IMAGE FORMATION

From 3-D physical world to 2-D image:

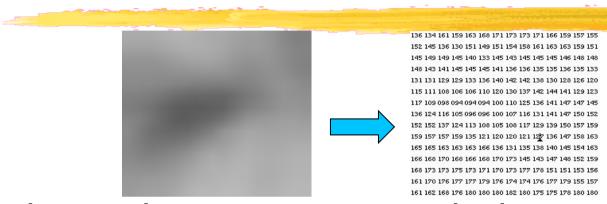
- Analog vs digital images
- Camera geometry
- Radiometry and sensing

ANALOG IMAGES

An image can be understood as a 2D light intensity function f(x,y) where:

- x and y are spatial coordinates
- The value of f at any point (x, y) is proportional to the brightness or gray value of the image at that point.
- Cannot be stored as such on a digital computer.

DIGITAL IMAGES

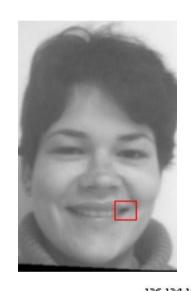


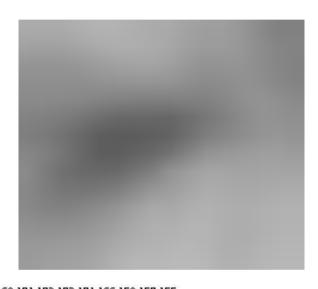
A digitized image is one in which:

- Spatial and grayscale values have been made discrete.
- Intensities measured across a regularly spaced grid in x and y directions are sampled to
 - 8 bits (256 values) per point for black and white,
 - 3x8 bits per point for color images.

They are stored as a two dimensional arrays of gray-level values. The array elements are called pixels and identified by their x, y coordinates.

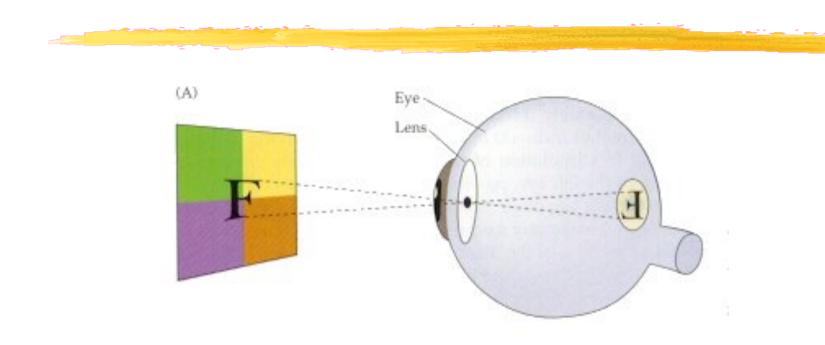
PIXELS





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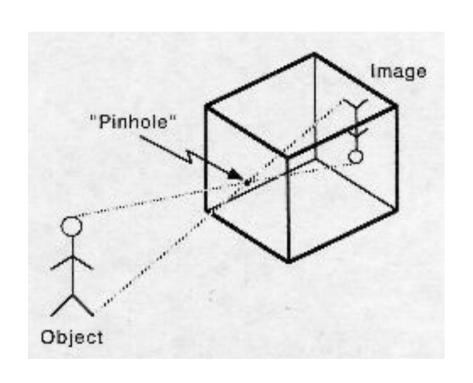
IMAGE FORMATION



Projection from surfaces to 2-D sensor.

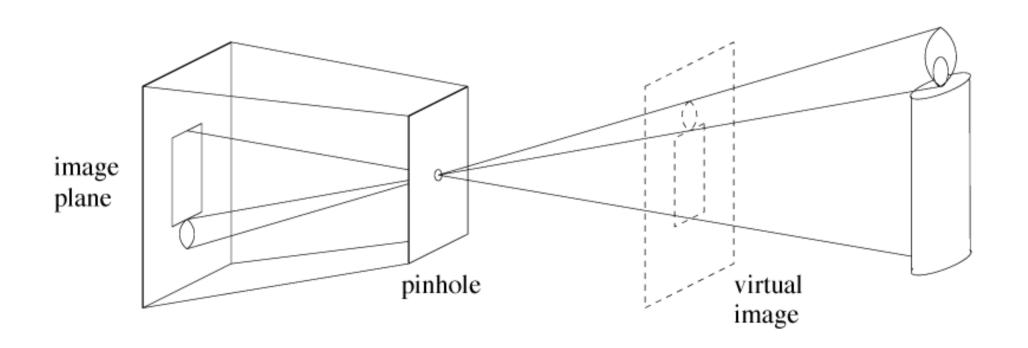
- Where: Geometry
- How bright: Radiometry
- Stored how: Sensing

PINHOLE CAMERA MODEL

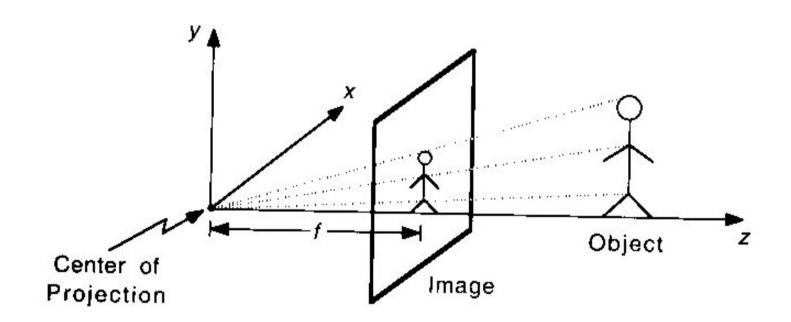


- Idealized model that defines perspective projection:
- All rays go through a hole and form a star of lines
- The hole acts as a selector of rays that allows the formation of an inverted image.

VIRTUAL IMAGE



CAMERA GEOMETRY



Pinhole geometry without image reversal

COORDINATE SYSTEMS

World, Camera, Image Coordinate Systems

World Coordinate System:

$$(X_w, Y_w, Z_w)$$

Camera Coordinate System:

$$(X_c, Y_c, Z_c)$$

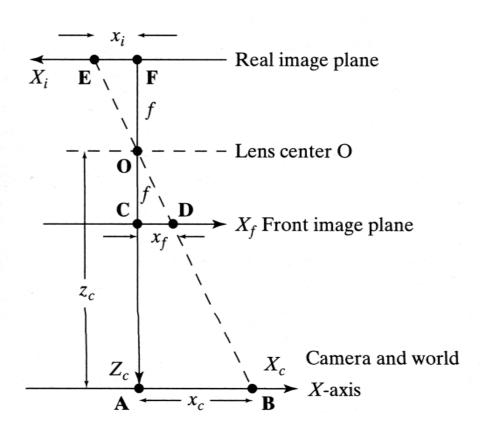
Image Coordinate System:

$$(X_i, Y_i, Z_i)$$

CAMERA COORDINATE SYSTEM

- The center of the projection coincides with the origin of the world.
- The camera axis (optical axis) is aligned with the world's z-axis.
- To avoid image inversion, the image plane is in front of the center of projection.

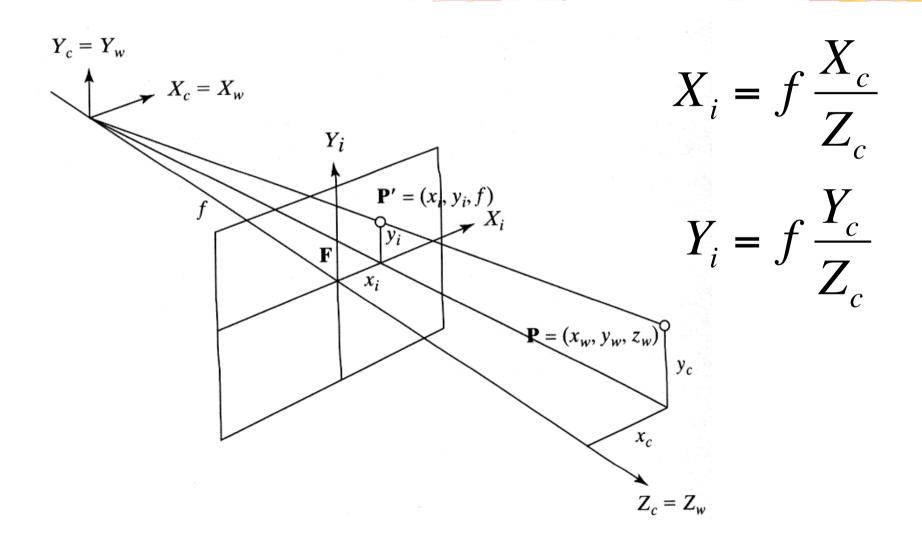
1D IMAGE



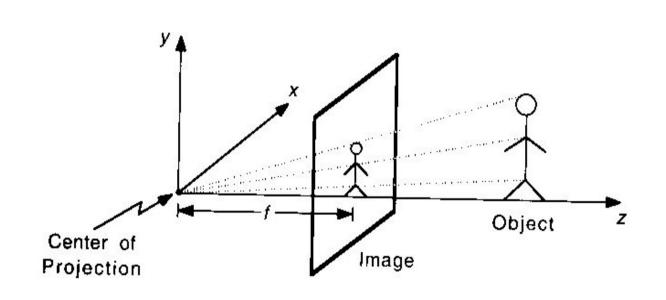
$$X_f / f = X_c / Z_c$$

$$X_f = f \frac{X_c}{Z_c}$$

2D IMAGE



PROJECTION IS NON LINEAR

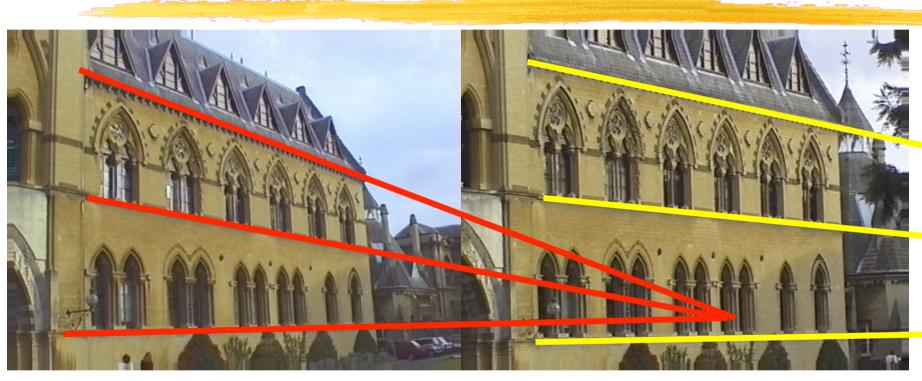


$$u = X_i = f \frac{X_c}{Z_c}$$

$$v = Y_i = f \frac{Y_c}{Z_c}$$

→ Reformulate it as a linear operation.

VANISHING POINTS



- The projections of parallel lines all meet at one point, called the vanishing point.
- As focal length and distance to camera increase, the image remains the same size but perspective effects diminish.

HOMOGENEOUS COORDINATES

Homogeneous representation of 2D point:

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$
 represents $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$

Homogeneous representation of 3D point:

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$
 represents $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$

→ Projections become linear transformations.

SIMPLE PROJECTION MATRIX

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_c \\ Y_c \\ Z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } X_i = \frac{x}{z} = f \frac{X_c}{Z_c} \text{ and } Y_i = \frac{y}{z} = f \frac{Y_c}{Z_c}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_c \\ Y_c \\ Z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

INTRINSIC AND EXTRINSIC PARAMETERS

- Camera may not be at the origin, looking down the z-axis
 - → Extrinsic parameters
- One unit in camera coordinates may not be the same as one unit in world coordinates
 - → Intrinsic parameters

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Transformation} \\ \text{representing} \\ \text{intrinsic parameters} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{Transformation} \\ \text{representing} \\ \text{extrinsic parameters} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

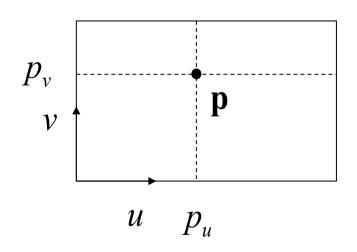
LINEAR CAMERA MODEL

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Transformation} \\ \text{representing} \\ \text{intrinsic parameters} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{Transformation} \\ \text{representing} \\ \text{extrinsic parameters} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{K} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{t} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where \mathbf{K} is a 3x3 matrix and \mathbf{Rt} a 4x4 matrix.

PRINCIPAL POINT



$$u = X_i + p_u = fX/Z + p_u$$

$$v = Y_i + p_v = fY/Z + p_v$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & p_u \\ f & p_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

INHOMOGENEOUS SCALING

$$u = \alpha_u X_i + p_u = \alpha_u X/Z + p_u$$

$$v = \alpha_v Y_i + p_v = \alpha_v Y/Z + p_v$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_u & p_u \\ \alpha_v & p_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

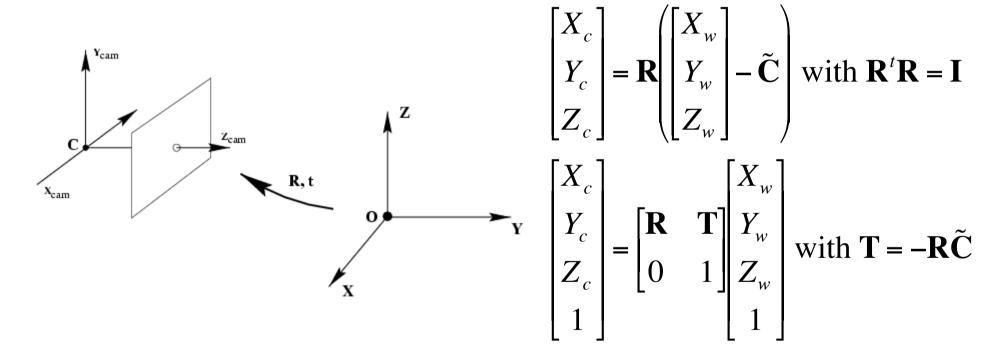
The pixels are not necessarily square.

AXIS SKEW

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_u & s & p_u \\ & \alpha_v & p_v \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

s encodes the non-orthogonality of the u and v directions. Very close to zero in modern cameras.

ROTATION / TRANSLATION



→Rotations and translations also expressed in terms of matrix multiplications in projective space.

FULL PROJECTION MATRIX

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_u & s & p_u \\ 0 & \alpha_v & p_v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{T} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } \mathbf{T} = -\mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{C}} \text{ and } \mathbf{R}^t \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = K[R \mid -R\tilde{C}]X = KR[I \mid -\tilde{C}]X = [M \mid m]X = PX$$

CAMERA CALIBRATION

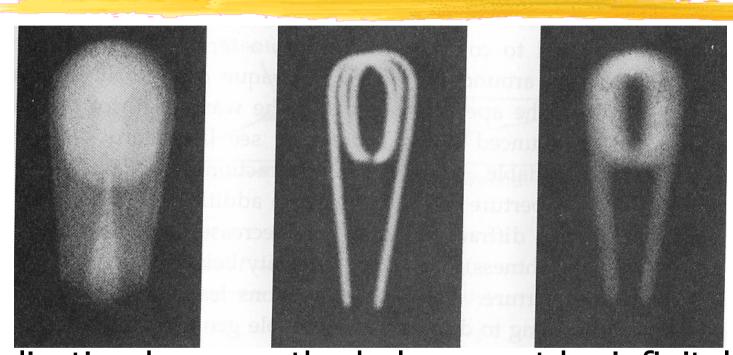
Internal Parameters:

- Horizontal and vertical scaling (2)
- Principal points (2)
- Skew of the axis (1)

External Parameters:

- Rotations (3)
- Translations (3)
- → 11 free parameters.

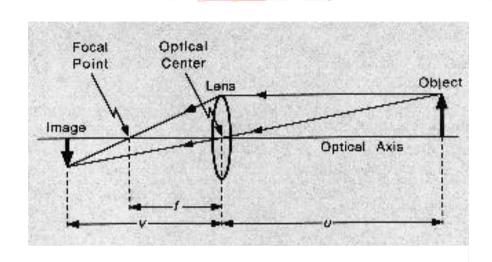
LIMITATIONS



Idealization because the hole cannot be infinitely small

- Image would be infinitely dim
- Diffraction effects
- → Use of Lenses.

IMAGING WITH A LENS



Thin lens Equation:

$$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$$

→ Lens with focal distance f equivalent to pinhole camera with similar focal distance but larger aperture.

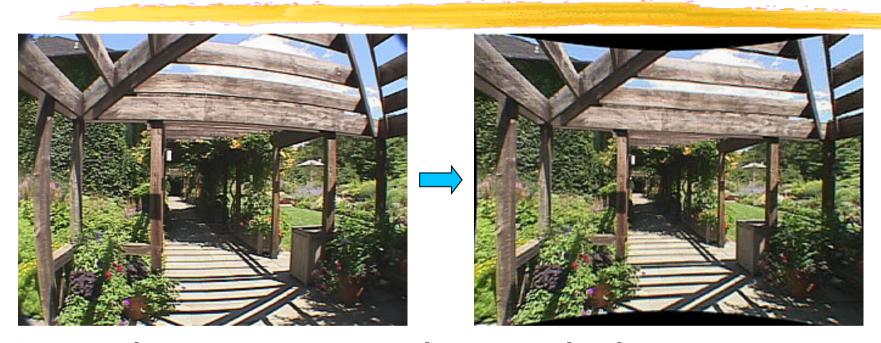
DISTORTIONS



The lens is not exactly a "thin lens:"

- Different wave lengths refracted differently
- Barrel Distortion

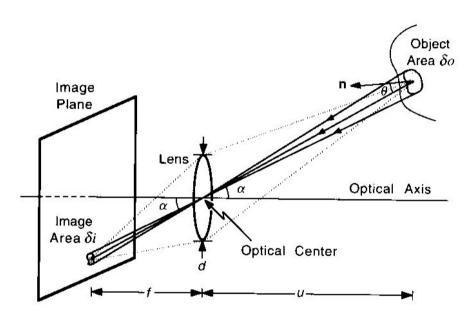
UNDISTORTING



Once the image is undistorted, the camera projection can be formulated as a projective transform.

→ The pinhole camera model applies.

RADIOMETRY



Scene Radiance: Amount of light radiation from a surface point (Watt / m2 / Steradian)

Image Irradiance: Amount of light incident at the image of the surface point. (Watt / m2)

Fundamental Radiometric Equation:

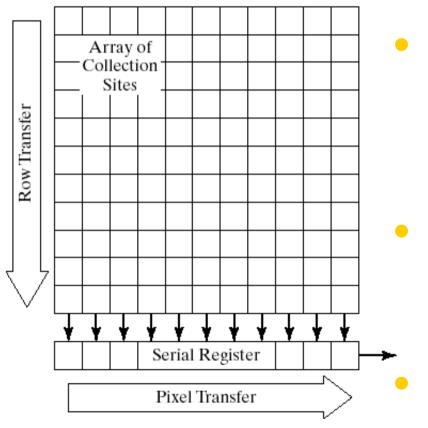
$$Irr = \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{d}{f} \right)^2 \cos^4(\alpha) Rad$$

DE VIGNETTING



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SENSOR ARRAY

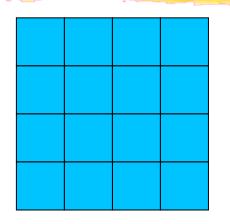


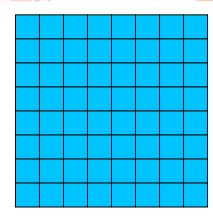
Photons free up electrons that are then captured by a potential well.

Charges are transferred row by row wise to a register.

Pixel values are read from the register.

SENSING





Conversion of the "optical image" into an "electrical image":

$$E(x, y) = \iint \operatorname{Irrad}(x, y, t, \lambda) s(\lambda) \tau(t - t_0) d\lambda dt$$

$$I(m, n) = \operatorname{Quantize}(\iint E(x, y) \omega(x - m, y - n) dx dy)$$

- → Quantization in
- Time
- Space

IN SHORT

- Camera geometry can be modeled in terms of the pinhole camera model, which is linear in projective space.
- Image radiance is roughly proportional to surface radiance and the two can be used interchangeably for our purposes.