OPENGL - VIEWING

2.6 Viewing

The default viewing conditions in computer image formation are similar to the settings on a basic camera with a fixed lens

The Orthographic view

• Direction of Projection : When image plane is fixed and the camera is moved far from the plane, the projectors become parallel and the COP becomes "direction of projection"

OpenGL Camera

- OpenGL places a camera at the origin in object space pointing in the negative z direction
- The default viewing volume is a box centered at the origin with a side of length 2



Orthographic view

In the default orthographic view, points are projected forward along the z axis onto the plane



Transformations and Viewing

- The pipeline architecture depends on multiplying together a number of transformation matrices to achieve the desired image of a primitive.
- Two important matrices :
 - Model-view
 - Projection
- The values of these matrices are part of the state of the system.

In OpenGL, projection is carried out by a projection matrix (transformation)

There is only one set of transformation functions so we must set the matrix mode first

glMatrixMode (GL_PROJECTION)

Transformation functions are incremental so we start with an identity matrix and alter it with a projection matrix that gives the view volume

glLoadIdentity();

glOrtho(-1.0, 1.0, -1.0, 1.0, -1.0, 1.0);

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