

# Camera Models

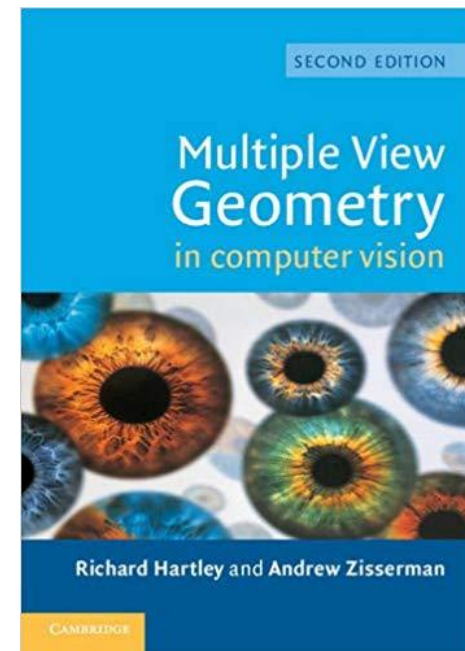
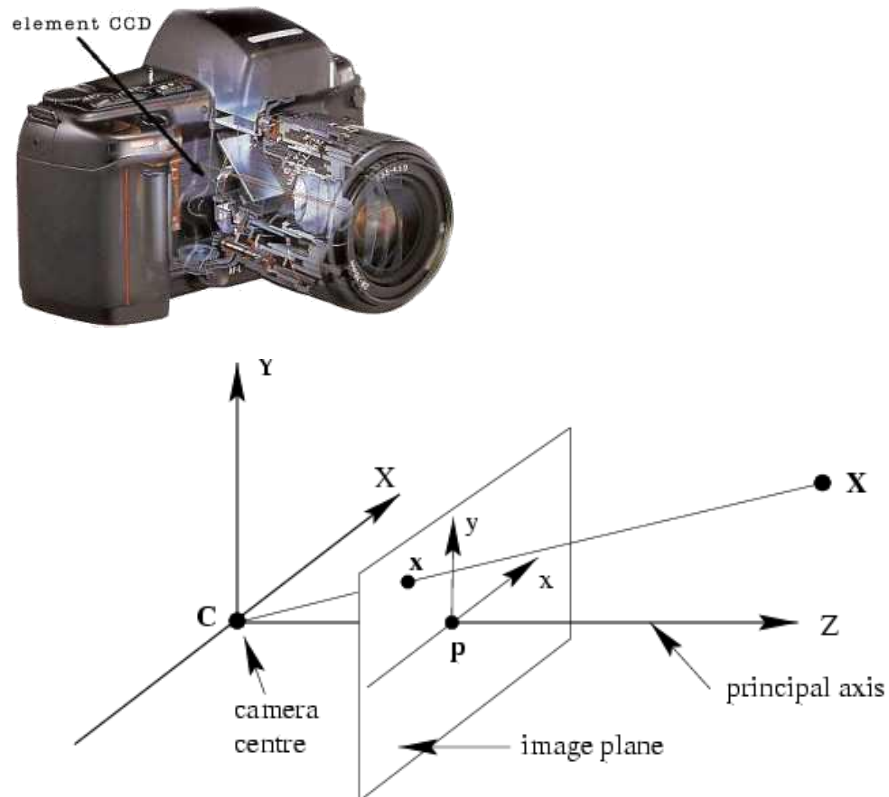
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# Outline

- Camera models



[Slides credit: Marc Pollefeys]

# Camera Obscura: the Pre-Camera

- First idea: Mo-Ti, China (470BC to 390BC)
- First built: Alhazen, Iraq/Egypt (965 to 1039AD)

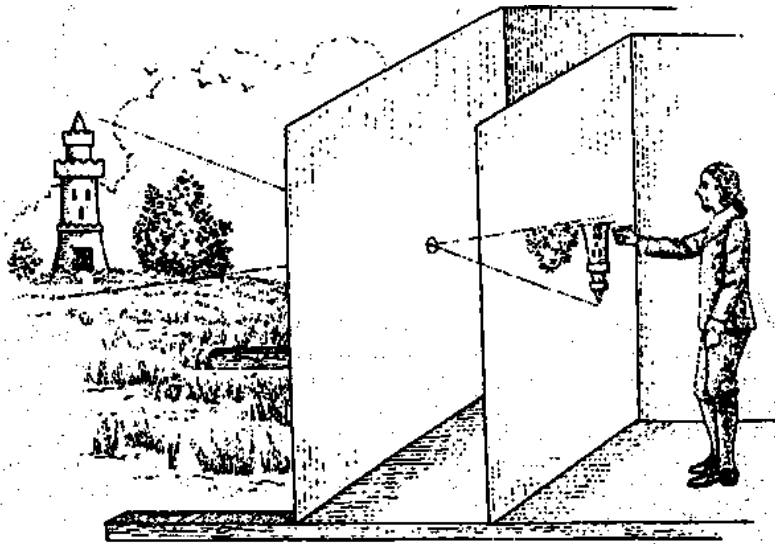


Illustration of Camera Obscura



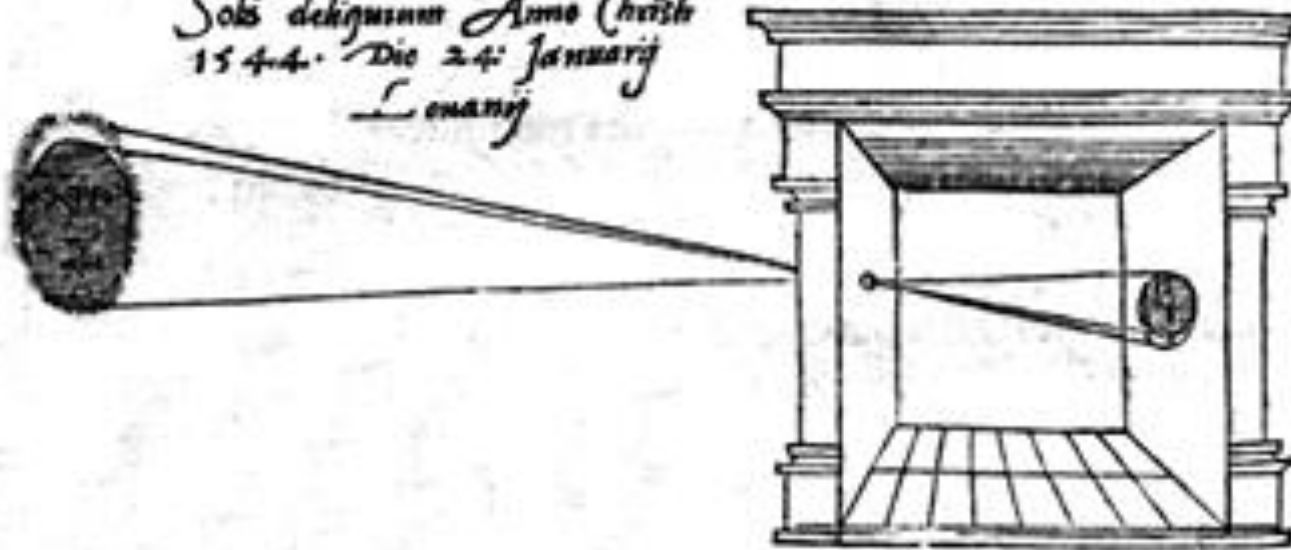
Freestanding camera obscura at UNC Chapel Hill

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# Camera Obscura

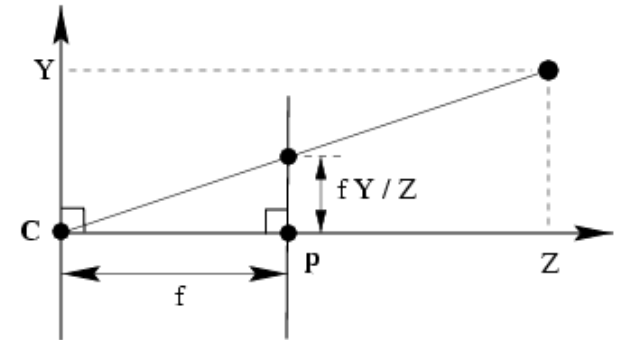
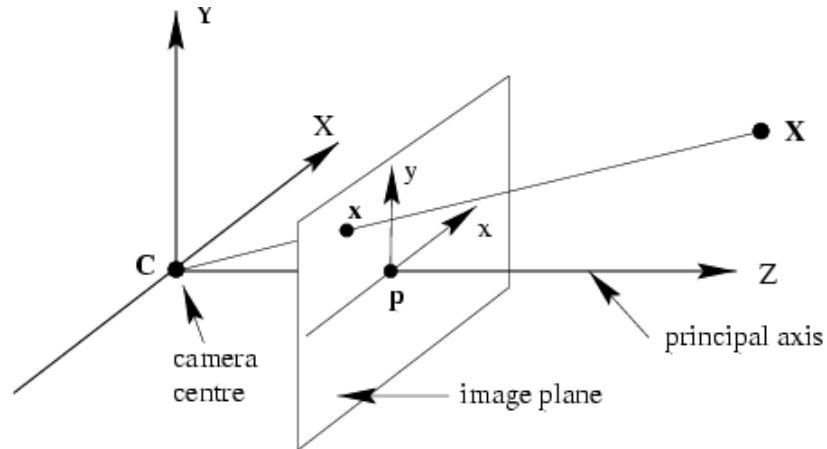
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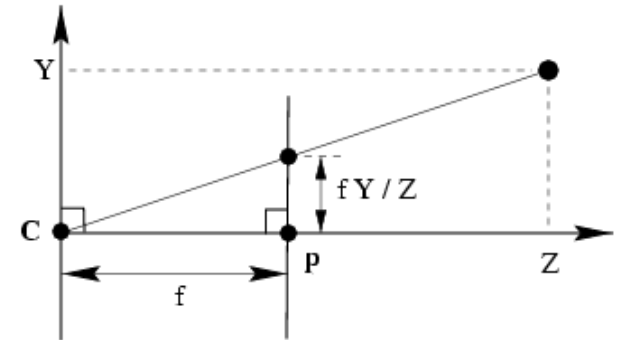
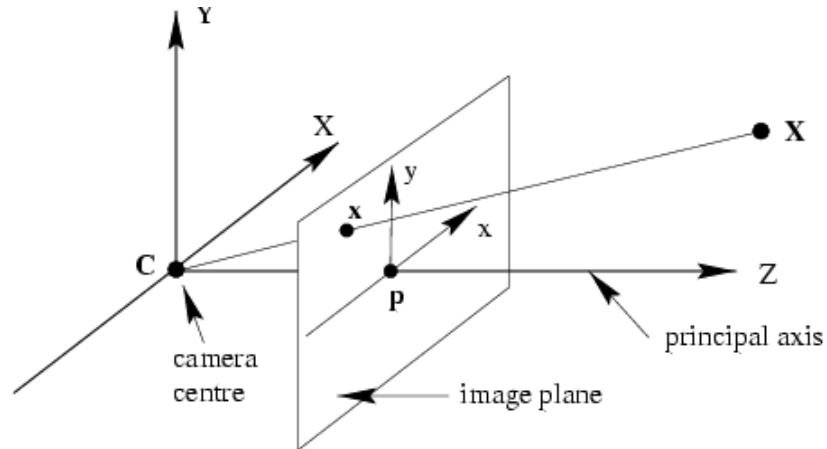
# Pinhole Camera Model



$$(X, Y, Z)^T \mapsto (fX / Z, fY / Z)^T$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} fX \\ fY \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 \\ f & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Pinhole Camera Model

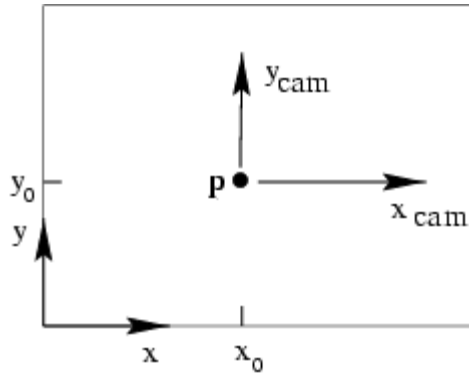


$$\begin{pmatrix} fX \\ fY \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & & & \\ & f & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \text{diag}(f, f, 1) [\mathbf{I} \mid 0]$$

# Principal Point Offset

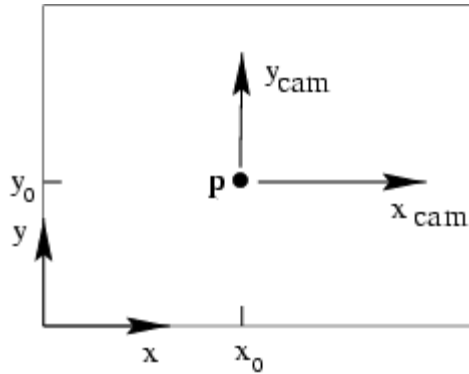


$$(X, Y, Z)^T \mapsto (fX / Z + p_x, fY / Z + p_y)^T$$

$$(p_x, p_y)^T \text{ principal point}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} fX + Zp_x \\ fY + Zp_y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & p_x & 0 \\ & f & p_y & 0 \\ & & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Principal Point Offset



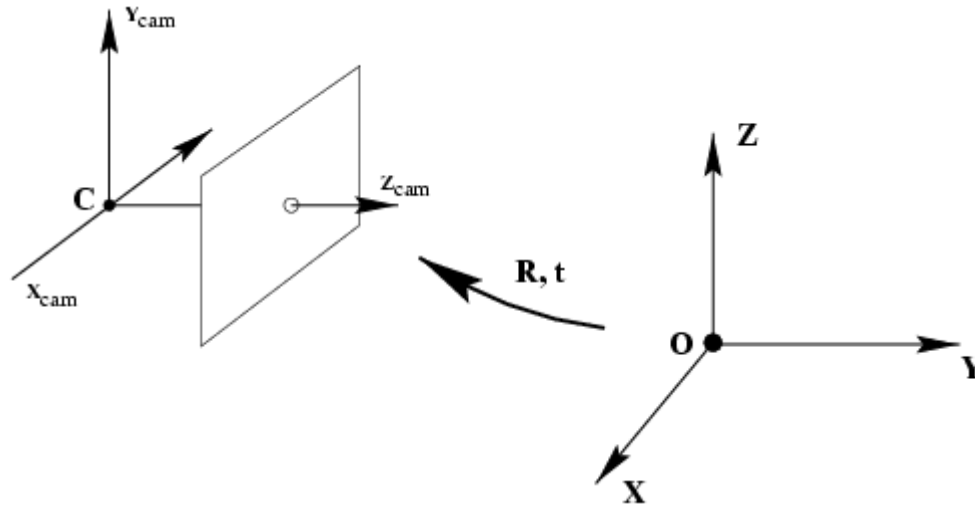
$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}]\mathbf{X}_{\text{cam}}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & & p_x \\ & f & p_y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calibration Matrix



# Camera Rotation and Translation

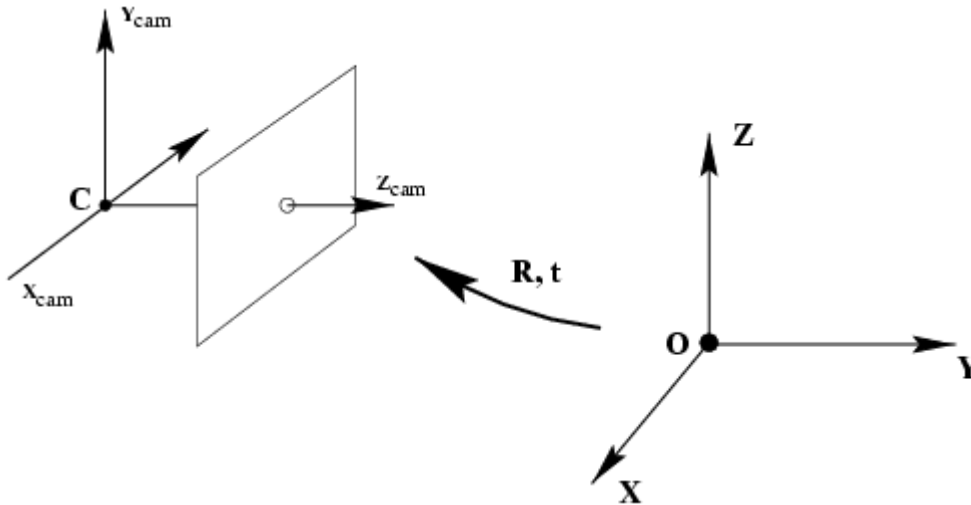


$$\tilde{X}_{cam} = R(\tilde{X} - \tilde{C})$$

$$X_{cam} = \begin{bmatrix} R & -R\tilde{C} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & -R\tilde{C} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X$$

$$x = K[I \mid 0]X_{cam}$$

# Camera Rotation and Translation



$$x = KR[I \mid -\tilde{C}]X$$

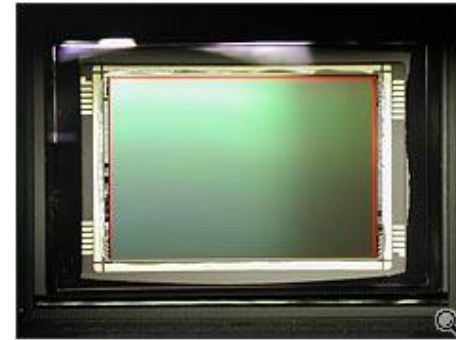
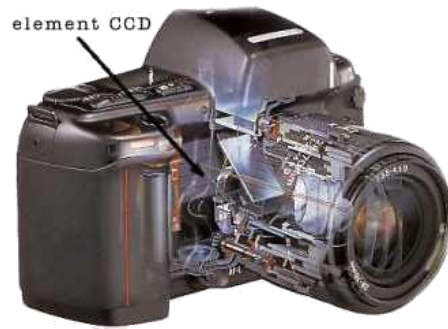
$$x = PX$$

$$P = K[R \mid t] \quad t = -R\tilde{C}$$

Internal Camera Parameter  
Internal Orientation  
**Intrinsic Matrix**

External Camera Parameter  
Exterior Orientation  
**Extrinsic Matrix**

# CCD Camera



Non-square pixels  $\rightarrow$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} m_x & & \\ & m_y & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f & p_x \\ f & p_y \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_x & & p_x \\ & \alpha_y & p_y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Finite Projective Camera

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_x & s & p_x \\ & \alpha_x & p_y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} s: \text{skew parameter,} \\ =0 \text{ for most normal cameras} \end{array}$$

$$P = \underbrace{KR}_{\text{non-singular}} [I \mid -\tilde{C}] \quad 11 \text{ dof } (5+3+3)$$

non-singular

decompose P in K,R,C?

$$P = [M \mid p_4] \quad [K, R] = RQ(M) \quad \tilde{C} = -M^{-1}p_4$$

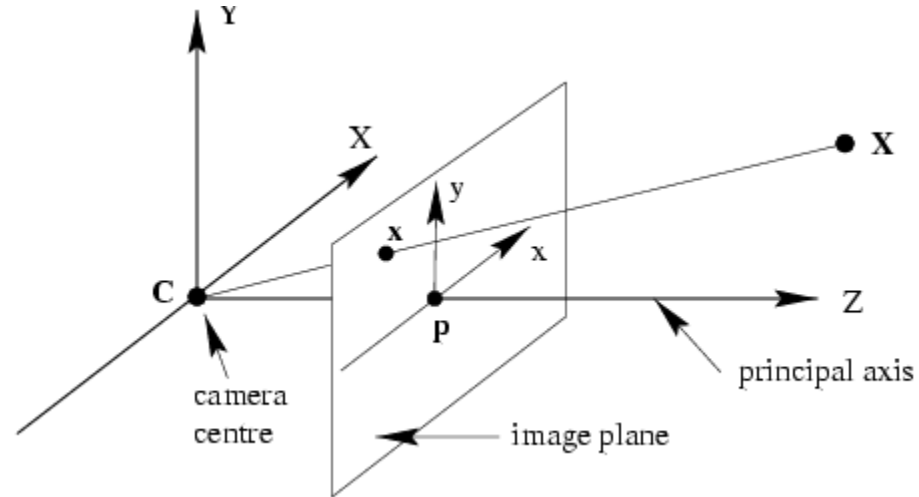
$P_4$ : Last column of P

$$\{\text{finite cameras}\} = \{P_{4 \times 3} \mid \det M \neq 0\}$$

If rank P=3, but rank M<3, then camera at infinity

# Camera Anatomy

- Camera center
- Column points
- Principal plane
- Axis plane
- Principal point
- Principal ray



# Camera Center

Camera Center (C): Null-space of camera projection matrix

$$PC = 0$$

Proof:  $X = \lambda A + (1 - \lambda)C$

$$x = PX = \lambda PA + (1 - \lambda)PC$$

For all A, all points on AC are projected on the same image point PA, therefore C is the camera center

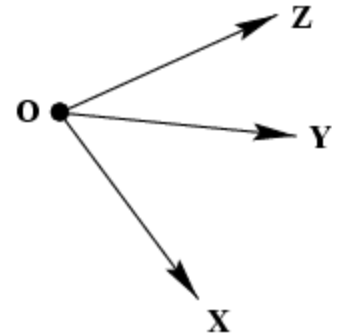
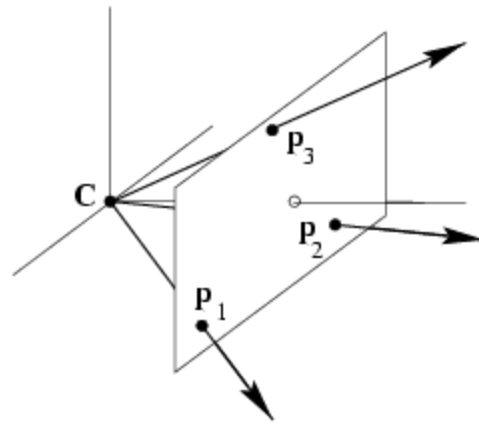
Image of camera center is  $(0,0,0)^T$ , i.e. undefined

Finite cameras:  $C = \begin{pmatrix} -M^{-1}p_4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Infinite cameras:  $C = \begin{pmatrix} d \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, Md = 0$  The camera center is a point at infinity

# Column Vectors

$$[p_2] = [p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$p_1, p_2, p_3$ : vanishing points of the world coordinate X, Y, and Z axes  
 Image points corresponding to X,Y,Z directions and origin

$p_4$  is the image of the world origin

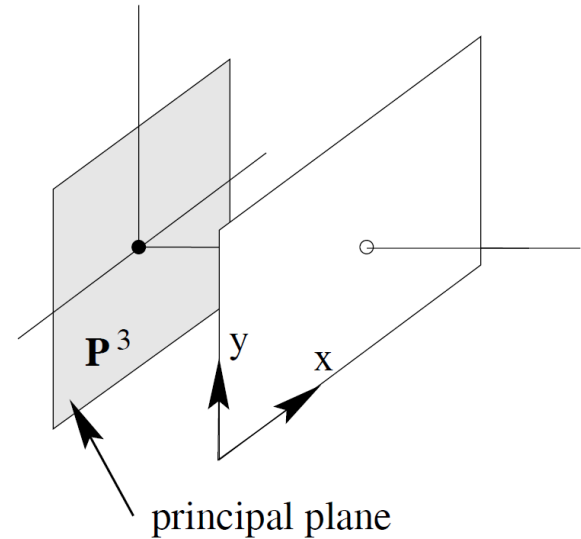
# Row Vectors

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{1\top} \\ \mathbf{P}^{2\top} \\ \mathbf{P}^{3\top} \end{bmatrix}$$

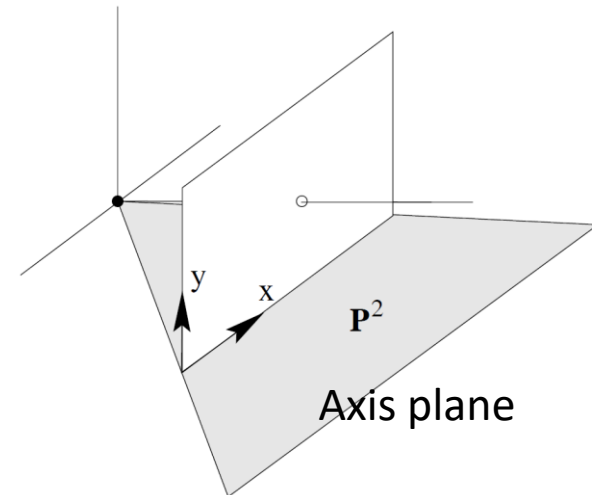


# Row Vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p^1{}^T \\ p^2{}^T \\ p^3{}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

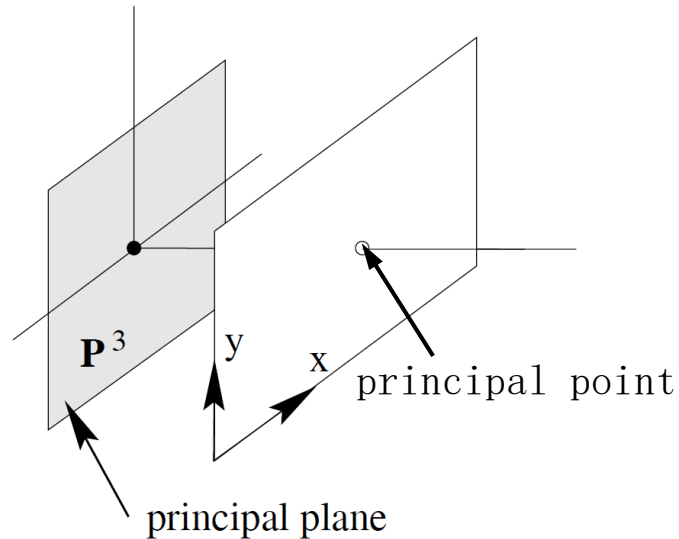


$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p^1{}^T \\ p^2{}^T \\ p^3{}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



note:  $p^1, p^2$  dependent on image reparametrization

# The Principal Point



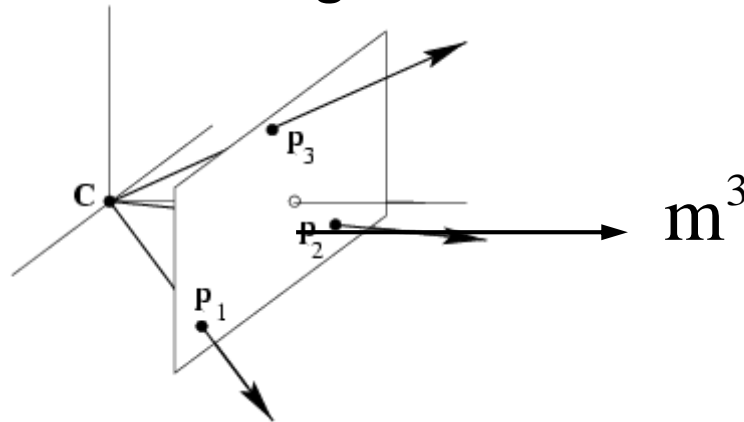
A green shaded plane, labeled  $\infty$ , is shown. A point on this plane is labeled  $\hat{p}^3$ . The point is defined by the equation:

$$\hat{p}^3 = \underbrace{(p_{31}, p_{32}, p_{33}, 0)}_{m^3}$$

$$x_0 = P\hat{p}^3 = Mm^3$$

# The Principal Axis Vector

vector defining front side of camera



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}_{\text{cam}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{cam}} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}] \mathbf{X}_{\text{cam}} \quad \mathbf{v} = \det(\mathbf{M}) \mathbf{m}^3 = (0, 0, 1)^T$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{cam}} \mapsto k \mathbf{P}_{\text{cam}}$$

$$\mathbf{v} \mapsto k^4 \mathbf{v}$$

(direction unaffected)

$$\mathbf{P} = k \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{I} \mid -\tilde{\mathbf{C}}] = [\mathbf{M} \mid \mathbf{p}_4] \quad \text{Direction unaffected because } \det(\mathbf{R}) > 0$$

The principal axis vector  $\mathbf{v} = \det(\mathbf{M}) \mathbf{m}^3$  is directed towards the front of the camera

# Action of Projective Camera on Point

## Forward projection

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D} = [\mathbf{M} \mid \mathbf{p}_4]\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{d}$$

$\mathbf{D}$ :  $(\mathbf{d}^\top, 0)^\top$  point at the plane at infinity

## Back-projection

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P}^+ \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{P}^+ = \mathbf{P}^\top (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^\top)^{-1} \quad \mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^+ = \mathbf{I}$$

(pseudo-inverse)

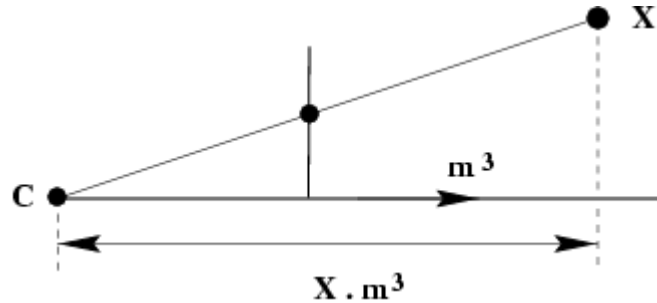
$$\mathbf{X}(\lambda) = \mathbf{P}^+ \mathbf{x} + \lambda \mathbf{C}$$

For finite camera

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{X}(\lambda) = \underbrace{\mu \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{D}} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p}_4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{C}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}^{-1} (\mu \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_4) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Depth of Points



$$w = P^3{}^T X = P^3{}^T (X - C) = m^3{}^T (\tilde{X} - \tilde{C})$$

(PC=0)                      (dot product)

If  $\det M > 0; \|m^3\| = 1$   
 then  $m^3$  unit vector in positive direction

$$\text{depth}(X; P) = \frac{\text{sign}(\det M) w}{T \|m^3\|}$$

$$X = (X, Y, Z, T)^T$$

# Camera Matrix Decomposition

Finding the camera center

$$PC = 0 \quad (\text{use SVD to find null-space})$$

$$X = \det([p_2, p_3, p_4]) \quad Y = -\det([p_1, p_3, p_4])$$

$$Z = \det([p_1, p_2, p_4]) \quad T = -\det([p_1, p_2, p_3])$$

Finding the camera orientation and  
internal parameters

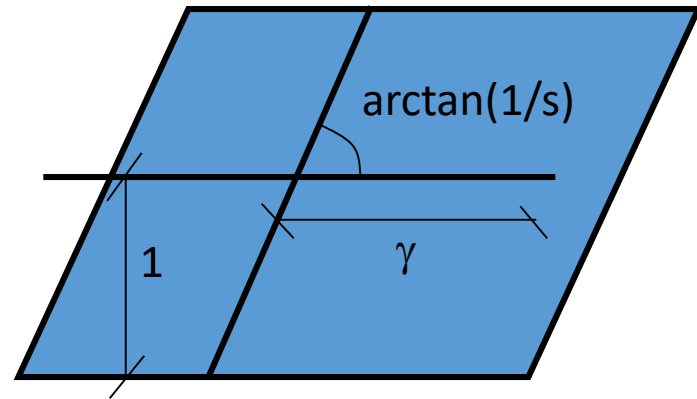
$$M = KR \quad (\text{use RQ decomposition } \sim QR)$$

(if only QR, invert)

$$\boxed{\phantom{M}} = \left( \boxed{Q} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline R \\ \hline \end{array} \right)^{-1} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline R^{-1} \\ \hline \end{array} \boxed{Q}^{-1}$$

# When is Skew Non-zero?

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_x & s & p_x \\ & \alpha_x & p_y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



for CCD/CMOS, always  $s=0$

Image from image,  $s \neq 0$  possible  
(non coinciding principal axis)

resulting camera: HP

# Cameras at Infinity

Camera center at infinity

$$\mathbf{P} \begin{bmatrix} d \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \det \mathbf{M} = 0$$

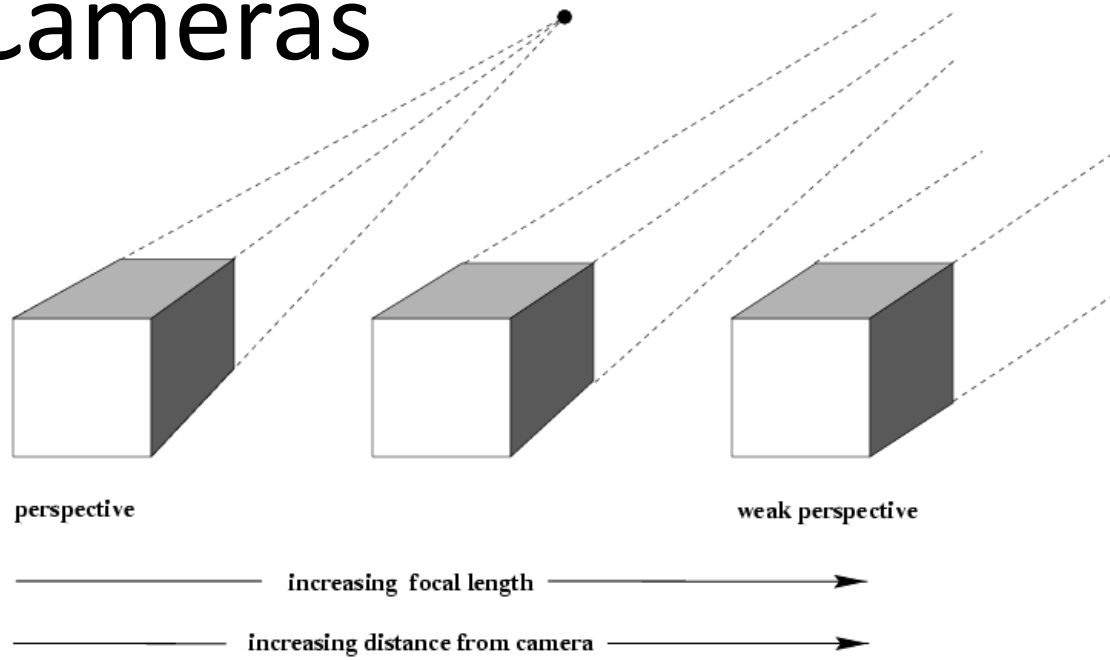
Affine and non-affine cameras

Definition: affine camera has  $\mathbf{P}^{3T} = (0, 0, 0, 1)$

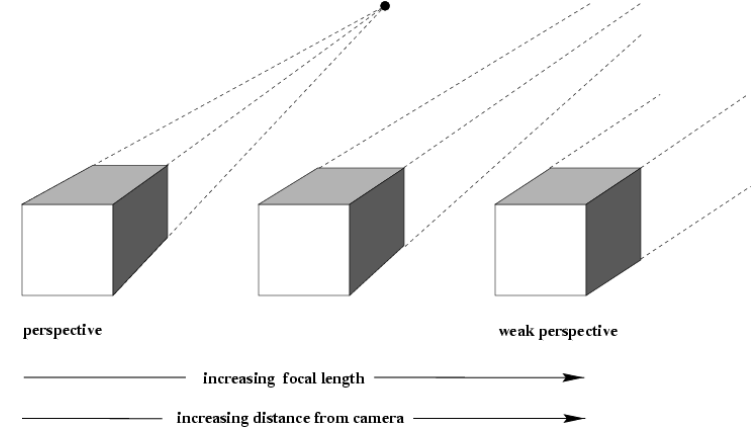
points at infinity are mapped to points at infinity



# Affine Cameras



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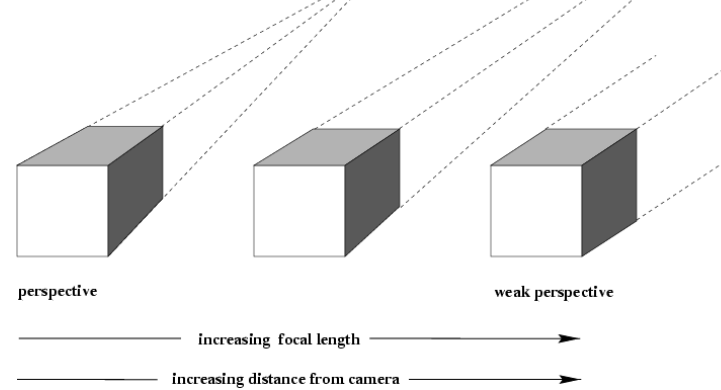
$$P_0 = KR[I \mid -\tilde{C}] = K \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}^{1T} & -\mathbf{r}^{1T} \tilde{C} \\ \mathbf{r}^{2T} & -\mathbf{r}^{2T} \tilde{C} \\ \mathbf{r}^{3T} & -\mathbf{r}^{3T} \tilde{C} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d_0 = -\mathbf{r}^{3T} \tilde{C}$$

$$P_t = K \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}^{1T} & -\mathbf{r}^{1T} (\tilde{C} - t\mathbf{r}^3) \\ \mathbf{r}^{2T} & -\mathbf{r}^{2T} (\tilde{C} - t\mathbf{r}^3) \\ \mathbf{r}^{3T} & -\mathbf{r}^{3T} (\tilde{C} - t\mathbf{r}^3) \end{bmatrix} = K \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}^{1T} & -\mathbf{r}^{1T} \tilde{C} \\ \mathbf{r}^{2T} & -\mathbf{r}^{2T} \tilde{C} \\ \mathbf{r}^{3T} & d_t \end{bmatrix}$$

modifying  $p_{34}$  corresponds to moving  
along principal ray

# Affine Cameras



now adjust zoom to compensate



$$P_t = K \begin{bmatrix} d_t / d_0 & & \\ & d_t / d_0 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}^{1T} & -\mathbf{r}^{1T} \tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ \mathbf{r}^{2T} & -\mathbf{r}^{2T} \tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ \mathbf{r}^{3T} & d_t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{d_t}{d_0} K \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}^{1T} & -\mathbf{r}^{1T} \tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ \mathbf{r}^{2T} & -\mathbf{r}^{2T} \tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ \mathbf{r}^{3T} & d_0 / d_t & d_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_\infty = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_t = K \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}^{1T} & -\mathbf{r}^{1T} \tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ \mathbf{r}^{2T} & -\mathbf{r}^{2T} \tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ 0 & d_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Summary Parallel Projection

$$P_{\infty} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{canonical representation}$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} K_{2 \times 2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{calibration matrix}$$

principal point is not defined

# A Hierarchy of Affine Cameras

$$\mathbf{P}_{\infty} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Orthographic projection

$$\mathbf{P}_{\infty} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}^{1T} & t_1 \\ \mathbf{r}^{1T} & t_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5\text{dof})$$

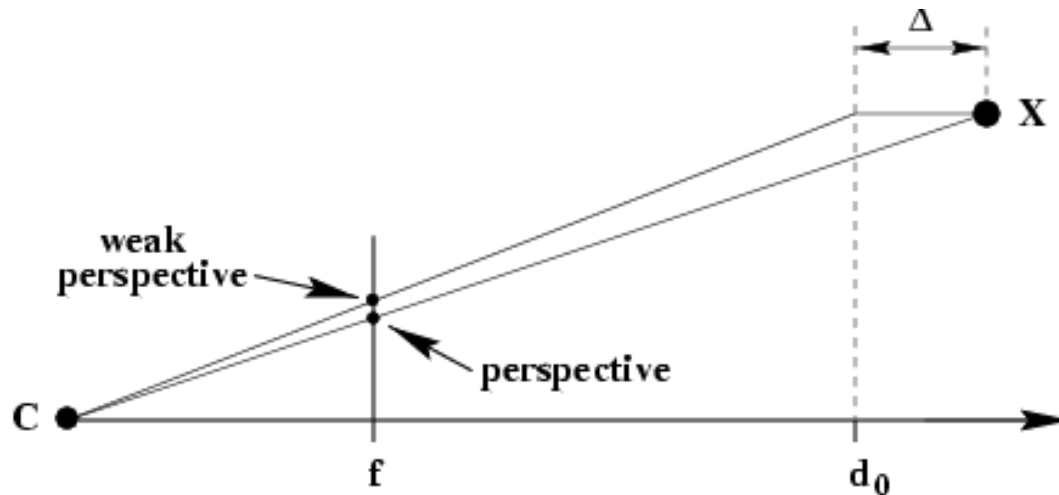
Scaled orthographic projection

$$\mathbf{P}_{\infty} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}^{1T} & t_1 \\ \mathbf{r}^{1T} & t_2 \\ 0 & 1/k \end{bmatrix} \quad (6\text{dof})$$

# A Hierarchy of Affine Cameras

Weak perspective projection

$$P_{\infty} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_x & & \\ & \alpha_y & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}^{1T} & t_1 \\ \mathbf{r}^{1T} & t_2 \\ 0 & 1/k \end{bmatrix} \quad (7\text{dof})$$



# A Hierarchy of Affine Cameras

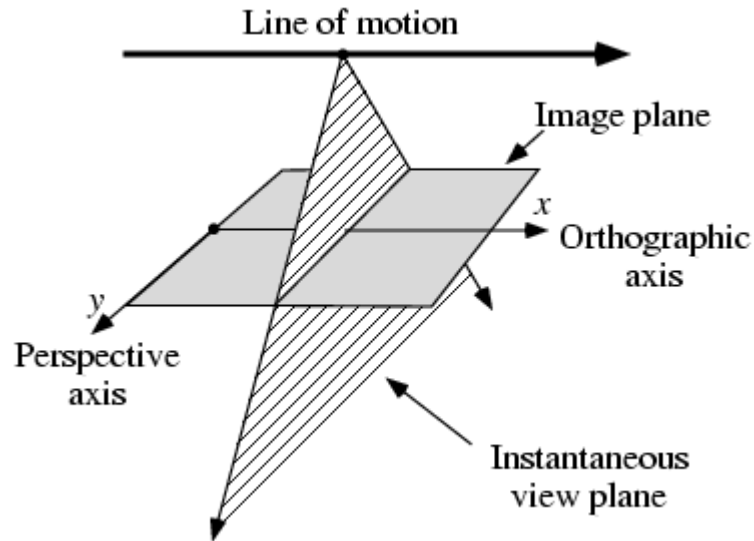
Affine camera (8dof)

$$P_A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_x & s & & \\ & \alpha_y & & \\ & & 1 & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}^{1T} & t_1 \\ \mathbf{r}^{1T} & t_2 \\ 0 & 1/k \end{bmatrix} \quad P_A = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & t_1 \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & t_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_A = [3 \times 3 \text{ affine}] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} [4 \times 4 \text{ affine}]$$

1. Affine camera=camera with principal plane coinciding with  $\Pi_\infty$
2. Affine camera maps parallel lines to parallel lines
3. No center of projection, but direction of projection  $P_A D=0$  (point on  $\Pi_\infty$ )

# Pushbroom Cameras



(11dof)

$$\mathbf{X} = (X, Y, X, T)^T \quad \mathbf{PX} = (x, y, w)^T \quad (x, y/w)^T$$

$$\tilde{x} = x = \mathbf{P}^1 \mathbf{X} \quad \tilde{y} = y/z = \frac{\mathbf{P}^2 \mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{P}^3 \mathbf{X}}$$

Straight lines are not mapped to straight lines!  
(otherwise it would be a projective camera)