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Unit 1: Image Formation

- 1. Geometry
- 2. Optics
- 3. Photometry
- 4. Sensor

Readings

Szeliski: Chapter 2

Physical parameters of image formation

Geometric

- Type of projection
- Camera pose



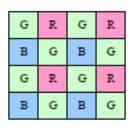
- Sensor's lens type
- focal length, field of view, aperture

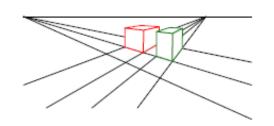
Photometric

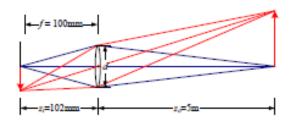
- Type, direction, intensity of light reaching sensor
- Surfaces' reflectance properties

Sensor

sampling, etc.







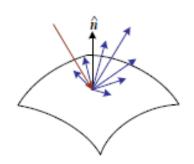
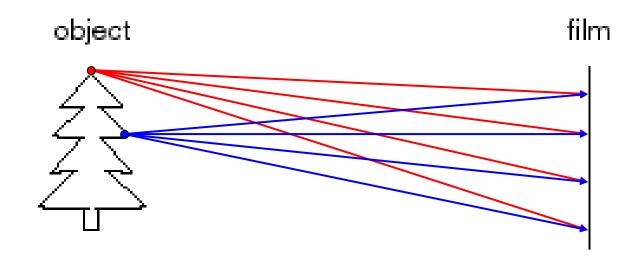


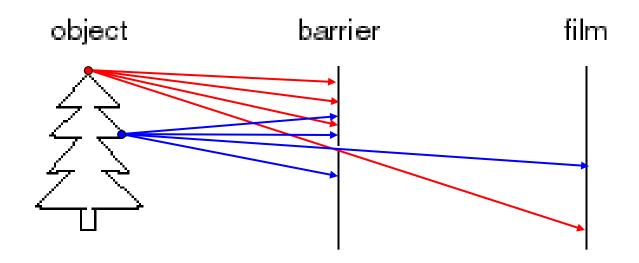
Image formation



Let's design a camera

- Idea 1: put a piece of film in front of an object
- Do we get a reasonable image?

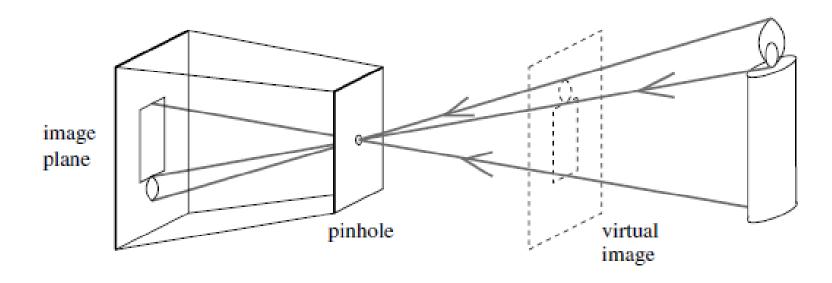
Pinhole camera



Add a barrier to block off most of the rays

- This reduces blurring
- The opening known as the aperture
- How does this transform the image?

Pinhole Camera

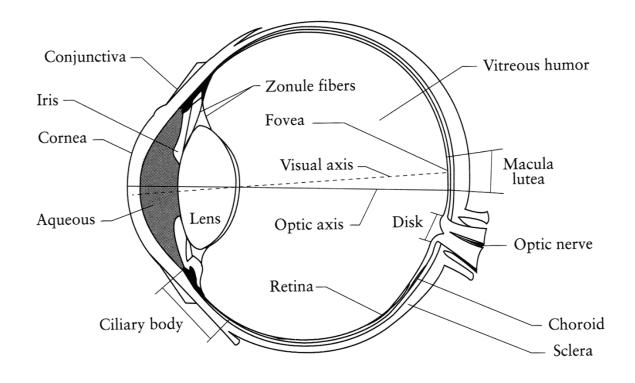


If the pinhole were really reduced to a point, exactly one light ray would pass through each point in the image plane, the pinhole, and some scene point.

In reality, the pinhole has a finite size, and each point in the image plane collects light from a cone of rays subtending a finite solid angle.

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The eye



The human eye is a camera

- Iris colored annulus with radial muscles
- Pupil the hole (aperture) whose size is controlled by the iris
- What's the "film"?
 - photoreceptor cells (rods and cones) in the retina

Digital camera



A digital camera replaces film with a sensor array

- Each cell in the array is a Charge Coupled Device
 - light-sensitive diode that converts photons to electrons
 - other variants exist: CMOS has become more popular

http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/digital-camera.htm

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Issues with digital cameras

Noise

- big difference between consumer vs. SLR-style cameras
- low light is where you most notice noise

Compression

creates artifacts except in uncompressed formats (tiff, raw)

Color

color fringing artifacts from Bayer patterns

Blooming

charge <u>overflowing</u> into neighboring pixels

In-camera processing

oversharpening can produce <u>halos</u>

Interlaced vs. progressive scan video

even/odd rows from different exposures

Are more megapixels better?

- requires higher quality lens
- noise issues

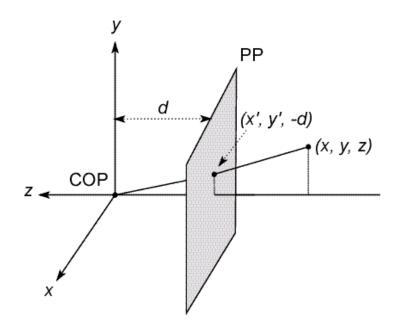
Stabilization

compensate for camera shake (mechanical vs. electronic)

More info online, e.g.,

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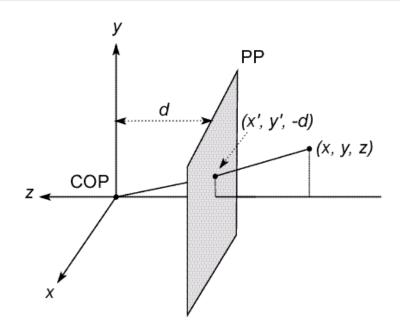
Geometric projection



The coordinate system

- We will use the pin-hole model as an approximation
- Put the optical center (Center Of Projection) at the origin
- Put the image plane (Projection Plane) in front of the COP
 - Why?
- The camera looks down the negative z axis
 - we need this if we want right-handed-coordinates

Modeling projection



Projection equations

- Compute intersection with PP of ray from (x,y,z) to COP
- Derived using similar triangles (on board)

$$(x,y,z) \rightarrow (-d\frac{x}{z}, -d\frac{y}{z}, -d)$$

We get the projection by throwing out the last coordinate:

$$(x,y,z) \to (-d\frac{x}{z}, -d\frac{y}{z})$$

Homogeneous coordinates

Is this a linear transformation?

no—division by z is nonlinear

Trick: add one more coordinate:

$$(x,y) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 $(x,y,z) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

homogeneous image coordinates

homogeneous scene coordinates

Converting from homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w) \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w, z/w)$$

Homogeneous coordinates

Invariant to scaling

$$k\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} kx \\ ky \\ kw \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{kx}{kw} \\ \frac{ky}{kw} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{w} \\ \frac{y}{w} \end{bmatrix}$$
Homogeneous
Coordinates
Coordinates

Point in Cartesian is ray in Homogeneous.

Basic geometry in homogeneous coordinates

Line equation: ax + by + c = 0

$$line_i = \begin{vmatrix} a_i \\ b_i \\ c_i \end{vmatrix}$$

Append 1 to pixel coordinate to get homogeneous $p_i = \begin{vmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$

Line given by cross product of two points

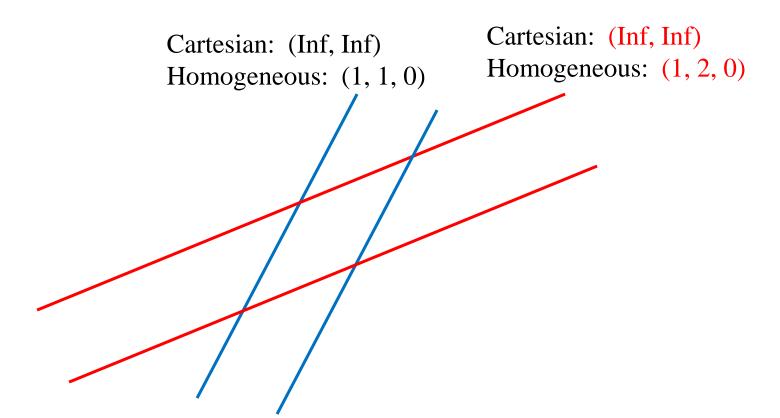
$$line_{ij} = p_i \times p_j$$

Intersection of two lines given by cross product of the lines

$$q_{ij} = line_i \times line_j$$

Another problem solved by homogeneous coordinates

Intersection of parallel lines



2D transformations

Transformation	Matrix	# DoF	Preserves	Icon
translation	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	2	orientation	
rigid (Euclidean)	$\begin{bmatrix}\mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t}\end{bmatrix}_{2\times 3}$	3	lengths	\Diamond
similarity	$\begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2\times 3}$	4	angles	\Diamond
affine	$\left[\mathbf{A}\right]_{2\times3}$	6	parallelism	
projective	$\left[\tilde{\mathbf{H}}\right]_{3\times3}$	8	straight lines	

Each transformation also preserves the properties listed in the rows below it, i.e., similarity preserves not only angles but also parallelism and straight lines.

The 2×3 matrices are extended with a third [0 0 1] row to form a full 3×3 matrix for homogeneous coordinate transformations

3D transformations

Transformation	Matrix	# DoF	Preserves	Icon
translation	$egin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{3 imes 4}$	3	orientation	
rigid (Euclidean)	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	6	lengths	\Diamond
similarity	$\begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{3\times 4}$	7	angles	\Diamond
affine	$\left[\mathbf{A}\right]_{3\times4}$	12	parallelism	
projective	$\left[\mathbf{ ilde{H}} ight]_{4 imes4}$	15	straight lines	

Hierarchy of 3D coordinate transformations:

Each transformation also preserves the properties listed in the rows below it, i.e., similarity preserves not only angles but also parallelism and straight lines.

The 3×4 matrices are extended with a fourth [0 0 0 1] row to form a full 4×4 matrix for homogeneous coordinate transformations.

Perspective Projection

Projection is a matrix multiply using homogeneous coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ -z/d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (-d\frac{x}{z}, -d\frac{y}{z})$$

divide by the third coordinate

This is known as **perspective projection**

The matrix is the projection matrix

Perspective Projection

How does scaling the projection matrix change the transformation?

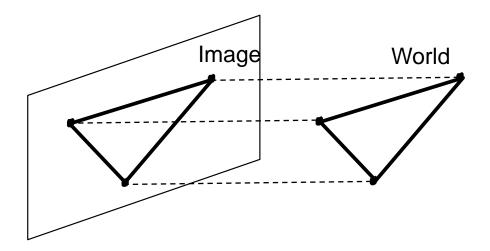
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$$\begin{bmatrix} -d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -dx \\ -dy \\ z \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (-d\frac{x}{z}, -d\frac{y}{z})$$

Orthographic projection

Special case of perspective projection

Distance from the COP to the PP is infinite



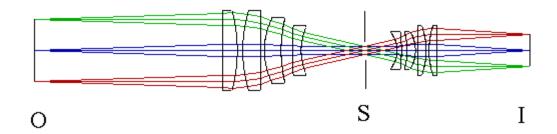
- Good approximation for telephoto optics
- Also called "parallel projection": $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x, y)$
- What's the projection matrix?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x, y)$$

Orthographic ("telecentric") lenses



Navitar telecentric zoom lens



http://www.lhup.edu/~dsimanek/3d/telecent.htm

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Variants of orthographic projection

Scaled orthographic

Also called "weak perspective"

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/d \end{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1/d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (dx, dy)$$

Affine projection

Also called "paraperspective"

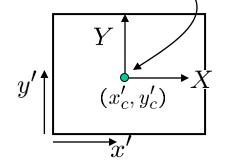
$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}a&b&c&d\\e&f&g&h\\0&0&0&1\end{array}\right]\left|\begin{array}{ccc|c}x\\y\\z\\1\end{array}\right|$$

Camera parameters

A camera is described by several parameters

- Translation T of the optical center from the origin of world coords
- Rotation R of the image plane
- focal length f, principle point (c_x, c_y) , pixel size (s_x, s_y)
- blue parameters are called "extrinsics," red are "intrinsics"

Projection equation



- The projection matrix models the cumulative effect of all parameters
- Useful to decompose into a series of operations

identity matrix $\mathbf{\Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} Js_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & fs_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{3x3} & \mathbf{0}_{3x1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1x3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{3x3} & \mathbf{T}_{3x1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1x3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

intrinsics

projection

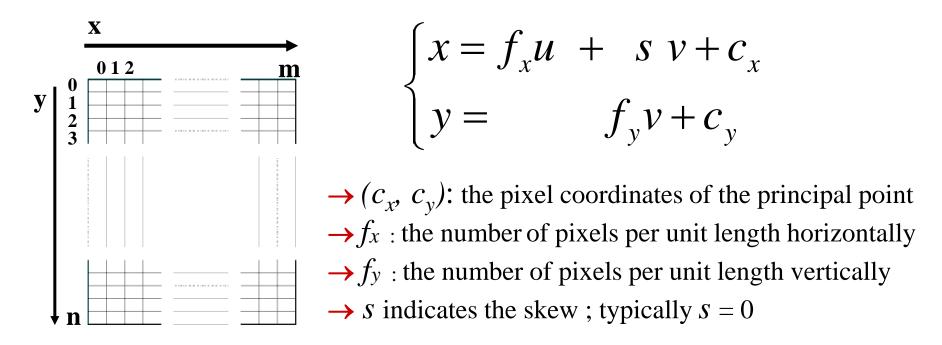
rotation

translation

- The definitions of these parameters are **not** completely standardized
 - especially intrinsics—varies from one book to another

Camera Calibration Matrix

Image coordinates are to be expressed as *pixel coordinates*



 f_y/f_x is called the *aspect ratio*

 f_x, f_y, s, c_x and c_y are called *internal camera parameters*

3D-to-2D Camera Projection

Camera calibration matrix K is a 3X3 upper-triangular matrix $\begin{bmatrix} f_{rr} & s & c_{rr} \end{bmatrix}$

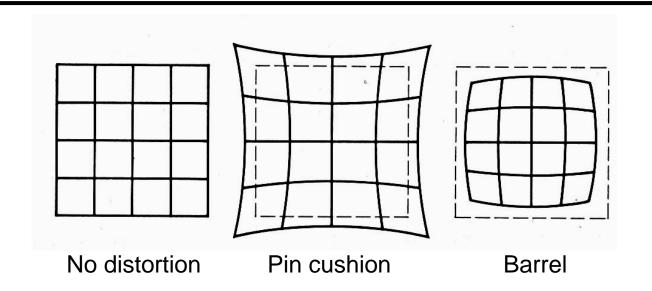
 $\boldsymbol{K} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} f_x & s & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$

The camera projection matrix P (3X4) which maps the 3D point coordinate (in world coordinate) to the corresponding 2D image coordinate is given by

$$P = K[R|t]$$

R & t: the camera extrinsic parameters

Lens Distortion



Radial distortion of the image

- Caused by imperfect lenses
- Deviations are most noticeable for rays that pass through the edge of the lens
- The radial distortion model says that coordinates in the observed images are displaced away (barrel) or towards (pincushion) the image center by an amount proportional to their radial distance.

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Correcting radial distortion





from Helmut Dersch





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Radial Distortion Model

Let (x_c, y_c) be the pixel coordinates obtained after perspective division but before scaling by focal length f and shifting by the optical center (c_x, c_y) , i.e.,

$$x_c = \frac{r_x \cdot p + t_x}{r_z \cdot p + t_z}$$
$$y_c = \frac{r_y \cdot p + t_y}{r_z \cdot p + t_z}$$

The simplest radial distortion models use low-order polynomials, e.g.

$$\hat{x}_c = x_c (1 + \kappa_1 r_c^2 + \kappa_2 r_c^4)
\hat{y}_c = y_c (1 + \kappa_1 r_c^2 + \kappa_2 r_c^4)
r_c^2 = x_c^2 + y_c^2$$

The final pixel coordinates can be computed using

$$x_s = fx'_c + c_x$$
$$y_s = fy'_c + c_y.$$

Modeling distortion

Project
$$(\widehat{x},\widehat{y},\widehat{z})$$
 to "normalized" $y_n' = \widehat{x}/\widehat{z}$ $y_n' = \widehat{y}/\widehat{z}$

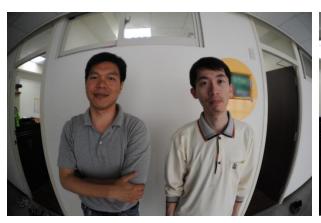
Apply radial distortion $x_d' = x_n'^2 + y_n'^2$

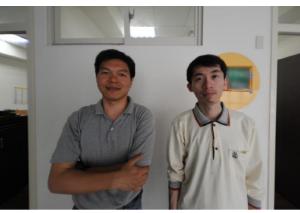
Apply focal length translate image center $x_n' = x_n' + x_n' + x_n + x_n' + x_n +$

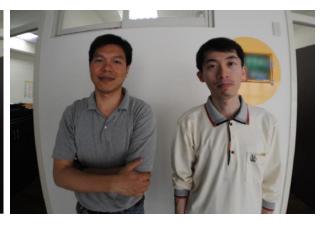
To model lens distortion

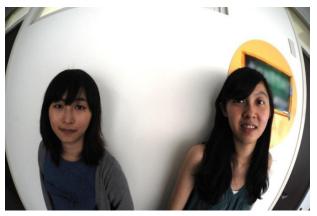
Use above projection operation instead of standard projection matrix multiplication

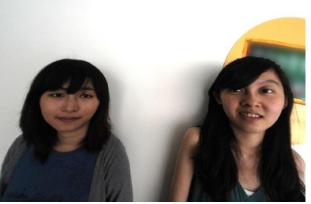
Example of Radial Distortion Correction













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Pinhole size / aperture

How does the size of the aperture affect the image we'd get?

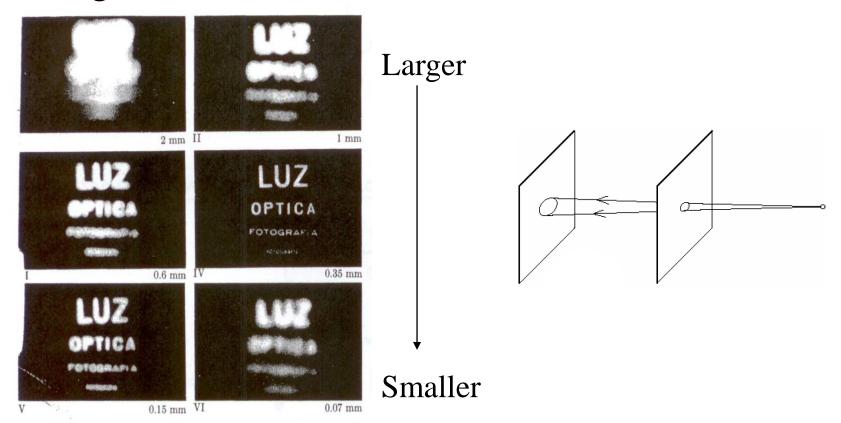
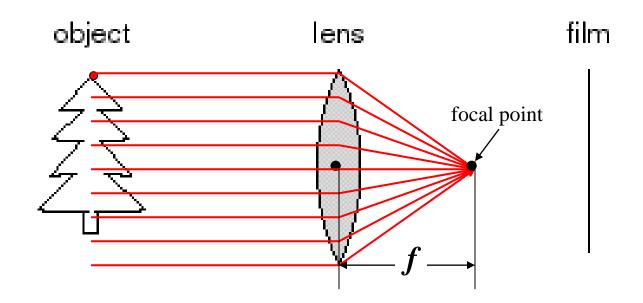


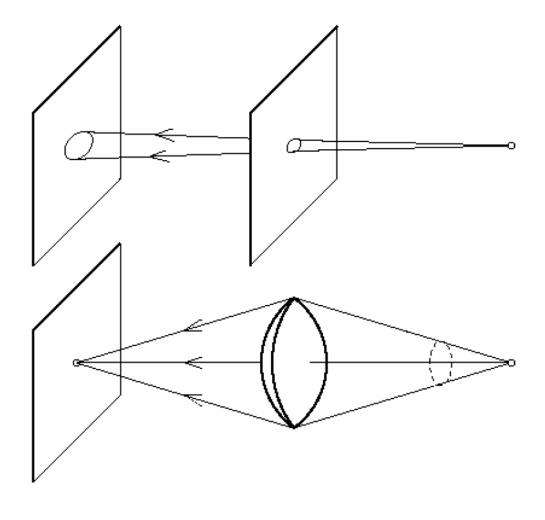
Fig. 5.96 The pinhole camera. Note the variation in image clarity as the hole diameter decreases. [Photos courtesy Dr. N. Joel, UNESCO.]

Adding a lens

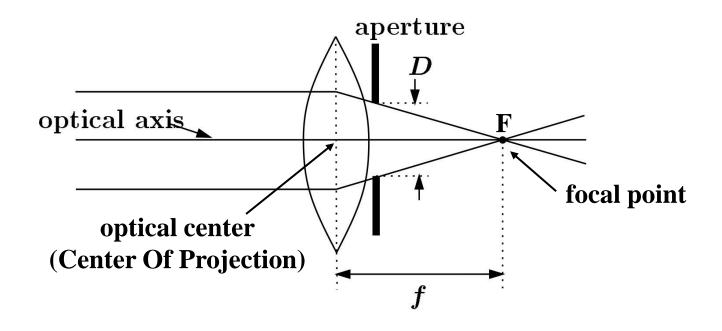


- A lens focuses light onto the film
 - Rays passing through the center are not deviated
 - All parallel rays converge to one point on a plane located at the focal length f

Pinhole vs. lens



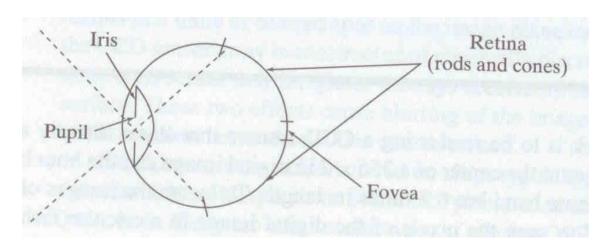
Cameras with lenses



- A lens focuses parallel rays onto a single focal point
- Gather more light, while keeping focus; make pinhole perspective projection practical

Human eye

Rough analogy with human visual system:

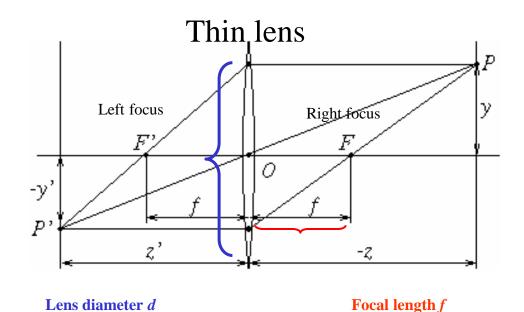


Pupil/Iris – control amount of light passing through lens

Retina - contains sensor cells, where image is formed

Fovea – highest concentration of cones

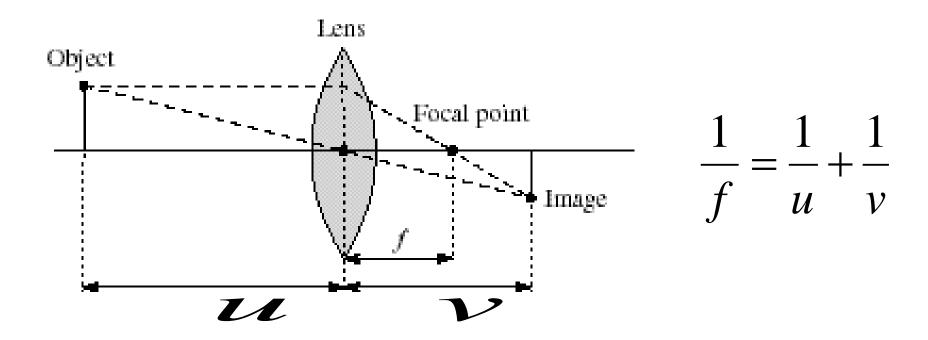
Thin lens



Rays entering parallel on one side go through focus on other, and vice versa.

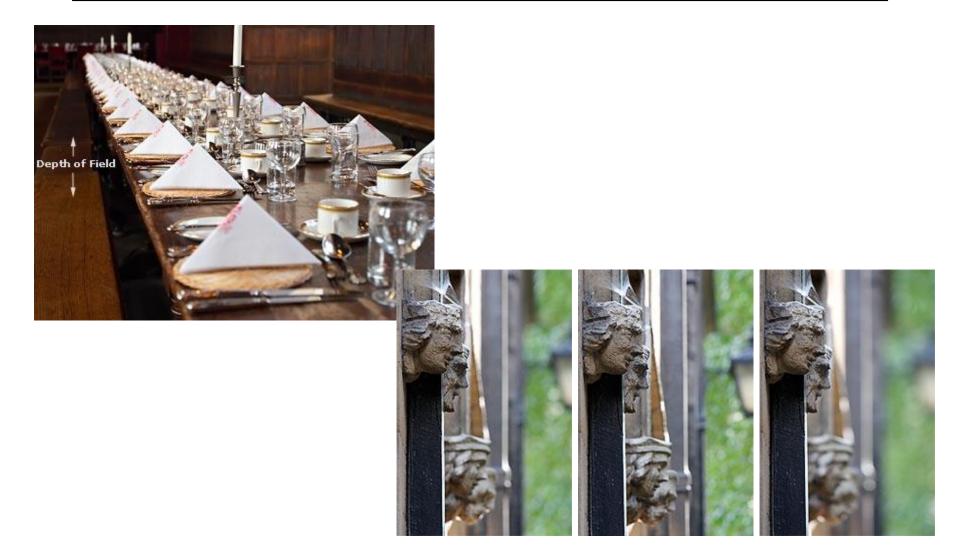
In ideal case – all rays from P imaged at P'.

Thin lens equation



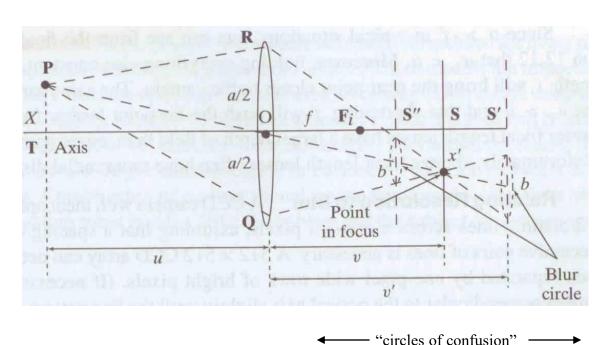
• Any object point satisfying this equation is in focus

Focus and depth of field



Focus and depth of field

Depth of field: distance between image planes where blur is tolerable



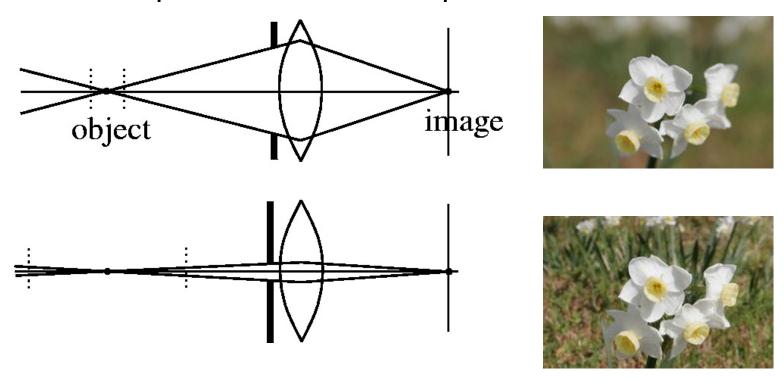
Thin lens: scene points at distinct depths come in focus at different image planes.

(Real camera lens systems have greater depth of field.)

Fig from Shapiro and Stockman

Focus and depth of field

How does the aperture affect the depth of field?



A smaller aperture increases the range in which the object is approximately in focus

Synthesis of bokeh effect

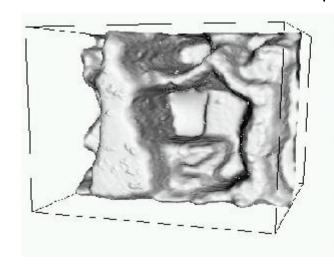


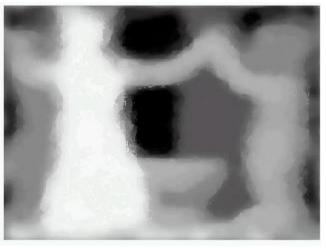
Depth from focus





Images from same point of view, different camera parameters





Depth map estimation

Field of view

Angular measure of portion of 3d space seen by the camera











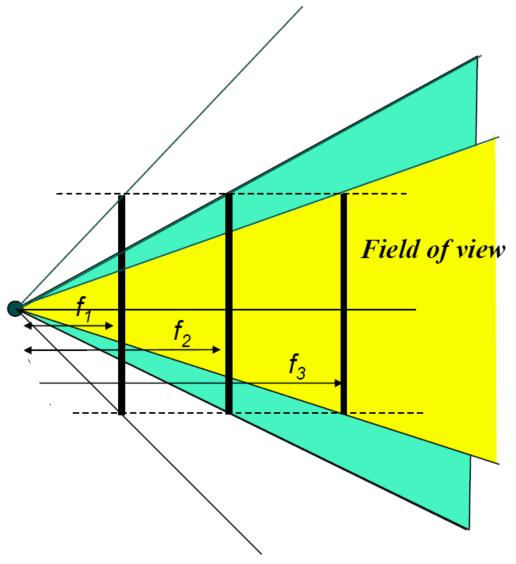
Field of view depends on focal length

As **f** gets smaller, image becomes more wide angle

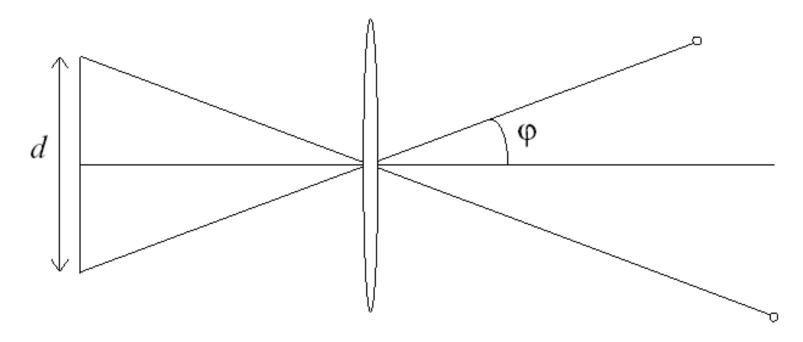
 more world points project onto the finite image plane

As **f** gets larger, image becomes more telescopic

 smaller part of the world projects onto the finite image plane



Field of view depends on focal length



Size of field of view governed by size of the camera retina:

$$\varphi = \tan^{-1}(\frac{d}{2f})$$

Smaller FOV = larger Focal Length

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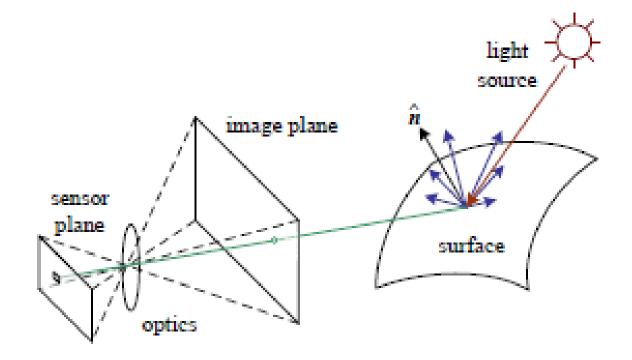
Sensor

sampling, etc.

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Photometric Image Formation

A simplified model of photometric image formation. Light is emitted by one or more light sources and is then reflected from an object's surface. A portion of this light is directed towards the camera. This simplified model ignores multiple reflections, which often occur in real-world scenes.



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BRDF (Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function)

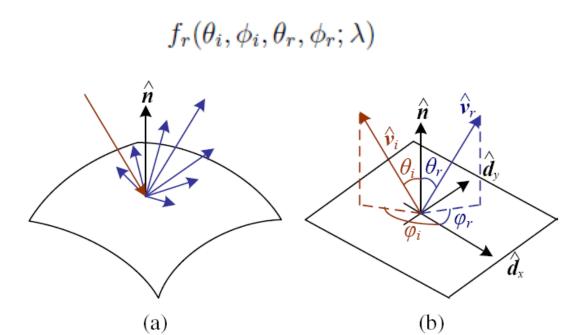
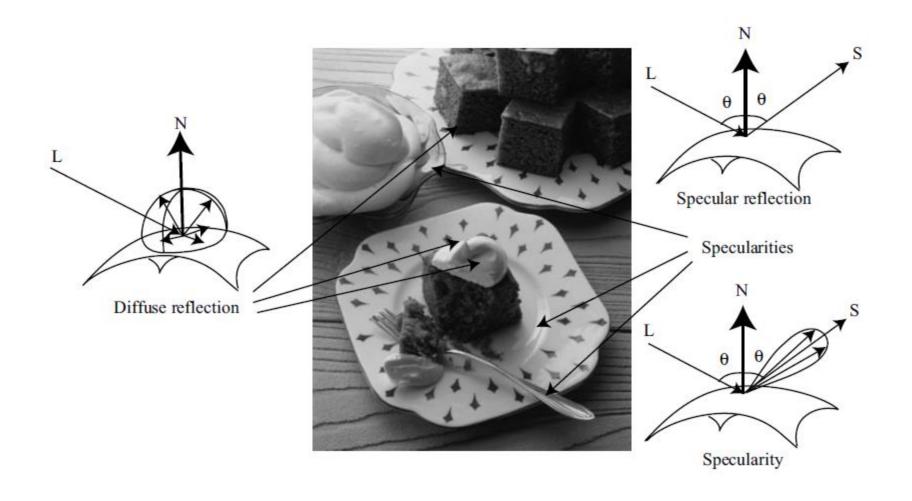


Figure 2.15: (a) Light scattering when hitting a surface. (b) The bidirectional reflectance distribution function (BRDF) $f(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_r, \phi_r)$ is parameterized by the angles the incident \hat{v}_i and reflected \hat{v}_r light ray directions make with the local surface coordinate frame $(\hat{d}_x, \hat{d}_y, \hat{n})$.

For an isotropic material, we can simplify the BRDF to

$$f_r(\theta_i, \theta_r, |\phi_r - \phi_i|; \lambda)$$
 or $f_r(\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_r, \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}; \lambda)$,

Diffuse and Specular Reflection



Diffuse / Lambertian



Figure 2.16: This close-up of a statue shows both diffuse (smooth shading) and specular (shiny highlight) reflection, as well as the darkening in the grooves and creases due to reduced light visibility and interreflections. (Photo courtesy of Alyosha Efros.)

While light is scattered uniformly in all directions, i.e., the BRDF is constant,

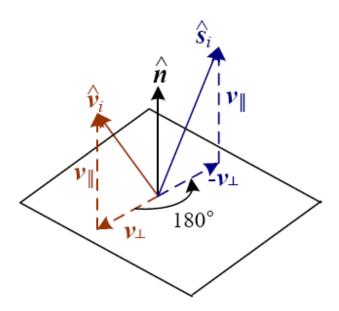
$$f_d(\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_r, \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}; \lambda) = f_d(\lambda),$$

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Shading equation for diffuse reflection:

$$L_d(\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_r; \lambda) = \sum_i L_i(\lambda) f_d(\lambda) \cos^+ \theta_i = \sum_i L_i(\lambda) f_d(\lambda) [\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_i \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}]^+,$$
$$[\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_i \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}]^+ = \max(0, \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_i \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}})$$

Specular reflection



The amount of light reflected in a given direction \hat{v}_r thus depends on the angle $\theta_s = \cos^{-1}(\hat{v}_r \cdot \hat{s}_i)$ between the view direction \hat{v}_r and the specular direction \hat{s}_i . For example, the Phong (1975) model uses a power of the cosine of the angle,

$$f_s(\theta_s; \lambda) = k_s(\lambda) \cos^{k_e} \theta_s,$$
 (2.90)

while the Torrance and Sparrow (1967) micro-facet model uses a Gaussian,

$$f_s(\theta_s; \lambda) = k_s(\lambda) \exp(-c_s^2 \theta_s^2). \tag{2.91}$$

Phong Model

Diffuse+specular+ambient:

$$f_d(\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_r, \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}; \lambda) = f_d(\lambda),$$

$$f_s(\theta_s; \lambda) = k_s(\lambda) \cos^{k_e} \theta_s,$$

$$f_a(\lambda) = k_a(\lambda) L_a(\lambda).$$

$$L_r(\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_r;\lambda) = k_a(\lambda)L_a(\lambda) + k_d(\lambda)\sum_i L_i(\lambda)[\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_i \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}]^+ + k_s(\lambda)\sum_i L_i(\lambda)(\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_r \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{s}}_i)^{k_e}.$$

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Digital cameras

Film → sensor array

Often an array of charge coupled devices

Each CCD is light sensitive diode that converts photons (light energy) to electrons



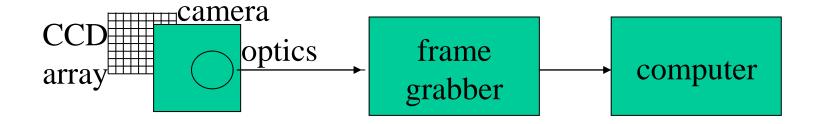
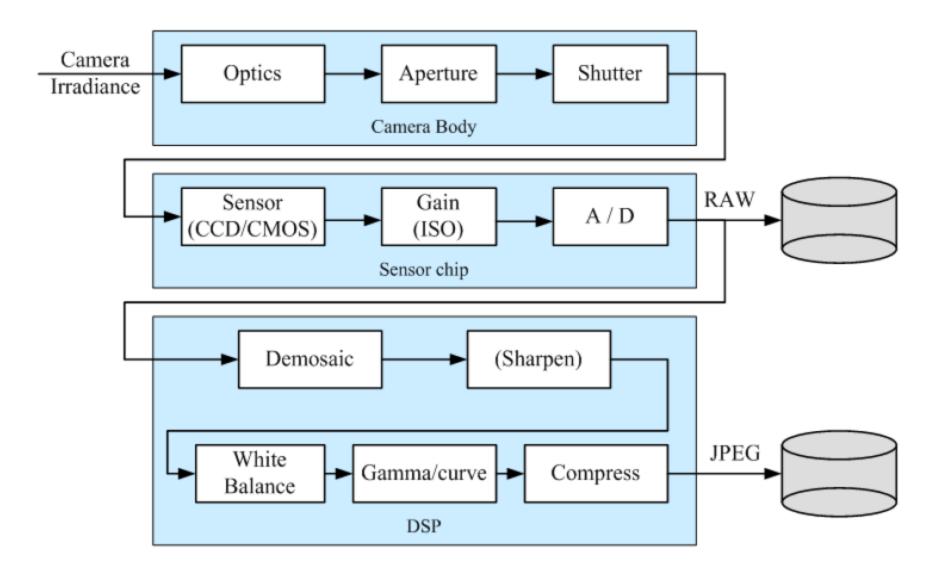


Image sensing pipeline



Digital Sensors

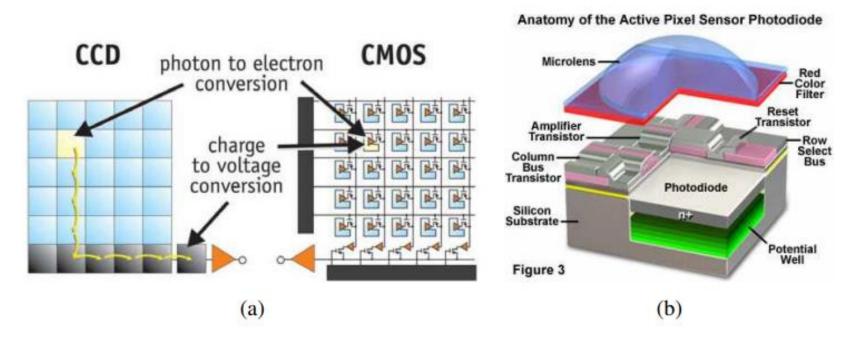


Figure 2.24 Digital imaging sensors: (a) CCDs move photogenerated charge from pixel to pixel and convert it to voltage at the output node; CMOS imagers convert charge to voltage inside each pixel (Litwiller 2005) © 2005 Photonics Spectra; (b) cutaway diagram of a CMOS pixel sensor, from https://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/primer/digitalimaging/cmosimagesensors.html.

Resolution

sensor: size of real world scene element a that images to a single pixel

image: number of pixels

Influences what analysis is feasible, affects best representation choice.



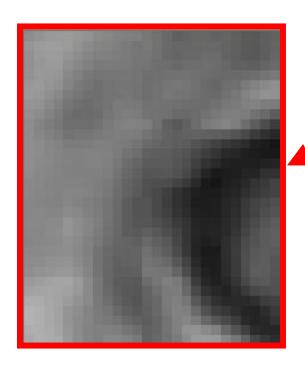


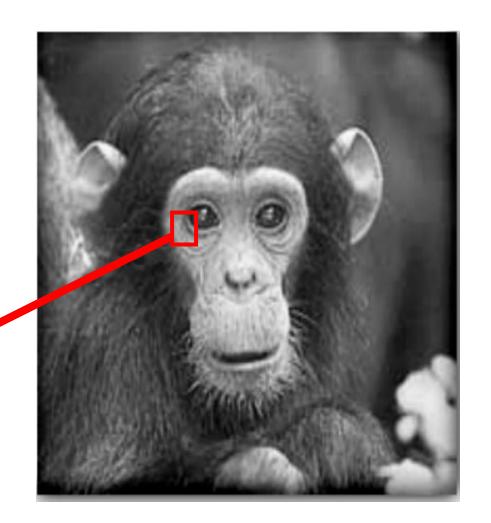


[fig from Mori et al]

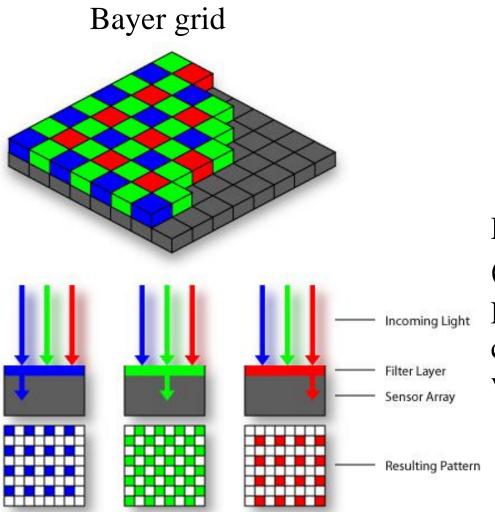
Digital images

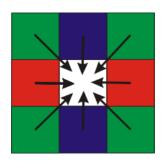
Think of images as matrices taken from CCD array.





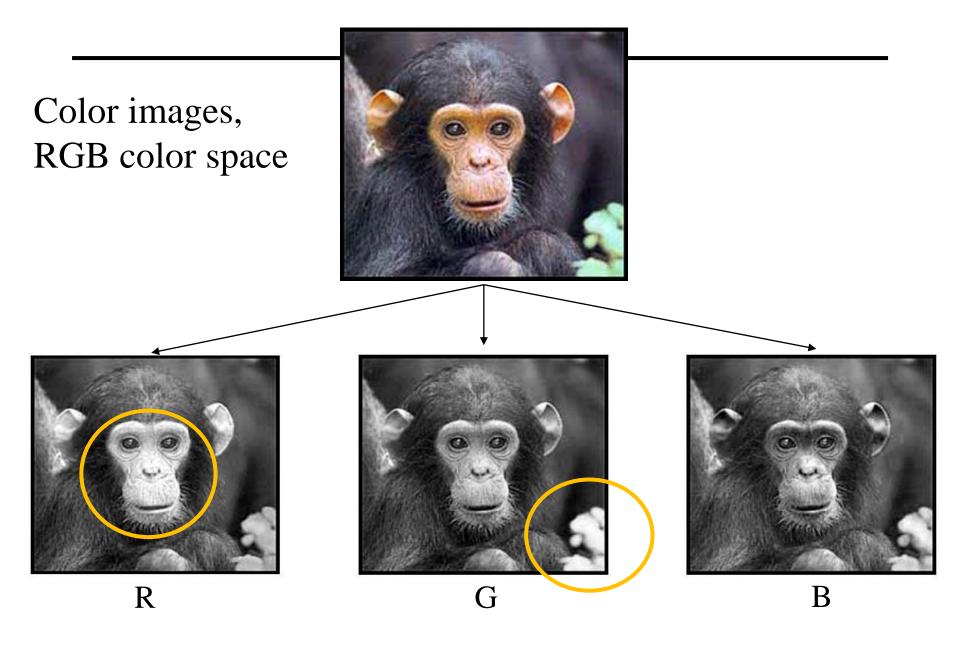
Color sensing in digital cameras



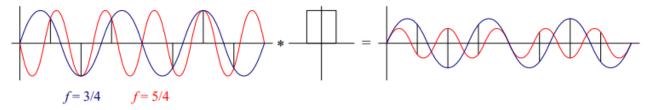


Demosaicing (color interpolation):
Estimate missing color components from neighboring values.

Source: Steve Seitz



Aliasing



Aliasing of a one-dimensional signal: The blue sine wave at f = 3/4 and the red sine wave at f = 5/4 have the same digital samples, when sampled at f = 2. Even after convolution with a 100% fill factor box filter, the two signals, while no longer of the same magnitude, are still aliased.

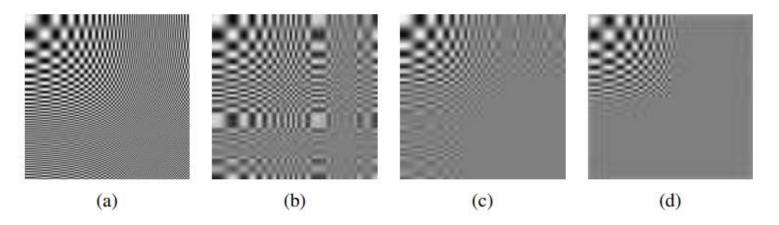


Figure 2.26 Aliasing of a two-dimensional signal: (a) original full-resolution image; (b) downsampled $4 \times$ with a 25% fill factor box filter; (c) downsampled $4 \times$ with a 100% fill factor box filter; (d) downsampled $4 \times$ with a high-quality 9-tap filter. Notice how the higher frequencies are aliased into visible frequencies with the lower quality filters, while the 9-tap filter completely removes these higher frequencies.

Image Super-resolution

- Image upsampling, image scaling, digital zoom
- Increase the spatial resolution of an image



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Summary

- Geometric projection models
- Optical issues
- Photometric models
- Image sensing in digital camera