

IBMR: Week 4 A

Chapter 2:  
3D Projective Geometry

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3D Homogeneous Coordinates

Extend Projective space from 2D to 3D:

- $P^2$ :
  - From 2D 'world space'  $(x,y)$  make
  - 2D homogeneous coordinates  $(x_1,x_2,x_3)$ .
  - 2D projective 'image space'  $(x',y') = (x_1/x_3, x_2/x_3)$
- $P^3$ :
  - From 3D 'world space'  $(x,y,z)$  make
  - 3D homogeneous coordinates  $(x_1,x_2,x_3,x_4)$ .
  - 3D projective 'image space'  
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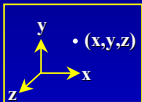
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3D Homogeneous Coordinates

- Unifies points and planes
- (but **lines** are messy)
- Puts perspective projection into matrix form
- No divide-by-zero, points at infinity defined...

in  $R^3$ ,  
write point  $x$  as  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$



But in  $P^3$ , write  
same point  $x$  as  
where:  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$

$x = x_1 / x_4$ ,  
 $y = x_2 / x_4$ ,  
 $z = x_3 / x_4$ ,  
 $x_4 = \text{anything non-zero!}$   
(but usually defaults to 1)

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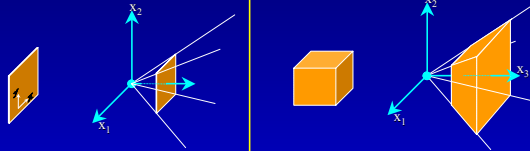
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(2D point  $\rightarrow$  3D ray is correct)
- $P^3$  homog. coords. 3D projective map  
(But 3D point  $\rightarrow$  3D ray is WRONG!)

$$(x,y) \longrightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$(x,y,z) \longrightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$




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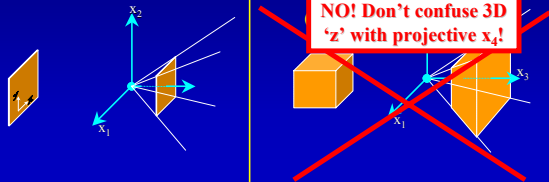
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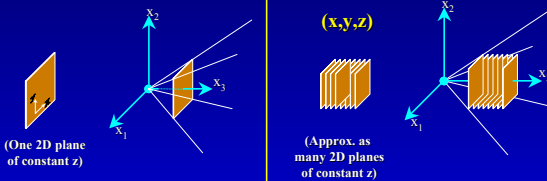
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- $P^3$  homog. coords. 3D projective map  
3D point  $\rightarrow$  4D ray:

—an impossible-to-draw **plane** in  $R^4$   
—its 3D part is a ray through origin

$$(x,y) \longrightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$(x,y,z) \longrightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$



(One 2D plane of constant  $z$ )

(Approx. as many 2D planes of constant  $z$ )

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## P<sup>3</sup>: Point ↔ Plane duality

Recall Plane Equations in 3D:  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$

Unaffected by scale  $k$ , with  $kax + kby + by + kd = 0$

Normal vector:  $(a,b,c) = \hat{n}$

Min. Distance from origin:  $d$

Write in 3D homog. coordinates:

Point  $x$  and Plane  $\pi$  are duals (**lines are not!**)

$$ax + by + cz + d = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \boxed{x^T \pi = 0}$$

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## Points ↔ Planes in P<sup>3</sup>

• Join 3 points  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  to find a plane  $\pi$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} P_1^T \\ P_2^T \\ P_3^T \end{bmatrix} \pi = 0$

– Stack points:

– Find null space

– (Rank 2? collinear points!)  
(SVD is a good idea...)

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \pi_1 \\ \pi_2 \\ \pi_3 \\ \pi_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

• OR: use 3D cross products (drop  $x_4$ ):

$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} (p_1 - p_3) \times (p_2 - p_3) \\ \vdots \\ -p_2^T \cdot (p_2 \times p_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

(constructs plane normal & length  $d$  by cross-products)

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## Points ↔ Planes in P<sup>3</sup>

• To parameterize 3D space by plane  $\pi$ :

(e.g. find  $u, v$  coordinates for all of 3D)

– Recall  $\pi$  is equiv. to plane's normal vector

– Find 3  $\perp$  vectors (e.g. null space of  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ \pi]$ )

– assemble them as columns of  $4 \times 3$   $M$  vector

– Apply to any point  $p$ :

$$M p = uv$$

– Finds a 2D coords in  $P^2$  plane (of  $\pi$ ):  $uv = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$

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## Lines in P<sup>3</sup>: Awkward

- Geometrically:

- Intersection of 2 (or more) planes
- Line defines an axis or 'pencil' of planes
- Linear combo of 2 points  $(p_1 + A(p_2 - p_1))$
- Have **4** DOF in P<sup>3</sup>; 4-vector won't do.



- Symbolically: three ways to write them:

- Span or Null Space
- Plücker Matrix
- Plücker Line Coordinates

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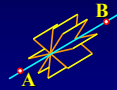
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## P<sup>3</sup> Lines 1a: (Plane) Span

- Recall that a point  $x$  is on a plane  $\pi$  if

$$x^T \pi = 0$$

- 2 given points **A, B** intersect with a 'pencil' of planes on a line



- Write line as that intersection: stack **A<sup>T</sup>, B<sup>T</sup>** to make 2x4 matrix **W**:

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & b_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If line **W** contains the plane  $\pi$ , then **W  $\pi = 0$**

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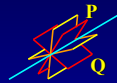
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## P<sup>3</sup> Lines 1b: (Point) Span

- Recall that a point  $x$  is on a plane  $\pi$  if

$$x^T \pi = 0$$

- 2 given planes **P, Q** intersect at a 'pencil' of points on a line



- Write line as that intersection: stack **P<sup>T</sup>, Q<sup>T</sup>** to make 2x4 matrix **W\***:

$$W^* = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & q_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If line **W\*** contains the point  $x$ , then **W\*  $x = 0$**

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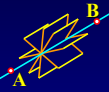
### P<sup>3</sup> Lines 1: Spans

- (Point) Span  $W$

- (Found from points  $A, B$ )

- Used to test plane  $\pi$ :

$$W \pi = 0$$



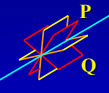
$$W^T W^* = W^* W^T = 0_{2 \times 2} \text{ (the 2x2 null matrix)}$$

- (Plane) Span  $W^*$

- (Found from planes  $P, Q$ )

- Used to test point  $x$ :

$$W^* x = 0$$




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### P<sup>3</sup> Lines 1: Spans

- Join Line  $W$  and Point  $p \rightarrow$  Plane  $\pi$

- $W \pi = 0$  iff plane  $\pi$  holds line  $W$ , and

- $p^T \pi = 0$  iff plane  $\pi$  holds point  $p$ ; stack ...

Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} W \\ p^T \end{bmatrix}$ ; solve for  $\pi$  in  $M \pi = 0$

- Join Line  $W^*$  and Plane  $\pi \rightarrow$  Point  $p$

- $W^* p = 0$  iff line  $W^*$  holds point  $p$

- $\pi p = 0$  iff plane  $\pi$  holds point  $p$ ; stack...

Let  $M^* = \begin{bmatrix} W^* \\ \pi \end{bmatrix}$ ; solve for  $p$  in  $M^* p = 0$

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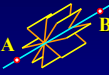
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### P<sup>3</sup> Lines 2: Plücker Matrices

Line == A 4x4 symmetric matrix, rank 2, 4DOF

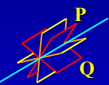
- Line  $L$  through known points  $A, B$ :

$$L = AB^T - BA^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & b_4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



- Line  $L^*$  through known planes  $P, Q$ :

$$L^* = PQ^T - QP^T$$




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- Line **L** through **A, B** pts:  $L = AB^T - BA^T$
- Line **L\*** through **P, Q** planes:  $L^* = PQ^T - QP^T$

• **L** → **L\*** convert?

Note that:

- Skew-symmetric;
- L's has 6 params:  $\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & l_{12} & l_{13} & l_{14} \\ \cdot & \cdot & l_{23} & l_{24} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & l_{34} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & l_{12} & l_{13} & l_{14} \\ \cdot & \cdot & l_{23} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & l_{34} \\ \cdot & l_{42} & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$  (to avoid minus signs)
- Note  $\det|L|=0$  is written  $l_{12}l_{34} + l_{13}l_{42} + l_{14}l_{23} = 0$
- **Simple!** Replace  $l_{ij}$  with  $l_{mn}$  so that  $\{i, j, m, n\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$   
Examples:  $l_{12} \rightarrow l_{34}$ , or  $l_{42} \rightarrow l_{13}$  etc.

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## P<sup>3</sup> Lines 2: Plücker Matrices

• Join Line **L\*** and Point **p** → Plane  $\pi$

$$L^* p = \pi$$

(if point is on the line, then  $L^* p = 0$ )

Join Line **L** and Plane  $\pi$  → Point **p**

$$L \pi = p$$

(if line is in the plane, then  $L \pi = 0$ )

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## P<sup>3</sup> Lines 3: Plücker Line Coords

==Plücker Matrix has 6 vital elements:

- Off-diagonals  $\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & l_{12} & l_{13} & l_{14} \\ \cdot & \cdot & l_{23} & l_{24} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & l_{34} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & l_{12} & l_{13} & l_{14} \\ \cdot & \cdot & l_{23} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & l_{34} \\ \cdot & l_{42} & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$  (to avoid minus signs)

– Just make them a 6-vector:

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{12} \\ l_{13} \\ l_{14} \\ l_{23} \\ l_{42} \\ l_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$

and require that  $\det|L| = 0$ , or:

$$l_{12}l_{34} + l_{13}l_{42} + l_{14}l_{23} = 0$$

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## Projective Transformations

- Use  $H$  for transforms in  $P^3$ :
  - Has 15 DOF ( $4 \times 4 - 1$ )
  - Superset of the  $P^2$   $H$  matrix:

$$H_2 = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & 0 & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & 0 & h_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & 0 & h_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

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## $P^3$ Transformations

- Transform a point  $p$  or plane  $\pi$  with  $H$ :

$$p' = Hp \quad \pi' = H^{-T} \pi$$

- Lines 1: Transform a span:

$$W' = HW \quad W^{*'} = H^{-T} W^*$$

- Lines 2: Transform a Plücker Matrix:

$$L' = H L H^T \quad L^{*'} = H^{-T} L^* H^{-1}$$

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