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# Camera Models

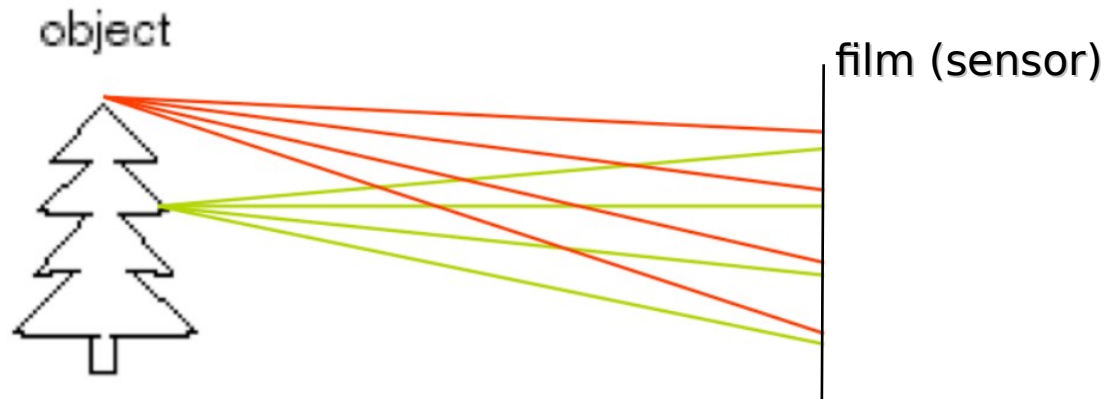
- Pin Hole Camera
- Lenses
- Pin-Hole Camera Geometry

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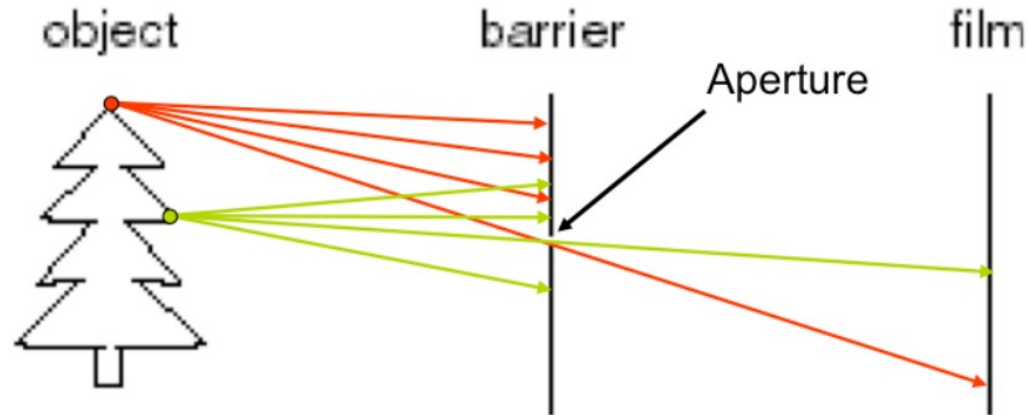
- Since now we discussed image processing
- Namely, we saw fundamental techniques to process a 2D matrix...
- How that image is created?
- What is the relation, if any, to the 3D world?
- During this lesson we will try to answer to those questions



- Too much simple camera
  - A sensitive film in front of an object
  - What is the result?

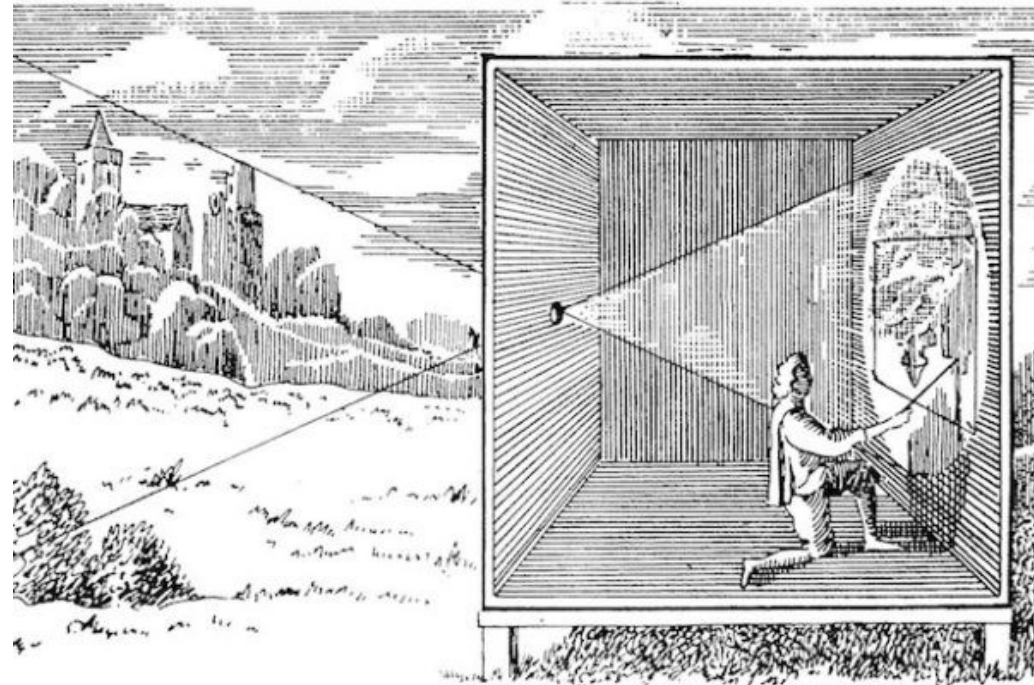


- We can add a barrier with a very small hole
  - So-called pin-hole or aperture
  - Now, only one ray hits the film in a given position



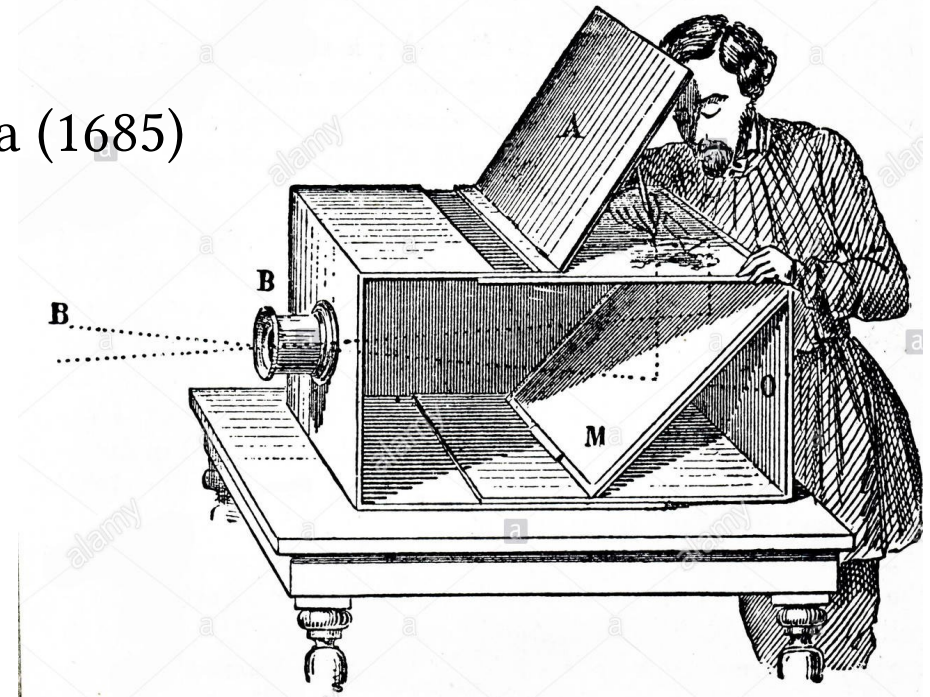


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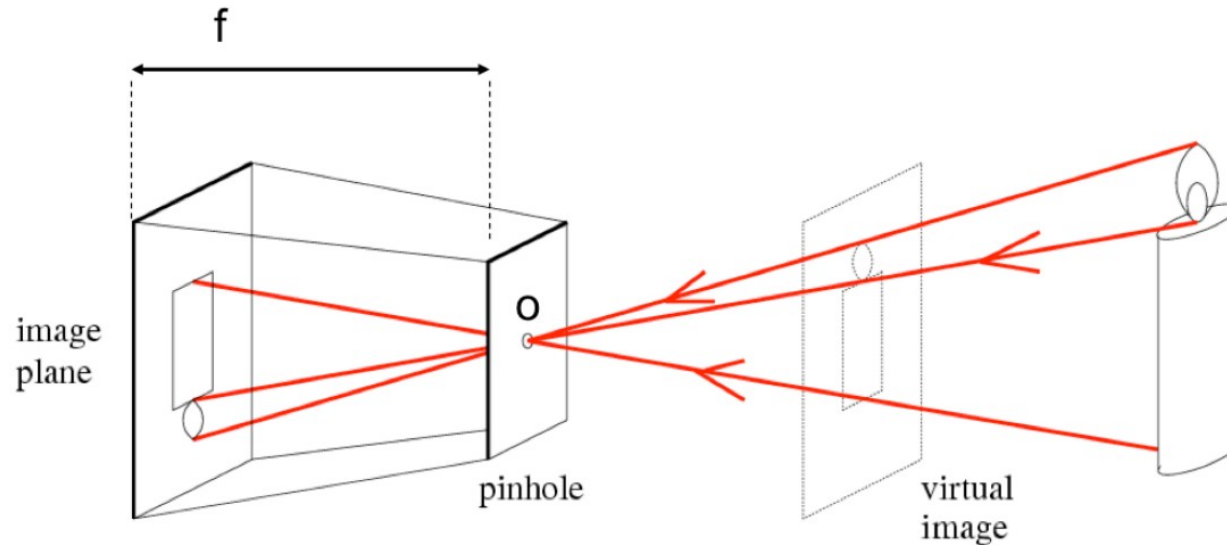


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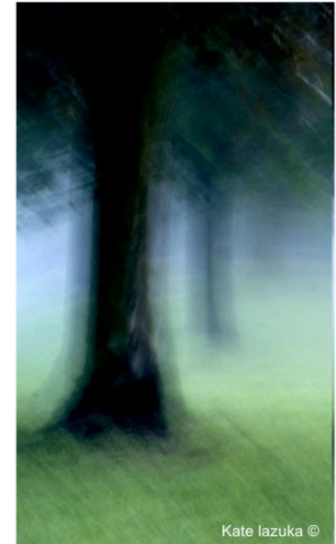
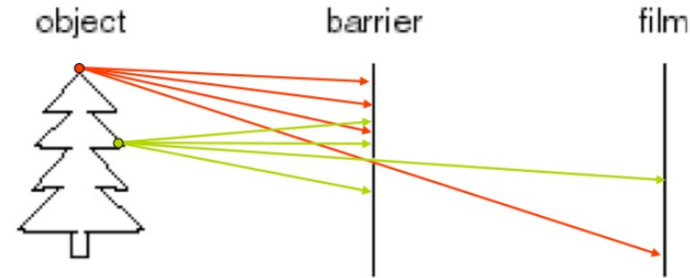
# Pin-Hole Camera

- $f \rightarrow$  focal length
- $o \rightarrow$  pin-hole, aperture (center of the lens)



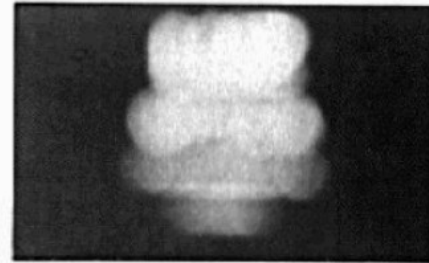
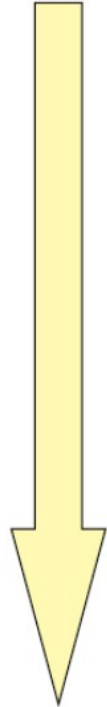
# Camera Aperture size

- The larger the pin-hole, the greater the number of rays
  - More rays  $\rightarrow$  More light energy
  - More rays  $\rightarrow$  Blurred image



# Camera Aperture size

Aperture Size  
decrease



2 mm



1 mm

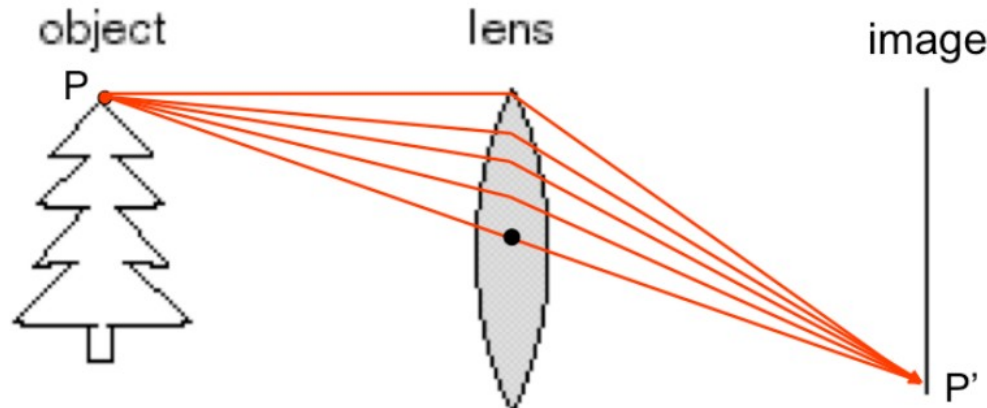


0.6mm

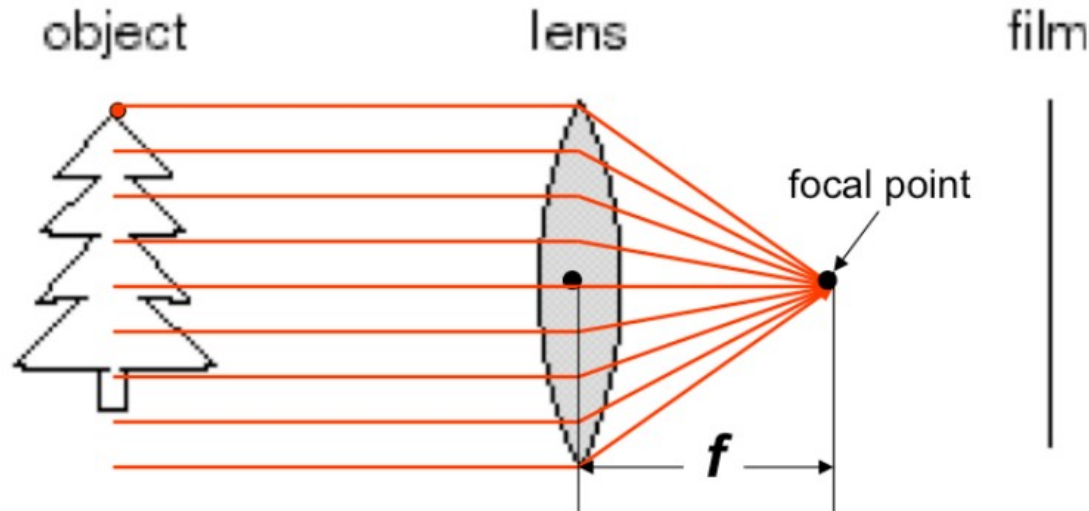


0.35 mm

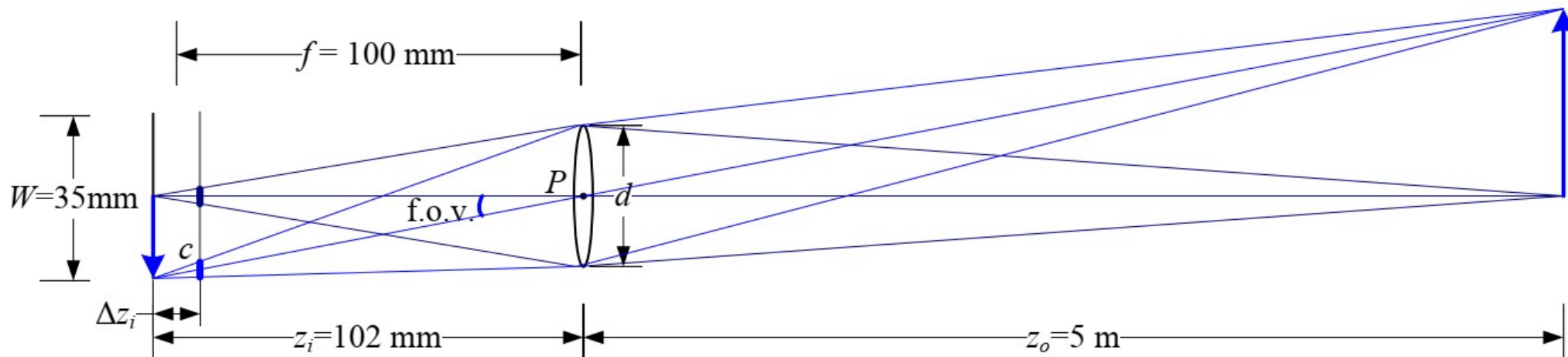
- Actual pin-holes are barely used
- Lenses are much more comfortable (some issues anyway)
  - We can intercept more rays coming from same 3D point



- Parallel light rays converge in a specific point
  - Focal point at distance  $f$  from the center of the lens
- Only the ray passing through the center of the lens is not deviated



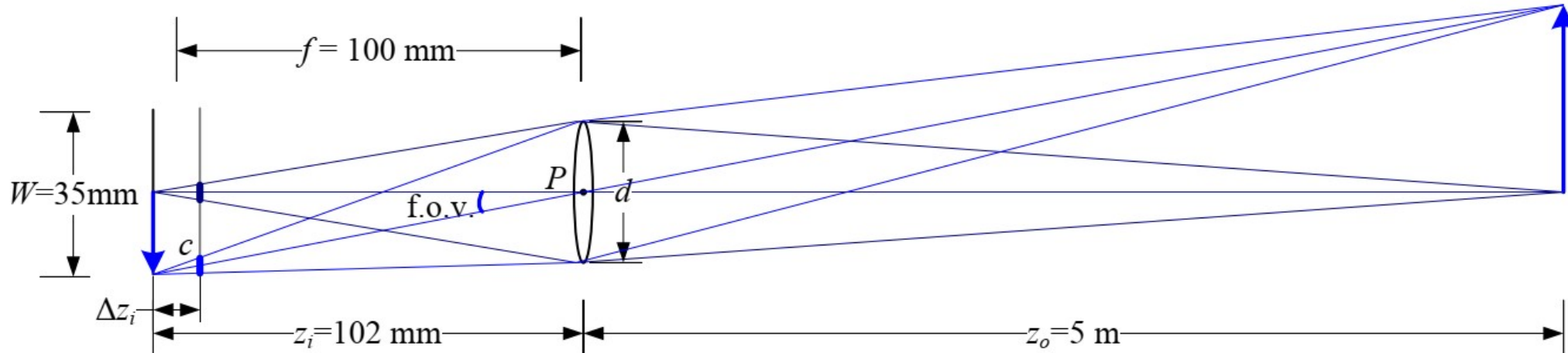
- Rays emitted from a given plane points in the world converge to points that lie on a specific plane
- The following formula can be used:
$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{z_i} + \frac{1}{z_o}$$
  - Varying  $z_o$  means that also  $z_i$  is modified



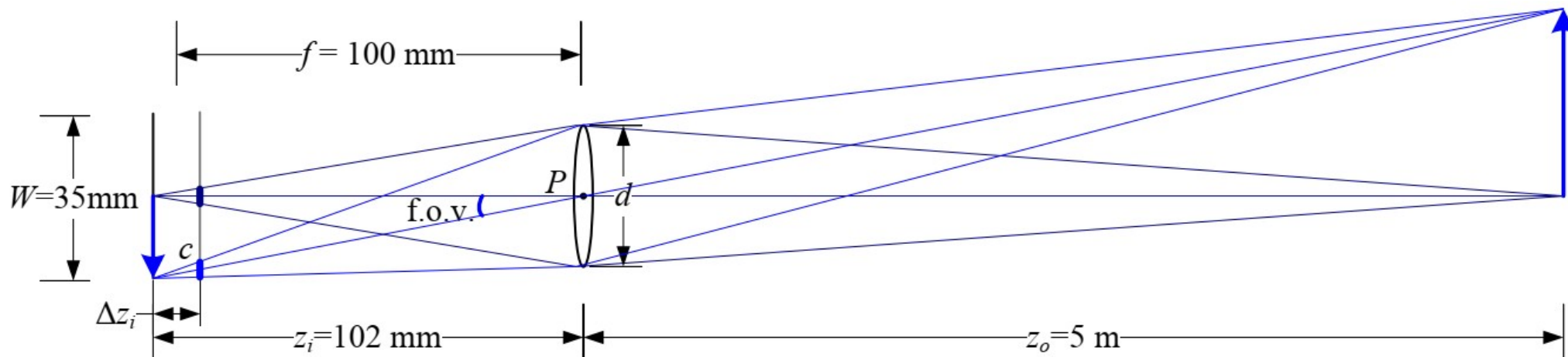


- Therefore the distance between lens and sensor give us the *perfect* focus distance
- For other points we have a **circle of confusion**

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{z_i} + \frac{1}{z_o}$$

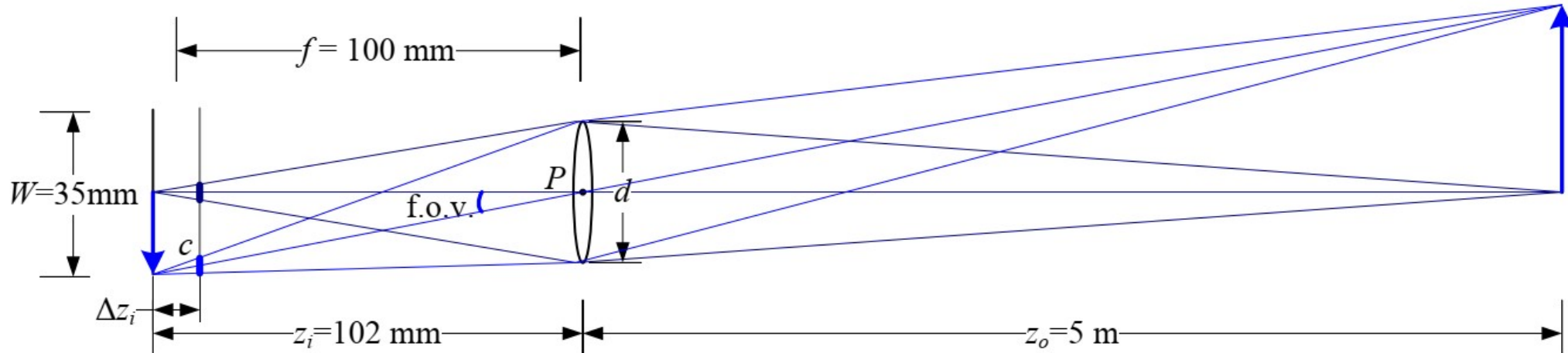


- Anyway in the real world sensor elements have a finite size
- Then we can consider a small portion of the world to be sufficiently in focus: **Shallow Depth of Field**



- The depth of field depends on the f-number or focal ratio ( $f/\#$ )
- The higher the f-number, the larger the depth of field

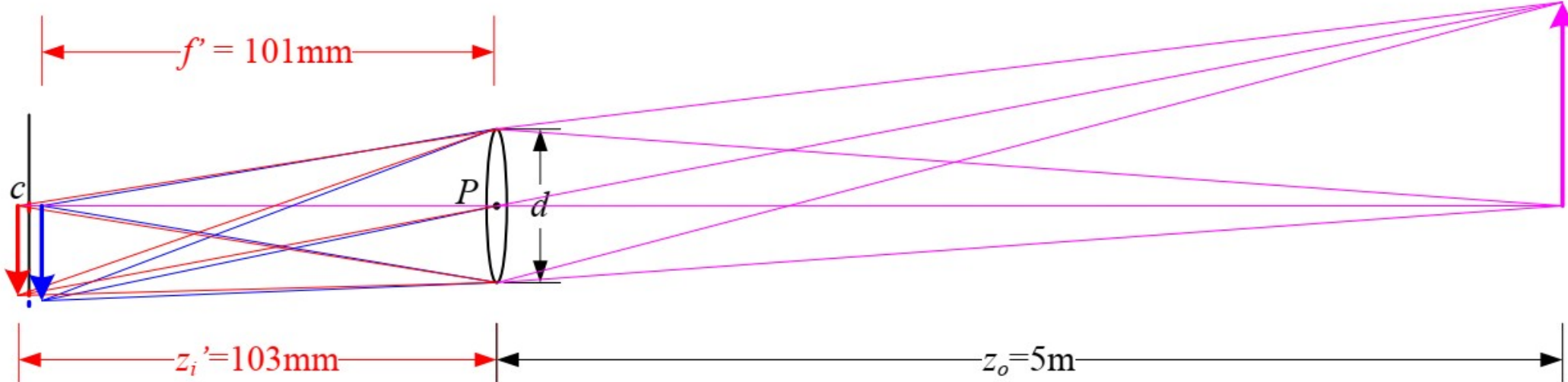
$$f/\# = \frac{f}{d}$$



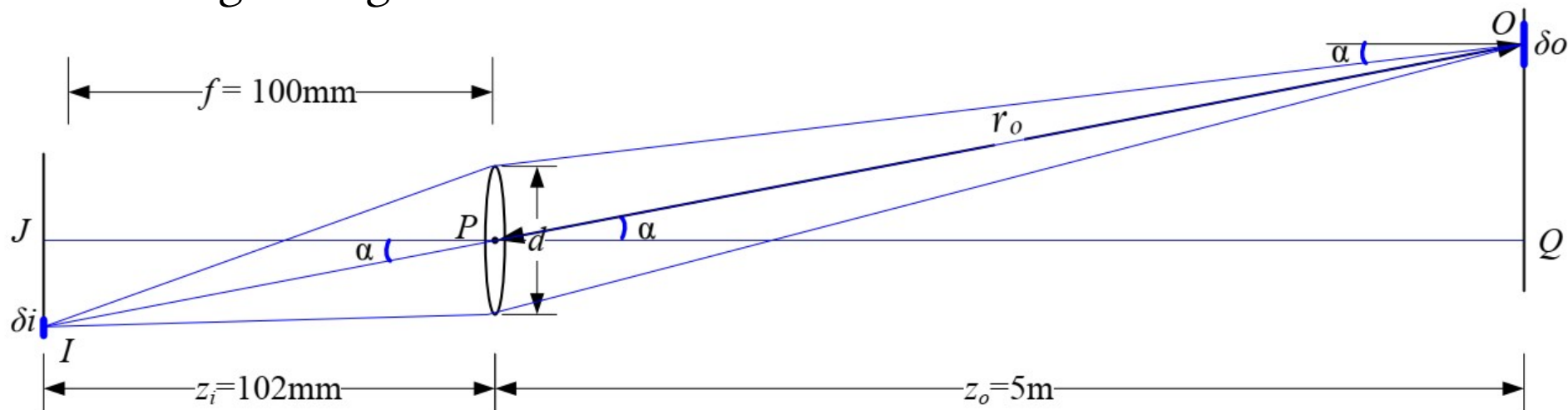
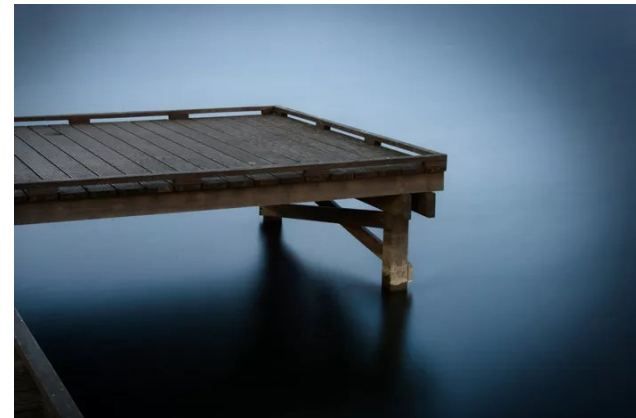
- Example of shallow depth of field



- Refractive index depends on wavelength
- Different colors are then projected in different positions
- **Chromatic Aberration**

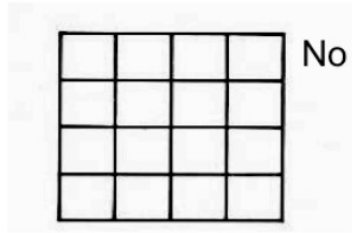


- Areas in the borders/corners are typically darker...
- Distance from optical axis affects energy
  - Vignetting

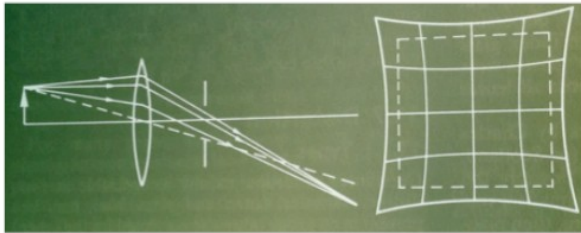




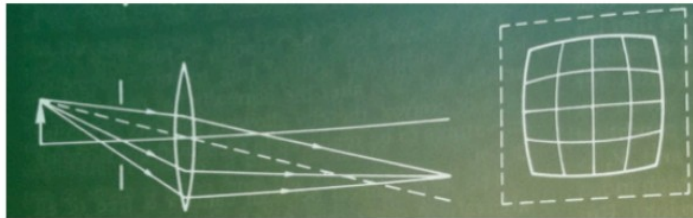
# Distortion



No distortion



Pin cushion



Barrel (fisheye lens)

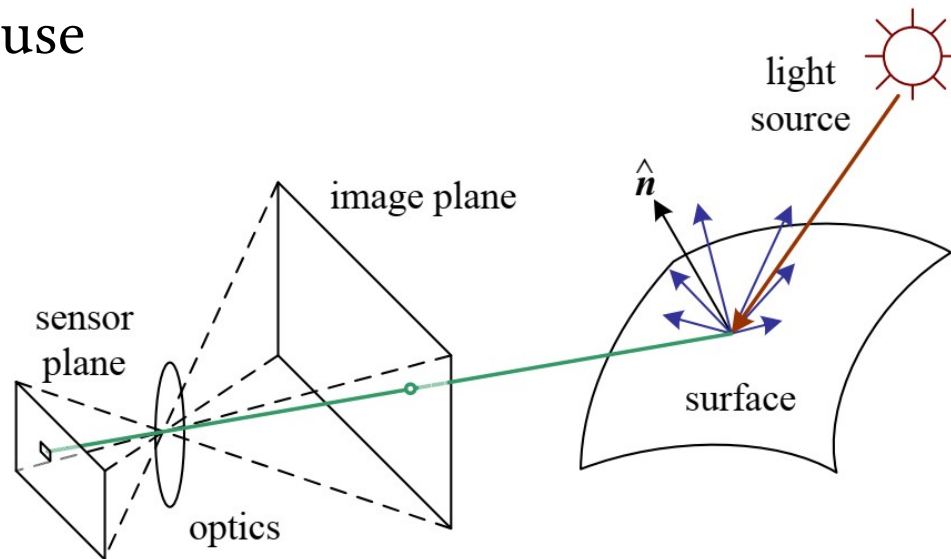


Image magnification decreases  
with distance from the optical axis

- Distortion effect is much more evident in lateral areas

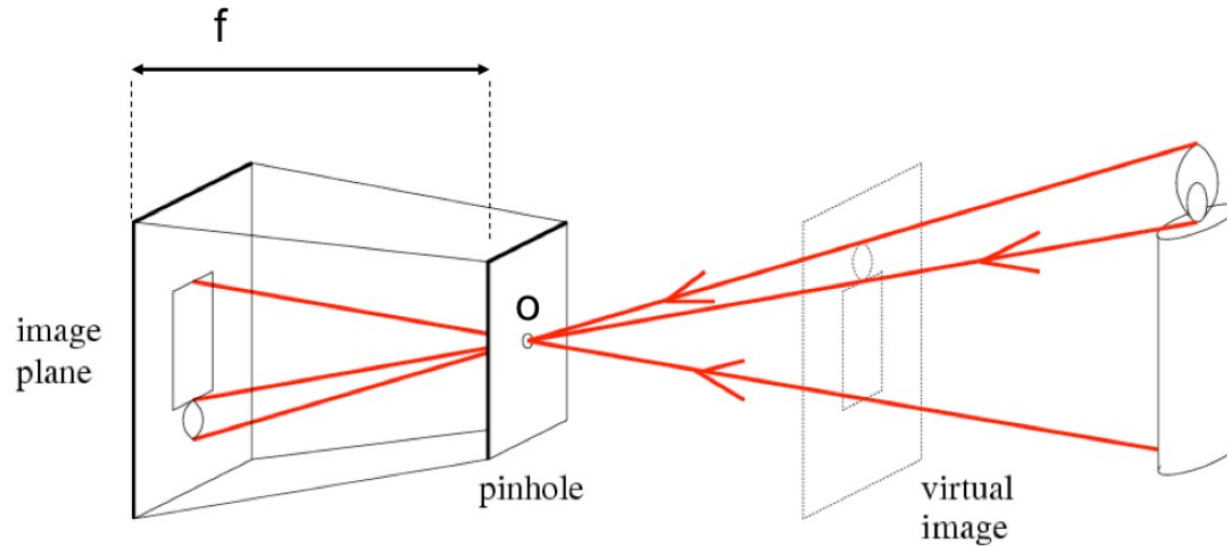


- We saw many issues related to the use of a lens
- This also affects the camera model
- Anyway in the following we will simply assume to have:
  - Thin lenses
  - Small angles of view
  - No or compensated chromatic aberration
  - No or rectified distortion effects

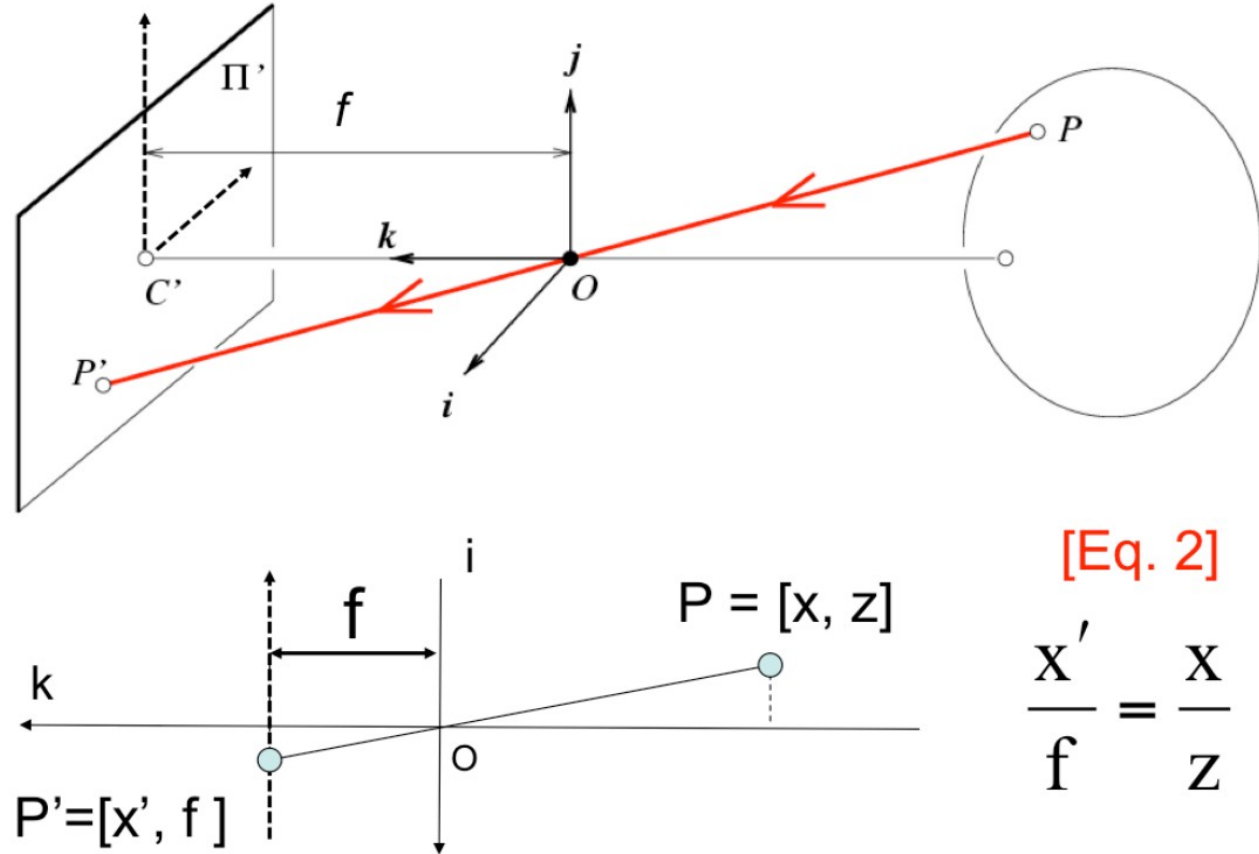


# Pin-Hole Camera

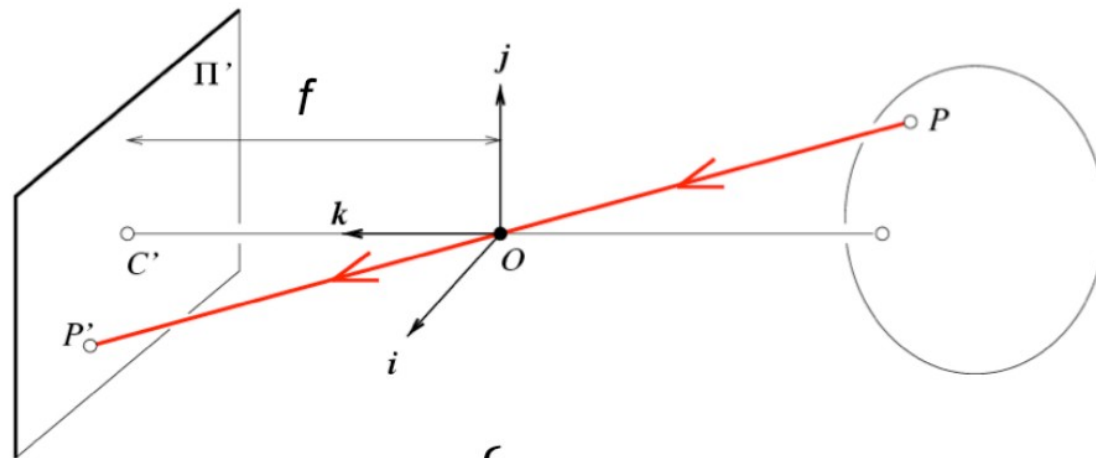
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# Pin-Hole Camera



# Pin-Hole Camera: perspective transformation



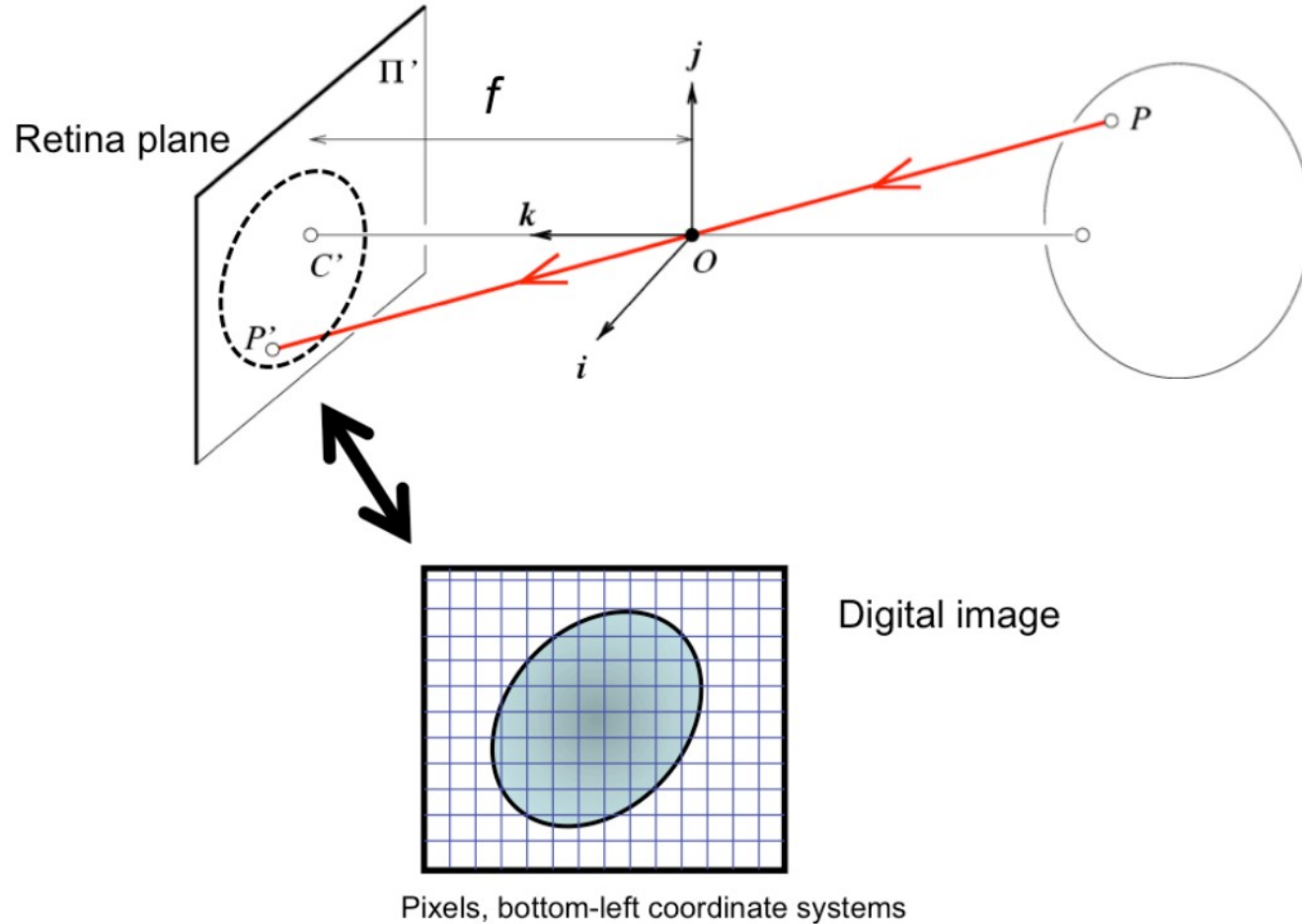
$$P = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow P' = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$$

[Eq. 1]

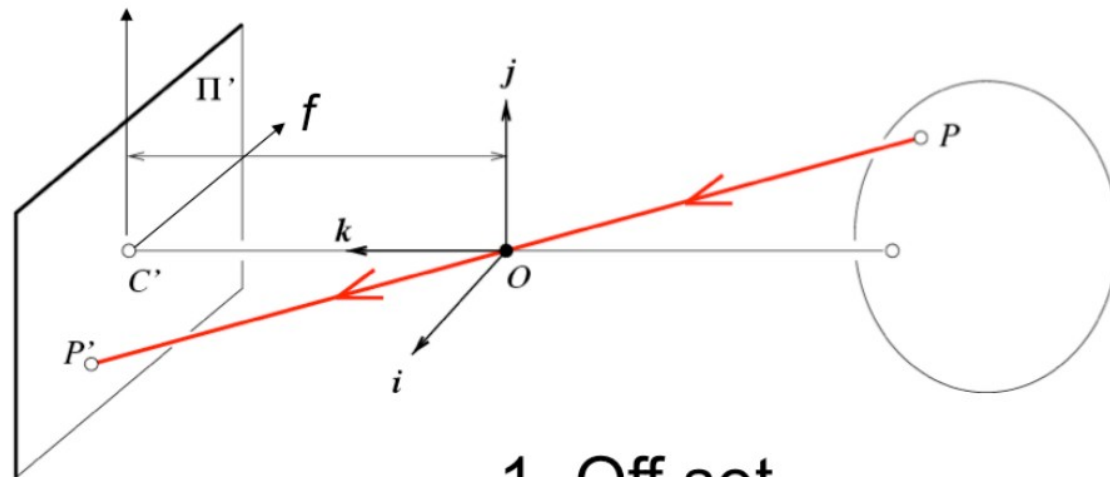
$$\begin{cases} x' = f \frac{x}{z} \\ y' = f \frac{y}{z} \end{cases} \quad \mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{E} \mathbb{R}^2$$

$f$  = focal length  
 $o$  = center of the camera

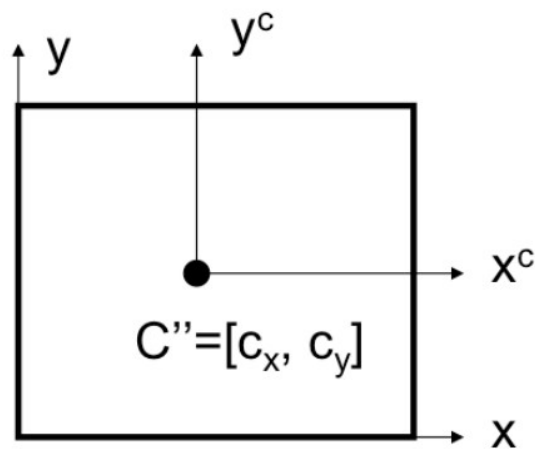
# Image & Sensor Planes



# Image & Sensor Planes → Origin



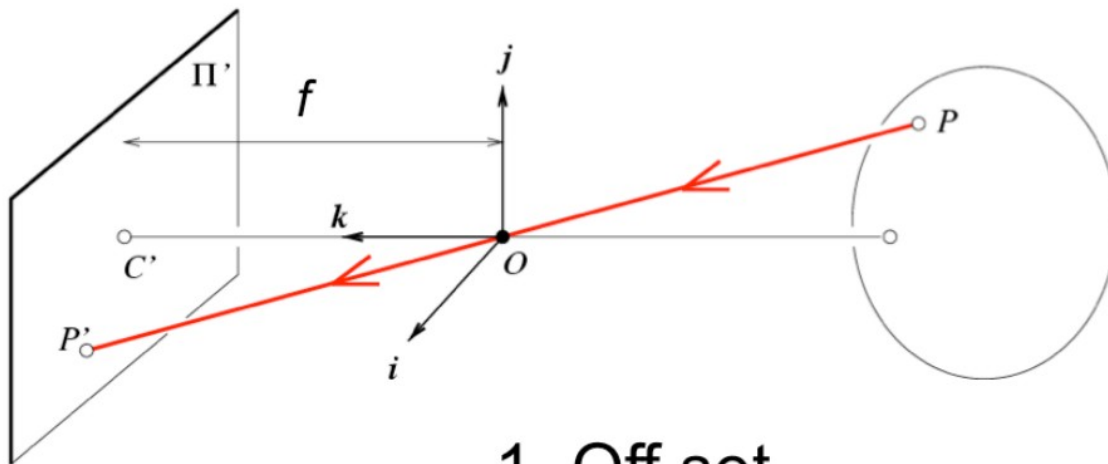
1. Off set



$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow \left(f \frac{x}{z} + c_x, f \frac{y}{z} + c_y\right)$$

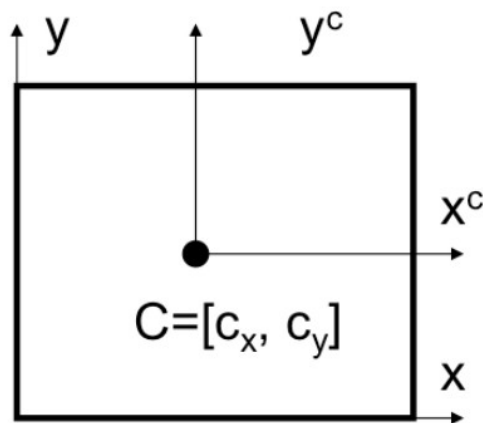
[Eq. 5]

# Image & Sensor Planes → Pixel size



1. Off set

2. From metric to pixels



$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow \underbrace{\left(f \frac{k}{z}\right)}_{\alpha} + c_x, \underbrace{\left(f \frac{l}{z}\right)}_{\beta} + c_y \quad [\text{Eq. 6}]$$

Units:  $k, l$  : pixel/m

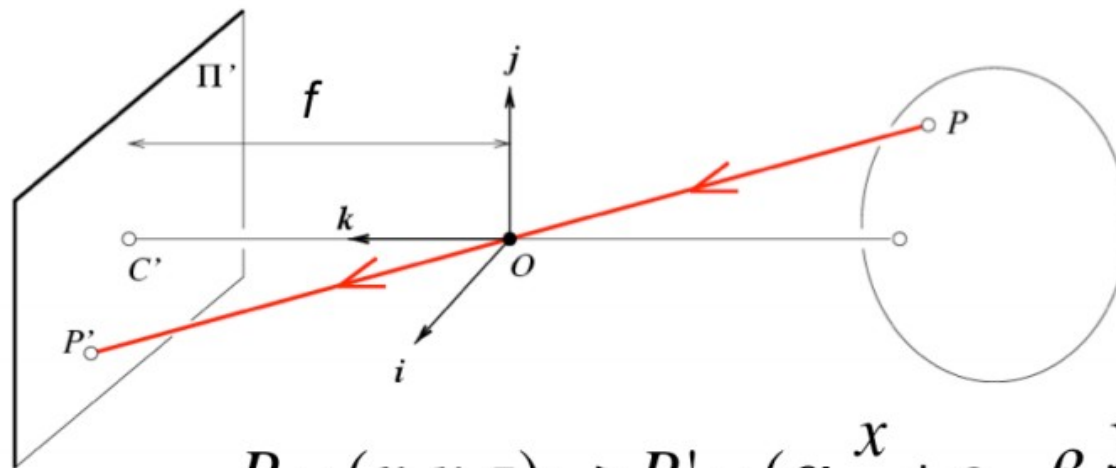
Non-square pixels

$f$  : m

$\alpha, \beta$  : pixel

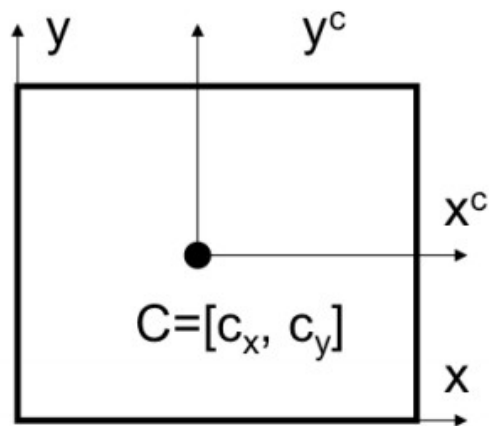


# Non Linear Transformation



$$P = (x, y, z) \rightarrow P' = \left( \alpha \frac{x}{z} + c_x, \beta \frac{y}{z} + c_y \right)$$

[Eq. 7]



- Is this a linear transformation?  
No — division by  $z$  is nonlinear
- Can we express it in a matrix form?

- The non linearity can be solved using Homogeneous Coordinates
- HC are an augmented representation of points
- We add another “coordinate”, i.e.  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$
- In 2D space  $P=(x, y)$  can be represented as  $P=(x, y, 1)$ 
  - Or more generally as  $(kx, ky, k)$
  - The third value can be considered as a scale factor

# Homogeneous vs Euclidean

- Conversions are simple:
- Euclidean  $\rightarrow$  Homogeneous

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

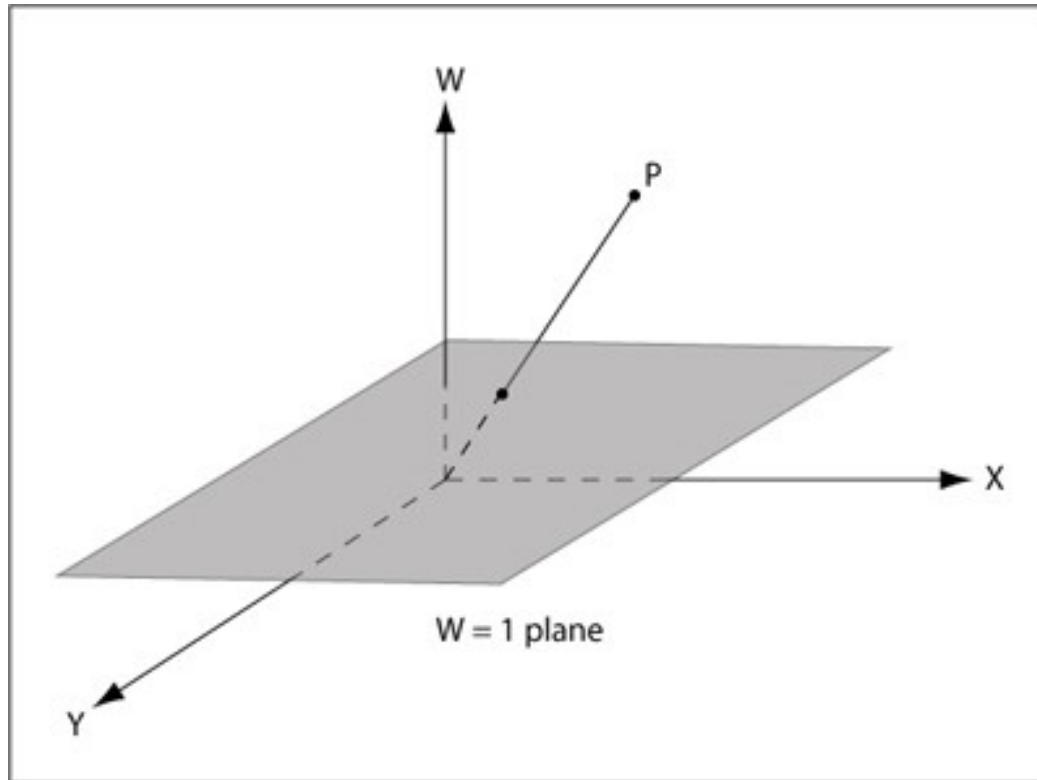
$$(x, y, z) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Homogeneous  $\rightarrow$  Euclidean

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

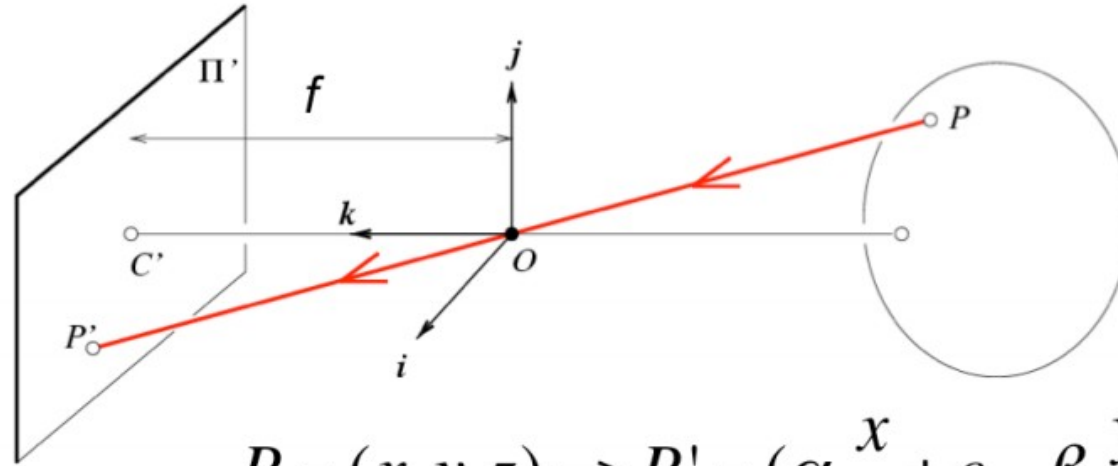
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w, z/w)$$

- A geometric interpretation for HC can be given as follows



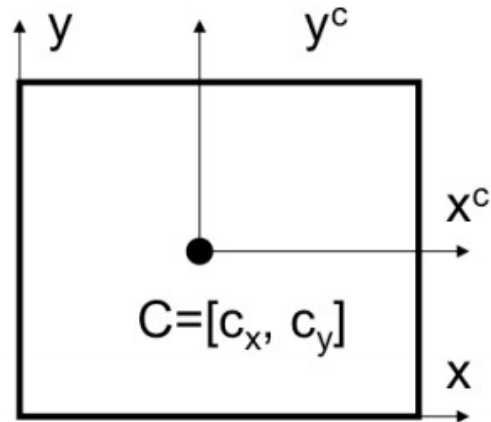
- Three main reasons to use homogeneous coordinates
  - Simple representation of points and lines (no special cases)
    - Homogenous space contains more points than Euclidean one!
    - $(x,y,0)$
  - Simple representation of Euclidean Transformations
    - Translation
    - Scale
    - Rotation
  - Simple representation of perspective projections

# Non Linear Transformation (again)



$$P = (x, y, z) \rightarrow P' = \left( \alpha \frac{x}{z} + c_x, \beta \frac{y}{z} + c_y \right)$$

[Eq. 7]



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- $P \rightarrow P'$  projection becomes  $P_h \rightarrow P_h'$
- The  $P=[x \ y \ z]$  in the 3D space is  $P_h=[x \ y \ z \ 1]$  in Homogeneous reference system
- $P'$  was computed as  $[\alpha(x/z)+c_x \ \beta(y/z)+c_y]$
- $P_h'$  can be then  $[\alpha x+c_x z \ \beta y+c_y z \ z]$
- Do you see how to express  $P_h \rightarrow P_h'$  as matrix product?



# Perspective Linear Transformation

$$P_h' = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x + c_x z \\ \beta y + c_y z \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & c_x & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- } P_h \quad \text{[Eq.8]}$$

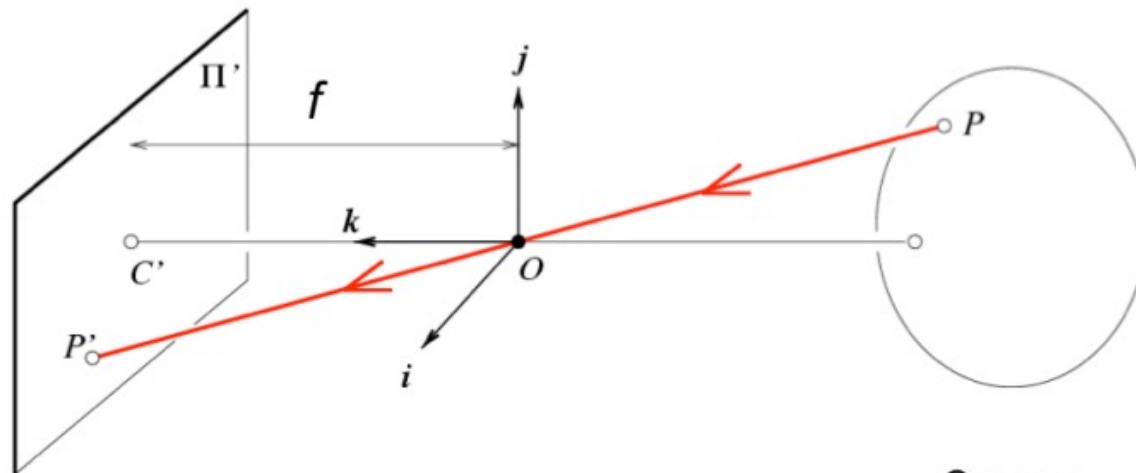
Homogenous

Euclidian

$$\underbrace{P_h'}_{\text{Homogenous}} \rightarrow \underbrace{P' = \left( \alpha \frac{x}{z} + c_x, \beta \frac{y}{z} + c_y \right)}_{\text{Euclidian}}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & c_x & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Intrinsic Matrix



Camera  
matrix K

[Eq.9]

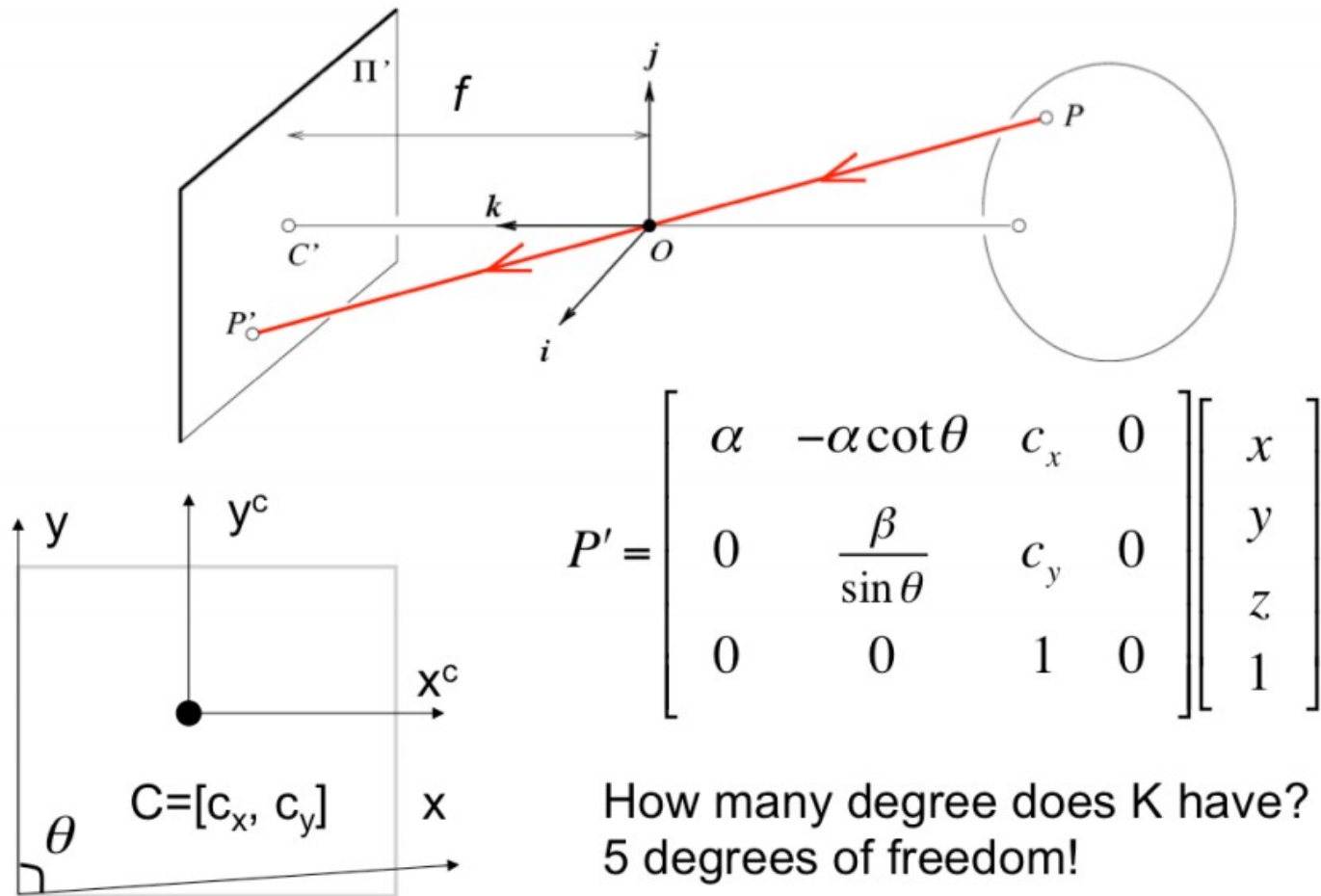
$$P' = M P$$

$$= K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} P$$

$$P' = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & c_x & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Not enough, we have to consider skewness!
- Sometimes, the 2D image plane is not a rectangle but rather is skewed
  - i.e. the angle between the image axis is not 90 degrees.
- Another transformation needs to be carried out to go from the rectangular plane to the skewed plane
- No demonstration

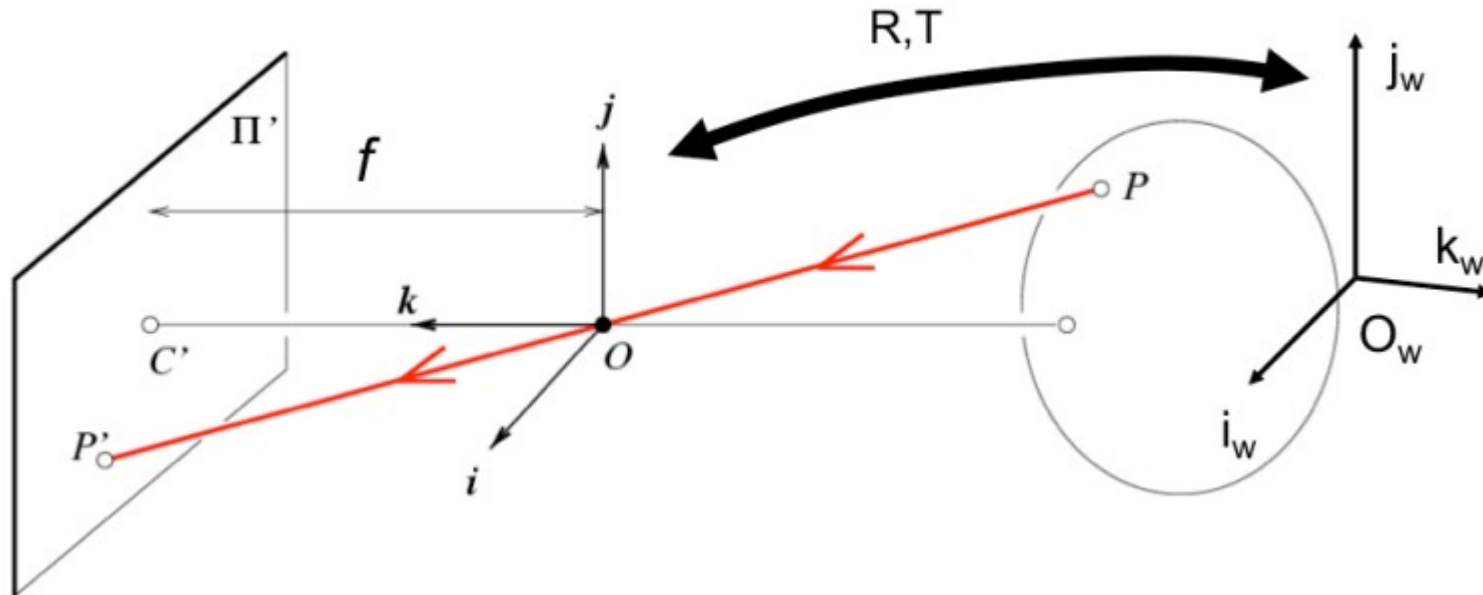
# Skewness



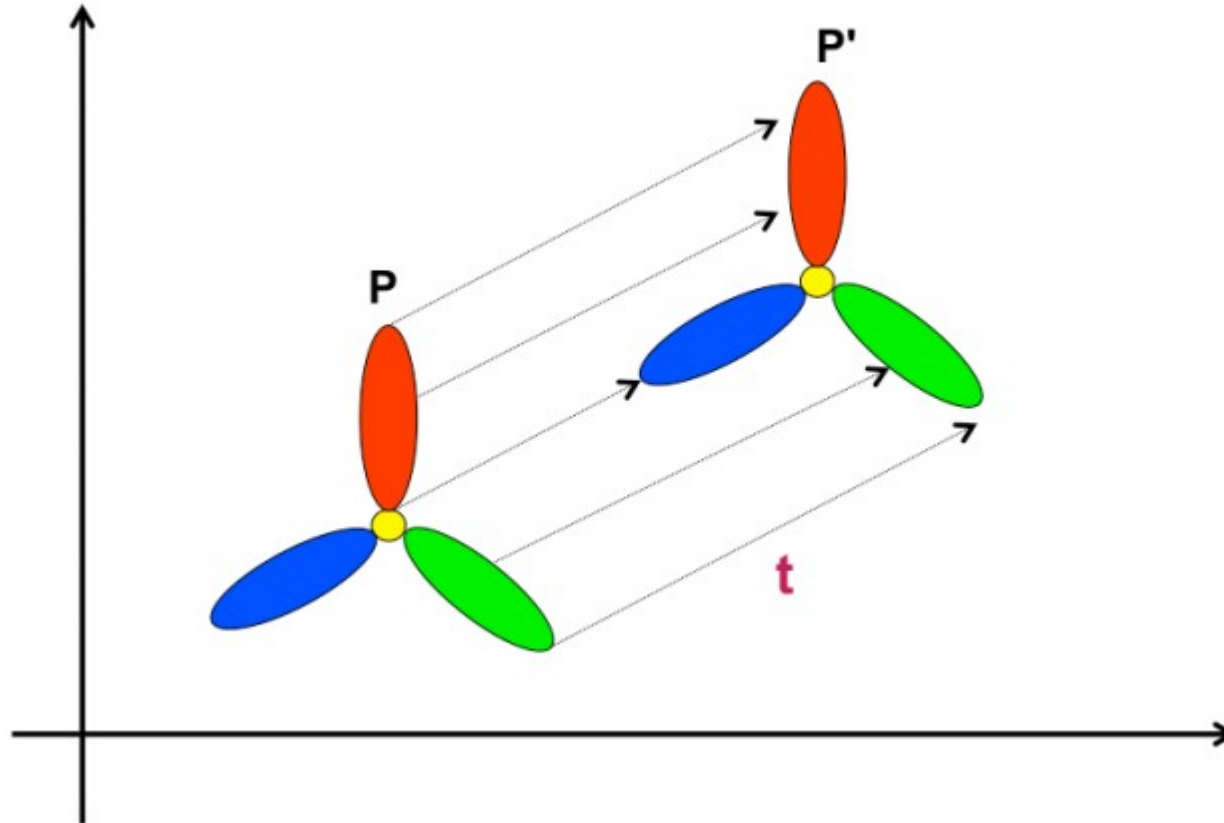
- So far we adopted a camera centric approach
  - Reference system centered on the pin-hole
  - All parameters are camera dependent only
  - No external world
- $K \rightarrow$  **Camera Intrinsic Matrix**

# Introducing the external world...

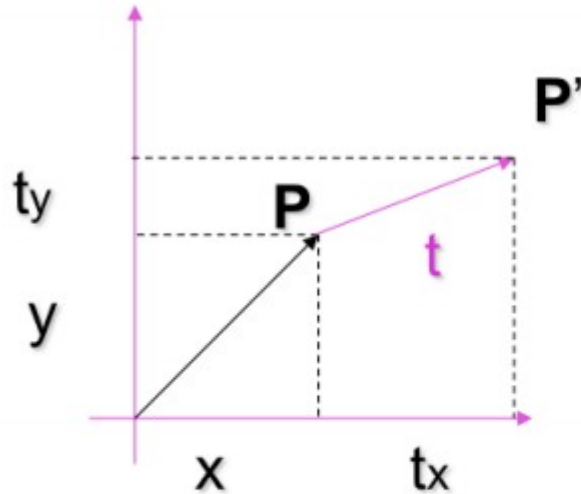
- Having a camera reference system is a bit limiting
- Usually a different reference system is used
- We need an additional transformation



# Review: 2D translation



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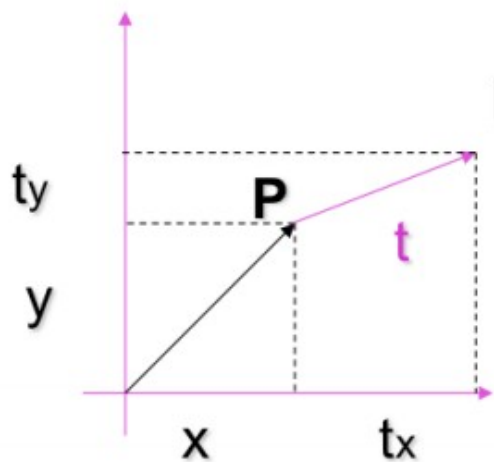
$$\mathbf{P} = (x, y)$$

$$\mathbf{t} = (t_x, t_y)$$

$$\mathbf{P}' = \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{t} = (x + t_x, y + t_y)$$



# Review: homogeneous 2D translation

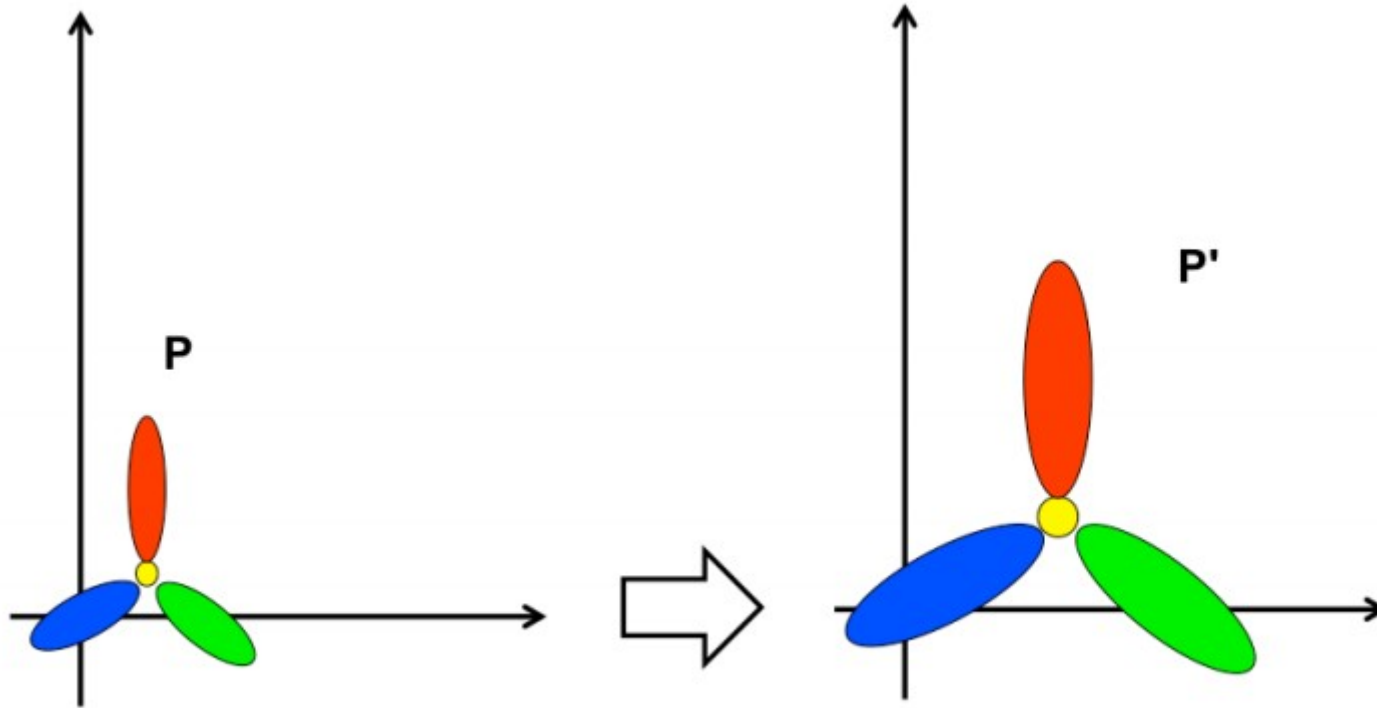


$$\mathbf{P} = (x, y) \rightarrow (x, y, 1)$$

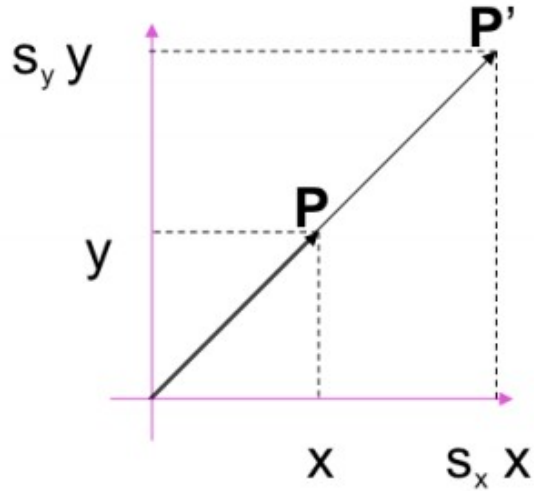
$$\mathbf{P}' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x + t_x \\ y + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Review: 2D scaling



# Review: homogeneous 2D scaling

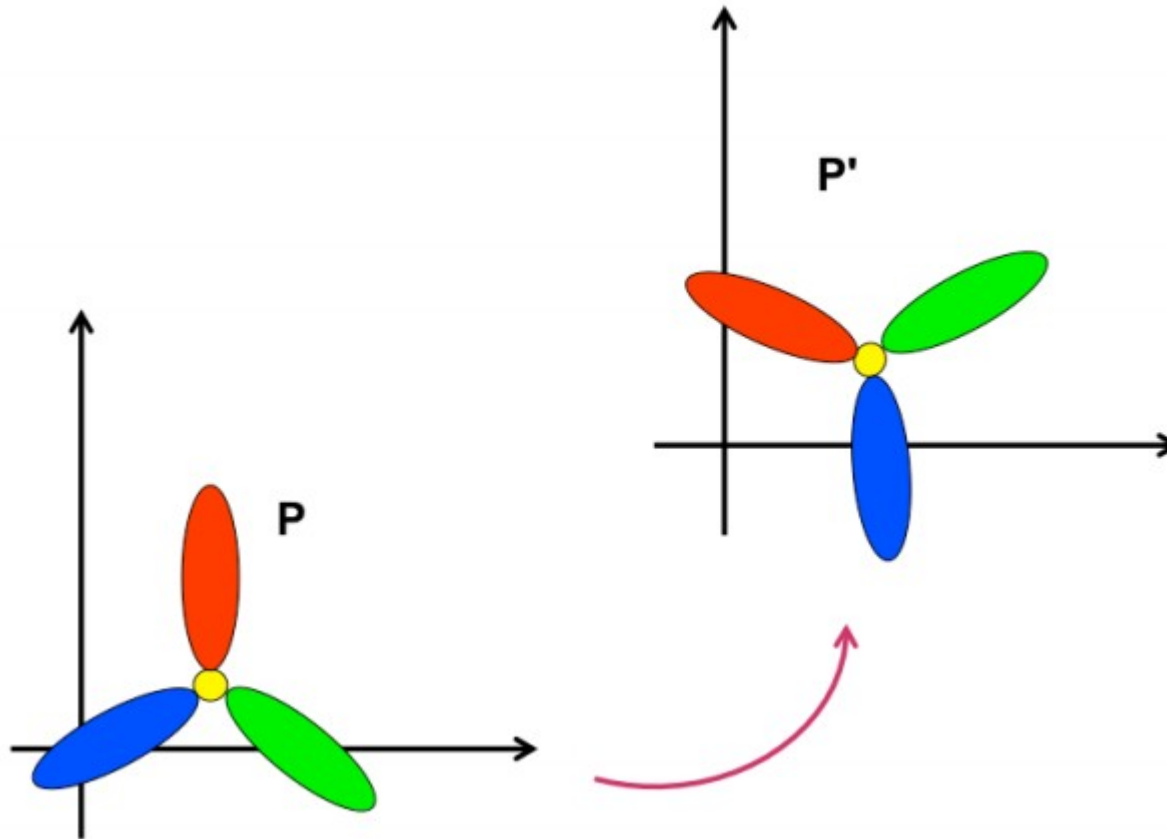


$$\mathbf{P} = (x, y) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}' = (s_x x, s_y y)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = (x, y) \rightarrow (x, y, 1)$$

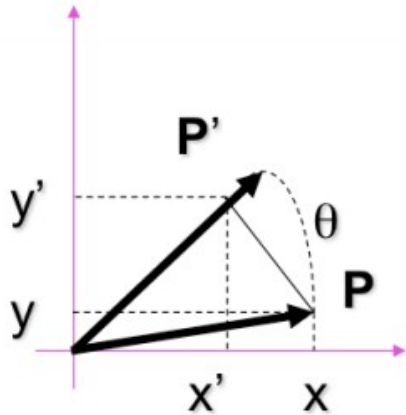
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# Review: 2D rotation



# Review: 2D rotation

- Rotate around the  $z$  axis by  $\Theta$



$$x' = \cos \theta x - \sin \theta y$$

$$y' = \cos \theta y + \sin \theta x$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}' = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{P}$$

How many degrees of freedom? 1

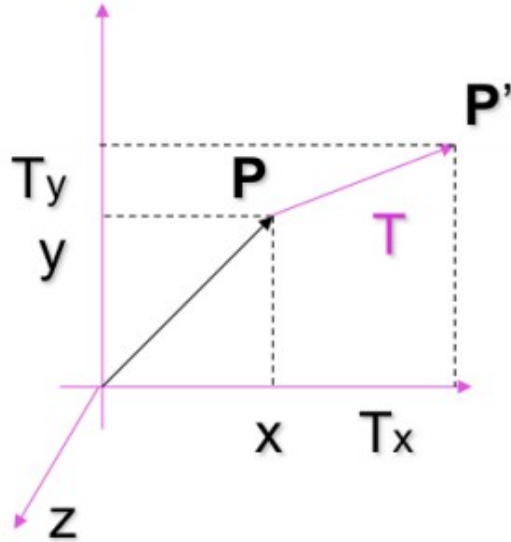
$$\mathbf{P}' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Review: put everything together

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}' &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & t_x \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{S} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

If  $s_x = s_y$ , this is a similarity transformation

# Review: 3D translation

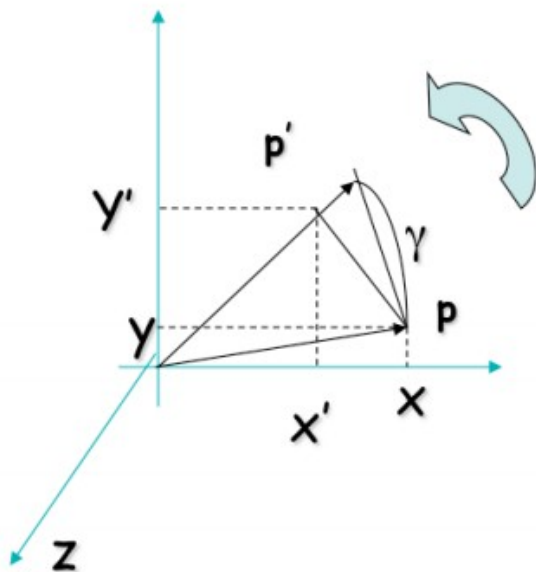


$$T = \begin{bmatrix} T_x \\ T_y \\ T_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Review: 3D rotation (Euler)

Rotation around the  
coordinate axes,  
counter-clockwise:



$$R_x(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_z(\gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A rotation matrix in 3D has 3 degree of freedom



# Digression: rotation matrix properties

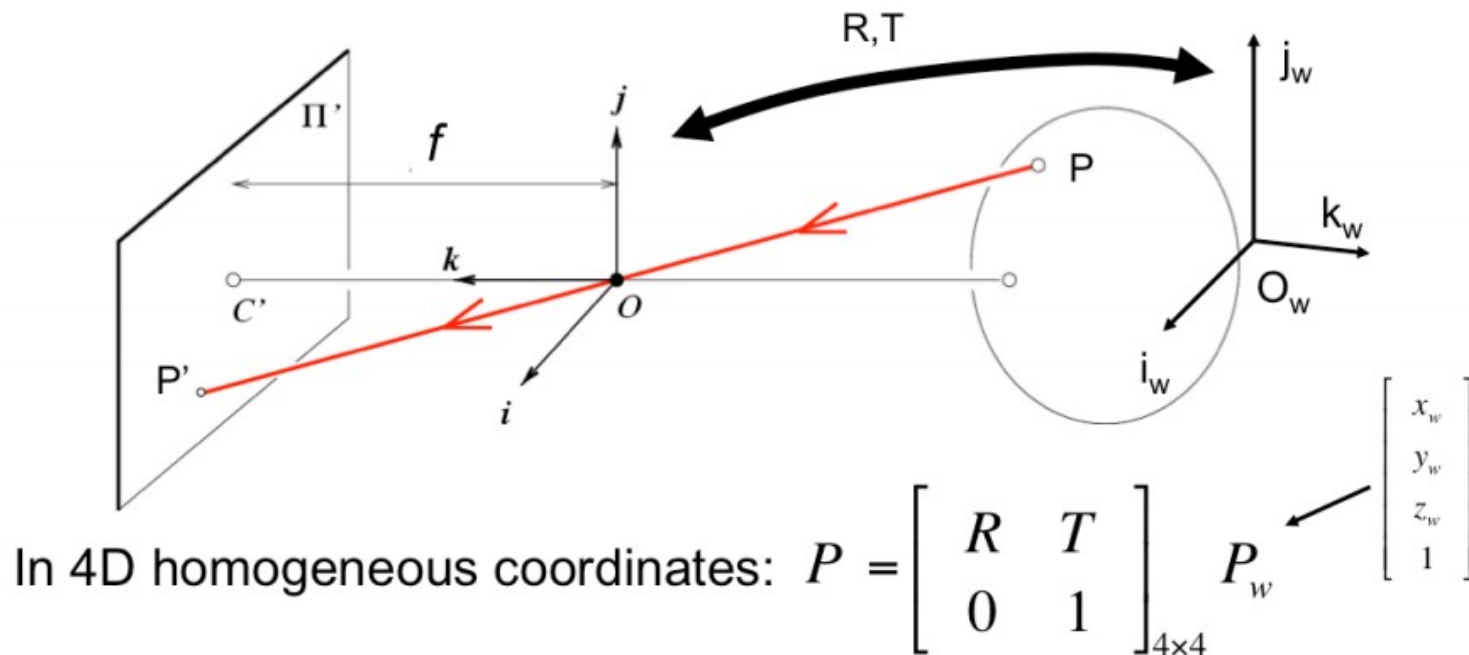
- Each rotation matrix is orthogonal
  - Proof: try to complement the rotation angle
- Given that the product among orthogonal matrices is still an orthogonal matrix
- $R$  is orthogonal! This means that
  - $R^{-1} = R^T$

# Review: 3D rotation (Euler) & translation

$$R = R_x(\alpha) R_y(\beta) R_z(\gamma) \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} T_x \\ T_y \\ T_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} R & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# World Reference System



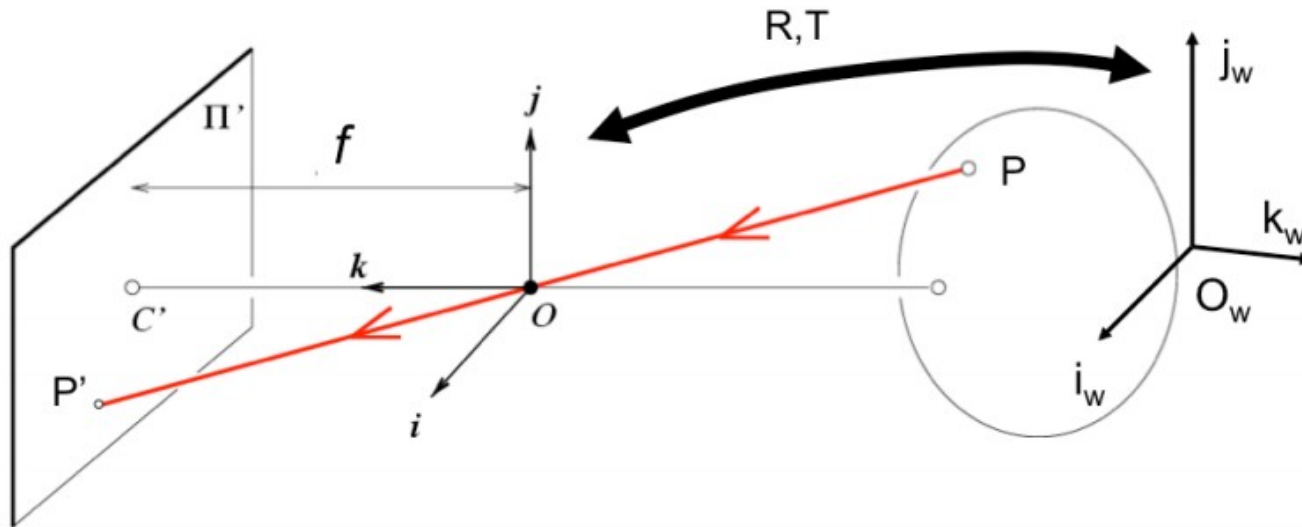
Internal parameters      External parameters

$$P' = K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} P = K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} P_w = \underbrace{K}_{\text{Internal parameters}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R & T \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{External parameters}} P_w$$

$M$  [Eq.11]

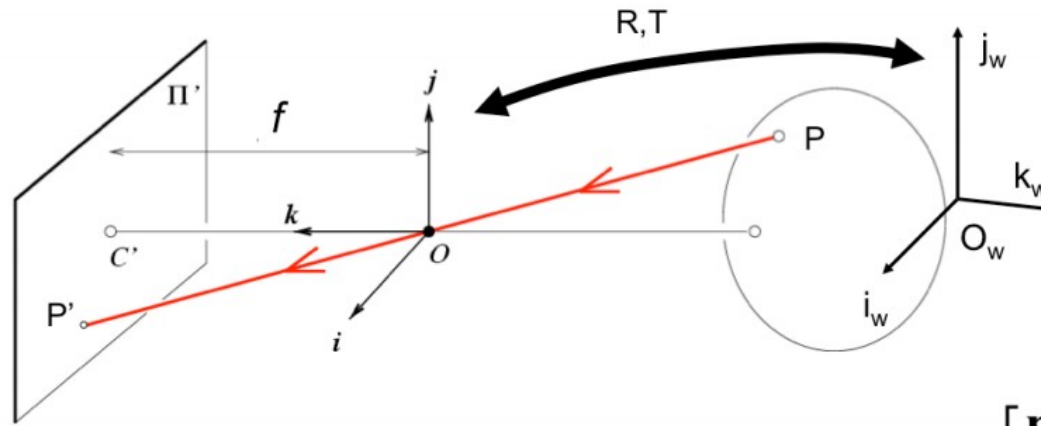
- We added world information
  - Transformation from world reference system to the camera one
  - Extrinsic parameters of a camera only depend on its location and orientation
    - If I “move” the camera they need to be computed again
- $[RT] \rightarrow$  **Camera Extrinsic Matrix**

- 11 degrees of freedom (5 + 3 + 3)



$$P'_{3 \times 1} = M_{3 \times 4} P_w = K_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} R & T \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4} P_{w4 \times 1}$$

- Back to Euclidean coordinates



$$P'_{3 \times 1} = M P_w = K_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} R & T \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4} P_{w4 \times 1} \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{bmatrix} P_w = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 P_w \\ \mathbf{m}_2 P_w \\ \mathbf{m}_3 P_w \end{bmatrix} \quad \xrightarrow{E} \left( \frac{\mathbf{m}_1 P_w}{\mathbf{m}_3 P_w}, \frac{\mathbf{m}_2 P_w}{\mathbf{m}_3 P_w} \right) \quad [\text{Eq.12}]$$

# Perspective transformation properties

- Points become.... Points!
- Lines become... Lines!
- Far away objects are smaller (divide by  $z$ )





# Perspective transformation properties

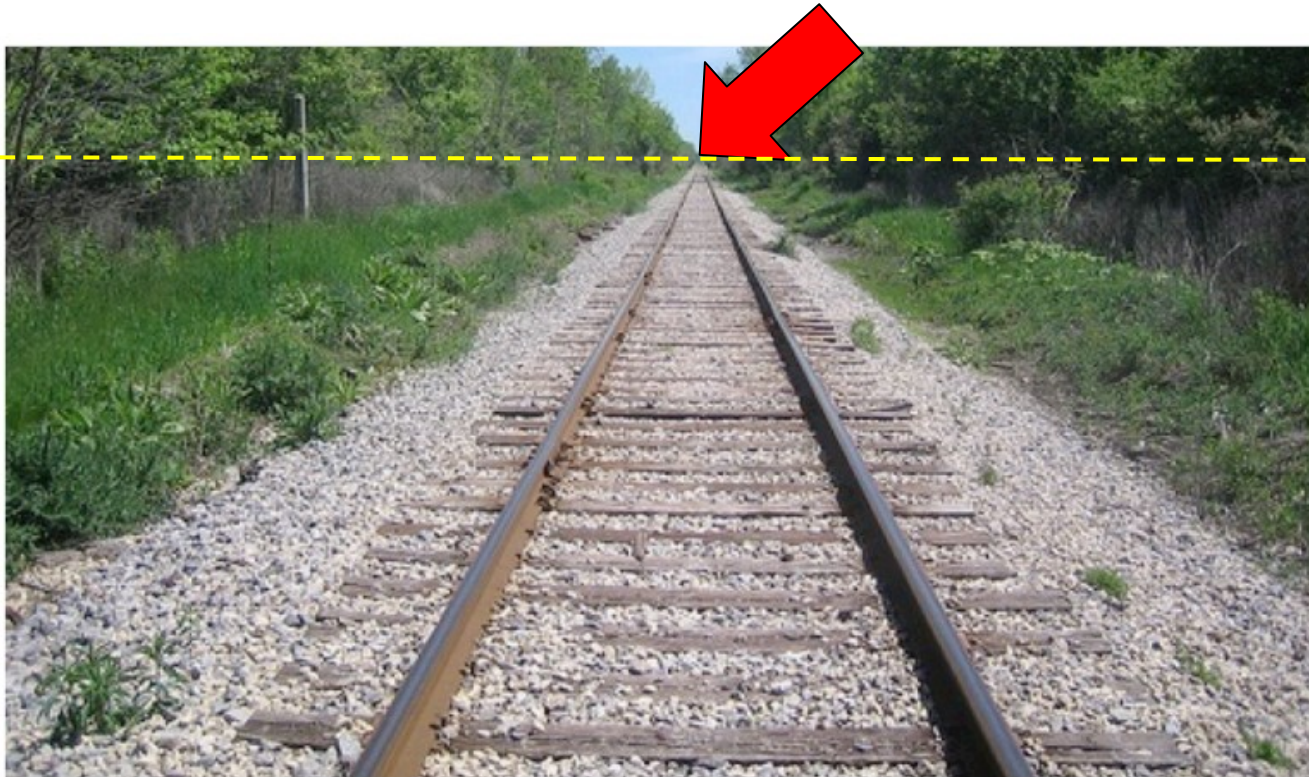
- Angles are not preserved
- Parallel lines intersect!
  - In the so-called **vanishing point**





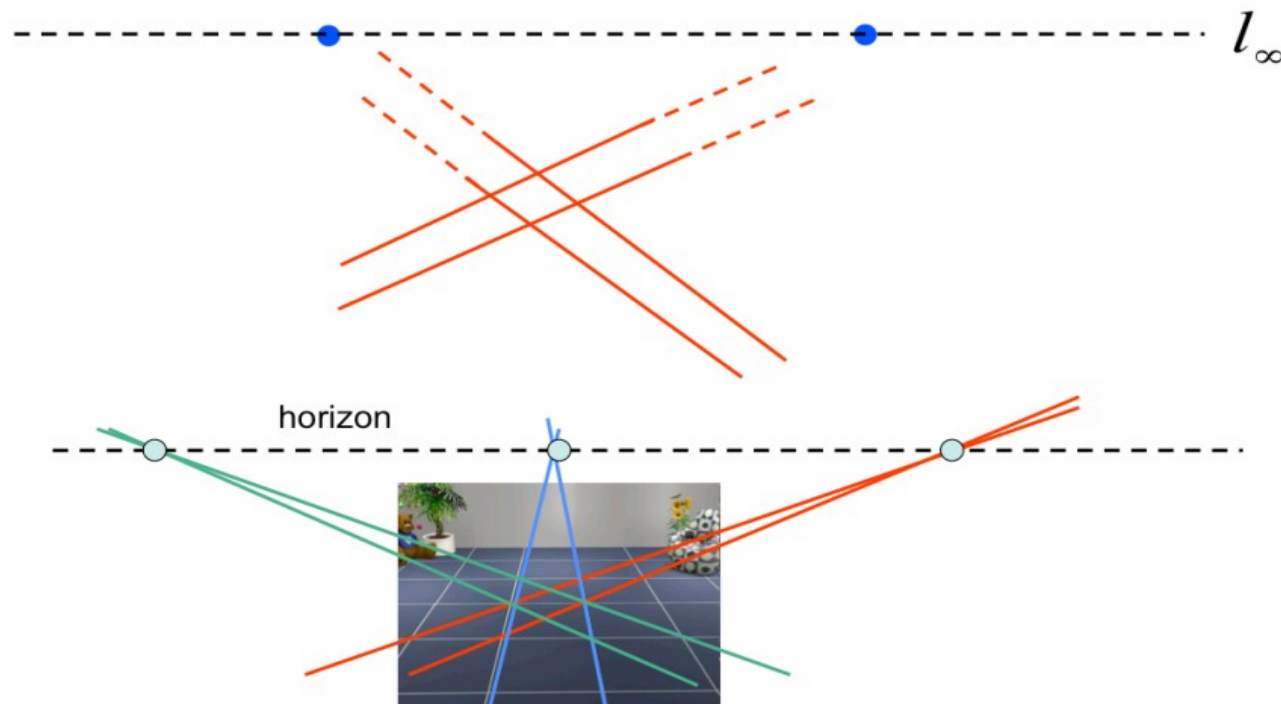
# Perspective transformation properties

- Parallel lines that lie in the same plane have vanishing points on a line
- The Horizon (Vanishing Line)



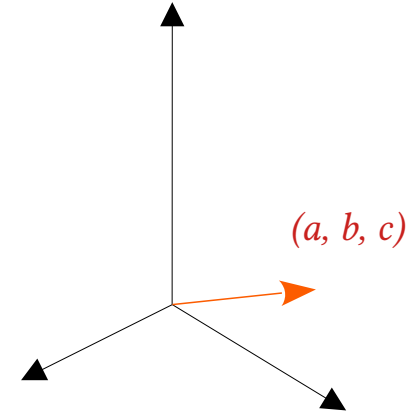
# Perspective transformation properties

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- A 3D straight line can be expressed as:

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = x_0 + at \\ y(t) = y_0 + bt \\ z(t) = z_0 + ct \end{cases} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} x'(t) = f \frac{(x_0 + at)}{(z_0 + ct)} \\ \text{ii} \\ y'(t) = f \frac{(y_0 + bt)}{(z_0 + ct)} \end{cases}$$

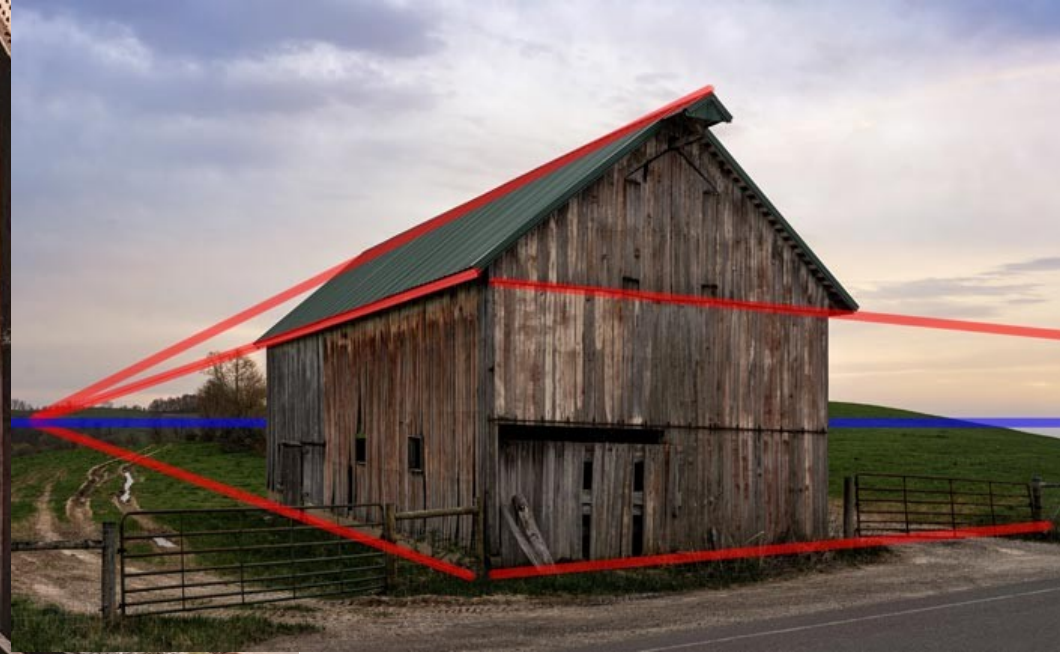


$$\begin{cases} \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} x'(t) = f \frac{a}{c} \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} y'(t) = f \frac{b}{c} \end{cases}$$

Parallel lines have the same  
a, b, and c params!



# Vanishing lines



# Pin Hole Geometry Recap

$$M = K \cdot \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot E = \overset{\text{Intrinsic}}{\boxed{K}} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R & T \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Extrinsic}} \in R^{3 \times 4}$$

$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{2D Homogeneous}}}{P'} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Model the perspective} \\ \text{transformation from 3D to 2D}}}{M} \cdot P_w = K \cdot \begin{bmatrix} R & T \end{bmatrix} \cdot \underset{\substack{\nwarrow \\ \text{3D Homogeneous}}}{P_w}$$