

# Single-view Metrology + More with Pinhole Geometry



Computational Photography  
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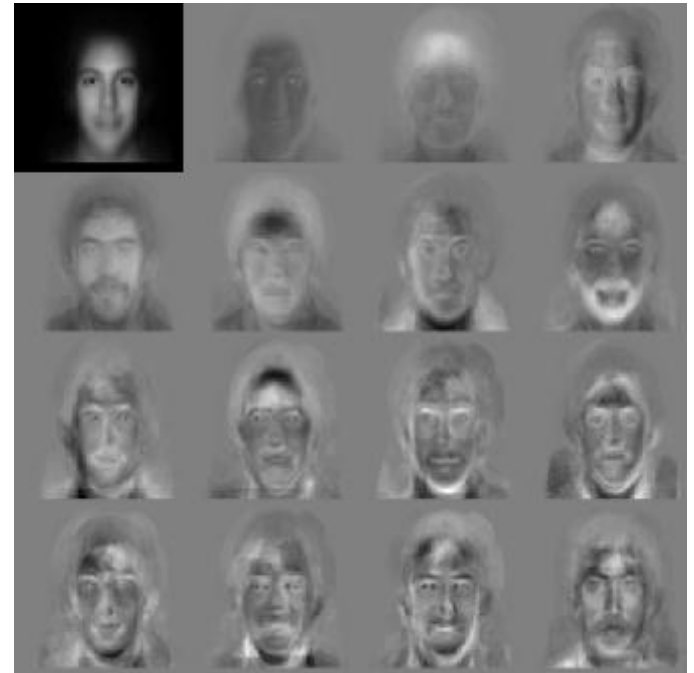
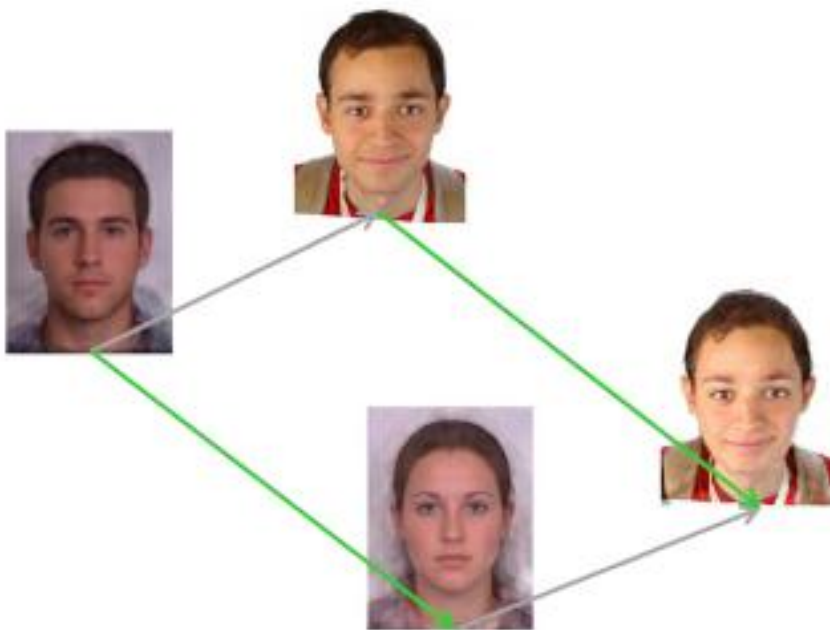
# Last Tuesday

- David Forsyth talked about physically grounded image editing, including inserting 3D objects into photographs



# Last Thursday

- Amin Sadeghi talked transforming faces and PCA



# Project 2

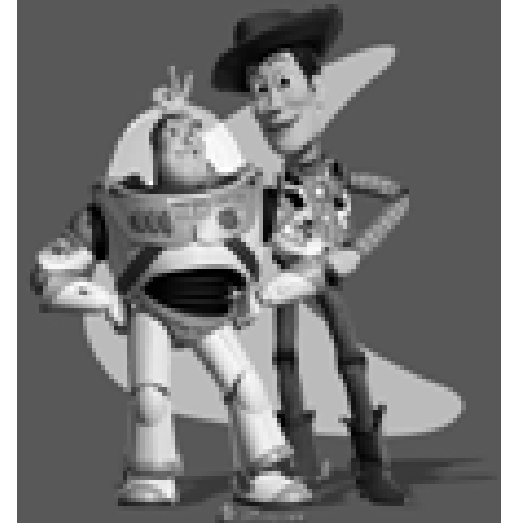
- Class favorites: vote please
  - “Favorites” will be presented next Tues

# Project 3

- Due Monday
  - [http://courses.engr.illinois.edu/cs498dh3/projects/gradient/ComputationalPhotography\\_ProjectGradient.html](http://courses.engr.illinois.edu/cs498dh3/projects/gradient/ComputationalPhotography_ProjectGradient.html)
- Discussed in lecture 9 (9/25)

# Project 3: Toy Problem

1. Preserve x-y gradients
2. Preserve intensity of one pixel

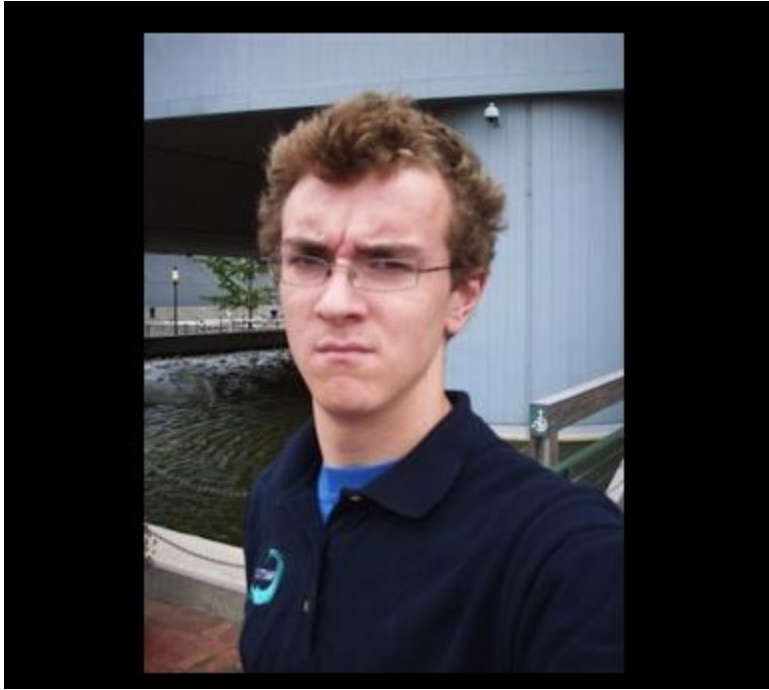


Source pixels:  $s$

Variable pixels:  $v$

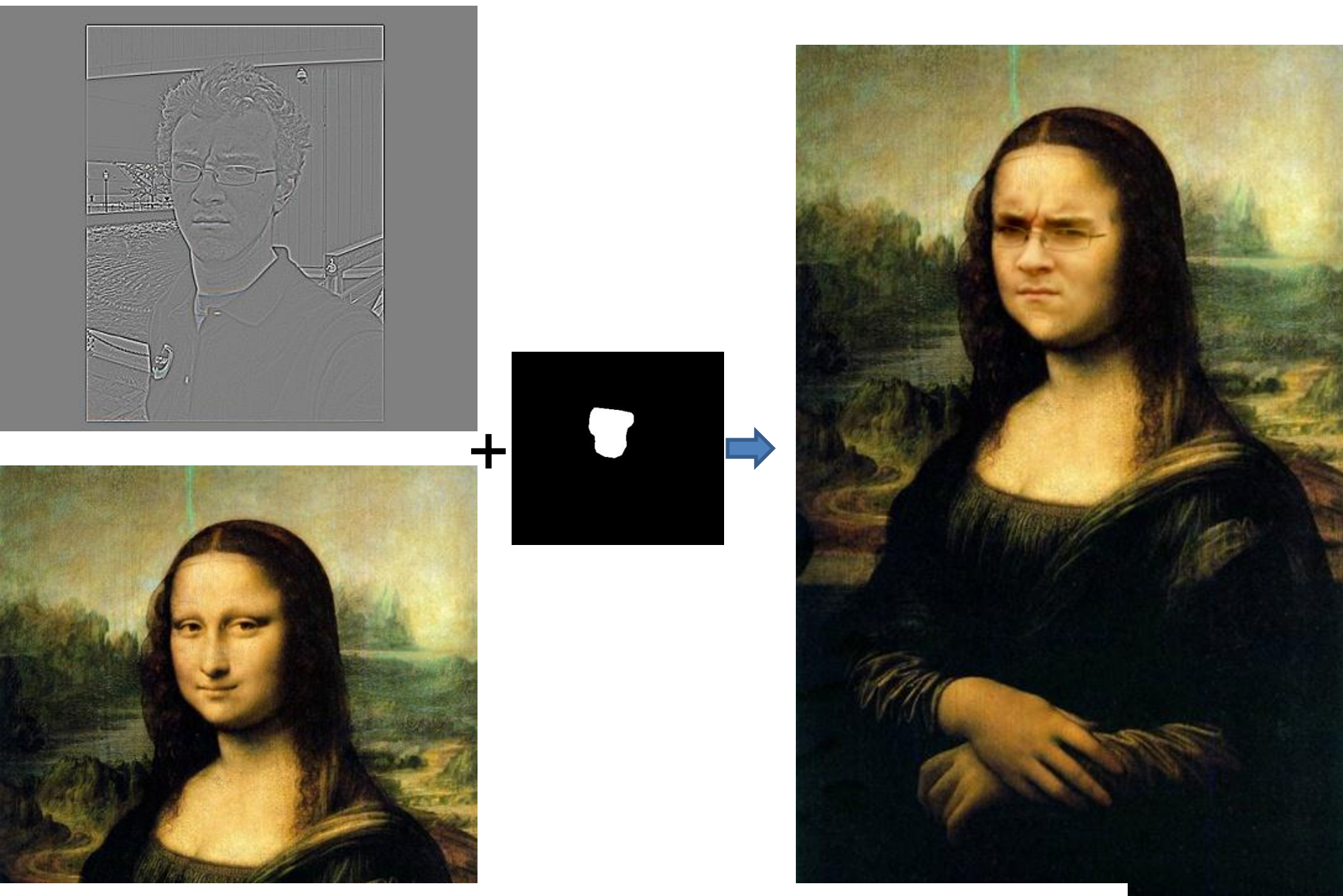
1. minimize  $(v(x+1,y)-v(x,y) - (s(x+1,y)-s(x,y)))^2$
2. minimize  $(v(x,y+1)-v(x,y) - (s(x,y+1)-s(x,y)))^2$
3. minimize  $(v(1,1)-s(1,1))^2$

# Example



Gradient Visualization



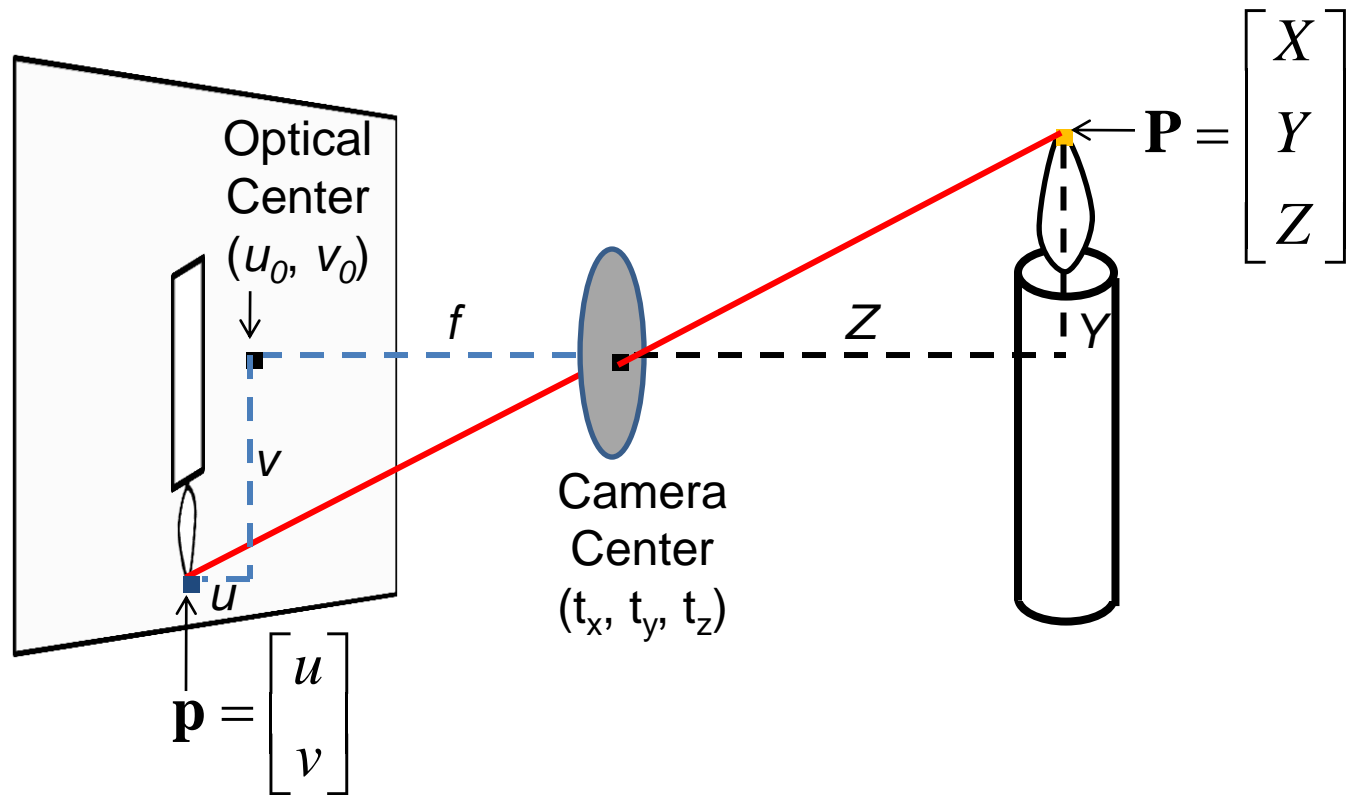


$$\mathbf{v} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{v}} \sum_{i \in S, j \in N_i \cap S} ((v_i - v_j) - (s_i - s_j))^2 + \sum_{i \in S, j \in N_i \cap \neg S} ((v_i - t_j) - (s_i - s_j))^2$$

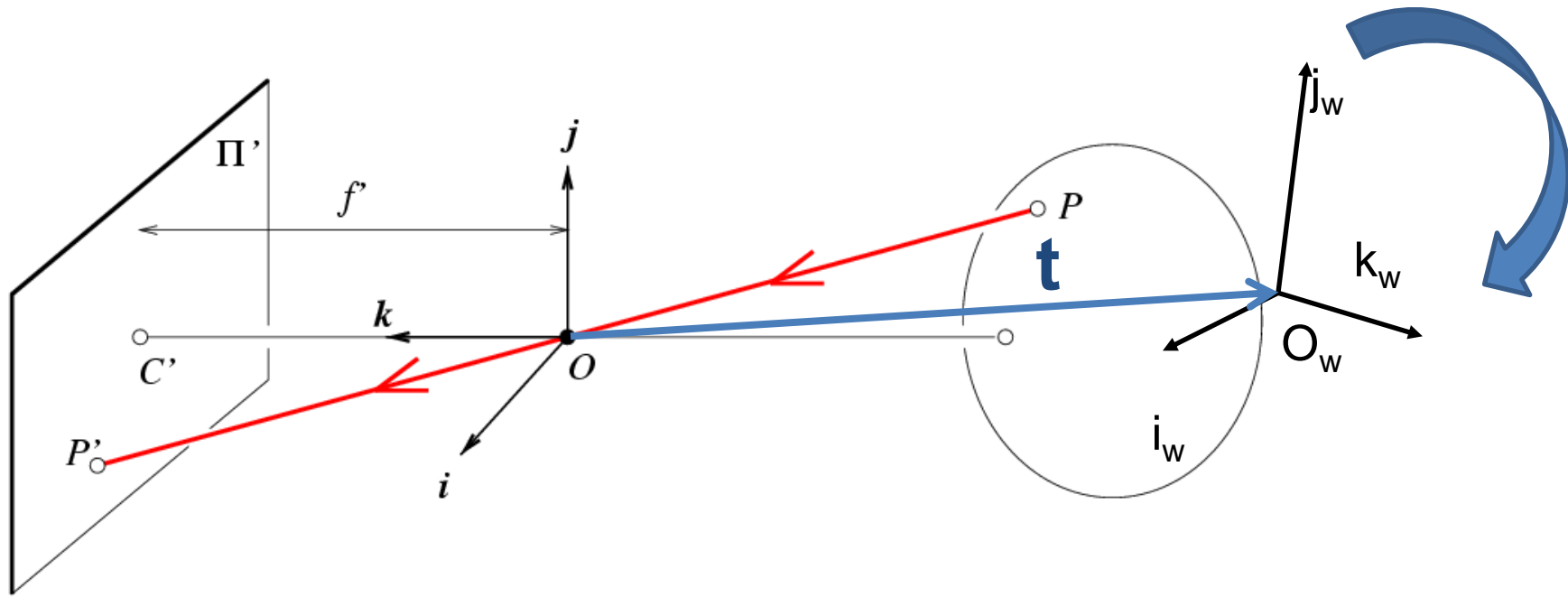
Source: Evan Wallace



# Review: Pinhole Camera

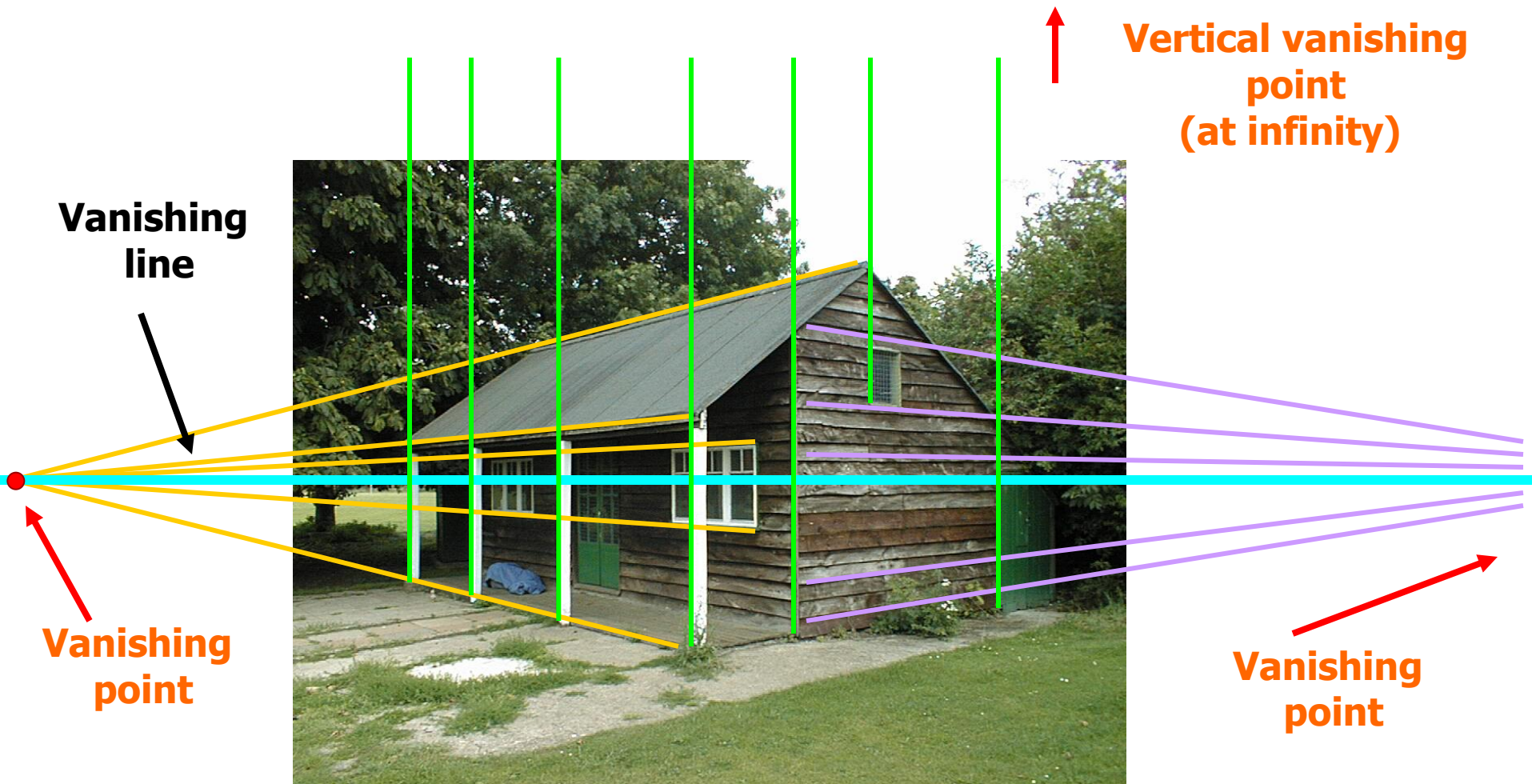


# Review: Projection Matrix



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X} \rightarrow_w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & s & u_0 \\ 0 & \alpha f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Review: Vanishing Points



# This class

- How can we calibrate the camera?
- How can we measure the size of objects in the world from an image?
- What about other camera properties: focal length, field of view, depth of field, aperture, f-number?
- How to do “focus stacking” to get a sharp picture of a nearby object
- How the “vertigo effect” works

# How to calibrate the camera?

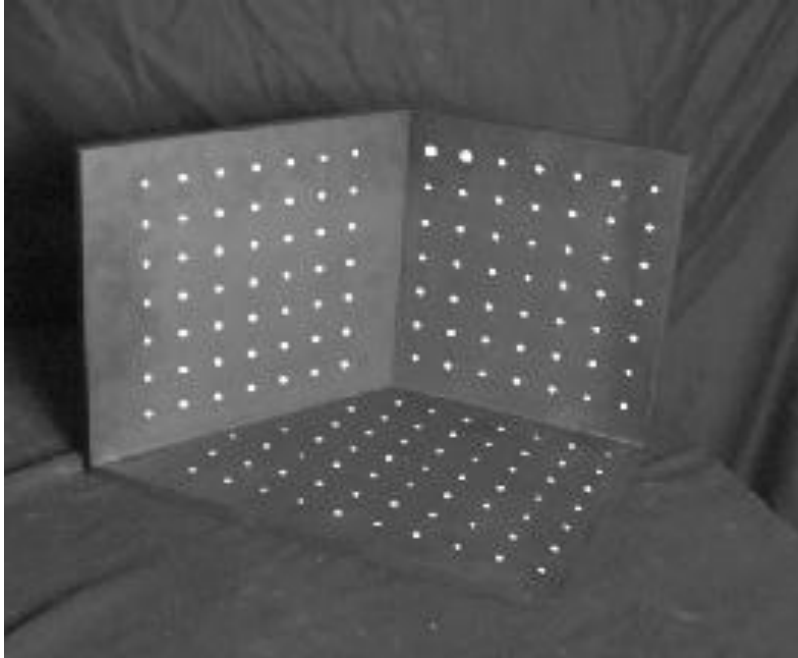
$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} wu \\ wv \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Calibrating the Camera

Method 1: Use an object (calibration grid) with known geometry

- Correspond image points to 3d points
- Get least squares solution (or non-linear solution)



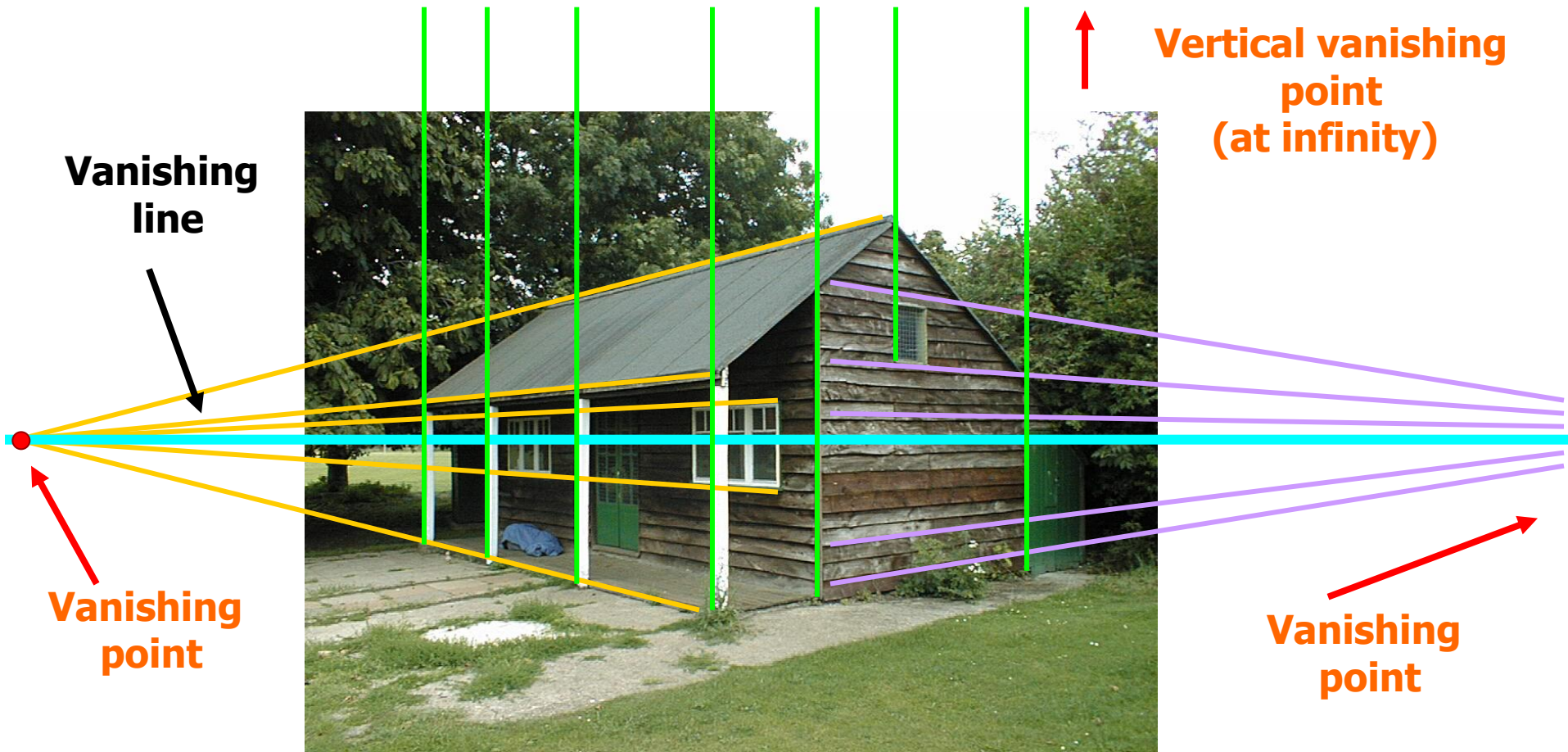
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# Calibrating the Camera

## Method 2: Use vanishing points

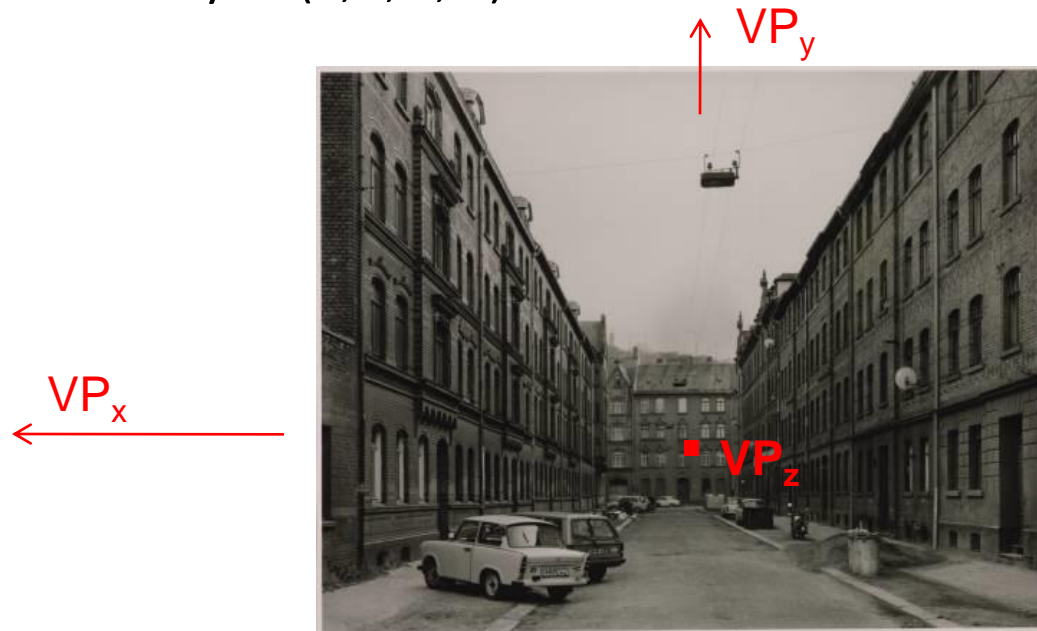
- Find vanishing points corresponding to orthogonal directions



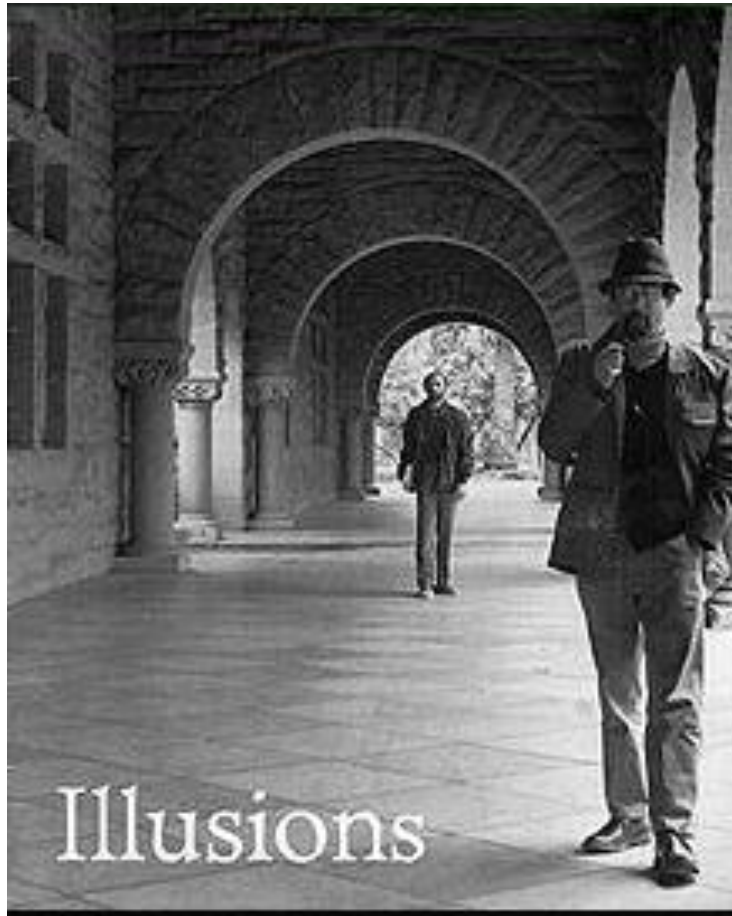
# Take-home question

Suppose you have estimated three vanishing points corresponding to orthogonal directions. How can you recover the rotation matrix that is aligned with the 3D axes defined by these points?

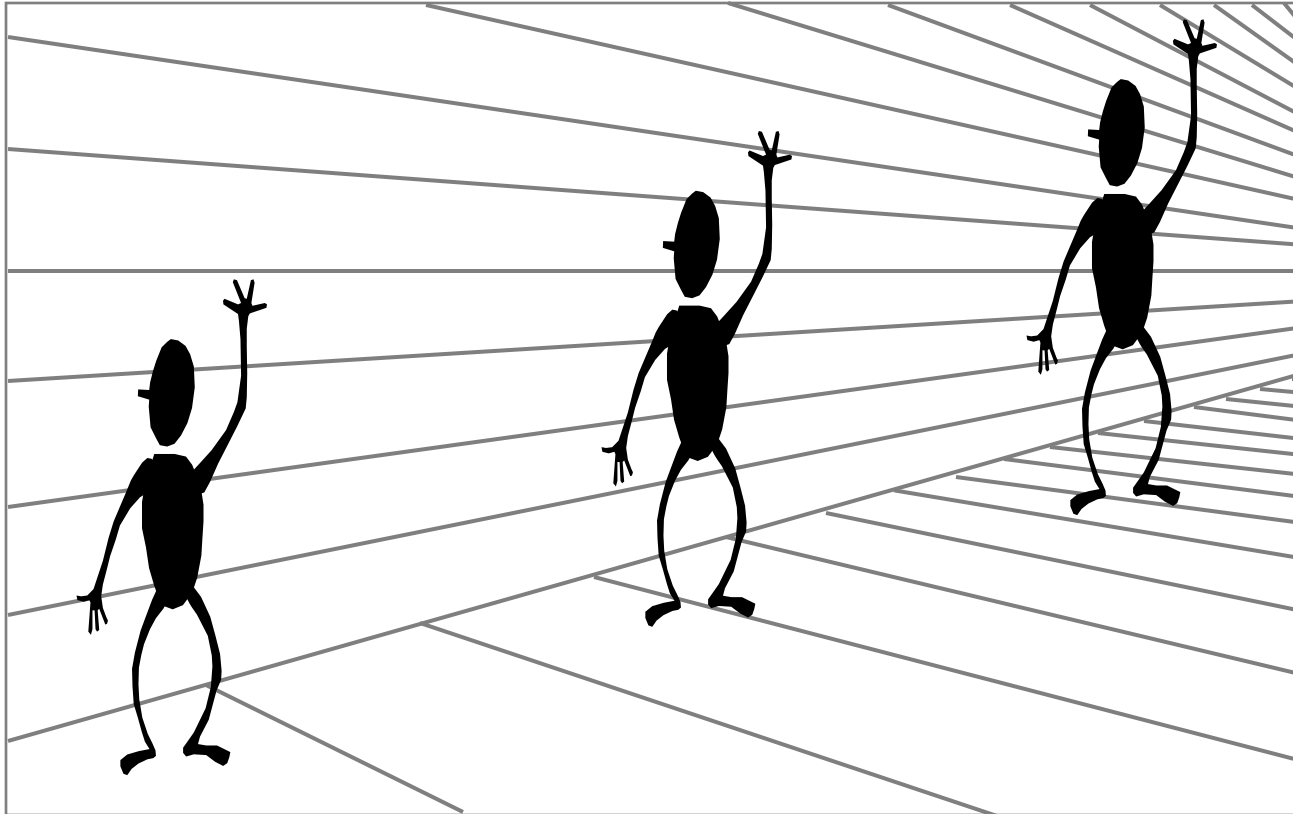
- Assume that intrinsic matrix  $K$  has three parameters
- Remember, in homogeneous coordinates, we can write a 3d point at infinity as  $(X, Y, Z, 0)$



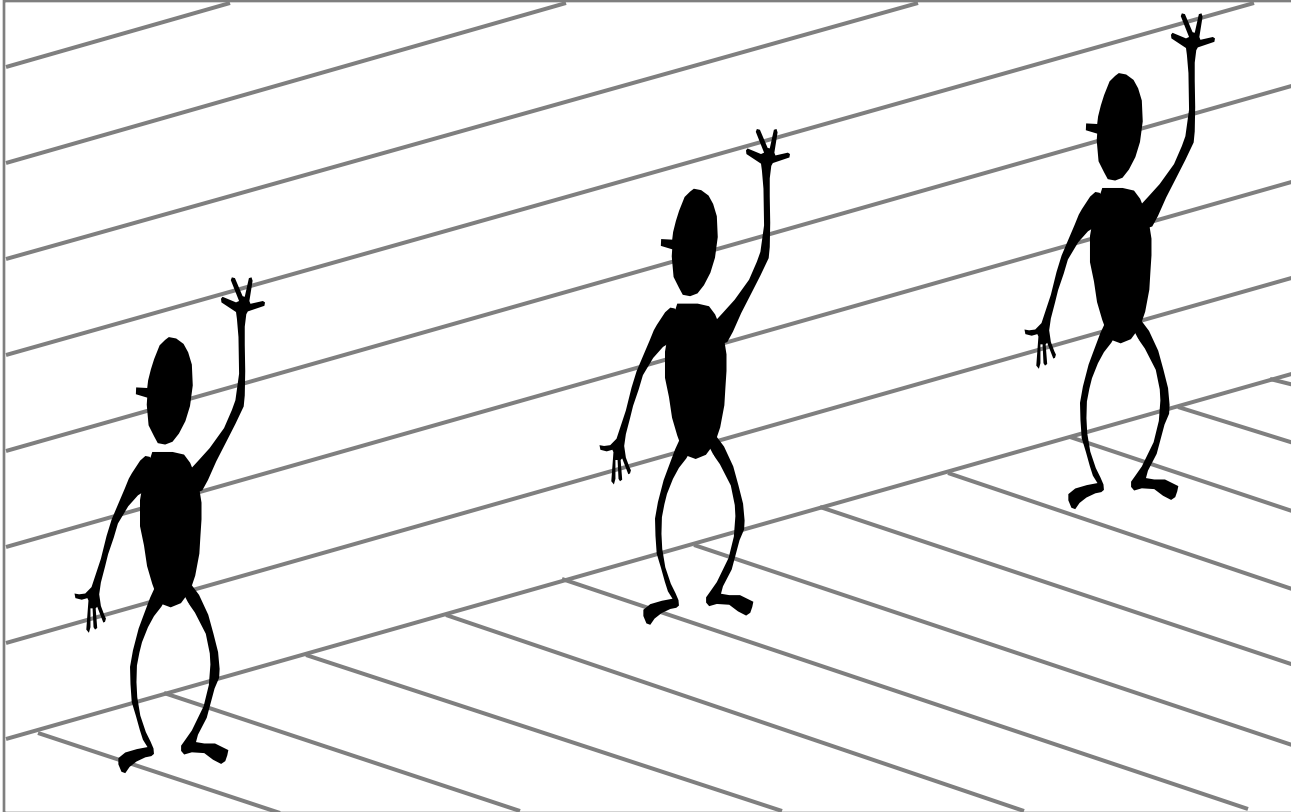
# How can we measure the size of 3D objects from an image?



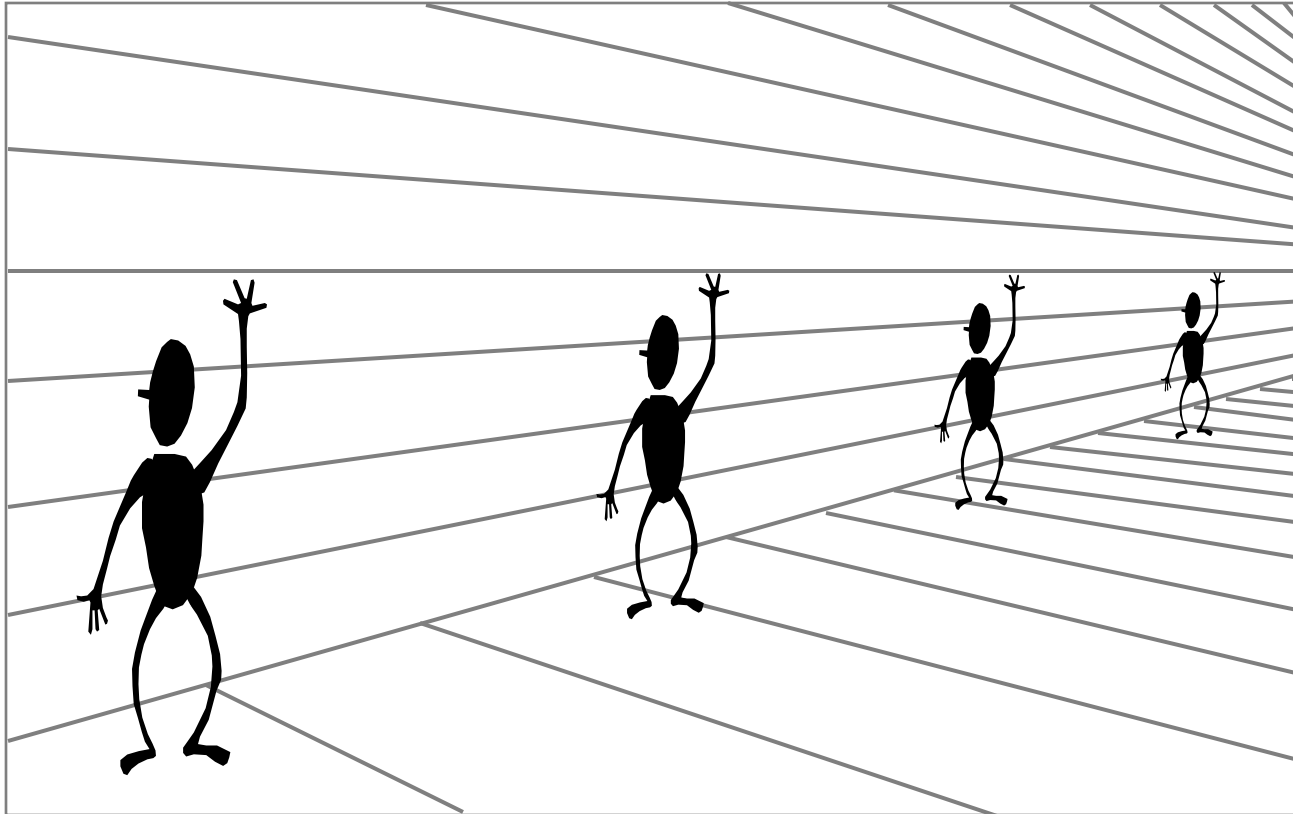
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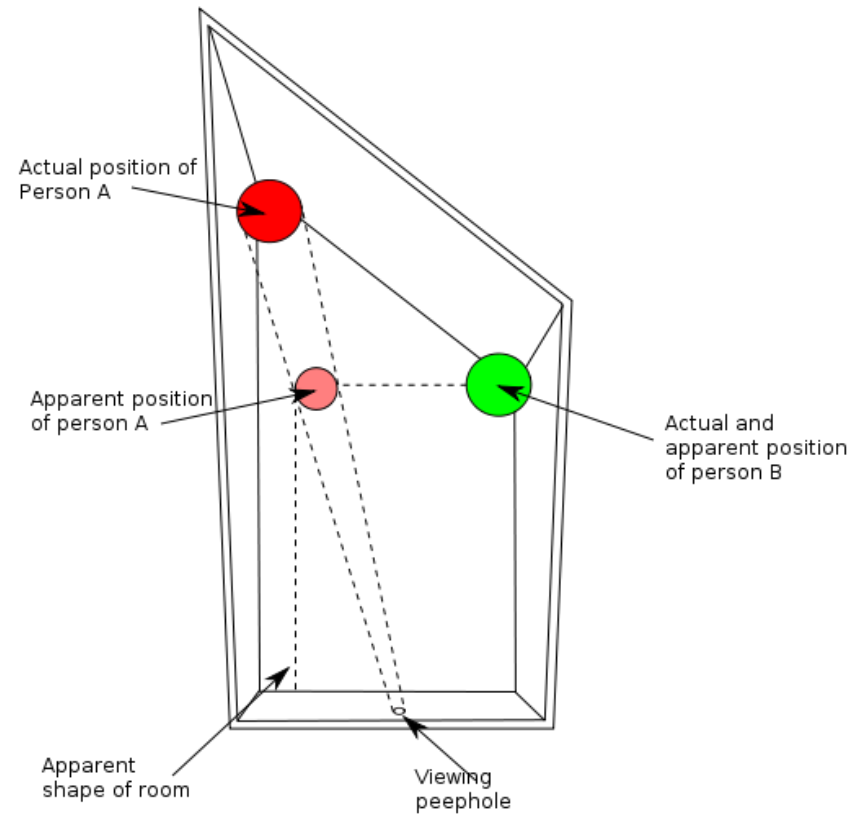


# Perspective cues



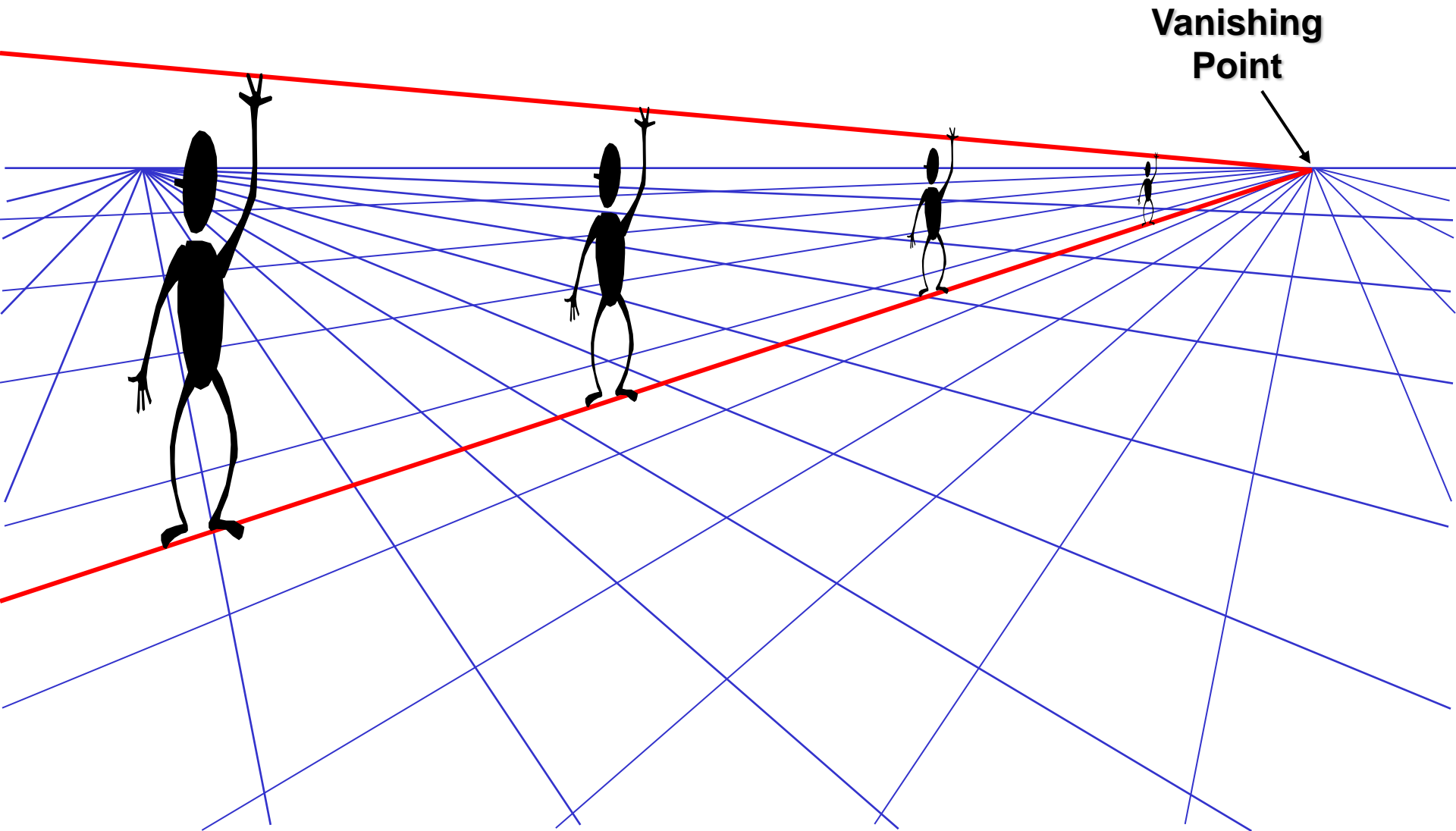


# Ames Room

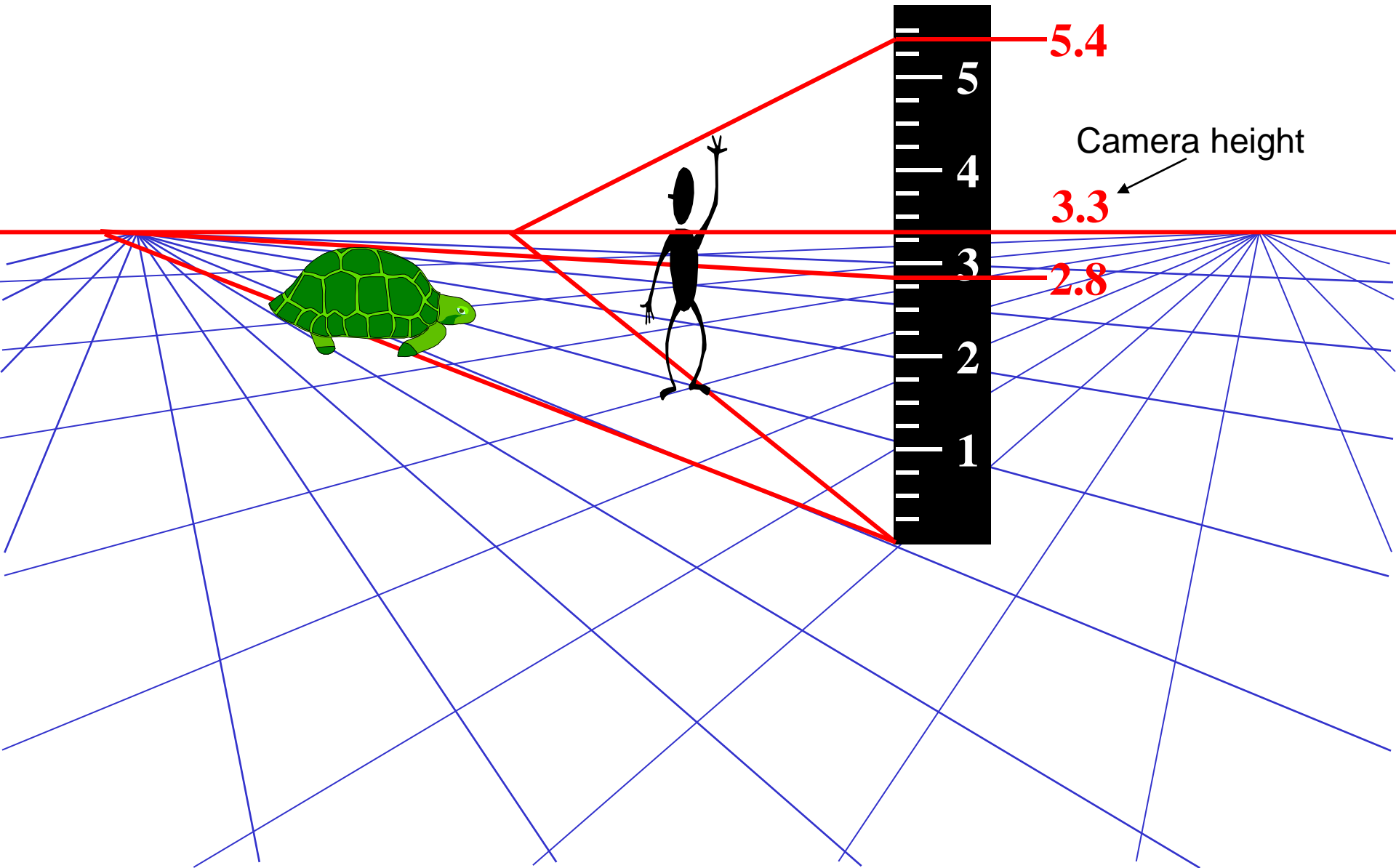


# Comparing heights

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# Measuring height

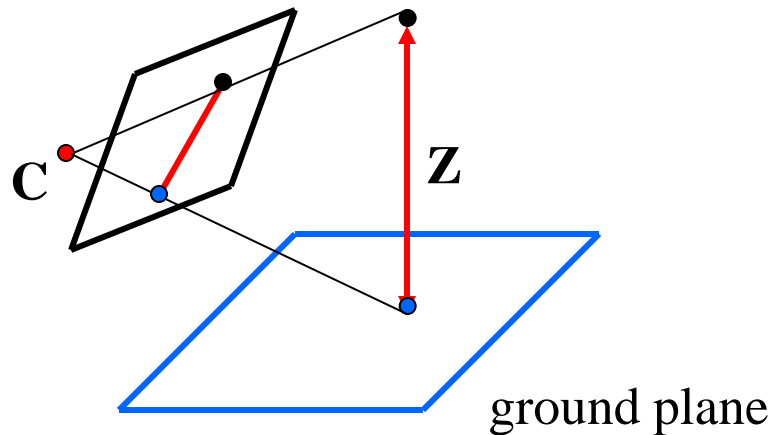


Which is higher – the camera or the parachute?



# Measuring height without a giant ruler

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Compute  $Z$  from image measurements

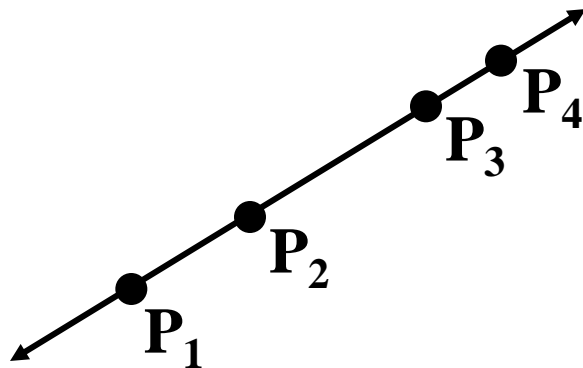
- Need a reference object

# The cross ratio

## A Projective Invariant

- Something that does not change under projective transformations (including perspective projection)

## The cross-ratio of 4 collinear points



$$\frac{\|\mathbf{P}_3 - \mathbf{P}_1\| \|\mathbf{P}_4 - \mathbf{P}_2\|}{\|\mathbf{P}_3 - \mathbf{P}_2\| \|\mathbf{P}_4 - \mathbf{P}_1\|}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_i = \begin{bmatrix} X_i \\ Y_i \\ Z_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can permute the point ordering

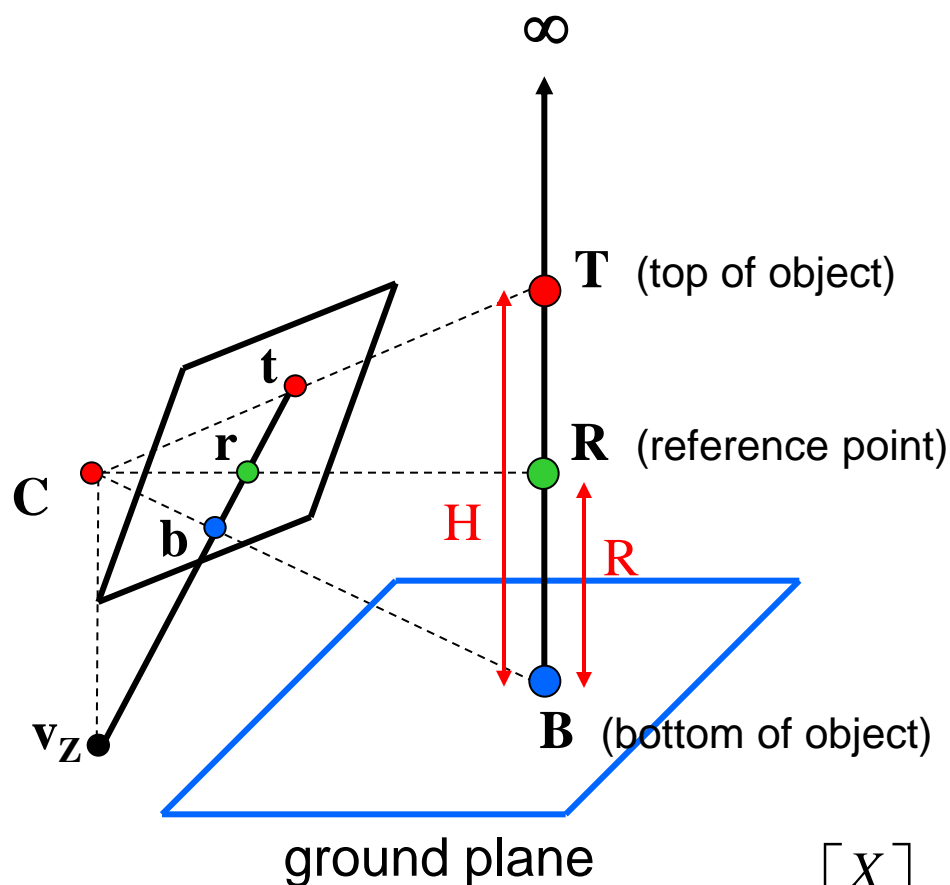
$$\frac{\|\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_3\| \|\mathbf{P}_4 - \mathbf{P}_2\|}{\|\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_2\| \|\mathbf{P}_4 - \mathbf{P}_3\|}$$

- $4! = 24$  different orders (but only 6 distinct values)

This is the fundamental invariant of projective geometry



# Measuring height



scene points represented as  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{T}\| \|\infty - \mathbf{R}\|}{\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{R}\| \|\infty - \mathbf{T}\|} = \frac{H}{R}$$

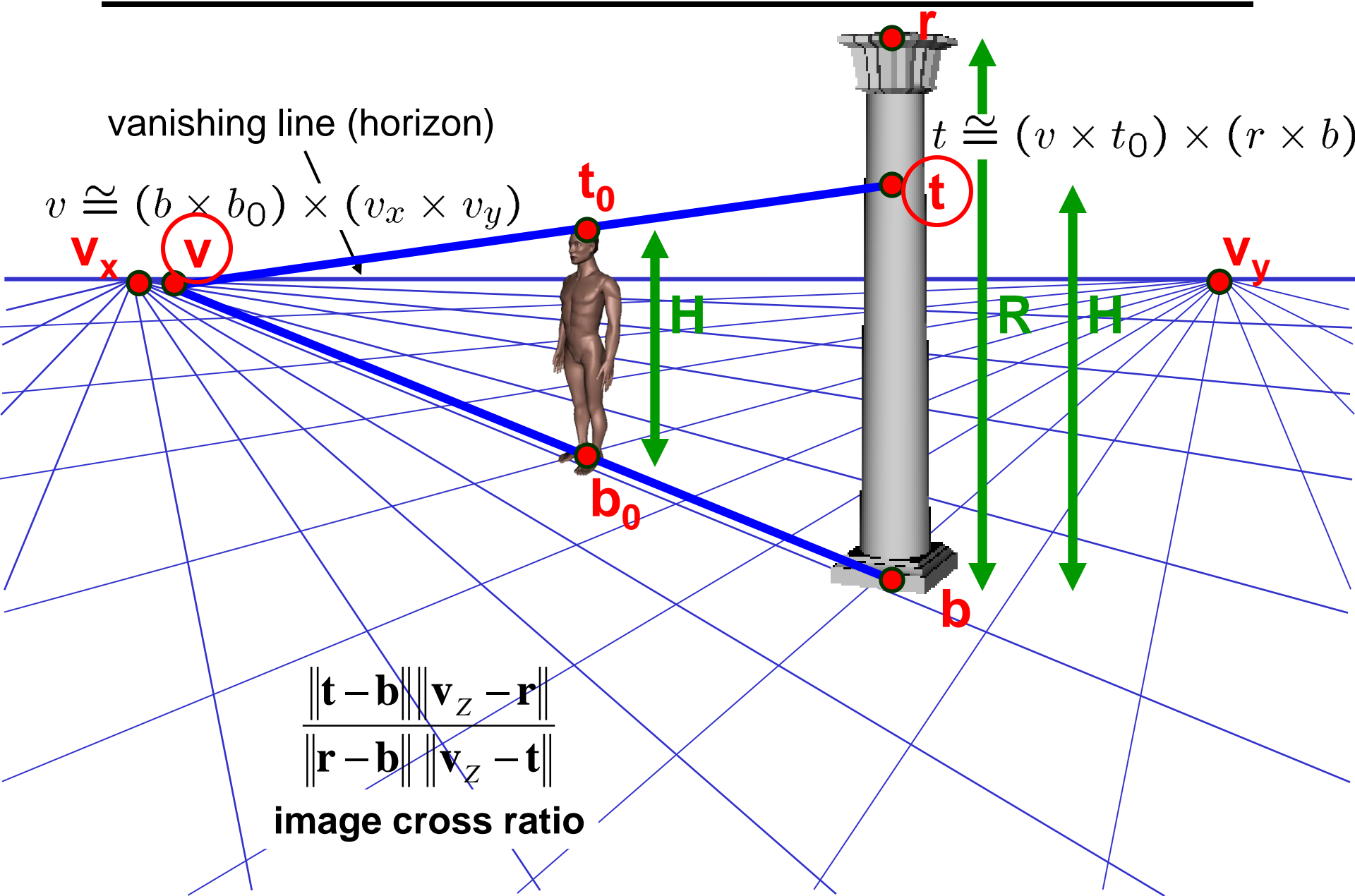
**scene cross ratio**

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{t}\| \|\mathbf{v}_Z - \mathbf{r}\|}{\|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{r}\| \|\mathbf{v}_Z - \mathbf{t}\|} = \frac{H}{R}$$

**image cross ratio**

image points as  $\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Measuring height





- Here the guy is standing on the box, height of box is known
- Use one side of the box to help find  $\mathbf{b}_0$  as shown above

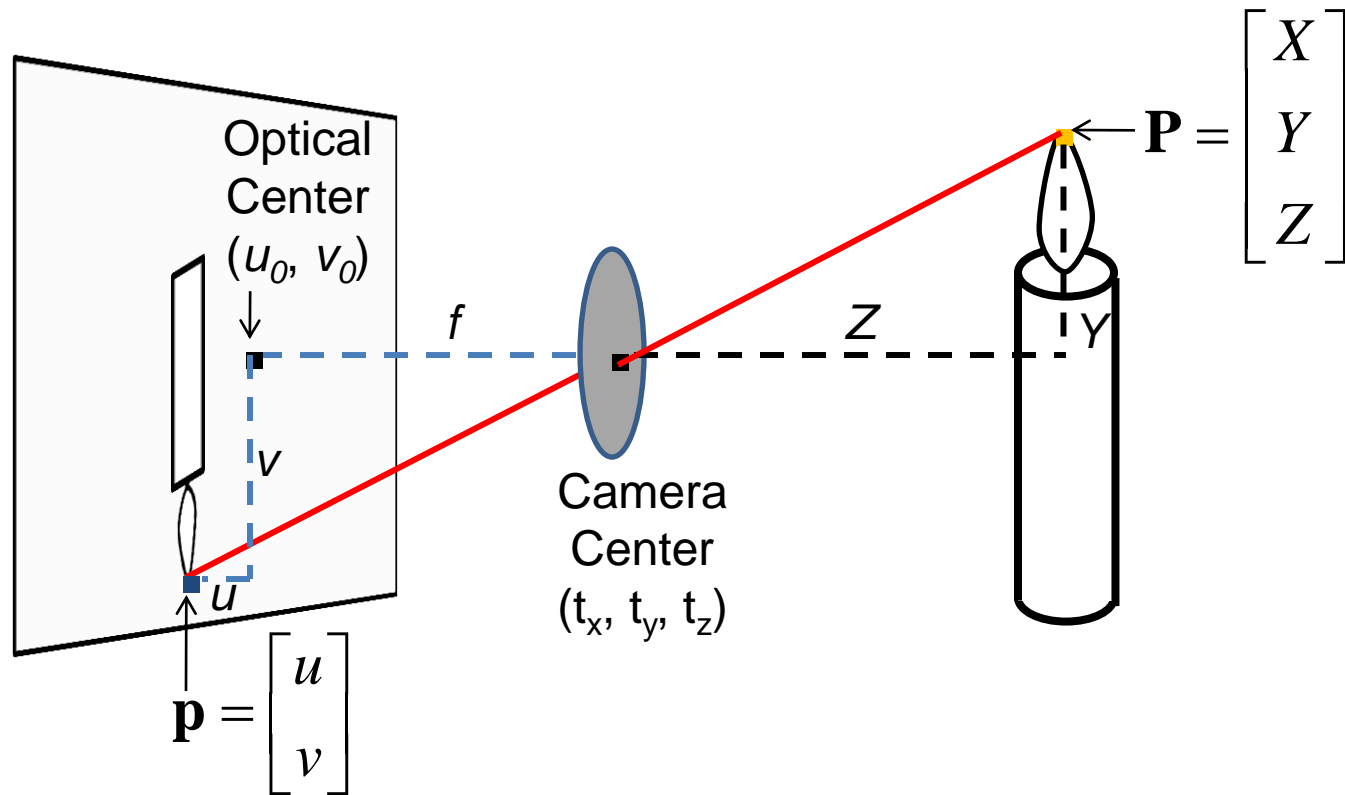
# Take-home question

Assume that the camera height is 5 ft.

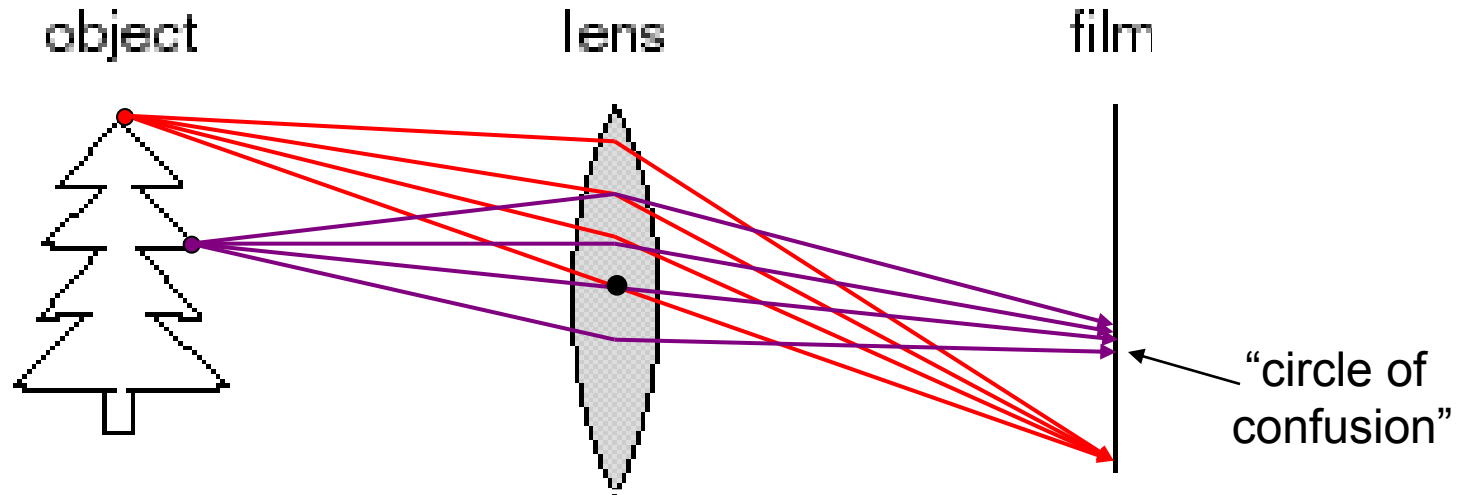
- What is the height of the man?
- What is the height of the building?



# Beyond the pinhole: What about focus, aperture, DOF, FOV, etc?



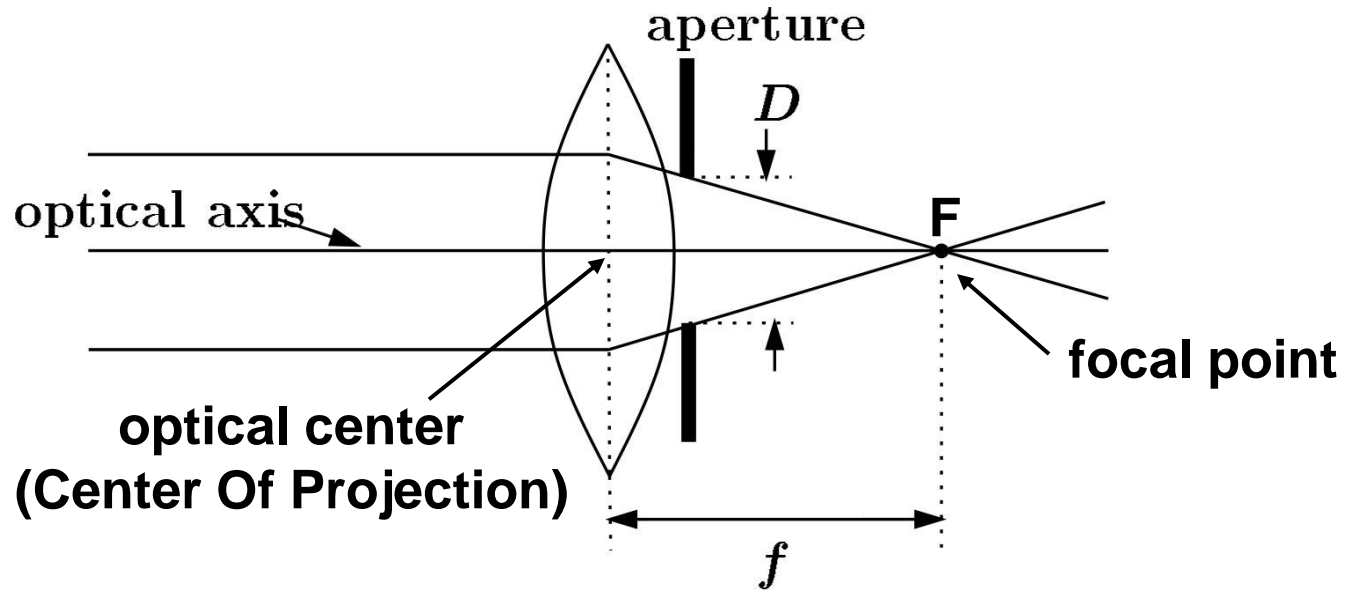
# Adding a lens



- A lens focuses light onto the film
  - There is a specific distance at which objects are “in focus”
    - other points project to a “circle of confusion” in the image
  - Changing the shape of the lens changes this distance

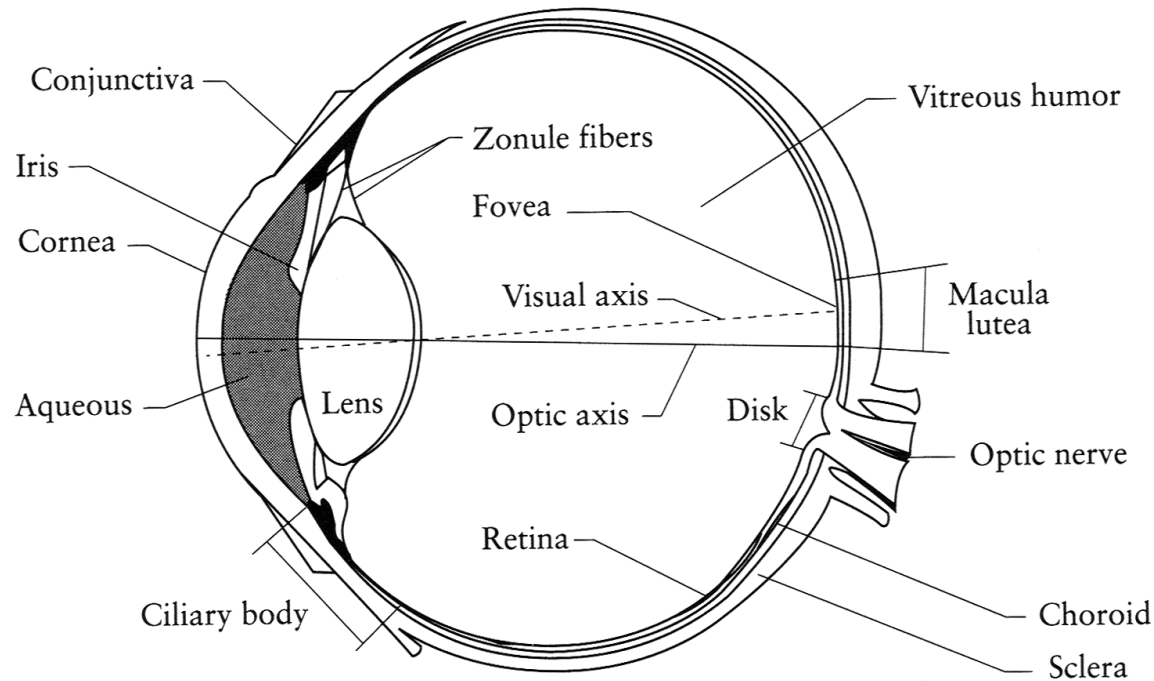


# Focal length, aperture, depth of field



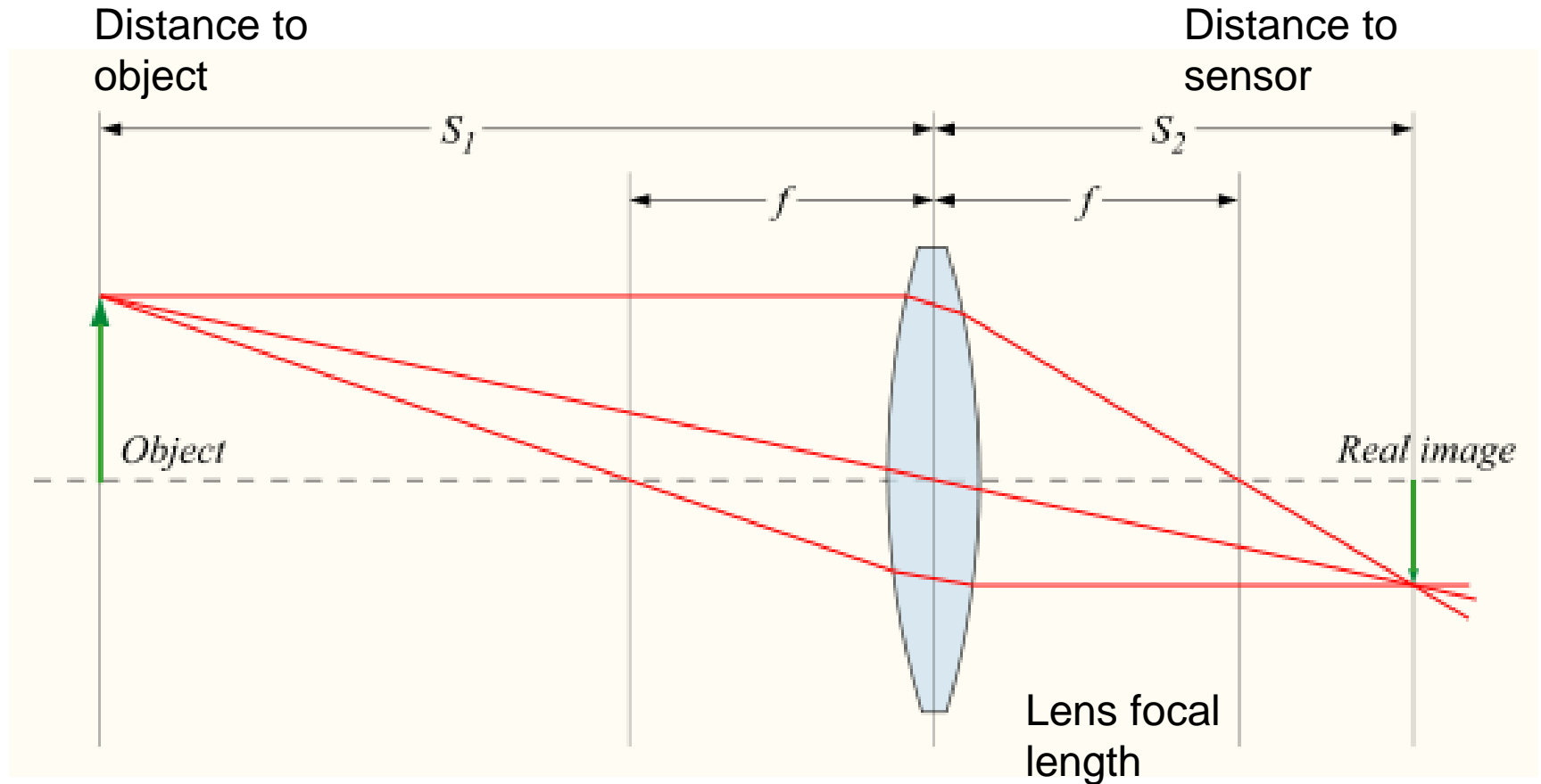
- A lens focuses parallel rays onto a single focal point
- focal point at a distance  $f$  beyond the plane of the lens
  - Aperture of diameter  $D$  restricts the range of rays

# The eye



- The human eye is a camera
  - **Iris** - colored annulus with radial muscles
  - **Pupil** - the hole (aperture) whose size is controlled by the iris

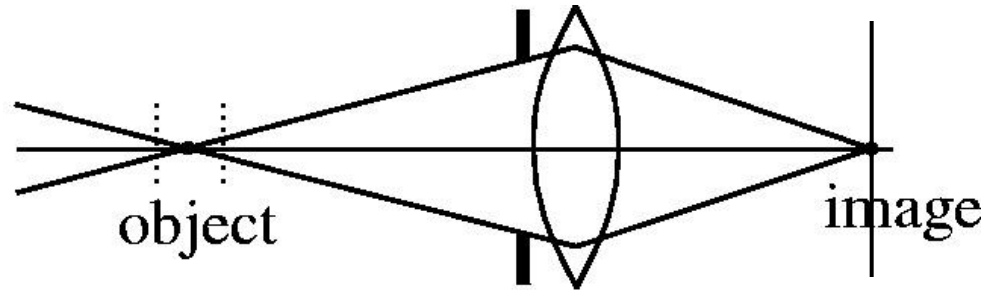
# Focus with lenses



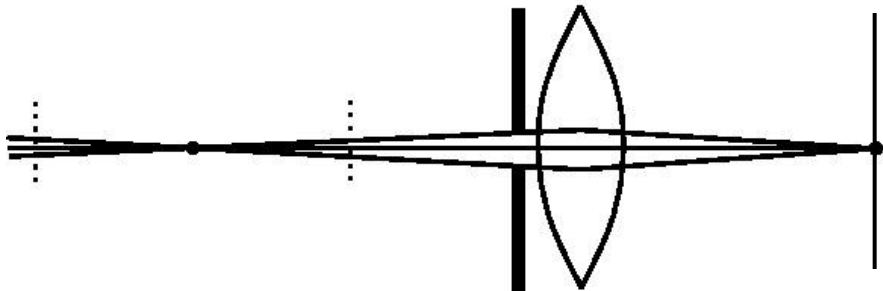
Equation for  
objects in  
focus

$$\frac{1}{S_1} + \frac{1}{S_2} = \frac{1}{f}$$

# The aperture and depth of field



$f/5.6$



$f/32$

Changing the aperture size or focusing distance affects depth of field

f-number ( $f/\#$ ) = focal\_length / aperture\_diameter (e.g.,  $f/16$  means that the focal length is 16 times the diameter)

When you change the f-number, you are changing the aperture

# Varying the aperture

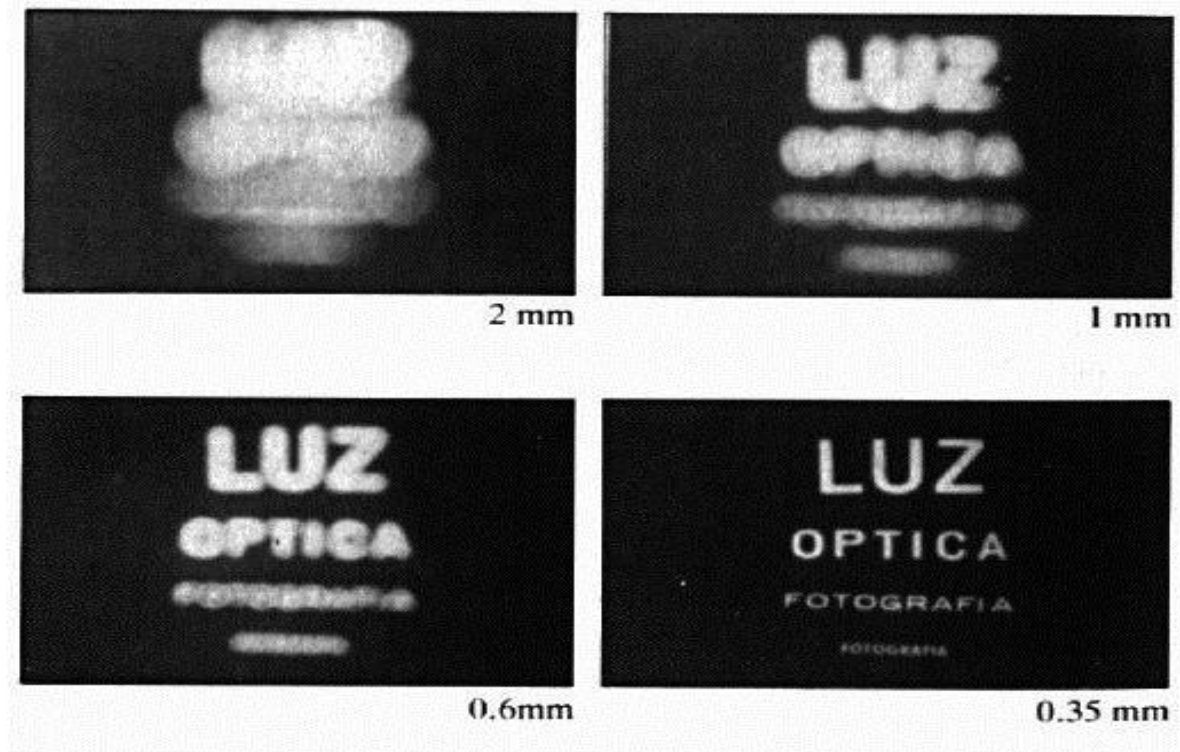


Large aperture = small DOF



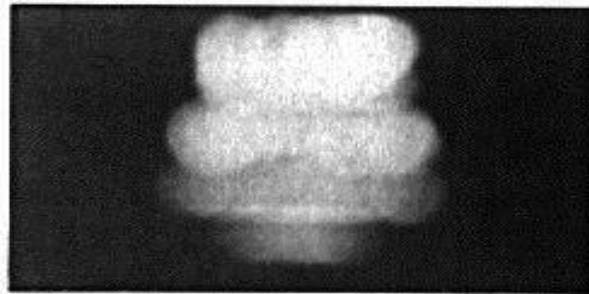
Small aperture = large DOF

# Shrinking the aperture



- Why not make the aperture as small as possible?
  - Less light gets through
  - Diffraction effects

# Shrinking the aperture



2 mm



1 mm



0.6mm



0.35 mm



0.15 mm



0.07 mm

# The Photographer's Great Compromise

## What we want

## How we get it

## Cost

More spatial resolution

Increase focal length

Light, FOV

Decrease focal length

DOF

Broader field of view

Decrease aperture

Light

More depth of field

Increase aperture

DOF

More temporal resolution

Shorten exposure

Light

Lengthen exposure

Temporal Res

More light



# Difficulty in macro (close-up) photography

- For close objects, we have a small relative DOF
- Can only shrink aperture so far

How to get both bugs in focus?



# Solution: Focus stacking

1. Take pictures with varying focal length



Example from

[http://www.wonderfulphotos.com/articles/macro/focus\\_stacking/](http://www.wonderfulphotos.com/articles/macro/focus_stacking/)

# Solution: Focus stacking

1. Take pictures with varying focal length
2. Combine



# Focus stacking



# Focus stacking

How to combine?

Web answer: With software (Photoshop, CombineZM)

How to do it automatically?

# Focus stacking

## How to combine?

1. Align images (e.g., using corresponding points)
2. Two ideas
  - a) Mask regions by hand and combine with pyramid blend
  - b) Gradient domain fusion (mixed gradient) without masking

Automatic solution would make a very interesting final project

Recommended Reading:

<http://www.digital-photography-school.com/an-introduction-to-focus-stacking>

<http://www.zen20934.zen.co.uk/photography/Workflow.htm#Focus%20Stacking>

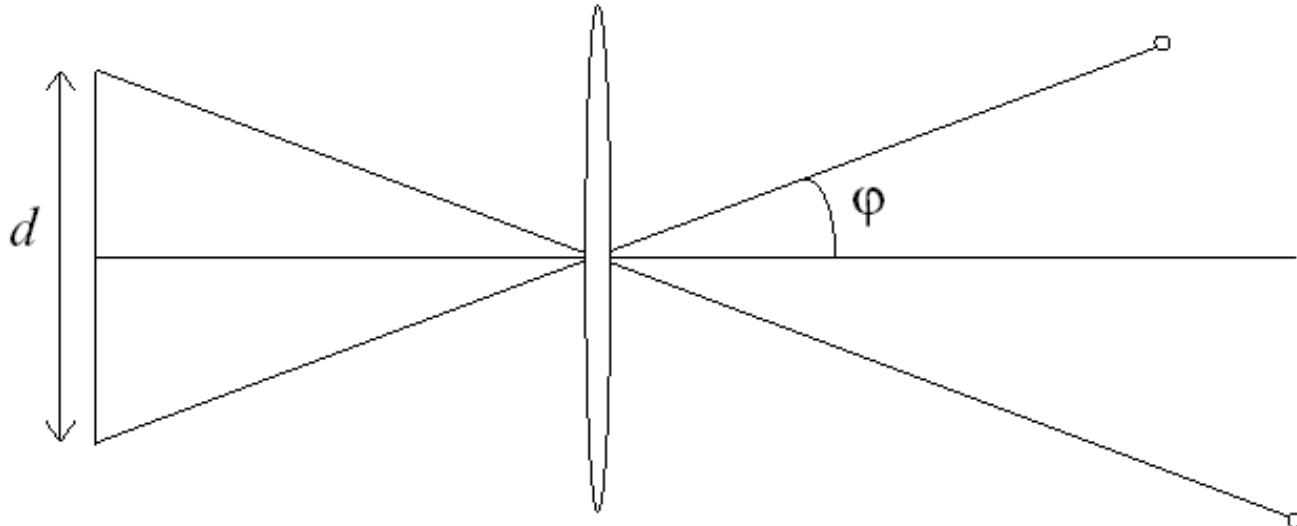
# Relation between field of view and focal length

Field of view (angle width)

Film/Sensor Width

$$fov = 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{d}{2f}$$

Focal length



# Dolly Zoom or “Vertigo Effect”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NB4bikrNzMk>



How is this done?

Zoom in while  
moving away

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Focal\\_length](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Focal_length)



# Dolly zoom (or “Vertigo effect”)

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Focal length

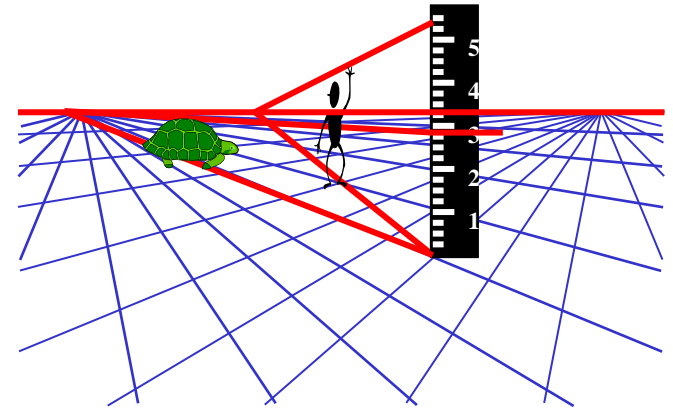
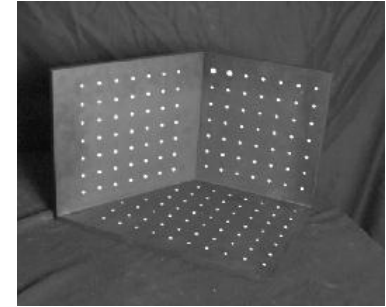
$$2 \tan \frac{fov}{2} = \frac{width}{distance}$$

width of object

Distance between object and camera

# Things to remember

- Can calibrate using grid or VP
- Can measure relative sizes using VP
- Effects of focal length, aperture + tricks



# Next class

- Go over take-home questions from today
- Single-view 3D Reconstruction