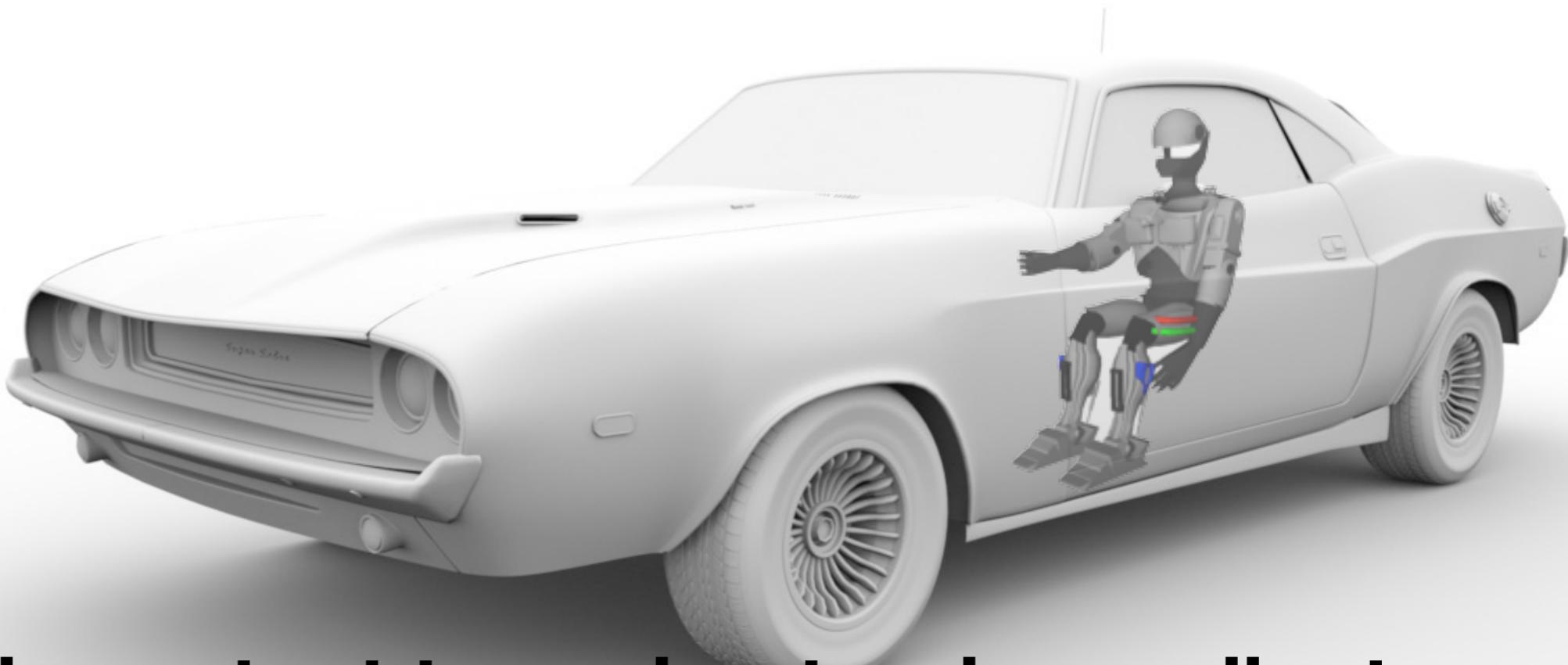


Coordinates and Transformations

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Hierarchical modeling

- Many coordinate systems:
 - Camera
 - Static scene
 - car
 - driver
 - arm
 - hand
 - ...
- Makes it important to understand coordinate systems



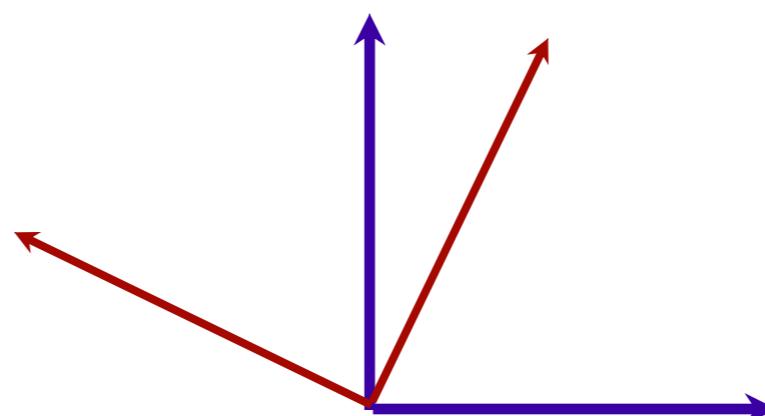
Coordinates

- We are used to represent points with tuples of coordinates such as $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$
- But the tuples are meaningless without a clear coordinate system

*could be this point
in the red
coordinate system*



*could be this point
in the blue
coordinate system*



Different objects

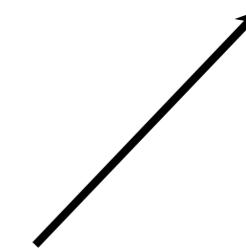
- **Points**

- represent locations



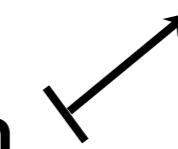
- **Vectors**

- represent movement, force, displacement from A to B



- **Normals**

- represent orientation, unit length



- **Coordinates**

- Not vector

- numerical representation of the above objects in a given coordinate system

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Points & vectors are different

- The 0 vector has a fundamental meaning: no movement, no force
- Why would there be a special 0 point?
- It's meaningful to add vectors, not points
 - Macau location + Hong Kong location =?



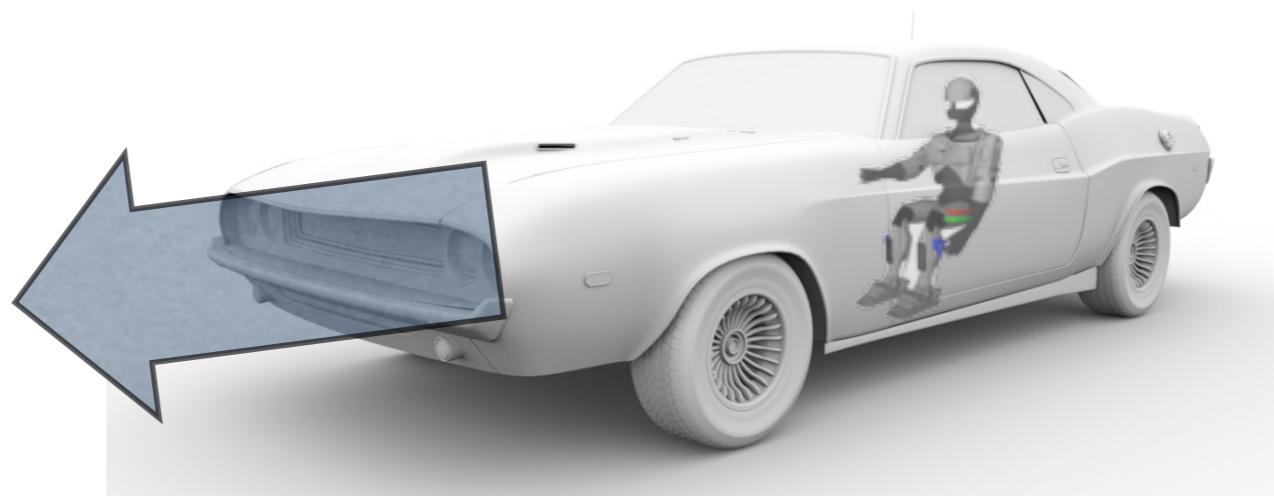
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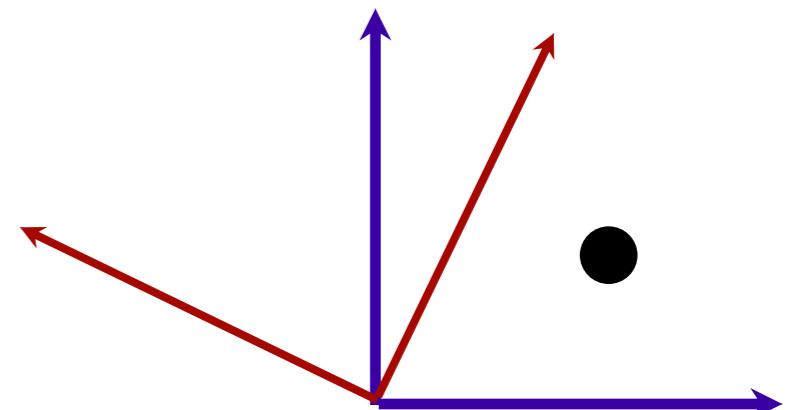
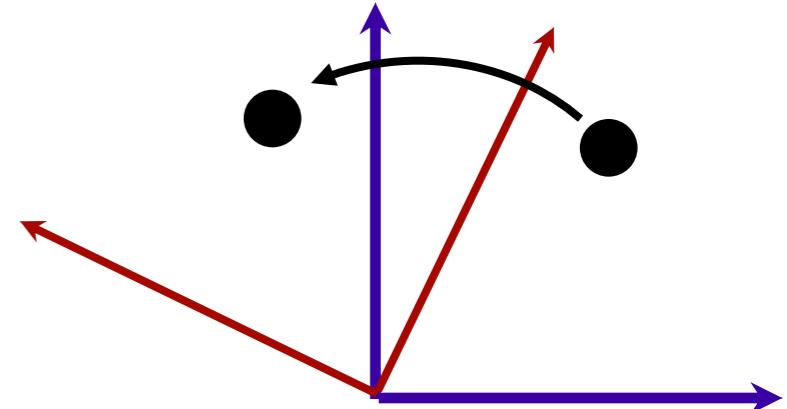
Points & vectors are different

- Moving car
 - points describe location of car elements
 - vectors describe velocity, distance between pairs of points
- If I translate the moving car to a different road
 - The points (location) change
 - The vectors (speed, distance between points) don't



Matrices have two purposes

- (At least for geometry)
- Transform things
 - e.g. rotate the car from facing North to facing East
- Express coordinate system changes
 - e.g. given the driver's location in the coordinate system of the car, express it in the coordinate system of the world



Goals for today

- Make it very explicit what coordinate system is used
- Understand how to change coordinate systems
- Understand how to transform objects
- Understand difference between points, vectors, normals and their coordinates
- More emphasis on keeping track of coordinate systems

Questions?

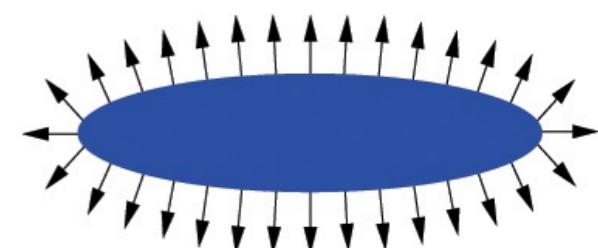
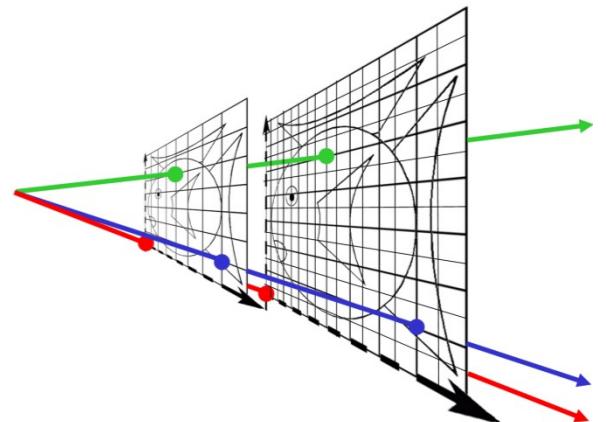
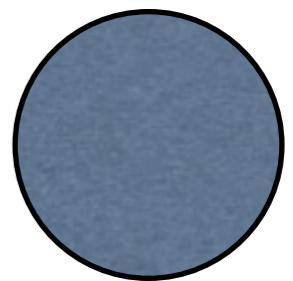
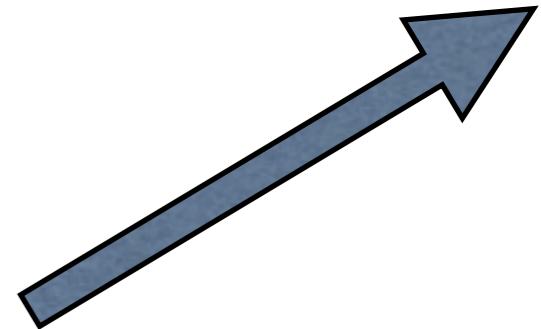
Reference

- This lecture follows the new book by Steven (Shlomo) Gortler from Harvard: Foundations of 3D Computer Graphics



Plan

- Vectors
- Points
- Homogenous coordinates
- Normals (in the next lecture)



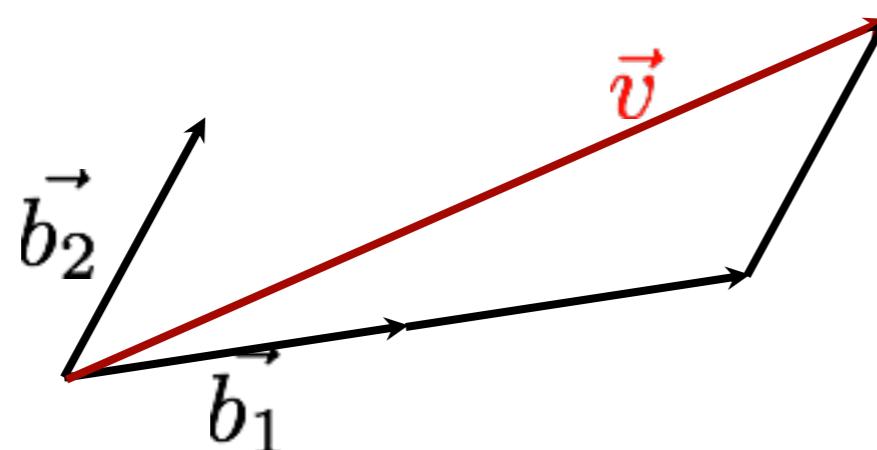
Vectors (linear space)

- Formally, a set of elements equipped with addition and scalar multiplication
 - plus other nice properties
- There is a special element, the zero vector
 - no displacement, no force

Vectors (linear space)

- We can use a *basis* to produce all the vectors in the space:

- Given n basis vectors \vec{b}_i any vector \vec{v} can be written as $\vec{v} = \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i$



here:

$$\vec{v} = 2\vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2$$

Coordinates of this
vector in the basis

scalars

Linear algebra notation

$$\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{b}_1 + c_2 \vec{b}_2 + c_3 \vec{b}_3$$

- can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Nice because it makes the basis (coordinate system) explicit

- Shorthand:

$$\vec{v} = \vec{\mathbf{b}}^t \mathbf{c}$$

Row vector, elements are the basis vectors

- where bold means triplet, t is transpose

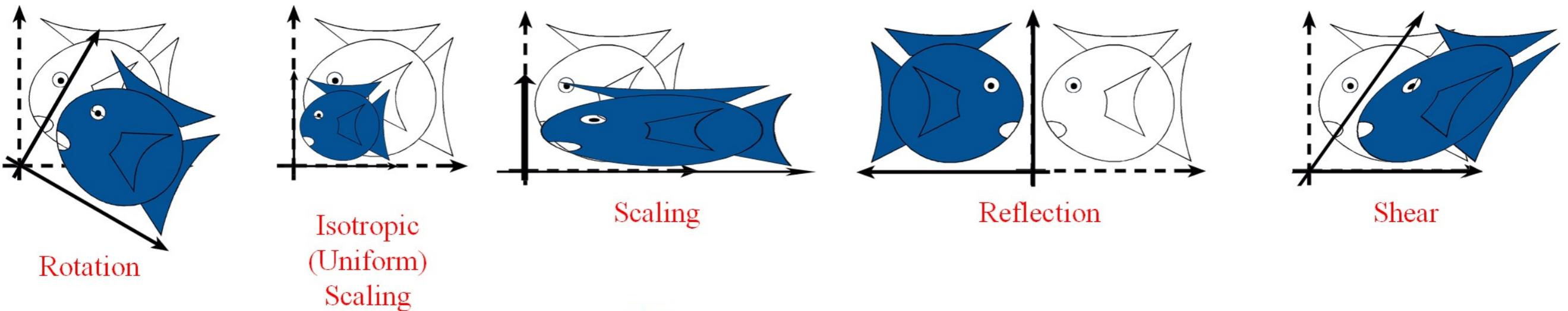
Linear algebra notation

- Different from conventional linear algebra class
 - Keep the basis on the left
 - Calculations include the basis
- => Keep track of the coordinate system

$$\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{b}_1 + c_2 \vec{b}_2 + c_3 \vec{b}_3$$
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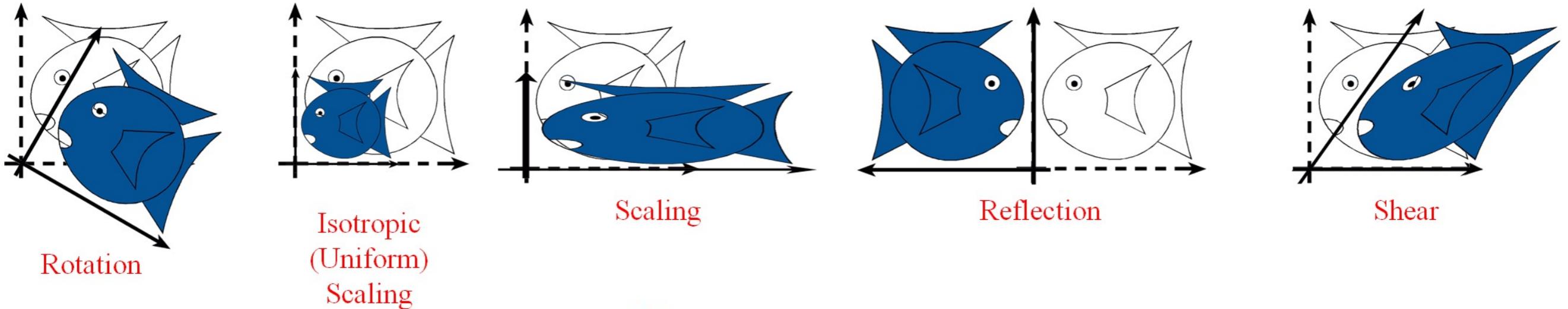
Questions?

Linear transformation



- Transformation \mathcal{L} of the vector space
- What does it mean for the transformation being linear?
- What kind of mathematical property we need?

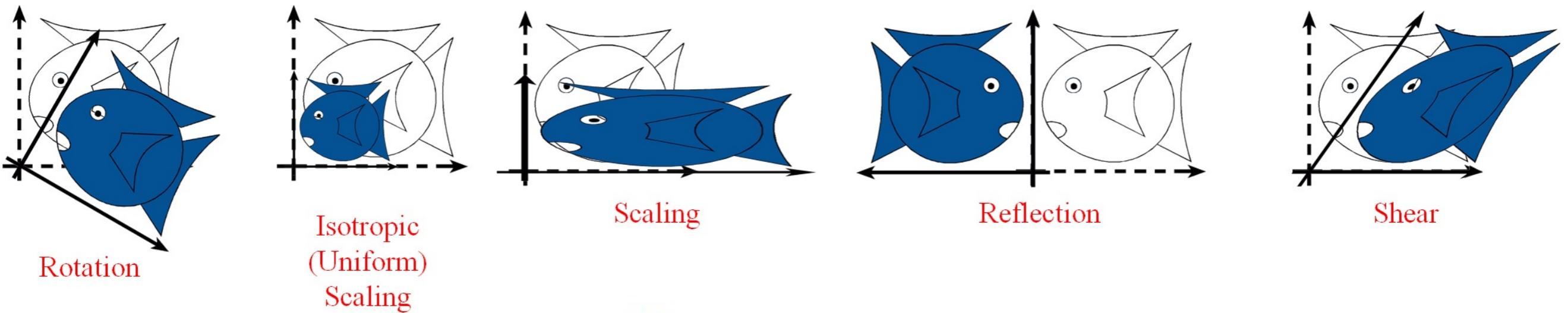
Linear transformation



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- What does it mean for the transformation being linear?
- What kind of mathematical property we need?

consistent with the addition and scalar multiplication

Linear transformation



- Transformation \mathcal{L} of the vector space so that

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{v} + \vec{u}) = \mathcal{L}(\vec{v}) + \mathcal{L}(\vec{u})$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha \vec{v}) = \alpha \mathcal{L}(\vec{v})$$

- Note that it implies $\mathcal{L}(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$
- Notation $\vec{v} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\vec{v})$ for transformations

Matrix notation

- Linearity implies

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{v}) = \mathcal{L}\left(\sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i\right) = ?$$

Matrix notation

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- i.e. we only need to know the basis transformation
- or in algebra notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_1) & \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_2) & \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix notation

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What happen to my vector

- i.e. we only need to know the basis transformation
- or in algebra notation

What happen to my basis

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Algebra notation

- The $\mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_i)$ are also vectors of the space
- They can be expressed in the basis

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← coordinates

L(b1) is also a vector in the space

Algebra notation

- The $\mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_i)$ are also vectors of the space
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coordinates

- which gives us

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_1) & \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_2) & \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{1,1} & M_{1,2} & M_{1,3} \\ M_{2,1} & M_{2,2} & M_{2,3} \\ M_{3,1} & M_{3,2} & M_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Recap, matrix notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} \hline \text{New Basis} & \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} M_{1,1} & M_{1,2} & M_{1,3} \\ M_{2,1} & M_{2,2} & M_{2,3} \\ M_{3,1} & M_{3,2} & M_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline \text{Same coordinates} & \hline \end{array}$$

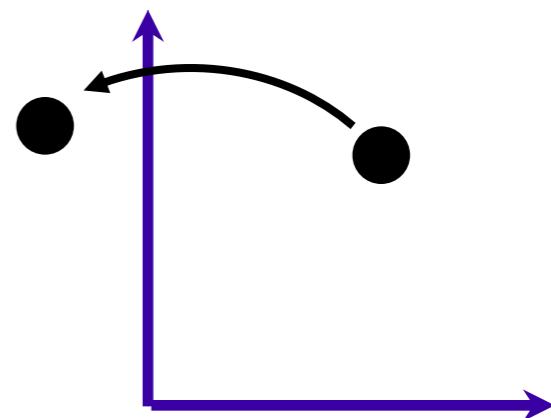
New coordinates
Same Basis

- Given the coordinates c in basis \vec{b} the transformed vector has coordinates Mc in \vec{b}
- Dual perspective

Recap, matrix notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$
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New coordinates
Same Basis



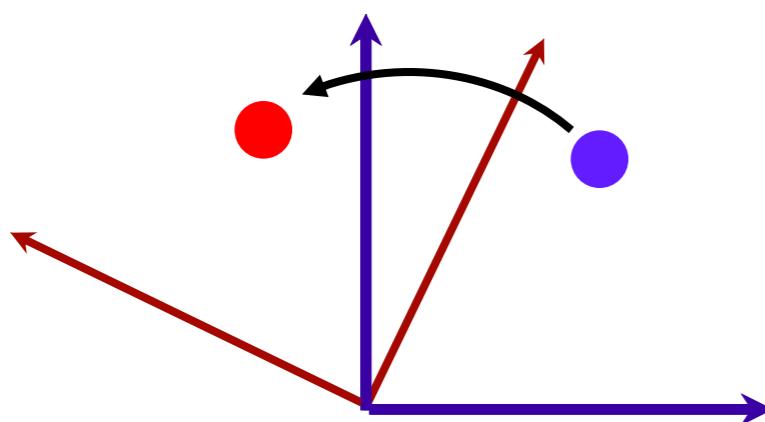
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New Basis

Same coordinates

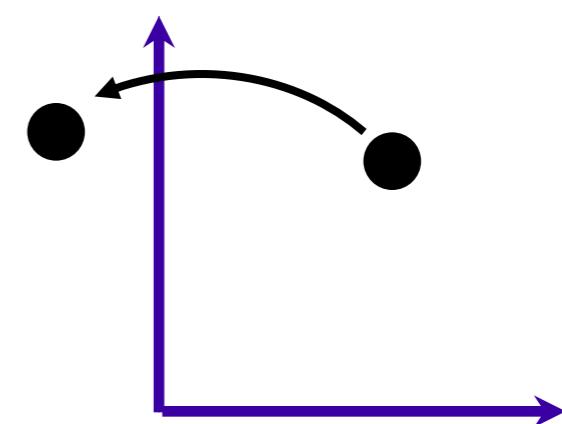
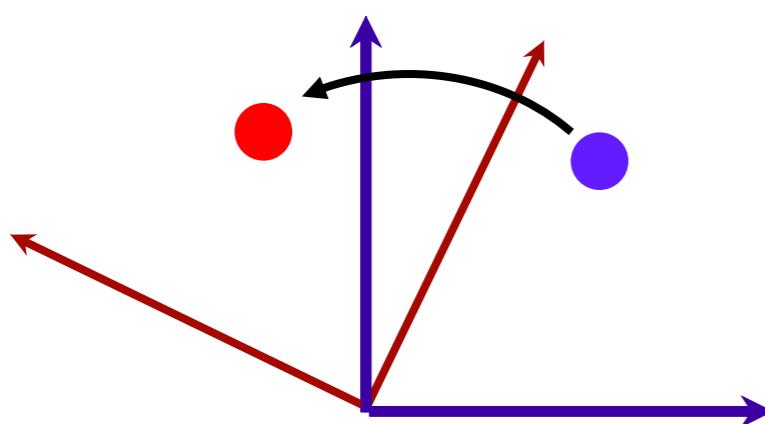


Recap, matrix notation

$$[\vec{b}_1 \quad \vec{b}_2 \quad \vec{b}_3] \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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New Basis Same coordinates New coordinates Same Basis



Why do we care

- We like linear algebra
- It's always good to get back to an abstraction that we know and for which smarter people have developed a lot of tools
- But we also need to keep track of what basis/coordinate system we use

Questions?

Change of basis

- Critical in computer graphics
 - From world to car to arm to hand coordinate system
 - From Bezier splines to B splines and back
- problem with basis change:
you never remember which is M or M^{-1}
it's hard to keep track of where you are

Change of basis

- Assume we have two bases \vec{a} and \vec{b}
- And we have the coordinates of \vec{a} in \vec{b}
- e.g.
$$\vec{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} \\ M_{21} \\ M_{31} \end{bmatrix}$$
- i.e.
$$\vec{a}^t = \vec{b}^t M$$
- which implies $\vec{a}^t M^{-1} = \vec{b}^t$

What would be the coordinates of \vec{b} in \vec{a} ?

Change of basis

- We have $\vec{a}^t = \vec{b}^t M$ & $\vec{a}^t M^{-1} = \vec{b}^t$
- Given the coordinate of \vec{v} in \vec{b} : $\vec{v} = \vec{b}^t c$
- What are the coordinates in \vec{a} ?

Change of basis

- We have $\vec{a}^t = \vec{b}^t M$ & $\vec{a}^t M^{-1} = \vec{b}$
- Given the coordinate of \vec{v} in \vec{b} : $\vec{v} = \vec{b}^t c$
- Replace \vec{b} by its expression in \vec{a}

$$\vec{v} = \vec{a}^t M^{-1} c$$

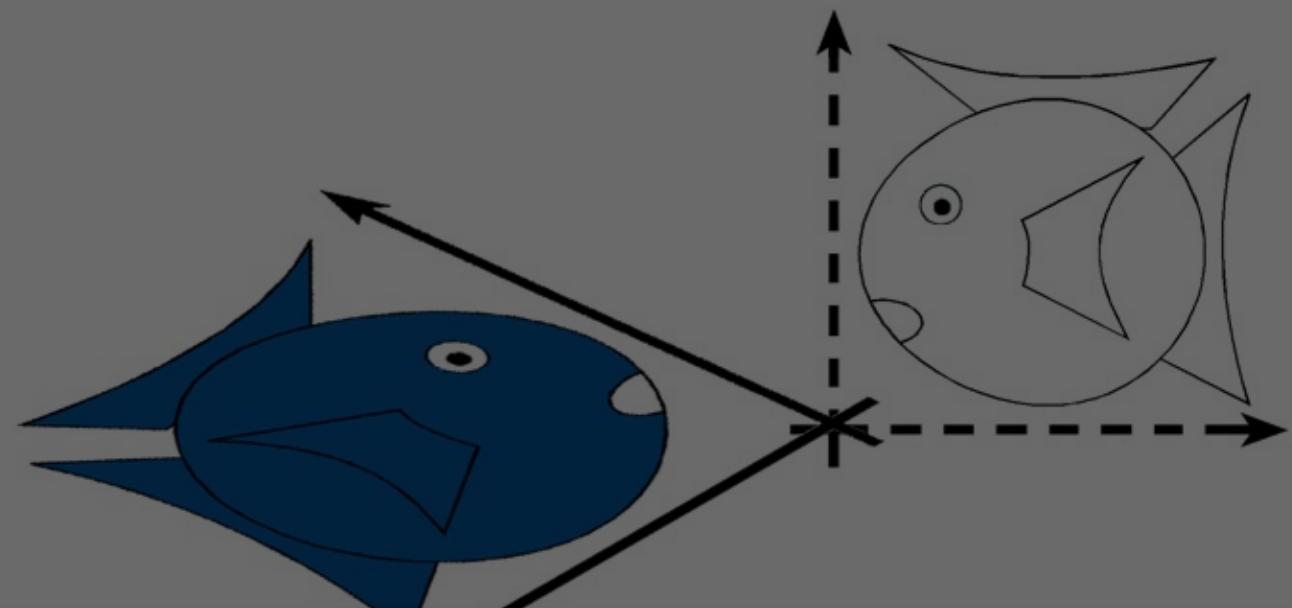
- \vec{v} has coordinates $M^{-1} c$ in \vec{a}
- Note how we keep track of the coordinate system by having the basis on the left

Questions?

Linear Transformations

- $L(p + q) = L(p) + L(q)$

- $L(ap) = a L(p)$



Translation is not linear:

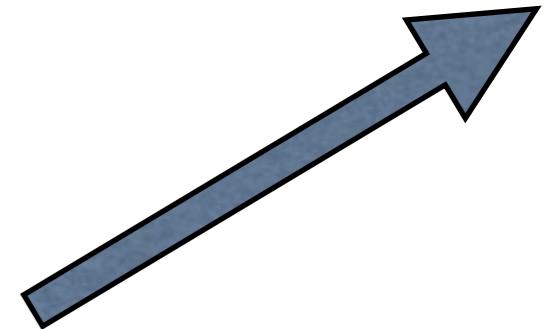
$$f(p) = p+t$$

$$f(ap) = ap+t \neq a(p+t) = a f(p)$$

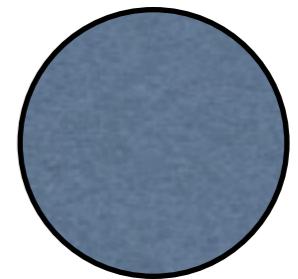
$$f(p+q) = p+q+t \neq (p+t)+(q+t) = f(p) + f(q)$$

Plan

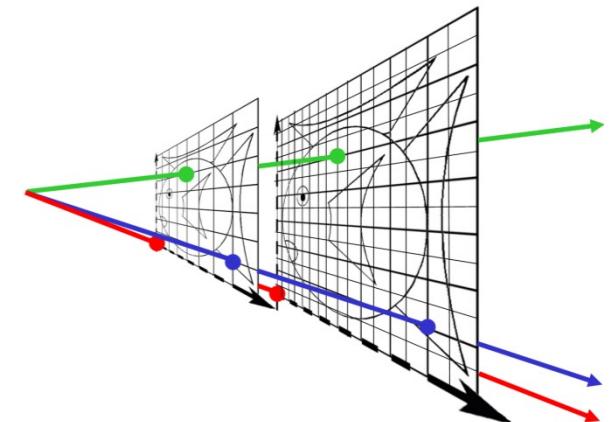
- Vectors



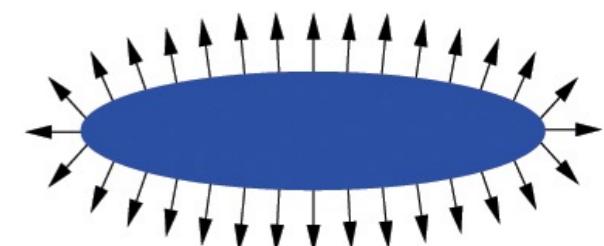
- Points



- Homogenous coordinates



- Normals



Points vs. Vectors

- A point is a location
- A vector is a motion between two points
- Adding vectors is meaningful
 - going 3km North + 4km East = going 5km North-East
- Adding points is not meaningful
 - Macau location + Hong Kong location = ?
- Multiplying a point by a scalar?
- The zero vector is meaningful (no movement)
- Zero point ?

Affine space

- Points are elements of an affine space
- We denote them with a tilde \tilde{p}
- Affine spaces are an extension of vector spaces

Point-vector operations

- Subtracting points gives a vector

$$\tilde{p} - \tilde{q} = \vec{v}$$

- Adding a vector to a point gives a point

$$\tilde{q} + \vec{v} = \tilde{p}$$

Frames

- A frame is an origin \tilde{o} plus a basis \vec{b}
- We can obtain any point in the space by adding a vector to the origin

$$\tilde{p} = \tilde{o} + \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i$$

- using the coordinates c of the vector in \vec{b}

Algebra notation

- We like matrix-vector expressions
- We want to keep track of the frame
- We're going to cheat a little for elegance and decide that 1 times a point is the point

$$\tilde{p} = \tilde{o} + \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{f}^t \mathbf{c}$$

- \tilde{p} is represented in \vec{f} by 4 coordinate, where the extra dummy coordinate is always 1 (for now)

For now, notation convenience

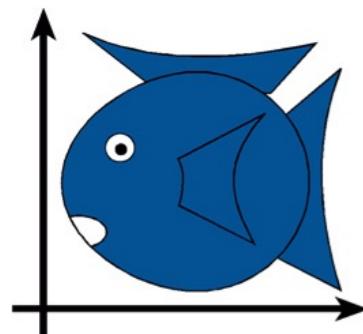
Recap

- Vectors can be expressed in a basis
 - Keep track of basis with left notation $\vec{v} = \vec{b}^t \mathbf{c}$
 - Change basis $\vec{v} = \vec{a}^t M^{-1} \mathbf{c}$
- Points can be expressed in a frame (origin+basis)
 - Keep track of frame with left notation
 - adds a dummy 4th coordinate always 1

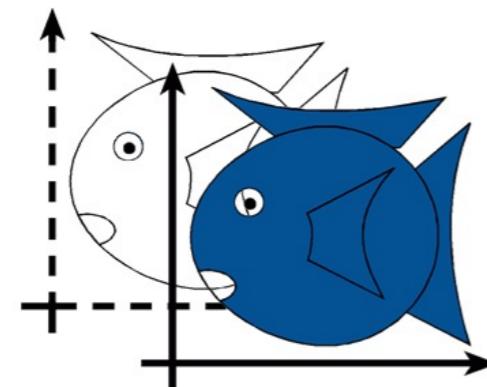
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Affine transformations

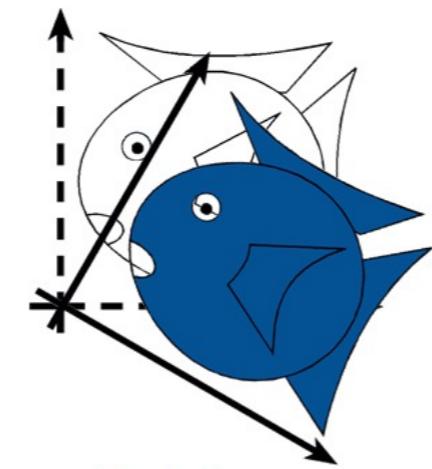
- Include all linear transformations
 - Applied to the vector basis
- Plus translation



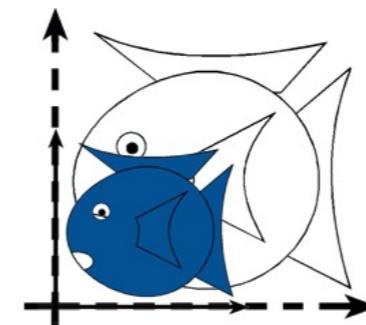
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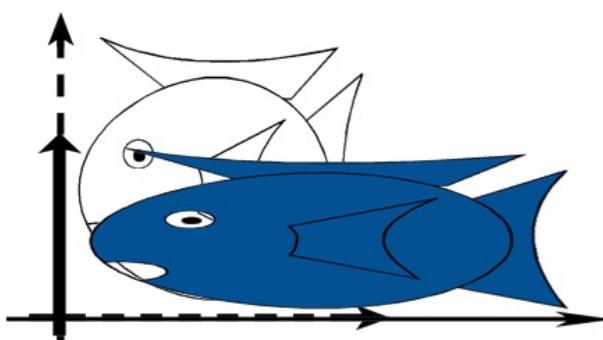
Translation



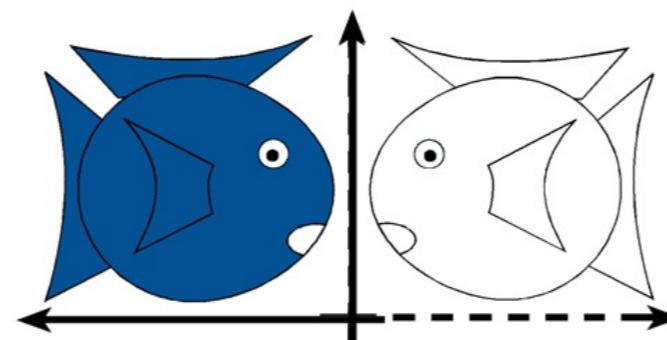
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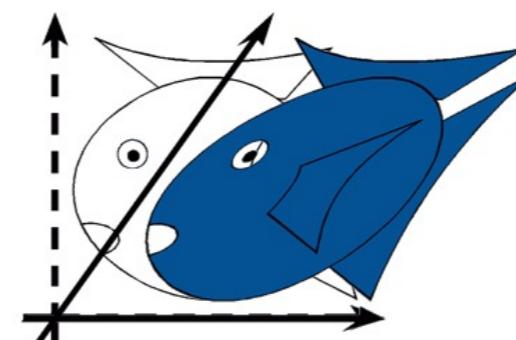
Isotropic
(Uniform)
Scaling



Scaling



Reflection



Shear

Matrix notation

- We know how to transform the vector basis

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_1) & \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_2) & \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{1,1} & M_{1,2} & M_{1,3} \\ M_{2,1} & M_{2,2} & M_{2,3} \\ M_{3,1} & M_{3,2} & M_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

- We will soon add translation by a vector \vec{t}

$$\tilde{p} \Rightarrow \tilde{p} + \vec{t}$$

Linear component

$$\tilde{p} = \tilde{o} + \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\tilde{o} + \sum_i c_i \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_i) = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} & 0 \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} & 0 \\ M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Note how we leave the fourth component alone

Translation component

$$\tilde{p} \Rightarrow \tilde{p} + \vec{t}$$

- Express translation vector \mathbf{t} in the basis

$$\vec{t} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{14} \\ M_{24} \\ M_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$

Translation

$$\tilde{p} = \tilde{o} + \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\tilde{o} + \vec{t} + \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & M_{14} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & M_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & M_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Full affine expression

$$\tilde{p} = \tilde{o} + \sum_i c_i \vec{b}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\tilde{o} + \vec{t} + \sum_i c_i \mathcal{L}(\vec{b}_i) = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_3 & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} & M_{14} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} & M_{24} \\ M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} & M_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which tells us both how to get a new frame f^tM
or how to get the coordinates M_c after transformation

Questions?

More notation properties

- If the fourth coordinate is zero, we get a vector
- Subtracting two points:

$$\tilde{p} = \vec{f}^t \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{p}' = \vec{f}^t \begin{bmatrix} c'_1 \\ c'_2 \\ c'_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Gives us $\tilde{p} - \tilde{p}' = \vec{f}^t \begin{bmatrix} c_1 - c'_1 \\ c_2 - c'_2 \\ c_3 - c'_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

a vector (last coordinate = 0)

More notation properties

- Adding a point

$$\tilde{p} = \vec{f}^t \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

to a vector

$$\vec{v} = \vec{f}^t \begin{bmatrix} c'_1 \\ c'_2 \\ c'_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Gives us

$$\tilde{p} + \vec{v} = \vec{f}^t \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c'_1 \\ c_2 + c'_2 \\ c_3 + c'_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a point (4th coordinate=1)

More notation properties

- vectors are not affected by the translation part

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{b_1} & \vec{b_2} & \vec{b_3} & \tilde{o} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} & M_{14} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} & M_{24} \\ M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} & M_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

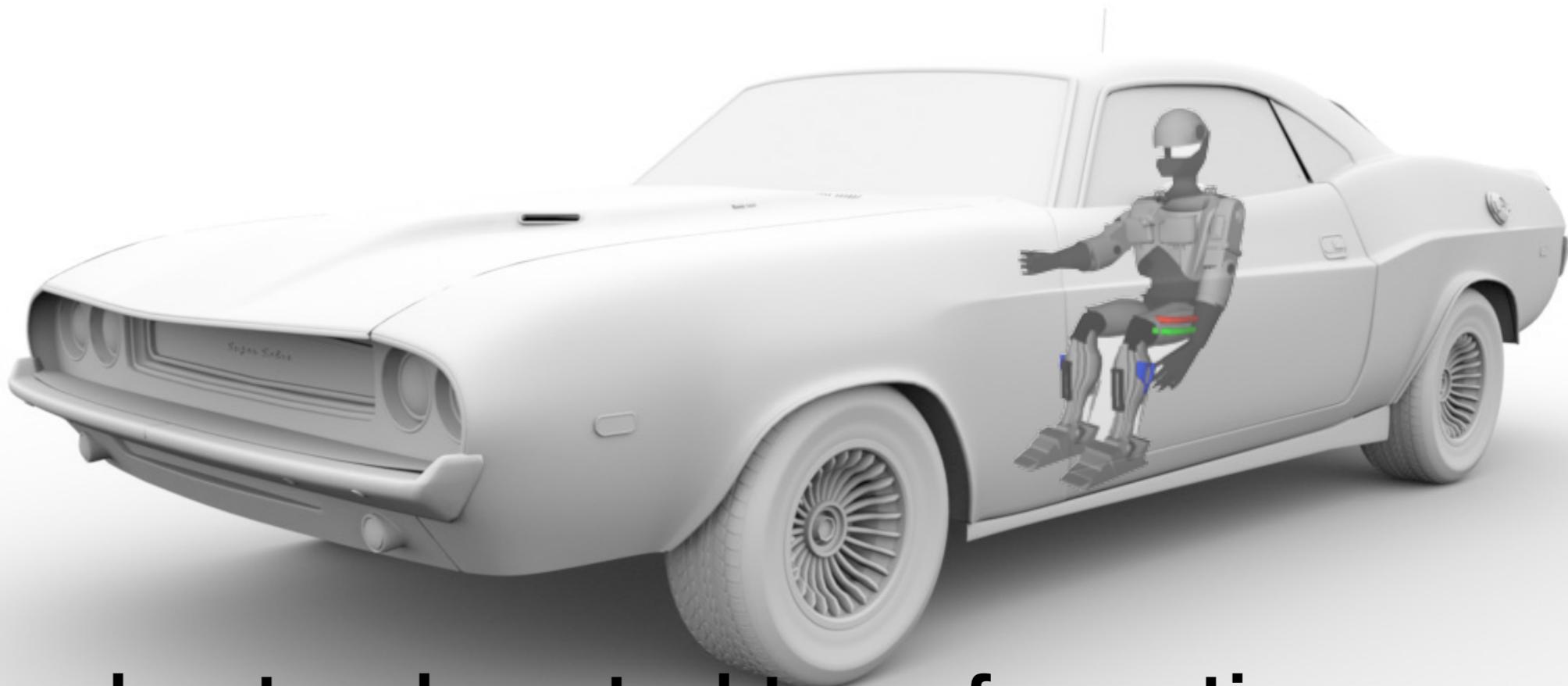
- because their 4th coordinate is 0
- If I rotate my moving car in the world, I want its motion to rotate
- If I translate it, motion should be unaffected

Questions?

Frames & hierarchical modeling

- Many coordinate systems (frames):

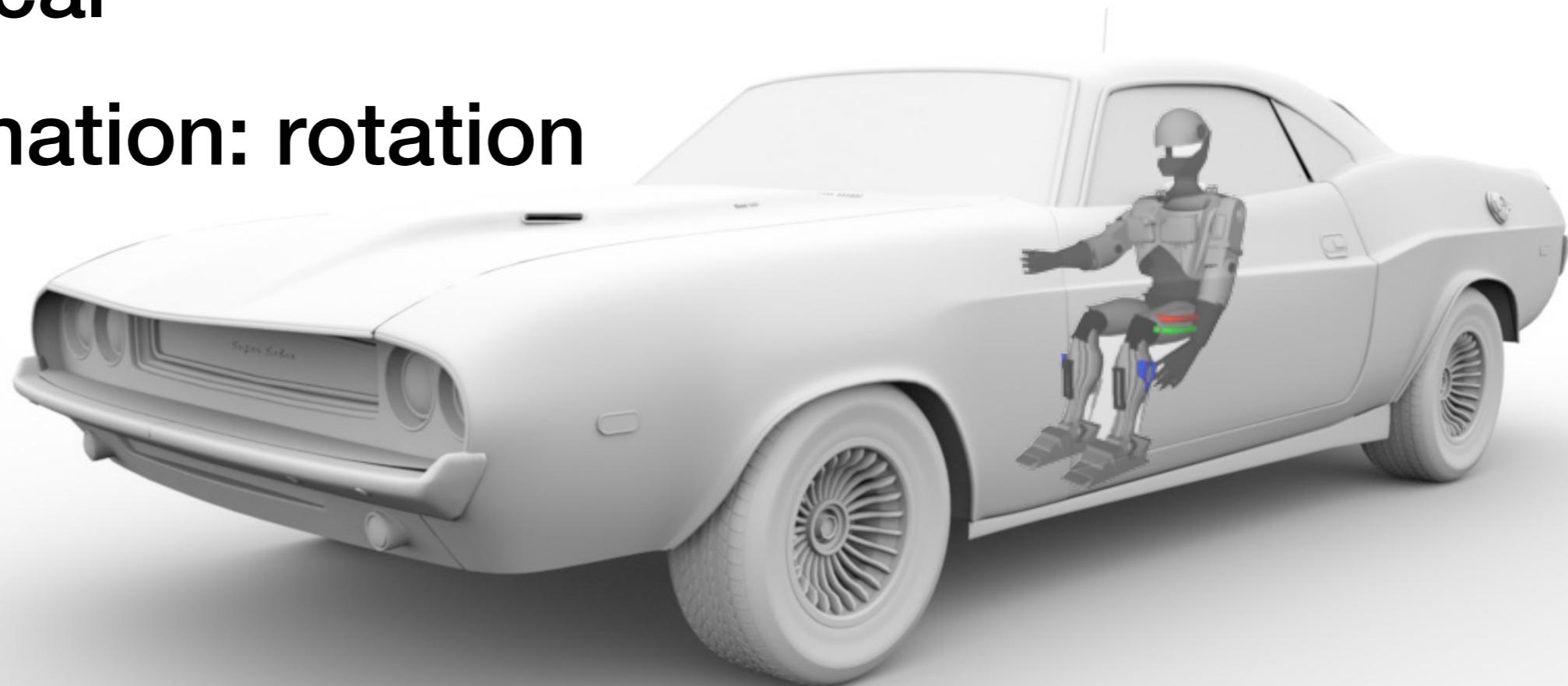
- Camera
- Static scene
- car
- driver
- arm
- hand
- ...



- Need to understand nested transformations

Frames & hierarchical modeling

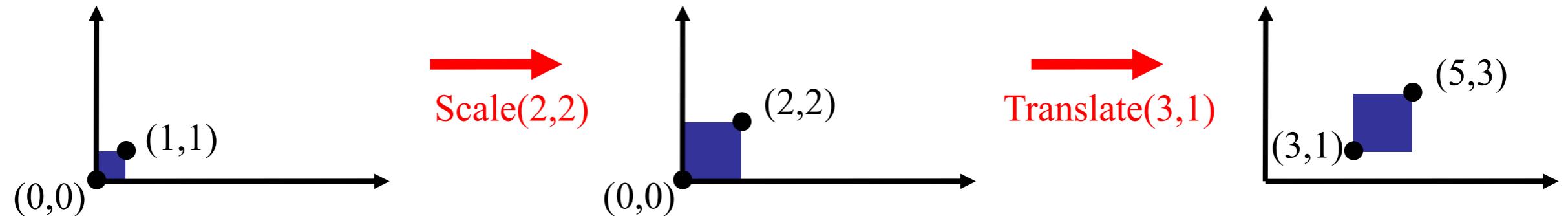
- Example: what if I rotate the wheel of the moving car:
- frame 1: world
- frame 2: car
- transformation: rotation



Questions?

How are transforms combined?

Scale then Translate



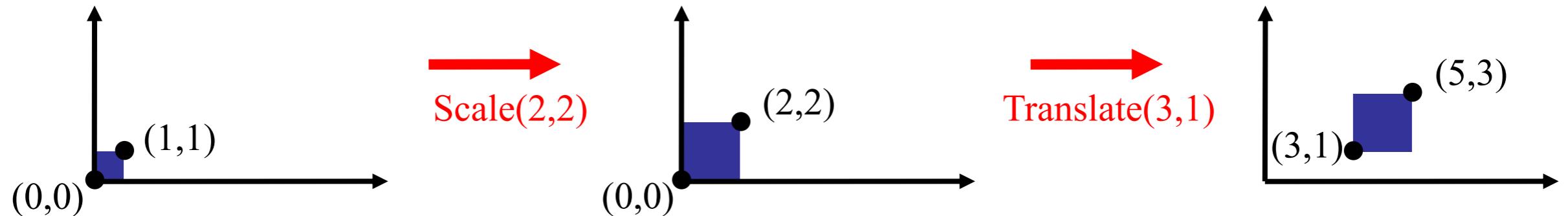
Use matrix multiplication: $p' = T(S p) = TS p$

$$TS = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

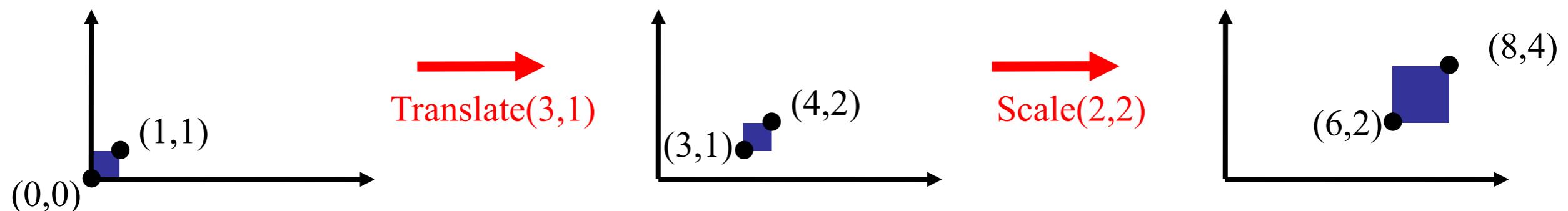
Caution: matrix multiplication is NOT commutative!

Non-commutative Composition

Scale then Translate: $p' = T(S p) = TS p$



Translate then Scale: $p' = S(T p) = ST p$



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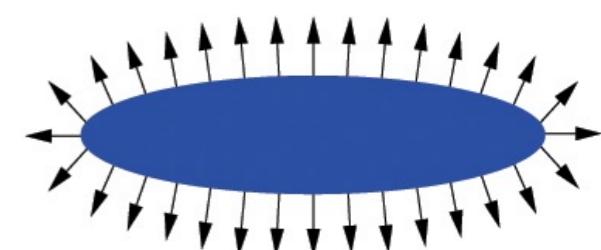
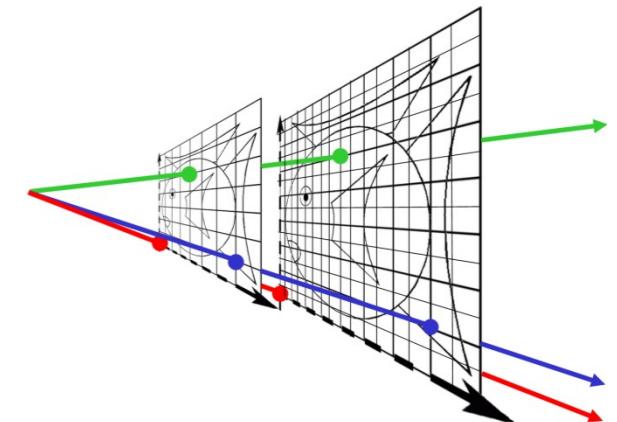
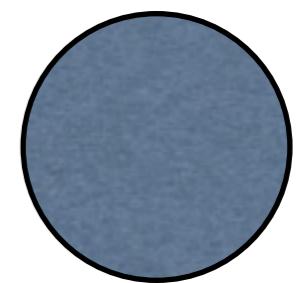
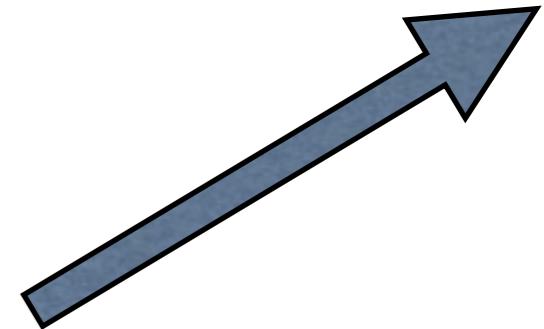
Translate then Scale: $p' = S(T p) = ST p$

$$ST = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Questions?

Plan

- Vectors
- Points
- Homogenous coordinates
- Normals



Forward reference and eye

- The fourth coordinate is useful for perspective projection
- Called homogenous coordinates

Homogeneous Coordinates

- Add an extra dimension (same as frames)
 - in 2D, we use 3-vectors and 3×3 matrices
 - In 3D, we use 4-vectors and 4×4 matrices
- The extra coordinate is now an arbitrary value, w
 - You can think of it as “scale,” or “weight”
 - For all transformations except perspective, you can just set $w=1$ and not worry about it

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Projective Equivalence

- All non-zero scalar multiples of a point are considered identical
- to get the equivalent Euclidean point, divide by the last coordinate (Homogenization)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax \\ ay \\ az \\ aw \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w \neq 0 \\ \equiv \end{matrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x/w \\ y/w \\ z/w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Projective equivalence

$a \neq 0$

Satisfy the “point” notation

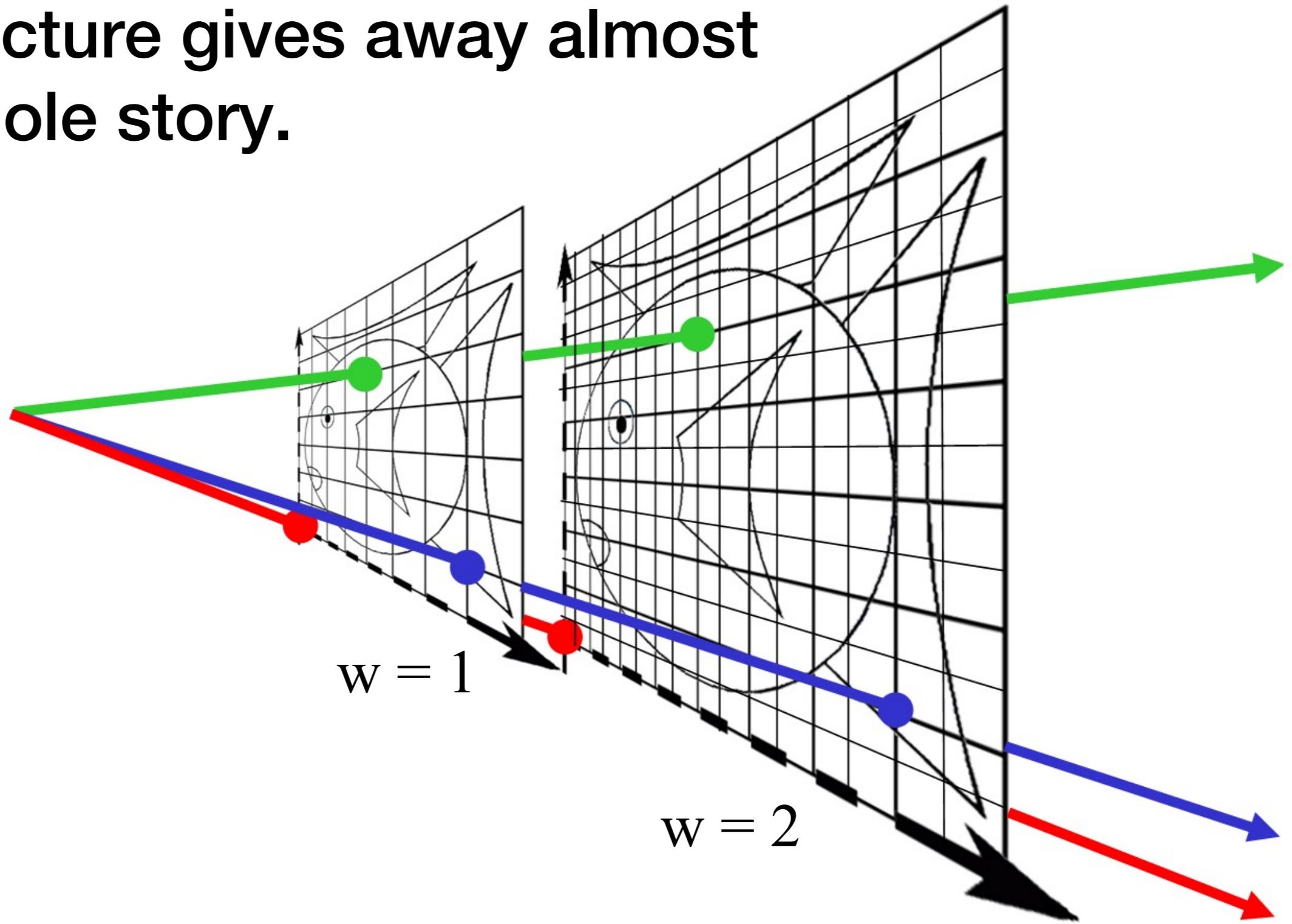
The diagram illustrates the process of homogenization and dehomogenization. It shows three points in homogeneous coordinates:

- Point 1: $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}$
- Point 2: $\begin{bmatrix} ax \\ ay \\ az \\ aw \end{bmatrix}$ (obtained by multiplying Point 1 by a scalar a)
- Point 3: $\begin{bmatrix} x/w \\ y/w \\ z/w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (obtained by dividing Point 2 by w , assuming $w \neq 0$)

Red arrows indicate the relationships: one arrow from Point 1 to Point 2, another from Point 2 to Point 3, and a third from Point 3 back to Point 1. Red text at the bottom left says "Projective equivalence" and "a != 0". Red text at the bottom right says "Satisfy the ‘point’ notation".

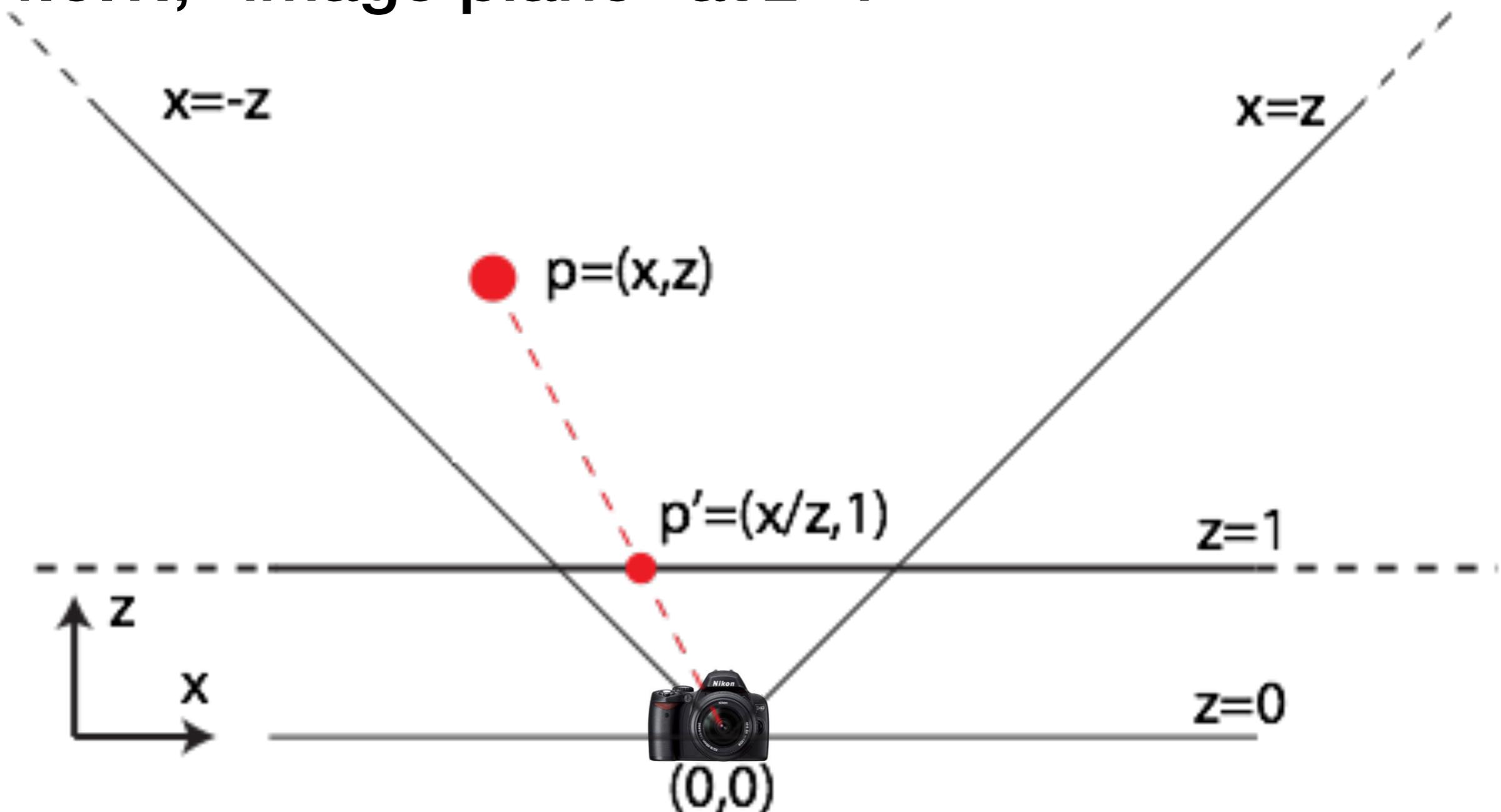
Why bother with extra coord?

- This picture gives away almost the whole story.



Perspective in 2D

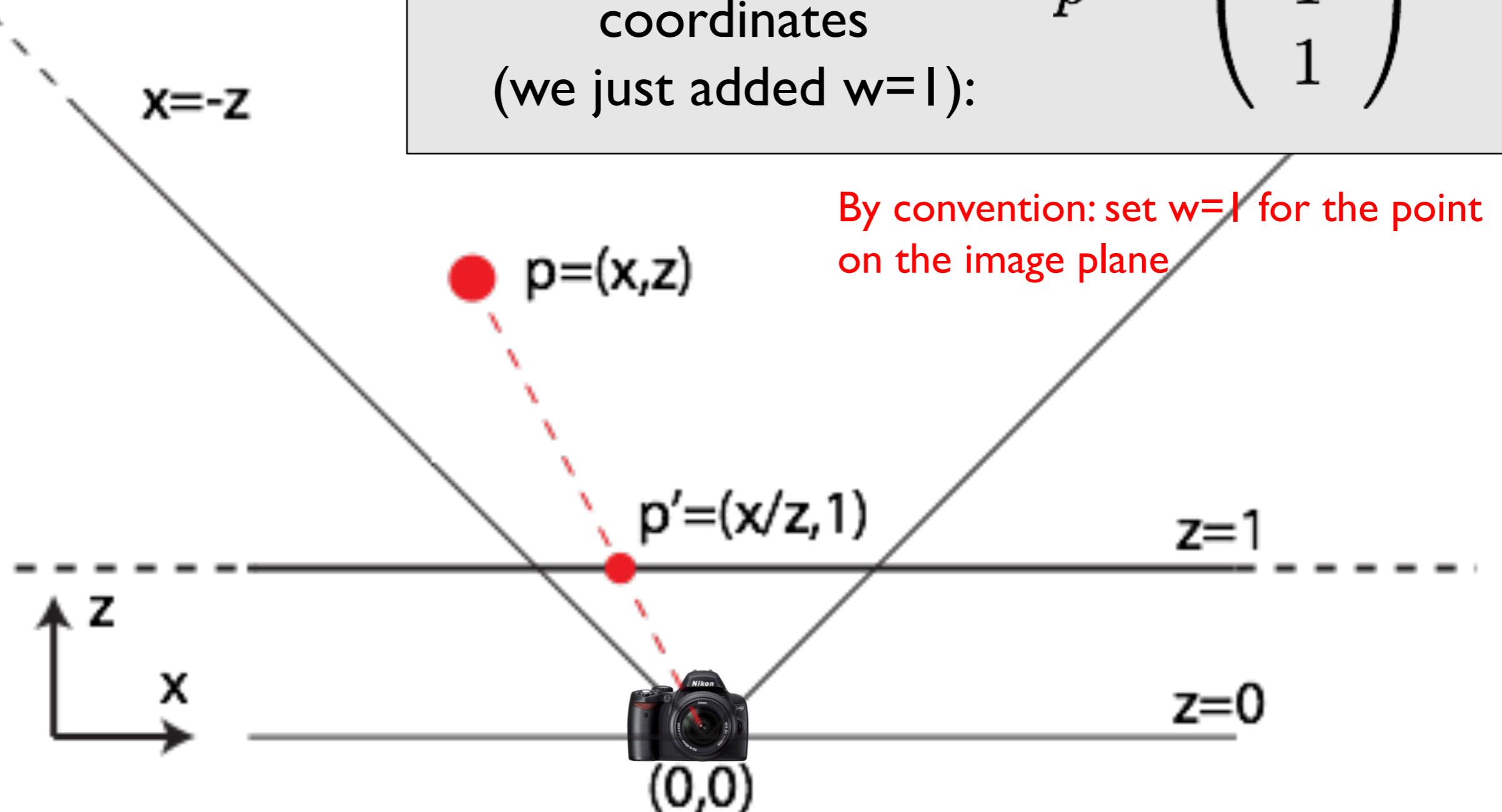
- Camera at origin, looking along z , 90 degree f.o.v., “image plane” at $z=1$



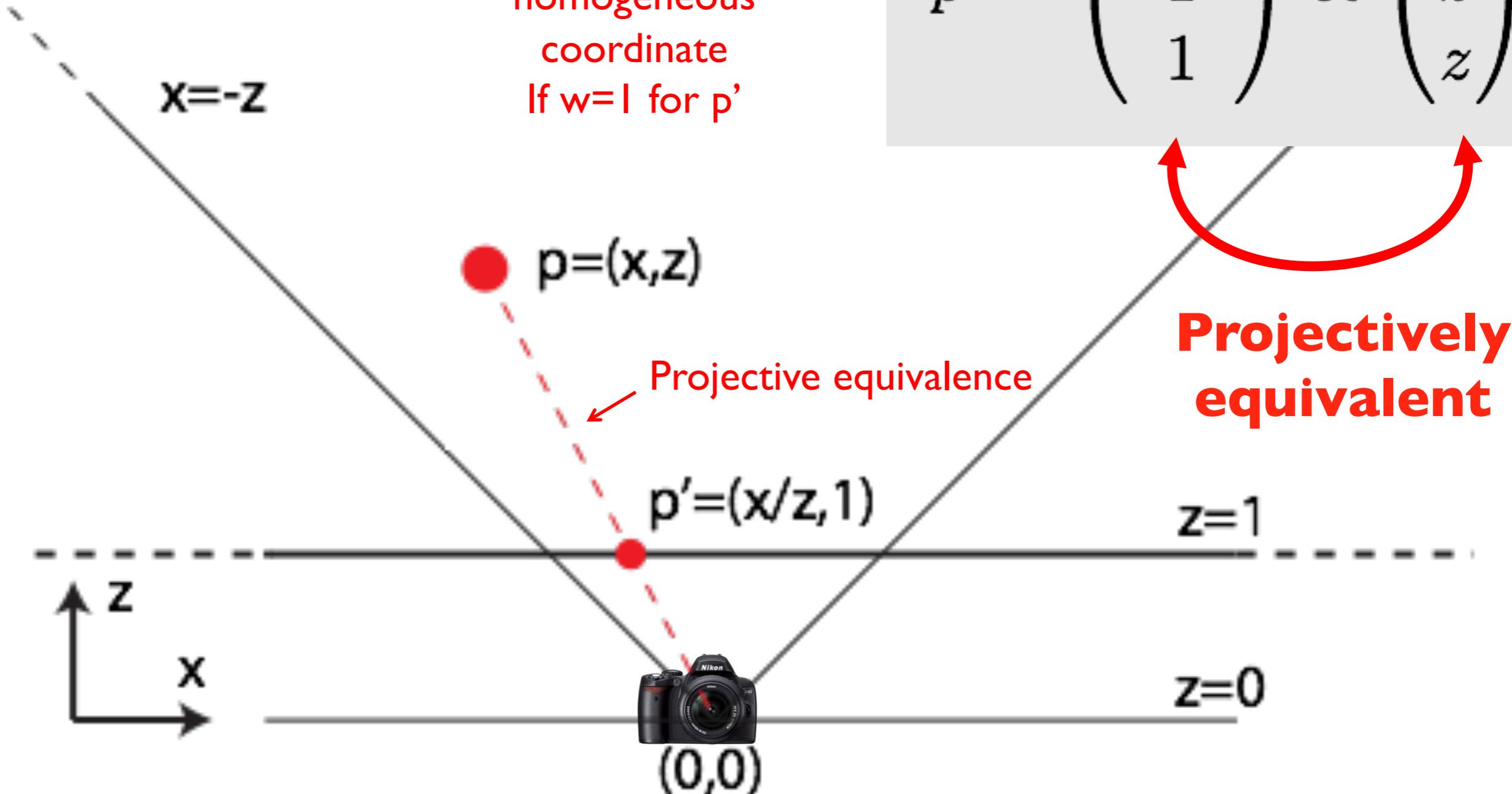
Perspective in 2D

The projected point in homogeneous coordinates
(we just added $w=1$):

$$p' = \begin{pmatrix} x/z \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Perspective in 2D

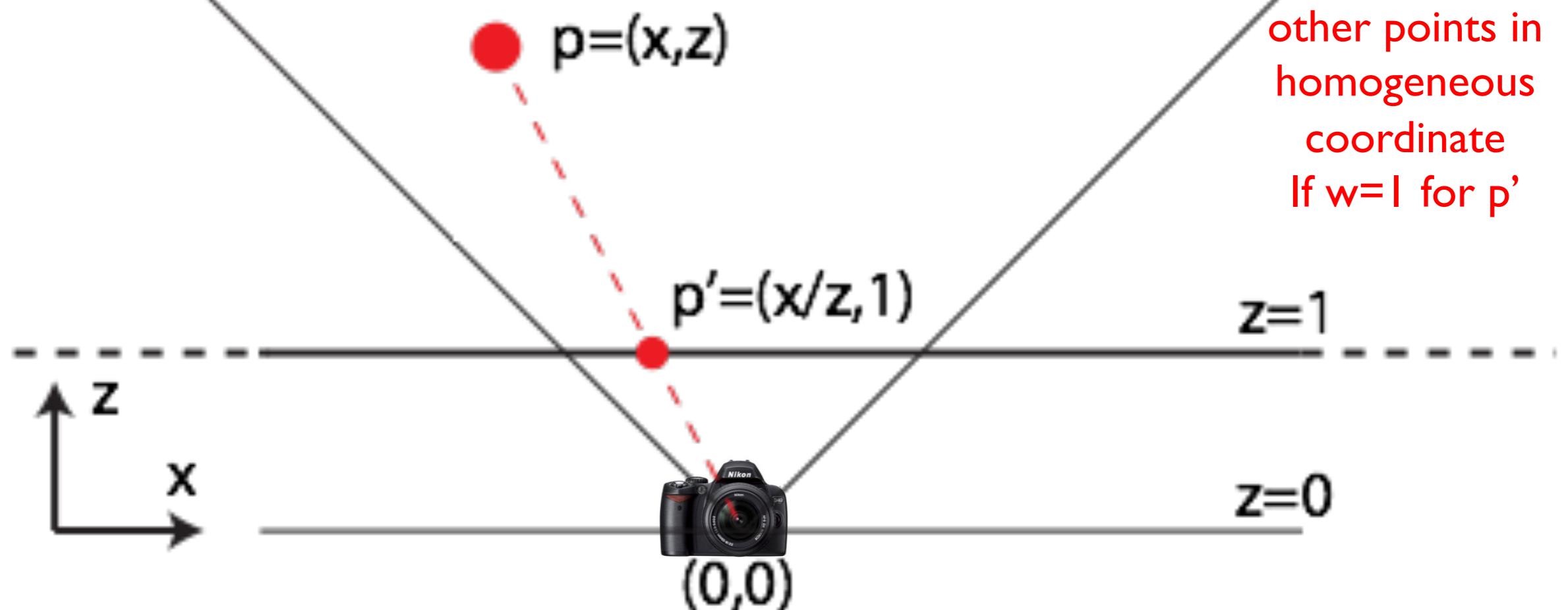


Perspective in 2D

We'll just copy z to w,
and get the projected
point after
homogenization!

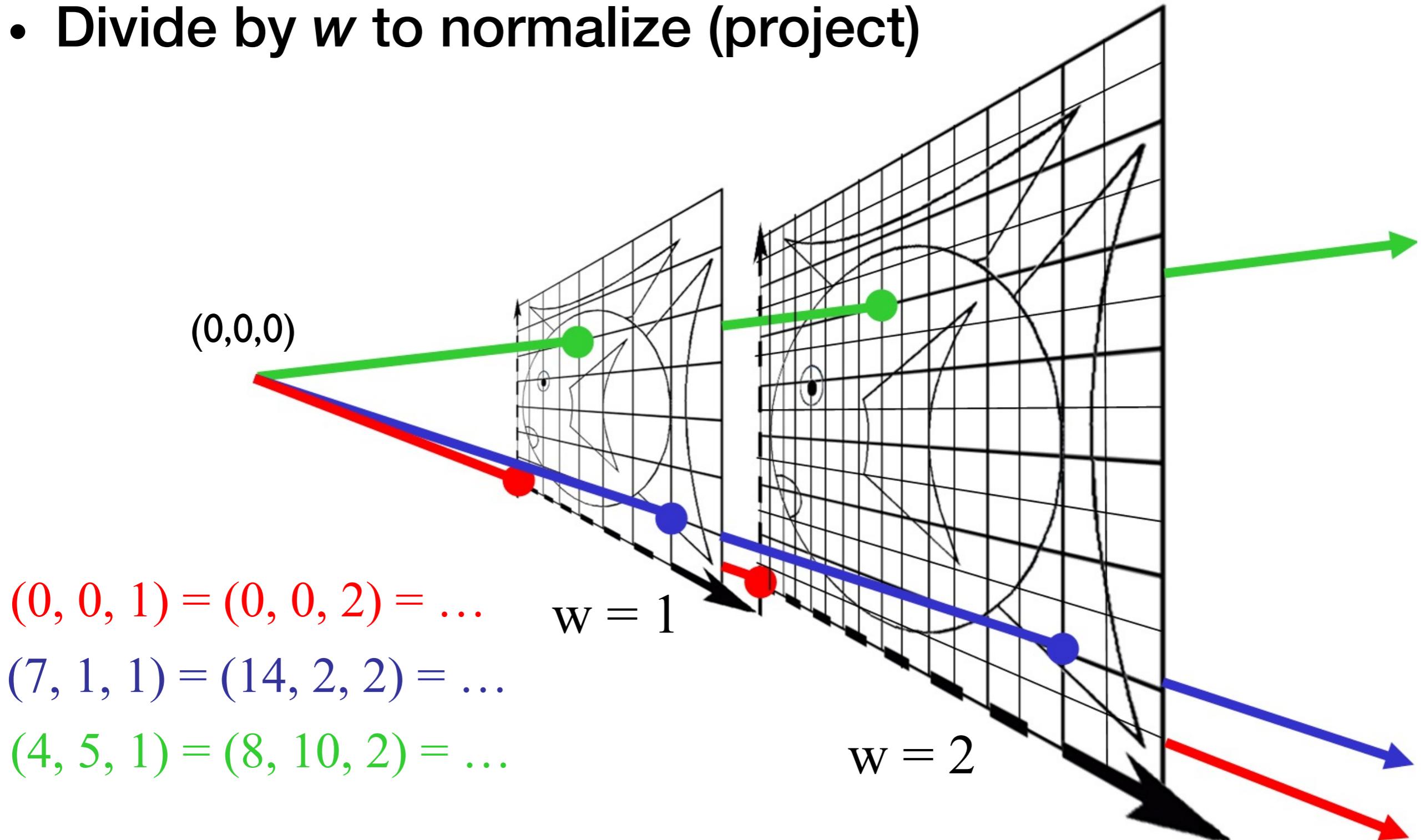
$$x = -z$$

$$p' \propto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ z \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



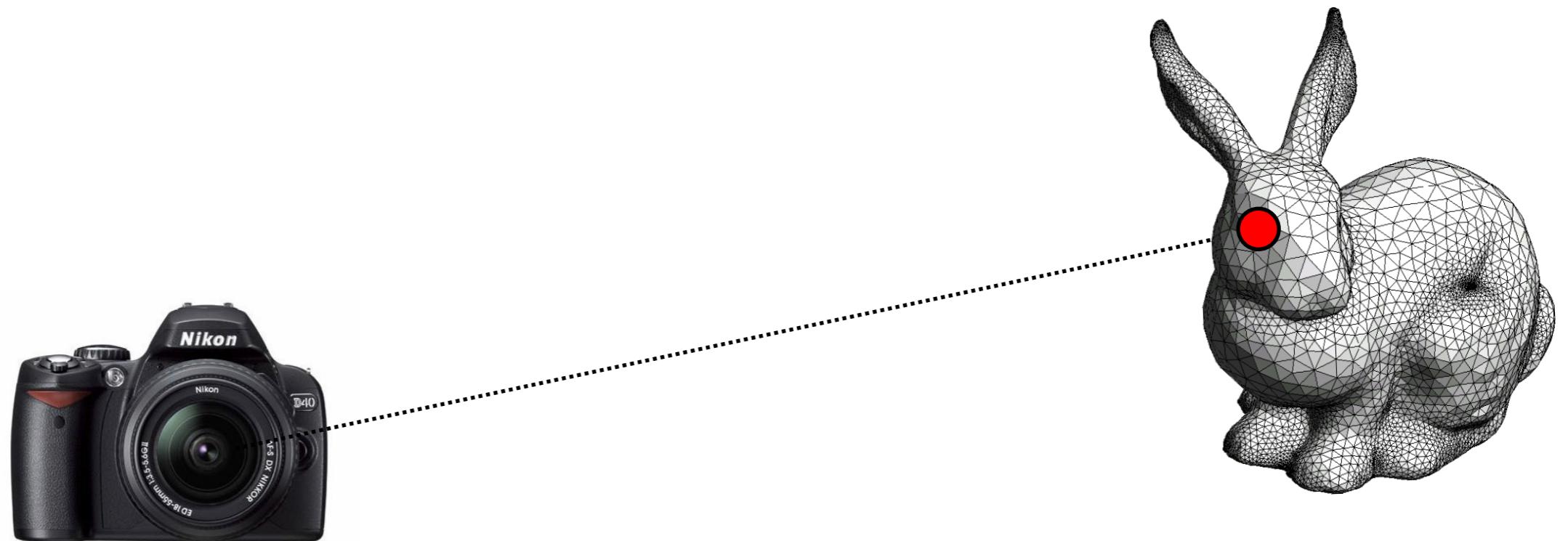
Homogeneous Visualization

- Divide by w to normalize (project)



Projective Equivalence – Why?

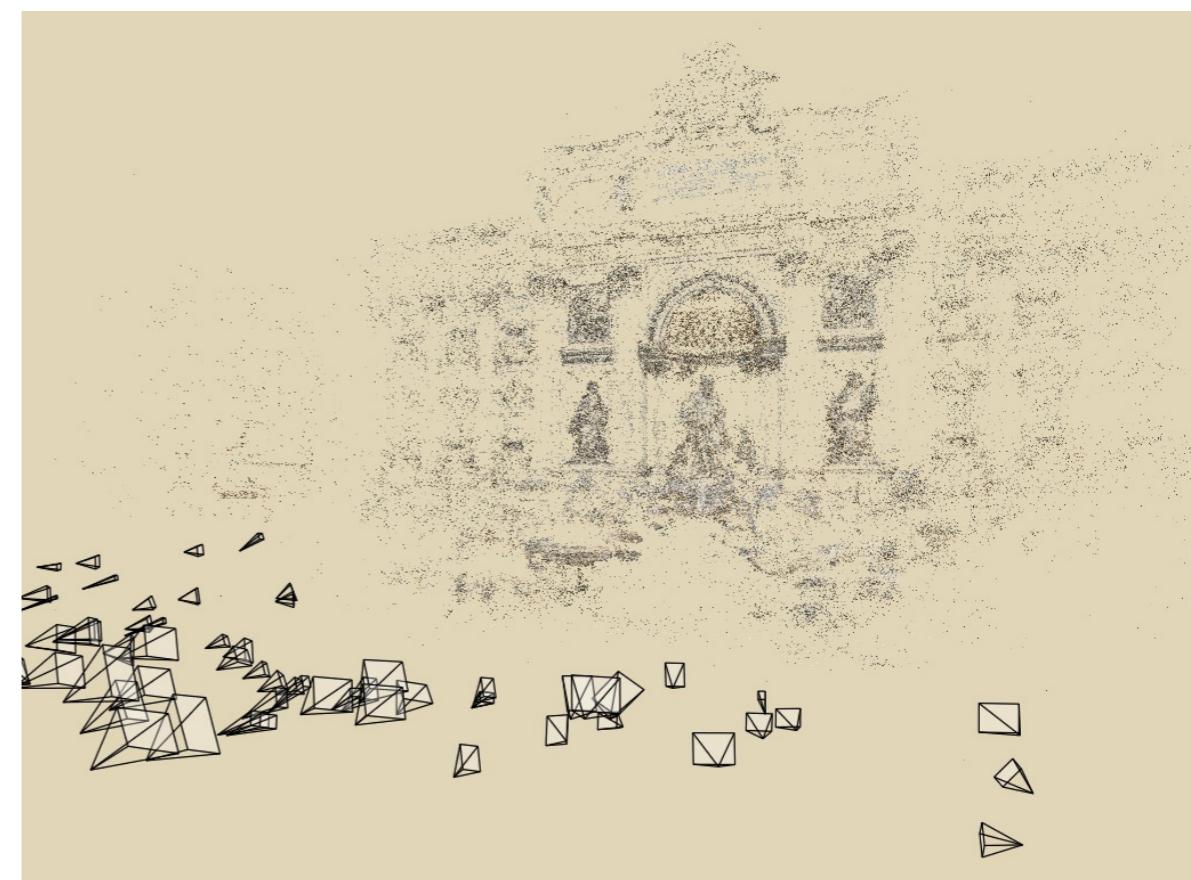
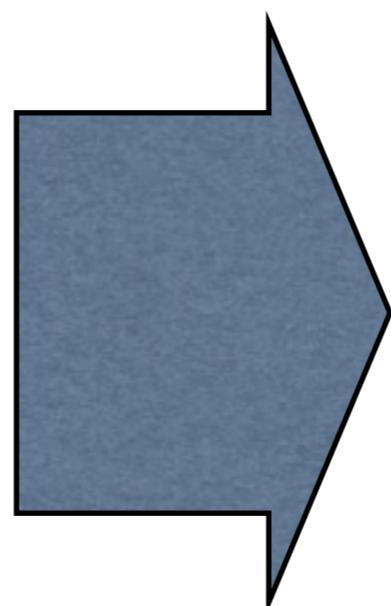
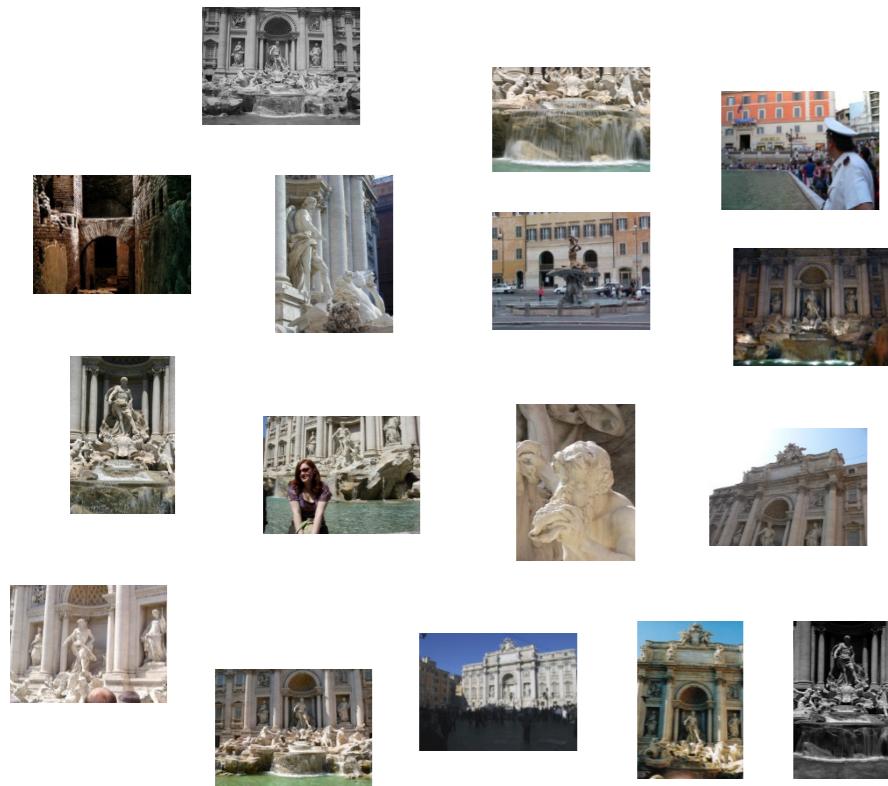
- For affine transformations, adding $w=1$ in the end proved to be convenient.
- The real showpiece is perspective.



Questions?

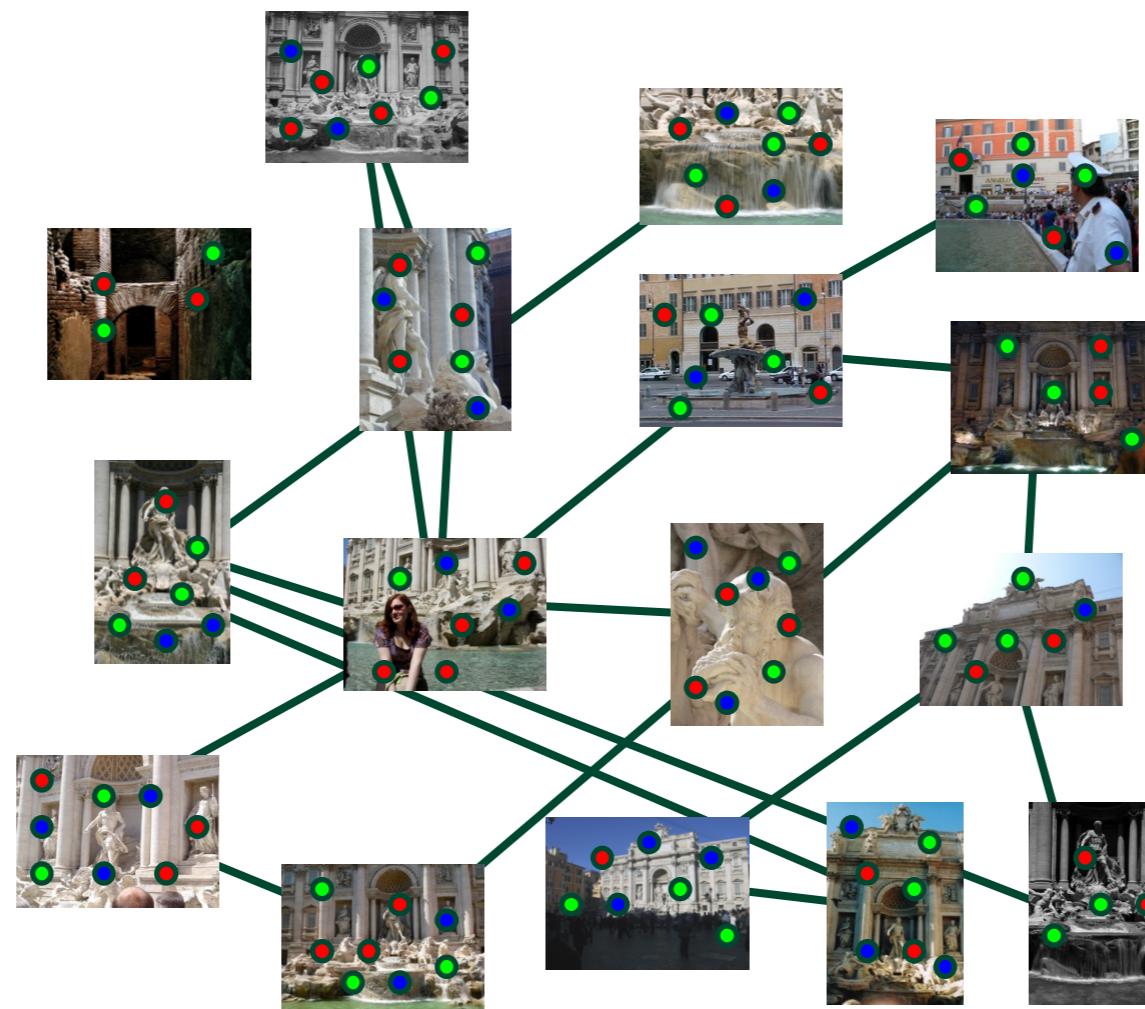
Eye candy: photo tourism

- Application of homogenous coordinates
- Goal: given N photos of a scene
 - find where they were taken
 - get 3D geometry for points in the scene



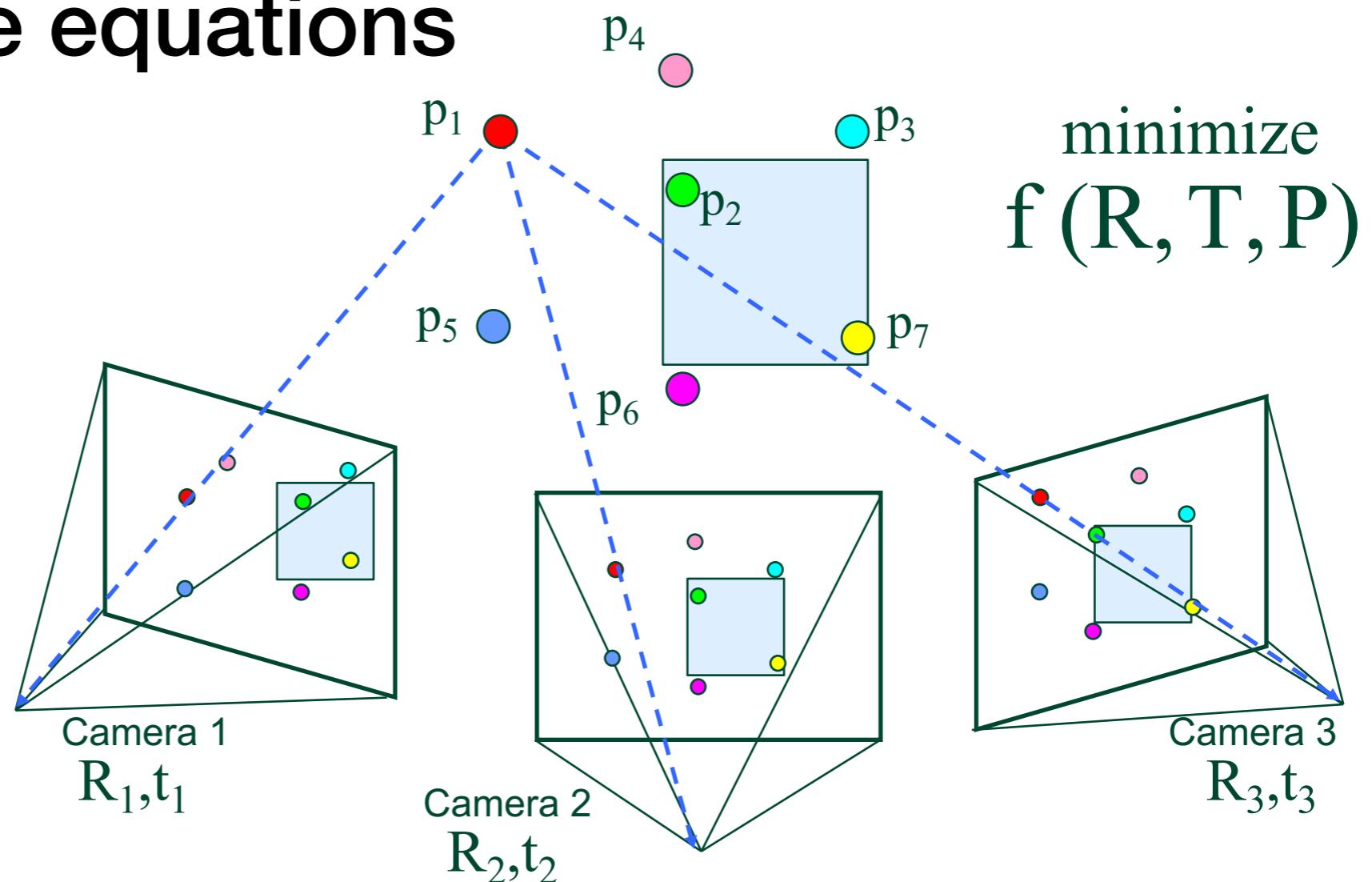
Step 1: point correspondences

- Extract salient points (corners) from images
- Find the same scene point in other images



Structure from motion

- Given point correspondences
- Unknowns: 3D point location, camera poses
- For each point in each image, write perspective equations



Eye candy: photo tourism

Photo Tourism Exploring photo collections in 3D

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Other Cool Stuff

- [Algebraic Groups](#)
- <http://phototour.cs.washington.edu/>
- <http://phototour.cs.washington.edu/findingpaths/>
- [Free-form deformation of solid objects](#)
- [Harmonic coordinates for character articulation](#)