



# Sensors & Measurement

*"Seeing is forgetting the name of what one sees"*

- L. Weschler

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## Schedule

| Week     | Date          | Lecture (F: 9-10:30, 42-212)   |
|----------|---------------|--|
| 1        | 26-Jul        | Introduction   |
| 2        | 2-Aug         | Representing Position & Orientation & State (Frames, Transformation Matrices & Affine Transformations) |
| 3        | 9-Aug         | Robot Kinematics   |
| 4        | 16-Aug        | Robot Dynamics & Control   |
| 5        | 23-Aug        | Robot Trajectories & Motion  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>30-Aug</b> | <b>Sensors &amp; Measurement</b>   |
| 7        | 6-Sep         | Perception / Computer Vision   |
| 8        | 13-Sep        | Localization and Navigation  |
| 9        | 20-Sep        | State-Space Modelling  |
|          | 27-Sep        | State-Space Control  |
| 10       | 4-Oct         | Study break  |
| 11       | 11-Oct        | Motion Planning  |
| 12       | 18-Oct        | Vision-based control (+ Prof. P. Corke or Prof. M. Srinivasan)   |
| 13       | 25-Oct        | Applications in Industry (+ Prof. S. LaValle) & Course Review  |



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## Announcements:

- Adam Keyes Needs More Volunteers



- [UQ Summer Research Program:](#)  
Applications Due August 30<sup>th</sup>



## Quick Outline

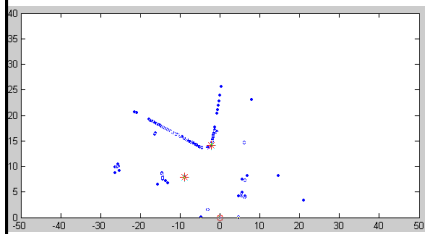
### 1. Kinematics Lab Recap

### 2. Perception → Camera Sensors

1. Image Formation  
→ “Computational Photography”
2. Calibration
3. Feature extraction
4. Stereopsis and depth
5. Optical flow



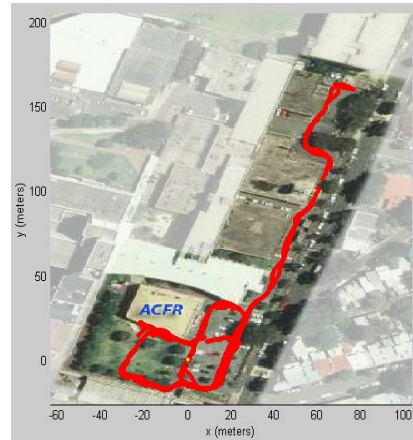
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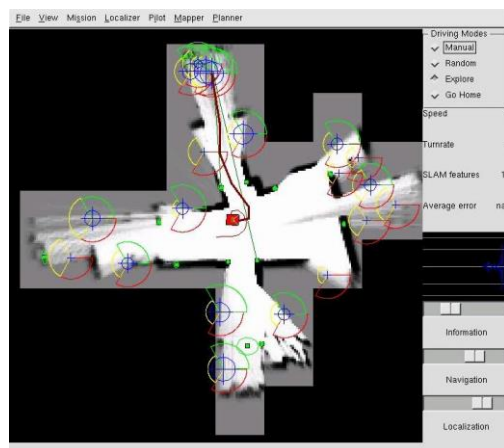
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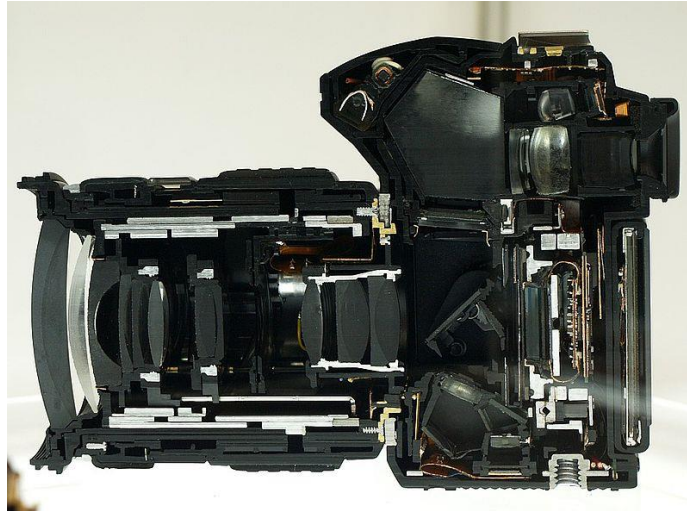
GPS



## Mapping: Indoor robots



## Cameras



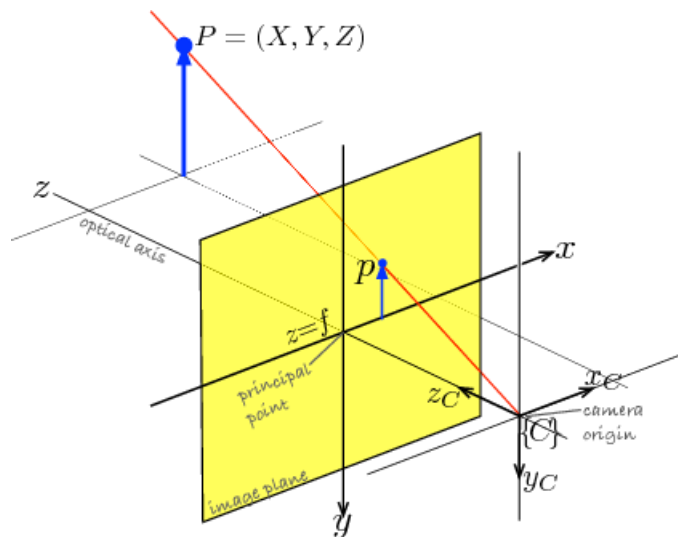
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## Image Formation



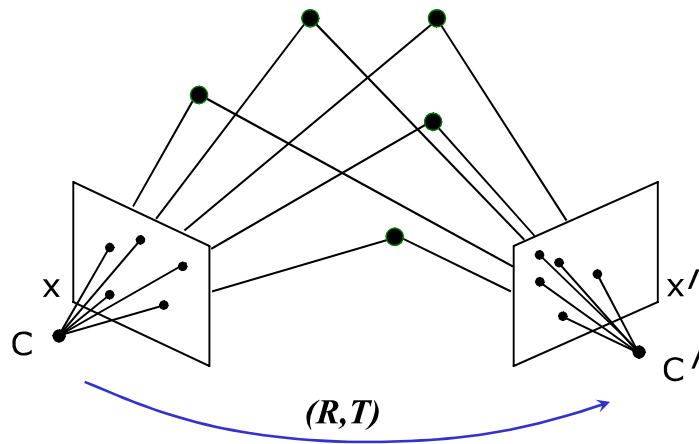
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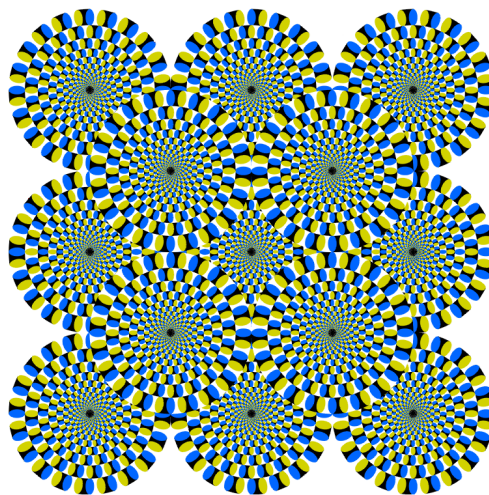
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## Stereopsis



## Perception

- Making Sense from Sensors

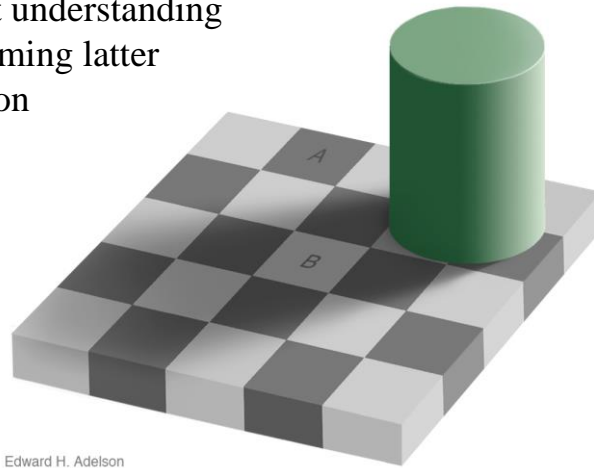


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## Perception

- Perception is about understanding the image for informing latter robot / control action



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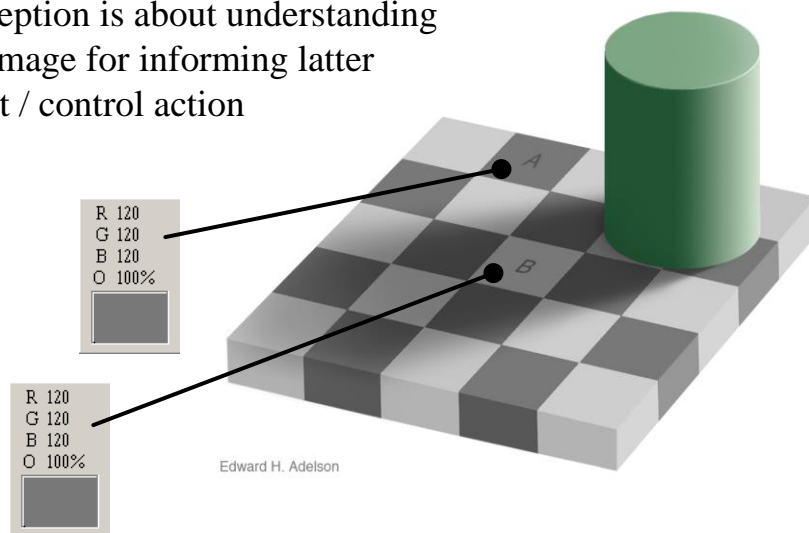


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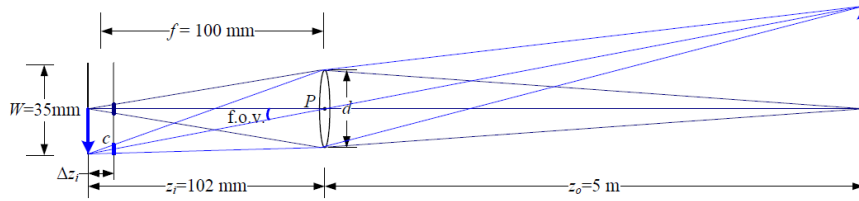
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## Image Formation: Lens Optics



$$\frac{1}{z_0} + \frac{1}{z_1} = \frac{1}{f}$$

Sec. 2.2 from Szeliski, [Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications](#)



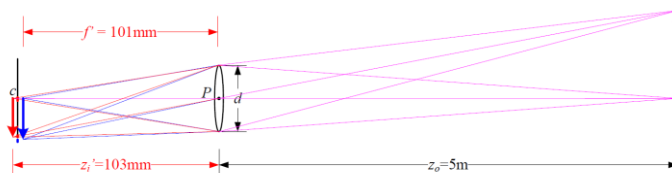
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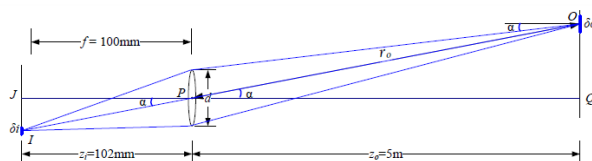
## Image Formation:

### Lens Optics (Chromatic Aberration & Vignetting)

- Chromatic Aberration:



- Vignetting:



$$E = L \frac{\pi}{4} \left( \frac{d}{f} \right)^2 \cos^4 \alpha$$

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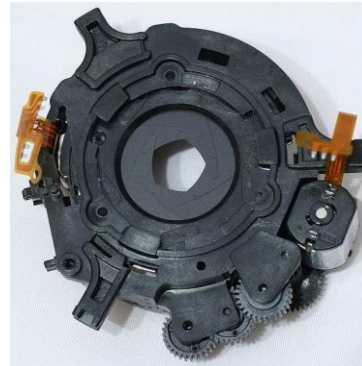


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## Image Formation: Lens Optics (Aperture / Depth of Field)

$$N = \frac{f}{\#} = \frac{f}{d}$$



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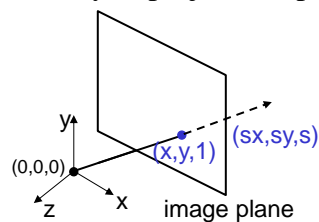


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## The Projective Plane

- Why do we need homogeneous coordinates?
  - Represent points at infinity, homographies, perspective projection, multi-view relationships
- What is the geometric intuition?
  - A point in the image is a ray in projective space



- Each point  $(x,y)$  on the plane is represented by a ray  $(sx,sy,s)$ 
  - all points on the ray are equivalent:  $(x, y, 1) \equiv (sx, sy, s)$

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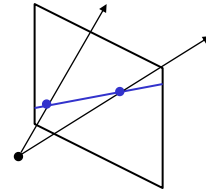
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## Projective Lines

- What is a line in projective space?



- A line is a *plane* of rays through origin
  - all rays  $(x,y,z)$  satisfying:  $ax + by + cz = 0$

in vector notation:  $0 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{p}$$

- A line is represented as a homogeneous 3-vector  $\mathbf{l}$

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## 2-D Transformations

- Translation  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{t}$
- Rotation  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{t}$
- Similarity  $\mathbf{x}' = s\mathbf{R} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{t}$
- Affine  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$
- Projective  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$

here,  $\mathbf{x}$  is an inhomogeneous pt (2-vector)






$\mathbf{x}'$  is a homogeneous point



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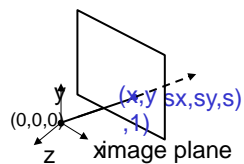
## 2-D Transformations

| Name              | Matrix   | # D.O.F. | Preserves:        | Icon  |
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| translation       | $\begin{bmatrix} I & t \\ \hline \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$     | 2        | orientation + ... |  |
| rigid (Euclidean) | $\begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ \hline \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$     | 3        | lengths + ...     |  |
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| affine            | $\begin{bmatrix} A \\ \hline \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$         | 6        | parallelism + ... |  |
| projective        | $\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{H} \\ \hline \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$ | 8        | straight lines    |  |



## Planar Projective Transformations

- Perspective projection of a plane
  - lots of names for this:
    - homography, colineation, planar projective map
  - Easily modeled using homogeneous coordinates



$$\begin{bmatrix} sx' \\ sy' \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

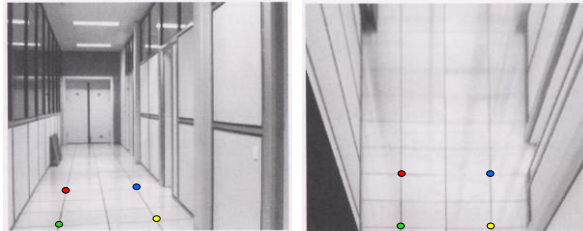
$\mathbf{p}' \quad \quad \mathbf{H} \quad \quad \mathbf{p}$

To apply a homography  $\mathbf{H}$

- compute  $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{p}$
- $\mathbf{p}'' = \mathbf{p}'/s$  normalize by dividing by third component



## Image Rectification



To unwrap (rectify) an image

- solve for  $\mathbf{H}$  given  $\mathbf{p}''$  and  $\mathbf{p}$
- solve equations of the form:  $s\mathbf{p}'' = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{p}$ 
  - linear in unknowns:  $s$  and coefficients of  $\mathbf{H}$
  - need at least 4 points

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## 3D Projective Geometry

- These concepts generalize naturally to 3D
  - Homogeneous coordinates
    - Projective 3D points have four coords:  $\mathbf{P} = (X, Y, Z, W)$
  - Duality
    - A plane  $L$  is also represented by a 4-vector
    - Points and planes are dual in 3D:  $L \cdot \mathbf{P} = 0$
  - Projective transformations
    - Represented by 4x4 matrices  $T$ :  $\mathbf{P}' = T\mathbf{P}$ ,  $L' = L T^{-1}$
  - Lines are a special case...

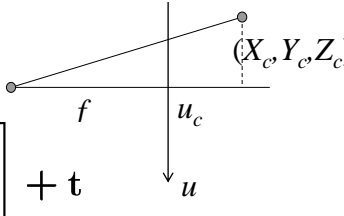
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## 3D → 2D Perspective Projection



$$\begin{bmatrix} X_c \\ Y_c \\ Z_c \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{R}]_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{t}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \\ W \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & u_c \\ 0 & f & v_c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_c \\ Y_c \\ Z_c \end{bmatrix}$$

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## 3D → 2D Perspective Projection

- Matrix Projection (camera matrix):

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} sx \\ sy \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{p}$$

It's useful to decompose  $\mathbf{\Pi}$  into  $\mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \text{project} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & -t_x \\ 0 & s_y & -t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{intrinsics}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{projection}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{orientation}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{T}_{3 \times 1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{position}}$$






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## Projection Models

- Orthographic
- Weak Perspective
- Affine
- Perspective
- Projective

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} i_x & i_y & i_z & t_x \\ j_x & j_y & j_z & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = f \begin{bmatrix} i_x & i_y & i_z & t_x \\ j_x & j_y & j_z & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}]$$

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

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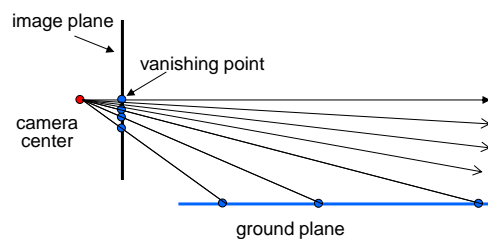
## Properties of Projection

- Preserves
  - Lines and conics
  - Incidence
  - Invariants (cross-ratio)
- Does not preserve
  - Lengths
  - Angles
  - Parallelism



## Vanishing Points

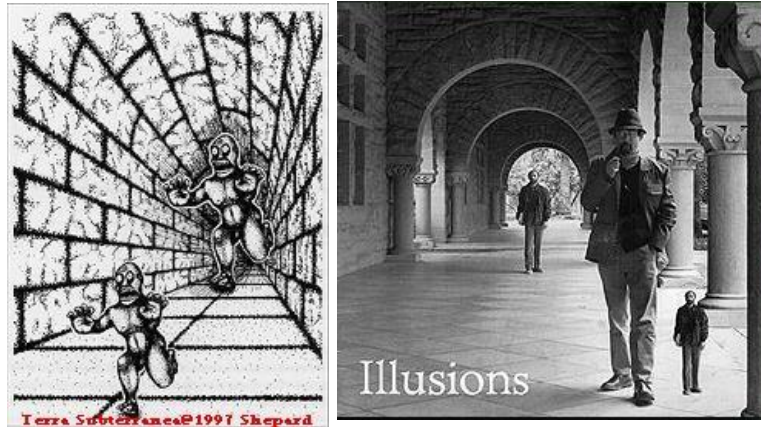
- Vanishing point
  - projection of a point at infinity
  - whiteboard capture, architecture,...



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## Fun With Vanishing Points



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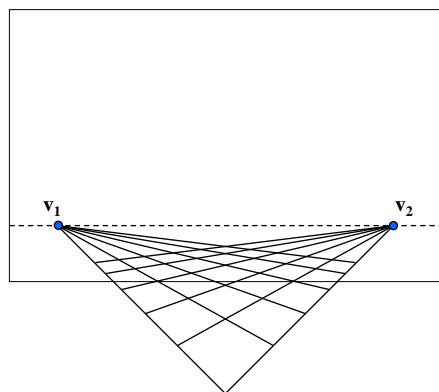


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## Vanishing Lines

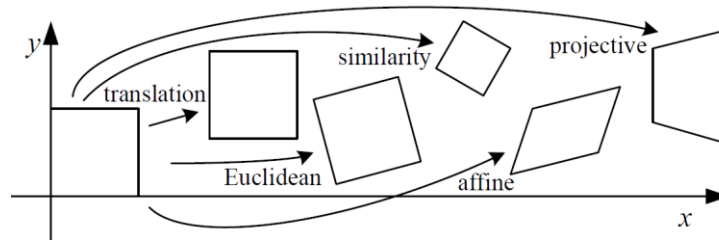
- Multiple Vanishing Points
  - Any set of parallel lines on the plane define a vanishing point
  - The union of all of these vanishing points is the horizon line



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## Transformations



- $\underline{x}'$ : New Image &  $\underline{x}$ : Old Image
- Euclidean:  
(Distances preserved) 
$$\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$$
- Similarity (Scaled Rotation):  
(Angles preserved) 
$$\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} sR & t \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$$

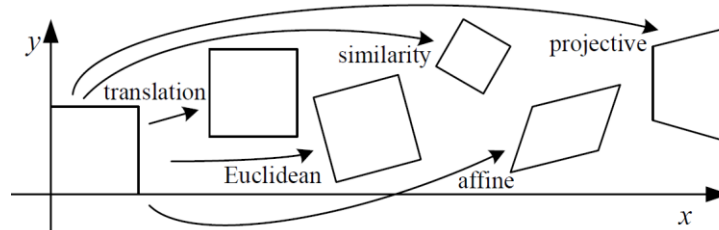
Fig. 2.4 from Szeliski, *Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications*



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## Transformations [2]



- Affine :  
(|| lines remain ||) 
$$\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$$
- Projective:  
(straight lines preserved)  
H: Homogenous 3x3 Matrix 
$$\underline{x}' = \mathbf{H} \underline{x}$$
 
$$x' = \frac{h_{00}x + h_{01}y + h_{02}}{h_{20}x + h_{21}y + h_{22}}$$
 
$$y' = \frac{h_{10}x + h_{11}y + h_{12}}{h_{20}x + h_{21}y + h_{22}}$$

Fig. 2.4 from Szeliski, *Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications*



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## Transformations [3]

- Forward Warp

```
procedure forwardWarp( $f, h, \text{out } g$ ):
```

For every pixel  $x$  in  $f(x)$

1. Compute the destination location  $x' = h(x)$ .
2. Copy the pixel  $f(x)$  to  $g(x')$ .

- Inverse Warp

```
procedure inverseWarp( $f, h, \text{out } g$ ):
```

For every pixel  $x'$  in  $g(x')$

1. Compute the source location  $x = \hat{h}(x')$
2. Resample  $f(x)$  at location  $x$  and copy to  $g(x')$

Sec. 3.6 from Szeliski, *Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications*



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## Calibration

See: *Camera Calibration Toolbox for Matlab*

([http://www.vision.caltech.edu/bouguetj/calib\\_doc/](http://www.vision.caltech.edu/bouguetj/calib_doc/))

- Intrinsic: Internal Parameters

- **Focal length:** The focal length in pixels.
- **Principal point:** The principal point
- **Skew coefficient:**  
The skew coefficient defining the angle between the x and y pixel axes.
- **Distortions:** The image distortion coefficients (radial and tangential distortions) (typically two quadratic functions)

- Extrinsic: Where the Camera (image plane) is placed:

- **Rotations:** A set of 3x3 rotation matrices for each image
- **Translations:** A set of 3x1 translation vectors for each image



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## Features

- Colour
- Corners
- Edges
- Lines
- Statistics on Edges: SIFT, SURF

## Features -- Colour Features

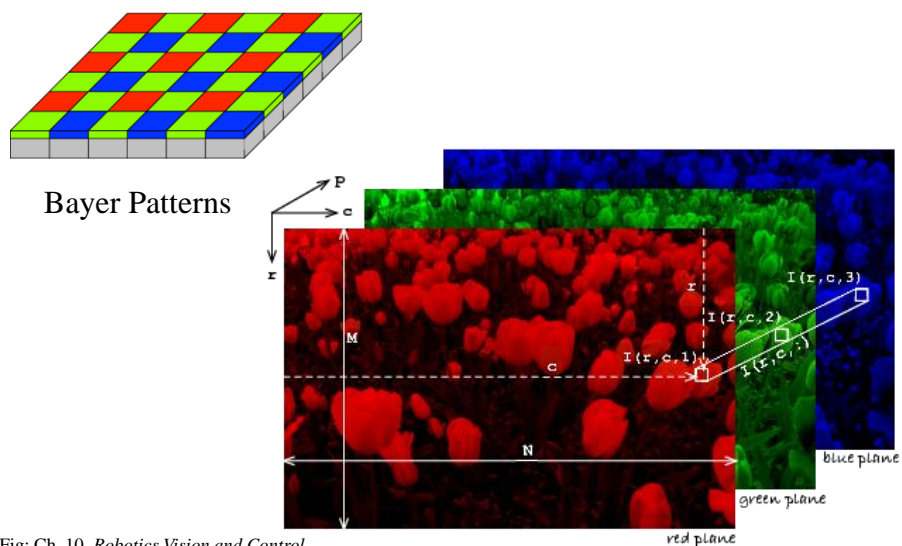


Fig: Ch. 10, *Robotics Vision and Control*

## Edge Detection

- Canny edge detector:



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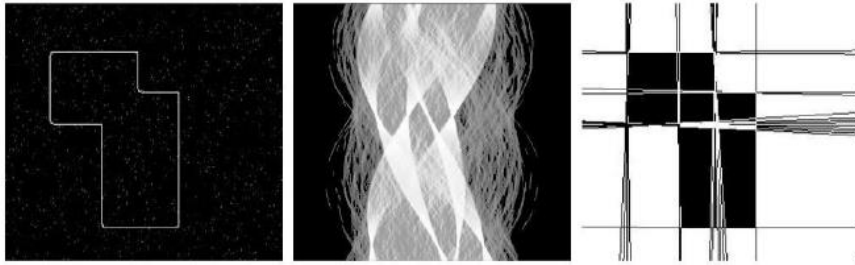
- Canny edge detector:



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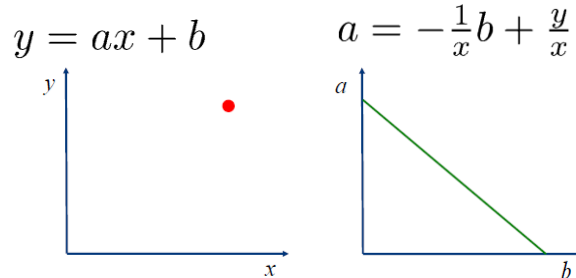
## Hough Transform



- Uses a voting mechanism
- Can be used for other lines and shapes (not just straight lines)



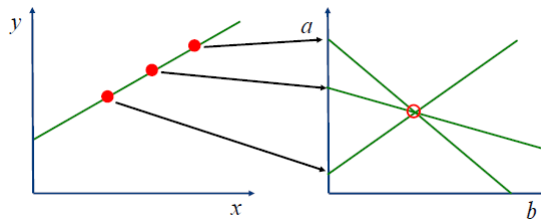
## Hough Transform: Voting Space



- Count the number of lines that can go through a point and move it from the “x-y” plane to the “a-b” plane
- There is only a one-“infinite” number (a line!) of solutions (not a two-“infinite” set – a plane)



## Hough Transform: Voting Space



- In practice, the polar form is often used
$$a = x \cos a + y \sin b$$
- This avoids problems with lines that are nearly vertical



## Hough Transform: Algorithm

1. Quantize the parameter space appropriately.
2. Assume that each cell in the parameter space is an accumulator. Initialize all cells to zero.
3. For each point (x,y) in the (visual & range) image space, increment by 1 each of the accumulators that satisfy the equation.
4. Maxima in the accumulator array correspond to the parameters of model instances.



## Cool Robotics Share



D. Wedge, *The Fundamental Matrix Song*



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