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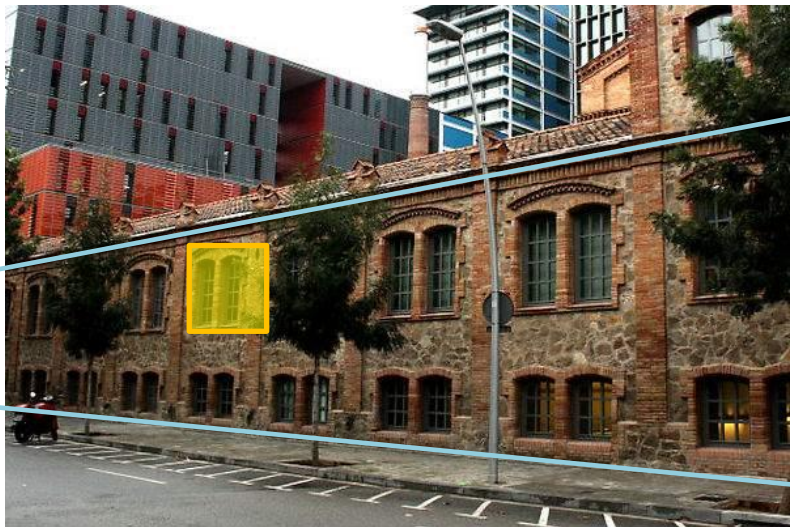
Module: 3D Vision

Lecture 2: Planar transformations

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The relation between an image and the real-World can contain different types of distortion.

In this class we will cover linear distortions of a planar object.

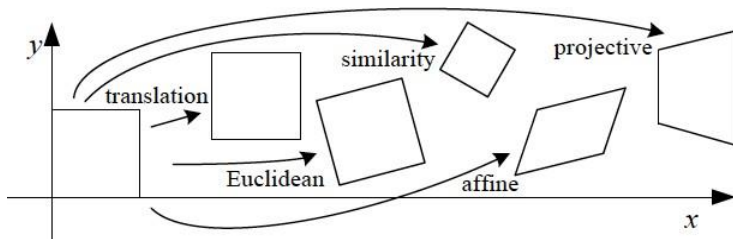
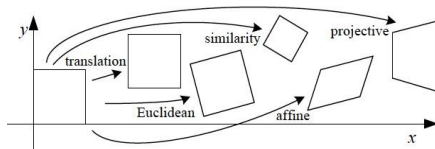


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# Planar transformations



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Similarity



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Affine transformation

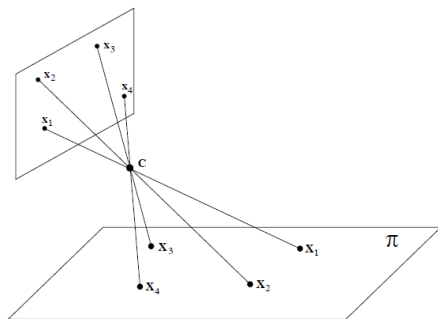
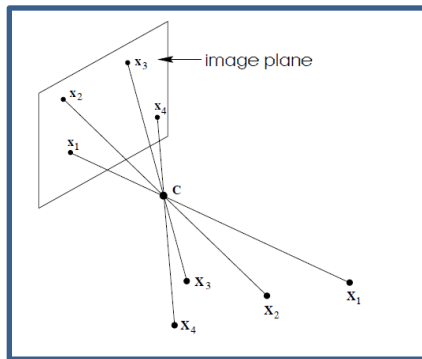


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Projective transformation

Image source: [Hartley Zisserman 2004]

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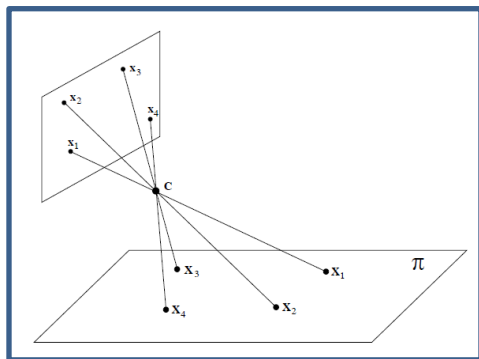
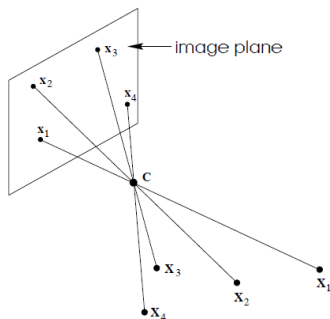


The action of a projective camera on a point in space may be expressed in terms of a linear mapping of homogeneous coordinates.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{pmatrix} = P_{3 \times 4} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ T \end{pmatrix}$$

Image source: [Hartley Zisserman 2004]

# Planar transformations



If all the points lie on a plane, then the linear mapping reduces to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{pmatrix} = H_{3 \times 3} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ T \end{pmatrix}$$

Image source: [Hartley Zisserman 2004]

# Projective Transformations in $P^2$

A projectivity is an invertible mappings

- from points in the  $P^2$  (the projective plane)
- to points in  $P^2$
- that maps lines to lines

**Definition 2.9.** A *projectivity* is an invertible mapping  $h$  from  $\mathbb{P}^2$  to itself such that three points  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  lie on the same line if and only if  $h(x_1)$ ,  $h(x_2)$  and  $h(x_3)$  do.

- Projectivities form a group
  - The inverse of a projectivity is a projectivity
  - The composition of two projectivities is a projectivity
- A projectivity is also called
  - A collineation
  - A projective transformation
  - A homography

Definition from [Hartley Zisserman 2004]

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An equivalent algebraic definition is:

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$$\mathbf{x}' = H \mathbf{x}$$

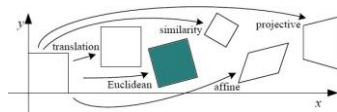
$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



## PART I – TYPES OF PLANAR TRANSFORMATIONS



# Planar Euclidean Transformation (simplified isometry)



Let  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  be homogeneous coordinates.

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{H}_E \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

where  $\mathbf{R}$  is a **rotation** matrix (orthogonal matrix) and  $\mathbf{t}$  is a **translation** vector.

**Degrees of freedom:** 3

1 for the rotation angle + 2 for the translation coefficients

**Invariants:** lengths, angles, areas

# Invariants

We can describe transformations algebraically as matrices acting on coordinates (e.g. points, lines).

Alternatively, we can also describe a transformation based on the elements or **quantities that are preserved**, or invariant.

A scalar invariant of a geometric configuration is a function of the configuration whose value is unchanged by a particular transformation.

## Example:

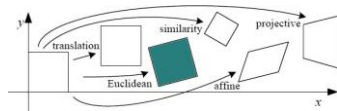


- The length between two points,
- The angle between two lines, and
- The areas of polygons

Do not change under isometries, and thus are **isometric invariants**.

# Isometry

Are transformations of the plane that preserve Euclidean distances



Let  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  be homogeneous coordinates.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & t_x \\ \epsilon \sin \theta & \cos \theta & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $R$  is a rotation matrix (orthogonal matrix) and

$t$  is a translation vector

$\epsilon$  is either +1 or -1.

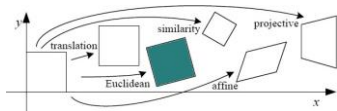
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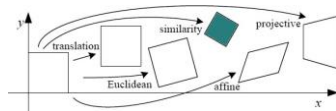
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An isometry is **orientation preserving** if the upper-left 2x2 matrix has determinant +1. Orientation preserving isometries form a group.

An isometry is **orientation reversing** if the upper-left 2x2 matrix has determinant -1. Orientation reversing isometries do NOT form a group.

## II. Similarity



Let  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  be homogeneous coordinates.

$$\mathbf{x}' = H_S \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} sR & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

where  $s$  is an isotropic **scaling** factor,  
 $R$  is a **rotation** matrix (orthogonal matrix) and  
 $\mathbf{t}$  is a **translation** vector.

**Degrees of freedom:** 4

→ 1 for the rotation angle + 2 for the translation coefficients  
+ 1 for scaling factor

➡ **Invariants:** ratio of lengths, ratio of two areas,  
angles (therefore parallel lines keep parallel)  
the circular points **I**, **J**.

# Circular Points

Consider the equation of a conic in homogeneous coordinates:

$$ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2 + dx_1x_3 + ex_2x_3 + fx_3^2 = 0$$

A circle is a special case of a conic in which  $a = c$  and  $b = 0$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + dx_1x_3 + ex_2x_3 + fx_3^2 = 0$$

Which intersects the line at infinity at "ideal" points (i.e.  $x_3 = 0$ ):

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 0$$

This equation has 2 solutions:

$$\mathbf{I} = (1, i, 0)^T, \mathbf{J} = (1, -i, 0)^T$$

Each and every circle will intersect the line at infinity at the above points. Thus, they are known as the **circular points**.



# Circular Points and Similarities

The circular points are fixed under an orientation-preserving similarity:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{I}' &= \mathbf{H}_s \mathbf{I} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} s \cos \theta & -s \sin \theta & t_x \\ s \sin \theta & s \cos \theta & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = se^{-i\theta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}\end{aligned}$$

The same can be shown to hold for  $\mathbf{J}$ .

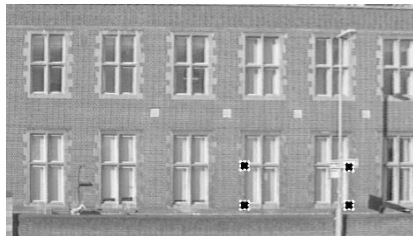
If the similarity is not orientation-preserving, then  $\mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{J}$  are swapped

The converse is also true: if the circular points are fixed then  $\mathbf{H}$  is a similarity

**Result 2.21.** *The circular points,  $\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{J}$ , are fixed points under the projective transformation  $\mathbf{H}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{H}$  is a similarity.*

# Matric Structure

When we talk about metric structure, it implies that the structure is defined up to a similarity.



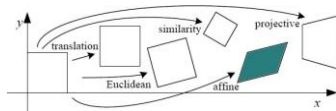
Angles are preserved: squares are squares; parallel lines are parallel; right angles are right angles, etc.

Ratios of lengths and areas are preserved: we can “measure” things on the image in relative terms, not absolute.

And the circular points are preserved as well.

Image source: [Hartley Zisserman 2004]

# III. Affine Transformations



Let  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  be homogeneous coordinates.

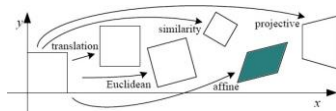
$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{H}_A \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a **non-singular  $2 \times 2$  matrix**  
(orientation preserving for  $\det(\mathbf{A}) > 0$ )  
 $\mathbf{t}$  is a **translation vector**.

**Degrees of freedom:** 6

**Invariants:** parallel lines, ratios of parallel lengths, ratio of two areas,  
line at infinity  $l_\infty$ .

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The Singular Value Decomposition of  $\mathbf{A}$  allows a helpful interpretation of the transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^T = (\mathbf{U} \mathbf{V}^T) (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^T) \\ &= \mathbf{R}(\theta) (\mathbf{R}(-\phi) \mathbf{D} \mathbf{R}(\phi)) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, an affinity can be thought of as

- Rotation (by  $\phi$ ) + Scaling (by matrix  $\mathbf{D}$ ) + Rotation back (by  $-\phi$ )
- Rotation by another angle ( $\theta$ )

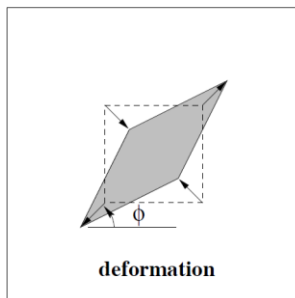
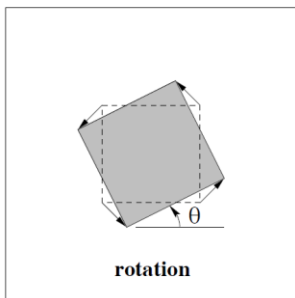


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**Degrees of freedom: 6**

- 2 for the rotation angles
- +2 for the non-isotropic scaling
- +2 for the translation

# Affine Invariants

$$\mathbf{x}' = H_A \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

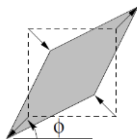
$$A = R(\theta) R(-\phi) D R(\phi)$$
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Parallel lines

Parallel lines intersect at ideal points, which under an affinity are also mapped to (other) points at infinity. Therefore lines remain parallel.

## Ratio of lengths of parallel lines segments

The amount of scaling of a line segment depends only on its angle (relative to the angles of anisotropic scaling). Thus, it cancels out for parallel segments

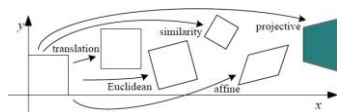


## Ratio of areas

*Rotations* do not affect areas, thus only scaling matters here. It can be shown that the area of any shape is scaled by  $\det(A)$  and thus cancels out in case of ratios.

## The line at infinity

# IV. Projective Transformations



Let  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  be homogeneous coordinates.

$$\mathbf{x}' = H_P \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{v}^T & v \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

Where  $H_P$  is a non singular matrix (i.e. it represents an invertible mapping) and it is called a **2D homography**

$$H_P = \begin{pmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Degrees of freedom:** 8

**Invariants:** concurrency, collinearity, order of contact, cross ratio



## IV. Projective Transformations

$$= H_P \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{v}^T & v \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

There are 9 elements but they are only defined up to scale, hence we have 8 d.o.f.

Note that we can NOT always set  $h_{33} = 1$ .

$$H_p = \begin{pmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

Given 2 planes in general position and orientation (in 3D), the mapping between them is a 2D Homography

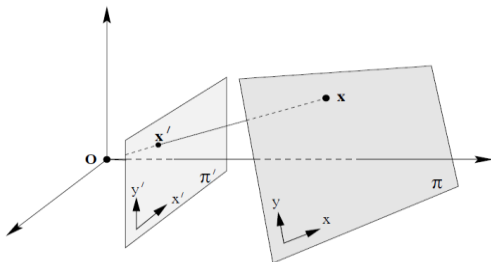
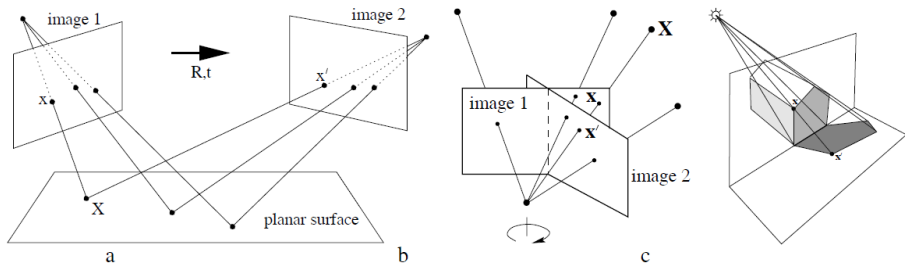


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# Examples of Projective Transformations

- (a) The projective transformation between 2 images induced by a world plane
- (b) The projective transformation between 2 images with the same camera centre
- (c) The projective transformation between the image of a plane and the image of its shadow.



2D homographies also provide an approximation with the whole scene is sufficiently far from the camera.

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# Planar transformations


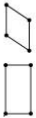


Group	Matrix	Distortion	Invariant properties
Projective 8 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix}$		Concurrency, collinearity, <b>order of contact</b> : intersection (1 pt contact); tangency (2 pt contact); inflections (3 pt contact with line); tangent discontinuities and cusps. cross ratio (ratio of ratio of lengths).
Affine 6 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & t_x \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Parallelism, ratio of areas, ratio of lengths on collinear or parallel lines (e.g. midpoints), linear combinations of vectors (e.g. centroids). The line at infinity, $l_\infty$ .
Similarity 4 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} sr_{11} & sr_{12} & t_x \\ sr_{21} & sr_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Ratio of lengths, angle. The circular points, <b>I, J</b> (see section 2.7.3).
Euclidean 3 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Length, area

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# Projective invariants: the cross ratio

The cross ratio is a ratio of ratios:

- It is computed from 4 collinear points A, B, C, D.
- Because the points are collinear, the cross ratio can be explained in a simplified manner using the 1D projective plane  $P^1$
- But it can be generalized to the 2D projective plane since every 2D homography induces a 1D projective transformation of a line
- The cross ratio is valid for any 4 collinear points, **including ideal points**

$$(A, B; C, D) = \frac{AC \cdot BD}{BC \cdot AD},$$

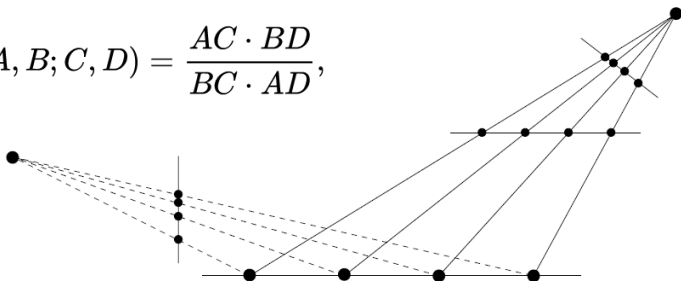


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# Projective invariants: cross ratio example

(1)

$$\frac{AC \times BD}{BC \times AD} = \frac{A'C' \times B'D'}{B'C' \times A'D'}$$

$$\frac{(30 + 20) \times (20 + 10)}{20 \times (30 + 20 + 10)} = \frac{(7 + W)(W + 6)}{W(7 + W + 6)}$$

$$5W(W + 13) = 4(W + 7)(W + 6)$$

$$5W^2 + 65W = 4W^2 + 52W + 168$$

$$W^2 + 13W - 168 = 0$$

$$(W + 21)(W - 8) = 0$$

$$W > 0 \therefore W = 8 \text{ m}$$

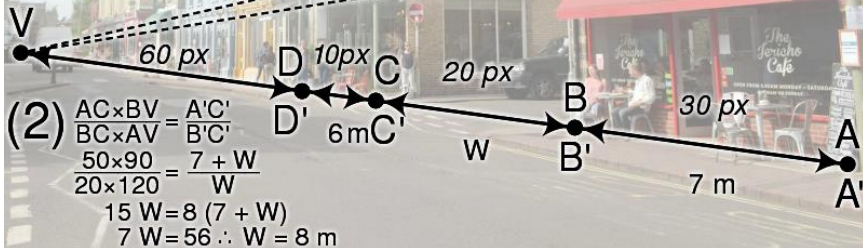


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# PART II – RECOVERY OF AFFINE AND METRIC PROPERTIES FROM IMAGES



# Affine and Metric Recovery

- Projective transformations have 8 d.o.f
  - They can be fully specified (recovered) by 4 points
  - This means having the coordinates of 4 points in both the image and the real World. Points must be in correspondence.
- However, we do not need to recover the full projectivity to make useful measurements from images.
  - We can also extract information from affinities and similarities
- An affine transformation has 6 d.o.f
  - We only need -2 d.o.f from a projective image to recover it
  - This can be done by using the line at infinity
- A similarity transformation has 4 d.o.f
  - We only need -4 d.o.f. from a projective image to recover it
  - Or -2 d.o.f with respect to an affinity
  - This can be done by using the circular points

# The line at infinity

Under a projective transformation, ideal points can be mapped to real points:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{v}^T & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ v_1 x_1 + v_2 x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

but this does not happen under an affine transformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the line of all ideal points, or line at infinity  $l_\infty$  is fixed under an affinity.

- Note that the fixing is not point-wise: a point at infinity is mapped to (another) point at infinity.



# The line at infinity

This can also be seen by directly transforming the line at infinity with an affine transformation:

$$l'_\infty = H_A^{-T} l_\infty = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-T} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{t}^T A^{-T} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = l_\infty.$$

That is, under an affinity the line  $l_\infty$  remains at affinity.

The converse is also true because to guarantee that a point at infinity is mapped to an ideal point, we need  $h_{31}$  and  $h_{32}$  to be zero.

**Result 2.17.** *The line at infinity,  $l_\infty$ , is a fixed line under the projective transformation  $H$  if and only if  $H$  is an affinity.*

# Affine Rectification

- We can use two simple facts that we already know
  - Parallel lines intersect at ideal points (e.g. at the line at infinity)
  - Projective transformations preserve intersections
- Therefore, with 2 pairs of parallel lines whose intersection is imaged as a real point, we can identify the line at infinity.

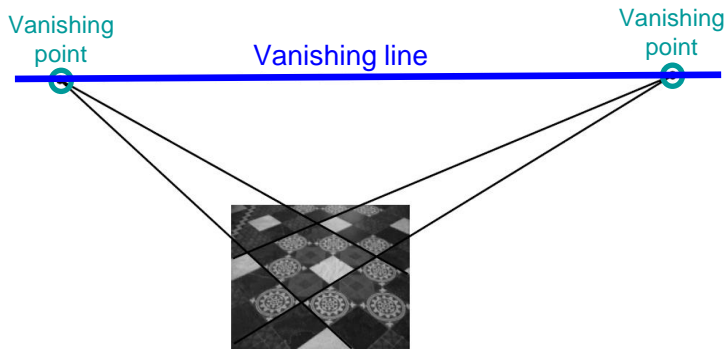
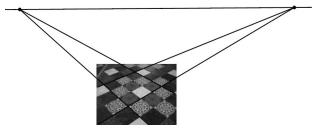


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# Affine Rectification from the Vanishing Line



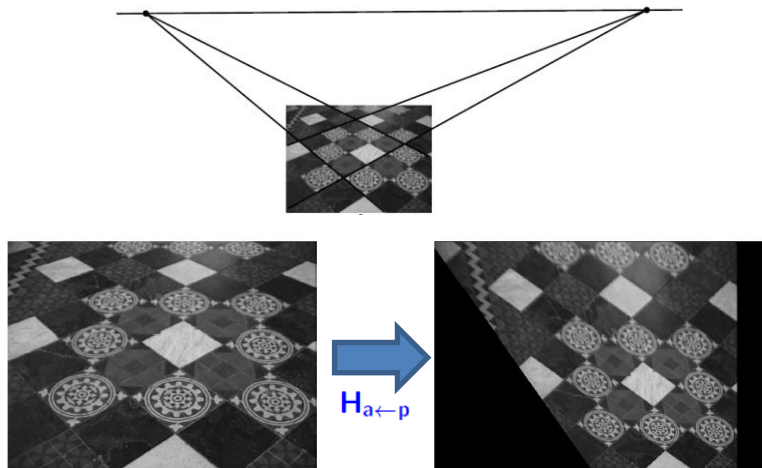
1. Take two sets of two parallel lines in the image of a plane.
2. Each one provides a vanishing point, which can be computed from the cross product.
3. From these two points (which are on the vanishing line), compute the vanishing line  $l = (l_1, l_2, l_3)^T$
4. Assuming  $l_3 \neq 0$ , we can compute  $H_{a \leftarrow p}$ .

$$H_{a \leftarrow p} = H_a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

It can be shown that  $H_{a \leftarrow p}$  will map  $l = (l_1, l_2, l_3)^T$  to  $l_\infty = (0, 0, 1)^T$

We apply  $H_{a \leftarrow p}$  to the whole image to obtain the affine-rectified image.

# Affine Rectification from the Vanishing Line



We apply  $H_{a \leftarrow p}$  to the whole image to obtain the affine-rectified image.

# Metric Rectification

Metric reconstruction is based on the following result:

**Result 2.21.** *The circular points,  $I, J$ , are fixed points under the projective transformation  $H$  if and only if  $H$  is a similarity.*

Notice that, similarly to the line at infinity:

- The imaged circular points,  $I'$  and  $J'$ , are the points of intersection of circles and the line at infinity
  - They will be at  $= (1, \pm i, 0)^T$  if and only if the image is metric-rectified.

Because of the duality principle:

- If the circular points  $I$  and  $J$  are fixed under similarity
  - Also their dual is fixed
  - The dual of  $I$  and  $J$  is known as the **dual conic to the circular points**

# The Dual Conic

The dual conic is:  $C_{\infty}^* = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{J}^T + \mathbf{J}\mathbf{I}^T$

In a Euclidean coordinate frame, we have:

$$C_{\infty}^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Because it is a "dual" conic, it transforms according to:

$$C^{*'} = \mathbf{H}C^*\mathbf{H}^T$$

And it can be shown that:

$$C_{\infty}^{*'} = \mathbf{H}_S C_{\infty}^* \mathbf{H}_S^T = C_{\infty}^*$$

**Result 2.22.** *The dual conic  $C_{\infty}^*$  is fixed under the projective transformation  $\mathbf{H}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{H}$  is a similarity.*

# Angles and the Dual Conic

Given two lines  $\mathbf{l} = (l_1, l_2, l_3)^T$  and  $\mathbf{m} = (m_1, m_2, m_3)^T$

- Their normal would be  $(l_1, l_2)^T$  and  $(m_1, m_2)^T$
- And (cosine of) the angle between them is:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{l_1 m_1 + l_2 m_2}{\sqrt{(l_1^2 + l_2^2)(m_1^2 + m_2^2)}}.$$

But the above is NOT a projective invariant.

Thus, a more convenient formulation that **is projectively invariant**, is:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{C}_{\infty}^* \mathbf{m}}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{C}_{\infty}^* \mathbf{l})(\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{C}_{\infty}^* \mathbf{m})}}$$

**Result 2.23.** *Once the conic  $\mathbf{C}_{\infty}^*$  is identified on the projective plane then Euclidean angles may be measured*

# Orthogonality and Length Ratios

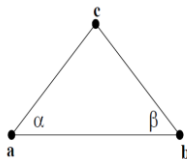
**Result 2.24.** Lines  $l$  and  $m$  are orthogonal if  $l^T C_{\infty}^* m = 0$ .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{l^T C_{\infty}^* m}{\sqrt{(l^T C_{\infty}^* l)(m^T C_{\infty}^* m)}}$$

## Length ratios

Once the (imaged) dual conic is identified, we can measure length ratios

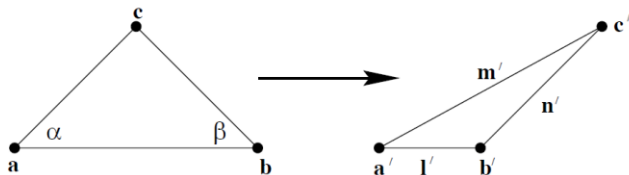
- Consider a triangle with vertices **a**, **b** and **c**
- By the sine rule we know that
  - $\text{dist}(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) : \text{dist}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c}) = \sin(\alpha) : \sin(\beta)$



- And since we can compute cosines, we may also compute sines between any two lines.



# Orthogonality and Length Ratios



Assume the dual conic has been identified in the image plane

- Compute lines

$$l' = a' \times b', \quad m' = c' \times a', \quad n' = b' \times c'$$

- Compute the cosines of the angles from

$$\cos \theta = \frac{l'^T C_{\infty}^* m'}{\sqrt{(l'^T C_{\infty}^* l')(m'^T C_{\infty}^* m')}}}$$

- Compute the sines of the angles
- Use the sine rule for the ratios, e.g.  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) : \text{dist}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c}) = \sin(\alpha) : \sin(\beta)$

# Matric Rectification through the Dual Conic

**Result 2.25.** *Once the conic  $C_\infty^*$  is identified on the projective plane then projective distortion may be rectified up to a similarity.*

To see why, we first decompose the projective transformation  $H$  into a chain of transformations that separates explicitly the incremental components from a Similarity to a Projectivity, passing through an Affinity:

$$H = H_P H_A H_S = \begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{v}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} sR & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Replacing the above in  $C_\infty^{*'} = H C_\infty^* H^T$

$$\begin{aligned} C_\infty^{*'} &= (H_P H_A H_S) C_\infty^* (H_P H_A H_S)^T = (H_P H_A) (H_S C_\infty^* H_S^T) (H_A^T H_P^T) \\ &= (H_P H_A) C_\infty^* (H_A^T H_P^T) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} KK^T & KK^T \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{v}^T KK^T & \mathbf{v}^T KK^T \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

# Matric Rectification through the Dual Conic

## Starting from an Affine-rectified image

Consider an affinely-rectified image in which we identify lines  $\mathbf{l}'$  and  $\mathbf{m}'$  that are orthogonal (in the real World, not in the image).

$$\begin{pmatrix} l'_1 & l'_2 & l'_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^\top & \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^\top \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^\top & \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^\top \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m'_1 \\ m'_2 \\ m'_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

But given that the image is affinely-rectified,  $\mathbf{v}^\top = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} l'_1 & l'_2 & l'_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^\top & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m'_1 \\ m'_2 \\ m'_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Which is a linear constraint on the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^\top$

$$(l'_1, l'_2) \mathbf{S} (m'_1, m'_2)^\top$$

# Matrix Rectification through the Dual Conic

## Starting from an Affine-rectified image

Matrix  $S = KK^T$  is symmetric

- Then it has 3 distinct parameters, and 2 independent ratios
- We need 2 constraints to recover it
  - This matches the concept that we need -2 d.o.f to go from an affinity to a similarity
- Therefore, if we vectorize matrix  $S$  and write the constraint from orthogonal lines  $\mathbf{l}$  and  $\mathbf{m}$ :

$$S = (s_{11}, s_{12}, s_{22})^T$$
$$(l'_1 m'_1, l'_1 m'_2 + l'_2 m'_1, l'_2 m'_2) S = 0,$$

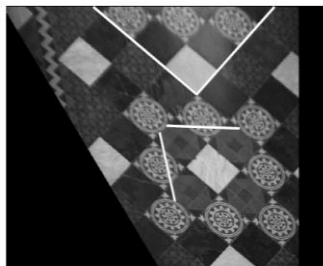
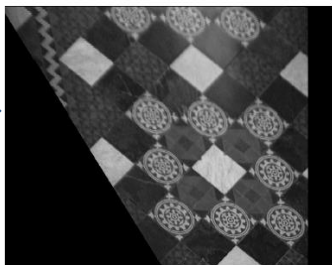
- We see that we need 2 pairs of parallel lines
  - We obtain a  $2 \times 3$  matrix of constraints
  - Can solve for  $S$  (and therefore  $K$ ) finding the null space.

# Affine and Matrix Rectification

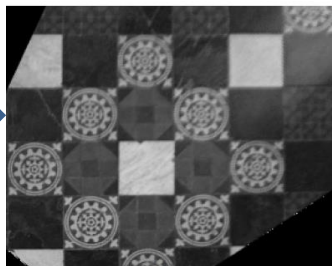


$$\mathbf{H}_a \leftarrow \mathbf{p}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{v}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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