

# Computer Graphics

Lecture 5

View Transformation and Clipping

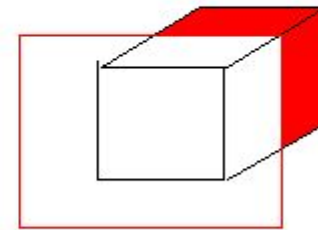
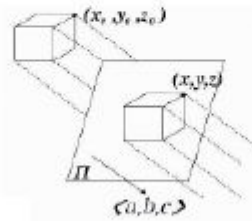
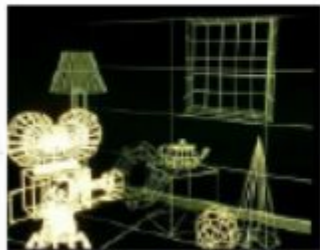
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# Overview

- View transformation
  - Recap of homogeneous transformation
  - Parallel projection
  - Perspective projection
  - Canonical view volume
- Clipping
  - Line / Polygon clipping

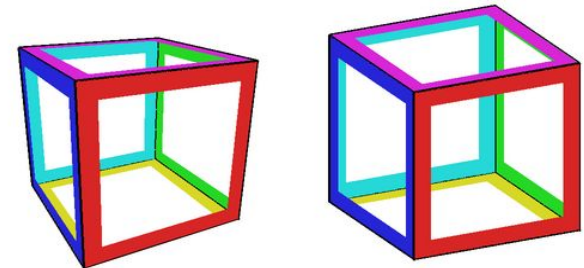
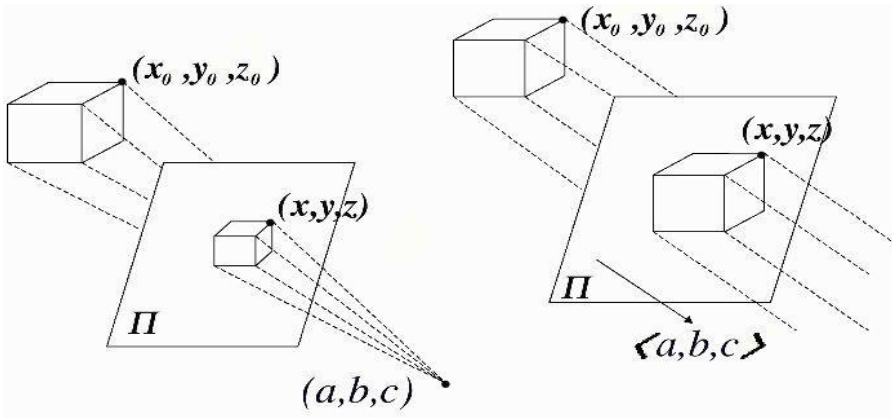
# Procedure

1. Transform into camera coordinates. (done in Lecture 3)
2. Perform projection into *view volume* or *screen coordinates*.
3. Clip geometry outside the *view volume*.



# View Projection : Topics

- Homogenous transformation
- Parallel projection
- Perspective projection
- Canonical view volume



# Homogeneous Transformations

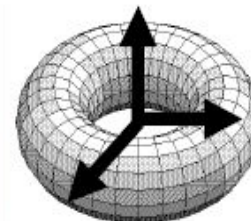
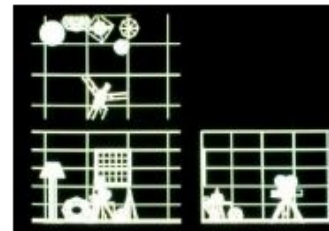
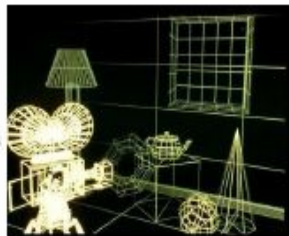
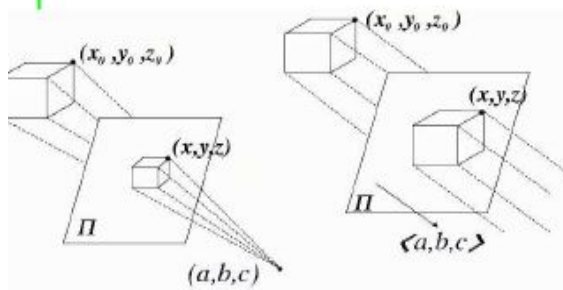
$$v = M_{proj} M_{c \leftarrow w} M_{w \leftarrow l} v_l$$

Projection matrix

World to camera matrix

Local to world matrix

Local coordinates

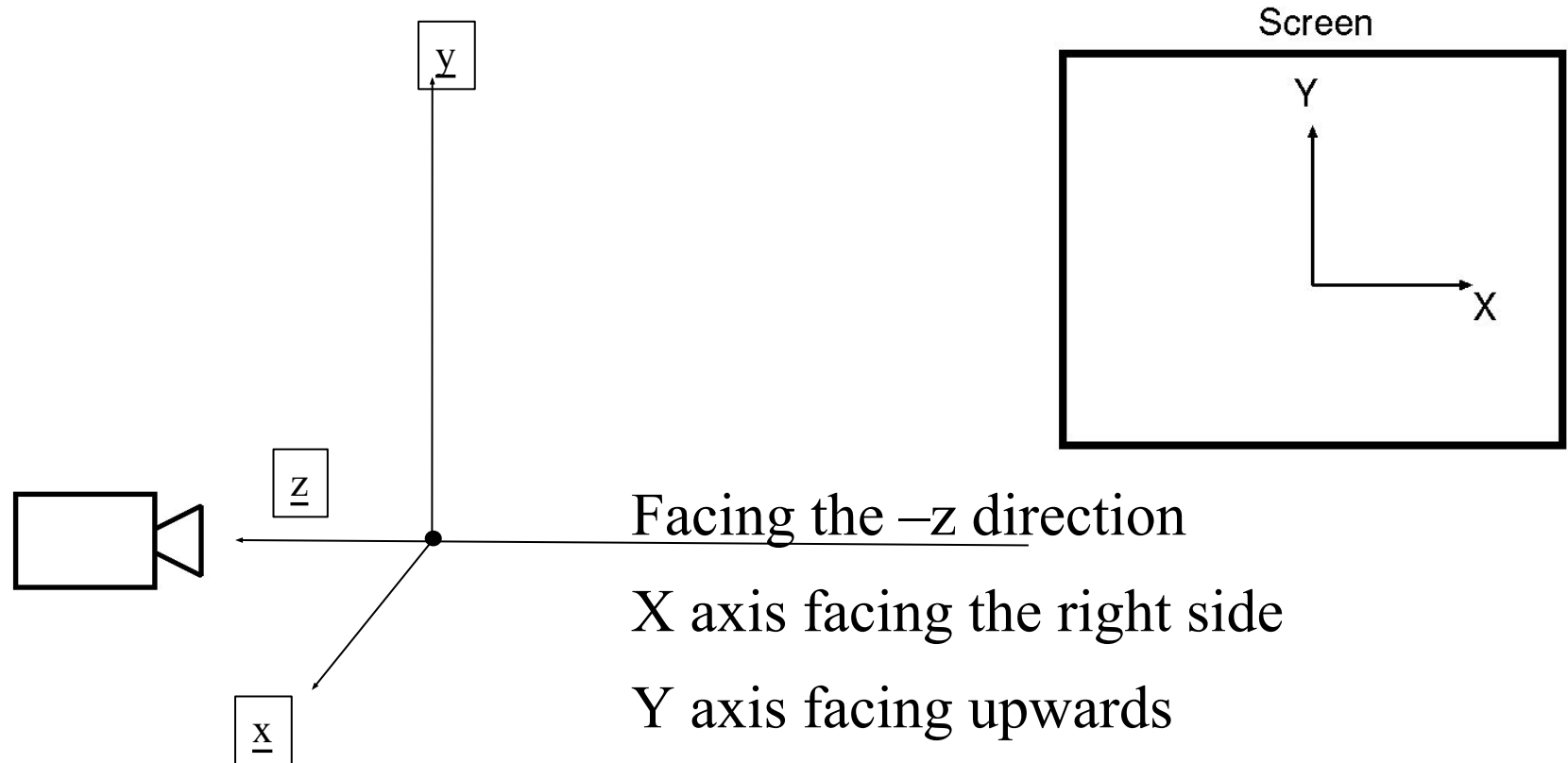


The projection matrix should be 4x4 matrices to allow general concatenation

# Homogeneous Coordinates

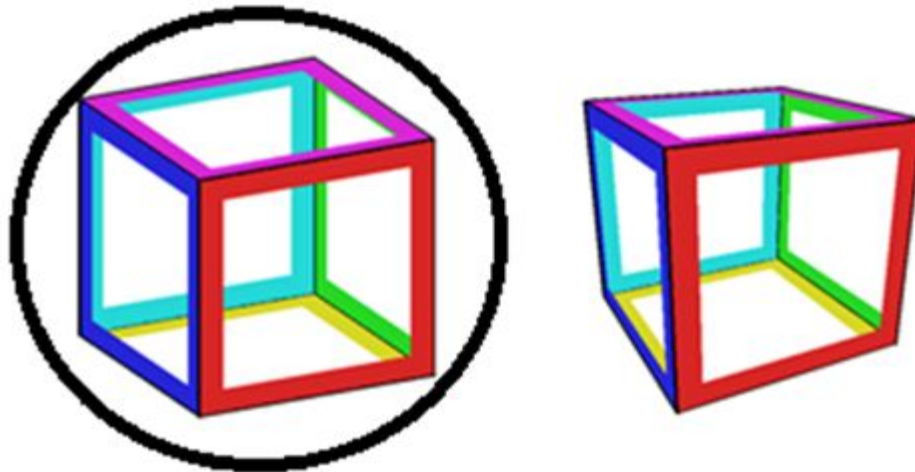
- Introduced to represent various transformations by multiplications (in Lecture 2)
- In homogenous coordinates,  $(x,y,z,w)$  represent the same point when all elements are multiplied by the same factor
  - $(2,0,1,1)$  and  $(4,0,2,2)$  are the same points
  - To bring back to Cartesian space, need to divide the other elements by the fourth element  $w$ 
    - $(x, y, z, w) \rightarrow (x/w, y/w, z/w, 1)$

# Camera Coordinate System we use (same as OpenGL)



# Parallel projections (Orthographic projection)

- Specified by a direction of projection, rather than a point.
- Objects of same size appear at the same size after the projection

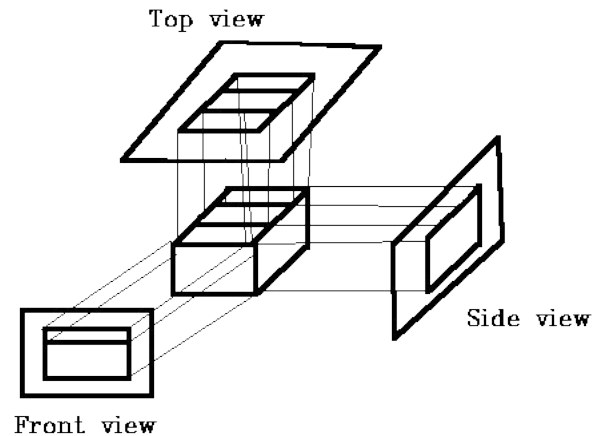





# Parallel projection.

Orthographic Projection onto a plane at  $z = 0$ .

$$x_p = x, y_p = y, z = 0.$$

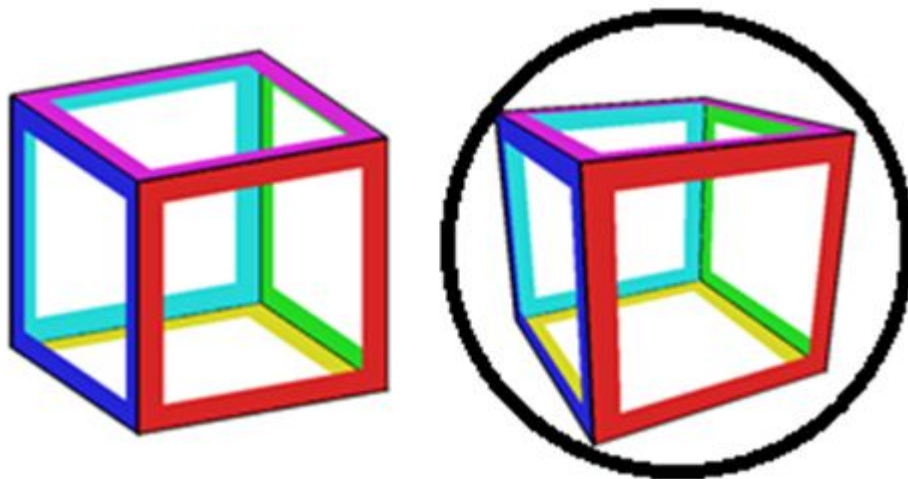



$$M_{orth} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

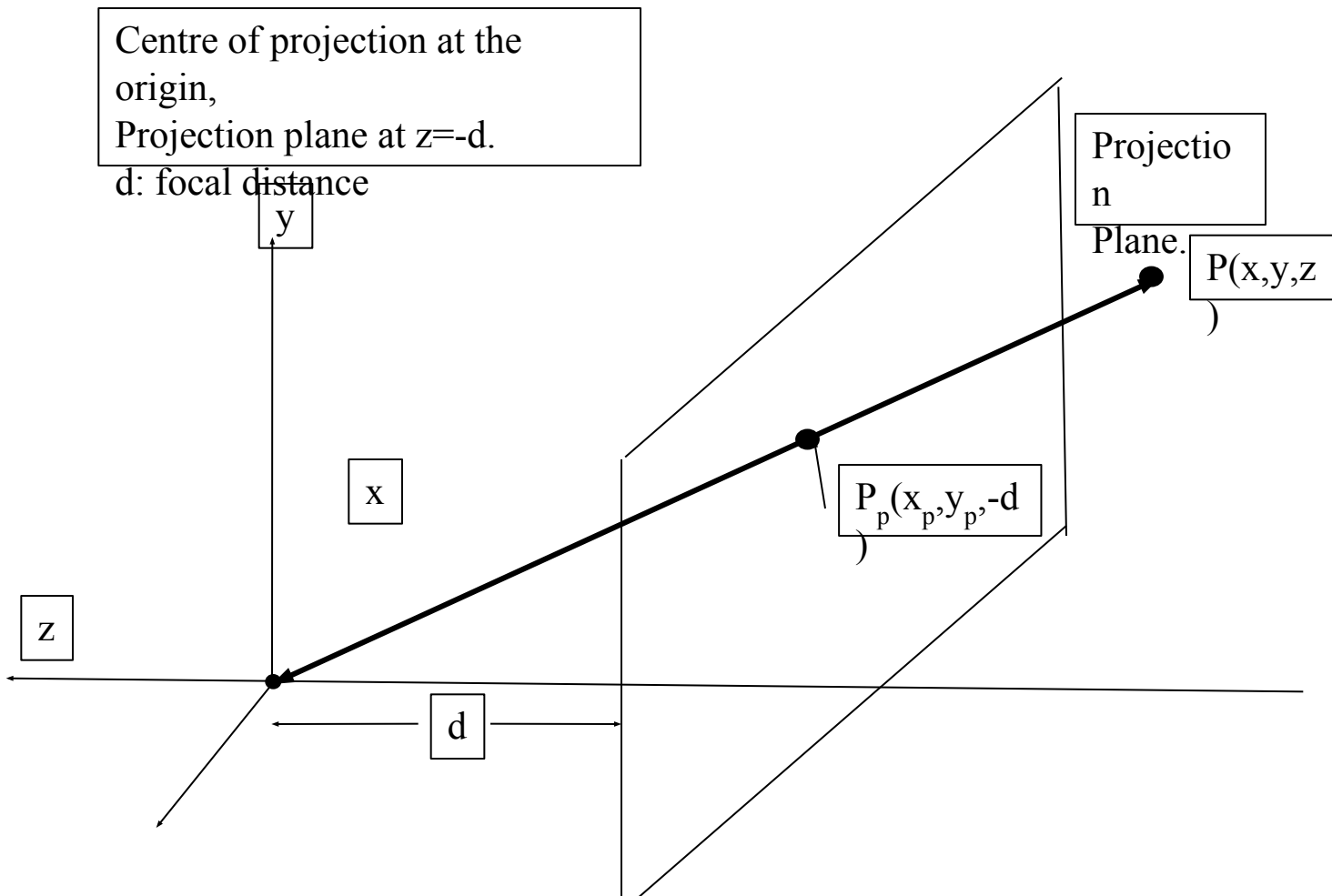
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Perspective Projection

- Objects far away appear smaller, closer objects appear bigger
- Specified by a center of projection and the focal distance (distance from the eye to the projection plane)



# Perspective projection

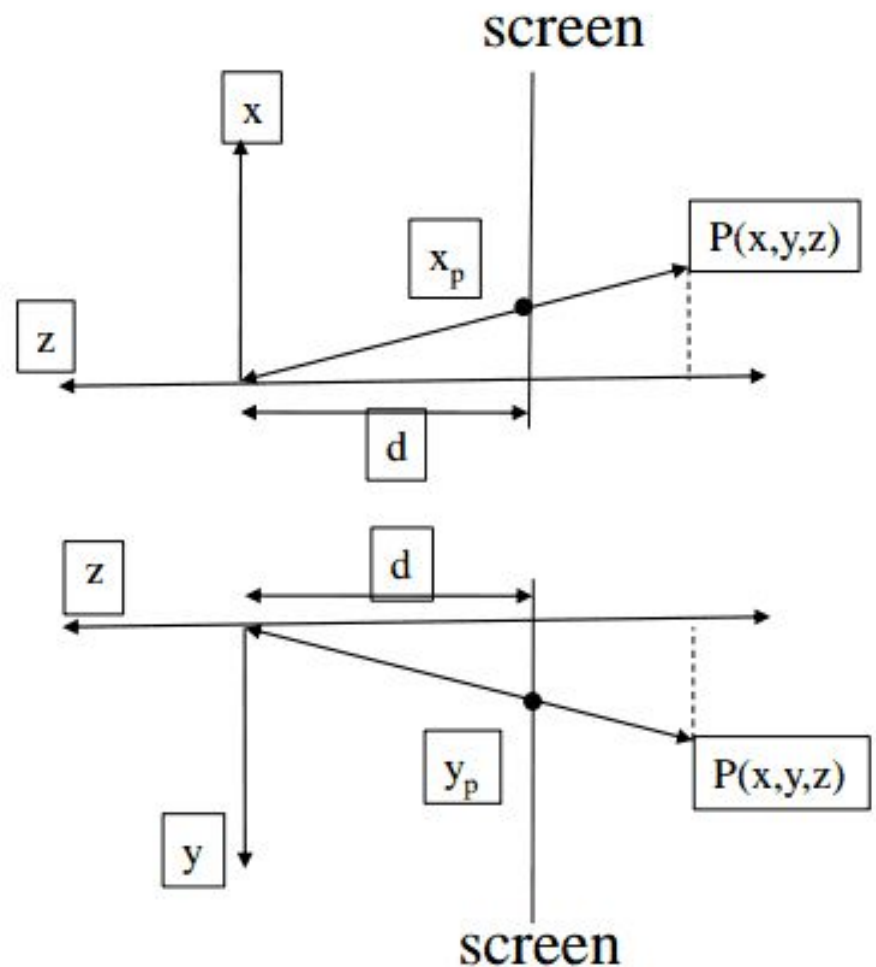
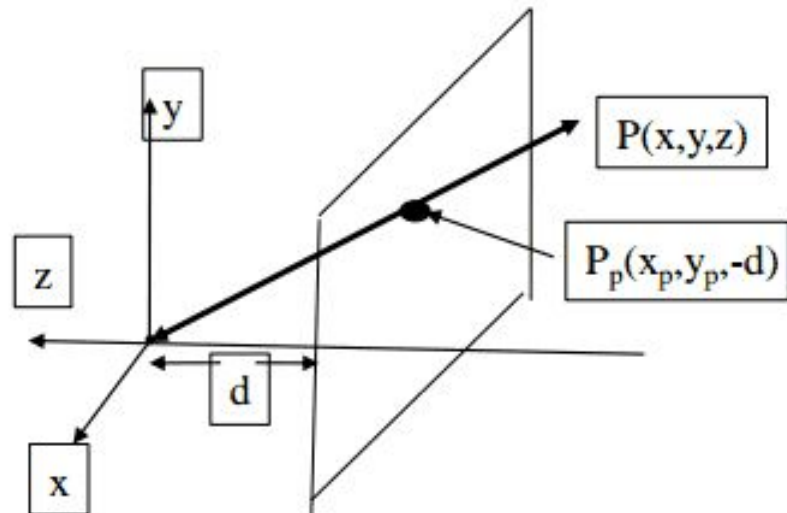


# Perspective projection – simplest case.

From similar triangles:

$$\frac{x_p}{d} = \frac{x}{-z}; \quad \frac{y_p}{d} = \frac{y}{-z}$$

$$x_p = \frac{d \cdot x}{-z} = \frac{x}{-z/d}; \quad y_p = \frac{d \cdot y}{-z} = \frac{y}{-z/d}$$



# Perspective projection.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_p & y_p & -d & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -d.x/z & -d.y/z & -d & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & -z/d \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Using homogeneous transformation, perspective projection can be represented as a 4x4 matrix multiplication :

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

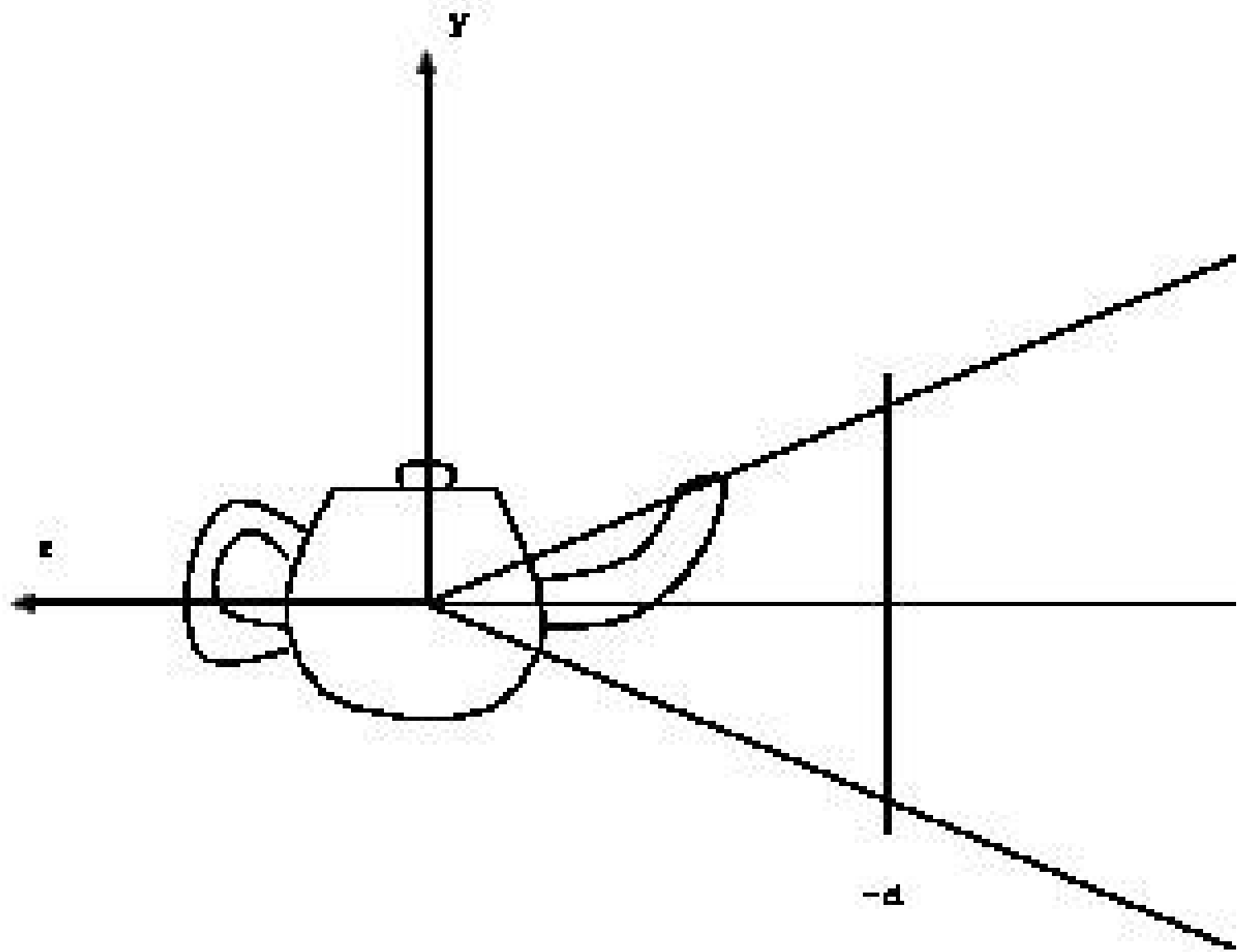
# Perspective projection.

Projected point :  $P_p = [X \ Y \ Z \ W]^T$

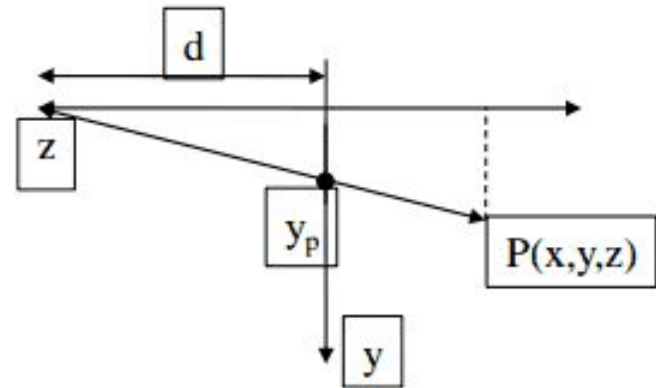
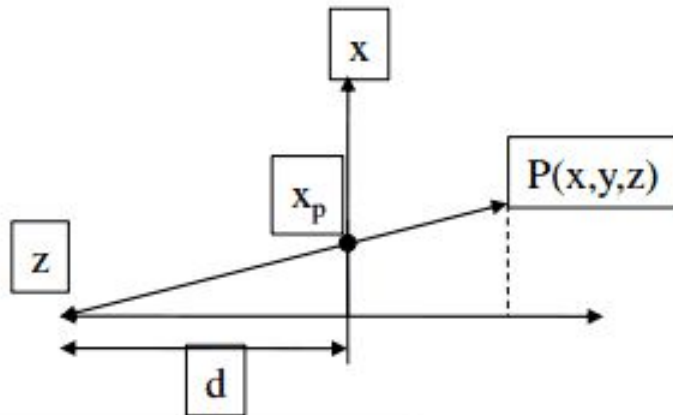
$$P_p = M_{per} \cdot P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [X \ Y \ Z \ W]^T = [x \ y \ z \ -z/d]^T$$

$$\left( \frac{X}{W}, \frac{Y}{W}, \frac{Z}{W} \right) = \left( \frac{x}{-z/d}, \frac{y}{-z/d}, -d \right)$$



# Alternative formulation.



Projection plane at  $z = 0$   
Centre of projection at  
 $z = d$

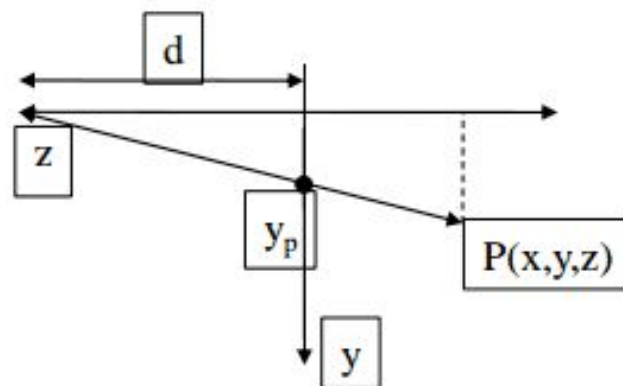
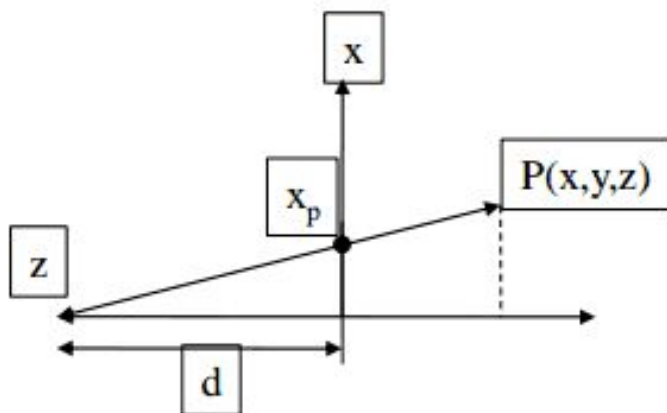
$$\frac{x_p}{d} = \frac{x}{-z+d}; \quad \frac{y_p}{d} = \frac{y}{-z+d}$$

Multiply by  $d$

$$x_p = \frac{d \cdot x}{-z+d} = \frac{x}{(-z/d)+1}; \quad y_p = \frac{d \cdot y}{-z+d} = \frac{y}{(-z/d)+1}$$



# Alternative formulation.

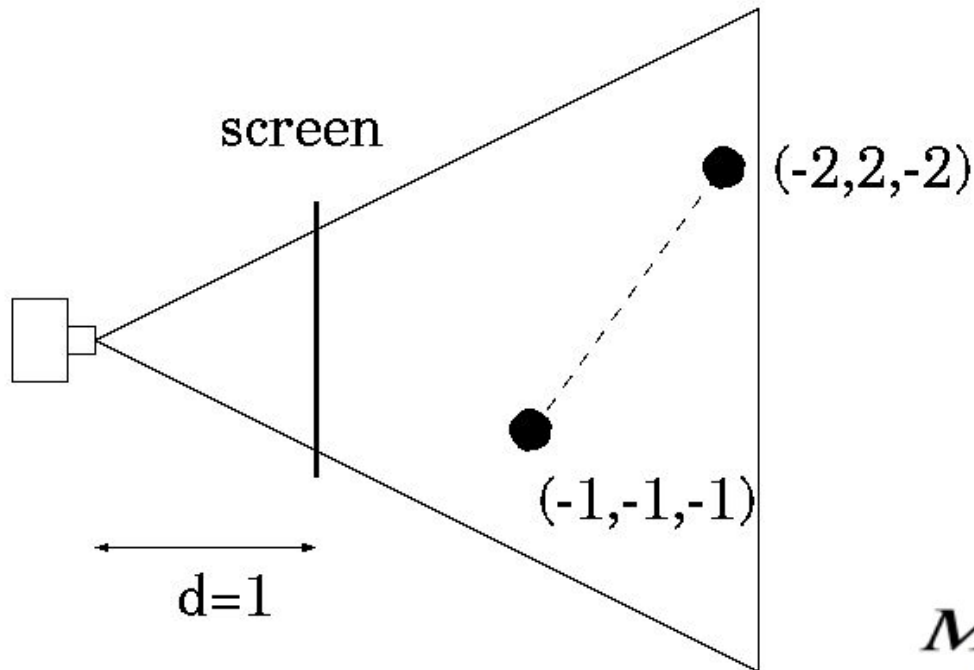


Projection plane at  $z = 0$ ,  
Centre of projection at  
 $z = d$

Now we can allow  $d \rightarrow \infty$

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

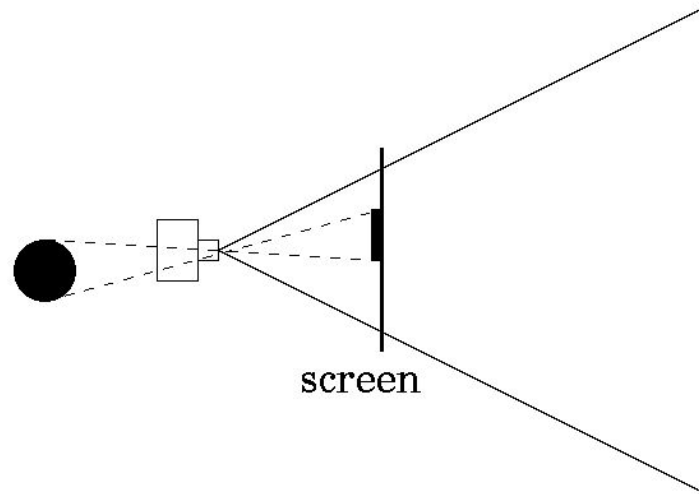
Exercise: where will the two points be projected onto?



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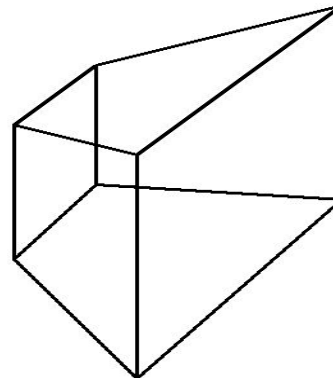
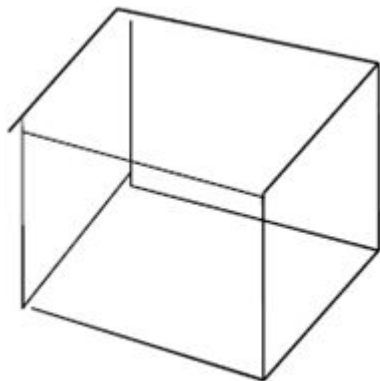
# Problems

- After projection, the depth information is lost
  - We need to preserve the depth information for hidden surface removal
- Objects behind the camera are projected to the front of the camera



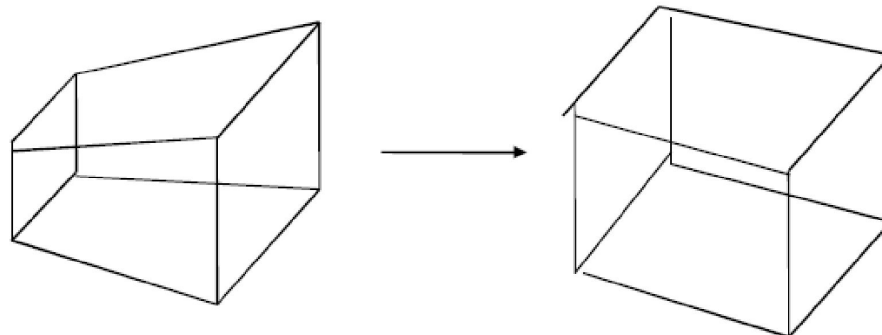
# 3D View Volume

- The volume in which the visible objects exist
  - For parallel projection, view volume is a box.
  - For perspective projection, view volume is a *frustum*.
- The surfaces outside the view volume must be clipped



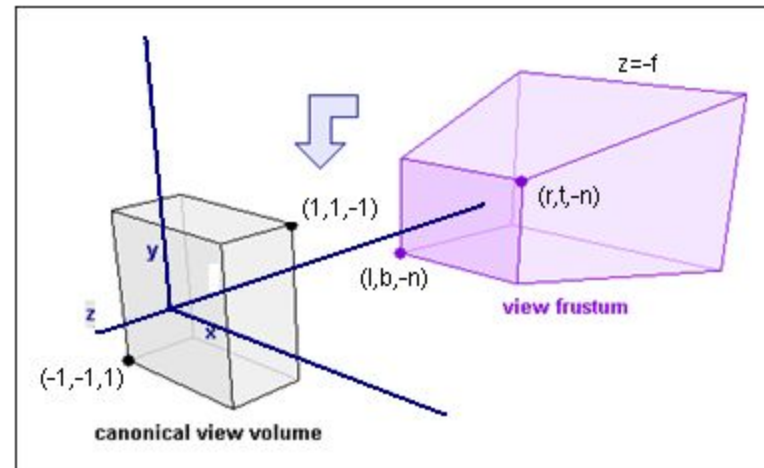
# Canonical View Volume

- Checking if a point is within a frustum is costly
  - We can transform the frustum view volume into a normalized canonical view volume
  - By using the idea of perspective transformation
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- Much easier to clip surfaces and calculate hidden surfaces



# Transforming the View Frustum

- Let us define parameters  $(l,r,b,t,n,f)$  that determines the shape of the frustum
- The view frustum starts at  $z=-n$  and ends at  $z=-f$ , with  $0 < n < f$
- The rectangle at  $z=-n$  has the minimum corner at  $(l,b,-n)$  and the maximum corner at  $(r,t,-n)$



# Transforming View Frustum into a Canonical view-volume

The perspective canonical view-volume can be transformed to the parallel canonical view-volume with the following matrix:

*If  $z \in [-n, -f](0 < n < f)$  then*

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

# Final step.

- Divide by  $w$  to get the 3-D Cartesian coordinates
- 3D Clipping

- The Canonical view volume is defined by:

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1, -1 \leq y \leq 1, -1 \leq z \leq 1$$

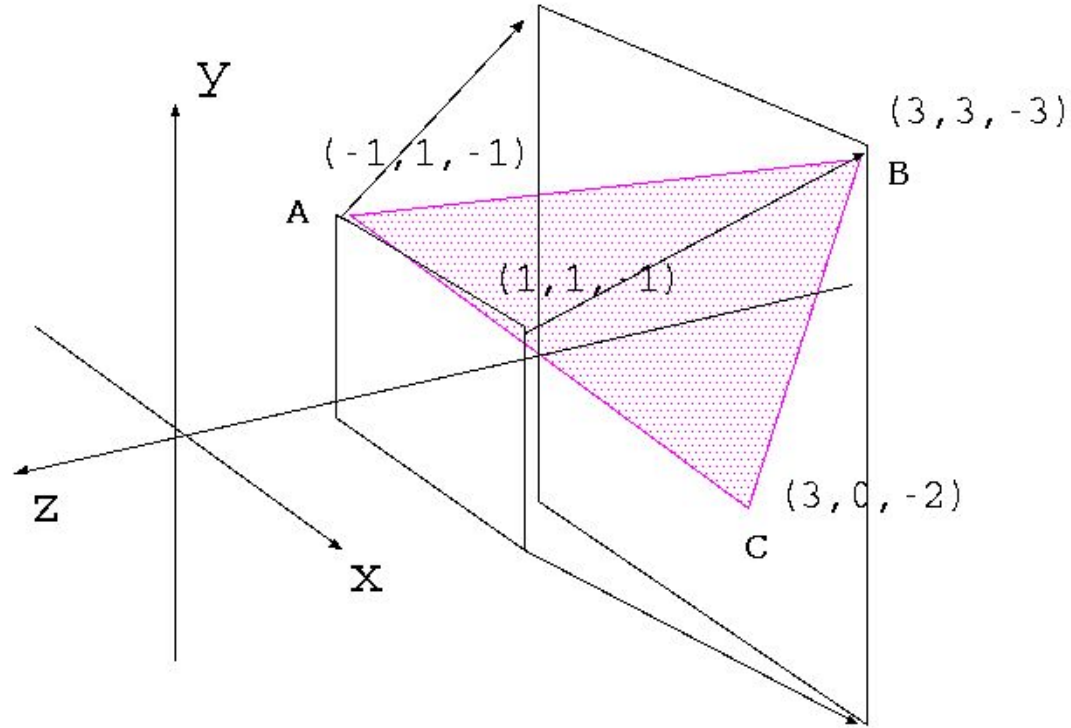
- Simply need to check the  $(x,y,z)$  coordinates and see if they are within the canonical view volume



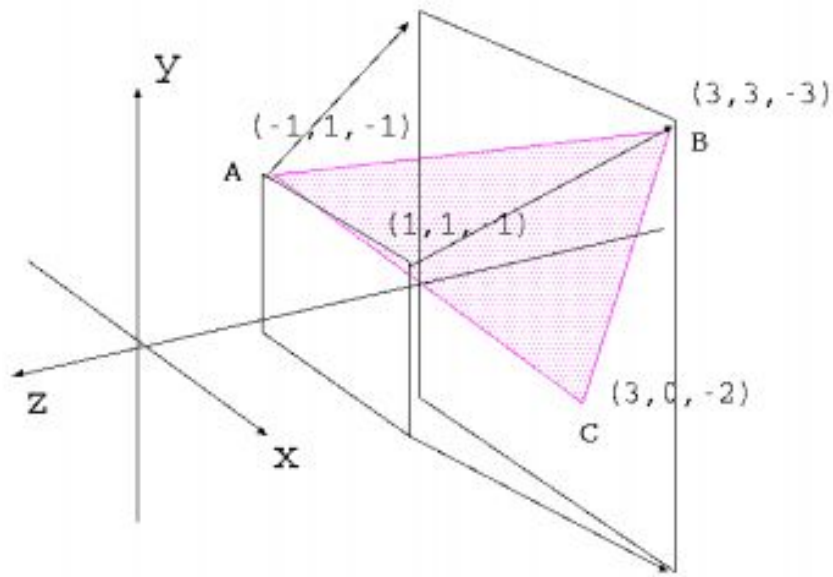
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# Exercise



- How does ABC look like after the projection?



If  $z \in [-n, -f] (0 < n < f)$  then

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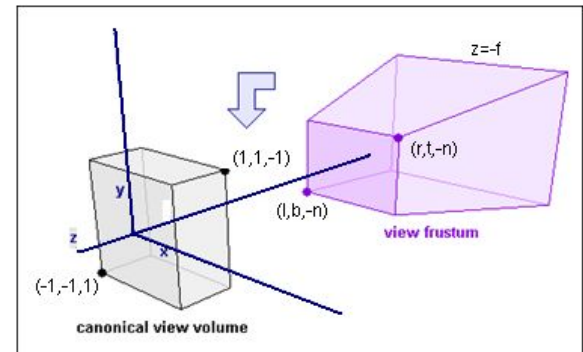
$$n = 1, f = 3, r = 1, l = -1, t = 1, b = -1$$

$$P_p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A	B	C	projected			
A	B	C	A	B	C	
↓	↓	↓				
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$=$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$=$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Summary of Projection

- Two kind of projections:
  - parallel and perspective
- We can project points onto the screen by using projection matrices
- Canonical view volume is useful for telling if the point is within the view volume
  - parts outside must be clipped



# Some side story



<http://www.cs.utah.edu/about/history/>

University of Utah  
Like the holy place  
of computer  
graphics.

**Graduates/Faculties include**

**Ivan Sutherland**

**Ed Catmull**

**Alan Kay**

**Henri Gouraud**

**Bui Tuong Phong**

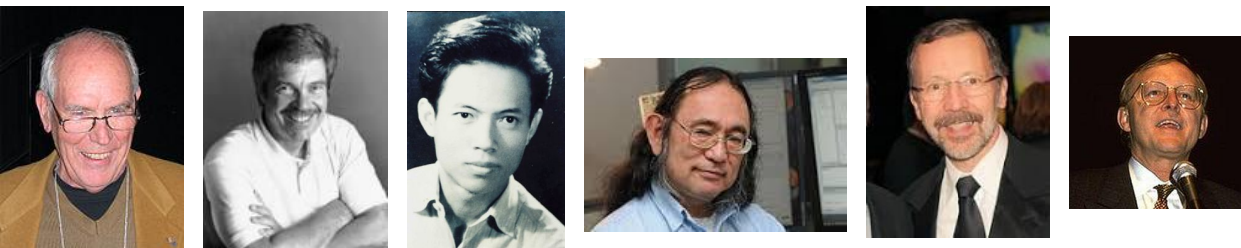
**Jim Clark**

**Jim Blinn**

**Jim Kajiya**

**Ed Catmull**

**and many others**

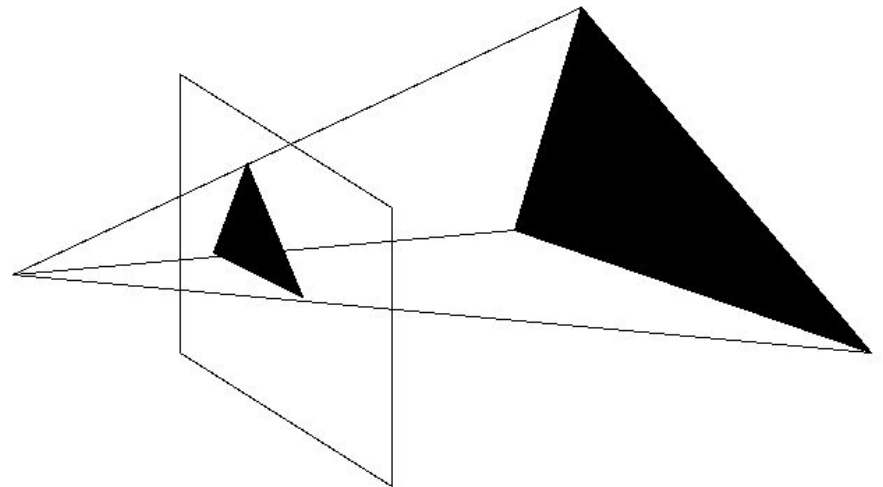


# Overview

- View transformation
  - Parallel projection
  - Perspective projection
  - Canonical view volume
- **Clipping**
  - **Line / Polygon clipping**

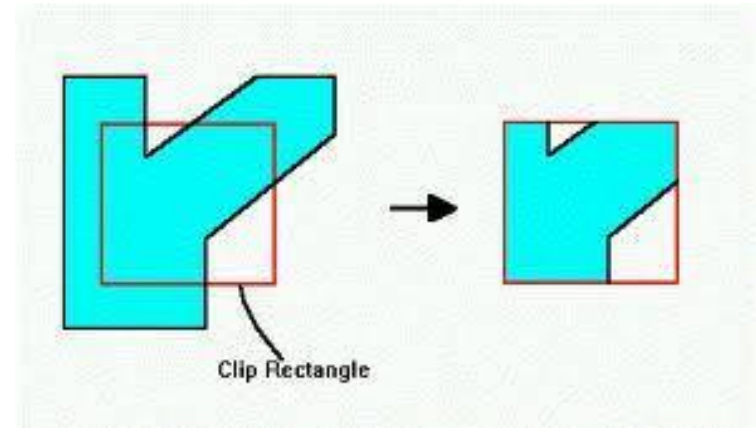
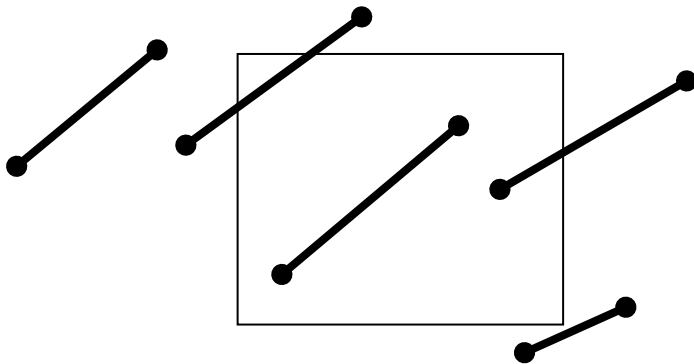
# Projecting polygons and lines

- After projection, a line in 3D space becomes a line in 2D space
- A polygon in 3D space becomes a polygon in 2D space



# Clipping

- We need to clip objects outside the canonical view volume
- Clipping lines (Cohen-Sutherland algorithm)
- Clipping polygons (Sutherland-Hodgman algorithm)

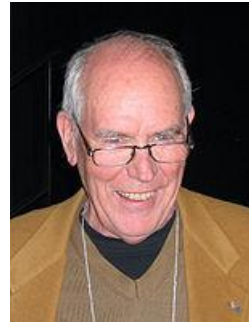
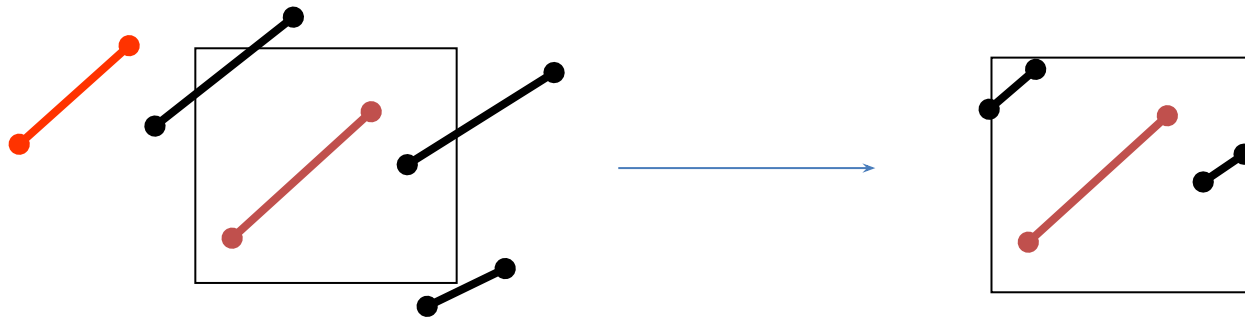


# Cohen-Sutherland algorithm

A systematic approach to clip lines

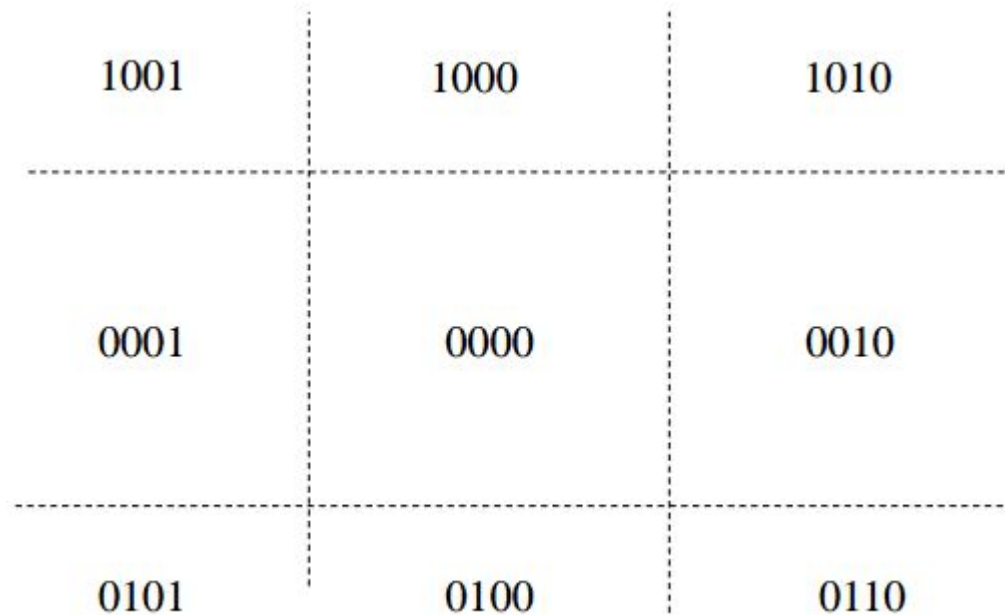
Input: The screen and a 2D line segment  
(let's start with 2D first)

Output: Clipped line segment



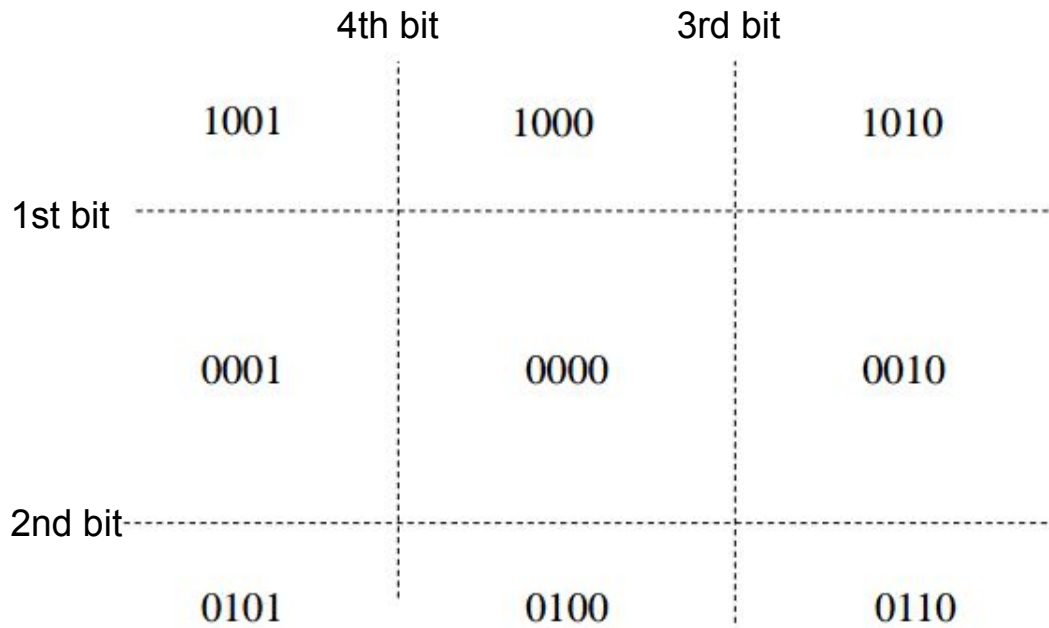


# Cohen-Sutherland 2D outcodes



- The whole space is split into 9 regions
- Only the center region is visible
- Each region is encoded by four bits

# Cohen-Sutherland 2D outcodes



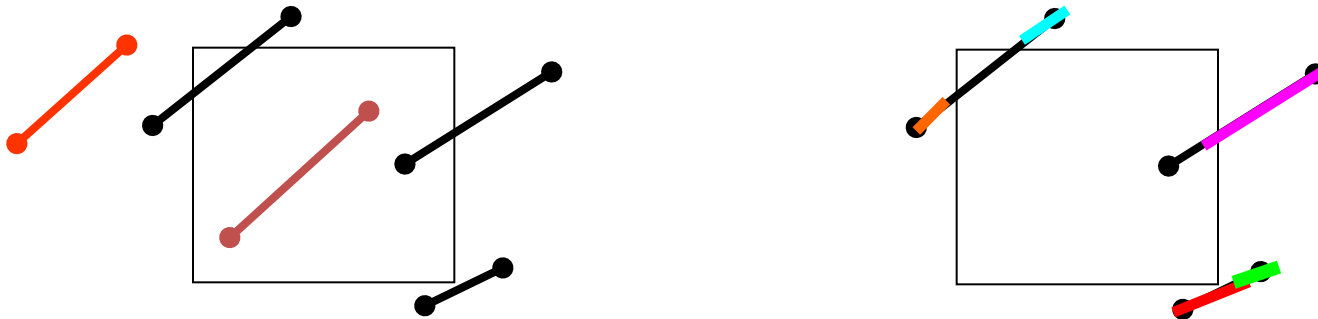
- 4-bit code called: *Outcode*
- First bit : above top of window,  $y > y_{max}$
- Second bit : below bottom,  $y < y_{min}$
- Third bit : to right of right edge,  $x > x_{max}$
- Fourth bit : to left of left edge,  $x < x_{min}$

# Cohen-Sutherland algorithm

While (true) {

1. Check if the line segment is trivial  
accept/reject
2. Otherwise clip the edge and shorten

}



# Recap of AND/OR operators

$$0 \text{ OR } 0 = 0$$

$$0 \text{ OR } 1 = 1 \quad (\text{if either is true, true})$$

$$1 \text{ OR } 1 = 1$$

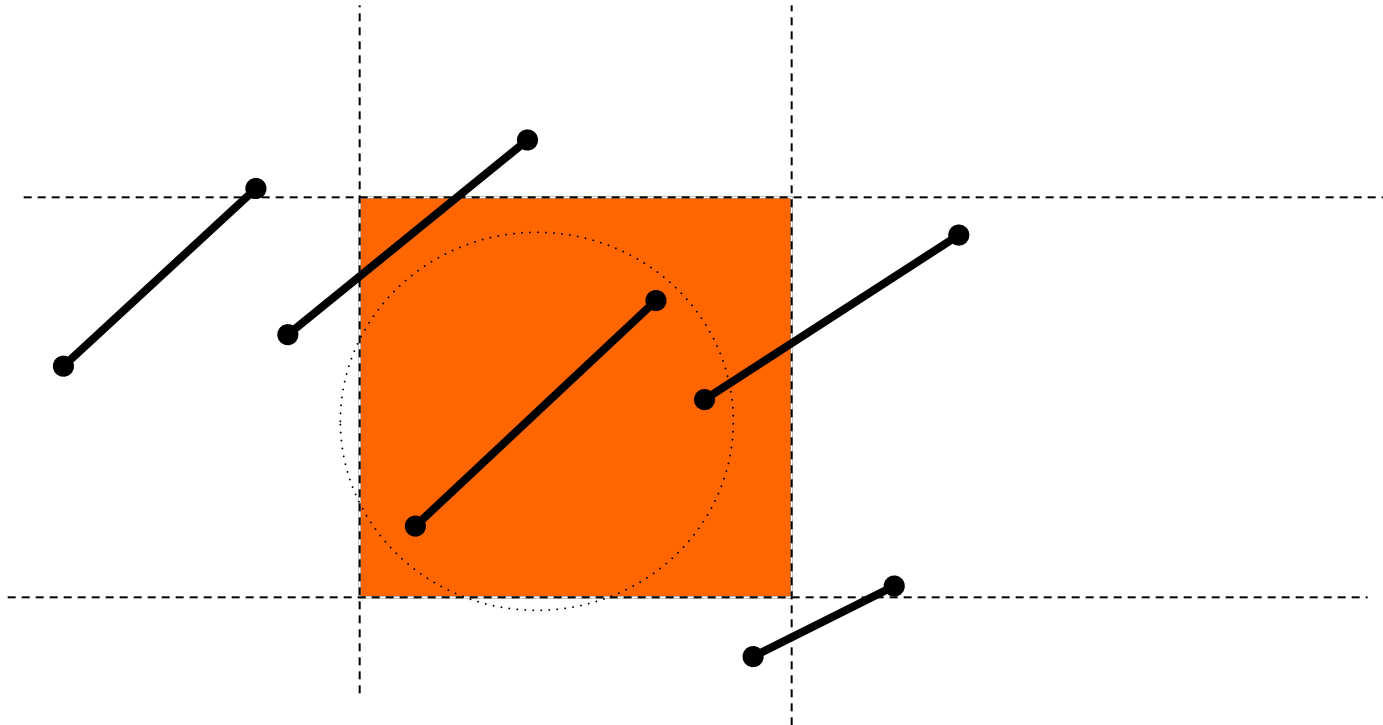
$$0 \text{ AND } 0 = 0$$

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$$1 \text{ AND } 1 = 1$$

# What is a trivial accept?

- All line vertices lie inside box  $\rightarrow$  accept.
  - Apply an 'OR' operation to the outcodes of two endpoints



# Cohen-Sutherland algorithm

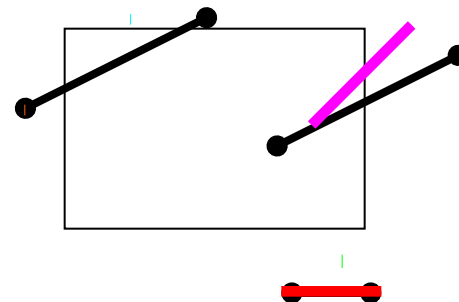
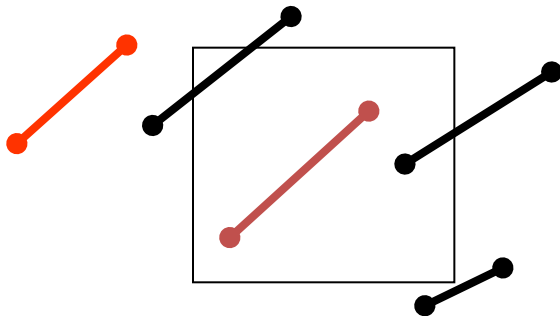
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1. Check if the line segment is trivial

accept/**reject**

2. Otherwise clip the edge and shorten

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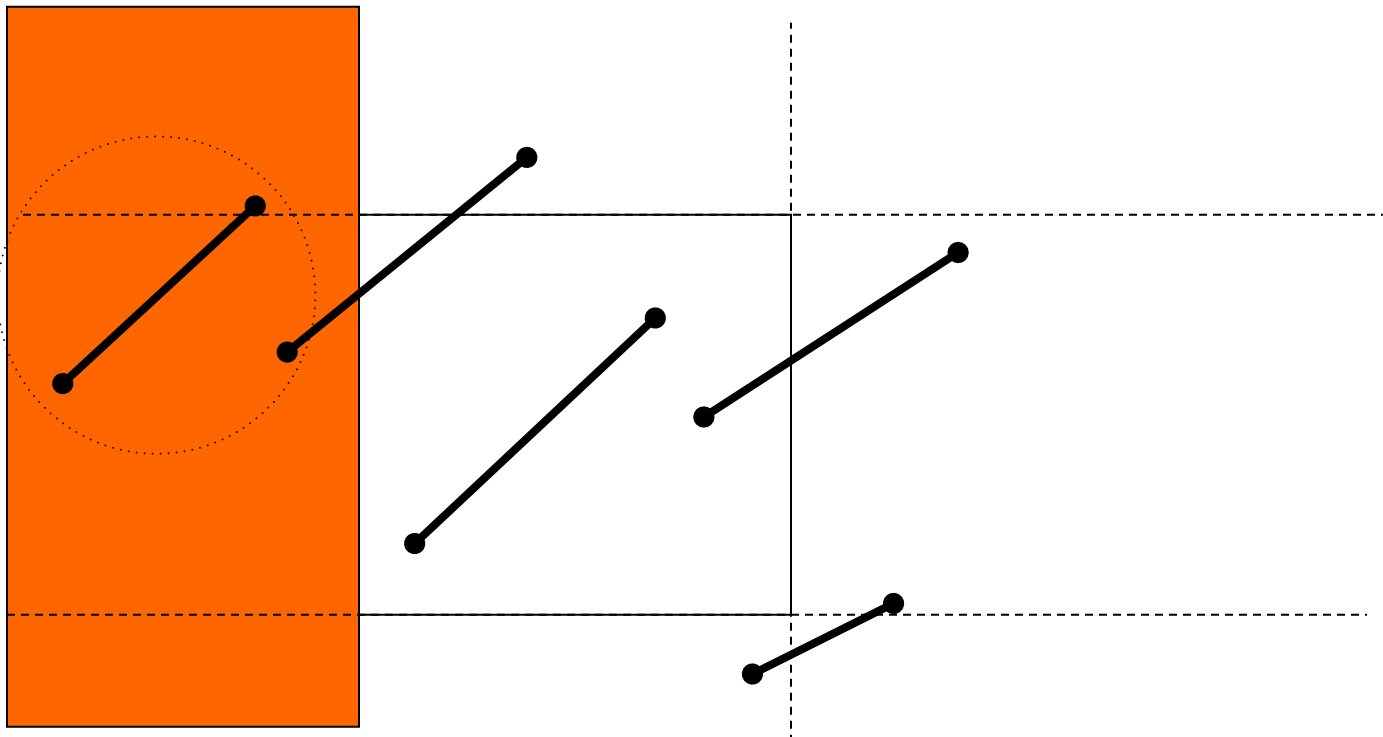


# What is a trivial reject?

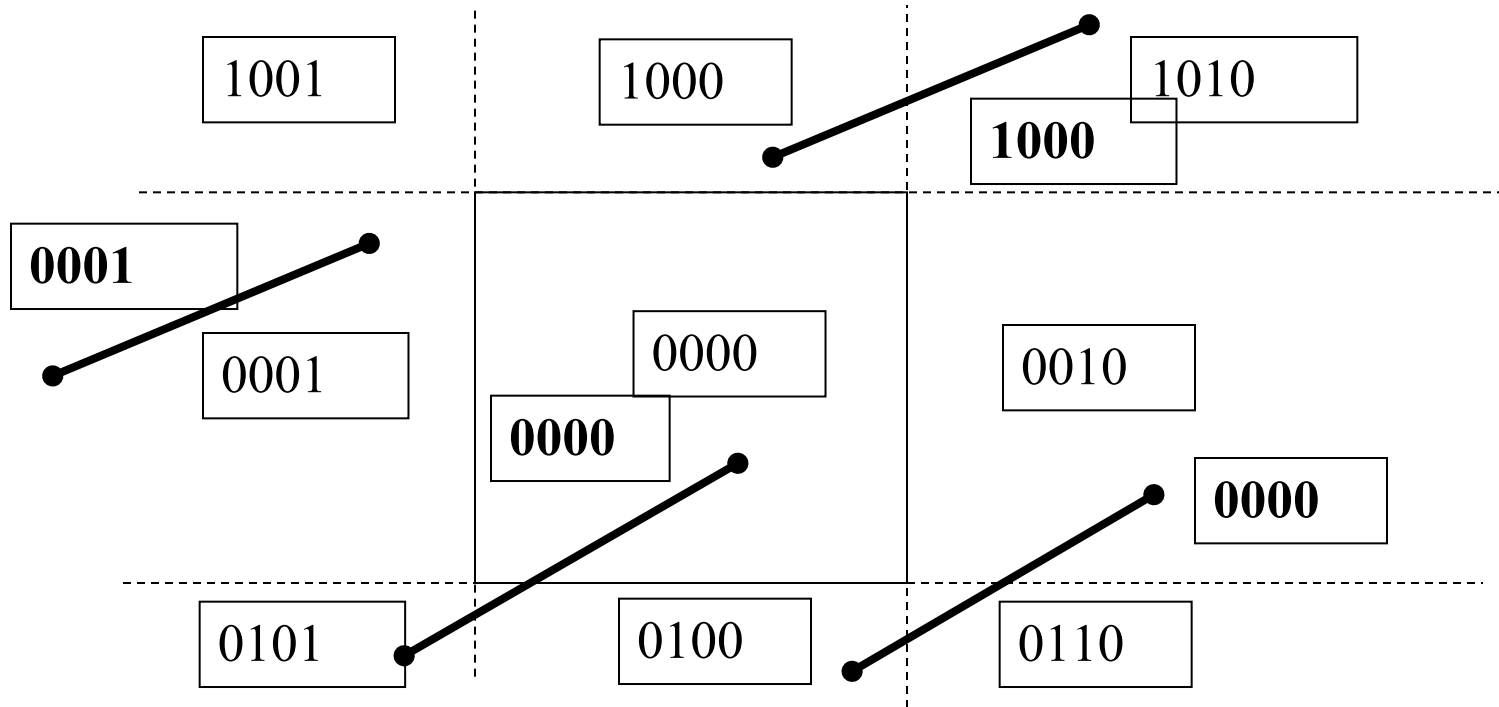
All line vertices lie outside and on same side  $\rightarrow$  reject.

Apply an 'AND' operation to the two endpoints

If not '0000', then reject



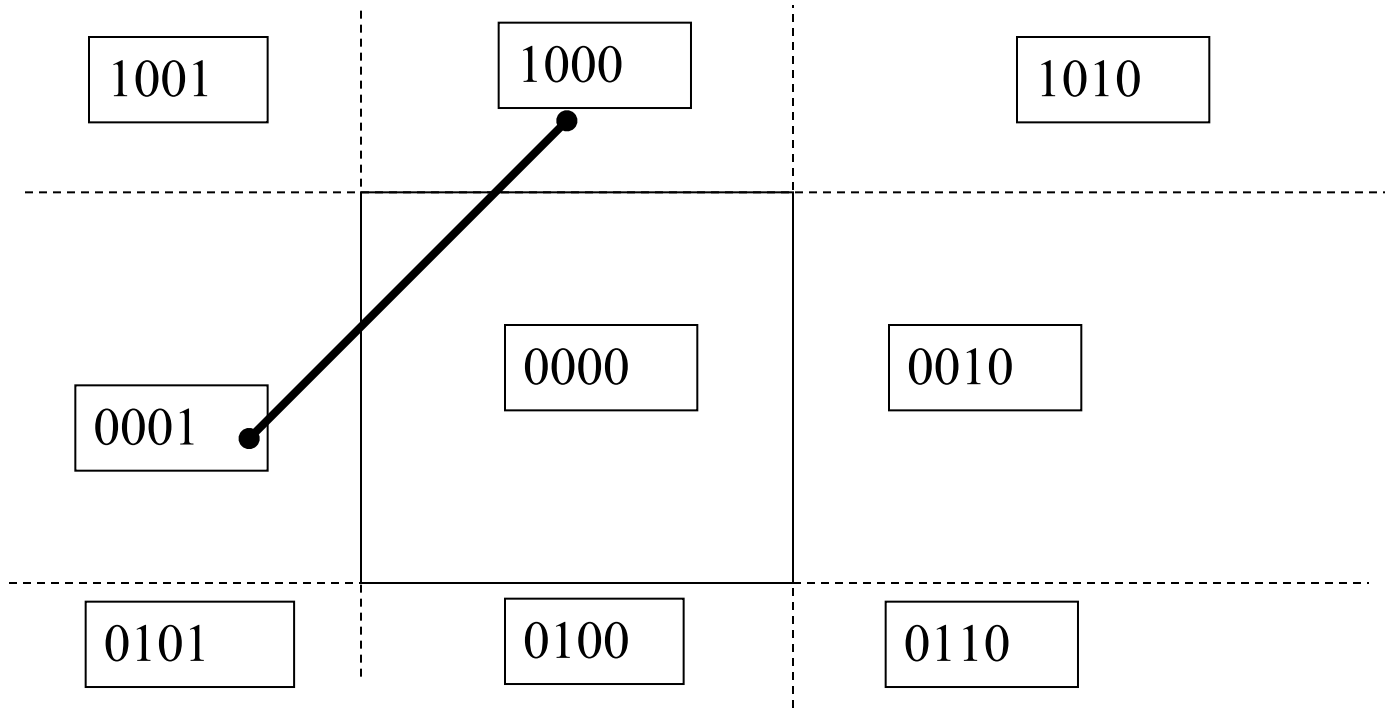
# Cohen-Sutherland 2D outcodes



Logical AND between codes for 2 endpoints,  
Reject line if non-zero – trivial rejection.



# What about this one?



Logical AND between codes for 2 endpoints,  
Reject line if non-zero – trivial rejection.

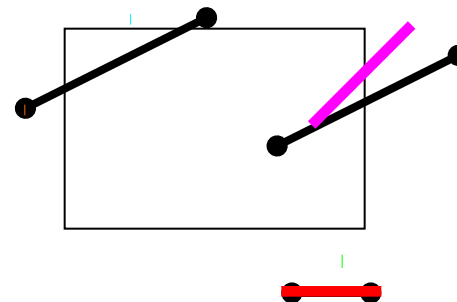
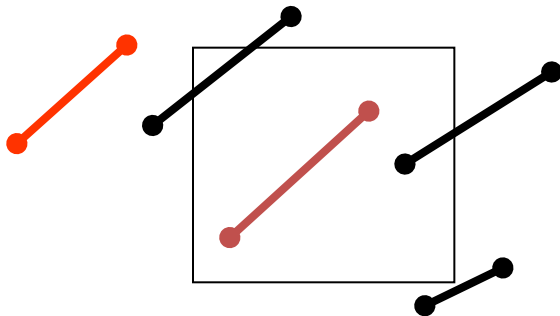
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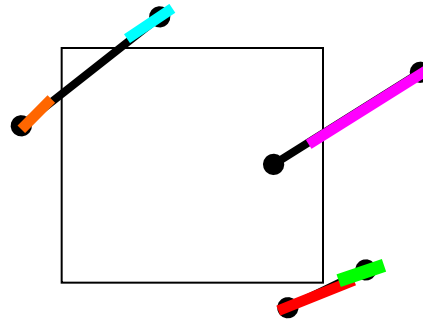
2. **Otherwise clip the edge and shorten**

}



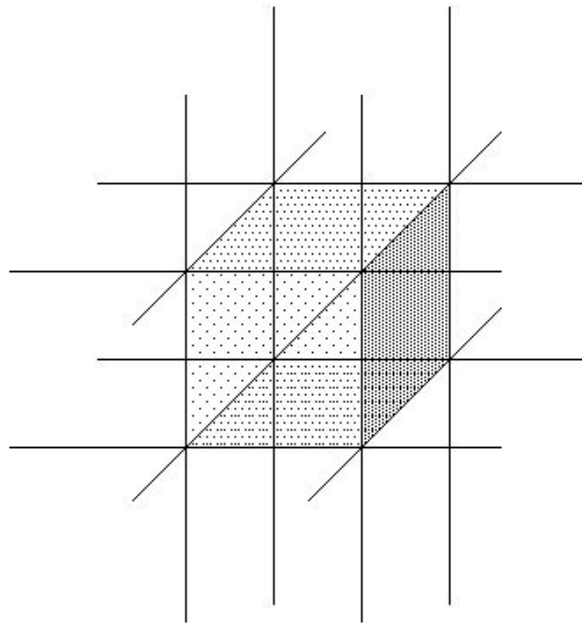
# Line Intersection.

- Clip the line by edges of the rectangle
- Select a clip edge based on the outcode, split and feed the new segment on the side of the rectangle back into algorithm



# Cohen-Sutherland algorithm

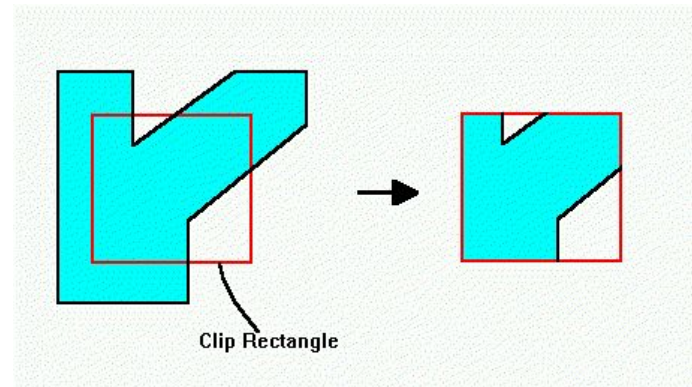
- How to extend to 3D?
  - Also clipping the lines using front / back planes
- How many bits needed for the outcode?



# Polygon Clipping: Sutherland-Hodgman's algorithm

- A systematic approach to clip polygons
- Input : A 2D polygon
- Output : a list of vertices of the clipped polygon

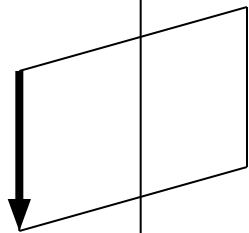
Polygons are clipped at each edge of the window while traversing the polygon



# Sutherland-Hodgman's algorithm

- The edges of the polygon are traversed
- The edges can be divided into four types

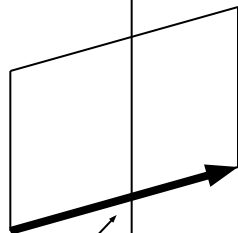
Inside | Outside



Output  
Vertex

Case 1

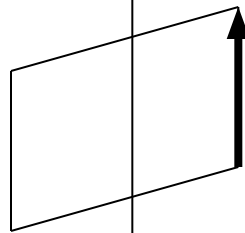
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Output  
Intersection

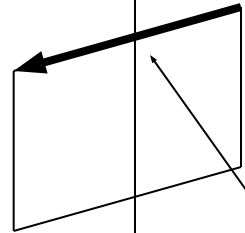
Case 2.

Inside | Outside



Case 3  
No  
output.

Inside | Outside



Second  
Output

First  
Output

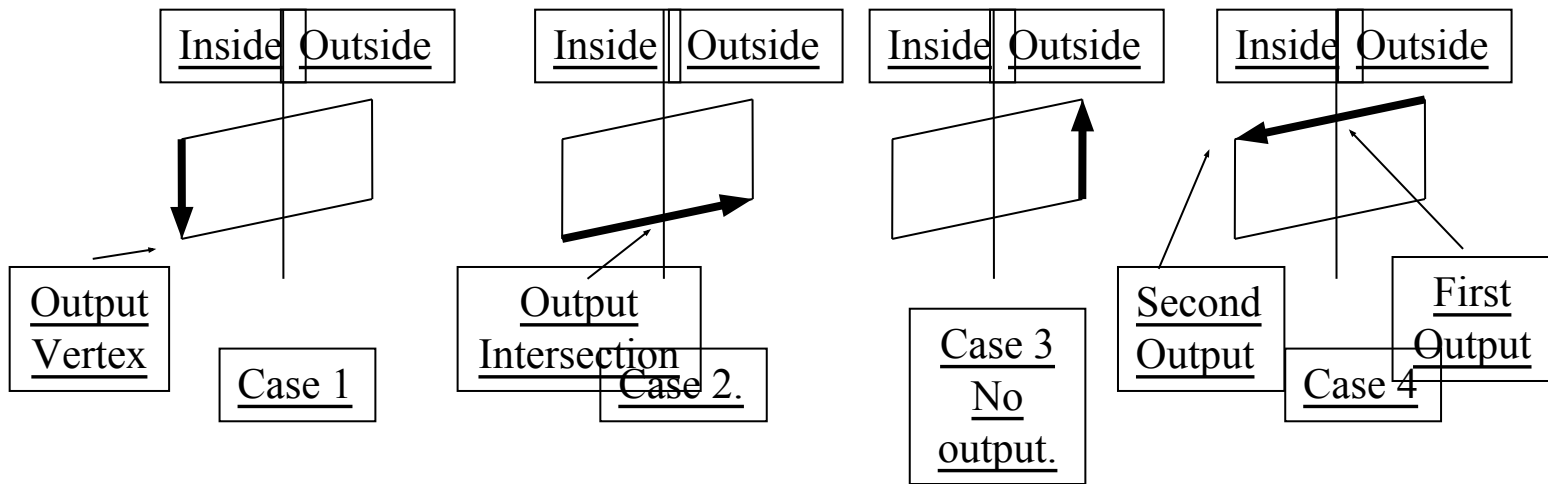
Case 4

# Sutherland-Hodgman's algorithm

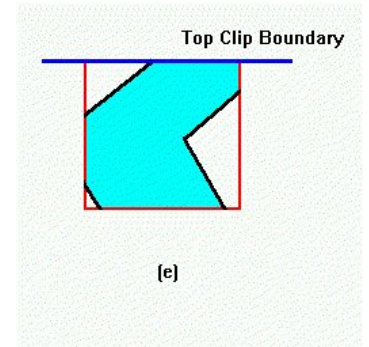
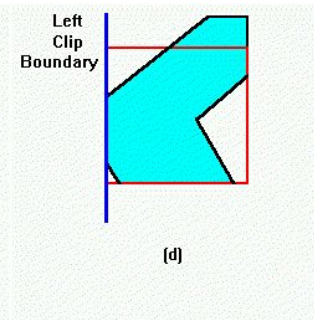
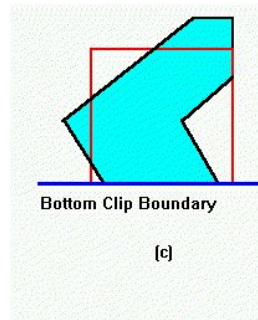
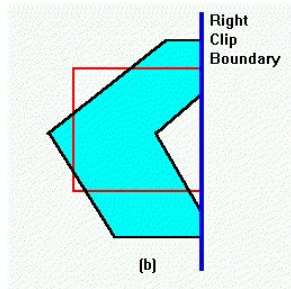
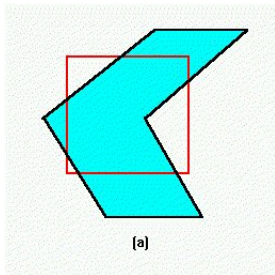
For each edge of the clipping rectangle

For each edge of the polygon (connecting  $p_i, p_{i+1}$ )

- If case 1 add  $p_{i+1}$  to the output
- If case 2 add intersection to output
- If case 4 add intersection and  $p_{i+1}$  to output



# Example





# Sutherland-Hodgman algorithm

- How to extend to 3D?

# Summary

## Projection

Perspective, parallel (orthographic) projection

Canonical view volume

## Clipping

Cohen-Sutherland's algorithm

Sutherland-Hodgman's algorithm

# Readings

- Foley et al. Chapter 6 – all of it,
  - Particularly section 6.5
- Introductory text, Chapter 6 – all of it,
  - Particularly section 6.6
- Akenine-Moller, Real-time Rendering Chapter 3.5
- Clipping lines, polygons
  - Foley et al. Chapter 3.12, 3.14
  - <http://www.cc.gatech.edu/grads/h/Hao-wei.Hsieh/Haowei.Hsieh/mm.html>