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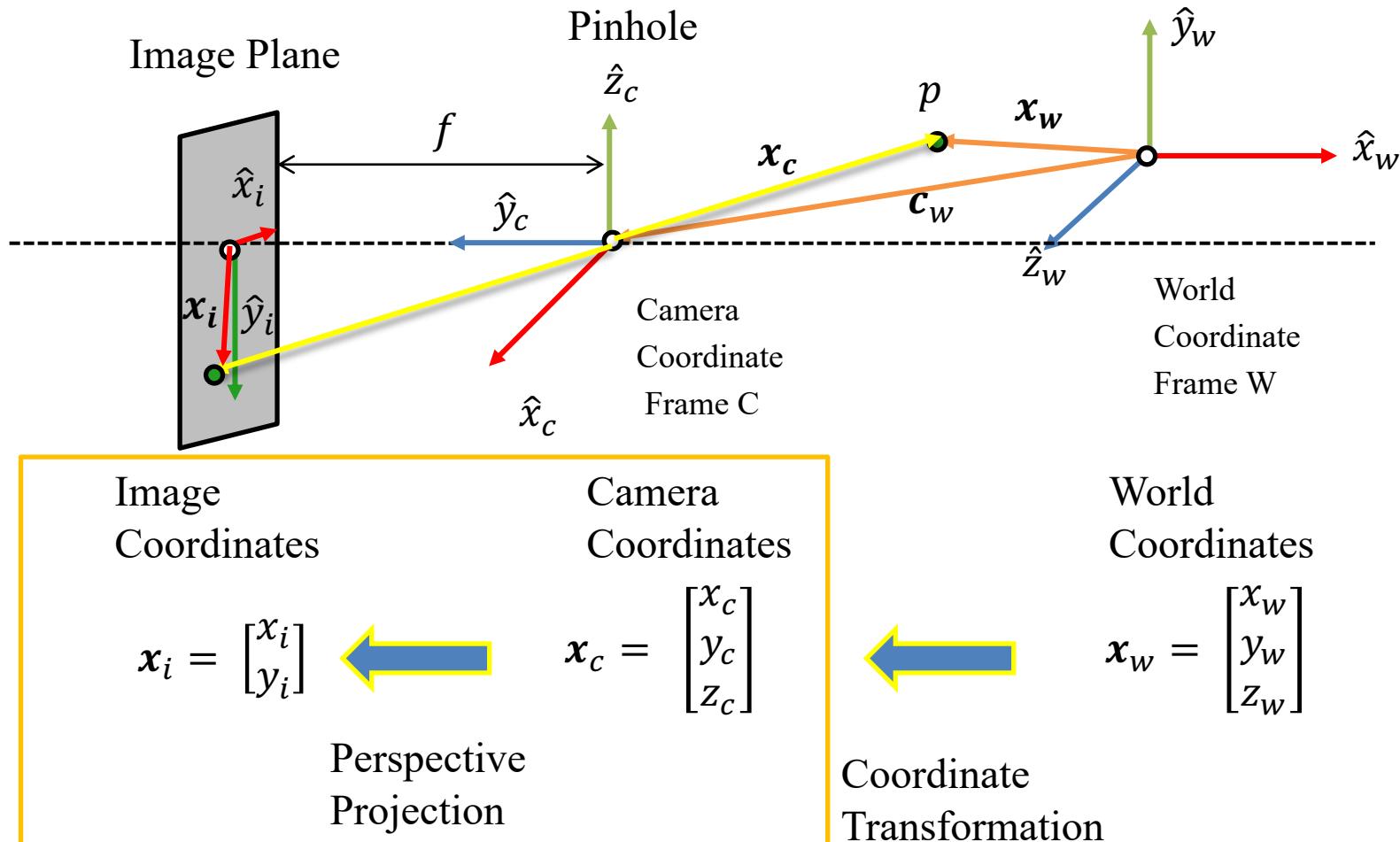
- Method to find a camera's internal and external parameters.

Topics:

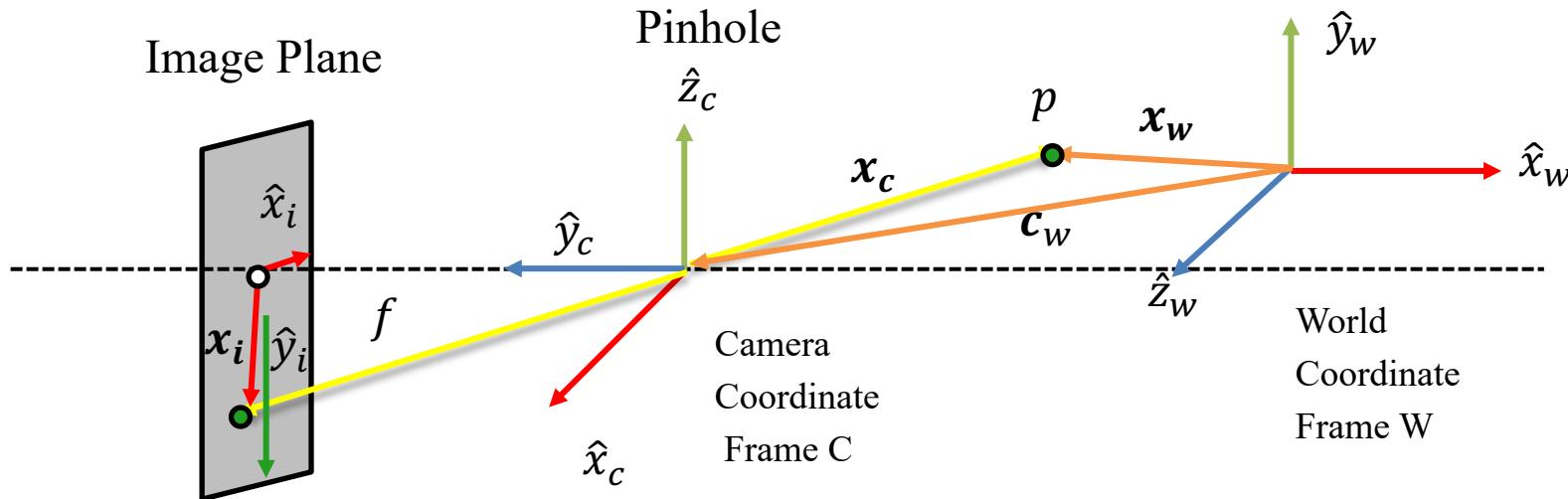
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# Forward Imaging Model: 3D to 2D



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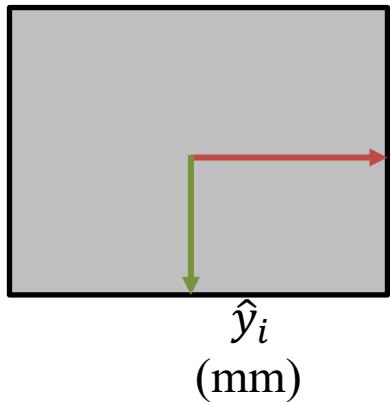


We know that  $\frac{x_i}{f} = \frac{x_c}{z_c}$  and  $\frac{y_i}{f} = \frac{y_c}{z_c}$

Therefore:  $x_i = f \frac{x_c}{z_c}$  and  $y_i = f \frac{y_c}{z_c}$

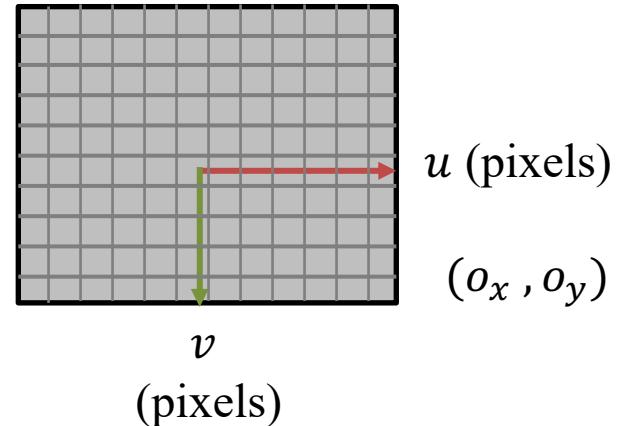
# Image Plane to Image Sensor Mapping

Image Plane



$\hat{x}_i$  (mm)

Image Sensor



$u$  (pixels)

$(o_x, o_y)$

$v$   
(pixels)

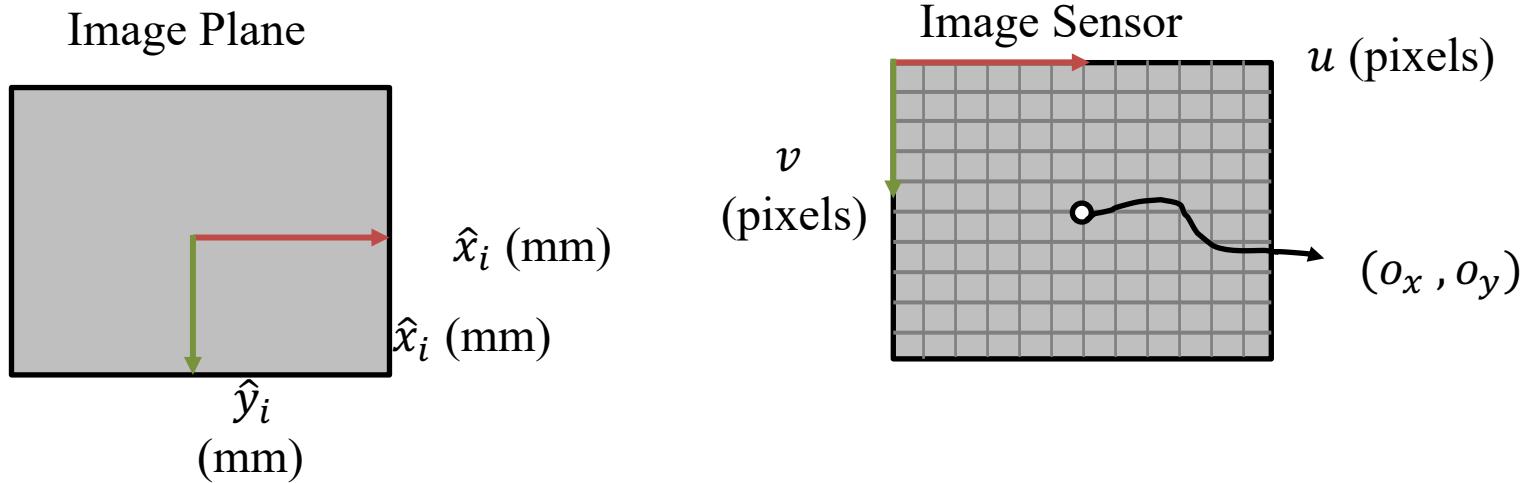
Pixels may be rectangular.

If  $m_x$  and  $m_y$  are the pixel densities (pixels/mm) in  $x$  and  $y$  directions, respectively, then pixel coordinates are:

$$u = m_x x_i = m_x f \frac{x_c}{z_c}$$

$$v = m_y y_i = m_y f \frac{y_c}{z_c}$$

# Image Plane to Image Sensor Mapping



We usually treat the top-left corner of the image sensor as its origin (easier for indexing). If pixel  $(o_x, o_y)$  is the **Principle Point** where the optical axis pierces the sensor, then:

$$u = m_x f \frac{x_c}{z_c} + o_x$$

$$v = m_y f \frac{y_c}{z_c} + o_y$$

# Perspective Projection

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$$u = m_x f \frac{x_c}{z_c} + o_x$$

$$v = m_y f \frac{y_c}{z_c} + o_y$$

$$u = f_x \frac{x_c}{z_c} + o_x$$

$$v = f_y \frac{y_c}{z_c} + o_y$$

where:  $(f_x, f_y) = (m_x f, m_y f)$  are the focal lengths in pixels in the x and y directions.

$(f_x, f_y, o_x, o_y)$ : **Intrinsic parameters** of the camera.

They represent the **camera's internal geometry**.



# Perspective Projection

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Equations for perspective projection are **Non-Linear**.  
It is convenient to express them as linear equations.

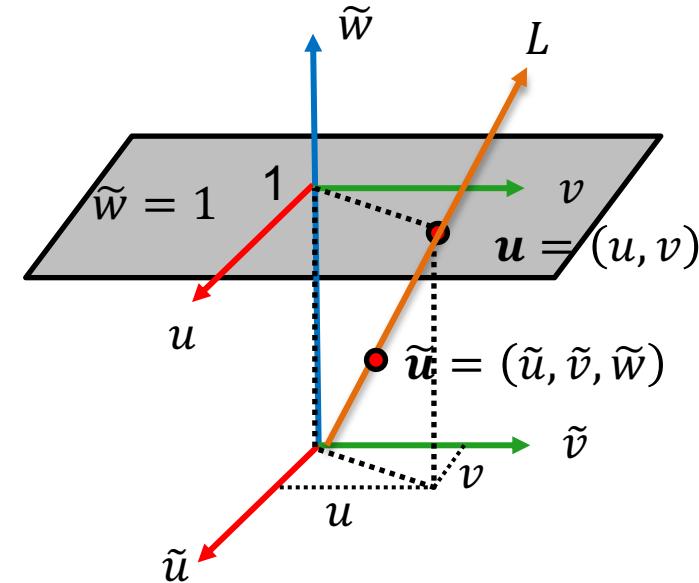


# Homogenous Coordinates

The homogenous representation of a 2D point  $\mathbf{u} = (u, v)$  is a 3D point  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = (\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{w})$ . The third coordinate  $\tilde{w} \neq 0$  is fictitious such that:

$$u = \frac{\tilde{u}}{\tilde{w}} \quad v = \frac{\tilde{v}}{\tilde{w}}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}u \\ \tilde{w}v \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \\ \tilde{u} \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$$



Every point on line L (except origin) represents the homogenous coordinate of  $\mathbf{u}(u, v)$

# Homogenous Coordinates

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The **homogenous** representation of a 3D point  $x = (x, y, z) \in \mathcal{R}^3$  is a 4D point  $\tilde{x} = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z}, \tilde{w}) \in \mathcal{R}^4$ . The fourth coordinate  $w \neq 0$  is fictitious such that:

$$x = \frac{\tilde{x}}{\tilde{w}} \quad y = \frac{\tilde{y}}{\tilde{w}} \quad z = \frac{\tilde{z}}{\tilde{w}}$$

$$x \equiv \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}x \\ \tilde{w}y \\ \tilde{w}z \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ \tilde{y} \\ \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{x}$$

# Perspective Projection

Perspective projection equations:

$$u = f_x \frac{x_c}{z_c} + o_x \quad v = f_y \frac{y_c}{z_c} + o_y$$

Homogenous coordinates of  $(u, v)$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} z_c u \\ z_c v \\ z_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x x_c + z_c o_x \\ f_y y_c + z_c o_y \\ z_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & o_x & 0 \\ 0 & f_y & o_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where:  $(u, v) = (\tilde{u}/\tilde{w}, \tilde{v}/\tilde{w})$

## Linear Model for Perspective Projection



# Intrinsic Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & o_x & 0 \\ 0 & f_y & o_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calibration Matrix:

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & o_x \\ 0 & f_y & o_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Intrinsic Matrix:

$$M_{int} = [K \mid 0] = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & o_x & 0 \\ 0 & f_y & o_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Upper Right Triangular Matrix

$$\tilde{u} = [K \mid 0] \tilde{x}_c = M_{int} \tilde{x}_c$$

# Forward Imaging Model: 3D to 2D

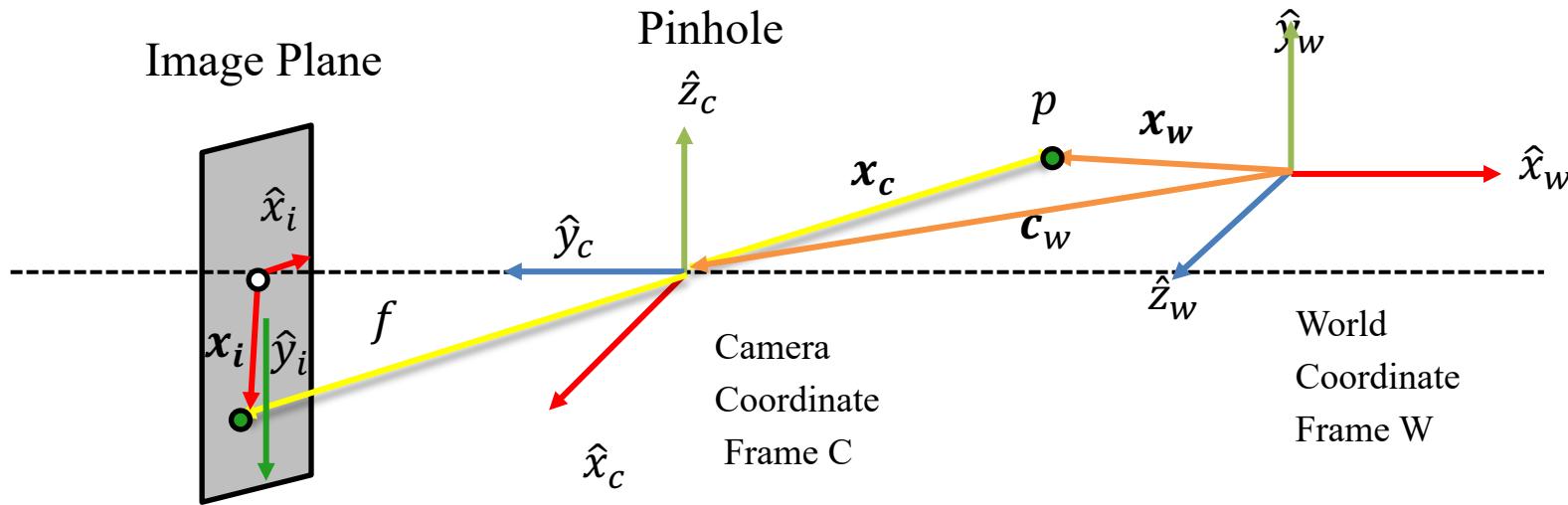


Image  
Coordinates

$$\boldsymbol{x}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_{int}$$

Perspective  
Projection

Camera  
Coordinates

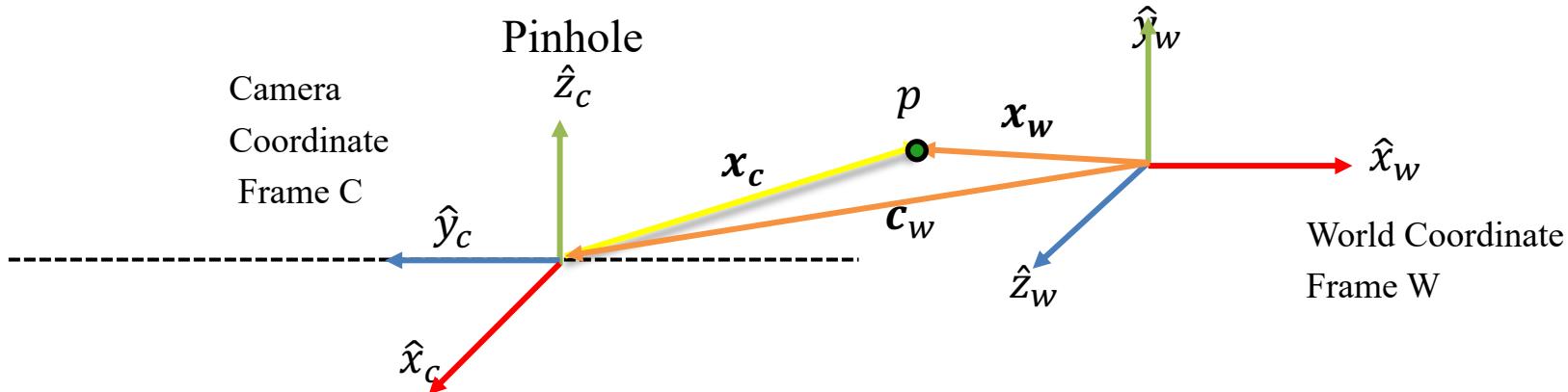
$$\boldsymbol{x}_c = \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix}$$

Coordinate  
Transformation

World  
Coordinates

$$\boldsymbol{x}_w = \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \end{bmatrix}$$

# Extrinsic Parameters



**Position  $c_w$  and Orientation R** of the camera in the world coordinate frame W are the camera's **Extrinsic Parameters**.

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{Row 1: Direction of } \hat{x}_c \text{ in world coordinate frame} \\ \text{Row 2: Direction of } \hat{y}_c \text{ in world coordinate frame} \\ \text{Row 3: Direction of } \hat{z}_c \text{ in world coordinate frame} \end{array}$$

**Orientation/Rotation Matrix R is Orthonormal**

# Orthonormal Vectors and Matrices

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**Orthonormal Vectors:** Two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthonormal if and only if:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dot}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = 0 &\quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} = 1 \\ (\text{Orthogonality}) &\qquad\qquad\qquad (\text{Unit length}) \end{aligned}$$

Example: The x-, y- and z-axes of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  Euclidean space

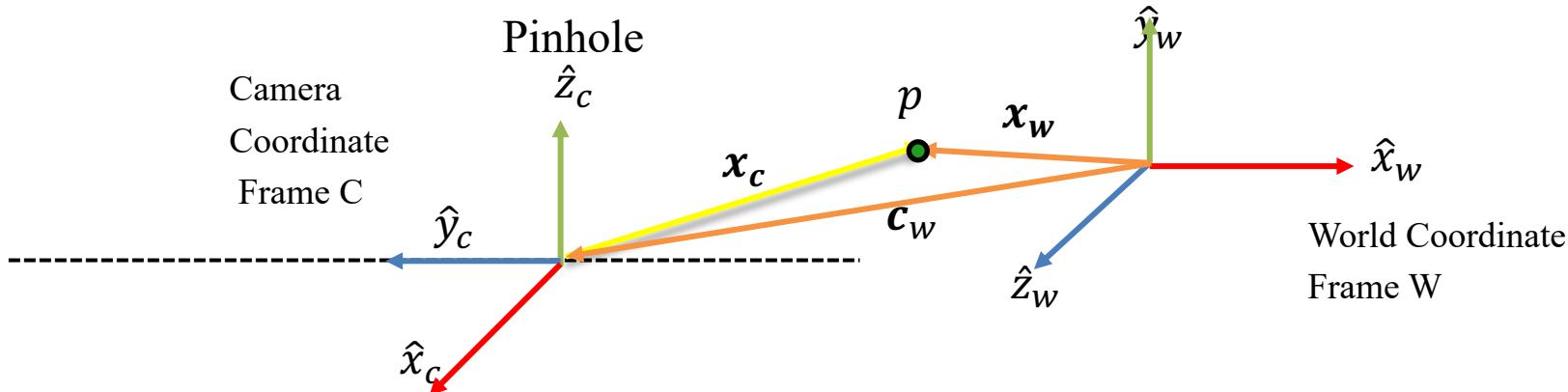
**Orthonormal Matrix:** A square matrix  $R$  whose row (or column) vectors are orthonormal. For such a matrix:

$$R^{-1} = R^T \quad R^T R = R R^T = I$$

A Rotation Matrix is an Orthonormal Matrix



# World-to-Camera Transformation



Given the **extrinsic parameters** ( $R, \mathbf{c}_w$ ) of the camera, the camera-centric location of the point P in the world coordinate frame is:

$$\mathbf{x}_c = R(\mathbf{x}_w - \mathbf{c}_w) = R\mathbf{x}_w - R\mathbf{c}_w = R\mathbf{x}_w + \mathbf{t}$$

$$\mathbf{t} = -R\mathbf{c}_w$$

$$\mathbf{x}_c = \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \end{bmatrix}$$

# Extrinsic Matrix

Rewriting using homogenous coordinates:

$$x_c = \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Extrinsic Matrix:**  $M_{ext} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{3 \times 3} & t \\ 0_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\widetilde{x}_c = M_{ext} \widetilde{x}_w$$

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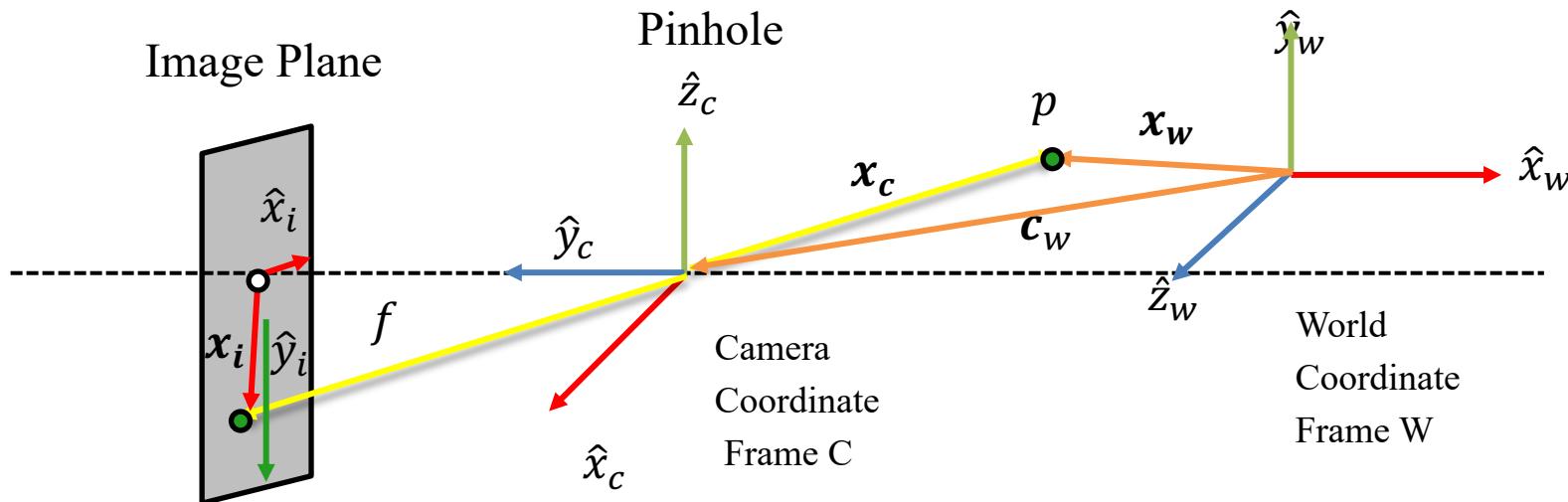


Image  
Coordinates

$$\boldsymbol{x}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_{int}$$

Perspective  
Projection

Camera  
Coordinates

$$\boldsymbol{x}_c = \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_{ext}$$

Coordinate  
Transformation

World  
Coordinates

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# Projection Matrix P

Camera to Pixel

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & o_x & 0 \\ 0 & f_y & o_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{u} = M_{int}\tilde{x}_c$$

World to Camera

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{x}_c = M_{ext}\tilde{x}_w$$

Combining the above two equations, we get the full **projection matrix P**:

$$\tilde{u} = M_{int}M_{ext}\tilde{x}_w = P\tilde{x}_w$$

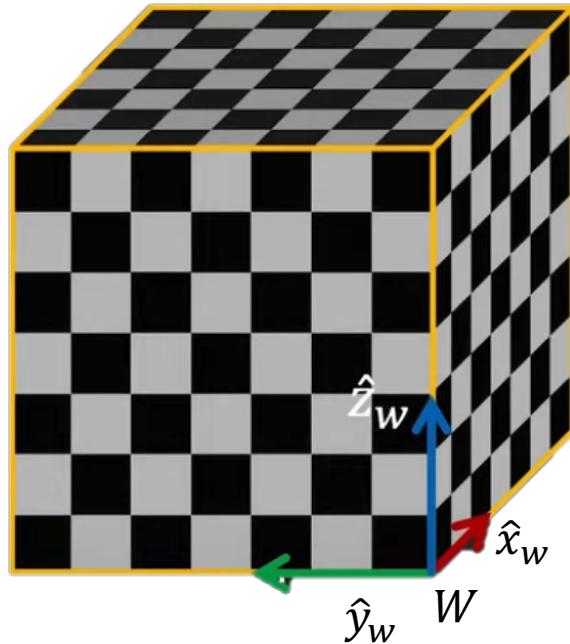
$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Camera Calibration Procedure

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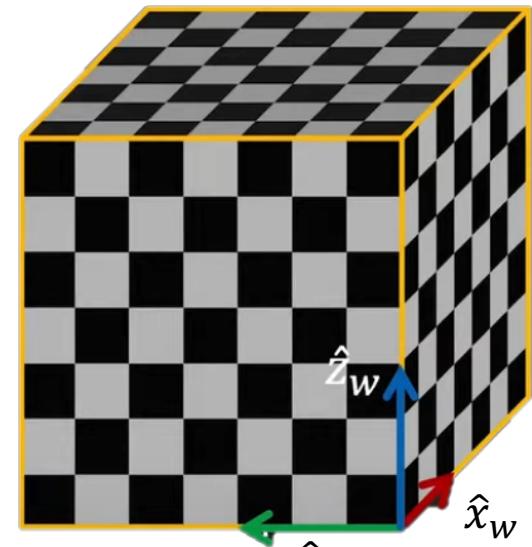
Step1: Capture an image of an object with known geometry.



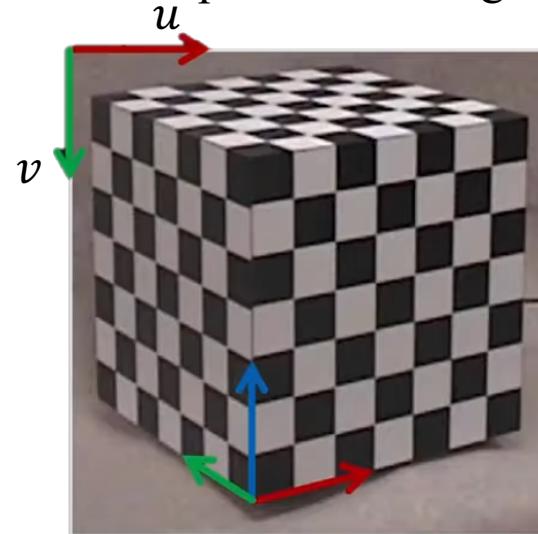
Object of Known Geometry

# Camera Calibration Procedure

Step 2: Identify correspondences between 3D scene points and image points.



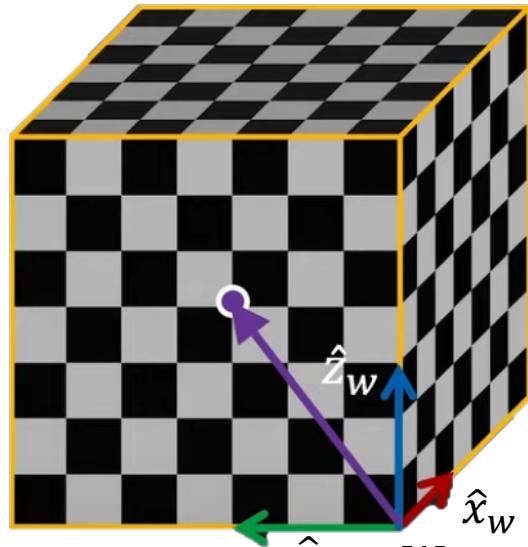
Object of Known Geometry



Captured Image

# Camera Calibration Procedure

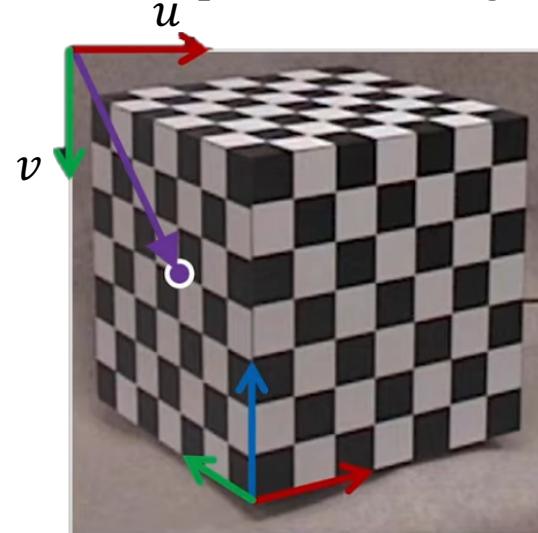
Step 2: Identify correspondences between 3D scene points and image points.



Object of Known Geometry

$$\bullet \quad x_w = \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(inches)



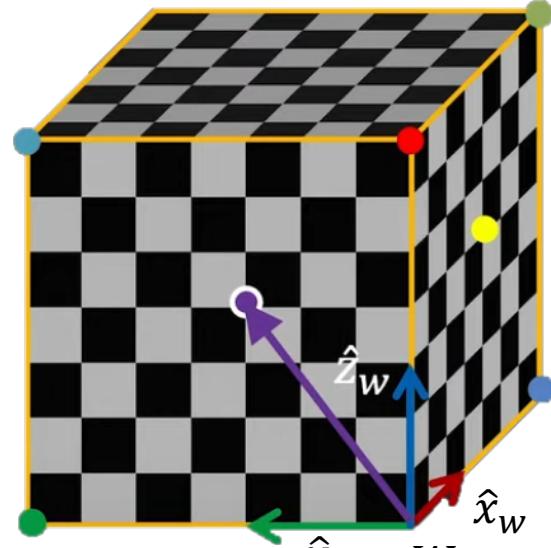
Captured Image

$$\bullet \quad u = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 56 \\ 115 \end{bmatrix}$$

(pixels)

# Camera Calibration Procedure

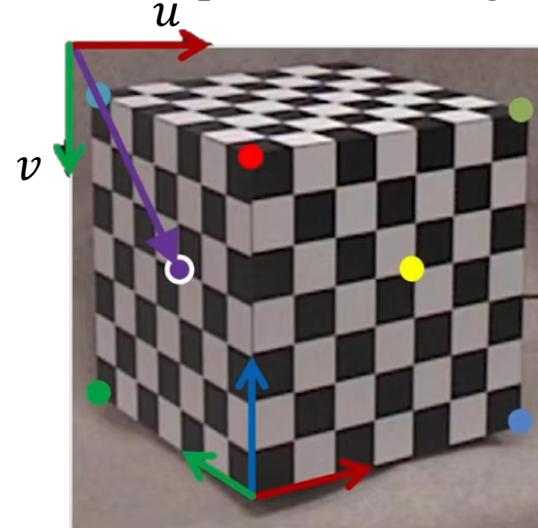
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Object of Known Geometry

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(inches)



Captured Image

$$\bullet \quad u = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 56 \\ 115 \end{bmatrix}$$

(pixels)

# Camera Calibration Procedure

Step 3: For each corresponding point  $i$  in scene and image:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u^{(i)} \\ v^{(i)} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_w^{(i)} \\ y_w^{(i)} \\ z_w^{(i)} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Known                  Unknown                  Known

Expanding the matrix as linear equations:

$$u^{(i)} = \frac{p_{11}x_w^{(i)} + p_{12}y_w^{(i)} + p_{13}z_w^{(i)} + p_{14}}{p_{31}x_w^{(i)} + p_{32}y_w^{(i)} + p_{33}z_w^{(i)} + p_{34}}$$
$$v^{(i)} = \frac{p_{21}x_w^{(i)} + p_{22}y_w^{(i)} + p_{23}z_w^{(i)} + p_{24}}{p_{31}x_w^{(i)} + p_{32}y_w^{(i)} + p_{33}z_w^{(i)} + p_{34}}$$



# Camera Calibration Procedure

Step4: Rearranging the terms

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 x_w^{(1)} & y_w^{(1)} & z_w^{(1)} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_1 x_w^{(1)} & -u_1 y_w^{(1)} & -u_1 z_w^{(1)} & -u_1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_w^{(1)} & y_w^{(1)} & z_w^{(1)} & 1 & -v_1 x_w^{(1)} & -v_1 y_w^{(1)} & -v_1 z_w^{(1)} & -v_1 \\
 \vdots & \vdots \\
 x_w^{(i)} & y_w^{(i)} & z_w^{(i)} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_i x_w^{(i)} & -u_i y_w^{(i)} & -u_i z_w^{(i)} & -u_i \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_w^{(i)} & y_w^{(i)} & z_w^{(i)} & 1 & -v_i x_w^{(i)} & -v_i y_w^{(i)} & -v_i z_w^{(i)} & -v_i \\
 \vdots & \vdots \\
 x_w^{(n)} & y_w^{(n)} & z_w^{(n)} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_n x_w^{(n)} & -u_n y_w^{(n)} & -u_n z_w^{(n)} & -u_n \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_w^{(n)} & y_w^{(n)} & z_w^{(n)} & 1 & -v_n x_w^{(n)} & -v_n y_w^{(n)} & -v_n z_w^{(n)} & -v_n
 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
 p_{11} \\
 p_{12} \\
 p_{13} \\
 p_{14} \\
 p_{21} \\
 p_{22} \\
 p_{23} \\
 p_{24} \\
 p_{31} \\
 p_{32} \\
 p_{33} \\
 p_{34}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underline{A}$   
 Known                           $\underline{p}$   
 Unknown

Step5: Solve for P

$$A \underline{p} = 0$$

# Scale of Projection Matrix

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Projection matrix acts on homogenous coordinates.

We know that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} \equiv k \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \\ \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} \quad (k \neq 0 \text{ is any constant})$$

That is:

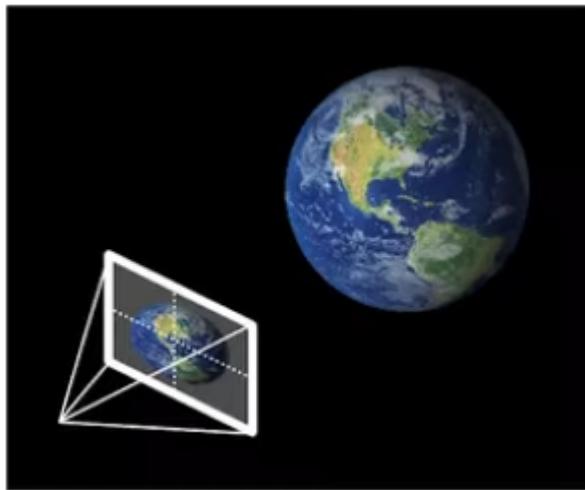
$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \equiv k \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, Projection Matrices  $P$  and  $kP$  produce the same homogenous pixel coordinates.

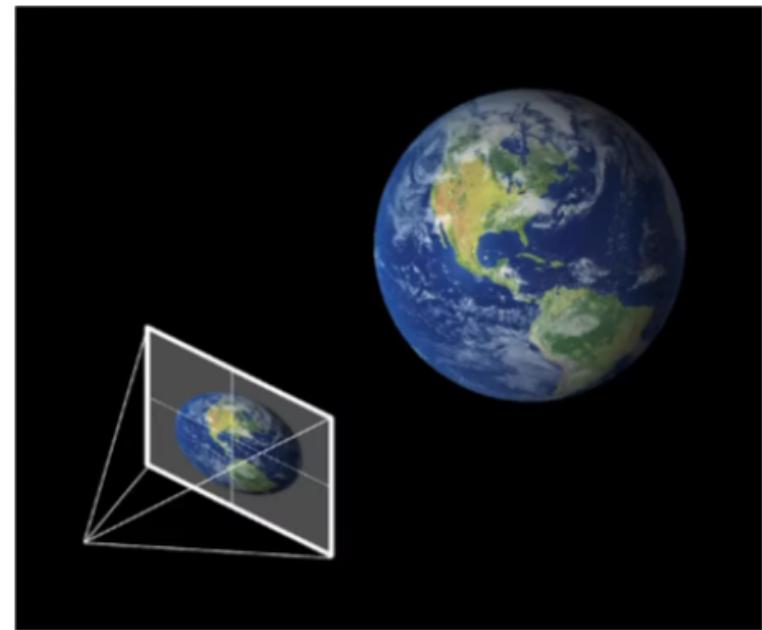
**Projection Matrix P is defined only up to a scale.**



# Scale of Projection Matrix



$$\text{Scale} = k_1$$



$$\text{Scale} = k_2$$

Scaling projection matrix, implies simultaneously scaling the world and camera, which does not change the image.

**Set projection matrix to some arbitrary scale!**

# Least squares Solution for P

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Option 1: Set scale so that:  $p_{34} = 1$

Option 2: Set scale so that:  $\boxed{||p||^2 = 1}$

We want  $Ap$  as close to 0 as possible and  $||p||^2 = 1$  :

$$\min_p ||Ap||^2 \text{ such that } ||p||^2 = 1$$

$$\min_p (p^T A^T A p) \text{ such that } p^T p = 1$$

Define **Loss function**  $L(p, \lambda)$ :

$$L(p, \lambda) = p^T A^T A p - \lambda(p^T p - 1)$$

(Similar to Solving Homography in Image Stitching)



# Constrained Least Squares Solution

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Taking derivatives of  $L(\mathbf{p}, \lambda)$  w.r.t  $\mathbf{p}$ :  $2A^T A \mathbf{p} - 2\lambda \mathbf{p} = 0$

$$A^T A \mathbf{p} = \lambda \mathbf{p}$$

Eigenvalue Problem

Eigenvector  $\mathbf{p}$  with **smallest eigenvalue**  $\lambda$  of matrix  $A^T A$  minimizes the loss function  $L(\mathbf{p})$ .

Rearrange solution  $\mathbf{p}$  to form the projection matrix  $P$ .



# Extracting Intrinsic/Extrinsic Parameters

We know that:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & o_x & 0 \\ 0 & f_y & o_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & o_x \\ 0 & f_y & o_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = KR$$

Given that K is an **Upper Right Triangular** matrix and R is an **Orthonormal** matrix, it is possible to uniquely "decouple" K and R from their product using "**QR factorization**".

# Extracting Intrinsic/Extrinsic Parameters

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That is:

$$M_{\text{int}} \quad M_{\text{ext}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{14} \\ p_{24} \\ p_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & o_x \\ 0 & f_y & o_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \end{bmatrix} = K\mathbf{t}$$

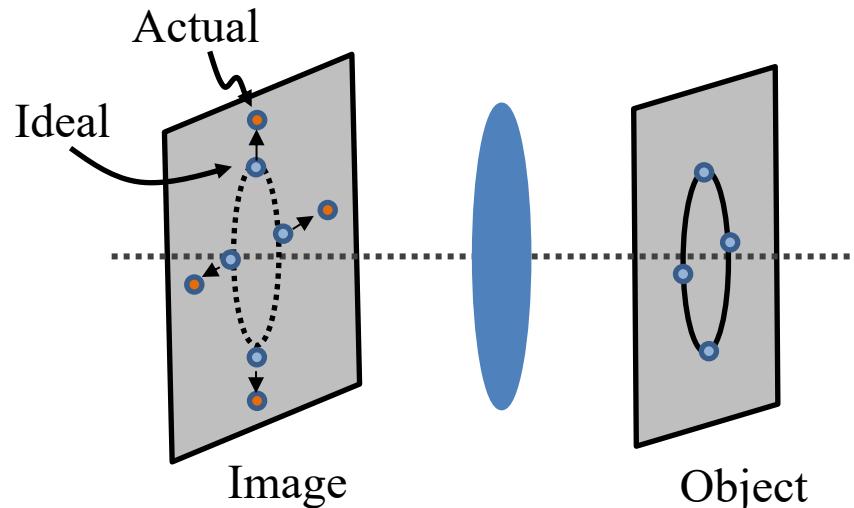
Therefore:

$$\mathbf{t} = K^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} p_{14} \\ p_{24} \\ p_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$

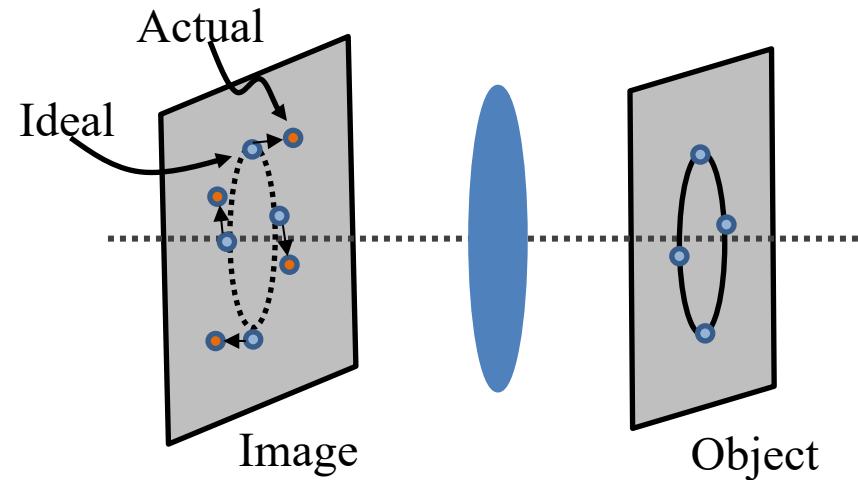


# Camera Calibration

Pinholes do not exhibit image distortions. But, lenses do!



**Tangential Distortion**

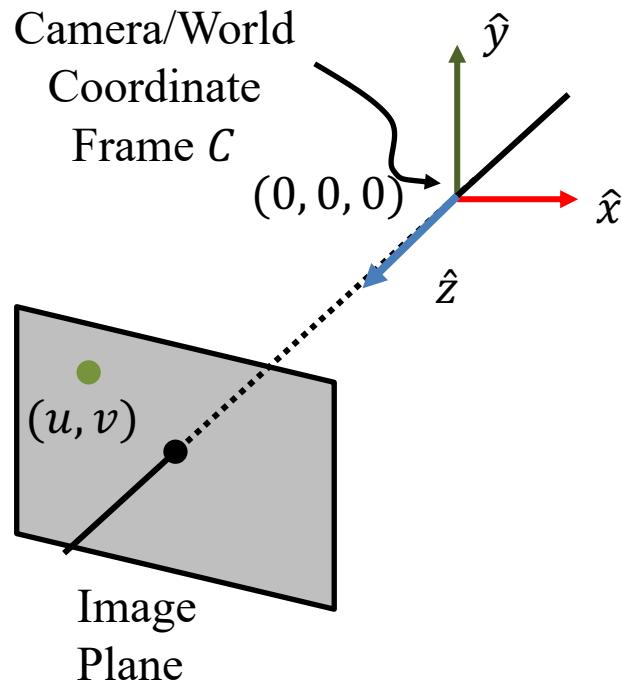


**Radial Distortion**

The intrinsic model of the camera will need to include the distortion coefficients. We ignore distortions here.

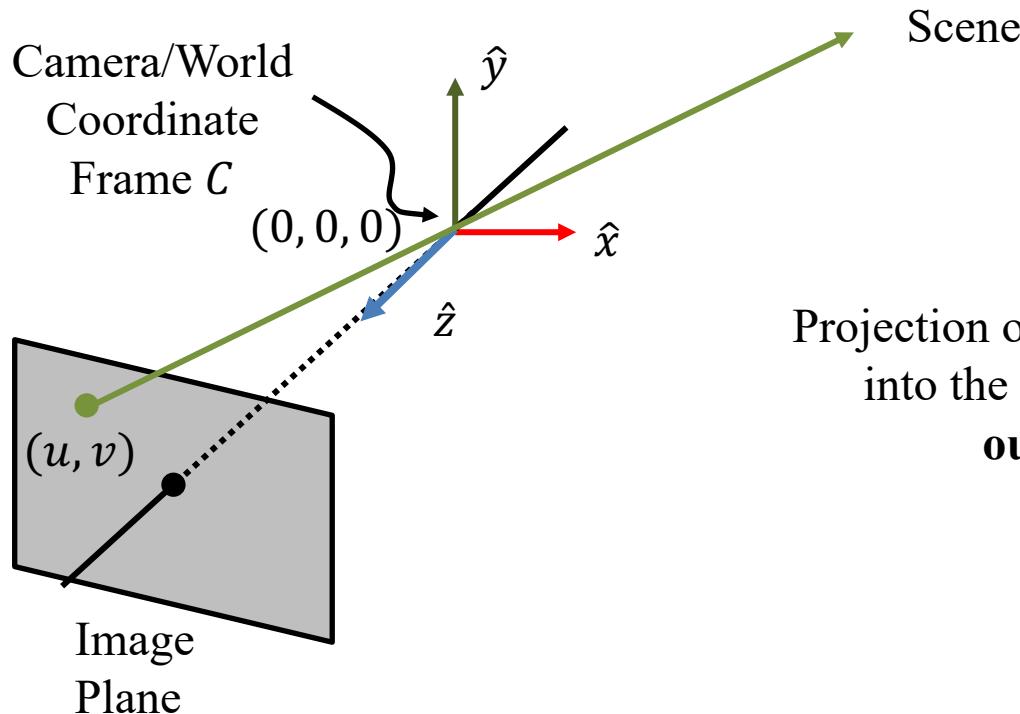
# Backward Projection: From 2D to 3D

Given a calibrated camera, can we find the 3D scene point from a single 2D image?



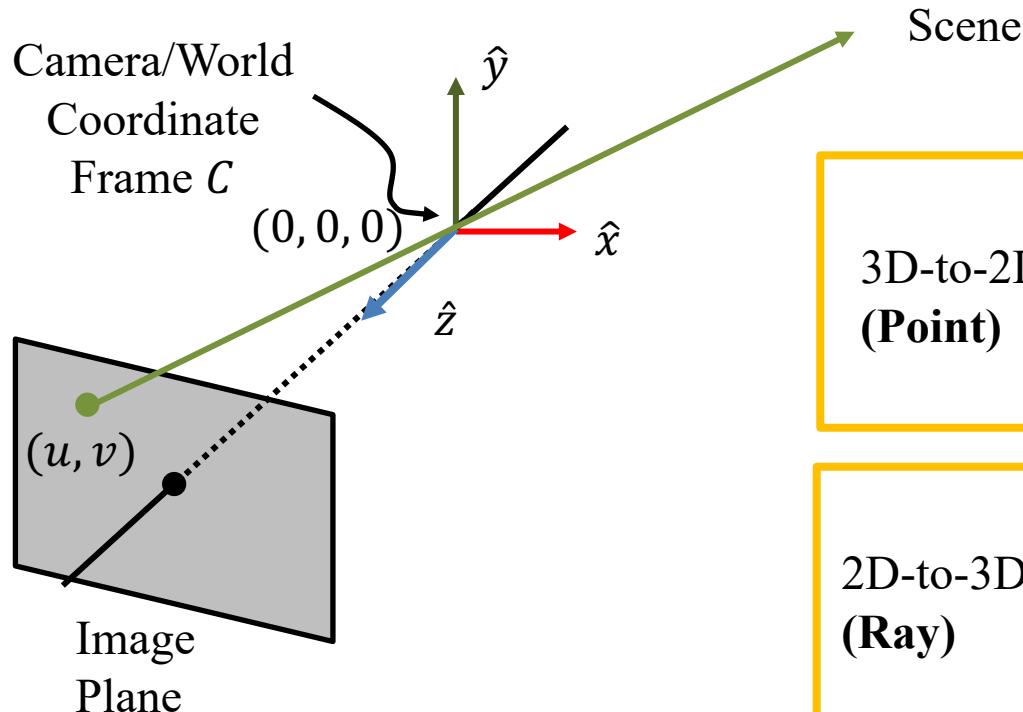
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Projection of an image point back into the scene results in an **outgoing ray**.

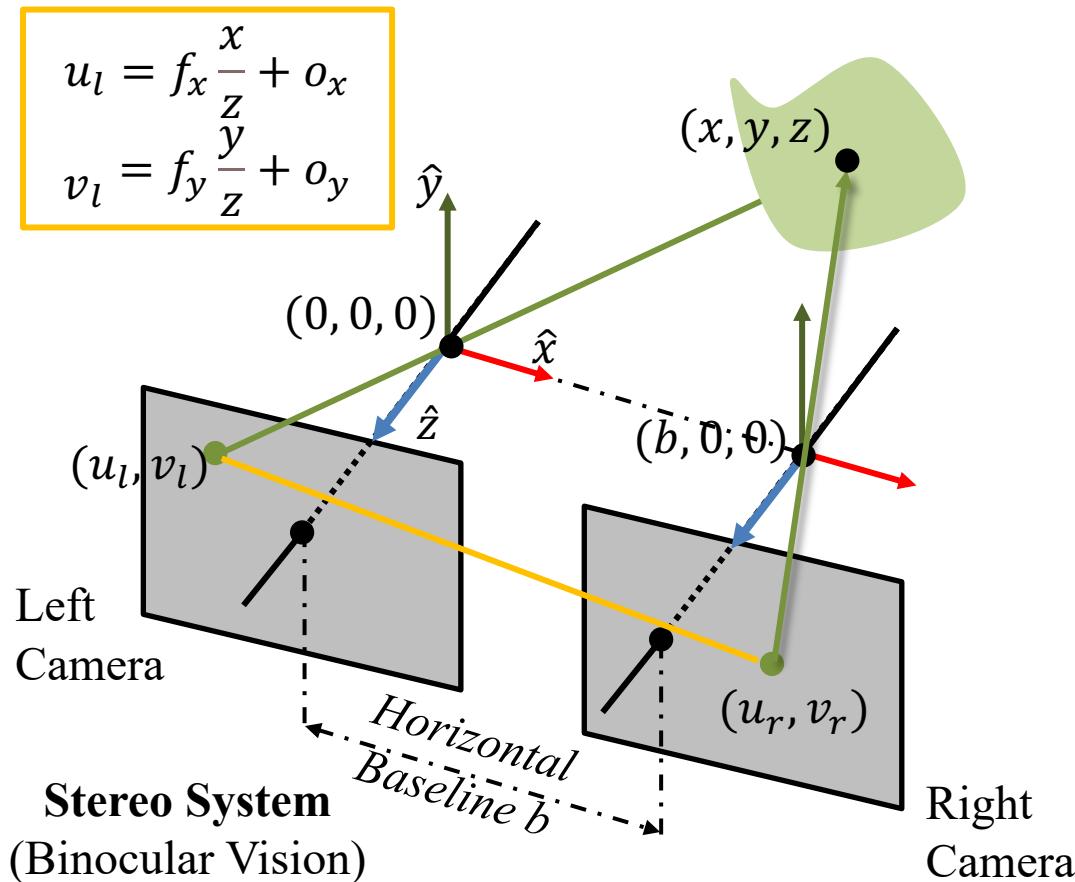
# Computing 2D-to-3D Outgoing Ray



3D-to-2D:  
**(Point)** 
$$u = f_x \frac{x_c}{z_c} + o_x$$
 
$$v = f_y \frac{y_c}{z_c} + o_y$$

2D-to-3D:  
**(Ray)** 
$$x = z/f_x(u - o_x)$$
 
$$y = z/f_y(v - o_y)$$
 
$$z > 0$$

# Triangulation using Two Cameras



$$u_l = f_x \frac{x}{z} + o_x$$

$$v_l = f_y \frac{y}{z} + o_y$$

$$u_r = f_x \frac{x - b}{z} + o_x$$

$$v_r = f_y \frac{y}{z} + o_y$$

$f_x, f_y, b, o_x, o_y$   
are known.

# Simple Stereo: Depth and Disparity

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From perspective projection:

$$(u_l, v_l) = \left( f_x \frac{x}{z} + o_x, f_y \frac{y}{z} + o_y \right) \quad (u_r, v_r) = \left( f_x \frac{x - b}{z} + o_x, f_y \frac{y}{z} + o_y \right)$$

Solving for  $(x, y, z)$ :

$$x = \frac{b(u_l - o_x)}{(u_l - u_r)} \quad y = \frac{bf_x(v_l - o_y)}{f_y(u_l - u_r)}$$

$$z = \frac{bf_x}{(u_l - u_r)}$$

where  $(u_l - u_r)$  is called **Disparity**.

**Depth z is inversely proportional to Disparity.**

**Disparity is proportional to Baseline.**



# A Simple Stereo Camera

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Fujifilm FinePix REAL 3D W3



# Stereo Matching: Finding Disparities

Goal: Find the disparity between left and right stereo pairs.



Left/Right Camera Images



Disparity Map(Ground Truth)

From perspective projection:

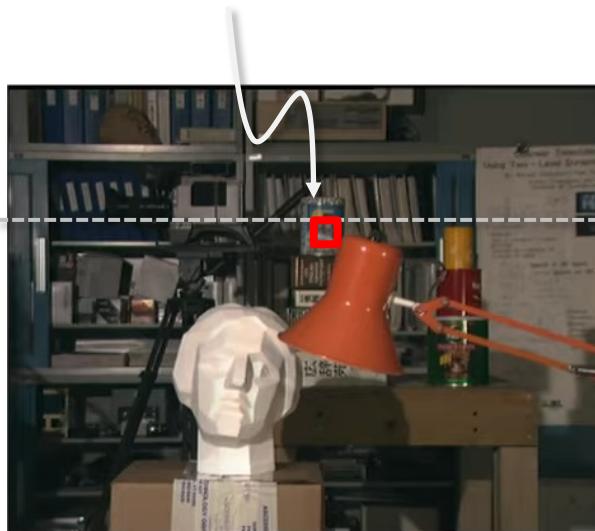
$$v_l = v_r = f_y \frac{y}{z} + o_y$$

Corresponding scene points lie on the same horizontal scan line.

# Window Based Methods

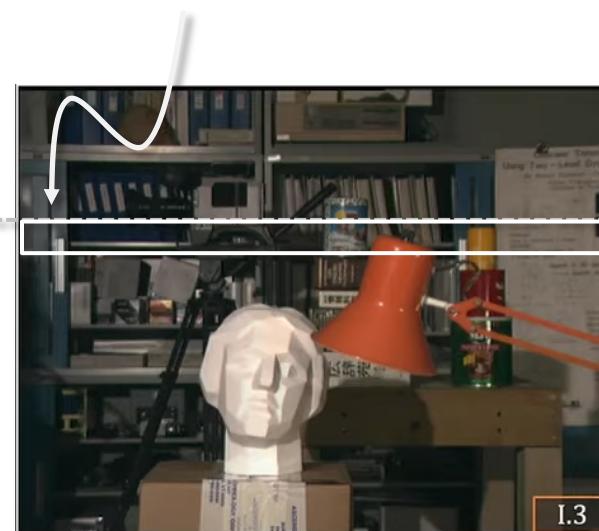
Determine Disparity using Template Matching

Template Window  $T$



Left Camera Image  $E_l$

Search Scan Line  $L$

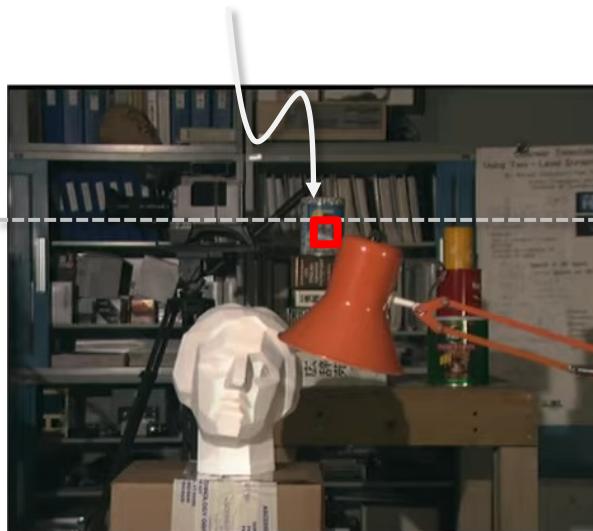


Right Camera Image  $E_r$

# Window Based Methods

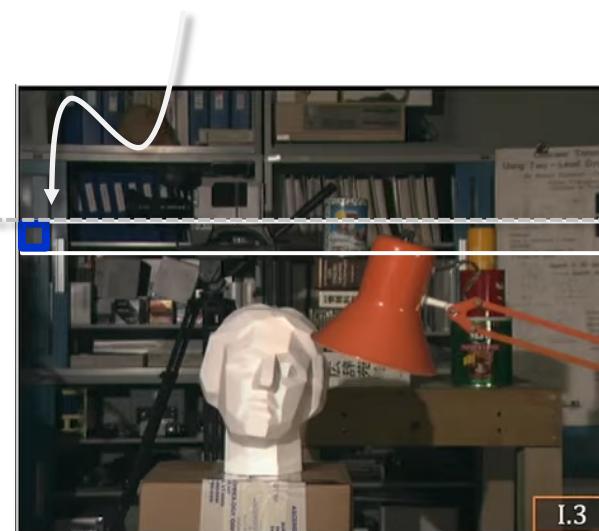
Determine Disparity using Template Matching

Template Window  $T$



Left Camera Image  $E_l$

Search Scan Line  $L$

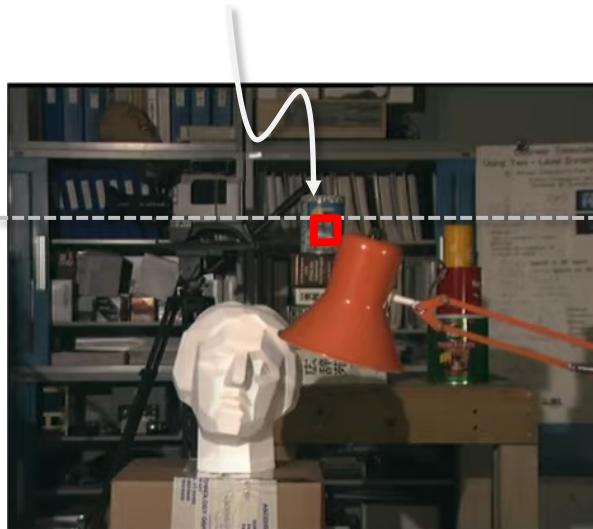


Right Camera Image  $E_r$

# Window Based Methods

Determine Disparity using Template Matching

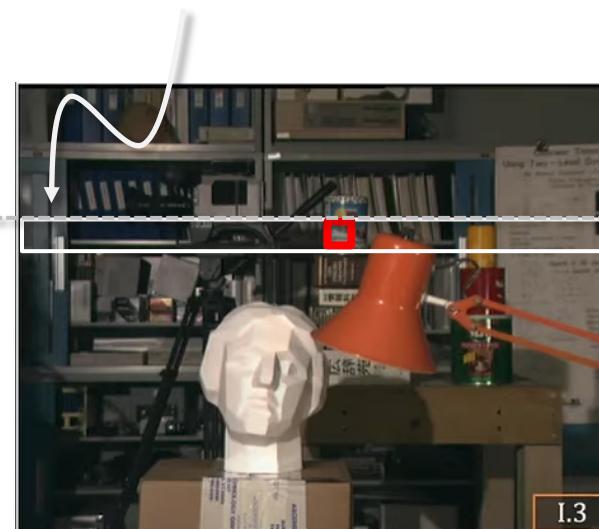
Template Window  $T$



Left Camera Image  $E_l$

Disparity:  $d = u_l - u_r$

Search Scan Line  $L$



Right Camera Image  $E_r$

Depth:  $z = \frac{bf_x}{(u_l - u_r)}$

# Similarity Metrics for Template Matching

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Find pixel  $(k, l) \in L$  with Minimum **Sum of Absolute Differences**:

$$SAD(k, l) = \sum_{(i,j) \in T} |E_l(i, j) - E_r(i + k, j + l)|$$

Find pixel  $(k, l) \in L$  with Minimum **Sum of Squared Differences**:

$$SSD(k, l) = \sum_{(i,j) \in T} |E_l(i, j) - E_r(i + k, j + l)|^2$$

Find pixel  $(k, l) \in L$  with Maximum **Normalized Cross-Correlation**:

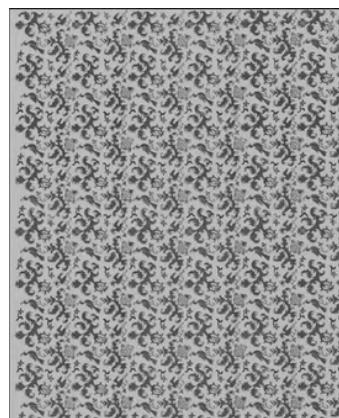
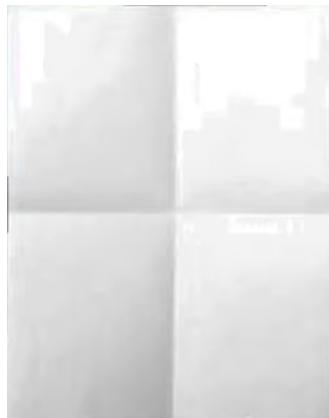
$$NCC(k, l) = \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in T} E_l(i, j)E_r(i + k, j + l)}{\sqrt{\sum_{(i,j) \in T} E_l(i, j)^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in T} E_r(i + k, j + l)^2}}$$



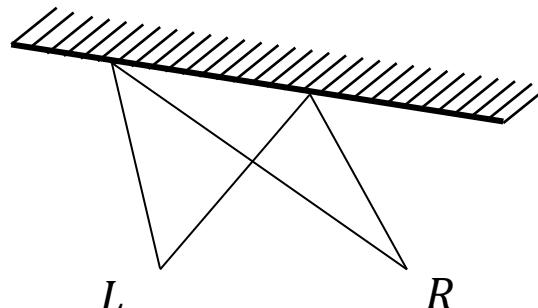
# Issues with Stereo Matching

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- Surface must have (non-repetitive) texture



- Foreshortening effect makes matching challenging



# How Large Should Window Be?

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Window size = 5 pixels  
(Sensitive to noise)



Window size = 30 pixels  
(Poor localization)

**Adaptive Window Method Solution:** For each point, match using windows of multiple sizes and use the disparity that is a result of the best similarity measure (minimize SSD per pixel).

# Window Based Methods: Results



Left Image



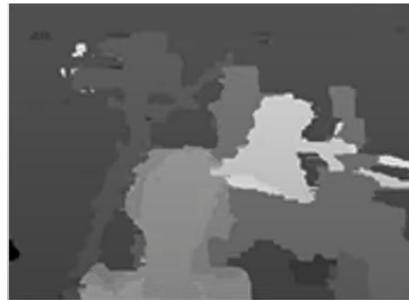
Right Image



Ground Truths



SSD - Adaptive Window



SD (Window size=21)



State of the Art

<http://vision.middlebury.edu/stereo>