# Supplement to Lecture 8 

## Viewing/Projections in OpenGL

## Classical Projections



Front elevation


Isometric


Elevation oblique


One-point perspective


Plan oblique

## 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 Planar Projections



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## Perspective Projection



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## Parallel Projection



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## 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



## Plus \& Minus

- 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


## Axonometric Projections (AP)

## 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 AP



Dimetric


Trimetric


Isometric

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## Plus \& Minus

- 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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## Plus \& Minus

- 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 Projections

## 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


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## Two Point Perspective

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


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## One Point Perspective

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



## Plus \& Minus

- 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)


## Computer Viewing in OpenGL

- There are three aspects of the viewing process, all of which are implemented in the pipeline,
- Positioning the camera
- Setting the model-view matrix
- Selecting a lens
- Setting the projection matrix
- Clipping
- Setting the view volume


## OpenGL camera

- In OpenGL, initially the object and camera frames are the same
- Default model-view matrix is an identity
- The camera is located at origin and points in the negative $z$ direction
- OpenGL also specifies a default view volume that is a cube with sides of length 2 centered at the origin
- Default projection matrix is an identity


## Default Projection

## Default projection is orthogonal



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## Moving Camera Frame

- If we want to visualize object with both positive and negative $z$ values we can either
- Move the camera in the positive $z$ direction
- Translate the camera frame
- Move the objects in the negative $z$ direction
- Translate the world frame
- Both of these views are equivalent and are determined by the model-view matrix
- Want a translation (gltranslatef (0.0,0.0,-d) ;)
-d > 0


## Moving Camera Back from

## Origin

## default frames

frames after translation by - d

(a)
(b)

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## Moving Camera

-We can move the camera to any desired position by a sequence of rotations and translations

- Example: side view
- Rotate the camera
- Move it away from origin
- Model-view matrix C = TR



## OpenGL code

# - Remember that last transformation specified is first to be applied 

```
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW)
glLoadIdentity();
glTranslatef(0.0, 0.0, -d);
glRotatef(90.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
```

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## The LookAt Function

- The GLU library contains the function gluLookAt to form the required modelview matrix through a simple interface
- Note the need for setting an up direction
- Still need to initialize
- Can concatenate with modeling transformations
-Example: isometric view of cube aligned with axes
glMatrixMode (GL_MODELVIEW) :
glLoadIdentity();
gluLookAt(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0., 1.0.0.0);


## gluLookAt

gluLookAt(eyex, eyey, eyez, atx, aty, atz, upx, upy, upz)


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## Other Viewing API's

- The LookAt function is only one possible API for positioning the camera
- Others include
- View reference point, view plane normal, view up (PHIGS, GKS-3D)
- Yaw, pitch, roll
- Elevation, azimuth, twist
- Direction angles


## Projections and Normalization

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{p}=x \\
& y_{p}=y \\
& z_{p}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

- 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


## 4x4 ModelView Matrix

## default orthographic projection

$x_{p}=x$
$y_{p}=y$
$\mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{p}}=0$
$\mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{p}}=1$

$$
\mathbf{M}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

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

## Simple Perspective

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



## Perspective Equations

## Consider top and side views




$$
x_{\mathrm{p}}=\frac{x}{z / d} \quad y_{\mathrm{p}}=\frac{y}{z / d} \quad z_{\mathrm{p}}=d
$$

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## 4x4 ModelView Matrix

consider $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{M p}$ where $\mathbf{M}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 / d & 0\end{array}\right]$

$$
\mathbf{p}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
x \\
y \\
z \\
1
\end{array}\right] \quad \mathbf{q}=\mathbf{M} \mathbf{p}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
x \\
y \\
z \\
z / d
\end{array}\right]
$$

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## Perspective Division

- However $w=1$, so we must divide by $w$ to return from homogeneous coordinates
- This perspective division yields

$$
x_{\mathrm{p}}=\frac{x}{z / d} \quad y_{\mathrm{p}}=\frac{y}{z / d} \quad z_{\mathrm{p}}=d
$$

the desired perspective equations
-We will consider the corresponding clipping volume with the OpenGL functions

## OpenGL Orthogonal Viewing

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

near and far measured from camera

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## OpenGL Perspective

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



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## Using Field of View

-With glFrustum it is often difficult to get the desired view
-gluPerpective (fovy, aspect, near, far) often provides a better interface


