

# TSBB09 Image Sensors, Projective Geometry, Lecture D1

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Literature: Parts of ...

"Introduction to Representations and Estimation in Geometry",  
by Klas Nordberg

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## A vector space

- A vector space  $V$  consists of a set of vectors
  - Two vectors can be added
  - A vector can be multiplied by a scalar
  - Both operations result again in a vector in  $V$
- The dimension of  $V$  =  
maximal number of vectors which are linear independent
- Typically: there exists one or another basis
- Orthogonality between two vectors defined if we have a scalar product
- Linear mappings are well-defined

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## A projective space

- A projective space can be defined from  $V$  in terms of equivalence classes:
  - Two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are **equivalent** if there exists a non-zero scalar  $\lambda$  such that  $\mathbf{u} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  must be non-zero vectors
  - All vectors which are equivalent correspond to an element of the projective space (a projective element)
  - Projective equivalence is denoted  $\mathbf{u} \sim \mathbf{v}$
- The projective space is (often) denoted  $\mathbb{P}(V)$

## Projective representation

- The  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  can be given a projective representation by the projective space  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$



is represented by the  
projective element  
corresponding to



$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$


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## Homogeneous coordinates

- The vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is called the *homogeneous coordinates* of  $\bar{\mathbf{v}}$
- The projective representation of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is not unique
  - The extra dimension can be inserted at arbitrary position
  - The constant value can be arbitrary (but fix and non-zero)
  - The “one-last” representation is the most common in the literature

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## Example

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$


All these vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  represent the same projective element

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## Normalization

- Given an a *non-zero* vector  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  we can scale it so that the last element = 1  $\Rightarrow$  *normalization*
- The other elements in the normalized homogeneous vector are the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that  $\mathbf{u}$  represents
- This makes it possible to know which vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  a specific projective element in  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$  represents

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## 2D Coordinate transformations

- A 2D point  $\mathbf{y}$  is transformed to  $\mathbf{y}'$  such that the corresponding Cartesian 2D coordinates are related as

$$\begin{pmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Referred to as an *affine transformation*  
Includes translation, scaling, rotation, skewing

An *affine transformation*  
transforms parallel lines to parallel lines.

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## Coordinate transformations

- Translation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Rotation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Coordinate transformations

- In homogeneous coordinates this is

$$\mathbf{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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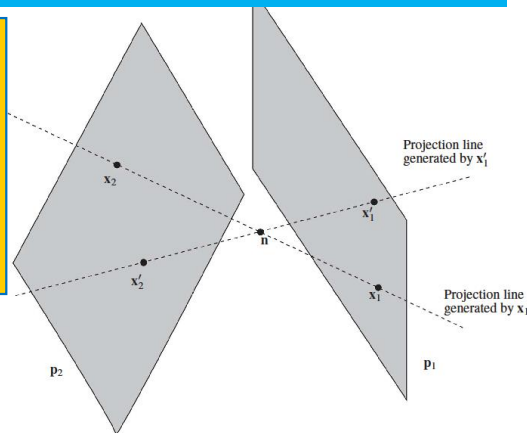
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## 2D Homography mapping

A 2D homography maps the points  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}'_1$  in the plane  $\mathbf{p}_1$  to points  $\mathbf{x}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}'_2$  by projecting each point through the point  $\mathbf{n}$  and finding the intersection of the projection line with the plane  $\mathbf{p}_2$ .

3 × 3 matrix

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}_1$$



## Homography

- Geometrically, we define a homography as a mapping between two 2D planes in the 3D space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , by projecting through a fixed point  $\mathbf{n}$ .
- We assume that  $\mathbf{n}$  is not included in any of the two planes  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{H}$  is always invertible.
- Since the matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  has 9 elements but scalar multiplication does not matter, a homography has 8 degrees of freedom. Consequently, in the case of a 2D homography transformation we need at least 4 points, before and after the transformation, to determine which homography it is.

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## Homography

- Describes e.g. how a pinhole-camera maps points on a plane to the image plane.
- A homography maps a line to a line.
- Parallel lines are in general **not** transformed to parallel lines.



Photo of a painting of  
Växjö (my hometown).  
Parallel lines along the  
frame in the painting are  
not parallel in the photo.

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