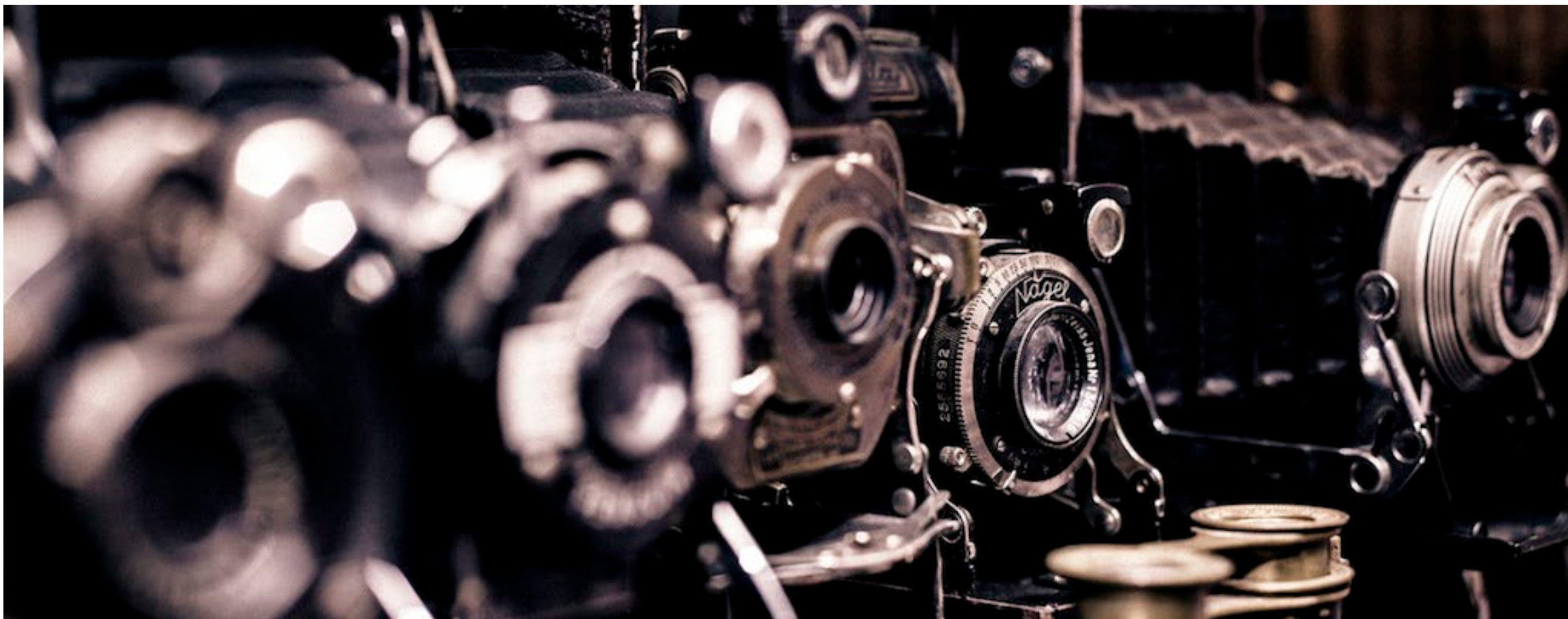


Geometric camera models and calibration



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Course announcements

- Two exciting talks this week, details on Slack.
- Final project proposals due this week.

Overview of today's lecture

- Pinholes and lenses.
- Pinhole camera.
- Accidental pinholes.
- Camera matrix.
- Perspective.
- Other camera models.
- Pose estimation.

Slide credits

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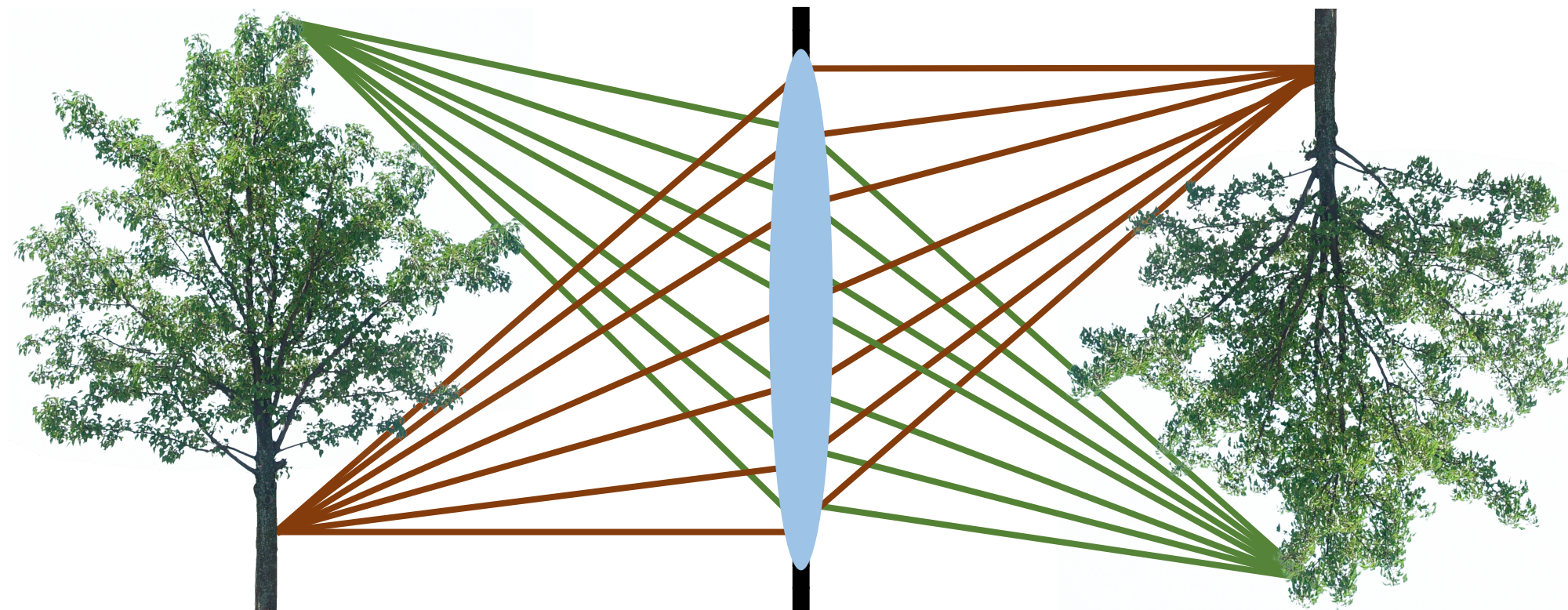
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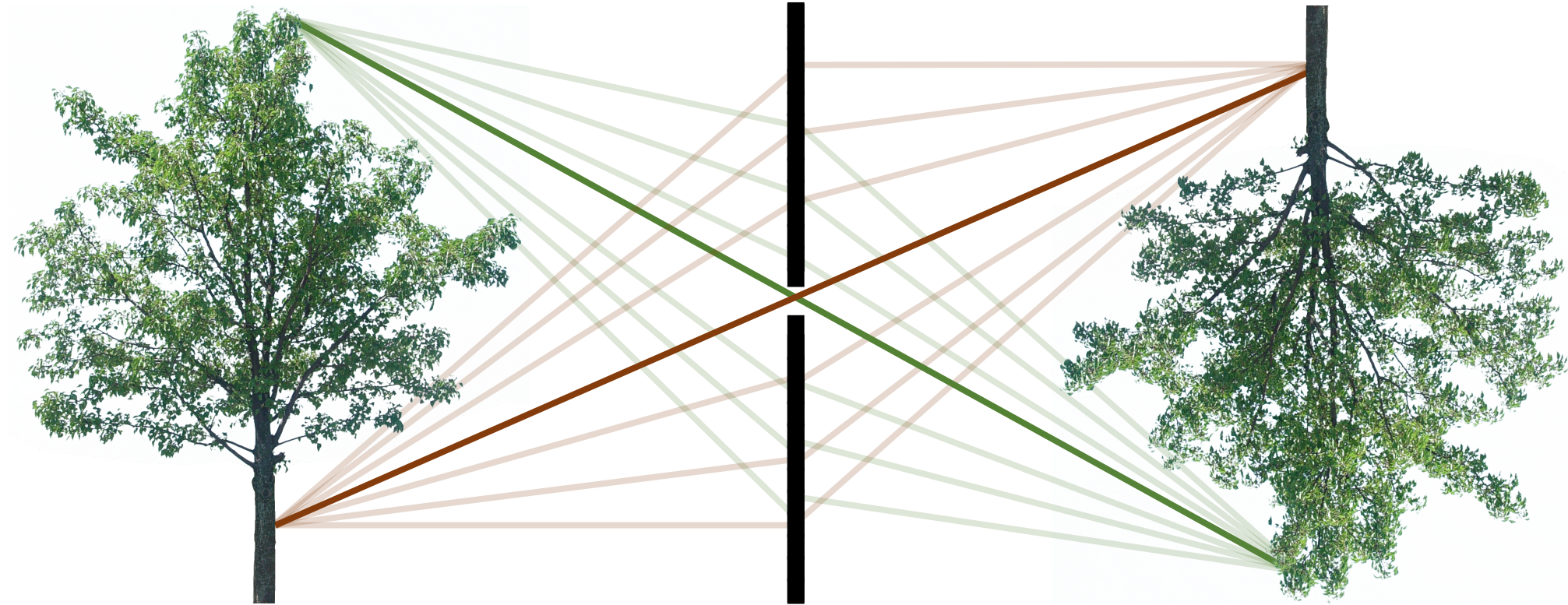
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Pinhole and lens cameras

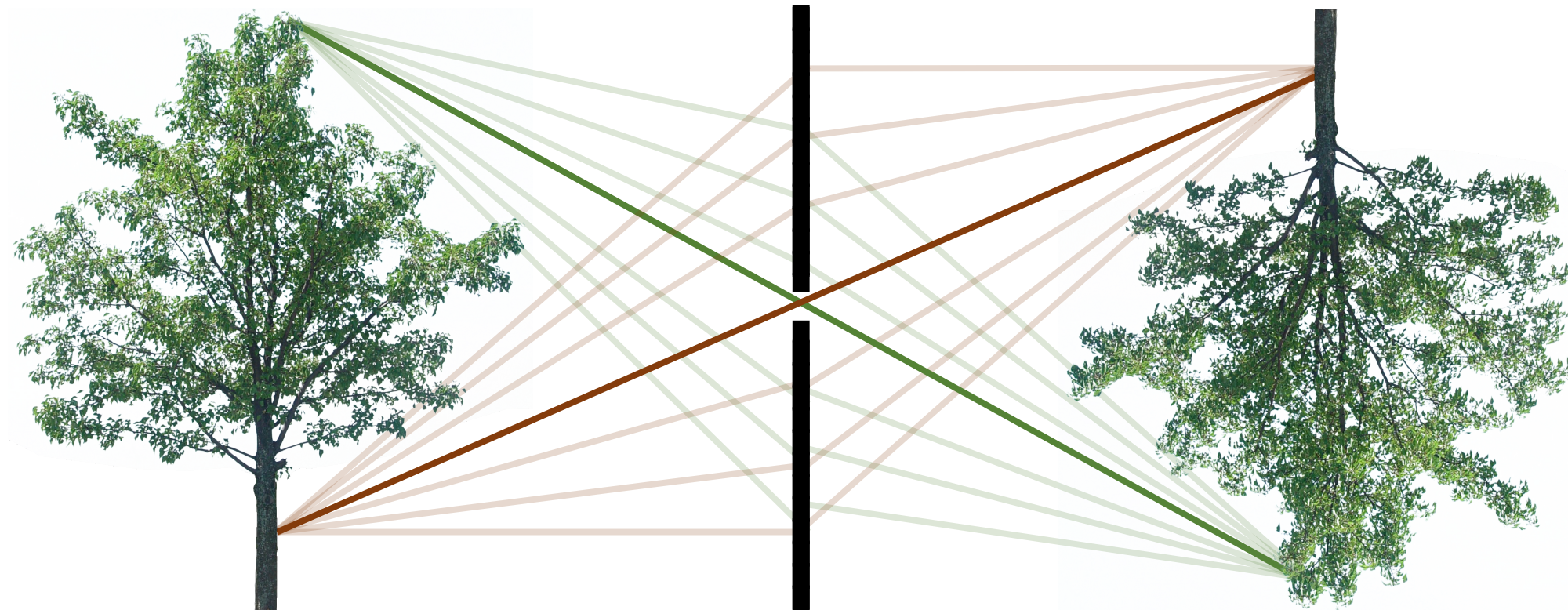
The lens camera



The pinhole camera

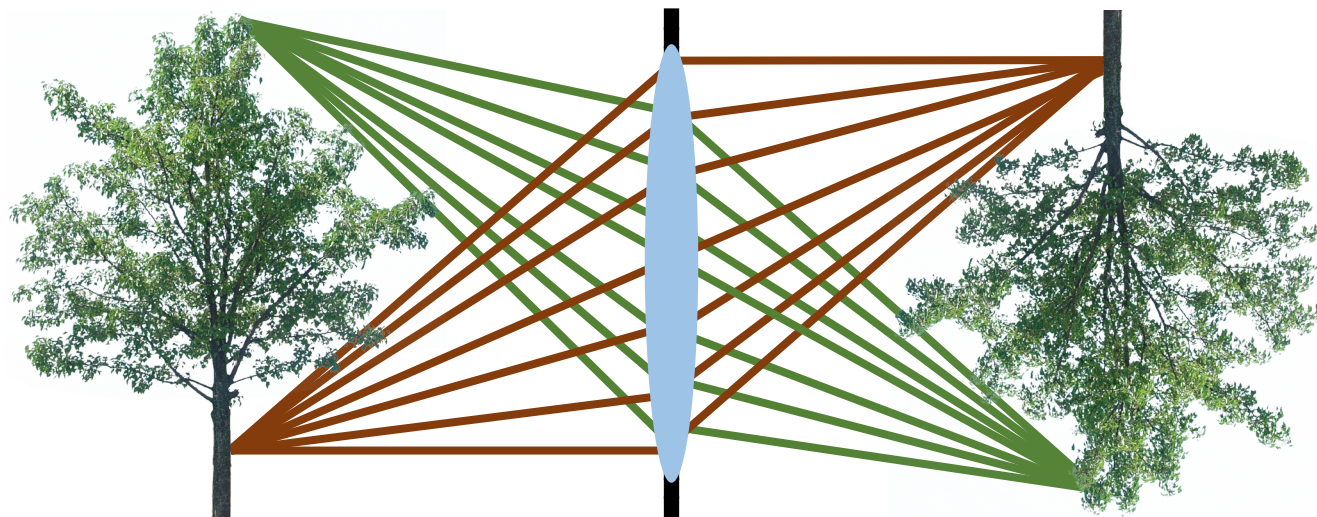


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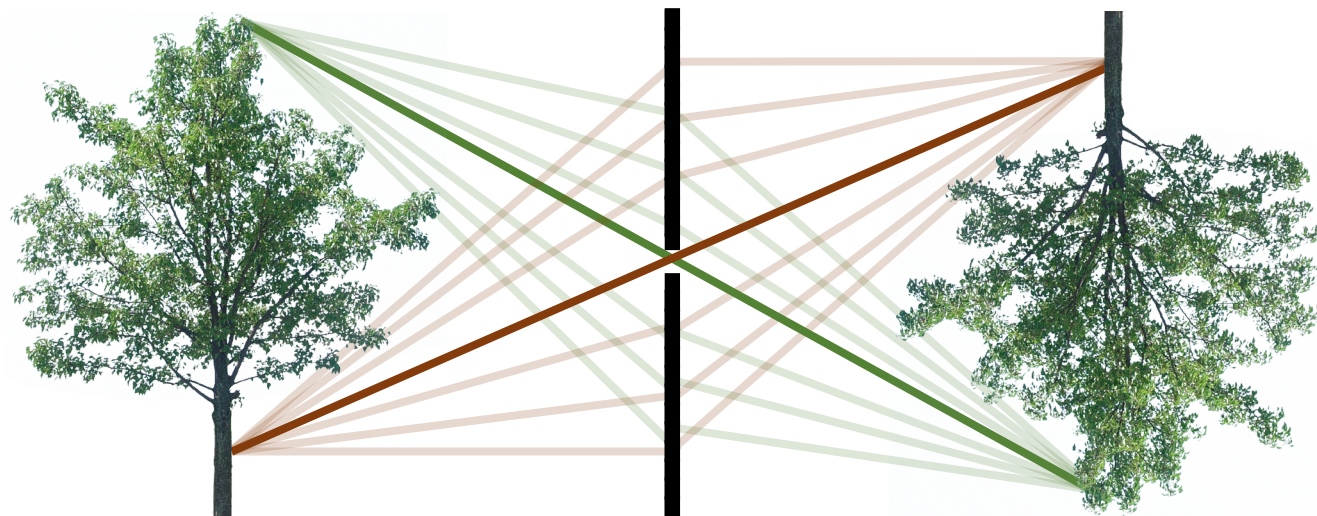
Central rays propagate in the same way for both models!

Describing both lens and pinhole cameras



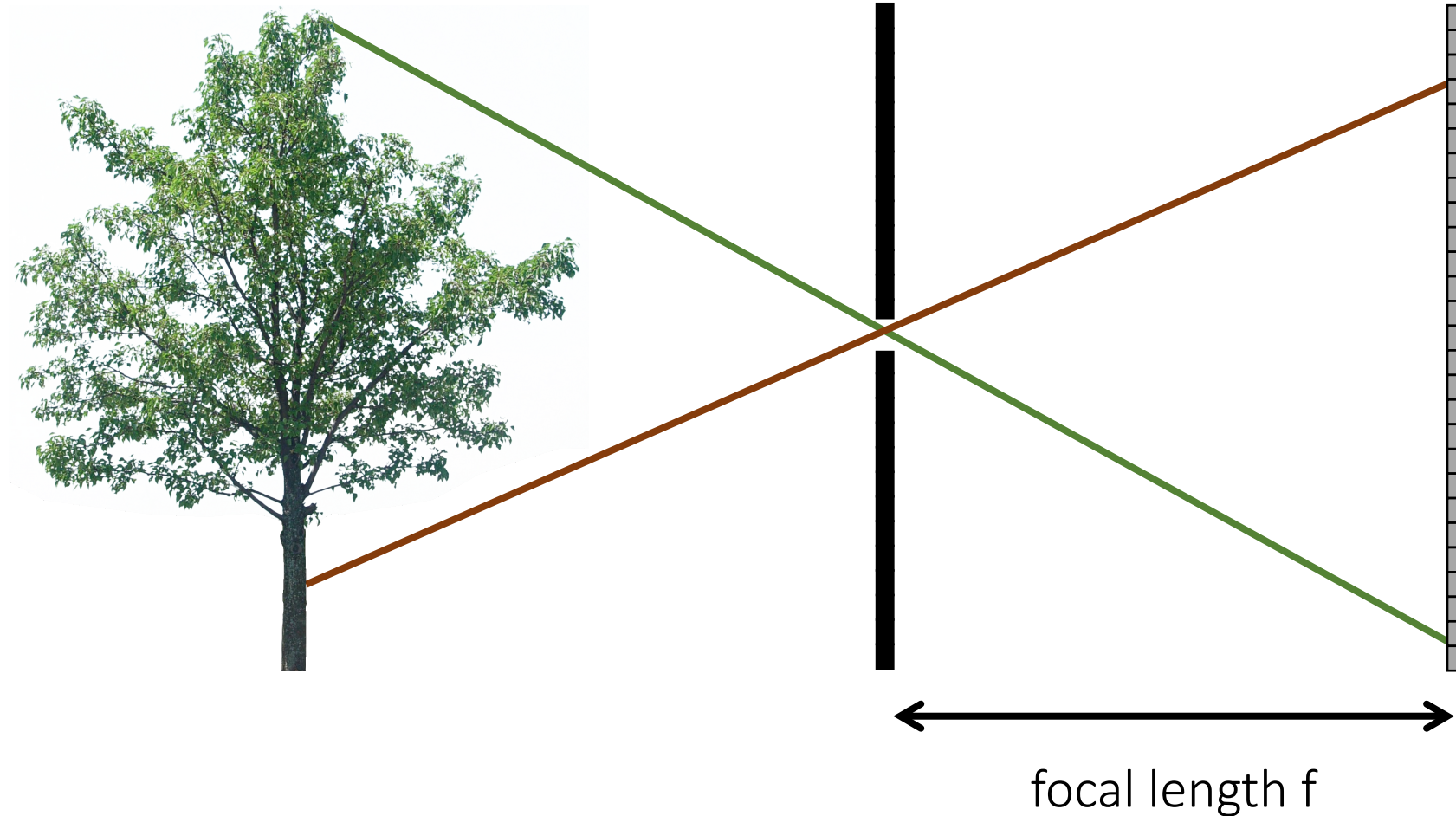
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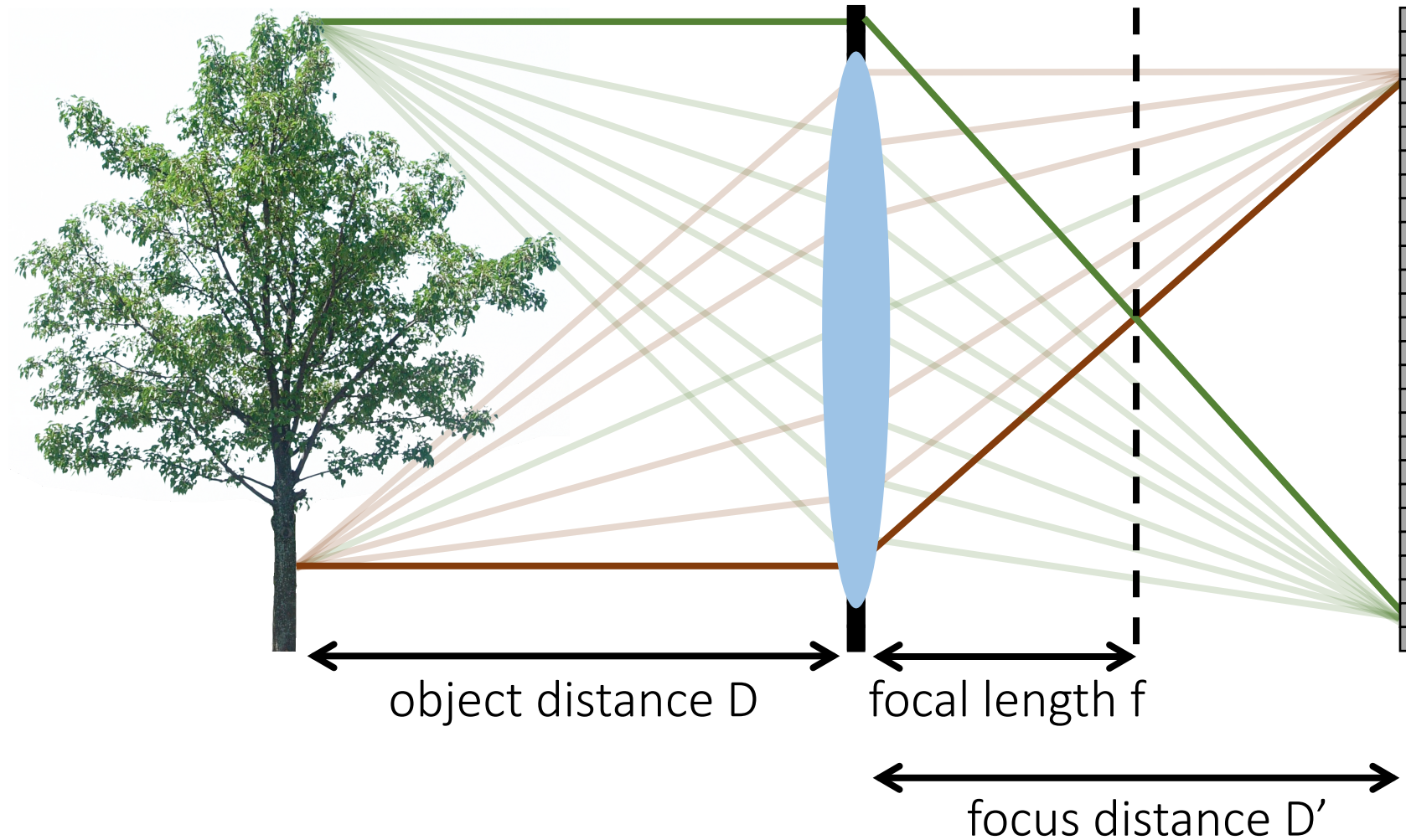
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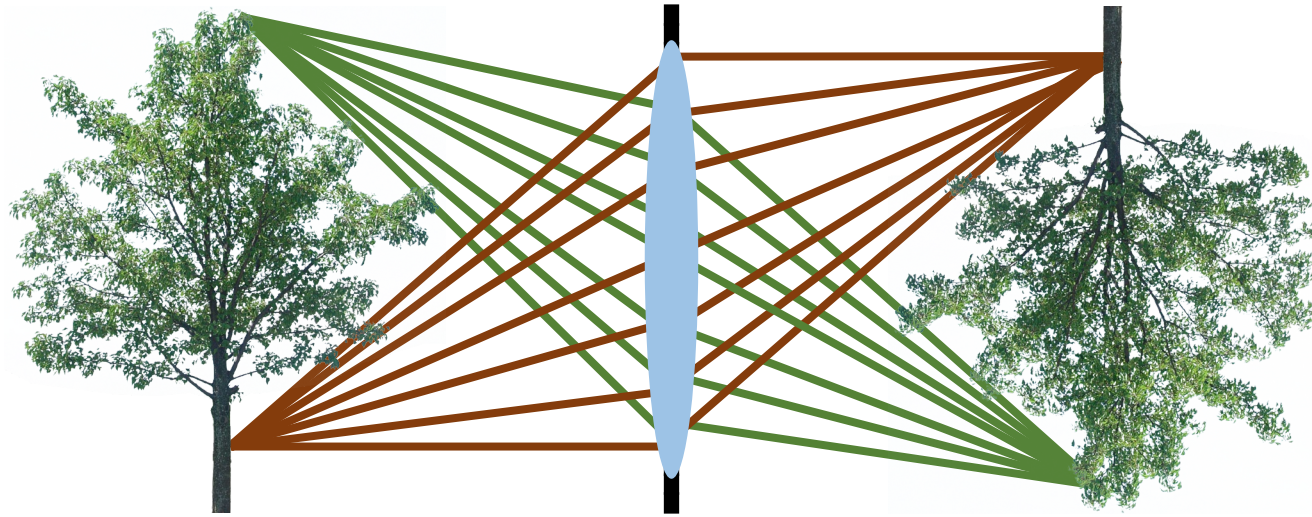


Important difference: focal length

In a lens camera, focal length is distance where parallel rays intersect

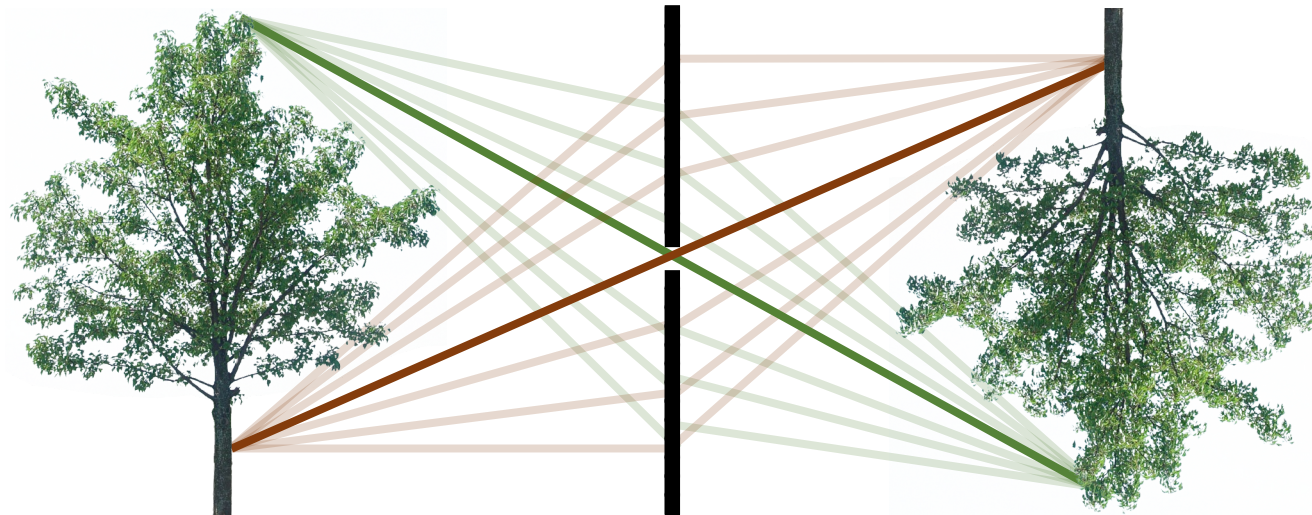


Describing both lens and pinhole cameras



We can derive properties and descriptions that hold for both camera models if:

- We use only central rays.
- We assume the lens camera is in focus.
- We assume that the focus distance of the lens camera is equal to the focal length of the pinhole camera.

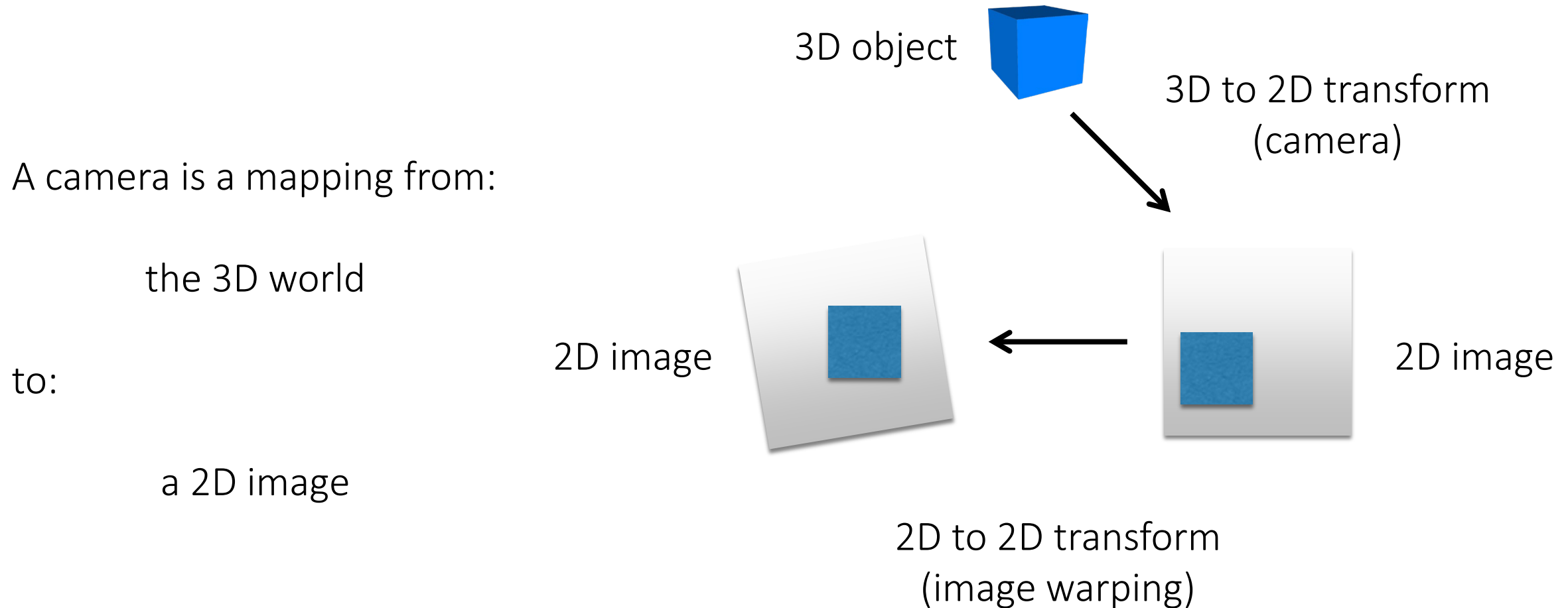


Remember: *focal length* f refers to different things for lens and pinhole cameras.

- In this lecture, we use it to refer to the aperture-sensor distance, as in the pinhole camera case.

Camera matrix

The camera as a coordinate transformation



The camera as a coordinate transformation

A camera is a mapping from:

the 3D world

to:

a 2D image

homogeneous coordinates


$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

2D image point camera matrix 3D world point

What are the dimensions of each variable?

Reminder: 2D homogeneous coordinates

heterogeneous
coordinates

homogeneous
coordinates

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

← add a 1 here

- Represent 2D point with a 3D vector

Reminder: 2D homogeneous coordinates

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} ax \\ ay \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$

- Represent 2D point with a 3D vector
- 3D vectors are only defined up to scale

Reminder: 2D homogeneous coordinates

Conversion:

- heterogeneous $\rightarrow$ homogeneous

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

- homogeneous $\rightarrow$ heterogeneous

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x/z \\ y/z \end{bmatrix}$$

Scale invariance:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Special points:

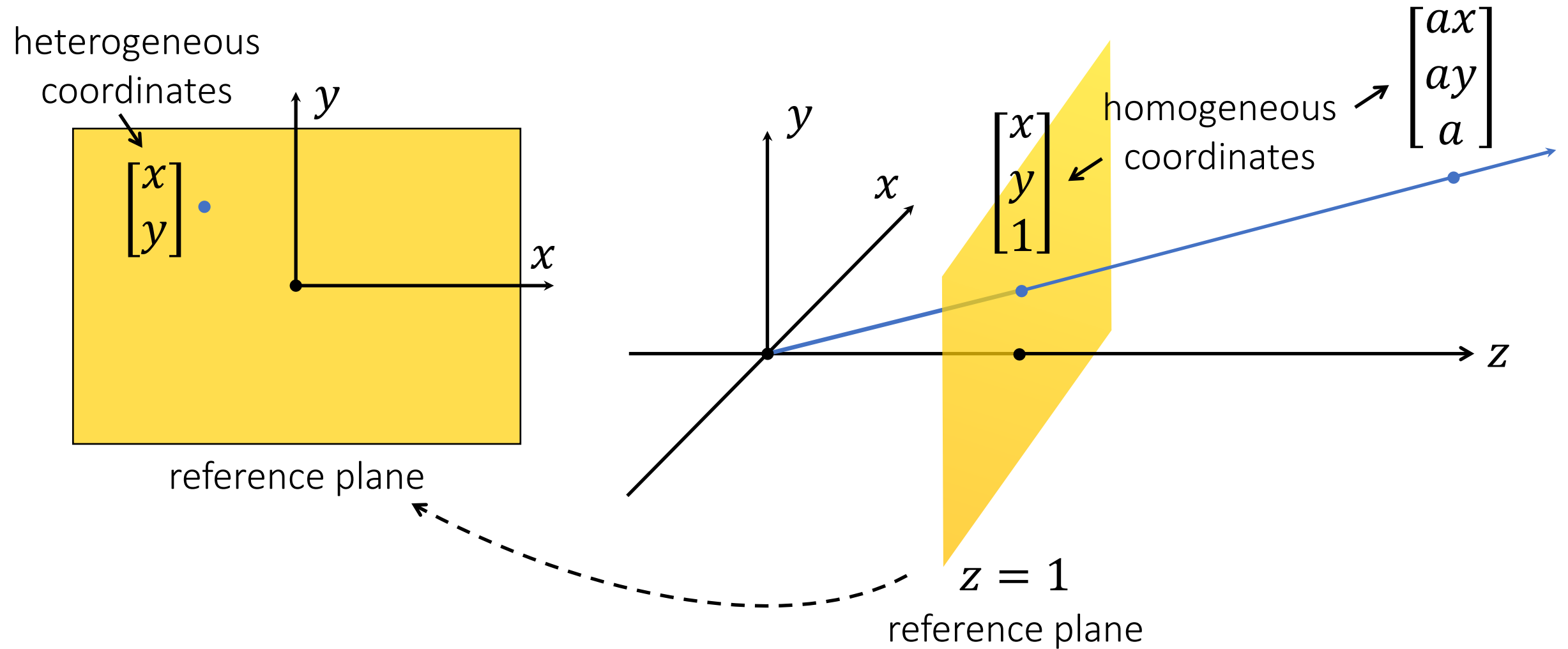
- point at infinity

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- undefined

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reminder: 2D projective geometry



Through the scale invariance property, homogeneous coordinates map all points on a line passing through the origin to the point where this line intersects the reference plane.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} aX \\ aY \\ aZ \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$

- Represent 3D point with a 4D vector
- 4D vectors are only defined up to scale

Reminder: notation

heterogeneous coordinates

homogeneous coordinates

2D
coordinates

2D vector $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

3D vector $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

3D
coordinates

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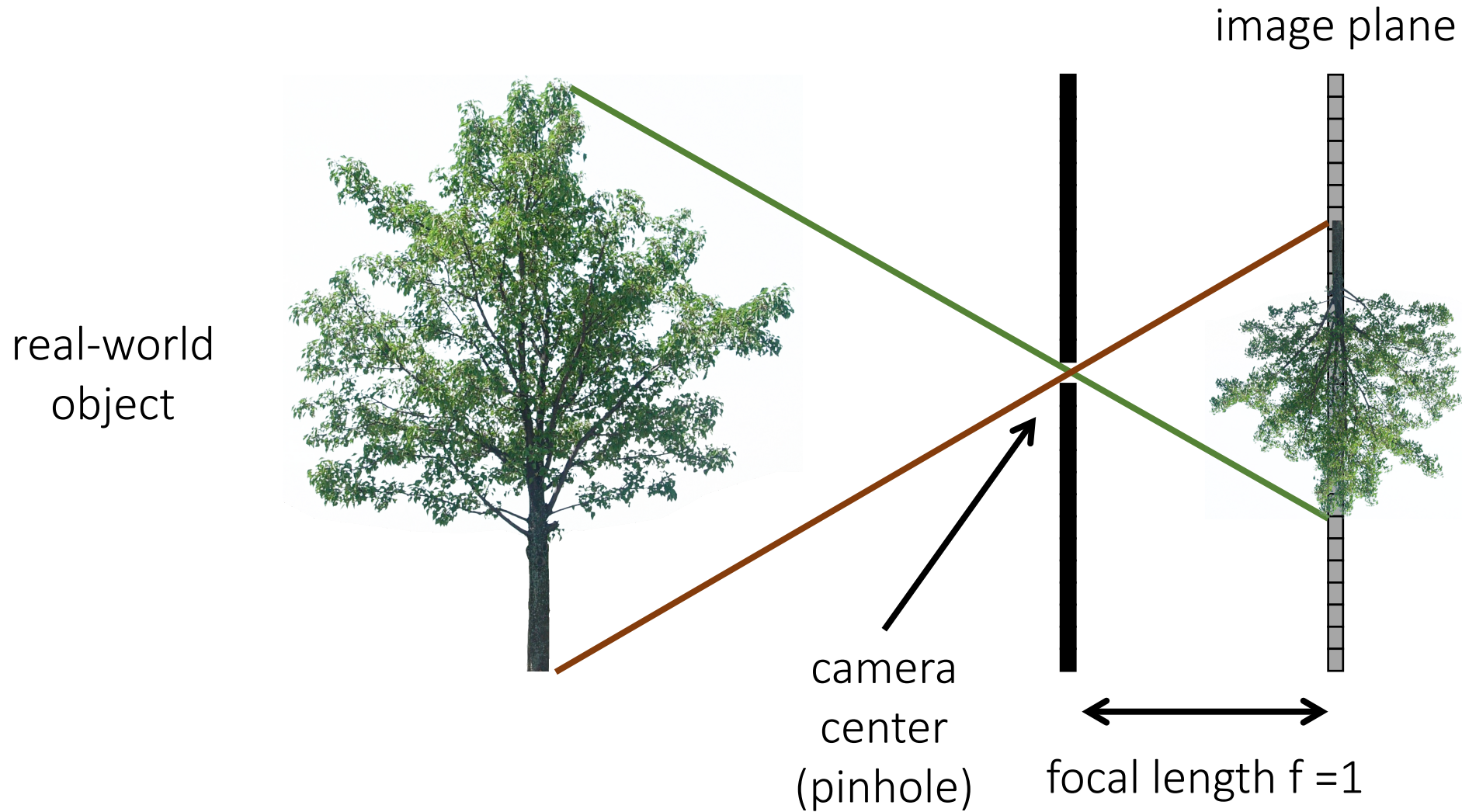
The diagram shows the equation $x = PX$ in a large, bold, italicized font. Above the equation, the text "homogeneous coordinates" is centered. Two arrows point from this text to the x and X terms. Below the equation, the terms are labeled: "2D image point" under x , "camera matrix" under P , and "3D world point" under X .

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

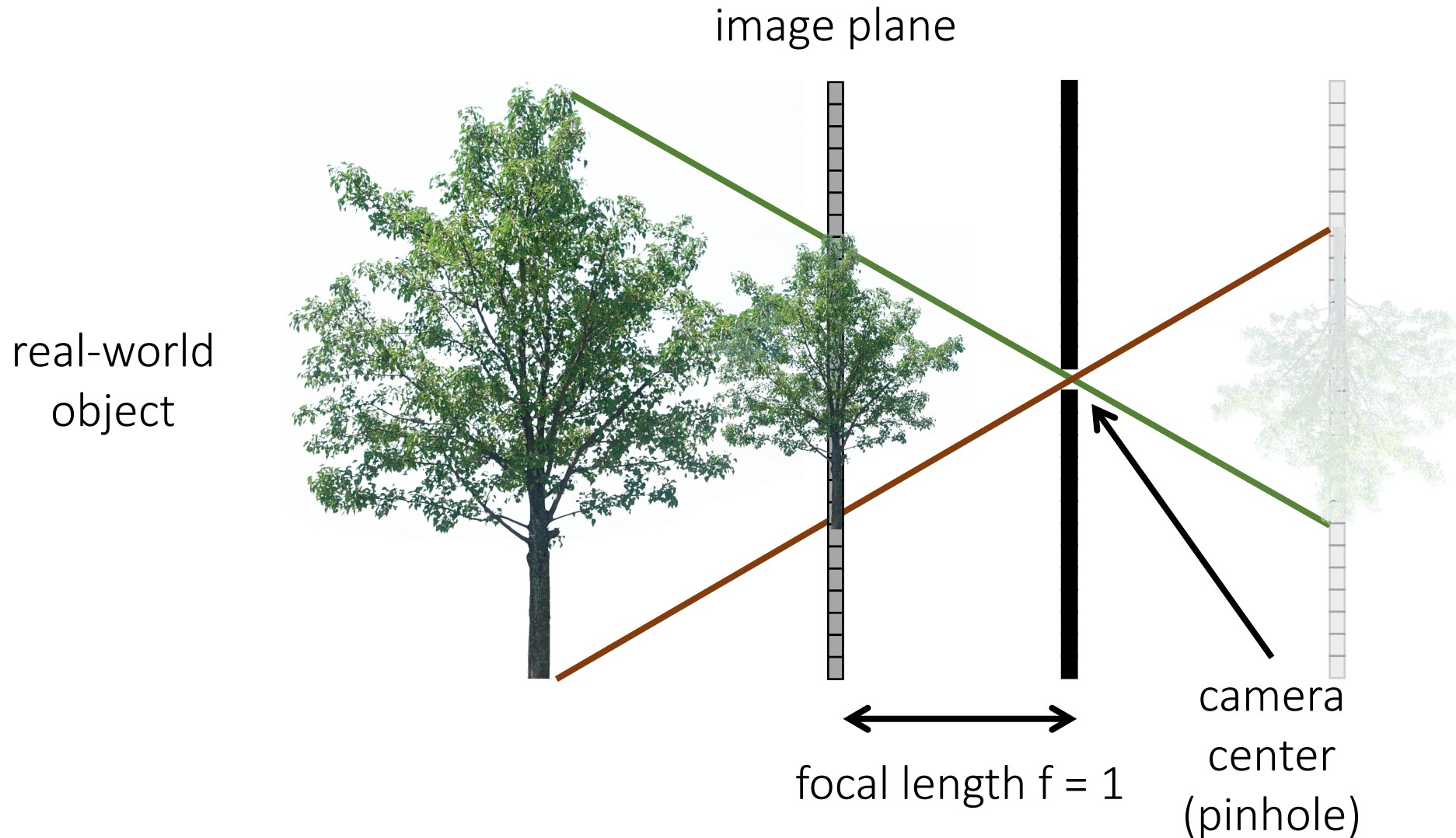
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What does this transformation look like?

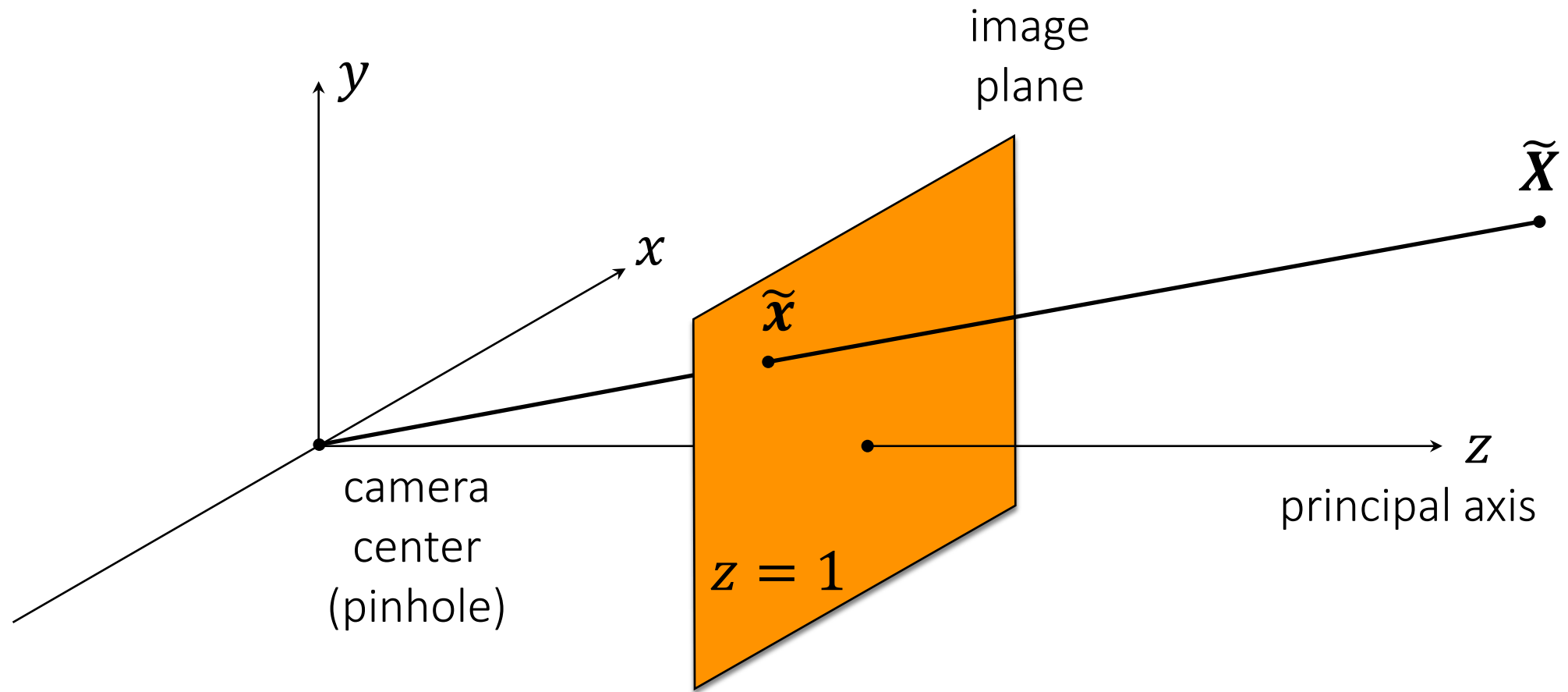
The pinhole camera



The (rearranged) pinhole camera

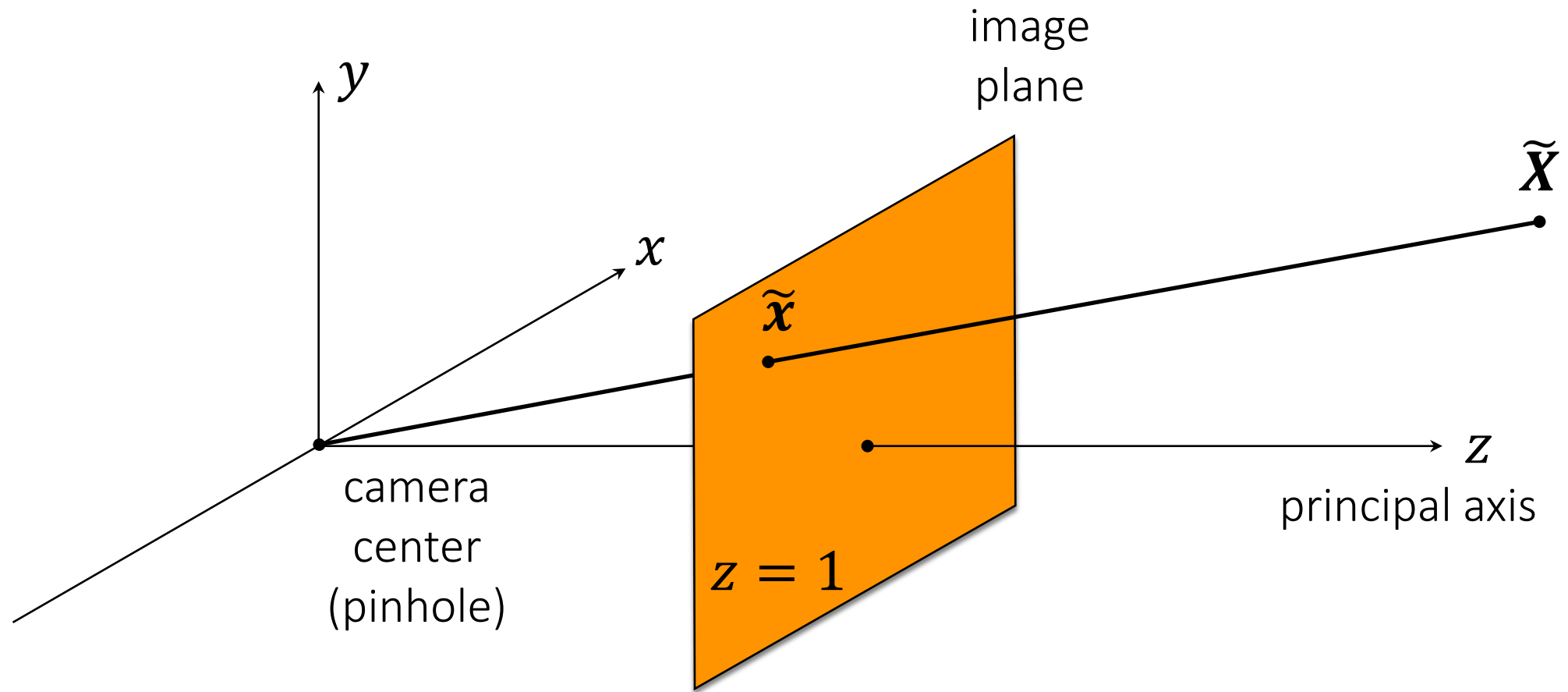


The (rearranged) pinhole camera



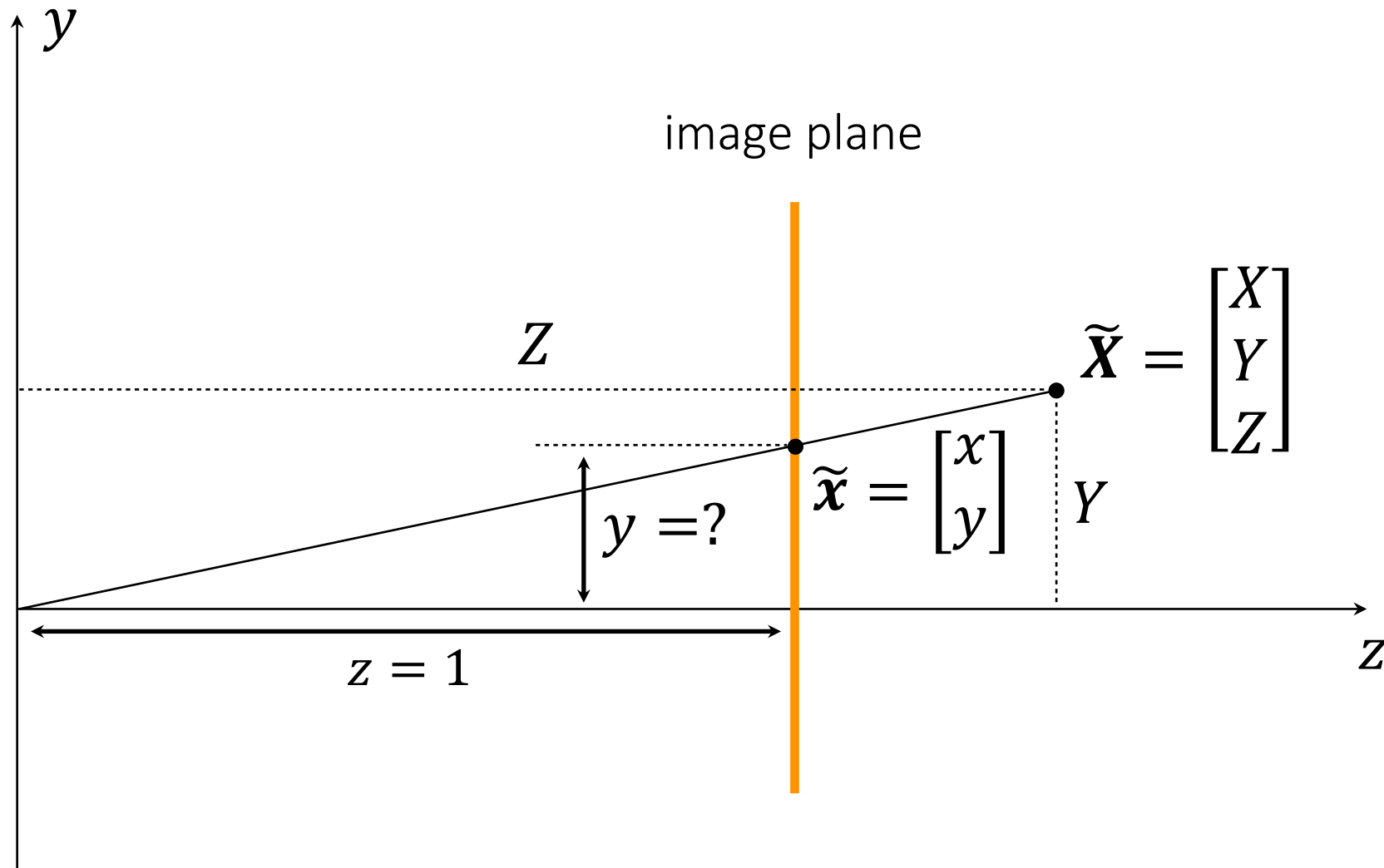
Where did we see a similar picture?

The (rearranged) pinhole camera



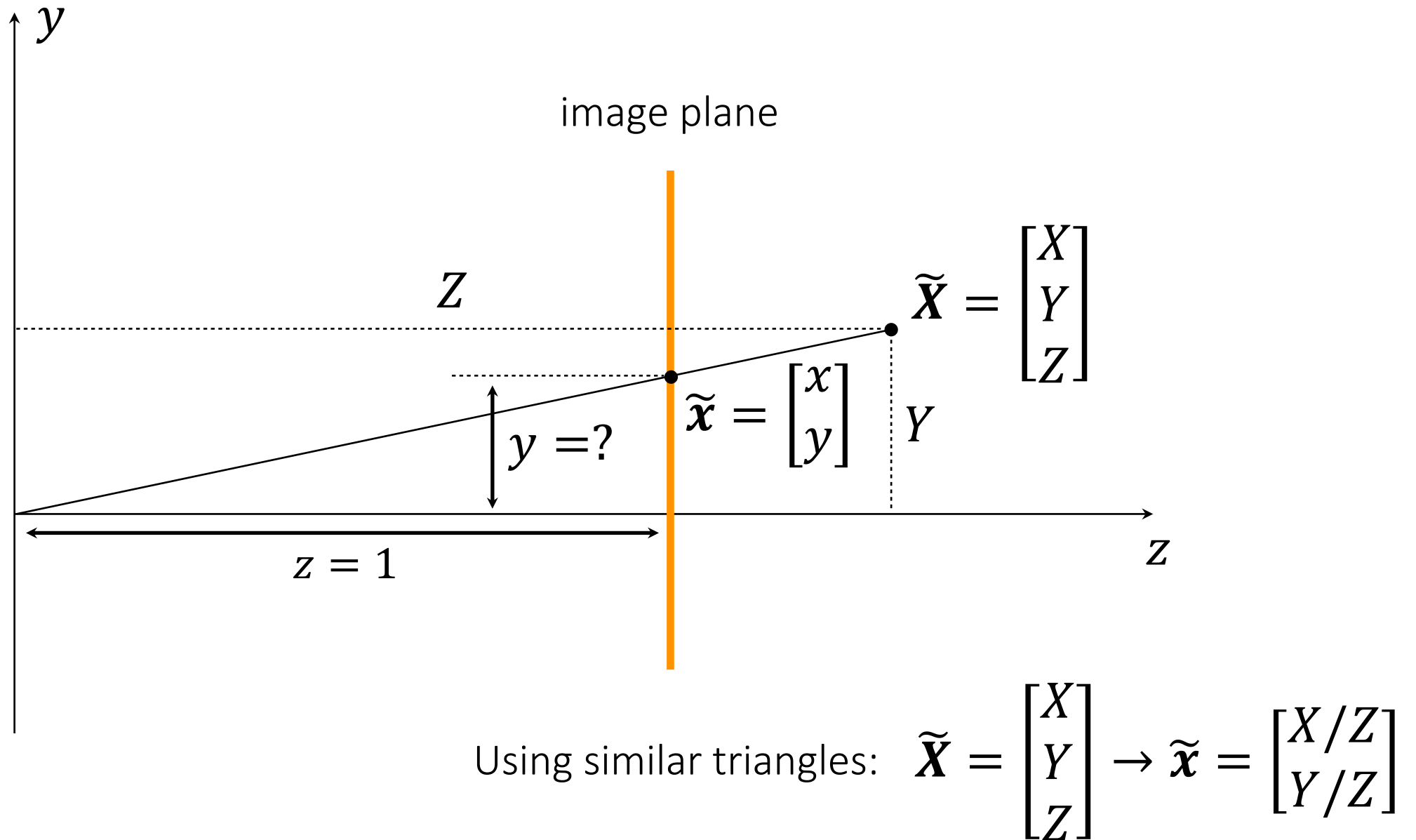
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The 2D view of the (rearranged) pinhole camera

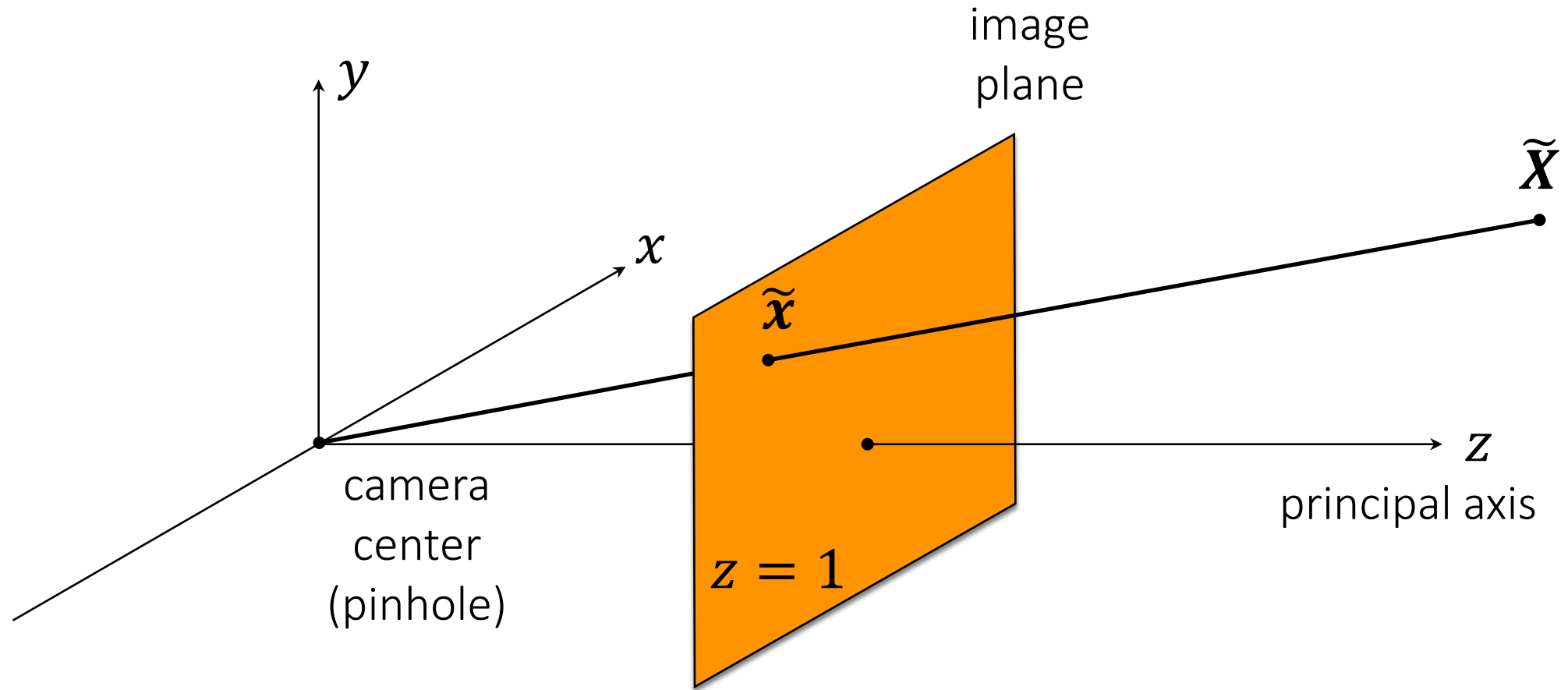


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What is the camera matrix $\mathbf{P}$ for a pinhole camera?

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

The pinhole camera matrix

Camera projection relationship expressed:

- in *heterogeneous coordinates*
- in *homogeneous coordinates*

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} X/Z \\ Y/Z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = ?$$

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General camera model in *homogeneous coordinates*:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

What does the pinhole camera projection look like?

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

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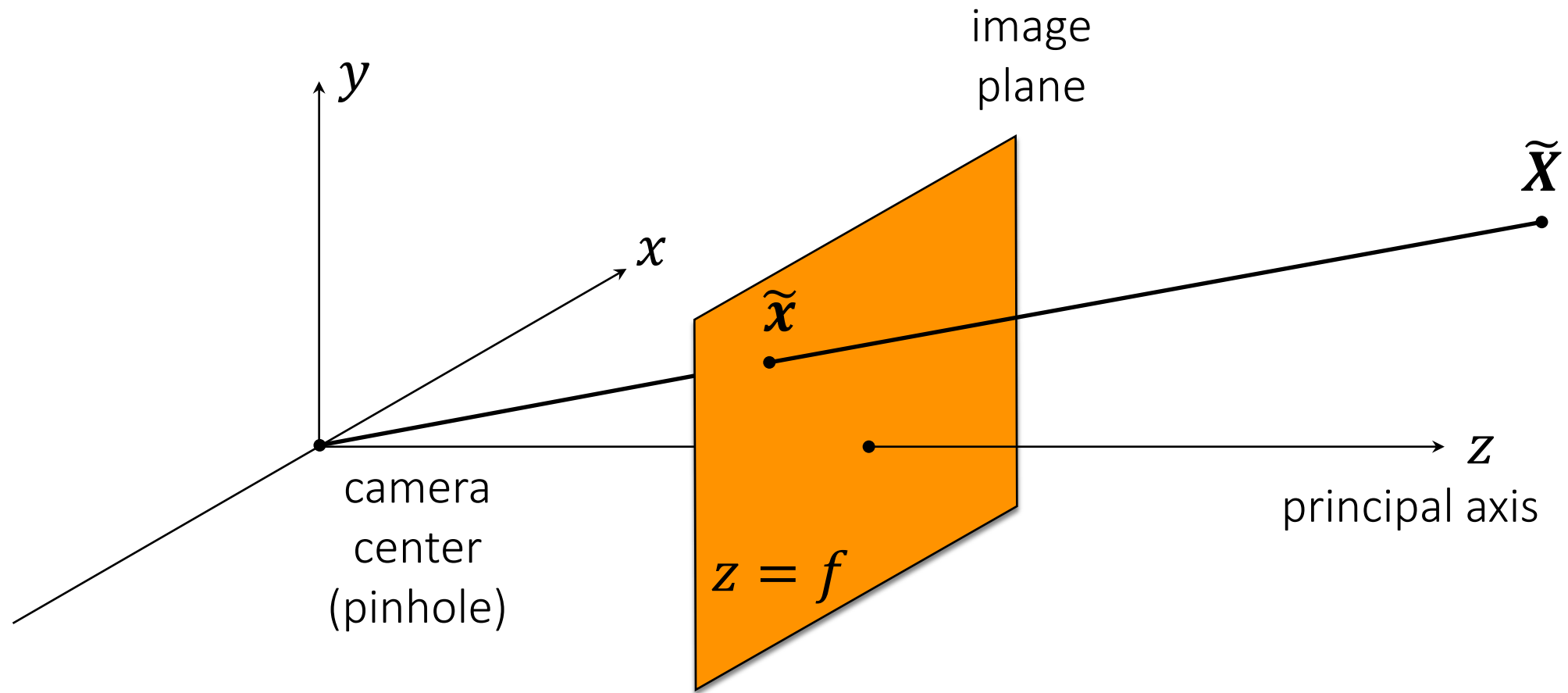
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The *perspective projection matrix*

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}] \quad \text{alternative way to write the same thing}$$

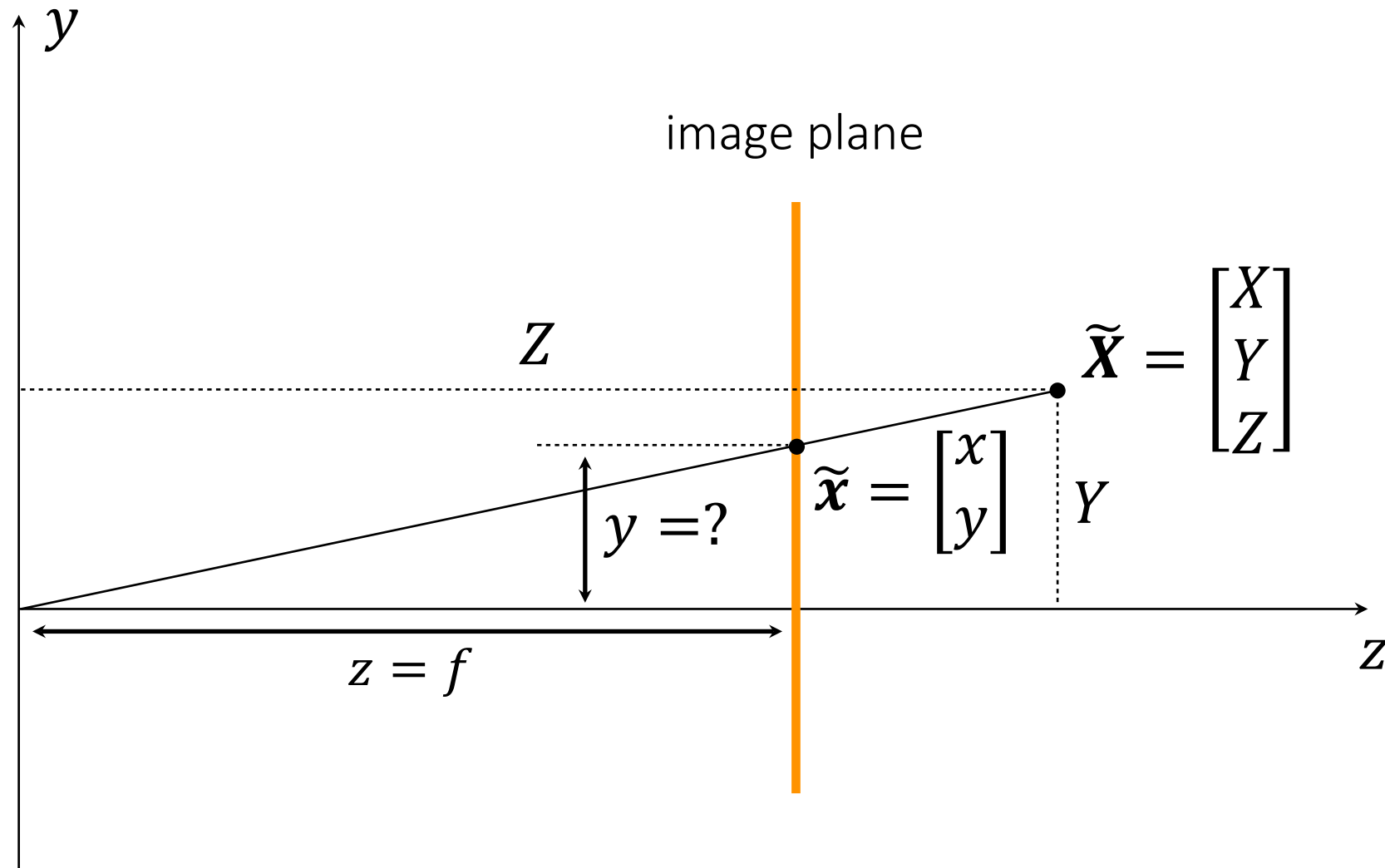
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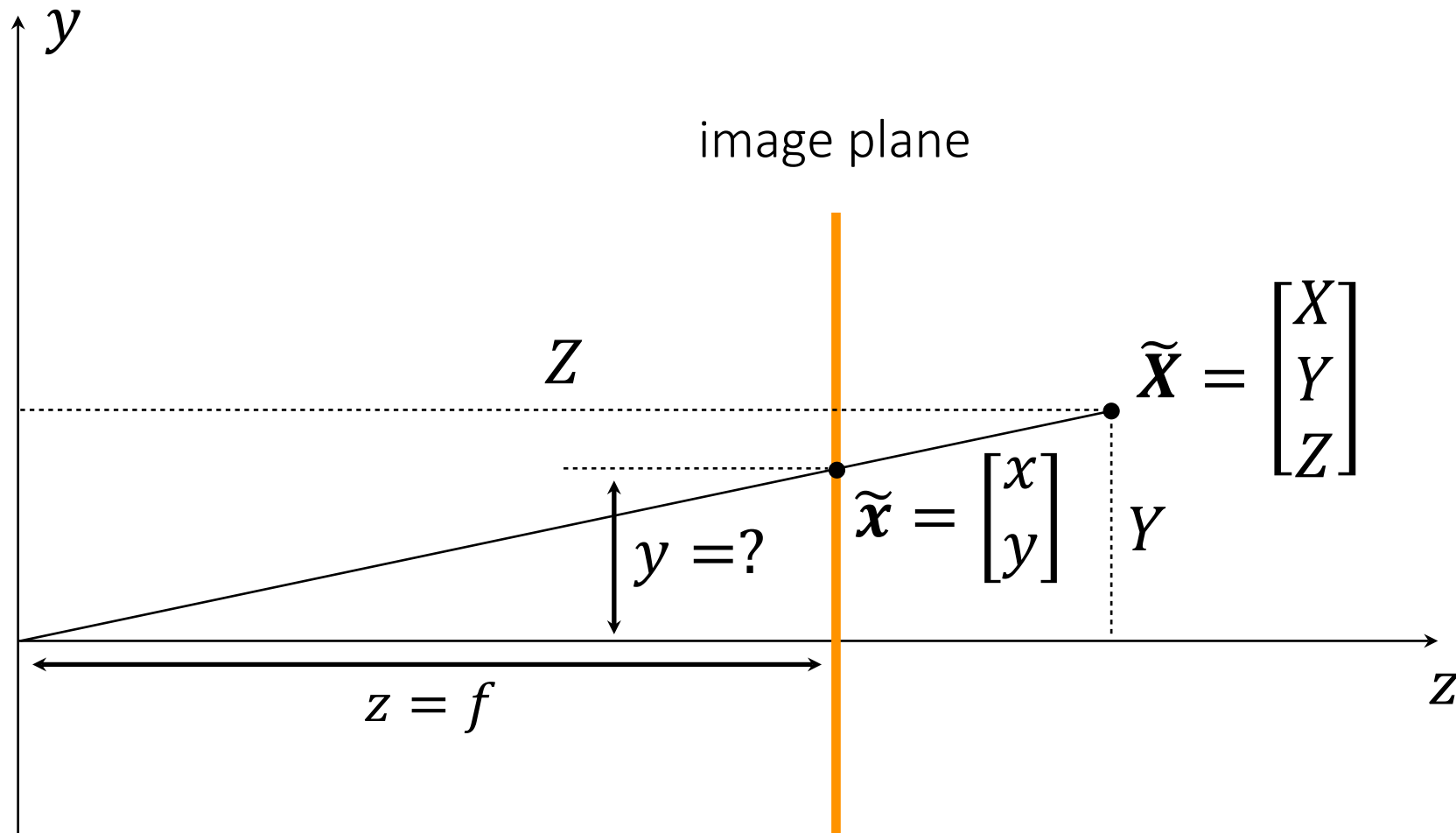
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More general (2D) case: arbitrary focal length



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More general (2D) case: arbitrary focal length



Using similar triangles: $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} fX/Z \\ fY/Z \end{bmatrix}$

The pinhole camera matrix for arbitrary focal length

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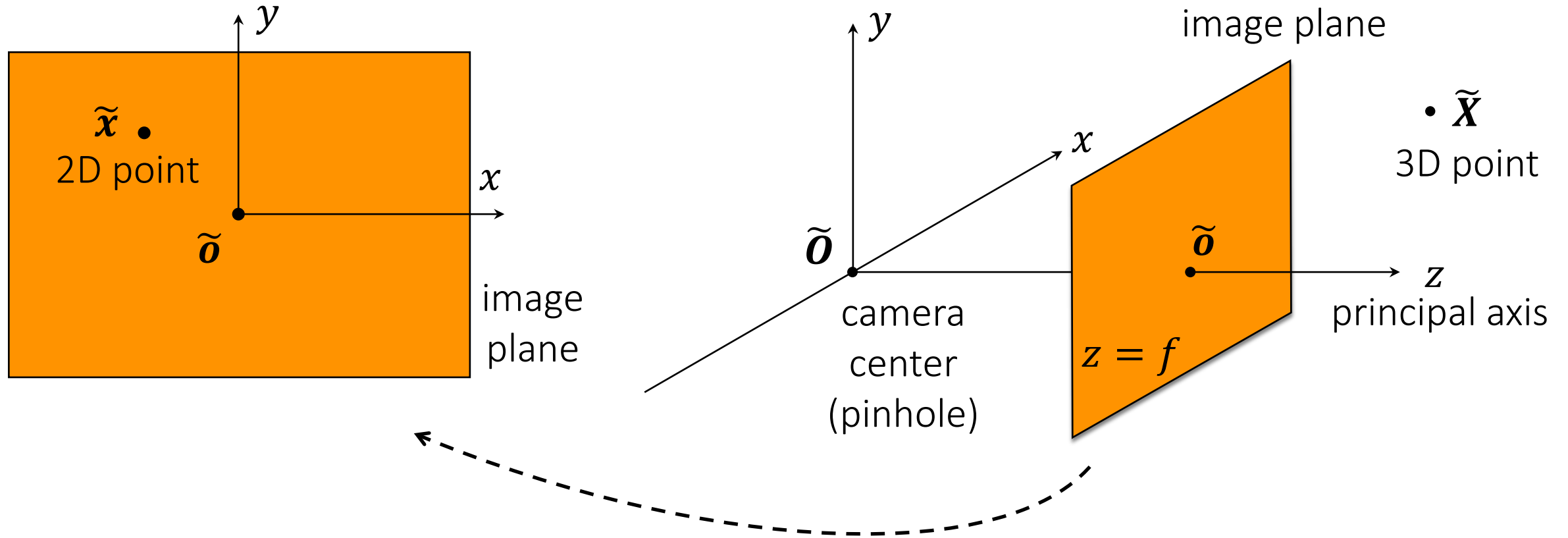
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Equivalently we
can write:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

combination of perspective
projection and a 2D scaling
transformation

Generalizations: coordinate systems

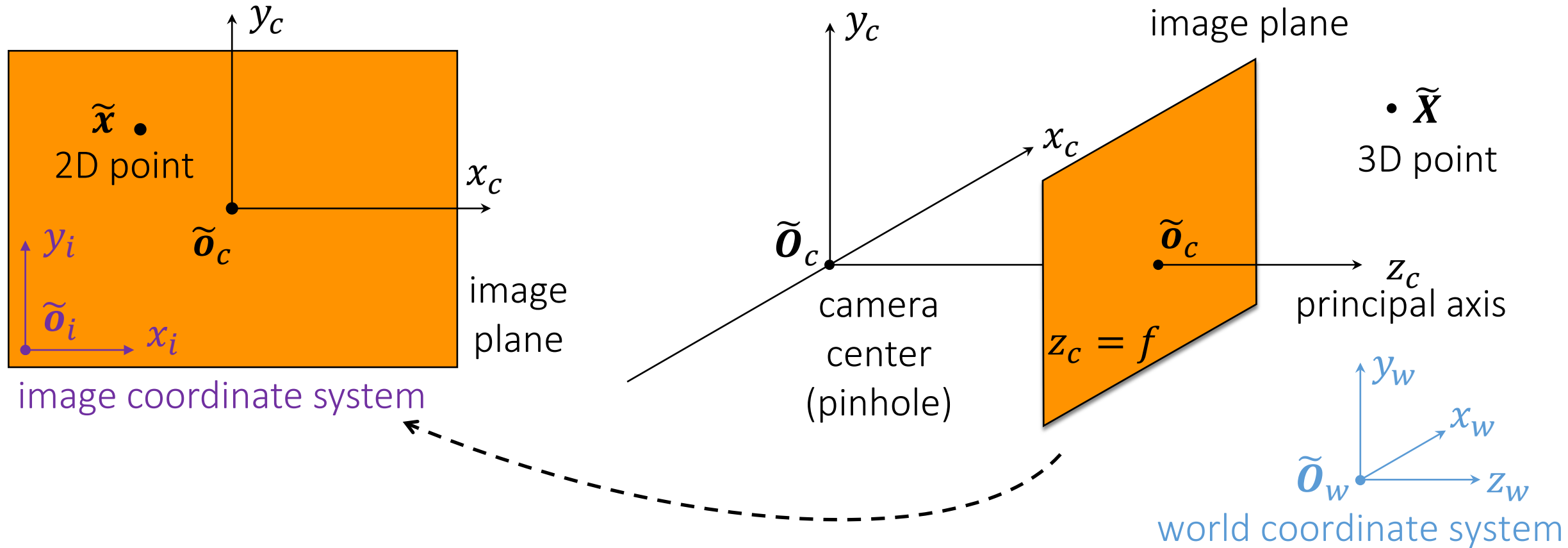


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3D camera coordinate system

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Generalizations: coordinate systems



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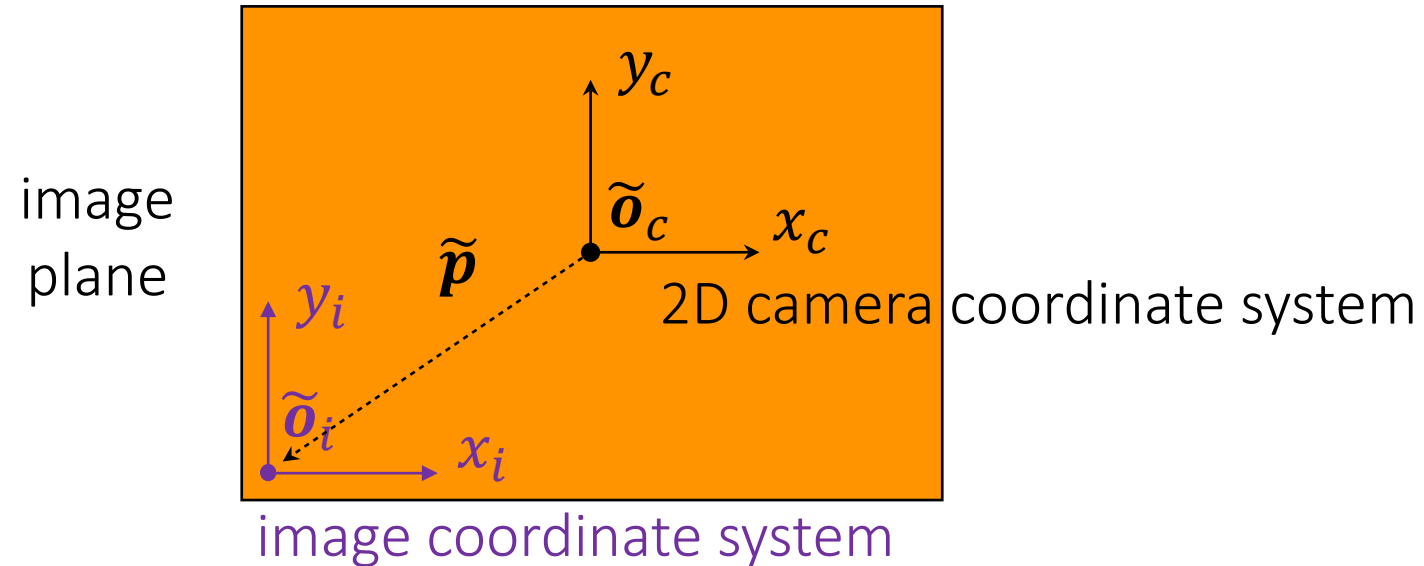
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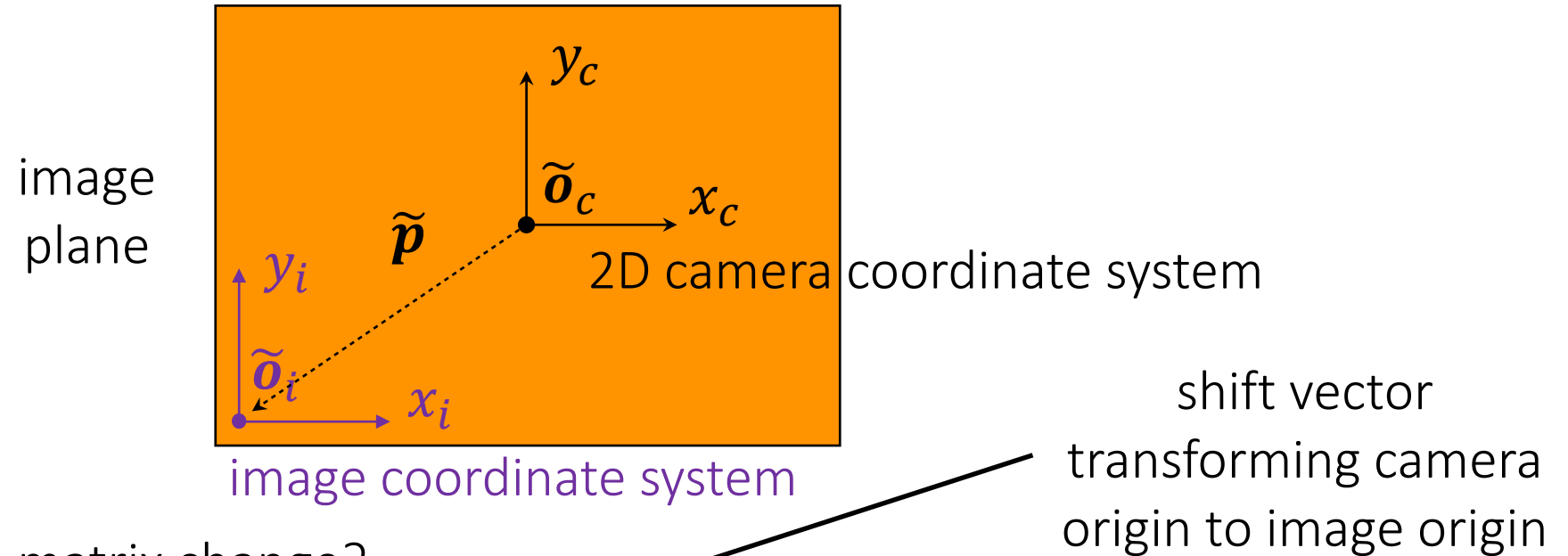
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Camera matrix decomposition

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What does each part of the matrix represent?

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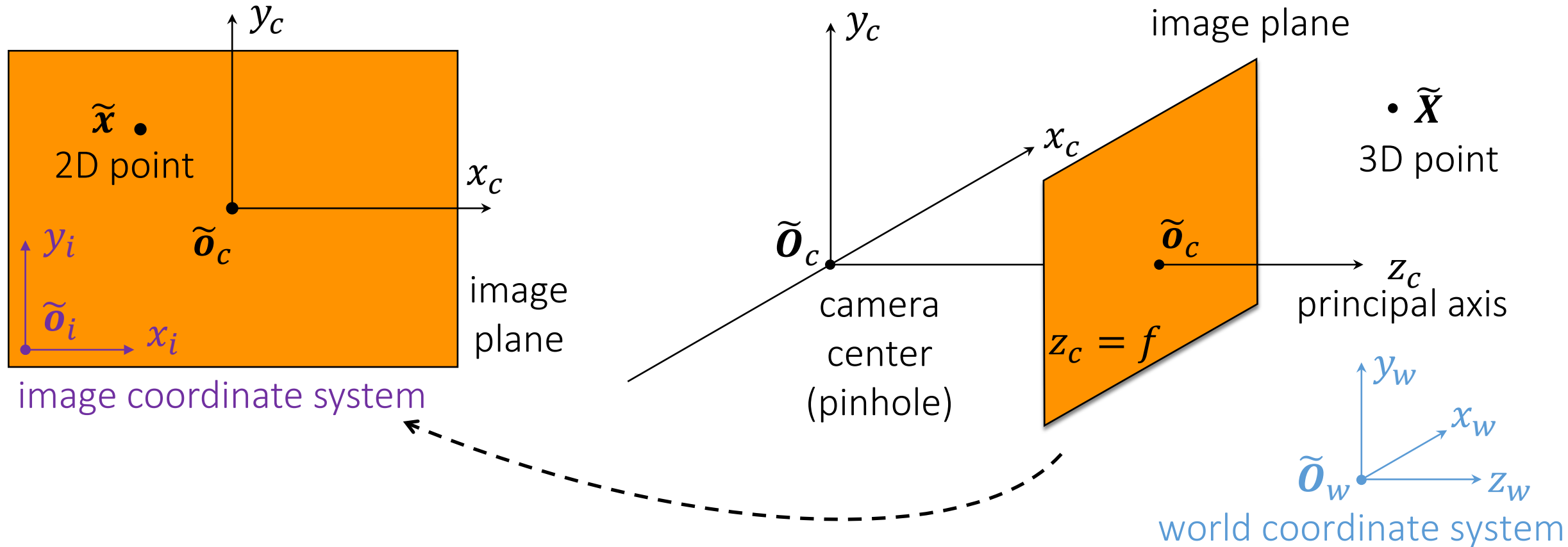

(homogeneous) transformation
from 2D to 2D, accounting for non-
unit focal length and origin shift

(homogeneous) perspective projection
from 3D to 2D, assuming image plane at
 $z = 1$ and shared camera/image origin

Also written as:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}]$$

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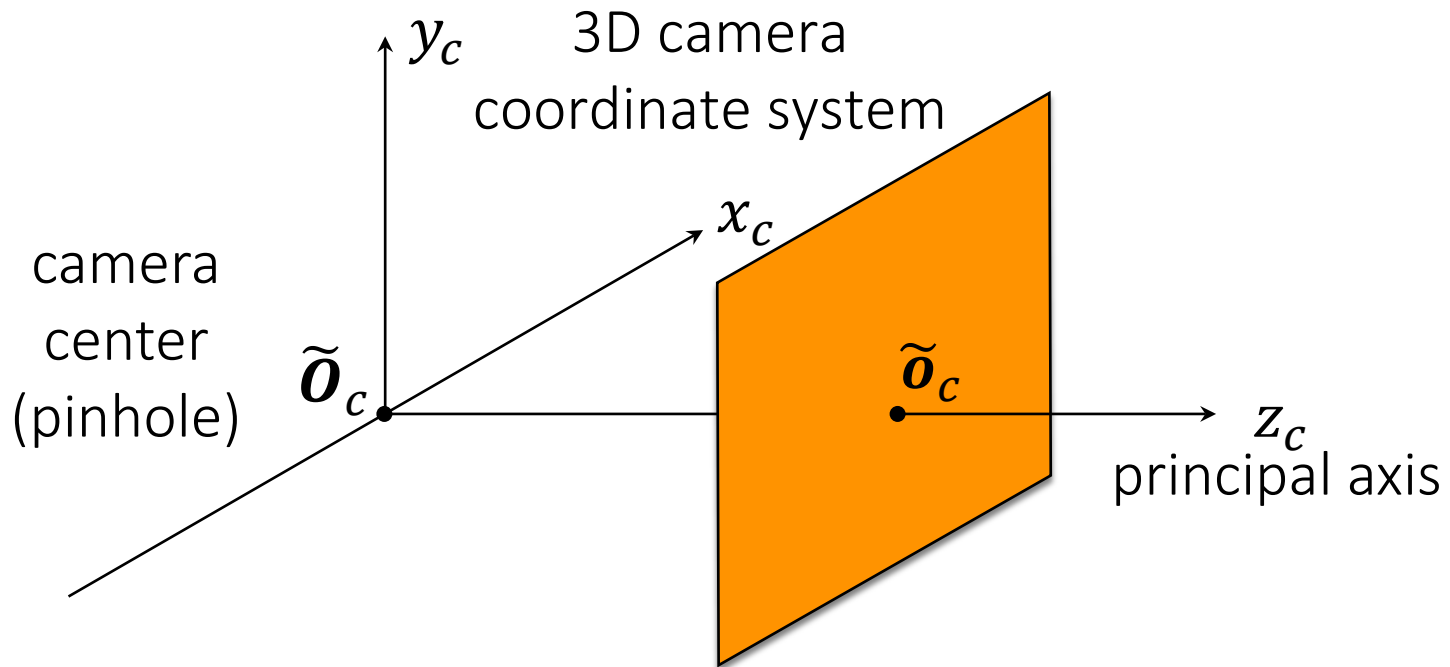


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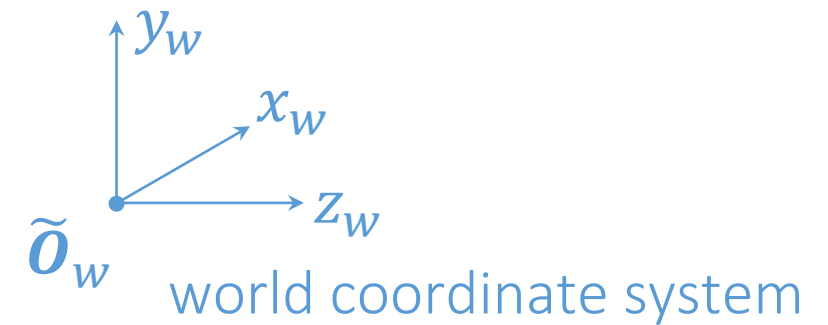
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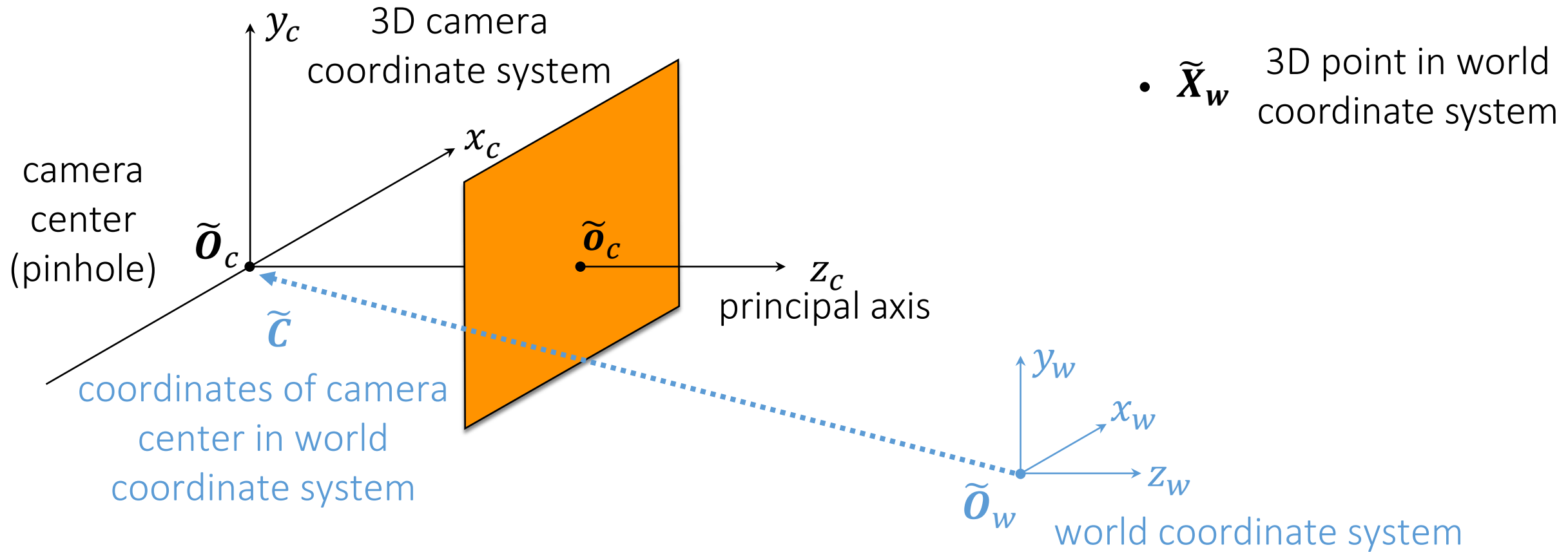
- $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_w$ 3D point in world coordinate system



How do we express $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$ in the 3D camera coordinate system?

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_w$$

World-to-camera coordinate system transformation

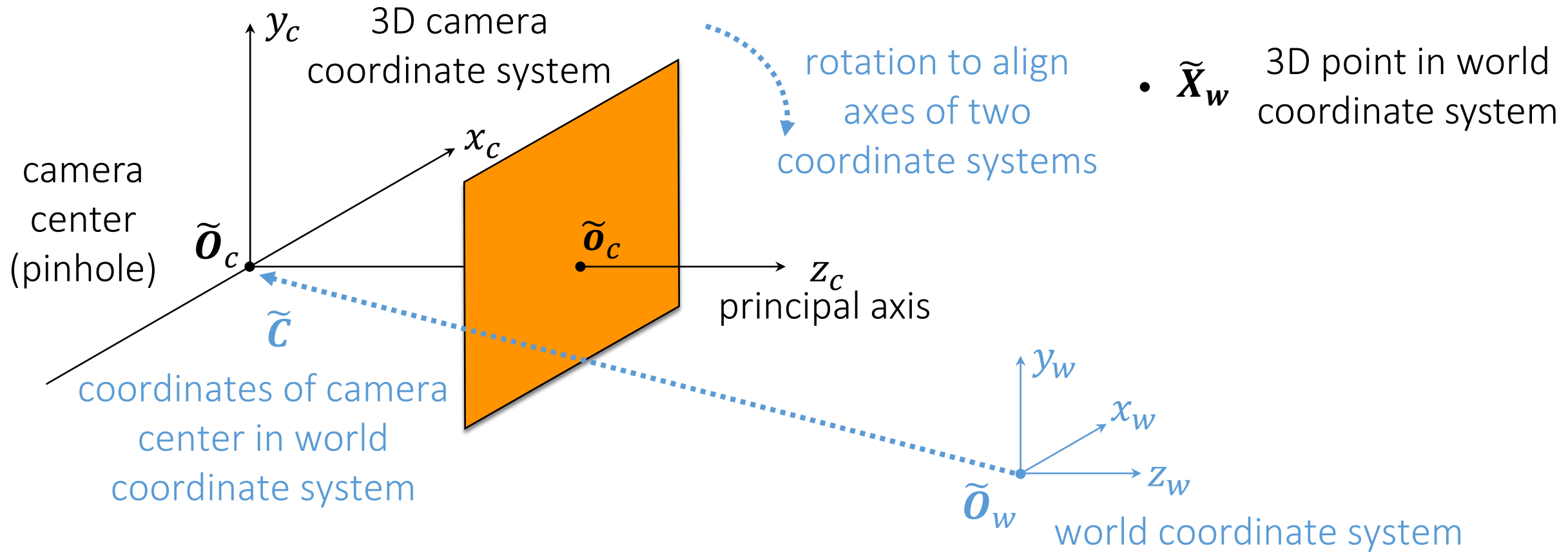


How do we express $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$ in the 3D camera coordinate system?

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_w - \tilde{\mathbf{c}}$$

translate

World-to-camera coordinate system transformation



How do we express $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$ in the 3D camera coordinate system?

$$\mathbf{R} \cdot (\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_w - \tilde{\mathbf{c}})$$

rotate translate

Modeling the 3D coordinate system transformation

In heterogeneous coordinates, we have:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_c = \mathbf{R} \cdot (\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_w - \tilde{\mathbf{C}})$$

How do we write this transformation in homogeneous coordinates?

Modeling the 3D coordinate system transformation

In heterogeneous coordinates, we have:

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In homogeneous coordinates, we have:

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_w$$

Incorporating the transform in the camera matrix

The previous camera matrix is for homogeneous 3D coordinates in camera coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_c = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}]\mathbf{X}_c$$

We also just derived:

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_w$$

Putting it all together

We can write everything into a single projection:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_w$$

The camera matrix now looks like:

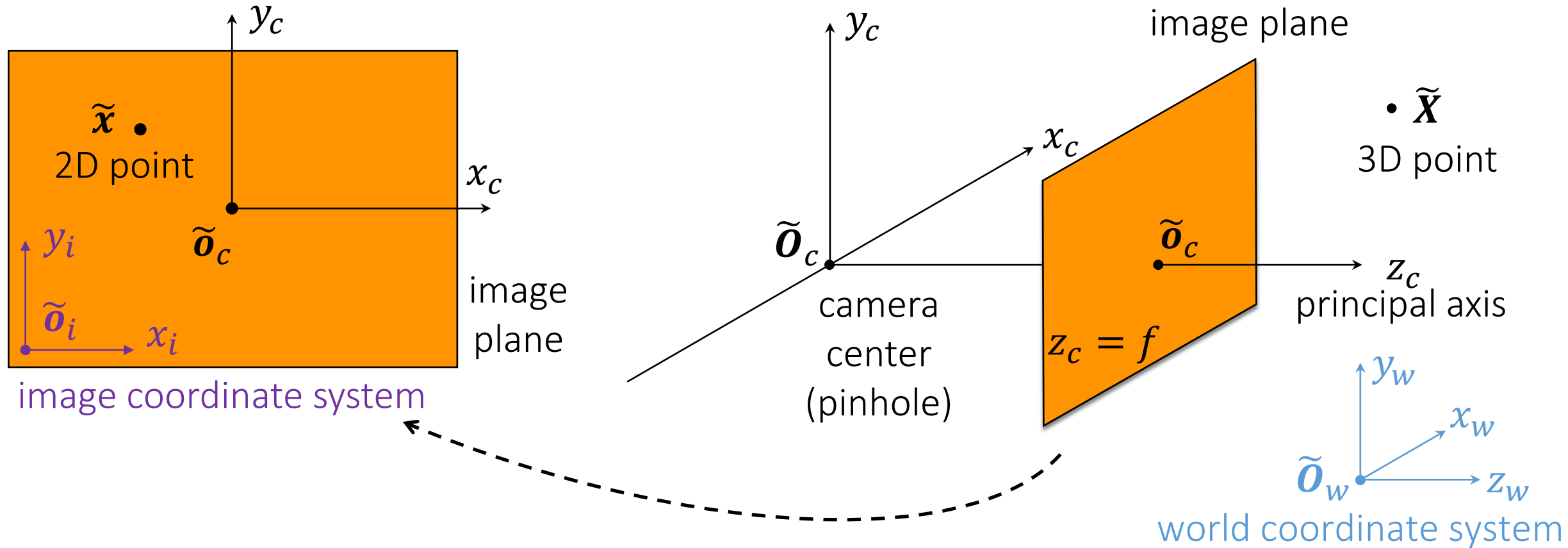
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intrinsic parameters (3 x 3):
correspond to camera
internals (2D image-to-image
transformation)

perspective projection (3 x 4):
maps 3D to 2D points
(camera-to-image
transformation)

extrinsic parameters (4 x 4):
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It is common to combine the perspective projection and extrinsics in one matrix.

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correspond to camera
internals (2D image-to-image
transformation)

extrinsic parameters (3 x 4):
correspond to camera externals (3D
world-to-camera transformation)
and perspective projection

The pinhole camera matrix

More compactly, we can write the pinhole camera matrix as:

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{t}]$$

where

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2D Euclidean transform

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \\ r_4 & r_5 & r_6 \\ r_7 & r_8 & r_9 \end{bmatrix}$$

3D rotation

$$\mathbf{t} = -\mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

3D translation

intrinsic parameters

extrinsic parameters

More general pinhole camera matrices

The following is the standard pinhole camera matrix we saw.

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How many degrees of freedom does this matrix have?

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We can get more general pinhole cameras with more degrees of freedom by generalizing the intrinsics matrix, while leaving everything else the same..

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- 10 degrees of freedom (4 for intrinsics, 3 for rotation, 3 for translation).

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- 11 degrees of freedom (5 for intrinsics, 3 for rotation, 3 for translation).

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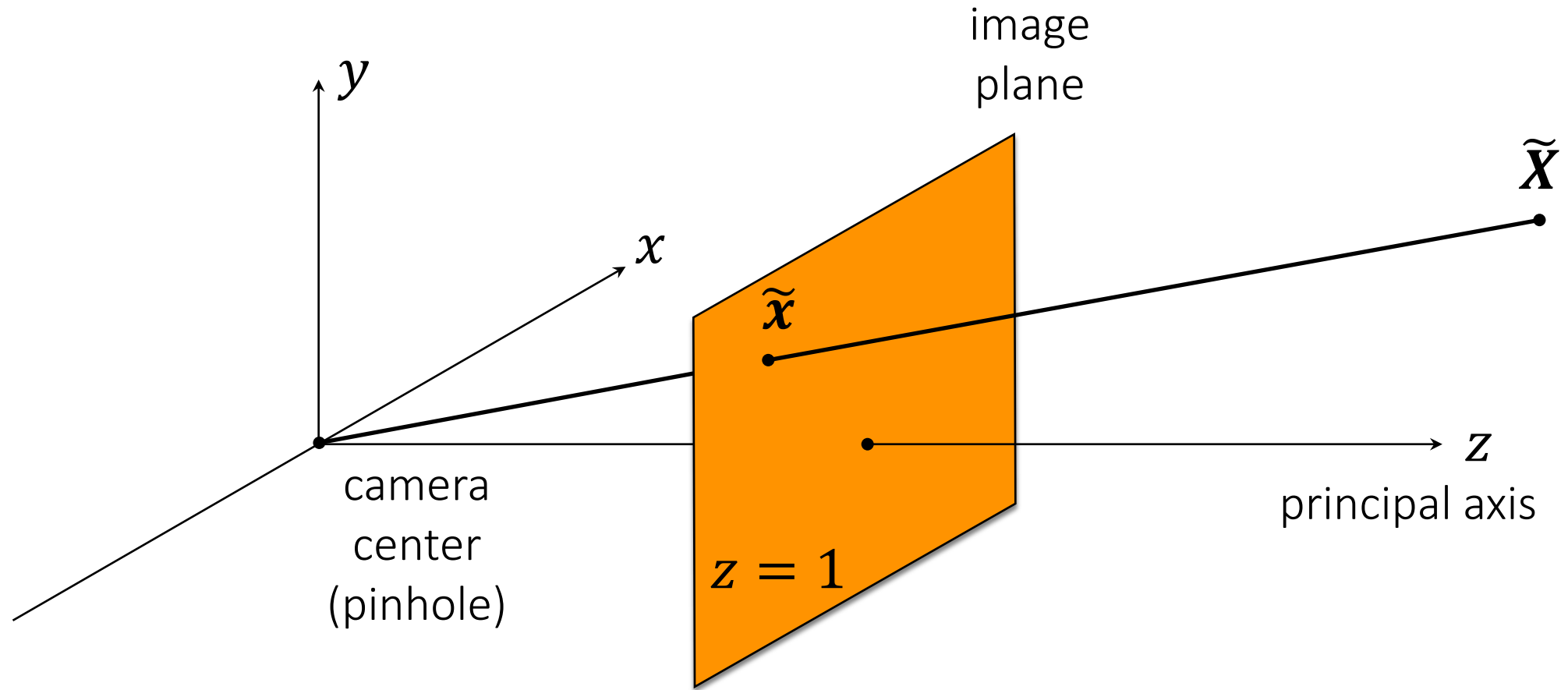
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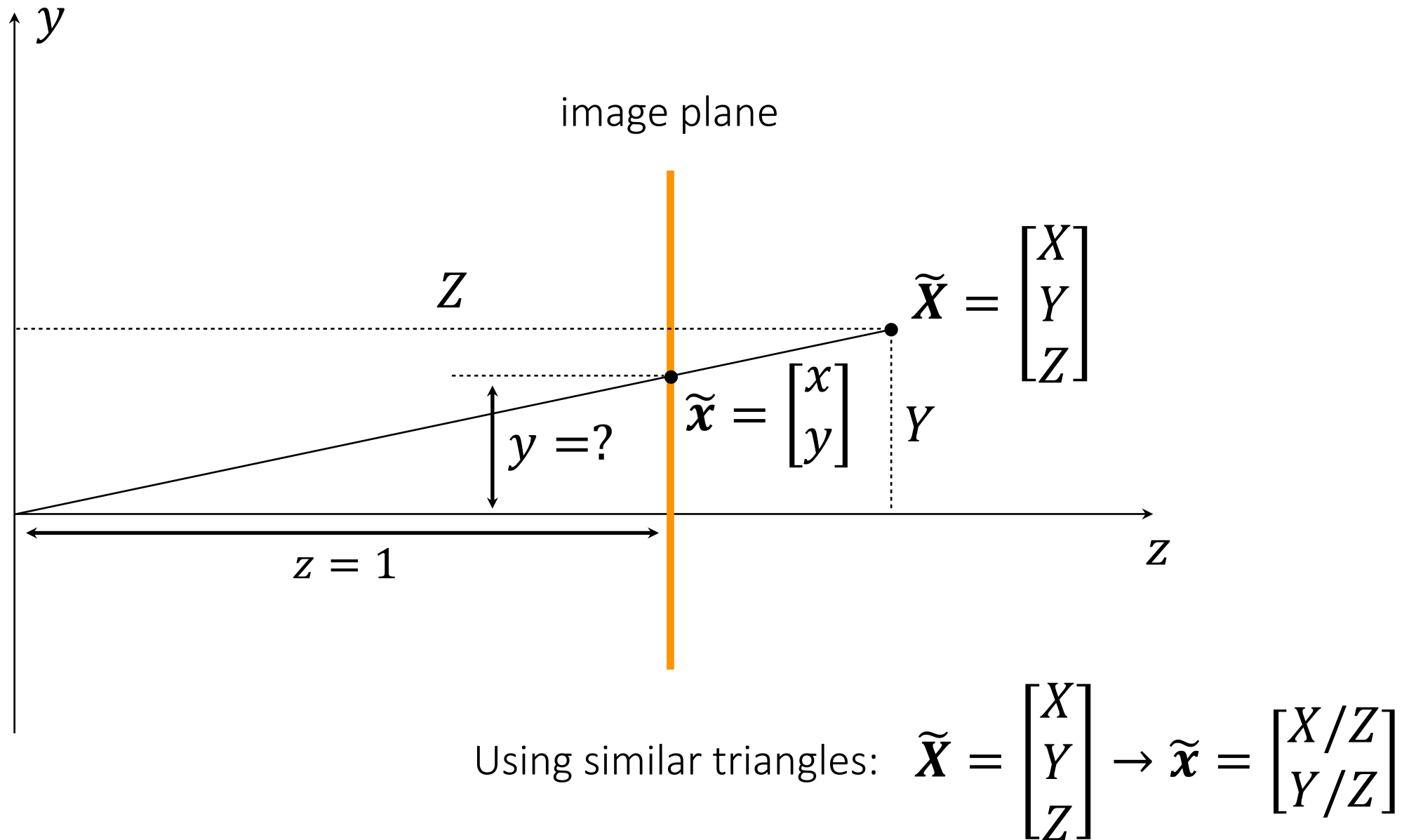
What is the effect of the perspective projection matrix?

The (rearranged) pinhole camera

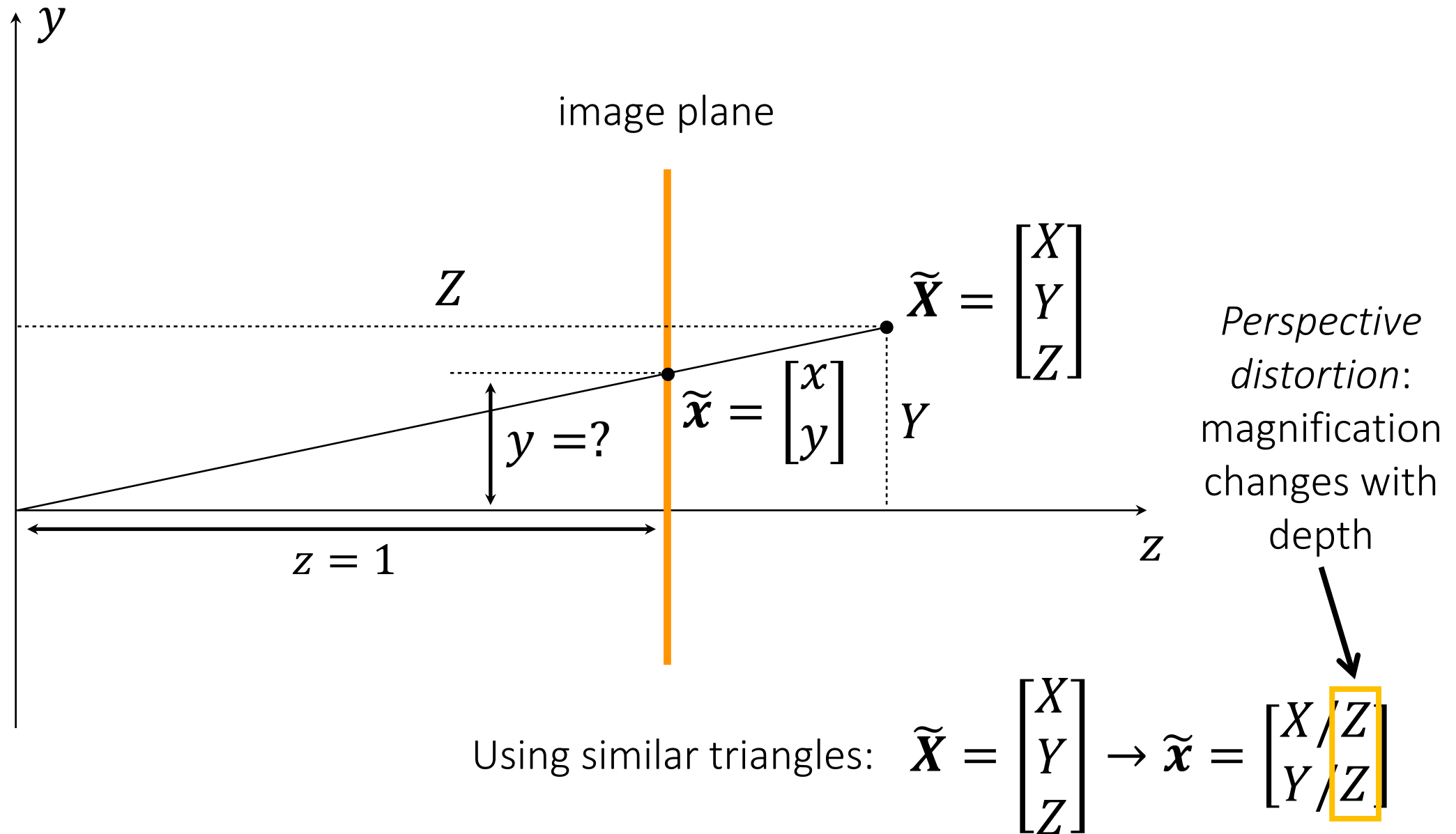


What is the equation for image coordinate $\tilde{x}$ in terms of $\tilde{X}$?

The 2D view of the (rearranged) pinhole camera



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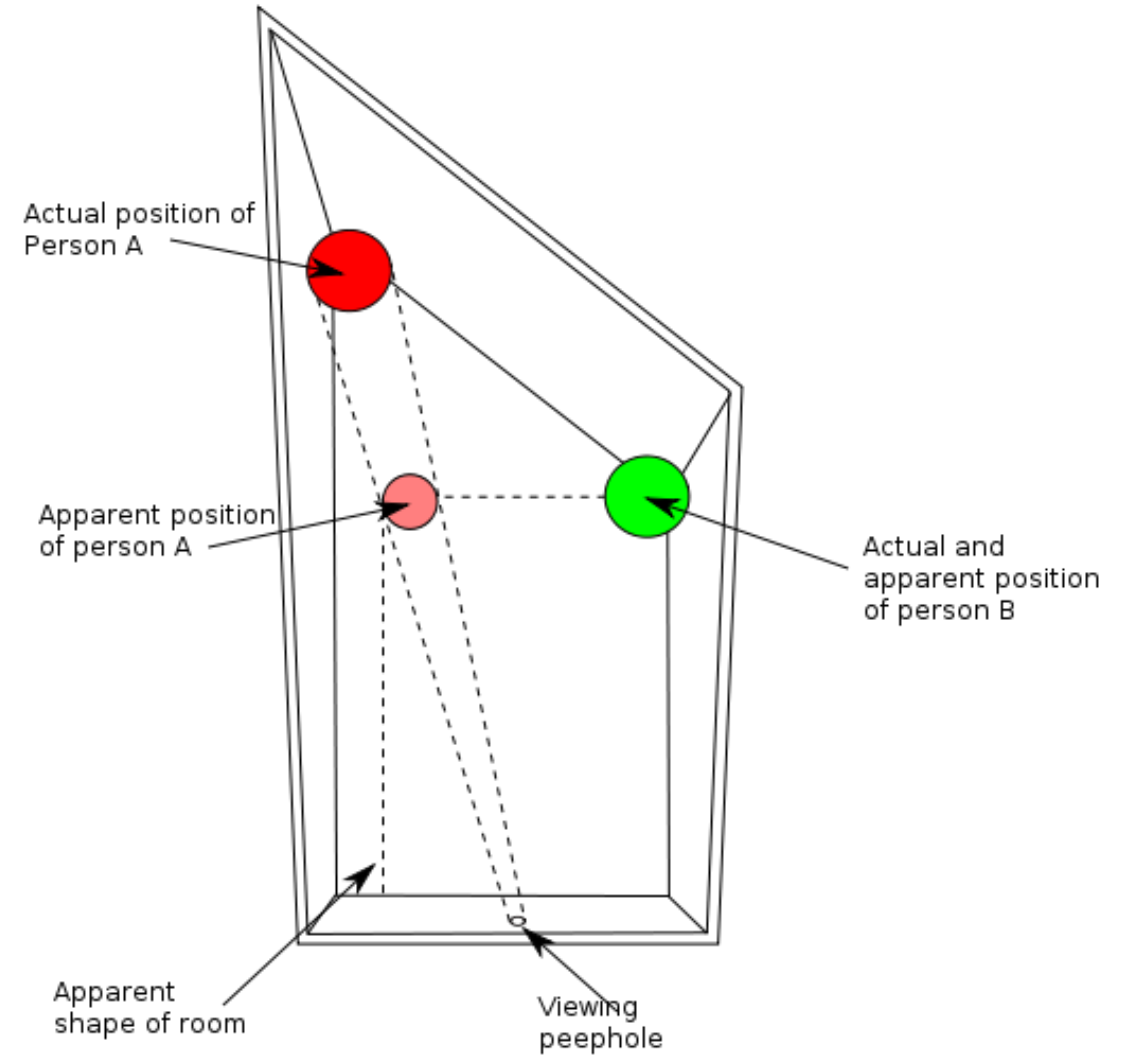
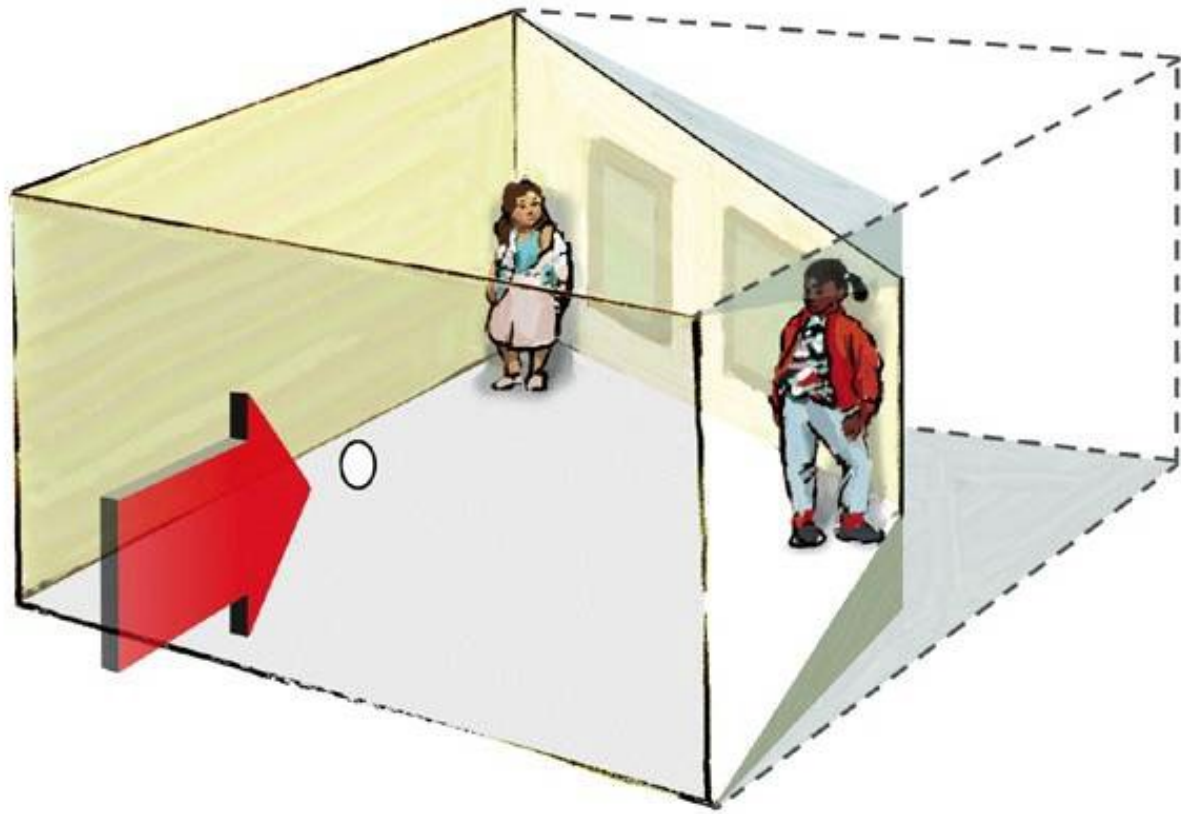
Forced perspective



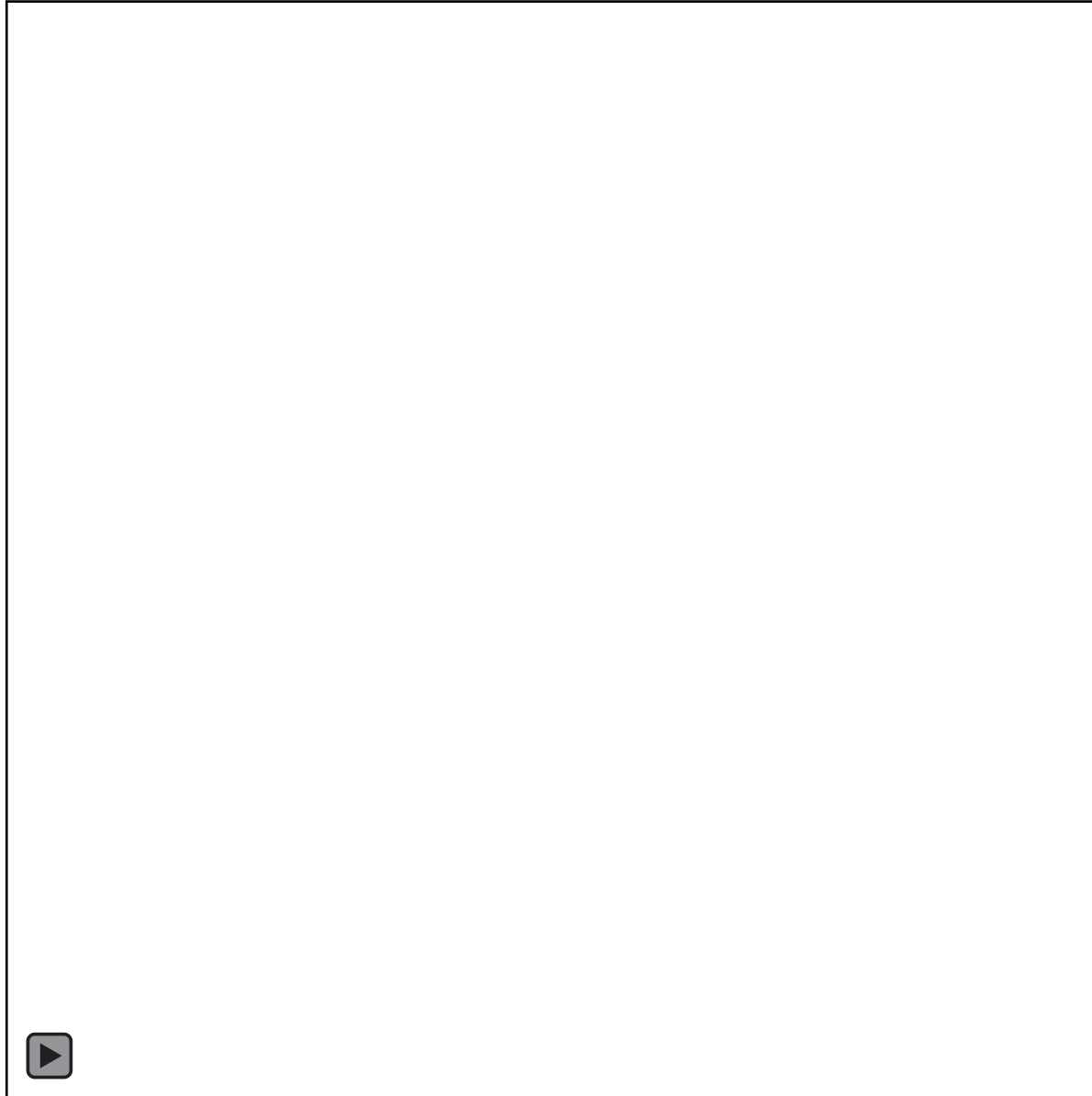
The Ames room illusion



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The arrow illusion

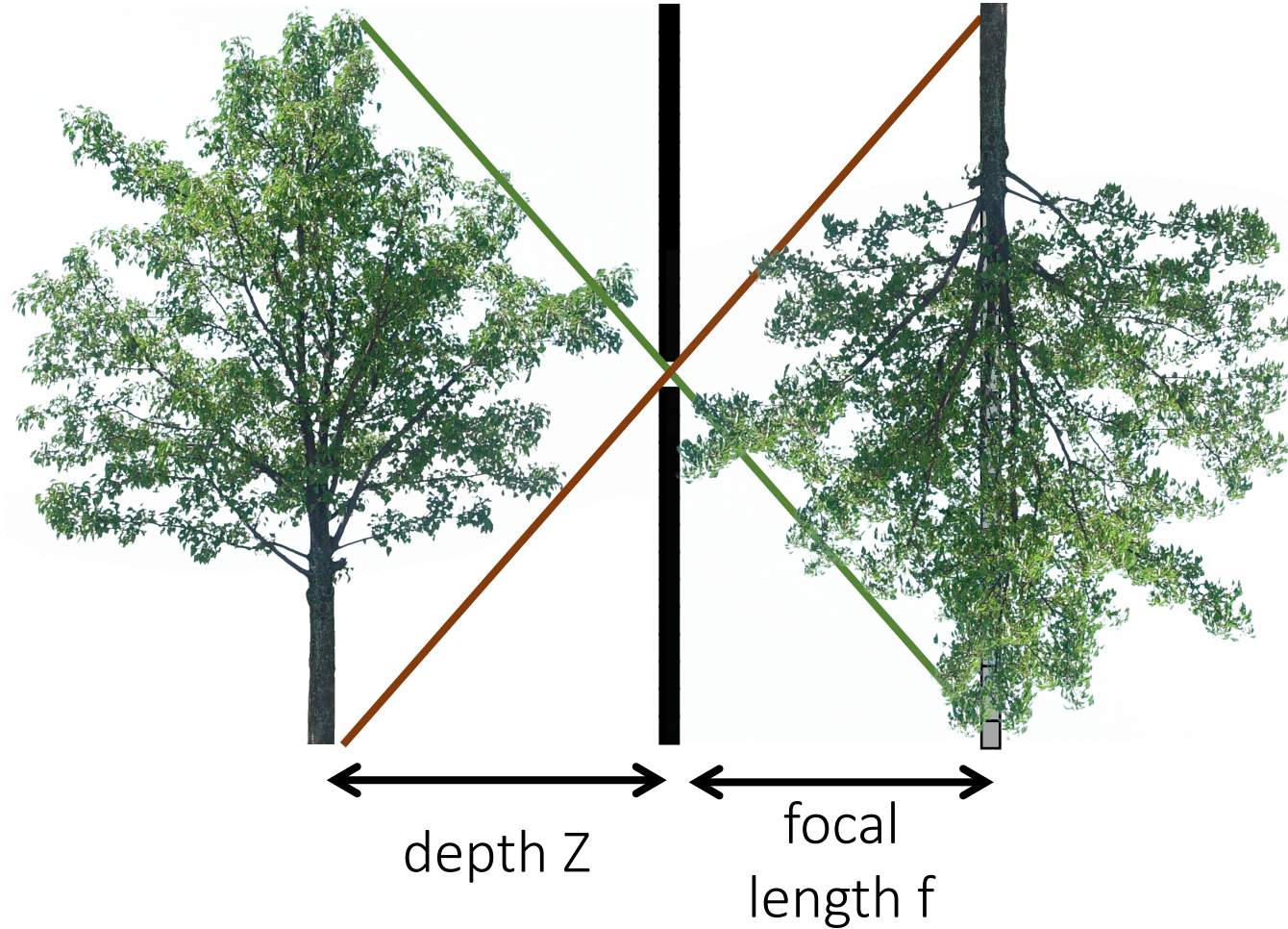


Is there a camera without perspective distortion?

Other camera models

What if...

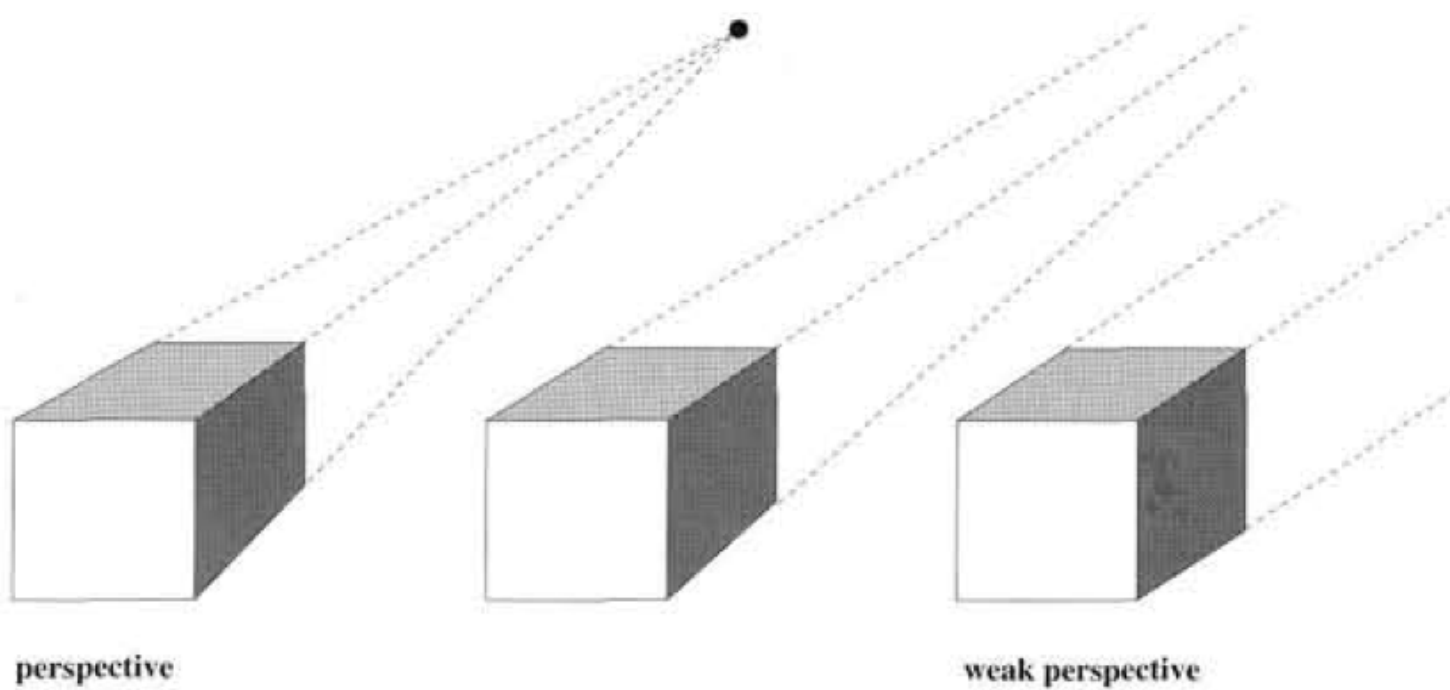
real-world
object



... we continue increasing Z
and f while maintaining
same magnification?

$$f \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } \frac{f}{Z} = \text{constant}$$

Perspective camera:
camera is *close* to
object and has
small focal length

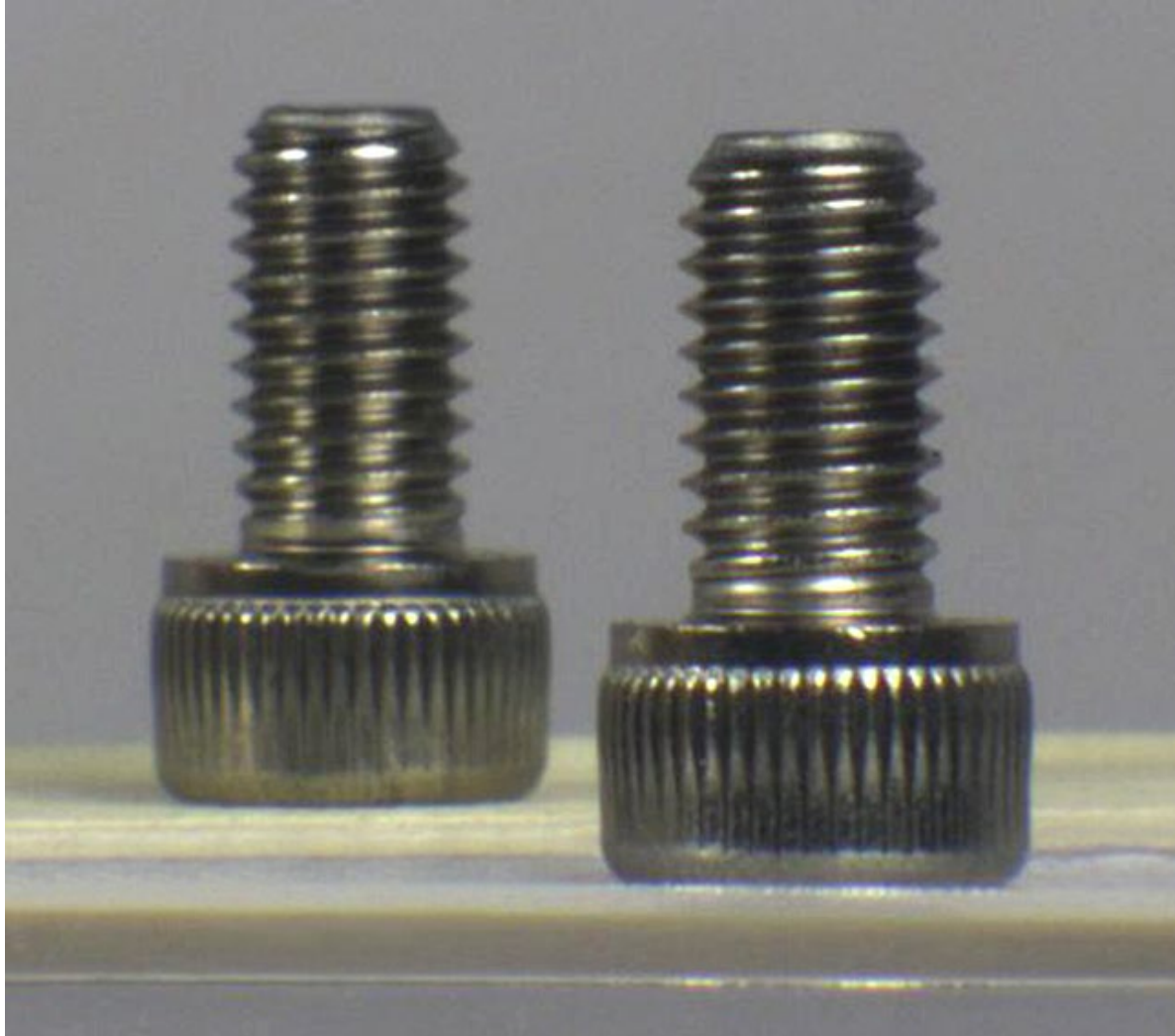


Weak-perspective
camera: camera is *far*
from object and has
large focal length

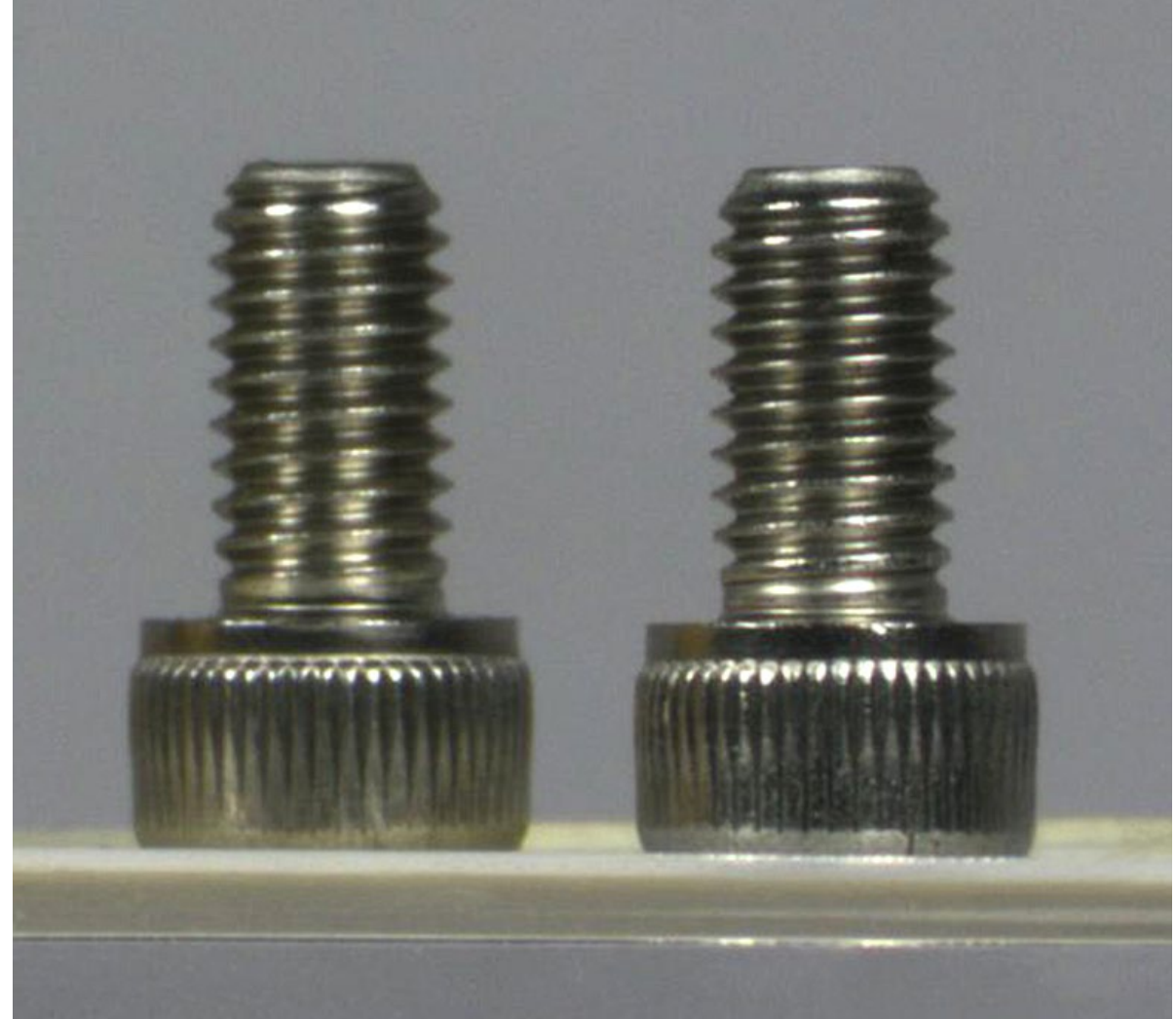
————— increasing focal length —————→
————— increasing distance from camera —————→



Different cameras

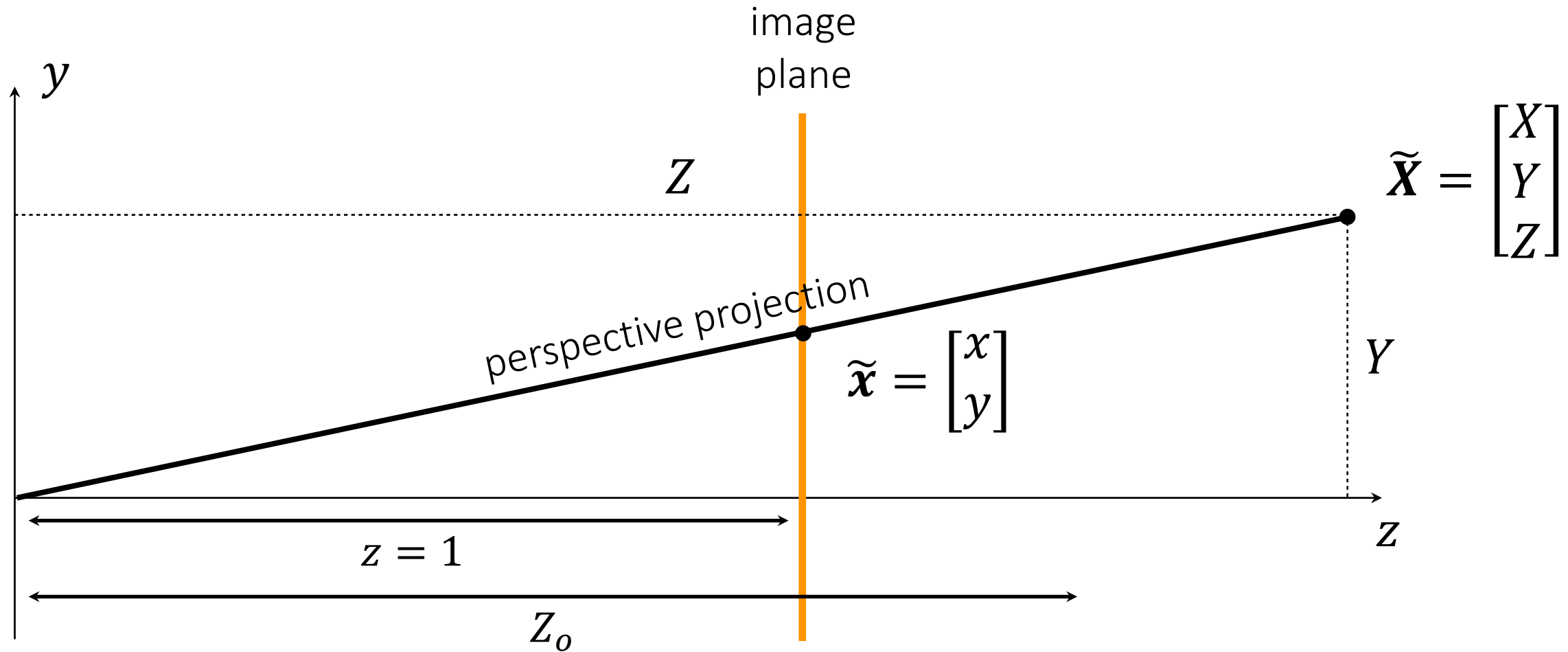


perspective camera



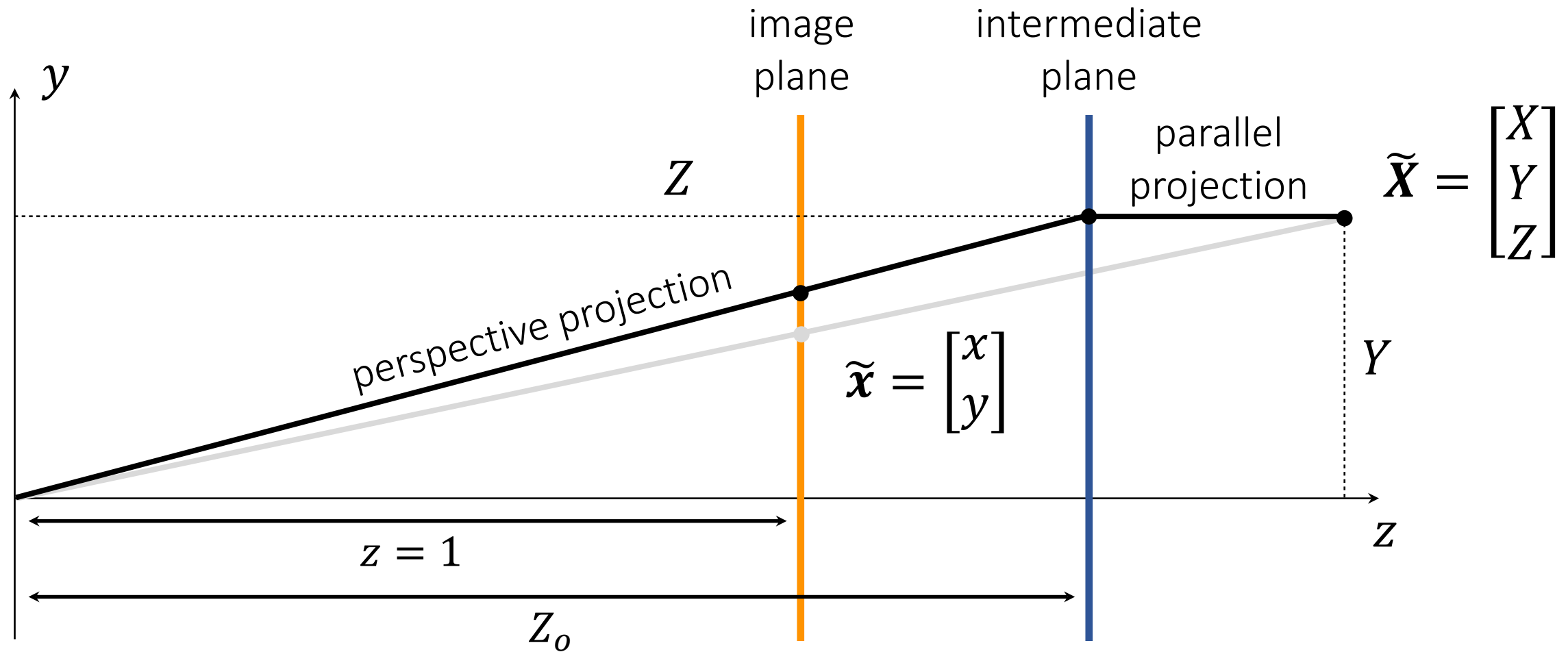
weak perspective camera

Perspective versus weak-perspective camera



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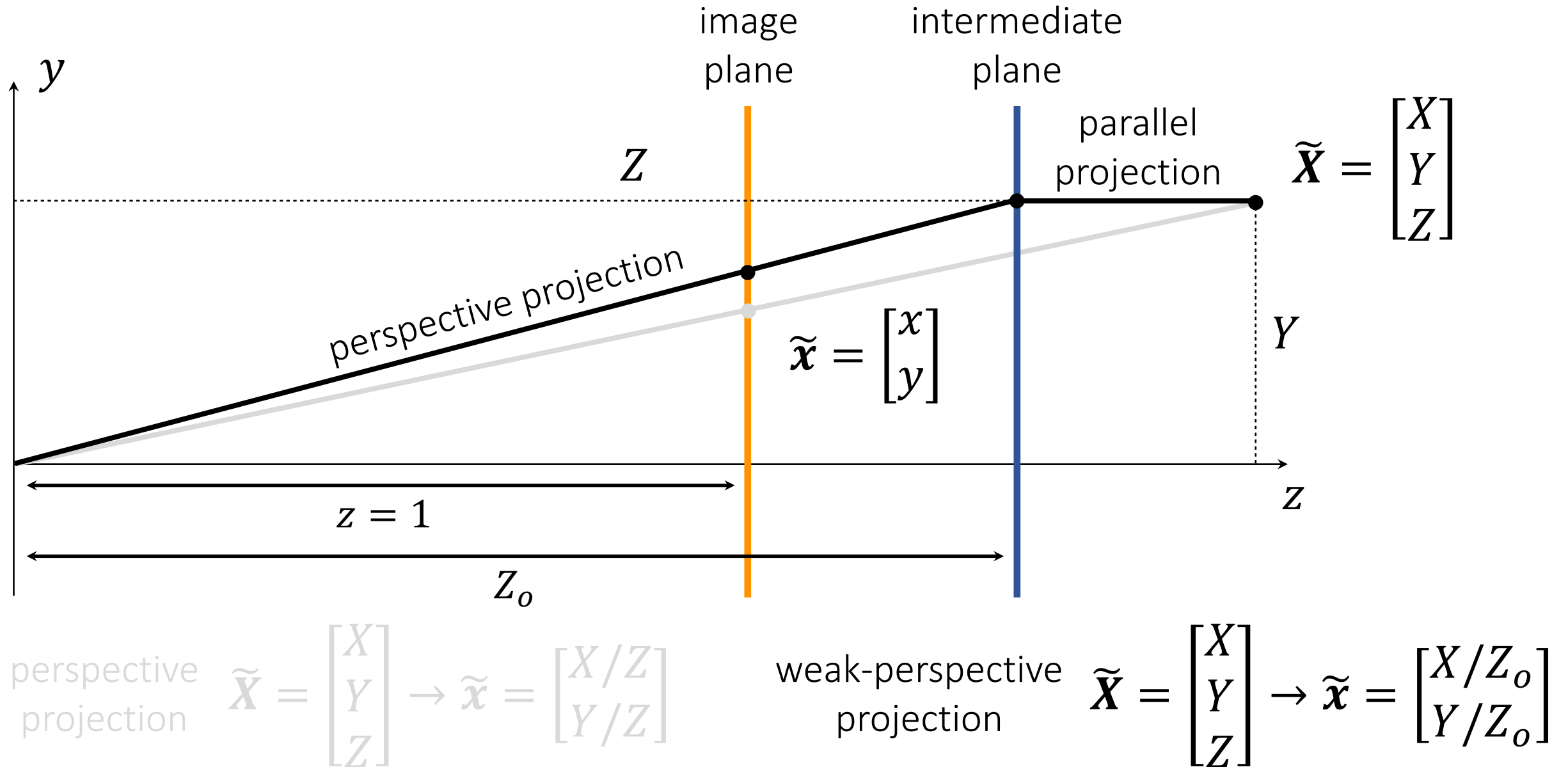
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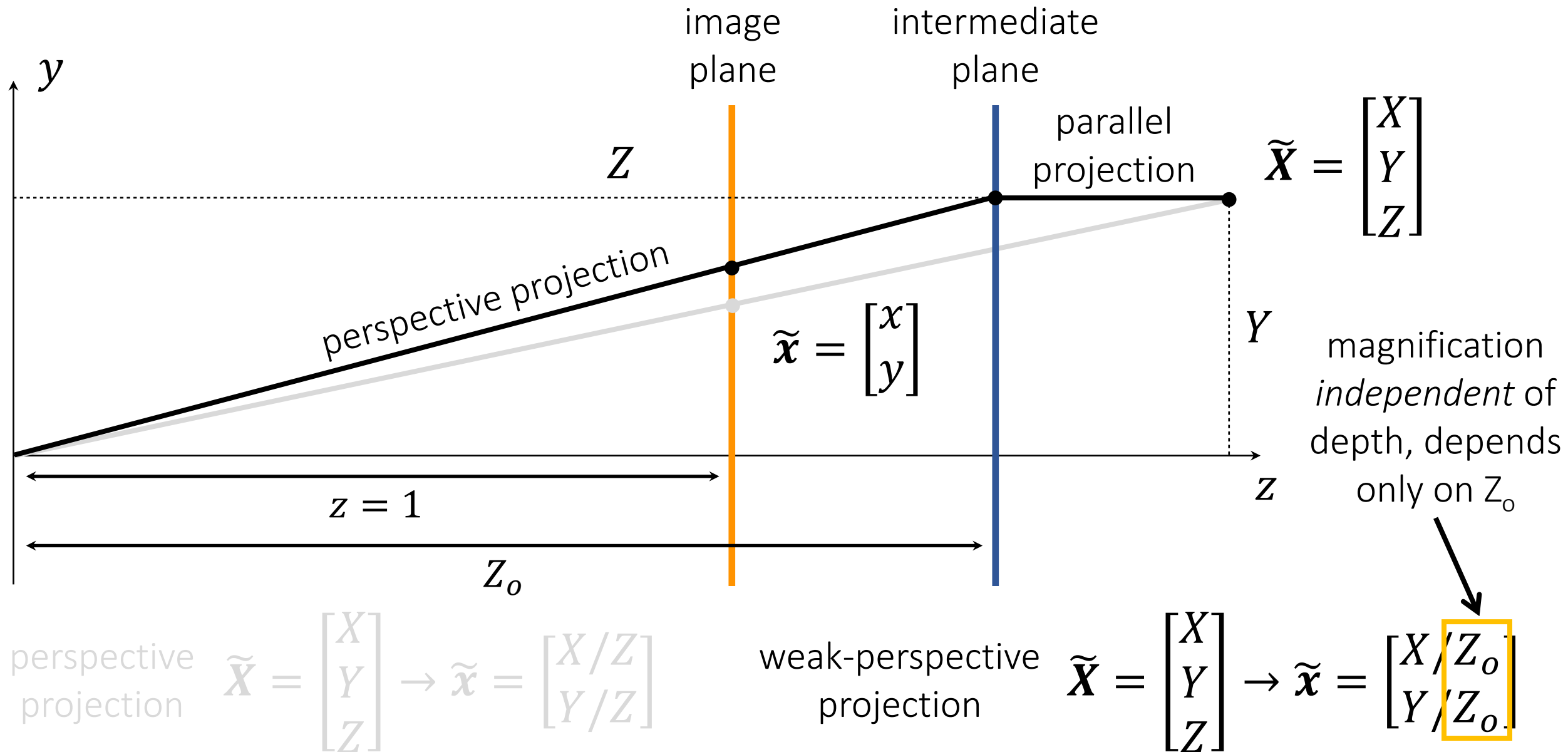
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Comparing camera projection matrices

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- The *perspective projection matrix* can be written as:

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- What would the *weak-perspective projection matrix* look like?

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Let's now incorporate intrinsics and extrinsics.

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- What would the matrix of the so-called *affine camera* look like?

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Special case: orthographic projection

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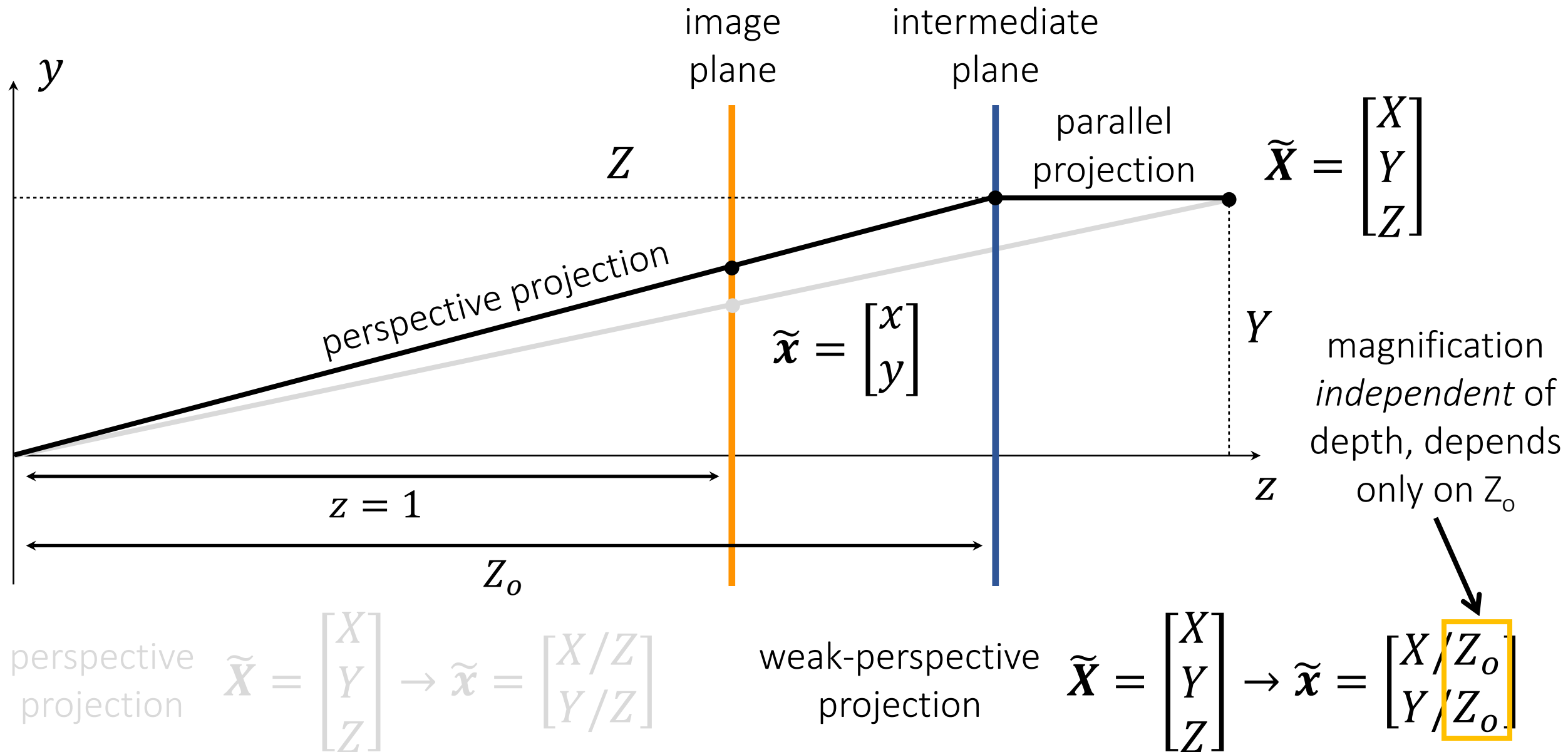
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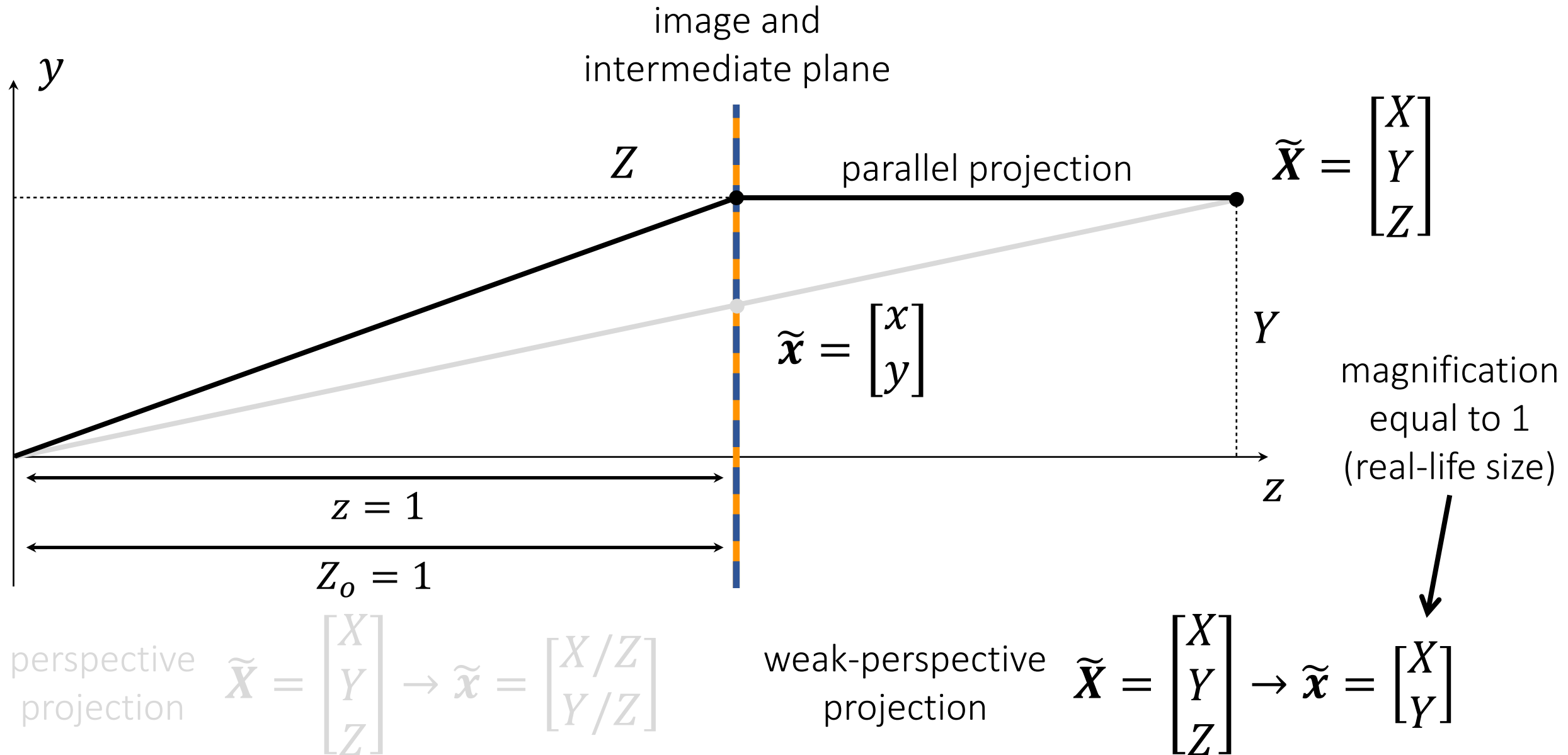
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What's the effect of setting $Z_o = 1$?

Perspective versus weak-perspective camera



Perspective versus orthographic camera



When can we assume a weak-perspective camera?

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1. When the scene (or parts of it) is very far away.

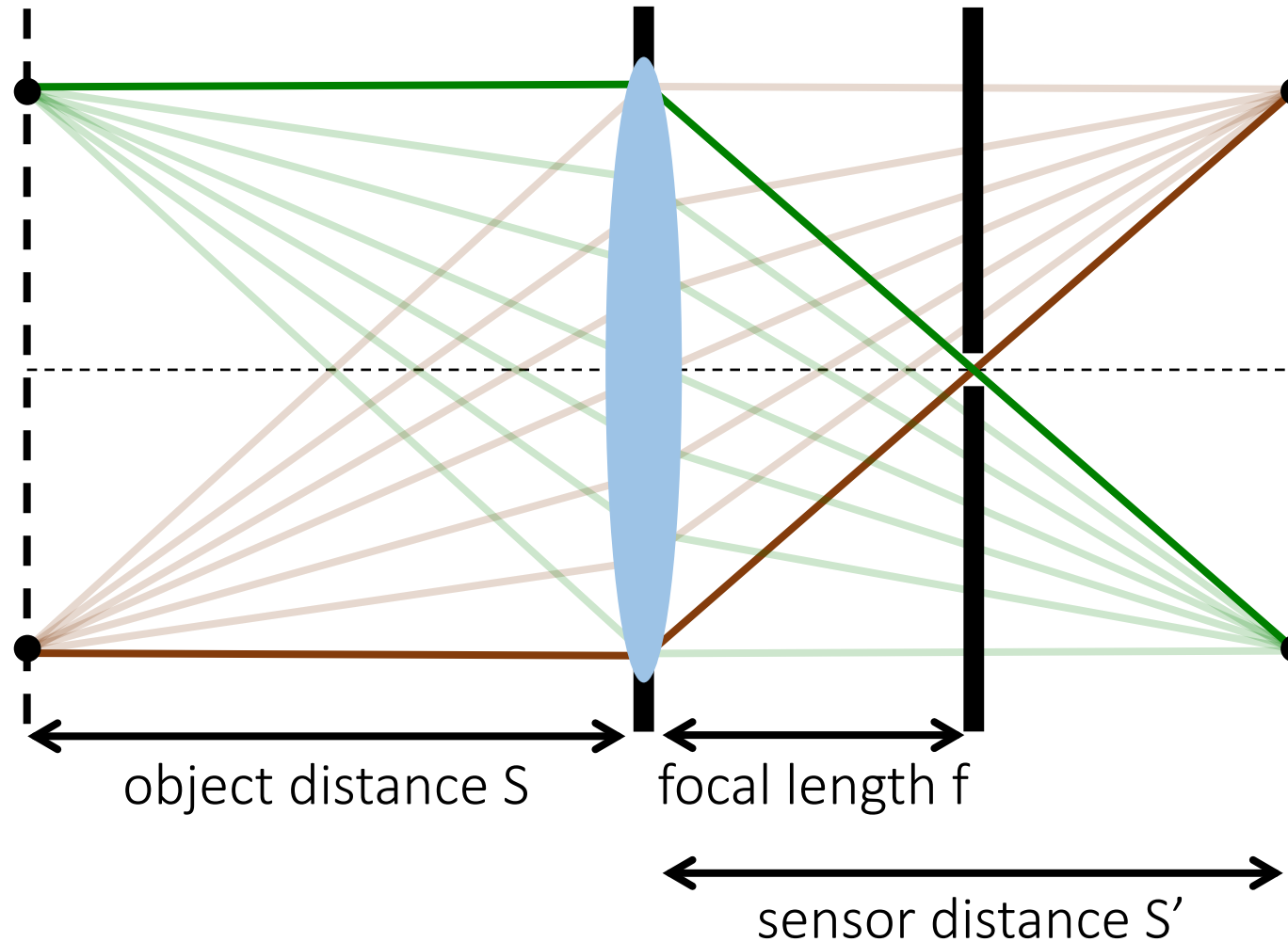


Weak-perspective projection applies to the mountains.

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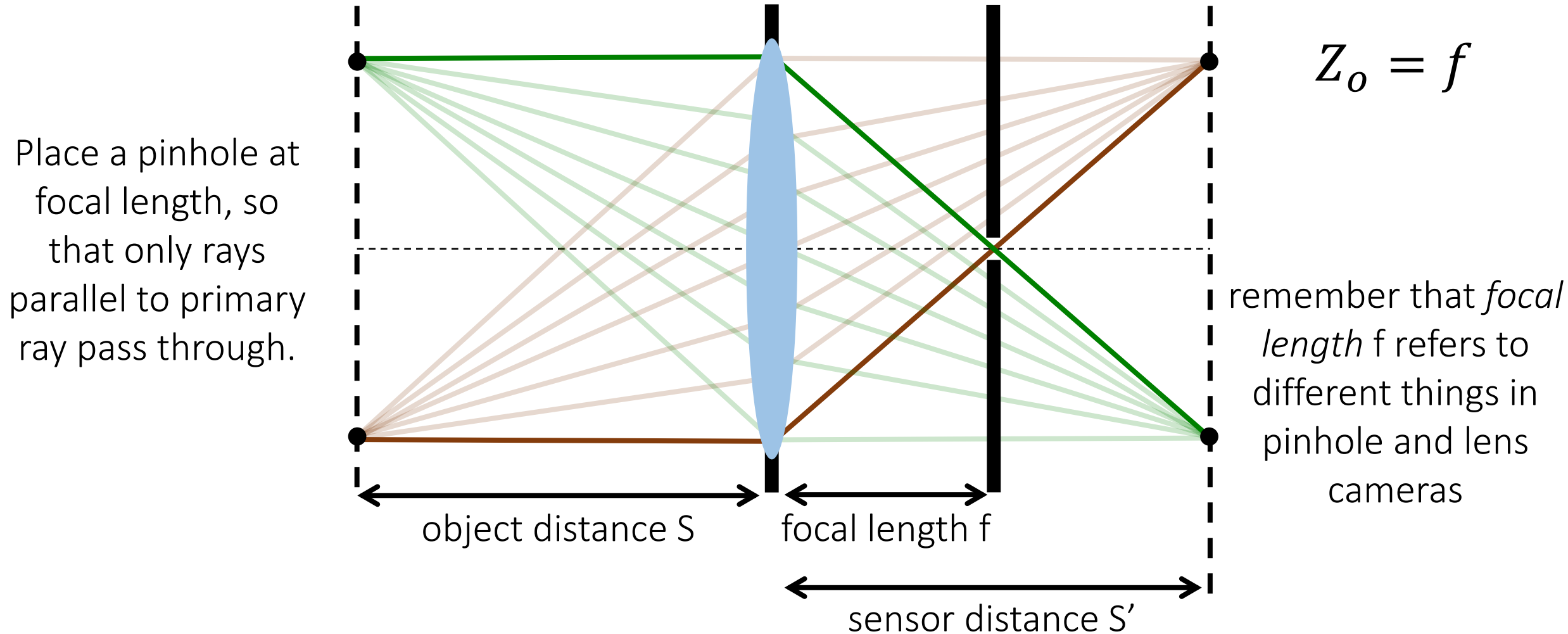
Place a pinhole at focal length, so that only rays parallel to primary ray pass through.



What does Z_o equal in this case?

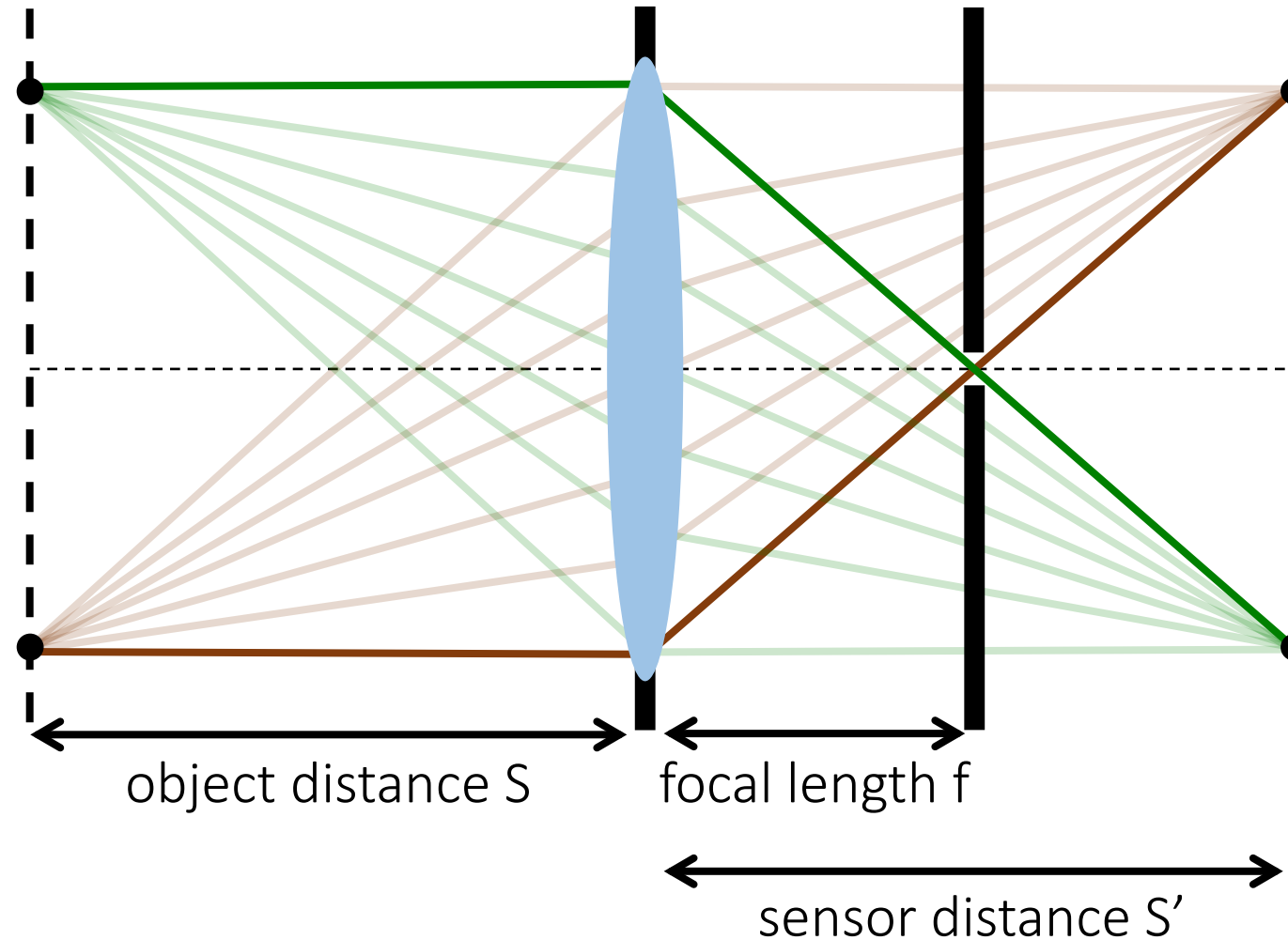
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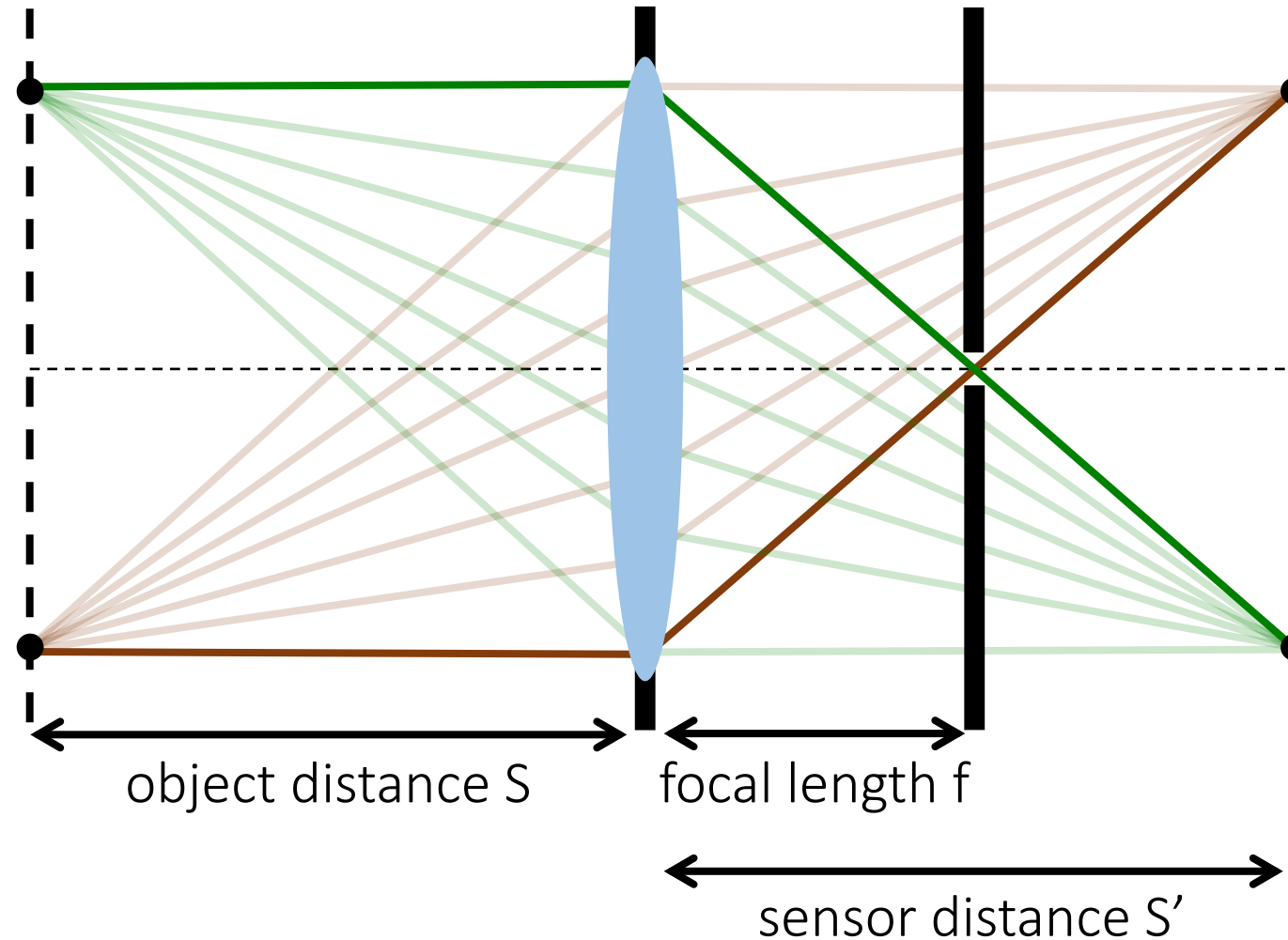
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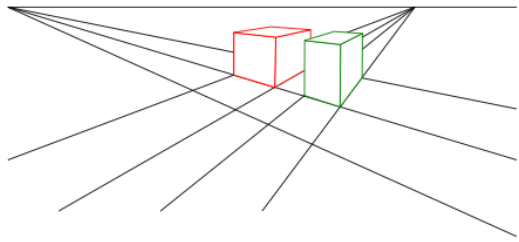


We set the sensor distance as:

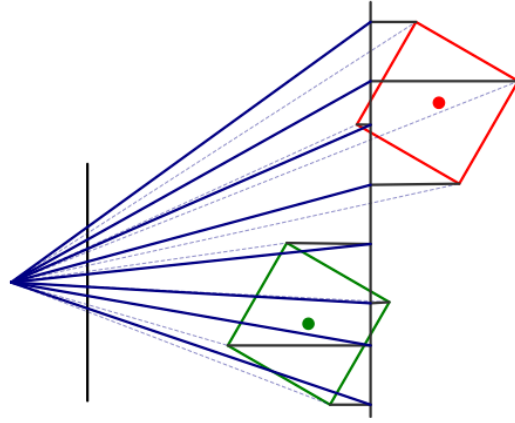
$$S' = 2f$$

in order to achieve unit magnification.

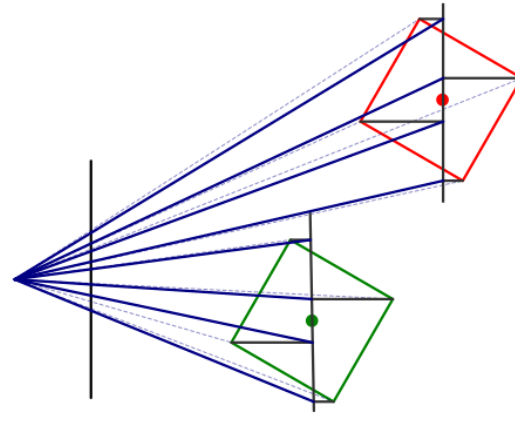
Many other types of cameras



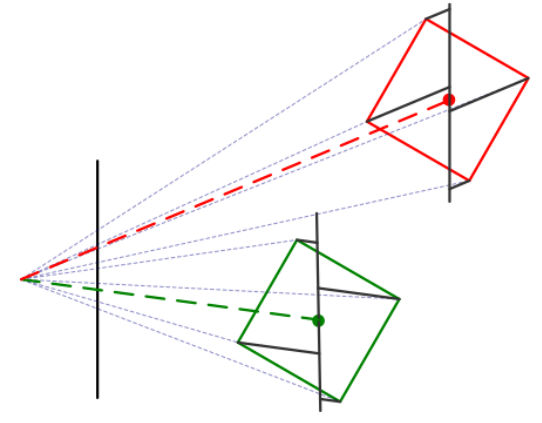
(a) 3D view



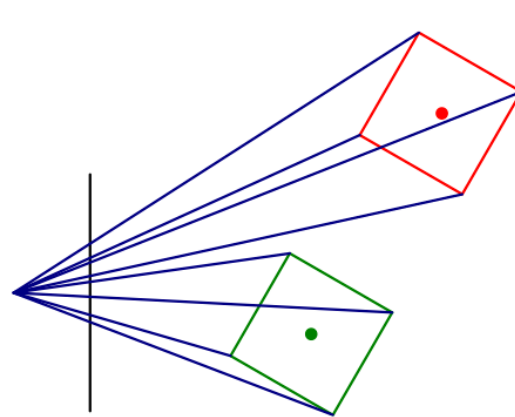
(b) orthography



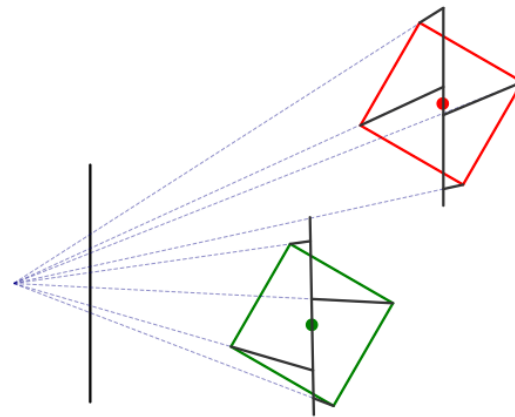
(c) scaled orthography



(d) para-perspective



(e) perspective



(f) object-centered

Geometric camera calibration

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Given a set of matched points

$$\{\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{x}_i\}$$

point in 3D
space

point in the
image

and camera model

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

projection
model

parameters

Camera
matrix

Find the (pose) estimate of

P

We'll use a **perspective** camera
model for pose estimation

Mapping between 3D point and image points

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What are the unknowns?

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Heterogeneous coordinates

$$x' = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X}} \quad y' = \frac{\mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X}}$$

(non-linear relation between coordinates)

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Make them linear with algebraic manipulation...

$$\mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} y' = 0$$

$$\mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} x' = 0$$

Now we can setup a system of linear equations with multiple point correspondences

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In matrix form ...

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For N points ...

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*How do we solve
this system?*

Solve for camera matrix by

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SVD!

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Solution $\mathbf{x}$ is the column of $\mathbf{V}$
corresponding to smallest singular
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Equivalently, solution $\mathbf{x}$ is the Eigenvector corresponding to smallest Eigenvalue of

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Now we have:

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Are we done?

Almost there ...

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How do you get the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters from the projection matrix?

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Find the camera center **C**

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How do we compute the camera center from this?

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Any useful properties of K and R we can use?

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right upper triangle orthogonal

How do we find K and R?

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QR decomposition

Geometric camera calibration

Given a set of matched points

$$\{\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{x}_i\}$$

point in 3D space point in the image

Where do we get these matched points from?

and camera model

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

projection model parameters Camera matrix

Find the (pose) estimate of

$$\mathbf{P}$$

We'll use a **perspective** camera model for pose estimation

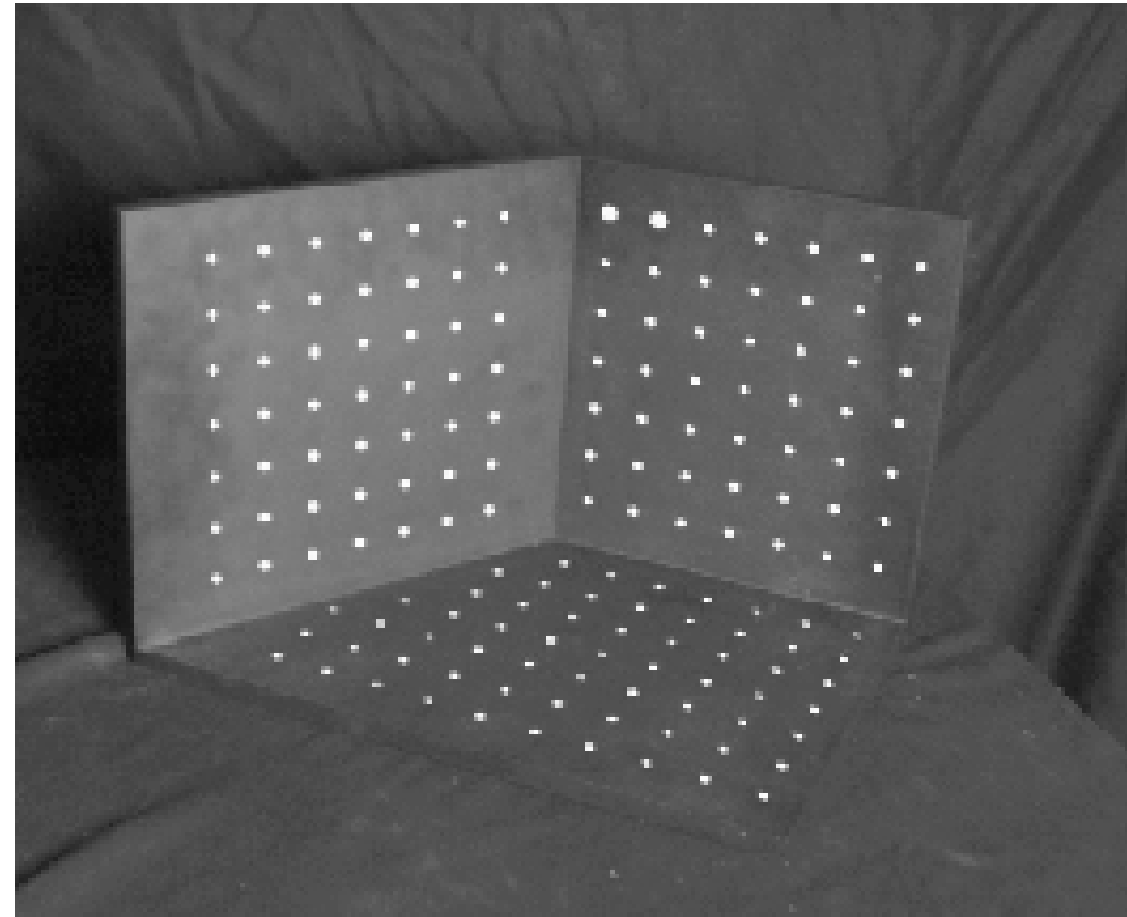
Calibration using a reference object

Place a known object in the scene:

- identify correspondences between image and scene
- compute mapping from scene to image

Issues:

- must know geometry very accurately
- must know 3D->2D correspondence



Geometric camera calibration

Advantages:

- Very simple to formulate.
- Analytical solution.

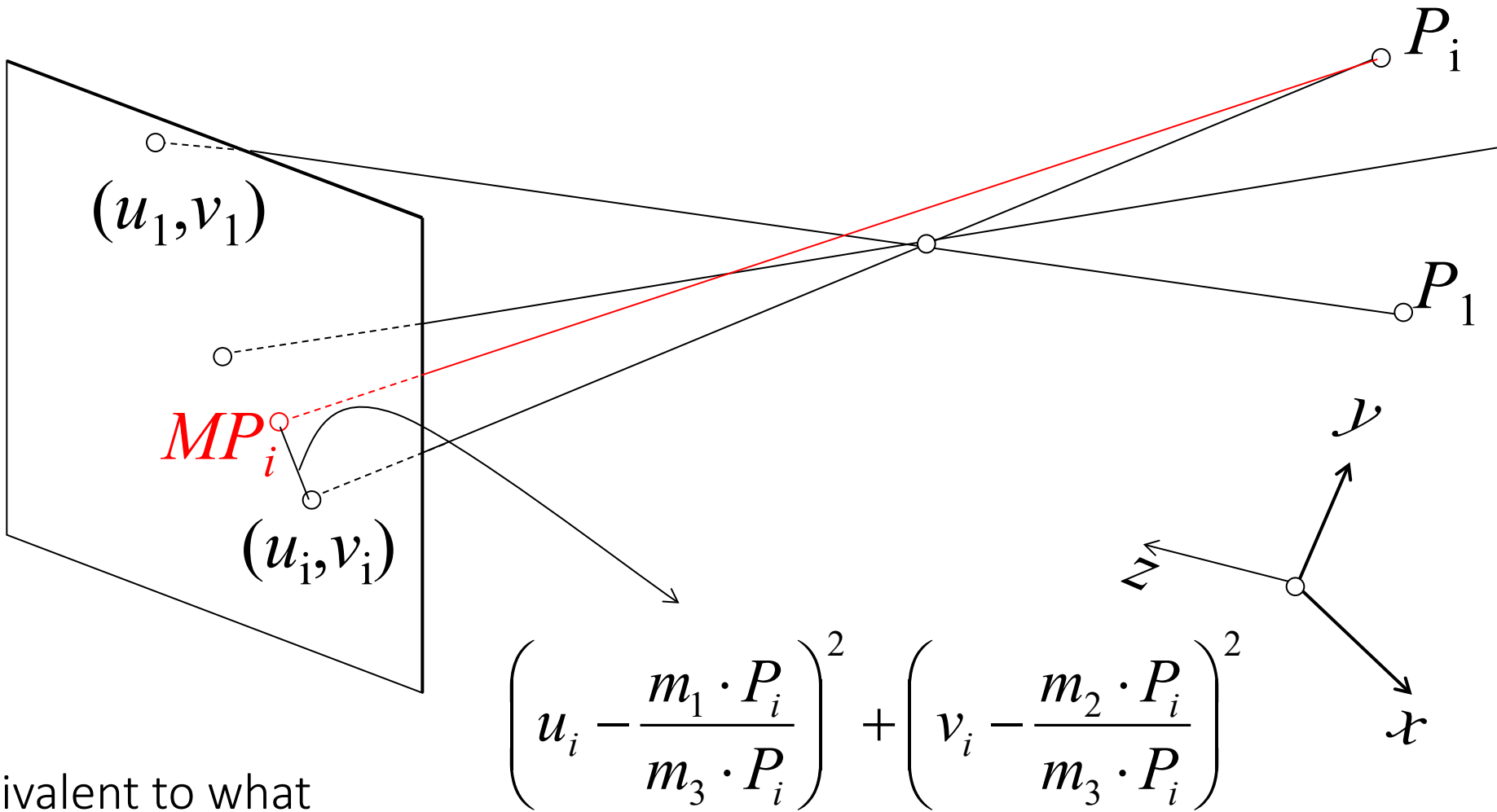
Disadvantages:

- Doesn't model radial distortion.
- Hard to impose constraints (e.g., known f).
- Doesn't minimize the correct error function.

For these reasons, *nonlinear methods* are preferred

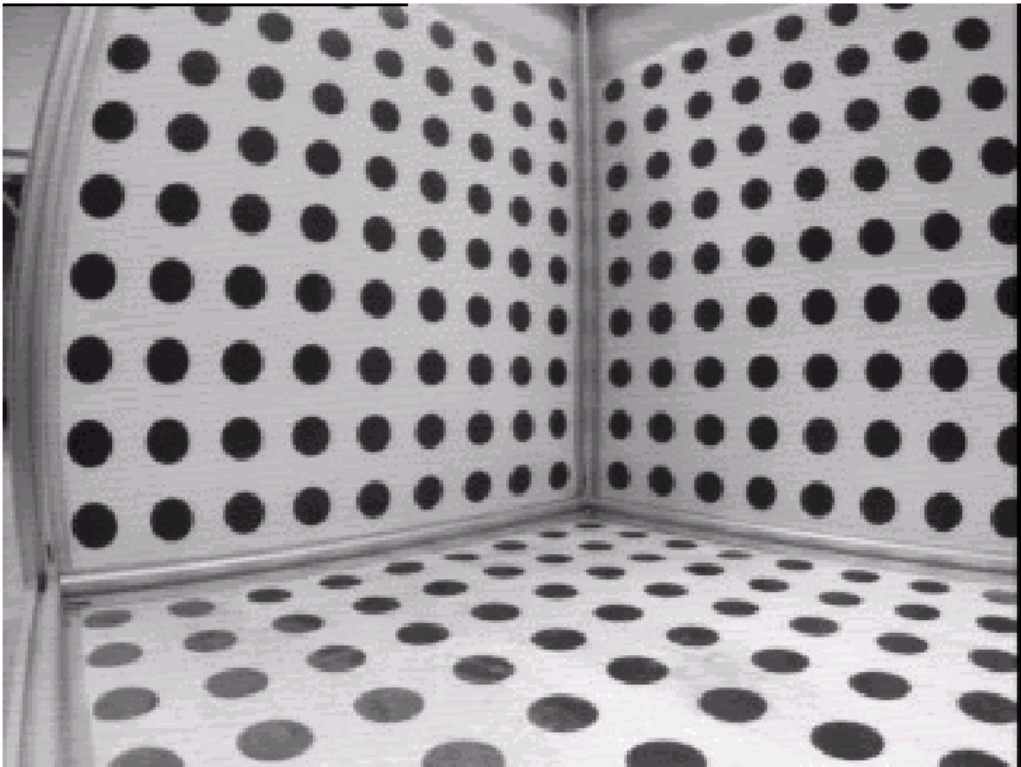
- Define error function E between projected 3D points and image positions
 - E is nonlinear function of intrinsics, extrinsics, radial distortion
- Minimize E using nonlinear optimization techniques

Minimizing reprojection error

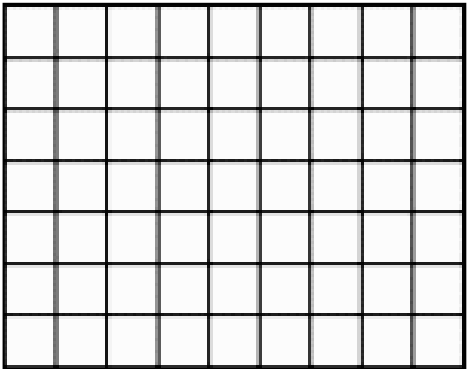


Is this equivalent to what we were doing previously?

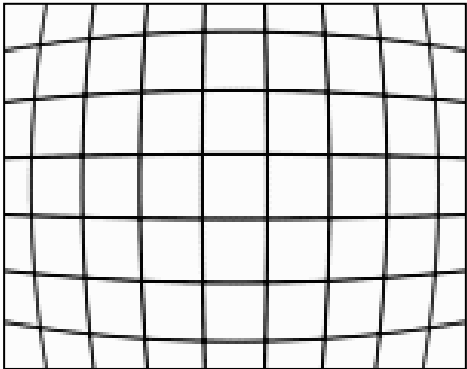
Radial distortion



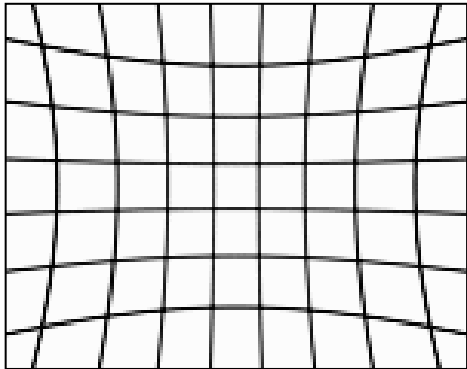
What causes this distortion?



no distortion

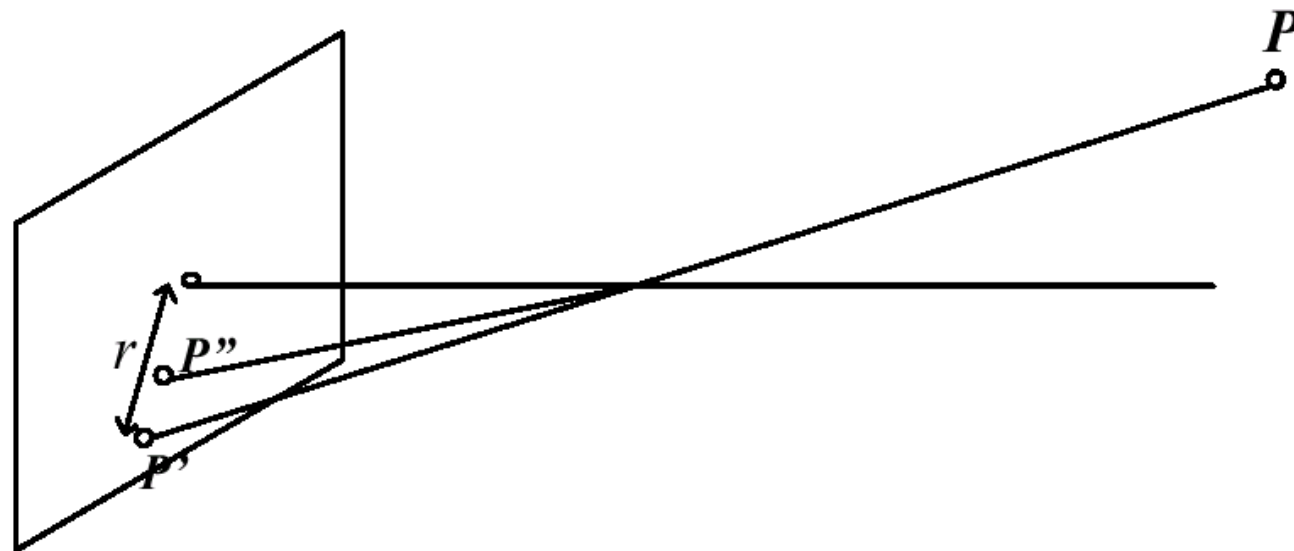


barrel distortion



pincushion distortion

Radial distortion model



Ideal:

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

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

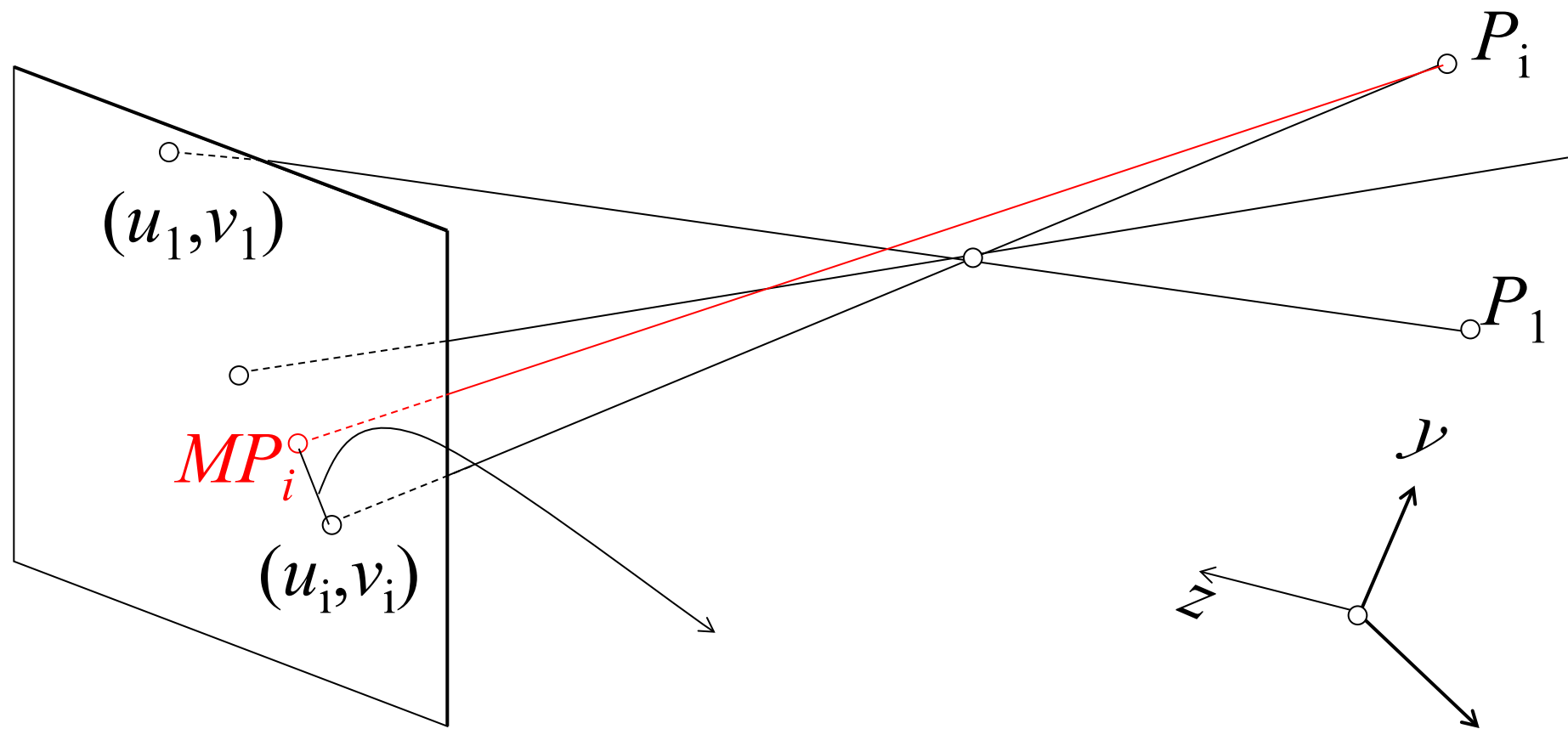
Distorted:

$$x'' = \frac{1}{\lambda} x'$$

$$y'' = \frac{1}{\lambda} y'$$

$$\lambda = 1 + k_1 r^2 + k_2 r^4 + \dots$$

Minimizing reprojection error with radial distortion



Add distortions to reprojection error:

$$\left(u_i - \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{m_1 \cdot P_i}{m_3 \cdot P_i}\right)^2 + \left(v_i - \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{m_2 \cdot P_i}{m_3 \cdot P_i}\right)^2$$

Correcting radial distortion

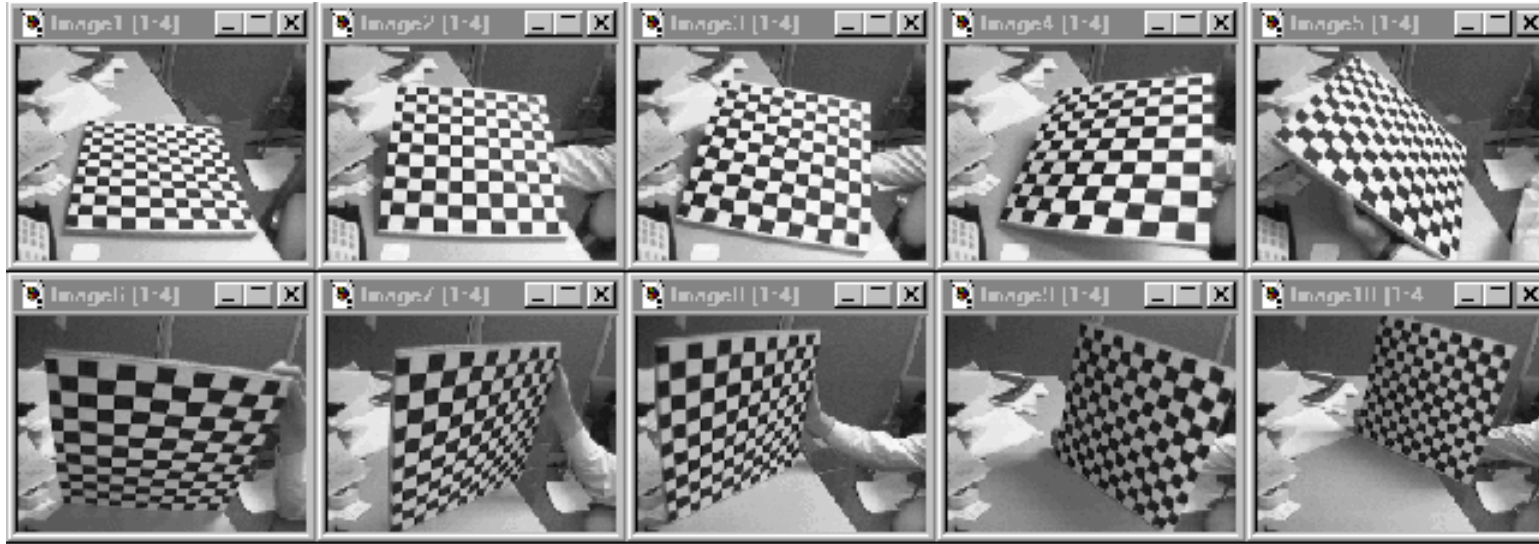


before



after

Alternative: Multi-plane calibration

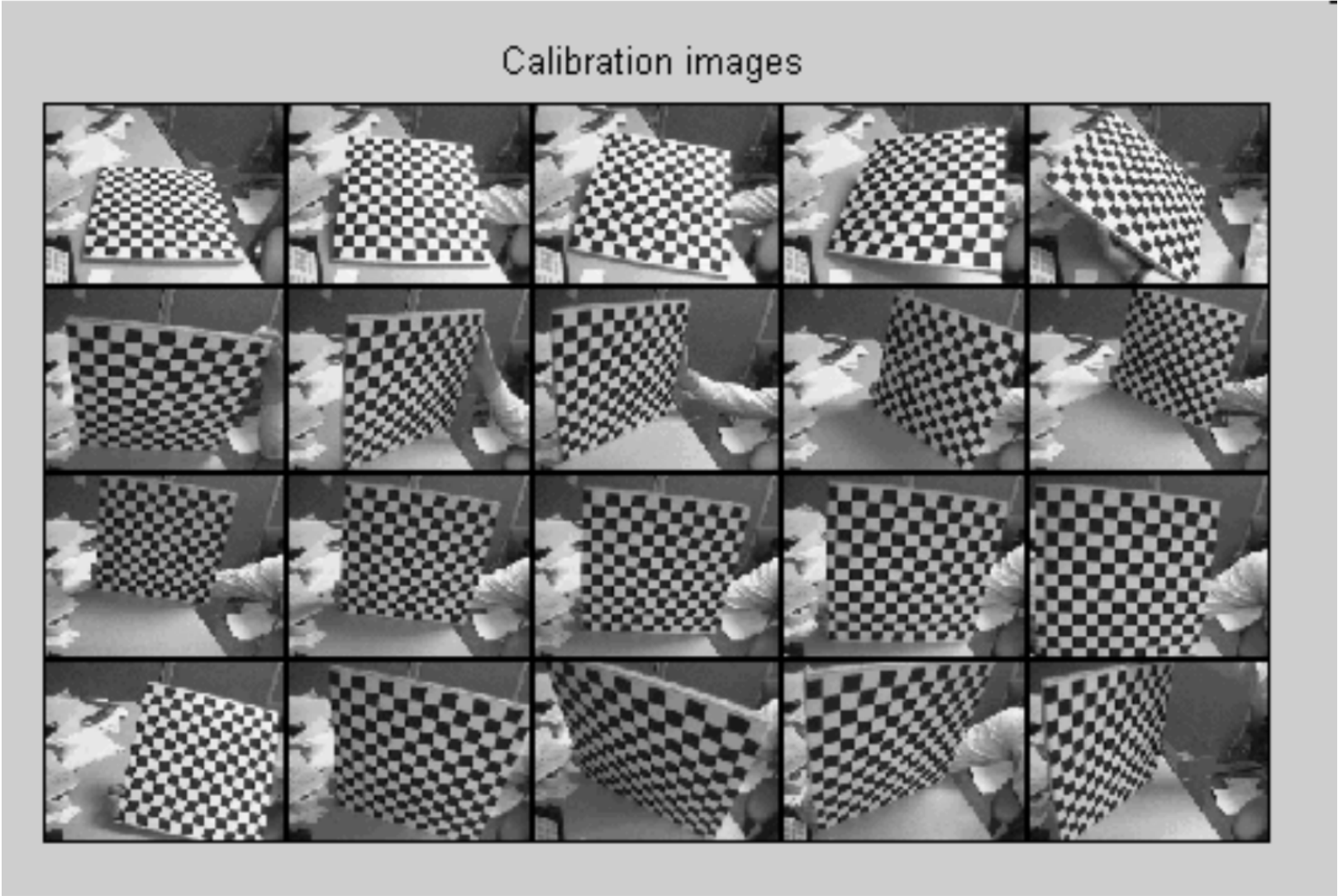


Advantages:

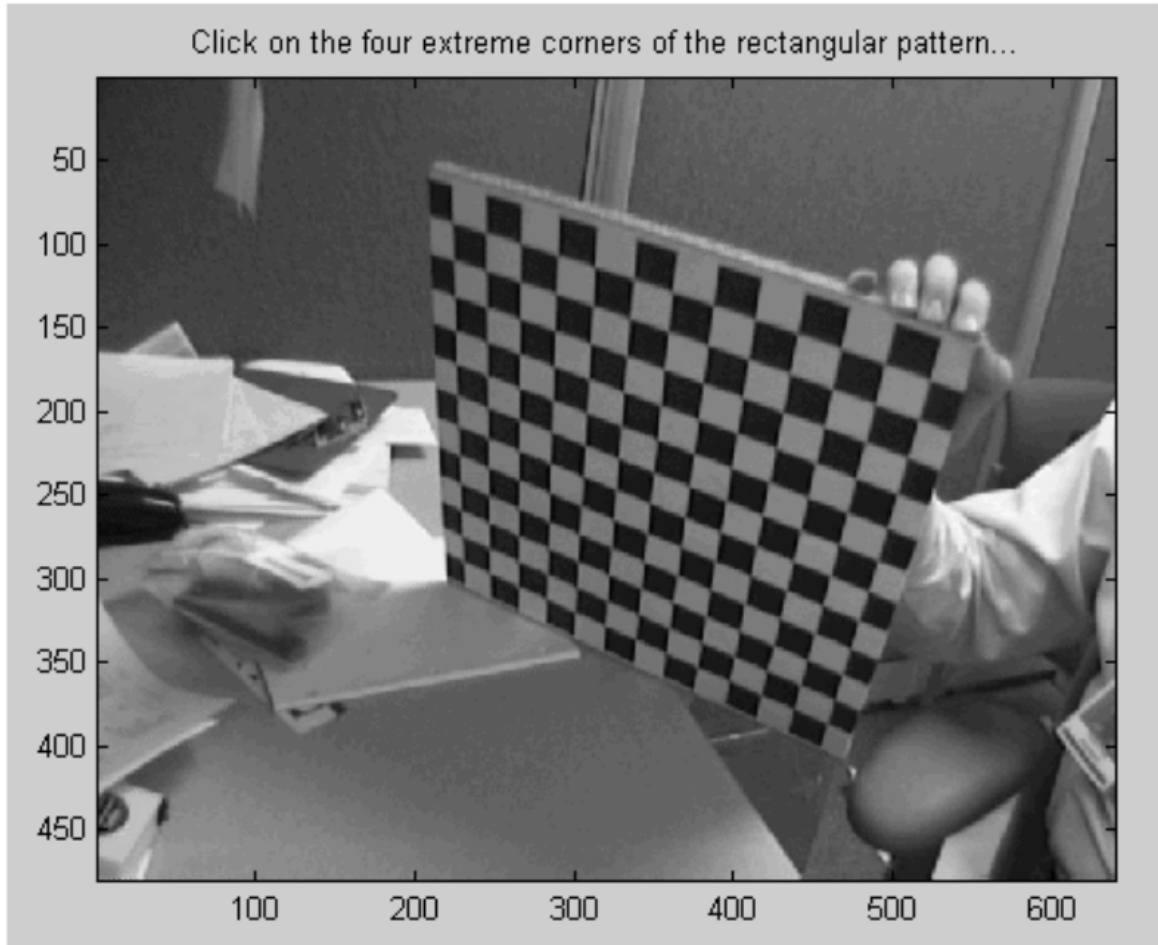
- Only requires a plane
- Don't have to know positions/orientations
- Great code available online!
 - Matlab version: http://www.vision.caltech.edu/bouguetj/calib_doc/index.html
 - Also available on OpenCV.

Disadvantage: Need to solve non-linear optimization problem.

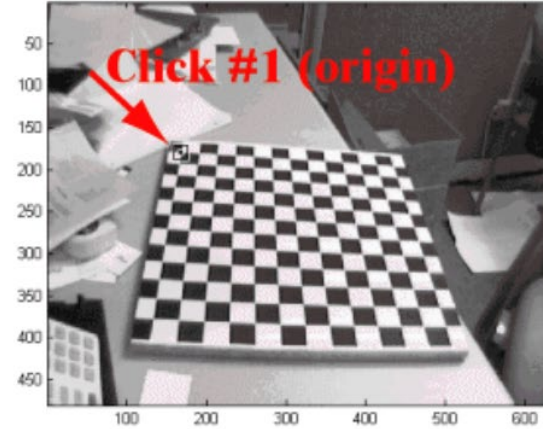
Step-by-step demonstration



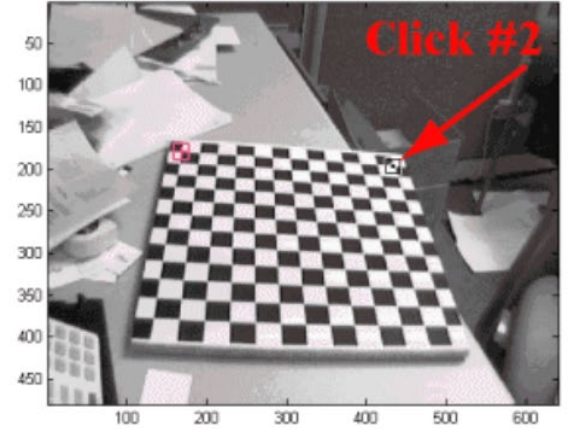
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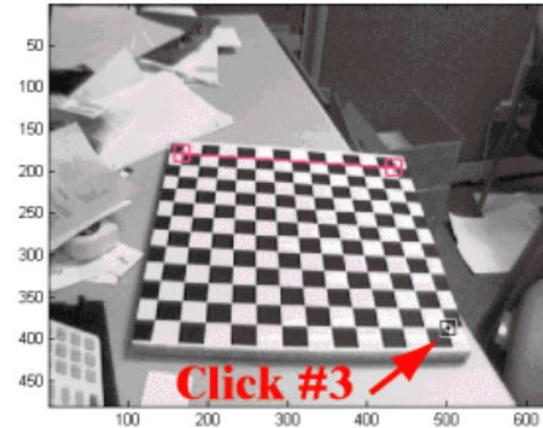
Click on the four extreme corners of the rectangular pattern (first corner = origin)... Image 1



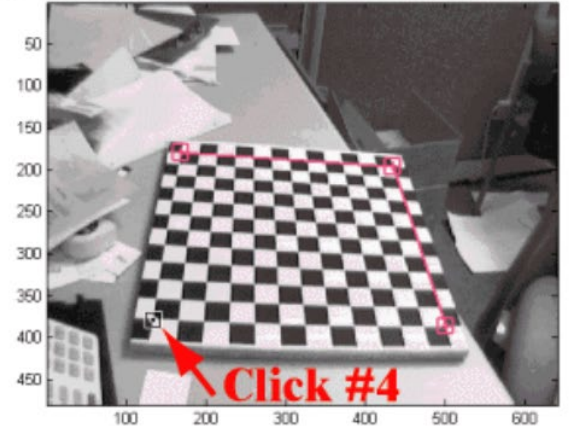
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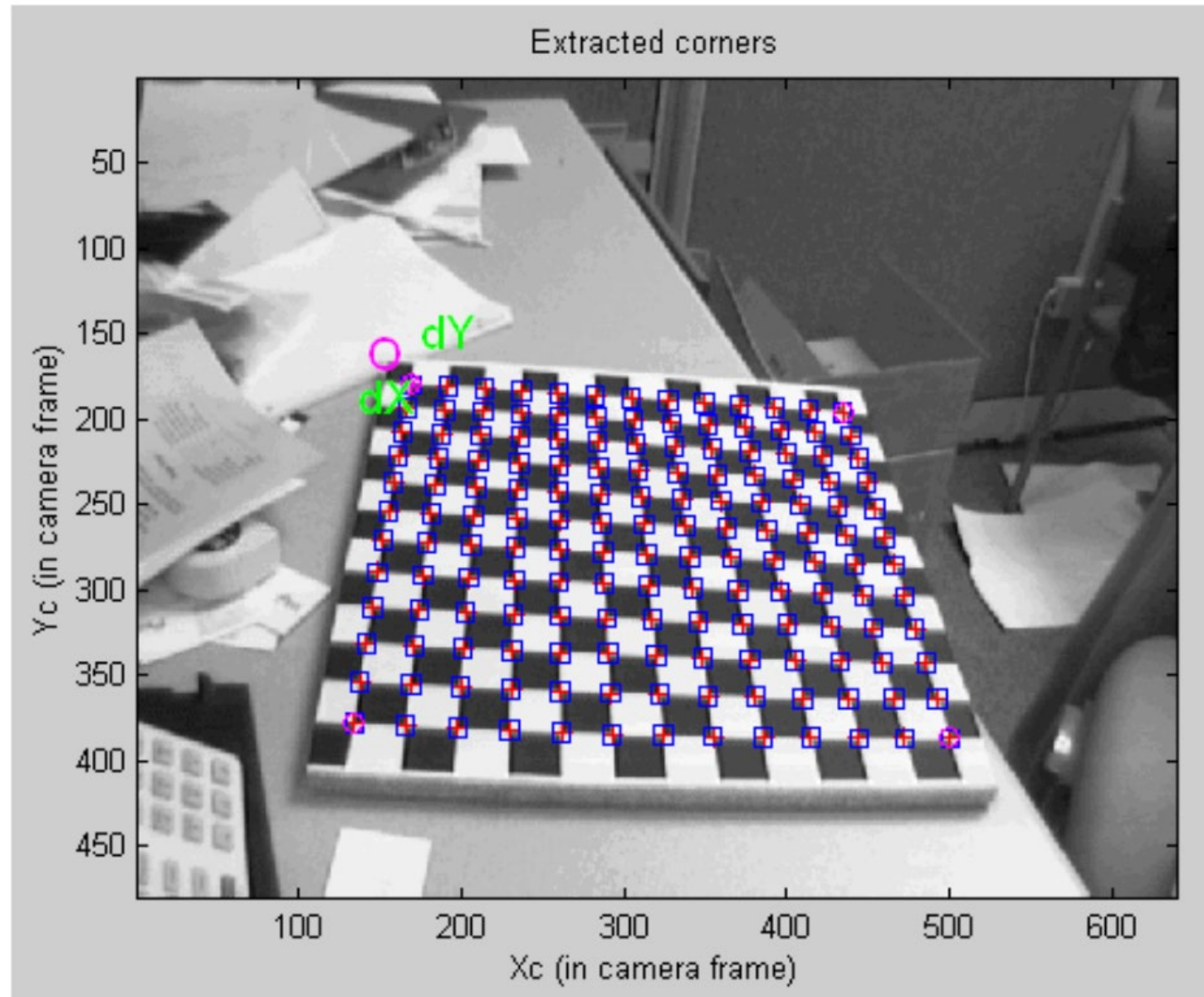
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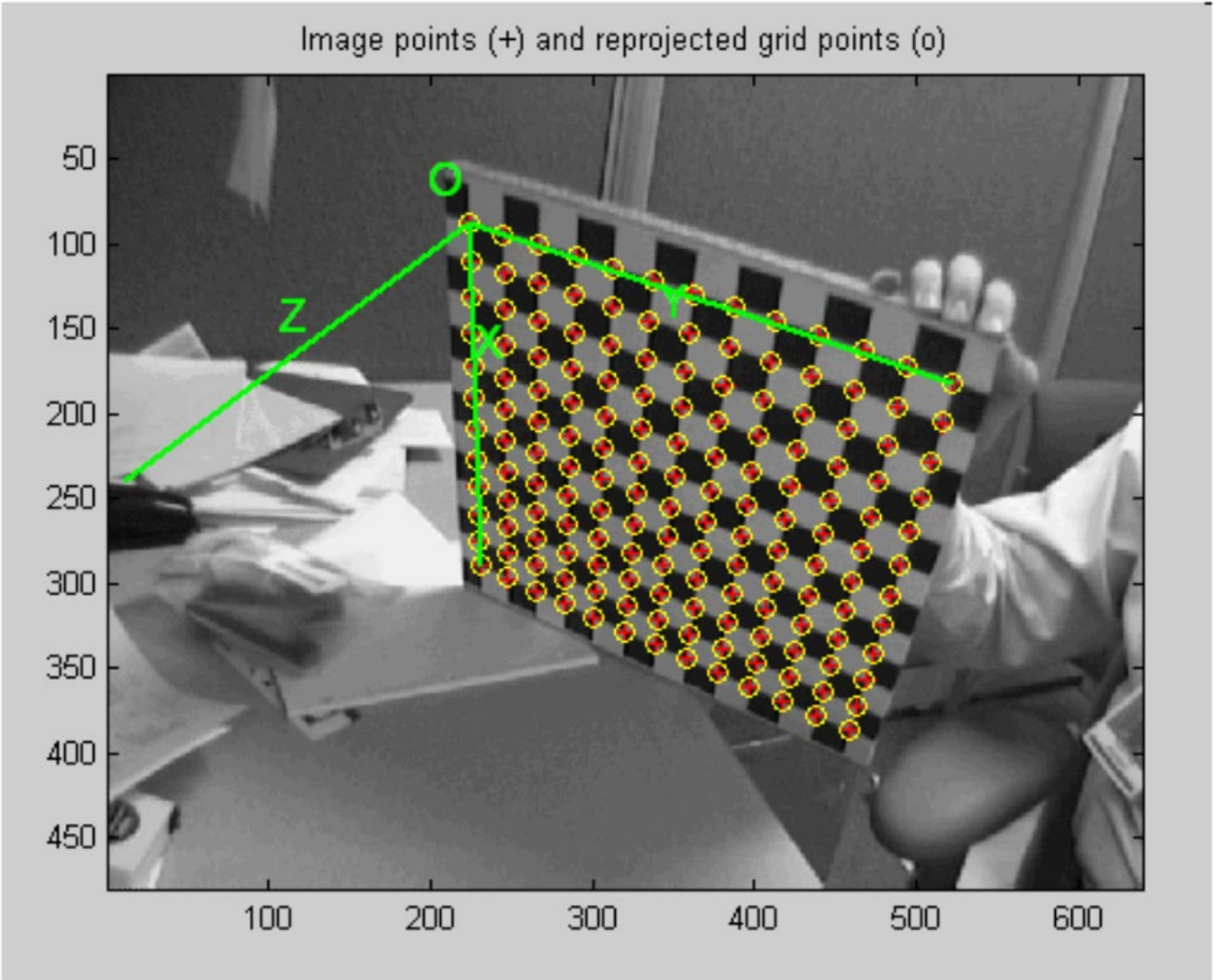
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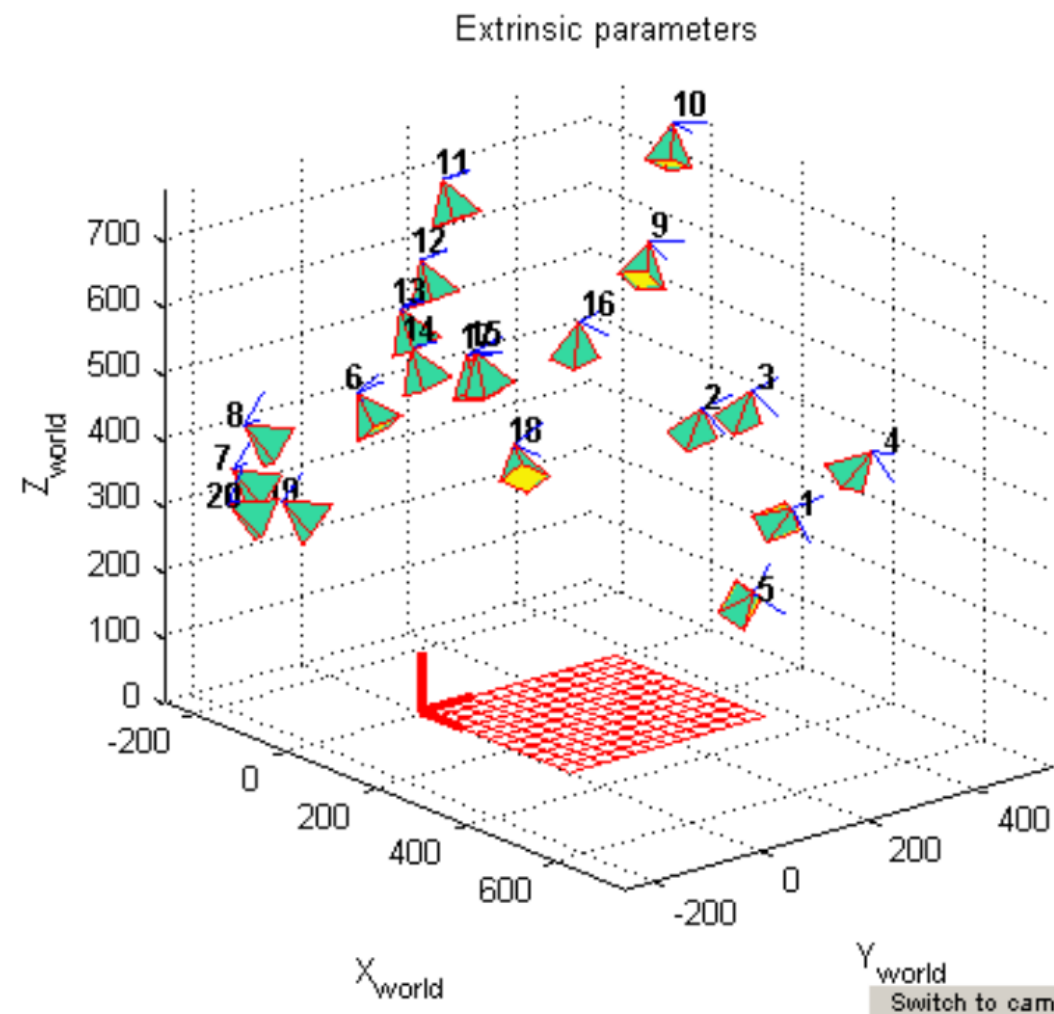
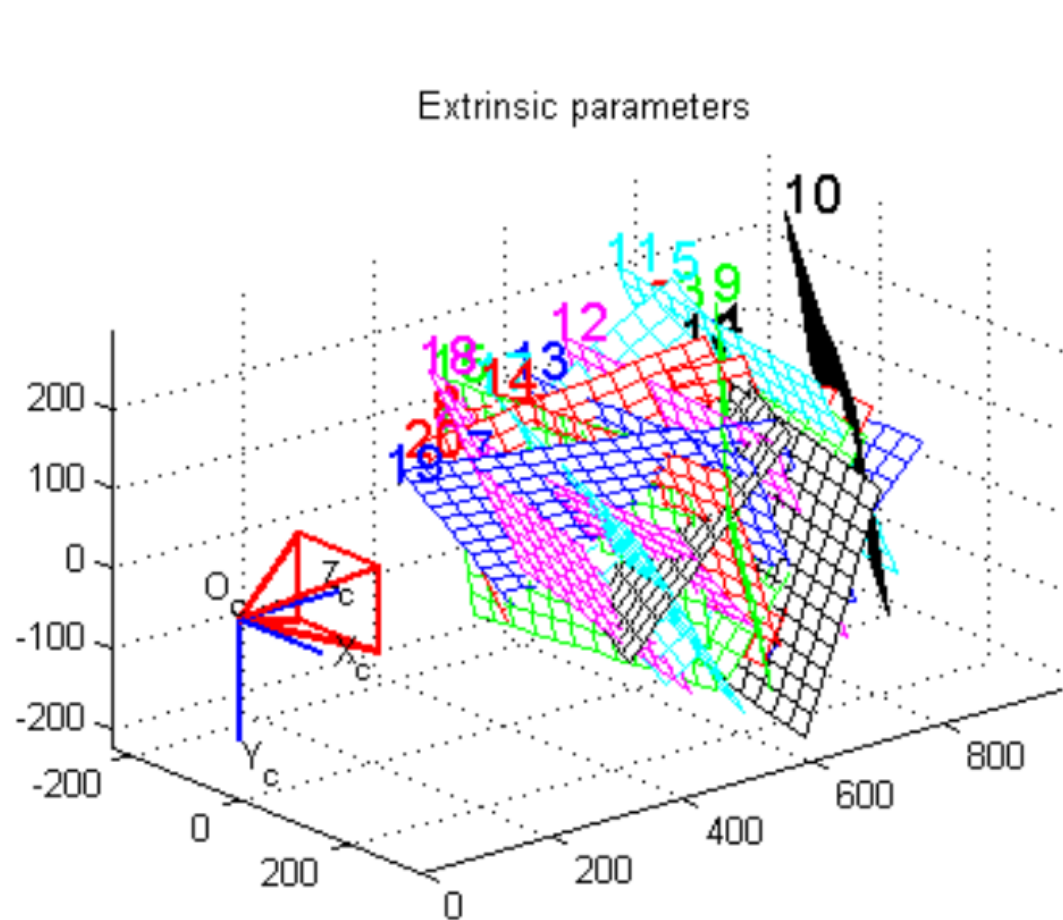
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Y_{world}
Switch to camera-centered view

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Many different ways to calibrate a camera:

- Radiometric calibration.  lecture 5-ish
- Color calibration.  lecture 7-ish
- Geometric calibration.  lecture 19 (this lecture)
- Noise calibration.  lecture 6-ish
- Lens (or aberration) calibration.  lecture 12-ish, (maybe) later lecture

References

Basic reading:

- Szeliski textbook, Section 2.1.5, 6.2.
- Bouguet, “Camera calibration toolbox for Matlab,” available at http://www.vision.caltech.edu/bouguetj/calib_doc/

The main resource for camera calibration in Matlab, where the screenshots in this lecture were taken from. It also has a detailed of the camera calibration algorithm and an extensive reference section.

Additional reading:

- Hartley and Zisserman, “Multiple View Geometry in Computer Vision,” Cambridge University Press 2004.
Chapter 6 of this book has a very thorough treatment of camera models.
- Richter-Gebert, “Perspectives on Projective Geometry,” Springer 2011.
A great math textbook on everything to do with projective geometry.
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Chapter 10 of this book has a nice discussion of pinhole cameras from a graphics point of view.
- Zhang, “A flexible new technique for camera calibration,” PAMI 2000.
The paper that introduced camera calibration from multiple views of a planar target.
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This paper presents a very general model and classification of linear cameras.