

# 3D Computer Vision

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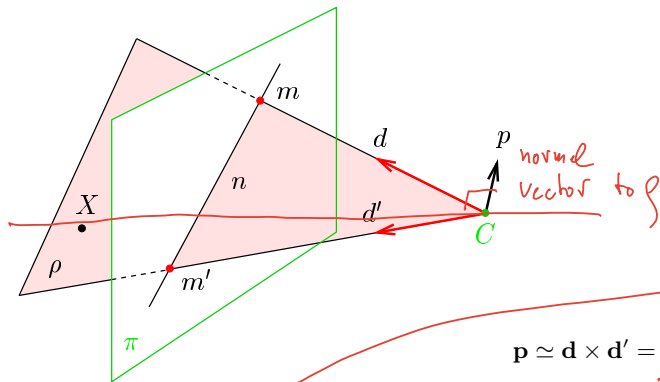
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## ► Optical Plane

A spatial plane with normal  $p$  containing the projection center  $C$  and a given image line  $n$ .



optical ray given by  $m$        $\underline{d} \simeq \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{m}$   
 optical ray given by  $m'$        $\underline{d}' \simeq \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{m}'$



$$\underline{p} \simeq \underline{d} \times \underline{d}' = (\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{m}) \times (\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{m}') \stackrel{*}{=} \mathbf{Q}^T (\underline{m} \times \underline{m}') = \mathbf{Q}^T \underline{n}$$

! • note the way  $\mathbf{Q}$  factors out!

hence,  $0 = \underline{p}^T (\underline{X} - \underline{C}) = \underline{n}^T \underbrace{\mathbf{Q}(\underline{X} - \underline{C})}_{\rightarrow 30} = \underline{n}^T \mathbf{P} \underline{X} = (\mathbf{P}^T \underline{n})^T \underline{X}$  for every  $X$  in plane  $\rho$

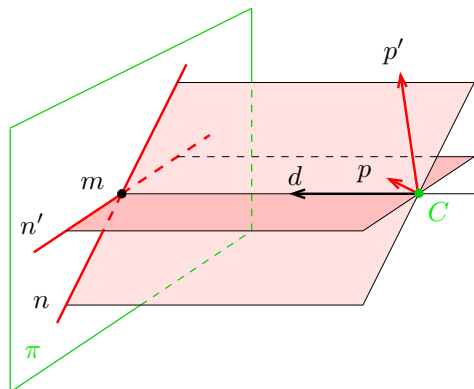
optical plane is given by  $n$ :

$$\underline{\rho} \simeq \mathbf{P}^T \underline{n}$$

$\in \mathbb{R}^4$

$\underline{\rho}$  are the plane's parameters:  $\rho_1 x + \rho_2 y + \rho_3 z + \rho_4 = 0$

## Cross-Check: Optical Ray as Optical Plane Intersection



optical plane normal given by  $n$  is  
optical plane normal given by  $n'$  is

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{Q}^\top \underline{\mathbf{n}}$$
$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{Q}^\top \underline{\mathbf{n}'}$$

The optical ray through their intersection is then

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{p}' = (\mathbf{Q}^\top \underline{\mathbf{n}}) \times (\mathbf{Q}^\top \underline{\mathbf{n}'}) = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}(\underline{\mathbf{n}} \times \underline{\mathbf{n}'}) = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{m}}$$

## ► Summary: Projection Center; Optical Ray, Axis, Plane

General (finite) camera

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{Q} \quad \mathbf{q}] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1^\top & q_{14} \\ \mathbf{q}_2^\top & q_{24} \\ \mathbf{q}_3^\top & q_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}]$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{C}} \simeq \text{rnull}(\mathbf{P}), \quad \mathbf{C} = -\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{q}$$

projection center (world coords.) →35

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{m}}$$

optical ray direction (world coords.) →36

$$\mathbf{o} = \det(\mathbf{Q}) \mathbf{q}_3$$

outward optical axis (world coords.) →37

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}}_0 \simeq \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{q}_3$$

principal point (in image plane) →38

$$\underline{\boldsymbol{\rho}} = \mathbf{P}^\top \underline{\mathbf{n}}$$

optical plane (world coords.) →39

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} a f & -a f \cot \theta & u_0 \\ 0 & f / \sin \theta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

camera (calibration) matrix ( $f, u_0, v_0$  in pixels) →31

$\mathbf{R}$

3D rotation matrix (cam coords.) →30

$\mathbf{t}$

3D translation vector (cam coords.) →30

# What Can We Do with An 'Uncalibrated' Perspective Camera?



How far is the engine from a given point on the tracks?

the distance between sleepers (ties) is 0.806m but we cannot count them, the image resolution is too low

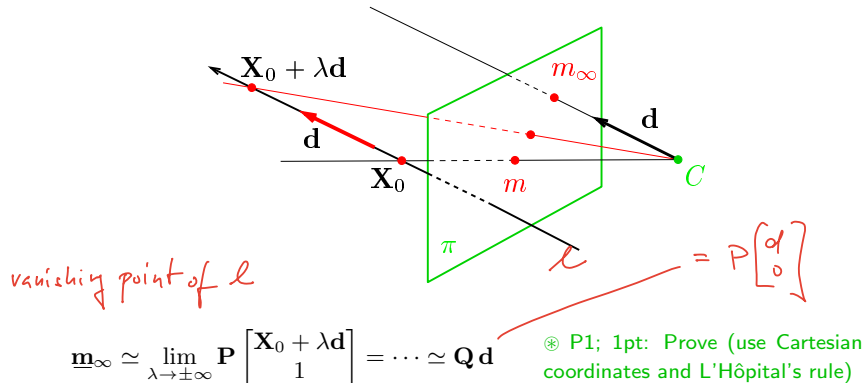
We will review some life-saving theory...  
... and build a bit of geometric intuition...

## In fact

- 'uncalibrated' = the image contains a 'calibrating object' that suffices for the task at hand

## ► Vanishing Point

**Vanishing point (V.P.):** The limit  $m_\infty$  of the projection of a point  $\mathbf{X}(\lambda)$  that moves along a space line  $\mathbf{X}(\lambda) = \mathbf{X}_0 + \lambda \mathbf{d}$  infinitely in one direction. the image of the point at infinity on the line

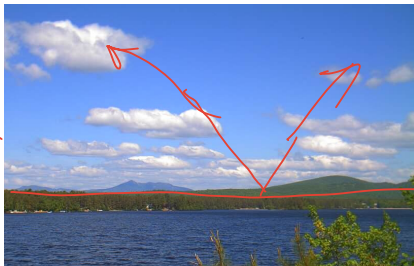


- the V.P. of a spatial line with directional vector  $\mathbf{d}$  is  $\underline{m}_\infty \simeq \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{d}$
- V.P. is independent on line position  $\mathbf{X}_0$ , it depends on its directional vector only
- all parallel (world) lines share the same (image) V.P., including the optical ray defined by  $m_\infty$

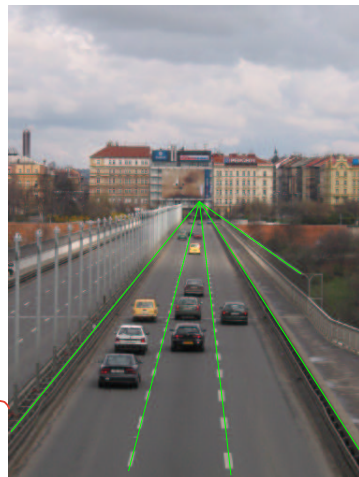
# Some Vanishing Point “Applications”



where is the sun?



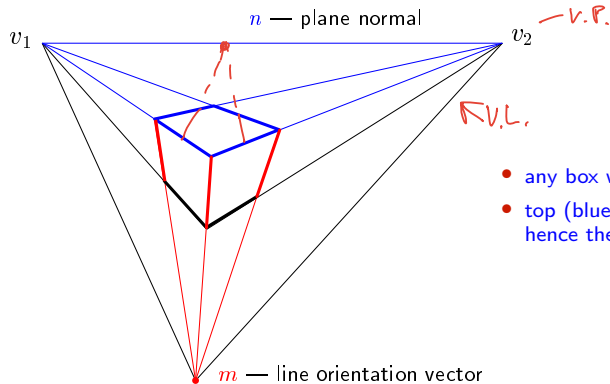
what is the wind direction?  
(must have video)



fly above the lane,  
at constant altitude!

## ► Vanishing Line

**Vanishing line (V.L.):** The set of vanishing points of all lines in a plane the image of the line at infinity in the plane and in all parallel planes (!)



- any box with parallel edges
- top (blue) and bottom (black) box planes are parallel, hence they share V.L.  $n$

- V.L.  $n$  corresponds to spatial plane of normal vector  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{Q}^T \underline{\mathbf{n}}$

because this is the normal vector of a parallel optical plane (!) →39

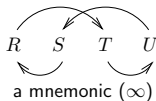
- a spatial plane of normal vector  $\mathbf{p}$  has a V.L. represented by  $\underline{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{Q}^{-T} \mathbf{p}$ .



## Cross Ratio

Four distinct collinear spatial points  $R, S, T, U$  define cross-ratio

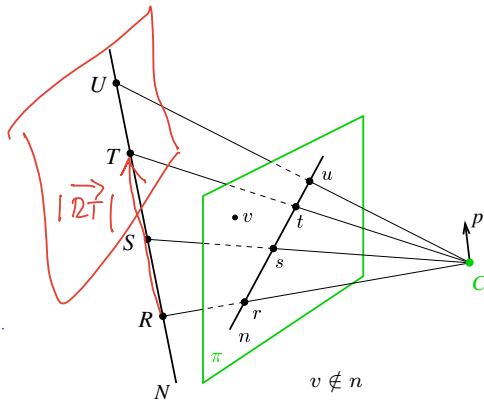
$$[RSTU] = \frac{|\overrightarrow{RT}| |\overrightarrow{US}|}{|\overrightarrow{SR}| |\overrightarrow{TU}|}$$



- $|\overrightarrow{RT}|$  – signed distance from  $R$  to  $T$  in the arrow direction
- each point  $X$  is once in numerator and once in denominator
- if  $X$  is 1st in a numerator term, it is 2nd in a denominator term
- there are six cross-ratios from four points:

$$[SRUT] = [RSTU], [RSUT] = \frac{1}{[RSTU]}, [RTSU] = 1 - [RSTU], \dots$$

**Obs:**  $[RSTU] = \frac{|\mathbf{r} \ \mathbf{t} \ \mathbf{v}|}{|\mathbf{s} \ \mathbf{r} \ \mathbf{v}|} \cdot \frac{|\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{s} \ \mathbf{v}|}{|\mathbf{t} \ \mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v}|}, \quad |\mathbf{r} \ \mathbf{t} \ \mathbf{v}| = \det [\mathbf{r} \ \mathbf{t} \ \mathbf{v}] = (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{t})^\top \mathbf{v} \quad \text{mixed product} \quad (1)$



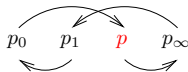
### Corollaries:

- cross ratio is invariant under homographies  $\mathbf{x}' \simeq \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$  proof: plug  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$  in (1):  $(\mathbf{H}^{-\top}(\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{t}))^\top \mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}$
- cross ratio is invariant under perspective projection:  $[RSTU] = [rstu]$
- 4 collinear points: any perspective camera will “see” the same cross-ratio of their images
- we measure the same cross-ratio in image as on the world line
- one of the points  $R, S, T, U$  may be at infinity (we take the limit, in effect  $\frac{\infty}{\infty} = 1$ )

## ► 1D Projective Coordinates

The 1-D projective coordinate of a point  $P$  is defined by the following cross-ratio:

$$[P] = [P_0 P_1 P P_\infty] = [p_0 p_1 p p_\infty] = \frac{|\overrightarrow{p_0 p}|}{|\overrightarrow{p_1 p_0}|} \frac{|\overrightarrow{p_\infty p_1}|}{|\overrightarrow{p p_\infty}|} = [p]$$



naming convention:

$P_0$  – the origin

$$[P_0] = 0$$

$P_1$  – the unit point

$$[P_1] = 1$$

$P_\infty$  – the supporting point

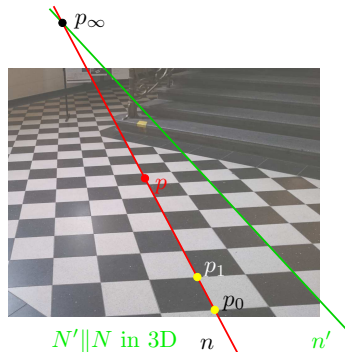
$$[P_\infty] = \pm\infty$$

$$[P] = [p]$$

$[P]$  is equal to Euclidean coordinate along  $N$

$[p]$  is its measurement in the image plane

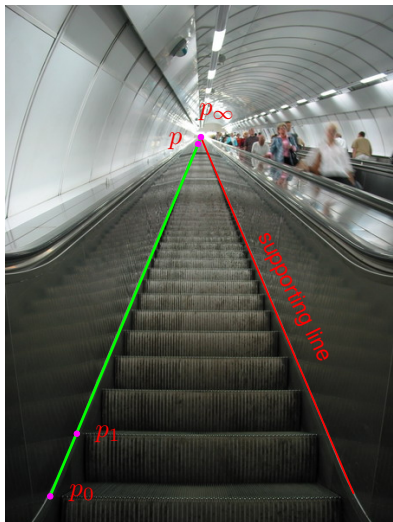
if the sign is not of interest, any cross-ratio containing  $|p_0 p|$  does the job



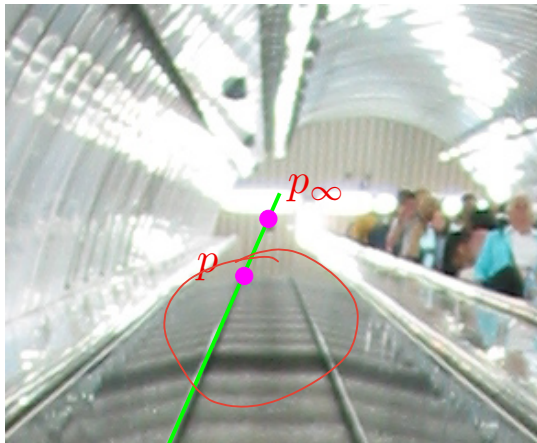
## Applications

- Given the image of a 3D line  $N$ , the origin, the unit point, and the vanishing point, then the Euclidean coordinate of any point  $P \in N$  can be determined →48
- Finding V.P. of a line through a regular object →49

# Application: Counting Steps



- Namesti Miru underground station in Prague

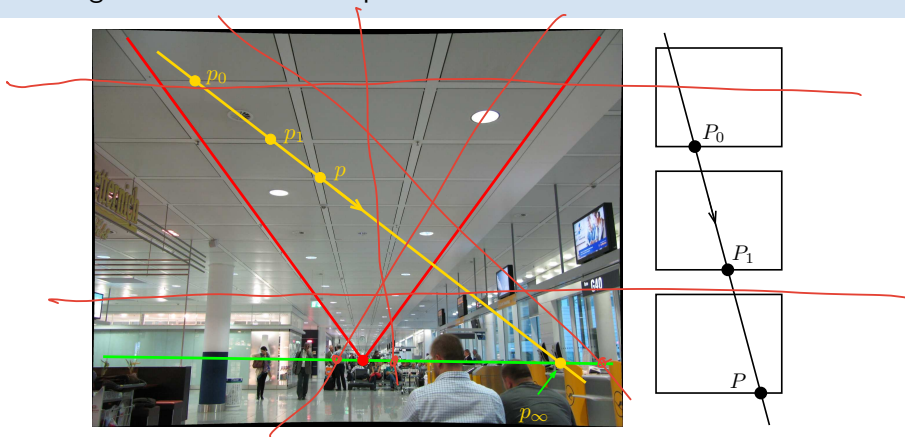


detail around the vanishing point (w/ strong aliasing)

**Result:**  $[P] = 214$  steps (correct answer is 216 steps)

4Mpx camera

# Application: Finding the Horizon from Repetitions



in 3D:  $|P_0P| = 2|P_0P_1|$  then

[H&Z, p. 218]

$$[P_0P_1PP_\infty] = \frac{|P_0P|}{|P_1P_0|} = 2 \Rightarrow x_\infty = \frac{x_0(2x - x_1) - xx_1}{x + x_0 - 2x_1}$$

- $x$  - 1D coordinate along the yellow line, positive in the arrow direction
- could be applied to counting steps ( $\rightarrow 48$ ) if there was no supporting line

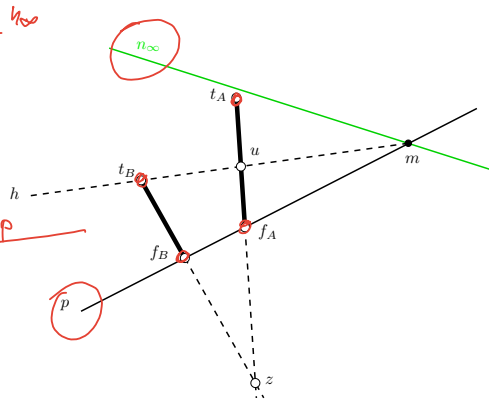
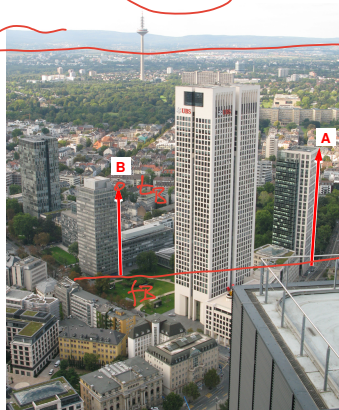
⊗ P1; 1pt: How high is the camera above the floor?

*was the photographer sitting or standing?*

# Homework Problem

⊗ H2; 3pt: What is the ratio of heights of Building A to Building B?

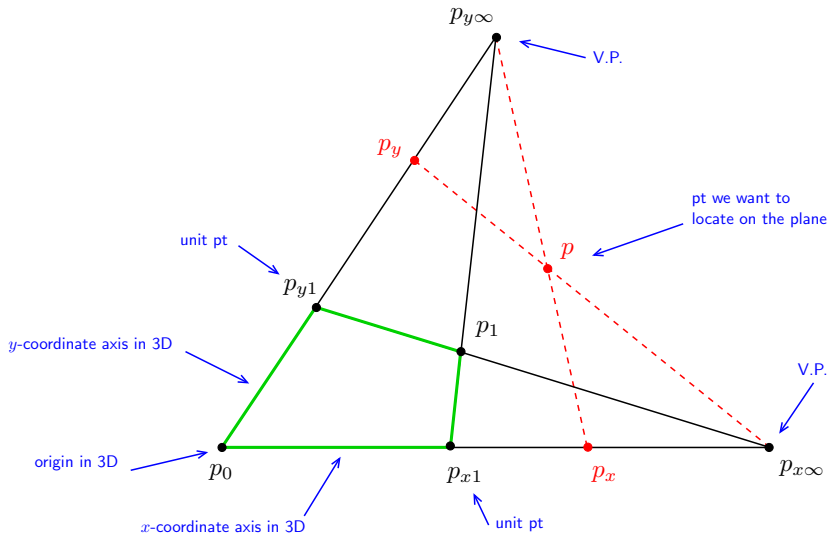
- expected: conceptual solution; use notation from this figure
- deadline: LD+2 weeks



## Hints

1. What are the interesting properties of line  $h$  connecting the top  $t_B$  of Building B with the point  $m$  at which the horizon intersects the line  $p$  joining the feet  $f_A, f_B$  of both buildings? [1 point]
2. How do we actually get the horizon  $n_\infty$ ? (we do not see it directly, there are some hills there...) [1 point]
3. Give a formula for measuring the length ratio. Make sure you distinguish points in 3D from their images. [formula = 1 point]

# 2D Projective Coordinates



$$[P_x] = [P_0 \ P_{x1} \ P_x \ P_{x\infty}]$$

$$[P_y] = [P_0 \ P_{y1} \ P_y \ P_{y\infty}]$$

## Application: Measuring on the Floor (Wall, etc)



San Giovanni in Laterano, Rome

- measuring distances on the floor in terms of tile units
- what are the dimensions of the seal? Is it circular (assuming square tiles)?
- needs no explicit camera calibration

because we can see the calibrating object (vanishing points)

### Computing with a Single Camera

- 3.1 Calibration: Internal Camera Parameters from Vanishing Points and Lines
- 3.2 Camera Resection: Projection Matrix from 6 Known Points
- 3.3 Exterior Orientation: Camera Rotation and Translation from 3 Known Points
- 3.4 Relative Orientation Problem: Rotation and Translation between Two Point Sets

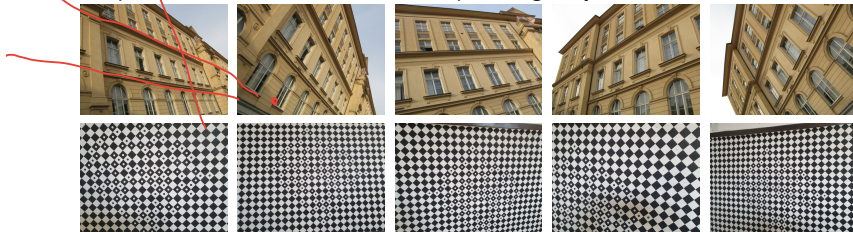
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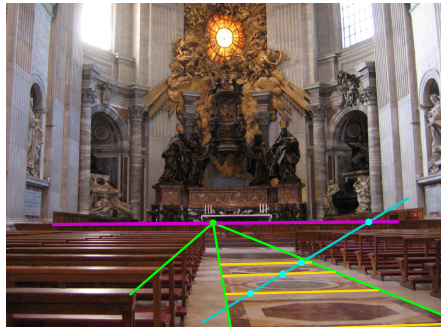


# Obtaining Vanishing Points and Lines

- orthogonal direction pairs can be collected from multiple images by camera rotation



- vanishing line can be obtained from vanishing points and/or regularities (→49)



## ► Camera Calibration from Vanishing Points and Lines

**Problem:** Given finite vanishing points and/or vanishing lines, compute  $\mathbf{K}$

$$\lambda_i \neq 0, \mu_{ij} \neq 0$$

$$\mathbf{d}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad \rightarrow 43$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{ij} = \mu_{ij} \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{n}_{ij}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3, i \neq j \quad \rightarrow 39 \quad (2)$$

- method: eliminate  $\lambda_i, \mu_{ij}, \mathbf{R}$  from (2) and solve for  $\mathbf{K}$ .

**Configurations allowing elimination of  $\mathbf{R}$**

1. orthogonal rays  $\mathbf{d}_1 \perp \mathbf{d}_2$  in space then

$$0 = \mathbf{d}_1^T \mathbf{d}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{Q}^{-T} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1^T \underbrace{(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^T)^{-1}}_{\omega \text{ (IAC)}} \mathbf{v}_2$$

$(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}$   
 $\mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{K}^T$

2. orthogonal planes  $\mathbf{p}_{ij} \perp \mathbf{p}_{ik}$  in space

$$0 = \mathbf{p}_{ij}^T \mathbf{p}_{ik} = \mathbf{n}_{ij}^T \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{n}_{ik} = \mathbf{n}_{ij}^T \omega^{-1} \mathbf{n}_{ik}$$

3. orthogonal ray and plane  $\mathbf{d}_k \parallel \mathbf{p}_{ij}, k \neq i, j$

normal parallel to optical ray

$$\mathbf{p}_{ij} \simeq \mathbf{d}_k \Rightarrow \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{n}_{ij} = \frac{\lambda_i}{\mu_{ij}} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_k \Rightarrow \mathbf{n}_{ij} = \kappa \mathbf{Q}^{-T} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_k = \kappa \omega \mathbf{v}_k, \quad \kappa \neq 0$$

- $n_{ij}$  may be constructed from non-orthogonal  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , e.g. using the cross-ratio
- $\omega$  is a homogeneous, symmetric, definite  $3 \times 3$  matrix (5 DoF)
- equations are quadratic in  $\mathbf{K}$  but linear in  $\omega$

IAC = Image of Absolute Conic

| configuration                                      | equation  | # constraints |
|--|---|---------------|
| (3) orthogonal vanishing points                    | $\mathbf{v}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{v}_j = 0$            | 1             |
| (4) orthogonal vanishing lines                     | $\mathbf{n}_{ij}^\top \boldsymbol{\omega}^{-1} \mathbf{n}_{ik} = 0$ | 1             |
| (5) vanishing points orthogonal to vanishing lines | $\mathbf{n}_{ij} = \kappa \boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{v}_k$         | 2             |
| (6) orthogonal image raster $\theta = \pi/2$       | $\omega_{12} = \omega_{21} = 0$                                     | 1             |
| (7) unit aspect $a = 1$ when $\theta = \pi/2$      | $\omega_{11} - \omega_{22} = 0$                                     | 1             |
| (8) known principal point $u_0 = v_0 = 0$          | $\omega_{13} = \omega_{31} = \omega_{23} = \omega_{32} = 0$         | 2             |

- These are homogeneous linear equations for the 5 parameters in  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  or  $\boldsymbol{\omega}^{-1}$   $\kappa$  can be eliminated from (5)
- When  $\mathbf{w} = \text{vec}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \in \mathbb{R}^6$ , it has the form of  $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times 6}$   $\lambda \mathbf{w}$   $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
- With  $k = 5$  constraints, we have  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{D}) = 5$ , hence there is a unique solution for the homogeneous  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- We get  $\mathbf{K}$  from  $\boldsymbol{\omega}^{-1} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^\top$  by Choleski decomposition

⋮

the decomposition returns a positive definite upper triangular matrix  
one avoids solving an explicit set of quadratic equations for the parameters in  $\mathbf{K}$



Thank You

