

# Computer Graphics

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# Last time

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- Compositing
- NPR
- 3D Graphics Toolkits
  - Transformations

# Today

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- 3D Transformations
- The Viewing Pipeline
- Mid-term: in class, Nov. 1
- Homework 3 available, due October 30, in class

# Homogeneous Coordinates

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- Use three numbers to represent a 2D point
- $(x, y) = (wx, wy, w)$  for any constant  $w \neq 0$ 
  - Typically,  $(x, y)$  becomes  $(x, y, 1)$
  - To go backwards, divide by  $w$
- Translation can now be done with matrix multiplication!

# Basic Transformations

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Translation:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & b_x \\ 0 & 1 & b_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$       Rotation:  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Scaling:  $\begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Homogeneous Transform Advantages

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- Unified view of transformation as matrix multiplication
  - Easier in hardware and software
- To compose transformations, simply multiply matrices
  - Order matters:  $AB$  is generally not the same as  $BA$
- Allows for non-affine transformations:
  - Perspective projections!

# Directions vs. Points

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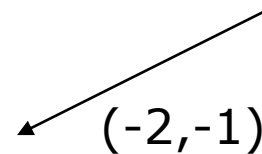
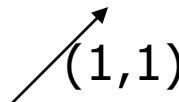
□ We have been talking about transforming points

□ Directions are also important in graphics

■ Viewing directions

■ Normal vectors

■ Ray directions



□ Directions are represented by vectors, like points, and can be transformed, but not like points

# Transforming Directions

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- Say I define a direction as the difference of two points:  
 $d = a - b$ 
  - This represents the *direction* of the line between two points
- Now I translate the points by the same amount:  
 $a' = a + t, b' = b + t$
- How should I transform  $d$ ?



# Homogeneous Directions

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- Translation does not affect directions!
- Homogeneous coordinates give us a very clean way of handling this
- The direction  $(x,y)$  becomes the homogeneous direction  $(x,y,0)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & b_x \\ 0 & 1 & b_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The correct thing happens for rotation and scaling also
  - Uniform scaling changes the length of the vector, but not the direction

# 3D Transformations

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- Homogeneous coordinates:  $(x, y, z) = (wx, wy, wz, w)$
- Transformations are now represented as 4x4 matrices
- Typical graphics packages allow for specification of translation, rotation, scaling and arbitrary matrices
  - OpenGL: `glTranslate[fd]`, `glRotate[fd]`, `glScale[fd]`, `glMultMatrix[fd]`

# 3D Translation

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# 3D Rotation

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- Rotation in 3D is about an *axis* in 3D space passing through the origin
- Using a matrix representation, any matrix with an *orthonormal* top-left 3x3 sub-matrix is a rotation
  - Rows are mutually orthogonal (0 dot product)
  - Determinant is 1
  - Implies columns are also orthogonal, and that the transpose is equal to the inverse

# 3D Rotation

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{xx} & r_{xy} & r_{xz} & 0 \\ r_{yx} & r_{yy} & r_{yz} & 0 \\ r_{zx} & r_{zy} & r_{zz} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and if

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{r}_1 & - & 0 \\ - & \mathbf{r}_2 & - & 0 \\ - & \mathbf{r}_3 & - & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } \mathbf{r}_1 \bullet \mathbf{r}_2 = 0, \mathbf{r}_1 \bullet \mathbf{r}_3 = 0, \mathbf{r}_2 \bullet \mathbf{r}_3 = 0, \mathbf{r}_1 \bullet \mathbf{r}_1 = 1, \text{ etc.}$$

# Problems with Rotation Matrices

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- Specifying a rotation really only requires 3 numbers
  - Axis is a unit vector, so requires 2 numbers
  - Angle to rotate is third number
- Rotation matrix has a large amount of redundancy
  - Orthonormal constraints reduce degrees of freedom back down to 3
- Rotations are a very complex subject, and a detailed discussion is way beyond the scope of this course

# Alternative Representations

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- Specify the axis and the angle (OpenGL method)
- *Euler angles*: Specify how much to rotate about X, then how much about Y, then how much about Z
  - Hard to think about, and hard to compose
  - Any three axes will do e.g. X,Y,Z
- Specify the axis, scaled by the angle
  - Only 3 numbers, called the *exponential map*
- *Quaternions*

# Quaternions

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- 4-vector related to axis and angle, unit magnitude

- Rotation about axis  $(n_x, n_y, n_z)$  by angle  $\theta$ .

$$(n_x \cos(\theta/2), n_y \cos(\theta/2), n_z \cos(\theta/2), \sin(\theta/2))$$

- Reasonably easy to compose
- Reasonably easy to go to/from rotation matrix
- Only normalized quaternions represent rotations, but you can normalize them just like vectors, so it isn't a problem
- Easy to perform spherical interpolation



# Other Rotation Issues

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- Rotation is about an axis at the origin
  - For rotation about an arbitrary axis, use the same trick as in 2D: Translate the axis to the origin, rotate, and translate back again
- Rotation is not commutative
  - Rotation order matters
  - Experiment to convince yourself of this

# Transformation Leftovers

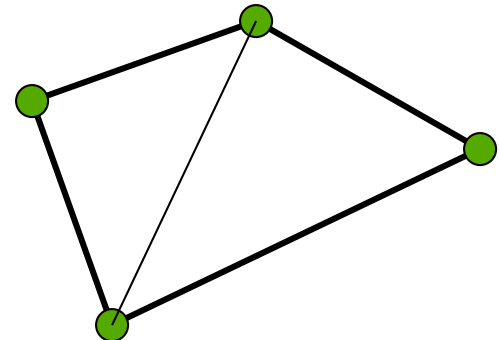
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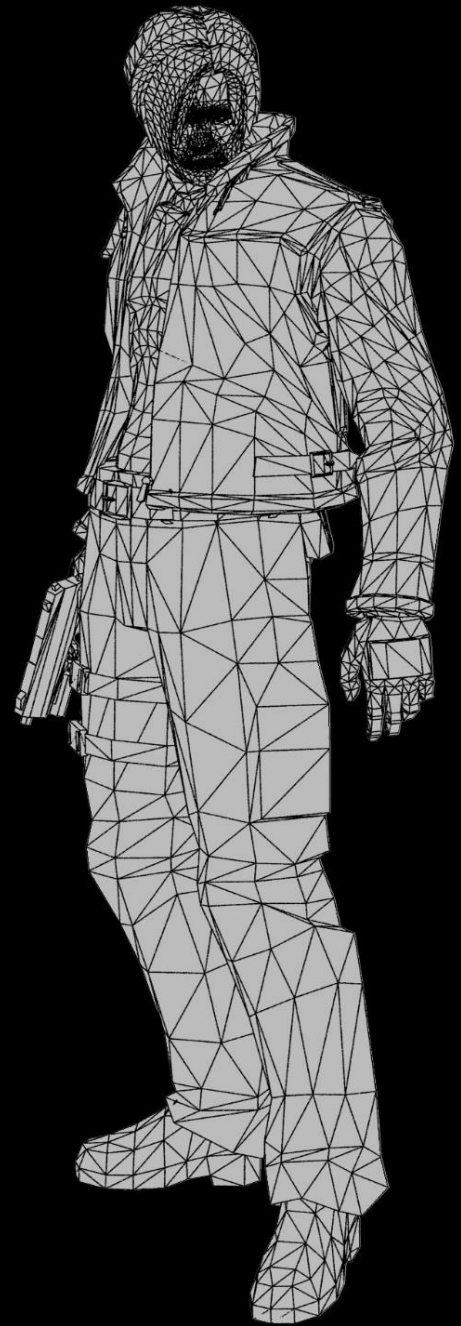
- Scale, shear etc extend naturally from 2D to 3D
- Rotation and Translation are the *rigid-body transformations*:
  - Do not change lengths or angles, so a body does not deform when transformed

# Modeling 101

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- For the moment assume that all geometry consists of points, lines and faces
- Line: A segment between two endpoints
- Face: A planar area bounded by line segments
  - Any face can be *triangulated* (broken into triangles)





# Modeling and OpenGL

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- In OpenGL, all geometry is specified by stating which type of object and then giving the vertices that define it
- `glBegin() ... glEnd()`
- `glVertex[34][fdv]`
  - Three or four components (regular or homogeneous)
  - Float, double or vector (eg `float[3]`)
- Chapter 2 of the OpenGL red book

# Rendering

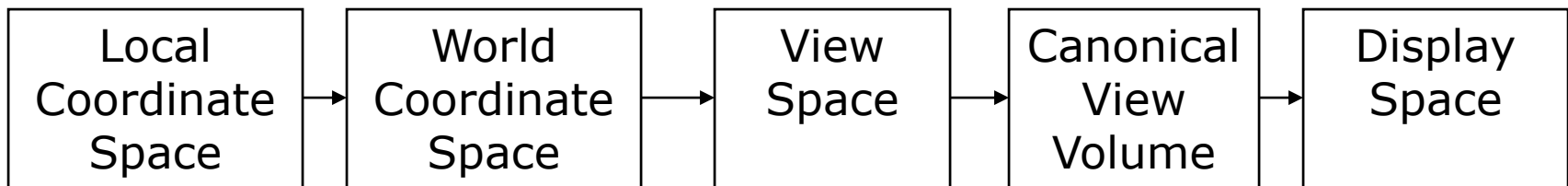
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- Generate an image showing the contents of some region of space
  - The region is called the *view volume*, and it is defined by the user
- Determine where each object should go in the image
  - *Viewing, Projection*
- Determine which pixels should be filled
  - *Rasterization*
- Determine which object is in front at each pixel
  - *Hidden surface elimination, Hidden surface removal, Visibility*
- Determine what color it is
  - *Lighting, Shading*

# Graphics Pipeline

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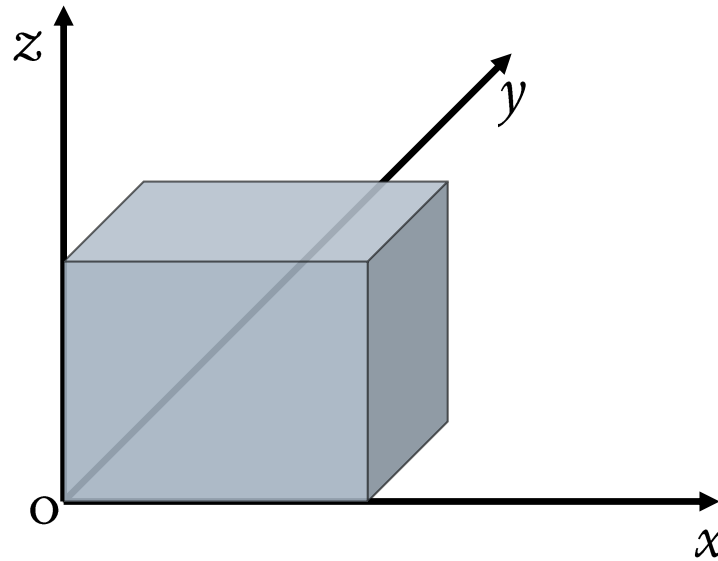
- Graphics hardware employs a sequence of coordinate systems
  - The location of the geometry is expressed in each coordinate system in turn, and modified along the way
  - The movement of geometry through these spaces is considered a pipeline



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- Key idea: Object instantiation
  - Define an object in a local coordinate system
  - Use it multiple times by copying it and transforming it into the global system
  - This is the only effective way to have libraries of 3D objects

# World Coordinate System

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- *Everything* in the world is transformed into one coordinate system - the *world coordinate system*
  - It has an origin, and three coordinate directions,  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$
- Lighting is defined in this space
  - The locations, brightness' and types of lights
- The camera is defined *with respect to* this space
- Some higher level operations, such as advanced visibility computations, can be done here

# View Space

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- Define a coordinate system based on the *eye* and *image plane* - the *camera*
  - The *eye* is the center of projection, like the aperture in a camera
  - The *image plane* is the orientation of the plane on which the image should “appear,” like the film plane of a camera
- Some camera parameters are easiest to define in this space
  - Focal length, image size
- Relative depth is captured by a single number in this space

# Canonical View Volume

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- **Canonical View Space: A cube, with the origin at the center, the viewer looking down -z, x to the right, and y up**
  - Canonical View Volume is the cube:  $[-1,1] \times [-1,1] \times [-1,1]$
  - Variants (later) with viewer looking down +z and z from 0-1
  - Only things that end up inside the canonical volume can appear in the window
- **Tasks: Parallel sides and unit dimensions make many operations easier**
  - Clipping - decide what is in the window
  - Rasterization - decide which pixels are covered
  - Hidden surface removal - decide what is in front
  - Shading - decide what color things are

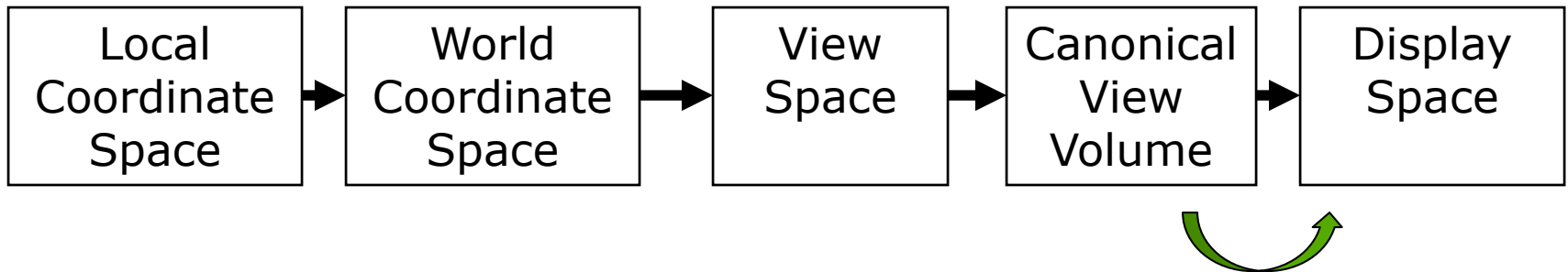
# Window Space

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- ❑ **Window Space: Origin in one corner of the “window” on the screen, x and y match screen x and y**
- ❑ **Windows appear somewhere on the screen**
  - Typically you want the thing you are drawing to appear in your window
  - But you may have no control over where the window appears
- ❑ **You want to be able to work in a standard coordinate system - **your code should not depend on *where* the window is****
- ❑ **You target Window Space, and the windowing system takes care of putting it on the screen**

# Graphics Pipeline

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# Canonical → Window Transform

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- Problem: Transform the Canonical View Volume into Window Space (real screen coordinates)
  - Drop the depth coordinate and translate
  - The graphics hardware and windowing system typically take care of this - but we'll do the math to get you warmed up
- The windowing system adds one final transformation to get your window on the screen in the right place

# Canonical → Window Transform

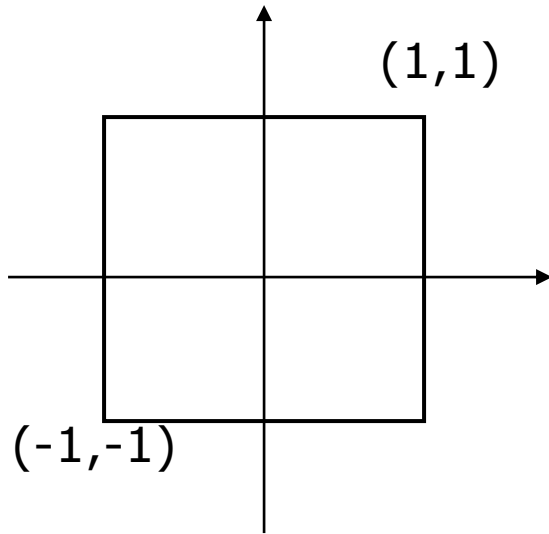
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- Typically, windows are specified by a corner, width and height
  - Corner expressed in terms of screen location
  - This representation can be converted to  $(x_{min}, y_{min})$  and  $(x_{max}, y_{max})$
- We want to map points in Canonical View Space into the window
  - Canonical View Space goes from  $(-1, -1, -1)$  to  $(1, 1, 1)$
  - Lets say we want to leave  $z$  unchanged
- What basic transformations will be involved in the total transformation from 3D screen to window coordinates?

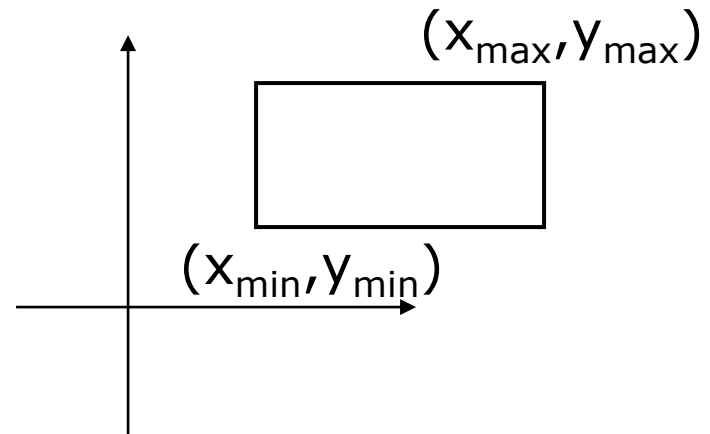
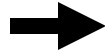


# Canonical $\rightarrow$ Window Transform

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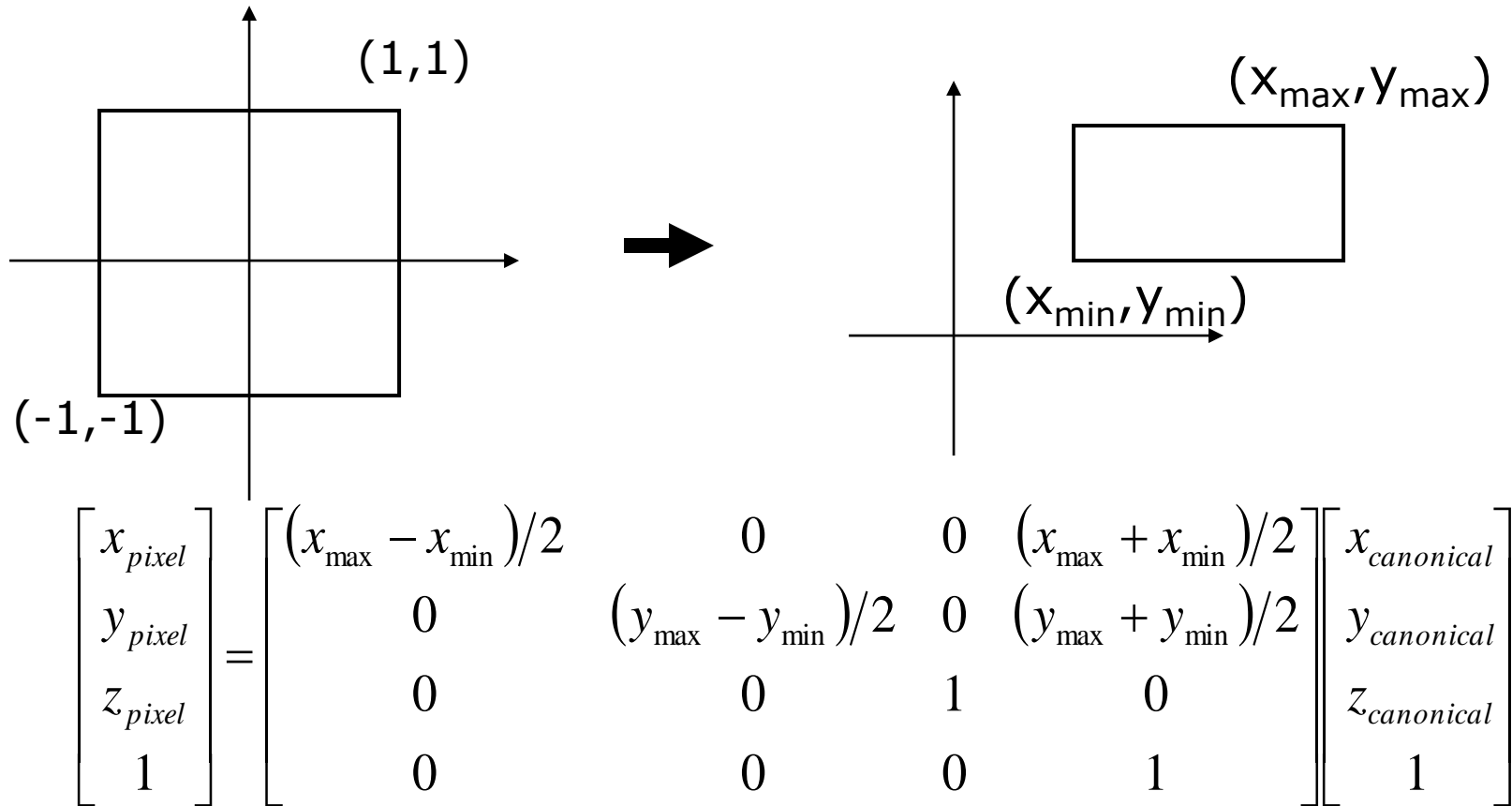
Canonical view volume



Window space

# Canonical $\rightarrow$ Window Transform

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# Canonical → Window Transform

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- You almost never have to worry about the canonical to window transform
- In OpenGL, you tell it which part of **your window** to draw in - relative to the window's coordinates
  - That is, you tell it where to put the canonical view volume
  - You must do this whenever the window changes size
  - Window (not the screen) has **origin at bottom left**
  - `glViewport(minx, miny, maxx, maxy)`
  - Typically: `glViewport(0, 0, width, height)` fills the entire *window* with the image
- Some textbook derives a different transform, but the same idea



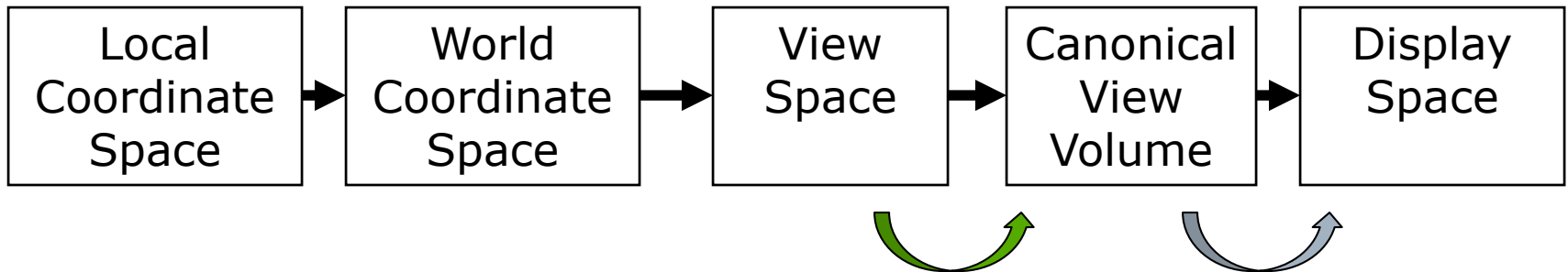
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glViewport(0, 0, width, height)
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glViewport(100, 0, width, height)
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# Graphics Pipeline

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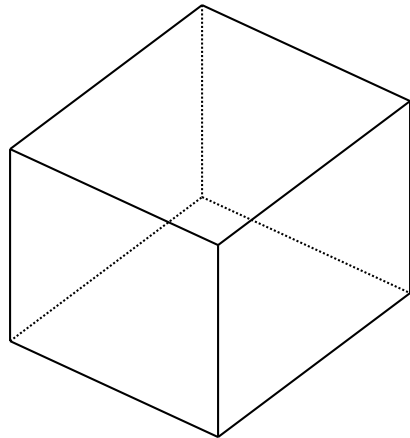
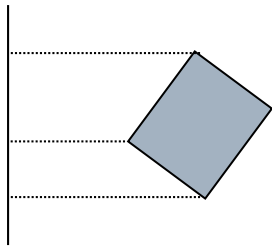
# View Volumes

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- Only stuff inside the Canonical View Volume gets drawn
  - Points too close or too far away will not be drawn
  - But, it is inconvenient to model the world as a unit box
- A **view volume** is the region of space we wish to *transform into* the Canonical View Volume for drawing
  - Only stuff inside the view volume gets drawn
  - **Describing the view volume is a major part of defining the view**

# Orthographic Projection

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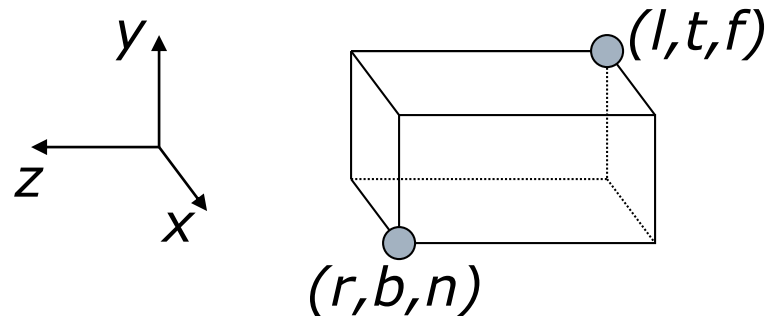
- Orthographic projection projects all the points in the world along parallel lines onto the image plane
    - Projection lines are perpendicular to the image plane
    - Like a camera with infinite focal length
  - The result is that *parallel lines in the world project to parallel lines in the image, and ratios of lengths are preserved*
    - This is important in some applications, like medical imaging and some computer aided design tasks
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# Orthographic View Space

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- **View Space:** a coordinate system with the viewer looking in the  $-z$  direction, with  $x$  horizontal to the right and  $y$  up
  - A right-handed coordinate system! All ours will be
- The view volume is a *rectilinear box* for orthographic projection
  - The view volume has:
    - a *near plane* at  $z=n$
    - a *far plane* at  $z=f$ , ( $f < n$ )
    - a *left plane* at  $x=l$
    - a *right plane* at  $x=r$ , ( $r > l$ )
    - a *top plane* at  $y=t$
    - and a *bottom plane* at  $y=b$ , ( $b < t$ )



# Rendering the Volume

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- To find out where points end up on the screen, we must transform View Space into Canonical View Space
  - We know how to draw Canonical View Space on the screen
- This transformation is “projection”
- The mapping looks similar to the one for Canonical to Window ...

# Orthographic Projection Matrix (Orthographic View to Canonical Matrix)

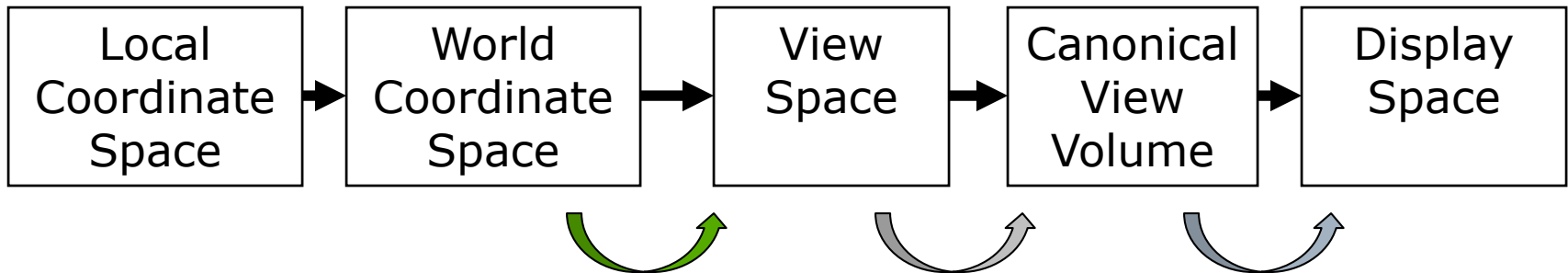
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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{canonical} \\ y_{canonical} \\ z_{canonical} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/(r-l) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2/(t-b) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2/(n-f) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -(r+l)/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -(t+b)/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -(n+f)/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 = \begin{bmatrix} 2/(r-l) & 0 & 0 & -(r+l)/(r-l) \\ 0 & 2/(t-b) & 0 & -(t+b)/(t-b) \\ 0 & 0 & 2/(n-f) & -(n+f)/(n-f) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{view} \\ y_{view} \\ z_{view} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{canonical} = \mathbf{M}_{view \rightarrow canonical} \mathbf{x}_{view}$$

# Graphics Pipeline

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# Next Time

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- Perspective Projection
- Clipping
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