

# Perspective Camera

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## ► Basic Geometric Entities, their Representation, and Notation

- entities have names and representations
- names and their components:

entity	in 2-space	in 3-space
point	$m = (u, v)$	$X = (x, y, z)$
line	$n$	$O$
plane		$\pi, \varphi$

- associated vector representations

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = [u, v]^T, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{n}$$

will also be written in an 'in-line' form as  $\mathbf{m} = (u, v)$ ,  $\mathbf{X} = (x, y, z)$ , etc.

- vectors are always meant to be columns  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,1}$
- associated homogeneous representations

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}} = [m_1, m_2, m_3]^T, \quad \underline{\mathbf{X}} = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]^T, \quad \underline{\mathbf{n}}$$

'in-line' forms:  $\underline{\mathbf{m}} = (m_1, m_2, m_3)$ ,  $\underline{\mathbf{X}} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ , etc.

- matrices are  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ , linear map of a  $\mathbb{R}^{n,1}$  vector is  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}$
- $j$ -th element of vector  $\mathbf{m}_i$  is  $(\mathbf{m}_i)_j$ ; element  $i, j$  of matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  is  $\mathbf{P}_{ij}$

## ► Image Line (in 2D)

a finite line in the 2D  $(u, v)$  plane

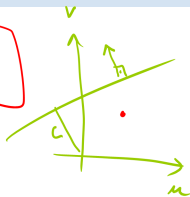
corresponds to a (homogeneous) vector

and there is an equivalence class for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda \neq 0$   $(\lambda a, \lambda b, \lambda c) \simeq (a, b, c)$

$$a u + b v + c = 0$$

$$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{n}} \simeq (a, b, c)$$



### 'Finite' lines

- standard representative for finite  $\underline{\mathbf{n}} = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$  is  $\lambda \underline{\mathbf{n}}$ , where  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_1^2 + n_2^2}}$   
assuming  $n_1^2 + n_2^2 \neq 0$ ;  $\mathbf{1}$  is the unit, usually  $\mathbf{1} = 1$

### 'Infinite' line

- we augment the set of lines for a special entity called the **Ideal Line** (line at infinity)

$$\underline{\mathbf{n}}_\infty \simeq (0, 0, 1) \quad (\text{standard representative})$$

- the set of equivalence classes of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (0, 0, 0)$  forms the projective space  $\mathbb{P}^2$   
a set of rays  $\rightarrow 22$
- line at infinity is a proper member of  $\mathbb{P}^2$   $x \simeq y \Leftrightarrow x = \lambda y \quad \lambda \neq 0$
- I may sometimes wrongly use = instead of  $\simeq$ , if you are in doubt, ask me

## ► Image Point

Finite point  $\mathbf{m} = (u, v)$  is incident on a finite line  $\mathbf{n} = (a, b, c)$  iff iff = works either way!

$$a u + b v + c = 0$$

can be rewritten as (with scalar product):  $(u, v, \mathbf{1}) \cdot (a, b, c) = \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{n} = 0$

### 'Finite' points

$$\lambda(u, v, 1) \quad \lambda \neq 0$$

- a finite point is also represented by a homogeneous vector  $\mathbf{m} \simeq (u, v, \mathbf{1})$
- the equivalence class for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda \neq 0$  is  $(m_1, m_2, m_3) = \lambda \mathbf{m} \simeq \mathbf{m}$
- the standard representative for finite point  $\mathbf{m}$  is  $\lambda \mathbf{m}$ , where  $\lambda = \frac{1}{m_3}$  assuming  $m_3 \neq 0$
- when  $\mathbf{1} = 1$  then units are pixels and  $\lambda \mathbf{m} = (u, v, 1)$
- when  $\mathbf{1} = f$  then all components have a similar magnitude,  $f \sim$  image diagonal

use  $\mathbf{1} = 1$  unless you know what you are doing;

all entities participating in a formula must be expressed in the same units

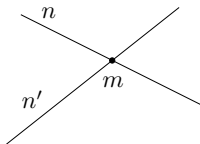
### 'Infinite' points

- we augment for **Ideal Points** (points at infinity)  $\mathbf{m}_\infty \simeq (m_1, m_2, 0)$   
proper members of  $\mathbb{P}^2$
- all such points lie on the ideal line (line at infinity)  $\mathbf{n}_\infty \simeq (0, 0, 1)$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{m}_\infty^\top \mathbf{n}_\infty = 0$

## ► Line Intersection and Point Join

The point of **intersection**  $m$  of image lines  $n$  and  $n'$ ,  $n \neq n'$  is

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}} \simeq \underline{\mathbf{n}} \times \underline{\mathbf{n}'}$$



**proof:** If  $\underline{\mathbf{m}} = \underline{\mathbf{n}} \times \underline{\mathbf{n}'}$  is the intersection point, it must be incident on both lines. Indeed, using known equivalences from vector algebra

$$\underline{\mathbf{n}}^\top \underbrace{(\underline{\mathbf{n}} \times \underline{\mathbf{n}'})}_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} \equiv \underline{\mathbf{n}'^\top} \underbrace{(\underline{\mathbf{n}} \times \underline{\mathbf{n}'})}_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} \equiv 0$$

The **join**  $n$  of two image points  $m$  and  $m'$ ,  $m \neq m'$  is

$$\underline{\mathbf{n}} \simeq \underline{\mathbf{m}} \times \underline{\mathbf{m}'}$$

Parallel lines intersect (somewhere) on the line at infinity  $\underline{\mathbf{n}}_\infty \simeq (0, 0, 1)$

$$a u + b v + c = 0,$$

$$a u + b v + d = 0,$$

$$d \neq c$$

$$(a, b, c) \times (a, b, d) \simeq (b, -a, 0)$$

- all such intersections lie on  $\underline{\mathbf{n}}_\infty$
- line at infinity represents a set of directions in the plane
- Matlab: `m = cross(n, n_prime);`

Thank You