

# Computer Vision Projective Geometry and Calibration

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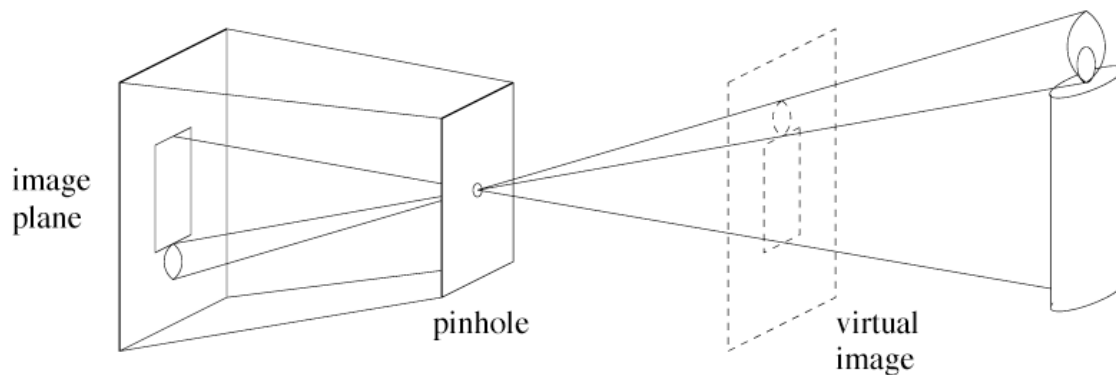
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## Pinhole cameras

- Abstract camera model - box with a small hole in it
- Pinhole cameras work in practice



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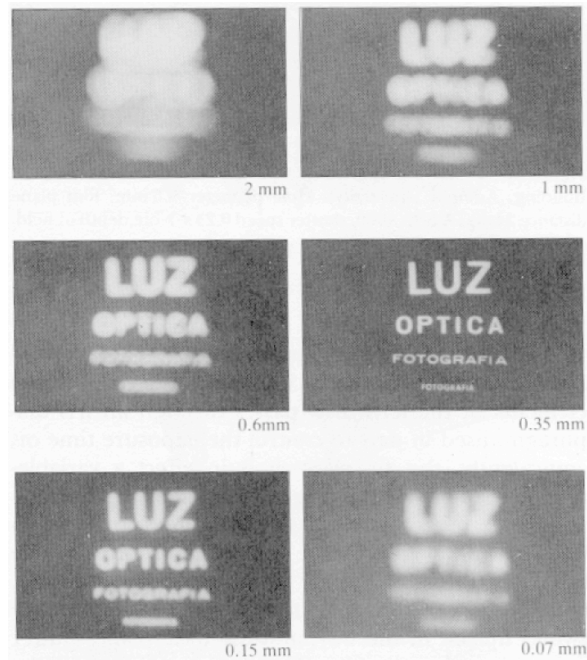
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# Real Pinhole Cameras

Pinhole too big -  
many directions are  
averaged, blurring the  
image

Pinhole too small -  
diffraction effects blur  
the image

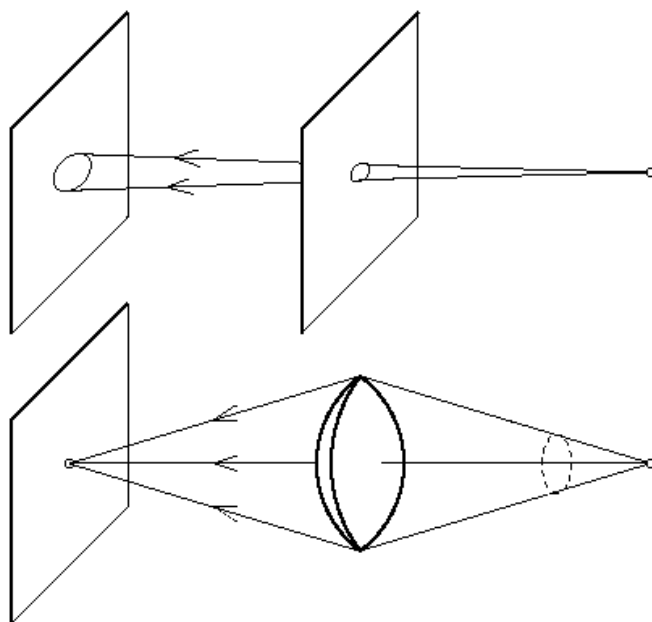
Generally, pinhole  
cameras are *dark*, because  
a very small set of rays  
from a particular point  
hits the screen.



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## The reason for lenses

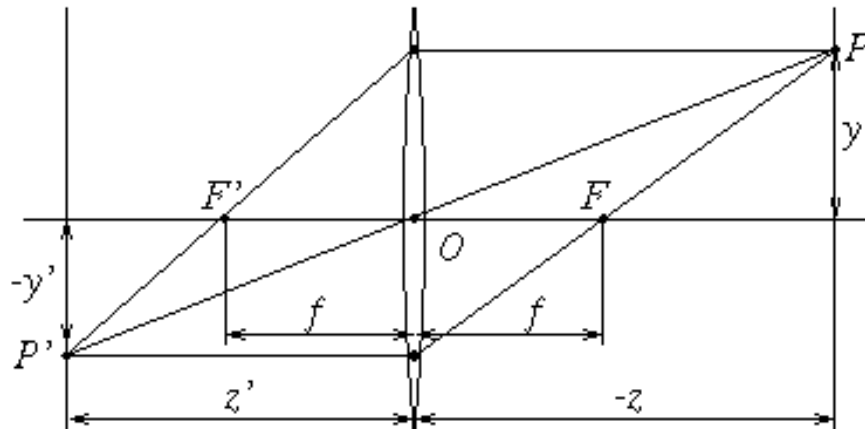


Lenses gather and  
focus light, allowing  
for brighter images.

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## The thin lens



Thin Lens Properties:

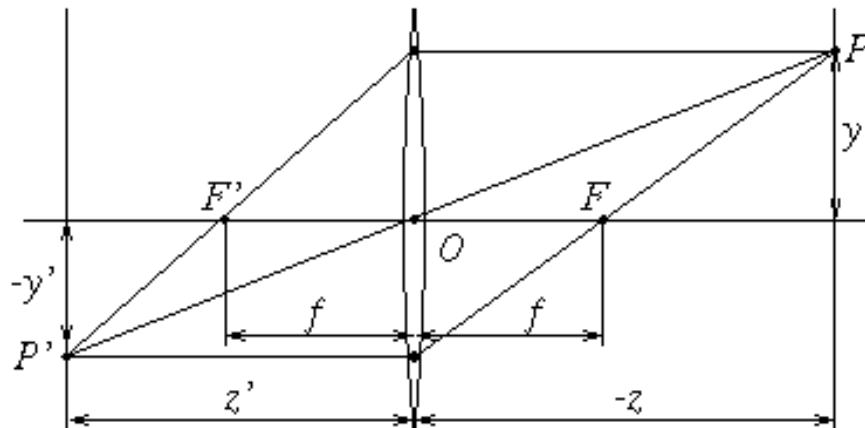
1. A ray entering parallel to optical axis goes through the focal point.
2. A ray emerging from focal point is parallel to optical axis
3. A ray through the optical center is unaltered

$$\frac{1}{z'} - \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{f}$$

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Note that, if the image plane is very small and/or  $z \gg z'$ , then  $z'$  is about  $f$

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# Field of View

- The *effective diameter* of a lens ( $d$ ) is the portion of a lens actually reachable by light rays.
- The effective diameter and the focal length determine the field of view:

$$\tan w = d / (2f)$$

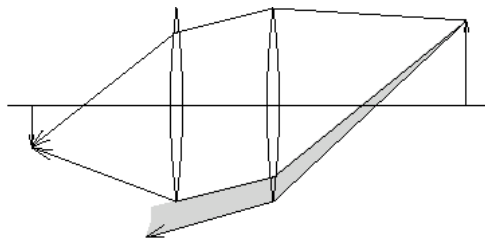
- $w$  is the half the total angular “view” of a lens system.
- Another fact is that in practice points at different distances are imaged, leading to so-called “circles of confusion” of size  $d/z |z' - z|$  where  $z$  is the nominal image plane and  $z'$  is the focusing distance given by the thin lens equation.
- The “depth of field” is the range of distances that produce acceptably focused images. Depth of field varies inversely with focal length and lens diameter.

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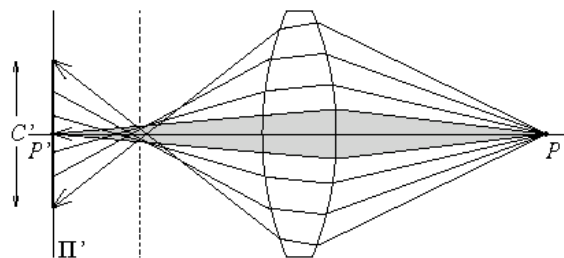
## Lens Realities

Real lenses have a finite depth of field, and usually suffer from a variety of defects



vignetting

Spherical Aberration



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# Standard Camera Coordinates

- By convention, we place the image in front of the optical center
  - typically we approximate by saying it lies one focal distance from the center
  - in reality this can't be true for a finite size chip!
- Optical axis is z axis pointing outward
- X axis is parallel to the scanlines (rows) pointing to the right!
- By the right hand rule, the Y axis must point downward
- Note this corresponds with indexing an image from the upper left to the lower right, where the X coordinate is the column index and the Y coordinate is the row index.

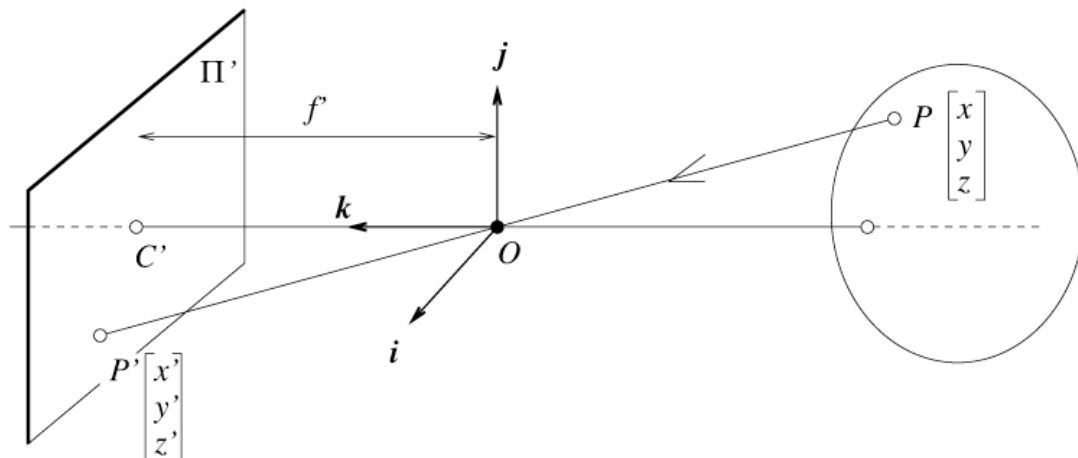
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## The equation of projection

- Equating  $z'$  and  $f$ 
  - We have, by similar triangles, that  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (-f x/z, -f y/z, -f)$
  - Ignore the third coordinate, and flip the image around to get:

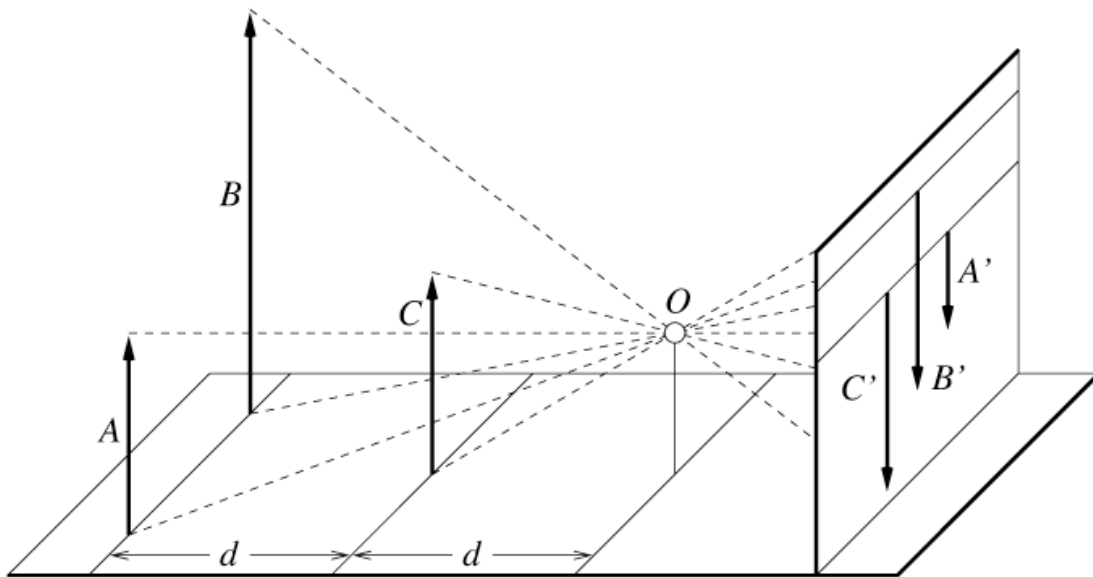
$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow \left(f \frac{x}{z}, f \frac{y}{z}\right)$$



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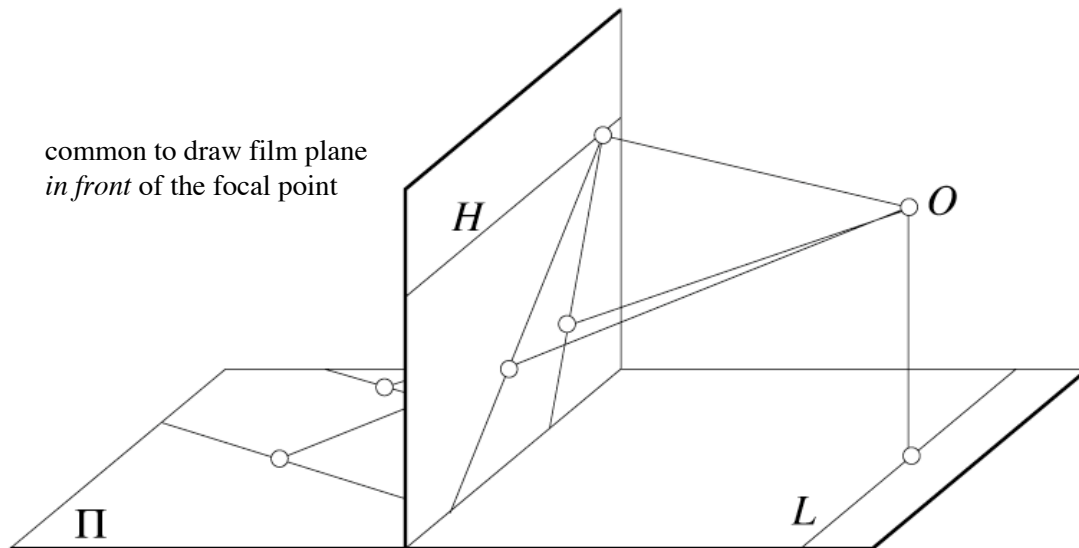
Distant objects are smaller



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Parallel lines meet



common to draw film plane  
in front of the focal point

A Good Exercise: Show this is the case!

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# Some Useful Geometry

- In 3D space
  - points:
    - Cartesian point  $(x,y,z)$
    - Projective pt  $(x,y,z,w)$  with convention that  $w$  is a scale factor
  - lines:
    - a point  $p$  on the line and unit vector  $v$  for direction
      - for minimal parameterization,  $p$  is closest point to origin
    - Alternative, a line is the intersection of two planes (see below)
  - planes
    - a point  $p$  on the plane and a unit *normal*  $n$  s.t.  $n \cdot (p' - p) = 0$
    - multiplying through, also  $n \cdot p' - d = 0$ , where  $d$  is distance of closest pt to origin.
    - any vector  $n \cdot q = 0$  where  $q$  is a projective pt
      - note, for two planes, the intersection is two equations in 4 unknowns up to scale --- i.e. a one-dimensional subspace, or a *line*
    - Note that planes and points are *dual* --- in the above, I can equally think of  $n$  or  $q$  as the normal (resp. point).

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# Some Useful Geometry

- In 2D space
  - points:
    - Cartesian point  $(x,y)$
    - Projective pt  $(x,y,w)$  with convention that  $w$  is a scale factor
  - lines
    - a point  $p$  on the line and a unit *normal*  $n$  s.t.  $n \cdot (p' - p) = 0$
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# Some Projective Concepts

- The vector  $p = (x,y,z,w)'$  is equivalent to the vector  $k p$  for nonzero  $k$ 
  - note the vector  $p = 0$  is disallowed from this representation
- The vector  $v = (x,y,z,0)'$  is termed a “point at infinity”; it corresponds to a direction
- In  $P^2$ ,
  - given two points  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ ,  $l = p_1 \times p_2$  is the line containing them
  - given two lines,  $l_1$ , and  $l_2$ ,  $p = l_1 \times l_2$  is point of intersection
  - A point  $p$  lies on a line  $l$  if  $p \cdot l = 0$  (note this is a consequence of the triple product rule)
  - $l = (0,0,1)$  is the “line at infinity”
  - it follows that, for any point  $p$  at infinity,  $l \cdot p = 0$ , which implies that points at infinity lie on the line at infinity.

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- In  $P^3$ ,
  - A point  $p$  lies on a plane  $l$  if  $p \cdot l = 0$  (note this is a consequence of the triple product rule; there is an equivalent expression in determinants)
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- Plucker coordinates
  - In general, a representation for a line through points  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  is given by all possible 2x2 determinants of  $[p_1 p_2]$  (an  $n$  by 2 matrix)
    - $u = (l_{4,1}, l_{4,1}, l_{4,3}, l_{2,3}, l_{3,1}, l_{1,2})$  are the Plucker coordinates of the line passing through the two points.
    - if the points are not at infinity, then this is also the same as  $(p_2 - p_1, p_1 \times p_2)$
  - The first 3 coordinates are the direction of the line
  - The second 3 are the normal to the plane (in  $R^3$ ) containing the origin and the points
  - In general, a representation for a plane passing through three points  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p_3$  are the determinants of all 3 by 3 submatrices  $[p_1 p_2 p_3]$ 
    - let  $l_{ij}$  mean the determinant of the matrix of matrix formed by the rows  $i$  and  $j$
    - $P = (l_{234}, l_{134}, l_{142}, l_{123})$
    - Note the three points are colinear if all four of these values are zero (hence the original 3x4 matrix has rank 2, as we would expect).
  - Two lines are colinear if we create the 4x4 matrix  $[p_1, p_2, p'_1, p'_2]$  where the  $p$ 's come from one line, and the  $p$ 's come from another.

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## Parallel lines meet

- First, show how lines project to images.
- Second, consider lines that have the same direction (are parallel)
- Third, consider the degenerate case of lines parallel in the image
  - (by convention, the vanishing point is at infinity!)

A Good Exercise: Show this is the case!

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## Vanishing points

- Another good exercise (really follows from the previous one): show the form of projection of \*lines\* into images.
- Each set of parallel lines (=direction) meets at a different point
  - The *vanishing point* for this direction
- Sets of parallel lines on the same plane lead to *collinear* vanishing points.
  - The line is called the *horizon* for that plane

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## The Camera Matrix

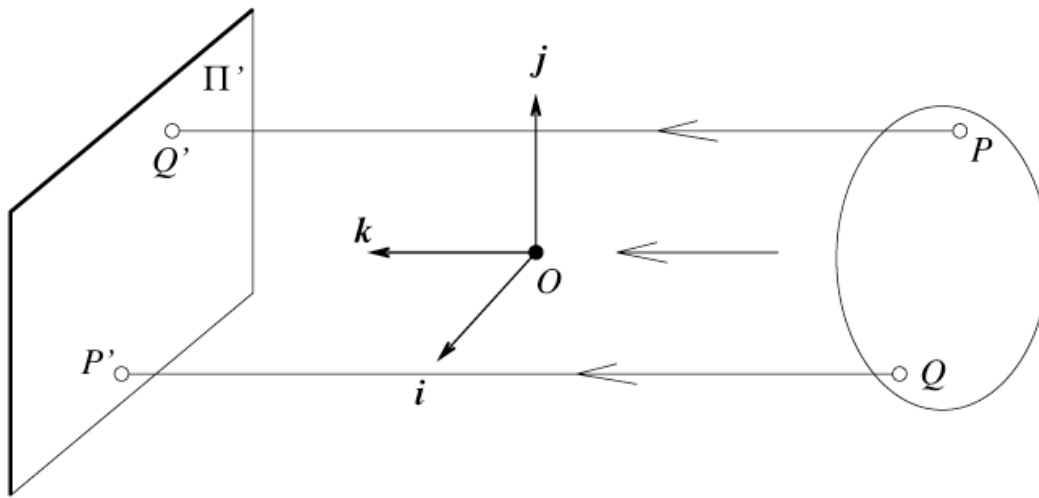
- Homogenous coordinates for 3D
  - four coordinates for 3D point
  - equivalence relation  $(X,Y,Z,T)$  is the same as  $(k X, k Y, k Z, k T)$
- Turn previous expression into HC's
  - HC's for 3D point are  $(X,Y,Z,T)$
  - HC's for point in image are  $(U,V,W)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ T \end{pmatrix} \quad (U,V,W) \rightarrow \left( \frac{U}{W}, \frac{V}{W} \right) = (u,v)$$

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## Orthographic projection



Suppose I let  $f$  go to infinity; then

$$u = x$$

$$v = y$$

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## The model for orthographic projection

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

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# Weak perspective

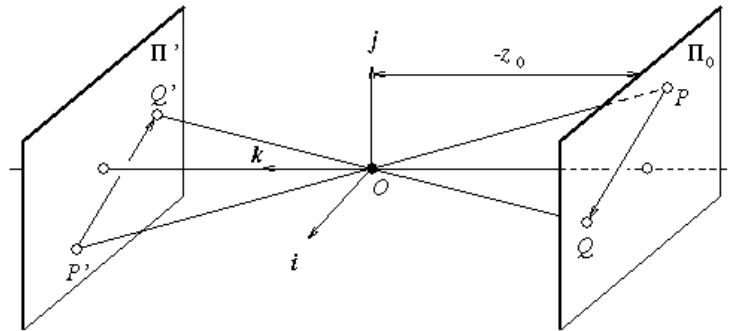
- Issue

- perspective effects, but not over the scale of individual objects
- collect points into a group at about the same depth, then divide each point by the depth of its group
- Adv: easy
- Disadv: wrong

$$u = sx$$

$$v = sy$$

$$s = f / Z^*$$



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## The model for weak perspective projection

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# The Affine Camera

- Choose a nominal point  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  and describe projection relative to that point
- $u = f [x_0/z_0 + (x-x_0)/z_0 - x_0/z_0^2 (z - z_0)] = f (a_1 x + a_2 z + d_1)$
- $v = f [y_0/z_0 + (y - y_0)/z_0 - y_0/z_0^2 (z - z_0)] = f (a_3 y + a_4 z + d_2)$
- gathering up

alternatively:

- $A = [a_1 \ 0 \ a_2; \ 0 \ a_3 \ a_4]$
  - $d = [d_1; d_2]$
  - $\mathbf{u} = A \mathbf{P} + d$
- $$\begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 & a_2 & d_1 \\ 0 & a_3 & a_4 & d_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/f \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ T \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Geometric Transforms

In general, a point in n-D space transforms by

$$P' = \text{rotate}(\text{point}) + \text{translate}(\text{point})$$

In 2-D space, this can be written as a matrix equation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} tx \\ ty \end{pmatrix}$$

In 3-D space (or n-D), this can be generalized as a matrix equation:

$$p' = R p + T \quad \text{or} \quad p = R^t (p' - T)$$

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# Geometric Transforms

Now, using the idea of homogeneous transforms,  
we can write:

$$p' = \begin{pmatrix} R & T \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} p$$

R and T both require 3 parameters. These correspond  
to the 6 *extrinsic parameters* needed for camera calibration

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## Intrinsic Parameters

*Intrinsic Parameters* describe the conversion from  
unit focal length metric to pixel coordinates (and the reverse)

$$\begin{aligned} x_{mm} &= - (x_{pix} - o_x) s_x \quad \rightarrow \quad -1/s_x x_{mm} + o_x = x_{pix} \\ y_{mm} &= - (y_{pix} - o_y) s_y \quad \rightarrow \quad -1/s_y y_{mm} + o_y = y_{pix} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{pmatrix}_{pix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/s_x & 0 & o_x \\ 0 & -1/s_y & o_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{pmatrix}_{mm} = K_{int} p$$

It is common to combine scale and focal length together  
as they are both scaling factors; note projection is unitless in this case!

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# The Camera Matrix

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## Camera parameters

- Summary:
  - points expressed in external frame
  - points are converted to canonical camera coordinates
  - points are projected
  - points are converted to pixel units

$$\begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Transformation} \\ \text{representing} \\ \text{intrinsic parameters} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{Transformation} \\ \text{representing} \\ \text{projection model} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{Transformation} \\ \text{representing} \\ \text{extrinsic parameters} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ T \end{pmatrix}$$

point in pixel  
coords.
point in metric  
image coords.
point in cam.  
coords.
point in  
world coords.

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# Lens Distortion

- In general, lens introduce minor irregularities into images, typically radial distortions:

$$x = x_d(1 + k_1 r^2 + k_2 r^4)$$

$$y = y_d(1 + k_1 r^2 + k_2 r^4)$$

$$r^2 = x_d^2 + y_d^2$$

- The values  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are additional parameters that must be estimated in order to have a model for the camera system.

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## Summary: Other Models

- The *orthographic* and *scaled orthographic* cameras (also called *weak perspective*)
  - simply ignore  $z$
  - differ in the scaling from  $x/y$  to  $u/v$  coordinates
  - preserve Euclidean structure to a great degree
- The *affine camera* is a generalization of orthographic models.
  - $u = A p + d$
  - $A$  is  $2 \times 3$  and  $d$  is  $2 \times 1$
  - This can be derived from scaled orthography or by linearizing perspective about a point not on the optical axis
- The *projective camera* is a generalization of the perspective camera.
  - $u' = M p$
  - $M$  is  $3 \times 4$  nonsingular defined up to a scale factor
  - This just a generalization (by one parameter) from “real” model
- Both have the advantage of being linear models on real and projective spaces, respectively.

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# Related Transformation Models

- Euclidean models (homogeneous transforms);  ${}^b p = {}^b T_a {}^a p$
- Similarity models:  ${}^b p = s {}^b T_a {}^a p$
- Affine models:  ${}^b p = {}^b K_a {}^a p$ ,  $K = [A, t; 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]$ ,  $A \in GL(3)$
- Projective models:  ${}^b p = {}^b M_a {}^a p$ ,  $M \in GL(4)$ 
  - Ray models
  - Affine plane
  - Sphere

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## Model Stratification

	Euclidean	Similarity	Affine	Projective
<u>Transforms</u>				
rotation	x	x	x	x
translation	x	x	x	x
uniform scaling		x	x	x
nonuniform scaling			x	x
shear			x	x
perspective				x
composition of proj.				x
<u>Invariants</u>				
length	x			
angle	x	x		
ratios	x	x		
parallelism	x	x	x	
incidence/cross rat.	x	x	x	x

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# Why Projective (or Affine or ...)

- Recall in Euclidean space, we can define a change of coordinates by choosing a new origin and three orthogonal unit vectors that are the new coordinate axes
  - The class of all such transformation is  $SE(3)$  which forms a group
  - One rendering is the class of all homogeneous transformations
  - This *does not* model what happens when things are imaged (why?)
- If we allow a change in scale, we arrive at similarity transforms, also a group
  - This sometimes can model what happens in imaging (when?)
- If we allow the 3x3 rotation to be an arbitrary member of  $GL(3)$  we arrive at affine transformations (yet another group!)
  - This also sometimes is a good model of imaging
  - The basis is now defined by three arbitrary, non-parallel vectors
- The process of perspective projection **does not** form a group
  - that is, a picture of a picture cannot in general be described as a perspective projection
- Projective systems include perspectivities as a special case and **do** form a group
  - We now require 4 basis vectors (three axes plus an additional independent vector)
  - A model for linear transformations (also called collineations or homographies) on  $P^n$  is  $GL(n+1)$  which is, of course, a group

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## Camera calibration

- Issues:
  - what are intrinsic parameters of the camera?
  - what is the camera matrix? (intrinsic+extrinsic)
- General strategy:
  - view calibration object
  - identify image points
  - obtain camera matrix by minimizing error
  - obtain intrinsic parameters from camera matrix
- Most modern systems employ the multi-plane method
  - avoids knowing absolute coordinates of calibration points
- Error minimization:
  - Linear least squares
    - easy problem numerically
    - solution can be rather bad
  - Minimize image distance
    - more difficult numerical problem
    - solution usually rather good, but can be hard to find
      - start with linear least squares
  - Numerical scaling is an issue

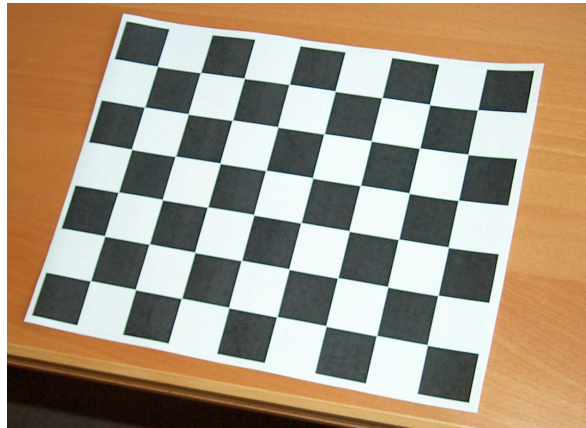
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# Calibration – Problem Statement

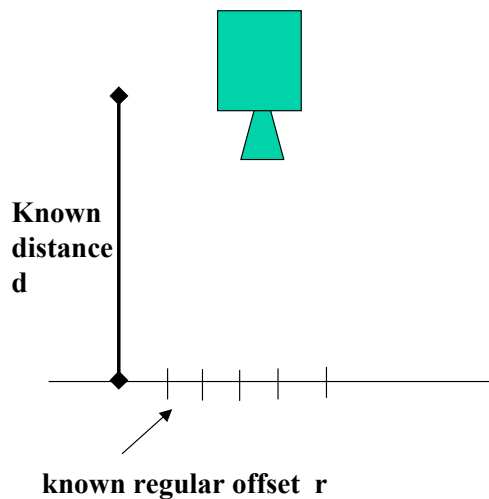
## The problem:

Compute the camera intrinsic (4 or more) and extrinsic parameters (6) using only observed camera data.



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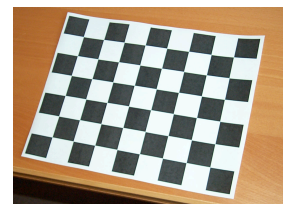
## CAMERA CALIBRATION: A WARMUP



$$\frac{rk_i}{d} = (x_i - o_x)s_x$$

$$\frac{r}{d} = (x_{i+1} - x_i)s_x$$

A simple way to get scale parameters; we can compute the optical center as the numerical center and therefore have the intrinsic parameters



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## Calibration: Another Warmup

- Suppose we want to calibrate the affine camera and we know  $u_i = A p_i + d$  for many pairs  $i$
- $m$  is mean of  $u$ 's and  $q$  is mean of  $p$ 's; note  $m = A q + d$
- $U = [u_1 - m, u_2 - m, \dots, u_n - m]$  and  $P = [p_1 - q, p_2 - q, \dots, p_n - q]$
- $U = A P \diamond U P' (P P')^{-1} = A$
- $d$  is now mean of  $u_i - A p_i$

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## Types of Calibration

- Photogrammetric Calibration
- Self Calibration
- Multi-Plane Calibration

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# Photogrammetric Calibration

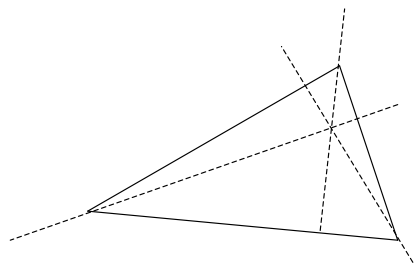
- Calibration is performed through imaging a pattern whose geometry in 3d is known with high precision.
- PRO: Calibration can be performed very efficiently
- CON: Expensive set-up apparatus is required; multiple orthogonal planes.
- Approach 1: Direct Parameter Calibration
- Approach 2: Projection Matrix Estimation

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## The General Case

- Affine is “easy” because it is linear and unconstrained (note orthographic is harder because of constraints)
- Perspective case is also harder because it is both nonlinear and constrained
- Observation: optical center can be computed from the *orthocenter* of vanishing points of orthogonal sets of lines.



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## Basic Equations

$${}^cT_w = (T_x, T_y, T_z)'$$

$${}^cR_w = (R_x, R_y, R_z)'$$

$${}^cp = {}^cR_w^w p + {}^cT_w$$

$$u = -f \frac{R_x p + T_x}{R_z p + T_z}$$

$$v = -f \frac{R_y p + T_y}{R_z p + T_z}$$

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## Basic Equations

$$u_{pix} = \frac{1}{s_x} u + o_x$$

$$v_{pix} = \frac{1}{s_y} v + o_y$$

$$\bar{u} = u_{pix} - o_x = -f_x \frac{R_x p + T_x}{R_z p + T_z}$$

$$\bar{v} = v_{pix} - o_y = -f_y \frac{R_y p + T_y}{R_z p + T_z}$$

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## Basic Equations

$$\bar{u}_i f_y(R_y p_i + T_y) = \bar{v}_i f_x(R_x p_i + T_x)$$
$$\bar{u}_i(R_y p_i - T_y) - \bar{v}_i \alpha(R_x p_i + T_x) = 0$$

$$r = \alpha R_x \text{ and } w = \alpha T_x$$

$$t = R_y \text{ and } s = T_y$$

one of these for each point


$$A_i = (u_i p_i, u_i, -v_i p_i, -v_i) \text{ and } A[t, s, w, r]' = 0$$

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## Properties of SVD

- Recall the singular values of a matrix are related to its rank.
- Recall that  $Ax = 0$  can have a nonzero  $x$  as solution only if  $A$  is singular.
- Finally, note that the matrix  $V$  of the SVD is an orthogonal basis for the domain of  $A$ ; in particular the zero singular values are the basis vectors for the null space.
- Putting all this together, we see that  $A$  must have rank 7 (in this particular case) and thus  $x$  must be a vector in this subspace.
- Clearly,  $x$  is defined only up to scale.

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## Basic Equations

$$A_i = (u_i p_i, u_i, -v_i p_i, -v_i) \text{ and} \\ A[t, s, w, r]' = Am = 0$$

Note that m is defined up a scale factor!

$A = UDV'$  and choose m as column of V corresponding to the smallest singular value

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## Basic Equations

$$A_i = (u_i p_i, u_i, -v_i p_i, -v_i) \text{ and} \\ A[t, s, w, r]' = Am = 0$$

$$\|t\| = |\gamma| \text{ gives scale factor for solution} \\ \|w\| = |\gamma|\alpha$$

We now know  $R_x$  and  $R_y$  up to a sign and  $\gamma$ .

$$R_z = R_x \times R_y$$

We will probably use another SVD to orthogonalize this system ( $R = U D V'$ ; set D to I and multiply).

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# Last Details

- We still need to compute the correct sign.
  - note that the denominator of the original equations must be positive (points must be in front of the cameras)
  - Thus, the numerator and the projection must disagree in sign.
  - We know everything in numerator and we know the projection, hence we can determine the sign.
- We still need to compute  $T_z$  and  $f_x$ 
  - we can formulate this as a least squares problem on those two values using the first equation.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u} &= -f_x \frac{R_x p + T_x}{R_z p + T_z} \rightarrow \\ \bar{u}(R_z p + T_z) &= -f_x(R_x p + T_x) \\ f_x(R_x p + T_x) + \bar{u}T_z &= -\bar{u}R_z p \\ A(f_x, T_z)' &= b \rightarrow (f_x, T_z)' = (A'A)^{-1} A'b\end{aligned}$$

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## Direct Calibration: The Algorithm

1. Compute image center from orthocenter
2. Compute the A matrix (6.8)
3. Compute solution with SVD
4. Compute gamma and alpha
5. Compute R (and normalize)
6. Compute  $f_x$  and  $T_z$
7. If necessary, solve a nonlinear regression to get distortion parameters

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## Indirect Calibration: The Basic Idea

- We know that we can also just write
  - $\mathbf{u}_h = M \mathbf{p}_h$
  - $x = (u/w)$  and  $y = (v/w)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_h = (u,v,1)'$
  - As before, we can multiply through (after plugging in for  $u,v$ , and  $w$ )
- Once again, we can write
  - $A m = 0$
- Once again, we use an SVD to compute  $m$  up to a scale factor.

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## Getting The Camera Parameters

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -f_x R_x + o_x R_z & -f_x T_x + o_x T_z \\ -f_y R_y + o_y R_z & -f_y T_y + o_y T_z \\ R_z & T_z \end{bmatrix}$$

We'll write

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & & \\ q_2 & q'_4 & \\ q_3 & & \end{bmatrix}$$

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THEN:

$$R_y = (q_2 - o_y R_z)/f_y$$

$$R_x = R_y \times R_z$$

$$T_x = -(q_{4,1} - o_x T_z)/f_x$$

$$T_y = -(q_{4,2} - o_y T_z)/f_y$$

FIRST:

$|q_3|$  is scale up to sign;  
divide by this value

$M_{3,4}$  is  $T_z$  up to sign, but  
 $T_z$  must be positive; if not  
divide M by -1

$$o_x = q_1 \cdot q_3$$

$$o_y = q_2 \cdot q_3$$

$$f_x = (q_1 \cdot q_1 - o_x^2)^{1/2}$$

$$f_y = (q_2 \cdot q_2 - o_y^2)^{1/2}$$

Finally, use SVD to orthogonalize the rotation,

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## Self-Calibration

- Calculate the intrinsic parameters solely from point correspondences from multiple images.
- Static scene and intrinsics are assumed.
- No expensive apparatus.
- Highly flexible but not well-established.
- Projective Geometry – image of the absolute conic.

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# Model Examples: Points on a Plane

- Normal vector  $n = (n_x, n_y, n_z, 0)'$ ; point  $P = (p_x, p_y, p_z, 1)$   
plane equation:  $n \cdot P = d$ 
  - w/o loss of generality, assume  $n_z \neq 0$
  - Thus,  $p_z = a p_x + b p_y + c$ ; let  $B = (a, b, 0, c)$
  - Define  $P' = (p_x, p_y, 0, 1)$
  - $P = P' + (0, 0, B \cdot P', 0)$
- Affine:  $u = A P$ ,  $A$  a 3 by 4 matrix
  - $u = A_{1,2,4} P' + A_3 B \cdot P' = A_{3 \times 3} P_{3 \times 1}$
  - Note that we can now \*reproject\* the points  $u$  and group the projections --- in short projection of projections stays within the affine group
- Projective  $p = M P$ ,  $M$  a 4 by 3 matrix
  - $p = M_{1,2,4} P' + M_3 B \cdot P' = M P_{3 \times 1}$
  - Note that we can now \*reproject\* the points  $p$  and group the resulting matrices --- in short projections of projections stays within the projective group

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## Multi-Plane Calibration

- Hybrid method: Photogrammetric and Self-Calibration.
- Uses a planar pattern imaged multiple times (inexpensive).
- Used widely in practice and there are many implementations.
- Based on a group of projective transformations called homographies.
- $m$  be a 2d point  $[u \ v \ 1]'$  and  $M$  be a 3d point  $[x \ y \ z \ 1]'$ .
- Projection is

$$s\tilde{m} = A[R \ T]\tilde{M}$$

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## Review: Projection Model

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{pmatrix}_{pix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_u & 0 & o_u \\ 0 & s_v & o_v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{pmatrix}_{mm} = Ap$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ T \end{pmatrix} = I[R, T] \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ T \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{pmatrix}_{pix} = \begin{pmatrix} fs_u & 0 & o_u \\ 0 & fs_v & o_v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{pmatrix}_{mm} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \gamma & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{pmatrix} Ap$$

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# Result

- We know that  $[h_1 \ h_2 \ h_3] = sA[r_1 \ r_2 \ t]$
- From one homography, how many constraints on the intrinsic parameters can we obtain?
  - Extrinsic have 6 degrees of freedom.
  - The homography supplies 8 values.
  - Thus, we should be able to obtain 2 constraints per homography.
- Use the constraints on the rotation matrix columns...

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## Planar Homographies

- First Fundamental Theorem of Projective Geometry:
  - There exists a unique homography that performs a change of basis between two projective spaces of the same dimension.

$$s\tilde{m} = H\tilde{M}$$

- Notice that the homography is defined up to scale (s).
- In  $P(2)$ , we have
  - $p' = H p$  for points  $p$
  - $u' = H^t u$  for lines  $u$
- Note to define the homography, we need three basis vectors  
\*plus\* the unit point!

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# Planar Homographies

- First Fundamental Theorem of Projective Geometry:
  - There exists a unique homography that performs a change of basis between two projective spaces of the same dimension.

$$s[u \ v \ 1]^T = A[r_1 \ r_2 \ r_3 \ t][X \ Y \ Z \ 1]^T$$

$$s[u \ v \ 1]^T = A[r_1 \ r_2 \ r_3 \ t][X \ Y \ 0 \ 1]^T$$

$$s[u \ v \ 1]^T = A[r_1 \ r_2 \ t][X \ Y \ 1]^T$$

$$s[u \ v \ 1]^T = H[X \ Y \ 1]^T$$

- Projection Becomes

$$s\tilde{m} = H\tilde{M}$$

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## Estimating A Homography

- Here is what looks like a reasonable recipe for computing homographies:
  - Planar pts  $(x_1; y_1; 1, x_2; y_2; 1, \dots, x_n; y_n; 1) = X$
  - Corresponding pts  $(u_1; v_1; 1, u_2; v_2; 1, \dots, u_n; v_n; 1) = U$
  - $U = H X$
  - $U X' (X X')^{-1} = H$
- The problem is that  $X$  will not be full rank (why?). So we'll have to work a little harder ...

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# Computing Intrinsic

- Rotation Matrix is orthogonal....

$$r_i^T r_j = 0$$

$$r_i^T r_i = r_j^T r_j$$

- Write the homography in terms of its columns...

$$h_1 = sAr_1$$

$$h_2 = sAr_2$$

$$h_3 = sAt$$

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# Computing Intrinsic

- Derive the two constraints:

$$h_1 = sAr_1$$

$$\frac{1}{s}A^{-1}h_1 = r_1$$

$$\frac{1}{s}A^{-1}h_2 = r_2$$

$$r_1^T r_2 = 0$$

$$h_1^T A^{-T} A^{-1} h_2 = 0$$

$$r_1^T r_1 = r_2^T r_2$$

$$h_1^T A^{-T} A^{-1} h_1 = h_2^T A^{-T} A^{-1} h_2$$

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## Closed-Form Solution

$$\text{Let } B = A^{-T} A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\alpha^2} & -\frac{\gamma}{\alpha^2\beta} & \frac{v_0\gamma - u_0\beta}{\alpha^2\beta} \\ -\frac{\gamma}{\alpha^2\beta} & \frac{\gamma^2}{\alpha^2\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} & -\frac{\gamma(v_0\gamma - u_0\beta)}{\alpha^2\beta^2} - \frac{v_0}{\beta^2} \\ \frac{v_0\gamma - u_0\beta}{\alpha^2\beta} & -\frac{\gamma(v_0\gamma - u_0\beta)}{\alpha^2\beta^2} - \frac{v_0}{\beta^2} & \frac{(v_0\gamma - u_0\beta)^2}{\alpha^2\beta^2} + \frac{v_0^2}{\beta^2} + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Notice B is symmetric, 6 parameters can be written as a vector b.
- From the two constraints, we have  $h_i^T B h_j = v_{ij}^T$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_{ij}^T \\ (v_{11} - v_{22})^T \end{bmatrix} b = 0;$$

- Stack up n of these for n images and build a 2n\*6 system.
- Solve with SVD (yet again).
- Extrinsic “fall-out” of the result easily.

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## Non-linear Refinement

- Closed-form solution minimized algebraic distance.
- Since full-perspective is a non-linear model
  - Can include distortion parameters (radial, tangential)
  - Use maximum likelihood inference for our estimated parameters.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m ||m_{ij} - \hat{m}(A, R_k, T_k, M_j)||^2$$

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# Multi-Plane Approach In Action

- ...if we can get matlab to work...

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## Calibration Summary

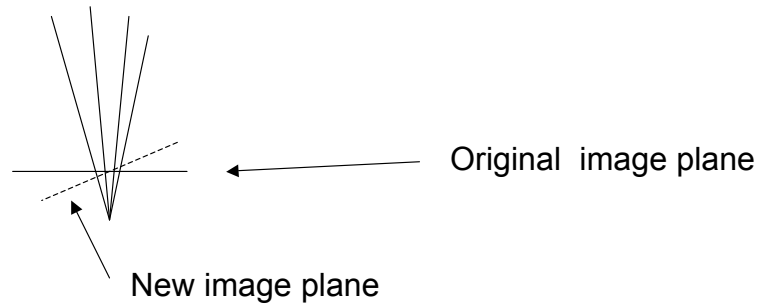
- Two groups of parameters:
  - internal (intrinsic) and external (extrinsic)
- Many methods
  - direct and indirect, flexible/robust
- The form of the equations that arise here and the way they are solved is common in vision:
  - bilinear forms
  - $Ax = 0$
  - Orthogonality constraints in rotations
- Most modern systems use the method of multiple planes (matlab demo)
  - more difficult optimization over a large # of parameters
  - more convenient for the user

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# An Example Using Homographies

- Image rectification is the computation of an image as seen by a rotated camera
  - The computation of the planar reprojection is a homography
  - we'll show later that depth doesn't matter when rotating; for now we'll just use intuition

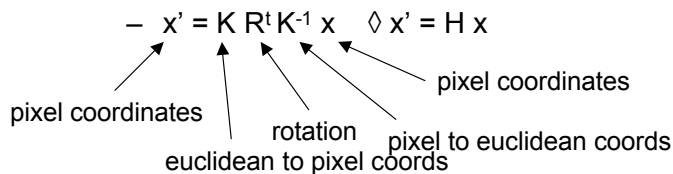


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## Rectification Using Homographies

- Pick a rotation matrix  $R$  from old to new image
- Consider all points in the image *you want to compute*; then
  - construct pixel coordinates  $x = (u, v, 1)$
  - $K$  maps unit focal length metric coordinates to pixel (normalized camera)
  - $x' = K R^t K^{-1} x \quad \diamond x' = H x$



- Sample a point  $x'$  in the original image for each point  $x$  in the new.

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# Bilinear Interpolation

- A minor detail --- new value  $x' = (u', v', 1)$  may not be integer
- let  $u' = i + f_u$  and  $v' = j + f_v$
- New image value  $b = (1-f_u)((1-f_v)I(j,i) + f_v I(j+1,i)) + f_u((1-f_v)I(j,i+1) + f_v I(j+1,i+1))$

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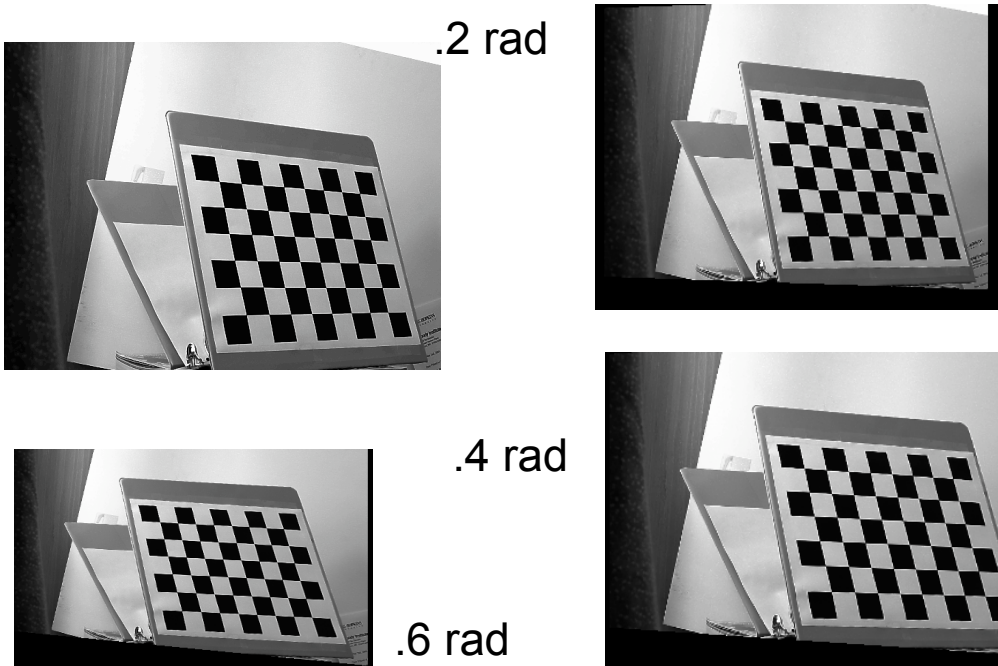
## Rectification: Basic Algorithm

- 1. Create a mesh of pixel coordinates for the rectified image
- 2. Turn the mesh into a list of homogeneous points
- 3. Project \*backwards\* through the intrinsic parameters to get unit focal length values
- 4. Rotate these values back to the current camera coordinate system.
- 5. Project them \*forward\* through the intrinsic parameters to get pixel coordinates again.
  - Note equivalently this is the homography  $K^T R^T K^{-1}$  where  $K$  is the intrinsic parameter matrix
- 6. Sample at these points to populate the rectified image
  - typically use bilinear interpolation in the sampling

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## Rectification Results



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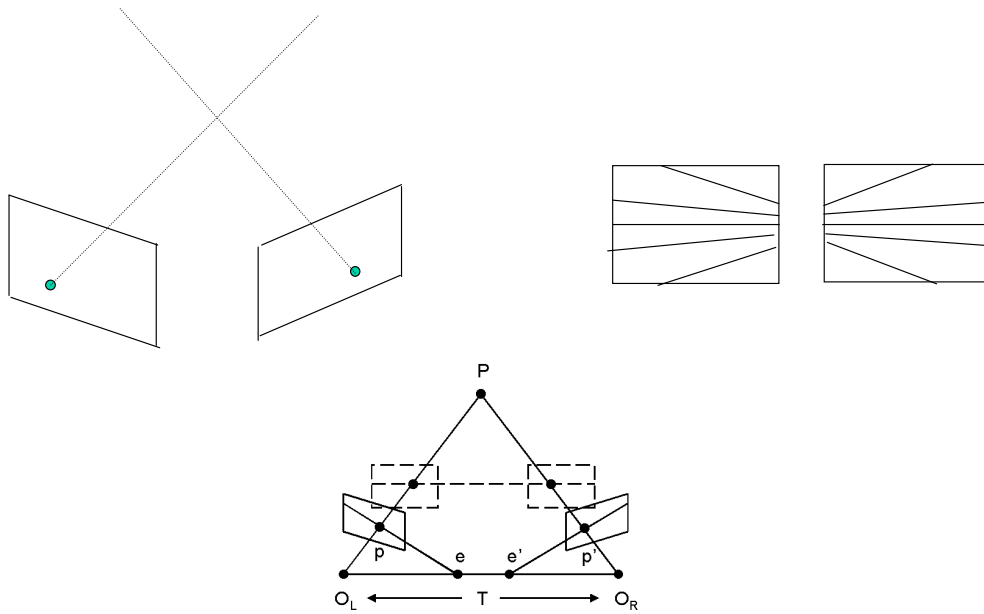
## “Homework” Problems

- Derive the relationship between the Plucker coordinates of a line in space and its projection in Plucker coordinates
- Show that the projection of parallel lines meet at a point (and show how to solve for the point)
- Given two sets of points that define two projective bases, show how to solve for the homography that relates them.
- Describe a simple algorithm for calibrating an affine camera given known ground truth points and their observation --- how many points do you need?

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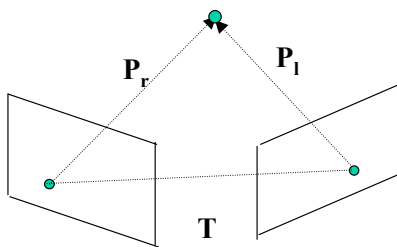
# Two-Camera Geometry



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## E matrix derivation



$$\mathbf{P}_r = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{P}_l - \mathbf{T})$$

$$(\mathbf{P}_l - \mathbf{T}) \cdot (\mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{P}_l) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{P}_r^t \mathbf{R} (\mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{P}_l) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{P}_r^t \mathbf{E} \mathbf{P}_l = 0$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{R} \text{sk}(\mathbf{T})$$

$$\text{sk}(\mathbf{T}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{E}$  is called the *essential* matrix and completely describes the epipolar geometry of the stereo pair

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# Fundamental Matrix Derivation

Note that  $E$  is invariant to the scale of the points, therefore we also have

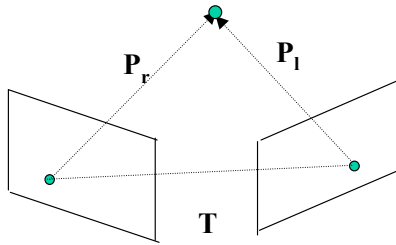
$$\mathbf{p}_r^t \mathbf{E} \mathbf{p}_l = 0$$

where  $\mathbf{p}$  denotes the (metric) image projection of  $\mathbf{P}$

Now if  $\mathbf{K}$  denotes the internal calibration, converting from metric to pixel coordinates, we have further that

$$\mathbf{r}_r^t \mathbf{K}^t \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_l = \mathbf{r}_r^t \mathbf{F} \mathbf{r}_l = 0$$

where  $\mathbf{r}$  denotes the *pixel* coordinates of  $\mathbf{p}$ .  $\mathbf{F}$  is called the *fundamental matrix*



$$\mathbf{P}_r = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{P}_l - \mathbf{T})$$