

Angel: Interactive Computer Graphics

CSE 409: Computer Graphics

Camera Transformations and Projection

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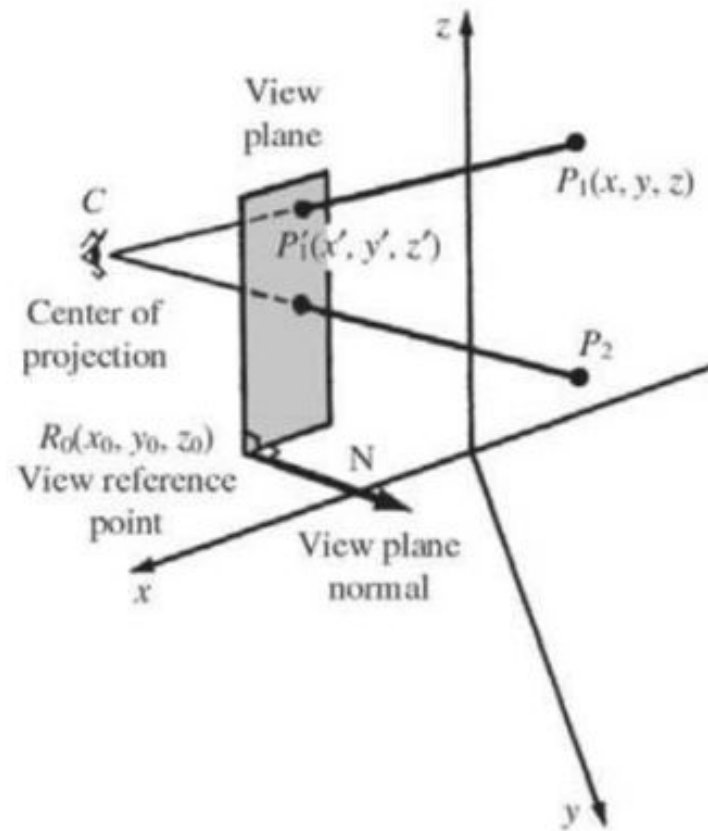
In general, **projections** transform points in a coordinate system of dimension n into points in a coordinate system of dimension less than n .

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

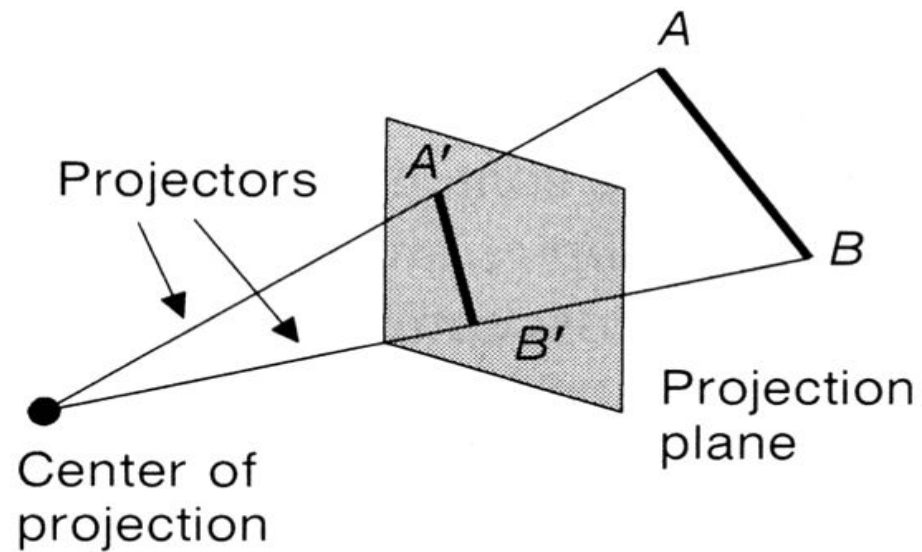
We will deal with **planar geometric projections** where:

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

Projection



Projection



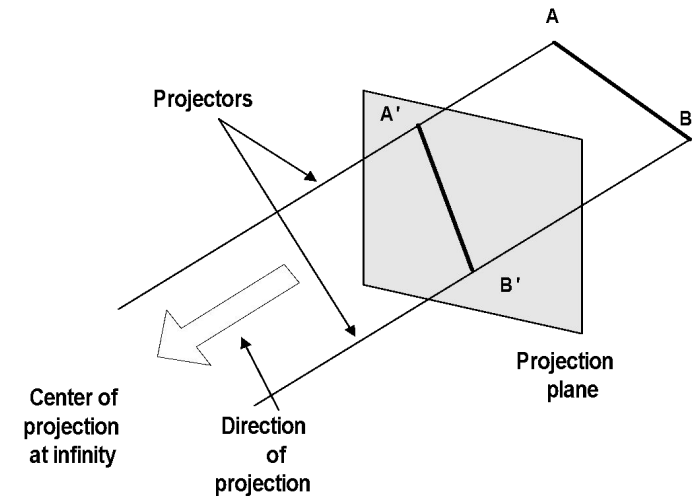
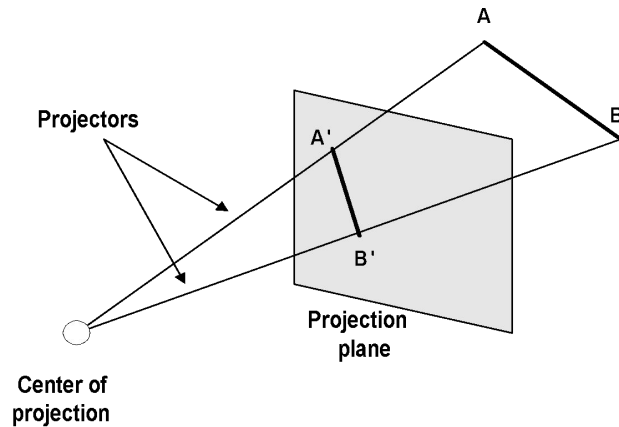
Planer Geometric Projection

2 types of projections

- *perspective* and *parallel*.

Key factor is the center of projection.

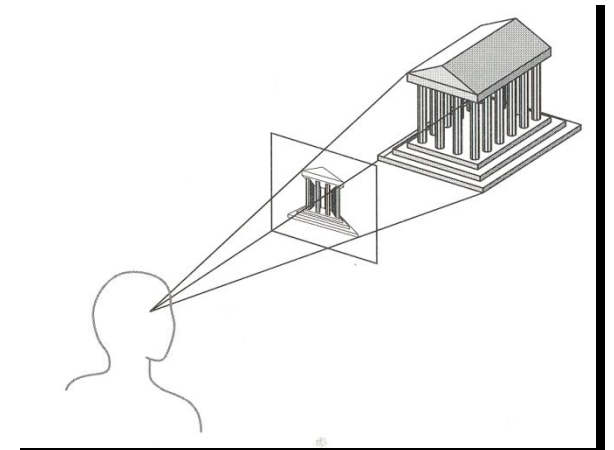
- if distance to center of projection is finite : perspective
- if infinite : parallel



Perspective v Parallel

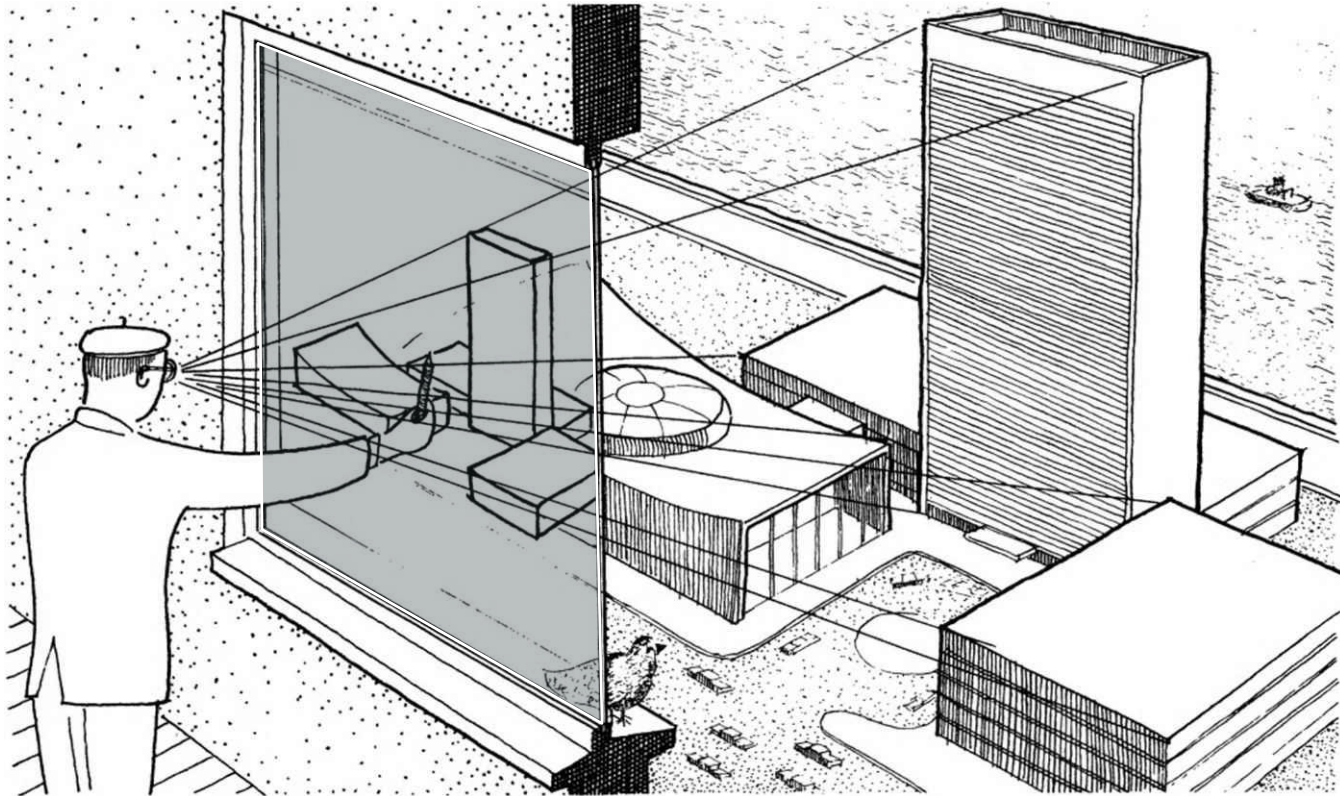
Perspective:

- 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.
- Vanishing point



Perspective v Parallel

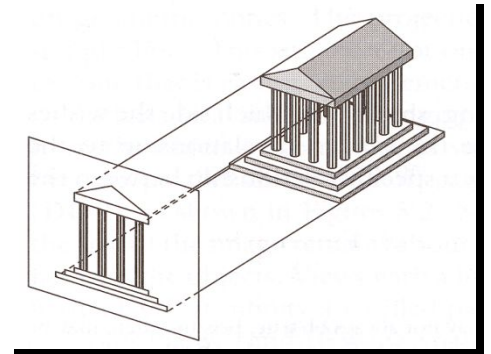
Perspective:



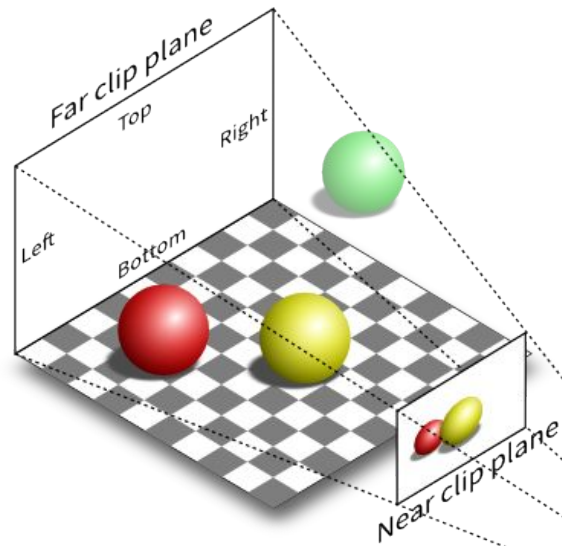
Parallel

Parallel:

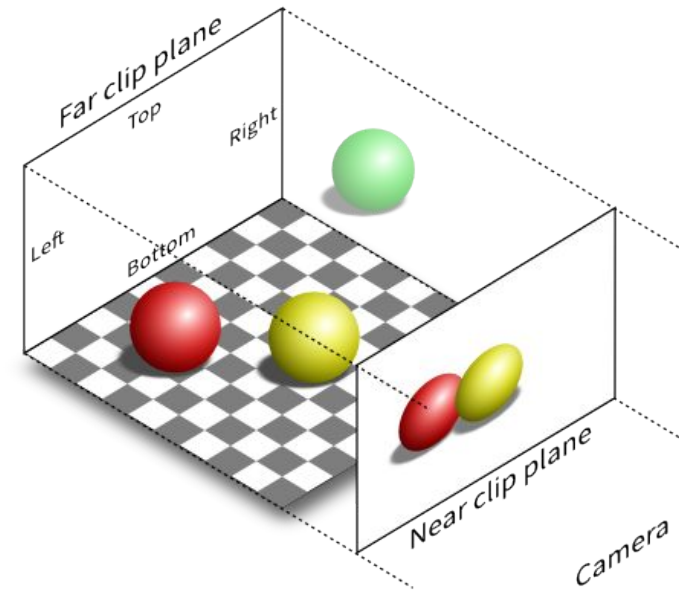
- less realistic view because of no foreshortening
- however, parallel lines remain parallel.
- angles only remain intact for faces parallel to projection plane.



Perspective v Parallel



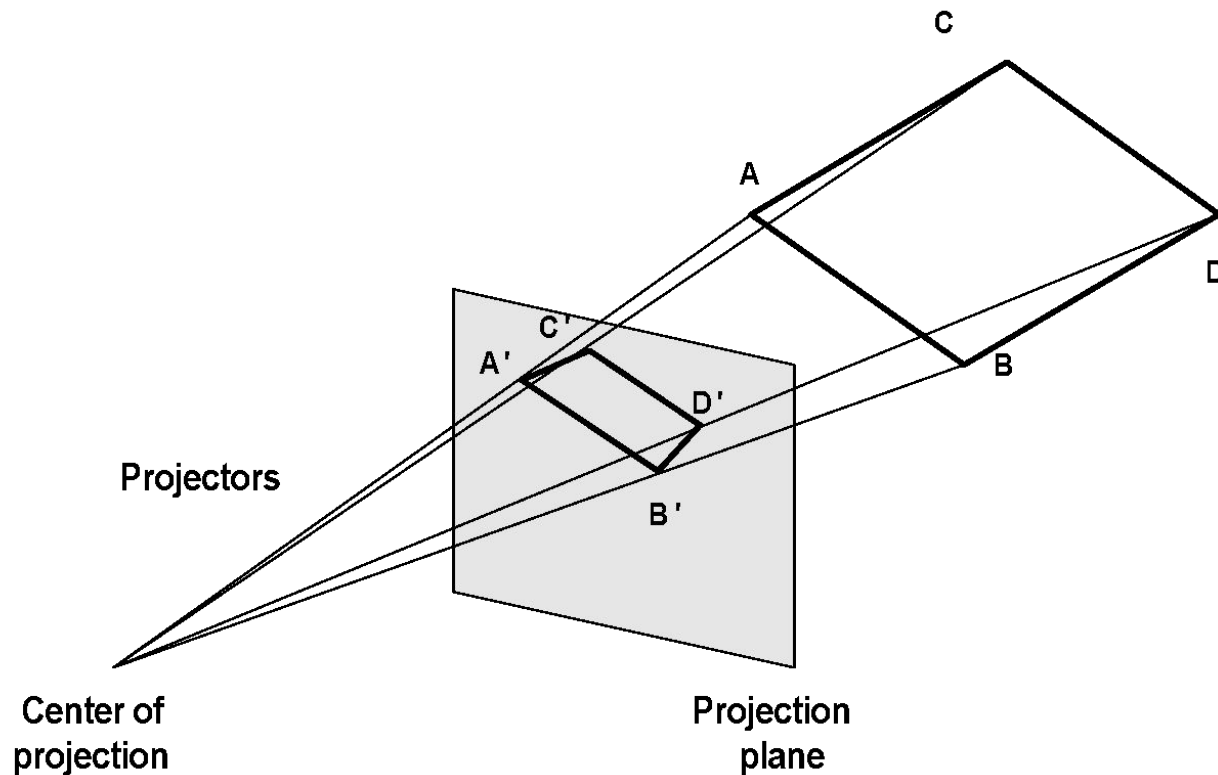
Perspective projection (P)



Orthographic projection (O)

Perspective projection- anomalies

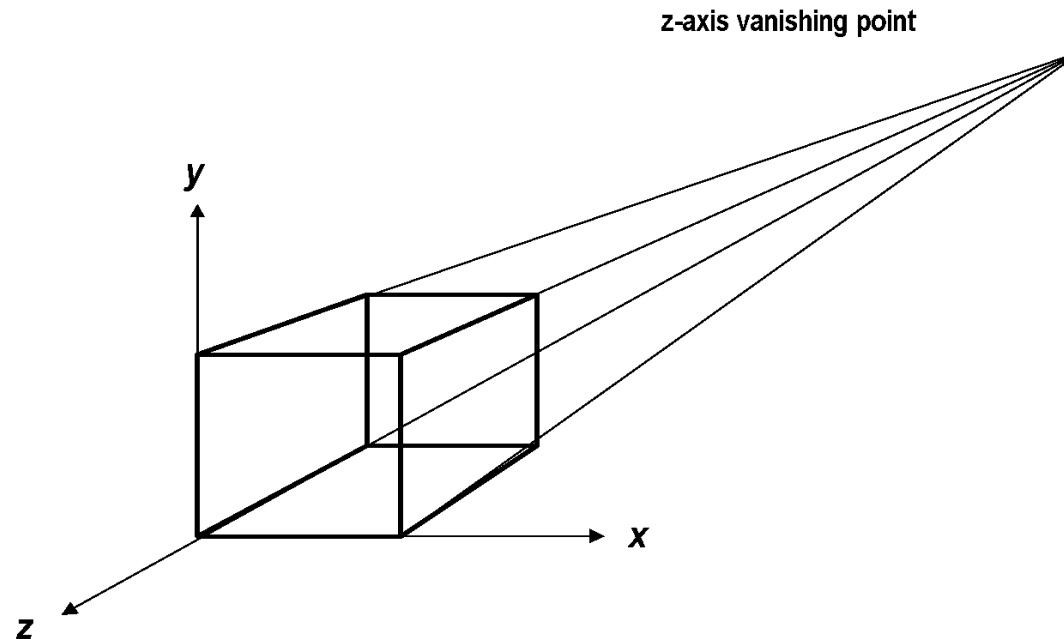
Perspective foreshortening The farther an object is from COP the smaller it appears



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

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:

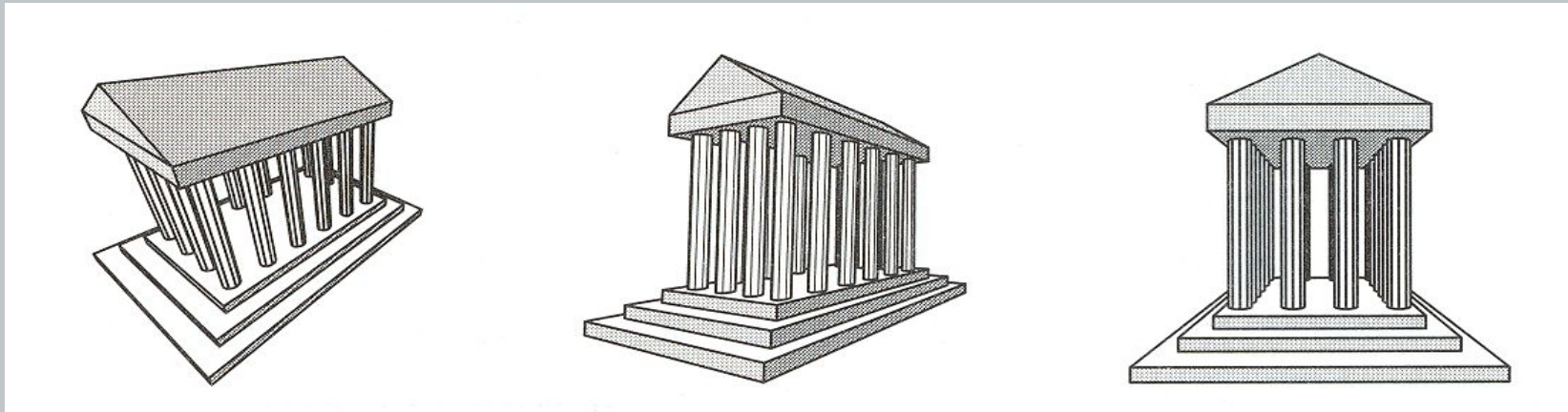
- Two principal axes cut by projection plane
- Two axis vanishing points

Three-point:

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

Perspective Projection

How many vanishing points?



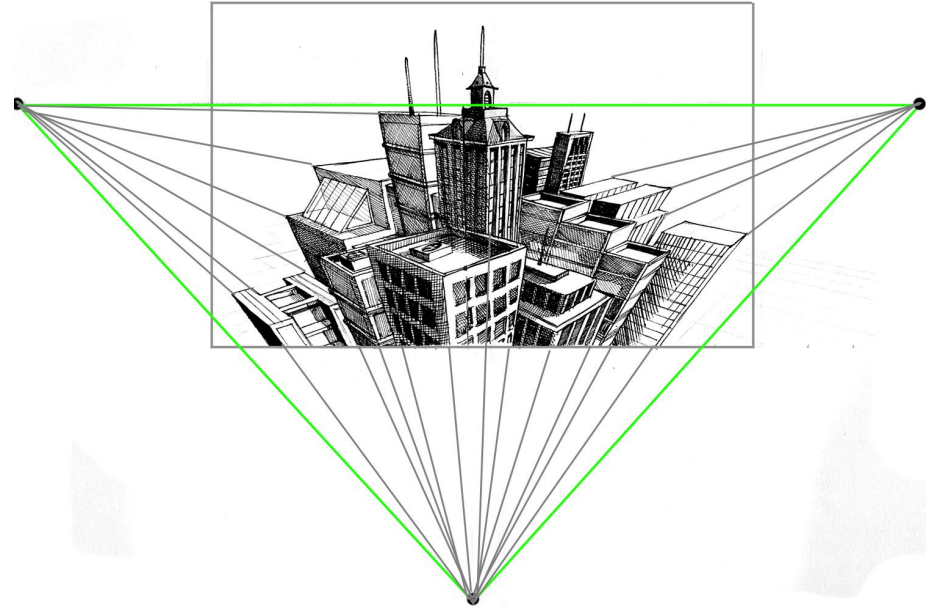
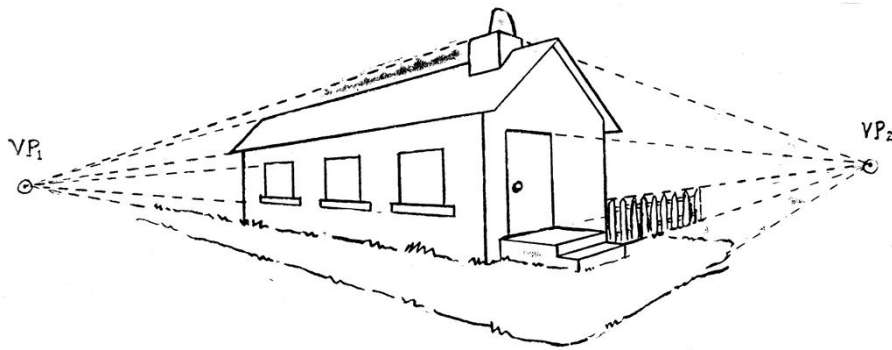
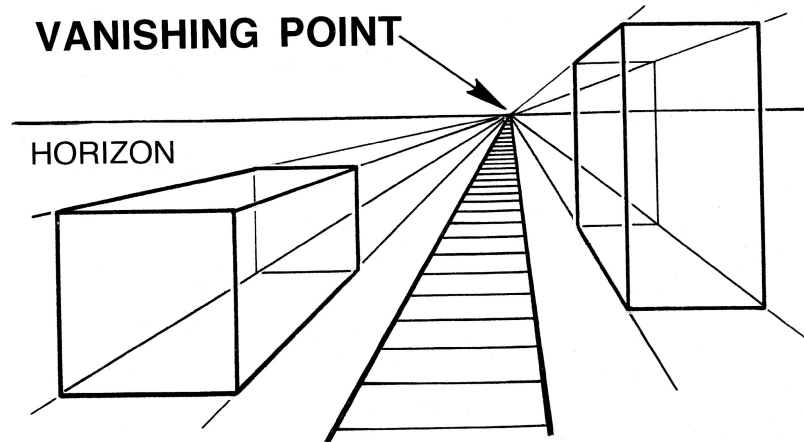
3-Point
Perspective

2-Point
Perspective

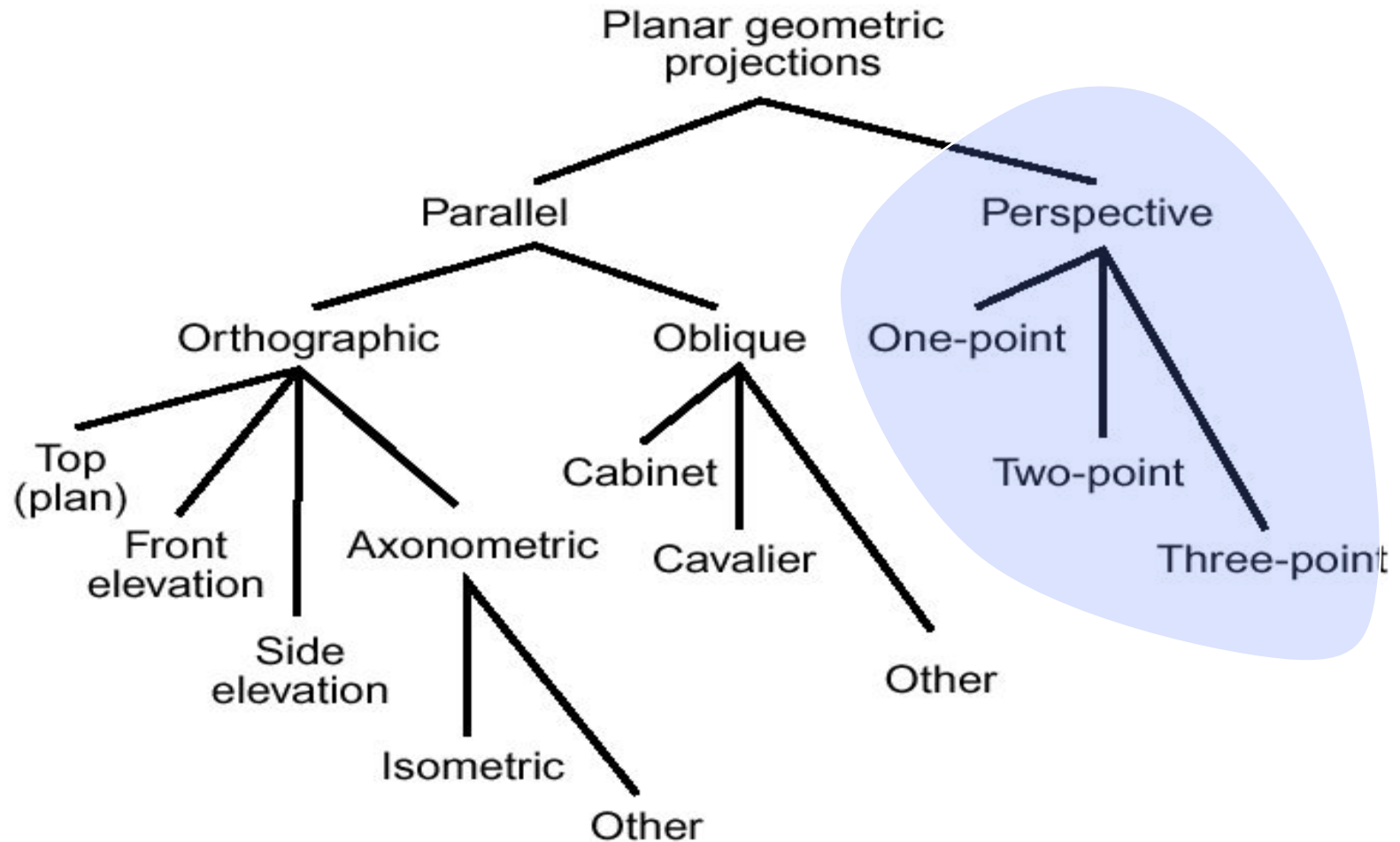
1-Point
Perspective

Perspective Projection

How many vanishing points?



Taxonomy of Projection XM



Parallel projection

2 principle types:

- *orthographic* and *oblique*.

Orthographic :

- direction of projection = normal to the projection plane.

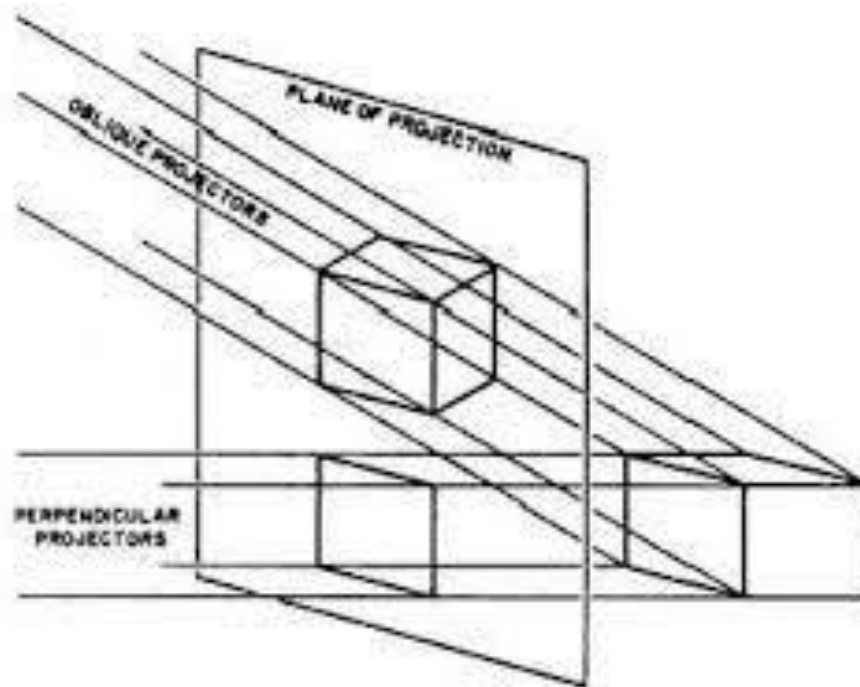
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Oblique :

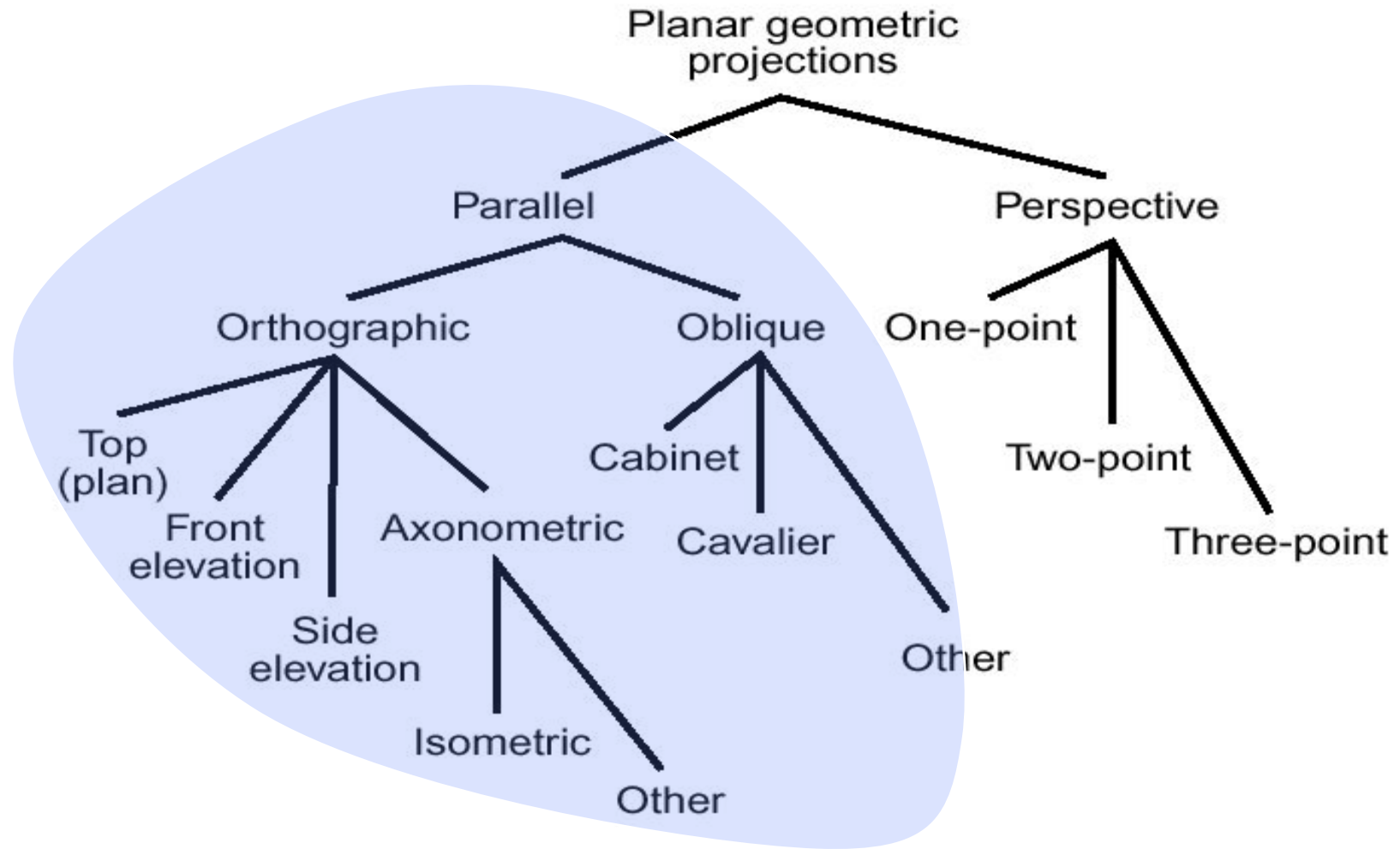
- direction of projection \neq normal to the projection plane.

n

Oblique vs. Orthographic



Taxonomy of Projection



Perspective Projection

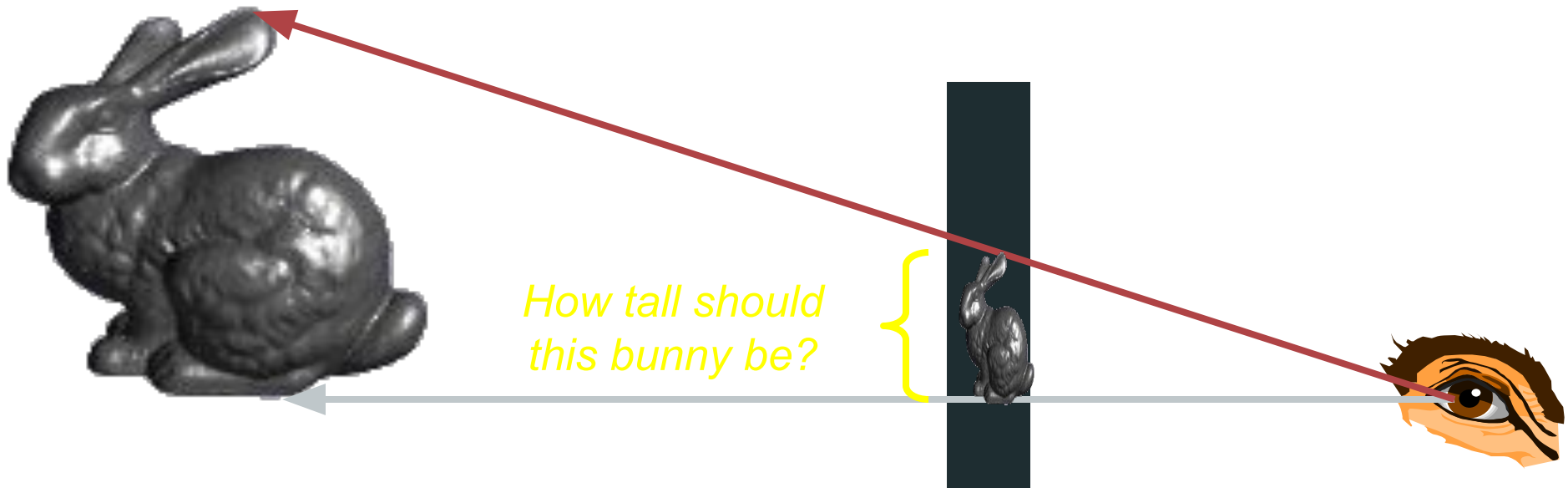
In the real world, objects exhibit perspective foreshortening: distant objects appear smaller

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

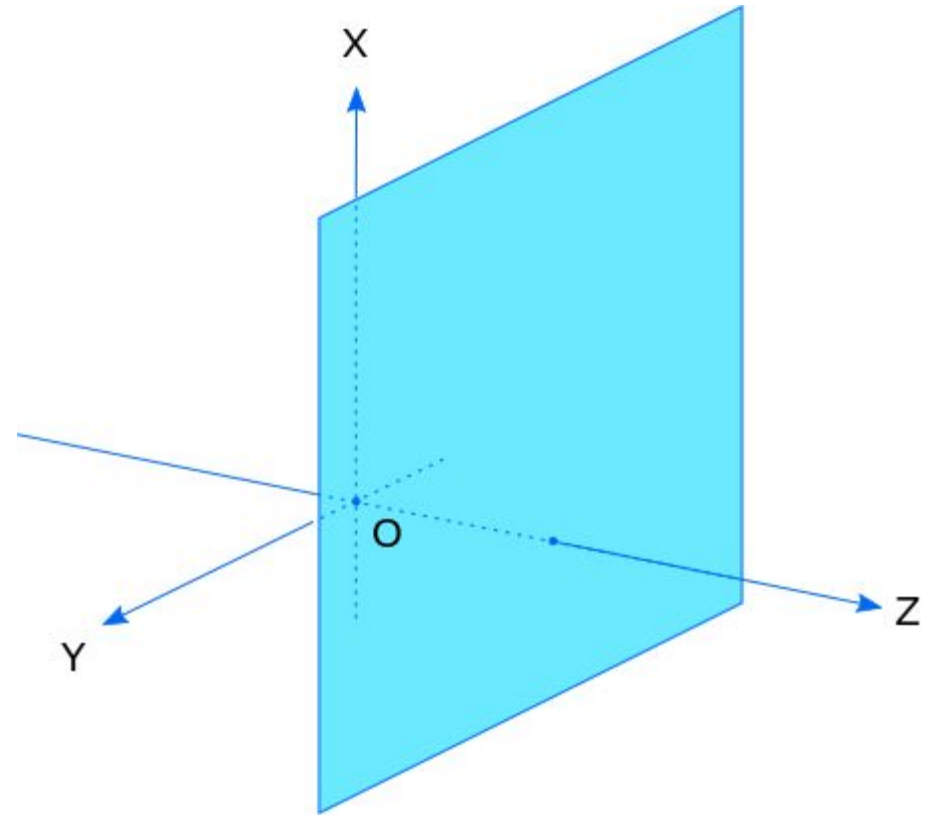
Simple Case:

COP: Origin

View Plane:

Parallel to XY plane

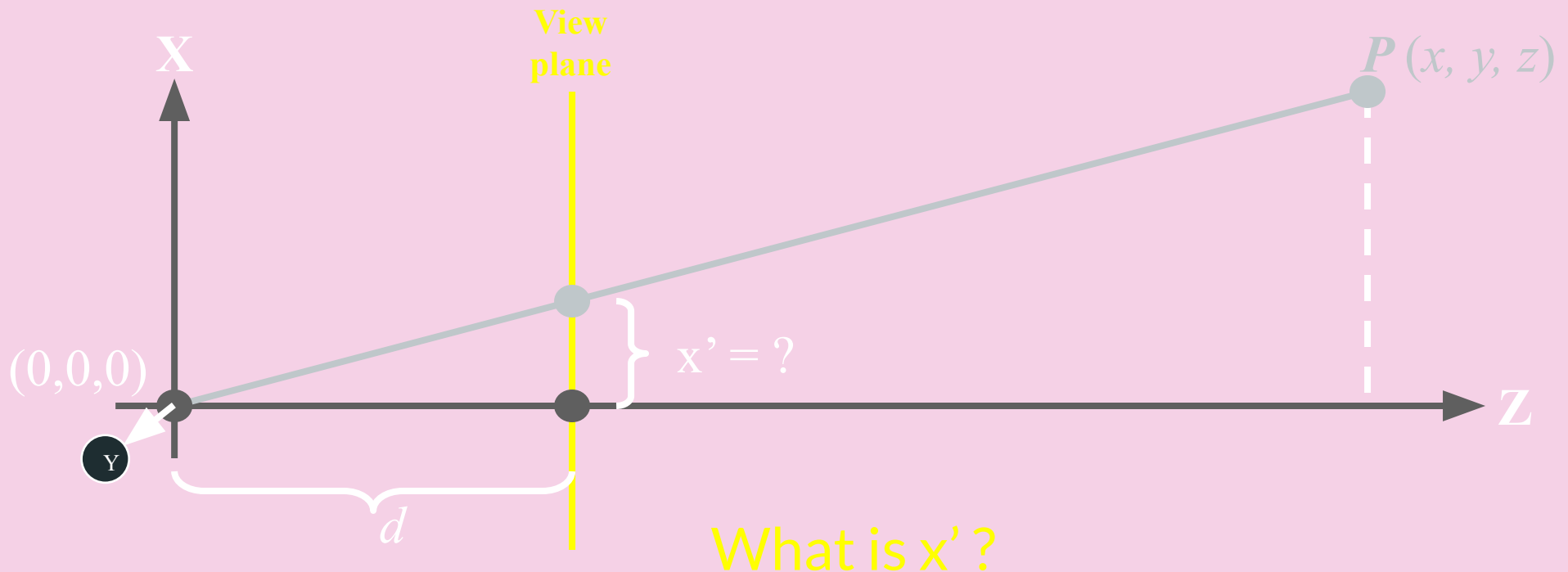
d distance afar from the origin



Perspective Projection

The geometry of the situation is that of similar triangles.

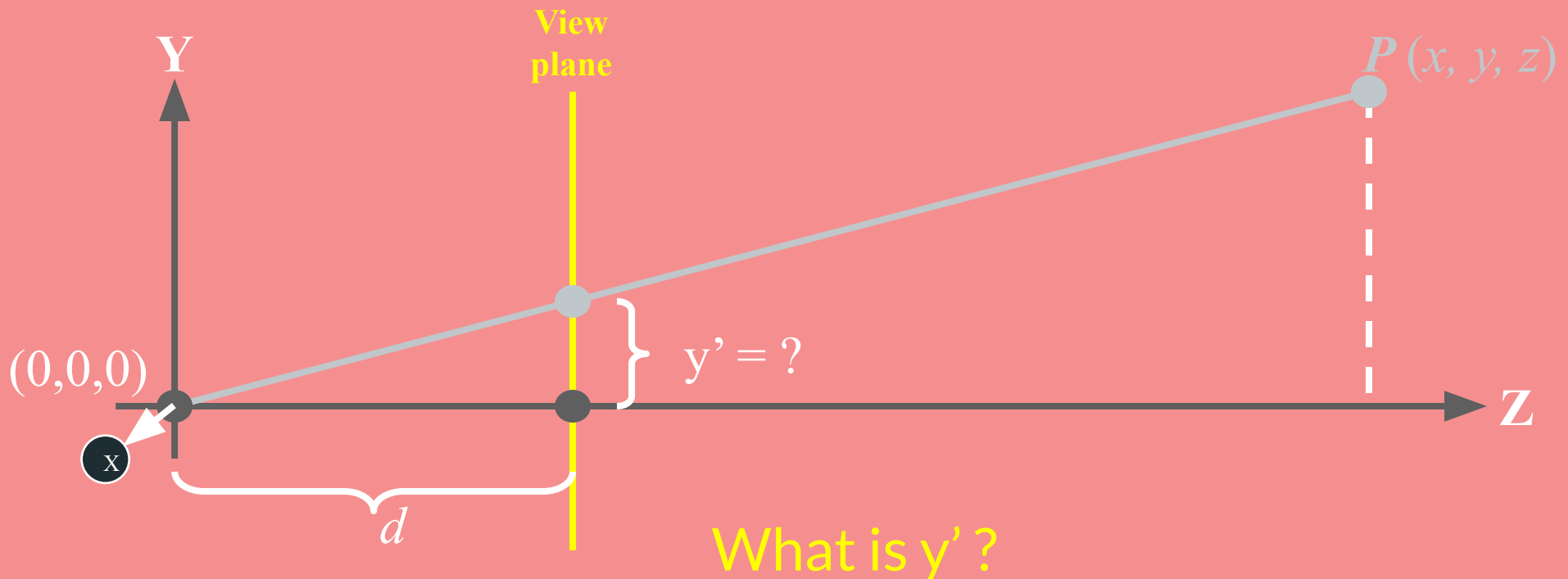
View from Y-axis:



Perspective Projection

The geometry of the situation is that of similar triangles.

View from X-axis:



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?

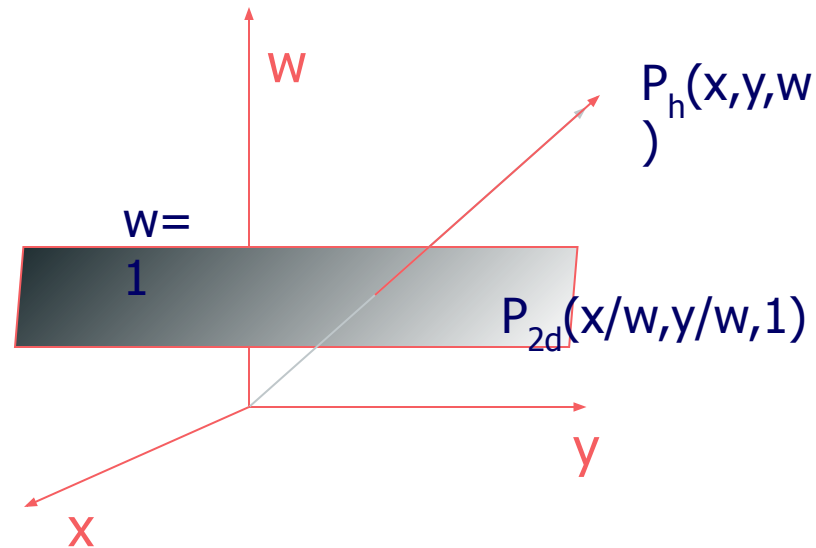
A Perspective Projection Matrix

Answer:

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

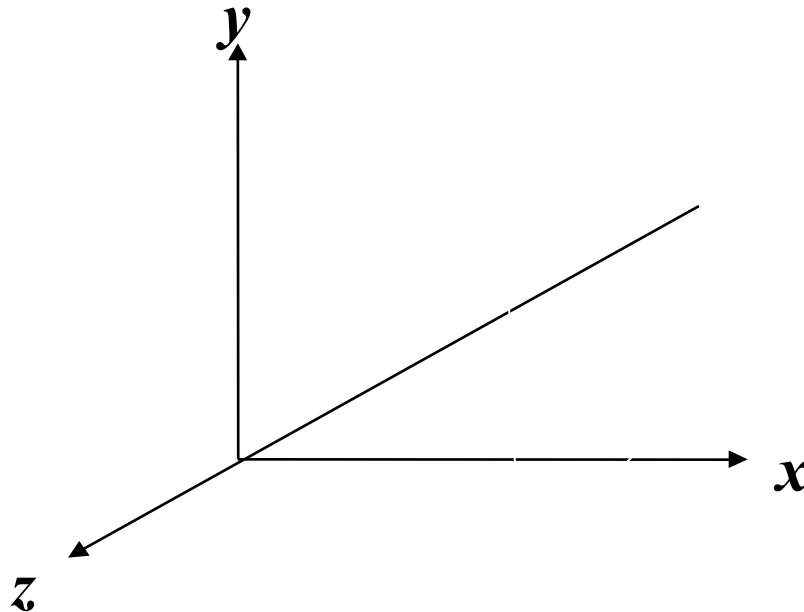
Homogeneous Co-ordinates

- ★ P_{2d} is a projection of P_h onto the $w = 1$ plane
- ★ So an infinite number of points correspond to : they constitute the whole line (tx, ty, tw)



Generalized Projection

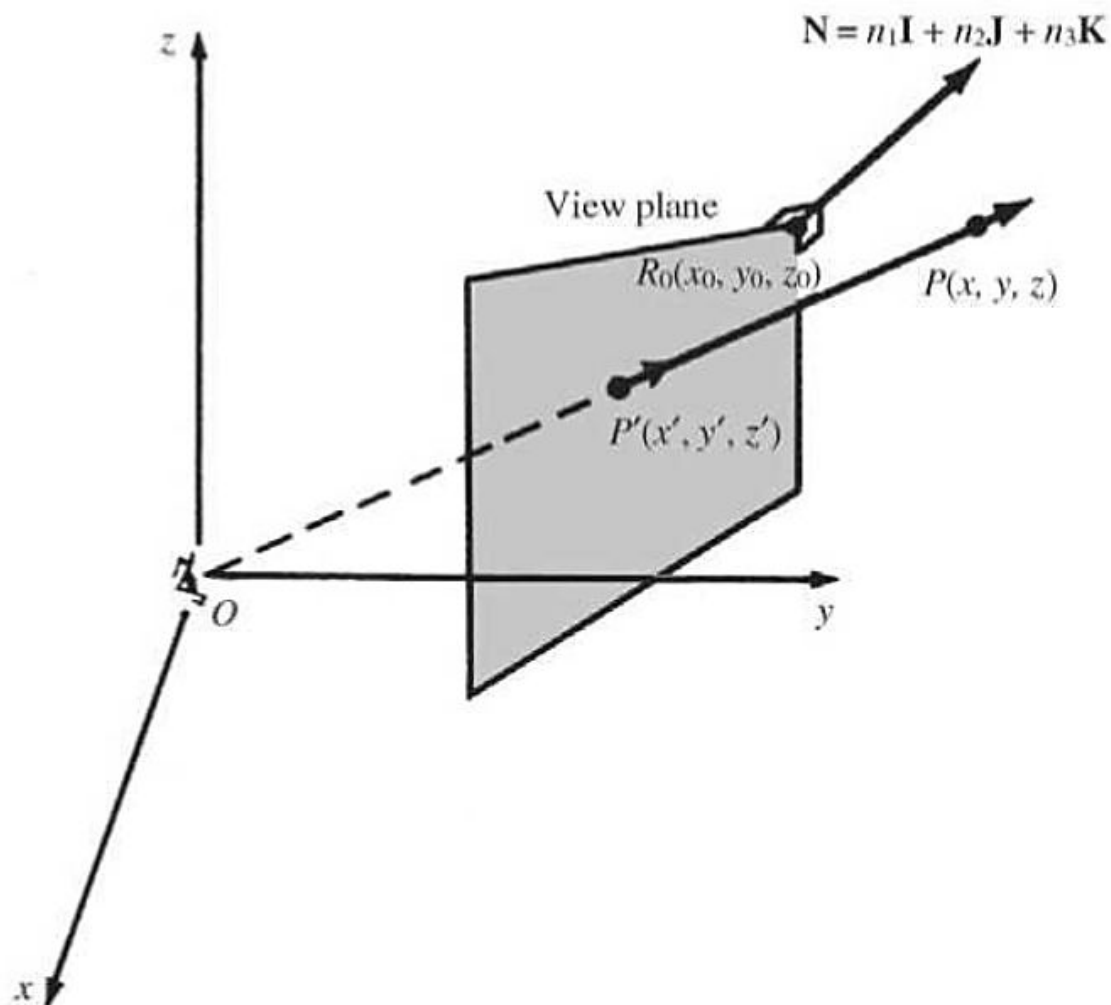
- ★ Using the origin as the center of projection, derive the perspective transformation onto the plane passing through the point $R_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and having the normal vector $N = n_1I + n_2J + n_3K$.



SOLUTION

Let $P(x, y, z)$ be projected onto $P'(x', y', z')$. From Fig. 7-16, the vectors $\overline{\mathbf{PO}}$ and $\overline{\mathbf{P'O}}$ have the same direction. Thus there is a number α so that $\overline{\mathbf{P'O}} = \alpha \overline{\mathbf{PO}}$. Comparing components, we have

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



We now find the value of α . Since any point $P'(x', y', z')$ lying on the plane satisfies the equation (App. 2)

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

(where $d_0 = n_1x_0 + n_2y_0 + n_3z_0$), substitution of $x' = \alpha x$, $y' = \alpha y$, and $z' = \alpha z$ into this equation gives

$$\alpha = \frac{d_0}{n_1x + n_2y + n_3z}$$

This projection transformation cannot be represented as a 3×3 matrix transformation. However, by using the homogeneous coordinate representation for three-dimensional points, we can write the projection transformation as a 4×4 matrix:

$$Per_{\mathbf{N}, R_0} = \begin{pmatrix} d_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_0 & 0 \\ n_1 & n_2 & n_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Application of this matrix to the homogeneous representation $P(x, y, z, 1)$ of points P gives $P'(d_0x, d_0y, d_0z, n_1x + n_2y + n_3z)$, which is the homogeneous representation of $P'(x', y', z')$ found above.

Generalized Projection

$$P'O = \alpha PO$$

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

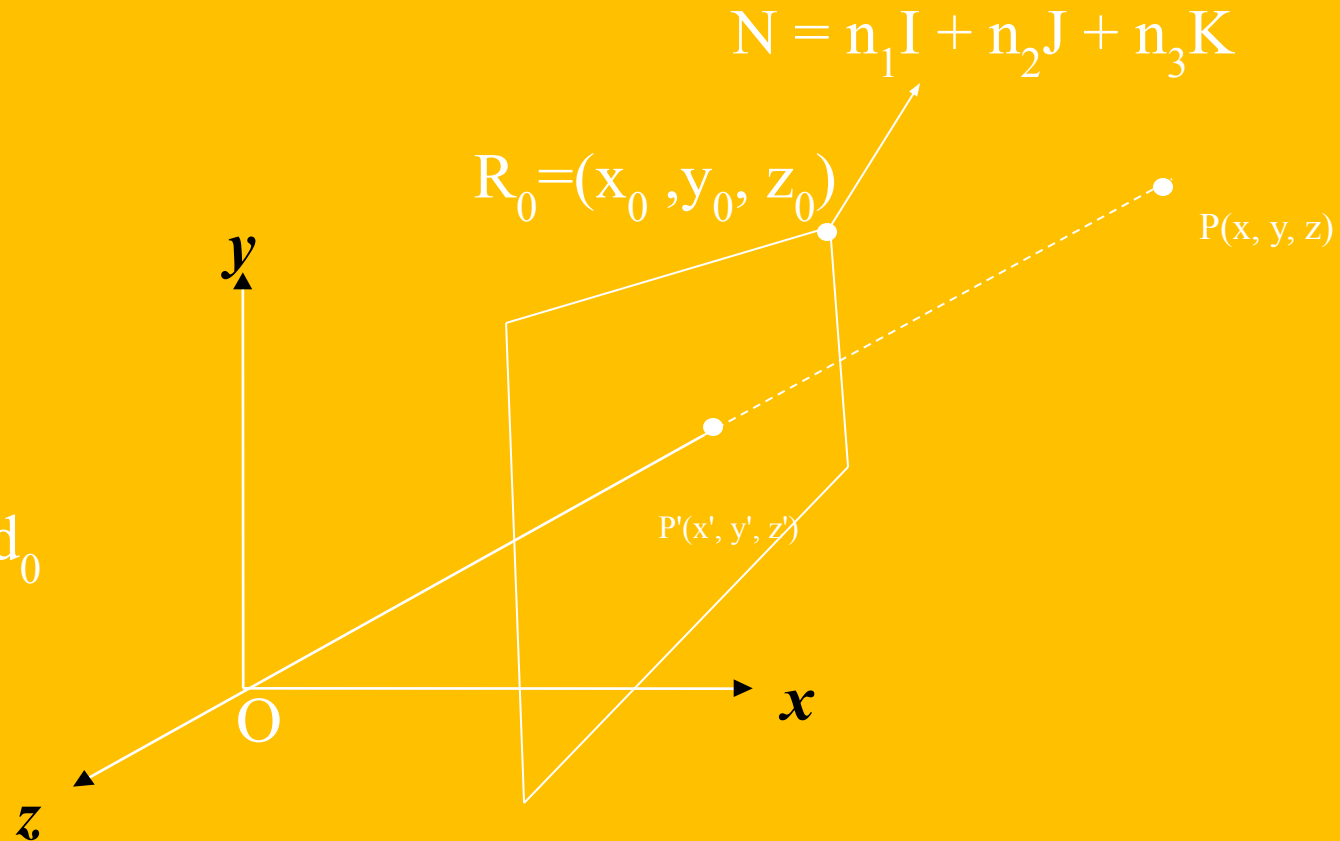
$$N \cdot R_0 P' = 0$$

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

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

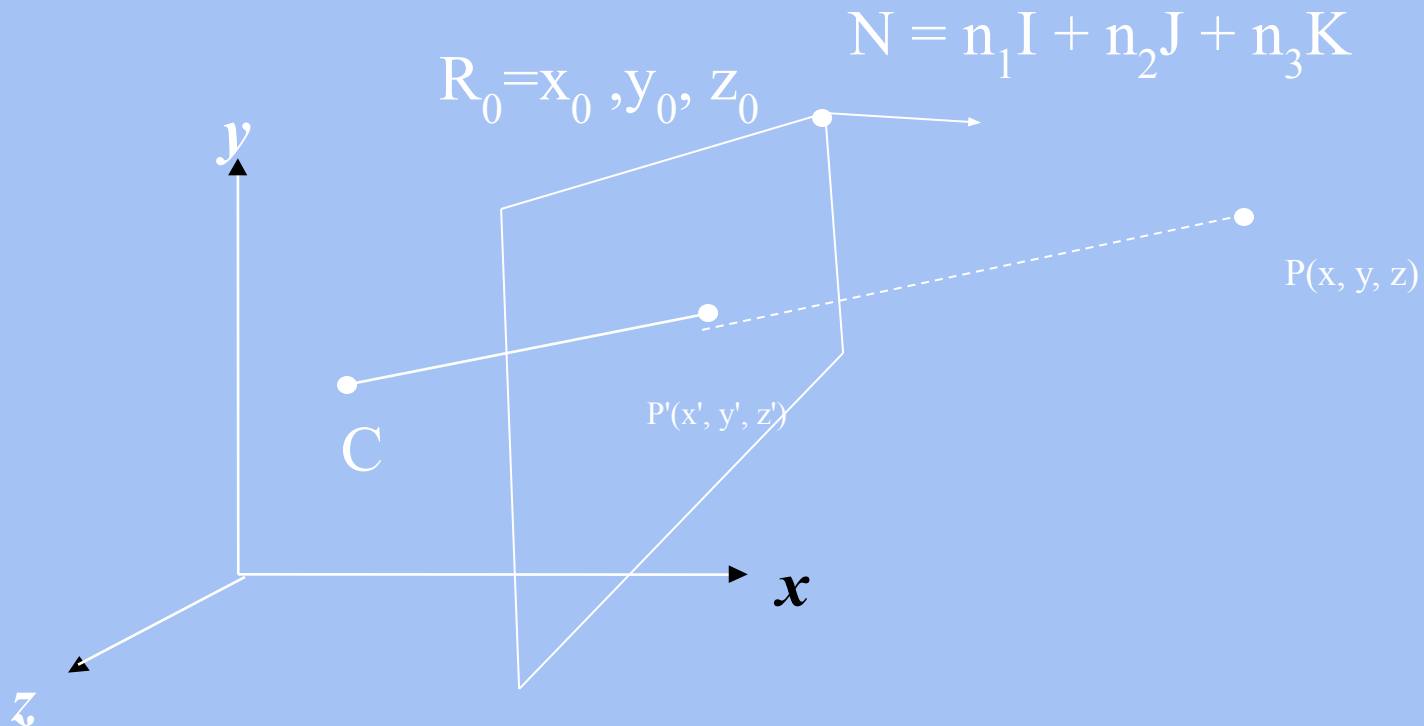
$$\alpha = \frac{d_0}{n_1 x + n_2 y + n_3 z}$$

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



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

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

$$\begin{aligned} Per_{\mathbf{N}, R_0, C} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d & 0 \\ n_1 & n_2 & n_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} d + an_1 & an_2 & an_3 & -ad_0 \\ bn_1 & d + bn_2 & bn_3 & -bd_0 \\ cn_1 & cn_2 & d + cn_3 & -cd_0 \\ n_1 & n_2 & n_3 & -d_1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Generalized Projection

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

▸ ***x***

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

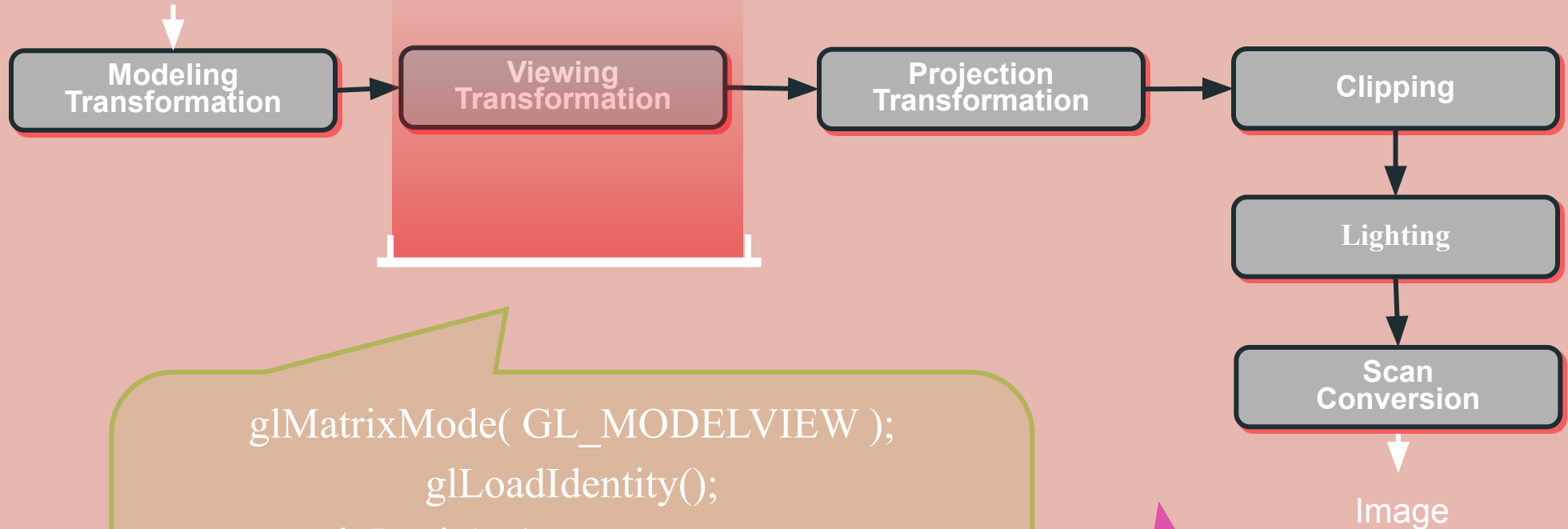
```
void SetUpViewing()
{
    // The viewport isn't a matrix, it's just state...
    glViewport( 0, 0, window_width, window_height );

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

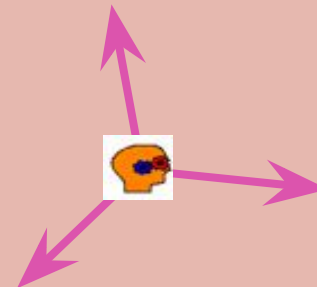
    // Set up the model->camera transformation
    glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
    gluLookAt( 3, 3, 2,    // eye point
               0, 0, 0,    // look at point
               0, 0, 1 ); // up vector
    glRotatef( theta, 0, 0, 1 ); // rotate the model
    glScalef( zoom, zoom, zoom ); // scale the model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

Graphics Pipeline Revisited

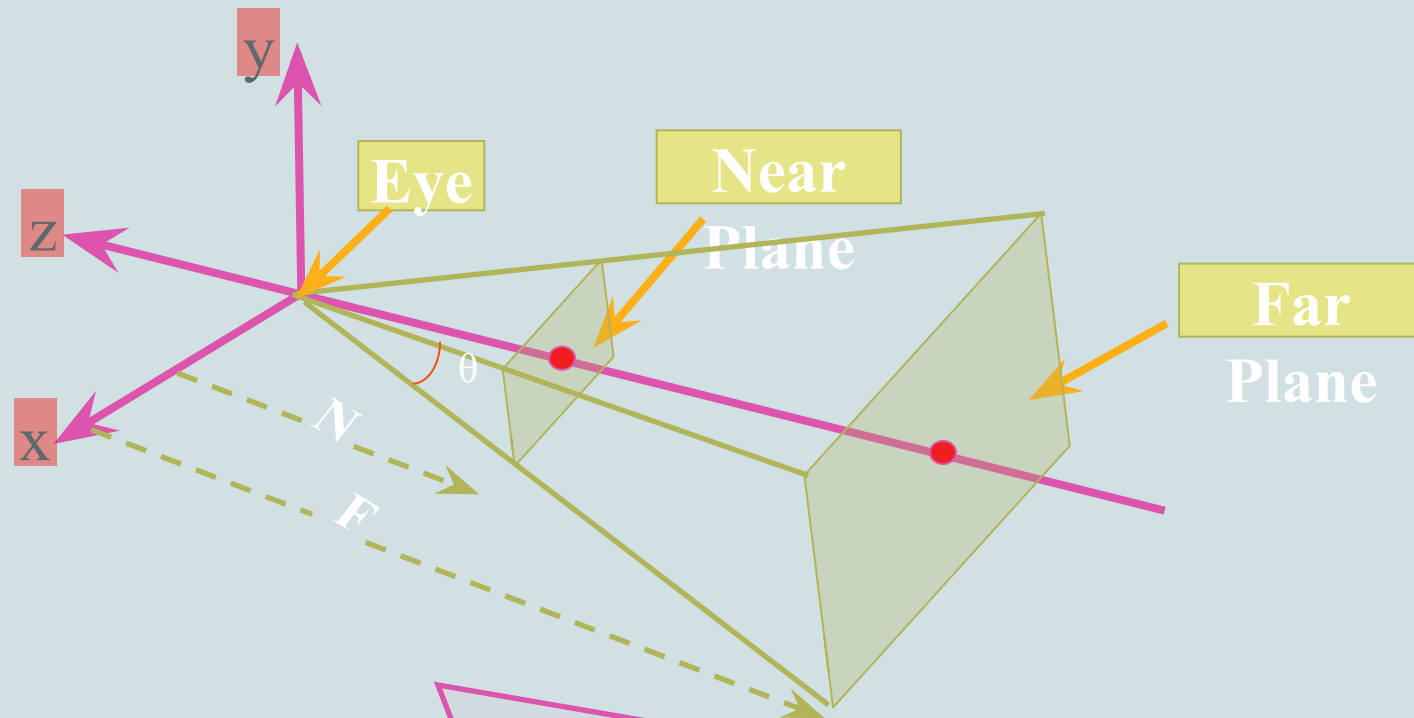
3D Geometric Primitives



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

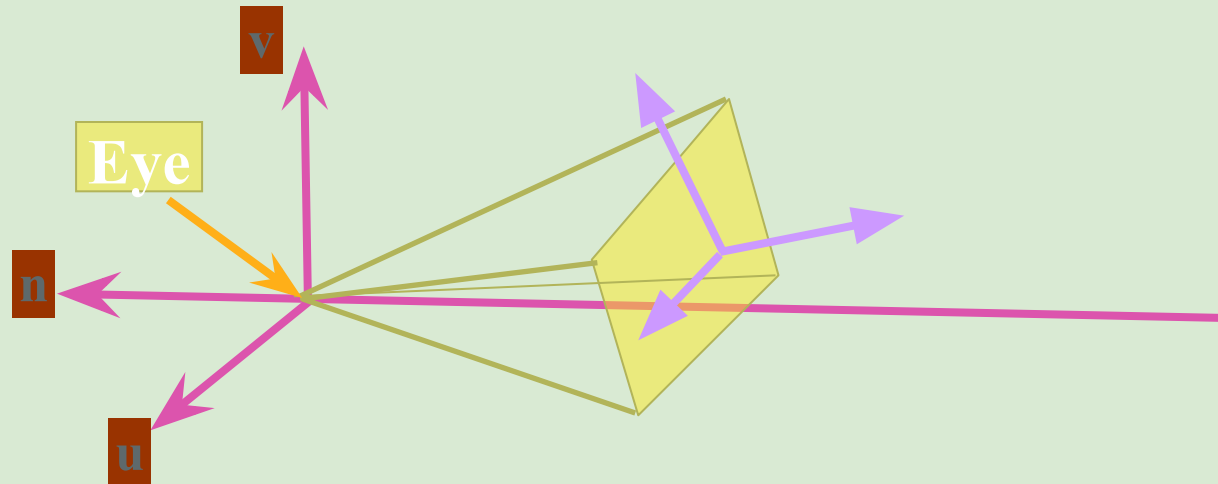


Default Camera Position

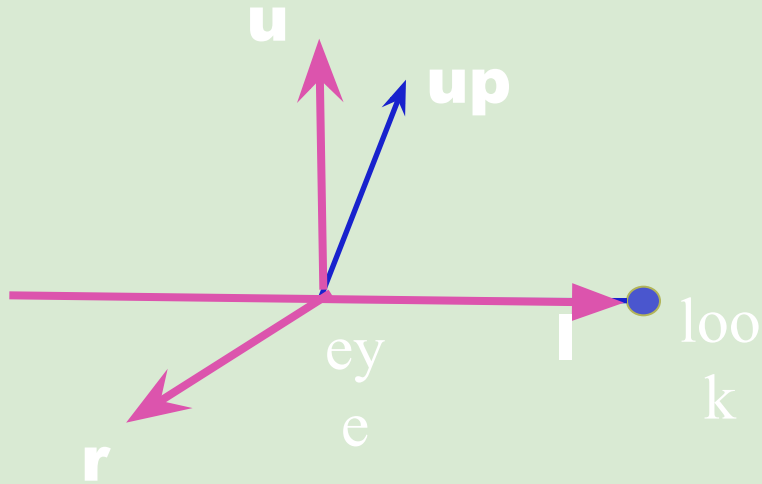


```
glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);  
glLoadIdentity();  
gluPerspective(viewAngle,  
aspectRatio, N, F);
```

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?

Apply the following translation T to move the eye/camera to origin.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -eyeX \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -eyeY \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -eyeZ \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Apply the following rotation R such that the l aligns with the $-Z$ axis, r with X axis, and u with Y axis. Remember that, the rows of the rotation matrix contain the unit vectors that align with the unit vectors along the principal axes after transformation.

$$\begin{vmatrix} r.x & r.y & r.z & 0 \\ u.x & u.y & u.z & 0 \\ -l.x & -l.y & -l.z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Thus the view transformation matrix $V=RT$.

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_x \\ l_y \\ l_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} lookat_x \\ lookat_y \\ lookat_z \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} eye_x \\ eye_y \\ eye_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Normalize the vector

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

Desired rotation matrix should map the 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

This vector, $\bar{r} = \bar{l} \times \bar{u}$ 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

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

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

Final Viewing Transformation, V

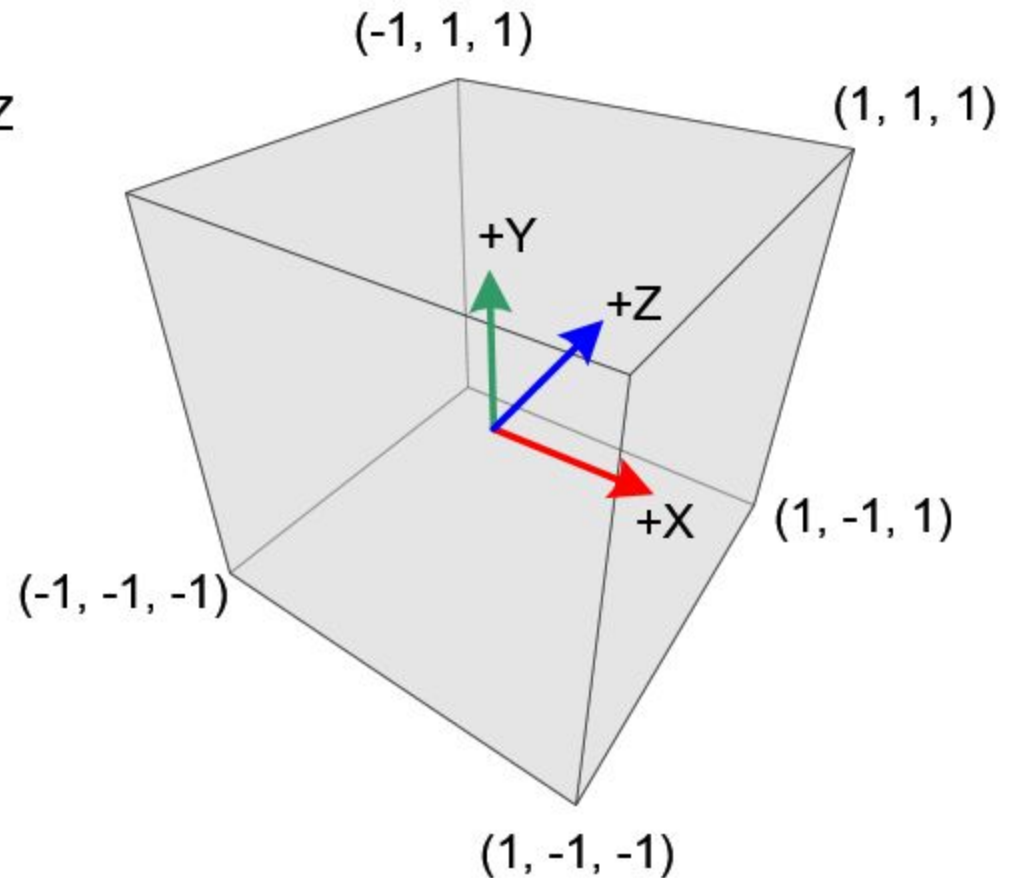
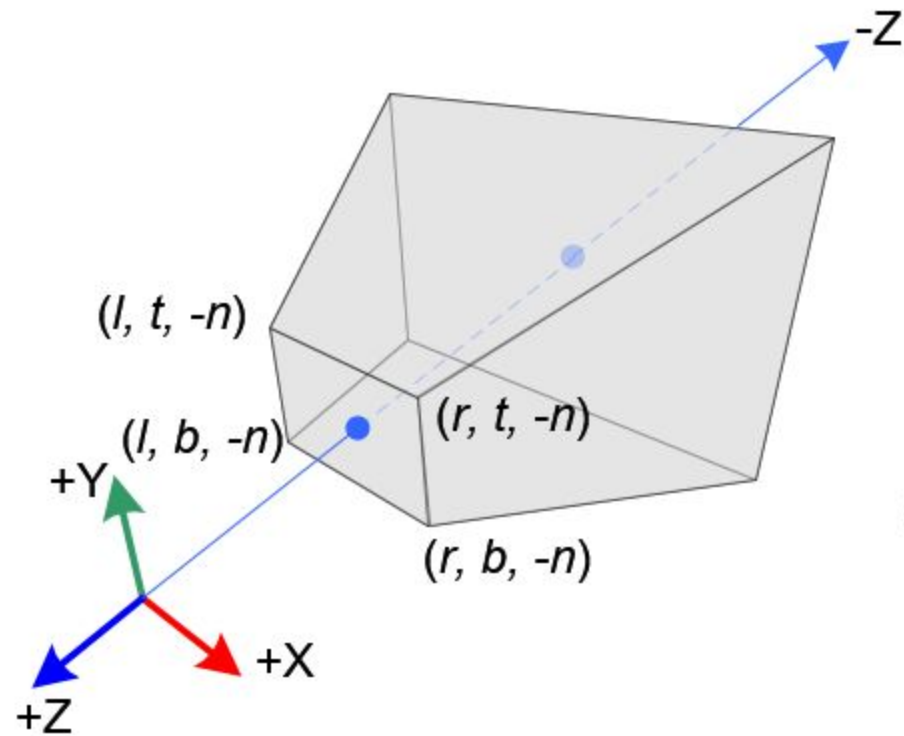
To transform vertices, use this matrix:

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

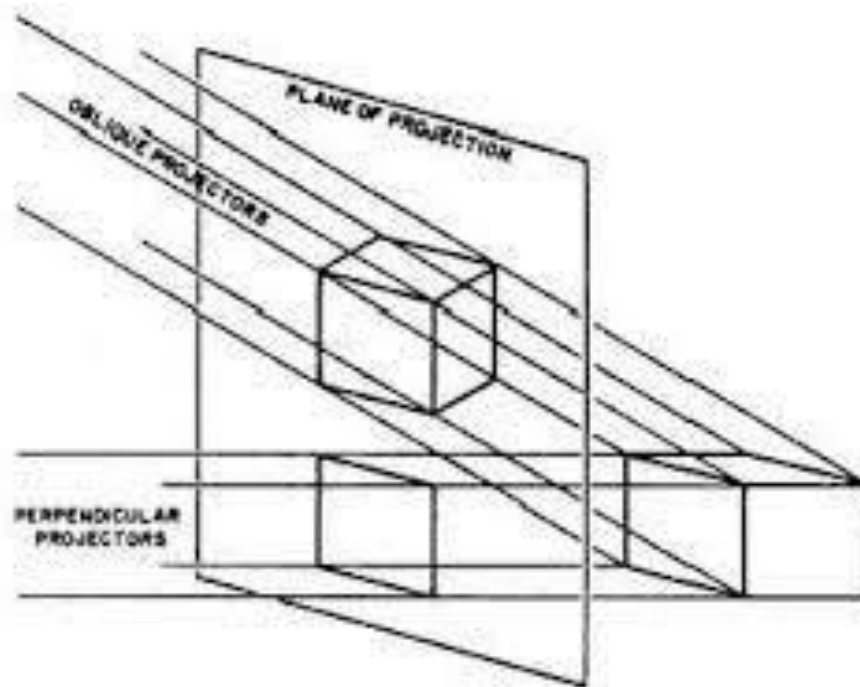
and edges are:



OpenGL Projection Transformation

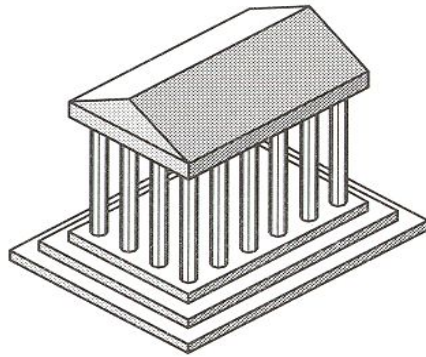


Oblique vs. Orthographic

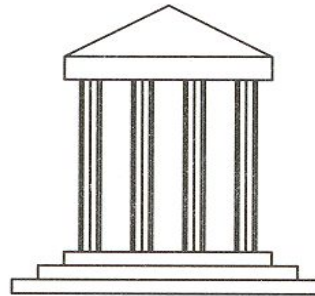
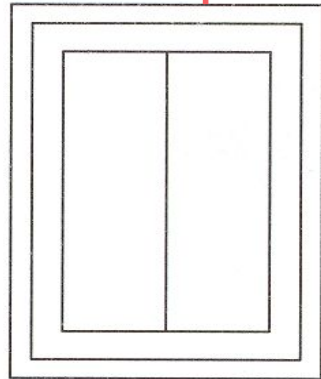


Orthographic Projections

DOP perpendicular to view plane

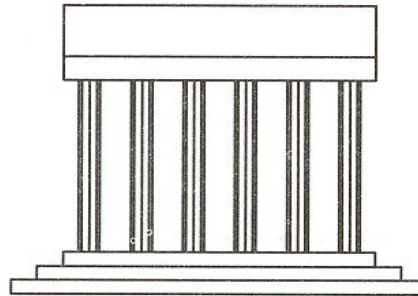


Top



Front

Side



Axonometric Orthogonal Projection

(XM) Isometric Axonometric Orthogonal Projection:

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.

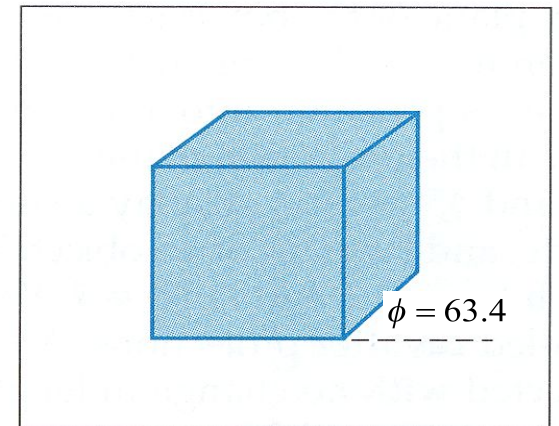
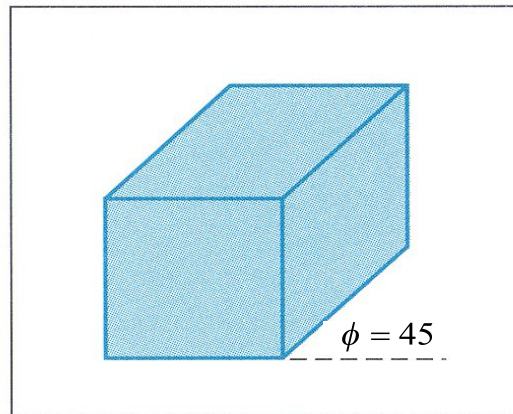
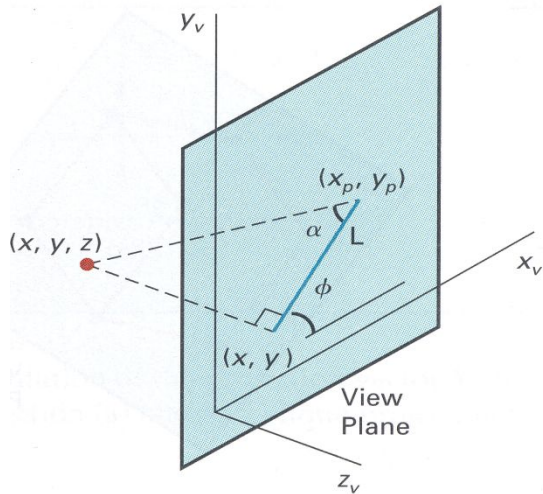
y

x

z

Oblique Projections

DOP ~~not~~ perpendicular to view plane



H&B

Oblique parallel projection

Cavalier, cabinet and orthogonal projections can all be specified in terms of (α, β) or (λ, β) since

— $\tan(\alpha) = 1/\lambda$

Oblique parallel projection

Oblique parallel projection

$$\mathbf{PP}' = (\lambda \cos(\alpha), \lambda \sin(\alpha), 1) = \mathbf{DOP}$$

$$\text{Proj}(\mathbf{P}) = (\lambda \cos(\alpha), \lambda \sin(\alpha), 0)$$

Generally

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

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

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

y

(x_p, y_p)

λ

(x, y) α

x

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

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

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

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