

Lecture 2

Camera Models



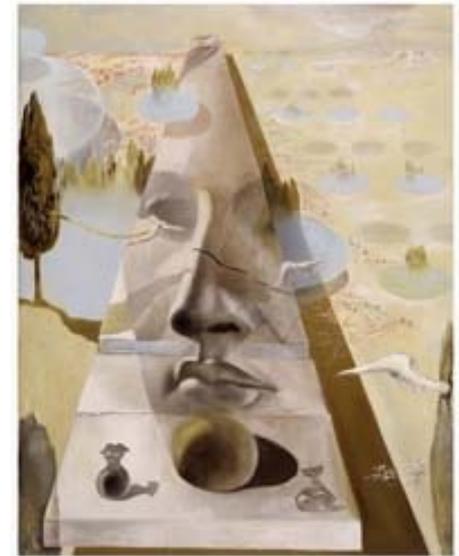
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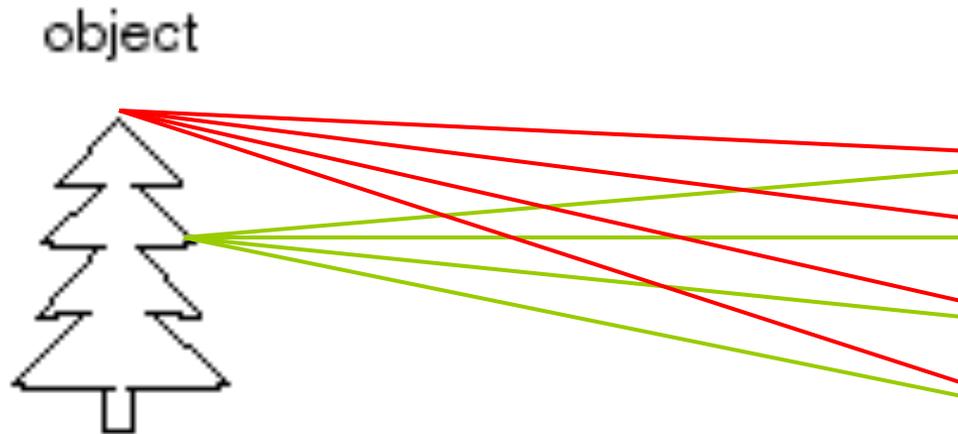
- Pinhole cameras
- Cameras & lenses
- The geometry of pinhole cameras



Reading: [FP] Chapter 1, “Geometric Camera Models”
[HZ] Chapter 6 “Camera Models”

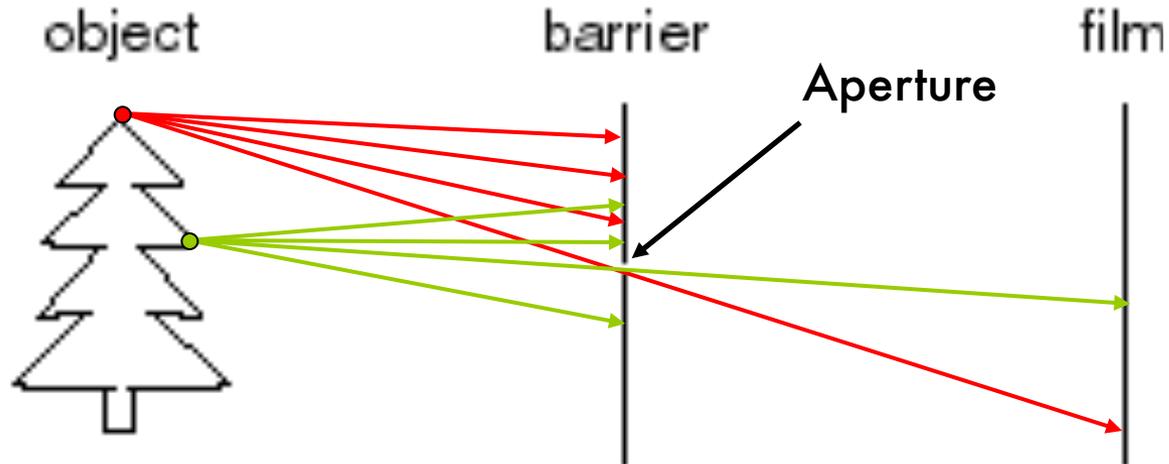
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How do we see the world?



- 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

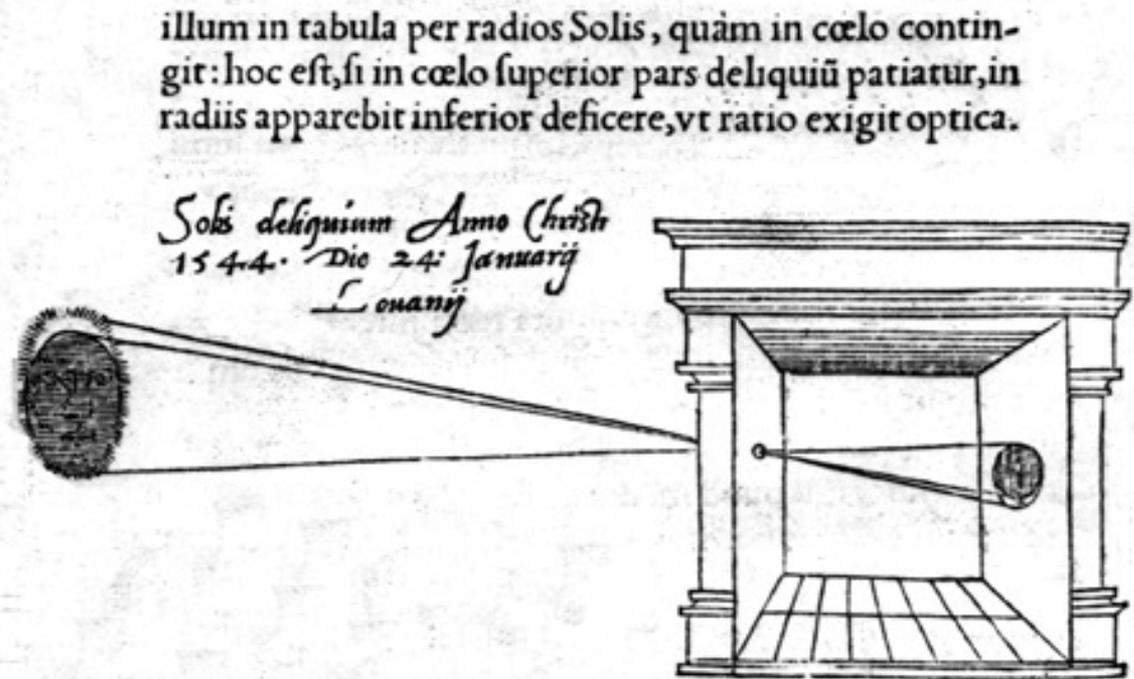


- Idea 2: Add a barrier to block off most of the rays
 - This reduces blurring
 - The opening known as the **aperture**

Some history...

Milestones:

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first record of camera obscura (1502)

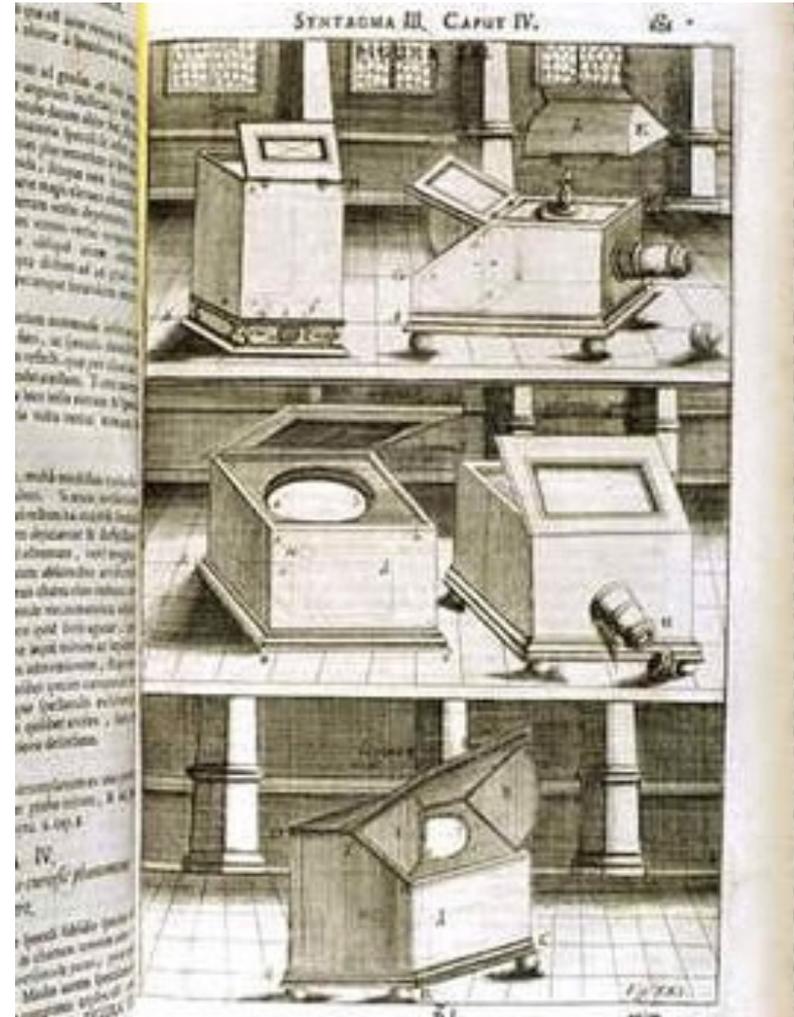


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- Daguerréotypes (1839)
- Photographic Film (Eastman, 1889)
- Cinema (Lumière Brothers, 1895)
- Color Photography (Lumière Brothers, 1908)



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Let's also not forget...



Motzu
(468-376 BC)

Oldest existent
book on
geometry in
China

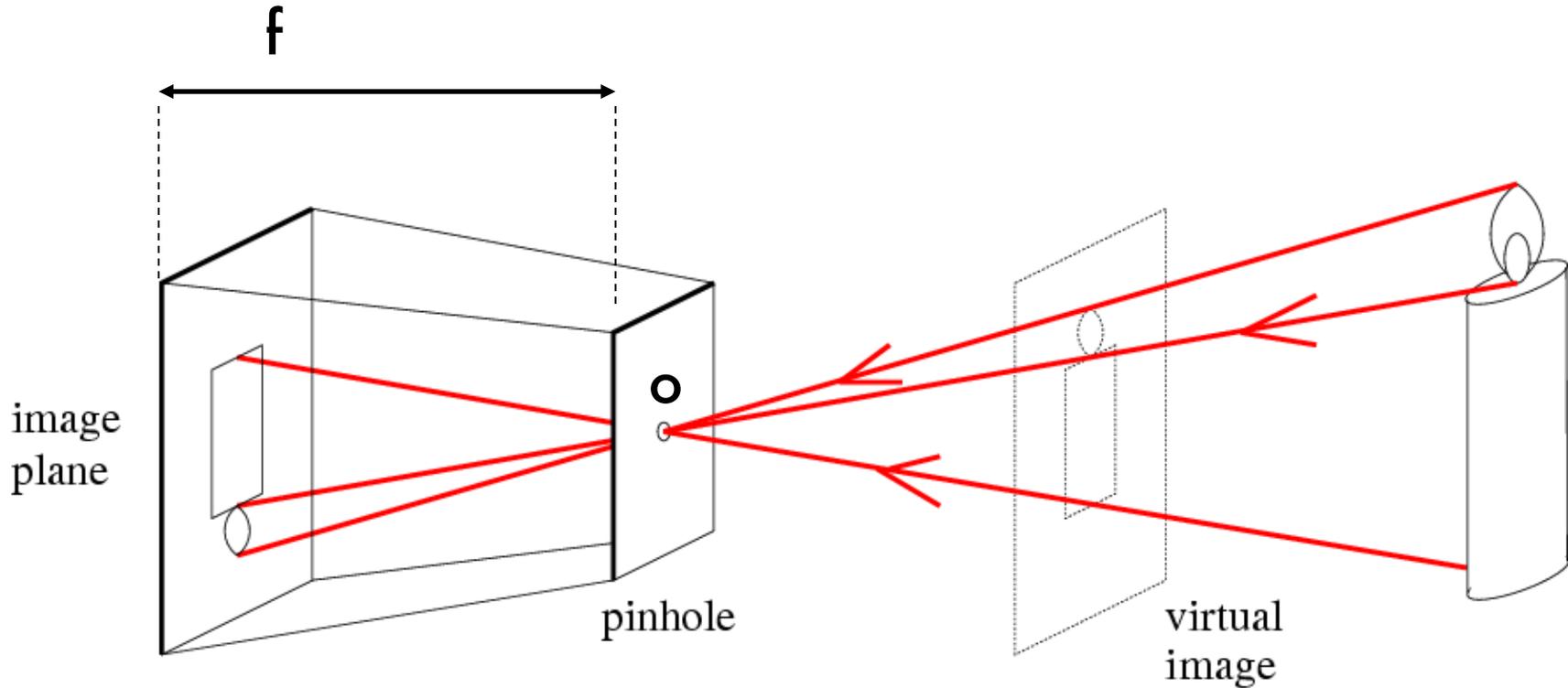


Aristotle
(384-322 BC)
Also: Plato, Euclid



Al-Kindi (c. 801 – 873)
Ibn al-Haitham
(965-1040)

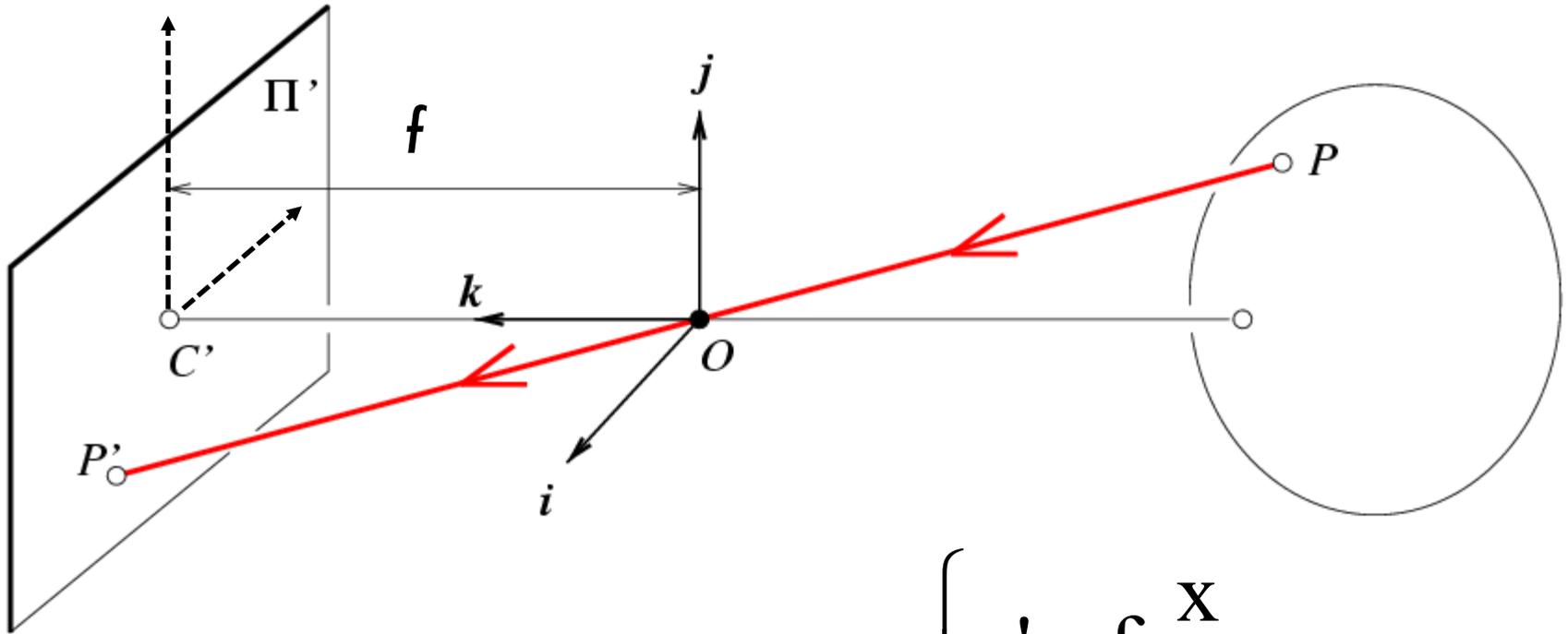
Pinhole camera



f = focal length

o = aperture = pinhole = center of the camera

Pinhole camera

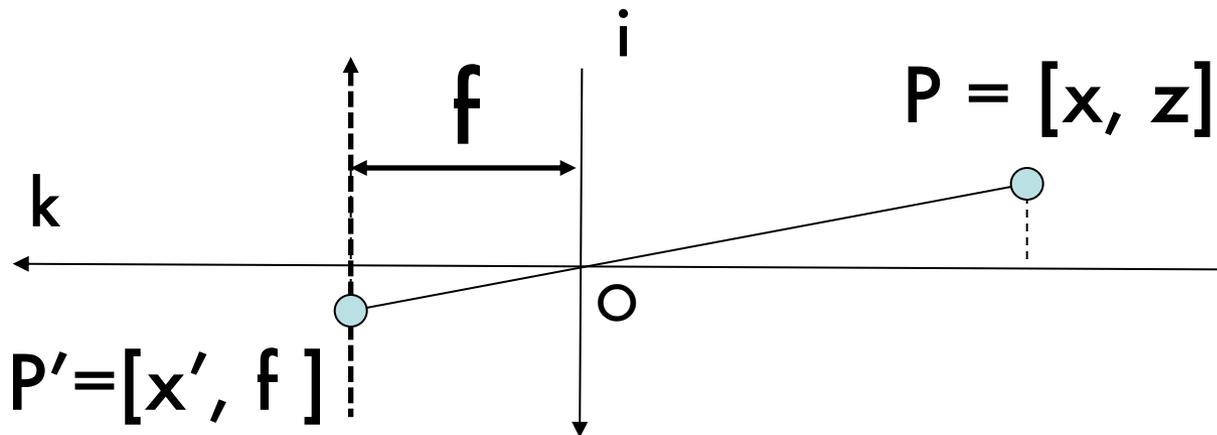
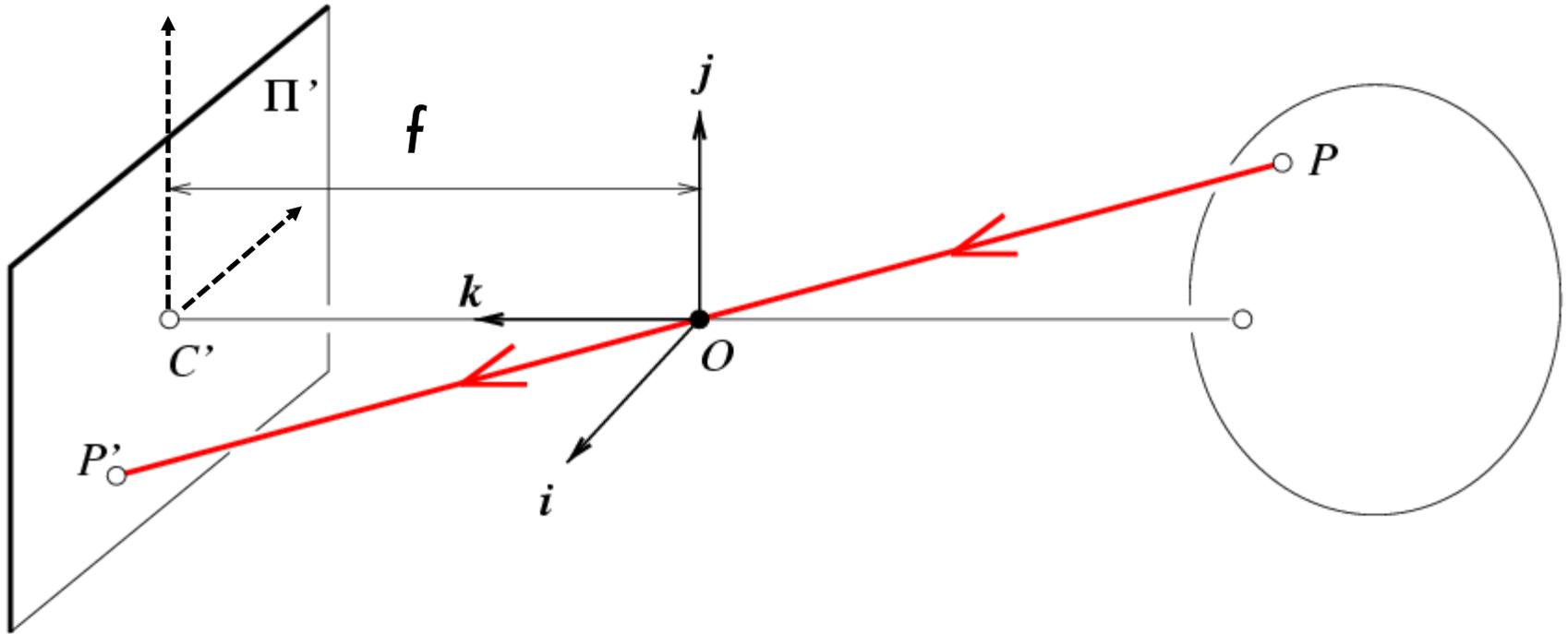


$$P = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow P' = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} x' = f \frac{x}{z} \\ y' = f \frac{y}{z} \end{cases} \quad \text{[Eq. 1]}$$

Derived using similar triangles

Pinhole camera

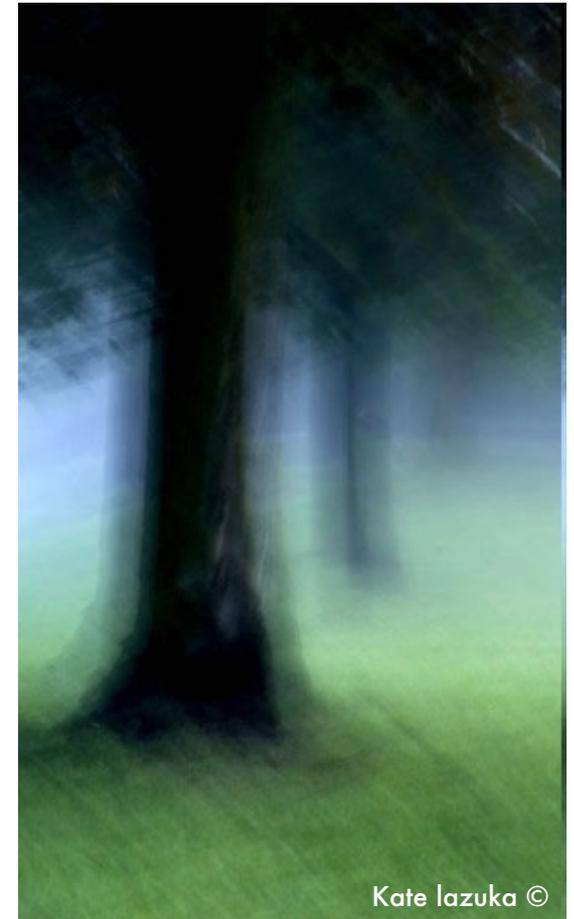
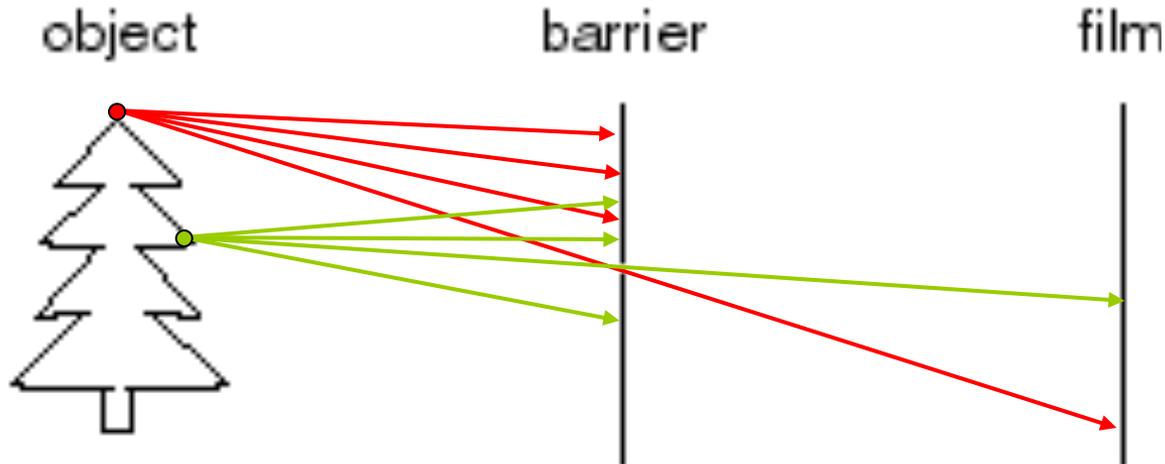


[Eq. 2]

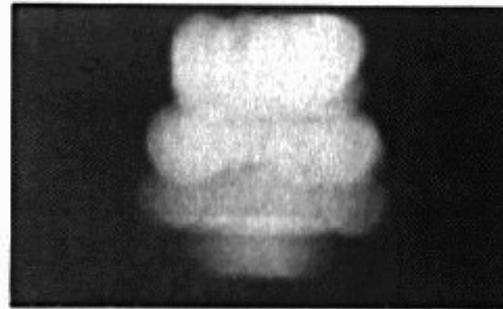
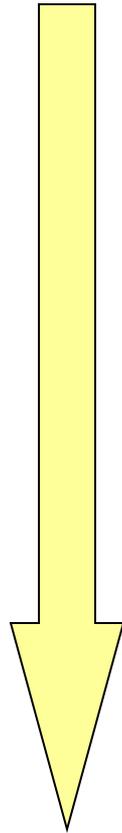
$$\frac{x'}{f} = \frac{x}{z}$$

Pinhole camera

Is the size of the aperture important?



Shrinking
aperture
size



2 mm



1 mm



0.6mm



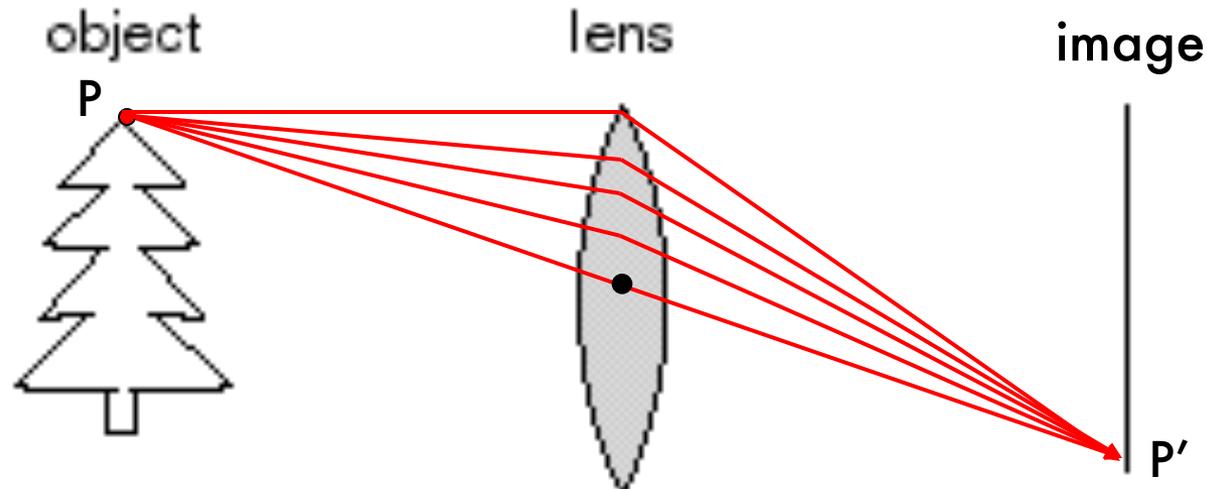
0.35 mm

-What happens if the aperture is too small?

-Less light passes through

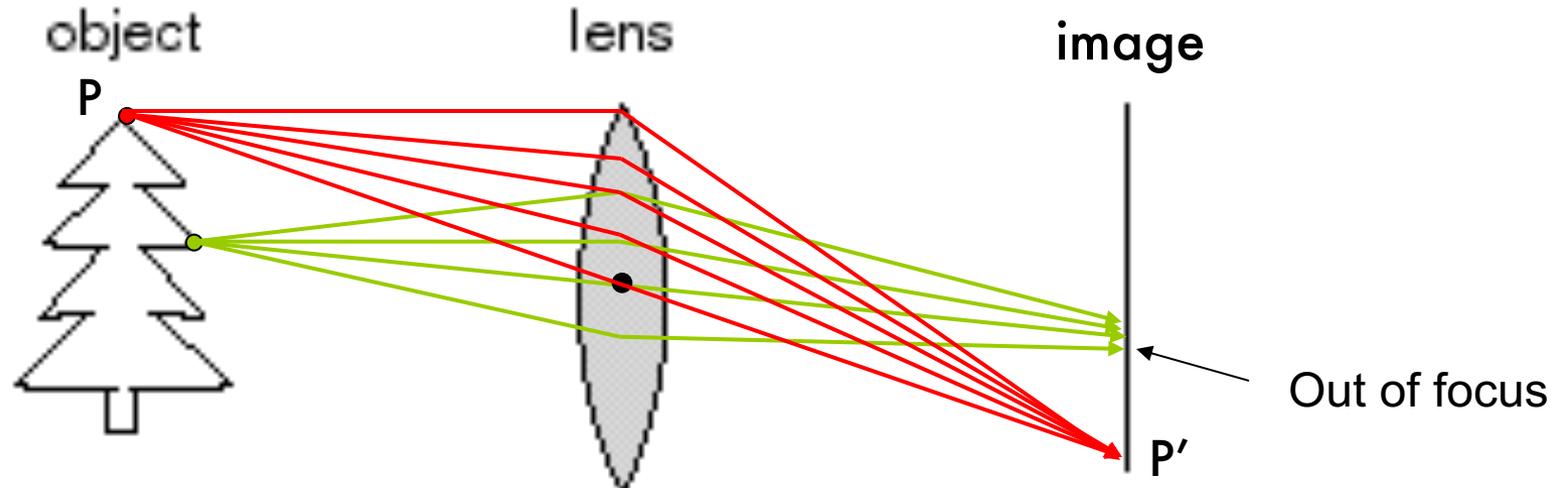
Adding lenses!

Cameras & Lenses



- A lens focuses light onto the film

Cameras & Lenses



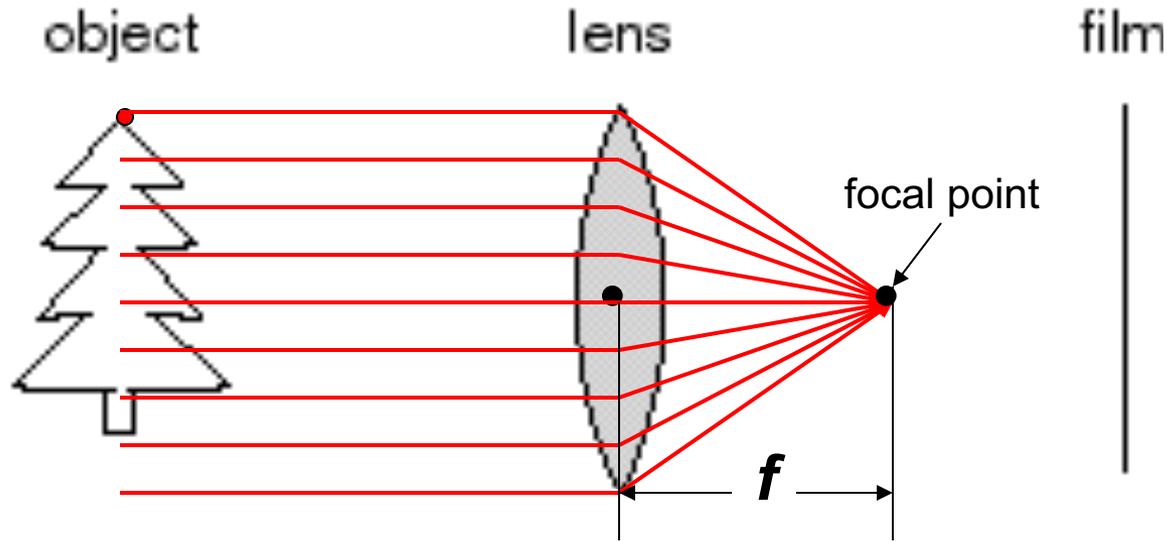
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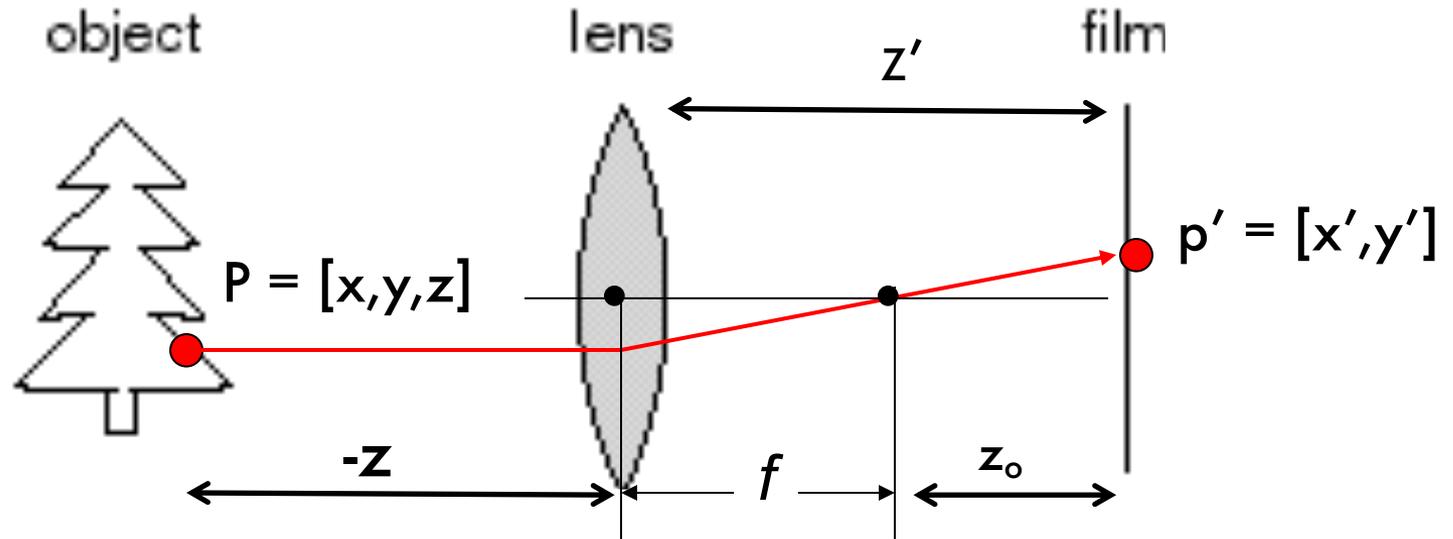
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Cameras & Lenses



- A lens focuses light onto the film
- All rays parallel to the optical (or principal) axis converge to one point (the *focal point*) on a plane located at the *focal length* f from the center of the lens.
- Rays passing through the center are not deviated

Paraxial refraction model

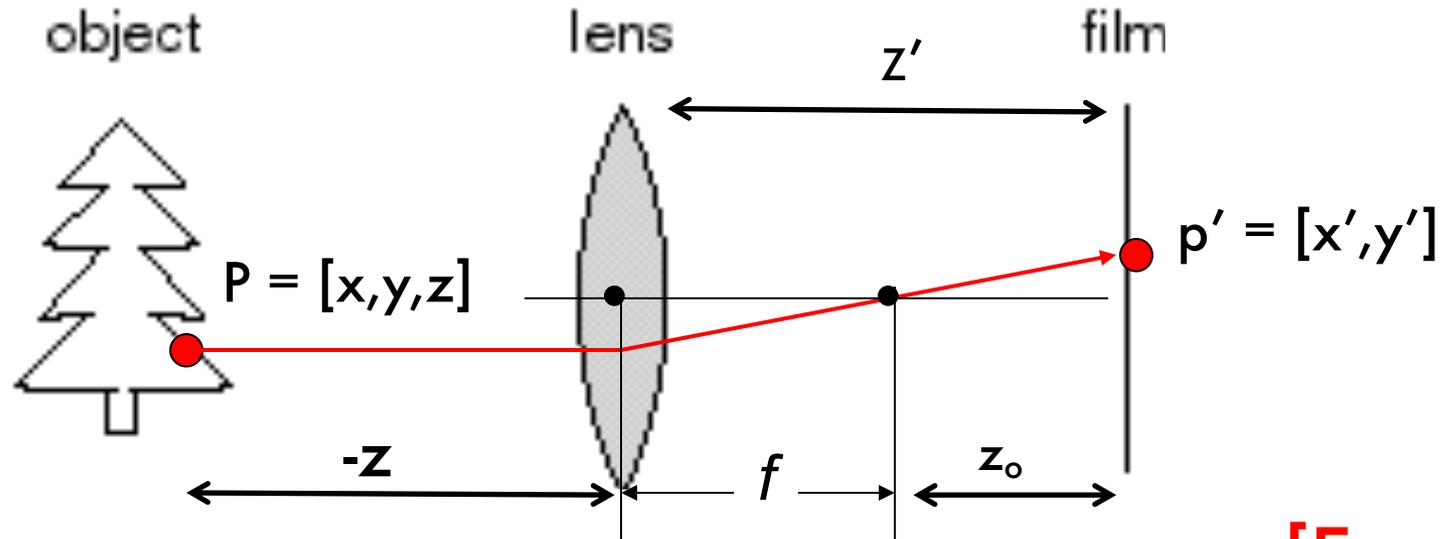


From Snell's law:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} x' = z' \frac{x}{z} \\ y' = z' \frac{y}{z} \end{array} \right] \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} x' = f \frac{x}{z} \\ y' = f \frac{y}{z} \end{array} \right] \quad \text{[Eq. 1]}$$

[Eq. 3]

Paraxial refraction model



[Eq. 4]

From Snell's law:

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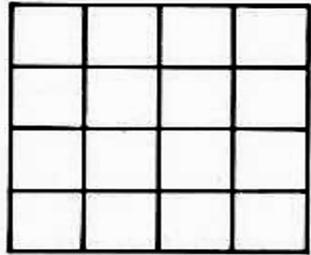
$$\begin{cases} x' = z' \frac{x}{z} \\ y' = z' \frac{y}{z} \end{cases}$$

$$z' = f + z_o$$

$$f = \frac{R}{2(n-1)}$$

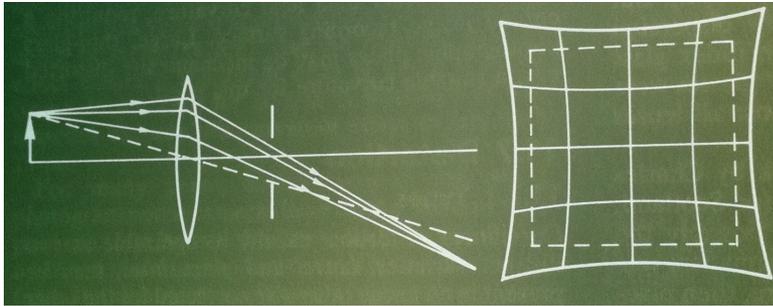
Issues with lenses: Radial Distortion

- Deviations are most noticeable for rays that pass through the edge of the lens



No distortion

Pin cushion



Barrel (fisheye lens)

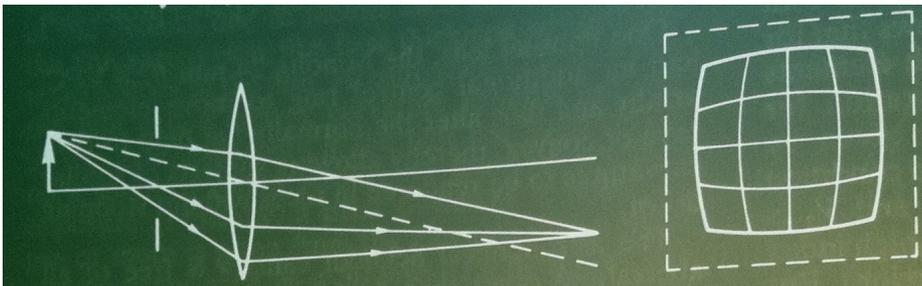
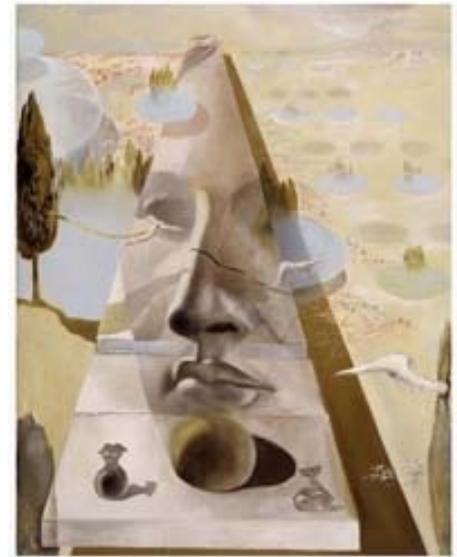


Image magnification decreases with distance from the optical axis

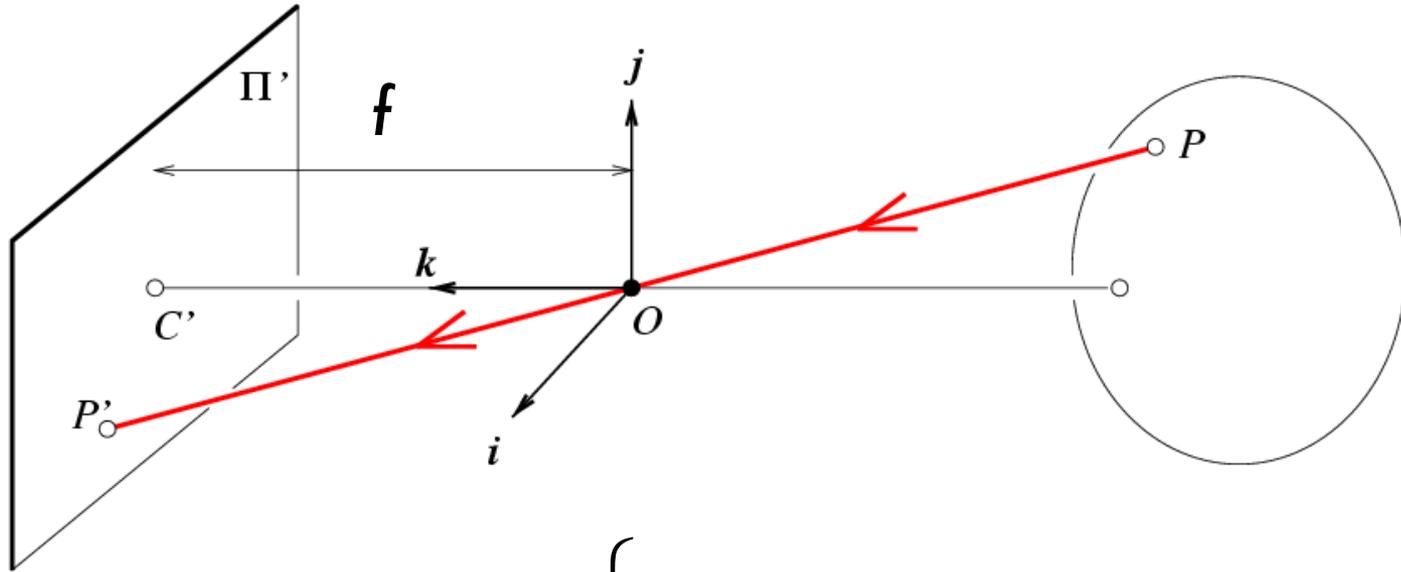
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Pinhole camera



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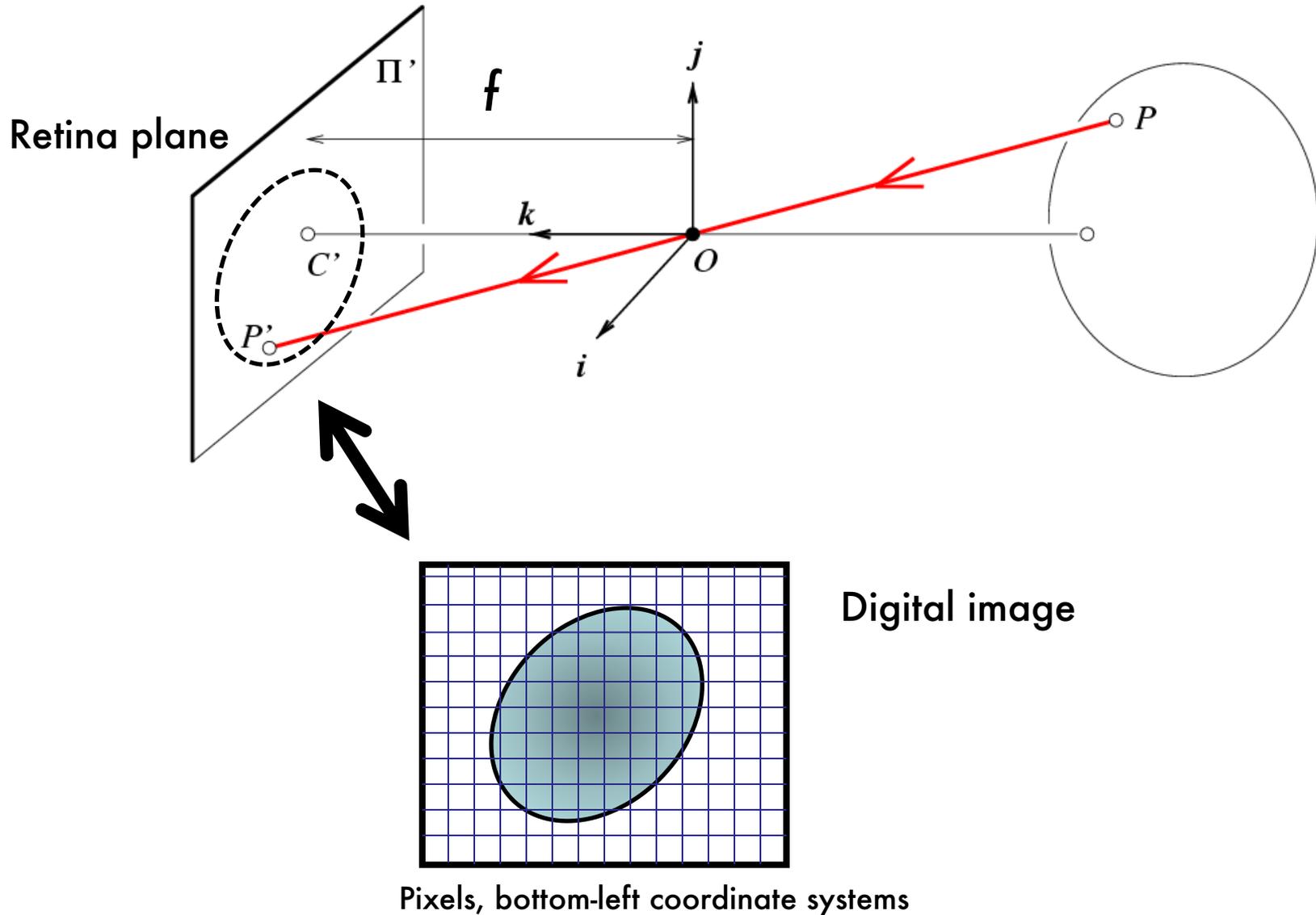
$$\begin{cases} x' = f \frac{x}{z} \\ y' = f \frac{y}{z} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{R}^3 \xrightarrow{E} \mathcal{R}^2$$

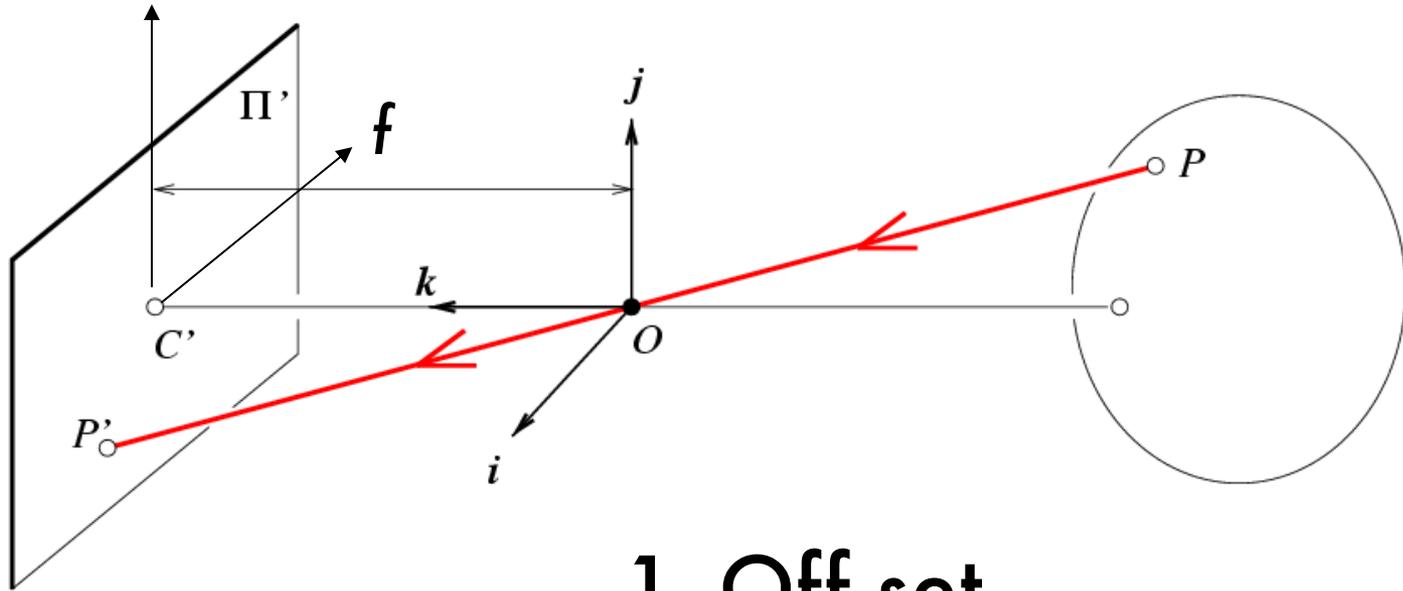
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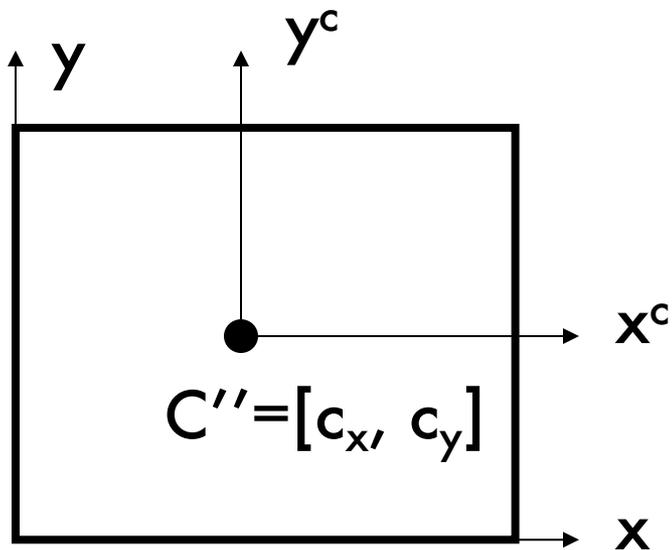
From retina plane to images



Coordinate systems



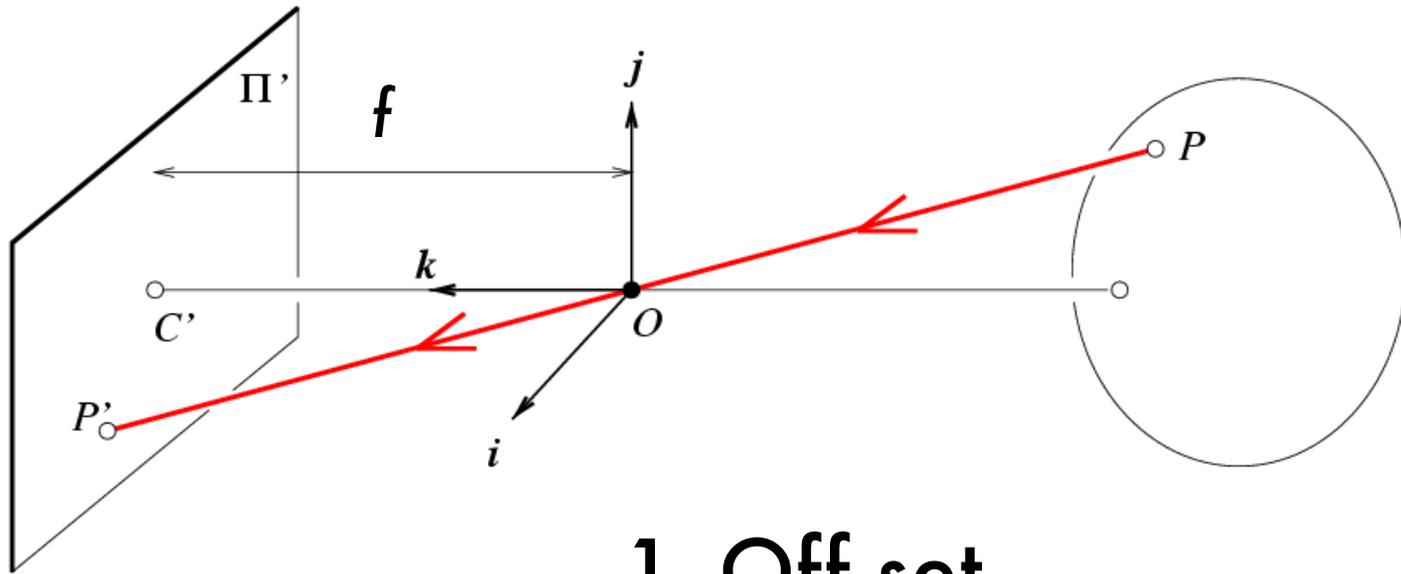
1. Off set



$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow \left(f \frac{x}{z} + c_x, f \frac{y}{z} + c_y \right)$$

[Eq. 5]

Converting to pixels



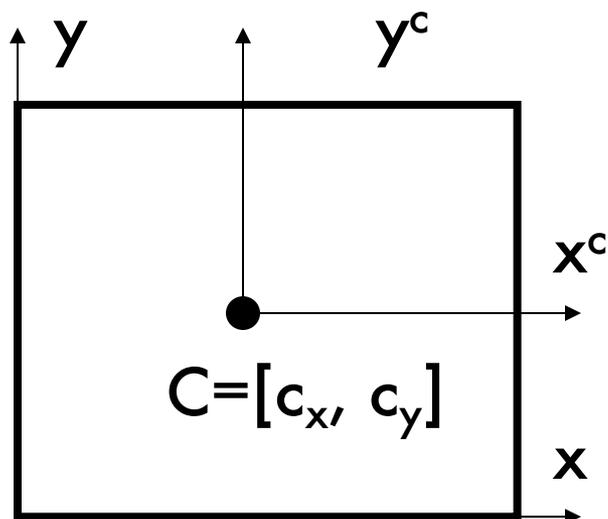
1. Off set

2. From metric to pixels

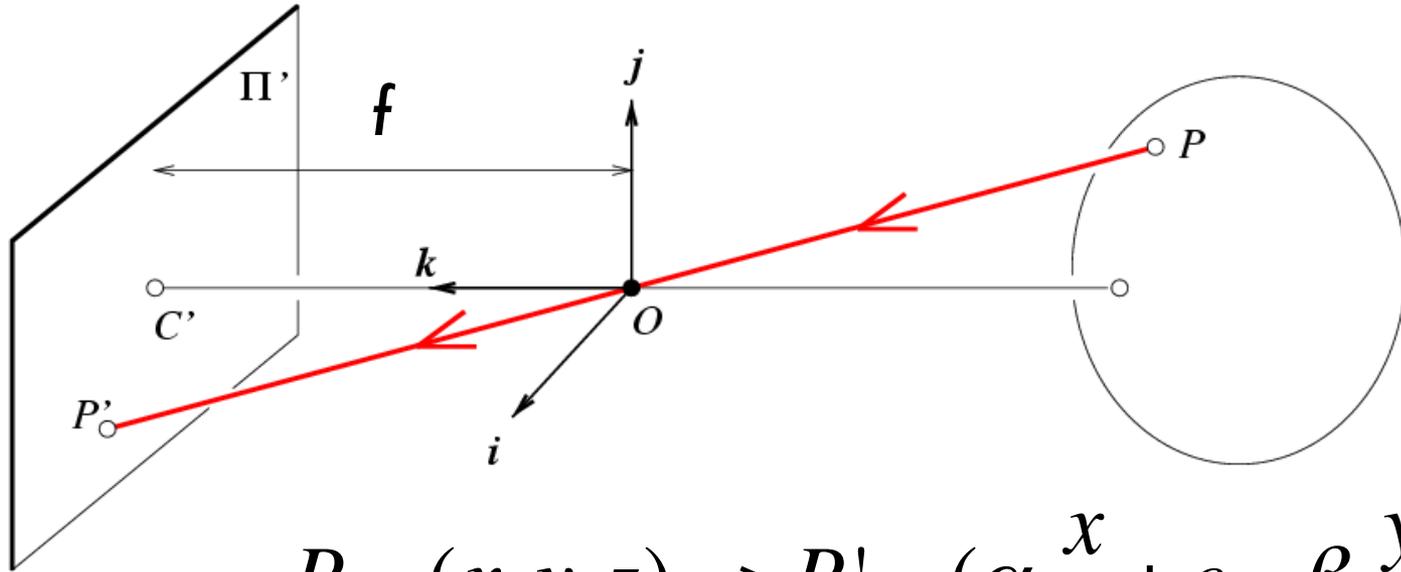
$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow \left(\underbrace{f k}_{\alpha} \frac{x}{z} + c_x, \underbrace{f l}_{\beta} \frac{y}{z} + c_y \right) \quad [\text{Eq. 6}]$$

Units: k, l : pixel/m
 f : m

Non-square pixels
 α, β : pixel

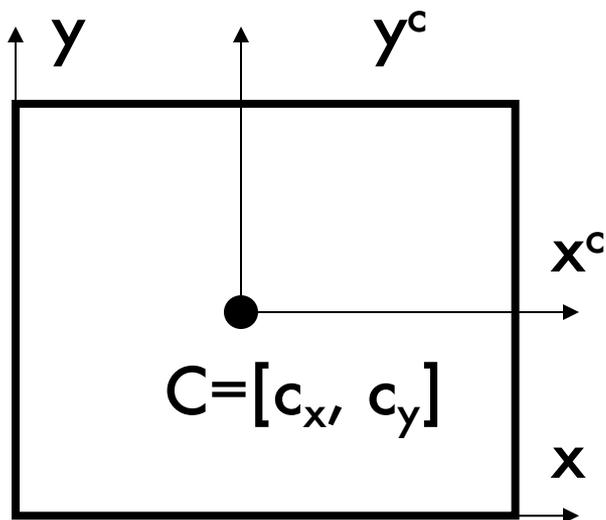


Is this projective transformation linear?



$$P = (x, y, z) \rightarrow P' = \left(\alpha \frac{x}{z} + c_x, \beta \frac{y}{z} + c_y \right)$$

[Eq. 7]



- Is this a linear transformation?
No – division by z is nonlinear
- Can we express it in a matrix form?

Homogeneous coordinates

E→H

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

homogeneous image
coordinates

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

homogeneous scene
coordinates

- Converting back *from* homogeneous coordinates

H→E

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

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

Projective transformation in the homogenous coordinate system

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- } P_h$$

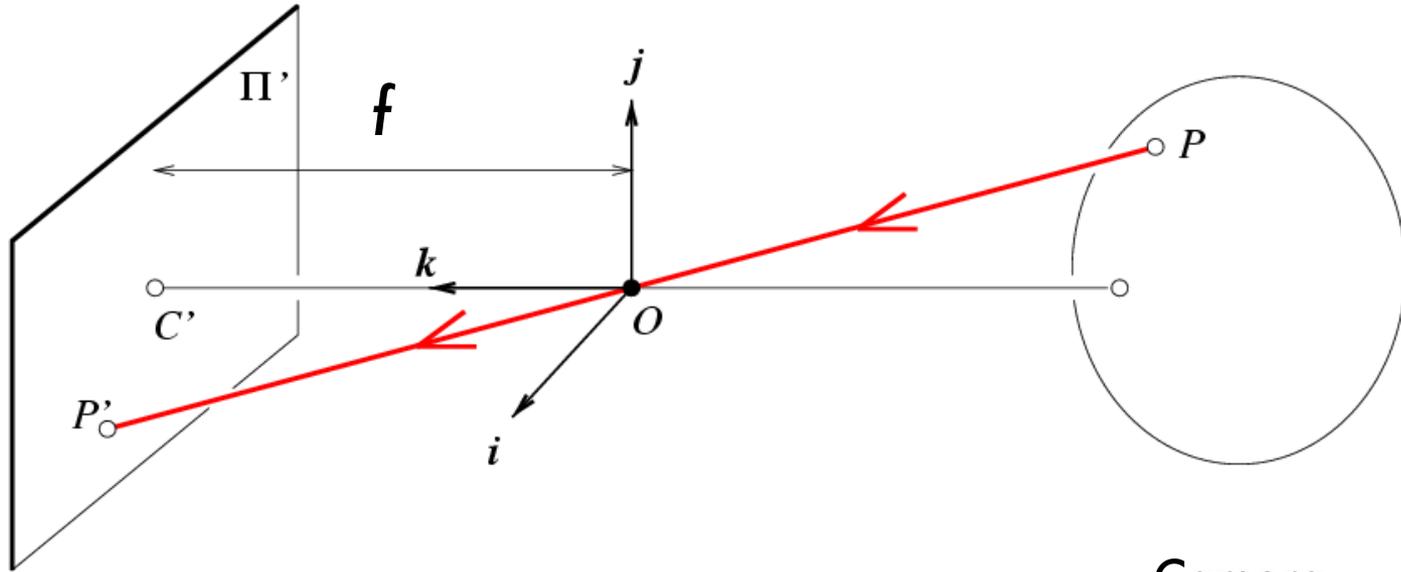
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$$P_h' = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x + c_x z \\ \beta y + c_y z \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & c_x & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- } P_h \quad \text{[Eq.8]}$$

Homogenous Euclidian

$$P_h' \rightarrow P' = \left(\alpha \frac{x}{z} + c_x, \beta \frac{y}{z} + c_y \right)$$
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & c_x & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The Camera Matrix



Camera matrix K

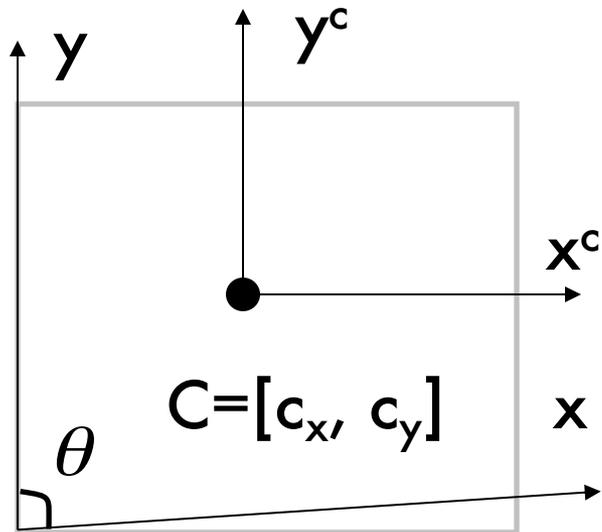
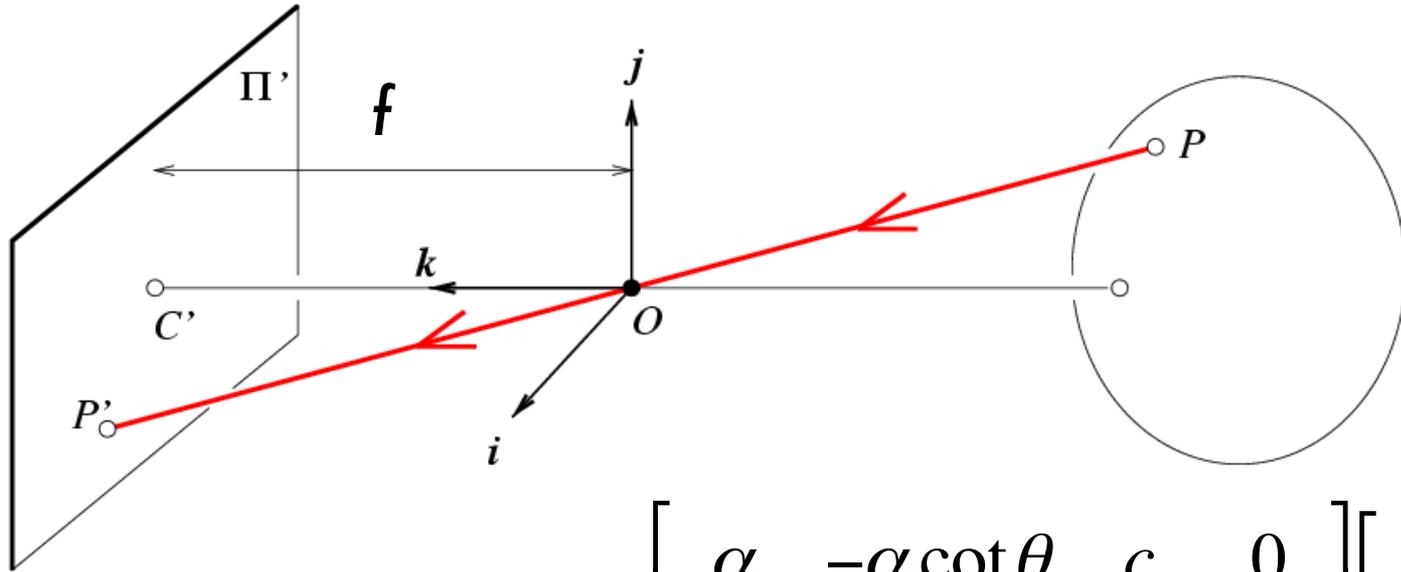
[Eq.9]

$$P' = M P$$

$$= K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} P$$

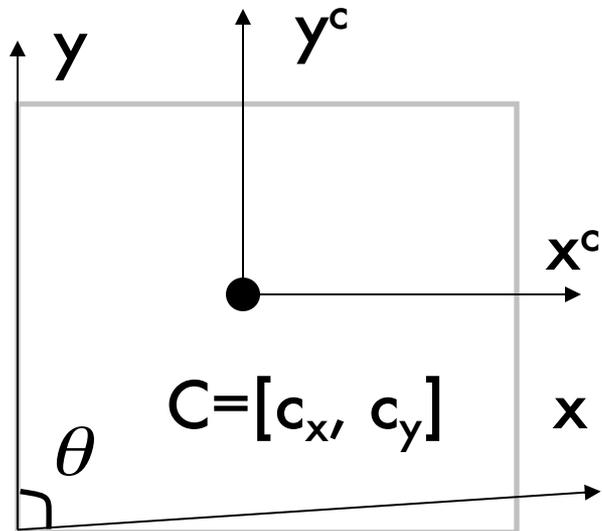
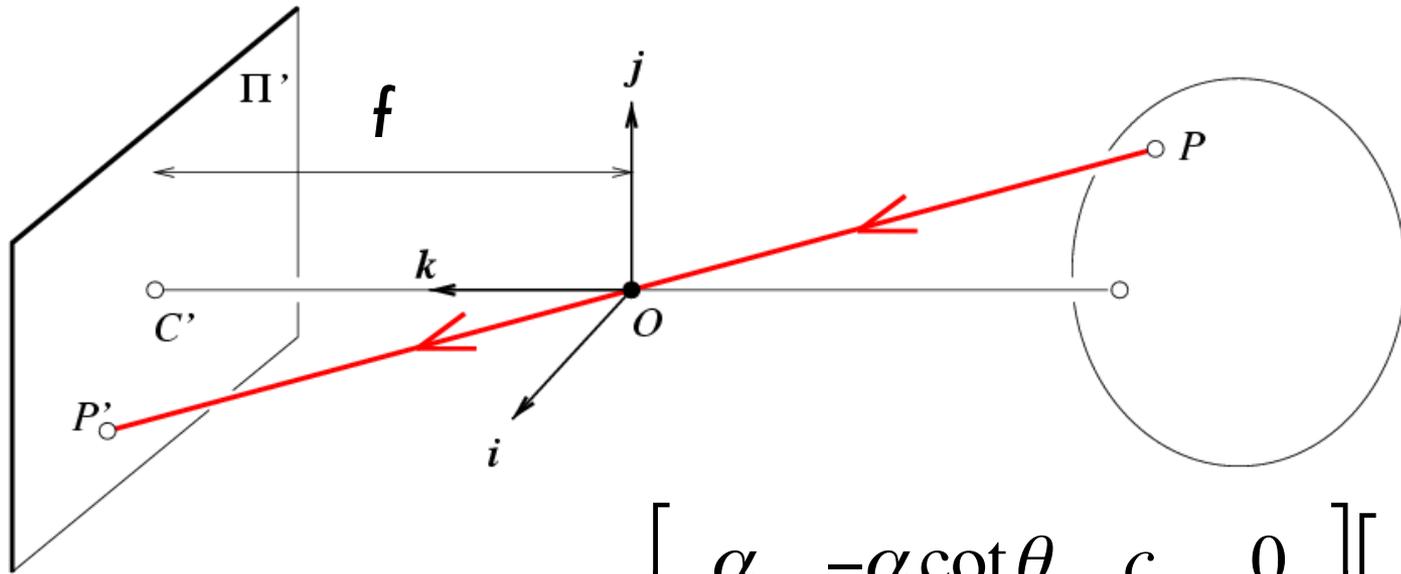
$$P' = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & c_x & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Camera Skewness



$$P' = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \cot \theta & c_x & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Degrees of freedom of K



$$P' = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \cot \theta & c_x & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

How many degrees of freedom does K have?
5 degrees of freedom!

Canonical Projective Transformation

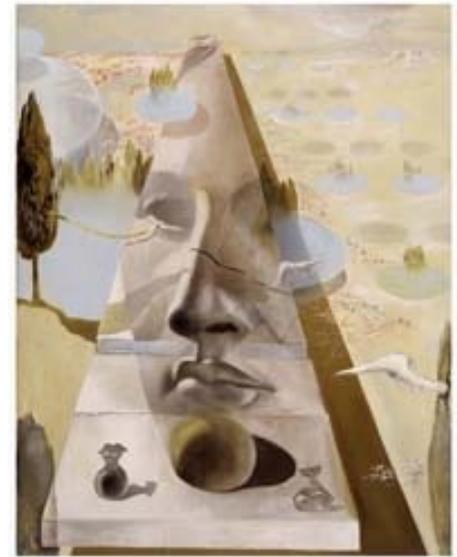
$$P' = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{[Eq.10]} \quad P' = M P$$
$$\mathfrak{R}^4 \xrightarrow{H} \mathfrak{R}^3$$

$$P'_i = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{z} \\ \frac{y}{z} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

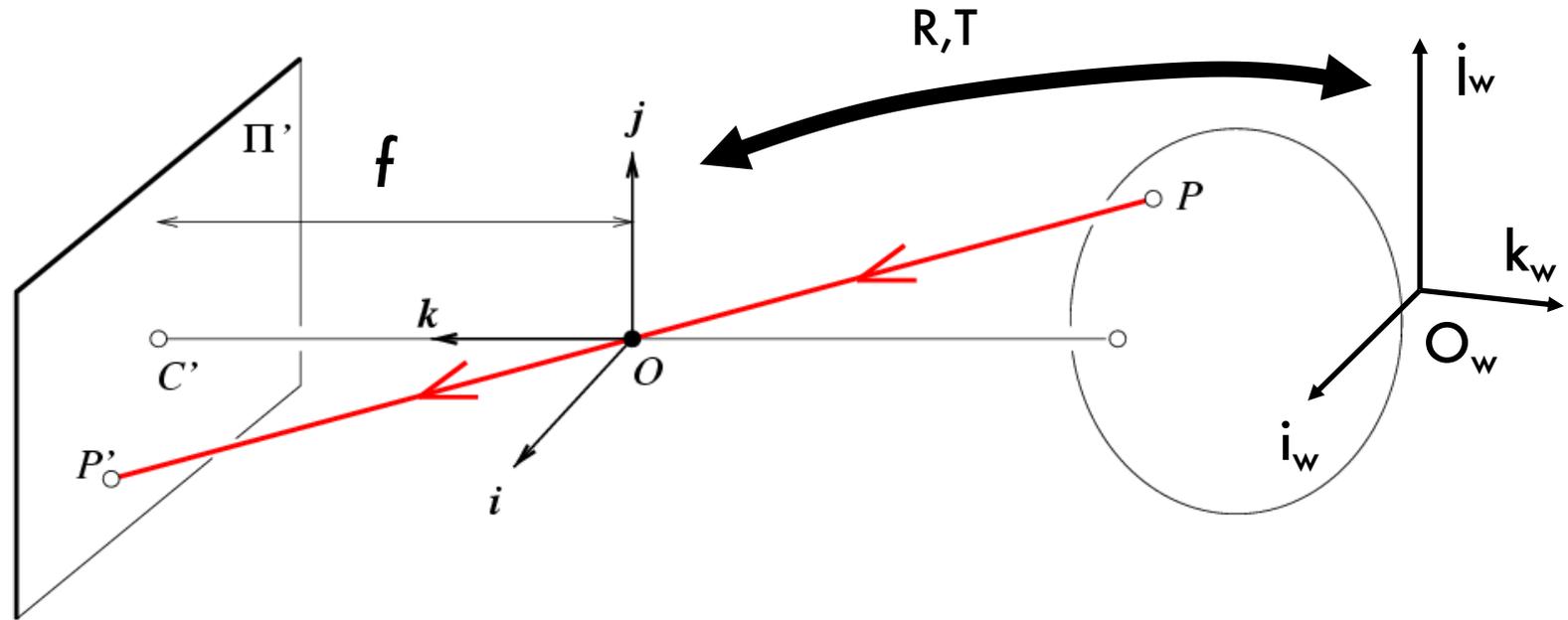
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- Other camera models



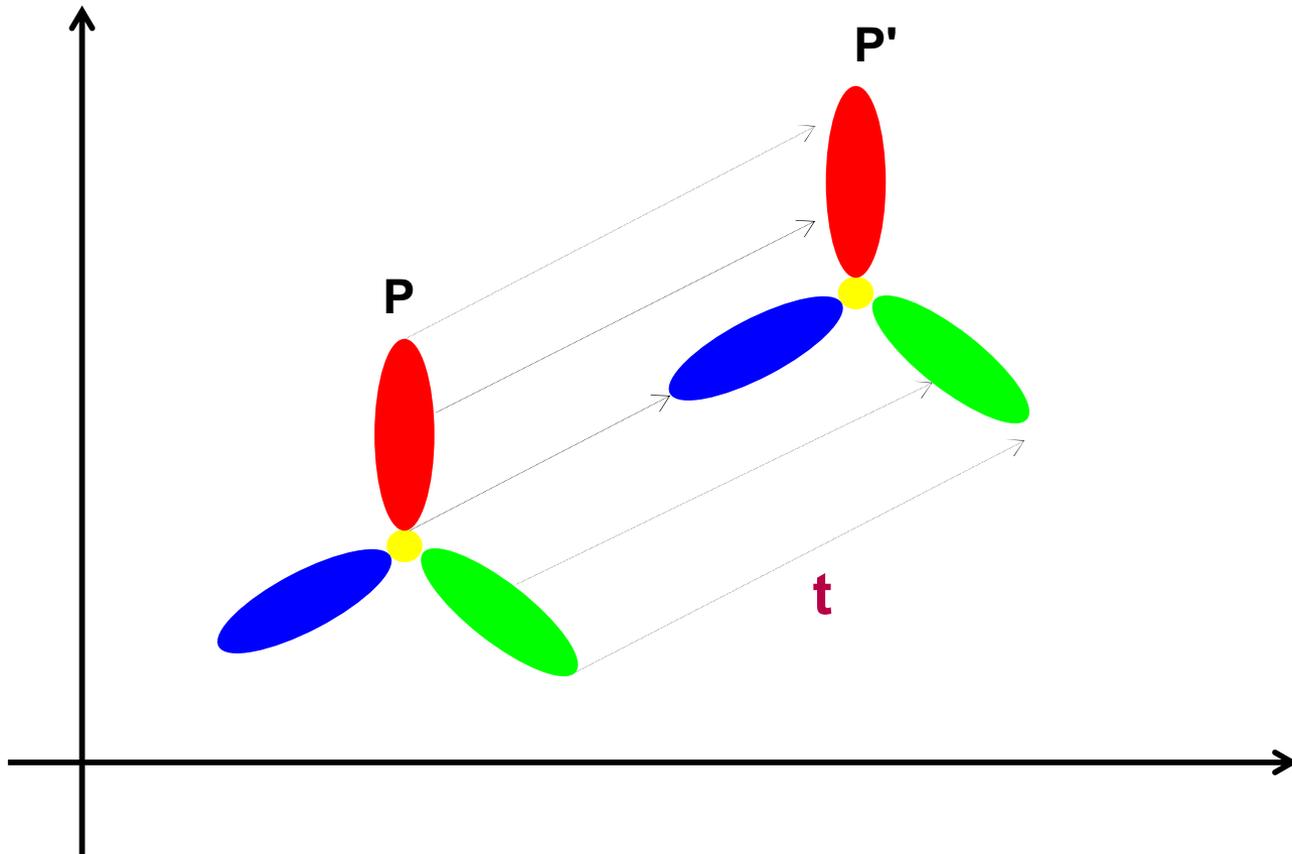
World reference system



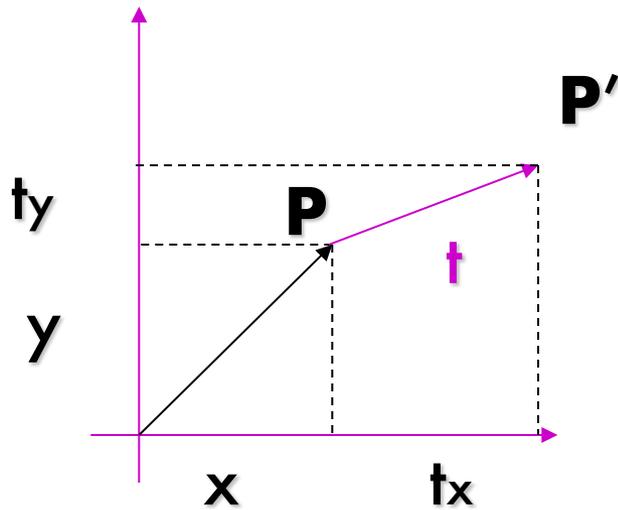
- The mapping so far is defined within the camera reference system
- What if an object is represented in the world reference system?
- Need to introduce an additional mapping from world ref system to camera ref system

Please refer to CA session
on transformations for
more details

2D Translation



2D Translation Equation

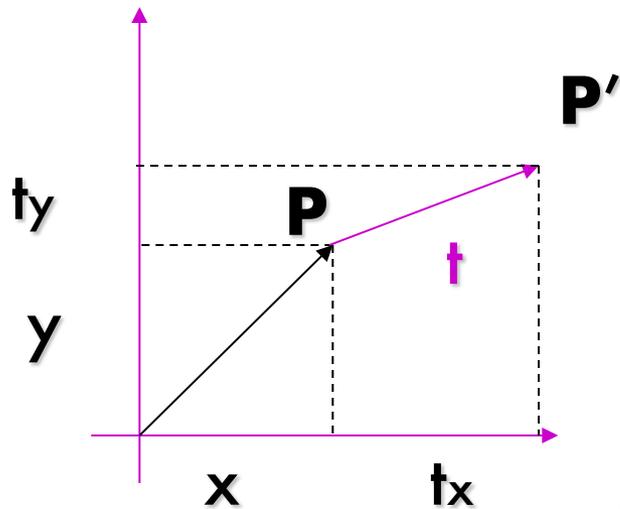


$$\mathbf{P} = (x, y)$$

$$\mathbf{t} = (t_x, t_y)$$

$$\mathbf{P}' = \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{t} = (x + t_x, y + t_y)$$

2D Translation using Homogeneous Coordinates

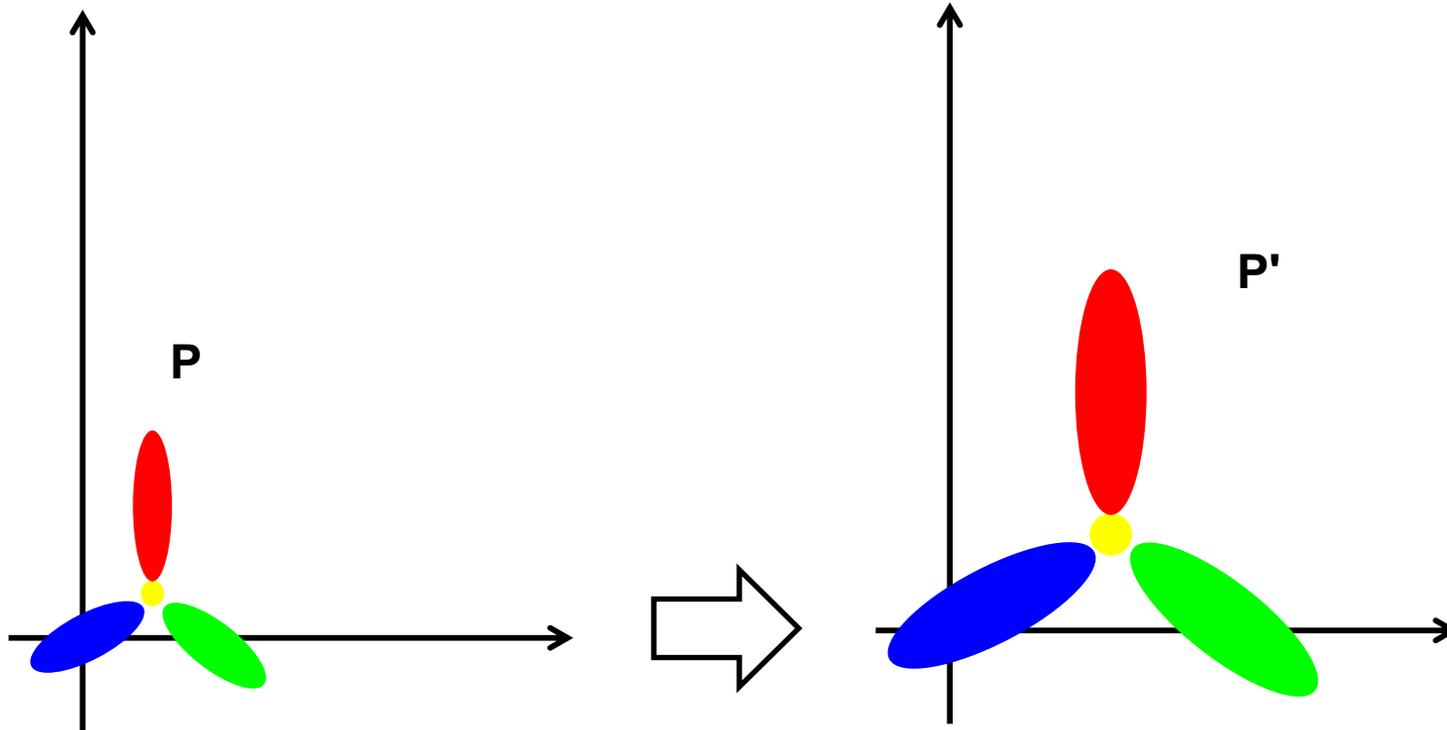


$$\mathbf{P} = (x, y) \rightarrow (x, y, 1)$$

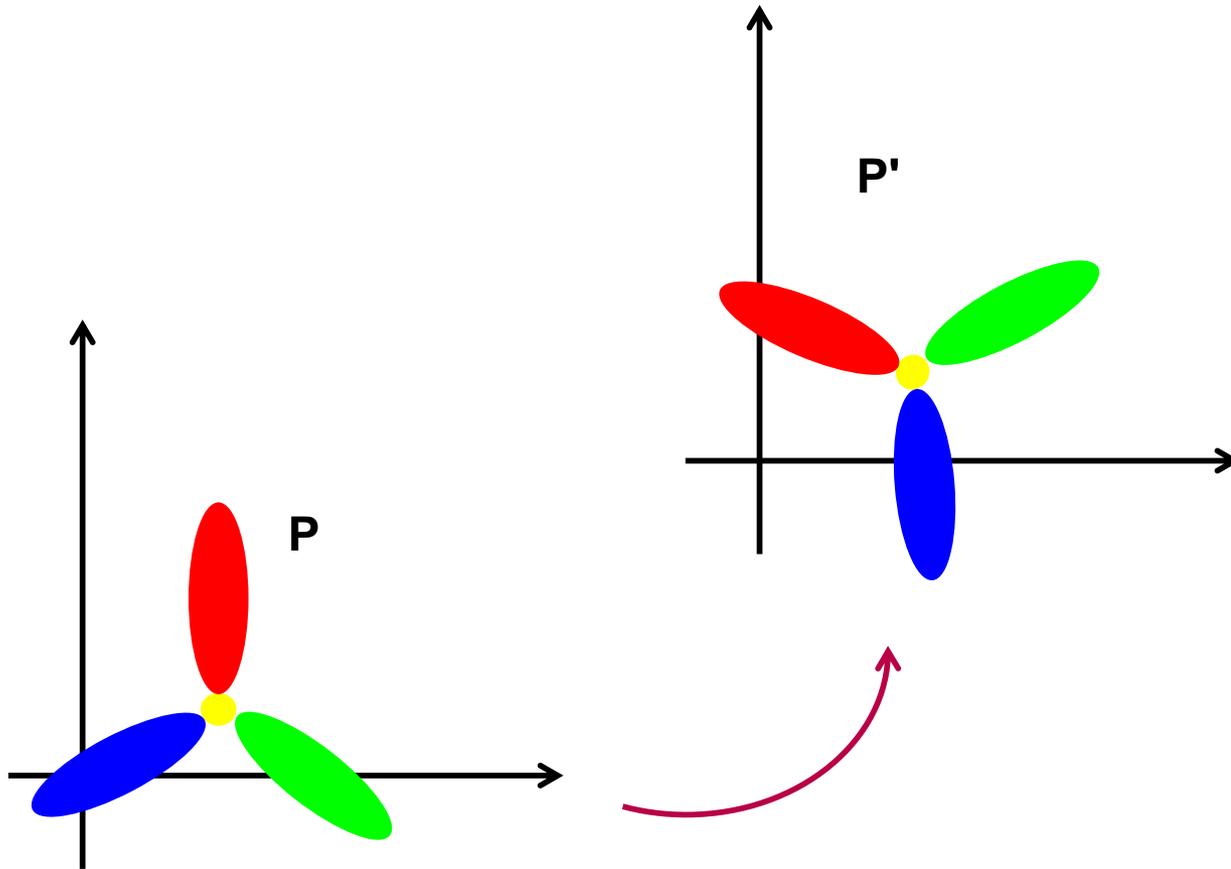
$$\mathbf{P}' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x + t_x \\ y + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scaling

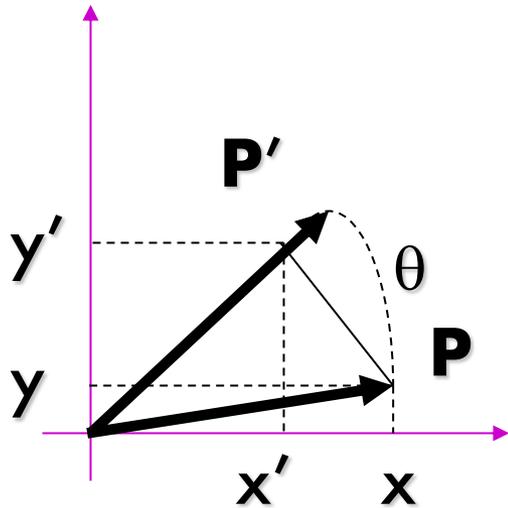


Rotation



Rotation Equations

- Counter-clockwise rotation by an angle θ



$$x' = \cos \theta x - \sin \theta y$$

$$y' = \cos \theta y + \sin \theta x$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}' = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{P}$$

How many degrees of freedom? 1

$$\mathbf{P}' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scale + Rotation + Translation

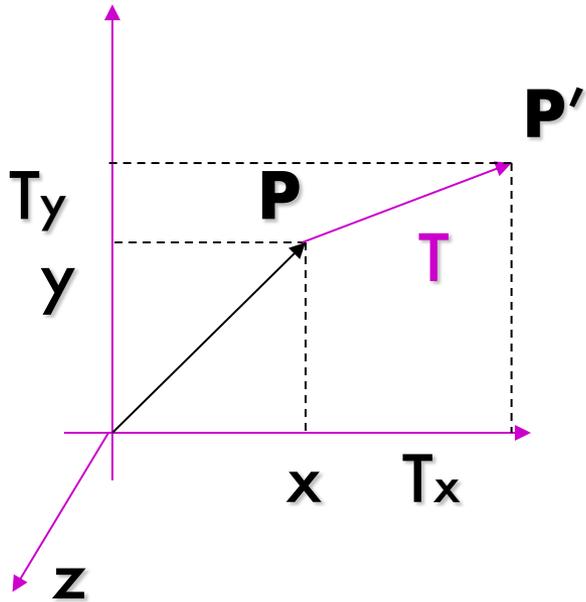
$$\mathbf{P}' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & t_x \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R S} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $s_x = s_y$, this is a similarity transformation

3D Translation of Points



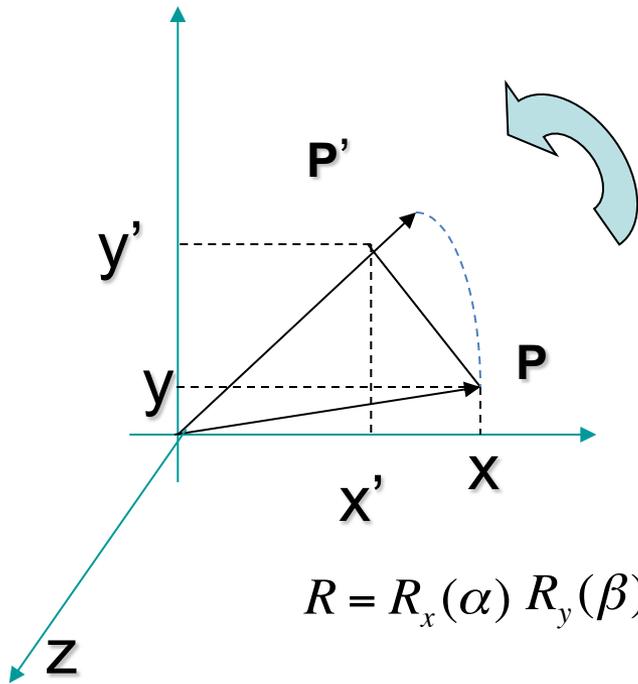
$$T = \begin{bmatrix} T_x \\ T_y \\ T_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A translation vector in 3D has 3 degrees of freedom

3D Rotation of Points

Rotation around the coordinate axes,
counter-clockwise:



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

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

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

$$R = R_x(\alpha) R_y(\beta) R_z(\gamma)$$

$$P' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

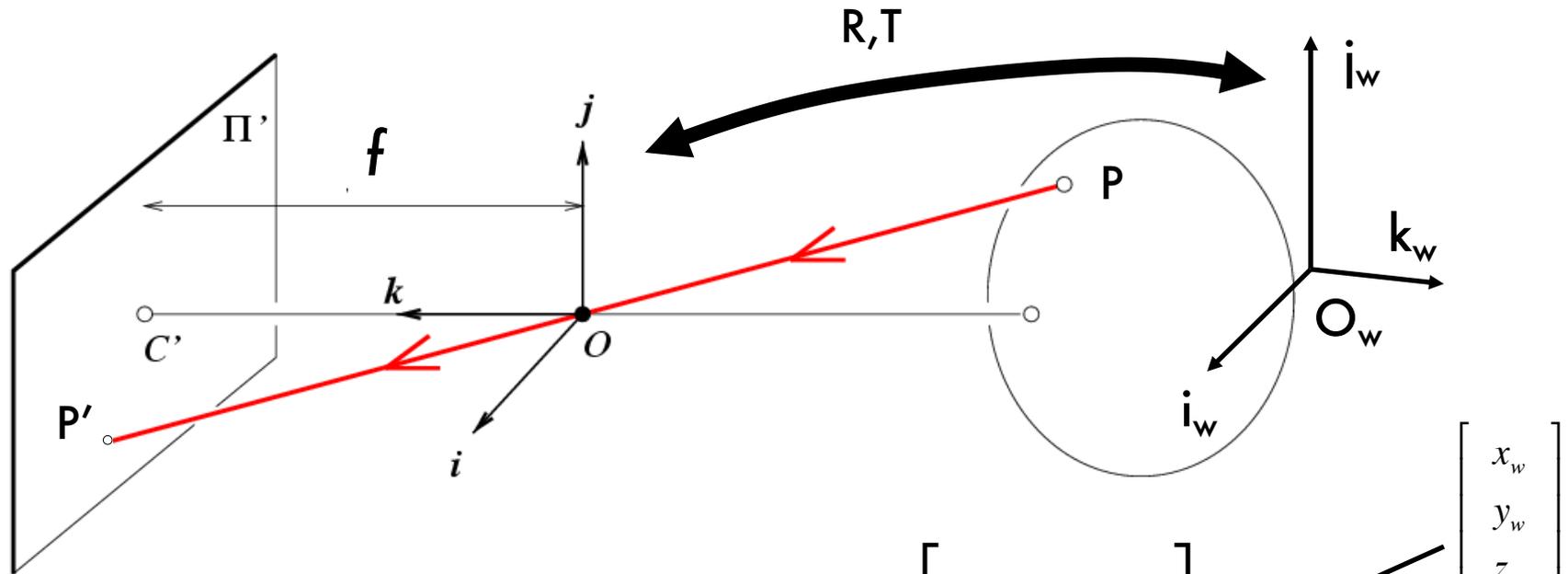
A rotation matrix in 3D has 3 degrees of freedom

3D Translation and Rotation

$$R = R_x(\alpha) R_y(\beta) R_z(\gamma) \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} T_x \\ T_y \\ T_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P' \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} R & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

World reference system



In 4D homogeneous coordinates: $P = \begin{bmatrix} R & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} P_w$ $\begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

[Eq.9]

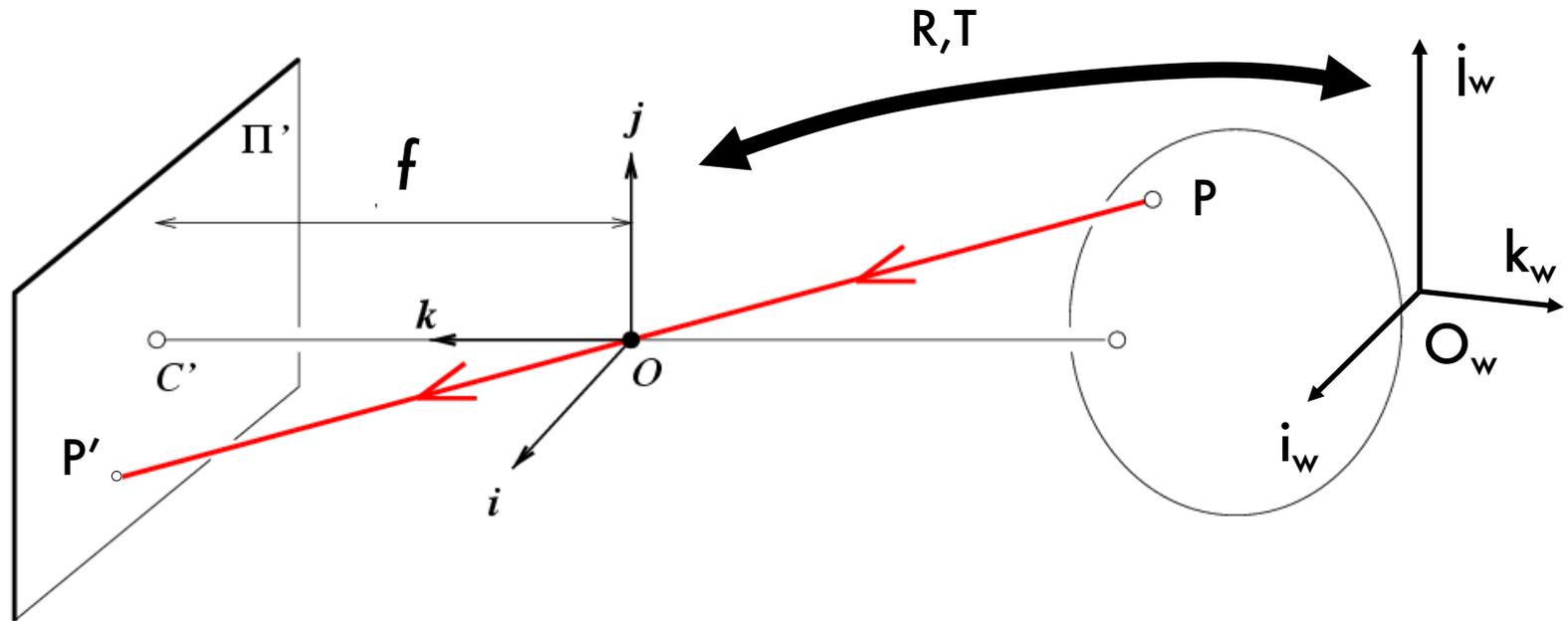
Internal parameters

External parameters

$$P' = K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} P = K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4} P_w = K \begin{bmatrix} R & T \end{bmatrix} P_w$$

[Eq.11]

The projective transformation

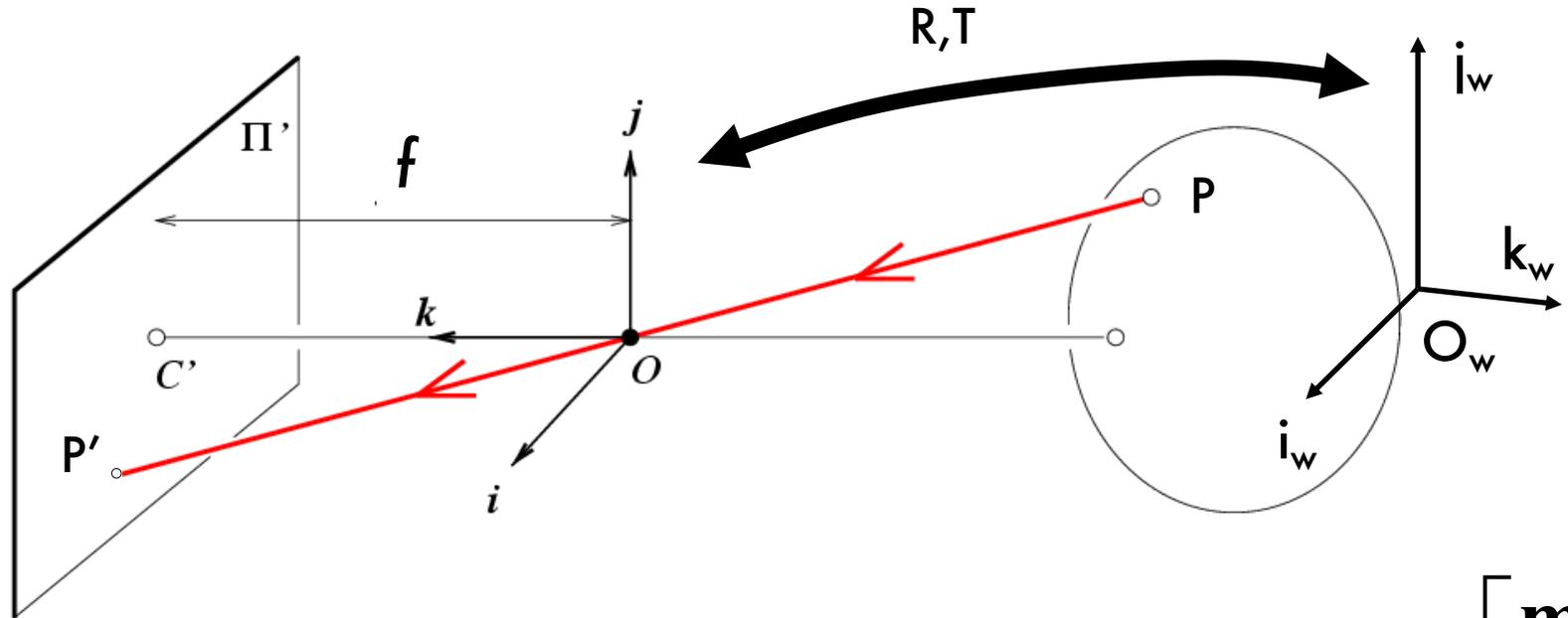


$$P'_{3 \times 1} = M_{3 \times 4} P_w = K_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} R & T \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4} P_{w4 \times 1} \quad \text{[Eq.11]}$$

How many degrees of freedom does M have?

$$5 + 3 + 3 = 11!$$

The projective transformation



$$P'_{3 \times 1} = M P_w = K_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} R & T \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4} P_w_{4 \times 1} \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{bmatrix} P_w = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 P_w \\ \mathbf{m}_2 P_w \\ \mathbf{m}_3 P_w \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{E} \rightarrow \left(\frac{\mathbf{m}_1 P_w}{\mathbf{m}_3 P_w}, \frac{\mathbf{m}_2 P_w}{\mathbf{m}_3 P_w} \right) \quad [\text{Eq.12}]$$

Properties of projective transformations

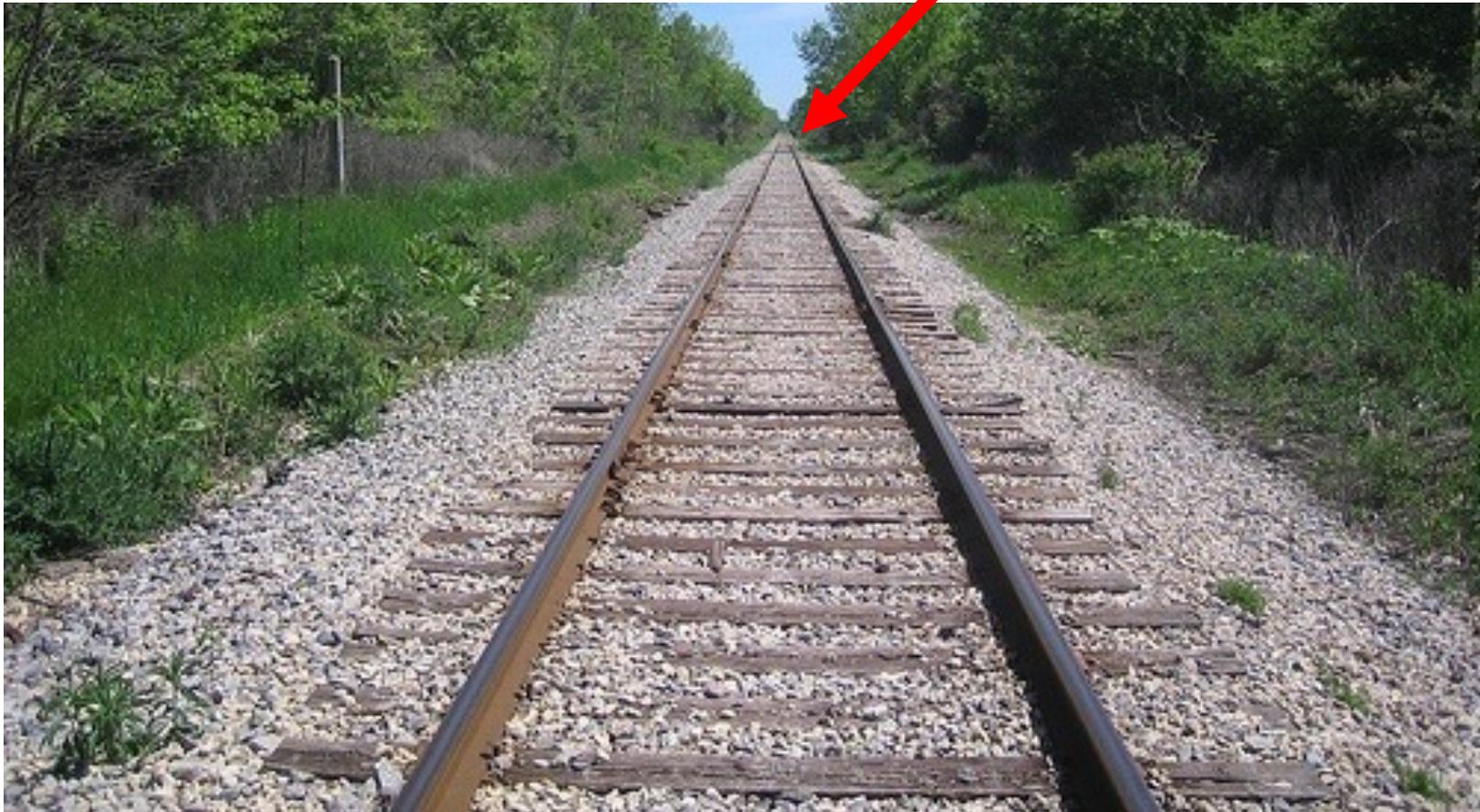
- Points project to points
- Lines project to lines
- Distant objects look smaller



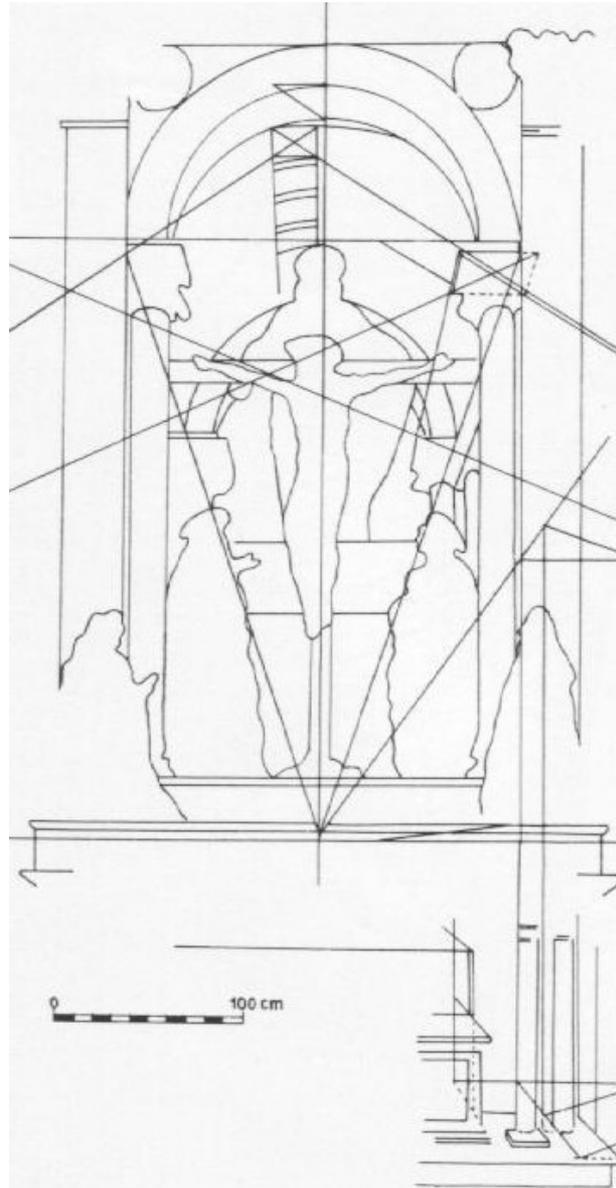
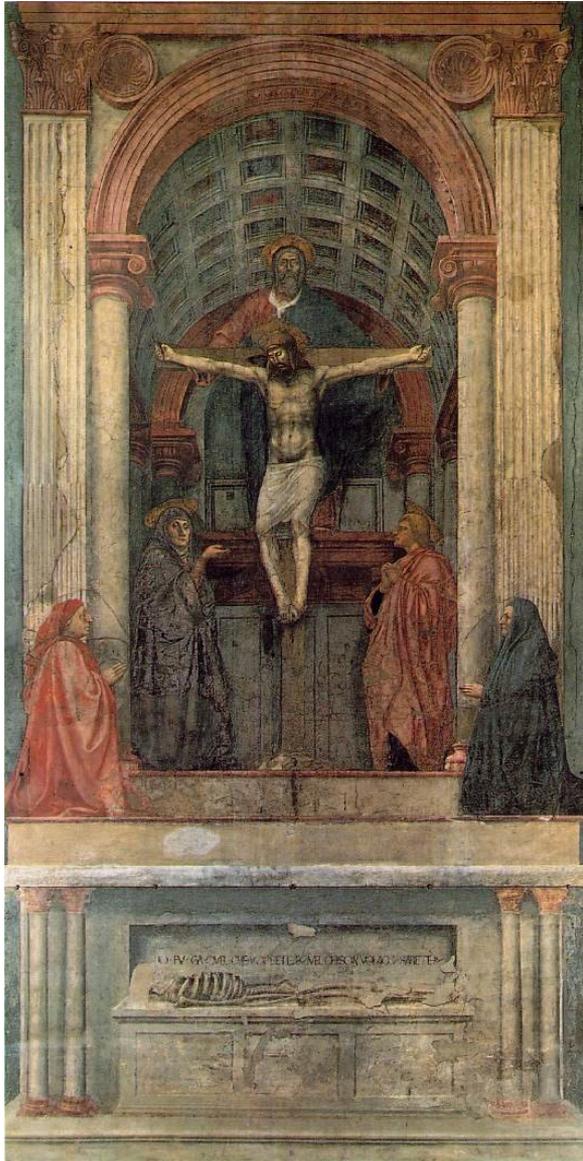
Properties of Projection

- Angles are not preserved
- Parallel lines meet!

Parallel lines in the world intersect in the image at a "vanishing point"



One-point perspective



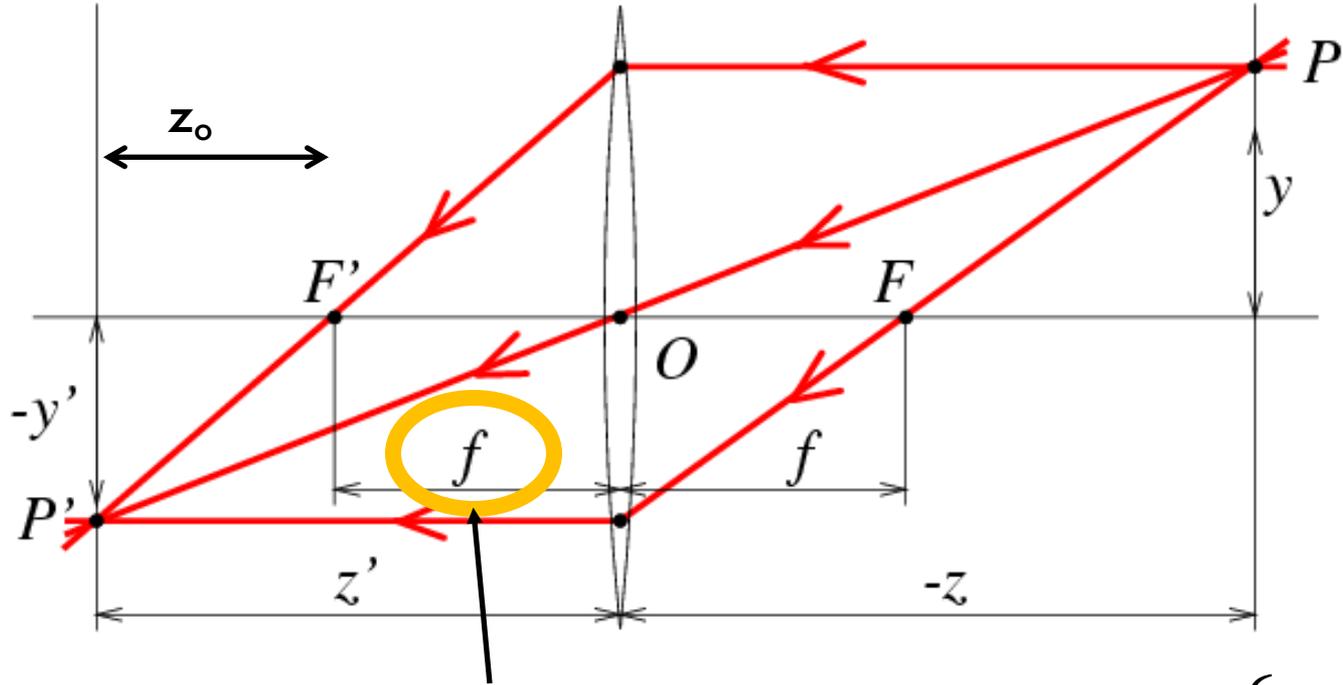
- Masaccio, *Trinity*, Santa Maria Novella, Florence, 1425-28

Next lecture

- How to calibrate a camera?

Supplemental material

Thin Lenses



$$z' = f + z_o$$

$$f = \frac{R}{2(n-1)}$$

Focal length

Snell's law:

$$n_1 \sin \alpha_1 = n_2 \sin \alpha_2 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Small angles:} \\ n_1 \alpha_1 \approx n_2 \alpha_2 \\ \\ n_1 = n \text{ (lens)} \\ n_1 = 1 \text{ (air)} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x' = z' \frac{x}{z} \\ \\ y' = z' \frac{y}{z} \end{array} \right.$$