



计算机视觉与模式识别

Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition

Motion & Optical Flow

3D motion field, 2D image motion, Apparent motion, Optical flow computation (Nonparametric methods), KLT feature tracking

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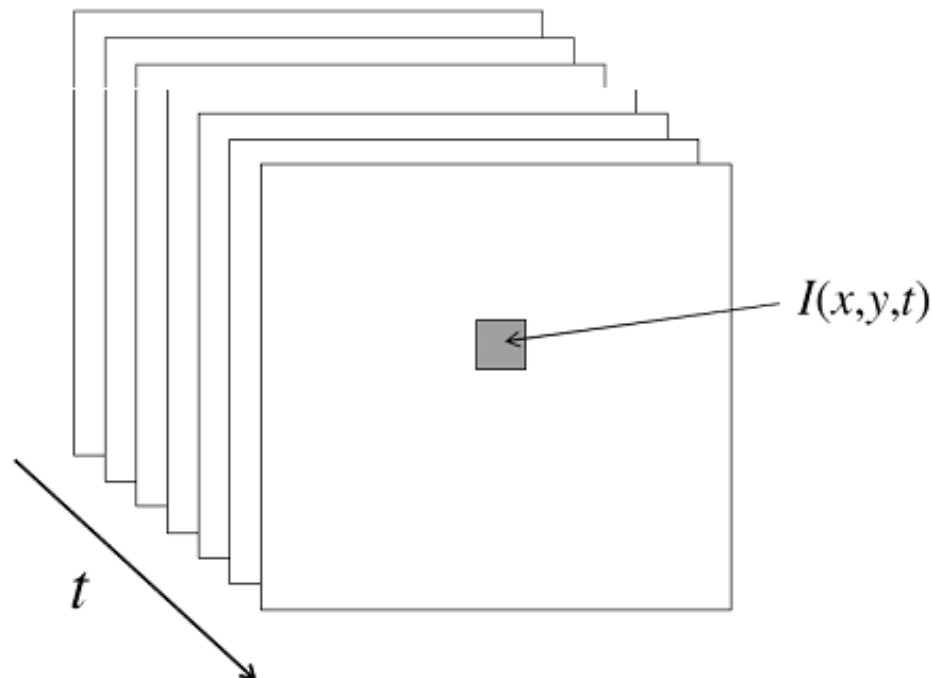
Outline

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 - Applications
 - ✓ e.g. Time to Collision (TTC)
- **Motion Field (3D&2D motion field)**
 - Derivation
 - Visual navigation & structure for motion
- **Apparent motion & Optical Flow (Non-parametric)**
 - Brightness constancy constraint
 - Aperture problem
 - **Lucas-Kanade** flow
 - Iterative refinement
 - **Global parametric motion**
 - Coarse-to-fine estimation
- KLT Feature Tracking



■ Video

- A video is a sequence of frames captured over time
- The image data is a function of space (x, y) and time (t)

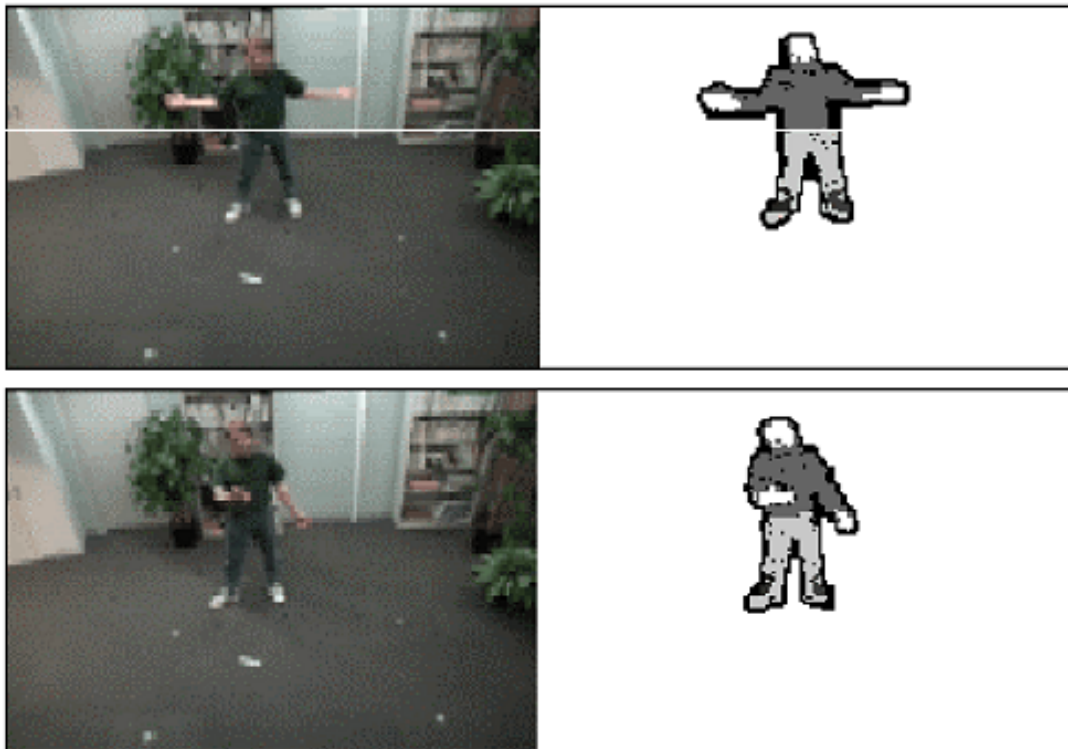




Video Segmentation

■ Background subtraction

- A static camera is observing a scene.
- Goal: separate the static background from the moving foreground.

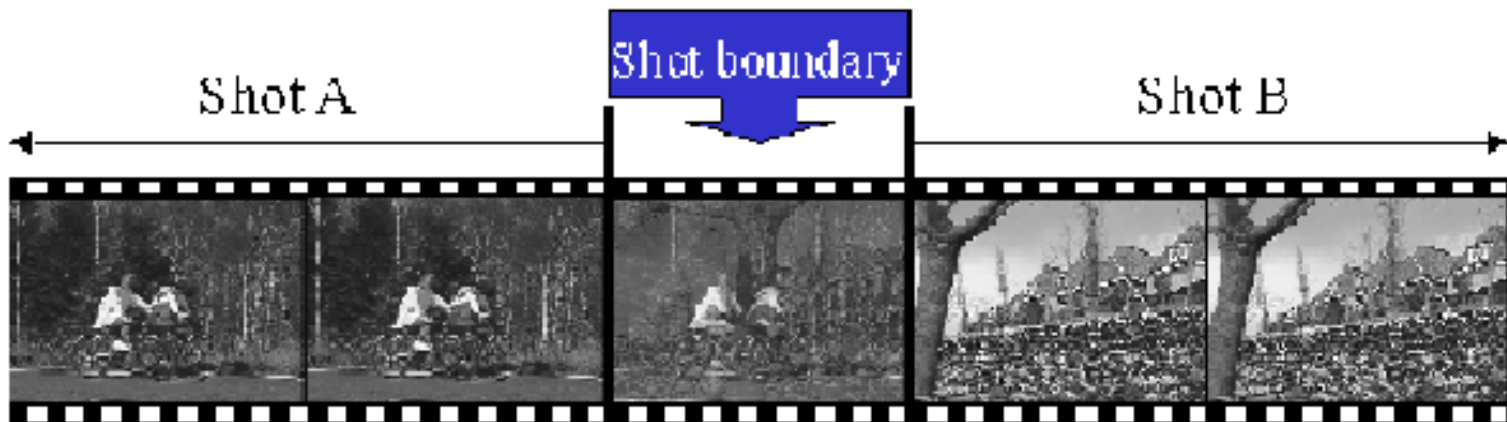




Video Segmentation

▪ Shot boundary detection

- Commercial video is usually composed of shots or sequences showing the same objects or scene.
- Goal: **segment video into shots** for **summarization and browsing** (each shot can be represented by a single key-frame in a user interface).
- Difference from background subtraction: **the camera is not necessarily stationary**.



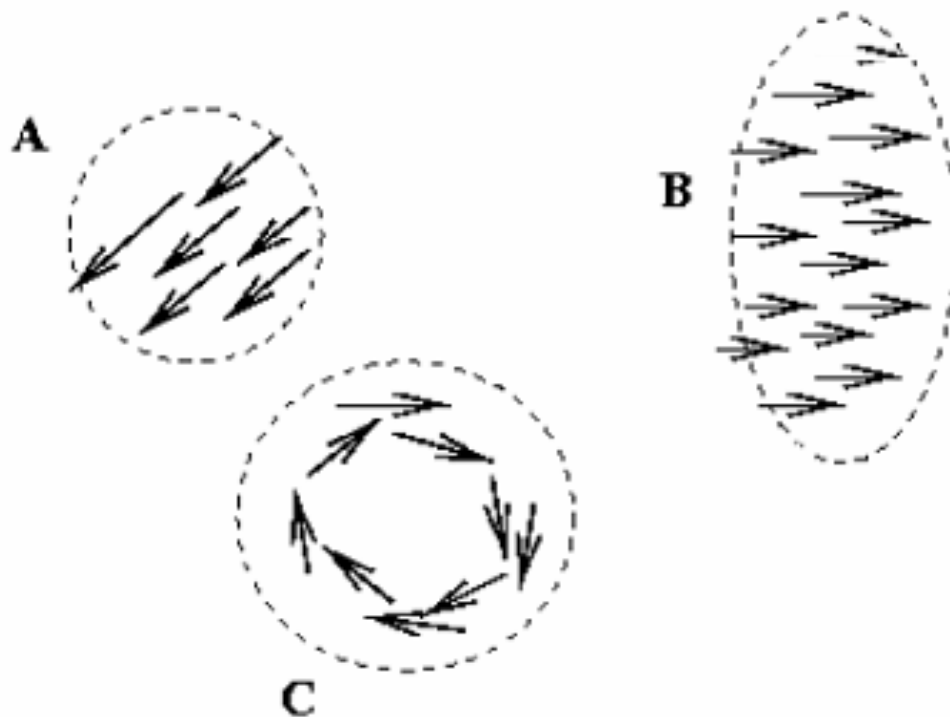


- Shot boundary detection
 - For each frame, compute the distance between the current frame and the previous one: (measure between frames)
 - Pixel-by-pixel differences
 - Differences of color histograms
 - Block comparison
 - If the distance is greater than some threshold, classify the frame as a shot boundary.



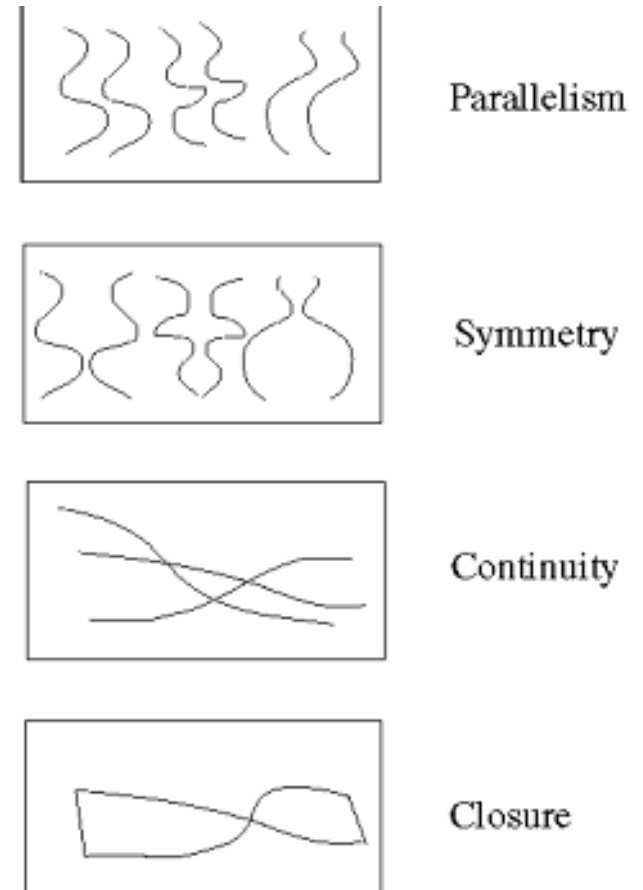
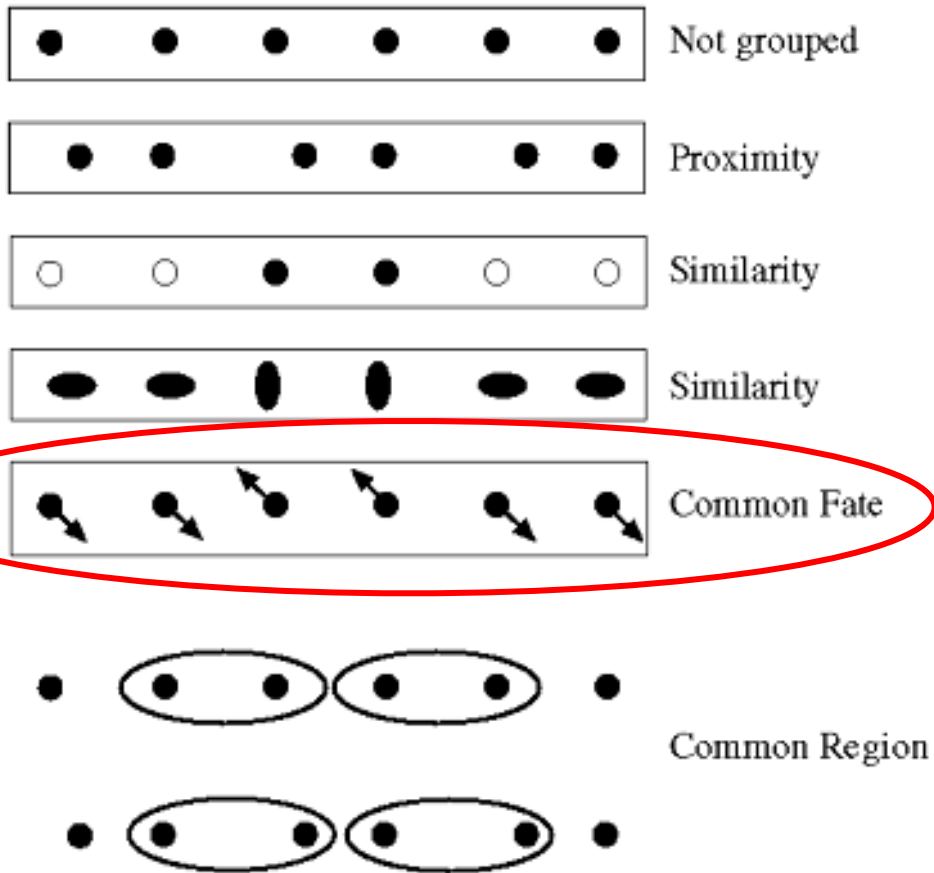
Video Segmentation

- Motion segmentation
 - Segment the video into multiple **coherently moving objects**





Motion and Perceptual Organization



Sometimes, motion is the only cue

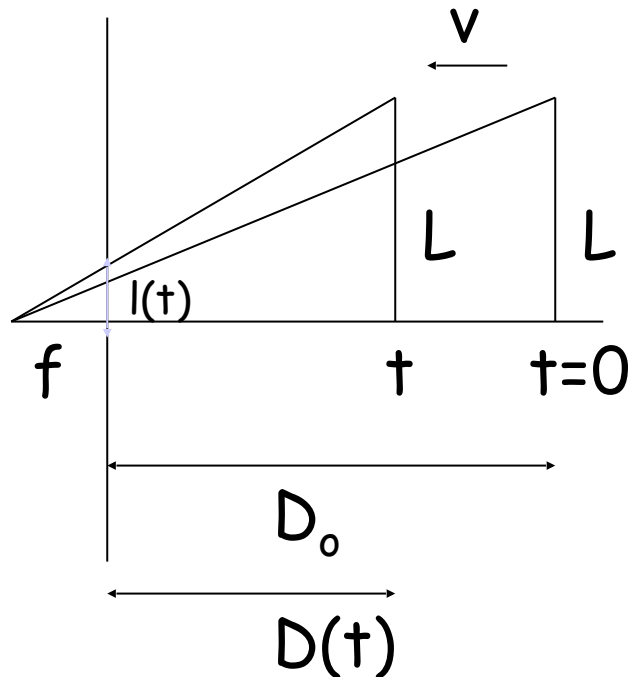


Uses of Motion

- Estimating 3D structure
 - Directly from optic flow
 - Indirectly to **create correspondences** for SfM
- Segmenting objects based on motion cues
- Learning dynamical models
- Recognizing events and activities
- Improving video quality (motion / image stabilization)
- **Time to Collision**



Time to Collision



An object of height L moves with constant velocity v :

- At time $t=0$ the object is at:

- $D(0) = D_0$

- At time t it is at

- $D(t) = D_0 - vt$

- It will crash with the camera at time:

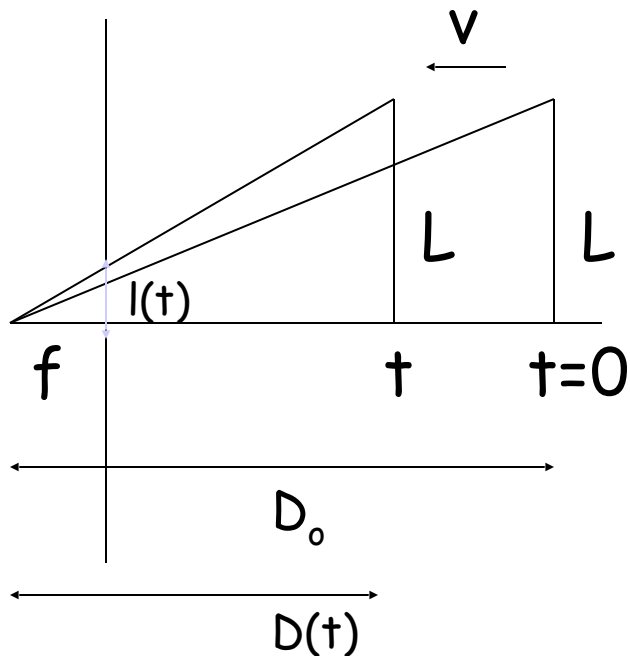
- $D(\tau) = D_0 - v\tau = 0$

- $\tau = D_0/v$



Time to Collision

The image of the object has size $l(t)$:



$$l(t) = \frac{fL}{D(t)}$$

Taking derivative wrt time:

$$l'(t) = \frac{dl(t)}{dt} = fL \frac{d(1/D(t))}{dt}$$

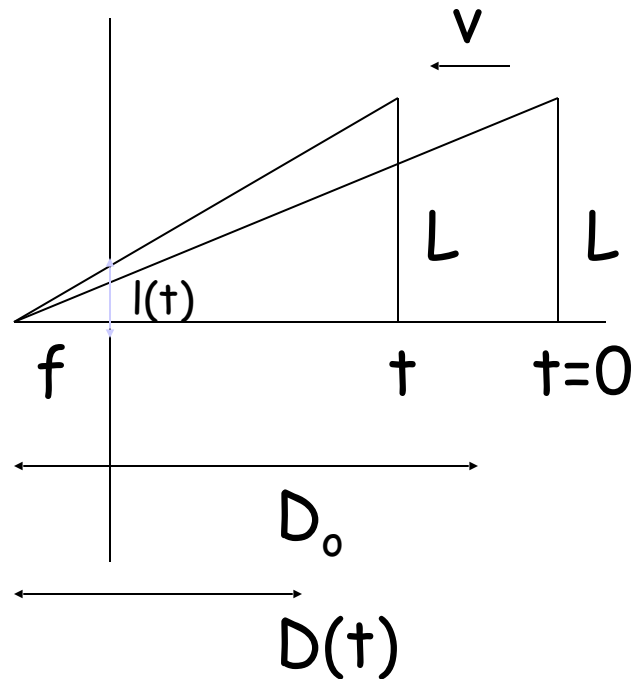
$$l'(t) = fL \frac{-1}{D^2(t)} \frac{d(D(t))}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d(D(t))}{dt} = -v$$

$$l'(t) = fL \frac{v}{D^2(t)}$$



Time to Collision



$$l'(t) = fL \frac{v}{D^2(t)}$$

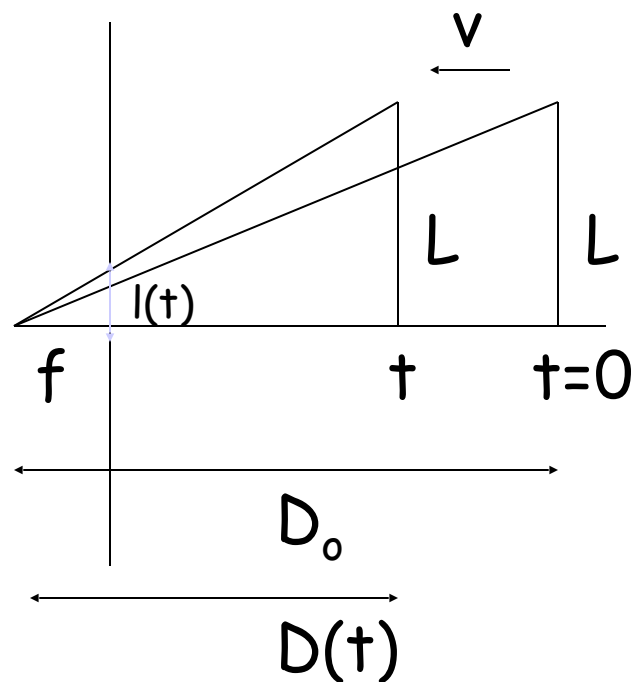
$$l(t) = \frac{fL}{D(t)}$$

And their ratio is:

$$\frac{l(t)}{l'(t)} = \frac{fL}{D(t)} \frac{D^2(t)}{fLv} = \frac{D(t)}{v} = \tau$$



Time to Collision



$$l'(t) = fL \frac{v}{D^2(t)}$$

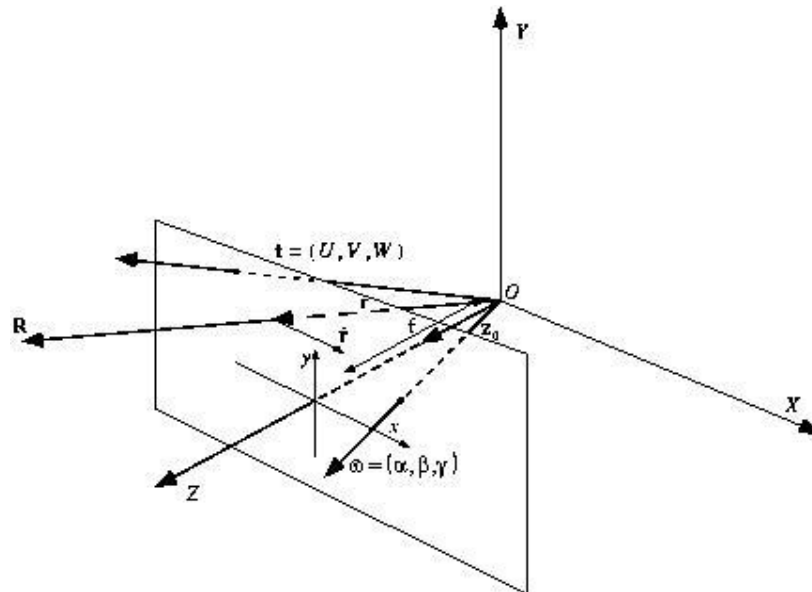
$$l(t) = \frac{fL}{D(t)}$$

Can be
directly
measured
from image

And **time to collision**:

$$\tau = \frac{l(t)}{l'(t)}$$

Can be found, without knowing **L** or **D₀** or **v** !!



The system moves with a rigid motion with translational velocity

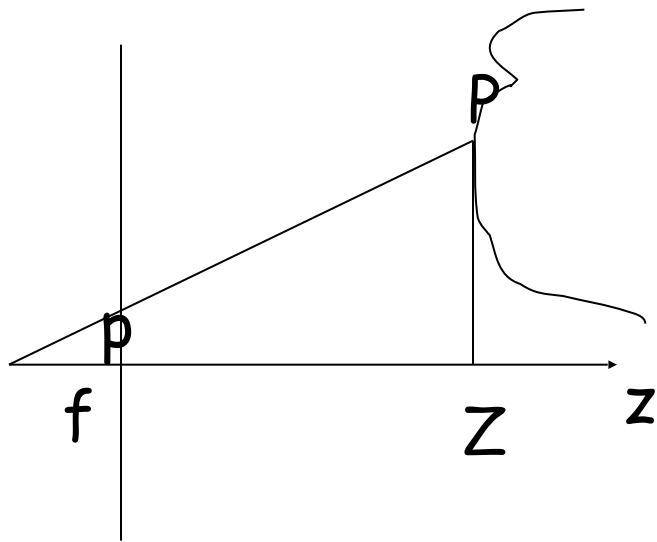
$\mathbf{t} = (t_x, t_y, t_z)^T$ and rotational velocity $\omega = (\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z)^T$.

Scene points $\mathbf{R} = (X, Y, Z)^T$ project onto image points $\mathbf{r} = (x, y, f)$

and the 3D velocity $\dot{\mathbf{R}} = (V_x, V_y, V_z)$ of a scene point is observed in the image as velocity $\dot{\mathbf{r}} = (u, v, 0)$



Consider a 3D point P and its image:



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$

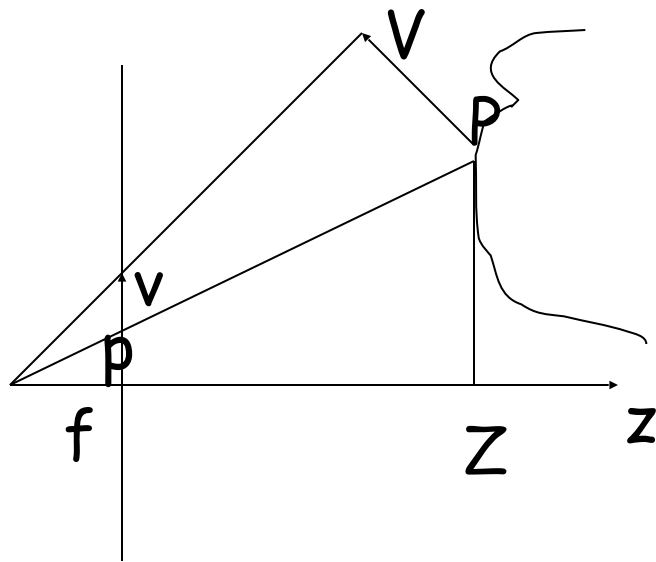
$$p = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ f \end{bmatrix}$$

Using pinhole camera equation:

$$p = \frac{fP}{Z}$$



Relative motion



The relative velocity of P wrt camera:

$$V = -t - \omega \times P$$

Translation
velocity

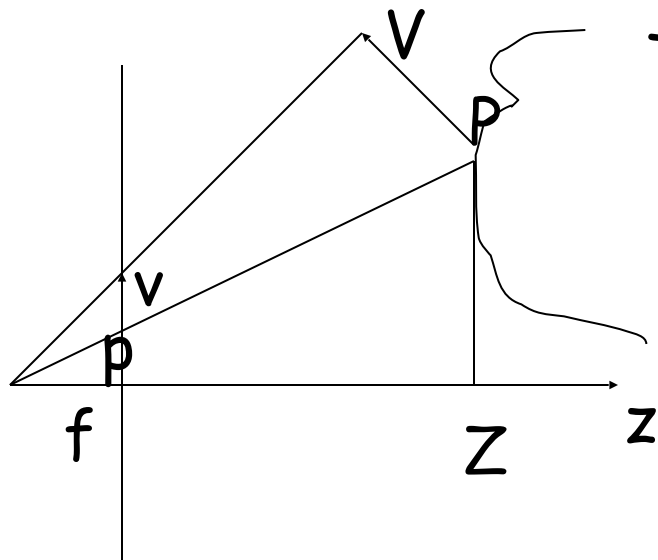
Rotation
angular
velocity

$$t = \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$



3D Relative Velocity:



The relative velocity of P wrt camera:

$$V = -t - \omega \times P$$

$$t = \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \end{bmatrix} \quad \omega = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$

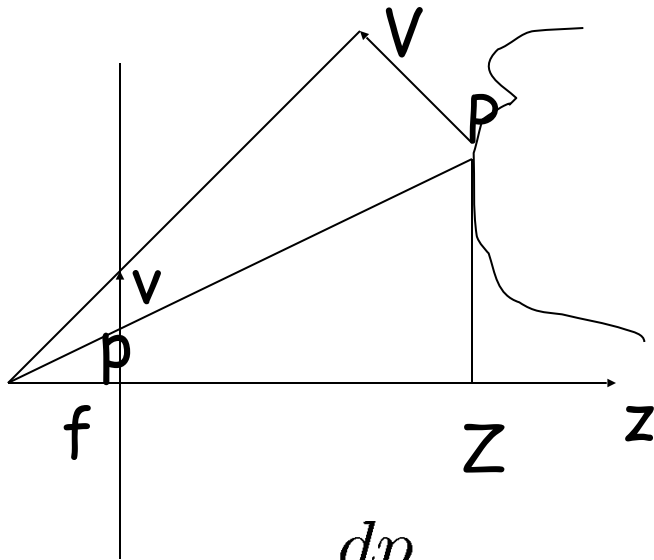
$$V_x = -t_x - \omega_y Z + \omega_z Y$$

$$V_y = -t_y - \omega_z X + \omega_x Z$$

$$V_z = -t_z - \omega_x Y + \omega_y X$$



Motion Field:



$$p = \frac{fP}{Z}$$

Taking derivative wrt time:

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \mathbf{v} = \frac{d \frac{fP}{Z}}{dt} = \frac{f}{Z^2} \left[\frac{dP}{dt} \cdot Z - P \cdot \frac{dZ}{dt} \right]$$

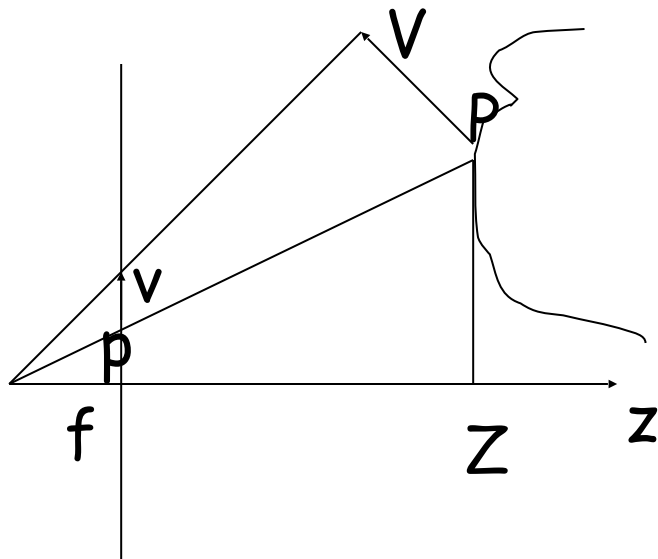
$$= \frac{f}{Z^2} [V \cdot Z - P \cdot V_z]$$

the velocity of p

$$\mathbf{v} = f \frac{V}{Z} - p \frac{V_z}{Z}$$



Motion Field:



$$v = f \frac{V}{Z} - p \frac{V_z}{Z}$$

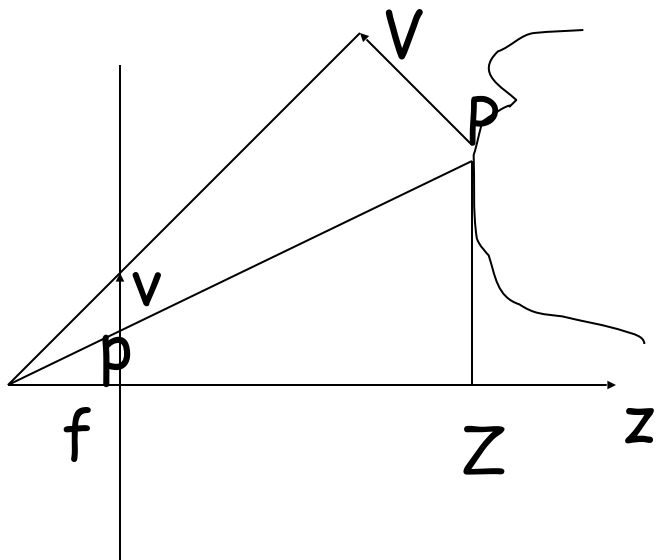
$$v_x = u = f \frac{V_x}{Z} - x \frac{V_z}{Z}$$

$$v_y = v = f \frac{V_y}{Z} - y \frac{V_z}{Z}$$

$$v_z = f \frac{V_z}{Z} - f \frac{V_z}{Z} = 0$$



Motion Field:



$$u = f \frac{V_x}{Z} - x \frac{V_z}{Z}$$

$$v = f \frac{V_y}{Z} - y \frac{V_z}{Z}$$

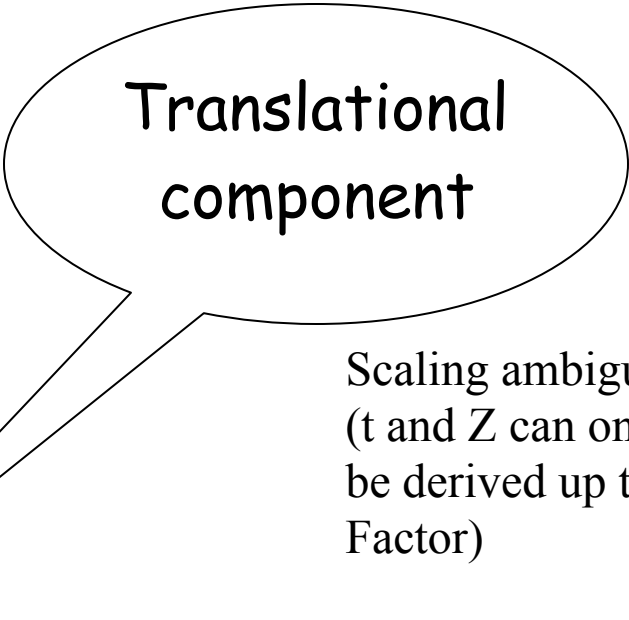
$$V_x = -T_x - \omega_y Z + \omega_z Y$$

$$V_y = -T_y - \omega_z X + \omega_x Z$$

$$V_z = -T_z - \omega_x Y + \omega_y X$$

$$u = \frac{t_z x - t_x f}{Z} + \frac{\omega_x x y}{f} - \omega_y \left(f + \frac{x^2}{f} \right) + \omega_z y$$

$$v = \frac{t_z y - t_y f}{Z} + \omega_x \left(f + \frac{y^2}{f} \right) - \frac{\omega_y x y}{f} - \omega_z x$$

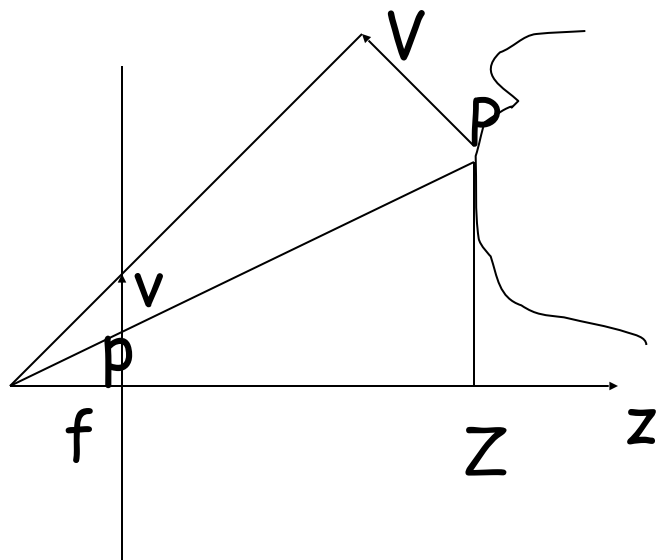


Scaling ambiguity
(t and Z can only
be derived up to a scale
Factor)

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{t_z x - t_x f}{Z} + \frac{\omega_x x y}{f} - \omega_y \left(f + \frac{x^2}{f} \right) + \omega_z y \\ v &= \frac{t_z y - t_y f}{Z} + \omega_x \left(f + \frac{y^2}{f} \right) - \frac{\omega_y x y}{f} - \omega_z x \end{aligned}$$



Motion Field:



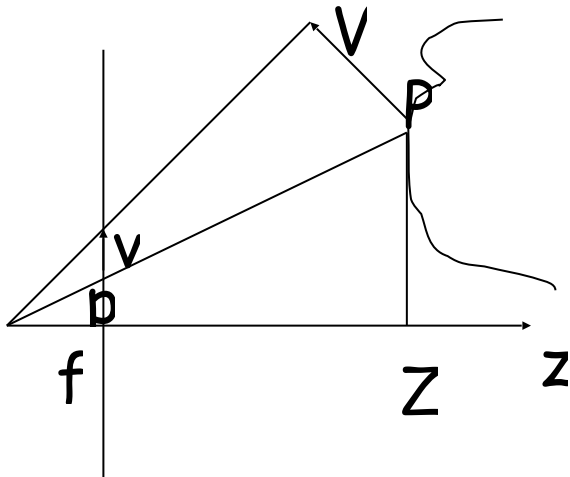
Rotational
component

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{t_z x - t_x f}{Z} + \frac{\omega_x x y}{f} - \omega_y \left(f + \frac{x^2}{f} \right) + \omega_z y \\ v &= \frac{t_z y - t_y f}{Z} + \omega_x \left(f + \frac{y^2}{f} \right) - \frac{\omega_y x y}{f} - \omega_z x \end{aligned}$$

NOTE: The rotational component is independent of depth Z !



Motion Field:



$$\mathbf{U}(x,y) = \frac{1}{Z(x,y)} \mathbf{A}(x,y) \mathbf{V} + \mathbf{B}(x,y) \omega$$

$$\mathbf{A}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} -f & 0 & x \\ 0 & -f & y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{xy}{f} & -f - \frac{x^2}{f} & y \\ f + \frac{y^2}{f} & -\frac{xy}{f} & x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$

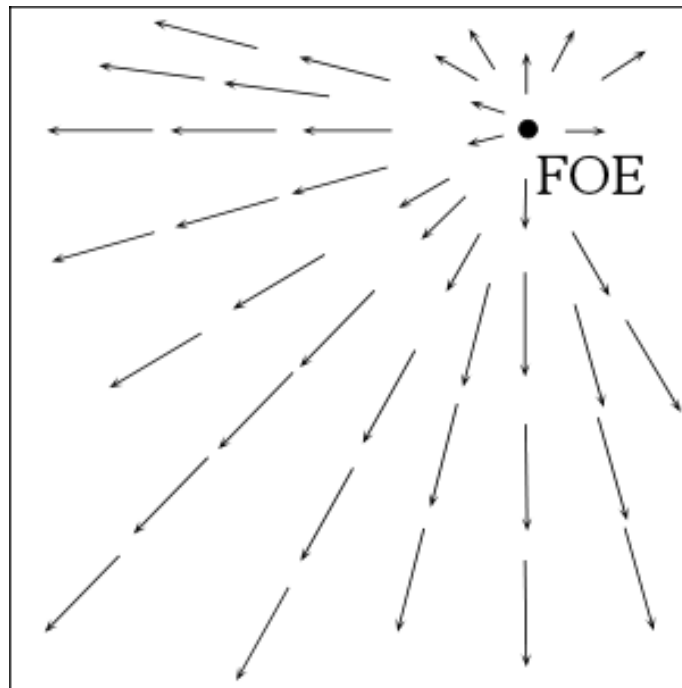


Translational flow field

$$t_z \neq 0$$

$$u_{tr} = (x - x_o) \frac{t_z}{Z}$$

$$v_{tr} = (y - y_o) \frac{t_z}{Z}$$



where $p_o = (x_o, y_o) = \left(\frac{t_x}{t_z} \cdot f, \frac{t_y}{t_z} \cdot f \right)$ is the focus of expansion (FOE)

or focus of contraction (FOC).

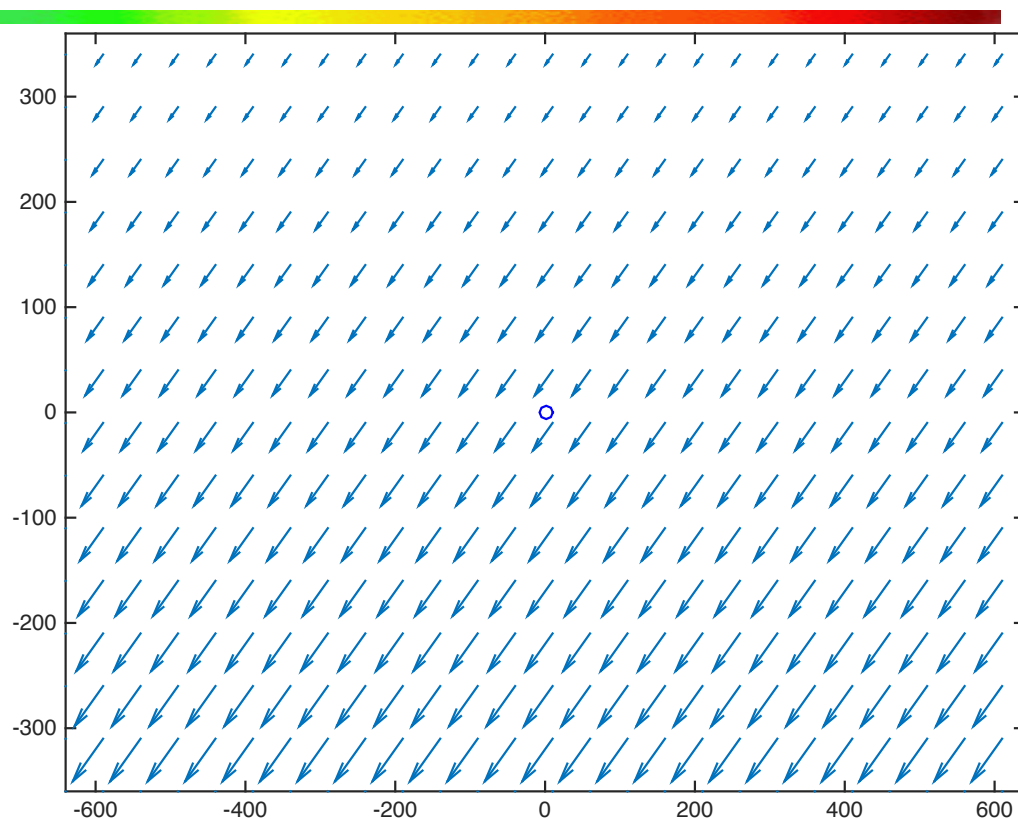


Translational flow field

$$t_z = 0$$

$$u_{tr} = -\frac{t_x \cdot f}{Z}$$

$$v_{tr} = -\frac{t_y \cdot f}{Z}$$



where $p_o = (x_0, y_0) = \left(\infty, \infty \right)$ is the focus of expansion (FOE)

or focus of contraction (FOC).

All motion field vectors are parallel to each other and inversely proportional to depth !



Pure Translation:

Properties of the MF

- If $t_z \neq 0$ the MF is RADIAL with all vectors pointing towards (or away from) a single point p_o . If $t_z = 0$ the MF is PARALLEL.
- The length of the MF vectors is inversely proportional to depth Z . If $t_z \neq 0$ it is also directly proportional to the distance between p and p_o .

$$u_{tr} = (x - x_o) \frac{t_z}{Z}$$
$$v_{tr} = (y - y_o) \frac{t_z}{Z}$$



Pure Translation:

Properties of the MF

- p_o is the vanishing point of the direction of translation.
- p_o is the intersection of the ray parallel to the translation vector and the image plane.



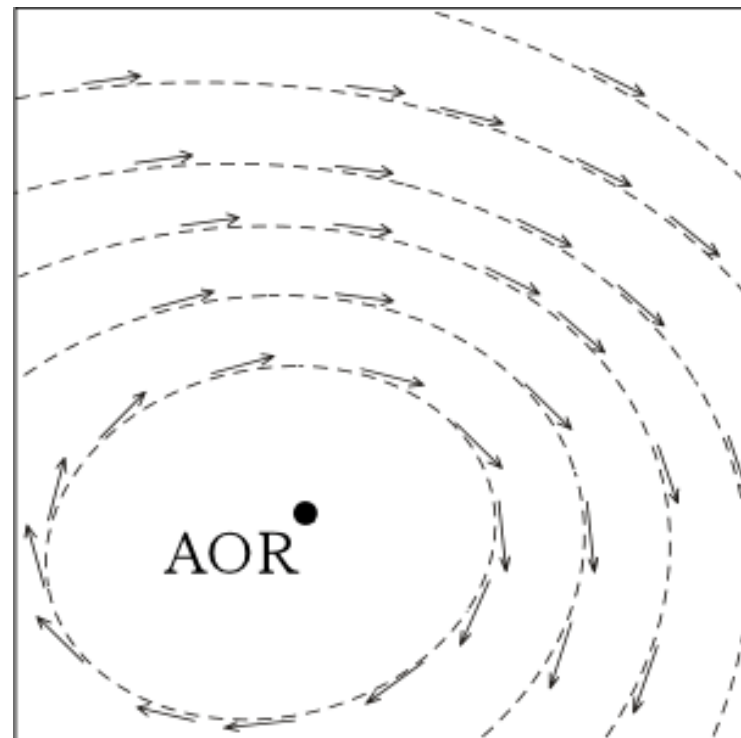
Rotational flow field

$$u_r = \frac{\omega_x xy}{f} - \omega_y \left(f + \frac{x^2}{f} \right) + \omega_z y$$

$$v_r = -\frac{\omega_y xy}{f} + \omega_x \left(f + \frac{x^2}{f} \right) - \omega_z x$$

$$\begin{cases} u_r = 0 \\ v_r = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} rx_0 = \frac{\omega_x}{\omega_z} f \\ ry_0 = \frac{\omega_y}{\omega_z} f \end{cases}$$

$\left(\frac{\omega_x}{\omega_z} f, \frac{\omega_y}{\omega_z} f \right)$ is the point where the rotation axis pierces the image plane (AOR).

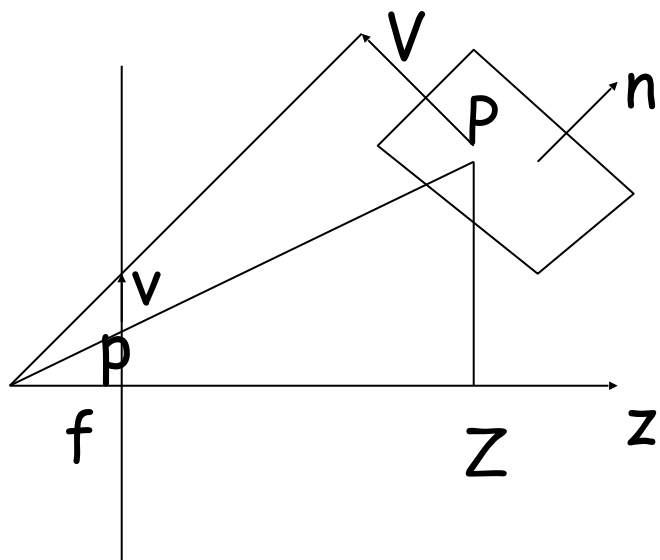


NOTE: The rotational component is independent of depth Z !



Special Case: Moving Plane

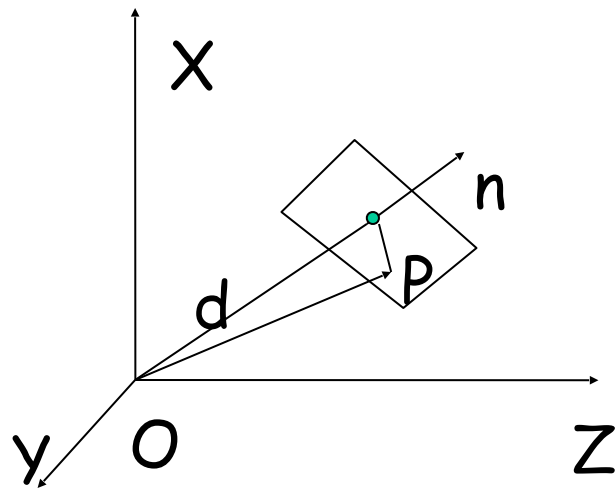
Planar surfaces are common
in man-made environments



Question: How does the MF of a moving plane look like?



Special Case: Moving Plane



Points on the plane must satisfy the equation describing the plane.

Let

- n be the unit vector normal to the plane.
- d be the distance from the plane to the origin.
- **NOTE:** If the plane is moving wrt camera, n and d are functions of time.

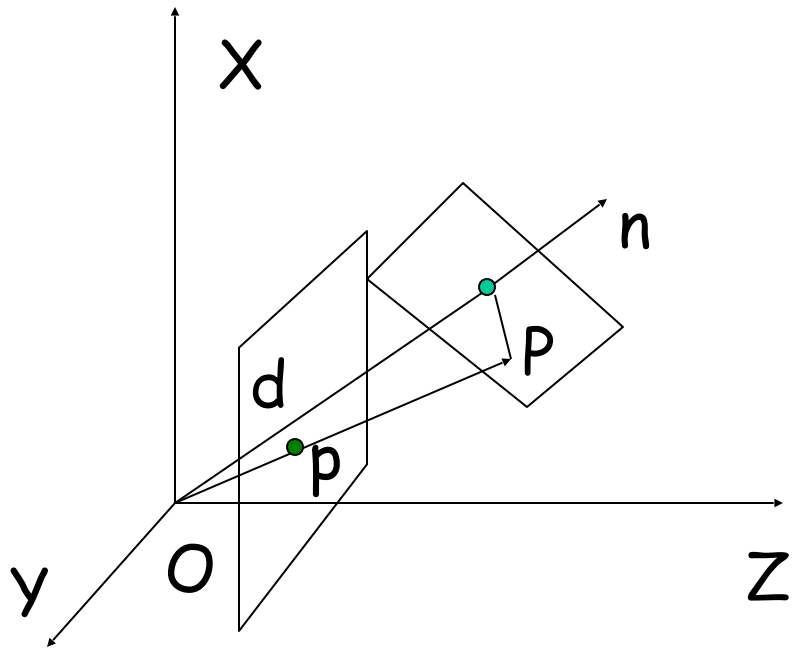
Then:

$$\mathbf{n}^T \cdot \mathbf{P} = d$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{n} = \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \\ n_z \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$



Special Case: Moving Plane



Let $p = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ f \end{bmatrix}$ be the image of P

Using the pinhole
projection equation:

$$p = \frac{fP}{Z} \rightarrow P = \frac{pZ}{f}$$

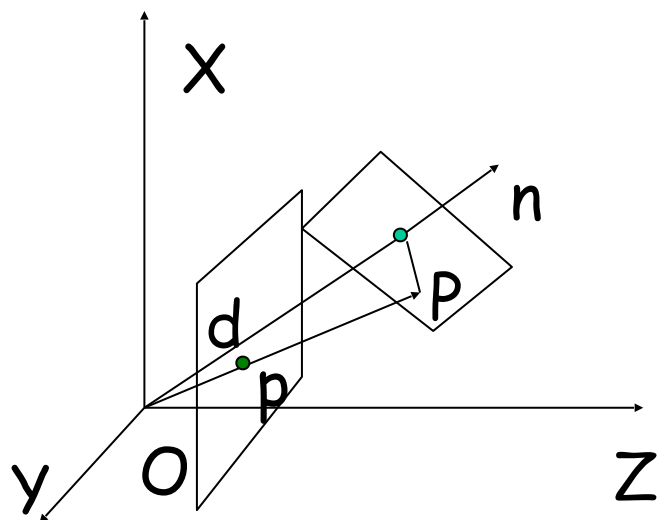
Using the plane equation: $n^T \cdot P = d \rightarrow n^T \cdot p \frac{Z}{f} = d$

Solving for Z :

$$Z = \frac{fd}{n_x x + n_y y + n_z f}$$



Special Case: Moving Plane



Now consider the MF equations:

$$u = \frac{t_z x - t_x f}{Z} - \omega_y f + \omega_z y + \frac{\omega_x x y}{f} - \frac{\omega_y x^2}{f}$$

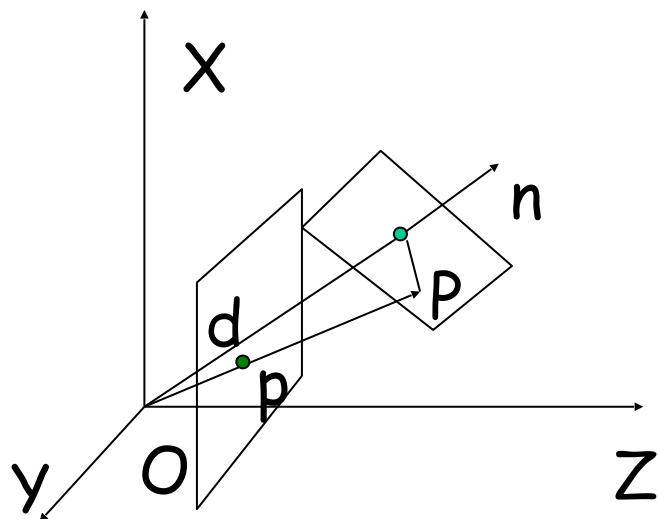
$$v = \frac{t_z y - t_y f}{Z} + \omega_x f - \omega_z x - \frac{\omega_y x y}{f} + \frac{\omega_x y^2}{f}$$

And Plug in:

$$Z = \frac{f d}{n_x x + n_y y + n_z f}$$



Special Case: Moving Plane



The MF equations become:

$$u = \frac{1}{fd}(a_1x^2 + a_2xy + a_3fx + a_4fy + a_5f^2)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{fd}(a_1xy + a_2y^2 + a_6fy + a_7fx + a_8f^2)$$

where

$$a_1 = -d\omega_y + t_z n_x$$

$$a_2 = d\omega_x + t_z n_y$$

$$a_3 = t_z n_z - t_x n_x$$

$$a_4 = d\omega_z - t_x n_y$$

$$a_5 = -d\omega_y - t_x n_z$$

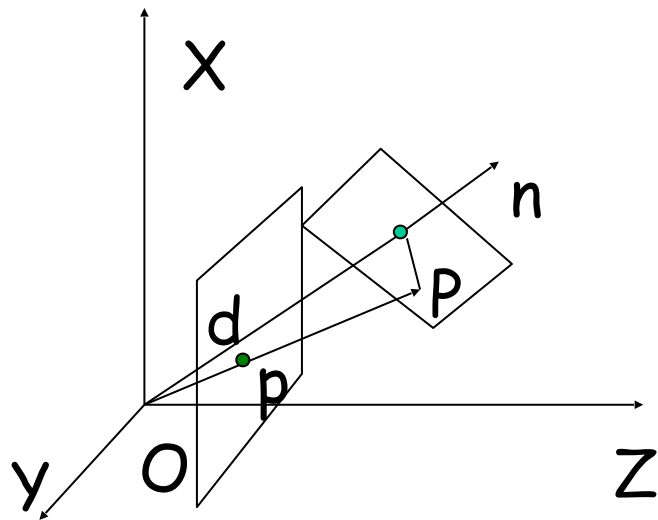
$$a_6 = t_z n_z - t_y n_y$$

$$a_7 = -d\omega_z - t_y n_x$$

$$a_8 = d\omega_x - t_y n_z$$



Special Case: Moving Plane



MF equations:

$$u = \frac{1}{fd}(a_1x^2 + a_2xy + a_3fx + a_4fy + a_5f^2)$$
$$v = \frac{1}{fd}(a_1xy + a_2y^2 + a_6fy + a_7fx + a_8f^2)$$

Q: What is the significance of this?

A: The MF vectors are given by low order (second) polynomials.

- Their coeffs. a_1 to a_8 (only 8 !) are functions of n , d , t and ω .
- The same coeffs. (or MF) can be obtained with a different plane and relative velocity.

8 equations, 9 dof



Moving Plane:

Properties of the MF

- The MF of a planar surface is at any time a quadratic function in the image coordinates.
- A plane $n^T P = d$ moving with velocity $V = -\dot{t} - \omega \times P$ has the same MF than a plane with normal $n' = \dot{t}/|t|$, distance d and moving with velocity

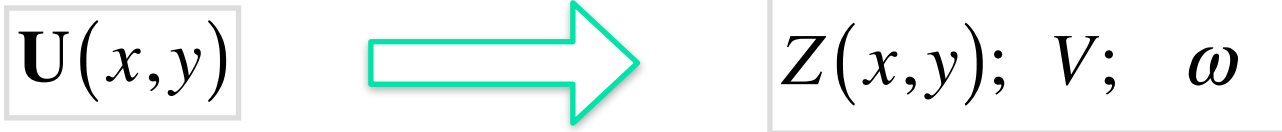
$$V = |t|n - (\omega + n \times \dot{t}/d) \times P$$

$$n' = \dot{t}/|t| \rightarrow n \times \dot{t} = 0$$



Visual navigation & structure for motion

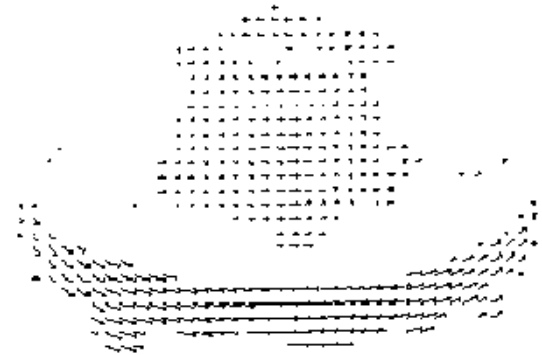
$$\mathbf{U}(x, y) = \frac{1}{Z(x, y)} \mathbf{A}(x, y) \mathbf{V} + \mathbf{B}(x, y) \omega$$





Motion Field

- The motion field is the projection of the 3D scene motion into the image





- **Direct methods**

- Directly recover image motion at each pixel from spatio-temporal image brightness variations
- **Dense motion fields**, but sensitive to appearance variations
- Suitable for video and when image motion is small

- **Feature-based methods**

- Extract visual features (corners, textured areas) and track them over multiple frames
- **Sparse motion fields**, but more robust tracking
- Suitable when image motion is large