

CS380: Introduction to Computer Graphics  
Projection  
Chapter 10

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Smooth Interpolation  
**SUMMARY**

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### Bezier evaluation

- To evaluate the function  $c(t)$  at any value of  $t$ , we perform the following sequence of linear interpolations:

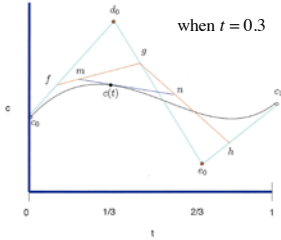
$$f = (1-t)c_0 + td_0$$

$$g = (1-t)d_0 + te_0$$

$$h = (1-t)e_0 + tc_1$$

$$m = (1-t)f + tg$$

$$n = (1-t)g + th$$

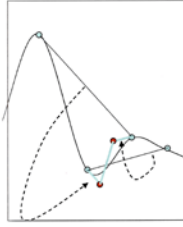
$$c(t) = (1-t)m + tn$$


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### Catmull-Rom Splines construction

- This also can be stated as  $c'(t)|_{i+1} = \frac{1}{2}(c_{i+2} - c_i)$
- Since  $c'(i) = 3(d_i - c_i)$  and  $c'(i+1) = 3(c_{i+1} - e_i)$ , in the Bezier representation, this tells us that we need to set:

$$d_i = \frac{1}{6}(c_{i+1} - c_{i-1}) + c_i$$

$$e_i = \frac{-1}{6}(c_{i+2} - c_i) + c_{i+1}$$


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## Quaternion Splining

- Bezier evaluation steps of the form:  

$$r = (1-t)p + tq$$
- Become:  $r = \text{slerp}(p, q, t)$
- And the  $d_i$  and  $e_i$  equation values are defined as  

$$d_i = ((c_{i+1}c_{i-1}^{-1})^{1/6})c_i \quad \Leftrightarrow d_i = \frac{1}{6}(c_{i+1} - c_{i-1}) + c_i$$

$$e_i = ((c_{i+2}c_i^{-1})^{-1/6})c_{i+1} \quad \Leftrightarrow e_i = \frac{-1}{6}(c_{i+2} - c_i) + c_{i+1}$$
- In order to interpolate “the short way”, we do conditional negation on  $(c_{i+1}c_{i-1}^{-1})$  before applying the power operator.

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## Curves

- We can cleanly apply the scalar theory to describe curves in the plane or space.
- The spline curve is controlled by a set of *control points*  $\tilde{c}_i$  in 2D or 3D.

Bezier curve (2D)

Catmull-Rom curve (2D)

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## PROJECTION

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## Camera transforms

- Until now we have considered all of our geometry in a 3D space
- Ultimately everything ended up in eye coordinates with coordinates  $[x_e, y_e, z_e, 1]^t$
- We said that the camera is placed at the origin of the eye frame  $\vec{e}'$ , and that it is looking down the eye's negative z-axis.
- This somehow produces a 2D image.
- We had a magic matrix which created `gl_Position`
- Now we will study this step

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### Pinhole camera model

Scene geometry

Pin hole  $[0,0,0,1]^t$

Film plane

- As light travels towards the film plane, most is blocked by an opaque surface placed at the  $z_e = 0$  plane.
- But we place a very small hole in the center of the surface, at the point with eye coordinates  $[0,0,0,1]^t$

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### Pinhole camera model

Scene geometry

Pin hole  $[0,0,0,1]^t$

Film plane

- Only rays of light that pass through this point reach the film plane and have their intensity recorded on film. The image is recorded at a film plane placed at, say,  $z_e = 1$

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### Pinhole camera model

Scene geometry

Film plane at  $z_e = -1$

Pin hole  $[0,0,0,1]^t$

Displayed photo

Your eye

- A physical camera needs a finite aperture and a lens, but we will ignore this.
- To avoid the image flip, we can mathematically model this with the film plane in front of the pinhole, say at the  $z_e = -1$

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### Pinhole camera model

Scene geometry

Film plane at  $z_e = -1$

Pin hole  $[0,0,0,1]^t$

Displayed photo

Your eye

- If we hold up the photograph at the  $z_e = -1$  plane, and observe it with our own eye, placed at the origin, it will look to us just like the origin scene would have.

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### Basic mathematical model

Scene geometry    Film plane at z=-1

- Let us use **normalized** coordinates  $[x_n, y_n]^t$  to specify points **on our film plane**.
  - For now, let them match **eye coordinates** on **this film plane**.
- Where does the ray from  $\tilde{p}$  to the origin hits the film plane?

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### Basic mathematical model

Scene geometry    Film plane at z=-1

- All points on the ray hit the same pixel.
- All points on the ray are all scales
- So points on ray are:  $[x_e, y_e, z_e]^t = \alpha[x_n, y_n, -1]^t$

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### Basic mathematical model

Scene geometry    Film plane at z=-1

- So  $[x_e, y_e, z_e]^t = -z_e[x_n, y_n, -1]^t$
- So  $x_n = -\frac{x_e}{z_e}, y_n = -\frac{y_e}{z_e}$

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### Projection matrix

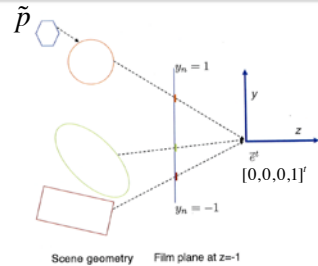
Scene geometry    Film plane at z=-1

- We can model this expression as a matrix operation as follows.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_e \\ y_e \\ z_e \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_n w_n \\ y_n w_n \\ - \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ - \\ w_c \end{bmatrix}$$

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## In matrix form



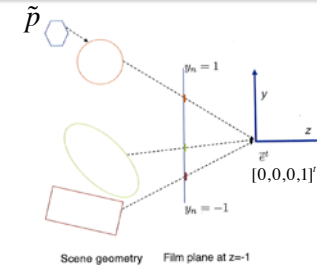
- The raw output of the matrix multiply,  $[x_c, y_c, -, w_c]^T$  are called the **clip coordinates** of  $\tilde{p}$ .
- $w_n = w_c$  is a new variable called the **w-coordinate**.
  - In such clip coordinates, the fourth entry of the coordinate 4-vector is not necessarily a zero or a one.

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## Divide by w



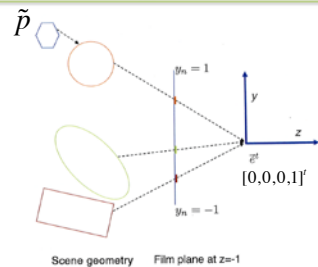
- We say that  $x_n w_n = x_c$  and  $y_n w_n = y_c$ . If we want to extract  $x_n$  alone, we must perform the division  $x_n = \frac{x_n w_n}{w_n}$
- This recovers our camera model
 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_n w_n \\ y_n w_n \\ - \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ - \\ w_c \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Divide by w



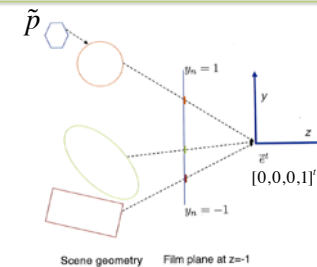
- Our output coordinates, with subscripts 'n', are called **normalized device coordinates (NDC)** because they address points on the image in abstract units without specific reference to numbers of pixels.

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## Divide by w



- We keep all of the image data in the **canonical square**,  $-1 \leq x_n \leq +1, -1 \leq y_n \leq +1$ , and ultimately map this onto a window on the screen.
  - Data outside of this square does not be recorded or displayed.
  - This is exactly the model we used to describe 2D OpenGL

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## Scales

Scene geometry    Zoomed film plane

- By changing the entries in the projection matrix, we can slightly alter geometry of the camera transformation.
- We could push the film plane out to  $z_e = n$ , where  $n$  is some negative number (zoom lens)

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## Scales

Scene geometry    Zoomed film plane

- So points on ray are:  $[x_e, y_e, z_e]^t = \alpha [x_n, y_n, z_n]^t$
- So  $[x_e, y_e, z_e]^t = \frac{z_e}{n} [x_n, y_n, z_n]^t$
- So  $x_n = \frac{x_e n}{z_e}, y_n = \frac{y_e n}{z_e}$

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## In matrix form

Scene geometry    Zoomed film plane

- In matrix form, this becomes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_n w_n \\ y_n w_n \\ - \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -n & 0 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_e \\ y_e \\ z_e \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## In matrix form

Scene geometry    Zoomed film plane

- Note this matrix is the same as

$$\begin{bmatrix} -n & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -n & 0 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### In matrix form

- This has the same effect as starting with our original camera, scaling by  $-n$ , and cropping to the canonical square.

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### fovY

- Scale can be determined by **vertical angular field of view** of the desired camera.
- If we want our camera to have a field of view of  $\theta$  degrees, then we can set  $-n = \frac{1}{\tan(\frac{\theta}{2})}$  giving us

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### fovY

- Verify that any point who's ray from the origin forms a vertical angle of  $\theta/2$  with the negative  $z$  axis maps to the boundary of the canonical square

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tan(\frac{\theta}{2})} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\tan(\frac{\theta}{2})} & 0 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### fovY

- The point with eye coordinates:  $[0, \tan(\frac{\theta}{2}), -1, 1]^T$  maps to **normalized device coordinates**  $[0, 1]^T$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tan(\frac{\theta}{2})} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\tan(\frac{\theta}{2})} & 0 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Dealing with aspect ratio

- Suppose the window is wider than it is high. In our camera transform, we need to squish things horizontally so a wider horizontal field of view fits into our retained canonical square.
- When the data is later mapped to the window, it will be stretched out correspondingly and will not appear distorted.
- Define  $a$ , the *aspect ratio* of a window, to be its width divided by its height (measured say in pixels).  $a = \frac{(\text{width px})}{(\text{height px})}$

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## Dealing with aspect ratio

- We can then set our projection matrix to be:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} & 0 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- So when the window is wide, we will keep more horizontal FOV, and when the window is tall, we will keep less horizontal FOV.

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## Dealing with aspect ratio

- As an alternative, we could have an **fovMin**, and when the window is tall, we would need to calculate an appropriate larger **fovY** and then build the matrix.

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## FOV issues

- To be a “window” onto the world, the FOV should match the angular extents of the window in the viewers field.
- This might give a too limited view onto the world.
- So we can increase it to see more.
- But this might give a somewhat unnatural look.

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### Shifts

- Sometimes, we wish to crop the image non-centrally.
- This can be modeled as translating the **normalized device coordinates** (NDC)'s and then cropping centrally.

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### Shifts

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_n w_n \\ y_n w_n \\ - \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & c_y \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_e \\ y_e \\ z_e \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -c_x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -c_y & 0 \\ - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_e \\ y_e \\ z_e \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Shifts

- Useful for tiled displays, stereo viewing, and certain kinds of images.

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### Frustum

- Shifts are often specified by first specifying a near plane  $z_e = n$ .
- On this plane, a rectangle is specified with the eye coordinates of an axis aligned rectangle. (for non-distorted output, the aspect ratio of this rectangle should match that of the final window.)
  - Using  $l, r, t, b$ .

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

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## Context



- Projection could be applied to every point in the scene.
- In CG, we will apply it to the vertices to position a triangle on the screen.
- The rest of the triangle will then get filled in on the screen as we shall see.