CS4670/5670: Computer Vision

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Single-view modeling, Part 1

Projective geometry

Ames Room

- Readings
  - Mundy, J.L. and Zisserman, A., Geometric Invariance in Computer Vision, Appendix: Projective Geometry for Machine Vision, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, 1992, **(read 23.1 - 23.5, 23.10)**
    - available online: http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~ph/869/papers/zisser-mundy.pdf

Projective geometry—what's it good for?

- Uses of projective geometry
  - Drawing
  - Measurements
  - Mathematics for projection
  - Undistorting images
  - Camera pose estimation
  - **Object recognition**

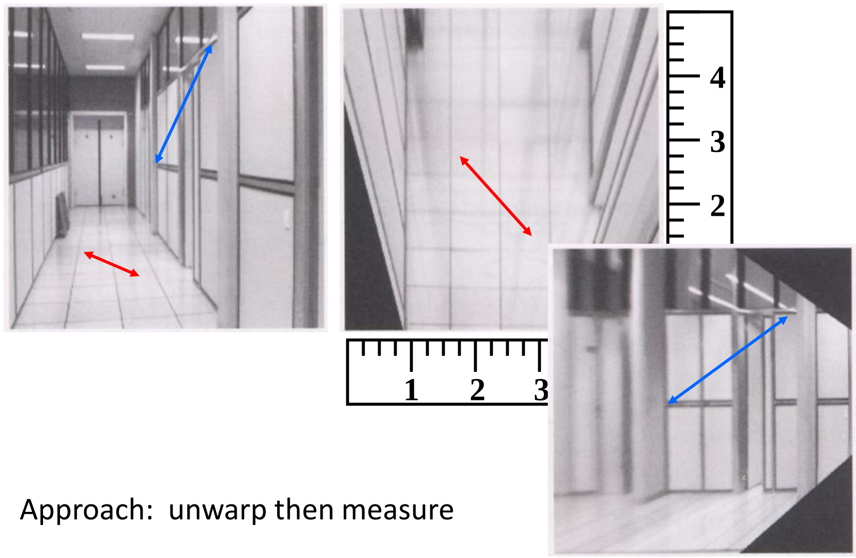
Paolo Uccello

Applications of projective geometry

Vermeer's *Music Lesson*

Reconstructions by Criminisi et al.

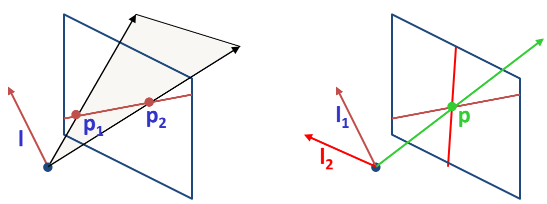
Measurements on planes



Approach: unwarp then measure

Point and line duality

- A line **l** is a homogeneous 3-vector
- It is $\perp$ to every point (ray) **p** on the line: **l**·**p**=0



What is the line **l** spanned by rays $\mathbf{p_1}$ and $\mathbf{p_2}$?

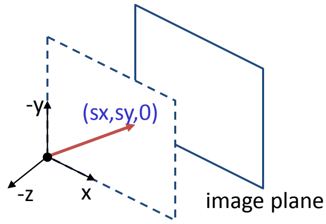
- **l** is $\perp$ to $\mathbf{p_1}$ and $\mathbf{p_2}$ $\Rightarrow$ $\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{p_1} \times \mathbf{p_2}$
- **l** can be interpreted as a *plane normal*

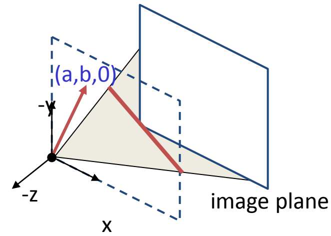
What is the intersection of two lines $\mathbf{l_1}$ and $\mathbf{l_2}$?

- **p** is $\perp$ to $\mathbf{l_1}$ and $\mathbf{l_2}$ $\Rightarrow$ $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{l_1} \times \mathbf{l_2}$

Points and lines are *dual* in projective space

Ideal points and lines





- Ideal point ("point at infinity")
  - p ≅ (x, y, 0) – parallel to image plane
  - It has infinite image coordinates

Ideal line
- l ≅ (a, b, 0) – parallel to image plane
- Corresponds to a line in the image (finite coordinates)
  - goes through image origin (*principle point*)

3D projective geometry

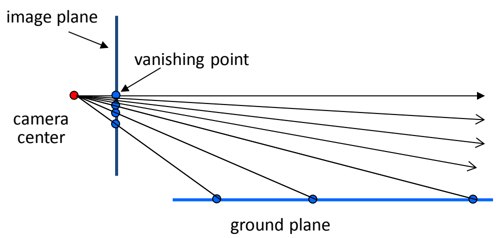
- These concepts generalize naturally to 3D
  - Homogeneous coordinates
    - Projective 3D points have four coords: **P** = (X,Y,Z,W)
  - Duality
    - A plane **N** is also represented by a 4-vector
    - Points and planes are dual in 3D: **N P**=0
    - Three points define a plane, three planes define a point

3D to 2D: perspective projection

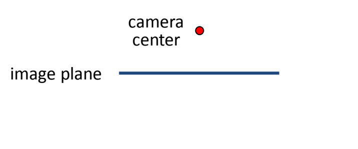
Projection:

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} wx \\ wy \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{\Pi P}$$

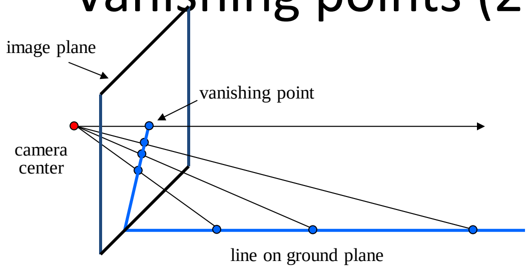
Vanishing points (1D)



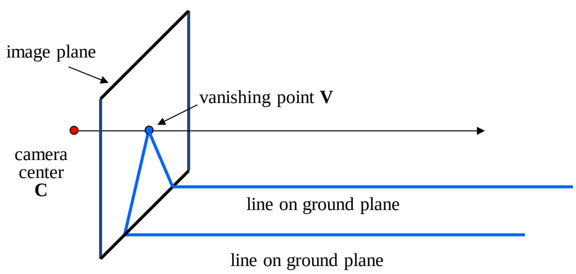
- Vanishing point
  - projection of a point at infinity
  - can often (but not always) project to a finite point in the image



Vanishing points (2D)

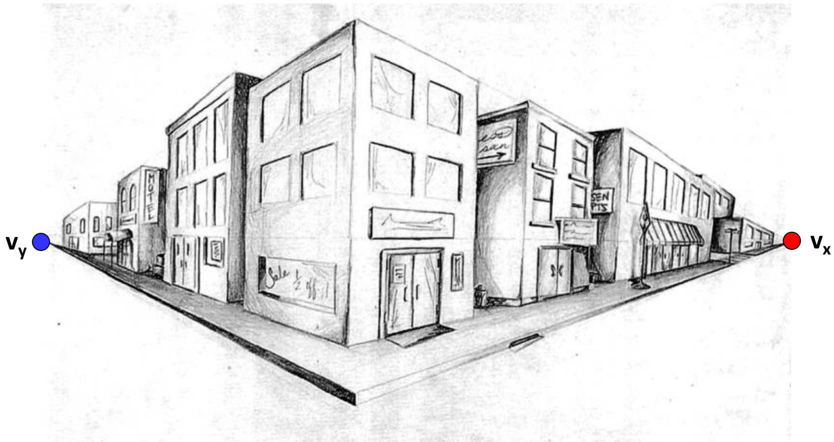


Vanishing points



- Properties
  - Any two parallel lines (in 3D) have the same vanishing point **v**
  - The ray from **C** through **v** is parallel to the lines
  - An image may have more than one vanishing point
    - in fact, every image point is a potential vanishing point

Two point perspective



Three point perspective