# Perspective Projections, OpenGL Viewing, 3D Clipping 

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## Outline

- Perspective projections
- OpenGL Viewing
- 3D Clipping


## Vanishing Points for Perspective Projections

- A point is a perspective scene where all lines not parallel to the view plane intersect is called a vanishing point
- When the set of lines is parallel to one of the axes then vanishing point is called a principle vanishing point.
- Can have 1, 2,3 vanishing points and we can control this by the position of the projection plane


## View Volume

- We can create a view volume by specifying a rectangular clipping window on the view plane.
- Bounding planes are now not parallel. Get a shape called a pyramid of vision and can truncate this by specifying near and far planes to get a frustrum.


Projection Reference
Point

## Perspective Projection Transformation Matrix

- Want to use our equations for $x p, y p$ and $z p$ of last day to get a matrix.
- Need to use homogeneous coordinates:
- Let $\mathrm{xp}=\mathrm{xh} / \mathrm{h}$, and $\mathrm{yp}=\mathrm{yh} / \mathrm{h}$ where $\mathrm{h}=\mathrm{zprp}-$ Z.
- Here $x h$ and $y h$ are obtained from $x$ and $y$ as
- $\mathrm{xh}=\mathrm{x}(\mathrm{zprp}-\mathrm{zvp})+\mathrm{xprp}(\mathrm{zvp}-\mathrm{z})$
- $\mathrm{yh}=\mathrm{y}(\mathrm{zprp}-\mathrm{zvp})+\mathrm{yprp}(z v p-z)$.


## Matrix

- Now can map ( $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}, 1$ ) to the projected point in homogeneous coordinates (xh,yh,zh,1) with the matrix:
- Here sz and tz are scaling and translation factors to go to normalized cube


## Symmetric Perspective Projection Frustrum

- The line from the projection reference point through the center of the clipping window, and through the view volume, is called the centerline.
- If this is perpendicular to the view plane then we have a symmetric frustrum.
- In this case, can say have a field of view angle. Have zprp -zvp = width* $\cot ($ (theta/2)/2*aspect


## Normalized PerspectiveProjection Transformation

## Coordinates

- To get into our normalized cube we have already done a scaling in z axis. To get the x and y coordinates in range need to apply a scaling.
$\left[\begin{array}{llll}\text { sx } & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text { sy } & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right]$
- The equations for these scalling are $s x=2 / x w m a x$ -xwmin, similar for $y$. sz = znear+zfar/znear-zfar and $t z=2 * z n e a r * z f a r /(z n e a r-z f a r)$


## 3D Screen Coordinates

- We now want to map info to screen coordinates.
- However, still want to keep z-info around (now normalized between 0 and -1 ), so it can be used in surface removal, etc.
- Map to viewport is thus kept as 3D and given by: xvmax- $x v m i n / 2$
0
0
0

| 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :--- |
| yvmax- yvmin $/ 2$ | 0 |
| 0 | $1 / 2$ |
| 0 | 0 |

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\(x v \max +x v \min / 2\)
\(y v m a x+y v m i n / 2\)
1/2
1
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## OpenGl 3D Viewing Functions

- To specify where in world coordinates to look at a scene need to enter view matrix mode:
glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
- Then can do:
gluLookAt(x0, y0, z0, xref, yref, zref, Vx, Vy, Vz);
- The last three are the direction of view-up.


## OpenGL Orthogonal Projection Function

- Must be in projection mode to set up projection matrices. So do: glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);
- To set up an orthogonal projection can do: glOrtho(xwmin, xwmax, ywmin, ywmax, dnear, dfar); each parameter is a double.
- Near plane is also the view plane.
- If dfar is 55 then point with z value $<-55$ clipped.
- Default parameters are -1 or 1 for each of the parameters listed above.
- No OpenGL function for oblique projections


## OpenGl Symmetric PerspectiveProjection Function

- The GLU function:
gluPerspective(theta, aspect, dnear, dfar);
with each parameter a double sets up a symmetric, perspective projection.
- The angle can be between 0 and 180 .
- The aspect specifies the width/height rations


## OpenGL General Perspective Projection Function

- To specify a perspective projection can use: glFrustrum(xwmin, xwmax, ywmin, ywmax,dnear, dfar);
- Numbers are double precision floats.
- Near and far clipping distances must be positive.
- The first four parameters say the coordinates of the clipping window on near plane.
- The clipping window can be specified anywhere on the near plane. So if xwmin $=-x w m a x$ and ywmin $=-$ ywmax then get symmetric frustrum.
- If do not invoke projection command get orthogonal projection.


## OpenGL Viewports and Display Windows

- Finally setting the size of the viewport that projected points will appear in is specified in the same way as in the 2D case: glViewport(xvmin, yvmin, xvmax, yvmax);


## 3D Clipping

- As in the 2D case, in the 3D there are advantages to having normalized cube before clipping:
- All device independent transformations are carried out before applying any clipping.
- Each clip plane is parallel to one of the 3 axes regardless of the original shape of the view volume so can be optimized.
- Common choice of cubes are the unit cube which has extents between 0 and 1 and the symmetric cube has extents between -1 and 1 .


## Clipping in 3D Homogeneous Coordinates

- In homogeneous coordinates ( $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}$ ) gets converted to ( $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}, 1$ ).
- After all our transformations and projections might have ( x _h, $\mathrm{y} \_\mathrm{h}, \mathrm{z}$ _h, h ) where h is not 1 . (Might happen because of perspective transformation).
- If divided away the factor $h$, would lose precision, so this is why want to do clipping in homogeneous coordinates


## 3D Regions Codes

- The concept of region code used in CohenSutherland clipping can be extended to 3D. Need to use a 6 bit number now for all the regions:
- bit 6- far, bit 5 - near, bit 4 - top, bit 3-bottom, bit 2 -right, bit 1 -left
- Conditions for setting bit same as in 2D case but now have 2 extra bits to set for each point.


## Assigning Bit Values

- Suppose we have a point (x,y,z,h). Then bit $1=1$ if $h+x<0$ bit $2=1$ if $h-x<0$ bit $3=1$ if $h+y<0$ bit $4=1$ if $h-y<0$ bit $5=1$ if $\mathrm{h}+\mathrm{z}<0$ bit $6=1$ if $h-z<0$


## 3D Point and Line Clipping

- A point is within the view volume if its region code is 000000 . So this gives us an easy way to clip points.
- For lines, we can clip the whole line if when we AND the endpoint codes we get a 1 in the same bit position. We can accept the whole line if when we OR the codes we get 000000 .
- Otherwise, we need to analyze the part of the line that needs to be saved.


## More line clipping

- Suppose the endpoint of our line are: $\mathrm{P} 1=(\mathrm{x} 1, \mathrm{y} 1, \mathrm{z} 1, \mathrm{~h} 1)$ and $\mathrm{P} 2=(\mathrm{x} 2, \mathrm{y} 2, \mathrm{z} 2, \mathrm{~h} 2)$.
- Can write points on line segment with $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{P} 1+$ (P2-P1)u for u between 0 and 1 .
- Look for bits in the region code that are not the same. Know boundary crossed, and also in which coordinates. For example, maybe x.
- Then can solve for $u$ to find point of intersection.
- If for instance crosed $x \max =1$. Then know intersection point $\mathrm{x} / \mathrm{h}$ must equal 1 . So get: $\mathrm{u}=\mathrm{x} 1-$ h/((x1-h1) - (x2-h2))


## 3D Polygon Clipping

- Say want to intersect a tetrahedron with our view volume.
- First check if its coordinate extents lie completely within the view volume or if its coordinates lie completely outside one of the clipping boundaries.
- If not, go through each edge in the object, clip and to obtain a new vertex lists, edge lists for the clipped object.
- Then might have to add new faces to our face list
- If object is made of triangle strips process easier as can then use Sutherland-Hodgman


## 3D Curve Clipping

- First check if the coordinate extents of curved object are completely inside the view volume.
- Then check if object is completely outside any one of the six clipping planes.
- If this accept/reject test fails, then we locate intesections with clipping plane.
- This involves solving simultaneous surface and clipping plane equations.
- This can be hard so polygon patches are often used to approximate curved surfaces


## Arbitrary Clipping Planes

- Might also want to clip to arbitrary planes.
- Might be used for cross-sectional view.
- Can specify a plane with $\mathrm{Ax}+\mathrm{By}+\mathrm{Cz}+\mathrm{D}=0$
- Objects behind the plane, for instance point $(x, y, z)$ with $\mathrm{Ax}+\mathrm{By}+\mathrm{Cz}+\mathrm{D}<0$ are the ones that are usually clipped.


## OpenGL Optional Clipping Planes

- One can specify additional clipping planes for a scene than those of the view volume with: glDouble planeCoeffs[] $=\{1.0,2.0,3.0,4.0\}$; $/ / \mathrm{A}=1, \mathrm{~B},=2, \mathrm{C}=3, \mathrm{D}=4$
glClipPlane(GL_CLIP_PLANE0, planeCoeffs);
- To use this plane can use glEnable(GL_CLIP_PLANE0); and glDisable to stop using
- There are also planes $1,2 \ldots$ Tod find out how many use: glGetIntegerv(GL_MAX_CLIP_PLANES, numPlanes);

