CSE 167:
Introduction to Computer Graphics
Lecture #4: Projection

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Announcements

- Project 2 due Friday at 2pm
  - Grading window is 2-3:30pm
  - Upload source code by 2pm
- Project 3 discussion next Monday at 3pm

Objects in Camera Coordinates

- We have things lined up the way we like them on screen
  - **x** to the right
  - **y** up
  - **-z** into the screen
  - Objects to look at are in front of us, i.e. have negative z values
- But objects are still in 3D
- Next step: project scene to 2D plane

Lecture Overview

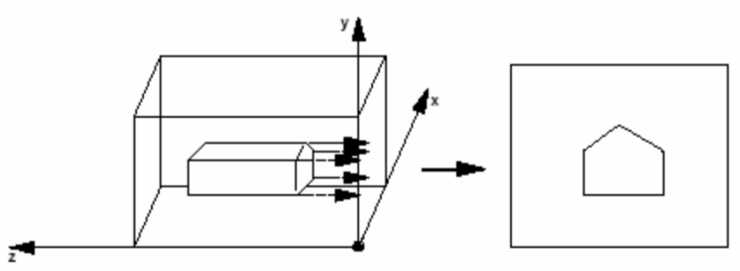
- Concatenating Transformations
- Coordinate Transformation
- Typical Coordinate Systems
- Projection

Projection

- Goal:
  Given 3D points (vertices) in camera coordinates, determine corresponding image coordinates
- Transforming 3D points into 2D is called Projection
- OpenGL supports two types of projection:
  - Orthographic Projection (=Parallel Projection)
  - Perspective Projection

Orthographic Projection

- Can be done by ignoring **z**-coordinate
  - Use camera space **xy** coordinates as image coordinates
- Project points to **x-y** plane along parallel lines



- Often used in graphical illustrations, architecture, 3D modeling

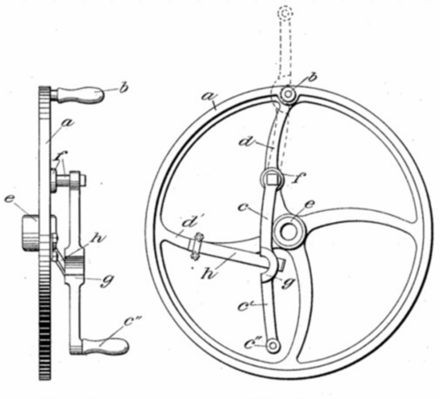
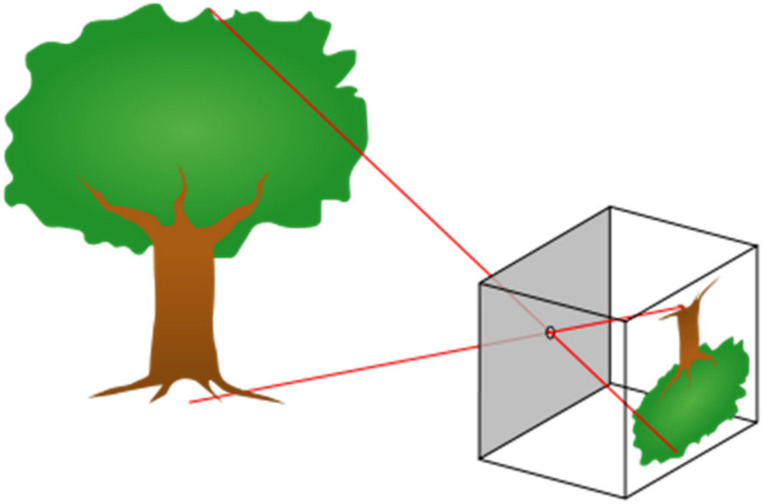


Fig. 2. *Fig. 1.*

Perspective Projection

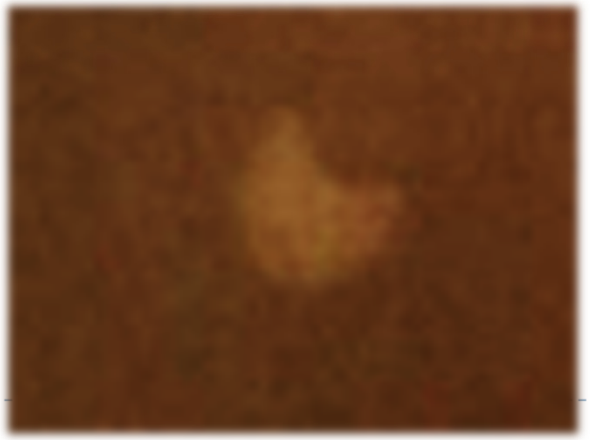
- Most common for computer graphics
- Simplified model of human eye, or camera lens (*pinhole camera*)



- Things farther away appear to be smaller
- Discovery attributed to Filippo Brunelleschi (Italian architect) in the early 1400's

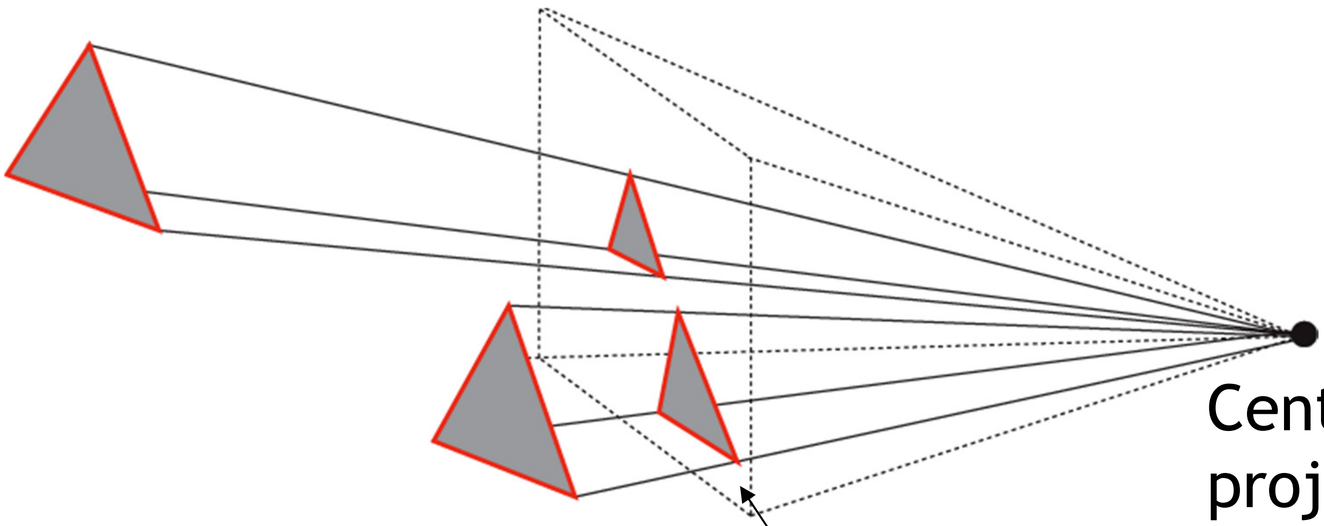
Pinhole Camera

- San Diego, May 20th, 2012



Perspective Projection

- Project along rays that converge in center of projection



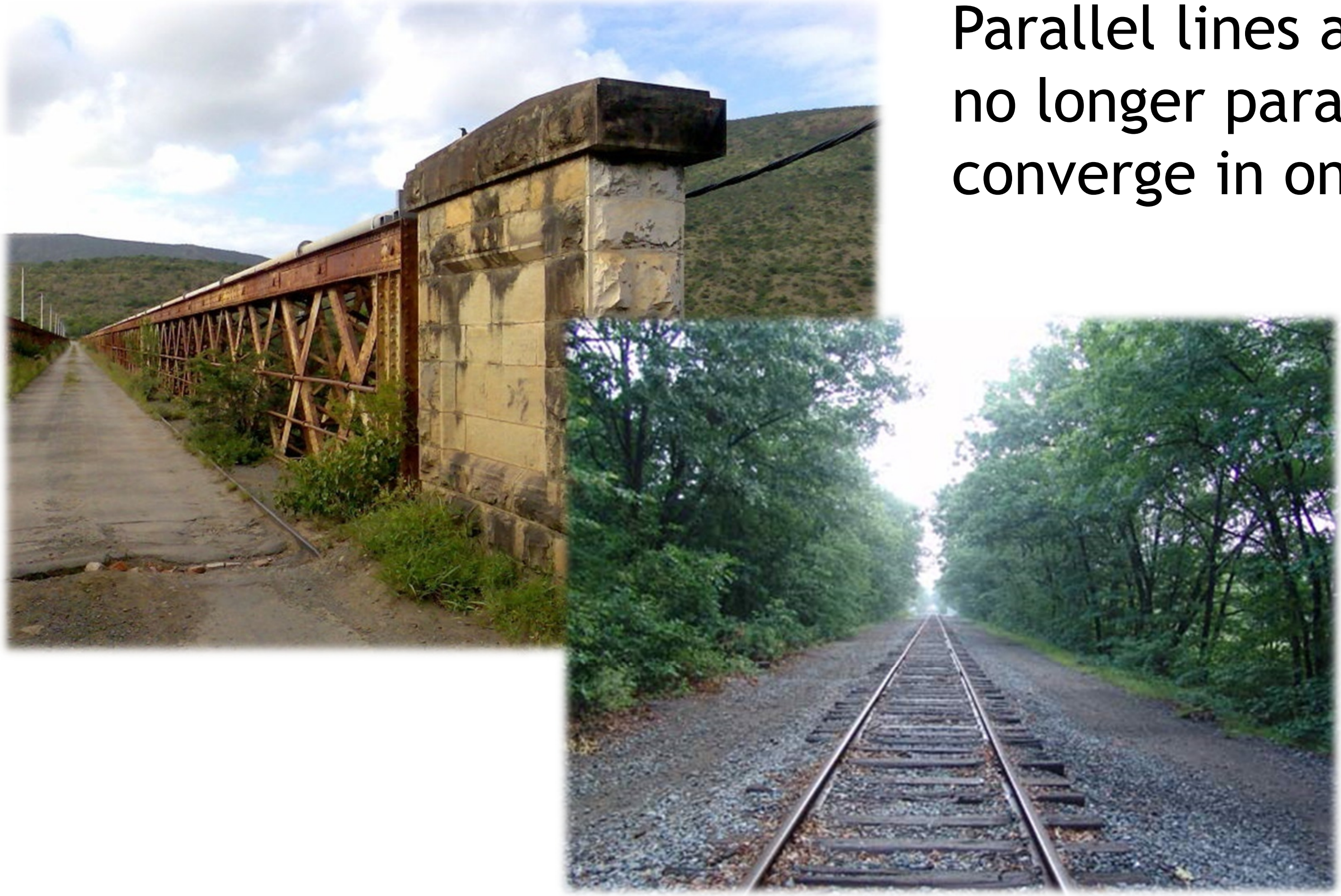
Center of
projection

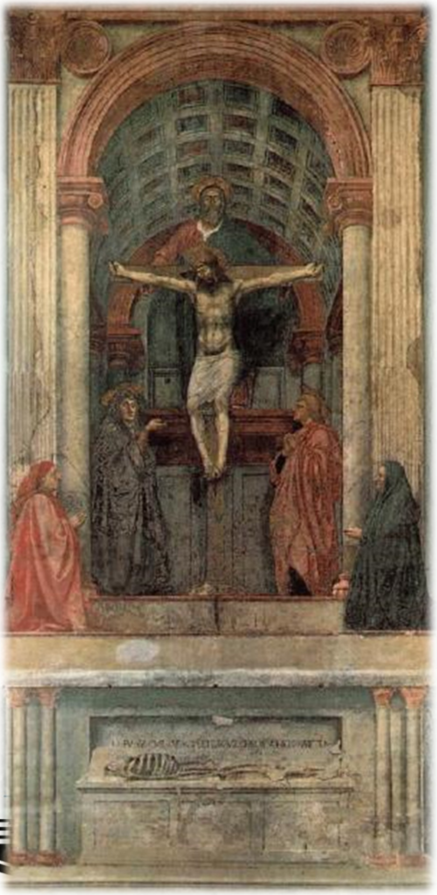
3D scene

2D image plane

Perspective Projection

Parallel lines are
no longer parallel,
converge in one point





Earliest example:
La Trinitá (1427) by Masaccio

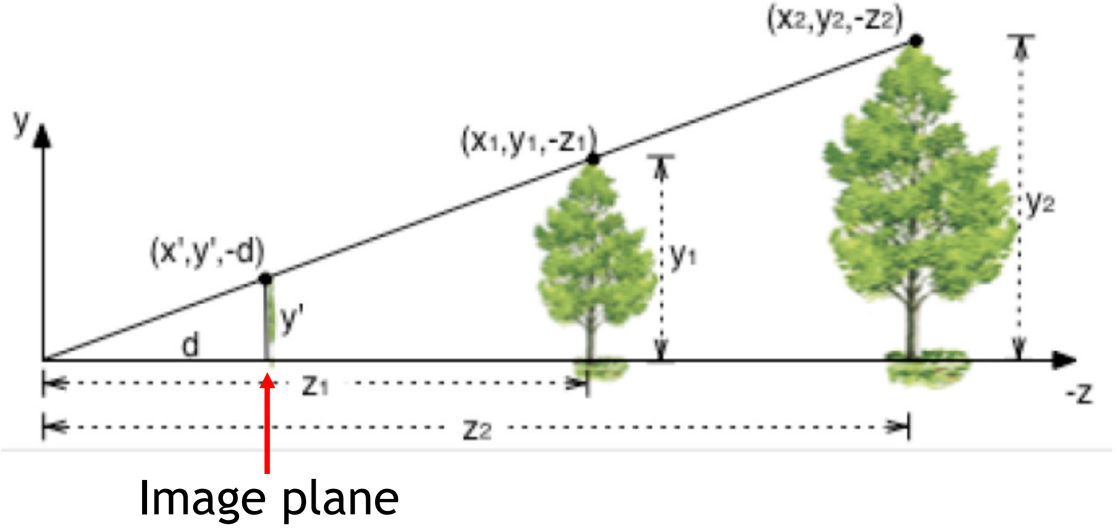
Perspective Projection

From law of ratios in similar triangles follows:

$$\frac{y'}{d} = \frac{y_1}{z_1} \rightarrow y' = \frac{y_1 d}{z_1}$$

Similarly: $$x' = \frac{x_1 d}{z_1}$$

By definition: $$z' = d$$



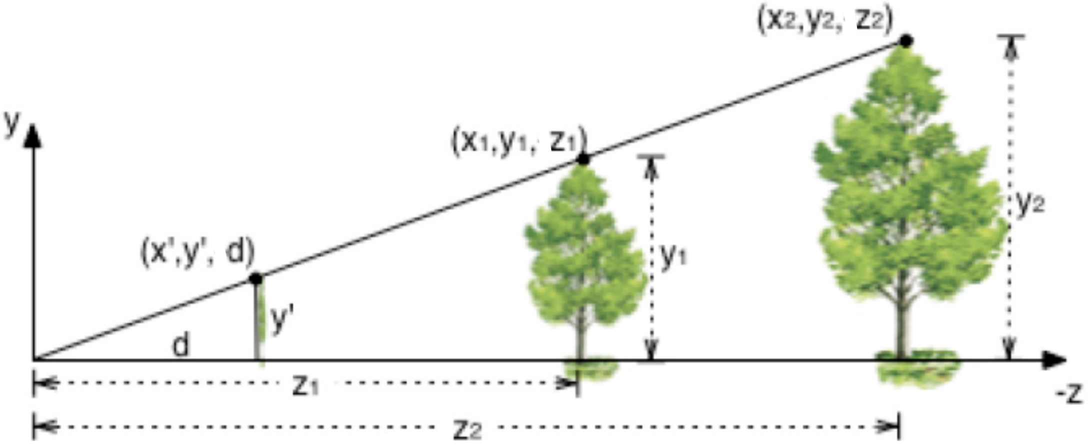
- We can express this using homogeneous coordinates and 4x4 matrices as follows

Perspective Projection

$$x' = \frac{x_1 d}{z_1}$$

$$y' = \frac{y_1 d}{z_1}$$

$$z' = d$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ z/d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} xd/z \\ yd/z \\ d \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Projection matrix Homogeneous division

Perspective Projection

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Projection matrix P

- Using projection matrix, homogeneous division seems more complicated than just multiplying all coordinates by d/z, so why do it?
- It will allow us to:
  - Handle different types of projections in a unified way
  - Define arbitrary view volumes

Lecture Overview

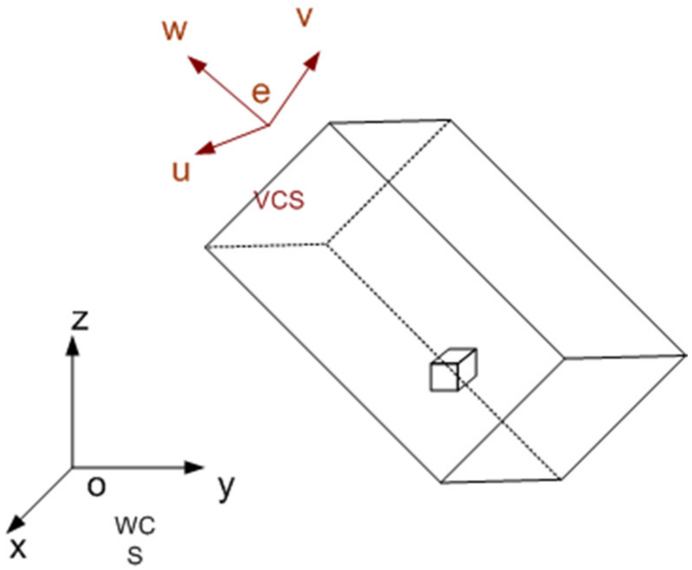
- View Volumes
- Vertex Transformation
- Rendering Pipeline
- Culling

View Volumes

- View volume = 3D volume seen by camera

Orthographic view volume

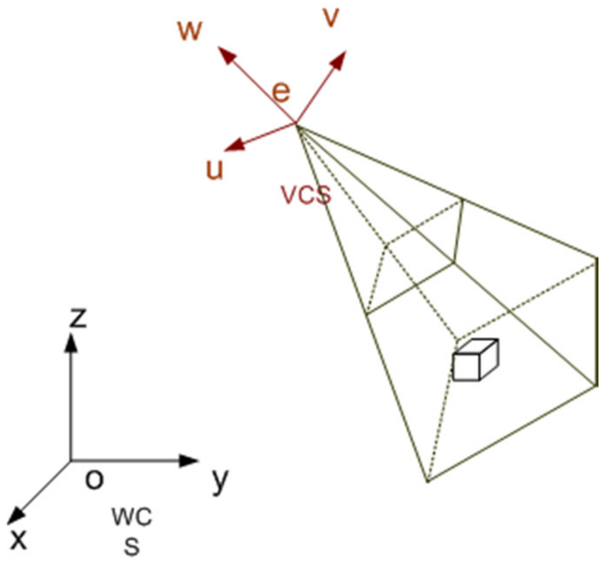
Camera coordinates



World coordinates

Perspective view volume

Camera coordinates



World coordinates

Projection Matrix

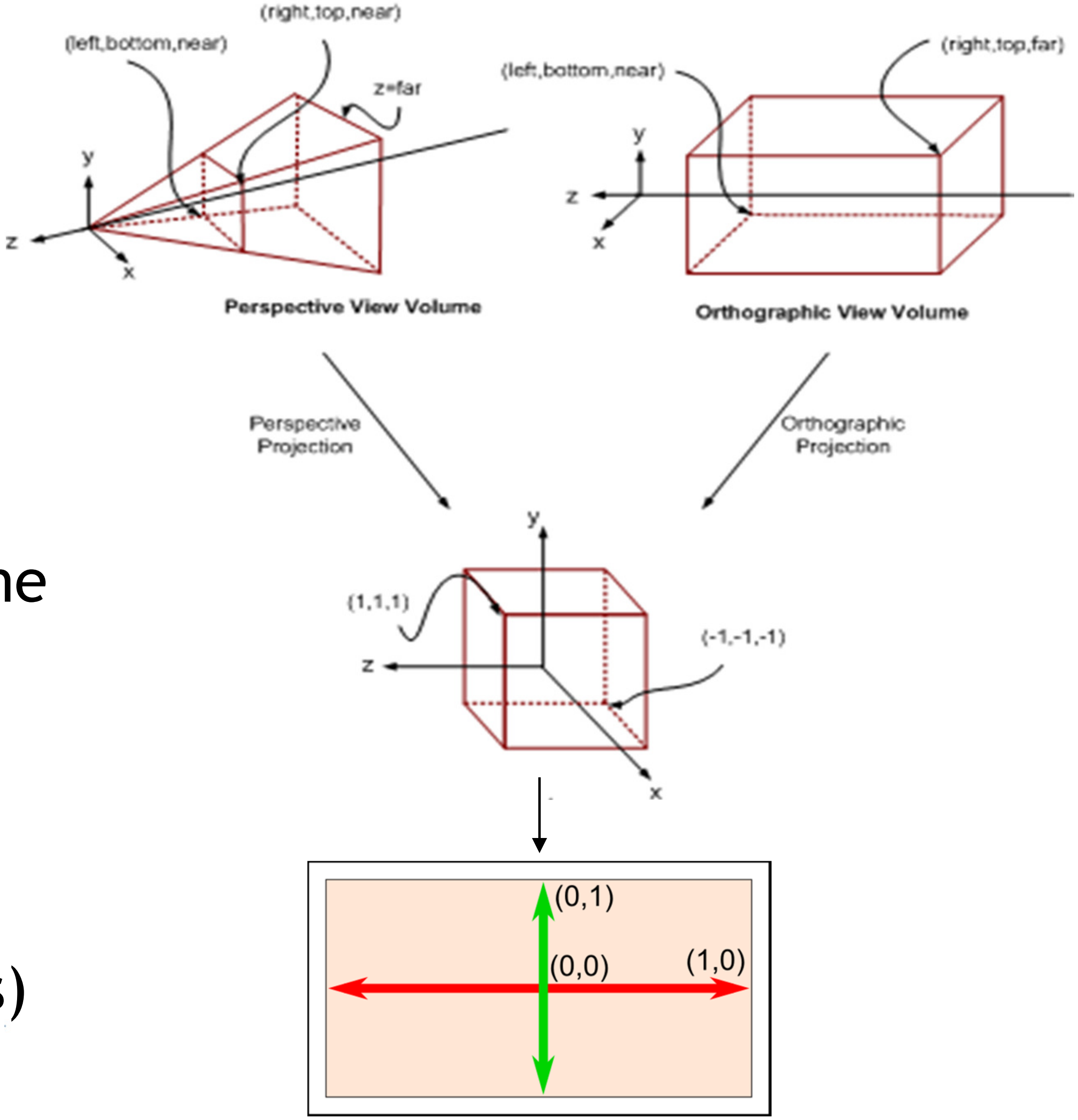
Camera coordinates

Projection matrix

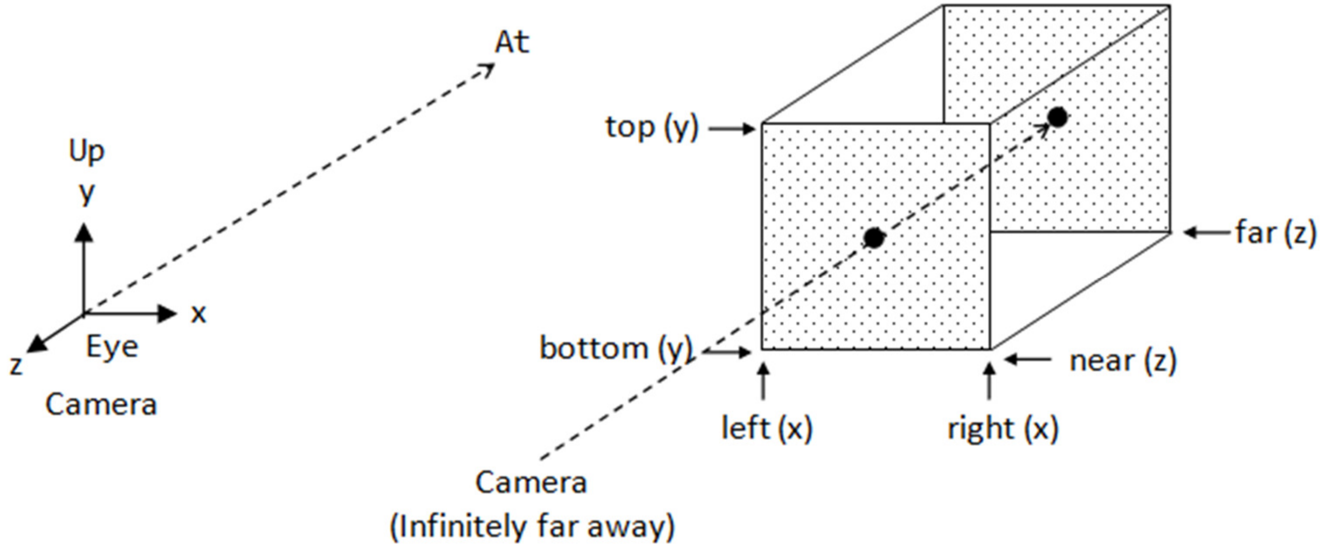
Canonical view volume

Viewport transformation

Image space
(pixel coordinates)

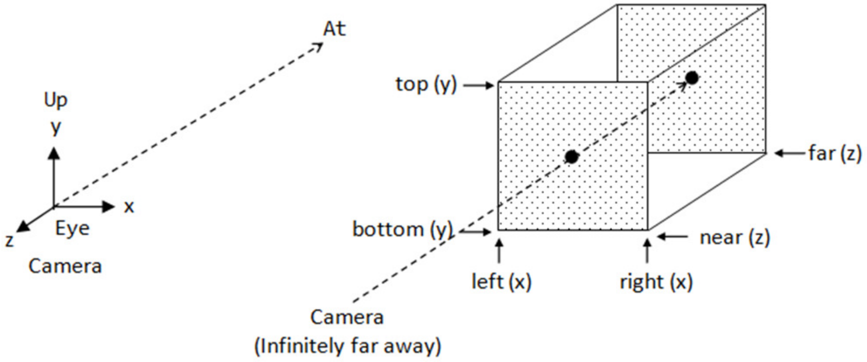


Orthographic View Volume



- Specified by 6 parameters:
  - Right, left, top, bottom, near, far
- Or, if symmetrical:
  - Width, height, near, far

Orthographic Projection Matrix



$$\mathbf{P}_{ortho}(right,left,top,bottom,near,far)=\begin{bmatrix}\frac{2}{right-left} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{right+left}{right-left}\\ 0 & \frac{2}{top-bottom} & 0 & -\frac{top+bottom}{top-bottom}\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{far-near} & \frac{far+near}{far-near}\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{bmatrix}$$

In OpenGL:
glOrtho(left, right, bottom, top, near, far)

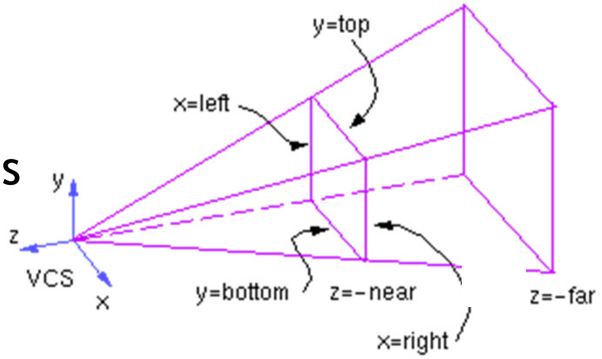
$$\mathbf{P}_{ortho}(width,height,near,far)=\begin{bmatrix}\frac{2}{width} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \frac{2}{height} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{far-near} & \frac{far+near}{far-near}\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{bmatrix}$$

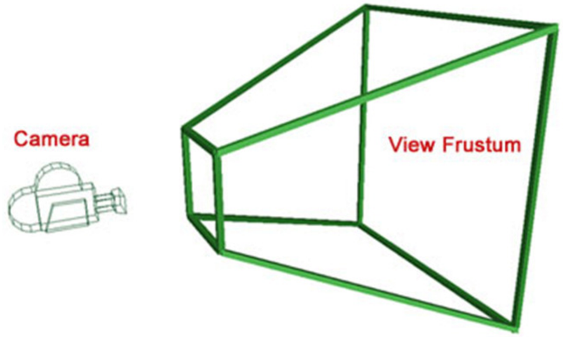
No equivalent in OpenGL

Perspective View Volume

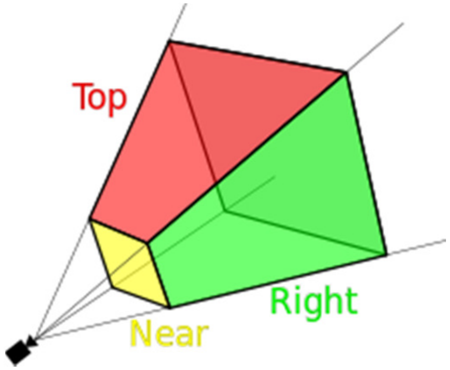
General view volume

Camera coordinates



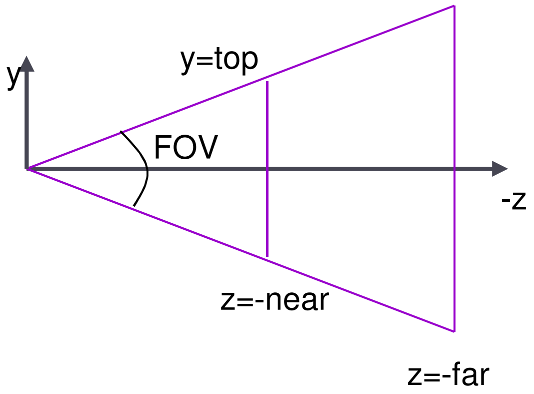


- Defined by 6 parameters, in camera coordinates
  - Left, right, top, bottom boundaries
  - Near, far clipping planes
- Clipping planes to avoid numerical problems
  - Divide by zero
  - Low precision for distant objects
- Usually symmetric, i.e., left=-right, top=-bottom



Perspective View Volume

Symmetrical view volume



- Only 4 parameters
  - Vertical field of view (FOV)
  - Image aspect ratio (width/height)
  - Near, far clipping planes

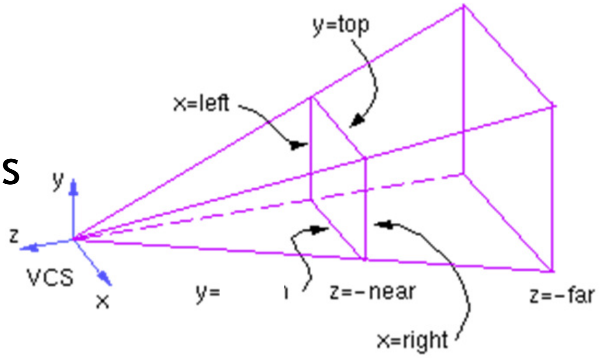
$$\text{aspect ratio}=\frac{right-left}{top-bottom}=\frac{right}{top}$$

$$\tan(FOV/2)=\frac{top}{near}$$

Perspective Projection Matrix

- General view frustum with 6 parameters

Camera coordinates



$$\mathbf{P}_{persp}(left, right, top, bottom, near, far) =$$

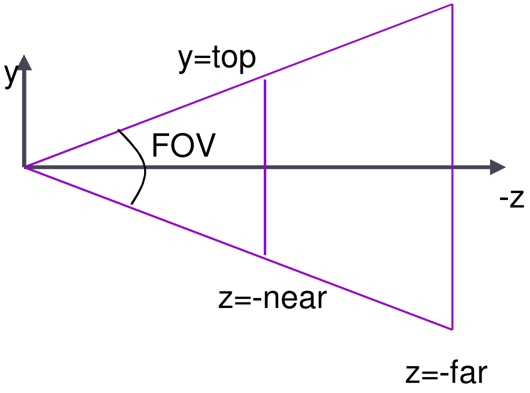
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2near}{right-left} & 0 & \frac{right+left}{right-left} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2near}{top-bottom} & \frac{top+bottom}{top-bottom} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-(far+near)}{far-near} & \frac{-2far \cdot near}{far-near} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In OpenGL:
glFrustum(left, right, bottom, top, near, far)

Perspective Projection Matrix

- Symmetrical view frustum with field of view, aspect ratio, near and far clip planes

Camera coordinates



$$\mathbf{P}_{persp}(FOV, aspect, near, far) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{aspect \cdot \tan(FOV/2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\tan(FOV/2)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{near+far}{near-far} & \frac{2 \cdot near \cdot far}{near-far} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In OpenGL:
gluPerspective(fov, aspect, near, far)

Canonical View Volume

- Goal: create projection matrix so that
  - User defined view volume is transformed into canonical view volume: cube [-1,1]x[-1,1]x[-1,1]
  - Multiplying corner vertices of view volume by projection matrix and performing homogeneous divide yields corners of canonical view volume
- Perspective and orthographic projection are treated the same way
- Canonical view volume is last stage in which coordinates are in 3D
  - Next step is projection to 2D frame buffer

Viewport Transformation

- After applying projection matrix, scene points are in *normalized viewing coordinates*
  - Per definition within range [-1..1] x [-1..1] x [-1..1]
- Next is projection from 3D to 2D (not reversible)
- Normalized viewing coordinates can be mapped to image (=pixel=frame buffer) coordinates
  - Range depends on window (view port) size: [x0…x1] x [y0…y1]
- Scale and translation required:

$$\mathbf{D}(x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1) = \begin{bmatrix} (x_1 - x_0)/2 & 0 & 0 & (x_0 + x_1)/2 \\ 0 & (y_1 - y_0)/2 & 0 & (y_0 + y_1)/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Complete Vertex Transformation

- Mapping a 3D point in object coordinates to pixel coordinates:

$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}$$

Object space

- **M**: Object-to-world matrix
- **C**: camera matrix
- **P**: projection matrix
- **D**: viewport matrix

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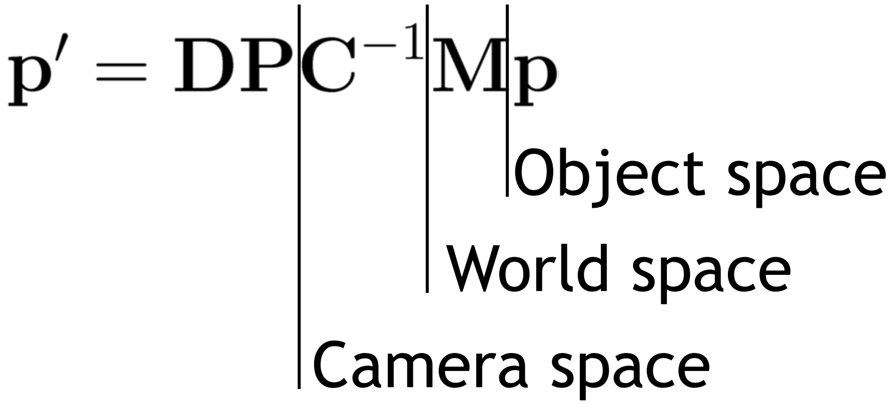

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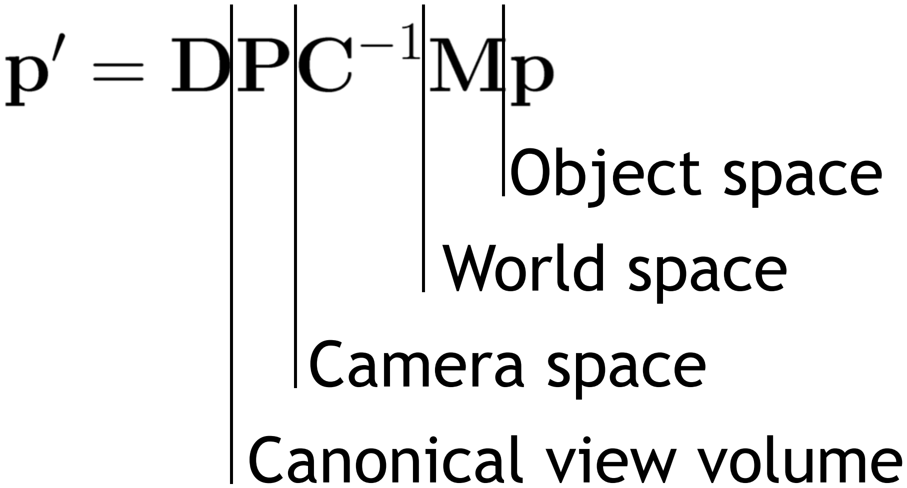

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Canonical view volume

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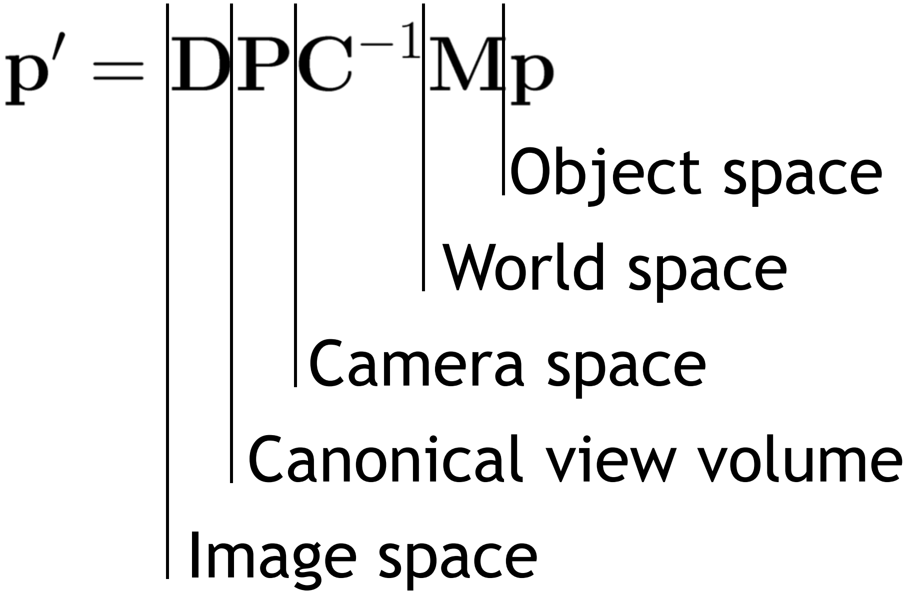

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Object space

World space

Camera space

Canonical view volume

Image space

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  - **P**: projection matrix
  - **D**: viewport matrix

Complete Vertex Transformation

- Mapping a 3D point in object coordinates to pixel coordinates:

$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}$$

$$\mathbf{p}' = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ w' \end{bmatrix}$$

Pixel coordinates: $\begin{array}{c} x'/w' \\ y'/w' \end{array}$

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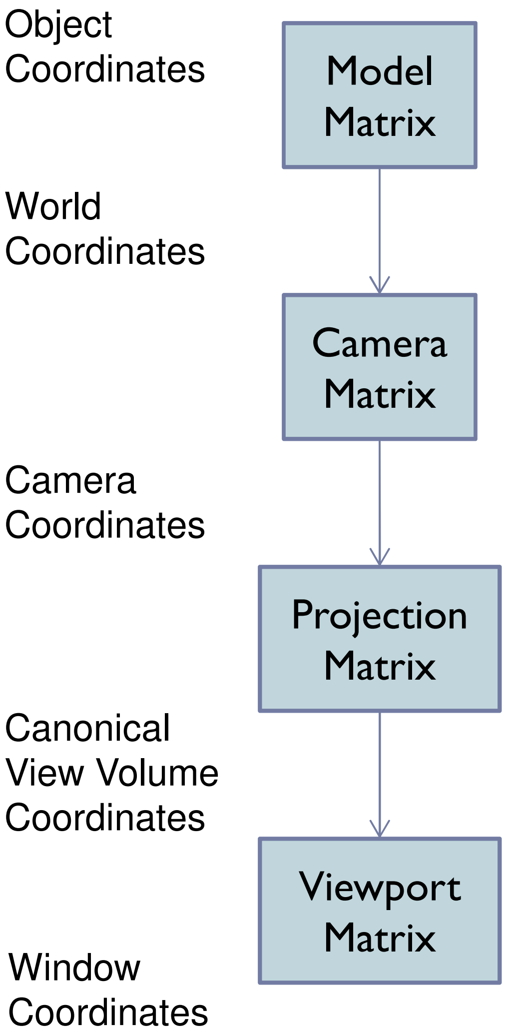
The Complete Vertex Transformation



Object Coordinates

Model Matrix

World Coordinates

Camera Matrix

Camera Coordinates

Projection Matrix

Canonical View Volume Coordinates

Viewport Matrix

Window Coordinates

Complete Vertex Transformation in OpenGL

- Mapping a 3D point in object coordinates to pixel coordinates:

OpenGL GL_MODELVIEW matrix

$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}$$

OpenGL GL_PROJECTION matrix

  - **M**: Object-to-world matrix
  - **C**: camera matrix
  - **P**: projection matrix
  - **D**: viewport matrix

Complete Vertex Transformation in OpenGL

- GL_MODELVIEW, $\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{M}$
  - Defined by the programmer.
  - Think of the ModelView matrix as where you stand with the camera and the direction you point it.
- GL_PROJECTION, **P**
  - Utility routines to set it by specifying view volume: glFrustum(), gluPerspective(), glOrtho()
  - Think of the projection matrix as describing the attributes of your camera, such as field of view, focal length, etc.
- Viewport, **D**
  - Specify implicitly via glViewport()
  - No direct access with equivalent to GL_MODELVIEW or GL_PROJECTION