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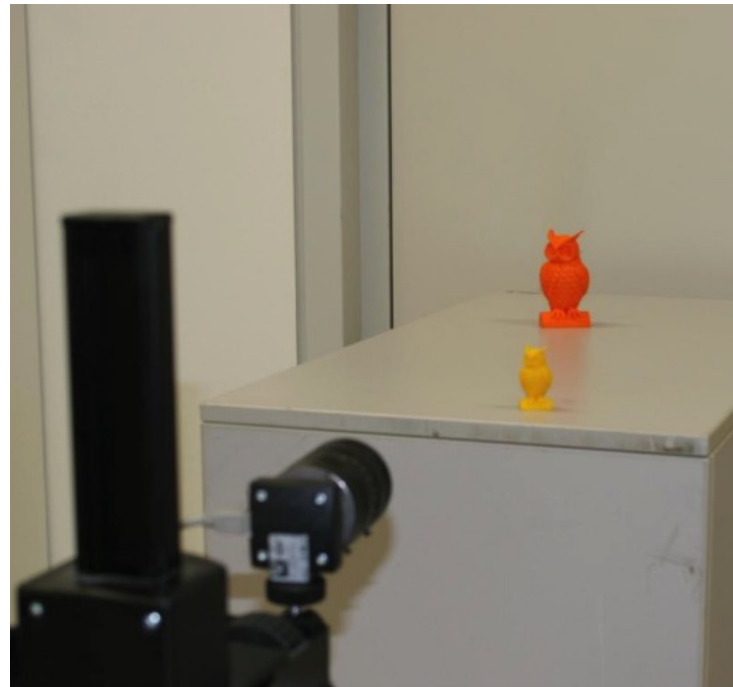
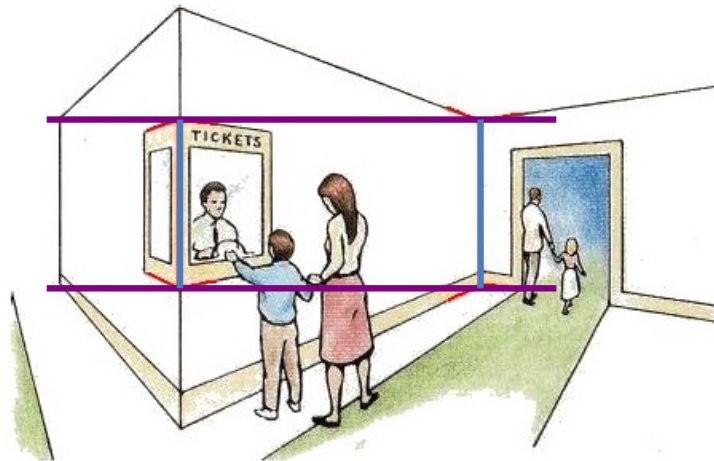


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# Müller-Lyer Illusion



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# Geometric Model: A Pinhole Camera

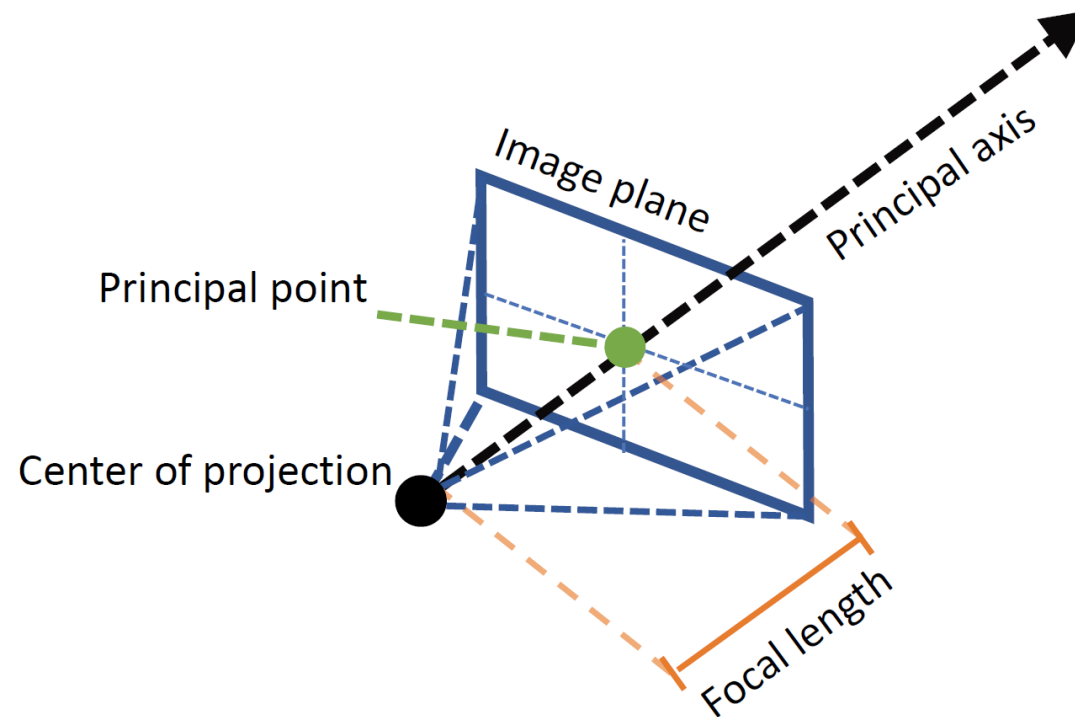
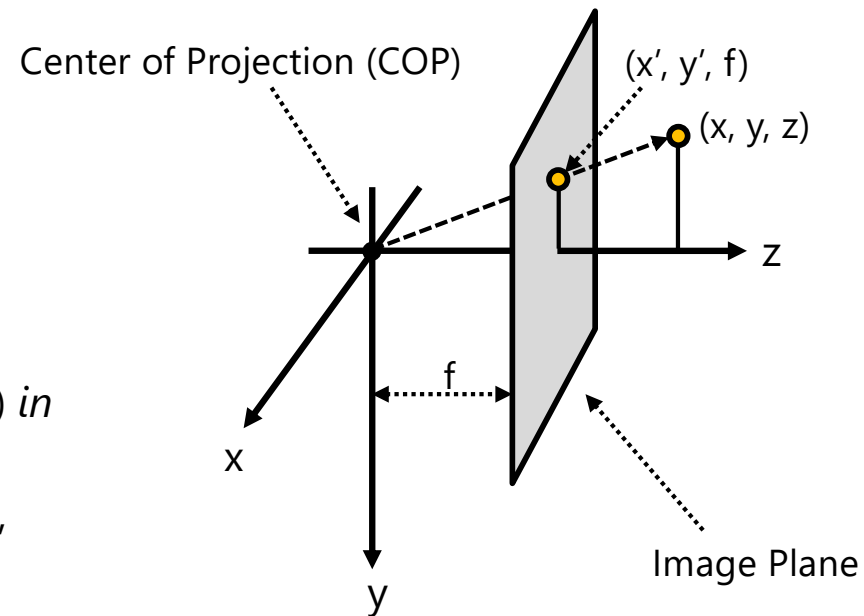


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# Modeling projection

- The coordinate system
  - We use the pinhole model as an approximation
  - Put the optical center (aka Center of Projection, or COP) at the origin
  - Put the Image Plane (aka Projection Plane) *in front* of the COP (Why)?
  - The camera looks down the *positive* z-axis, and the y-axis points down
    - we like this if we want right-handed-coordinates
    - other versions are possible (e.g., OpenGL)





# Modeling projection

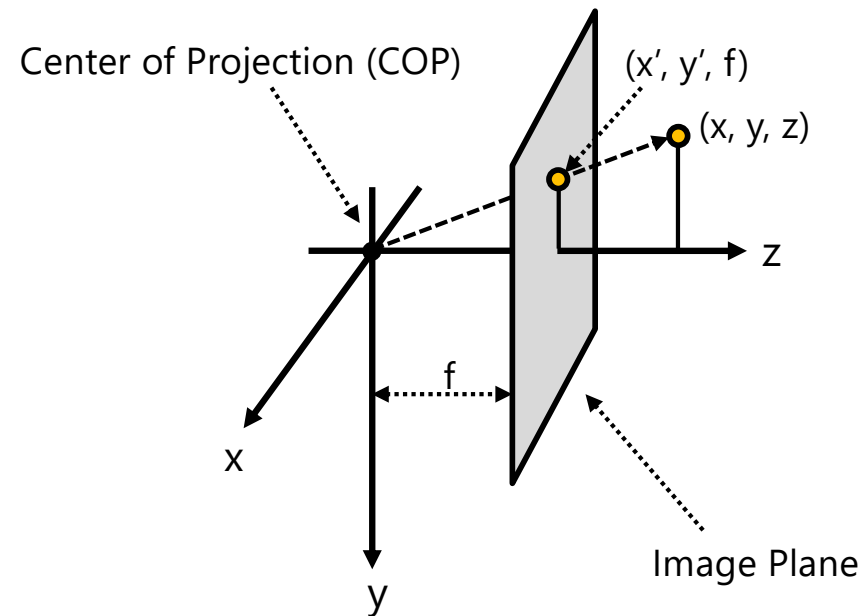
- Projection equations

- Compute intersection with Image Plane of ray from  $(x,y,z)$  to COP
- Derived using similar triangles

$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (f \frac{x}{z}, f \frac{y}{z}, f)$$

- We get the projection by throwing out the last coordinate:

$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (f \frac{x}{z}, f \frac{y}{z})$$



# Modeling projection

- Is this a linear transformation?
  - **no** - division by  $z$  is nonlinear

Homogeneous coordinates to the rescue

$$(x, y) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous image  
coordinates

$$(x, y, z) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous scene  
coordinates

Converting *from* homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w) \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w, z/w)$$

# Position is lost due to projection

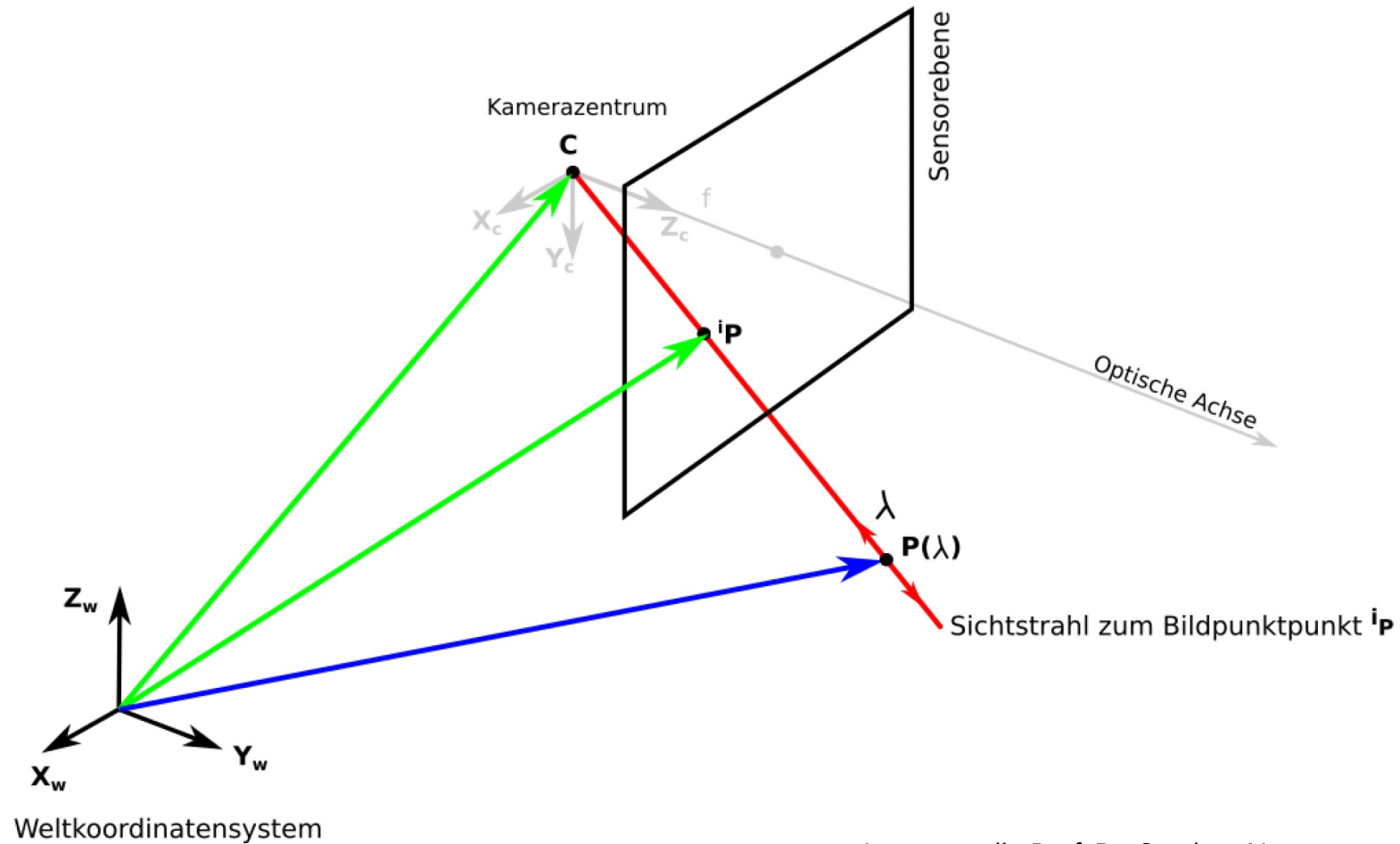


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# Perspective Projection

Projection is a matrix multiply using homogeneous coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z/f \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left( f \frac{x}{z}, f \frac{y}{z} \right)$$

divide by third coordinate

This is known as **perspective projection**

- The matrix is the **projection matrix**
- (Can also represent as a 4x4 matrix – OpenGL does something like this)

# Perspective Projection

How does scaling the projection matrix change the transformation?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z/f \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left(f \frac{x}{z}, f \frac{y}{z}\right)$$

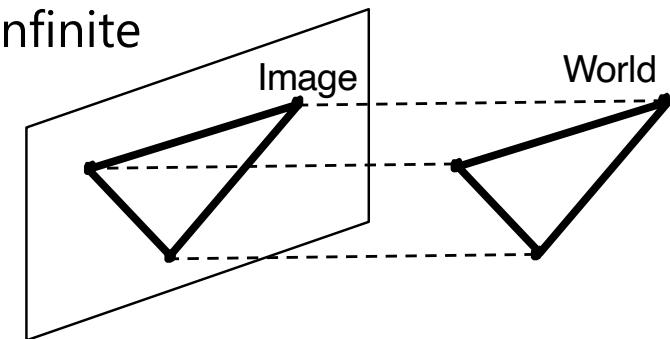
Scale by  $f$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} fx \\ fy \\ z \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left(f \frac{x}{z}, f \frac{y}{z}\right)$$

**Scaling a projection matrix produces an equivalent projection matrix!**

# Orthographic projection

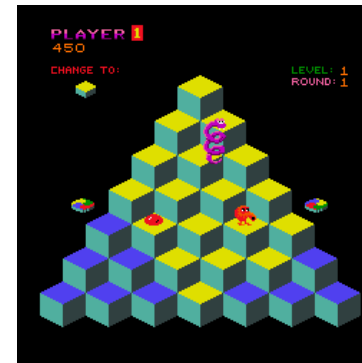
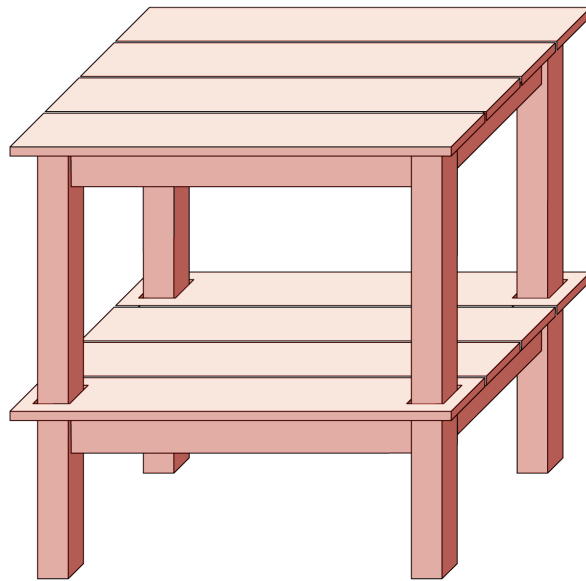
- Special case of perspective projection
  - Distance from the COP to the image plane is infinite



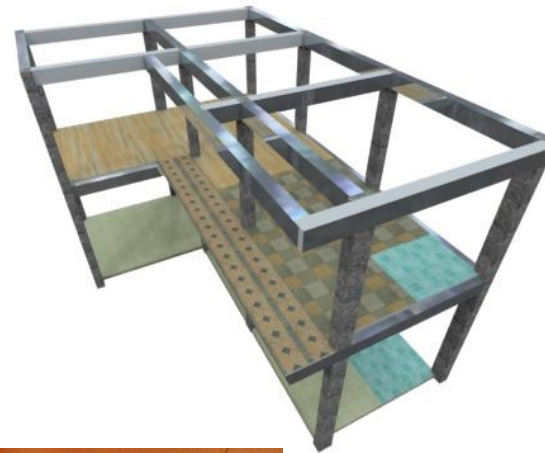
- Good approximation for telephoto optics
- Also called "parallel projection":  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x, y)$
- What's the projection matrix?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x, y)$$

# Orthographic projection



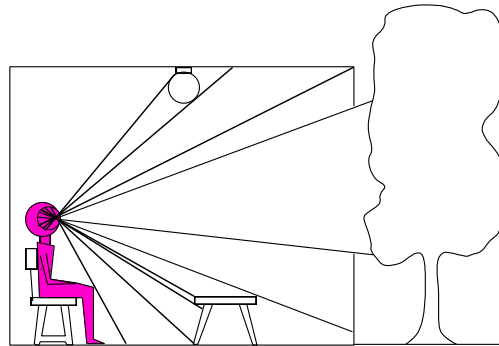
# Perspective projection





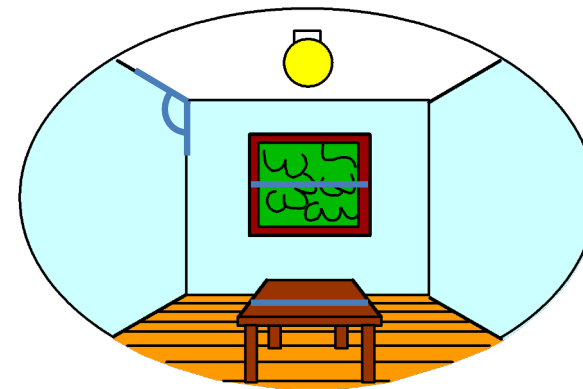
# Dimensionality Reduction Machine (3D to 2D)

*3D world*



Point of observation

*2D image*



What have we lost?

- Angles
- Distances (lengths)

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# Projection properties

- Many-to-one: any points along same ray map to same point in image
- Points  $\rightarrow$  points
- Lines  $\rightarrow$  lines (collinearity is preserved)
  - But line through COP projects to a point
- Planes  $\rightarrow$  planes (or half-planes)
  - But plane through COP projects to line

# Projection properties

- Parallel lines converge at a vanishing point
  - Each direction in space has its own vanishing point
  - But parallel lines parallel to the image plane remain parallel

