
Computer Graphics

5 - Vertex Processing 1

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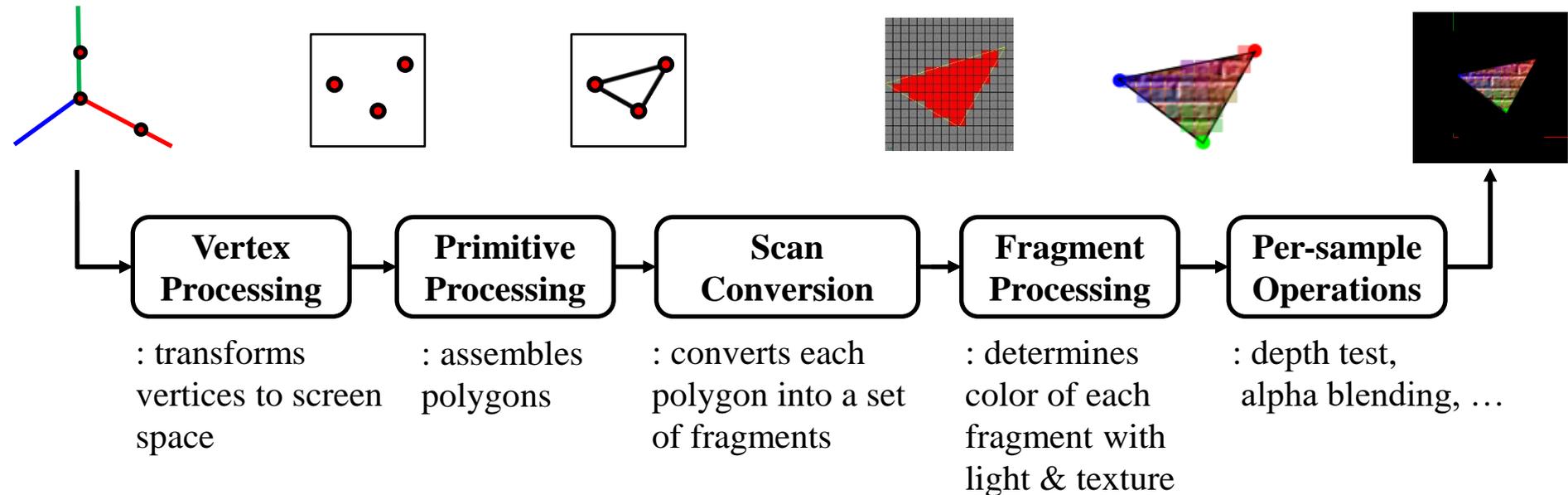
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Outline

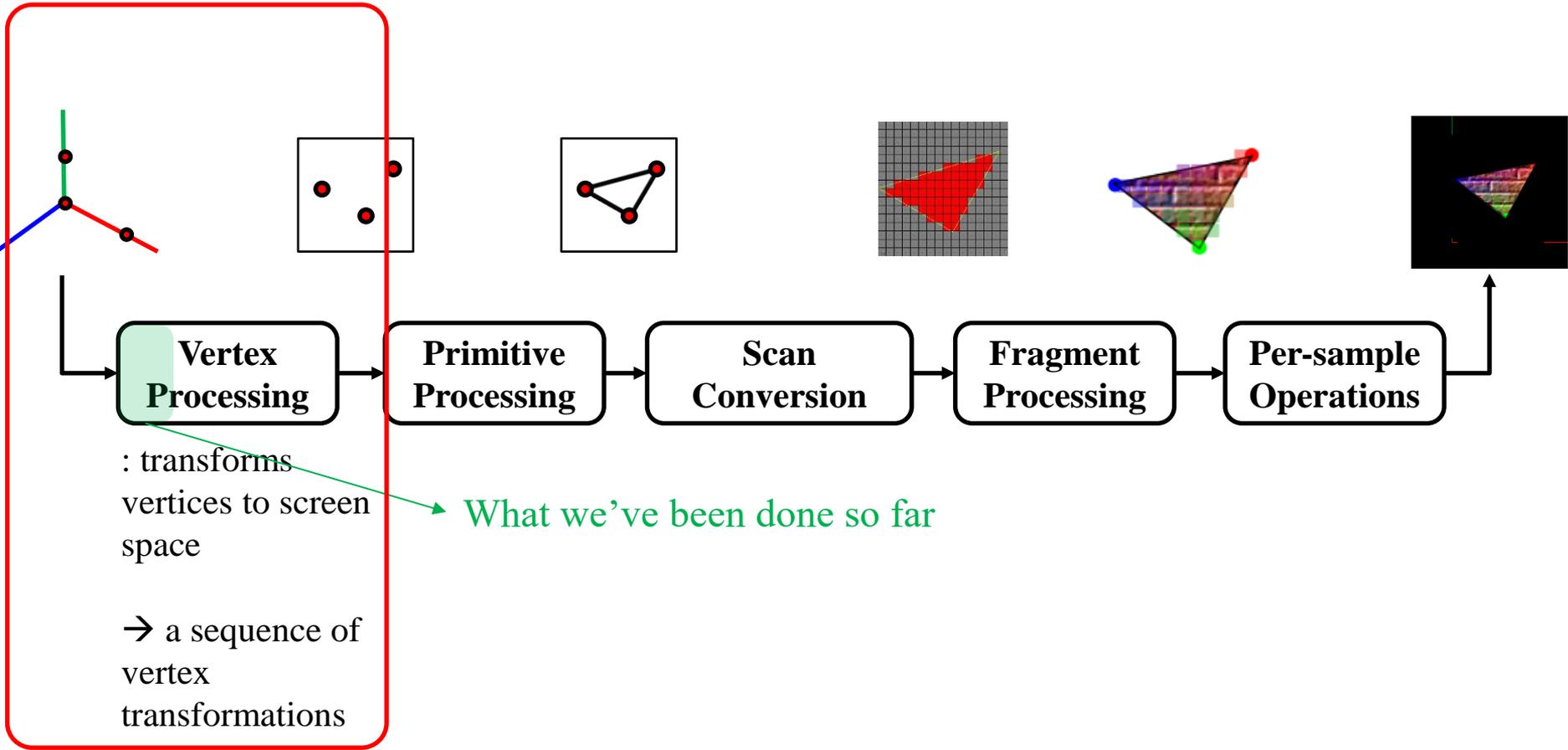
- Rasterization Pipeline & Vertex Processing
- Modeling Transformation
- Viewing Transformation

Rasterization Pipeline & Vertex Processing

Recall: Rasterization Pipeline



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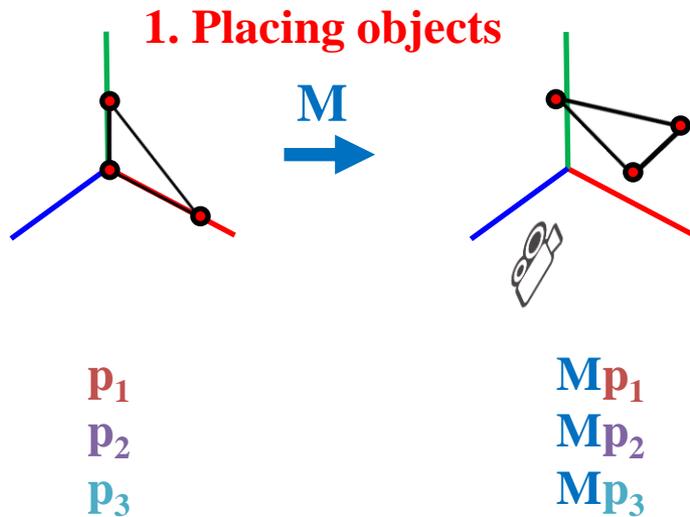
→ What we'll see today & next lecture

Vertex Processing

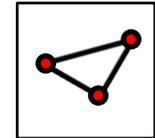
Vertex positions
in each object's
body frame

Vertex positions
in world frame

Vertex positions in
2D viewport



We need to introduce
the concept of a
"camera" looking at
the "scene".



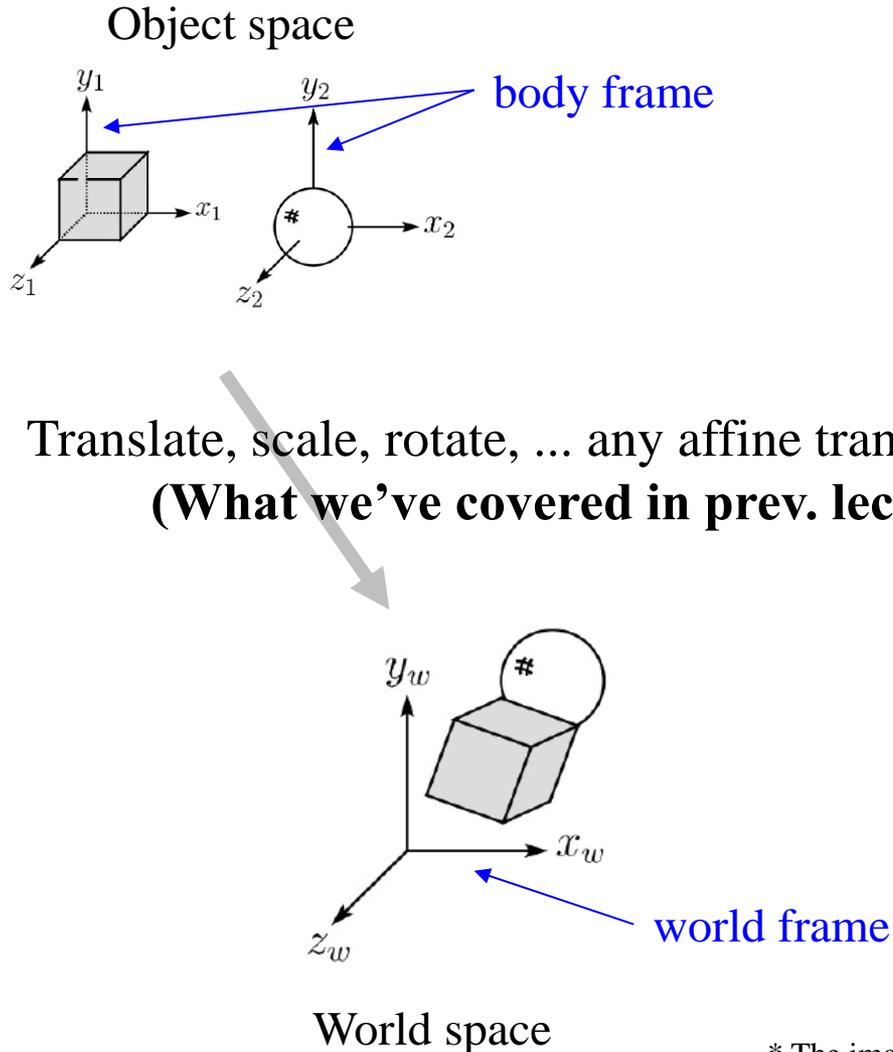
Then the next steps would be:

2. Placing a "camera"
3. Selecting its "lens"
4. Displaying on a "cinema screen"

In Terms of CG Transformation,

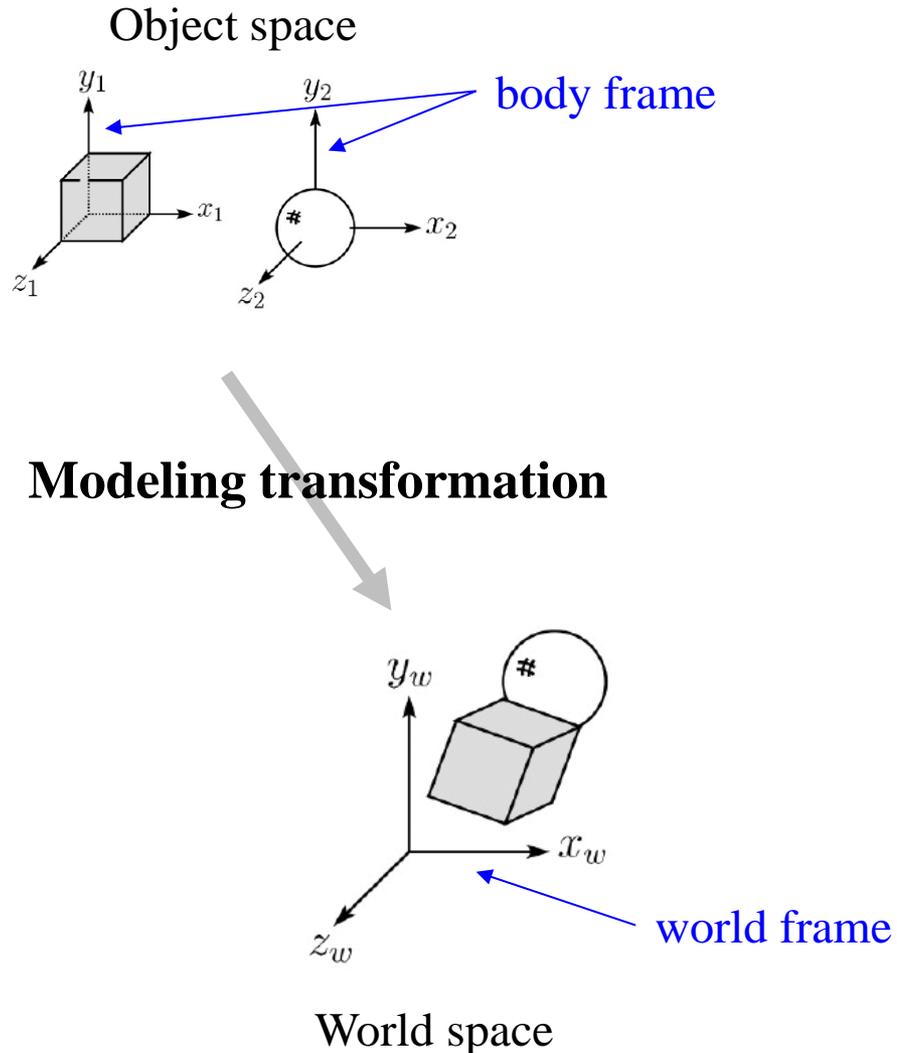
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→ **Modeling transformation**
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- All these transformations just work by **matrix multiplications!**

Vertex Processing (Transformation Pipeline)

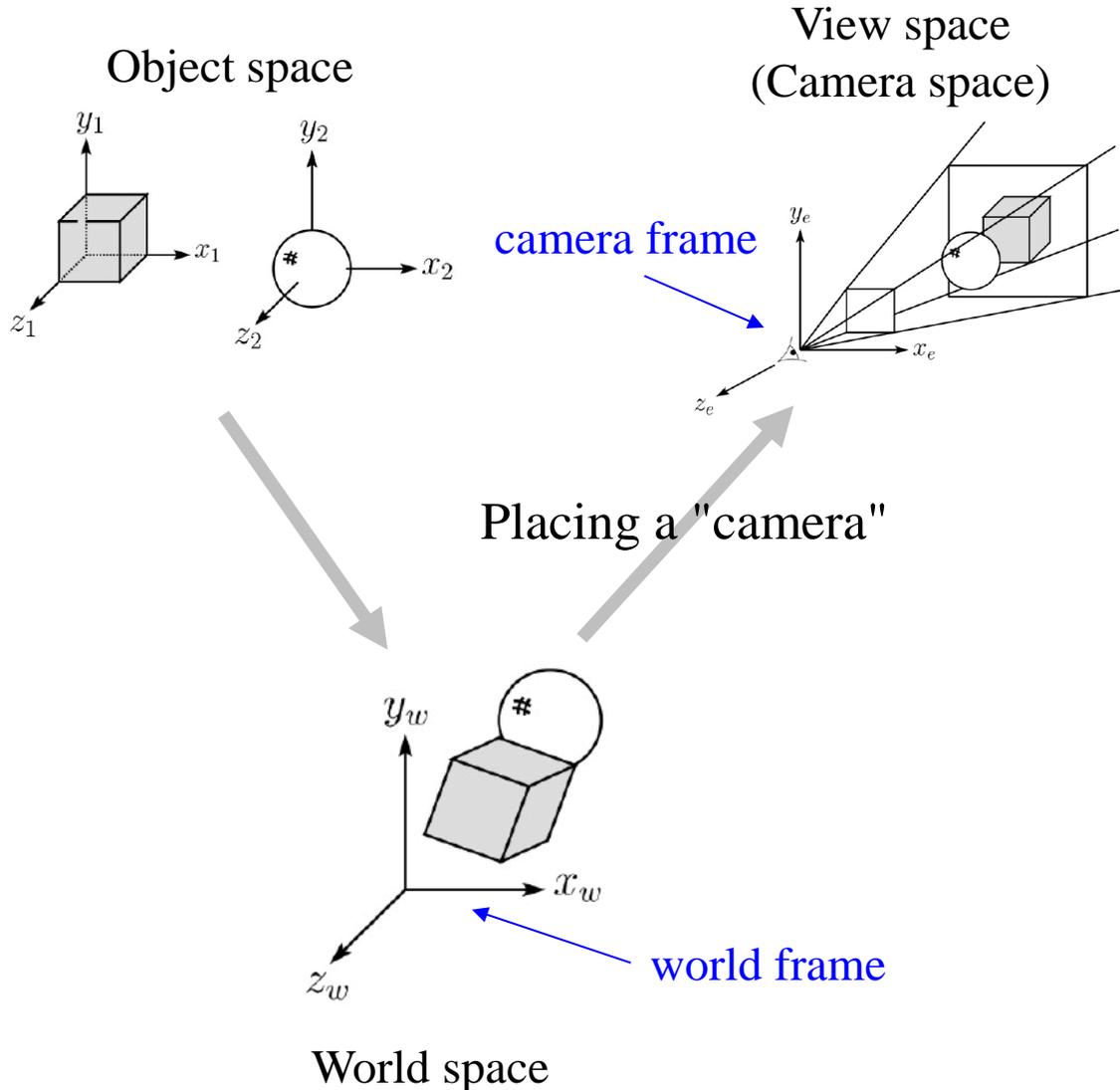


Translate, scale, rotate, ... any affine transformations
(What we've covered in prev. lectures)

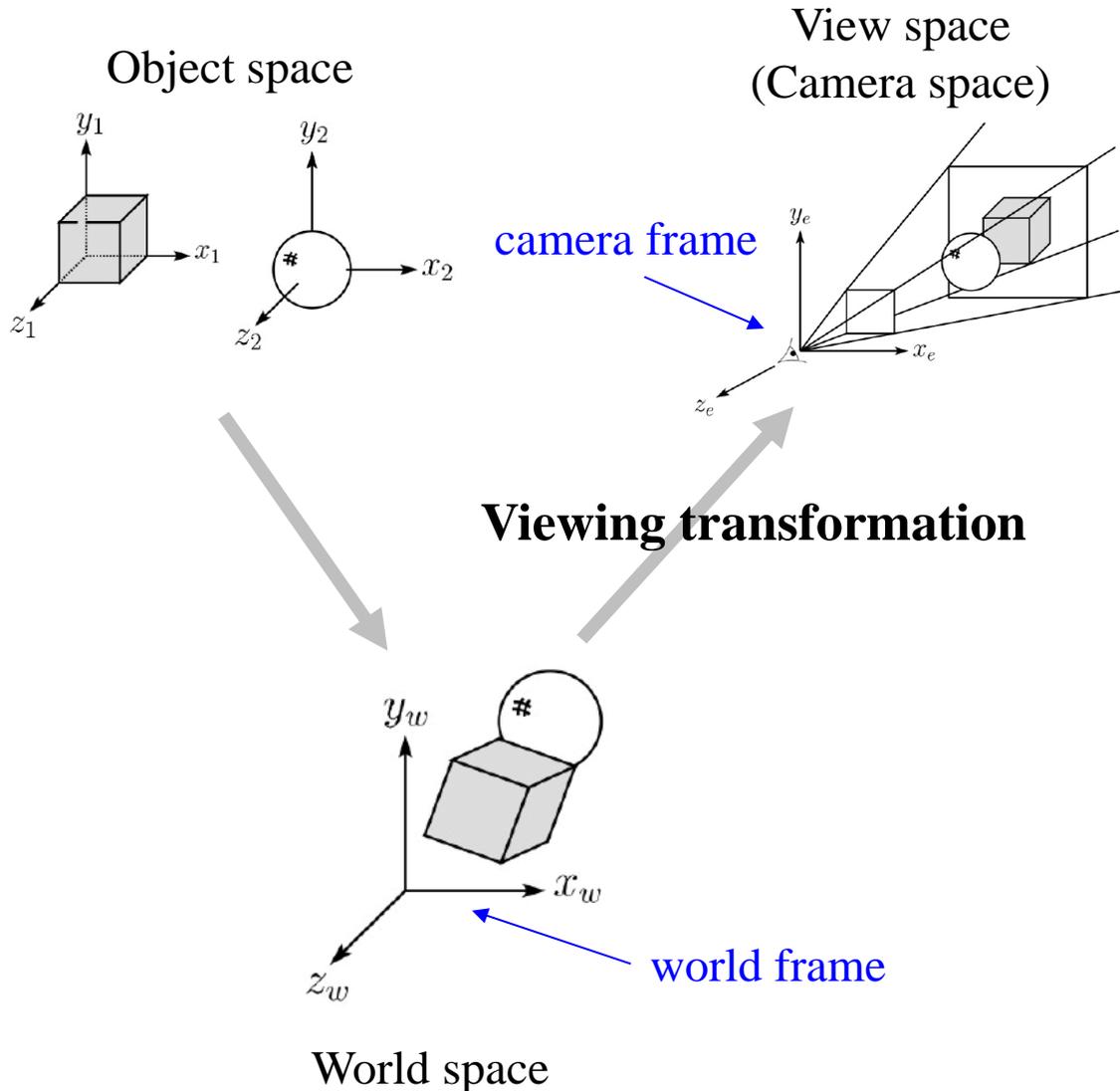
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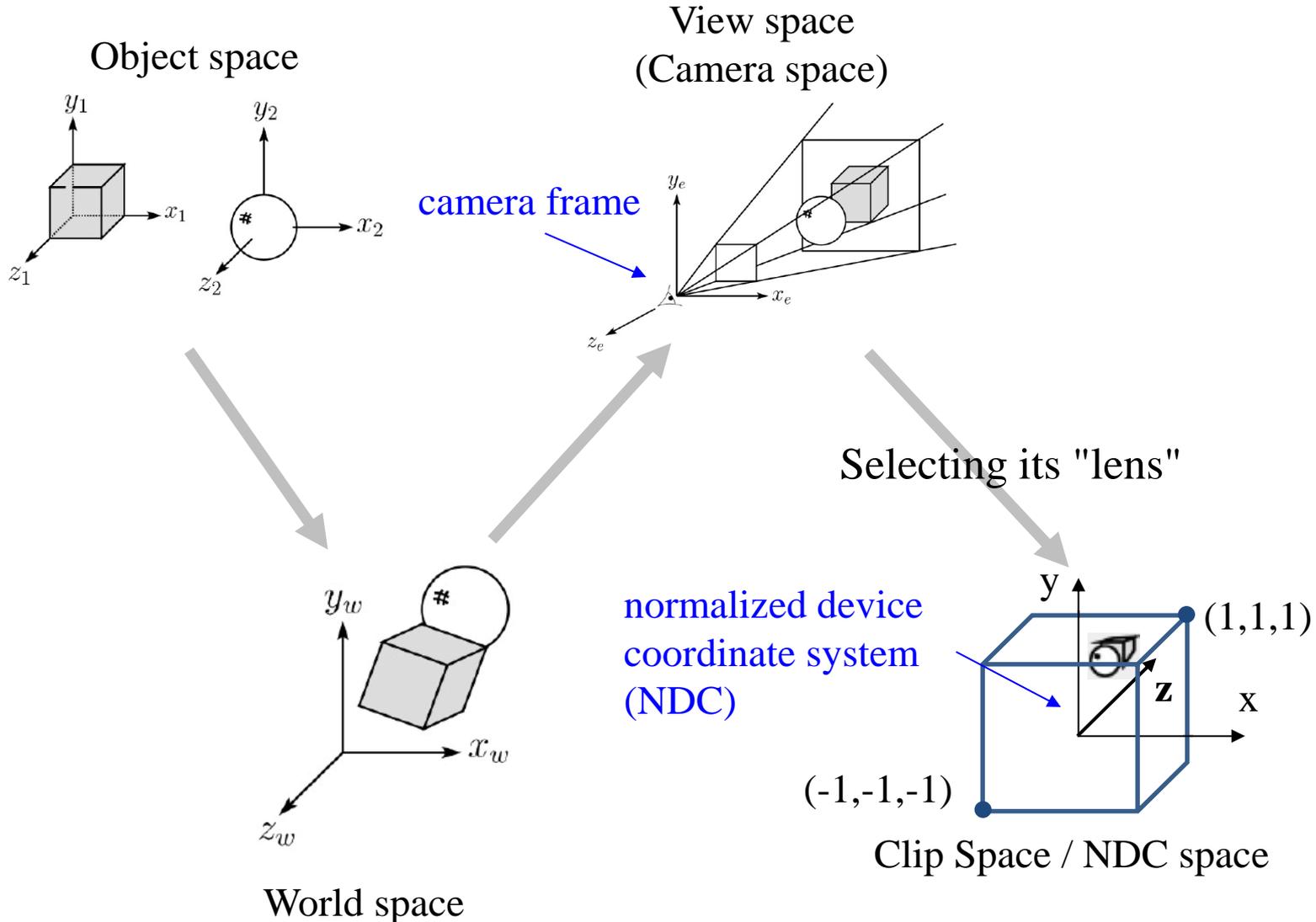
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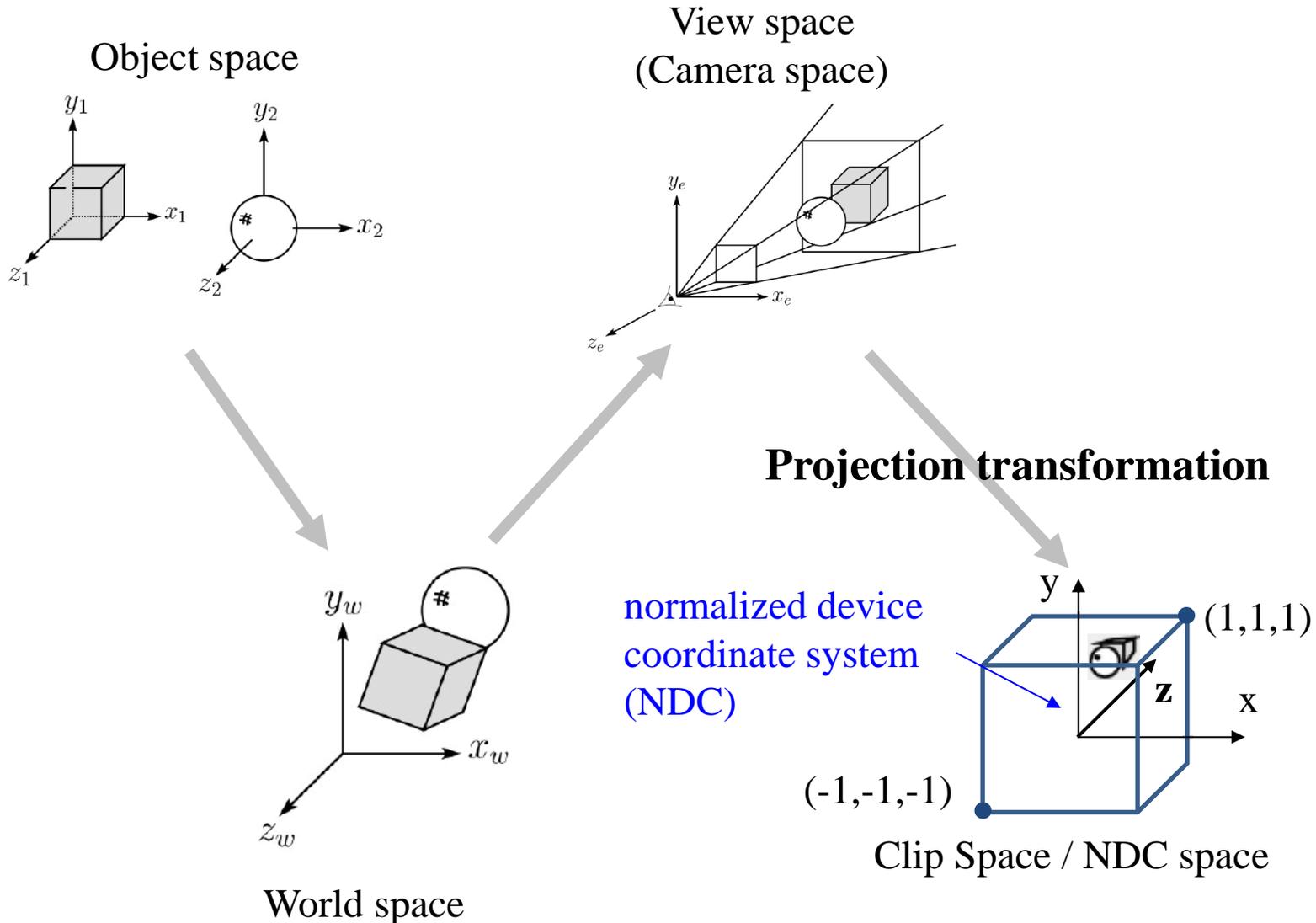
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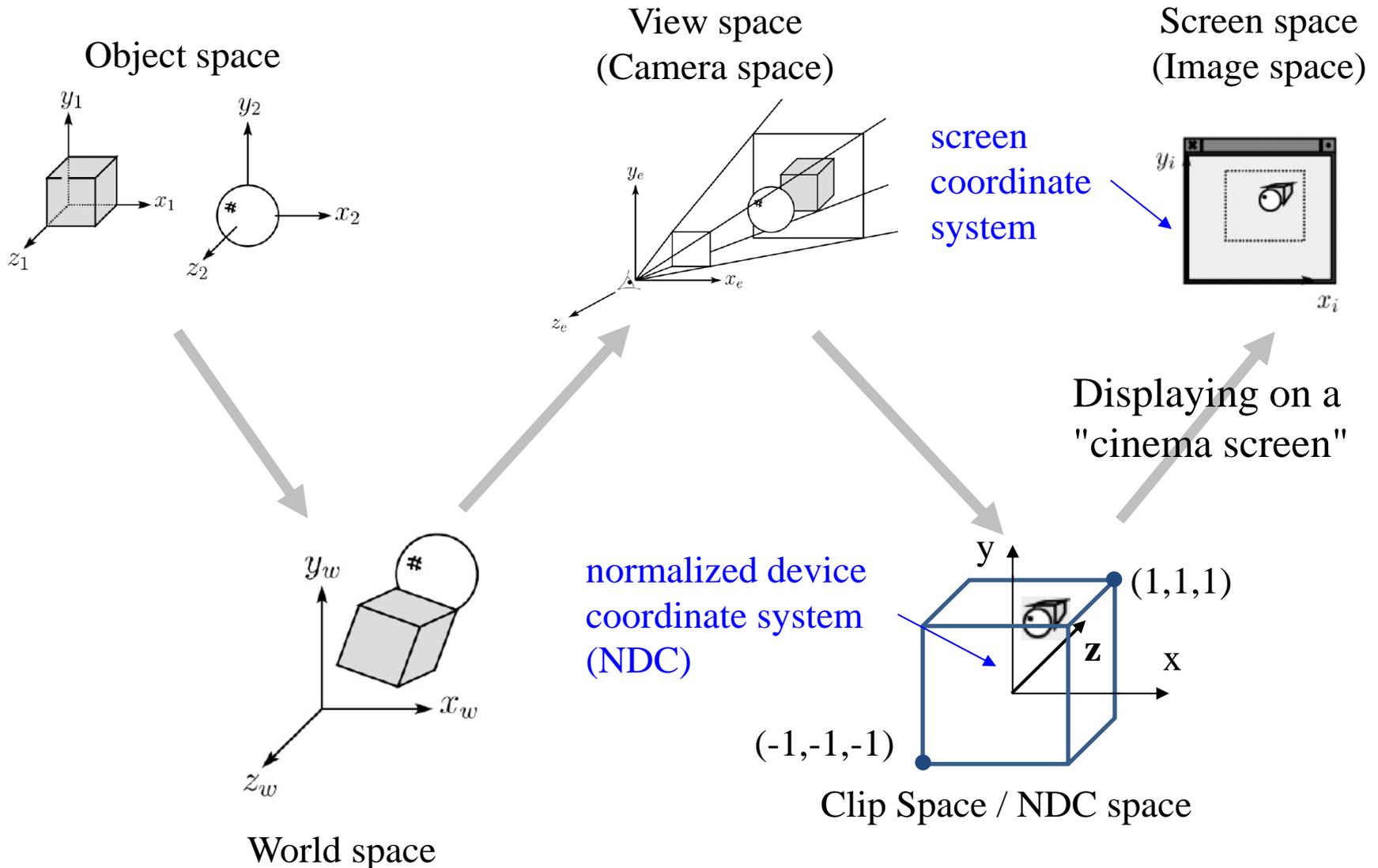
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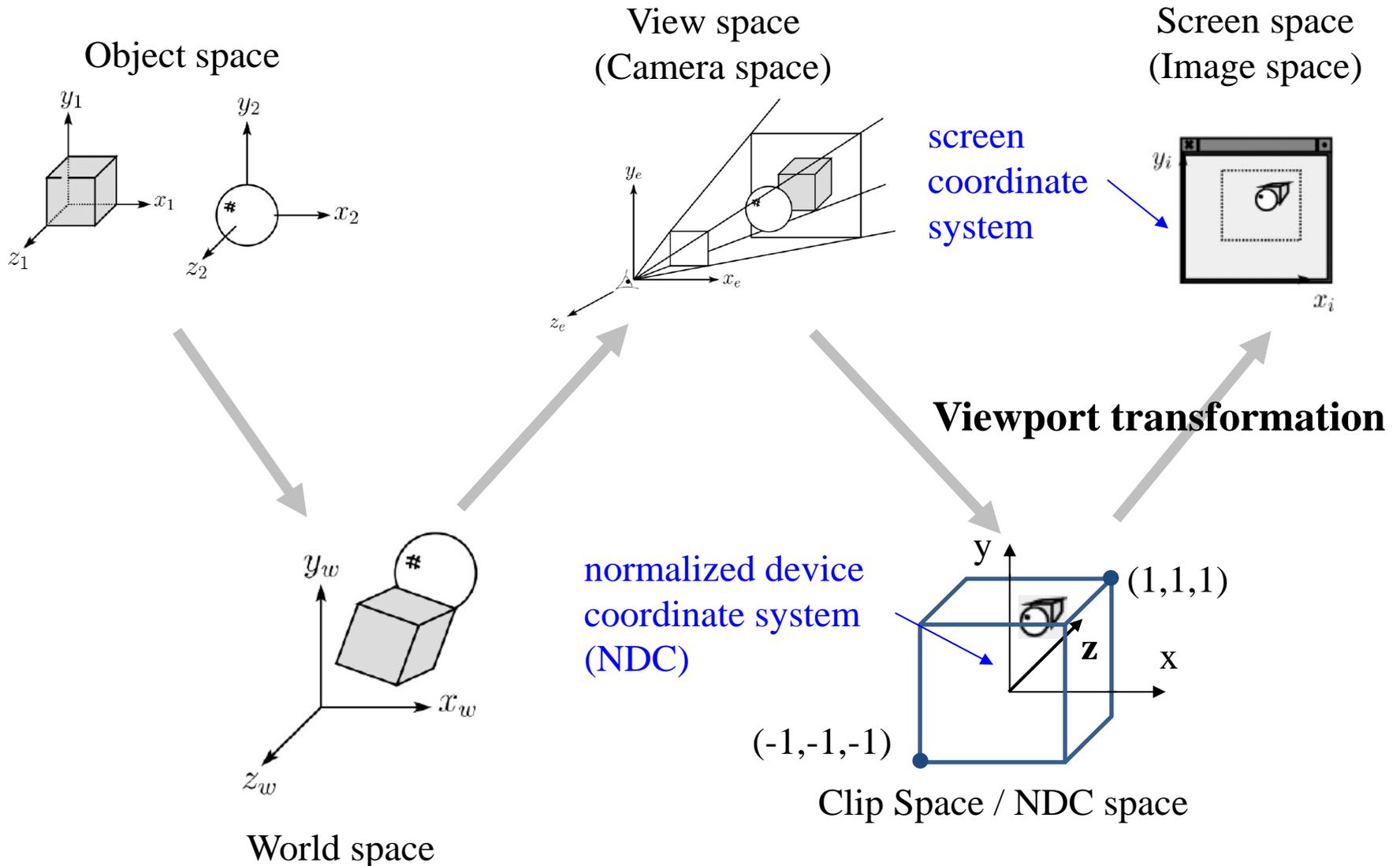
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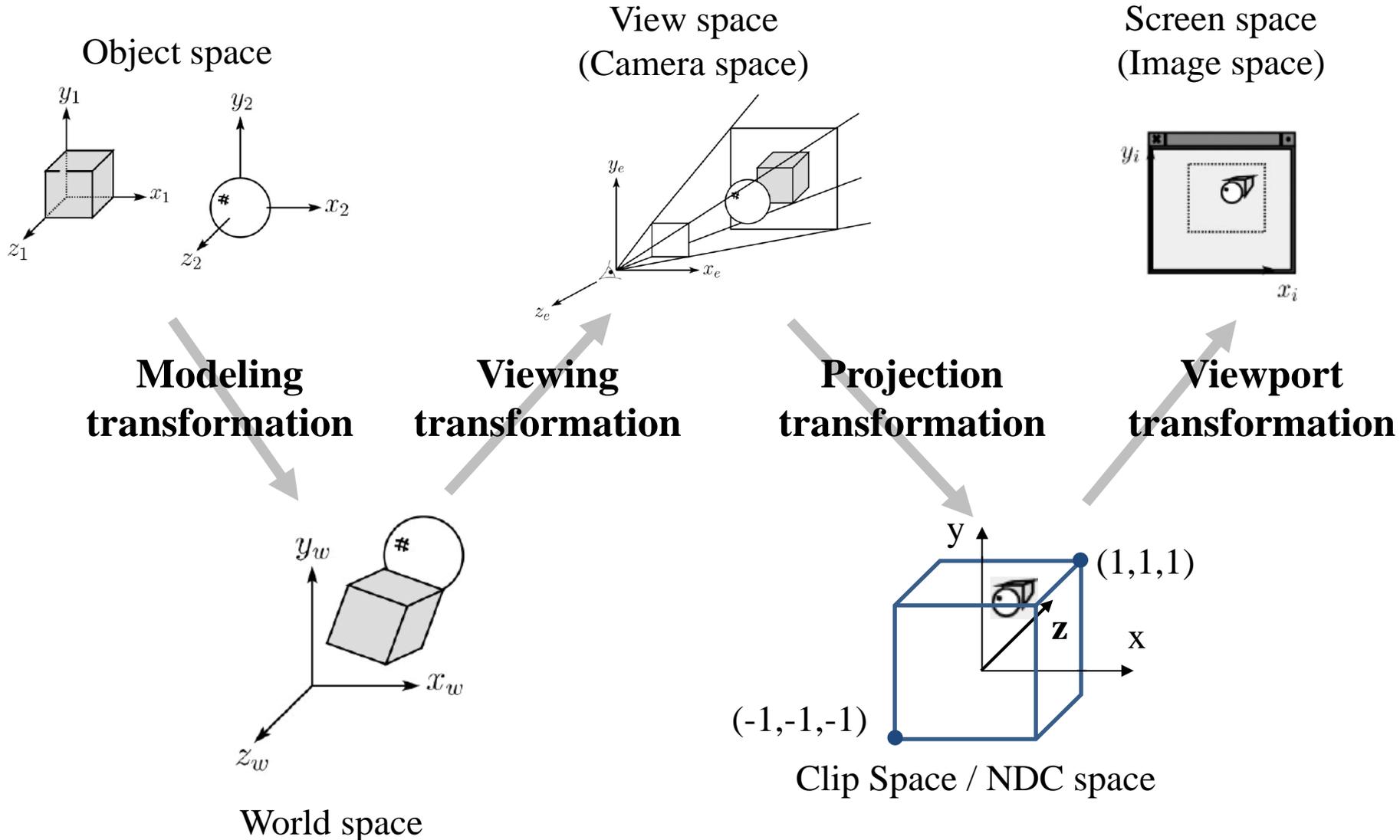
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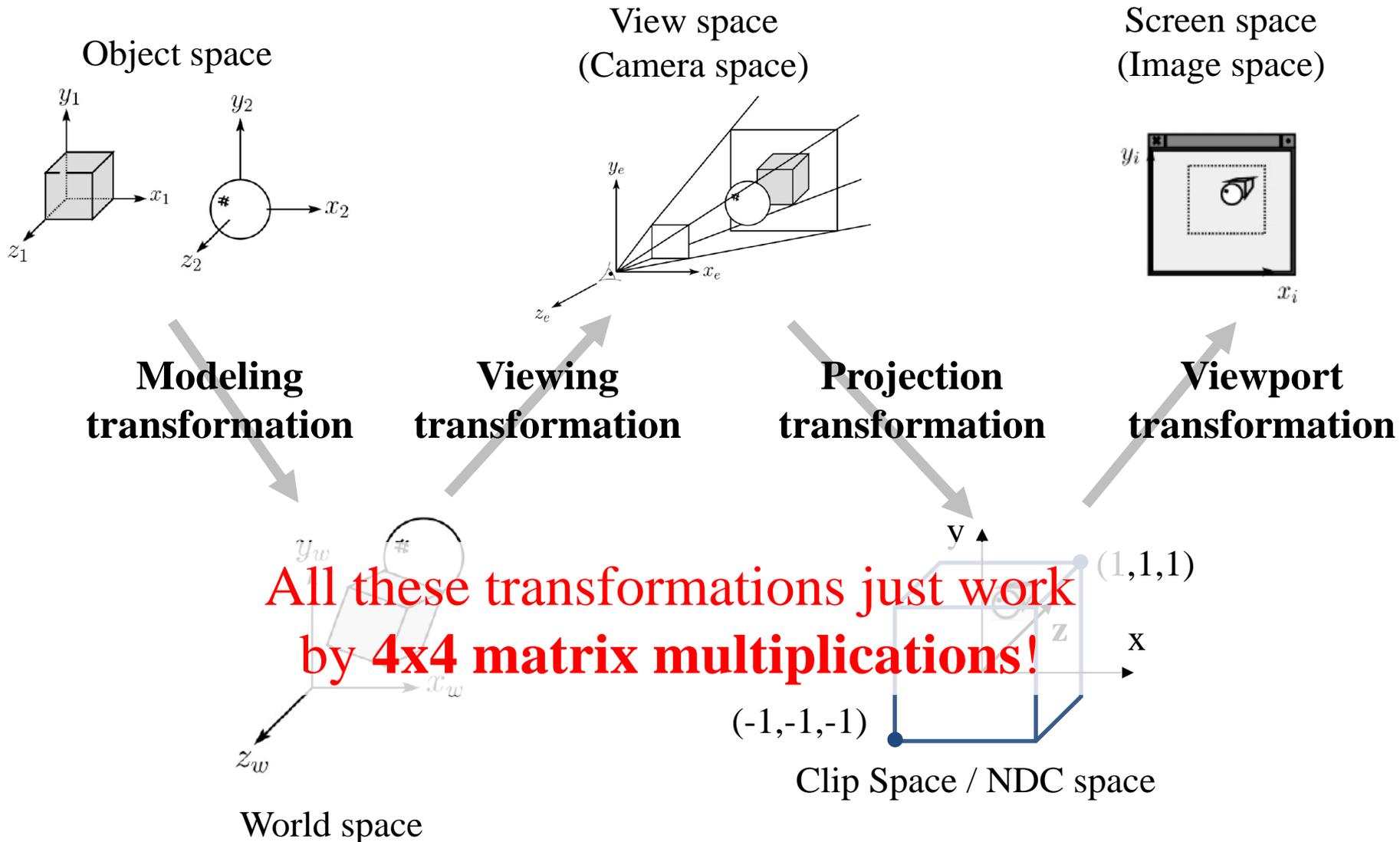
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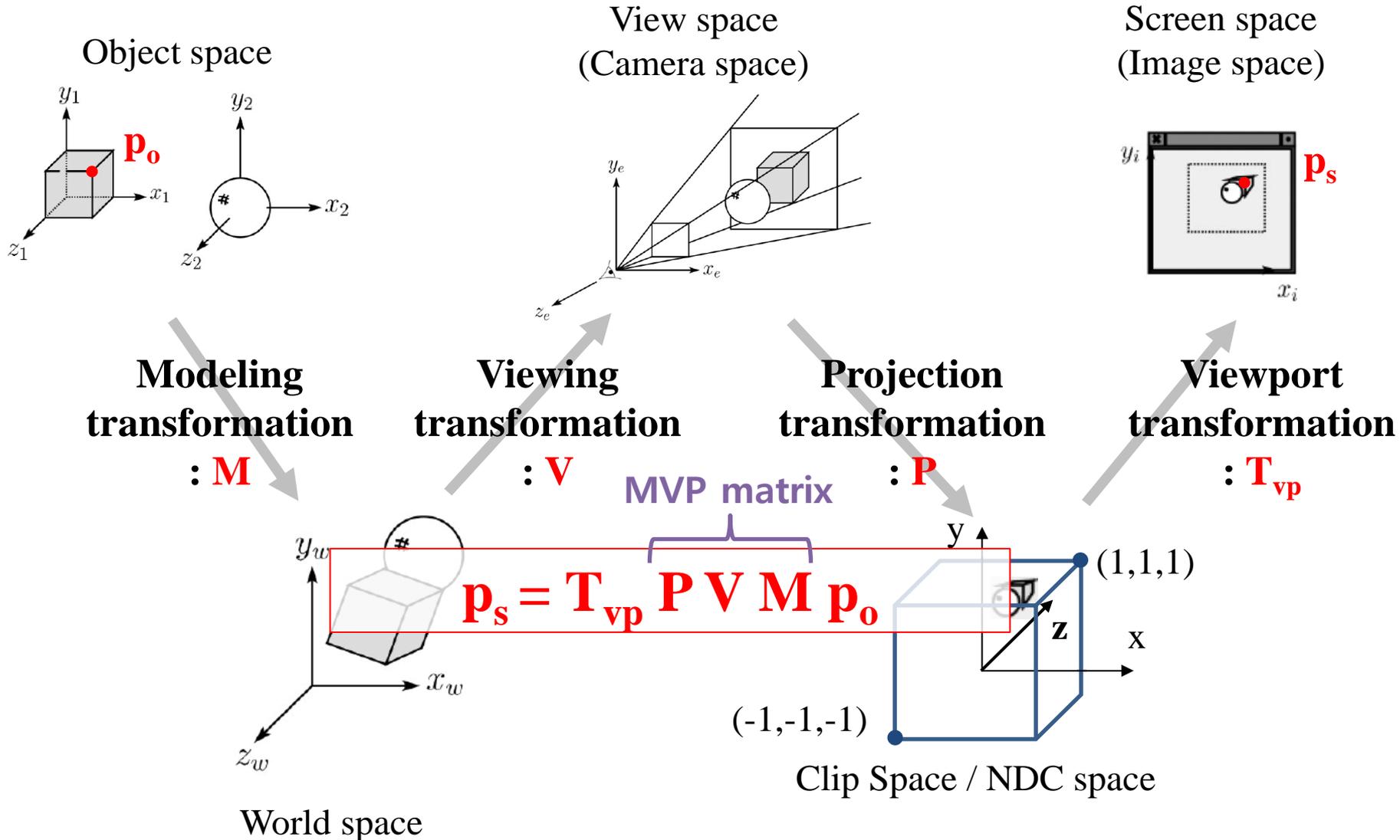
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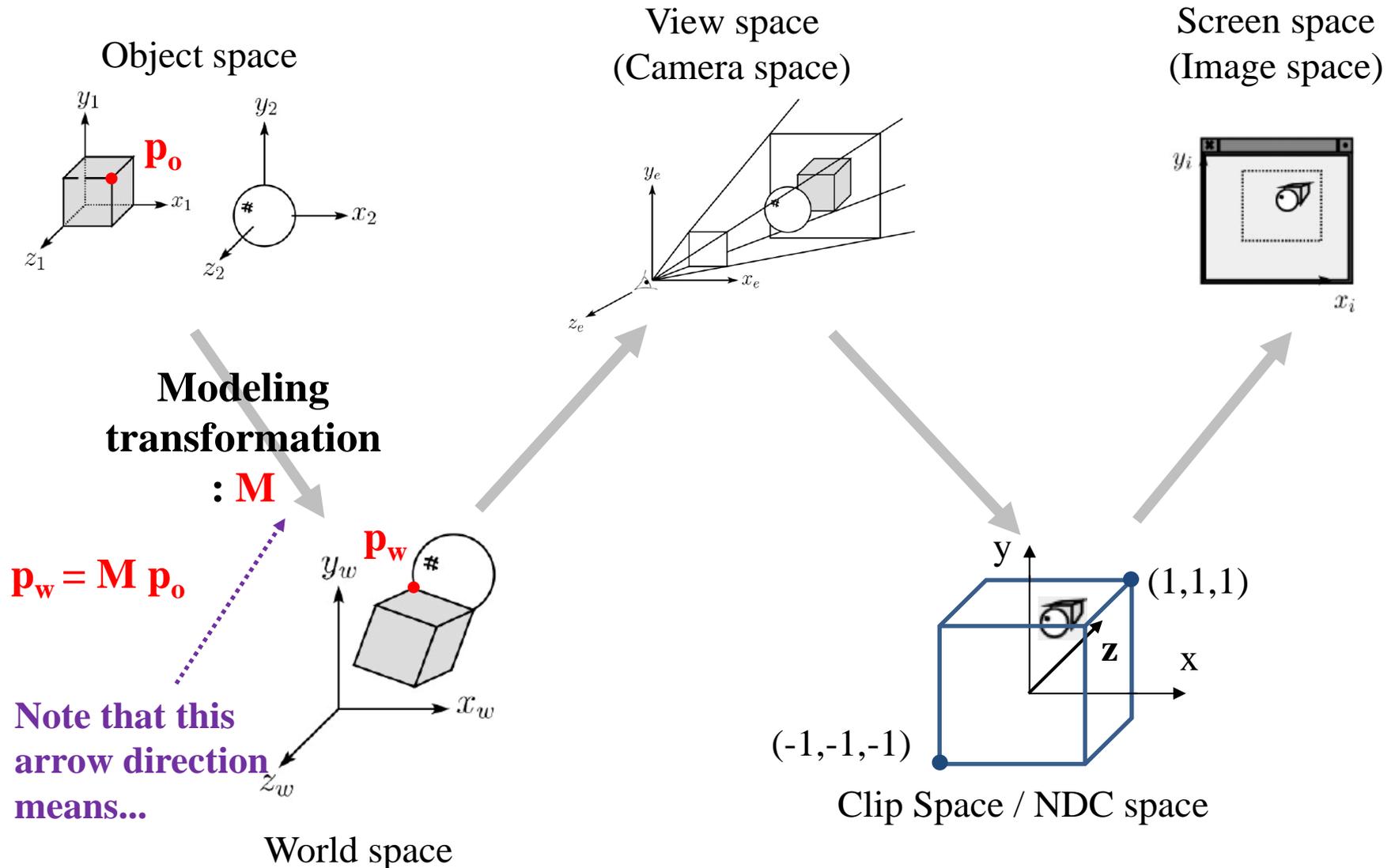


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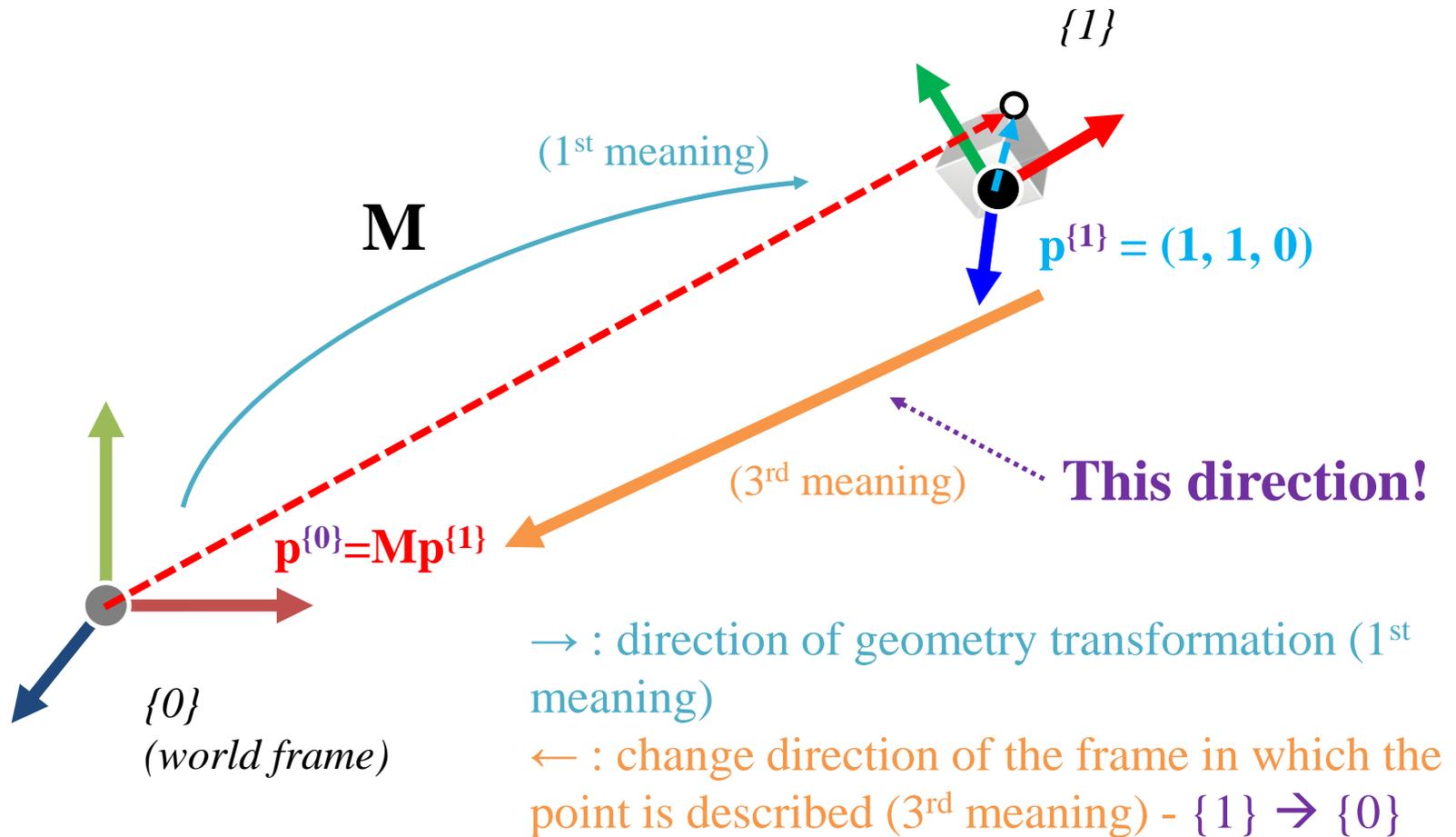


Modeling Transformation

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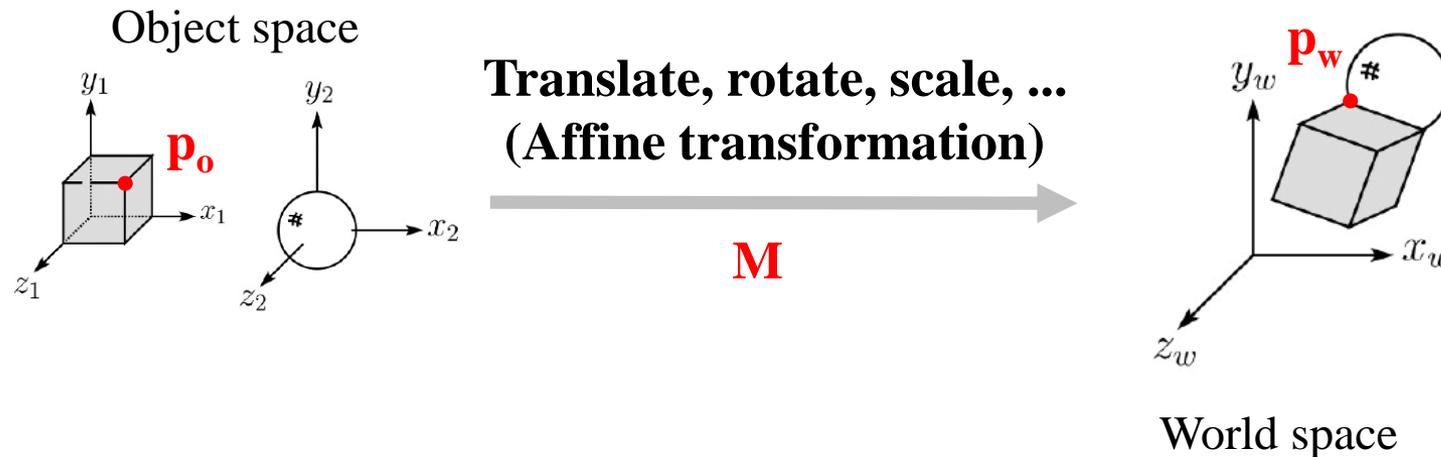


Recall: Directions of the "arrow"

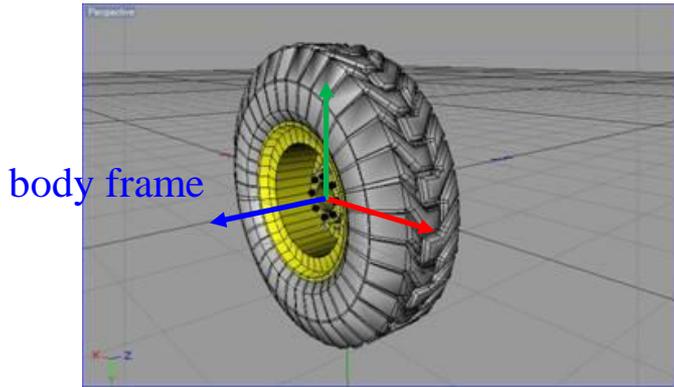


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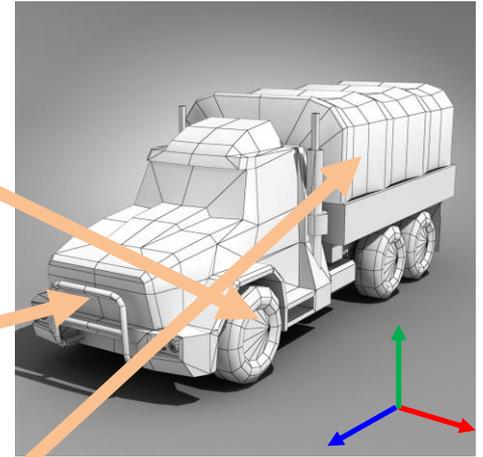
- An object is defined in the **object's body frame**.
- The modeling transformation (from object space to world space) is represented by the *modeling matrix*, **M**.
- This **M** is a composite affine transformations that we've covered so far.



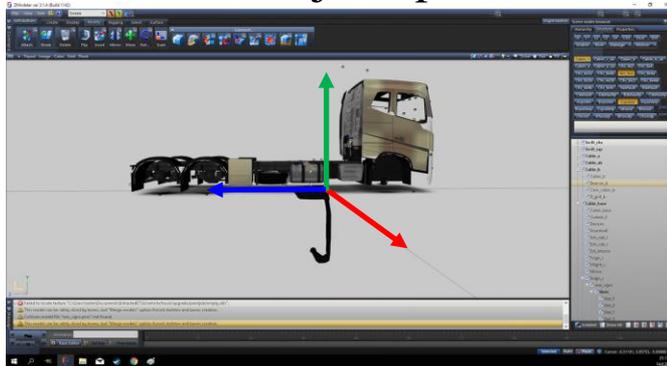
Wheel object space



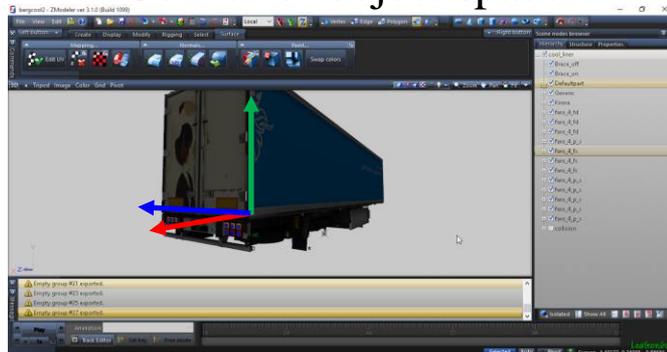
World space



Cab object space



Container object space



M^{wheel}

M^{cab}

$M^{container}$

Quiz 1

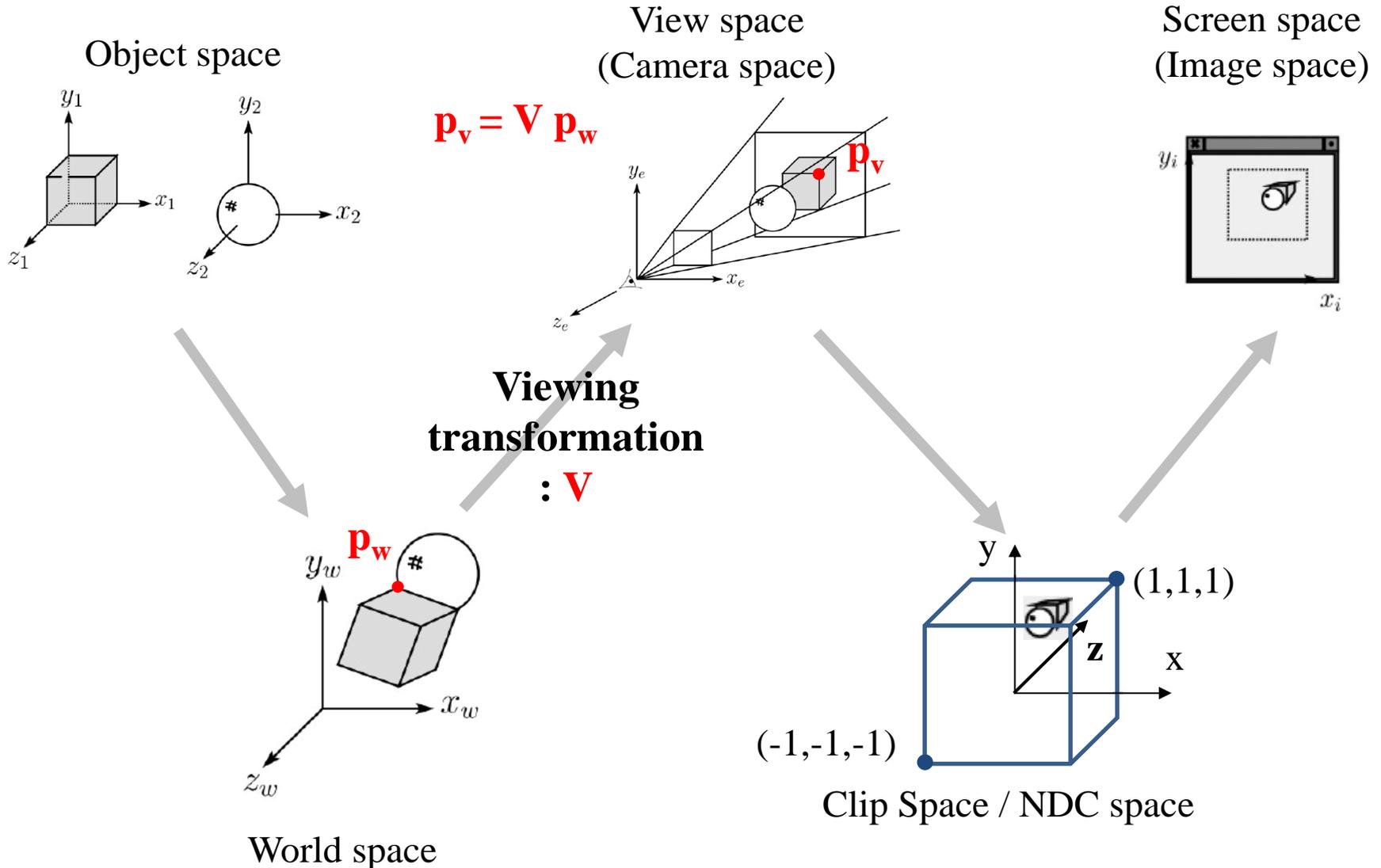
- Go to <https://www.slido.com/>
- Join #cg-ys
- Click "Polls"

- Submit your answer in the following format:
 - **Student ID: Your answer**
 - e.g. **2021123456: 4.0**

- Note that your quiz answer must be submitted **in the above format** to be counted for attendance.

Viewing Transformation

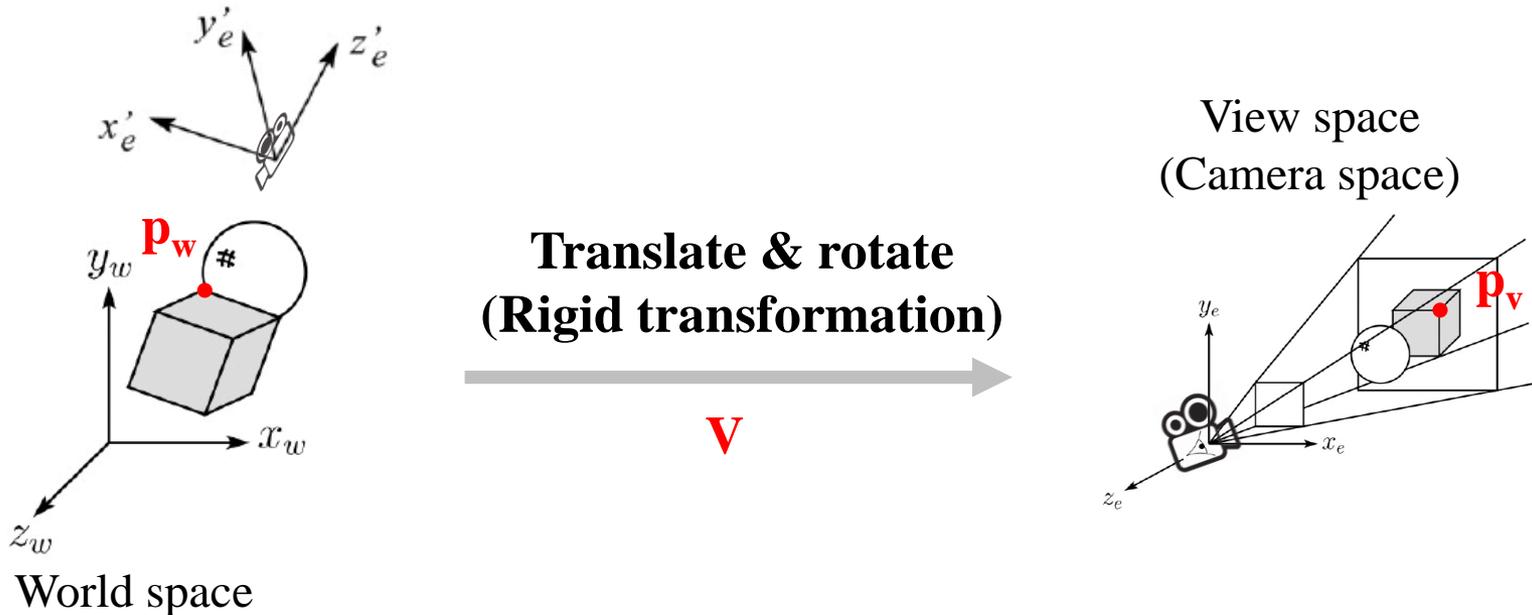
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Recall that...

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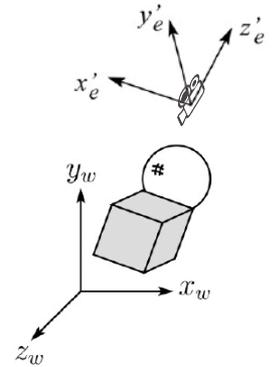
Viewing Transformation



- The viewing transformation (from world space to view space) is represented by the *viewing matrix*, V .
- This is a rigid transformation.

Viewing Transformation

- Goal: Expressing all object vertices in the camera's coordinate system (*camera frame*).
- To do that, we need to define the *camera frame* (w.r.t. world frame).
- Defining the *camera frame* is the same as determining *the position and orientation of the camera*.



Defining Camera Frame 1 - "LookAt"

- Many ways to specify the camera's position & orientation.
- One intuitive method is "*lookat*" function that uses:

- **Eye point**

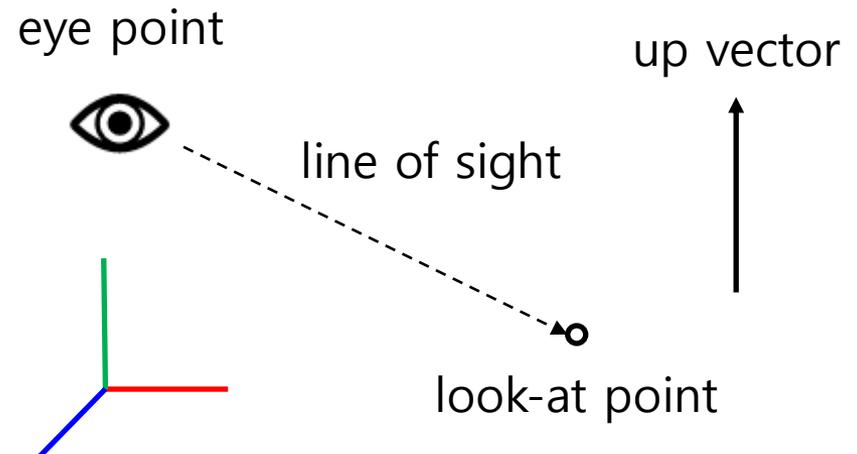
- Camera position

- **Look-at point**

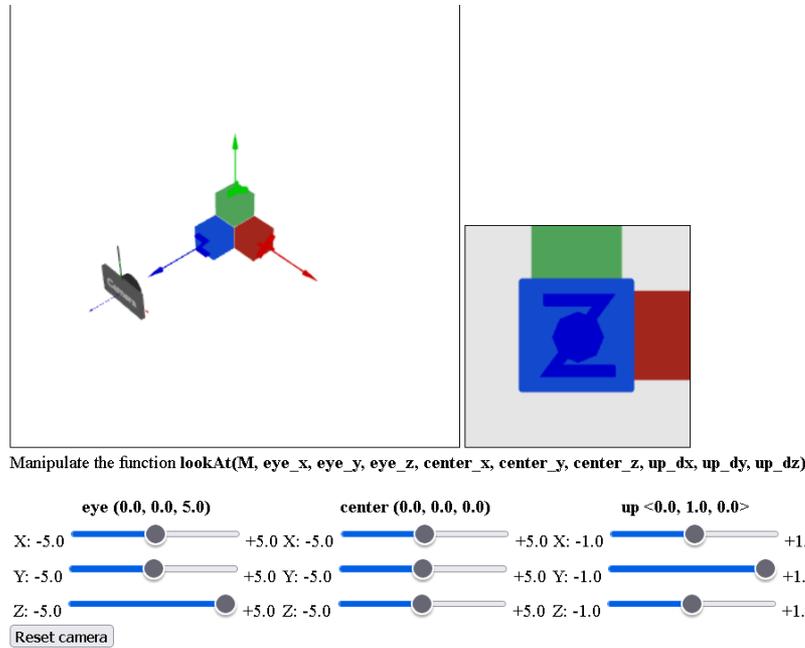
- Camera target position

- **Up vector**

- Roughly defines which direction is *up*



[Demo] LookAt Function

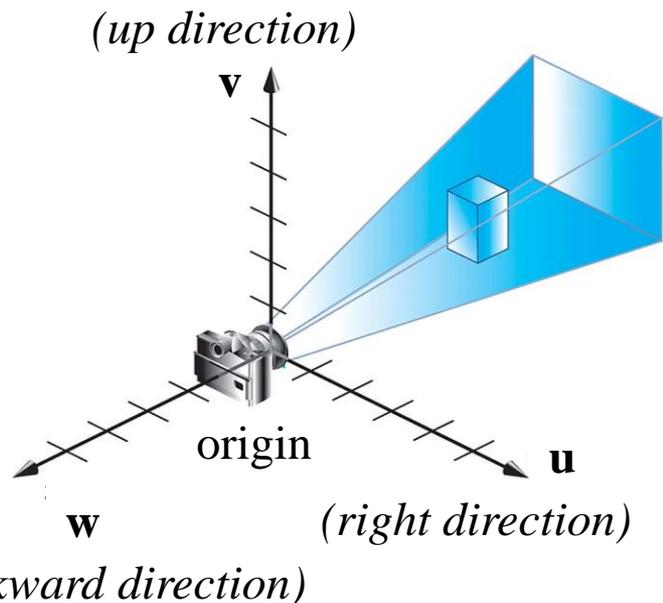


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- Observe the 3D scene (left) and rendered view (right) while changing eye, center, up by dragging sliders.

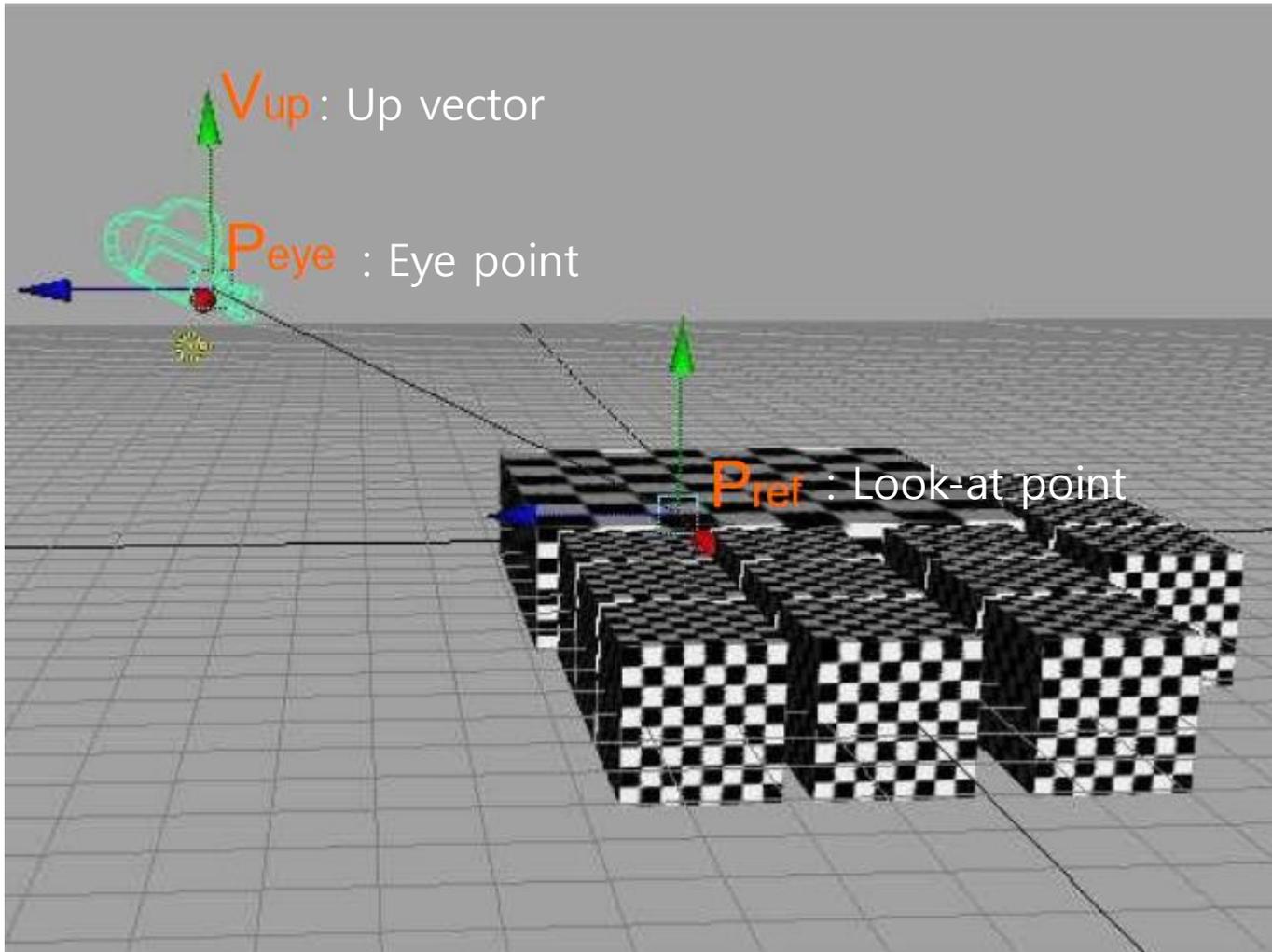
Defining Camera Frame 1 - "LookAt"

- From the given **eye point**, **look-at point**, **up vector**, we can compute the **camera frame**.
- Note that **u**, **v**, **w** are commonly used for camera coordinates axes instead of x, y, z.



- To define the camera frame, we need to find:
- **u**, **v**, **w** vectors
- **origin** point

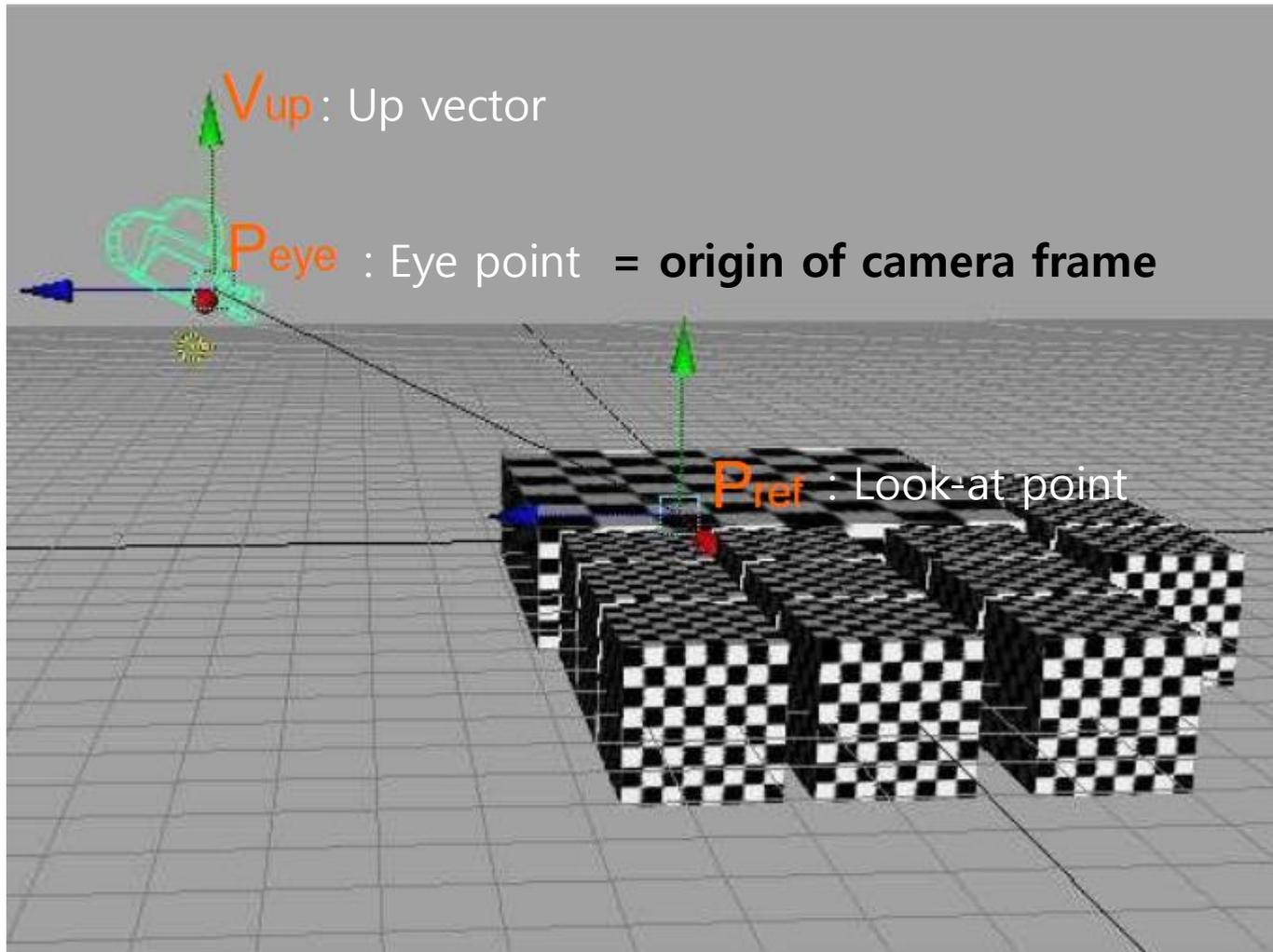
Given Eye point, Look-at point, Up vector,



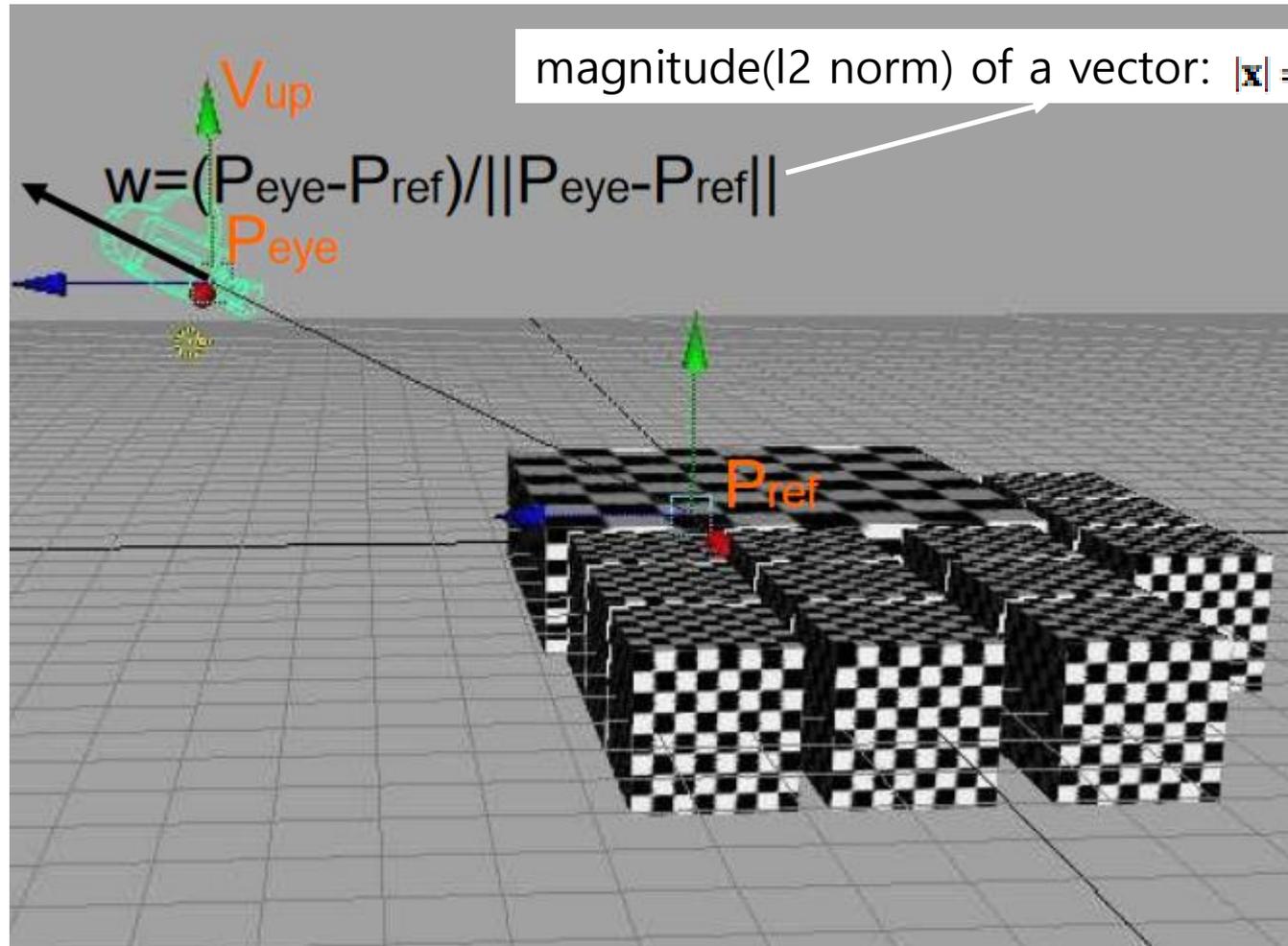
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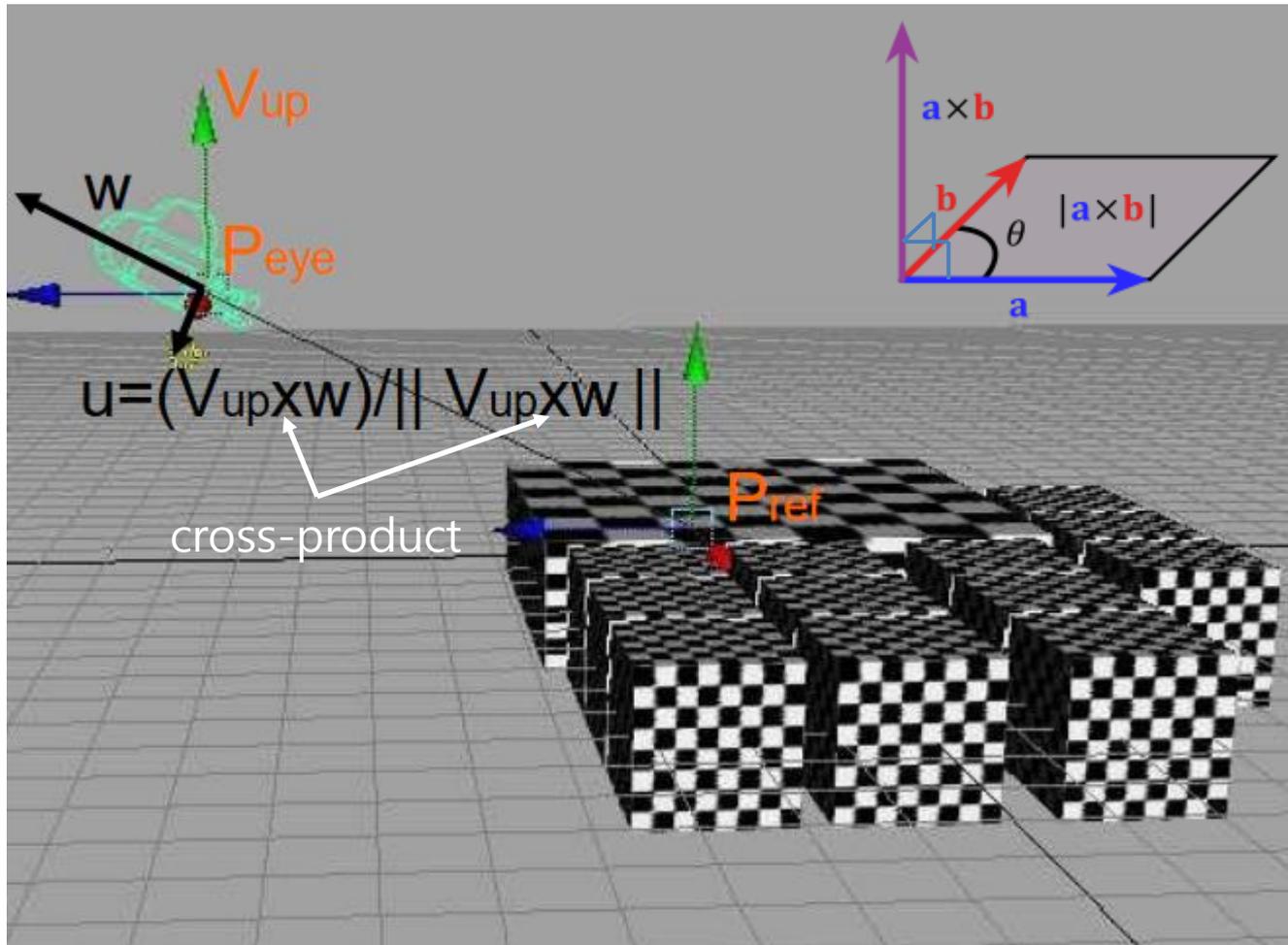
Getting origin point



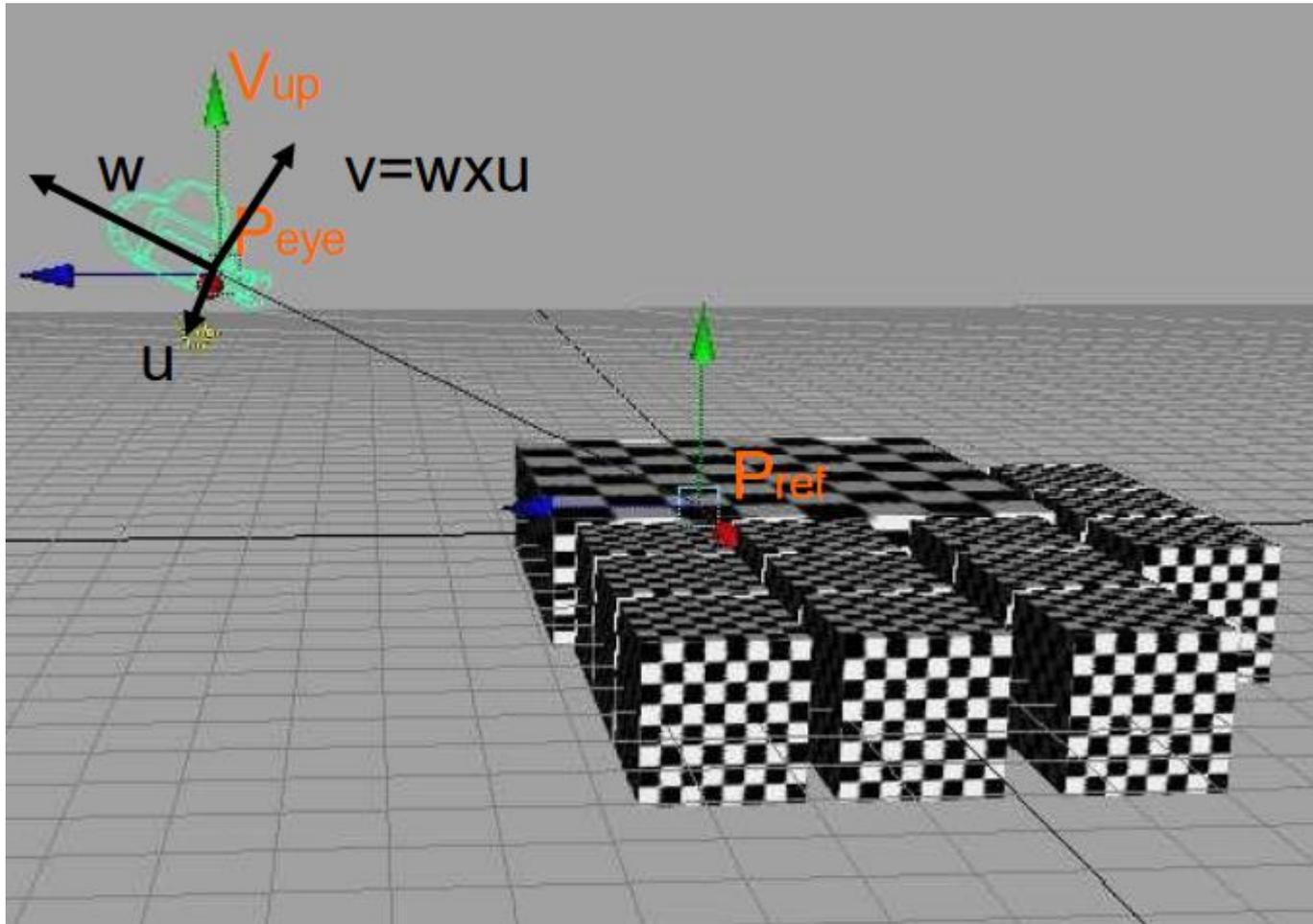
Getting “w” axis vector



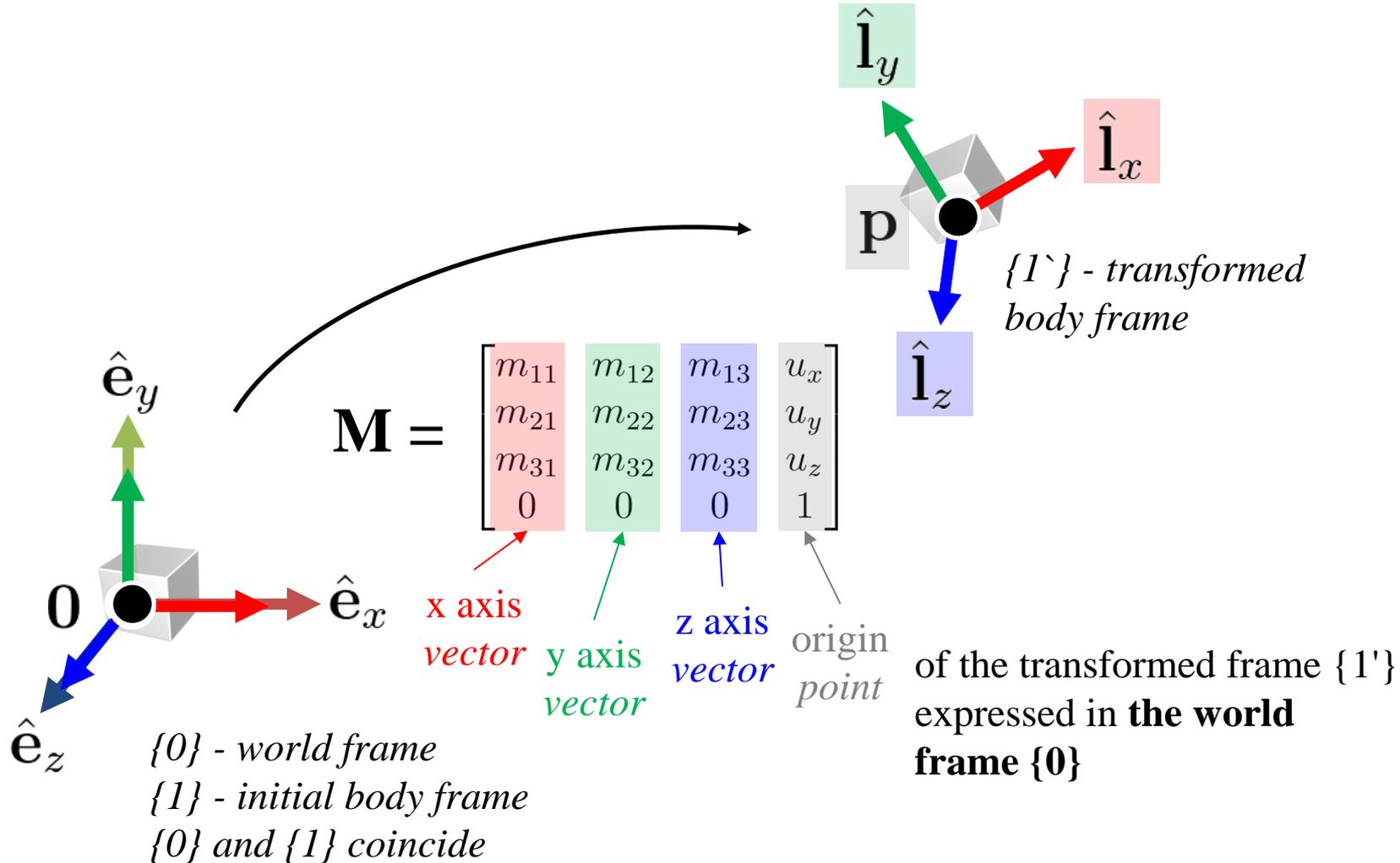
Getting “u” axis vector



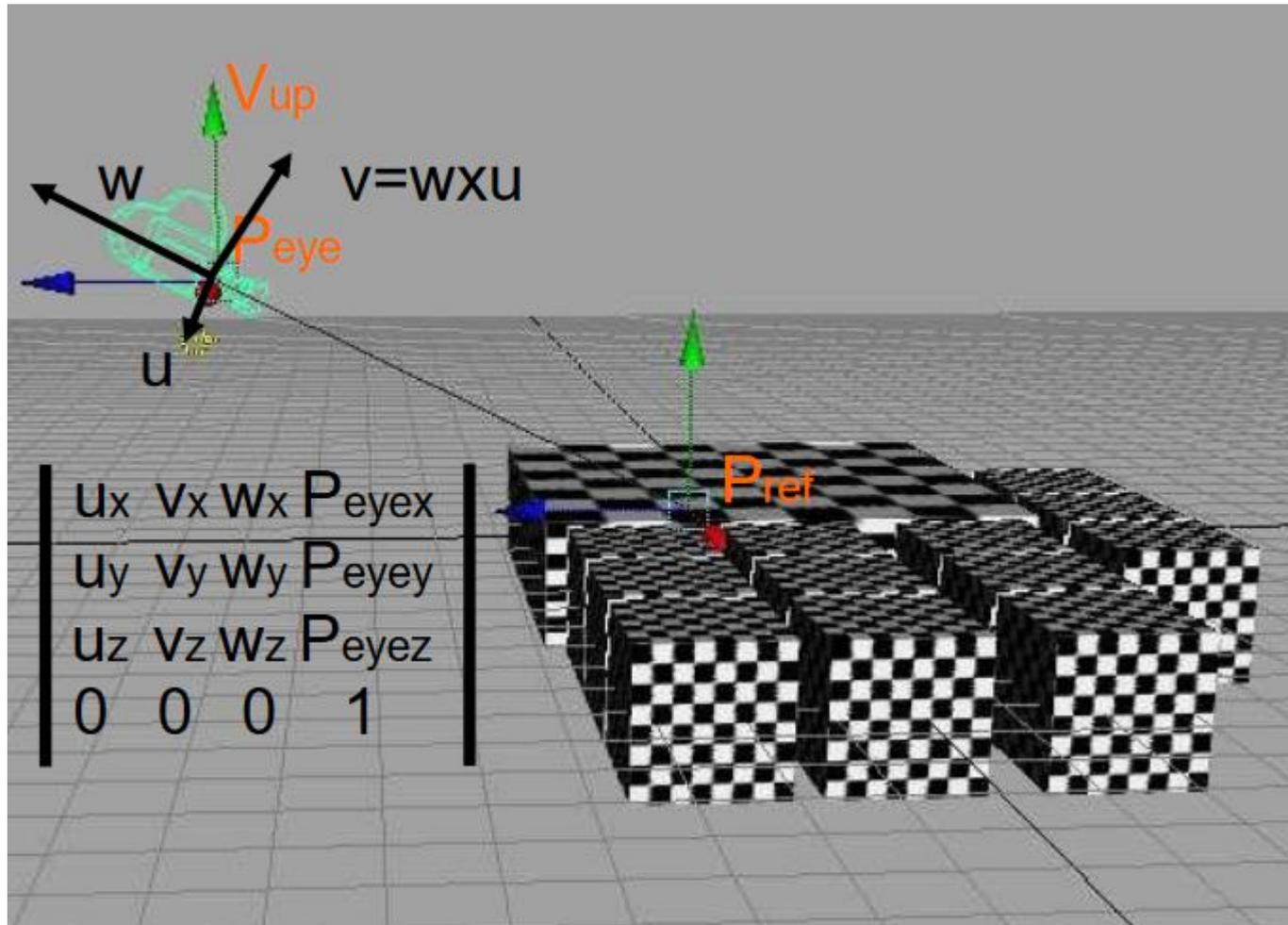
Getting “v” axis vector



Recall: 2) Affine Transformation Matrix defines an Affine Frame w.r.t. World Frame

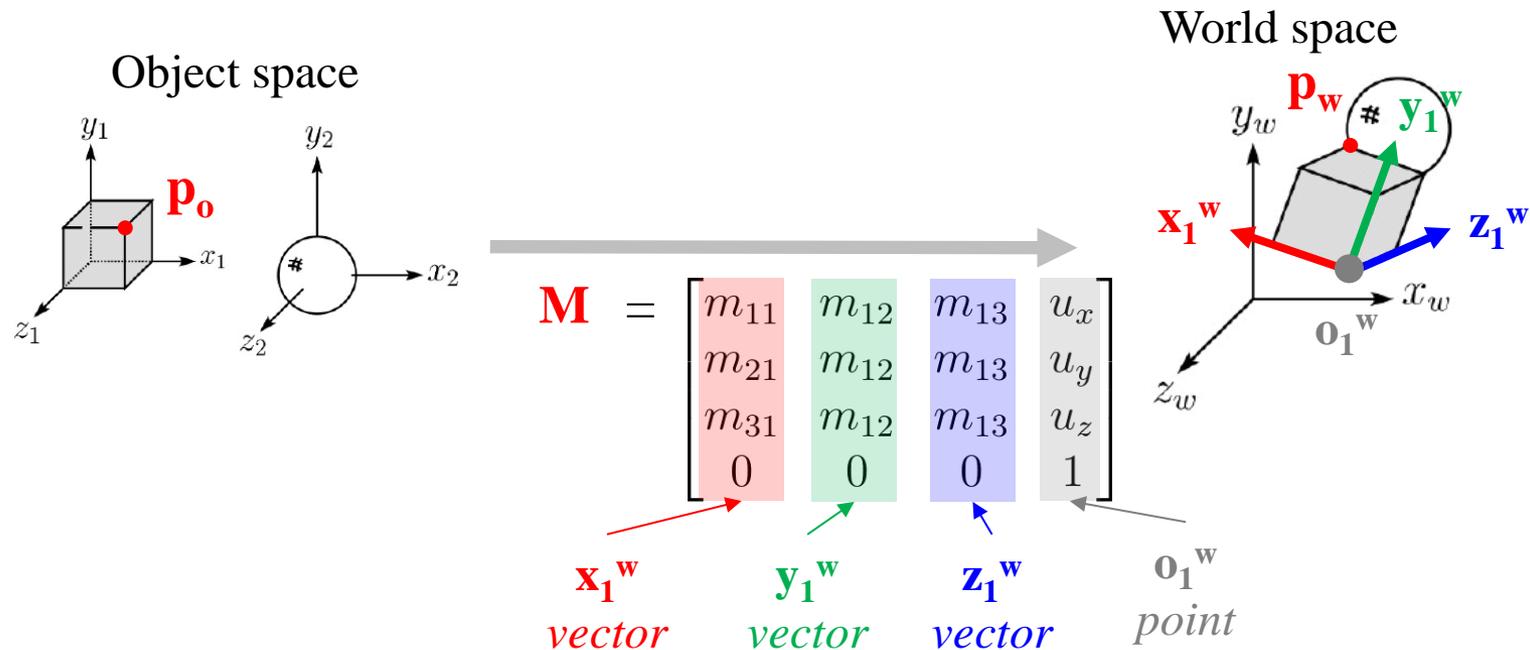


Thus, the Camera Frame is defined by



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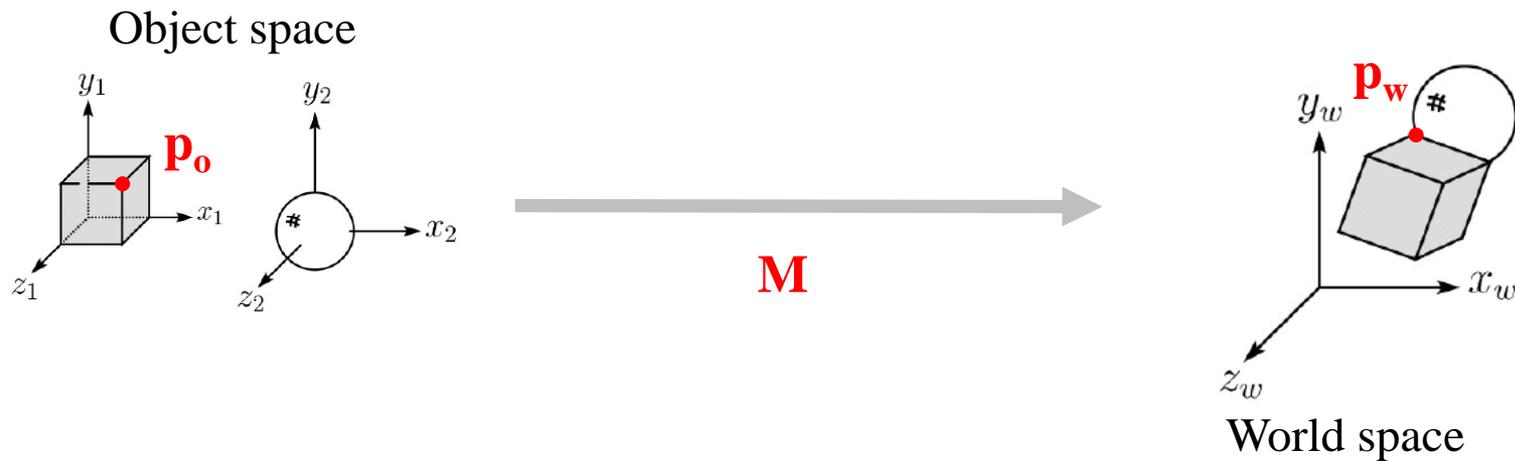
- Recall the modeling transformation:



: The axis vectors and origin point of the **object's body frame represented in the world frame**

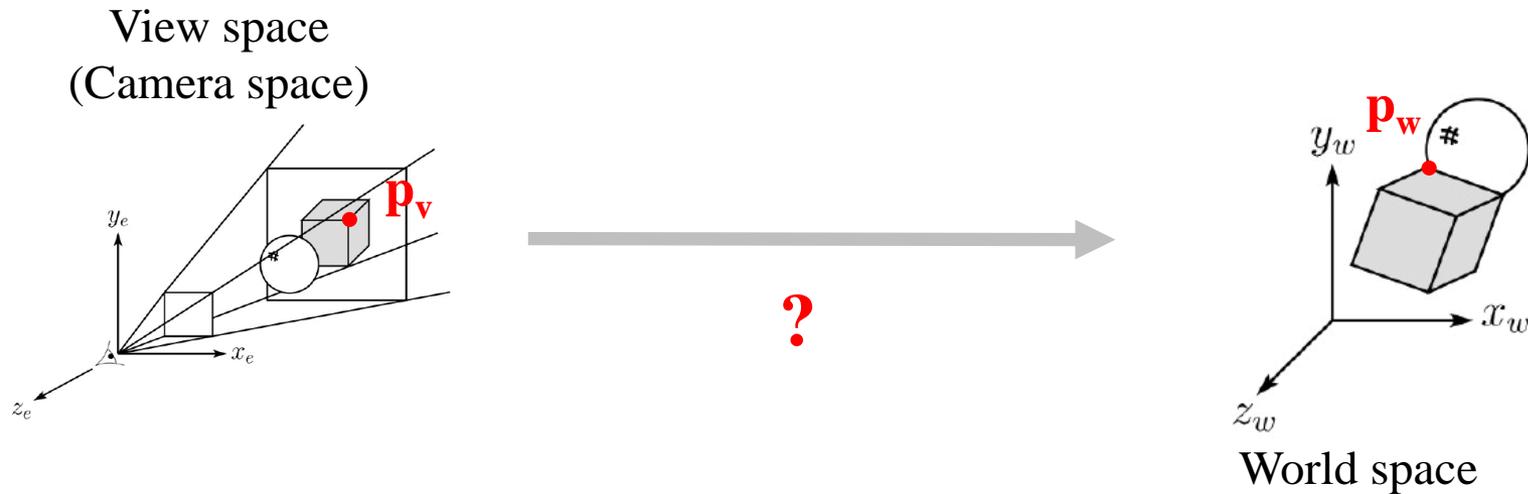
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- If we replace *object space* to *camera space*, what should be the transformation matrix?



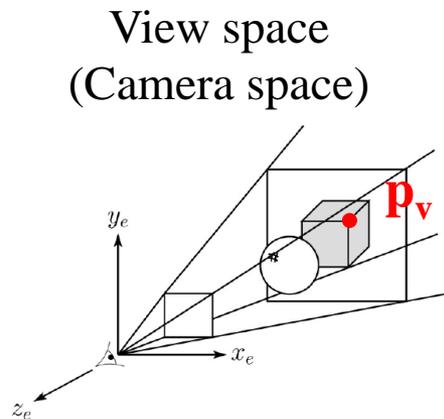
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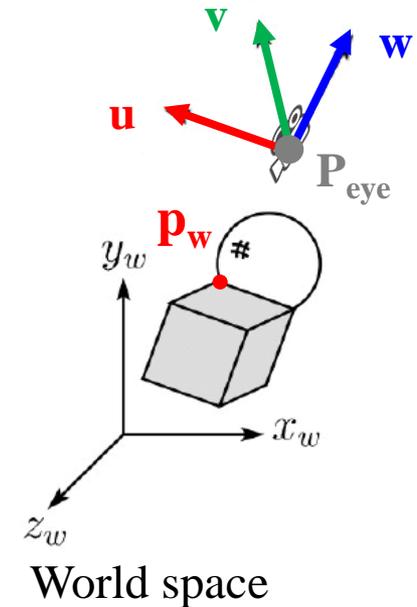


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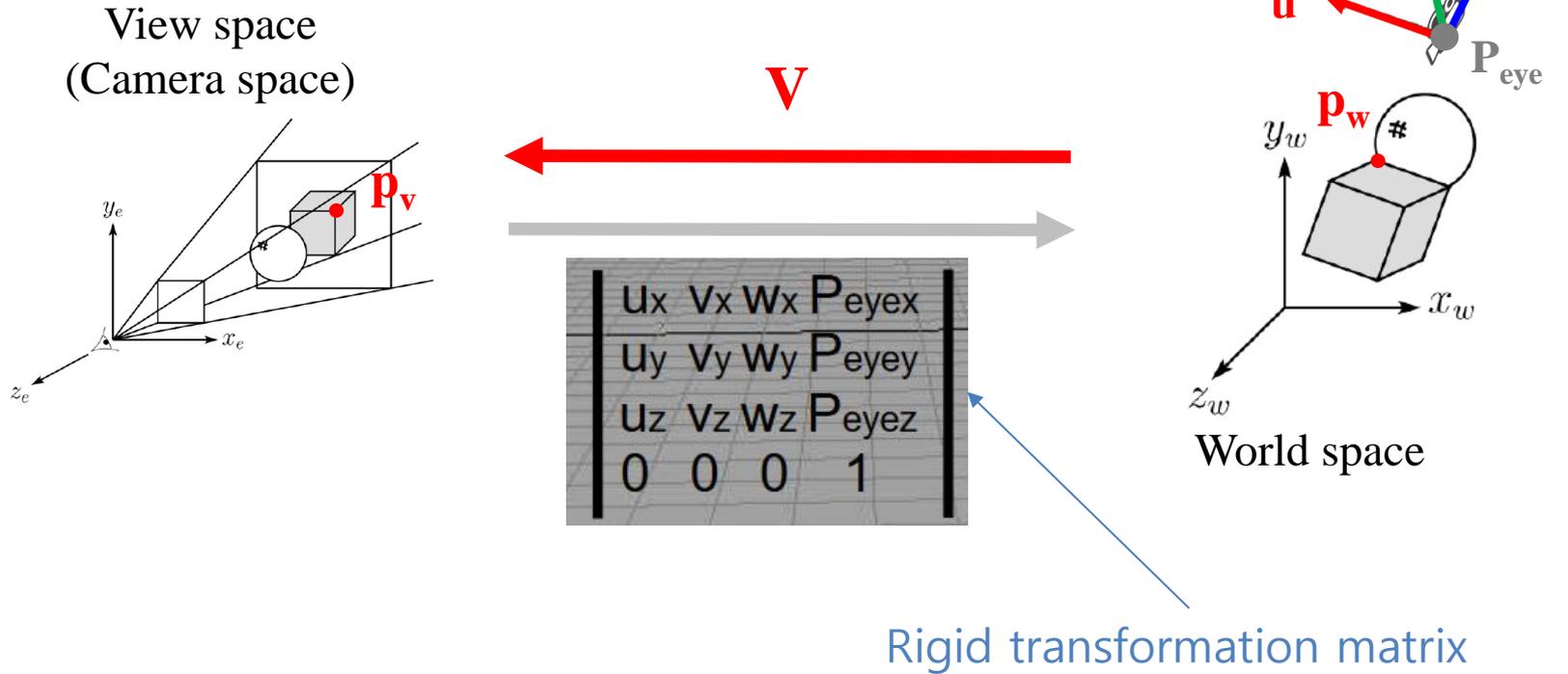


$$\begin{bmatrix} U_x & V_x & W_x & P_{eye_x} \\ U_y & V_y & W_y & P_{eye_y} \\ U_z & V_z & W_z & P_{eye_z} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



: The axis vectors and origin point of the **camera frame** represented in the world frame

Viewing Transformation is the Opposite Direction



$$V = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & v_x & w_x & P_{eye_x} \\ u_y & v_y & w_y & P_{eye_y} \\ u_z & v_z & w_z & P_{eye_z} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

Inverting Rigid Transformation Matrix

(R : 3×3 rotation matrix, \mathbf{t} : 3×1 translation vector)

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} R & \mathbf{t} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & -R^T \mathbf{t} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- For our camera frame matrix,

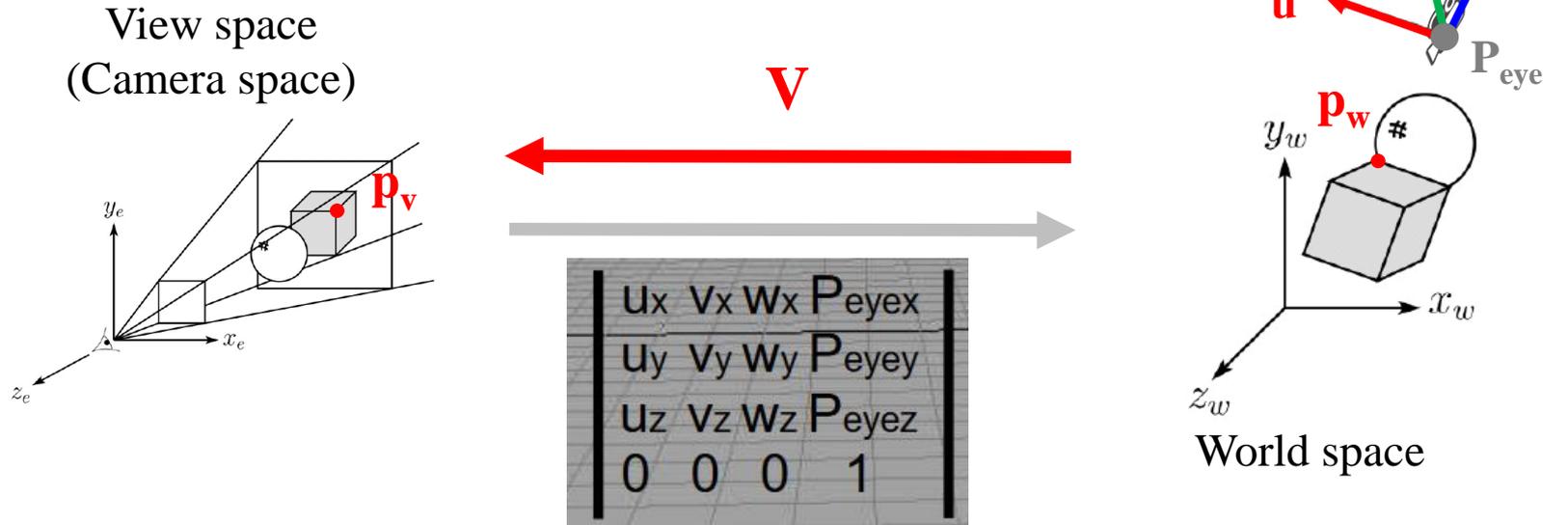
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & v_x & w_x \\ u_y & v_y & w_y \\ u_z & v_z & w_z \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{eyex} \\ P_{eyey} \\ P_{eyez} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\Rightarrow R^T = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-R^T \cdot \mathbf{t} = - \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{eyex} \\ P_{eyey} \\ P_{eyez} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{t}) \\ -(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}) \\ -(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{t}) \end{bmatrix}$$

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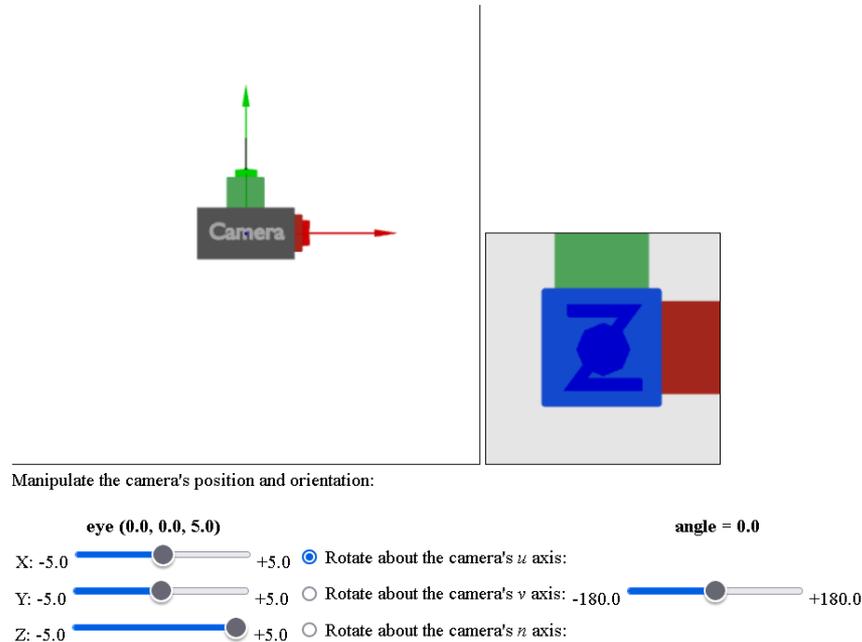


$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & v_x & w_x & P_{eyex} \\ u_y & v_y & w_y & P_{eyey} \\ u_z & v_z & w_z & P_{eyez} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z & -\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{eye} \\ v_x & v_y & v_z & -\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{eye} \\ w_x & w_y & w_z & -\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{eye} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Defining Camera Frame 2 - Translate & Rotate

- "LookAt" is not the only way to specify the camera's position and orientation.
- You can just "translate" and "rotate" the camera instead.
- The camera frame is then just defined by these rigid transformation matrices.

[Demo] Translate & Rotate Camera

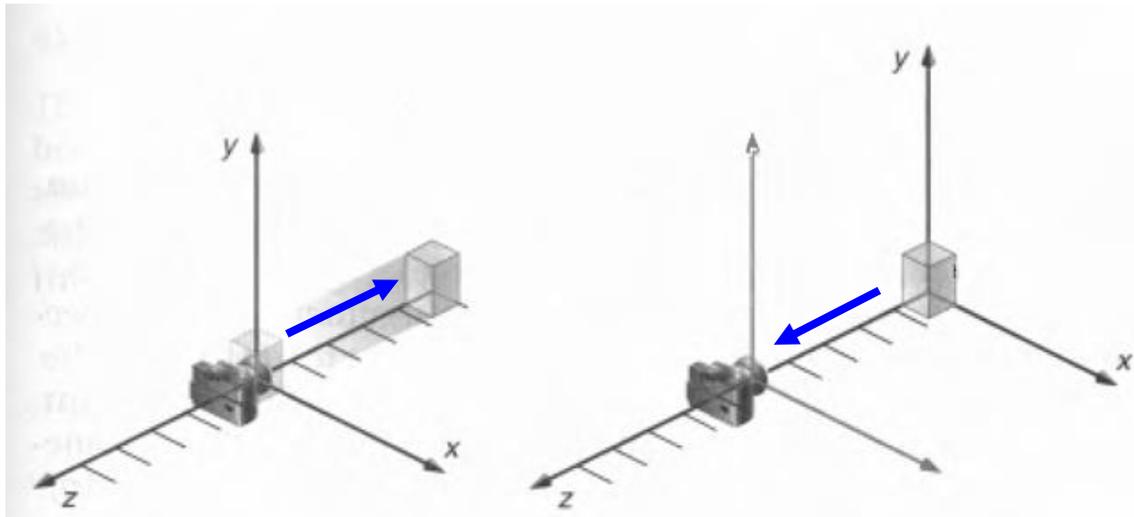


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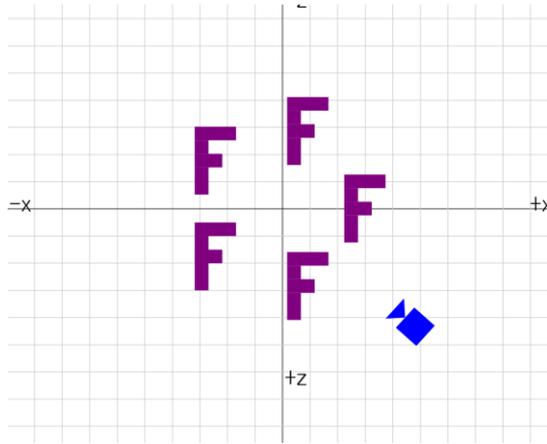
- Observe the 3D scene (left) and rendered view (right) while translating the camera with "eye" sliders and rotating it with axis selection and "angle" slider.

Moving Camera vs. Moving World

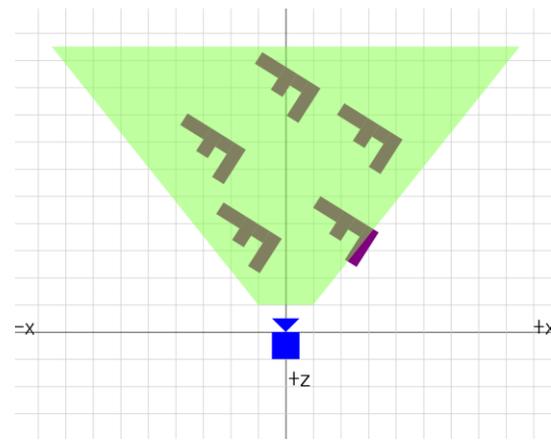
- Actually, these are two **equivalent operations**.
- Translate camera by $(1, 0, 2)$ \implies Translate world by $(-1, 0, -2)$
- Rotate camera by 60° about y \implies Rotate world by -60° about y



[Demo] Moving Camera vs. Moving World



<https://webgls.org/webgl/lessons/resources/camera-move-camera.html?mode=0>



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- (Left) Moving camera
- (Center) Moving world

Lab Session

- Now, let's start the lab today.