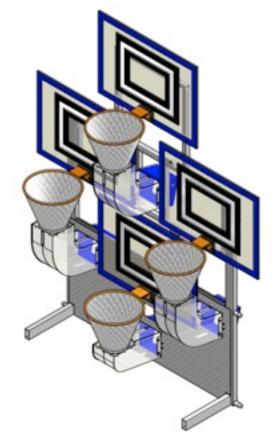
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How to Determine Camera

Heading and Location from 2 Known

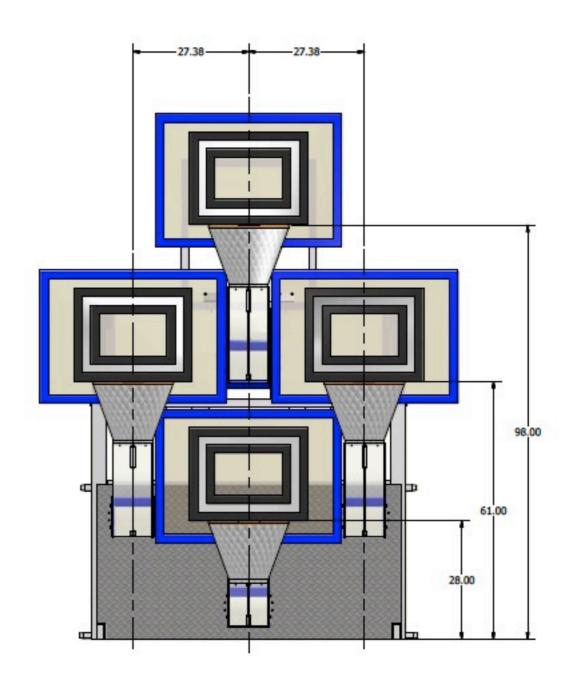
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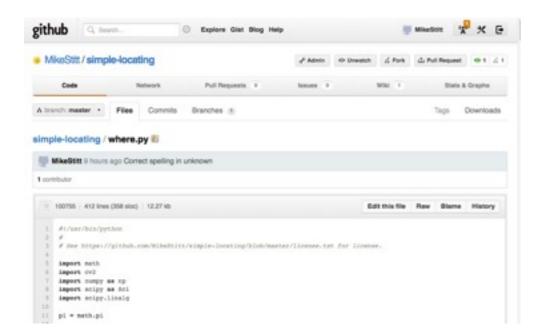
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### The Problem Space

The FIRST Robotics 2012 Backboard Targets



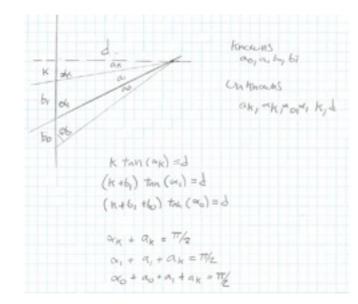


#### See:

https://github.com/MikeStitt/simple-locating for sample code in python.



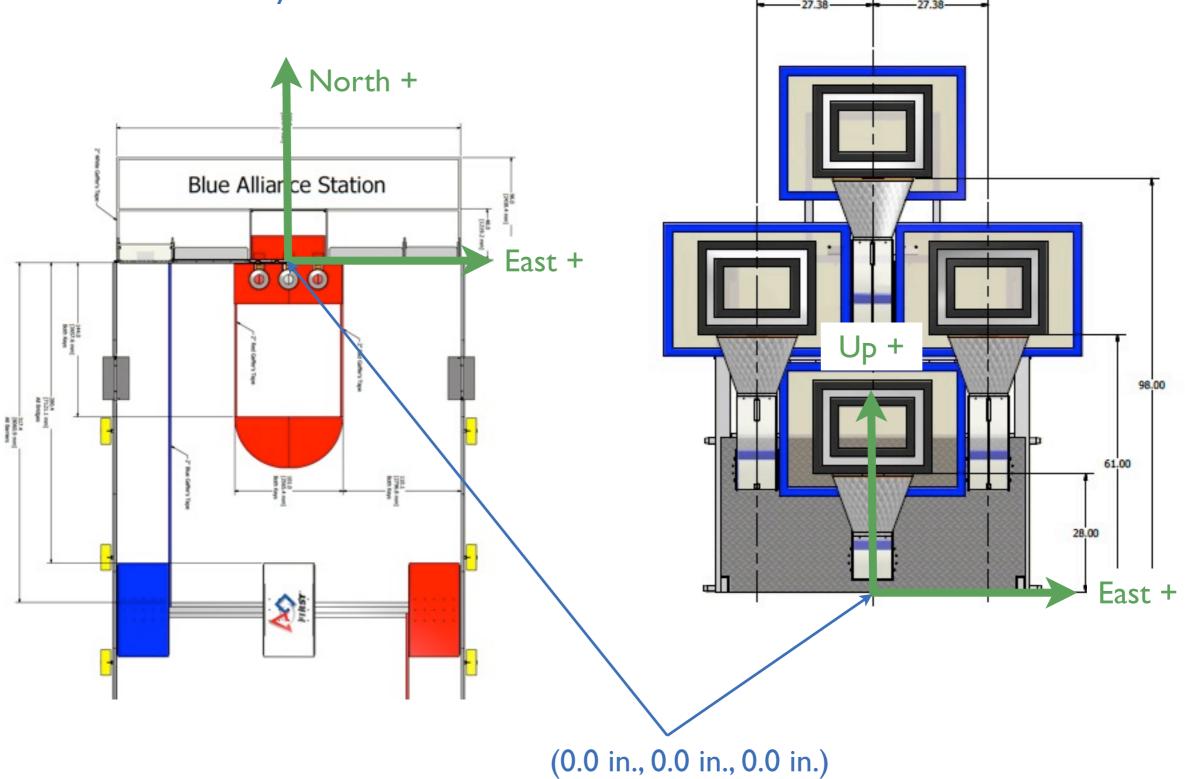
See <a href="http://python.org/">http://python.org/</a> for information on python.



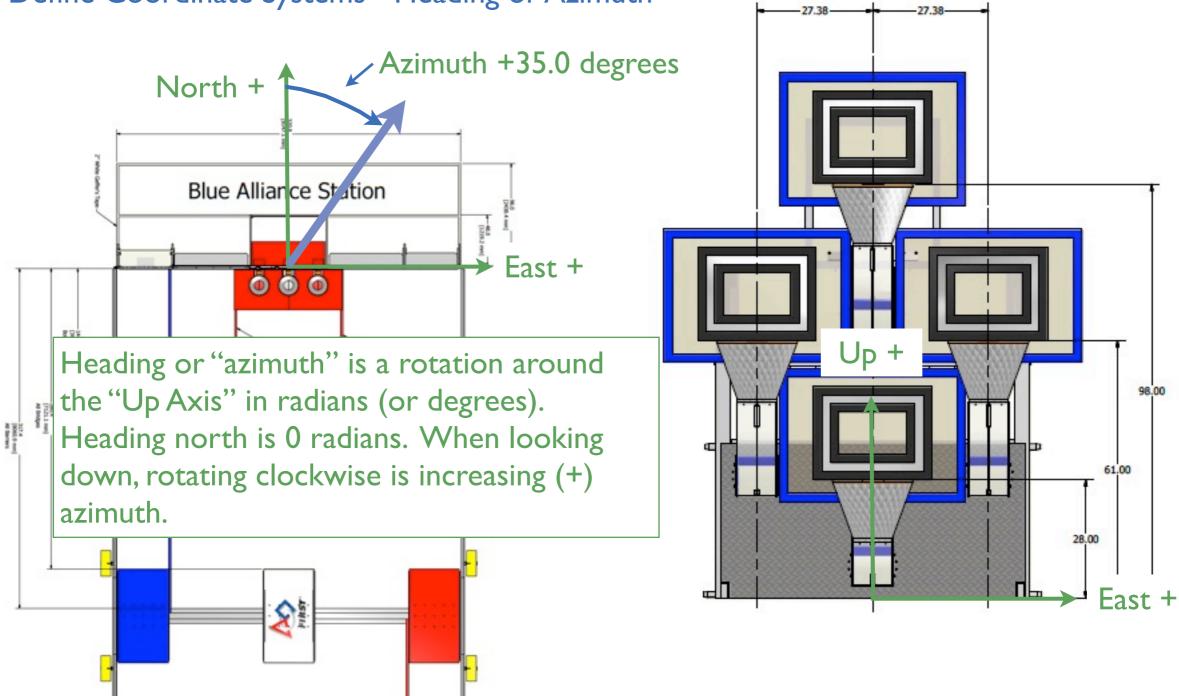
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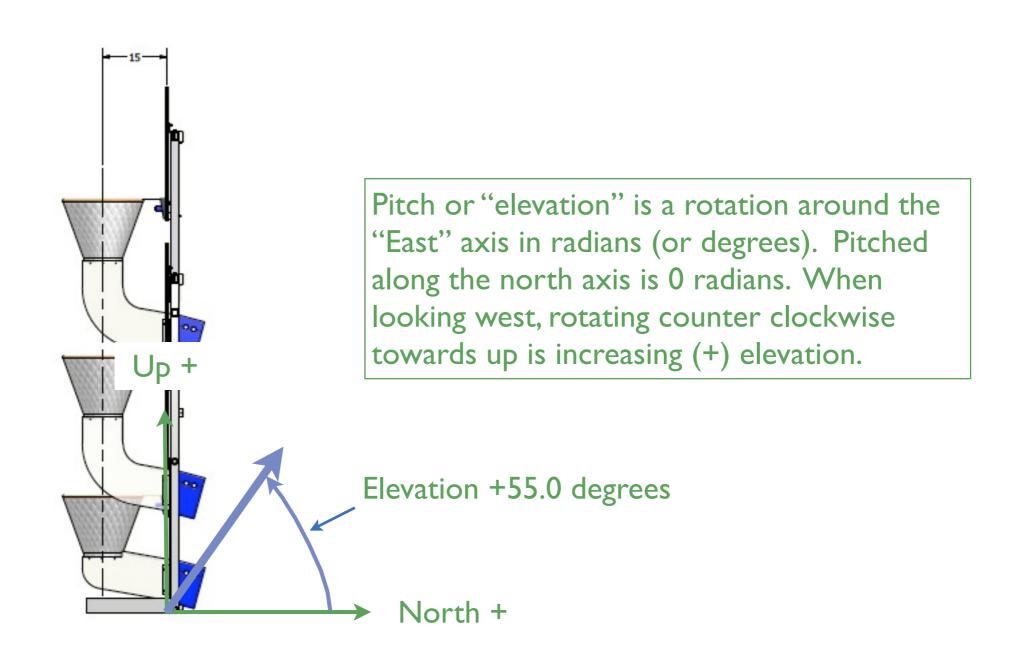
Step 0a
Define Coordinate Systems - Location



Step 0b
Define Coordinate Systems - Heading or Azimuth

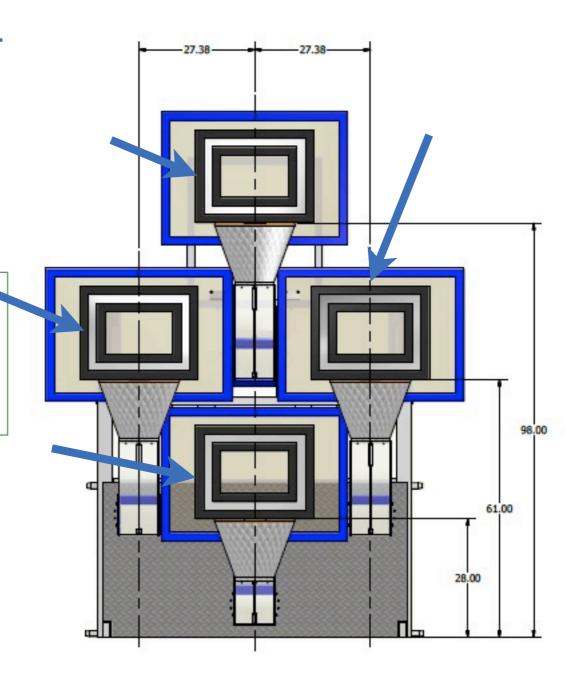


Step 0c
Define Coordinate Systems - Pitch or Elevation

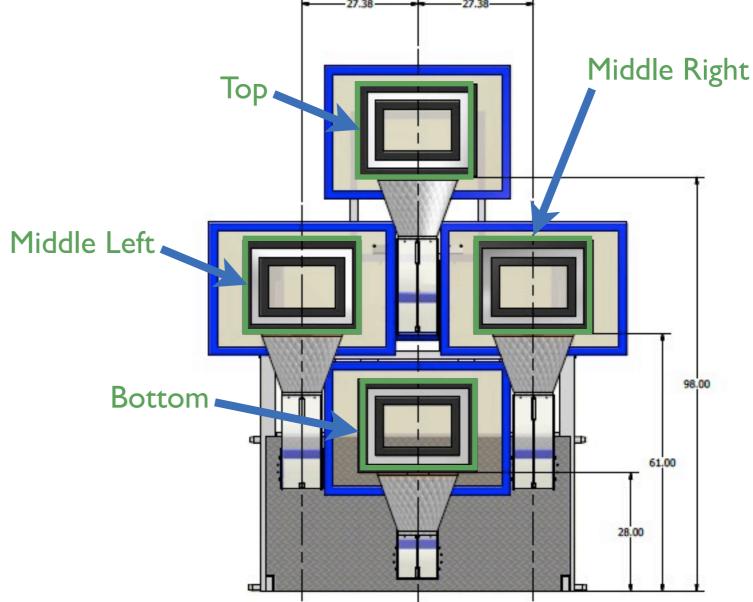


Define a table of locations of the known boxes.

Using the high contrast white boxes surrounded by black boxes as good objects for a computer vision system to recognize we have 4 targets.



Define a table of locations of the known boxes.



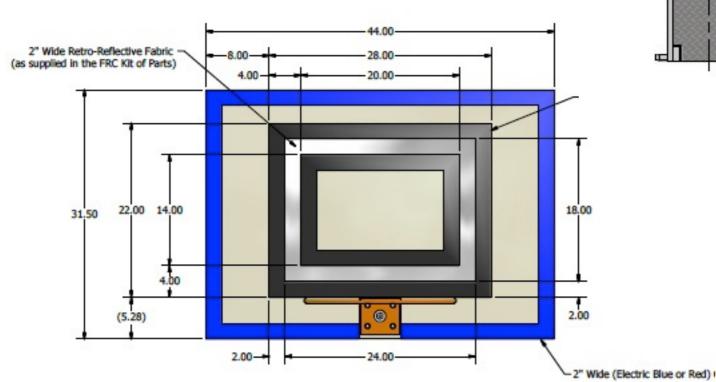
In where.py we define a target\_position class that assumes the box targets are along the east and up axis at north 0.0 in"

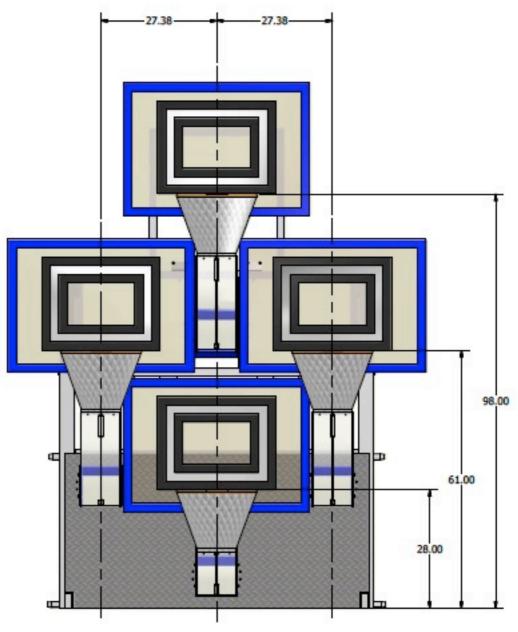
```
class target_position:
    def init (self,l,r,t,b,h):
          self.left inches = 1
                                           # east coordinate of left edge
          self.right inches = r
                                           # east coordinate of right edge
          self.top inches = t
                                           # up coordinate of top edge
          self.bottom inches = b
                                           # up coordinate of bottom edge
          self.hoop height = h
                                           # up coordinate of hoop
                                           # east coordinate center
          self.center east = (1+r)/2.0
          self.center up = (t+b)/2.0
                                           # up coordinate
```

#### Define a table of locations of the known boxes.

#### Define some useful constants

```
# Height of hoop above ground
LOW_HOOP_UP = 28.0
                     # inches
MID HOOP UP = 61.0
                     # inches
TOP HOOP UP = 98.0
                   # inches
# Center of middle hoop
MID\_LEFT\_HOOP\_EAST = -27.38 \# inches
MID_RIGHT_HOOP_EAST = +27.38 # inches
# Target edges from center of hoop
TARGET LEFT DELTA = -12.0 #inches
TARGET_RIGHT_DELTA = +12.0 #inches
TARGET TOP DELTA
                   = +20.0 #inches
TARGET BOTTOM DELTA = +2.0 #inches
```





#### Define a table of locations of the known boxes.

#### Finally build the table. target locs = { LOW: # 1 = left edge target position( 0.0+TARGET LEFT DELTA, # r = right edge0.0+TARGET RIGHT DELTA, LOW HOOP UP+TARGET TOP DELTA, # t = top edge LOW HOOP UP+TARGET BOTTOM DELTA, # b = bottom edge # h = hoop height LOW HOOP UP), # Default an unknown middle level hoop to be the left hoop MID UNKNOWN: target position( MID LEFT HOOP EAST+TARGET LEFT DELTA, # 1 = left edge # r = right edge MID LEFT HOOP EAST+TARGET RIGHT DELTA, MID HOOP UP+TARGET TOP DELTA, # t = top edge MID HOOP UP+TARGET BOTTOM DELTA, # b = bottom edge # h = hoop height MID\_HOOP\_UP), MID LEFT: target position( MID LEFT HOOP EAST+TARGET LEFT DELTA, # 1 = left edge MID LEFT HOOP EAST+TARGET RIGHT DELTA, # r = right edge MID HOOP UP+TARGET TOP DELTA, # t = top edge # b = bottom edge MID HOOP UP+TARGET BOTTOM DELTA, # h = hoop height MID\_HOOP\_UP), target position( MID RIGHT HOOP EAST+TARGET LEFT DELTA, # 1 = left edge MID RIGHT: # r = right edge MID RIGHT HOOP EAST+TARGET RIGHT DELTA, MID HOOP UP+TARGET TOP DELTA, # t = top edge MID HOOP UP+TARGET\_BOTTOM\_DELTA, # b = bottom edge # h = hoop height MID\_HOOP\_UP), 28.00 TOP: target position( 0.0+TARGET LEFT DELTA, # 1 = left edge # r = right edge 0.0+TARGET RIGHT DELTA, TOP HOOP UP+TARGET TOP DELTA, # t = top edge TOP\_HOOP\_UP+TARGET\_BOTTOM\_DELTA, # b = bottom edge # h = hoop height TOP\_HOOP\_UP) } We'll talk about MID\_UNKOWN later

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### Step 0e

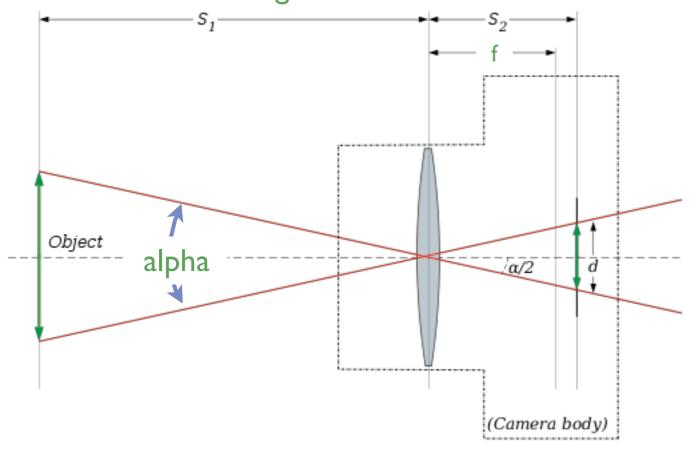
Get to know our camera and angle of view equations

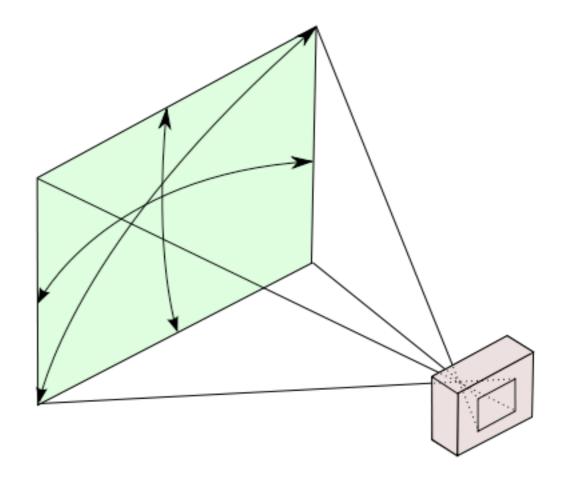
See <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angle\_of\_view">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angle\_of\_view</a>

When symmetrical across the center of the camera: alpha = 2 atan(d / 2f)

where:

alpha is the angle of view d is the distance on the image sensor f is the focal length

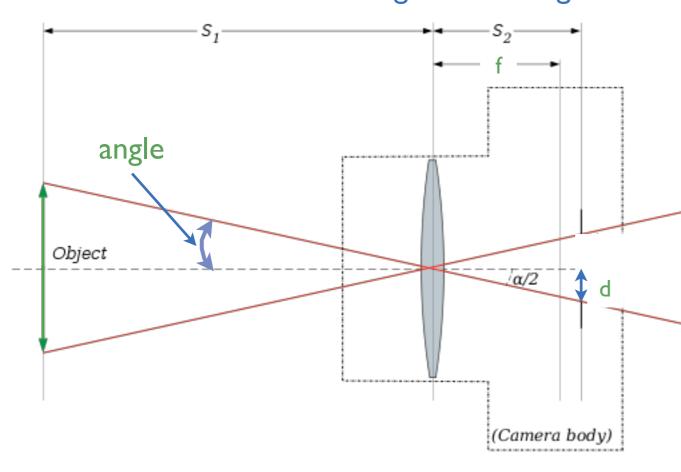


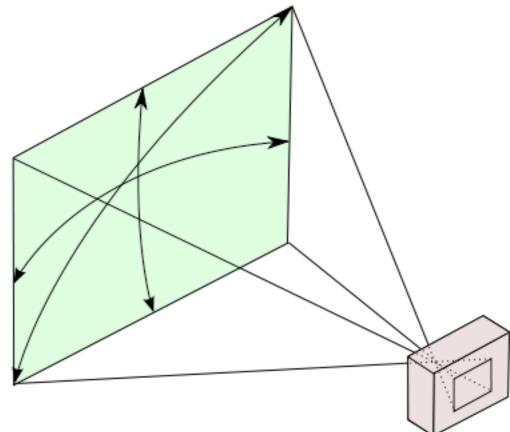


We know our width angle of view and camera pixels so we can solve for focal length in pixels.

```
# Solve angle = 2 atan( d/(2f ) for f:
# f = d / ( 2*tan(angle/2))
#
camera_focal_len = camera_x_pixels / ( 2.0 * math.tan( camera_x_fov_rad / 2.0 )) # pixels
```

Step Of Turn our camera into an angle measuring device





d is the distance in pixels (left,right,up, or down) from the center pixel in the camera field of view

## Step 0g Acquire the location of target boxes from a camera

In simple-locating, test.py simulates a camera taking a picture of rectangles on a wall and returns a list of rectangles with the pixel locations of the sides of the rectangles.

# We're ready for Step 1!

### Step I

### When we find a target record where we found the edges in pixels

test.py does this by appending a target object 'where.target' to the list of target objects, "targets"

where.py records the edges in target object constructors.

```
class target:
#
# Step 1:
# When we find a target record where we found the edges in pixels:
#

def __init__(self,l,r,t,b):
    self.left_pixels = l
    self.right_pixels = r
    self.top_pixels = t
    self.bottom_pixels = b
    self.pos = UNKNOWN

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In python, the self parameter is automatically added to the where target function call to the \_\_init\_\_ constructor to make the object.

### Key Concept. For each target object:

```
target.left_pixels = l = r[0] = location of left edge target.right_pixels = r = r[1] = location of right edge target.top_pixels = t = r[2] = location of top edge target.bottom_pixels = t = r[3] = location of bottom edge
```

For each target, convert the pixel locations to angles from the center line of the camera.

In where.py the function "where.where" does this by calling est\_initial\_angles.

```
#
# Given a list of found rectangles,
# invoke steps 2 through 12 on the rectangles
#
def where( rectangles ):
     global debug_found
# Invoke steps 2 through 6 for each target found
#
for r in rectangles:
     r.est initial angles()
```

est\_initial\_angles converts the pixel locations to angles.

```
# Step 2:
# Convert the pixel locations to angles from the center line of the camera:
# 
    def est_initial_angles(self):
        self.left_rad = pixel2rad( self.left_pixels - camera_x_pixels / 2.0 )
        self.right_rad = pixel2rad( self.right_pixels - camera_x_pixels / 2.0 )
        self.top_rad = pixel2rad( self.top_pixels - camera_y_pixels / 2.0 )
        self.bottom_rad = pixel2rad( self.bottom_pixels - camera_y_pixels / 2.0 )
```

We created this pixel to angle conversion "pixel2rad()" at Step Of.

"self.left\_pixels-camera\_x\_pixels/2.0" is horizontal distance in pixels from the center of camera sensor.

pixel2rad() the returns positive angles for objects that are above or right of the camera center line, negative angles for objects that are below or left of the center line.

### Estimate the azimuth and elevation from camera on the robot to the center of each target

### In est\_initial\_angles(self):

```
# Step 3:
# Azimuth is left to right angle from the center line of the camera. +angles are to the right.
# Elevation is down to up angle from the center line of the camera. +angles are up.
# Estimate the Azimuth and Elevation from the camera to the center of the target.
# self.azimuth_rad = (self.left_rad + self.right_rad) / 2.0  # + is right self.elevation_rad = (self.top_rad + self.bottom_rad) / 2.0 - camera_pitch_error # + is up
```

This azimuth and elevation is relative to the robot, not the field.

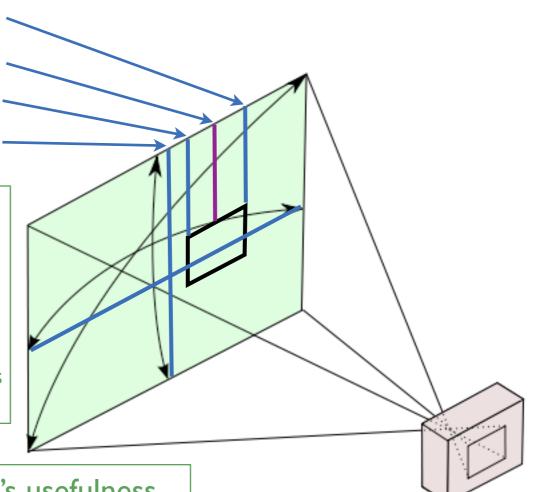
self.right\_rad \
self.azimuth\_rad \
self.left\_rad \
azimuth 0 radians relative to camera \

This is a hueristic to estimate roughly where the center of the target is. It ignores several problems. Including:

We are averaging circular coordinates to estimate the center of an object in linear coordinate system.

The camera is not orthogonal to the wall.

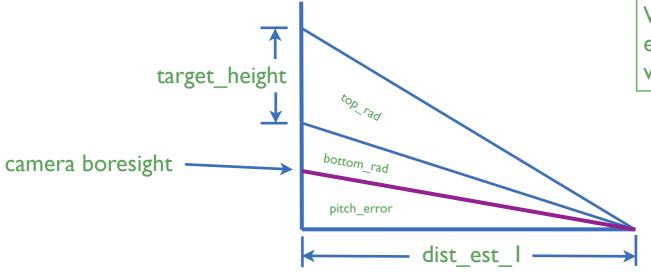
The computer vision bounding box is rectangular, but the target is a trapezoid, in camera space.



This is fine. We just can't use this estimate beyond it's usefulness.

# Step 4 Initial estimate of the distance to the targets.

```
In est_initial_angles(self):
```

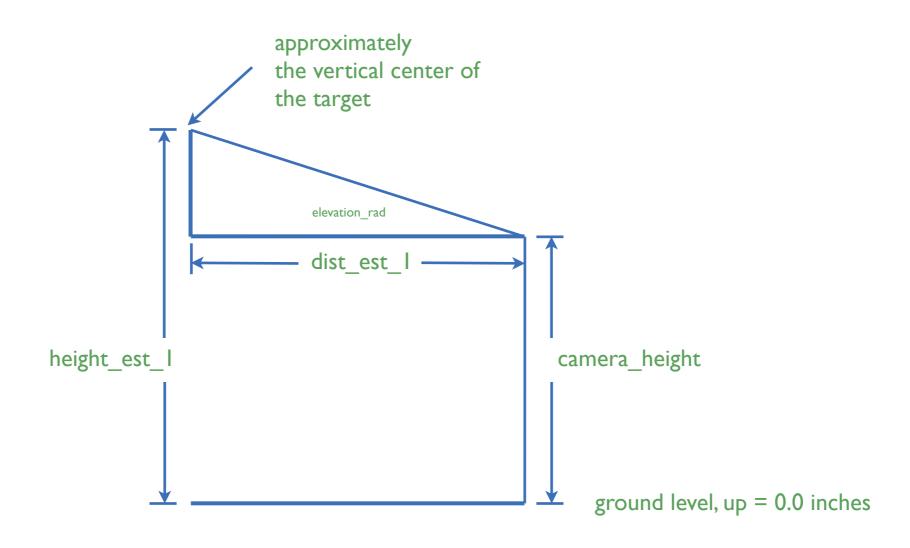


We use target\_height for our initial distance estimate because it is relatively immune to variations in robot azimuth, unlike target\_width.

```
target_height = dist_est_I * tan(top_rad+pitch_error) - dist_est_I * tan(bottom_rad+pitch_error)
solving for dist_est_I....
target_height / (tan(top_rad+pitch_error) - tan(bottom_rad+pitch_error)) = dist_est_I
```

# Step 5 Initial estimate of the vertical center of the targets.

```
# Step 5:
# Initial estimate of the height of the center of this target above ground based upon the
# distance to the target, the angle of the target, and the camera height
# self.height_est_1 = self.dist_est_1 * math.tan(self.elevation_rad) + camera_height
```



Classify the targets as low, middle, or top based upon their height\_est\_I.

```
In est_initial_angles(self):
 # Step 6:
 # Classify the target as a low, middle or top target based upon it's height above ground.
            if ( self.height est 1 < 55.5 ):
                  self.level = LOW
            elif ( self.height est 1 < 90.5 ):
                  self.level = MID UNKNOWN
            else:
                  self.level = TOP
                                                                                                                                top
center low = 28 + 2 + 18/2 = 39 in.
center middle = 61 + 2 + 18/2 = 72 in.
center top = 98 + 2 + 18/2 = 109 in.
low to middle threshold = (39 + 72)/2 = 55.5 in.
                                                                                                                              middle
middle to top threshold = (72+109)/2 = 90.5 in.
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  2" Wide Retro-Reflective Fabric
(as supplied in the FRC Kit of Parts)
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                                                                 -2" Wide (Electric Blue or Red)
```

# Step 7 Find the center target azimuth that is most left and most right.

In where.py the function "where.where":

```
# Step 7
# Find the center target azimuth that is most left and most right
#

min_azimuth = +pi  # start at +180 which is out of view to right
max_azimuth = -pi  # start at -180 which is out of view to left

for r in rectangles:
    min_azimuth = min( min_azimuth, r.azimuth_rad )
    max_azimuth = max( max_azimuth, r.azimuth_rad )
```

Classify the middle targets as MID\_LEFT and MID\_RIGHT

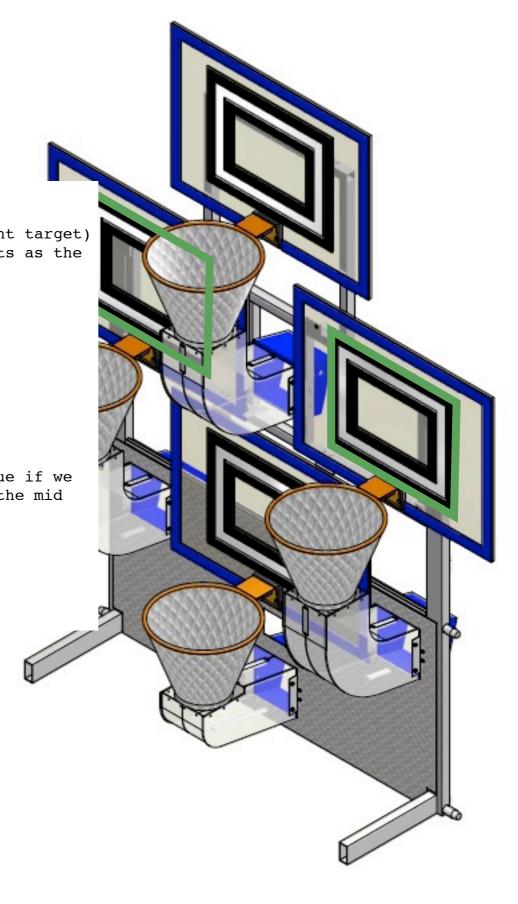
#### In where.py classify\_pos() does this:

```
# Step 8:
# Given the minimum azimuth (most left target), and maximum azimuth (most right target)
# if we have identified more than one target, classify the middle level targets as the
# left or the right middle.
     def classify pos( self, min az, max az ):
          if self.level == MID UNKNOWN:
               if min az == max az:
                    self.pos = MID UNKNOWN
               elif self.azimuth rad == min az:
                    self.pos = MID LEFT
               elif self.azimuth rad == max az:
                    self.pos = MID RIGHT
               else:
                    self.pos = MID UNKNOWN # should not reach this line, becaue if we
                                           # found a mid and another target, the mid
                                           # should be min az or max az
          else:
               self.pos = self.level
```

We classify the middle targets as MID\_LEFT and MID\_RIGHT based upon their center azimuth being at the left or right edge of the azimuth's we've found.

Now, if we've found at least two targets we should know which ones they are and where they are on the wall.

It's getting time to estimate where the camera is.



## Step 9 Find the leftmost and rightmost targets

In where.py the function "where.where" runs step 9 for each target

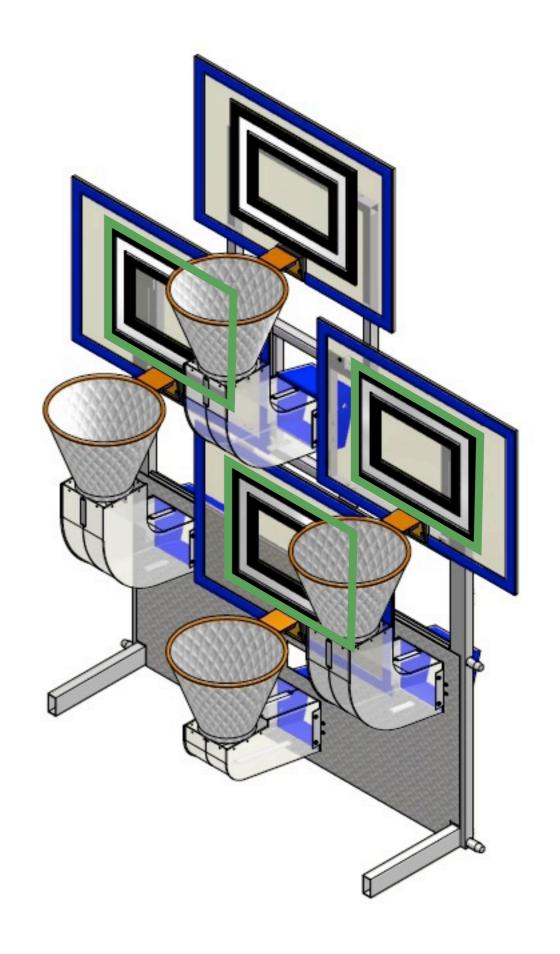
```
# Step 9
# Identify the left most and right most targets.

leftmost = MID_RIGHT+1
    rightmost = MID_LEFT-1
    for r in rectangles:
        if r.pos < leftmost :
            leftmost = r.pos
            left = r

if r.pos > rightmost :
            rightmost = r.pos
            rightmost = r.pos
            rightmost = r.pos
            right=r
```

For example, if we found the MID\_LEFT, LOW, and MID\_RIGHT targets, select the MID\_LEFT and MID\_RIGHT targets.

We're doing this because we're looking for vertical lines in the camera field of view that are far apart so we have lots of pixels of to calculate where the camera is at in step 11.

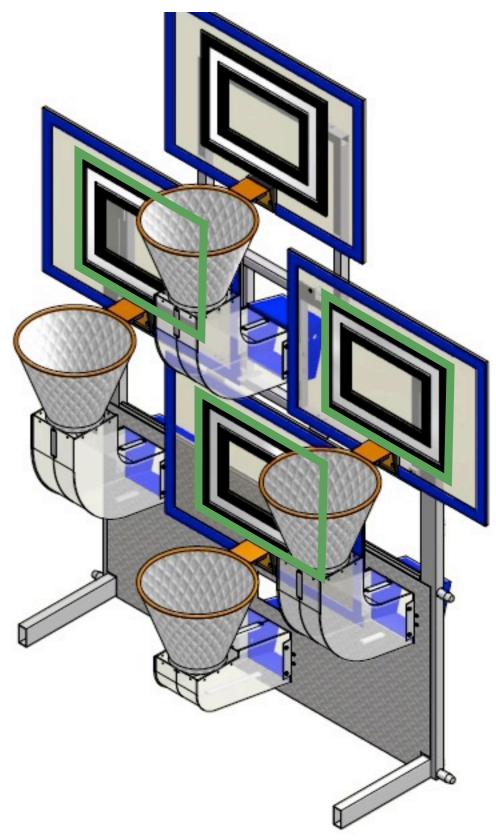


Check if we found targets to know the angles to 3 vertical lines.

In where.py the function "where.where" runs step 10 for each target

```
# Step 10
# If we have found two different targets, and they are not
# just the top and bottom targes.
# Then perform step 11 on two sets of 3 angles angles
# two the 3 targets.
#
    if (leftmost != MID_RIGHT+1) and (leftmost != rightmost)
        and not((leftmost==LOW) and (rightmost==TOP)) :
```

If we have just found the top and bottom targets, because they are directly above each other we don't have angles to 3 different vertical lines.



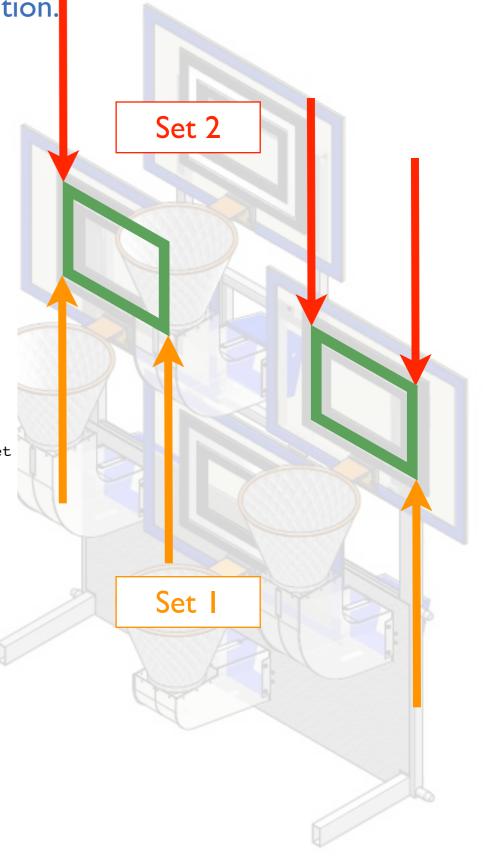
Step IIa.I

Select two sets of 3 vertical lines to use to estimate our position.

In where.py, the function "where.where" runs step I Ia for each target

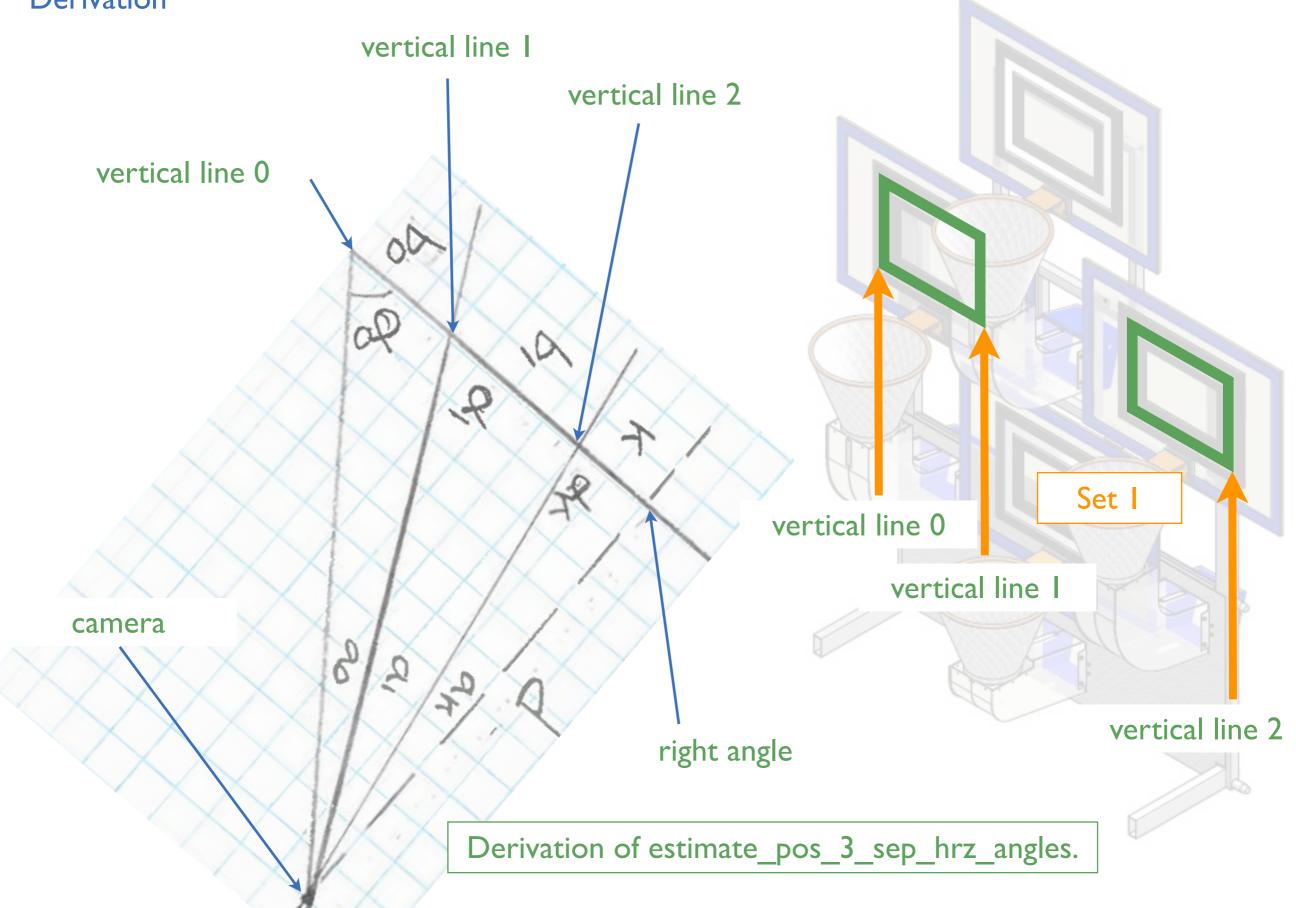
```
# Perform step 11 using the using both vertical edges of the far left target
# and the right edge of the far right target.
# See definition of field coordinate system.
# az1 and az2 are estimates of the camera heading in azimuth in radians
# east1 and east2 are estimates of the camera east position
# south1 and south2 are estimates of the camera south position
az1, east1, south1 = estimate pos 3 sep hrz angles( left.left rad,
                                  left.right rad,
                                  right.right rad,
                                  target locs[left.pos].left inches,
                                  target locs[left.pos].right inches,
                                  target locs[right.pos].right inches)
# Perform step 11 using the using the left vertical edge of the far left target
# and the both vertical edges of the far right target.
az2, east2, south2 = estimate pos 3 sep hrz angles( left.left rad,
                                  right.left rad,
                                  right.right rad,
                                  target locs[left.pos].left inches,
                                  target locs[right.pos].left inches,
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```

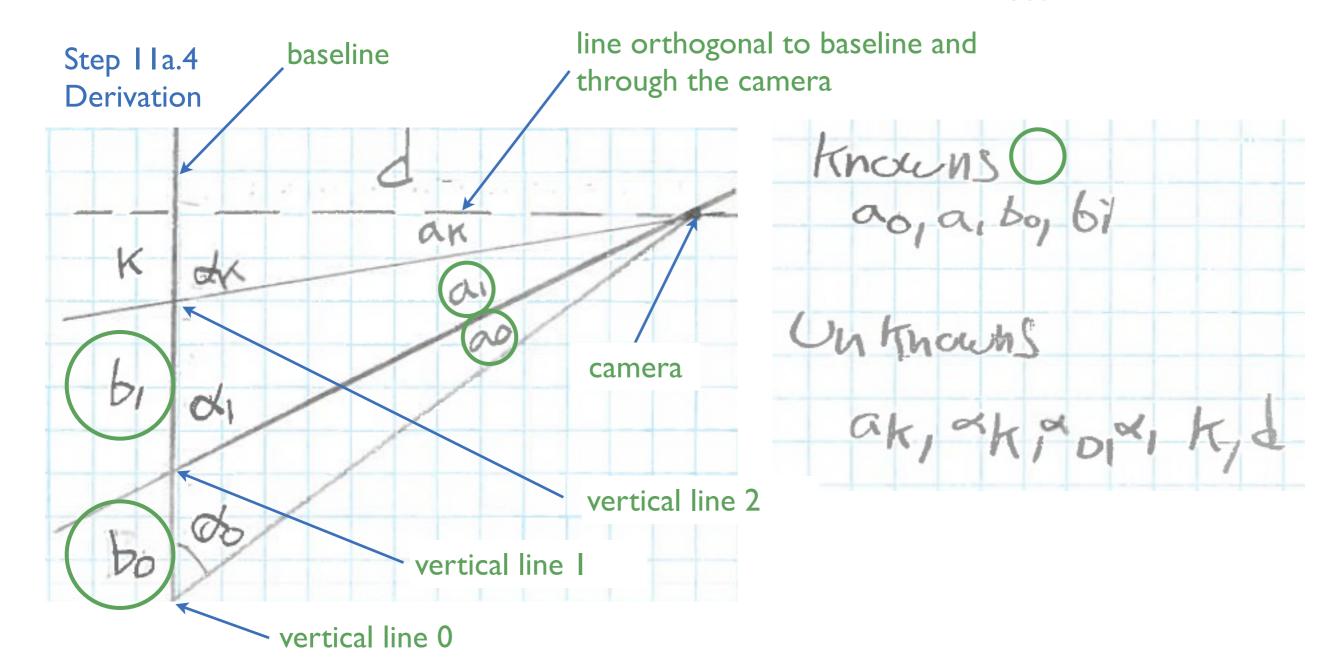
We use the two vertical lines that are farthest from each other on the targets. Then on the first set we use the inner vertical line on the left target. On the second set we use the inner vertical line on the right target.



Derivation of estimate\_pos\_3\_sep\_hrz\_angles.

Step IIa.3 Derivation



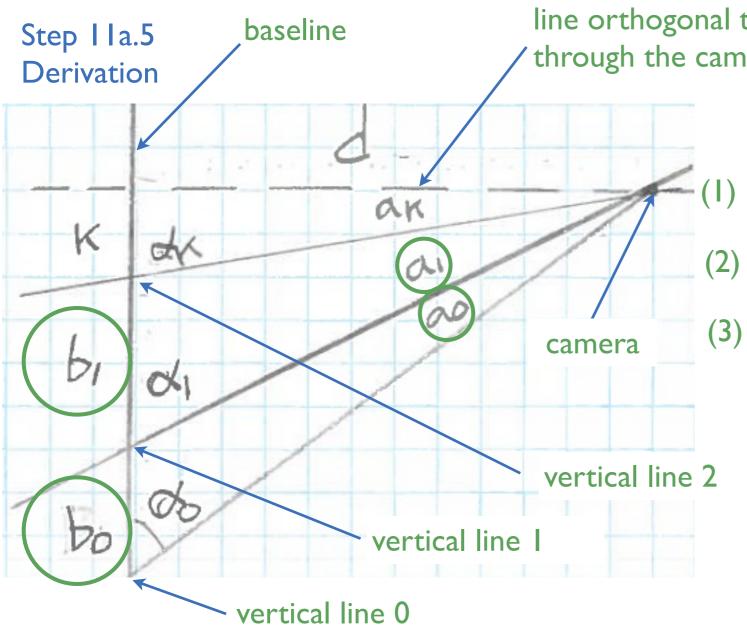


#### Knowns:

 $b_0$  is distance from vertical line 0 to vertical line I  $b_1$  is distance from vertical line I to vertical line 2  $a_0$  is angle from vertical line 0 to vertical line I  $a_1$  is angle from vertical line I to vertical line 2

#### Unknowns:

 $\alpha_0$ ,  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_k$  are angles between the baseline and the camera  $\alpha_k$  is angle from line perpendicular to baseline to vertical line 2 k is distance along baseline from vertical line 2 to point on orthogonal line to camera d is orthogonal distance from camera to baseline



line orthogonal to baseline and through the camera

> tangent equations for triangles with d as a side

(1) 
$$k \tan (\alpha k) = d$$
  
(2)  $(k+b_1) \tan (\alpha_1) = d$   
(3)  $(k+b_1) \tan (\alpha_0) = d$ 

re-order angle equations to solve for variables in tangent equations

(5) 
$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = Tt/2$$

### Step IIa.6 Derivation

tangent equations d=d=d, and substitute A into tangent angles

(II) 
$$J = K \tan(A) = (K+6) \tan(A-a_1) = (K+6) \tan(A-a_0-a_1)$$

We now have two equations in two variables (A) and (K) !

use identity tan(a-b) = [tan(a)-tan(b)]/[I+tan(a)tan(b)]

## Step 11a.7 Derivation

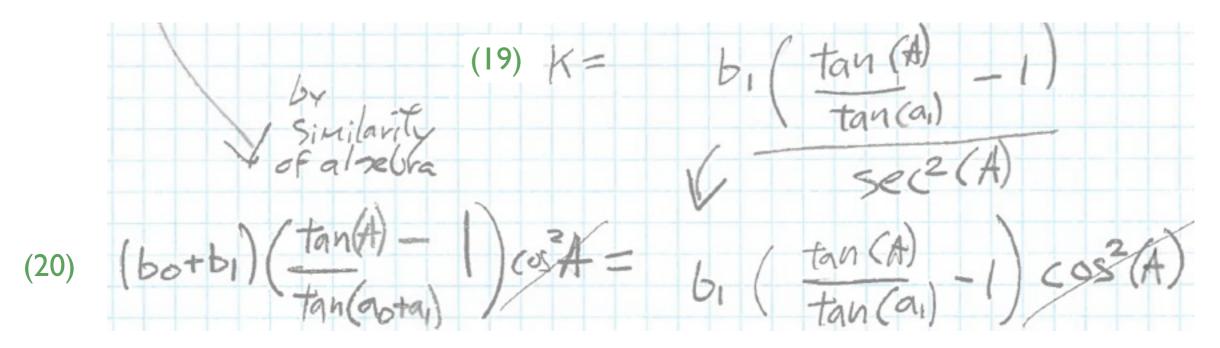
multiple both sides of equation (12) by the denominator

(15) 
$$k \tan(A) + k \tan^2(A) \tan(a_1) = k \tan(A) - k \tan(a_1) + b_1 \tan(A) - b_1 \tan(a_1)$$
  
(16)  $k \tan^2(A) \tan(a_1) + k \tan(a_1) = b_1 (\tan(A) - \tan(a_1))$   
(17)  $k \tan(a_1) \int \tan^2(A) + 1 \int = b_1 (\tan(A) - \tan(a_1))$ 

use identity  $tan^2(a) + I = sec^2(a)$ ; and divide both sides by  $tan(a_1)$ 

## Step IIa.8 Derivation

### (19) Divide both sides of (17) by sec<sup>2</sup>(A)



Apply steps (14) through (19) to equation (13) by similar algebra, and then substitute  $1/\sec^2(A) = \cos^2(A)$  to obtain expression (20) which is also equal to k.

We now have one equation in one variable (A)!

## Step IIa.9 Derivation

Divide both sides by  $\cos^2(A)$ , and then subtract by the left side to move all terms to the right side

(21) 
$$O = b_1 \tan(A) - b_1 - b_0 \tan(A) - b_1 \tan(A) + b_0 + b_1 \tan(a_0 + a_1)$$

$$tan(a_0 + a_1) - tan(a_0 + a_1) + tan(a_0 + a_1)$$

gather terms

(22) 
$$0 = b_1 \tan (A) - (b_0 + b_1) \tan (A) + b_0$$

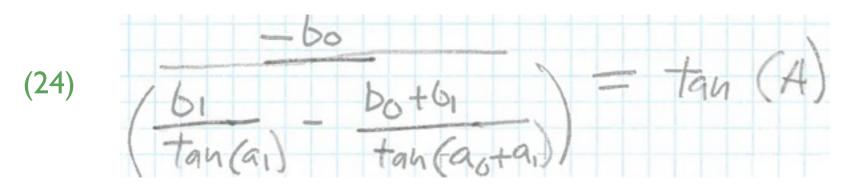
$$\tan (a_1) - \tan (a_0 + a_1)$$

factor tan(A)

(23) 
$$-b_{\delta} = \frac{tan(A)}{tan(a_1)} \left( \frac{b_1}{tan(a_0 + a_1)} \right)$$

### Step 11a.10 Derivation

### Divide both sides by the same term



Take the arc tangent of both sides, and re-apply equation (10)

$$(25) \quad t_{\alpha} v_{1} = A = \frac{17}{2} - a_{H}$$

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We can solve for a<sub>k</sub>!

$$a_k = \pi/2 - atan(-b_0/(b_1/tan(a_1) - (b_0 + b_1)/tan(a_0+a_1))$$

use atan2 see <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atan2">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atan2</a> to keep from dividing by zero and to place the angle in the right quadrant.

$$a_k = \pi/2 - atan2(-b_0, (b_1/tan(a_1) - (b_0 + b_1)/tan(a_0+a_1))$$

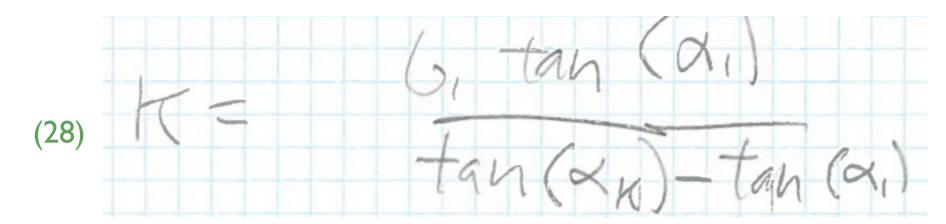
### Step IIa.II Derivation

Identity from equations (1) and (2)



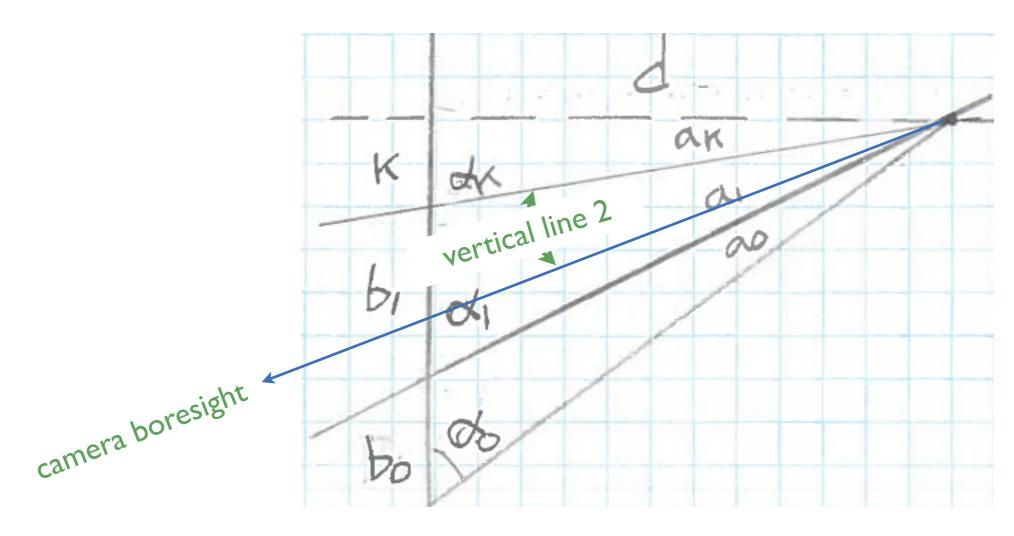
Expand terms and subtract from both sides

Factor k and divide both sides by  $[tan(\alpha_k)-tan(\alpha_1)]$ 



Use equation (7) to solve for  $\alpha_k$ , equation (8) to solve for  $\alpha_l$  and equation (28) to solve for k, and then equation (1) to solve for d.

#### Calculate Azimuth



azimuth should be = -(angle\_of\_vertical\_line2+ $a_k$ )

but empirically we need to add  $\pi$ , TBD investigate the quadrant atan2 is returning:

 $azimuth = -(angle\_of\_vertical\_line2+a_k) + \pi$ 

### Step 11b

Call estimate\_pos\_3\_sep\_hrz\_angles one time for each of two sets of angles

```
#Step 11
# Given 3 camera angles to 3 veritcal lines along the wall of backboards, estimate the
# camera heading (azimuth), east position, and south position
# See https://github.com/MikeStitt/simple-locating-docs/blob/master/mathToFindLocationFromAnglesTo3PointsOnALine.pdf?raw=true
#
def estimate pos 3 sep hrz angles (left rad, mid rad, right rad, left pos, mid pos, right pos):
     a0 = mid rad - left rad
     al = right rad - mid rad
     b0 = mid pos - left pos
     b1 = right pos - mid pos
     A = math.atan2( -b0 , ( (b1/math.tan(a1)) - (b1+b0)/math.tan(a1+a0)))
     ak = pi/2-A
     alpha k = pi/2-ak
     alpha 1 = pi/2-ak-a1
     alpha 2 = pi/2-ak-a1-a0
     k = b1 * math.tan(alpha_1) / (math.tan(alpha_k)-math.tan(alpha_1))
     d = k * math.tan(alpha k)
                        azimuth,
                                        east, south )
     return (-(right rad+ak-pi), right pos+k,
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Average the results of the two azimuth and position estimates.

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# take two estimates of position with 3 angles
# Perform step 11 using the using both vertical edges of the far left target
# and the right edge of the far right target.
# See definition of field coordinate system.
# az1 and az2 are estimates of the camera heading in azimuth in radians
# east1 and east2 are estimates of the camera east position
# south1 and south2 are estimates of the camera south position
az1, east1, south1 = estimate pos 3 sep hrz angles( left.left rad,
                                  left.right rad,
                                  right.right rad,
                                  target locs[left.pos].left inches,
                                  target locs[left.pos].right inches,
                                  target locs[right.pos].right inches)
# Perform step 11 using the using the left vertical edge of the far left target
# and the both vertical edges of the far right target.
az2, east2, south2 = estimate pos 3 sep hrz angles( left.left rad,
                                  right.left rad,
                                  right.right rad,
                                  target locs[left.pos].left inches,
                                  target locs[right.pos].left inches,
                                  target locs[right.pos].right inches)
# Step 12.
# Average the two passes of passes for an estimate of the camera position and heading
return ( (az1+az2)/2.0, (east1+east2)/2.0, (south1+south2)/2.0 )
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# Step 14 Calculate the range to the center of the hoop.

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# Step 14.
# For a target rectangle calculate the range along the floor from the center
# of the camera to the center of the hoop.
#
def target_range( target, east, south ):
    target_east = target_locs[target.pos].center_east
    target_south = -15.0

return math.sqrt( math.pow(target_east-east,2) + math.pow(target_south-south,2) )
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TBD need diagram here.

Calculate the azimuth offset from the center of the backboard to the center of the hoop.

TBD need diagram here.

Operator selects commands target hoop system closes loop.

If the operator selects or pre-selects a target hoop, the system should iterate over a PID (Proportional Integral Derivative) loops to null out the azimuth error and shooter velocity error.

When the error is low enough the system should launch the shooter.

