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# INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER VISION

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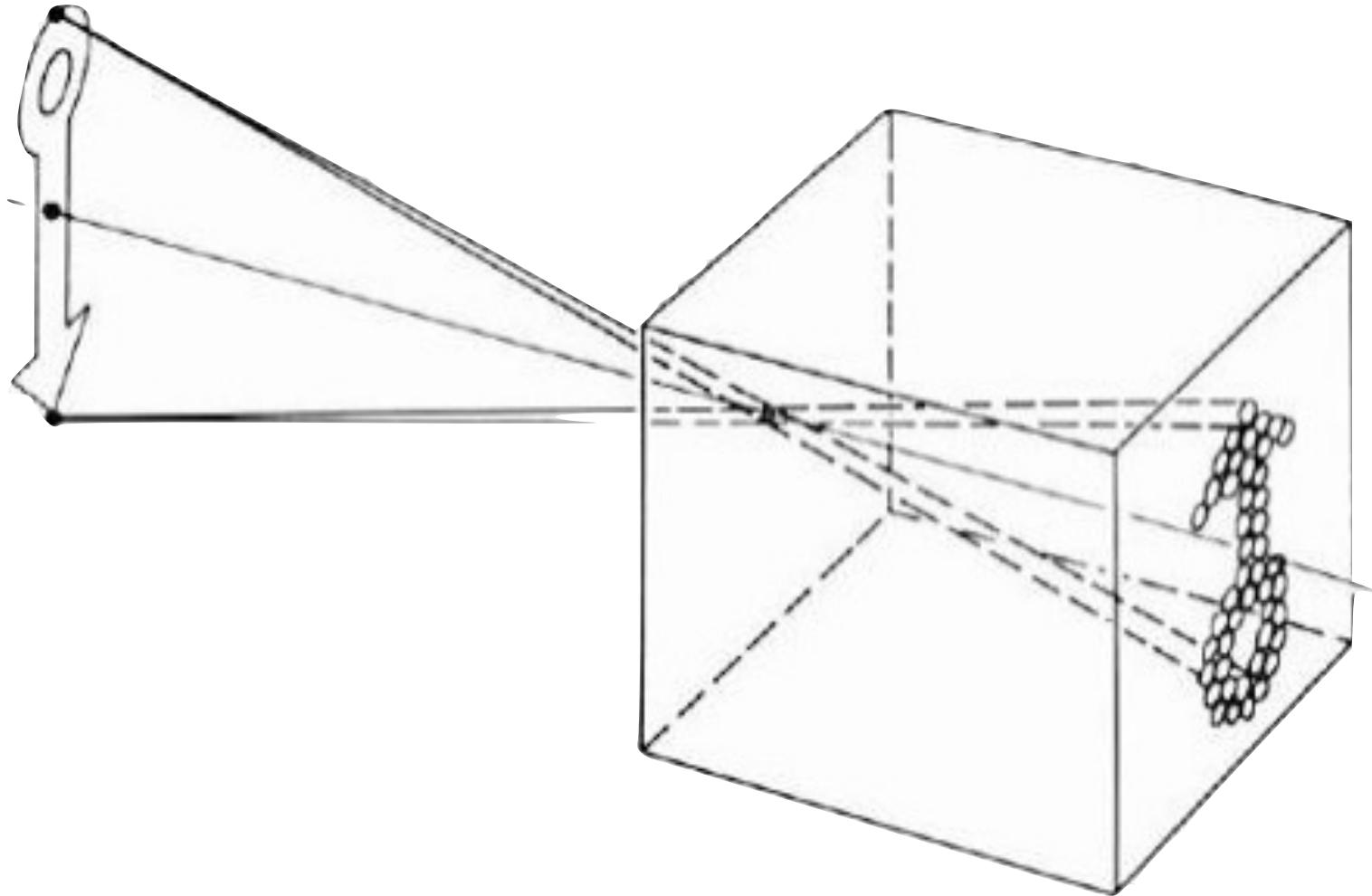
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# Camera Model

Pinhole and Lens



# Pinhole camera a.k.a. camera obscura



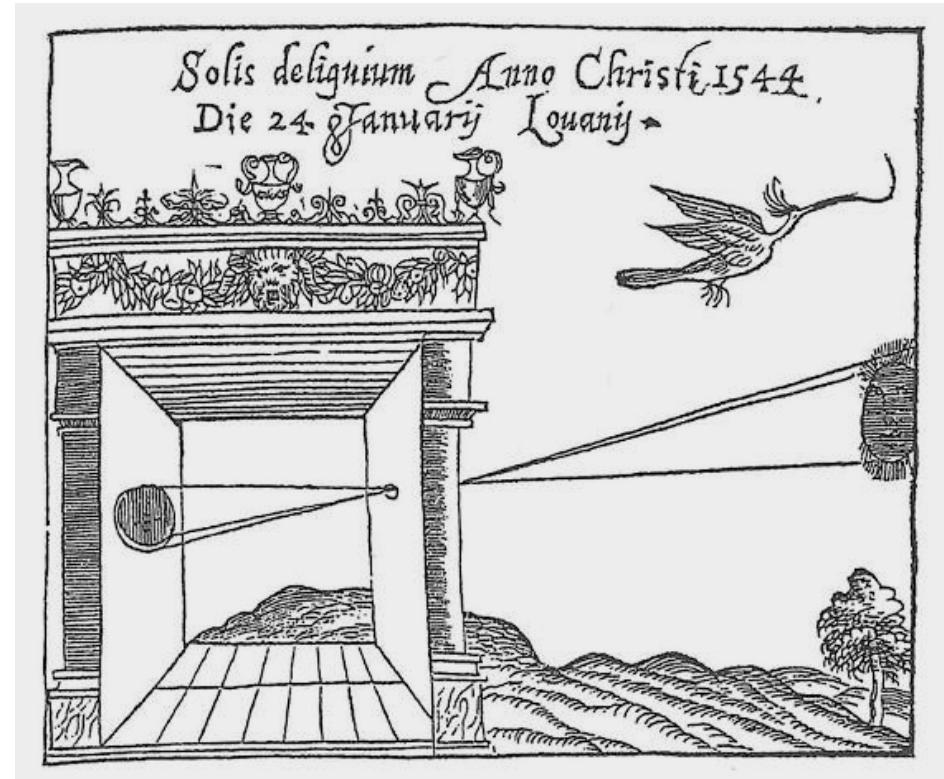
# Pinhole camera a.k.a. camera obscura

First mention ...



Chinese philosopher Mozi  
(470 to 390 BC)

First camera ...



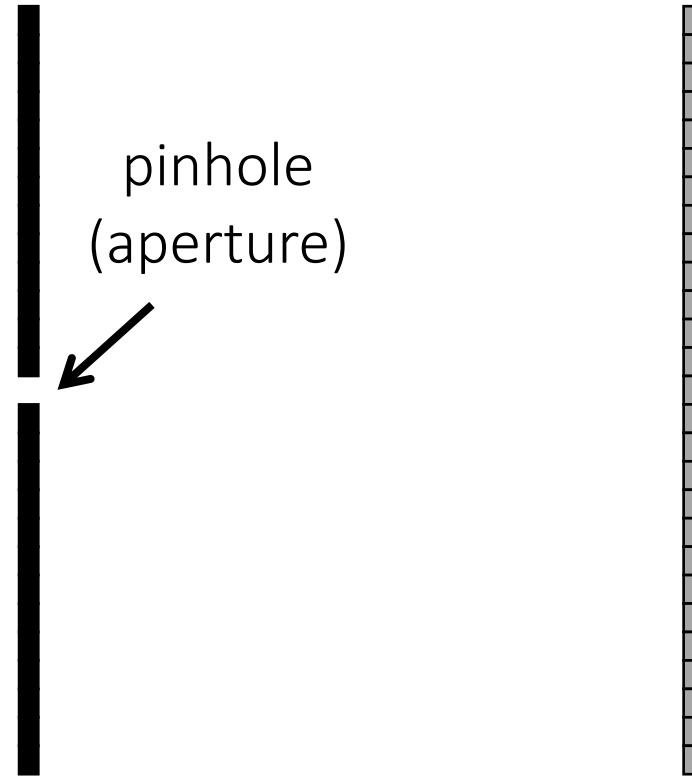
Greek philosopher Aristotle  
(384 to 322 BC)

# Pinhole camera terms

real-world  
object



barrier (diaphragm)



digital sensor  
(CCD or CMOS)

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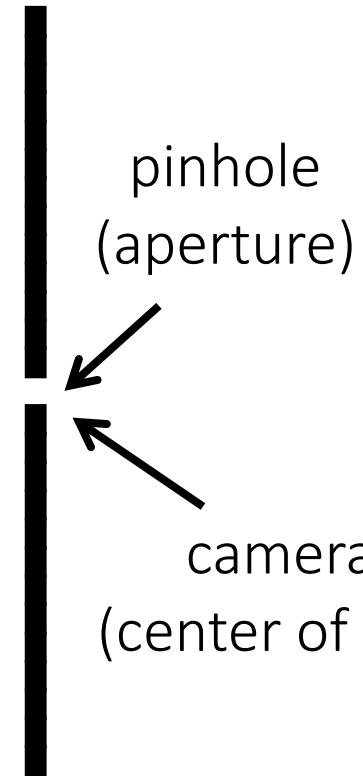
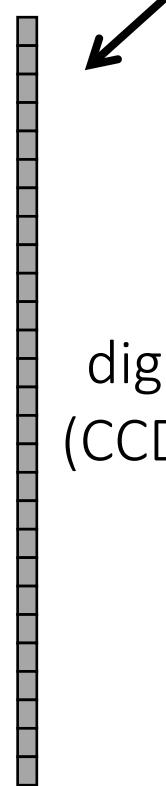


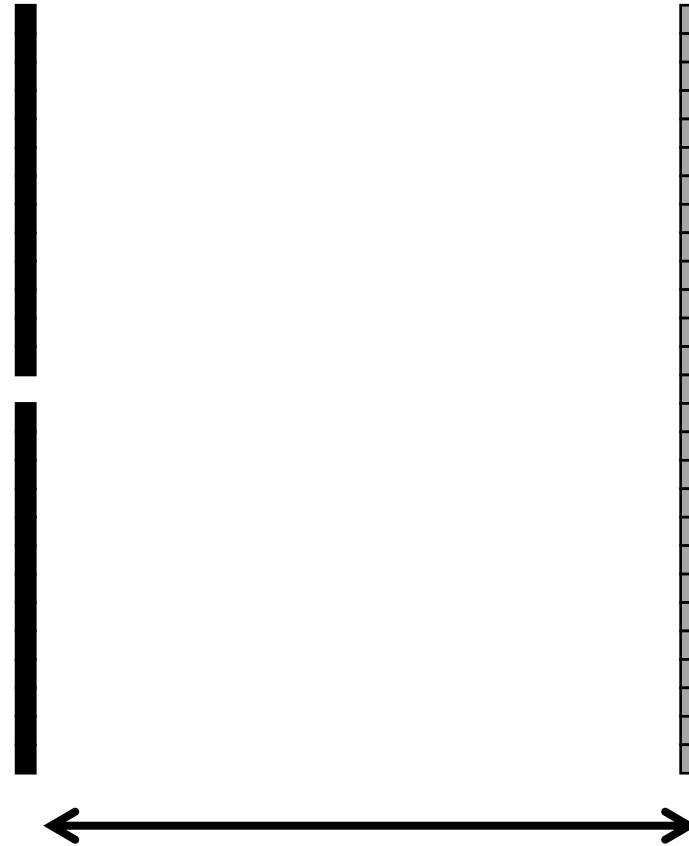
image plane

digital sensor  
(CCD or CMOS)



# Focal length

real-world  
object

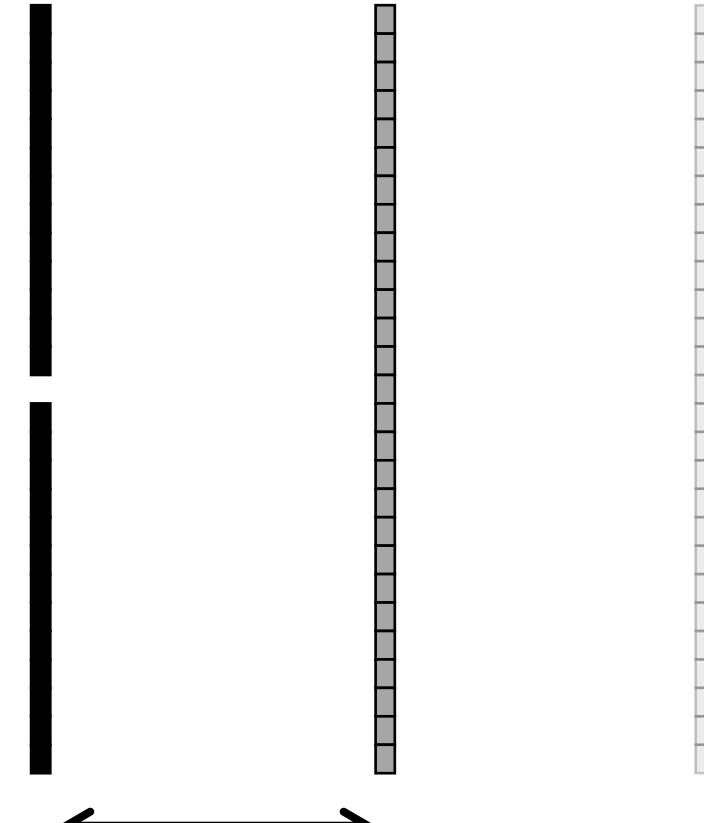


focal length  $f$

# Focal length

What happens as we change the focal length?

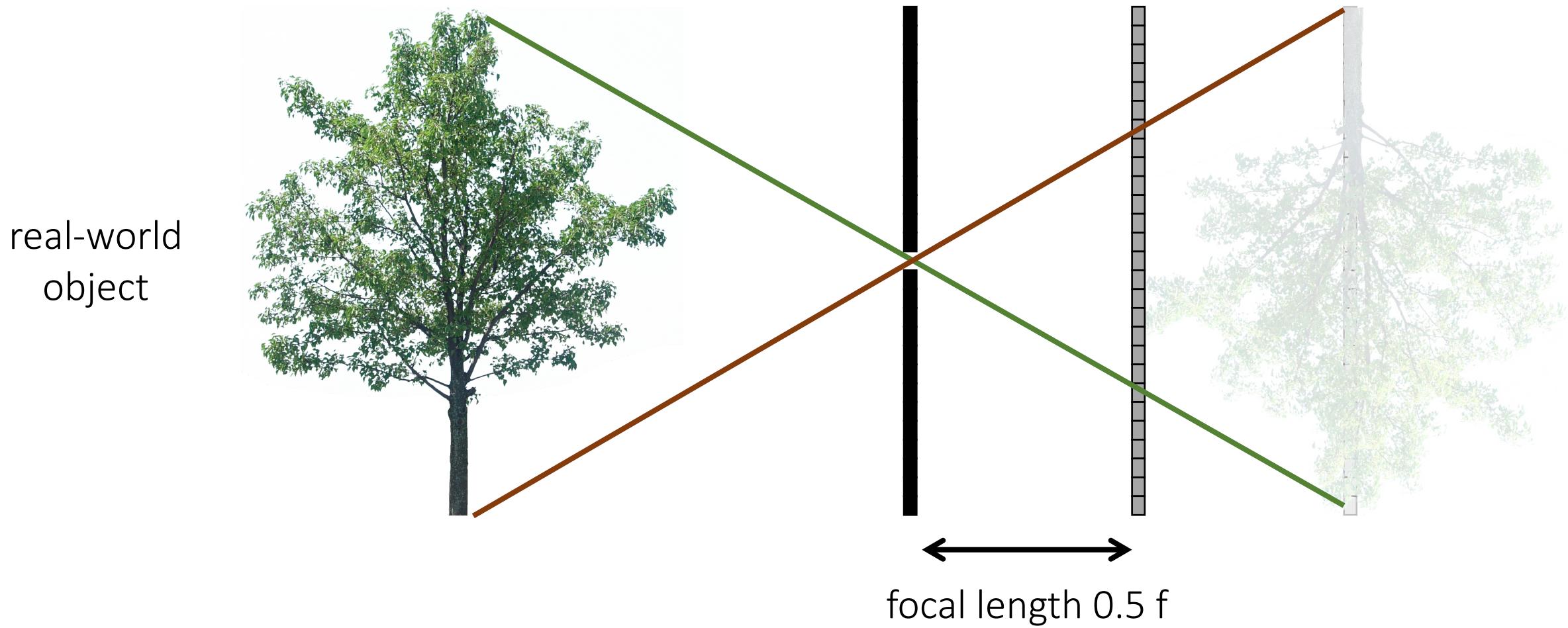
real-world  
object



focal length  $0.5 f$

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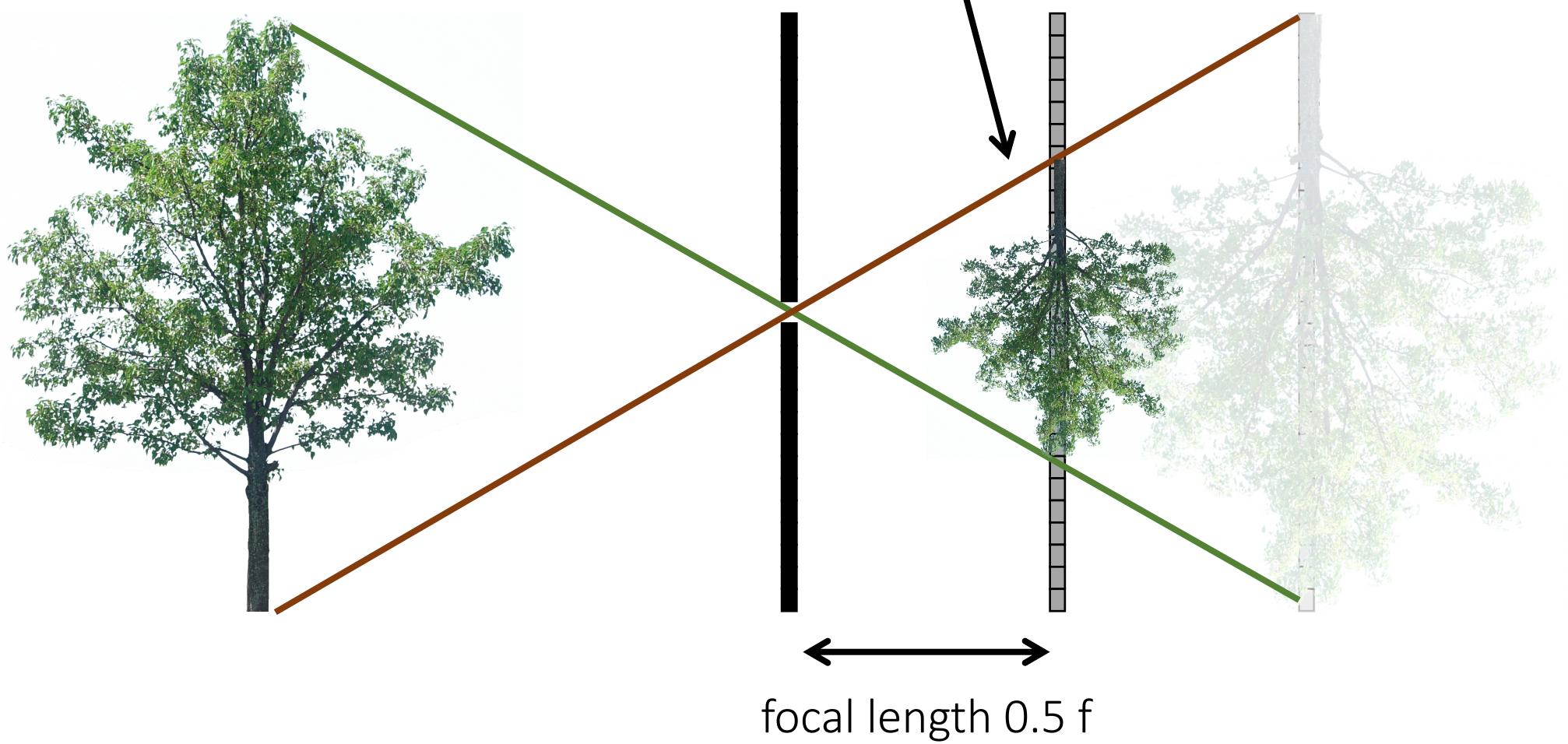


# Focal length

What happens as we change the focal length?

object projection is half the size

real-world  
object

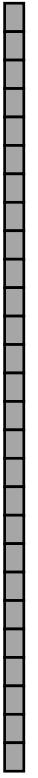


# Pinhole size

real-world  
object



pinhole  
diameter



Ideal pinhole has infinitesimally small size

- In practice that is impossible.

# Pinhole size

What happens as we change the pinhole diameter?

real-world  
object



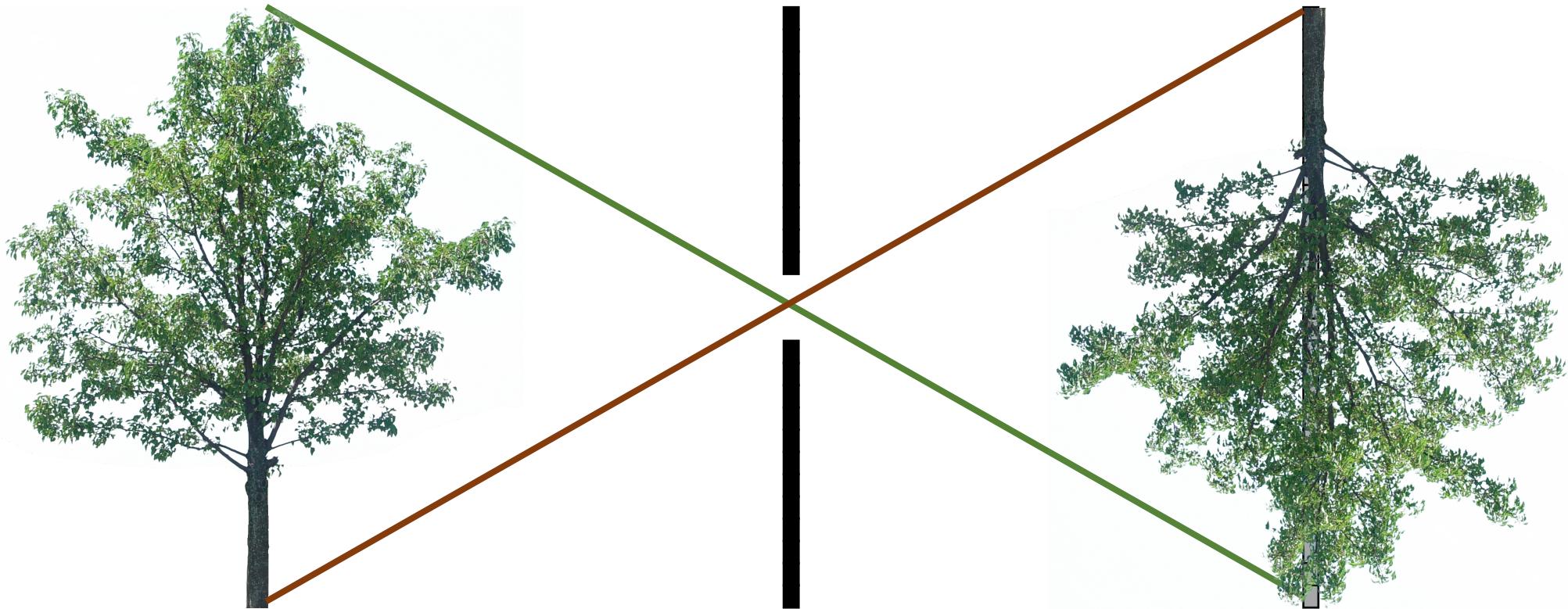
pinhole  
diameter



# Pinhole size

What happens as we change the pinhole diameter?

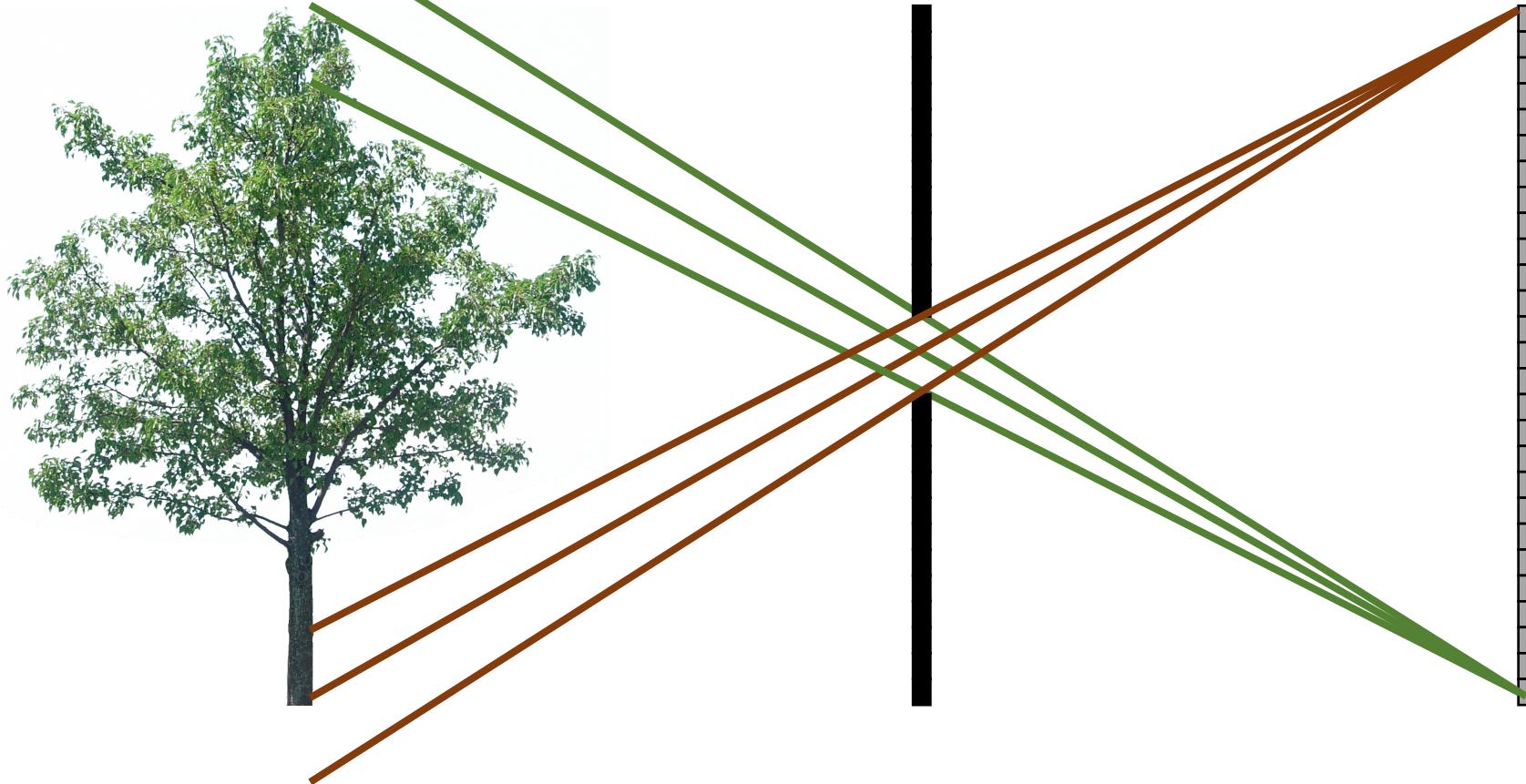
real-world  
object



# Pinhole size

What happens as we change the pinhole diameter?

real-world  
object

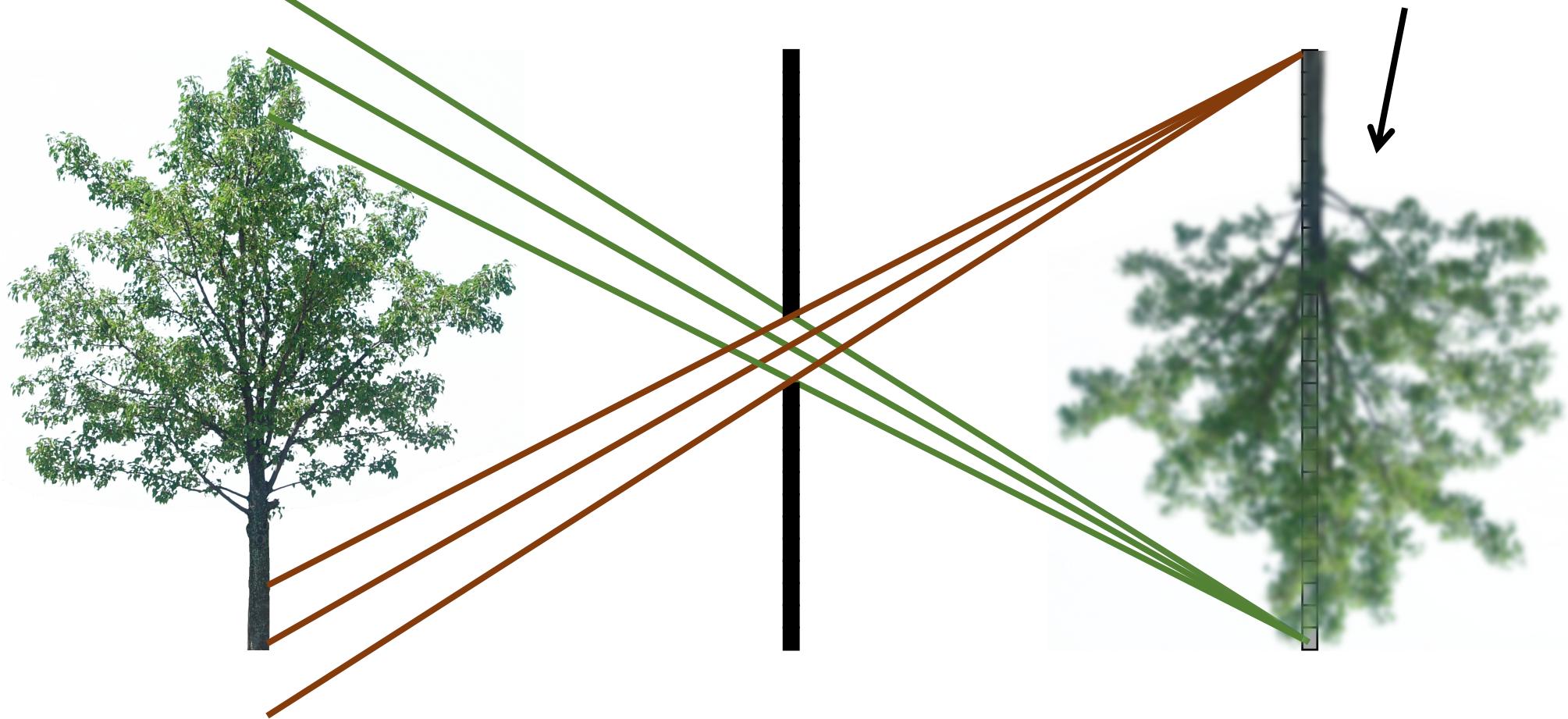


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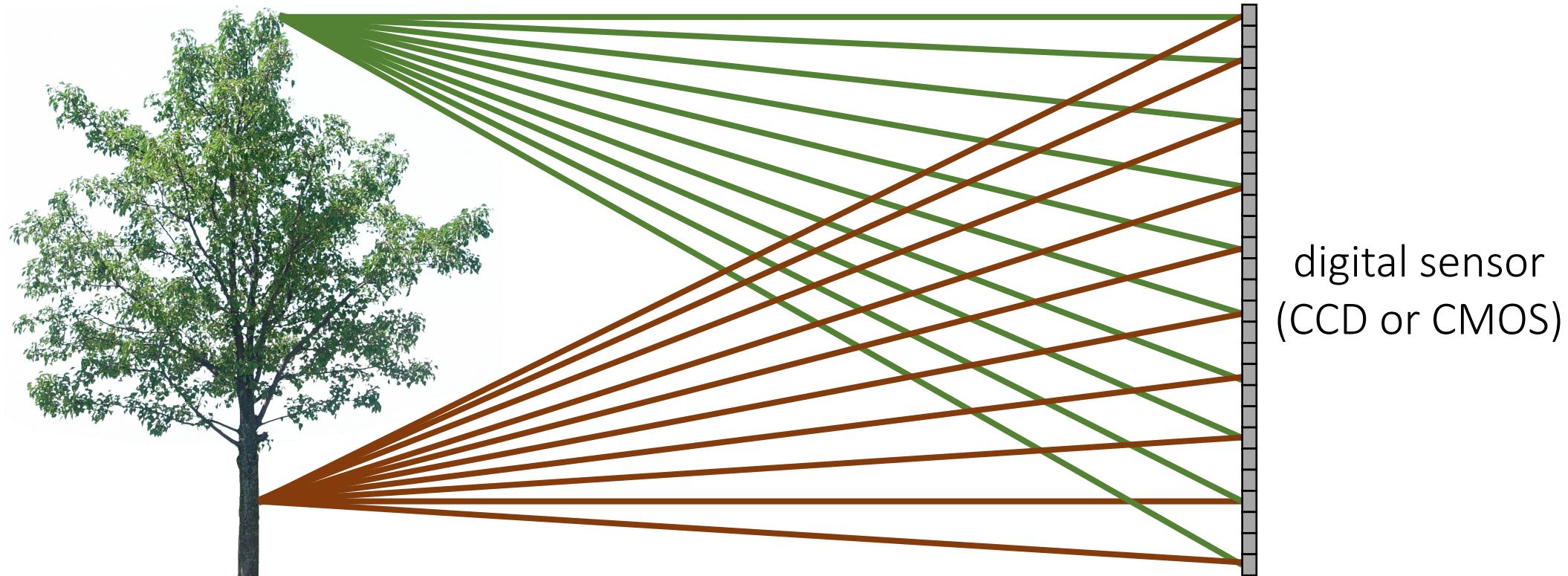
object projection becomes blurrier

real-world  
object



# Extreme Case: Bare-sensor imaging

real-world  
object



All scene points contribute to all sensor pixels

What does the  
image on the  
sensor look like?

# Extreme Case: Bare-sensor imaging



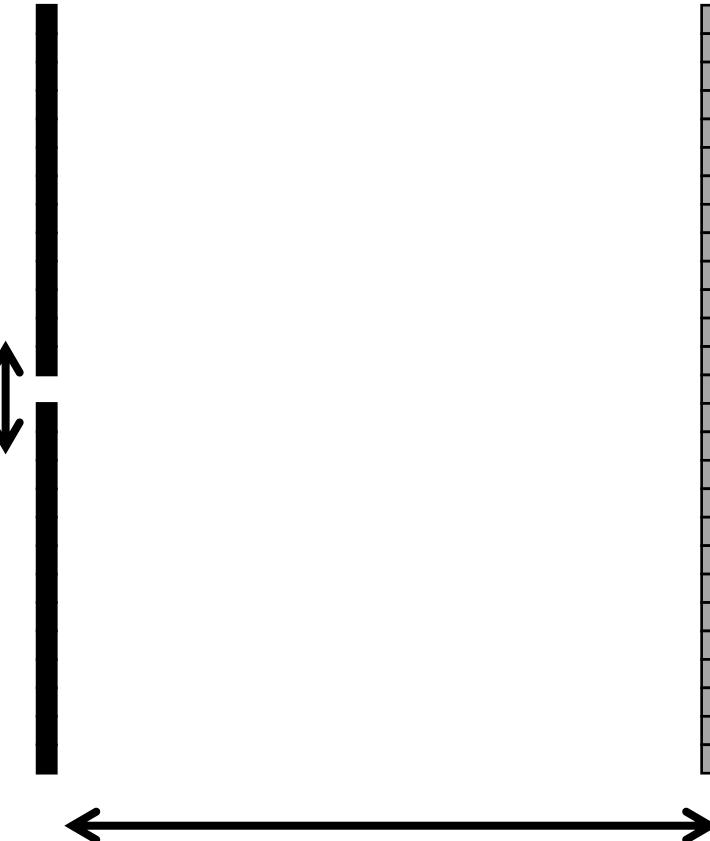
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# What about light efficiency?

real-world  
object

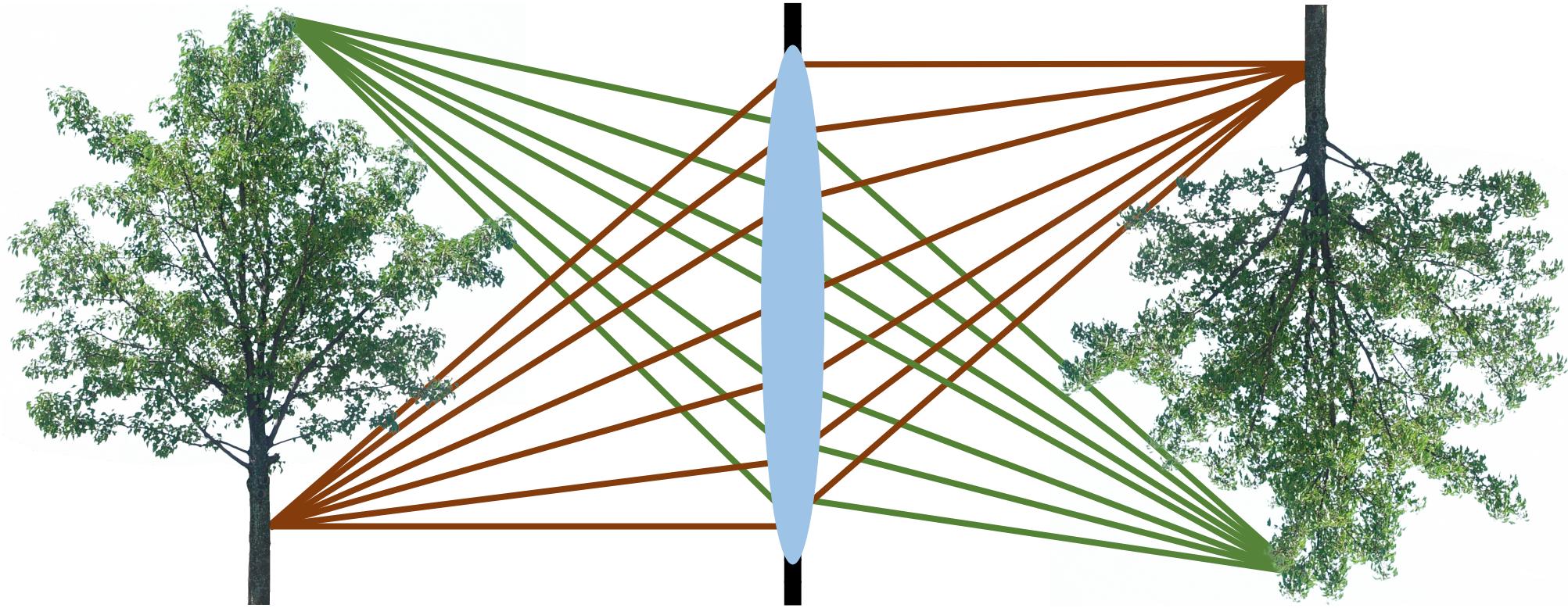


pinhole  
diameter



- What is the effect of doubling the pinhole diameter?
- What is the effect of doubling the focal length?

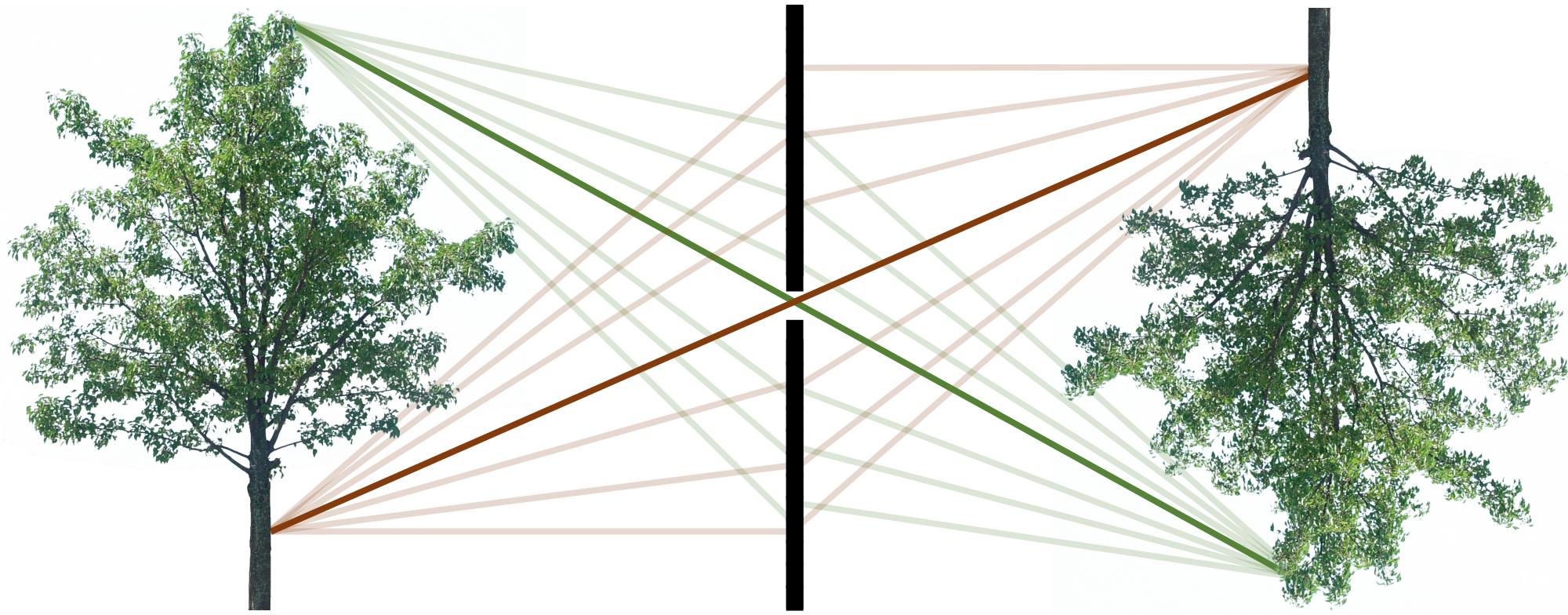
# The lens camera



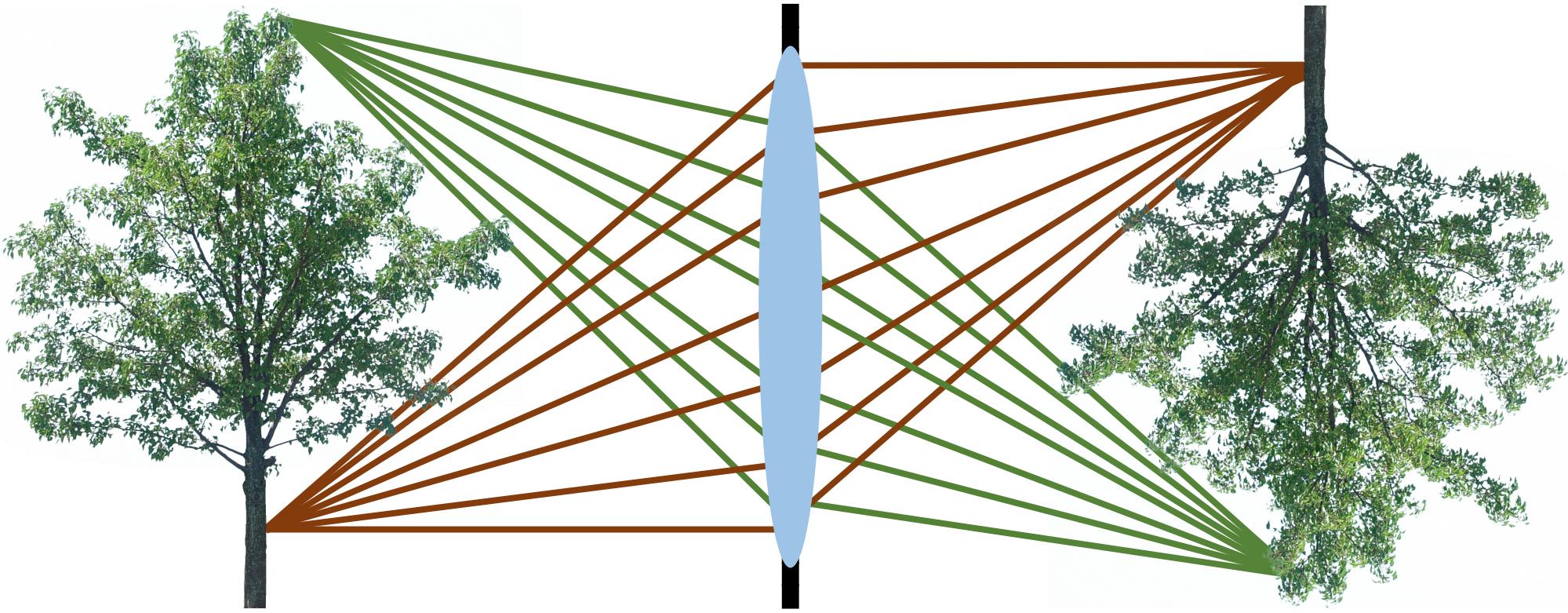
Lenses map “bundles” of rays from points on the scene to the sensor.

How does this mapping work exactly?

# The pinhole camera



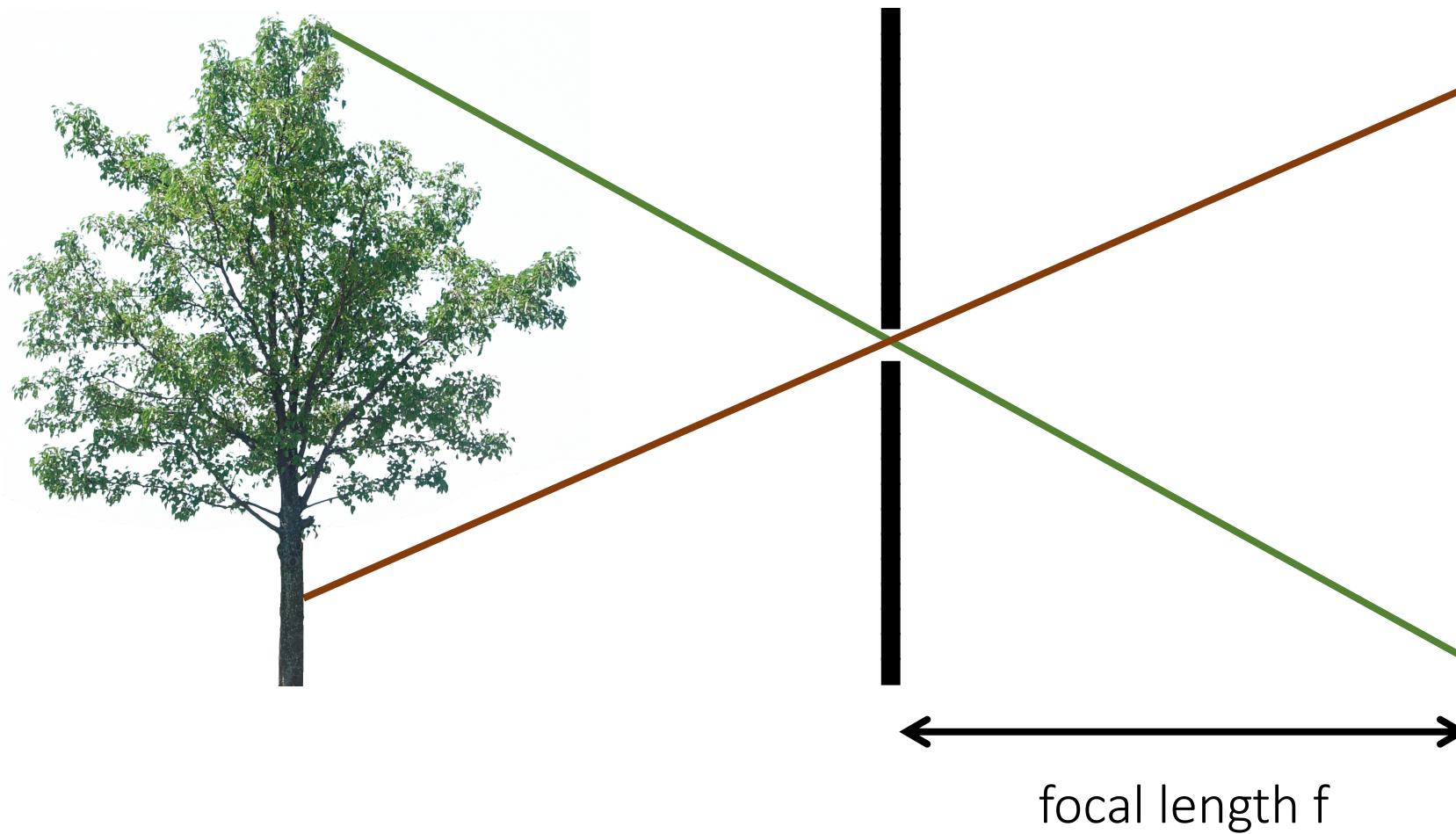
# The lens camera



Central rays propagate in the same way for both models!

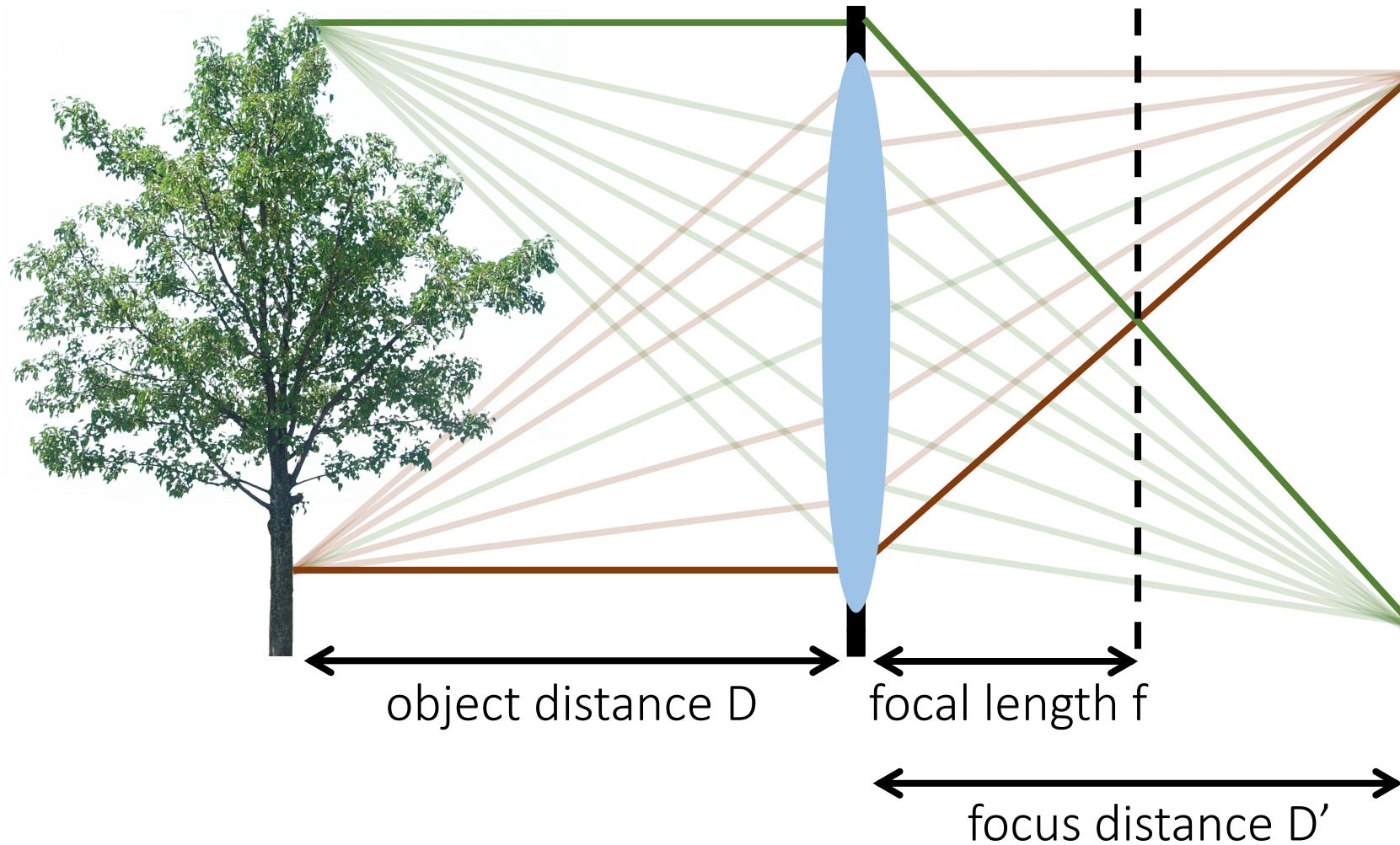
# Important difference: focal length

In a pinhole camera, focal length is distance between aperture and sensor

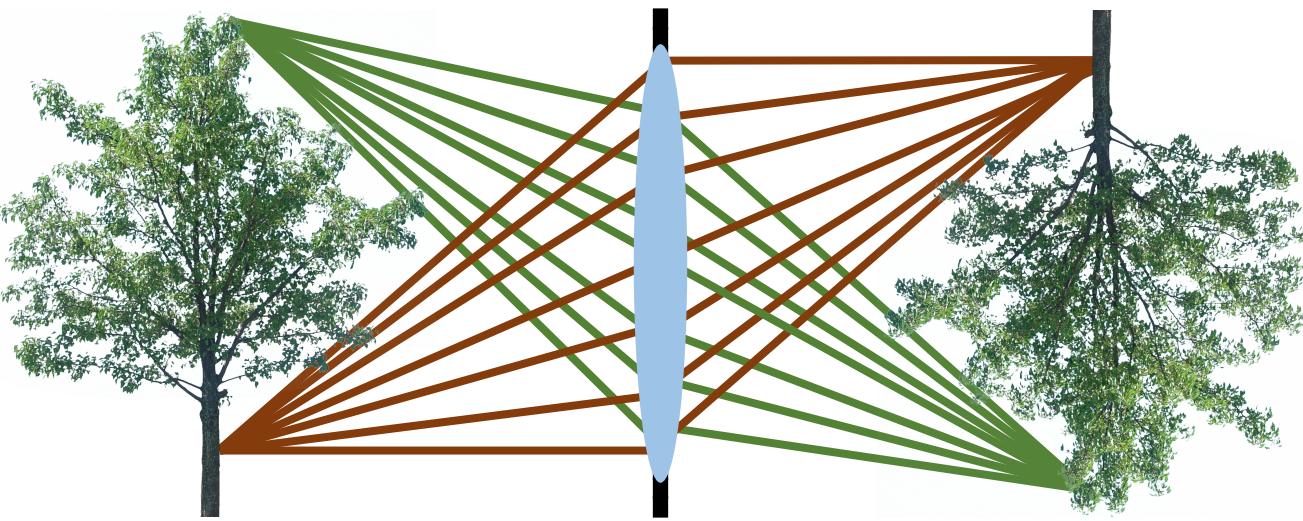


# Important difference: focal length

In a lens camera, focal length is distance where parallel rays intersect

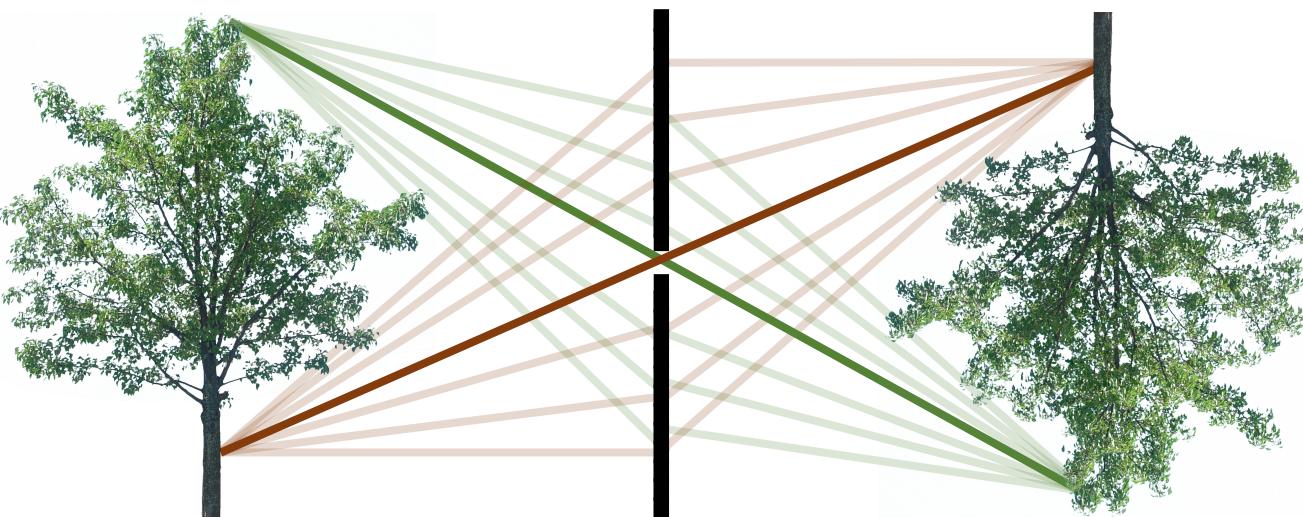


# Describing both lens and pinhole cameras



We can derive properties and descriptions that hold for both camera models if:

- We use only central rays.
- We assume the lens camera is in focus.
- We assume that the focus distance of the lens camera is equal to the focal length of the pinhole camera.



Remember: *focal length f* refers to different things for lens and pinhole cameras.

- In this lecture, we use it to refer to the aperture-sensor distance, as in the pinhole camera case.

# Camera Matrix

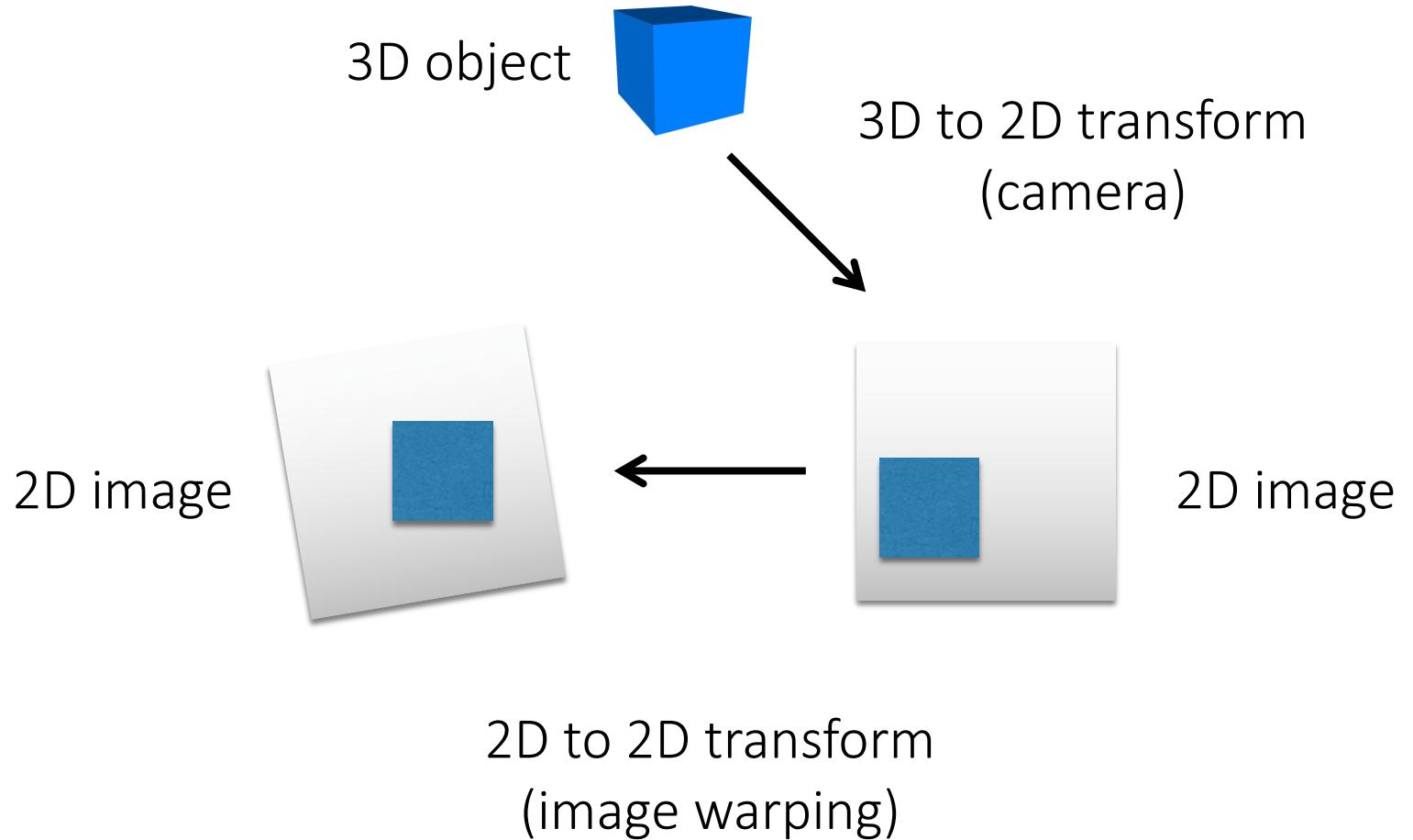
The camera as a coordinate transformation

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the 3D world  
to:

a 2D image



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

homogeneous coordinates



2D image  
point

camera matrix      3D world point

What are the dimensions of each variable?

# The camera as a coordinate transformation

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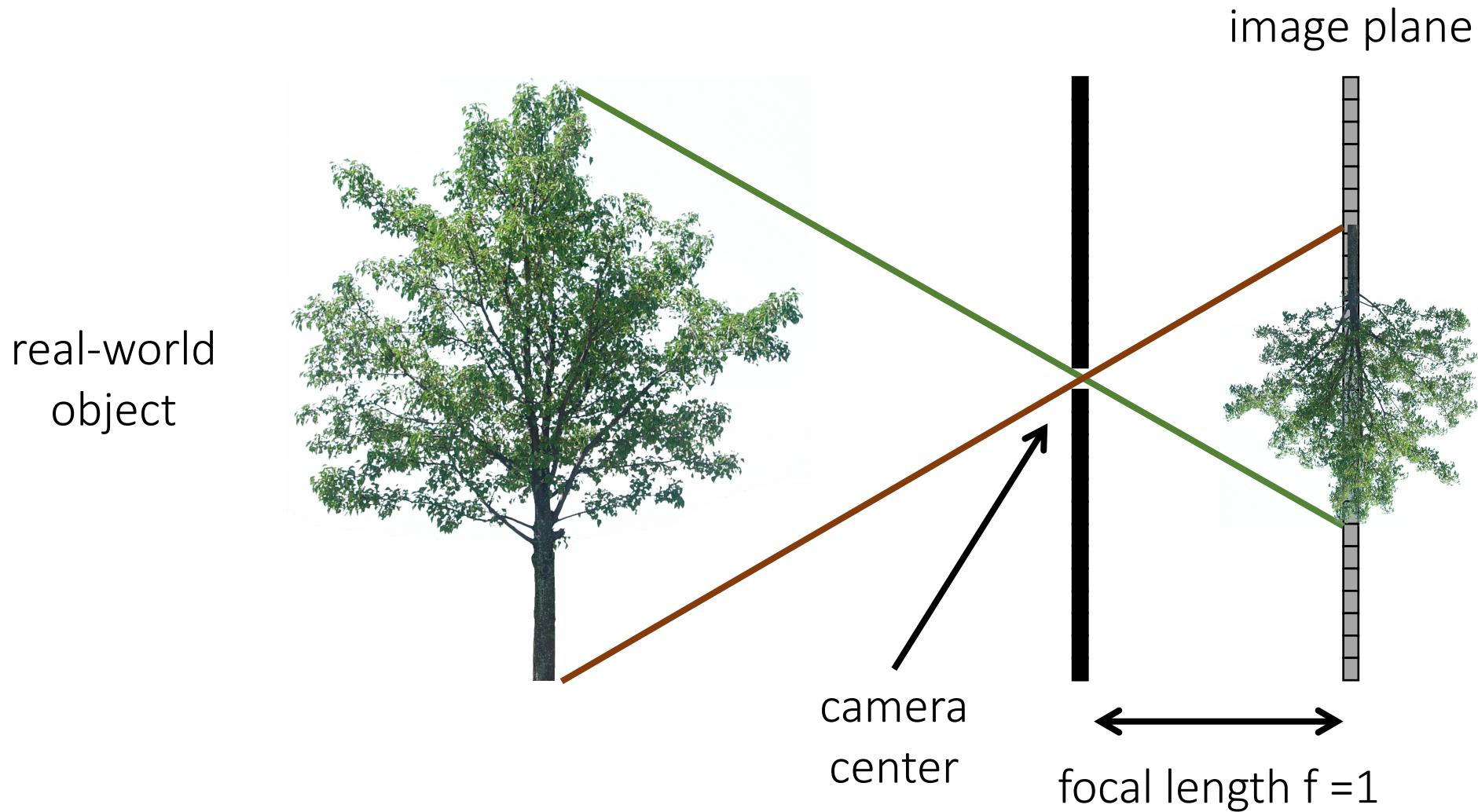
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homogeneous  
image coordinates  
 $3 \times 1$

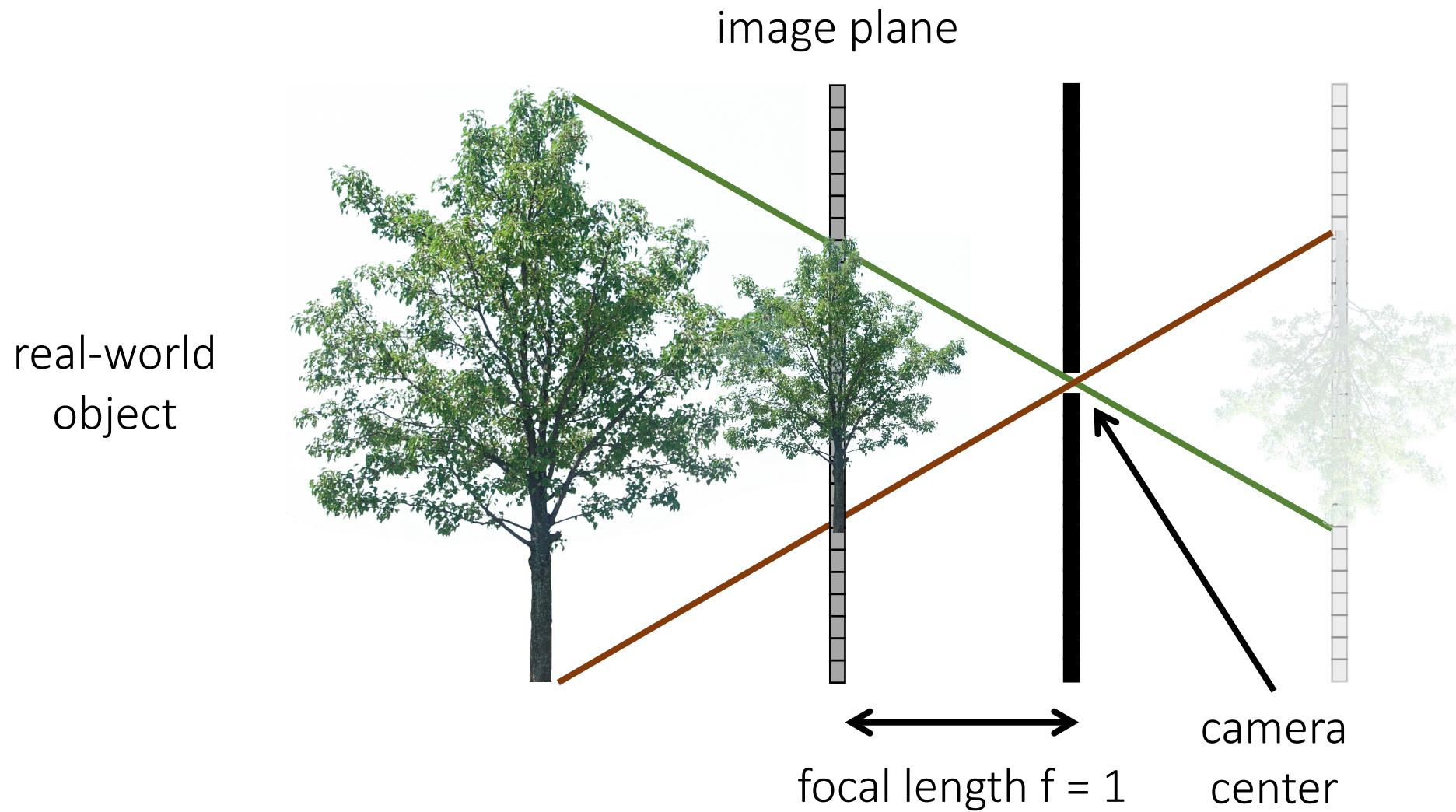
camera  
matrix  
 $3 \times 4$

homogeneous  
world coordinates  
 $4 \times 1$

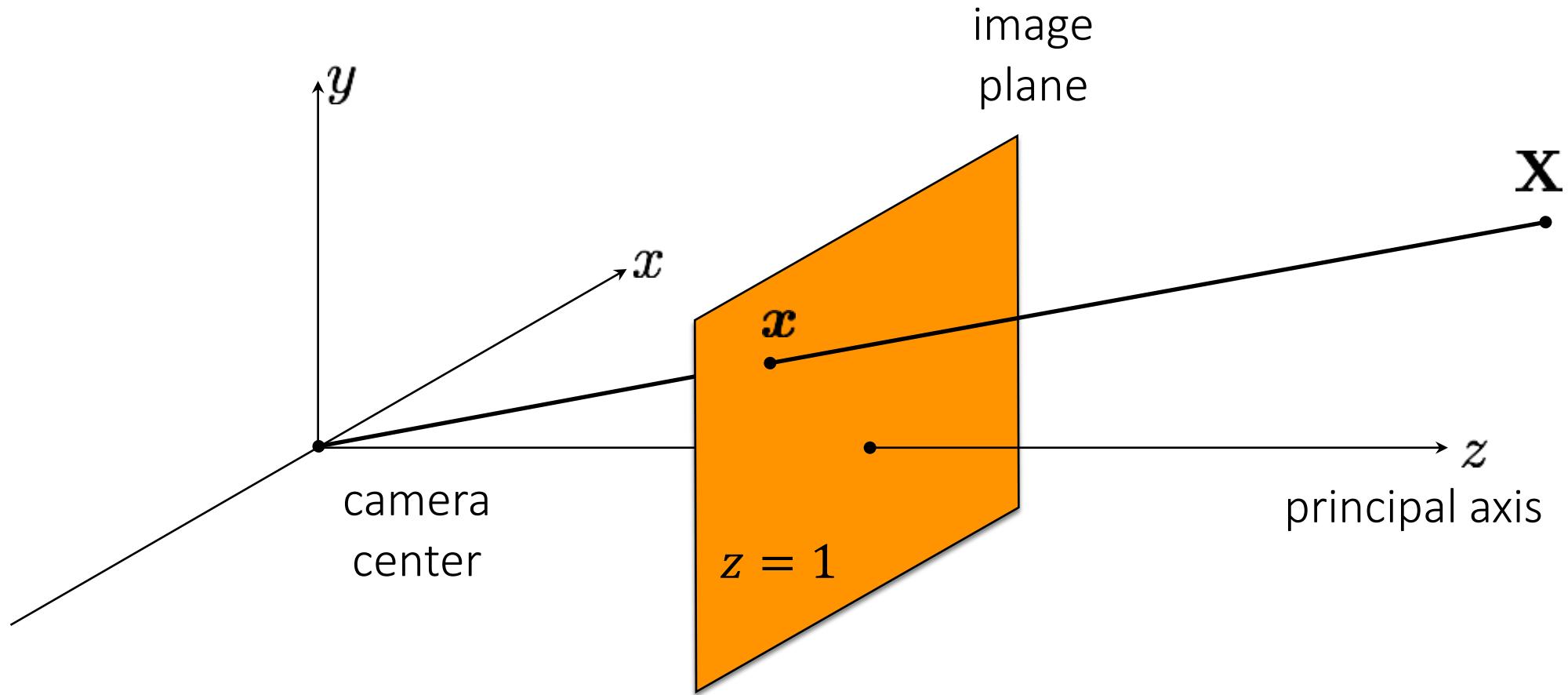
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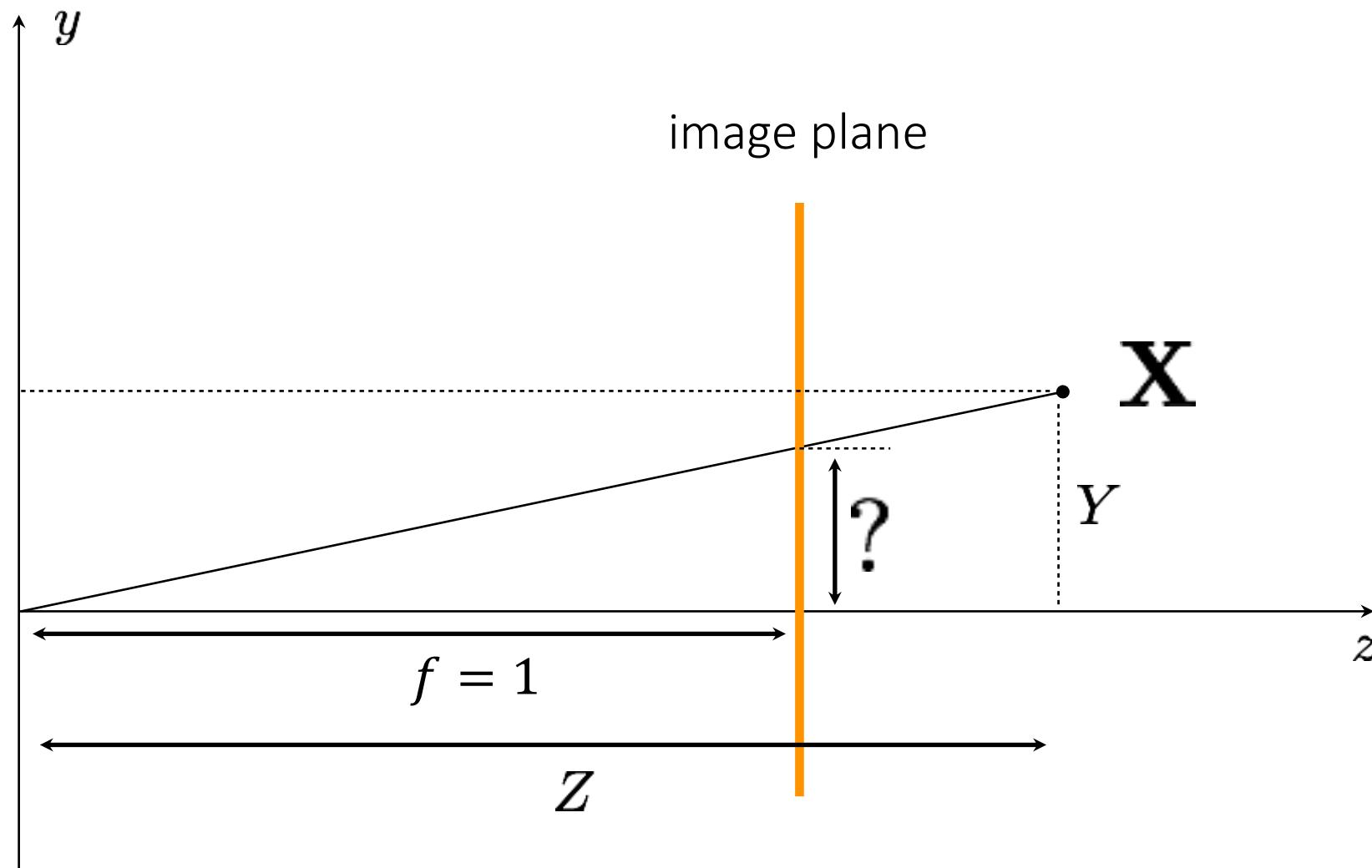


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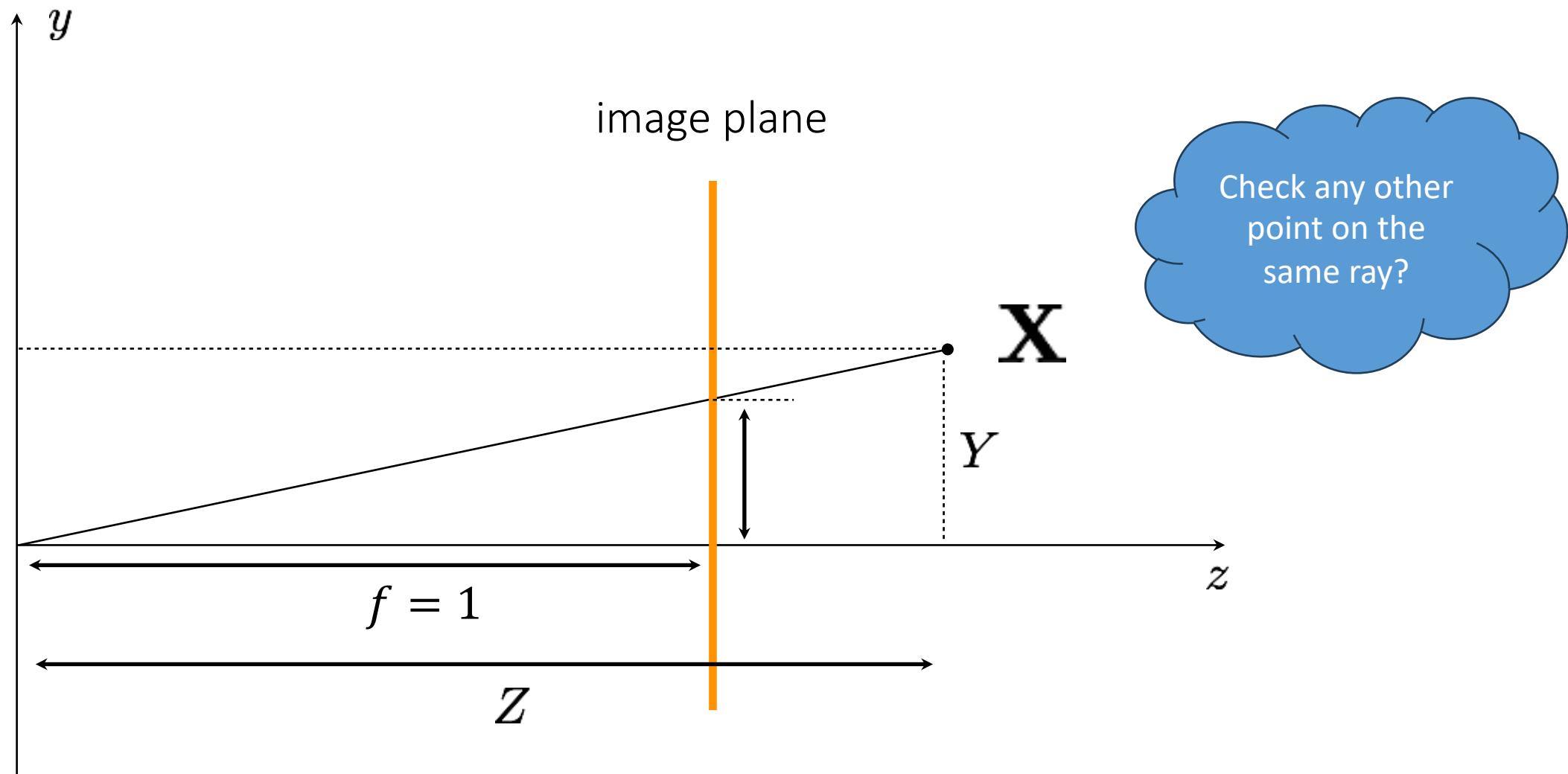
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# The 2D view of the (rearranged) pinhole camera



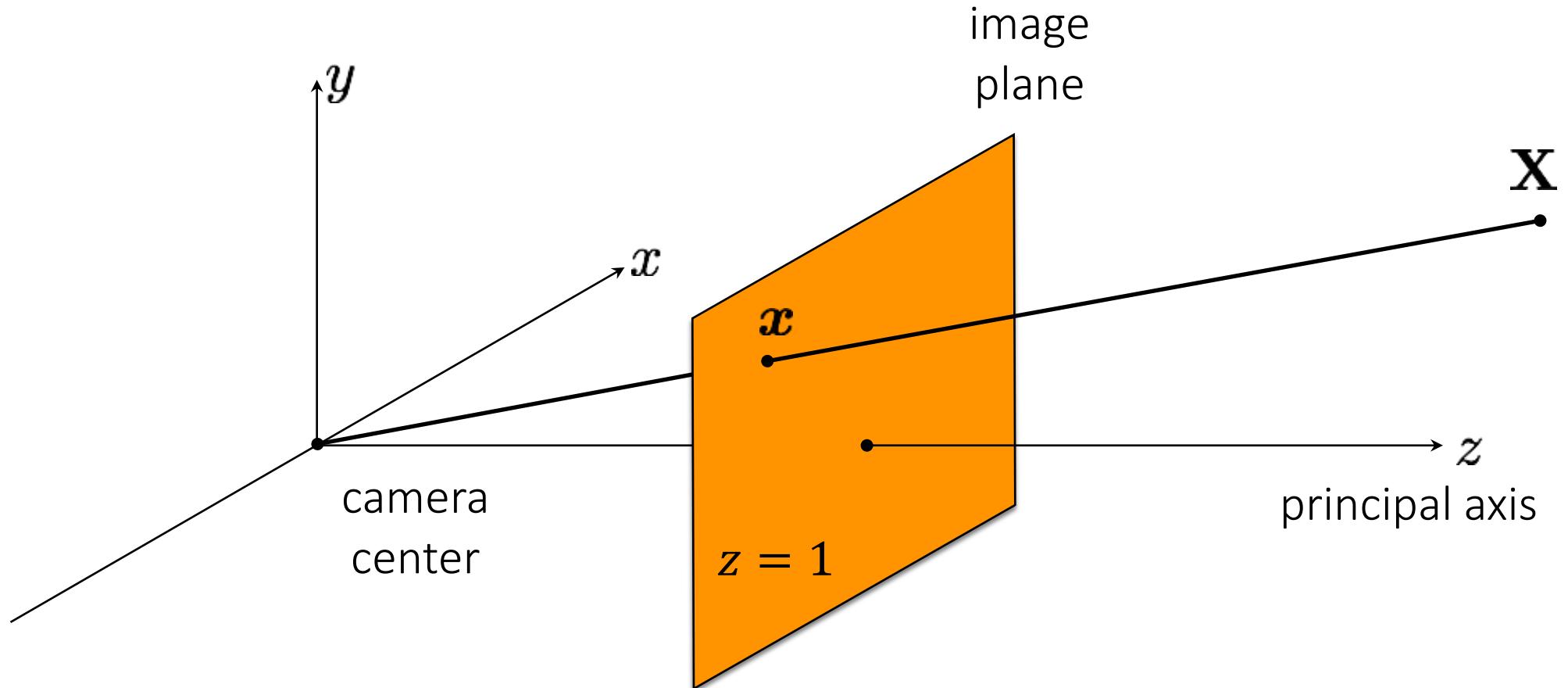
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$$[X \quad Y \quad Z]^T \rightarrow [X/Z \quad Y/Z]$$

# The (rearranged) pinhole camera



What is the camera matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  for a pinhole camera? Can this be linear transform?

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

# Homogeneous Coordinates

Given a point  $\mathbf{p}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , represented as  $P = (p_1, p_2)$ , i.e., the vector  $\mathbf{p} = [p_1 \ p_2]^T$  its homogeneous representation (using homogeneous coordinates) is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{p}} = [\tilde{p}_1 \ \tilde{p}_2 \ \tilde{p}_3]^T; \text{ with } [0 \ 0 \ 0]^T \text{ not allowed}$$

The vector representation is obtained dividing the first  $n$  homogeneous components by the  $(n + 1)$ -th, that is often called **scale**.

$$p_1 = \tilde{p}_1 / \tilde{p}_3; \quad p_2 = \tilde{p}_2 / \tilde{p}_3$$

Physical meaning: distance between object plane center and camera center!

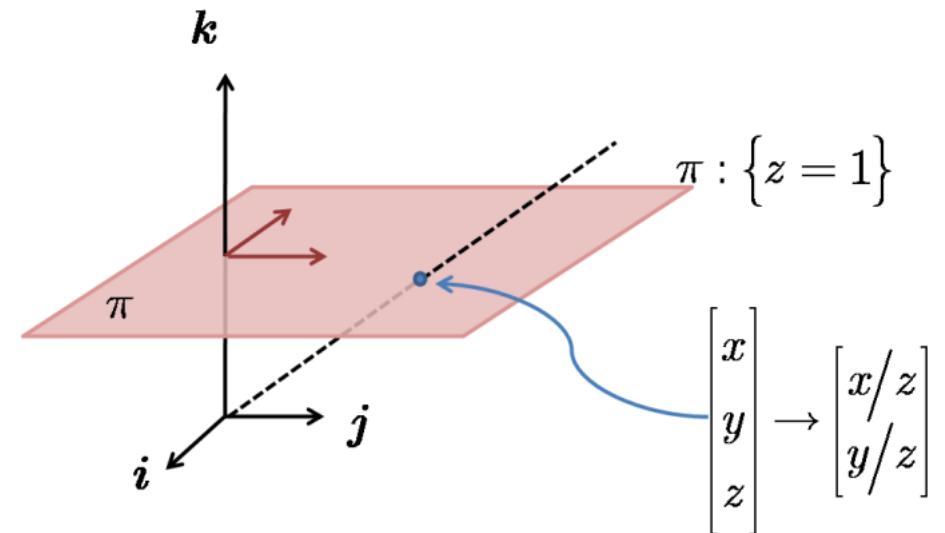


Figure: Geometric interpretation of homogeneous coordinates.

## Take-Away:

- All points, on the same projection ray, are mapped to the same homogeneous coordinate!
- It simplifies many equations in projective geometry! **Let's see next page...**

# The pinhole camera matrix

Relationship from similar triangles:

$$[X \quad Y \quad Z]^T \rightarrow [X/Z \quad Y/Z]$$

Normal coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X/Z \\ Y/Z \end{bmatrix}$$

General camera model in *homogeneous coordinates*:

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

Homogenous coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z(=1) \end{bmatrix} =$$

What does the pinhole camera projection look like?

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

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The perspective  
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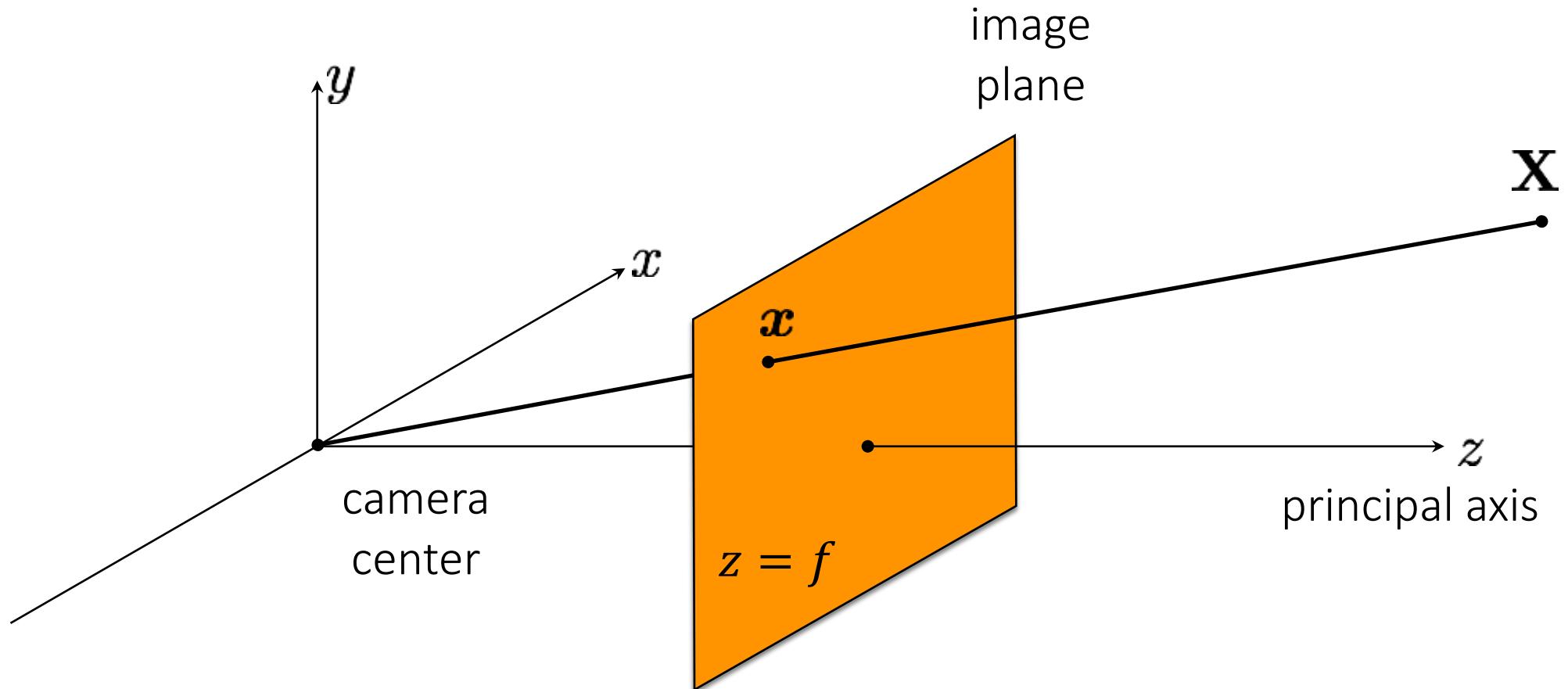
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alternative way to write  
the same thing

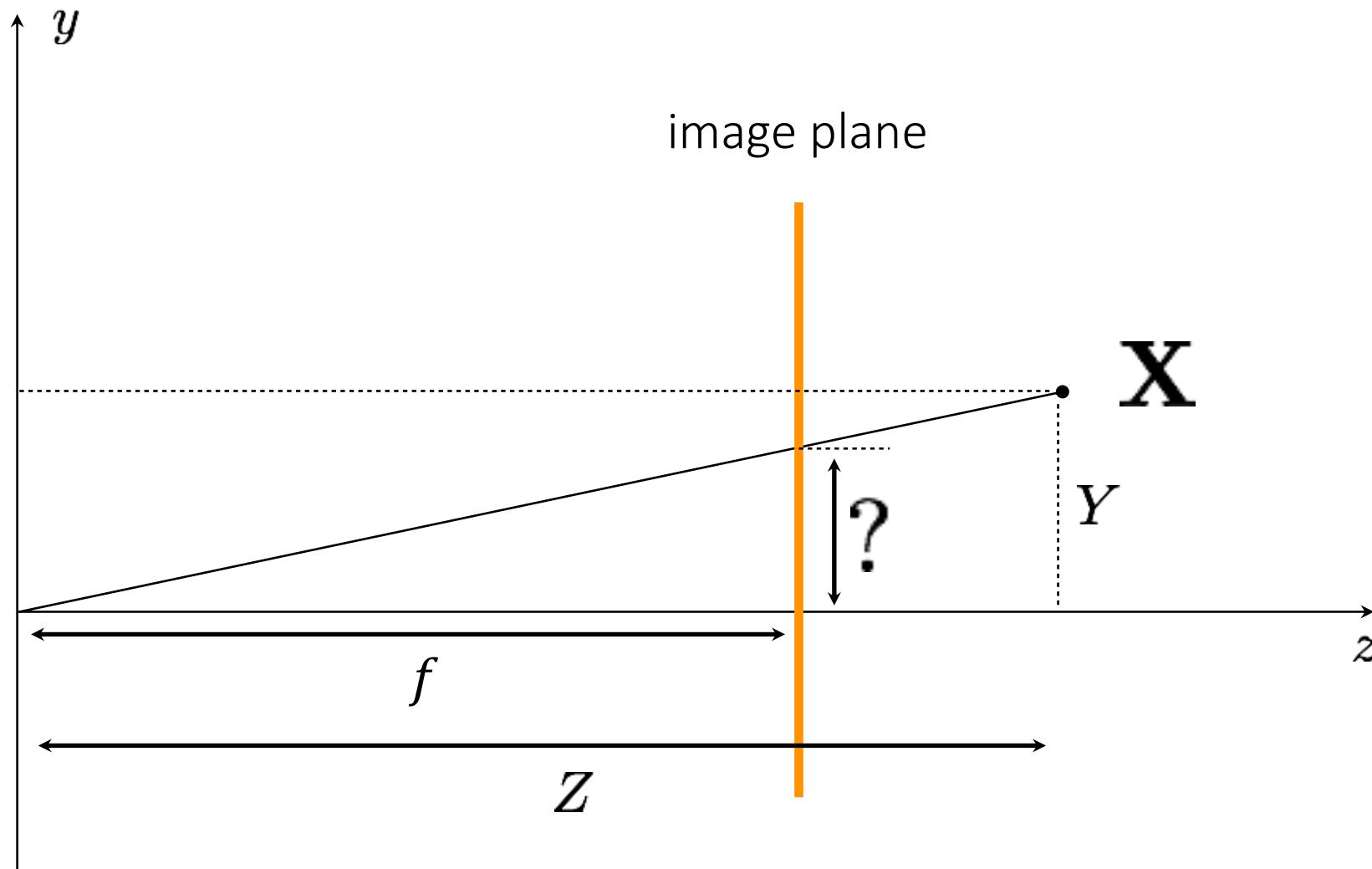
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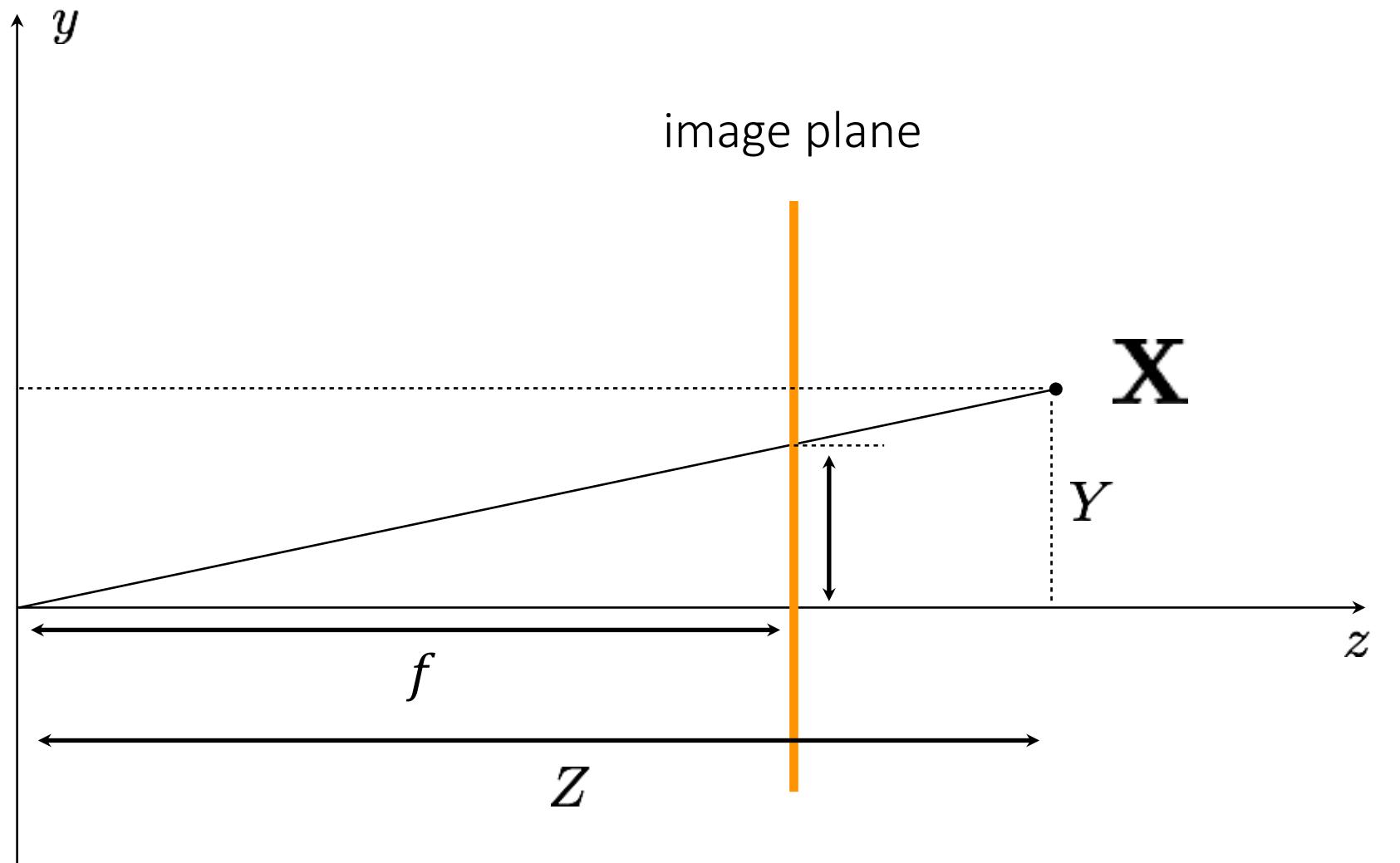
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# More general (2D) case: arbitrary focal length



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# More general (2D) case: arbitrary focal length



$$[X \ Y \ Z]^\top \mapsto [fX/Z \ fY/Z]^\top$$

# The pinhole camera matrix for arbitrary focal length

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General camera model *in homogeneous coordinates*:

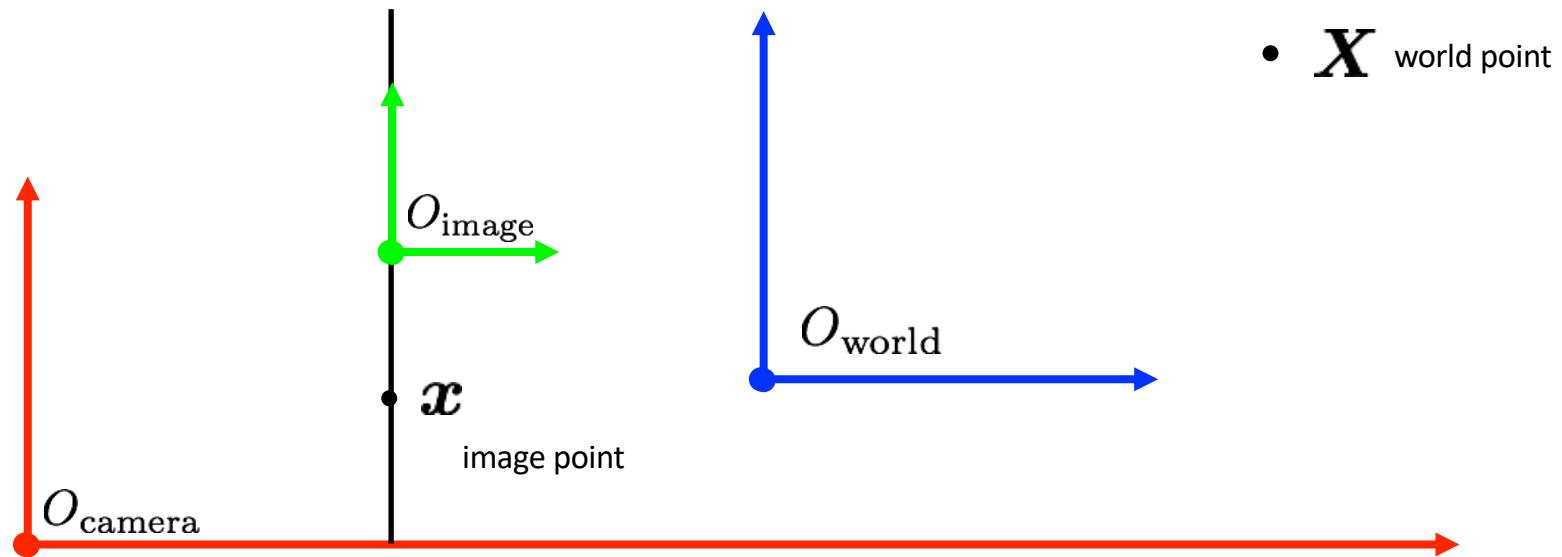
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What does the pinhole camera projection look like?

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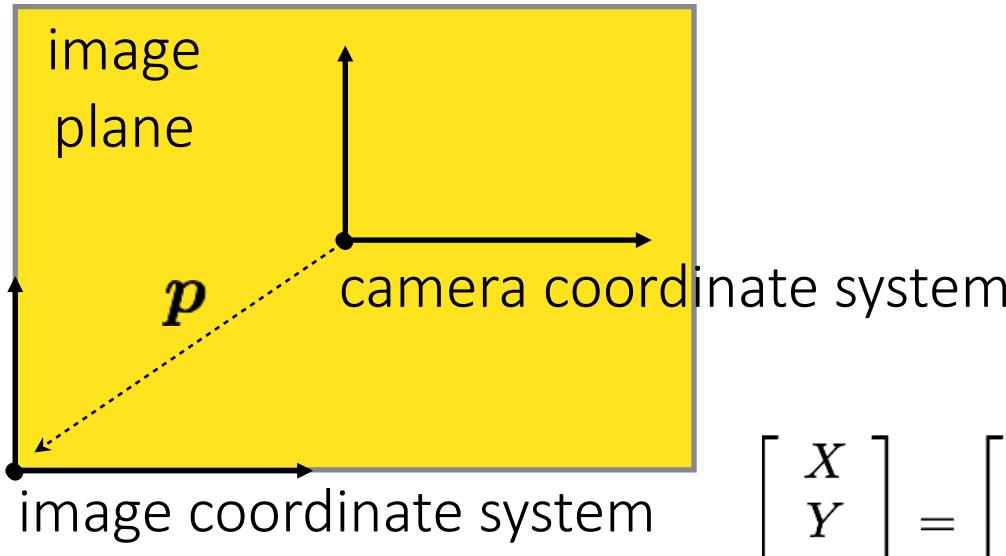
# Generalizing the camera matrix

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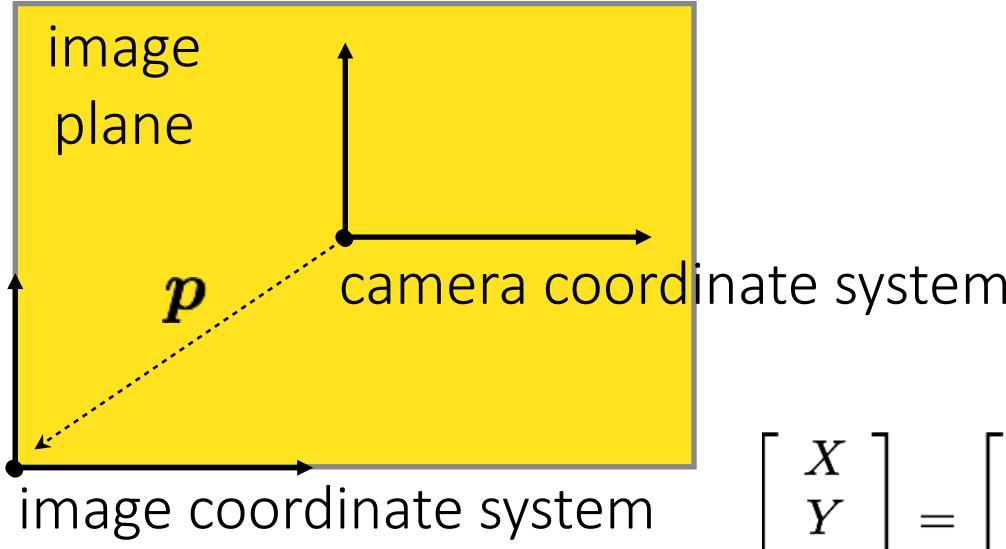
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$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x & 0 \\ 0 & f & p_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

shift vector  
transforming  
camera origin to  
image origin

# Camera matrix decomposition

We can decompose the camera matrix like this:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

What does each part of the matrix represent?

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(homogeneous) transformation  
from 2D to 2D, accounting for non  
unit focal length and origin shift

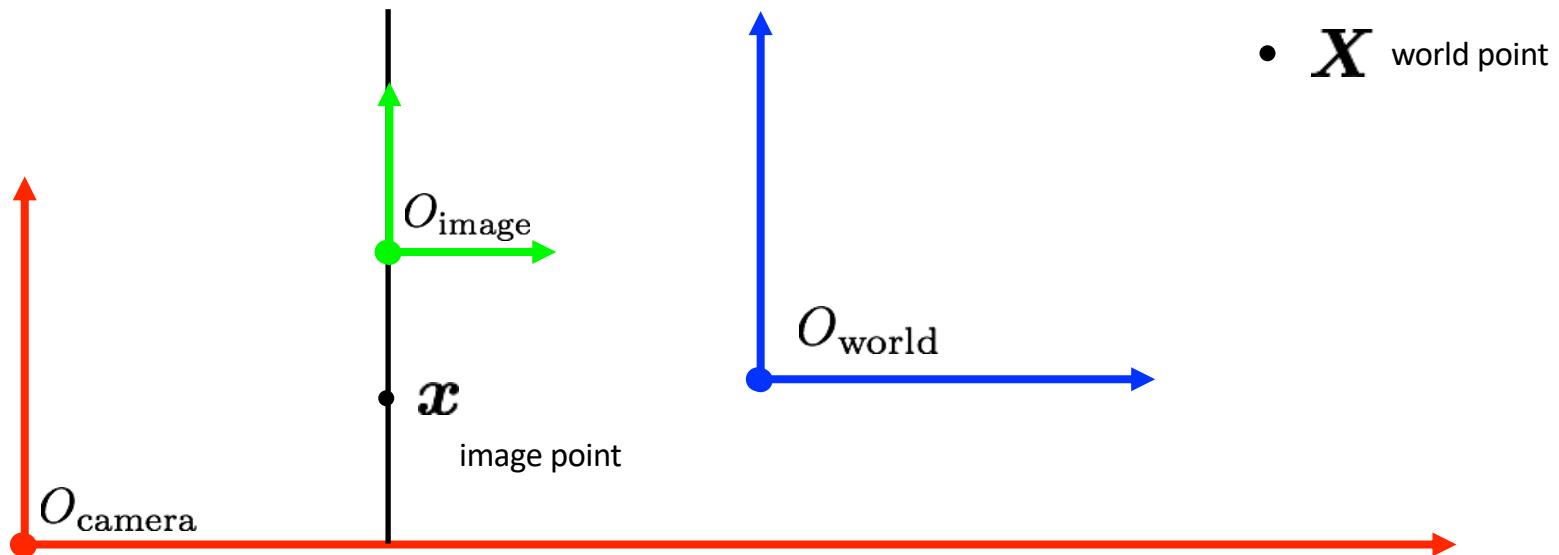
(homogeneous) perspective projection  
from 3D to 2D, assuming image plane at  
 $z = 1$  and shared camera/image origin

Also written as:  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{I}|0]$

where  $\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

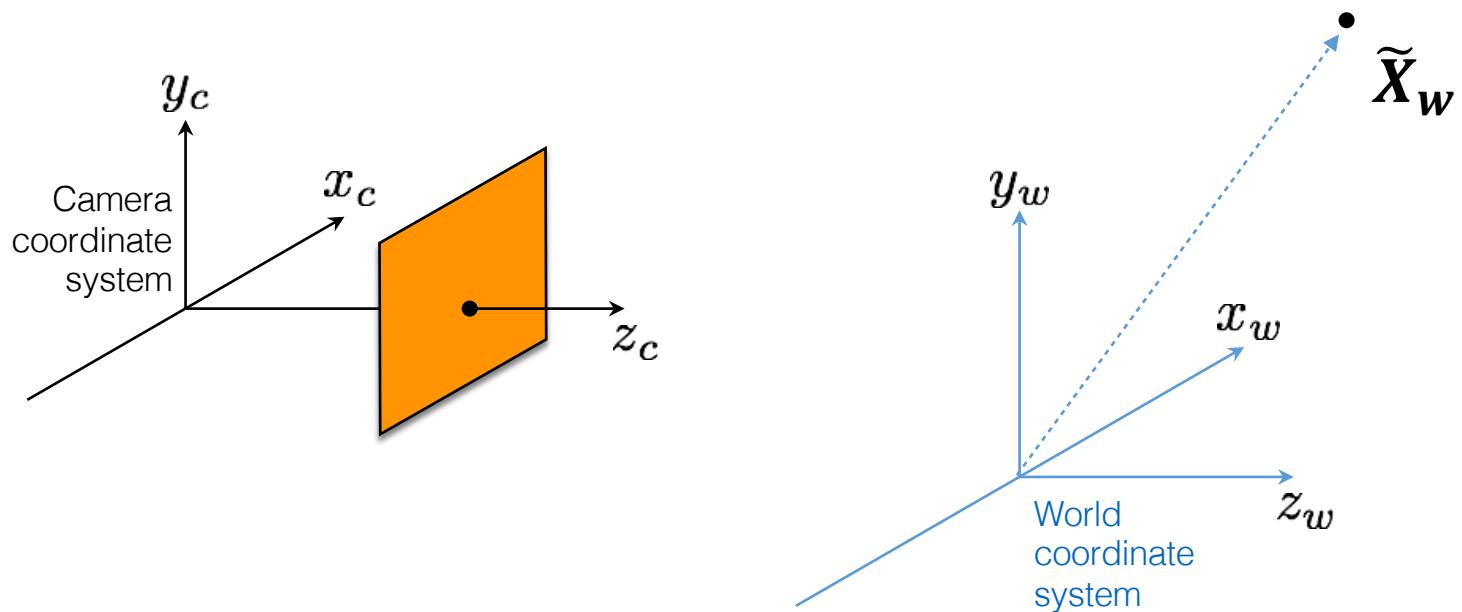
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In general, there are *three*, generally different, coordinate systems.



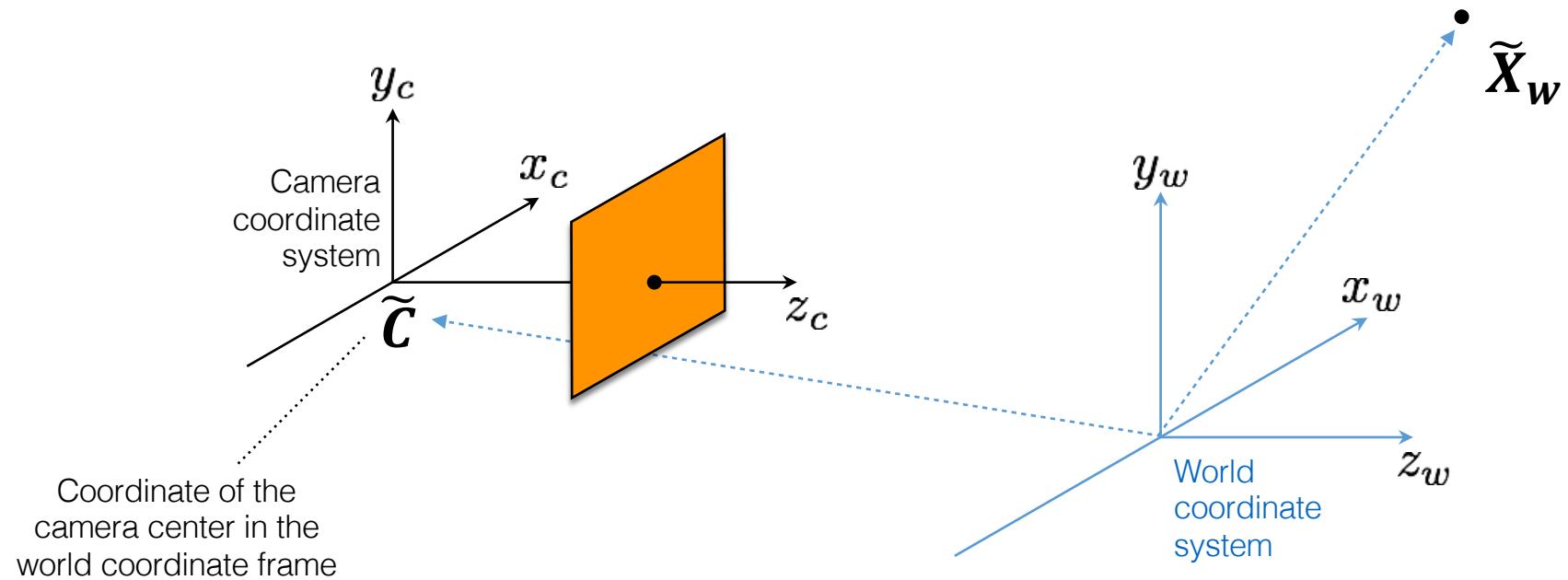
We need to know the transformations between them.

# World-to-camera coordinate system transformation

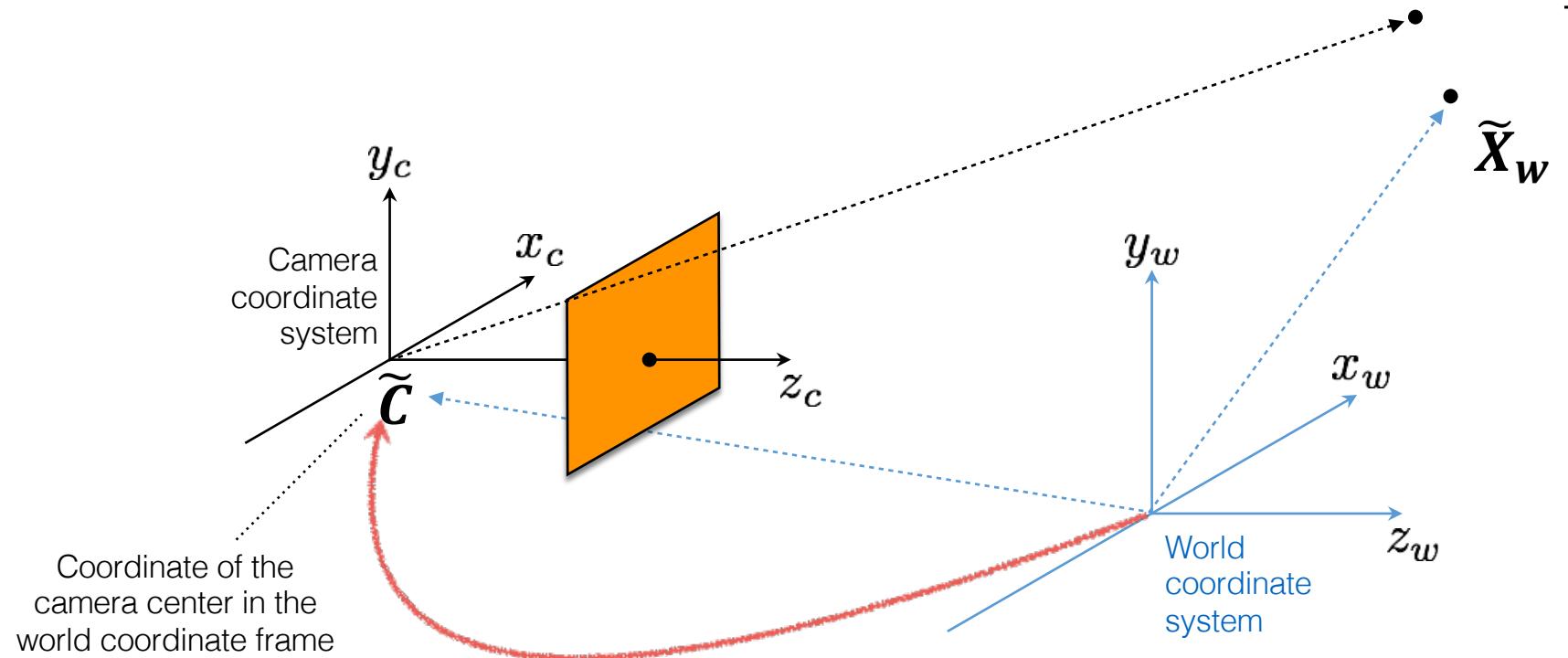


tilde means  
*heterogeneous*  
coordinates

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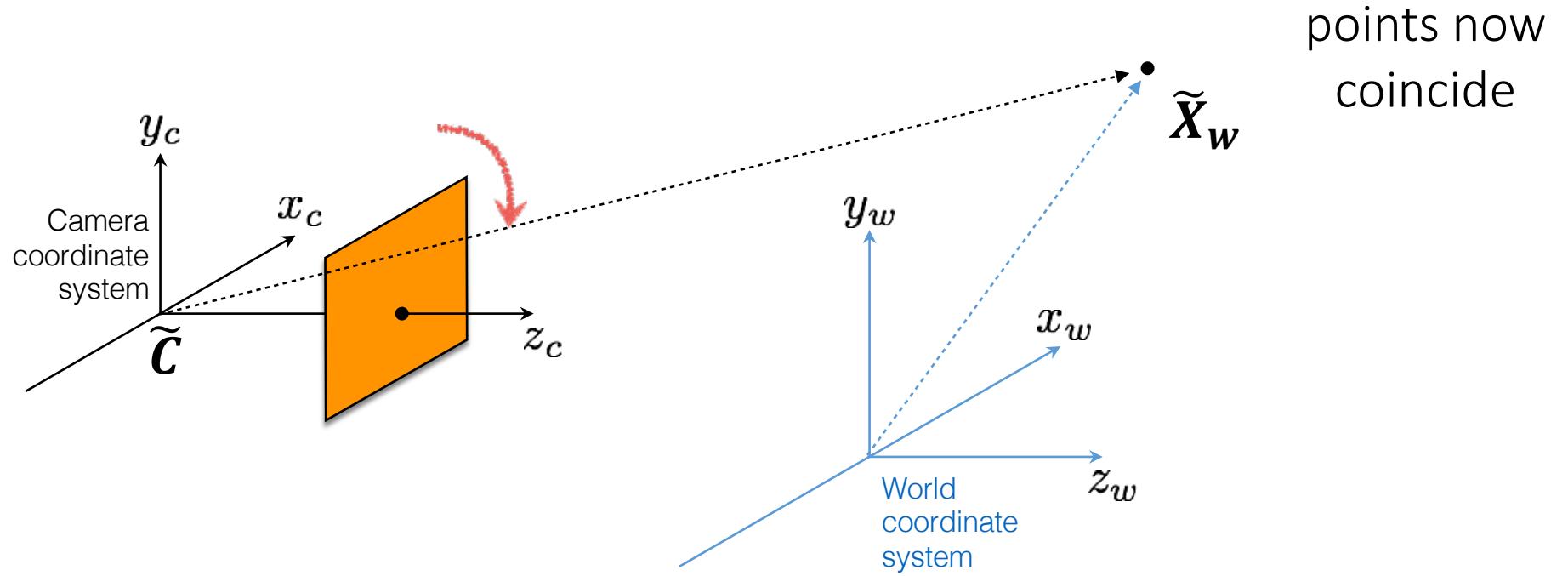


Why aren't  
the points  
aligned?

$$(\tilde{X}_w - \tilde{C})$$

translate

# World-to-camera coordinate system transformation



$$R \cdot (\tilde{X}_w - \tilde{C})$$

rotate      translate

# Modeling the coordinate system transformation

In heterogeneous coordinates, we have:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_c = \mathbf{R} \cdot (\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_w - \tilde{\mathbf{C}})$$

How do we write this transformation in homogeneous coordinates?

# Modeling the coordinate system transformation

In heterogeneous coordinates, we have:

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In homogeneous coordinates, we have: (pay attention to R and C dimension!)

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_c \\ Y_c \\ Z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{RC} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_w \\ Y_w \\ Z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{x}_c = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{RC} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_w$$

# Incorporating the transform in the camera matrix

The previous camera matrix is for homogeneous 3D coordinates in camera coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_c = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{I}|0]\mathbf{X}_c$$

We also just derived:

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_w$$

# Putting it all together

We can write everything into a single projection:

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

The camera matrix now looks like:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{I} \quad | \quad \mathbf{0}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

*intrinsic parameters* ( $3 \times 3$ ):  
correspond to camera  
internals (**image-to-image**  
transformation)

*perspective projection* ( $3 \times 4$ ):  
maps 3D to 2D points  
(camera-to-image  
transformation)

*extrinsic parameters* ( $4 \times 4$ ):  
correspond to camera  
externals (**world-to-camera**  
transformation)

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*intrinsic parameters* ( $3 \times 3$ ):  
correspond to camera internals  
(sensor not at  $f = 1$  and origin shift)

*extrinsic parameters* ( $3 \times 4$ ):  
correspond to camera externals  
(world-to-image transformation)

# General pinhole camera matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{t}] \quad \text{Or:} \quad \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}[\mathbf{I}| - \mathbf{C}]$$

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

intrinsic parameters                    extrinsic parameters

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

3D rotation                            3D translation

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The diagram consists of a mathematical equation  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}[\mathbf{I}] - \mathbf{C}$  centered on the page. Below the equation, there are four question marks: one under  $\mathbf{K}$ , one under  $\mathbf{R}$ , one under  $[\mathbf{I}]$ , and one under  $\mathbf{C}$ . Four black arrows originate from these question marks and point diagonally upwards towards their respective terms in the equation above.

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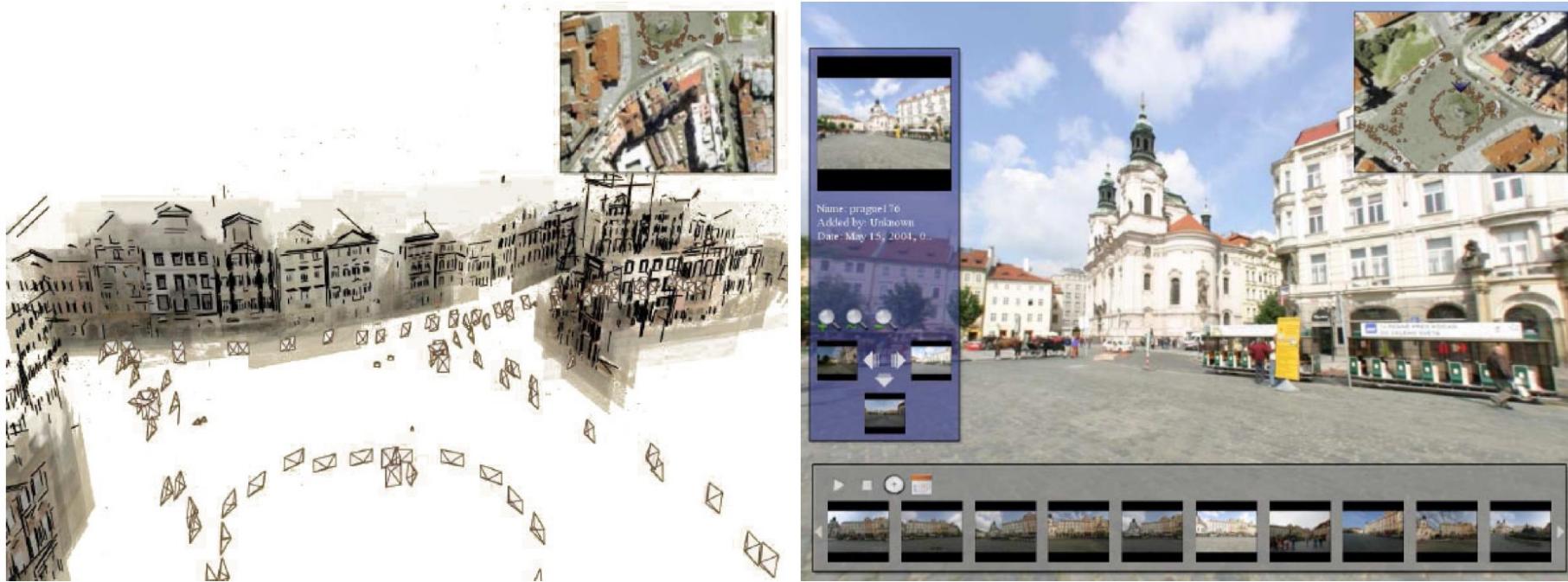
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intrinsic and extrinsic parameters



# Geometric camera calibration (a.k.a. camera pose estimation)

# Pose Estimation



Given a single image,  
estimate the exact position of the photographer

# Geometric camera calibration

Given a set of matched points

$$\{\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{x}_i\}$$

point in 3D  
space      point in the  
image

and camera model

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

projection  
model      parameters      Camera  
matrix

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## Mapping between 3D point and image points

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Heterogeneous coordinates

$$x' = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X}} \quad y' = \frac{\mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X}}$$

(non-linear relation between coordinates)

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Make them linear with algebraic manipulation...

$$\mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} y' = 0$$

$$\mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} x' = 0$$

Now we can setup a system of linear equations  
with multiple point correspondences

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For N points ...

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*How do we solve  
this system?*

Solve for camera matrix by

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**SVD!**

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Solution  $\mathbf{x}$  is the column of  $\mathbf{V}$   
corresponding to smallest singular  
value of

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^\top$$

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Equivalently, solution  $\mathbf{x}$  is the  
Eigenvector corresponding to  
smallest Eigenvalue of

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$$

Now we have:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

*Are we done?*

Almost there ...

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*How do you get the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters from the projection matrix?*

## Decomposition of the Camera Matrix

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Find the camera center **C**

*What is the projection of the camera center?*

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Find the camera center  $\mathbf{c}$

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$$

*How do we compute the camera center from this?*

Find intrinsic  $\mathbf{K}$  and rotation  $\mathbf{R}$

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*Any useful properties of K  
and R we can use?*

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right upper triangle      orthogonal

*How do we find K  
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QR decomposition

# Geometric camera calibration (Tsai's algorithm!)

Given a set of matched points

$$\{\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{x}_i\}$$

point in 3D  
space      point in the  
image

*Where do we get these  
matched points from?*

and camera model

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

projection  
model      parameters      Camera  
matrix

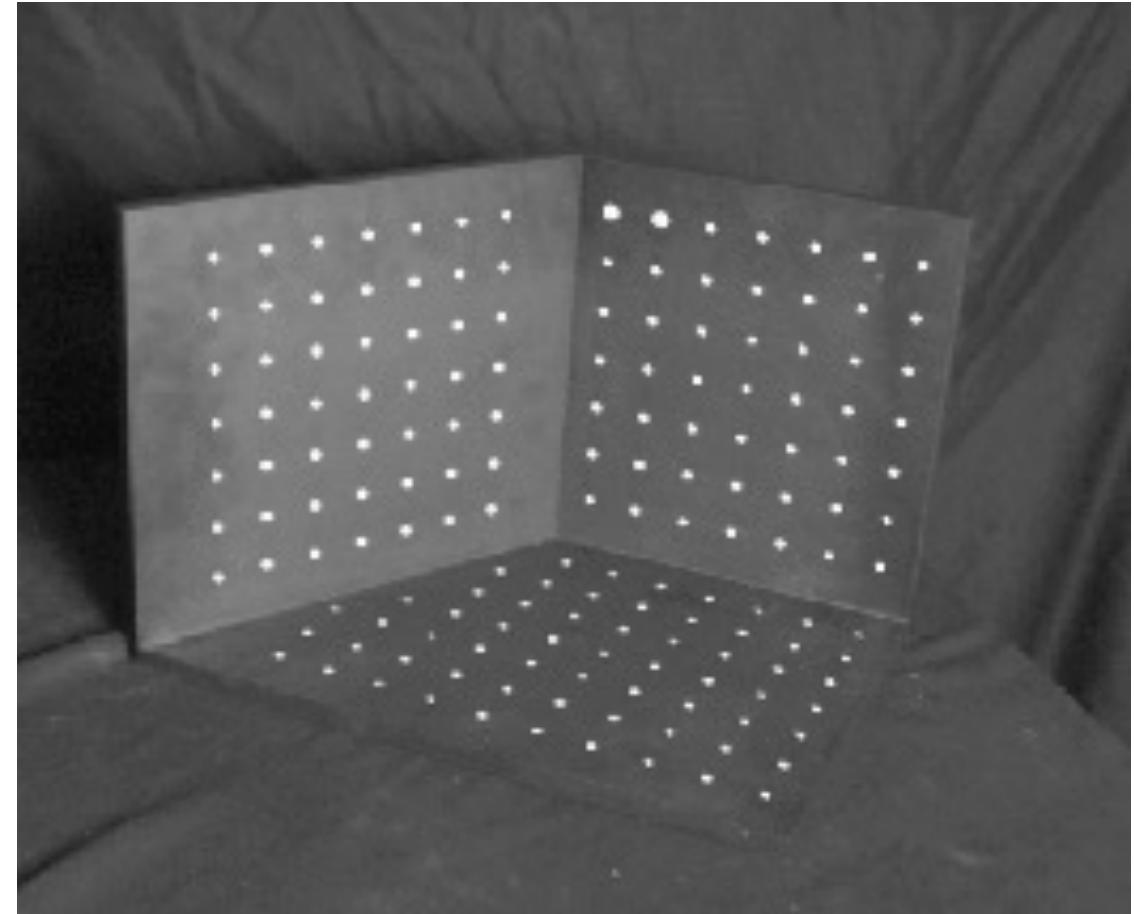
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# Calibration using a reference object

Place a known object in the scene:

- identify correspondences between image and scene
- compute mapping from scene to image



Issues:

- must know geometry very accurately
- must know 3D->2D correspondence

# Geometric camera calibration

Advantages:

- Very simple to formulate.
- Analytical solution.

Disadvantages:

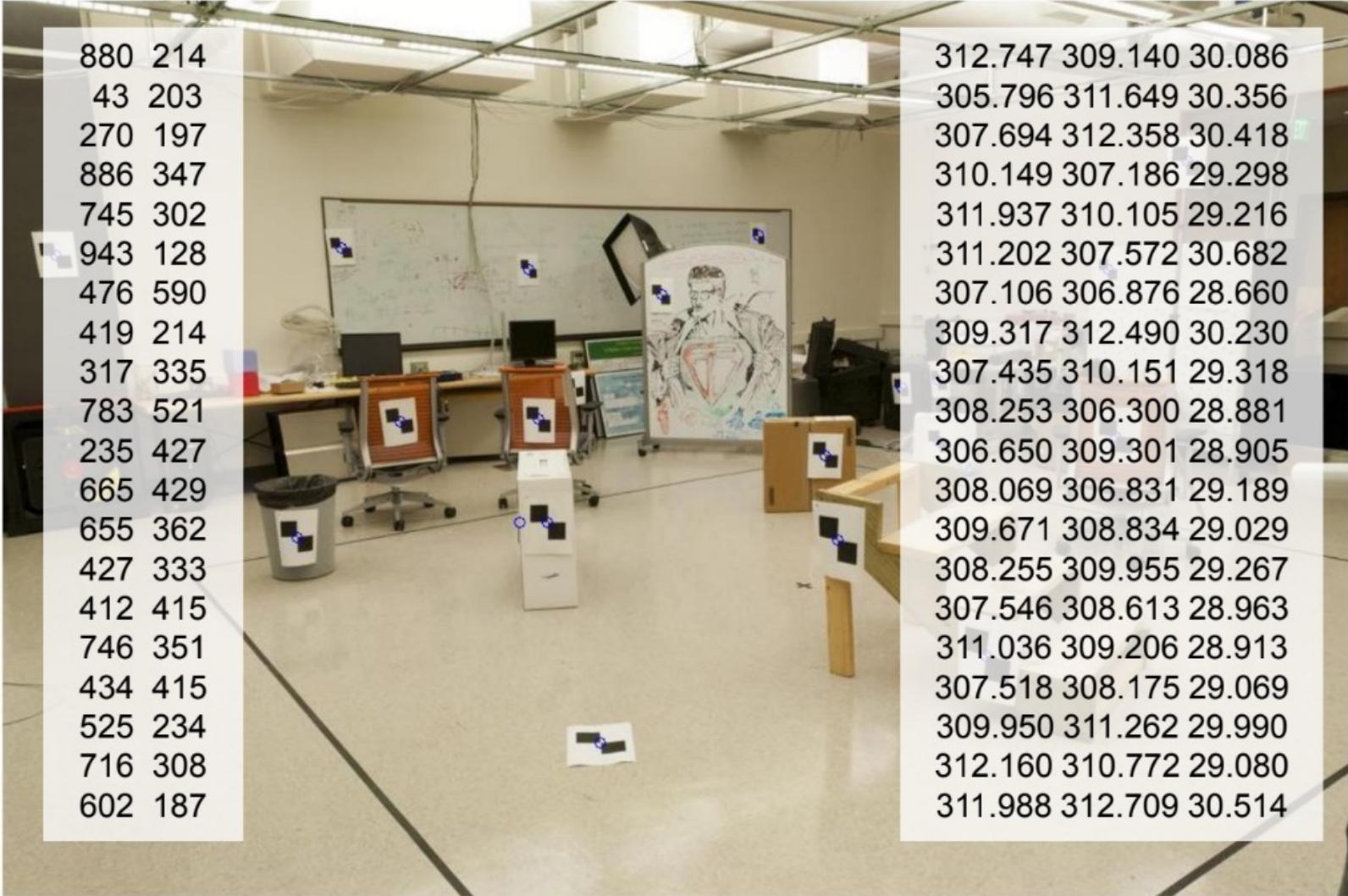
- Doesn't model radial distortion.
- Hard to impose constraints (e.g., known  $f$ ).
- Doesn't minimize the correct error function.

For these reasons, *nonlinear methods* are preferred

- Define error function  $E$  between projected 3D points and image positions
  - $E$  is nonlinear function of intrinsics, extrinsics, radial distortion
- Minimize  $E$  using nonlinear optimization techniques

## Known 2d image coords

```
880 214
43 203
270 197
886 347
745 302
943 128
476 590
419 214
317 335
783 521
235 427
665 429
655 362
427 333
412 415
746 351
434 415
525 234
716 308
602 187
```



## Known 3d world locations

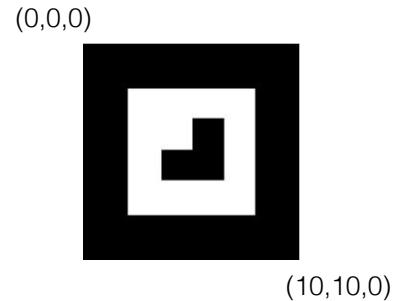
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312.747 309.140 30.086
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308.255 309.955 29.267
307.546 308.613 28.963
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307.518 308.175 29.069
309.950 311.262 29.990
312.160 310.772 29.080
311.988 312.709 30.514
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Known 2d  
image cords  
(px)

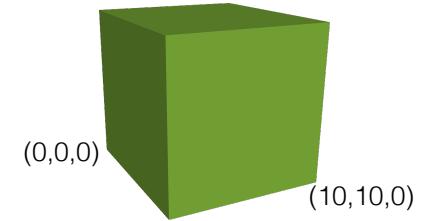
$$\begin{bmatrix} su \\ sv \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Unknown Camera Parameters

3D locations of planar marker features are known in advance



3D content prepared in advance



## Simple AR program

1. Compute point correspondences (2D and AR tag)
2. Estimate the pose of the camera  $\mathbf{P}$
3. Project 3D content to image plane using  $\mathbf{P}$

# More Advance Calibration using Multiple Views....





<https://grandvisual.com/work/pepsi-max-bus-shelter/> (London, 2014)



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