

# Single-view Metrology and Camera Calibration



Computer Vision

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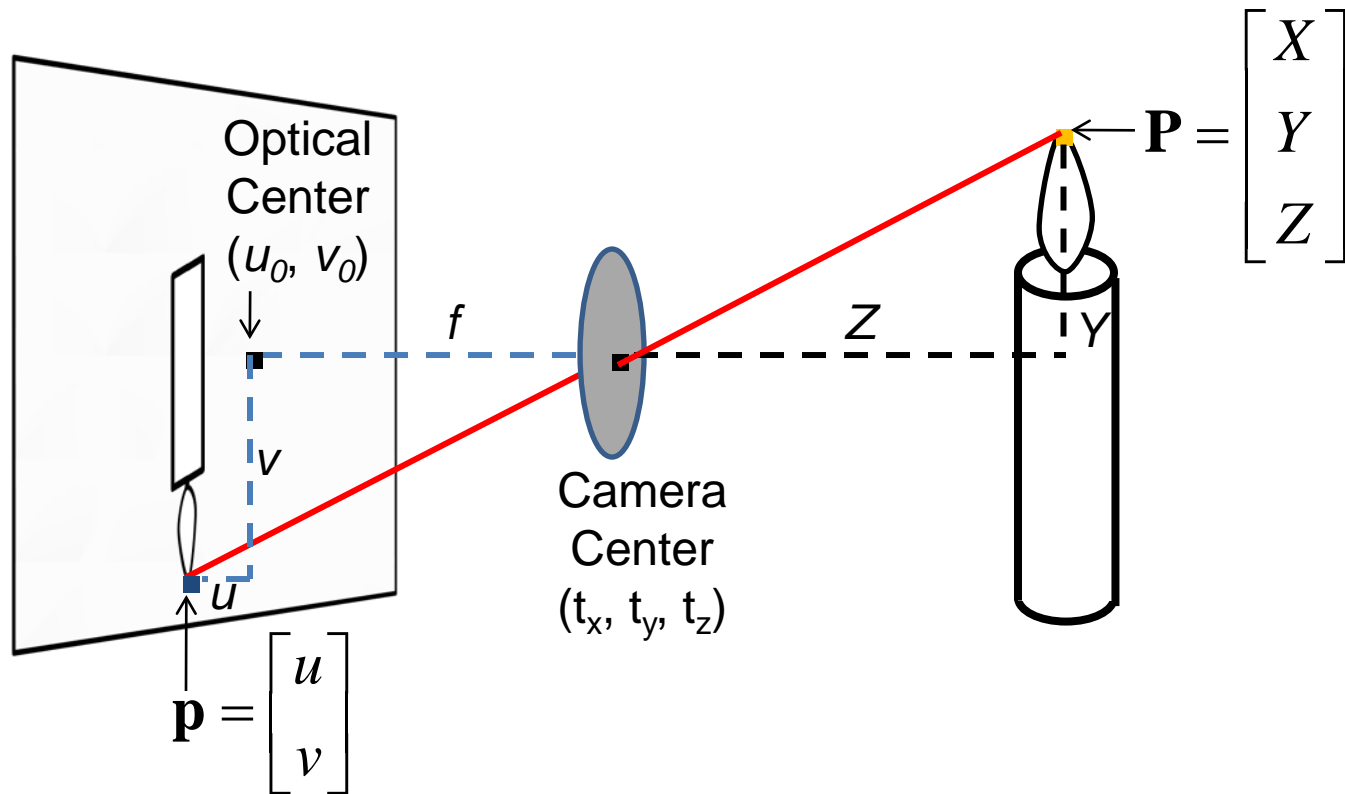
# Some questions about course philosophy

- Why is there no required book?
- Why is the reading different from the lectures?
- Why are the lectures going so fast... or so slow?
- Why is there no exam?

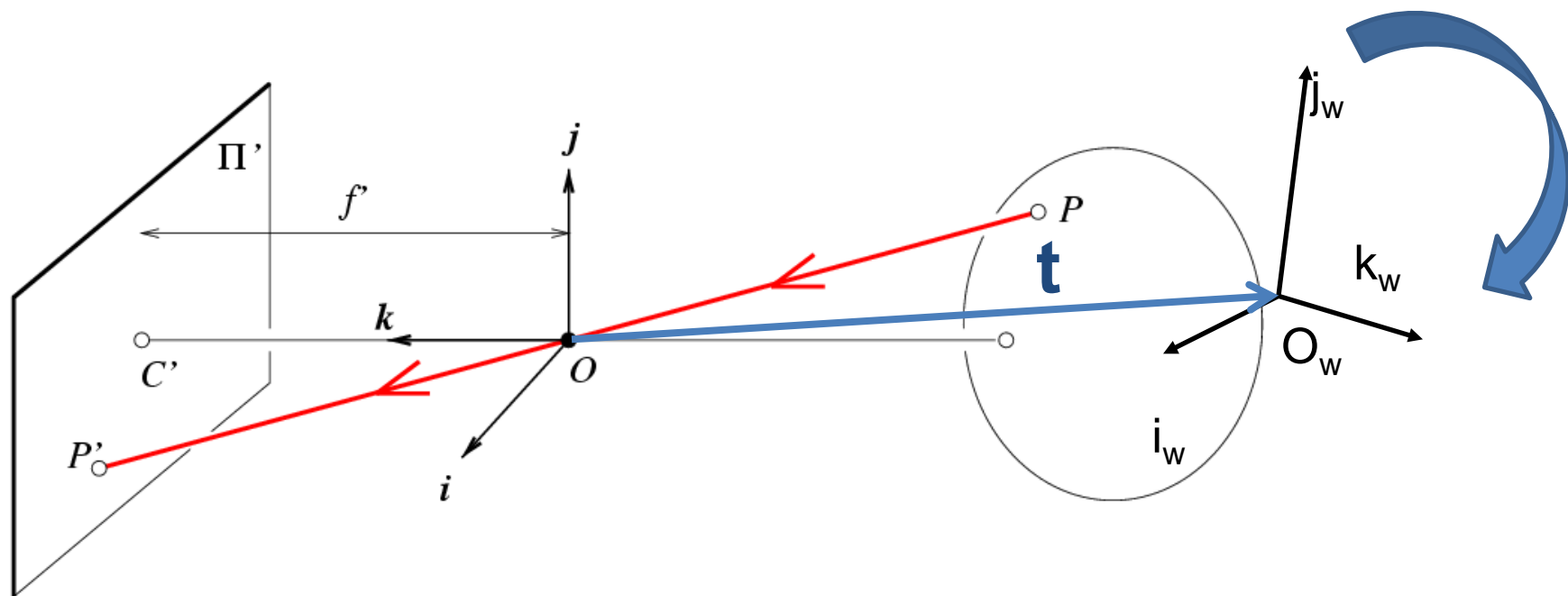
# Announcements

- HW 1 is out
- I won't be able to make office hours tomorrow (a prelim was already scheduled)
- David Forsyth will teach on Thurs

# Last Class: Pinhole Camera

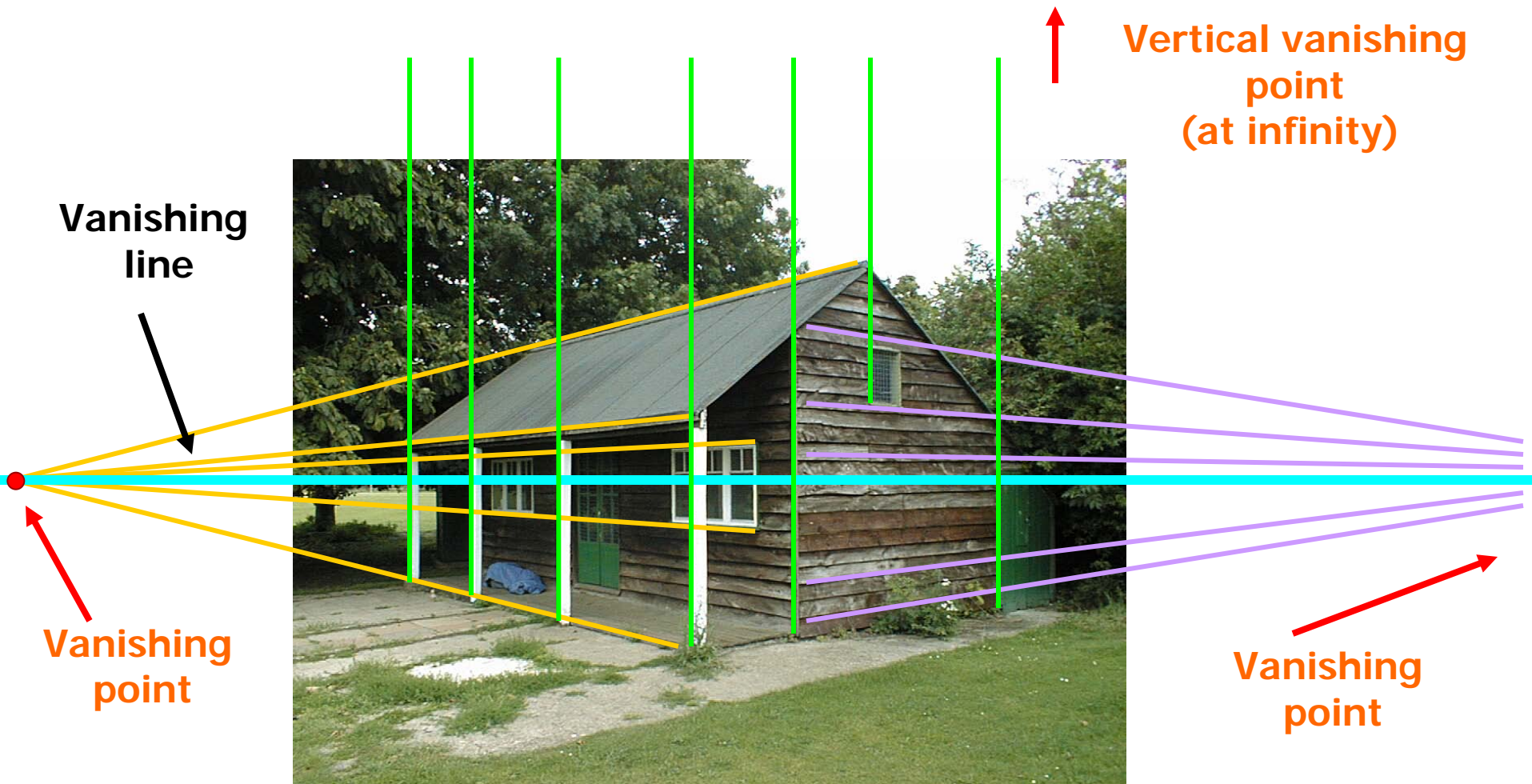


# Last Class: Projection Matrix



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

# Last class: 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 calibrate the camera?

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

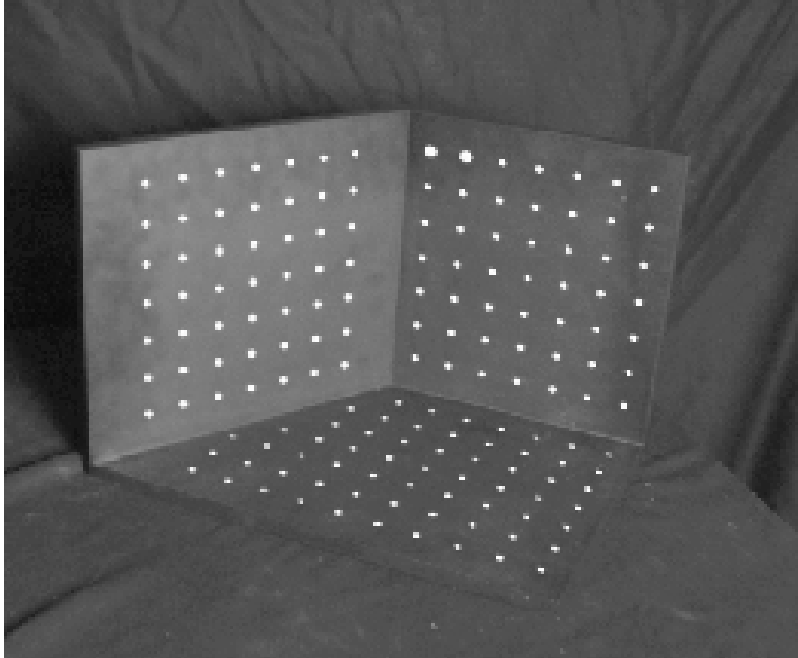
$$\begin{bmatrix} wu \\ wv \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# 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)



$$\begin{bmatrix} wu \\ wv \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Linear method

- Solve using linear least squares

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 X_1 & Y_1 & Z_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_1 X_1 & -u_1 Y_1 & -u_1 Z_1 & -u_1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & X_1 & Y_1 & Z_1 & 1 & -v_1 X_1 & -v_1 Y_1 & -v_1 Z_1 & -v_1 \\
 & & & & & & \vdots & & & & & \\
 X_n & Y_n & Z_n & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_n X_n & -u_n Y_n & -u_n Z_n & -u_n \\
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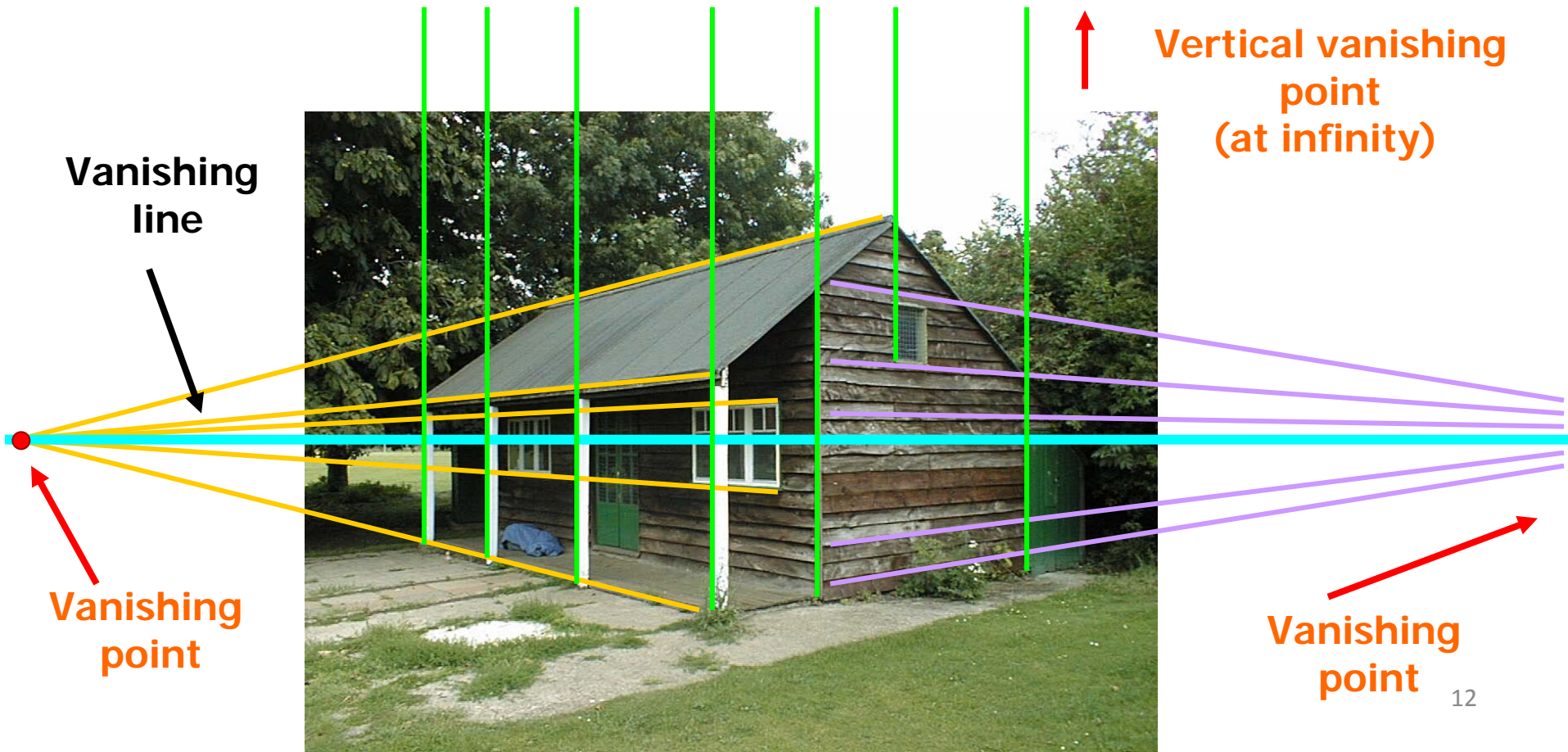
# Calibration with linear method

- Advantages: easy to formulate and solve
- Disadvantages
  - Doesn't tell you camera parameters
  - Doesn't model radial distortion
  - Can't impose constraints, such as known focal length
  - Doesn't minimize right error function (see HZ p. 181)
- Non-linear methods are preferred
  - Define error as difference between projected points and measured points
  - Minimize error using Newton's method or other non-linear optimization

# Calibrating the Camera

## Method 2: Use vanishing points

- Find vanishing points corresponding to orthogonal directions



# Calibration by orthogonal vanishing points

- Intrinsic camera matrix
  - Use orthogonality as a constraint
  - Model  $\mathbf{K}$  with only  $f$ ,  $u_0$ ,  $v_0$

$$\mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{X}_i$$

For vanishing points

$$\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{X}_j = 0$$

- What if you don't have three finite vanishing points?
  - Two finite VP: solve  $f$ , get valid  $u_0$ ,  $v_0$  closest to image center
  - One finite VP:  $u_0$ ,  $v_0$  is at vanishing point; can't solve for  $f$

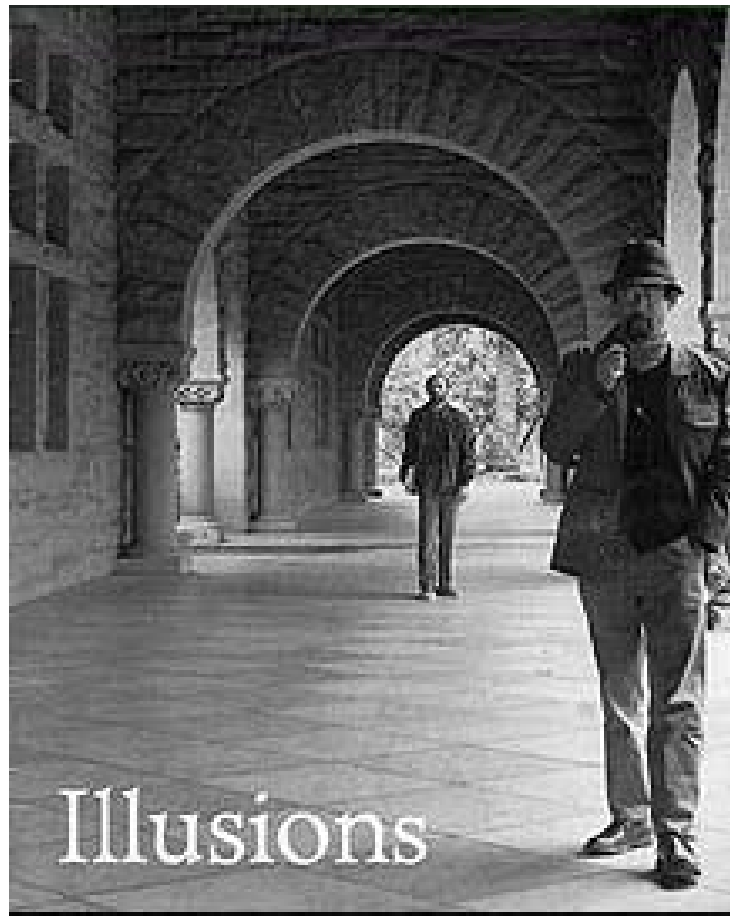
# Calibration by vanishing points

- Intrinsic camera matrix

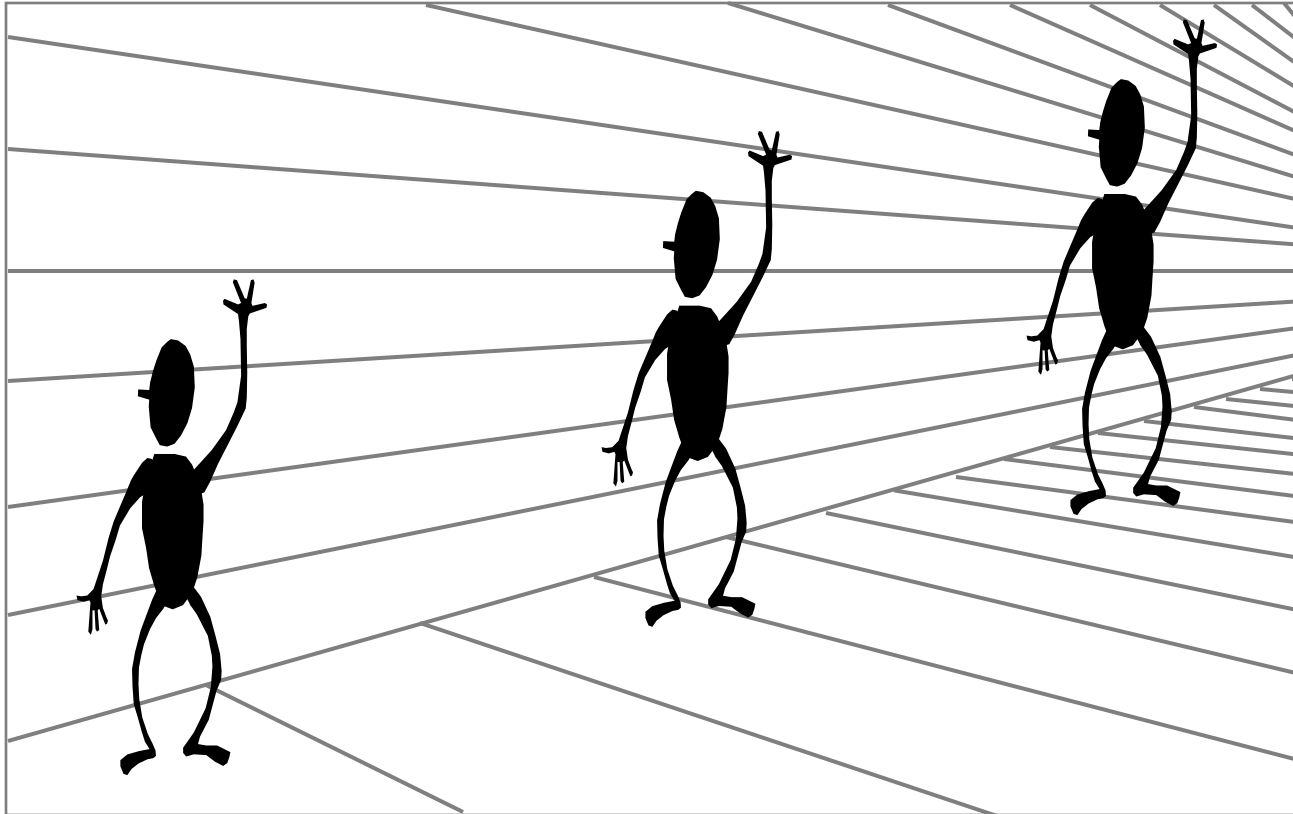
$$\mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}_i$$

- Rotation matrix
  - Set directions of vanishing points
    - e.g.,  $\mathbf{X}_1 = [1, 0, 0]$
  - Each VP provides one column of  $\mathbf{R}$
  - Special properties of  $\mathbf{R}$ 
    - $\text{inv}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{R}^T$
    - Each row and column of  $\mathbf{R}$  has unit length

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

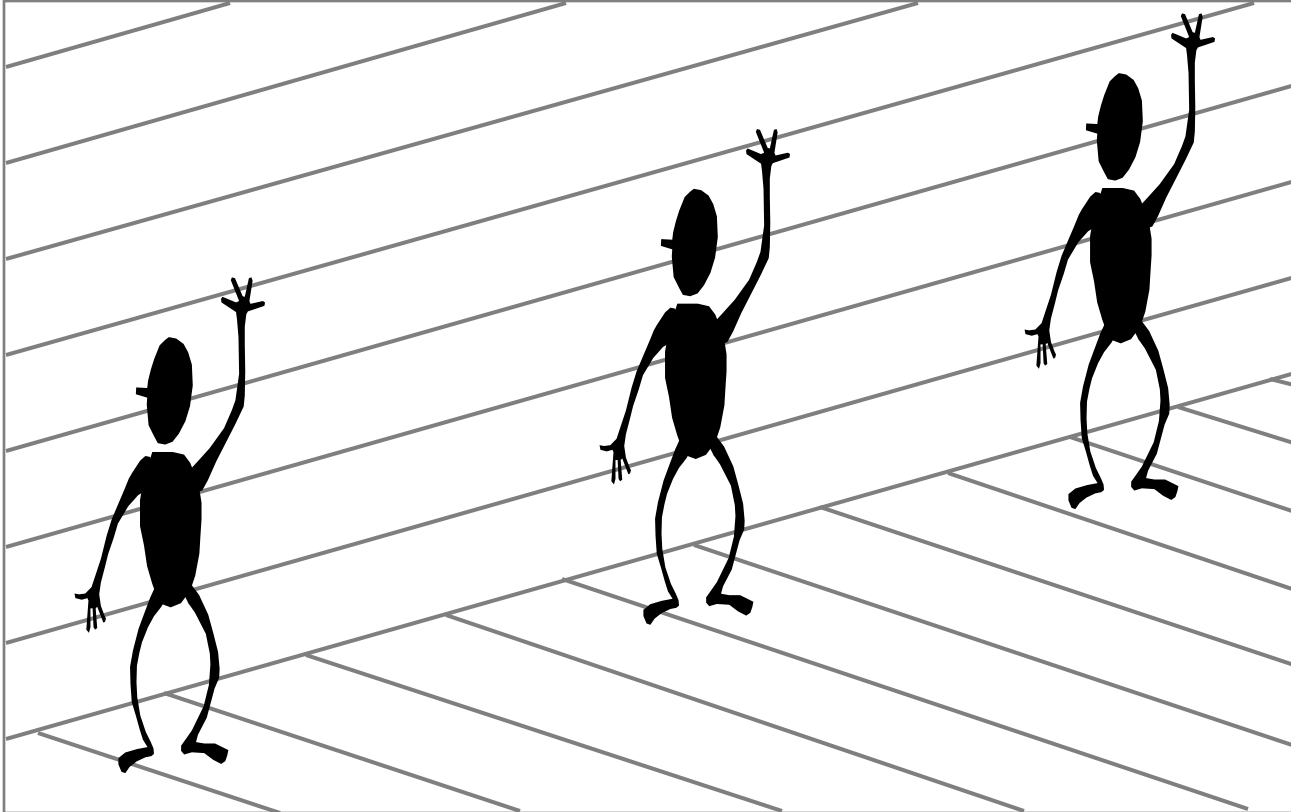


# Perspective cues

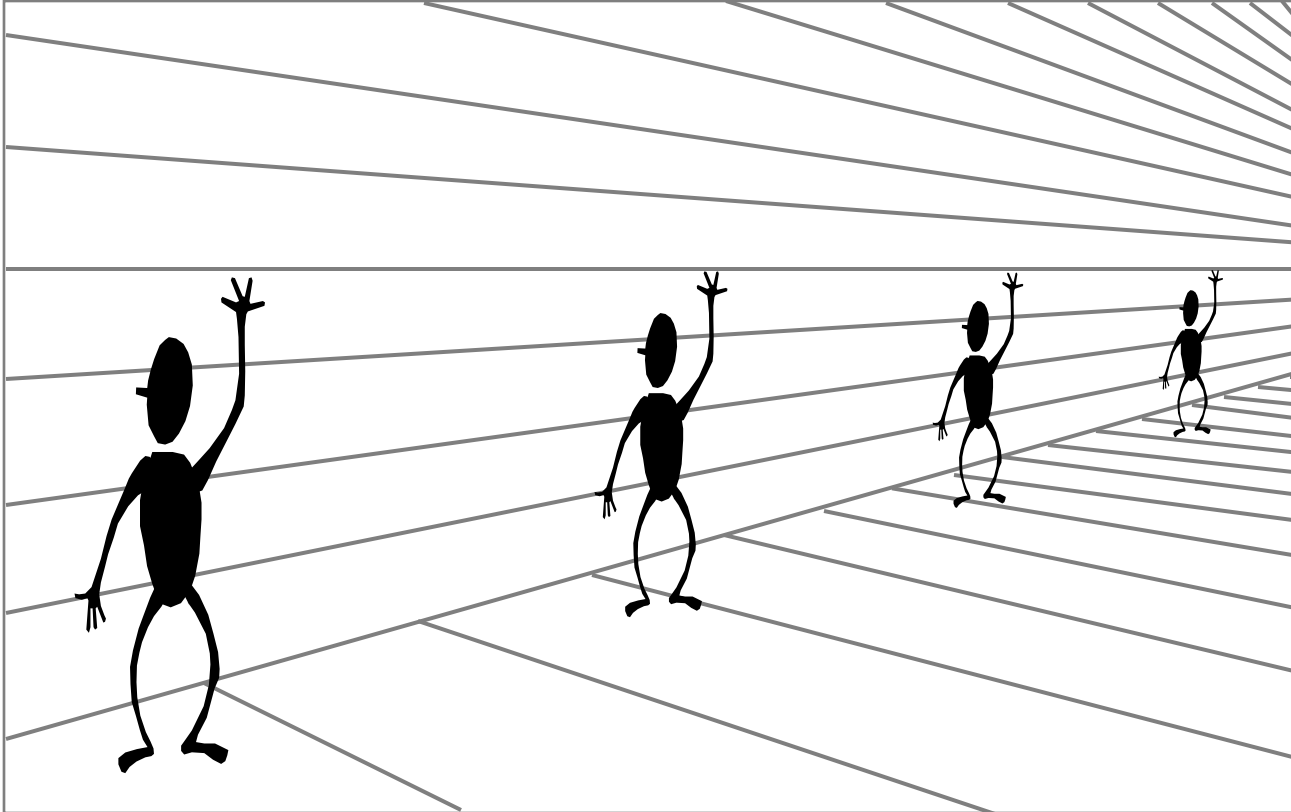




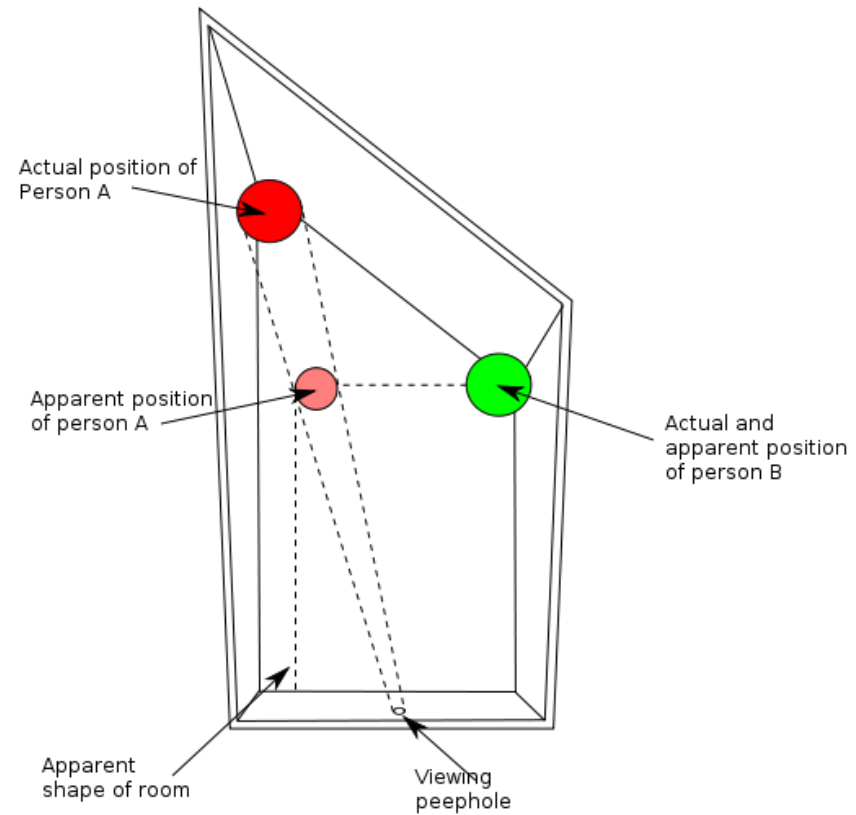
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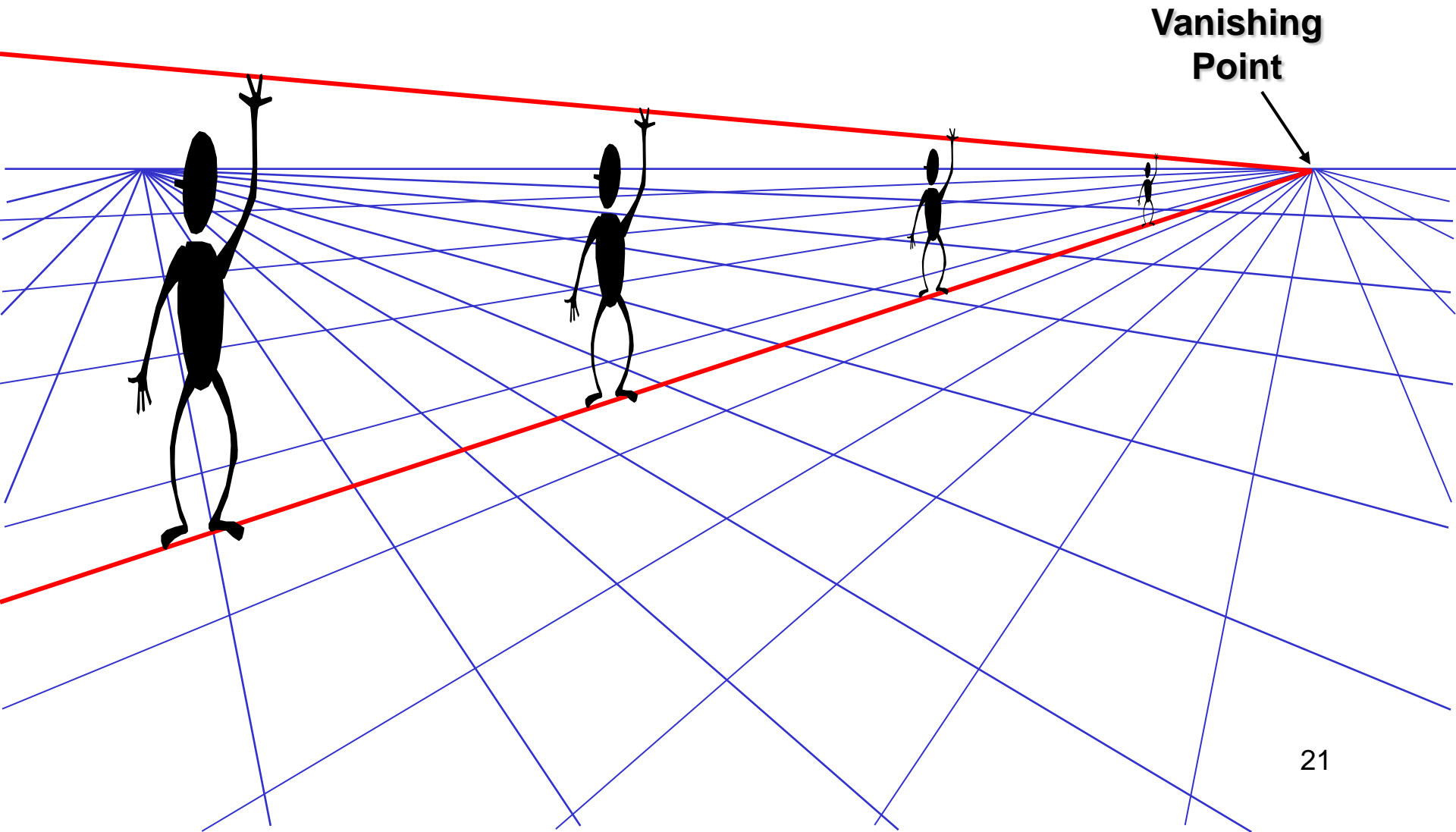


# Ames Room

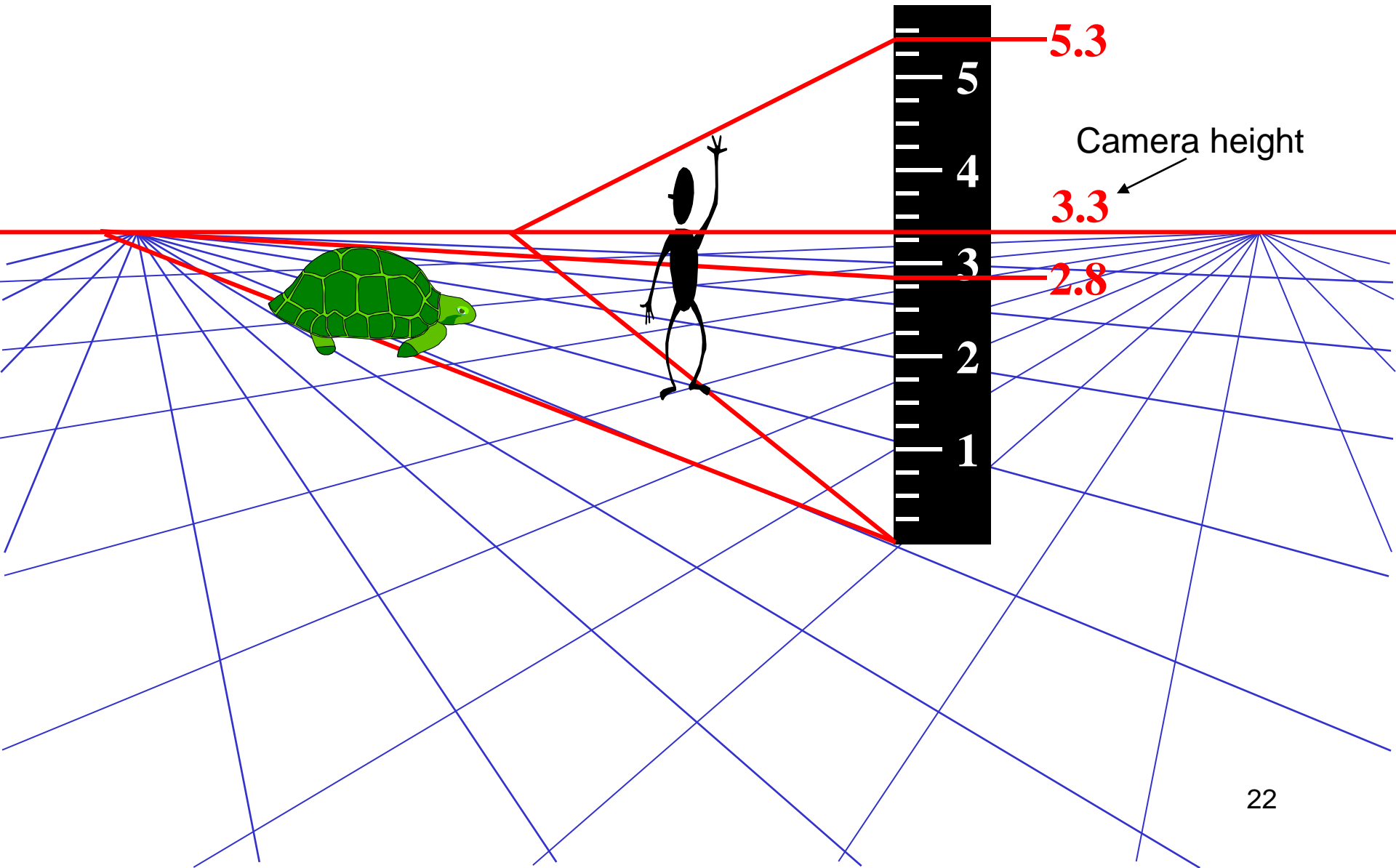


# Comparing heights

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# Measuring height

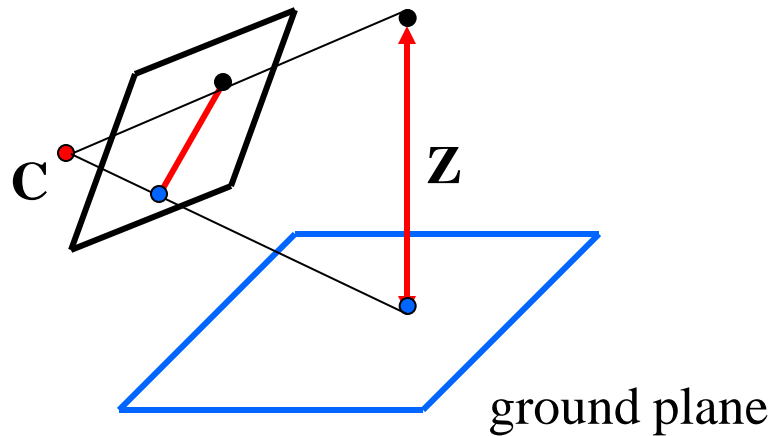


Which is higher – the camera or the man in the parachute?



# Measuring height without a ruler

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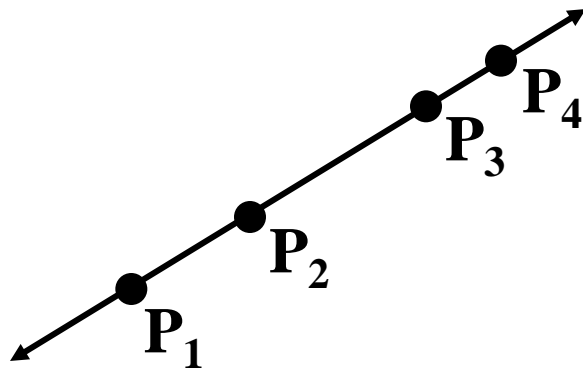
Compute  $Z$  from image measurements

# 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

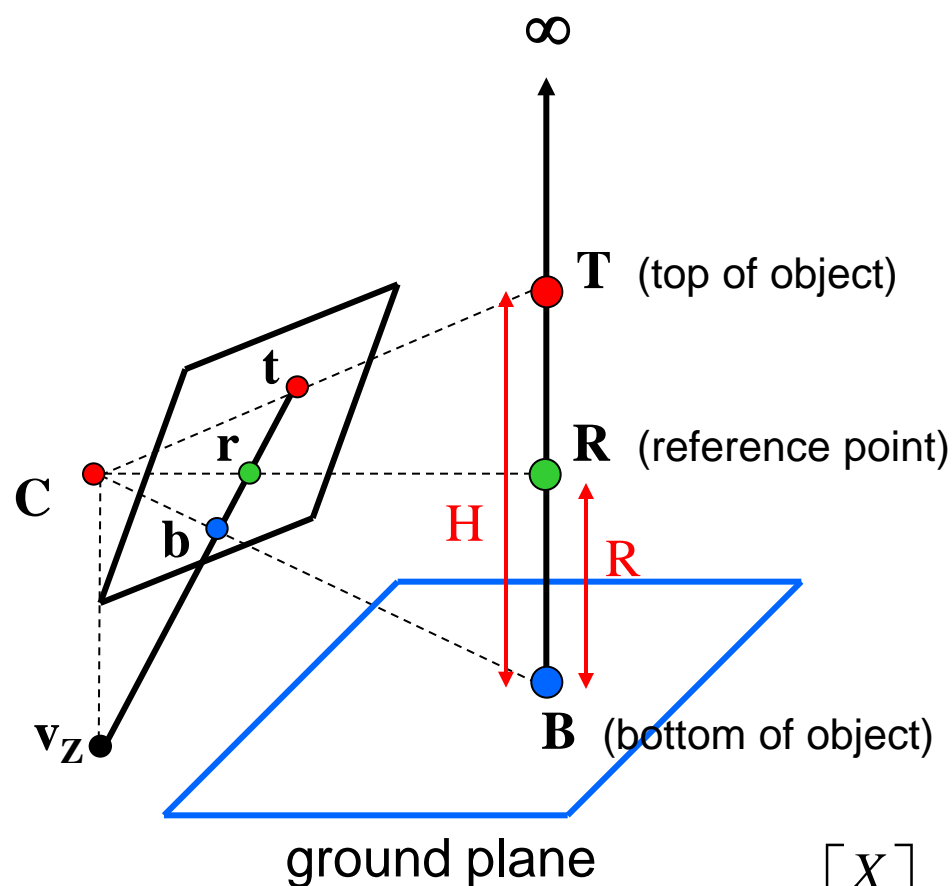
$$\frac{\|\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_3\| \|\mathbf{P}_4 - \mathbf{P}_2\|}{\|\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_2\| \|\mathbf{P}_4 - \mathbf{P}_3\|}$$

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

This is the fundamental invariant of projective geometry



# Measuring height



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

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

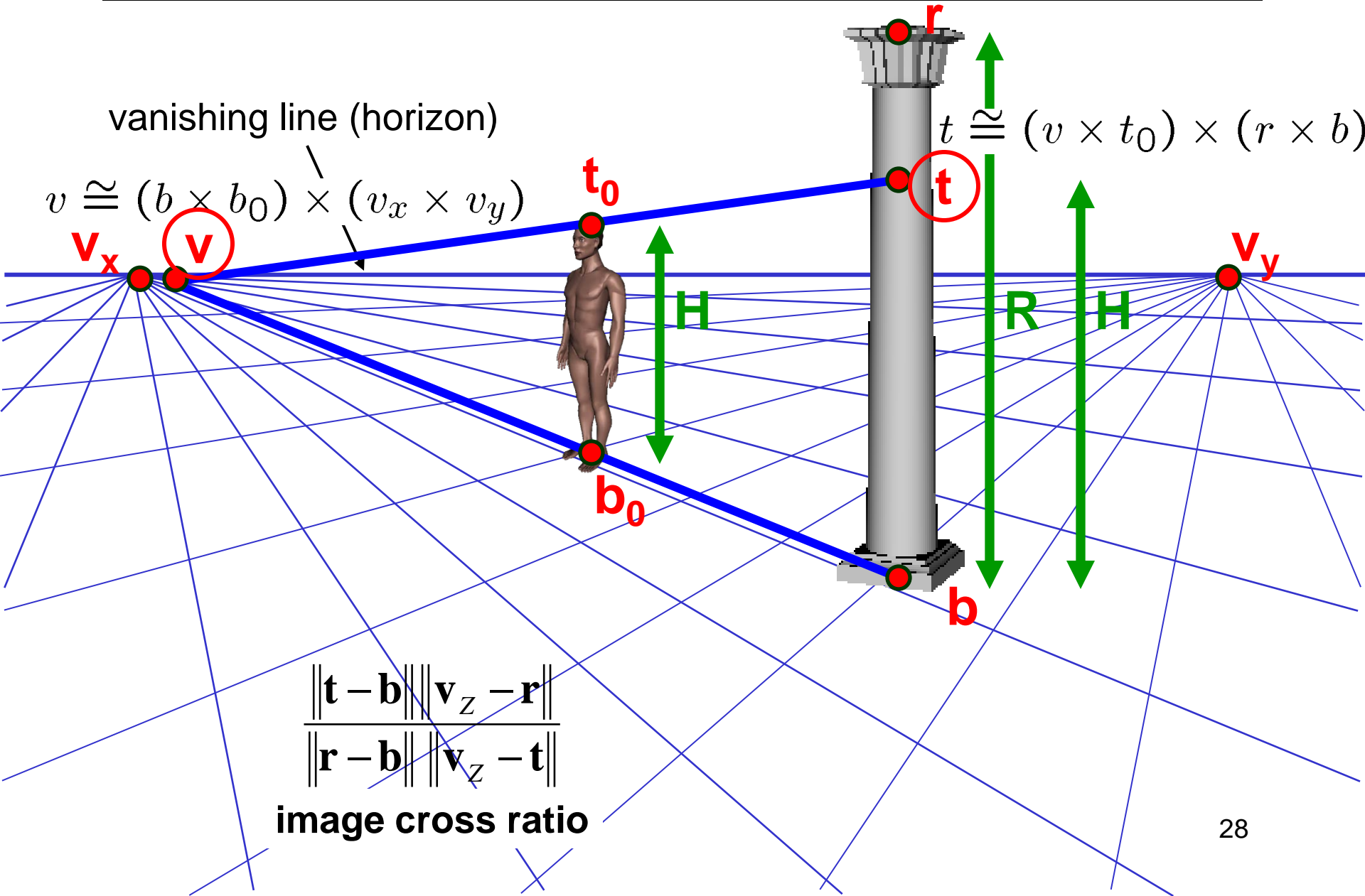
**scene cross ratio**

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

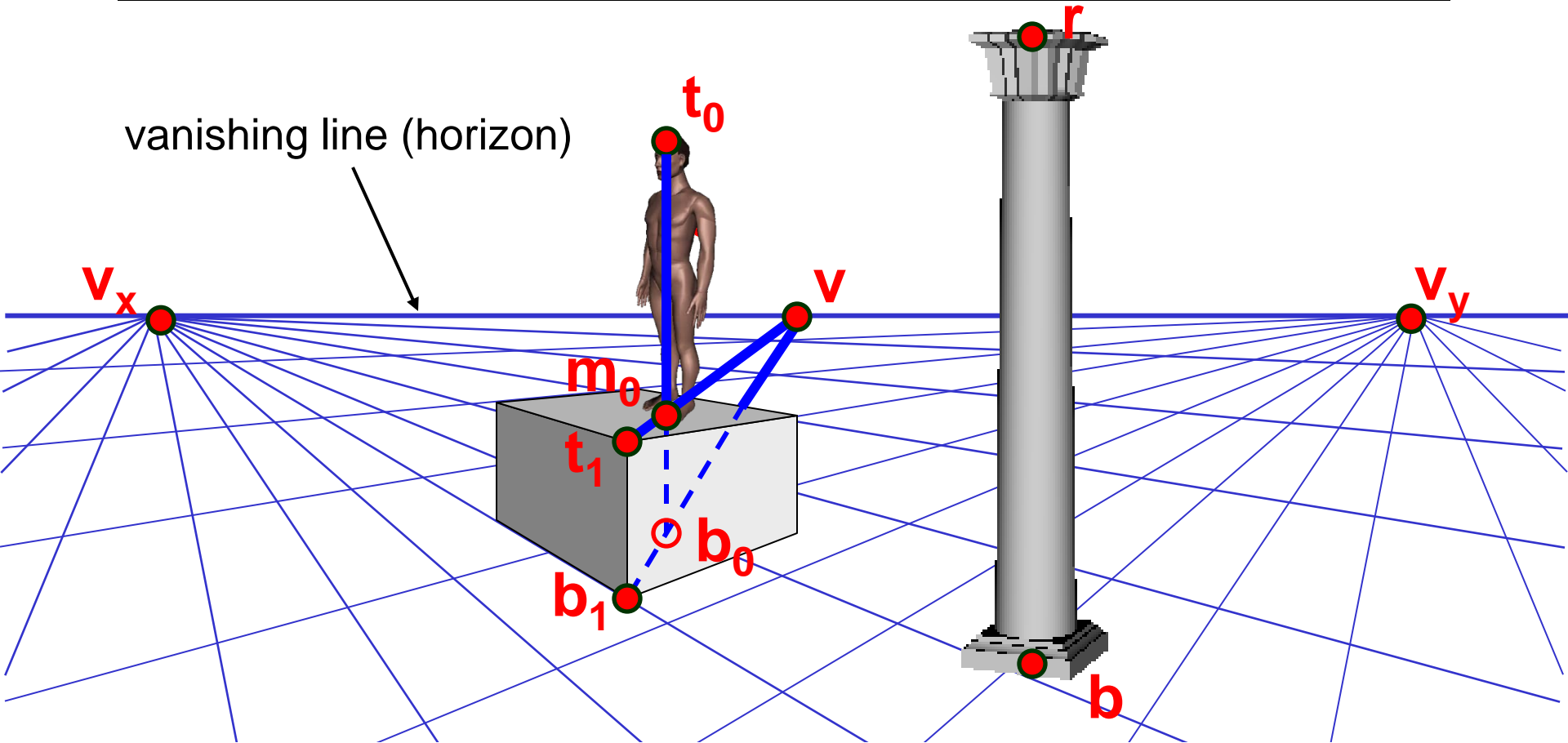
**image cross ratio**

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

# Measuring height



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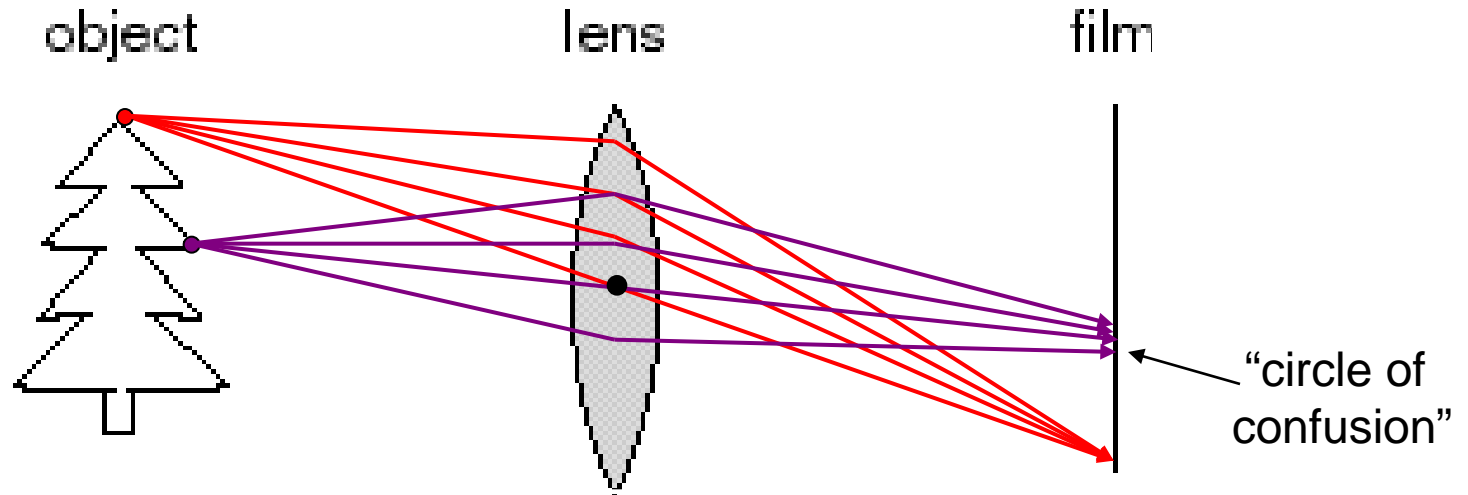


What if the point on the ground plane  $\mathbf{b}_0$  is not known?

- 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

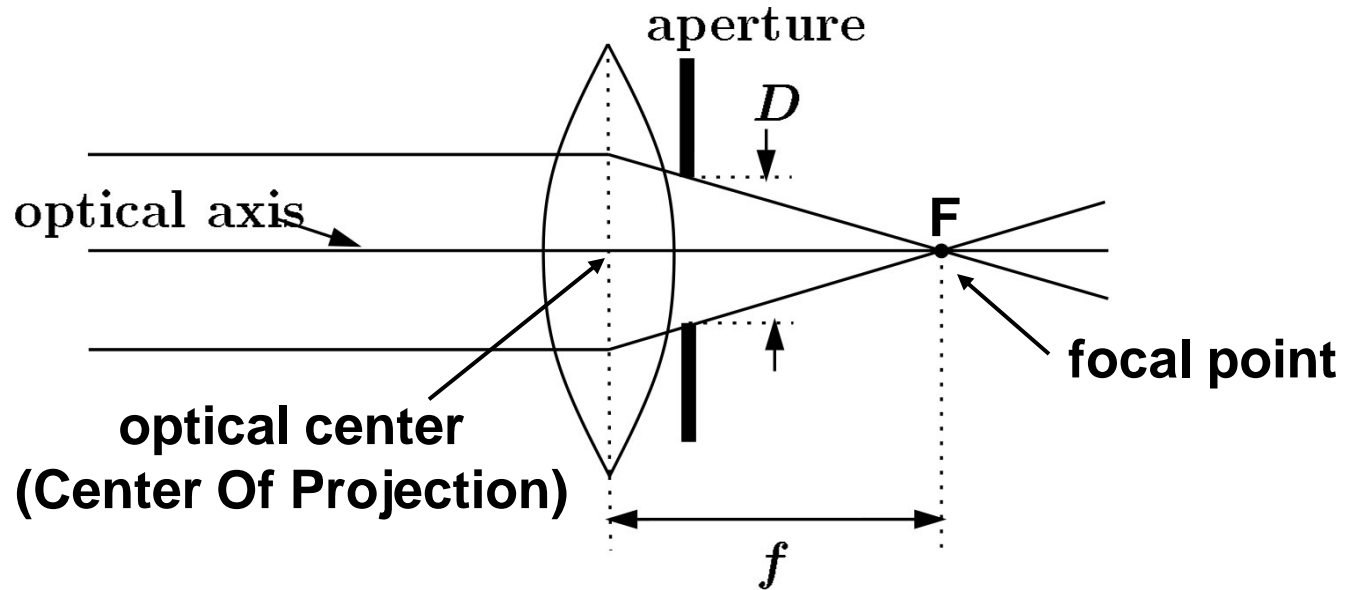
What about focus, aperture, DOF, FOV, etc?

# Adding a lens



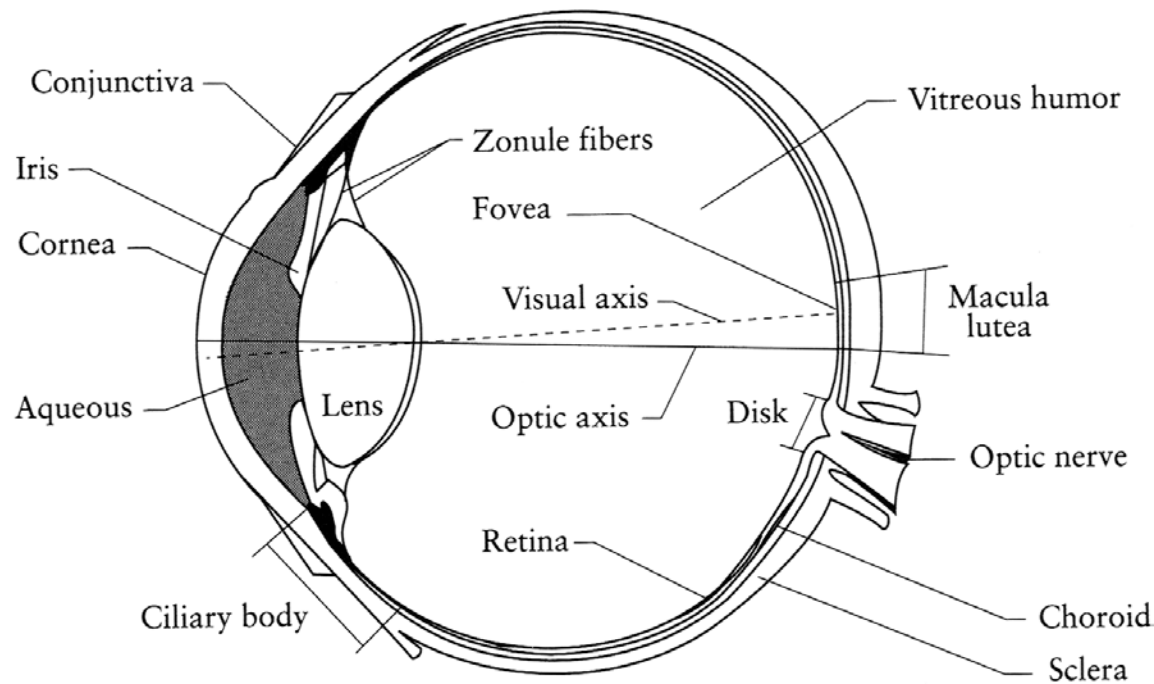
- A lens focuses light onto the film
  - There is a specific distance at which objects are “in focus”
    - other points project to a “circle of confusion” in the image
  - Changing the shape of the lens changes this distance

# Focal length, aperture, depth of field



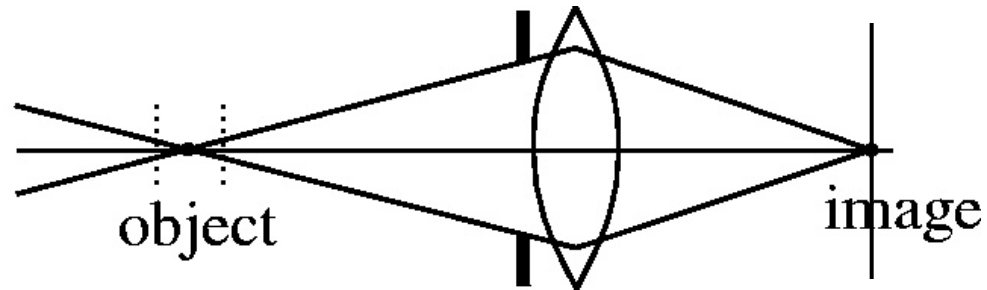
- A lens focuses parallel rays onto a single focal point
- focal point at a distance  $f$  beyond the plane of the lens
  - Aperture of diameter  $D$  restricts the range of rays

# The eye

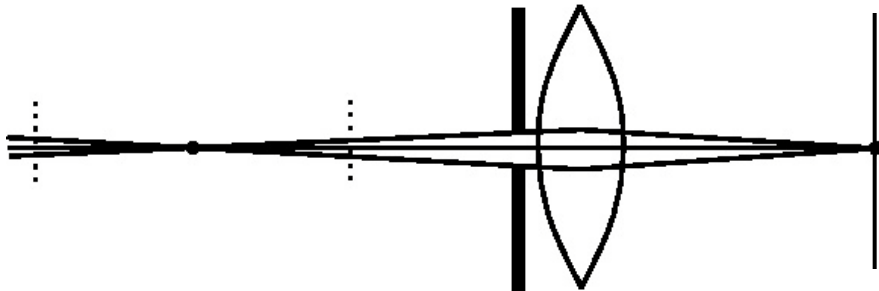


- The human eye is a camera
  - **Iris** - colored annulus with radial muscles
  - **Pupil** - the hole (aperture) whose size is controlled by the iris
  - What's the "film"?
    - photoreceptor cells (rods and cones) in the **retina**

# Depth of field



$f/5.6$



$f/32$

Changing the aperture size or focal length affects depth of field



# Varying the aperture

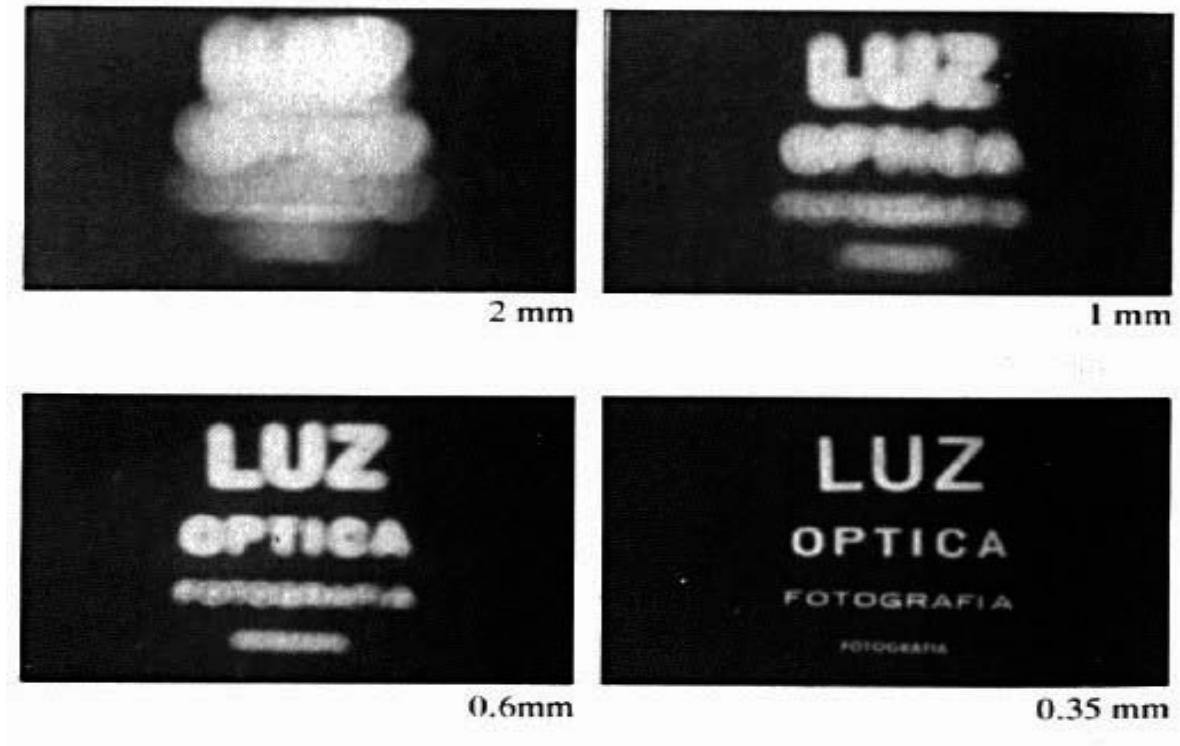


Large aperture = small DOF



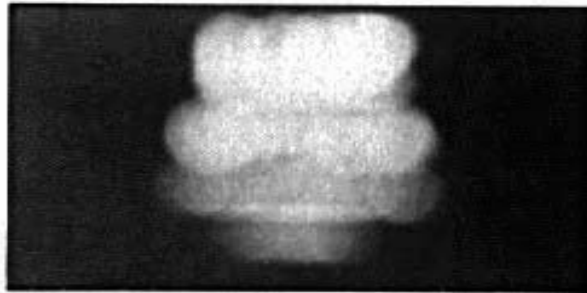
Small aperture = large DOF

# Shrinking the aperture

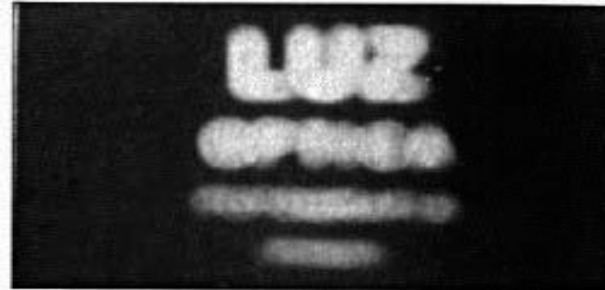


- Why not make the aperture as small as possible?
  - Less light gets through
  - Diffraction effects

# Shrinking the aperture



2 mm



1 mm



0.6mm



0.35 mm



0.15 mm



0.07 mm

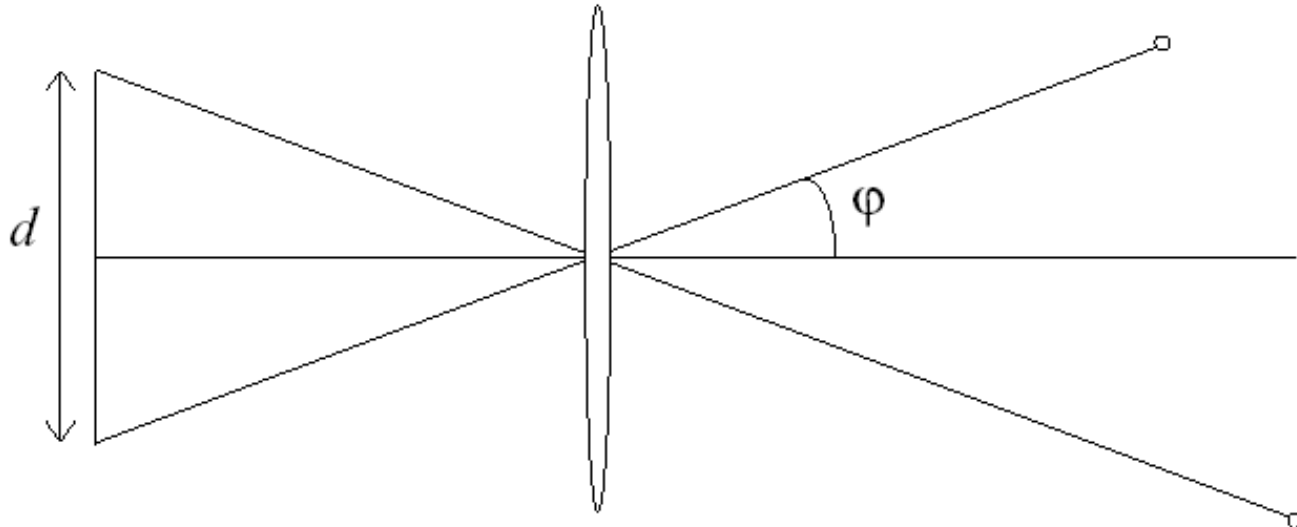
# Relation between field of view and focal length

Field of view (angle width)

Film/Sensor Width

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

Focal length



# Dolly Zoom or “Vertigo Effect”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y48R6-iIYHs>

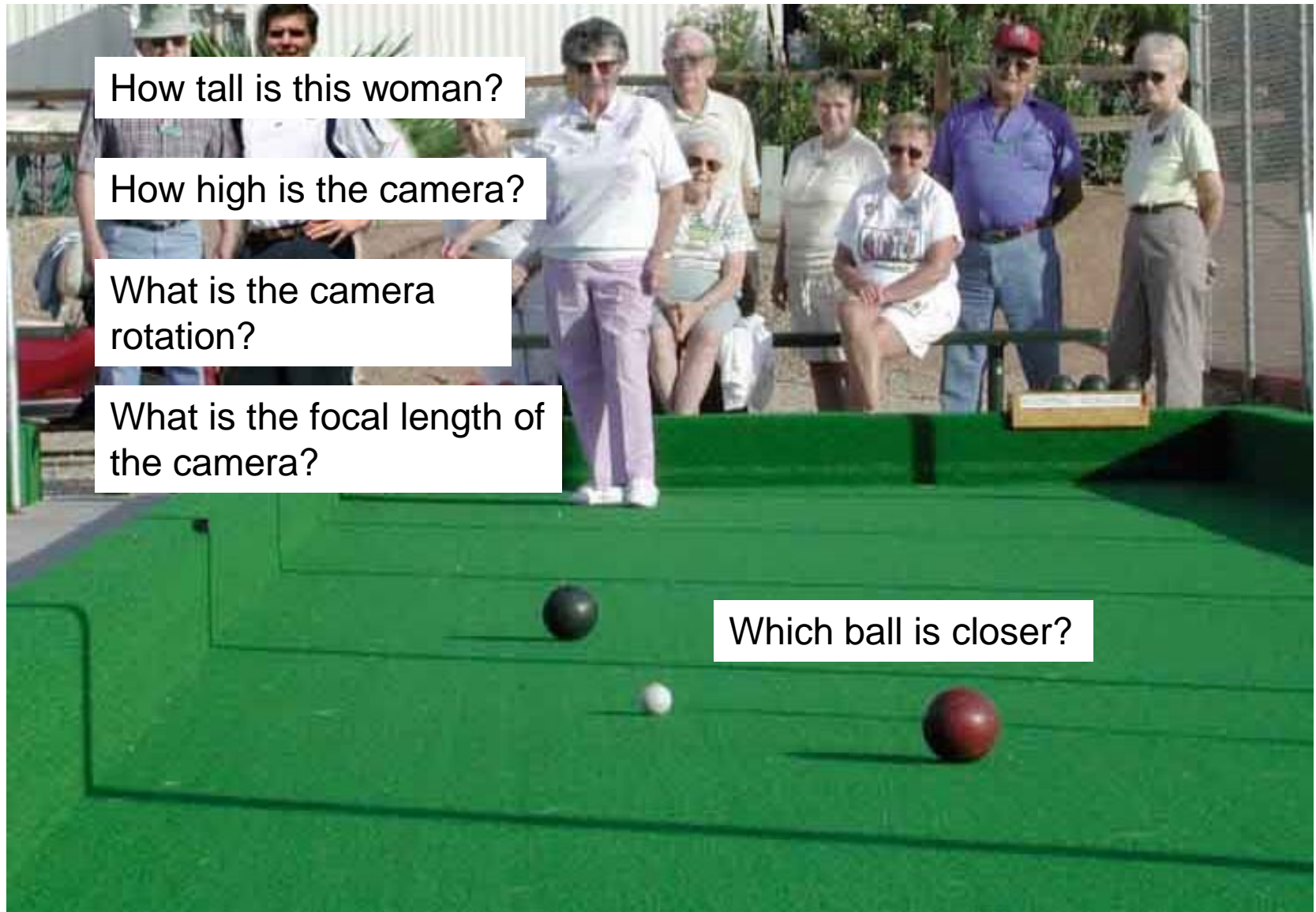


How is this done?

Zoom in while  
moving away

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

# Review



How tall is this woman?

How high is the camera?

What is the camera rotation?

What is the focal length of the camera?

Which ball is closer?

# Next class

- David Forsyth talks about lighting

Thank you!

Questions?