

# **Robotic Mapping & Localization**

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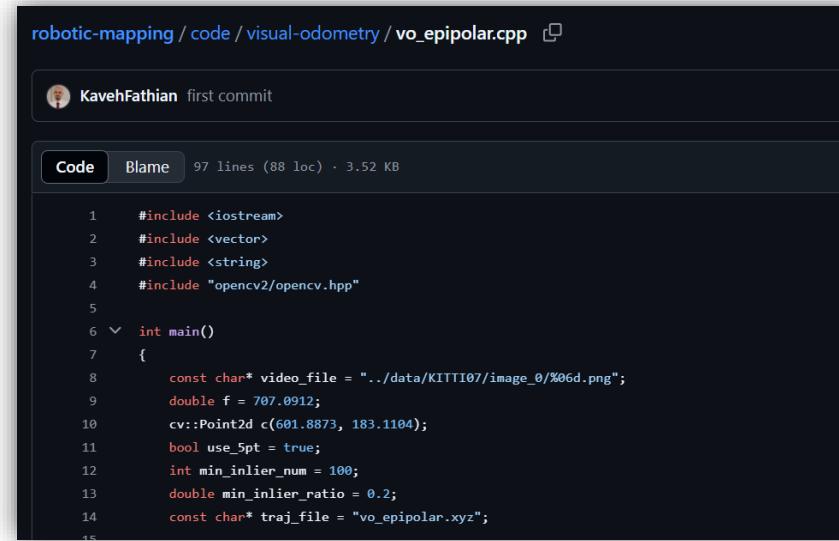
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**Lec08: Camera Calibration**

# REVIEW

# Our Simple SLAM System



The image shows a screenshot of a GitHub code review interface. The repository is 'robotic-mapping / code / visual-odometry'. The file is 'vo\_epipolar.cpp'. The commit is by 'KavehFathian' and is labeled 'first commit'. The code tab is selected, showing 97 lines (88 loc) and 3.52 KB. The code itself is as follows:

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <vector>
3 #include <string>
4 #include "opencv2/opencv.hpp"
5
6 int main()
7 {
8     const char* video_file = "../data/KITTI07/image_0/%06d.png";
9     double f = 707.0912;
10    cv::Point2d c(601.8873, 183.1104);
11    bool use_5pt = true;
12    int min_inlier_num = 100;
13    double min_inlier_ratio = 0.2;
14    const char* traj_file = "vo_epipolar.xyz";
15 }
```

# Our Simple SLAM System

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11    bool use_5pt = true;
12    int min_inlier_num = 100;
13    double min_inlier_ratio = 0.2; } -> SLAM system parameters
14    const char* traj_file = "vo_epipolar.xyz";
15
16 // Open a video and get an initial image
17 cv::VideoCapture video;
18 if (!video.open(video_file)) return -1;
19
20 cv::Mat gray_prev;
21 video >> gray_prev;
22 if (gray_prev.empty())
23 {
24     video.release();
25     return -1;
26 }
27 if (gray_prev.channels() > 1) cv::cvtColor(gray_prev, gray_prev,
28 cv::COLOR_RGB2GRAY);
29
30 // Run the monocular visual odometry
31 cv::Mat K = (cv::Mat<double>(3, 3) << f, 0, c.x, 0, f, c.y, 0, 0, 1);
32 cv::Mat camera_pose = cv::Mat::eye(4, 4, CV_64F);
33 FILE* camera_traj = fopen(traj_file, "wt");
34 if (camera_traj == NULL) return -1;
```

OpenCV library 

Camera parameters

SLAM system parameters

Convert RGB images to gray 

Camera calibration matrix

Pose (position & orientation)  
estimates 



# Our Simple SLAM System

```
34
35
36     while (true)
37     {
38         // Grab an image from the video
39         cv::Mat img, gray;
40         video >> img;
41         if (img.empty()) break;
42         if (img.channels() > 1) cv::cvtColor(img, gray, cv::COLOR_RGB2GRAY);
43         else
44             gray = img.clone();
45
46         // Extract optical flow
47         std::vector<cv::Point2f> pts_prev, pts;
48         cv::goodFeaturesToTrack(gray_prev, pts_prev, 2000, 0.01, 10);
49         std::vector<uchar> status;
50         cv::Mat err;
51         cv::calcOpticalFlowPyrLK(gray_prev, gray, pts_prev, pts, status, err);
52         gray_prev = gray;
53
54         // Calculate relative pose
55         cv::Mat E, inlier_mask;
56         if (use_5pt)
57         {
58             E = cv::findEssentialMat(pts_prev, pts, f, c, cv::RANSAC, 0.999, 1,
59             inlier_mask);
60         }
61         else
62         {
63             cv::Mat F = cv::findFundamentalMat(pts_prev, pts, cv::FM_RANSAC, 1, 0.
64             99, inlier_mask);
65             E = K.t() * F * K;
66         }
67         cv::Mat R, t;
68         int inlier_num = cv::recoverPose(E, pts_prev, pts, R, t, f, c, inlier_mask);
69         double inlier_ratio = static_cast<double>(inlier_num) / static_cast<double>(pts.size());
70
71         // Accumulate relative pose if result is reliable
72         cv::Vec3b info_color(0, 255, 0);
73         if ((inlier_num > min_inlier_num) && (inlier_ratio > min_inlier_ratio))
74         {
75             cv::Mat T = cv::Mat::eye(4, 4, R.type());
76             T(cv::Rect(0, 0, 3, 3)) = R * 1.0;
77             T.col(3).rowRange(0, 3) = t * 1.0;
78             camera_pose = camera_pose * T.inv();
79             info_color = cv::Vec3b(0, 0, 255);
80         }
81     }
82 }
```

Iterate over images



Feature detection & tracking using optical flow

Estimate camera pose (in the form of essential matrix) from consecutive images

RANSAC outlier rejection

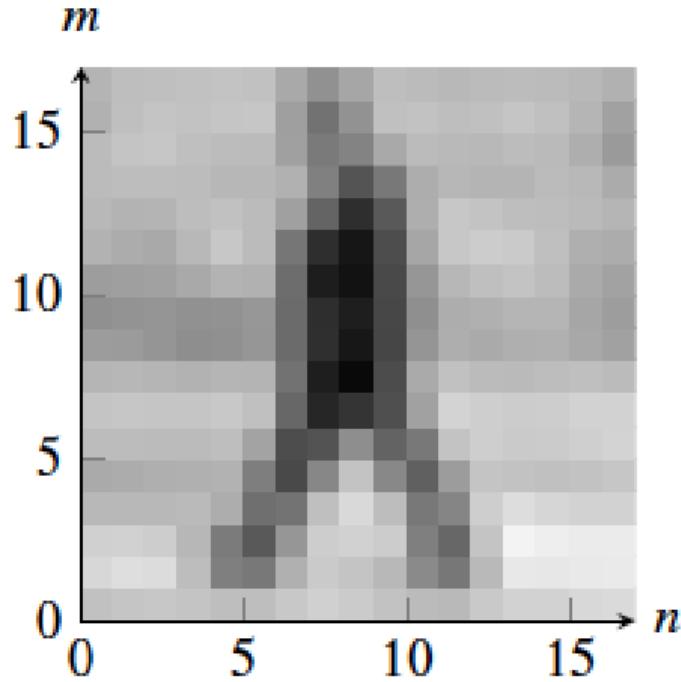
Extract camera pose from essential matrix

Camera pose (and trajectory) over time



# Image as a 2D discrete signal

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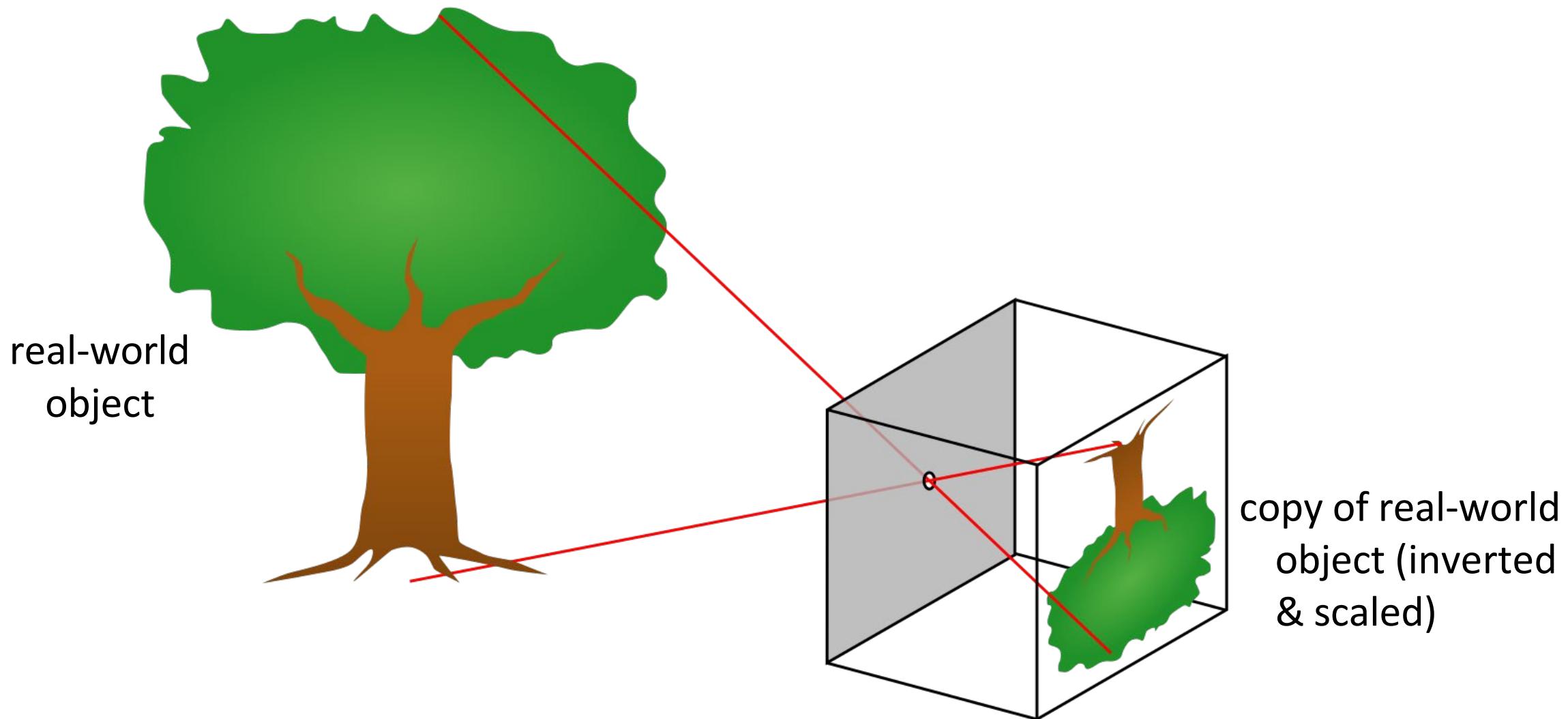
$I =$

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134 135 147 149 150 147 148 62 36 46 114 157 163 167 169 163 146 147
135 132 131 125 115 129 132 74 54 41 104 156 152 156 164 156 141 144
151 155 151 145 144 149 143 71 31 29 129 164 157 155 159 158 156 148
172 174 178 177 177 181 174 54 21 29 136 190 180 179 176 184 187 182
177 178 176 173 174 180 150 27 101 94 74 189 188 186 183 186 188 187
160 160 163 163 161 167 100 45 169 166 59 136 184 176 175 177 185 186
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A tiny person of 18 x 18 pixels

# Pinhole imaging

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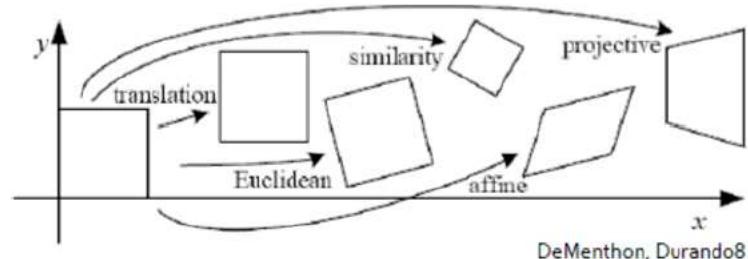
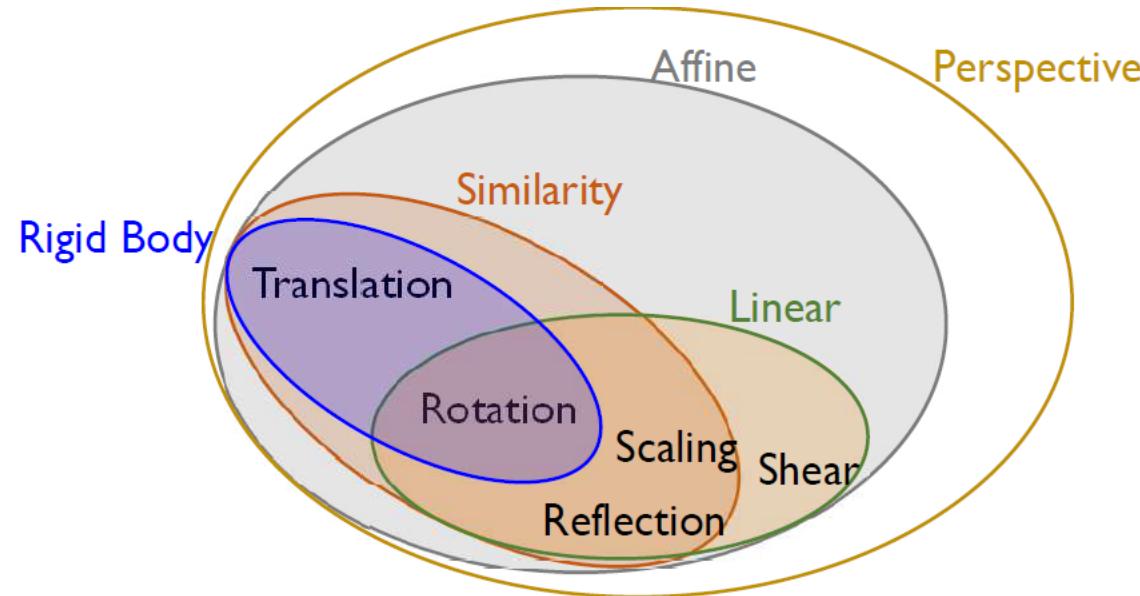


# 2D Transformations: Properties Preserved

Transformations can be classified based on the properties they preserve:



- **Rigid Body**
  - angles, lengths, areas
- **Similarity**
  - angles, length ratios
- **Linear**
  - linear combination
- **Affine**
  - parallel lines, length ratios, area ratios
- **Perspective**
  - collinearity, cross-ratio
- ...



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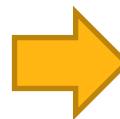
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# Cameras are Projective Transformation Machines

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Projective Transformation

3D World



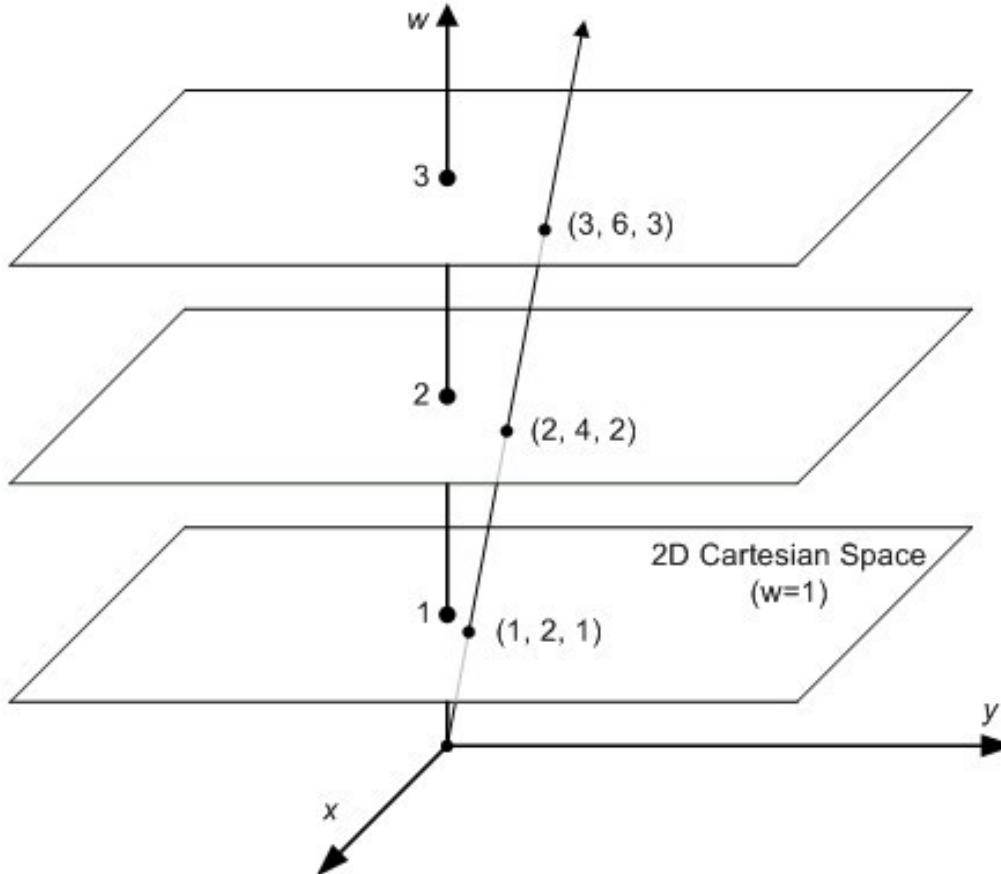
2D Image



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## Homogeneous Coordinates

- Projective
- Point becomes a line



Song Ho Ahn

To homogeneous

$$(x, y) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

From homogeneous

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w)$$

## The camera as a coordinate transformation



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

2D image  
point

camera  
matrix      3D world  
                    point

A camera is a mapping from  
the 3D world to a 2D image

# The camera as a coordinate transformation



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous  
image coordinates  
 $3 \times 1$

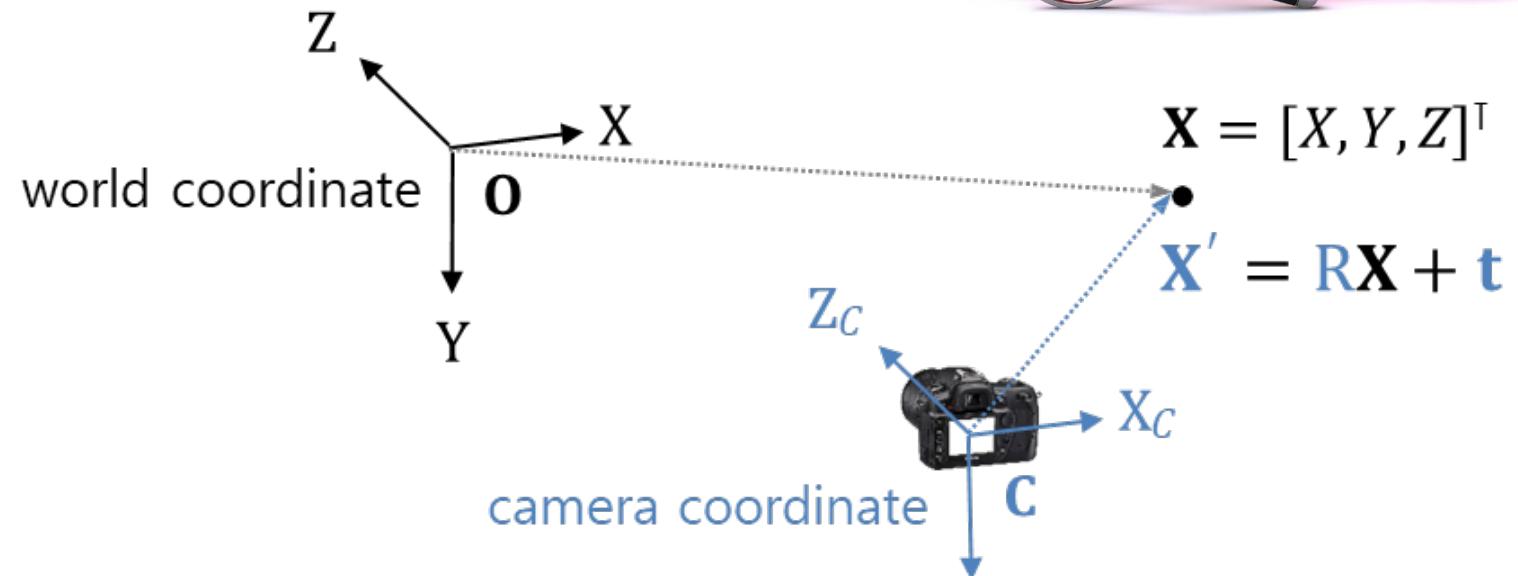
camera  
matrix  
 $3 \times 4$

homogeneous  
world coordinates  
 $4 \times 1$

# General pinhole camera matrix

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$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{t}]$$



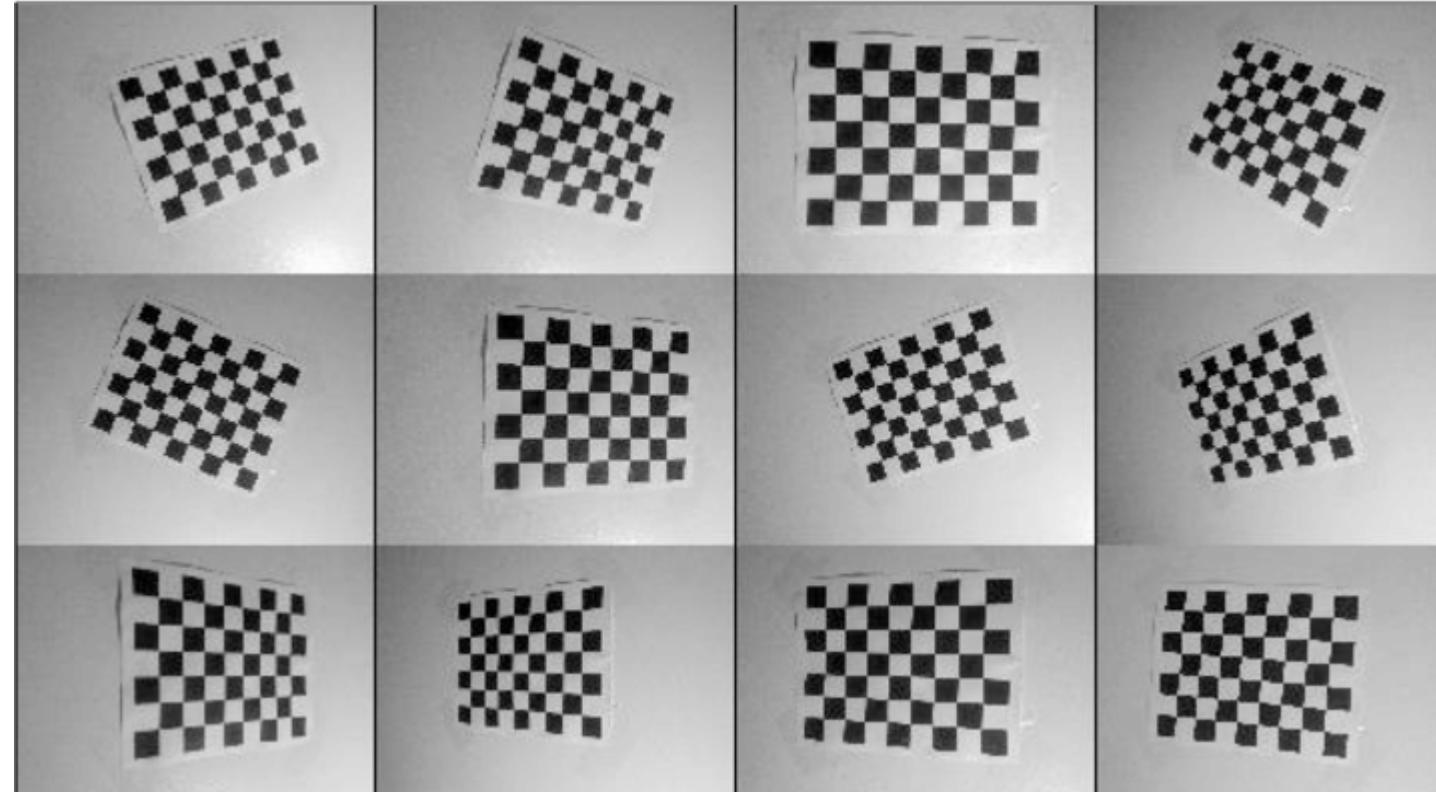
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c|c} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & t_1 \\ r_4 & r_5 & r_6 & t_2 \\ r_7 & r_8 & r_9 & t_3 \end{array}$$

intrinsic  
parameters                    extrinsic  
parameters

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \\ r_4 & r_5 & r_6 \\ r_7 & r_8 & r_9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

3D rotation                    3D translation

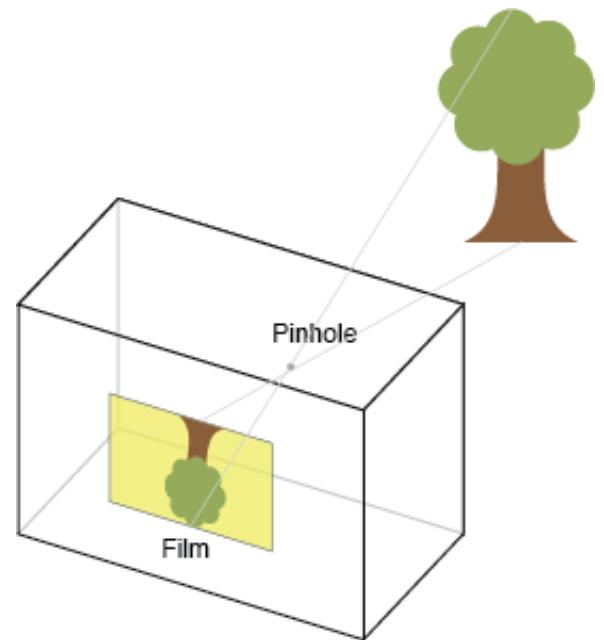
# Geometric Camera Calibration



# Camera Calibration

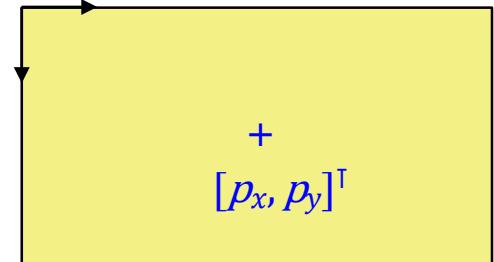
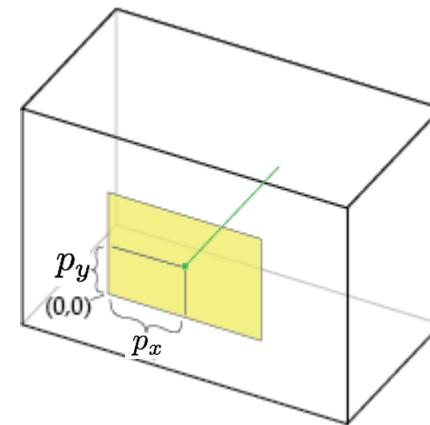
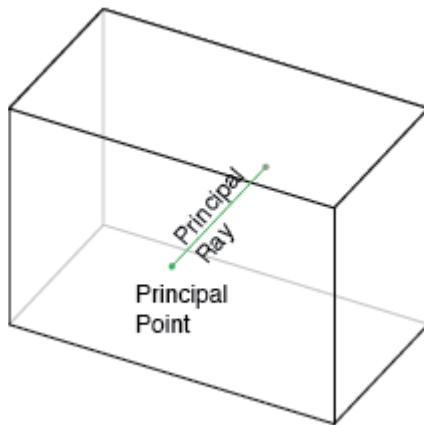
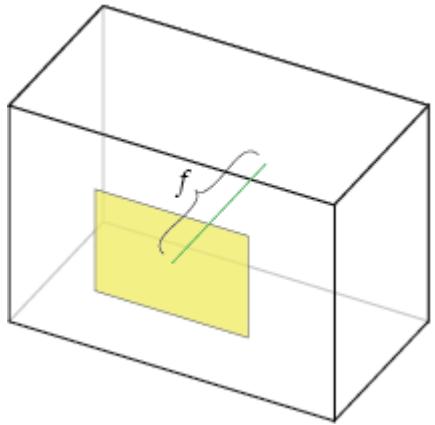
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & t_1 \\ r_4 & r_5 & r_6 & t_2 \\ r_7 & r_8 & r_9 & t_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

intrinsic parameters      extrinsic parameters



Camera calibration estimates the intrinsic parameters:

- $f$  is the focal length of the camera (e.g., in millimeters or pixels)
- $p_x$  and  $p_y$  are locations of the principal/optical point (in millimeters or pixels)



**NOTE:** You can convert pixel units to world units (e.g. mm) if you know sensor dimensions in world units. For example, if you know the image sensor has a width  $W$  in millimeters, and the image width in pixels is  $w$ , you can convert the focal length  $f$  to world units  $F$  as  $F = f \frac{W}{w}$

# Simple Camera Calibration

- Example: Simple camera calibration

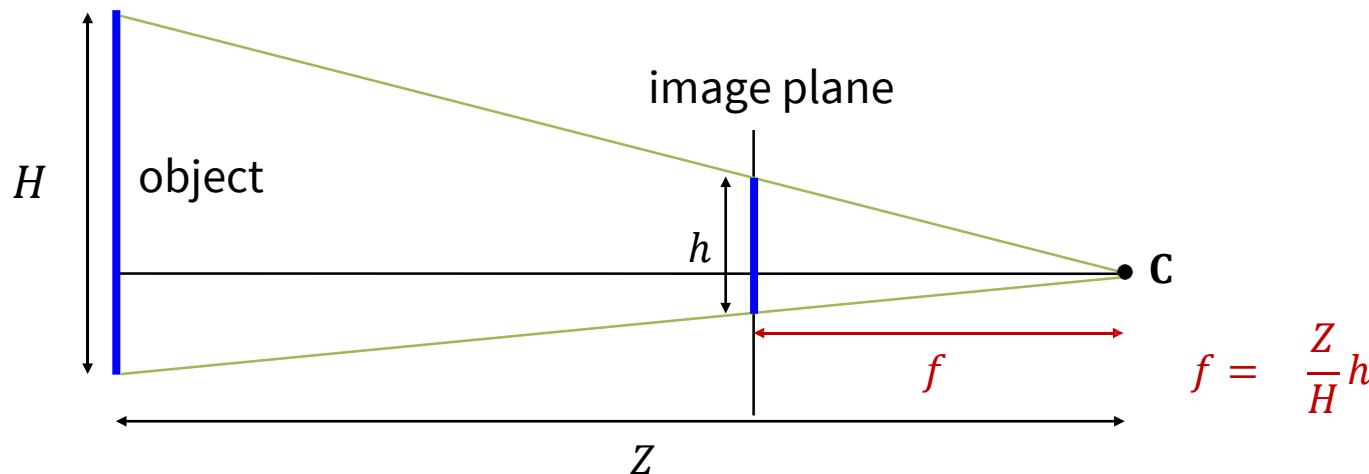
- Unknowns:

- Focal length ( $f$ ) of the camera (unit: [pixel])
    - Principal point ( $p_x, p_y$ ) of the camera (unit: [pixel])

- Given: The observed object height ( $h$ ) on the image plane (unit: [pixel])

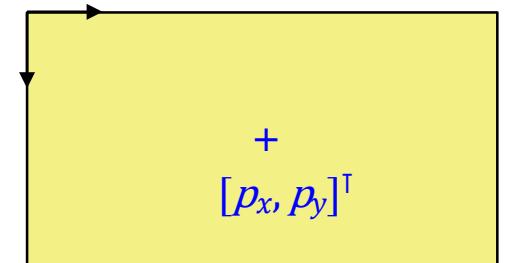
- Assumptions

- The object height ( $H$ ) and distance ( $Z$ ) from the camera are known.
  - The object is aligned with the image plane.



$$f = \frac{Z}{H}h$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

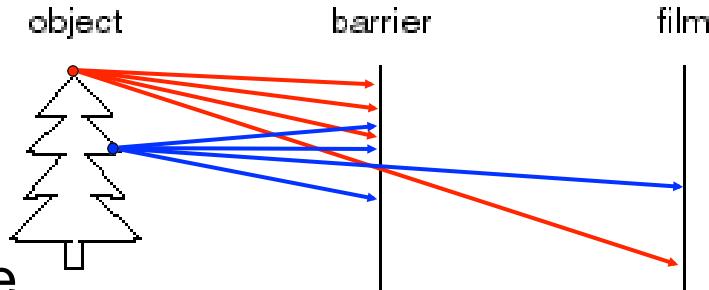


Principal point( $p_x, p_y$ )  
can be taken as the  
image center

# Pinhole Camera Model

Assumptions made in the pinhole camera model

- All rays from the object point intersect in a single point
- All image points lie on a plane
- The ray from the object point to the image point is a straight line



**These assumption often do not hold for real cameras/lenses**

→ Calibration fixes image distortions, resulting in a good pinhole model



telephoto



normal



wide-angle



fisheye



Fisheye Lens

# What does it mean to “calibrate a camera”?

Many different ways to calibrate a camera:

- Radiometric calibration
- Color calibration
- Geometric calibration
- Noise calibration
- Lens (or aberration) calibration



before



after

# Geometric Distortion Models



**Q: How to represent geometric distortions?**

## ▪ Geometric distortion models

- A camera lens generates geometric distortion, which can be approximated (modeled) as a nonlinear function  $f_d$ .
- Geometric distortion models  $f_d$  are mostly defined on the normalized image plane.
- Camera projection with geometric distortion:  $\mathbf{x} = \text{proj}(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}, d)$  where  $d$  is a set of distortion coefficients.

Note:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{t})$  without distortion and normalization

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & \mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{t} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X'/Z' \\ Y'/Z' \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & \hat{\mathbf{x}}_d = f_d(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x \hat{x}_d + c_x \\ f_y \hat{y}_d + c_y \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{3D point} & & \text{3D point} & & \text{(the normalized image plane)} & & \text{geometric distortion} & & \text{pinhole camera projection} \\ (\text{the world coordinate}) & & (\text{the camera coordinate}) & & & & & & \end{array}$$

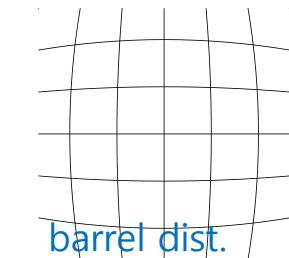
# Geometric Distortion Models

- Geometric distortion models

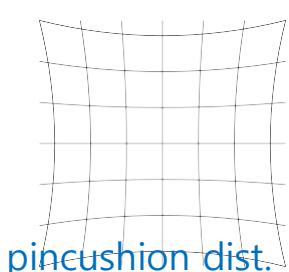
- Polynomial distortion model (a.k.a. Brown-Conrady model; 1919)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_d \\ \hat{y}_d \end{bmatrix} = (1 + k_1 r^2 + k_2 r^4 + \dots) \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \end{bmatrix} + (1 + p_3 r^2 + p_4 r^4 + \dots) \begin{bmatrix} 2p_1 \hat{x} \hat{y} + p_2 (r^2 + 2\hat{x}^2) \\ 2p_2 \hat{x} \hat{y} + p_1 (r^2 + 2\hat{y}^2) \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } r^2 = \hat{x}^2 + \hat{y}^2$$

- OpenCV: `cv.projectPoints()`  $\leftrightarrow$  `cv.undistortPoints()`

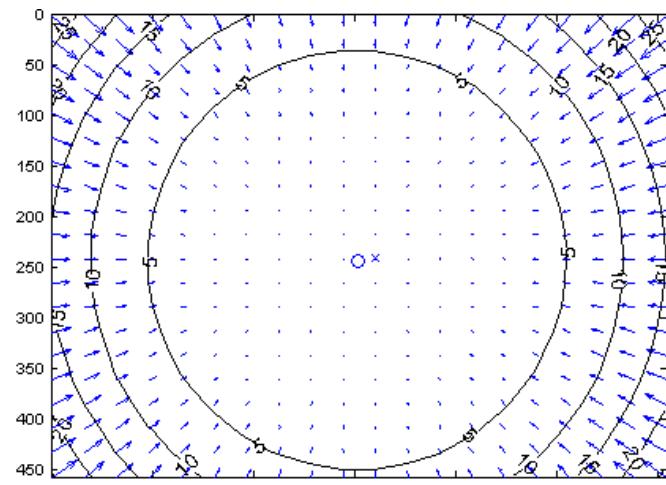


barrel dist.



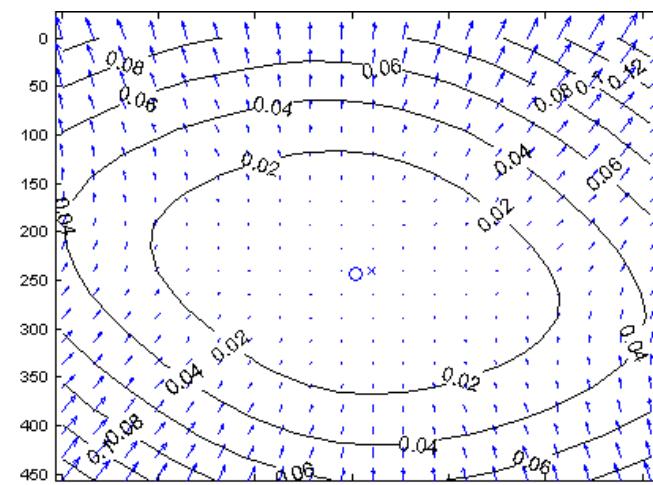
mustache dist.

Radial distortion

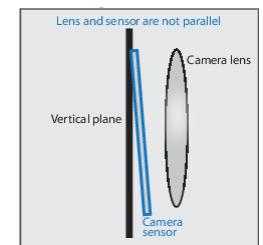


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 Focal Length = (657.303, 657.744) +/- [0.2849, 0.2894]  
 Principal Point = (302.717, 242.334) +/- [0.5912, 0.5571]  
 Skew = 0.0004198 +/- 0.0001905  
 Radial coefficients = (-0.2535, 0.1187, 0) +/- [0.00231, 0.009418, 0]  
 Tangential coefficients = (-0.0002789, 5.174e-005) +/- [0.0001217, 0.0001208]

Tangential distortion



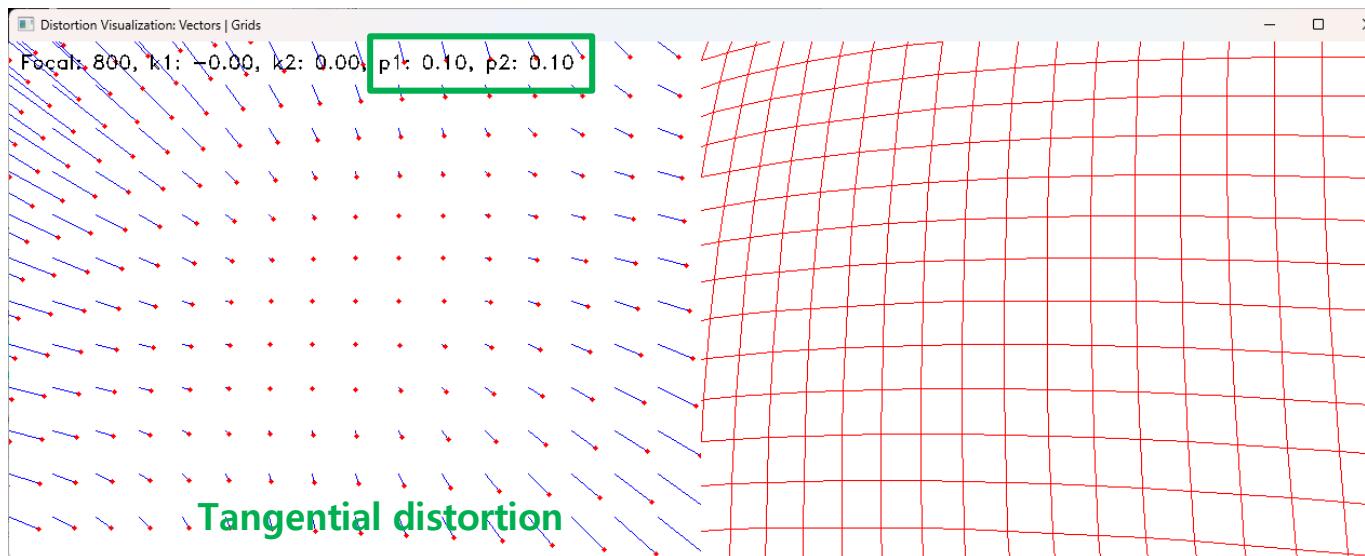
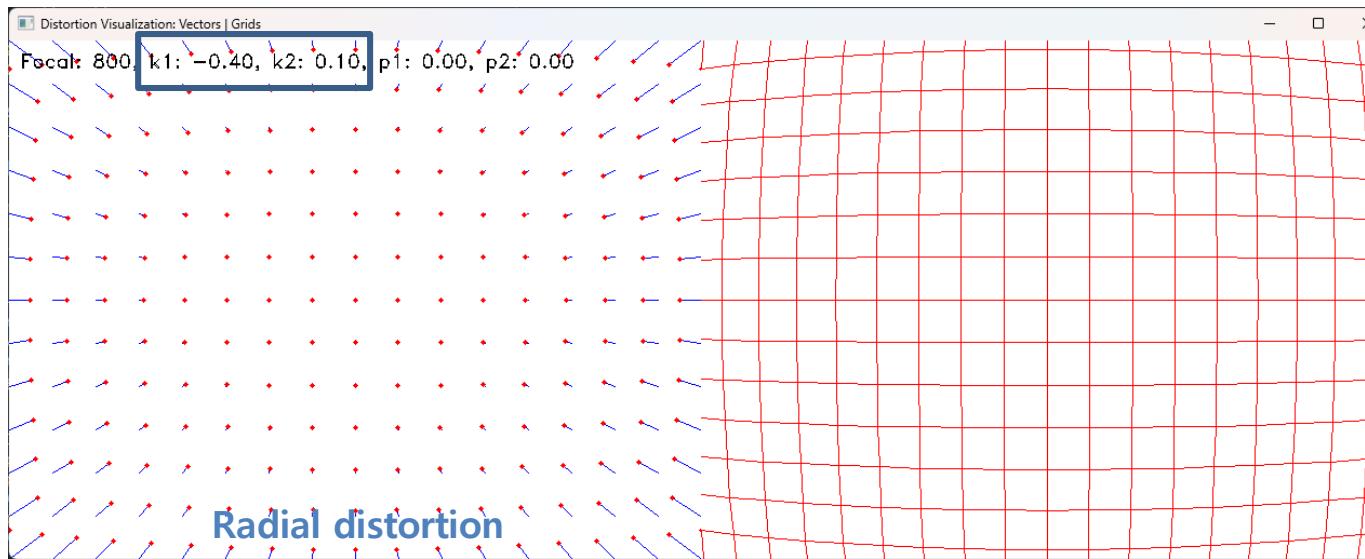
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Why?  
 Lens and sensor  
 are not parallel.  
 (usually negligible)

# Geometric Distortion Models

- Example: Geometric distortion visualization



# Camera Projection Model

## ▪ Geometric distortion models

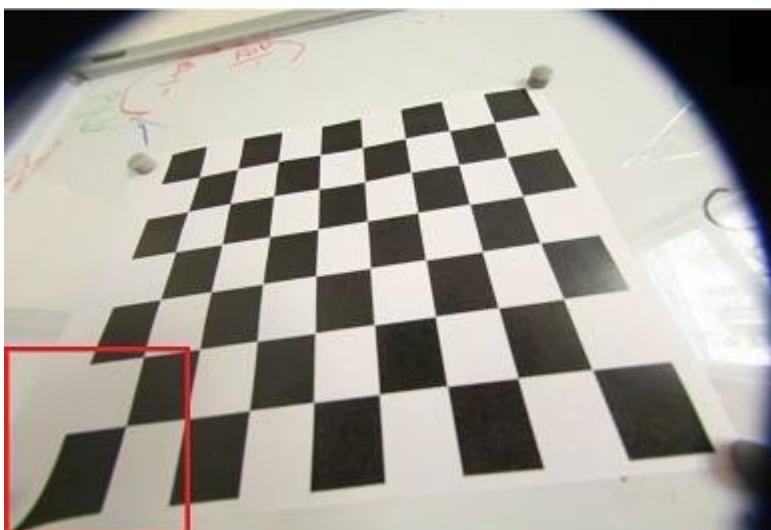
- **Fisheye lens model** (a.k.a. Kannala-Brandt model; [T-PAMI 2006](#))

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_d \\ \hat{y}_d \end{bmatrix} = (1 + k_1\theta^2 + k_2\theta^4 + \dots) \frac{\theta}{r} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } r^2 = \hat{x}^2 + \hat{y}^2 \quad \text{and } \theta = \tan^{-1} r$$

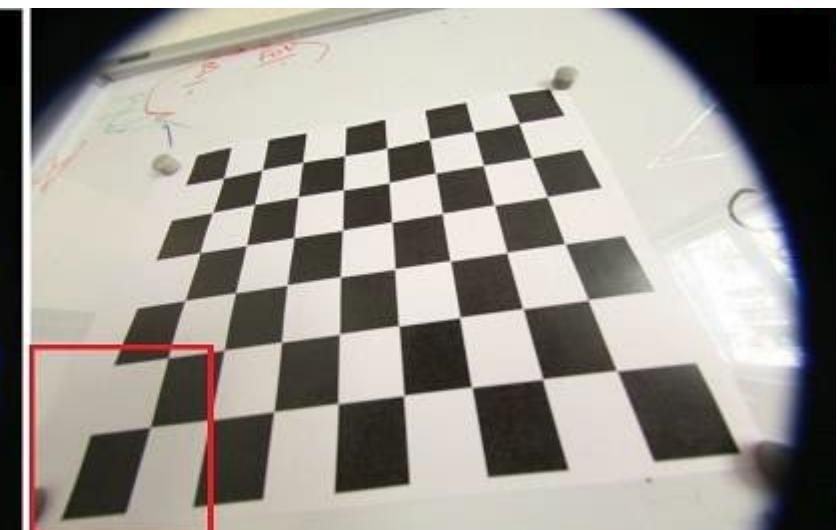
- The fisheye lens model can describe strong barrel distortion especially around image boundary.
- OpenCV: `cv.fisheye.projectPoints()`  $\leftrightarrow$  `cv.fisheye.undistortPoints()`



Original fisheye image



Polynomial distortion model



Fisheye lens model

# Geometric Distortion Models

## ▪ Geometric distortion correction

- Input: The original image
- Output: Its rectified image (without geometric distortion)
- Given: Its camera matrix and distortion coefficient
- Solutions for the polynomial distortion model
  - OpenCV `cv.undistort()` and `cv.undistortPoints()` (Note: included in `imgproc` module)  
↔ `cv.projectPoints()` (Note: included in `calib3d` module)

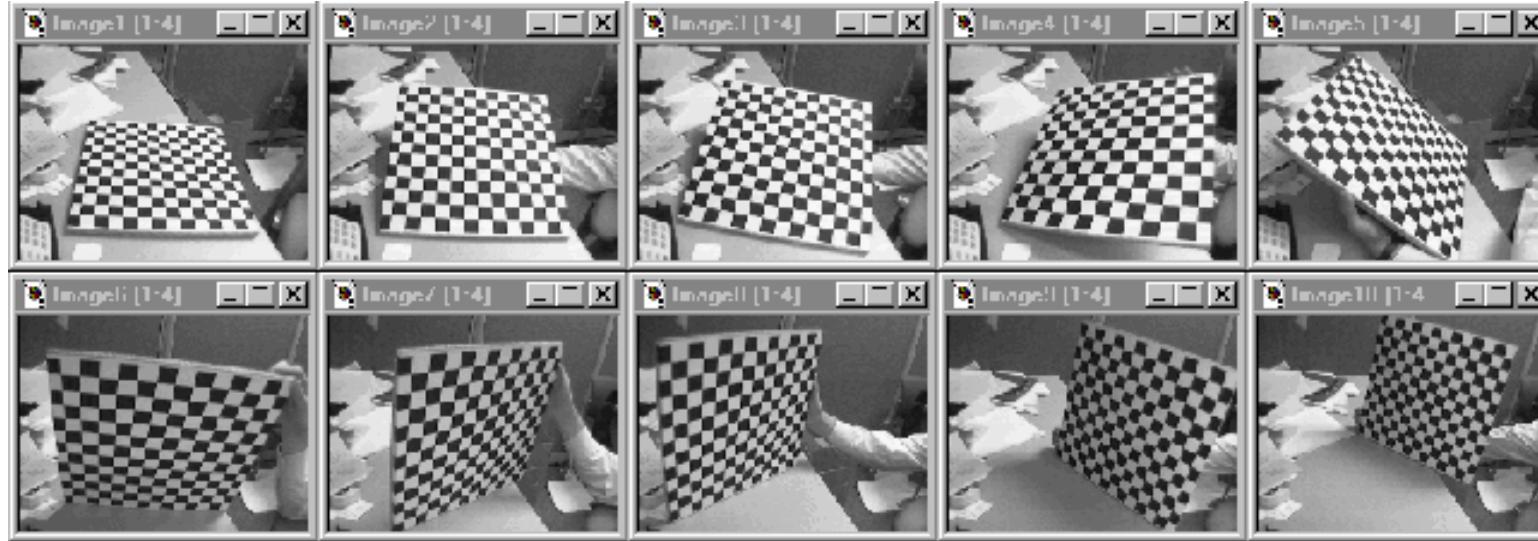


distortion correction →

K1: 1.105763E-01  
K2: 1.886214E-02  
K3: 1.473832E-02  
P1:-8.448460E-03  
P2:-7.356744E-03



# Multi-Plane Calibration

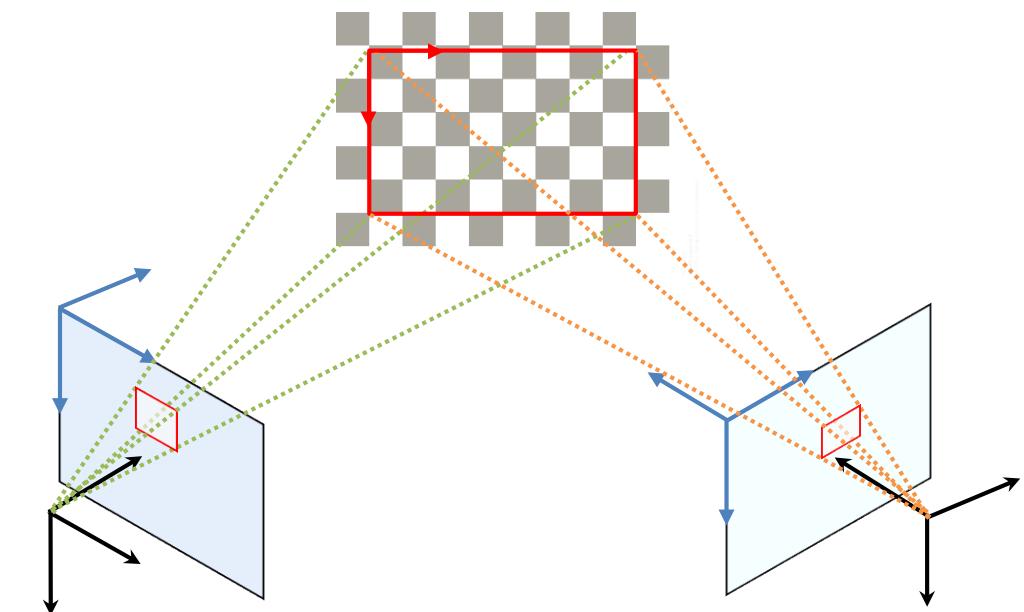


- Only requires a planar checkerboard
- Don't have to know positions/orientations
- Great code available online!
  - MATLAB: [http://www.vision.caltech.edu/bouguetj/calib\\_doc/index.html](http://www.vision.caltech.edu/bouguetj/calib_doc/index.html)
  - OpenCV: [https://docs.opencv.org/4.x/dc/dbb/tutorial\\_py\\_calibration.html](https://docs.opencv.org/4.x/dc/dbb/tutorial_py_calibration.html)

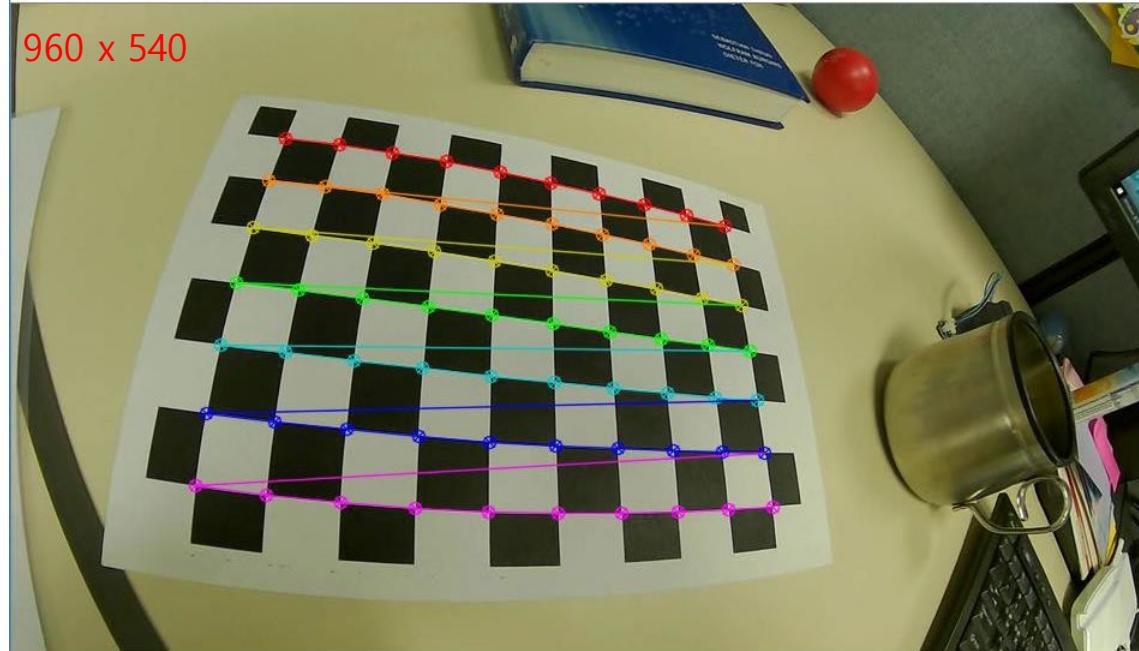
# Camera Calibration

## ▪ Camera calibration

- Unknown: Intrinsic +  $m \times$  extrinsic parameters ( $5^* + m \times 6$  DOF)
  - Note: The number of intrinsic parameters\* can be varied according to user configuration
- Solutions [\[Tools\]](#)
  - OpenCV: `cv.calibrateCamera()` and `cv.initCameraMatrix2D()`
  - [Camera Calibration Toolbox for MATLAB](#), Jean-Yves Bouguet
  - [Camera Calibration using OpenCV](#)
- How to get calibration boards:
  - Print out the pattern and stick it on a hard board
  - [Calibration Checkerboard Collection](#), Mark Jones
  - [Pattern Generator](#), calib.io



# Camera Calibration Example

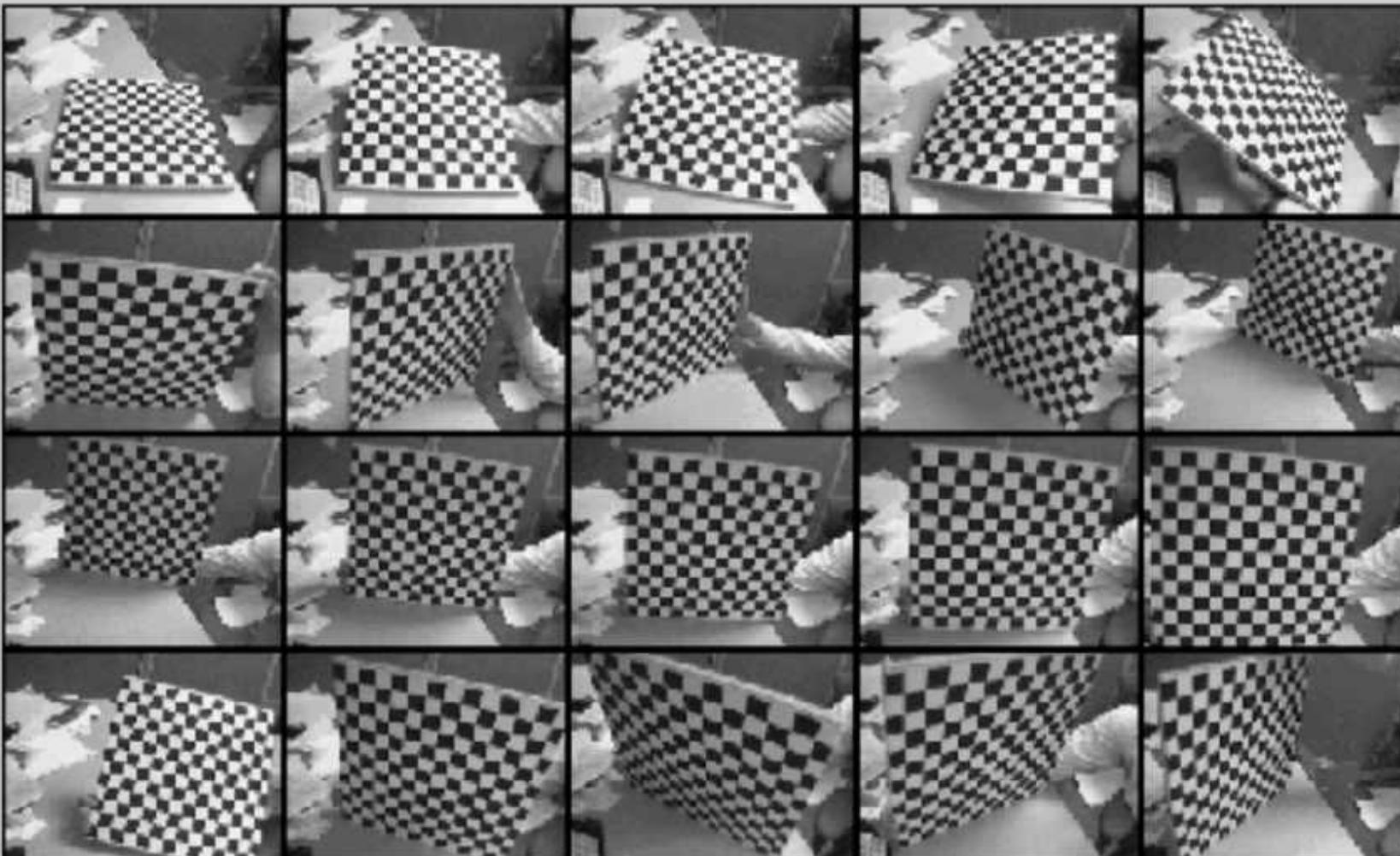


```
## Camera Calibration Results
* The number of applied images = 22
* RMS error = 0.473353
* Camera matrix (K) =
  [432.7390364738057, 0, 476.0614994349778] Note) Close to the center of the image, (480, 270)
  [0, 431.2395555913084, 288.7602152621297]
  [0, 0, 1]
* Distortion coefficient (k1, k2, p1, p2, k3, ...) =
  [-0.2852754904152874, 0.1016466459919075, -0.0004420196146339175, 0.0001149909868437517, -0.01803978785585194]
```

Note: Close to zero (usually negligible)

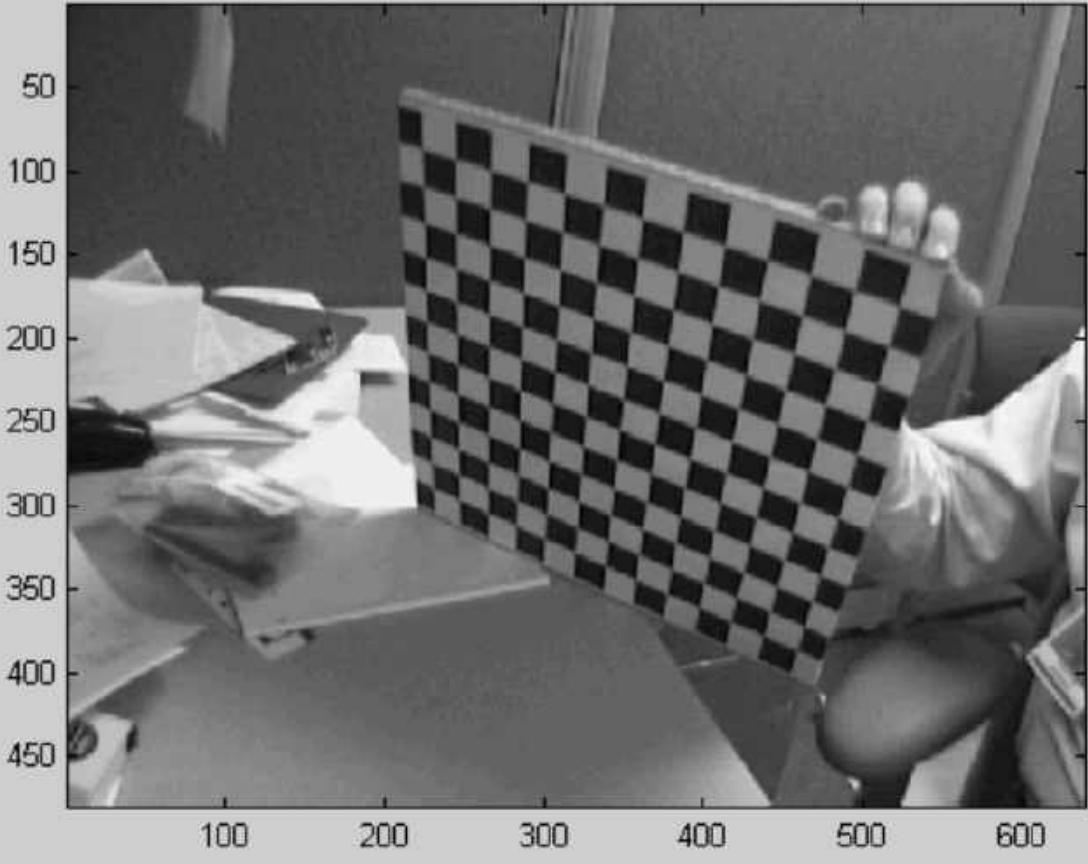
# Step-by-step demonstration

Calibration images

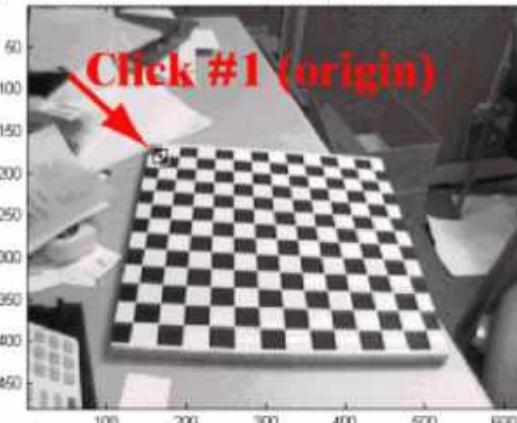


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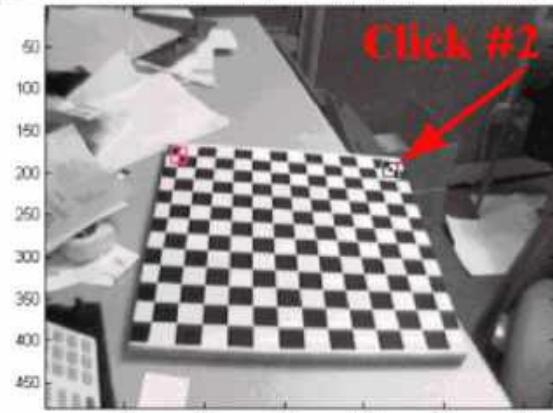
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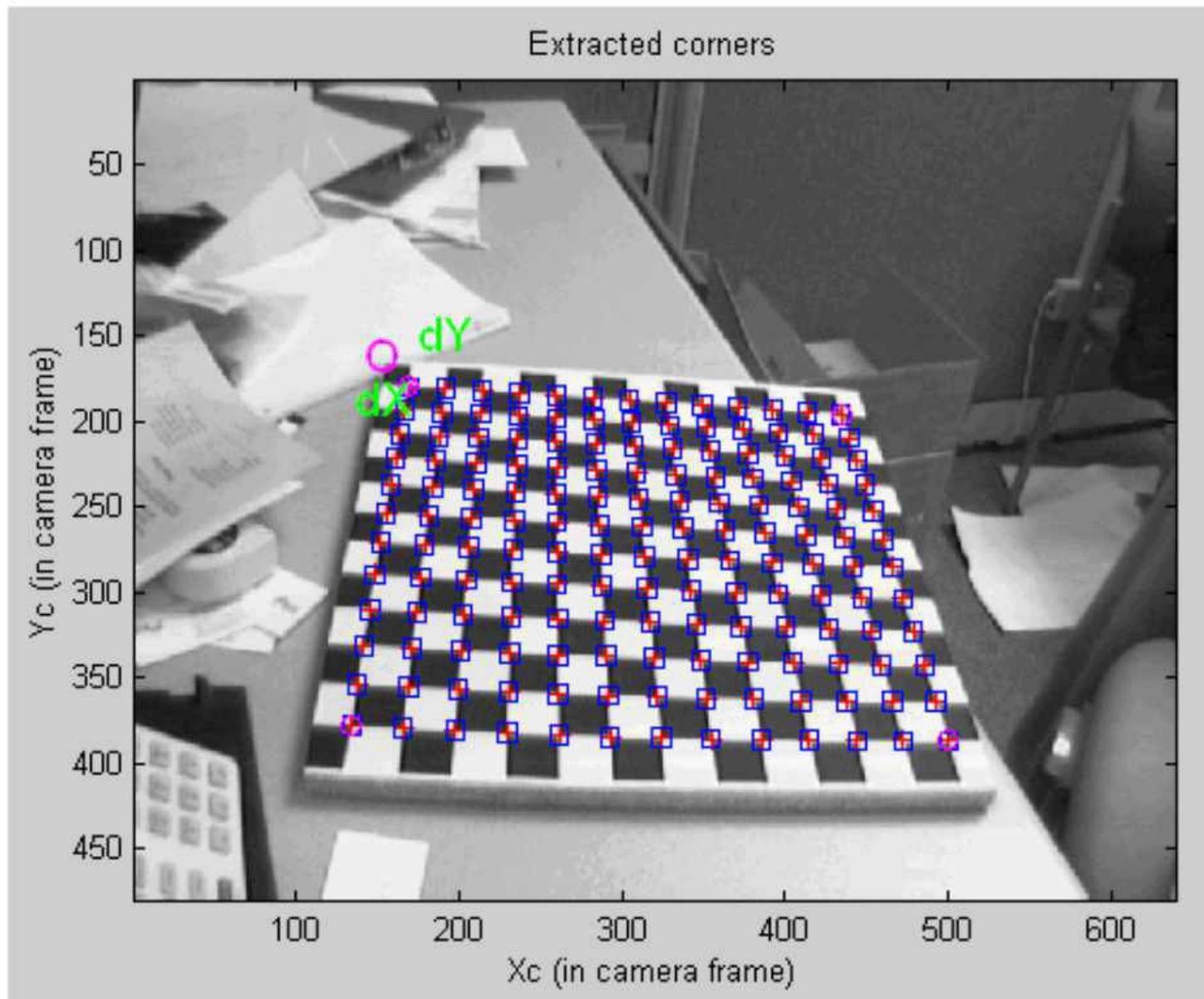
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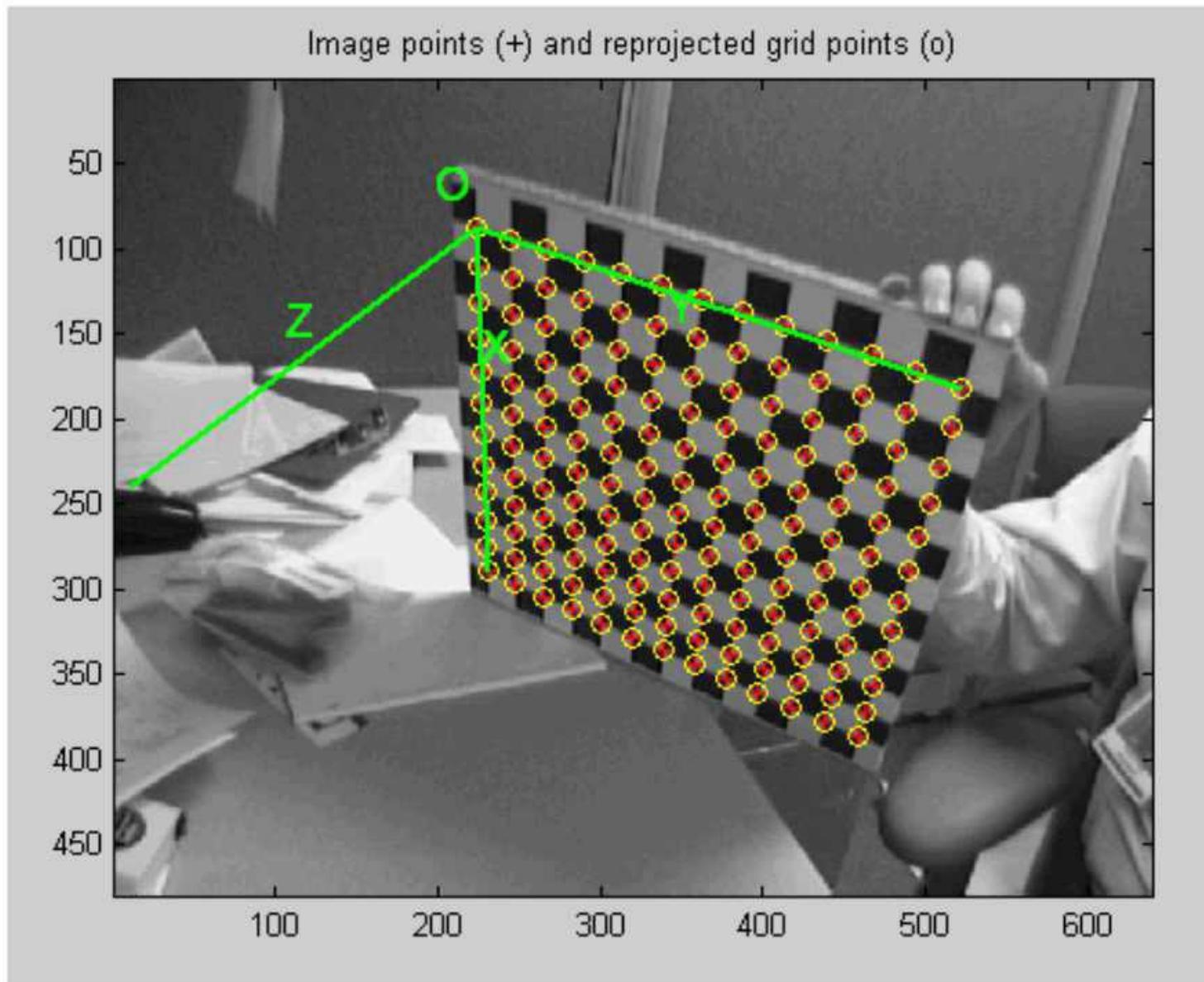
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