

Vanishing points and Horizon

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Q5. a) A line of 3D points is represented as $\mathbf{X}(\omega) = \mathbf{A} + \omega \mathbf{D}$. Where ' \mathbf{D} ' is the direction vector and ' \mathbf{A} ' is a point in 3D. Using $x = c \mathbf{X}/Z$ (from similar triangles).

The vanishing point its image is: $\alpha = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \pm\infty} x(\omega) = c(\mathbf{A} + \omega \mathbf{D}) / (A_z + \omega D_z) = c \mathbf{D} / D_z = c \left(\frac{D_x}{D_z}, \frac{D_y}{D_z}, 1 \right)^T$

Here we can see that if we draw another line with point B lying on it and having direction \mathbf{D} , we will also have the same equation as above since it is independent of ' \mathbf{A} '.

Therefore, we can say that parallel lines in \mathbb{R}^3 have intersection point called vanishing point. Hence proved.

- From similar triangles: $x/X = c/Z$
- $(X, Y, Z)^T \mapsto (cX/Z, cY/Z)$

b) Let direction vector corresponding to three sets of parallel lines be $\mathbf{D1}, \mathbf{D2}$ and $\mathbf{D3}$. As these lines lie on a plane we can say that $(\mathbf{D1} \times \mathbf{D2}) \cdot \mathbf{D3} = 0$ (Scalar Triple Product). ----- i)

As we know that line passing through two points in homogeneous coordinates is represented as $l = y_1 \times y_2$ and for a point ' y_3 ' to pass through line ' l ', $l \cdot y_3 = 0$.

Therefore, for three points (y_1, y_2, y_3) to be collinear: $(y_1 \times y_2) \cdot y_3 = 0$ ----- ii)

Here three vanishing points are $(Dx1, Dy1, Dz1); (Dx2, Dy2, Dz2); (Dx3, Dy3, Dz3)$.

From equation i) and ii) we can say that three vanishing points are collinear. Hence Proved