Lecture: Geometric Transforms

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## Fundamentals you should know

- Pinhole camera
- Homogenous coordinates
- Orthographic/ Perspective projection
- Extrinsic \& Intrinsic Parameters
- Coordinate frames, canonical frames
- SO(3) representations

What do these things mean + how do they play with each other

- Stereo
- Shape from Shading
- Photometric Stereo
- Epipolar Geometry
- Multi-view Stereo

ALL assumes rigid geometry, meaning structure is constant in all images

- Structure-from-motion
- Visual-SLAM
- Bundle-adjustment

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## Recap Image Formation Geometry

## Fundamentals

## Image formation



## Let's design a camera

- Idea 1: put a piece of film in front of an object
- Do we get a reasonable image?
- No. This is a bad camera.

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## Pinhole camera



Add a barrier to block off most of the rays

- This reduces blurring
- The opening known as the aperture
- How does this transform the image?


## Pinhole camera


$\mathrm{f}=$ focal length
$\mathrm{c}=$ center of the camera

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## Camera Obscura ("dark chamber")



Gemma Frisius, 1558

- Basic principle known in classical period of China and Greece: Mozi (470-390 BC), Aristotle (384-322 BC)
- Drawing aid for artists: described by Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)


## Pinhole Photography

https://www.pinholephotography.org<br>You thought a 1 minute exposure was<br>long, check out this: 6 month exposure!<br>Justin Quinnell, The Clifton Suspension Bridge. December 17th 2007 - June 21st 2008<br>6-month exposure



Also, see OpenShutter project by artist Michael Wesely: https://casanovaarte.com/en/artista/michael-wesely/

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## 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


## 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
- What's the "film"?
- photoreceptor cells (rods and cones) in the retina


## Can Lengths be trusted ?



Figure by David Forsyth

## Lengths can't be trusted...


E.g. compare the length of the bottom border of the wall and the front line of the rug in a room:

Our brains would perceive this as: rug has a shorter length than the wall

## We adopt: Müller-Lyer Illusion




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## Focal length



Nodal point is the optical center

## Focal length

- Can think of as "zoom"


200mm


50mm

- Also related to field of view

800 mm




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## Orthographic projection



## Perspective projection



## Scaled orthographic projection

Also called "weak perspective". If a model uses orthographic projection, it's most likely weak perspective.


- Simply projection is a scaled value: $(X, Y, Z) \rightarrow(d x, d y)$
- This scale factor, d, approximates, f/z
- But it's like same z everywhere (bc one scale for everything)


## Camera parameters

- How can we model the geometry of a camera?


Three important coordinate systems:

1. World coordinates
2. Camera coordinates
3. Image coordinates


How do we project a given world point ( $x, y, z$ ) to an image point?

## World to Camera Frame



## Why do we need Projective Geometry?

Camera to Image Projection

- Parallel lines converge at a vanishing point
- Euclidean Geometry does not model this behavior
- Projective Geometry does!



# Geometric Image Formation (coordinate frames) 



