

# Lecture 2: Cameras I

# Administrative

HW0 is released, will be due Friday 1/24 at 11:59pm

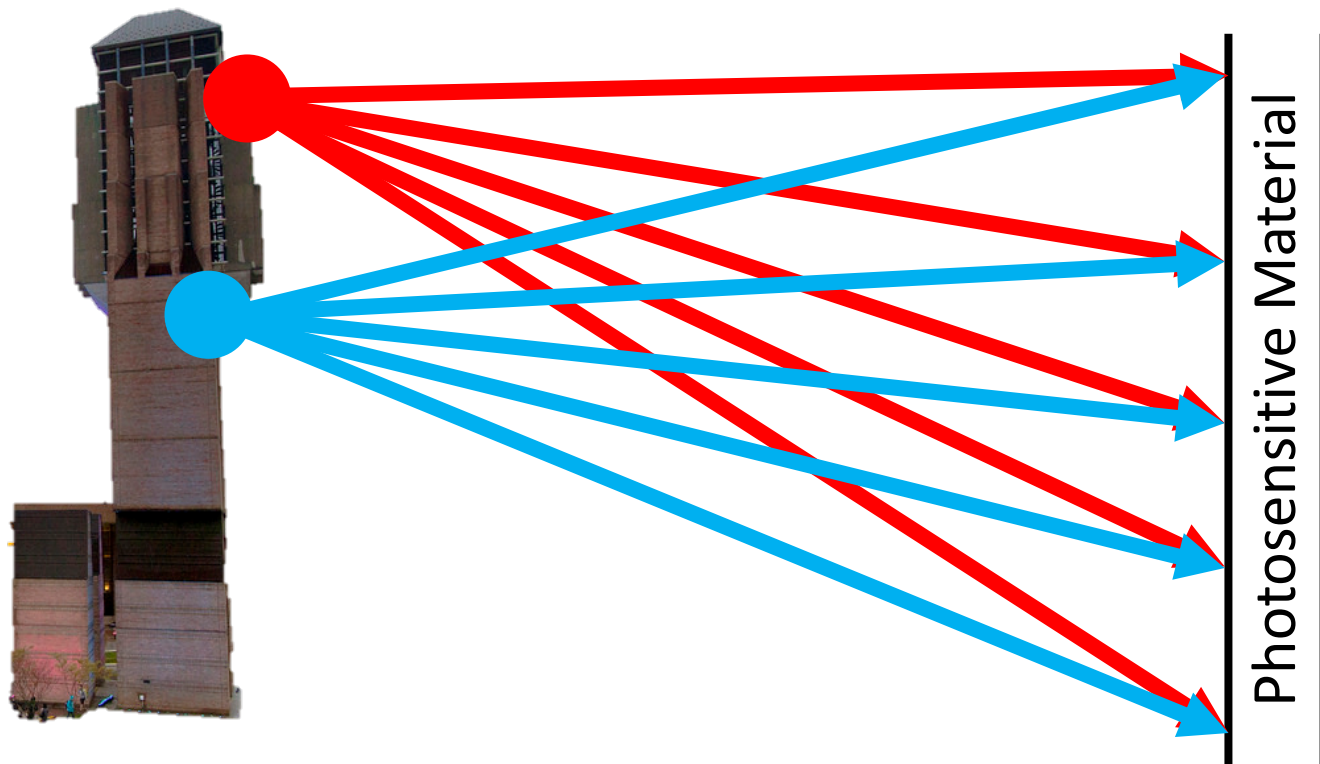
# This week: How do images form?

**Computer Vision:** Writing software to understand images

**Photography:** Capturing images of the real world

**Computer Graphics:** Writing software to generate images

# Let's take a picture!

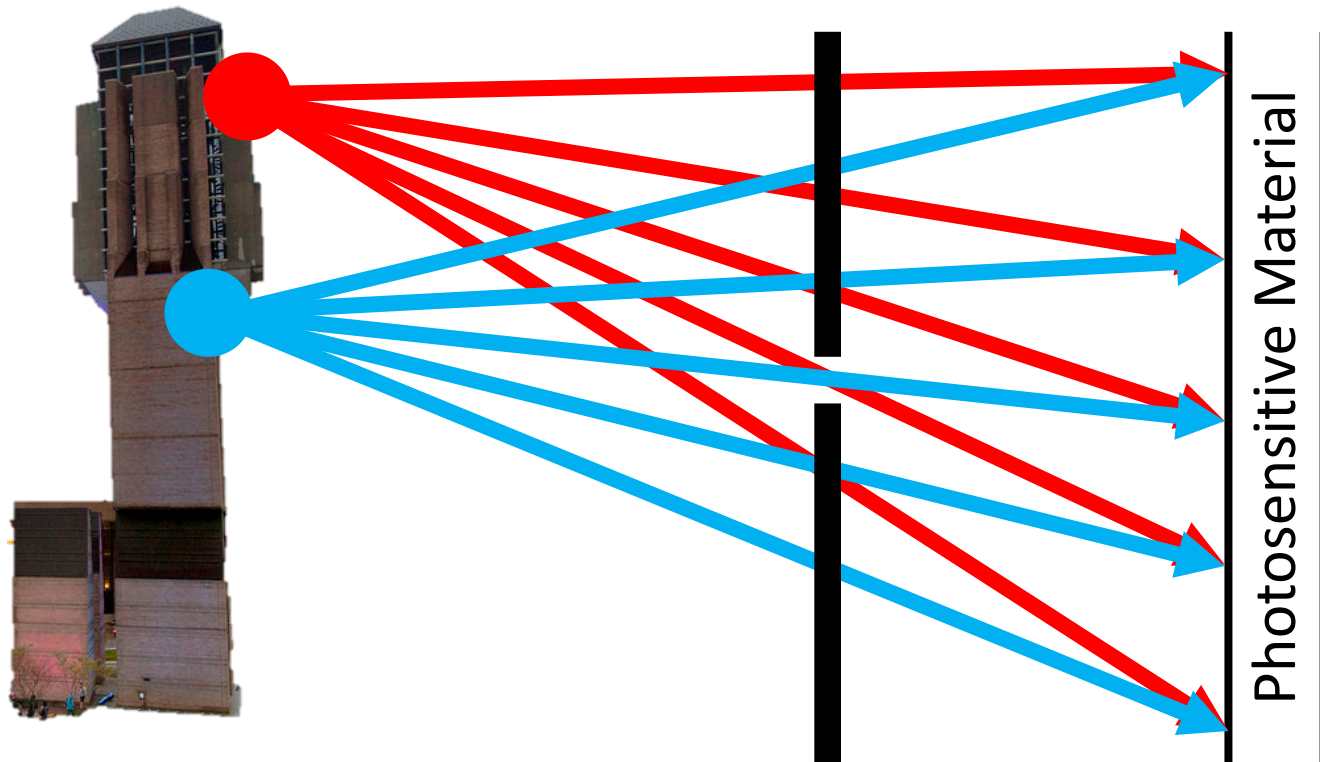


Idea 1: Just use film

Result: **Junk**

Slide inspired by S. Seitz; image from Michigan Engineering

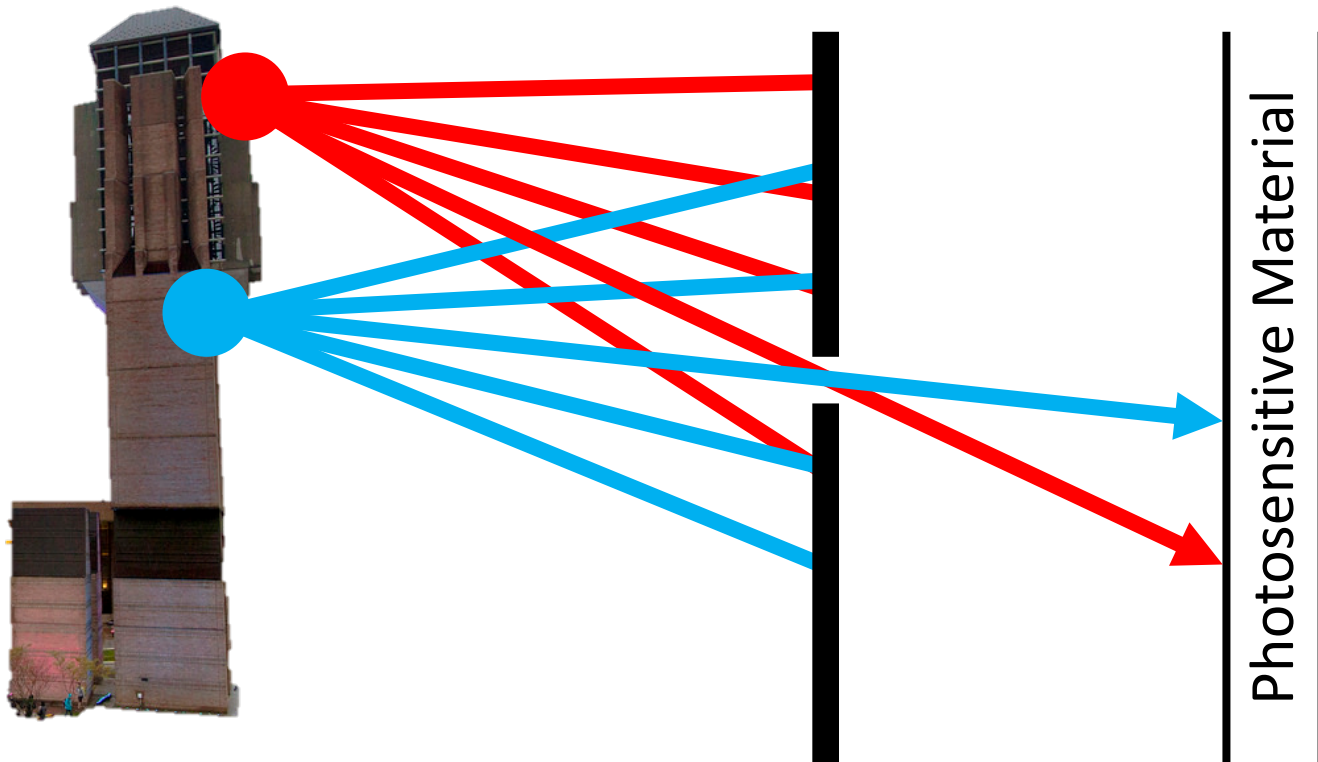
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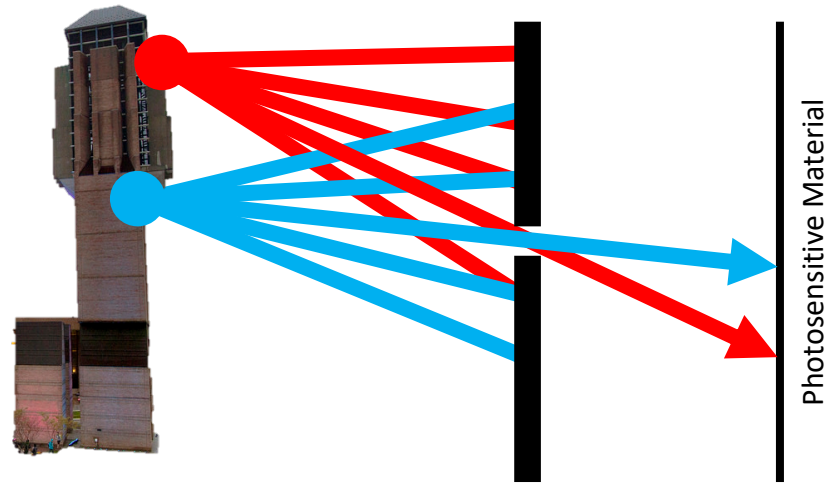
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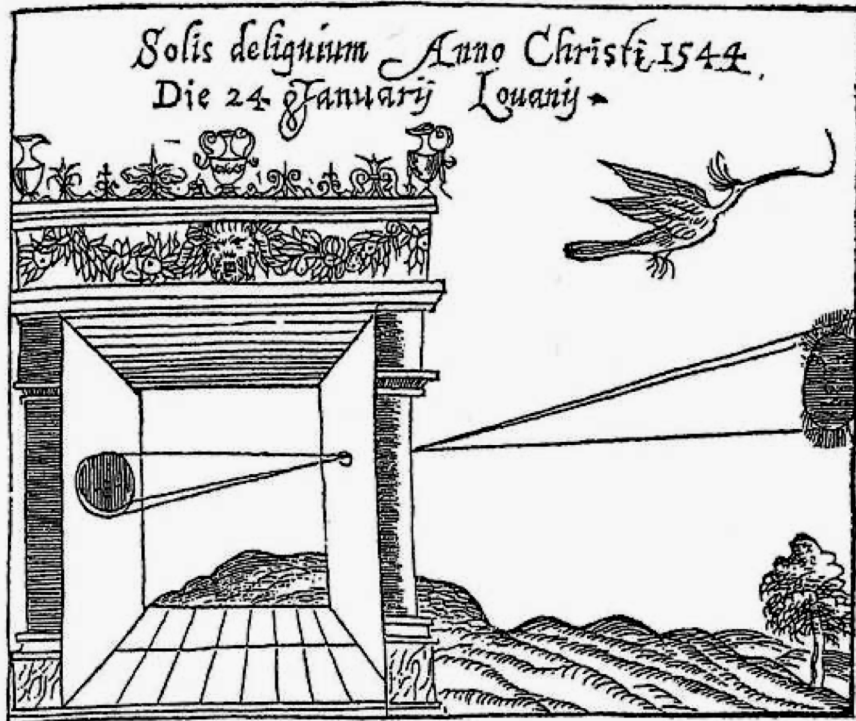
# Let's take a picture!



Film captures all the rays going through a point  
(a *pencil of rays*).

Result: good in theory!

# Camera Obscura



Gemma Frisius, 1558

- Basic principle known to Mozi (470-390 BCE), Aristotle (384-322 BCE)
- Drawing aid for artists: described by Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)

Source: A. Efros



# Camera Obscura

My bedroom with blackout curtains



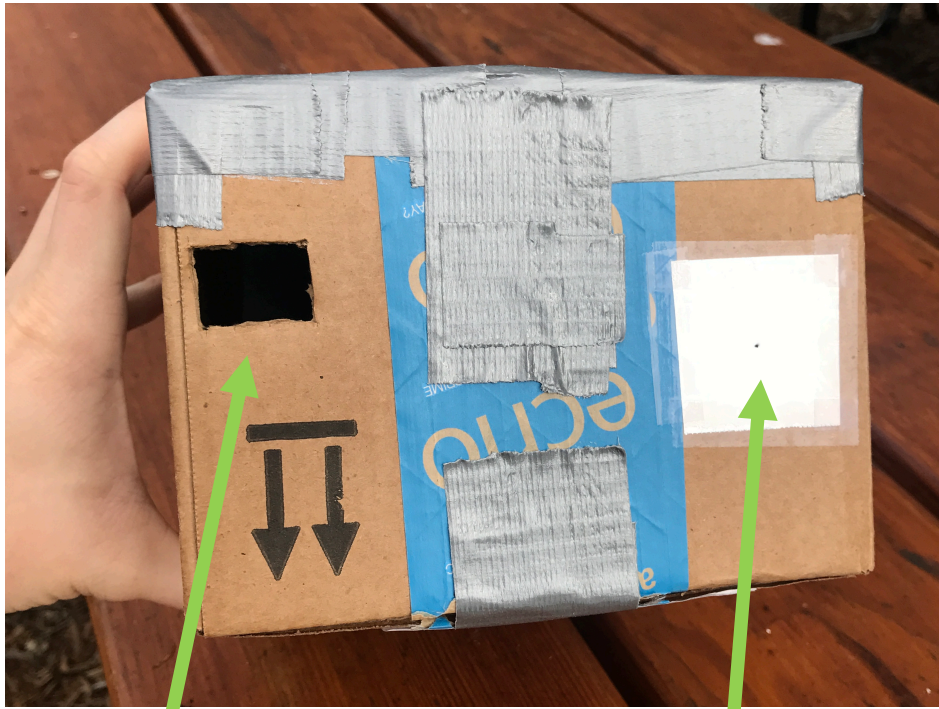
The view out the window



Image credit: Justin Johnson, 9/29/2018

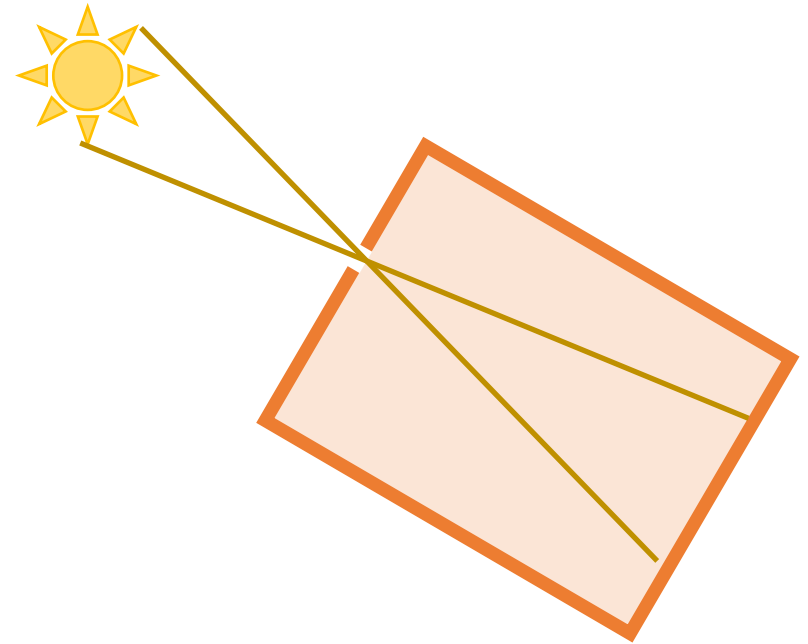
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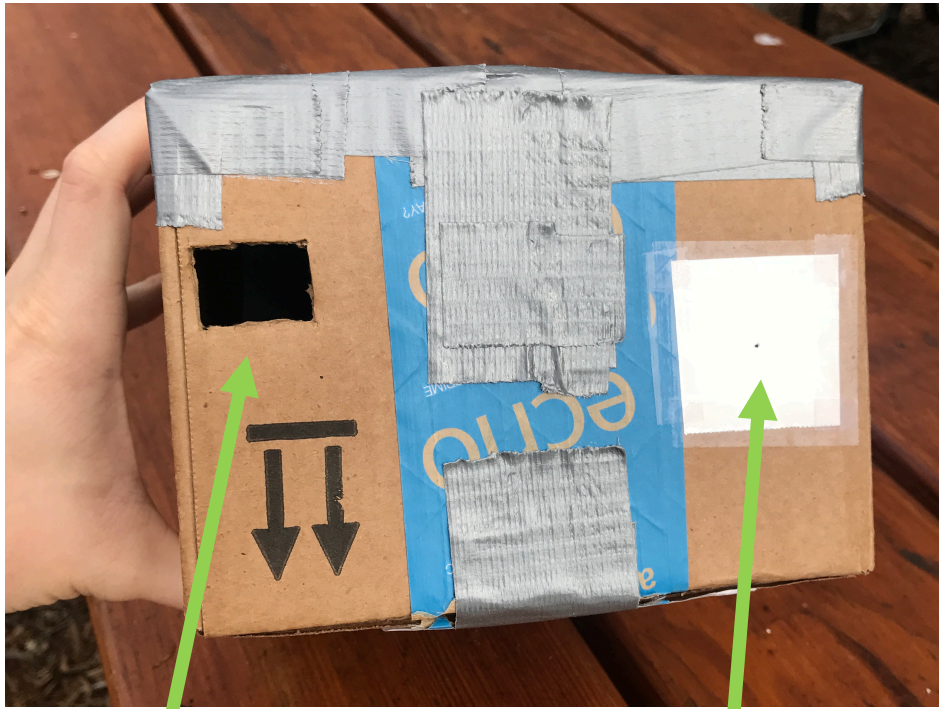
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Pinhole: aluminum  
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Me on 8/21/2017

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Photo of  
the sun

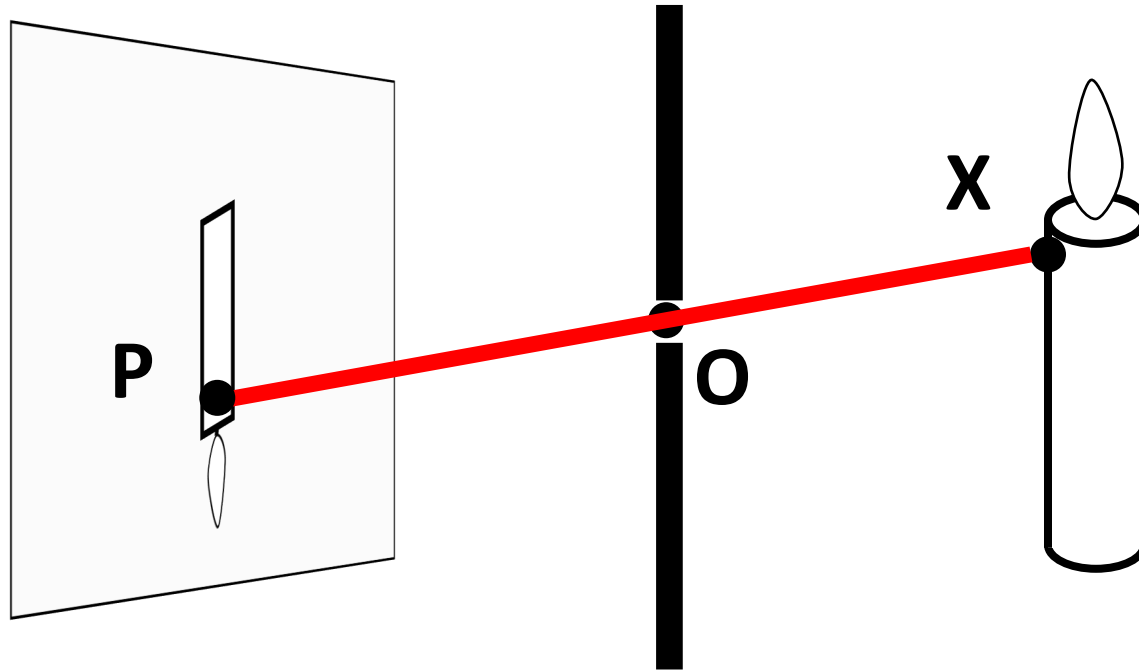


View in  
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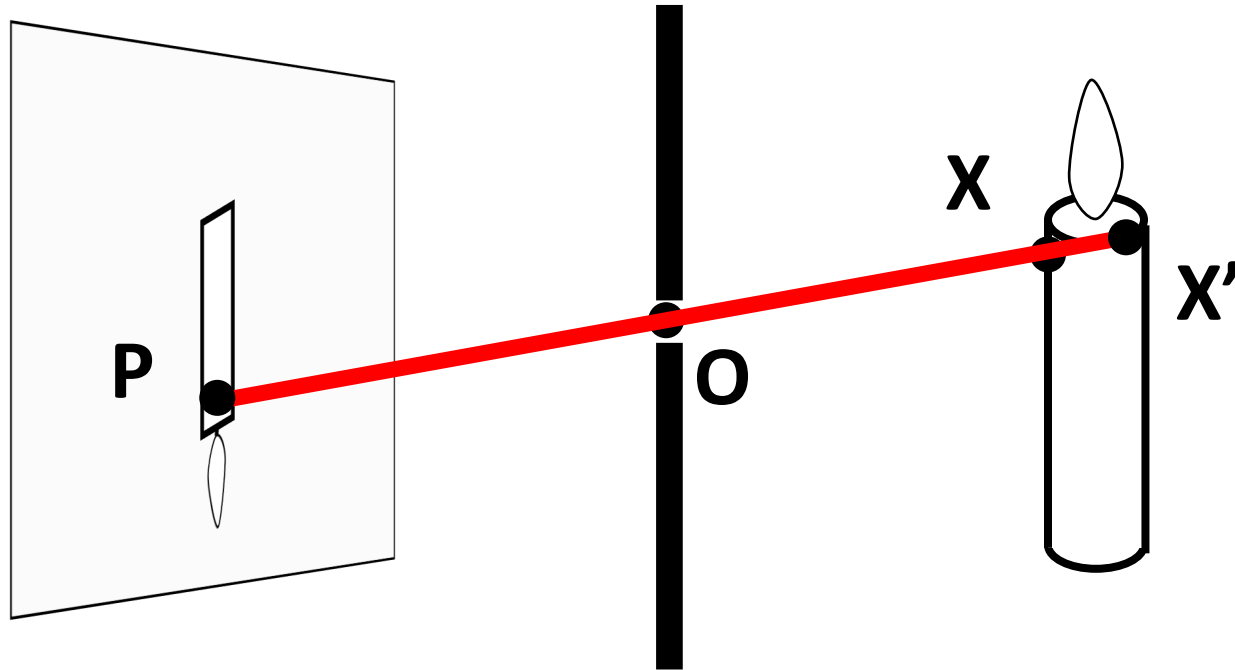
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# Projection



**How do we find the projection P of a point X?**  
Form visual ray from X to camera center and  
intersect it with camera plane

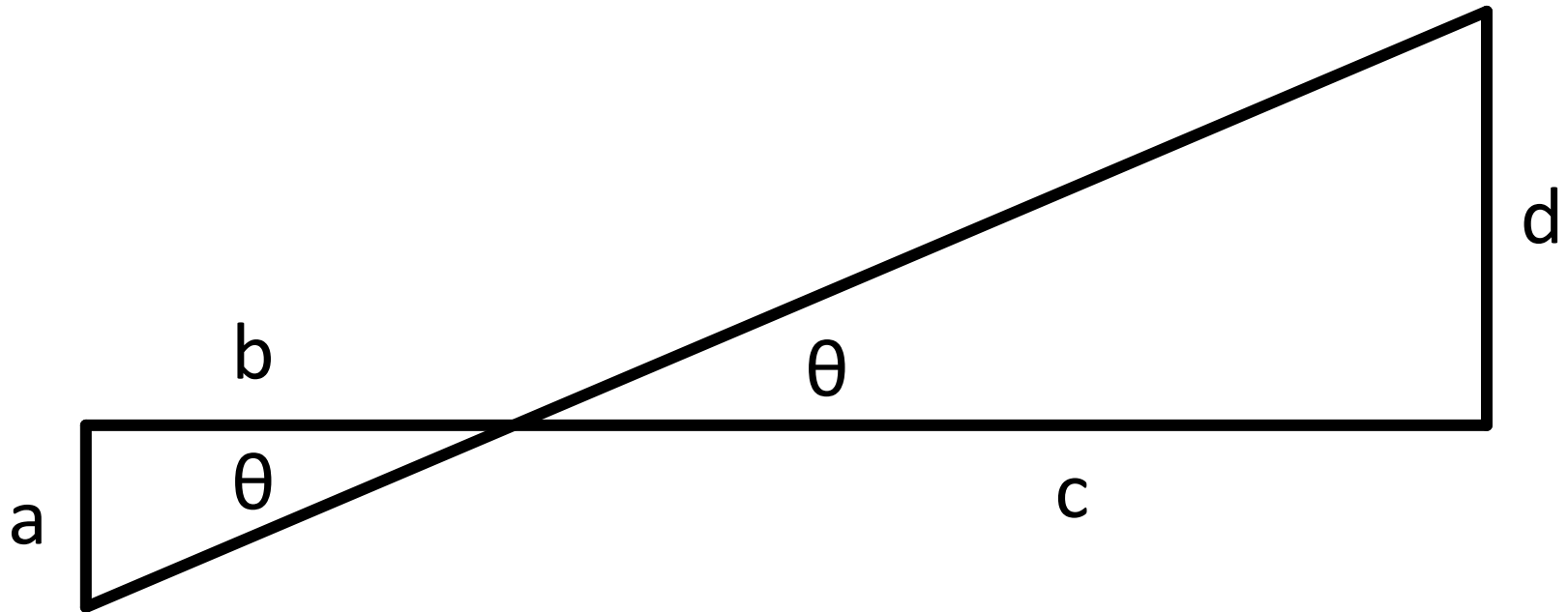
# Projection



**Both X and X' project to P. Which appears in the image?**

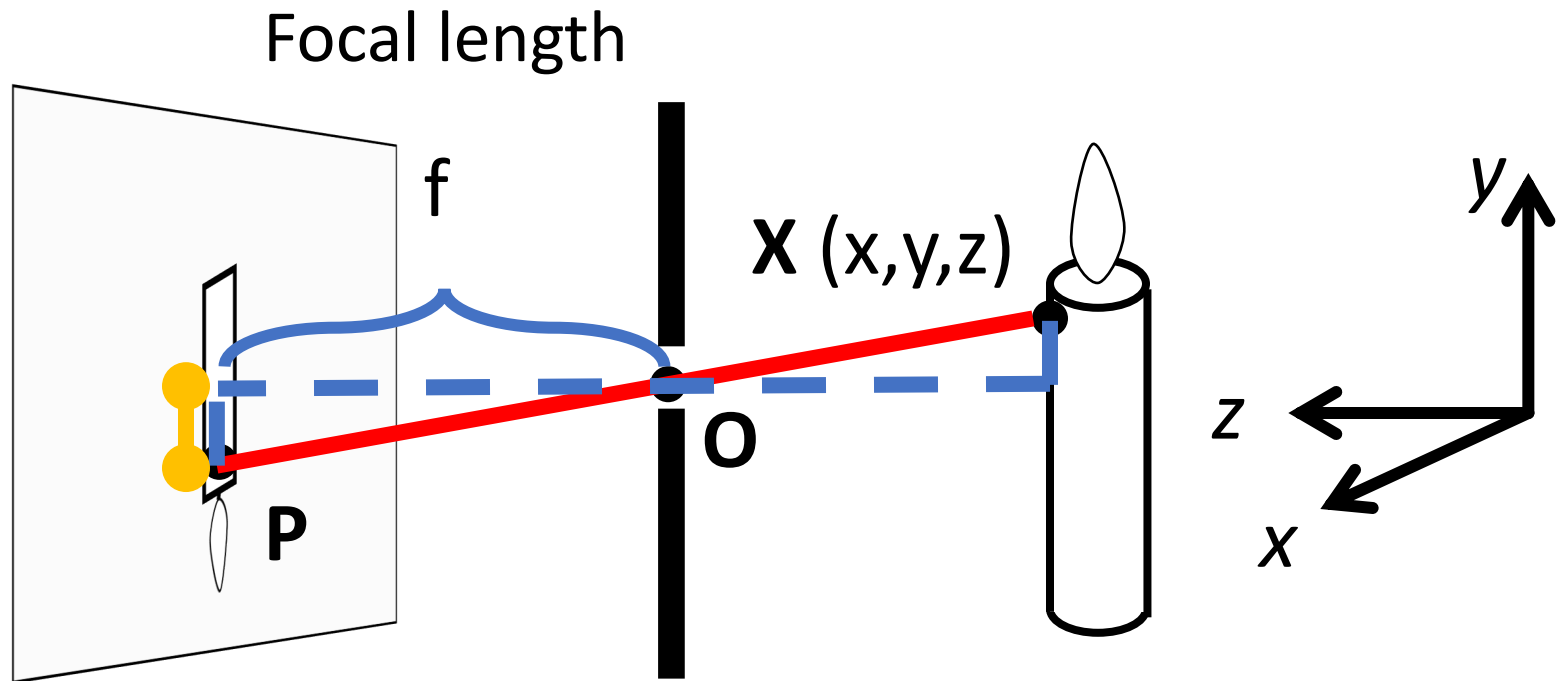
**Are there points for which projection is undefined?**

# Aside: Remember Trigonometry?



$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{d}{c} \longrightarrow a = \frac{bd}{c}$$

# Projection



Coordinate system:  $O$  is origin,  $XY$  in image,  $Z$  sticks out.  
 $XY$  is image plane,  $Z$  is optical axis.

$(x, y, z)$  projects to  $(fx/z, fy/z)$  via similar triangles



# Facts about Projection



3D lines project to 2D lines

The projection of any 3D parallel lines converge at a vanishing point

Distant objects are smaller

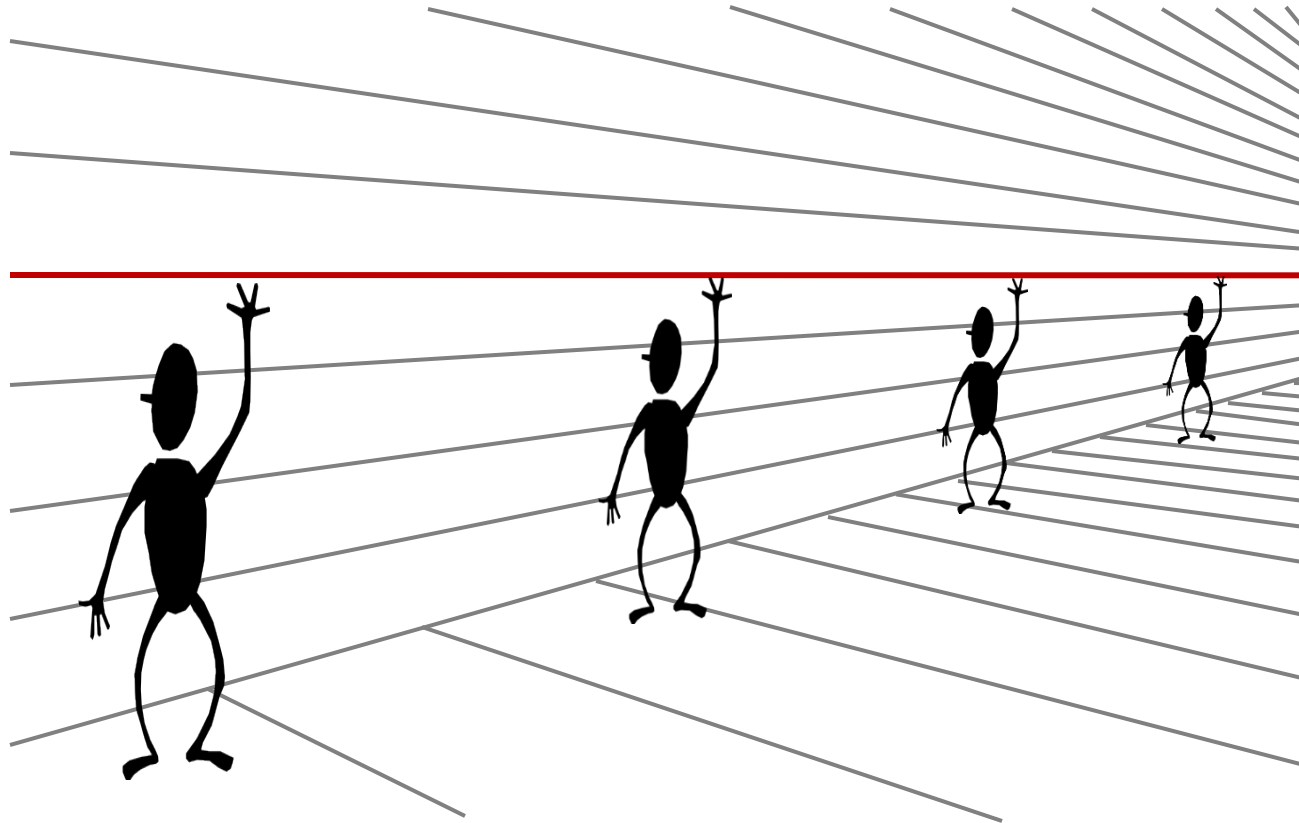


List of properties from M. Hebert

# Facts about Projection

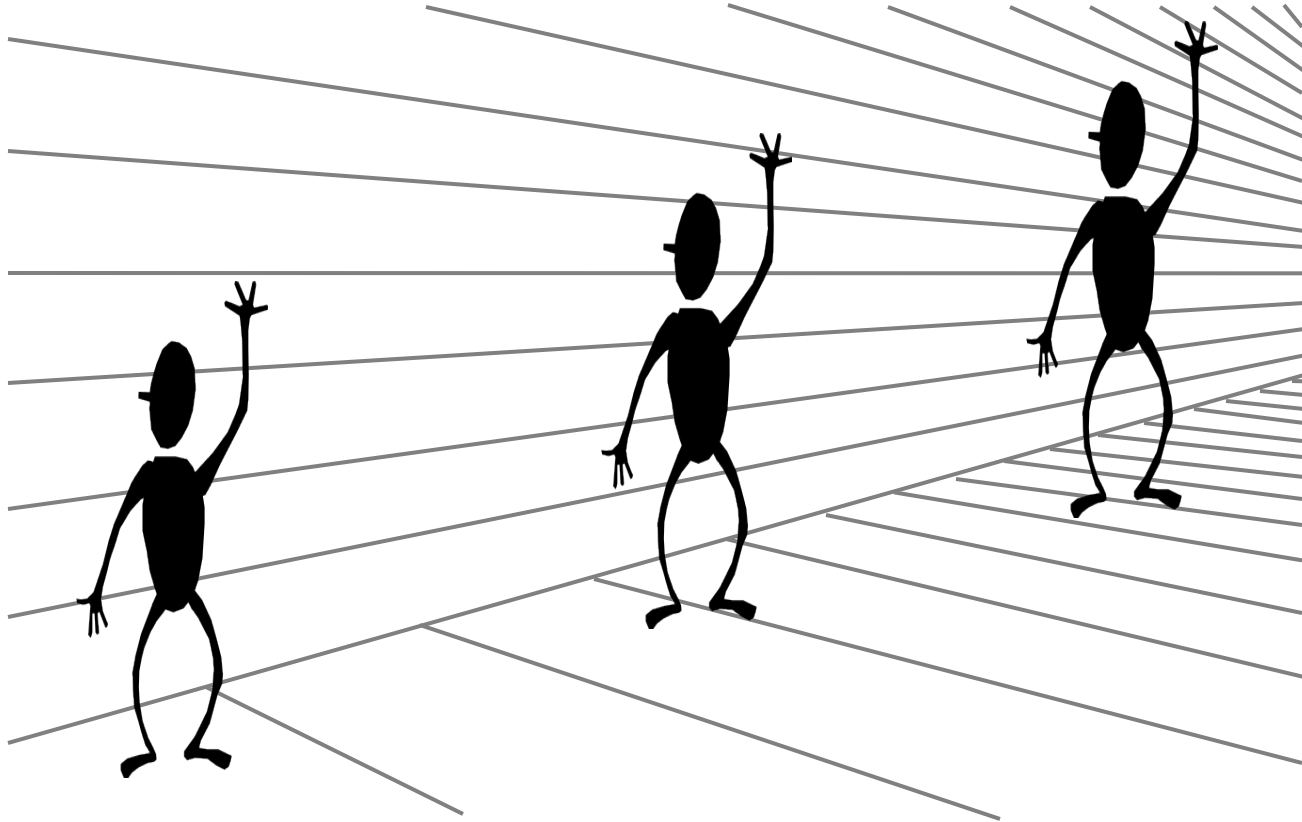
Let's try some fake images

# Facts about Projection



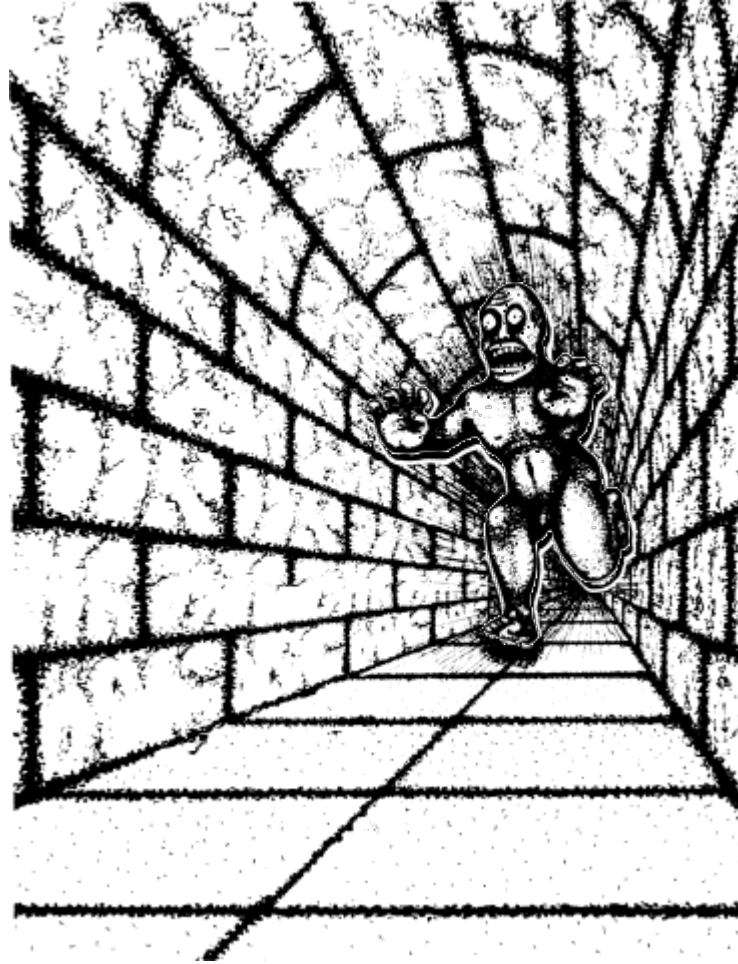
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# Facts about Projection



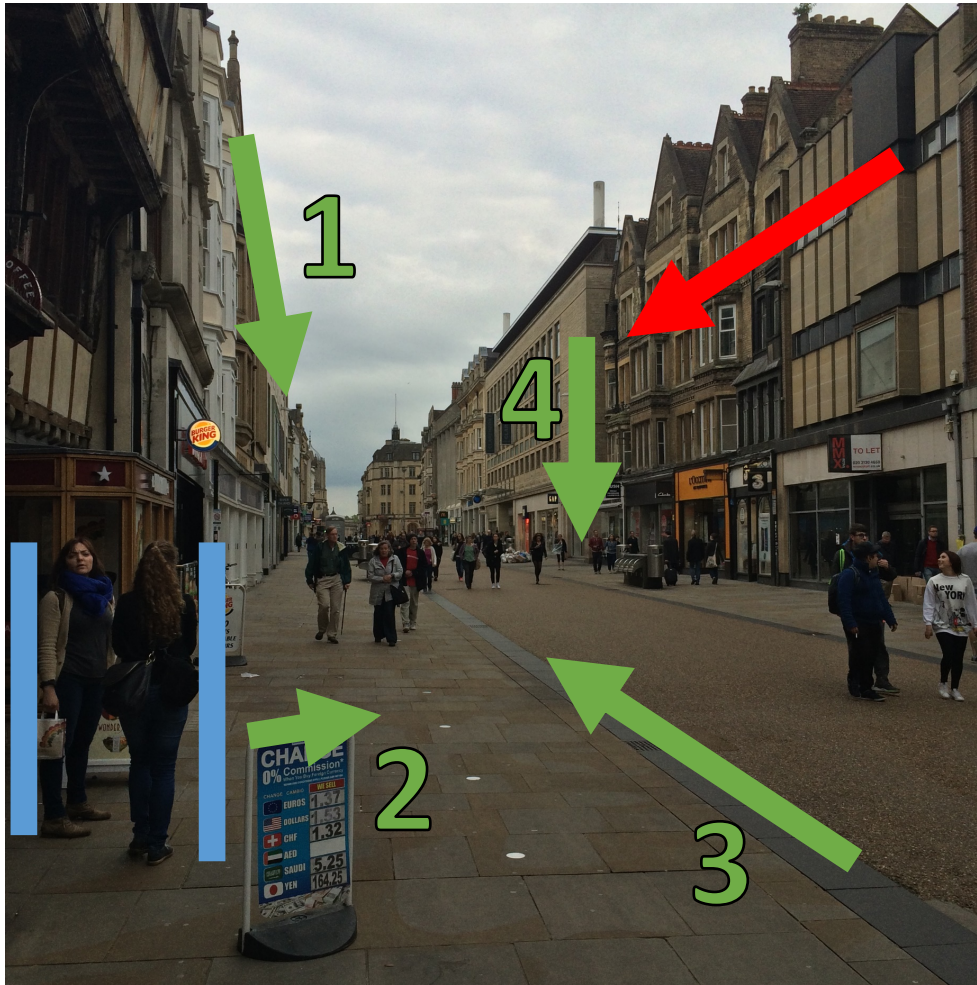
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# Facts about Projection



Illusion Credit: RN Shepard, Mind Sights: Original Visual Illusions, Ambiguities, and other Anomalies

# What is lost under projection?



Is she shorter or further away?

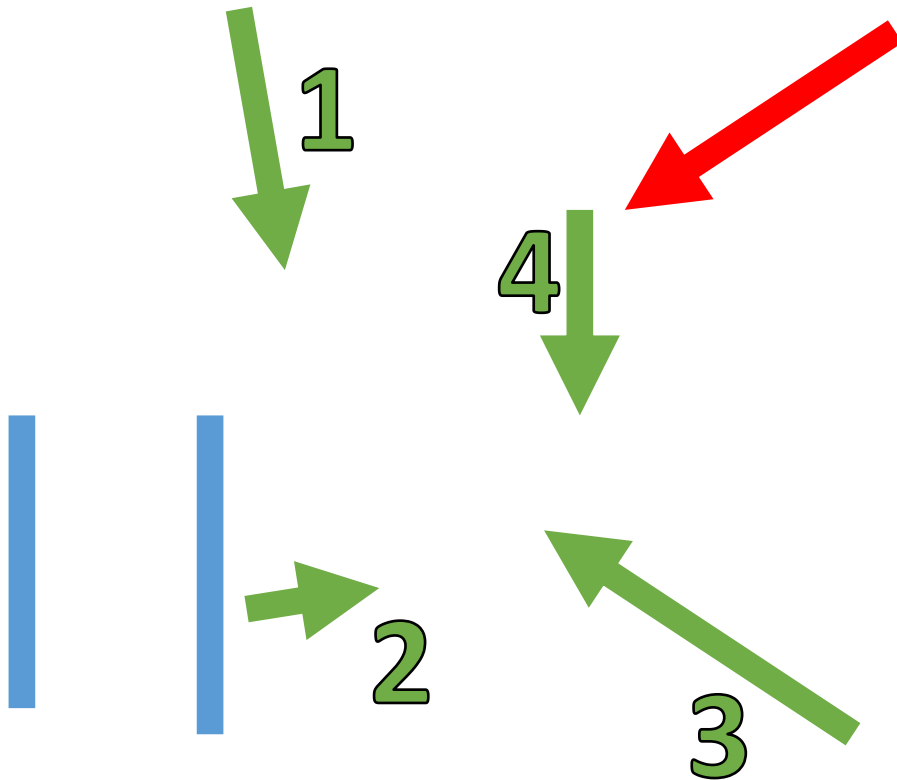
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Inspired by D. Hoiem slide

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# What is lost under projection?

Be careful of drawing conclusions:

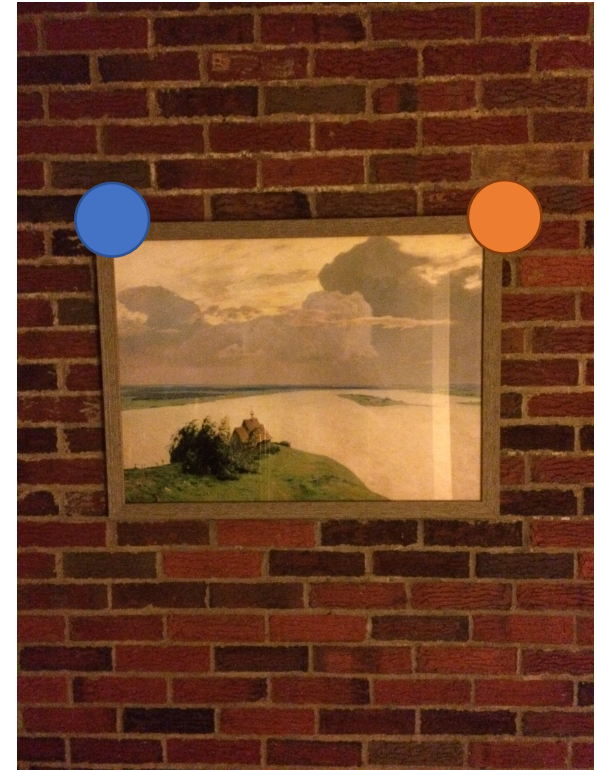
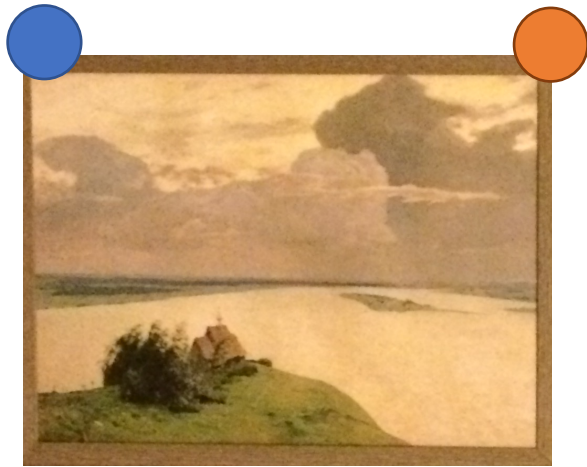
- Projection of 3D line is 2D line; NOT 2D line is 3D line.
- **Can you think of a counter-example (a 2D line that is not a 3D line)?**
- Projections of parallel 3D lines converge at VP; NOT any pair of lines that converge are parallel in 3D.
- **Can you think of a counter-example?**



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Y location of  
blue and orange  
dots in image:

$$\frac{fy}{z_2}$$

$$\frac{fy}{z_1}$$

$$\frac{fy}{z}$$

$$\frac{fy}{z}$$

# Do we always get perspective?



When plane is fronto-parallel  
(parallel to camera plane),  
everything is:

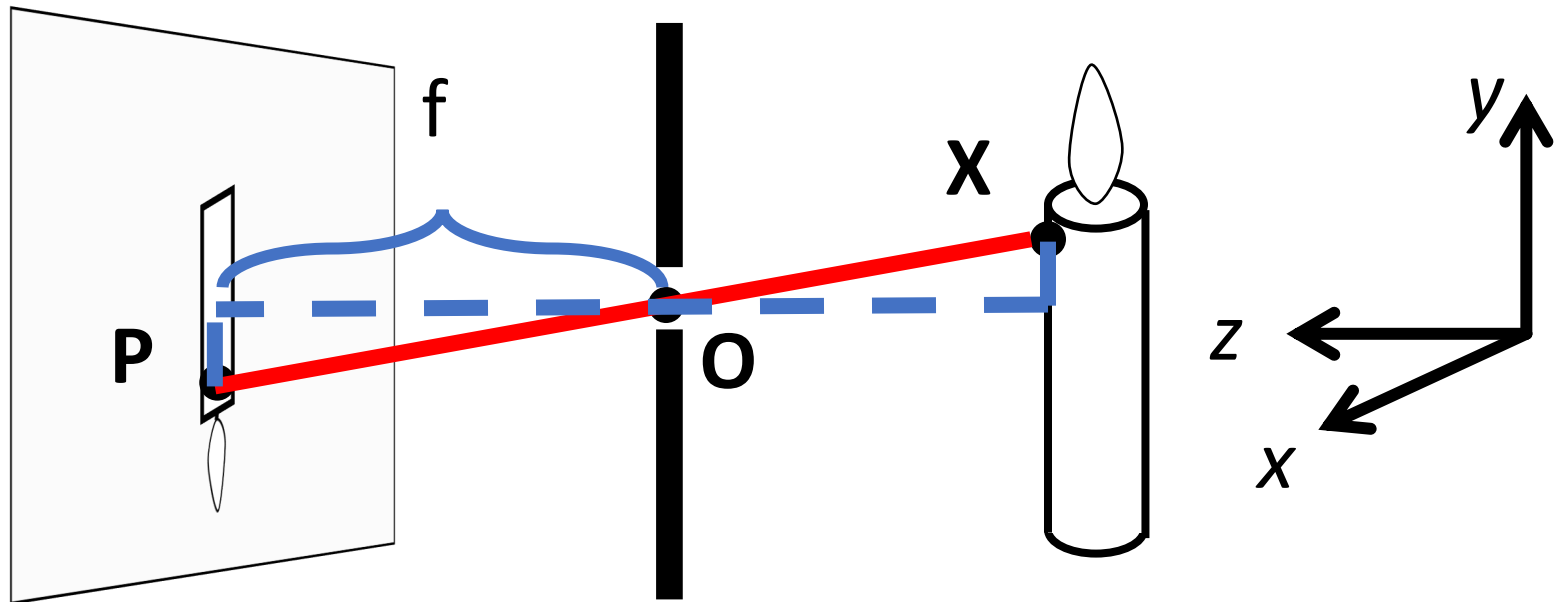
- scaled by  $f/z$
- otherwise is preserved.

# Why is this useful?



Things looking different when viewed from different angles seems like a nuisance. It's also a cue. **Why?**

# Projection



$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (fx/z, fy/z)$$

**I promised you linear algebra: is this linear?**

**Nope:** division by  $z$  is non-linear  
(and risks division by 0)

# Homogeneous Coordinates (2D)

Trick: add a dimension!

*This also clears up lots of nasty special cases*

Physical  
Point

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$



Concat  
 $w=1$

Homogeneous  
Point

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$



Divide  
by  $w$

Physical  
Point

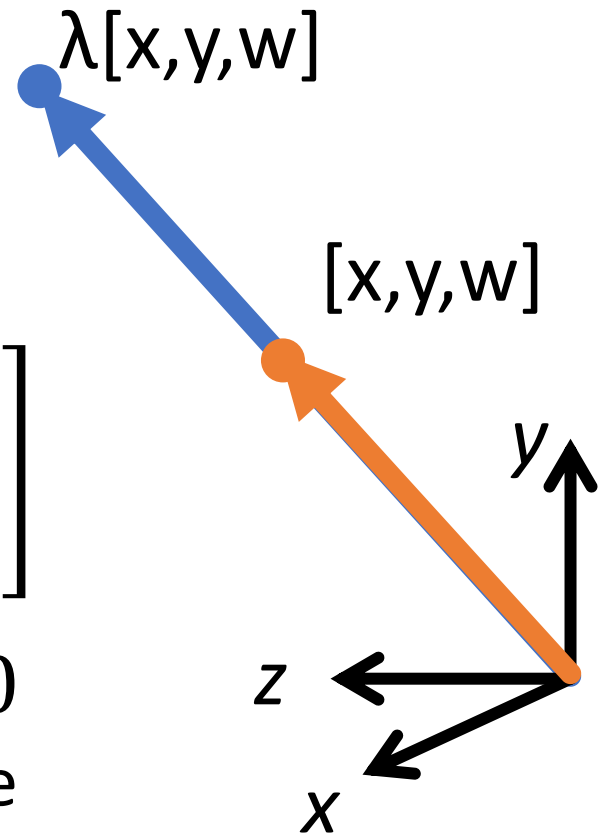
$$\begin{bmatrix} u/w \\ v/w \end{bmatrix}$$

**What if  $w = 0$ ?**

# Homogenous Coordinates

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Triple /} \\ \text{Equivalent} \\ \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \leftrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{Double /} \\ \text{Equals} \\ \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} \\ \lambda \neq 0 \end{array}$$

Two homogeneous coordinates are **equivalent** if they are proportional to each other. **Not = !**



# Benefits of Homogenous Coords

General equation of 2D line:

$$ax + by + c = 0$$

Homogeneous Coordinates

$$l^T \mathbf{p} = 0, \quad l = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

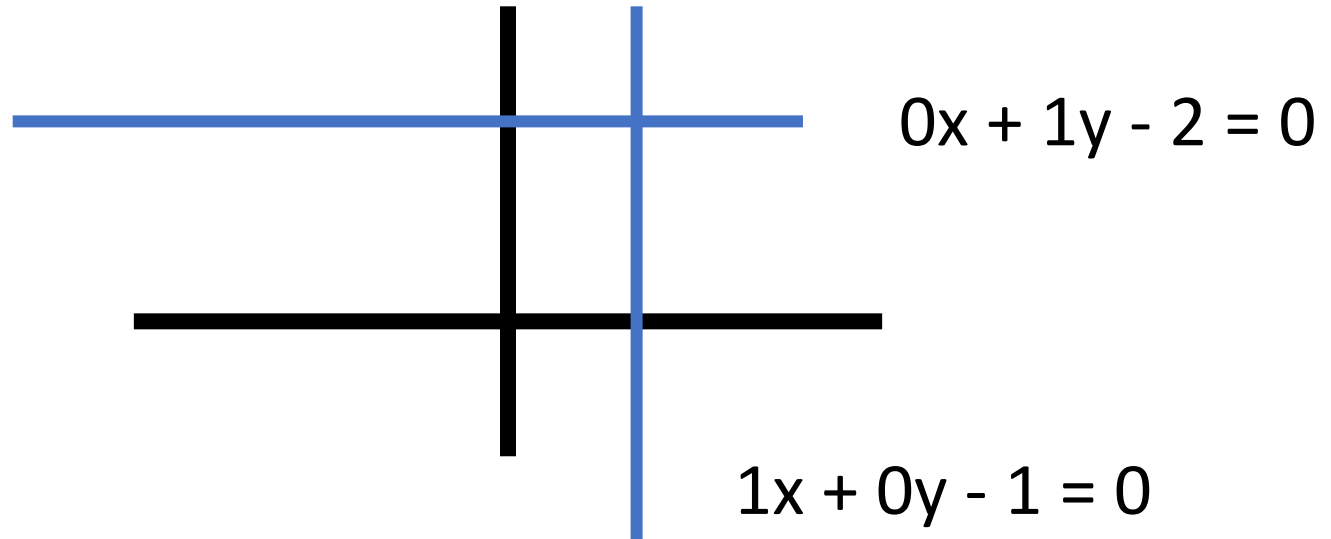


# Benefits of Homogenous Coords

- Lines (3D) and points (2D  $\rightarrow$  3D) are now the same dimension.
- Use the *cross* ( $\times$ ) and *dot product* for:
  - Point  $\mathbf{p}$  on line  $\mathbf{l}$ :  $\mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{p} = 0$
  - Intersection of lines  $\mathbf{l}$  and  $\mathbf{m}$ :  $\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{m}$
  - Line through two points  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ :  $\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q}$
- Parallel lines, vertical lines become easy (compared to  $y=mx+b$ )

# Benefits of Homogenous Coords

What's the intersection?

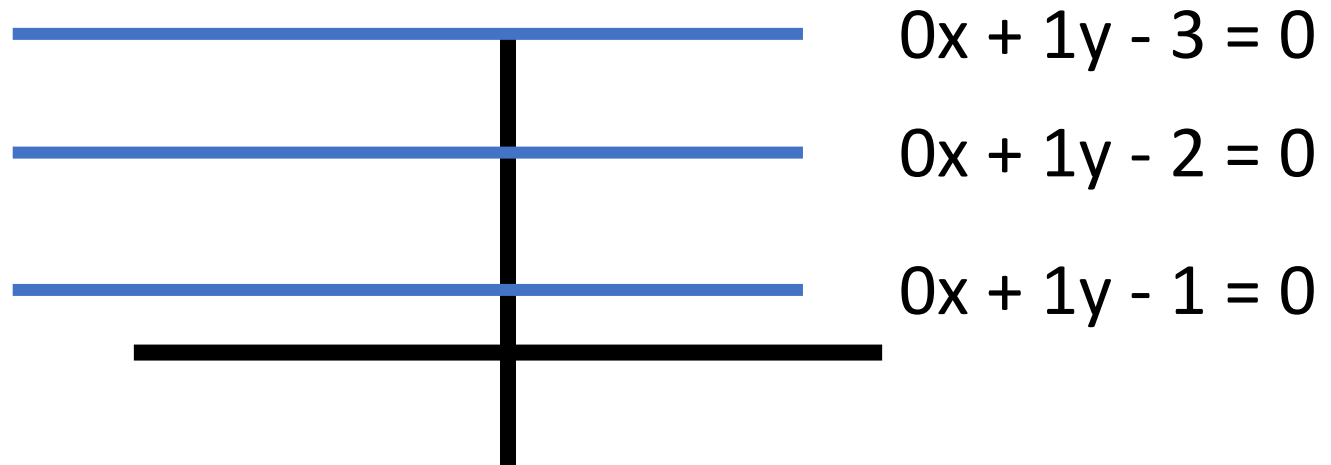


$$[0, 1, -2] \times [1, 0, -1] = [-1, -2, -1]$$

Converting back (divide by  $-1$ )

$$(1, 2)$$

# Benefits of Homogenous Coords



Intersection of  $y=2$ ,  $y=1$

$$[0, 1, -2] \times [0, 1, -1] = [1, 0, 0]$$

**Does it lie on  $y=3$ ? Intuitively?**

$$[0, 1, -3]^T [1, 0, 0] = 0$$

# Benefits of Homogenous Coords

Translation is now linear / matrix-multiply

$$\text{If } w = 1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u + t_x \\ v + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Generically} \quad \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u + wt_x \\ v + wt_y \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

Rigid body transforms (rot + trans) now linear

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

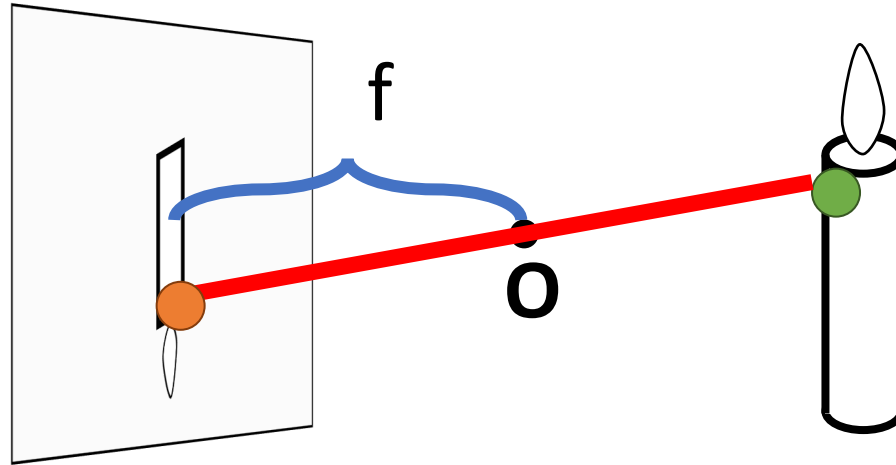
# 3D Homogenous Coordinates

Same story: add a coordinate, things are equivalent if they're proportional

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ t \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u/t \\ v/t \\ w/t \end{bmatrix}$$

# Projection Matrix

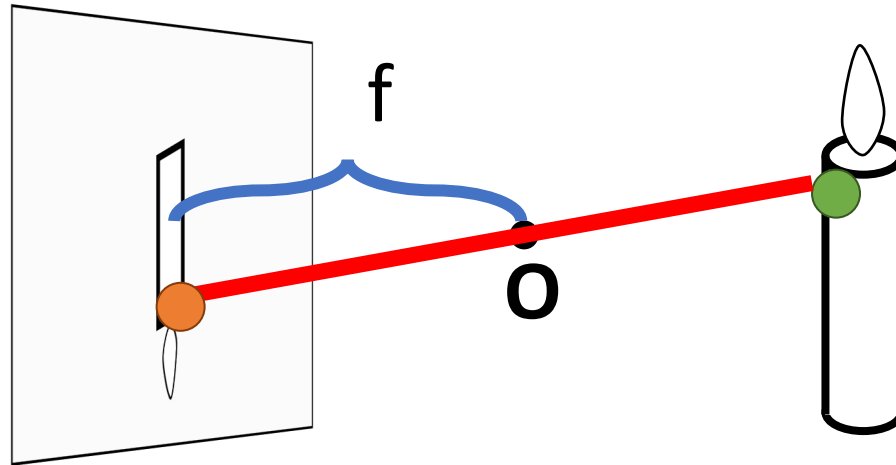
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Slide inspired from L. Lazebnik

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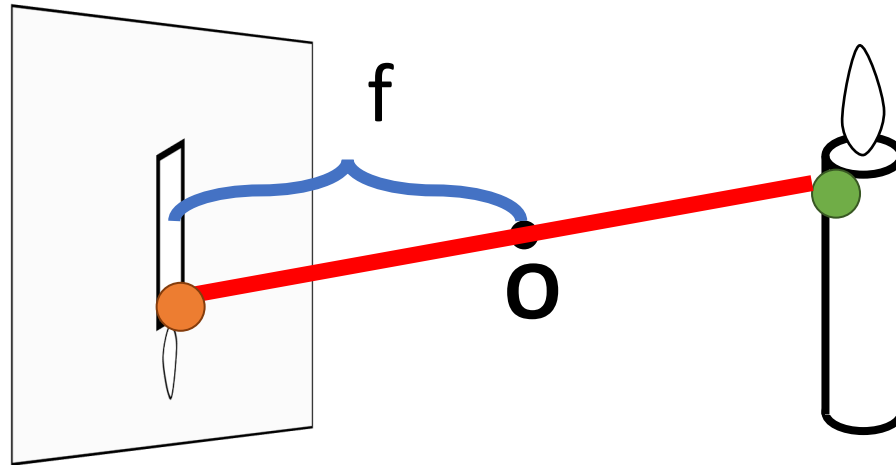


$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3D homogenous  
point

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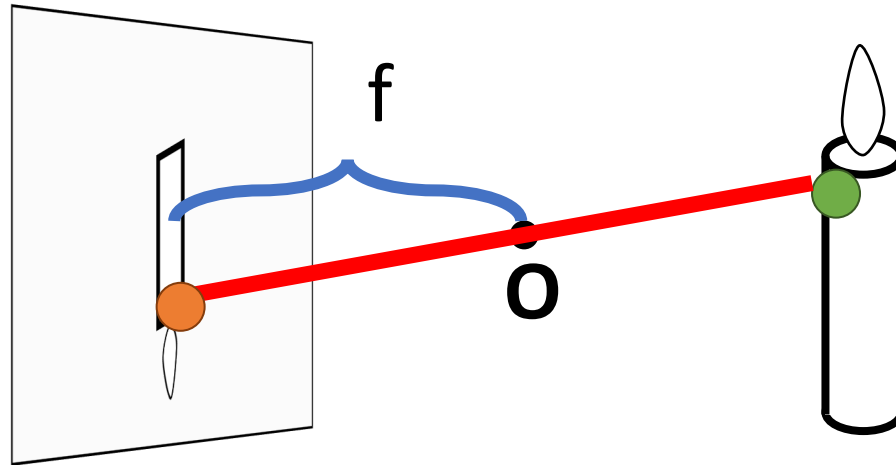
$$\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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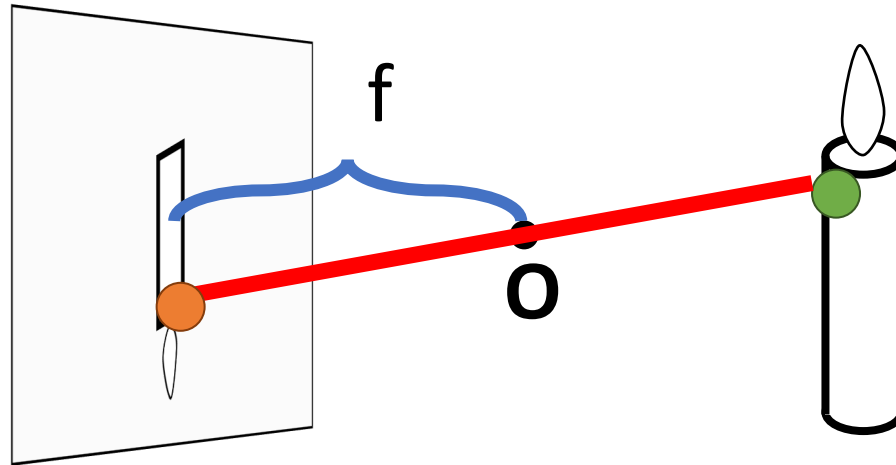
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3D homogenous  
point

2D homogenous  
point

# Typical Perspective Model

**P**: 2D homogeneous  
point (3D)

**P**  $\equiv$



**X**: 3d homogeneous  
point (4D)

**X**<sub>4x1</sub>



# Typical Perspective Model

**R**: rotation between world system and camera

**t**: translation between world system and camera

$P \equiv$

$$[R_{3 \times 3} \quad t_{3 \times 1}] X_{4 \times 1}$$


# Typical Perspective Model

f focal length

$u_0, v_0$ : principal point (image coords of camera origin on retina)

$$\mathbf{P} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{R}_{3 \times 3} \quad \mathbf{t}_{3 \times 1}] \quad \mathbf{X}_{4 \times 1}$$

# Typical Perspective Model

$$\mathbf{P} \equiv \begin{matrix} \text{Intrinsic} \\ \text{Matrix } \mathbf{K} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} f & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{Extrinsic} \\ \text{Matrix } [\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}] \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{R}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{t}_{3 \times 1} \end{array} \right] \end{matrix} \mathbf{X}_{4 \times 1}$$

$$\mathbf{P} \equiv \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{t}]\mathbf{X} \equiv \mathbf{M}_{3 \times 4}\mathbf{X}_{4 \times 1}$$

Nice interactive demo: <http://ksimek.github.io/2012/08/22/extrinsic/>

# Other Cameras: Orthographic

Orthographic Camera (z infinite)

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{X}_{3 \times 1}$$



Image Credit: Wikipedia

# Other Cameras: Orthographic

Why does this make things easy and why is this popular in old games?

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$



# Next Time: More Cameras