3D Viewing

CS 4620 Lecture 12

Viewing, backward and forward

- So far have used the backward approach to viewing
  - start from pixel
  - ask what part of scene projects to pixel
  - explicitly construct the ray corresponding to the pixel
- Next will look at the forward approach
  - start from a point in 3D
  - compute its projection into the image
- Central tool is matrix transformations
  - combines seamlessly with coordinate transformations used to position camera and model
  - ultimate goal: single matrix operation to map any 3D point to its correct screen location.

Forward viewing

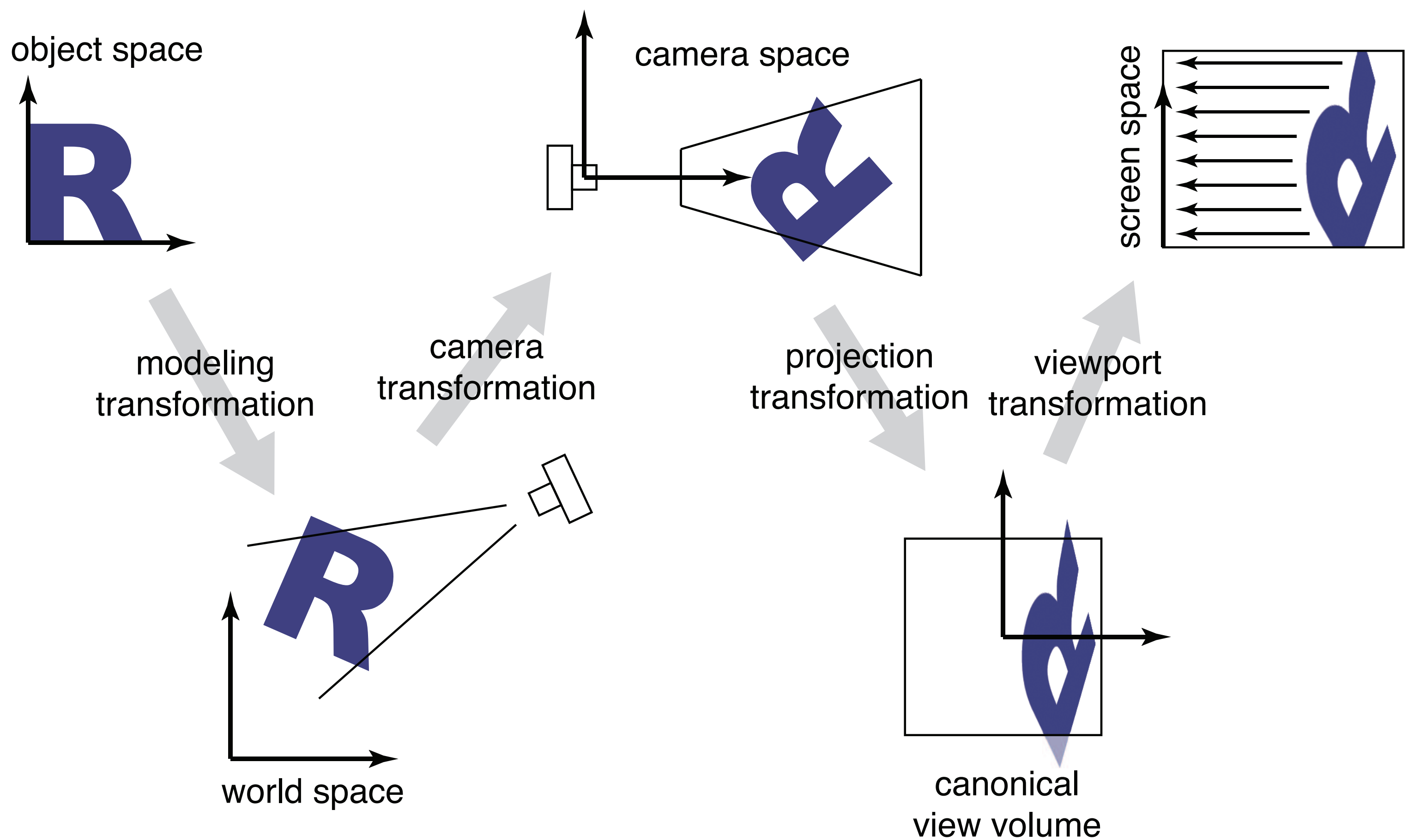
- Would like to just invert the ray generation process
- Problem 1: ray generation produces rays, not points in scene
- Inverting the ray tracing process requires division for the perspective case

Mathematics of projection

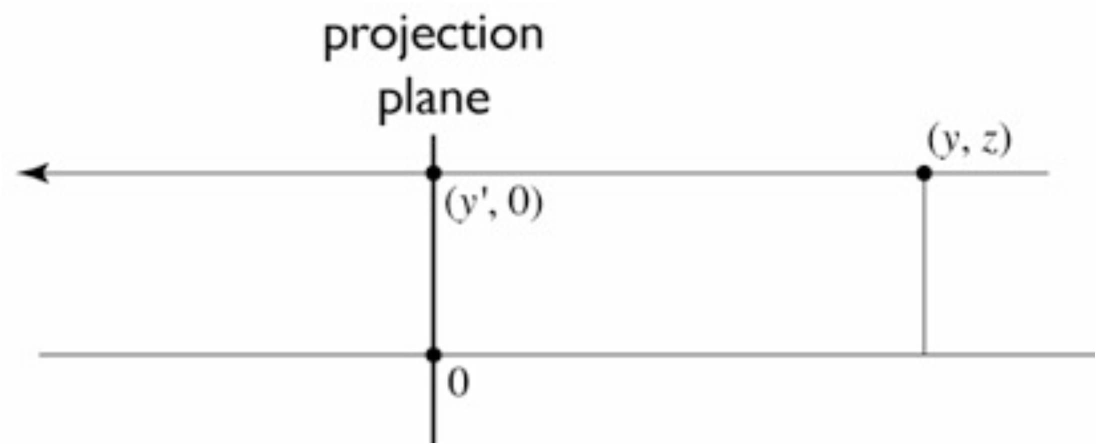
- Always work in eye coords
  - assume eye point at **0** and plane perpendicular to z
- Orthographic case
  - a simple projection: just toss out z
- Perspective case: scale diminishes with z
  - and increases with d

Pipeline of transformations

- Standard sequence of transforms



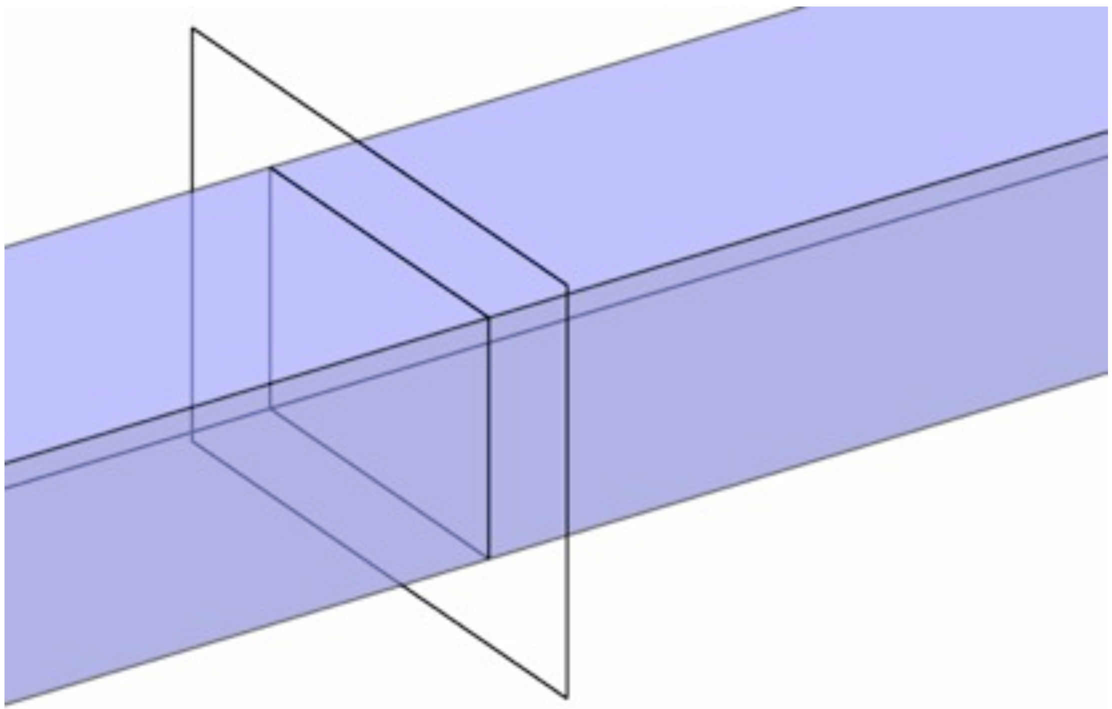
Parallel projection: orthographic



to implement orthographic, just toss out z:

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

View volume: orthographic



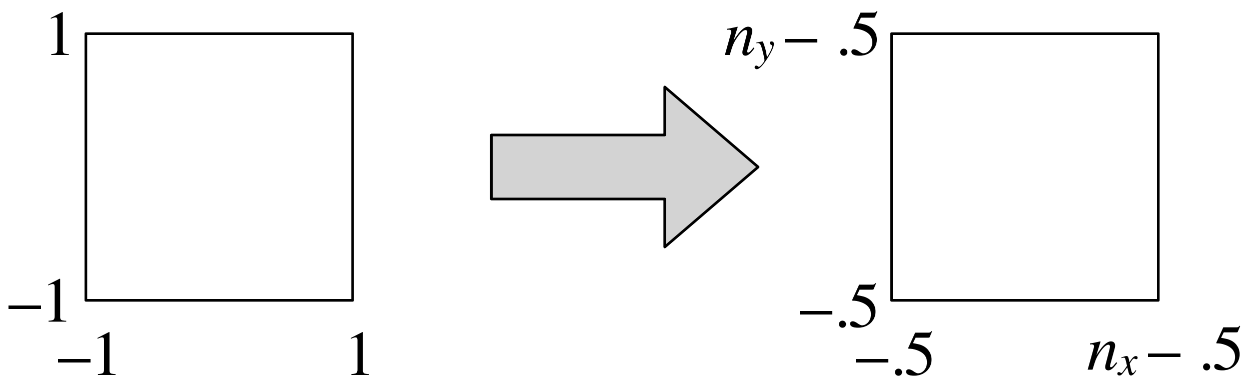
Viewing a cube of size 2

- Start by looking at a restricted case: the *canonical view volume*
- It is the cube $[-1,1]^3$, viewed from the *z* direction
- Matrix to project it into a square image in $[-1,1]^2$ is trivial:

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

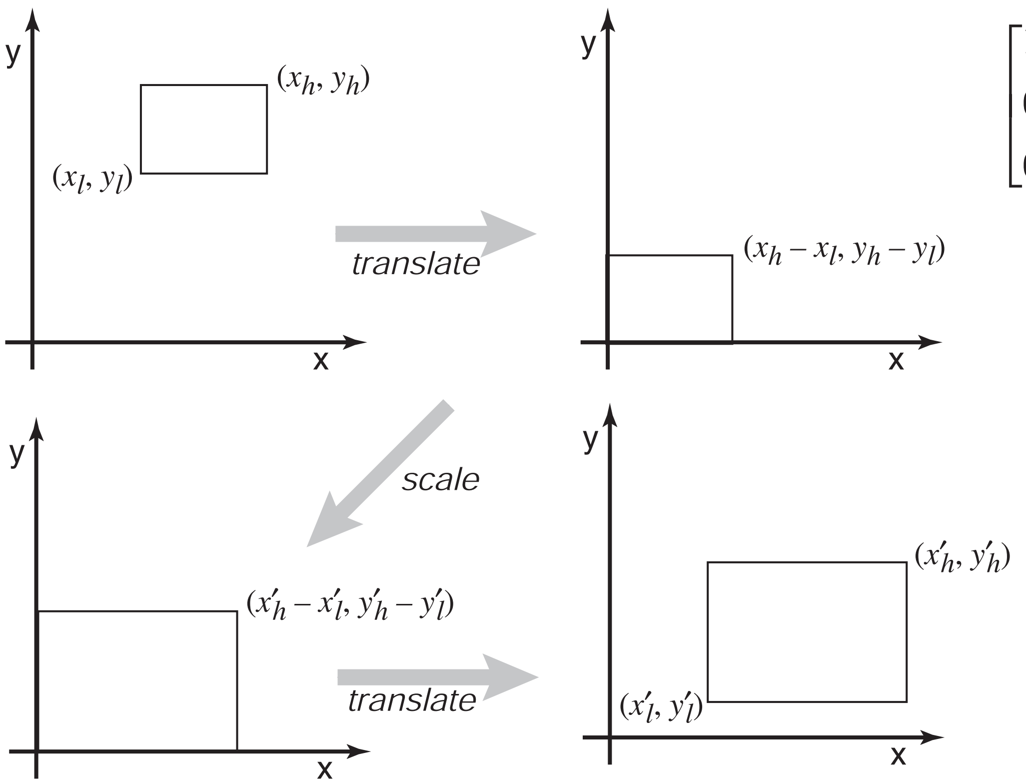
Viewing a cube of size 2

- To draw in image, need coordinates in pixel units, though
- Exactly the opposite of mapping (*i*,*j*) to (*u*,*v*) in ray generation



Windowing transforms

- This transformation is worth generalizing: take one axis-aligned rectangle or box to another
  - a useful, if mundane, piece of a transformation chain



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & x'_l \\ 0 & 1 & y'_l \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x'_h - x'_l}{x_h - x_l} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{y'_h - y'_l}{y_h - y_l} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -x_l \\ 0 & 1 & -y_l \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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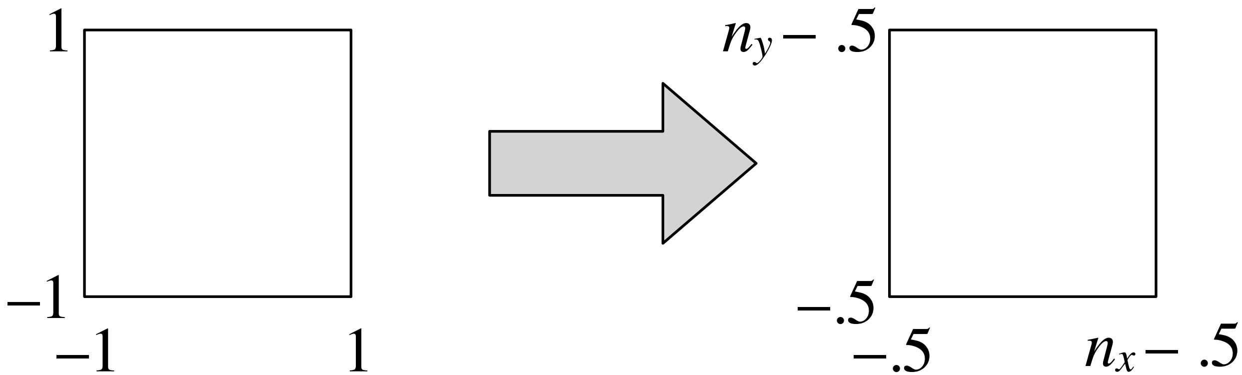
[Shirley3e f. 6-16; eq. 6-6]

Viewport transformation



$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{\text{screen}} \\ y_{\text{screen}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n_x}{2} & 0 & \frac{n_x - 1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{n_y}{2} & \frac{n_y - 1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{\text{canonical}} \\ y_{\text{canonical}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

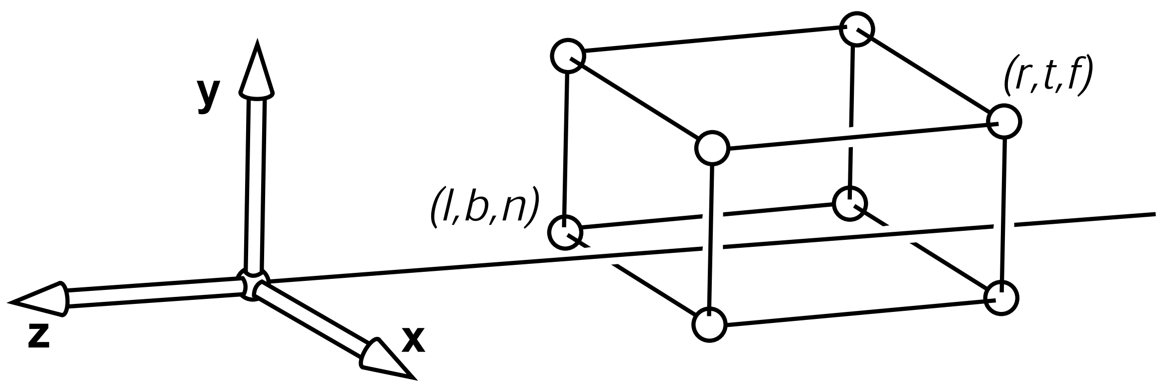
Viewport transformation

- In 3D, carry along z for the ride
  - one extra row and column

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{vp}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n_x}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{n_x - 1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{n_y}{2} & 0 & \frac{n_y - 1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Orthographic projection

- First generalization: different view rectangle
  - retain the minus-z view direction



  - specify view by left, right, top, bottom (as in RT)
  - also near, far

Clipping planes

- In object-order systems we always use at least two *clipping planes* that further constrain the view volume
  - near plane: parallel to view plane; things between it and the viewpoint will not be rendered
  - far plane: also parallel; things behind it will not be rendered
- These planes are:
  - partly to remove unnecessary stuff (e.g. behind the camera)
  - but really to constrain the range of depths

    (we'll see why later)

Orthographic projection

- We can implement this by mapping the view volume to the canonical view volume.
- This is just a 3D windowing transformation!

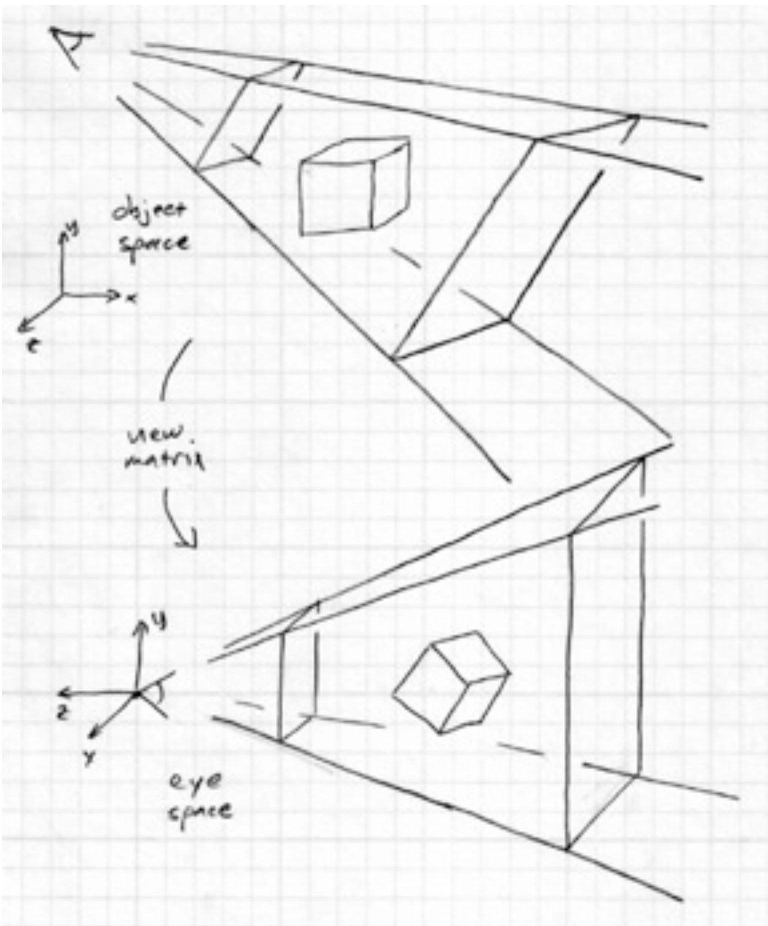
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{x'_h - x'_l}{x_h - x_l} & 0 & 0 & \frac{x'_l x_h - x'_h x_l}{x_h - x_l} \\ 0 & \frac{y'_h - y'_l}{y_h - y_l} & 0 & \frac{y'_l y_h - y'_h y_l}{y_h - y_l} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{z'_h - z'_l}{z_h - z_l} & \frac{z'_l z_h - z'_h z_l}{z_h - z_l} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

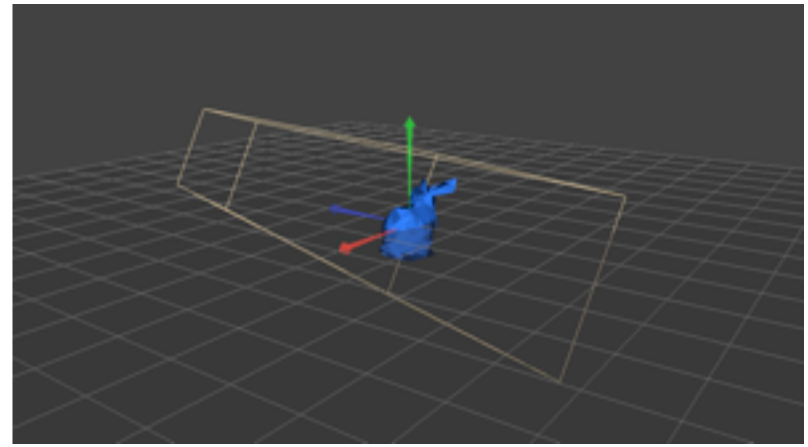
$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{orth}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & -\frac{n+f}{n-f} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

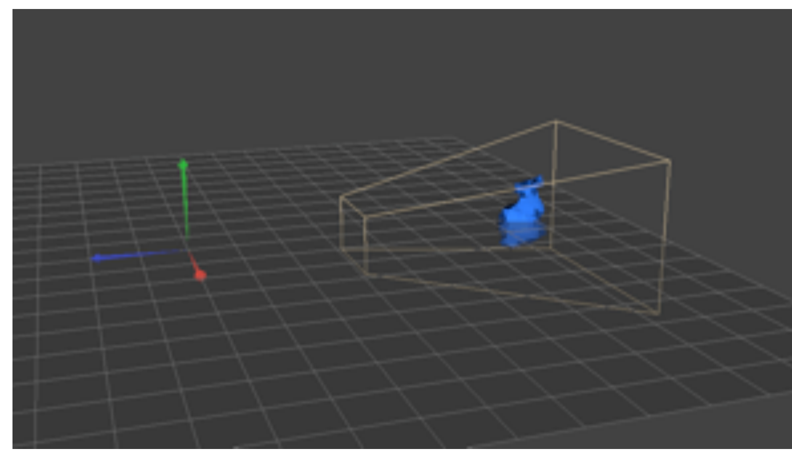
Camera and modeling matrices

- We worked out all the preceding transforms starting from eye coordinates
  - before we do any of this stuff we need to transform into that space
- Transform from world (canonical) to eye space is traditionally called the *viewing matrix*
  - it is the canonical-to-frame matrix for the camera frame
  - that is, F_c^{-1}
- Remember that geometry would originally have been in the object's local coordinates; transform into world coordinates is called the *modeling matrix*, M_m
- Note many programs combine the two into a *modelview* matrix and just skip world coordinates

Viewing transformation







the camera matrix rewrites all coordinates in eye space

Orthographic transformation chain

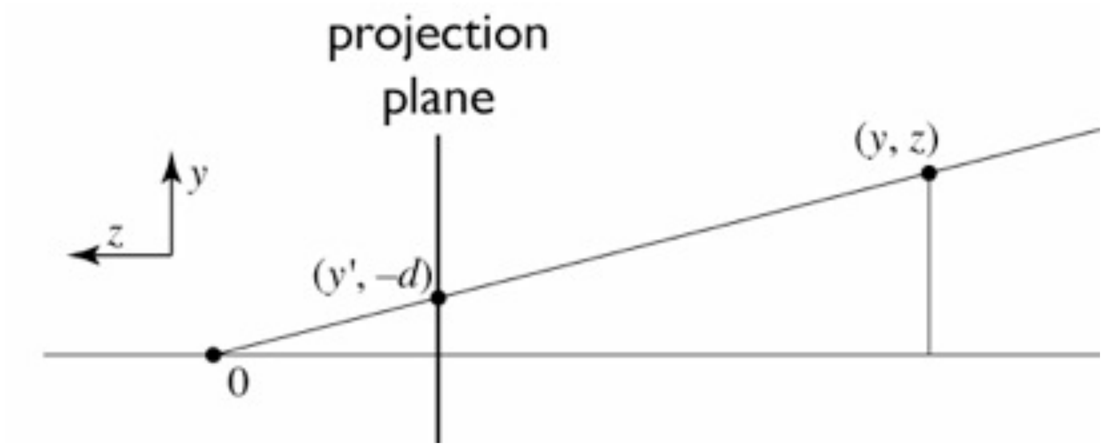
- Start with coordinates in object's local coordinates
- Transform into world coords (modeling transform, M_m)
- Transform into eye coords (camera xf., $M_{\text{cam}} = F_c^{-1}$)
- Orthographic projection, M_{orth}
- Viewport transform, M_{vp}

$$\mathbf{p}_s = \mathbf{M}_{\text{vp}}\mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}}\mathbf{M}_{\text{cam}}\mathbf{M}_{\text{m}}\mathbf{p}_o$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_s \\ y_s \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n_x}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{n_x-1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{n_y}{2} & 0 & \frac{n_y-1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & -\frac{n+f}{n-f} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{w} & \mathbf{e} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \mathbf{M}_{\text{m}} \begin{bmatrix} x_o \\ y_o \\ z_o \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$


Ray Verrier

Perspective projection



similar triangles:

$$\frac{y'}{d} = \frac{y}{-z}$$

$$y' = -dy/z$$

Homogeneous coordinates revisited

- Perspective requires division
  - that is not part of affine transformations
  - in affine, parallel lines stay parallel
    - therefore not vanishing point
    - therefore no rays converging on viewpoint
- "True" purpose of homogeneous coords: projection

Homogeneous coordinates revisited

- Introduced *w* = 1 coordinate as a placeholder

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

  – used as a convenience for unifying translation with linear

- Can also allow arbitrary *w*

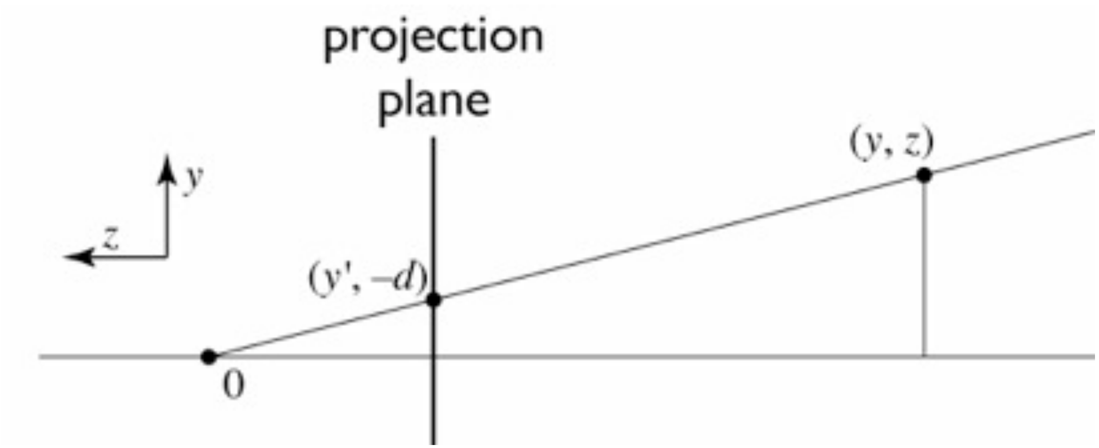
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} wx \\ wy \\ wz \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

Implications of *w*

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} wx \\ wy \\ wz \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

- All scalar multiples of a 4-vector are equivalent
- When *w* is not zero, can divide by *w*
  - therefore these points represent "normal" affine points
- When *w* is zero, it's a point at infinity, a.k.a. a direction
  - this is the point where parallel lines intersect
  - can also think of it as the vanishing point
- Digression on projective space

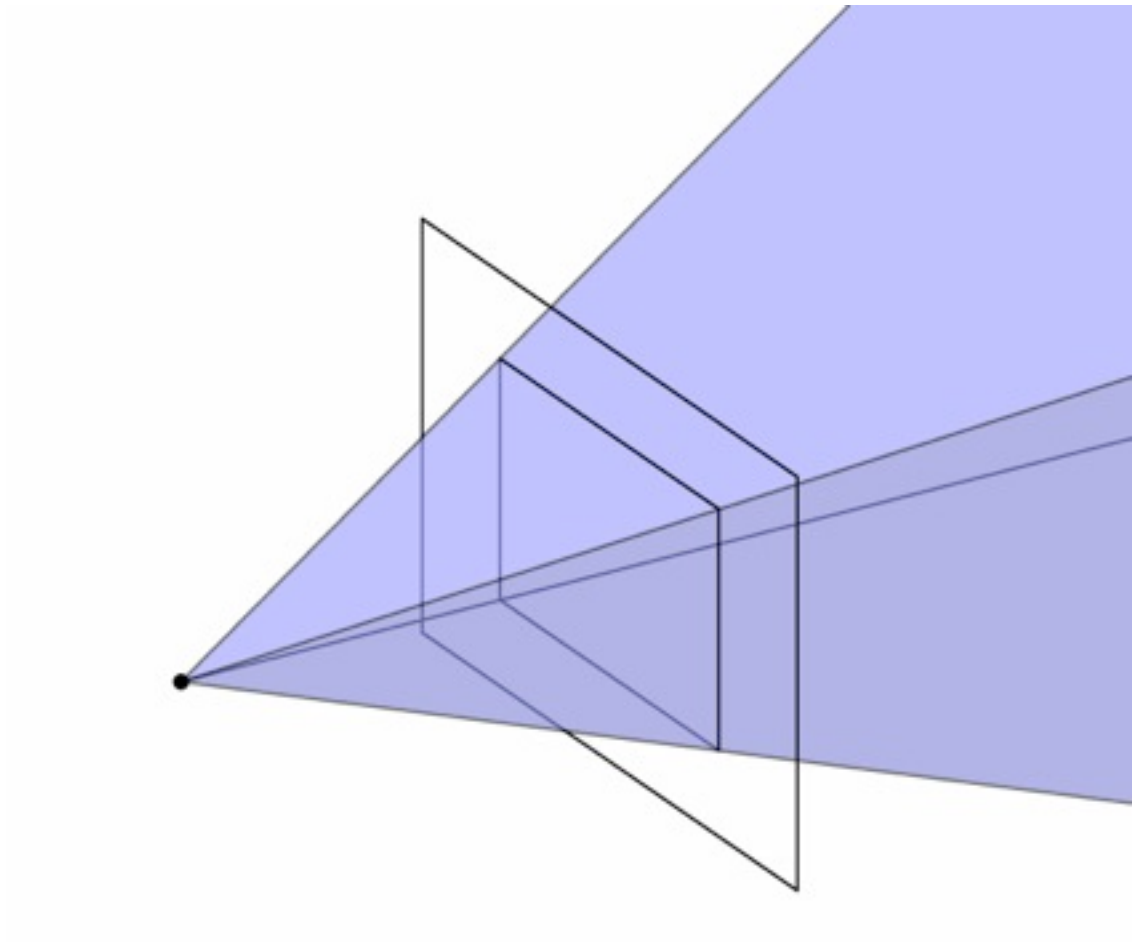
Perspective projection



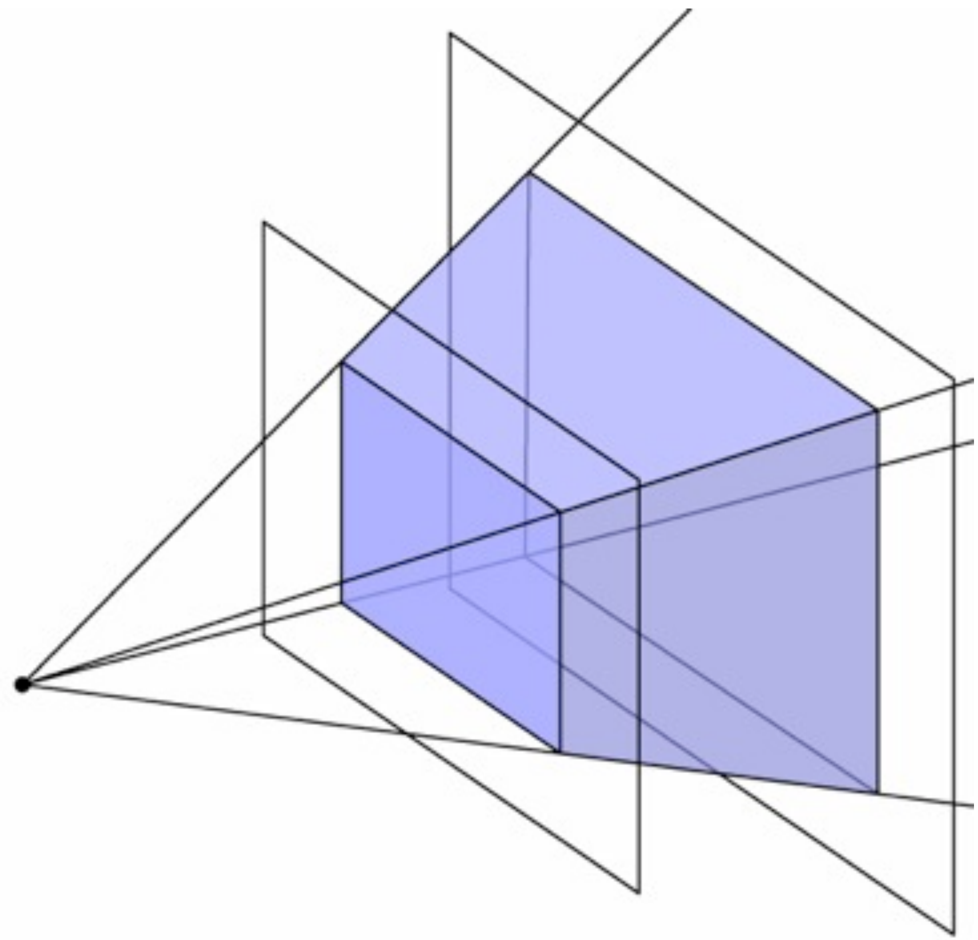
to implement perspective, just move z to w:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -dx/z \\ -dy/z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \\ -z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

View volume: perspective



View volume: perspective (clipped)



Carrying depth through perspective

- Perspective has a varying denominator—can't preserve depth!
- Compromise: preserve depth on near and far planes

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ \tilde{y} \\ \tilde{z} \\ -z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

  – that is, choose a and b so that *z*'(*n*) = *n* and *z*'(*f*) = *f*.

$$\tilde{z}(z) = az + b$$

$$z'(z) = \frac{\tilde{z}}{-z} = \frac{az+b}{-z}$$

$$\text{want } z'(n) = n \text{ and } z'(f) = f$$

$$\text{result: } a = -(n+f) \text{ and } b = nf \text{ (try it)}$$

Official perspective matrix

- Use near plane distance as the projection distance
  - i.e., $d = -n$
- Scale by -1 to have fewer minus signs
  - scaling the matrix does not change the projective transformation

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n+f & -fn \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Perspective projection matrix

- Product of perspective matrix with orth. projection matrix

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{per}} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}}\mathbf{P}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & -\frac{n+f}{n-f} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n+f & -fn \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2n}{r-l} & 0 & \frac{l+r}{l-r} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2n}{t-b} & \frac{b+t}{b-t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{f+n}{n-f} & \frac{2fn}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Perspective transformation chain

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Pipeline of transformations

- Standard sequence of transforms