

# Computer Graphics

Lecture 17

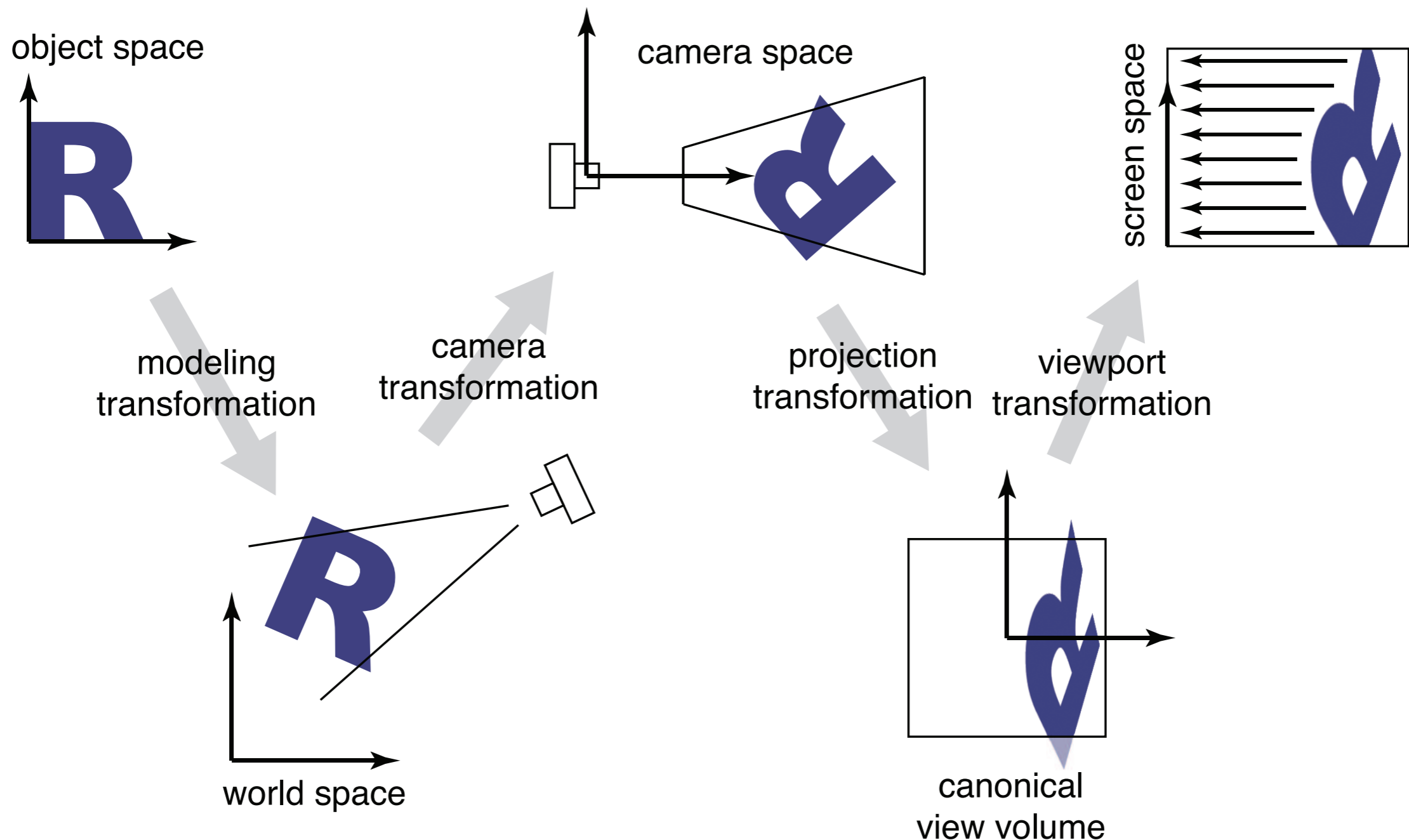
**Projection Transformations**  
**Perspective Projection**

# Announcements

- HW2 is out - a couple more problems may be added no later than Wednesday night.

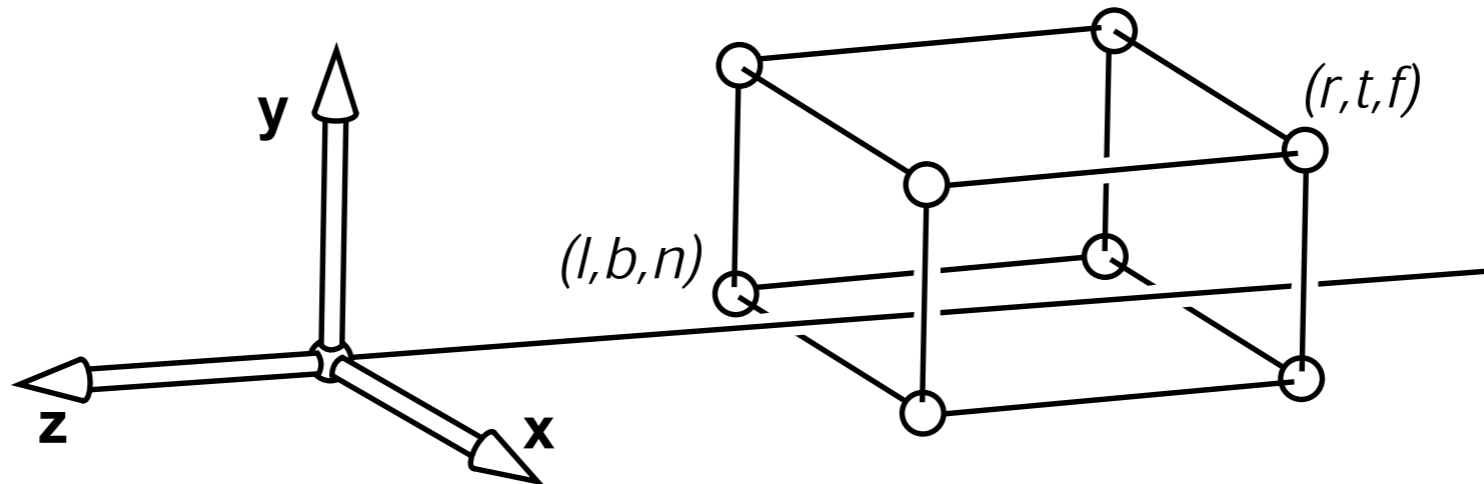
# Viewing Transformations: Overview

A standard sequence of transforms to go from **object (model) space** to **screen (image) space**



# Last time: Orthographic Camera

- Rays were already parallel to the z axis, so we only had to fiddle with scales.

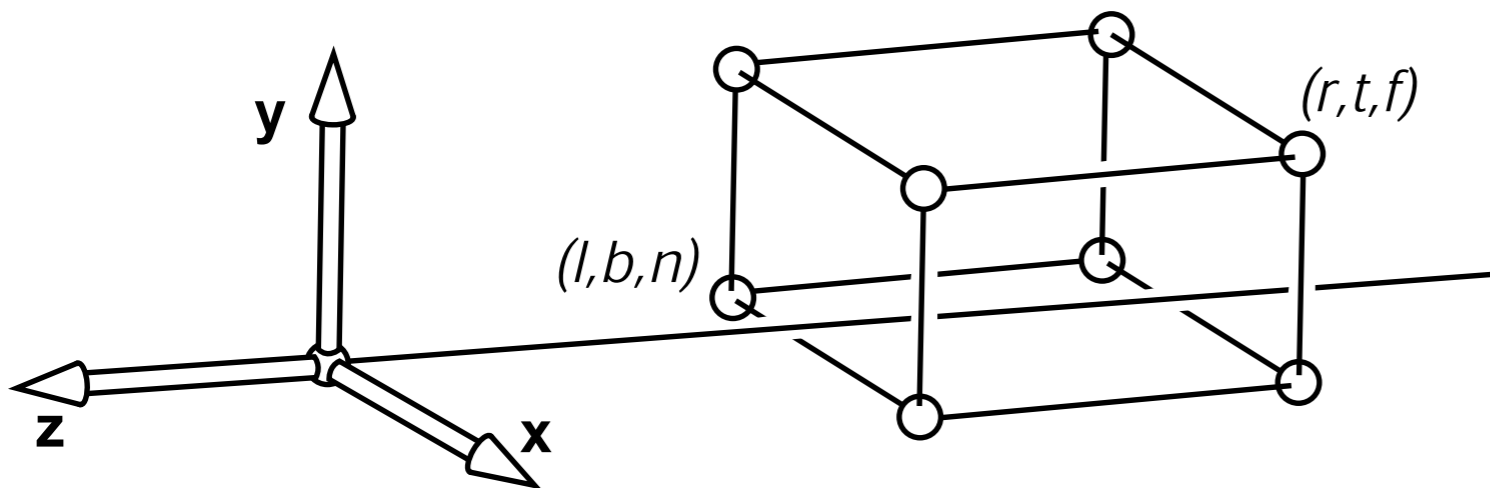


- Introduced near and far *clipping planes*
  - Excuse: throw away stuff behind the camera and too far away
  - Real reason: limit the range of possible depths (we'll need this later)

# Orthographic Projection

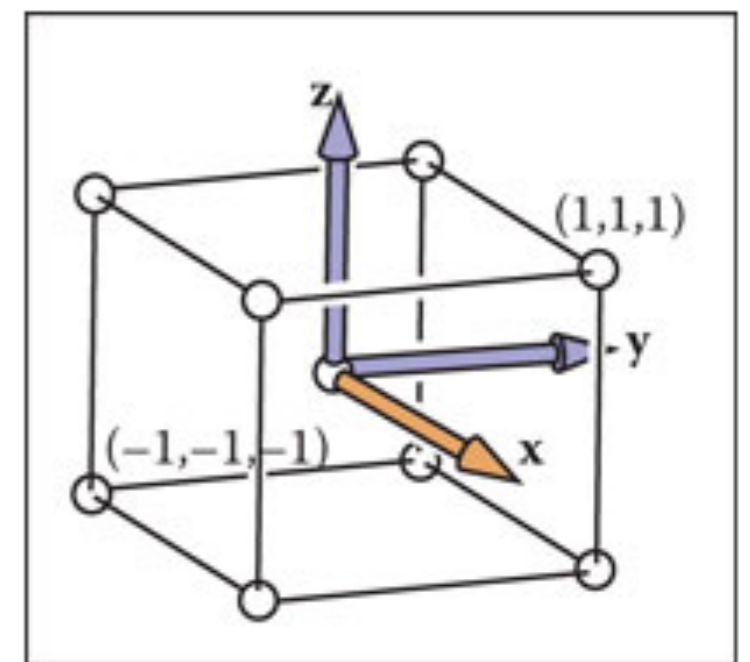
- The result of our hard work:

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & -\frac{n+f}{n-f} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Camera Coordinates

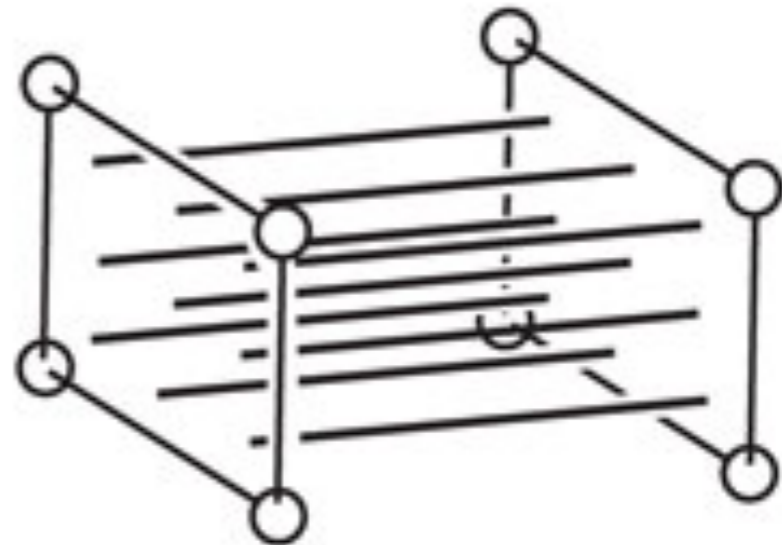
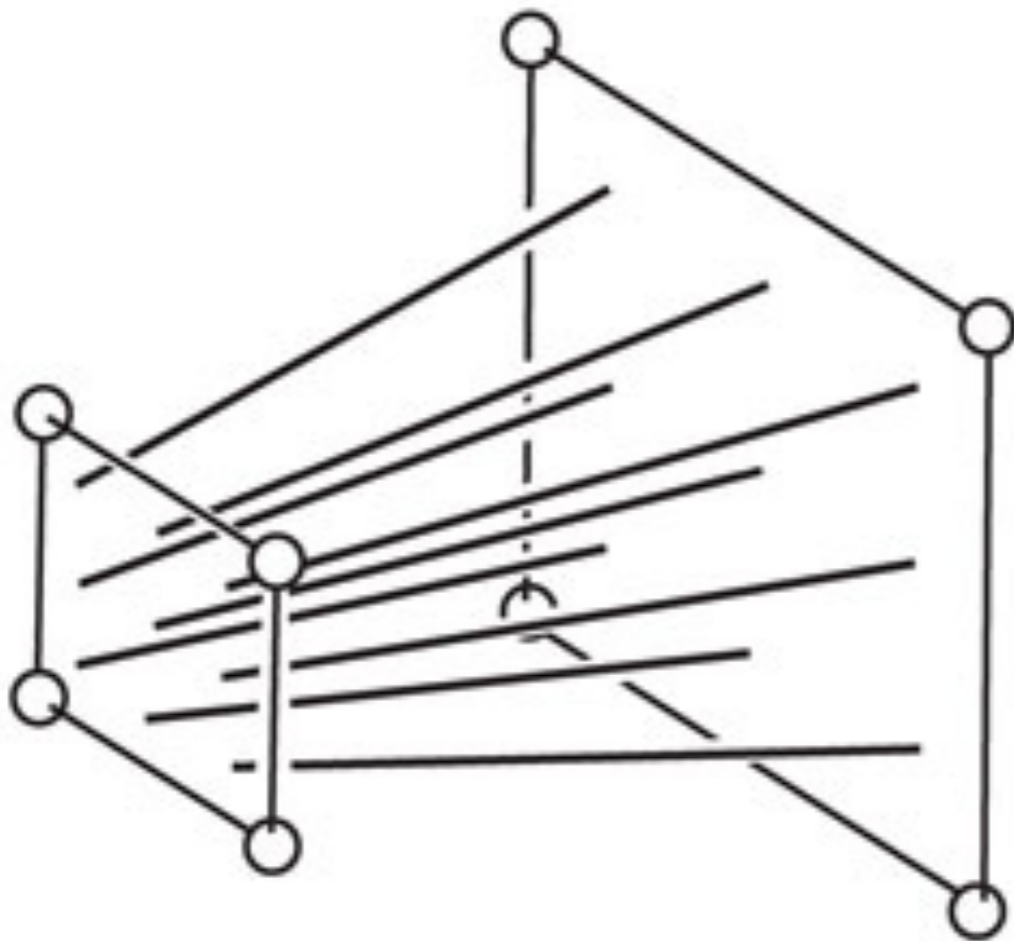
$\mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}}$



Normalized Device Coordinates

# Perspective Projection

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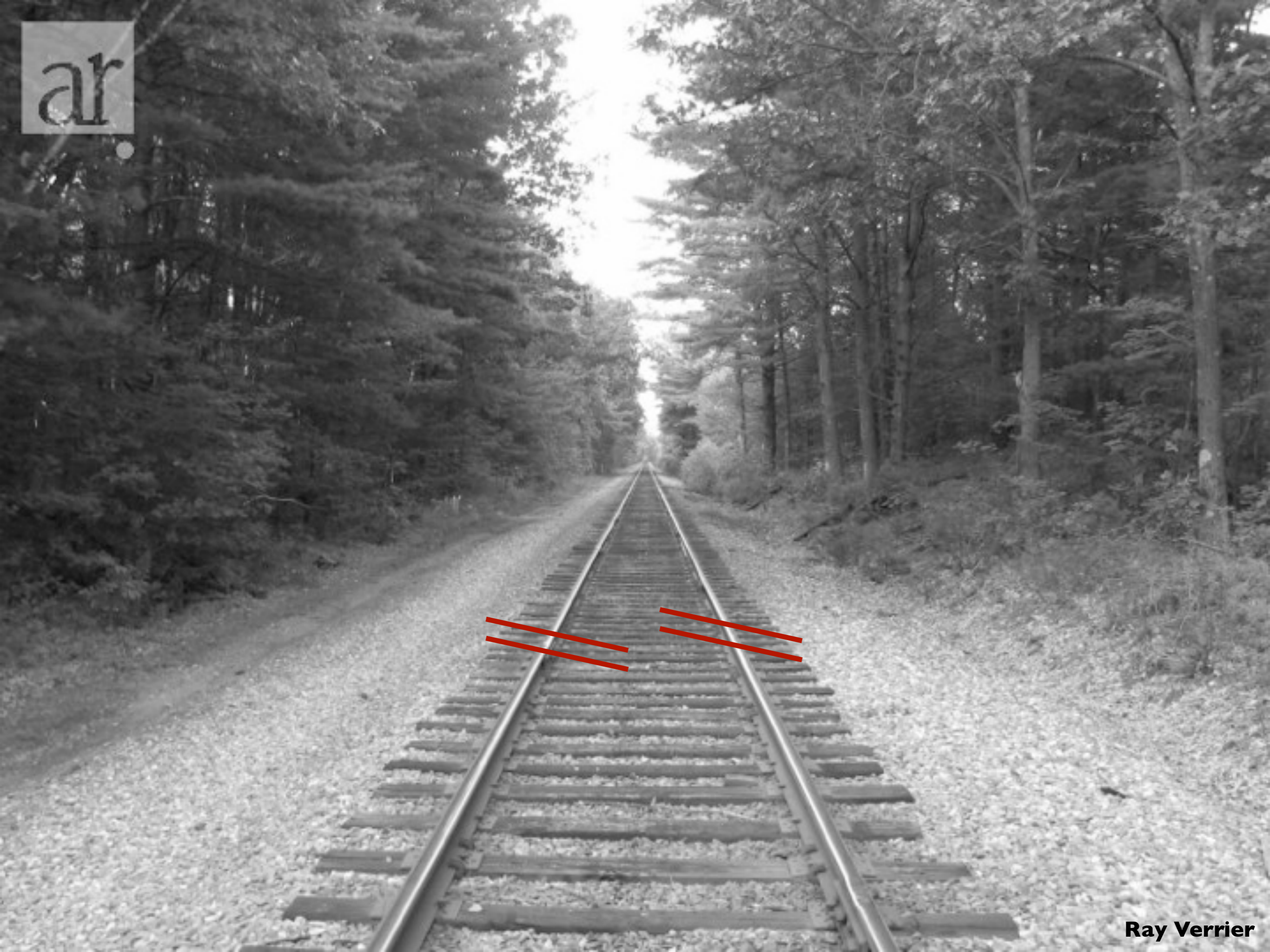


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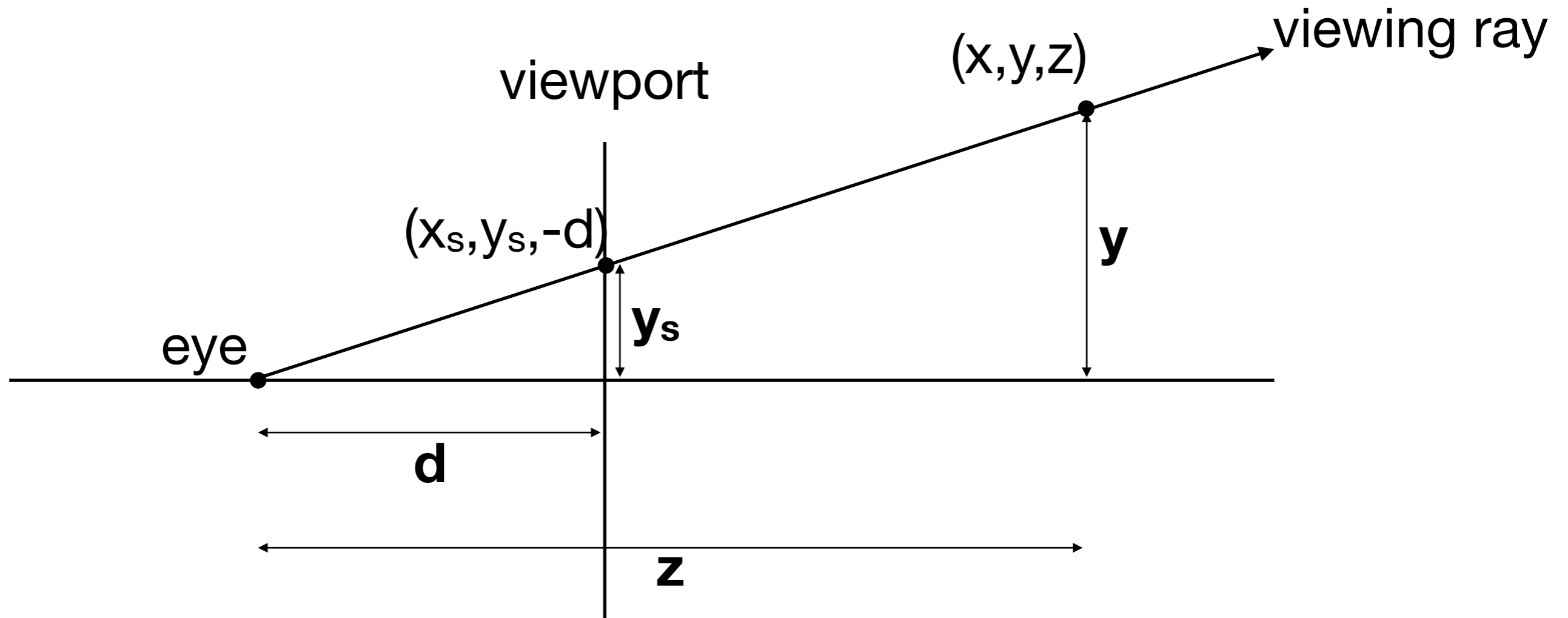
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- Recall: linear transformations preserve parallelism.

**We don't have the tools for the job!**

# Perspective Projection

Exercise:

Find  $y_s$ , the y coordinate of the point where  $(x, y, z)$  projects onto the viewport.



# Homogeneous coordinates revisited

- Perspective requires division
  - that is not part of affine transformations
  - in affine, parallel lines stay parallel
    - therefore not vanishing point
    - therefore no rays converging on viewpoint
- “True” purpose of homogeneous coords: projection

# Homogeneous coordinates revisited

- Introduced  $w = 1$  coordinate as a placeholder

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

– used as a convenience for unifying translation with linear

- Can also allow arbitrary  $w$

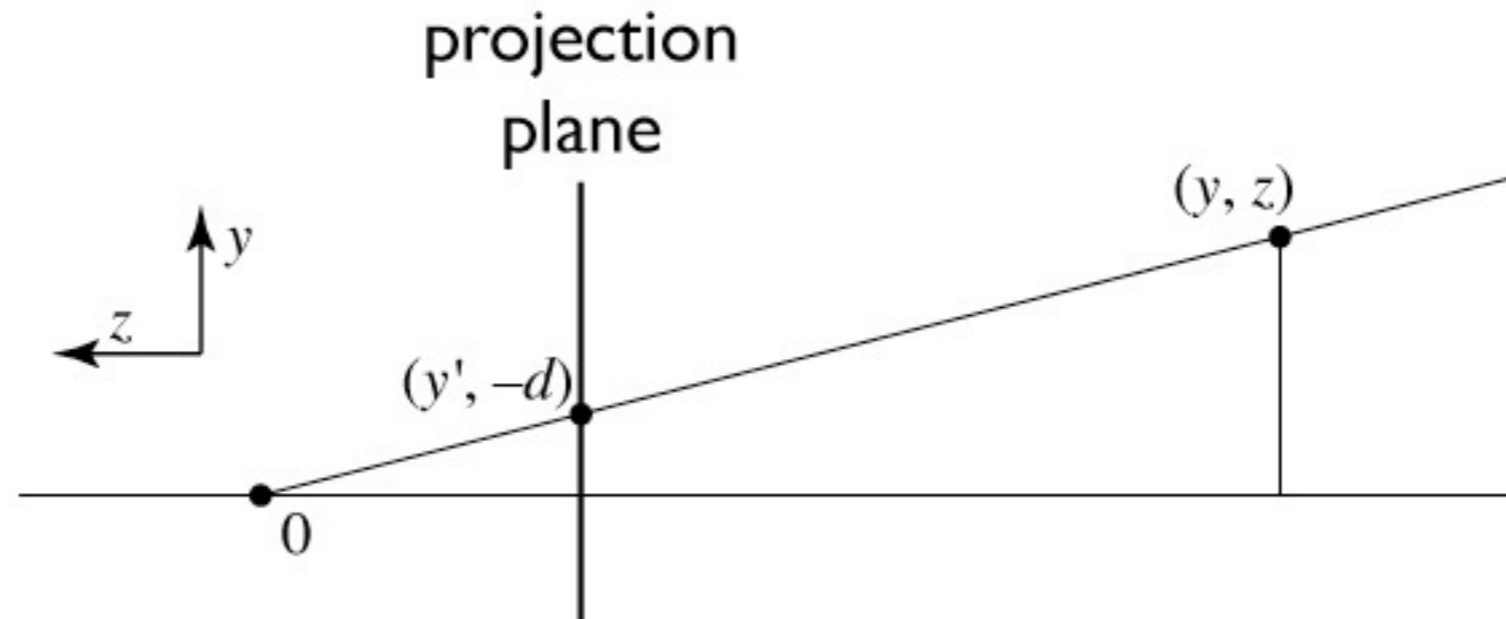
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} wx \\ wy \\ wz \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

# Implications of $w$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} wx \\ wy \\ wz \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

- All scalar multiples of a 4-vector are equivalent
- When  $w$  is not zero, can divide by  $w$ 
  - therefore these points represent “normal” affine points
- When  $w$  is zero, it’s a point at infinity, a.k.a. a direction
  - this is the point where parallel lines intersect
  - can also think of it as the vanishing point
- Digression on projective space

# Perspective projection



to implement perspective, just move z to w:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -dx/z \\ -dy/z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \\ -z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# What can projective transformations do?

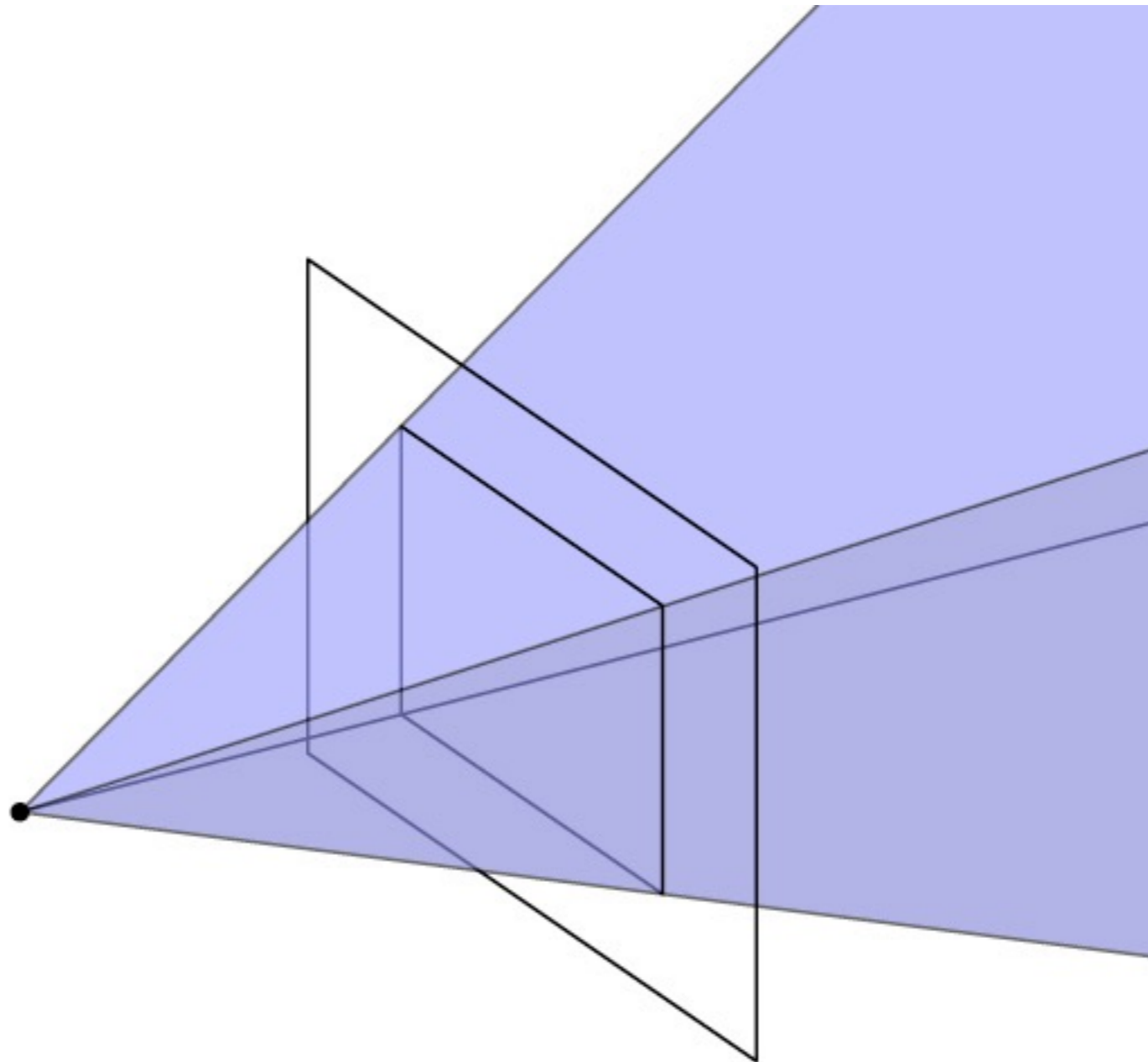
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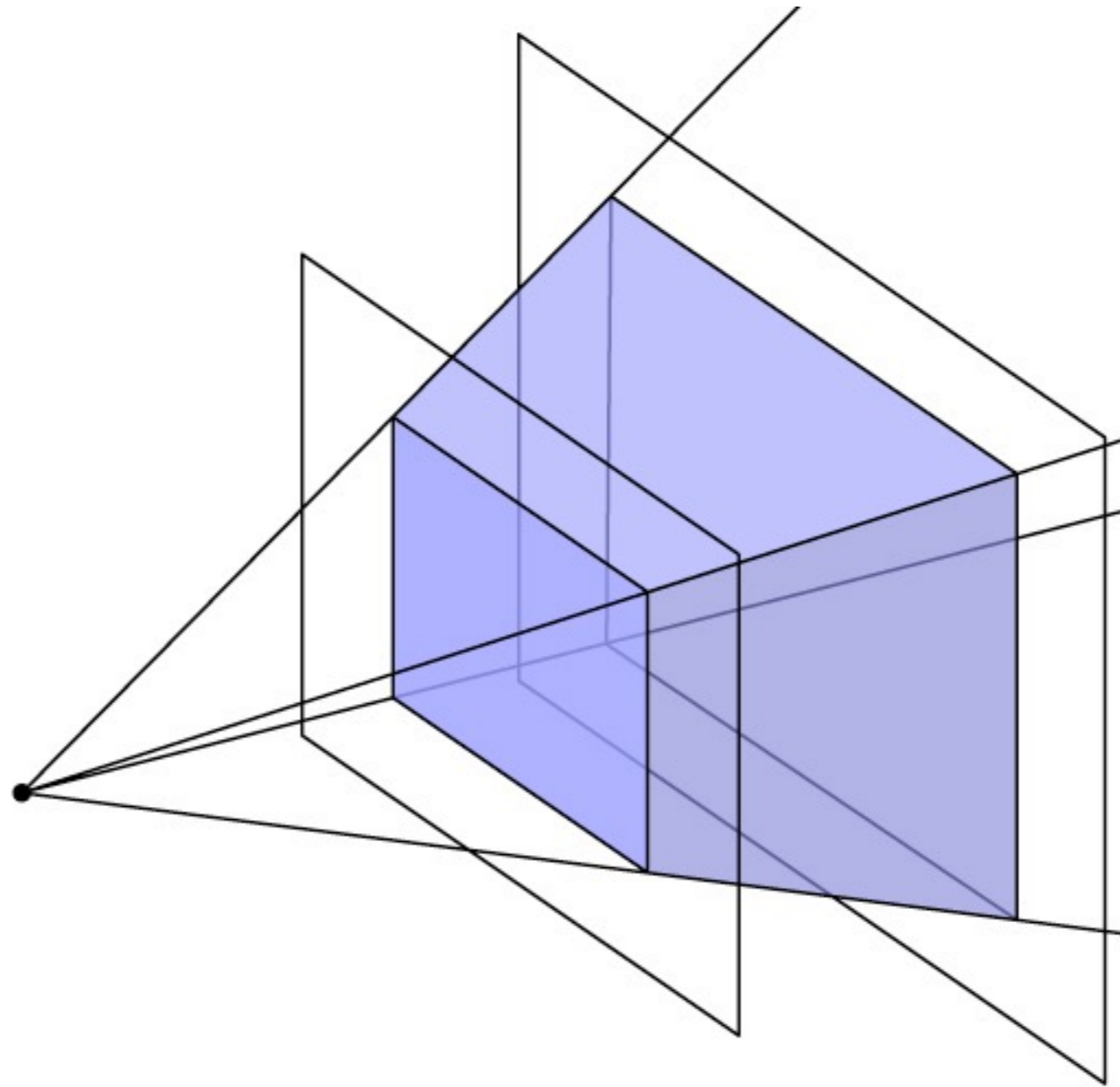
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- Aside: line segments still map to line segments, so we can still do wireframe rendering.

# View volume: perspective



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# Carrying depth through perspective

- Perspective has a varying denominator—can't preserve depth!
- Compromise: preserve depth on near and far planes

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– that is, choose  $a$  and  $b$  so that  $z'(n) = n$  and  $z'(f) = f$ .

$$\tilde{z}(z) = az + b$$

$$z'(z) = \frac{\tilde{z}}{-z} = \frac{az + b}{-z}$$

want  $z'(n) = n$  and  $z'(f) = f$

result:  $a = -(n + f)$  and  $b = nf$  (try it)

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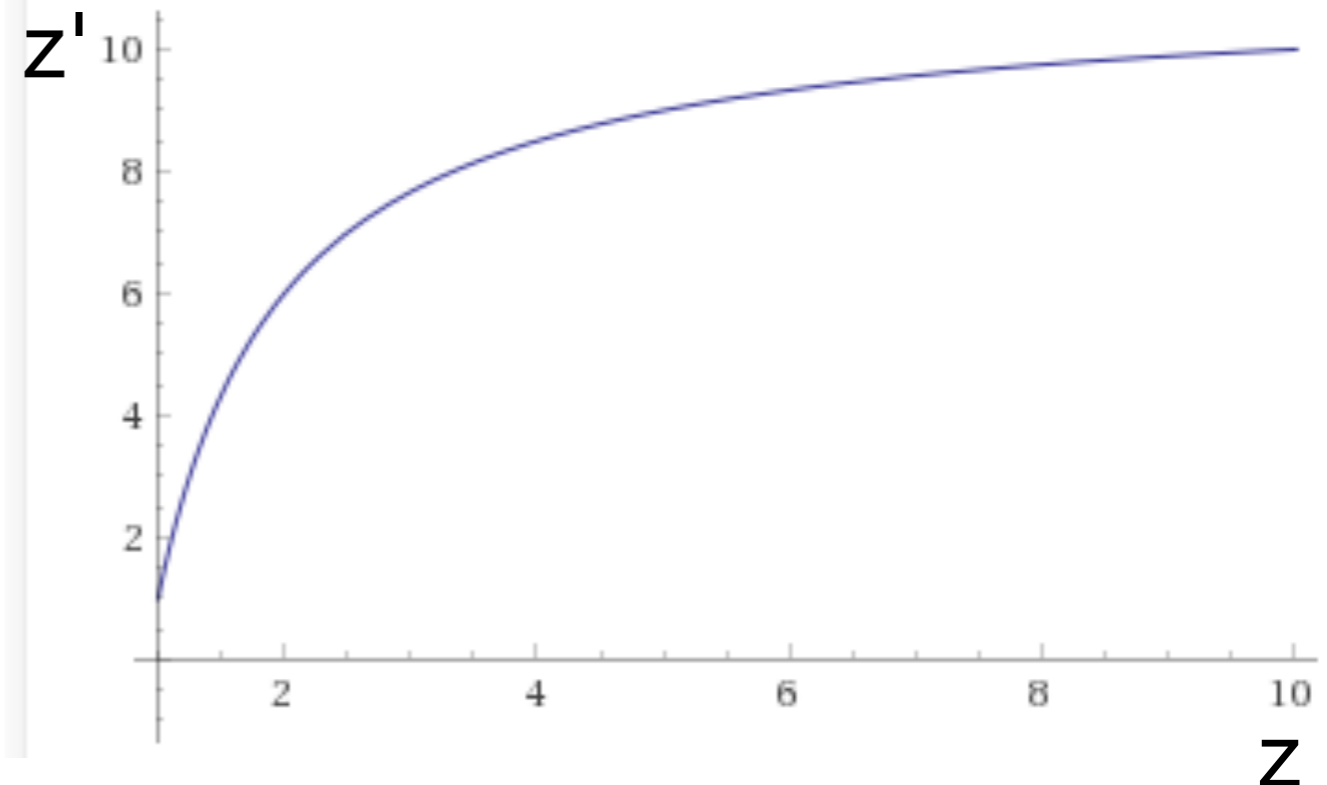
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plot

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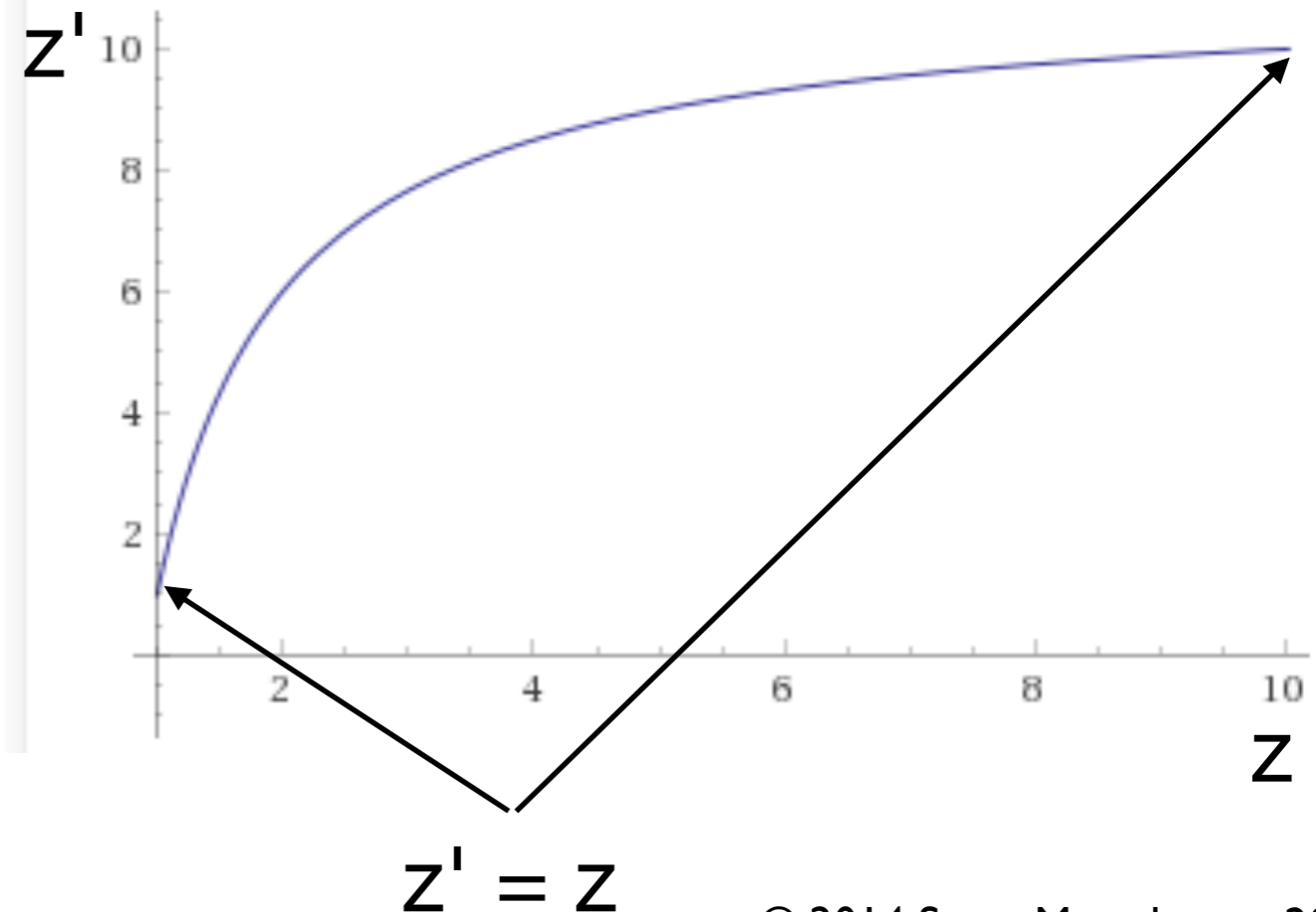
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# Official perspective matrix

- Use near plane distance as the projection distance
  - i.e.,  $d = -n$
- Scale by  $-1$  to have fewer minus signs
  - scaling the matrix does not change the projective transformation

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n + f & -fn \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Perspective projection matrix

- Product of perspective matrix with orth. projection matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_{\text{per}} &= \mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}} \mathbf{P} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & -\frac{n+f}{n-f} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n+f & -fn \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2n}{r-l} & 0 & \frac{l+r}{l-r} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2n}{t-b} & \frac{b+t}{b-t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{f+n}{n-f} & \frac{2fn}{f-n} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Perspective transformation chain

- Transform into world coords (modeling transform,  $M_m$ )
- Transform into eye coords (camera xf.,  $M_{\text{cam}} = F_c^{-1}$ )
- Perspective matrix,  $P$
- Orthographic projection,  $M_{\text{orth}}$
- Viewport transform,  $M_{\text{vp}}$

$$\mathbf{p}_s = \mathbf{M}_{\text{vp}} \mathbf{M}_{\text{orth}} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{M}_{\text{cam}} \mathbf{M}_m \mathbf{p}_o$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_s \\ y_s \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n_x}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{n_x-1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{n_y}{2} & 0 & \frac{n_y-1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{r-l} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{r+l}{r-l} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t-b} & 0 & -\frac{t+b}{t-b} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{n-f} & -\frac{n+f}{n-f} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n+f & -fn \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\text{cam}} \mathbf{M}_m \begin{bmatrix} x_o \\ y_o \\ z_o \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$