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# Robot Perception

## Single View Geometry

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# Overview

+ AprilTags

\* Homography Estimation

++  $Ax=b$ ,  $Ax=0$

\* Camera Calibration, Zhang's method

+ DLT

+ Vanishing Points & Lines

\*: know how to code

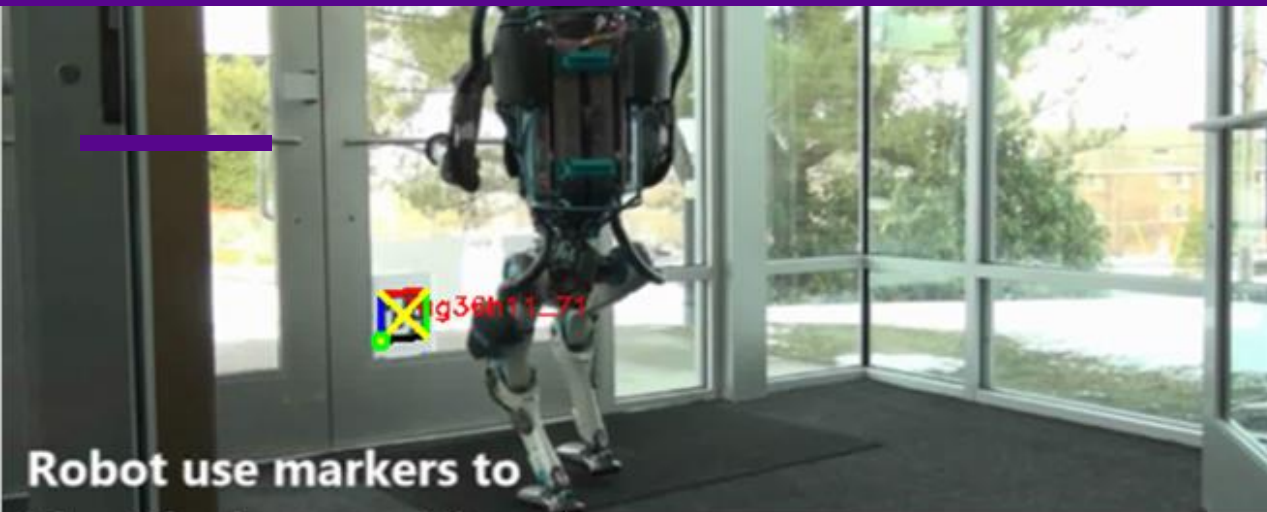
++: know how to derive

+: know the concept



# References

- HZ2003:
  - Section 2.3, 4.1, 4.4, 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 8.6
- FP2011:
  - Section 1.2, 1.3, 12.1
- Sz2022:
  - Section 11.1, 11.4.5
- Co2011:
  - Section 11.2, 11.1
- Linear algebra:
  - Sz2011: section A.1.1, A.1.2, A.1.3, A.2, A.2.1
  - HZ2003: A5.1, A5.2, A5.3



Robot use markers to  
identify door position

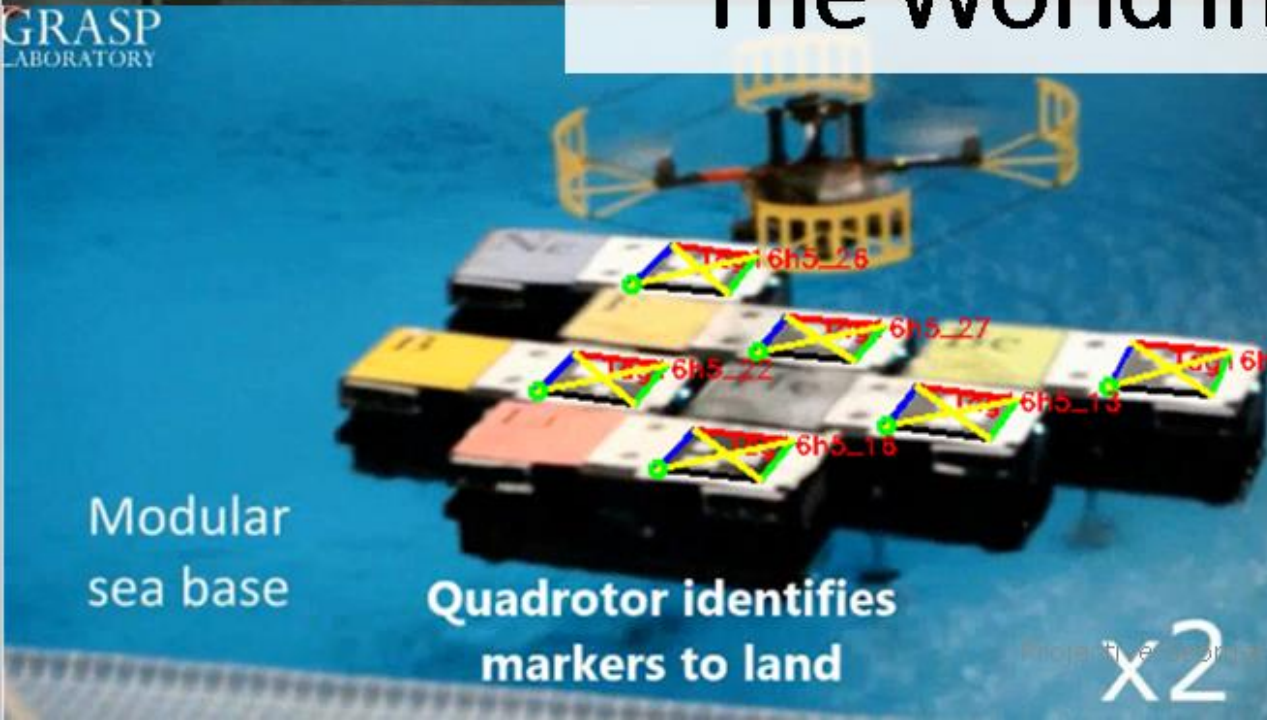


Robot use markers to

Boston Dynamics

# The World in Robots Eyes

GRASP  
LABORATORY



Modular  
sea base

Quadrotor identifies  
markers to land

x2



Robotic boats with markers  
self-assemble for drone landing

x4

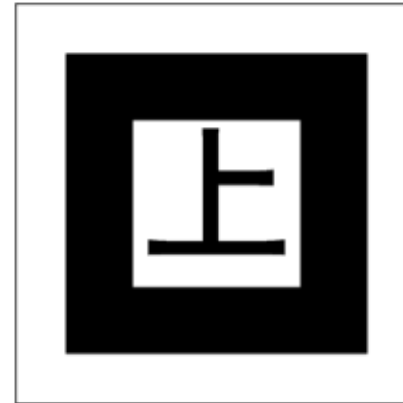




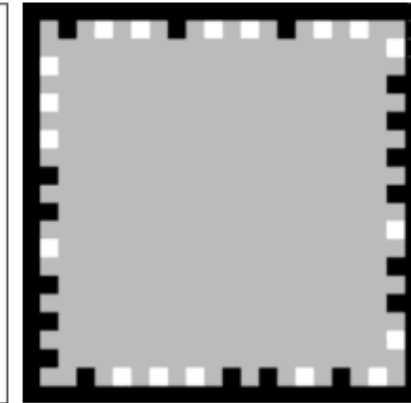
# Fiducial Markers: More Than QR Codes



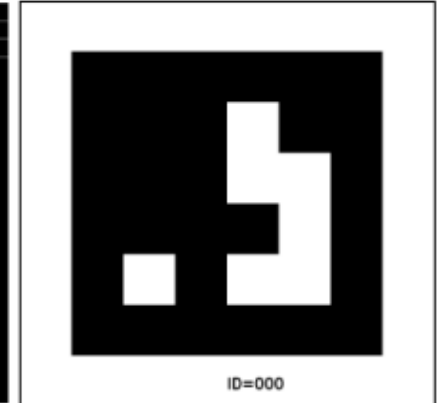
**Fiducial:**



(Kato and Billinghurst  
1999)



(Wagner et al. 2008)



(Olson 2011)



**Natural:**

(Lepetit and Fua 2005)



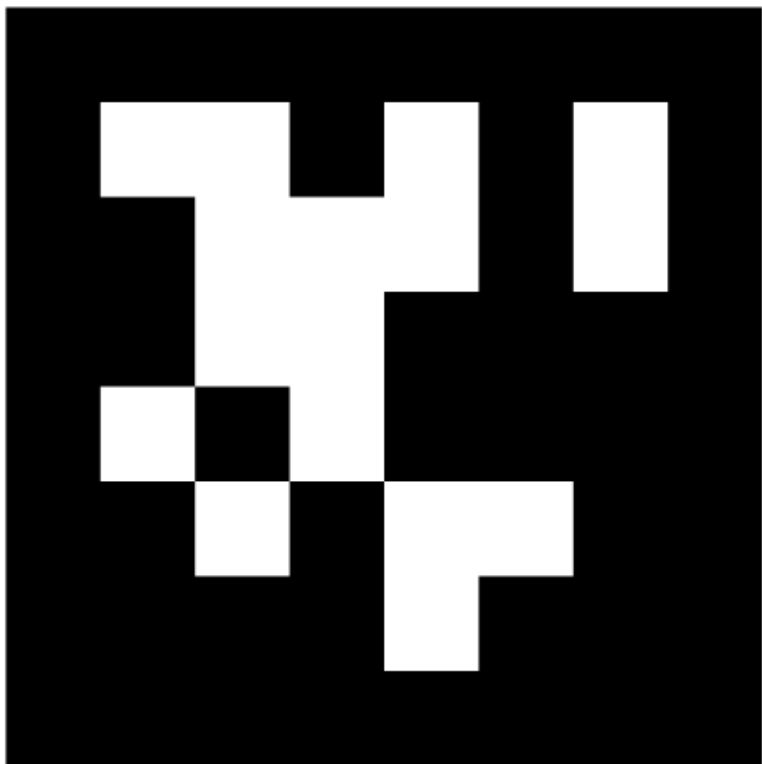
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(Feng and Kamat 2013)



# What Is an AprilTag?



1	1	0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	1	0
0	0	0	1	0	0



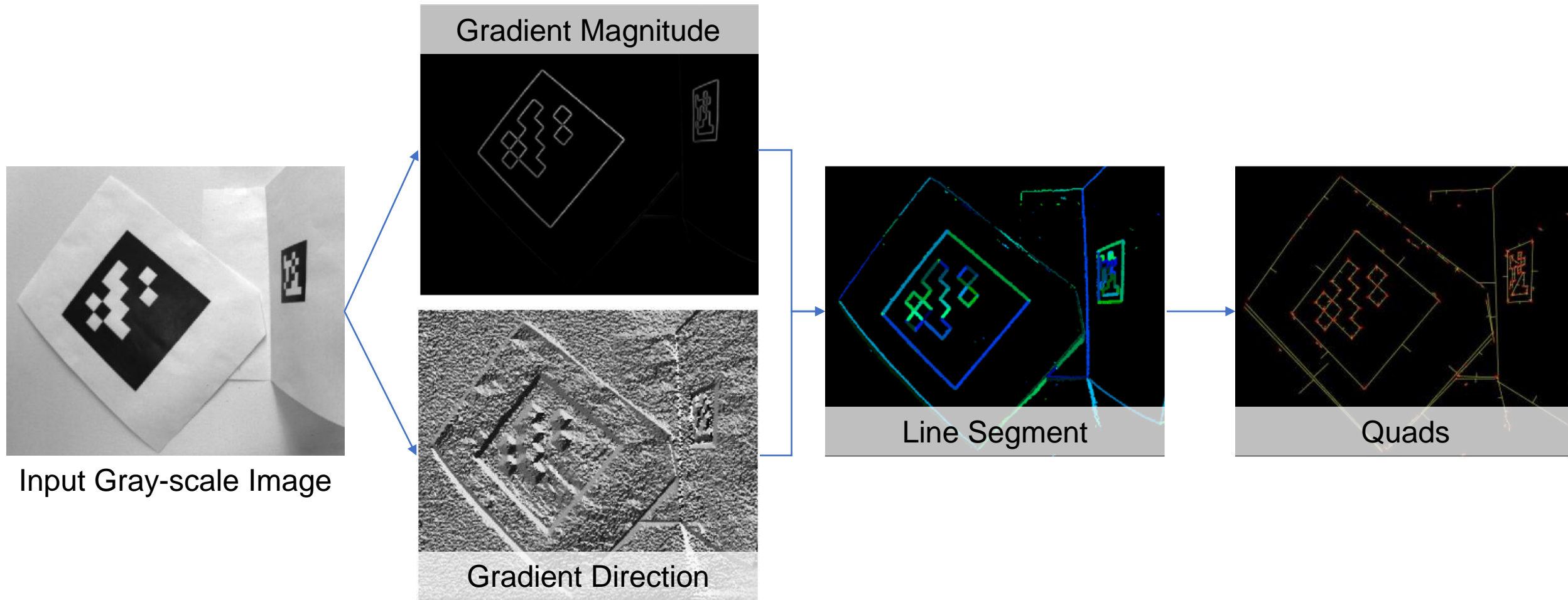
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$\begin{cases} id = 0 \\ family = Tag36h11 \end{cases}$




# How Is an AprilTag Detected?





# Advantages of AprilTag

- Fast
  - >25Hz for 640x480 webcam  
Image on normal laptop
- Robust
  - Higher detection rate
  - Fewer false alarm
- Larger Range
  - Distance
  - View direction
  - Illumination

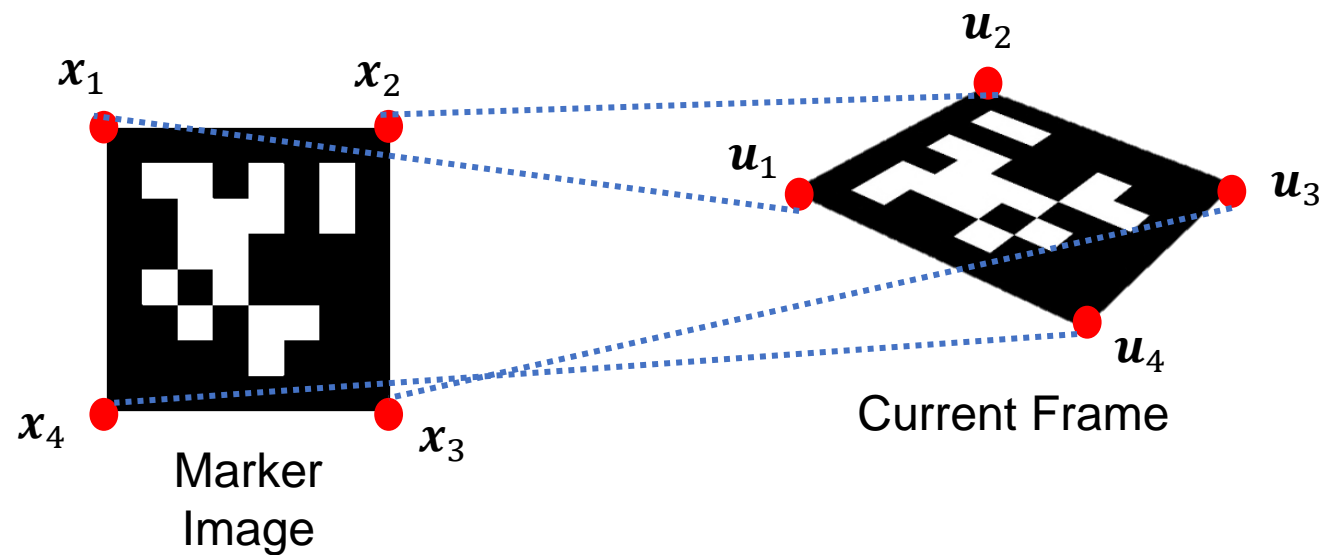


Max Detectable Distance (m)		Marker Angle (degree)			
		0	45	0	45
Marker Size (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.2 x 0.2	6.10	4.88	11.28	8.84
	0.3 x 0.3	8.23	7.01	14.94	11.58
	0.46 x 0.46	13.41	11.28	25.91	21.64
	0.6 x 0.6	19.51	16.46	34.44	30.48
Image Resolution		640 x 480		1280 x 960	
Focal Length		850 pixels		1731 pixels	
Processing Rate		20 Hz		5 Hz	





# AprilTags Provide Point Correspondences



- Useful for many projective geometry applications



# Homography == Projective Transformation

**Definition 2.9.** A *projectivity* is an invertible mapping  $h$  from  $\mathbb{P}^2$  to itself such that three points  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  lie on the same line if and only if  $h(\mathbf{x}_1)$ ,  $h(\mathbf{x}_2)$  and  $h(\mathbf{x}_3)$  do.

- They all mean the same thing:
  - Homography
  - Projectivity
  - Collineation

**Theorem 2.10.** A mapping  $h : \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  is a projectivity if and only if there exists a non-singular  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $H$  such that for any point in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  represented by a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  it is true that  $h(\mathbf{x}) = H\mathbf{x}$ .



# Homography == Projective Transformation

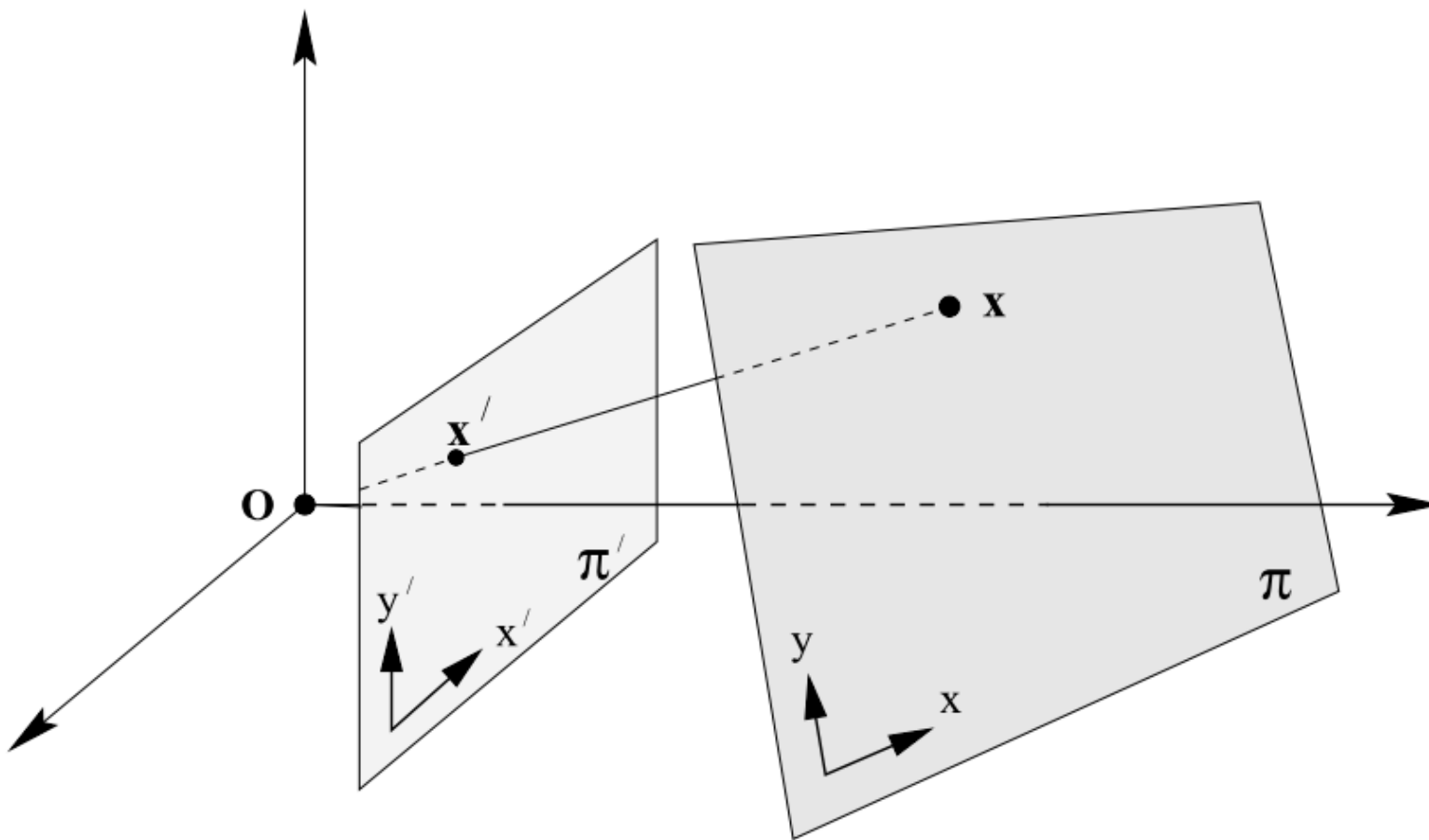
**Definition 2.11. Projective transformation.** A planar projective transformation is a linear transformation on homogeneous 3-vectors represented by a **non-singular**  $3 \times 3$  matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.5)$$

or more briefly,  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$ .

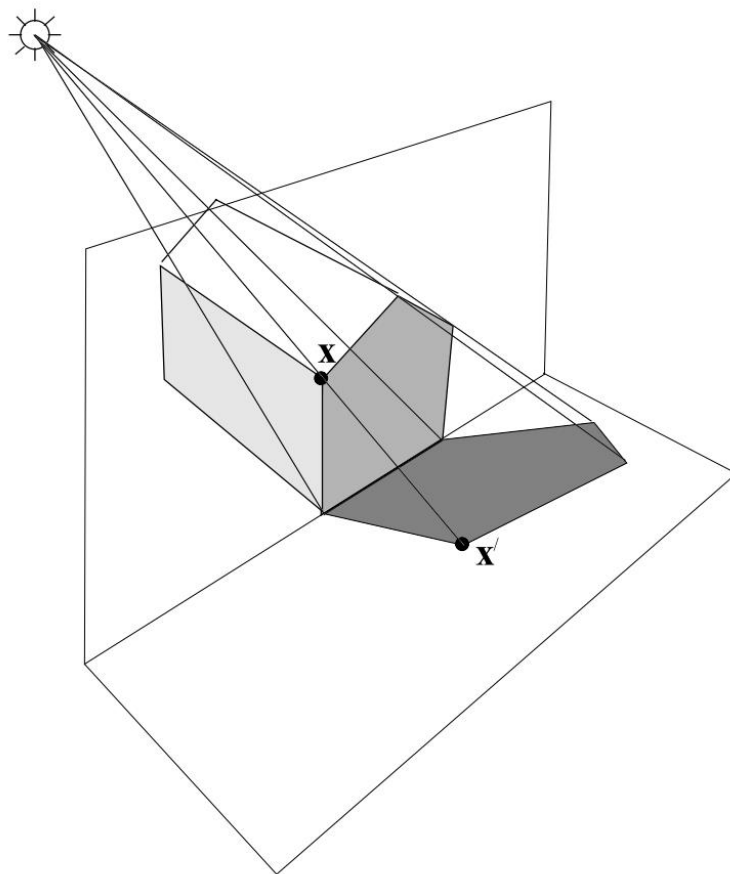


# Perspective Transformation $\subset$ Homography





# Real-life Example of Perspectivity



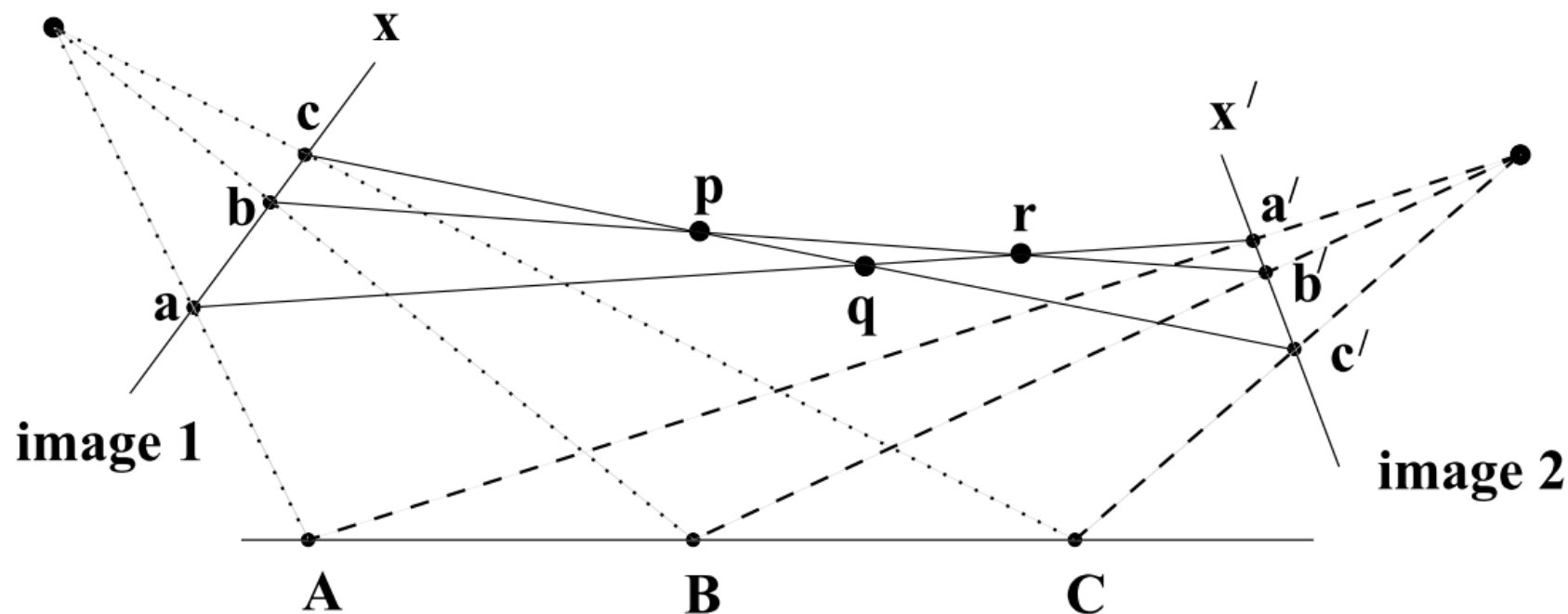




# Homography vs. Perspectivity

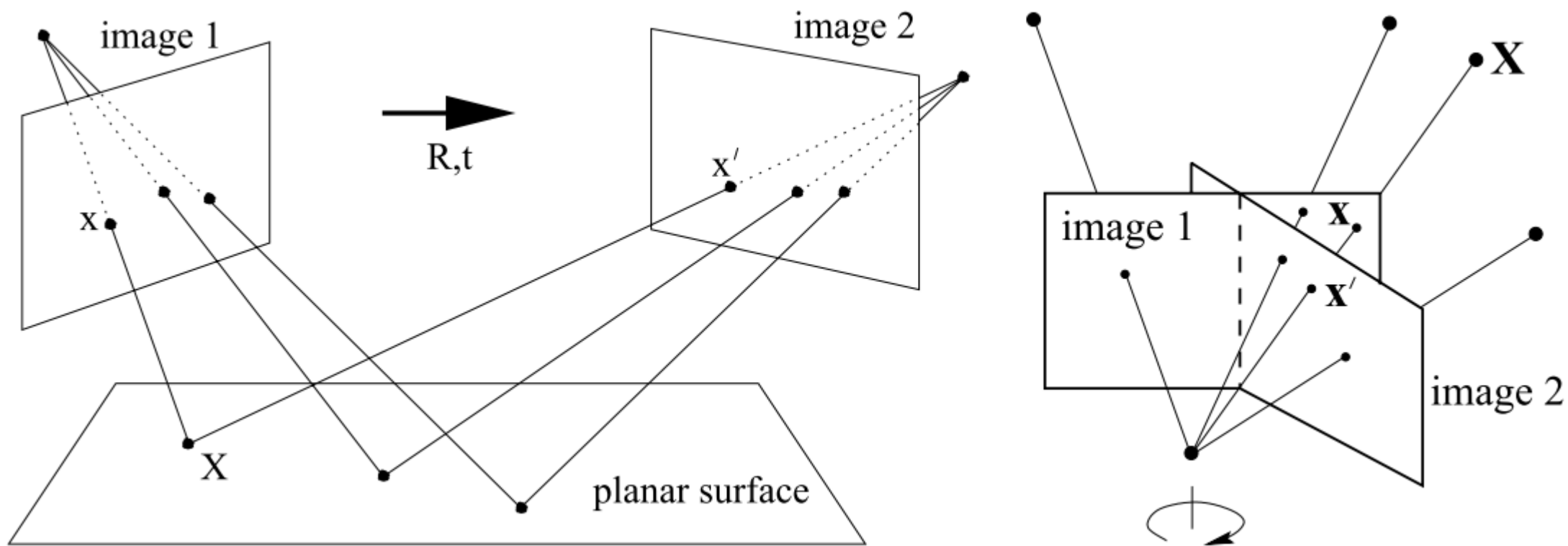
homography

*The composition of two (or more) perspectivities is a projectivity, but not, in general, a perspectivity*





# Which Is a Non-Perspective Homography?





# Application of Perspective Homography





# Removing Perspective Distortion?





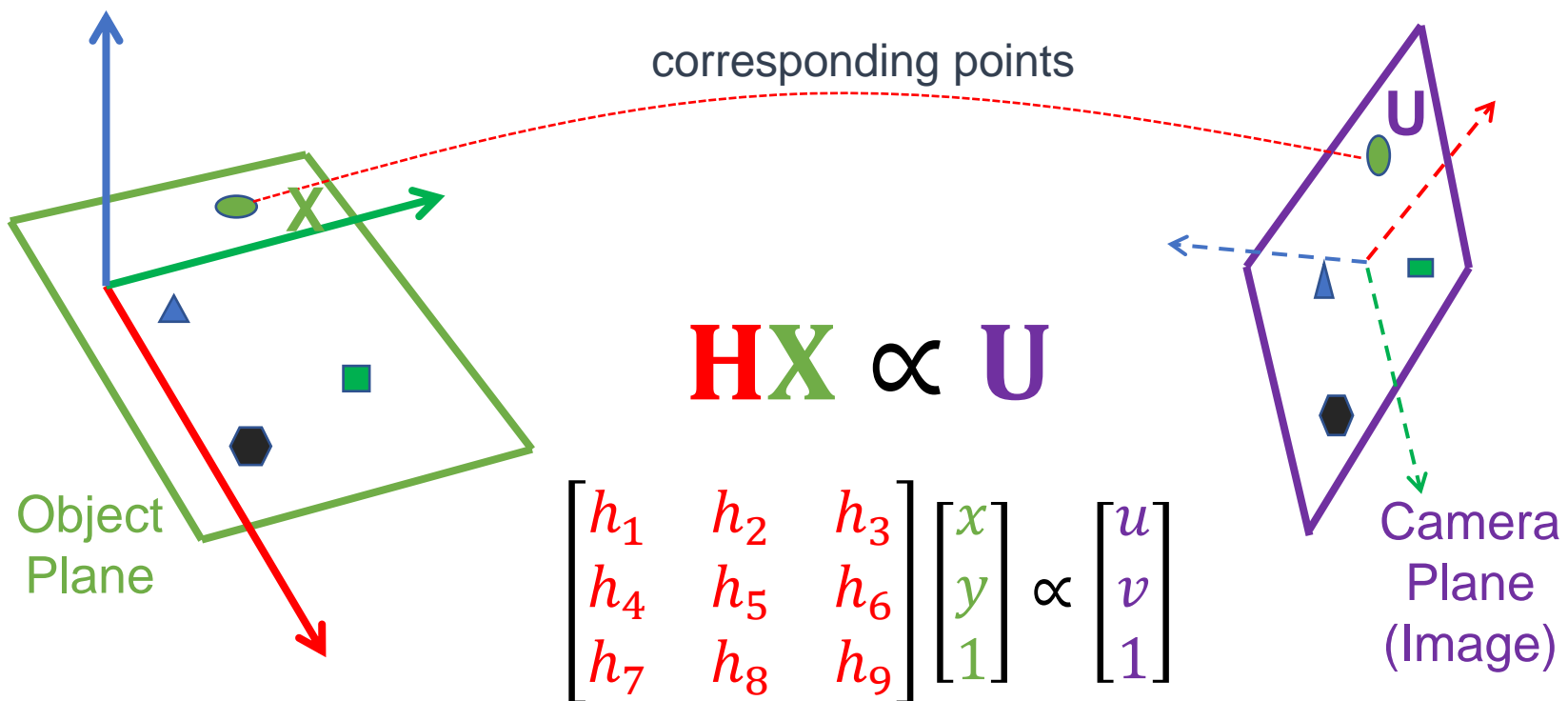
# Removing Perspective Distortion?







# How to Estimate a Homography?





# Estimating Homography: DLT



- 2D direct linear transformation (DLT) algorithm
- Find multiple  $\mathbf{X} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{U}$  correspondences ( $\geq 4$ ) between a planar object and an image
- Each correspondence leads to 2 independent linear equations with homography as unknown parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} u(h_7x + h_8y + h_9) &= h_1x + h_2y + h_3 \\ v(h_7x + h_8y + h_9) &= h_4x + h_5y + h_6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}^T & -w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & y'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \\ w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & \mathbf{0}^T & -x'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h^1 \\ h^2 \\ h^3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- This leads to a homogeneous system of linear equations

$$xh_1 + yh_2 + h_3 - uxh_7 - uyh_8 - uh_9 = 0$$

$$xh_4 + yh_5 + h_6 - vxh_7 - vyh_8 - vh_9 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & 1 & & & & -ux & -uy & -u \\ & & & x & y & 1 & -vx & -vy & -v \end{bmatrix} [h_1 \ h_2 \ h_3 \ h_4 \ h_5 \ h_6 \ h_7 \ h_8 \ h_9]^T = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$$

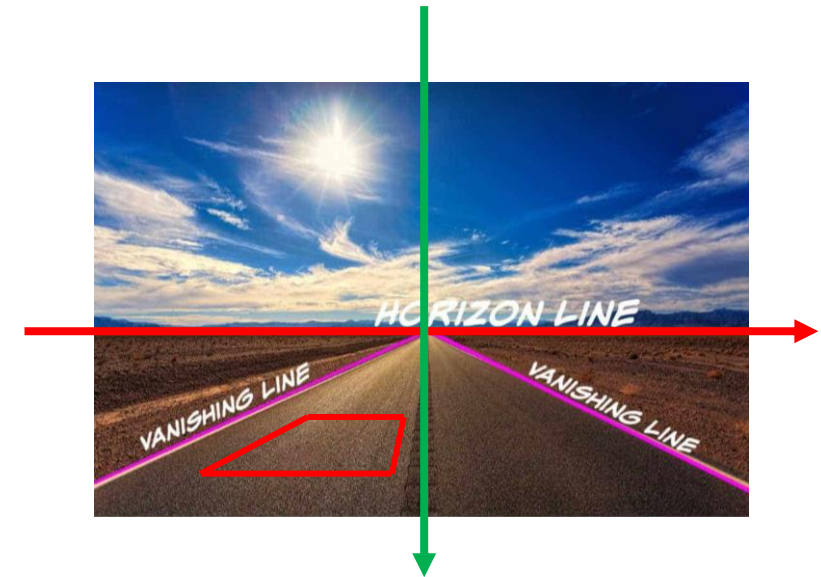


## 2D DLT Using Inhomogeneous Homography

- Set  $h_9 = 1$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{h}} = [h_1, h_2, \dots, h_8]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & 1 & & & & & & \\ & & & x & y & 1 & -ux & -uy & \\ & & & & & & -vx & -vy & \end{bmatrix} [h_1 \ h_2 \ h_3 \ h_4 \ h_5 \ h_6 \ h_7 \ h_8]^T = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

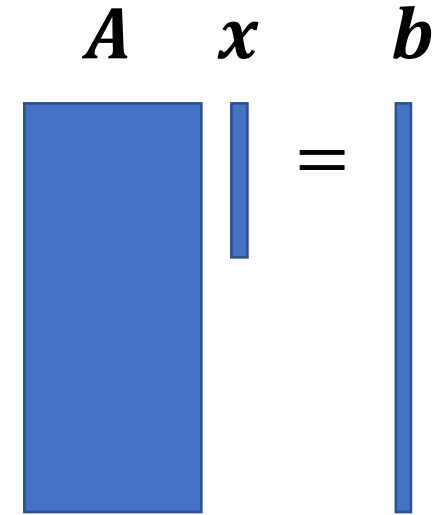
- Solve by least square:  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$
- Potential issues
  - What if  $h_9 = 0$ ?
  - Does this happen often?



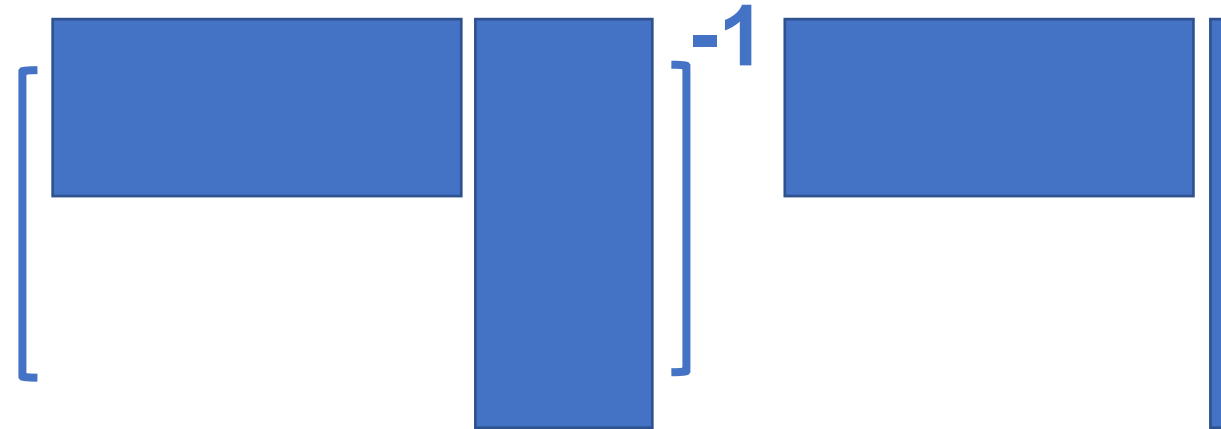


## Solving $Ax=b$

- $A$ : design matrix
  - shape:  $m \times n$
  - $m \gg n$
  - Typically, full column-rank
- $x$ : unknowns
  - shape:  $n \times 1$
- $b$ : observed data
  - shape:  $m \times 1$
- Solve by least squares:  $x^* = \text{inv}(A'A)A'b$ 
  - Solving normal equation:  $A'Ax=A'b$
  - Least squares residual:
    - Observed - Predicted
    - $b - Ax^*$
  - Residual is usually not zero in real world problems!

$$A \quad x \quad = \quad b$$


Least squares solution  $x^*$

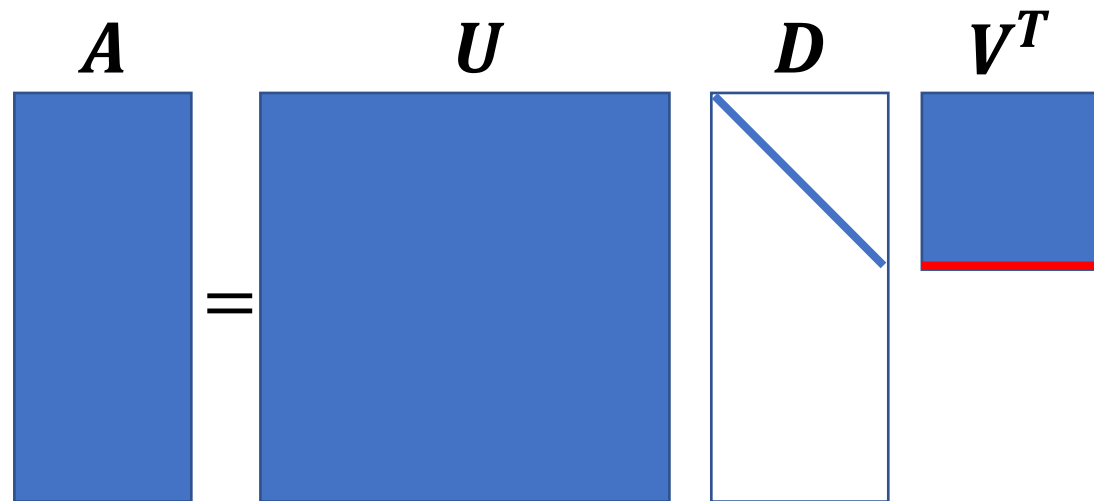
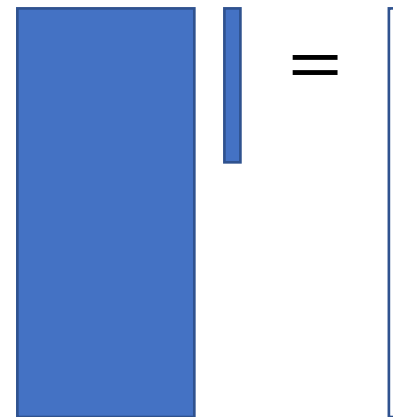




## Solving $Ax=0$

- $A$ : data matrix
  - shape:  $m \times n$
  - $m \gg n$
  - $\text{rank}(A) = n$  when data contains noise: full column-rank
- $x$ : unknowns
  - shape:  $n \times 1$
- Seek for an approximation instead of exact non-trivial solutions
- Add a constraint:  $\|x\|=1$
- Solve by SVD:  $A=UDV'$ 
  - $x^*$ =last column of  $V$ , if  $\text{diag}(D)$  is descending order
  - $\text{diag}(D)$ : non-negative
    - called singular values

$$A \quad x \quad = \quad 0$$



Least squares solution  $x^*$





## Why $Ax=0$ can be solved by $A=UDV'$ ?

- Problem conversion 1:
  - $\min \|Ax\|$ , s.t.  $\|x\|=1$
- $\|UDV'x\| == \|DV'x\|$
- $\|x\| == \|V'x\|$
- Problem conversion 2:
  - $\min \|DV'x\|$ , s.t.  $\|V'x\|=1$
- Change of variable:  $y=V'x$ 
  - $\min \|Dy\|$ , s.t.  $\|y\|=1$

Why  $y^*$  should be  $(0,0,\dots,0,1)'$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|Dy\|^2 &= y^T D^T D y = \sum_i \sigma_i^2 y_i^2 \\
 &= \sigma_1^2 y_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 y_2^2 + \dots + \sigma_n^2 y_n^2 \\
 &= \sigma_1^2 y_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 y_2^2 + \dots + \sigma_n^2 (1 - y_1^2 - y_2^2 \dots - y_{n-1}^2) \\
 &= (\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_n^2) y_1^2 + (\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_n^2) y_2^2 + \dots + (\sigma_{n-1}^2 - \sigma_n^2) y_{n-1}^2 + \sigma_n^2 \\
 &\geq \sigma_n^2 \text{ (= only when } y_1 = y_2 = \dots = y_{n-1} = 0 \text{ and } y_n = 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

- $D$  is diagonally descending!  $\Rightarrow y^*=(0,0,\dots,0,1)' \Rightarrow x^*=\text{last column of } V$



# Solving 2D DLT Using SVD

## Objective

Given  $n \geq 4$  2D to 2D point correspondences  $\{\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i\}$ , determine the 2D homography matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  such that  $\mathbf{x}'_i = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_i$ .

## Algorithm

- (i) For each correspondence  $\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i$  compute the matrix  $\mathbf{A}_i$  from (4.1). Only the first two rows need be used in general.
- (ii) Assemble the  $n$   $2 \times 9$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}_i$  into a single  $2n \times 9$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (iii) Obtain the SVD of  $\mathbf{A}$  (section A4.4(p585)). The unit singular vector corresponding to the smallest singular value is the solution  $\mathbf{h}$ . Specifically, if  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^T$  with  $\mathbf{D}$  diagonal with positive diagonal entries, arranged in descending order down the diagonal, then  $\mathbf{h}$  is the last column of  $\mathbf{V}$ .
- (iv) The matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  is determined from  $\mathbf{h}$  as in (4.2).

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}^T & -w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & y'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \\ w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & \mathbf{0}^T & -x'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h^1 \\ h^2 \\ h^3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$



# Another Practical Issue

- Numerical issues
  - A typical image point: (100,100,1)
  - $xx'$ :  $10^4$
  - $xw'$ :  $10^2$
  - $ww'$ : 1
- Data normalization is essential for DLT!
  - All entries in A should have similar magnitude
  - Pre-process your data using similarity transformation
    - Zero-mean (de-mean)
    - Unit-variance

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}^\top & -w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top & y'_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \\ w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top & \mathbf{0}^\top & -x'_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h^1 \\ h^2 \\ h^3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$



# A Complete 2D DLT Algorithm

## Objective

Given  $n \geq 4$  2D to 2D point correspondences  $\{\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i\}$ , determine the 2D homography matrix  $H$  such that  $\mathbf{x}'_i = H\mathbf{x}_i$ .

## Algorithm

- (i) **Normalization of  $\mathbf{x}$ :** Compute a similarity transformation  $T$ , consisting of a translation and scaling, that takes points  $\mathbf{x}_i$  to a new set of points  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$  such that the centroid of the points  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$  is the coordinate origin  $(0, 0)^T$ , and their average distance from the origin is  $\sqrt{2}$ .
- (ii) **Normalization of  $\mathbf{x}'$ :** Compute a similar transformation  $T'$  for the points in the second image, transforming points  $\mathbf{x}'_i$  to  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}'_i$ .
- (iii) **DLT:** Apply algorithm 4.1(p91) to the correspondences  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i \leftrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{x}}'_i$  to obtain a homography  $\tilde{H}$ .
- (iv) **Denormalization:** Set  $H = T'^{-1}\tilde{H}T$ .



# Homography and Camera Pose

- Using perspective projection equation:

$$\mathbf{u} \propto \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{t})$$

- World point  $\mathbf{X}$  lies on a plane, lets call it plane  $Z=0$ :

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Write rotation matrix as:

$$\mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{r}_1 \quad \mathbf{r}_2 \quad \mathbf{r}_3]$$

- Plug into the first equation:

$$\mathbf{u} \propto \mathbf{K} \left( [\mathbf{r}_1 \quad \mathbf{r}_2 \quad \mathbf{r}_3] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{t} \right) \equiv \mathbf{u} \propto \underbrace{\mathbf{K}[\mathbf{r}_1 \quad \mathbf{r}_2 \quad \mathbf{t}]}_{\mathbf{H}} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





# Single-view homography decomposition

- $\mathbf{H} \propto \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{r}_1 \quad \mathbf{r}_2 \quad \mathbf{t}]$

- Assume we calibrated the camera, so  $\mathbf{K}$  is known to us

- $\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{H} \propto [\mathbf{r}_1 \quad \mathbf{r}_2 \quad \mathbf{t}]$

- If let

$$\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{H} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \mathbf{a}_3]$$

- Translation

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{a}_3 / \|\mathbf{a}_1\|$$

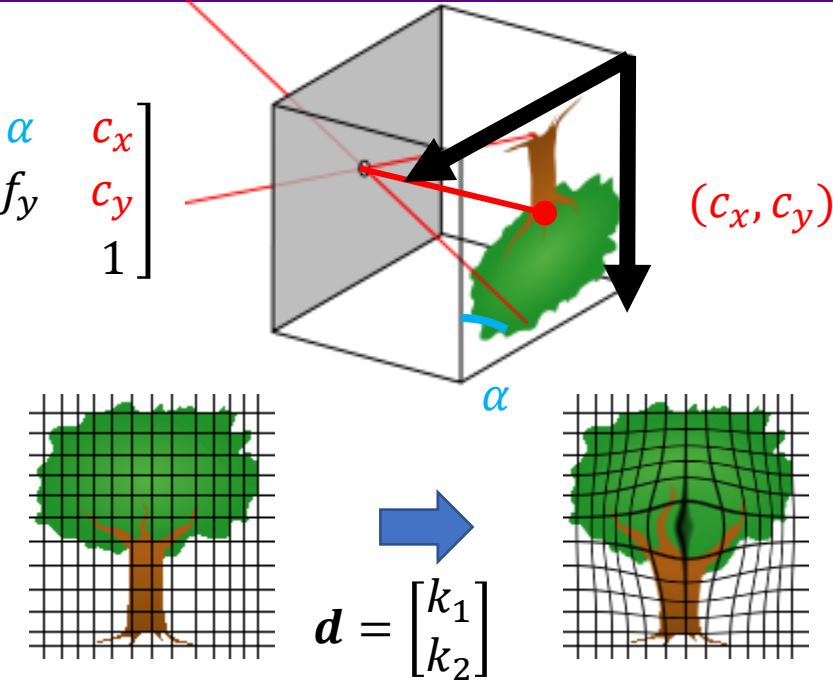
- Rotation

$$\mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{a}_1 / \|\mathbf{a}_1\| \quad \mathbf{a}_2 / \|\mathbf{a}_1\| \quad \mathbf{a}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_2 / \|\mathbf{a}_1\|^2]$$

# Camera Calibration

- To find out intrinsic parameters of a camera
  - **Linear:**  $\mathbf{K} = ?$
  - **Non-linear:**  $\mathbf{d} = ?$
- Intrinsic parameter values are generally static
  - Only need to be calibrated once
  - Unless the camera has been shipped for long distances
- Why?
  - Reduce uncertainties/unknowns in the projection system
  - Improve accuracy
- How?
  - $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{d}$  can not be easily measured directly
  - Has to be solved using perspective projection equation indirectly

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





# Calibration with a 3D Rig - Simple

1. Form a 3D structure (rig) with multiple markers
2. Precisely measure each marker's corner point 3D positions ( $\mathbf{X}$ ) in a same coordinate frame
3. Take an image of the 3D structure
4. Solve camera matrix using the 3D Direct Linear Transformation (**DLT**) algorithm
5. Decompose camera matrix to get camera intrinsics





## 3D DLT for Computing Camera Matrix

- Recall what is camera matrix:

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

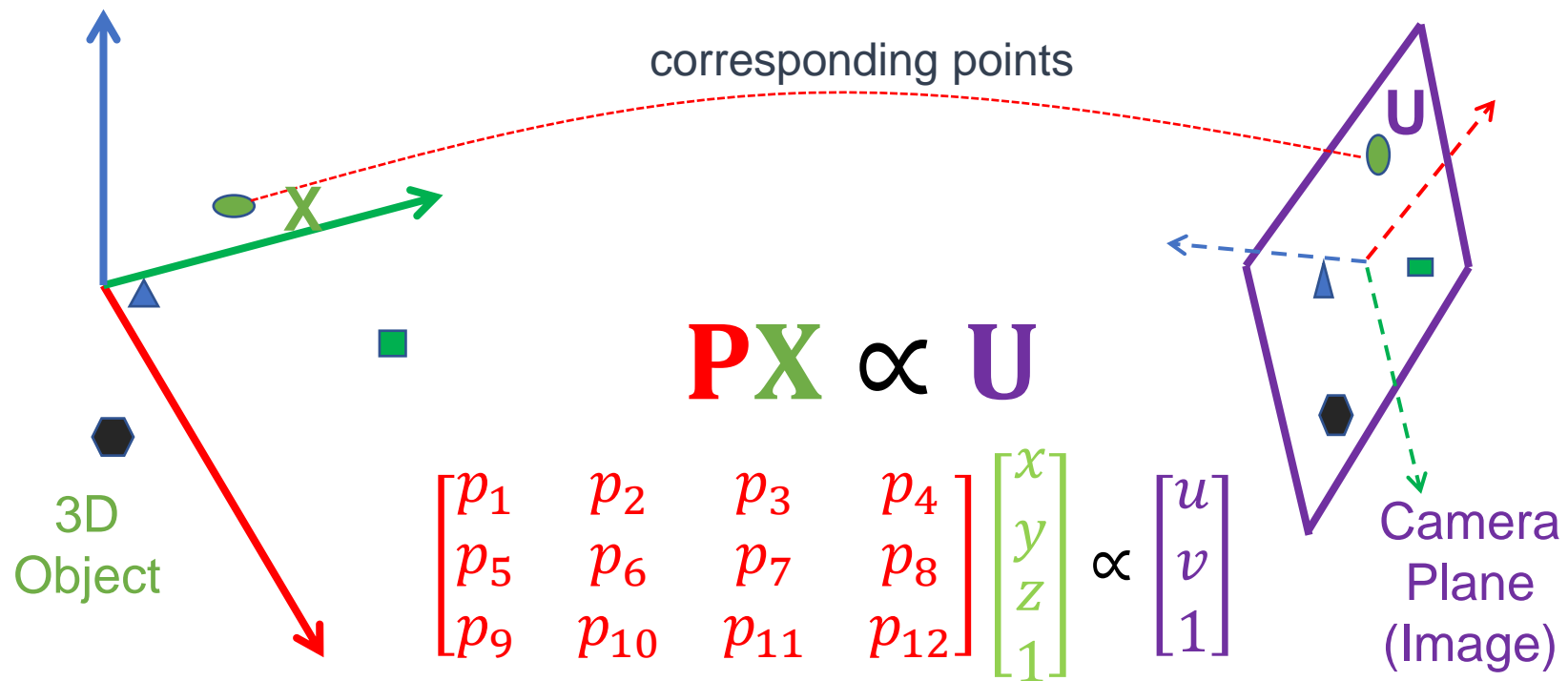
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$$P = K[R \mid \mathbf{t}]$$



# 3D DLT for Computing Camera Matrix

- Similar to 2D homography





## 3D DLT for computing camera matrix



- Find multiple  $\mathbf{X} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{U}$  correspondences ( $\geq 6$ ) between a planar object and an image
- Each correspondence lead to 2 independent linear equations with homography as unknown parameters:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}^\top & -w_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top & y_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top \\ w_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top & \mathbf{0}^\top & -x_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^1 \\ \mathbf{P}^2 \\ \mathbf{P}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

- This lead to a homogeneous system of linear equation

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$$

- Solve by performing Singular Value Decomposition on  $\mathbf{A}$



# Decomposing Camera Matrix



$$\begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} = K[R \mid \mathbf{t}] \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

RQ-decomposition

- Bonus: camera extrinsics!

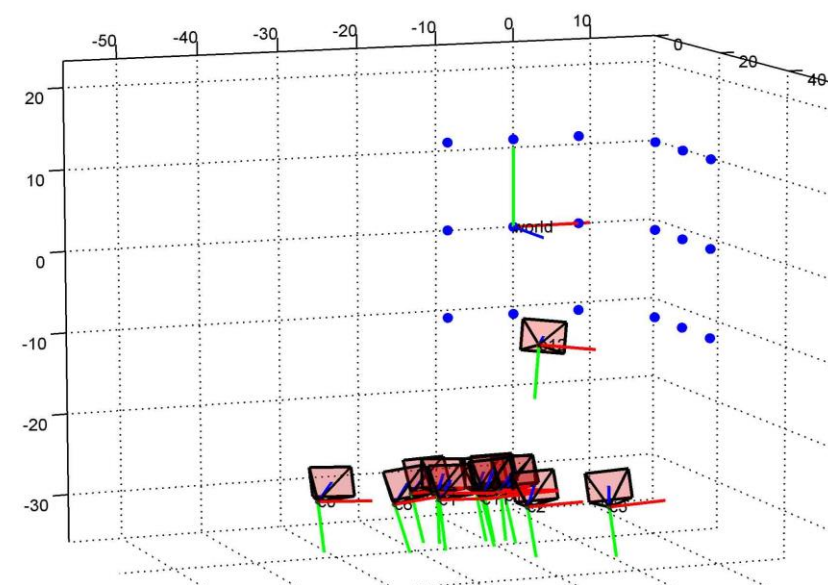
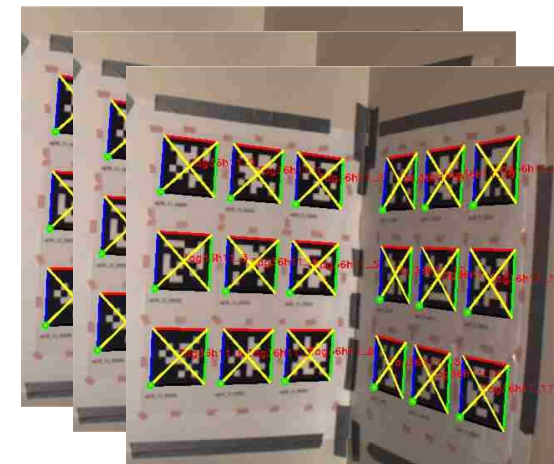


# Calibration with a 3D Rig - Complete

1. Form a 3D structure (rig) with multiple ( $M$ ) markers
2. Precisely measure each marker's corner point 3D positions ( $\mathbf{X}$ ) in a same coordinate frame
3. Take  $N$  images of the 3D structure
4. Solve the **bundle adjustment** equation:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{K}, \{\mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{t}_i\}} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M \|\mathbf{U}_{i,j} - \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{X}_j + \mathbf{t}_i)\|^2$$

5. Initialization using the 3D Direct Linear Transformation (**DLT**) algorithm



Intrinsic Calibration RMS=0.844679 pixel



# The Gold Standard 3D DLT Algorithm

## Objective

Given  $n \geq 6$  world to image point correspondences  $\{\mathbf{X}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_i\}$ , determine the Maximum Likelihood estimate of the camera projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ , i.e. the  $\mathbf{P}$  which minimizes  $\sum_i d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_i)^2$ .

## Algorithm

- (i) **Linear solution.** Compute an initial estimate of  $\mathbf{P}$  using a linear method such as algorithm 4.2(p109):
  - (a) **Normalization:** Use a similarity transformation  $\mathbf{T}$  to normalize the image points, and a second similarity transformation  $\mathbf{U}$  to normalize the space points. Suppose the normalized image points are  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_i$ , and the normalized space points are  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{X}_i$ .
  - (b) **DLT:** Form the  $2n \times 12$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  by stacking the equations (7.2) generated by each correspondence  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i \leftrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$ . Write  $\mathbf{p}$  for the vector containing the entries of the matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$ . A solution of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$ , subject to  $\|\mathbf{p}\| = 1$ , is obtained from the unit singular vector of  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to the smallest singular value.
- (ii) **Minimize geometric error.** Using the linear estimate as a starting point minimize the geometric error (7.4):

$$\sum_i d(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i, \tilde{\mathbf{P}}\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i)^2$$

over  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$ , using an iterative algorithm such as Levenberg–Marquardt.

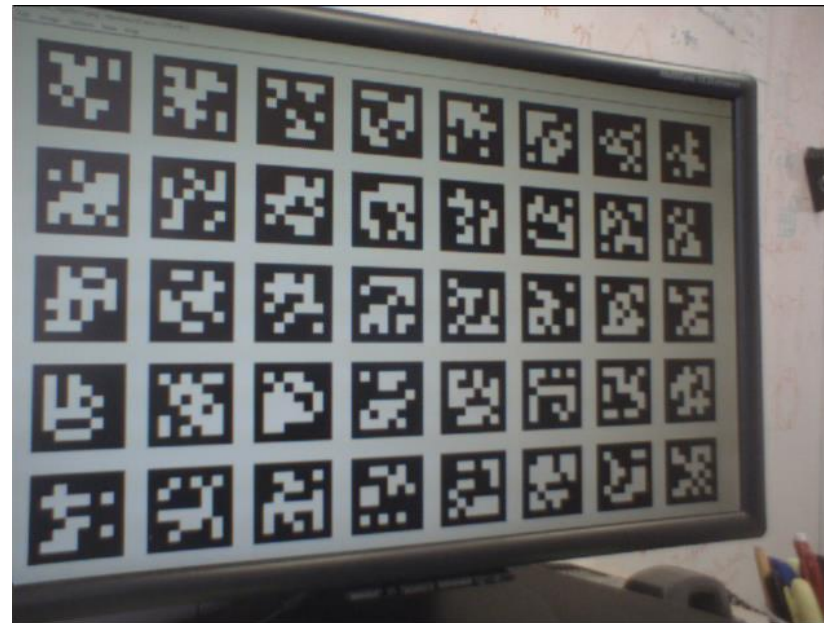
- (iii) **Denormalization.** The camera matrix for the original (unnormalized) coordinates is obtained from  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$  as

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{T}^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{P}}\mathbf{U}.$$



## Calibration with a 2D Rig

- Precisely measure each marker's 3D positions could be difficult
  - Usually need a total station
- An easier way is to use a 2D rig
  1. All markers on a same plane
  2. Measure each marker's 2D position
  3. Take multiple images
  4. Solve by Zhang's method
  5. Refine by bundle adjustment
- Advantages
  - Measuring 2D position is easy
  - Easy to setup planar rig



Z. Zhang, "A flexible new technique for camera calibration", IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, Vol.22, No.11, pages 1330–1334, 2000



# Vanishing Point

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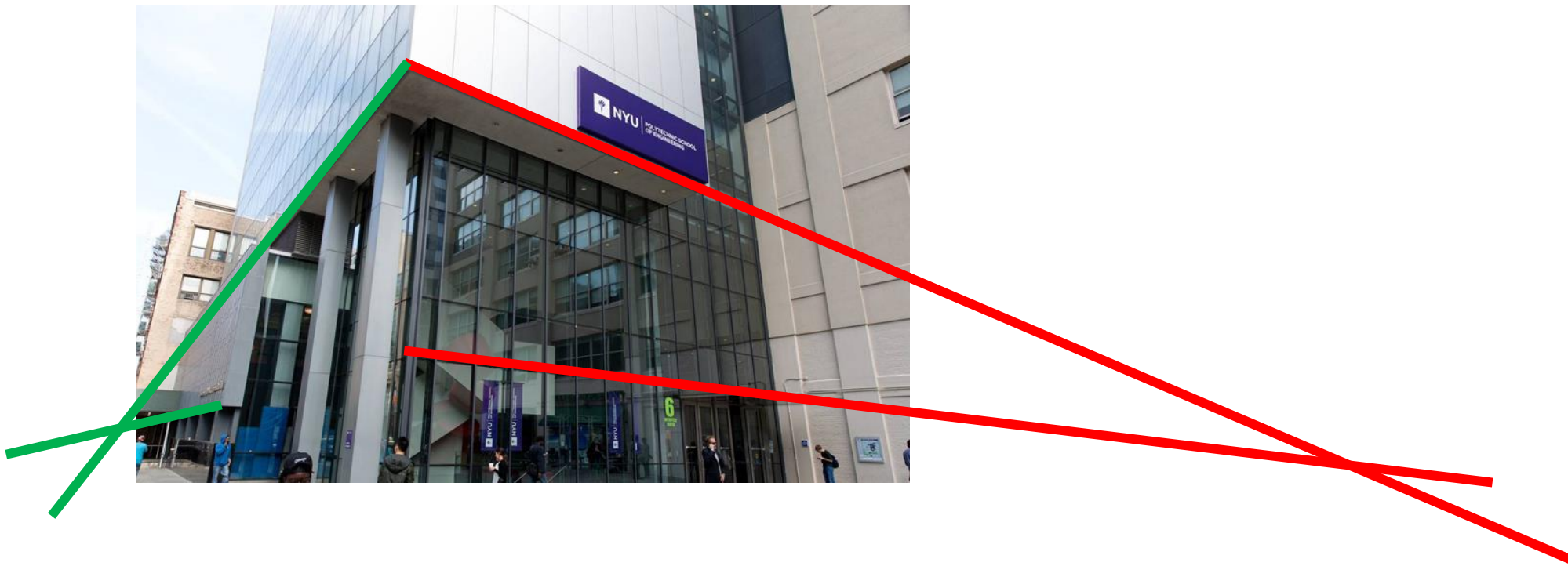
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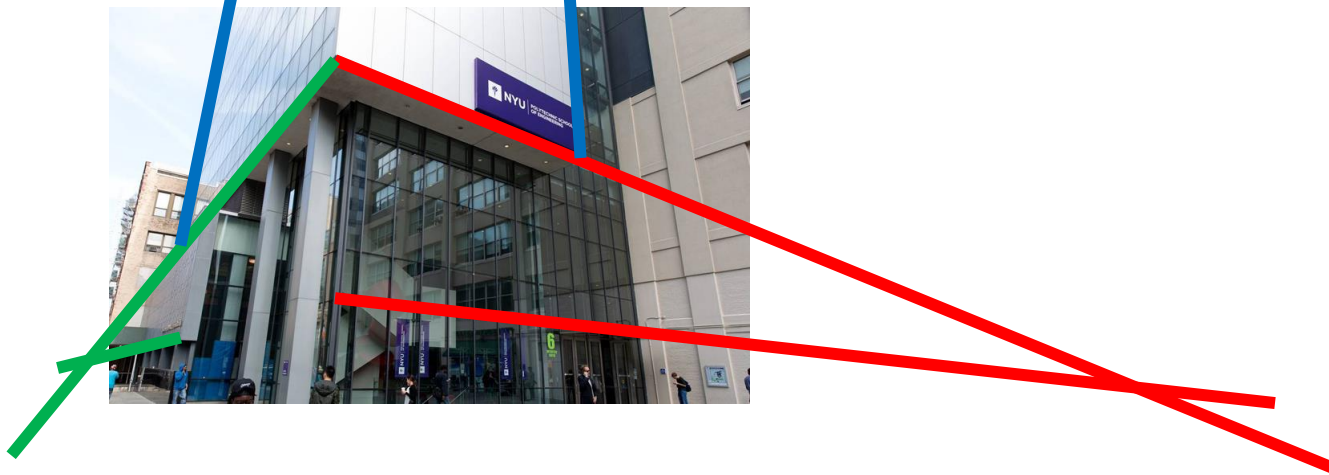


# Vanishing Points



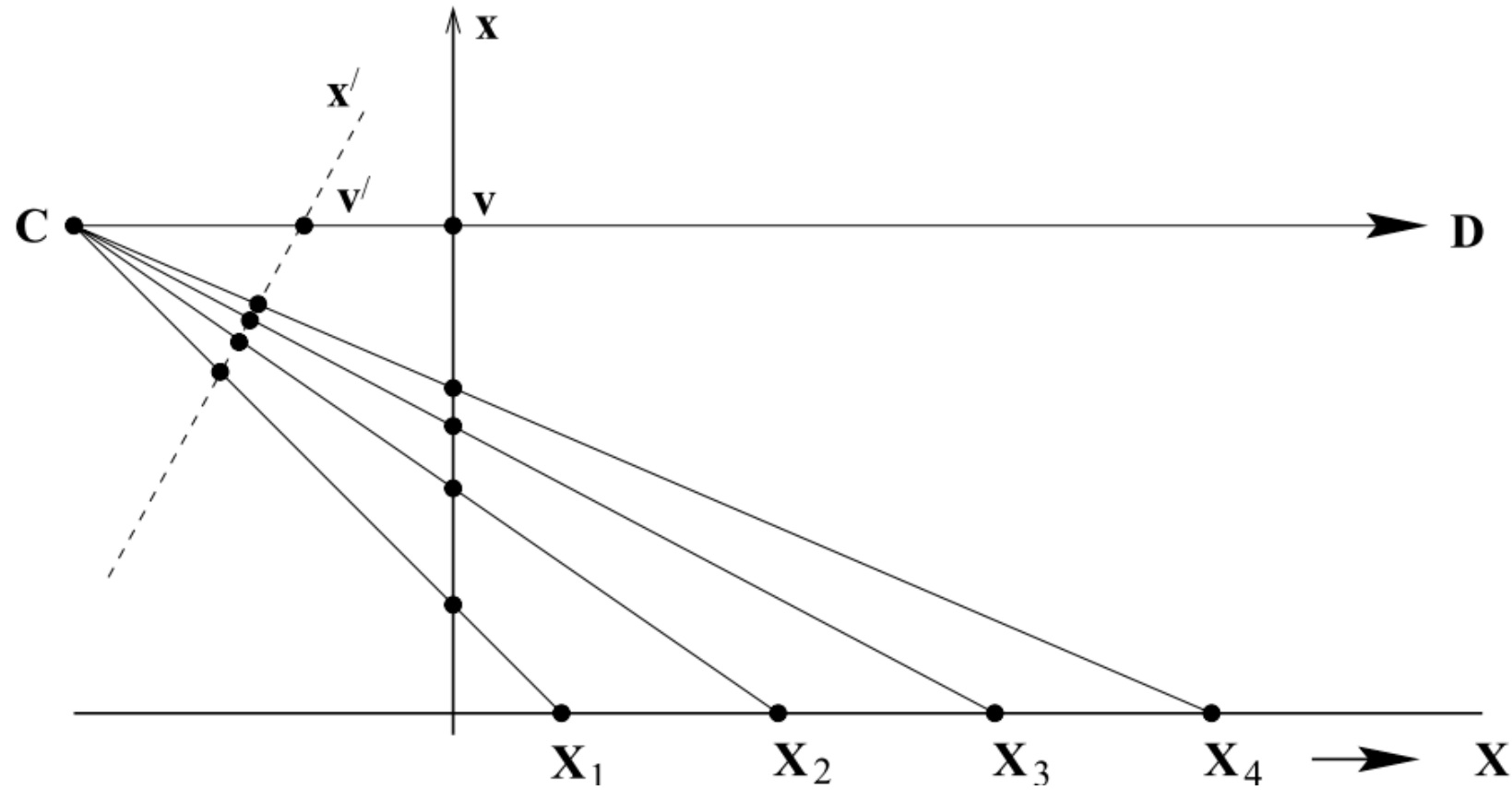


# Vanishing Points





# Vanishing Point – 1D

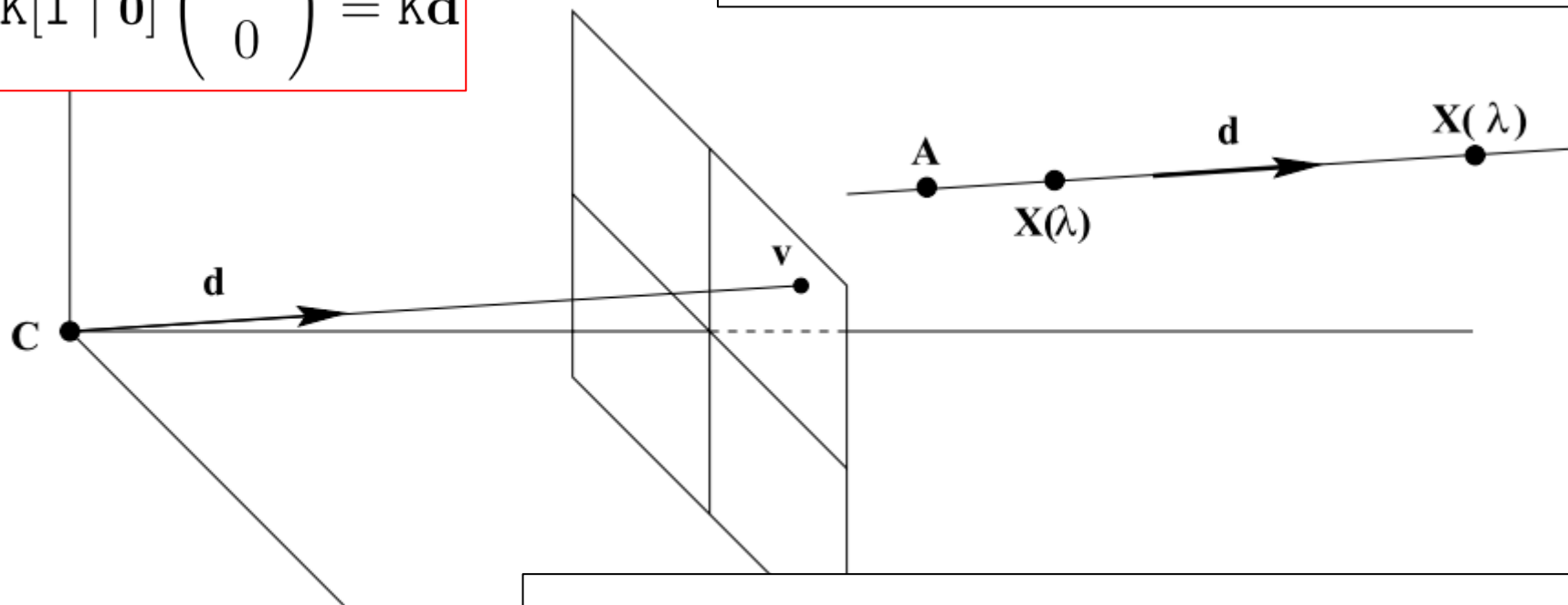






# Vanishing Point – 3D

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_{\infty} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}] \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{d}$$



$$\mathbf{X}(\lambda) = \mathbf{A} + \lambda\mathbf{D}$$

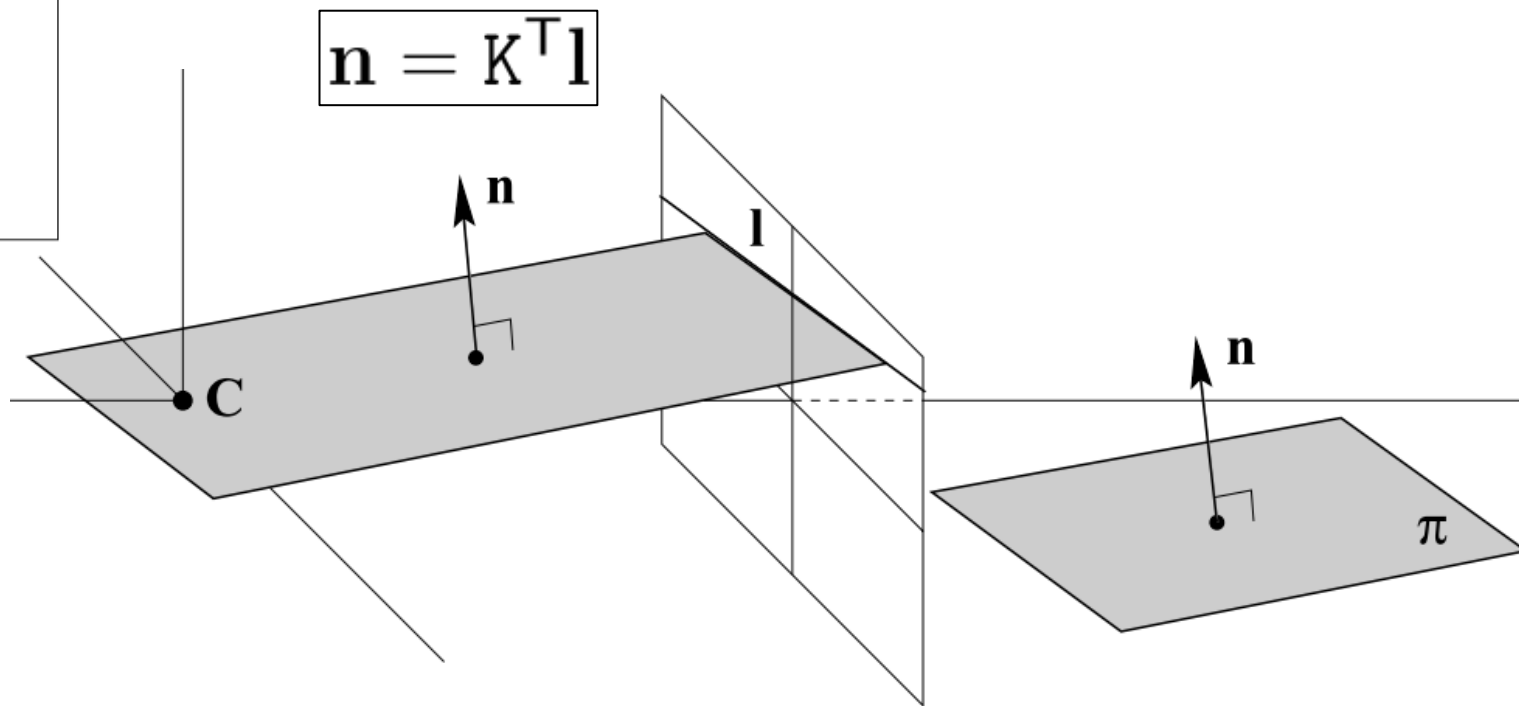
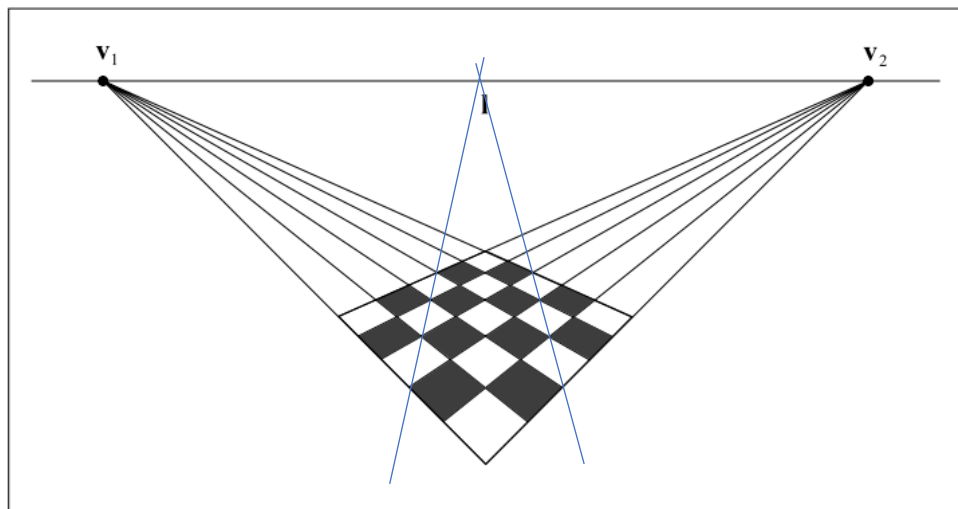
$$\mathbf{D} = (\mathbf{d}^T, 0)^T$$

$$\mathbf{x}(\lambda) = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}(\lambda) = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{A} + \lambda\mathbf{P}\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{K}\mathbf{d}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}(\lambda) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} (\mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{K}\mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{d}$$



# Vanishing Line





# Applications of Vanishing Points



- Rotation estimation of calibrated camera
  - vanishing point + calibration matrix == 3D direction

$$\mathbf{d}_i = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i / \|\mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i\|$$

$$\mathbf{d}'_i = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{d}_i$$

- $n (\geq 2)$  corresponding vanishing points
- **A calibrated camera is a protractor!**
- Robot navigation/control
- Camera calibration/traffic surveillance



# Vanishing Point for Robots

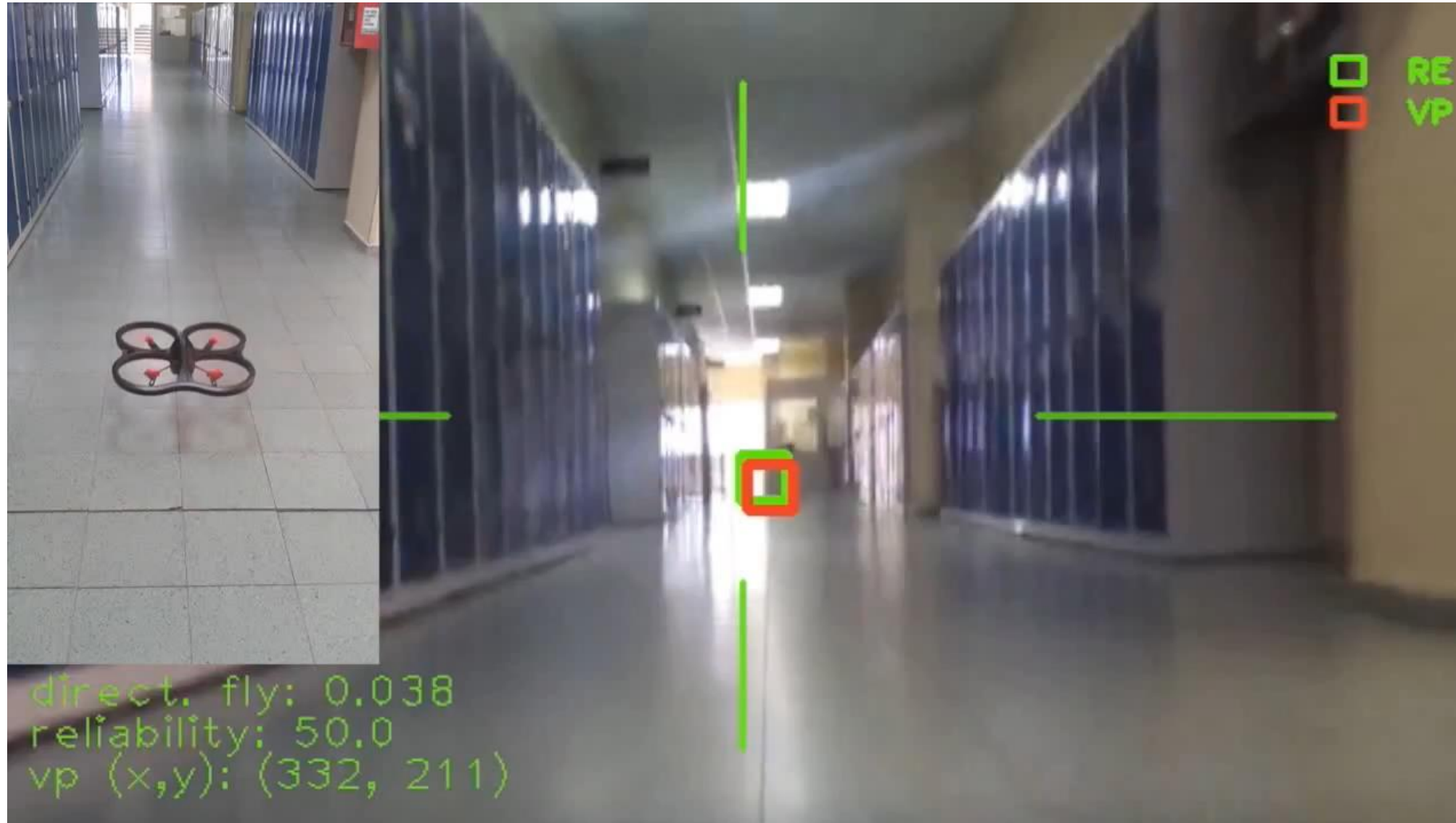
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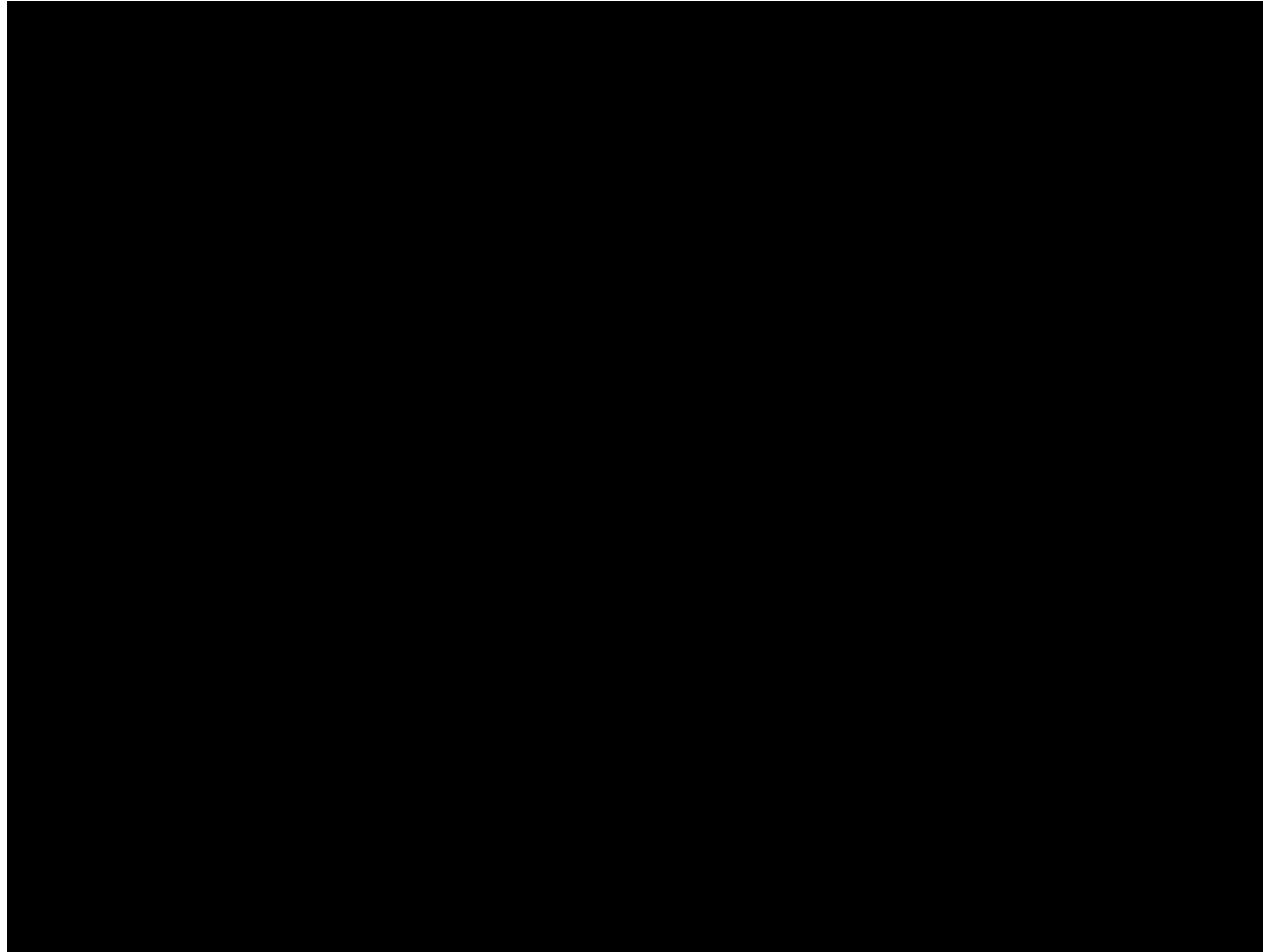
# Vanishing Point for Robots





# Vanishing Point for Autonomous Driving

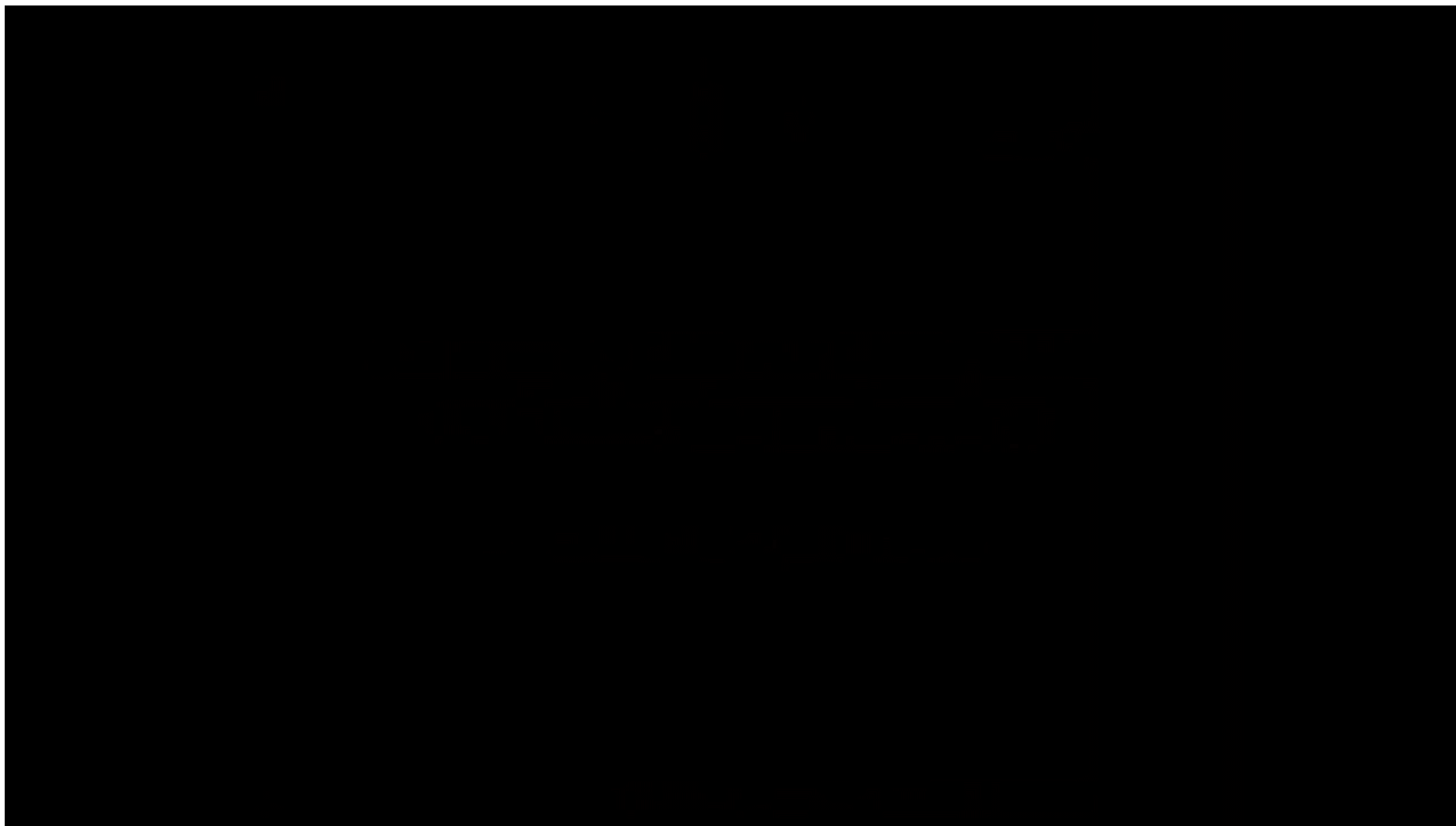
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# Vanishing Point for Traffic Surveillance



Video from: <https://youtu.be/S3msCdn3fNM>





# Simple Camera Calibration from 3 “Orthogonal” Vanishing Points

- Simplified camera

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & x_0 \\ 0 & f & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Three vanishing points
  - Mutually orthogonal in 3D

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 u_1 & \lambda_2 u_2 & \lambda_3 u_3 \\ \lambda_1 v_1 & \lambda_2 v_2 & \lambda_3 v_3 \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{P} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & x_0 \\ 0 & f & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}$$

- Using orthonormal constraints

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1(u_1 - x_0)/f & \lambda_2(u_2 - x_0)/f & \lambda_3(u_3 - x_0)/f \\ \lambda_1(v_1 - y_0)/f & \lambda_2(v_2 - y_0)/f & \lambda_3(v_3 - y_0)/f \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 \lambda_2 ((u_1 - x_0)(u_2 - x_0)/f^2 + (v_1 - y_0)(v_2 - y_0)/f^2 + 1) = 0$$

- Get rid of non-zero unknown scale factors

$$\begin{aligned} (u_2 - u_3)(u_1 - x_0) + (v_2 - v_3)(v_1 - y_0) &= 0, \\ (u_1 - u_2)(u_3 - x_0) + (v_1 - v_2)(v_3 - y_0) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$



# Simple Camera Calibration from 3 “Orthogonal” Vanishing Points

- Solve a 2x2 equation

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b},$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 - u_3 & v_1 - v_3 \\ u_2 - u_3 & v_2 - v_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix},$$

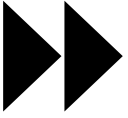
$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} (u_1 - u_3)u_2 + (v_1 - v_3)v_2 \\ (u_2 - u_3)u_1 + (v_2 - v_3)v_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Compute focal length

$$f = \sqrt{-(u_1 - x_0)(u_2 - x_0) - (v_1 - y_0)(v_2 - y_0)}.$$



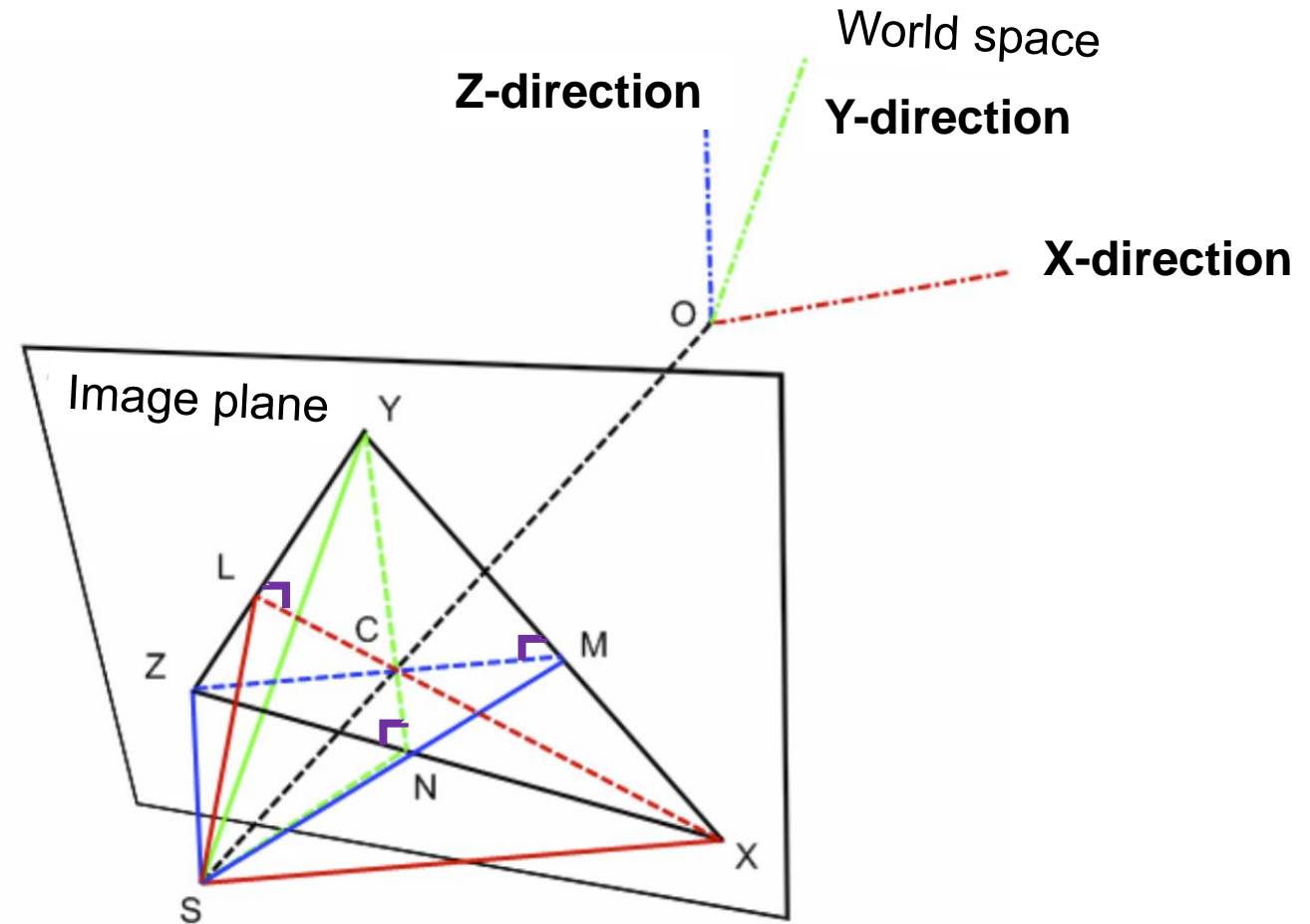
# Vanishing Point Calibration: Geometric Explanation



- X/Y/Z: three VPs on the image
- S: projection center
- C: principal point
  - SC: optical axis

- **C is the orthocenter of the triangle XYZ**

- $\Rightarrow$  SXYZ: Trirectangular Tetrahedron
- $\Rightarrow XY \perp ZM$
- $\Rightarrow$  C is ortho-center of XYZ





## Next Week

\* Hands-on: AprilTag & camera calibration

+ Epipolar geometry

++ Fundamental matrix

+ Essential matrix

+ Planar Homography

+ PnP problem

++ Hand-eye calibration

\*: know how to code

++: know how to derive

+: know the concept



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