CS4670 / 5670: Computer Vision

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Lecture 13: Cameras and geometry

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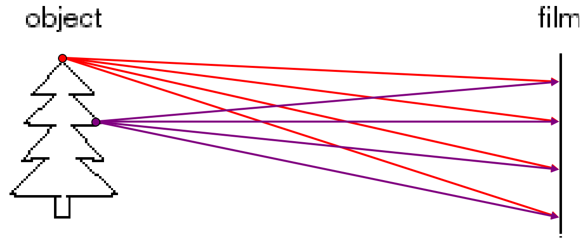
Reading

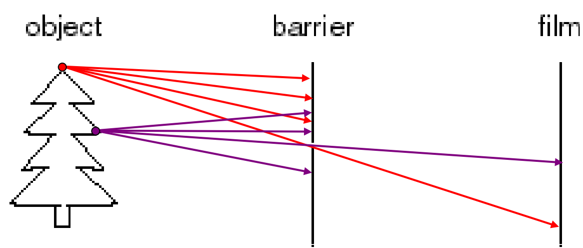
- Szeliski 2.1.3-2.1.6

Image formation



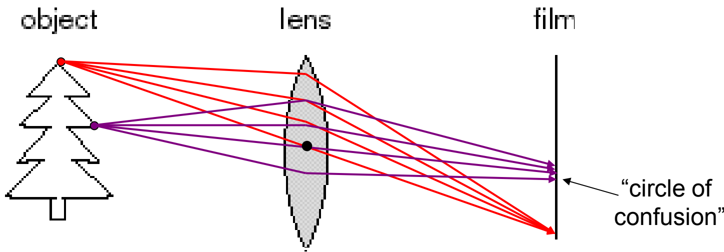
- Let's design a camera
  - Idea 1: put a piece of film in front of an object
  - Do we get a reasonable image?

Pinhole camera



- Add a barrier to block off most of the rays
  - This reduces blurring
  - The opening known as the **aperture**
  - How does this transform the image?

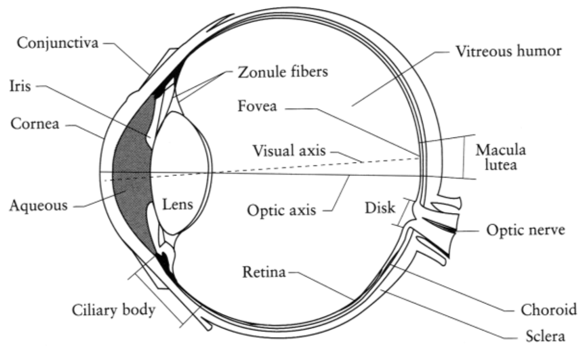
Adding a lens



- A lens focuses light onto the film
  - There is a specific distance at which objects are "in focus"
    - other points project to a "circle of confusion" in the image
  - Changing the shape of the lens changes this distance

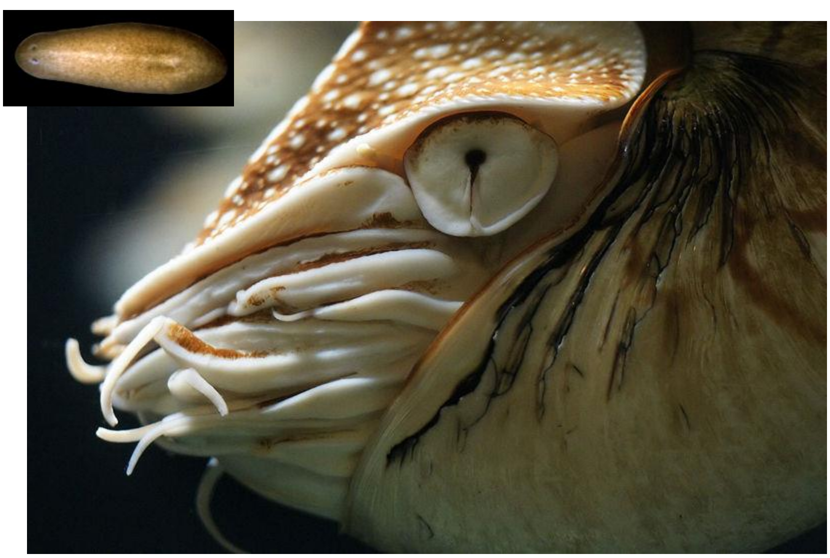
Lytro Lightfield Camera

The eye



- The human eye is a camera
  - **Iris** - colored annulus with radial muscles
  - **Pupil** - the hole (aperture) whose size is controlled by the iris
  - What's the "film"?
    - photoreceptor cells (rods and cones) in the **retina**

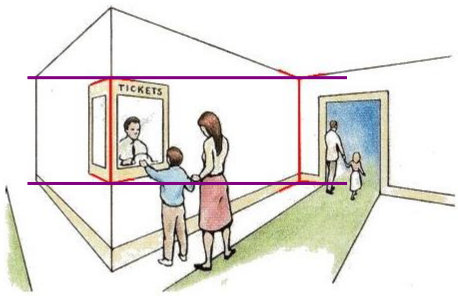
Eyes in nature: eyespots to pinhole camera



Projection

Projection

Müller-Lyer Illusion



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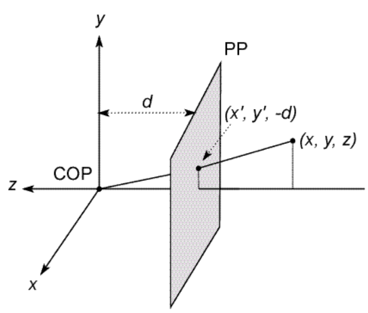
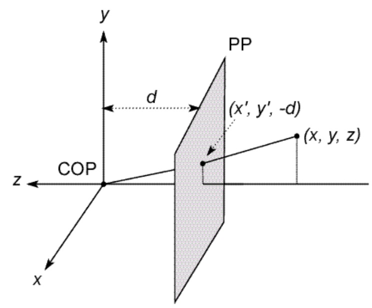
Modeling projection



- The coordinate system
  - We will use the pinhole model as an approximation
  - Put the optical center (**C**enter **O**f **P**rojection) at the origin
  - Put the image plane (**P**rojection **P**lane) *in front* of the COP
    - Why?
  - The camera looks down the *negative* z axis
    - we need this if we want right-handed-coordinates

Modeling projection



- Projection equations
  - Compute intersection with PP of ray from (x,y,z) to COP
  - Derived using similar triangles (on board)

$$(x, y, z) \to (-d\frac{x}{z},\ -d\frac{y}{z},\ -d)$$

- We get the projection by throwing out the last coordinate:

$$(x, y, z) \to (-d\frac{x}{z},\ -d\frac{y}{z})$$

Modeling projection

- Is this a linear transformation?
  - no—division by z is nonlinear

Homogeneous coordinates to the rescue!

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

homogeneous image coordinates

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

homogeneous scene coordinates

Converting *from* homogeneous coordinates

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

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

Perspective Projection

Projection is a matrix multiply using homogeneous coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ -z/d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (-d\frac{x}{z}, \quad -d\frac{y}{z})$$

divide by third coordinate

This is known as **perspective projection**

- The matrix is the **projection matrix**

- (Can also represent as a 4x4 matrix – OpenGL does something like this)

Perspective Projection

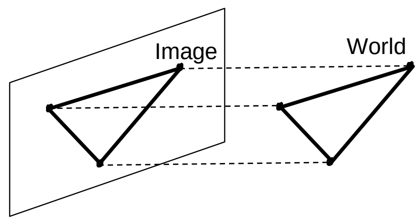
- How does scaling the projection matrix change the transformation?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ -z/d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (-d\frac{x}{z}, \quad -d\frac{y}{z})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -dx \\ -dy \\ z \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (-d\frac{x}{z}, \quad -d\frac{y}{z})$$

Orthographic projection

- Special case of perspective projection
  - Distance from the COP to the PP is infinite



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Variants of orthographic projection

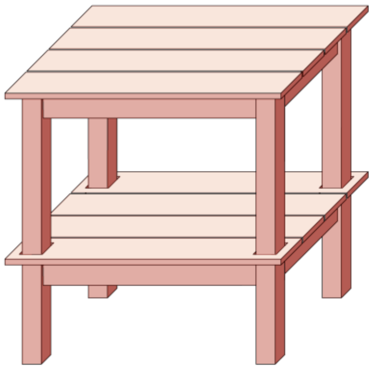
- Scaled orthographic
  - Also called “weak perspective”

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1/d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (dx, dy)$$

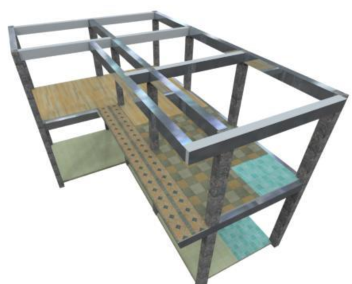
- Affine projection
  - Also called “paraperspective”

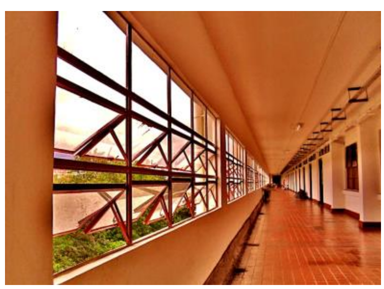
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Orthographic projection



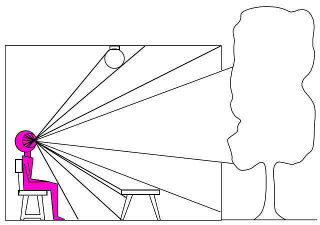
Perspective projection





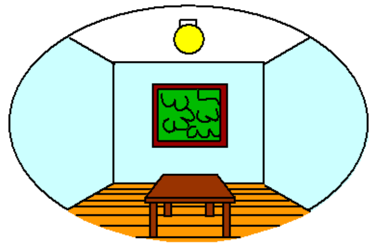
Dimensionality Reduction Machine (3D to 2D)

3D world



Point of observation

2D image



What have we lost?

- Angles
- Distances (lengths)

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Projection properties

- Many-to-one: any points along same ray map to same point in image
- Points → points
- Lines → lines (collinearity is preserved)
  – But line through focal point projects to a point
- Planes → planes (or half-planes)
  – But plane through focal point projects to line

Projection properties

- Parallel lines converge at a vanishing point
  - Each direction in space has its own vanishing point
  - But parallels parallel to the image plane remain parallel