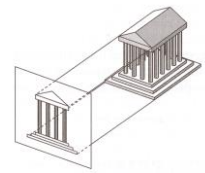
$$M_{perspective} = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Perspective vs. Parallel

- Perspective projection
  - + Size varies inversely with distance - looks realistic
  - – Distance and angles are not (in general) preserved
  - – Parallel lines do not (in general) remain parallel

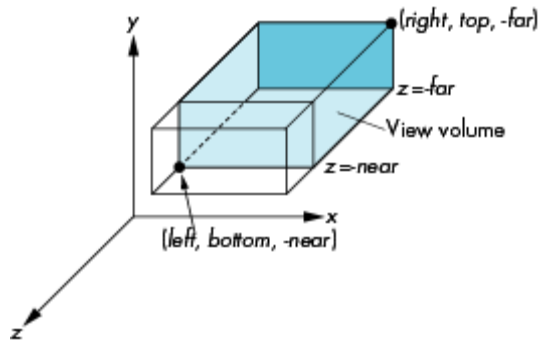


- Parallel projection
  - + Good for exact measurements
  - + Parallel lines remain parallel
  - – Angles are not (in general) preserved
  - – Less realistic looking



OpenGL Orthogonal Viewing

`glOrtho(left,right,bottom,top,near,far)`



`near` and **`far`** measured from camera

OpenGL Perspective

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glFrustum(left,right,bottom,top,near,far)
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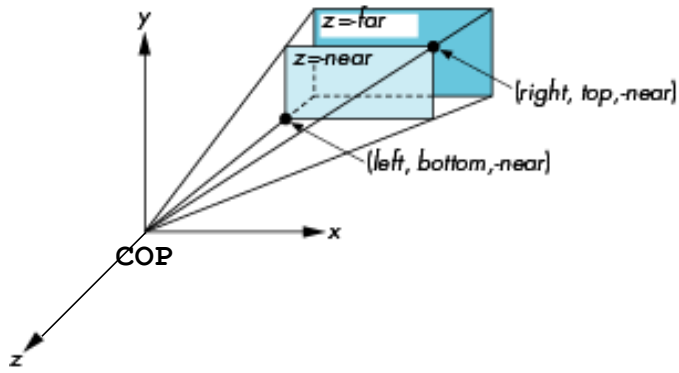

"Isometric" view

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glOrtho(-2.0,2.0,-2.0,2.0,-2.0,2.0);
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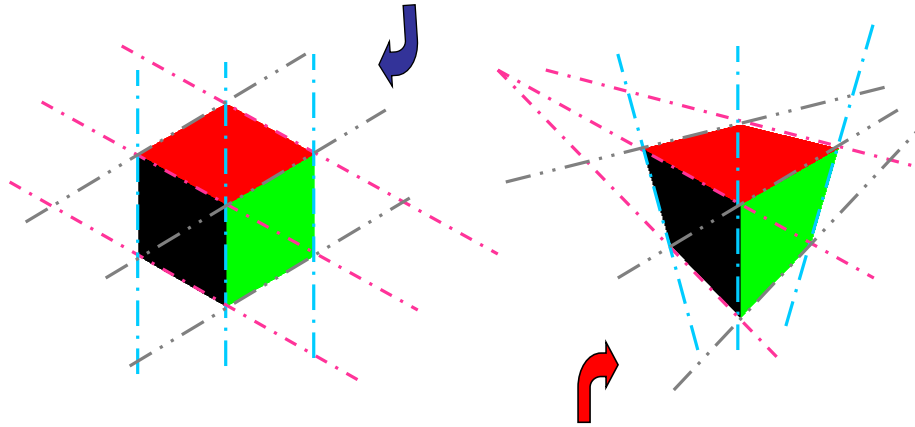

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glFrustum(-0.25,0.25,-0.25,0.25,0.2,2.0);
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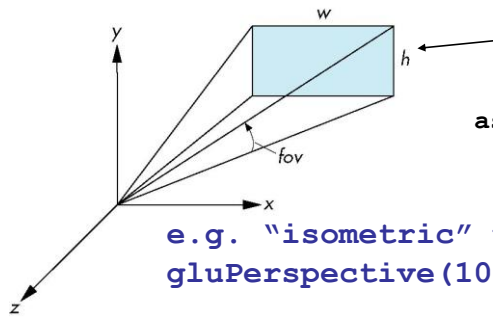
Using Field of View

- With **`glFrustum`** it is often difficult to get the desired view
- **`gluPerpective(fov, aspect, near, far)`** often provides a better interface



`aspect = w/h`

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e.g. "isometric" view of the cube:
gluPerspective(100,1.0,0.2,2.0);
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What did we learn?

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