

Chapter 3 Viewing

I. Camera.

1. For a camera, the following parameter matters:

- ① Position: \vec{e} $\xrightarrow{\text{Goes to}}$ $\vec{0}$
- ② View Direction: \hat{g} $\xrightarrow{\text{Goes to}}$ $-\hat{z}$
- ③ Up direction: \hat{t} $\xrightarrow{\text{Goes to}}$ \hat{y}

We want to transform everything into the coord space where camera is at the origin, looking directly to $-z$.

Step 1 Translate $-\vec{e}$ $\Rightarrow T_{-\vec{e}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -x_e \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -y_e \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -z_e \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Step 2. Rotate from \hat{t} to \hat{y} , \hat{g} to $-\hat{z}$.

Ex Arbitrary 3D Rotation.

- 3D Rotation Matrices are all orthonormal matrices, which means the 3 rows are mutually orthogonal unit vectors.

- Let $R_{uvw} = \begin{bmatrix} x_u & y_u & z_u \\ x_v & y_v & z_v \\ x_w & y_w & z_w \end{bmatrix}$. this represents $R_{uvw} = \begin{bmatrix} -\hat{u} \\ -\hat{v} \\ -\hat{w} \end{bmatrix}$, for example, $\hat{u} = x_u \hat{x} + y_u \hat{y} + z_u \hat{z}$.

Notice that $R_{uvw} \hat{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u} \cdot \hat{u} \\ \hat{v} \cdot \hat{u} \\ \hat{w} \cdot \hat{u} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \hat{x}$

Similarly, $R_{uvw} \hat{v} = \hat{y}$, $R_{uvw} \hat{w} = \hat{z}$.

Thus, R_{uvw} takes the basis $\{u, v, w\}$ to the corresponding Cartesian axes.

On the other hand, since R_{uvw}^T is also the reverse of R_{uvw} (because it is orthonormal),

Thus, $R_{uvw}^T \hat{x} = \hat{u}$, $R_{uvw}^T \hat{y} = \hat{v}$, $R_{uvw}^T \hat{z} = \hat{w}$. $\rightarrow R_{uvw}^T$ rotates a x, y, z -based point to a u, v, w -based position.

If we wish to rotate about an arbitrary vector \hat{a} , we form an orthonormal basis with $\hat{w} = \hat{a}$.

Now, in the case of camera space transformation, both xyz and uvw are orthonormal so this transform must exist.

Consider its inverse rotation R^{-1} i.e. rotate \hat{x} to $(\hat{g} \times \hat{t})$, \hat{y} to \hat{t} , \hat{z} to $-\hat{g}$.

$R^{-1}(\hat{g} \times \hat{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \hat{x} \Rightarrow R\hat{x} = \hat{g} \times \hat{t}$.

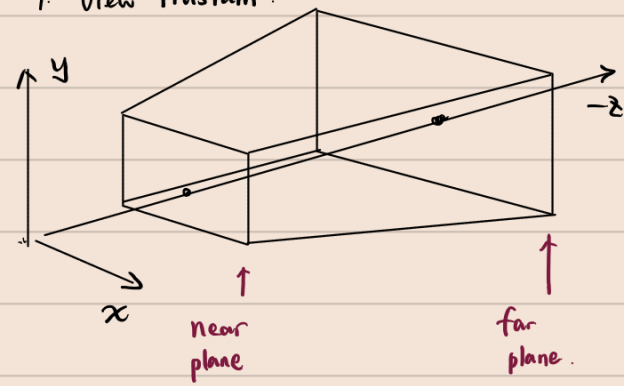
i.e.

$R^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{g \times t} & x_t & x_{-g} & 0 \\ y_{g \times t} & y_t & y_{-g} & 0 \\ z_{g \times t} & z_t & z_{-g} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow R = (R^{-1})^{-1} = (R^{-1})^T = \begin{bmatrix} x_{g \times t} & y_{g \times t} & z_{g \times t} & 0 \\ x_t & y_t & z_t & 0 \\ x_{-g} & y_{-g} & z_{-g} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{g} \times \hat{t} & \hat{t} & -\hat{g} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$

$M_{cam} = R \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\vec{e} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

II. Projection.

1. View Frustum.



The region that the camera can see.

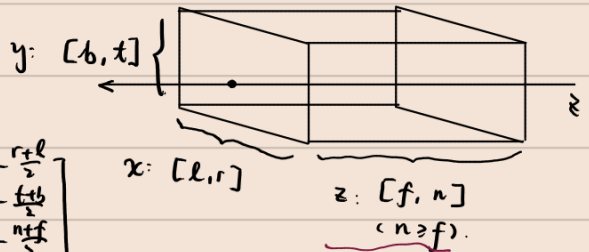
We want to "compress" this frustum into a $[-1, 1]^3$ cubic box. (which facilitates screen transform).

2. Orthographic Projections (Frustum is itself a box).

Step 1 Move center to the origin. (T_{center}).

Step 2 Scale to $[-1, 1]^3$.

$$M_{orth} = S \cdot T_{center} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{z}{f-n} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{z}{f-n} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{z}{n-f} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{r+l}{2} \\ -1 & -\frac{t+b}{2} \\ 1 & -\frac{n+f}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

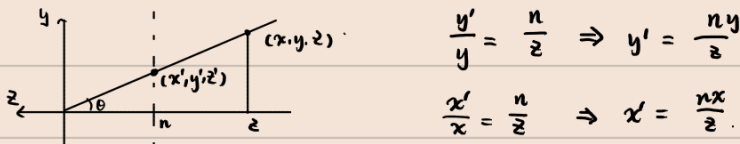


Notice that since we are looking into $-z$, $n > f$.

3. Perspective Projection.

(1) Homogeneous Coord: $(x, y, z, 1) \mapsto (xz, yz, z^2, z)$. i.e. $[x \ y \ z \ w]^T \mapsto (x/w, y/w, z/w)$

(2) Transform.



In homogeneous coord.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{transf.}} \begin{bmatrix} nx/z \\ ny/z \\ ? \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} nx \\ ny \\ z? \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e. } M_{\text{projection}} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} nx \\ ny \\ ? \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{\text{proj}} = \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 & 0 \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, solve with particular points.

$$M_{\text{proj}} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} nx \\ ny \\ n^2 \\ n \end{bmatrix}$$

a point on the near plane stays on the near plane.

$$\text{i.e. } [A \ B \ C \ D]^T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = n^2 \Rightarrow A=0, B=0, Cn+D=n^2$$

$$[A \ B \ C \ D]^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ f \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ f^2 \\ f \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow Cf+D=f^2$$

$$\Rightarrow C = n+f, D = -nf.$$

The projection/perspective matrix is then

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & nf & -fn \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For any point $[x \ y \ z \ 1]^T$, P is transforming it to

$$P \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} nx \\ ny \\ (nf)z - nf \\ z \end{bmatrix} \overset{\text{equivalent to}}{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} nx/z \\ ny/z \\ nf - \frac{nf}{z} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

③ Note that after apply P , we will now have an orthogonal axis-aligned box.

Thus, the full set of matrices for perspective viewing is

$$M = M_{\text{viewport}} \begin{matrix} M_{\text{orth}} P M_{\text{cam}} \\ M_{\text{perspective}} M_{\text{cam}} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \text{they produce a canonical position.}$$

where M_{viewport} transforms $[-1, 1]^3$ canonical coordinates to screen base coordinates e.g. $[0, 1920] \times [0, 1080] \times [21]$.

III. Field of View.

We have determined the "depth" of the view frustum (n, f) , and yet we haven't decide the horizontal and vertical "span" of the viewport.

These are determined by l, r, b, t .

1. Simplification.

- ① If we are always looking through the center of the window, we can assume $l = -r$, $b = -t$.
- ② If the pixels are square, then $\frac{n_x}{n_y} = \frac{r}{t}$. n_x, n_y are # pixels on x, y directions.

2. Vertical FOV θ .

Def $\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{t}{n}$. n is the depth of near clipping plane.