Camera Parameters: Internal and External

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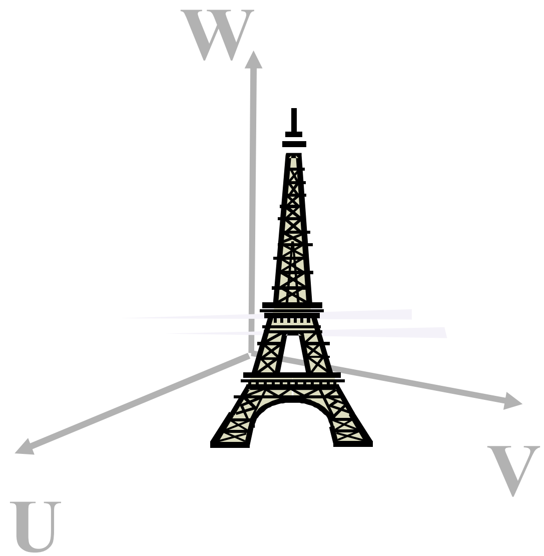
Imaging Geometry

Object of Interest in World Coordinate System (U,V,W)



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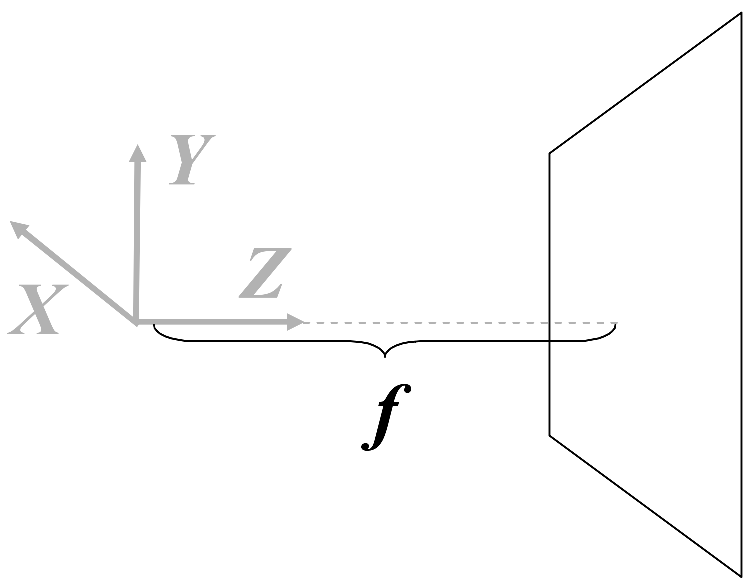

Camera Coordinate System (X,Y,Z).

- Z is optic axis
- Image plane located f units out along optic axis
- f is called focal length

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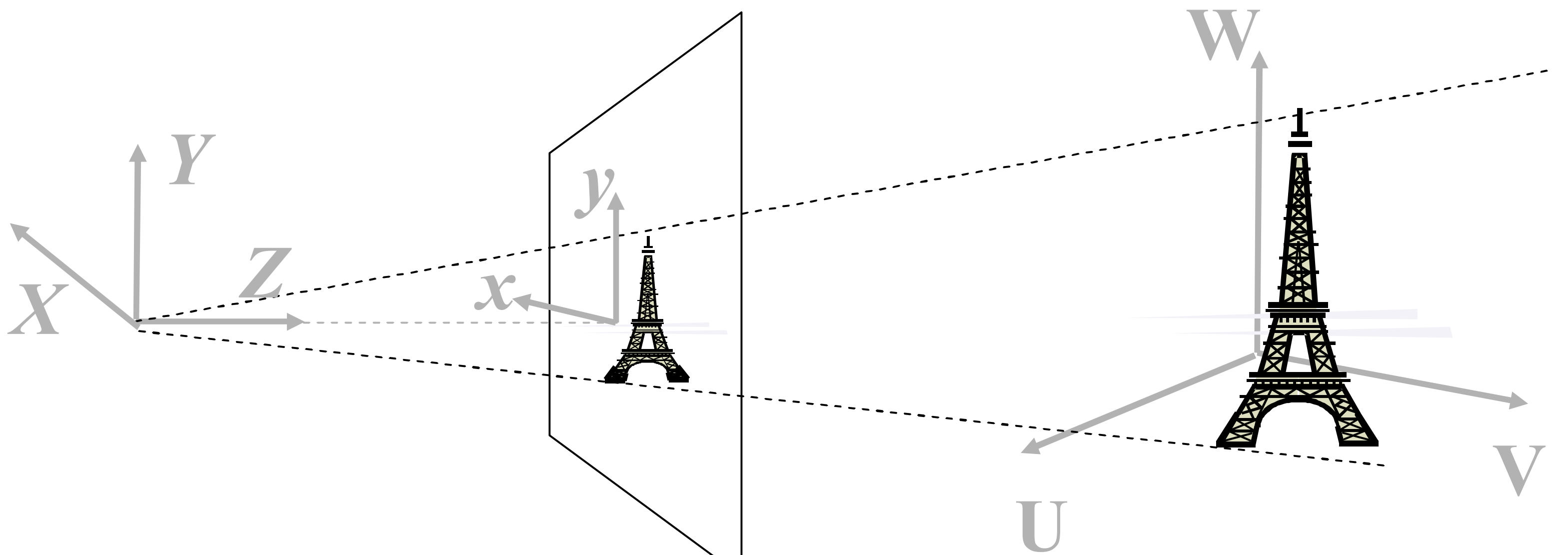

Forward Projection onto image plane.
3D (X,Y,Z) projected to 2D *(x,y)*

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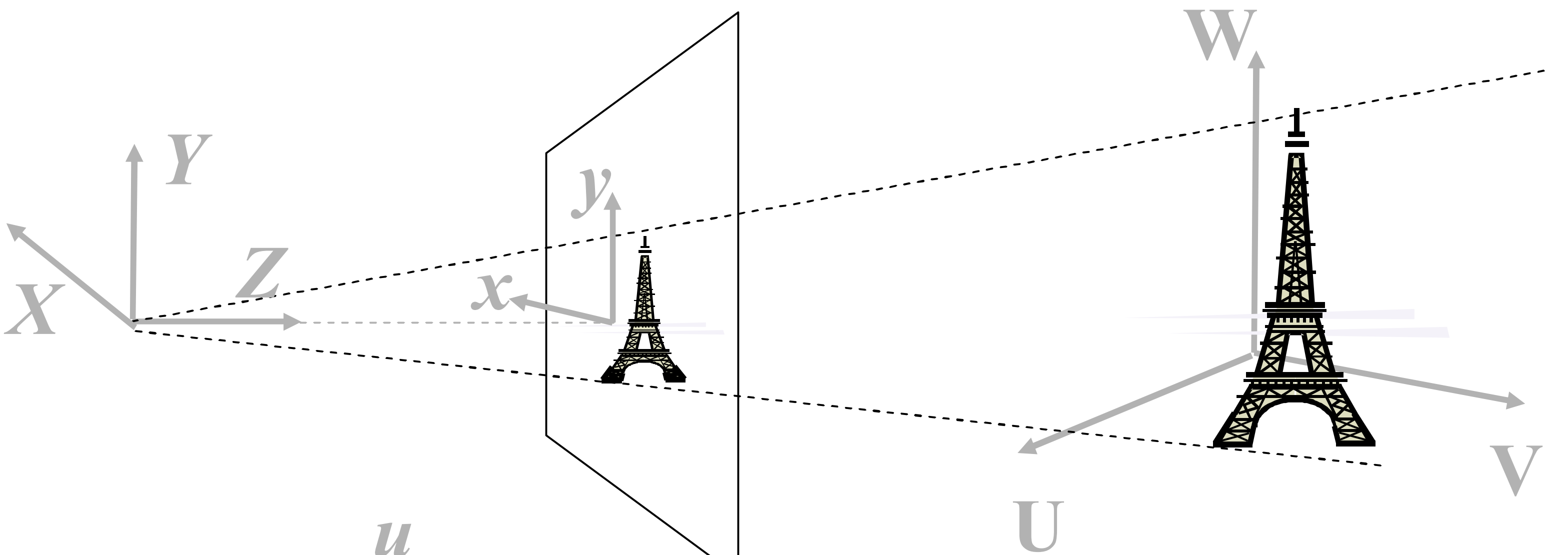

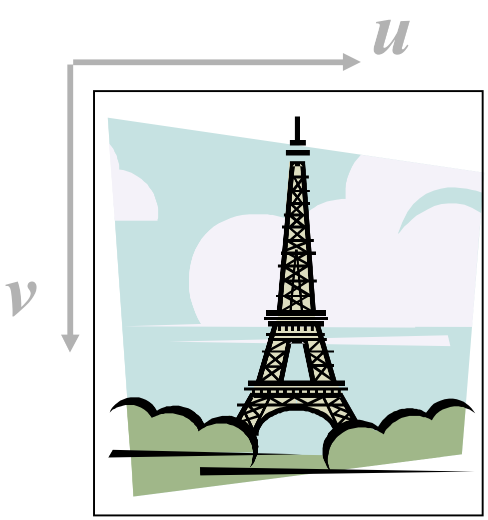

Our image gets digitized into pixel coordinates *(u,v)*

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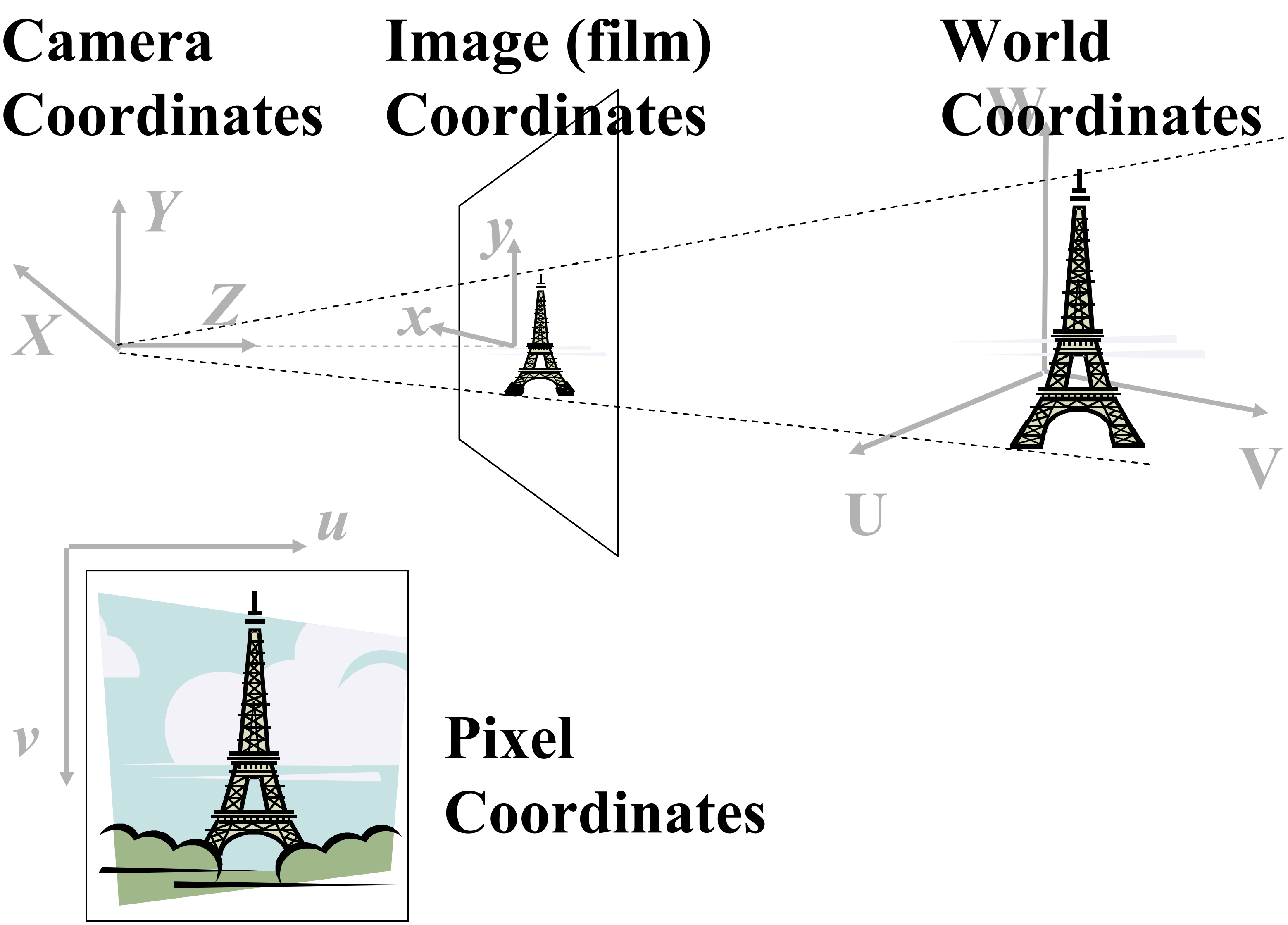

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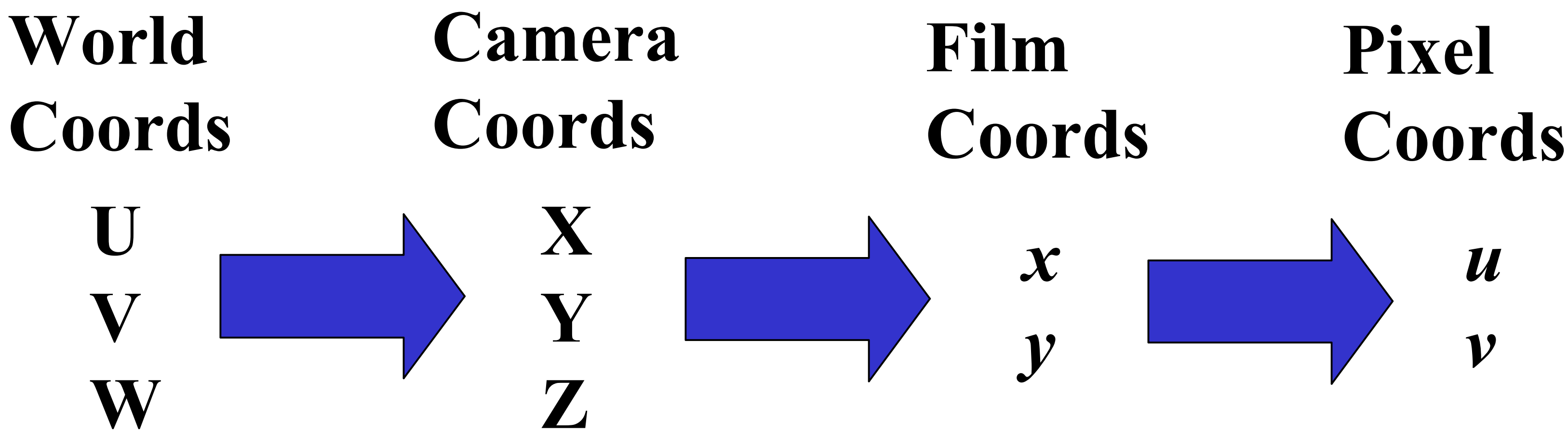
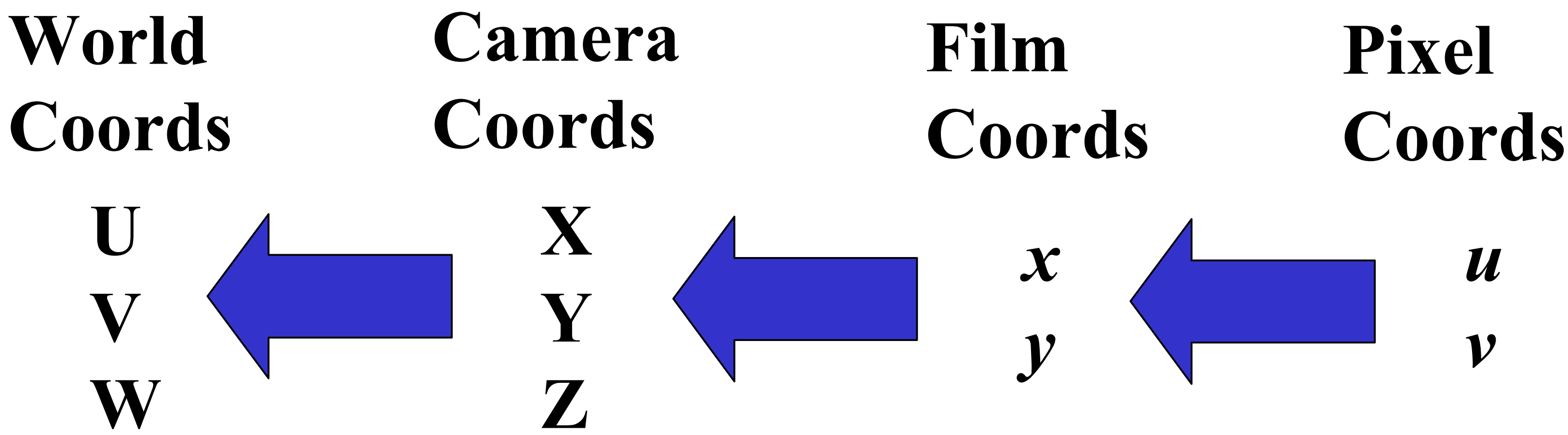
Forward Projection



We want a mathematical model to describe how 3D World points get projected into 2D Pixel coordinates.

Our goal: describe this sequence of transformations by a big matrix equation!

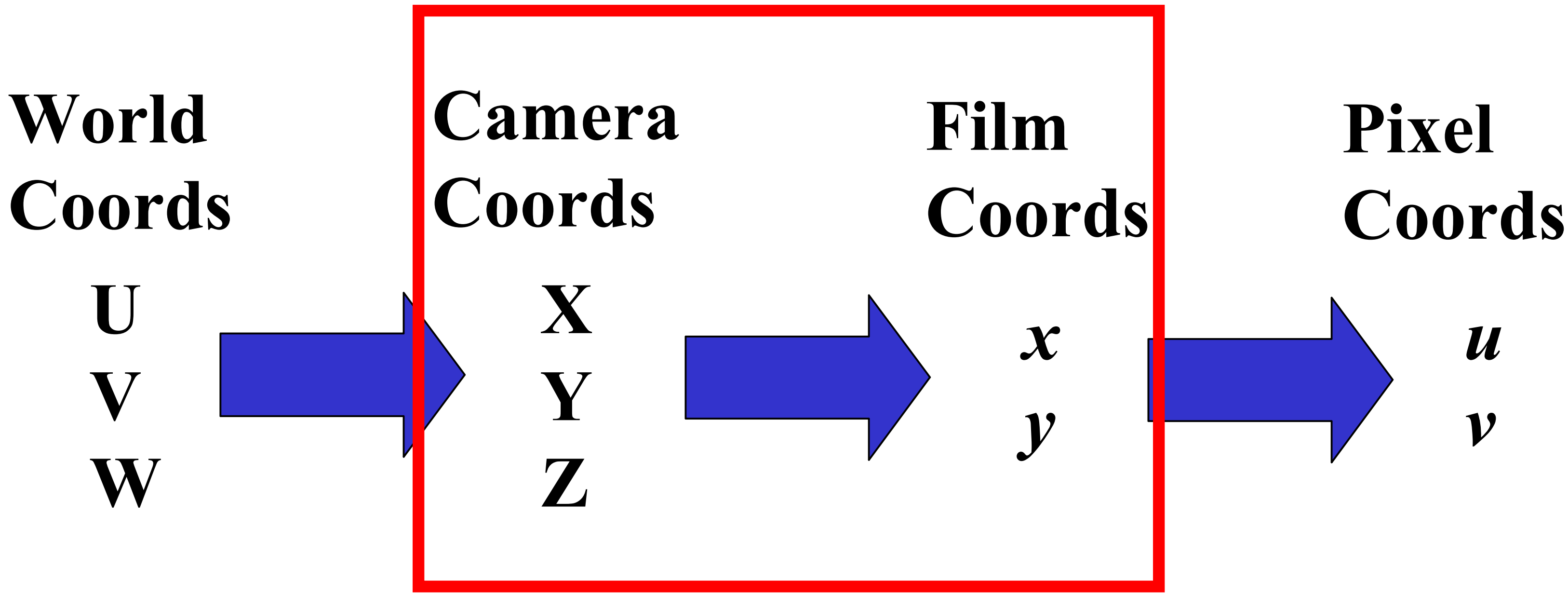
Backward Projection



Note, much of vision concerns trying to derive backward projection equations to recover 3D scene structure from images (via stereo or motion)

But first, we have to understand forward projection…

Forward Projection



3D-to-2D Projection
- **perspective projection**

We will start here in the middle, since we've already talked about this when discussing stereo.

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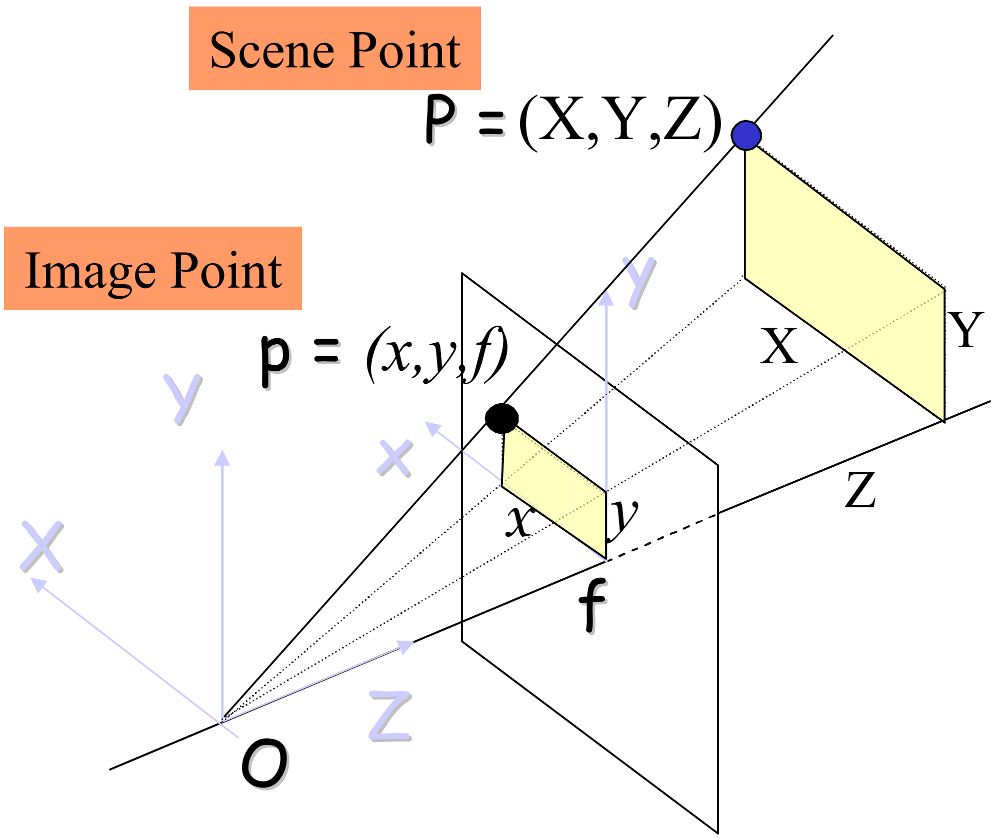
Basic Perspective Projection



Perspective Projection Eqns

$$x = f\frac{X}{Z}$$

$$y = f\frac{Y}{Z}$$

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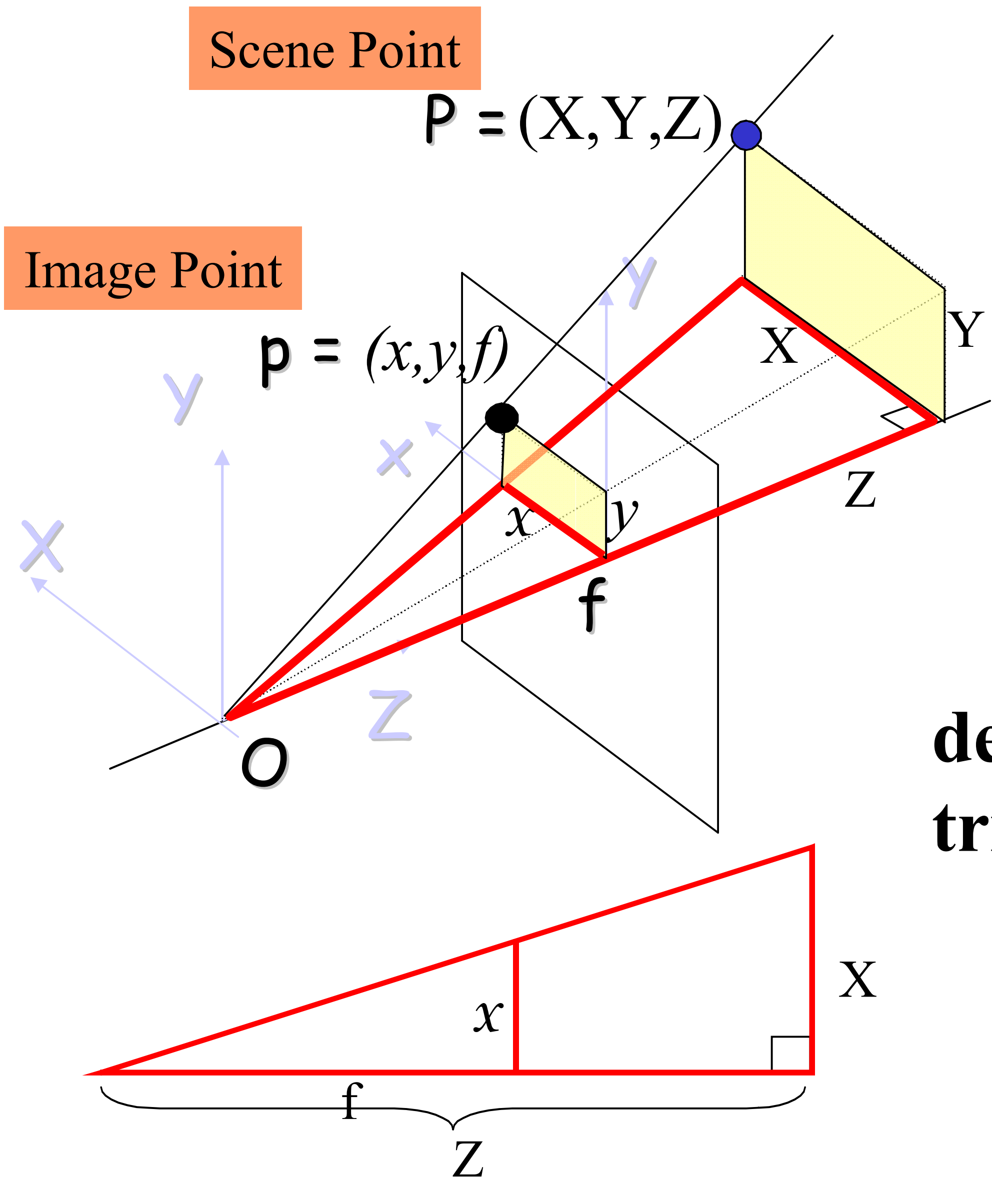

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derived via similar triangles rule

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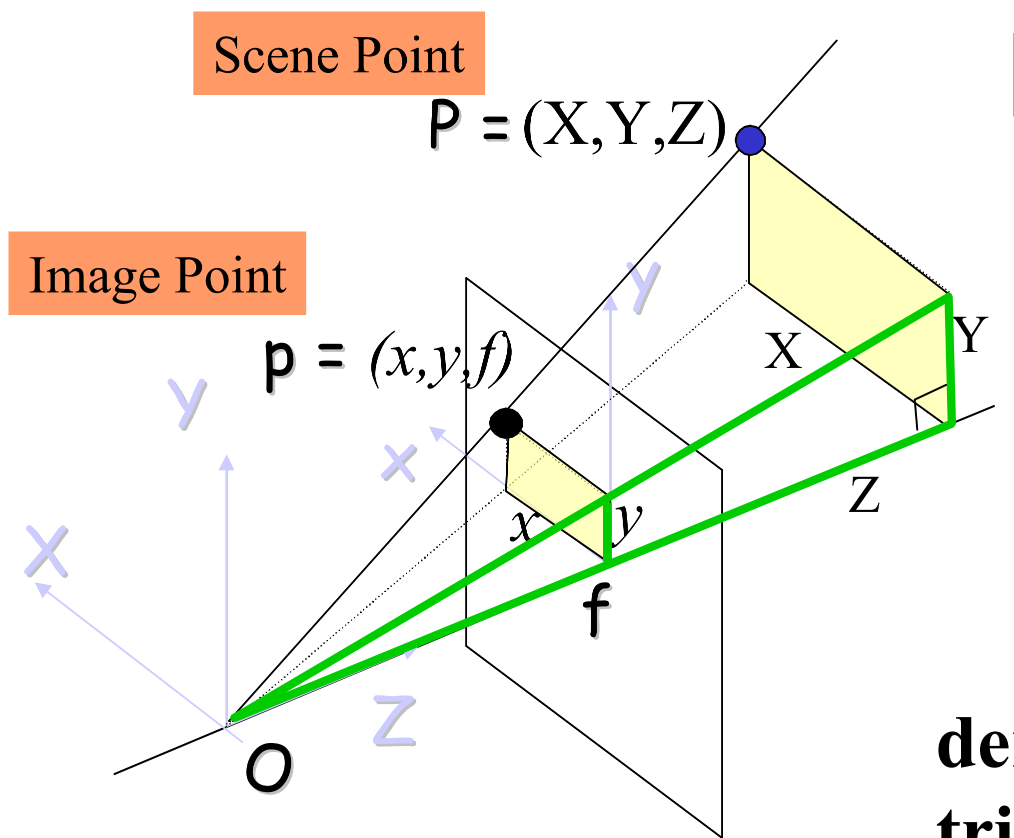

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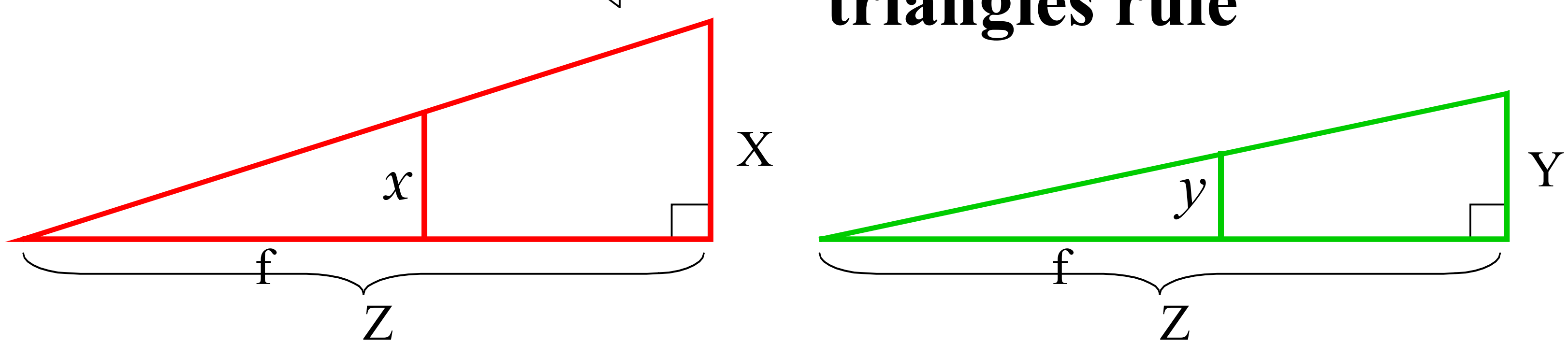

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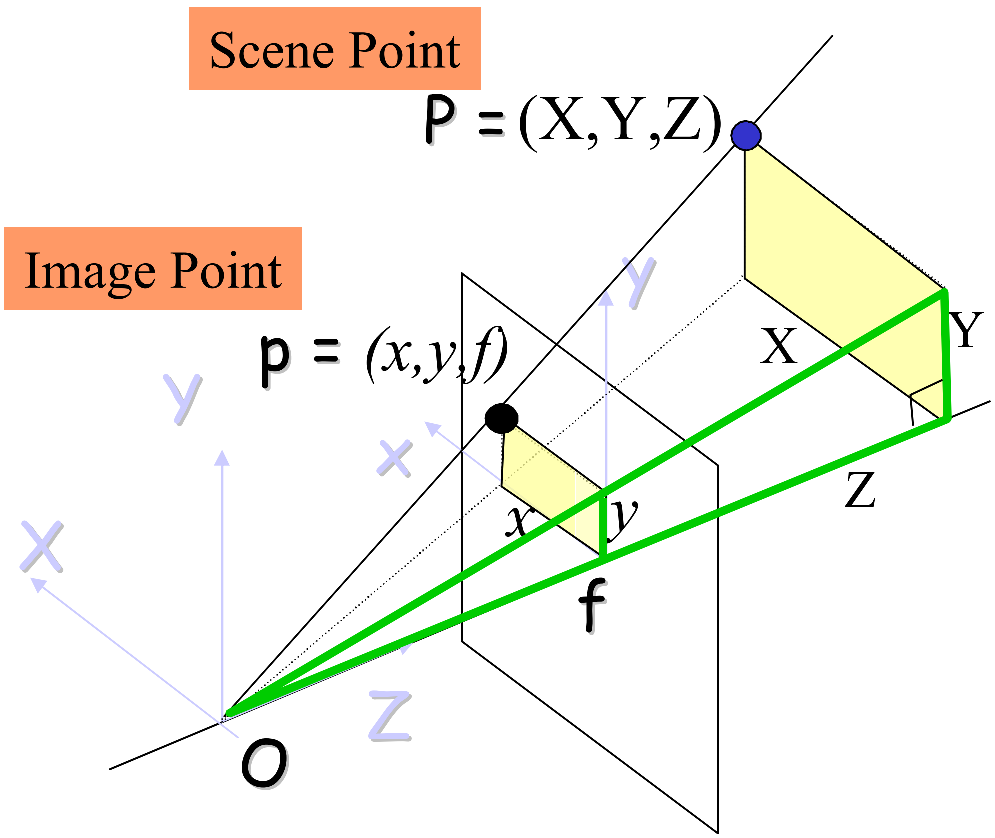

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So how do we represent this as a matrix equation?
We need to introduce homogeneous coordinates.

Homogeneous Coordinates

Represent a 2D point (x,y) by a 3D point (x',y',z') by adding a "fictitious" third coordinate.

By convention, we specify that given (x',y',z') we can recover the 2D point (x,y) as

$$x = \frac{x'}{z'} \qquad y = \frac{y'}{z'}$$

Note: (x,y) = (x,y,1) = (2x, 2y, 2) = (k x, ky, k)
for any nonzero k (can be negative as well as positive)

Perspective Matrix Equation

(in Camera Coordinates)

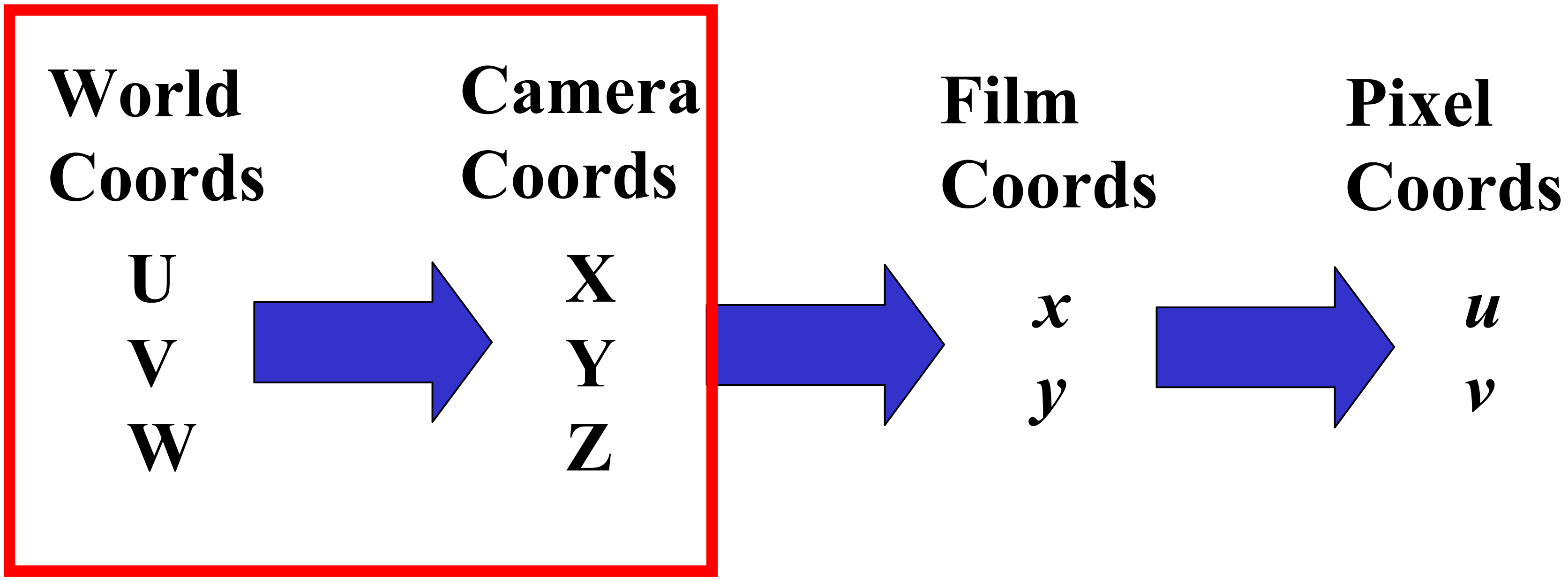
$$x = f\frac{X}{Z}$$

$$y = f\frac{Y}{Z}$$

$$\Longleftrightarrow$$

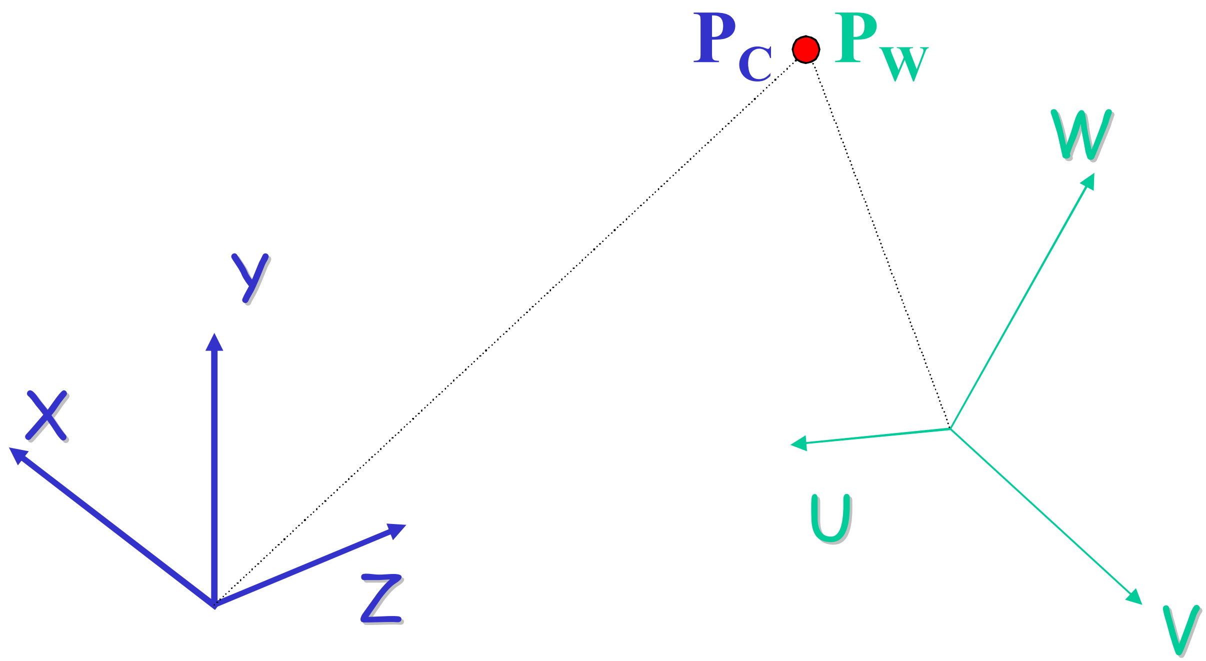
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Forward Projection



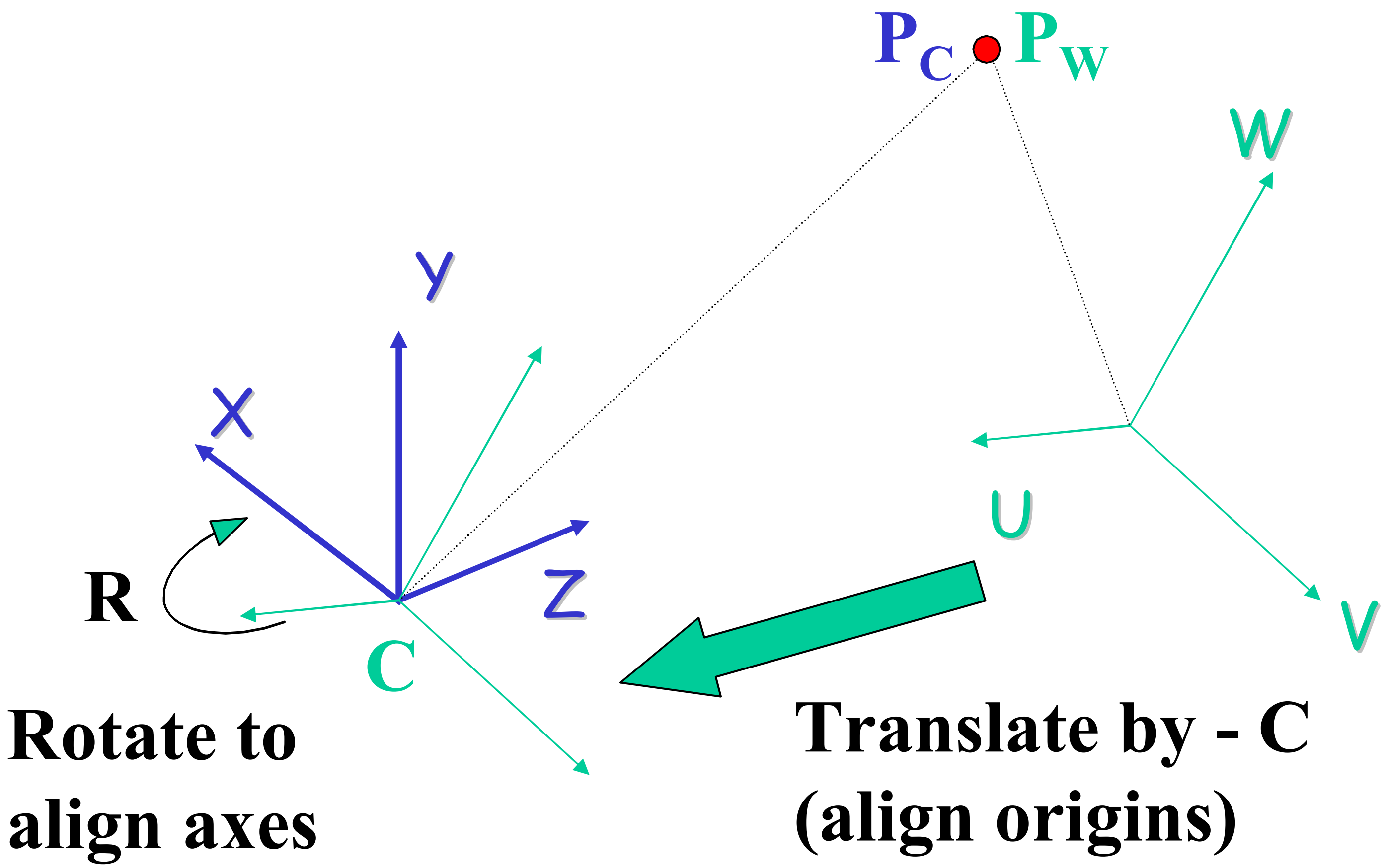
Rigid Transformation (rotation+translation) between world and camera coordinate systems

World to Camera Transformation



Avoid confusion: Pw and Pc are not two different points. They are the same physical point, described in two different coordinate systems.

World to Camera Transformation



$$P_C = R\,(\,P_W - C\,)$$

Matrix Form, Homogeneous Coords

$$P_C = R\,(\,P_W - C\,)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & 0 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -c_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -c_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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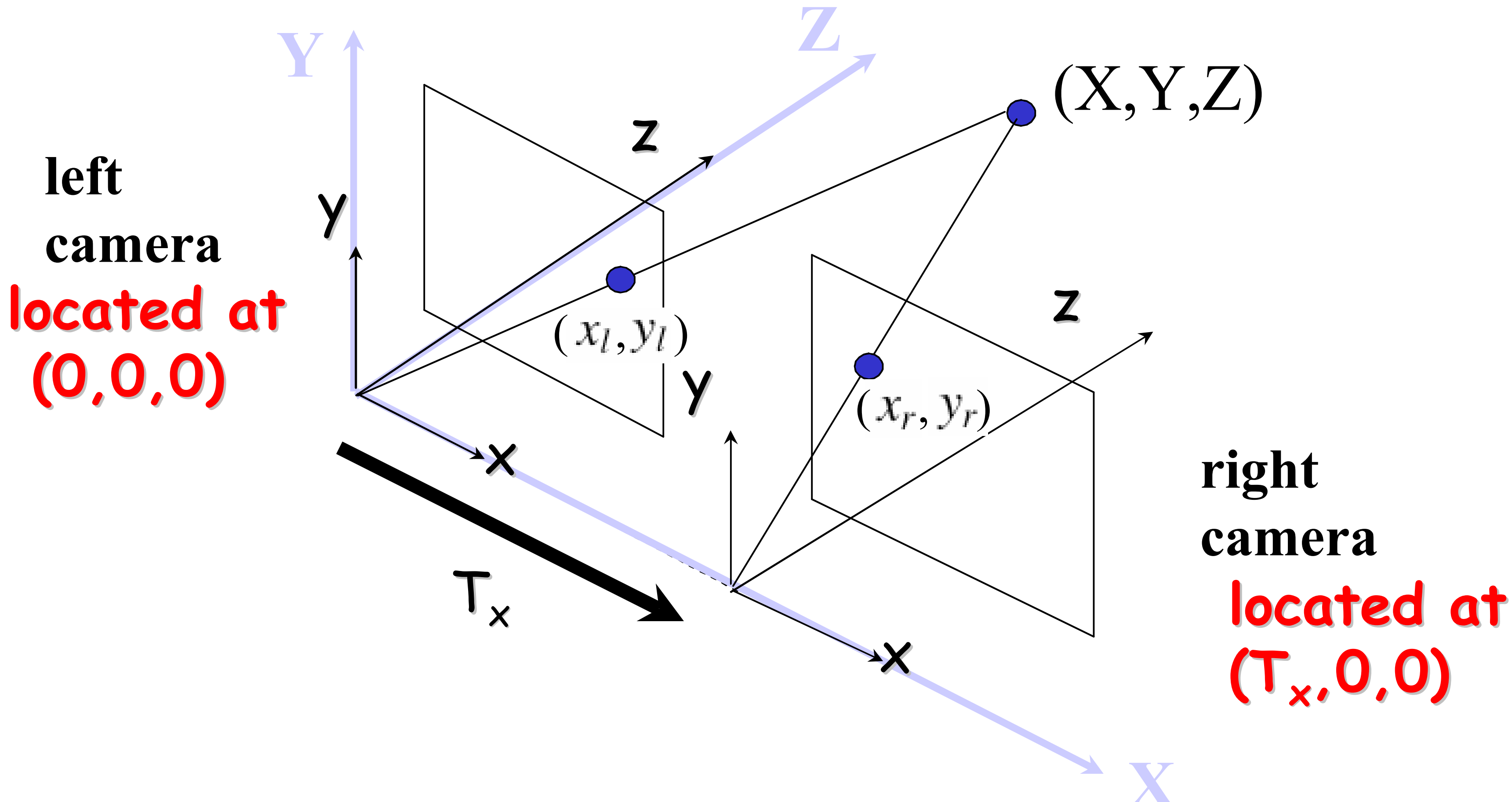
Example: Simple Stereo System



Left camera located at world origin (0,0,0)
and camera axes aligned with world coord axes.

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Simple Stereo, Left Camera

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

camera axes aligned with world axes

located at world position (0,0,0)

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

Simple Stereo Projection Equations

Left camera

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_l \\ y_l \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_l = f\,\frac{X}{Z} \qquad y_l = f\,\frac{Y}{Z}$$

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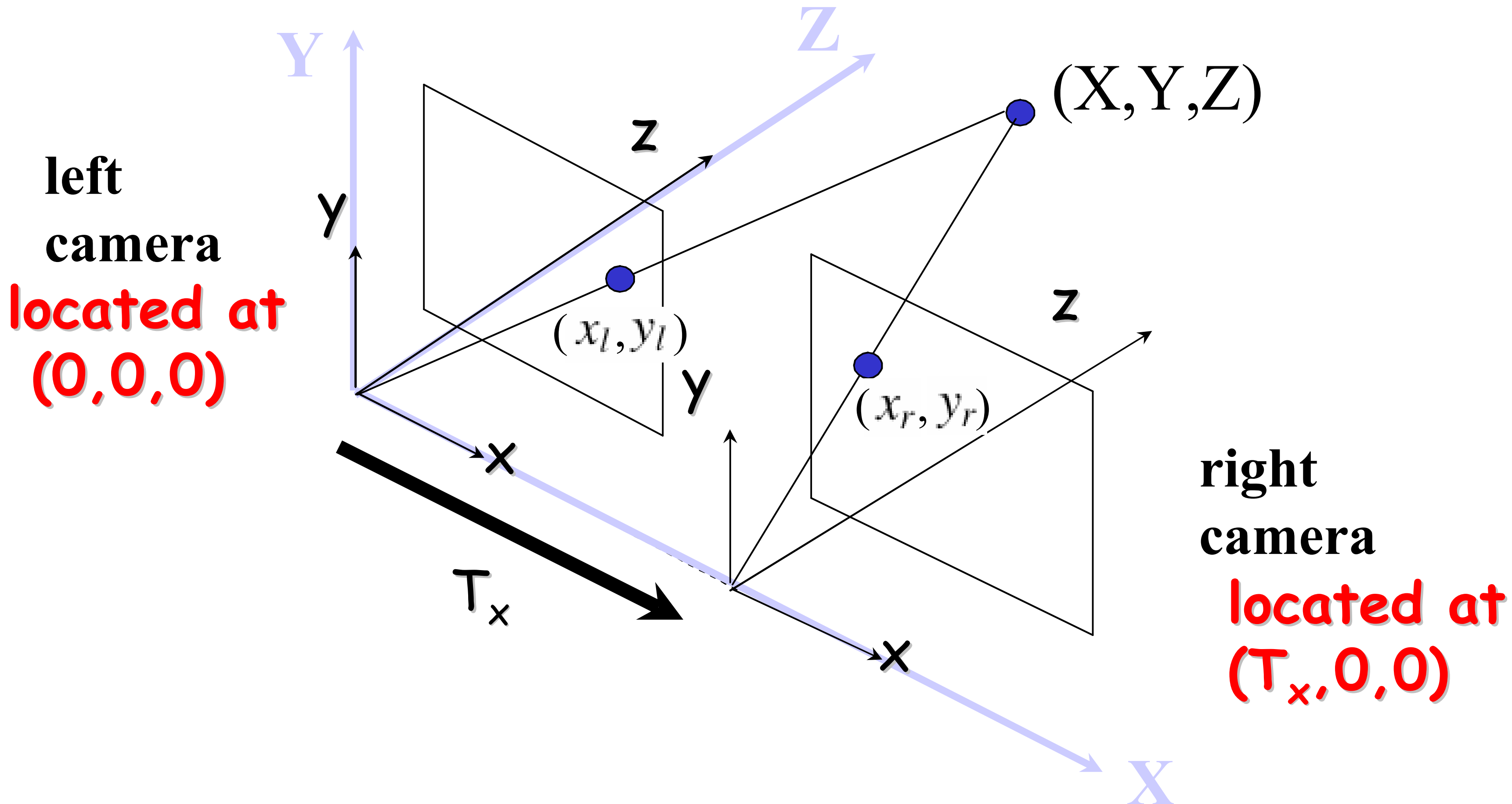

Right camera located at world location (Tx,0,0)
and camera axes aligned with world coord axes.

Simple Stereo, Right Camera

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & 0 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & 0 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{-T_x} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

camera axes aligned with world axes

located at world position (T_x,0,0)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -T_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Simple Stereo Projection Equations

Left camera

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_l \\ y_l \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_l = f\,\frac{X}{Z} \qquad y_l = f\,\frac{Y}{Z}$$

Right camera

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_r \\ y_r \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -T_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_r = f\,\frac{X - T_x}{Z} \qquad y_r = f\,\frac{Y}{Z}$$

Figuring out Rotations

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & 0 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P_C = R\ P_W}$$

what if world x axis (1,0,0) corresponds to camera axis (a,b,c)?

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & 0 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & r_{12} & r_{13} & 0 \\ b & r_{22} & r_{23} & 0 \\ c & r_{32} & r_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we can immediately write down the first column of R!

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Figuring out Rotations

and likewise with world Y axis and world Z axis...

same axis in camera coords

axis is world coords

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & 0 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

world X axis (1,0,0)
in camera coords

world Y axis (0,1,0)
in camera coords

world Z axis (0,0,1)
in camera coords

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Alternative approach: sometimes it is easier to specify what camera X,Y,or Z axis is in world coordinates. Then do rearrange the equation as follows.

$$\mathbf{P_C = R\,P_W} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R^{-1}P_C = P_W} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R^{T}P_C = P_W}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{21} & r_{31} & 0 \\ r_{12} & r_{22} & r_{32} & 0 \\ r_{13} & r_{23} & r_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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we can immediately write down the first column of R^T,
(which is the first row of R).

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**camera X axis (1,0,0)
in world coords**

**camera Y axis (0,1,0)
in world coords**

**camera Z axis (0,0,1)
in world coords**

Note: External Parameters also often written as R,T

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & 0 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & 0 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -c_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -c_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}\,(\mathbf{P_W} - \mathbf{C})$$
$$= \mathbf{R}\,\mathbf{P_W} - \mathbf{R}\,\mathbf{C}$$
$$= \mathbf{R}\,\mathbf{P_W} + \mathbf{T}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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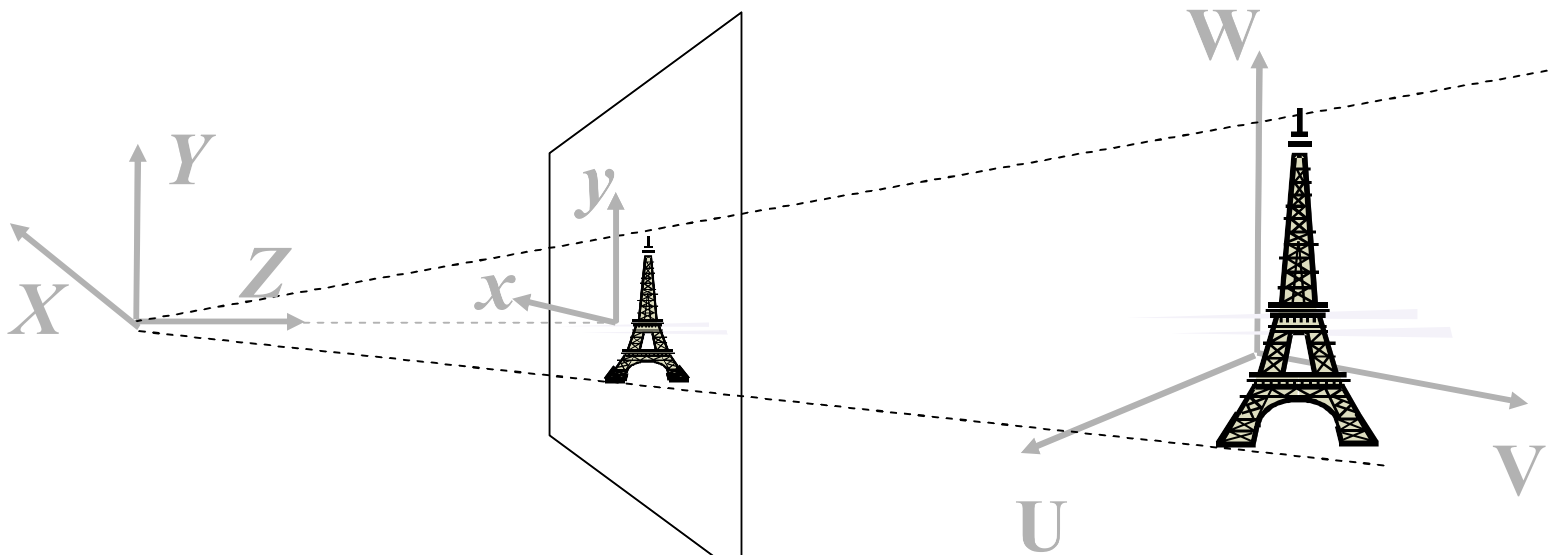

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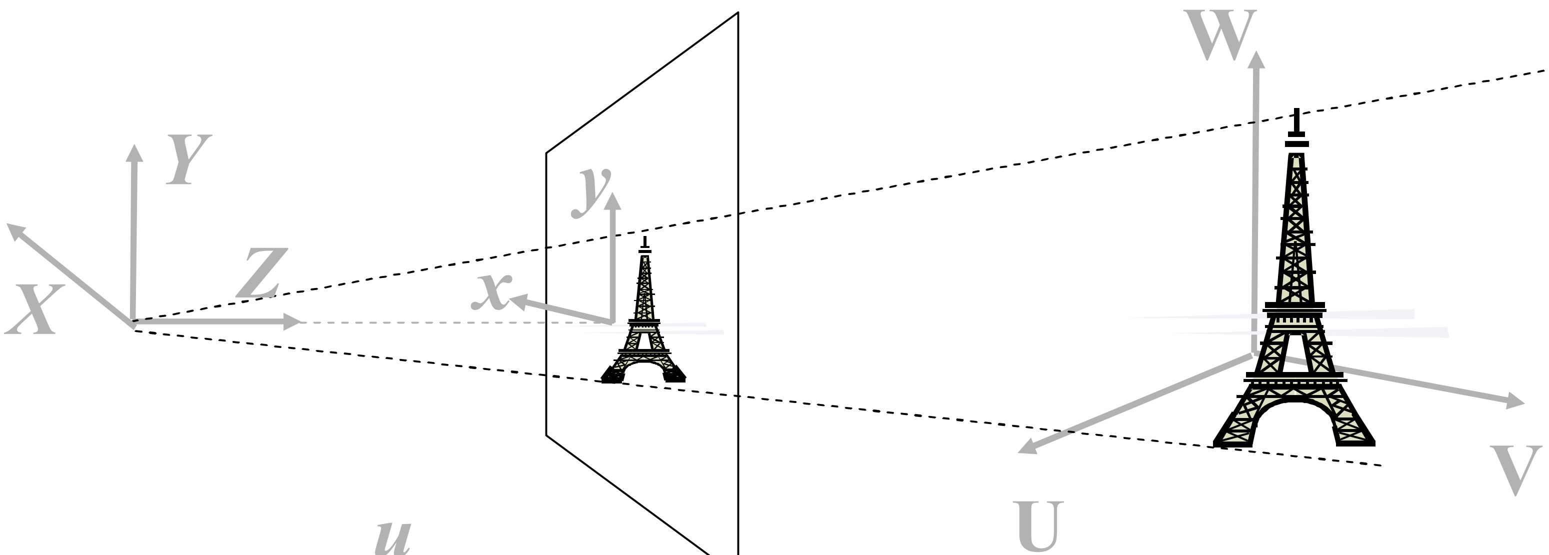

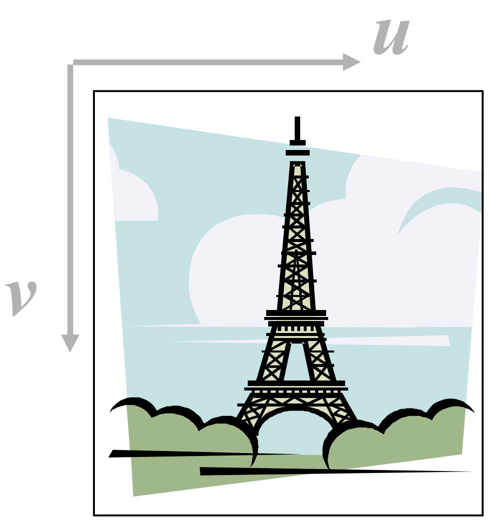

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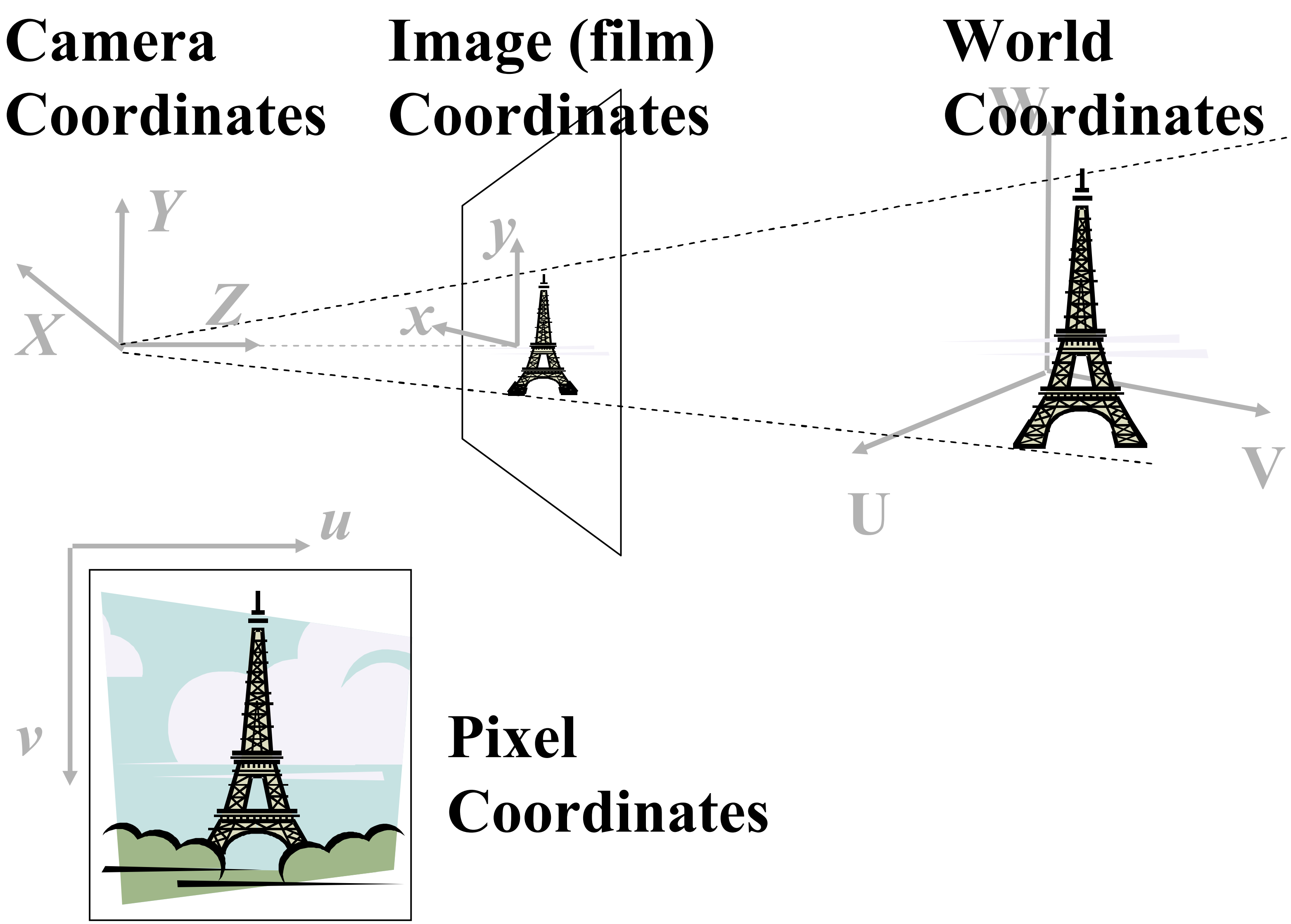

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Forward Projection

World Coords		Camera Coords		Film Coords		Pixel Coords
U V W	$\Rightarrow$	X Y Z	$\Rightarrow$	x y	$\Rightarrow$	u v

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Intrinsic Camera Parameters

World Coords: U V W → Camera Coords: X Y Z → Film Coords: x y → Pixel Coords: u v

Affine Transformation

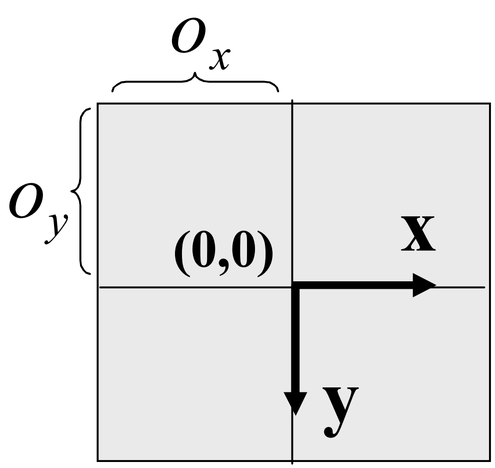
Intrinsic parameters

- Describes coordinate transformation between film coordinates (projected image) and pixel array
- Film cameras: scanning/digitization
- CCD cameras: grid of photosensors

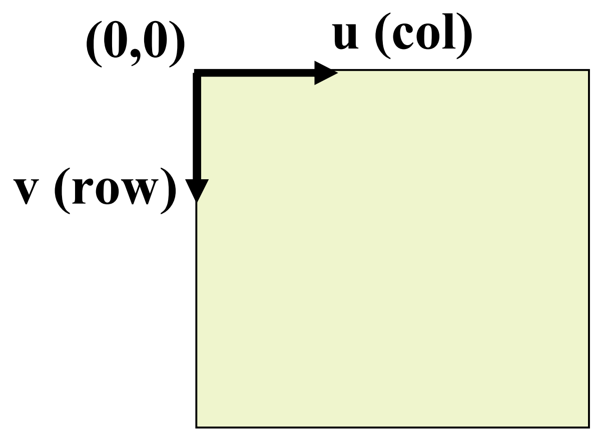
still in T&V section 2.4

Intrinsic parameters (offsets)

film plane
(projected image)



pixel array



$$u = f\frac{X}{Z} + o_x \qquad v = f\frac{Y}{Z} + o_y$$

o_x and o_y called image center or principle point

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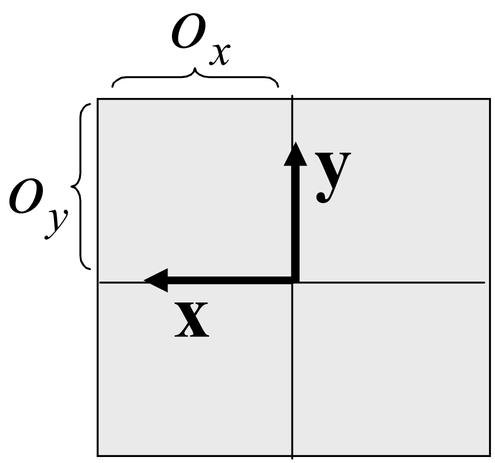
Intrinsic parameters

sometimes one or more coordinate axes are flipped (e.g. T&V section 2.4)

film plane



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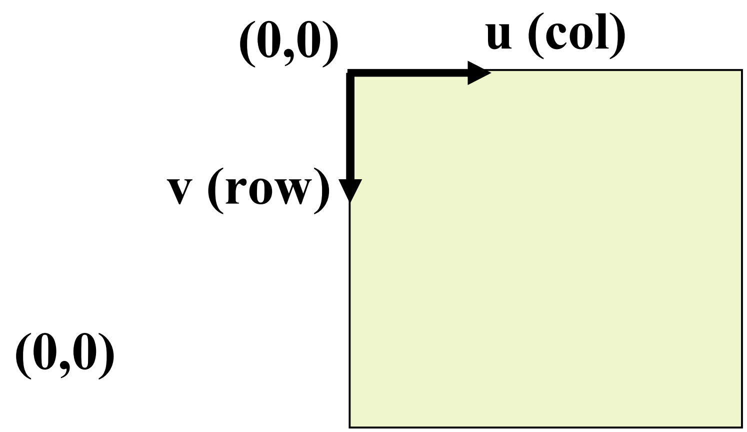
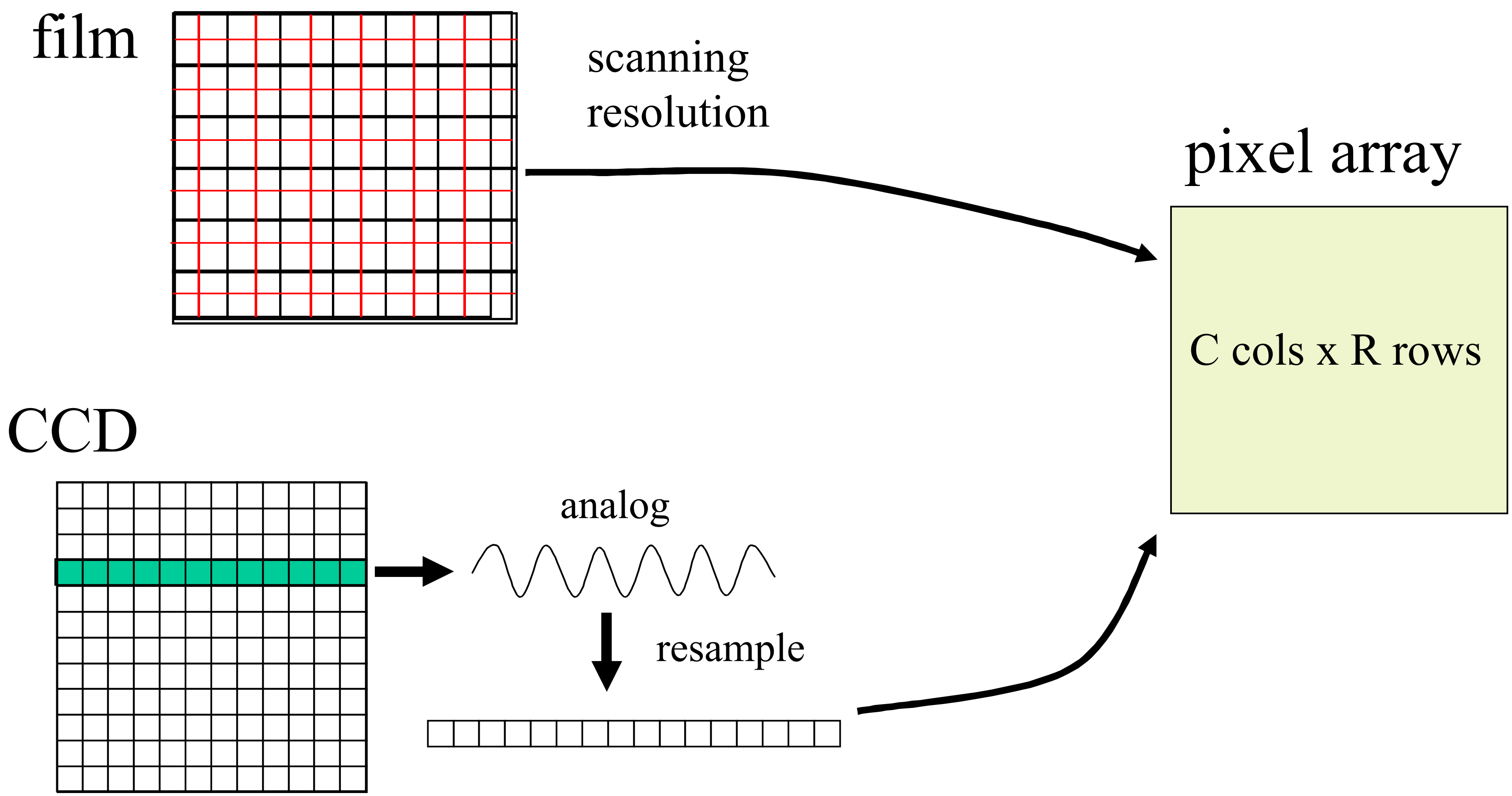


$$u = -f\frac{X}{Z} + o_x \qquad v = -f\frac{Y}{Z} + o_y$$

Intrinsic parameters (scales)

sampling determines how many rows/cols in the image



Effective Scales: s_x and s_y

$$u = \frac{1}{s_x} f \frac{X}{Z} + o_x \qquad v = \frac{1}{s_y} f \frac{Y}{Z} + o_y$$

Note, since we have different scale factors in x and y, we don't necessarily have square pixels!

Aspect ratio is s_y / s_x

Perspective projection matrix

Adding the intrinsic parameters into the perspective projection matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f/s_x & 0 & o_x & 0 \\ 0 & f/s_y & o_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To verify:

$$u = \frac{x'}{z'} \qquad v = \frac{y'}{z'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad u = \frac{1}{\mathrm{s_x}} f \frac{X}{Z} + o_x \qquad v = \frac{1}{\mathrm{s_y}} f \frac{Y}{Z} + o_y$$

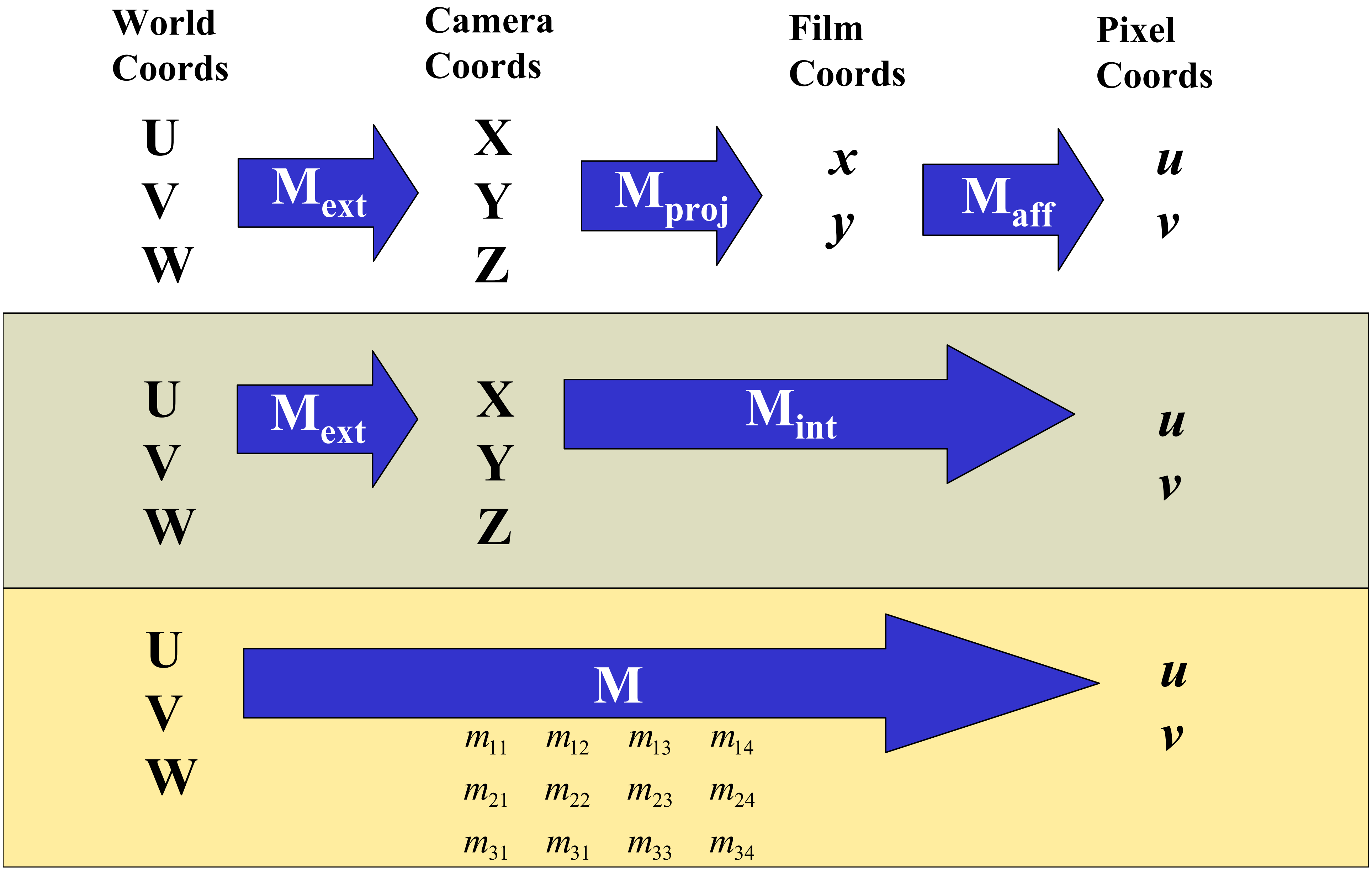
Note 2

In general, I like to think of the conversion as a separate 2D affine transformation from film coords (x,y) to pixel coordinates (u,v):

$$\begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{M_{aff}}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{M_{proj}}} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{M_{int}}\, \mathbf{P_C} = \mathbf{M_{aff}}\, \mathbf{M_{proj}}\, \mathbf{P_C}$$

Summary : Forward Projection



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Summary: Projection Equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \underbrace{\underbrace{\underbrace{\overset{\text{Film plane to pixels}}{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}}_{\mathbf{M_{aff}}} \underbrace{\overset{\text{Perspective projection}}{\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}}_{\mathbf{M_{proj}}}}_{\mathbf{M_{int}}} \underbrace{\overset{\text{World to camera}}{\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}}_{\mathbf{M_{ext}}}}_{\mathbf{M}} \begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$