Computer Graphics Projection

Matthias Teschner

UNI FREIBURG

Homogeneous Coordinates - Summary

- -[x,y,z,w]' with $w \neq 0$ are the homogeneous coordinates of the 3D position $\left(\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w}, \frac{z}{w}\right)^{T}$
- $-[x,y,z,0]^{\mathsf{T}}$ is a point at infinity in the direction of $(x,y,z)^{\mathsf{T}}$
- $[x, y, z, 0]^{\mathsf{T}}$ is a vector in the direction of $(x, y, z)^{\mathsf{T}}$

 $\begin{bmatrix} m_{00} & m_{01} & m_{02} & t_0 \\ m_{10} & m_{11} & m_{12} & t_1 \\ m_{20} & m_{21} & m_{22} & t_2 \\ p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & w \end{bmatrix}$ is a transformation that represents rotation, scale, shear, translation, projection shear, translation, projection



Outline

- Context
- Projections
- Projection transform
- Typical vertex transformations

Motivation

3D scene with a camera, its view volume and its projection



Orthographic projection

Perspective projection

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 4

Motivation

- Rendering generates planar views from 3D scenes
- 3D space is projected onto a 2D plane considering external and internal camera parameters
 - Position, orientation, focal length
- Projections can be represented with a matrix in homogeneous notation

Motivation

- Transformation matrix in homogeneous notation
- $-m_{ij}$ represent rotation, scale, shear
- $-t_i$ represent translation
- p_i are used in projections
- -w is the homogeneous component

Example

- Last matrix row can be used to realize divisions by a linear combination of multiples of $p_x, p_y, p_z, 1$

$$\boldsymbol{p}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \\ p_0 p_x + p_1 p_y + p_2 p_z + w \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \left(\frac{\frac{p_x}{p_0 p_x + p_1 p_y + p_2 p_z + w}}{\frac{p_y}{p_0 p_x + p_1 p_y + p_2 p_z + w}}{\frac{p_z}{p_0 p_x + p_1 p_y + p_2 p_z + w}}\right)$$

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 7

2D Illustration



University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 8

UNI FREIBURG

Outline

- Context
- Projections
 - 2D
 - 3D
- Projection transform
- Typical vertex transformations

Setting

- A 2D projection from v onto
 I maps a point p onto p'
 p' is the intersection of the line through p and v with line I
 v is the viewpoint,
 - center of perspectivity
- I is the viewline
- The line through *p* and *v* is a projector
- -v is not on the line $I, p \neq v$



Classification

- If the homogeneous component of the viewpoint *v* is not equal to zero, we have a perspective projection
 - Projectors are not parallel
- If v is at infinity, we have a parallel projection
 - Projectors are parallel





University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 11

UNI FREIBURG

Classification

- Location of viewpoint and orientation of the viewline determine the type of projection
- Parallel (viewpoint at infinity, parallel projectors)
 - Orthographic (viewline orthogonal to the projectors)
 - Oblique (viewline not orthogonal to the projectors)
- Perspective (non-parallel projectors)
 - One-point (viewline intersects one principal axis, i.e. viewline is parallel to a principal axis, one vanishing point)
 - Two-point (viewline intersects two principal axes, two vanishing points)

General Case

 A 2D projection is represented by a matrix in homogeneous notation

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \boldsymbol{v}\boldsymbol{l}^{\mathsf{T}} - (\boldsymbol{l} \cdot \boldsymbol{v})\boldsymbol{I}_{3}$$
$$\boldsymbol{v}\boldsymbol{l}^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} v_{x}a & v_{x}b & v_{x}c \\ v_{y}a & v_{y}b & v_{y}c \\ v_{w}a & v_{w}b & v_{w}c \end{bmatrix}$$
$$(\boldsymbol{l} \cdot \boldsymbol{v})\boldsymbol{I}_{3} = (av_{x} + bv_{y} + cv_{w}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$







$$\begin{array}{c}
\boldsymbol{l} = \{1x + 0y + 0 = 0\} \\
\boldsymbol{l} = [1, 0, 0]^{\mathsf{T}} & \boldsymbol{p} = [p_x, p_y, 1]^{\mathsf{T}} & \boldsymbol{M} = \begin{bmatrix} d \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [1, 0, 0] - \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} d \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \boldsymbol{I}_3 \\
\boldsymbol{p}' = [p'_x, p'_y, 1]^{\mathsf{T}} & = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -d & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -d \end{bmatrix}
\end{array}$$

$$\boldsymbol{p}' = \boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -d & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} wp_x \\ wp_y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -dwp_y \\ wp_x - wd \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{-dp_y}{p_x - d} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{-dp_y}{p_x - d} \end{pmatrix}$$

UNI FREIBURG

Discussion

- *M* and λM represent the same transformation $\lambda M p = \lambda p'$
 - $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -d & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -d \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{d} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ are the same transformation}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -d & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} wp_x \\ wp_y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -dwp_y \\ wp_x - dw \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{-dp_y}{p_x - d} \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{-dp_y}{p_x - d} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{-p_y}{p_x - d} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{-p_y}{p_x - d} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ wp_y \\ -w\frac{p_x}{d} + w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{d} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} wp_x \\ wp_y \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 15

Parallel Projection

Moving d to infinity results in parallel projection

$$\lim_{d \to \pm \infty} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{d} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- x-component is mapped to zero
- y- and w-component are unchanged

Parallel Projection

$$l = \{1x + 0y + 0 = 0\} \quad \mathcal{Y}$$
$$l = [1, 0, 0]^{\mathsf{T}}$$
$$v = [-1, 0, 0]^{\mathsf{T}} \qquad p' = [p'_x, p'_y, 1]^{\mathsf{T}} \quad p = [p_x, p_y, 1]^{\mathsf{T}}$$
$$\mathcal{X}$$

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \boldsymbol{v} \boldsymbol{l}^{\mathsf{T}} - (\boldsymbol{l} \cdot \boldsymbol{v}) \boldsymbol{I}_3$$

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (1,0,0) - \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \boldsymbol{I}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

X-component is mapped to zero. Y-component is unchanged.

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 17

UNI FREIBURG

Discussion

– 2D transformation in homogeneous form

- $oldsymbol{M} = \left(egin{array}{cccc} m_{11} & m_{12} & t_1 \ m_{21} & m_{22} & t_2 \ p_1 & p_2 & w \end{array}
 ight)$
- p_1 and p_2 map the homogeneous component w of a point to a value w' that depends on x and y
- Therefore, the scaling of a point depends on x and / or y
- In perspective projections, this is generally employed to scale the x- and y-component with respect to z, its distance to the viewer

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 18

UNI FREIBURG

Outline

- Context
- Projections
 - 2D
 - 3D
- Projection transform
- Typical vertex transformations

Setting

- A 3D projection from v onto
 I maps a point p onto p'
 p' is the intersection of the line through p and v with plane n
 v is the viewpoint,
 - center of perspectivity
- *n* is the viewplane
- The line through *p* and *v* is a projector
- -v is not on the plane $n, p \neq v$



General Case

- A 3D projection is represented $n = \{ax + by + cz + d = 0\} = [a, b, c, d]^T$ by a matrix in homogeneous notation

$$M = vn^{\mathsf{T}} - (n \cdot v)I_{4}$$

$$vn^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} v_{x}a & v_{x}b & v_{x}c & v_{x}d \\ v_{y}a & v_{y}b & v_{y}c & v_{y}d \\ v_{z}a & v_{z}b & v_{z}c & v_{z}d \\ v_{w}a & v_{w}b & v_{w}c & v_{w}d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(n \cdot v)I_{4} = (av_{x} + bv_{y} + cv_{z} + dv_{w}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





$$p' = Mp = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} wp_y \\ wp_z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -awp_y \\ 0 \\ wp_z - dw \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-ayp_y}{p_z - d} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-ap_y}{p_z - d} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 22

Parallel Projection

$$n = \{0x + 0y + 1z + 0 = 0\} \quad \mathcal{Y}$$

$$n = [0, 0, 1, 0]^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$v = [0, 0, -1, 0]^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$x \qquad z$$

$$p' = [p'_x, p'_y, 0, 1]^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$p = [p_x, p_y, p_z, 1]^{\mathsf{T}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \boldsymbol{v} \boldsymbol{n}^{\mathsf{T}} - (\boldsymbol{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{v}) \boldsymbol{I}_4$$

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0, 0, 1, 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \boldsymbol{I}_{4} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{X- \text{ and } y-\text{ component}}_{\text{ are unchanged.}}_{Z-\text{ component is mapped to zero.}}$$

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 23

UNI FREIBURG

Outline

- Context
- Projections
- Projection transform
 - Motivation
 - Perspective projection
 - Discussion
 - Orthographic projection
- Typical vertex transformations

Modelview Transform



UNI FREIBURG

Projection Transform



University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 26

Clip Space / NDC Space

- Allows simplified and unified implementations
 - Culling
 - Clipping
 - Visibility
 - Parallel ray casting
 - Depth test
 - Projection onto view plane / (-1, -1)screen (viewport mapping)



UNI FREIBURG

Culling / Clipping / Visibility



Outline

- Context
- Projections
- Projection transform
 - Motivation
 - Perspective projection
 - Discussion
 - Orthographic projection
- Typical vertex transformations

Perspective Projection Transform

- Maps a view volume / pyramidal frustum to a canonical view volume
- The view volume is specified by its boundary
 - Left /, right r, bottom b,
 top t, near n, far f
- The canonical view
 volume is, e.g., a cube
 from (-1,-1,-1) to (1,1,1)



University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 30

Perspective Projection Transform

- Is applied to vertices
- Maps
 - The x-component of a projected point from (left, right) to (-1, 1)
 - The y-component of a projected point from (bottom, top) to (-1, 1)
 - The z-component of a point from (near, far) to (-1, 1)
- If a point in view space is inside / outside the view volume, it is inside /outside the canonical view volume





University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 32

UNI FREIBURG

– From

$$x_n = \frac{1}{z_v} \left(\frac{2n}{r-l} x_v - \frac{r+l}{r-l} z_v \right) \qquad y_n = \frac{1}{z_v} \left(\frac{2n}{t-b} y_v - \frac{t+b}{t-b} z_v \right)$$

We get
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ w_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2n}{r-l} & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2n}{t-b} & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_v \\ y_v \\ z_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
Clip coordinates (clip space)
With
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \\ z_n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_c/w_c \\ y_c/w_c \\ z_c/w_c \\ w_c/w_c \end{bmatrix}$$
Normalized device coordinates (NDC space)

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 33

- $-z_v$ is mapped from (near, far) or (*n*, *f*) to (-1, 1)
- The transform does not depend on x_v and y_v
- So, we have to solve for A and B in

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ w_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2n}{r-l} & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2n}{t-b} & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A & B \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_v x_v \\ w_v y_v \\ w_v z_v \\ w_v \end{bmatrix}$$



$$z_n = \frac{z_c}{w_c} = \frac{Az_v + Bw_v}{z_v}$$

$$- z_v = n \text{ with } w_v = 1 \text{ is mapped to } z_n = -1$$
$$- z_v = f \text{ with } w_v = 1 \text{ is mapped to } z_n = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{f+n}{f-n} \qquad \Rightarrow B = -\frac{2fn}{f-n}$$

– The complete projection matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2n}{r-l} & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{2n}{t-b} & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{f+n}{f-n} & -\frac{2fn}{f-n}\\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 35

Perspective Projection Matrix

$$\boldsymbol{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2n}{r-l} & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{2n}{t-b} & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{f+n}{f-n} & -\frac{2fn}{f-n}\\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

transforms the view volume, the pyramidal frustum to the canonical view volume



Outline

- Context
- Projections
- Projection transform
 - Motivation
 - Perspective projection
 - Discussion
 - Orthographic projection
- Typical vertex transformations

Symmetric Setting

The matrix simplifies for r=-l and t=-b

$$\begin{aligned} r+l &= 0 \\ r-l &= 2r \\ t+b &= 0 \\ t-b &= 2t \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n}{r} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{n}{t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{f+n}{f-n} & -\frac{2fn}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Variants

- Projection matrices depend on coordinate systems and other settings
- E.g., OpenGL
 - Viewing along negative z-axis in view space
 - Negated values for n and f



UNI FREIBURG



Non-linear Mapping of Depth Values

$$z_n = \frac{f+n}{f-n} - \frac{1}{z_v} \frac{2fn}{f-n}$$

- Near plane should not be too close to zero



University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 40

Non-linear Mapping of Depth Values

- Setting the far plane to infinity is not too critical



University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 41

+0,5 -10 -0,5 n=1 $f=\infty$

BURG

NN

Outline

- Context
- Projections
- Projection transform
 - Motivation
 - Perspective projection
 - Discussion
 - Orthographic projection
- Typical vertex transformations

Orthographic Projection

- View volume is a cuboid and specified by its boundary
 - Left I, right r, bottom b, top t, near n, far f
- Canonical view volume is a cube from (-1,-1,-1) to (1,1,1)



 All components of a point in view coordinates are linearly mapped to the range of (-1,1)



Combination of scale and translation

Orthographic Projection Matrix

– General form

$$\boldsymbol{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{f-n} & -\frac{f+n}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

– Simplified form for a symmetric view volume

$$\begin{aligned} r+l &= 0 \\ r-l &= 2r \\ t+b &= 0 \\ t-b &= 2t \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{r} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{f-n} & -\frac{f+n}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 45

UNI FREIBURG

Outline

- Context
- Projections
- Projection transform
- Typical vertex transformations

Overview



Coordinate Systems

Model transform:Local space⇒Global spaceView transform:Local space⇒Global spaceInverse view transform:Global space⇒View spaceModelview transform:Local space⇒View spaceProjection transform:View space⇒Clip space

Camera Placement



University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 49

Object Placement



University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 50

BURG

View Transform



University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 51

Projection Transform



Vertex Transforms - Summary



Transformations are applied to vertices. Internal and external camera parameters are encoded in the matrices for view and projection transform.



Local space

 $oldsymbol{P} oldsymbol{R}_{\mathsf{cam}}^{\mathsf{T}} oldsymbol{T}_{\mathsf{cam}}^{-1} oldsymbol{M}_{i}$

University of Freiburg – Computer Science Department – 53

UNI FREIBURG



- Song Ho Ahn: "OpenGL", http://www.songho.ca/.
- Duncan Marsh: "Applied Geometry for Computer Graphics and CAD", Springer Verlag, Berlin, 2004.