# Viewing and Projections 

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## A Simplified Graphics Pipeline



## A few more steps expanded



## Conceptual Vertex Transformation



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## Eye Coordinates (not NDC)



## Planar Geometric Projections

$■$ Standard projections project onto a plane

- Projectors are lines that either
- converge at a center of projection
- are parallel
$\square$ Such projections preserve lines
-but not necessarily angles
- Nonplanar projections are needed for applications such as map construction


## Classical Projections



## Perspective vs Parallel

-Computer graphics treats all projections the same and implements them with a single pipeline
-Classical viewing developed different techniques for drawing each type of projection
-Fundamental distinction is between parallel and perspective viewing even though mathematically parallel viewing is the limit of perspective viewing

## Taxonomy of Projections

planar geometric projections
multiview 1 point 2 point 3 point
multiview axonometric oblique orthographic

isometric dimetric trimetric

## Parallel Projection



## Perspective Projection



## Orthographic Projection

## Projectors are orthogonal to projection surface



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## Multiview Orthographic Projection

- Projection plane parallel to principal face

■ Usually form front, top, side views
isometric (not multiview orthographic view)

in CAD and architecture, we often display three multiviews plus isometric top


## Advantages and Disadvantages

$■$ Preserves both distances and angles

- Shapes preserved
- Can be used for measurements
-Building plans
-Manuals
■ Cannot see what object really looks like because many surfaces hidden from view
■Often we add the isometric


## Projections and Normalization

- The default projection in the eye (camera) frame is orthogonal
$\square$ For points within the default view volume

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{\mathrm{p}}=\mathrm{x} \\
& \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{p}}=\mathrm{y} \\
& \mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{p}}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

■ Most graphics systems use view normalization

- All other views are converted to the default view by transformations that determine the projection matrix
- Allows use of the same pipeline for all views


## Default Projection

## Default projection is orthographic



## Orthogonal Normalization

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

normalization $\Rightarrow$ find transformation to convert specified clipping volume to default


## OpenGL Orthogonal Viewing

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



## Homogeneous Representation

default orthographic projection

$$
\left.\begin{array}{cc}
\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{p}}=\mathrm{x} \\
\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{p}}=\mathrm{y} \\
\mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{p}}=0 \\
\mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{p}}=1
\end{array} \quad \mathbf{M}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]\right) ~ .
$$

In practice, we can let $\mathbf{M}=\mathbf{I}$ and set the $z$ term to zero later

## Orthographic Eye to NDC

■ Two steps
$\square$ Move center to origin
$\mathrm{T}(-($ left + right $) / 2,-($ bottom + top $) / 2,-($ near + far $) / 2)$ )
$\square$ Scale to have sides of length 2
S(2/(left-right),2/(top-bottom),2/(near-far))

$$
\mathbf{P}=\mathbf{S T}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{2}{\text { right-left }} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\text { right }+ \text { left }}{\text { right }- \text { left }} \\
0 & \frac{2}{\text { top }- \text { bottom }} & 0 & -\frac{\text { top }+ \text { bottom }}{\text { top }- \text { bottom }} \\
0 & 0 & \frac{2}{\text { near }- \text { far }} & -\frac{\text { far }+ \text { near }}{\text { far }- \text { near }} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Orthographic Transform

- Prototype
- glOrtho(GLdouble left, GLdouble right, GLdouble bottom, GLdouble top,
GLdouble near, GLdouble far)
$■$ Post-concatenates an orthographic matrix
$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}\frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-2}{f-n} & -\frac{f+n}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right]$


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## glOrtho Example

- Consider
- glLoadIdentity();
glOrtho(-20, 30, 10, 60, 15, -25)

$\square$ left $=-20$, right $=30$, bottom $=10$, top $=50$, near $=15$, far $=-25$
- Matrix

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\
0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\
0 & 0 & \frac{-2}{f-n} & -\frac{f+n}{f-n} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{1}{25} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} \\
0 & \frac{1}{20} & 0 & -\frac{3}{2} \\
0 & 0 & \frac{1}{20} & -\frac{1}{4} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Axonometric Projections

Allow projection plane to move relative to object
classify by how many angles of a corner of a projected cube are the same
none: trimetric two: dimetric three: isometric


## Types of Axonometric Projections



Dimetric


Trimetric


Isometric

## Advantages and Disadvantages

- Lines are scaled (foreshortened) but can find scaling factors
- Lines preserved but angles are not
- Projection of a circle in a plane not parallel to the projection plane is an ellipse
- Can see three principal faces of a box-like object
- Some optical illusions possible
- Parallel lines appear to diverge
- Does not look real because far objects are scaled the same as near objects
- Used in CAD applications


## Oblique Projection

Arbitrary relationship between projectors and projection plane


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## Advantages and Disadvantages

- Can pick the angles to emphasize a particular face
- Architecture: plan oblique, elevation oblique
- Angles in faces parallel to projection plane are preserved while we can still see "around" side

- In physical world, cannot create with simple camera; possible with bellows camera or special lens (architectural)


## Perspective Projection

## Projectors coverge at center of projection



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## Vanishing Points

- Parallel lines (not parallel to the projection plan) on the object converge at a single point in the projection (the vanishing point)
- Drawing simple perspectives by hand uses these vanishing point(s)



## Three-Point Perspective

- No principal face parallel to projection plane
- Three vanishing points for cube



## Two-Point Perspective

- On principal direction parallel to projection plane
- Two vanishing points for cube



## One-Point Perspective

■ One principal face parallel to projection plane
■ One vanishing point for cube


## Perspective in Art History



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## Perspective in Art History



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## Humanist Analysis of Perspective


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## Advantages and Disadvantages

- Objects further from viewer are projected smaller than the same sized objects closer to the viewer (diminution)
- Looks realistic

■ Equal distances along a line are not projected into equal distances (nonuniform foreshortening)

- Angles preserved only in planes parallel to the projection plane
- More difficult to construct by hand than parallel projections (but not more difficult by computer)


## 1-, 2-, and 3-point Perspective

- A $4 x 4$ matrix can represent 1,2 , or 3 vanishing points
■ As well as zero for orthographic views


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

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## Simple Perspective

- Center of projection at the origin
- Projection plane $z=d, d<0$



## Perspective Equations

## Consider top and side views



## Homogeneous Form

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { consider } \mathbf{q}=\mathbf{M p} \text { where } \mathbf{M}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 / d & 0
\end{array}\right] \\
& \mathbf{q}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
x \\
y \\
z \\
1
\end{array}\right] \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
x \\
y \\
z \\
z / d
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

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## OpenGL Perspective

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


## Simple Perspective

Consider a simple perspective with the COP at the origin, the near clipping plane at $z=-1$, and a 90 degree field of view determined by the planes

$$
x= \pm z, y= \pm z
$$



## Simple Eye to NDC

$$
\mathbf{N}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \alpha & \beta \\
0 & 0 & -1 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

after perspective division, the point $(x, y, z, 1)$ goes to

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x^{\prime}=x / z \\
& y^{\prime}=y / z \\
& z^{\prime}=-(\alpha+\beta / z)
\end{aligned}
$$

which projects orthogonally to the desired point regardless of $\alpha$ and $\beta$

## Picking $\alpha$ and $\beta$

If we pick

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \alpha=\frac{\text { near }+ \text { far }}{\text { far }- \text { near }} \\
& \beta=\frac{2 \text { near } * \text { far }}{\text { near }- \text { far }}
\end{aligned}
$$

the near plane is mapped to $z=-1$
the far plane is mapped to $z=1$
and the sides are mapped to $x= \pm 1, y= \pm 1$
If we start from the simple eye frustum, we end up with the NDC clipping cube

## Normalization Transformation



## Frustum Transform

- Prototype

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

- Post-concatenates a frustum matrix

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{2 n}{r-l} & 0 & \frac{r+l}{r-l} & 0 \\
0 & \frac{2 n}{t-b} & \frac{t+b}{t-b} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{-(f+n)}{f-n} & \frac{-2 f n}{f-n} \\
0 & 0 & -1 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

## glFrustum Matrix

$■$ Projection specification

- glLoadIdentity(); gIFrustum( $-4,+4,-3,+3,5,80$ )

-left $=-4$, right $=4$, bottom $=-3$, top $=3$, near $=5$, far= 80
- Matrix
symmetric left/right \& top/bottom so zero
$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}\frac{2 n}{r-l} & 0 & \frac{r+l}{r-l} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2 n}{t-b} & \frac{t+b}{t-b} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-(f+n)}{f-n} & \frac{-2 f n}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}\frac{5}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{5}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{85}{75} & -\frac{800}{75} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0\end{array}\right]$

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## glFrustum Example

- Consider
- glLoadIdentity(); glFrustum(-30, 30, -20, 20, 1, 1000)

$\square$ left $=-30$, right $=30$, bottom $=-20$, top $=20$, near $=1$, far $=1000$
- Matrix
symmetric left/right \& top/bottom so zero

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{2 n}{r-l} & 0 & \frac{r+l}{r-l} & 0 \\
0 & \frac{2 n}{t-b} & \frac{t+b}{t-b} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{-(f+n)}{f-n} & \frac{-2 f n}{f-n} \\
0 & 0 & -1 & 0
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{1}{30} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \frac{1}{20} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -\frac{1001}{999} & -\frac{2000}{999} \\
0 & 0 & -1 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

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## glOrtho and glFrustum

- These OpenGL commands provide a parameterized transform mapping eye space into the "clip cube"
■ Each command
- glOrtho is orthographic

- glFrustum is single-point perspective



## Next Lecture

- More viewing
- Transform from object to eye space

