

Course Updates

- Assignment 2 questions?
- Midterm is on Wednesday
 - Material: up to mid-lecture today
 - Review lecture notes (up to and including set 6 – “Camera Models”)
 - Sample exam on the web (but includes material we did not cover)
- Tutorial this week
 - Finish reviewing assignment 1
 - Review of the rendering pipeline
- Assignment 2 starter code is available

Camera Models

Part 3

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Last time ...

■ Camera models

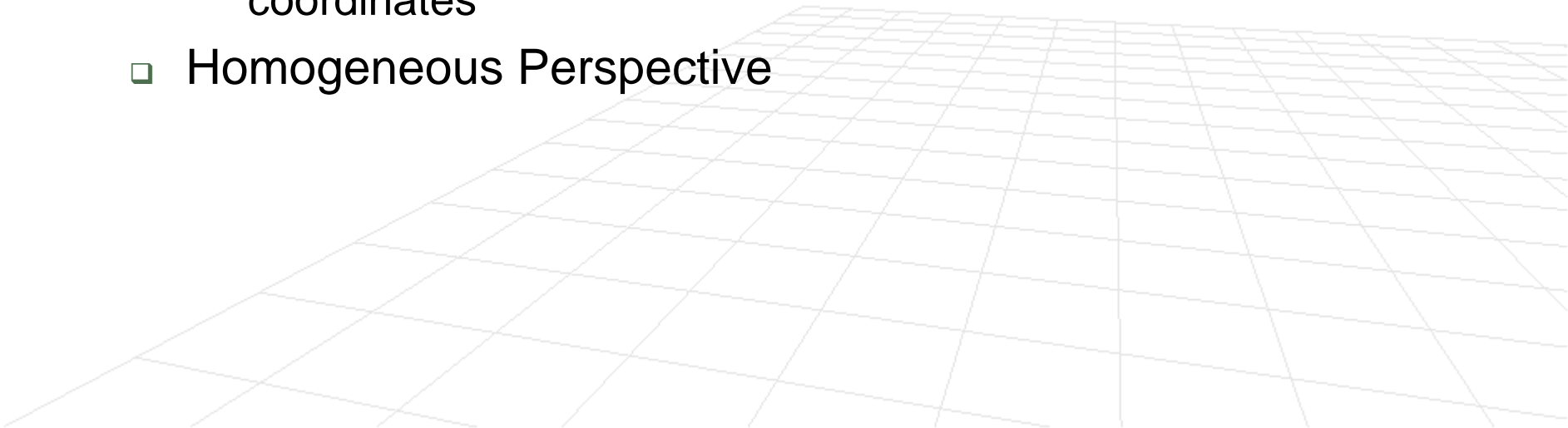
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□ Camera position and orientation

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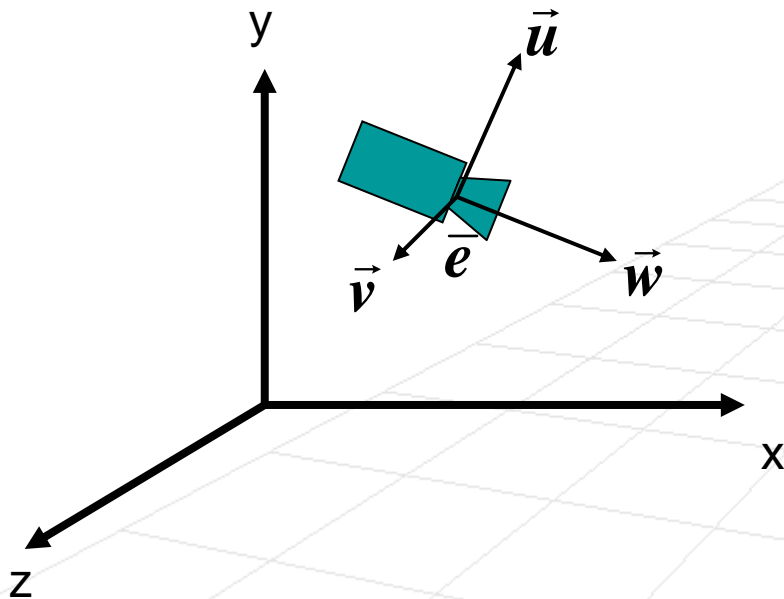


Putting together a camera model

- Projecting a world point to image (film) plane

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}^* = \mathbf{M}_p \mathbf{M}_{wc} \bar{\mathbf{p}}^w$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^T & -\mathbf{A}^T \bar{\mathbf{e}} \\ [0,0,0] & 1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{p}}^w$$



where $\mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \leftarrow & \vec{u} & \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow & \vec{v} & \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow & \vec{w} & \rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$

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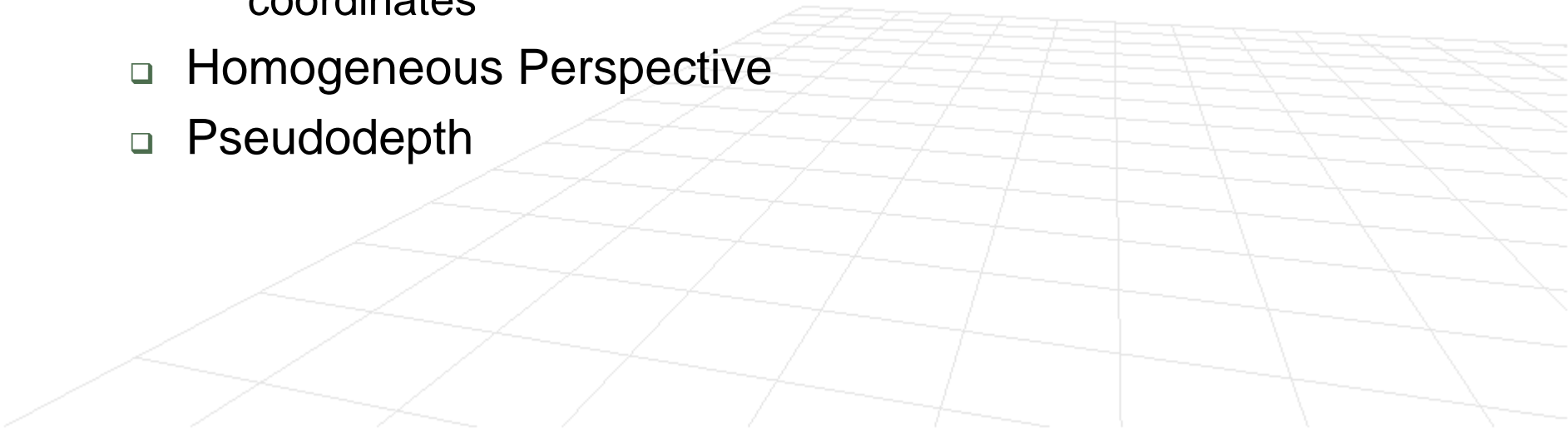
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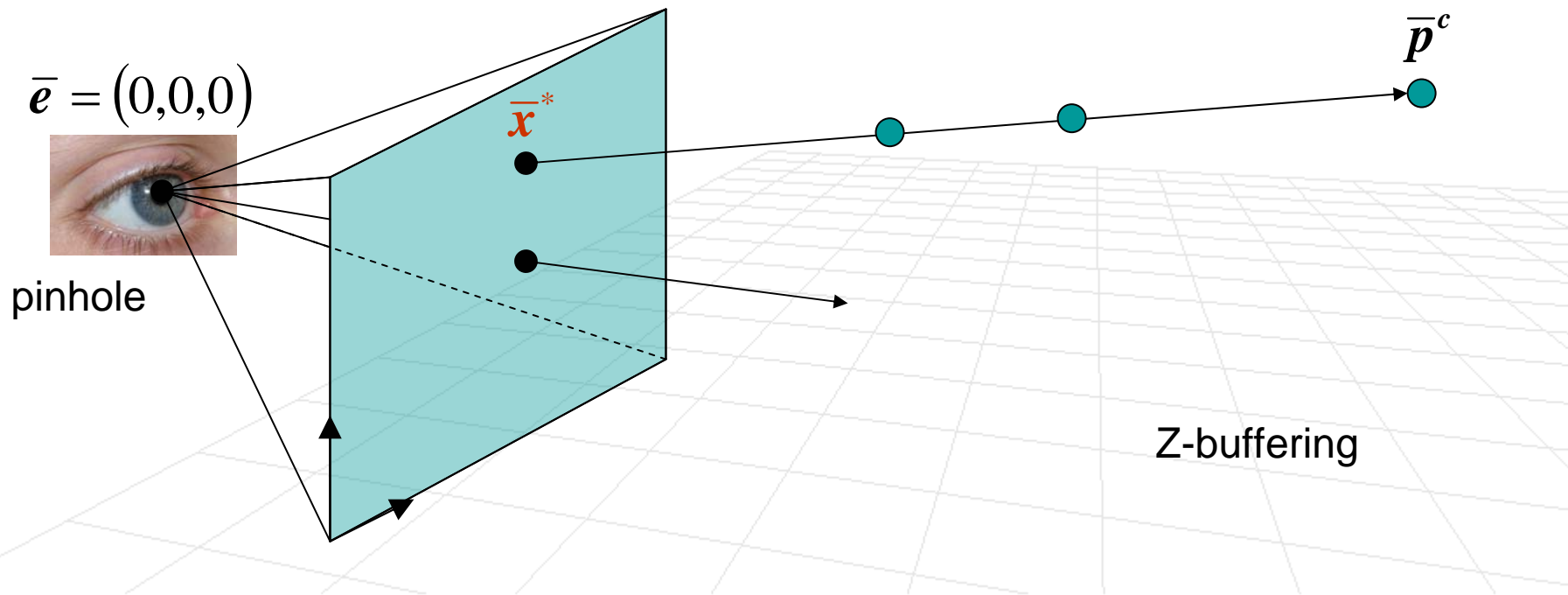
□ Homogeneous Perspective

□ Pseudodepth



Pseudodepth

- We would like to change the projection transform so that z-component of the projection gives us useful information (not just a constant f)
- We want it to encode something about depth of a point. Why?



Pseudodepth

- Standard homogeneous perspective projection

$$\mathbf{M}_p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Pseudodepth projection matrix

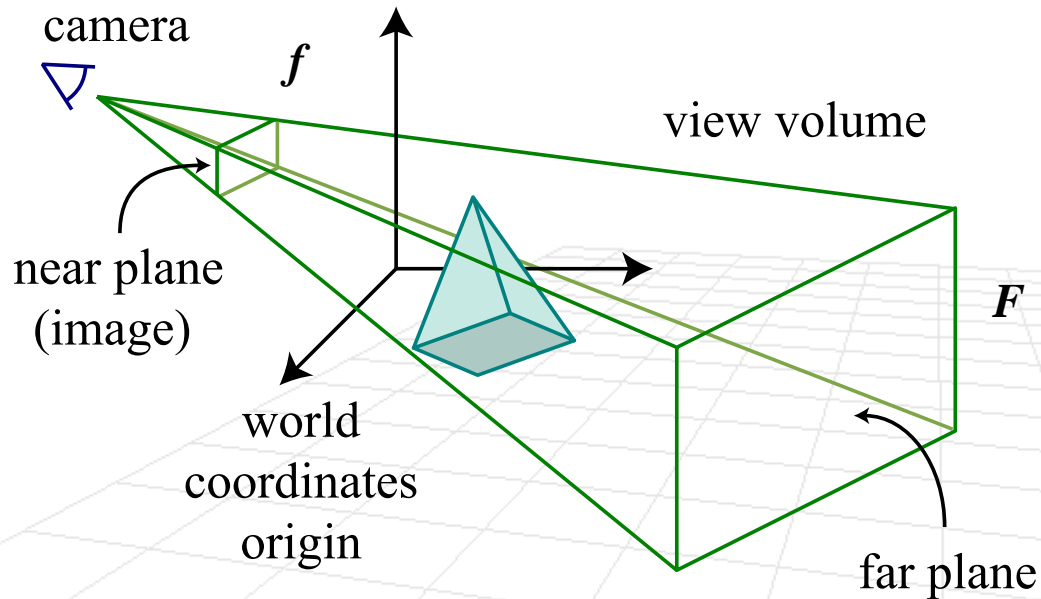
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$$z^* = \frac{f}{p_z^c} (ap_z^c + b)$$

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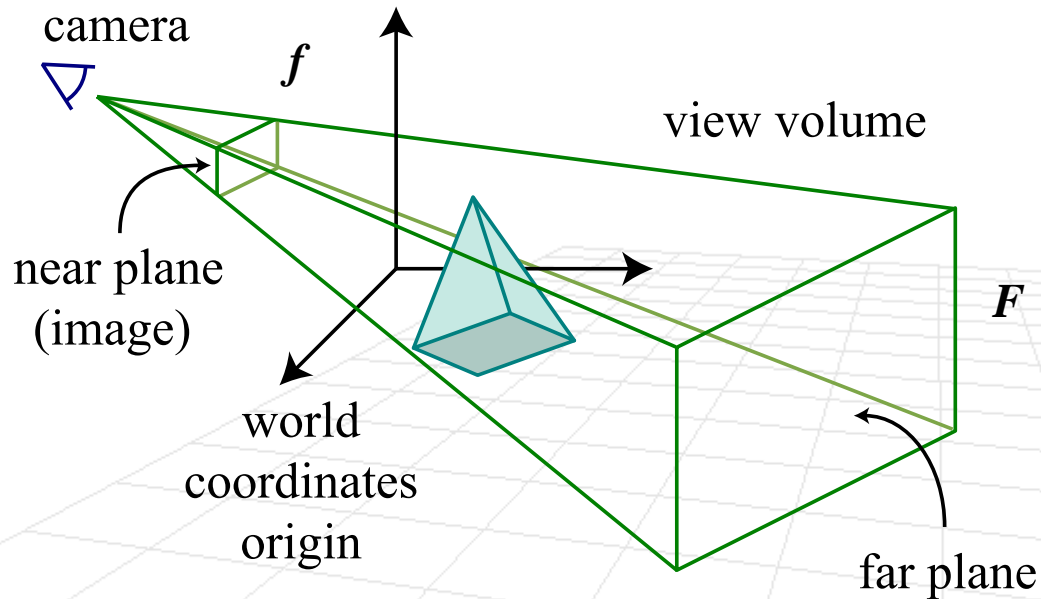


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$$z^* = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{when } p_z^c = f \\ 1 & \text{when } p_z^c = F \end{cases}$$



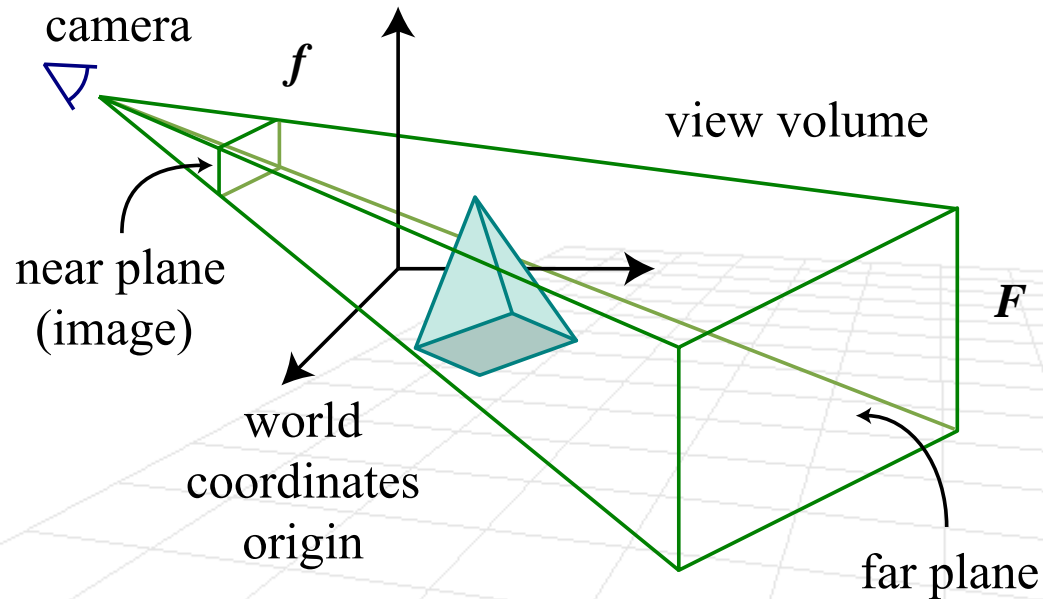
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$$-1 = af + b$$

$$1 = af + b \frac{f}{F}$$



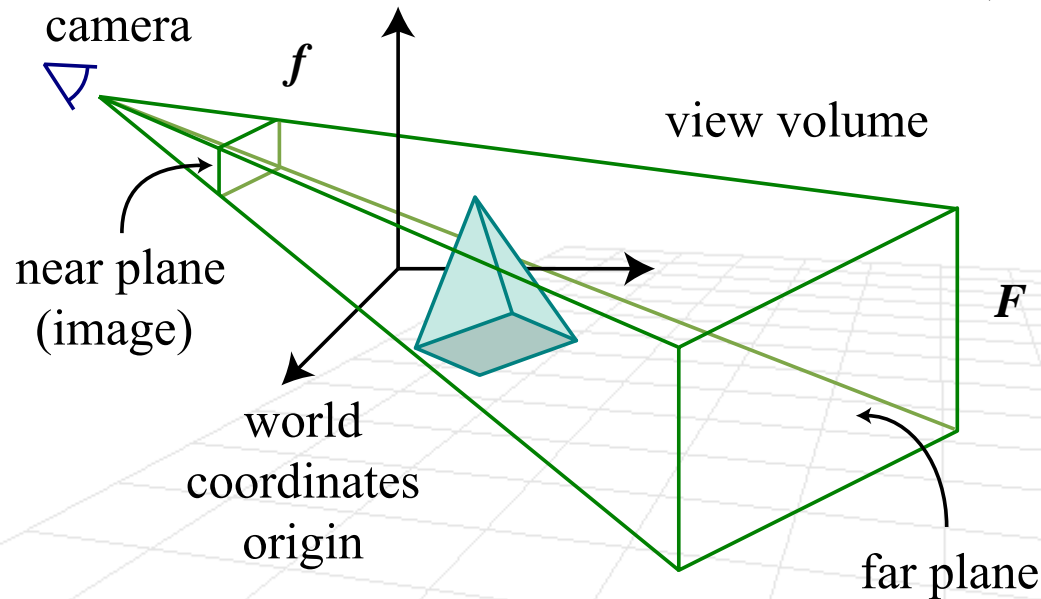
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- How do we pick a and b ?

$$z^* = \frac{f}{p_z^c} (ap_z^c + b)$$

$$b = \frac{2F}{f - F}$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{f} \left(\frac{f + F}{f - F} \right)$$



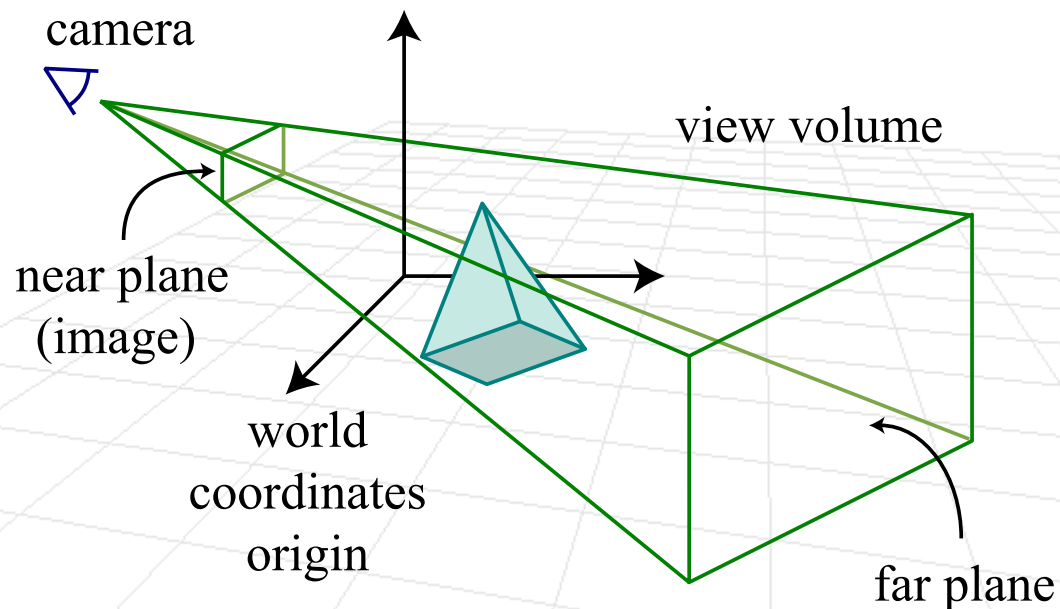
Pseudodepth

- Standard homogeneous perspective with pseudodepth

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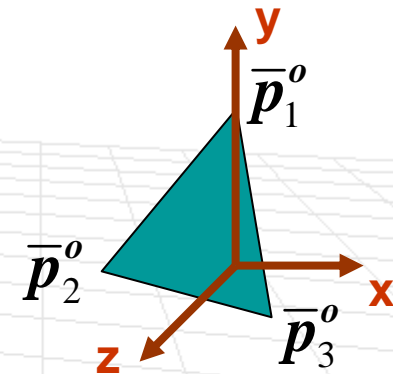
Near and Far Planes

- Anything closer than **near plane** is considered to be behind the camera and does not need to be rendered
- Anything further away from the camera than **far plane** is too far to be visible, so it is not rendered
- **Practical issue:** far plane too far away will lead to imprecision in the computed pseudodepth and hence rendering



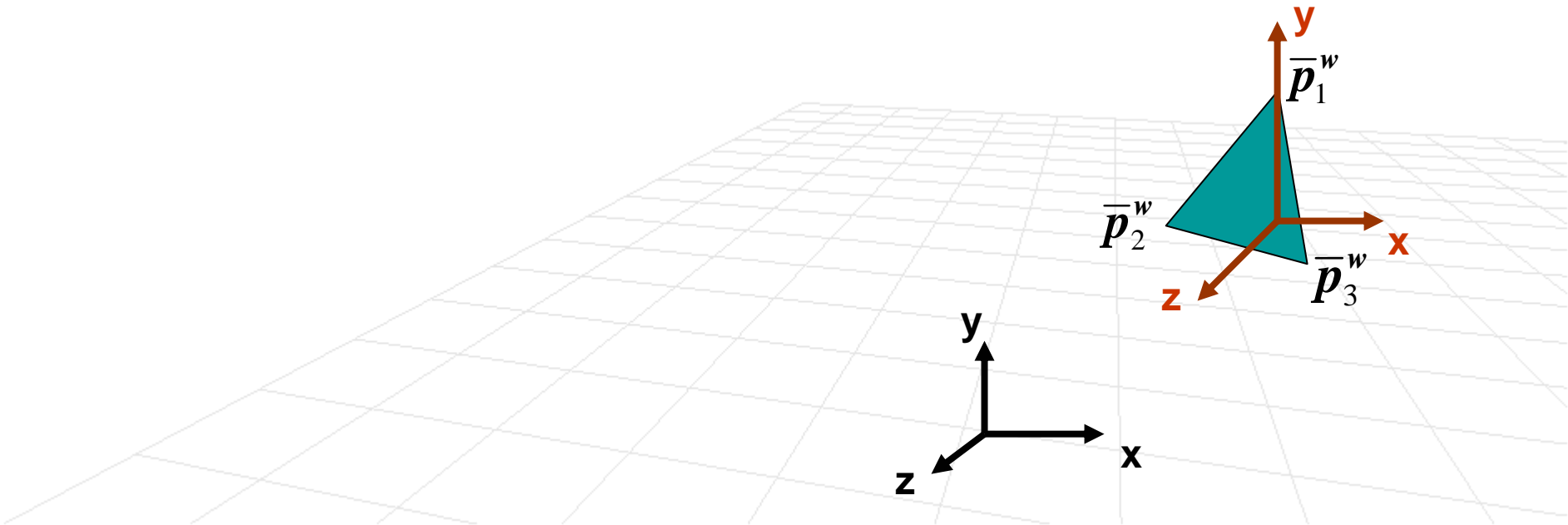
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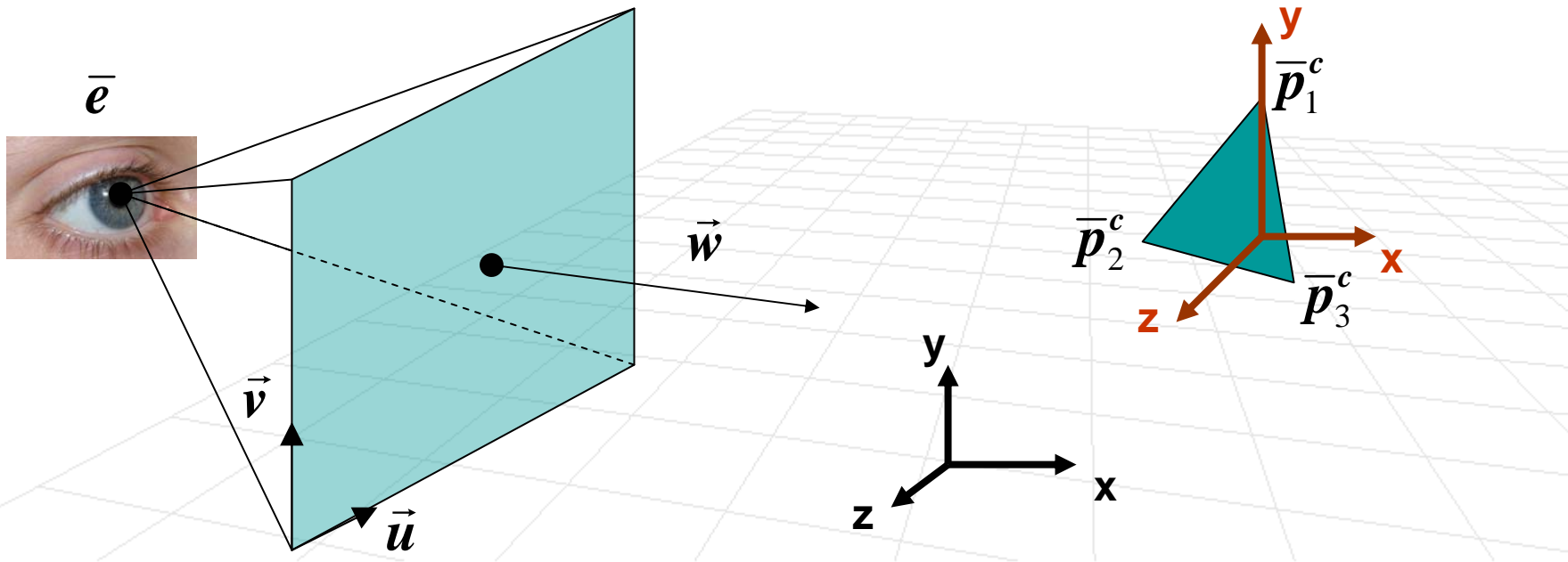
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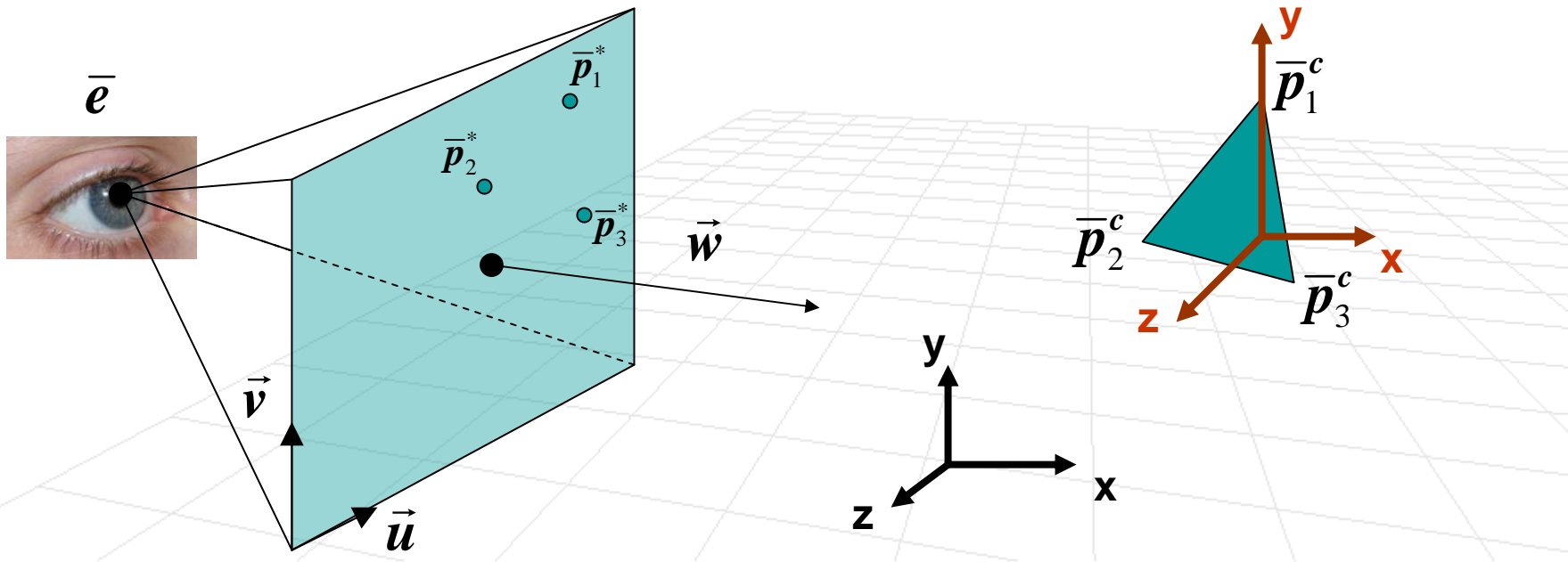
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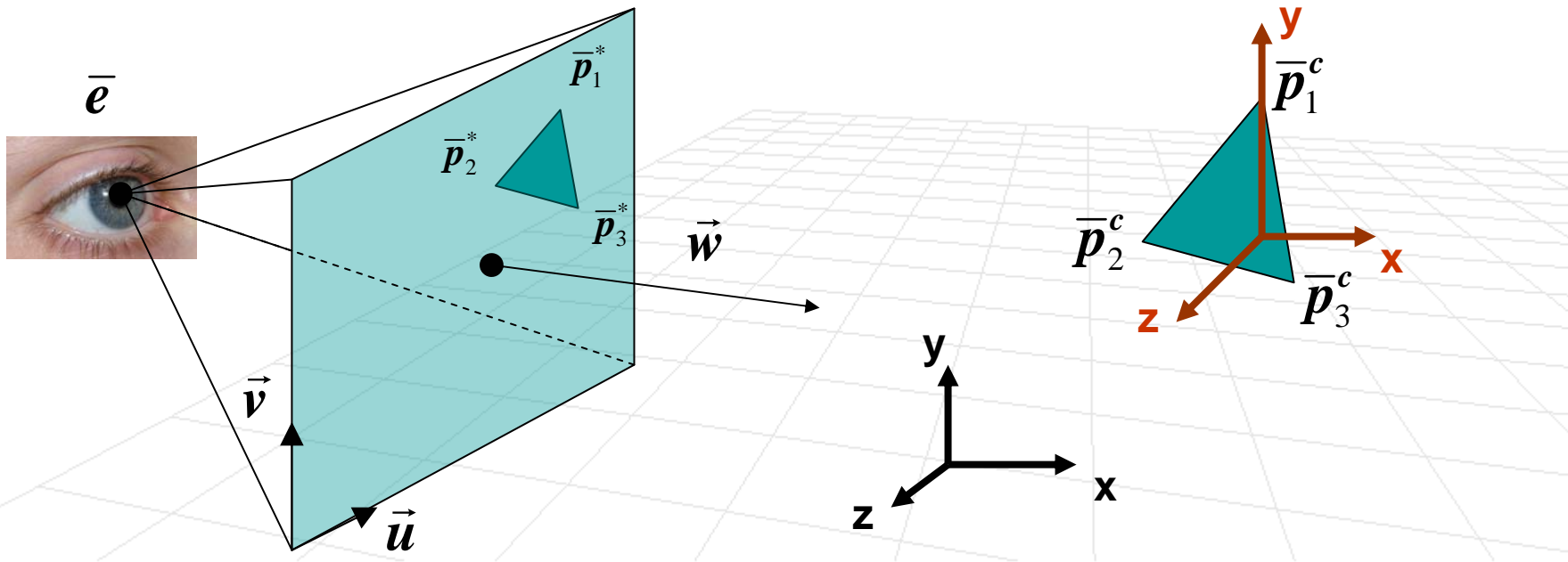
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Visibility

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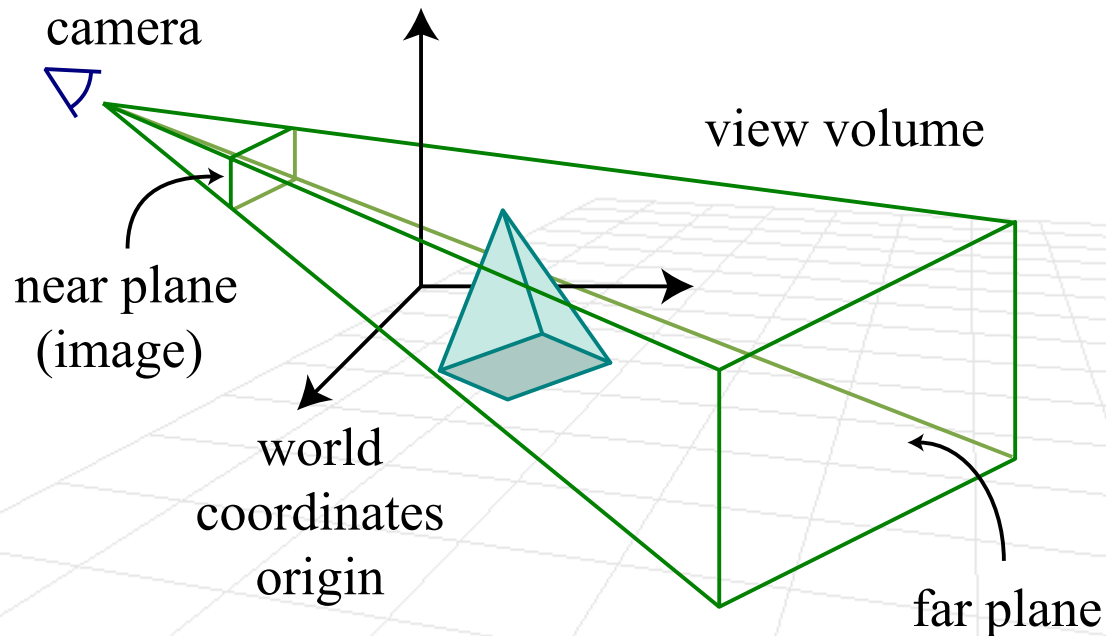
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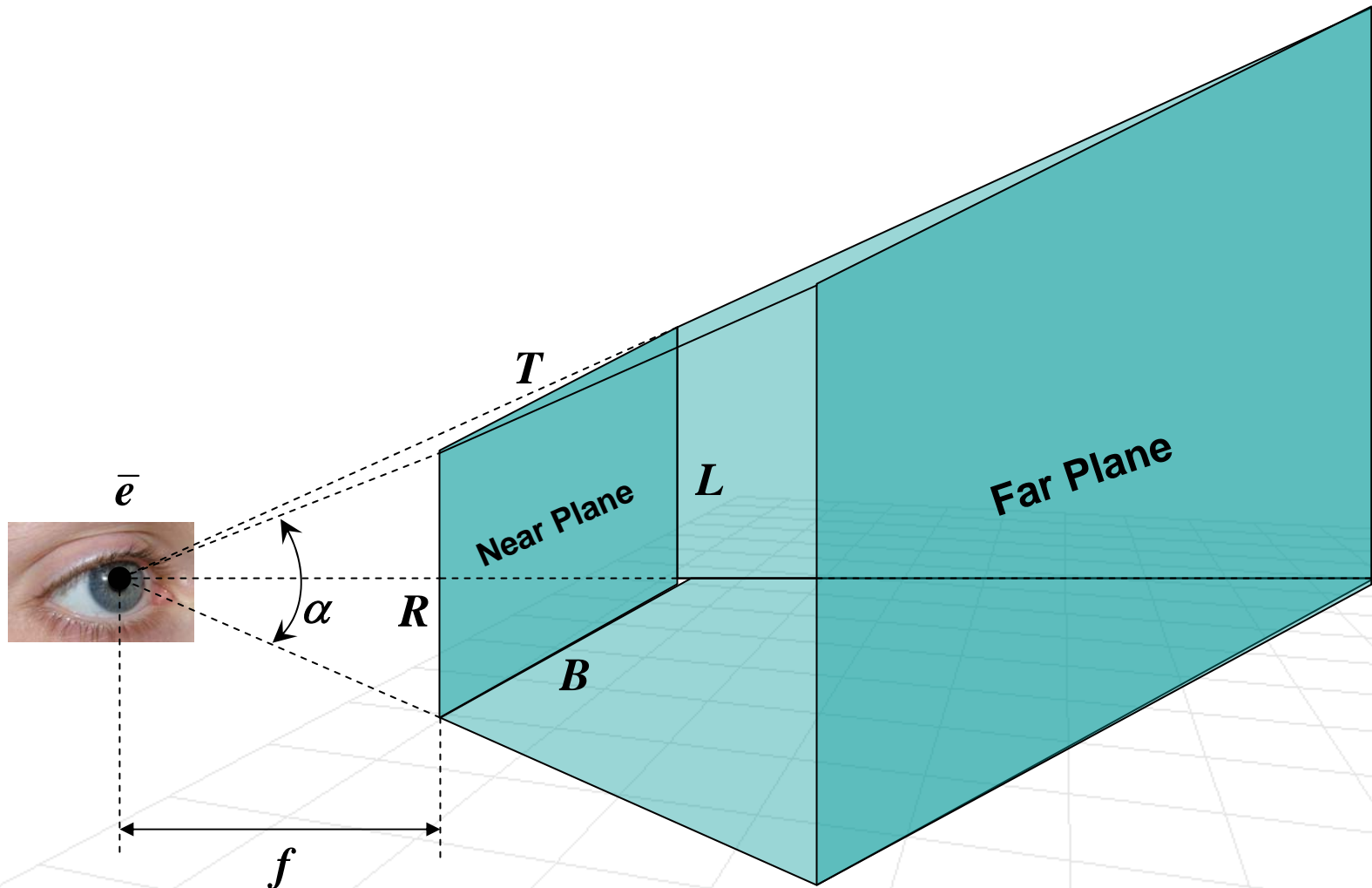
Clipping

- **Idea:** Remove points and parts of objects outside view volume
- Sounds simple, but consider if we have an object on a boundary

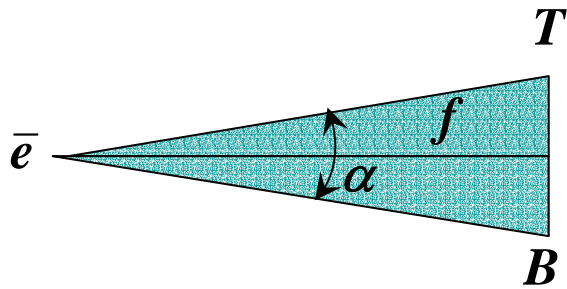


View Volume

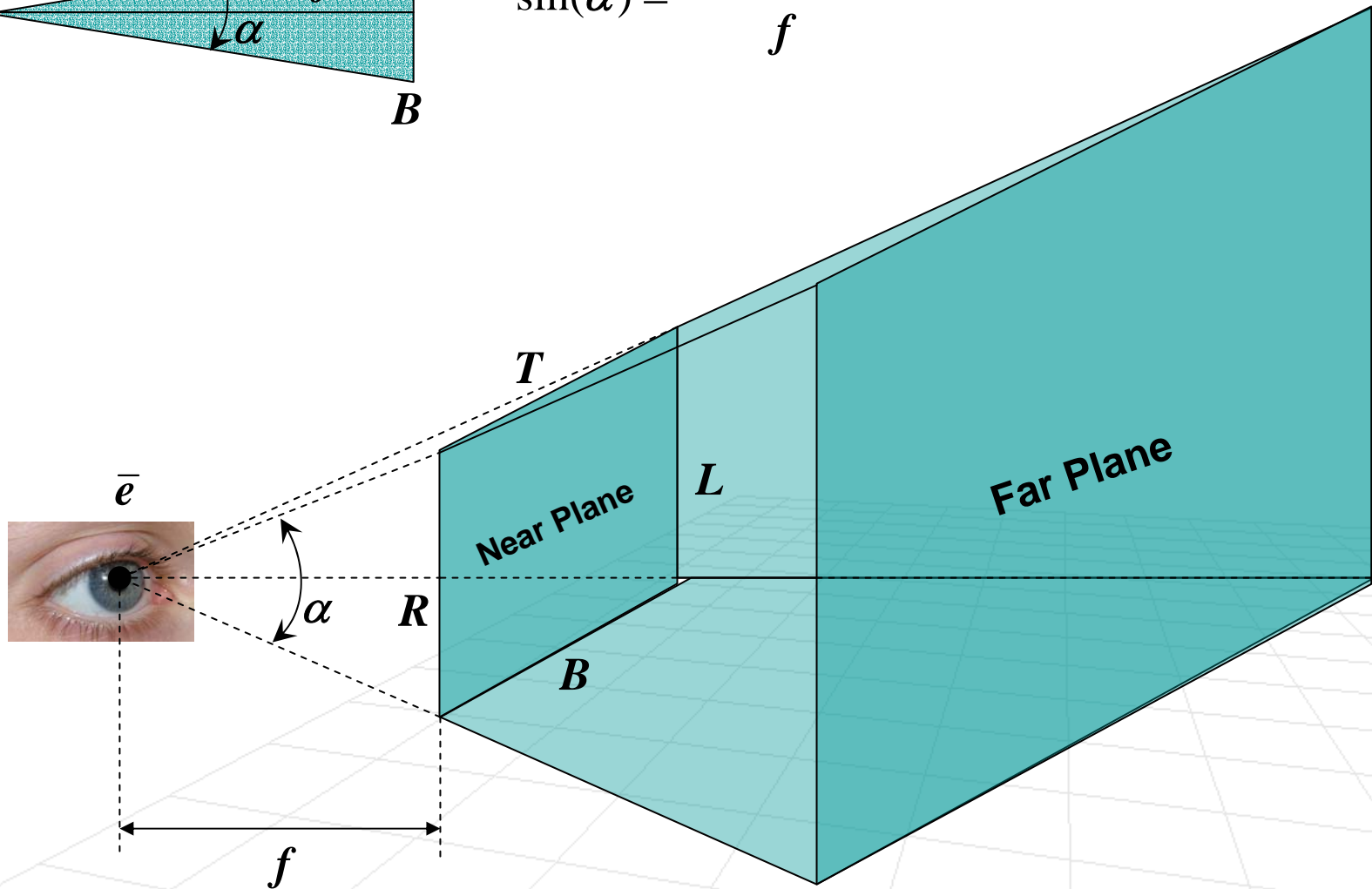
- Consider what we can actually see



Side note: Field of View



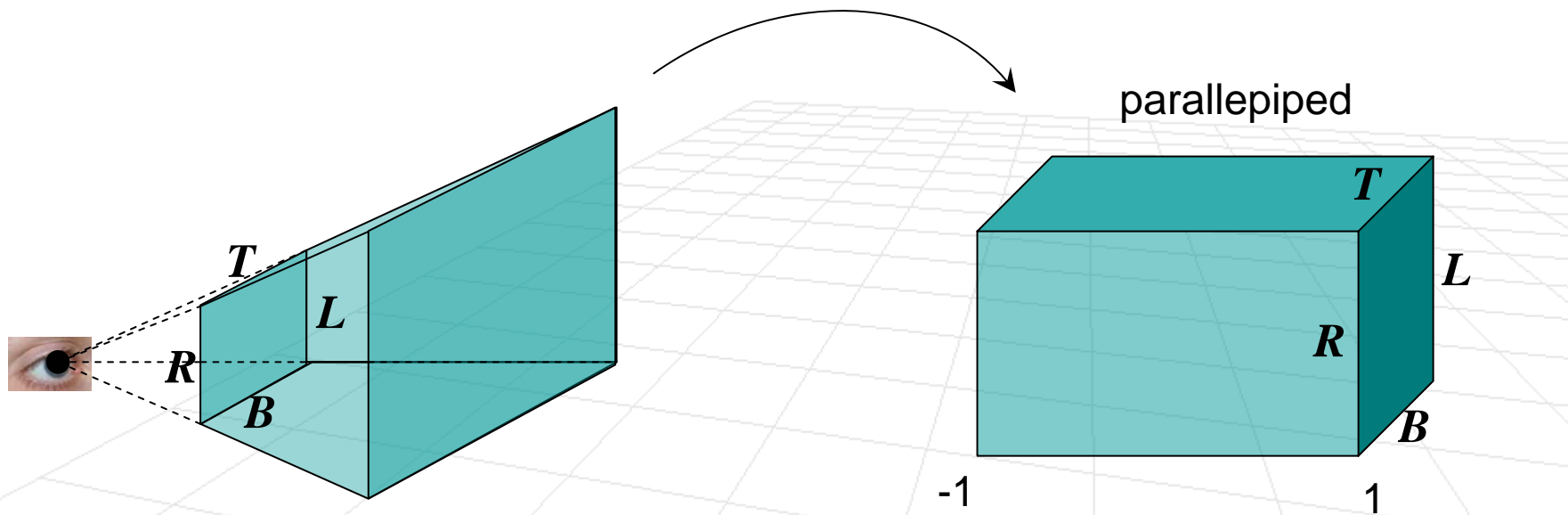
$$\sin(\alpha) = \frac{1/2(T - B)}{f}$$



View Volume

- What does homogeneous perspective projection do to our view volume?

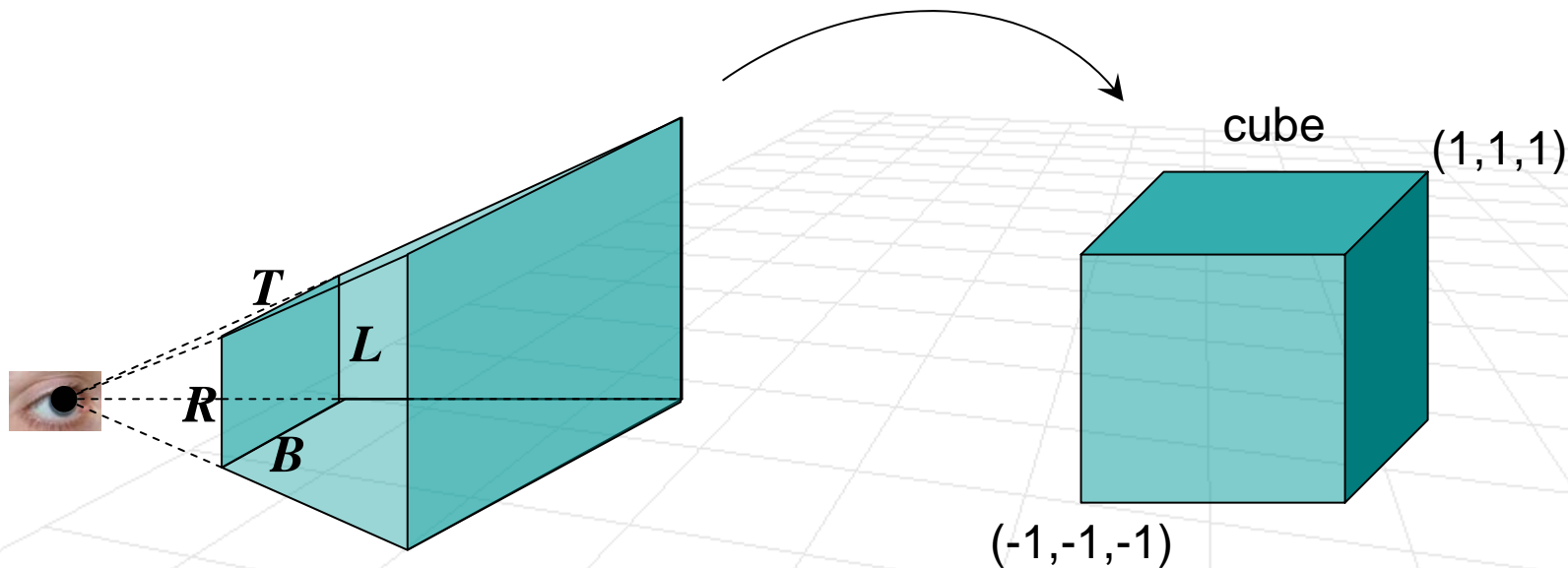
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Canonical View Volume

- Can we alter homogeneous perspective projection to help us clip?

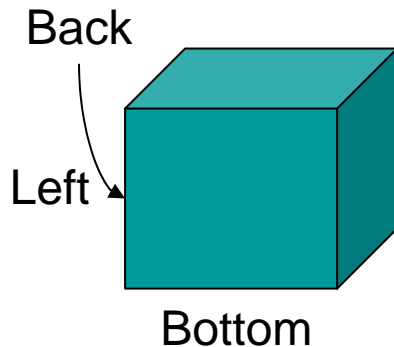
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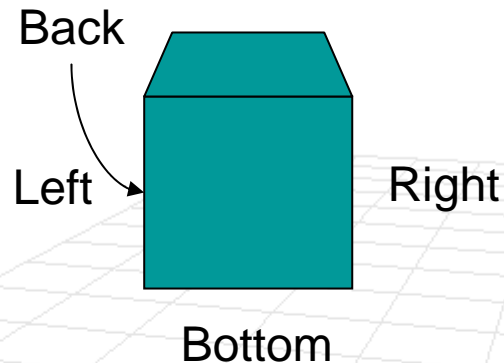
Back-face Removal

- **Idea:** Remove surface patches that point away from the camera (like backside of the object as it viewed from the front)
- Consider a cube

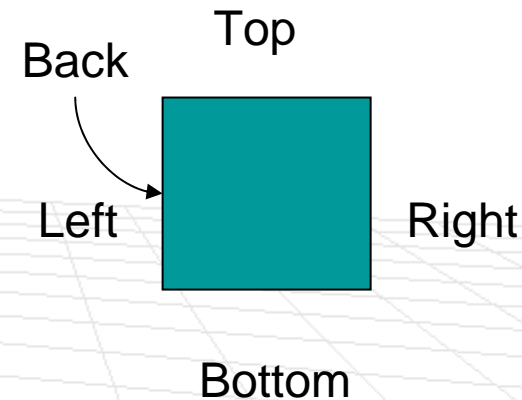
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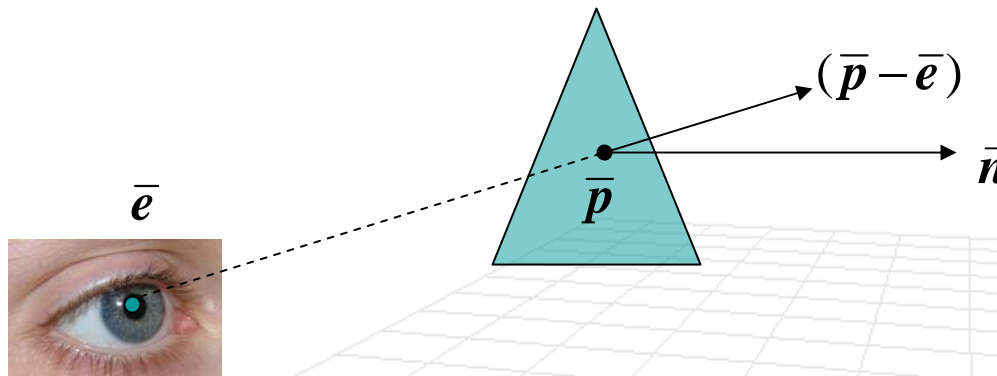
5 Back Faces



- We only need to render at most half of the sides depending on the view

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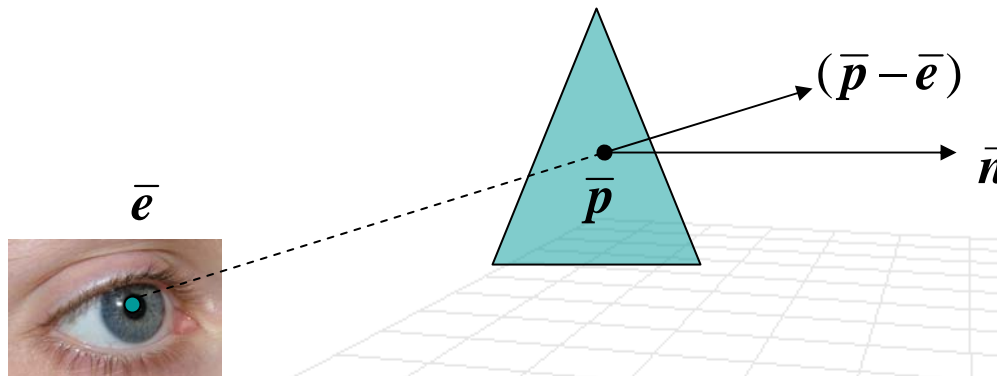
- How do we know if the patch (triangle) points away from the camera?
- Consider normal of the triangle



- If $(\bar{p} - \bar{e}) \cdot \vec{n} > 0$ then triangle is part of the back-face and needs to be removed
- If $(\bar{p} - \bar{e}) \cdot \vec{n} < 0$ then triangle **may** be visible

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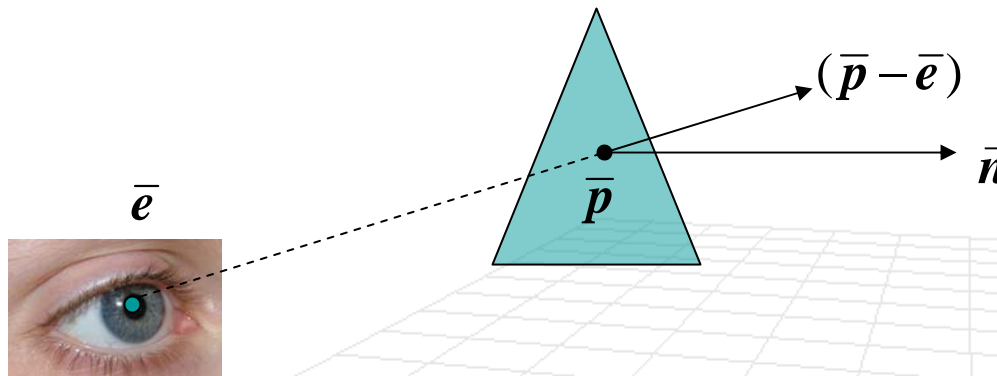
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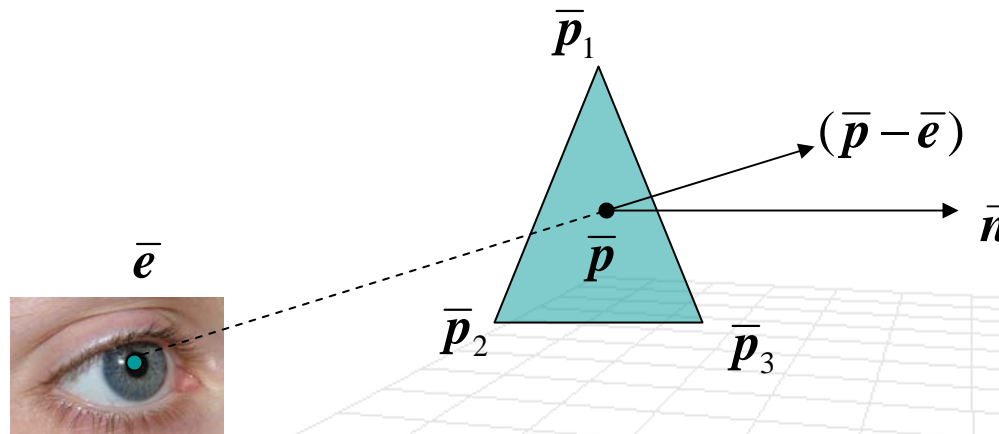
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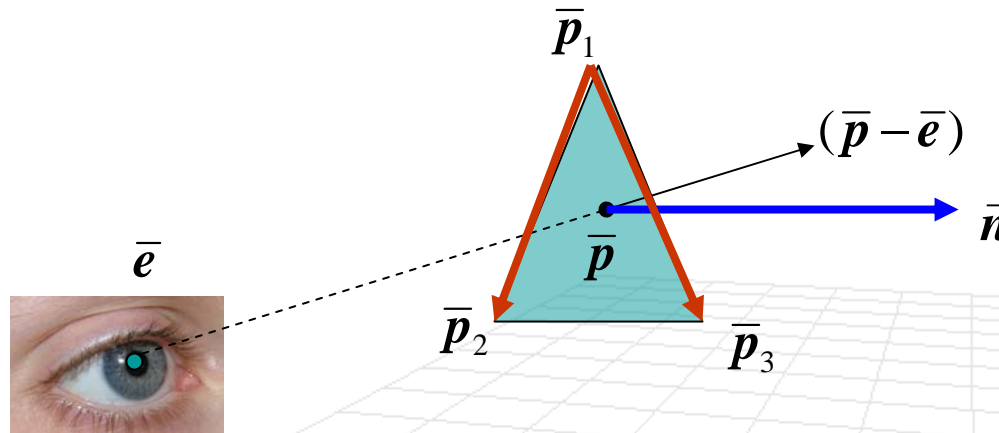
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- How do we compute \vec{n}
 - If $\bar{p}_1, \bar{p}_2, \bar{p}_3$ are patch vertices in CCW order



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- How do we compute $\vec{n} = \frac{(\bar{p}_2 - \bar{p}_1) \times (\bar{p}_3 - \bar{p}_1)}{\|(\bar{p}_2 - \bar{p}_1) \times (\bar{p}_3 - \bar{p}_1)\|}$



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Z-Buffer (a.k.a Depth Buffer)

- We have a **frame-buffer** (this is where an image that we see on the screen is stored)
- We also have a **z-buffer** that keeps track of the z^* coordinate for every pixel in the frame-buffer
- To draw point in the world with color c that projects to (x^*, y^*, z^*) we can execute the following algorithm

```
if  $z^* < \text{z-buffer}(x^*, y^*)$  then  
    frame-buffer( $x^*, y^*$ ) =  $c$   
    z-buffer( $x^*, y^*$ ) =  $z^*$   
end
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Z-Buffer (a.k.a Depth Buffer)

- We need to initialize the z-buffer with some value. What is the good value to initialize with?
 - If we are using canonical view volume then 1 would work
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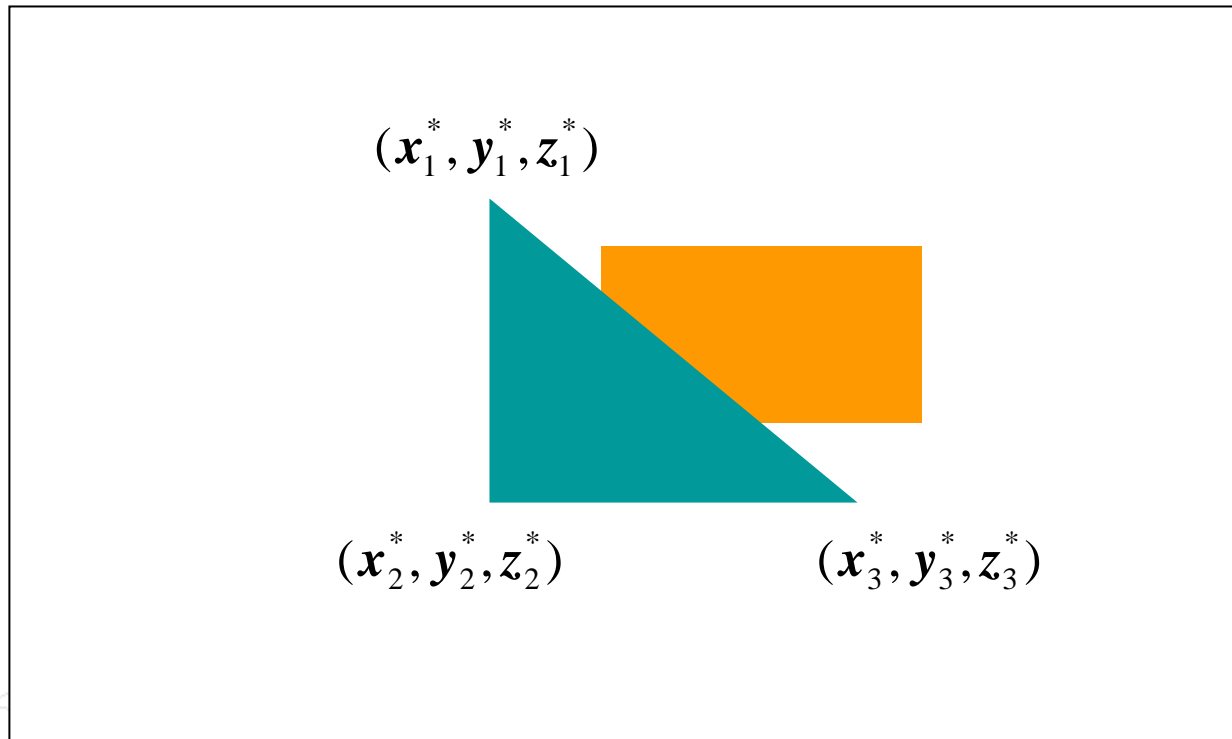
- ❑ Simple and accurate
- ❑ Independent of the order the polygons are drawn

■ Disadvantages of Z-buffering

- ❑ Memory for a Z-buffer (small consideration)
- ❑ Wasted computation in drawing distant points first (this potentially can be a large drawback)

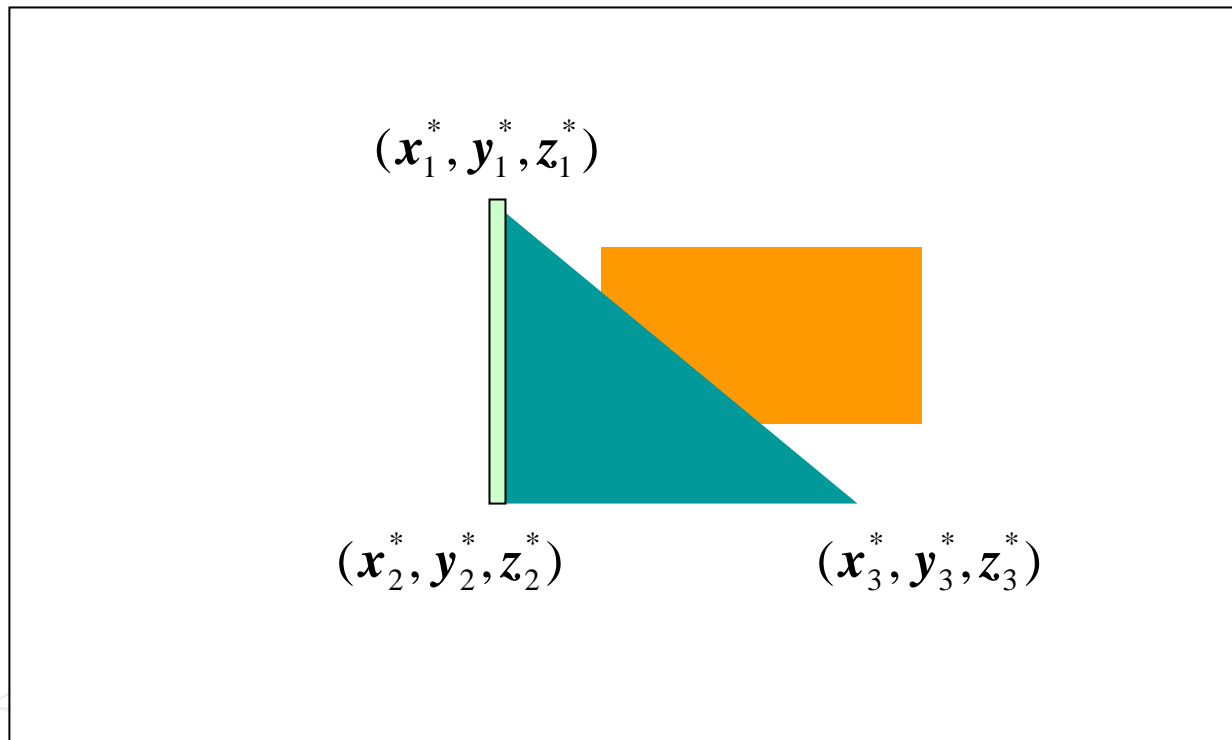
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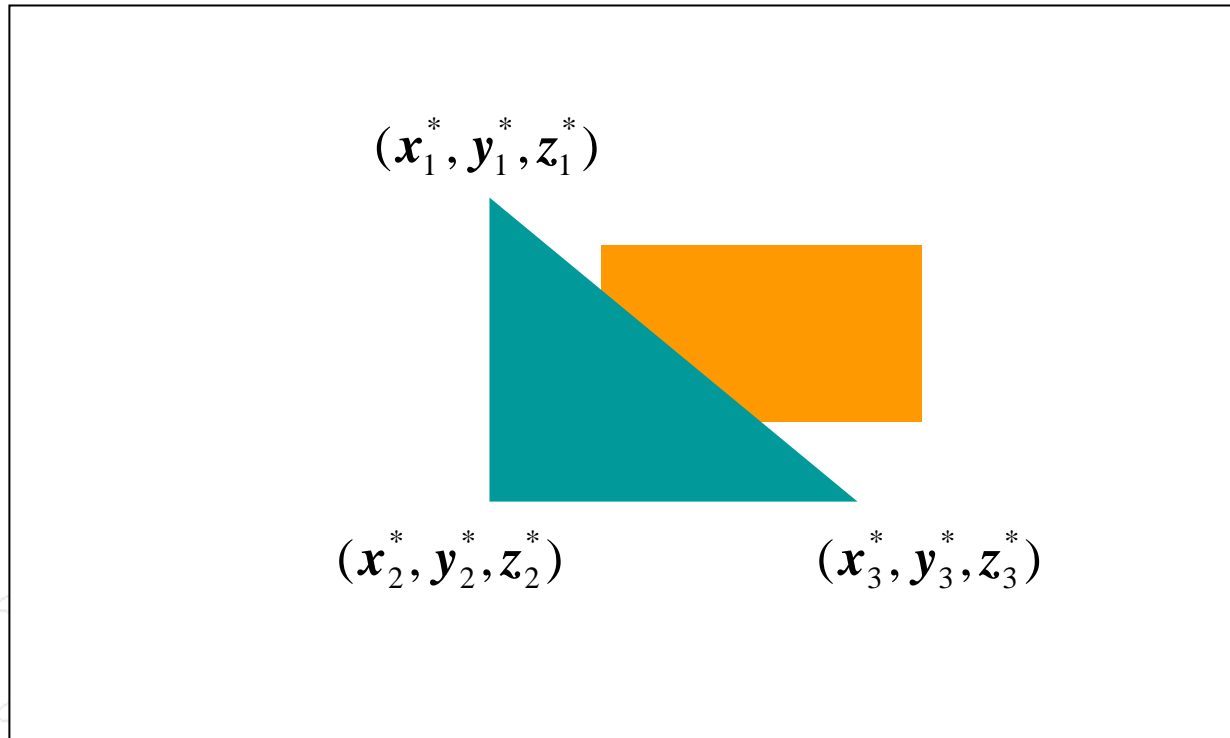
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Linearly interpolate z^* along a scan line

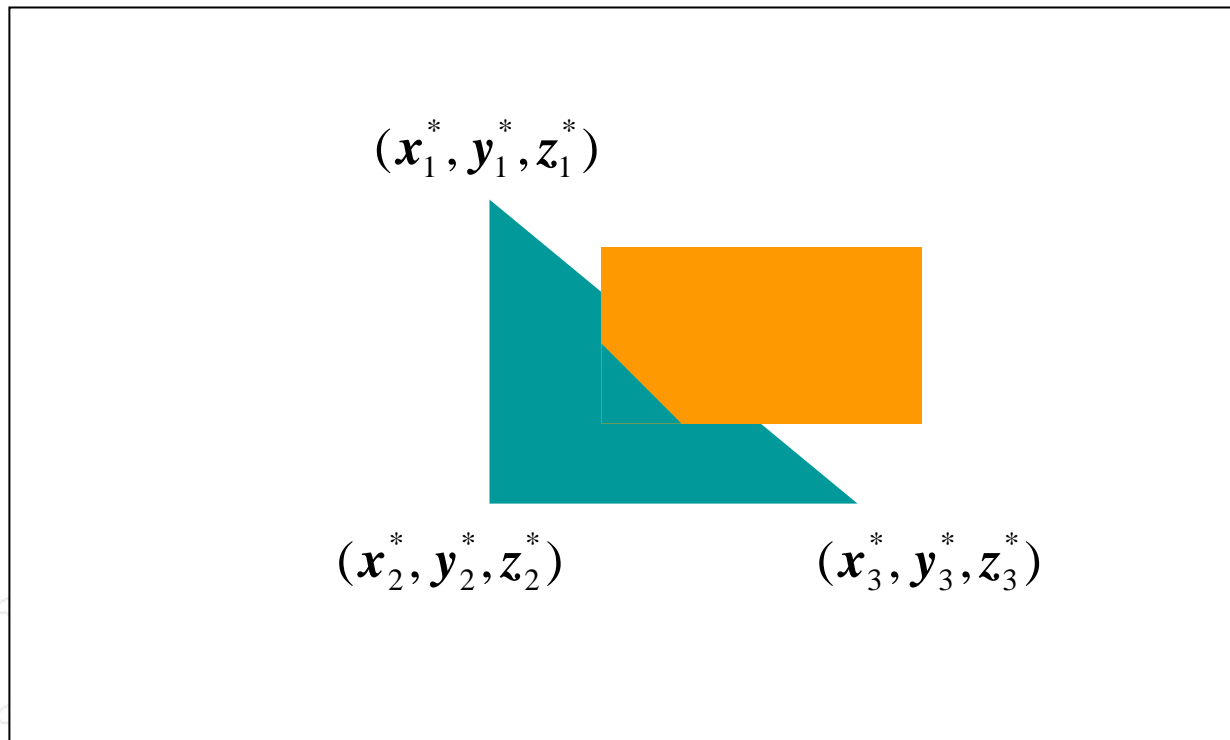
Painter's Algorithm

- **Idea:** Order the patches and draw them in the order of depth (with most distant patches first)
- This is an alternative to Z-buffering



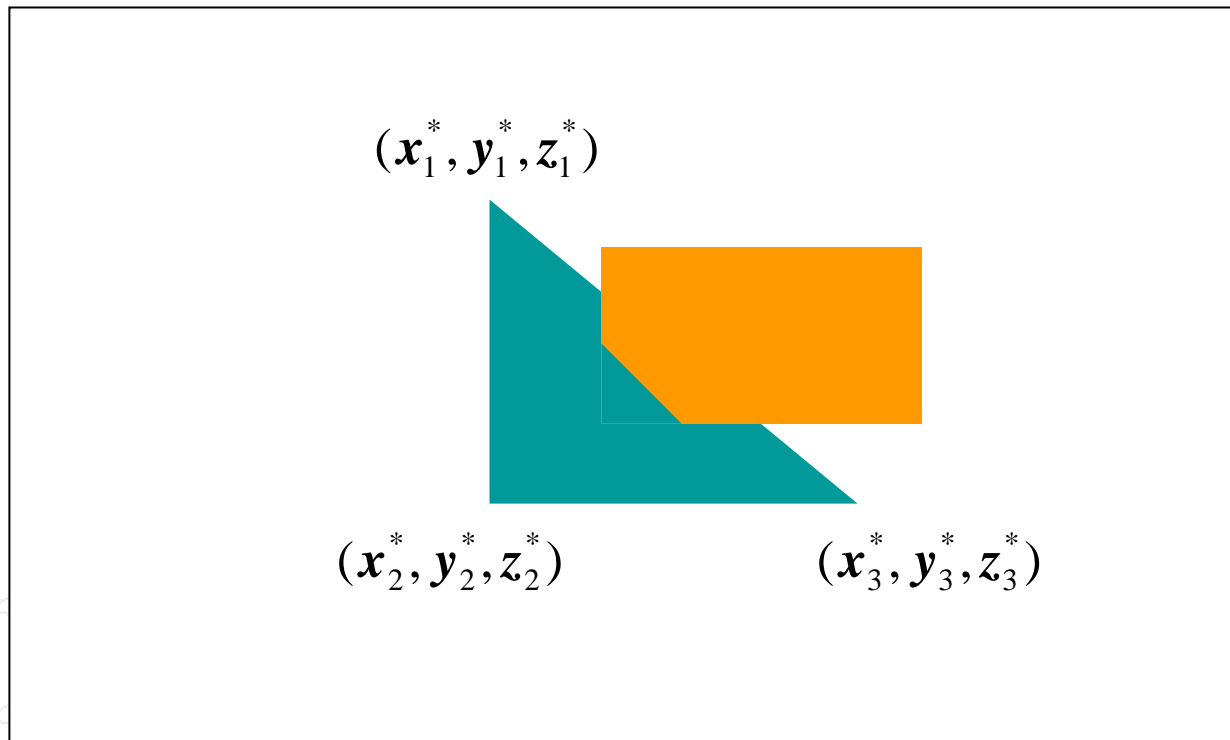
Painter's Algorithm

- How do we deal with intersecting patches?
 - Break patches into smaller patches



BSP Trees

- **Binary space partition tree** (BSP tree) is an algorithm for making back-to-front ordering of polygons efficient and to break polygons to avoid intersections



BSP Tree

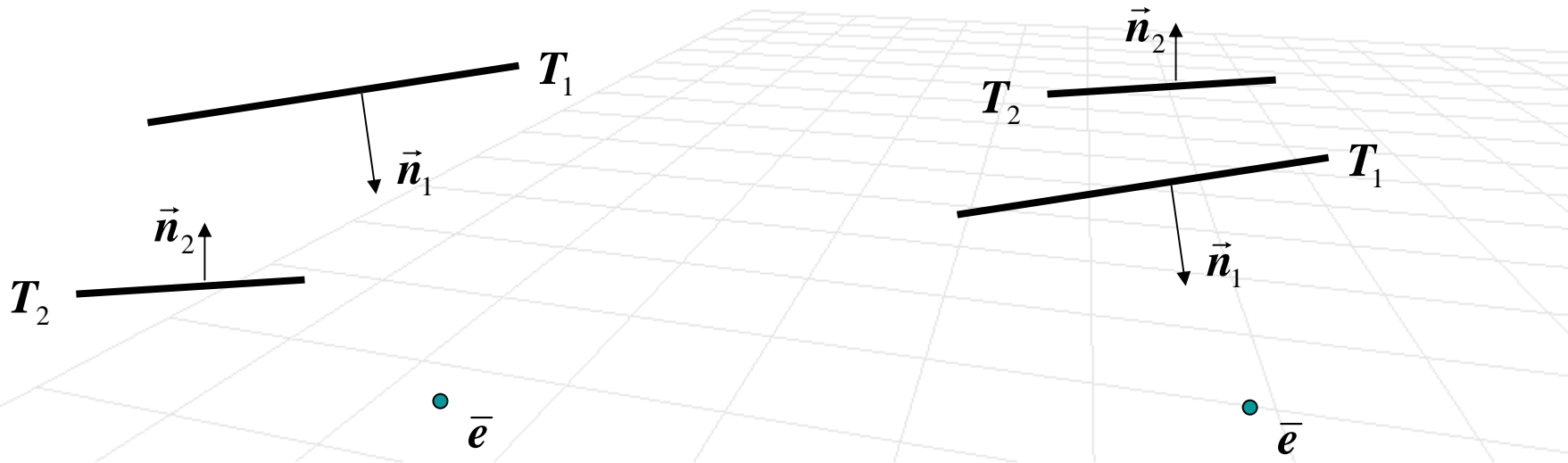
- If \bar{e} and T_2 on the same side of T_1 (left) then draw T_1 first then T_2
- If \bar{e} and T_2 are on different sides of T_1 (right) then draw T_2 first then T_1
- How do we know if points are on the same side?

$$f_1(\bar{x}) = (\bar{x} - \bar{p}_1) \cdot \vec{n}_1$$

$$f_1(\bar{x}) = 0 \quad \text{on the plane}$$

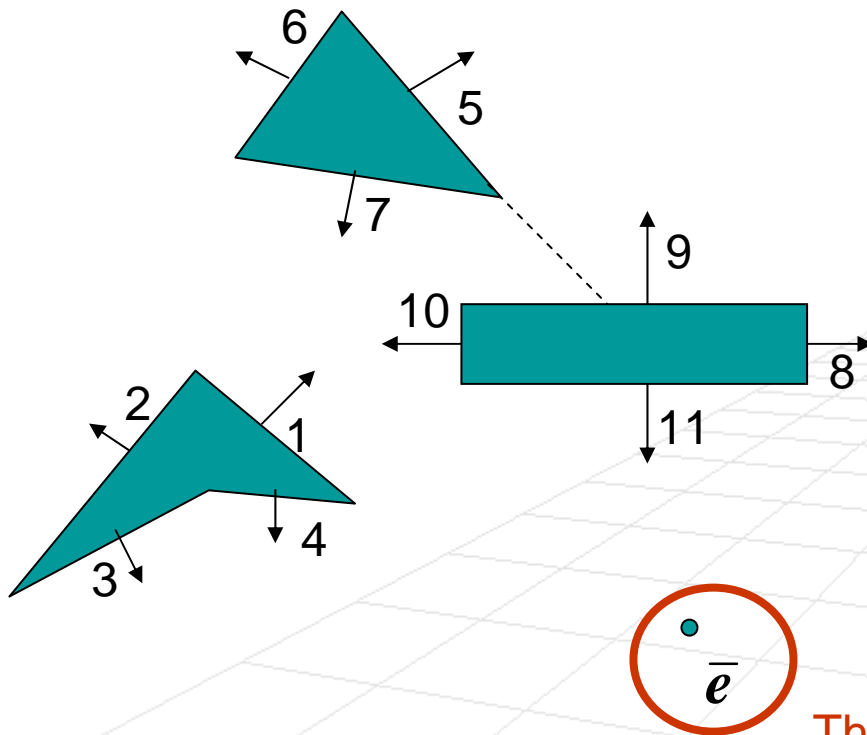
$$f_1(\bar{x}) > 0 \quad \text{"outside"}$$

$$f_1(\bar{x}) < 0 \quad \text{"inside"}$$



BSP Tree Example

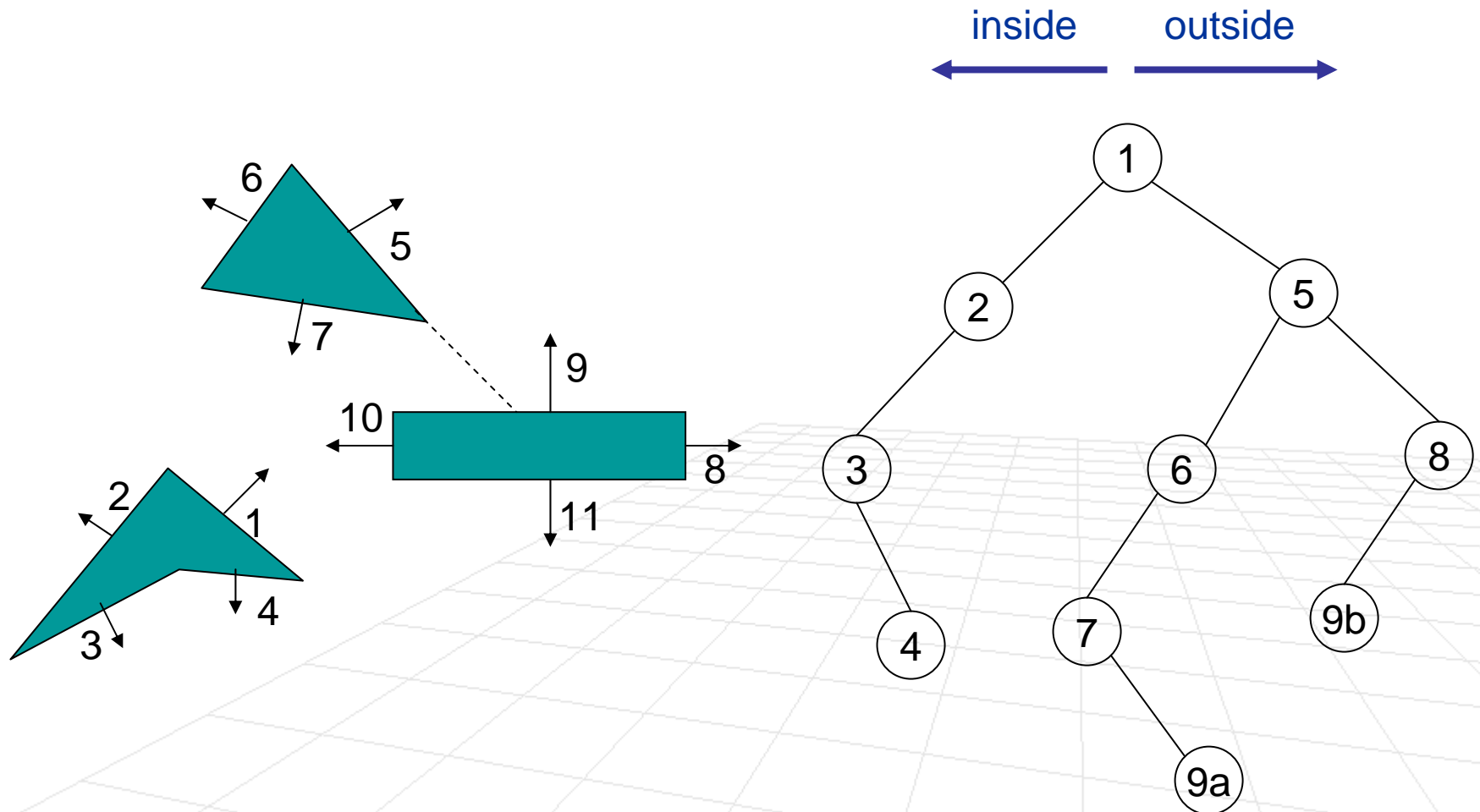
- Let's try building a BSP tree for this scene



The tree will be the same regardless of the camera placement

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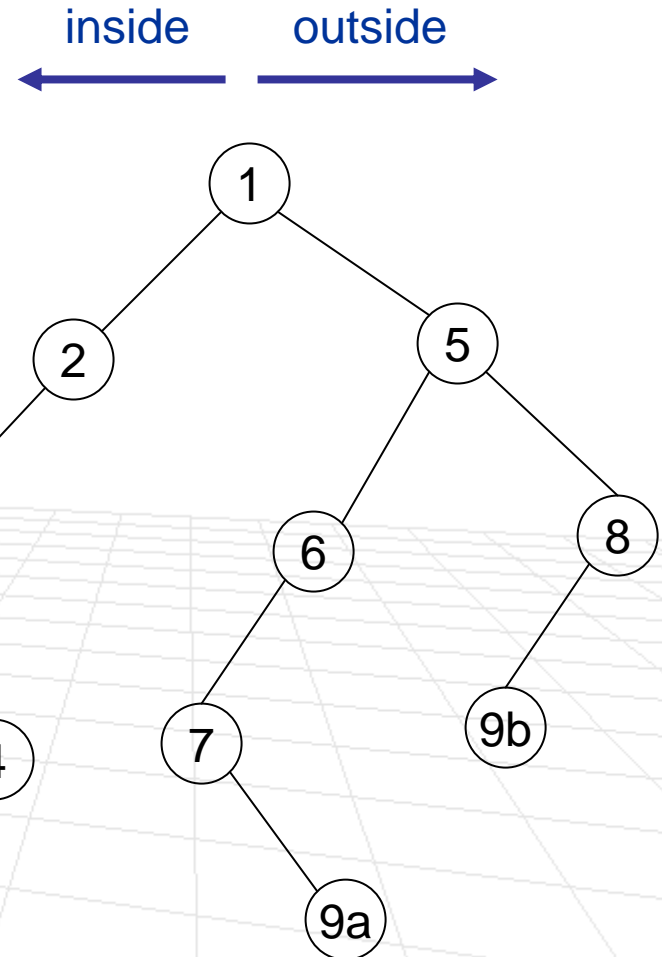


BSP Tree Traversal

■ Tree traversal algorithm

if eye in the outside half-space of the root
 Draw faces on inside sub-tree of the root
 Draw the root
 Draw faces is the outside of sub-tree of the root
else
 Draw faces is the outside of sub-tree of the root
 Draw the root
 Draw faces on inside sub-tree of the root
end

■ Easy to modify to do back-face removal



BSP Tree

■ Advantages

- ❑ Can easily discard portions of the scene behind the camera
- ❑ Artifacts of z-buffer quantization are not seen
- ❑ Tree construction fixed for the static scenes

■ Disadvantages

- ❑ How can we handle dynamic scenes?

