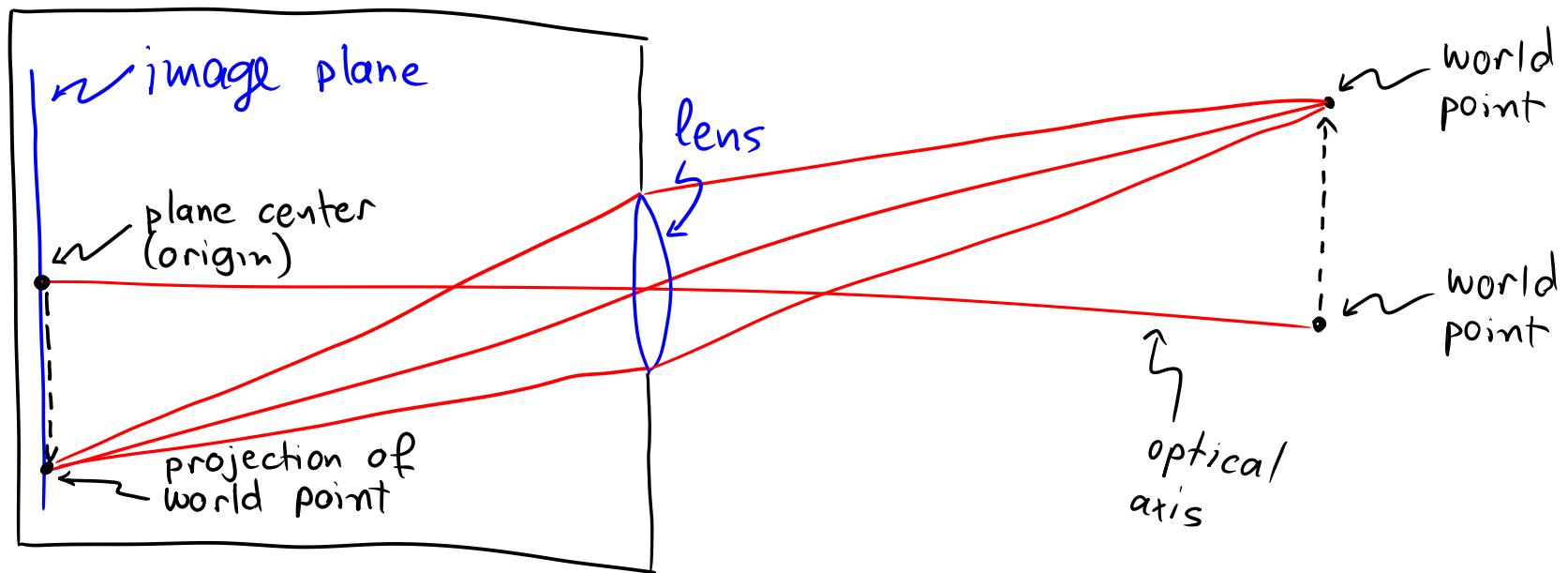


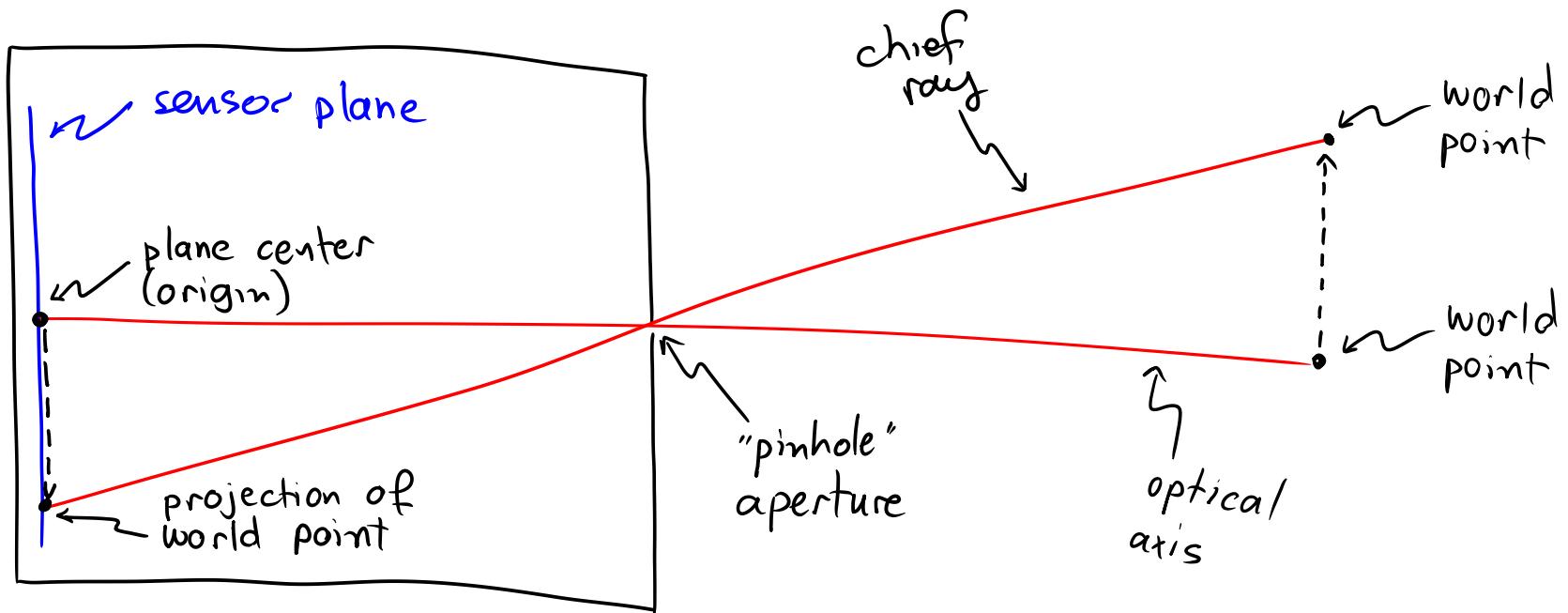
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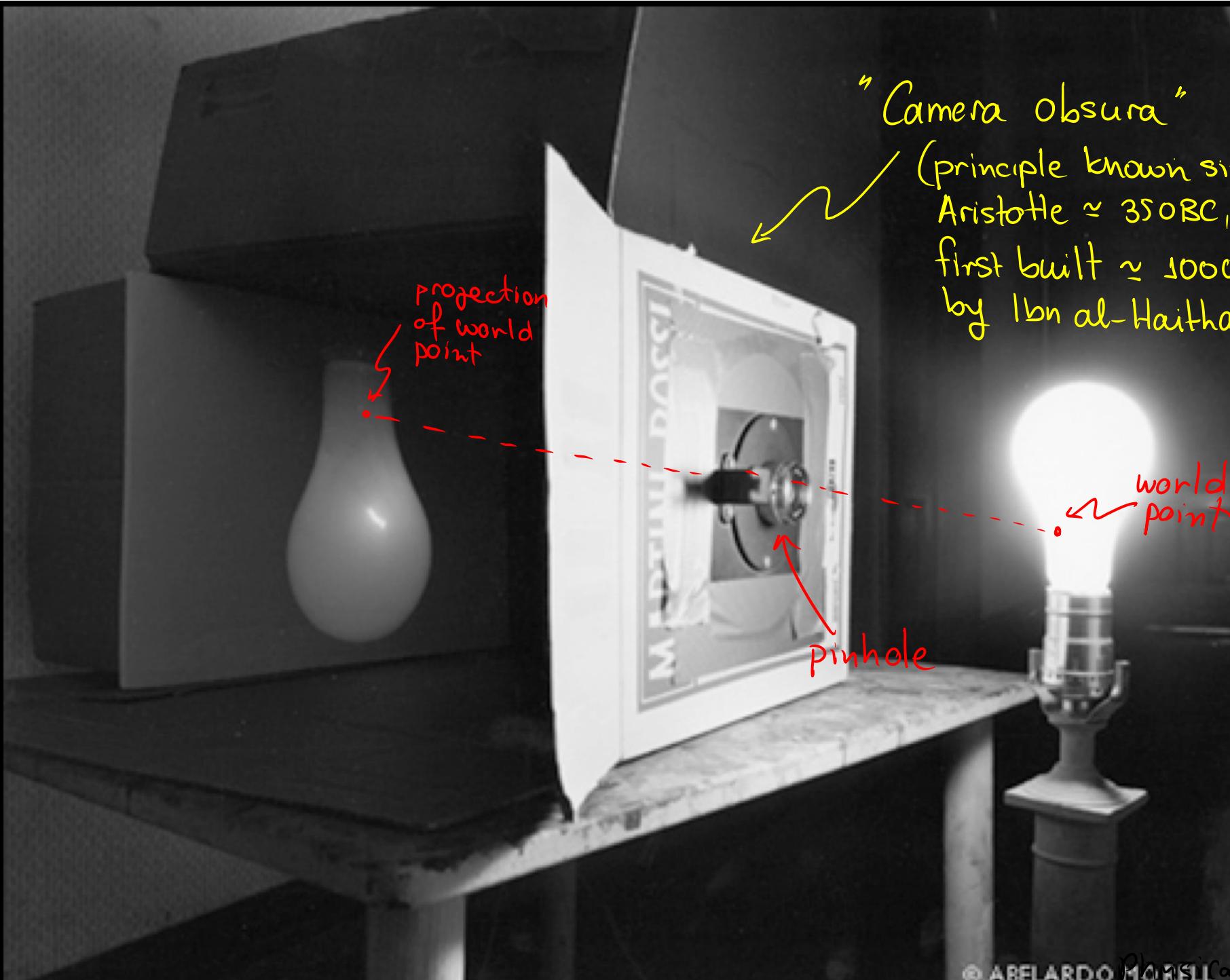
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# Simple Lens-Based Camera



# The Pinhole Camera

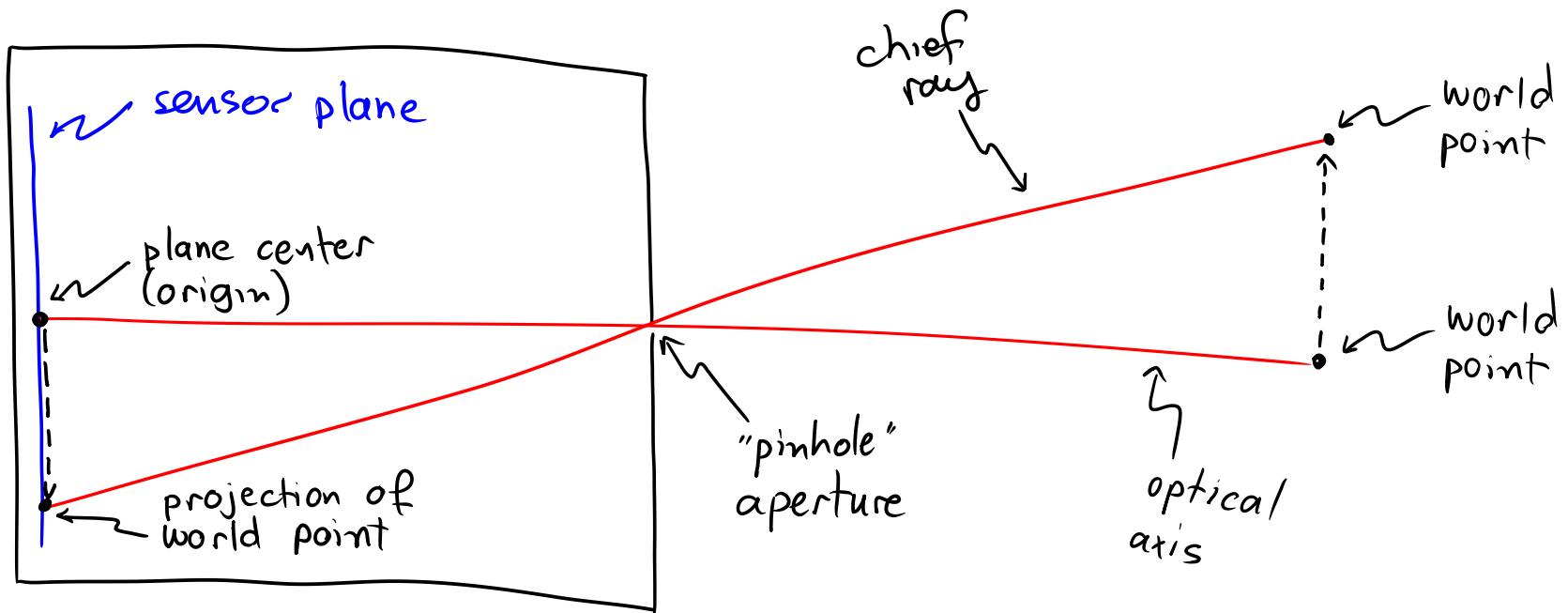




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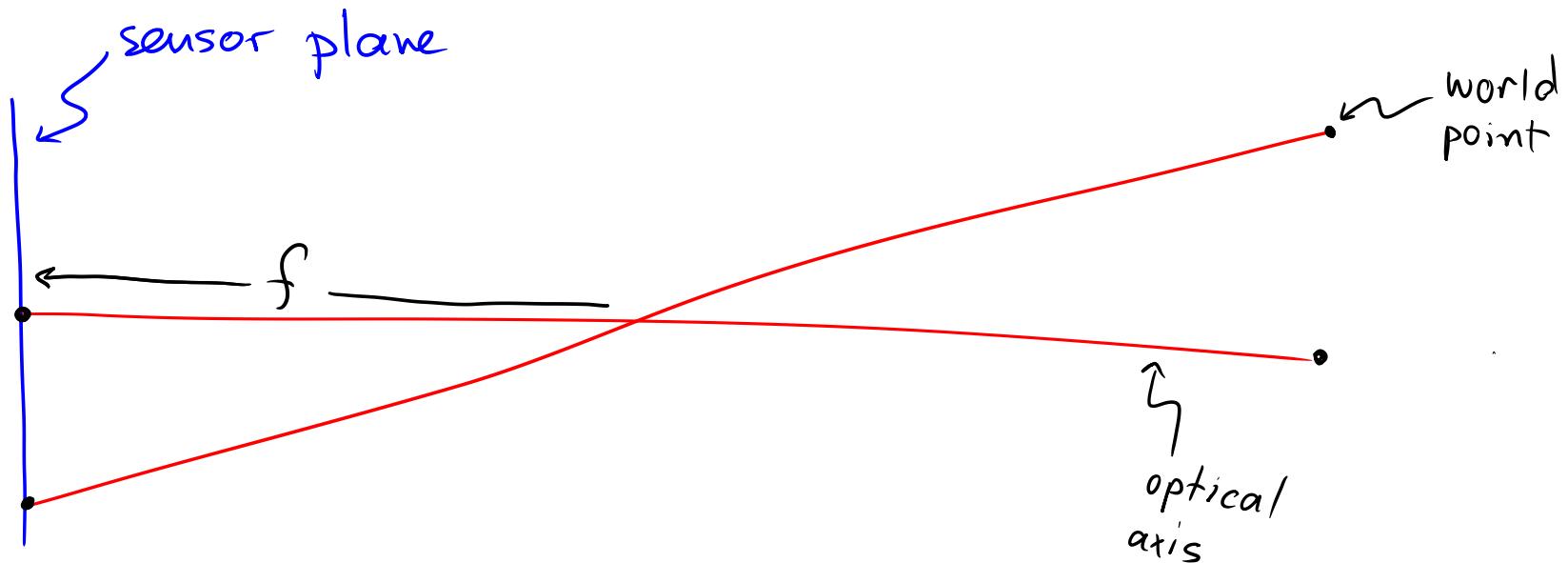
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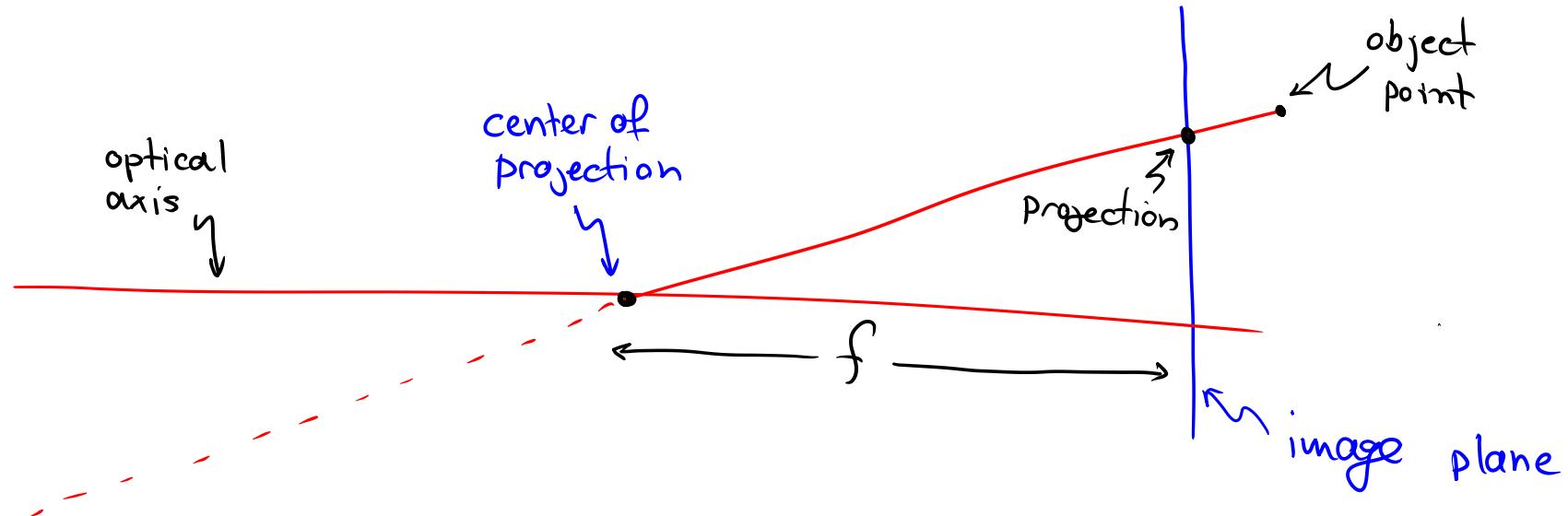


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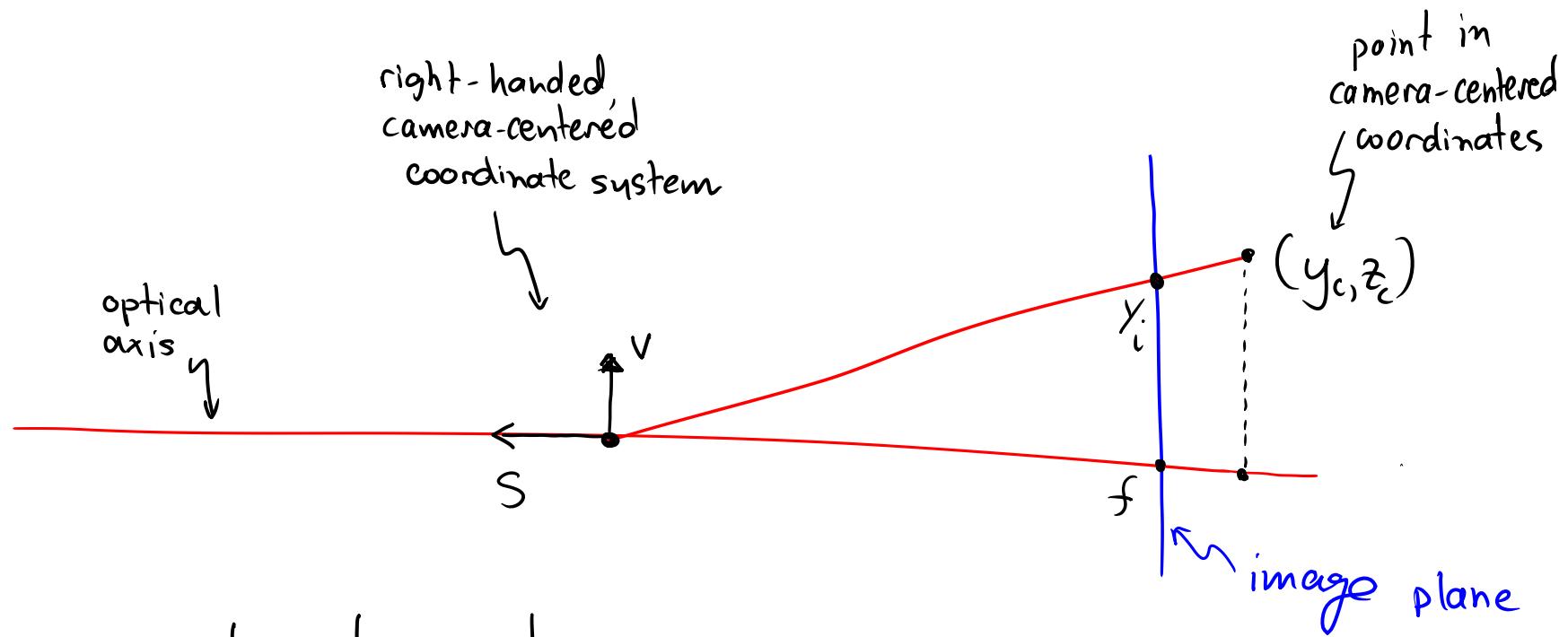
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Simplification

- : "Undo" image reversal by placing viewing plane in front of pinhole

# The Perspective Projection Equation in 2D



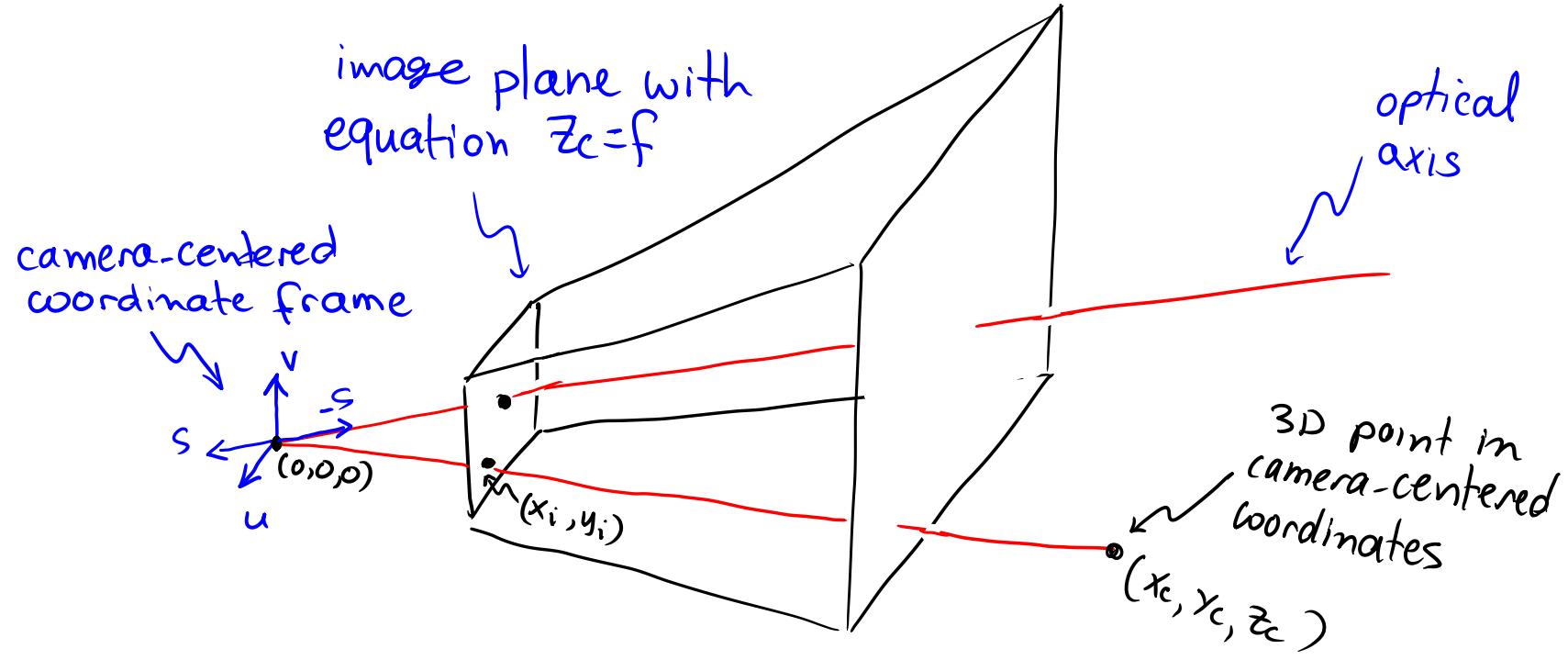
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The perspective projection equation

# The Perspective Projection Equations in 3D



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$\Rightarrow$

analogously,  
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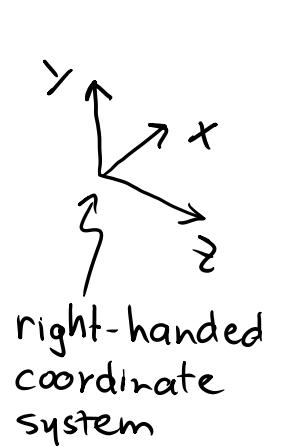
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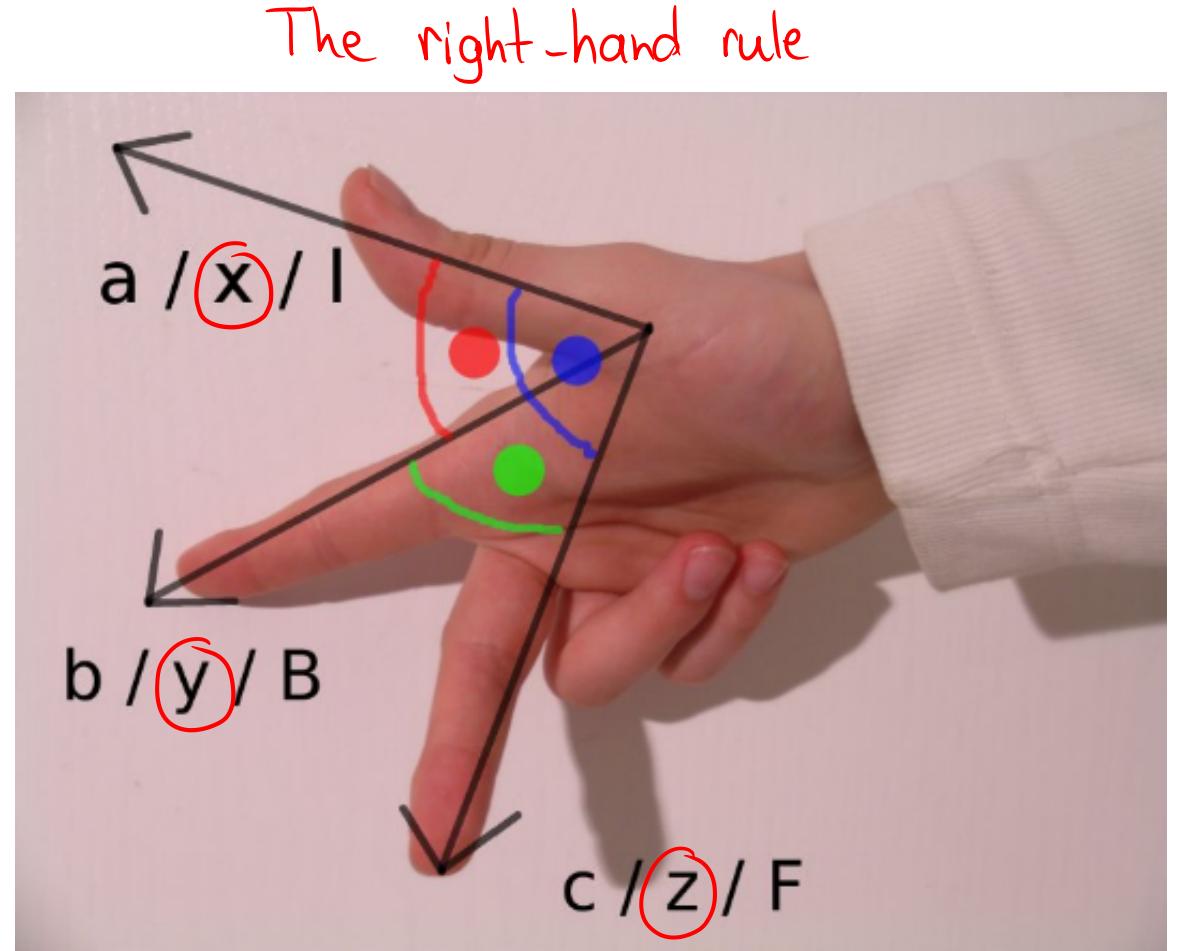
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The perspective  
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equations

# The Camera-Centered Coordinate System

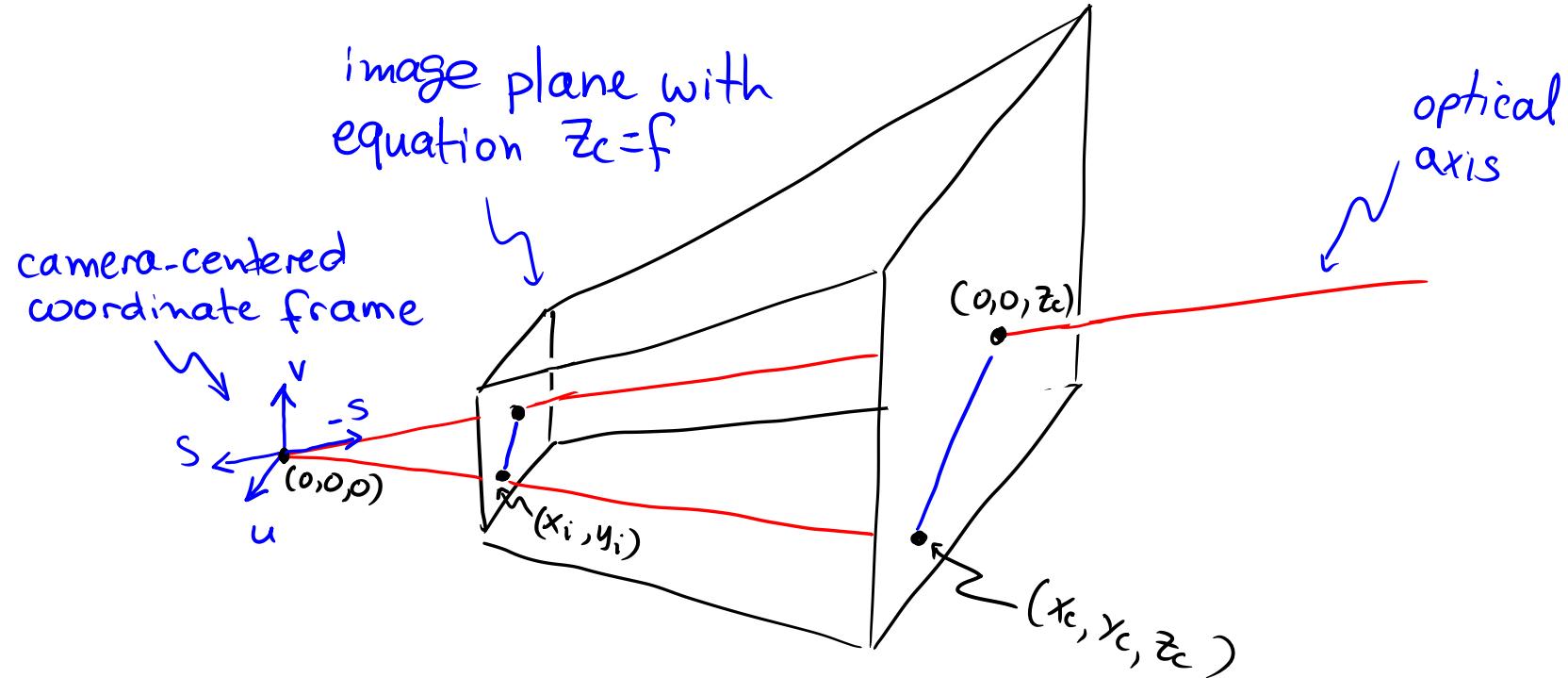


•  $\xleftarrow{\text{world}} \text{point}$   
 $(x, y, z)$



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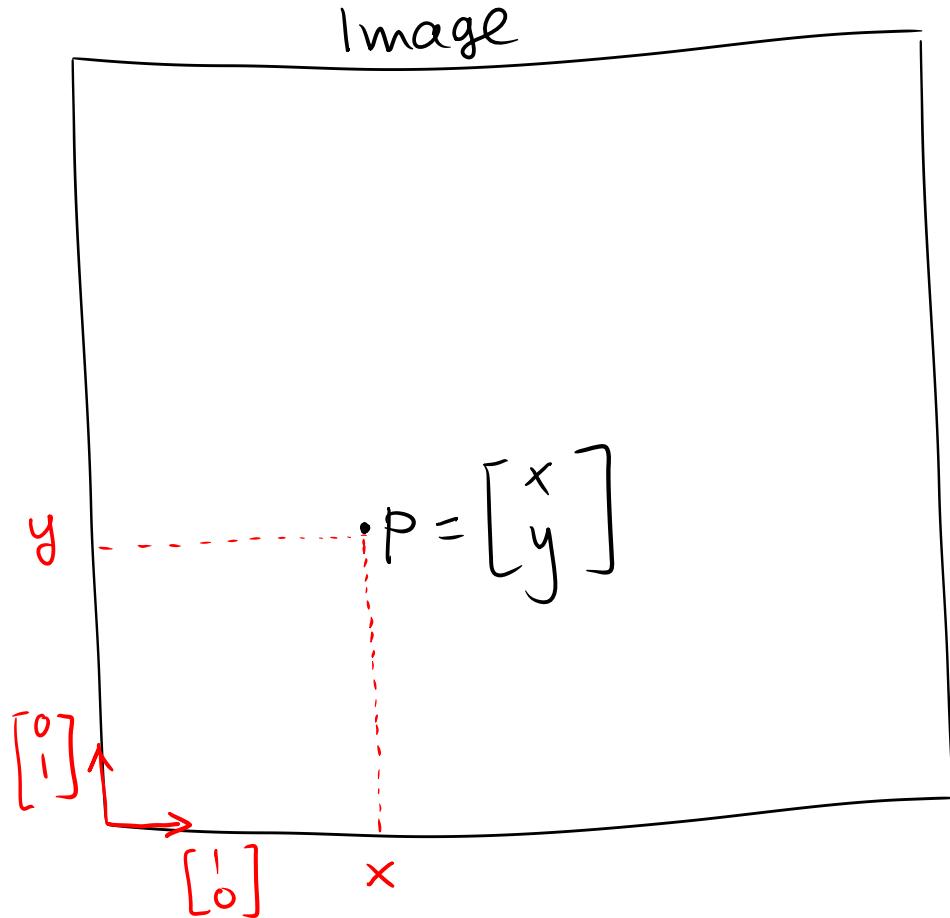


object-to-camera  
distance affects an  
object's projection

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# Representing Pixels by Euclidean 2D Coordinates

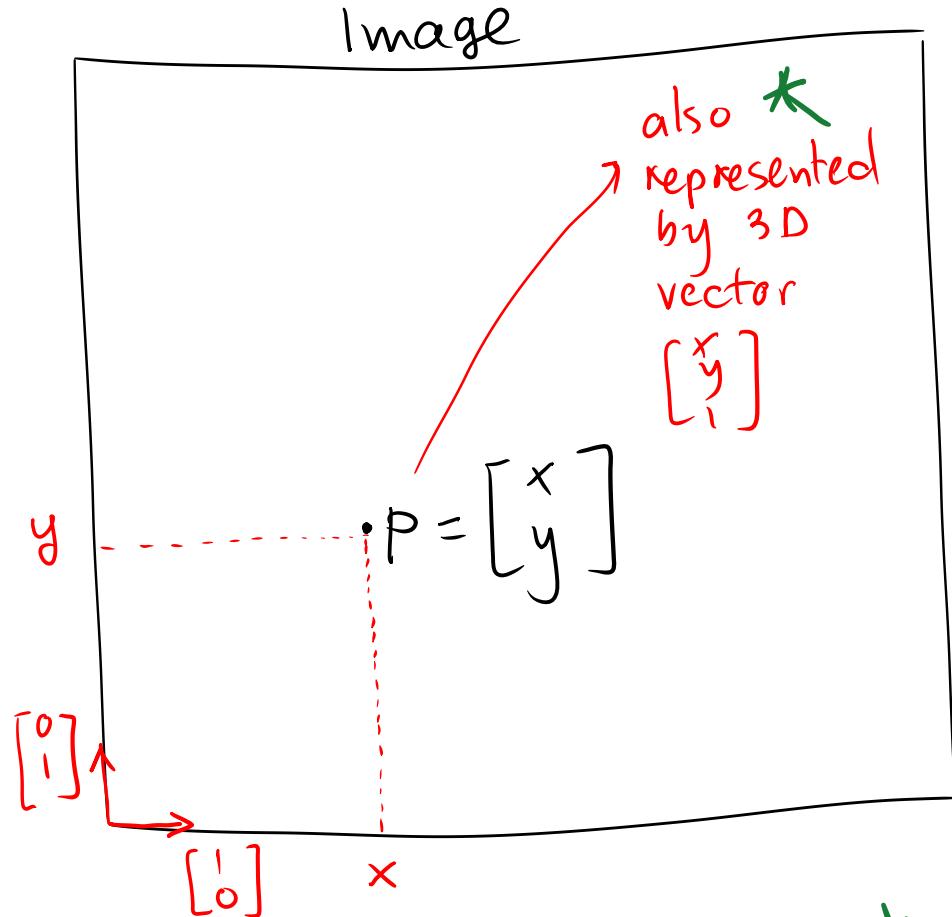


- "Standard" (Euclidean) representation of an image point  $P$ :

$$P = x \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

basis vectors  
 Euclidean coordinates

# Euclidean Coordinates $\Rightarrow$ Homogeneous Coordinates

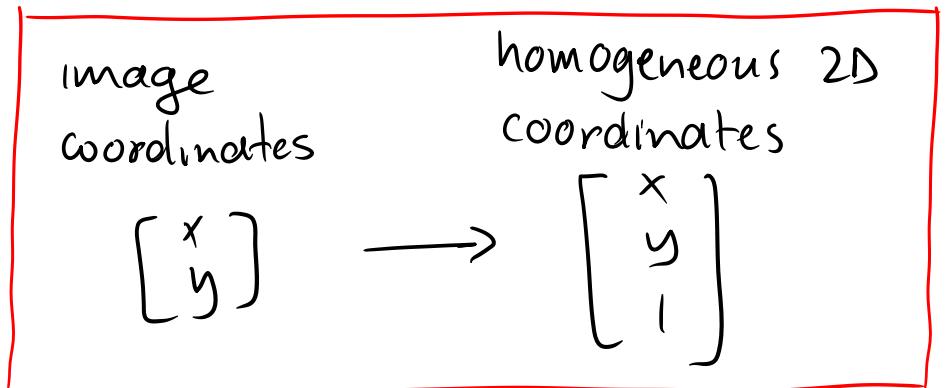


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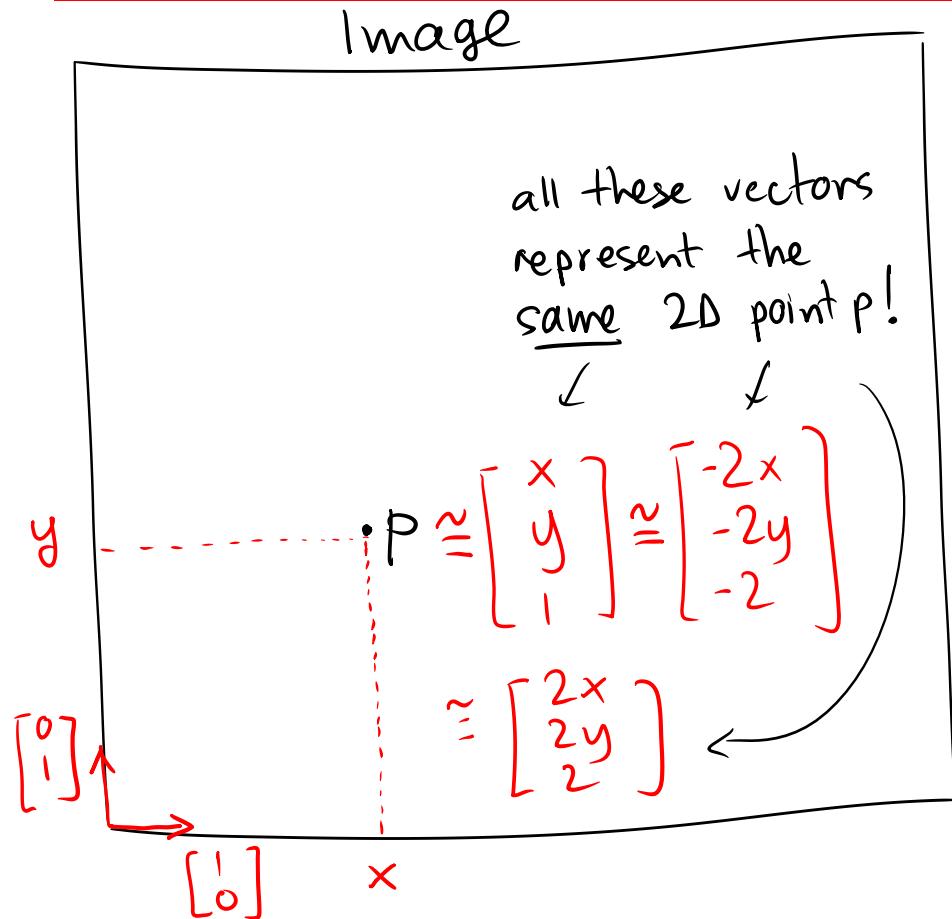
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# 2D Homogeneous Coordinates: Definition



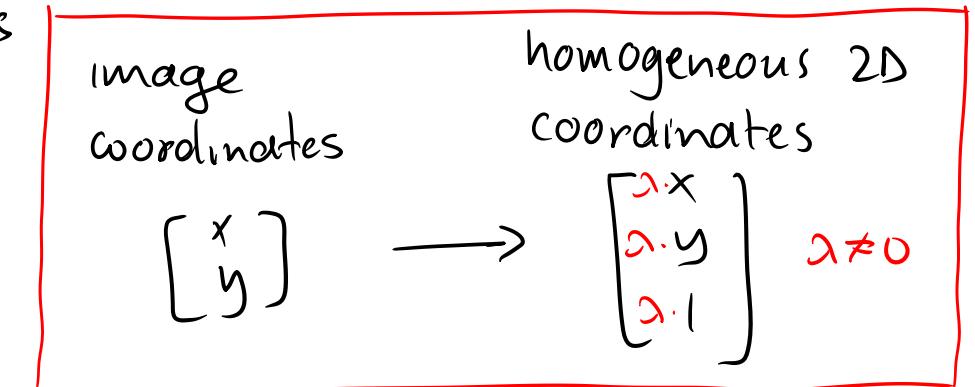
- For any  $\lambda \neq 0$ , the numbers  $\lambda x, \lambda y, \lambda$  are called the homogeneous coordinates of point  $P$

Definition:

Homogeneous representation of  $P$

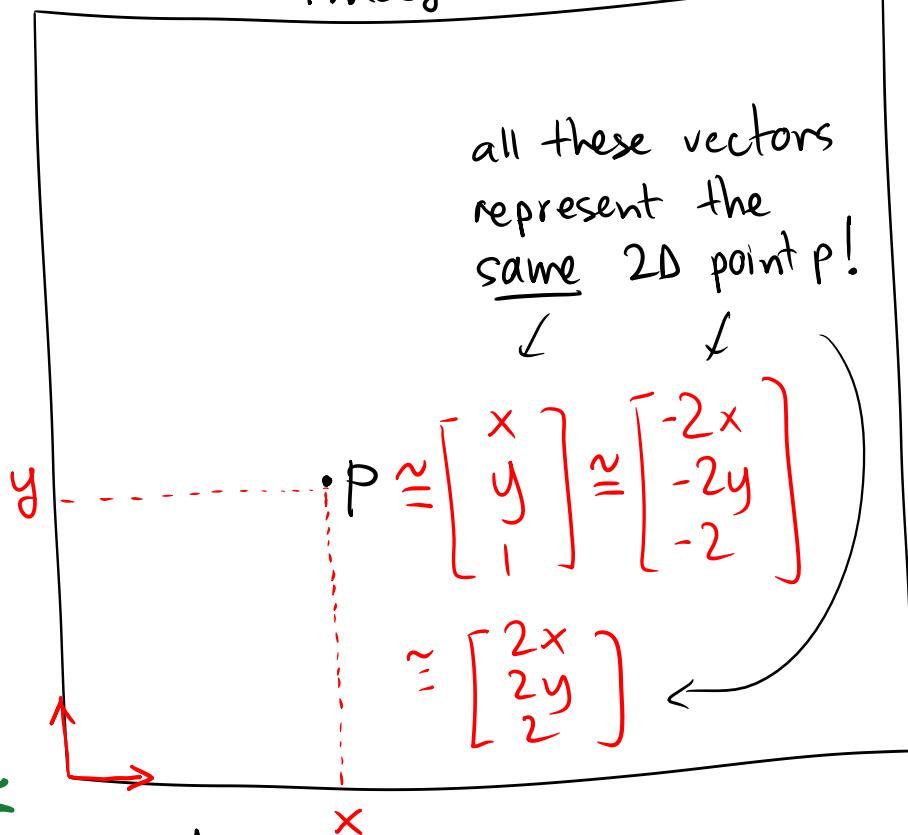
$P$  represented by any-  
3D vector  $\begin{bmatrix} \lambda x \\ \lambda y \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix}$  with  
 $\lambda \neq 0$

- Homogeneous (a.k.a. Projective) representation of  $P$



# 2D Homogeneous Coordinates: Equality

Image



- \* Examples:
  - Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \cong \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$ ? Yes (take  $\lambda=2$ )
  - Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cong \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix}$ ? Yes (take  $\lambda=30$ )
  - Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cong \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ? No!

Definition (Homogeneous Equality)

Two vectors of homogeneous coords  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix}$  and  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w' \end{bmatrix}$  are called equal if they represent the same 2D point:

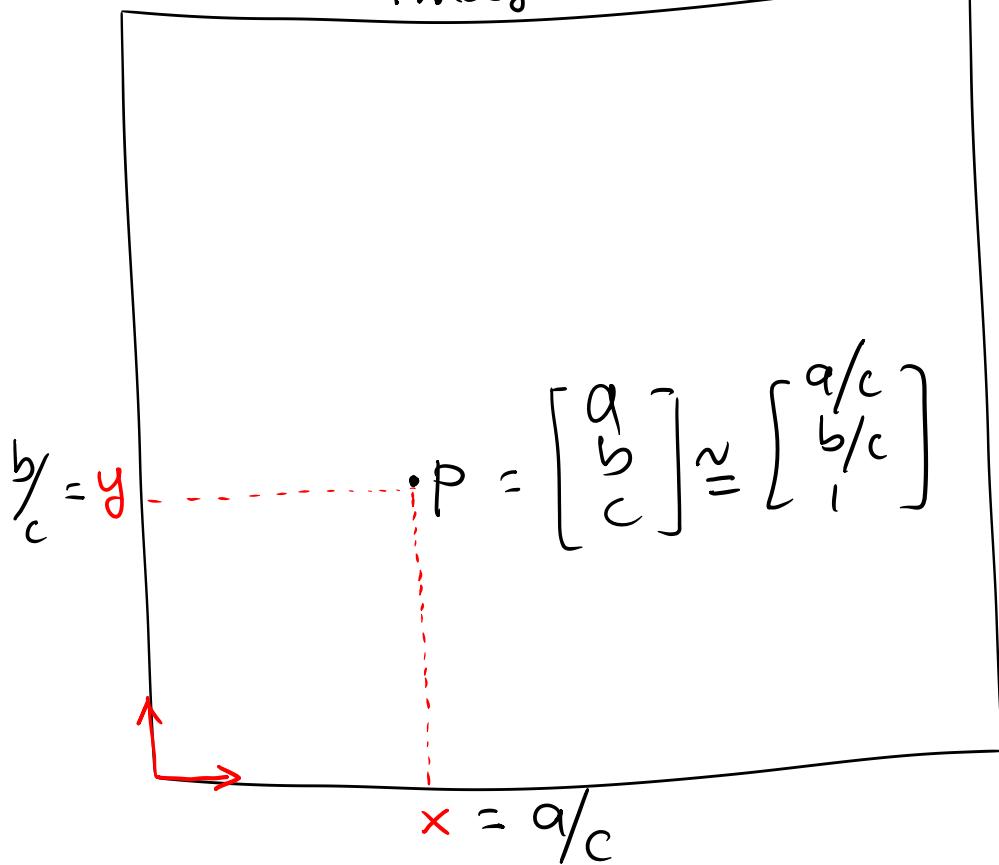
$$v_1 \underset{\lambda}{\cong} v_2 \quad \text{denotes homog. equality}$$

$\iff$   
there is a  $\lambda \neq 0$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w' \end{bmatrix}$$

# Homogeneous Coordinates $\Rightarrow$ Euclidean Coordinates

Image



Converting from homogeneous to Euclidean coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a/c \\ b/c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ represent the same 2D point}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{2D coordinates are } \begin{bmatrix} a/c \\ b/c \end{bmatrix}$$

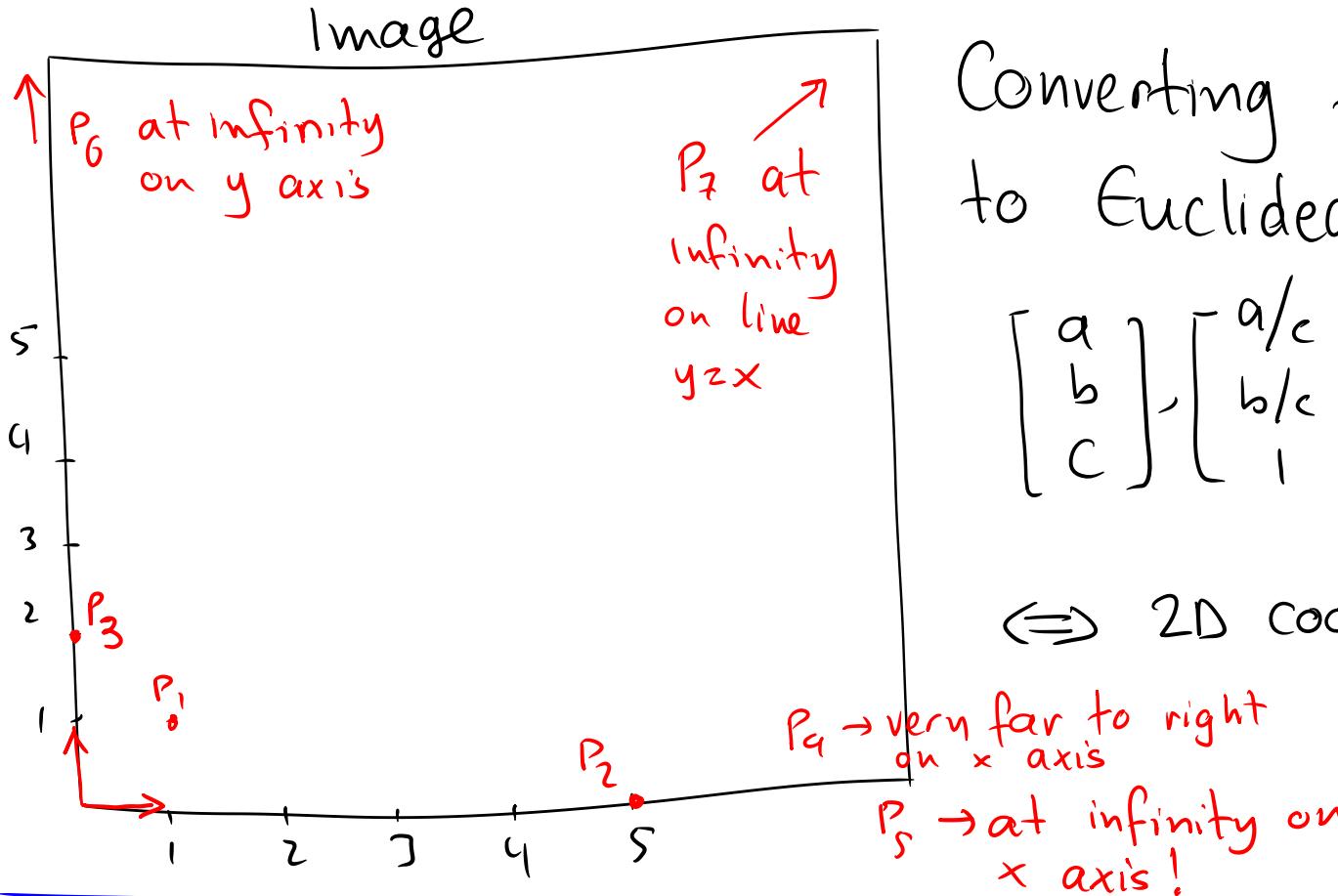
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\* Practice exercise: Plot positions of the following points

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

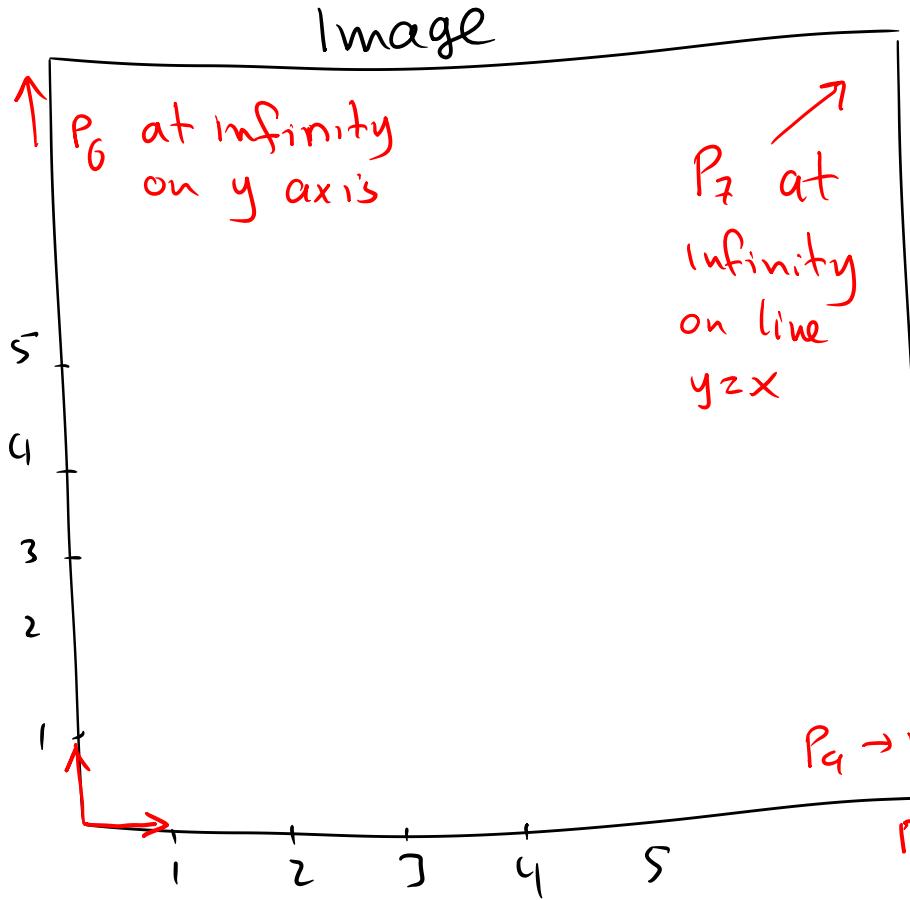
$$P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0.0001 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_7 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Points at $\infty$ in Homogeneous Coordinates \*



Useful property #1:

Even points infinitely far away have a finite representation in homogeneous coords!

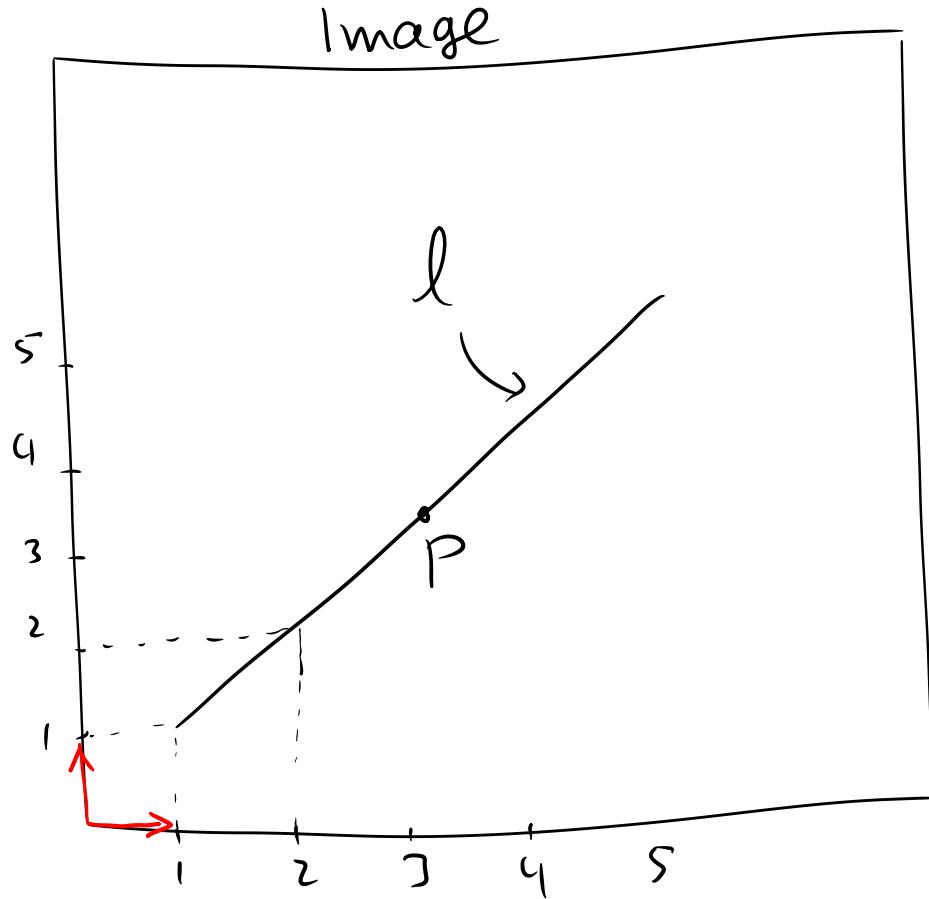
Points at infinity have their last coordinate equal to zero

leads to very stable geometric computations

$$P_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad P_7 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0.0001 \end{bmatrix} \quad P_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Line Equations in Homogeneous Coordinates



Example: line  $y=x$  in homogeneous coords:

$$1 \cdot x - 1 \cdot y + 0 \cdot z = 0$$

*line parameters of l*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

- The equation of a line

$$ax + by + c = 0$$

↑ line      ↑ parameters

- In homogeneous coordinates

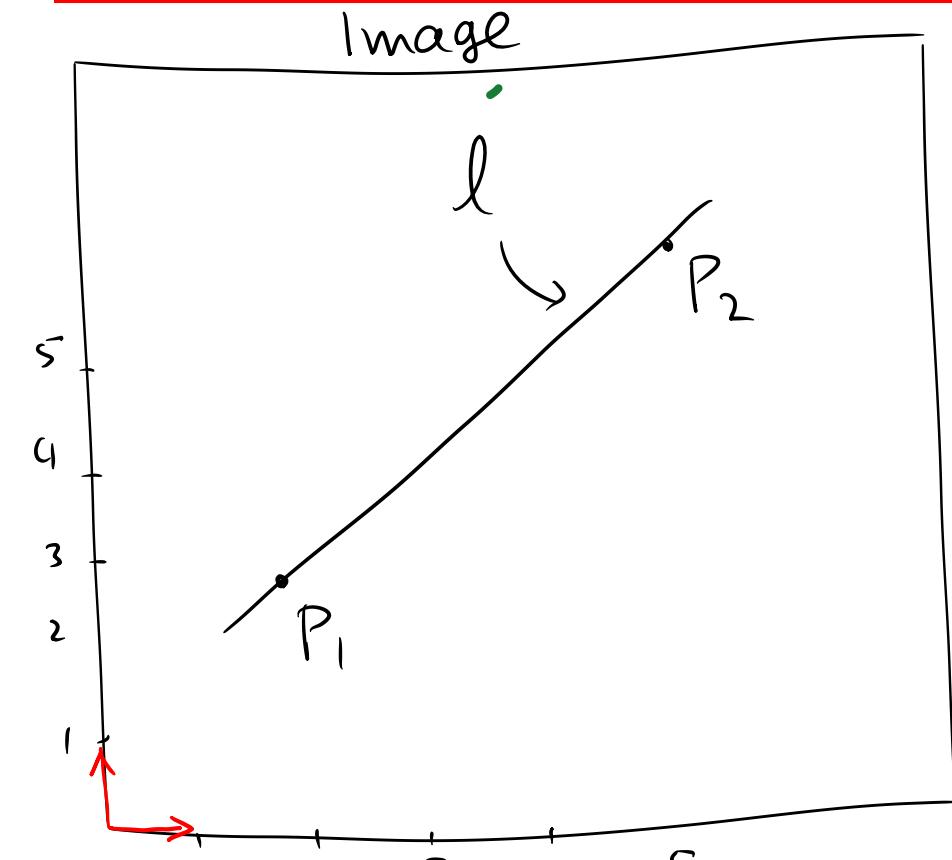
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or  $\ell^T \cdot p = 0$

vector holding  
line parameters

vector holding  
homogeneous coordinates  
of a point

# The Line Passing Through 2 Points



Calculating the parameters of a line through two points with homogeneous coordinates  $P_1, P_2$

\* 
$$l = P_1 \times P_2$$

↑ cross product of  
two 3D vectors

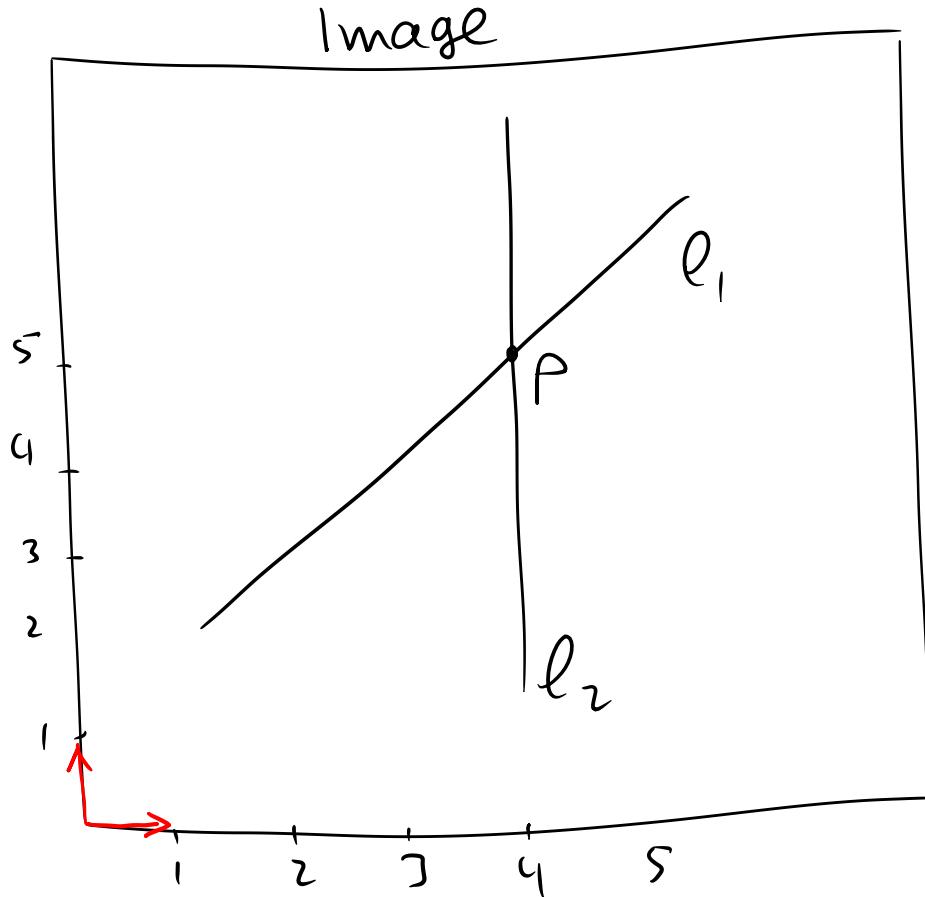
- $l$  must satisfy  $l^T P_1 = 0, l^T P_2 = 0$
- taken as 3D vectors,  $l$  is perpendicular to both  $P_1$  and  $P_2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  it is along the cross product,  $P_1 \times P_2$

• In homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

or  $l^T p = 0$

# The Point of Intersection of Two Lines



Calculating the homogeneous coordinates of the intersection of two lines  $l_1, l_2$

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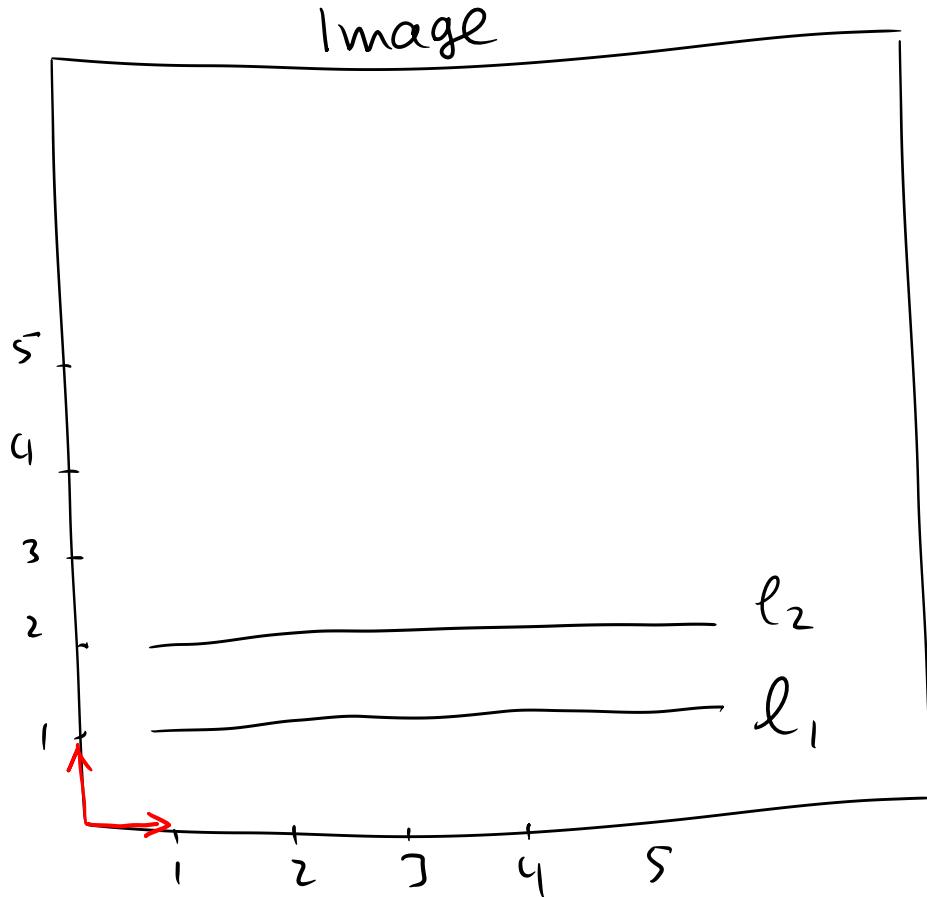
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# Computing the Intersection of Parallel Lines



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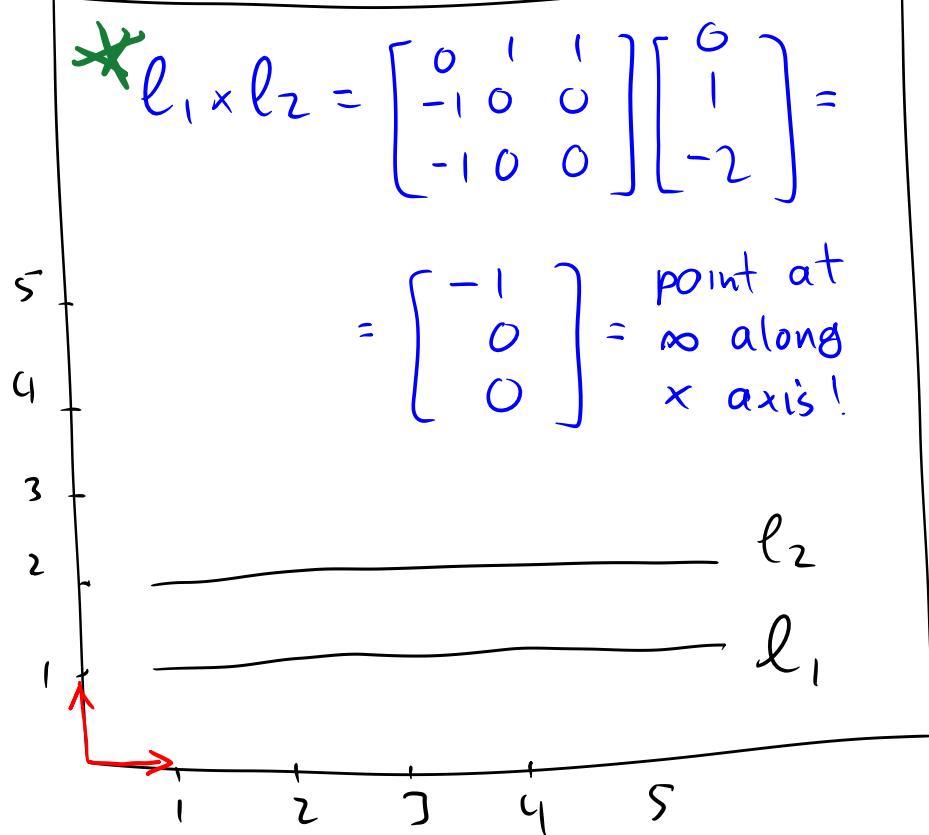
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This calculation works even when  $l_1, l_2$  are parallel!

(no floating point exceptions or divide-by-zero errors!)

# Computing the Intersection of Parallel Lines

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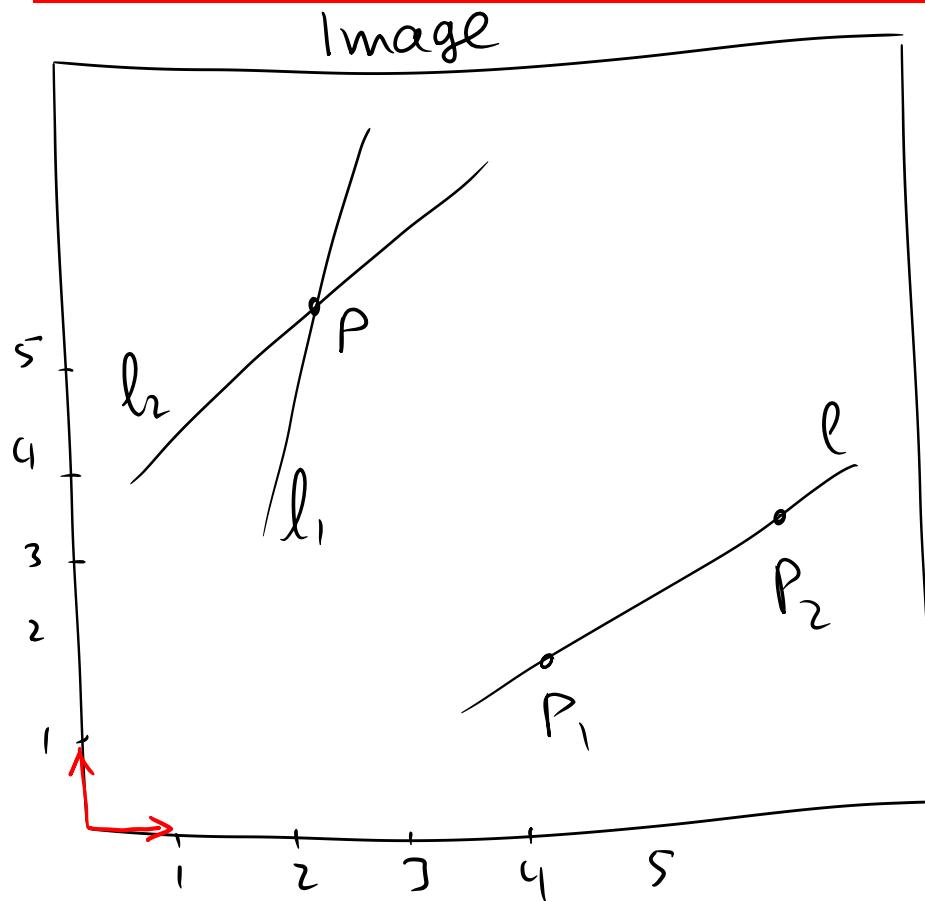
Line eq. of  $l_1$  is  $y=1$ . Also written as  $0 \cdot x + 1 \cdot y - 1 = 0$ . So  $l_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Similarly  $l_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Aside (calculating cross products): If  $l_{1,2}(a, b, c)$  then

$$l_1 \times l_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -c & b \\ c & 0 & -a \\ -b & a & 0 \end{bmatrix} l_2$$

# Lines from Points & Points from Lines



Line through 2 points

$$\ell = P_1 \times P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -P_1^z & P_1^y \\ P_1^z & 0 & -P_1^x \\ -P_1^y & P_1^x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_2^x \\ P_2^y \\ P_2^z \end{bmatrix}$$

Useful property #2

- Very simple way of computing 2 intersecting lines
- Numerical stability even when result is at  $\infty$

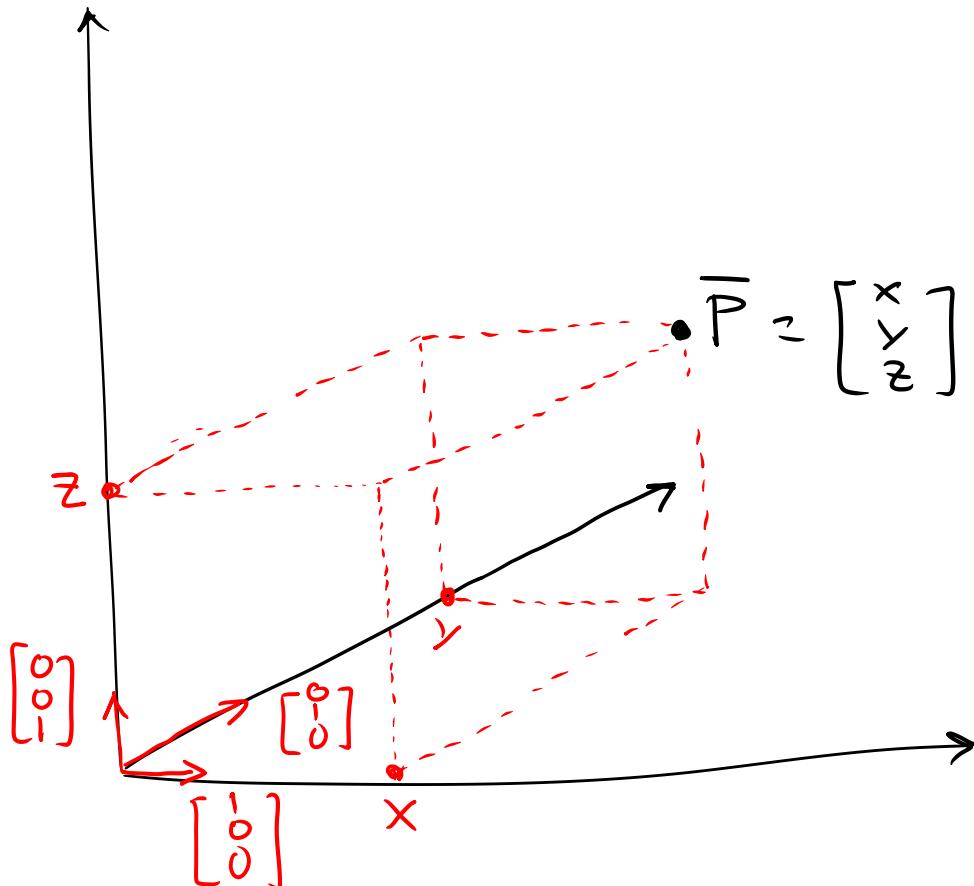
Intersection of 2 lines

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# Representing Points by Euclidean 3D Coords



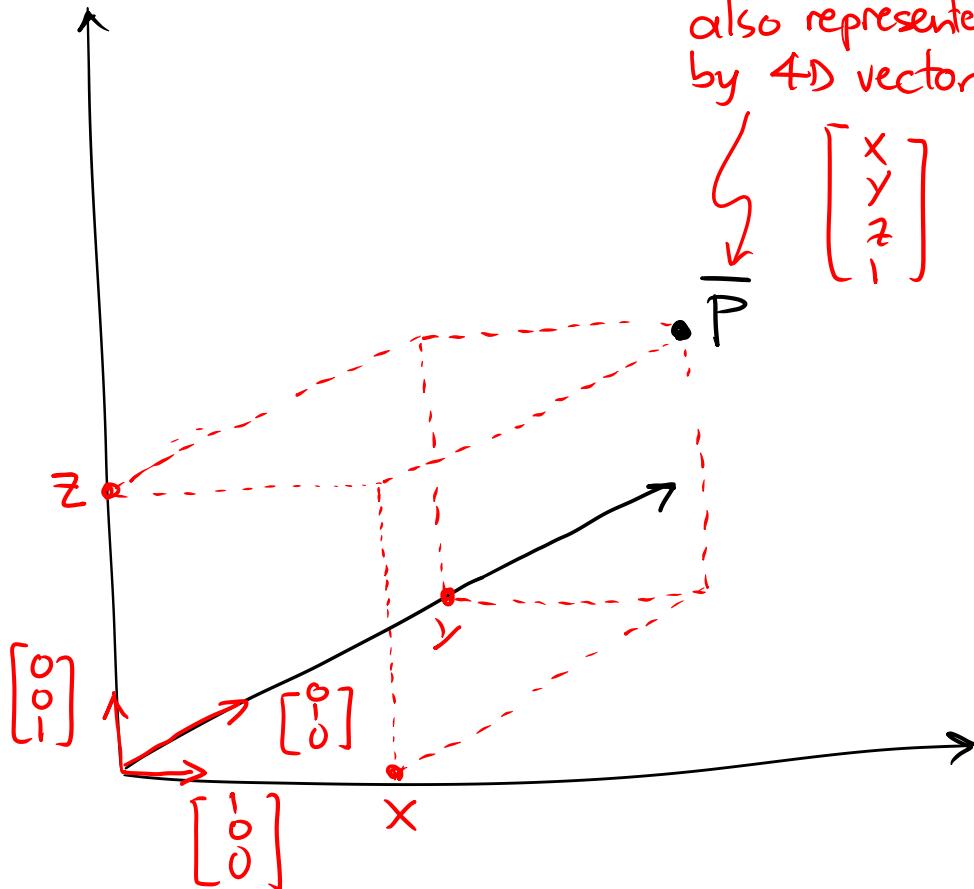
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basis vectors

Euclidean  
coordinates

# EuclideanCoords $\Rightarrow$ HomogeneousCoords



Converting from homogeneous to Euclidean 3D coords

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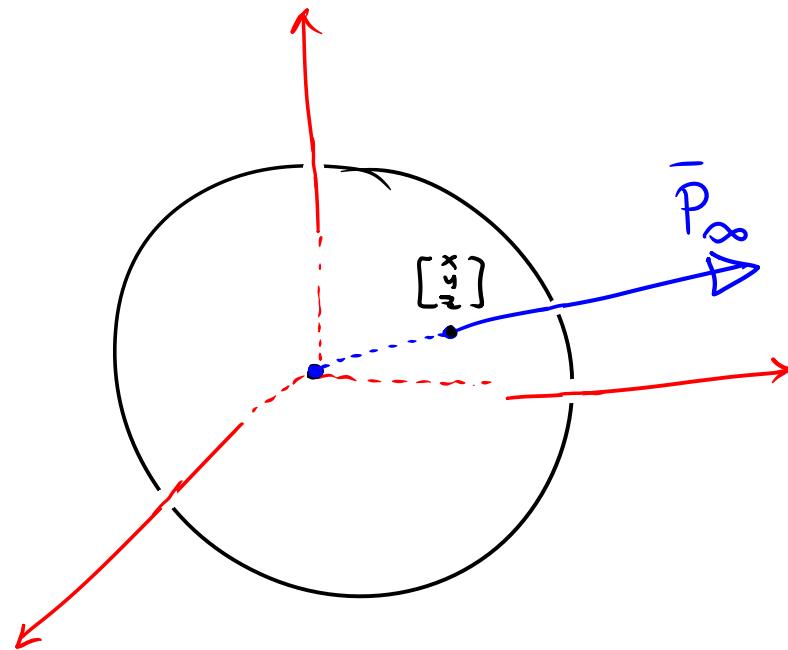
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3D coordinates $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$	homogeneous 3D coordinates $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
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# Points at $\infty$ in Homogeneous Coordinates

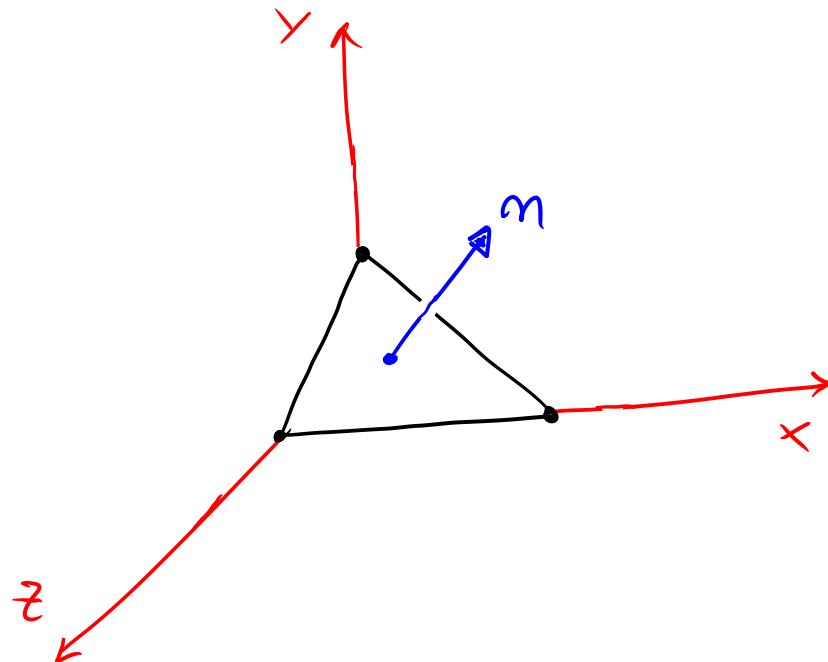


- A point at infinity does not represent a physical location on the plane
- It represents a direction

Points at infinity have their last coordinate equal to zero

\*  $\bar{P}_{\infty} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  i.e. point at  $\infty$  in direction of 3D vector  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

# Plane Equation in Homogeneous Coordinates



first 3 coordinates  
represent direction  
of the plane's  
normal,  $n$

- The equation of a plane

$$ax + by + cz + d = 0$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
plane parameters

- In homogeneous coordinates

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or  $\vec{l}^T \cdot \vec{P} = 0$

vector holding  
plane parameters

vector holding  
homogeneous coordinates  
of a point

## 3D Homogeneous Coordinates: Definition

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If  $l_1, l_2$  are two planes,  
their intersection is the set of points  
 $p$  for which

$$\begin{aligned} l_1^T p = 0 \\ l_2^T p = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \right\} [l_1 \ l_2] p = 0$$

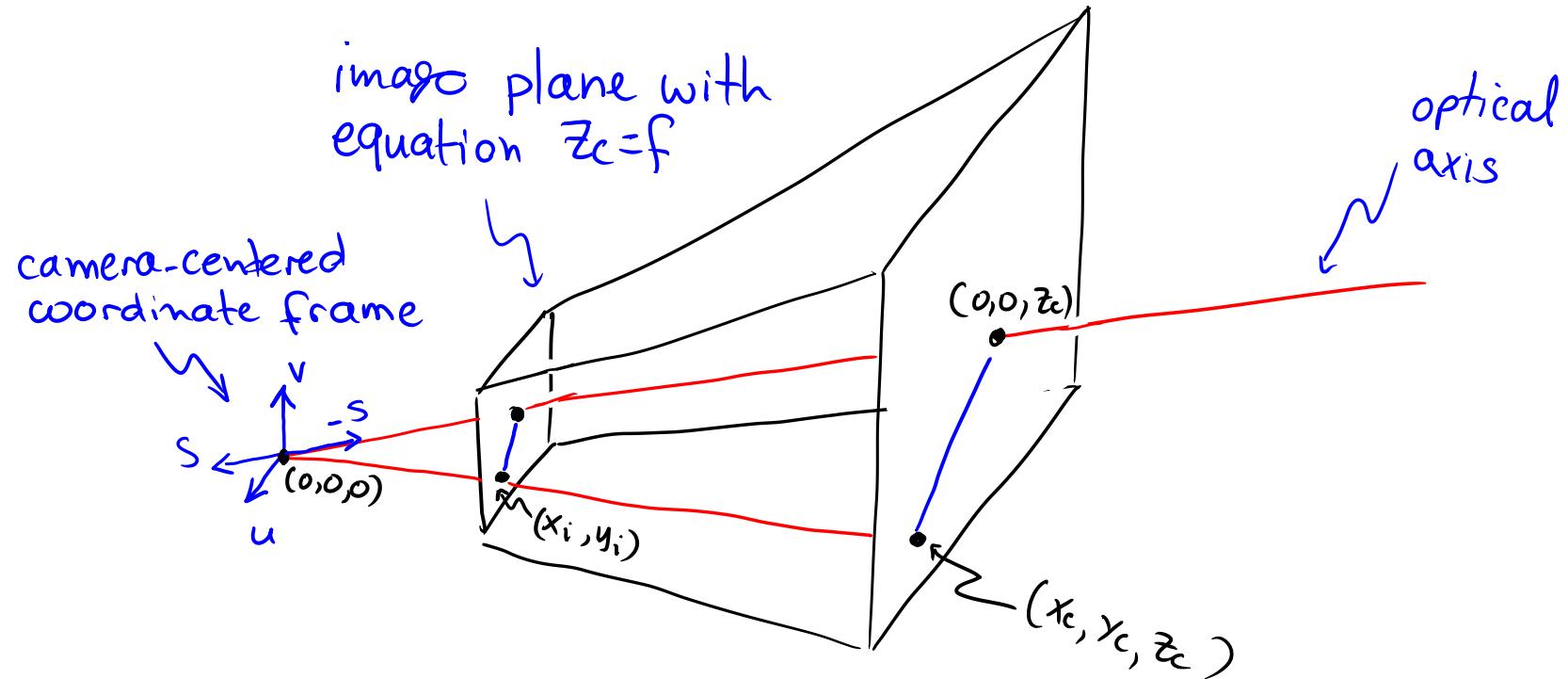
$\Rightarrow p$  defines the null space of the corresponding linear system.

$\Rightarrow$  when  $l_1, l_2$  are parallel, all points  $p$  will be on a line at infinity (show this!) \*

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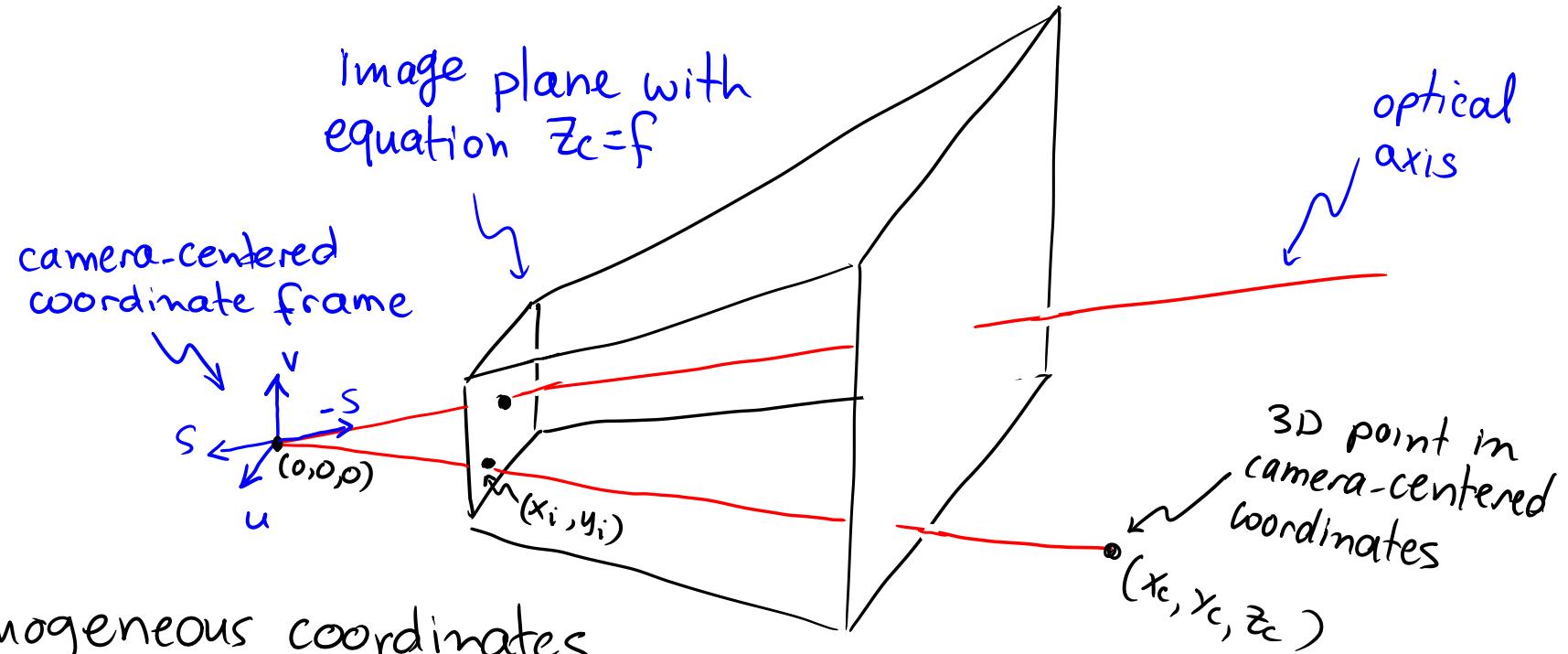
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# Perspective Projection & Homogeneous Coords



In homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{fx_c}{z_c} \\ \frac{fy_c}{z_c} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ \frac{z_c}{f} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{f} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_i = \frac{f}{z_c} x_c$$

$$y_i = \frac{f}{z_c} y_c$$

# Coordinate Systems & Calibration Matrices

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- A world-centered coordinate frame (3D)
- A camera-centered coordinate frame (3D)
- An image coordinate frame (2D)



**Extrinsic calibration matrix**

often the last row of this matrix is dropped making it  $3 \times 4$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{wc} & e_{wc} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a  $4 \times 4$  matrix that maps **world-centered** coords to **camera-centered** coords



**Intrinsic calibration matrix**

often the last column is dropped making it  $3 \times 3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{f} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a  $4 \times 3$  matrix that maps **camera-centered** 3D coords to 2D image coords

# The Intrinsic Calibration Matrix

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The matrix can have a more general form

Example: \* a camera with rectangular pixels of size  $\frac{1}{S_x}, \frac{1}{S_y}$ , focal length  $f$ .  
piercing point  $(o_x, o_y)$

intersection of  
image plane &  
optical axis

$$M_{c \rightarrow i} = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & 0 & o_x/f \\ 0 & S_y & o_y/f \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f \end{bmatrix}$$

Intrinsic calibration matrix  $M_{c \rightarrow i}$

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rotation matrix      translation vector

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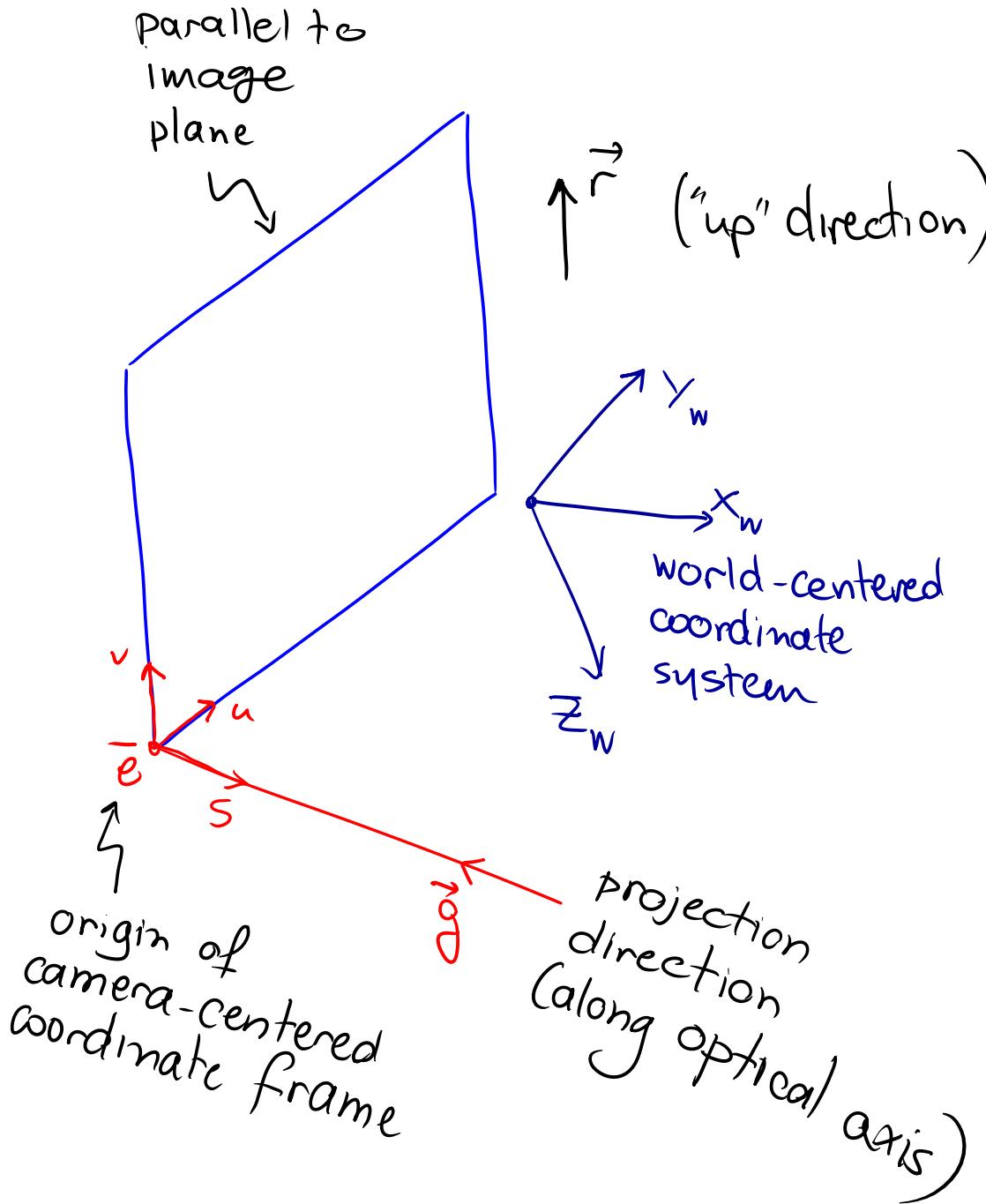
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a  $4 \times 3$  matrix that maps camera-centered 3D coords to 2D image coords

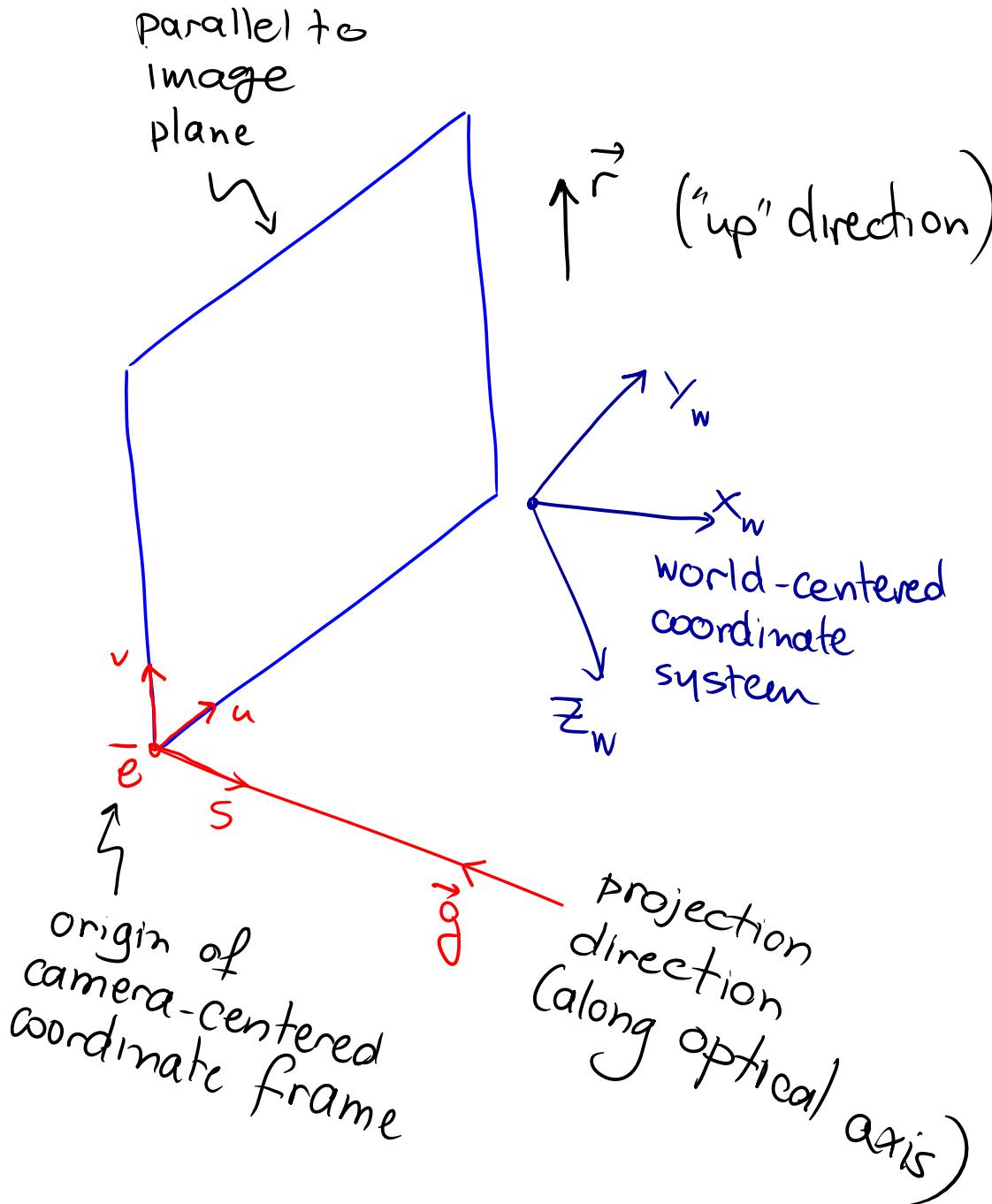
# The Camera-to-World Matrix



$$\begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \xleftarrow{\text{extrinsic calibration matrix}} M_{w \rightarrow c} \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{camera-to-world matrix}} M_{c \rightarrow w} \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Computing the Camera-to-World Matrix



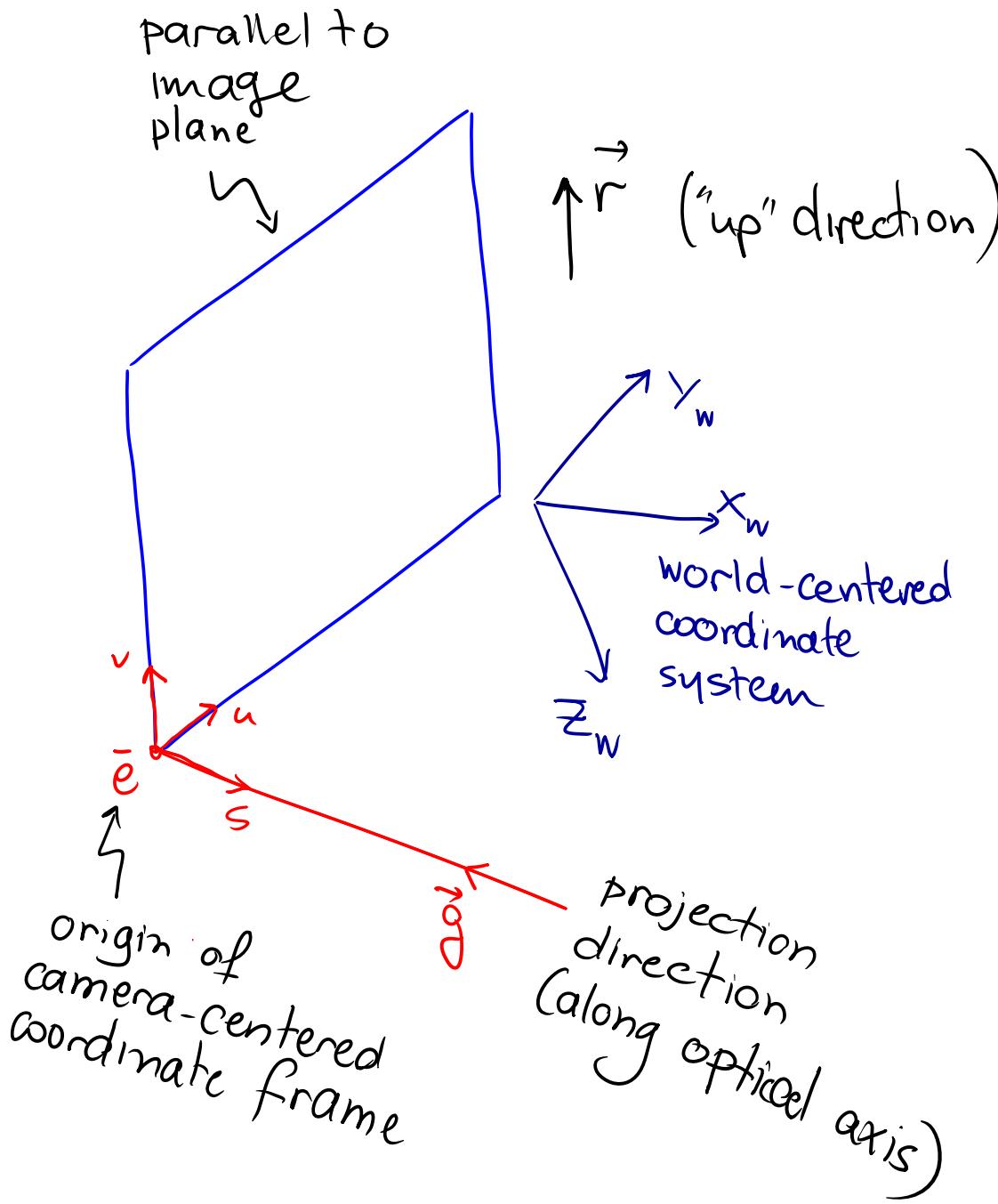
\* Goal: given ① camera origin  $\vec{e}$  and ② a projection direction unit vector  $\vec{g}$ , compute  $M_{C \rightarrow W}$

1. Let  $\vec{r}$  be the "up" vector in world coords
2. Set  $\vec{s} = -\vec{g}$
3. Define 2 perpendicular unit vectors on view plane

$$\vec{u} = (\vec{r} \times \vec{s}) / \|\vec{r} \times \vec{s}\|$$

$$\vec{v} = (\vec{s} \times \vec{u}) / \|\vec{s} \times \vec{u}\|$$

# Computing the Camera-to-World Matrix



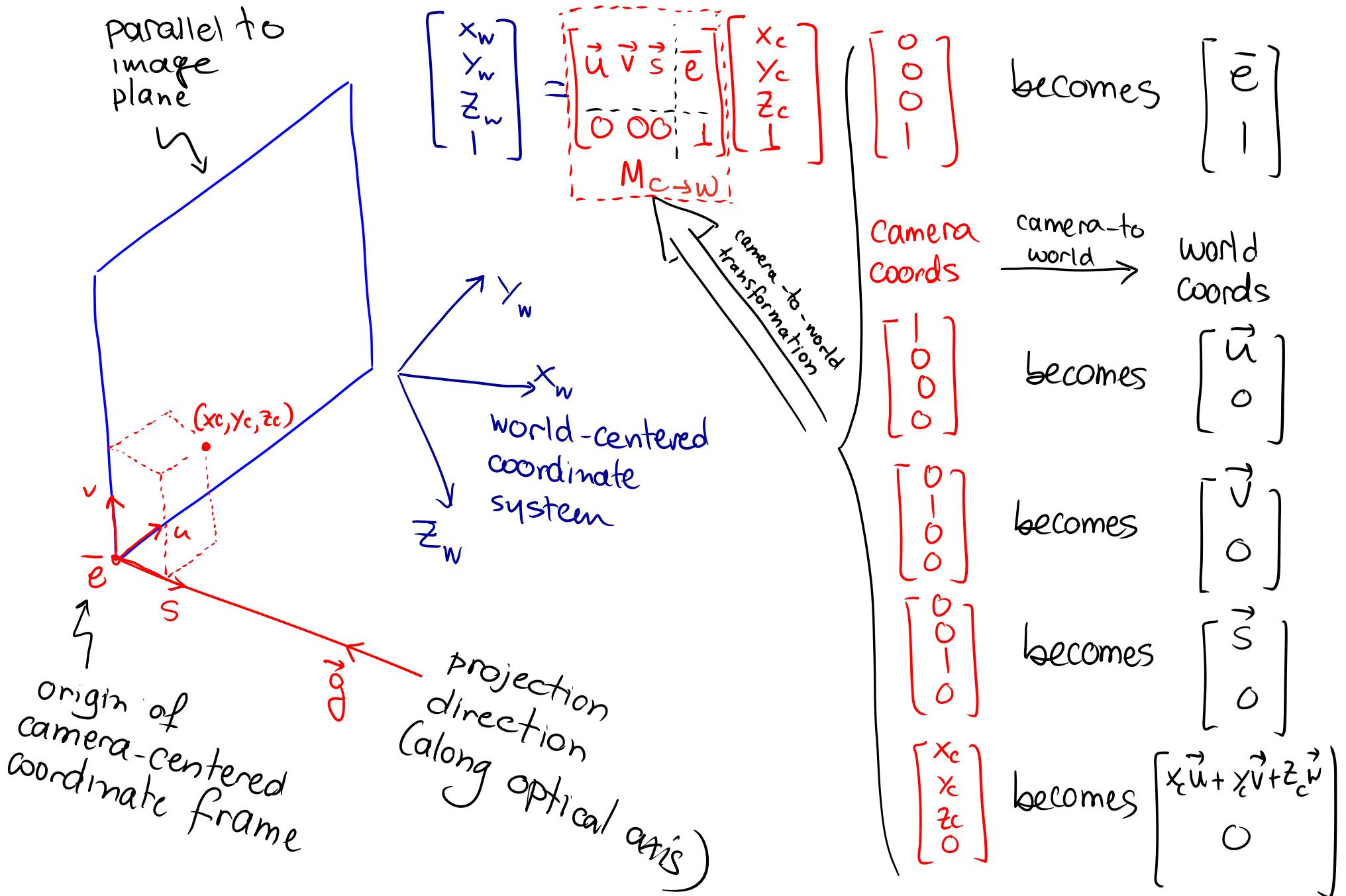
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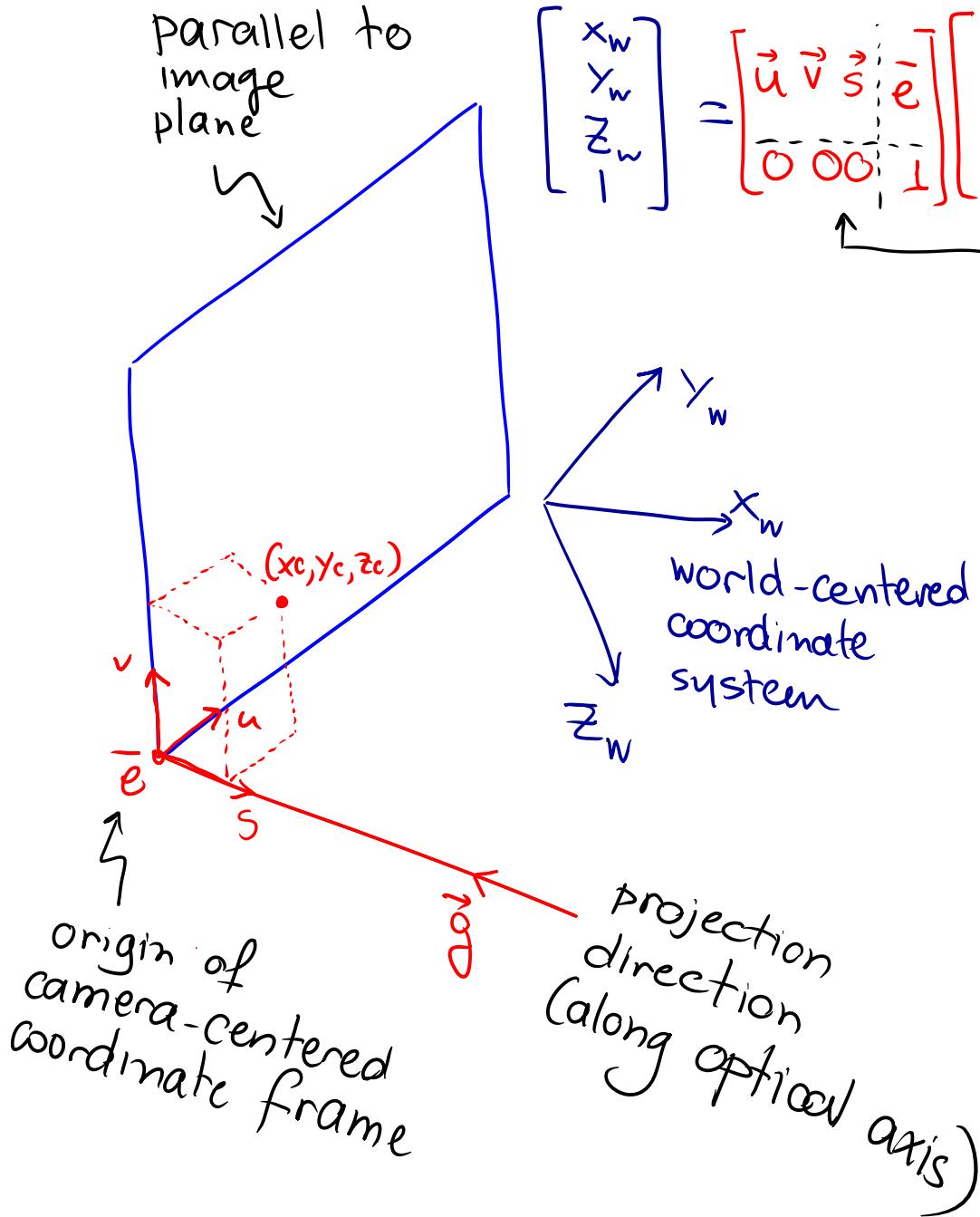
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4. Use vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{s}$  as the right-handed Camera coord system

# Computing the Camera-to-World Matrix





- Extrinsic calibration matrix  
= inverse of this matrix

- Since  $[\vec{u} \vec{v} \vec{w}]$  orthonormal,  
(i.e.  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{g}$  unit-length & perpendicular)

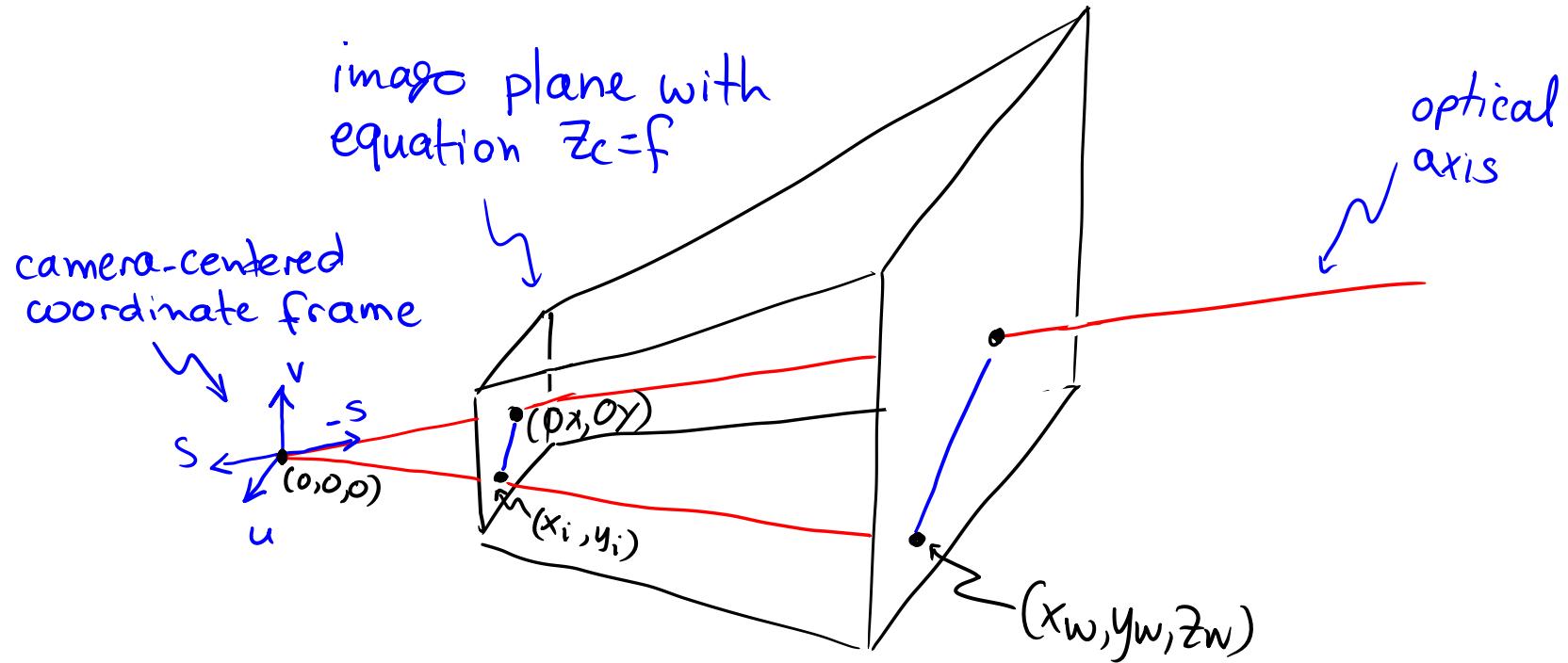
$$[\vec{u} \vec{v} \vec{s}]^{-1} = [\vec{u} \vec{v} \vec{s}]^T$$

- So  $M_{wc}$  is given by

\*

$$M_{wc} = \begin{bmatrix} [\vec{u} \vec{v} \vec{s}]^T & -[\vec{u} \vec{v} \vec{s}]^T \vec{e} \\ [0 \ 0 \ 0] & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Perspective Projection Equations in 3D



$$\bar{P} = \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

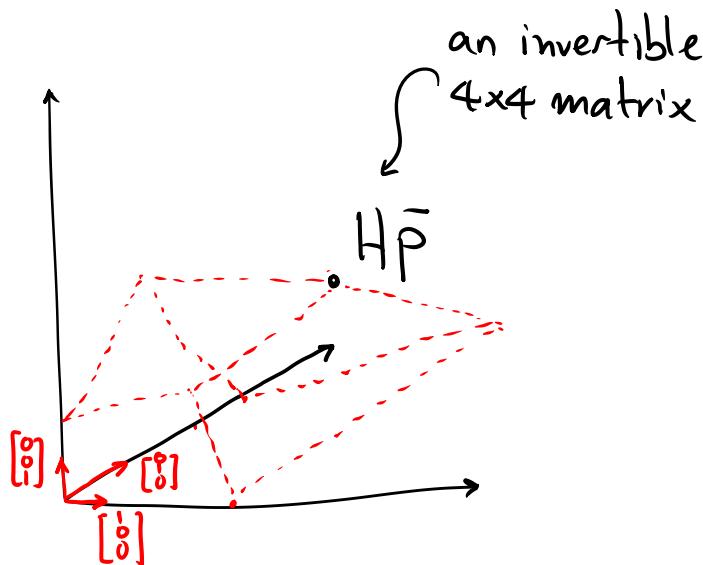
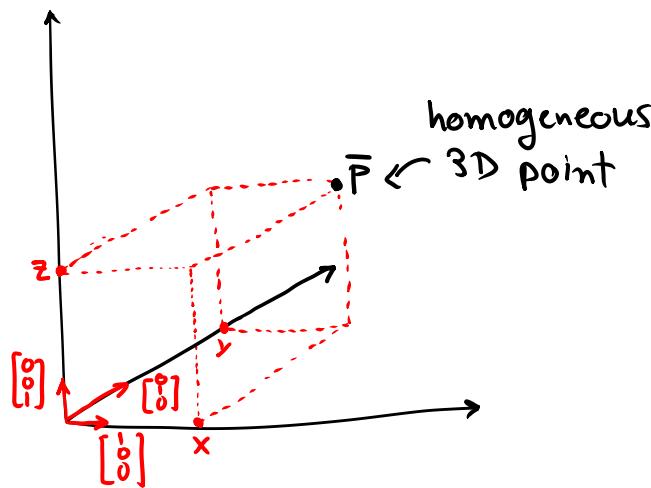
$$\bar{q} = \begin{bmatrix} xi \\ yi \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{q} \approx M_{ci} \cdot M_{wc} \bar{P}$$

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# General Linear 3D Transformations



- The matrix  $H$  represents a very general set of transformations

General linear (preserve planes)

Affine (preserve parallelism)

- Arbitrary shearing
- General scaling

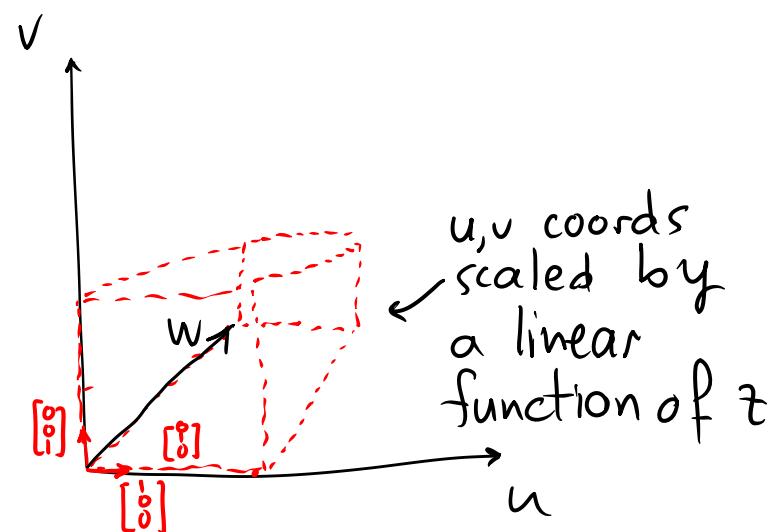
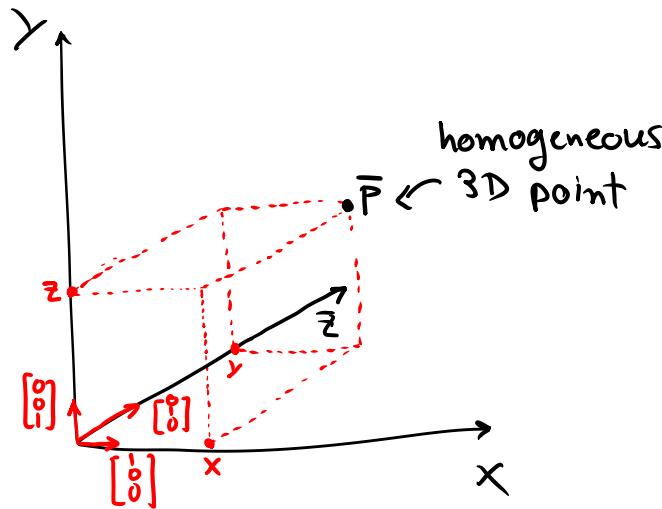
Conformal (preserve angles)

- Uniform scaling

Rigid (preserve lengths)

- Translation
- Rotation

# General Linear 3D Transformations



- Example:  $z$ -dependent tapering

$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (\alpha(z)x, \alpha(z)y, \alpha(z)z)$$

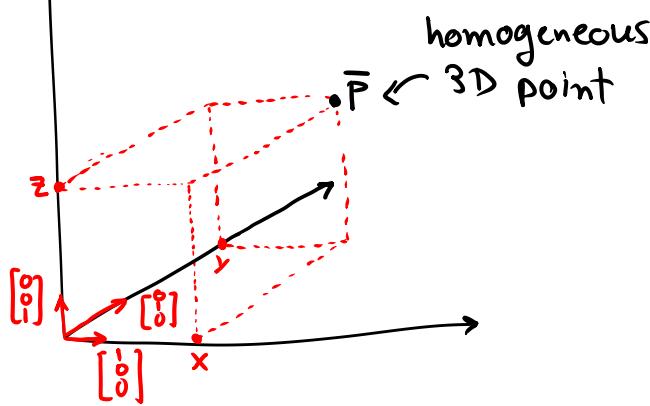
$$\text{where } \alpha(z) = (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 z)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  linear in homogeneous coords!

# Affine Transformations in 3D

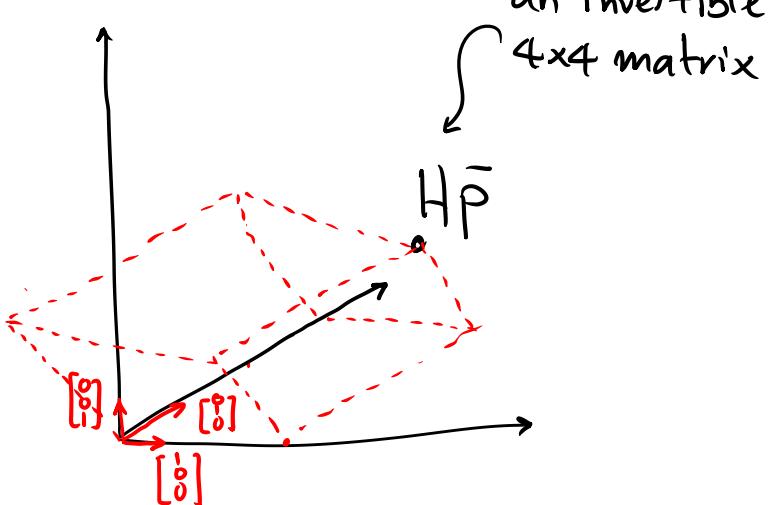
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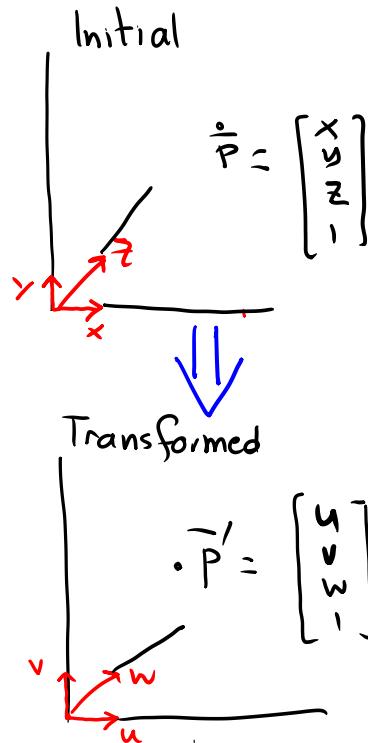
General linear (preserve planes)

Affine (preserve parallelism)

The matrix  $H$  now takes a more restricted form!



# Affine Transformations: Basic Properties



General form of matrix  $H$

arbitrary  $3 \times 3$  matrix       $3 \times 1$  vector

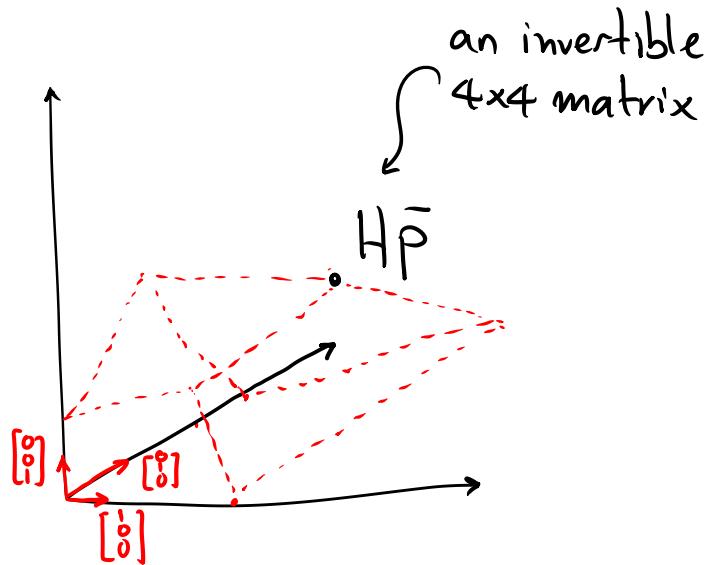
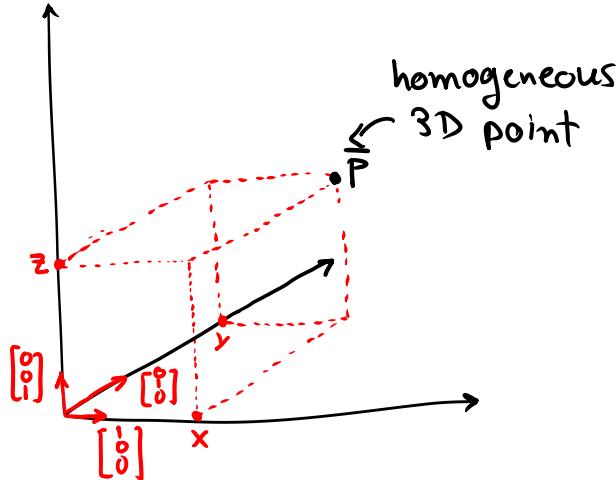
$$H = \begin{bmatrix} A & | & \bar{t} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Affine transforms preserve the value of the last homogeneous coordinate

$\Leftrightarrow$  \* points at  $\infty$  before the transform remain at  $\infty$  afterwards

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & | & \bar{t} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} + \bar{t} \\ [0 \ 0 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} + 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} + \bar{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# From Affine to Rigid Transformations



Affine: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{A} & \bar{t} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

General linear (preserve lines)

Affine (preserve parallelism)

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frankfurt airport tunnel (wikipedia.com)

- ① A pair of parallel lines defines a unique plane in 3D
- ② The lines intersect at a point at infinity on that plane

③ The point of convergence  
is the perspective projection  
of that intersection point!

★  
Turn these steps into a  
formal derivation!

# The horizon

① Family of planes parallel to ground  $\Rightarrow$   
their intersection = line at infinity

② Horizon = projection of that line



Turn those steps  
into a formal derivation!

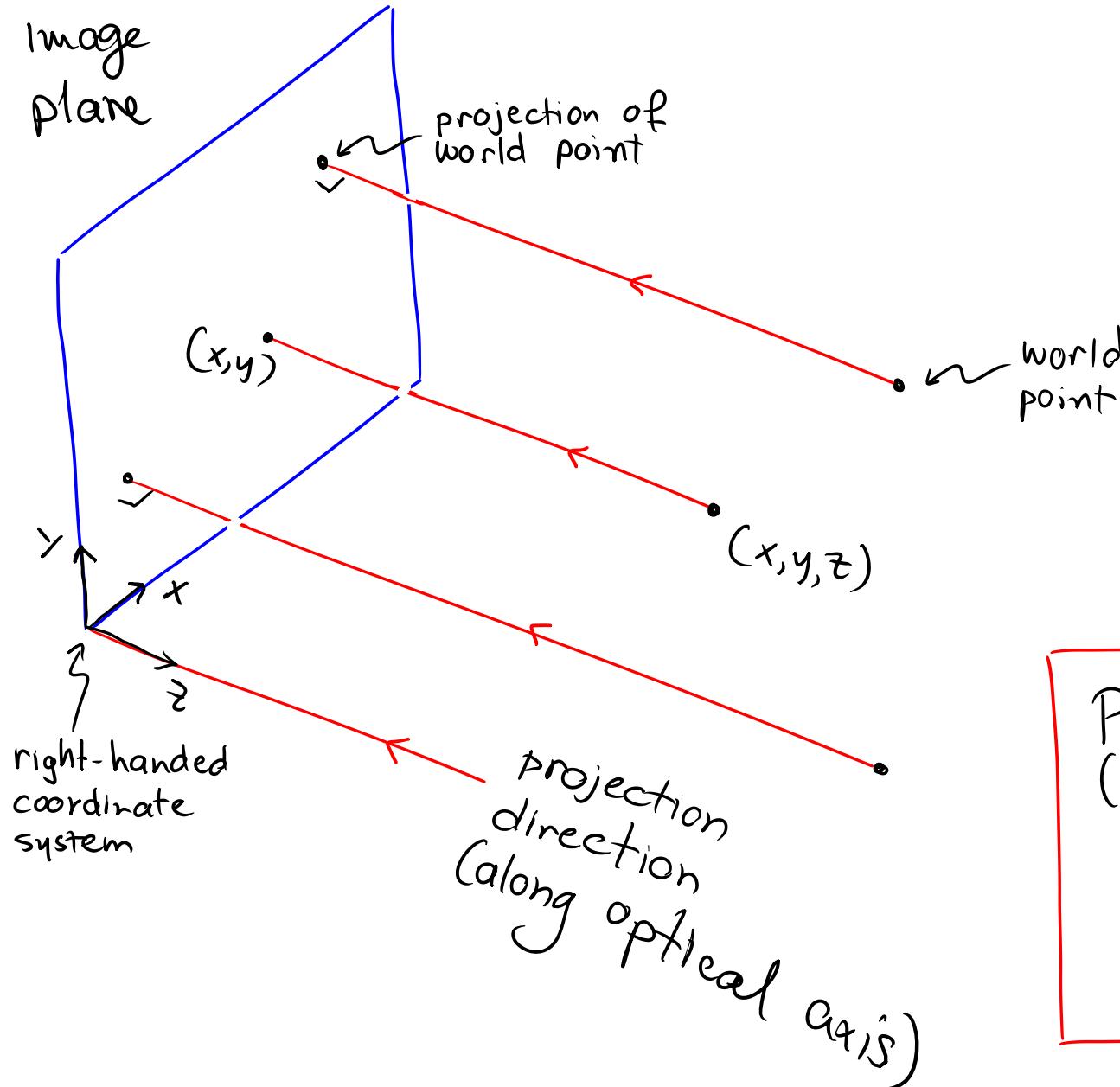
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# Orthographic Projection

parallel to

image  
plane

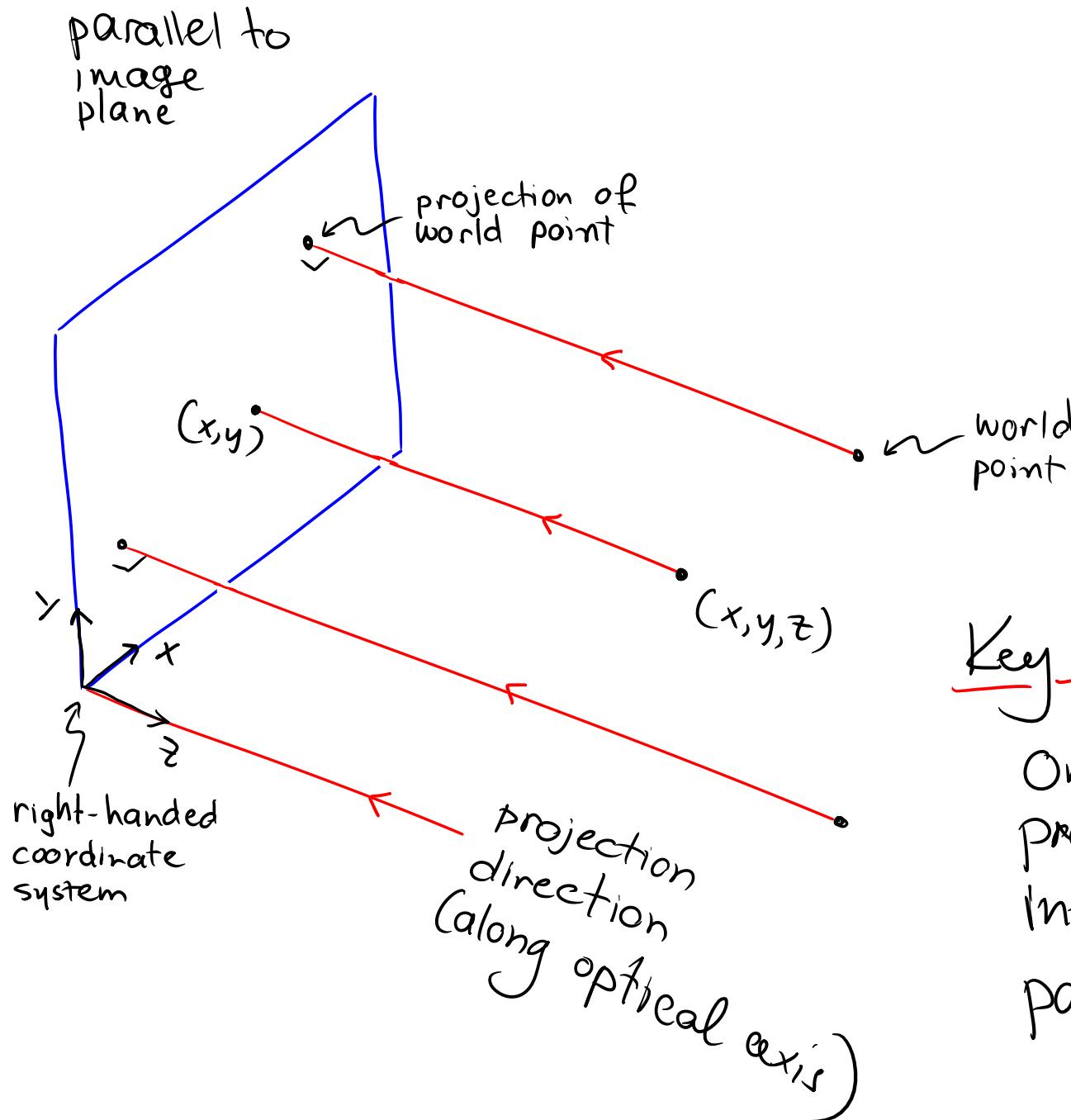


Projection equation  
(in homogeneous coords)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Orthographic Projection

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Key property:

Orthographic projection preserves the plane at infinity (and thus parallelism)