# **Computer Graphics: 2-Viewing**

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#### Viewing

- Here:
  - Viewing in 3D
    - Planar Projections
    - Camera and Projection
    - View transformation

# Pipeline



- Maps Points of a coordinate system in the n-dimensional space into a space of smaller dimension.
  In computer graphics :3D -> 2D
- Idea:
  - Compute intersections of projection rays p with a projection plane  $\pi$
  - The rays pass through point to be projected and the centre of projection
- NOTE: you can't invert this!
  - ~ loss of information



Parallel (orthographic) Projection



Perspective Projection (1 vanishing pt)



Perspective Projection (2 vanishing pts)



- Perspective projection models human view system (or photography)
- Realistic but:
  - Scales not preserved
  - Angles not preserved
- parallel projection less realistic but
  - preserve scales and angles
  - Preserve parallel lines

#### **Planar projections**



#### **Camera metaphor**

- Goal: use camera to transform world coordinates into screen coordinates
- Requirement: description of the camera



## **Description of the camera**

- Position and orientation in World Coordinates (WCS)
  - Projection point (projection reference point, PRP)
  - Normal to the projection plane (view plane normal, VPN)
  - Up-vector (view up vector, VUP)





#### **Camera description**



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## **Camera description**

- Clipping
  - Window on projection plane (e.g., 35mm film)
  - Determines also the view direction (von PRP t the mid point CW of the Window)
- Field of View
  - Distance of the view plane from the origin (focal length). Alternatively,
  - Opening angle (field of view) (FOV)
- Mapping to raster coordinates
  - Resolution
  - Aspect ratio
- Front and back clipping-planes
  - Limits view to "interesting part" of the scene.
  - Avoids singularities in computations (by looking back)
  - Limits objects that are too far away (background)

## **Projection with Matrices**

- Projective transformations can be represented through Matrices
- Easy example:

- Parallel projection onto x-y plane

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{\pi} &= \xi \\ \psi_{\pi} &= \psi \\ \xi_{\pi} &= 0 \end{aligned} \qquad M_{ort} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{ort} = M_{ort} P$$

#### **Perspective projection**





$$x_p = \frac{d \cdot x}{d - z} = \frac{x}{1 - \frac{z}{d}}$$

## **Perspective projection**

 The transformation P(x,y,z) -> P<sub>p</sub>(x<sub>p</sub>,y<sub>p</sub>,0) is performed by multiplying with the matrix M<sub>per</sub>:

$$P_p = M_{per}P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{d} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ 1 - \frac{z}{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

# **View Transformation**

- Problem:
  - This works well if coordinate systems are already unified and aligned with world coordinates, but not for the general case.
  - Thus we transform the world to where we need it.
- Goal:
  - VRP is at origin
  - View direction is -Z, Y ist Up vector

## Normalization

- Moving VRP to the origin: T(-VRP)
- Rotate coordinate system, so that Up vector points UP and the view direction is –Z
  - orthonormed basis of the Camera Coordinate system with

$$R_{z} = \frac{VPN}{\|VPN\|} \qquad R_{x} = \frac{VUP \cdot R_{z}}{\|VUP \cdot R_{z}\|} \qquad R_{y} = R_{z} \cdot R_{x}$$

• This results in the rotation matrix:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{1x} & r_{2x} & r_{3x} & 0 \\ r_{1y} & r_{2y} & r_{3y} & 0 \\ r_{1z} & r_{2z} & r_{3z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} R_{x}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{1x} & r_{1y} & r_{1z} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_{y}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{2x} & r_{2y} & r_{2z} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_{z}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{3x} & r_{3y} & r_{3z} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Recapping



# Recapping

- Transformation of the WCS into 2D screen coordinates through matrix multiplication
- Parameter of the virtual camera determine the composing transformation steps
- Of course, if I describe otherwise the camera and viewing system -> different matrices
- Note: Some camera parameters are missing, e.g. CW and the aspect ratio of the window. Such parameter can be integrated through simple transformations in the viewing transformations.

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