

# Lecture 14

Perspective:  
image projection  
translation  
vanishing points

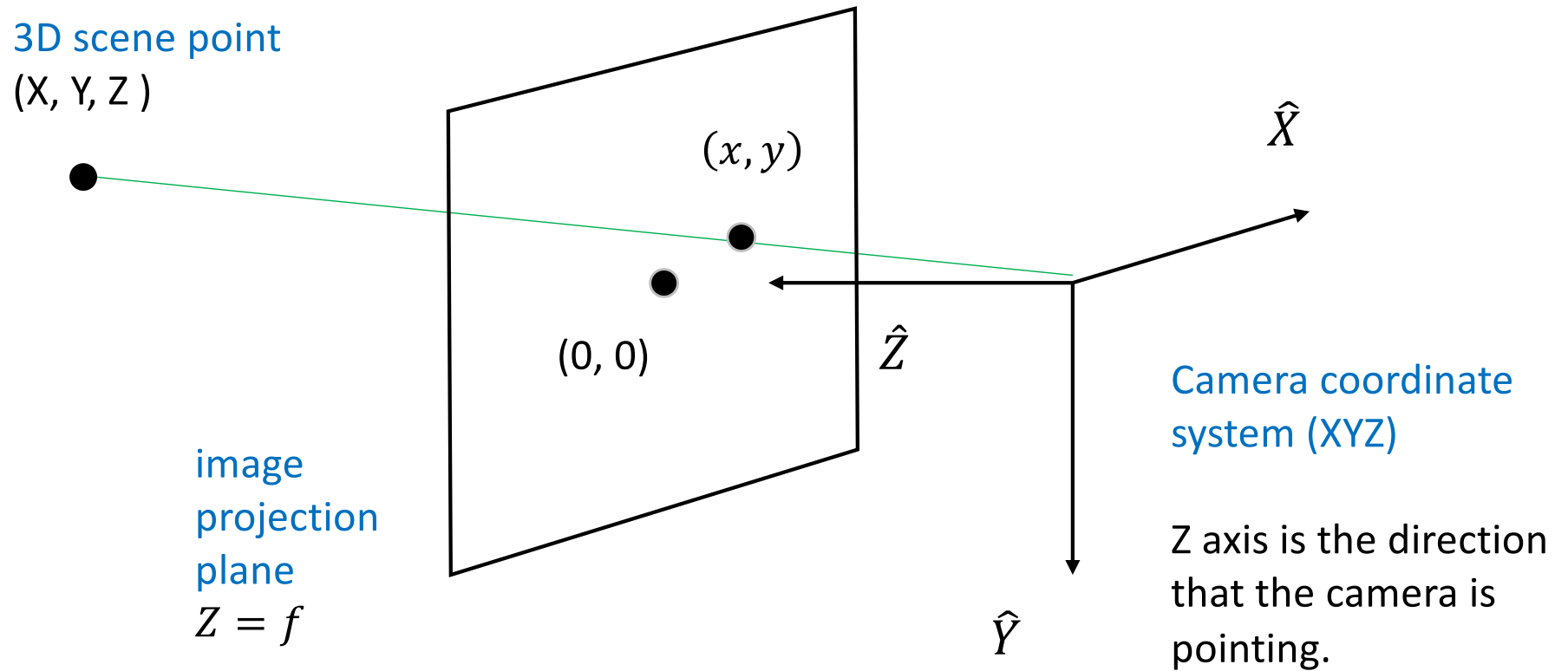


Perspective techniques in painting were discovered in the 15 century.

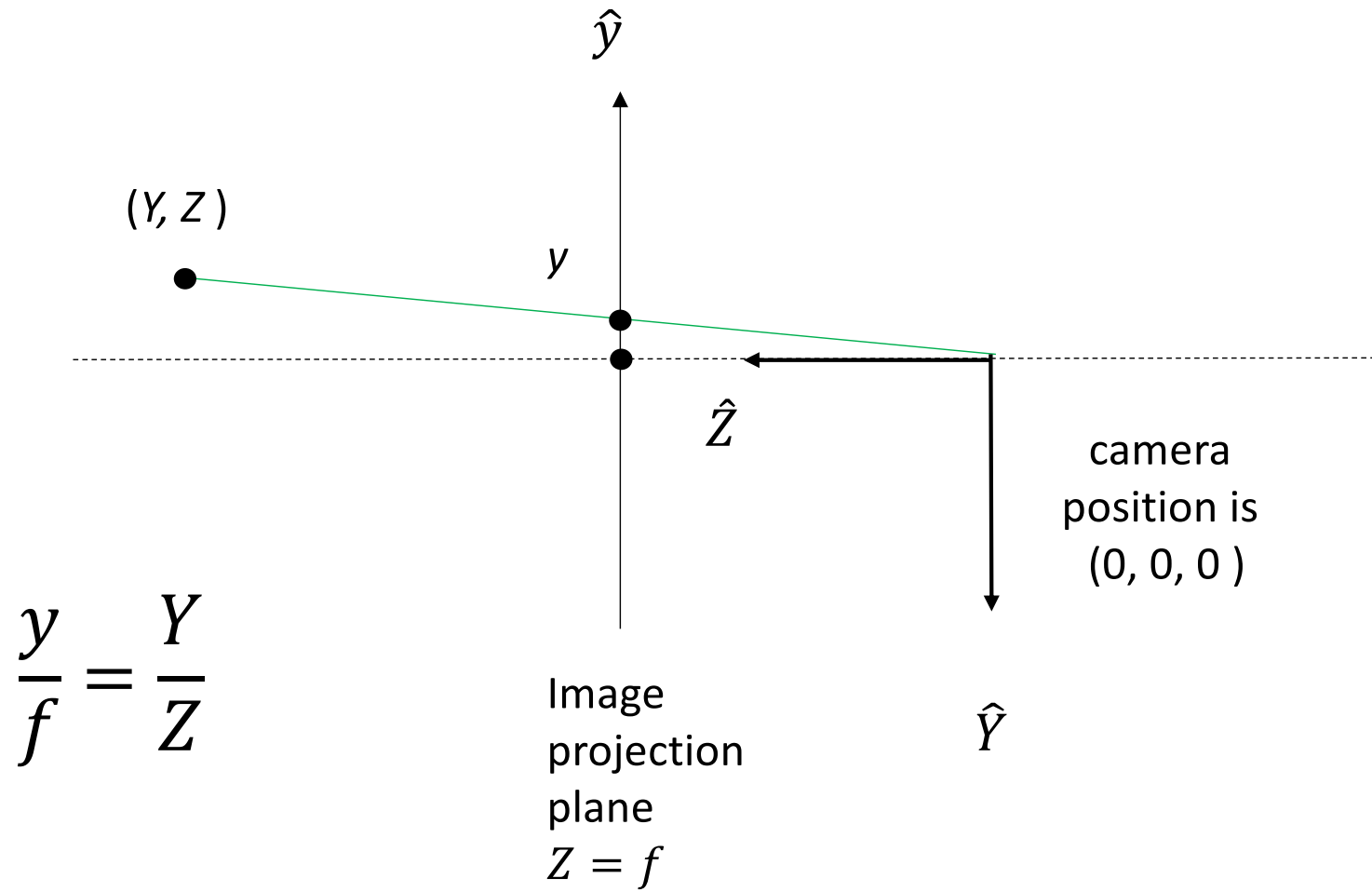
If you have taken an art class, then you'll be familiar with how to draw using perspective.

Today, we'll look at the basic models of perspective used in 3D vision.

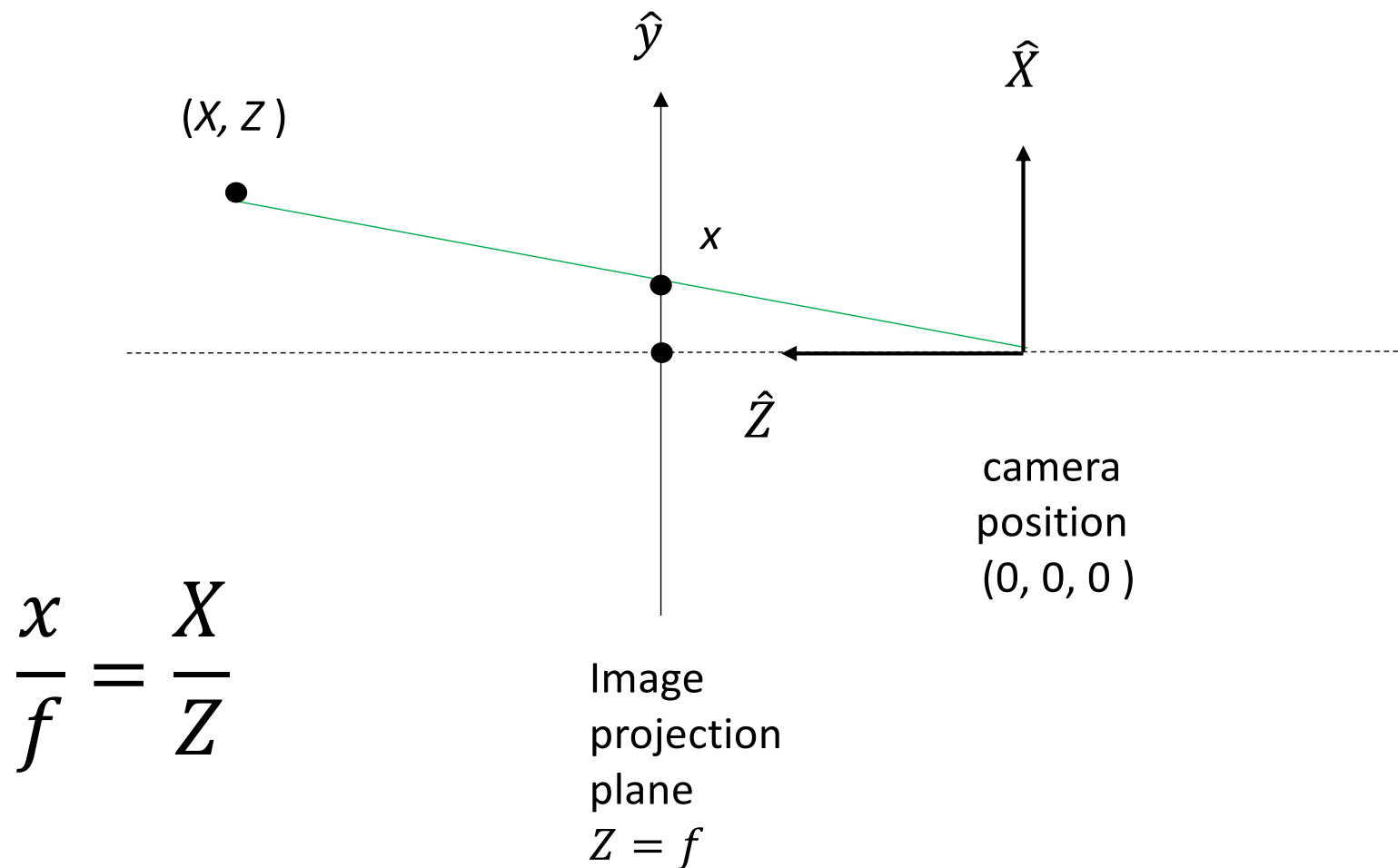
# Image projection



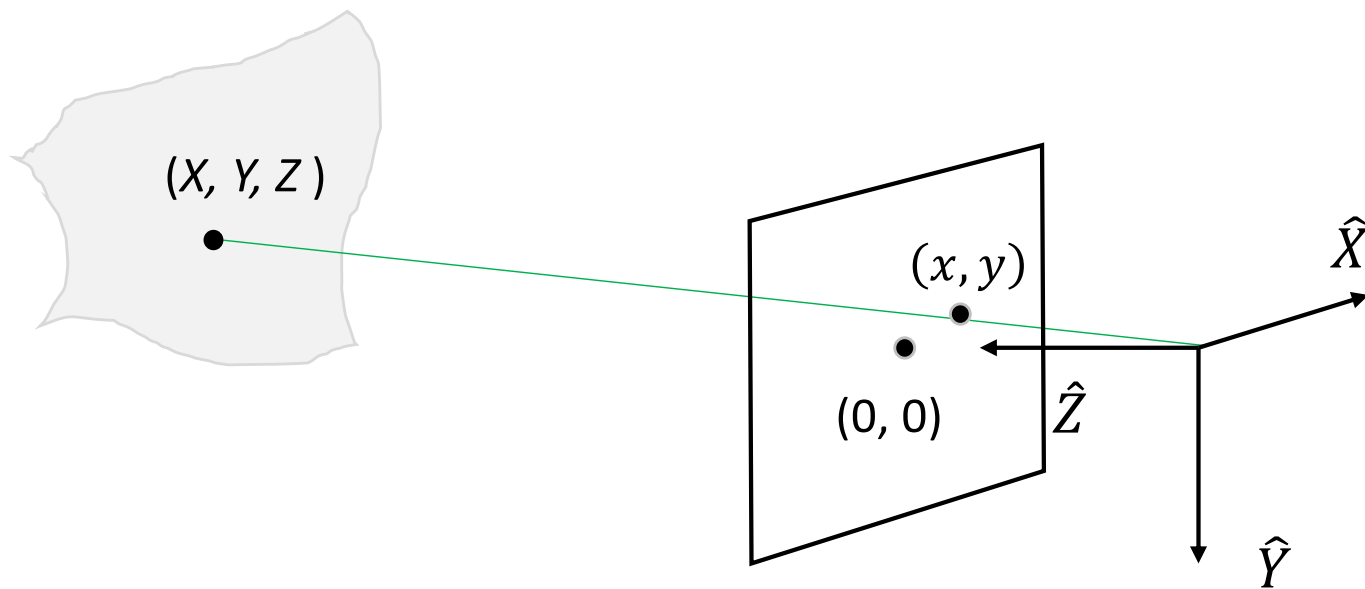
# View from side (YZ)



# View from above (XZ)

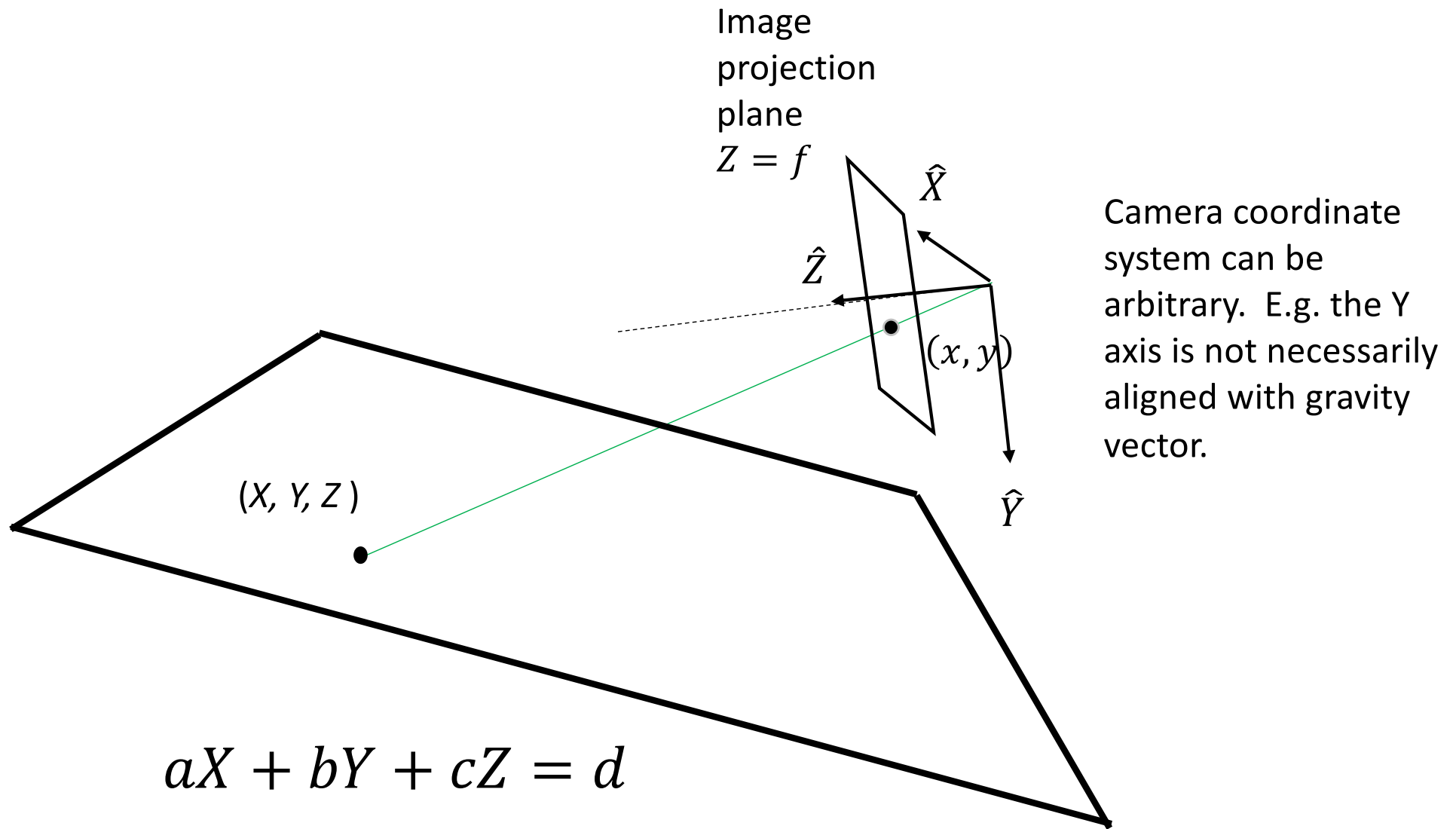


# Depth Map $Z(x, y)$



The mapping from image positions  $(x, y)$  to depth  $Z$  values on a 3D surface is called a “depth map”. We write  $Z(x, y)$ .

# Image Projection of a Scene Plane

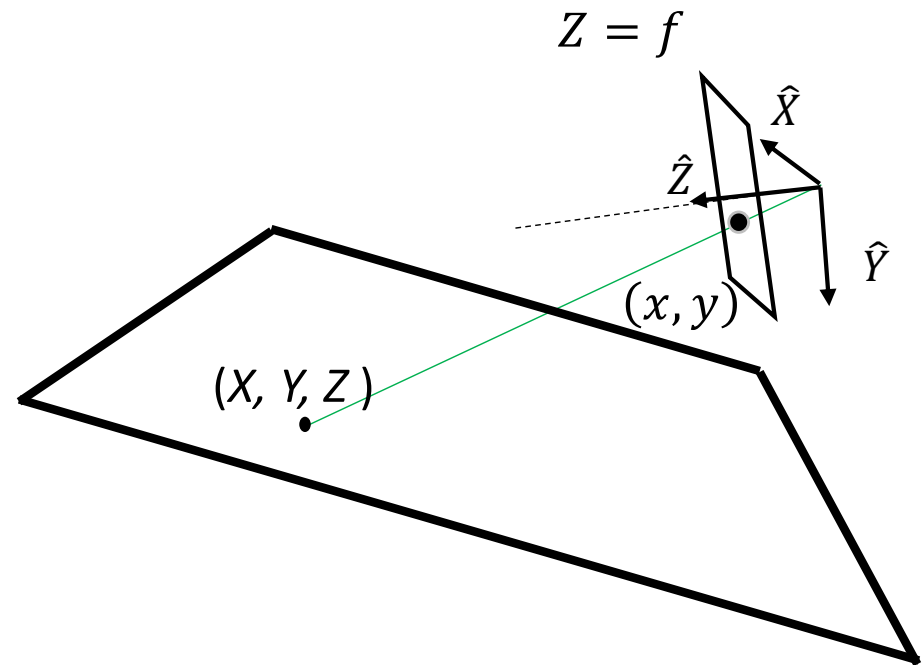


What is the depth map  $Z(x, y)$  ?

$$\frac{x}{f} = \frac{X}{Z}$$

$$\frac{y}{f} = \frac{Y}{Z}$$

$$aX + bY + cZ = d$$



Multiplying the last one by  $\frac{f}{Z}$  and substituting gives ...

$$ax + by + cf = \frac{fd}{Z}$$

$$Z(x, y) = \frac{fd}{ax+by+cf} \cdot$$

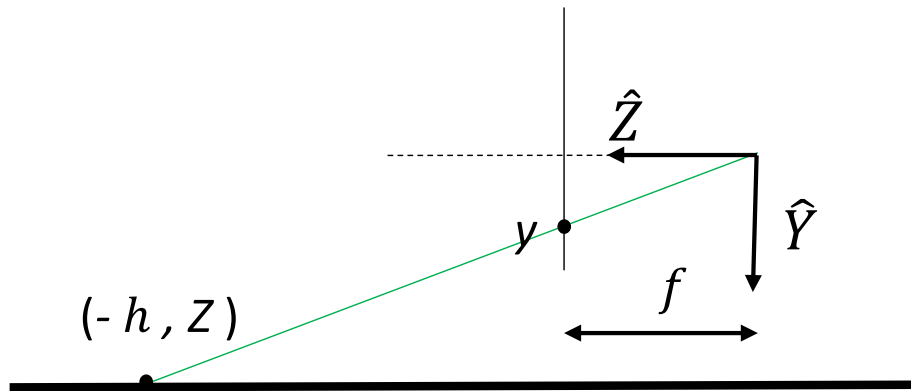


# Example (ground and horizon)



What is the depth map  $Z(x, y)$  ?

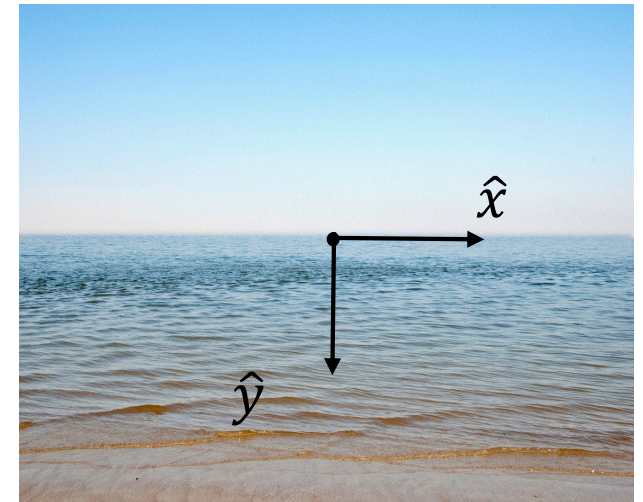
# Example



Ground plane  $Y = h$

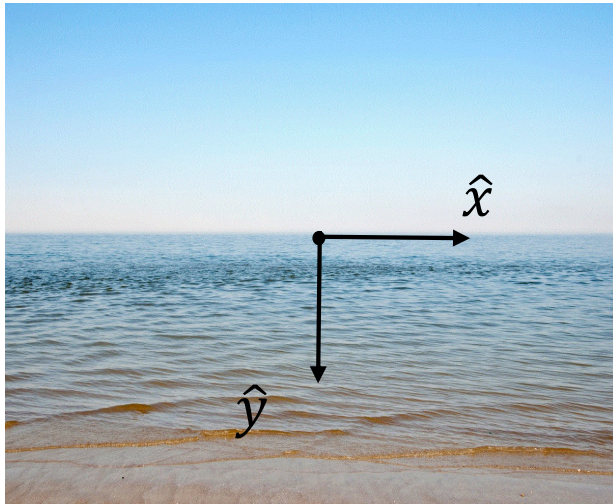
$$aX + bY + cZ = d$$

$$Z(x, y) = \frac{fh}{y}$$



$$a = 0, b = 1, c = 0, d = h$$

$$Z(x, y) = \frac{fd}{ax+by+cf}.$$



$$Z(x, y) = \frac{fh}{y}$$

What happens to depth map as  $y \rightarrow 0$  ?

Also note the depth map above the *horizon* ( $y < 0$ ) is undefined.

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What is the motion field *produced by* a moving observer (camera) ?

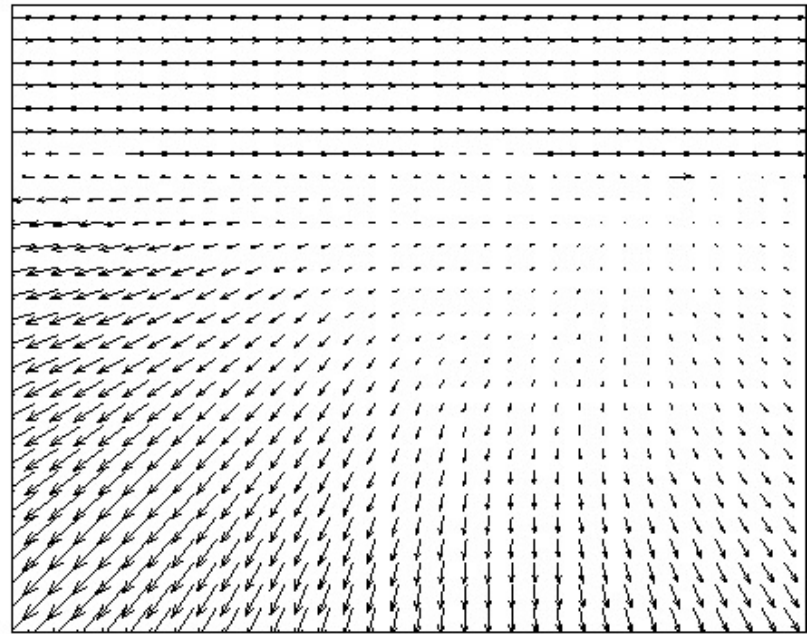
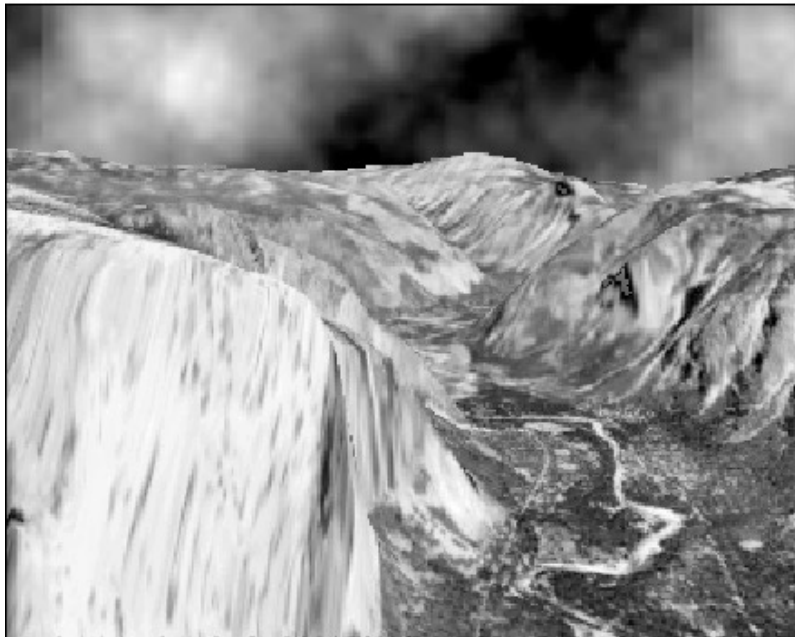


What is the motion field *produced by* a moving observer (camera) ?

Assume the scene is static, and camera is moving.

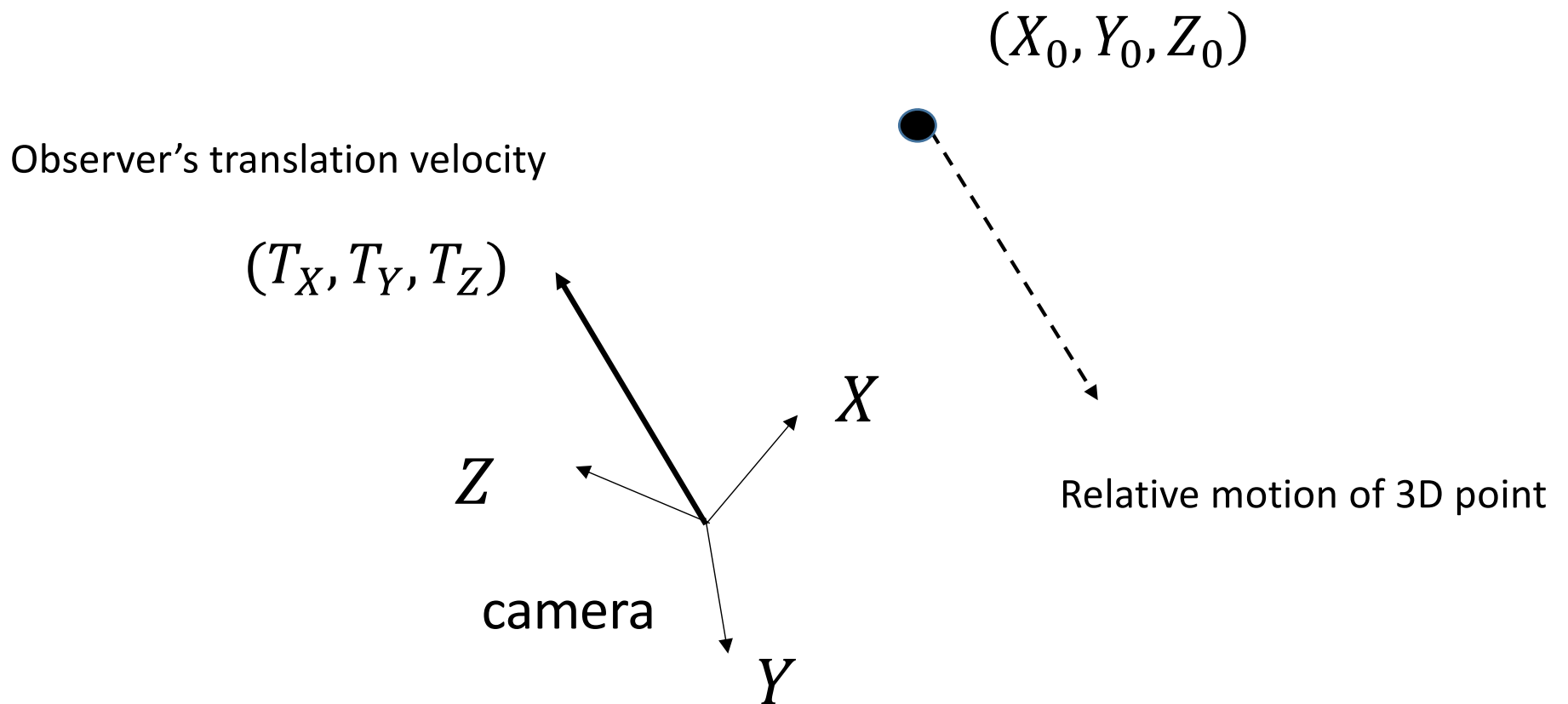
Assume camera translation only.

We will discuss camera rotation next lecture.



“Yosemite sequence” (rendered)

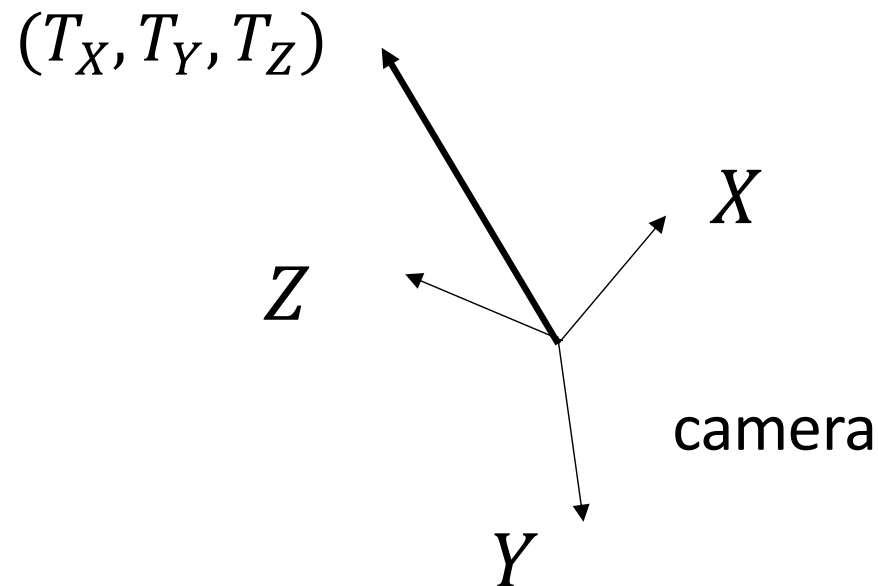
# Motion field produced by a *translating* observer



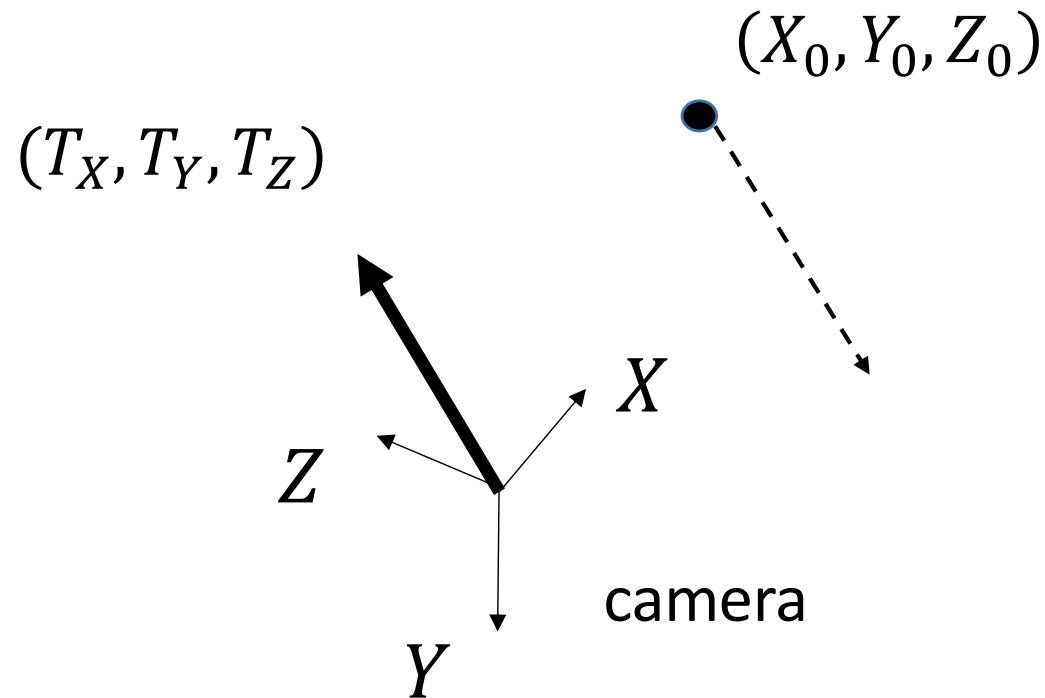
# Motion field produced by a translating observer

We will decompose the motion field into two components:

- due to forward motion  $T_Z$
- due to lateral motion  $(T_X, T_Y)$





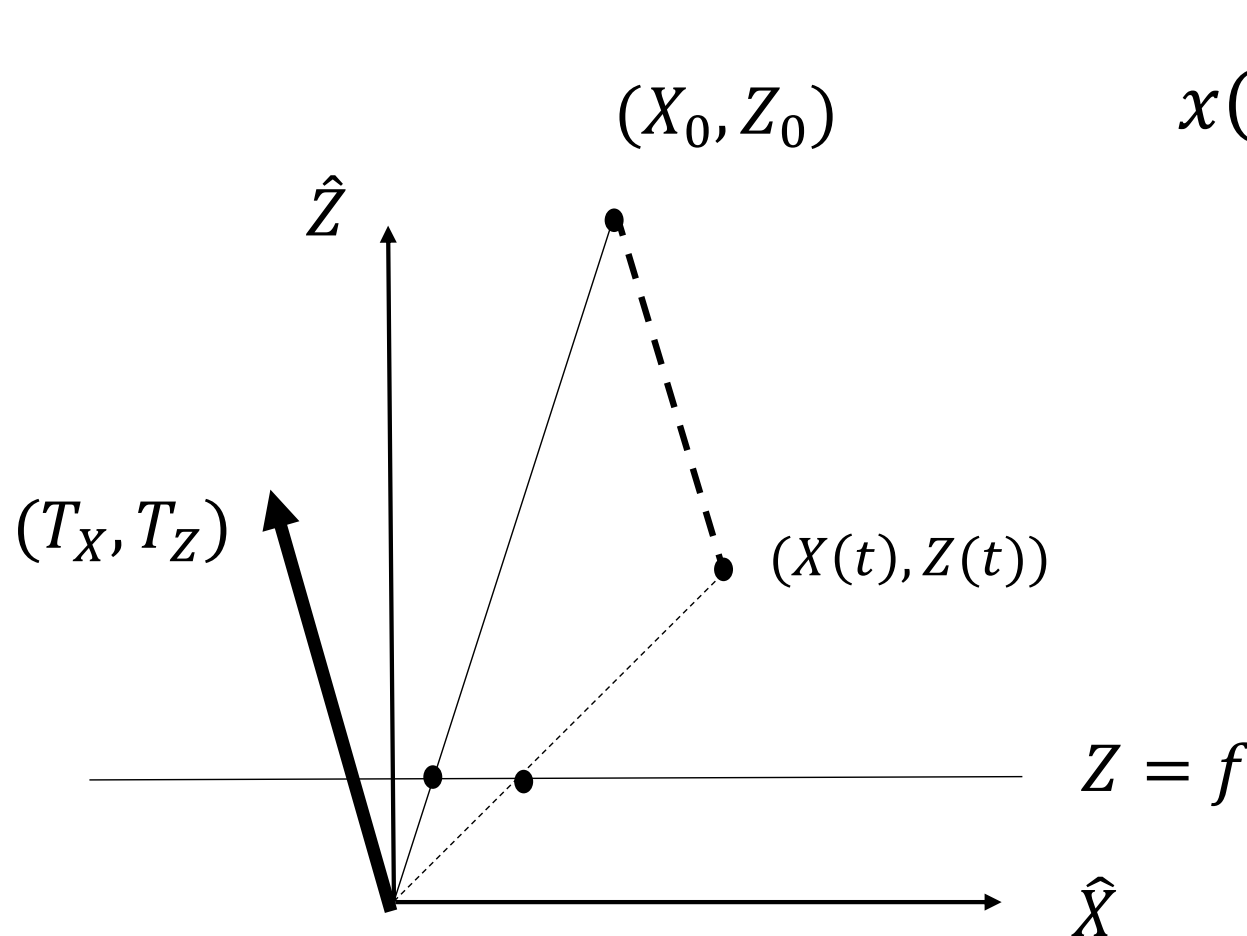


The 3D path of the scene point in the camera's coordinate system is:

$$(X(t), Y(t), Z(t)) = (X_0, Y_0, Z_0) + t (-T_x, -T_y, -T_z)$$

The *relative* 3D velocity of the scene point  $(-T_X, -T_Y, -T_Z)$

What is the **image path**  $(x(t), y(t))$  of the scene point on the projection plane?

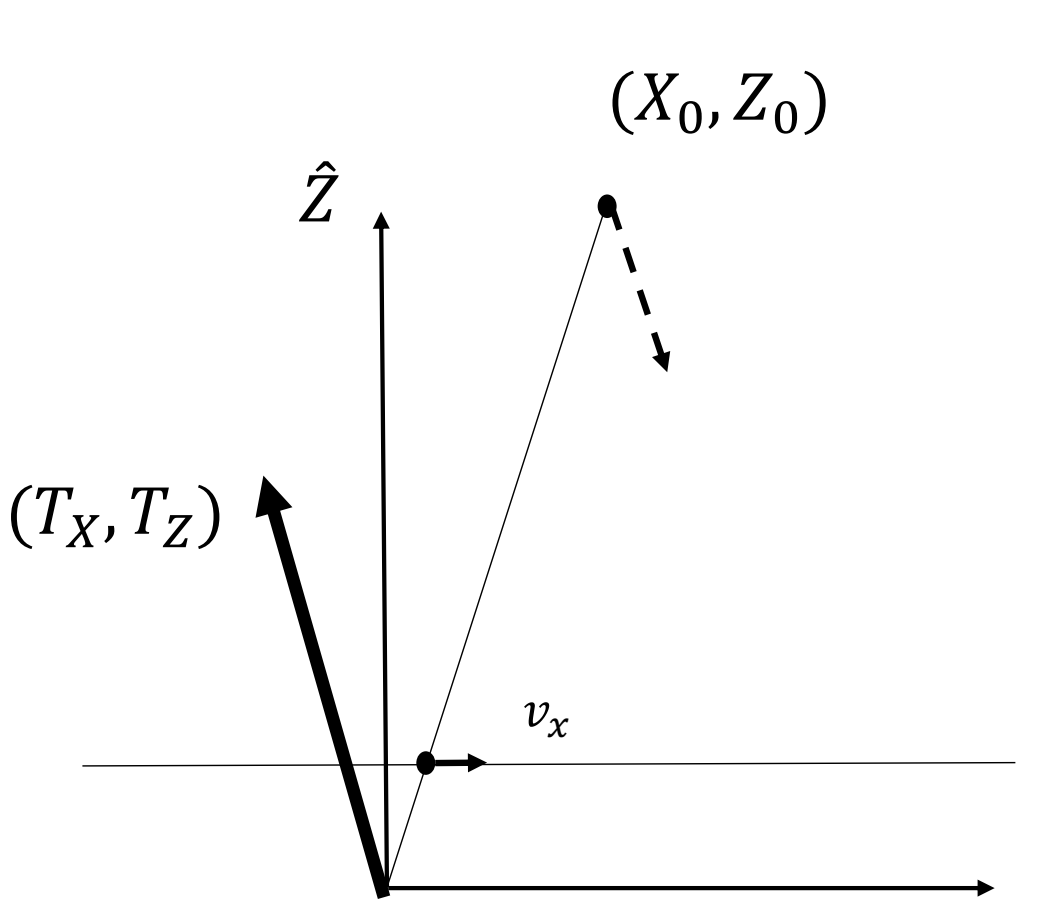


$$x(t) = f \frac{X(t)}{Z(t)}$$

$$= f \frac{X_0 - T_X t}{Z_0 - T_Z t}$$

Notation:  $(x(t), y(t))$  is a position in the plane  $Z = f$ .

What is the **image velocity**  $(v_x, v_y)$  of the scene point?



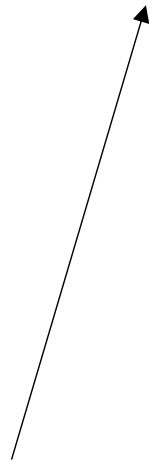
The diagram illustrates a camera model. A coordinate system with axes  $\hat{X}$  and  $\hat{Z}$  is shown. A scene point is located at  $(X_0, Z_0)$ . A dashed line represents the projection of this point onto the image plane, which is defined by  $Z = f$ . The image plane is a vertical line at  $\hat{X} = 0$ . The image of the scene point is located at  $(T_X, T_Z)$  on the image plane. The image velocity  $v_x$  is shown as a horizontal arrow pointing to the right from the image point.

$$v_x = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \Big|_{t=0}$$

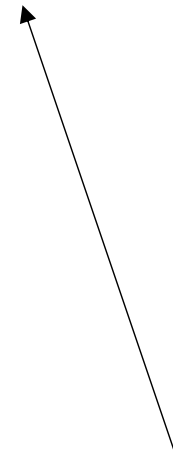
$$= f \frac{-T_X Z_0 + T_Z X_0}{Z_0^2}$$

What is the **image velocity**  $(v_x, v_y)$  of the scene point?

$$(v_x, v_y) = \left( f \frac{-T_X Z_0 + T_Z X_0}{Z_o^2}, f \frac{-T_Y Z_0 + T_Z Y_0}{Z_o^2} \right)$$



Previous slide



Same derivation for Y.

What is the **image velocity**  $(v_x, v_y)$  of the scene point?

$$\begin{aligned}(v_x, v_y) &= \left( f \frac{-T_X Z_0 + T_Z X_0}{Z_o^2}, f \frac{-T_Y Z_0 + T_Z Y_0}{Z_o^2} \right) \\&= \frac{f}{Z_o} (-T_X, -T_Y) + \underbrace{\frac{T_Z}{Z_o} \left( \frac{f X_0}{Z_o}, \frac{f Y_0}{Z_o} \right)}_{= (x, y)}\end{aligned}$$

Lateral translation  
component

Forward translation  
component

Both components depend on inverse depth.

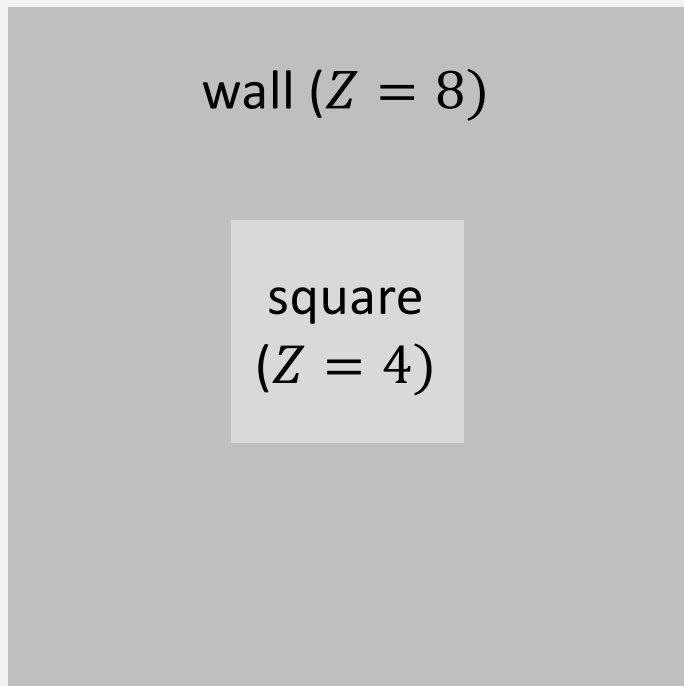
Let's look at some examples.



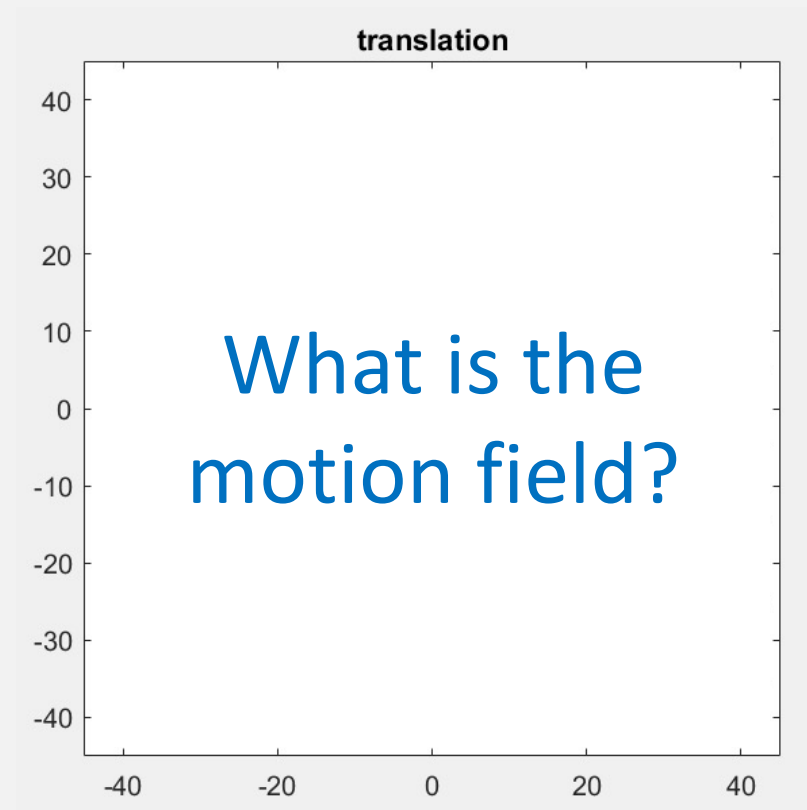
# Lateral translation ( $T_Z = 0$ )

$$(v_x, v_y) = \frac{f}{Z_o} (-T_X, -T_Y)$$

Example:



←  
 $(T_X, T_Y = 0)$

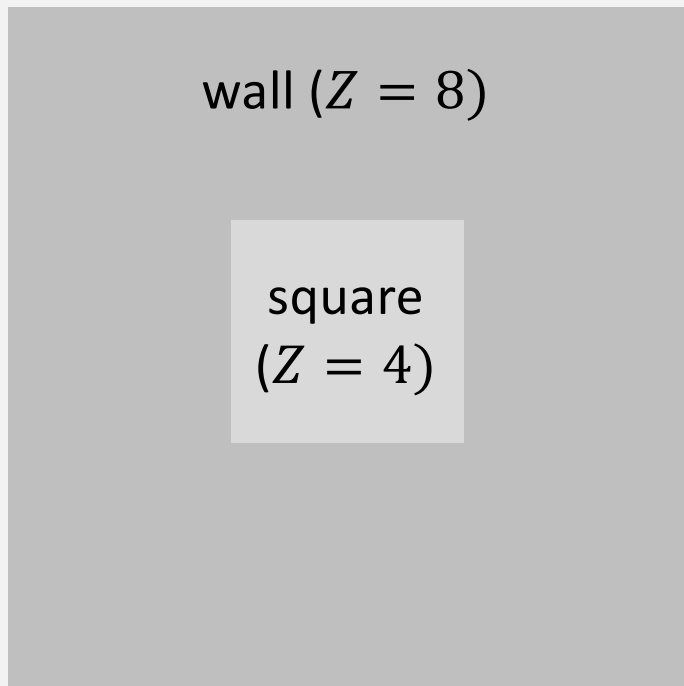


eccentricity (deg.)

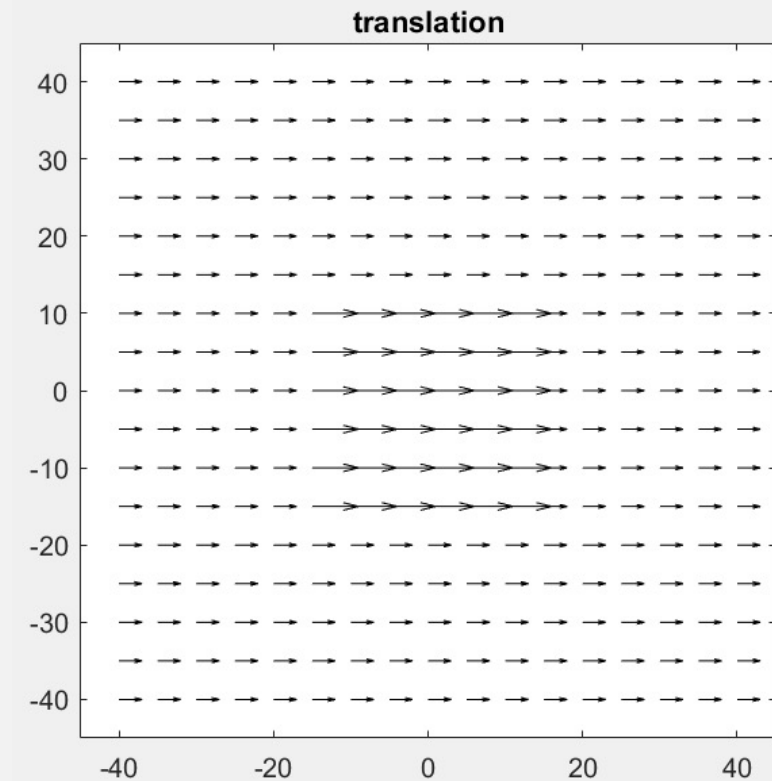
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Example:



$$(T_X \neq 0, T_Y = 0)$$



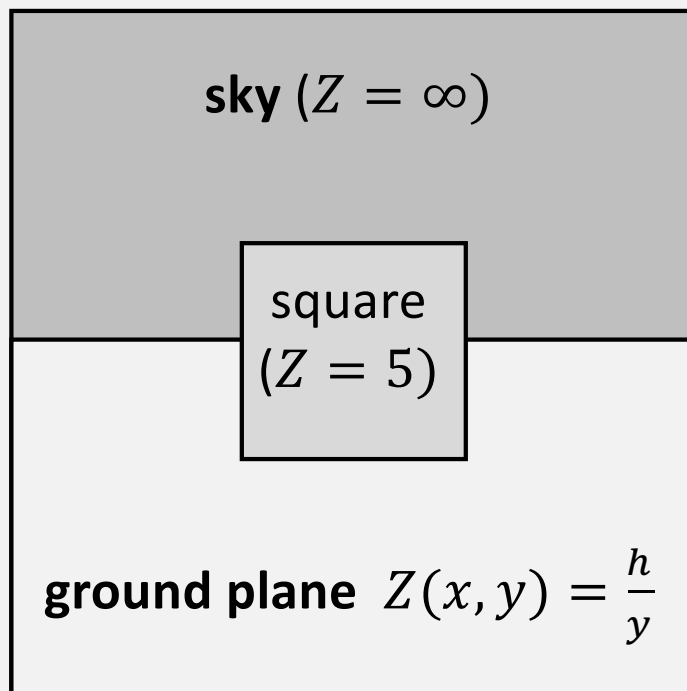
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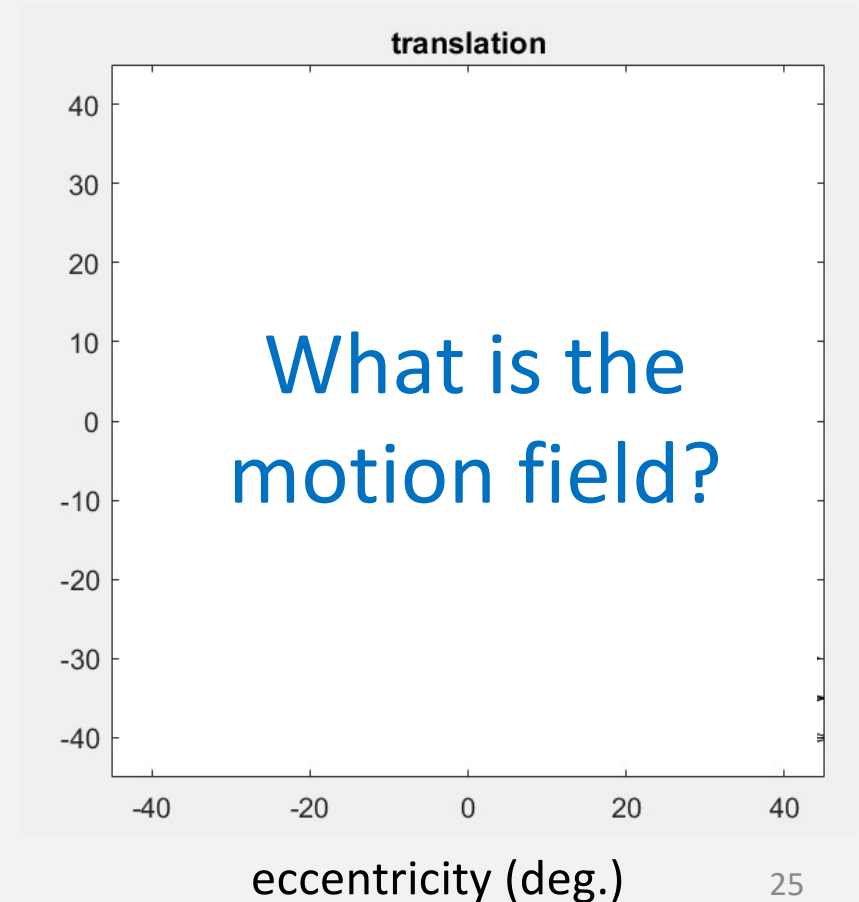
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Example:



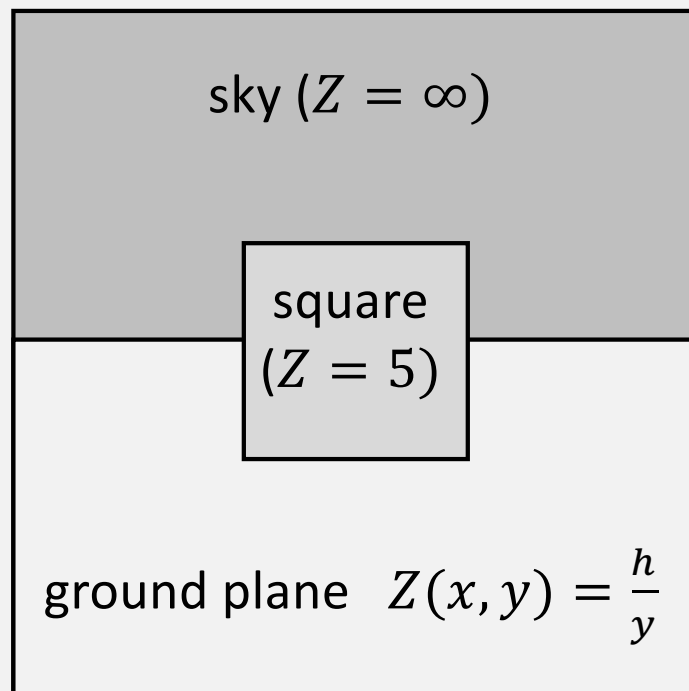
$$(T_X \neq 0, T_Y = 0)$$



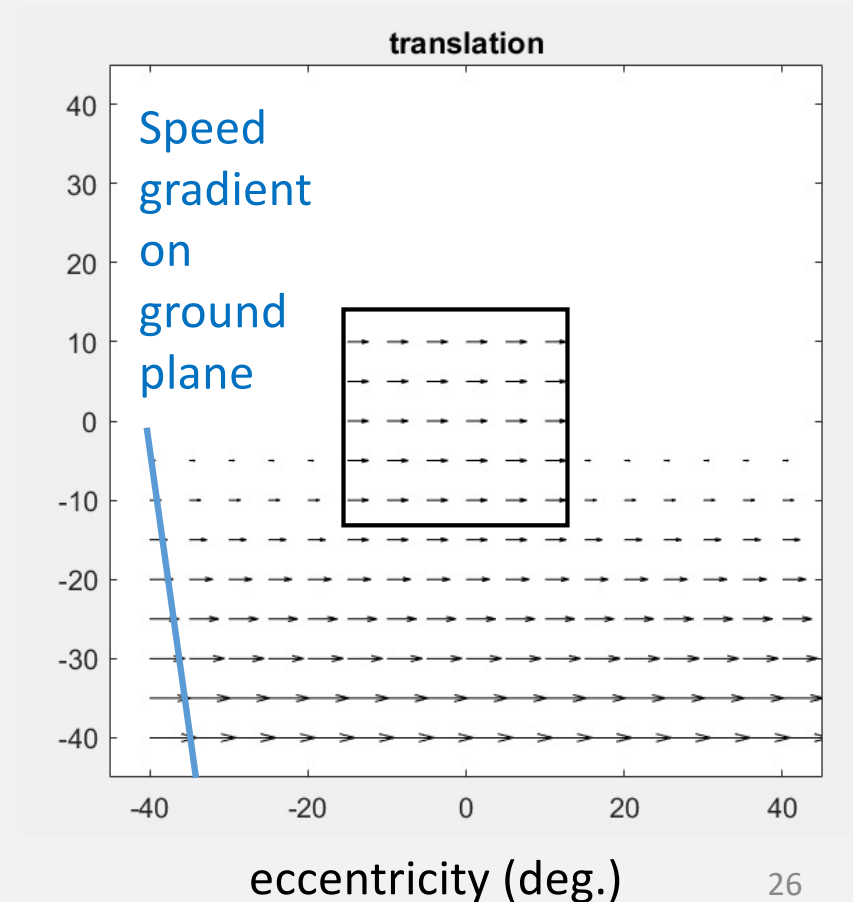
# Lateral translation ( $T_Z = 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned}(v_x, v_y) &= \frac{f}{Z_o} (-T_X, -T_Y) \\ &= \frac{fy}{h} (-T_X, 0)\end{aligned}$$

Example:

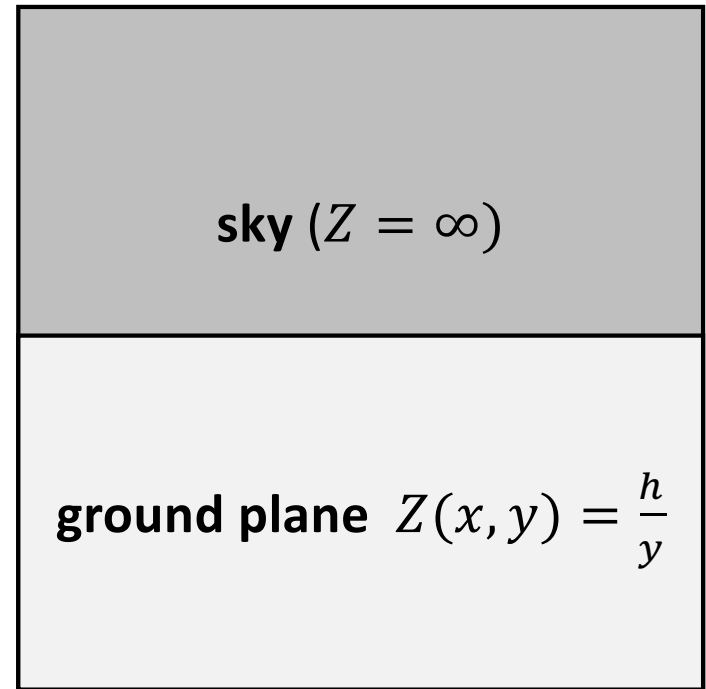
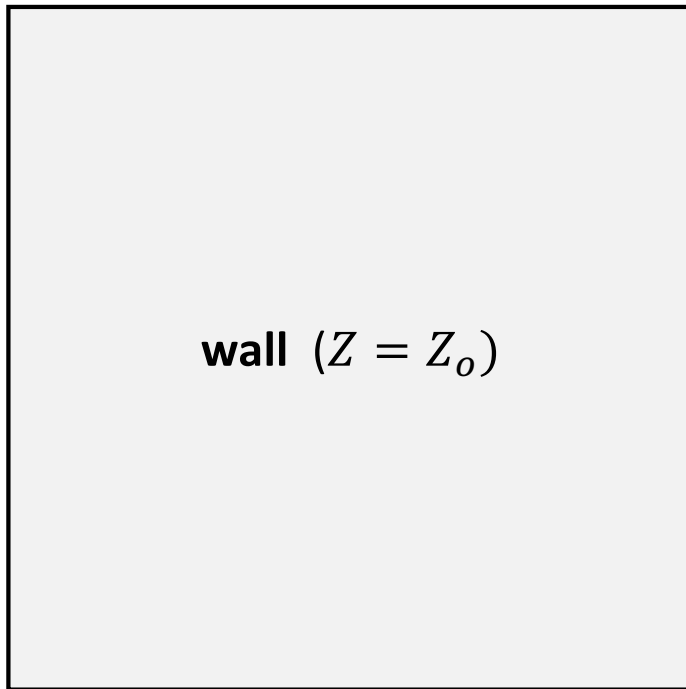


$$(T_X \neq 0, T_Y = 0)$$



Forward translation ( $T_X = T_Y = 0$ )

$$(v_x, v_y) = \frac{T_Z}{Z_o} (x, y)$$

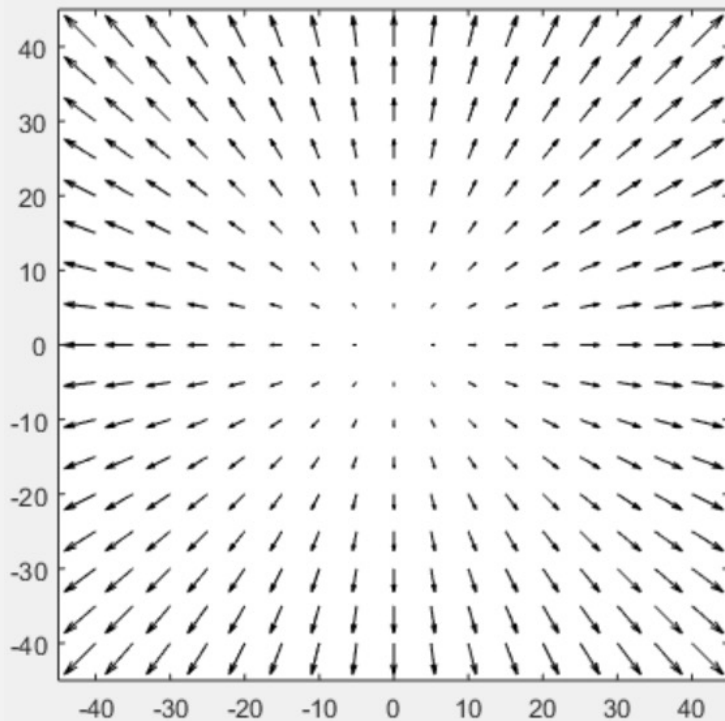


What are the motion fields?

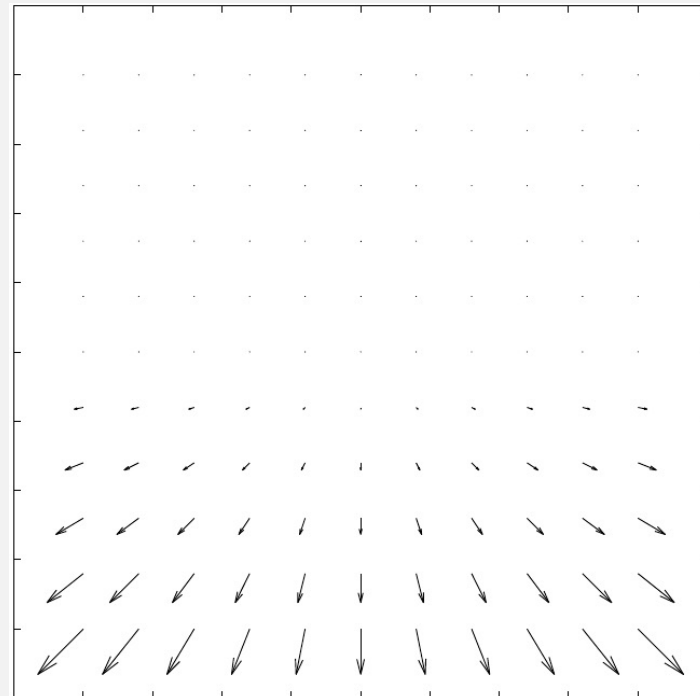
# Forward translation ( $T_X = T_Y = 0$ )

$$(v_x, v_y) = \frac{T_Z}{Z(x, y)} (x, y)$$

$Z(x, y)$  is a depth map.  
 $(x, y)$  is a position in  
projection plane.



wall  
 $Z = Z_o$



sky and ground plane  
(see Exercises)

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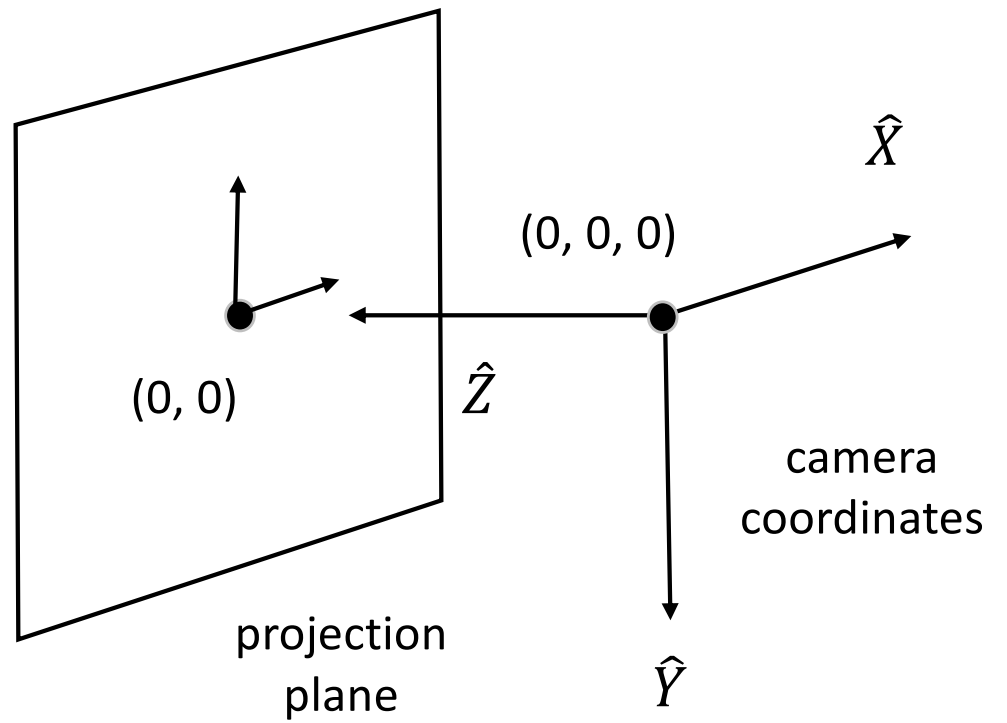
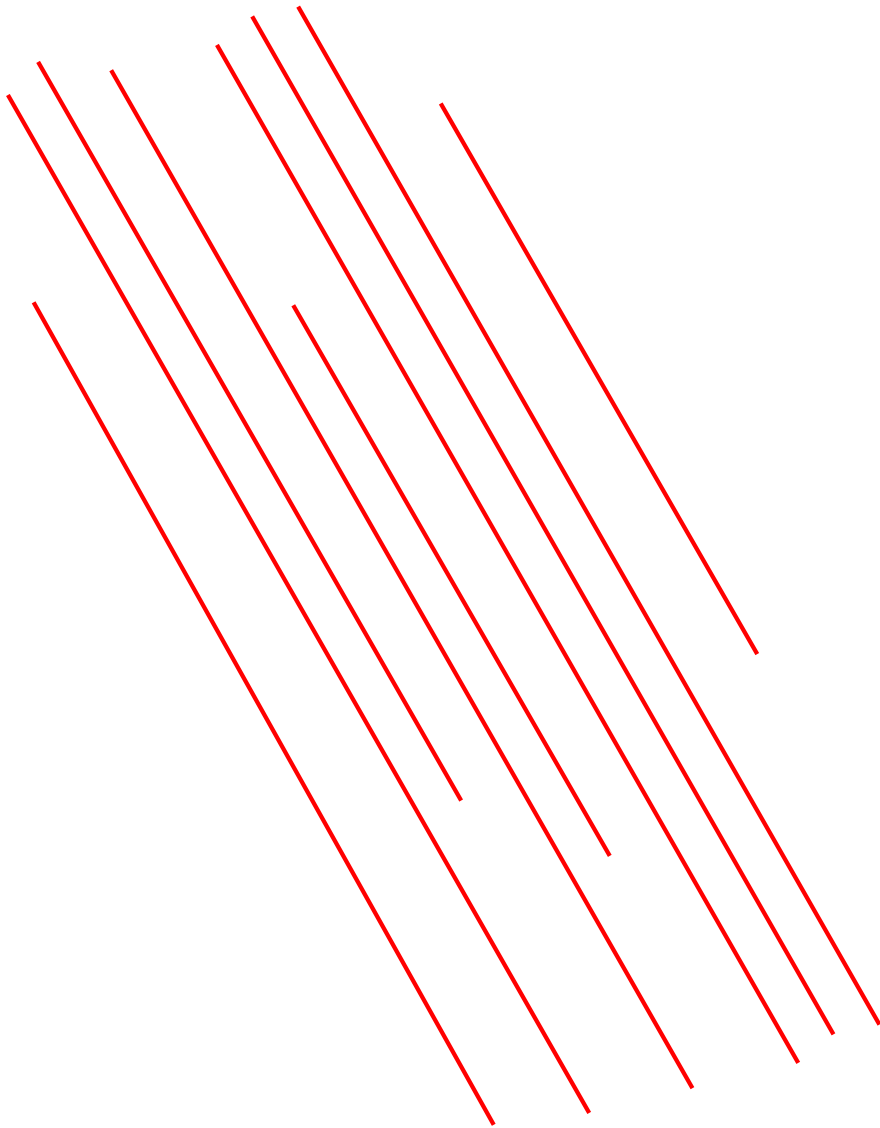
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# Vanishing Points



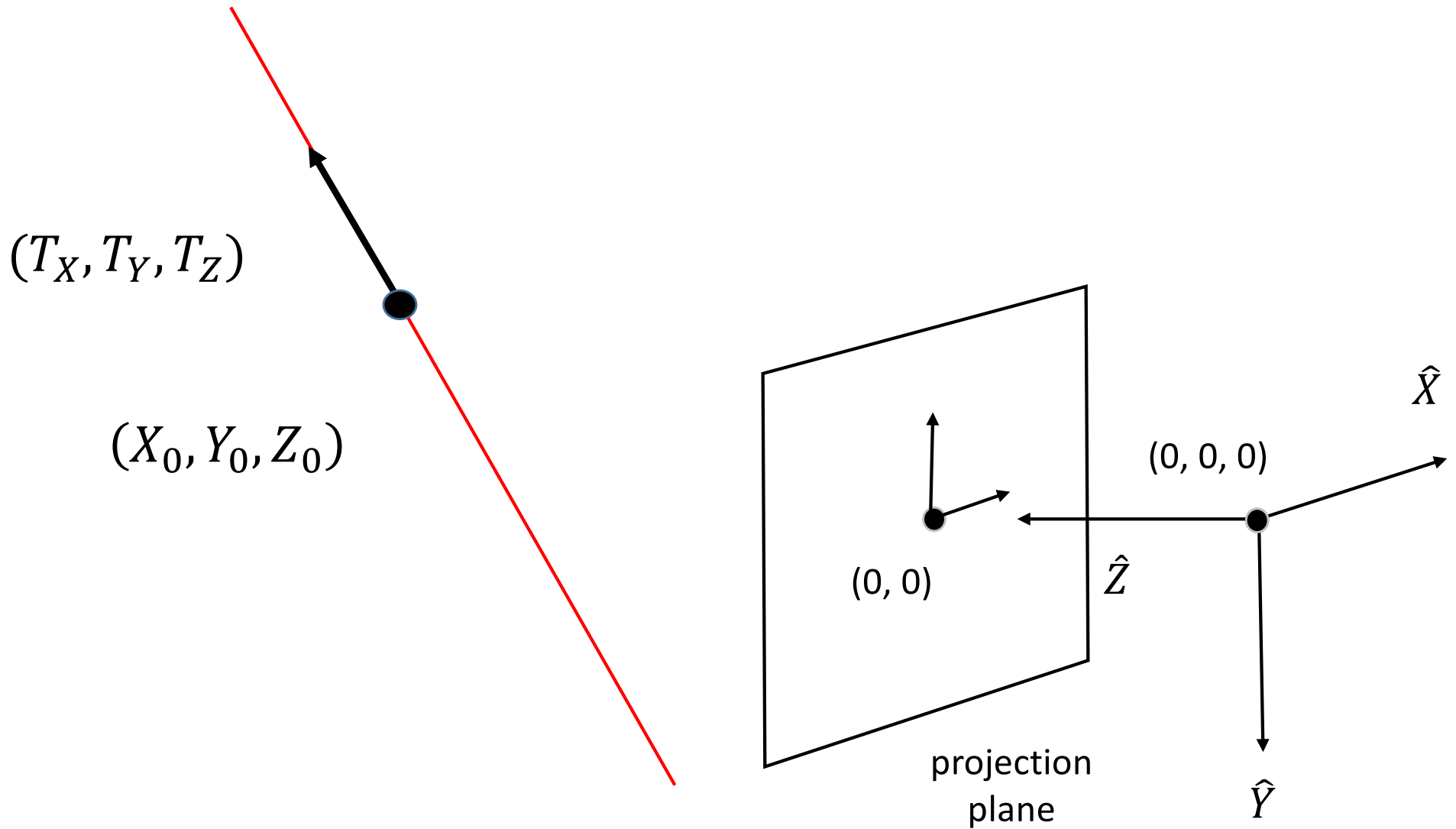
Parallel lines in the scene meet “at infinity”. The location of this meeting point *in the image projection plane* is called a vanishing point.

## Parallel lines in 3D scene



### Parametric equation of a scene line

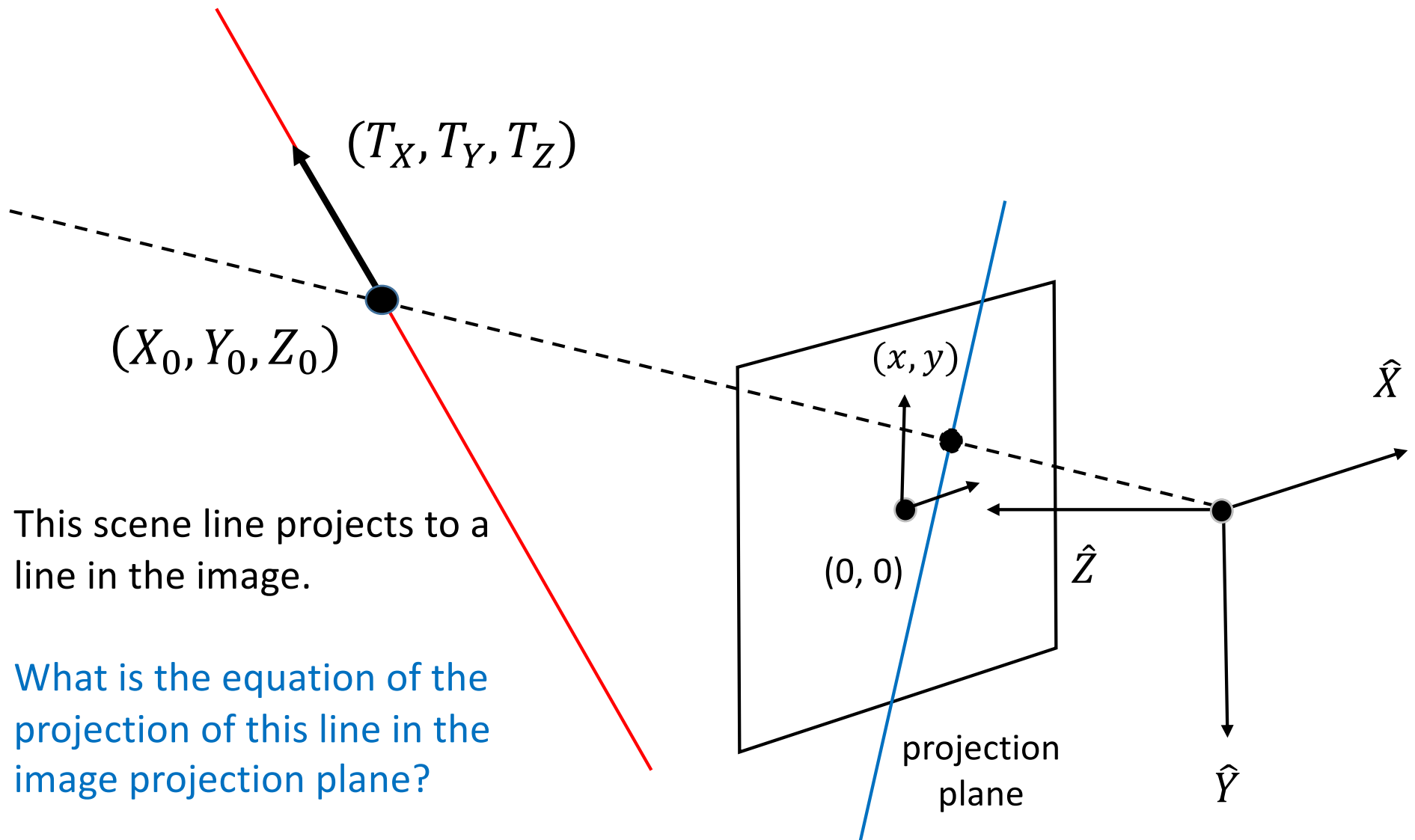
$$(X(t), Y(t), Z(t)) = (X_0, Y_0, Z_0) + (T_X, T_Y, T_Z) t$$





## Parametric equation of a scene line

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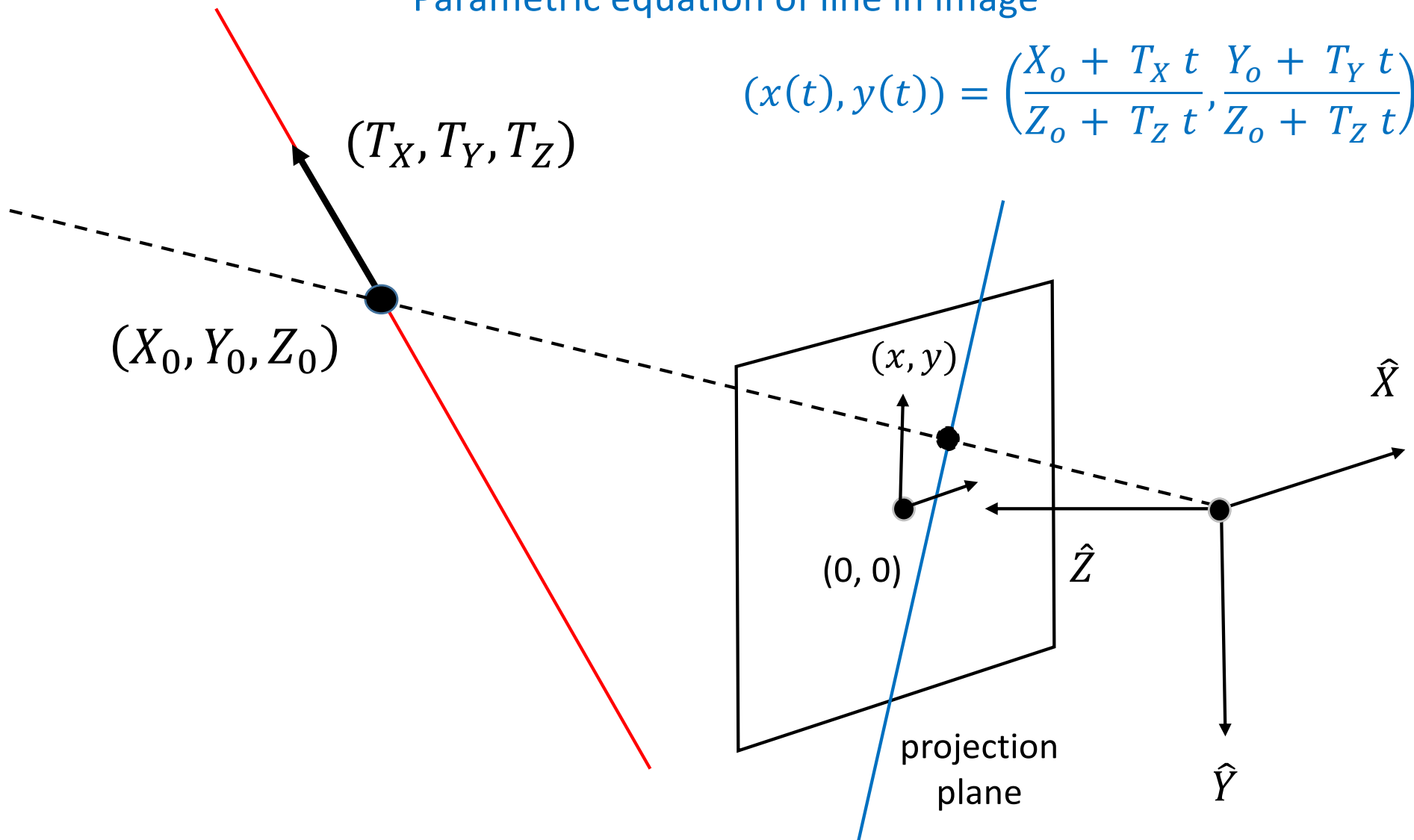


$$\frac{x}{f} = \frac{X}{Z}$$

$$\frac{y}{f} = \frac{Y}{Z}$$

Parametric equation of line in image

$$(x(t), y(t)) = \left( \frac{X_o + T_X t}{Z_o + T_Z t}, \frac{Y_o + T_Y t}{Z_o + T_Z t} \right) f$$

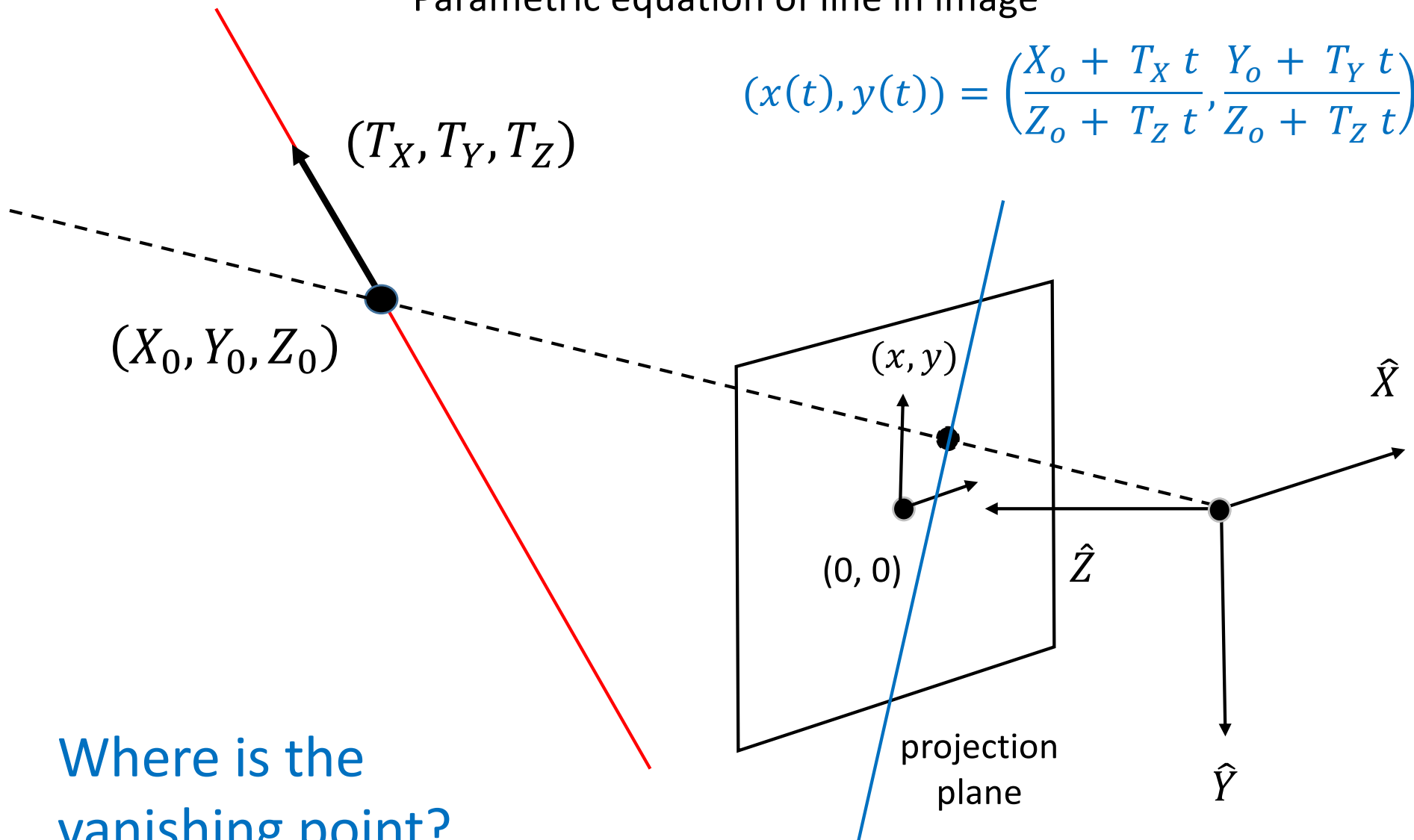


Parametric equation of scene line

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Parametric equation of line in image

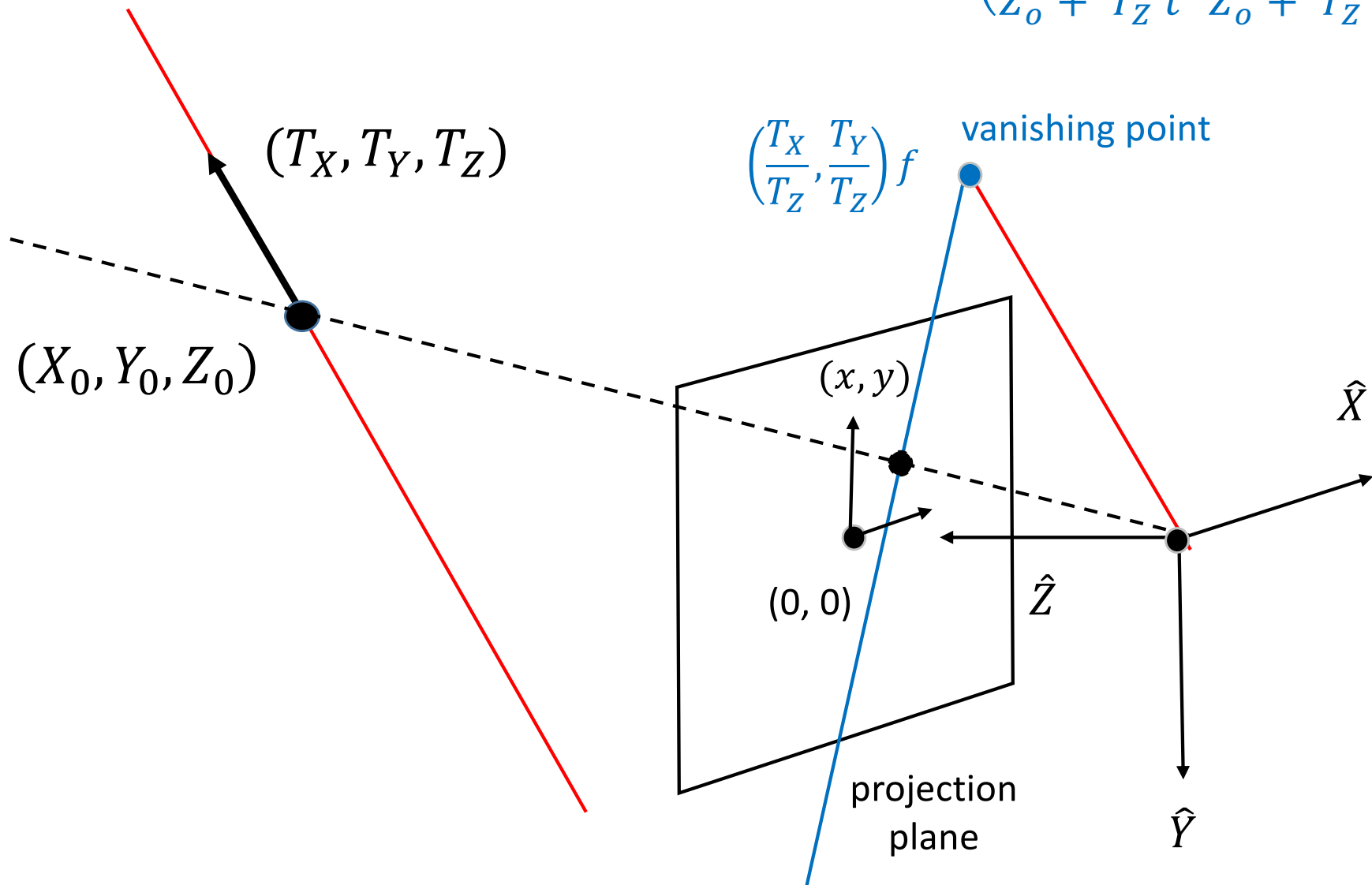
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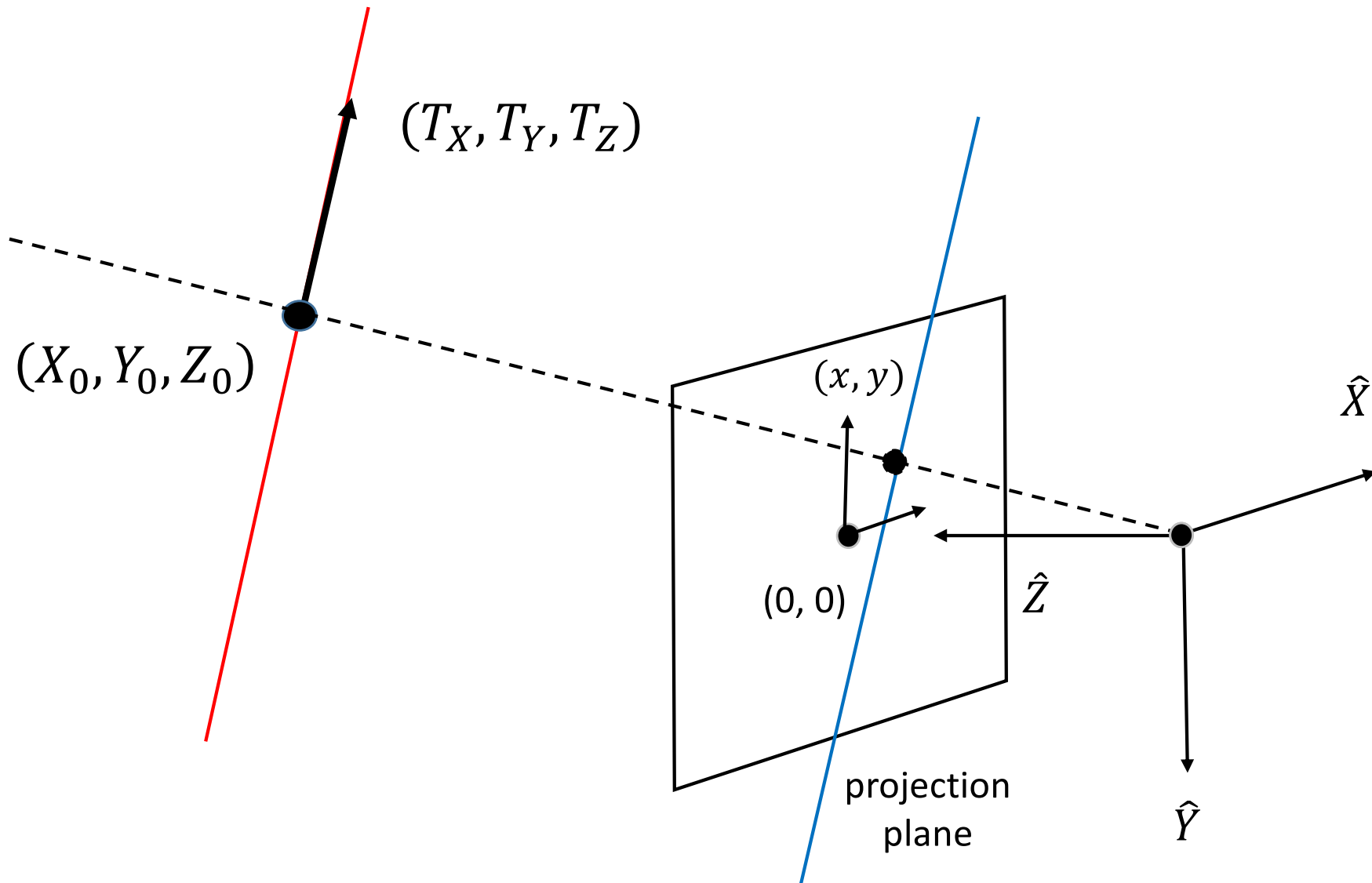
$$(X(t), Y(t), Z(t)) = (X_0, Y_0, Z_0) + (T_X, T_Y, T_Z) t$$

The vanishing point is defined by letting  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

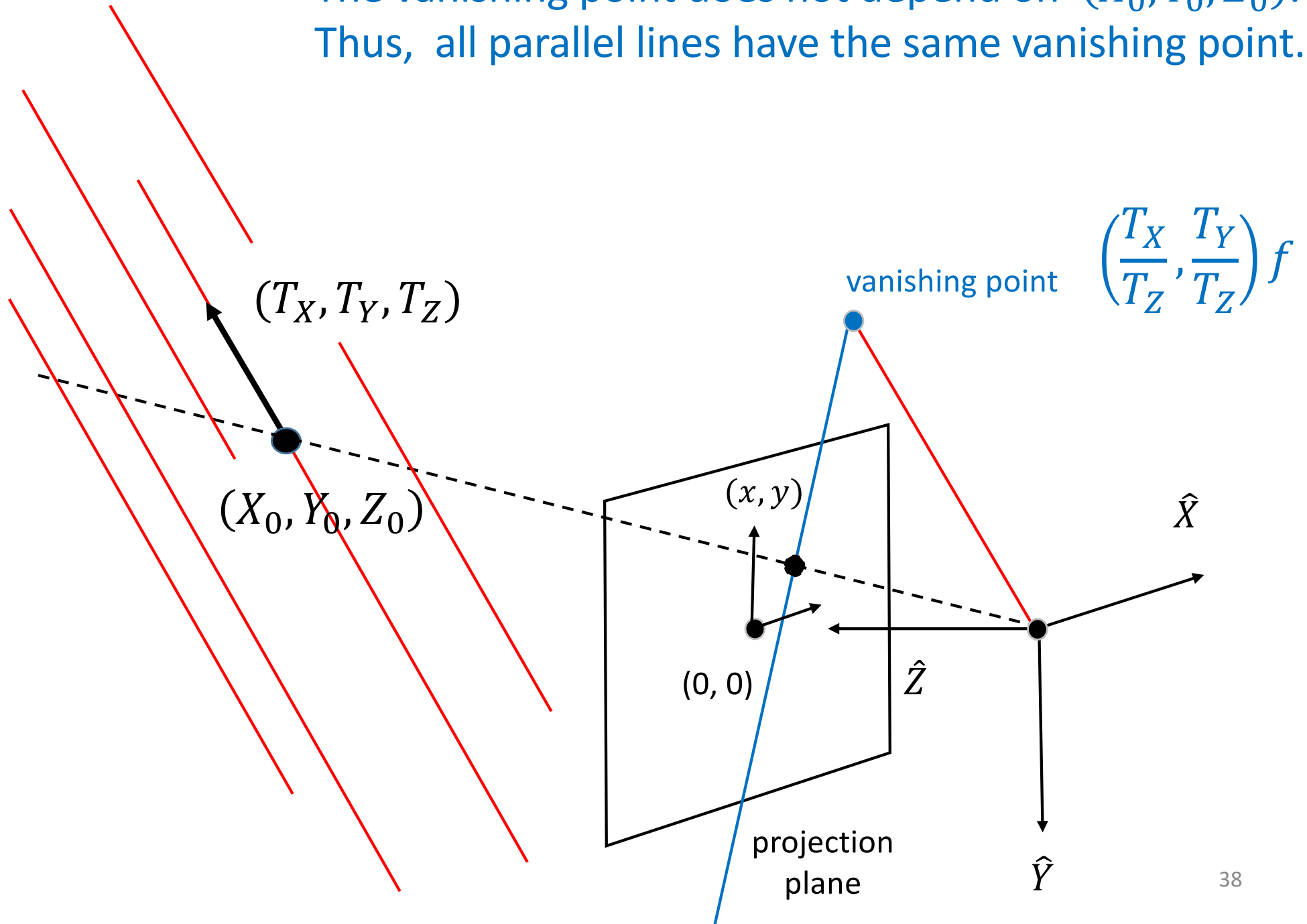
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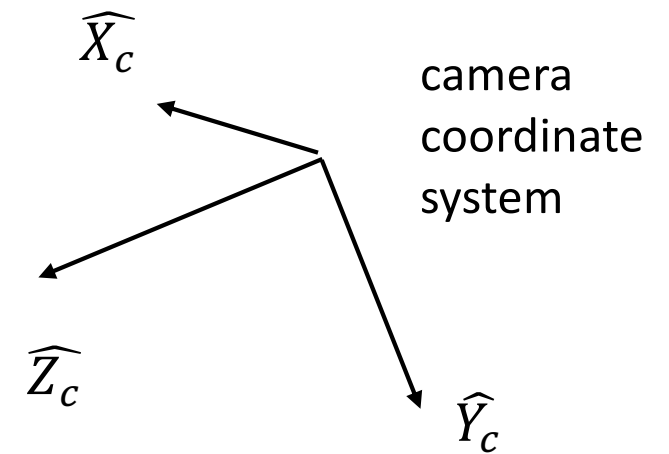
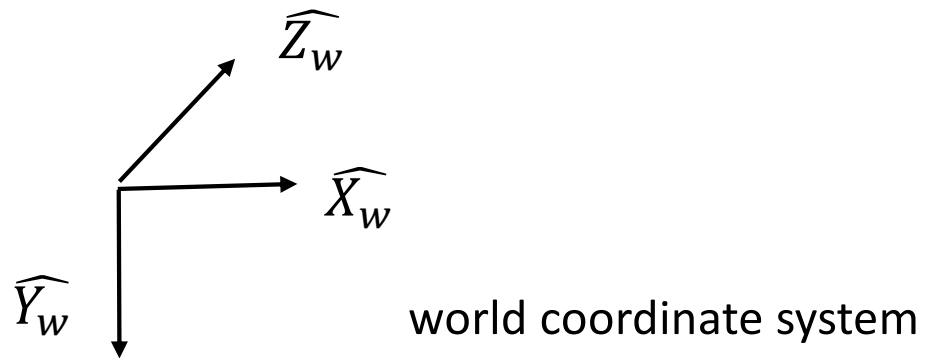
If  $T_Z = 0$ , then argument on previous slide doesn't work. This is the case that the scene lines are parallel to the image plane. In this case, the vanishing point is "at infinity".



The vanishing point does not depend on  $(X_0, Y_0, Z_0)$ .  
Thus, all parallel lines have the same vanishing point.

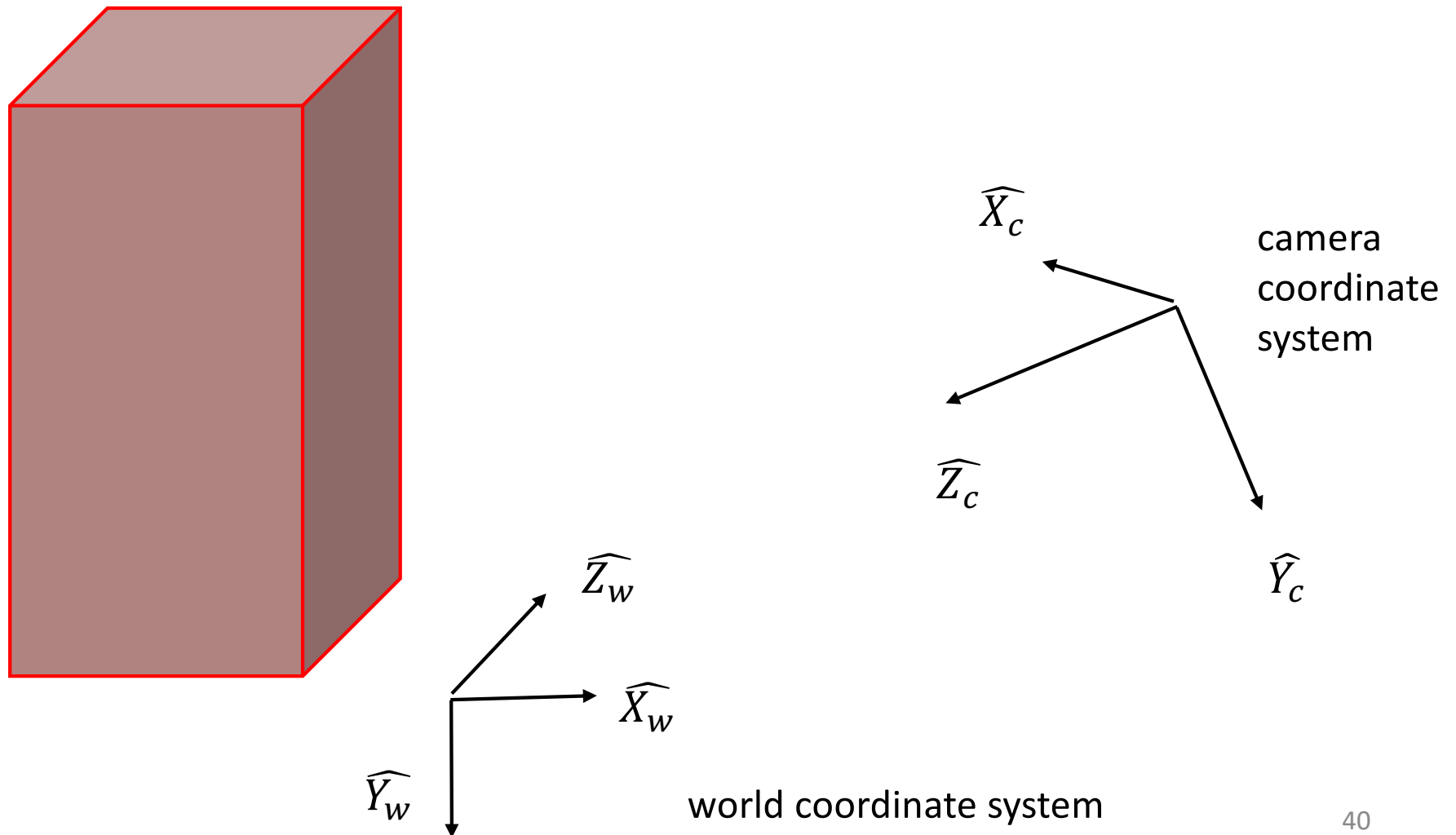


# Camera versus World Coordinates



Suppose a scene has three orthogonal sets of parallel lines. This is typical of manmade environments.

Often we define the world coordinates according to these lines. This yields three vanishing points. *How many are finite ?*



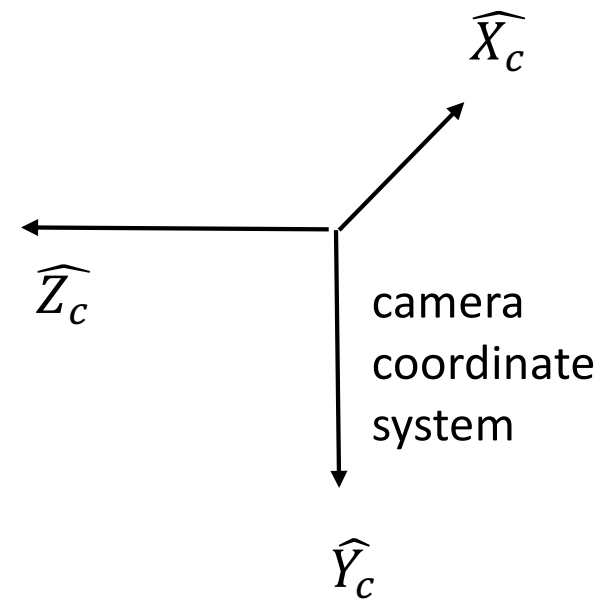
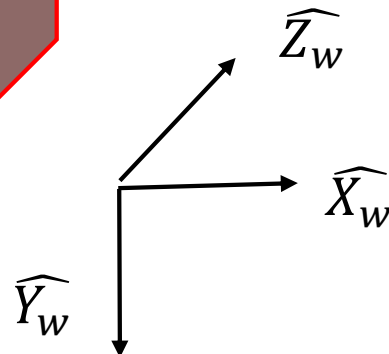
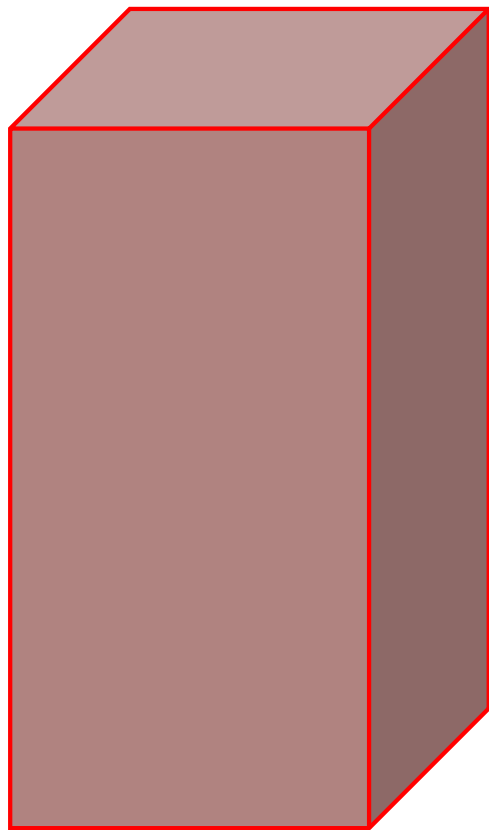


Case 1 (1 point perspective):

The camera Z axis is parallel to one of the scene axes.

In this case, the other two scene axes must be parallel to the image plane.

This yields one finite vanishing point, namely Z axis (and two infinite ones).



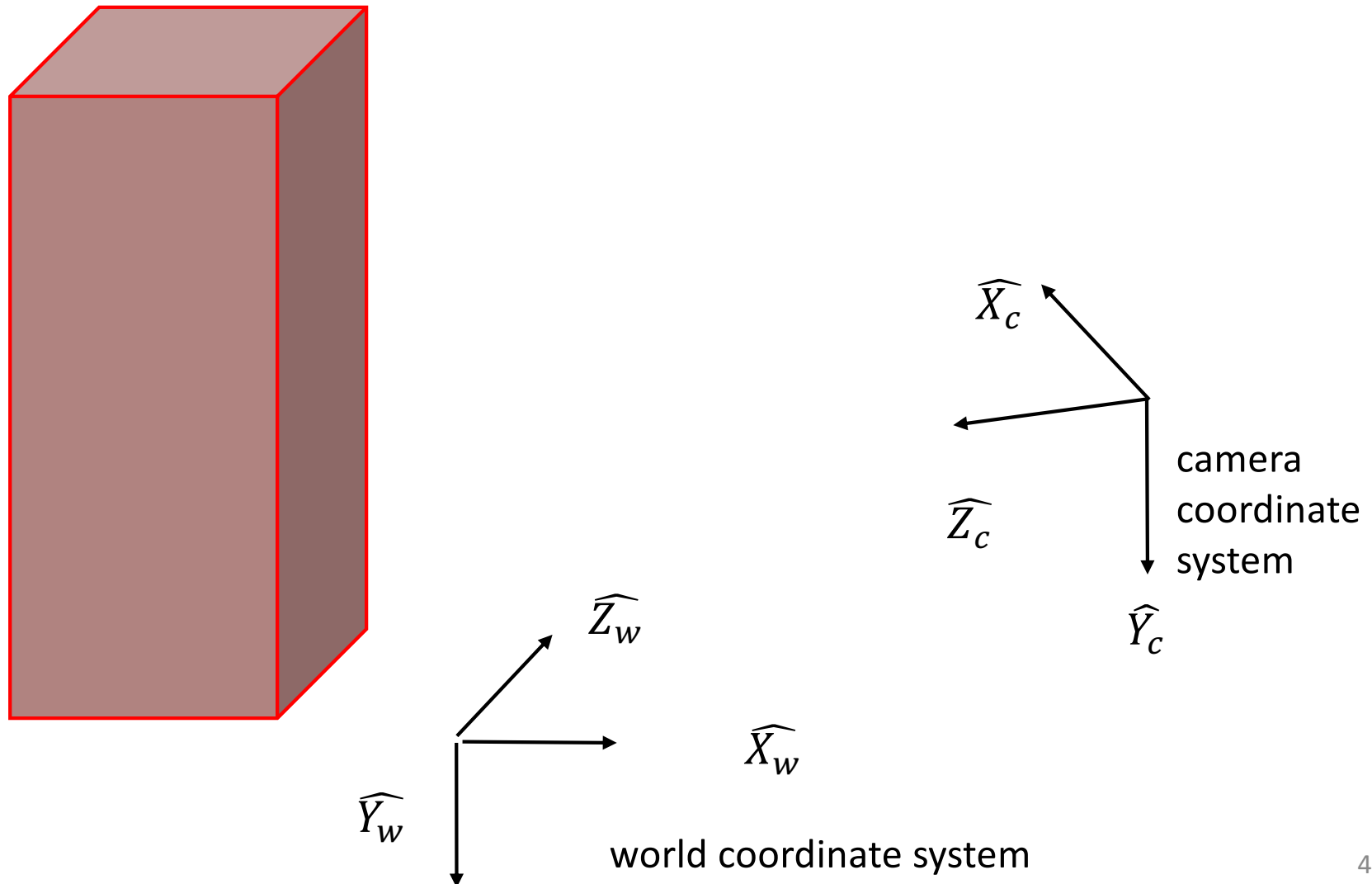
world coordinate system

# 1 Point Perspective Examples



Case 2 (2 point perspective):

Exactly one of the scene axes is parallel to the image plane (often Y).  
This yields two finite vanishing points (and one infinite one).





## Example: 2 point perspective

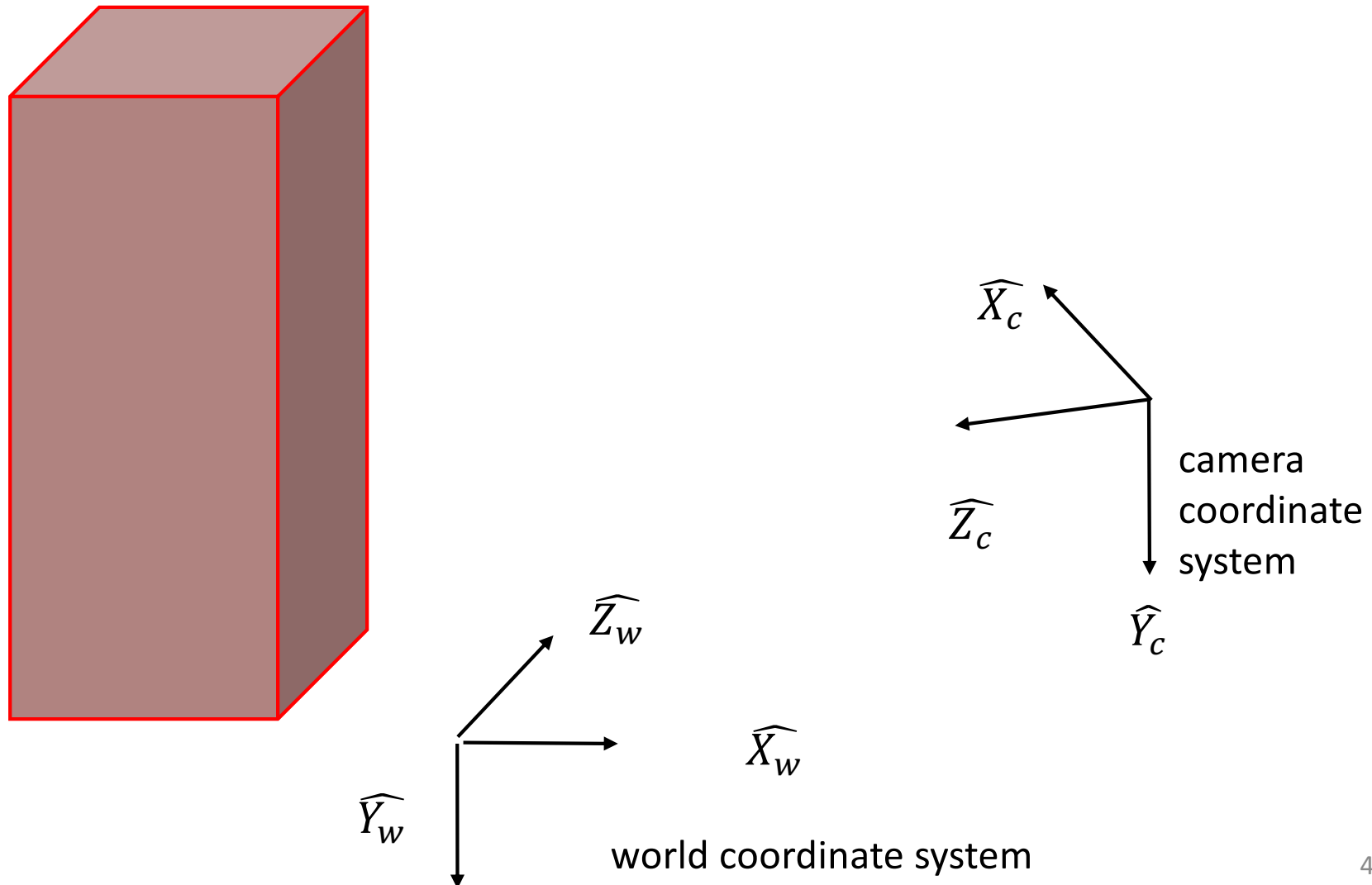


The vanishing points don't have to fall within the image window.  
(The size of the window in the projection plane is a separate issue which we will discuss later.)

Case 3 (3 point perspective):

None of the scene axes is parallel to the image plane.

This yields three finite vanishing points (and no infinite ones).



# Examples: 3 point perspective

