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Robot Vision

Image Formation & Camera Models

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Overview

- Digital camera & image
 - Camera selection
- Color transformations (RGB, Grey, HSV)
- Pinhole camera model
 - 3D rotation representations (Euler angle, axis-angle, quaternion)
- Lens distortion

- Homogeneous coordinates
- Geometric transformations



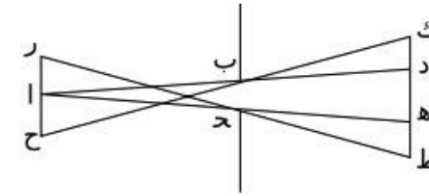
References

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 - Chapter 1; Section 3.1, 3.4, 3.5
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 - Section 2.1, 2.3, 2.3.2, 6.3.5
- Corke 2011:
 - Chapter 2; Section 10.2, 11.1
- Hartley & Zisserman 2003:
 - Section 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 3.4, 6.1
- Linear algebra:
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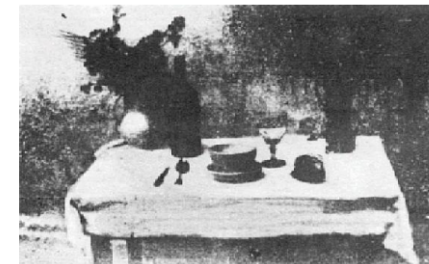


Historic Milestones of Camera

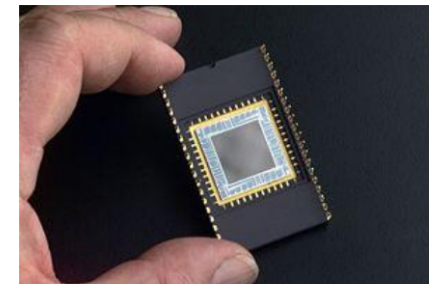
- **Pinhole model:** Mozi (470-390 BCE), Aristotle (384-322 BCE)
- **Principles of optics (including lenses):** Alhacen (965-1039 CE)
- **Camera obscura:** Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), Johann Zahn (1631-1707)
- **First photo:** Joseph Nicephore Niepce (1822)
- **Daguerreotypes** (1839)
- **Photographic film** (Eastman, 1889)
- **Cinema** (Lumière Brothers, 1895)
- **Color Photography** (Lumière Brothers, 1908)
- **Television** (Baird, Farnsworth, Zworykin, 1920s)
- **First consumer camera with CCD:** Sony Mavica (1981)
- **First fully digital camera:** Kodak DCS100 (1990)



Alhacen's notes



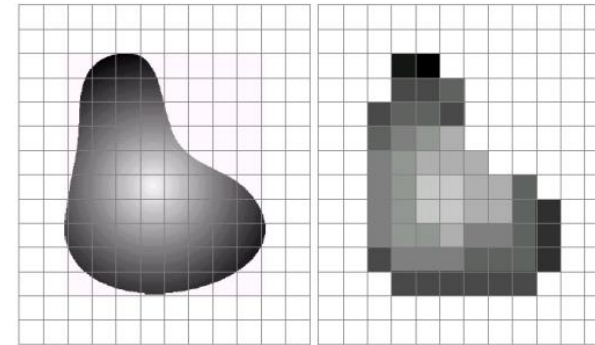
Niepce, "La Table Servie," 1822



CCD chip



Digital Camera



a b

FIGURE 2.17 (a) Continuous image projected onto a sensor array. (b) Result of image sampling and quantization.

- A digital camera replaces film with a sensor array
 - Each cell in the array is light-sensitive diode that converts photons to electrons
 - Two common types
 - Charge Coupled Device (CCD)
 - Complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS)

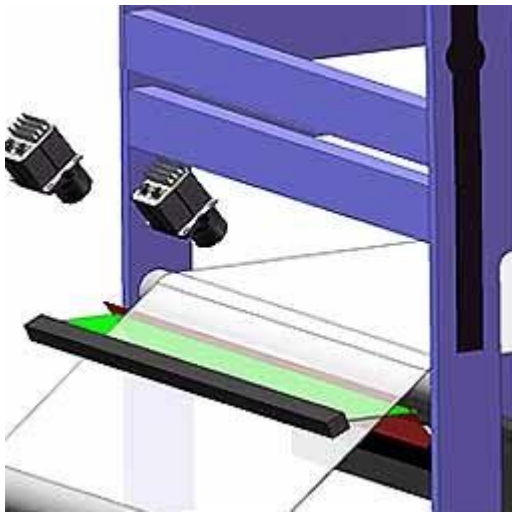


Choosing Machine Vision Cameras

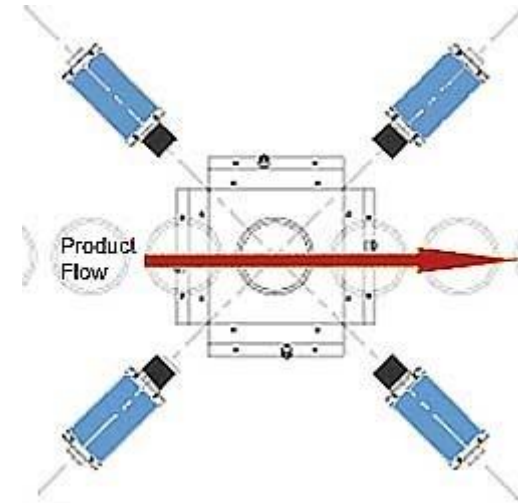
- Area scan or Line scan?
- Color or Monochrome?
- CMOS or CCD?
- Global or Rolling Shutter?
- Frame Rate?
- Resolution?
- Connection Interface?
- Lens Focal length



Area Scan or Line Scan?



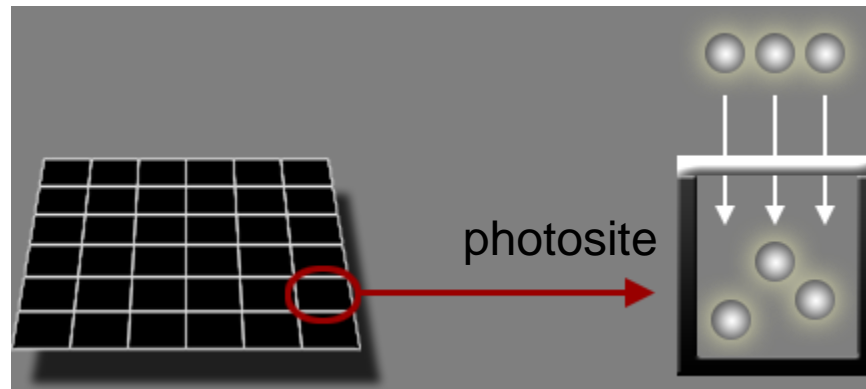
Line scan



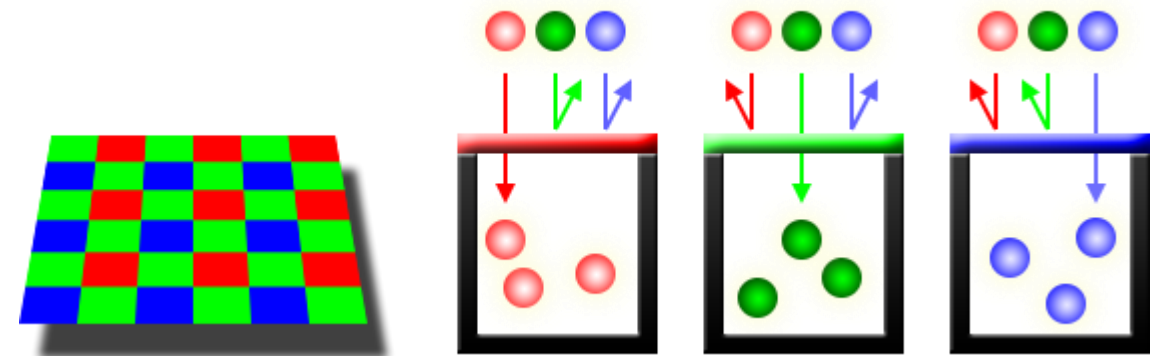
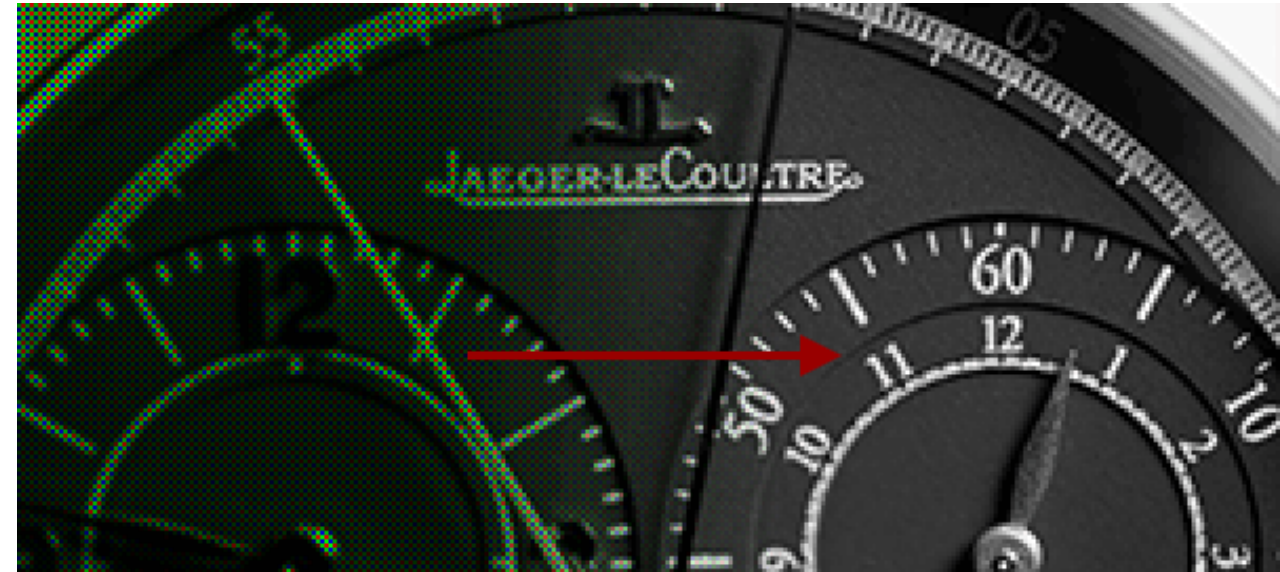
Area scan



Color or Monochrome?



Monochrome sensor



Color sensor (with color filter array)

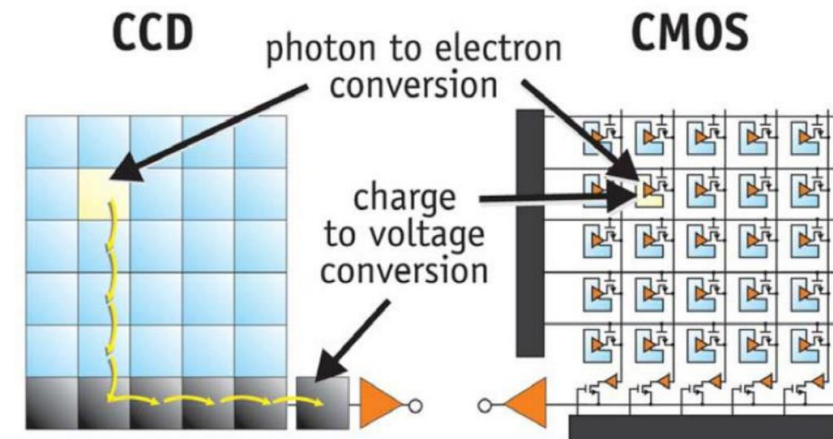
Images from <http://www.red.com/learn/red-101/color-monochrome-camera-sensors>



CMOS or CCD?

- CCD: charge coupled device
- CMOS: complementary metal oxide semiconductor
- Pros/Cons
 - Noise: CMOS > CCD
 - Light sensitivity: CMOS < CCD
 - Pixel quality: CMOS < CCD
 - Power consumption: CMOS < CCD
 - Speed/frame-rate: CMOS > CCD
 - Price: CMOS < CCD
- Current winner: CMOS

<http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/digital-camera.htm>

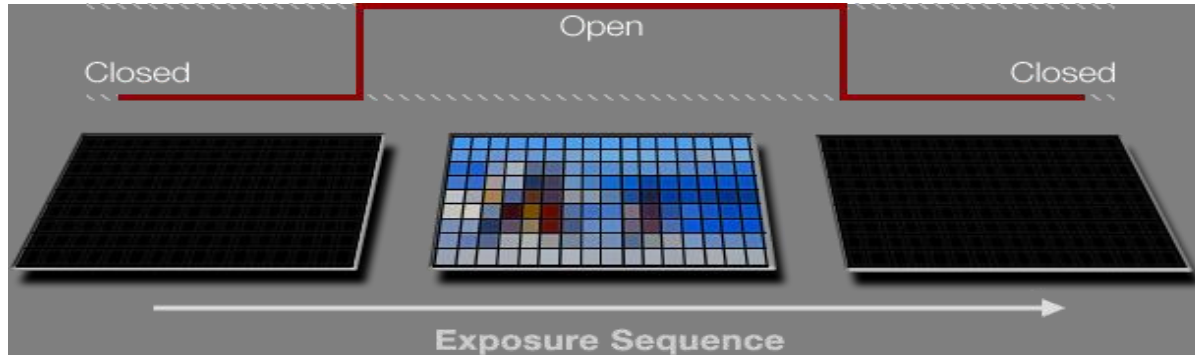


CCDs move photogenerated charge from pixel to pixel and convert it to voltage at an output node. CMOS imagers convert charge to voltage inside each pixel.

[http://www.dalsa.com/shared/content/pdfs/CCD vs CMOS Litwiller 2005.pdf](http://www.dalsa.com/shared/content/pdfs/CCD_vs_CMOS_Litwiller_2005.pdf)

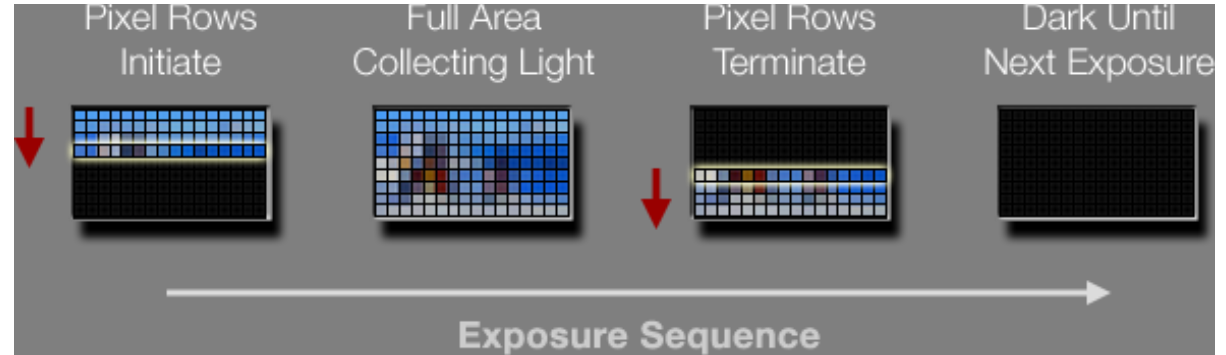


Global or Rolling Shutter



Global Shutter

Image from <http://www.red.com/learn/red-101/global-rolling-shutter>



Rolling Shutter



Effect of Rolling Shutter with Fast Motion



- Is the photographer moving towards left, or right?
 - Assuming rolling shutter moves from the top to bottom of the image





Other Factors

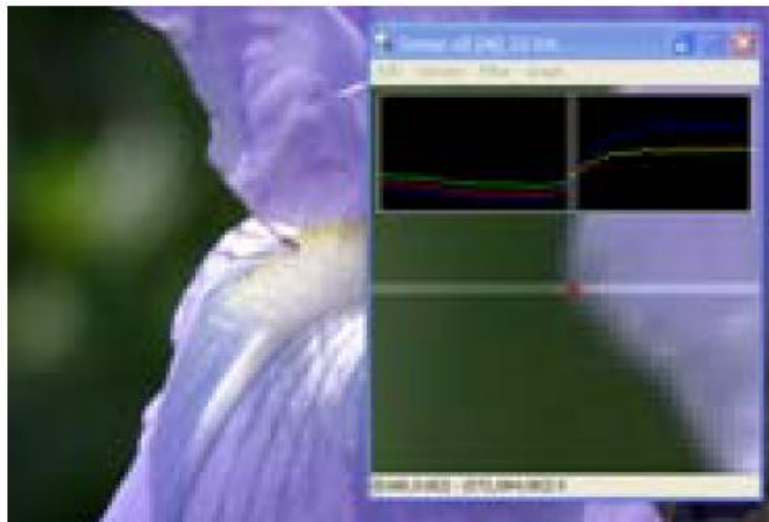
- Resolution
 - QVGA (320x240), VGA (640x480)
 - Choose based on your application!
- Frame rate
 - 15Hz, 30Hz, 60Hz
- Connection interface
 - USB3.0: 350MB/s, up to 8m cable (power + data), plug-and-play
 - GigE: 100MB/s, up to 100m cable, good for multiple cameras
- Focal length
 - Fixed: good for geometric vision (3D reconstruction/pose estimation)
 - Auto-focus



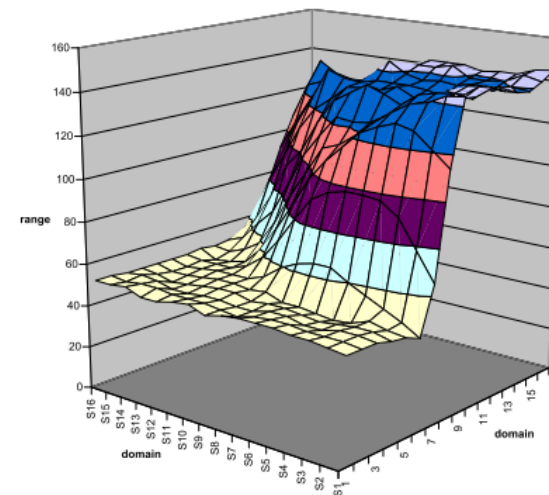
Interface	Cable Lengths	Bandwidth max. in MB/s.	Multi-Camera	Cable Costs	"Real-time"	"Plug & Play"
GiGE VISION	100 m	100	■	■	■	■
USB VISION	8 m	350	■	■	■	■
CAMERA Link	10 m	850	■	■	■	■



Digital Image

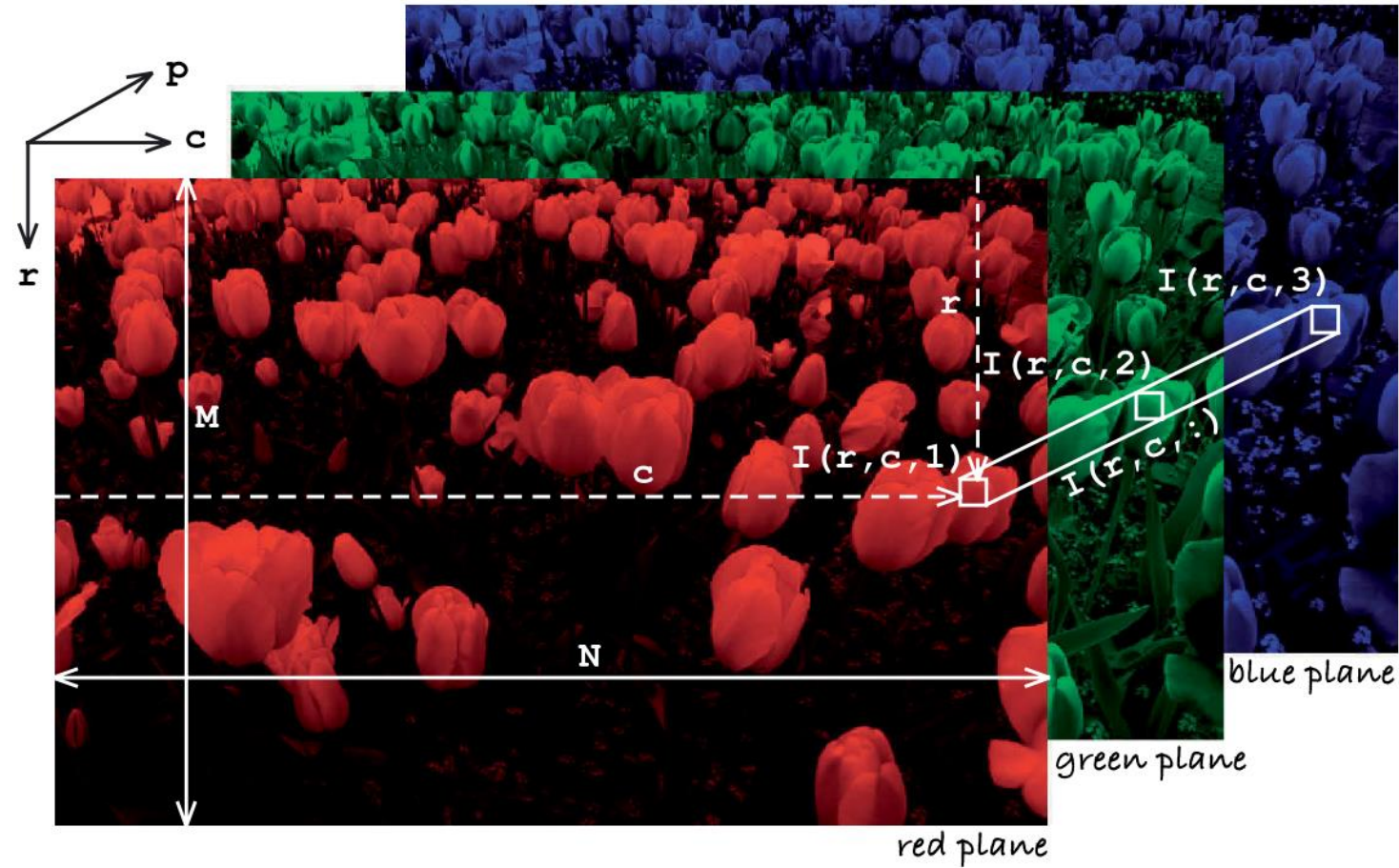


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Digital Image



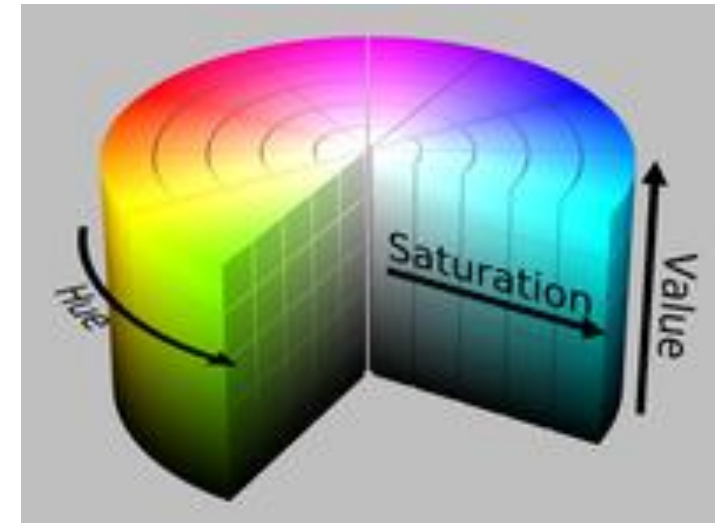
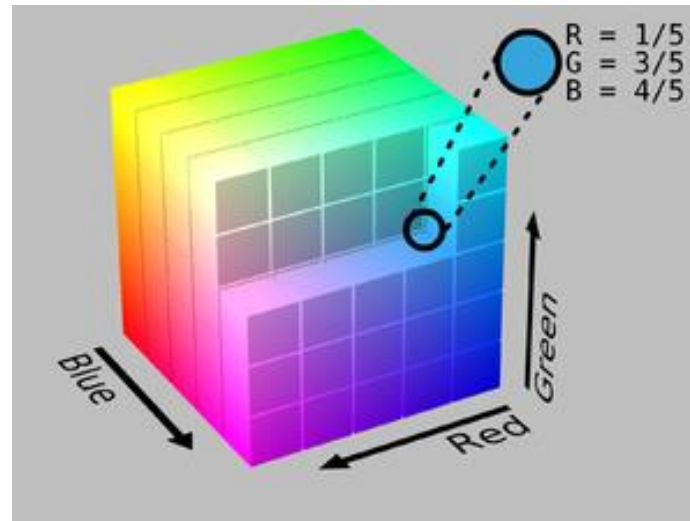
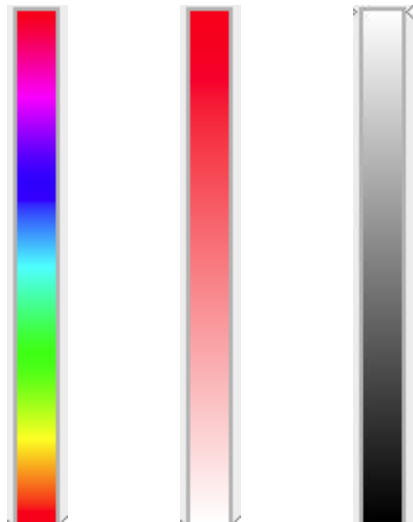


Color Space Transformations

- RGB2Gray

$$\text{RGB}[A] \text{ to Gray: } Y \leftarrow 0.299 \cdot R + 0.587 \cdot G + 0.114 \cdot B$$
$$0.2126R + 0.7152G + 0.0722B$$

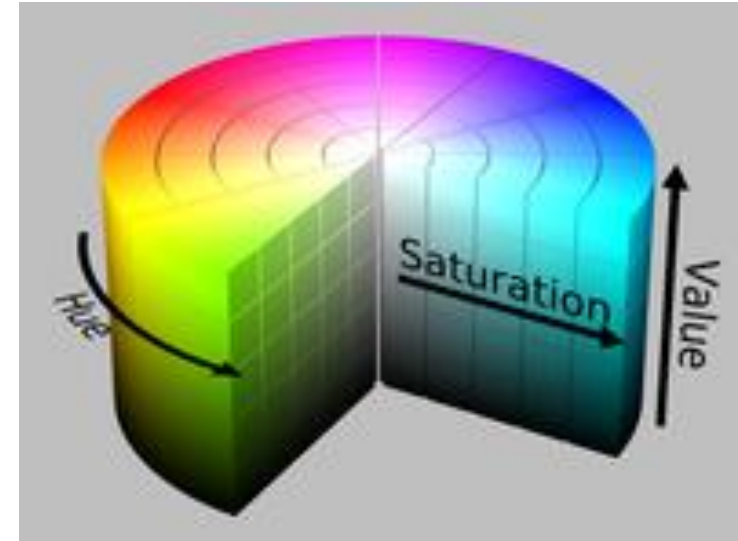
- RGB2HSV





Color Space Transformations

- Higher values are shown as white pixels
- Lower values are shown as darker pixels
- Which image represents the Hue channel, b or c?



Hue

Saturation



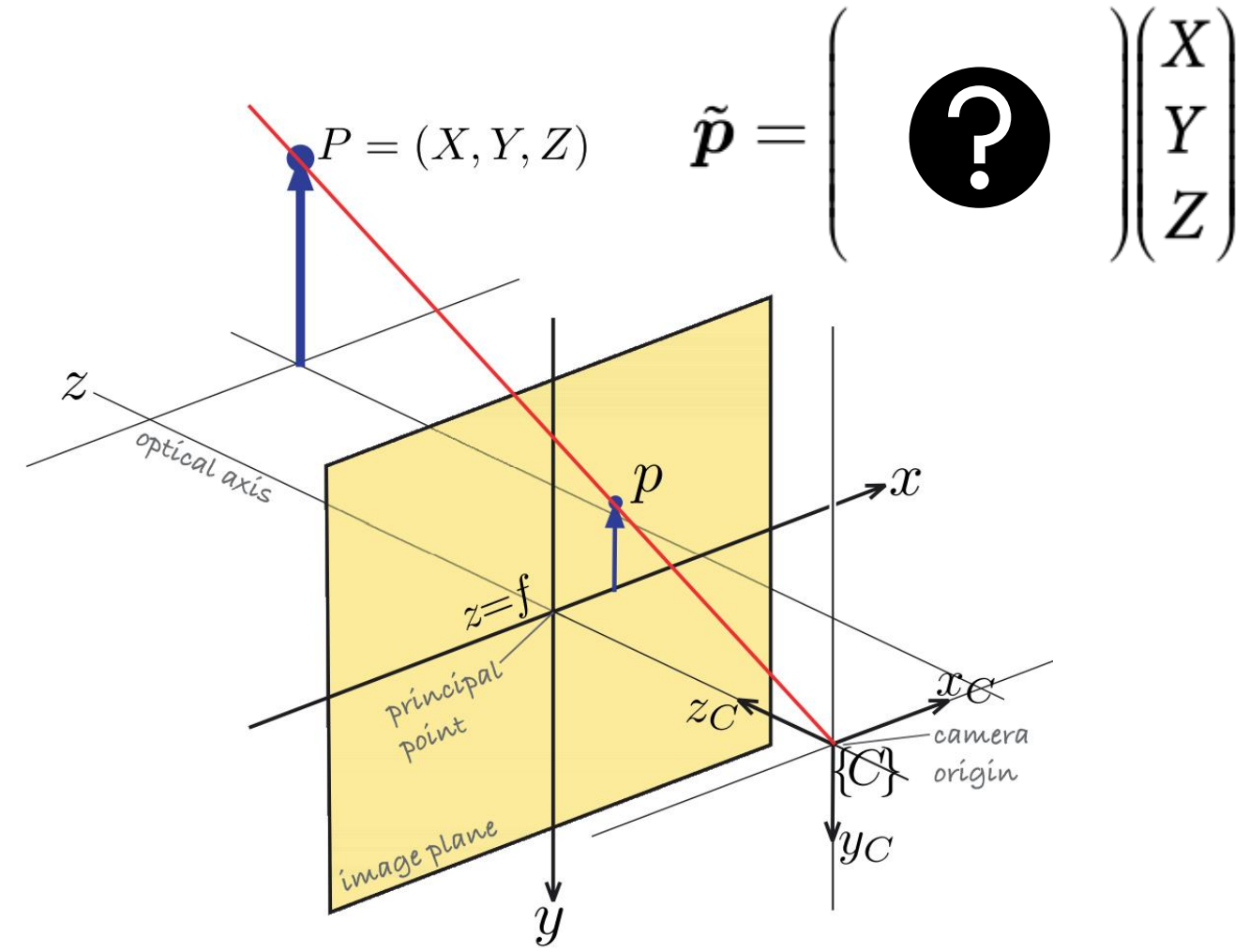
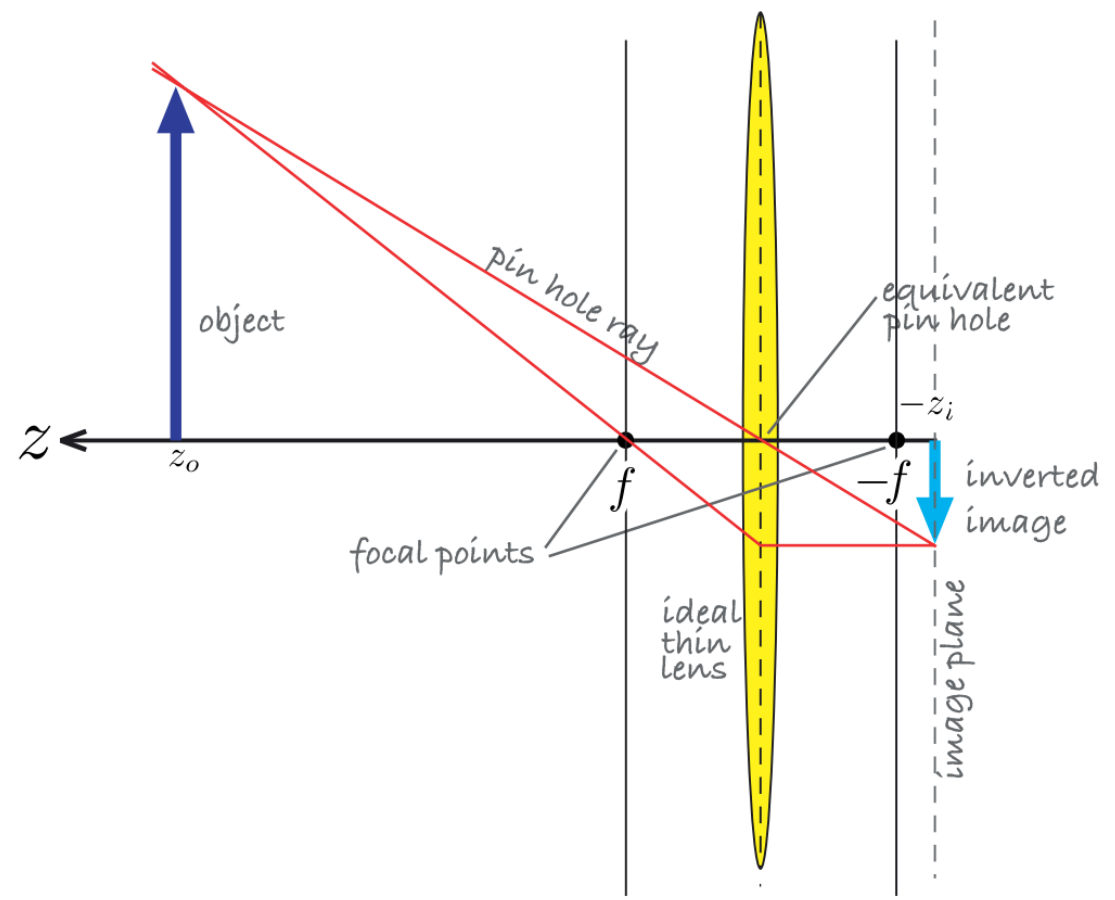
Pinhole Camera



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Evolution of Pinhole Camera Model



Basic Equation of Pinhole Camera Model

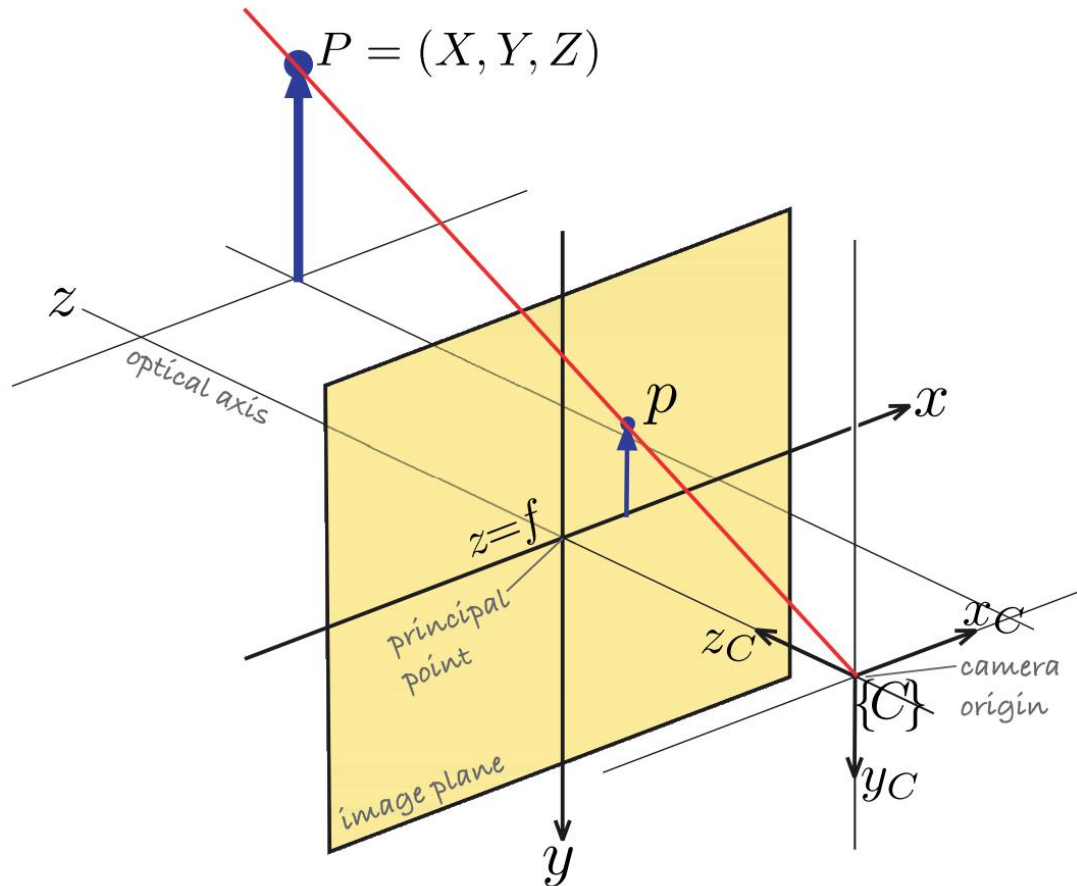
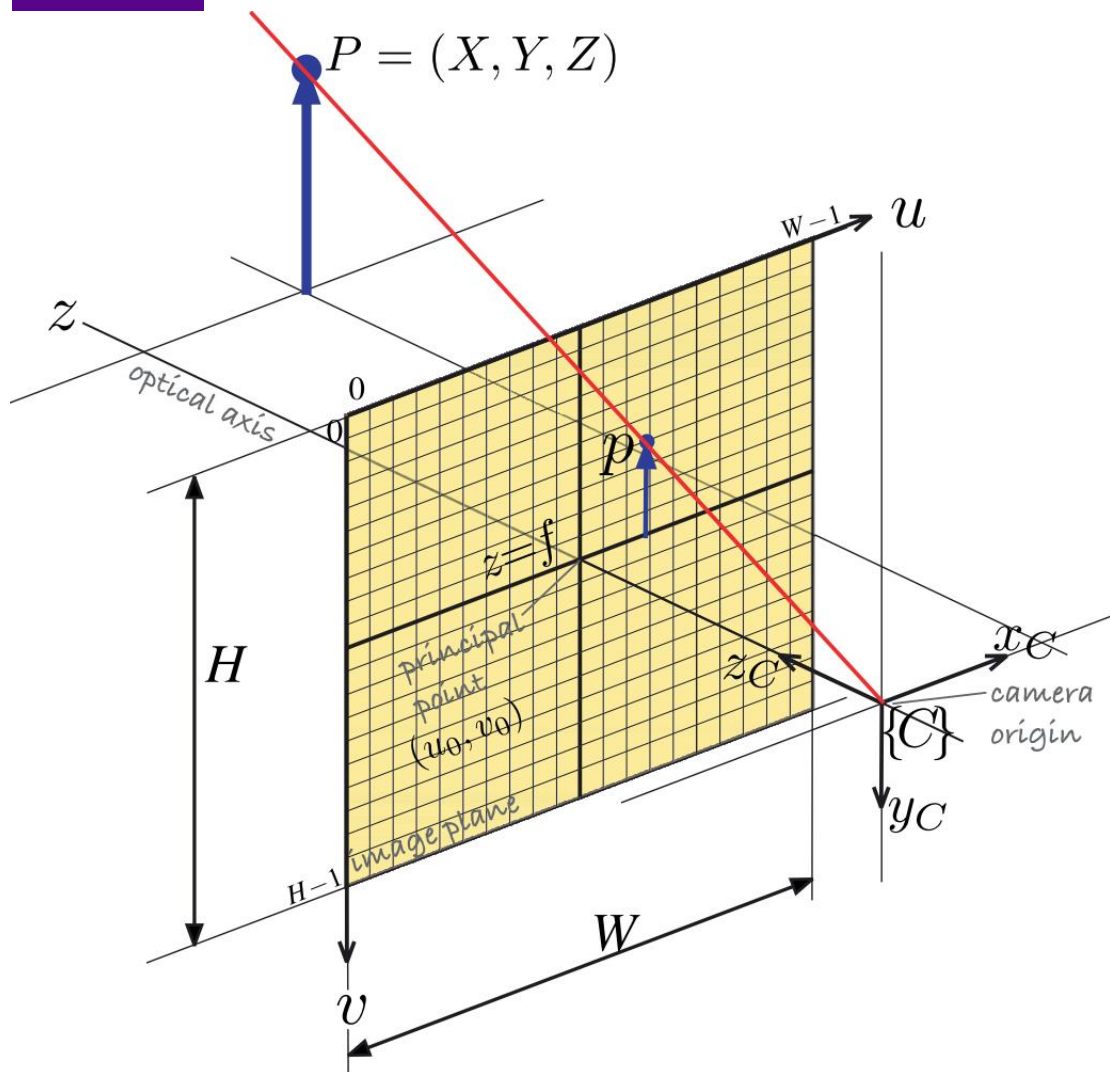


Image Point \rightarrow $\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow$ Object Point

Camera Calibration Matrix \mathbf{K} \downarrow

$$= \mathbf{K} \mathbf{P}$$

Add Digitization/Discretization/Pixelization



ρ_w and ρ_h are the width and height of each pixel

$$\mathbf{p} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1/\rho_w & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & 1/\rho_h & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_K \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



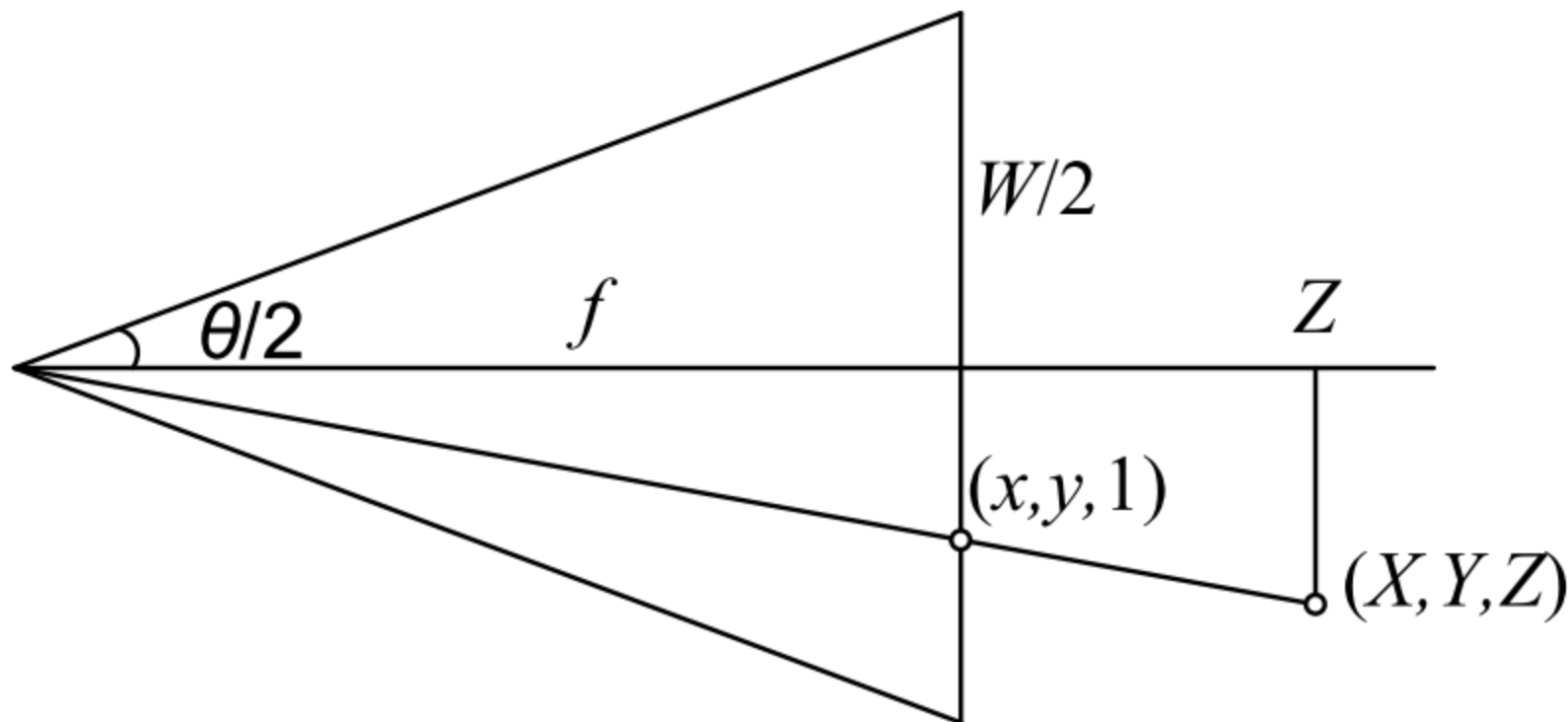
Various Modeling Complexities of K

Skew of un-orthogonal u- and v- axis

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & s & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & s & c_x \\ 0 & f & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



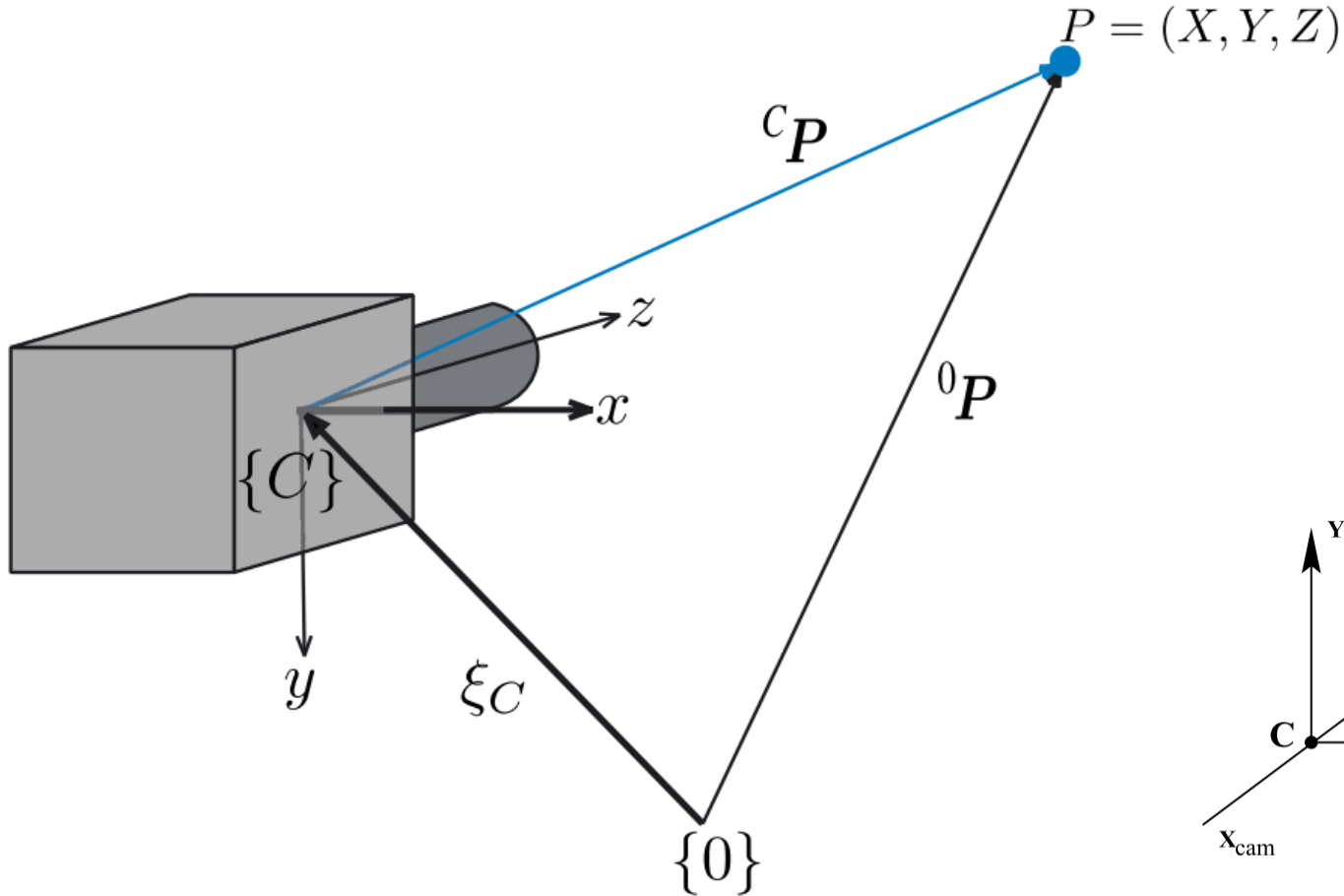
The Unit of Focal Length: Depends on Image Coordinate's Unit



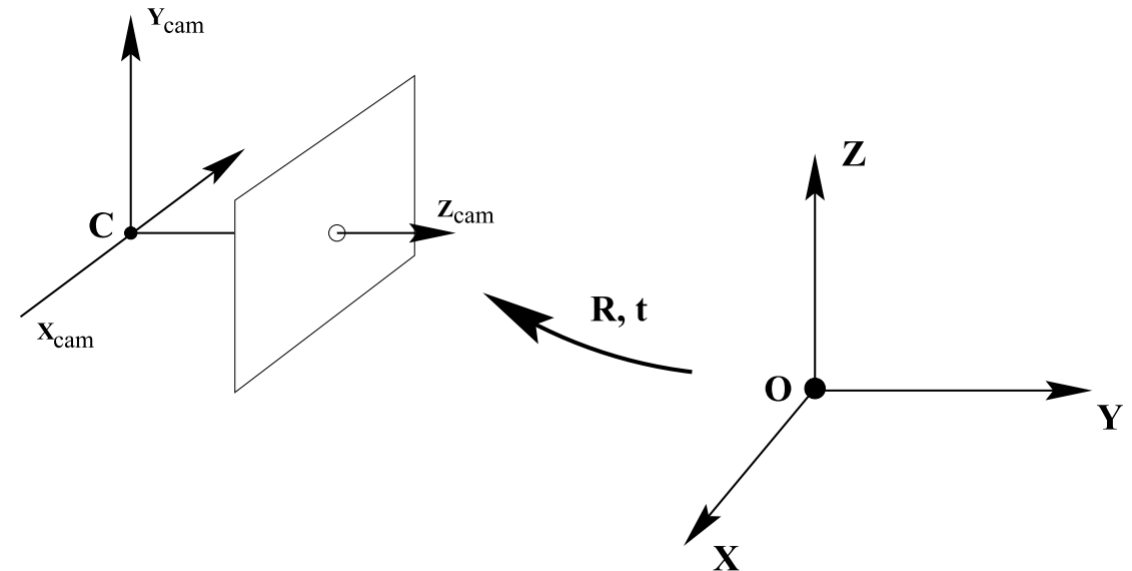
$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{W}{2f} \quad \text{or} \quad f = \frac{W}{2} \left[\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right]^{-1}$$



Camera Coordinate Frames: Moving Camera Around

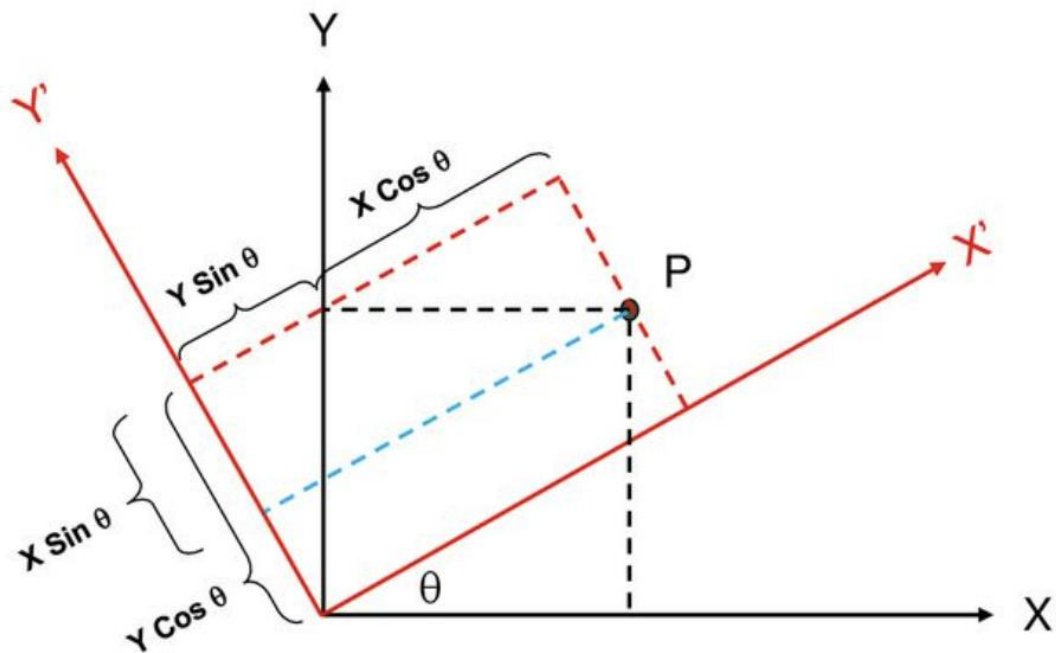


We need to deal with 3D translations and rotations!





2D Rotation



$$X' = X \cos \theta + Y \sin \theta$$

$$Y' = Y \cos \theta - X \sin \theta$$

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

2D Rotation Matrix

$${}^B R_A$$



3D Rotation Representation: Rotation Matrix

- An orthonormal matrix
 - A real square matrix
 - whose columns & rows are orthonormal vectors
 - $\det(R) = 1$
 - $R^T = R^{-1}$

- Basic rotation around X/Y/Z axis



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \\ R_y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \\ R_z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$



3D Rotation Representation: Euler Angles

- 3 successive rotations
- Eulerian: with repetition in axis
 - XYZ, XZX, YXY, YZY, ZXZ, ZYZ
- Cardanian: without repetition
 - XYZ, XZY, YZX, YXZ, ZXY, ZYX
- 12 types
 - And you should always check handedness, intrinsic or extrinsic rotation

$$R = R_z(\phi)R_y(\theta)R_z(\psi)$$

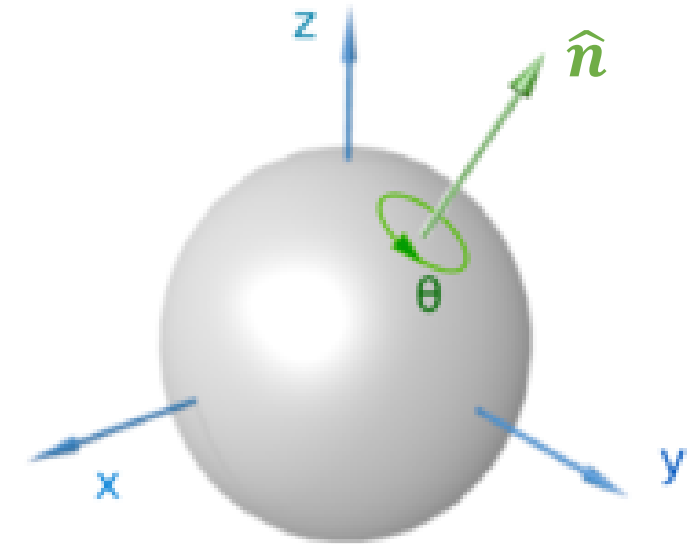


3D Rotation Representation: Axis-Angle Vector

- A 3D vector $\theta \hat{\mathbf{n}} \in \mathbb{R}^3$
 - aka, rotation vector
- Conversion to rotation matrix by Rodrigues' rotation formula:

$$\mathbf{R}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \theta) = \mathbf{I} + \sin \theta [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} + (1 - \cos \theta) [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times}^2$$

$$[\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\hat{n}_z & \hat{n}_y \\ \hat{n}_z & 0 & -\hat{n}_x \\ -\hat{n}_y & \hat{n}_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$





3D Rotation Representation: Unit Quaternion

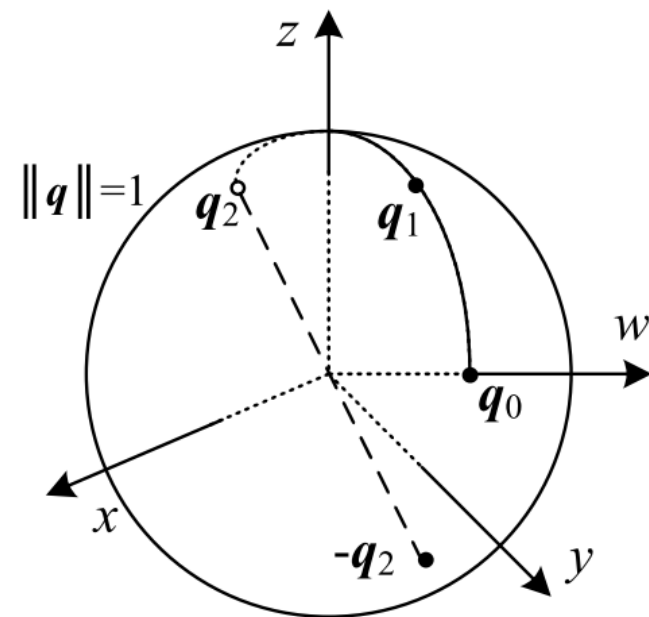
- A 4D unit vector

$$\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{v}, w) = \left(\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \hat{\mathbf{n}}, \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{q} = (x, y, z, w)$$

- Conversion to rotation matrix:

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2(y^2 + z^2) & 2(xy - zw) & 2(xz + yw) \\ 2(xy + zw) & 1 - 2(x^2 + z^2) & 2(yz - xw) \\ 2(xz - yw) & 2(yz + xw) & 1 - 2(x^2 + y^2) \end{bmatrix}$$





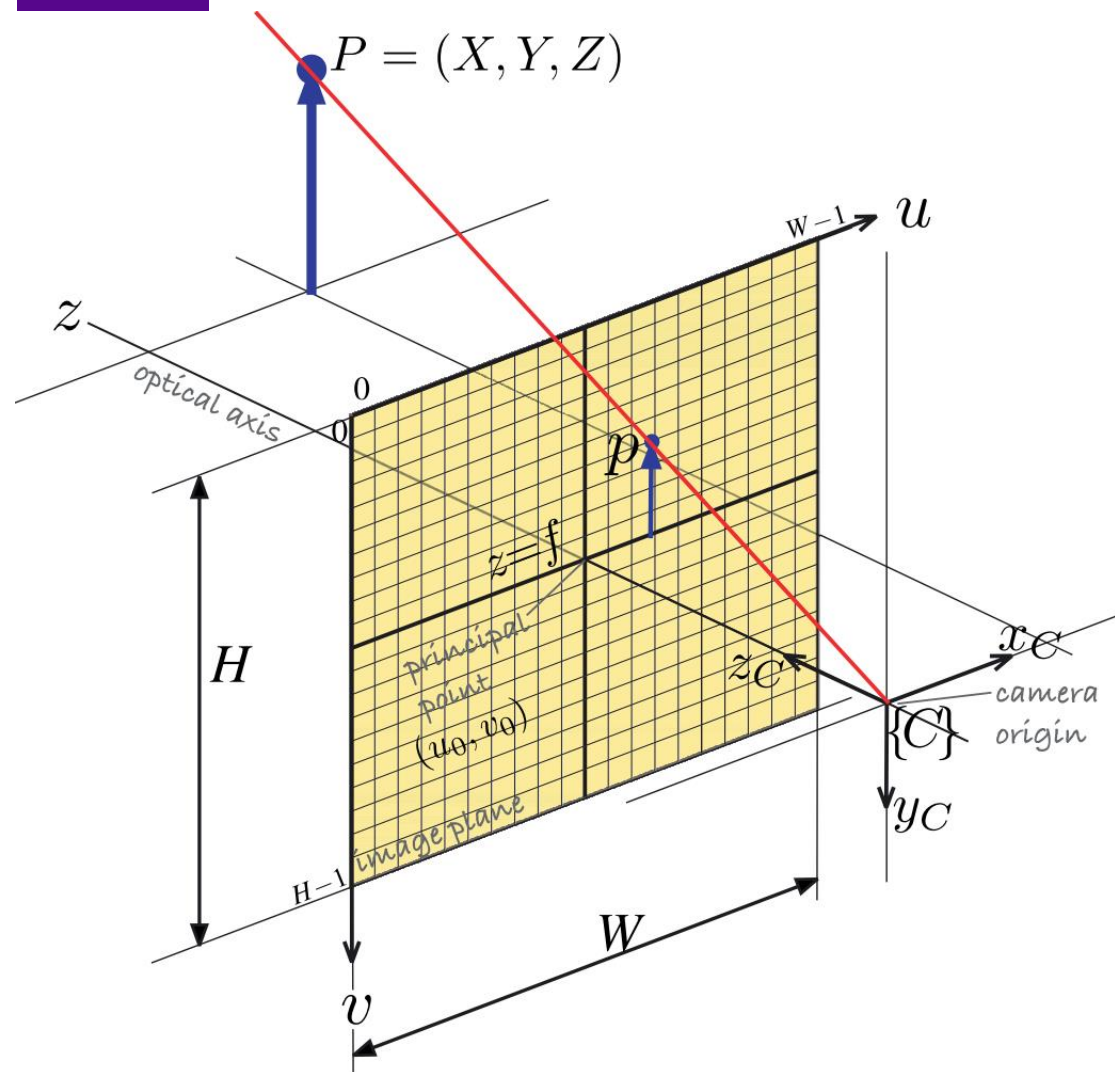
Summary of 3D Rotation Representation

- Rotation matrix (9 parameters)
- Euler (3 parameters)
 - Minimal
 - Many ambiguities
 - Gimbal Lock
- Axis-angle (3 parameters)
 - Minimal & continuous
 - 1 rotation ~ 2 axis-angle vectors
- Unit quaternion (4 parameters)
 - Almost minimal & continuous
 - 1 rotation ~ 2 unit quaternions
 - Easy inverse/multiplication
 - Interpolation using *slerp*

procedure *slerp*($\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, \alpha$):

1. $\mathbf{q}_r = \mathbf{q}_1 / \mathbf{q}_0 = (\mathbf{v}_r, w_r)$
2. if $w_r < 0$ then $\mathbf{q}_r \leftarrow -\mathbf{q}_r$
3. $\theta_r = 2 \tan^{-1}(\|\mathbf{v}_r\|/w_r)$
4. $\hat{\mathbf{n}}_r = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{v}_r) = \mathbf{v}_r / \|\mathbf{v}_r\|$
5. $\theta_\alpha = \alpha \theta_r$
6. $\mathbf{q}_\alpha = (\sin \frac{\theta_\alpha}{2} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_r, \cos \frac{\theta_\alpha}{2})$
7. **return** $\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{q}_\alpha \mathbf{q}_0$

Recall the Basic Equation of Pinhole Camera Model



ρ_w and ρ_h are the width and height of each pixel

$$\mathbf{p} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1/\rho_w & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & 1/\rho_h & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{K}} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Updated Equation of Pinhole Camera Model

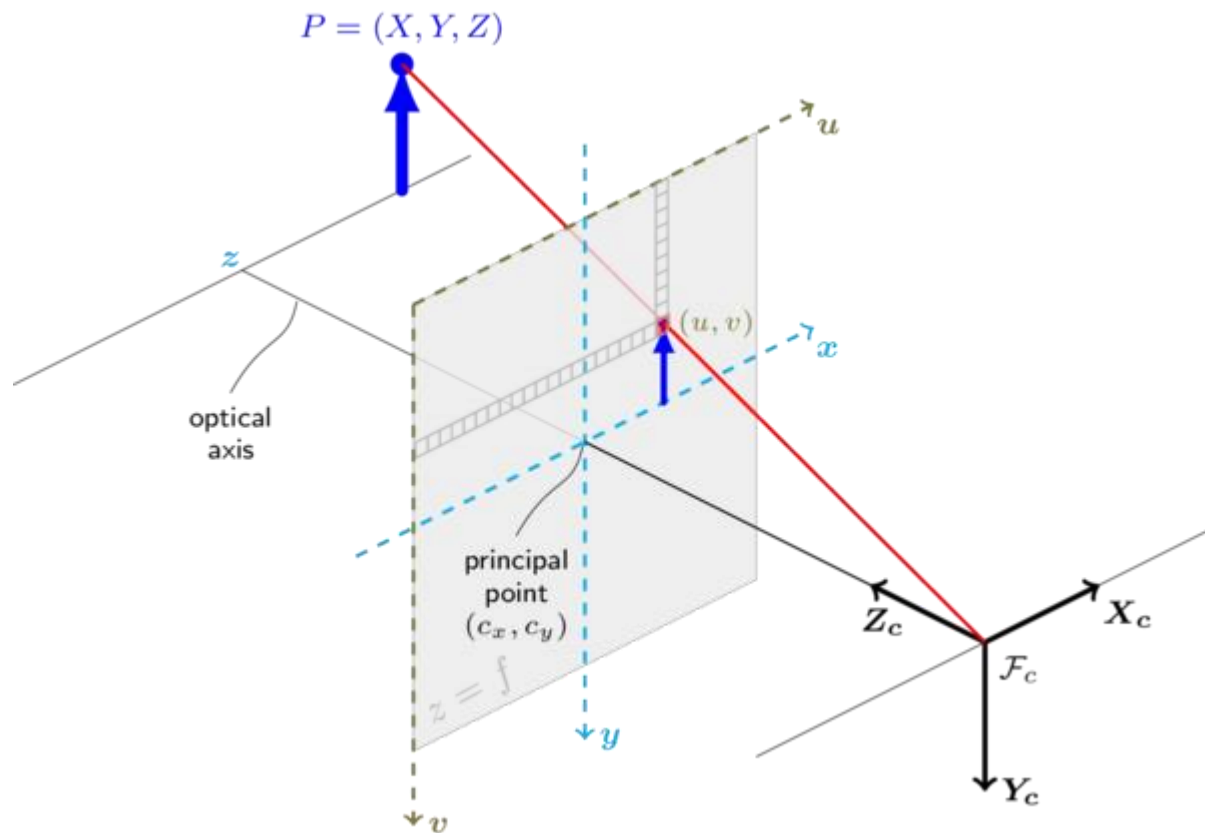
- Putting intrinsics & extrinsics together:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Camera Matrix } P \\ \hline s \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{intrinsics } K} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{extrinsics } R, t} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\text{In OpenCV: } K \left[R \mid t \right]$$



The Pinhole Camera Model Calculation Process in OpenCV



$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = R \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} + t$$

$$x' = x/z$$

$$y' = y/z$$

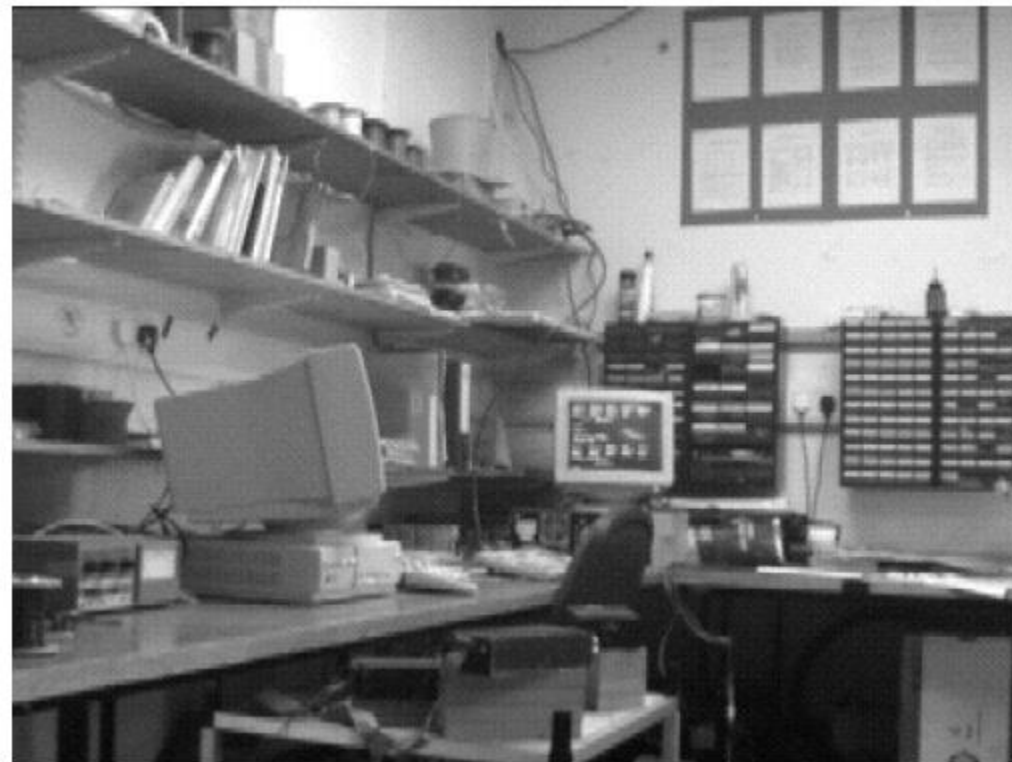
$$u = f_x * x' + c_x$$

$$v = f_y * y' + c_y$$



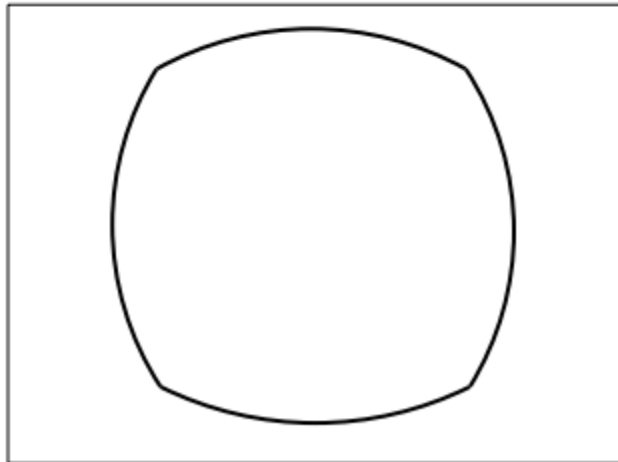
Lens Distortion

- Radial distortion



Lens Distortion

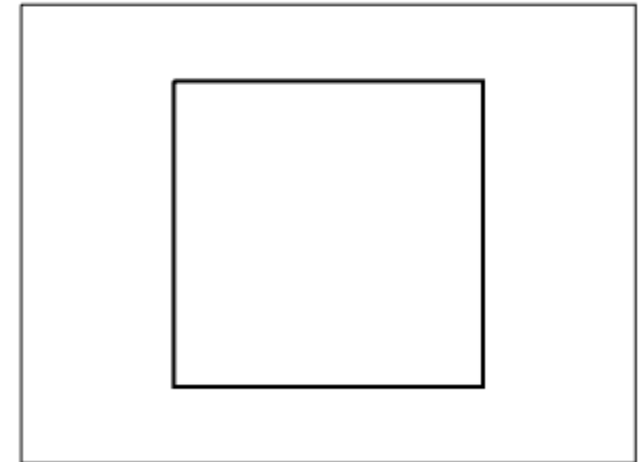
radial distortion



correction



linear image



$$x_{\text{corrected}} = x(1 + k_1 r^2 + k_2 r^4 + k_3 r^6)$$

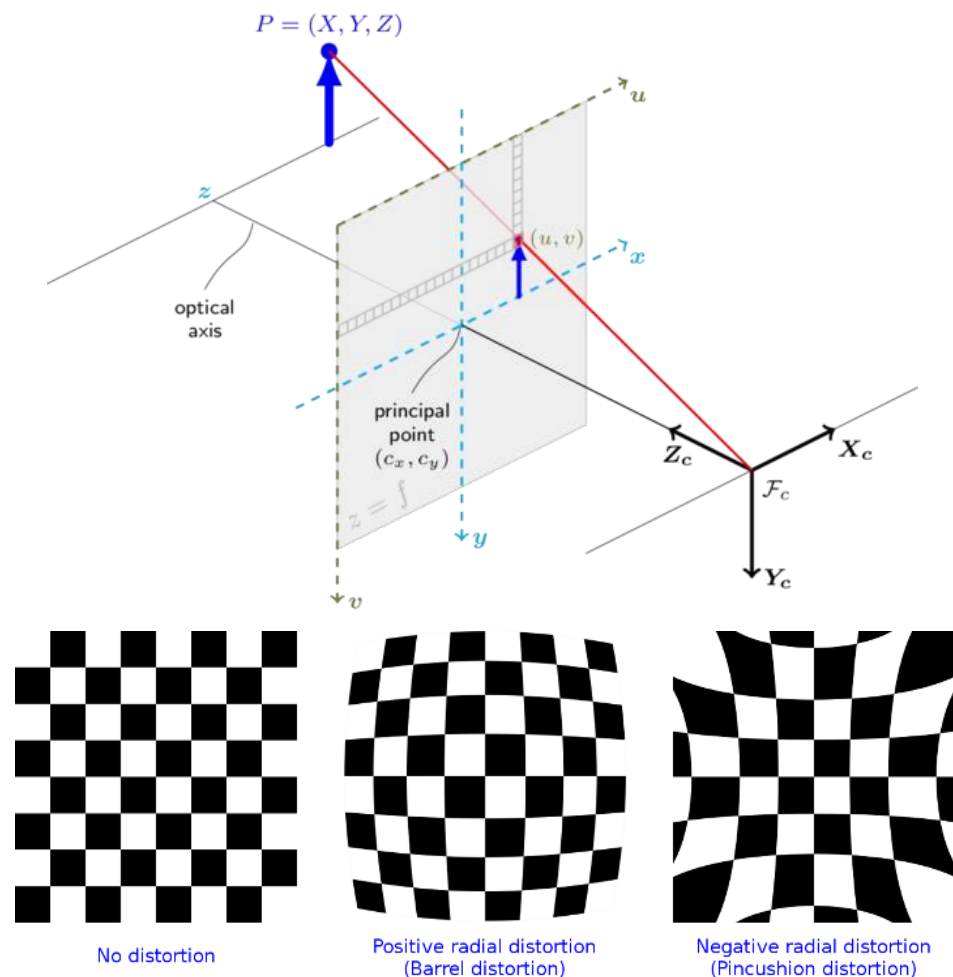
$$y_{\text{corrected}} = y(1 + k_1 r^2 + k_2 r^4 + k_3 r^6)$$

<https://hal-enpc.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01556898/document>

https://jo.dreggn.org/home/2016_optics.pdf



Everything Together in OpenCV (Full Model)



$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = R \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} + t$$

$$x' = x/z$$

$$y' = y/z$$

$$x'' = x' \frac{1+k_1 r^2 + k_2 r^4 + k_3 r^6}{1+k_4 r^2 + k_5 r^4 + k_6 r^6} + 2p_1 x' y' + p_2 (r^2 + 2x'^2)$$

$$y'' = y' \frac{1+k_1 r^2 + k_2 r^4 + k_3 r^6}{1+k_4 r^2 + k_5 r^4 + k_6 r^6} + p_1 (r^2 + 2y'^2) + 2p_2 x' y'$$

$$\text{where } r^2 = x'^2 + y'^2$$

$$u = f_x * x'' + c_x$$

$$v = f_y * y'' + c_y$$



Recall the Updated Equation of Pinhole Camera Model



- Why do we put an extra 1 on both sides of the equation?

$$s \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = R \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} + t$$

$$x' = x/z$$

$$y' = y/z$$

$$u = f_x * x' + c_x$$

$$v = f_y * y' + c_y$$



Euclidean Geometric Primitives

- Point

$$\mathbf{x} = (x, y) \in \mathcal{R}^2 \qquad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{x} = (x, y, z) \in \mathcal{R}^3$$

- Points at infinity?



Homogeneous Representation of Euclidean Points

- Inhomogeneous point

$$\mathbf{x} = (x, y) \in \mathcal{R}^2 \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = (x, y, z) \in \mathcal{R}^3$$

- Homogeneous point
- 2D projective space $\mathcal{P}^2 = \mathcal{R}^3 - (0, 0, 0)$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{w}) \in \mathcal{P}^2 \quad \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{w}) = \tilde{w}(x, y, 1) = \tilde{w}\bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

- Points at infinity (or ideal points): $\{(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{w}) | \tilde{w} = 0\}$



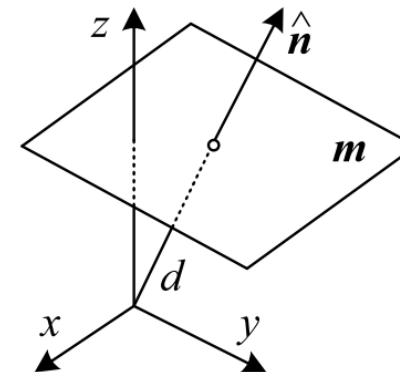
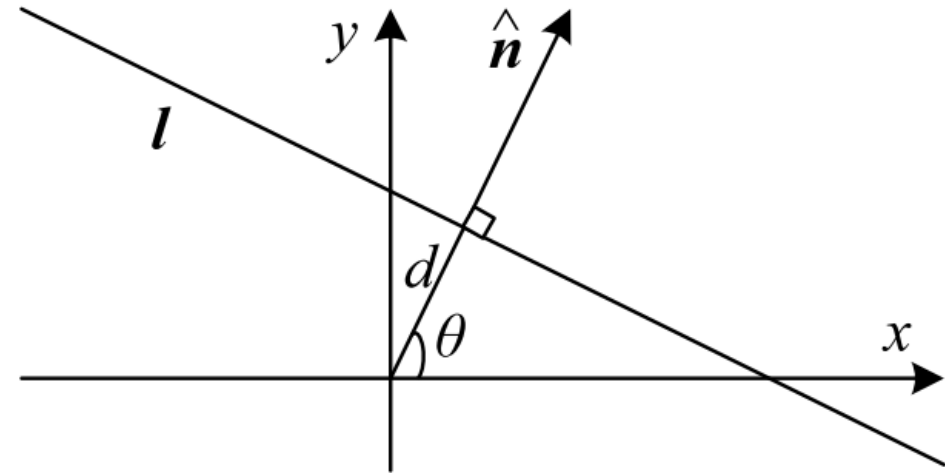
Advantages of Homogeneous Representation

- Homogeneous 2D line

$$\bar{x} \cdot \tilde{l} = ax + by + c = 0$$

$$\tilde{l} = (a, b, c)$$

- Homogeneous 3D plane





Advantages of Homogeneous Representation



- Joints and intersections
 - Intersection point of two lines

$$\tilde{x} = \tilde{l}_1 \times \tilde{l}_2$$

- Line joining two points

$$\tilde{l} = \tilde{x}_1 \times \tilde{x}_2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} +i u_2 v_3 \\ +u_1 v_2 k \\ +v_1 j u_3 \\ -v_1 u_2 k \\ -i v_2 u_3 \\ -u_1 j v_3 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc} i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{array} \right|$$

- Duality between 2D lines and 2D points



Advantages of Homogeneous Representation



- Intersection of parallel lines $ax+by+c=0$ and $ax+by+c'=0$?

- Point at infinity $(b, -a, 0)^T$

- Line at infinity (or ideal line)?

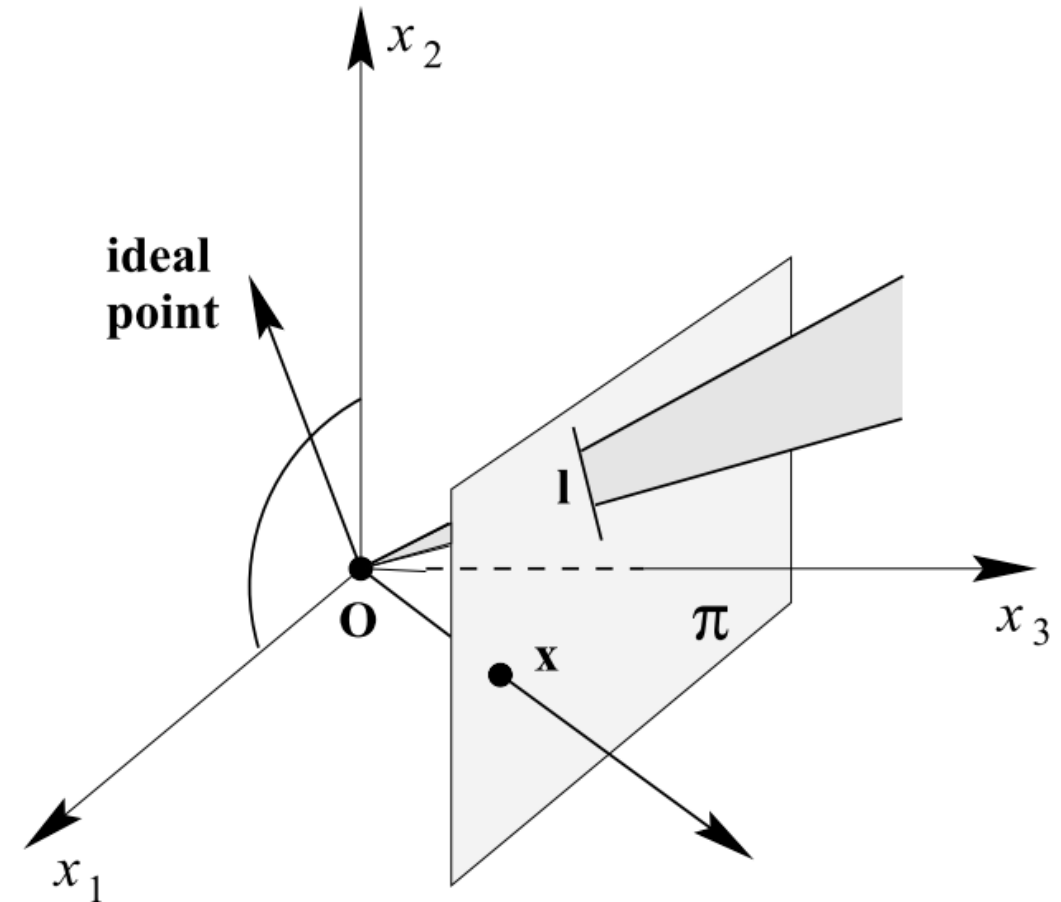
$$\mathbf{l}_{\infty} = (0, 0, 1)^T$$

- The set of all ideal points
 - The set of directions of lines



Projective Space

- Projective geometry
 - The study of the geometry of projective space
 - A point in 2D as a ray in 3D
 - No need to distinguish between points/lines at infinity and ordinary points
 - One of the most important theoretic foundation of geometric computer vision





Recall the Updated Equation of Pinhole Camera Model

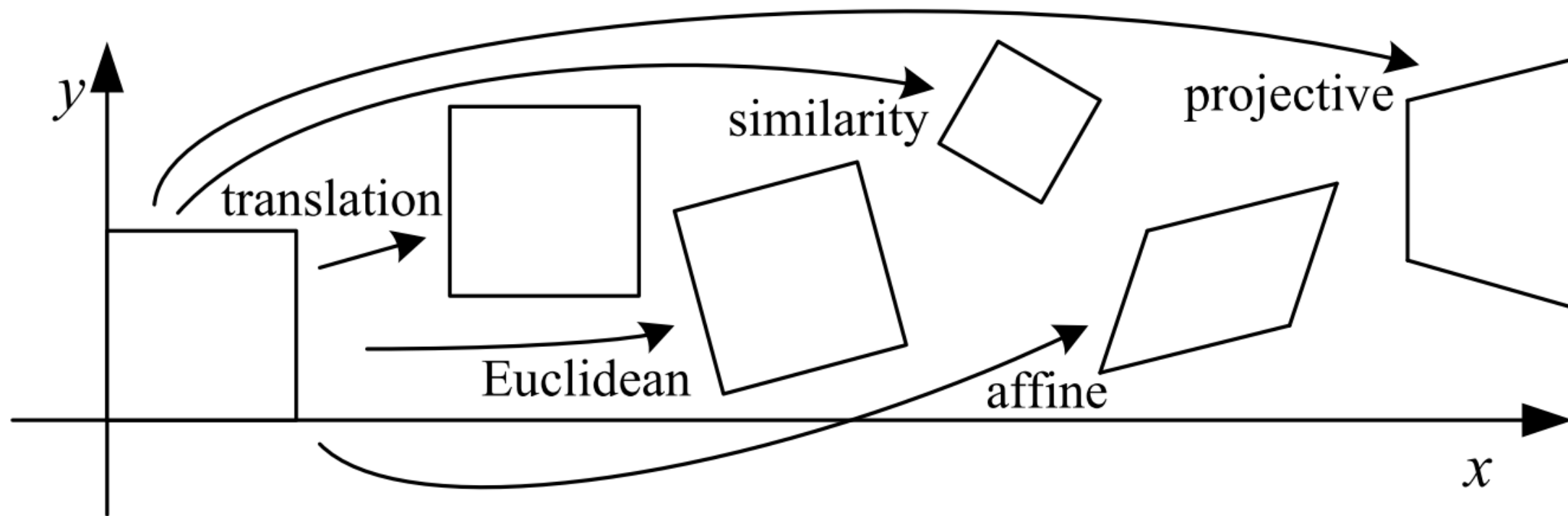
- In essence, this is a 3D-to-2D transformation/mapping

$$s \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- It is a composition of multiple kinds of transformations
 - 2D-to-2D (affine)
 - 3D-to-3D (euclidean)
 - 3D-to-2D (perspective)


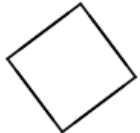
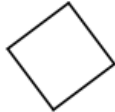

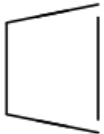


2D-to-2D Transformations




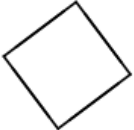
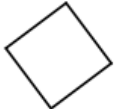

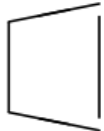


Hierarchy of 2D Transformations

Transformation	Matrix	# DoF	Preserves	Icon
translation	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	2	orientation	
rigid (Euclidean)	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	3	lengths	
similarity	$\begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	4	angles	
affine	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	6	parallelism	
projective	$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$	8	straight lines	



Hierarchy of 3D Transformations

Transformation	Matrix	# DoF	Preserves	Icon
translation	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	3	orientation	
rigid (Euclidean)	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	6	lengths	
similarity	$\begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	7	angles	
affine	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	12	parallelism	
projective	$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$	15	straight lines	

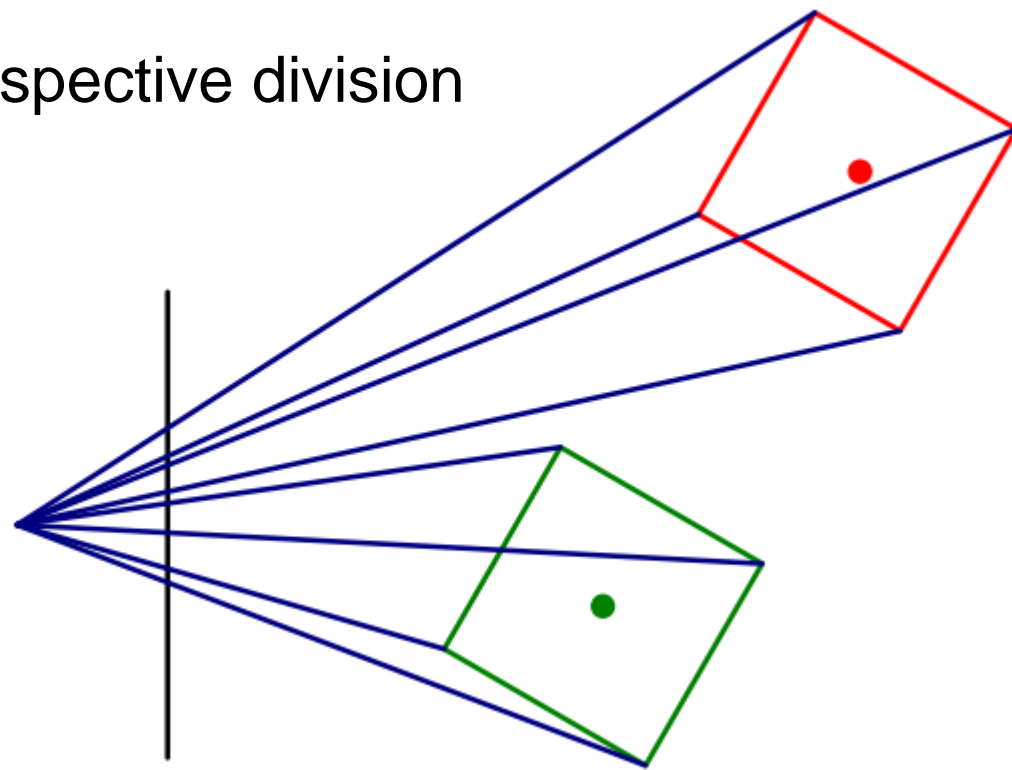


3D to 2D Projection

- Perspective projection

Perspective division

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathcal{P}_z(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{bmatrix} x/z \\ y/z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}$$

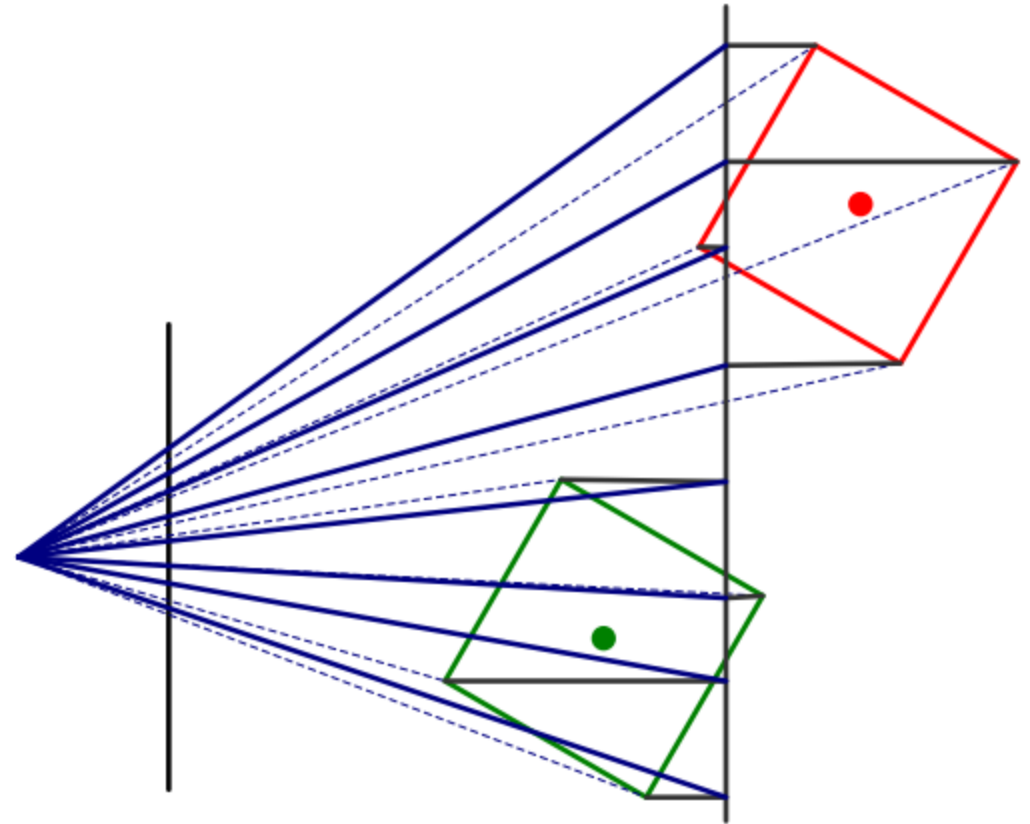




3D to 2D Projection

- Orthographic projection
- Approximation of telephoto

$$\tilde{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{p}$$





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