

Epipolar Geometry & Stereo II

Essential & Fundamental Matrices, 8-point algorithm, active stereo



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Announcements

- HW 3 is out (due Nov 13)
- midterm on Oct 24 (Friday)!

Midterm Information (Oct 24)

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Hi all,

The midterm for the course will be held on October 24th in lieu of the tutorial hour.

- Section LEC0101: SF 3202 1-2pm
- Section LEC0201: SF 3202 3-4pm

Please arrive promptly at the hour so that we can distribute the exam booklets and begin and end on time.

The exam will be a combination of multiple choice and long answer. You will write directly on the exam booklet, so bring a pencil and eraser. The exam is closed book and no notes are allowed.

Also, you must abide by the honor code — do not discuss the content of the midterm exam with any other students until after the grades have been released (obviously we have students taking the exam at different times, so please abide by this out of fairness to everyone).

Please comment on this post with any questions.

David

Course Overview

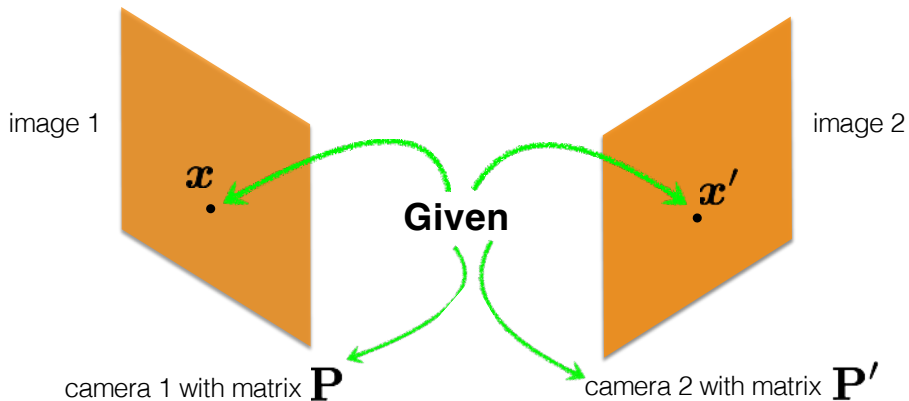


Overview

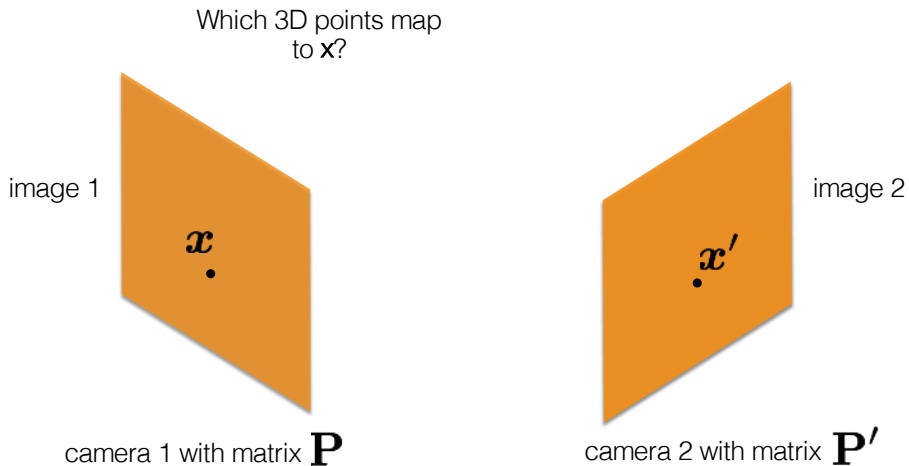
- Triangulation
- Epipolar geometry
- Essential matrix & Fundamental matrix
- 8-point algorithm
- Stereo rectification
- Stereo matching & structured light

Triangulation

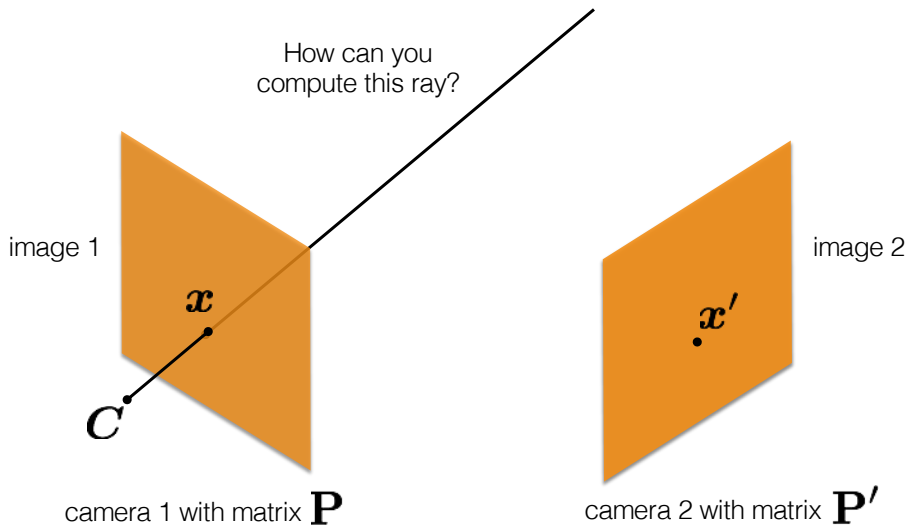
Triangulation



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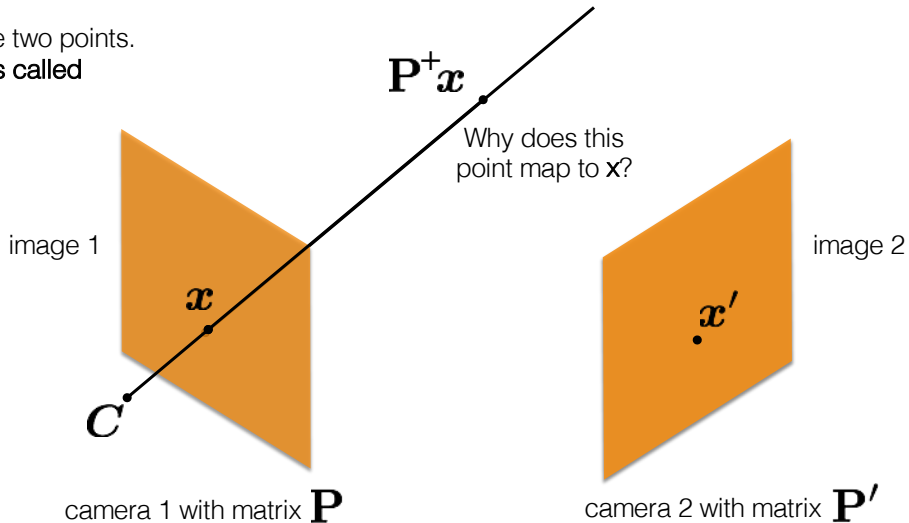
Triangulation

Create two points on the ray:

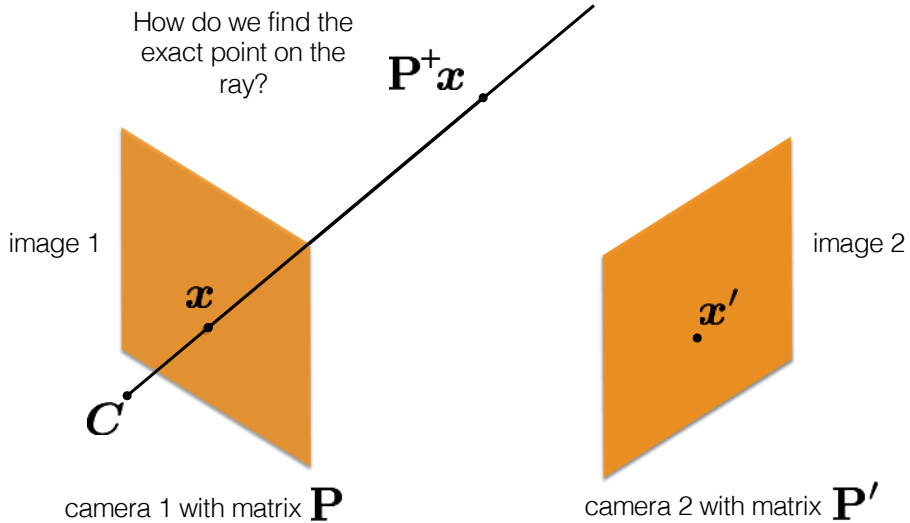
- 1) find the camera center; and
- 2) apply the pseudo-inverse of $\mathbf{P}$ on $\mathbf{x}$.

Then connect the two points.

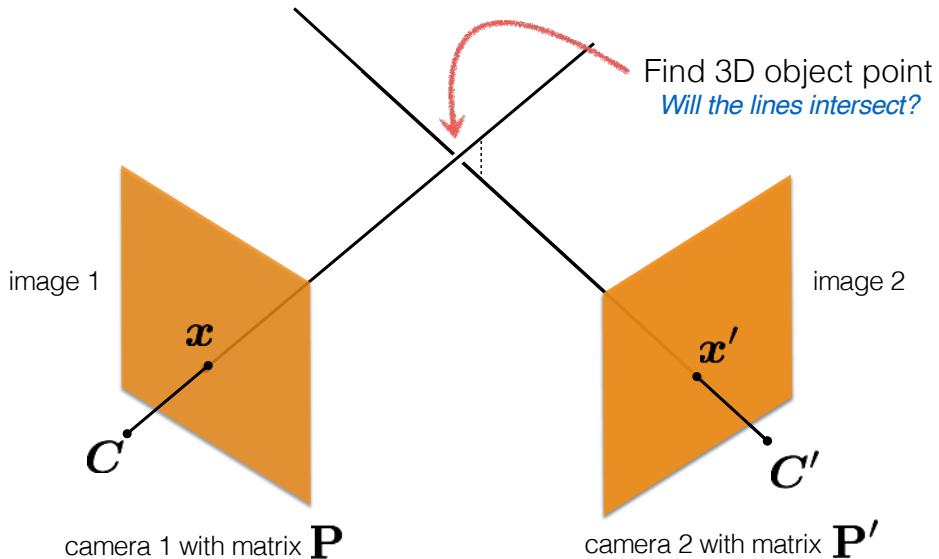
This procedure is called
backprojection



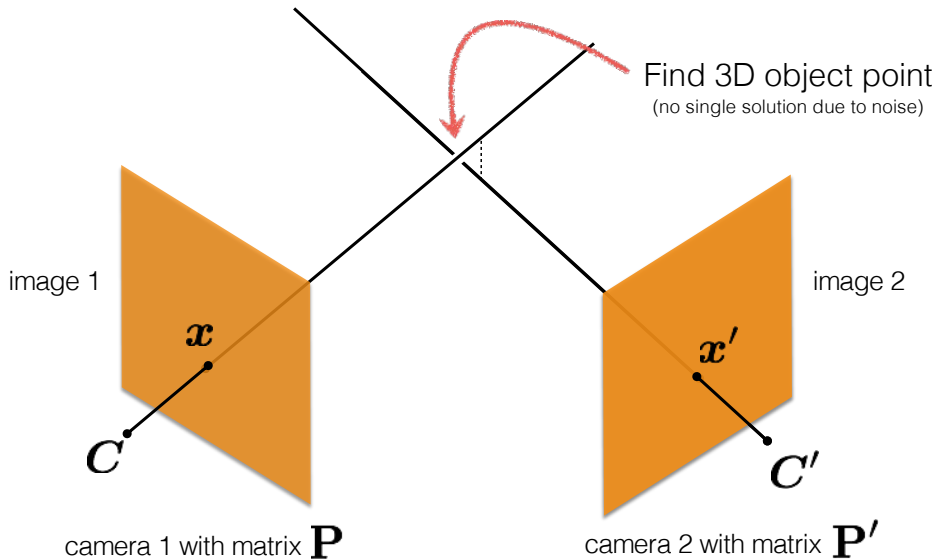
Triangulation



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Triangulation

Given a set of (noisy) matched points

$$\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}'_i\}$$

and camera matrices

$$\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}'$$

Estimate the 3D point

$$\mathbf{X}$$

$$\underset{\text{known}}{\mathbf{x}} = \underset{\text{known}}{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{X}$$

*Can we compute $\mathbf{X}$ from a single
correspondence $\mathbf{x}$?*

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

(homogeneous
coordinate)

This is a similarity relation because it involves homogeneous coordinates

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

(homogeneous
coordinate)

Same ray direction but differs by a scale factor

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

How do we solve for unknowns in a similarity relation?

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

(homogeneous
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Also, this is a similarity relation because it involves homogeneous coordinates

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

(inhomogeneous
coordinate)

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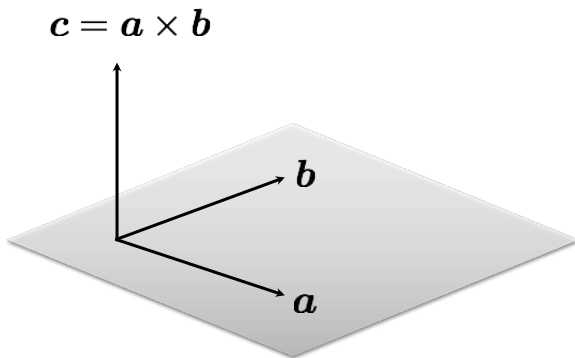
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How do we solve for unknowns in a similarity relation?

Linear algebra reminder: cross product

Vector (cross) product

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both



$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2b_3 - a_3b_2 \\ a_3b_1 - a_1b_3 \\ a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

cross product of two vectors in
the same direction is zero
vector

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0}$$

remember this!!!

Linear algebra reminder: cross product

Cross product

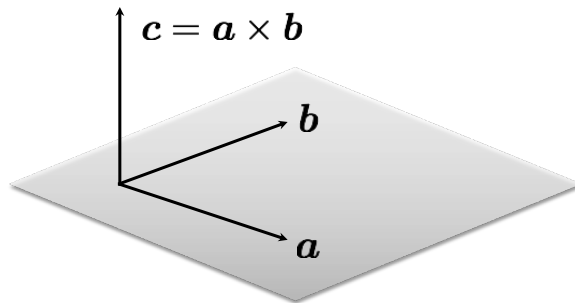
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Can also be written as a matrix multiplication

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

Skew symmetric

Compare with: dot product



$$c \cdot a = 0$$

$$c \cdot b = 0$$

dot product of two orthogonal vectors is (scalar) zero

Back to triangulation

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

Same direction but differs by a scale factor

How can we rewrite this using vector products?

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

Same direction but differs by a scale factor

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$$

Cross product of two vectors of same direction is zero
(this equality removes the scale factor)

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y\mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X} - x\mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} \\ x\mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X} - y\mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the fact that the cross product should be zero

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Third line is a linear combination of the first and second lines.
(x times the first line plus y times the second line)

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$$\begin{bmatrix} yp_3^\top \mathbf{X} - p_2^\top \mathbf{X} \\ p_1^\top \mathbf{X} - xp_3^\top \mathbf{X} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remove third row, and
rearrange as system on
unknowns

$$\begin{bmatrix} yp_3^\top - p_2^\top \\ p_1^\top - xp_3^\top \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$$

Now we can make a system of linear equations
(two lines for each 2D point correspondence)

Concatenate the 2D points from both images

Two rows from camera
one

Two rows from camera
two

$$\begin{bmatrix} y\mathbf{p}_3^\top - \mathbf{p}_2^\top \\ \mathbf{p}_1^\top - x\mathbf{p}_3^\top \\ y'\mathbf{p}_3'^\top - \mathbf{p}_2'^\top \\ \mathbf{p}_1'^\top - x'\mathbf{p}_3'^\top \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

sanity check! dimensions?

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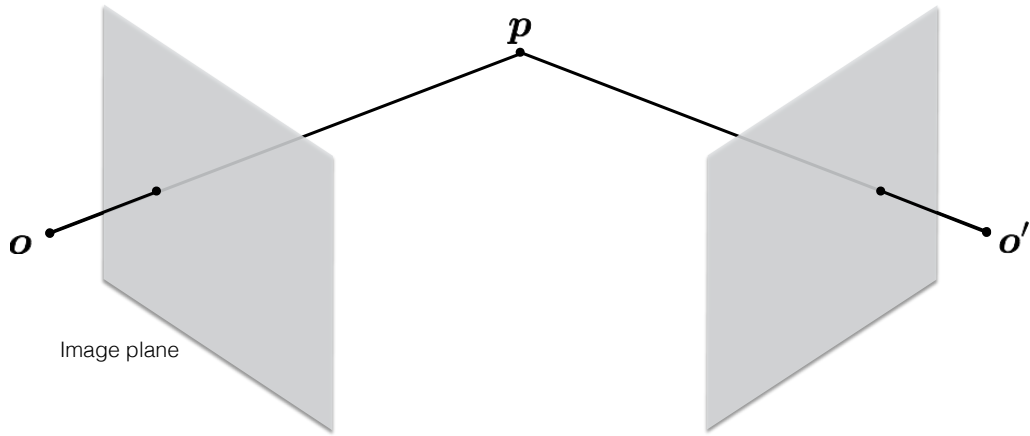
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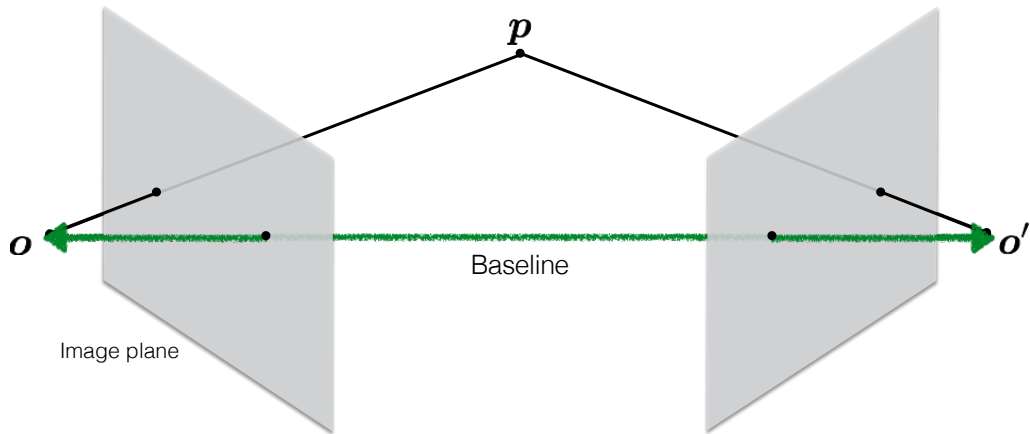
S V D !

Epipolar geometry

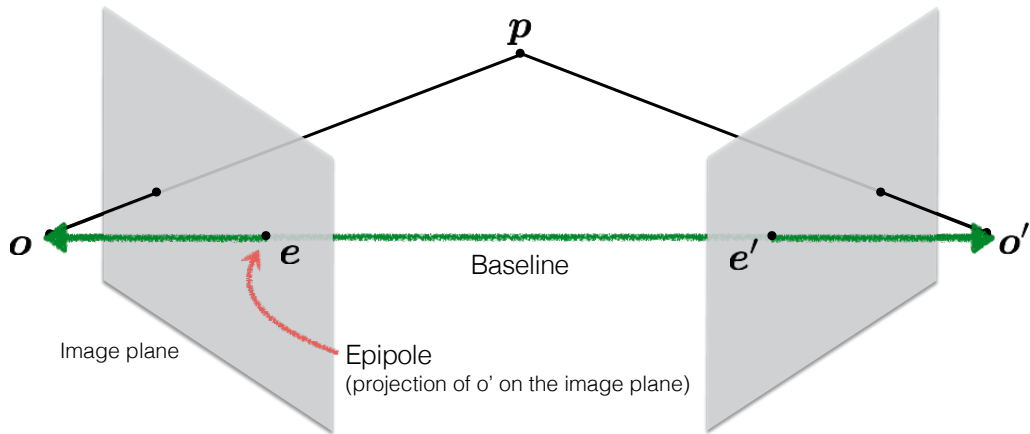
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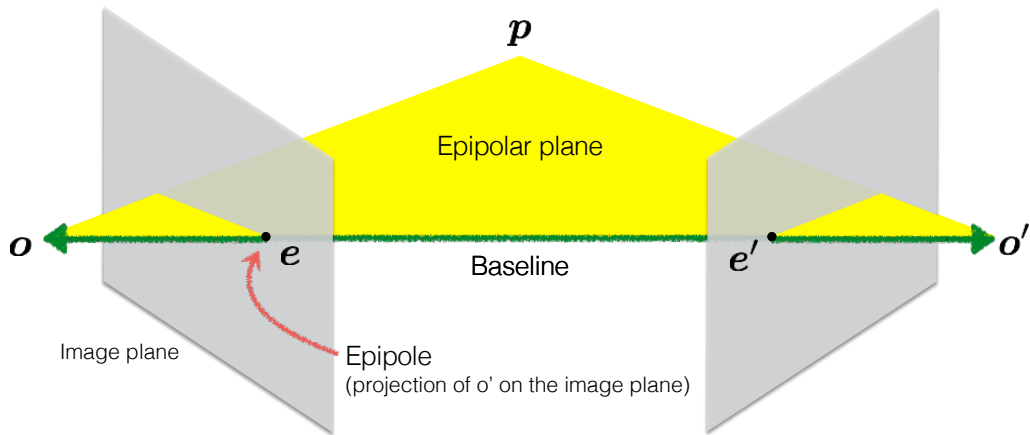
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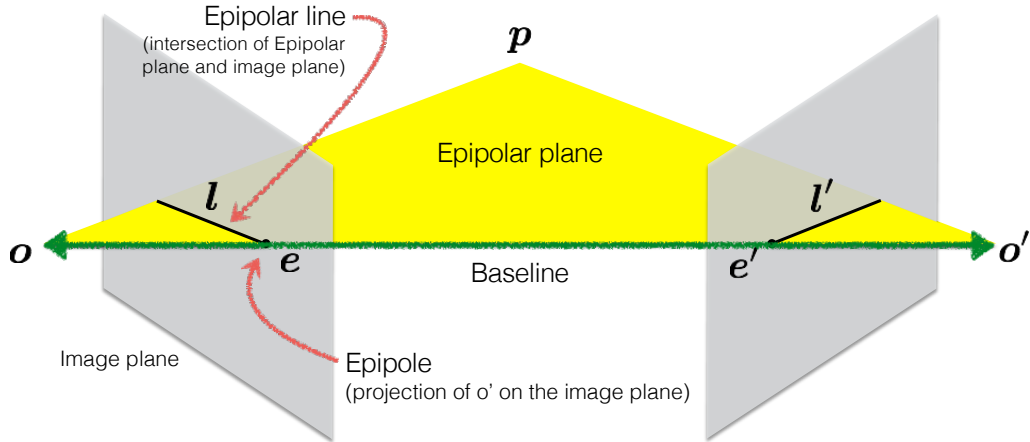
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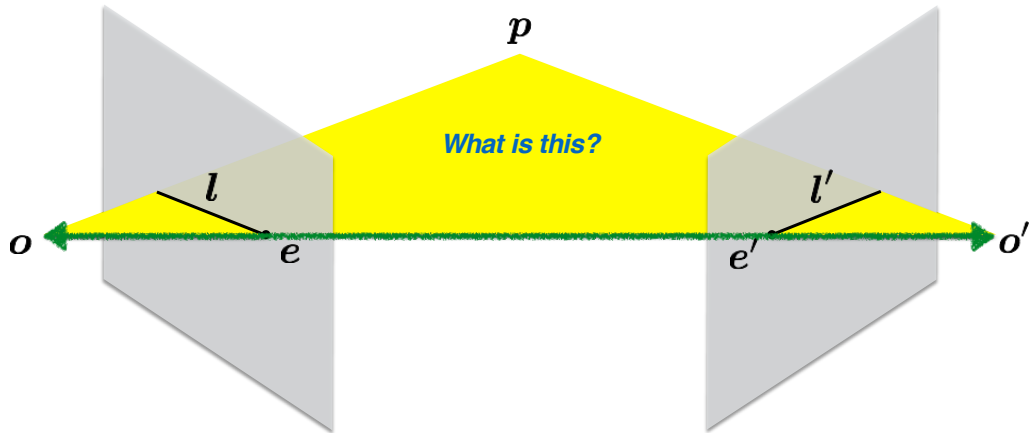
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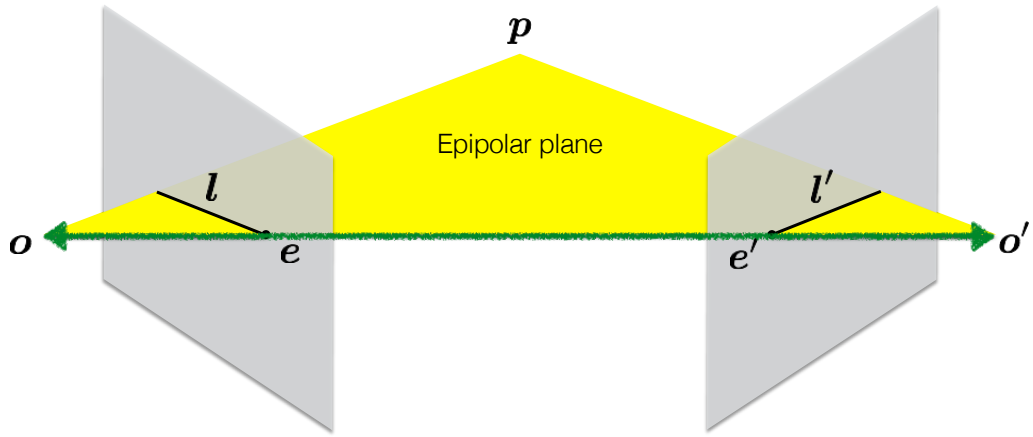
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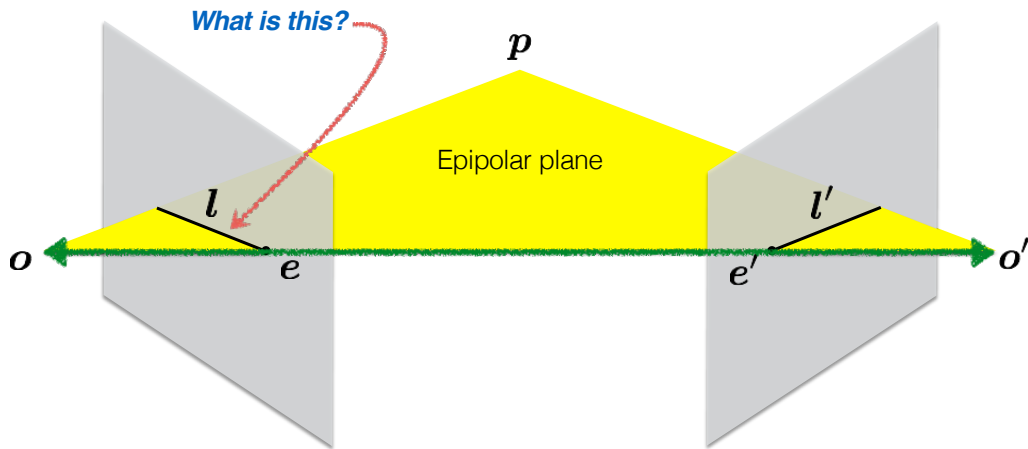
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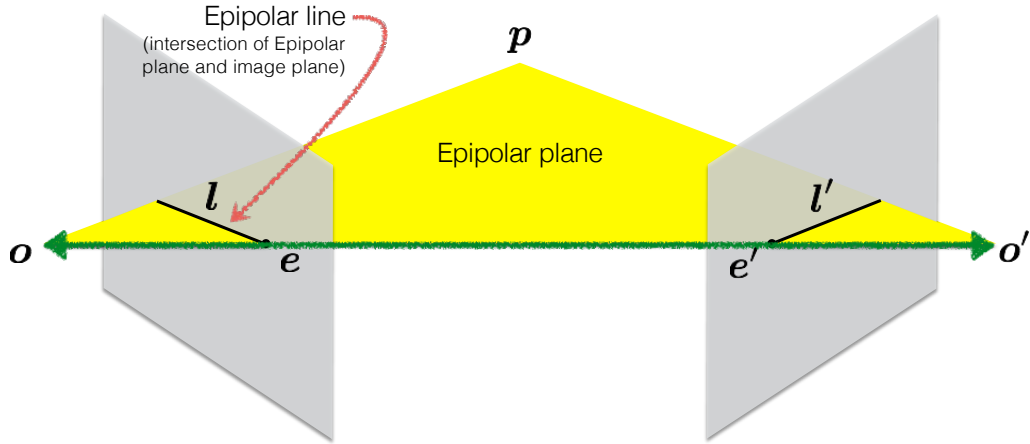
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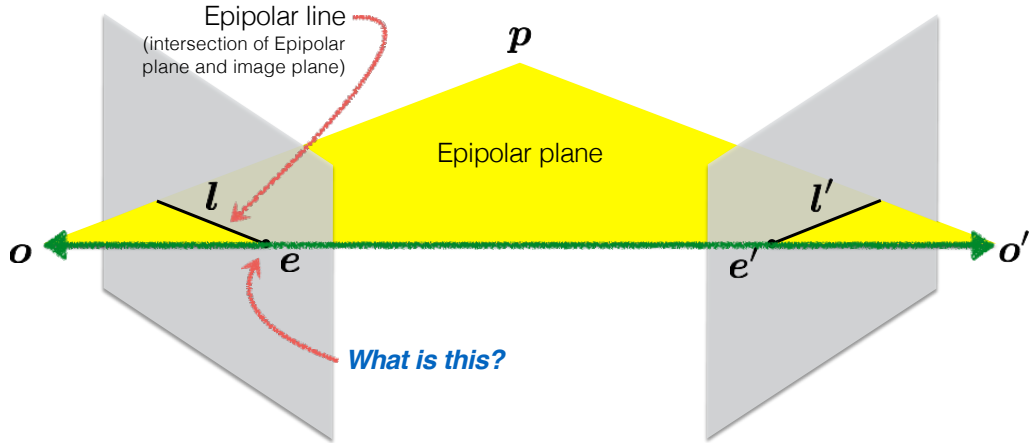
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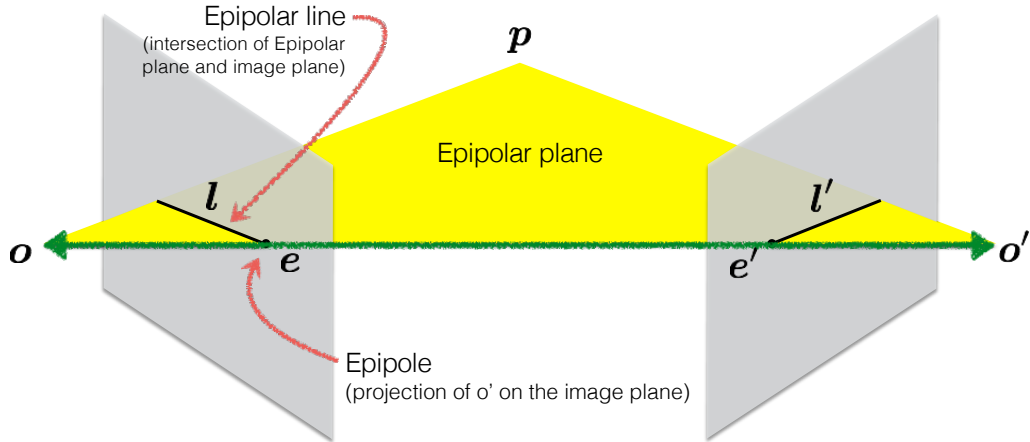
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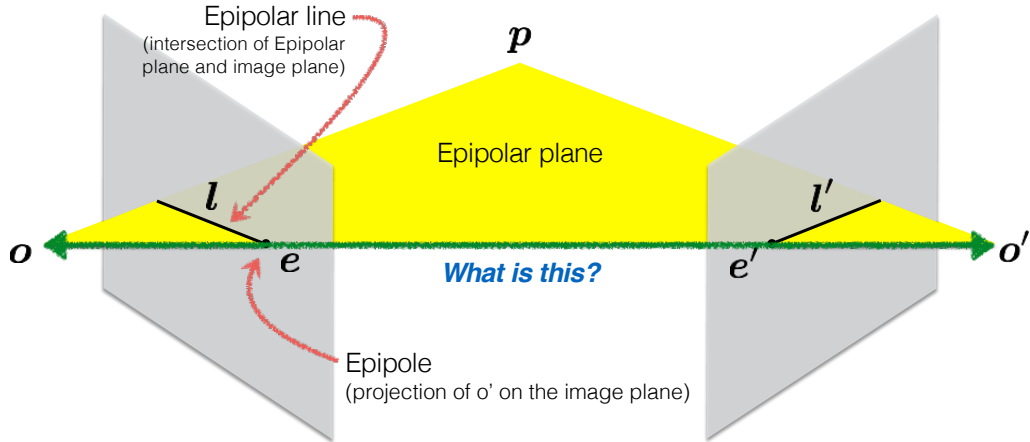
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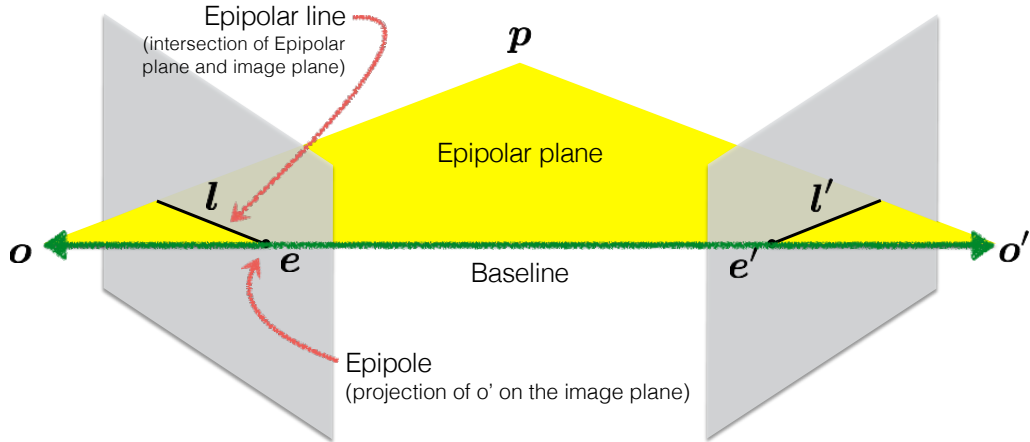
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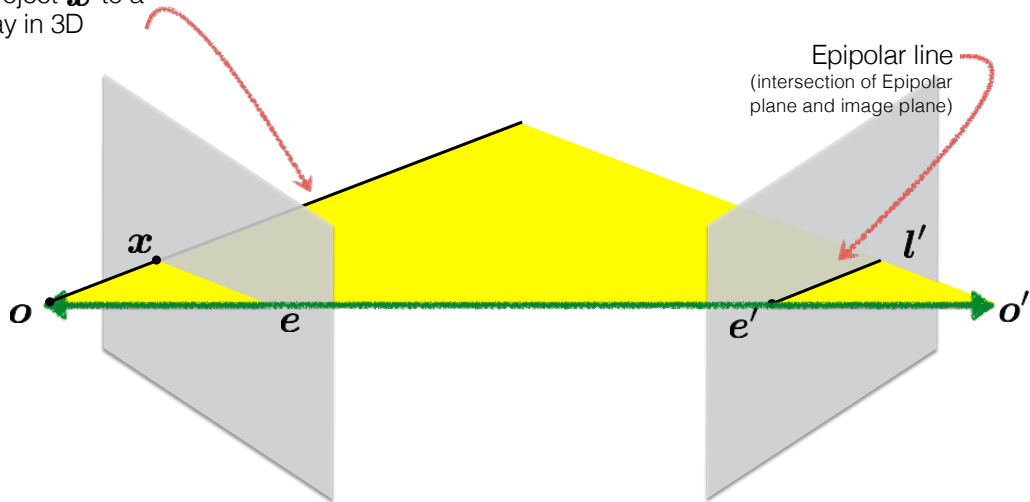


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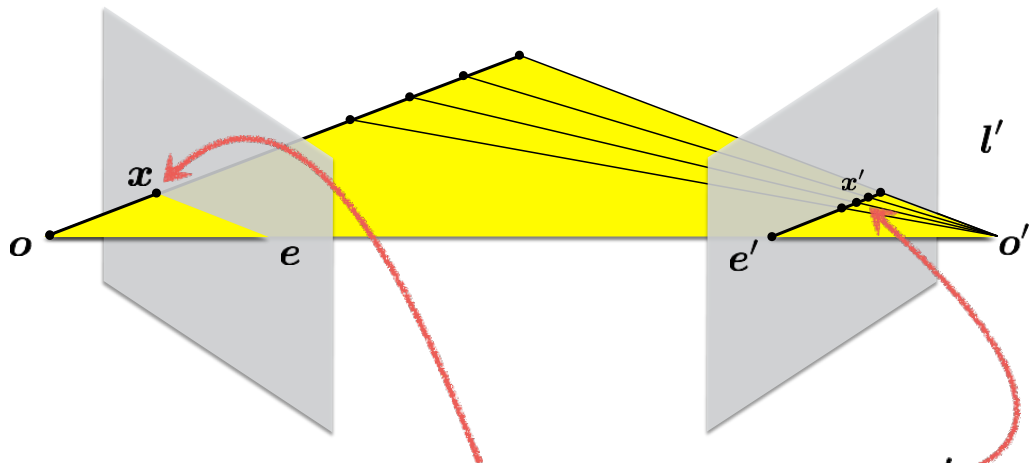
Epipolar constraint

Backproject $\mathbf{x}$ to a
ray in 3D

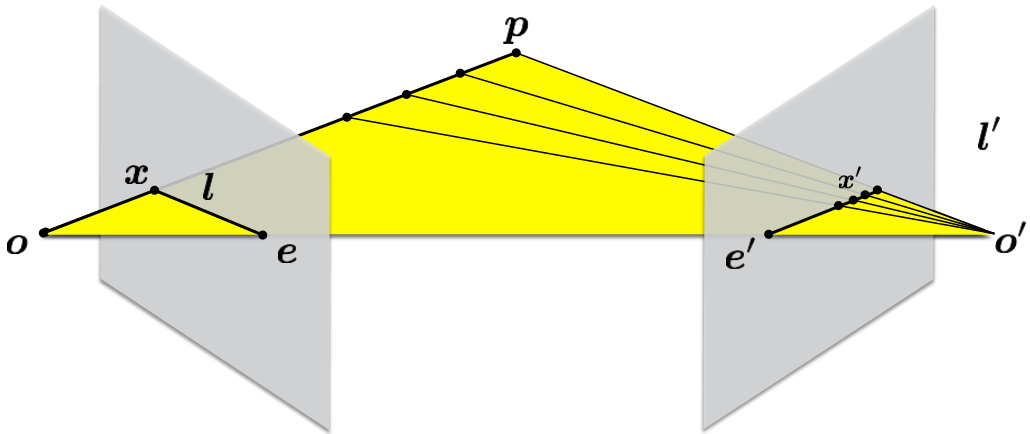


Another way to construct the epipolar plane, this time given $\mathbf{x}$

Epipolar constraint



Potential matches for x lie on the epipolar line l'



The point **x** (left image) maps to a _____ in the right image

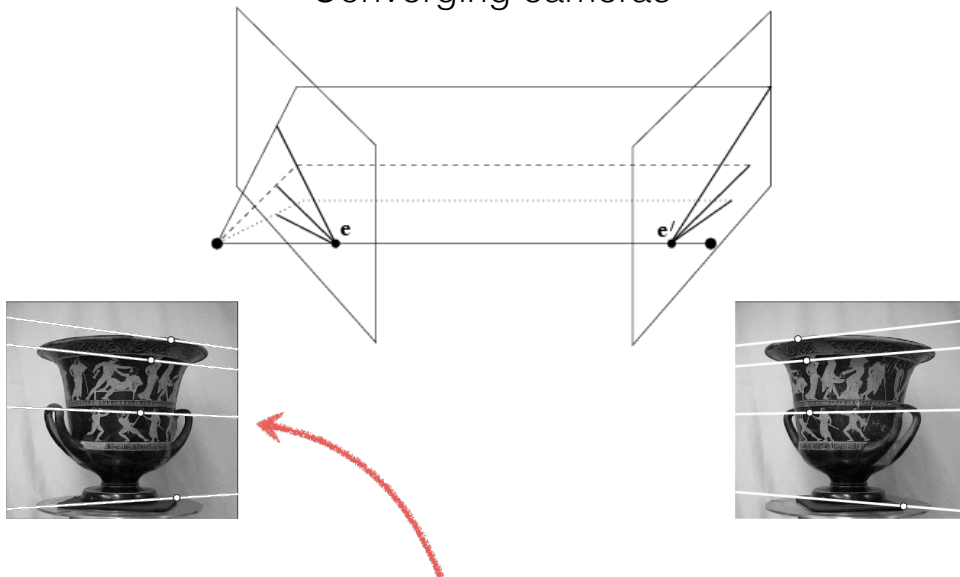
The baseline connects the _____ and _____

An epipolar line (left image) maps to a _____ in the right image

An epipole **e** is a projection of the _____ on the image plane

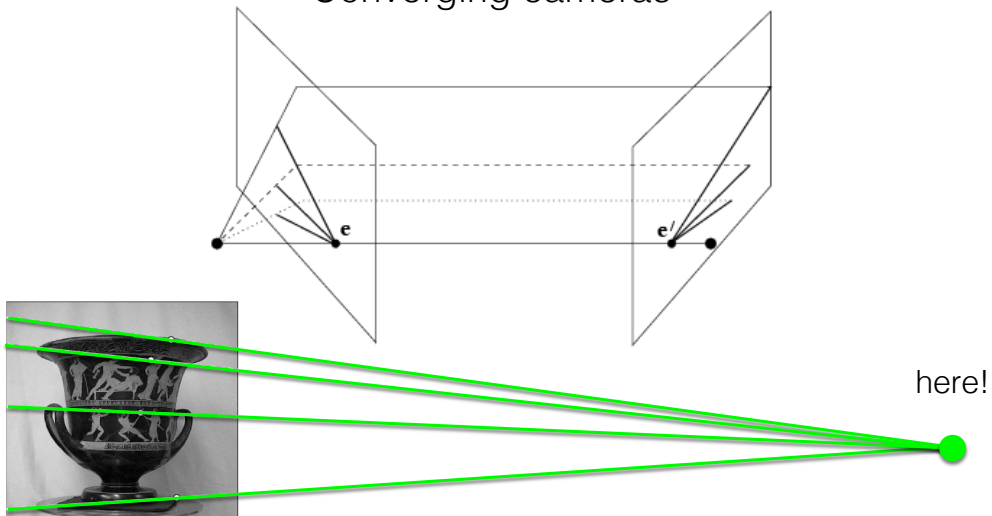
All epipolar lines in an image intersect at the _____

Converging cameras



Where is the epipole in this image?

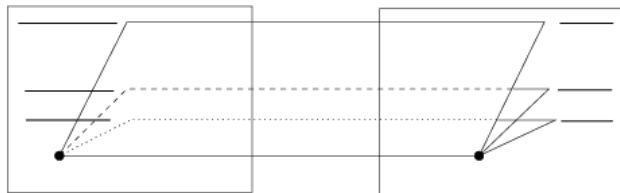
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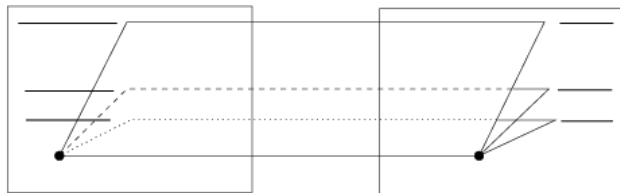
It's not always in the image

Parallel cameras



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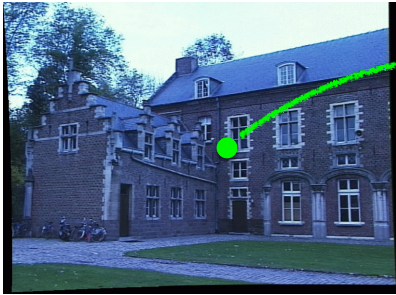
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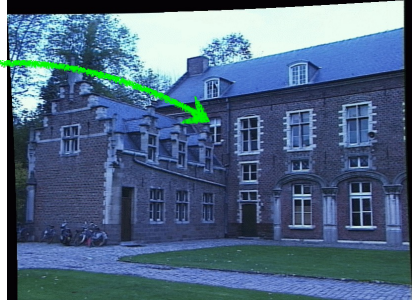
epipole at infinity

The epipolar constraint is an important concept for stereo vision

Task: Match point in left image to point in right image



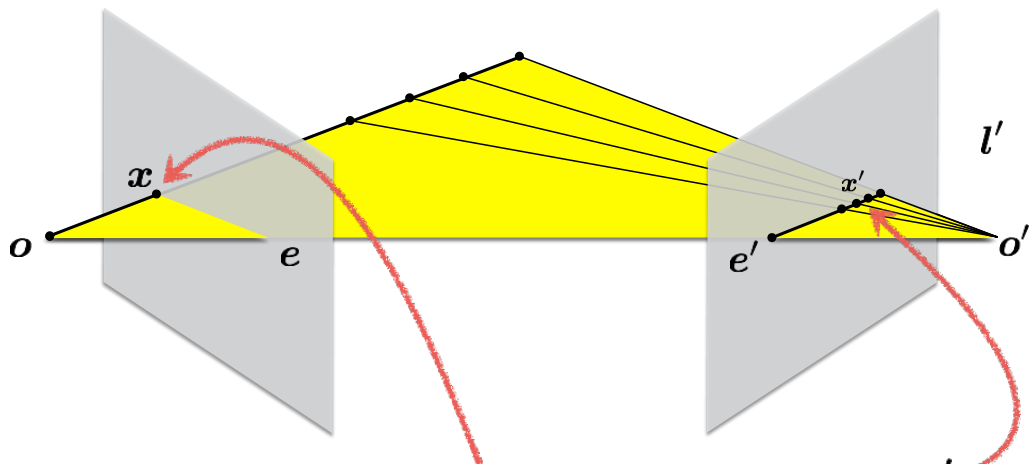
Left image



Right image

How would you do it?

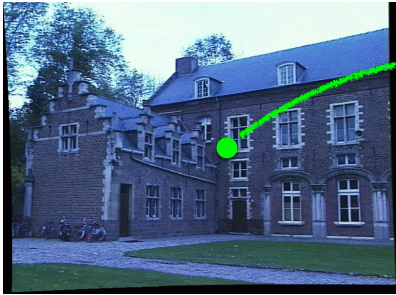
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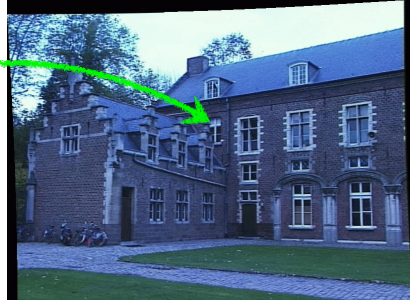
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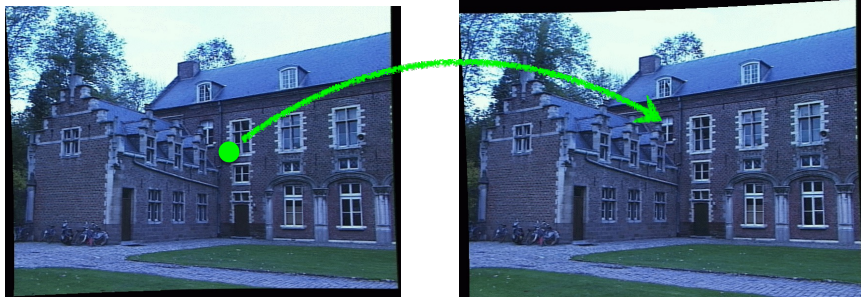


Right image

Want to avoid search over entire image
Epipolar constraint reduces search to a single line

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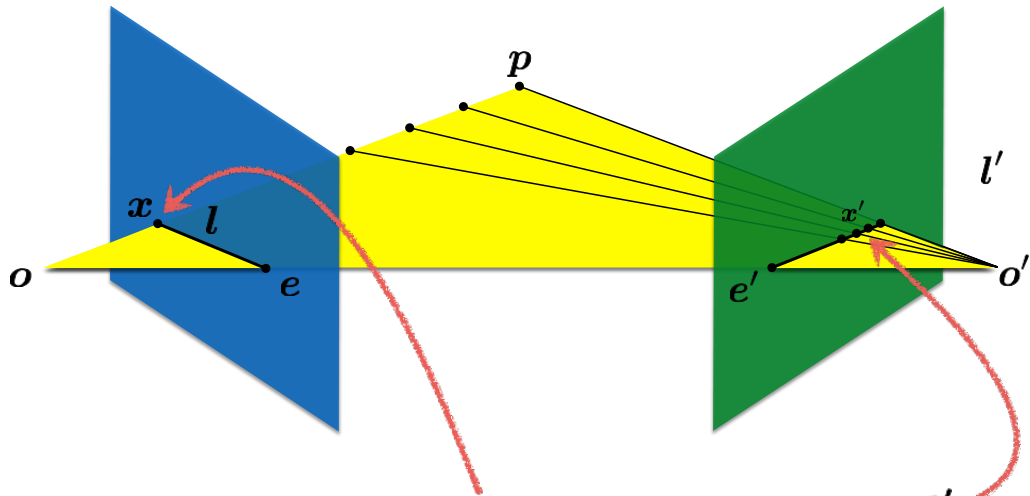
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How do you compute the epipolar line?

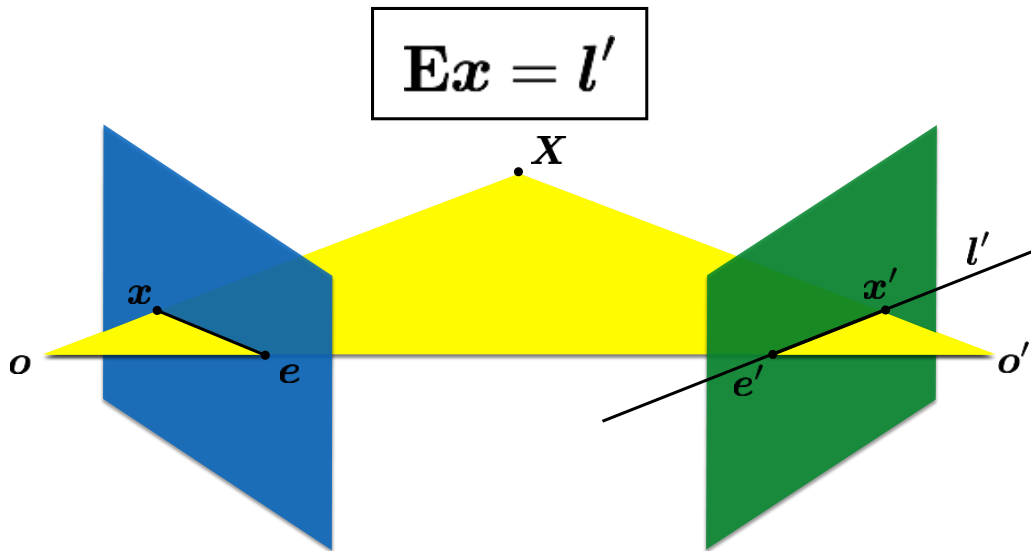
The essential matrix

Recall: Epipolar constraint



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Given a point in one image,
multiplying by the **essential matrix** will tell us
the **epipolar line** in the second view.



Motivation

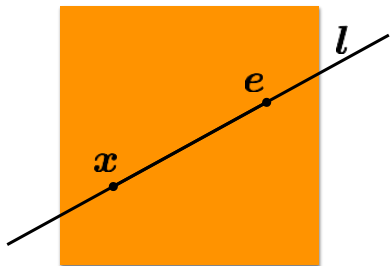
The Essential Matrix is a 3×3 matrix that encodes **epipolar geometry**

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Representing the ...

Epipolar Line

$$ax + by + c = 0 \quad \text{in vector form} \quad \mathbf{l} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

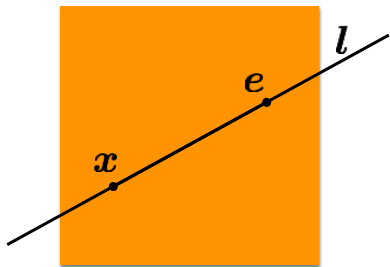


If the point $\mathbf{x}$ is on the epipolar line $\mathbf{l}$ then

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{l} = ?$$

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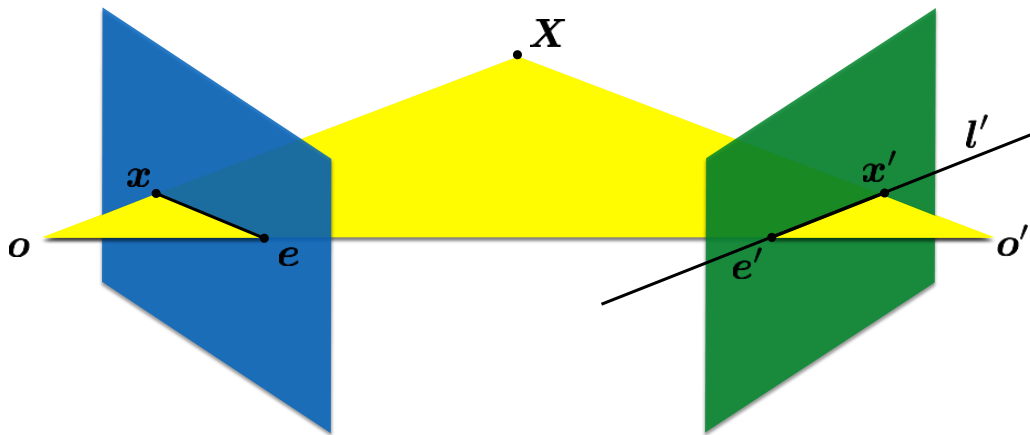


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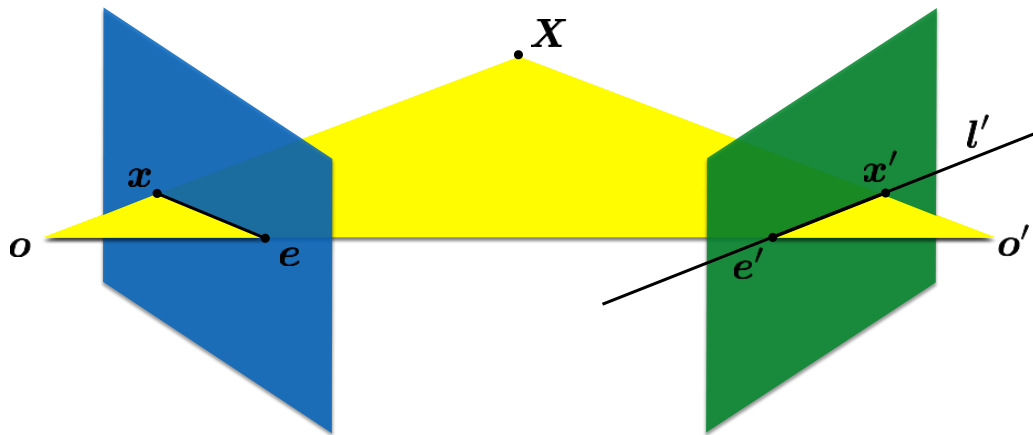
So if $\mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{l}' = 0$ and $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{l}'$ then

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So if $\mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{l}' = 0$ and $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{l}'$ then

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Essential Matrix vs Homography

What's the difference between the essential matrix and a homography?

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What's the difference between the essential matrix and a homography?

They are both 3 x 3 matrices but ...

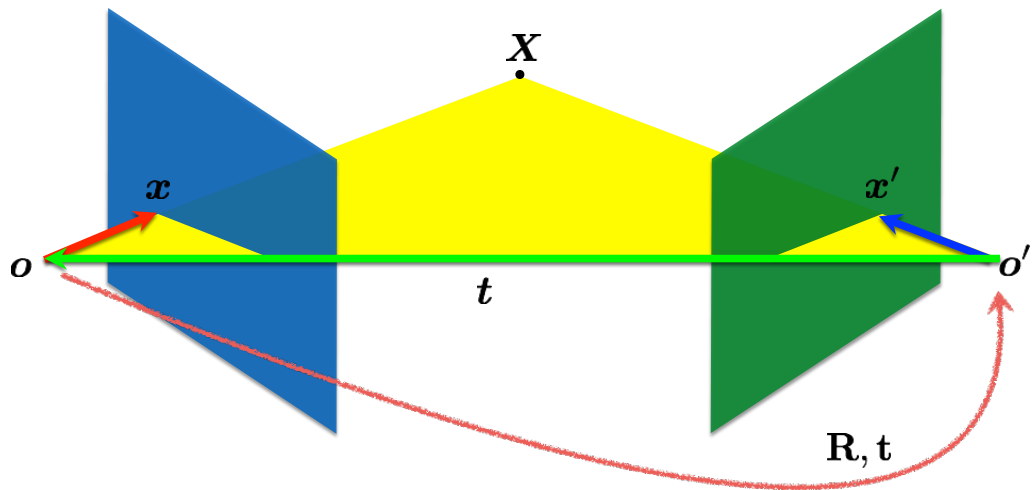
$$l' = \mathbf{E}x$$

Essential matrix maps a
point to a **line**

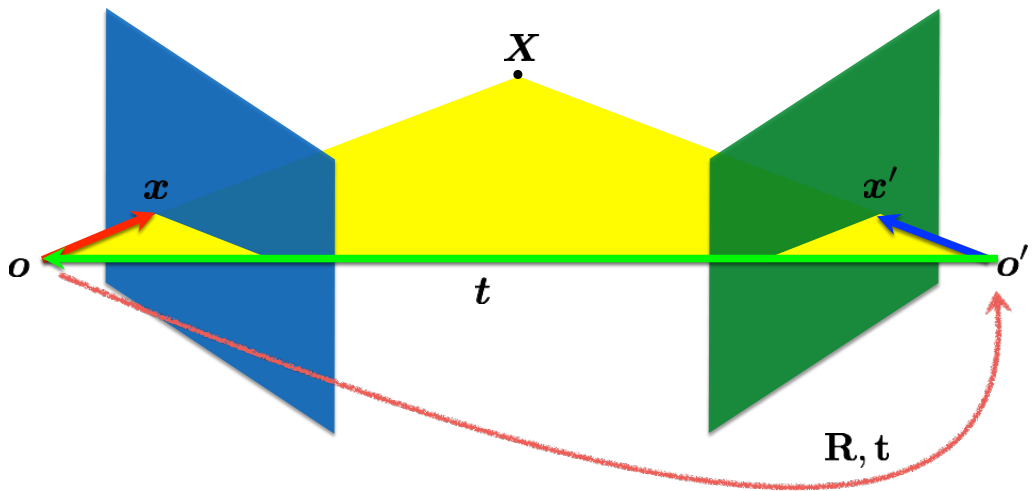
$$x' = \mathbf{H}x$$

Homography maps a
point to a **point**

Where does the essential matrix come from?

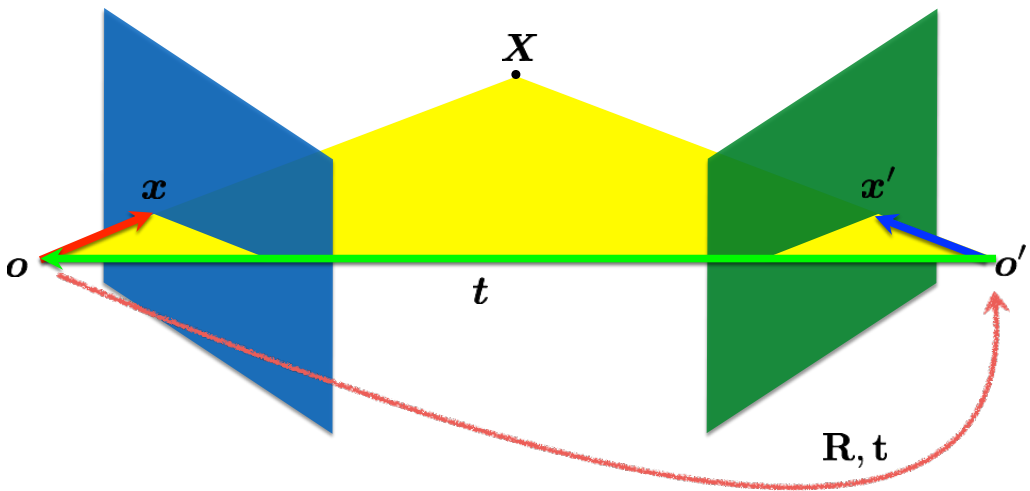


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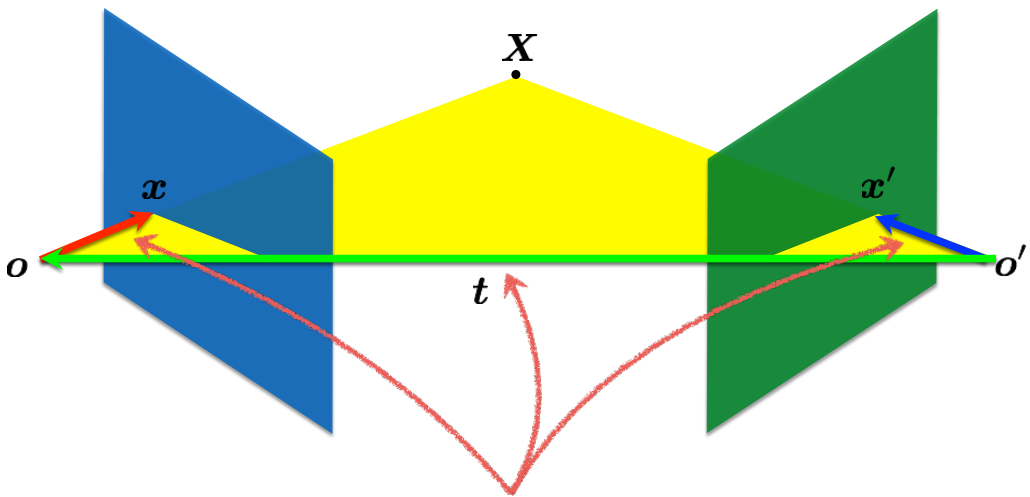
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Does this look familiar?



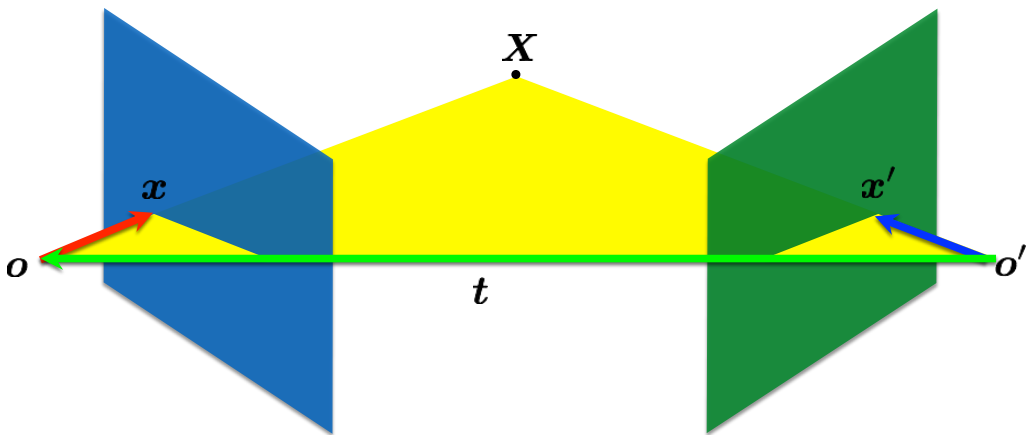
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Camera-camera transform just like **world-camera** transform



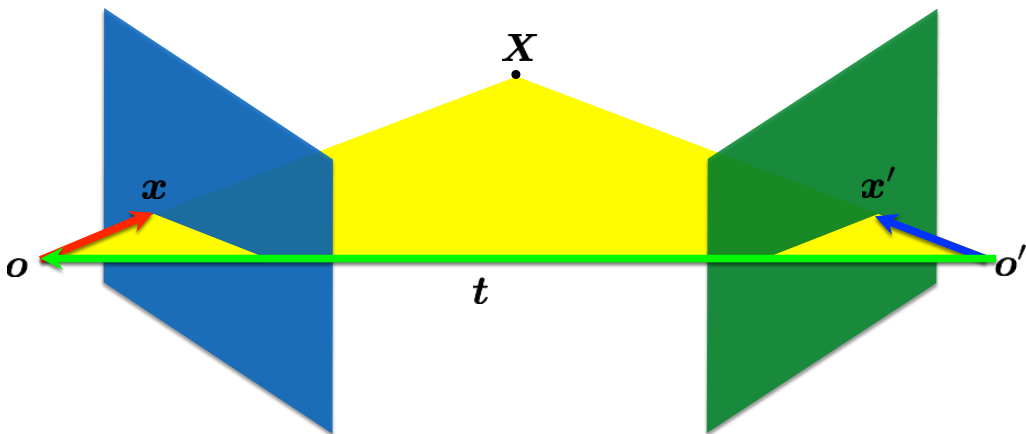
These three vectors are coplanar

$$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}'$$



If these three vectors are coplanar $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}'$ then

$$\mathbf{x}^\top (\mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{x}) = ?$$

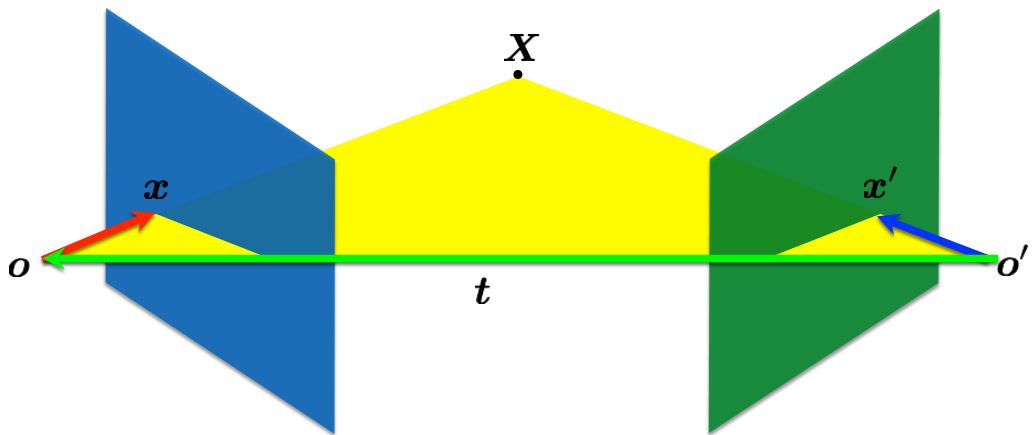


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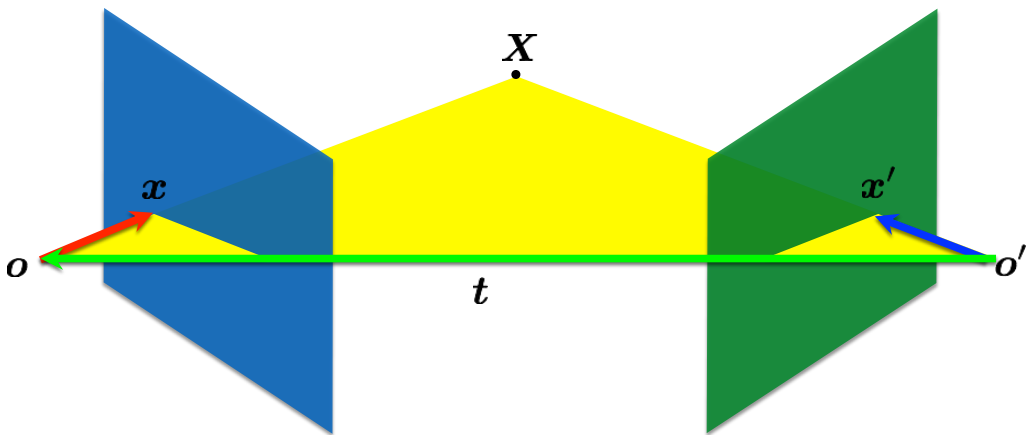
dot product of orthogonal
vectors ↗

↖ cross-product: vector orthogonal to
plane



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putting it together

rigid motion

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{t})$$

coplanarity

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use skew-symmetric
matrix to represent cross
product

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Essential Matrix
[Longuet-Higgins 1981]

properties of the E matrix

Longuet-Higgins equation

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(2D points expressed in camera coordinate system)

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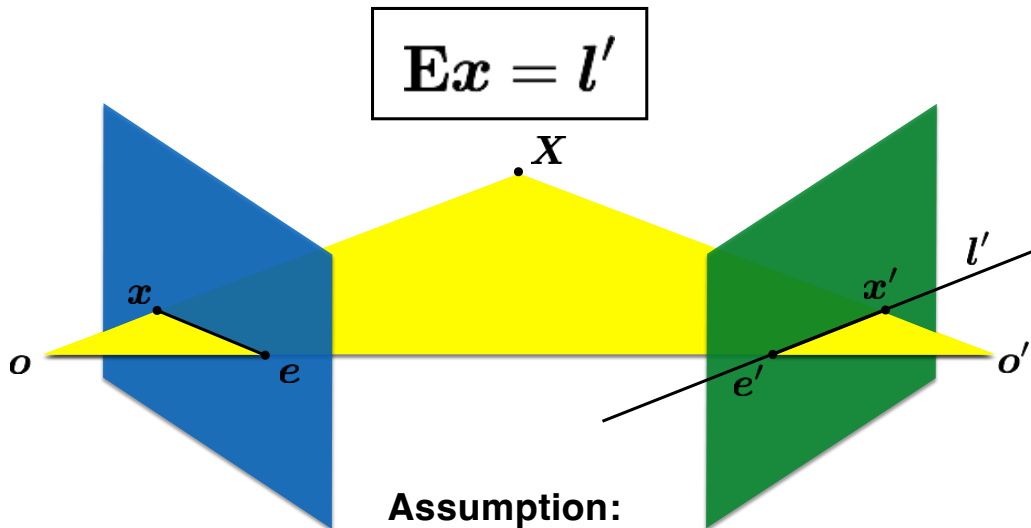
Epipoles

$$\mathbf{e}'^\top \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{E} \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$$

(2D points expressed in camera coordinate system)

Given a point in one image,
multiplying by the **essential matrix** will tell us
the **epipolar line** in the second view.



2D points expressed in camera coordinate system (i.e., intrinsic matrices are identities)

How do you
generalize to non-
identity intrinsic
matrices?

The fundamental matrix

The
fundamental matrix
is a
generalization
of the
essential matrix,
where the assumption of
Identity matrices
is removed

$$\hat{x}'^{\top} \mathbf{E} \hat{x} = 0$$

The essential matrix operates on image points expressed in **2D coordinates** expressed in the camera coordinate system

$$\hat{x}' = \mathbf{K}'^{-1} x'$$

$$\hat{x} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} x$$

camera point image point

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camera
point
image
point

Writing out the epipolar constraint in terms of image coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}'^{-\top} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x} &= 0 \\ \mathbf{x}'^{\top} (\mathbf{K}'^{-\top} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1}) \mathbf{x} &= 0 \\ \mathbf{x}'^{\top} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Same equation works in image coordinates!

$$\mathbf{x}'^{\top} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

it maps pixels to epipolar lines

properties of the ~~F~~**E** matrix

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(points in **image** coordinates)

Breaking down the fundamental matrix

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How would you solve for F ?

$$\mathbf{x}_m'^\top \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}_m = 0$$

The 8-point algorithm

Assume you have M matched *image* points

$$\{\mathbf{x}_m, \mathbf{x}'_m\} \quad m = 1, \dots, M$$

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Set up a homogeneous linear system with 9 unknowns

$$\mathbf{x}'_m{}^\top \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}_m = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_m & y'_m & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \\ f_4 & f_5 & f_6 \\ f_7 & f_8 & f_9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_m \\ y_m \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

How many equation do you get from one correspondence?

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ONE correspondence gives you ONE equation

$$\begin{aligned} x_m x'_m f_1 + x_m y'_m f_2 + x_m f_3 + \\ y_m x'_m f_4 + y_m y'_m f_5 + y_m f_6 + \\ x'_m f_7 + y'_m f_8 + f_9 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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How many equations do you need?

Each point pair (according to epipolar constraint)
contributes only one scalar equation

$$\mathbf{x}_m'^\top \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}_m = 0$$

Note: This is different from the Homography estimation
where each point pair contributes 2 equations.

We need at least 8 points

Hence, the 8 point algorithm!

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S V D !

Eight-Point Algorithm

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See Hartley-Zisserman for why we do this



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SVD!

Enforcing rank constraints

Problem: Given a matrix F , find the matrix F' of rank k that is closest to F ,

$$\min_{\substack{F' \\ \text{rank}(F')=k}} \|F - F'\|^2$$

Solution: Compute the singular value decomposition of F ,

$$F = U\Sigma V^T$$

Form a matrix Σ' by replacing all but the k largest singular values in Σ with 0.

Then the problem solution is the matrix F' formed as,

$$F' = U\Sigma'V^T$$

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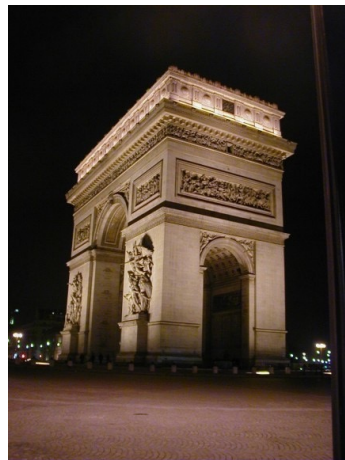
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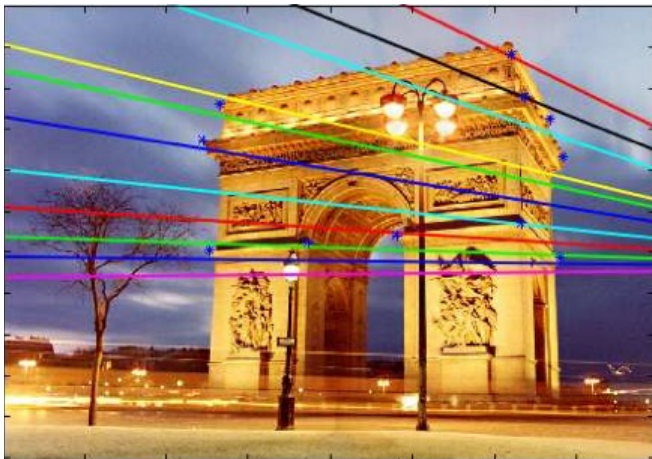
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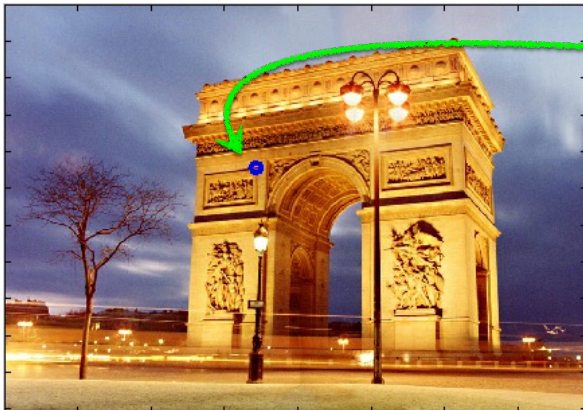
Example



epipolar lines



$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.00310695 & -0.0025646 & 2.96584 \\ -0.028094 & -0.00771621 & 56.3813 \\ 13.1905 & -29.2007 & -9999.79 \end{bmatrix}$$

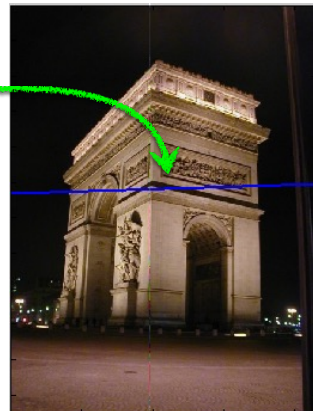
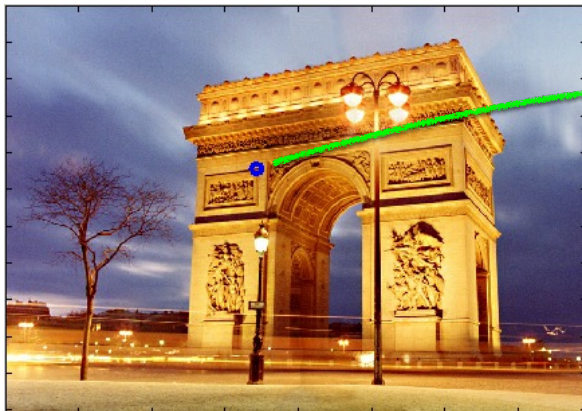


$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 343.53 \\ 221.70 \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{l}' &= \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.0295 \\ 0.9996 \\ -265.1531 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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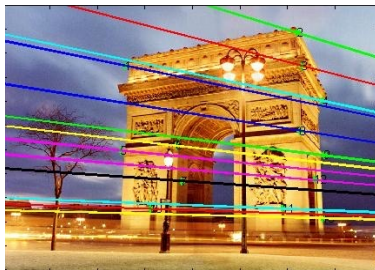
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Where is the epipole?



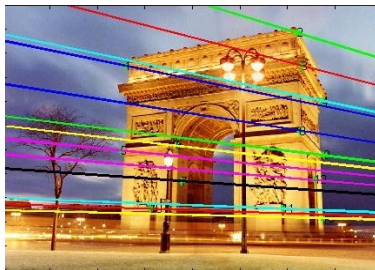
How would you compute it?



$$\mathbf{F}e = 0$$

The epipole is in the right null space of $\mathbf{F}$

How would you solve for the epipole?



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Revisiting triangulation

How would you reconstruct 3D points?

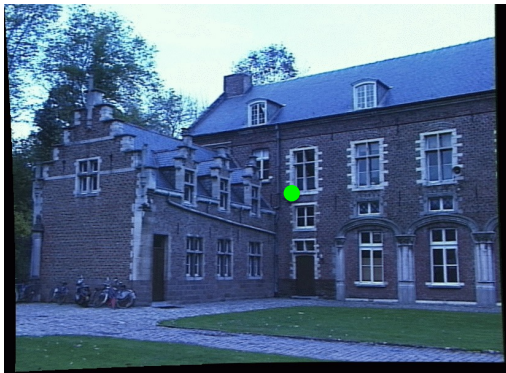


Left image



Right image

How would you reconstruct 3D points?



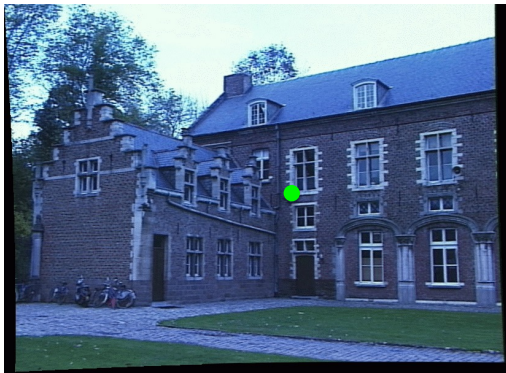
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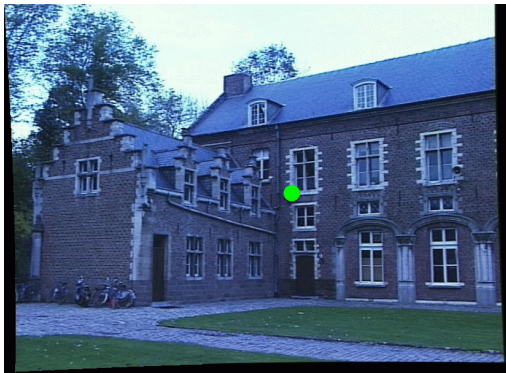
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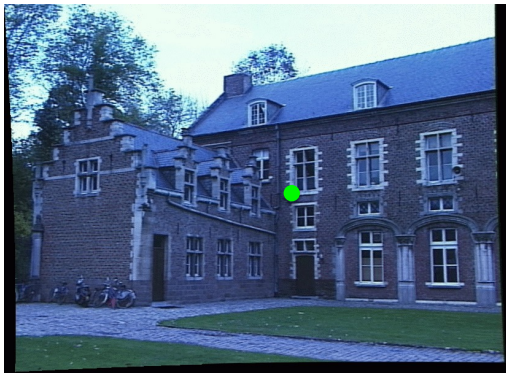
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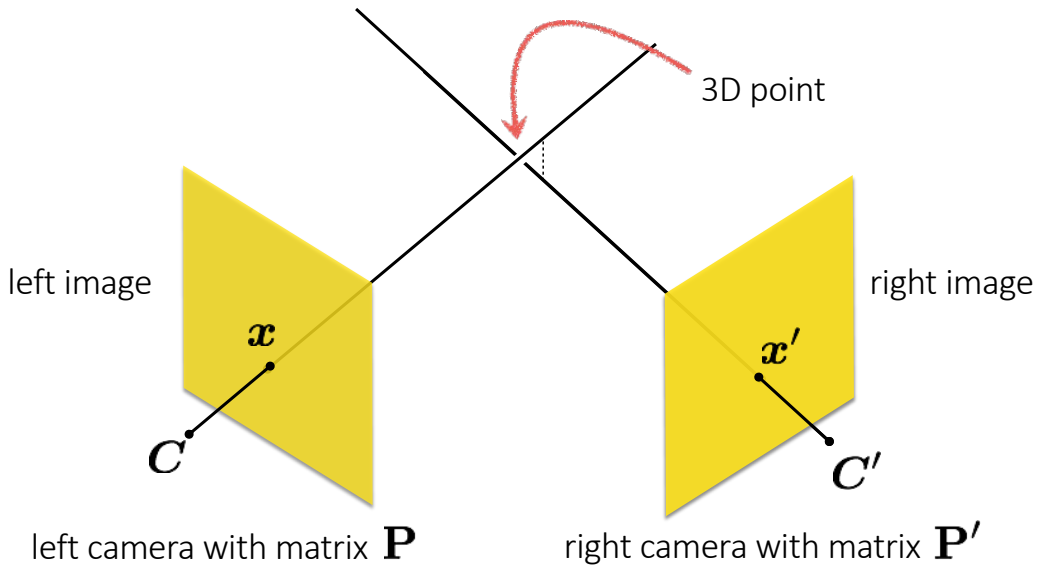
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4. Perform triangulation (how?)

Triangulation



Stereo rectification



What's different between these two images?





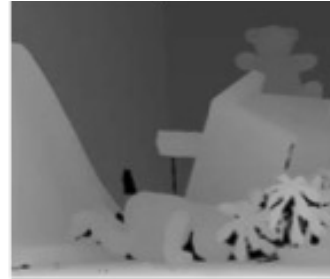


Objects that are close move more or less?

The amount of horizontal movement is
inversely proportional to ...

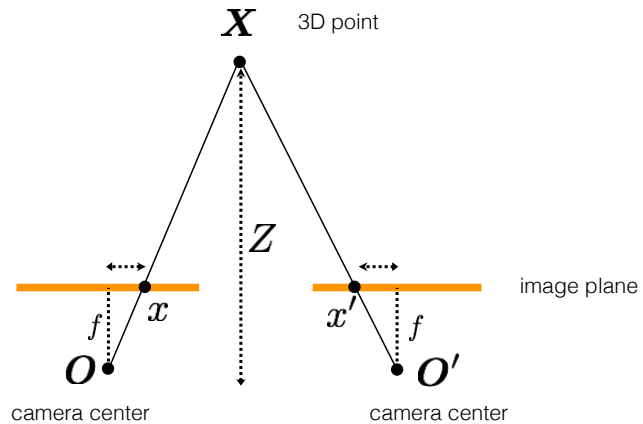


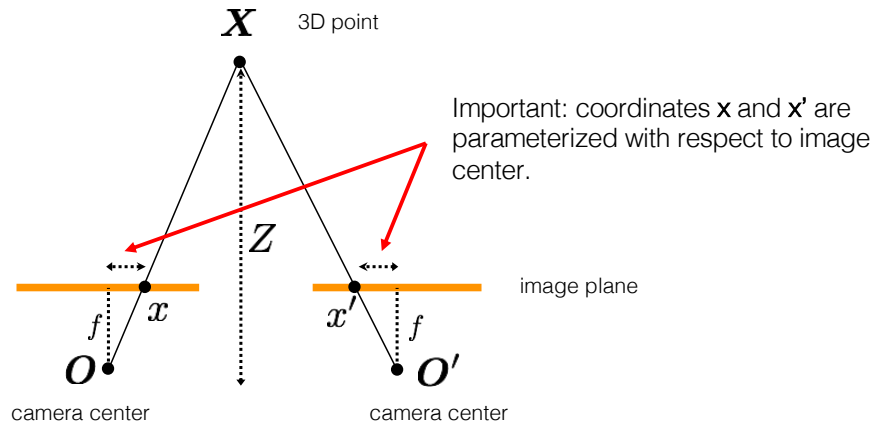
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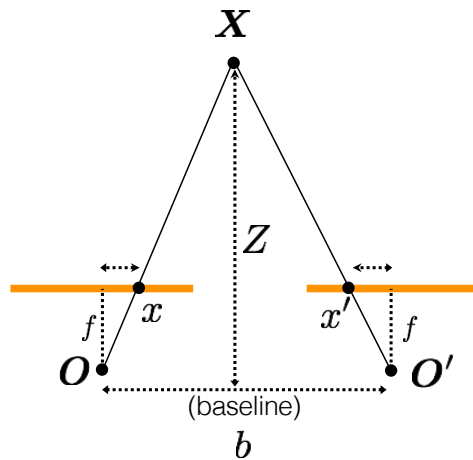


... the distance from the camera.

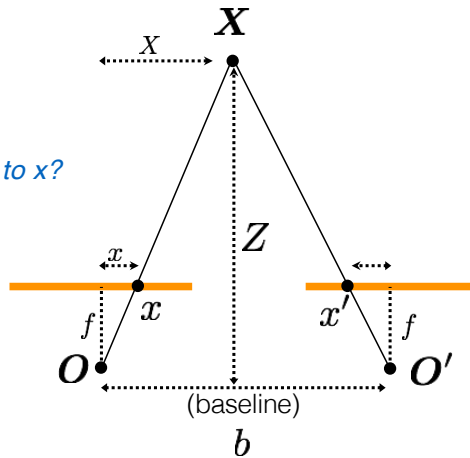
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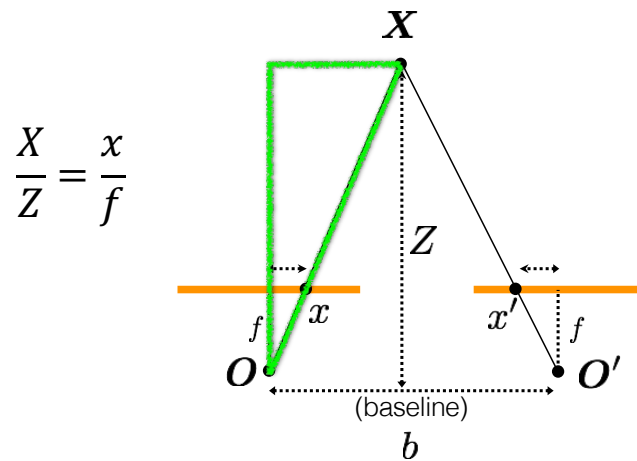


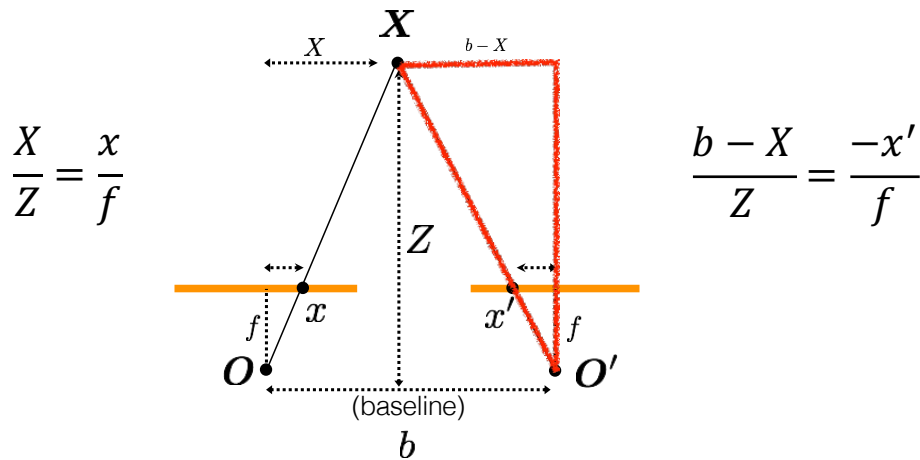


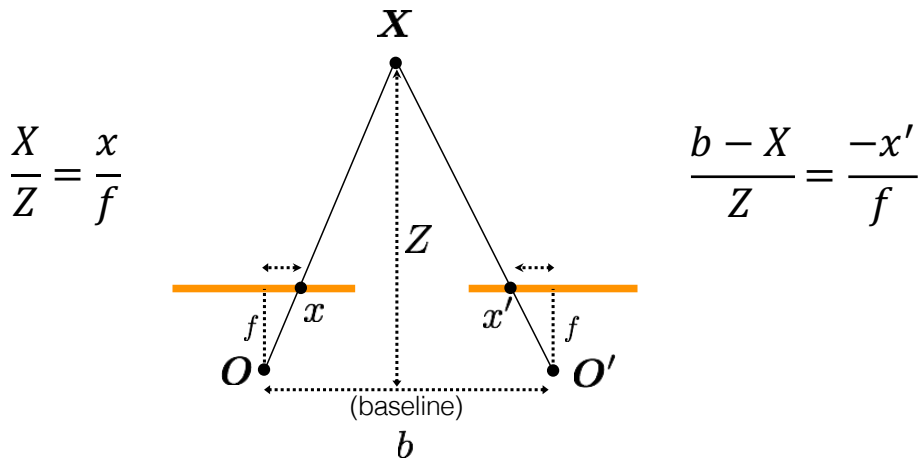


How is X related to x ?





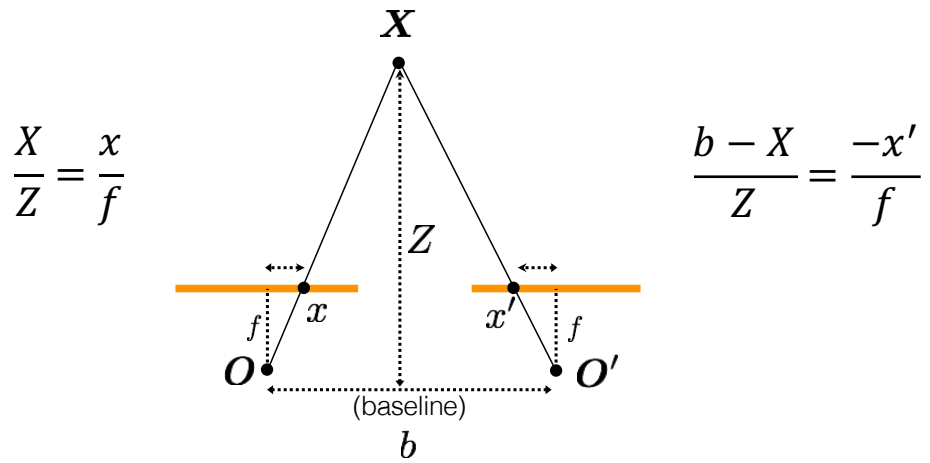




Disparity

$$d = x - x' \quad (\text{wrt to camera origin of image plane})$$

$$= \frac{bf}{Z}$$



Disparity

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inversely proportional to depth

Real-time stereo sensing



Nomad robot searches for meteorites in Antarctica

<http://www.frc.ri.cmu.edu/projects/meteorobot/index.html>



Subaru
Eyesight system

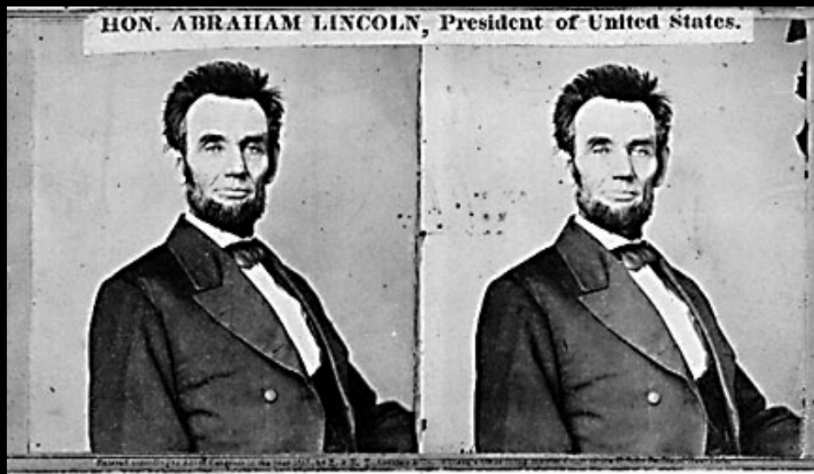
Pre-collision
braking



What other vision system uses disparity for depth sensing?

Stereoscopes: A 19th Century Pastime







Public Library, Stereoscopic Looking Room, Chicago, by Phillips, 1923





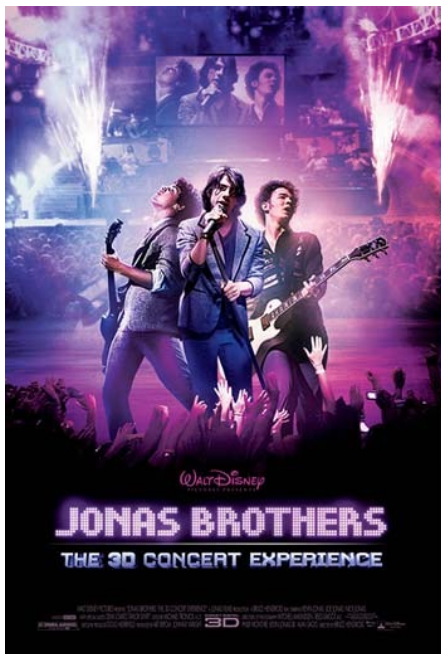
Teesta suspension bridge-Darjeeling, India





Mark Twain at Pool Table", no date, UCR Museum of Photography

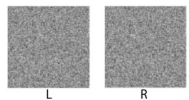
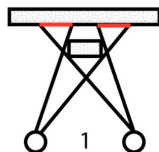
This is how 3D movies work



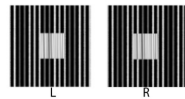
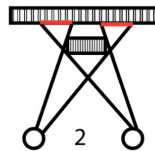
Simple stereoscope



Google cardboard



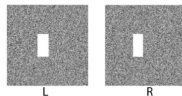
Planar (Julesz, 1960)



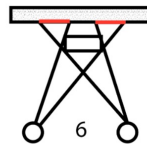
Textured Planes

One

Two



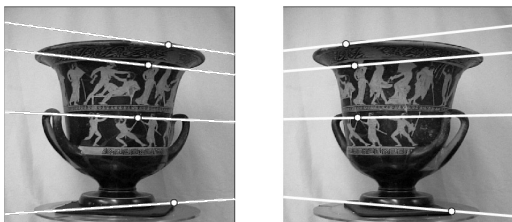
Textureless Middle Plane
(Tsirlin et al, 2010)



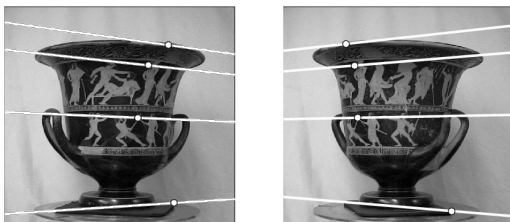
Textureless Plane

Fun patterns: random dot stereograms

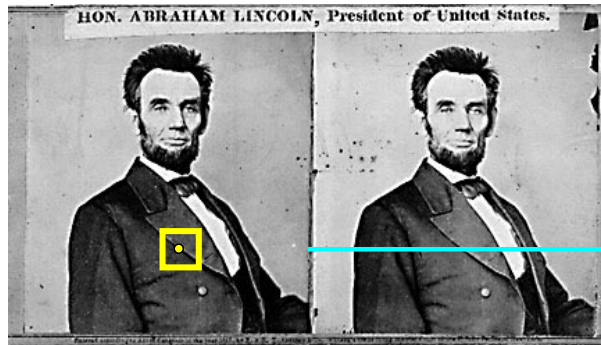
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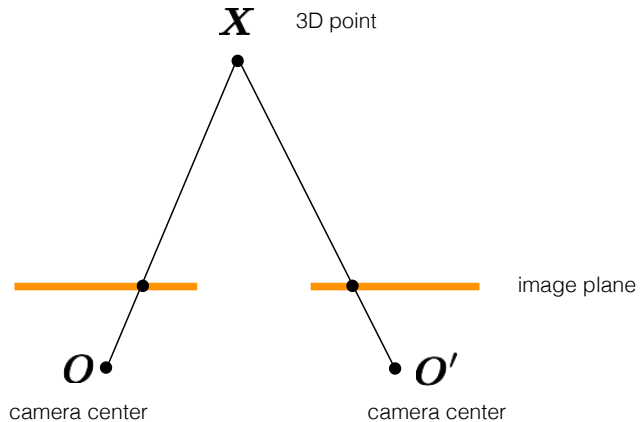
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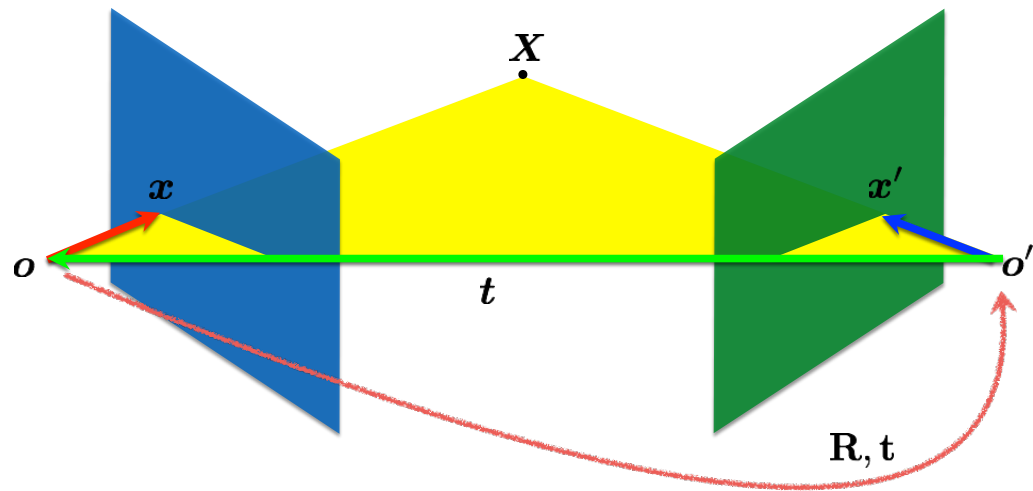
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2. Images need to be 'rectified' first (make epipolar lines horizontal)



How can you make the epipolar lines horizontal?

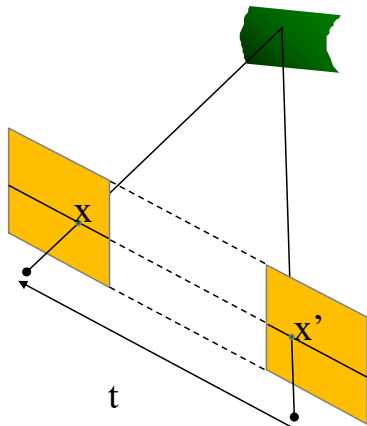


What's special about these two cameras?



$$x' = R(x - t)$$

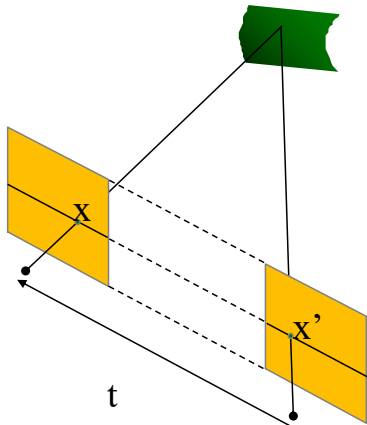
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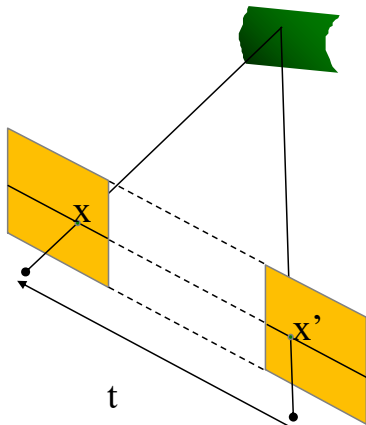
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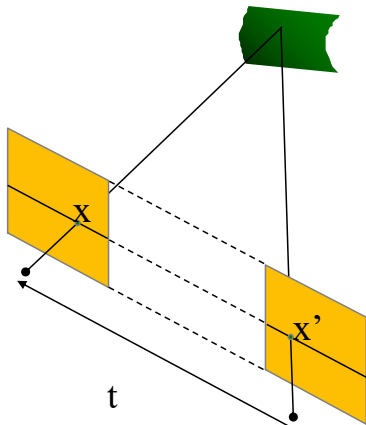
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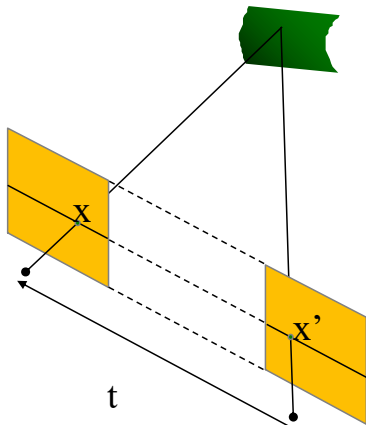
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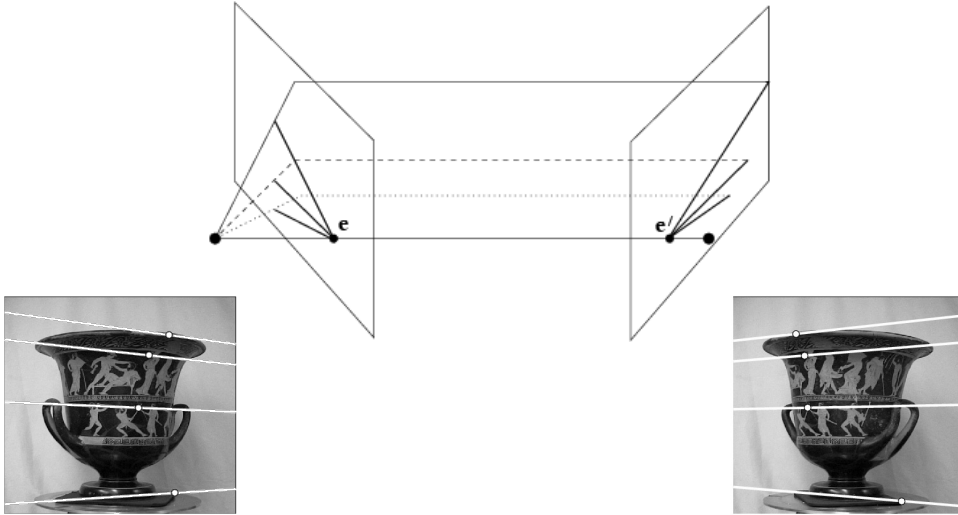
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The image of a 3D point will always be on the same horizontal line

$$\begin{pmatrix} u & v & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -T \\ Tv' \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$Tv = Tv'$$

y coordinate is always the same!



It's hard to make the image planes exactly parallel

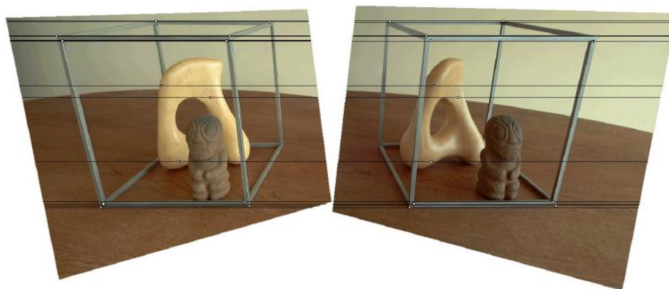


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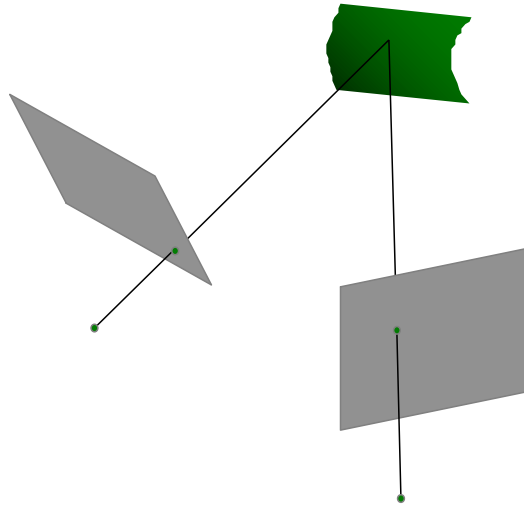




Use stereo rectification



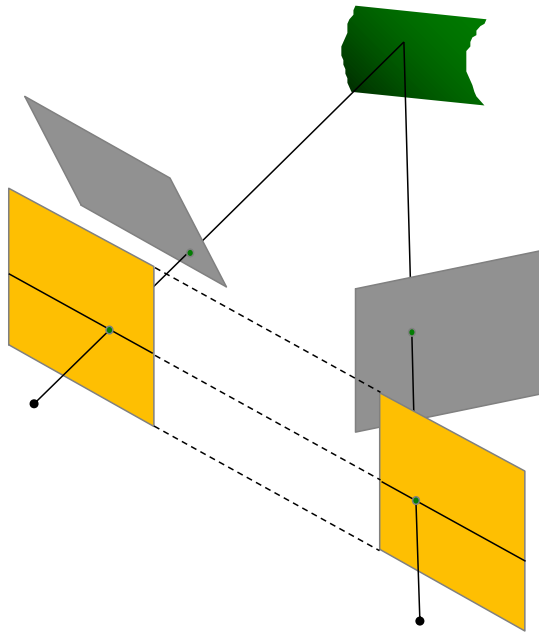
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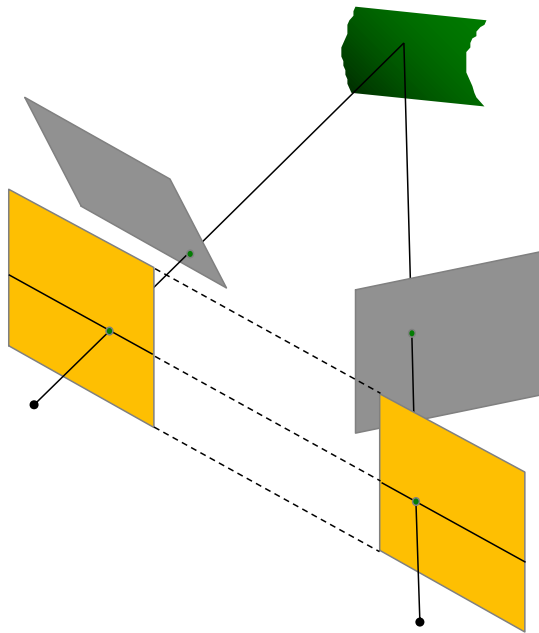
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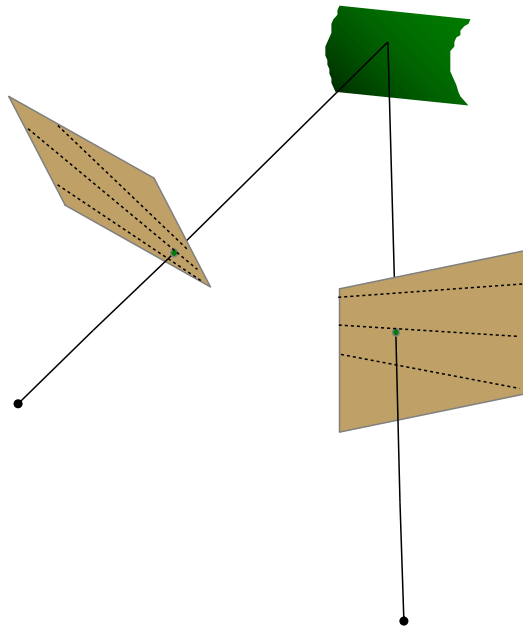
Need two
homographies (3×3
transform), one for each
input image reprojection



Stereo Rectification

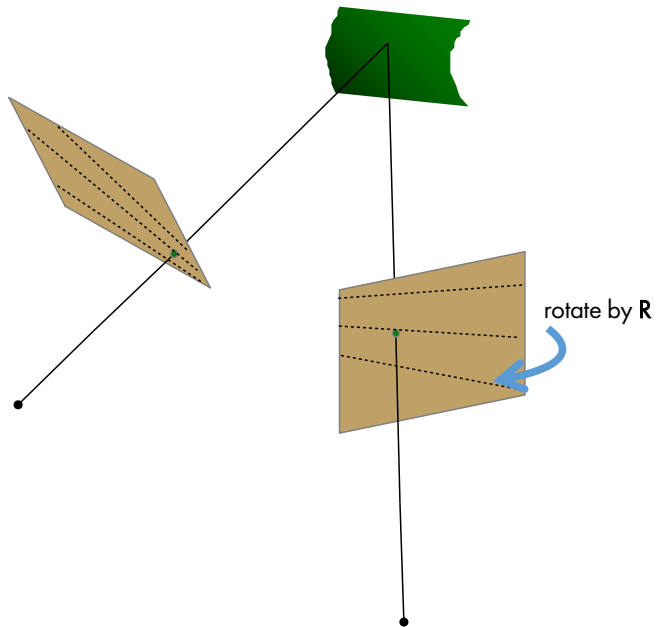
1. **Rotate** the right camera by **R**
(aligns camera coordinate system orientation only)
2. Rotate (**rectify**) the left camera so that the epipole is at infinity
3. Rotate (**rectify**) the right camera so that the epipole is at infinity
4. Adjust the **scale**

Stereo Rectification:



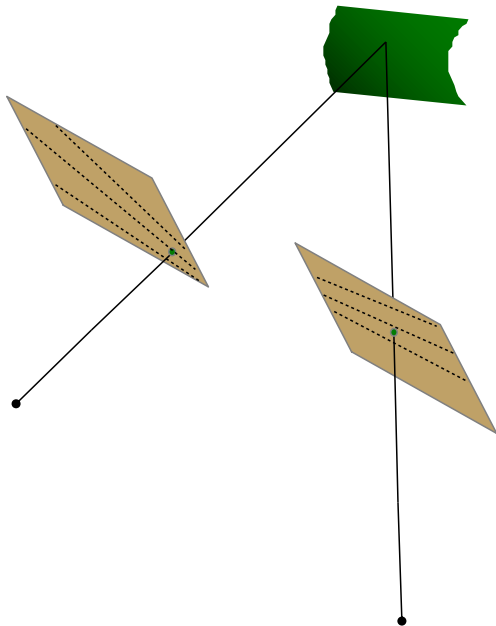
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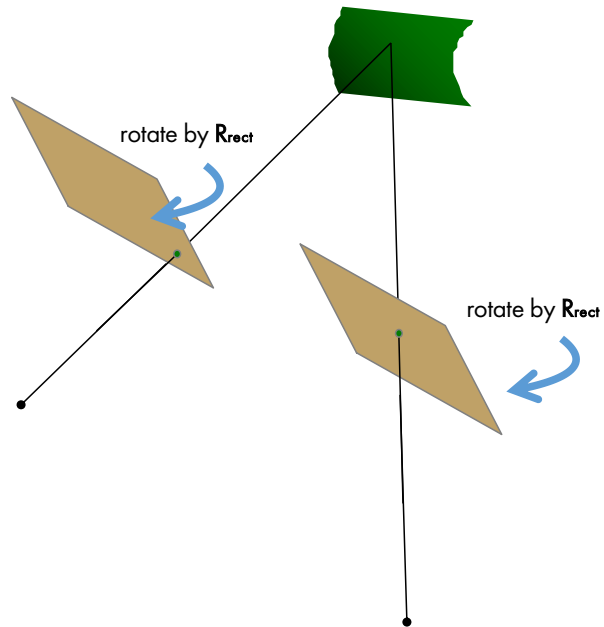
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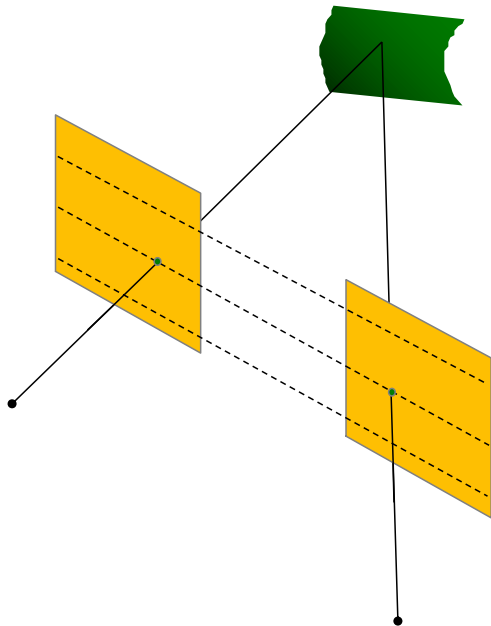
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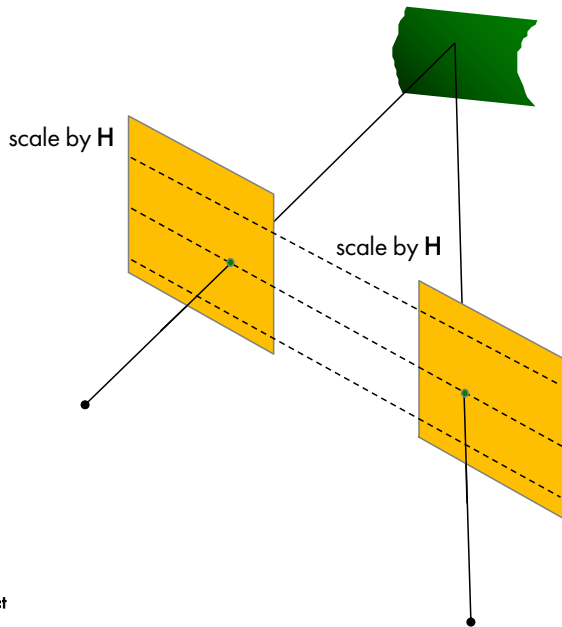
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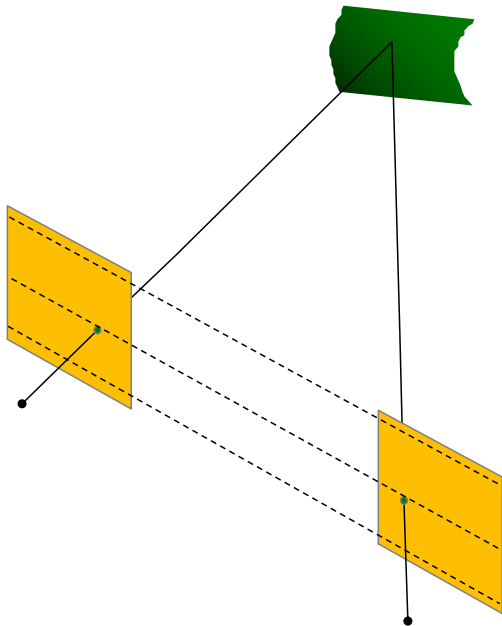
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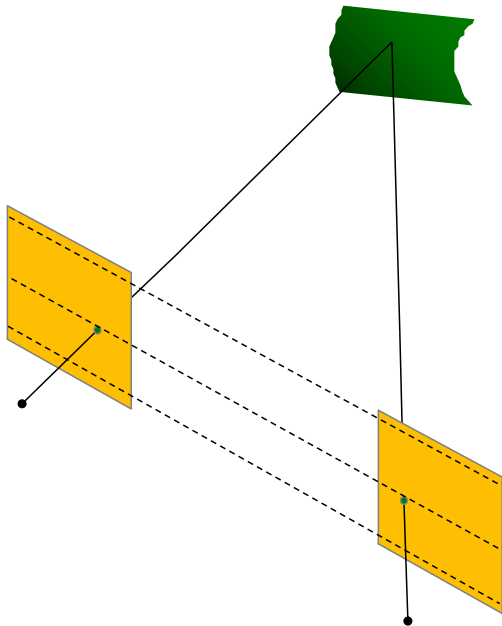
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$$\text{SVD: } \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top \quad \text{Let } \mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We get FOUR solutions:

$$\mathbf{E} = [\mathbf{T}]_\times \mathbf{R}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{V}^\top \quad \mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{W}^\top\mathbf{V}^\top \quad \mathbf{T}_1 = U_3 \quad \mathbf{T}_2 = -U_3$$

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$$\mathbf{T}^T [\mathbf{T}]_{\times} \mathbf{R} = 0$$

so $\mathbf{T}$ must be the left nullspace of $\mathbf{E}$

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$$[\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{E}$$

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all of these matrices are orthogonal, so the result is orthogonal—and a rotation matrix!

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Which one do we choose?

Compute determinant of $\mathbf{R}$, valid solution must be equal to 1

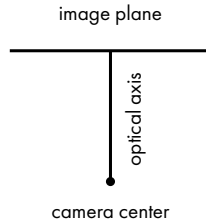
(note: $\det(\mathbf{R}) = -1$ means rotation and reflection)

Compute 3D point using triangulation, valid solution has positive Z value

(Note: negative Z means point is behind the camera)

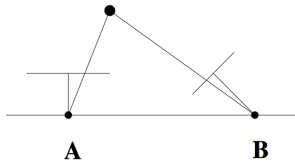
Let's visualize the four configurations...

Camera Icon

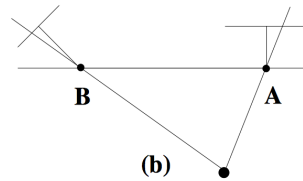


Find the configuration where the point is in front of both cameras

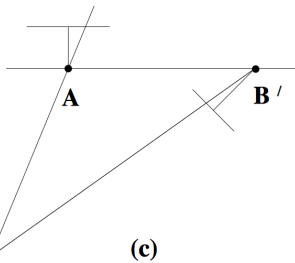
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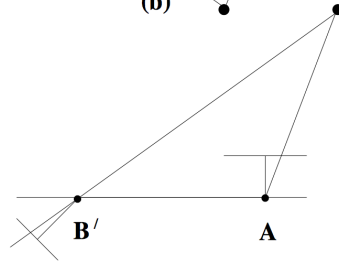
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(b)

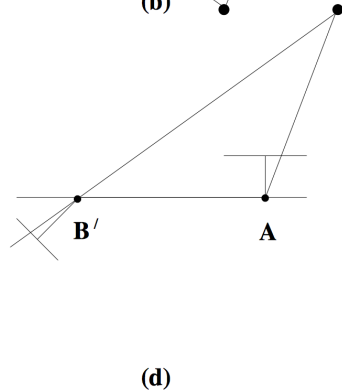
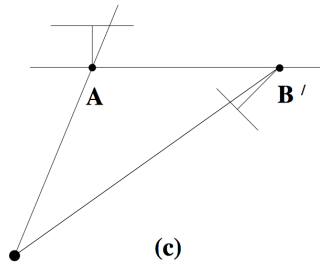
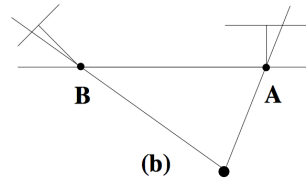
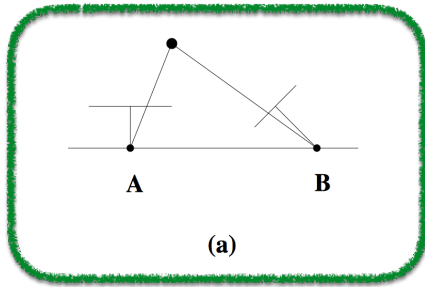


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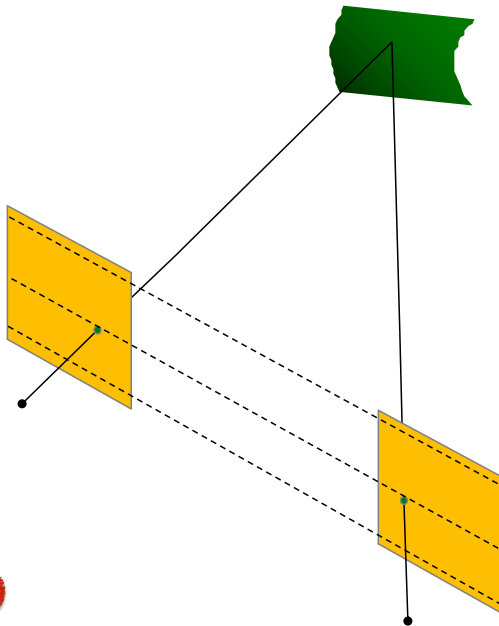


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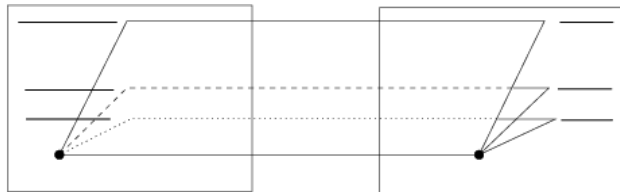
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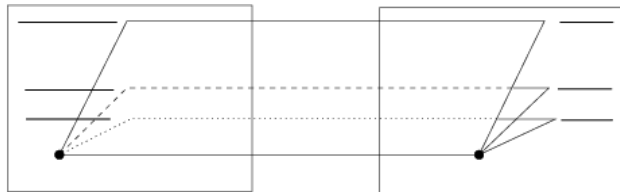
When do epipolar lines
become horizontal?

Parallel cameras



Where is the epipole?

Parallel cameras



epipole at infinity

Setting the epipole to infinity

(Building R_{rect} from E)

$$\text{Let } R_{\text{rect}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{r}_2^\top \\ \mathbf{r}_3^\top \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Given: } \begin{array}{l} \text{epipole } \mathbf{e} \\ \text{(using SVD on } E\text{)} \\ \text{(translation from } E\text{)} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{T}{\|T\|}$$

epipole coincides with translation vector

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_x^2 + T_y^2}} \begin{bmatrix} -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

cross product of $\mathbf{e}$ and the
direction vector of the
optical axis $[0, 0, 1]$

$$\mathbf{r}_3 = \mathbf{r}_1 \times \mathbf{r}_2$$

orthogonal vector

If $\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{T}}{\|\mathbf{T}\|}$ and $\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3$ orthogonal

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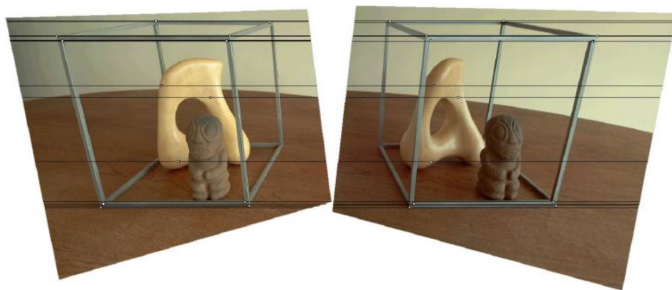
At x-infinity

Stereo Rectification Algorithm

1. Estimate $\mathbf{E}$ using the 8 point algorithm
2. Estimate the epipole $\mathbf{e}$ (solve $\mathbf{Ee}=0$)
3. Build $\mathbf{R}_{\text{rect}}$ from $\mathbf{e}$
4. Decompose $\mathbf{E}$ into $\mathbf{R}$ and $\mathbf{T}$
5. Set $\mathbf{R}_1=\mathbf{R}_{\text{rect}}$ and $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{R}_{\text{rect}}\mathbf{R}$
6. Rotate each left camera point $\mathbf{x}' \sim \mathbf{Hx}$ where $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{KR}_1$
*You may need to alter the focal length (inside $\mathbf{K}$) to keep points within the original image size
7. Repeat 6 and 7 for right camera points using $\mathbf{R}_2$



What can we do after rectification?



Stereo matching

Stereo matching



Depth Estimation via Stereo Matching





1. Rectify images
(make epipolar lines horizontal)
2. For each pixel
 - a. Find epipolar line
 - b. Scan line for best match
 - c. Compute depth from disparity

How would
you do this?

$$Z = \frac{bf}{d}$$

When are correspondences difficult?

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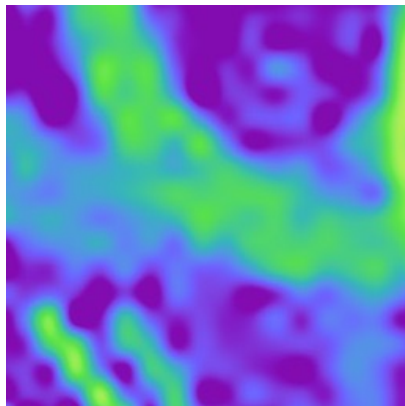


Depth discontinuities

What is the problem here?



One of two input images



Depth from disparity



Groundtruth depth

Depth discontinuities

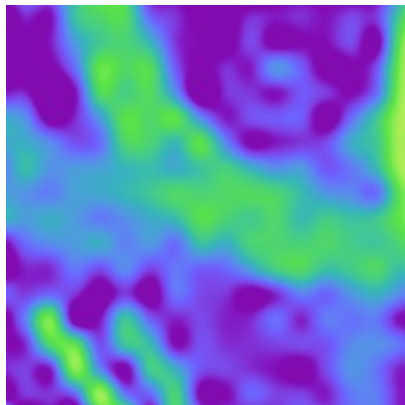
What is the problem here?

- (Patch-wise) stereo matching blurs along the edges.

How can we fix this?



One of two input images



Depth from disparity



Groundtruth depth

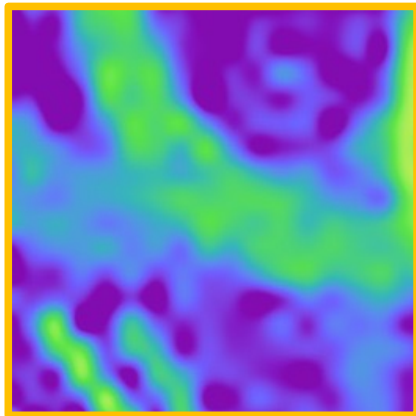
Edge-aware depth denoising

$$A_{p(col)} = \frac{1}{k(p(col))} \sum_{p' \in \Omega} g_d(|p - p'|) g_r(\mathbf{F}_{p(col)} - \mathbf{F}_{p'(col)}) A_{p'(col)}$$

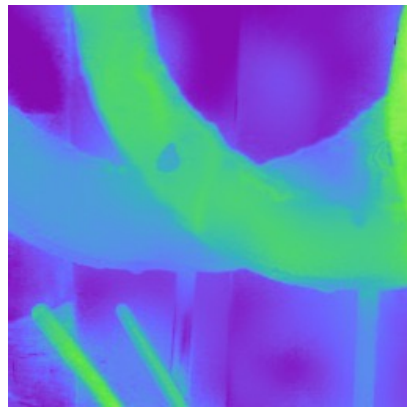
Use joint bilateral filtering, with the input image as guide.



One of two input images



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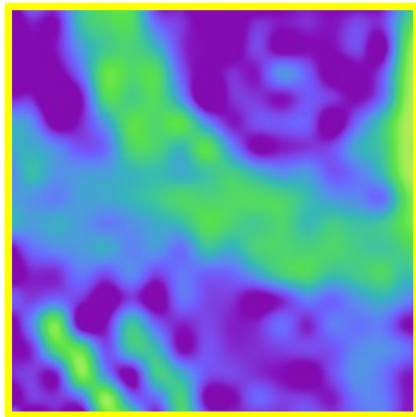
Guided filtering

Fast bilateral solver

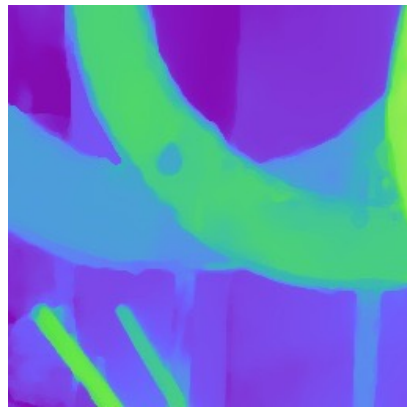
Possible to *combine* edge-enforcement and matching in a single optimization problem, instead of just filtering in post-processing.



One of two input images



Depth from disparity



Bilateral stereo matching

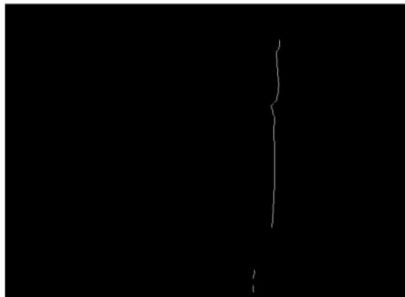
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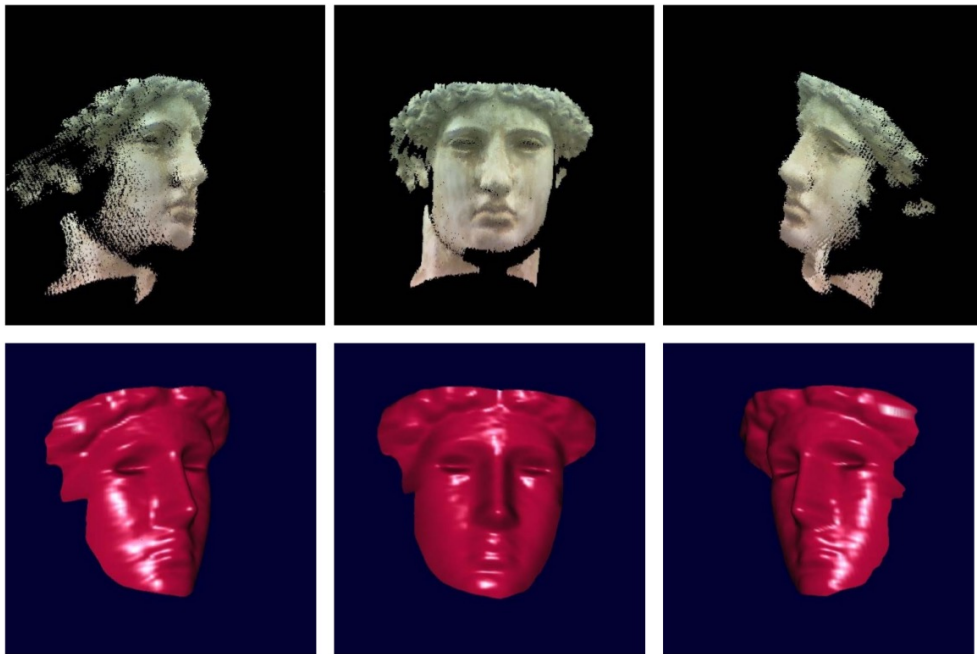
Structured light

Use controlled (“structured”) light to make correspondences easier

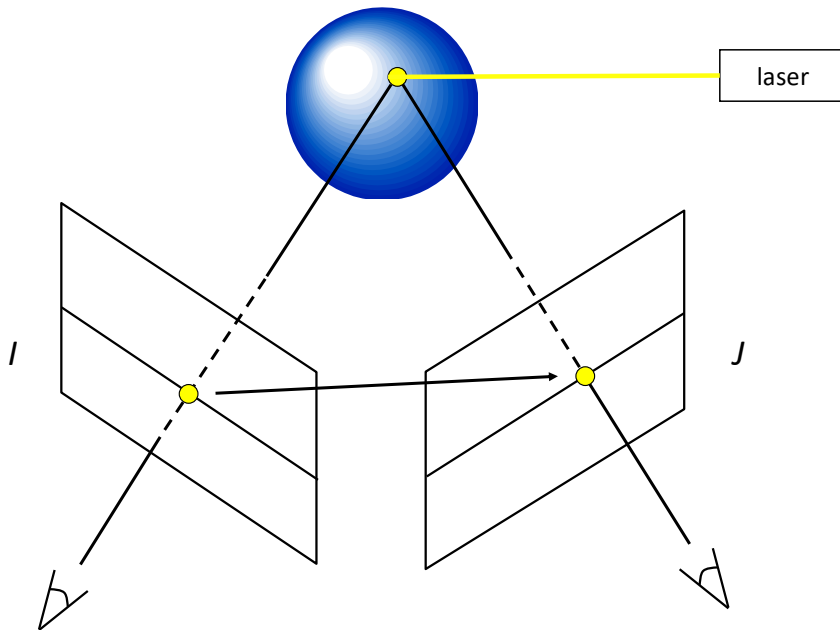
Disparity between laser points on the same scanline in the images determines the 3-D coordinates of the laser point on object



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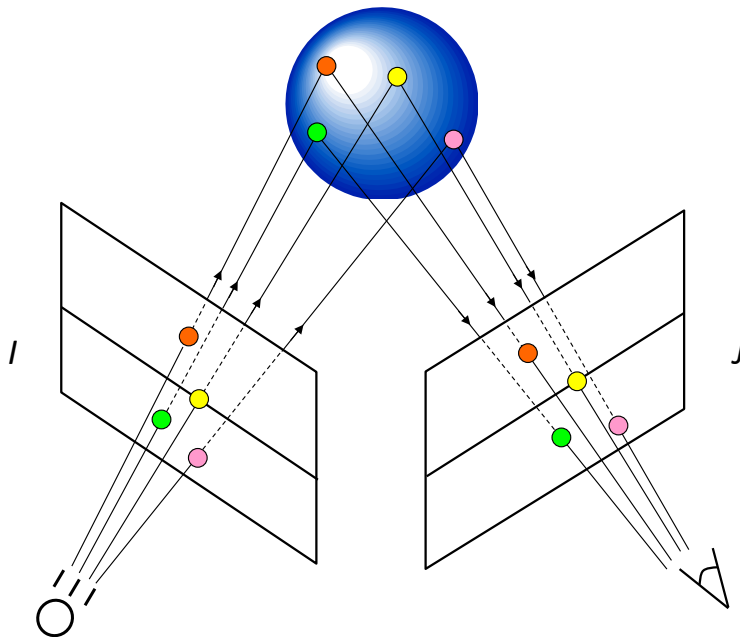


Structured light and two cameras

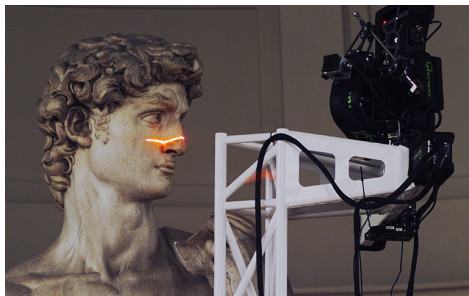
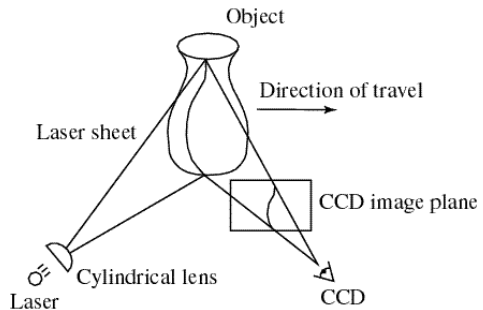


Structured light and one camera

Projector acts like
“reverse” camera



Example: Laser scanner



Digital Michelangelo Project

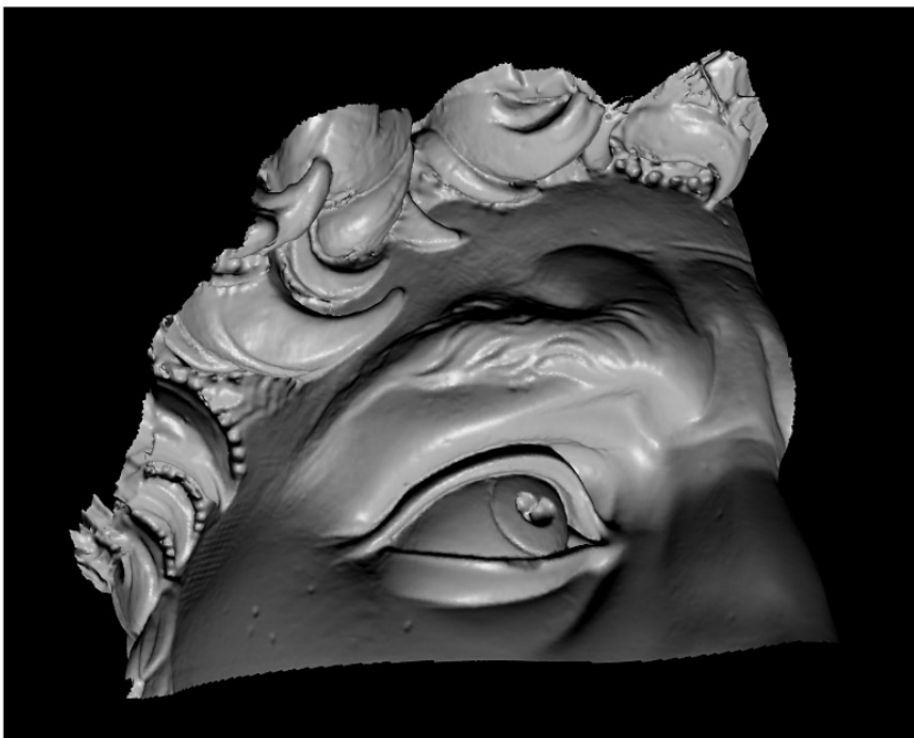
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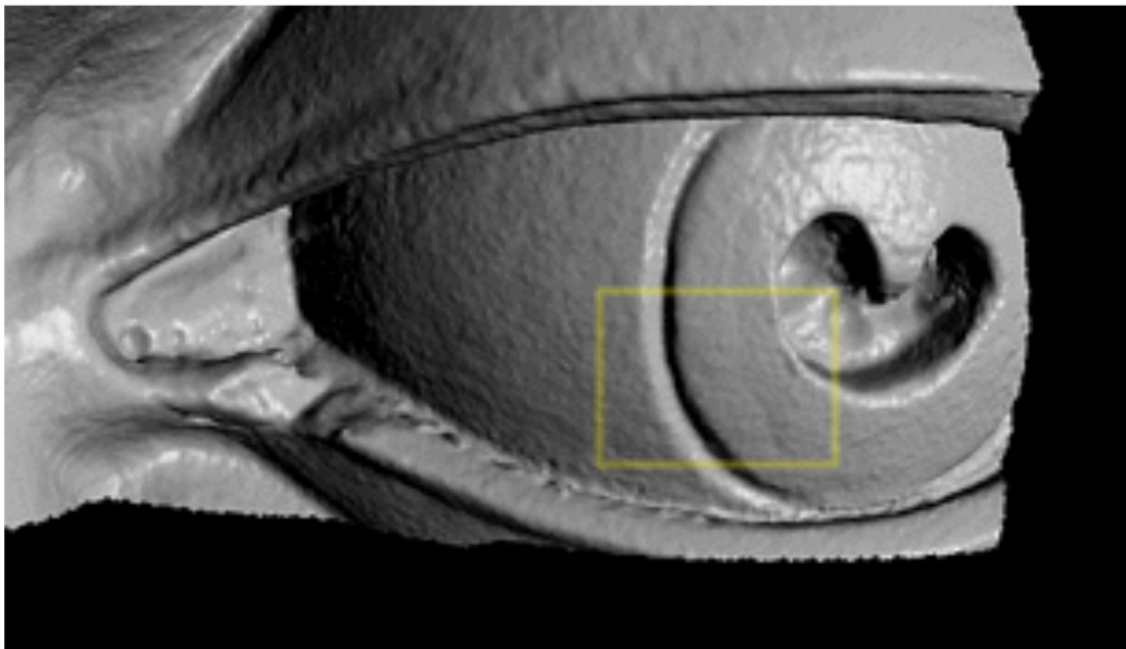
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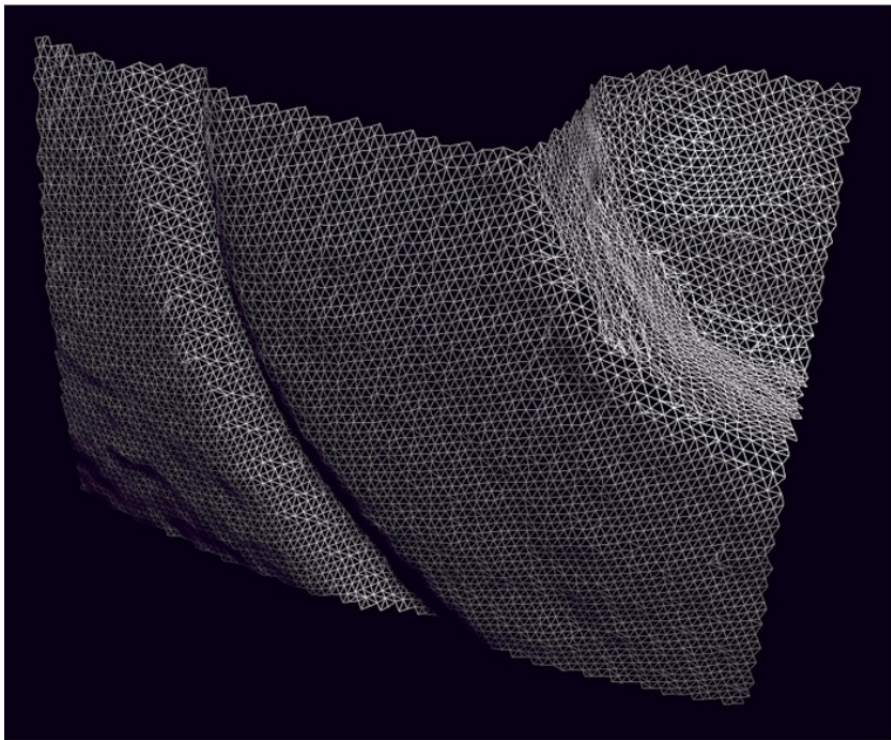
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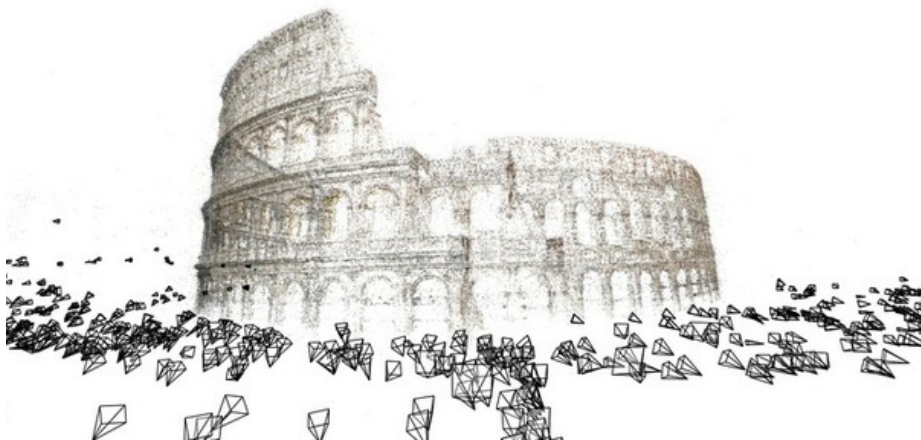
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Overview

- Triangulation
- Epipolar geometry
- Essential matrix & Fundamental matrix
- 8-point algorithm
- Stereo rectification
- Stereo matching & structured light

Next Time

Structure from Motion & NeRFs!



References

Basic reading:

- Szeliski textbook, Section 8.1 (not 8.1.1-8.1.3), Chapter 11, Section 12.2.
- Hartley and Zisserman, Section 11.12.

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- Szeliski textbook, Sections 7.1, 11.1, 12.1.
- Boles et al., “Epipolar-plane image analysis: An approach to determining structure from motion,” IJCV 1987.
 - This classical paper introduces EPIs, and discusses how they can be used to infer depth.
- Lanman and Taubin, “Build Your Own 3D Scanner: Optical Triangulation for Beginners,” SIGGRAPH course 2009.
 - This very comprehensive course has everything you need to know about 3D scanning using structured light, including details on how to build your own.
- Bouguet and Perona, “3D Photography Using Shadows in Dual-Space Geometry,” IJCV 1999.
 - This paper introduces the idea of using shadows to do structured light 3D scanning, and shows an implementation using just a camera, desk lamp, and a stick.

Additional reading:

- Gupta et al., “A Practical Approach to 3D Scanning in the Presence of Interreflections, Subsurface Scattering and Defocus,” IJCV 2013.
 - This paper has a very detailed treatment of standard patterns used for structured light, problems arising due to global illumination, and robust patterns for dealing with these patterns.
- Barron et al., “Fast bilateral-space stereo for synthetic defocus,” CVPR 2015.
- Barron and Poole, “The fast bilateral solver,” ECCV 2016.
 - The above two papers show how to combine edge-aware filtering (and bilateral filtering in particular) with disparity matching for robust stereo. The first paper also shows how the resulting depth maps can be used to create synthetic defocus blur.
- Wanner and Goldluecke, “Globally Consistent Depth Labeling of 4D Light Fields,” CVPR 2012.
- Kim et al., “Scene reconstruction from high spatio-angular resolution light fields,” SIGGRAPH 2013.
 - These two papers show detailed systems for using EPIs to extract depth.
- Levin et al., “Understanding camera trade-offs through a Bayesian analysis of light field projections,” ECCV 2008.
 - This paper uses EPIs to show how different types of imaging systems (pinhole cameras, plenoptic cameras, stereo pairs, lens-based systems, and so on) relate to each other, and analyze their pros and cons for 3D imaging.