



# MAE 473-573: Lecture #12 - Projection and Perspective

## Lecture Overview:

- Miscellaneous
- Motivation
- Projection - basics
- Means for projecting images:
  - Orthographic viewing - basics
  - Perspective viewing - basics
- The mathematics of projection
- Vanishing points
- Numerical examples





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Miscellaneous:

X Programming Reference:

“Xlib Programming Manual, Volume 1”, Adrian Nye, O’Reilly & Associates, Inc., 1995 (last printing)

Homogeneous coordinates:

- more extensive review forthcoming
- review lectures #5 and #9 for “need to know” details





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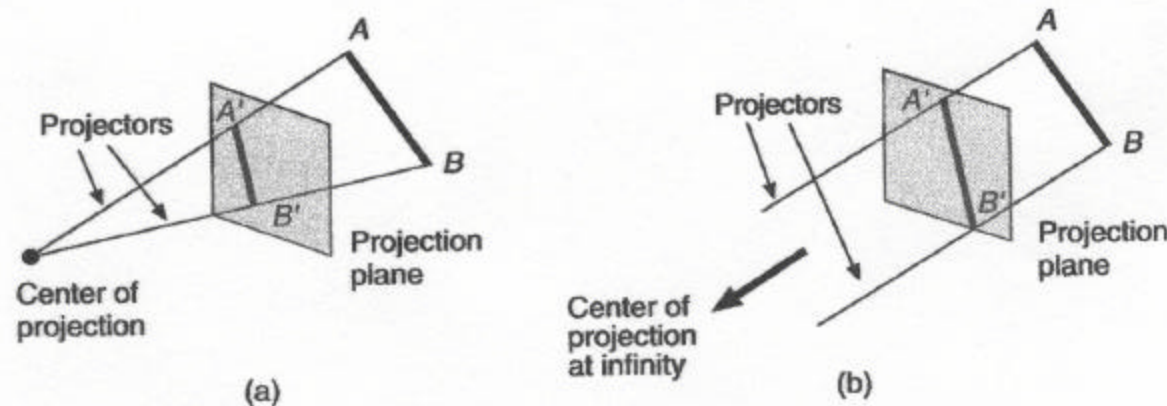
- Motivation:
- 2D and 3D scenes must be transferred to a 2D object....
- ...Our display device - the computer screen!!

Must consider.....

- Specification of viewing parameters
- Level-of-Detail required on viewed model
- Is distortion of image geometry tolerable? (i.e. *perspective*)
- Clipping/windowing - what is the view volume?



- Projection - basics
  - DEF: Transformation of points in a coordinate system of dimension  $n$ , into a coordinate system of dimension less than  $n$ . (our concern: 3D to 2D)
  - DEF: *Foreshortening* - visual effect of a perspective projection
  - Basic classes of projection: *Parallel* and *Perspective*



**Figure 6.3** Two different projections of the same line. (a) Line  $AB$  and its perspective projection  $A'B'$ . (b) Line  $AB$  and its parallel projection  $A'B'$ . Projectors  $AA'$  and  $BB'$  are parallel.

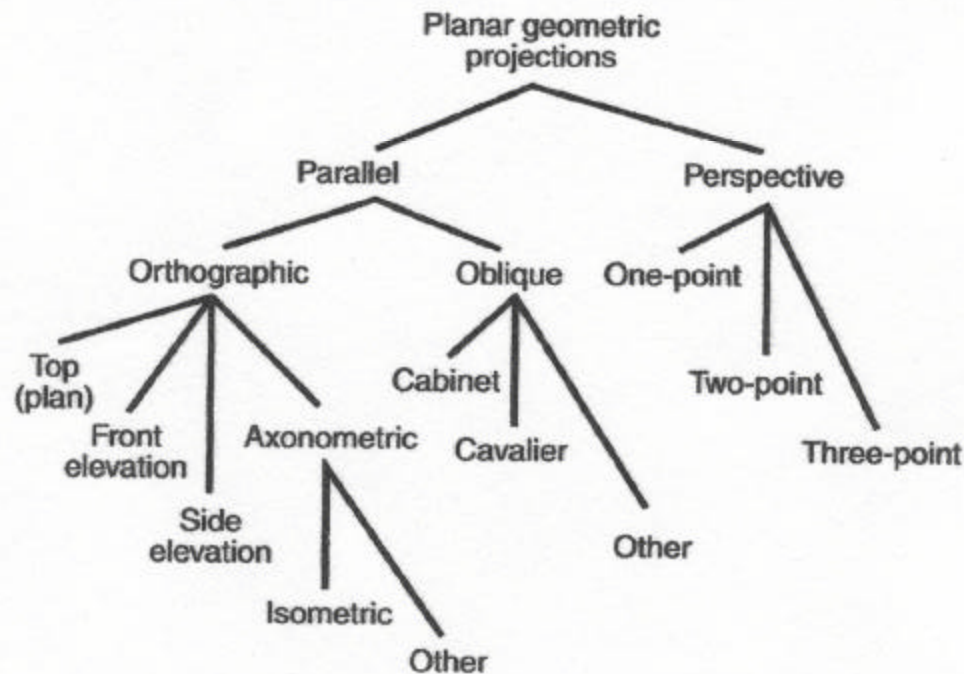




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- Means for projecting images

Flowchart of Geometric Projection types:



**Figure 6.10** The subclasses of planar geometric projections. **Plan view** is another term for a top view. **Front** and **side** are often used without the term **elevation**.





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- Parallel Projections:

Orthographic - Direction of projection, and the normal to the projection plane are in same direction (...unlike *Oblique* projection)

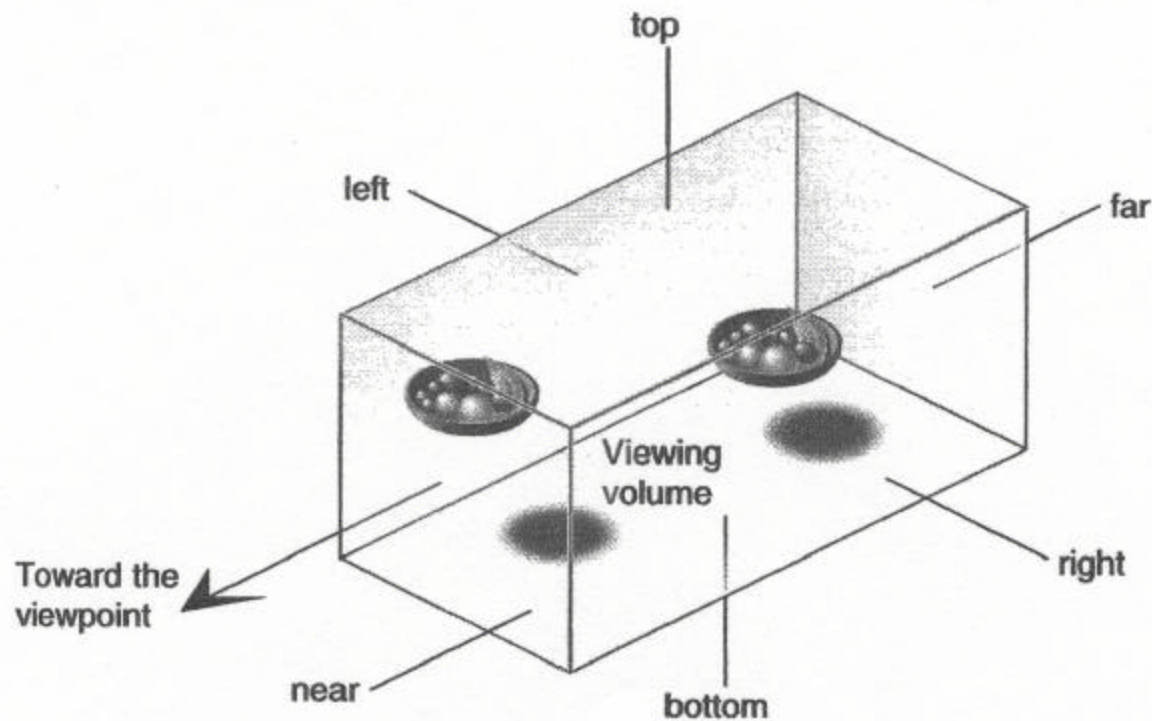


Figure 3-15 Orthographic Viewing Volume





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### Orthographic parallel projection (cont.)

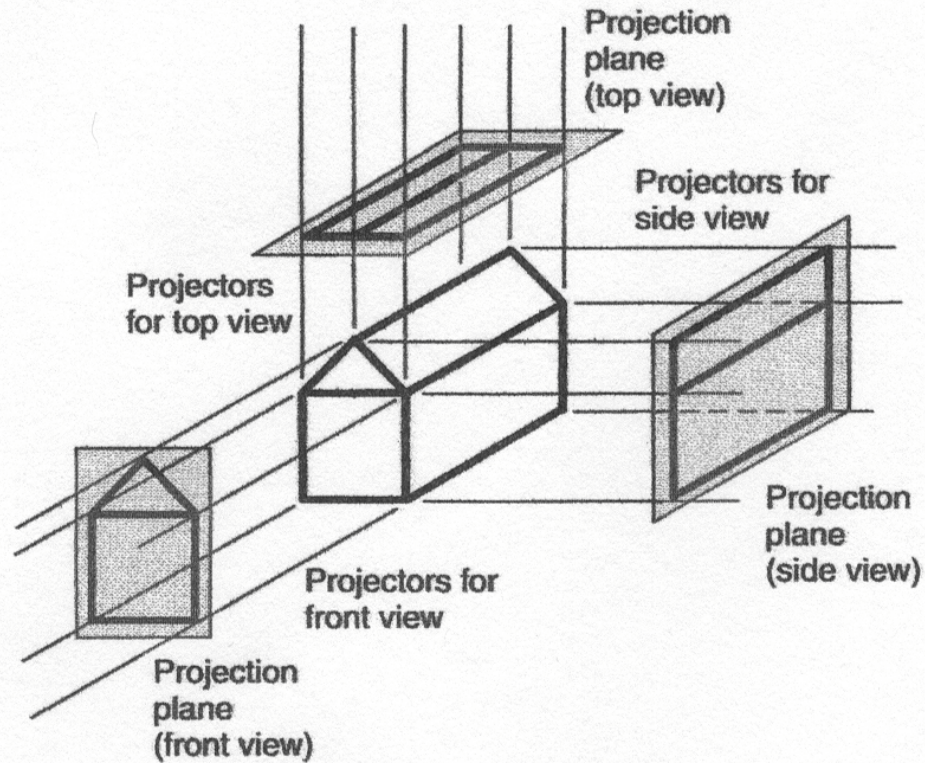
- Common types: Top, front, side, isometric elevation
- Projection plane is perpendicular to direction of projection
- Typically used in engineering drawings
- Distances and angles can be accurately measured
- Drawback: each projection results in *one face* of an object







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**Figure 6.7** Construction of three orthographic projections.







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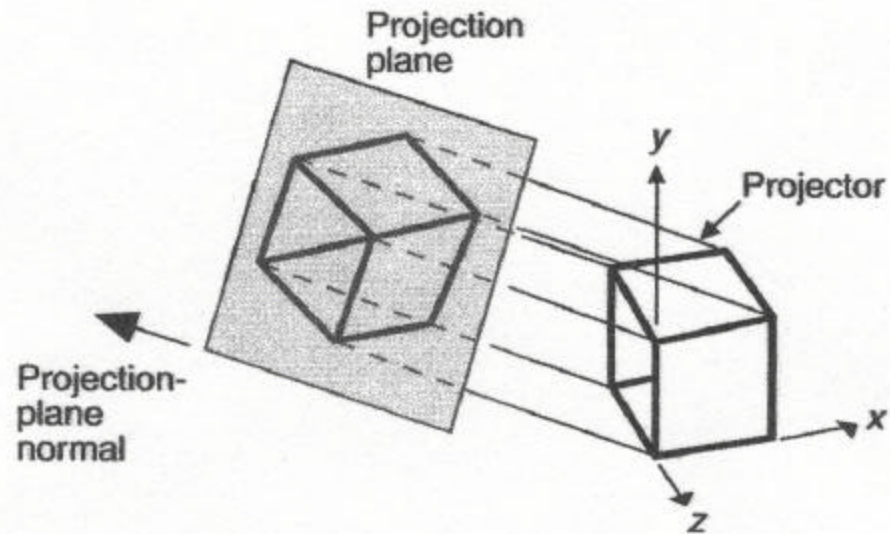
Axonometric orthographic projection:

- Projection plane NOT normal to the direction of projection
- Result: several faces shown at once
- Resemble perspective projection, only foreshortening is uniform
- Isometric - most common - projection plane normal makes equal angles with each principal (x,y,z) axis





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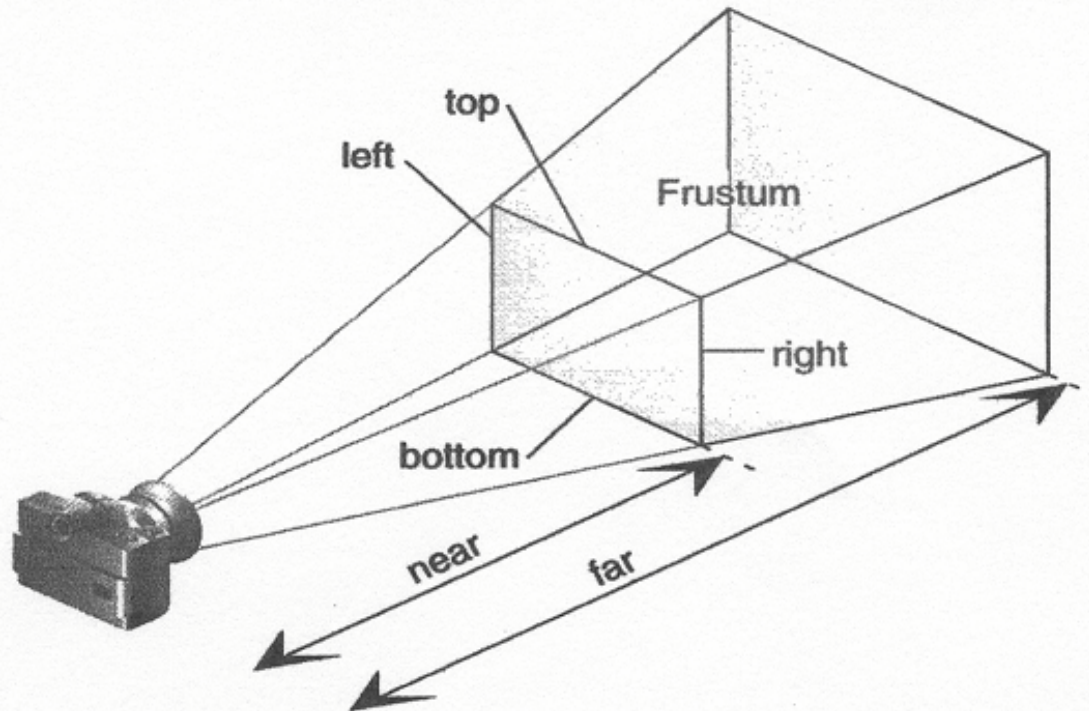
**Figure 6.8** Construction of an isometric projection of a unit cube. (Adapted from [CARL78], Association for Computing Machinery, Inc.; used by permission.)





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- Perspective projections: Have finite center of projection, and vanishing point(s)



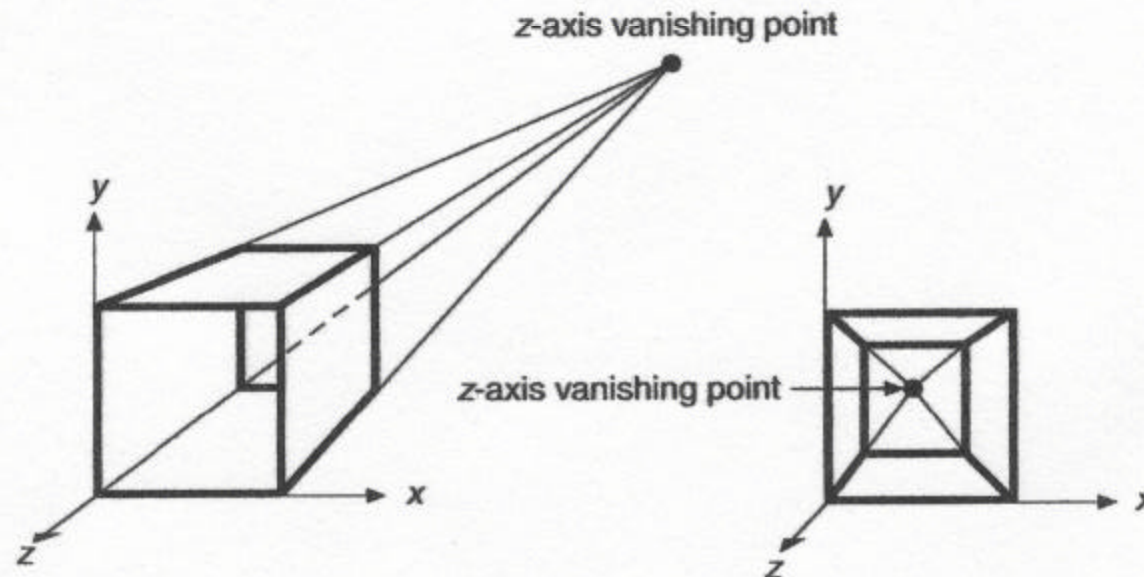
**Figure 3-13** Perspective Viewing Volume Specified by `glFrustum()`





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DEF: *Vanishing point* - The perspective projections of any set of parallel lines NOT parallel to the projection plane converge to a finite *vanishing point (VP)*.



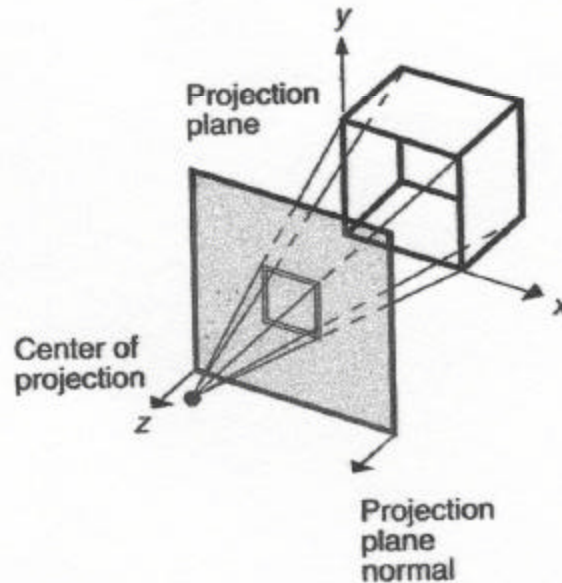
**Figure 6.4** One-point perspective projections of a cube onto a plane cutting the z axis, showing vanishing point of lines perpendicular to projection plane.





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- One, Two, Three point perspective
  - Governed by the number of VP's
  - There can be at most 3 VP's (x,y,z)



**Figure 6.5** Construction of one-point perspective projection of cube onto plane cutting the  $z$  axis. The projection-plane normal is parallel to  $z$  axis. (Adapted from [CARL78], Association for Computing Machinery, Inc.; used by permission.)

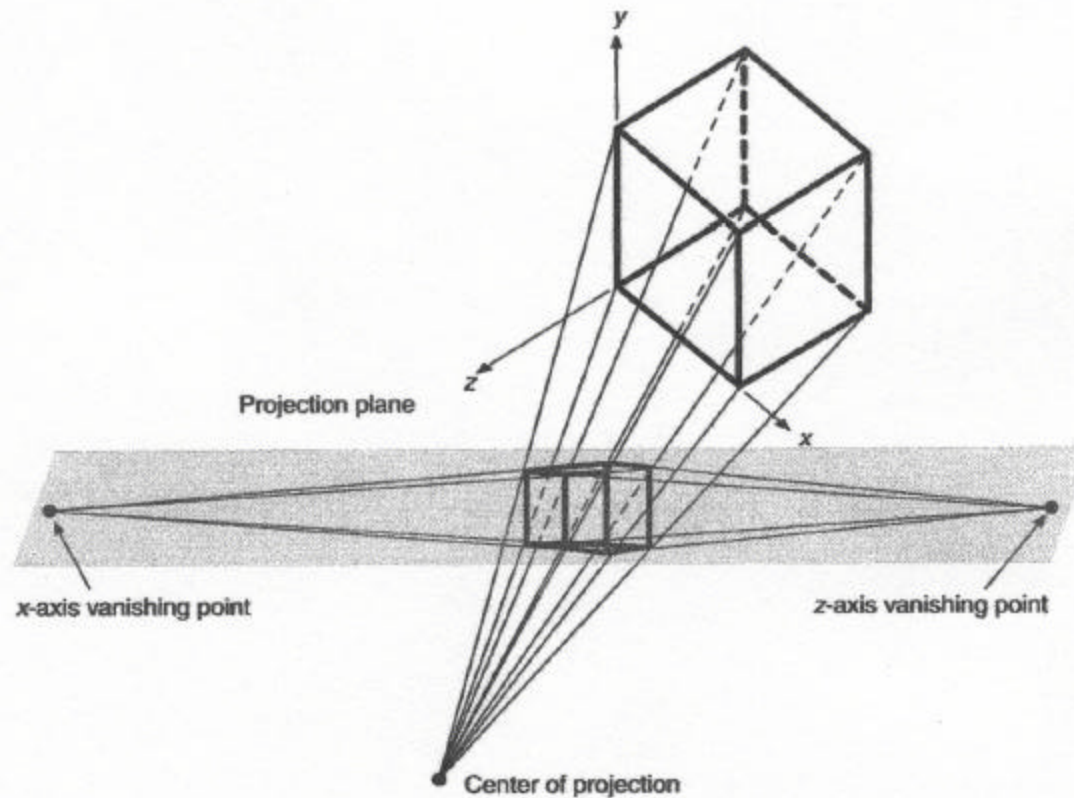






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- 2-point perspective commonly used in architecture/industrial design
- 3-point perspective rarely used; not much more realistic than 2 VP's



**Figure 6.6** Two-point perspective projection of a cube. The projection plane cuts the  $x$  and  $z$  axes.

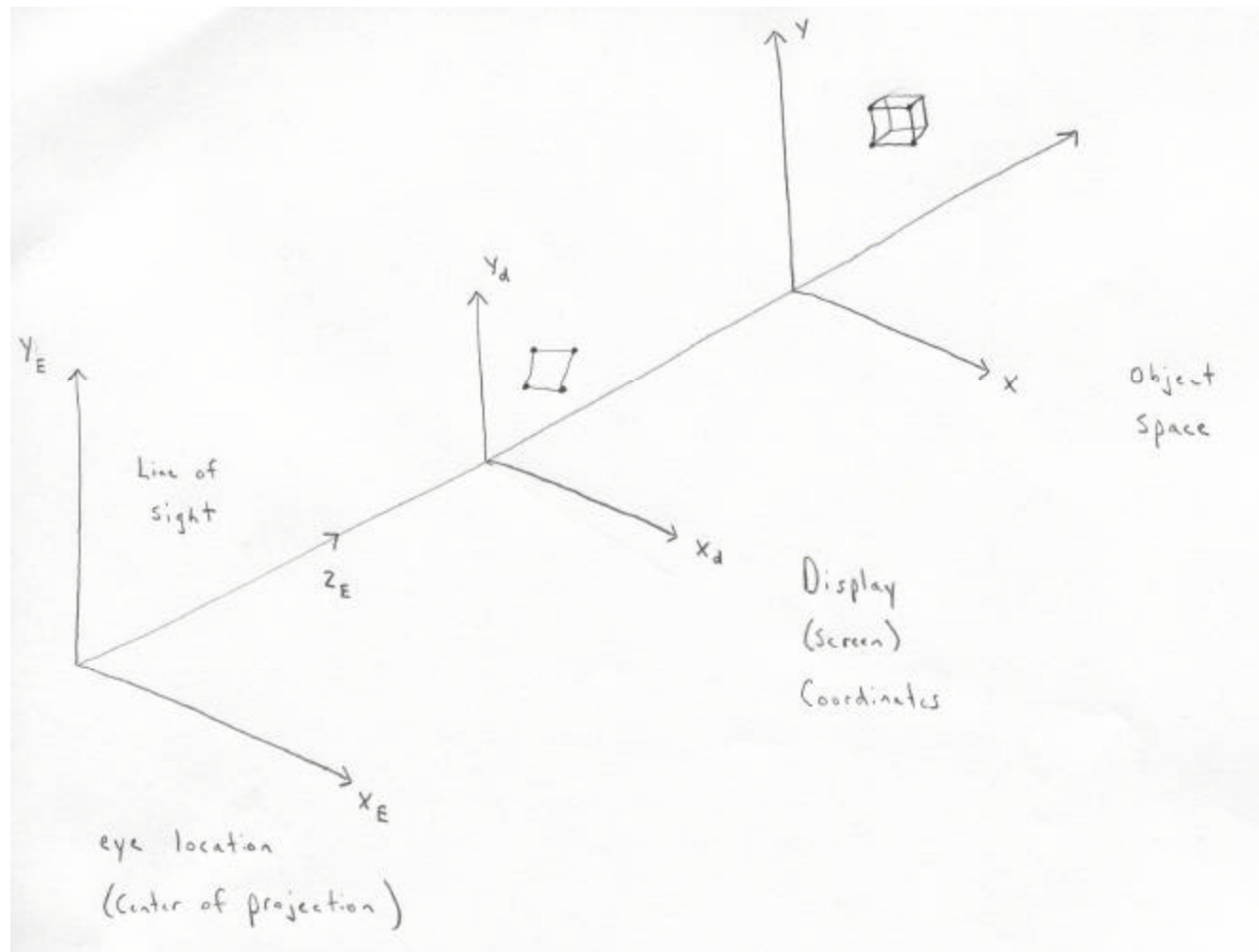






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- The mathematics of projections - Coordinate system definition:

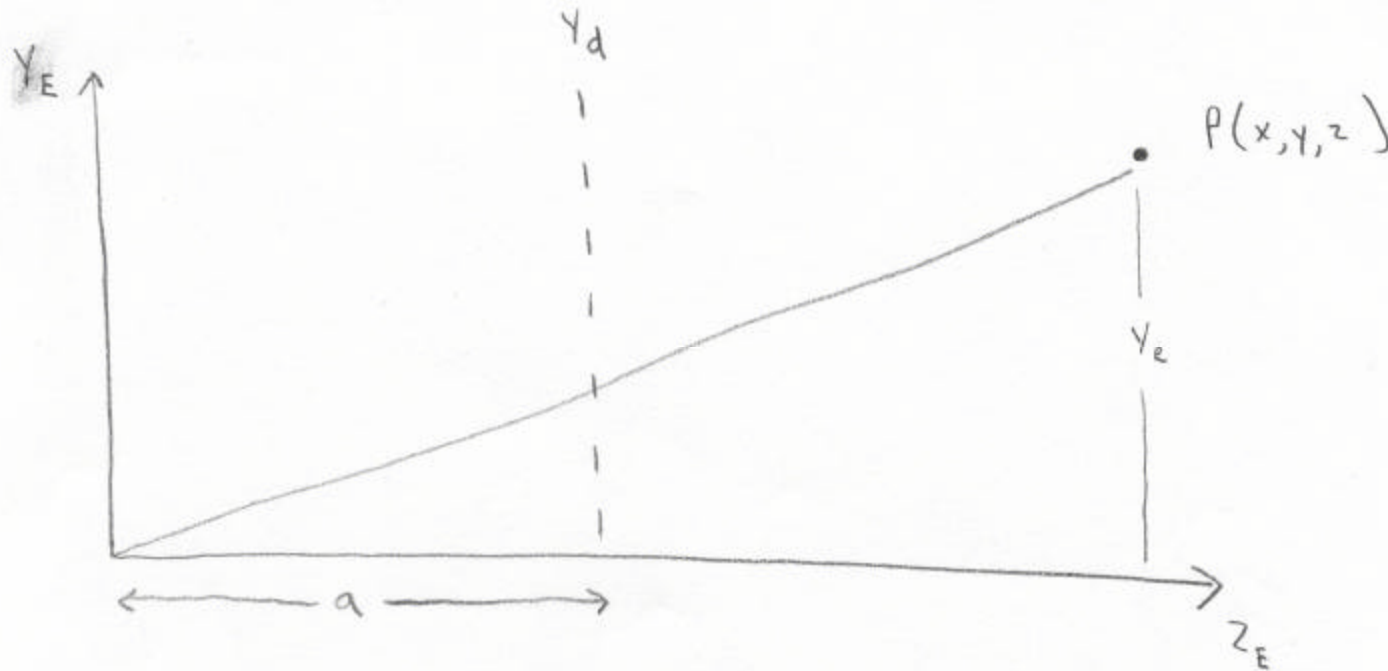




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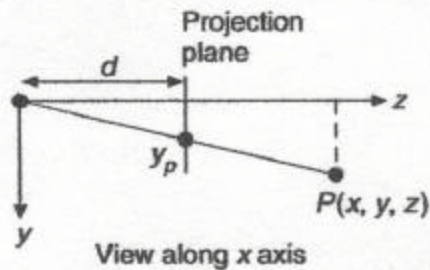
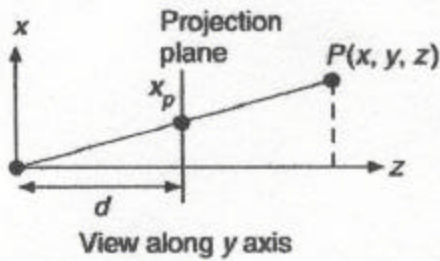
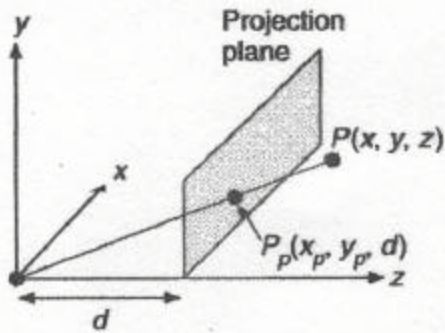
Projection to 2D is as follows:

- For simplicity, assume Projection plane is normal to z-axis (at  $z = a$ )
- Observing the y-coordinate projection:

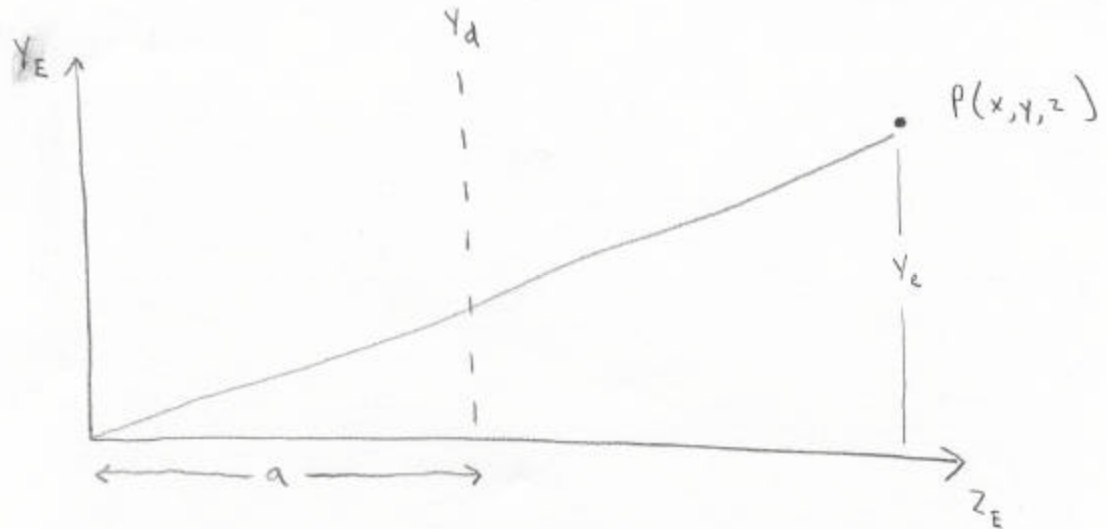




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**Figure 6.31**  
Perspective projection.



Using proportions:  
**Similarly,**

$$y_d/a = y_e/z_e ; y_d = (a/z_e) * y_e$$
$$x_d/a = x_e/z_e ; x_d = (a/z_e) * x_e$$





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Notes:

- $a$ : distance from eye (camera) to display screen
- $z_e$ : “line of sight” distance from eye to object coordinates  
Causes the perspective projection of more distant objects to be smaller than that of closer objects (i.e. adds perspective)
- $(x_d, y_d)$  may have to be “windowed” to fit on screen





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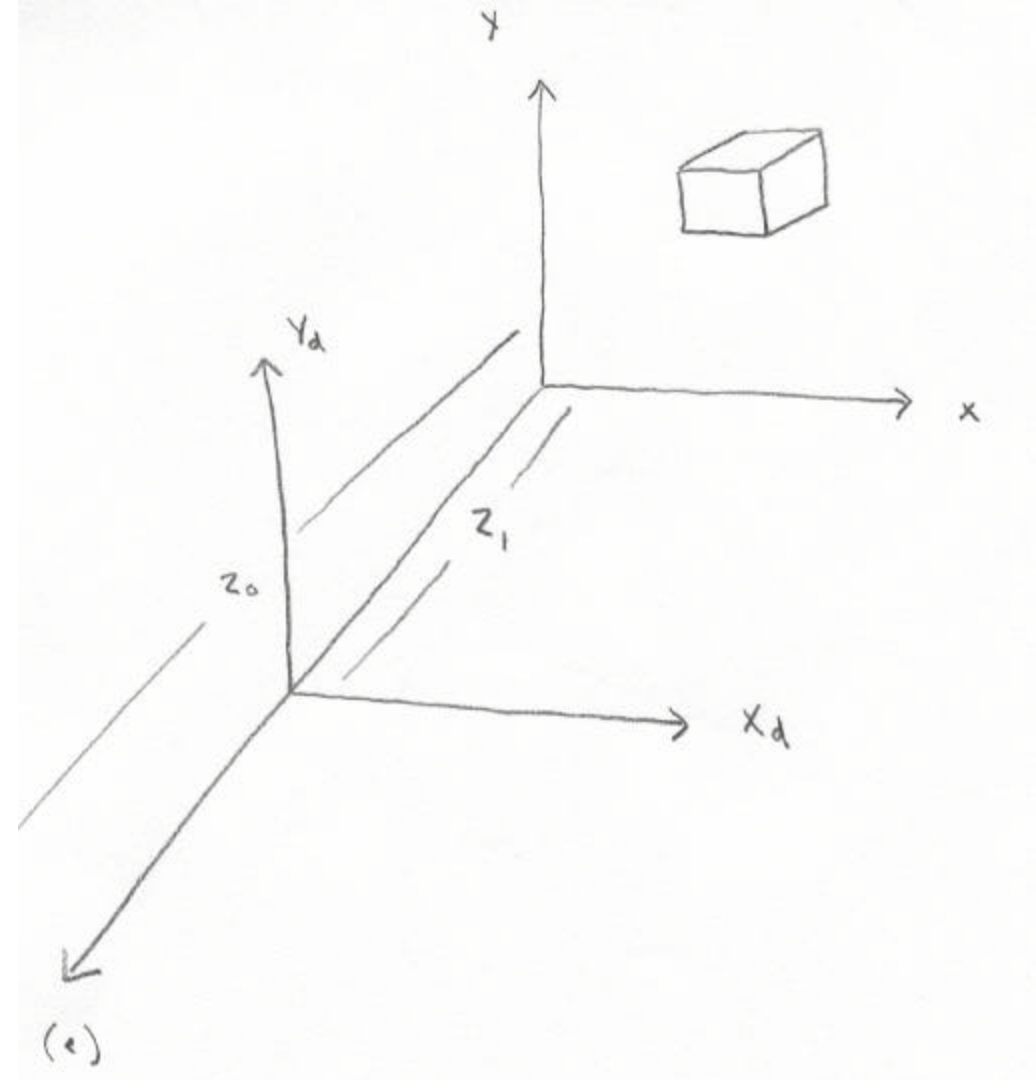
Central projection:

Viewing assumed to take place along the z-axis of the object coords.

Using simple proportions:

$$y_d / (z_0 - z_1) = y / (z_0 - z)$$

$$x_d / (z_0 - z_1) = x / (z_0 - z)$$





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Notes:

- Eye is located at  $(0, 0, z_0)$
- Display coordinates  $(x_d, y_d)$  are located at  $z_1$  along the z-axis
- Object must be displayed/oriented as desired (in object space) when projection transforms take place....
- Distortion can occur if center of projection is too close to the object







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A Matrix Viewing Transform:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ H \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -r & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ 1-rz \end{bmatrix}$$

Normalize to get:

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{1-rz} \\ \frac{y}{1-rz} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_d \\ Y_d \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





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In Terms of Central Projection:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Recall:} \quad y_d/(z_0-z_1) &= y/(z_0-z) \\ x_d/(z_0-z_1) &= x/(z_0-z) \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $z_1 = 0$  (Display plane and object plane are one and the same)

Comparing this to:

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{1-rz} \\ \frac{y}{1-rz} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_d \\ y_d \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Leads to:  $r = 1/z_0$

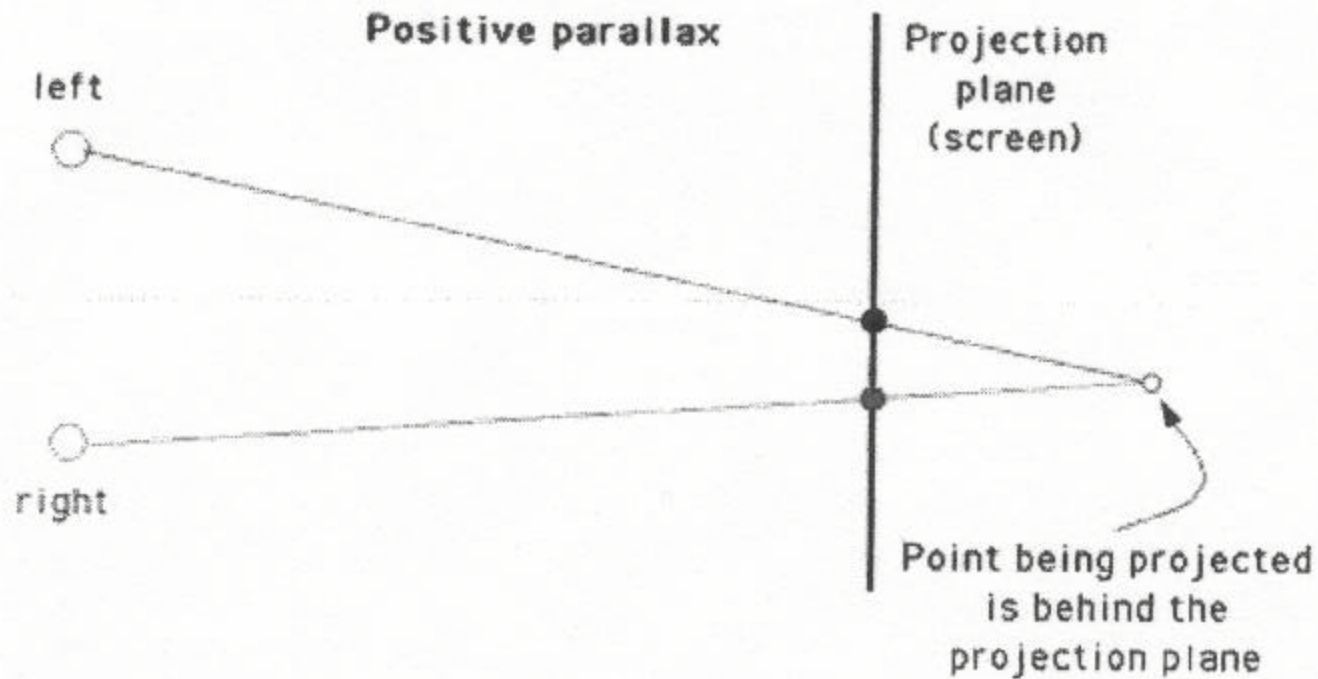




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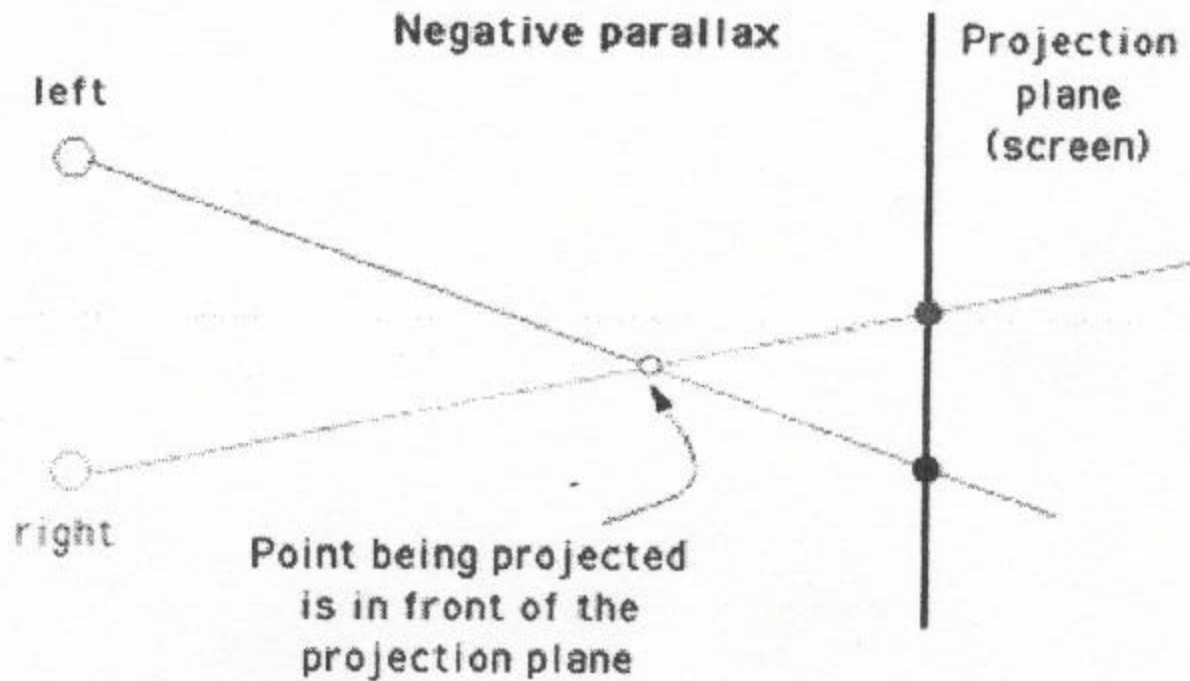
Question from last class - “What if the object is IN FRONT of the projection plane?”

Brings up the concept of parallax:





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We'll see more of this when we talk about stereo!!





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Vanishing point determination:

### One-point perspective

As  $z$  approaches  $\infty$ ,  $x_d$  and  $y_d$  approach 0.

$$X_{vp}, Y_{vp} = 0 ; Z_{vp} = -1/r$$

### What about Multi-point perspective?

Important! Multiple faces of an object must be viewed for projection to be useful! To accomplish this, employ:

- a. single-point projection, AND (preceded by)
- b. a translation(s) or rotation(s) of the object





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Multi-point perspective (cont.)

### Two-point perspective

For example, let's perform a rotation about the y-axis in addition to our z-plane projection transformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ H \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -r & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$







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Multi-point perspective (cont.)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x \cos \theta + z \sin \theta \\ y \\ 0 \\ 1 + rx \sin \theta - rz \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_d \\ y_d \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Normalized.....

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x \cos \theta + z \sin \theta}{1 + rx \sin \theta - rz \cos \theta} \\ \frac{y}{1 + rx \sin \theta - rz \cos \theta} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_d \\ y_d \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





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So - what are the Vanishing points?

As  $x$  approaches infinity:

$$x_d = \cos\Theta/r \sin\Theta$$

$$y_d = 0$$

As  $z$  approaches infinity:

$$x_d = -\sin\Theta/r \cos\Theta$$

$$y_d = 0$$

$$Z_{vp} = -1/r$$

### Three-point perspective

Employ a  $z$ -plane perspective transformation, augmented by TWO successive rotations.....





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- Examples (handouts)
  - Single-point Perspective
  - Two-point Perspective

