

#### Perspective Geometry



- •Parallel lines (in object space) converge to a *vanishing point* in the perspective image
- •The vanishing points for all horizontal lines are on the horizon
- •There is a common vanishing point for all vertical lines
- •If the image plane is parallel to any set of parallel lines, then they will appear parallel in the perspective image (i.e. the vanishing point is at infinity)



### Parallel Object Lines Converge to Vanishing Point in the image

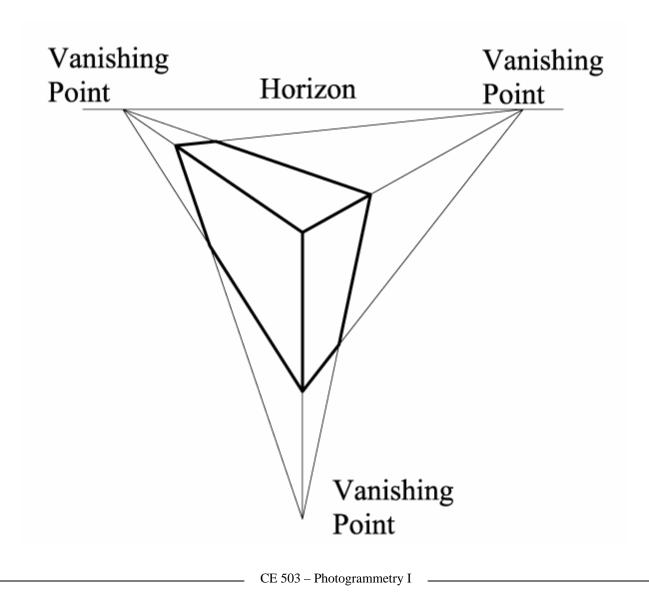






#### 3 Sets of Parallel Lines

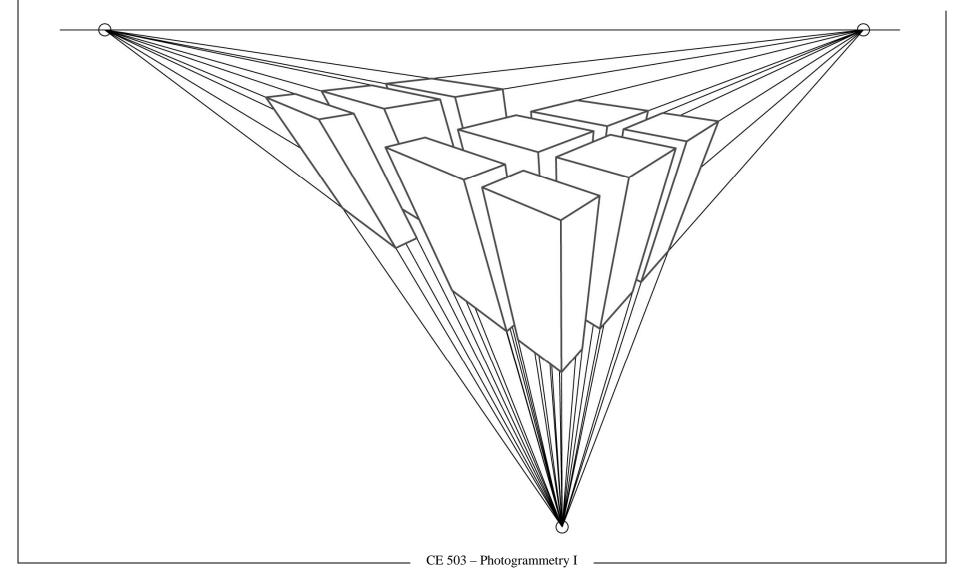






It remains true for all sets of parallel lines in the scene – if they are parallel in object space, then (unless parallel with image plane) they will meet at a vanishing point in the perspective image











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# Medieval Artists Had Poor Understanding of Perspective Geometry

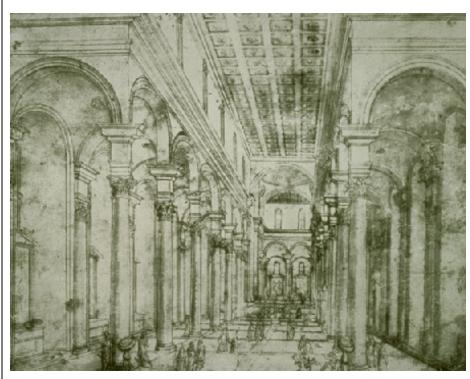






#### Brunelleschi (1415) engineer and architect made sketch at left, compare with photograph of today



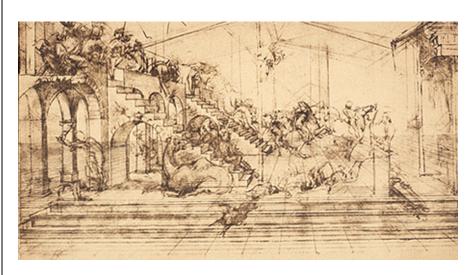






# Leonardo da Vinci, Adoration of the Magi, 1481, and the Last Supper, 1498







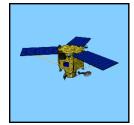


#### Albrecht Durer, St. Jerome in his study, 1514





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### Vermeer, The Music Lesson, 1662, Perspective is so accurate, some believe he used *camera obscura*





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