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# Introduction to Computer Vision

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3A-L1 *Cameras and images*

# What is an image?

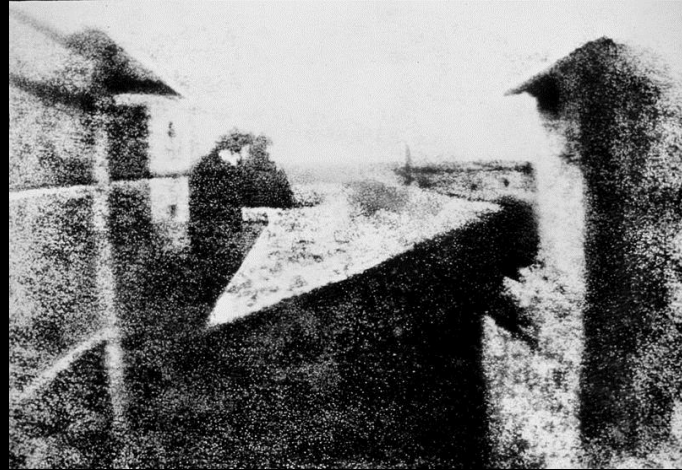
- Up until now: a function – a 2D pattern of intensity values
- Today: a 2D projection of 3D points

# First Known Photograph – Heliograph

View from the Window at le Gras,  
Joseph Nicéphore Niépce 1826



Reproduction, 1952



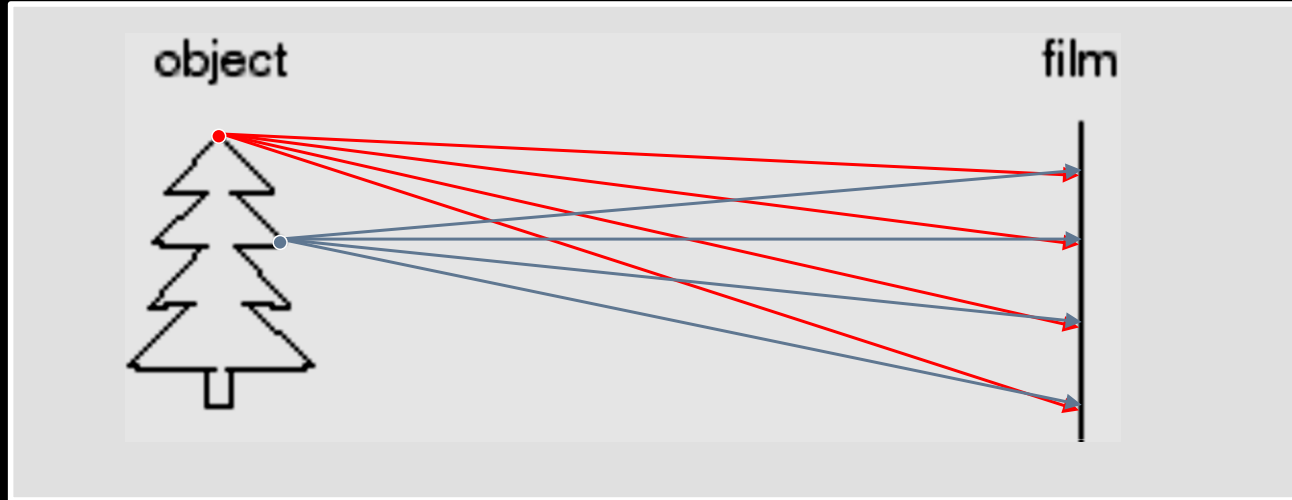
# Projection



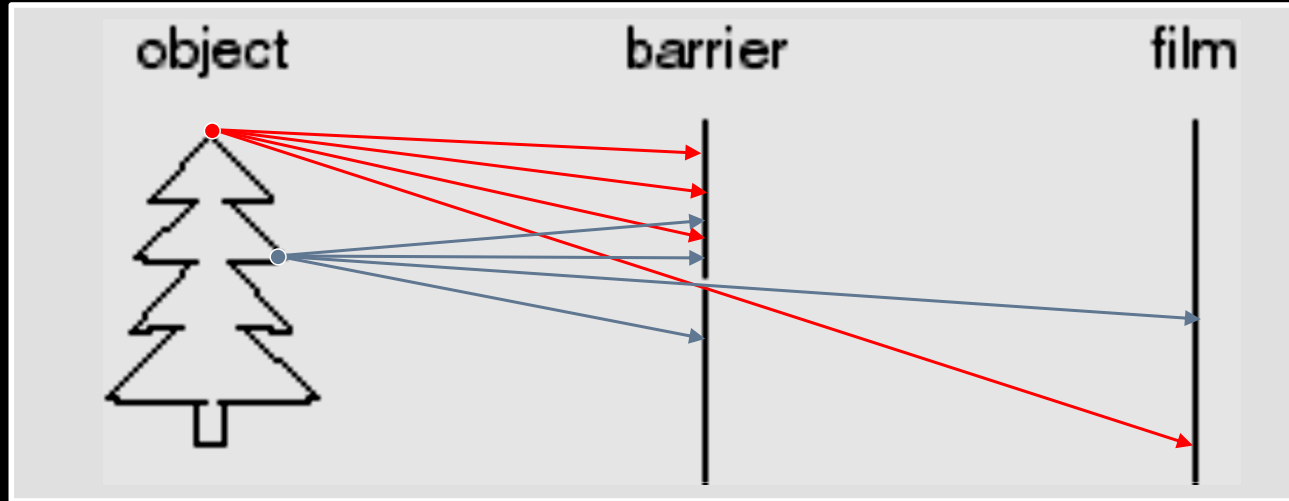
# Projection



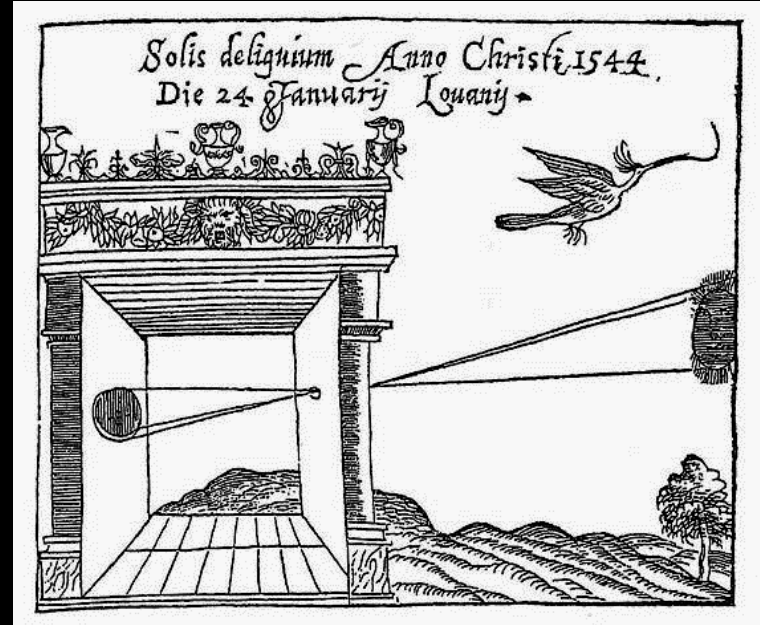
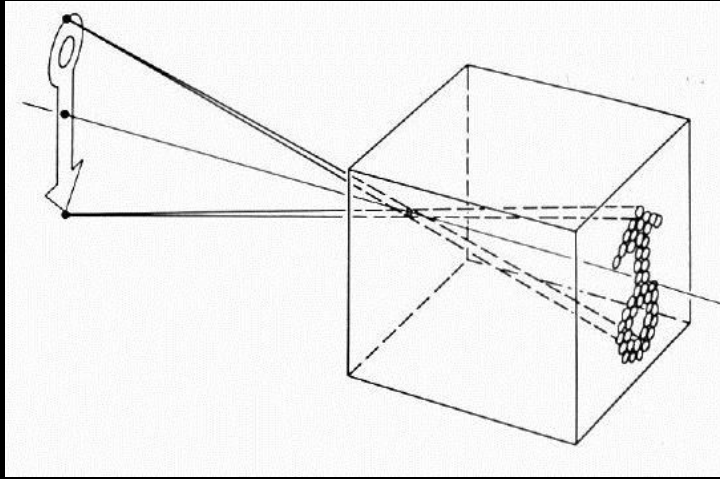
# Image formation – (bad) method



# Pinhole camera



# Camera Obscura (Latin: Darkened Room)





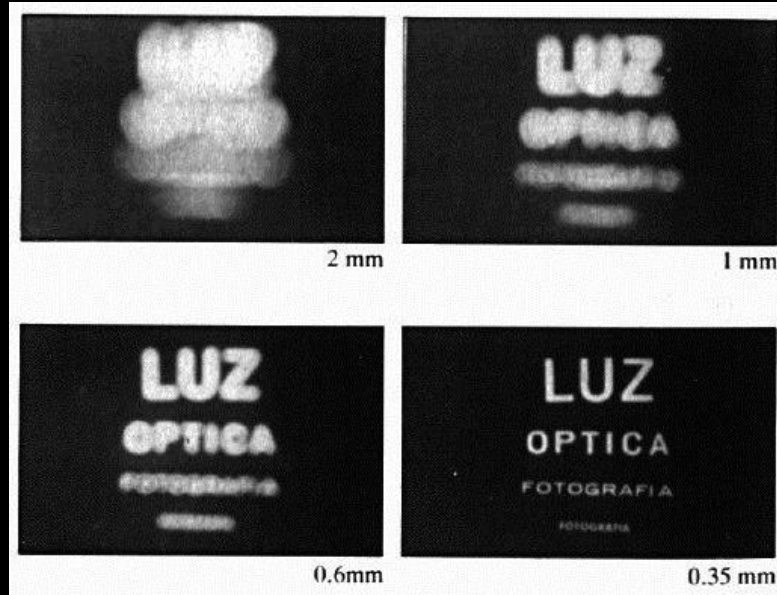
# Home-made pinhole camera



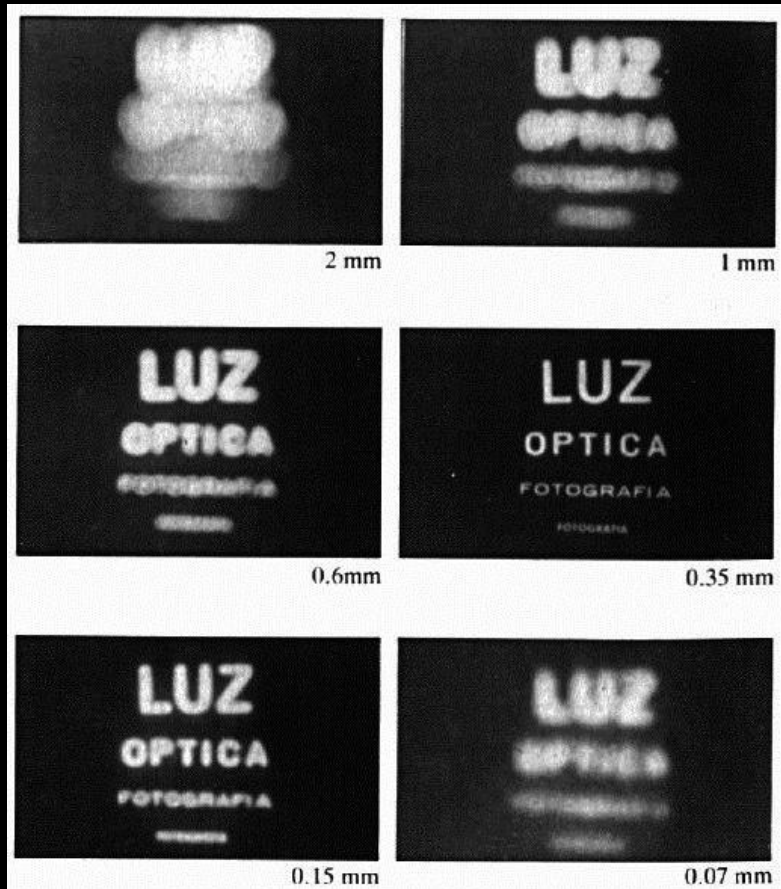
Why so  
blurry?



# Shrinking the aperture

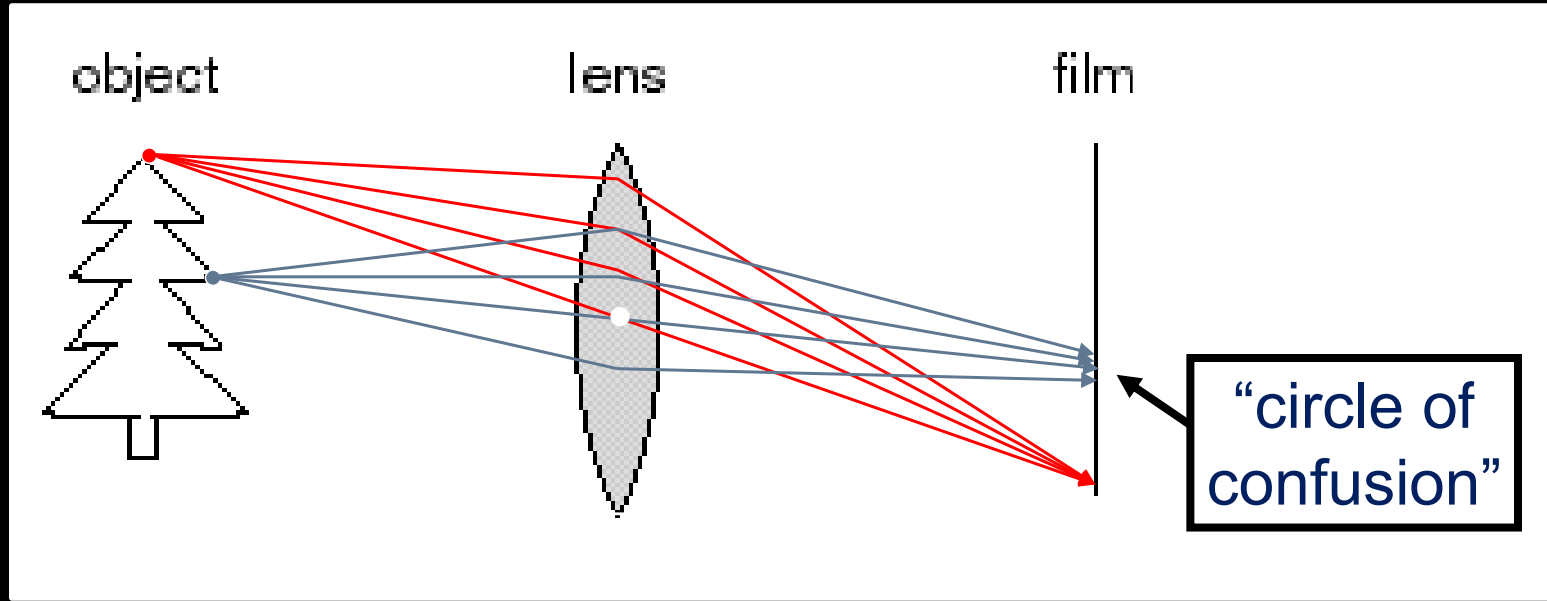


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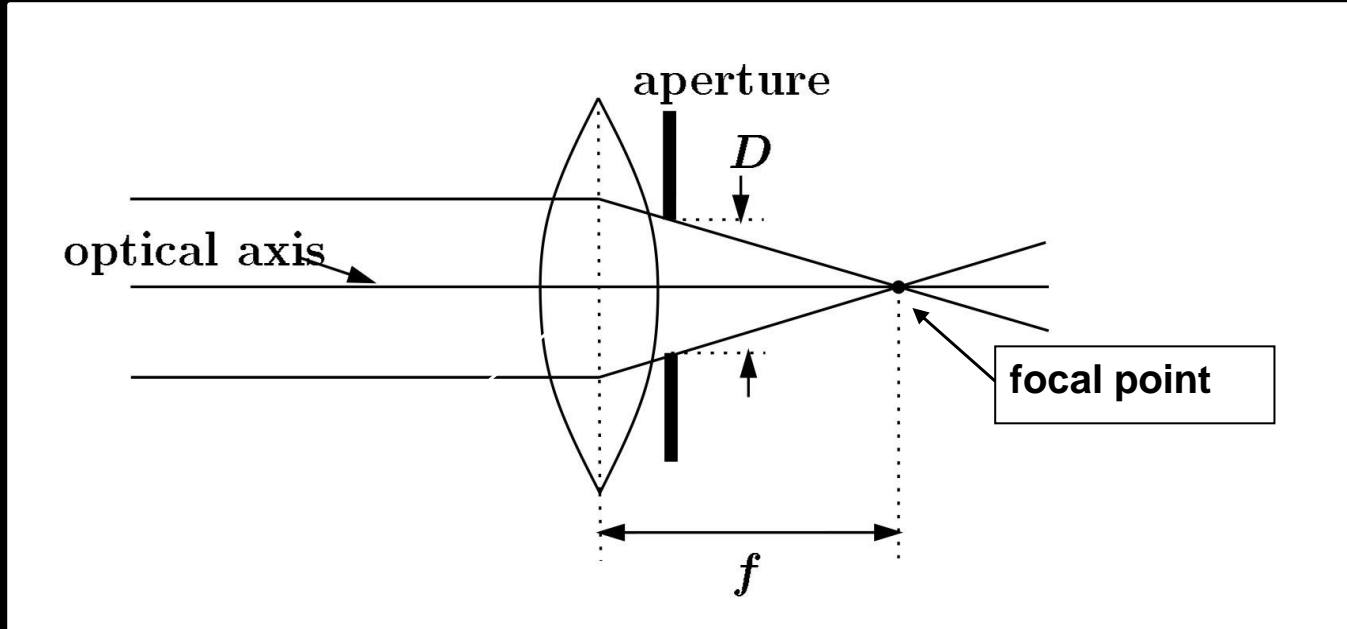


# A little bit of computational photography

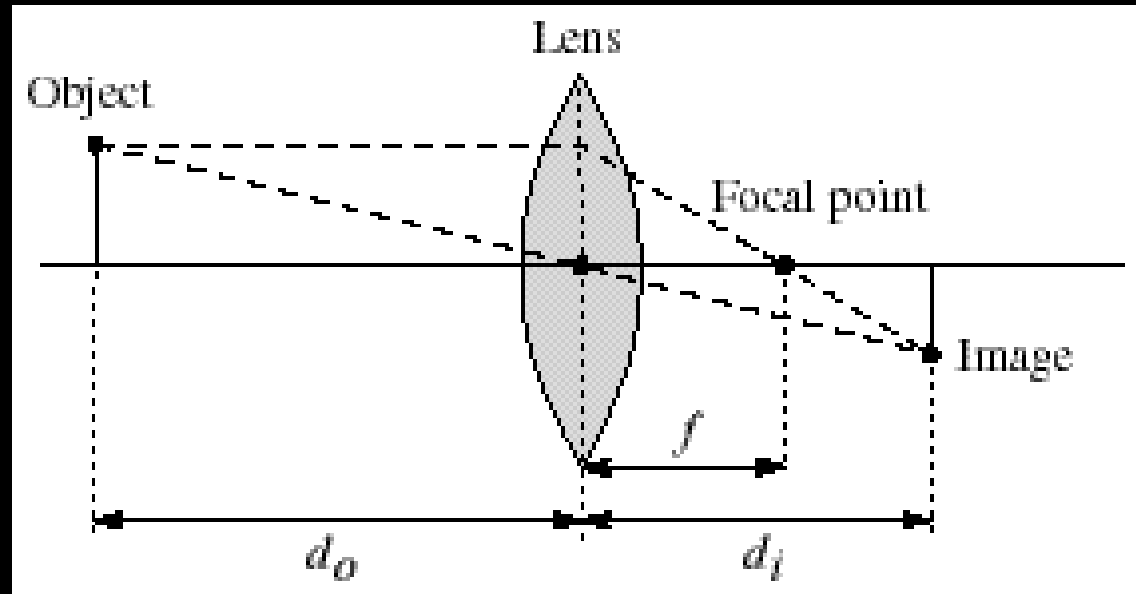
# Adding a lens – and concept of focus



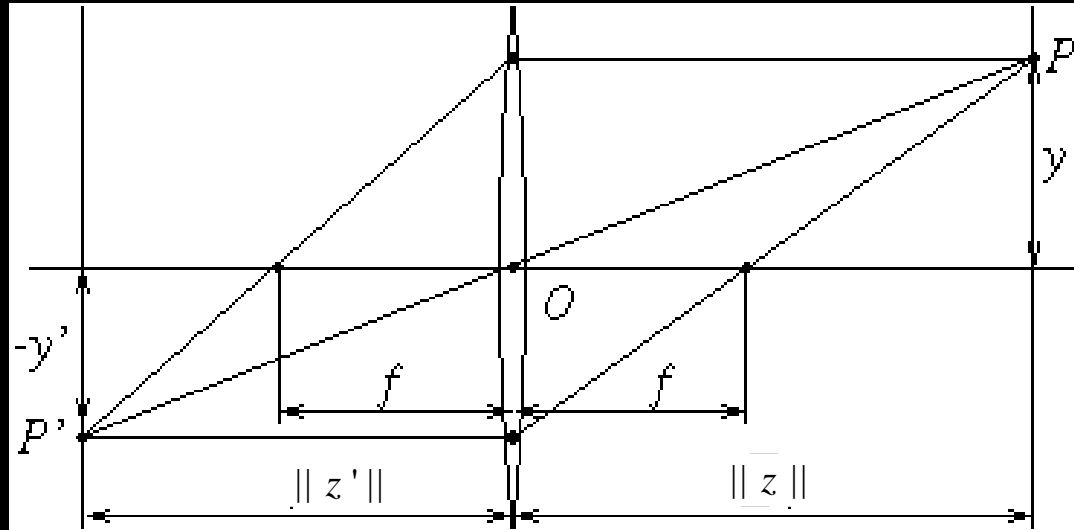
# Lenses



# Thin lenses



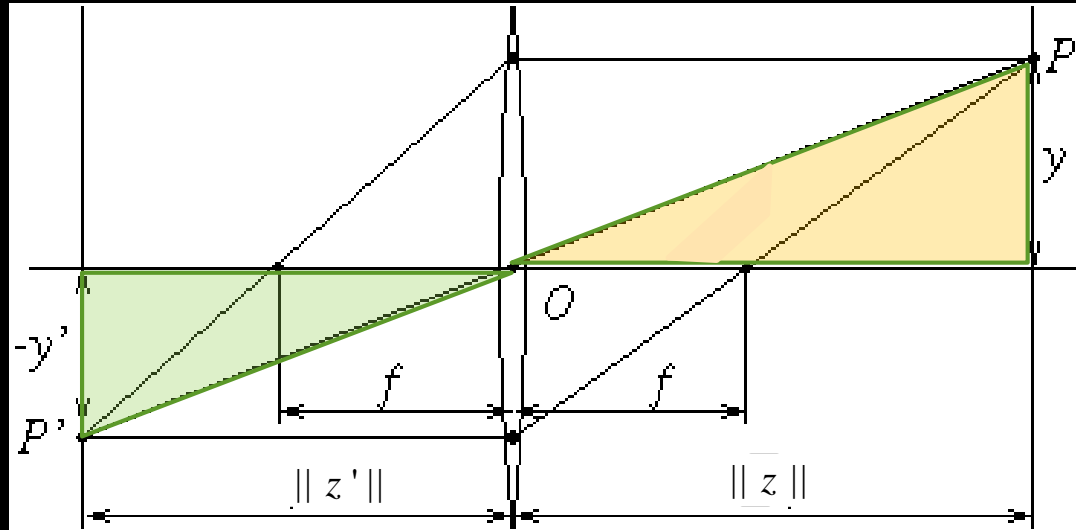
# The thin lens



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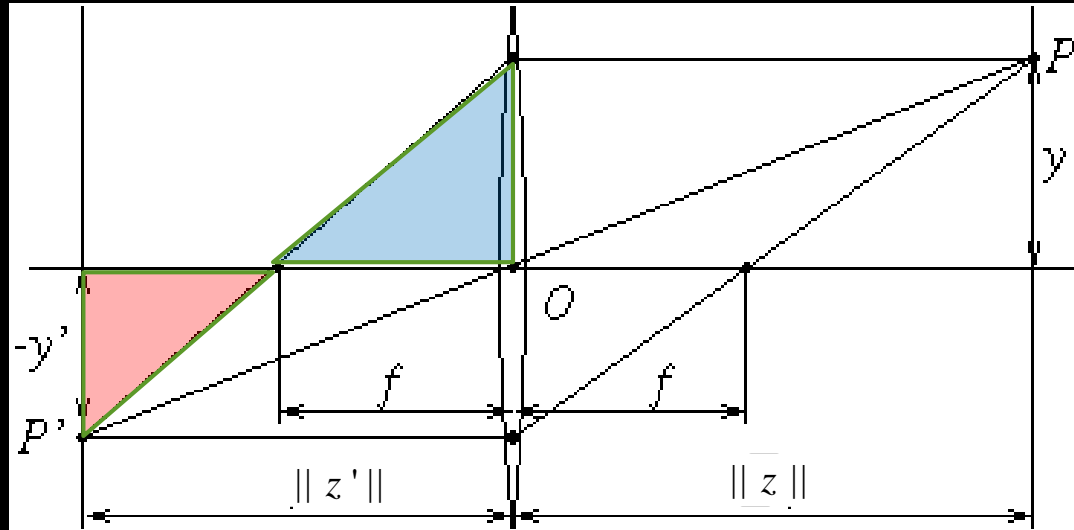


# The thin lens



$$\frac{-y'}{y} = \frac{\|z'\|}{\|z\|}$$

# The thin lens

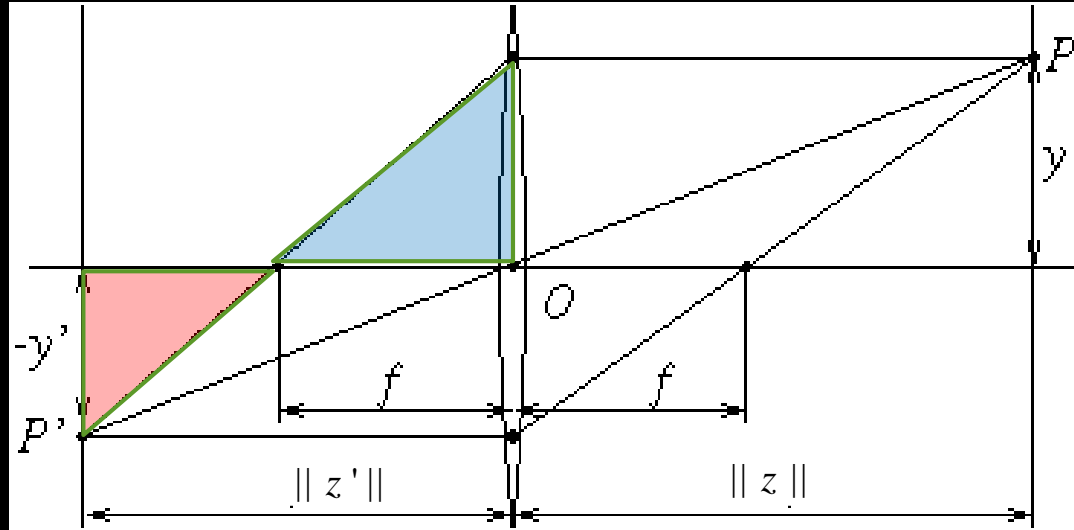


$$\frac{-y'}{y} = \frac{\|z'\|}{\|z\|}$$

$$\frac{-y'}{y} = \frac{\|z'\| - f}{f}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\|z'\|}{\|z\|} = \frac{\|z'\| - f}{f}$$

# The thin lens equation

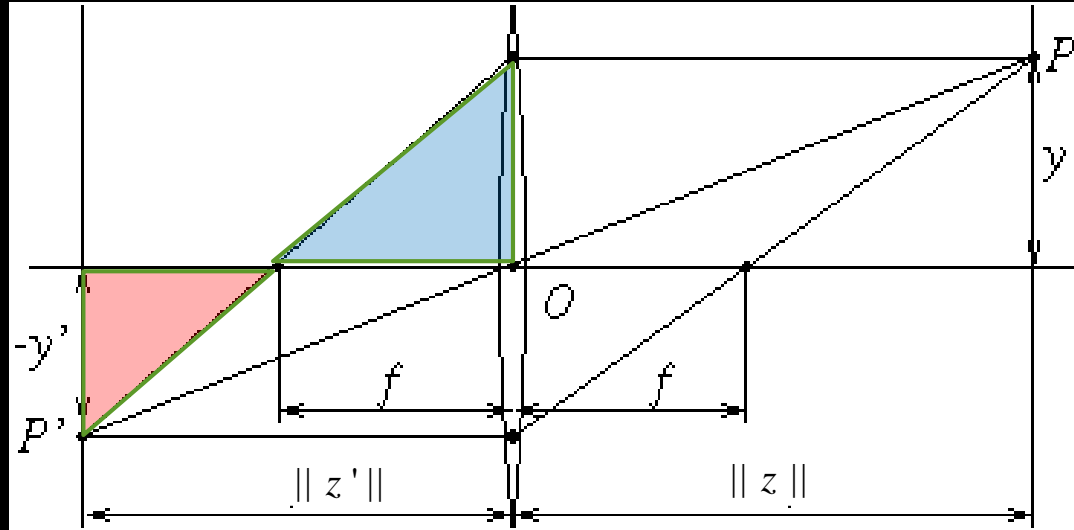


$$\frac{\|z'\|}{\|z\|} = \frac{\|z'\| - f}{f}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\|z\|} = \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{\|z'\|}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\|z'\|} + \frac{1}{\|z\|} = \frac{1}{f}$$

# The thin lens equation



**Any object point satisfying this equation is in focus.**

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\|z'\|} + \frac{1}{\|z\|} = \frac{1}{f}$$

# Thin lenses

[http://www.phy.ntnu.edu.tw/java/Lens/lens\\_e.html](http://www.phy.ntnu.edu.tw/java/Lens/lens_e.html)

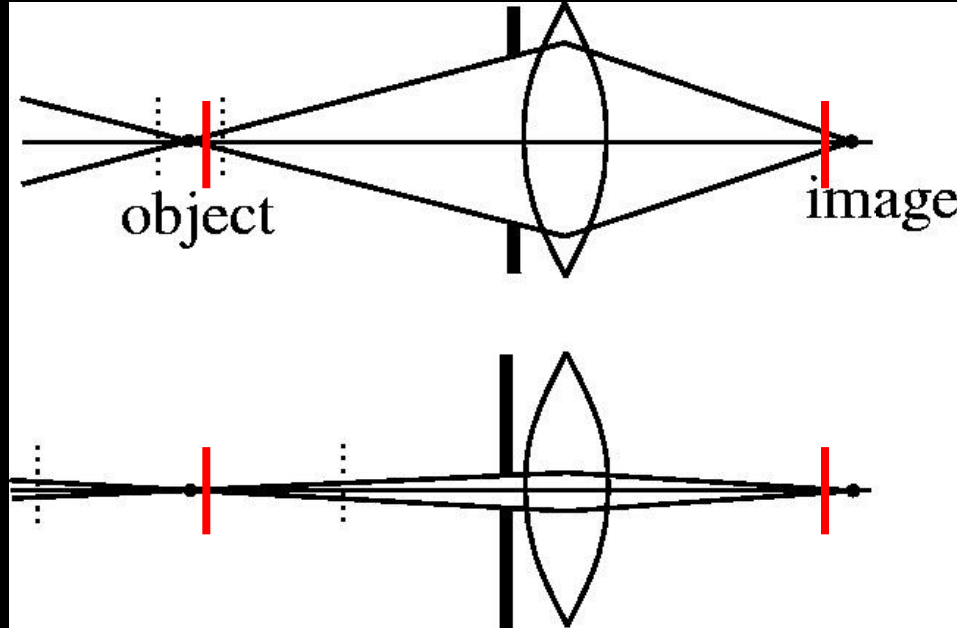
(by Fu-Kwun Hwang )

# Varying Focus



Ren Ng

# Depth of field



$f/5.6$  = large aperture



$f/32$  = small aperture

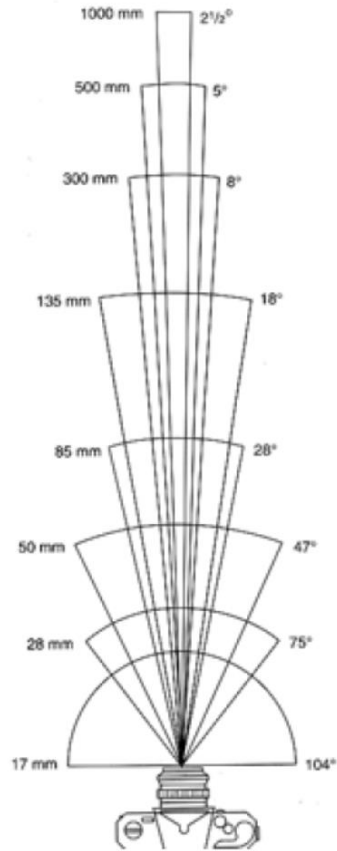
Flower images from Wikipedia [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Depth\\_of\\_field](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Depth_of_field)

# Nice Depth of Field effect





# Field of View (Zoom)



17mm



28mm

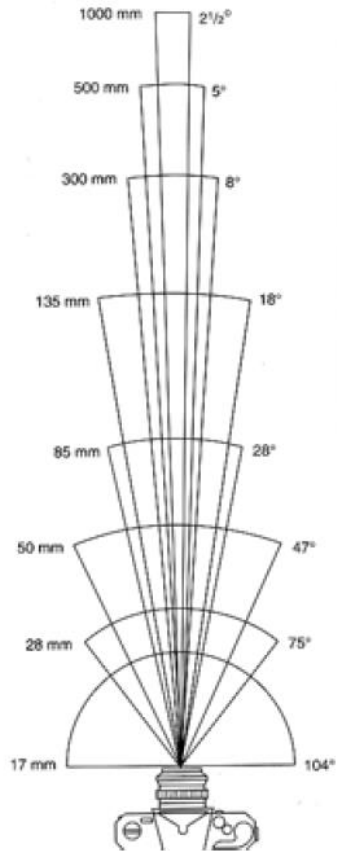


50mm

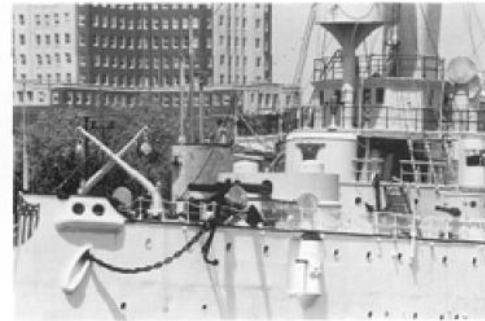


85mm

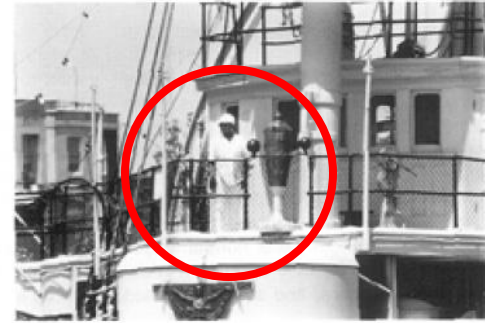
# Field of View (Zoom)



135mm



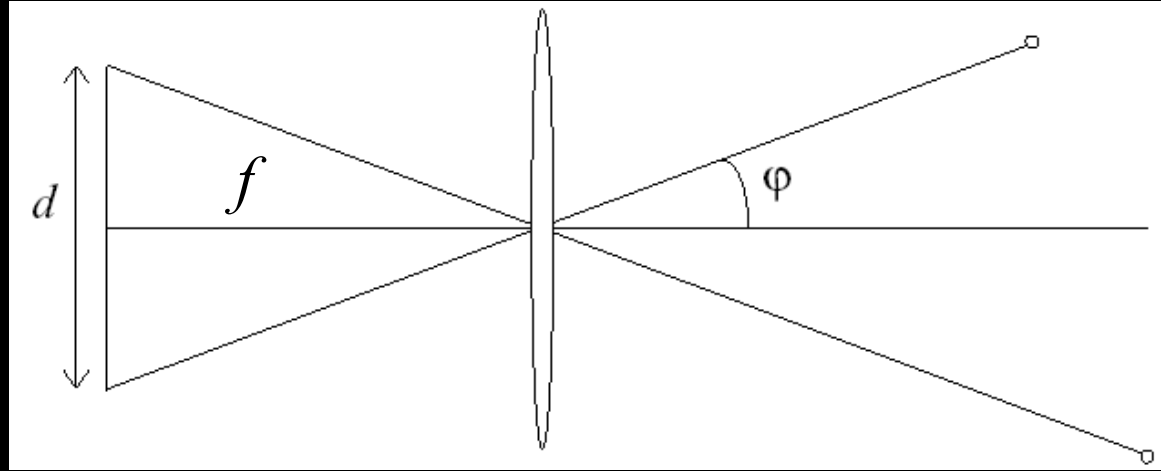
300mm



# FOV depends on Focal Length

$d$  is the “retina” or sensor size

$$\phi = 2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{d / 2}{f} \right)$$



Larger Focal Length  $\Rightarrow$  Smaller FOV

Zooming and Moving are not the same...

# Field of View / Focal Length

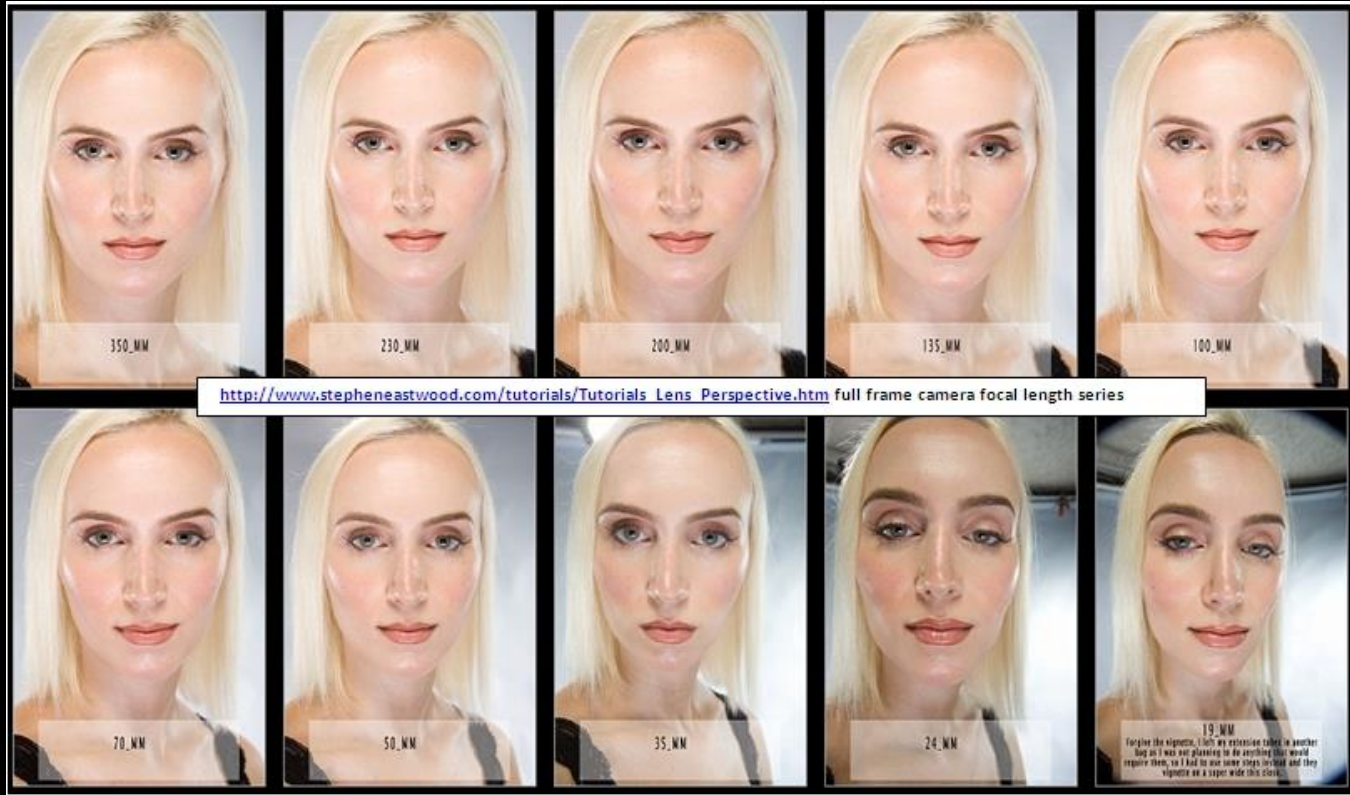


Large FOV, small  $f$   
Camera close to car



Small FOV, large  $f$   
Camera far from the car

# Perspective and Portraits

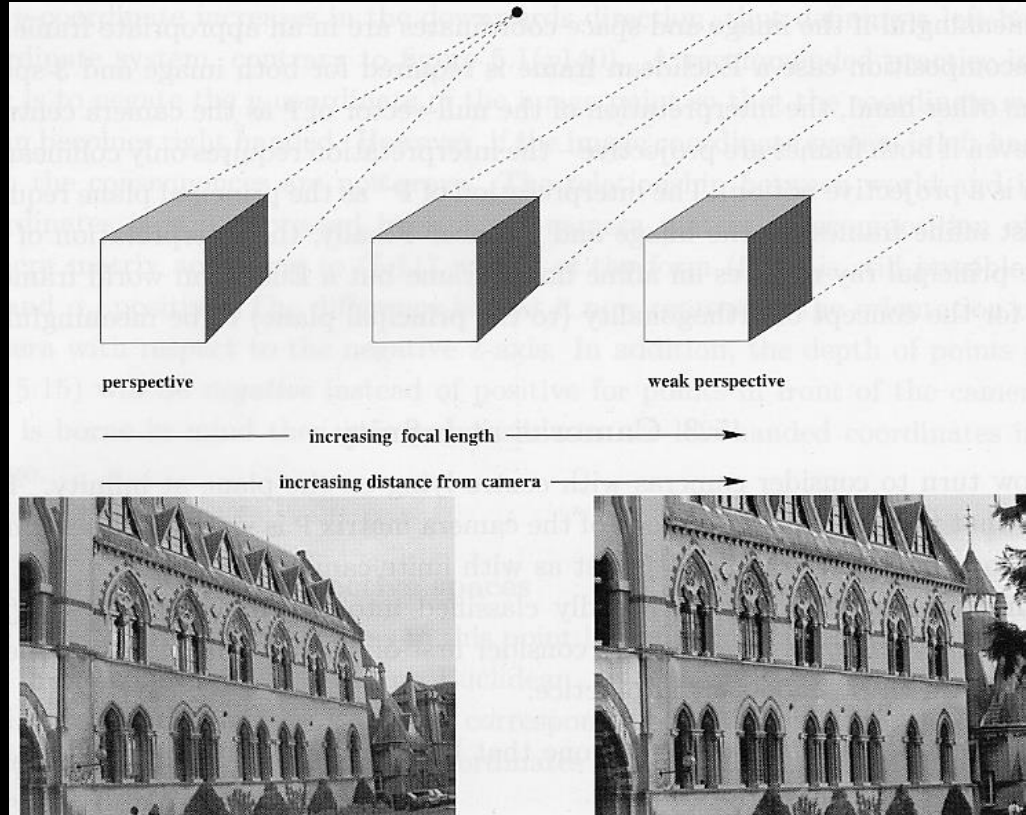


# Perspective and Portraits





# Effect of focal length on perspective effect



From Zisserman & Hartley



# Dolly Zoom

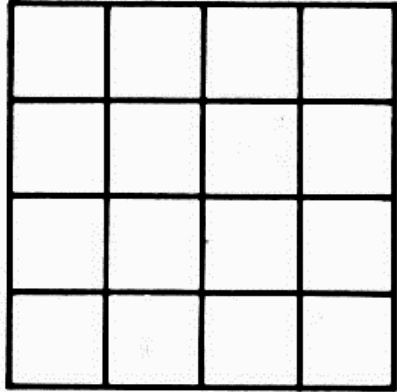


Pioneered by Hitchcock in *Vertigo* (1958)

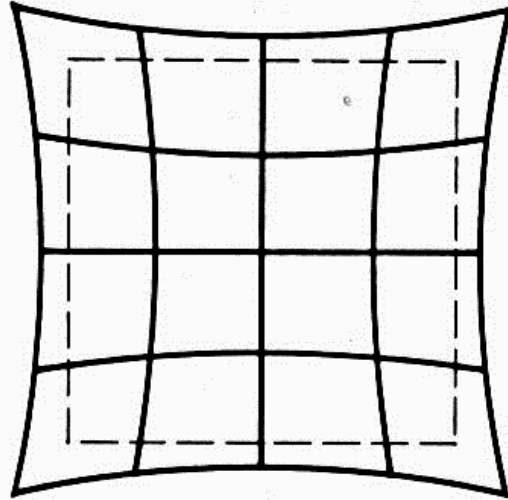
Original([YouTube link](#)) (2:07)      Widely used ([YouTube link](#))

But reality can be a problem...

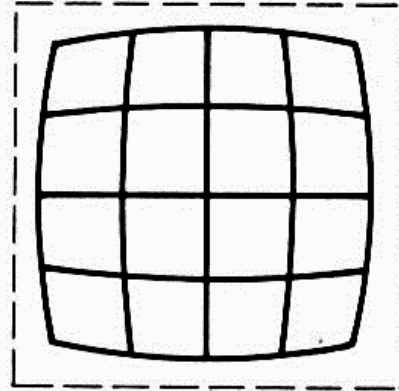
# Geometric Distortion



No distortion



Pin cushion



Barrel

# Correcting radial distortion



from Helmut Dersch

# Chromatic Aberration

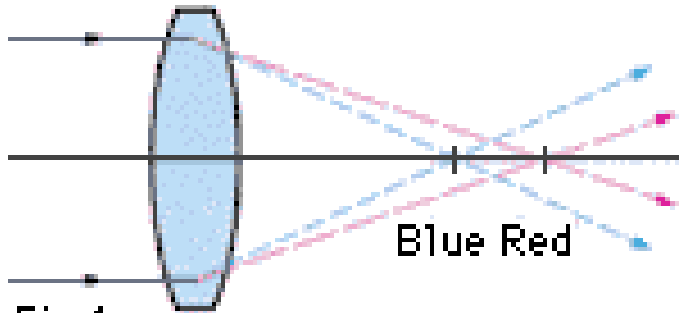


Fig.1  
Axial chromatic aberration

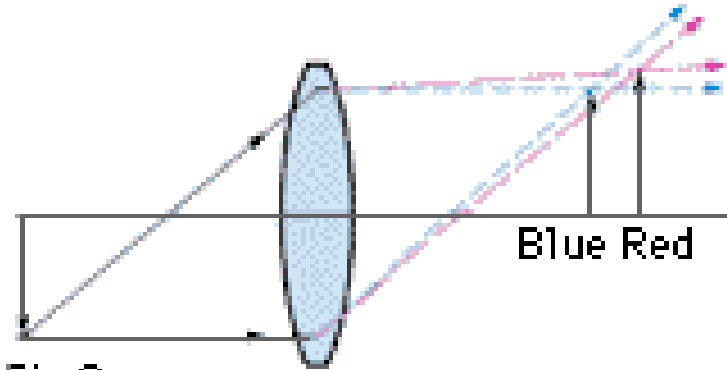


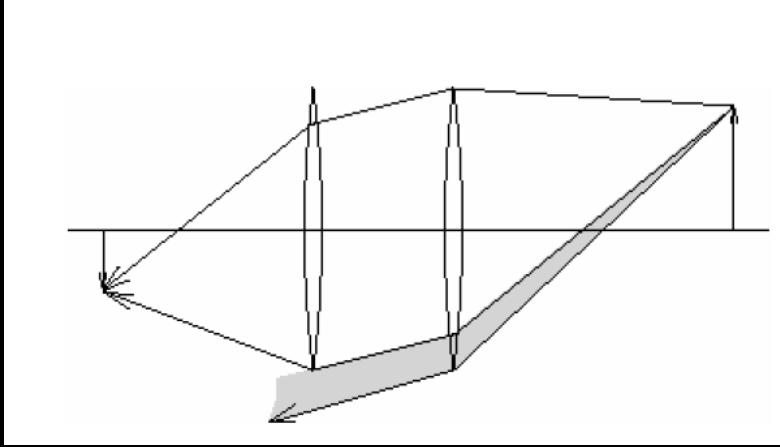
Fig.2  
Magnification chromatic aberration

Rays of different wavelength  
focus in different planes

# Chromatic Aberration



# Vignetting



# Lens systems

*Nikon 24-70mm zoom*

