

# CS 430/536

## Computer Graphics I

# 3D Viewing Pipeline

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# Overview

- Projection Mathematics
- Canonical View Volume
- Parallel Projection Pipeline
- Perspective Projection Pipeline

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Additional and extensive thanks also goes to those  
credited on individual slides

# Projection Mathematics

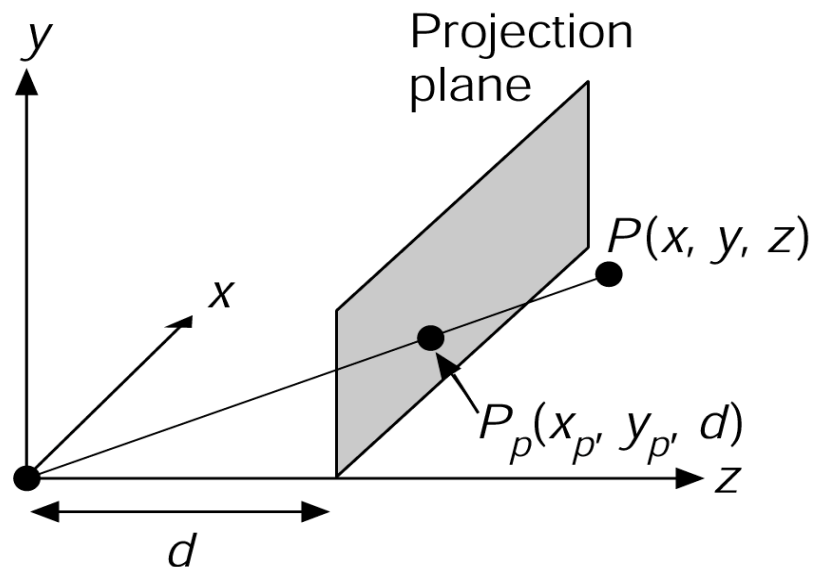
- What is the set of transformations needed to map 3D lines/planes onto a 2D screen positioned in 3D?
- Basic procedure
  - **4D homogeneous** coordinates *to*
  - **3D homogeneous** coordinates *for*
  - **every primitive** *in*
  - the **3D view volume**

# Projection Mathematics

We present 4x4 matrices to be used for implementing projections

- Perspective Projections
  - How much to scale objects as a function of distance?
- Parallel Projections
  - (simplified case) Just chop out the z coordinate

# The Perspective Projection



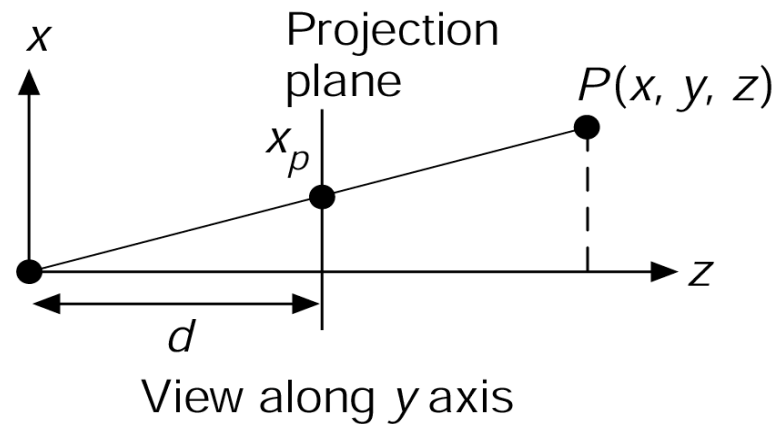
## Determining scale

- Consider
  - Point  $P$
  - Projected onto projection plane as point  $P_p$
- Idea: compute ratios via similar triangles

# The Perspective Projection

- In the x direction ratio is

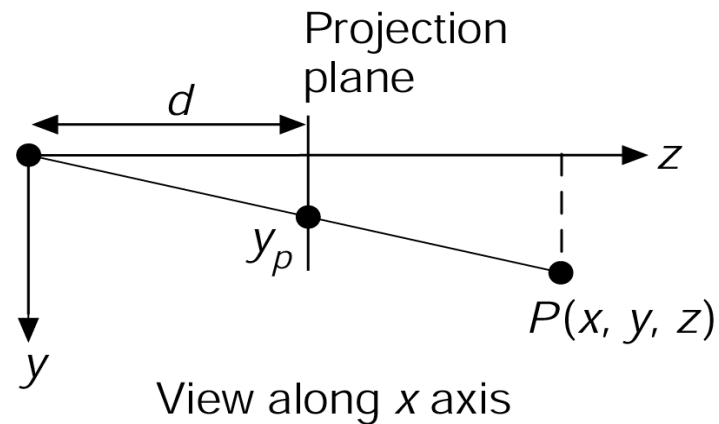
$$\frac{z}{d} = \frac{x}{x_p} \quad x_p = \frac{x}{z/d}$$



# The Perspective Projection

- In the y direction ratio is

$$\frac{z}{d} = \frac{y}{y_p} \quad y_p = \frac{y}{z/d}$$



# The Perspective Projection

- Homogenous perspective projection matrix

$$M_{\text{per}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Assumes VPN  
is z axis.



# The Perspective Projection

- Homogenous perspective projection

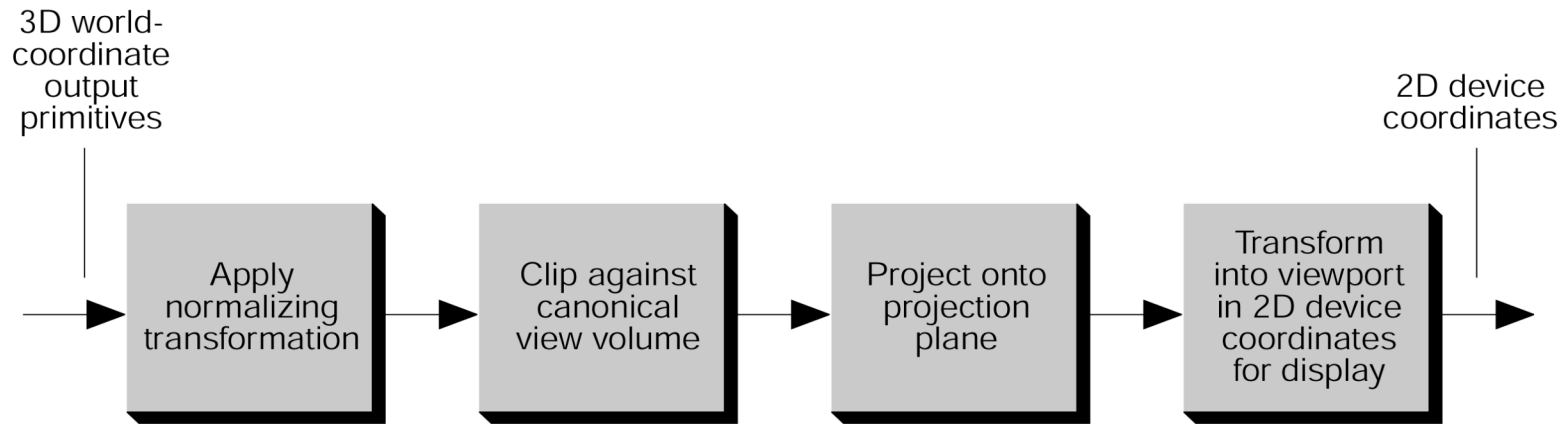
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ z/d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Perspective Projection

- Homogenous perspective projection to 3D

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ z/d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z/d \\ y \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

# Implementing Projections (Foley et al.)

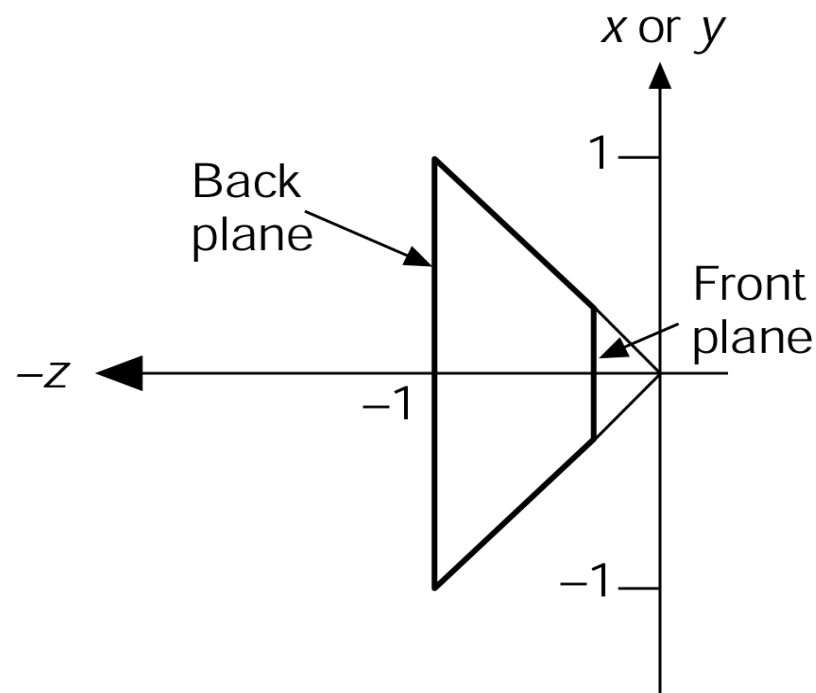


... a sequence of matrix operations and a clipping procedure...

# Implementing Projections (Foley et al.)

1. Extend 3D coordinates to homogenous coords
2. Apply normalizing transformation,  $N_{\text{par}}$  or  $N_{\text{per}}$
3. Divide by  $W$  to map back down to 3D
4. Clip in 3D against canonical view volume
  - parallel or perspective view volume
5. Extend 3D coordinates back to homogenous
6. Perform parallel projection using  $M_{\text{ort}}$  or  
Perform perspective projection  $M_{\text{per}}$
7. Divide by  $W$  to map from homogenous to 2D  
coordinates (division effects perspective projection)
8. Translate and scale (in 2D) to device coordinates

# Canonical View Volume: Perspective Projection



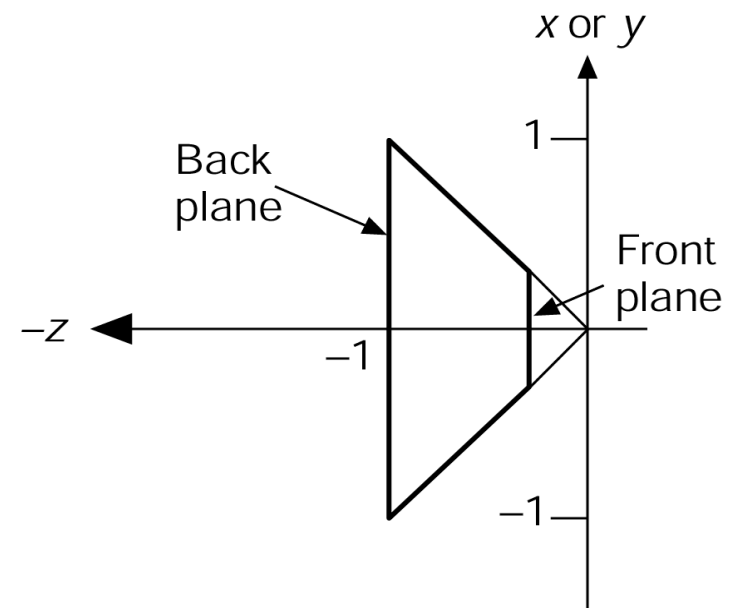
(b) Perspective

- Defined by 6 planes:
  - $x = z$
  - $x = -z$
  - $y = z$
  - $y = -z$
  - $z = z_{min}$
  - $z = -1$
- Easy to clip against

# Perspective Projection Pipeline

*Transforming an arbitrary view volume into the canonical one*

1. Translate VRP to the origin
2. Rotate so VPN becomes  $z$ , VUP becomes  $y$  and  $u$  becomes  $x$
3. Translate COP to origin
4. Shear so volume centerline becomes  $z$  axis
5. Scale into a canonical view volume for clipping



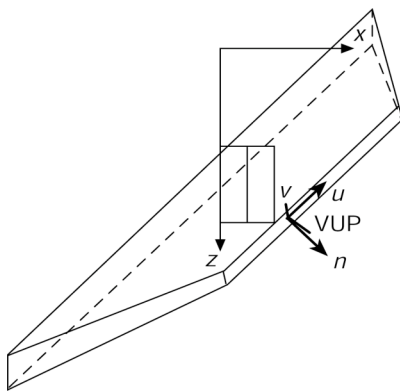
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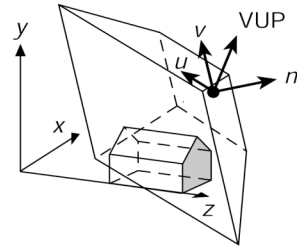
- Simple translation T(-VRP)

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -vrp_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -vrp_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -vrp_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

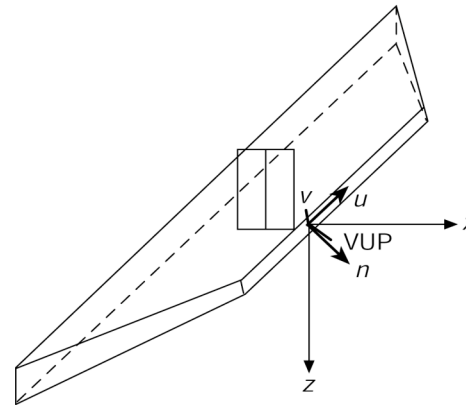
# VRP, VPN & VUP in World Coordinates (x,y,z)



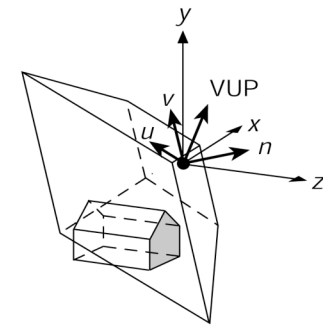
## Top Projection



## Off-Axis Projection



### Top Projection



## Off-Axis Projection

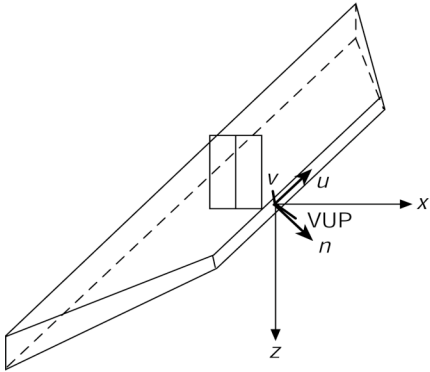
## 2. Rotate

- $R_z = \frac{VPN}{|VPN|}$
- $R_x = \frac{VUP \times R_z}{|VUP \times R_z|}$
- $R_y = R_z \times R_x$
- $R_x = [r_{1x}, r_{2x}, r_{3x}] \dots$

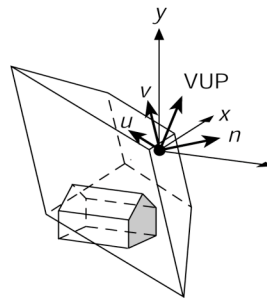
VPN rotated to  $z$

VUP rotated to  $y$

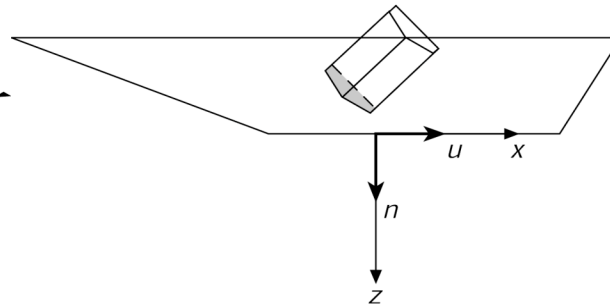
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{1x} & r_{2x} & r_{3x} & 0 \\ r_{1y} & r_{2y} & r_{3y} & 0 \\ r_{1z} & r_{2z} & r_{3z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



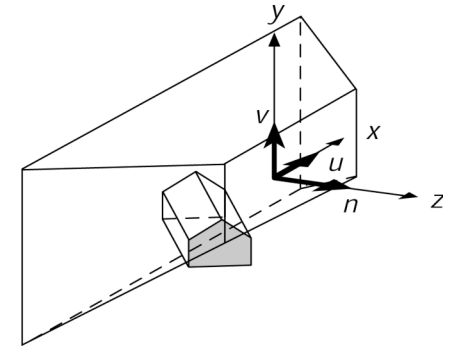
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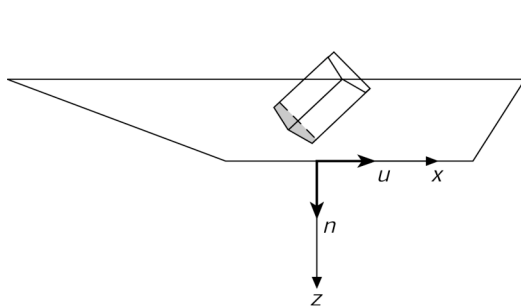


# 3. Translate

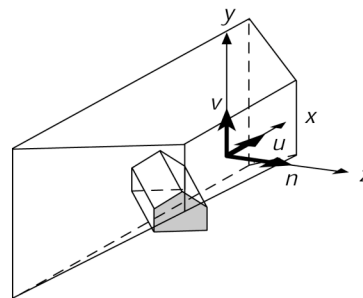
- Simple translation T(-PRP)

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -prp_u \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -prp_v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -prp_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

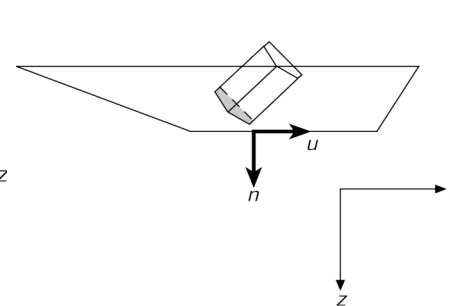
PRP in VRC  
Coordinates (u,v,n)



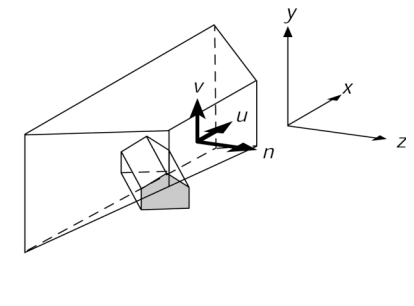
Top Projection



Off-Axis Projection



Top Projection

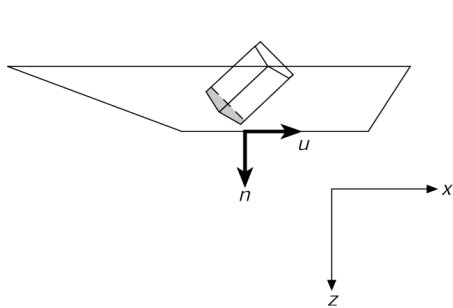


Off-Axis Projection

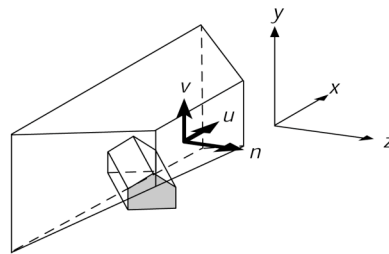
# 4. Shear

- Goal is to transform the center line to the  $z$  axis
- Same as parallel projection
- Shear matrix is the same!

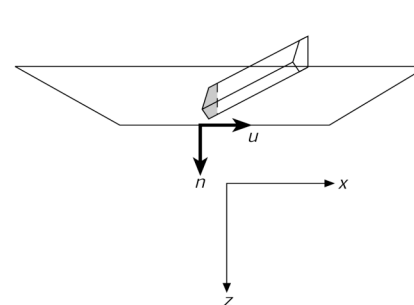
$$SH_{par} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1/2(u_{\max} + u_{\min}) - prp_u}{prp_n} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1/2(v_{\max} + v_{\min}) - prp_v}{prp_n} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



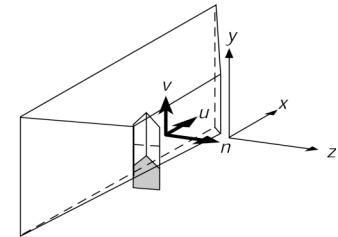
Top Projection



Off-Axis Projection



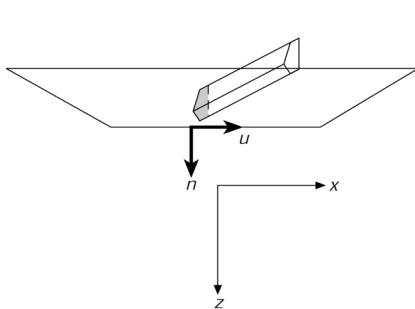
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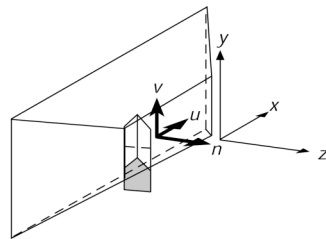
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# 5. Scaling

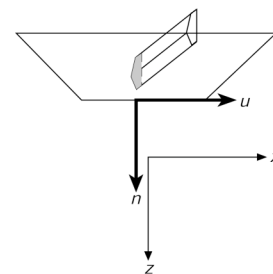
- We can define VRP after transformation as
  - $VRP' = SH_{par} \cdot T(-PRP) \cdot [0, 0, 0, 1]^T$
- $vrp'_z = -prp_n$  since shear does not affect  $z$  coordinates
- First, we scale differentially in  $x$  and  $y$  to set plane slopes to 1 and -1
 
$$\left[ \frac{-2vrp'_z}{u_{\max} - u_{\min}}, \frac{-2vrp'_z}{v_{\max} - v_{\min}}, 1 \right]$$
- Second, we scale uniformly by  $\frac{-1}{vrp'_z + B}$ 
  - Back clipping plane is  $z = -1$ , front clipping plane is  $z = -\frac{vrp'_z + F}{vrp'_z + B}$
  - Projection plane is  $d = z_{proj} = \frac{-vrp'_z}{vrp'_z + B}$



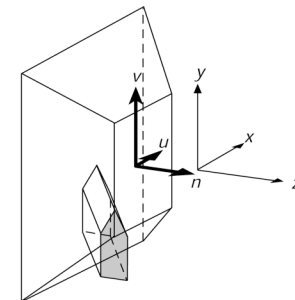
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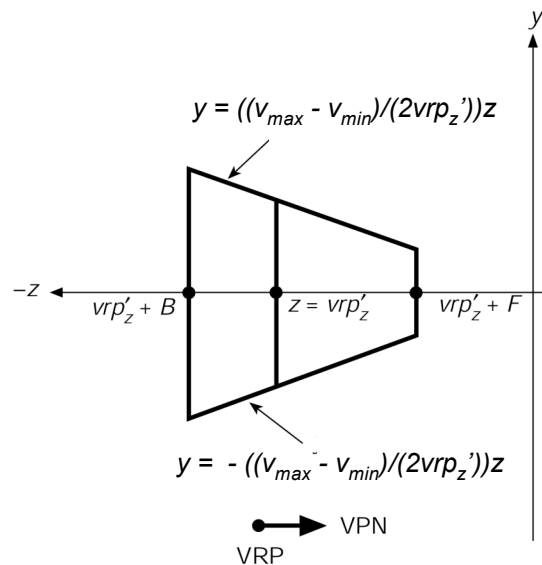


Off-Axis Projection 29

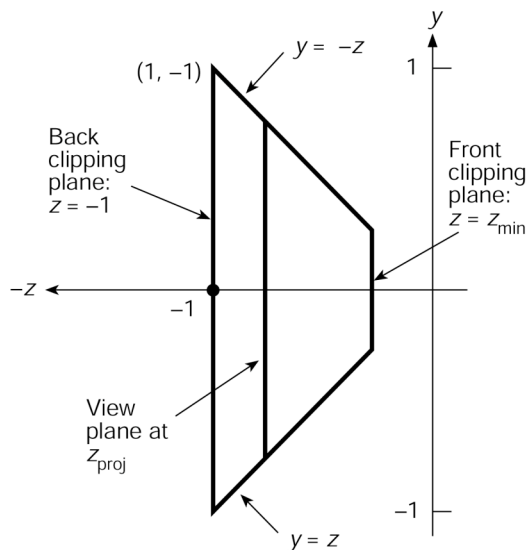
# 5. Scaling (Cont)

- We can combine the transformations

$$S_{per} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2vrp_z'}{(u_{\max} - u_{\min})(vrp_z' + B)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2vrp_z'}{(v_{\max} - v_{\min})(vrp_z' + B)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{vrp_z' + B} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



(a) Before scaling



(b) After scaling

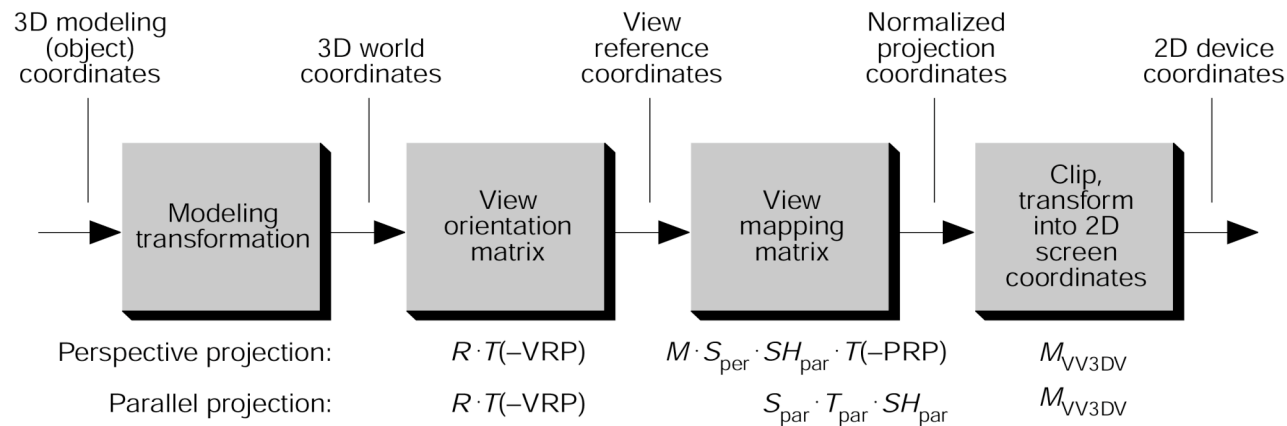
Figure is wrong in  
Foley et al.!

# Perspective Projection Pipeline

$$N_{per} = (S_{per} \cdot (SH_{par} \cdot (T(-PRP) \cdot (R \cdot T(-VRP)))))$$

- Apply to all model vertices
- $P' = N_{per}P$

# Summary of 3D Transforms



- We know how to take any projection and convert it into a canonical View Volume
- 3D edges can be clipped against it and projected onto screen