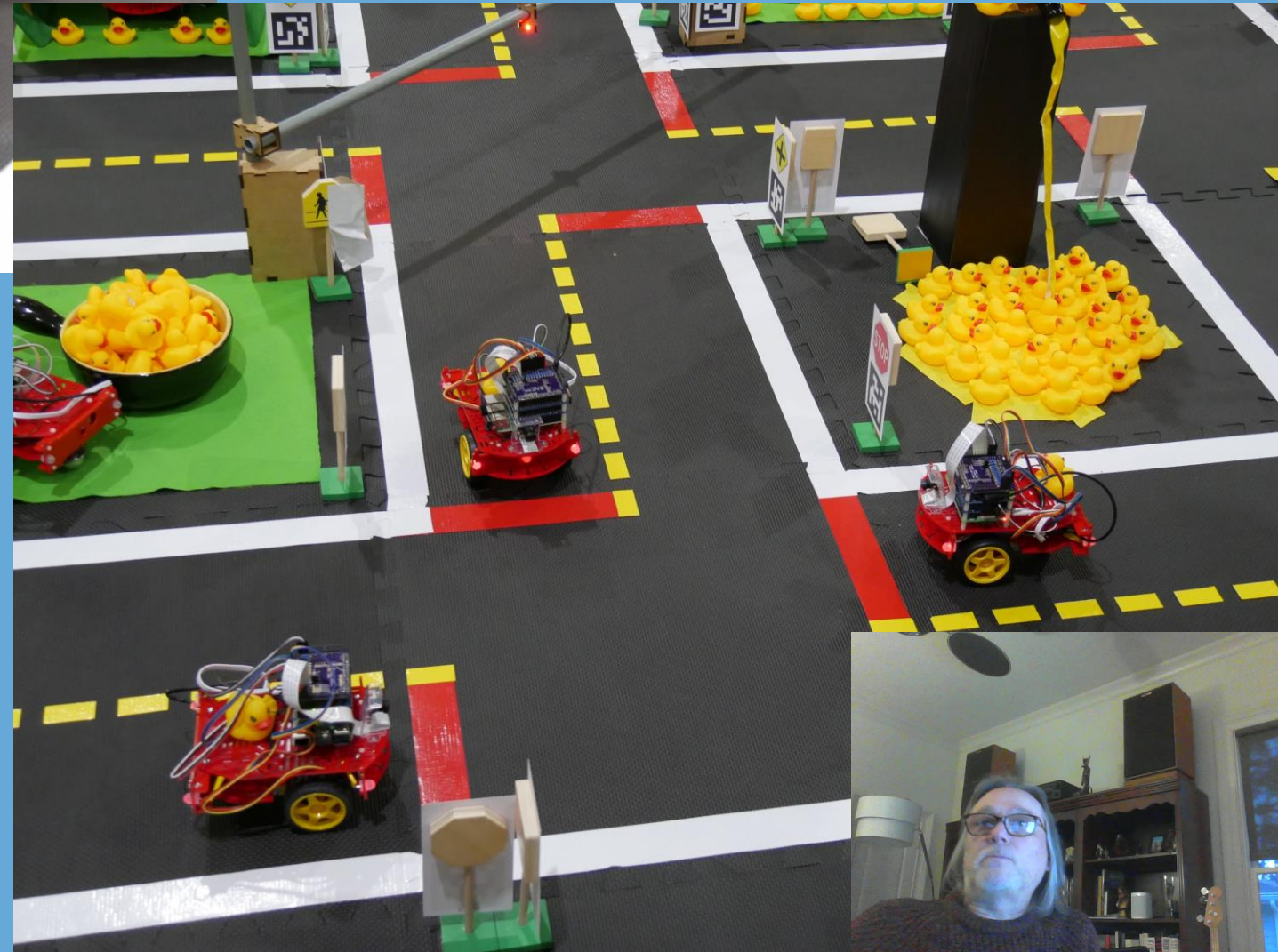


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Fundamentals***



Topics

- 1. Perspective Cameras**
- 2. Pinhole Camera Model**
- 3. Properties of projective Geometry**
- 4. Stereo Vision**
- 5. Stereo Geometry**
- 6. Stereo Algorithms**

- Many slides borrowed from James Hays, Irfan Essa, Sing Bing Kang and others.



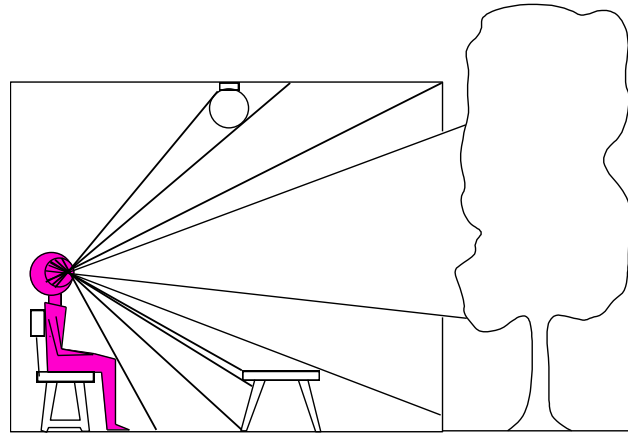
Motivation

- We need to model the image formation process
- The camera can act as an (angular) measurement device
- Need a mathematical model for a simple camera
- Two cameras are better than one: metric measurements

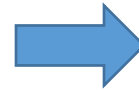


1. Perspective Cameras

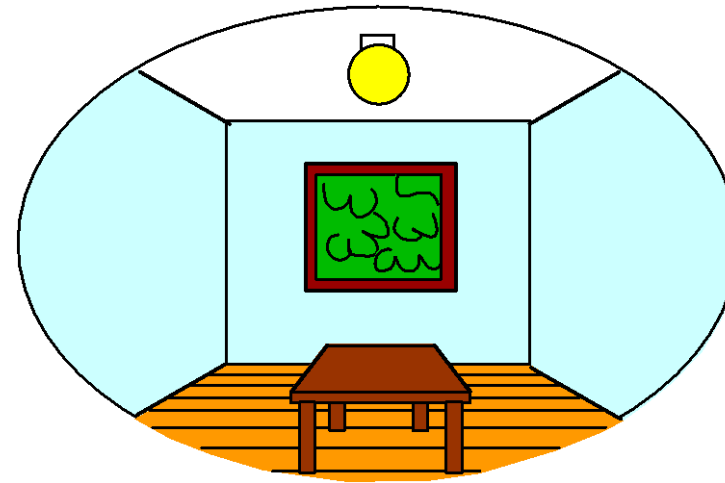
3D world



Point of observation



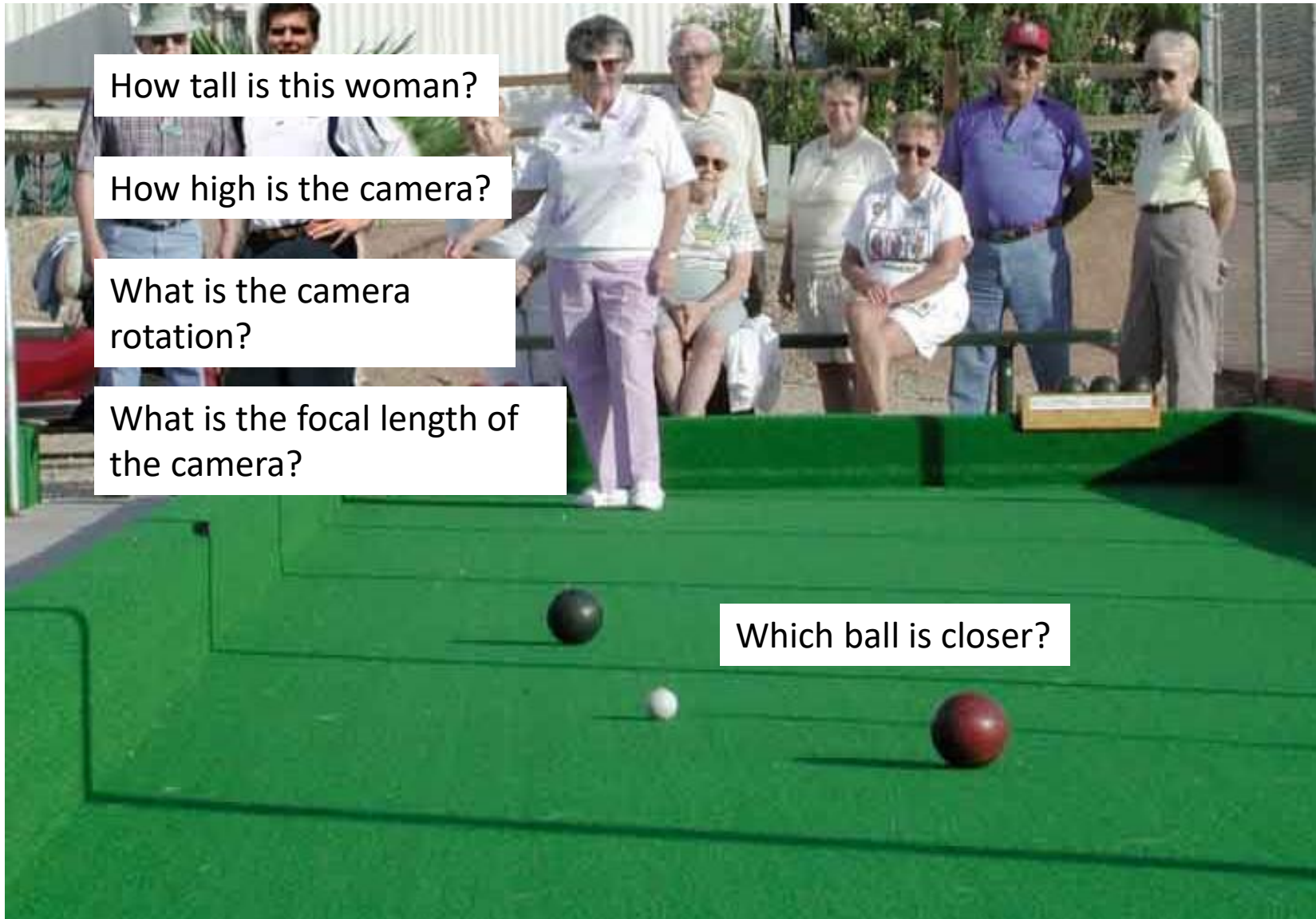
2D image



- Recall: Computer Vision: Images to Models
- To do this, we first need to understand the image formation process.
- We concentrate here on *geometry* (not photometry)



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?



Projection can be tricky...



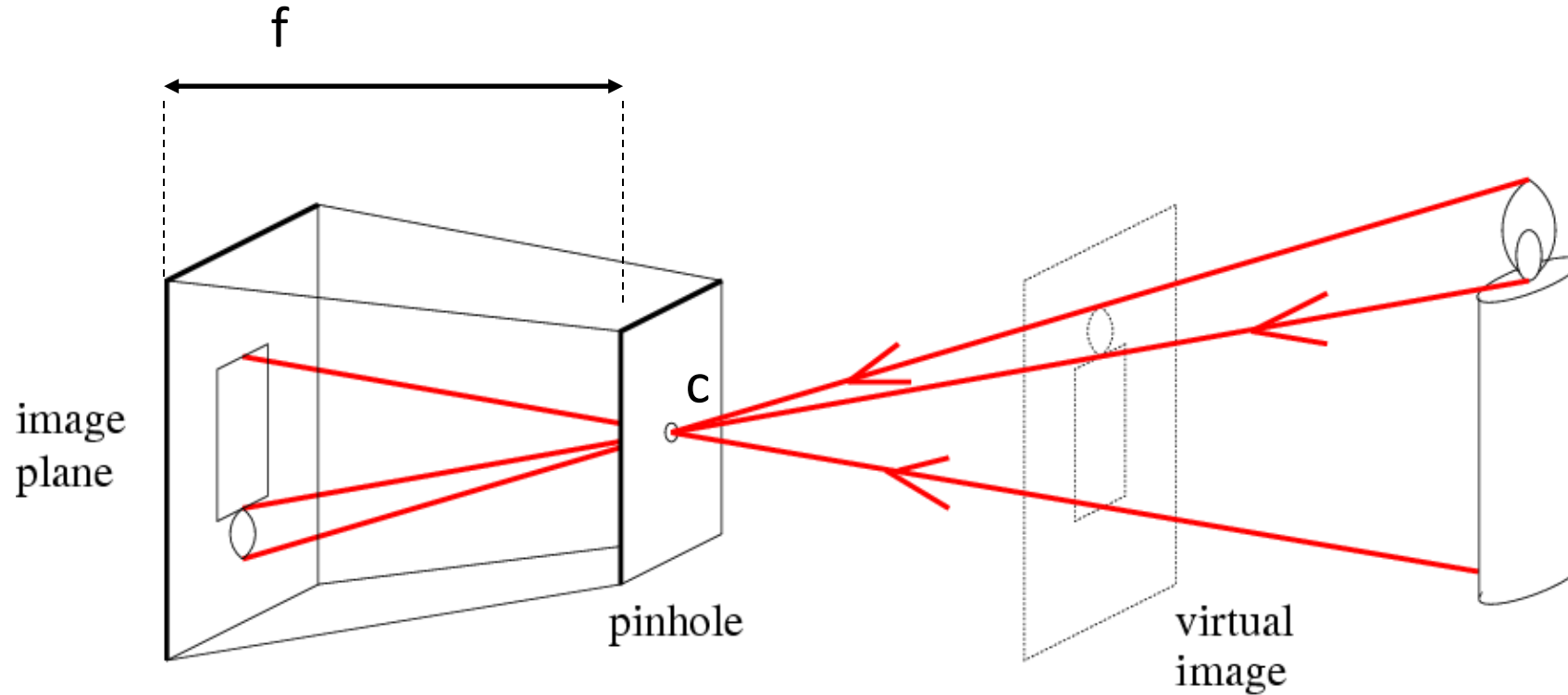
Projection can be tricky...







2. Pinhole camera model



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)

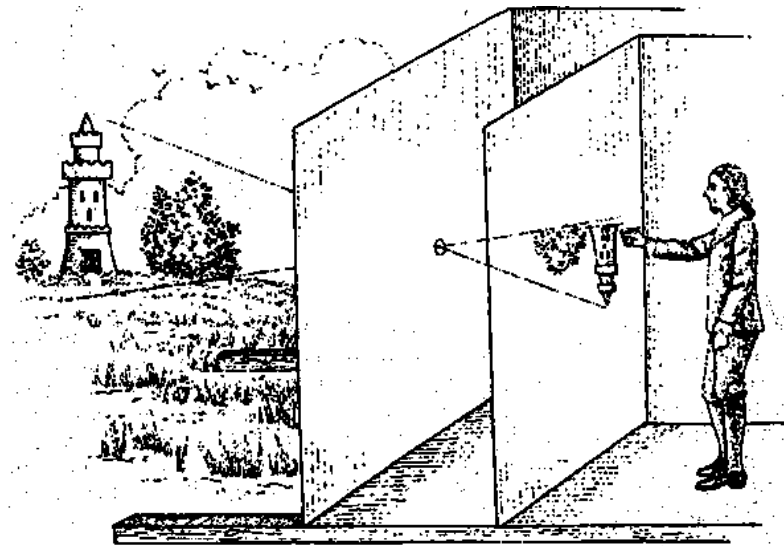


Illustration of Camera Obscura

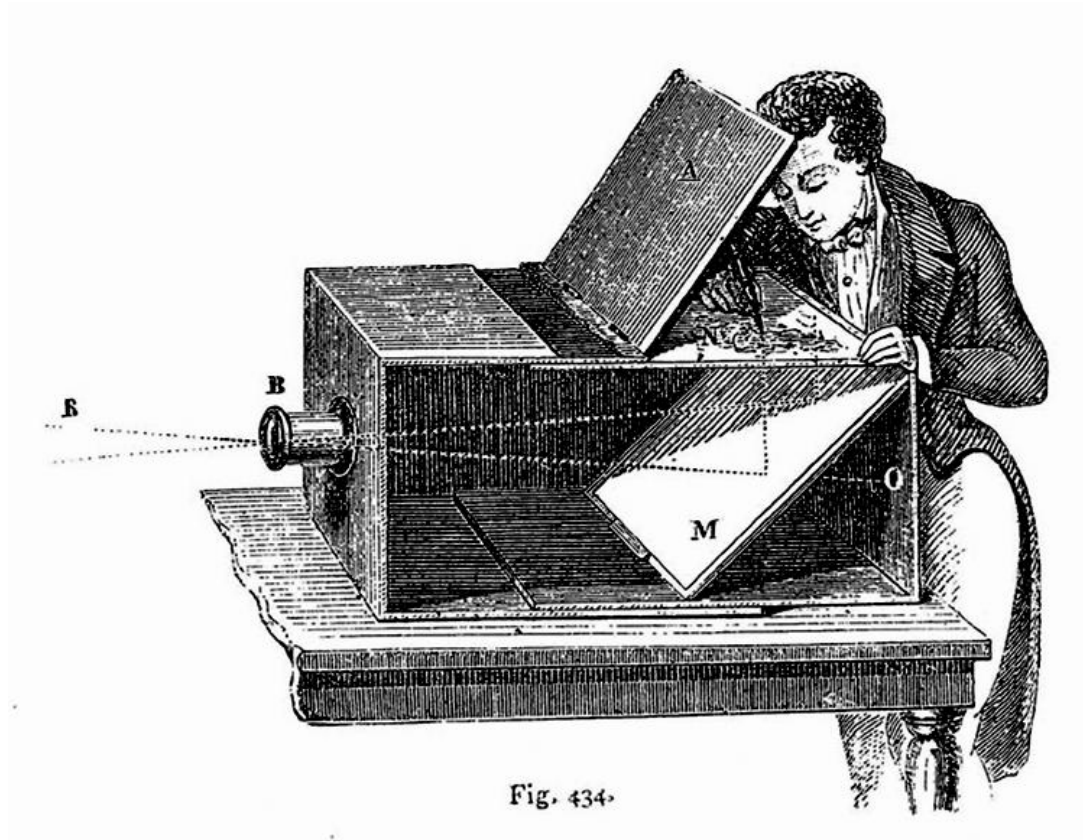


Freestanding camera obscura at UNC Chapel Hill

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

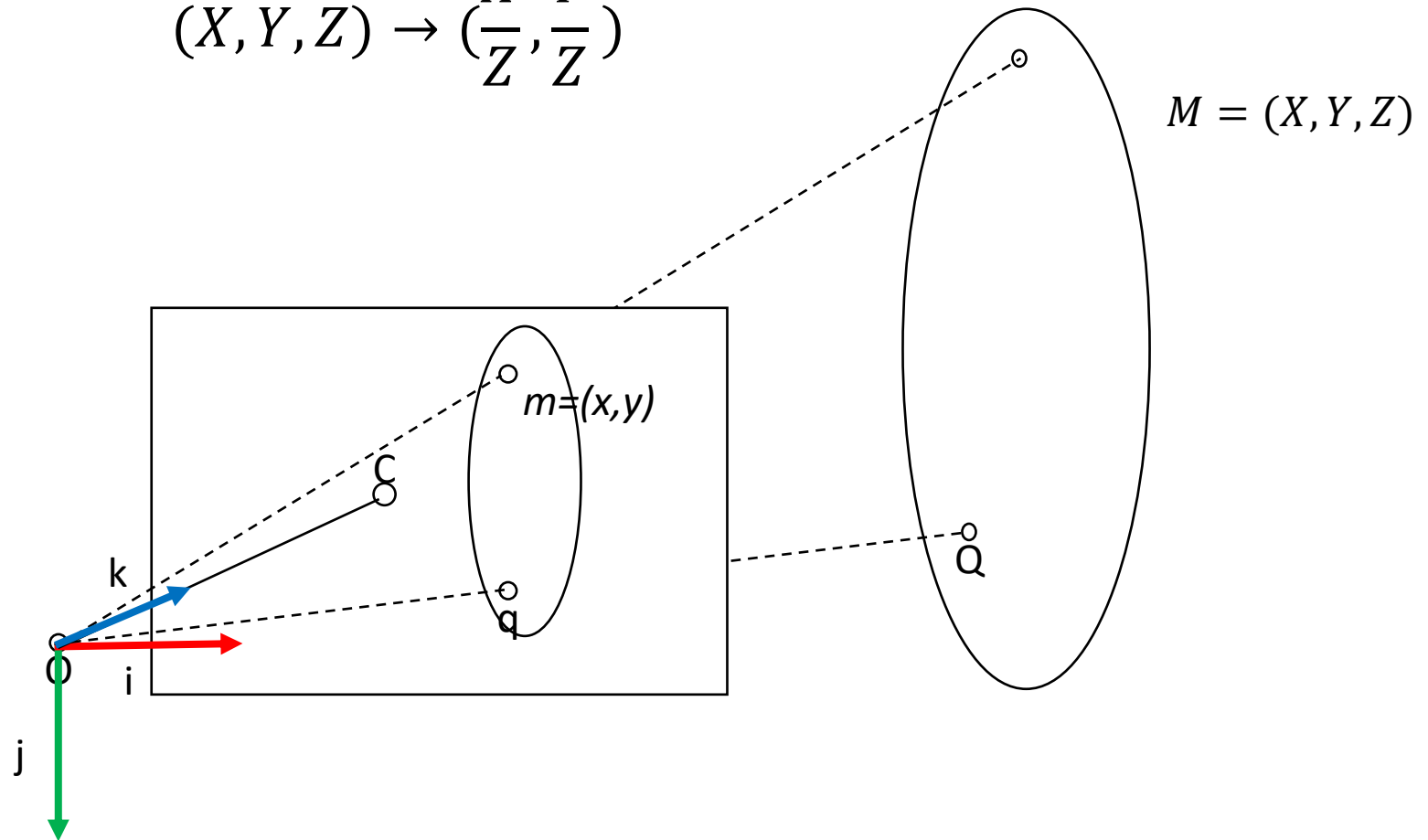
Niepce later teamed up with Daguerre, who eventually created Daguerrotypes



Pinhole Camera

- Fundamental equation:

$$(X, Y, Z) \rightarrow \left(\frac{X}{Z}, \frac{Y}{Z} \right)$$



Homogeneous Coordinates

Linear transformation of homogeneous (projective) coordinates

$$m = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = [I \quad 0] M = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ T \end{bmatrix}$$

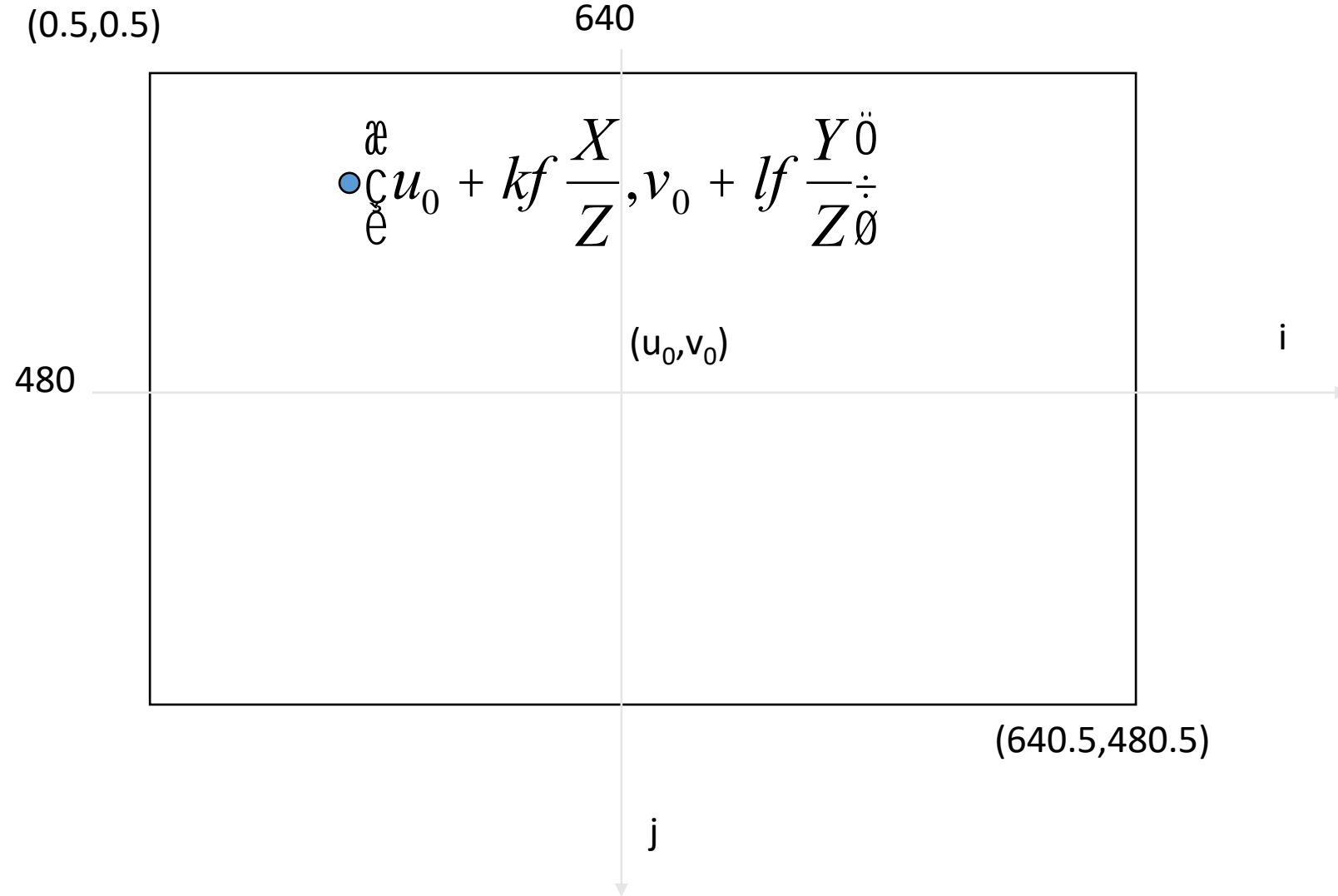
Recover image (Euclidean) coordinates by normalizing:

$$x = \frac{u}{w} = \frac{X}{Z}$$

$$y = \frac{v}{w} = \frac{Y}{Z}$$



Pixel coordinates in 2D



Intrinsic Calibration

3 × 3 Calibration Matrix K

$$m = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} M = \begin{bmatrix} a & s & u_0 \\ 0 & b & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

T

Recover image (Euclidean) coordinates by normalizing :

$$x = \frac{u}{w} = \frac{aX + sY + u_0}{Z}$$

$$y = \frac{v}{w} = \frac{bY + v_0}{Z}$$

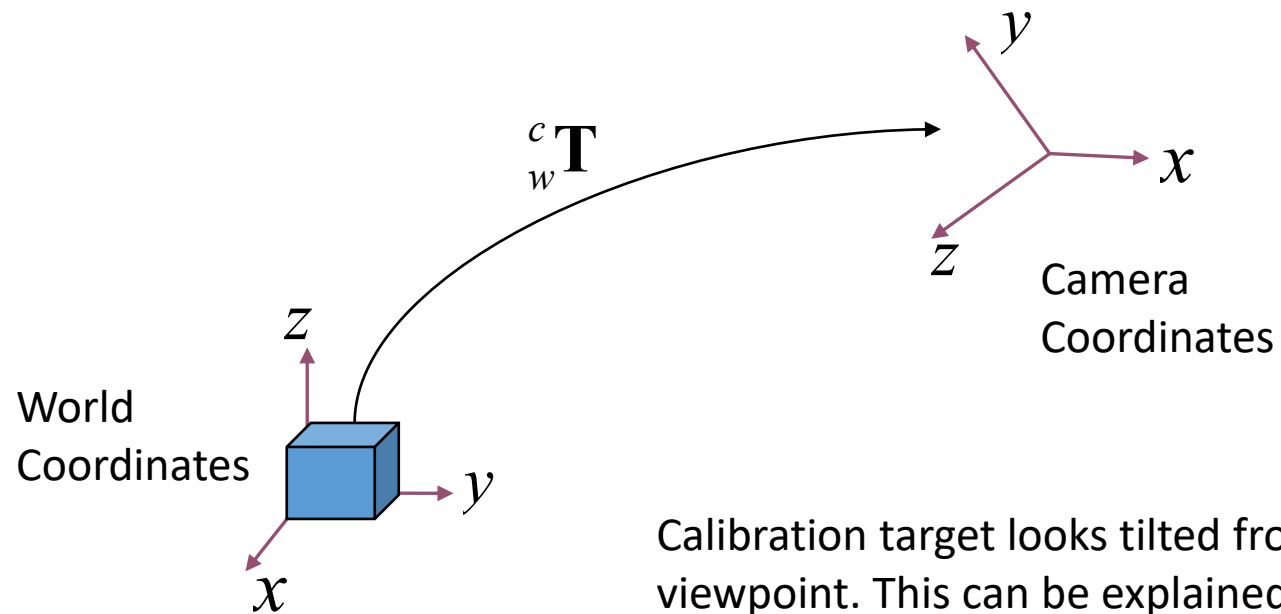
5 Degrees of Freedom !

skew



Camera Pose

In order to apply the camera model, objects in the scene must be expressed in *camera coordinates*.



Calibration target looks tilted from camera viewpoint. This can be explained as a difference in coordinate systems.



Projective Camera Matrix

Camera = Calibration · Projection · Extrinsic

$$m = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{v} \\ \hat{w} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{a} & s & u_0 \\ \hat{b} & v_0 & 1 \\ \hat{c} & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{a} & s & u_0 & 0 \\ \hat{b} & v_0 & 1 & t \\ \hat{c} & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = K [R \quad t] M = PM$$

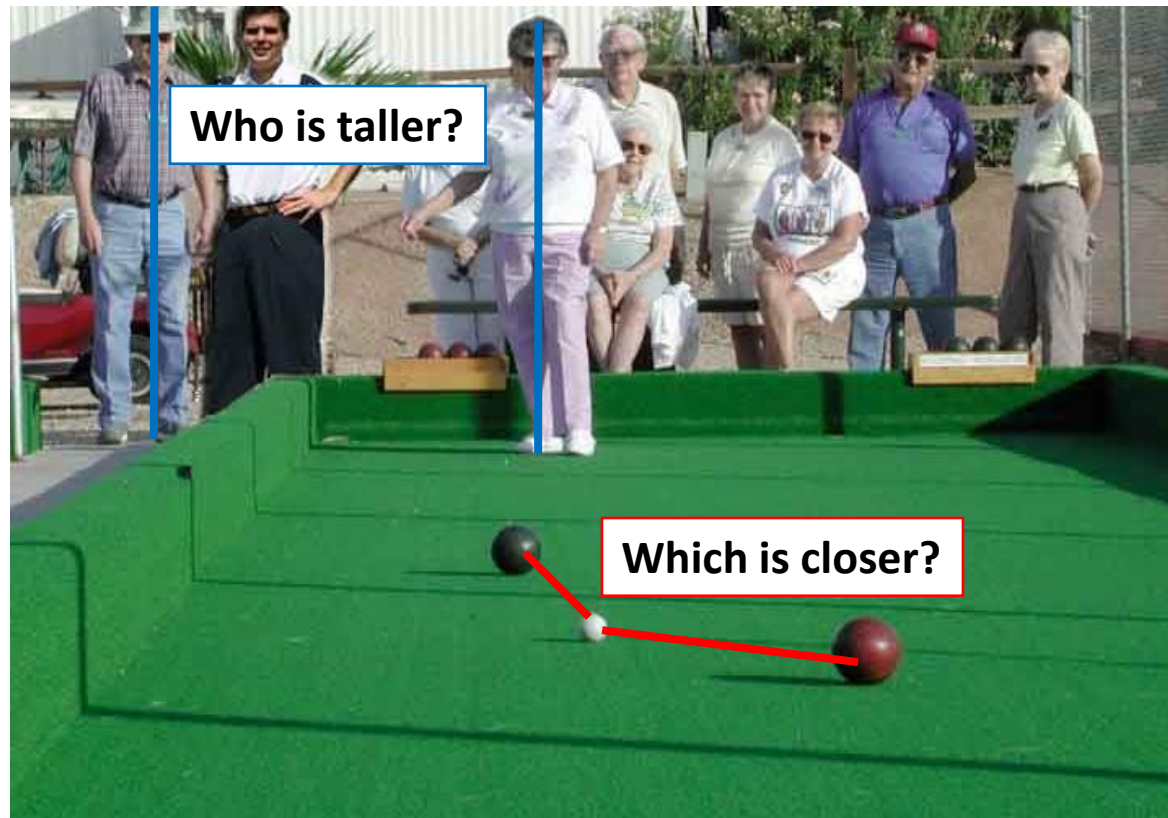
5+6 Degrees of Freedom (DOF) = 11 !



3. Properties of projective Geometry

What is lost?

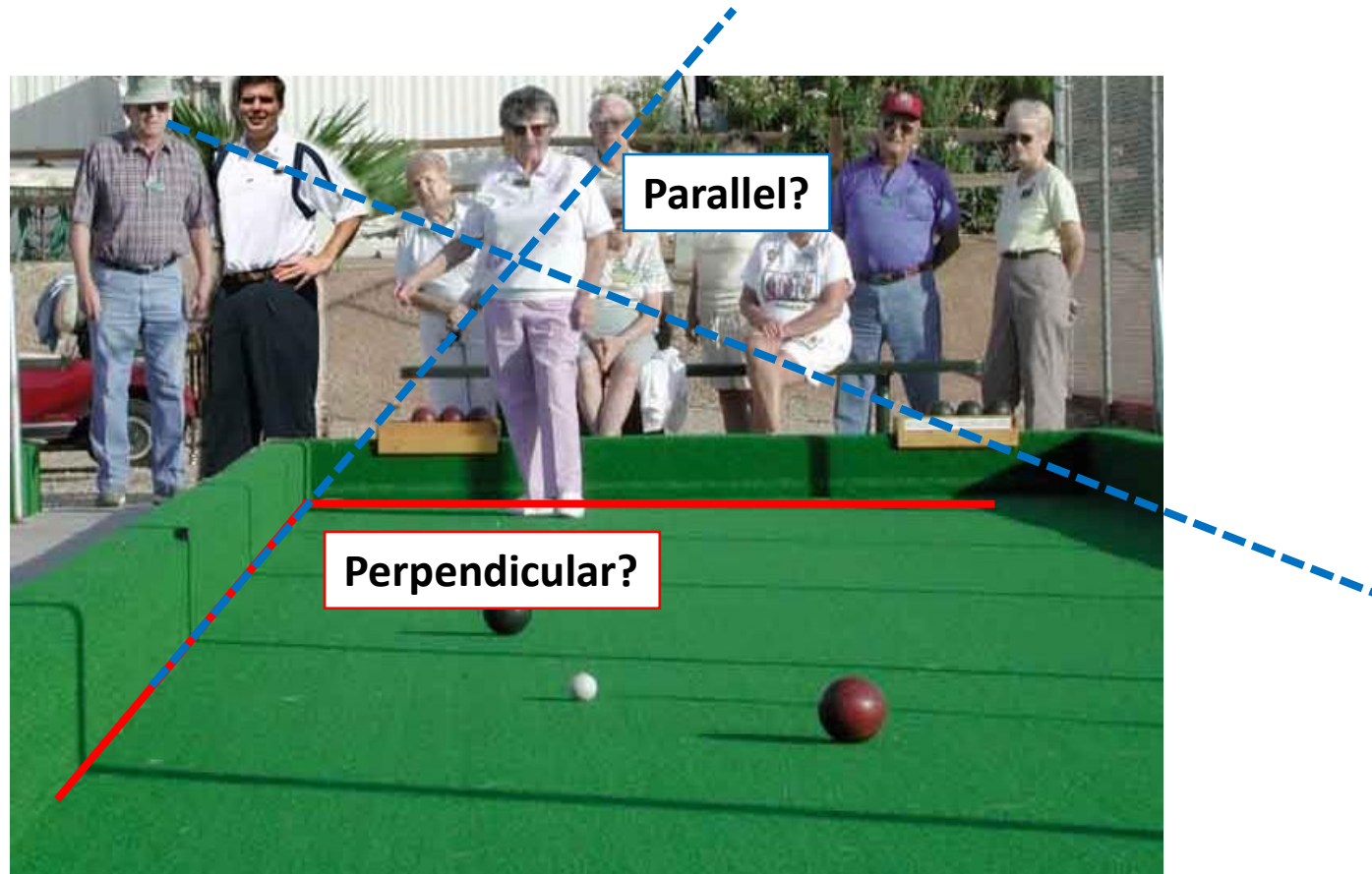
- Length



Properties of projective Geometry

What is lost?

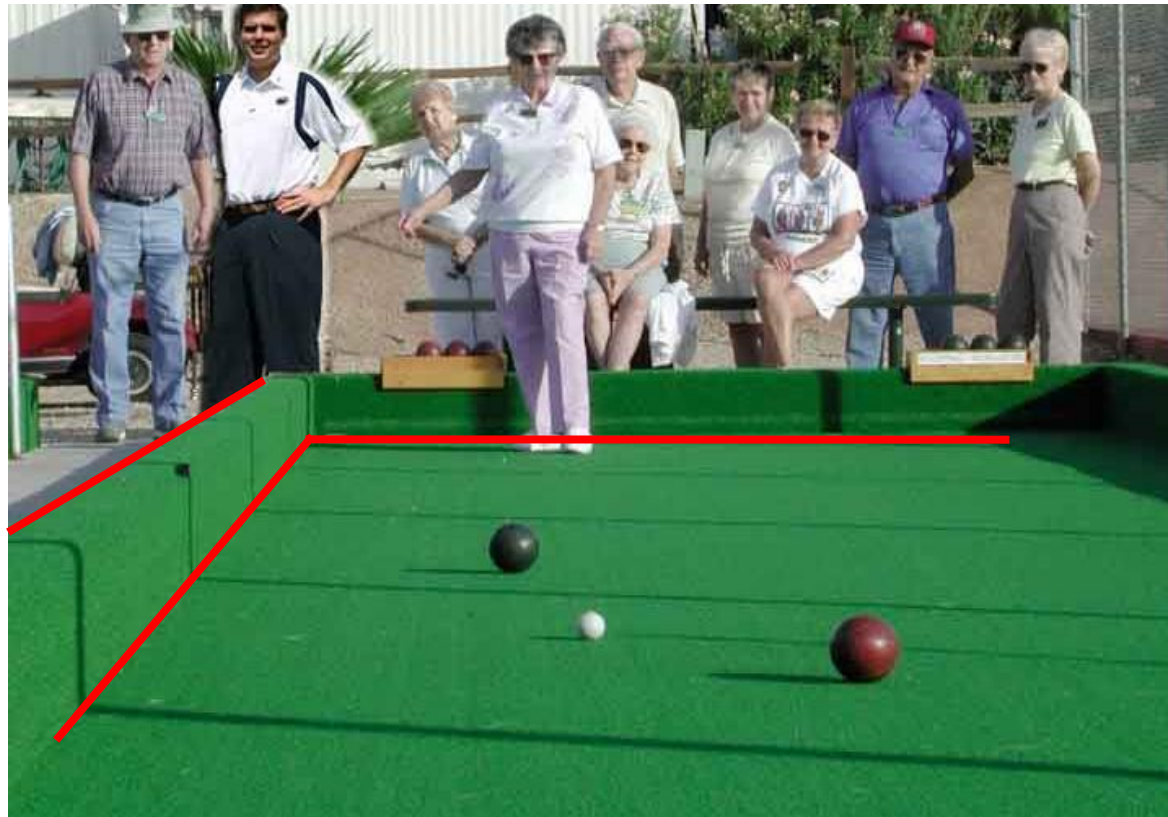
- Length
- Angles



Properties of projective Geometry

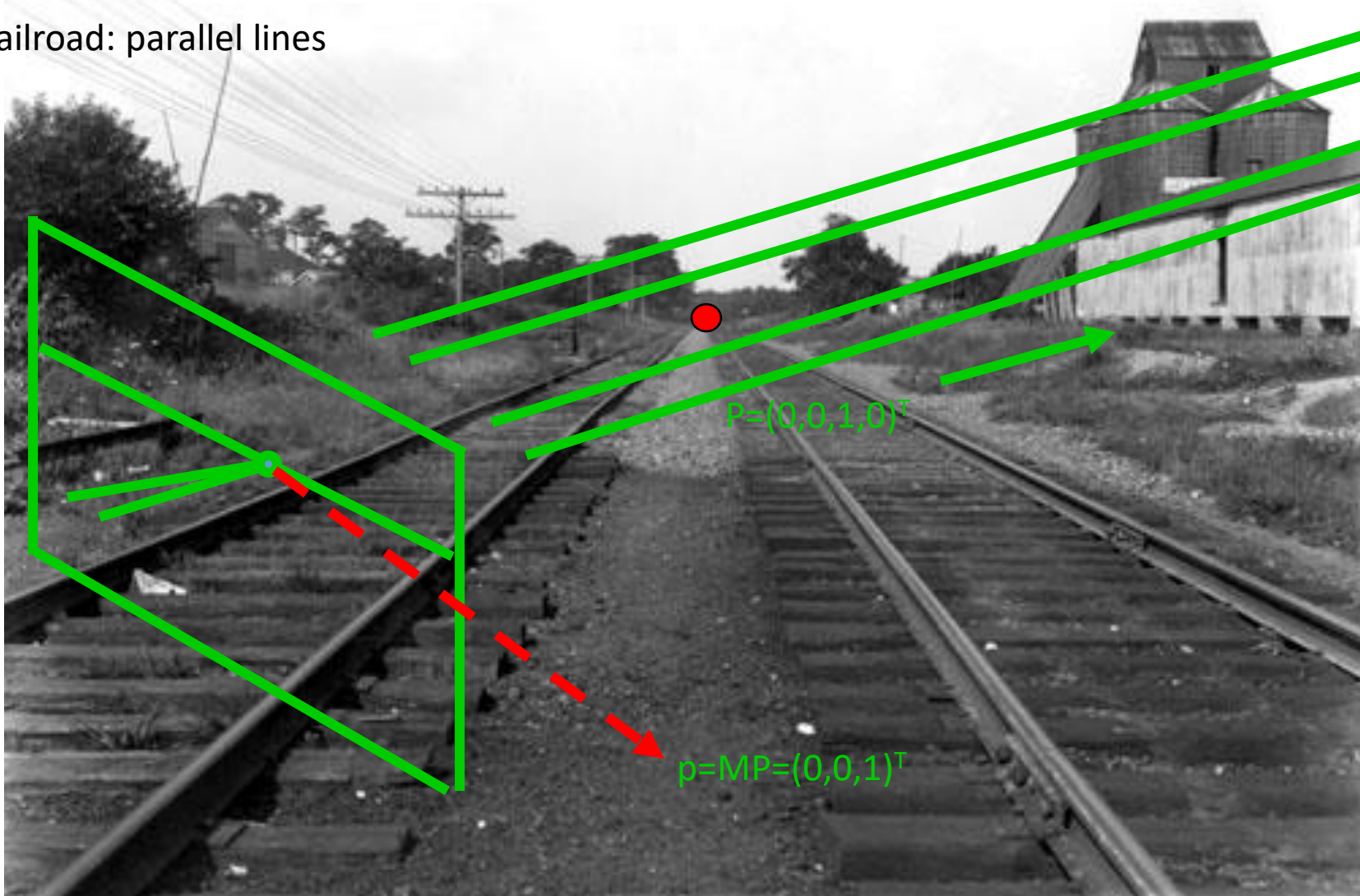
What is preserved?

- Straight lines are still straight

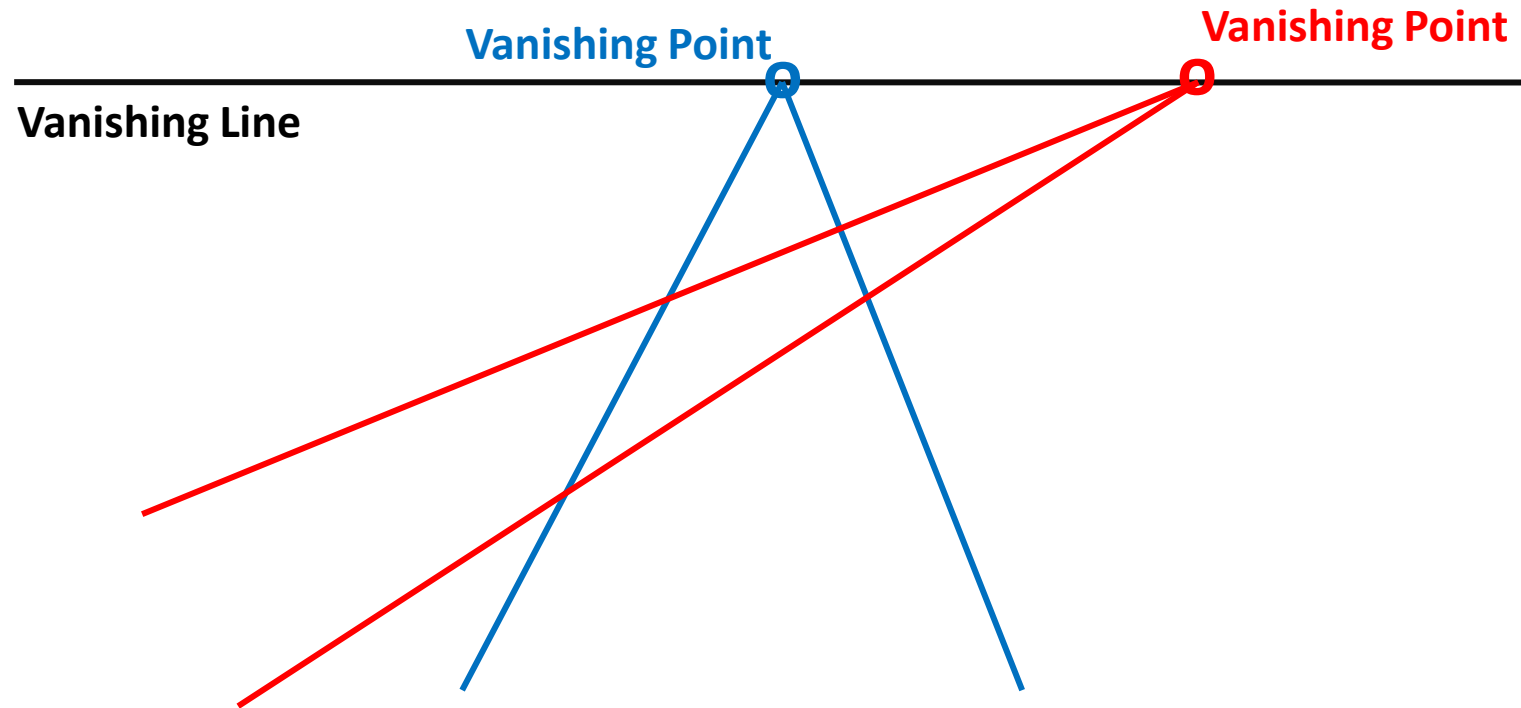


We can see infinity !

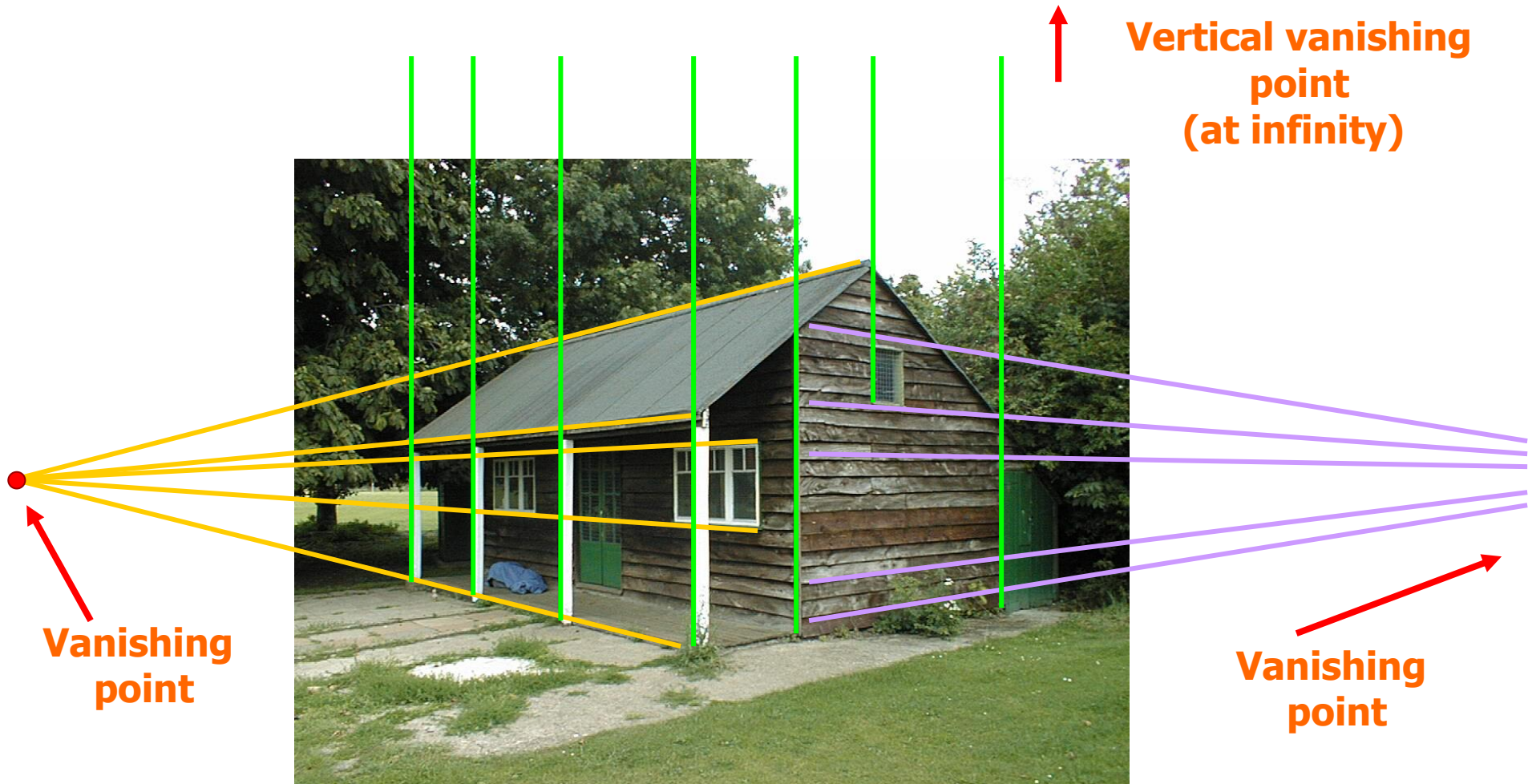
Railroad: parallel lines



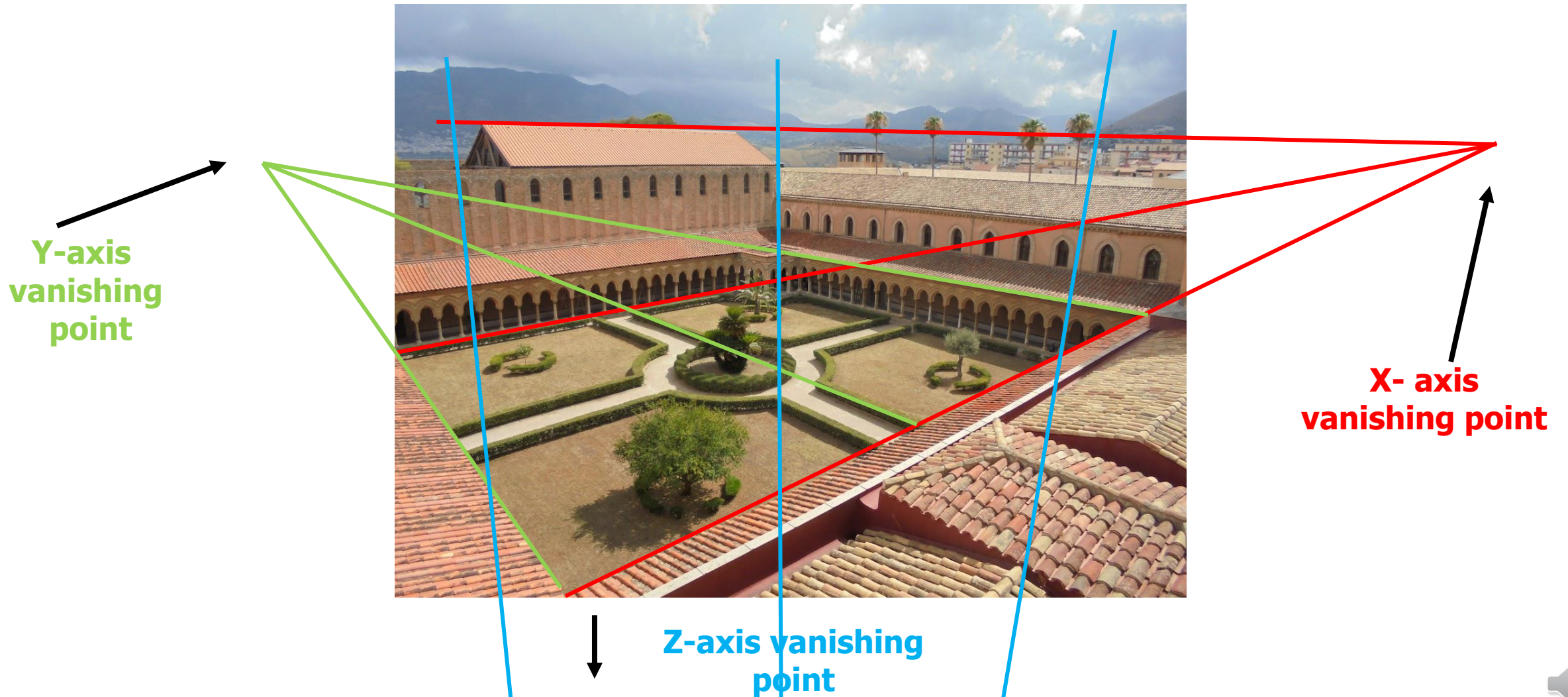
Vanishing points and lines



Vanishing points and lines



Vanishing points and lines



Y-axis
vanishing
point

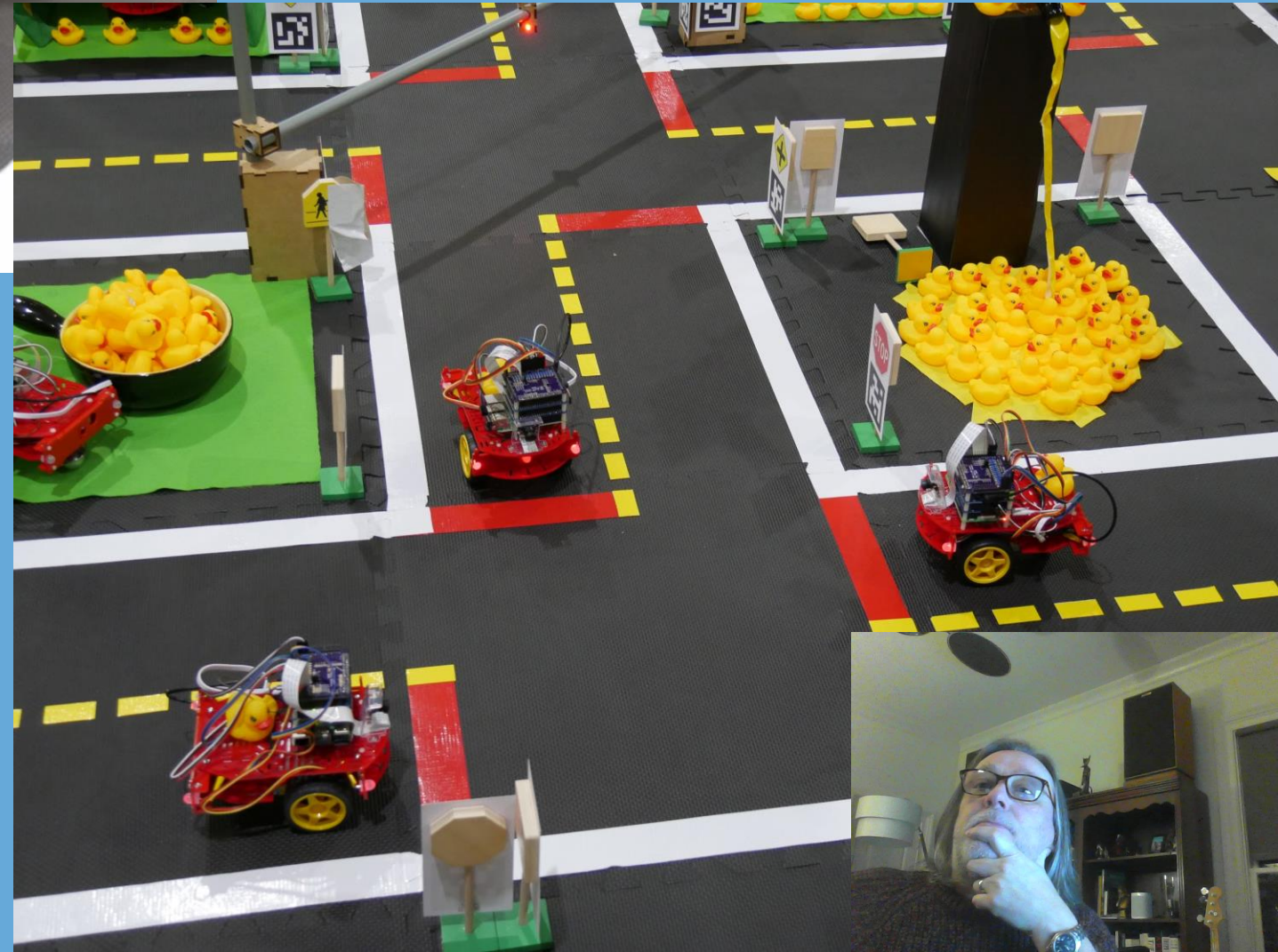
X-axis
vanishing
point

Z-axis vanishing
point





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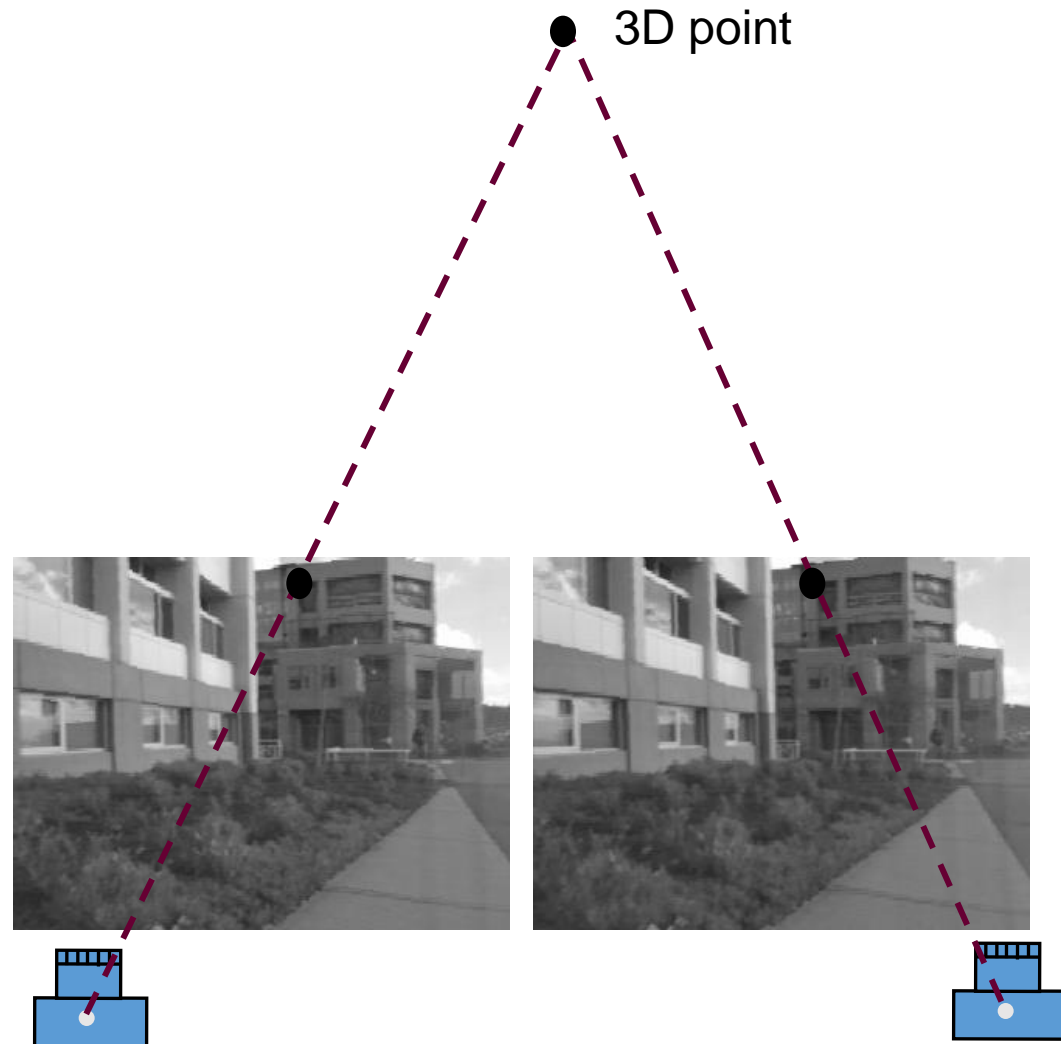


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Effect of Moving Camera

- As camera is shifted (viewpoint changed):
 - 3D points are projected to different 2D locations
 - Amount of shift in projected 2D location depends on depth
- 2D shifts= **stereo disparity**



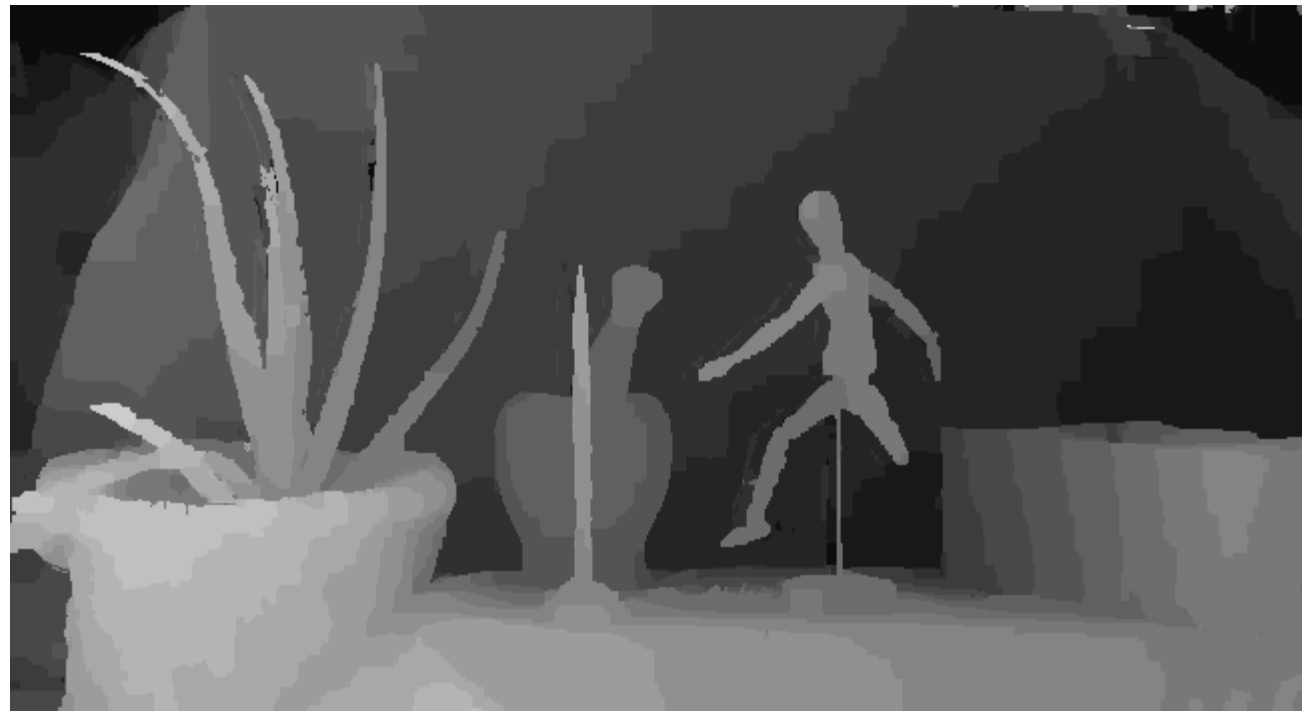
Example



Right image



Example



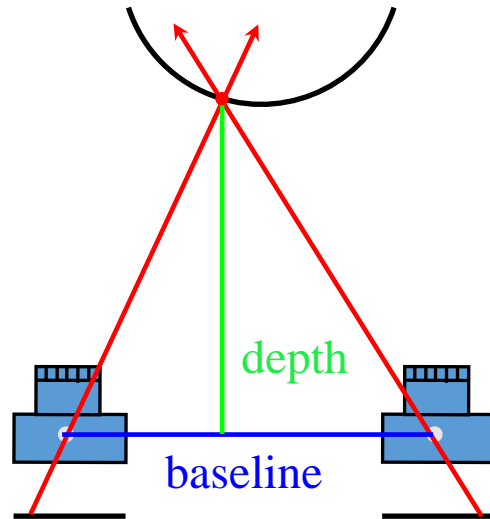
Right image
Left image



View Interpolation



Basic Idea of Stereo



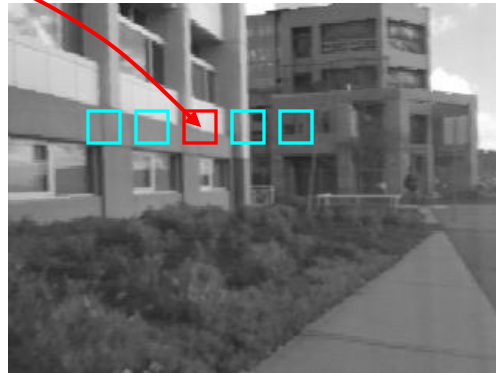
Triangulate on two images of the same point to recover depth.

- Feature matching across views
- Calibrated cameras

Left



Right

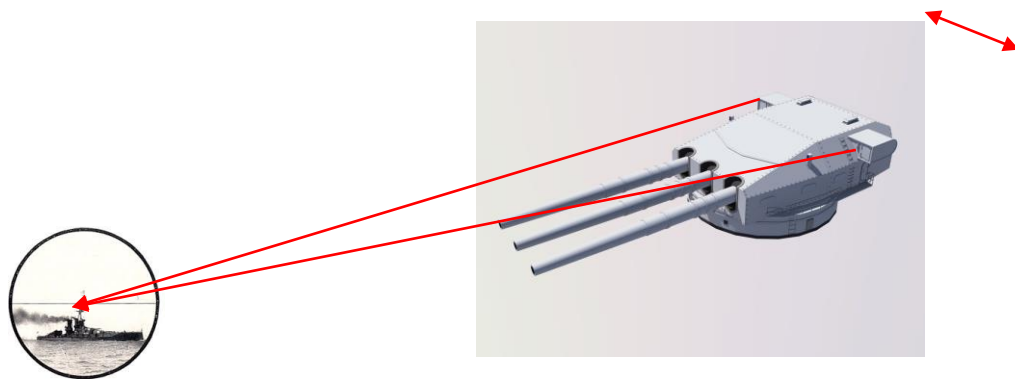


Matching correlation windows across scan lines



Why is Stereo Useful?

- Passive and non-invasive
- Robot navigation (path planning, obstacle detection)
- 3D modeling (shape analysis, reverse engineering, visualization)
- Photorealistic rendering



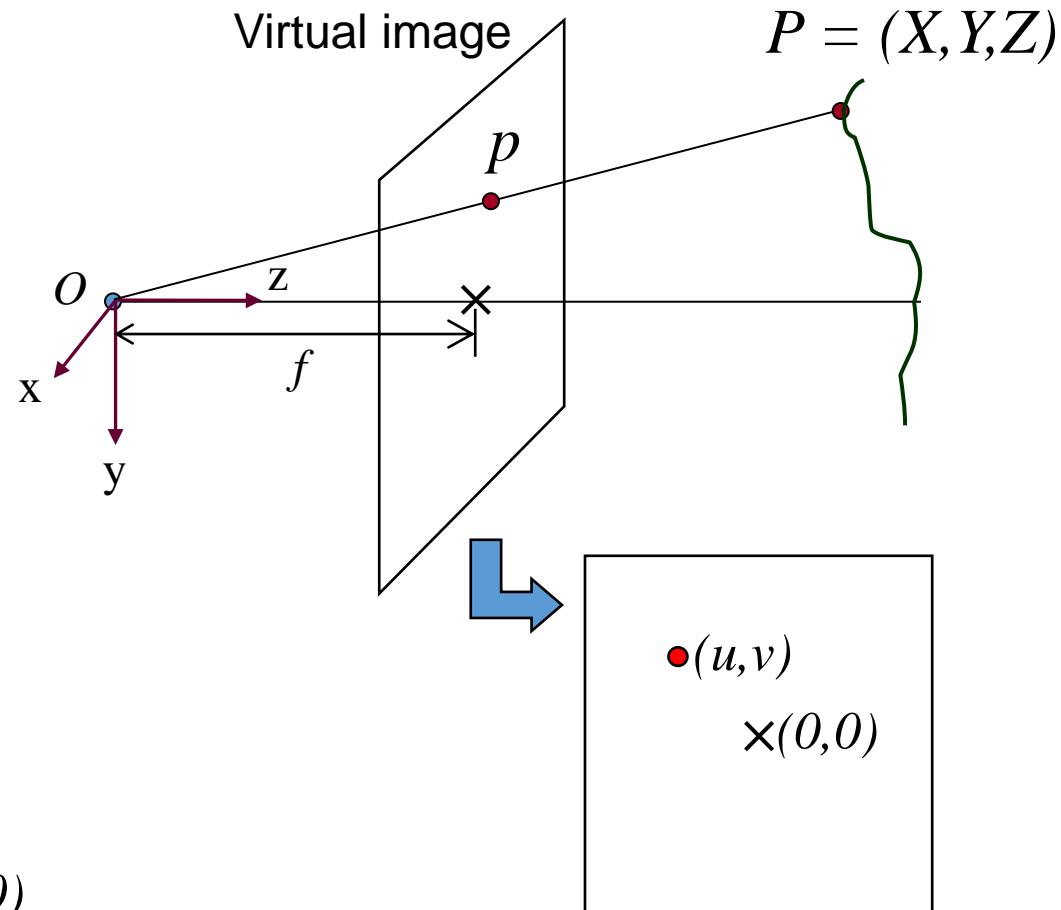
5. Stereo Geometry

- Recall: Pinhole model
- Now we have two !
- How to recover depth from two measurements?



Review: Pinhole Camera Model

3D scene point P is projected to a 2D point Q in the virtual image plane



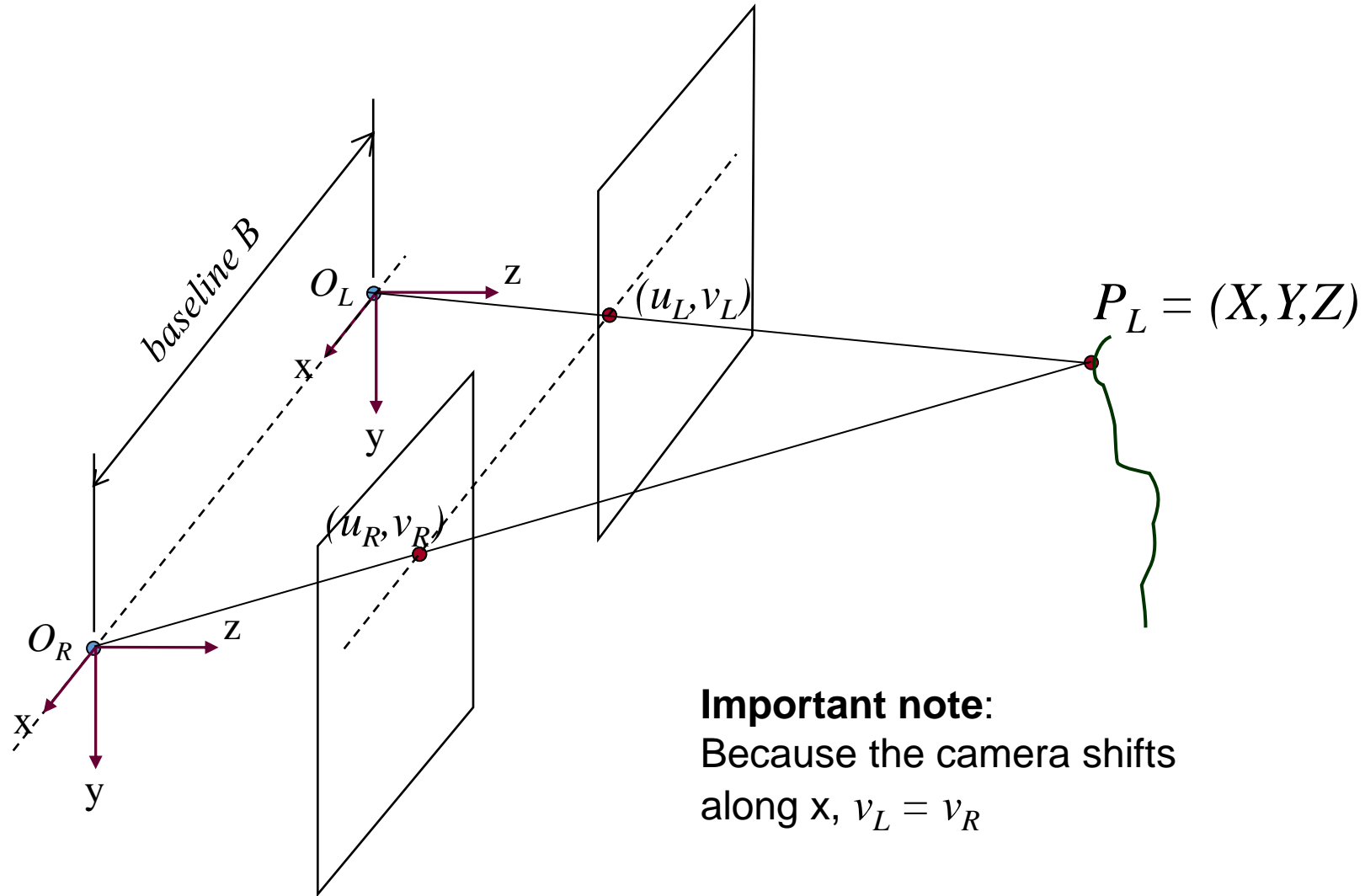
The 2D coordinates in the image are given by

$$(u, v) = \left(f \frac{X}{Z}, f \frac{Y}{Z} \right)$$

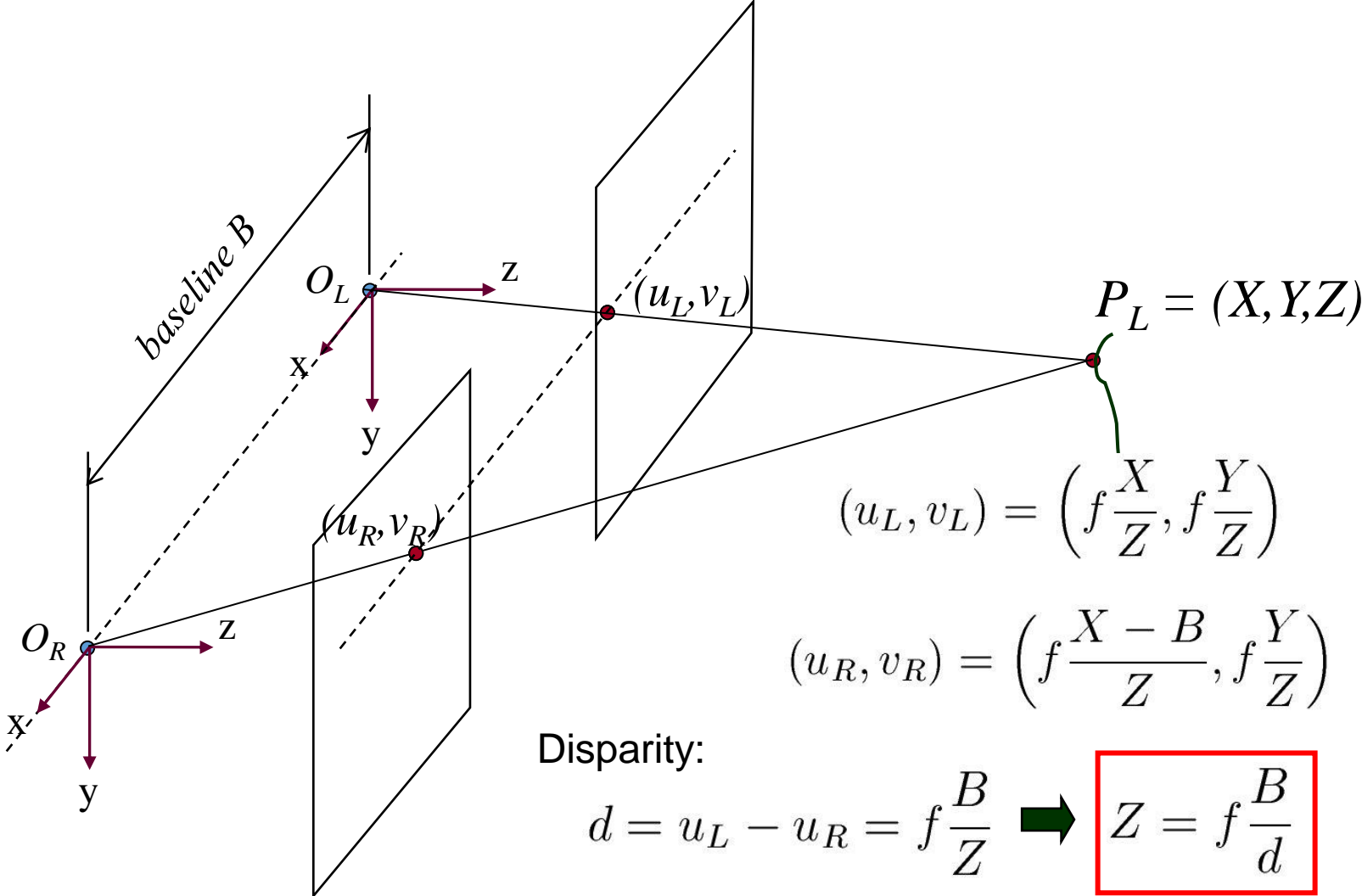
Note: image center is $(0, 0)$



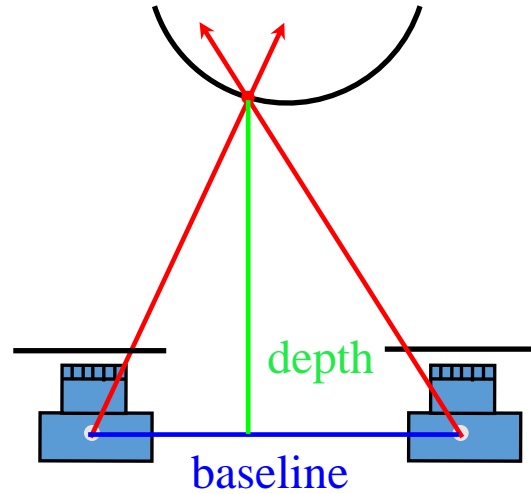
Basic Stereo Derivations



Basic Stereo Formula



6. Stereo Algorithm



$$Z(x, y) = \frac{f B}{d(x, y)}$$

$Z(x, y)$ is depth at pixel (x, y)
 $d(x, y)$ is disparity

Left



Right



Matching correlation
windows across scan lines



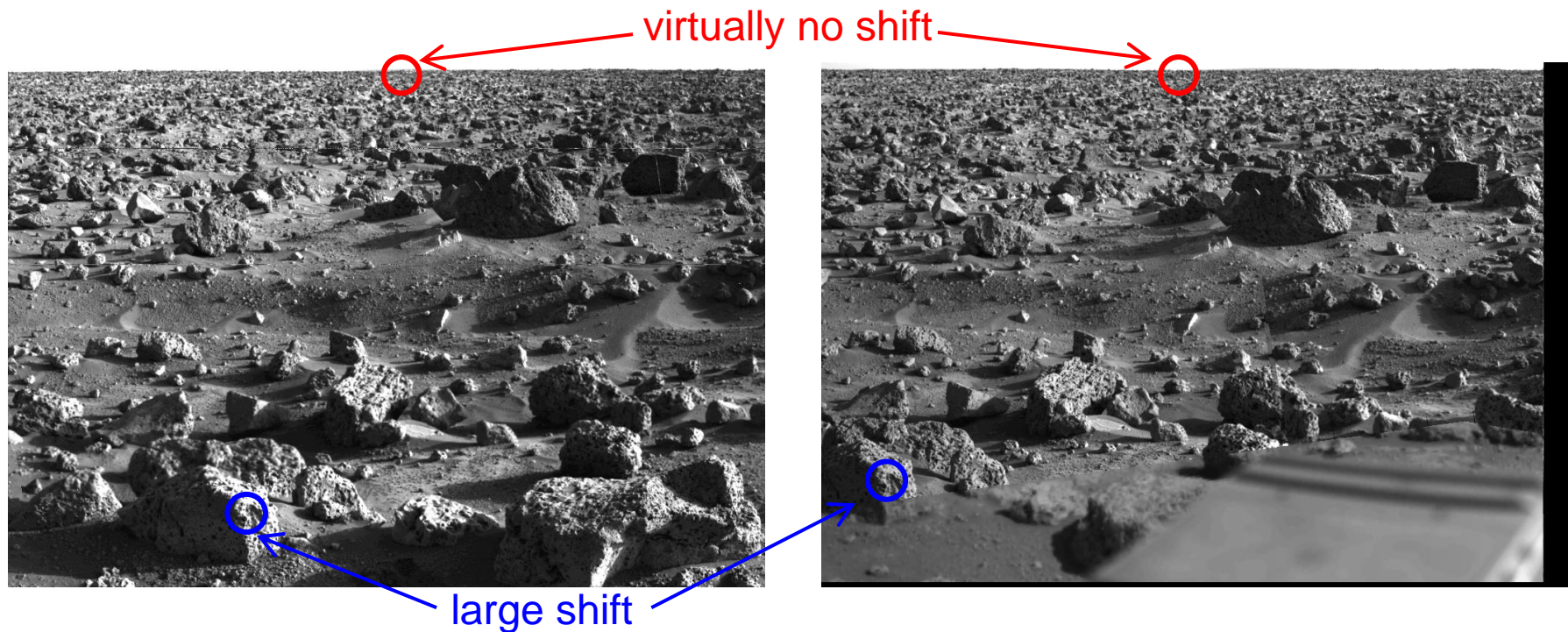
Components of Stereo Algorithms

- Matching criterion (error function)
 - Quantify similarity of pixels
 - Most common: direct intensity difference
- Aggregation method
 - How error function is accumulated
 - Options: Pixel, edge, window, or segmented regions
- Optimization and winner selection
 - Examples: Winner-take-all, dynamic programming, graph cuts, belief propagation



Stereo Correspondence

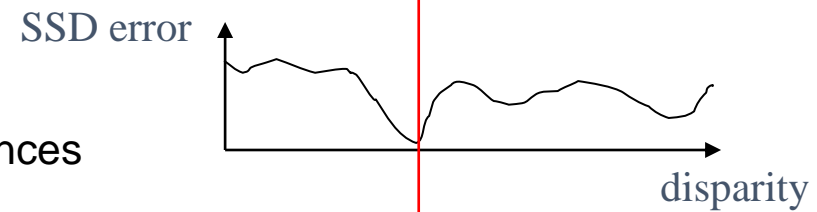
- Search over disparity to find correspondences
- Range of disparities can be large



Correspondence Using Window-based Correlation



Matching criterion = Sum-of-squared differences
Aggregation method = Fixed window size



“Winner-take-all”



Sum of Squared (Intensity) Differences



w_L and w_R are corresponding m by m windows of pixels.

We define the window function :

$$W_m(x, y) = \{u, v \mid x - \frac{m}{2} \leq u \leq x + \frac{m}{2}, y - \frac{m}{2} \leq v \leq y + \frac{m}{2}\}$$

The SSD cost measures the intensity difference as a function of disparity :

$$C_r(x, y, d) = \sum_{(u, v) \in W_m(x, y)} [I_L(u, v) - I_R(u - d, v)]^2$$



Correspondence Using Correlation



Left



Disparity Map

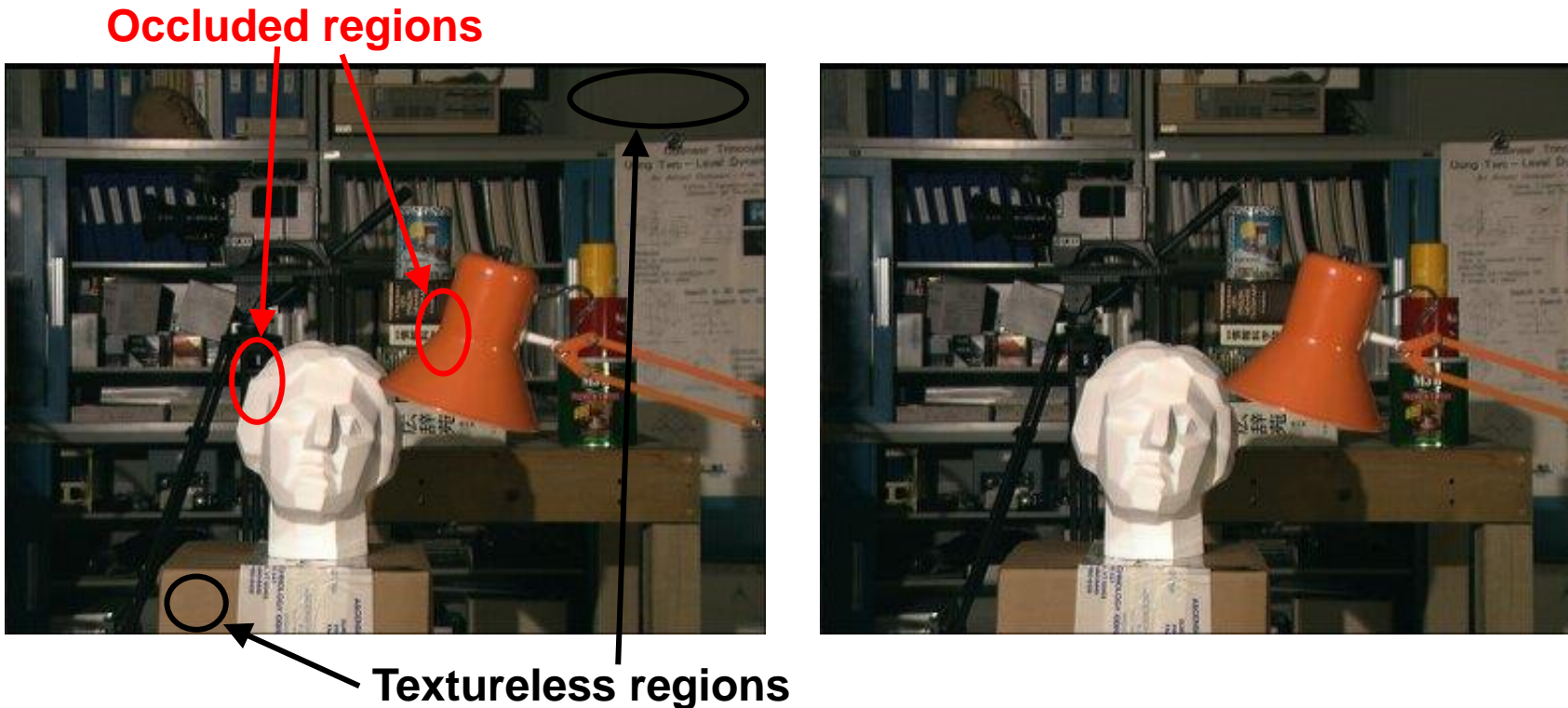


Images courtesy of Point Grey Research



Two major roadblocks

- Textureless regions create ambiguities
- Occlusions result in missing data



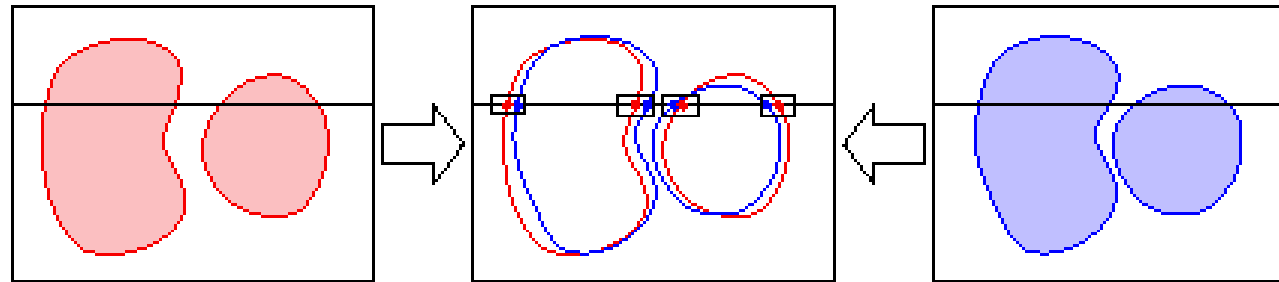
Dealing with ambiguities and occlusion

- Ordering constraint:
 - Impose same matching order along scanlines
- Uniqueness constraint:
 - Each pixel in one image maps to unique pixel in other
- Can encode these constraints easily in dynamic programming



Edge-based Stereo

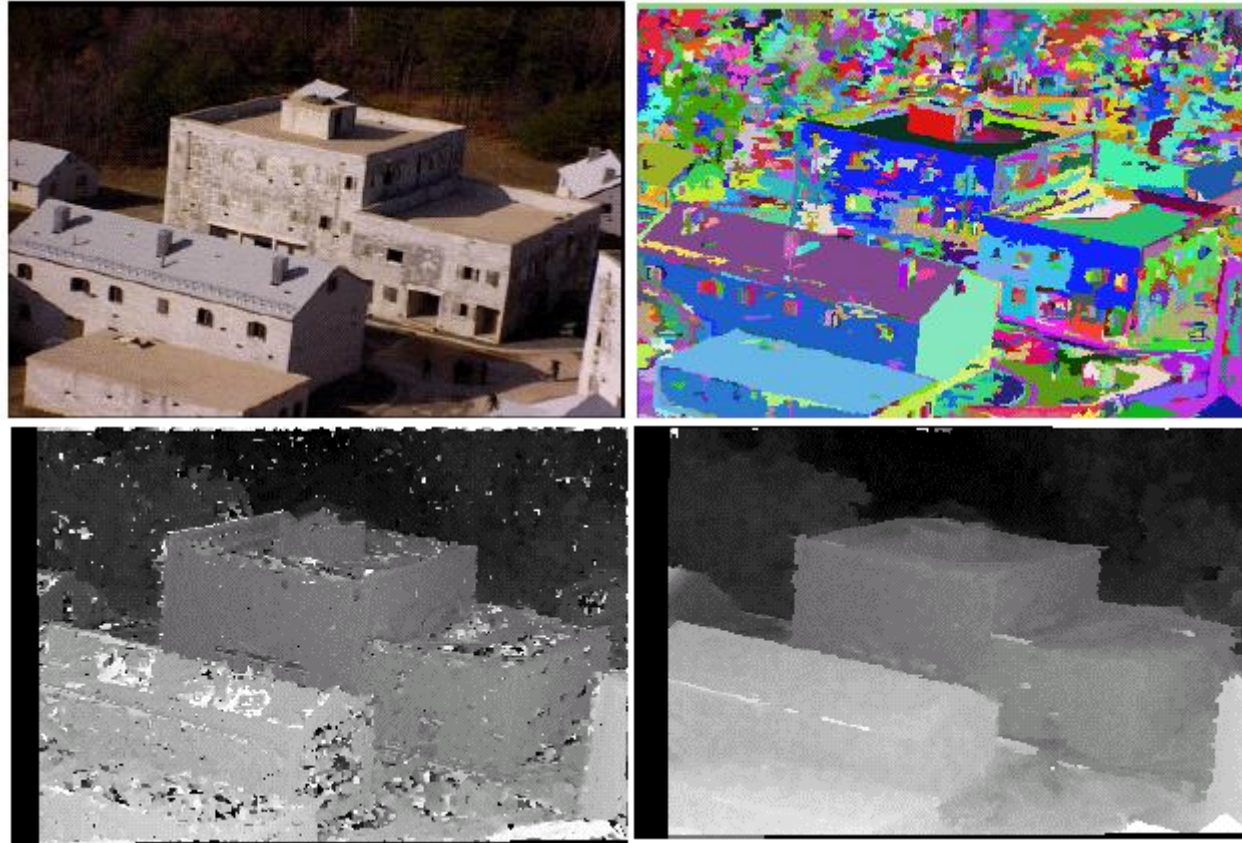
- Another approach is to match *edges* rather than windows of pixels:



- Which method is better?
 - Edges tend to fail in dense texture (outdoors)
 - Correlation tends to fail in smooth featureless areas
 - Sparse correspondences



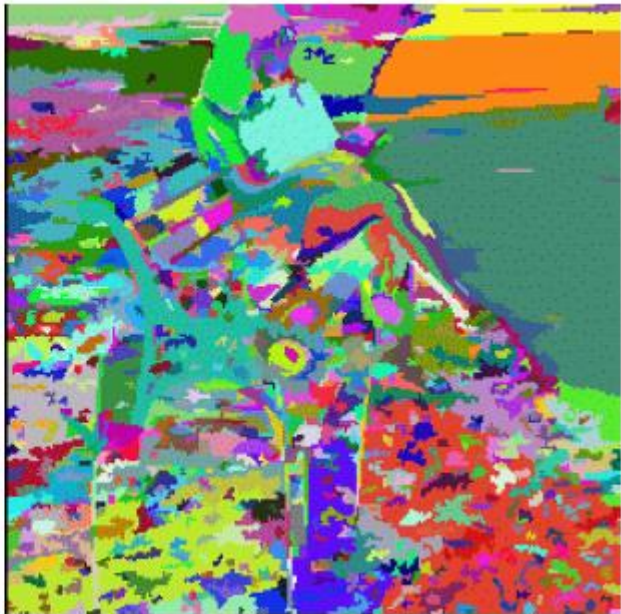
Segmentation-based Stereo



Hai Tao and Harpreet W. Sawhney



Another Example



Stereo is Still Unresolved

- Depth discontinuities
- Lack of texture (depth ambiguity)
- Non-rigid effects (highlights, reflection, translucency)



Hallmarks of A Good Stereo Technique



- Should account for occlusions
- Should account for depth discontinuity
- Should have reasonable shape priors to handle textureless regions (e.g., planar or smooth surfaces)
- Advanced: account for non-Lambertian surfaces



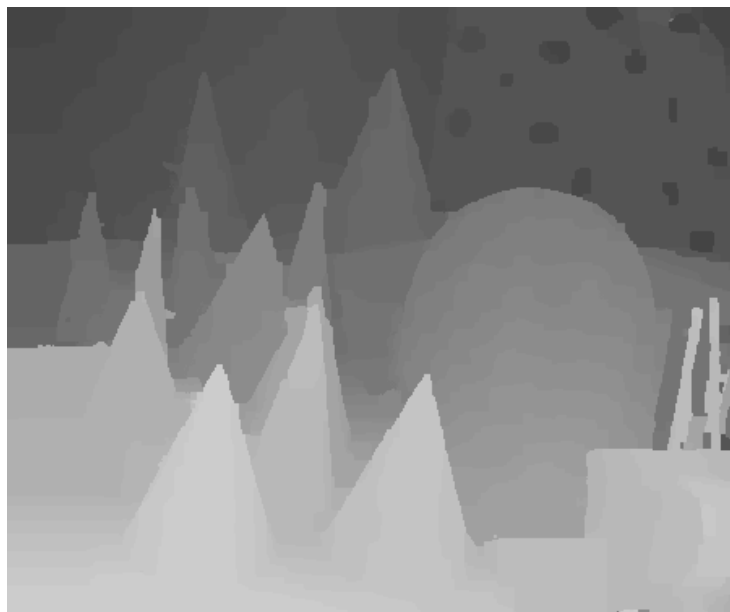


Left



Right

Disparity Map



Result of using a more sophisticated stereo algorithm



View Interpolation



Summary

1. Perspective Cameras Intro
2. Pinhole Camera Model defined
3. Properties of Projective Geometry
4. Stereo Vision can recover metric structure
5. Stereo Geometry is simply $Z = f B/d$
6. Amazing Stereo Algorithms are still elusive

