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**Viewing/Projections**

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# News

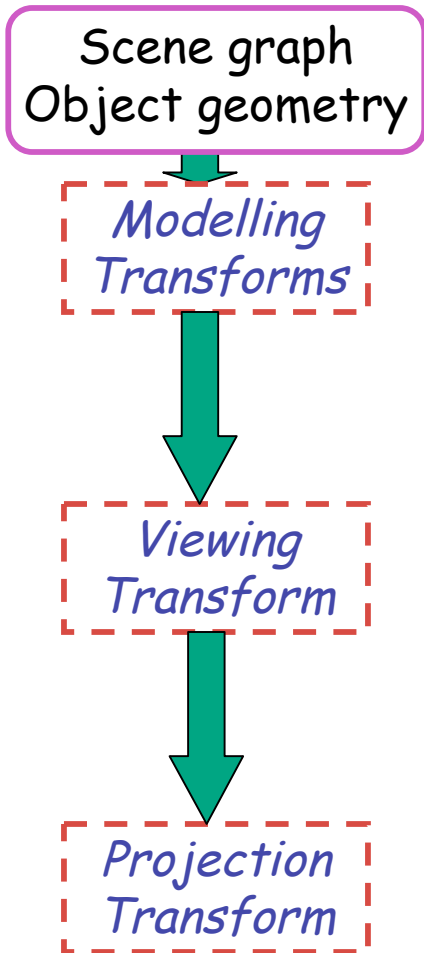
- assignment 1 posted

# Viewing (Review?)

# Using Transformations

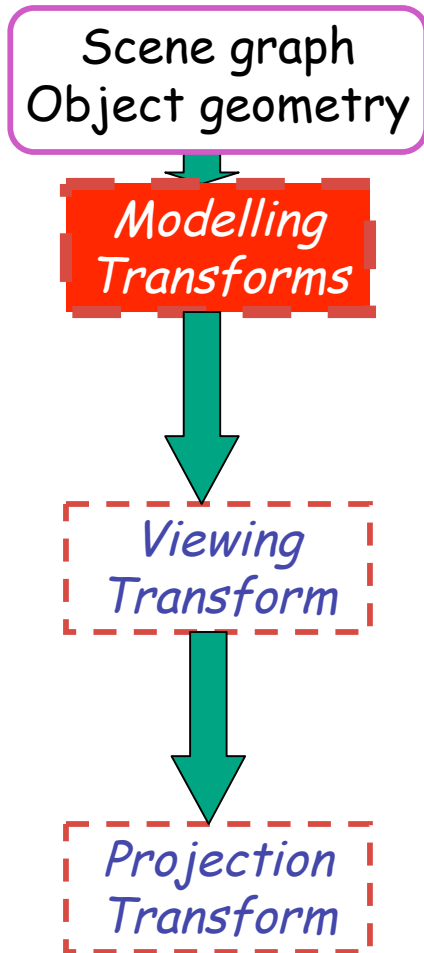
- three ways
  - modelling transforms
    - place objects within scene (shared world)
    - affine transformations
  - viewing transforms
    - place camera
    - rigid body transformations: rotate, translate
  - projection transforms
    - change type of camera
    - projective transformation

# Rendering Pipeline



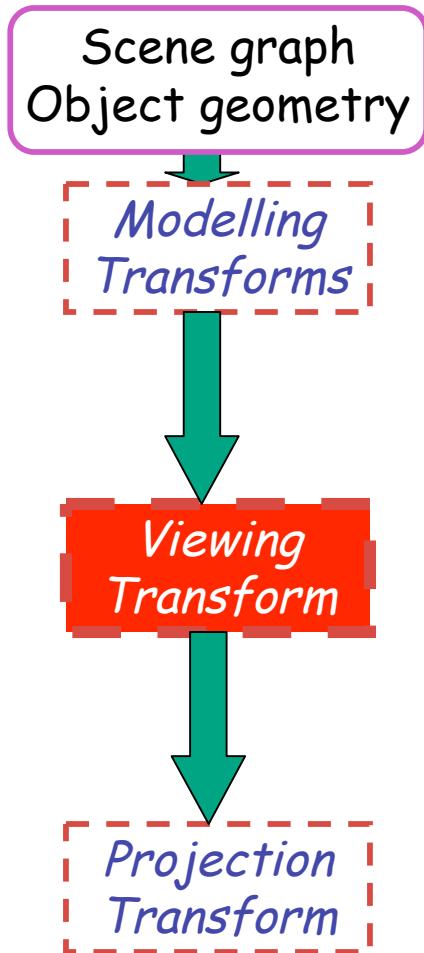
# Rendering Pipeline

- result
  - all vertices of scene in shared 3D world coordinate system



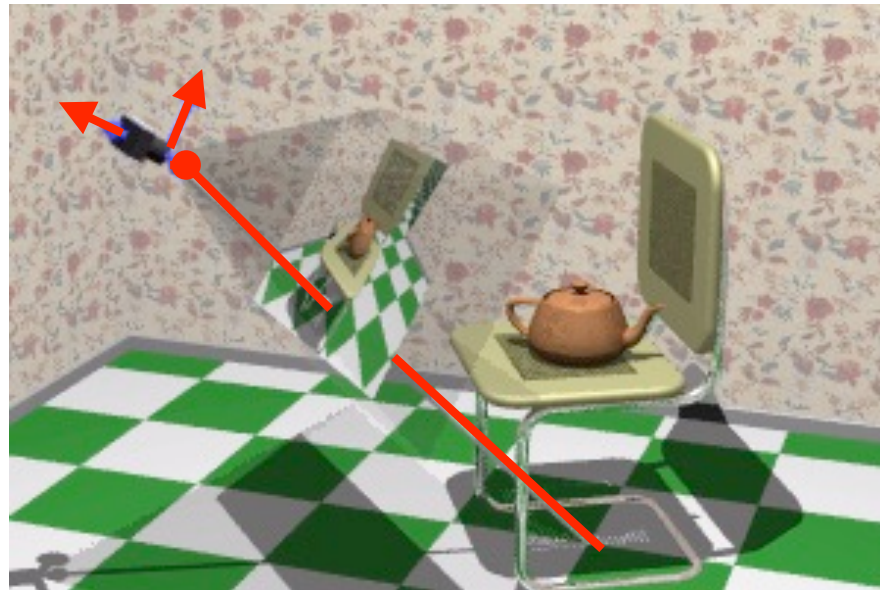
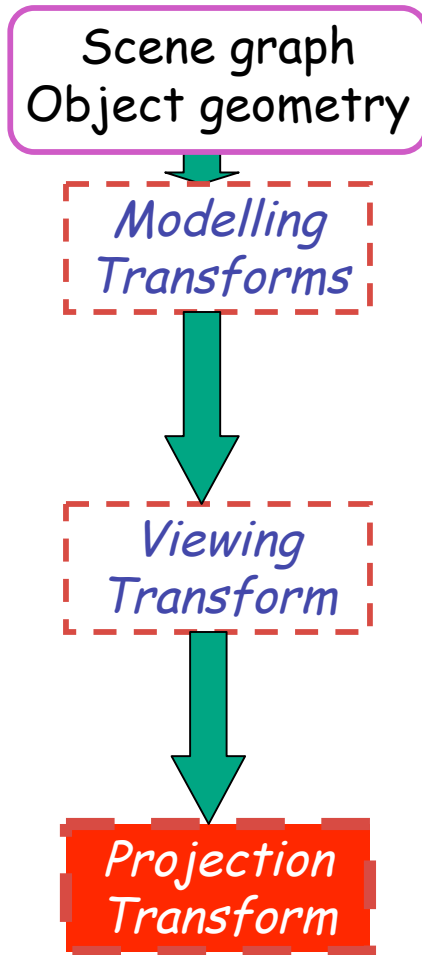
# Rendering Pipeline

- result
  - scene vertices in 3D **view** (**camera**) coordinate system



# Rendering Pipeline

- result
  - 2D **screen** coordinates of clipped vertices

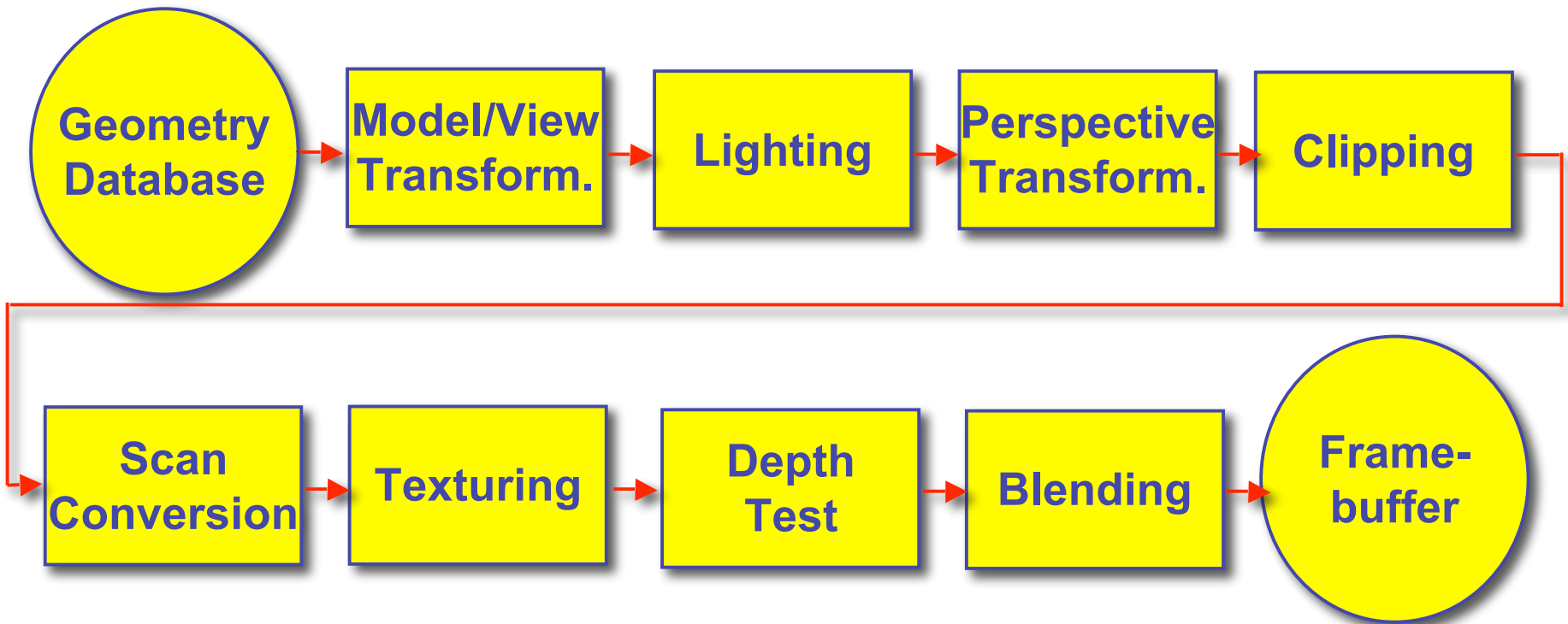




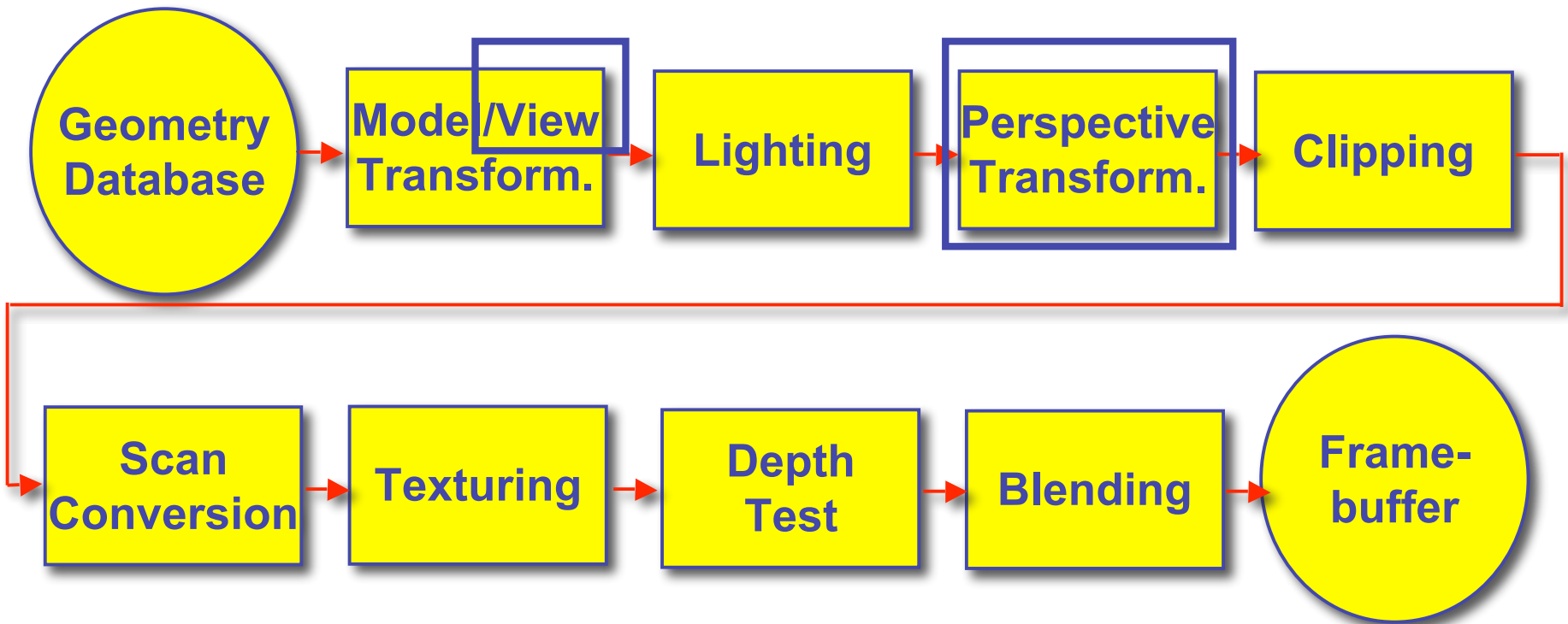
# Viewing and Projection

- need to get from 3D world to 2D image
- projection: geometric abstraction
  - what eyes or cameras do
- two pieces
  - viewing transform:
    - where is the camera, what is it pointing at?
  - perspective transform: 3D to 2D
    - flatten to image

# Rendering Pipeline



# Rendering Pipeline



# OpenGL Transformation Storage

- modeling and viewing stored together
  - possible because no intervening operations
- perspective stored in separate matrix
- specify which matrix is target of operations
  - common practice: return to default modelview mode after doing projection operations

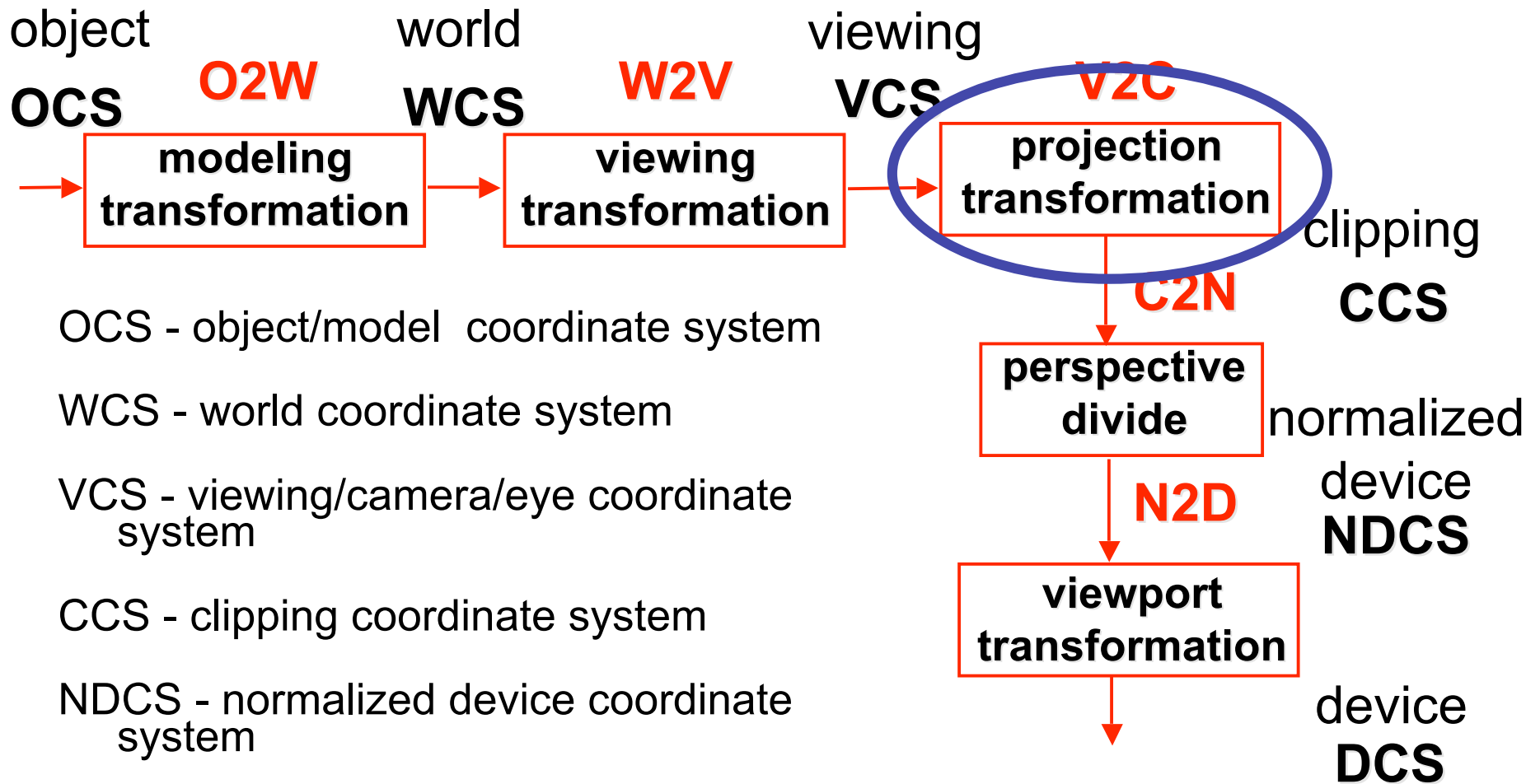
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glMatrixMode (GL_MODELVIEW) ;
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glMatrixMode (GL_PROJECTION) ;
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# Coordinate Systems

- result of a transformation
- names
  - convenience
    - mouse: leg, head, tail
  - standard conventions in graphics pipeline
    - object/modelling
    - world
    - camera/viewing/eye
    - screen/window
    - raster/device

# Projective Rendering Pipeline



OCS - object/model coordinate system

WCS - world coordinate system

VCS - viewing/camera/eye coordinate system

CCS - clipping coordinate system

NDCS - normalized device coordinate system

DCS - device/display/screen coordinate system

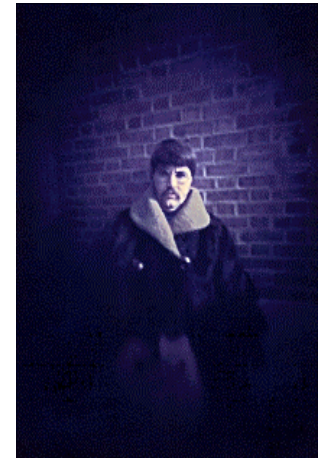
# Projections I

# Pinhole Camera

- ingredients
  - box, film, hole punch
- result
  - picture



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[www.pinhole.org](http://www.pinhole.org)

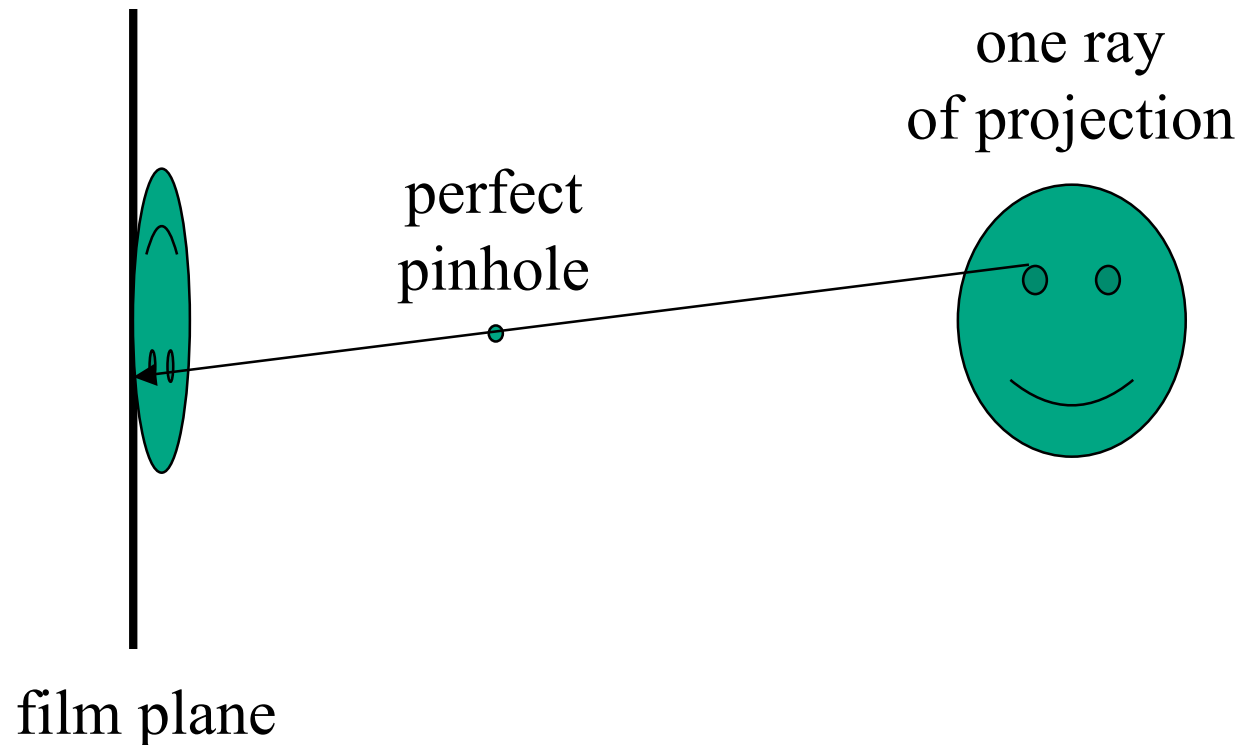
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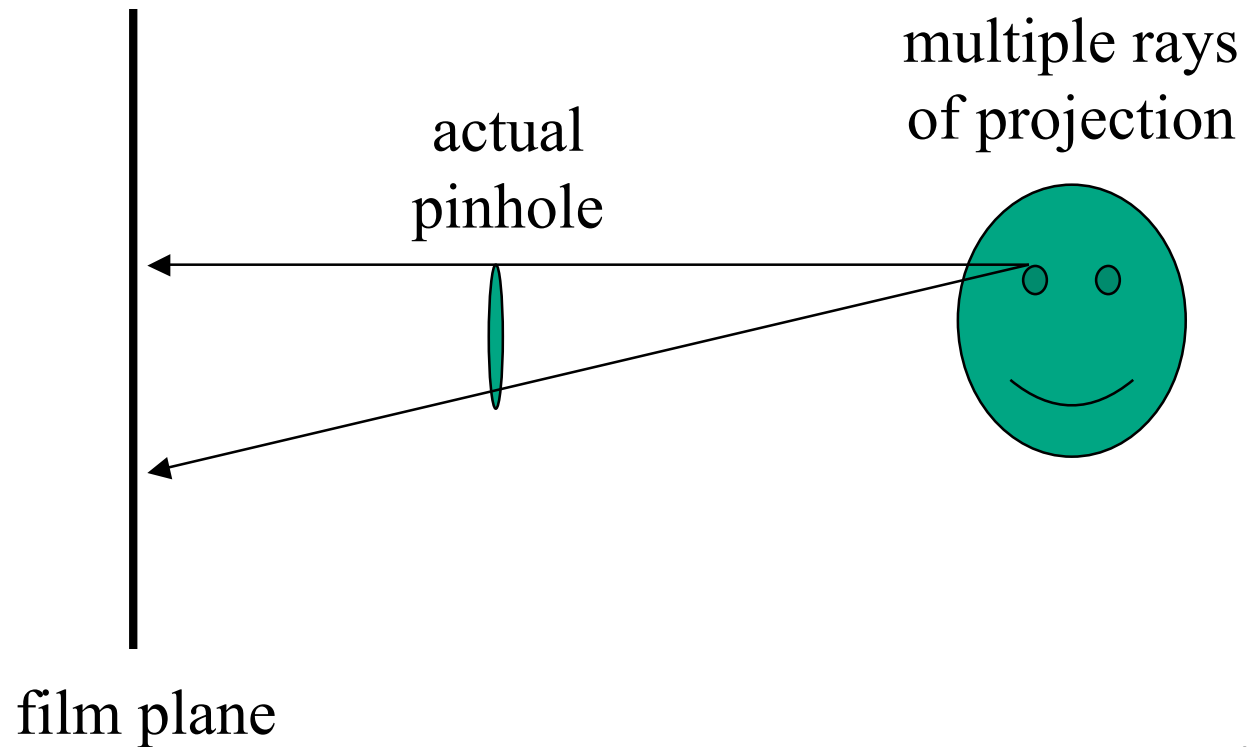
# Pinhole Camera

- theoretical perfect pinhole
- light shining through tiny hole into dark space yields upside-down picture



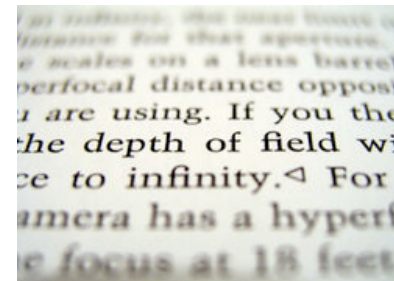
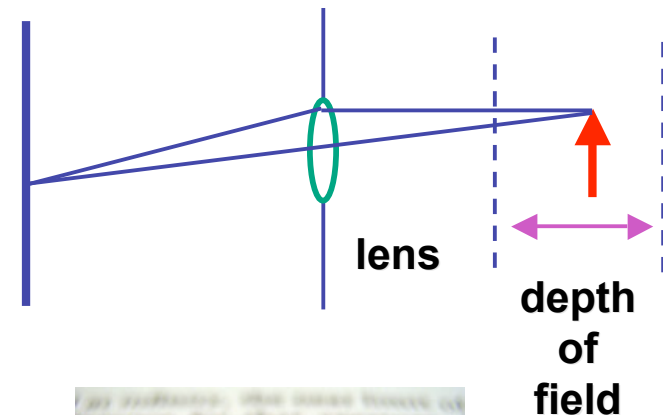
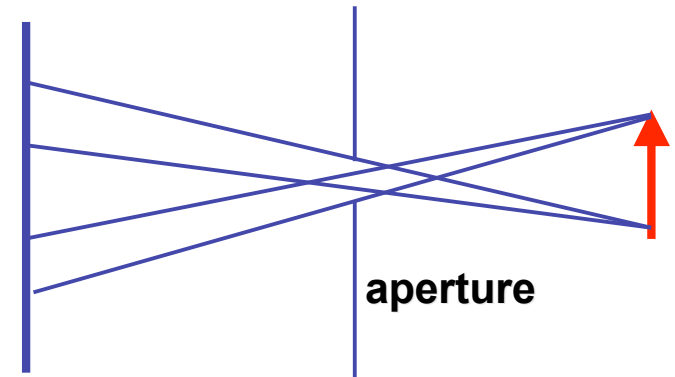
# Pinhole Camera

- non-zero sized hole
- blur: rays hit multiple points on film plane



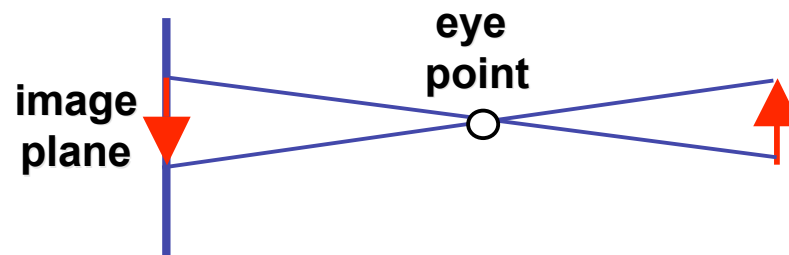
# Real Cameras

- pinhole camera has small **aperture** (lens opening)
  - minimize blur
- problem: hard to get enough light to expose the film
- solution: lens
  - permits larger apertures
  - permits changing distance to film plane without actually moving it
    - cost: limited depth of field where image is in focus

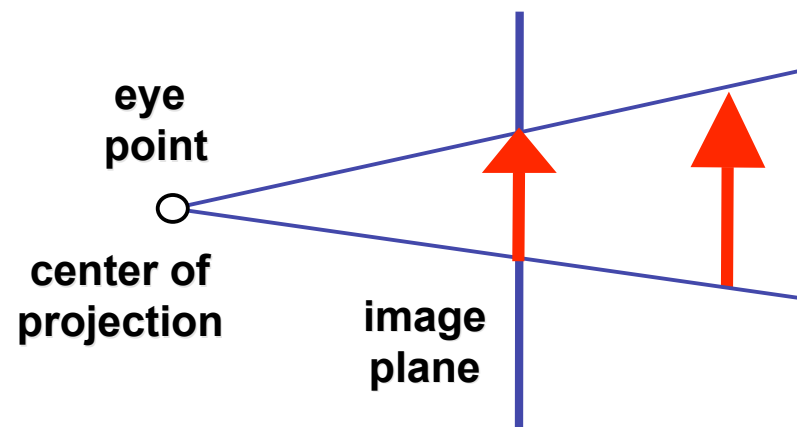


# Graphics Cameras

- real pinhole camera: image inverted

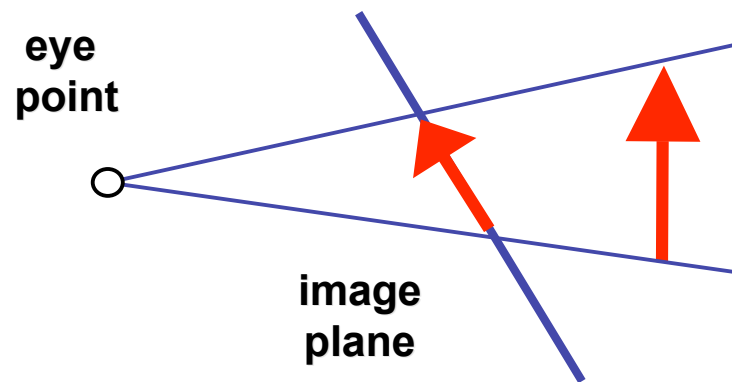
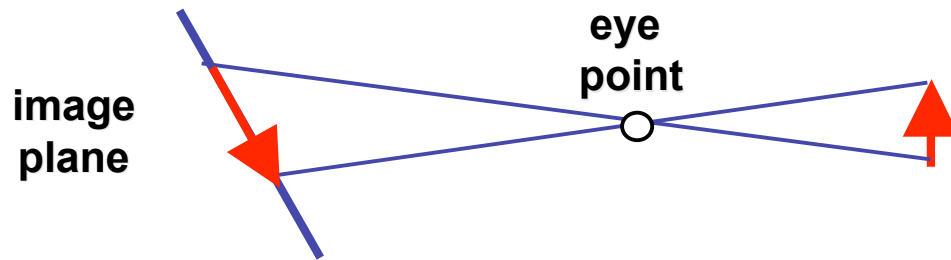


- computer graphics camera: convenient equivalent



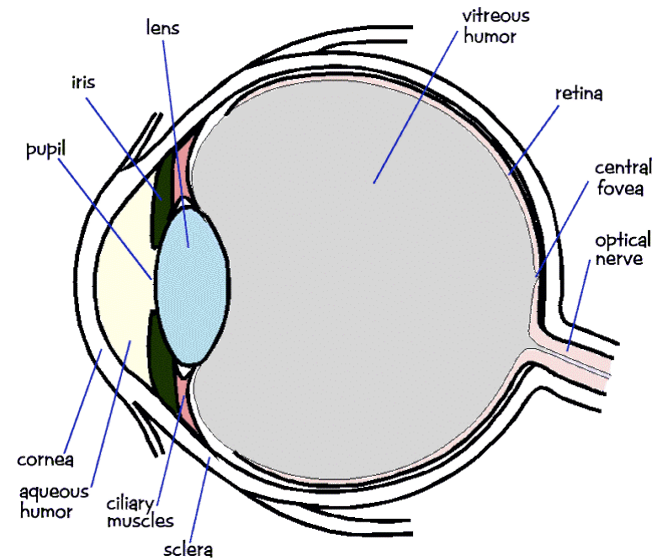
# General Projection

- image plane need not be perpendicular to view plane



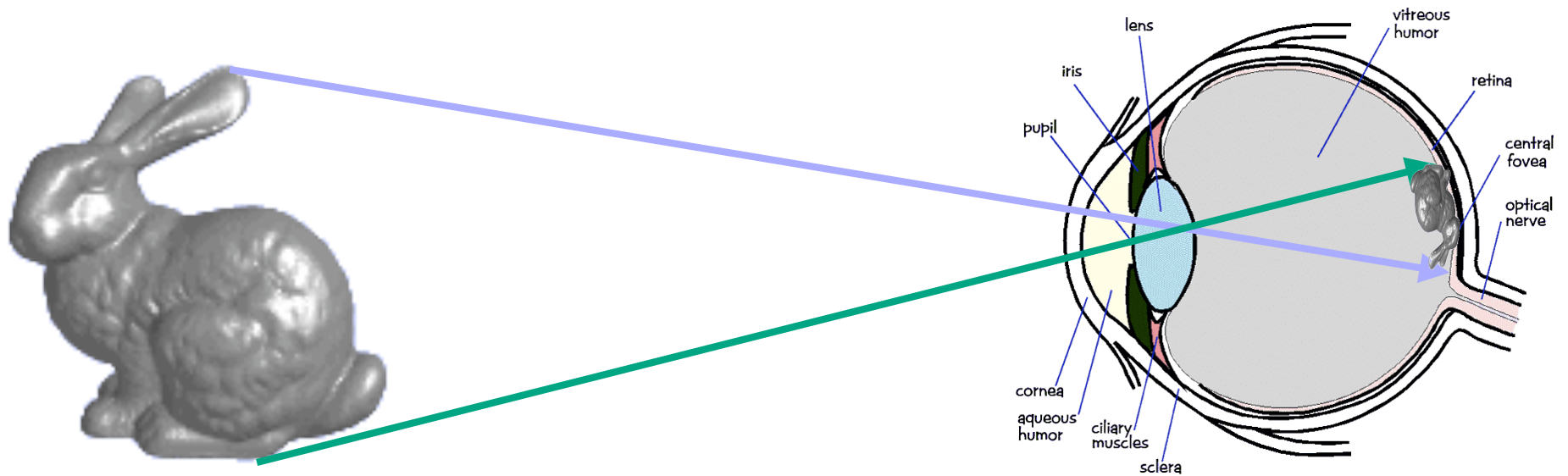
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# Projective Transformations

- planar geometric projections
  - planar: onto a plane
  - geometric: using straight lines
  - projections: 3D  $\rightarrow$  2D
- aka projective mappings



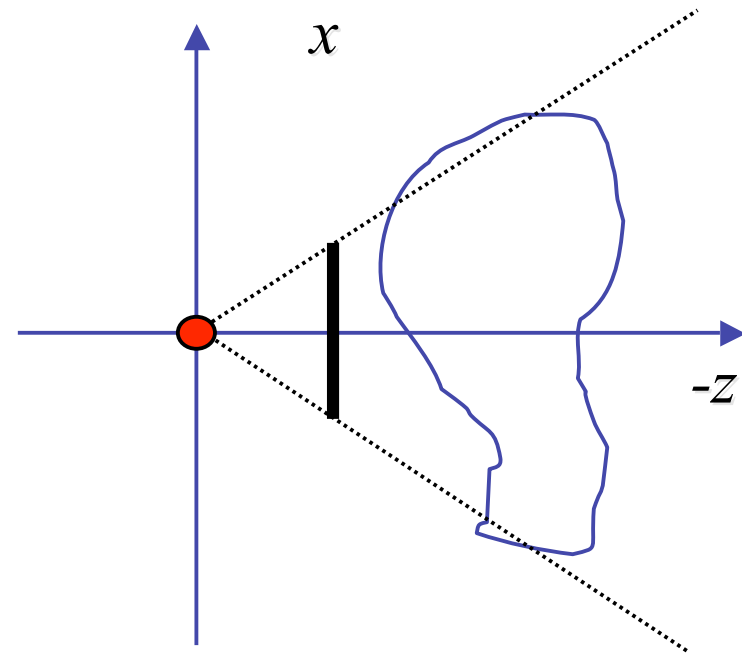
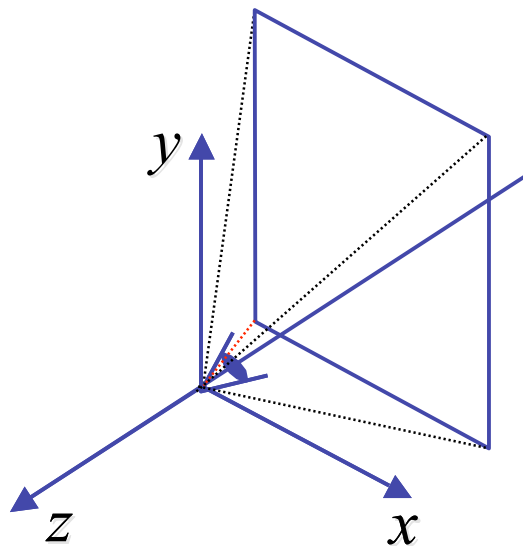
# Projective Transformations

- properties
  - lines mapped to lines and triangles to triangles
  - parallel lines do **NOT** remain parallel
    - e.g. rails vanishing at infinity
- affine combinations are **NOT** preserved
  - e.g. center of a line does not map to center of projected line (perspective foreshortening)

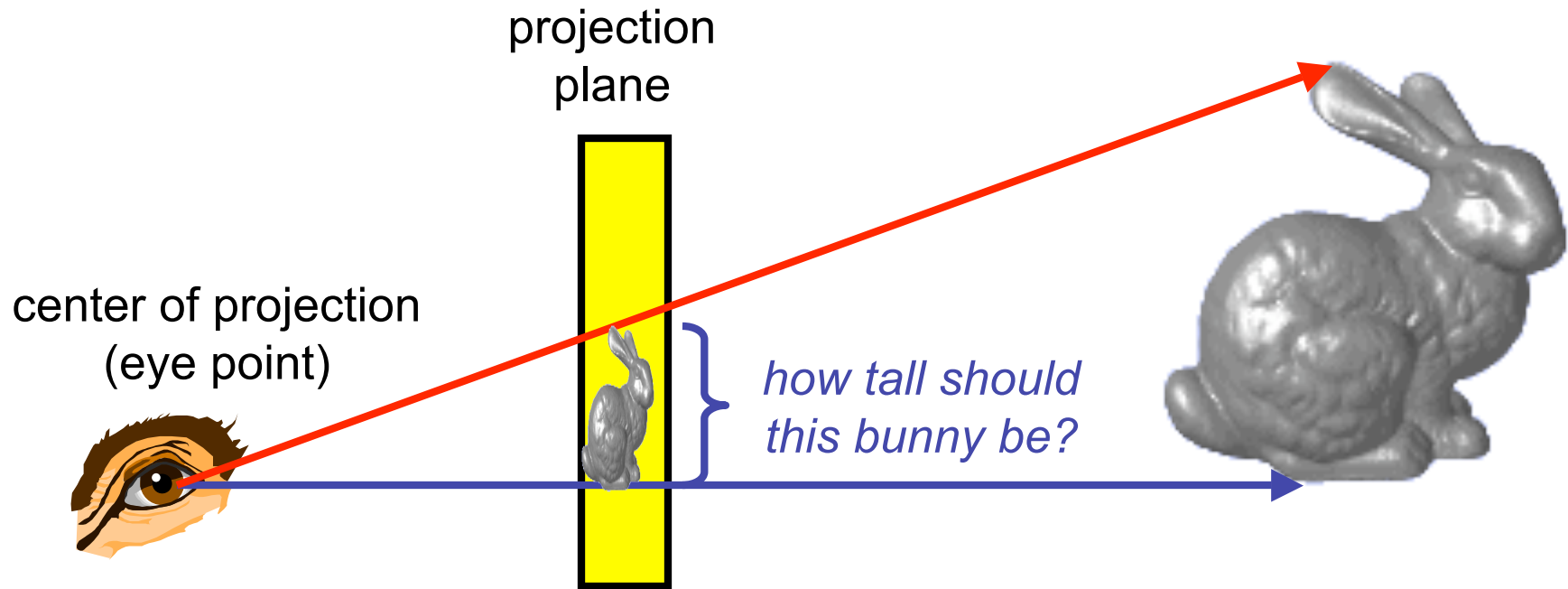


# Perspective Projection

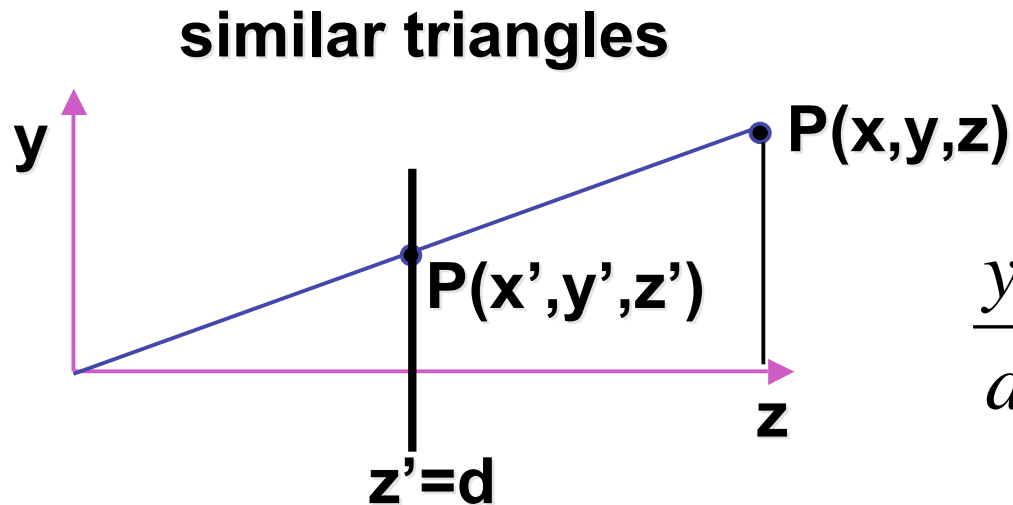
- project all geometry
  - through common center of projection (eye point)
  - onto an image plane



# Perspective Projection



# Basic Perspective Projection



$$\frac{y'}{d} = \frac{y}{z} \rightarrow y' = \frac{y \cdot d}{z}$$

$$\frac{x'}{d} = \frac{x}{z} \rightarrow x' = \frac{x \cdot d}{z} \quad \text{but} \quad z' = d$$

- nonuniform foreshortening
  - not affine

# Perspective Projection

- desired result for a point  $[x, y, z, 1]^T$  projected onto the view plane:

$$\frac{x'}{d} = \frac{x}{z}, \quad \frac{y'}{d} = \frac{y}{z}$$

$$x' = \frac{x \cdot d}{z} = \frac{x}{z/d}, \quad y' = \frac{y \cdot d}{z} = \frac{y}{z/d}, \quad z' = d$$

- what could a matrix look like to do this?

# Simple Perspective Projection Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ \hline z / d \\ y \\ \hline z / d \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ \frac{z}{d} \\ y \\ \frac{z}{d} \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

is homogenized version of

where  $w = z/d$

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where  $w = z/d$

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

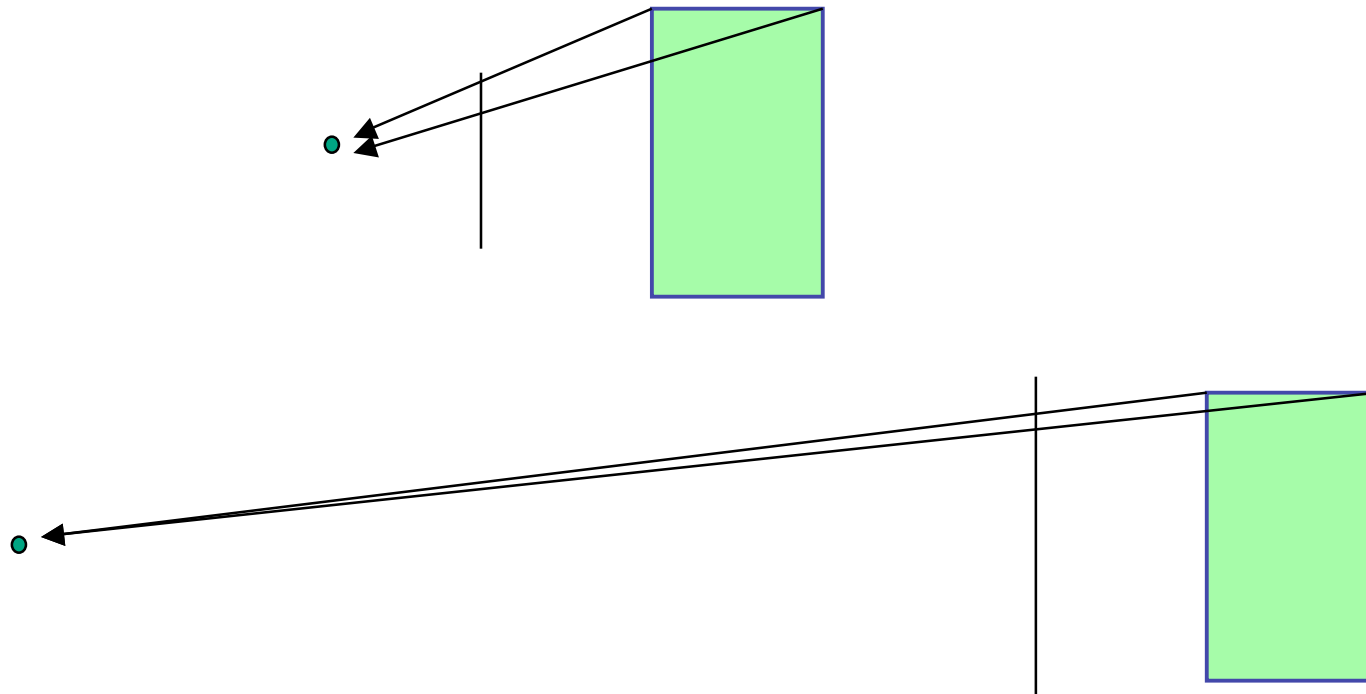


# Perspective Projection

- expressible with 4x4 homogeneous matrix
  - use previously untouched bottom row
- perspective projection is irreversible
  - many 3D points can be mapped to same  $(x, y, d)$  on the projection plane
  - no way to retrieve the unique  $z$  values

# Moving COP to Infinity

- as COP moves away, lines approach parallel
- when COP at infinity, **orthographic** view



# Orthographic Camera Projection

- camera's back plane parallel to lens
- infinite focal length
- no perspective convergence

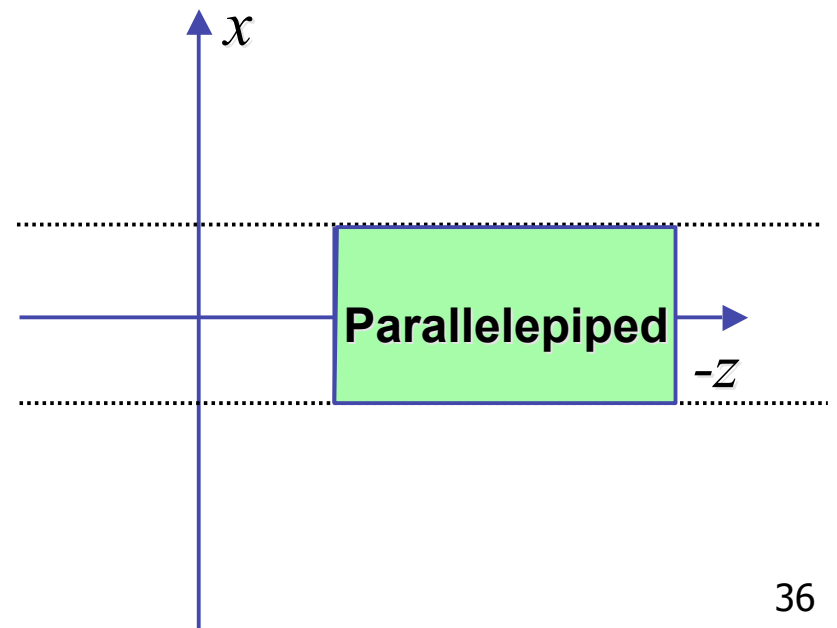
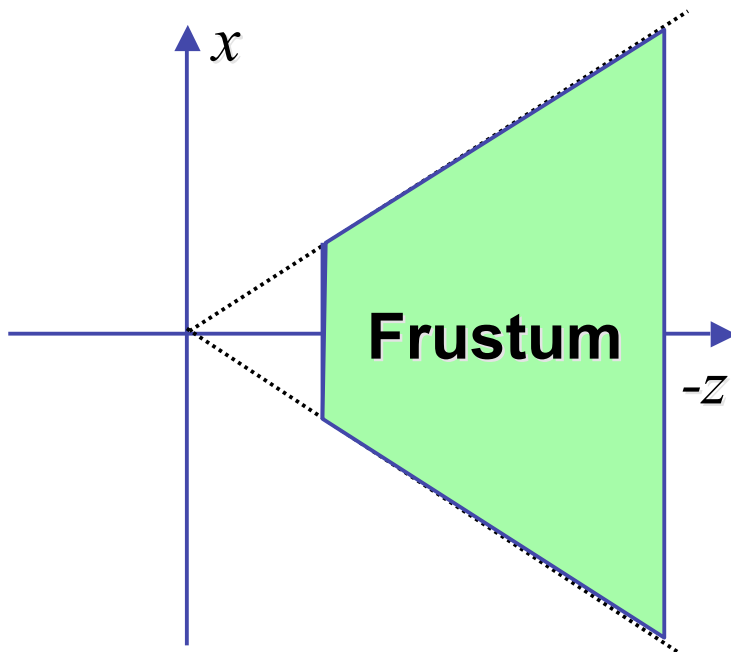
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_p \\ y_p \\ z_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- just throw away z values

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_p \\ y_p \\ z_p \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Perspective to Orthographic

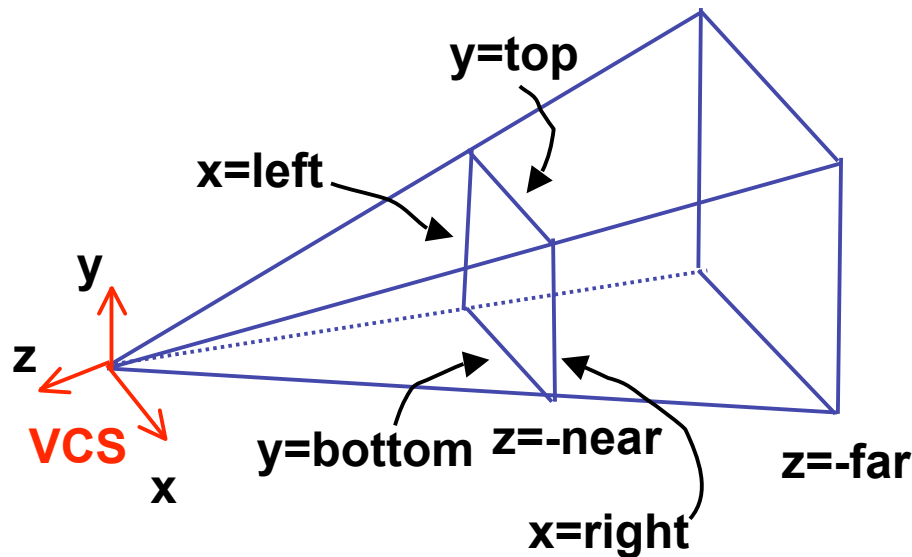
- transformation of space
  - center of projection moves to infinity
  - view volume transformed
    - from frustum (truncated pyramid) to parallelepiped (box)



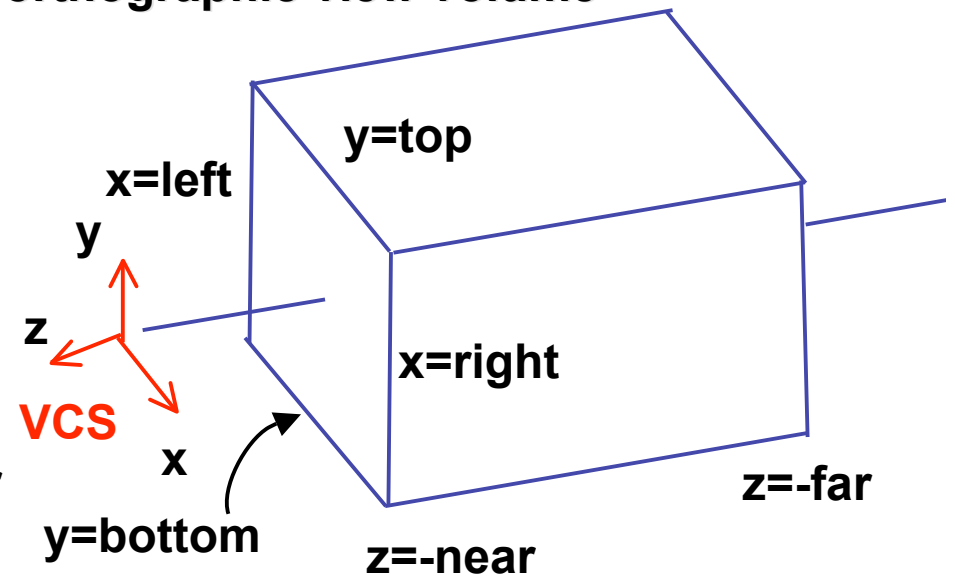
# View Volumes

- specifies field-of-view, used for clipping
- restricts domain of  $z$  stored for visibility test

perspective view volume



orthographic view volume



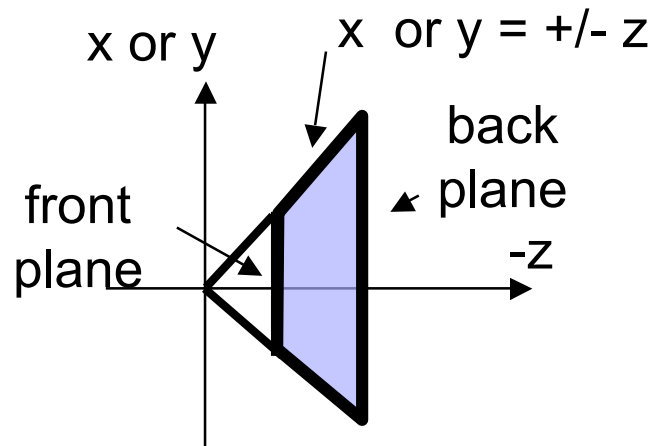
# Demo: Perspective and Ortho Volumes

- Nate Robins tutorial (projection)
  - <http://www.xmission.com/~nate/tutors.html>

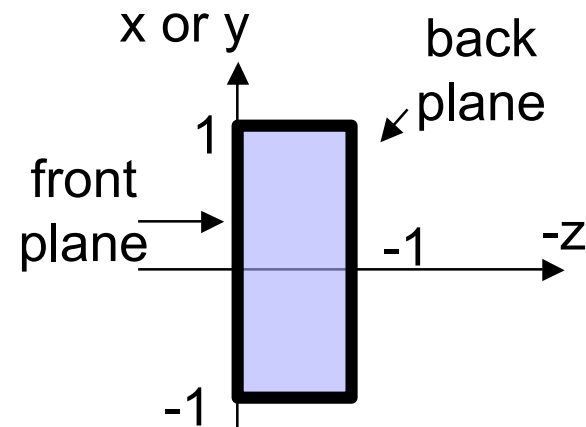
# Canonical View Volumes

- standardized viewing volume representation

perspective



orthographic  
orthogonal  
parallel



# Why Canonical View Volumes?

- permits standardization
  - clipping
    - easier to determine if an arbitrary point is enclosed in volume with canonical view volume vs. clipping to six arbitrary planes
  - rendering
    - projection and rasterization algorithms can be reused



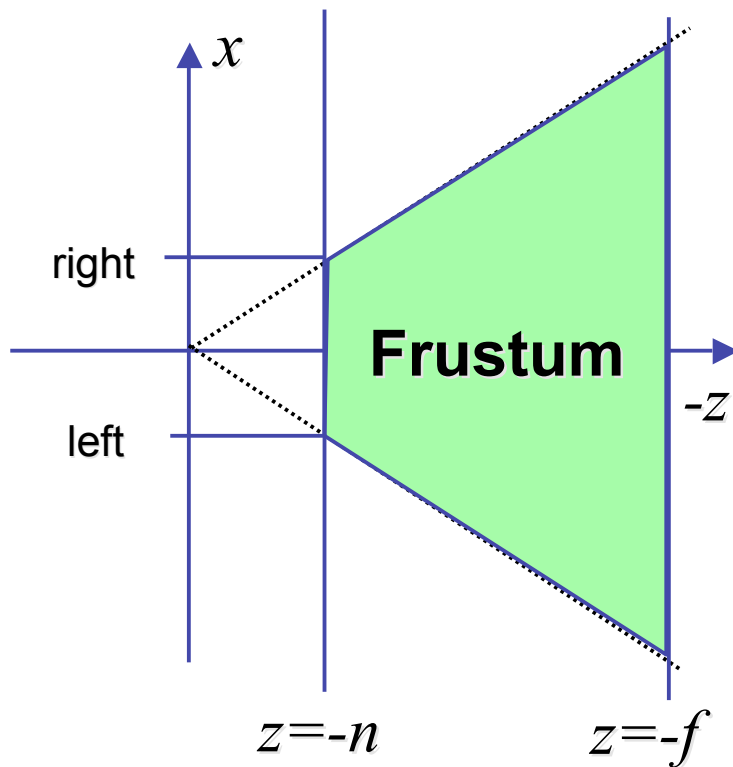
# Normalized Device Coordinates

- convention
  - viewing frustum mapped to specific parallelepiped
    - Normalized Device Coordinates (NDC)
    - same as clipping coords
  - only objects inside the parallelepiped get rendered
  - which parallelepiped?
    - depends on rendering system

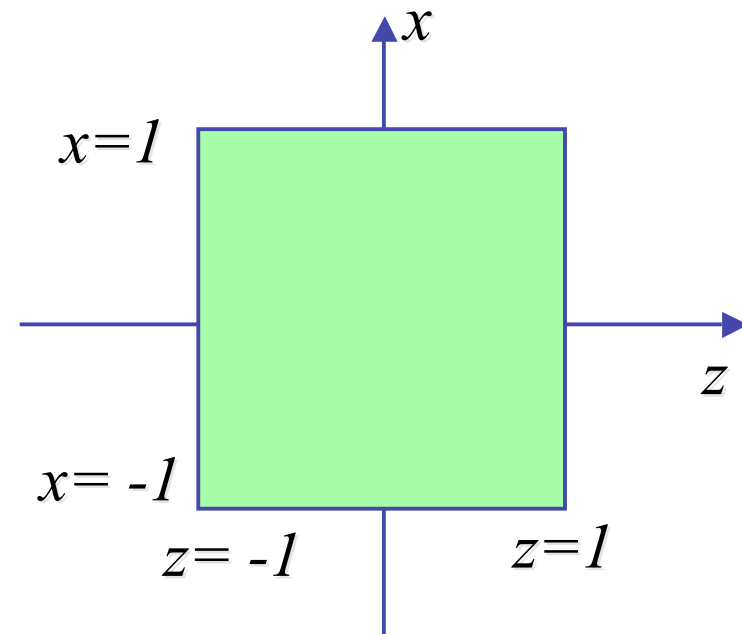
# Normalized Device Coordinates

left/right  $x = +/- 1$ , top/bottom  $y = +/- 1$ , near/far  $z = +/- 1$

**Camera coordinates**

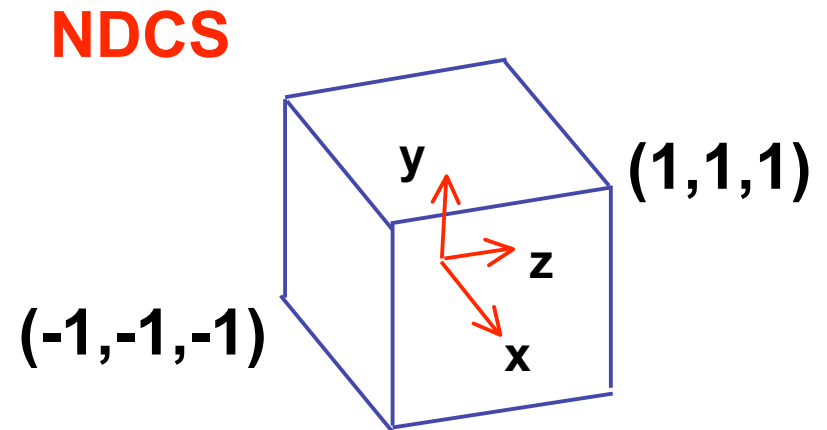
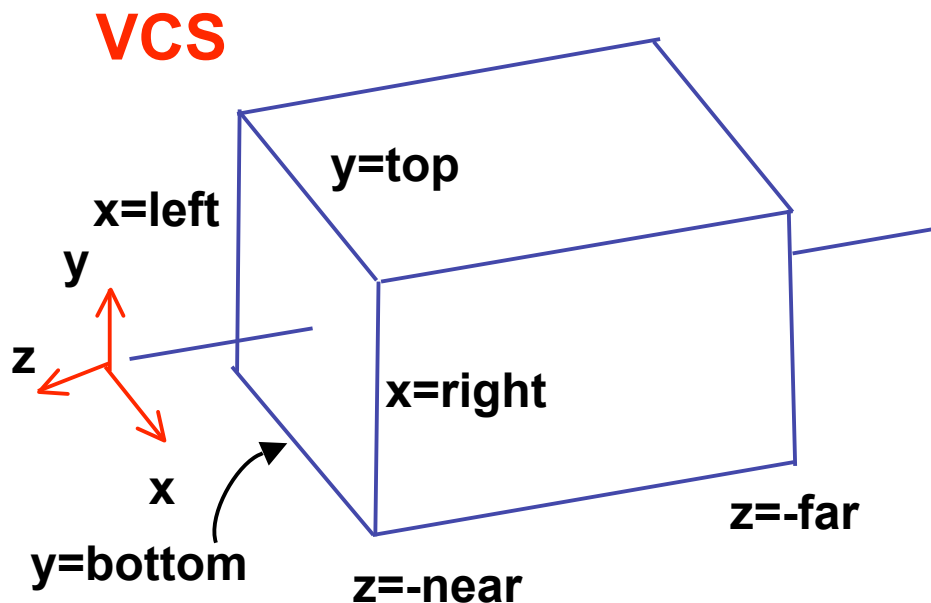


**NDC**



# Understanding Z

- z axis flip changes coord system handedness
  - RHS before projection (eye/view coords)
  - LHS after projection (clip, norm device coords)

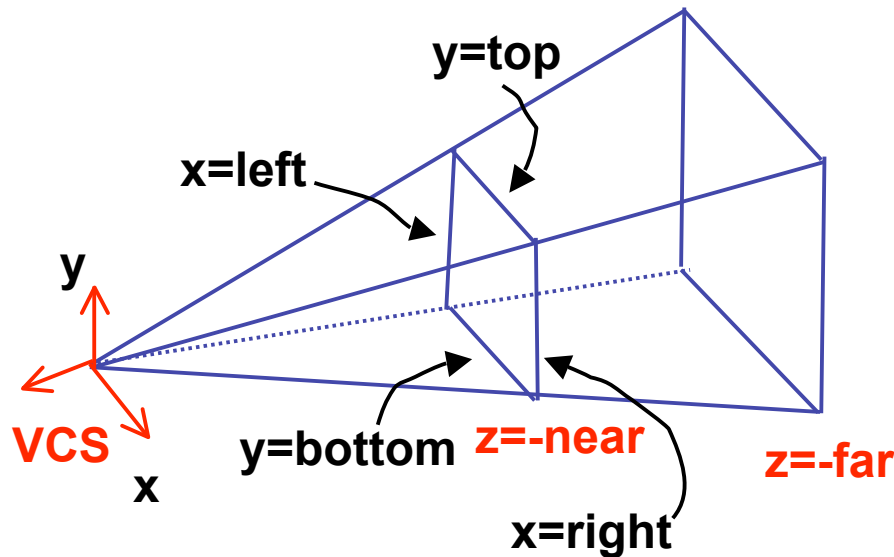


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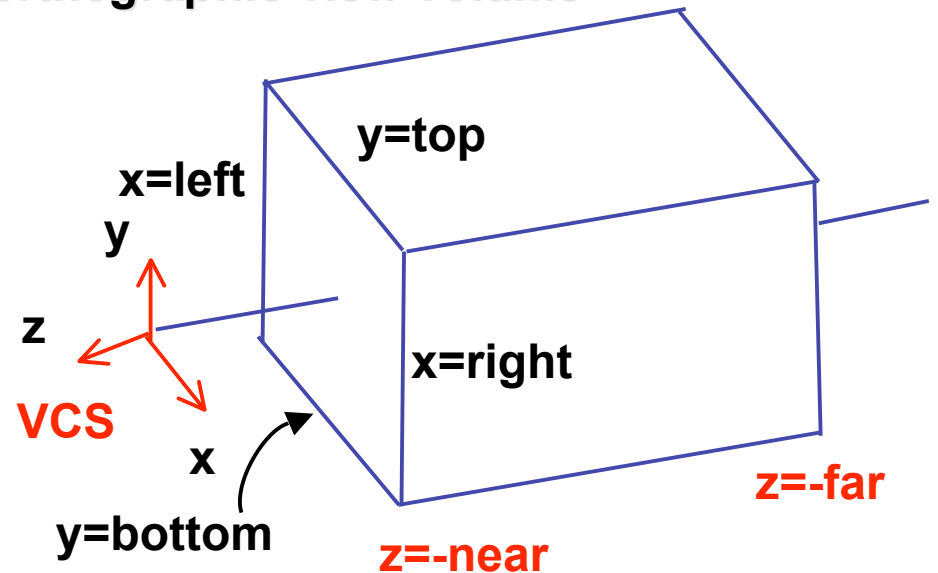
near, far always positive in OpenGL calls

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glOrtho(left,right,bot,top,near,far);  
glFrustum(left,right,bot,top,near,far);  
glPerspective(fovy,aspect,near,far);
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perspective view volume



orthographic view volume

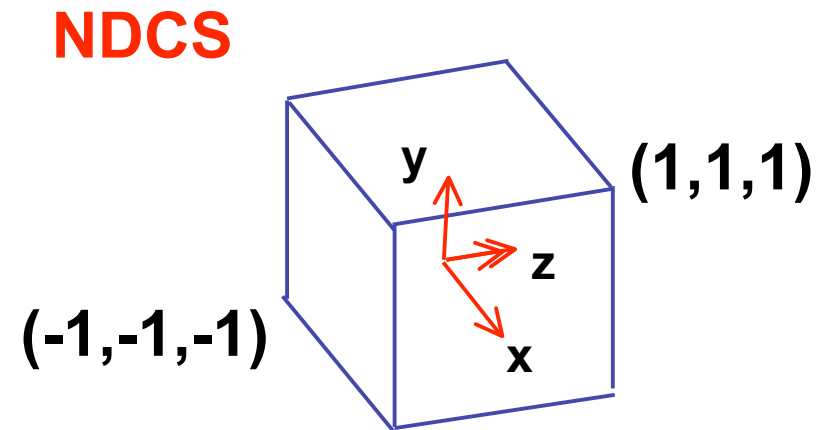
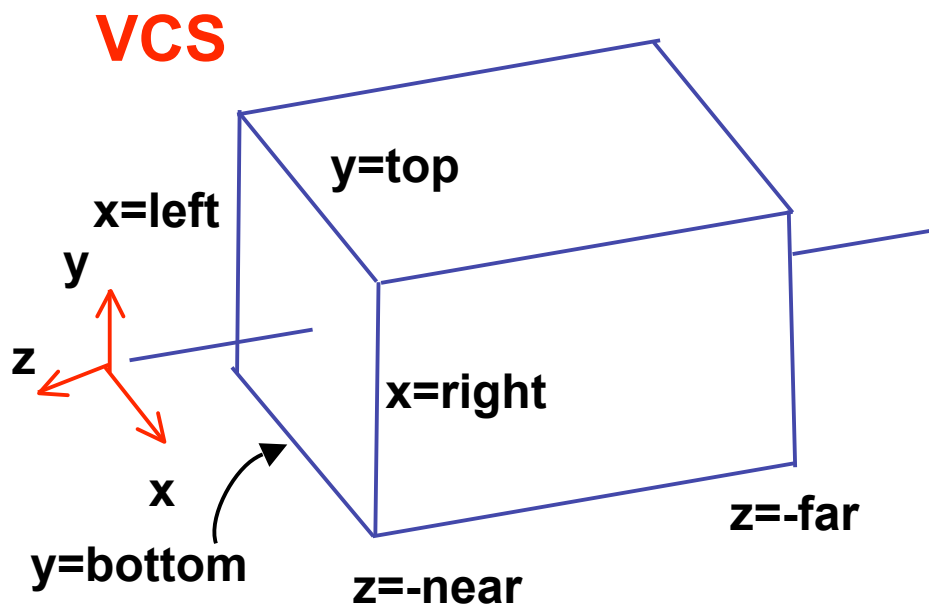


# Understanding Z

- why near and far plane?
  - near plane:
    - avoid singularity (division by zero, or very small numbers)
  - far plane:
    - store depth in fixed-point representation (integer), thus have to have fixed range of values (0...1)
    - avoid/reduce numerical precision artifacts for distant objects

# Orthographic Derivation

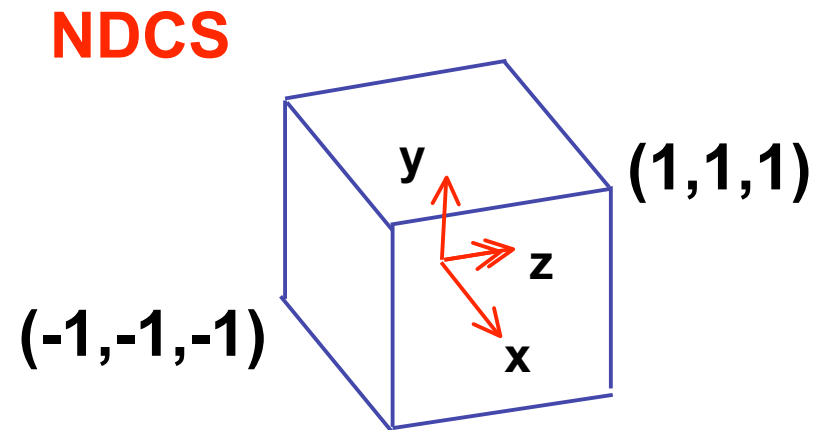
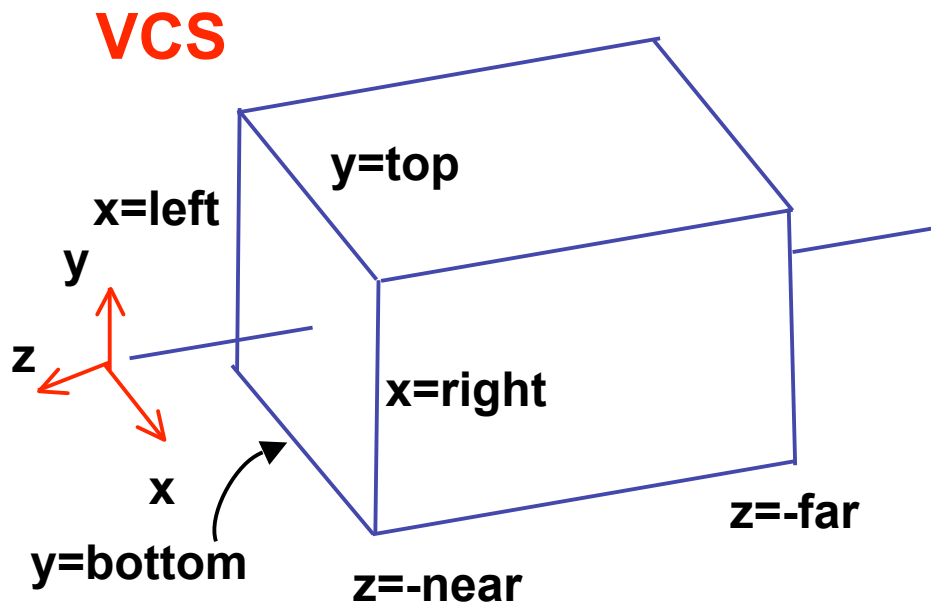
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- scale, translate, reflect for new coord sys

$$y' = a \cdot y + b \quad \begin{array}{l} y = top \rightarrow y' = 1 \\ y = bot \rightarrow y' = -1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 = a \cdot top + b \\ -1 = a \cdot bot + b \end{array}$$

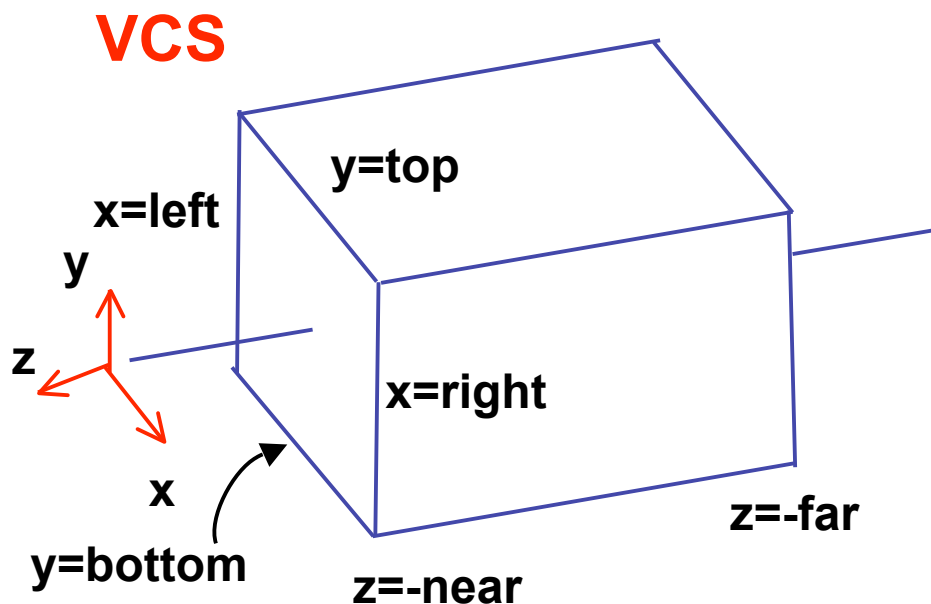
$$\begin{array}{l} b = 1 - a \cdot top, b = -1 - a \cdot bot \\ 1 - a \cdot top = -1 - a \cdot bot \\ 1 - (-1) = -a \cdot bot - (-a \cdot top) \\ 2 = a(-bot + top) \\ a = \frac{2}{top - bot} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 = \frac{2}{top - bot} top + b \\ b = 1 - \frac{2 \cdot top}{top - bot} \\ b = \frac{(top - bot) - 2 \cdot top}{top - bot} \\ b = \frac{-top - bot}{top - bot} \end{array}$$



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- scale, translate, reflect for new coord sys

$$y' = a \cdot y + b$$
$$y = top \rightarrow y' = 1$$
$$y = bot \rightarrow y' = -1$$



$$a = \frac{2}{top - bot}$$
$$b = -\frac{top + bot}{top - bot}$$

same idea for right/left, far/near

# Orthographic Derivation

- scale, translate, reflect for new coord sys

$$P' = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\text{right} - \text{left}} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\text{right} + \text{left}}{\text{right} - \text{left}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\text{top} - \text{bot}} & 0 & -\frac{\text{top} + \text{bot}}{\text{top} - \text{bot}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-2}{\text{far} - \text{near}} & -\frac{\text{far} + \text{near}}{\text{far} - \text{near}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} P$$

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- **scale**, translate, reflect for new coord sys

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- scale, translate, **reflect** for new coord sys

$$P' = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{right - left} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{right + left}{right - left} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{top - bot} & 0 & -\frac{top + bot}{top - bot} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-2}{far - near} & -\frac{far + near}{far - near} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} P$$

# Orthographic OpenGL

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glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);  
glLoadIdentity();  
glOrtho(left, right, bot, top, near, far);
```

# Demo

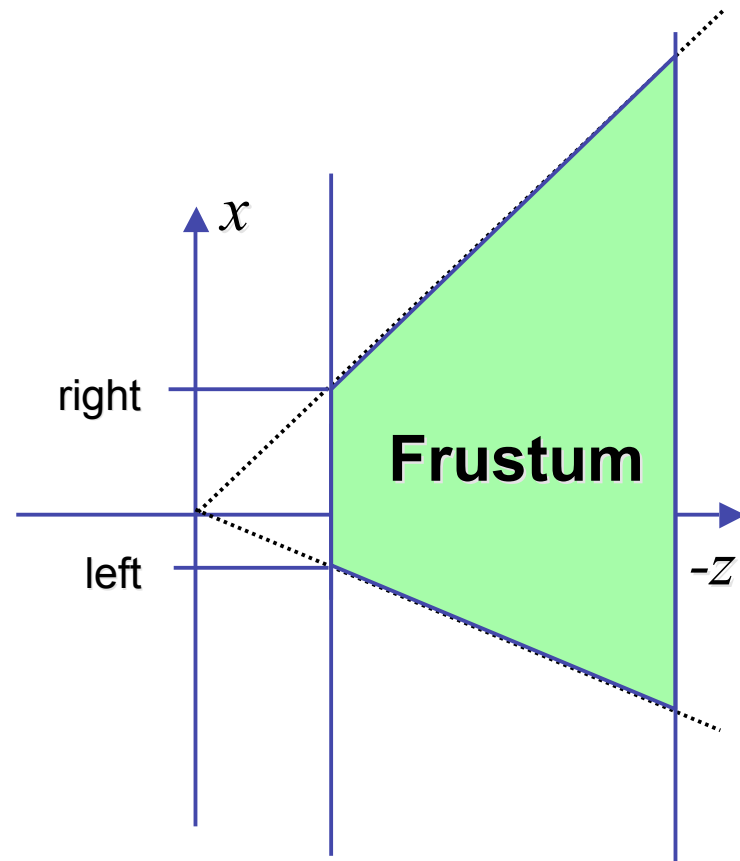
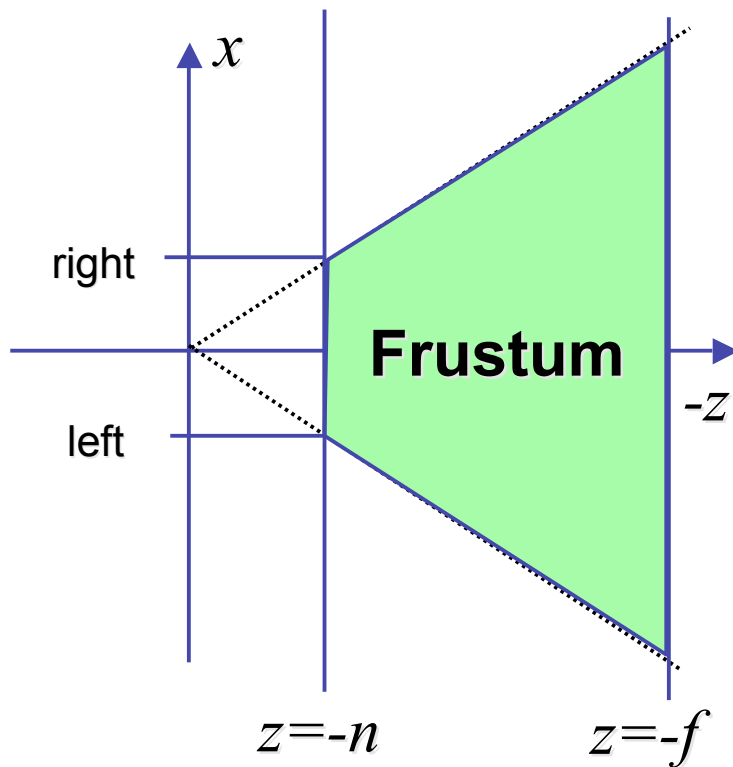
- Brown applets: viewing techniques
  - parallel/orthographic camera transformations
- [http://www.cs.brown.edu/exploratories/freeSoftware/catalogs/viewing\\_techniques.html](http://www.cs.brown.edu/exploratories/freeSoftware/catalogs/viewing_techniques.html)

# Projections II



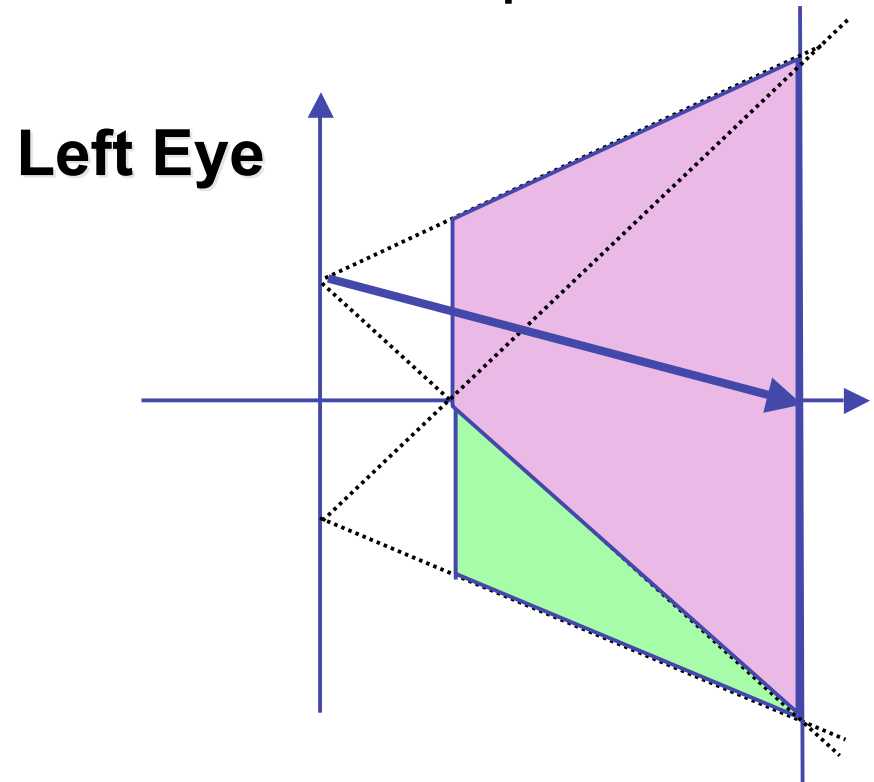
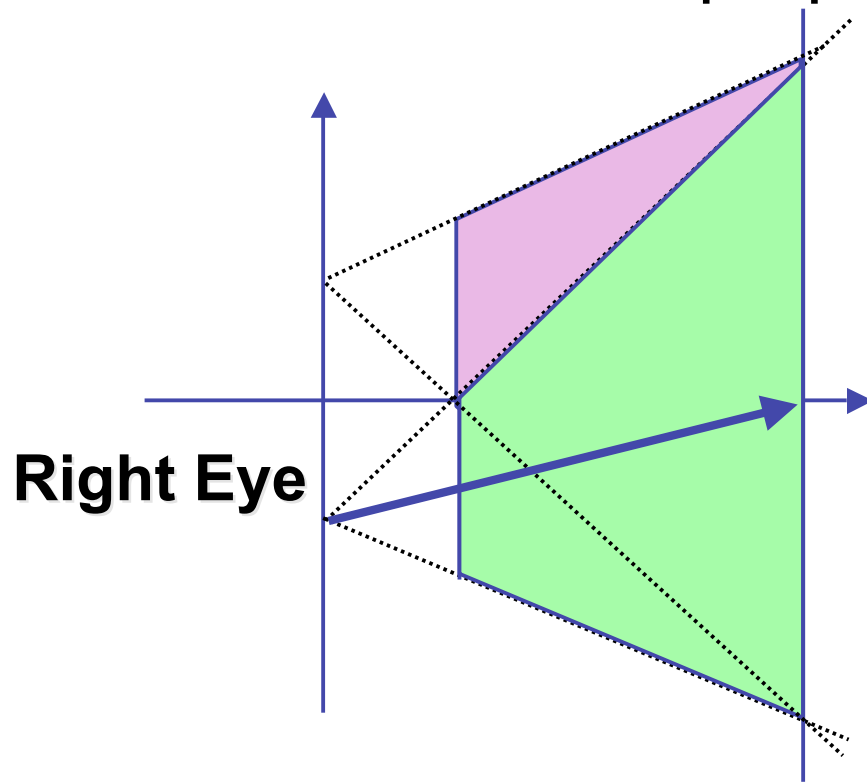
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  - why bother?



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  - why bother? binocular stereo
    - view vector not perpendicular to view plane

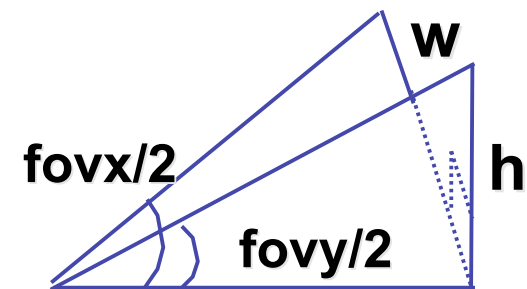
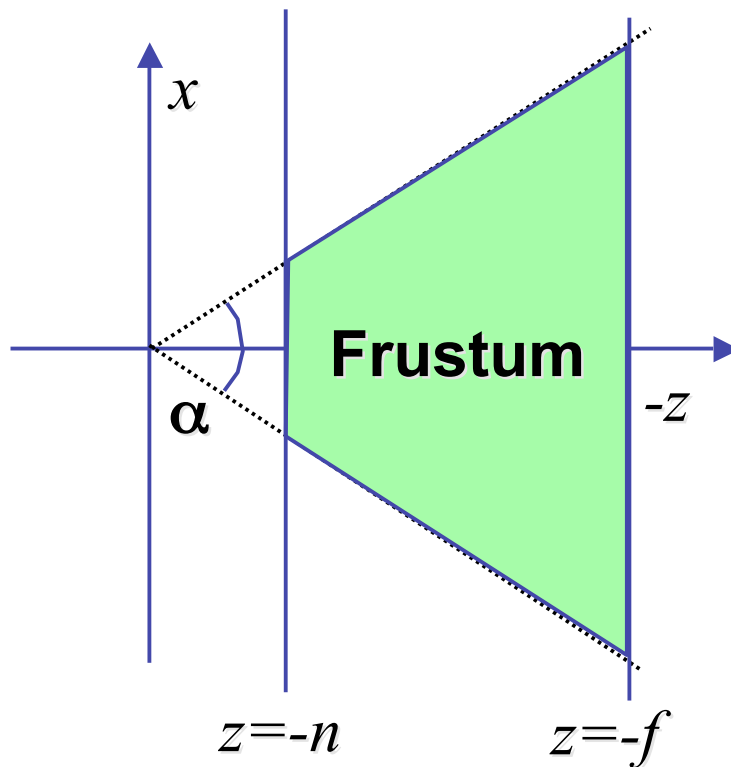


# Simpler Formulation

- left, right, bottom, top, near, far
  - nonintuitive
  - often overkill
- look through window center
  - symmetric frustum
- constraints
  - $\text{left} = -\text{right}$ ,  $\text{bottom} = -\text{top}$

# Field-of-View Formulation

- FOV in one direction + aspect ratio ( $w/h$ )
  - determines FOV in other direction
  - also set near, far (reasonably intuitive)



# Perspective OpenGL

```
glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION) ;  
glLoadIdentity() ;
```

```
glFrustum(left, right, bot, top, near, far) ;
```

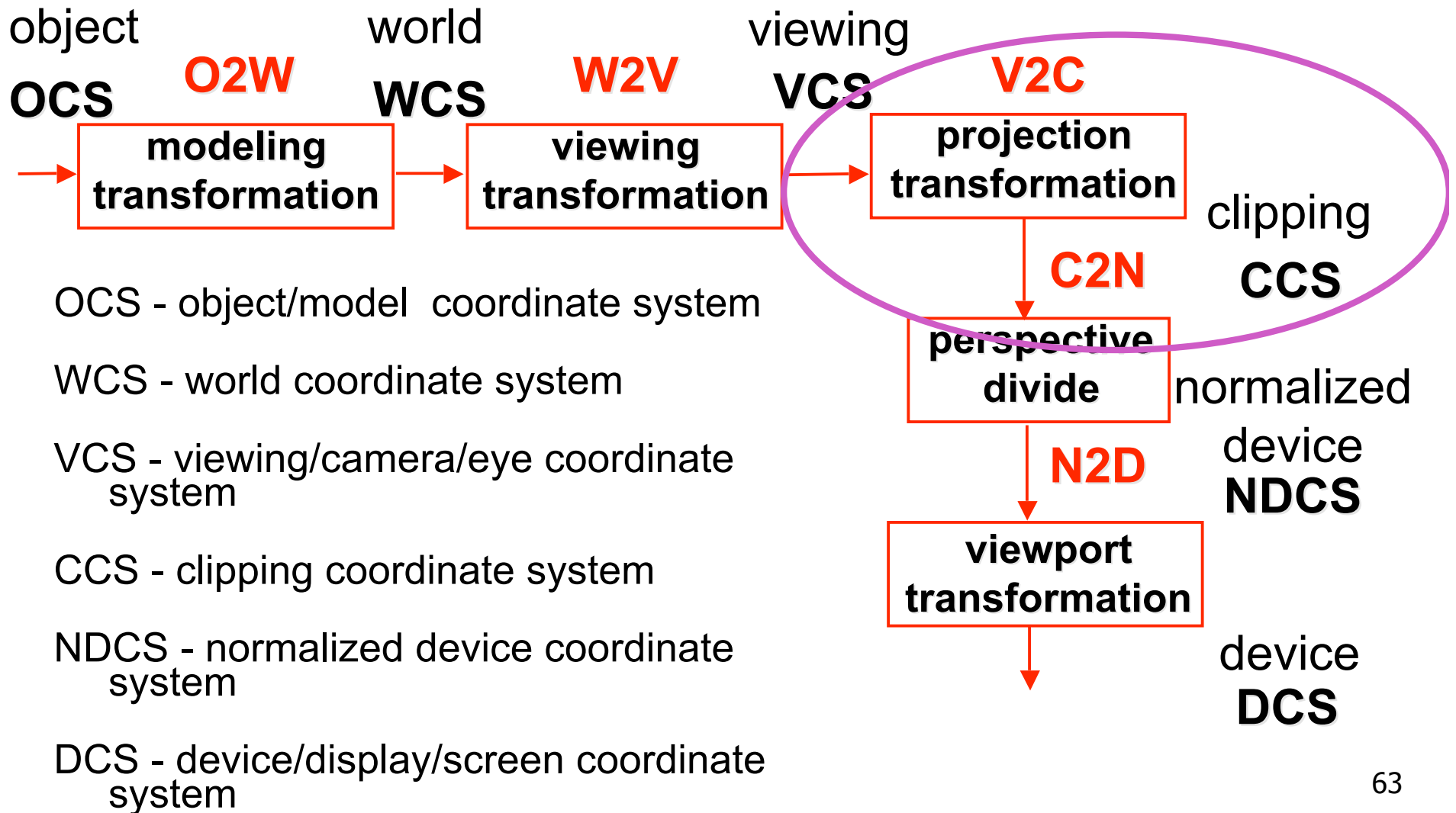
or

```
glPerspective(fovy, aspect, near, far) ;
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# Demo: Frustum vs. FOV

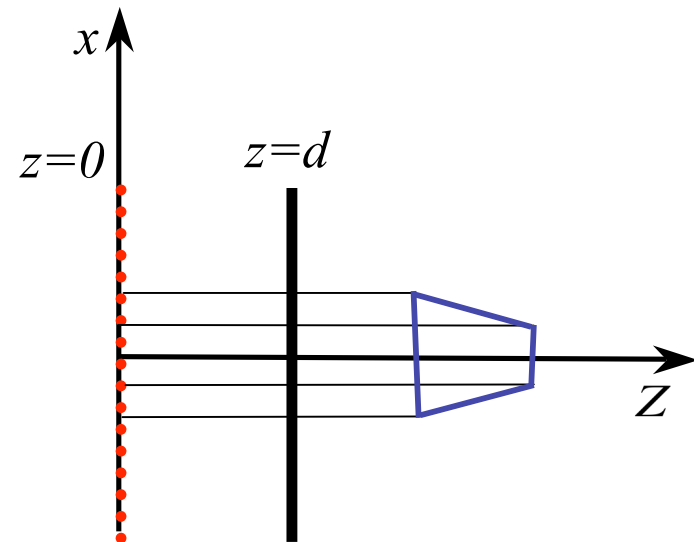
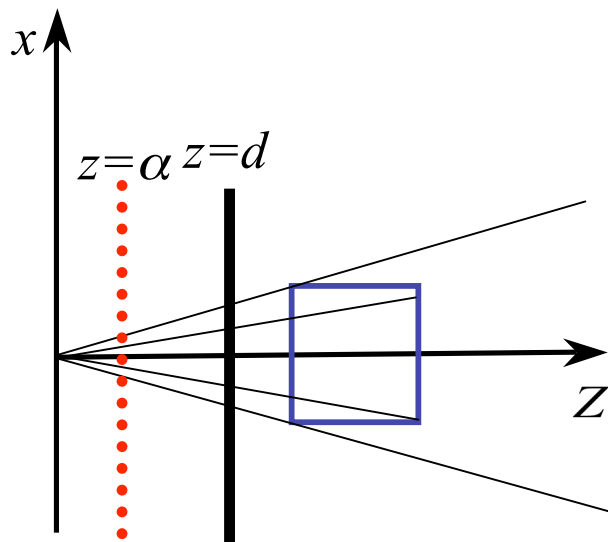
- Nate Robins tutorial (take 2):
  - <http://www.xmission.com/~nate/tutors.html>

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# Projection Normalization

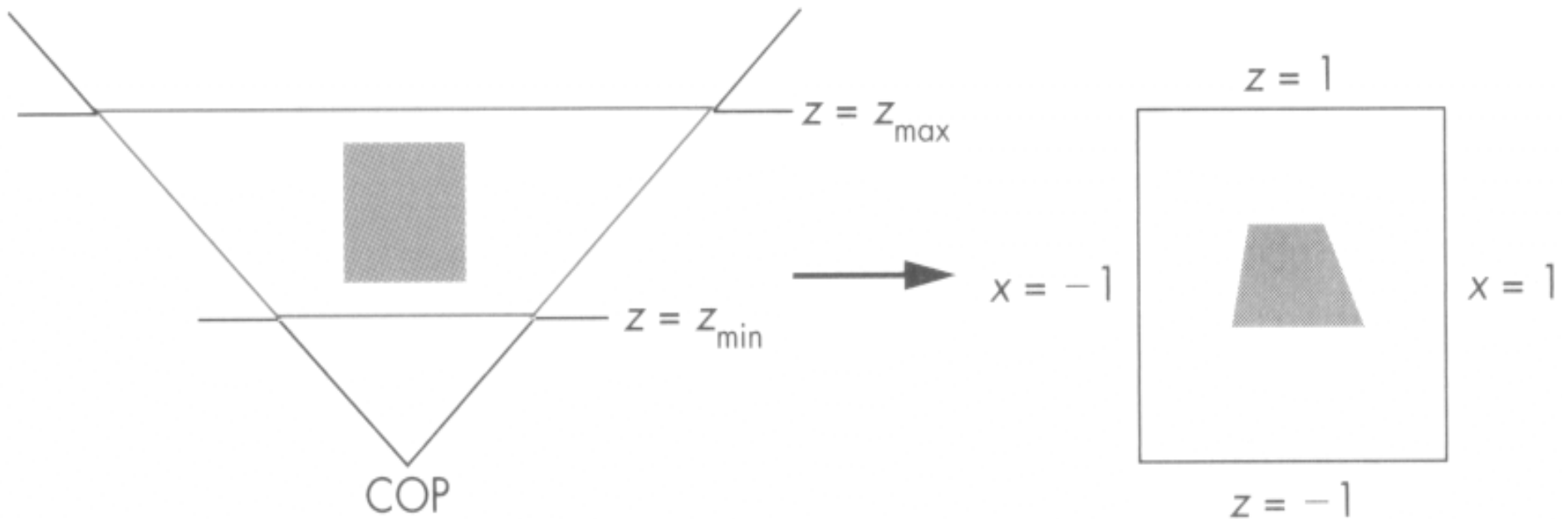
- warp perspective view volume to orthogonal view volume
  - render all scenes with orthographic projection!
  - aka perspective warp



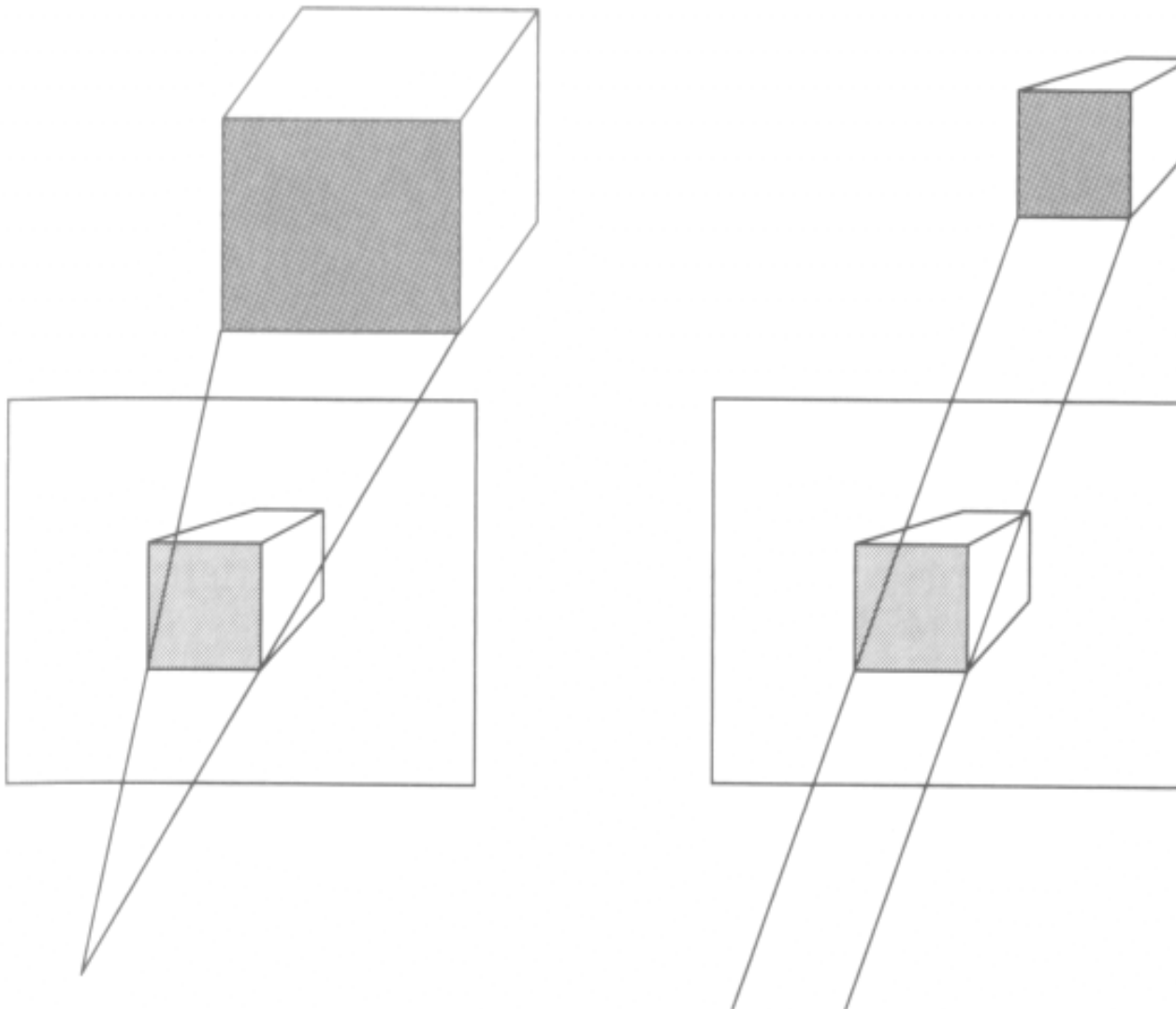


# Perspective Normalization

- perspective viewing frustum transformed to cube
- orthographic rendering of cube produces same image as perspective rendering of original



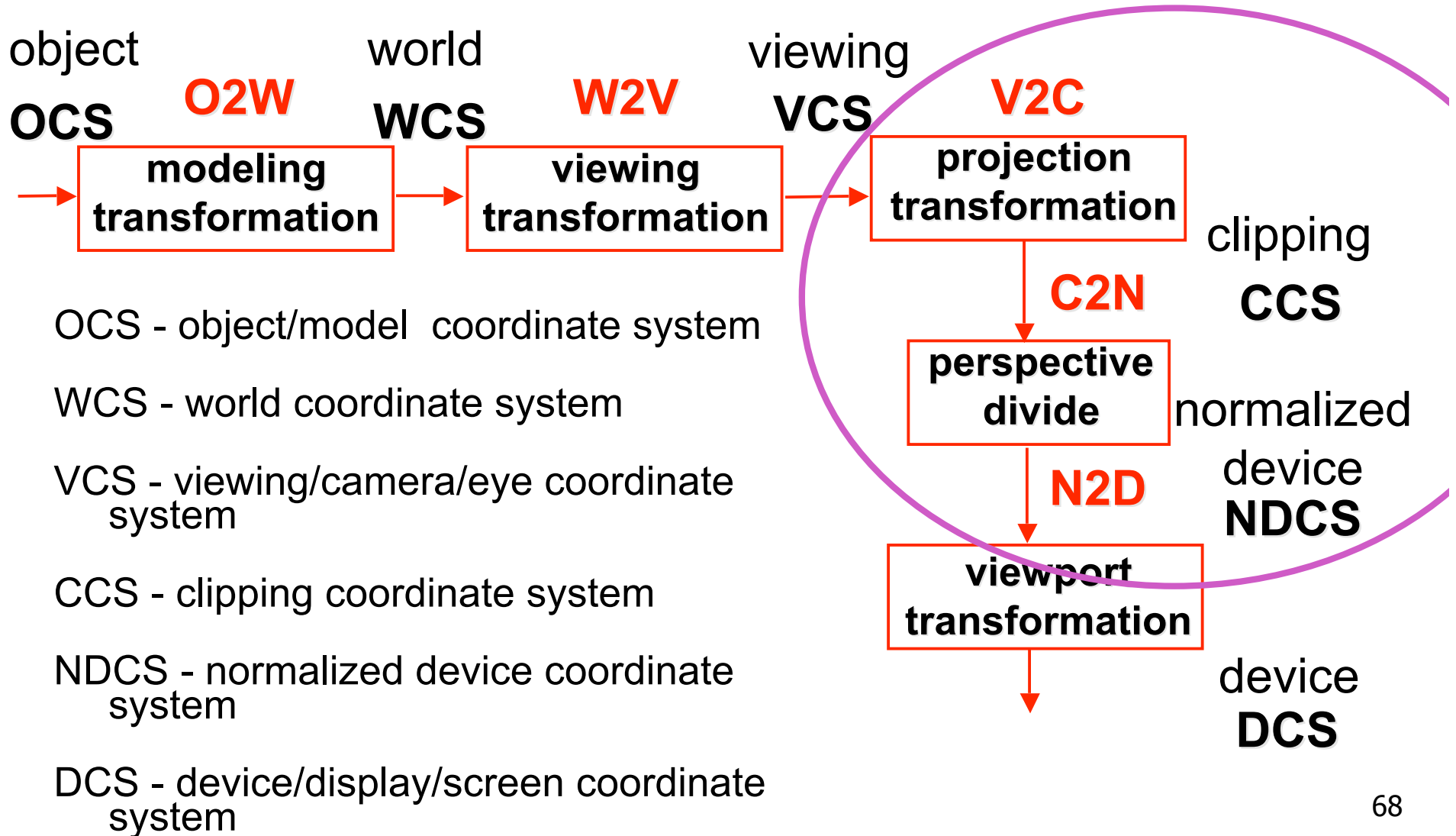
# Predistortion



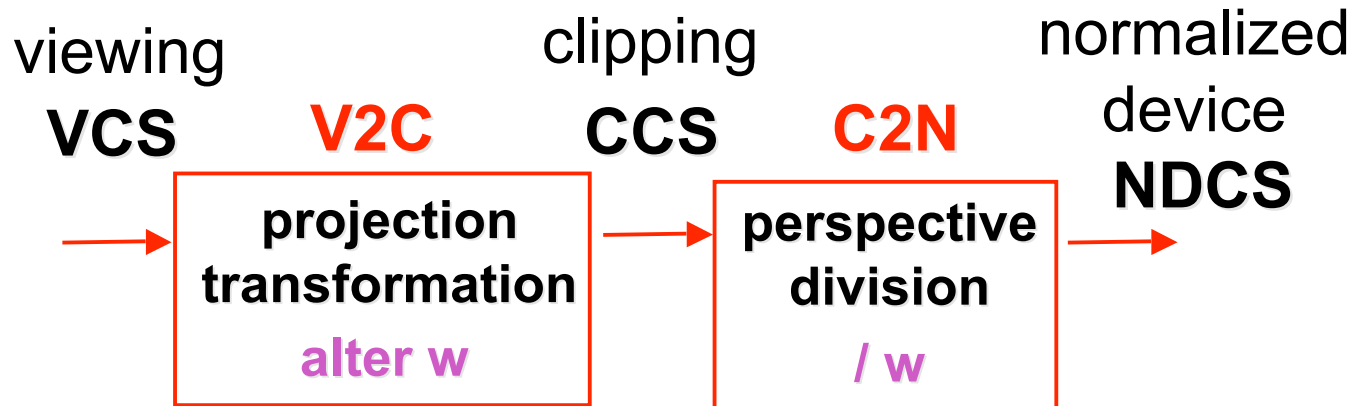
# Demos

- Tuebingen applets from Frank Hanisch
  - <http://www.gris.uni-tuebingen.de/projects/grdev/doc/html/etc/AppletIndex.html#Transformationen>

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# Separate Warp From Homogenization



- warp requires only standard matrix multiply
  - distort such that orthographic projection of distorted objects is desired persp projection
    - w is changed
  - clip after warp, before divide
  - division by w: homogenization