
CS380: Computer Graphics Viewing Transformation

Sung-Eui Yoon
(윤성의)

Course URL:
<http://sgvr.kaist.ac.kr/~sungeui/CG/>

KAIST

The KAIST logo consists of the word "KAIST" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below the text is a horizontal blue oval shape that tapers at both ends, serving as a shadow or underline for the text.

Class Objectives

- **Know camera setup parameters**
- **Understand viewing and projection processes**

- **Related to Ch. 4: Camera Setting**

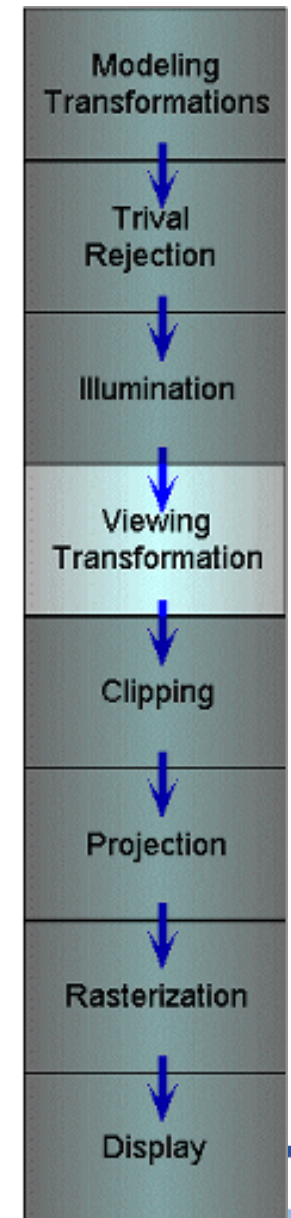
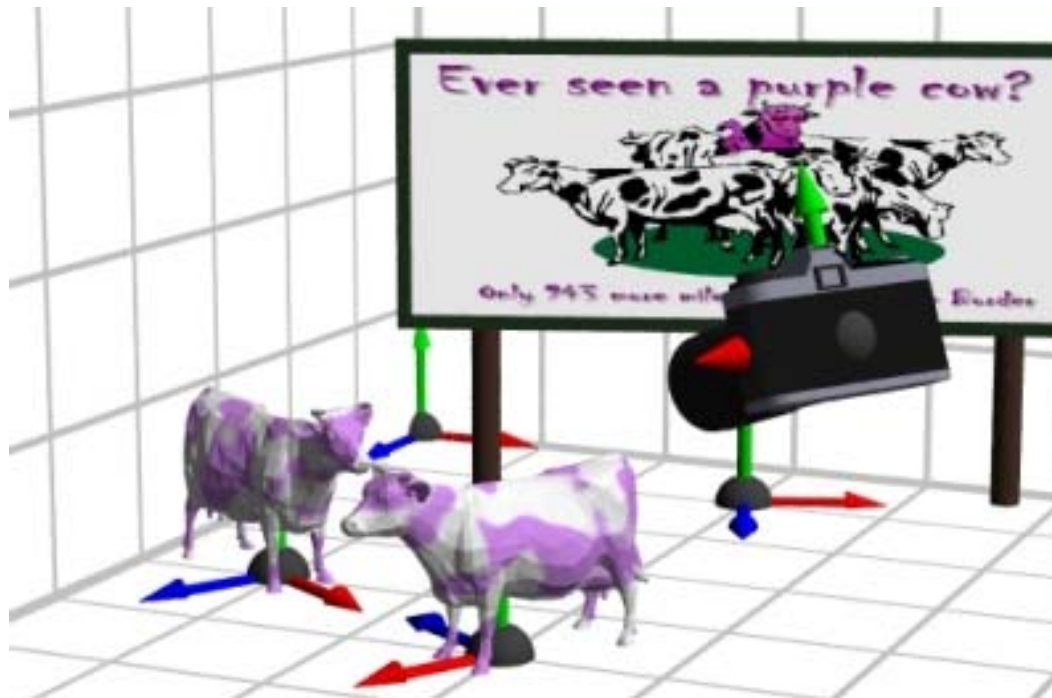
- **At the last class:**
 - **Briefly went over rendering pipeline**
 - **3D rotation w/ the frame concept**
 - **Geometric meanings of dot product and cross products**

Questions

- **In rendering pipeline, it seems to me that the Trivial rejection in Modeling Transforms and Clipping do the same function. Eliminating not visible things. What is the difference between them?**

Viewing Transformations

- Map points from world spaces to eye space
 - Can be composed from rotations and translations



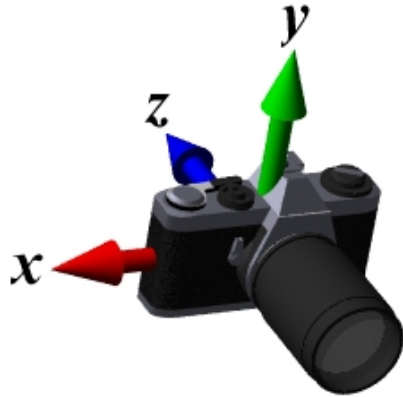
Viewing Transformations

- **Goal: specify position and orientation of our camera**
 - **Defines a coordinate frame for eye space**



“Framing” the Picture

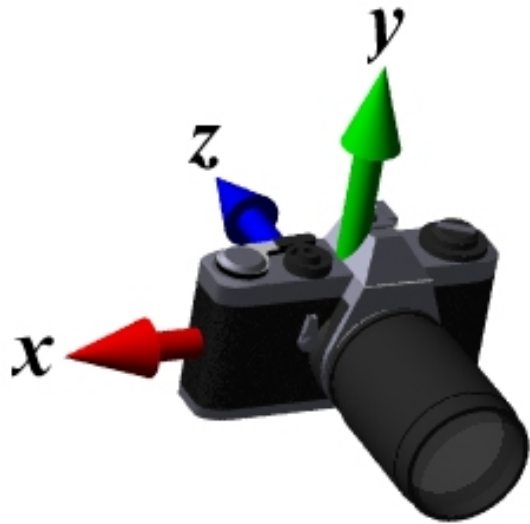
- **A new camera coordinate**
 - **Camera position at the origin**
 - **Z-axis aligned with the view direction**
 - **Y-axis aligned with the up direction**



- **More natural to think of camera as an object positioned in the world frame**

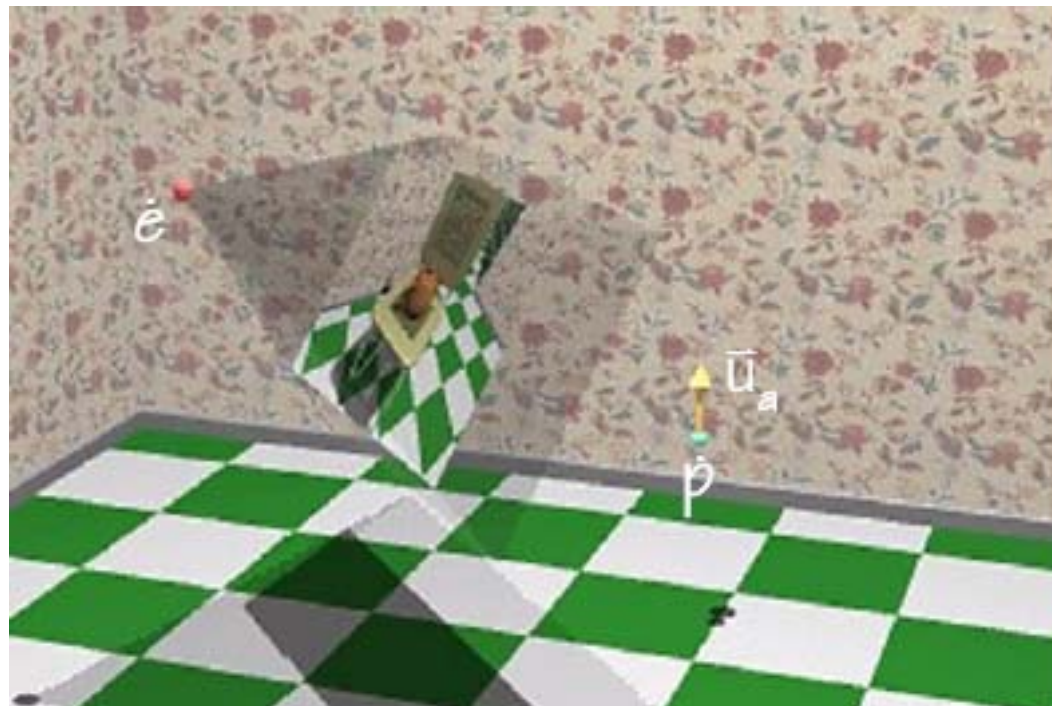
Viewing Steps

- Rotate to align the two coordinate frames and, then, translate to move world space origin to camera's origin



An Intuitive Specification

- **Specify three quantities:**
 - **Eye point (e)** - position of the camera
 - **Look-at point (p)** - center of the image
 - **Up-vector (\vec{u}_a)** - will be oriented upwards in the image



Deriving the Viewing Transformation

- **First compute the look-at vector and normalize**

$$\vec{l} = p - e \quad \hat{l} = \frac{\vec{l}}{|\vec{l}|}$$

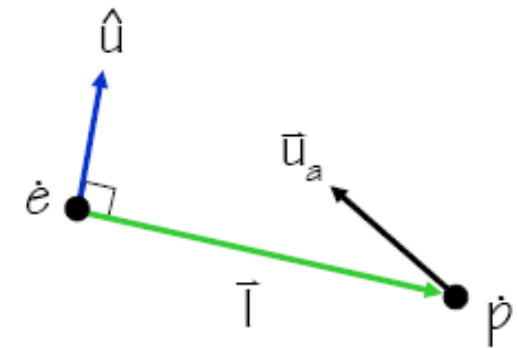
- **Compute right vector and normalize**

- **Perpendicular to the look-at and up vectors**

$$\vec{r} = \vec{l} \times \vec{u}_a \quad \hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}$$

- **Adjust up-vector**

- \vec{u}_a is only approximate direction
- **Perpendicular to right and look-at vectors**



$$\hat{u} = \hat{r} \times \hat{l}$$

Our Approach

- **Translate the camera origin to the world origin, followed by rotating the camera coordinates (E) to the world coordinate (W):**

$$Wc = ER_vT_{-e}c$$

Rotation Component

- **Map our vectors to the cartesian coordinate axes**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [\hat{r} \quad \hat{u} \quad -\hat{l}] R_v$$

- **To compute R_v we invert the matrix on the right**
 - **This matrix M is orthonormal (or orthogonal) – its rows are orthonormal basis vectors: vectors mutually orthogonal and of unit length**
 - **Then, $M^{-1} = M^T$**
 - **So,**

$$R_v = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{r}^t \\ \hat{u}^t \\ -\hat{l}^t \end{bmatrix}$$

Translation Component

- Need to translate all world-space coordinates so that the eye point is at the origin
- Composing these transformations gives our viewing transform, V

$$\dot{w}^t = \dot{e}^t \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{T}_{-\dot{e}}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{T}_{-\dot{e}} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{r}_x & \hat{r}_y & \hat{r}_z & 0 \\ \hat{u}_x & \hat{u}_y & \hat{u}_z & 0 \\ -\hat{l}_x & -\hat{l}_y & -\hat{l}_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -e_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -e_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -e_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{r} & -\hat{r} \cdot \vec{e} \\ \hat{u} & -\hat{u} \cdot \vec{e} \\ -\hat{l} & \hat{l} \cdot \vec{e} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transform a world-space point into a point in the eye-space

Viewing Transform in OpenGL

- **OpenGL utility (glu) library provides a viewing transformation function:**

gluLookAt (double eyex, double eyey, double eyez,
double centerx, double centery, double centerz,
double upx, double upy, double upz)

- **Computes the same transformation that we derived and composes it with the current matrix**

Same to `glm::gtc::matrix_transform::lookAt(..)`

Example in the Skeleton Codes of PA2

```
void setCamera ()
{ ...
// initialize camera frame transforms
for (i=0; i < cameraCount; i++ )
{
double* c = cameras[i];
wld2cam.push_back(FrameXform());
glPushMatrix();
glLoadIdentity();
gluLookAt(c[0],c[1],c[2], c[3],c[4],c[5], c[6],c[7],c[8]);
glGetDoublev( GL_MODELVIEW_MATRIX, wld2cam[i].matrix() );
glPopMatrix();
cam2wld.push_back(wld2cam[i].inverse());
}
....
}
```

Projections

- **Map 3D points in eye space to 2D points in image space**



- **Two common methods**
 - **Orthographic projection**
 - **Perspective projection**

Orthographic Projection

- **Projects points along lines parallel to z-axis**
 - Also called parallel projection
 - Used for top and side views in drafting and modeling applications
- **Appears unnatural due to lack of perspective foreshortening**

Notice that the parallel lines of the tiled floor remain parallel after orthographic projection!



Orthographic Projection

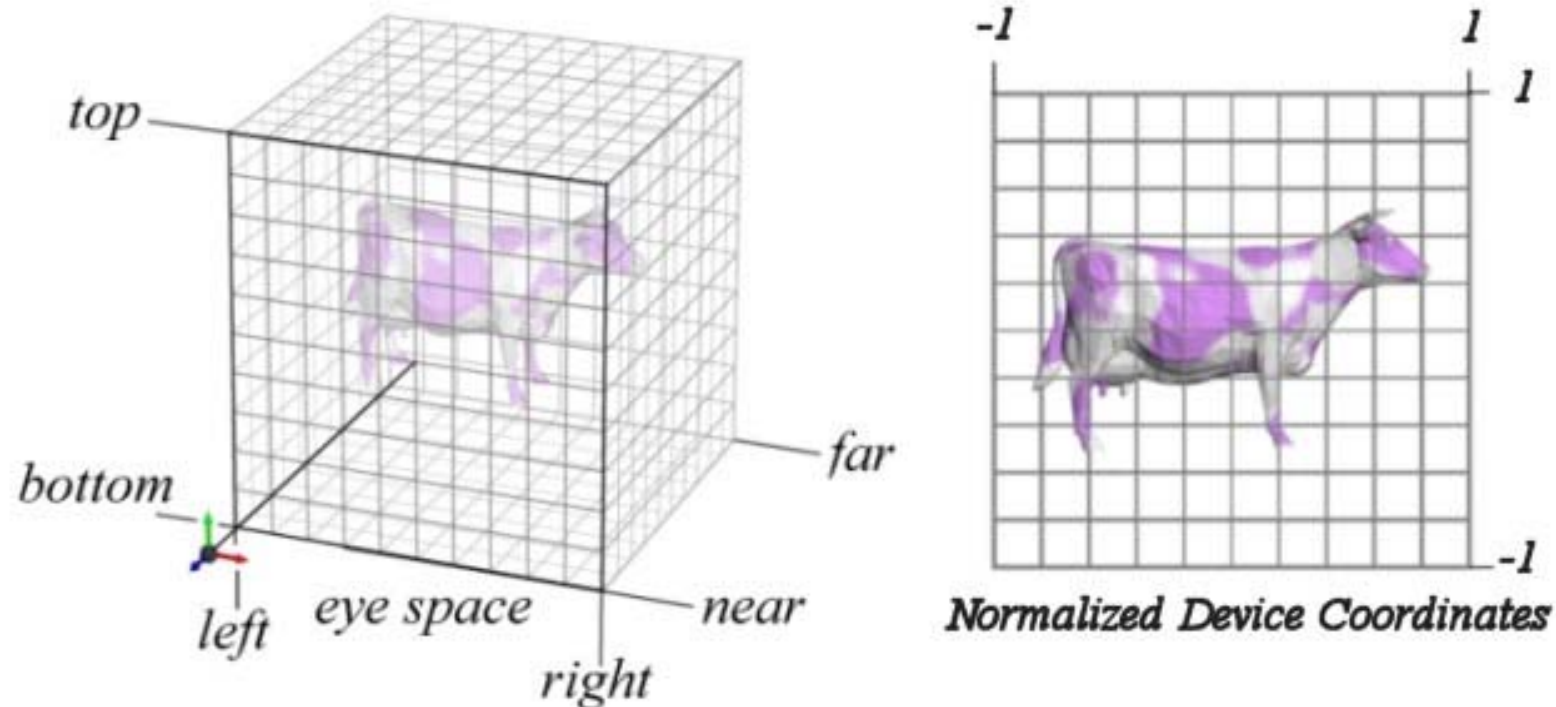
- **The projection matrix for orthographic projection is very simple**

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

- **Next step is to convert points to NDC**

View Volume and Normalized Device Coordinates

- Define a view volume
- Compose projection with a scale and a translation that maps eye coordinates to normalized device coordinates



Orthographic Projections to NDC

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & \frac{-(r+l)}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & \frac{-(t+b)}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{f-n} & \frac{-(f+n)}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Scale the z coordinate in exactly the same way. Technically, this coordinate is not part of the projection. But, we will use this value of z for other purposes

Some sanity checks:

$$x'(l) = \frac{2l}{r-l} - \frac{r+l}{r-l} = -\frac{r-l}{r-l} = -1$$

Orthographic Projection in OpenGL

- **This matrix is constructed by the following OpenGL call:**

```
void glOrtho(double left, double right,  
            double bottom, double top,  
            double near, double far );
```

Same to glm::gtc::matrix_transform::ortho (..)

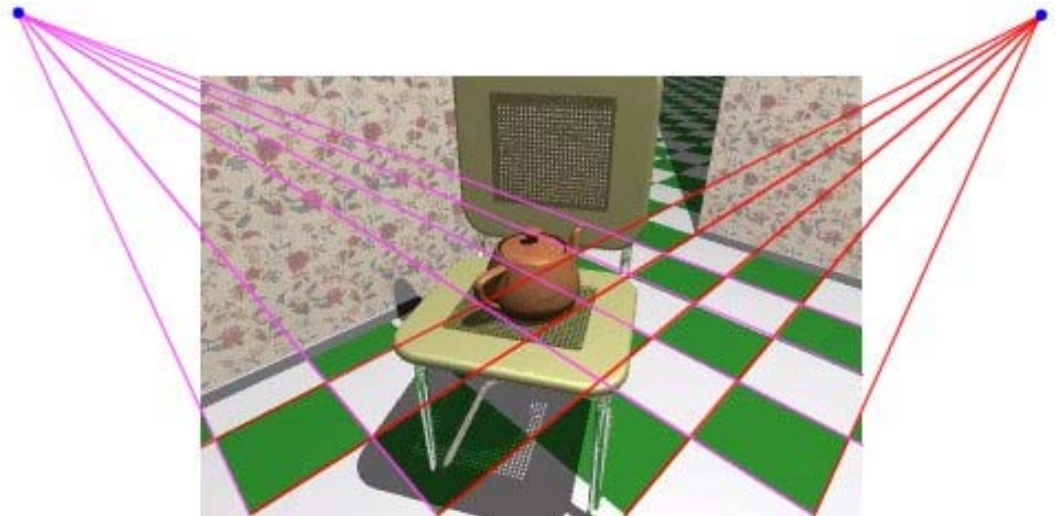
Perspective Projection

- Artists (Donatello, Brunelleschi, Durer, and Da Vinci) during the renaissance discovered the importance of perspective for making images appear realistic
- Perspective causes objects nearer to the viewer to appear larger than the same object would appear farther away
- Homogenous coordinates allow perspective projections using linear operators

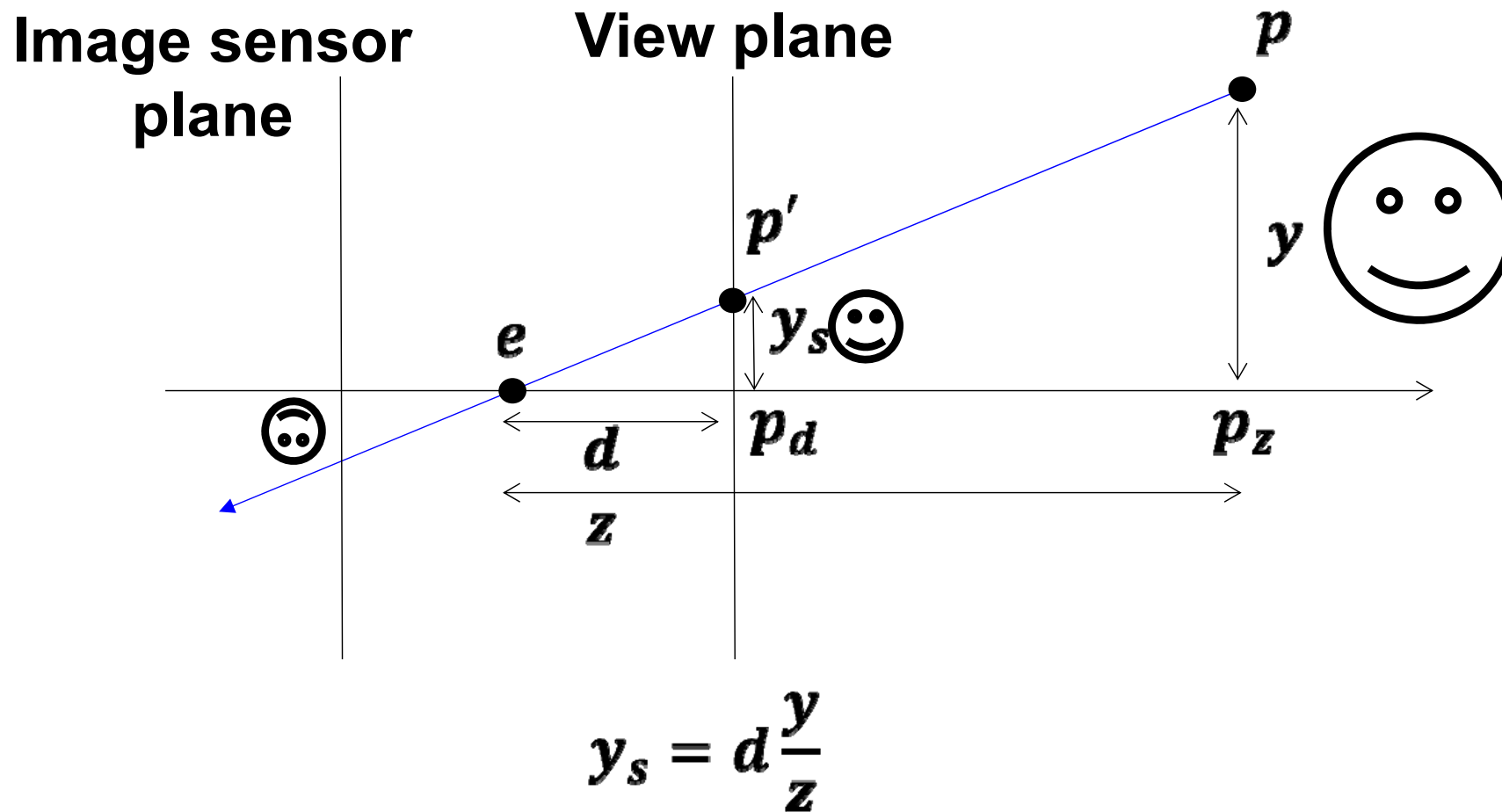


Signs of Perspective

- Lines in projective space always intersect at a point



Perspective Projection for a Pinhole Camera



Perspective Projection Matrix

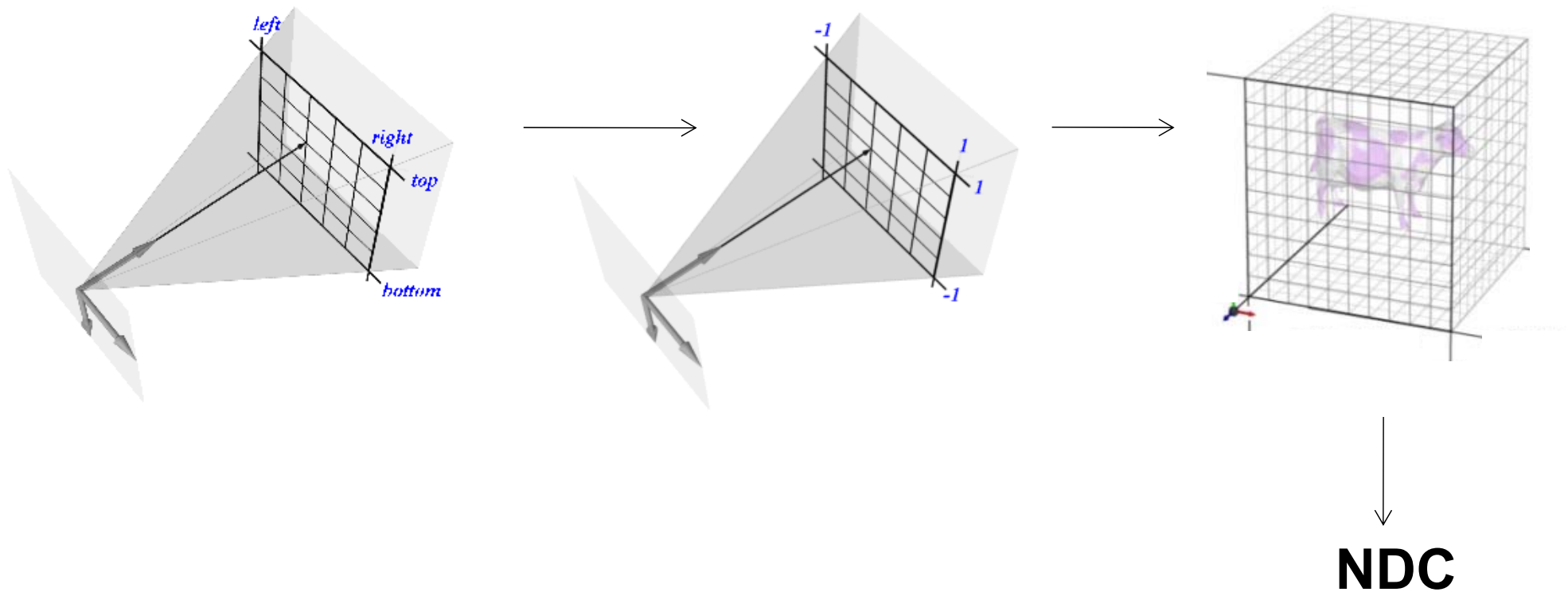
- **The simplest transform for perspective projection is:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} wx' \\ wy' \\ wz' \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **We divide by w to make the fourth coordinate 1**
 - **In this example, $w = z$**
 - **Therefore, $x' = x / z, y' = y / z, z' = 0$**

Normalized Perspective

- As in the orthographic case, we map to normalized device coordinates



NDC Perspective Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} wx' \\ wy' \\ wz' \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2 \cdot \text{near}}{\text{right} - \text{left}} & 0 & \frac{-(\text{right} + \text{left})}{\text{right} - \text{left}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2 \cdot \text{near}}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}} & \frac{-(\text{top} + \text{bottom})}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\text{far} + \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}} & \frac{-2 \cdot \text{far} \cdot \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The values of left, right, top, and bottom are specified at the near depth. Let's try some sanity checks:

$$\begin{matrix} x = \text{left} \\ z = \text{near} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow x' = \frac{\frac{2 \cdot \text{near} \cdot \text{left}}{\text{right} - \text{left}} - \frac{\text{near}(\text{right} + \text{left})}{\text{right} - \text{left}}}{\text{near}} = \frac{-\text{near}}{\text{near}} = -1$$

$$\begin{matrix} x = \text{right} \\ z = \text{near} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow x' = \frac{\frac{2 \cdot \text{near} \cdot \text{right}}{\text{right} - \text{left}} - \frac{\text{near}(\text{right} + \text{left})}{\text{right} - \text{left}}}{\text{near}} = \frac{\text{near}}{\text{near}} = 1$$

NDC Perspective Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} wx' \\ wy' \\ wz' \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2 \cdot \text{near}}{\text{right} - \text{left}} & 0 & \frac{-(\text{right} + \text{left})}{\text{right} - \text{left}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2 \cdot \text{near}}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}} & \frac{-(\text{top} + \text{bottom})}{\text{top} - \text{bottom}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\text{far} + \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}} & \frac{-2 \cdot \text{far} \cdot \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The values of left, right, top, and bottom are specified at the near depth. Let's try some sanity checks:

$$z = \text{far} \Rightarrow z' = \frac{\text{far} \frac{\text{far} + \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}} + \frac{-2 \cdot \text{far} \cdot \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}}}{\text{far}} = \frac{\text{far}(\text{far} - \text{near})}{\text{far} - \text{near}} = 1$$

$$z = \text{near} \Rightarrow z' = \frac{\text{near} \frac{\text{far} + \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}} + \frac{-2 \cdot \text{far} \cdot \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}}}{\text{near}} = \frac{\text{near}(\text{near} - \text{far})}{\text{far} - \text{near}} = -1$$

Perspective in OpenGL

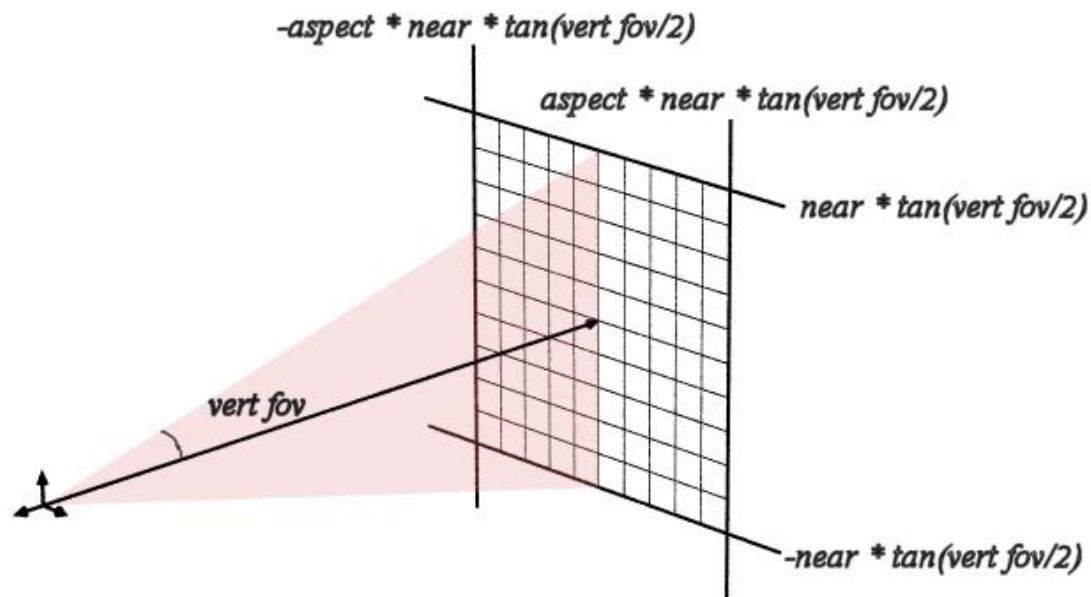
- OpenGL provides the following function to define perspective transformations:

```
void glFrustum(double left, double right,  
              double bottom, double top,  
              double near, double far);
```

- Some think that using `glFrustum()` is nonintuitive. So OpenGL provides a function with simpler, but less general capabilities

```
void gluPerspective(double vertfov, double aspect,  
                   double near, double far);
```

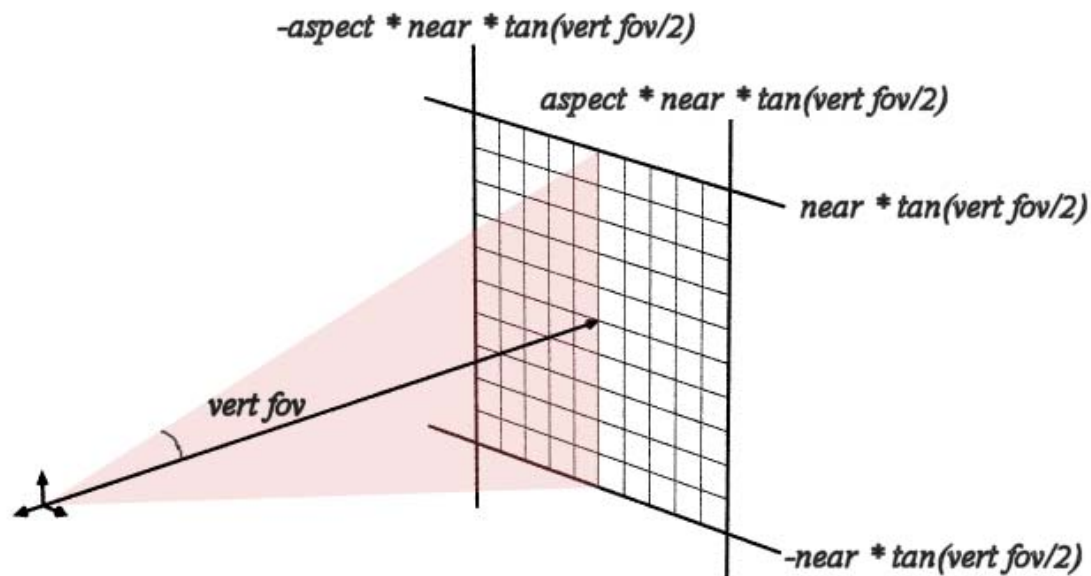
gluPerspective()



Simple “camera-like” model
Can only specify **symmetric** frustums

- Substituting the extents into glFrustum()

gluPerspective()



Simple “camera-like” model

Can only specify **symmetric** frustums

- Substituting the extents into glFrustum()

$$\begin{bmatrix} wx' \\ wy' \\ wz' \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{COT(\frac{vertfov}{2})}{aspect} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & COT(\frac{vertfov}{2}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{far+near}{far-near} & \frac{-2 \cdot far \cdot near}{far-near} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example in the Skeleton Codes of PA2

```
void reshape( int w, int h)
{
    width = w;    height = h;
    glViewport(0, 0, width, height);

    glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);           // Select The Projection Matrix
    glLoadIdentity();                     // Reset The Projection Matrix
    // Define perspective projection frustum
    double aspect = width/double(height);

    gluPerspective(45, aspect, 1, 1024);
    glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);           // Select The Modelview Matrix

    glLoadIdentity();                     // Reset The Modelview Matrix
}
```

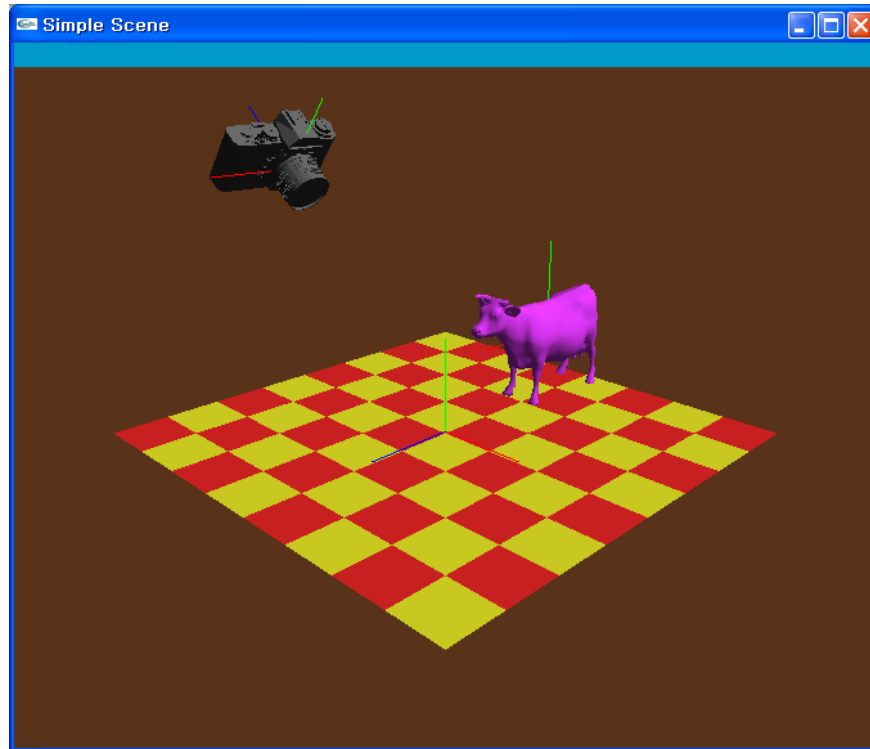
Class Objectives were:

- **Know camera setup parameters**
- **Understand viewing and projection processes**
- **Related to Ch. 4: Camera Setting**

Homework

- **Watch SIGGRAPH Videos**
- **Go over the next lecture slides**

PA3



- **PA2: perform the transformation at the modeling space**
- **PA3: perform the transformation at the viewing space**

Next Time

- **Interaction**

figs

