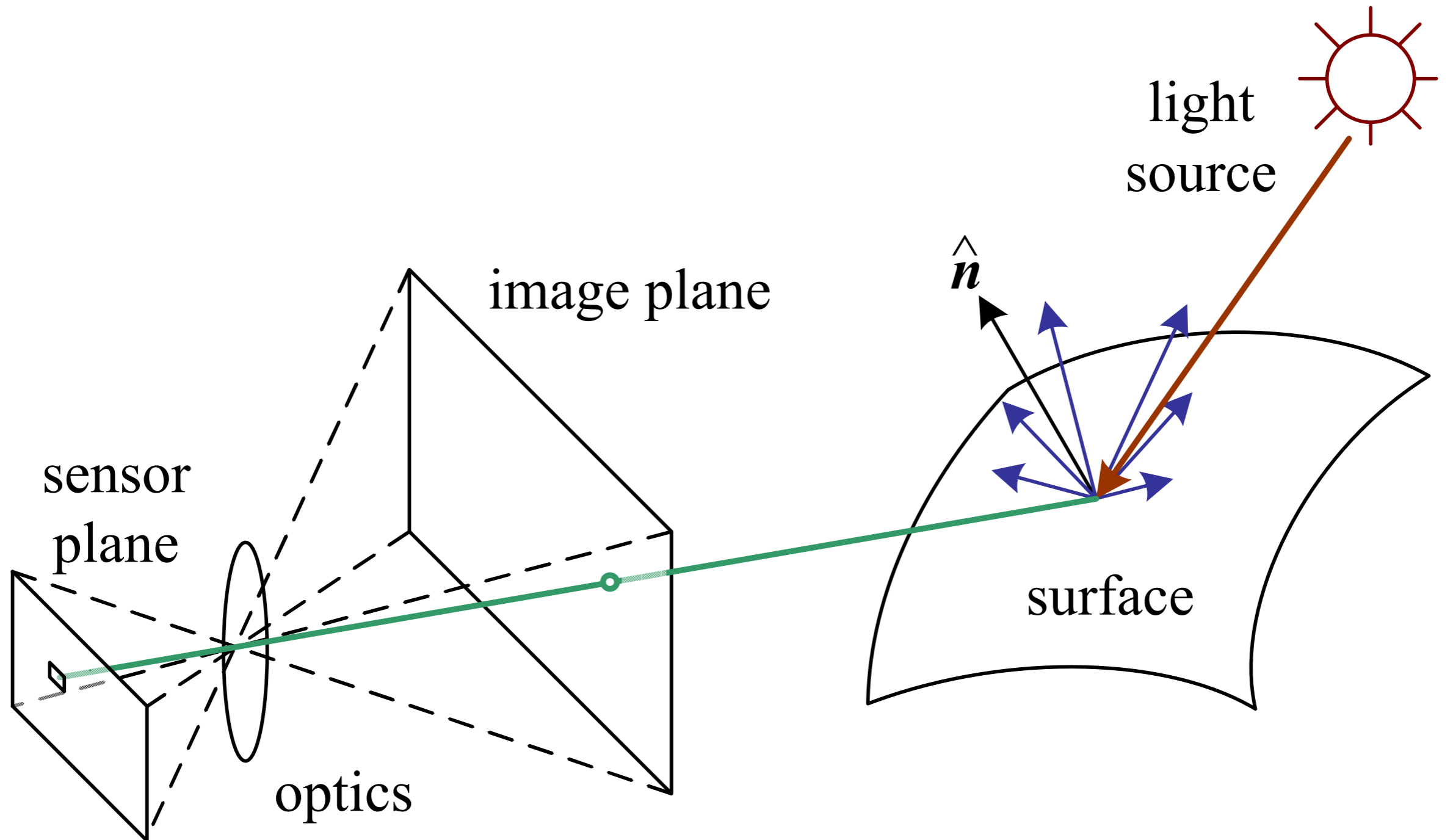
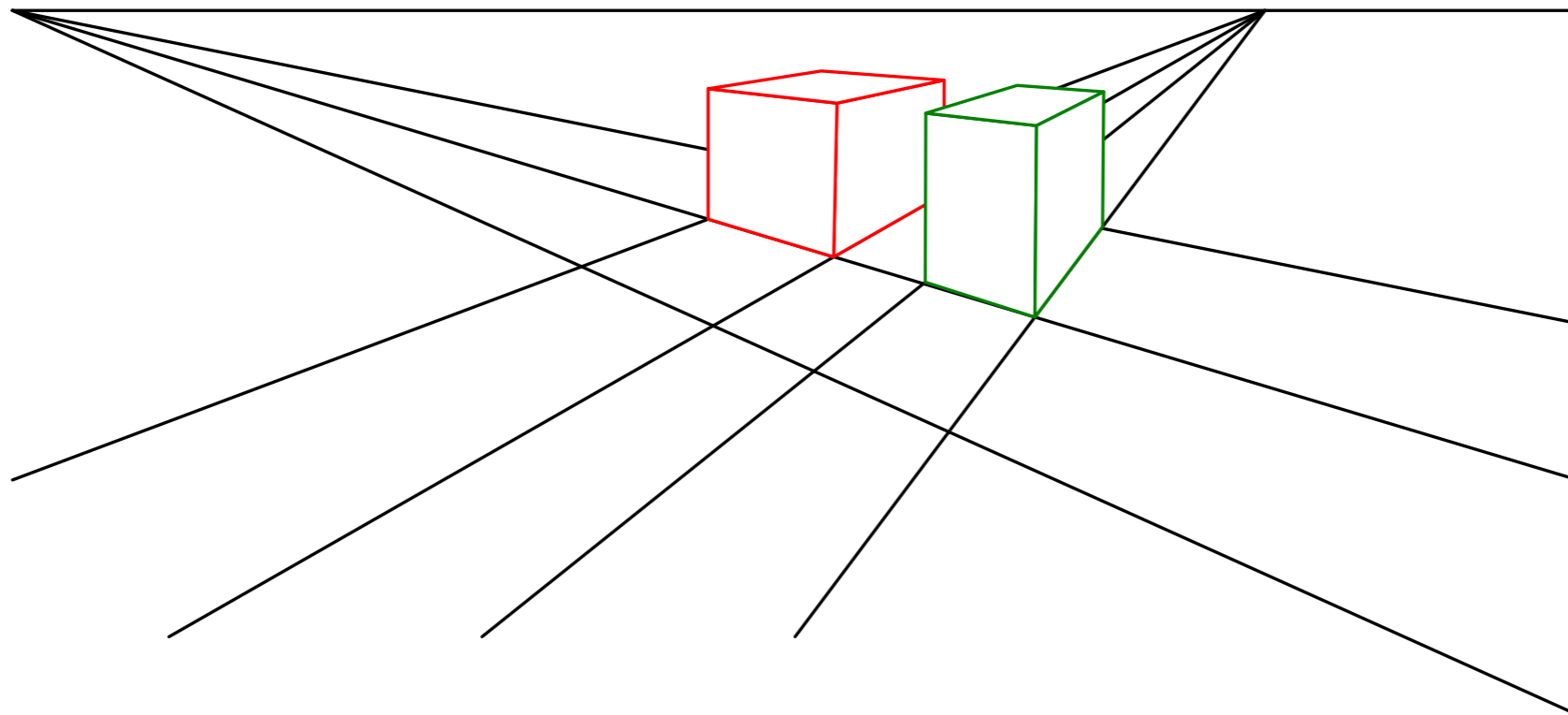


## 2. Image Formation



## 2.1 Geometric Primitives & Transformations



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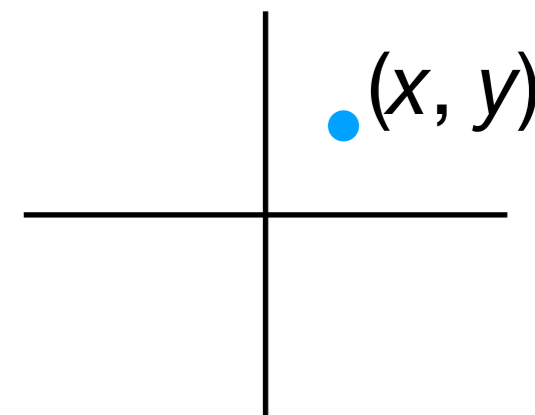
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# 2D Points

2D point (e.g., a pixel coordinate in an image):

$$\mathbf{x} = (x, y) \in \mathcal{R}^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$



In **homogeneous coordinates**:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{w}) \in \mathcal{P}^2$$

$\mathcal{P}^2 = \mathcal{R}^3 - (0,0,0)$  is called the projective space.

Vectors that differ only by a scale considered equivalent:

$$s\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{R}$$

# Augmented Vectors

A homogenous vector can be converted back to an *inhomogeneous* vector by dividing by the last element:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{w}) = \tilde{w}(x, y, 1) = \tilde{w}\bar{\mathbf{x}}$$



*Homogeneous vector*



*Augmented vector*

# Why Homogeneous Coordinates?

- ❖ Provide a natural representation for points at infinity.
- ❖ Allow common geometric transformations (e.g., translation, rotation, scaling, perspective projection) to be effected by matrix multiplication



August Ferdinand Möbius (1790–1868)

# 2D Lines

2D lines can also be represented using homogeneous coordinates  $\tilde{l} = (a, b, c)$ .

The corresponding *line equation* is

$$\bar{x} \cdot \tilde{l} = ax + by + c = 0.$$

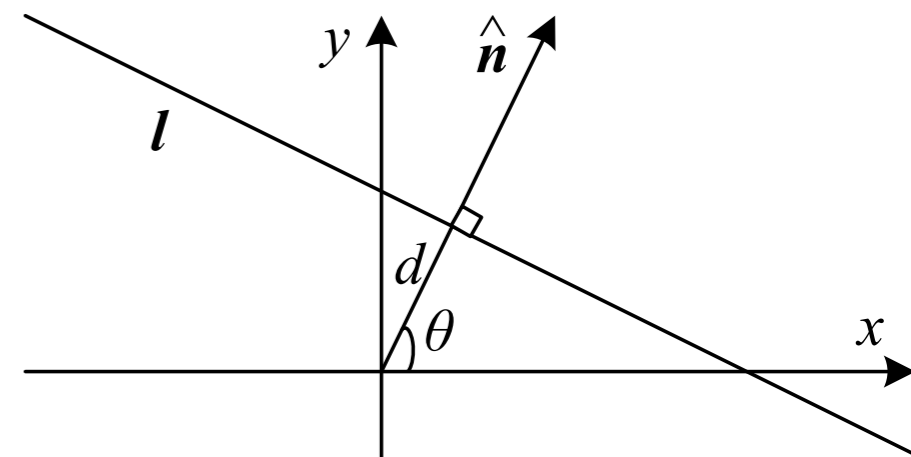
We can normalize the line equation vector so that  $l = (\hat{n}_x, \hat{n}_y, -d) = (\hat{n}, -d)$  with  $\|\hat{n}\| = 1$ .

Then:

$\hat{n}$  is the unit normal to the line, directed toward the line from the origin

$d$  is the distance of the line from the origin

$$\hat{n} = (\hat{n}_x, \hat{n}_y) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

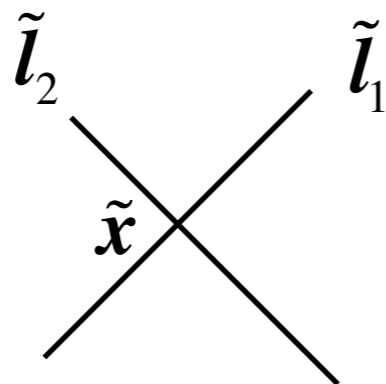




# Intersections of 2D Lines

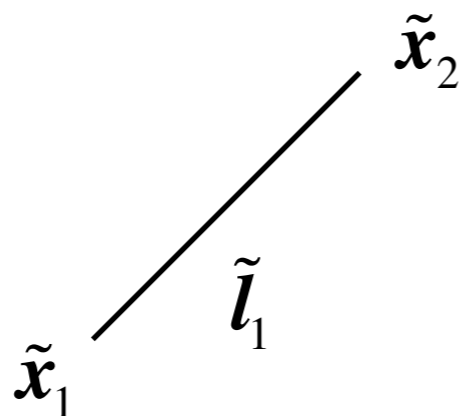
When using homogeneous coordinates, we can compute the intersection of two lines as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \tilde{\mathbf{l}}_1 \times \tilde{\mathbf{l}}_2$$



Similarly, the line joining two points can be written as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{l}} = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_1 \times \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_2$$



# 3D Points

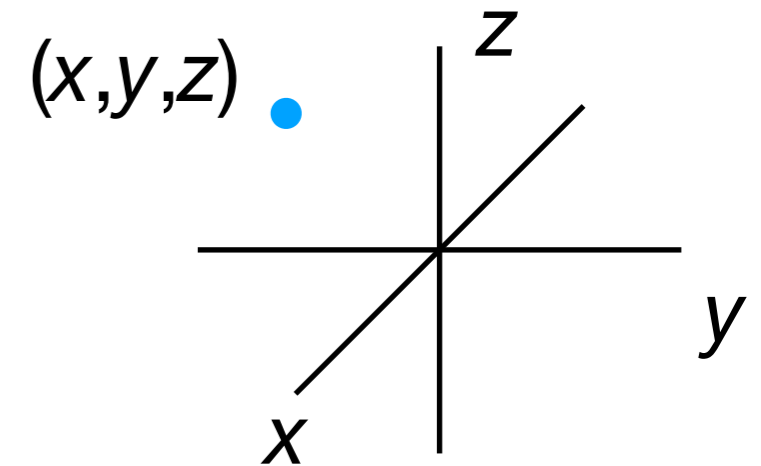
Straightforward extension from 2D:

Inhomogeneous:  $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, z) \in \mathcal{R}^3$

Homogeneous:  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z}, \tilde{w}) \in \mathcal{P}^3$

Augmented:  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = (x, y, z, 1)$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \tilde{w}\bar{\mathbf{x}}$$



# 3D Planes

3D planes can also be represented as homogeneous coordinates  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = (a, b, c, d)$

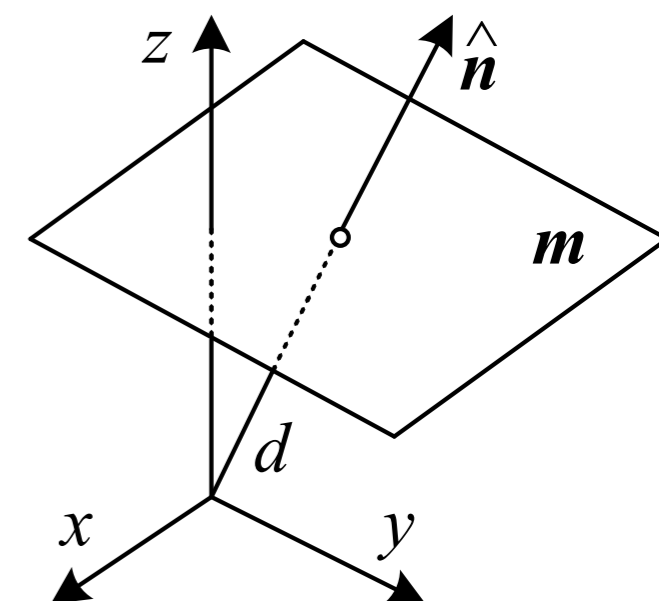
with a corresponding plane equation

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = ax + by + cz + d = 0$$

We can also normalize the plane equation as  $\mathbf{m} = (\hat{n}_x, \hat{n}_y, \hat{n}_z, d) = (\hat{\mathbf{n}}, d)$  with  $\|\hat{\mathbf{n}}\| = 1$ .

$\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  is the *normal vector* perpendicular to the plane

$|d|$  is the distance of the plane from the origin



# 3D Lines

A 3D line can be represented using two points  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  that lie on the line.

Any point  $\mathbf{r}$  that also lies on the line can then be represented as

$$\mathbf{r} = (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{p} + \lambda\mathbf{q}$$

If we restrict  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ , we get the *line segment* joining  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ .

If we use homogeneous coordinates, we can write the line as

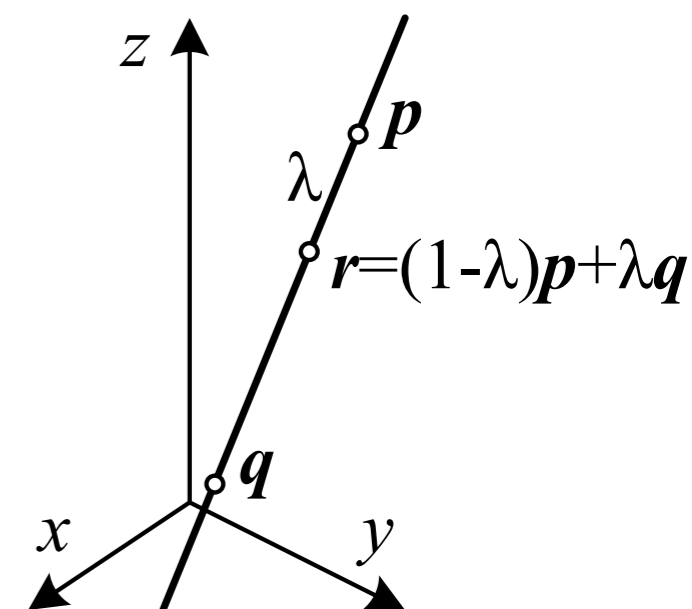
$$\tilde{\mathbf{r}} = \mu\tilde{\mathbf{p}} + \lambda\tilde{\mathbf{q}}.$$

A special case of this is when the second point is at infinity, i.e.,  $\tilde{\mathbf{q}} = (\hat{d}_x, \hat{d}_y, \hat{d}_z, 0) = (\hat{\mathbf{d}}, 0)$ .

where  $\hat{\mathbf{d}}$  is the direction of the line.

Then:

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{p} + \lambda\hat{\mathbf{d}}$$



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# 2D Translation

2D translations can be written as  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{t}$  or

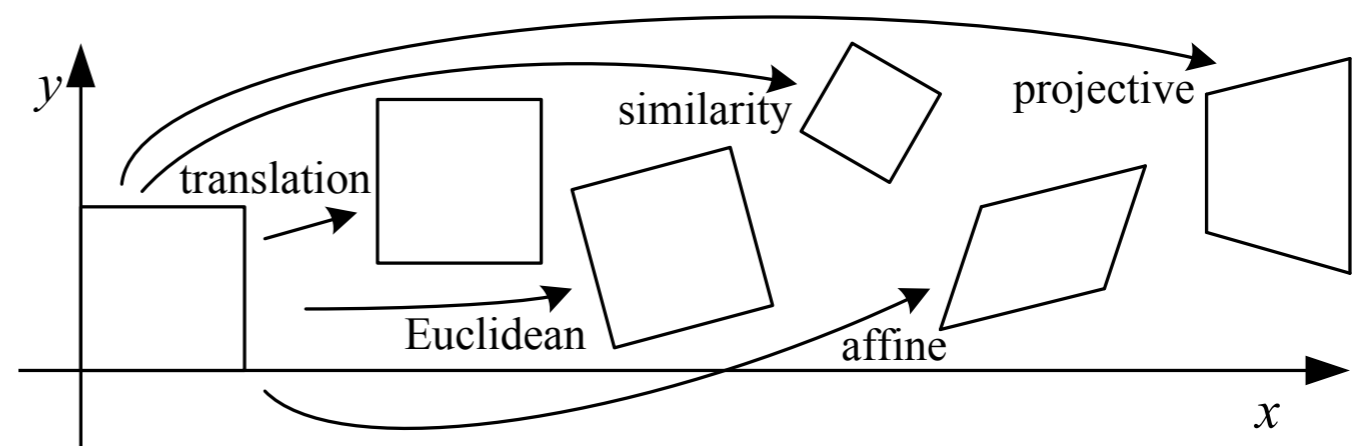
$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the  $(2 \times 2)$  identity matrix

or

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

**Note:** Whenever an augmented vector appears on both sides, it can be replaced by a full homogenous vector.



# Euclidean Transformation (2D Rotation + Translation)

$$x' = Rx + t \text{ or}$$

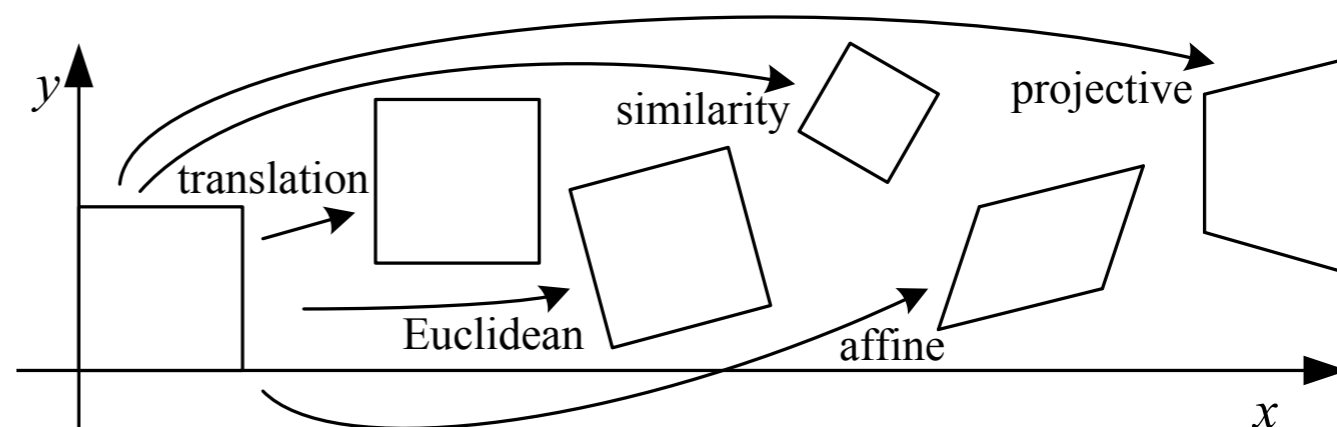
$$x' = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}$$

where

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

is an orthonormal rotation matrix with  $RR^T = I$  and  $|R| = 1$ .

## Preserves Euclidean distances

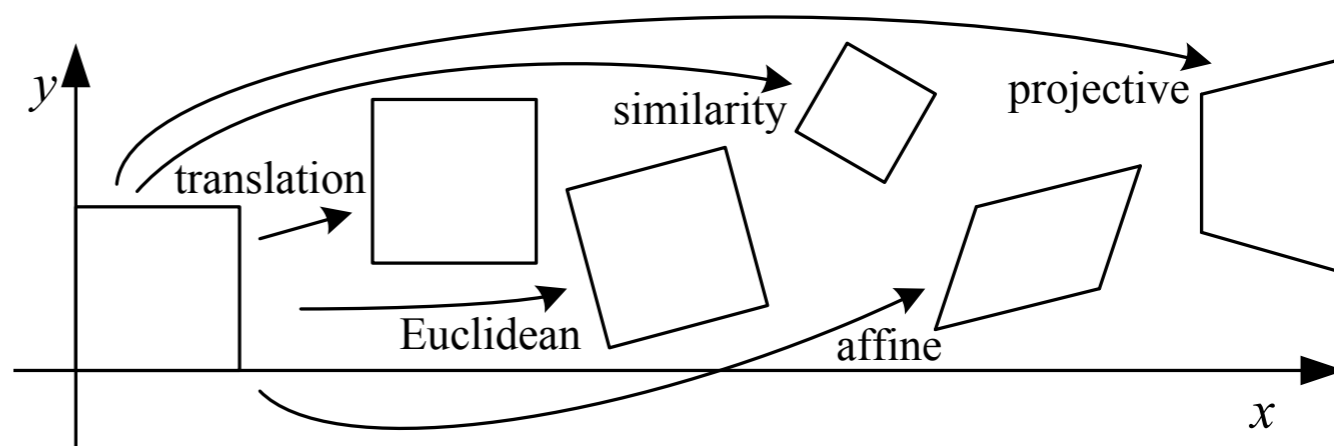


# Similarity Transformation

$$\mathbf{x}' = s\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{t}$$

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b & t_x \\ b & a & t_y \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

**Preserves angles**



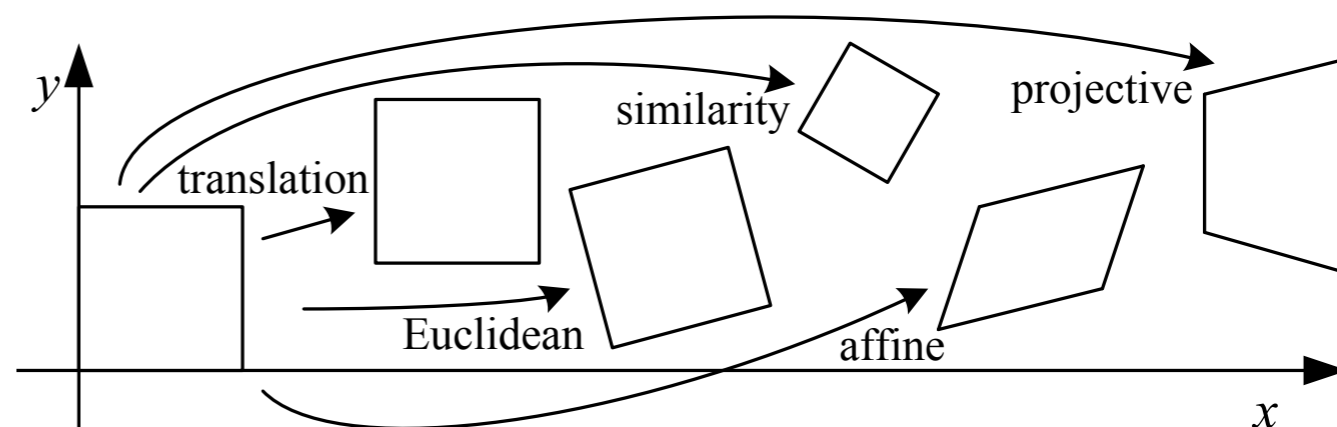


# Affine Transformation

$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is an arbitrary  $2 \times 3$  matrix

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

**Preserves parallelism**



# Projective Transformation (Homography)

$\tilde{x}' = \tilde{H}\tilde{x}$  ← NB: Should be an augmented vector, I think.  
Both Szeliski and Hartley & Zisserman write it as homogeneous.

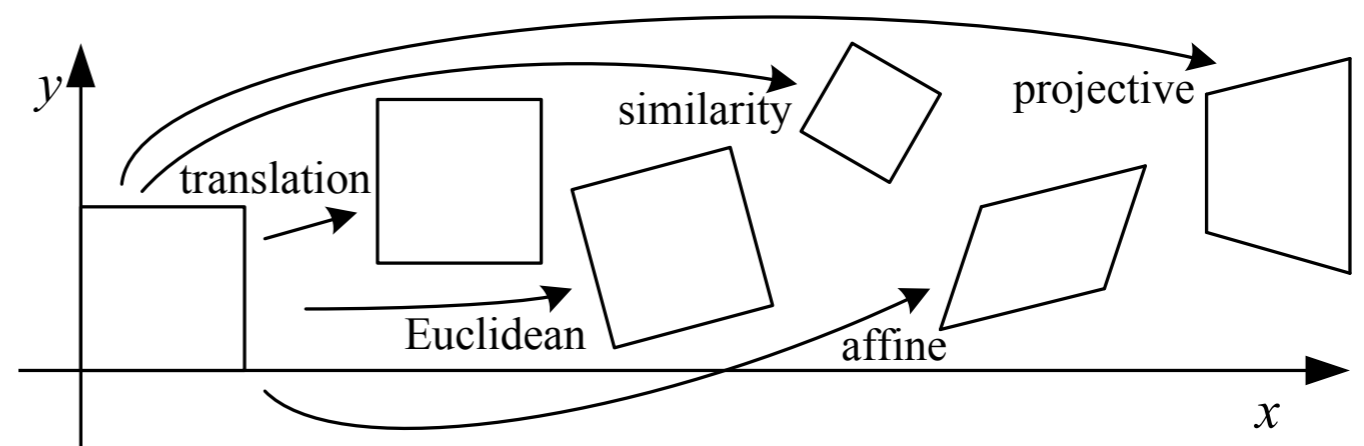
where  $\tilde{H}$  is an arbitrary  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

$\tilde{H}$  is homogenous:

Two  $\tilde{H}$  matrices that differ only by a scale factor are equivalent.

$$x' = \frac{h_{00}x + h_{01}y + h_{02}}{h_{20}x + h_{21}y + h_{22}} \quad \text{and} \quad y' = \frac{h_{10}x + h_{11}y + h_{12}}{h_{20}x + h_{21}y + h_{22}}$$


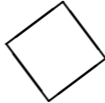


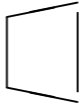
**Preserves straight lines**

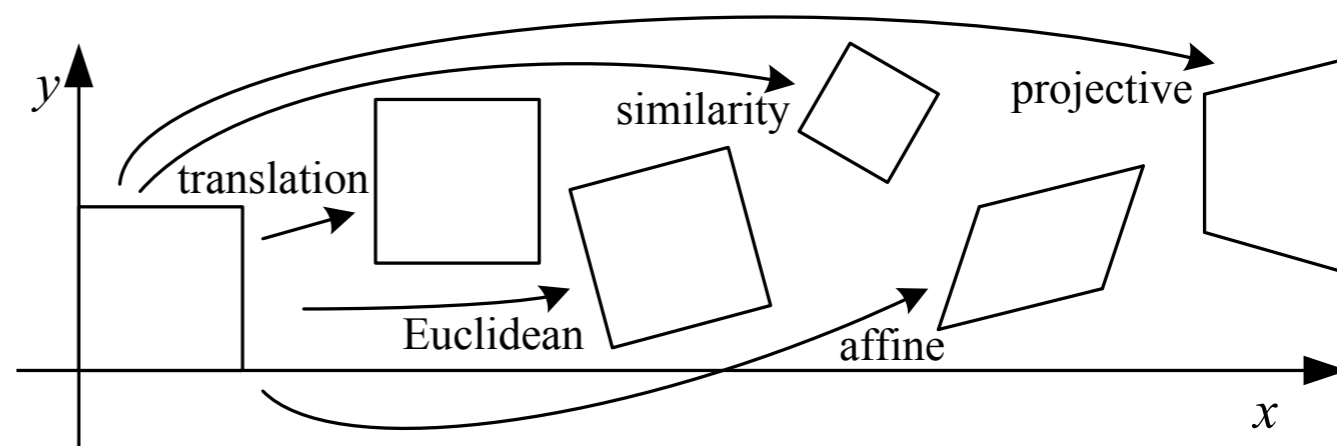


# Summary of 2D Transformations

Nested set of groups

- ❖ Closed under composition
- ❖ Each transformation has an inverse that is a member of the same group

Transformation	Matrix	# DoF	Preserves	Icon
translation	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} &   & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	2	orientation	
rigid (Euclidean)	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} &   & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	3	lengths	
similarity	$\begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R} &   & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	4	angles	
affine	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	6	parallelism	
projective	$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$	8	straight lines	



# Co-vectors

We now know how to transform points.

How do we transform lines?

$$\tilde{l} \cdot \tilde{x} = 0$$

$$\tilde{x}' = \tilde{H} \tilde{x}$$

$$\tilde{l}' \cdot \tilde{x}' = \tilde{l}'^T \tilde{H} \tilde{x} = (\tilde{H}^T \tilde{l}')^T \tilde{x} = \tilde{l} \cdot \tilde{x} = 0$$

Thus

$$\tilde{l}' = \tilde{H}^{-T} \tilde{l}.$$

i.e., the action of a projective transformation on a *co-vector* such as a 2D line can be represented by the transposed inverse of the matrix.

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# Euclidean Transformation (3D Rotation + Translation)

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{t}$$

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

where  $\mathbf{R}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  orthonormal rotation matrix with  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{I}$  and  $|\mathbf{R}| = 1$

**Preserves Euclidean distances**

# Similarity Transformation

$$x' = sRx + t$$

$$x' = \begin{bmatrix} sR & t \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}$$

**Preserves angles**



# Affine Transformation

$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is an arbitrary  $3 \times 4$  matrix

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

**Preserves parallelism**

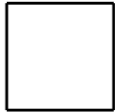
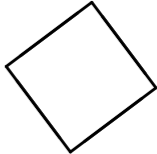
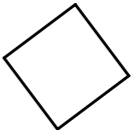
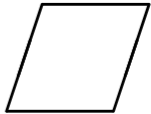
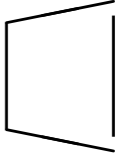
# Projective Transformation (Homography)

$$\tilde{x}' = \tilde{H} \tilde{x}$$

where  $\tilde{H}$  is an arbitrary  $4 \times 4$  homogeneous matrix

**Preserves straight lines**

# Summary of 3D Transformations

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affine	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	12	parallelism	
projective	$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$	15	straight lines	

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# 3D Rotations: Axis/Angle Representation

$$\omega = \theta \hat{n}$$

Amount of rotation      Axis of rotation

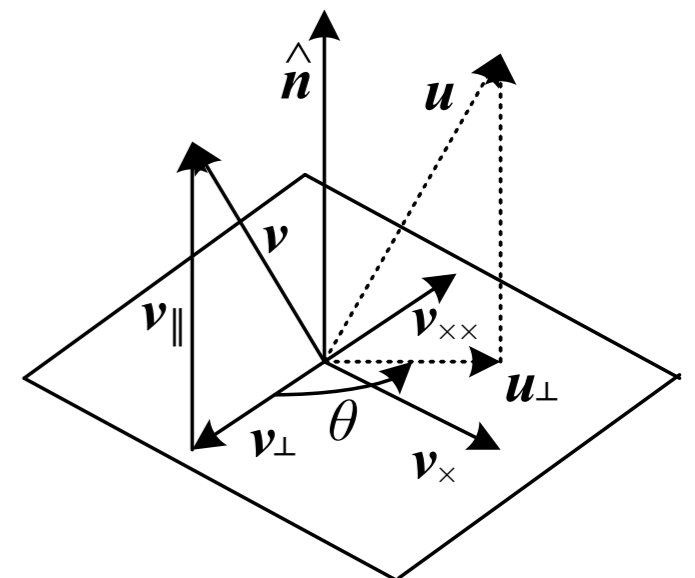
Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be the result of rotating vector  $\mathbf{v}$  about axis  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  by the angle  $\theta$ .

First, project the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  onto the axis  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ :

$$\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} = \hat{\mathbf{n}}(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = (\hat{\mathbf{n}}\hat{\mathbf{n}}^T)\mathbf{v}$$

Next, compute the perpendicular residual:

$$\mathbf{v}_{\perp} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} = (\mathbf{I} - \hat{\mathbf{n}}\hat{\mathbf{n}}^T)\mathbf{v}$$



# 3D Rotations: Axis/Angle Representation

We can rotate this vector by  $90^\circ$  using the cross product,

$$\mathbf{v}_\times = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{v} = [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_\times \mathbf{v},$$

where  $[\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_\times$  is the matrix form of the cross product operator with the vector  $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = (\hat{n}_x, \hat{n}_y, \hat{n}_z)$ ,

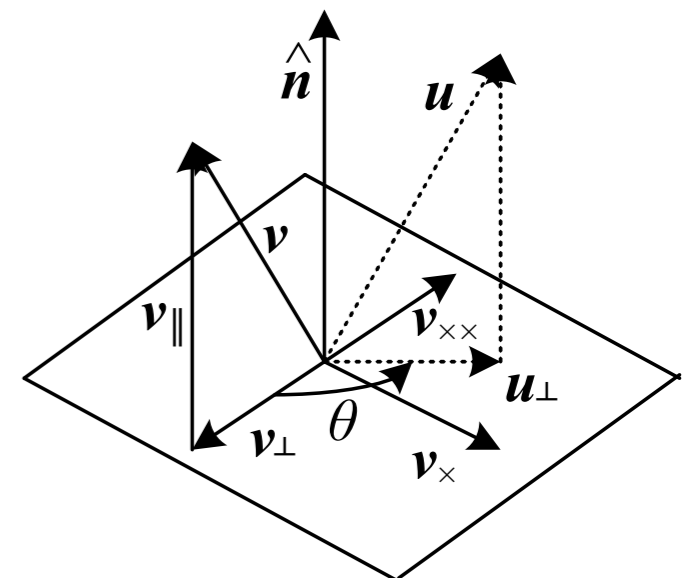
$$[\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_\times = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\hat{n}_z & \hat{n}_y \\ \hat{n}_z & 0 & -\hat{n}_x \\ -\hat{n}_y & \hat{n}_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that rotating this vector by another  $90^\circ$  is equivalent to taking the cross product again,

$$\mathbf{v}_{\times\times} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{v}_\times = [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_\times^2 \mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v}_\perp,$$

and hence

$$\mathbf{v}_\parallel = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_\perp = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_{\times\times} = (\mathbf{I} + [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_\times^2) \mathbf{v}.$$



# 3D Rotations: Axis/Angle Representation

We can now compute the in-plane component of the rotated vector  $\mathbf{u}$  as

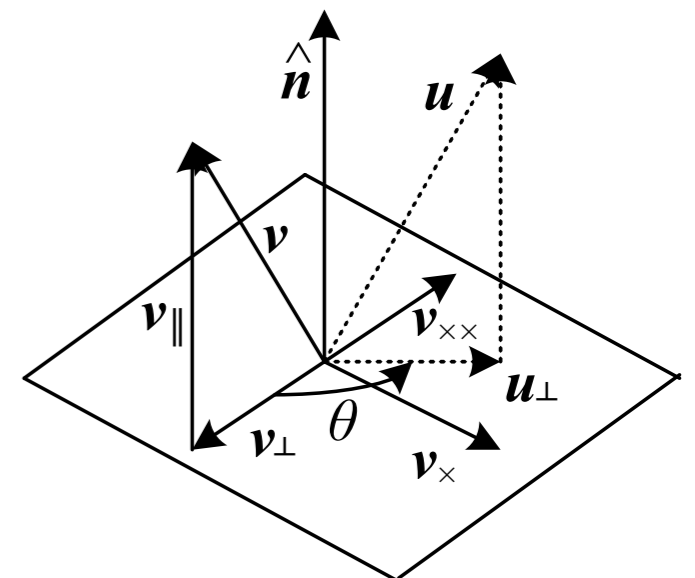
$$\mathbf{u}_{\perp} = \cos \theta \mathbf{v}_{\perp} + \sin \theta \mathbf{v}_{\times} = (\sin \theta [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} - \cos \theta [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times}^2) \mathbf{v}.$$

Putting all these terms together, we obtain the final rotated vector as

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_{\perp} + \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} = (\mathbf{I} + \sin \theta [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} + (1 - \cos \theta) [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times}^2) \mathbf{v}.$$

We can therefore write the rotation matrix corresponding to a rotation by  $\theta$  around an axis  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  as

$$\mathbf{R}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \theta) = \mathbf{I} + \sin \theta [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} + (1 - \cos \theta) [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times}^2 \quad \text{(Rodriguez' formula)}$$



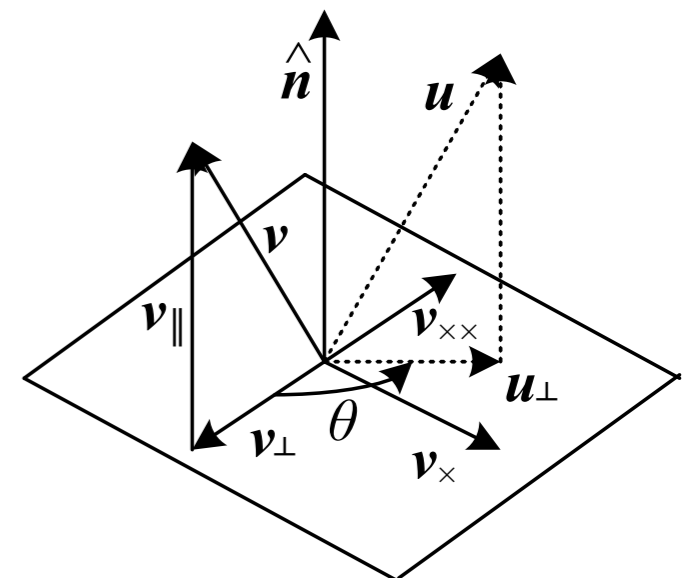


# 3D Rotations: Axis/Angle Representation

$$\mathbf{R}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \theta) = \mathbf{I} + \sin \theta [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} + (1 - \cos \theta) [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times}^2 \quad \text{(Rodriguez' formula)}$$

For small rotations:

$$\mathbf{R}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \approx \mathbf{I} + \sin \theta [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} \approx \mathbf{I} + [\theta \hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\omega_z & \omega_y \\ \omega_z & 1 & -\omega_x \\ -\omega_y & \omega_x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Unit Quaternions

$$\mathbf{q} = (x, y, z, w) \text{ with } \|\mathbf{q}\| = 1$$

$\mathbf{q}$  and  $-\mathbf{q}$  represent the same rotation.

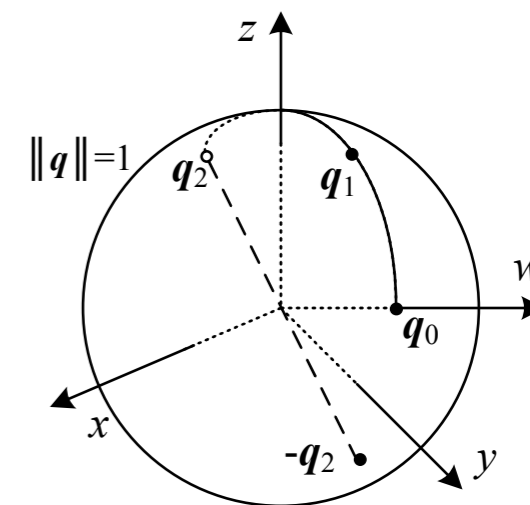
Quaternions can be derived from the axis/angle representation through the formula

$$\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{v}, w) = \left( \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \hat{\mathbf{n}}, \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right),$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  and  $\theta$  are the rotation axis and angle.

Rodriguez' formula now becomes (see textbook):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \theta) &= \mathbf{I} + \sin \theta [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} + (1 - \cos \theta) [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times}^2 \\ &= \mathbf{I} + 2w [\mathbf{v}]_{\times} + 2[\mathbf{v}]_{\times}^2. \end{aligned}$$



# Quaternion Algebra

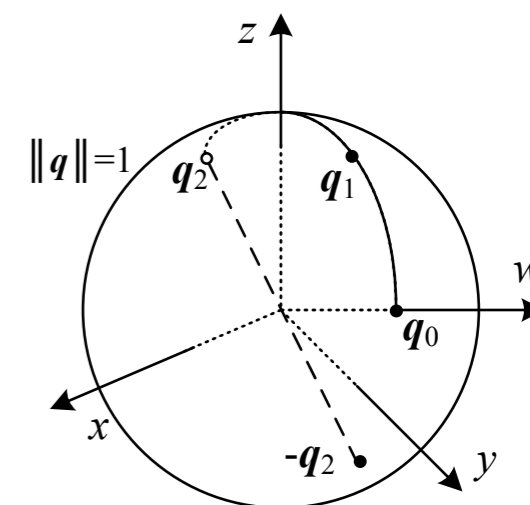
$$\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{v}, w) = \left( \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \hat{\mathbf{n}}, \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

Composition (multiplication):  $\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{q}_0 \mathbf{q}_1 = (\mathbf{v}_0 \times \mathbf{v}_1 + w_0 \mathbf{v}_1 + w_1 \mathbf{v}_0, w_0 w_1 - \mathbf{v}_0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1)$

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{q}_2) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{q}_0) \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{q}_1).$$

Inverse: flip the sign of  $\mathbf{v}$  or  $w$  (but not both).

i.e., if  $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{v}, w)$ , then  $\mathbf{q}^{-1} = (-\mathbf{v}, w) = (\mathbf{v}, -w)$ .



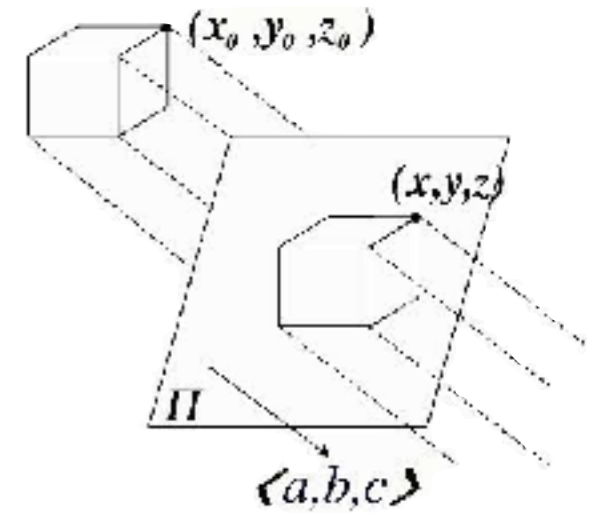
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# Orthographic (Parallel) Projection

- ❖ Reasonable approximation to perspective projection when % depth variation within field of view is small.
- ❖ This is often the case for telephoto lenses (long viewing distances, small field of view)
- ❖ Given camera-aligned world coordinate frame, simply drop the  $z$  component!
- ❖ In inhomogeneous (Euclidean) coordinates:  
$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{I}_{2 \times 2} | \mathbf{0}] \mathbf{p}$$
where  $\mathbf{p}$  is the 3D point and  $\mathbf{x}$  is the projected 2D image point
- ❖ In practice, we also need to scale the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates from metres to pixels:

$$\mathbf{x} = [s\mathbf{I}_{2 \times 2} | \mathbf{0}] \mathbf{p}.$$



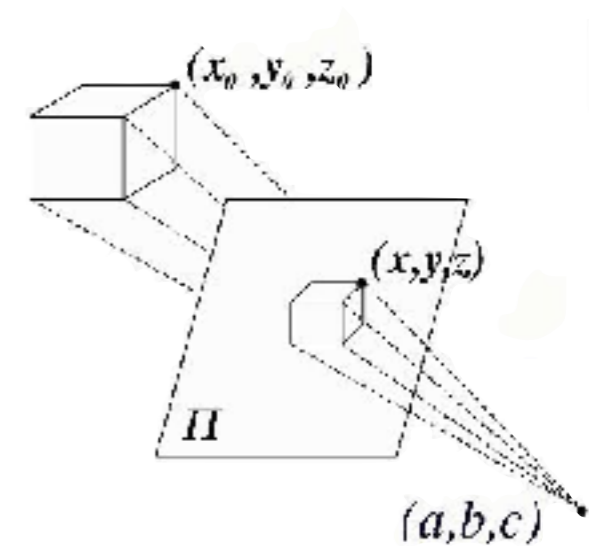
# Perspective Projection

- ❖ Points projected onto image plane by dividing them by their z component.

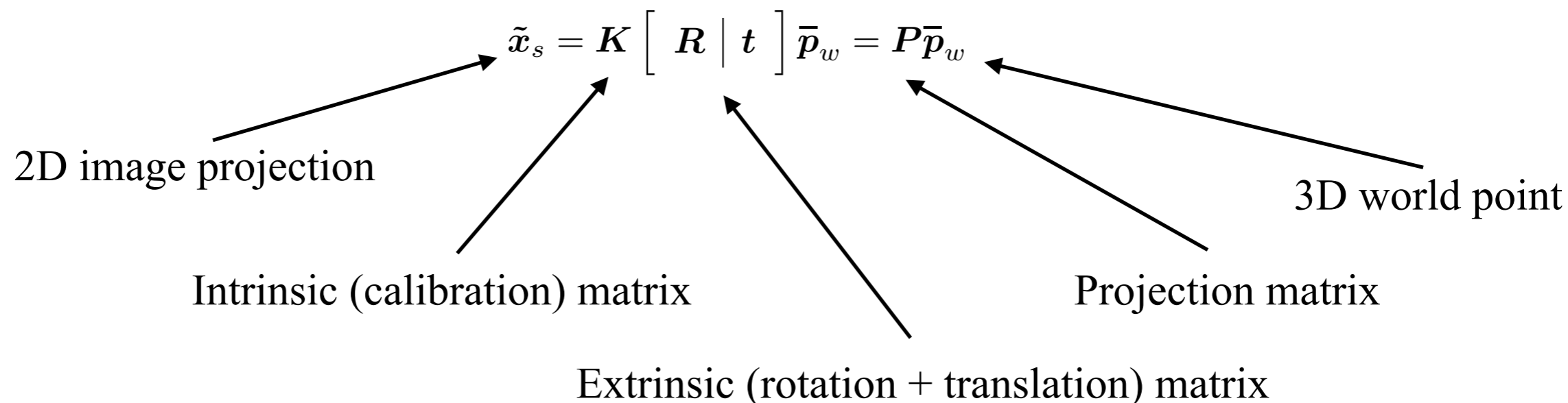
$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathcal{P}_z(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{bmatrix} x/z \\ y/z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ❖ In homogeneous coordinates:

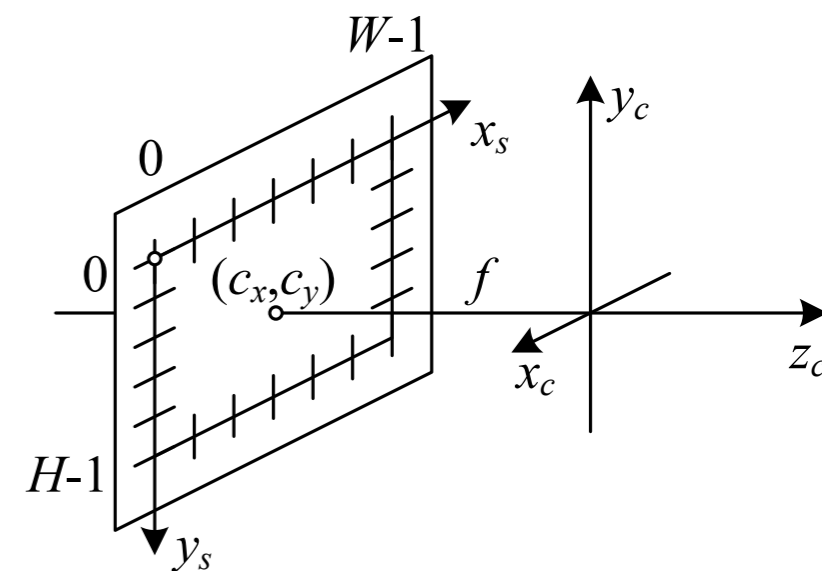
$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}$$



# Camera Intrinsics



$$K = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & s & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$f_x$  and  $f_y$ : encode focal length and pixel spacing, which may be slightly different in  $x$  and  $y$  dimensions.

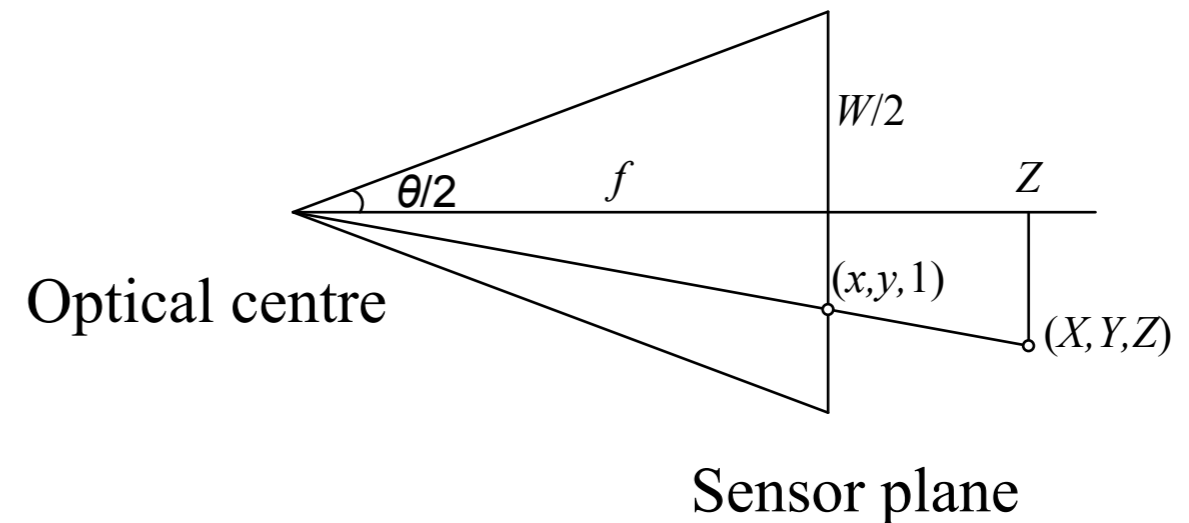
$c_x$  and  $c_y$ : encode principal point (intersection of optic axis with sensor plane) - usually very close to centre of image

$s$ : encodes possible skew between sensor axes (usually close to 0).

# Focal Lengths

- ❖ Focal length can be measured either in pixels or in mm.

$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{W}{2f} \quad \text{or} \quad f = \frac{W}{2} \left[ \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right]^{-1}$$



- ❖ Example: Consider the FLIR BlackFly S BFS-PGE-122S6C-C paired with a 10mm lens:

- ❖ Resolution: 4096 x 3000 pixels
- ❖ Sensor width: 1.1" = 27.94mm





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# Lens Distortions

- ❖ In perspective projection, straight lines project to straight lines.
- ❖ This is not true in real cameras, due to lens distortions.
- ❖ Wide-angle lenses produce noticeable radial distortion
- ❖ Let  $(x_c, y_c)$  be image coordinates after perspective projection but before scaling by focal length and shifting by the optical centre.
- ❖ Then without distortion, we should have

$$x_c = \frac{\mathbf{r}_x \cdot \mathbf{p} + t_x}{\mathbf{r}_z \cdot \mathbf{p} + t_z}$$
$$y_c = \frac{\mathbf{r}_y \cdot \mathbf{p} + t_y}{\mathbf{r}_z \cdot \mathbf{p} + t_z}$$

where  $\mathbf{r}_x$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_y$ , and  $\mathbf{r}_z$  are the three rows of  $\mathbf{R}$ .

# Radial Distortion

$$x_c = \frac{r_x \cdot \mathbf{p} + t_x}{r_z \cdot \mathbf{p} + t_z}$$

$$y_c = \frac{r_y \cdot \mathbf{p} + t_y}{r_z \cdot \mathbf{p} + t_z}$$

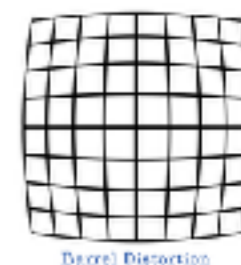
❖ In radial distortion, points are displaced radially by an amount that increases with their distance from the image centre

- Barrel distortion: points are displaced away from the image centre
- Pincushion distortion: points are displaced towards the image centre
- Radial distortion can be modelled by a 4th-order perturbation on these coordinates:

$$\hat{x}_c = x_c(1 + \kappa_1 r_c^2 + \kappa_2 r_c^4)$$

$$\hat{y}_c = y_c(1 + \kappa_1 r_c^2 + \kappa_2 r_c^4),$$

where  $r_c^2 = x_c^2 + y_c^2$



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