# Perspective Projection ${ }^{1}$ 

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## Definitions

- View Space: coordinate system with the viewer looking down the -z axis, with $+x$ to the right and $+y$ up
- World-View Transformation: takes points in world space and converts them into points in view space
- Projection Transformation: takes points in view space and converts them into points in Canonical View Space
- Canonical View Space: coordinate system with the viewer looking along $-z,+x$ to the right and $+y$ up. Here everything inside the cube $\mathrm{x}:[-1,1], \mathrm{y}:[-1,1], \mathrm{z}:[-1,1]$ using orthogonal projection.


## Perspective Projection



## One Point Perspective


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmSg_F4P5yU

## Two Point Perspective


https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=52\&v=7ZYBWA-ifEs

## Three Point Perspective


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfHRReALvVc

## Simple Perspective Transformation



## Simple Perspective Transformation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { By similar triangles } \\
& \frac{X_{s}}{d}=\frac{x_{v}}{z_{v}} \quad \frac{y_{s}}{d}=\frac{y_{v}}{z_{v}}
\end{aligned}
$$

View Plane

## Simple Perspective Transformation

Using homogeneous coordinates

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{s} \\
y_{s} \\
d
\end{array}\right] \equiv\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{v} \\
y_{v} \\
z_{v} \\
z_{v} / d
\end{array}\right] \quad \mathbf{P}_{s}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 / d & 0
\end{array}\right] \mathbf{P}_{v}
$$

## Simple Perspective Transformation

- One can write a line in parametric form: $x=x_{0}+t d$
- $x_{0}$ is a point on a line, $t$ is a scalar (distance along the line from $x_{0}$ ) and $d$ is a direction (unit length)
- Different $x_{0}$ gives different parallel lines

$$
\begin{gathered}
{\left[\begin{array}{c}
x \\
y \\
z \\
w
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{1}{f} & 0
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{0} \\
y_{0} \\
z_{0} \\
1
\end{array}\right]+t\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{1}{f} & 0
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{d} \\
y_{d} \\
z_{d} \\
0
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\frac{x_{0}+t x_{d}}{z_{0}+t_{d}} \\
\frac{y_{0}+t y_{d}}{z_{0}+t_{d}} \\
1
\end{array}\right]} \\
\text { Taking the limit as } t \rightarrow \infty \text {, we get }\left[\begin{array}{c}
\frac{f x_{d}}{z_{d}} \\
\frac{f y_{d}}{z_{d}} \\
f
\end{array}\right]
\end{gathered}
$$

## Simple Perspective Transformation

## Problems

- This does not map points to a Canonical View Volume
- Insufficient for all applications (e.g., depth testing, because we throw away information)


## Orthographic View Volume



## Perspective View Volume



## Perspective View Volume

- Near and far planes are parallel to the image plane $z_{v}=n, z_{v}=f$
- Other planes all pass through the center of projection
- Left and right planes intersect the image planes in vertical lines
- The top and bottom planes intersect the image plane in horizontal lines


## Perspective View Volume



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## Perspective View Volume

Can convert from image height to FOV or viceversa.


## Perspective View Volume

## Symmetry.



## Transformation



## Transformation

We need a matrix that transforms


## Transformation



- Convert the perspective case to orthographic so we can use the canonical view space in the existent pipeline
- The intersection of lines with the near clip plane should not change


## General Perspective

$$
M_{p}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{n+f}{n} & -f \\
0 & 0 & \frac{1}{n} & 0
\end{array}\right] \equiv\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & n & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{n+f}{n} & -n f \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

- This matrix leaves points with $z=n$ unchanged
- It maps depth properly
- We can multiply a homogeneous matrix by any number without changing the final point, so the two matrices have the same effect


## MV.js perspective()

function perspective( fovy, aspect, near, far ) \{

```
var f = 1.0 / Math.tan( radians(fovy) / 2 );
var d = far - near;
var result = mat4();
result[0][0] = f / aspect;
result[1][1] = f;
result[2][2] = -(near + far) / d;
result[2][3] = -2 * near * far / d;
result[3][2] = -1;
result[3][3] = 0.0;
return result;
```


## MV.js perspective()

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f=\frac{1}{\tan ^{-1}\left(\frac{\text { fowy }}{2}\right)} \\
& d=\text { far }- \text { near }
\end{aligned}
$$

The Matrix

$$
M_{p}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{f}{a} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & f & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \frac{-n+f}{d} & \frac{2 n f}{d} \\
0 & 0 & -1 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Some of the images in these slides are taken from Dr. Stephen Chenney graphics course at UW
    Madison http://research.cs.wisc.edu/graphics/Courses/559-s2002/

