







# Projective Geometry and Camera Models

Computer Vision

CS 143

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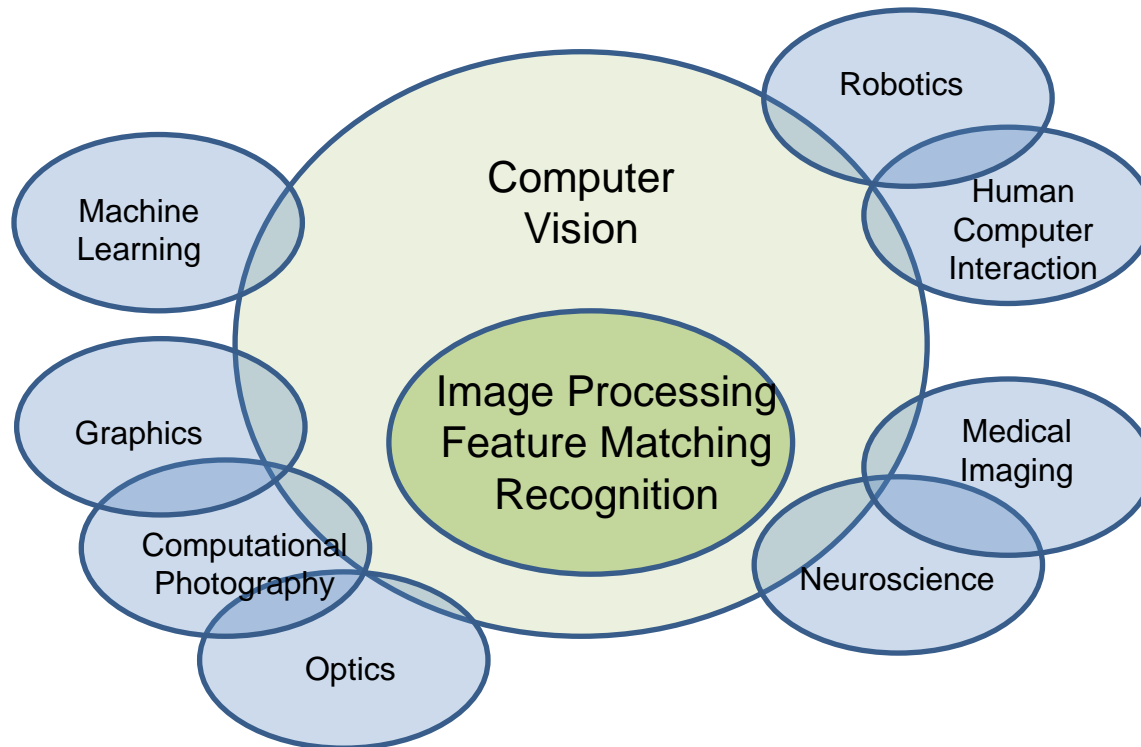
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- Project 1 is out

# Previous class: Introduction

- Overview of vision, examples of state of art, preview of projects





What do you need to make a camera from scratch?

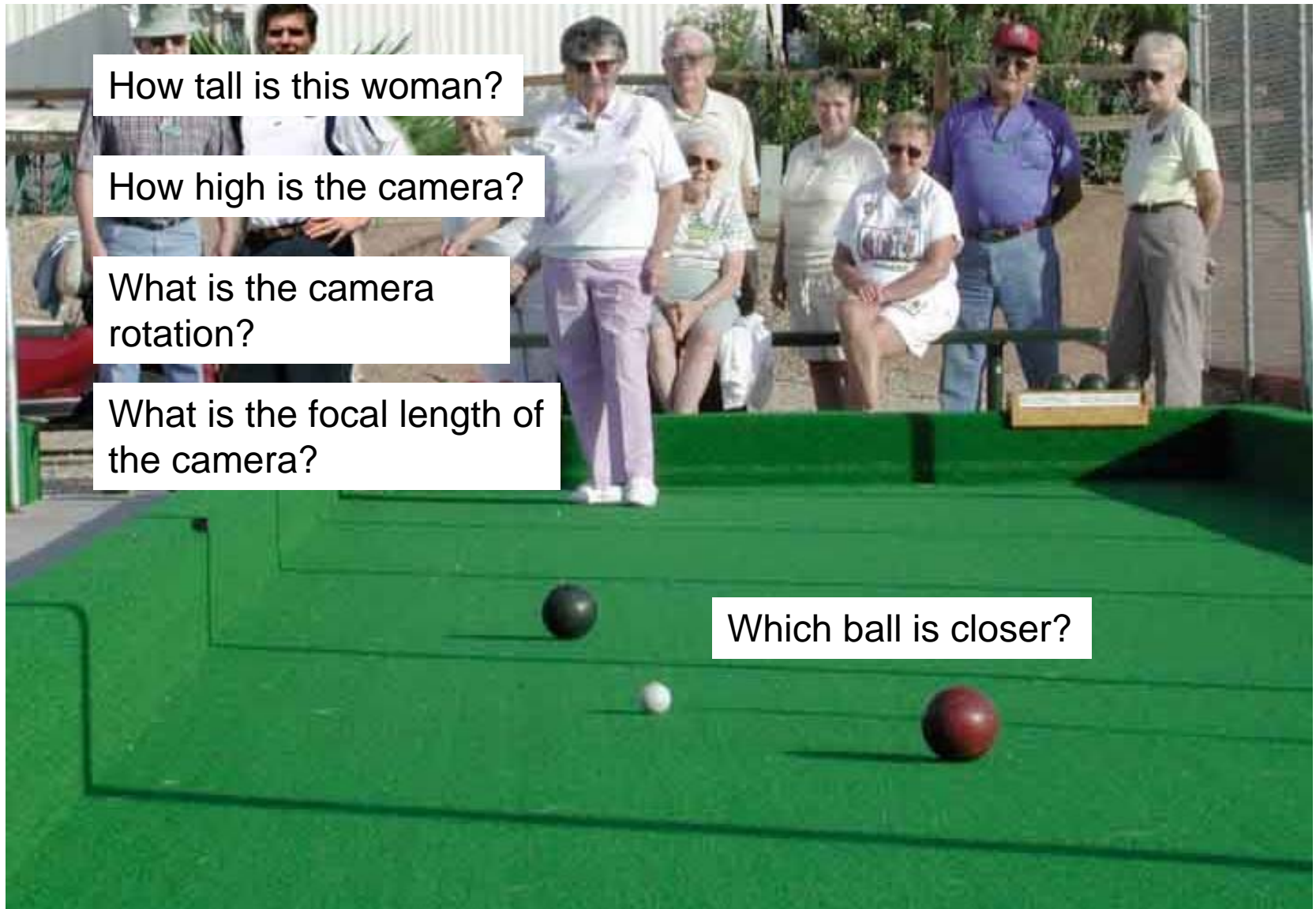


# Today's class

## Mapping between image and world coordinates

- Pinhole camera model
- Projective geometry
  - Vanishing points and lines
- Projection matrix

# Today's class: Camera and World Geometry



How tall is this woman?

How high is the camera?

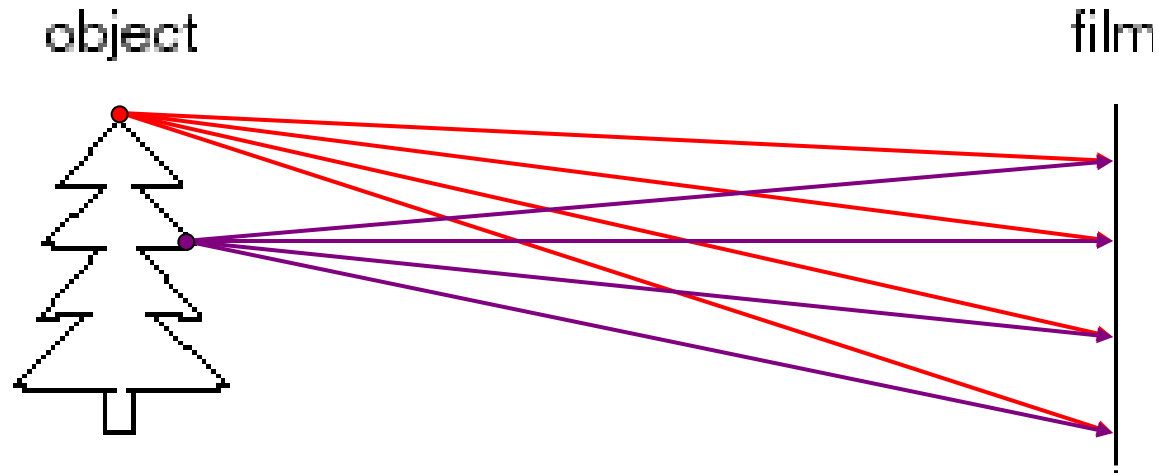
What is the camera rotation?

What is the focal length of the camera?

Which ball is closer?



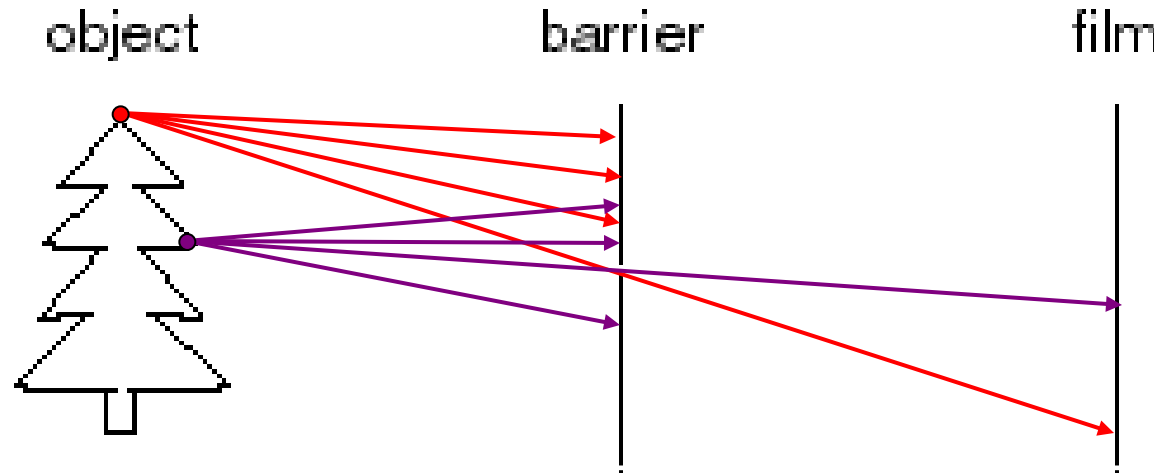
# Image formation



Let's design a camera

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

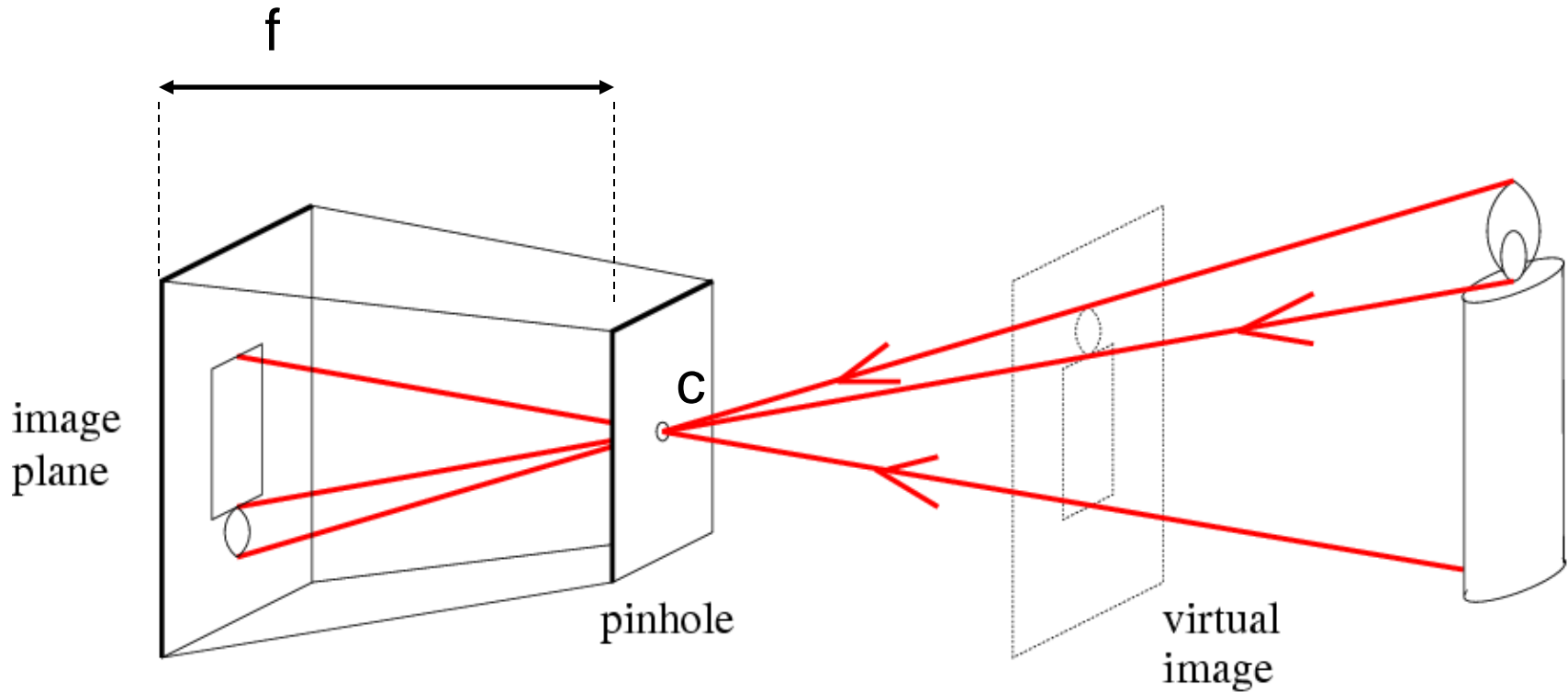
# Pinhole camera



Idea 2: add a barrier to block off most of the rays

- This reduces blurring
- The opening known as the **aperture**

# Pinhole camera



$f$  = focal length

$c$  = center of the camera



# Camera obscura: the pre-camera

- Known during classical period in China and Greece (e.g. Mo-Ti, China, 470BC to 390BC)

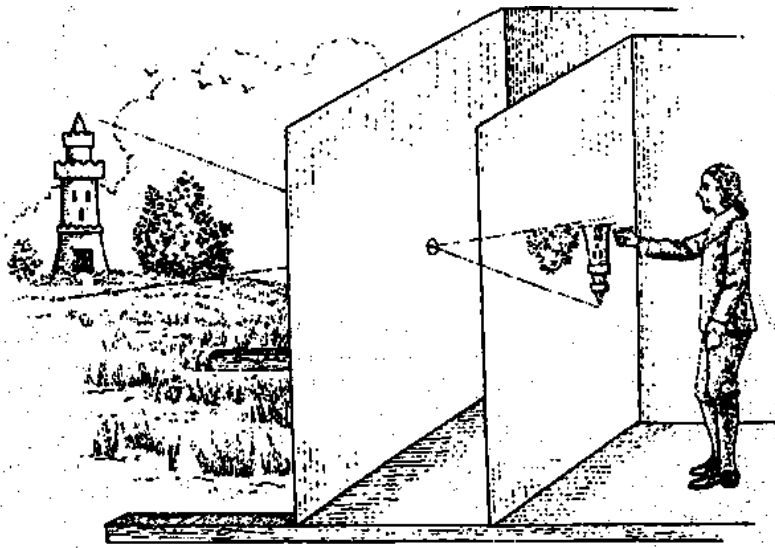
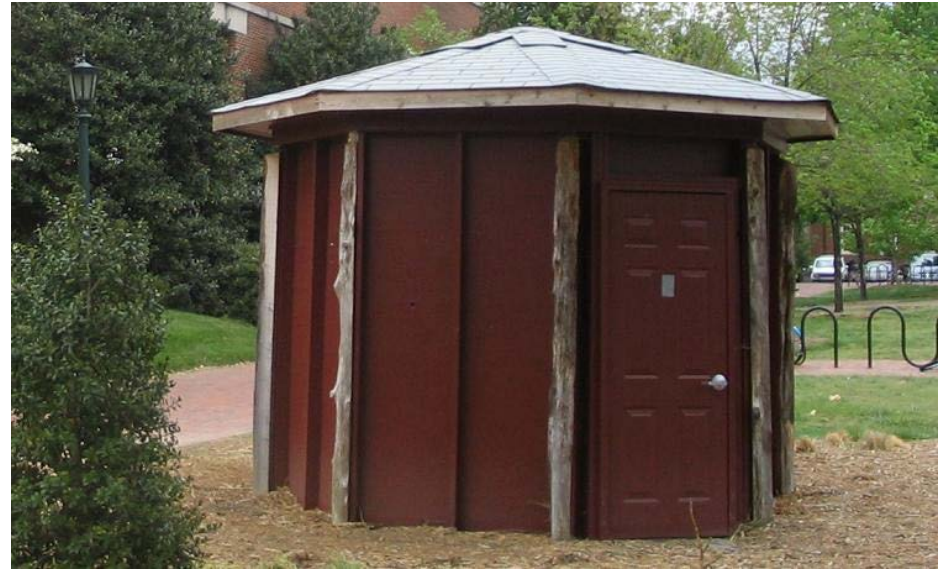


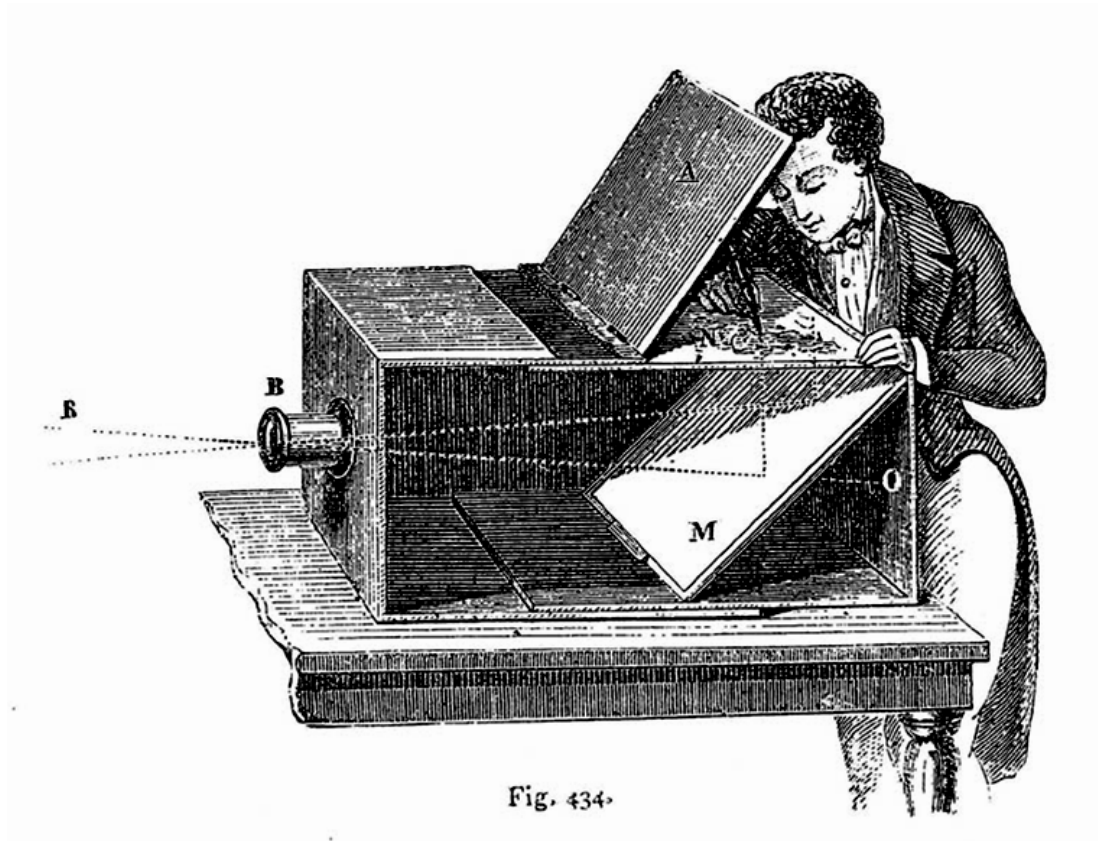
Illustration of Camera Obscura



Freestanding camera obscura at UNC Chapel Hill

Photo by Seth Ilys

# Camera Obscura used for Tracing



Lens Based Camera Obscura, 1568

# First Photograph

Oldest surviving photograph  
– Took 8 hours on pewter plate



Joseph Niepce, 1826

Photograph of the first photograph



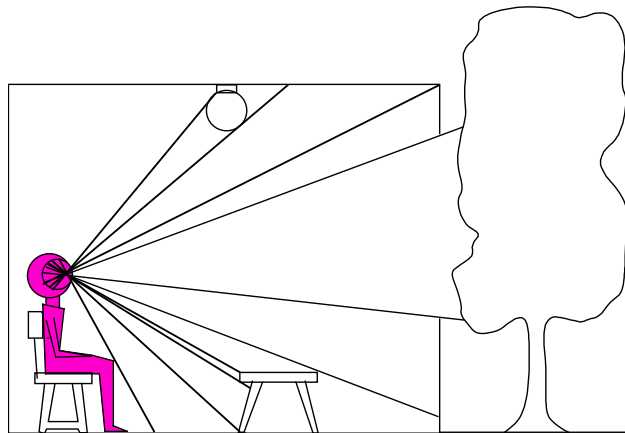
Stored at UT Austin

Niepce later teamed up with Daguerre, who eventually created Daguerrotypes

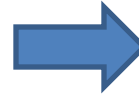


# Dimensionality Reduction Machine (3D to 2D)

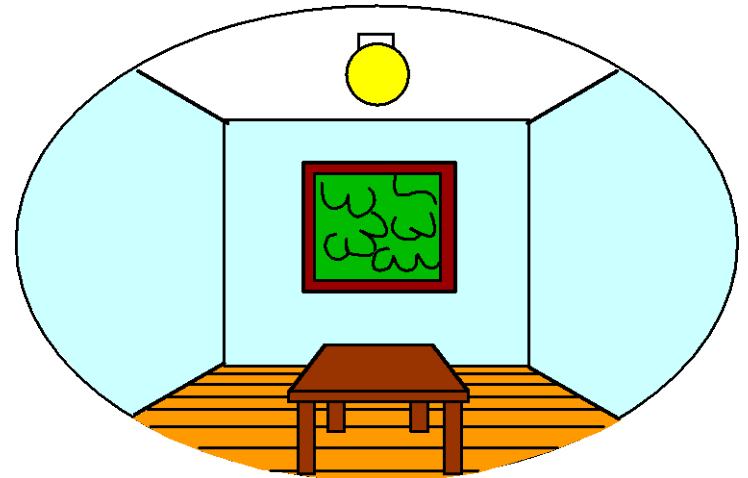
*3D world*



Point of observation



*2D image*



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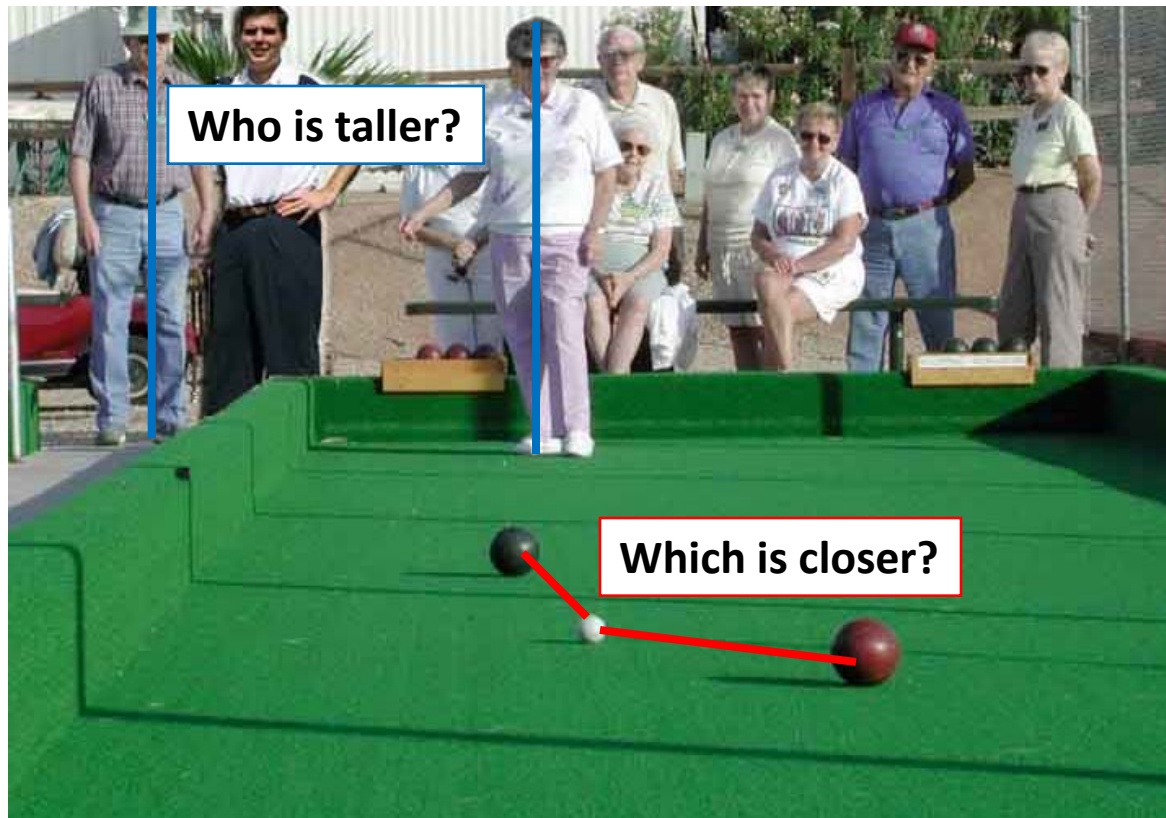




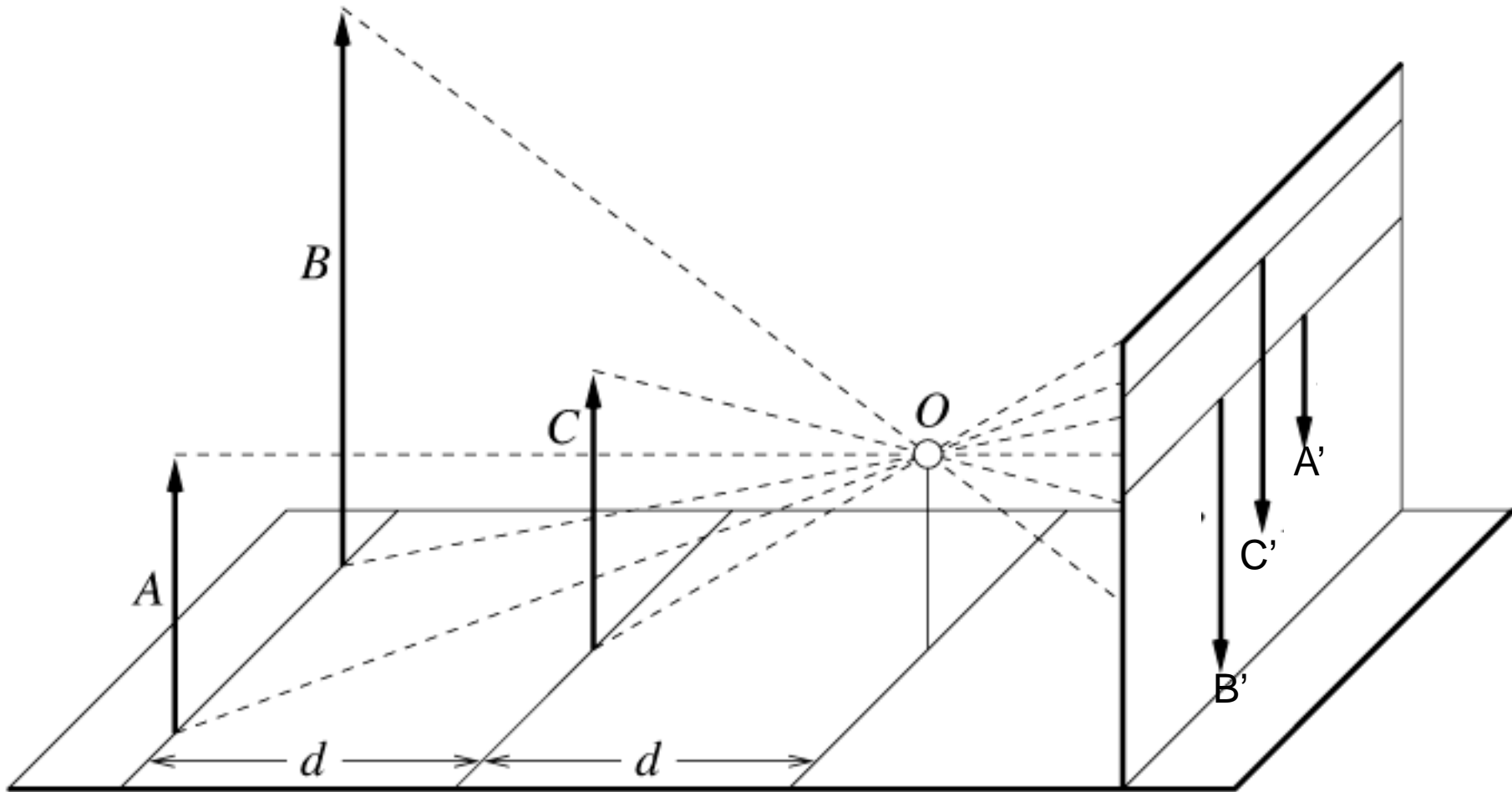
# Projective Geometry

What is lost?

- Length



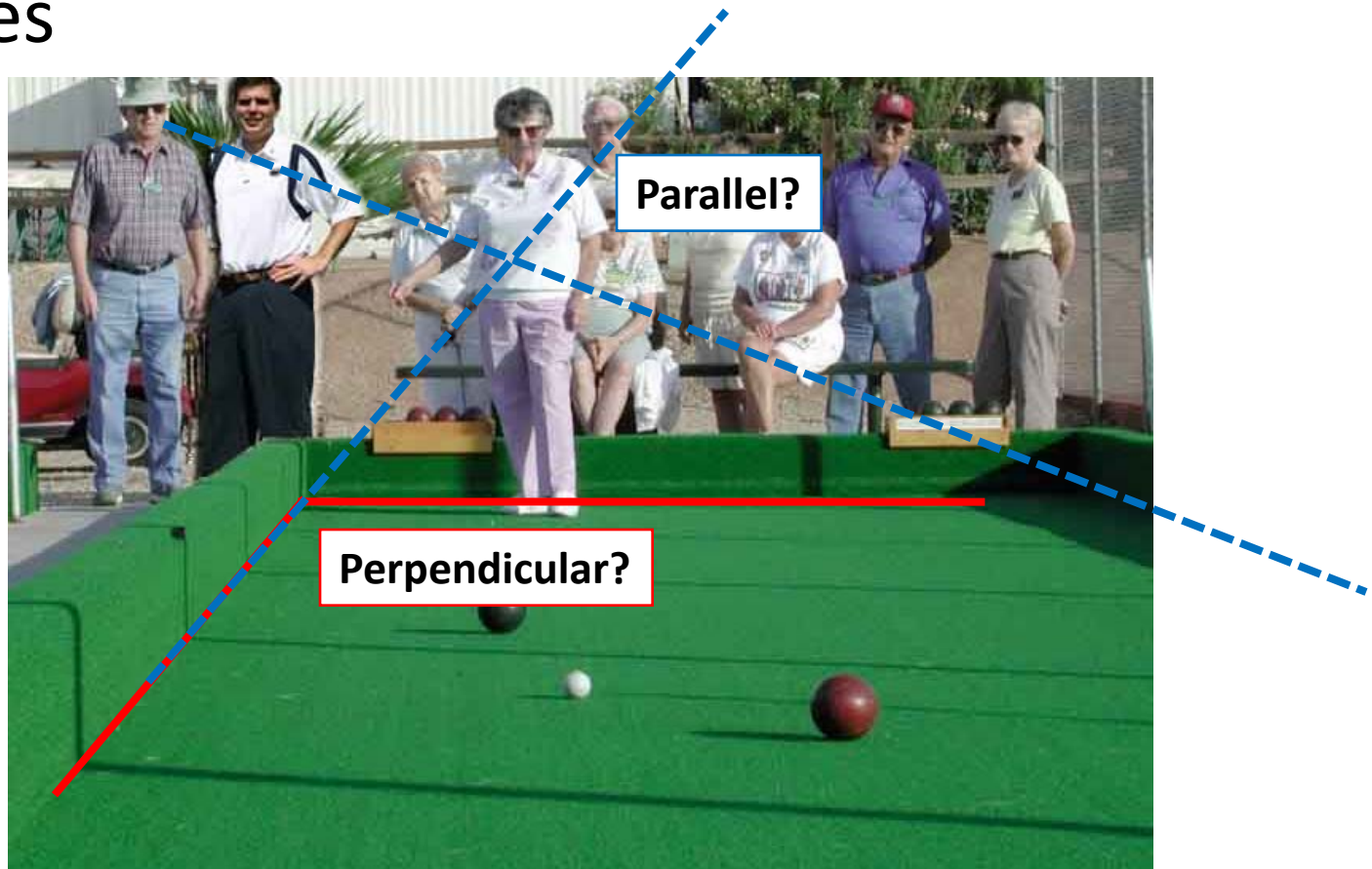
# Length is not preserved



# Projective Geometry

What is lost?

- Length
- Angles

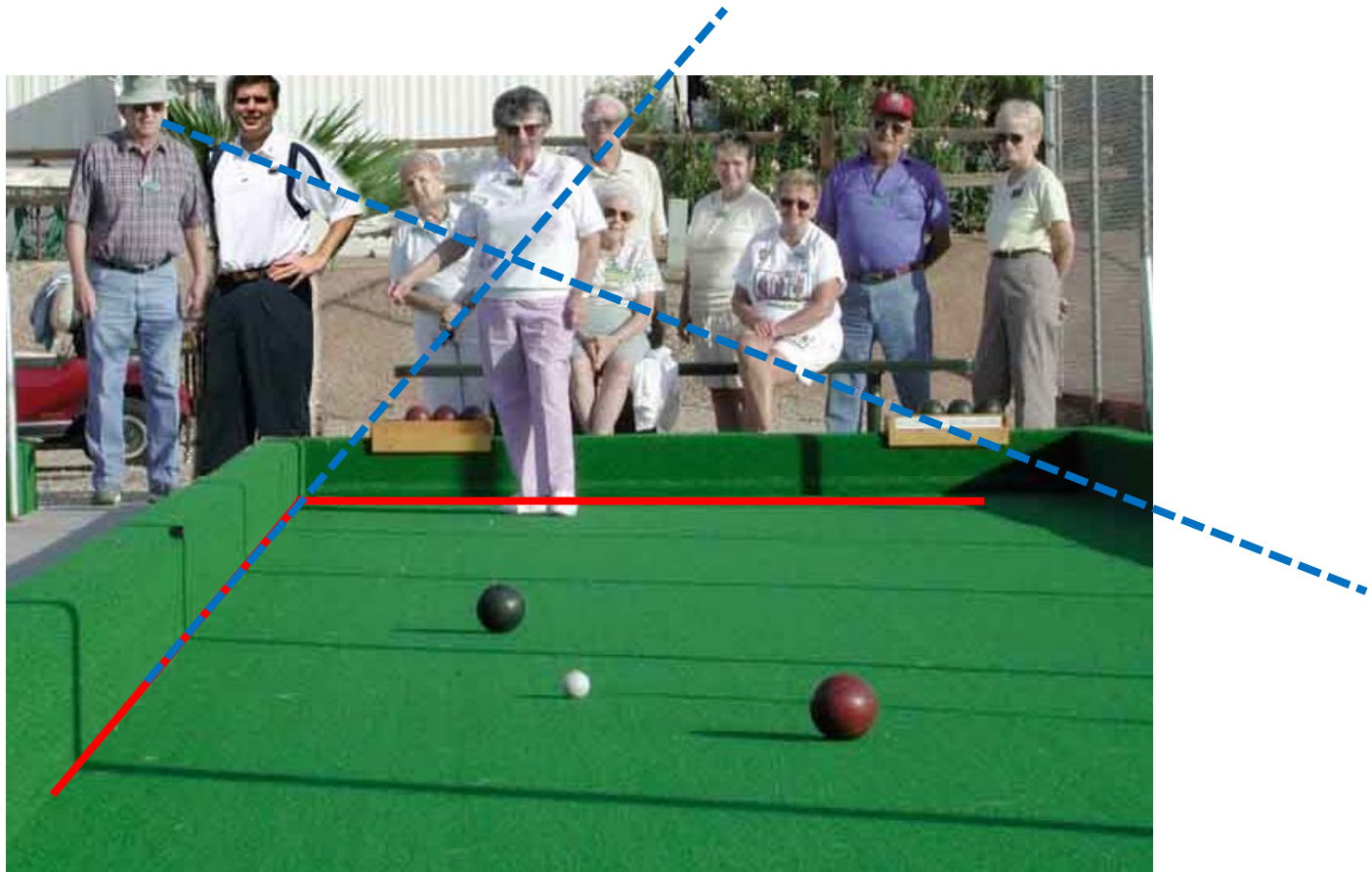




# Projective Geometry

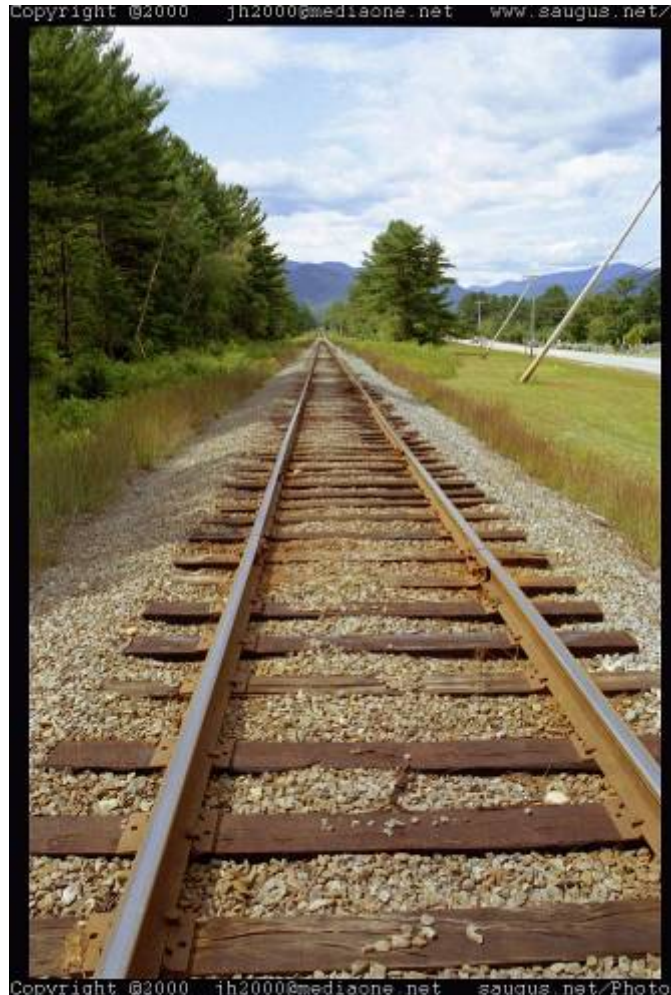
What is preserved?

- Straight lines are still straight

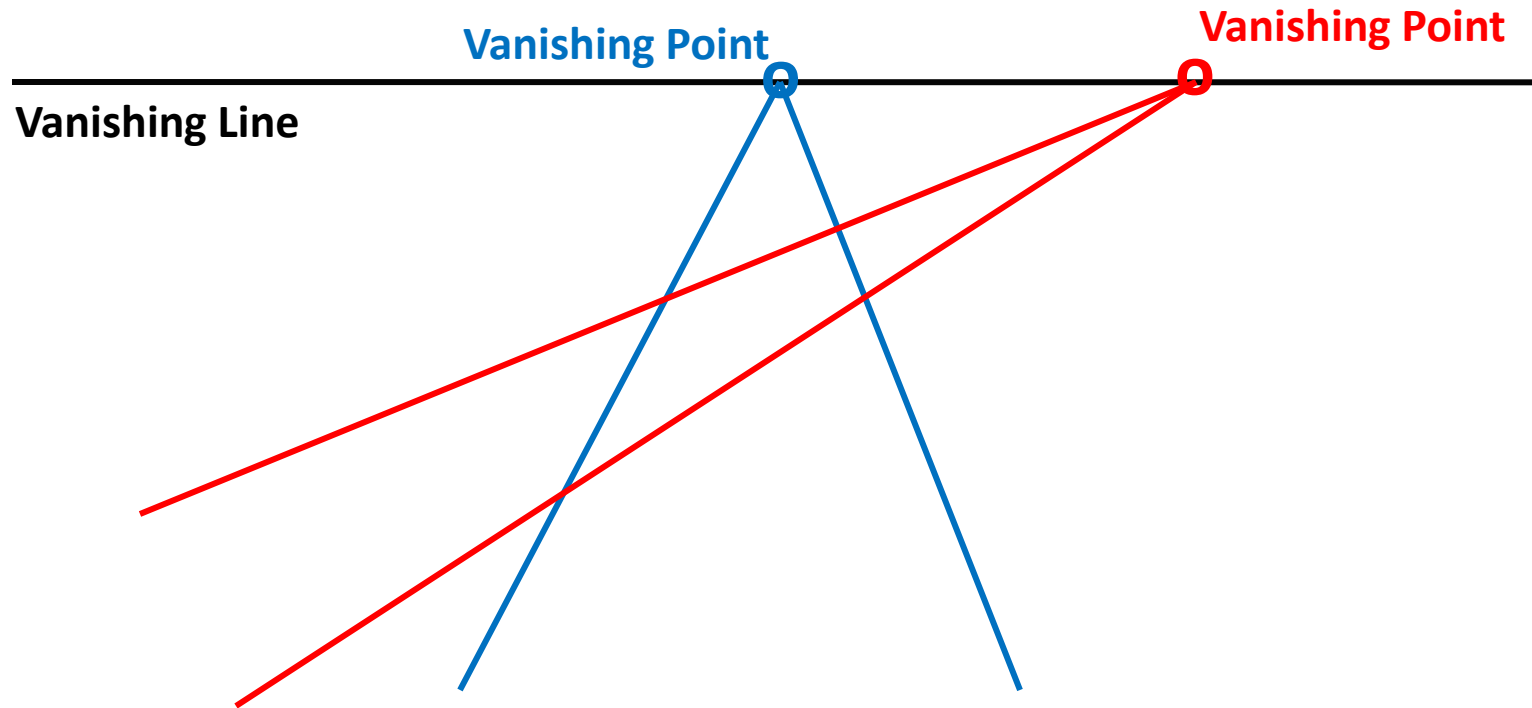


# Vanishing points and lines

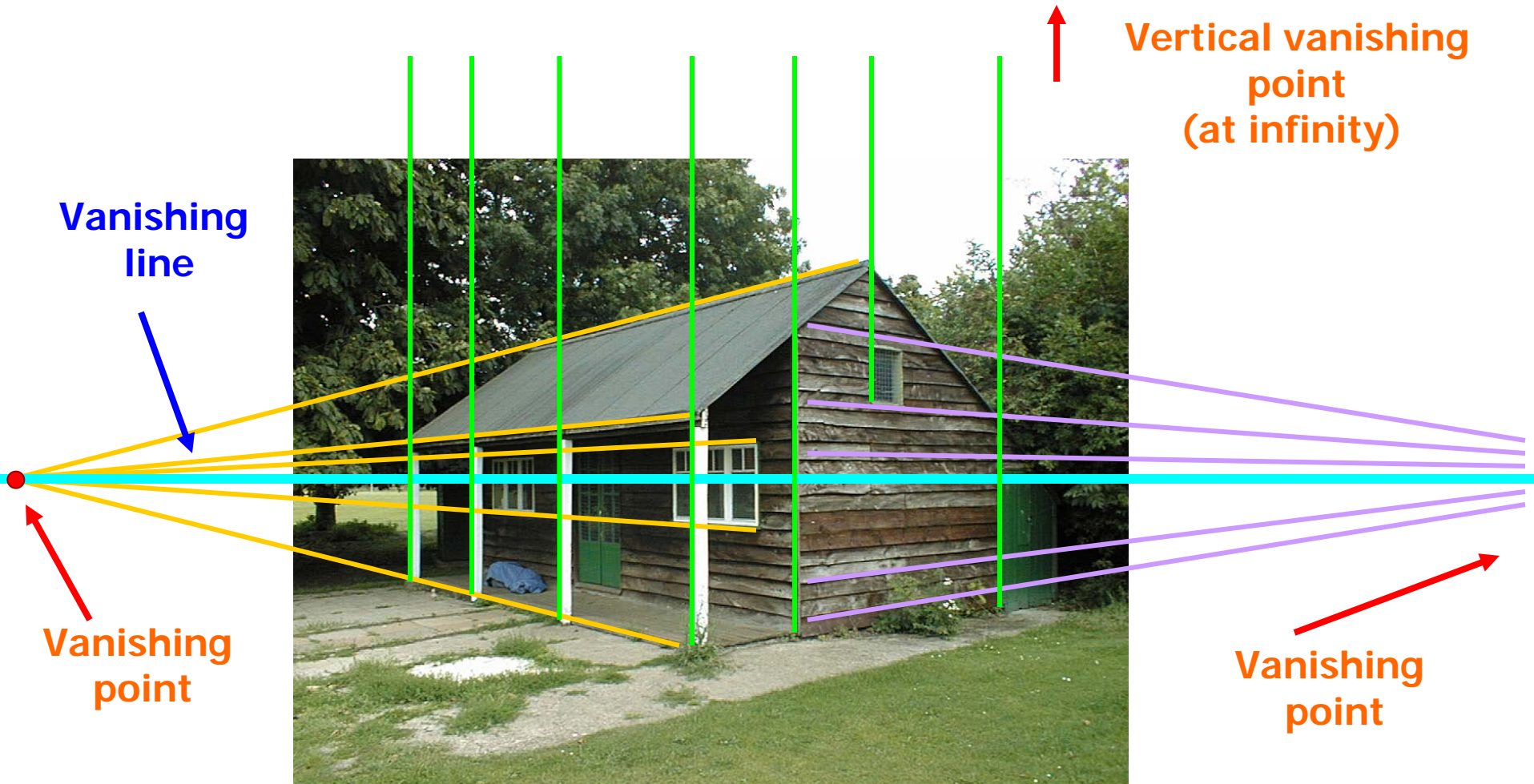
Parallel lines in the world intersect in the image at a “vanishing point”



# Vanishing points and lines

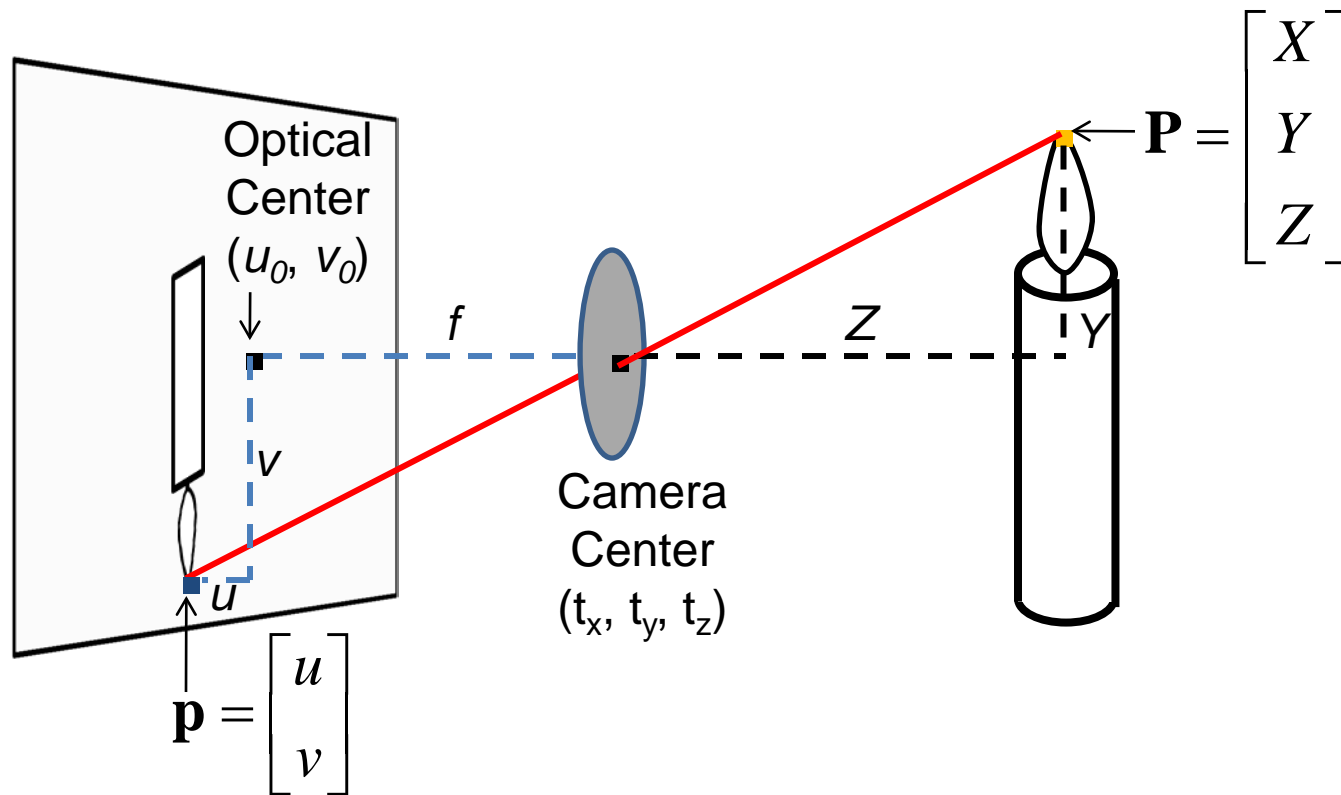


# Vanishing points and lines





Projection: world coordinates  $\rightarrow$  image coordinates



# Homogeneous coordinates

## Conversion

Converting to *homogeneous* coordinates

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

homogeneous image  
coordinates

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

homogeneous scene  
coordinates

Converting *from* homogeneous coordinates

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

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

# Homogeneous coordinates

Invariant to scaling

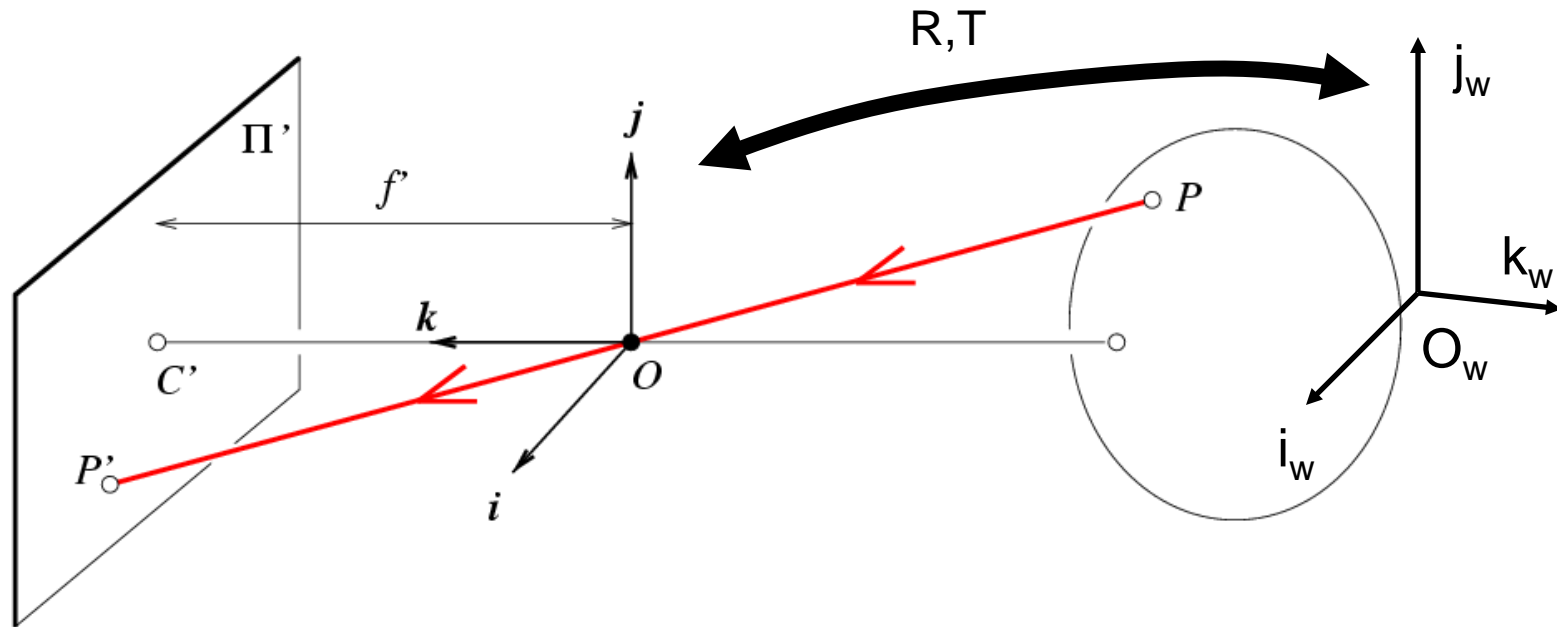
$$k \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} kx \\ ky \\ kw \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{kx}{kw} \\ \frac{ky}{kw} \\ \frac{kw}{kw} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{w} \\ \frac{y}{w} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogeneous  
Coordinates

Cartesian  
Coordinates

Point in Cartesian is ray in Homogeneous

# Projection matrix



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

$\mathbf{x}$ : Image Coordinates:  $(u, v, 1)$

$\mathbf{K}$ : Intrinsic Matrix (3x3)

$\mathbf{R}$ : Rotation (3x3)

$\mathbf{t}$ : Translation (3x1)

$\mathbf{X}$ : World Coordinates:  $(X, Y, Z, 1)$

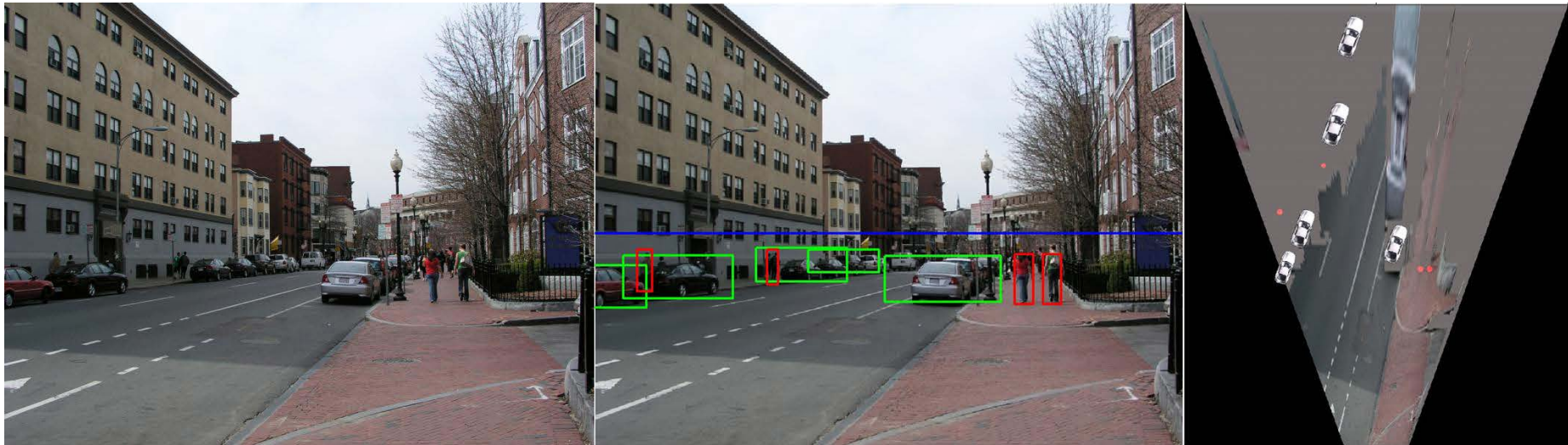


Interlude: why does this matter?

# Relating multiple views



# Object Recognition (CVPR 2006)



# Inserting photographed objects into images (SIGGRAPH 2007)



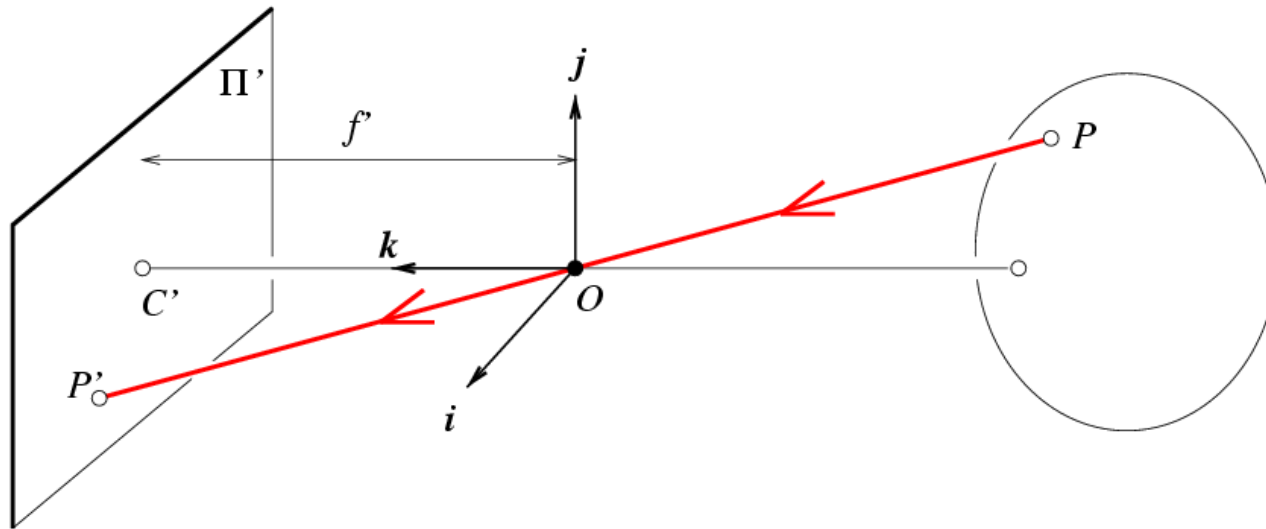
Original



Created



# Projection matrix



## Intrinsic Assumptions

- Unit aspect ratio
- Optical center at  $(0,0)$
- No skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at  $(0,0,0)$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \Rightarrow w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**K**

# Remove assumption: known optical center

## Intrinsic Assumptions

- Unit aspect ratio
- No skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at (0,0,0)

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# Remove assumption: square pixels

Intrinsic Assumptions

- No skew

Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at (0,0,0)

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \Rightarrow w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & u_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Remove assumption: non-skewed pixels

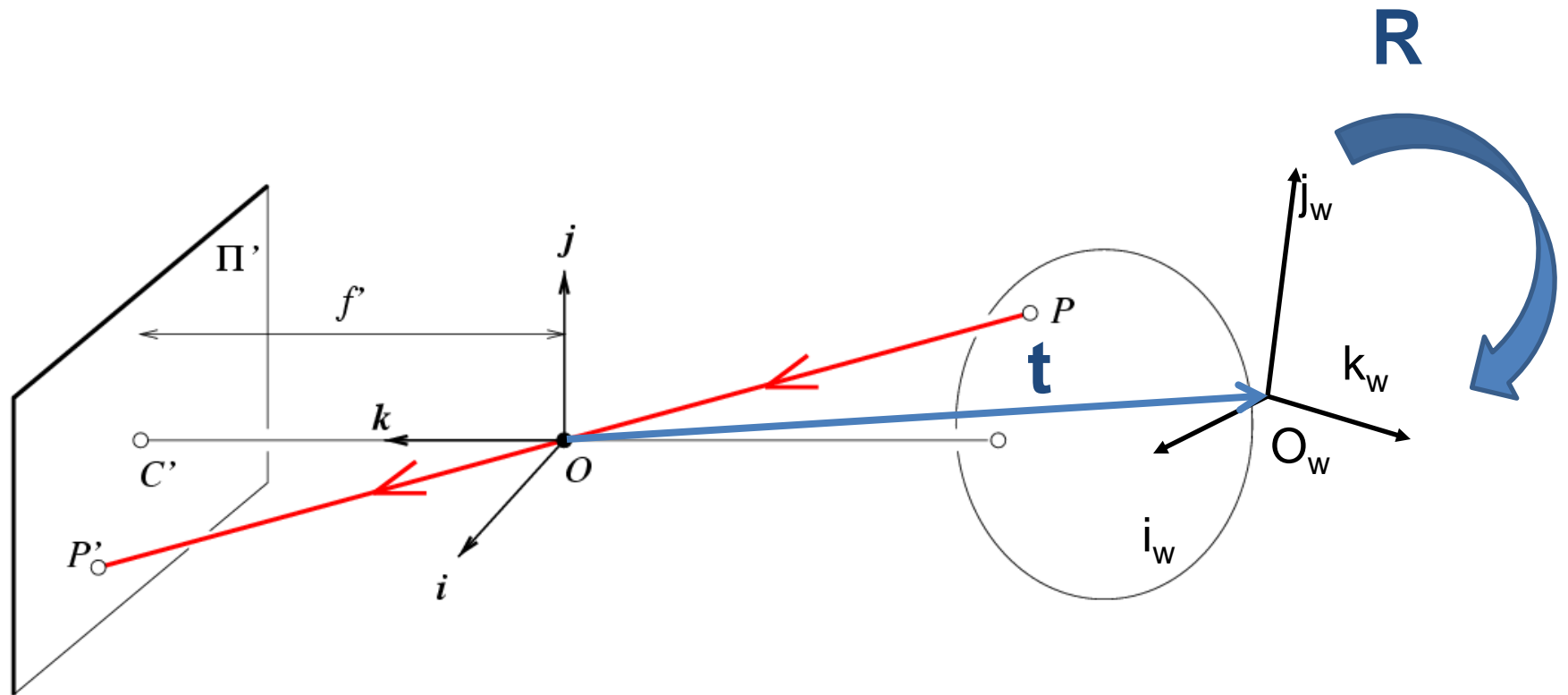
Intrinsic Assumptions    Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at (0,0,0)

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \Rightarrow w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & s & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: different books use different notation for parameters

# Oriented and Translated Camera





# Allow camera translation

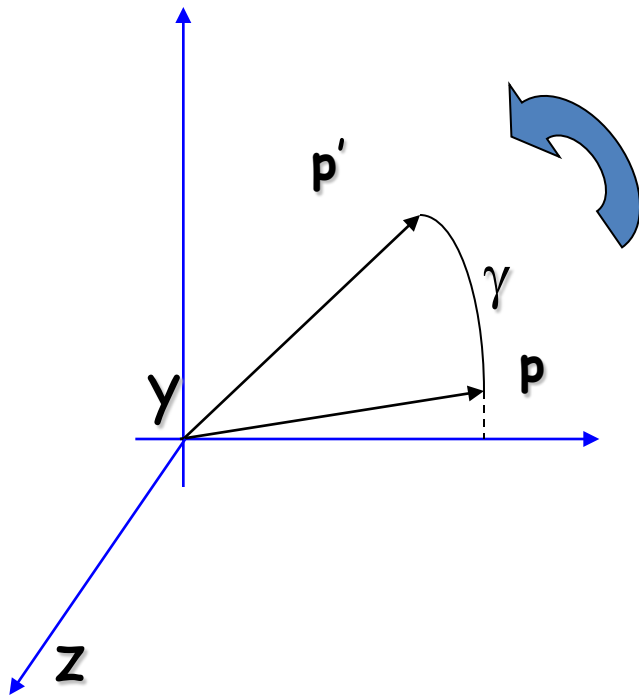
Intrinsic Assumptions    Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \quad \Rightarrow \quad w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# 3D Rotation of Points

Rotation around the coordinate axes, **counter-clockwise**:



$$R_x(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_z(\gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Allow camera rotation

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X}$$



$$w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & s & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Degrees of freedom

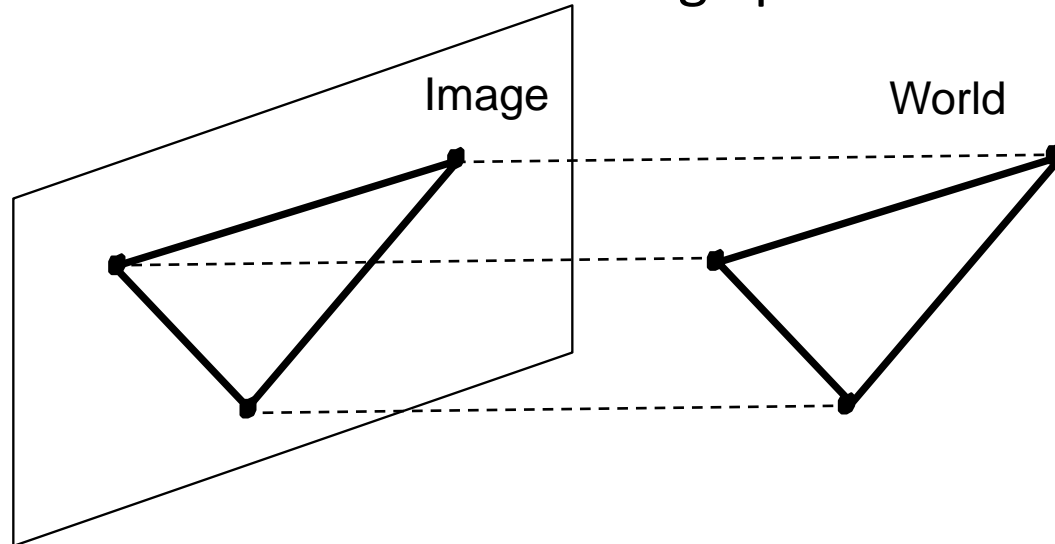
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# Orthographic Projection

- Special case of perspective projection
  - Distance from the COP to the image plane is infinite

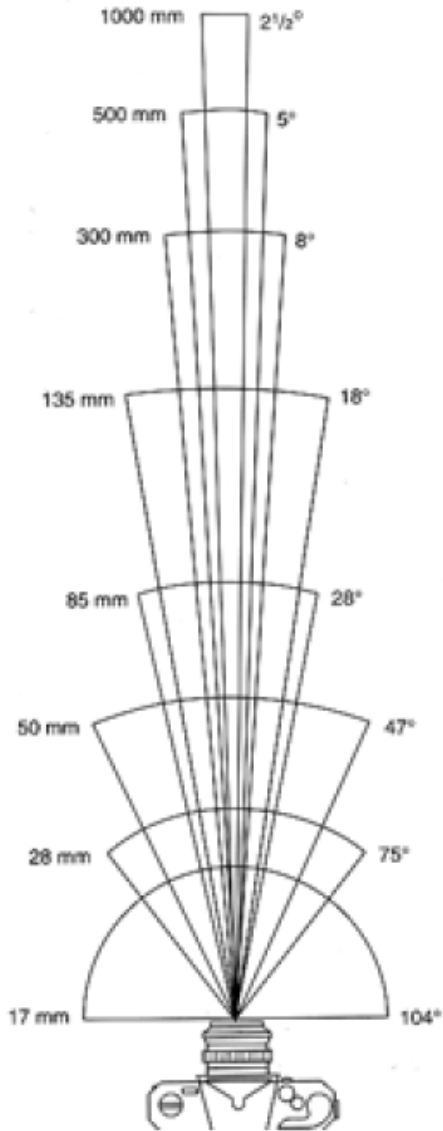


- Also called “parallel projection”
- What’s the projection matrix?

$$w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Field of View (Zoom, focal length)



17mm



28mm



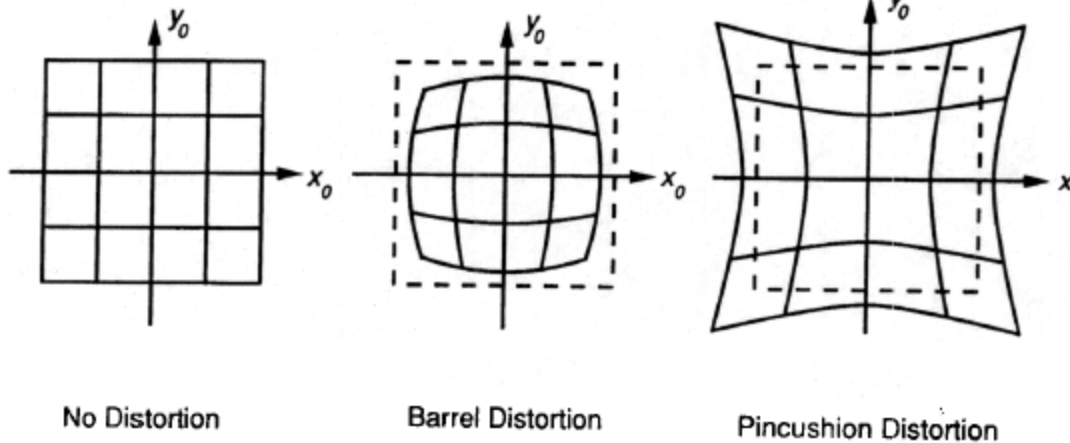
50mm



85mm

**From London and Upton**

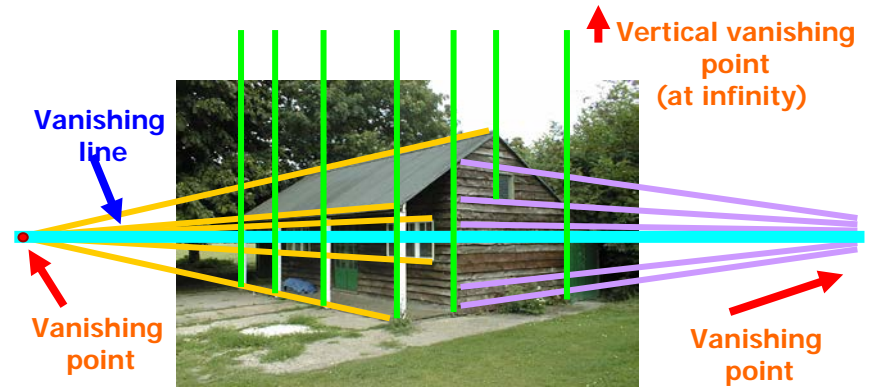
# Beyond Pinholes: Radial Distortion



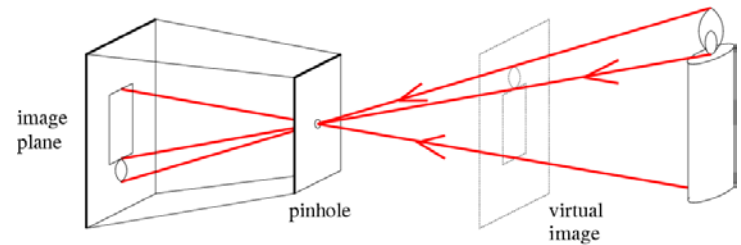
Corrected Barrel Distortion

# Things to remember

- Vanishing points and vanishing lines



- Pinhole camera model and camera projection matrix



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- Homogeneous coordinates

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# Next class

- Light, color, and sensors