CSE 167:
Introduction to Computer Graphics
Lecture #5: Projection

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Announcements

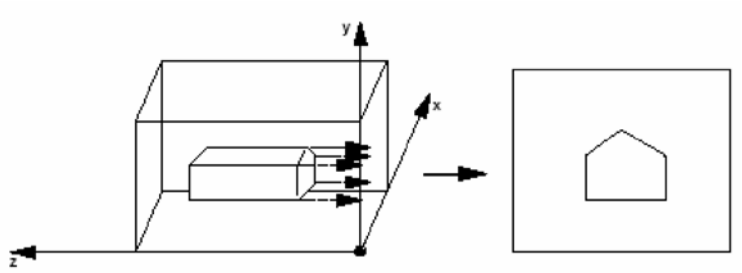
- Friday: homework 1 due at 2pm
  - Upload to TritonEd
  - Demonstrate in CSE basement labs

Topics

- Projection
- Visibility

Projection

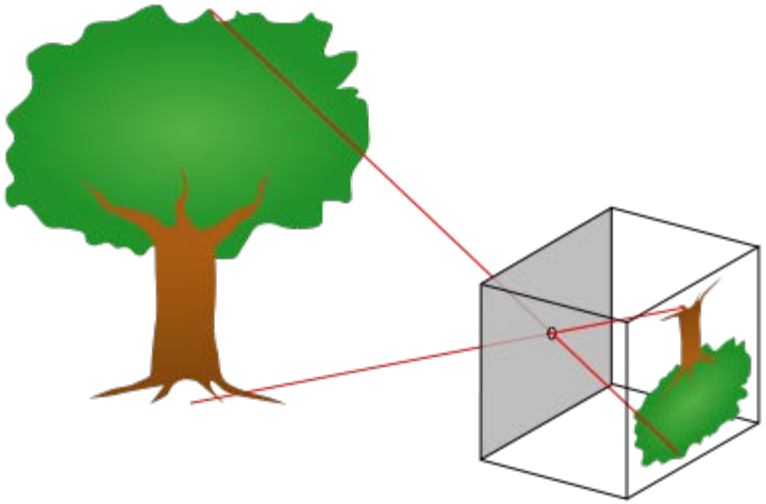
- Goal:
  Given 3D points (vertices) in camera coordinates, determine corresponding image coordinates
- Transforming 3D points into 2D is called Projection
- OpenGL supports two types of projection:
  - Orthographic Projection (=Parallel Projection)



  - Perspective Projection: most commonly used

Perspective Projection

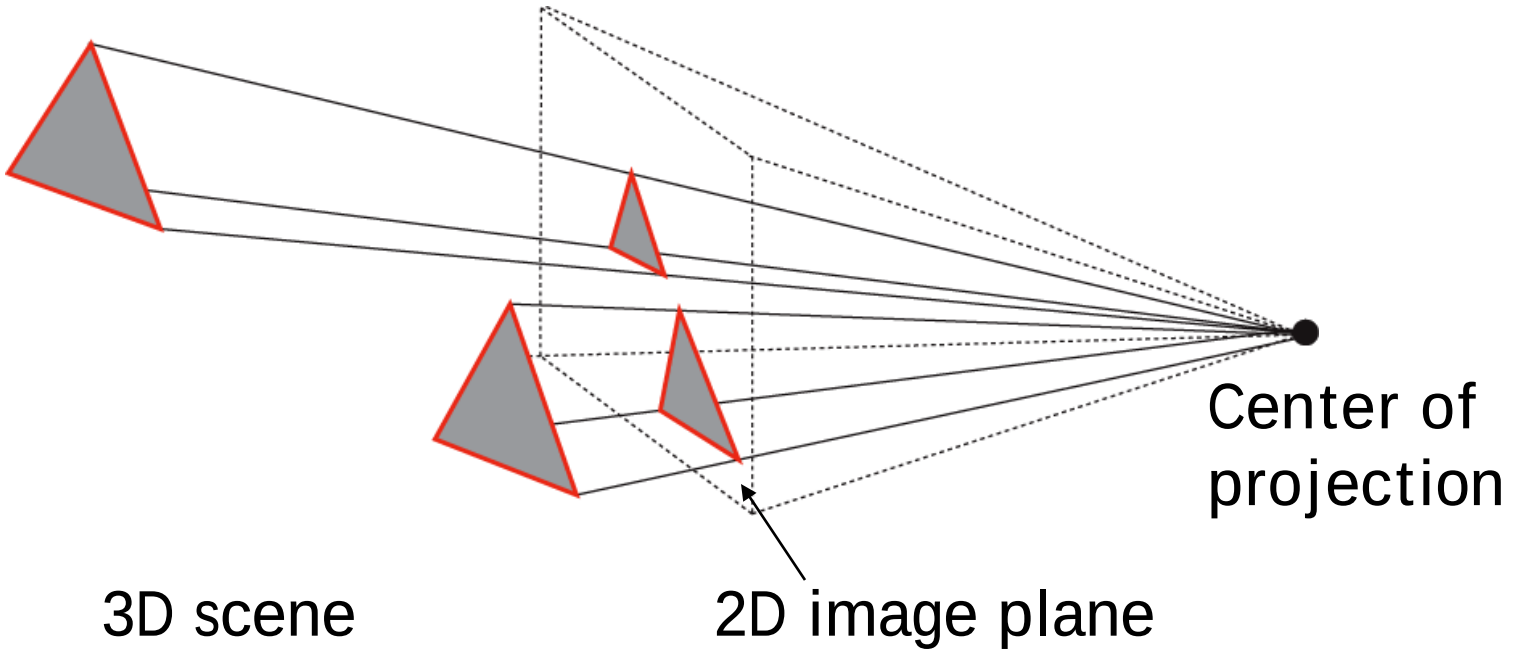
- Most common for computer graphics
- Simplified model of human eye, or camera lens (*pinhole camera*)



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

Perspective Projection

- Project along rays that converge in center of projection



Perspective Projection

Parallel lines are
no longer parallel,
converge in one point

Earliest example:
La Trinitá (1427) by Masaccio

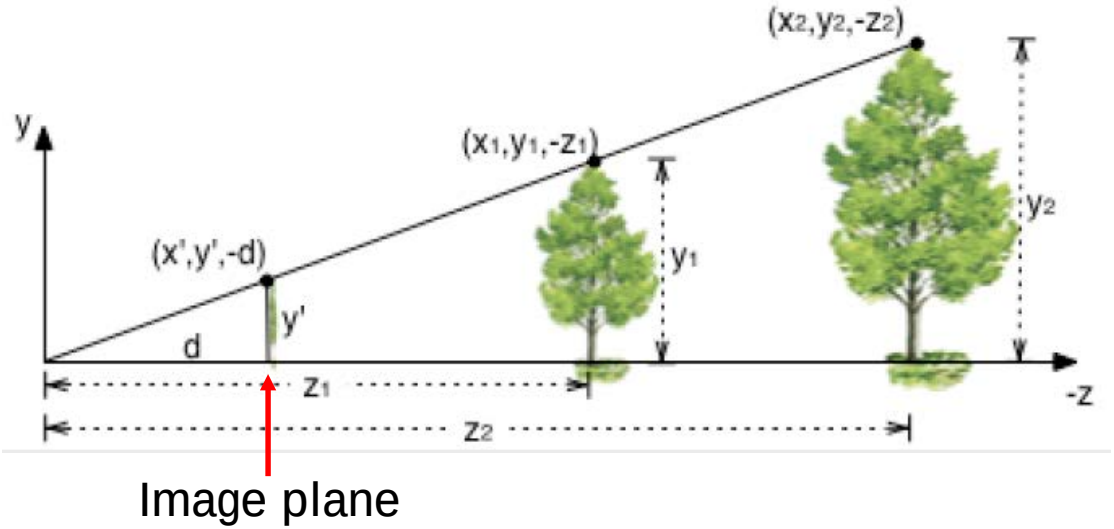
Perspective Projection

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

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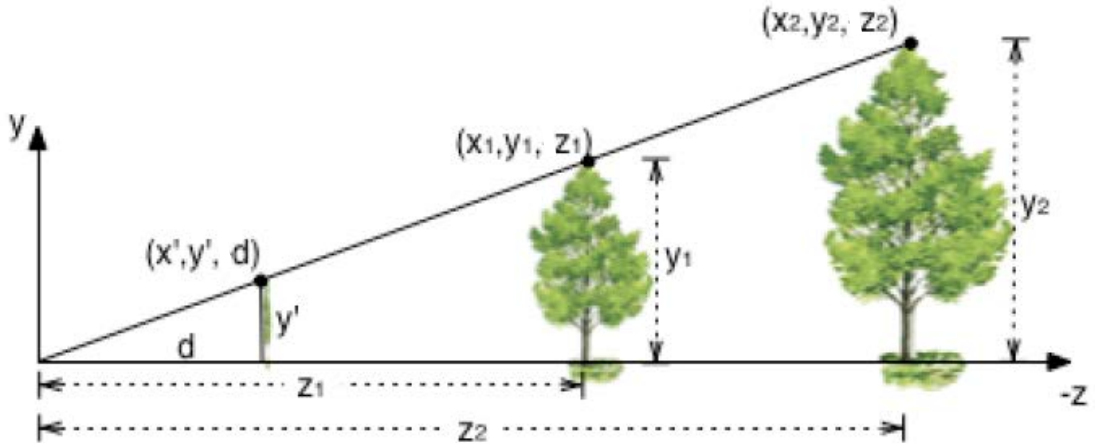
$$y' = \frac{y_1 d}{z_1}$$

$$z' = d$$



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

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

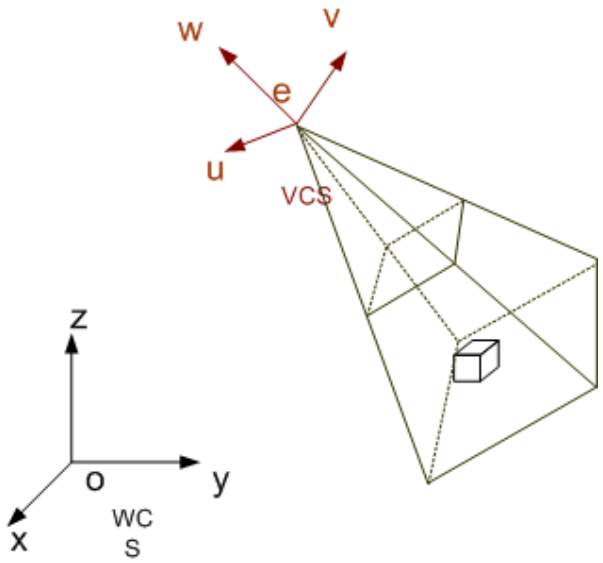
Topics

- View Volumes
- Vertex Transformation
- Rendering Pipeline
- Culling

View Volume

- View volume = 3D volume seen by camera

Camera coordinates



World coordinates

Projection Matrix

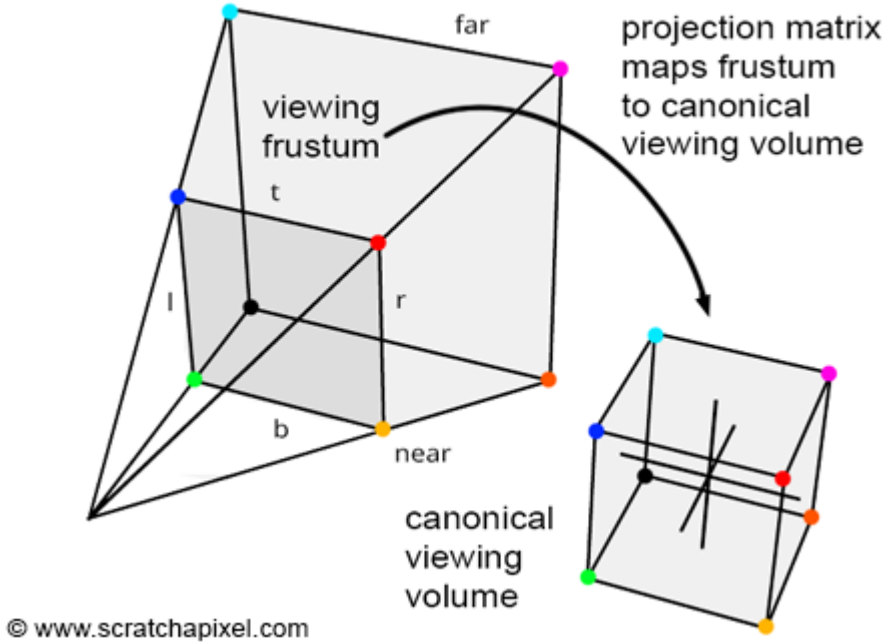
Camera coordinates

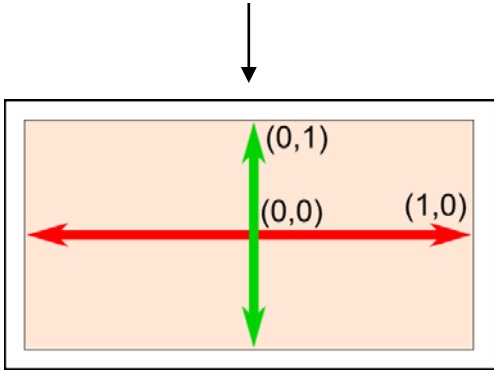
Projection matrix

Canonical view volume

Viewport transformation

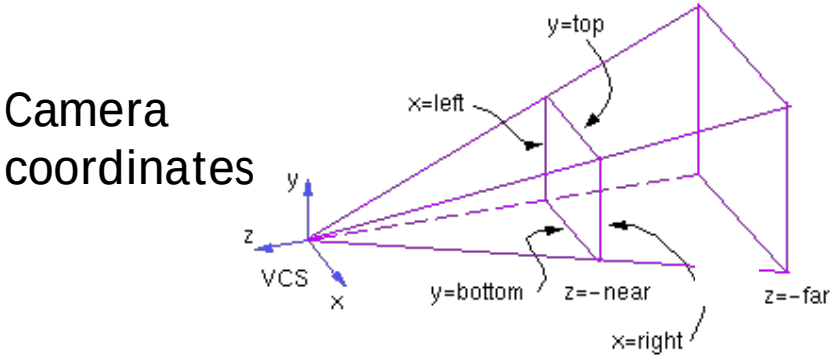
Image space
(pixel coordinates)

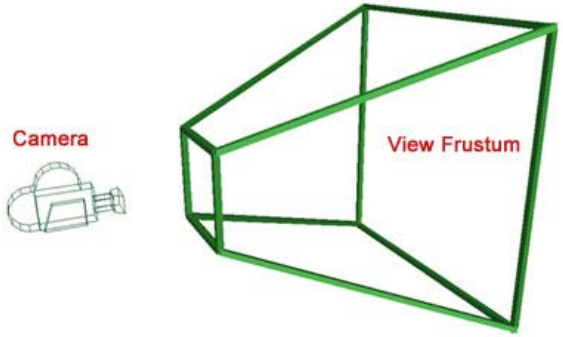




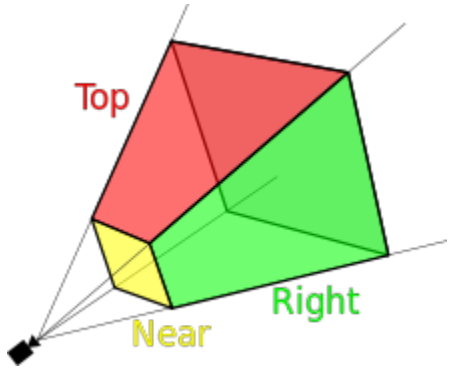
Perspective View Volume

General view volume



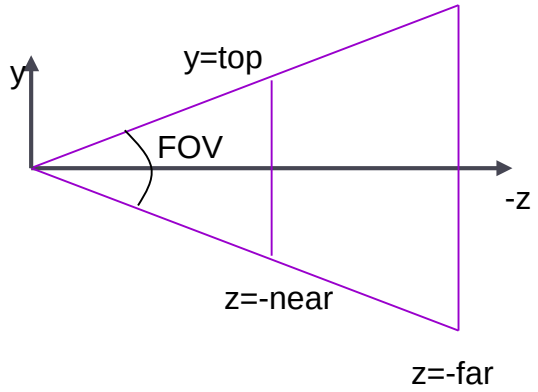


- Defined by 6 parameters, in camera coordinates
  - Left, right, top, bottom boundaries
  - Near, far clipping planes
- Clipping planes to avoid numerical problems
  - Divide by zero
  - Low precision for distant objects
- Usually symmetric, i.e., left=-right, top=-bottom



Perspective View Volume

Symmetrical view volume



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

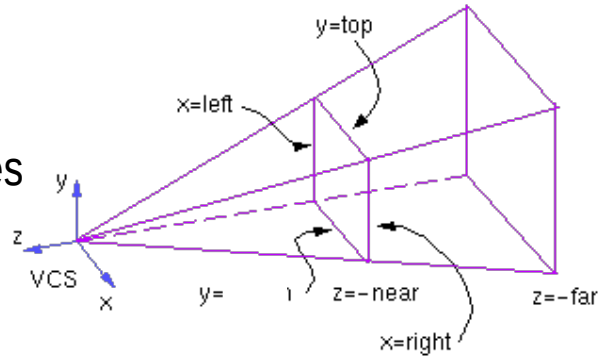
$$\text{aspect ratio} = \frac{right - left}{top - bottom} = \frac{right}{top}$$

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

Perspective Projection Matrix

- General view frustum with 6 parameters

Camera coordinates



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

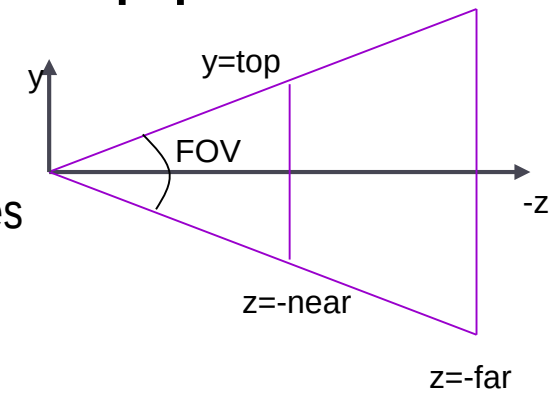
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2near}{right-left} & 0 & \frac{right+left}{right-left} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2near}{top-bottom} & \frac{top+bottom}{top-bottom} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-(far+near)}{far-near} & \frac{-2far \cdot near}{far-near} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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:

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

Lecture Overview

- View Volumes
- Vertex Transformation
- Rendering Pipeline
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Complete Vertex Transformation

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$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{DPC}^{-1}\mathbf{Mp}$$

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

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

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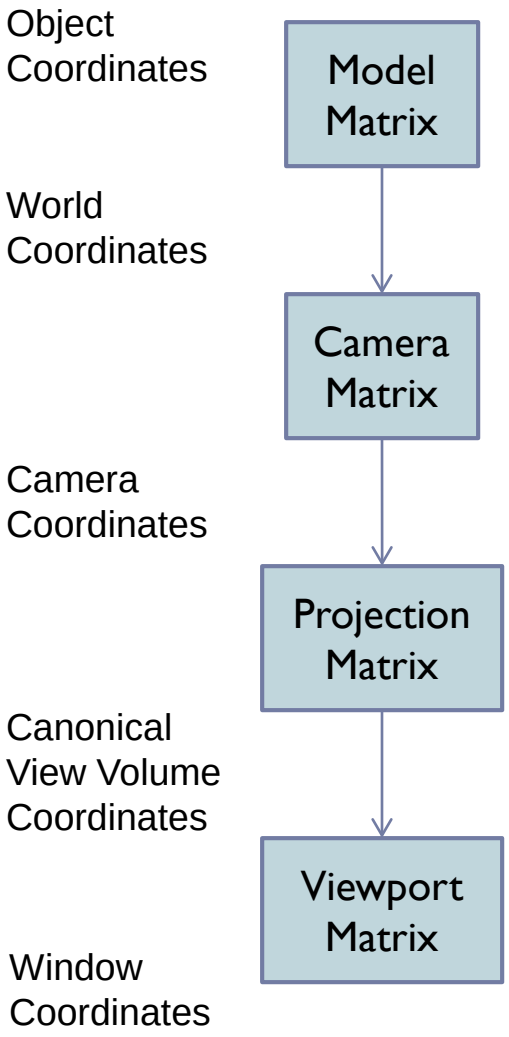
The Complete Vertex Transformation



Complete Vertex Transformation in OpenGL

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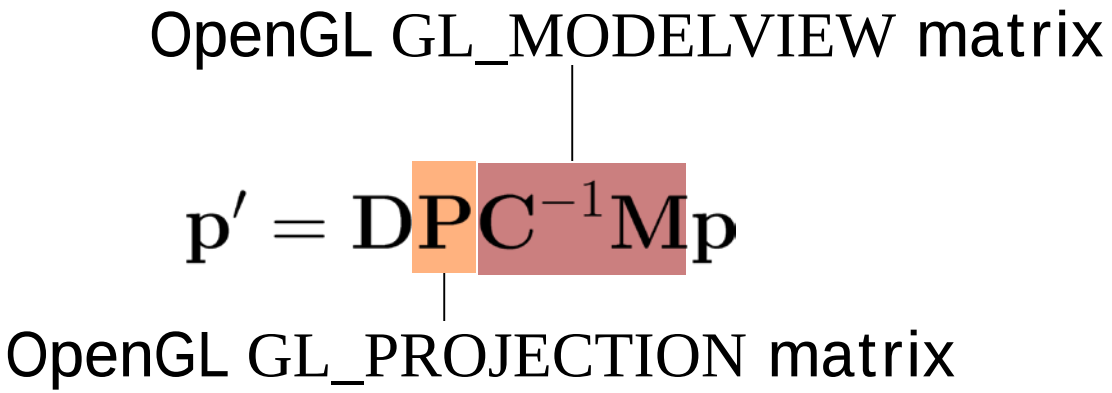

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Complete Vertex Transformation in OpenGL

- GL_MODELVIEW, $\mathbf{C^{-1}M}$
  - 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

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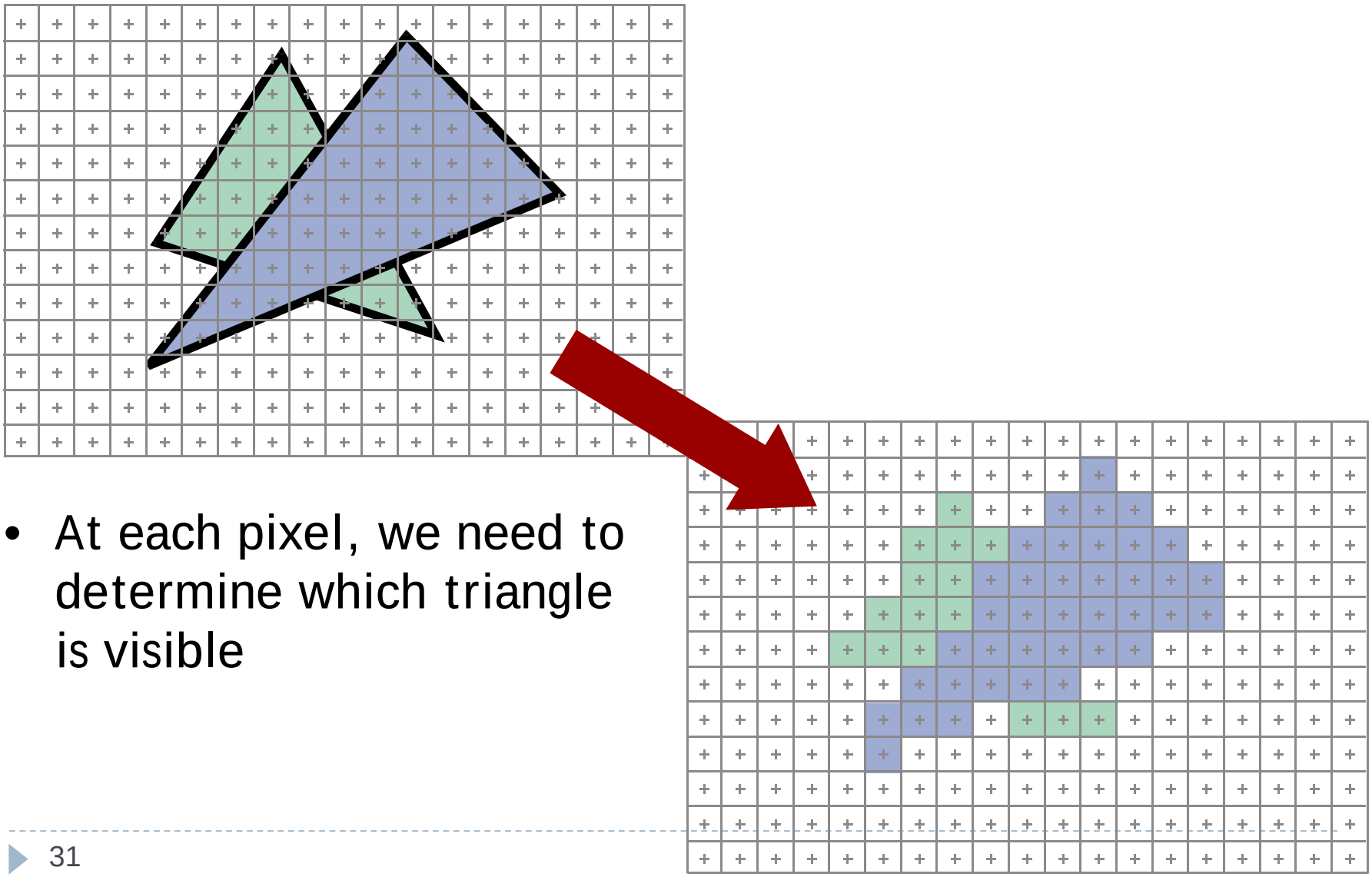
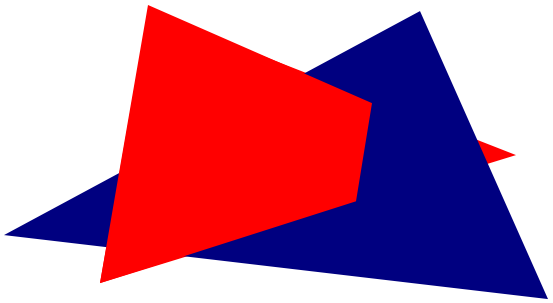
Visibility



- At each pixel, we need to determine which triangle is visible

Painter's Algorithm

- Paint from back to front
- Need to sort geometry according to depth
- Every new pixel always paints over previous pixel in frame buffer
- May need to split triangles if they intersect



- Intuitive, but outdated algorithm - created when memory was expensive
- Needed for translucent geometry even today

Z-Buffering

- Store z-value for each pixel
- Depth test
  - Initialize z-buffer with farthest z value
  - During rasterization, compare stored value to new value
  - Update pixel only if new value is smaller

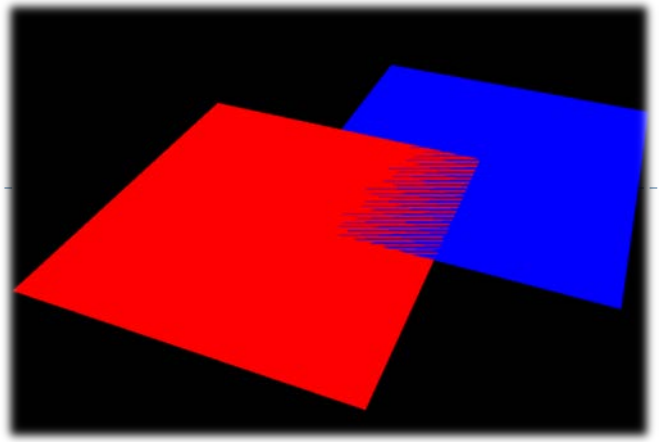
```
setpixel(int x, int y, color c, float z)
if(z<zbuffer(x,y)) then
  zbuffer(x,y) = z
  color(x,y) = c
```

- z-buffer is dedicated memory reserved in GPU memory
- Depth test is performed by GPU → very fast

Z-Buffering in OpenGL

- In OpenGL applications:
  - Ask for a depth buffer when you create your GLFW window.
    - glfwOpenWindow(512, 512, 8, 8, 8, 0, **16**, 0, GLFW_WINDOW)
  - Place a call to glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST) in your program's initialization routine.
  - Ensure that your *zNear* and *zFar* clipping planes are set correctly (glm::perspective(fovy, aspect, zNear, zFar)) and in a way that provides adequate depth buffer precision.
  - Pass GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT as a parameter to glClear.
- Note that the z buffer is non-linear: it uses smaller depth bins in the foreground, larger ones further from the camera.

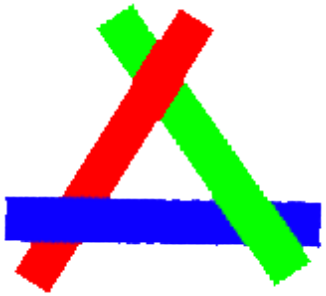
Z-Buffer Fighting



- Problem: polygons which are close together don't get rendered correctly. Errors change with camera perspective → flicker
- Cause: differently colored fragments from different polygons are being rasterized to same pixel and depth → not clear which is in front of which
- Solutions:
  - move surfaces farther apart, so that fragments rasterize into different depth bins
  - bring near and far planes closer together
  - use a higher precision depth buffer. Note that OpenGL often defaults to 16 bit even if your graphics card supports 24 bit or 32 bit depth buffers

Translucent Geometry

- Need to depth sort translucent geometry and render with Painter's Algorithm (back to front)
- Problem: incorrect blending with cyclically overlapping geometry



- Solutions:
  - Back to front rendering of translucent geometry (Painter's Algorithm), after rendering opaque geometry
    - Does not always work correctly: programmer has to weigh rendering correctness against computational effort
  - Theoretically: need to store multiple depth and color values per pixel (not practical in real-time graphics)