# Image formation

Why there is no image on a white paper



# Pinhole

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• The focal length *f* is the distance between the pinhole and the sensor



• If we double *f* we double the size of the projected object



#### Problems:

- limited light
- the size of the pinhole limits sharpness







# **Converging lenses**

Lenses focus the light from different directions/rays (*refraction*)



Photograph made with small pinhole



To make this picture, the lens of a camera was replaced with a thin metal disk pierced by a tiny pinhole, equivalent in size to an aperture of f/182. Only a few rays of light from each point on the

Photograph made with lens



This time, using a simple convex lens with an f/16 aperture, the scene appeared sharper than the one taken with the smaller pinhole, and the exposure time was much shorter, only 1/100 sec.



subject got through the tiny opening, producing a soft but acceptably clear photograph. Because of the small size of the pinhole, the exposure had to be 6 sec long.



The lens opening was much bigger than the pinhole, letting in far more light, but it focused the rays from each point on the subject precisely so that they were sharp on the film.

# How to draw the rays

#### • Three rules

- 1. incident rays parallel to the principal axis converge to the focal point
- 2. incident rays passing through the center of the lens do not modify their direction
- 3. incident rays through the focal point on the right side of the lens get reflected and travel parallel to the principal axis













# Example







# Thin lens formula







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an object at distance *f* requires the focal plane to be at infinity















# Getting the right exposure

- Shutter speed: how long the sensor is exposed to light, expressed in fractions of a second 1/30 1/60 1/125 1/500 1/1000 ...
- Aperture: diaphragm controls how much light we allow through the lens (it is expressed as a fraction of focal length):

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# Effect of aperture: depth of field



## Effect of shutter speed: motion blur



Slow shutter speed

#### Fast shutter speed

#### Image formation, camera model

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See: Forsyth and Ponce, Computer Vision a Modern Approach

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Often we flip the image  $(-x,-y) \rightarrow (x,y)$ , which is equivalent to placing the image plane in front of the optical center:



$$x = f \frac{X}{Z}, \quad y = f \frac{Y}{Z}$$

Note: any point on the line through o and p projects onto the same coordinates (x,y)

- Consider a generic point *p* with coordinates X<sub>0</sub>=[X<sub>0</sub>, Y<sub>0</sub> Z<sub>0</sub>] relative to the world reference frame
- The coordinates **X**=[X, Y Z] of *p* relative to the camera frame are given by the rigid body transformation:

 $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{X}_{o} + \mathbf{T}$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} X_0 \\ Y_0 \\ Z_0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
homogeneous representation

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replace Z with an arbitrary positive scalar  $\lambda \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} R & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} X_0 \\ Y_0 \\ Z_0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ consider a point in the world reference frame

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#### Intrinsic parameters



$$u = k \cdot x + u_0$$

$$v = l \cdot x + v_0$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & l & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• If pixels are not rectangular, a more general form of matrix is considered:

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• A more realistic model of a transformation between homogeneous coordinates of a 3D point relative to the world reference frame and its image in terms of pixels:

$$\lambda \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k & s_{\theta} & u_{0} \\ 0 & l & v_{0} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{T} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{Z}_{0} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K = K_{s} \cdot K_{f} = \begin{bmatrix} kf & fs_{\theta} & u_{0} \\ 0 & lf & v_{0} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \gamma_{\theta} & u_{0} \\ 0 & \beta & v_{0} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
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Intrinsic and extrinsic parameters can be estimated with a general technique called "camera calibration" (see for example: R.Y. Tsai 1986)

#### Projection matrix: characterization

• The projection matrix can be written explicitly as a function of its five intrinsic parameters and the six extrinsic ones (we skip the details):

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \mathbf{r}_1^T - \gamma_\theta \mathbf{r}_2^T + u_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \alpha t_x - \gamma_\theta t_y + u_0 t_z \\ \beta \mathbf{r}_2^T + v_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \beta t_y + v_0 t_z \\ \mathbf{r}_3^T & t_z \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\mathbf{r}_1', \mathbf{r}_2', \mathbf{r}_3'$  denote the three rows of the matrix **R** 

 $t_x, t_y, t_z$  are the coordinates of the vector **T** 

- *M* is a 3x4 matrix
- Given the structure of R, M has 11 degrees of freedom: 5 intrinsic parameters + 6 extrinsic ones (3 for rotation and 3 for translation)

#### Geometric Camera Calibration (introduction)

- We assume that the camera observes a set of features such as points or lines with known positions in a fixed world coordinate system
- These points can be localized automatically or manually
- Goal: derive the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of the camera
- Allow associating with any image point a well-defined ray passing through the point and the camera's optical center





Calibration Pattern with the projected points

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## Linear Approach



- *M* is the projection matrix it contains extrinsic and intrinsic parameters of the camera
- Algorithms for camera calibration usually consists in two steps:
  - 1. Estimate M
  - 2. Reconstruct the camera parameters from M

### Linear Approach



Consider a set of *n* points with *known* position  $P_i$ , and projection  $u_i, v_i$ 

$$\begin{cases} u_i = \frac{\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i} \\ v_i = \frac{\mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i} \end{cases}$$

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We organize the equations in matrix form:

$$\begin{cases} u_{i}\mathbf{m}_{3}\mathbf{P}_{i} = \mathbf{m}_{1}\mathbf{P}_{i} \\ v_{i}\mathbf{m}_{3}\mathbf{P}_{i} = \mathbf{m}_{2}\mathbf{P}_{i} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} u_{i}m_{31}X_{i} + u_{i}m_{32}Y_{i} + u_{i}m_{33}Z_{i} + u_{i}m_{34} = m_{11}X_{i} + m_{12}Y_{i} + m_{13}Z_{i} + m_{14} \\ v_{i}m_{31}X_{i} + v_{i}m_{32}Y_{i} + v_{i}m_{33}Z_{i} + v_{i}m_{34} = m_{21}X_{i} + m_{22}Y_{i} + m_{23}Z_{i} + m_{24} \\ \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -(m_{11}X_{i} + m_{12}Y_{i} + m_{13}Z_{i} + m_{14}) + u_{i}m_{31}X_{i} + u_{i}m_{32}Y_{i} + u_{i}m_{33}Z_{i} + u_{i}m_{34} = 0 \\ -(m_{21}X_{i} + m_{22}Y_{i} + m_{23}Z_{i} + m_{24}) + v_{i}m_{31}X_{i} + v_{i}m_{32}Y_{i} + v_{i}m_{33}Z_{i} + v_{i}m_{34} = 0 \\ \end{cases}$$
in matrix form :

$$\begin{bmatrix} -X_{i} & -Y_{i} & -Z_{i} & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u_{i}X_{i} & u_{i}Y_{i} & u_{i}Z_{i} & u_{i} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -X_{i} & -X_{i} & -X_{i} & -1 & v_{i}X_{i} & v_{i}Y_{i} & u_{i}Z_{i} & v_{i} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} \\ m_{12} \\ m_{13} \\ m_{14} \\ \dots \\ m_{33} \\ m_{34} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Collecting *n* points leads to 2n equations:

in compact form :

 $\mathbf{W}\cdot\mathbf{m}=\mathbf{0}$ 

- m is 12x1 (M has 12 coefficients)
- W is a 2nx12 matrix
- When *n* is large (>6) *homogeneous least-squares* can be used to determine m (and the projection matrix M), the solution is the eigenvector of W<sup>T</sup>W such that |m|=1 (more on next slide)

### Homogeneous Least-squares

• Consider the following problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{11} x_1 + u_{12} x_2 + \dots + u_{1q} x_q = 0 \\ u_{21} x_1 + u_{22} x_2 + \dots + u_{2q} x_q = 0 \\ \dots \\ u_{p1} x_1 + u_{p2} x_2 + \dots + u_{pq} x_q = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$$

- The following cases:
  - p=q and U is non singular, unique solution x=0
  - p>=q non zero solutions exist when U is singular with rank<q</li>
  - To find a non trivial solution we set the additional constraint:

 $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$ 

- The problem becomes:  $E(\mathbf{x}) = |\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}|^2 = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}$   $\min(E(\mathbf{x})) \quad \text{s.t.} |\mathbf{x}| = 1$
- U<sup>T</sup>U is a symmetric positive semidefinite qxq matrix
- It can be diagonalized:

$$\mathbf{e}_{i} \quad i = 1, \dots, q$$

$$0 \le \lambda_{1} \le \dots \le \lambda_{q}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = u_{1}\mathbf{e}_{1} + \dots + u_{q}\mathbf{e}_{q}$$

$$u_{1}^{2} + u_{2}^{2} + \dots + u_{q}^{2} = 1$$

$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^{T} U^{T} U \mathbf{x} = \lambda_{1} u_{1}^{2} + \dots + \lambda_{q} u_{q}^{2}$$

$$E(\mathbf{e}_{1}) = \mathbf{e}_{1}^{T} U^{T} U \mathbf{e}_{1} = \lambda_{1}$$

$$E(\mathbf{x}) - E(\mathbf{e}_{1}) = \mathbf{x}^{T} U^{T} U \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_{1}^{T} U^{T} U \mathbf{e}_{1} =$$

$$= \lambda_{1} u_{1}^{2} + \dots + \lambda_{q} u_{q}^{2} - \lambda_{1} \ge \lambda_{1} (u_{1}^{2} + \dots + u_{q}^{2} - 1) = 0$$

$$E(\mathbf{x}) \ge E(\mathbf{e}_{1}) = \lambda_{1}$$

The unit vector **x** minimizing  $E(\mathbf{x})$  is the eigenvector  $\mathbf{e}_1$  associated with the minimum eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{U}$ . The corresponding minimum value of E is  $\lambda_1$ 

The problem can be solved using any technique for computing eigenvectors and eigenvalues. SVD in particular allows computing eigenvalues and eigenvector without constructing U<sup>T</sup>U

#### Reconstruction of intrinsic and extrinsic parameters

Once the projection matrix M is estimated we can use its expression In a simple case in which theta=0, we get:

$$\mathbf{r}_{1} = \frac{m_{34}}{\alpha} (\mathbf{m}_{1} - u_{0}\mathbf{m}_{3})$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{2} = \frac{m_{34}}{\beta} (\mathbf{m}_{2} - v_{0}\mathbf{m}_{3})$$

$$t_{z} = m_{34}$$

$$t_{x} = \frac{m_{34}}{\alpha} (m_{14} - u_{0})$$

$$t_{y} = \frac{m_{34}}{\beta} (m_{24} - v_{0})$$

See Forsyth & Ponce for details and skew-angle case.

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#### Radial distortion





$$x = x_d \left( 1 + a_1 r^2 + a_2 r^4 \right)$$
  
$$y = y_d \left( 1 + a_1 r^2 + a_2 r^4 \right)$$

Camera calibration becomes a non linear problem...

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