

A photograph of a railway track receding into the distance under a sunset sky. The tracks are made of metal rails on wooden sleepers, set on a bed of gravel. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The overall scene is serene and evokes a sense of journey and perspective.

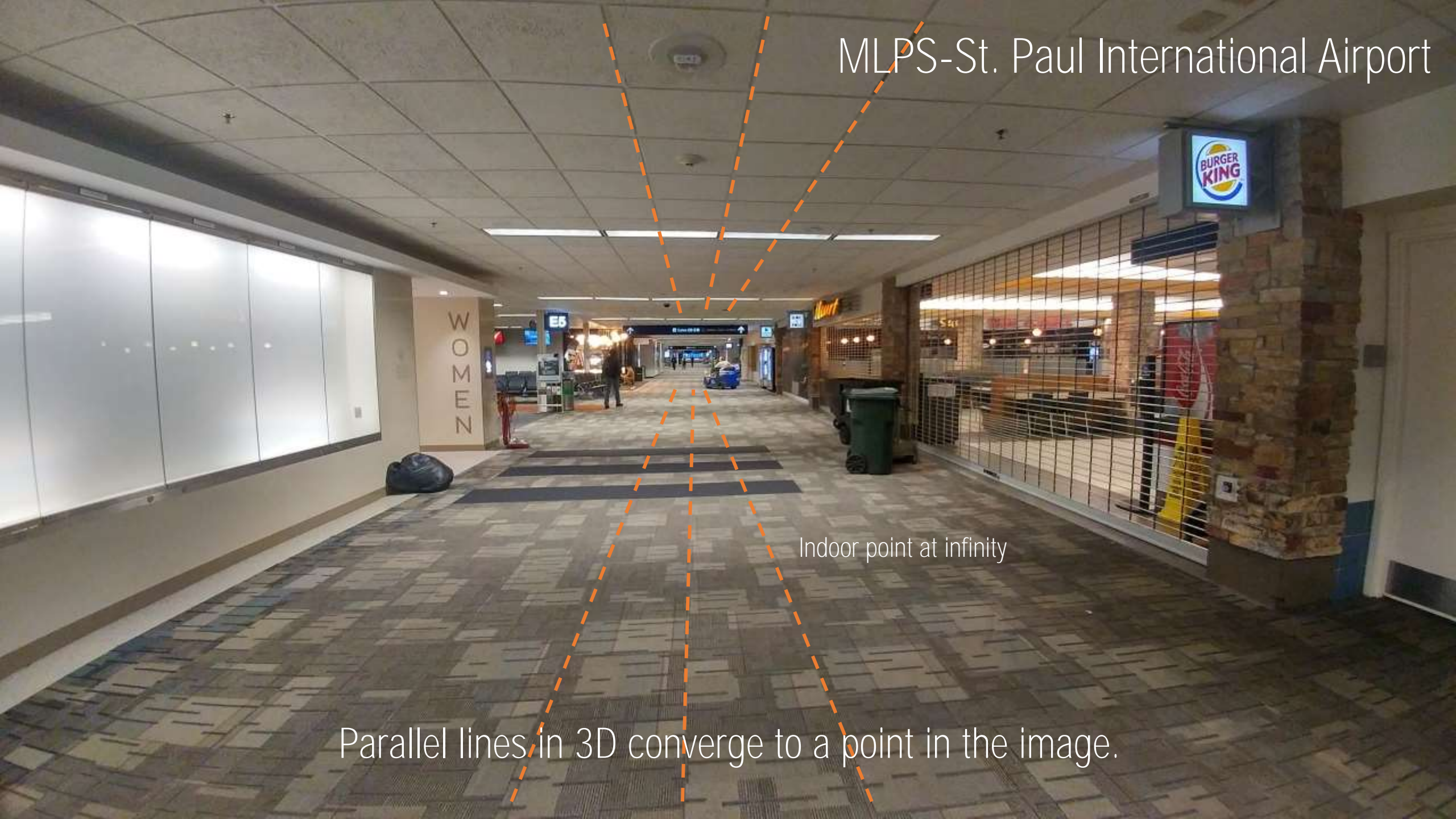
# Projective Line



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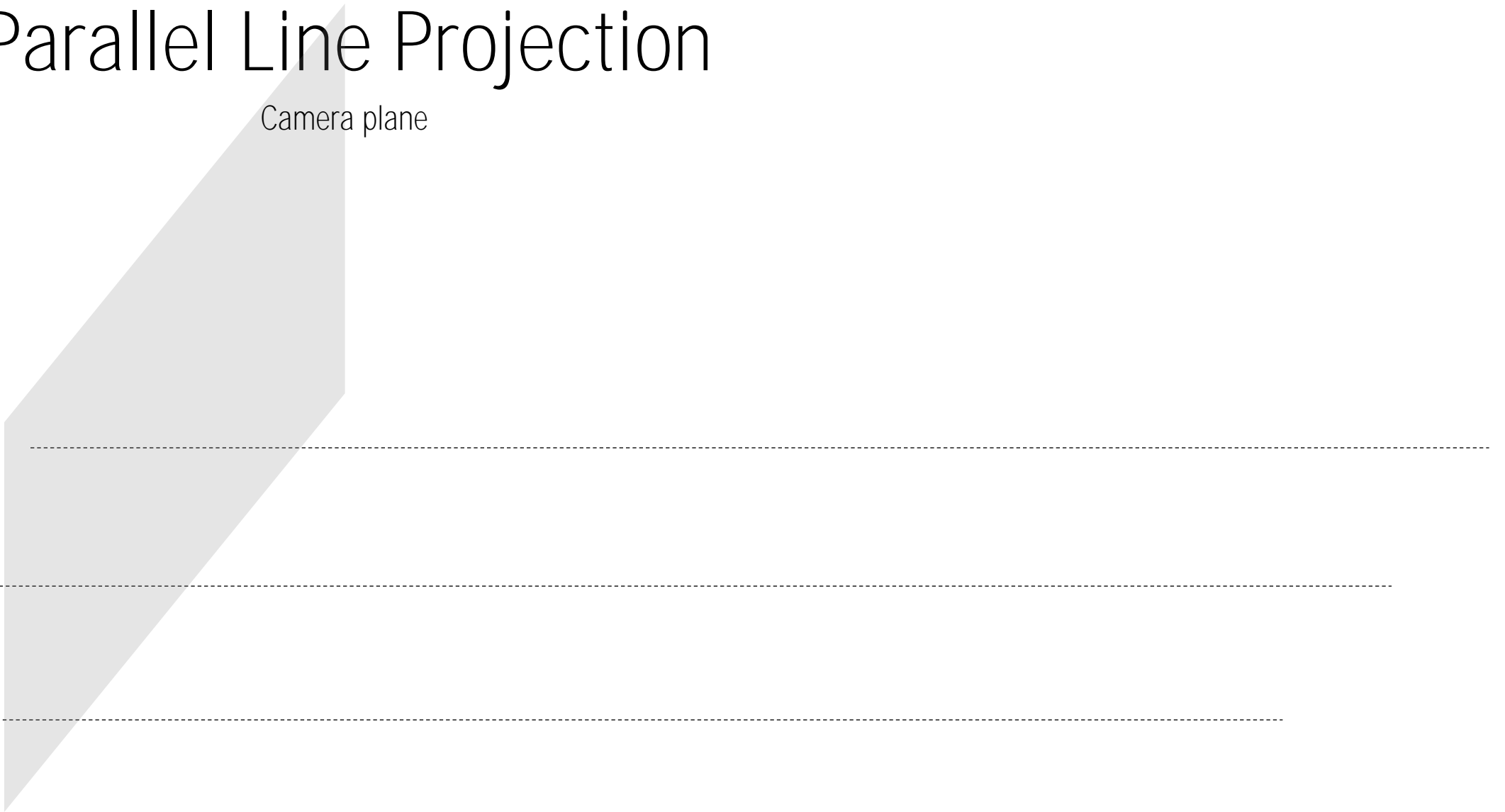


Indoor point at infinity

Parallel lines in 3D converge to a point in the image.

# 3D Parallel Line Projection

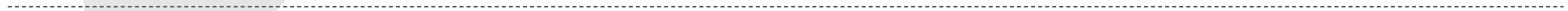
Camera plane



Ground plane

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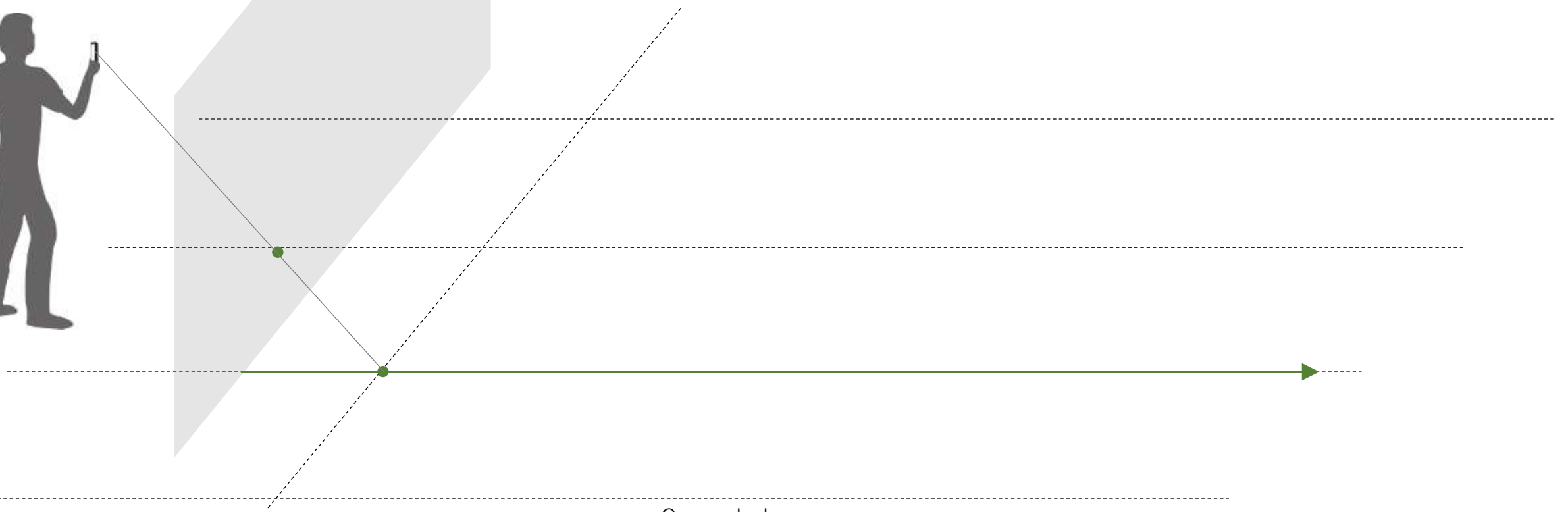
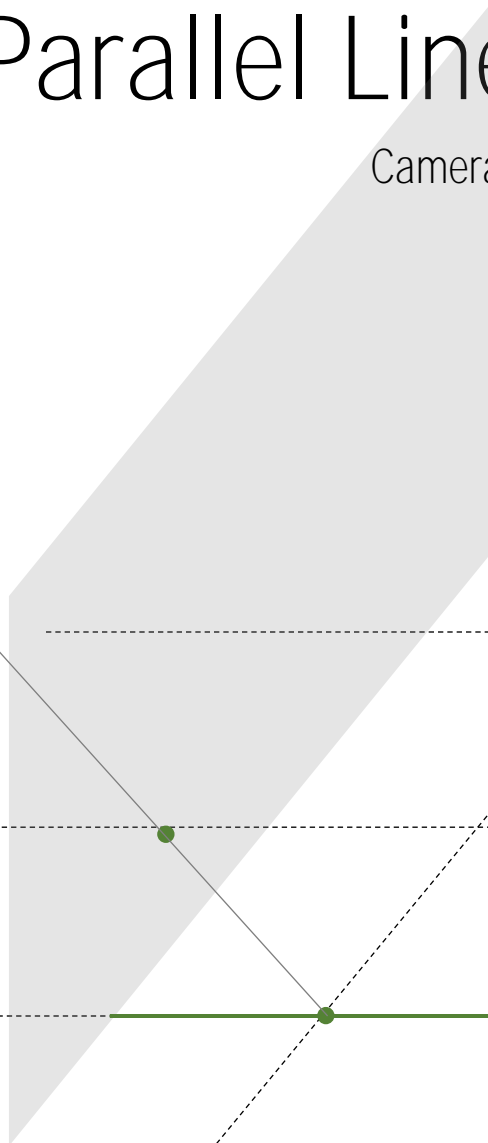
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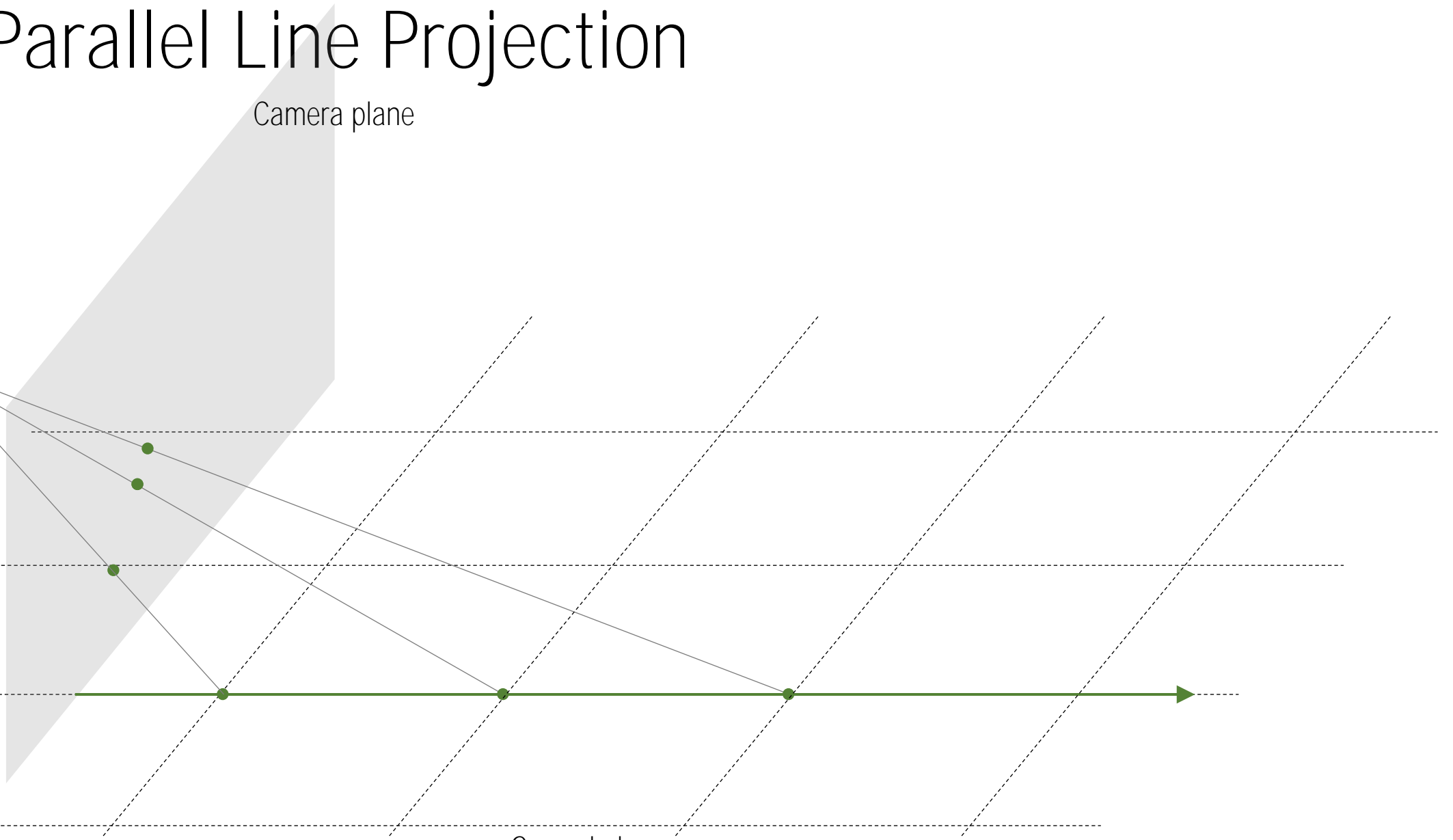


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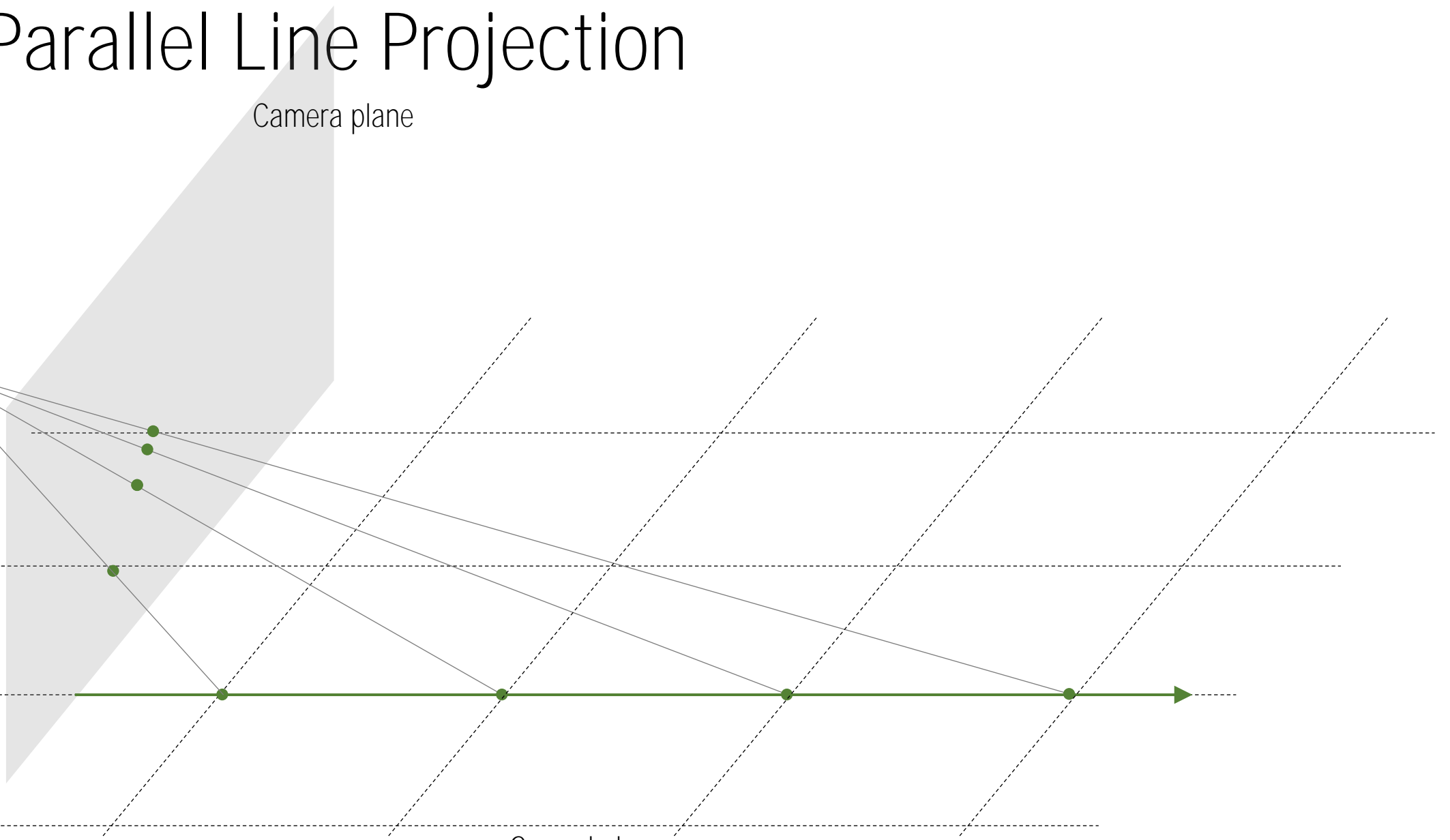


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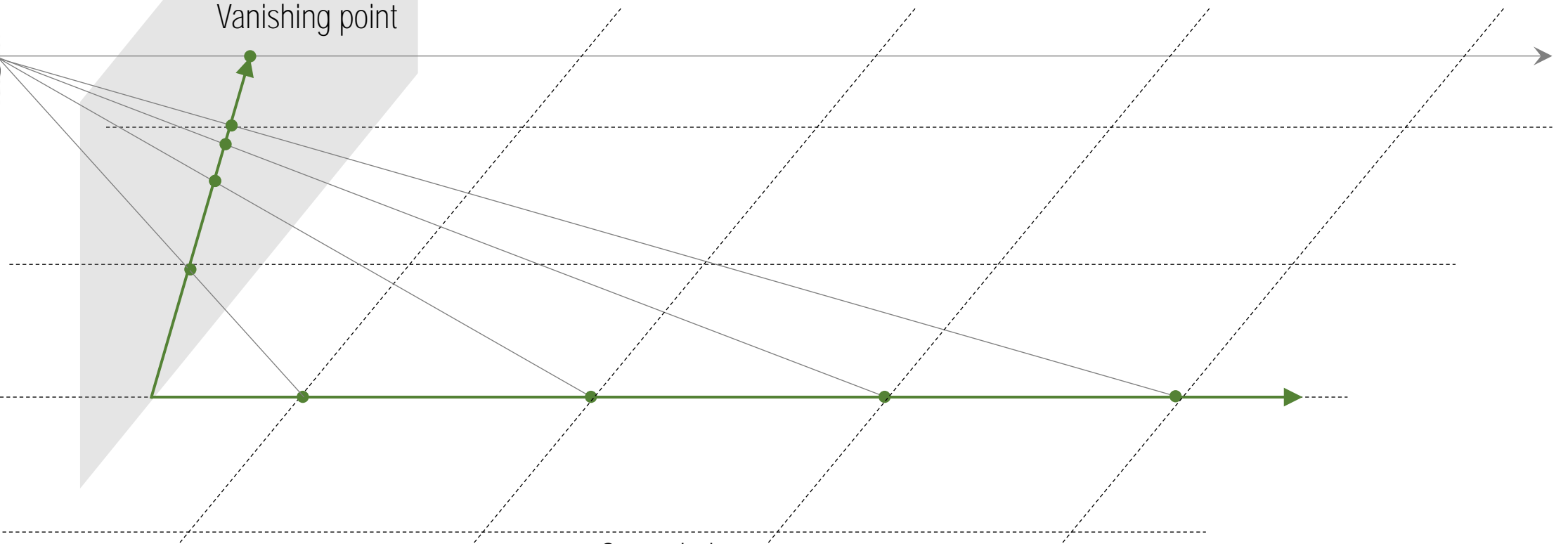
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# 3D Parallel Line Projection

Camera plane

Vanishing point

Ground plane

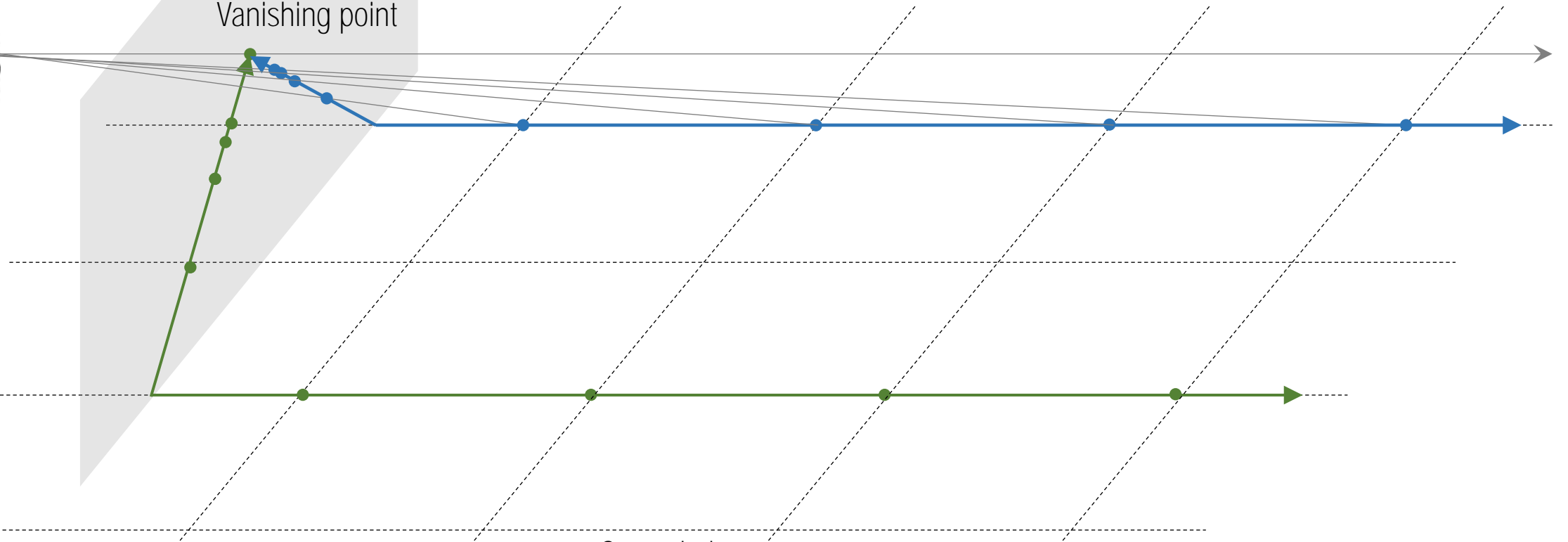


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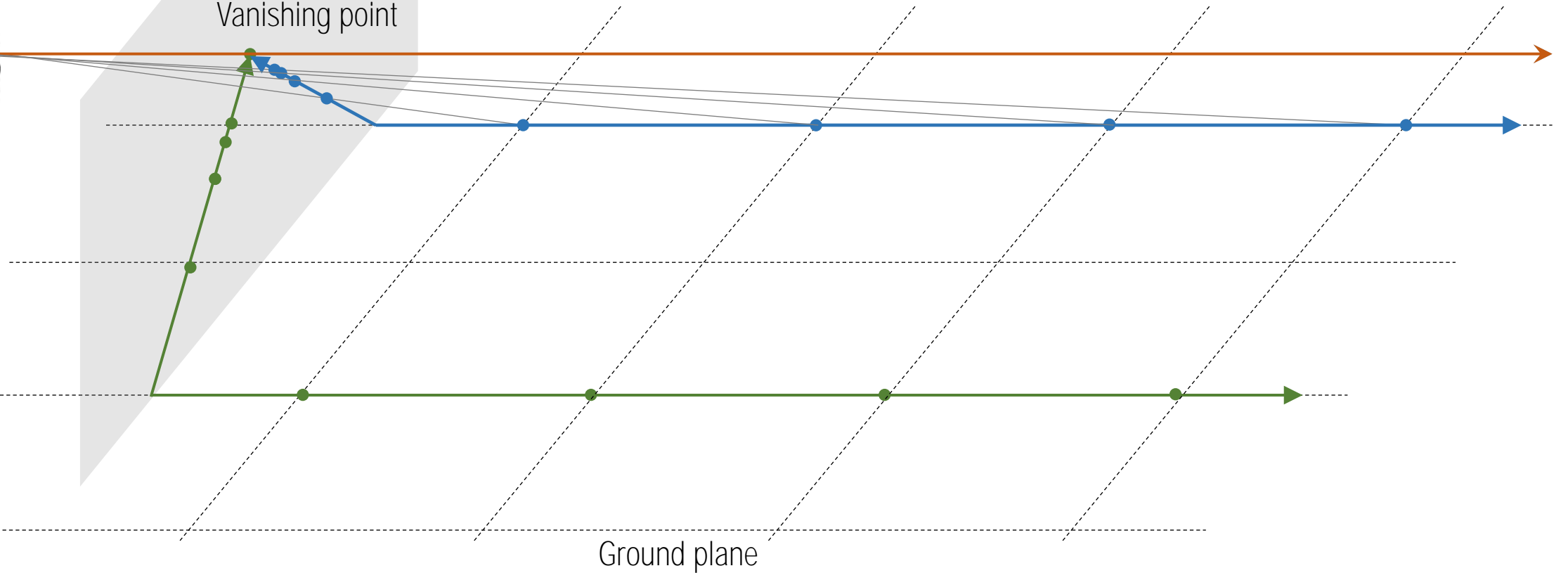


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Camera plane

1. Parallel lines in 3D meet at the same vanishing point in image.

Vanishing point



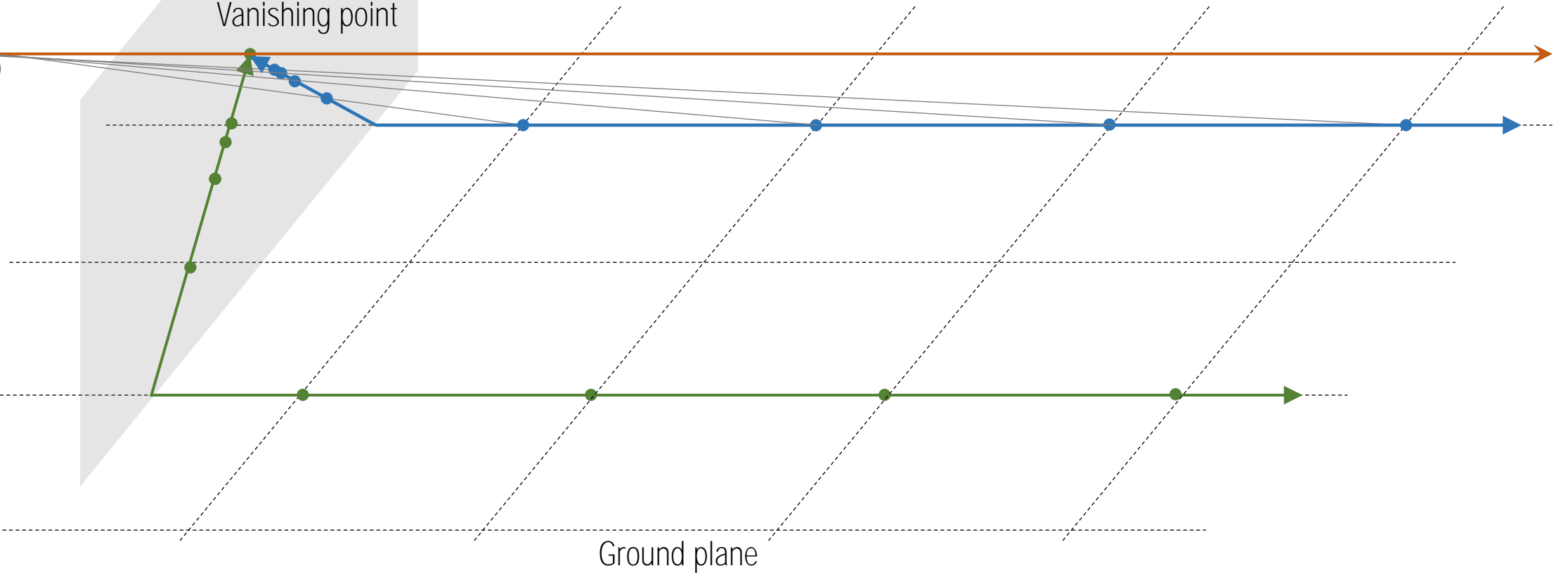
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Camera plane

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Vanishing point



Ground plane

# Vanishing Point

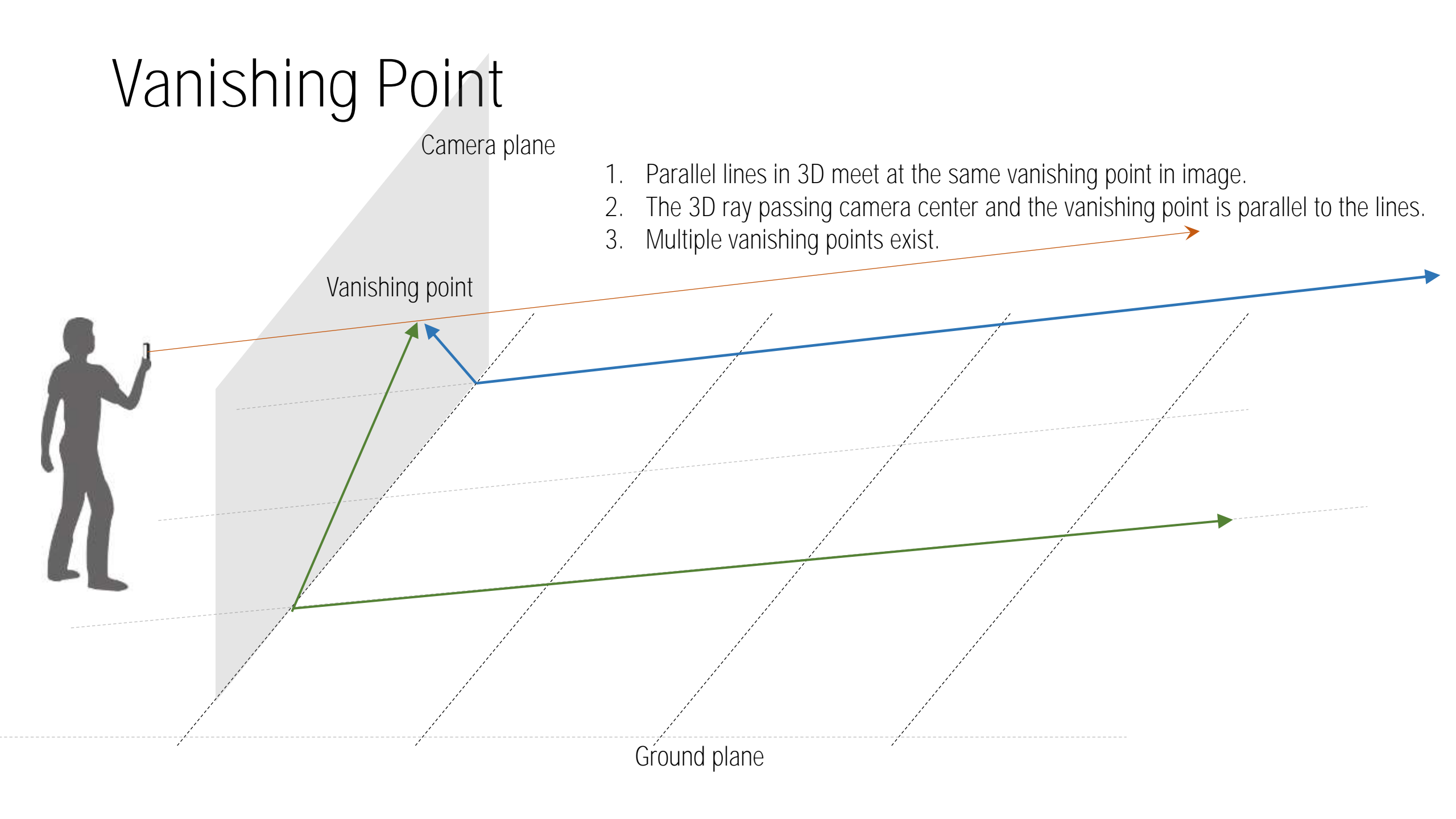
Camera plane

1. Parallel lines in 3D meet at the same vanishing point in image.
2. The 3D ray passing camera center and the vanishing point is parallel to the lines.
3. Multiple vanishing points exist.

Vanishing point



Ground plane







Vanishing point



Vanishing point



Vanishing point



Multiple vanishing point

Vanishing point

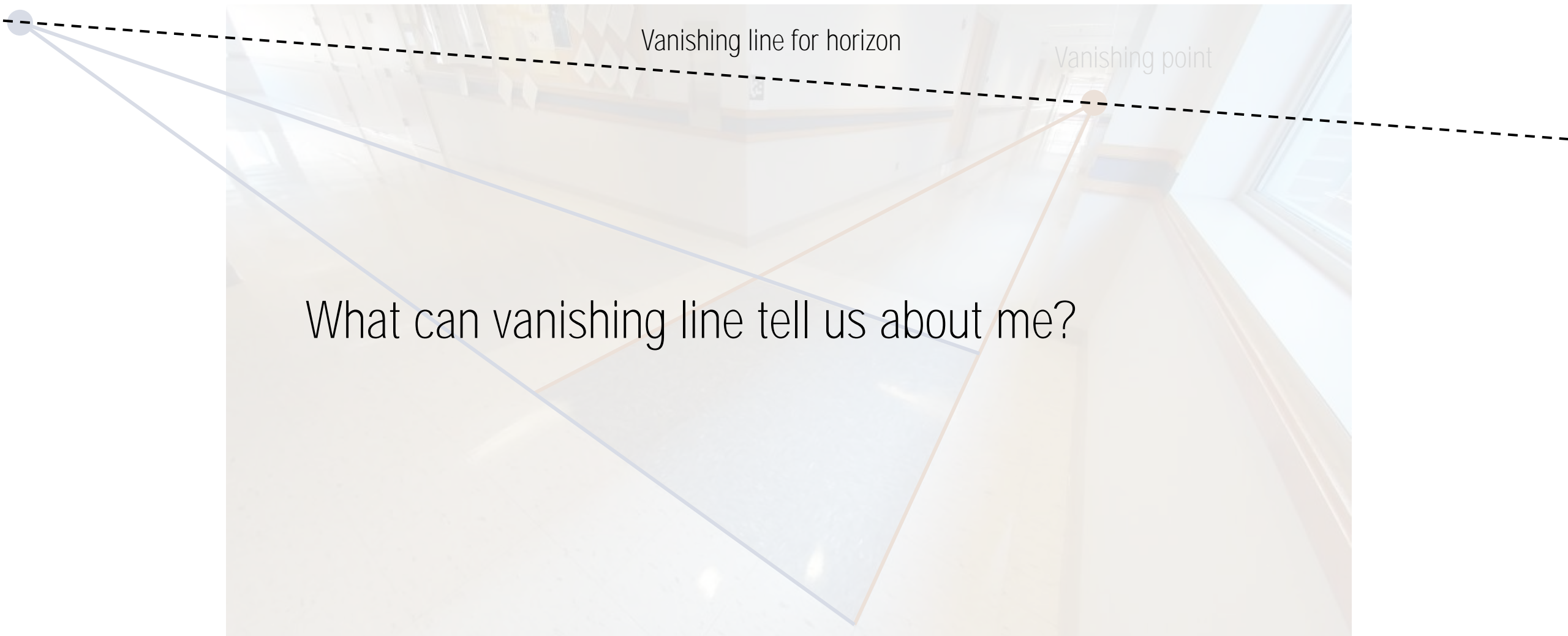


Vanishing line for horizon

Vanishing point

Vanishing line: Horizon

Vanishing point

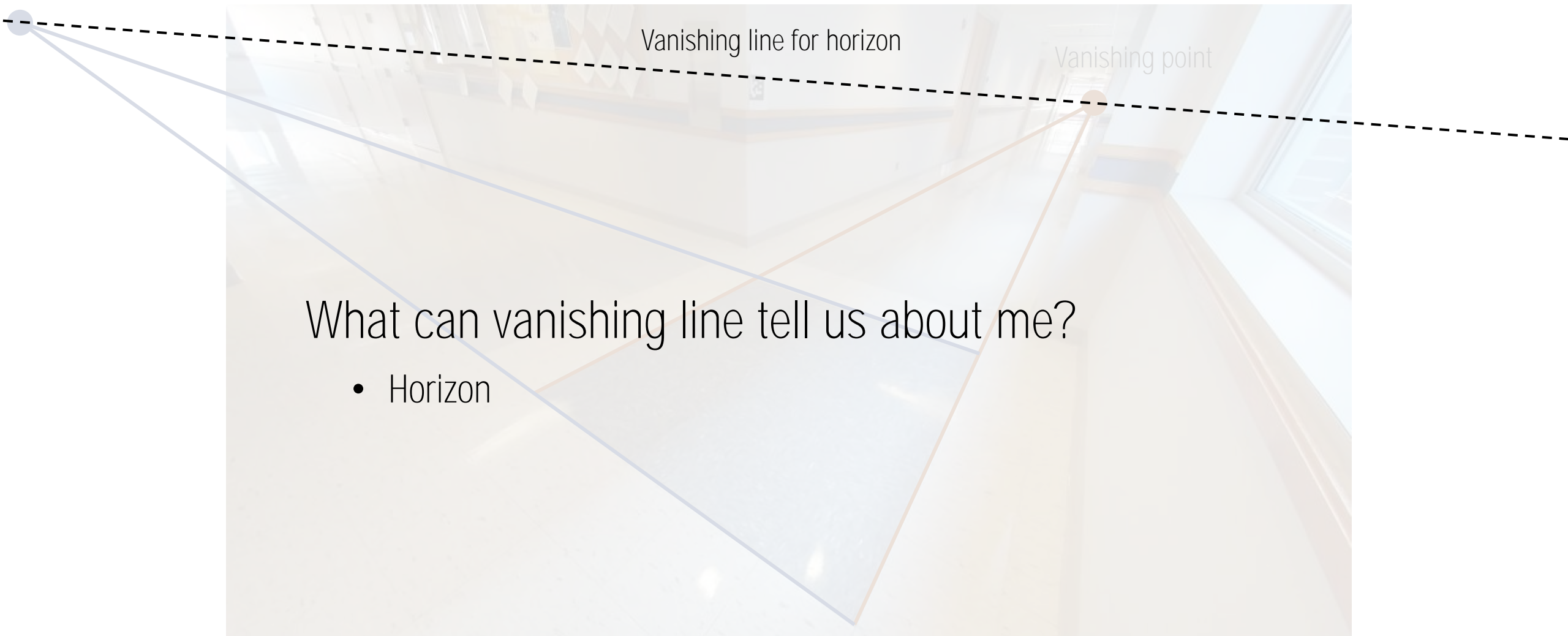


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Vanishing point

What can vanishing line tell us about me?

Vanishing point



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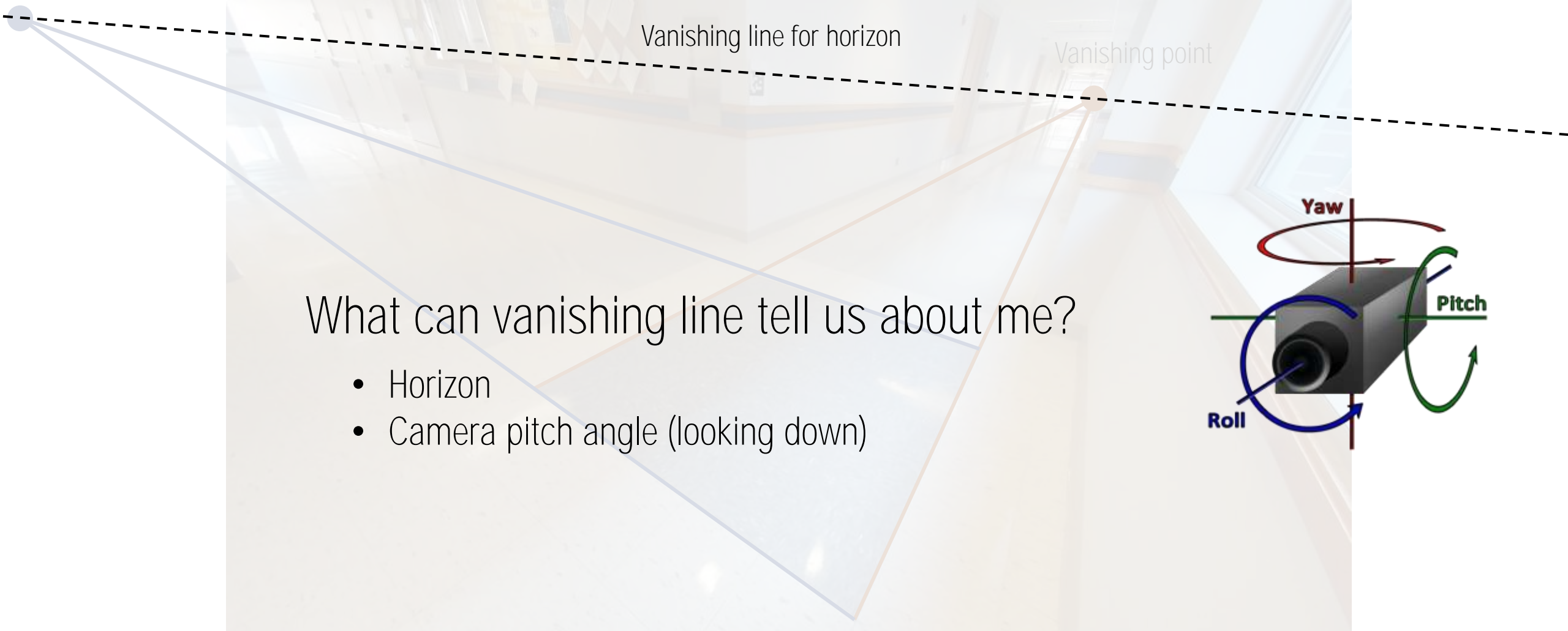
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- Horizon

Keller Hall

Vanishing point

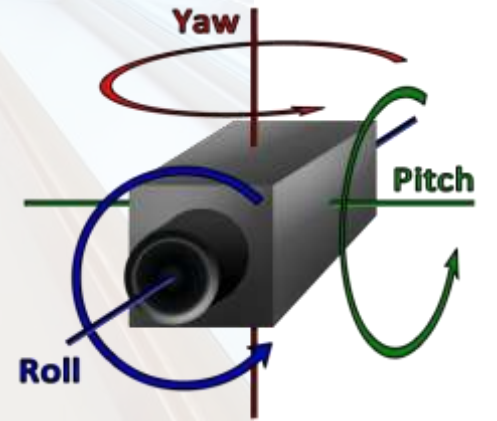


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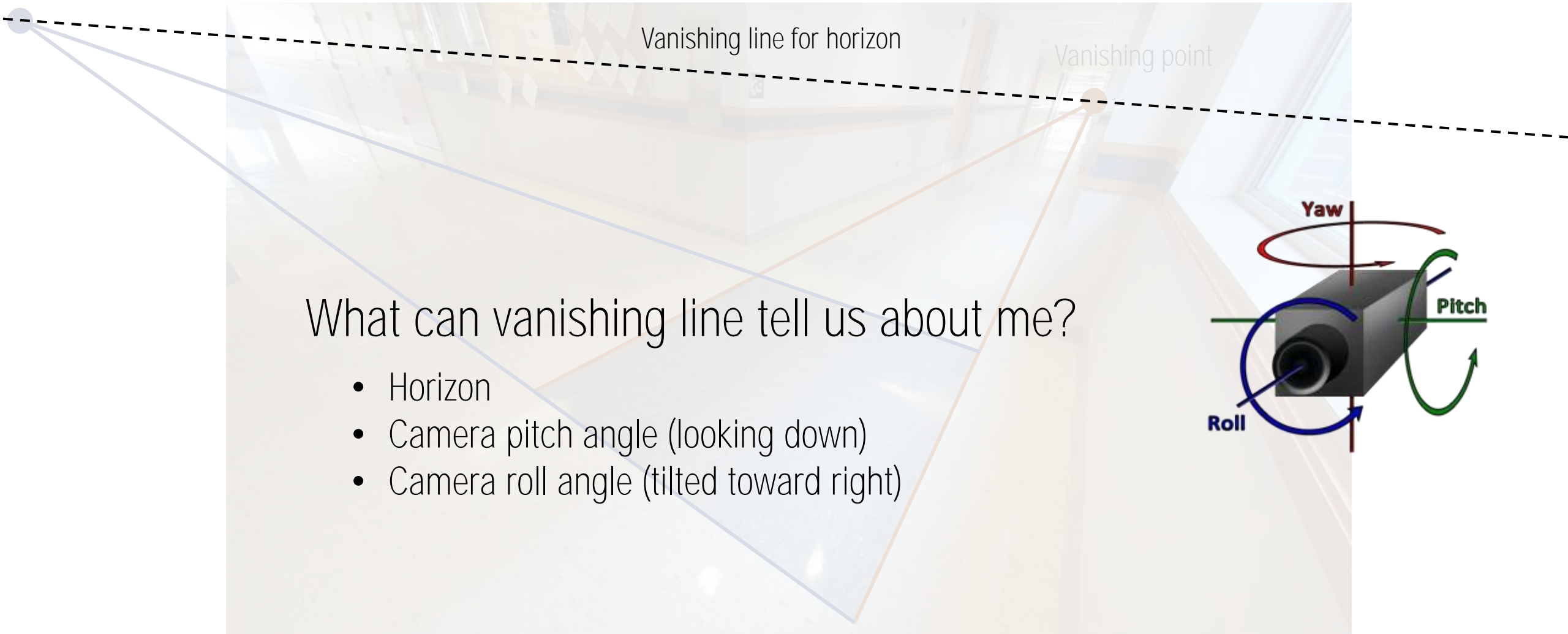
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- Camera pitch angle (looking down)



Vanishing point

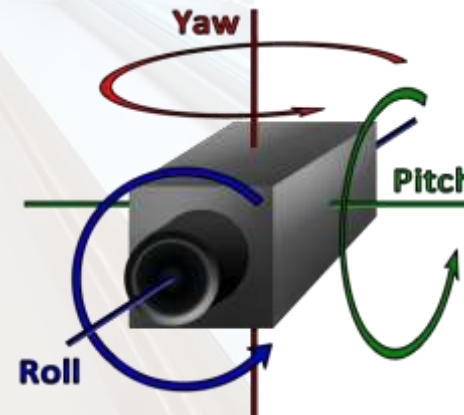


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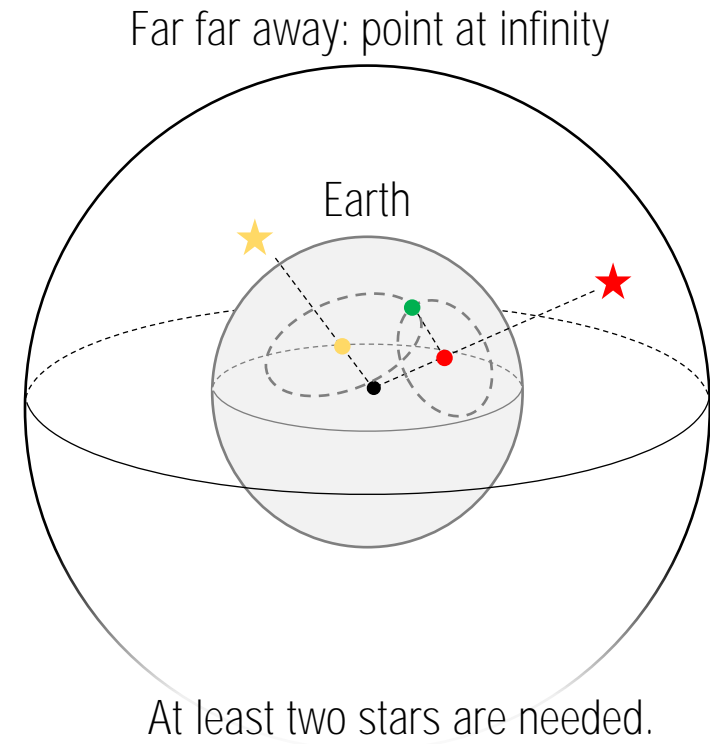
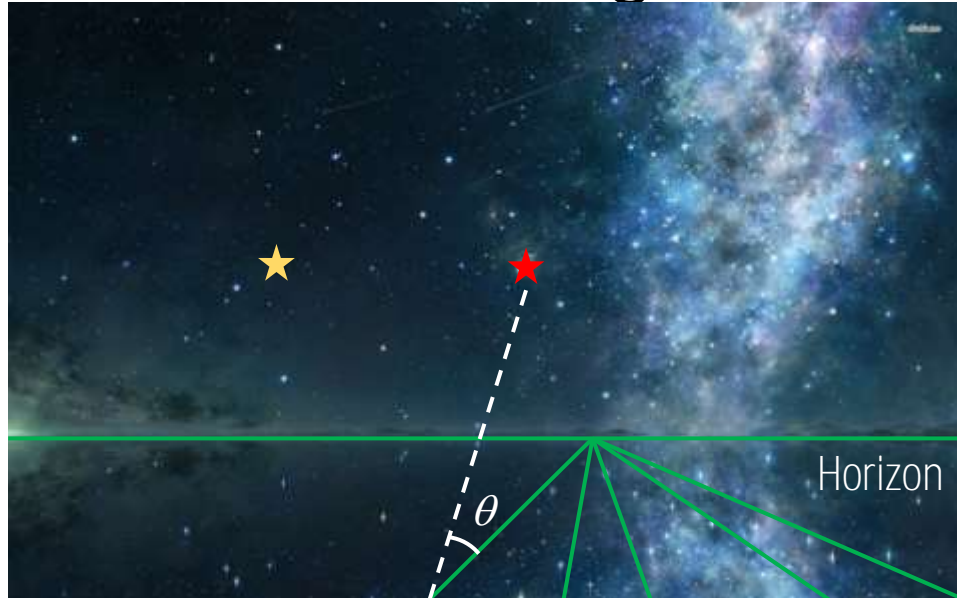
Vanishing point

What can vanishing line tell us about me?

- Horizon
- Camera pitch angle (looking down)
- Camera roll angle (tilted toward right)



# Celestial Navigation



Two points at infinity (vanishing points) tells us about where I am.

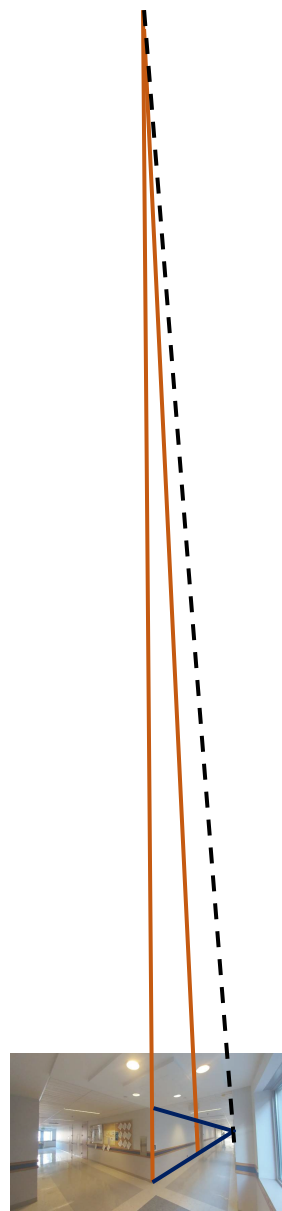


Parallel 3D planes share the vanishing line.





Different plane produces different vanishing line.



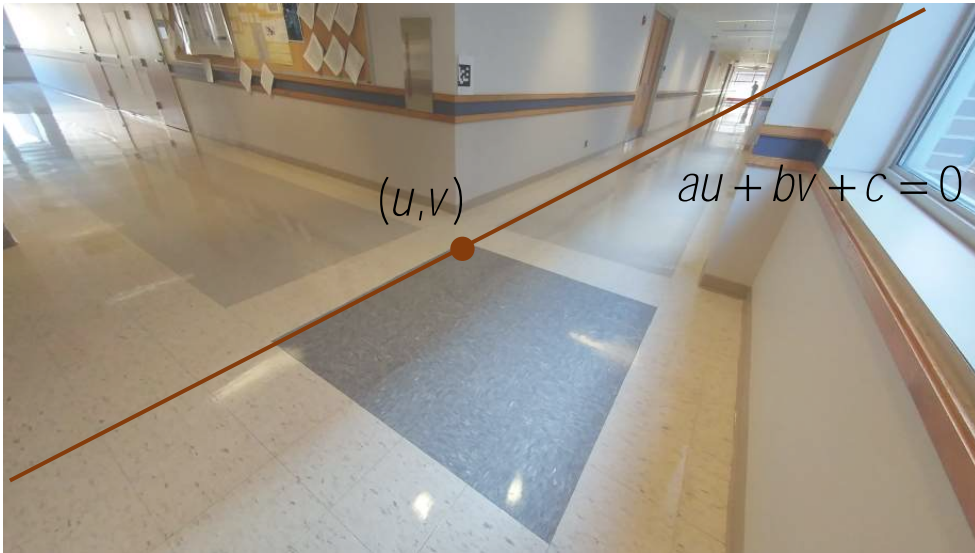
Different plane produces different vanishing line.

How to compute a vanishing point?



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# Point-Line in Image

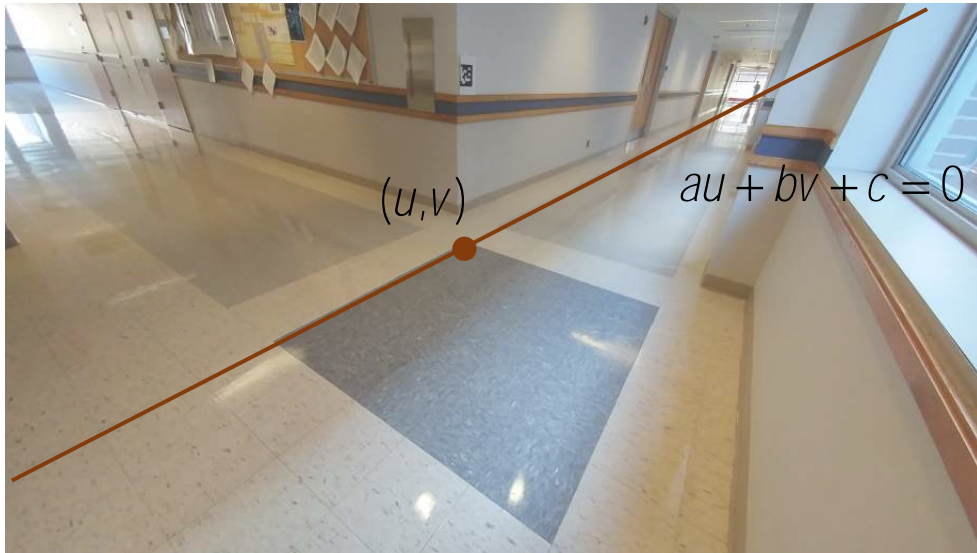


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$$au + bv + c = 0$$

Line parameter:  $(a, b, c)$

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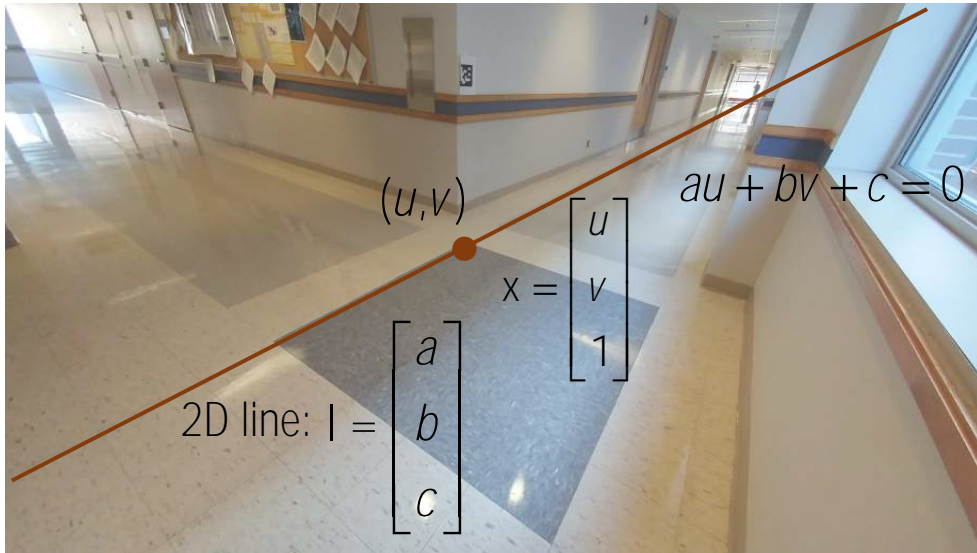
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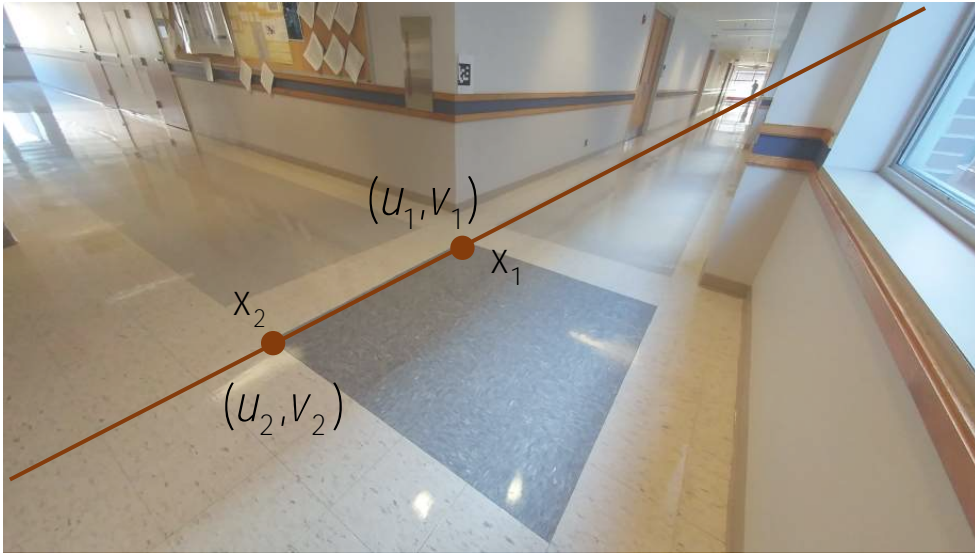
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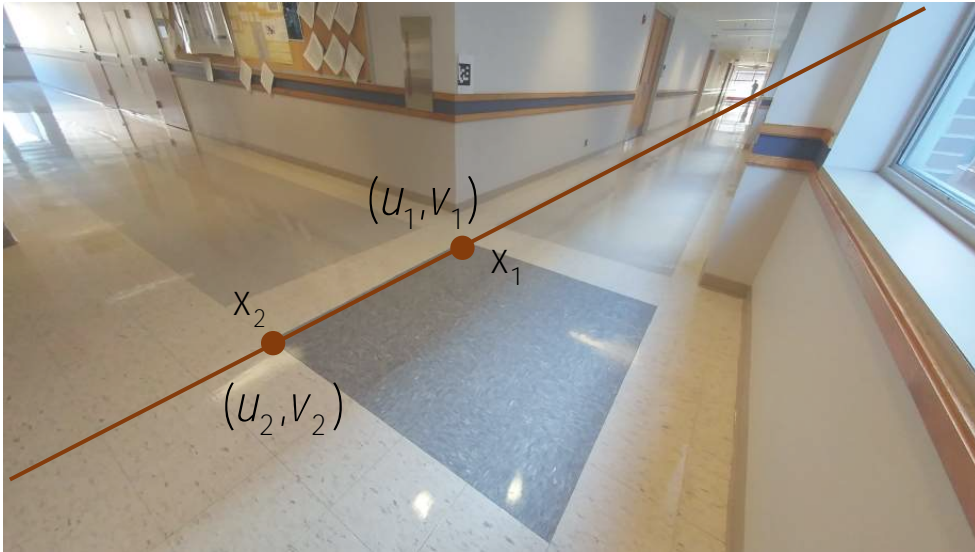
where  $x = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $l = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$   
2D point                      Line parameter

# Point-Point in Image

A 2D line passing through two 2D points:  
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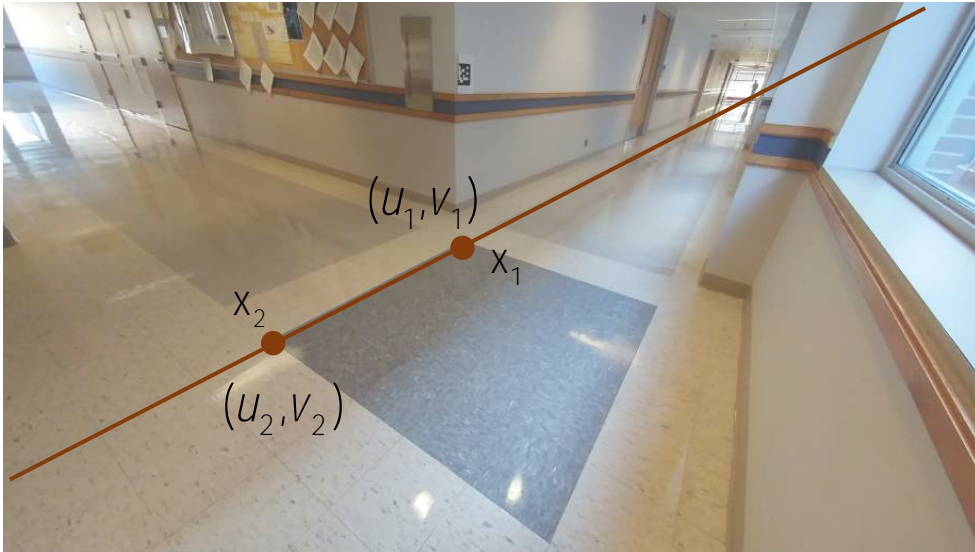
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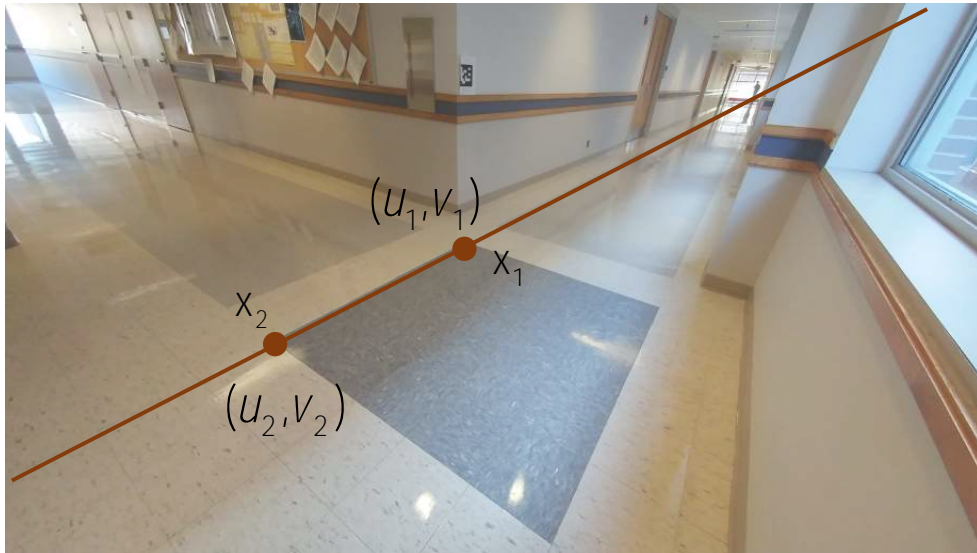
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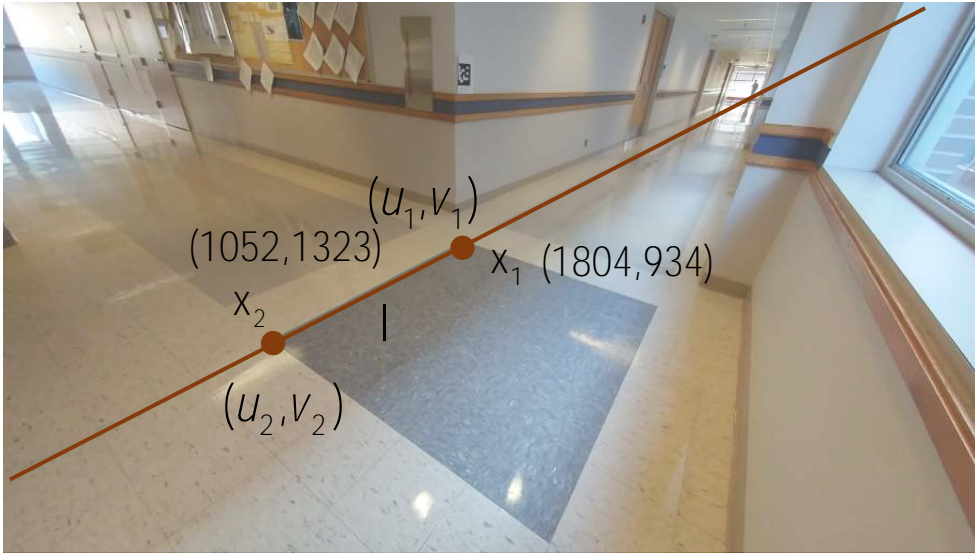
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$x_1 = [1804; 934; 1];$   
 $x_2 = [1052; 1323; 1];$

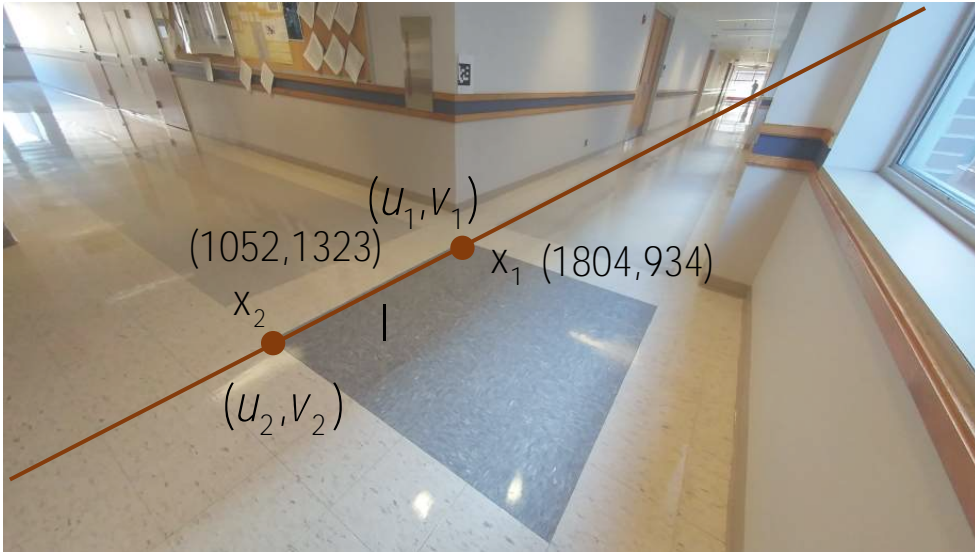


# Point-Point in Image

GetLineFromTwoPoints.m

```
x1 = [1804;934;1];  
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```
l = Vec2Skew(x1)*x2;  
Cross product
```



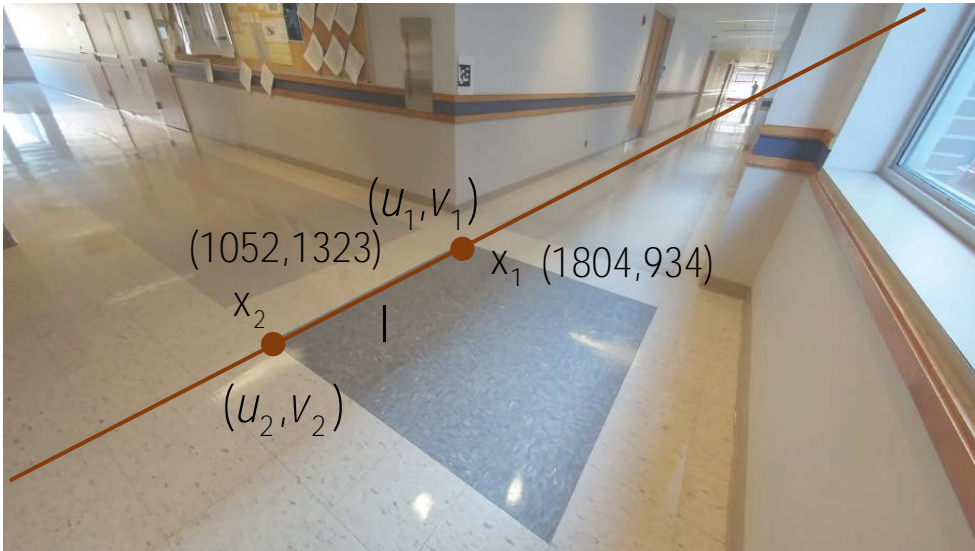
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Cross product with skew-symmetric matrix representation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a \times b &= \begin{bmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} = [a]_{\times} b
 \end{aligned}$$

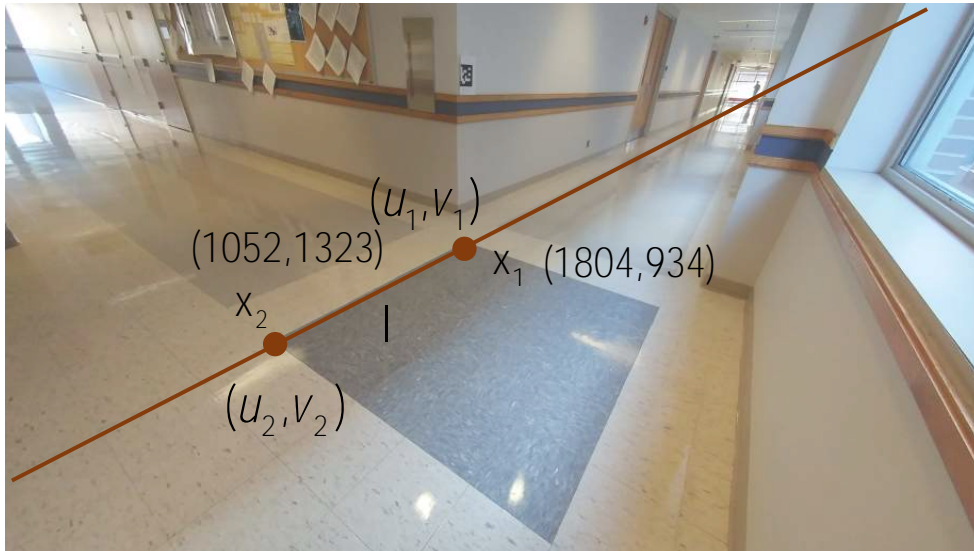
Vec2Skew.m

```
function skew = Vec2Skew(v)
```

```
skew = [0 -v(3) v(2);
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```
        v(3) 0 -v(1);
```

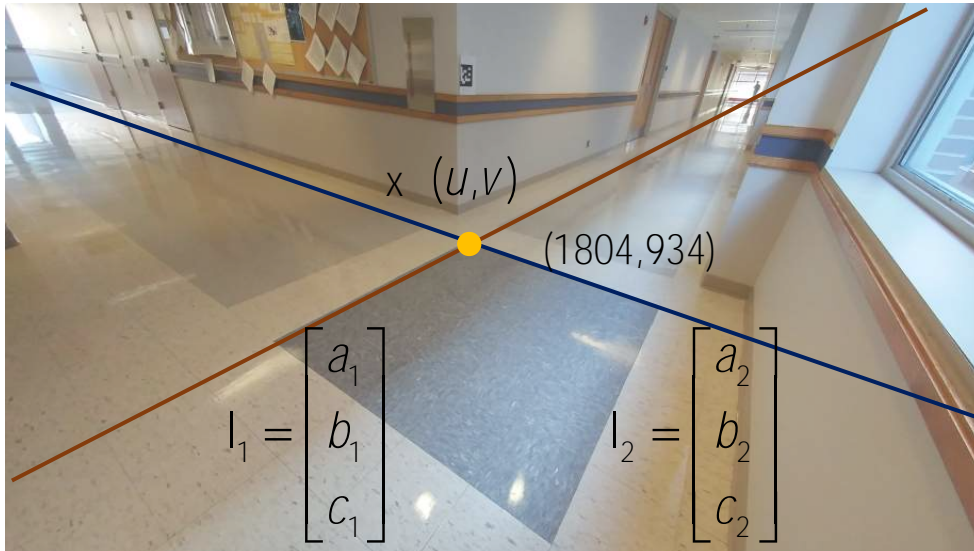
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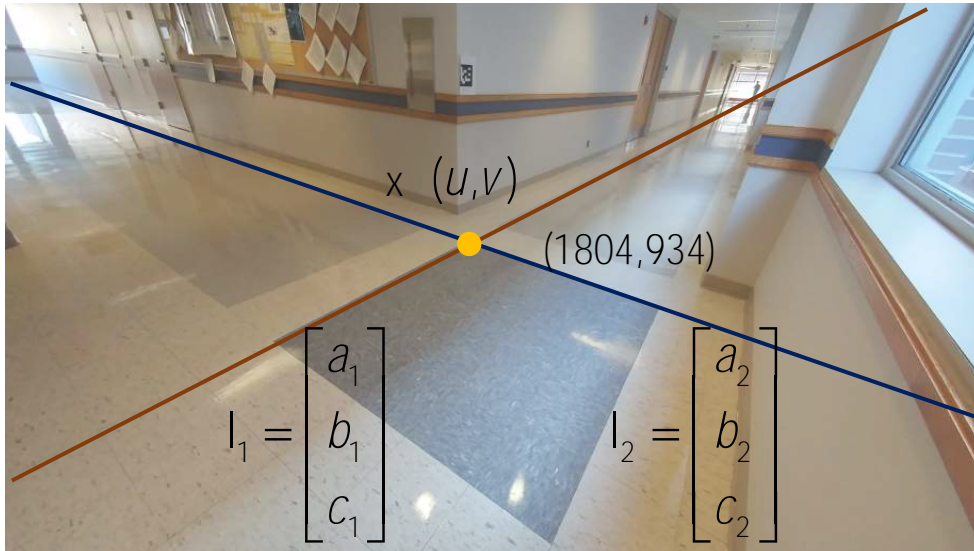
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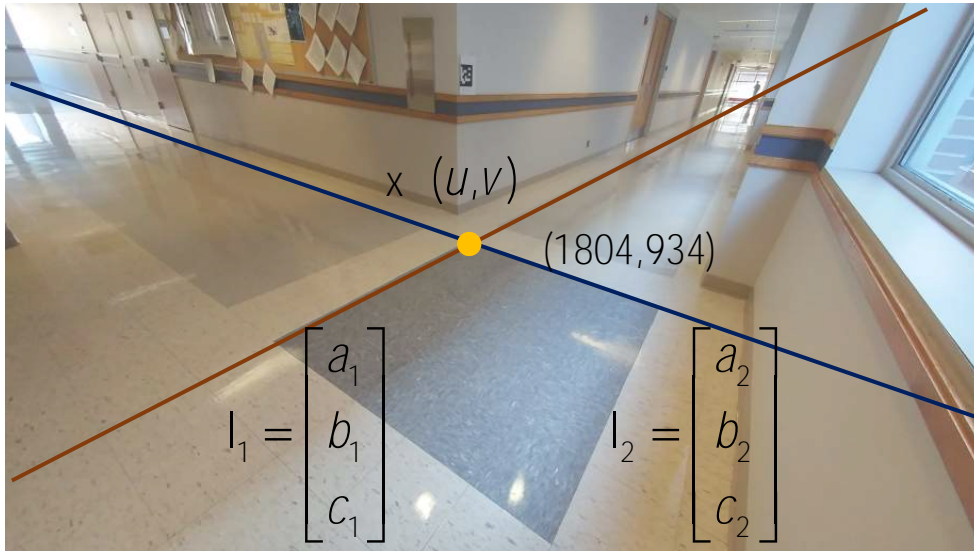
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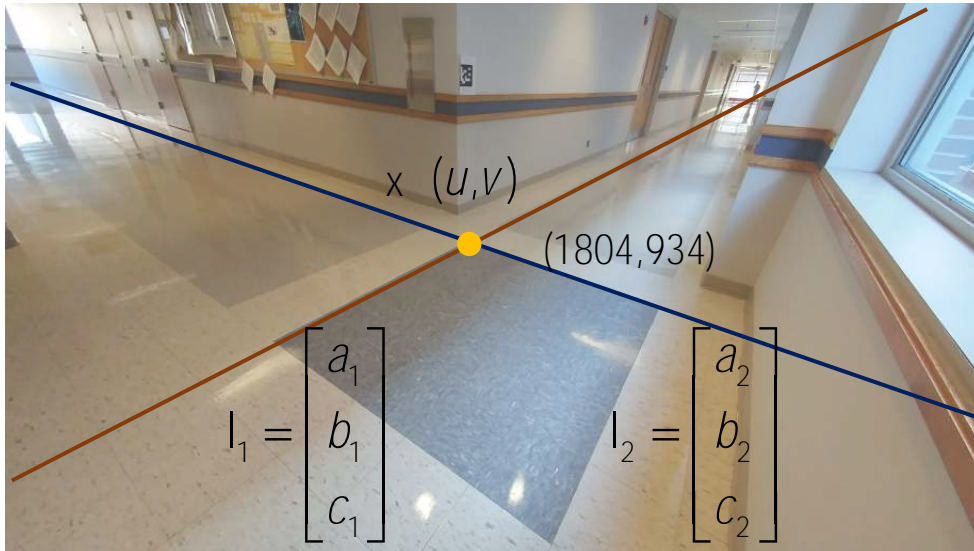
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# Line-Line in Image



GetPointFromTwoLines.m

```
l1 = [-398;-752;1404124];  
l2 = [310;-924;303790];  
x = Vec2Skew(l1)*l2;  
x = x/x(3)
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x =

```
1779.0  
925.6  
1
```

similar to (1804,934)

# 2D Point and Line Duality



The 2D line joining two points:

$$l = x_1 \times x_2$$

The intersection between two lines:

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Given any formula, we can switch the meaning of point and line to get another formula.

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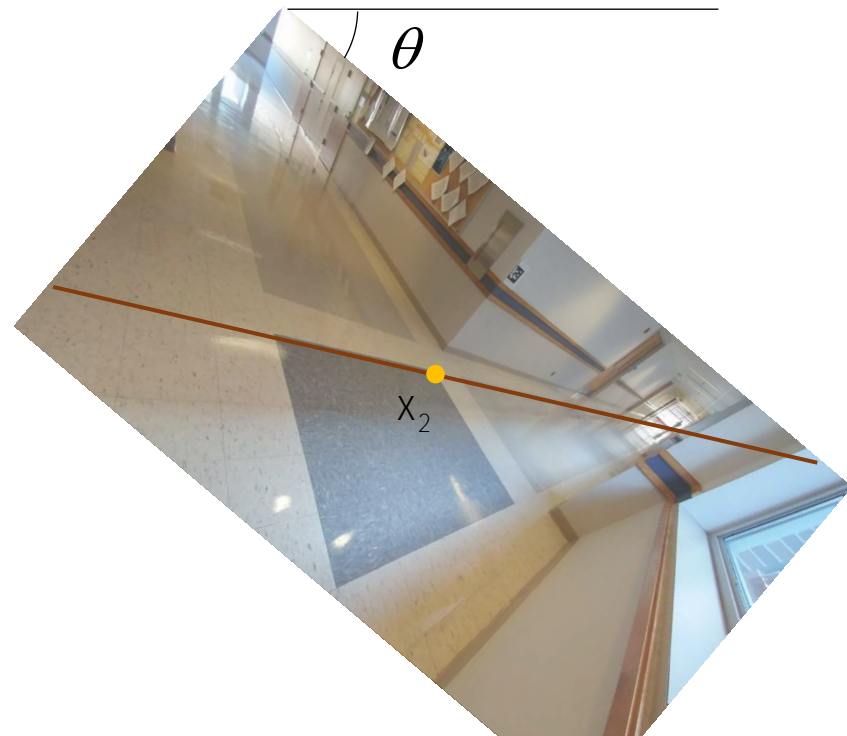
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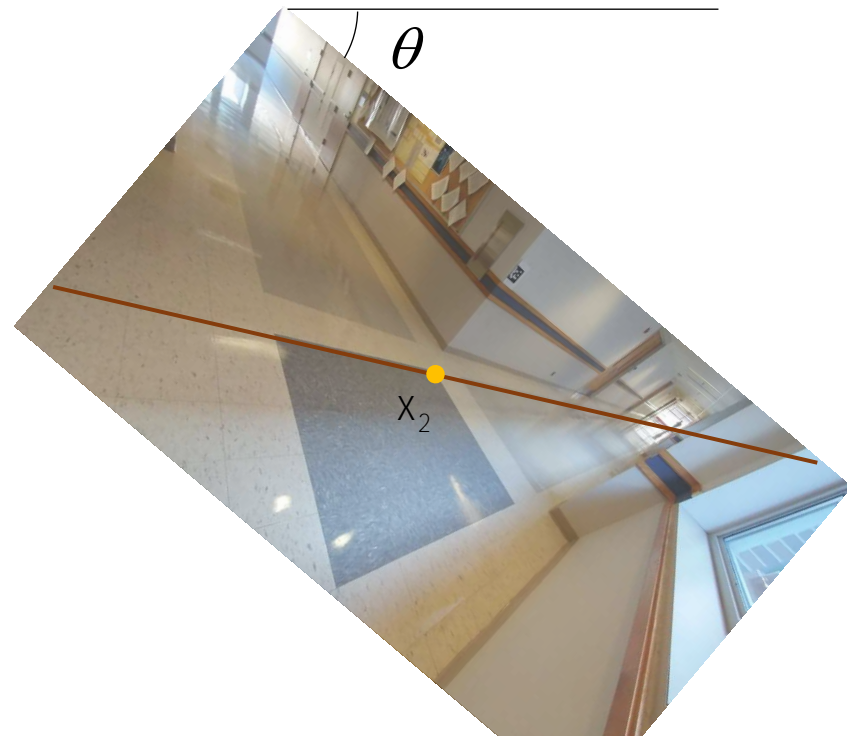
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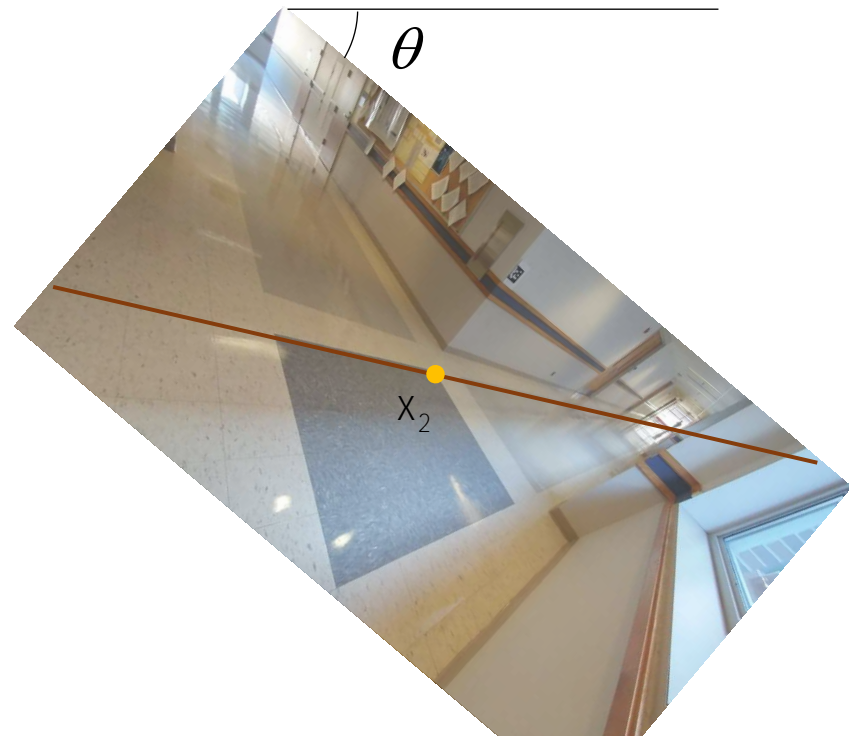
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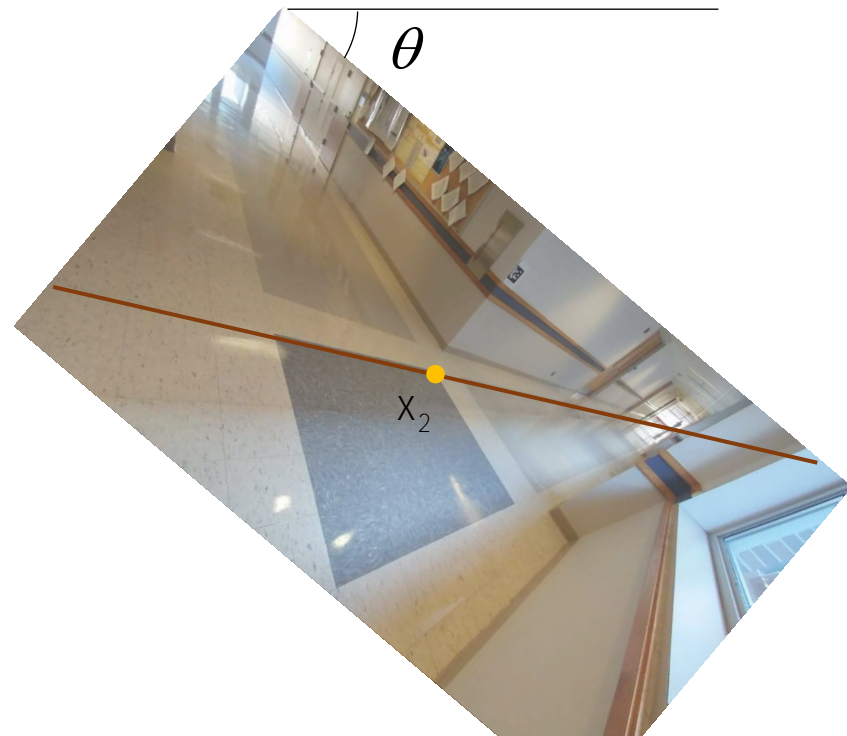
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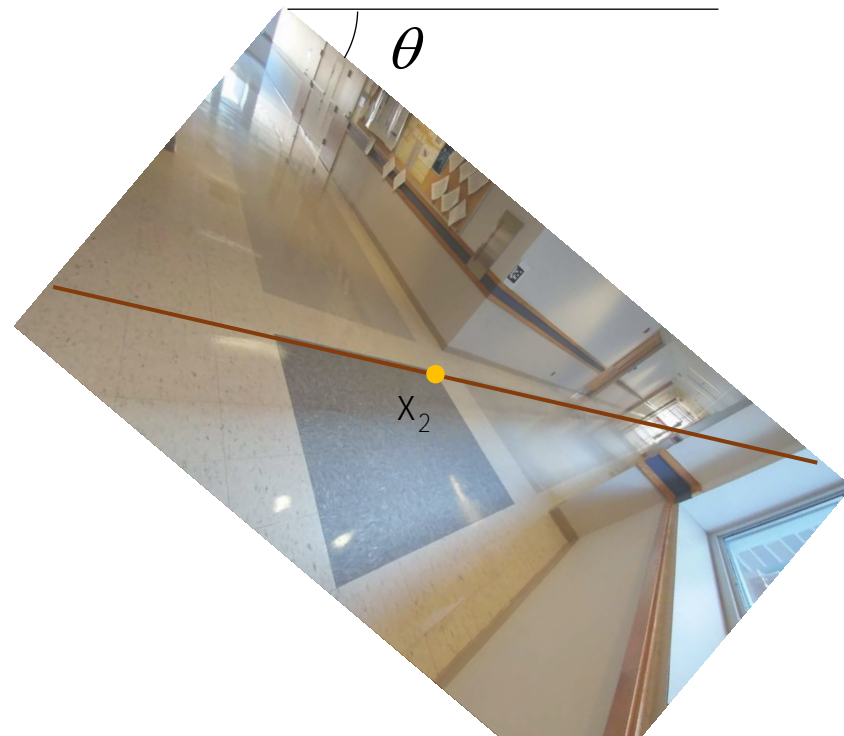
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$$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x_1 \iff \quad ?$$





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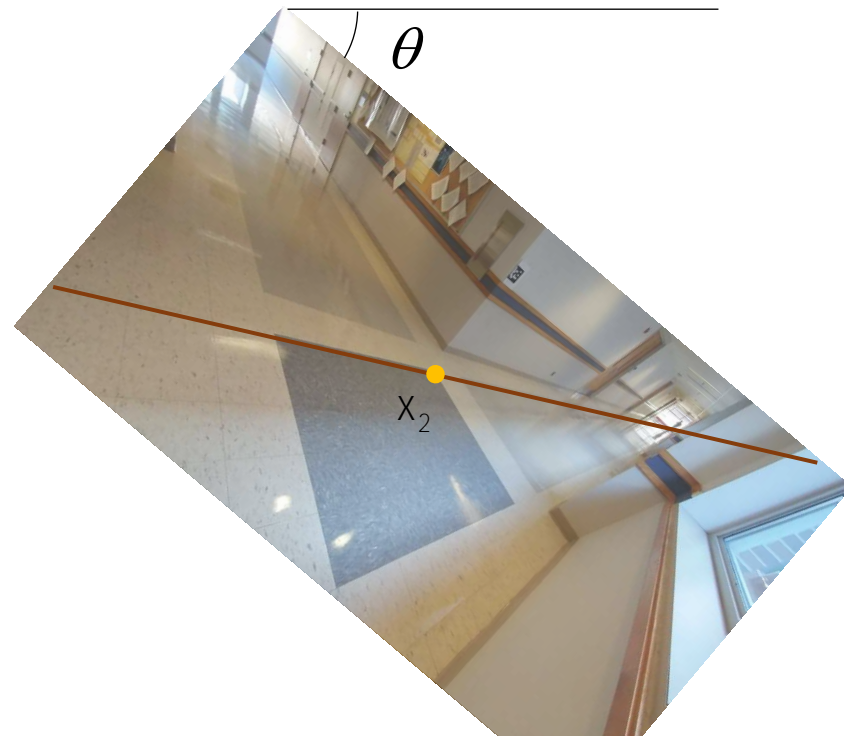
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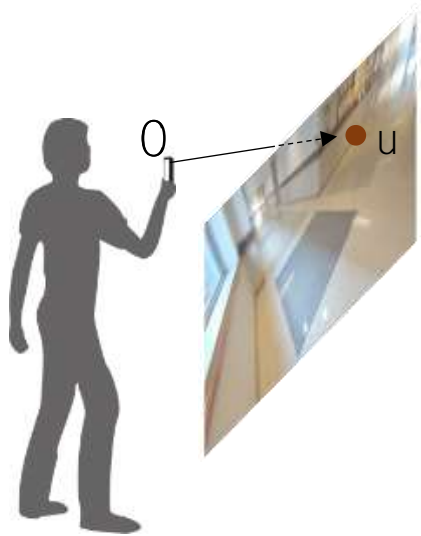
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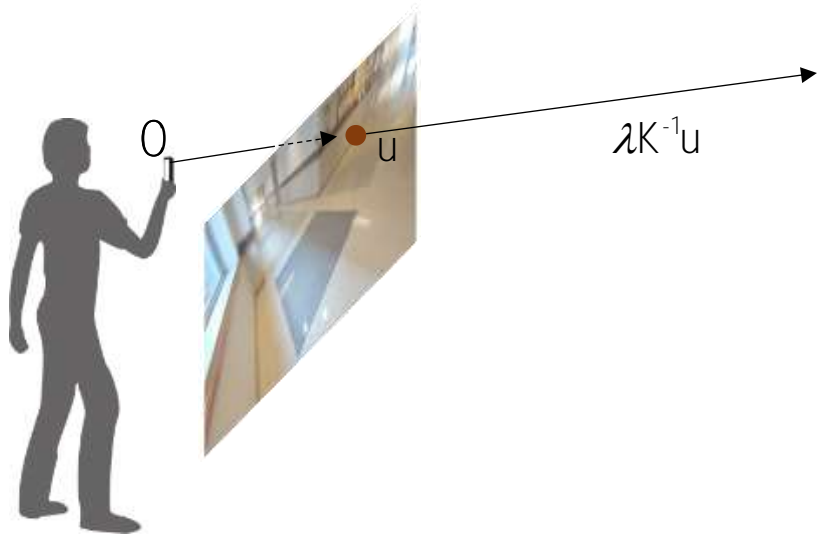
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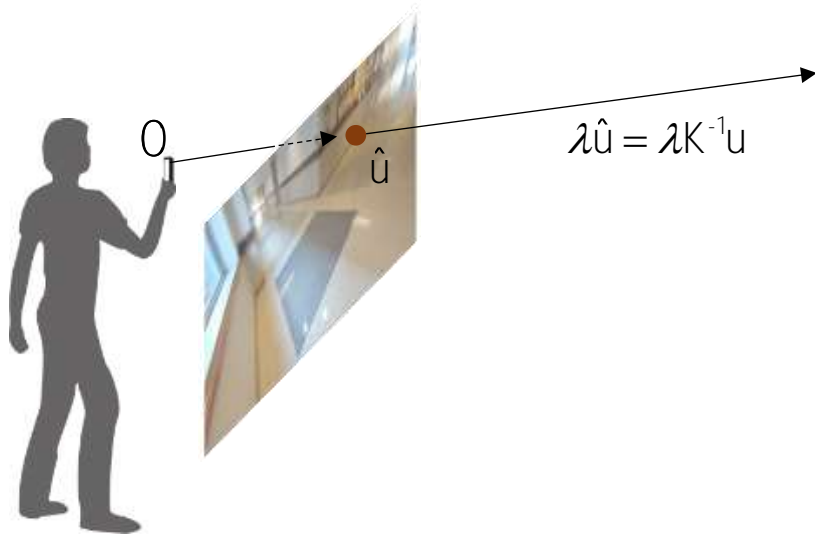
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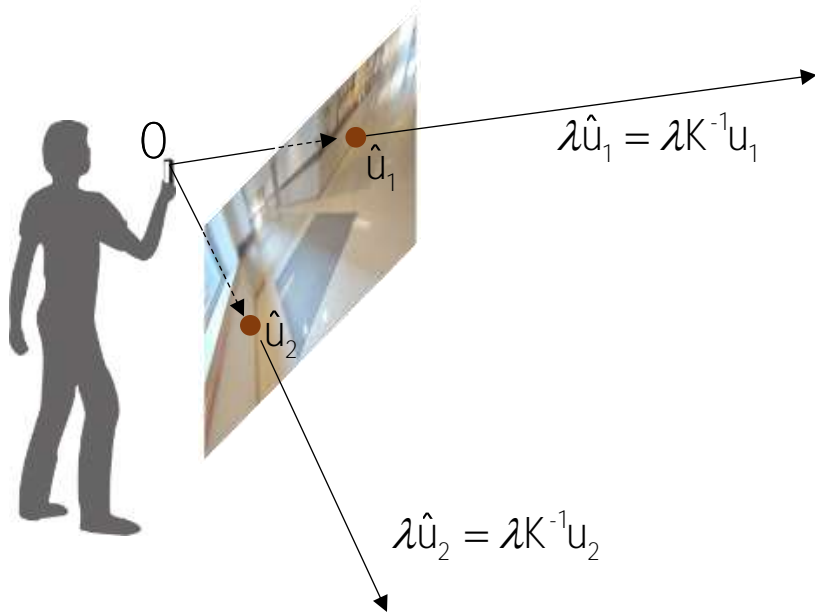
$$\hat{u} = K^{-1}u$$



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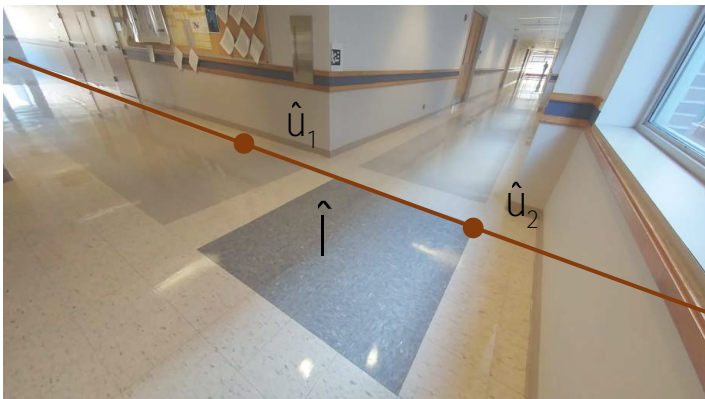
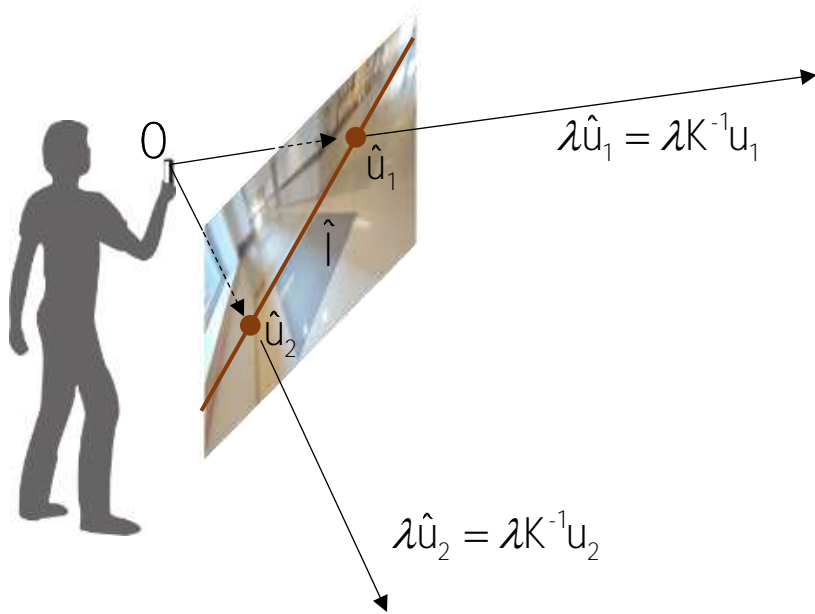
# Geometric Interpretation (Line)

Normalized coordinate:

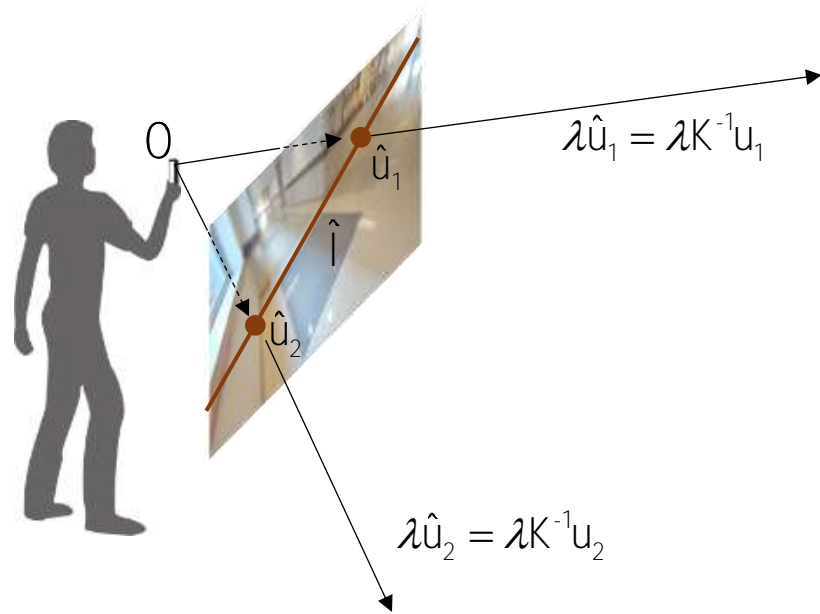
$$\hat{u}_1 = K^{-1}u_1 \quad \hat{u}_2 = K^{-1}u_2$$

$$\longrightarrow \hat{l} = \hat{u}_1 \times \hat{u}_2$$

where  $\hat{l} = ?$



# Geometric Interpretation (Line)

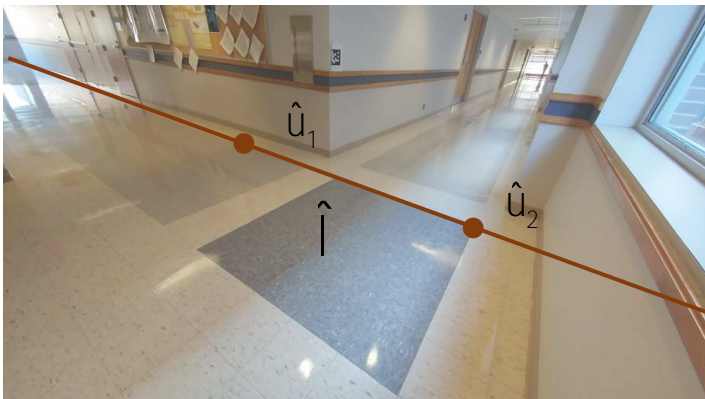


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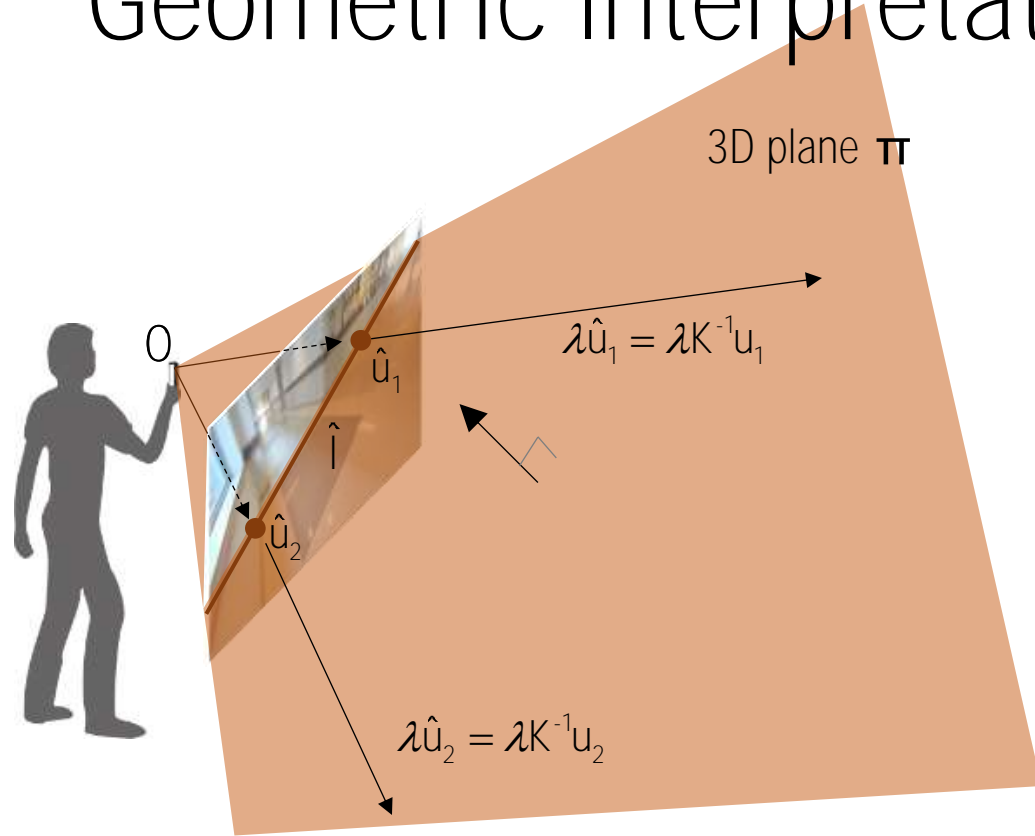
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$$\longrightarrow \hat{l} = \hat{u}_1 \times \hat{u}_2$$

$$\text{where } \hat{l} = (K^{-1})^{-T} l = K^T l \quad \text{due to duality}$$



# Geometric Interpretation (Line)



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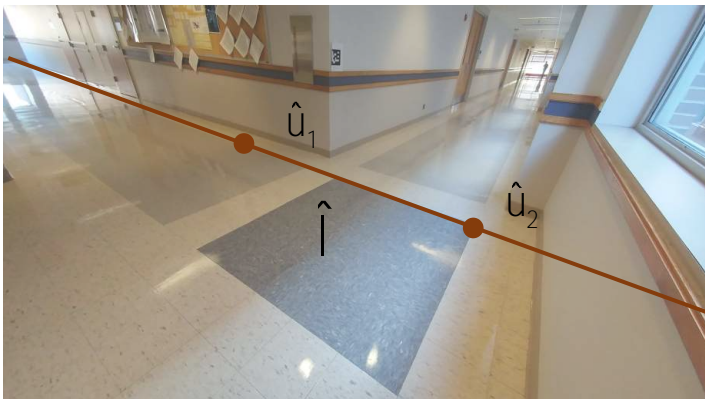
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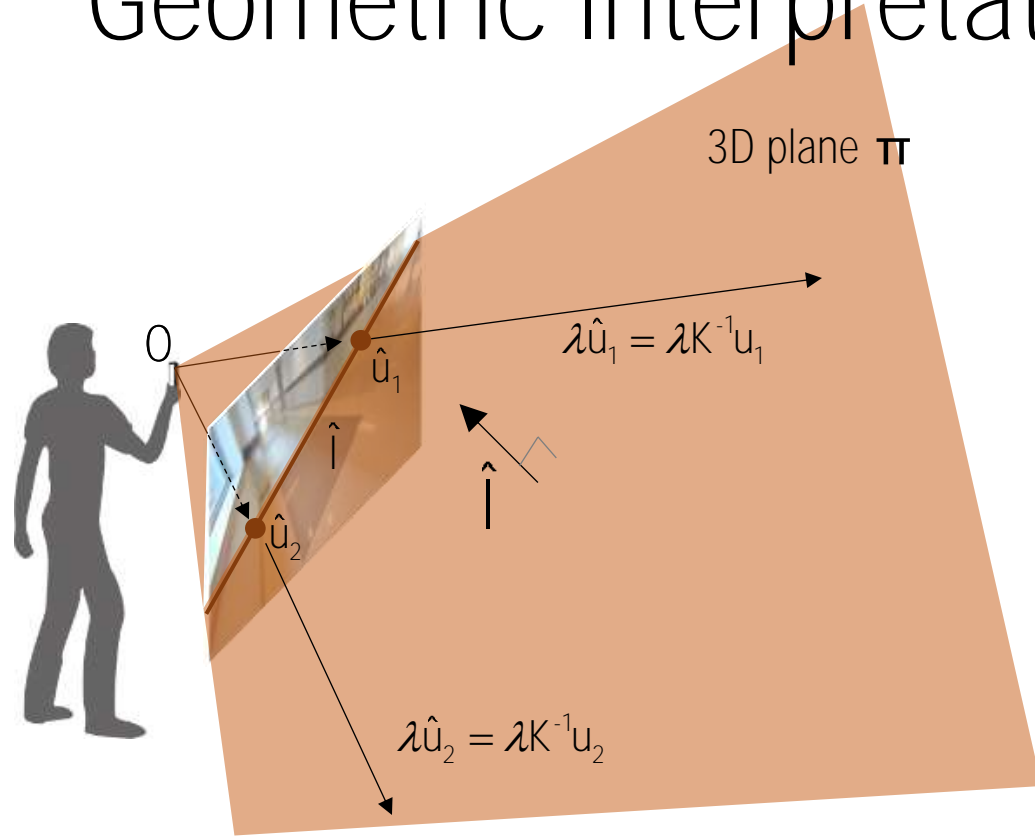
A 2D line in an image defines to a 3D plane passing the camera center:

$$\hat{l} \longrightarrow \pi$$





# Geometric Interpretation (Line)



Normalized coordinate:

$$\hat{u}_1 = K^{-1} u_1 \quad \hat{u}_2 = K^{-1} u_2$$

$$\longrightarrow \hat{I} = \hat{u}_1 \times \hat{u}_2$$

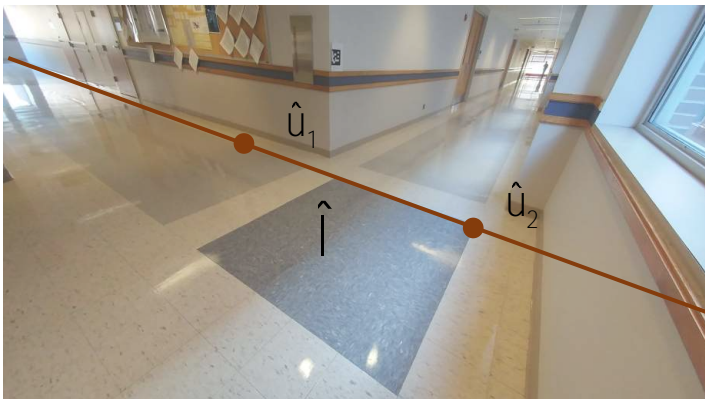
$$\text{where } \hat{I} = (K^{-1})^{-T} I = K^T I \quad \text{due to duality}$$

A 2D line in an image defines to a 3D plane passing the camera center:

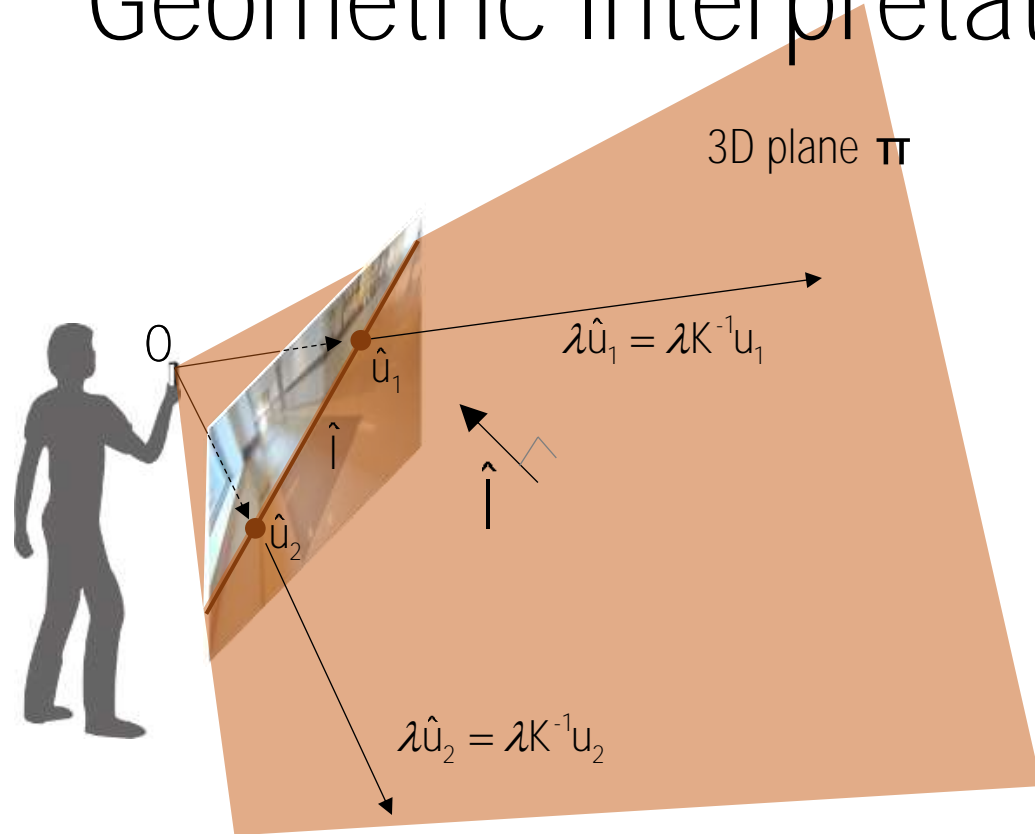
$$\hat{I} \rightarrow \pi$$

Plane normal:

$$? = \lambda \hat{I}$$



# Geometric Interpretation (Line)



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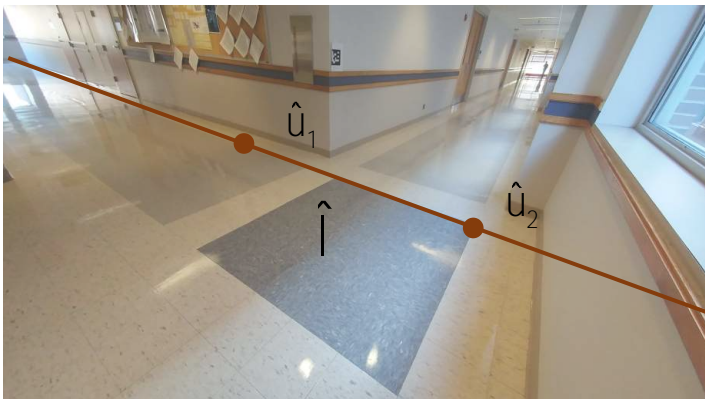
$$\longrightarrow \hat{l} = \hat{u}_1 \times \hat{u}_2$$

$$\text{where } \hat{l} = (K^{-1})^{-T} l = K^T l \quad \text{due to duality}$$

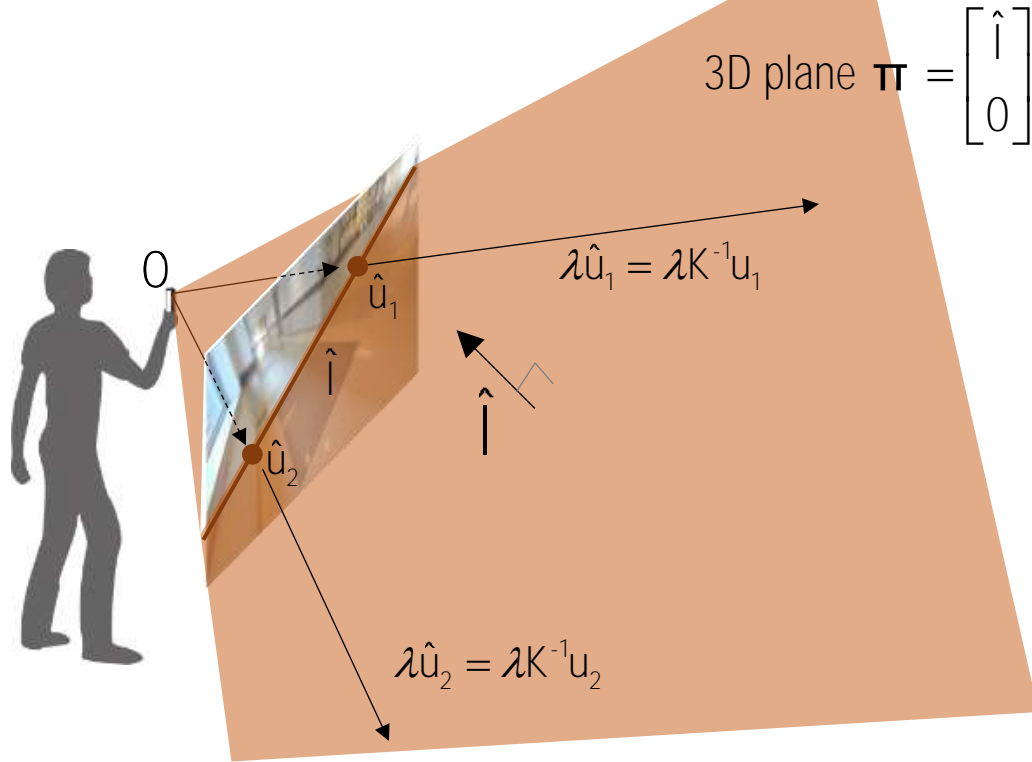
A 2D line in an image defines to a 3D plane passing the camera center:

$$\hat{l} \rightarrow \pi$$

$$\text{Plane normal: } (\lambda_1 \hat{u}_1) \times (\lambda_2 \hat{u}_2) = \lambda \hat{l}$$



# Geometric Interpretation (Line)



Normalized coordinate:

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$$\longrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{l}} = \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 \times \hat{\mathbf{u}}_2$$

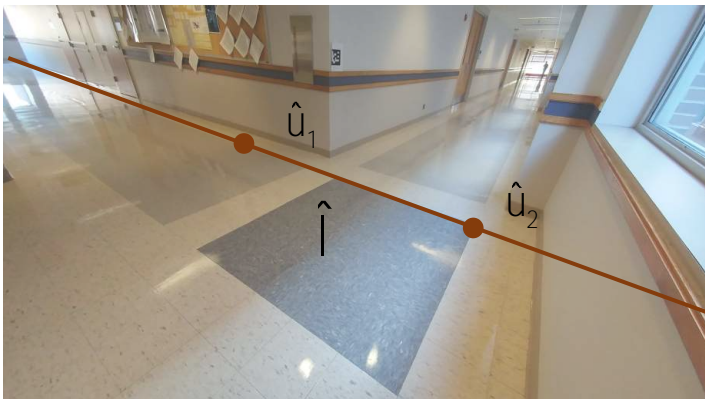
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A 2D line in an image defines to a 3D plane passing the camera center:

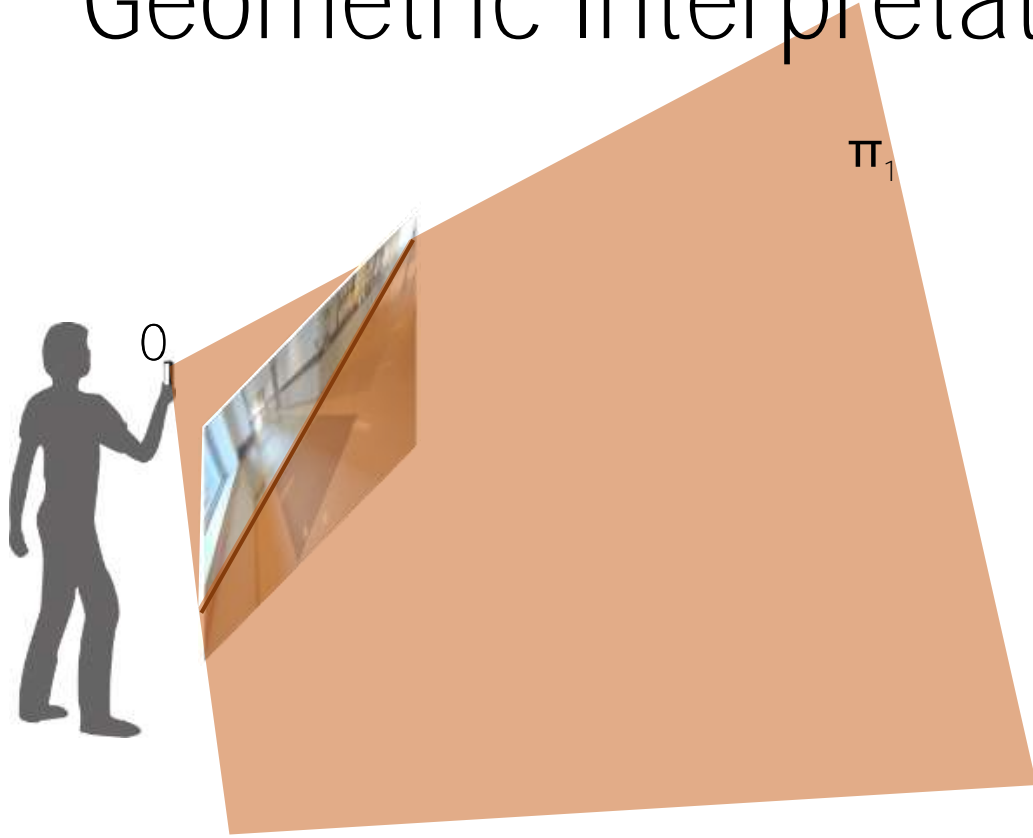
$$\hat{\mathbf{l}} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\pi}$$

$$\text{Plane normal: } (\lambda_1 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1) \times (\lambda_2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_2) = \lambda \hat{\mathbf{l}}$$

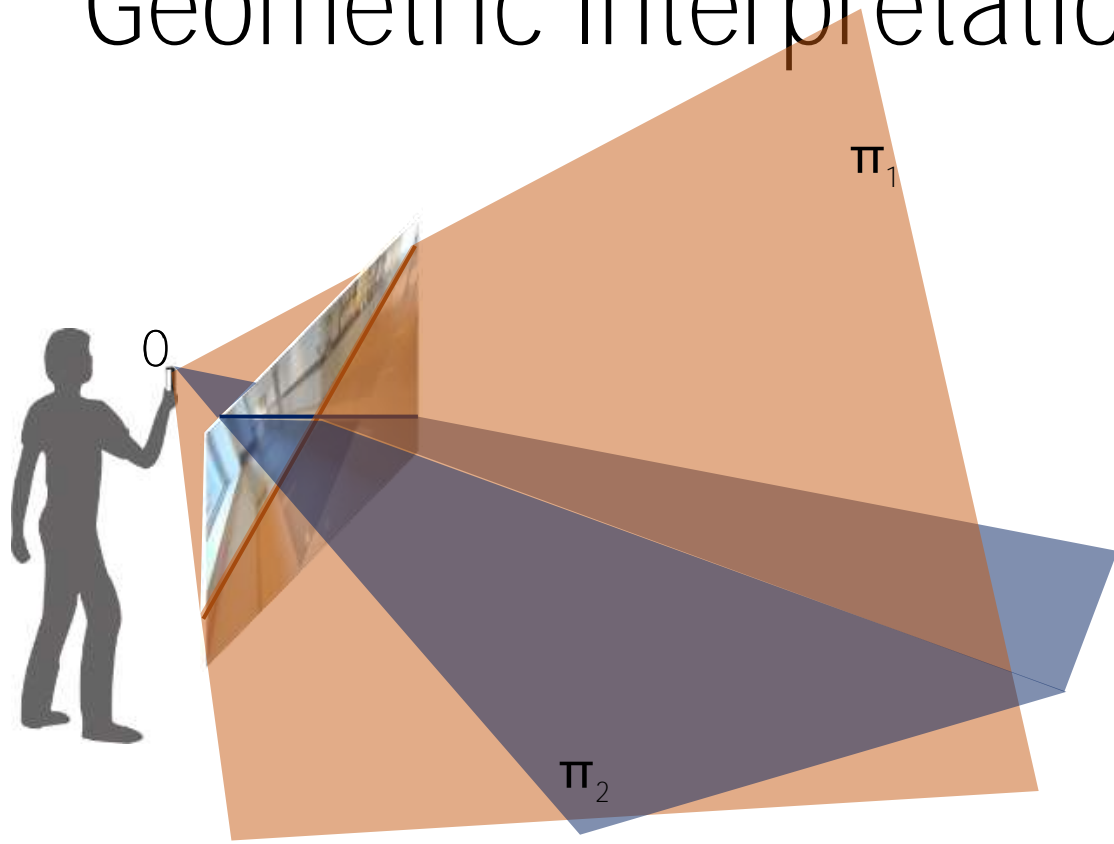
$$\therefore \boldsymbol{\pi} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{l}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



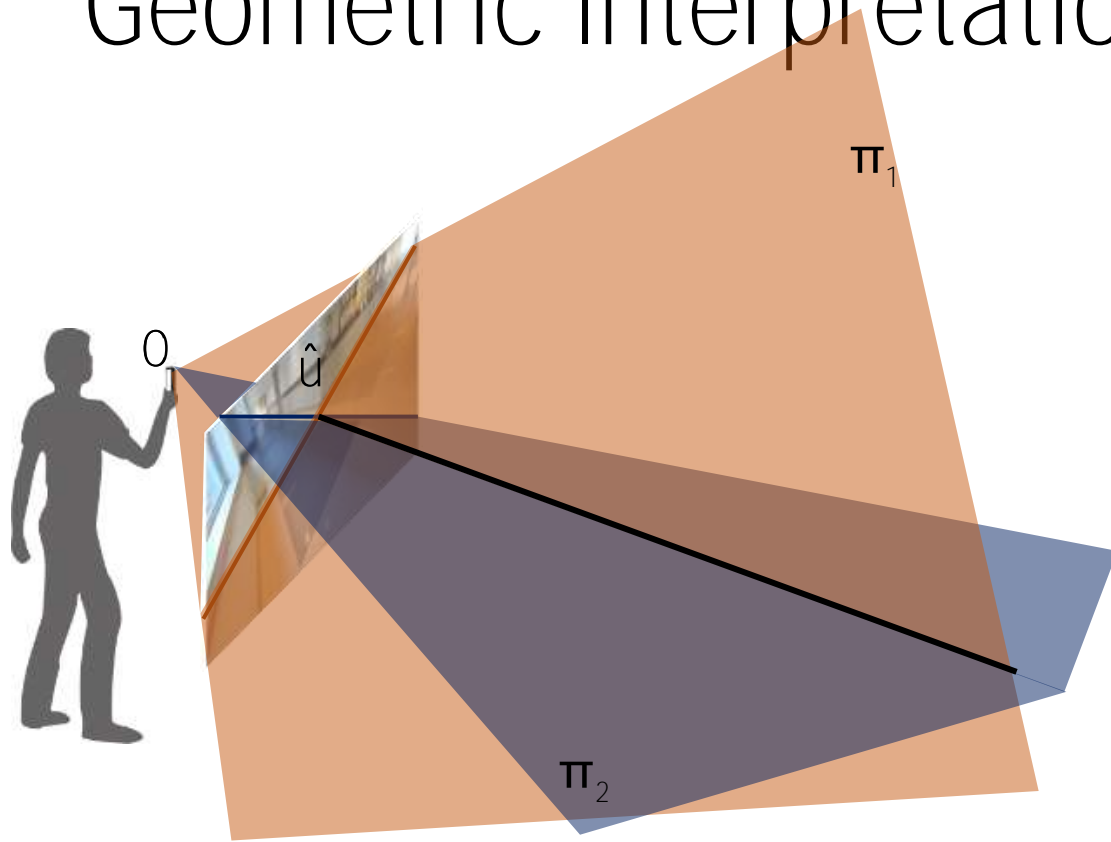
# Geometric Interpretation (Line-Line)



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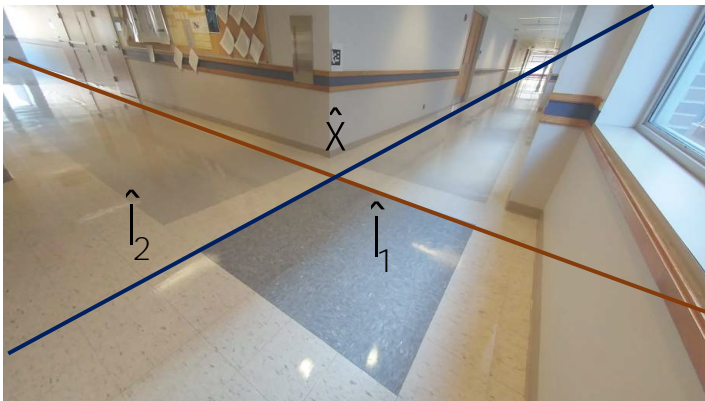


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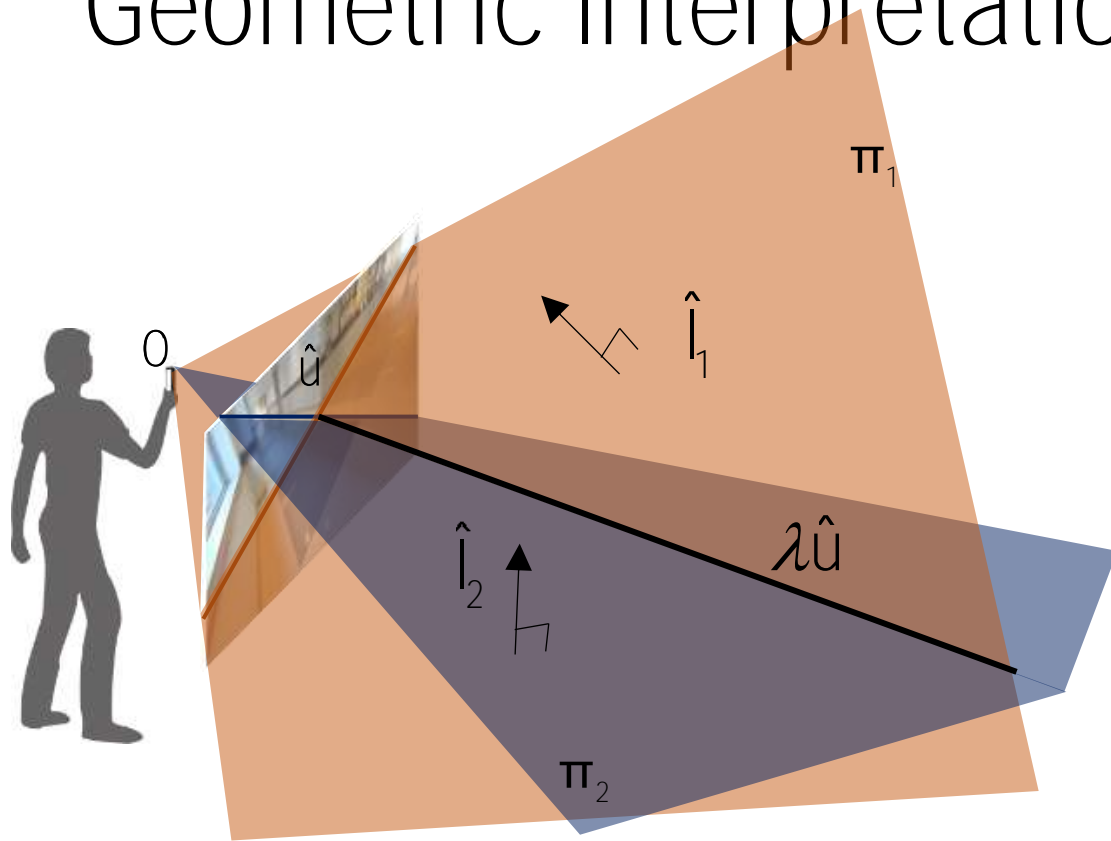


2D lines in an image intersect a 2D point corresponding to a 3D ray:

$$\hat{u} = \hat{l}_1 \times \hat{l}_2$$



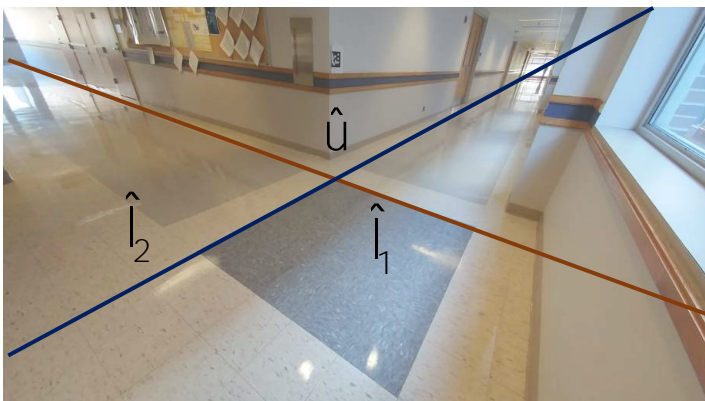
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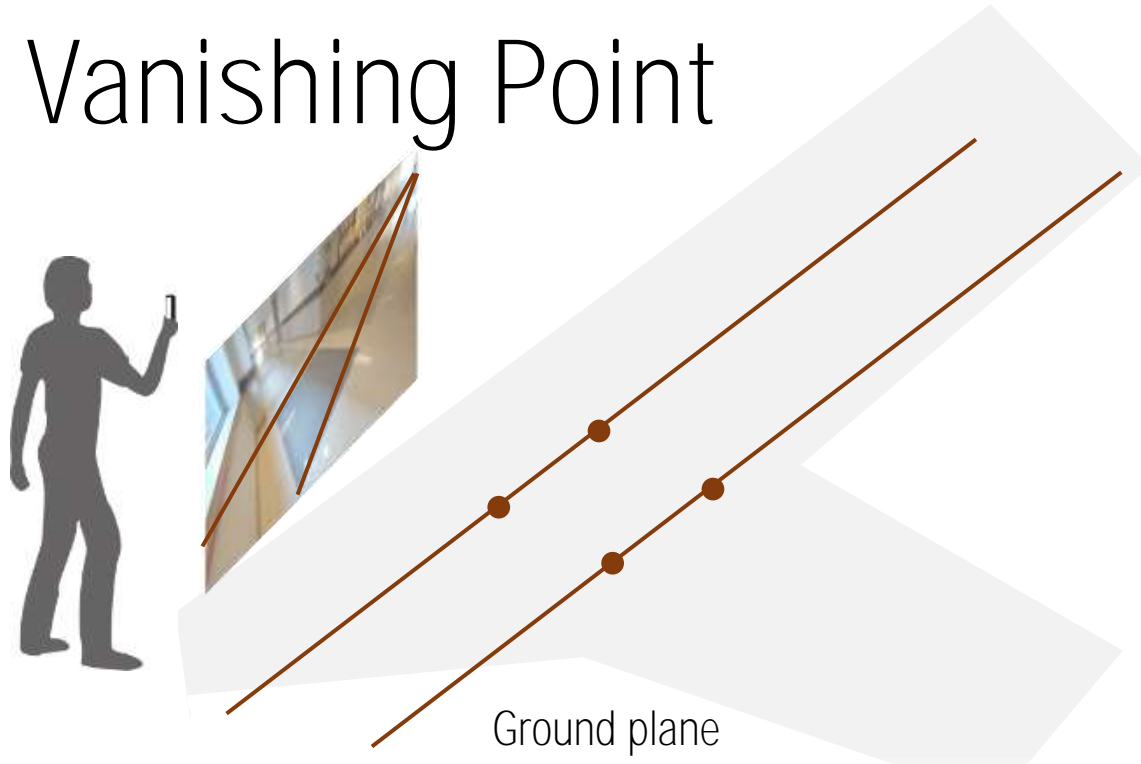
2D lines in an image intersect a 2D point corresponding to a 3D ray:

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: the 3D ray is perpendicular to two plane normals.



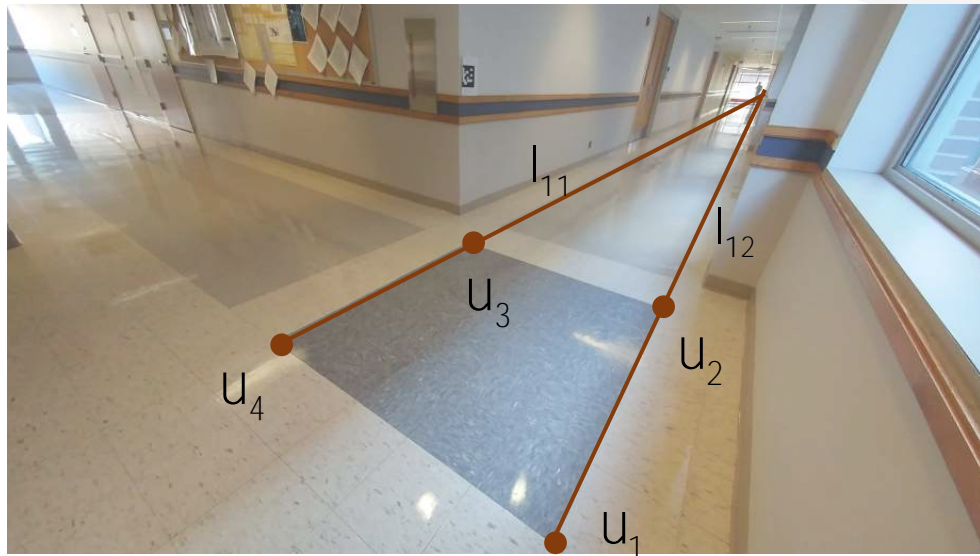
# Vanishing Point



Parallel lines:

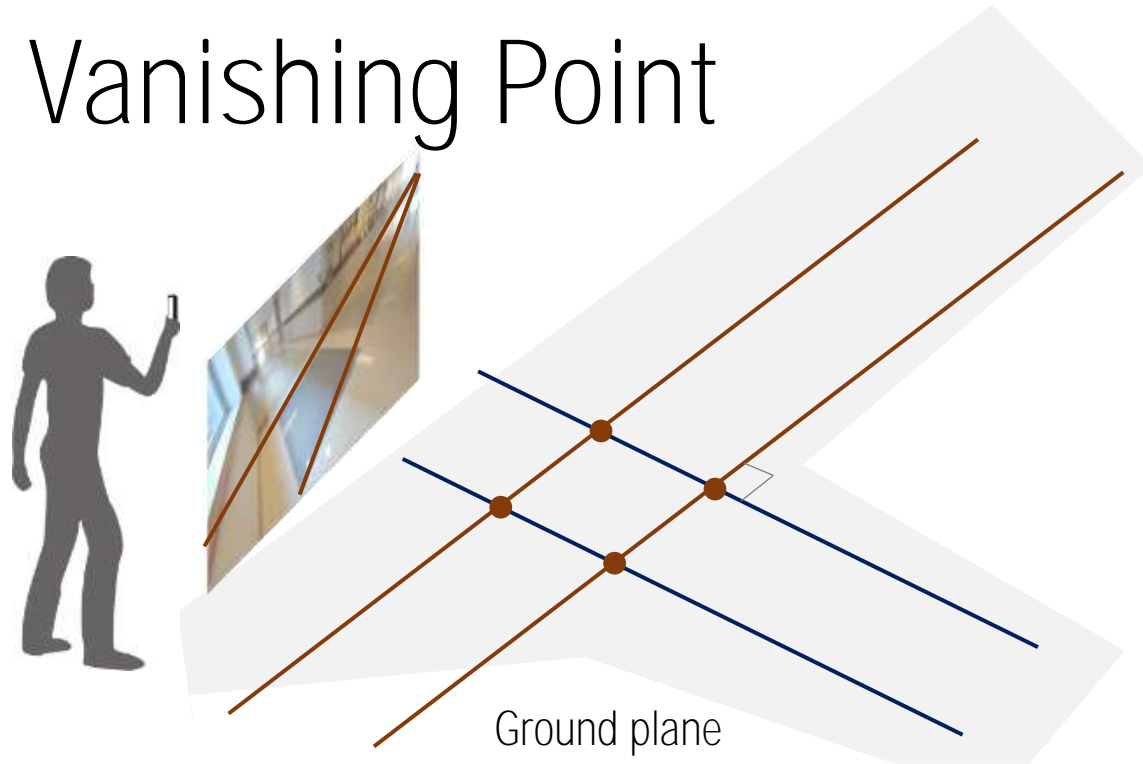
$$l_{11} = u_4 \times u_3$$

$$l_{12} = u_1 \times u_2$$





# Vanishing Point



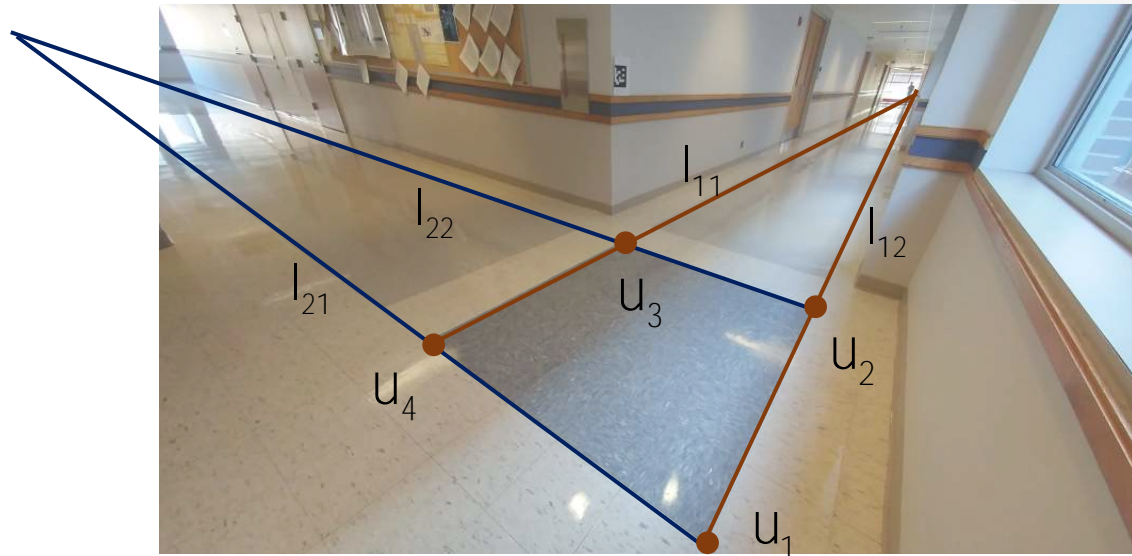
Parallel lines:

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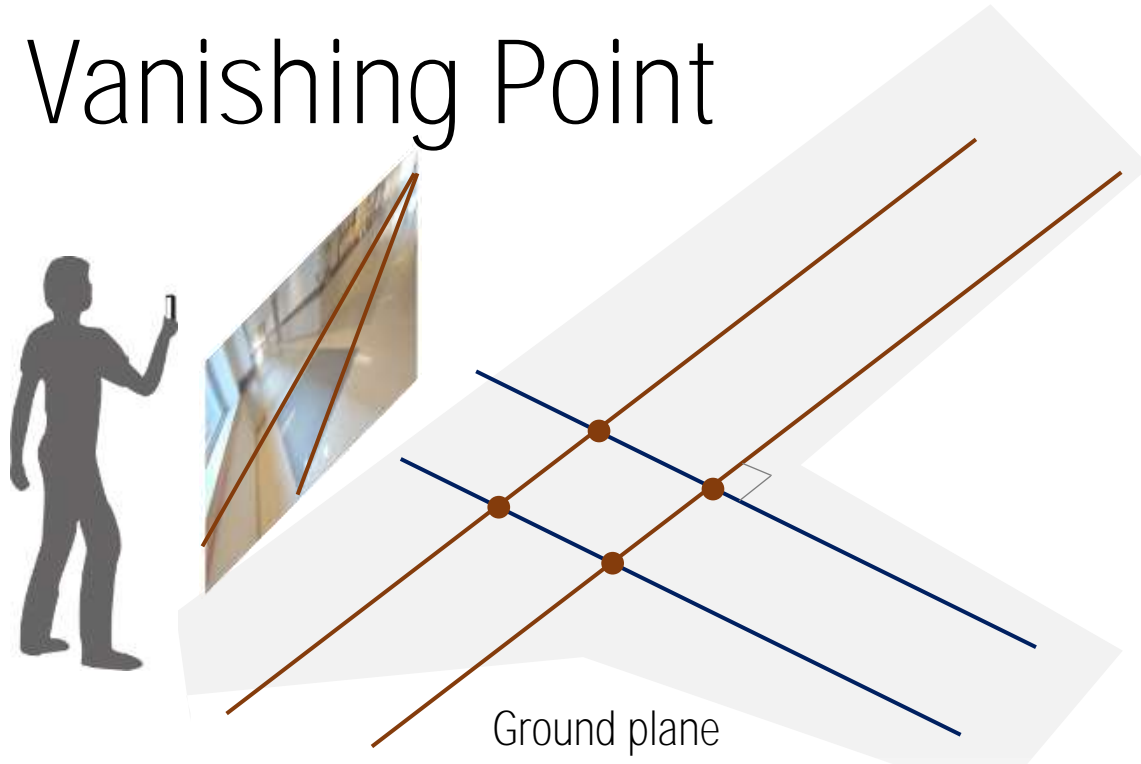
$$l_{12} = u_1 \times u_2$$

$$l_{21} = u_4 \times u_1$$

$$l_{22} = u_3 \times u_4$$



# Vanishing Point



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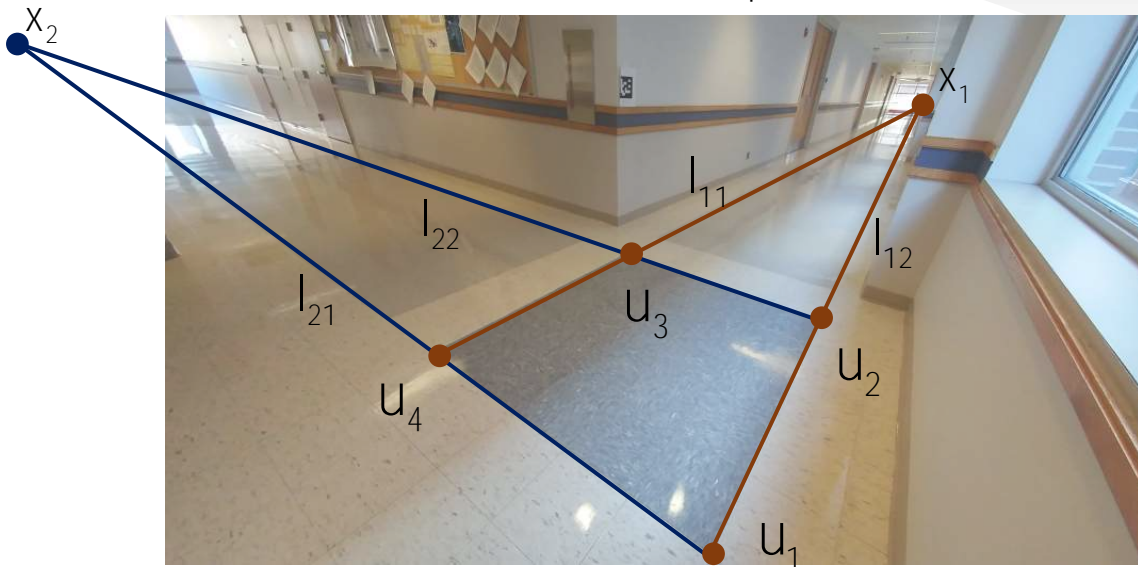
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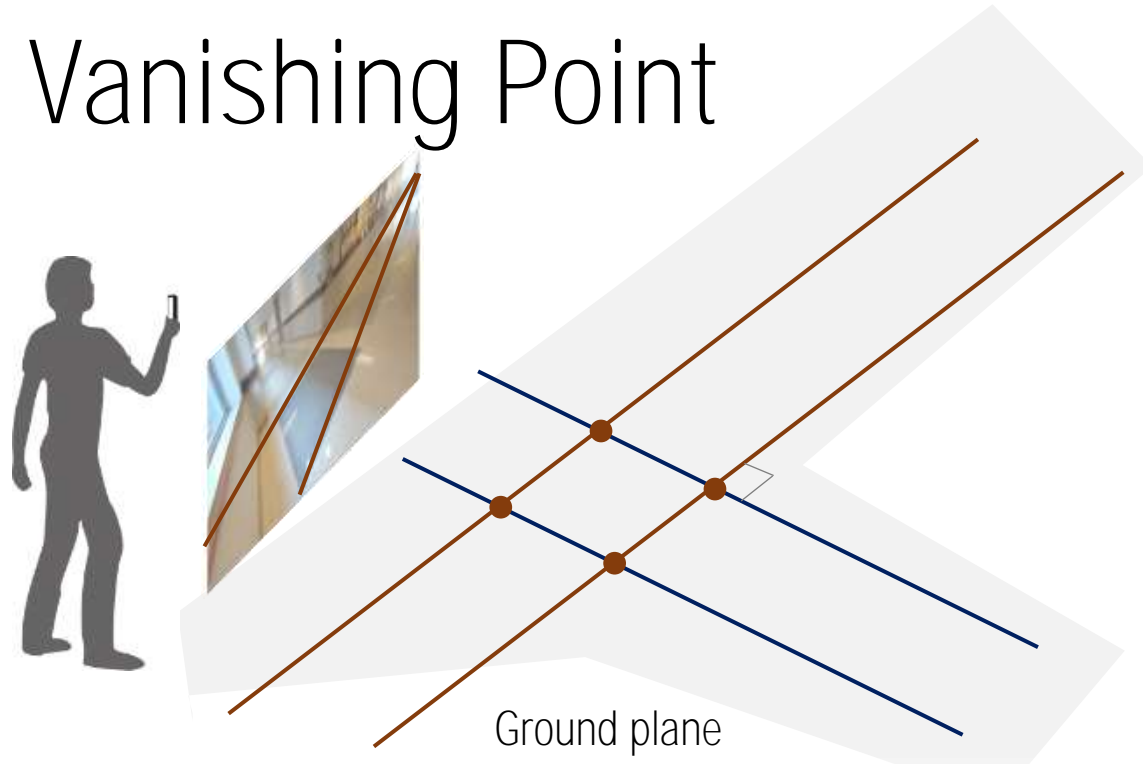
Vanishing points:

$$X_1 = l_{11} \times l_{12}$$

$$X_2 = l_{21} \times l_{22}$$



# Vanishing Point



Parallel lines:

$$l_{11} = u_4 \times u_3$$

$$l_{12} = u_1 \times u_2$$

$$l_{21} = u_4 \times u_1$$

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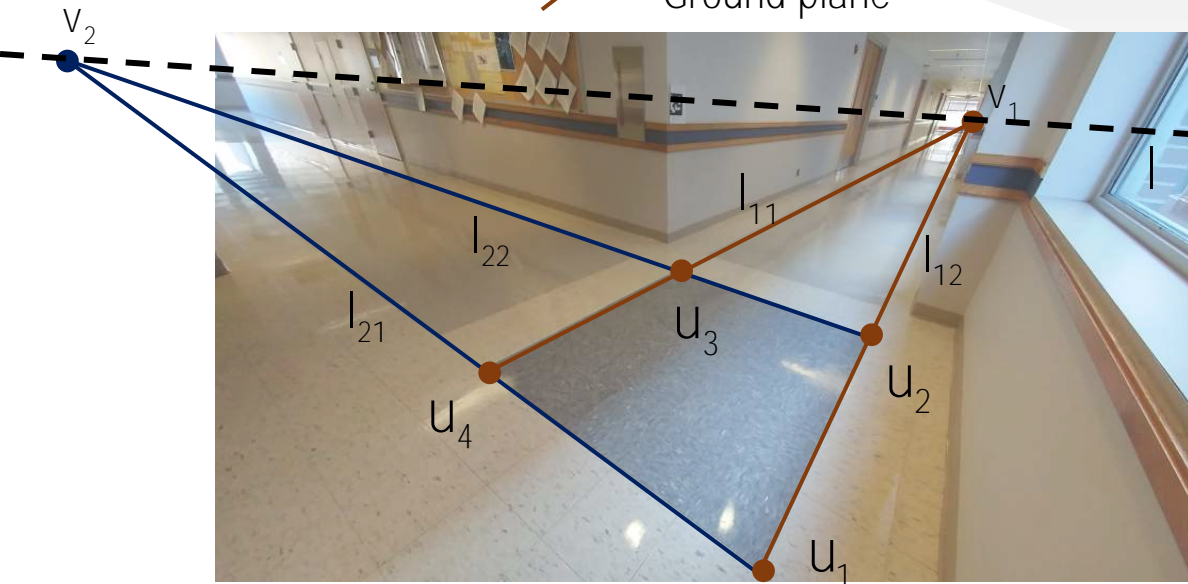
Vanishing points:

$$v_1 = l_{11} \times l_{12}$$

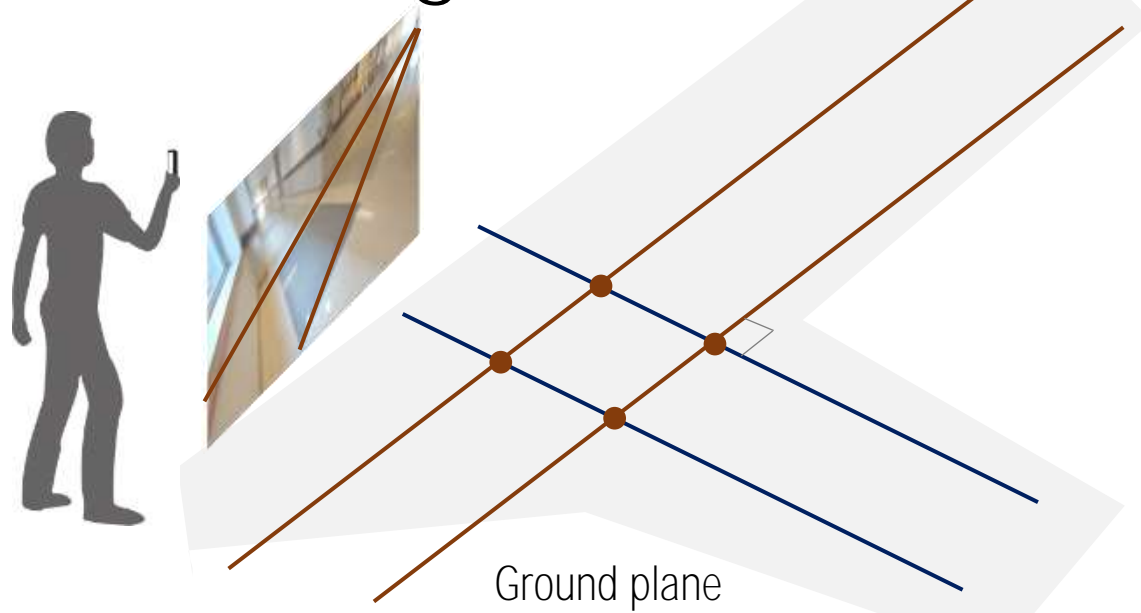
$$v_2 = l_{21} \times l_{22}$$

Vanishing line:

$$l = v_1 \times v_2$$



# Vanishing Point



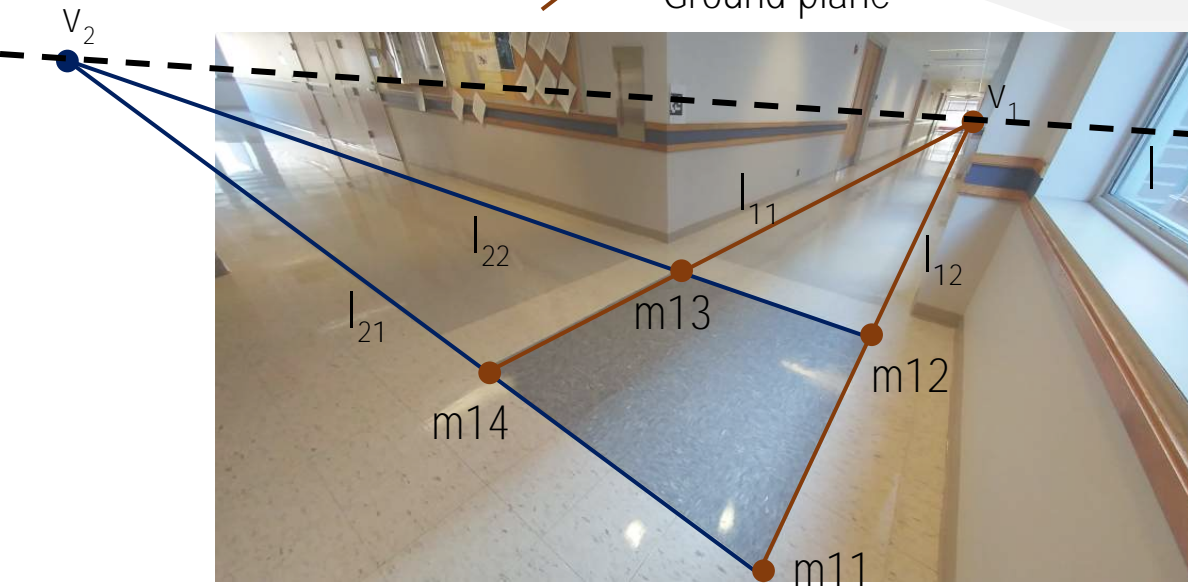
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l11 = GetLineFromTwoPoints(m11,m12);  
l12 = GetLineFromTwoPoints(m13,m14);
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l21 = GetLineFromTwoPoints(m21,m22);  
l22 = GetLineFromTwoPoints(m23,m24);
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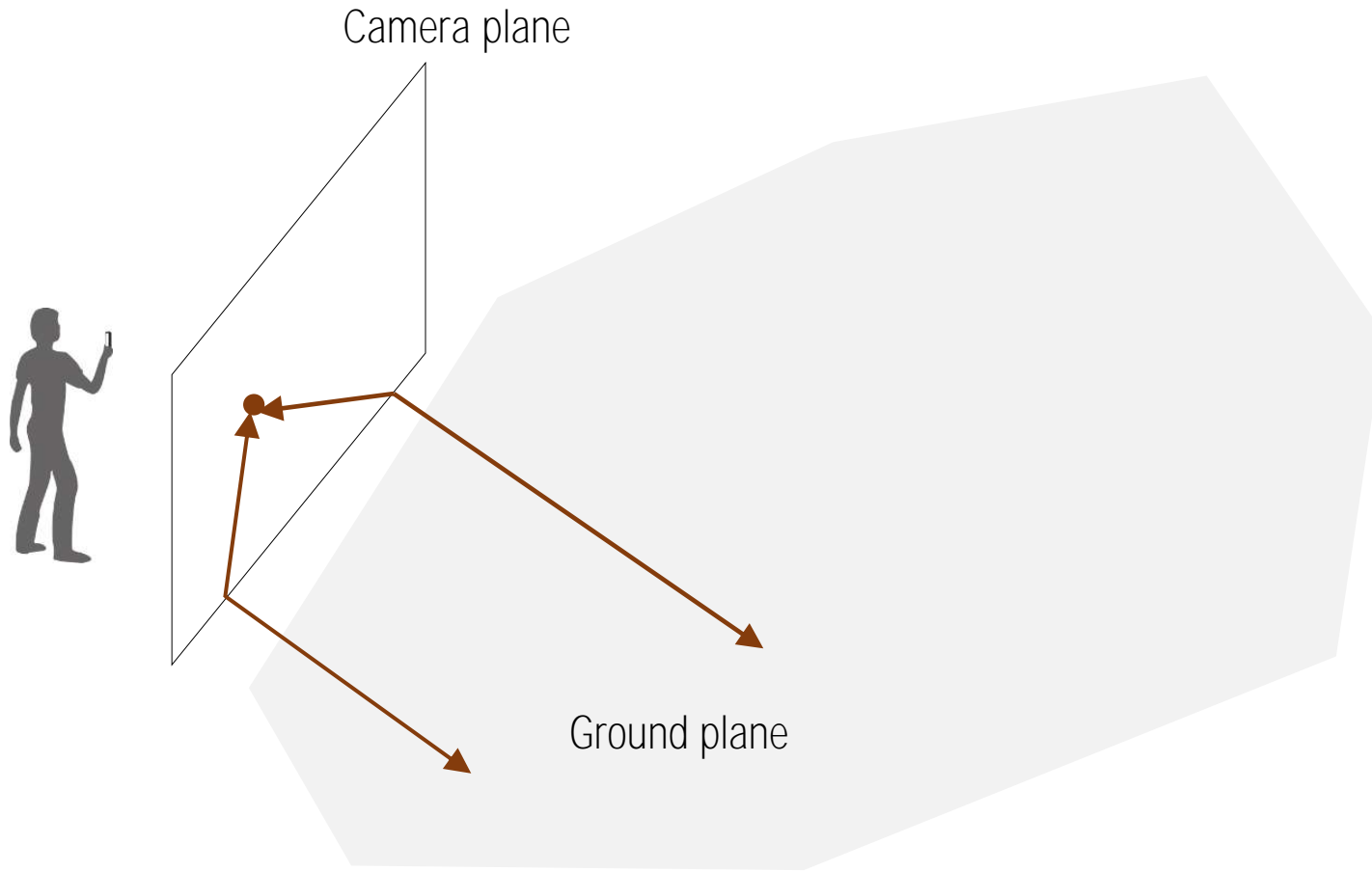
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v1 = GetPointFromTwoLines(l11,l12);  
v2 = GetPointFromTwoLines(l21,l22);
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vanishing_line = GetLineFromTwoPoints(v1, v2);
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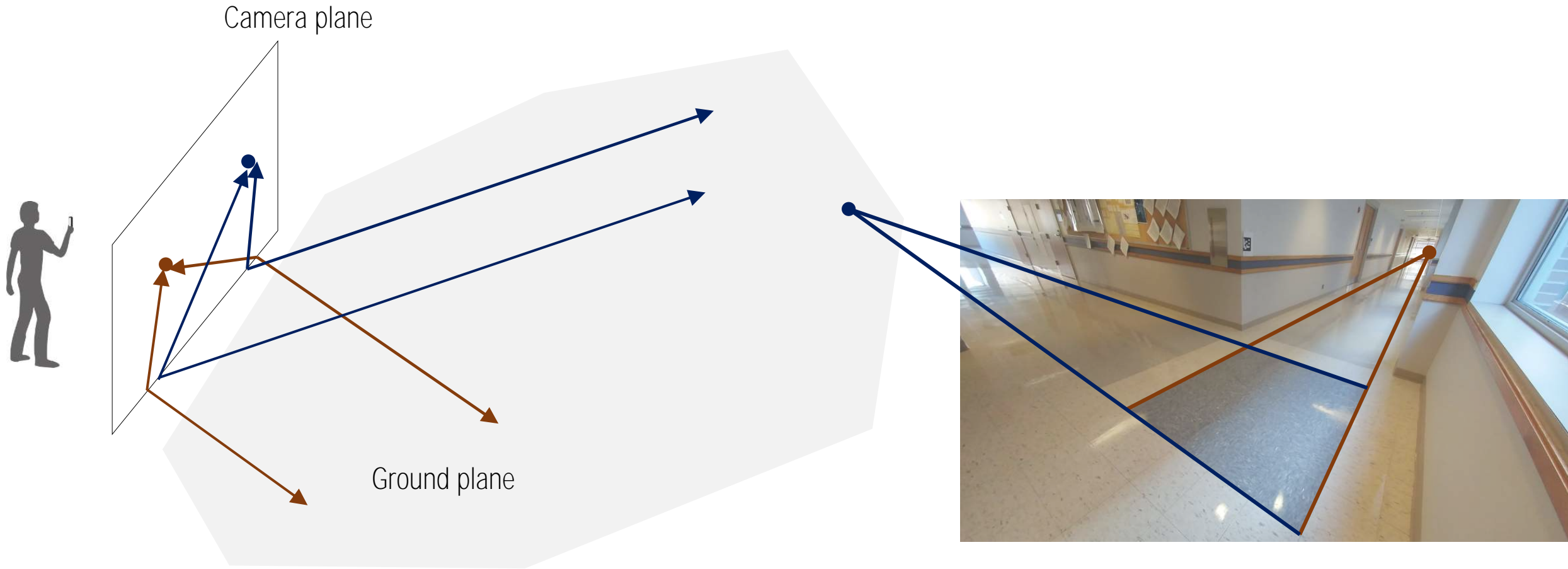
ComputeVanishingLine.m



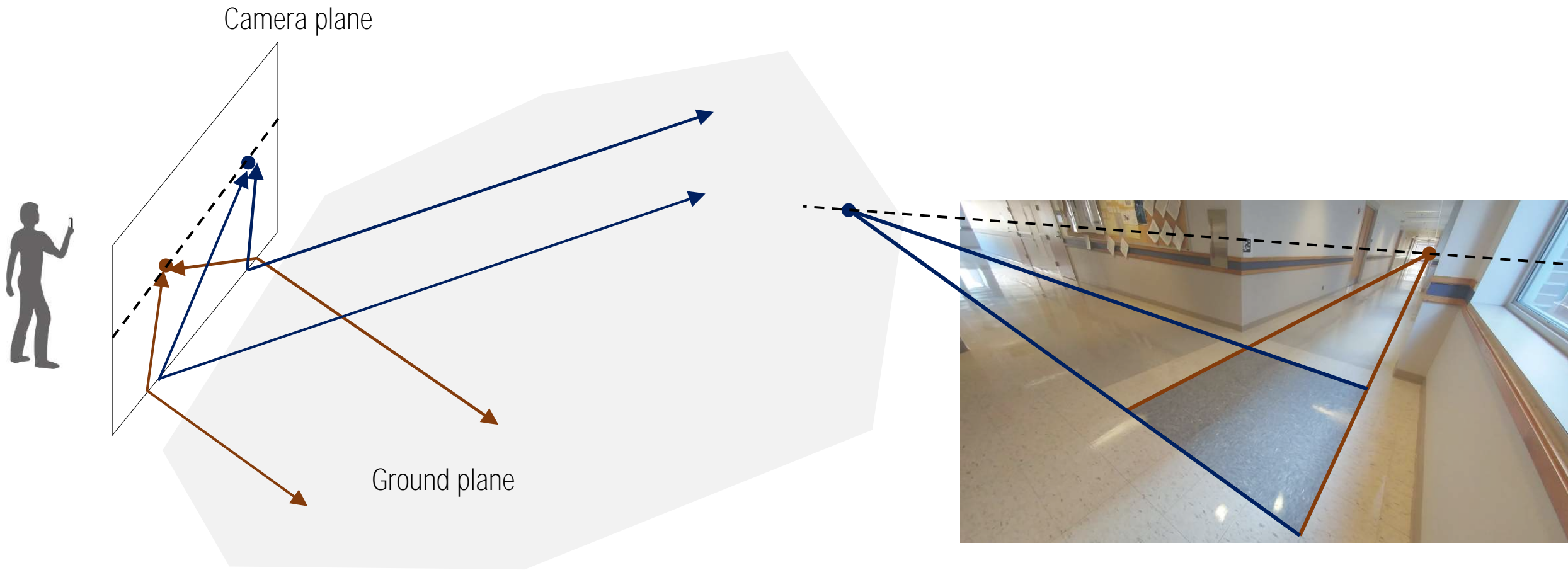
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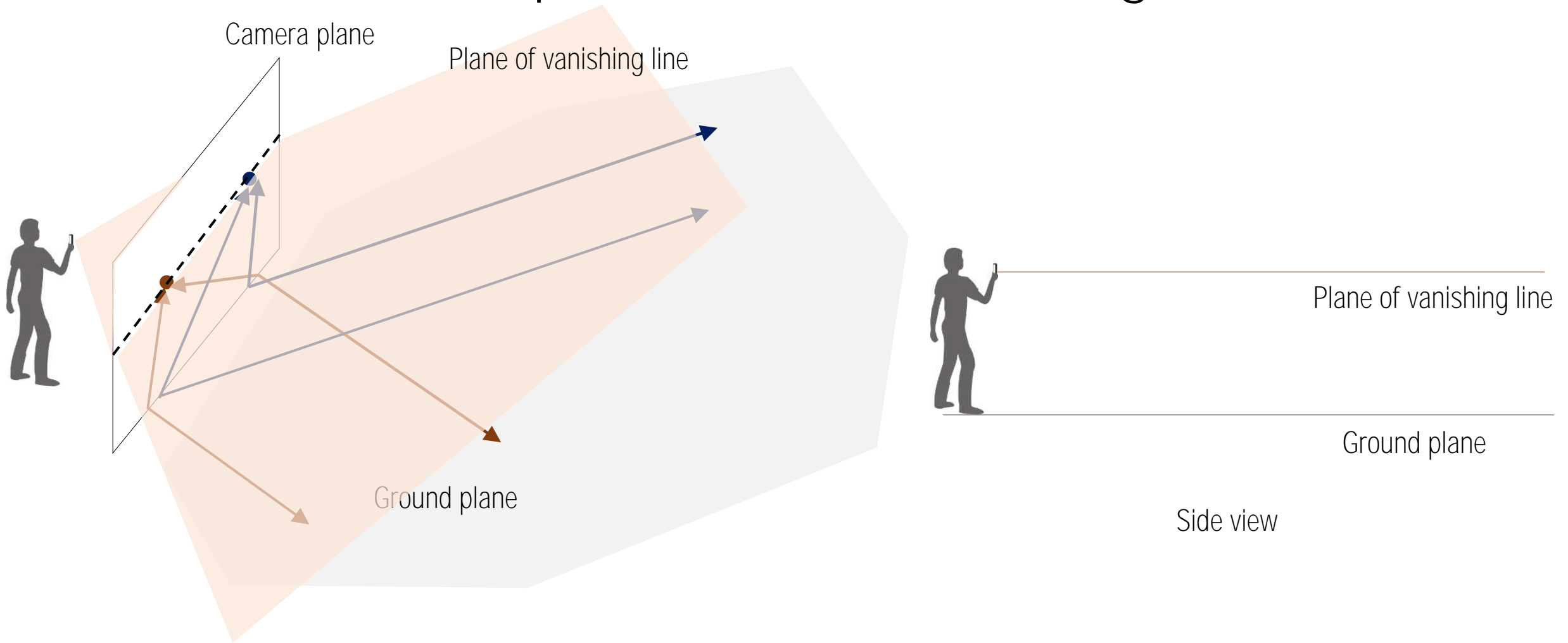
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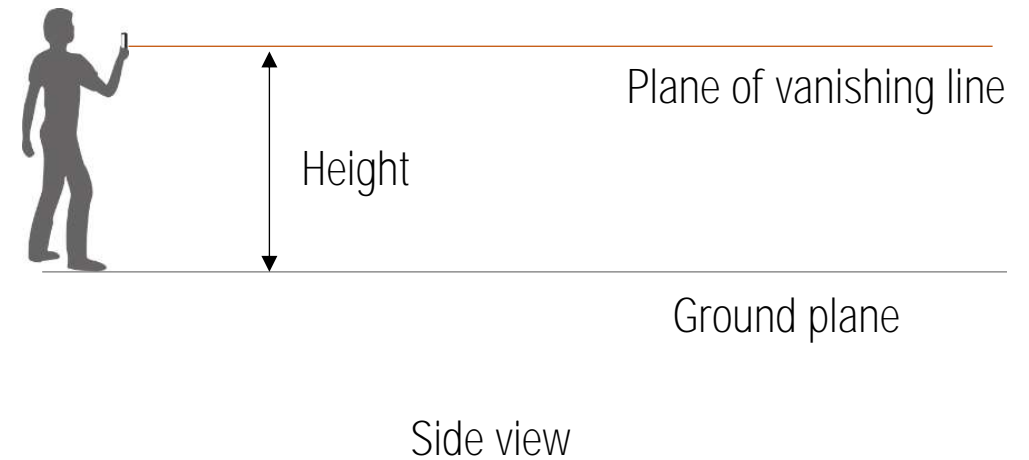


# Geometric Interpretation of Vanishing Line





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Where was I (how high)?



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Taken from my hotel room (6<sup>th</sup> floor)



Taken from beach

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Taken from beach



First person video



Cylindrical projection