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exploiting
depth knowledge
distance \rightarrow size
can be solved

Two-view geometry



Epipolar geometry

3D reconstruction

F-matrix comp.

Structure comp.

Intrinsic ambiguity in 3D world → 2D image projection

In multi-view geometry
we have to solve
intrinsic 3D
world ambiguity...
even if camera calibrated,
we don't know the
distance! Just the
direction..

From this
camera view
we don't
reconstruct size!



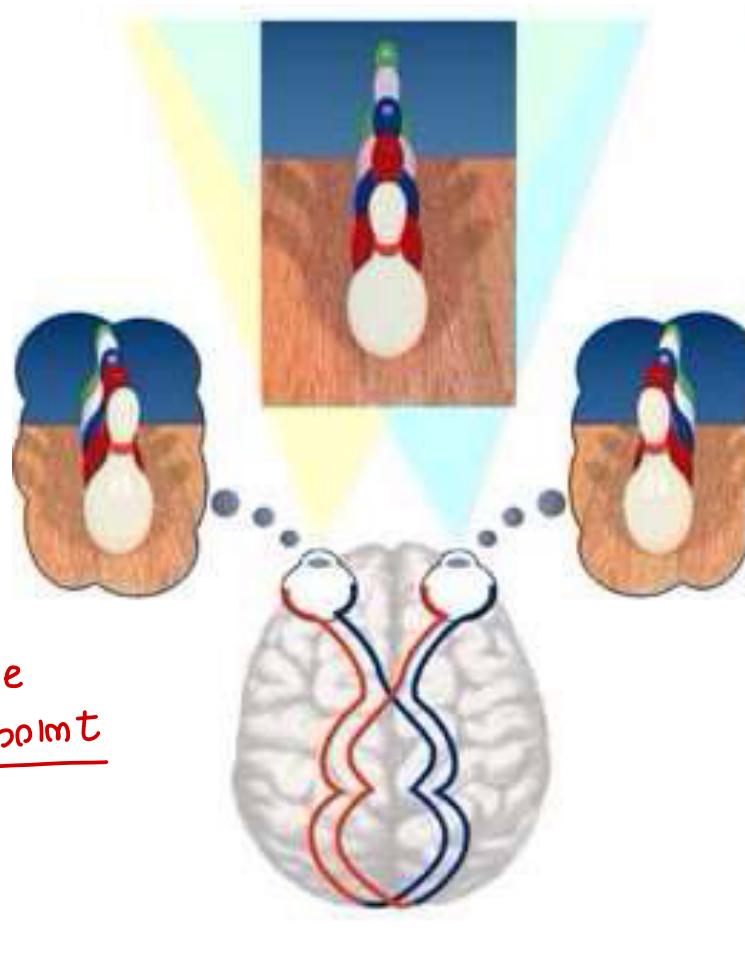
⇒ If we use
more than
one image,
from different
viewpoints! ⇒

Courtesy slide S.Lazebnik

After projection, different depths cannot be distinguished in the image.

ambiguity is
different with
different viewpoint!

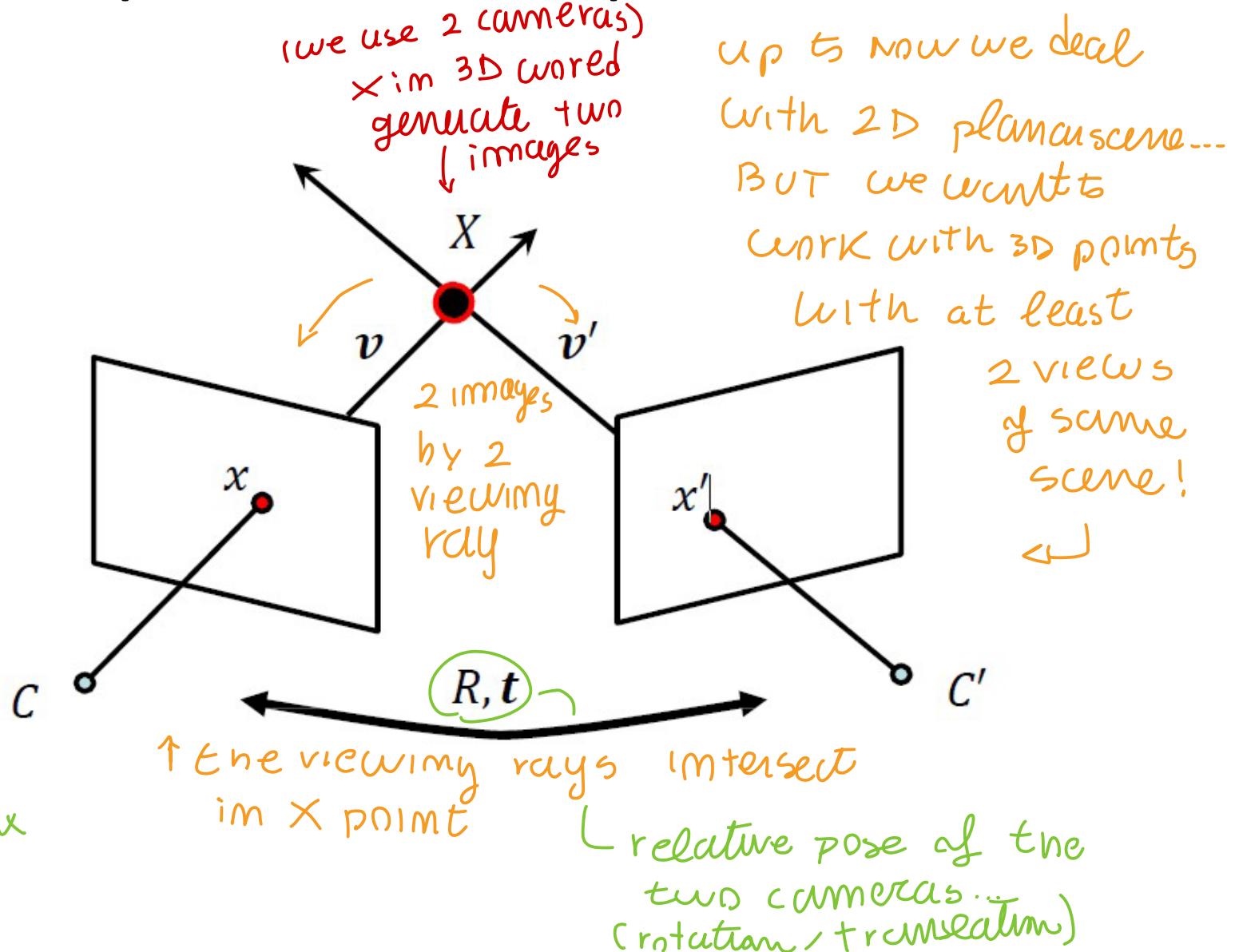
↑
we can reconstruct the
scene from different viewpoint



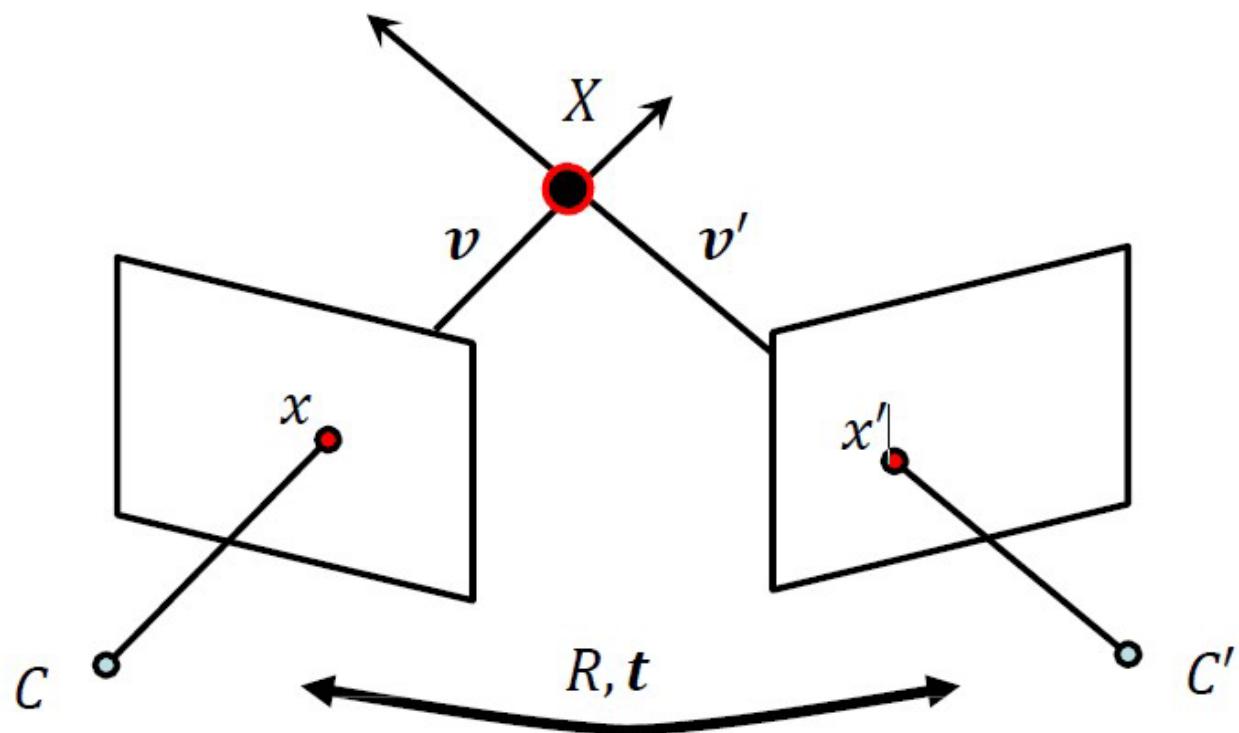
Multiple views of the same scene can help to solve such ambiguities:
In images taken from different viewpoints, ambiguities are not the same

We need to understand geometry of this to develop techniques reconstruct set of points in 3D

→ Multiple views of a point X in 3D



Multiple views of a point X in 3D: scenarios



(SIMPLE CASE)

scenario 1: STEREO vision

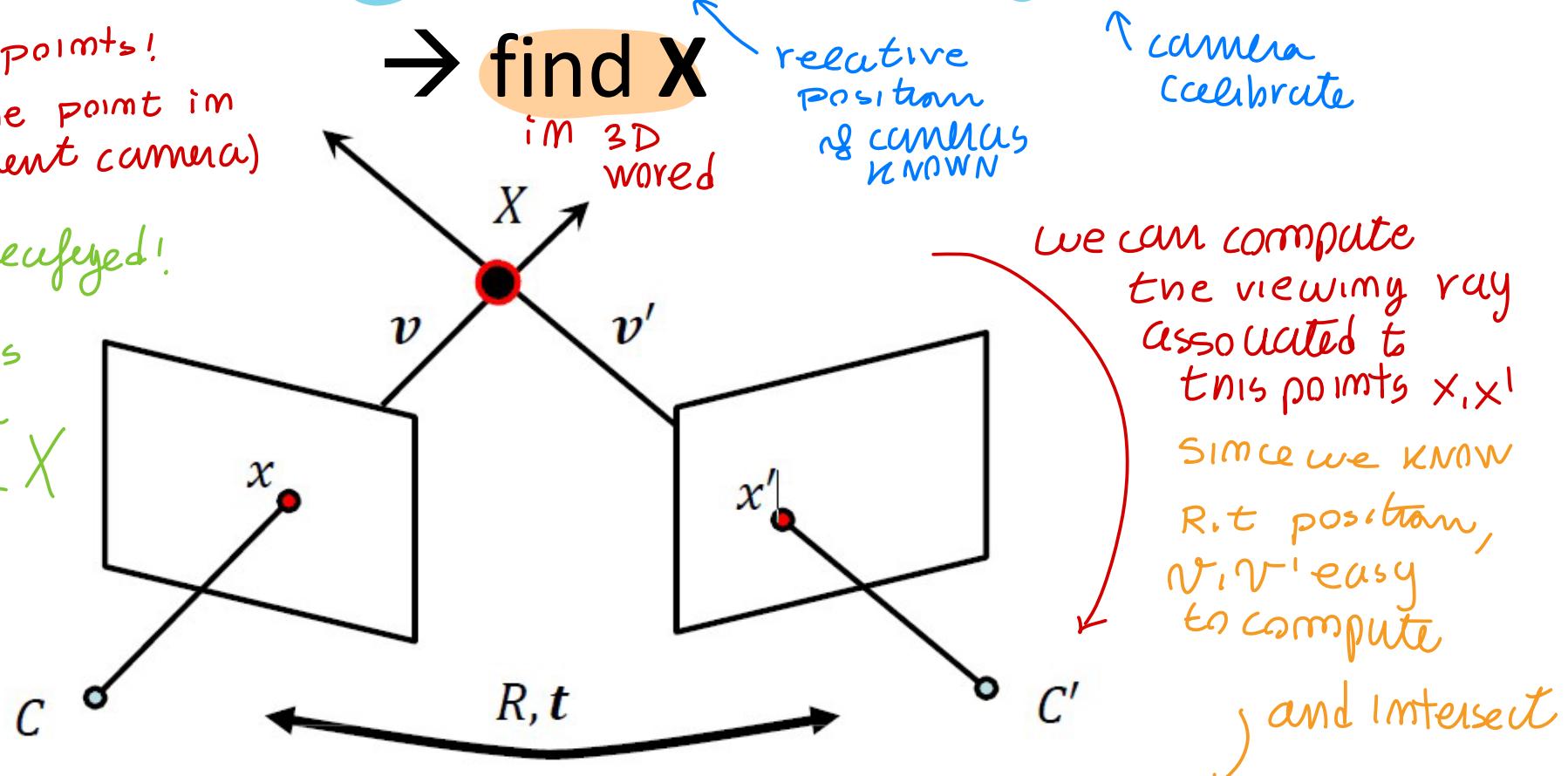
$x \leftrightarrow x'$ known; R, t known; K and K' known;

x, x' corresponding points!
(reproduced by same point in
3D on two different camera)

correspondence specified!
NOT trivial,

Techniques for points
matching s.t. both
 x, x' are images of X

old techniques,
used by boats to
recognize stars
and compute directions



↑ from $K(K')$ and $x(x')$ we compute viewing ray $v(v') \rightarrow$
concept of triangulation ← triangulation: $X = v \cap v'$ ←

scenario 1: STEREO vision based on triangulation

$x \leftrightarrow x'$ known; R, t known; K and K' known;

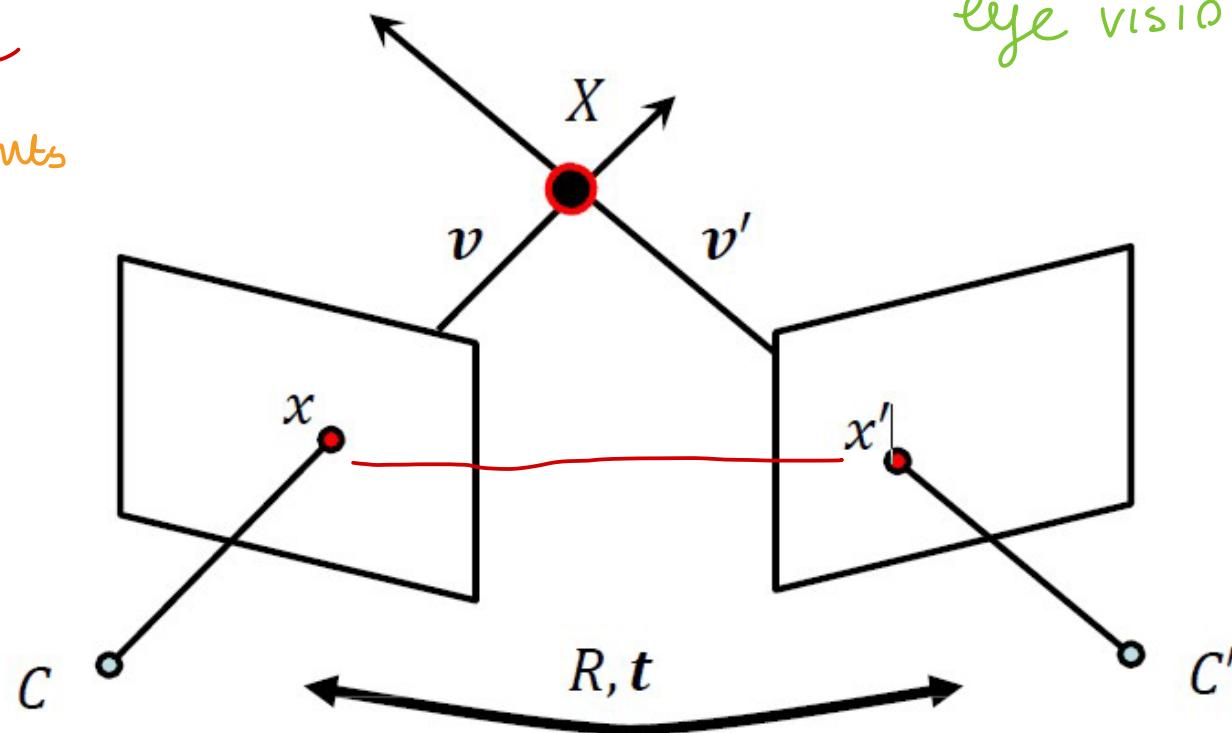
having 2 lines not parallel,
you intersect it as 2
segments of triangle

if you know segments
and orientation,

INTERACTION
can be found as
viewing rays point
of contact

→ find X

as in human
eye vision



from $K(K')$ and $x(x')$ we compute viewing ray $v(v')$ →
triangulation: $X = v \cap v'$

scenario 2: calibrated structure from motion

(we move the camera!)

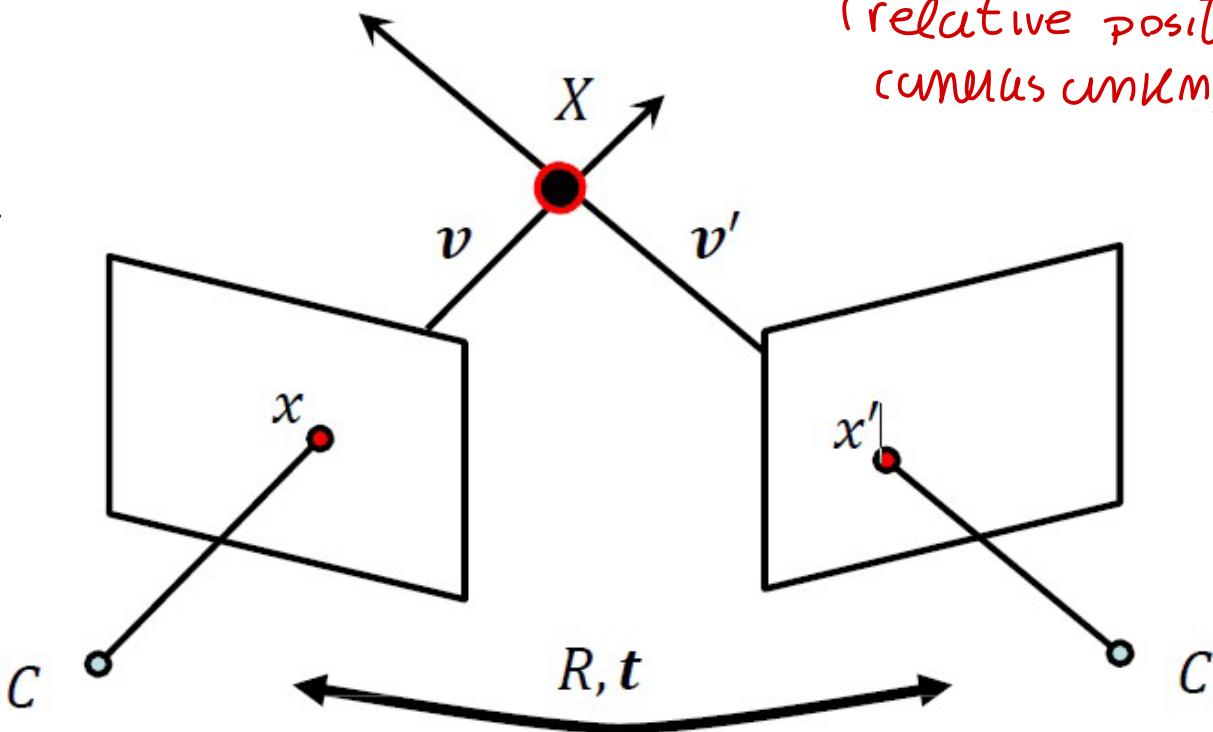
$x \leftrightarrow x'$ known; R, t unknown; K and K' known;

similar to typical
cv problem...
I don't know
relative position, I
want to reconstruct shape

→ find X and R, t

I want to move
camera freely!
(relative position of
cameras unk(m))

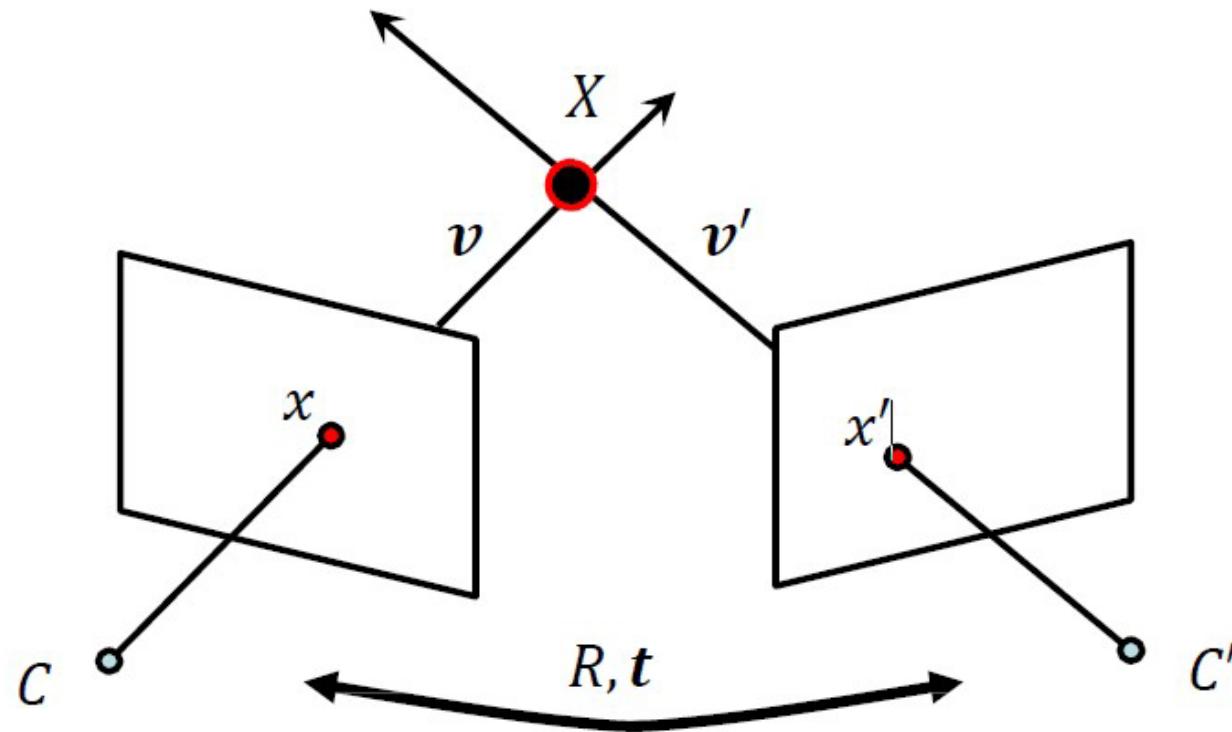
take more
images
without
tracking
positioning
(having stereo,
visual island)



use epipolar constraint to estimate R, t ; → compute viewing rays v, v'
→ triangulation: $X = v \cap v'$

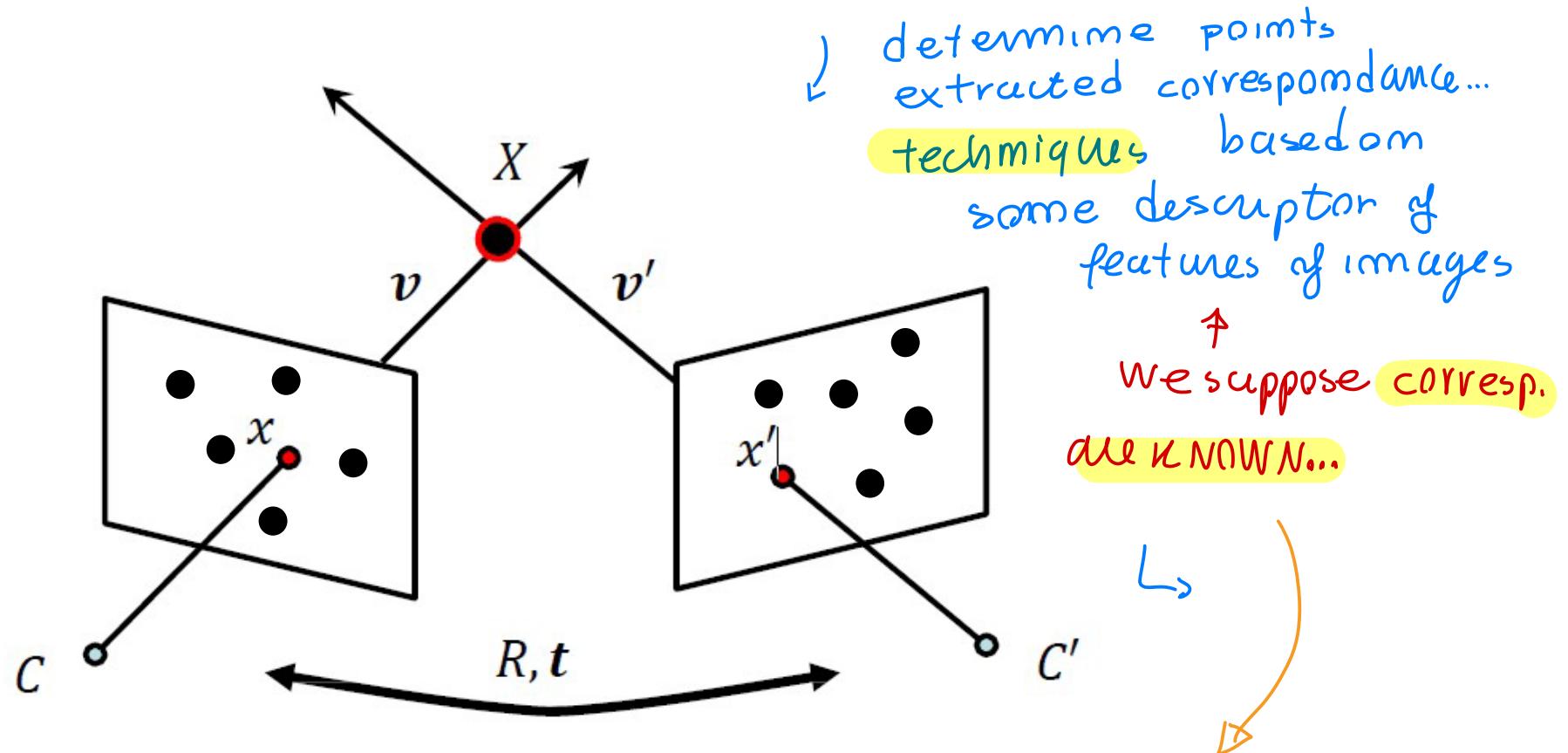
scenario 3: uncalibrated structure from motion
 $x \leftrightarrow x'$ known; R, t unknown; K and K' unknown;
→ find X, R, t and K, K'

↑ harder case!
MORE COMPLEX!



use **epipolar constraint** & partial information on scene and/or cameras to estimate K, K', R, t ; then compute viewing rays v, v' → triangulation: $X = v \cap v'$

① First of all: given many features in both images
find pairs of corresponding features



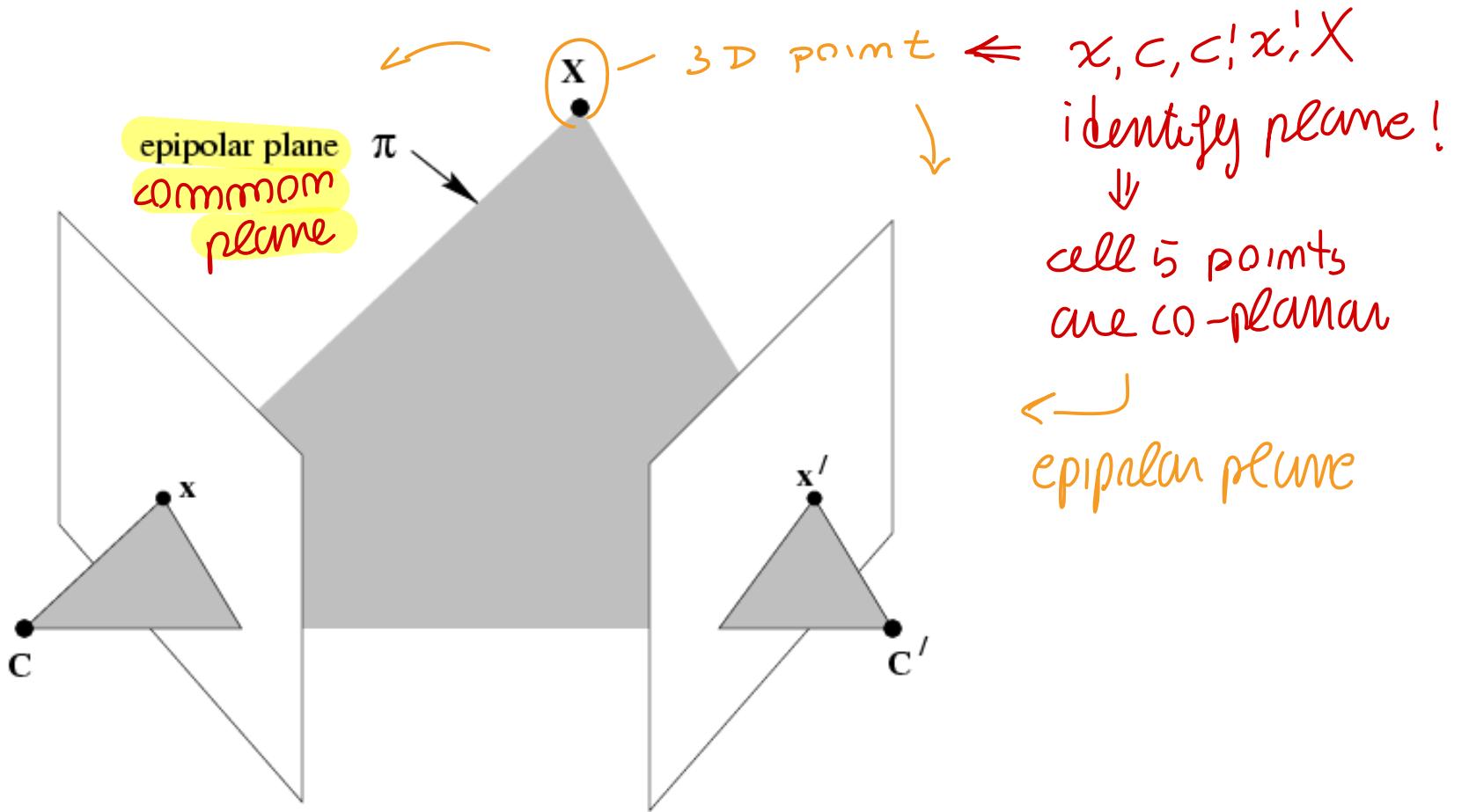
Feature extraction, feature descriptor computation and feature matching

Three questions:

- (i) **Correspondence geometry**: Given an image point x in the first view, how does this constrain the position of the corresponding point x' in the second image?
- (ii) **Camera geometry (motion)**: Given a set of pairs of corresponding image points $\{x_i \leftrightarrow x'_i\}$, $i=1,\dots,n$, what are the cameras P and P' for the two views?
- (iii) **Scene geometry (structure)**: Given corresponding image points $x_i \leftrightarrow x'_i$ and cameras P, P' , what is the position of (their backprojection) X in space?

↓ phenomena of multi-view geom... the same A scenario

The epipolar geometry



Scene point, its images and camera centers are coplanar
 C, C', x, x' and X are coplanar

we define also:

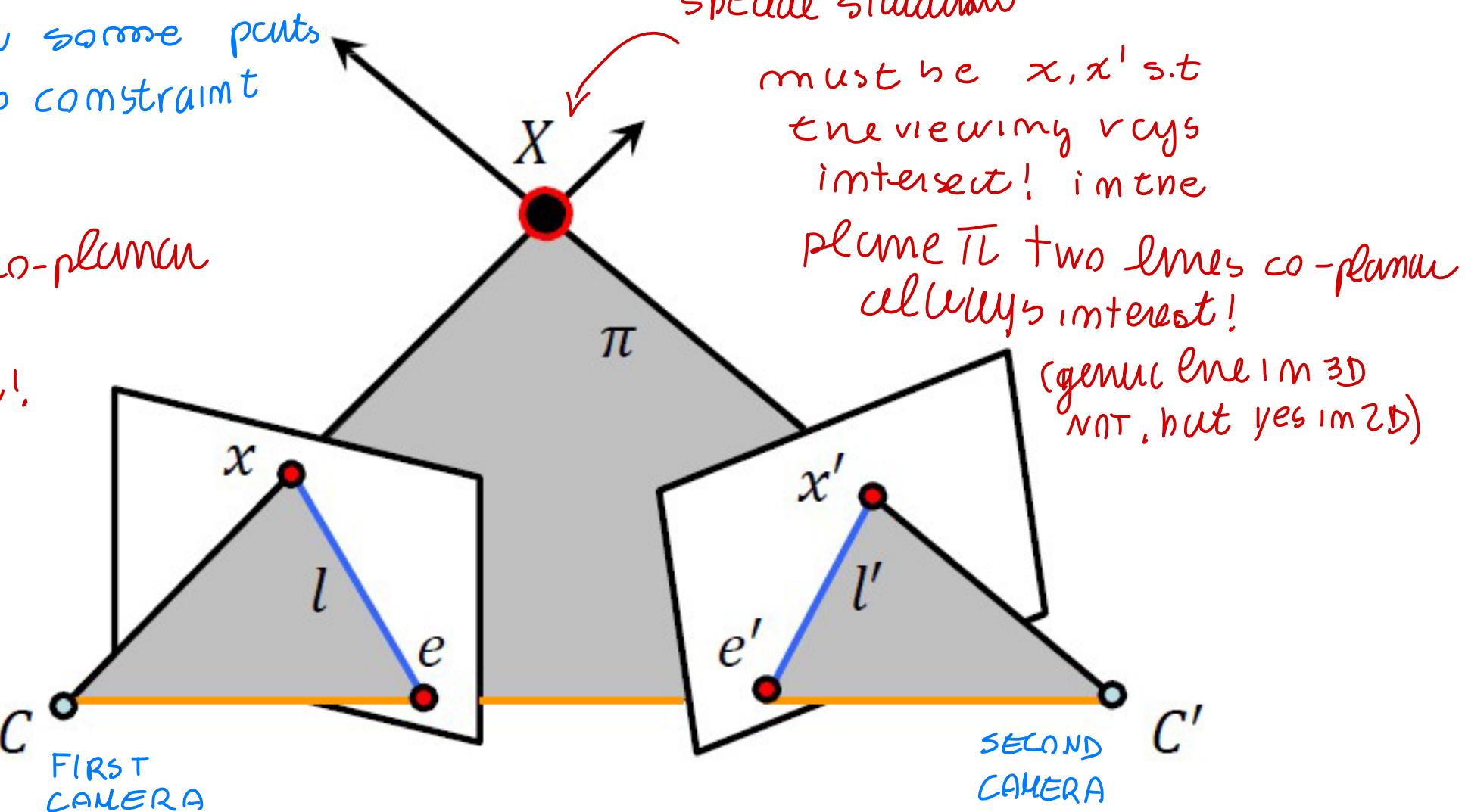
from this we derive many properties =>

The epipolar constraint: viewing rays of corresponding

image points must intersect in 3D space ⚠

suppose we know some points
and we want to constraint
others...

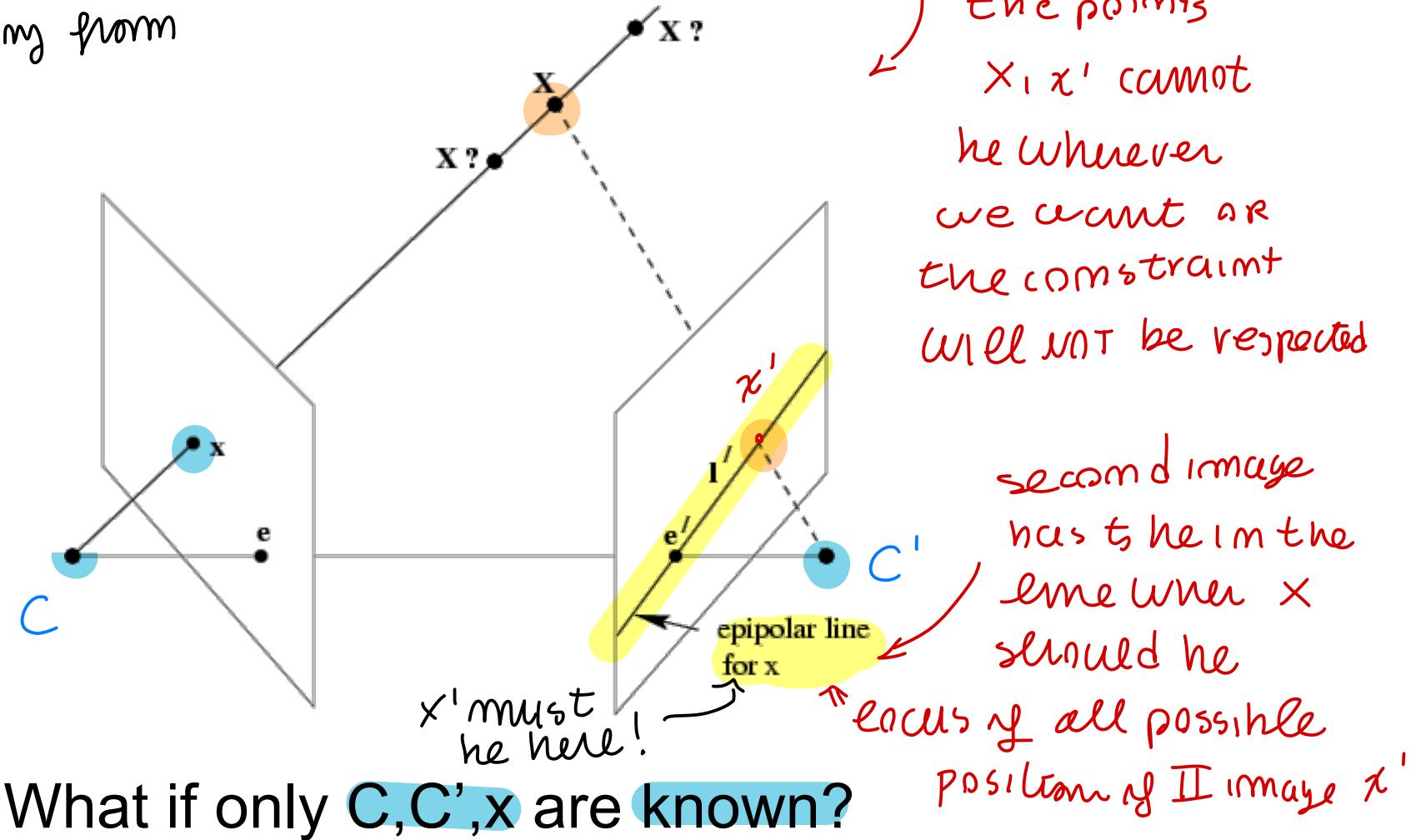
those points co-planar
are related by
same constraint!



The epipolar constraint: viewing rays of corresponding points must intersect in 3D space

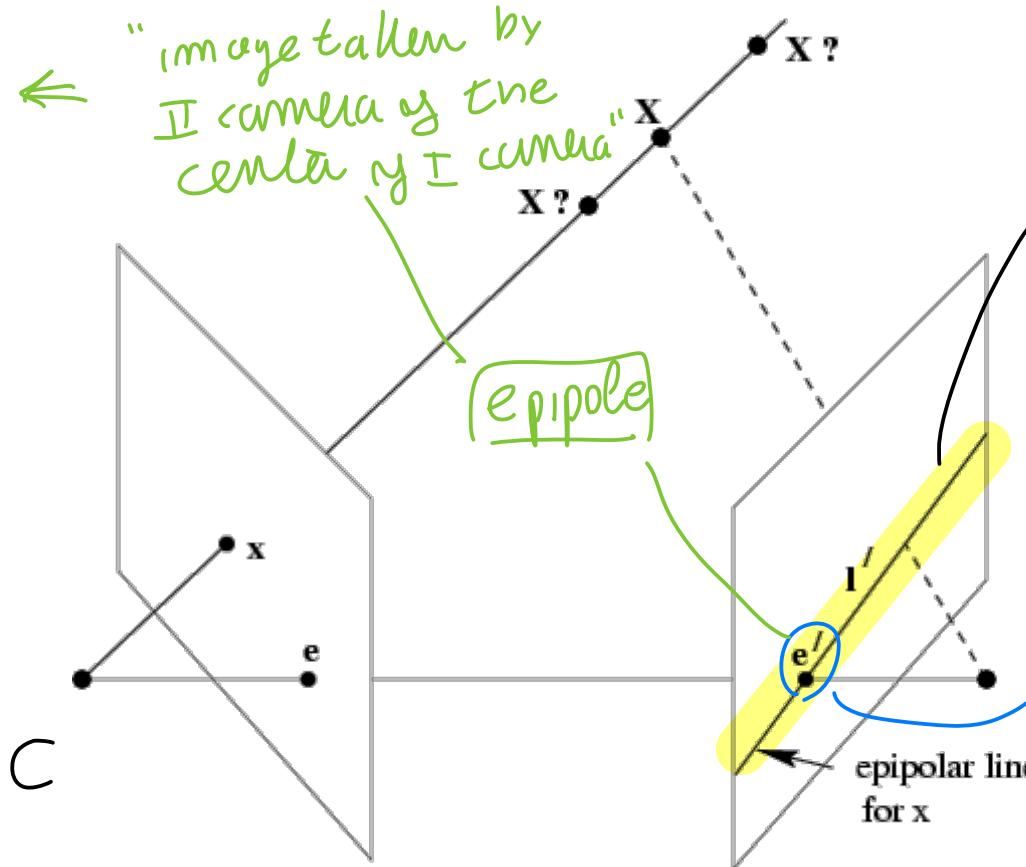
~ if we want to know something from components

since we know x produce x' , we know viewing ray; we can have x on \mathcal{N} , correspondingly x' is projection of x



The epipolar constraint: viewing rays of corresponding points must intersect in 3D space

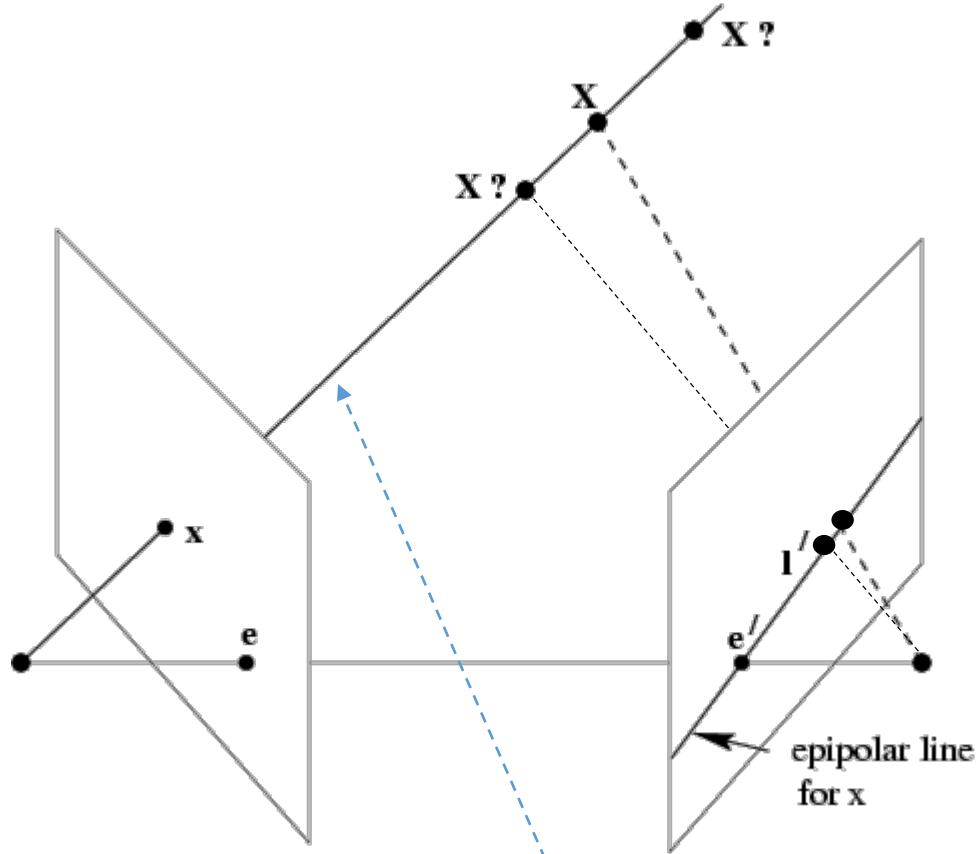
this point e'
belongs to any epipolar
line.
any epipolar line
must go through it.



also, this ℓ_{img} cannot
be a generic line... should
include first center...
consider image of I
camera center (C)
taken by II camera,
this image is
part of epipolar line

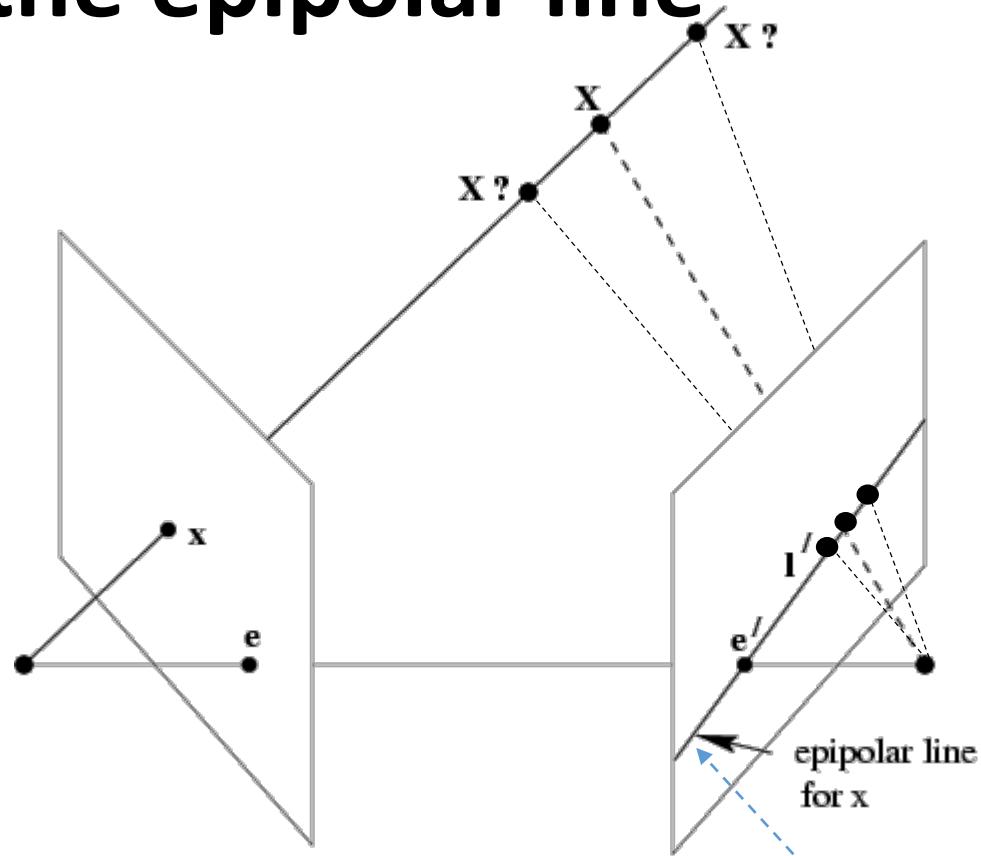
What if only C, C', x are known?

The epipolar constraint



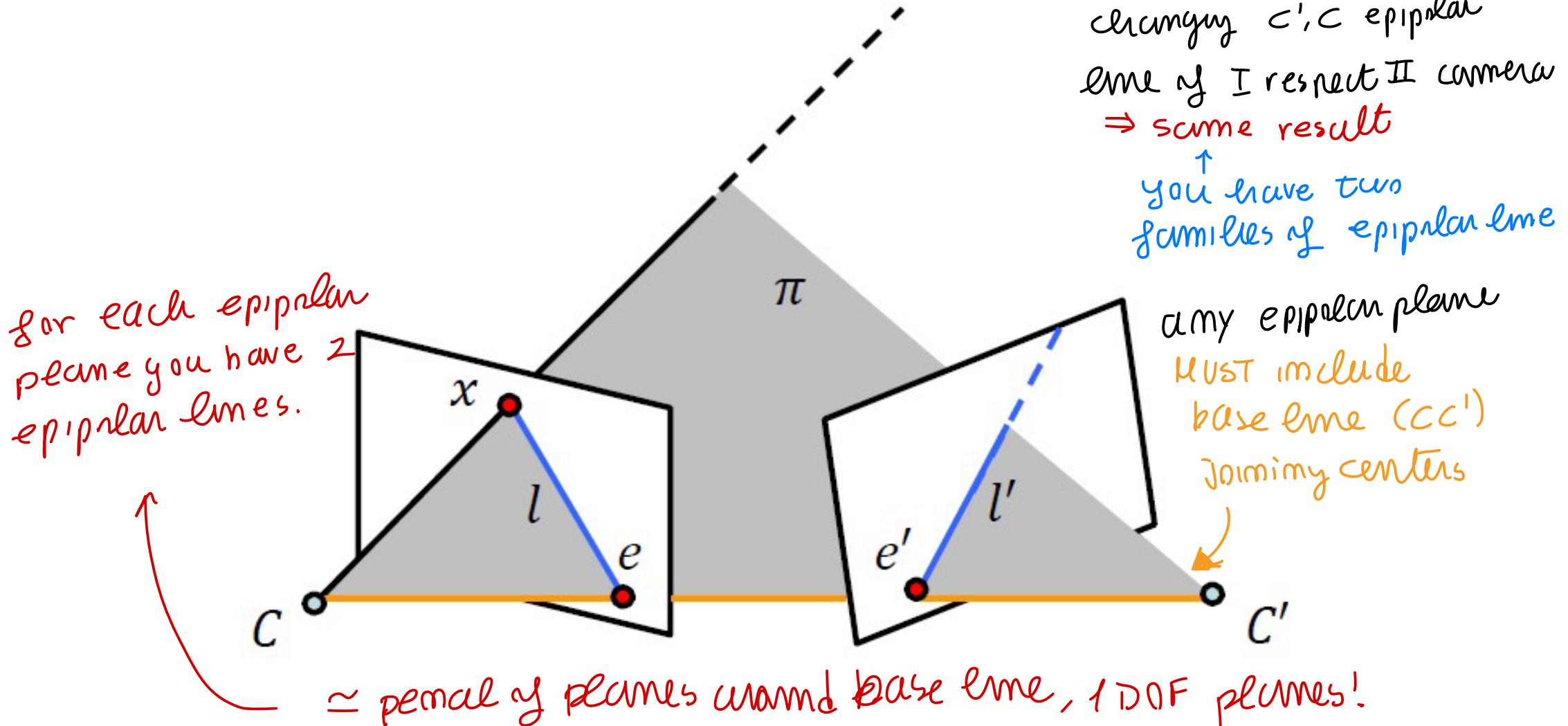
possible position of X in the 3D space
varies along the viewing ray associated to x

The epipolar constraint: the epipolar line



their image varies along a line l' .
 l' : image projection of the viewing ray

Correspondence between epipolar lines



The epipolar constraint: the epipole

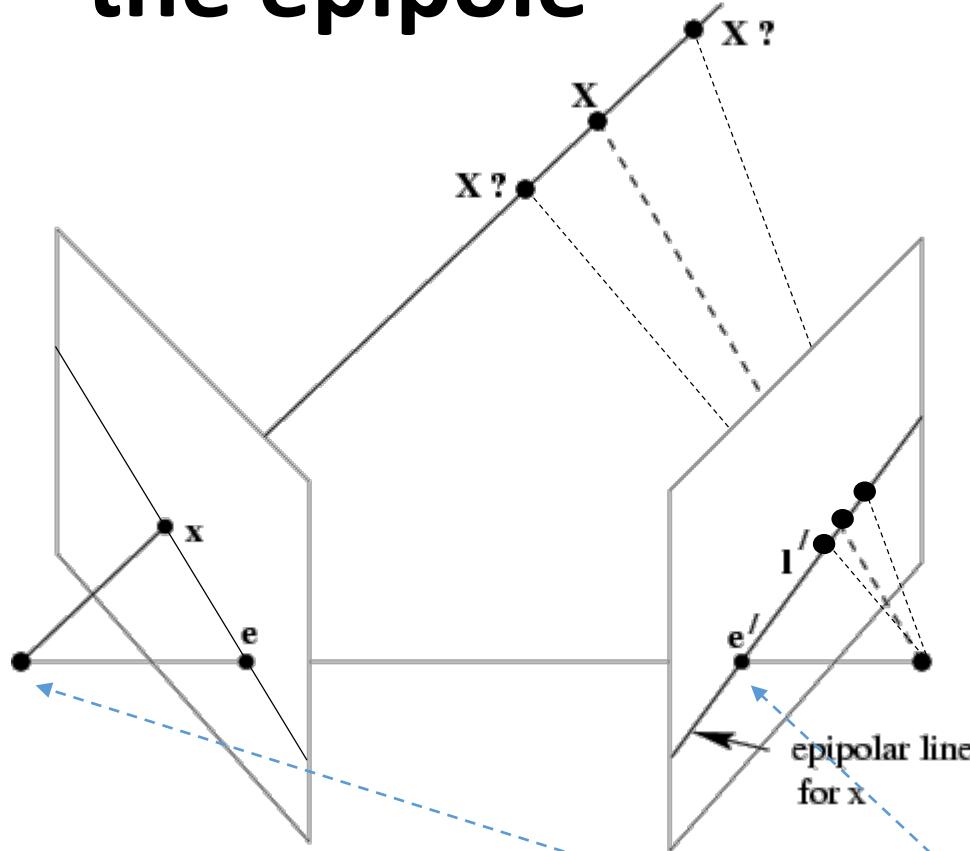
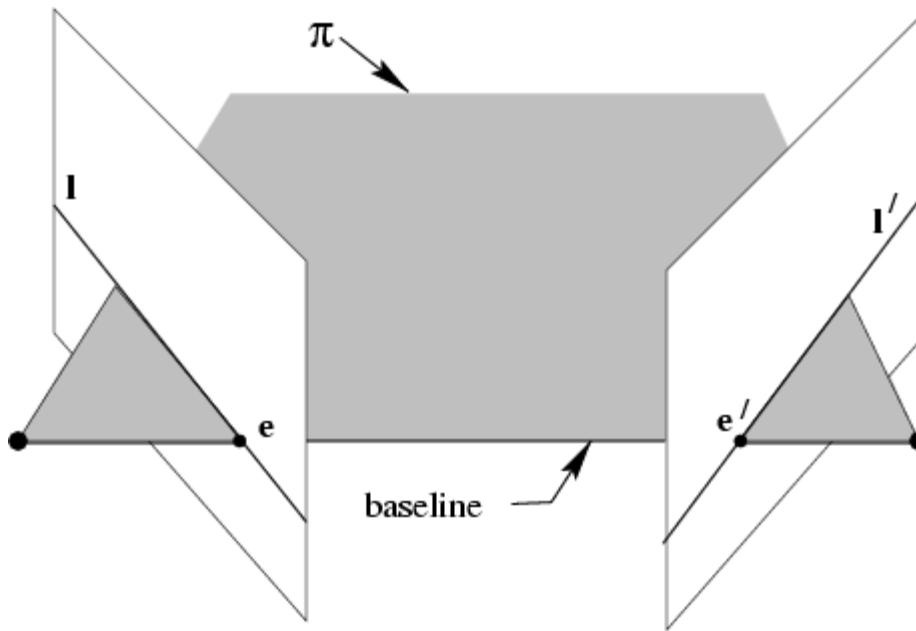


image projection of the viewing ray

the viewing ray is a line through the 1st camera center

→ its image l' always goes through the image e' of the 1st camera center

The epipolar constraint



All points on π project on I and I'

concurrent planes

etting it ray...

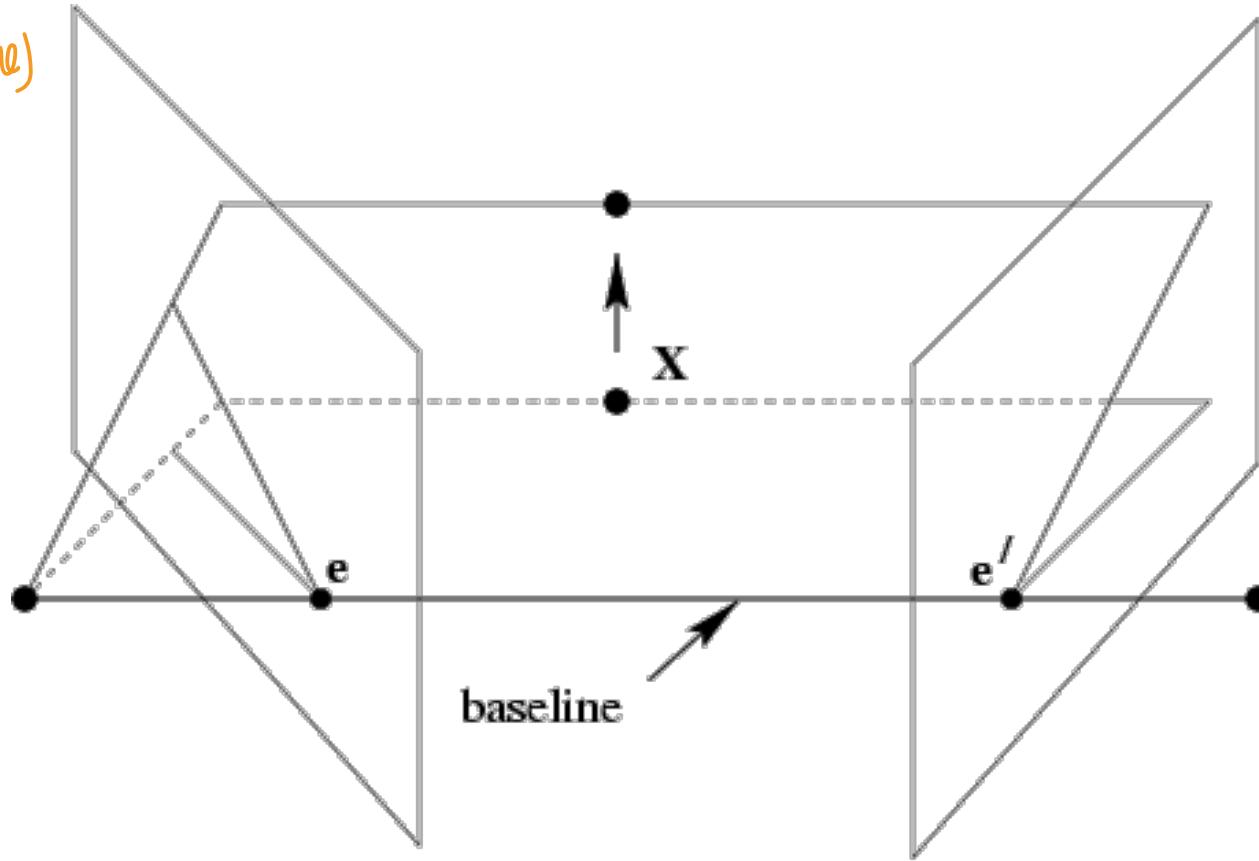
you can define,

CROSS RATIO!

(2D CR, or 3D for plane)

The epipolar constraint

families of
epipolar lines
are projectively
corresponding

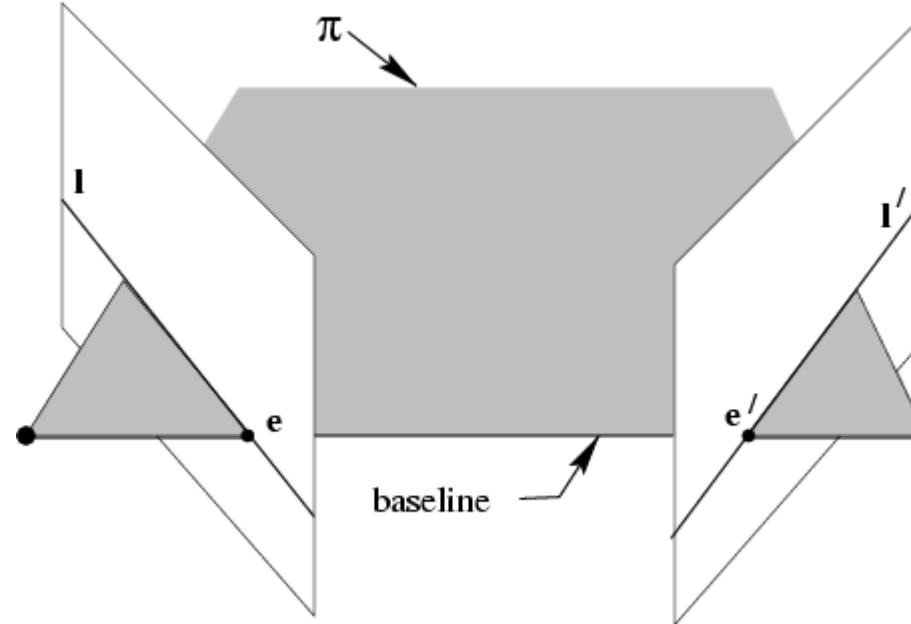


Family of coaxial planes π (with baseline as axis) cross the image planes at families of epipolar lines l and l'
Family of lines l concur at e and family of lines l' concur at e'

Epipoles and epipolar lines

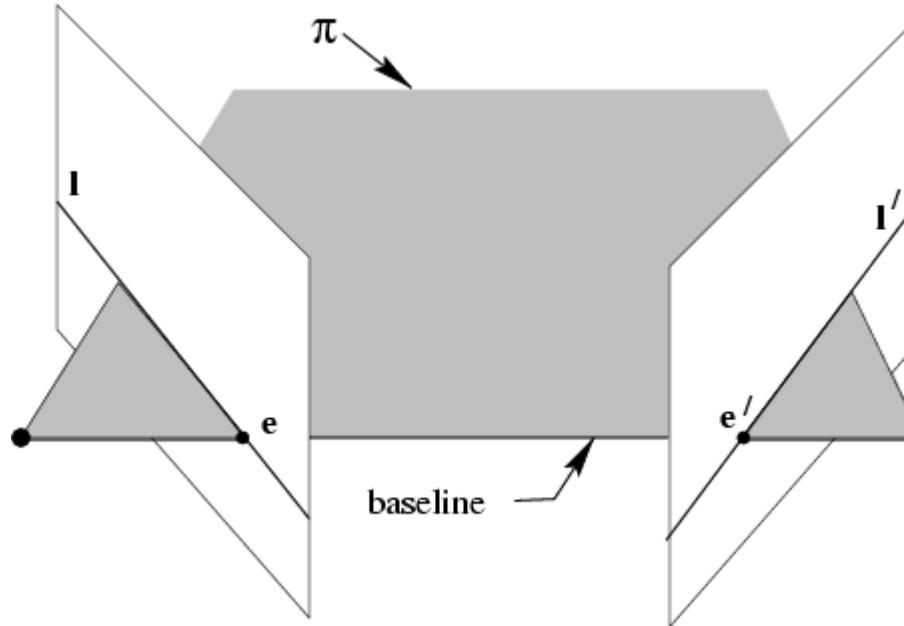
epipoles e, e'

- = intersection of baseline with image plane
- = projection of projection center in other image
- = vanishing point of camera motion direction



an epipolar plane = plane containing baseline (1-D family)

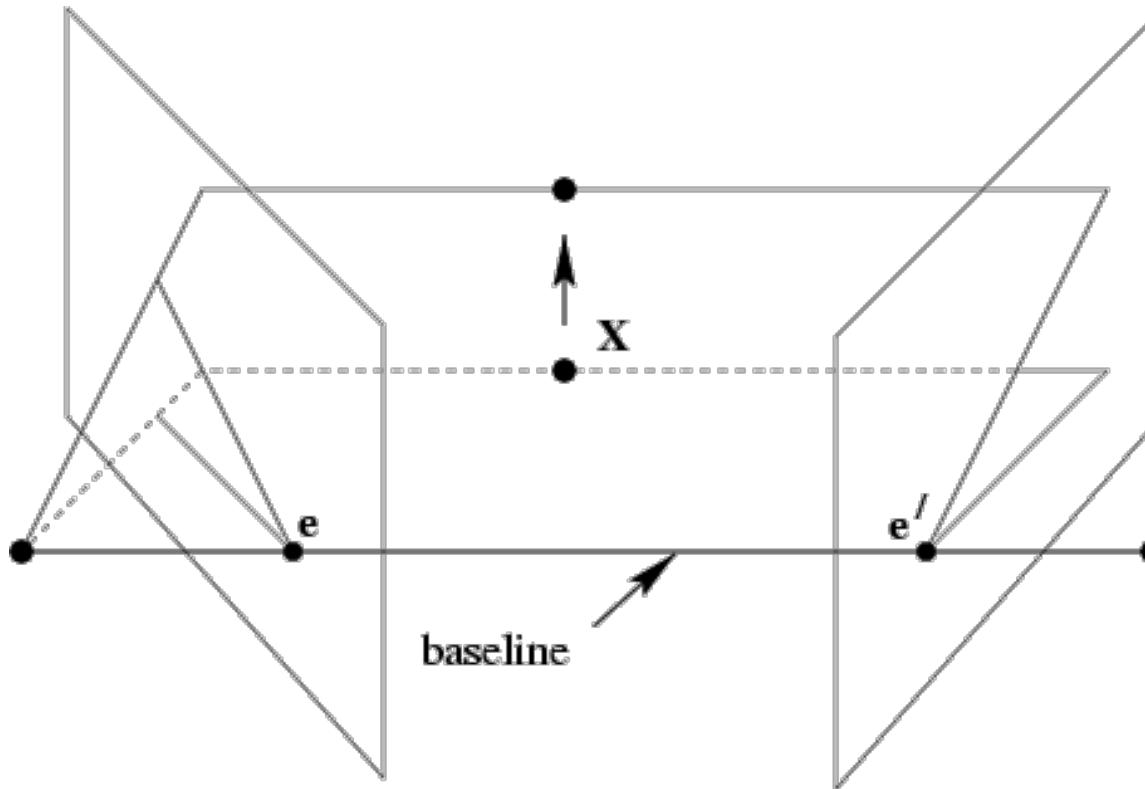
an epipolar line = intersection of epipolar plane with image
(always come in corresponding pairs)



an epipolar plane = plane containing baseline (1-D family)

an **epipolar line** = intersection of epipolar plane with image plane
(always come in corresponding pairs), goes through epipole

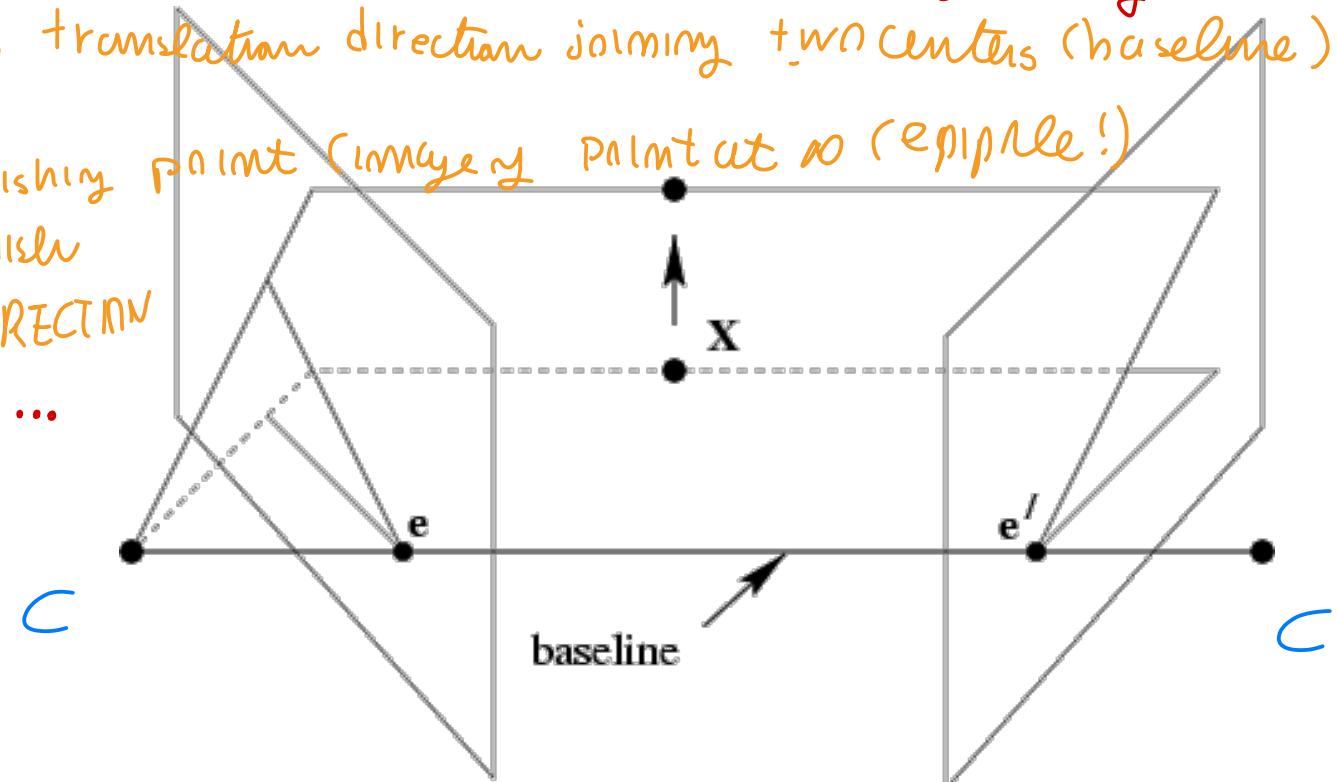
- 1-D family of coplanar, concurrent lines
- projectively related (same cross ratio in the two images)



- **SUMMARIZE:**

- **epipolar lines**: 1-D family of coplanar, concurrent lines
- projectively related (same cross ratio in the two images
= 3D cross ratio of the epipolar planes)
- concur at the **epipoles**

If we are moving the camera. (NOT 2 cameras, same camera moving!)
relative motion has translation direction joining two centers (baseline)
the motion
direction has vanishing point (image of point at ∞ (epipole!))
epipoles are also vanish
point of MOTION DIRECTION
(*) => ...



- **epipole e, e'** \rightarrow additional property (u^{th})
 - = intersection of baseline with image plane
 - = projection of camera center in other image (other camera)
 - = vanishing point of camera relative motion direction
 - = concurrency point for epipolar lines

(*) When moving from first to II position, the translation direction connecting camera centers

↑

The image of the point at ∞X_0 are the epipoles...

≈ vanishing point

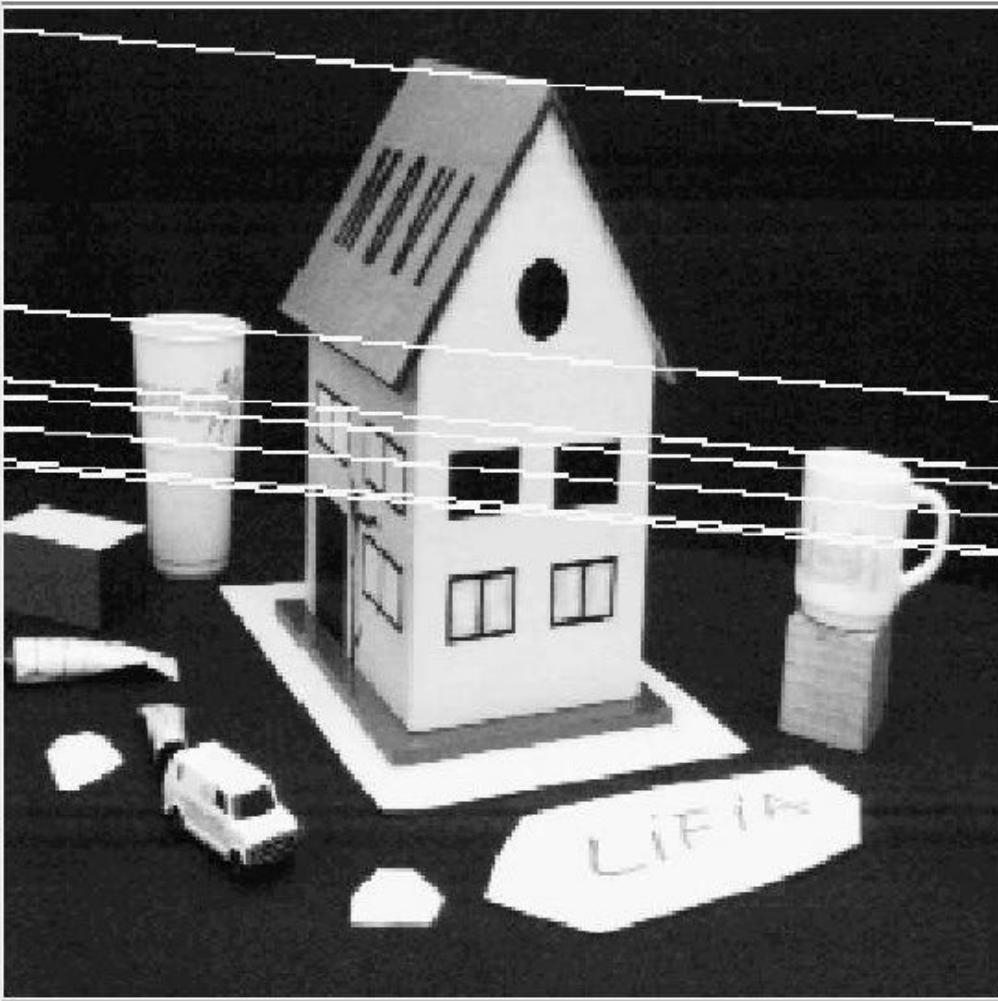
↑

when just translating it is easy to understand

↑

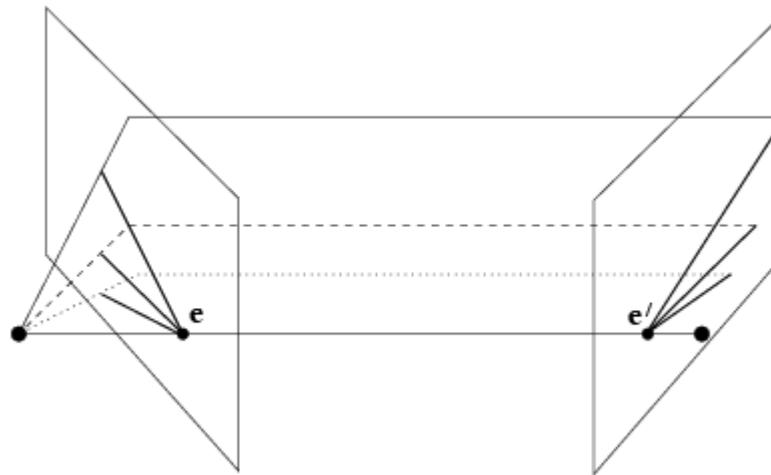
vanishing point is epipole!

Epipolar lines

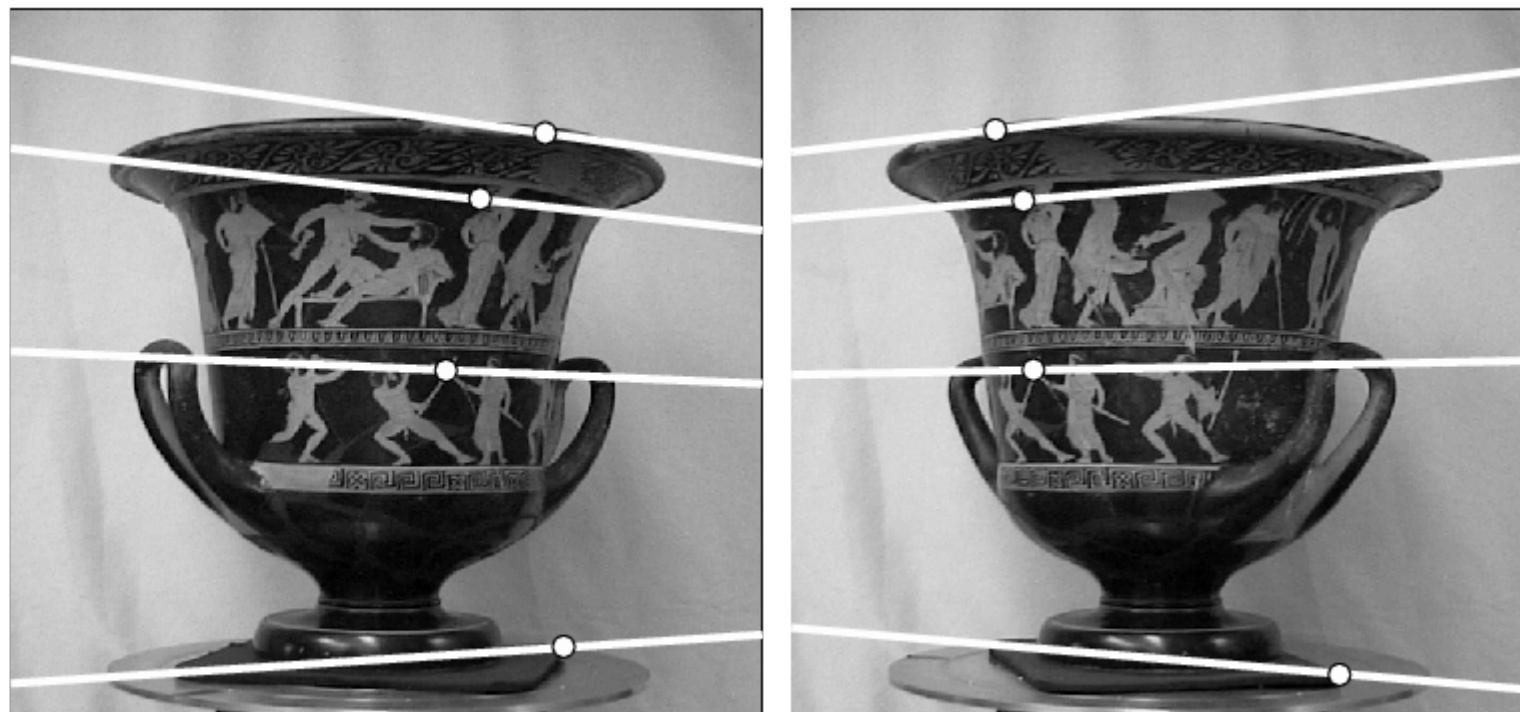


Hartley Zisserman Fig.11.2

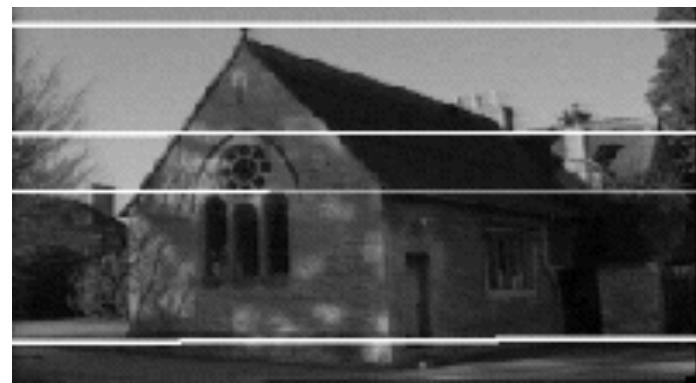
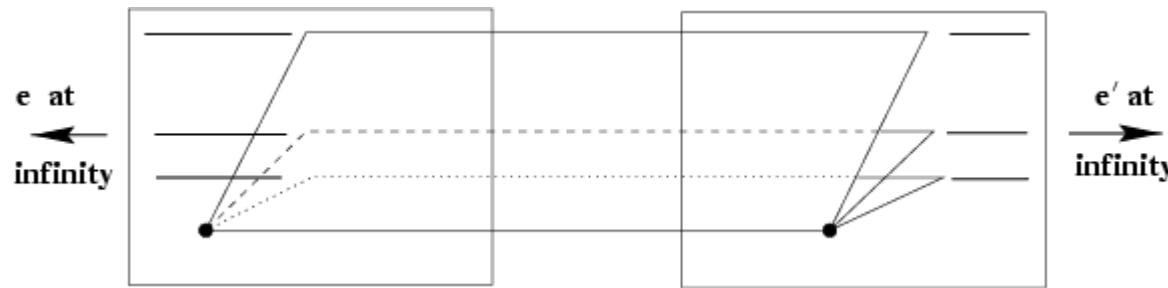
Example: converging cameras



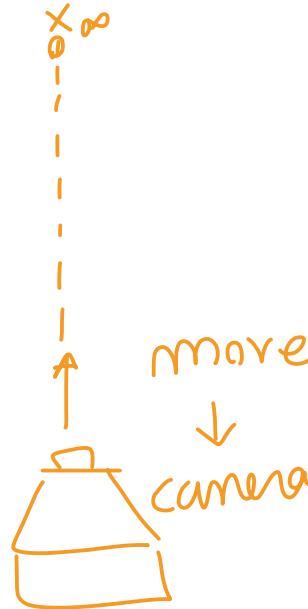
↳ epipolar lines



Example: motion parallel to image plane

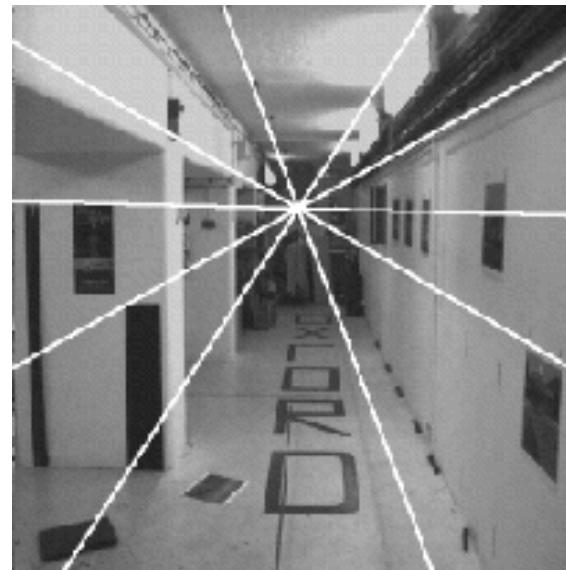
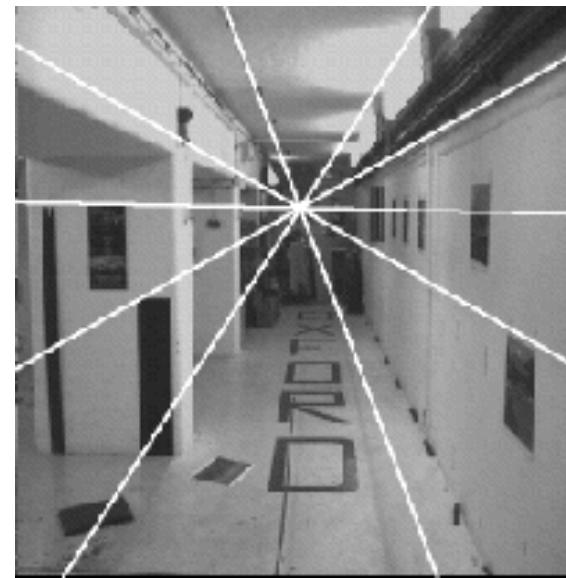


you move
along the
baseline



same
epipole when
just translating

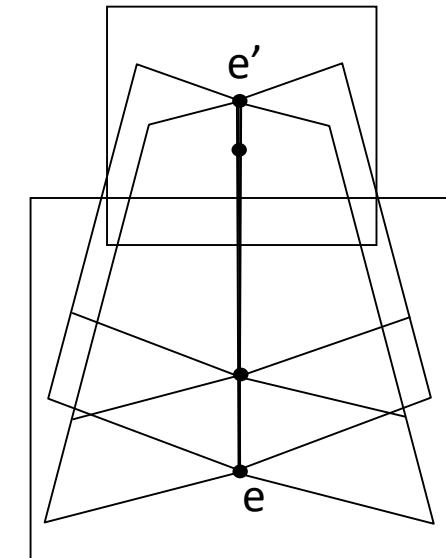
Example: forward motion (translation)



↓ camera moving,
JUST translating
NO orientation change...

IF camera is just translating,
epipoles are images... without

orient change
the epipoles
are the same



pixel coord
are the same



image of point at ∞ is same...
equal vectors, move on some
line, no change of internal camera param

The fundamental matrix F (Faugeras, 1992)

↪ formalize relationship between an image point in I image and corresponding epipolar line in II image

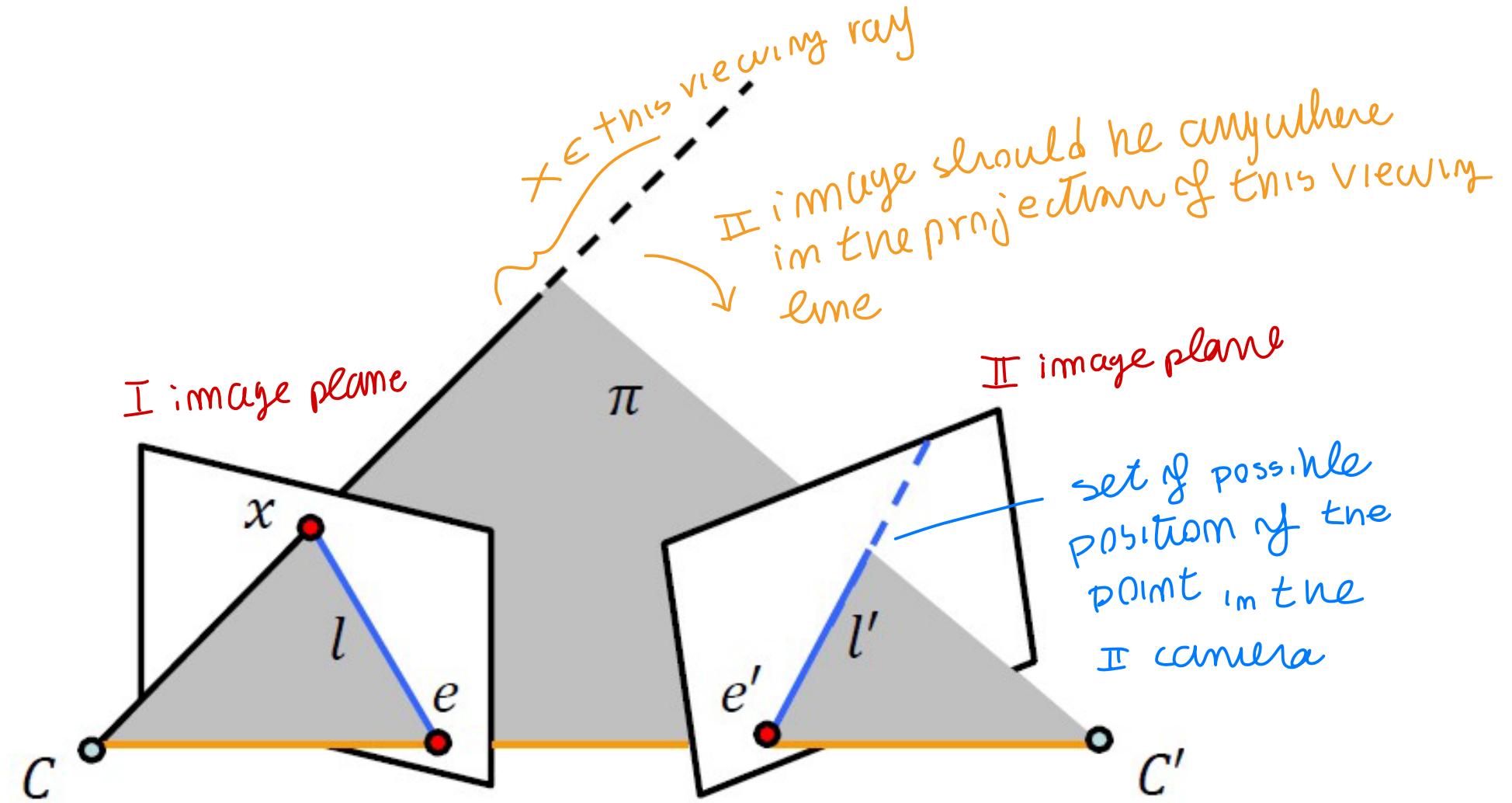
algebraic representation of epipolar geometry

↪ the fact that the point has image, CONSTRAINTS second image somehow \Rightarrow describe algebraically what happens:

$$\underbrace{x \mapsto l' = Fx}_{\text{CONSTRAINT between two images of same 3D point taken by I, II camera}} \quad (\text{Fundamental matrix})$$

we will see that mapping is (singular) correlation
(i.e. projective mapping from points to lines)
represented by the fundamental matrix F

@ geometric level



The fundamental matrix F derivation

using the equations of camera and 3D geometry:

First image of a point X in 3D $x = PX = [M|m] X$

\Downarrow given x , possible position is the viewing ray of $x \rightarrow$ all viewing rays should

Locus of points X :

viewing ray through x

$$X = O + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} M^{-1}x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

as linear combination | camera center
LOCUS OF POSITIONS

Project locus of X onto second camera P'

$$x' = P'X = P'O + \lambda[M'|m'] \begin{bmatrix} M^{-1}x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = e' + \lambda M'M^{-1}x$$

l' is the image of the viewing ray through x

$$x' \in l' = e' \times M'M^{-1}x = [e']_x M'M^{-1}x$$

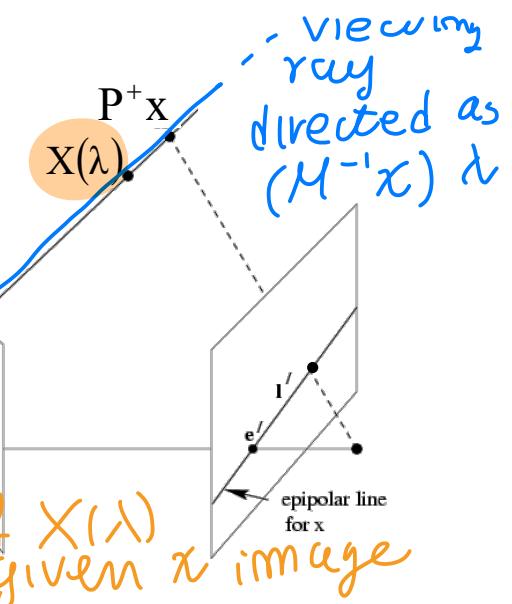
x' is the 2nd image of X

$$x' \in l' \Rightarrow x'^T l' = 0 \rightarrow x'^T [e']_x M'M^{-1}x = 0$$

$x'^T F x = 0$

with

$$F = [e']_x M'M^{-1}$$



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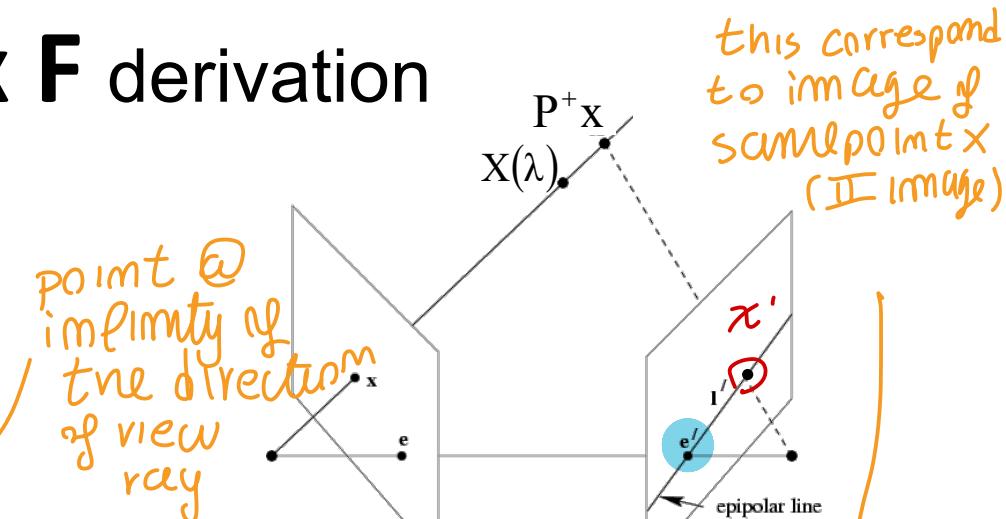
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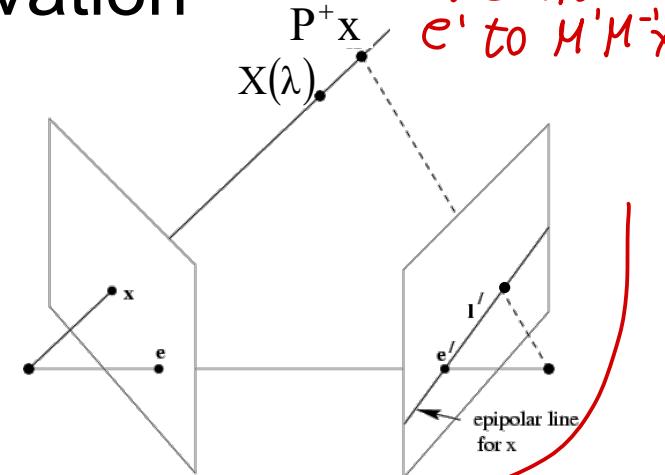


$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} = e' + \lambda M' M^{-1} x$$

the image of I camera center to the II image plane, we get the epipole e'

The fundamental matrix F derivation

linear comb... x'
set of position is a
line Δx
 e' to $M'M^{-1}x$



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Project locus of X onto
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as cross product formulation

$$x' \in l' = e' \times M'M^{-1}x = [e']_x M'M^{-1}x$$

vector product, linear in components
the components are linear in e' but not in x

l' is the image of the
viewing ray through x

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$$x'^T F x = 0$$

with

$$F = [e']_x M'M^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{x}' \in l' = F \mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{e}']_{\times} \mathbf{M}' \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$$

where

constructed to compute
CROSS PRODUCT

$$[\mathbf{e}']_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -e'_z & e'_y \\ e'_z & 0 & -e'_x \\ -e'_y & e'_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a **skew-symmetric** matrix used
to compute a cross-product by
means of matrix multiplication

$[\mathbf{e}']_{\times}$ is singular

Simple way to compute vector product as MATRIX
multiplication

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_z & a_y \\ a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & a_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{bmatrix} = ([\mathbf{a}]_{\times} \mathbf{b})$$

Thus the matrix associated to the cross product against \mathbf{e}' is

$$[\mathbf{e}']_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -e'_z & e'_y \\ e'_z & 0 & -e'_x \\ -e'_y & e'_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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*lines containing all possible
set of images of x in II image plane*

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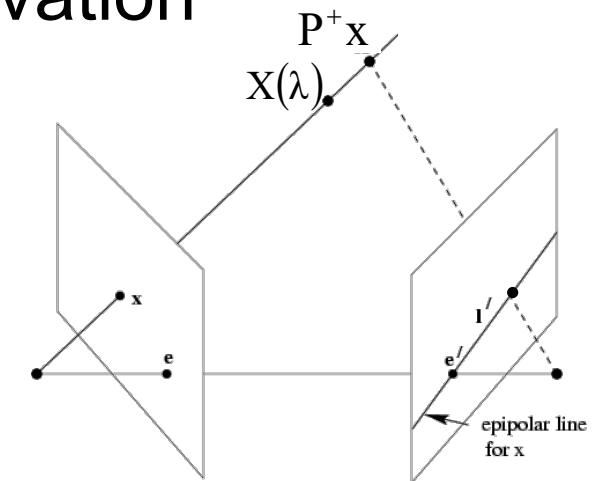
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$$x'^T F x = 0$$

with

$$F = [e']_x M'M^{-1}$$

fundamental matrix



The fundamental matrix $F = [e']_x M' M^{-1}$

correspondence condition

↓ two points are CORRESPONDING IFF this

The fundamental matrix satisfies the condition
that for any pair of corresponding points $x \leftrightarrow x'$,
in the two images $x'^T F x = 0$ ($x'^T l' = 0$)

as
algebra
constr

ALGEBRAIC FORMULATION of epipolar
constraint
two viewing rays } must intersect }

(that we saw at
geometric level)

$x'^T F x = 0$
is satisfied

bilinear
equation

in each of
the two
image point

even if cameras are not calibrated, i.e., P and P' are unknown,
the fundamental matrix F can still be computed by imposing
correspondence conditions: $x'^T F x = 0$

When we know both cameras, it can be explicitly computed by formula
Even without knowing camera, we can rely on images!

→ even when P, P' unkwn..

If we have enough pairs of corresponding points



We can try to select pairs of corresponding image points



In each pair $X \leftrightarrow X'$ of same point X

If we can extract enough $x_i \leftrightarrow x'_i$ pairs

we can compute F

Without P KNOWLEDGE

use lots of

$x_i \leftrightarrow x'_i \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N$

and write lots of equations

$$\boxed{x_i^T F x_i = 0} \quad i=1, \dots, N$$

Collect sufficient $i=1 \dots N$ and
we can estimate F !

↪ properties of $F \Rightarrow$

being product of
skewsymm $[e']_x$,

singular $\det([e']_x) = 0$

then $\det(F) = 0 \cdot \dots = 0$



also F is SINGULAR

The fundamental matrix F: properties

- $F = [e']_x M' M^{-1}$ is the only 3×3 **rank 2 matrix** satisfying $x^T F x = 0$ for all $x \leftrightarrow x'$
(SINGULAR)
+ this pairs of camera
- **Transpose:** if F is fundamental matrix for (P, P') , then F^T is fundamental matrix for (P', P)
reverse pair of camera
- **Epipolar lines:** $l' = F x$ & $l = F^T x'$
Given img point x in I camera, epipolar line e' is easy to find by equation of fundamental matrix
we can compute fundamental matrix of reversed pair
 $x^T F^T x' = 0$ constraint get reversed
- **Epipoles are LNS of F :** on all epipolar lines, thus $e'^T F x = 0$, $\forall x \Rightarrow e'^T F = 0$, similarly $F e = 0$
LEFT NULL SPACE \rightarrow IF we consider
 $e' \in e'^T \cdot e' = 0$ is part of epipolar line
when we take it holds $e'^T F = 0$! e' is LNS of F
- F has 7 d.o.f., i.e. $3 \times 3 - 1$ (homogeneous) - 1(rank-2 constraint)
- F is a correlation, projective mapping from a point x to a line $l' = Fx$ (not a proper correlation, because it is not invertible)

computation of F from pairs of corresponding image points

use $x_i^T F x_i = 0$ equations, linear in coeff. F

8 point pairs (linear), 7 point pairs (non-linear), 8+ (least-squares)

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*you can reverse it by
 $Fe=0$, other epipoles*
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→ homogeneous matr., & F keep same equation
- **F has 7 d.o.f.**, i.e. $3 \times 3 - 1(\text{homogeneous}) - 1(\text{rank-2 constraint}) = 9 - 1 - 1 = 7$ d.o.f.
*SINGULAR
as linear constraint, you can use 7 equations in bi-linear form*
- **F** is a correlation, projective mapping from a point x to a line $l' = Fx$ (not a proper correlation, because it is not invertible)

computation of F from pairs of corresponding image points

use $x'_i^T F x_i = 0$ equations, linear in coeff. F

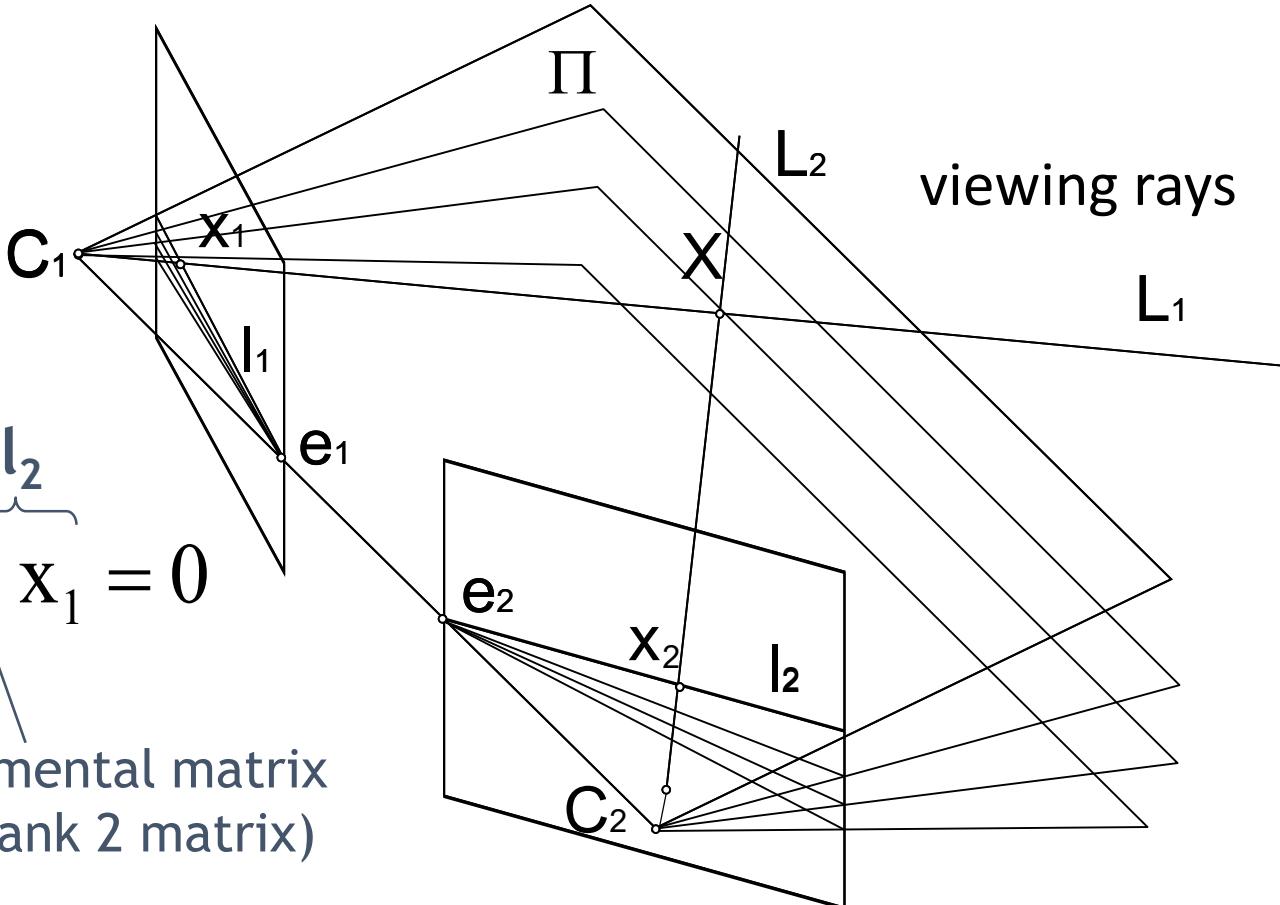
8 point pairs (linear), 7 point pairs (non-linear), 8+ (least-squares)
better estimate reducing numerical error

Epipolar geometry

Underlying structure
in set of matches for
rigid scenes

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} l_1^T & l_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{l}^T} \mathbf{x}_2^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}_1 = 0$$

Fundamental matrix
(3×3 rank 2 matrix)



Canonical representation: (see later)

$$P = [I \mid 0] \quad P' = [[e']]_x F + e' v^T \mid \lambda e'$$

1. Computable from corresponding points
2. Simplifies matching
3. Allows to detect wrong matches
4. Related to calibration

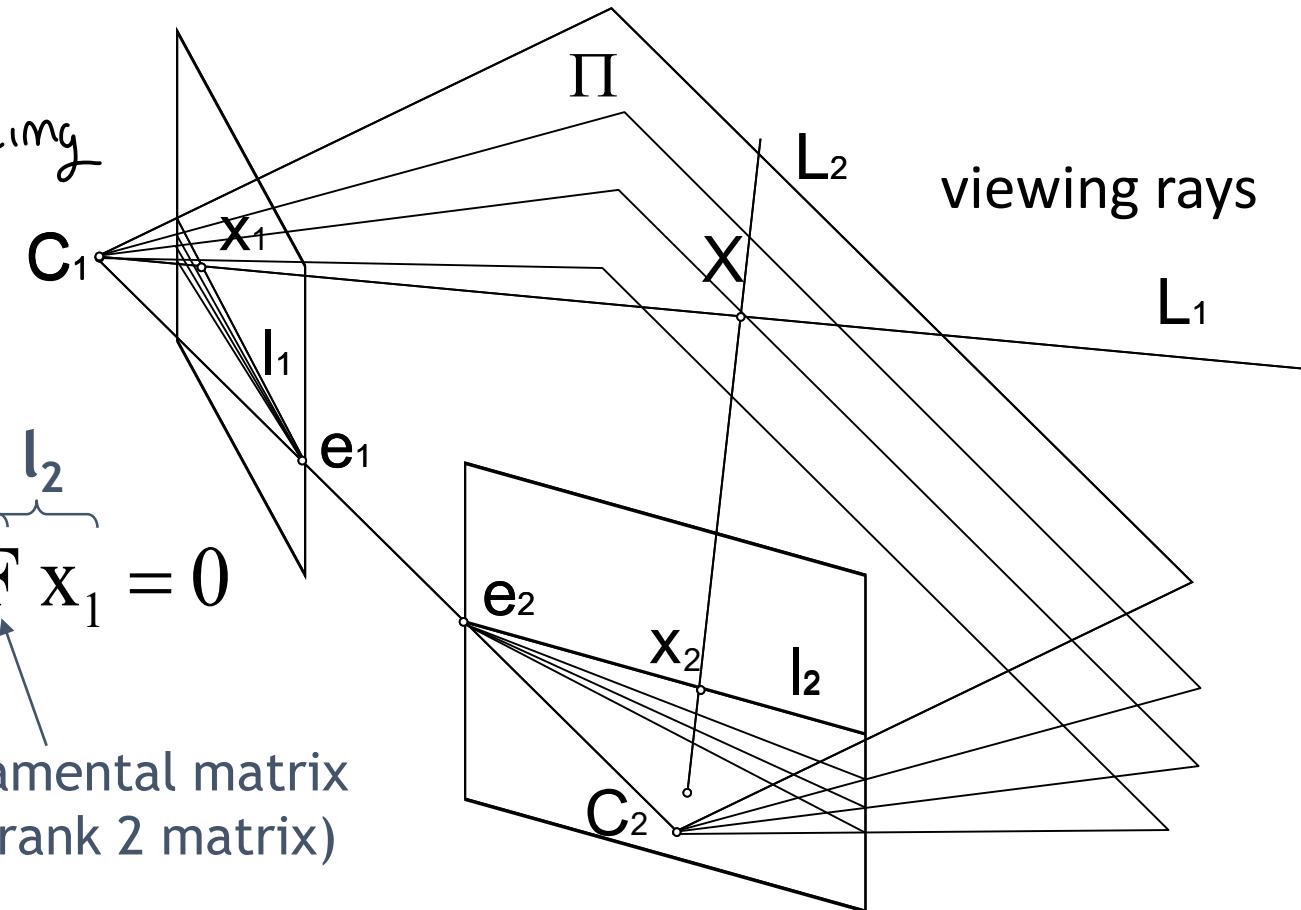
in SUMMARY...

etting epipolar

plane vary, you identify 2D
cross ratio! \Rightarrow projectively corresponding

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$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} l_1^T & l_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Fundamental matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} x_2^T \\ F \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

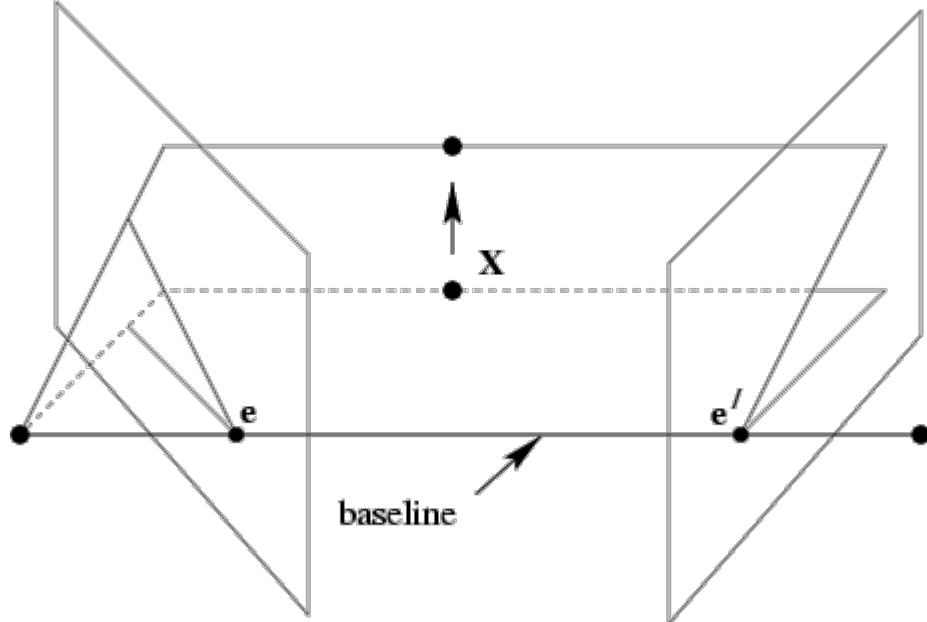


Epipolar planes : 3D cross ratio

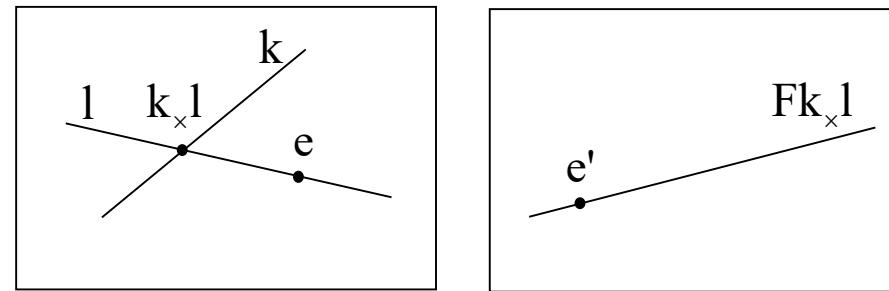
Epipolar lines : same 2D cross ratio
on both images
 \rightarrow projectively related (1D)

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3. Allows to detect wrong matches
4. Related to calibration

epipolar lines are projectively related: algebraic proof



l epipolar lines through e
take a line k not through e : e.g., take $k = e$



Consider the point $x = k \cap l = e \times l = [e]_x l$

Then $l' = Fx = F[e]_x l = Hl$ with $H = F[e]_x$

Notice that $\text{rank } H = 2 < 3$. this is OK since
the relation between epipolar lines is 1D projective

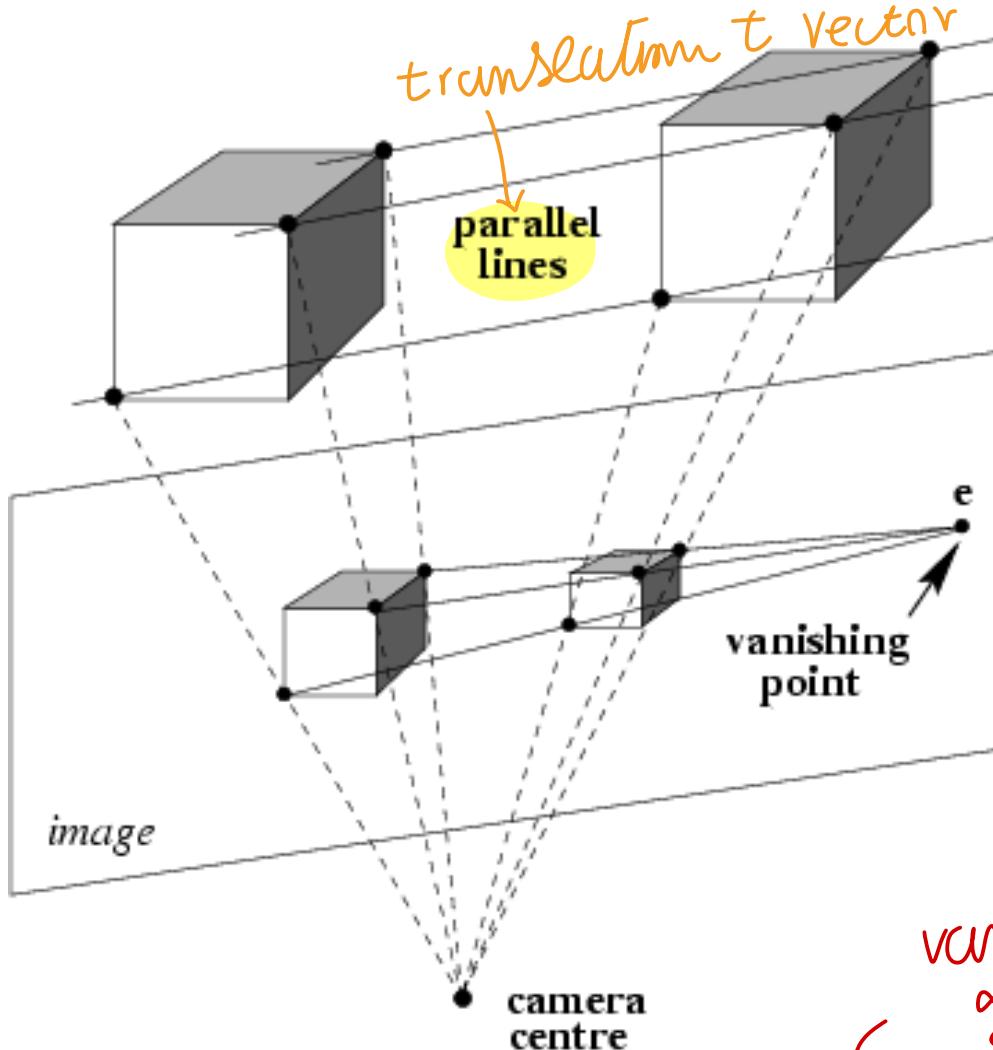
particular case

↓ Fundamental matrix for pure translation

(NOT ROTATION)

↓ navigating along rectilinear path

II camera as just translation of the I camera



3D direction can be defined as

$$K^{-1}e \quad R = I_3 \text{ identity}$$

$$M = [K \overset{\curvearrowleft}{R}] = K$$

$$e = Kt \text{ relationship}$$

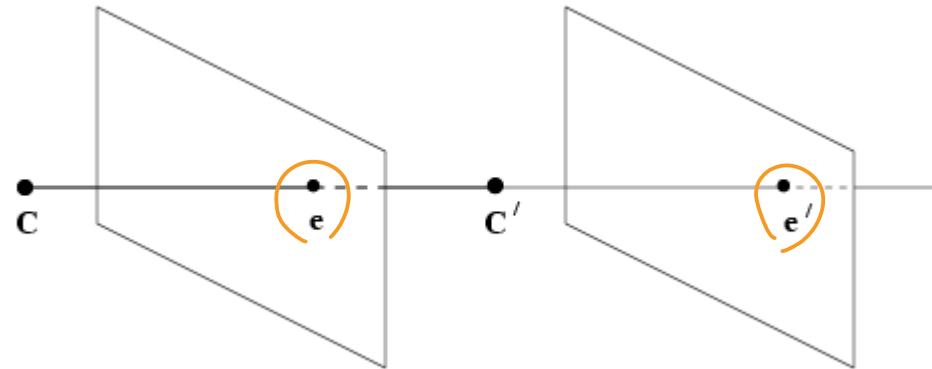
↑ Viewing ray of epipole is parallel to the translation direction

$$K^{-1}e = t \rightarrow \boxed{e = Kt}$$

vanishing point
of translation direction

Fundamental matrix for pure translation

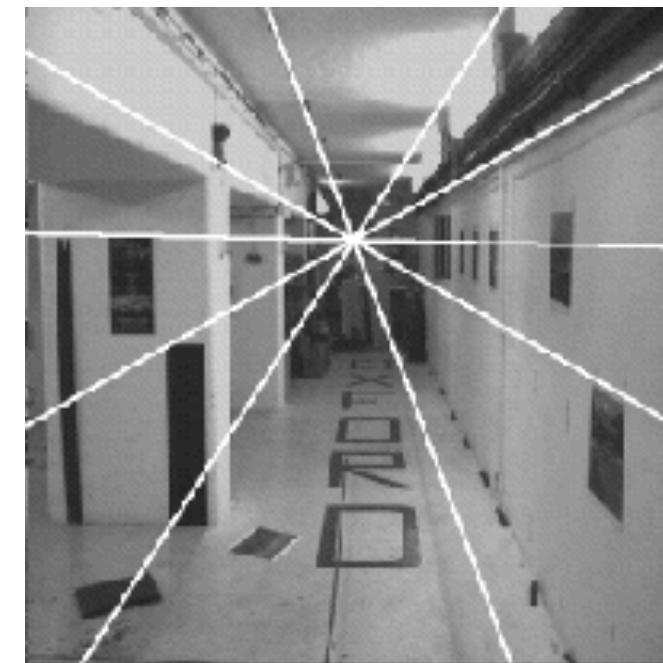
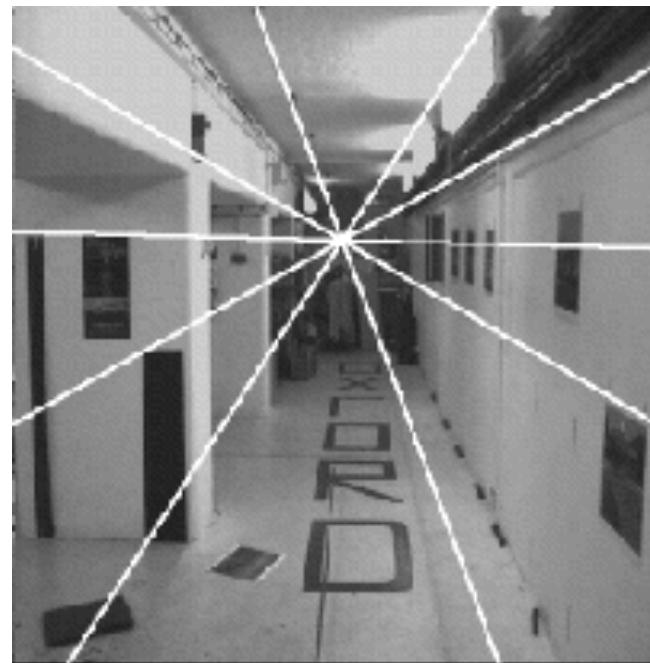
the two epipoles are equal



When just translating,
epipole remain
the same!

Concurrence point is

the
epipole...



Fundamental matrix for pure translation

$$F = [e']_x M' M^{-1} = [e']_x \quad F \text{ only 2 d.o.f., } x^T [e]_x x = 0 \Rightarrow \text{auto-epipolar}$$

example: $e' = (1, 0, 0)^\top$ $F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_x$ $x'^T F x = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = y'$

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motion starts at x and moves towards (or away from) e , faster depending on Z

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why is $K \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$?

$$K \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & (s) & U_o \\ 0 & f_y & V_o \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$

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In $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, x and y are the cartesian coordinates
of the image point x , therefore we indicate

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ as } \mathbf{x}_{cart}$$

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Yet another expression of P

$$P = [M \quad m] \quad O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = RNS(P)$$

$$M = KR_{cam \rightarrow world} \quad o = t_{world \rightarrow cam}$$

From

$$PO = [M \quad m] \begin{bmatrix} t_{world \rightarrow cam} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = Mt_{world \rightarrow cam} + m = 0$$

$$\text{is } m = -Mt_{world \rightarrow cam} = -KR_{cam \rightarrow world}t_{world \rightarrow cam}$$

But since

$$t_{cam \rightarrow world} = -Rt_{world \rightarrow cam},$$

$$\text{Then } m = Kt_{cam \rightarrow world}$$

$$\text{Hence } P = [M \quad m] = [KR_{cam \rightarrow world} \quad Kt_{cam \rightarrow world}]$$

$$P = K[R \quad t]$$

where $R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R_{cam \rightarrow world}$ and $t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} t_{cam \rightarrow world}$

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$$x' = x_{cart} + Kt/Z \quad \text{this } x' \text{ is cartesian, i.e., } x' = x'_{cart}, \text{ if } t_z = 0 \quad \text{see next slide}$$

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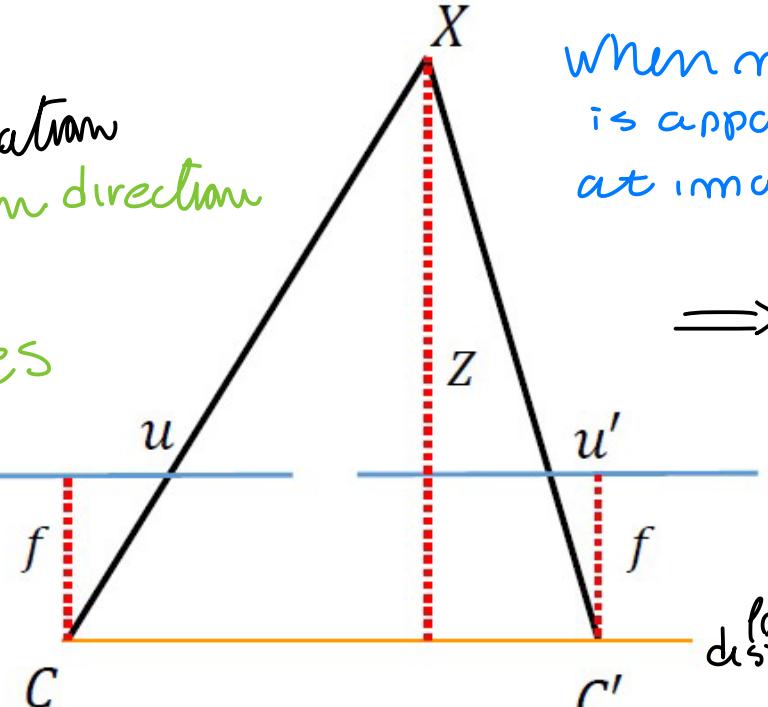
$$Kt/Z = K \begin{bmatrix} t_X \\ t_Y \\ t_Z \end{bmatrix} / Z == \begin{bmatrix} f_x & (s) & U_o \\ 0 & f_y & V_o \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_X \\ t_Y \\ t_Z \end{bmatrix} / Z = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ t_z/Z \end{bmatrix}$$

if $t_z = 0$,

$$x' = x_{cart} + Kt/Z = x_{cart} + \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x'_{cart}$$

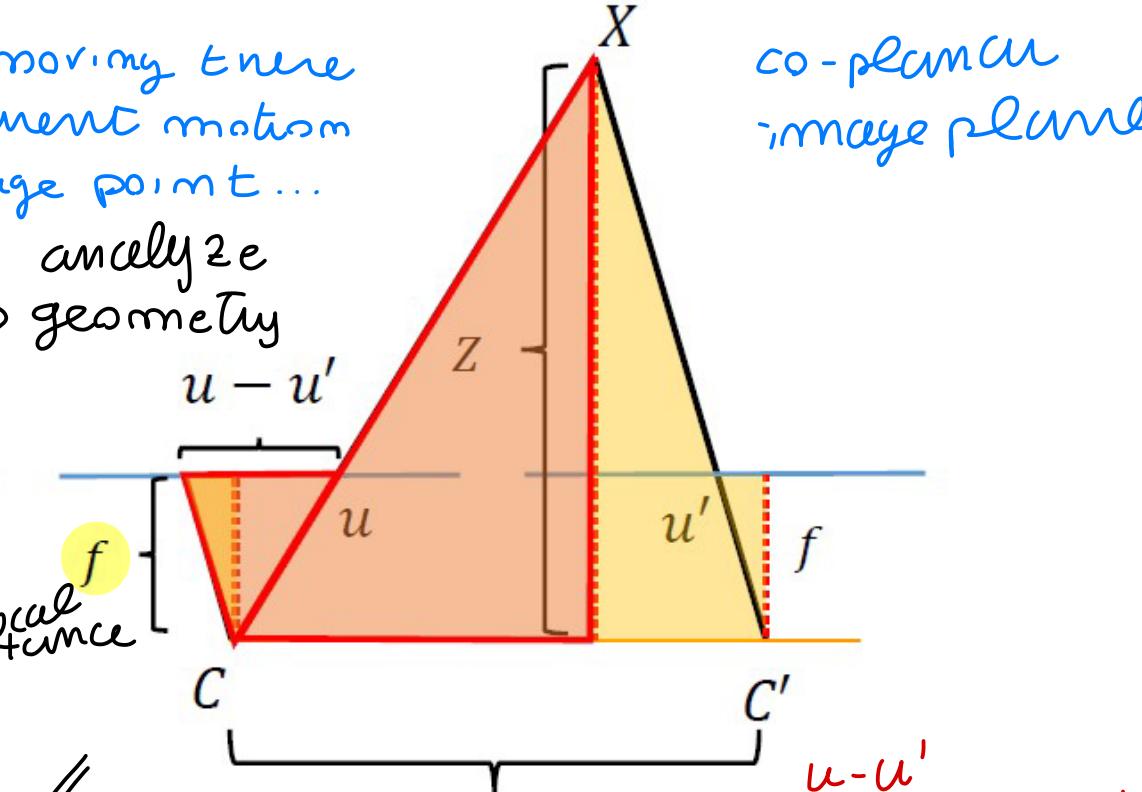
For equal cameras with coplanar image planes ($t_z = 0$)
 disparity is inversely proportional to the depth

additional effect of translation
When translation direction s.t parallel image planes (NO ROTATION!)
camera translating means that img plane are parallel)
↓ If co-planar same plane



When moving there
is apparent motion
at image point...

analyze
geometry
→



similar triangles →

$$\frac{u - u'}{f} = \frac{b}{z}$$

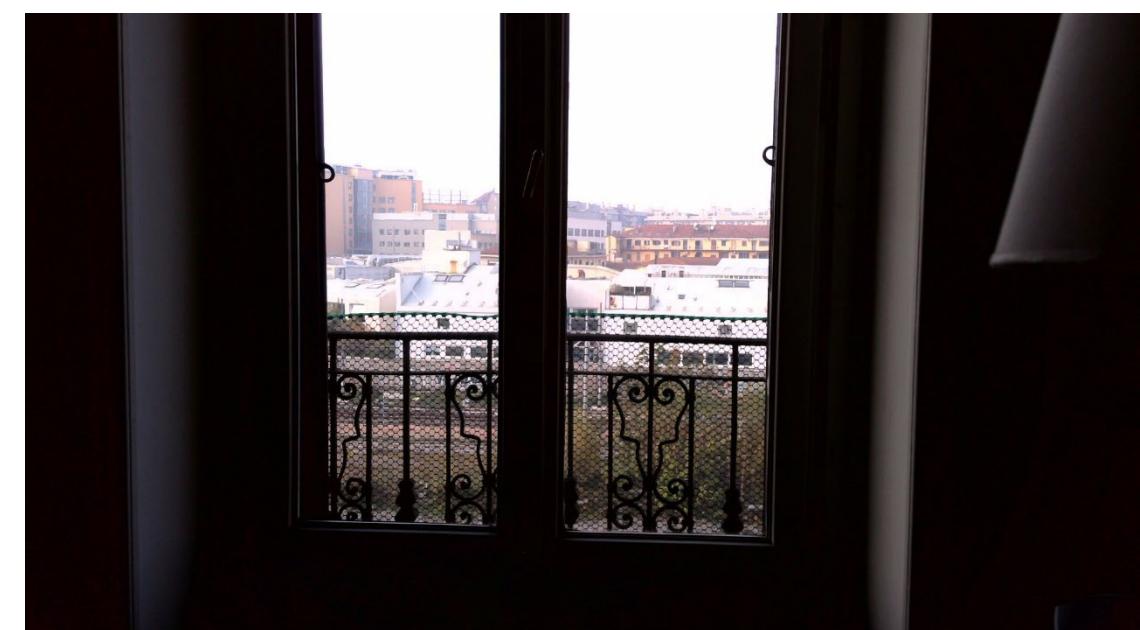
co-planar
image planes

$u - u'$
inversely proportional
to the vector \vec{z} of
depth

when taking two
images with
moving camera...

$$x' = x_{cart} + Kt/Z$$

the image of closer objects move faster
than the image of distant objects



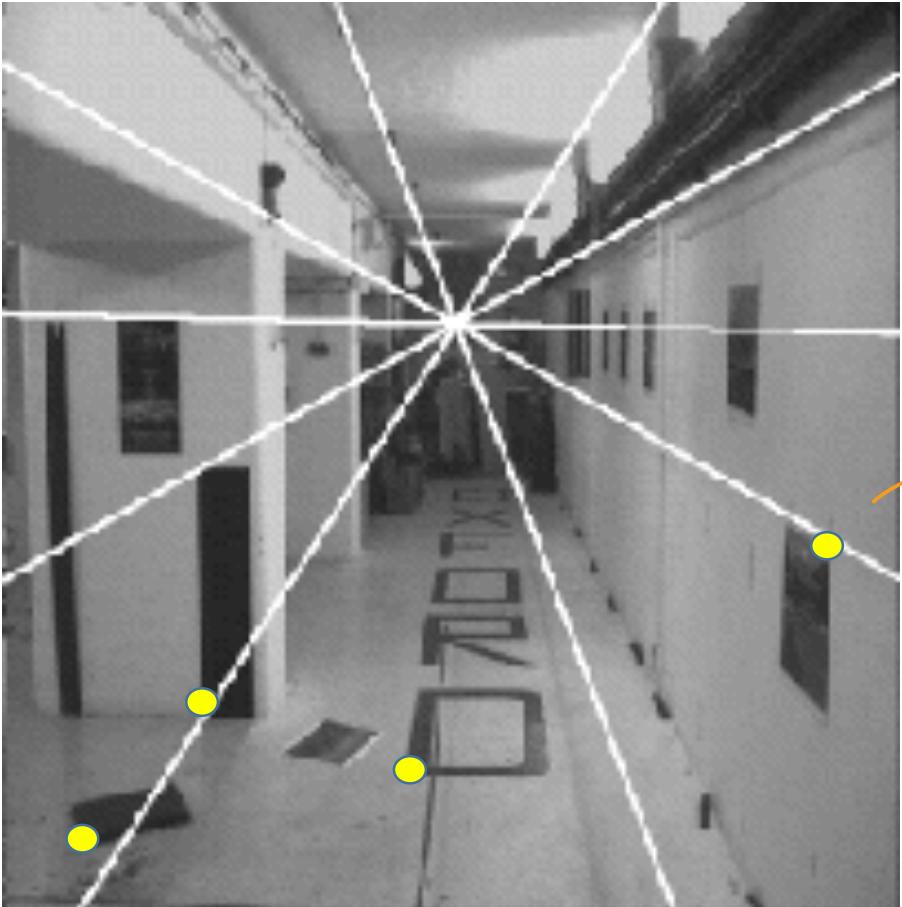
the **image of closer objects move faster**

than the image of distant objects



when motion is translation ... \rightarrow interesting phenomenon
Time to impact
approaching all points by same distance ...

$t = 0$

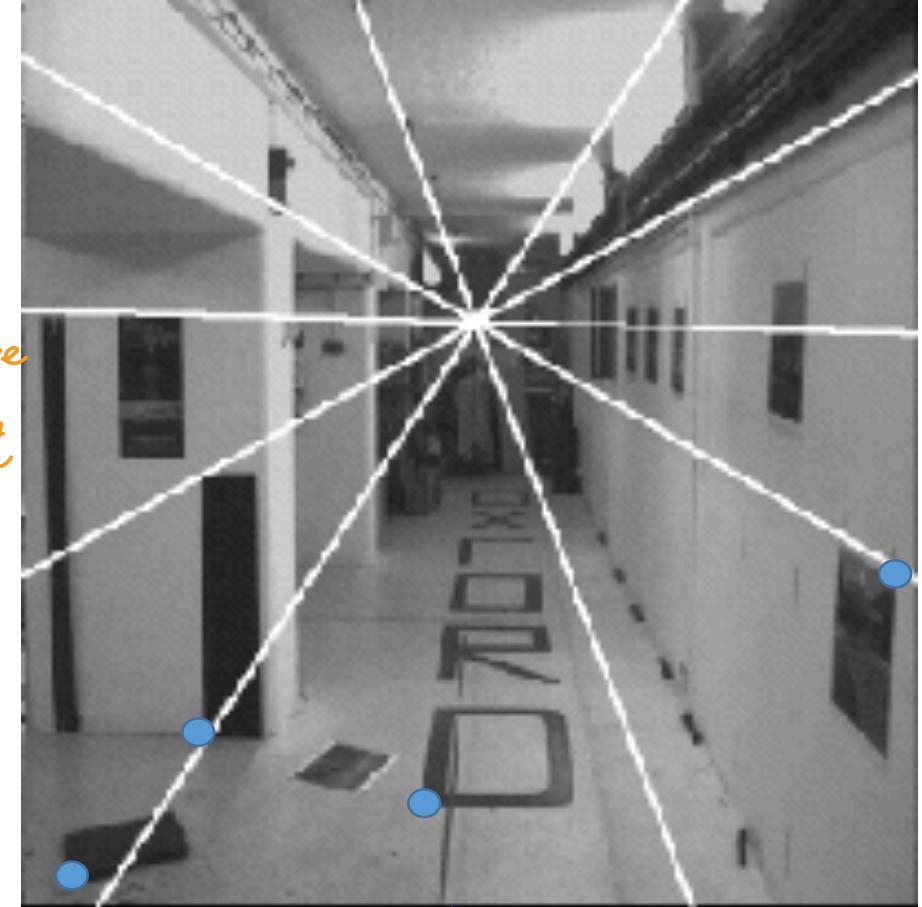


We observe feature movement

since points go under linear pure

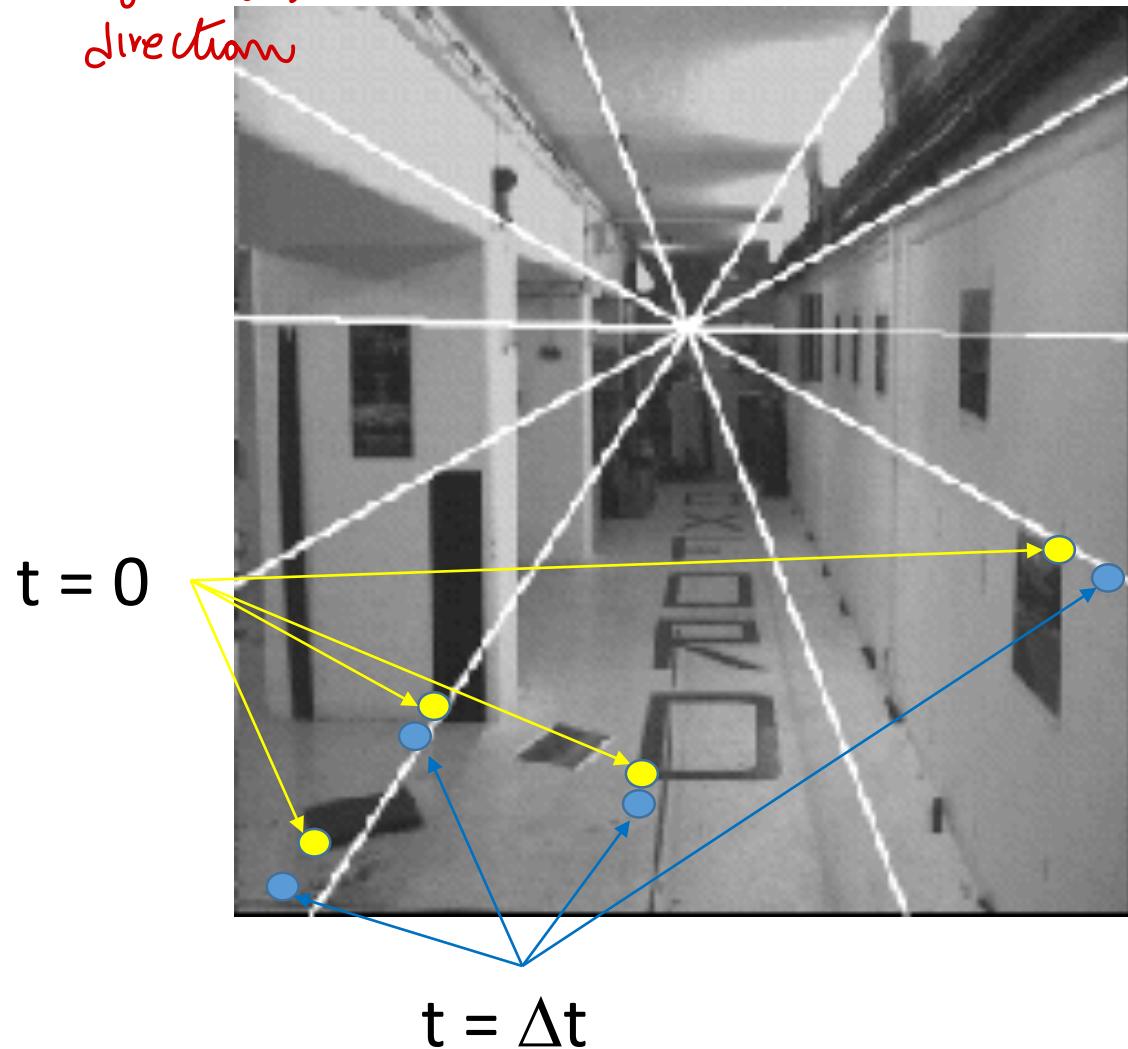
translation ... displacement along time with point @ infinity as translation VANISHING point

$t = \Delta t$



the line joining points are lines along translation as images of small segments, in some direction

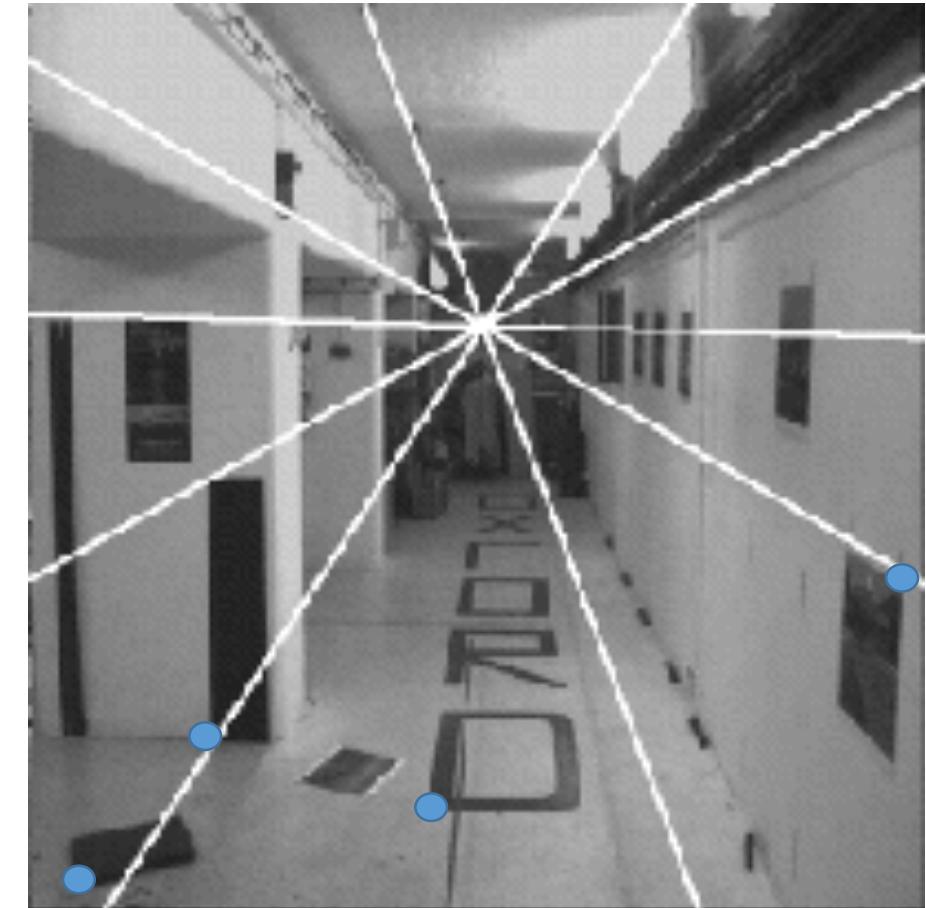
$t = 0$



Time to impact

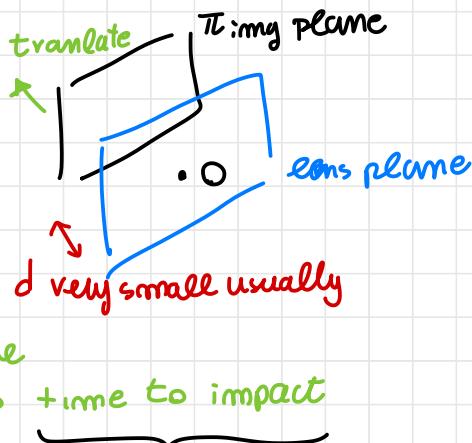
Hyp: constant speed →
space proportional to time

at certain time
a feature cross the
lens plane // image plane
 $t = \Delta t$



When we translate ...
↓

at or certain
point features
crossed by img plane



how many secs take for
a point to hit the
image plane ...
↑

it depends on the point chosen.



when motion at
constant speed v

so time to
impact

← trans space $s \approx t$
proportional to time

d distance along
translation
direction

→ if I can compute the time
to impact I can reconstruct
depth Z // parallel to translation
direction

3D feature coord
along translation direction !

+ calibrated camera \Rightarrow metric reconstruction

IF points are co-linear...
all images of this feature
move while translate ↴
I can compute CROSS
RATIO, being more
than linear

space proportional to time →

cross ratio of times = cross ratio of distances

= cross ratio of image coordinates

$t = 0$

PELTONAN CROSS RATIO
equal to 3D

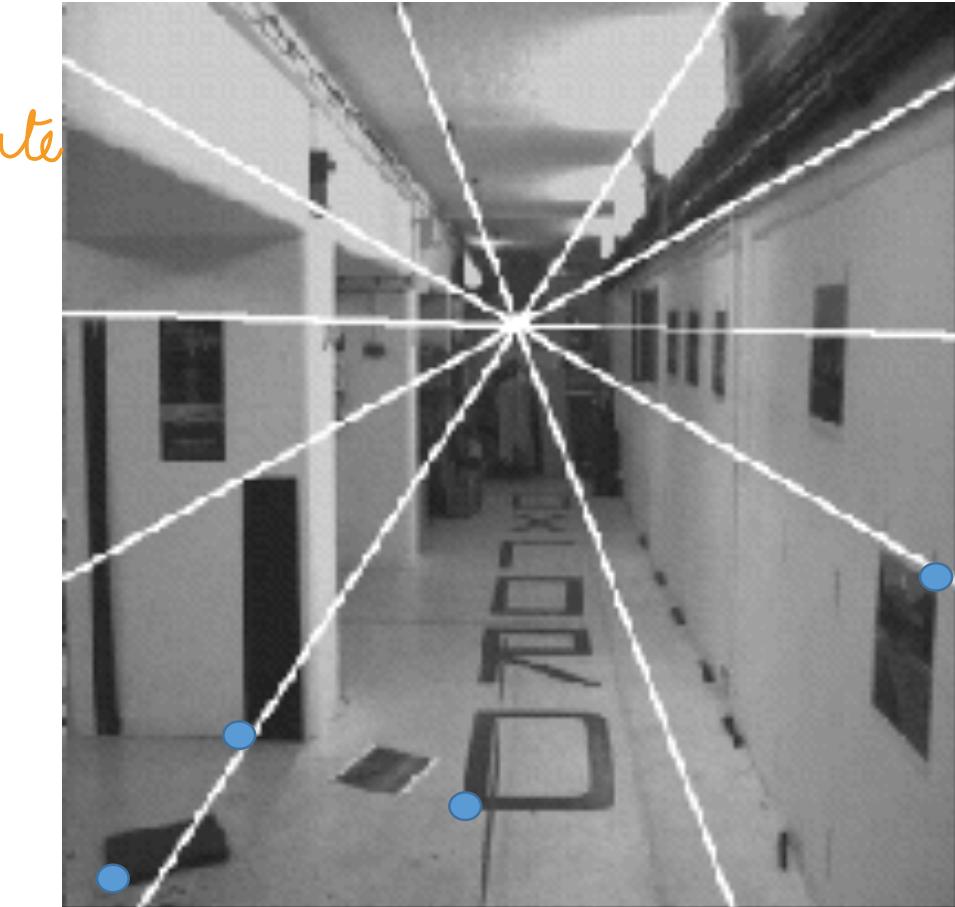
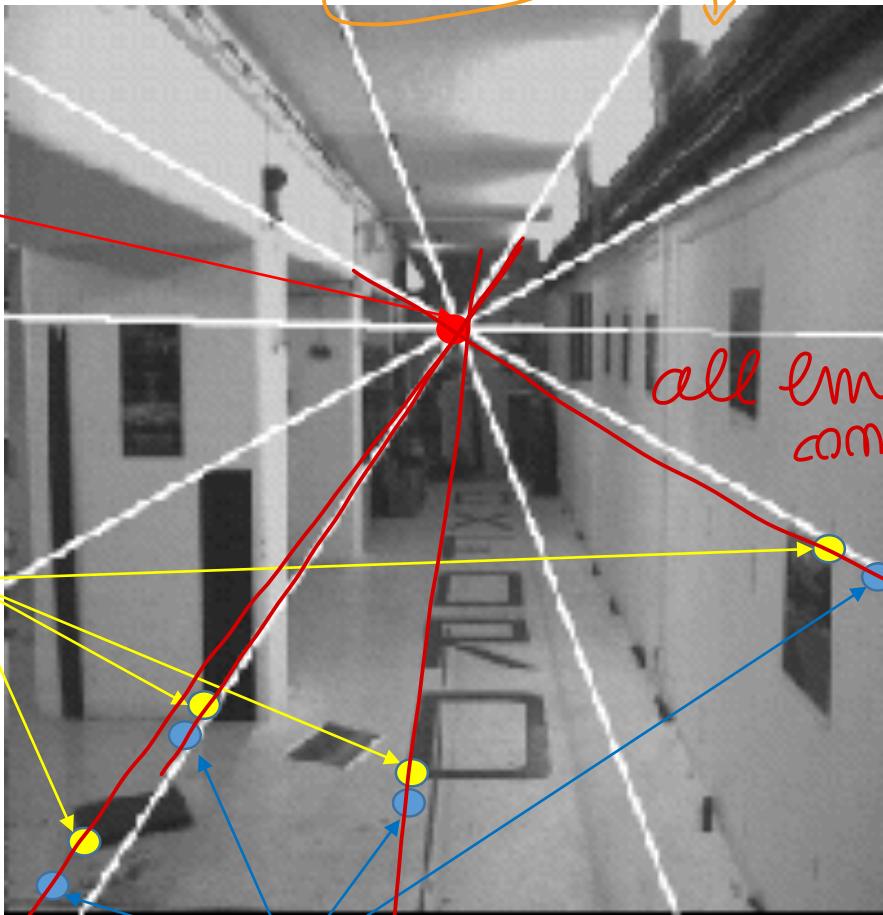
$t = \Delta t$

$t = \infty$

lime
space
coordinate
 \sim time

all lines
converge

$t = 0$



$t = \Delta t$

⇒ IN PRACTICE...

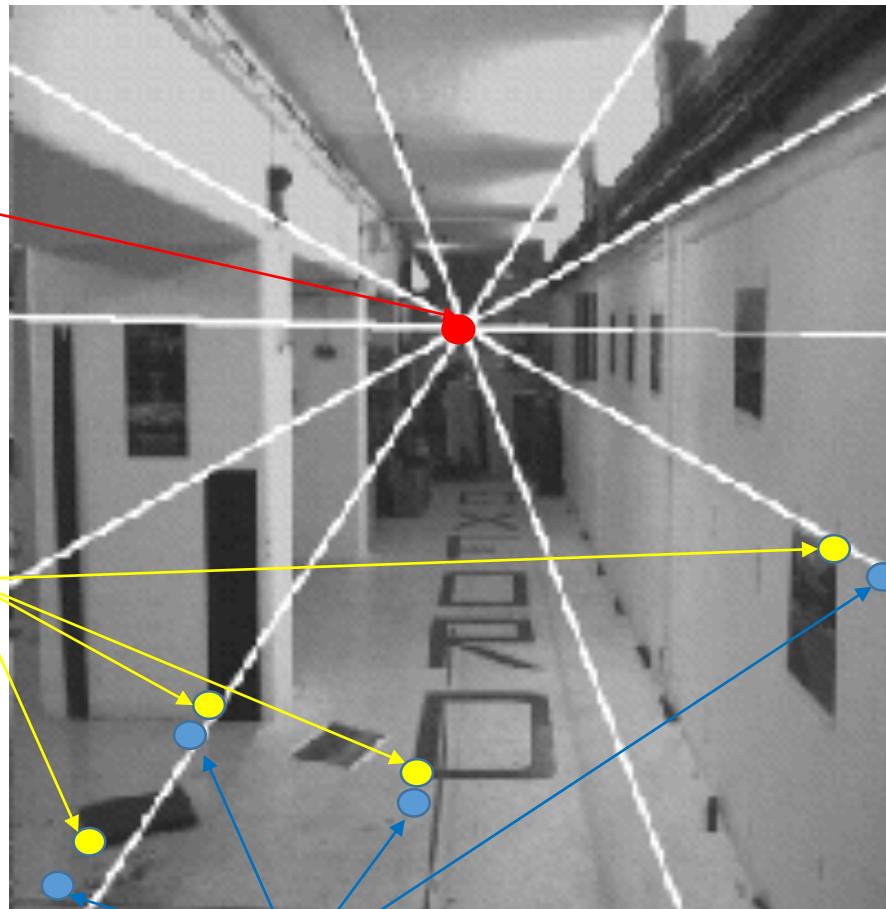
I equate CROSS RATIO
of image coord and distance
over time.. I NEED 4
co-linear points

$t = 0$

$t = \infty$

$t = 0$

$t = \Delta t$



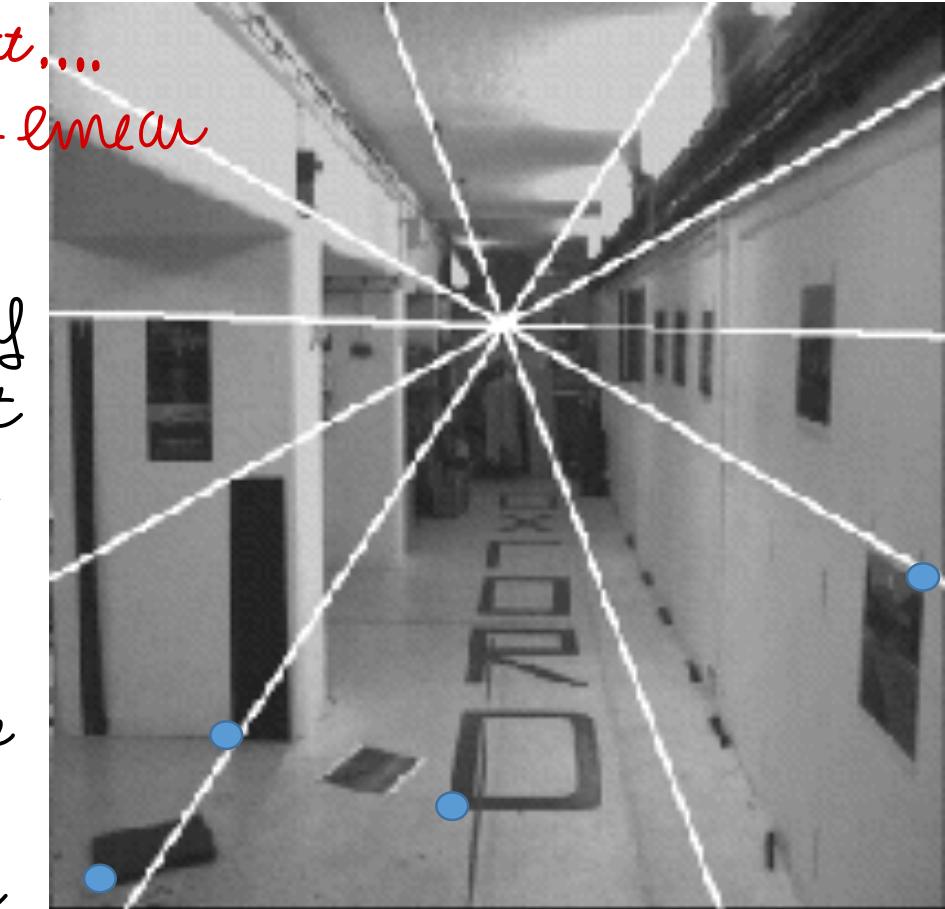
cross ratio of times =

cross ratio of image coordinates

what is the fourth time instant?

$t = \Delta t$

time
of impact....
from co-linear
points
↓
image of
point at
impact..
+
when
feature
hits image
plane
+
intersect



feature plane ⇒ at that point $z = \infty$ depth null

time to
impact \sim space
↓ we can compute

this will reach @ $t = \infty$ what is the fourth time instant?

image of
the point
@ infinity ...
↓

time of impact t_i with lens plane

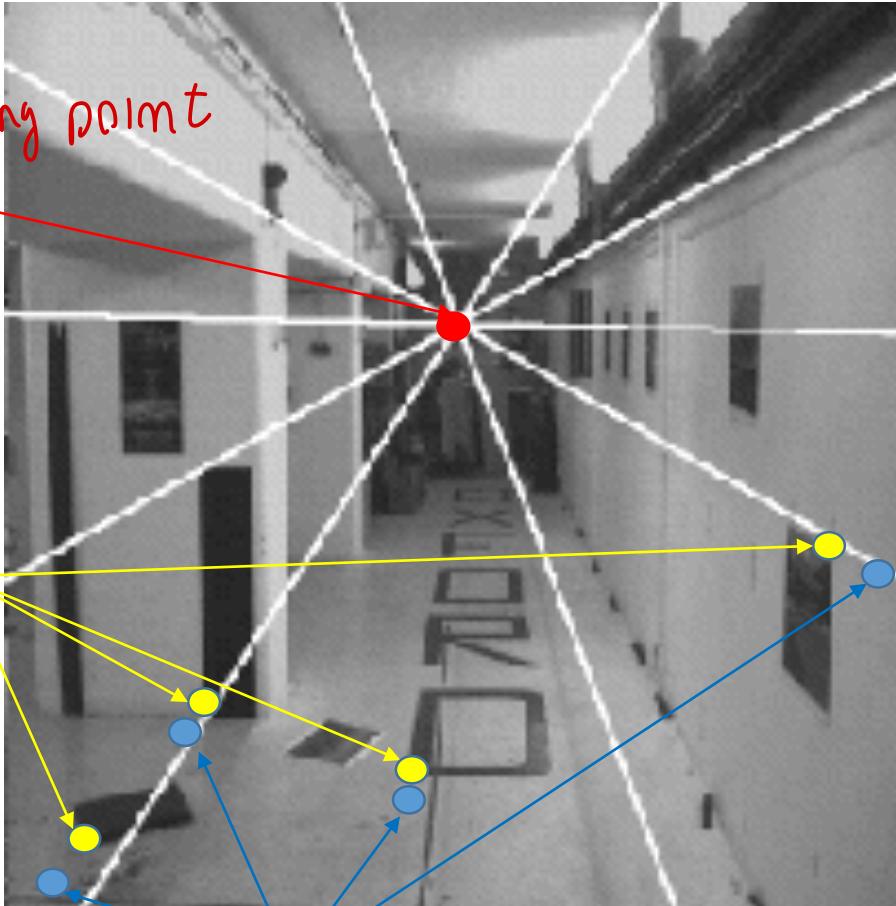
Each feature has its own impact time instant

$t = 0$

vanishing point

$t = \infty$

$t = 0$



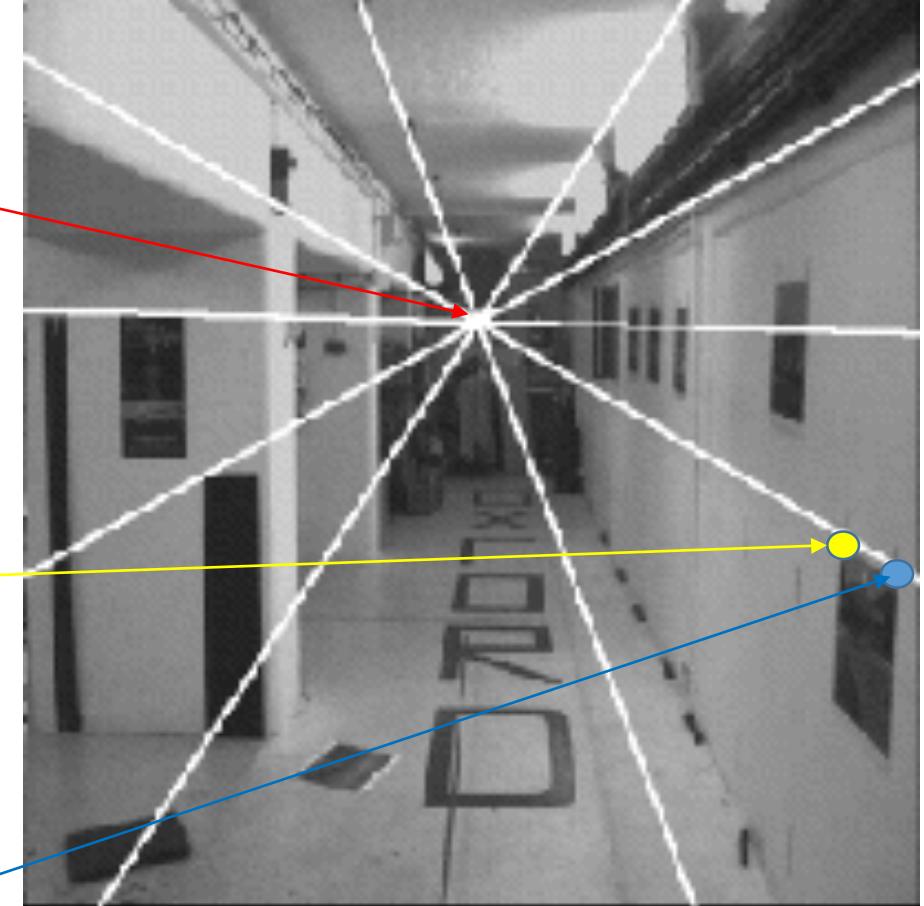
$t = \Delta t$

$t = \Delta t$

$t = \infty$

$t = 0$

$t = \Delta t$

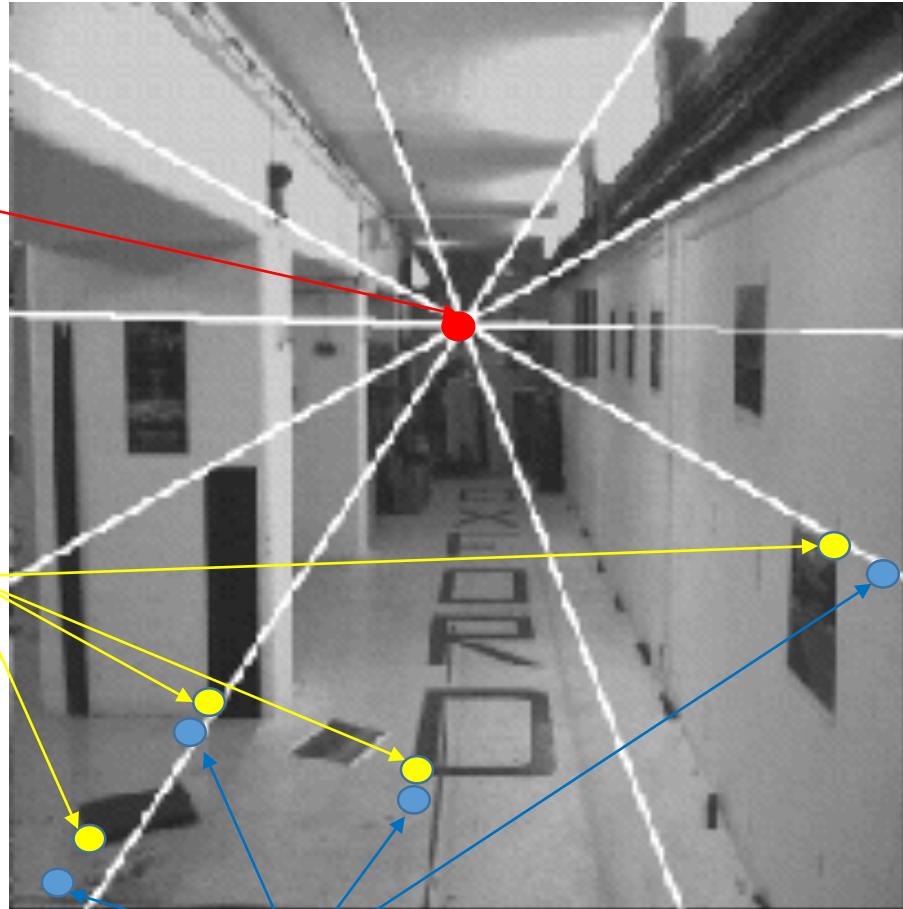


**what is the fourth image coordinate?
at time of impact t_i with lens plane
the image feature is at the ∞**

$t = 0$

$t = \infty$

$t = 0$



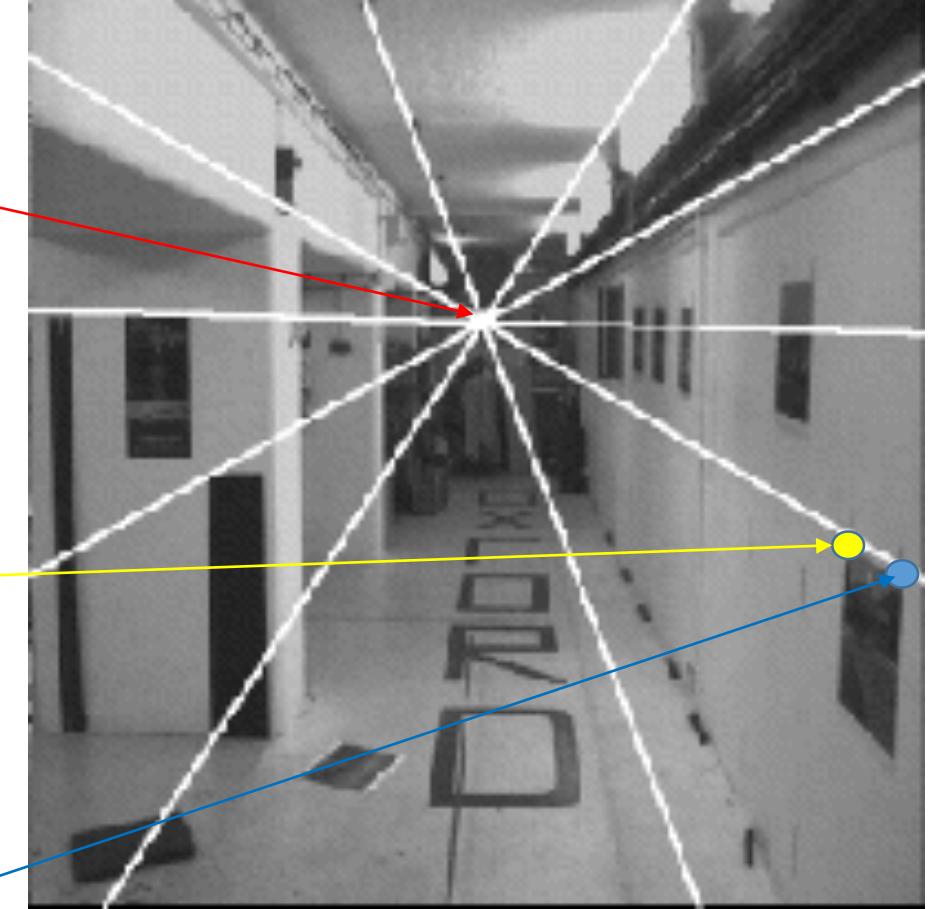
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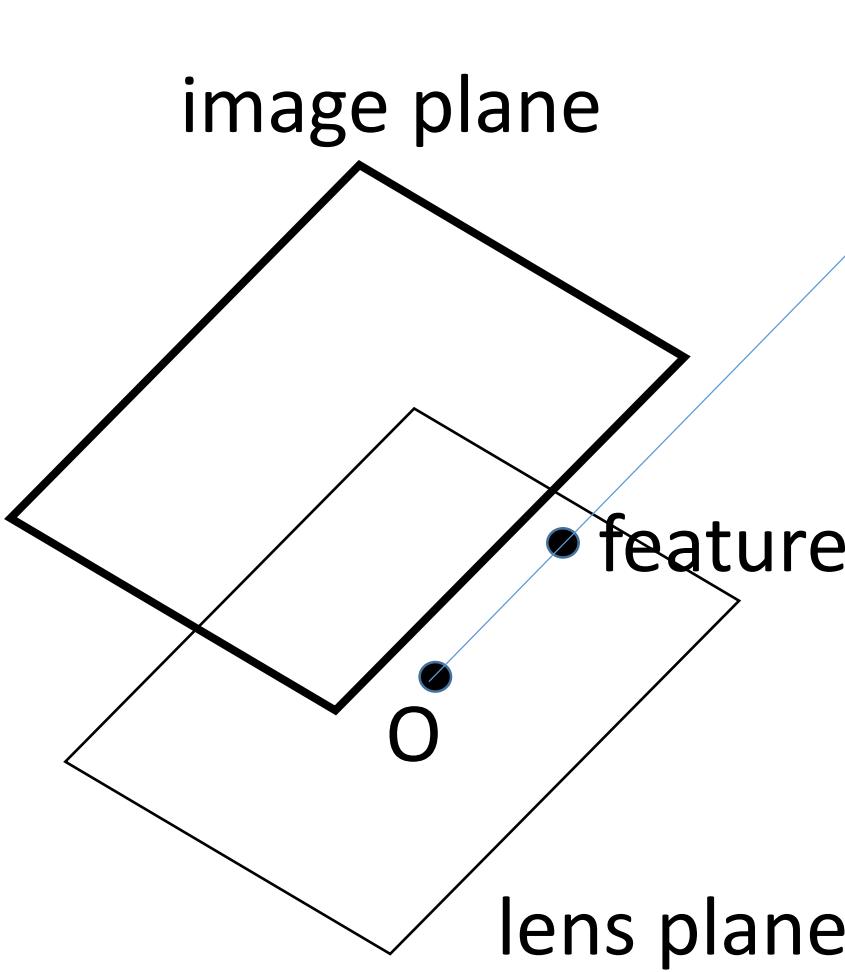
$t = 0$

$t = \Delta t$



so @ impact time,
we know everything,
when impact,
time $t = t_i$
and image is @ ∞ ,
when $t = t_i$; depth
 $z = \infty$

↑
all c_i elements
in time-space
domain
for img-space
are settled



viewing ray:
crosses image plane
at $\infty \rightarrow$
 x at impact is ∞

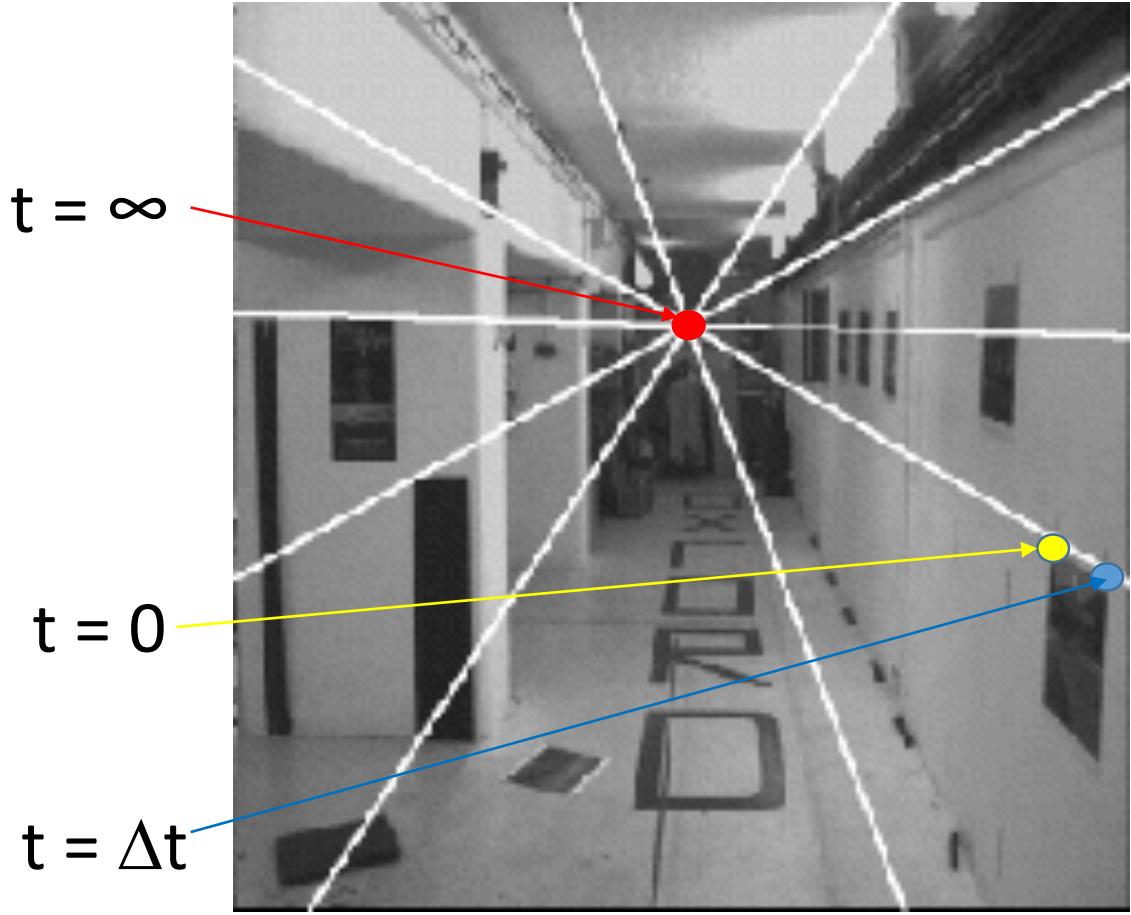
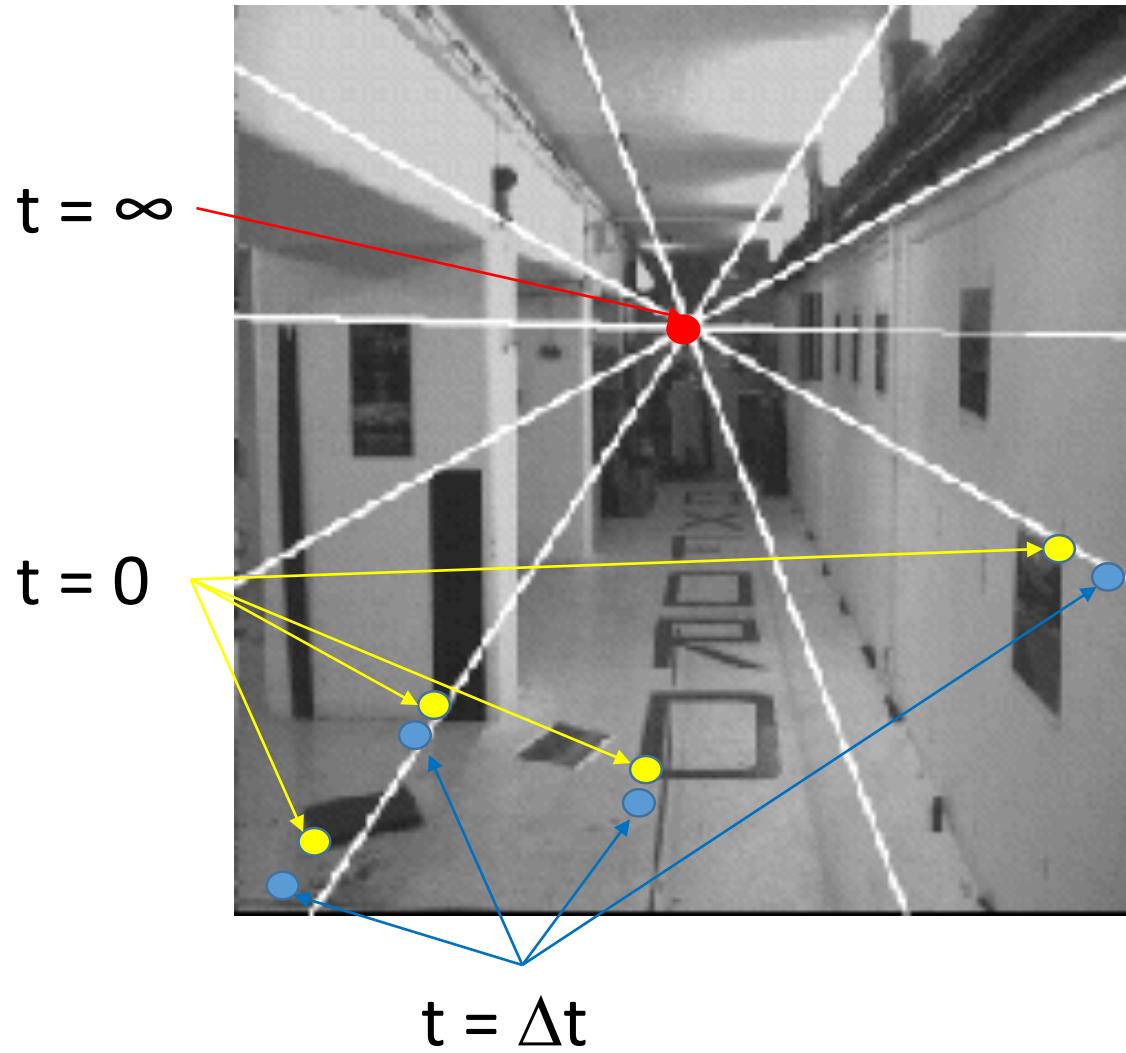
feature at impact

↑ when at
impact, joining
those, you cross
never...
the image is
@ infinity when
crossing at
lens plane

equal cross ratios

$$\frac{t_i - \Delta t}{t_i - 0} / \frac{\infty - \Delta t}{\infty - 0} = \frac{\infty - x'}{\infty - x} / \frac{x_\infty - x'}{x_\infty - x}$$

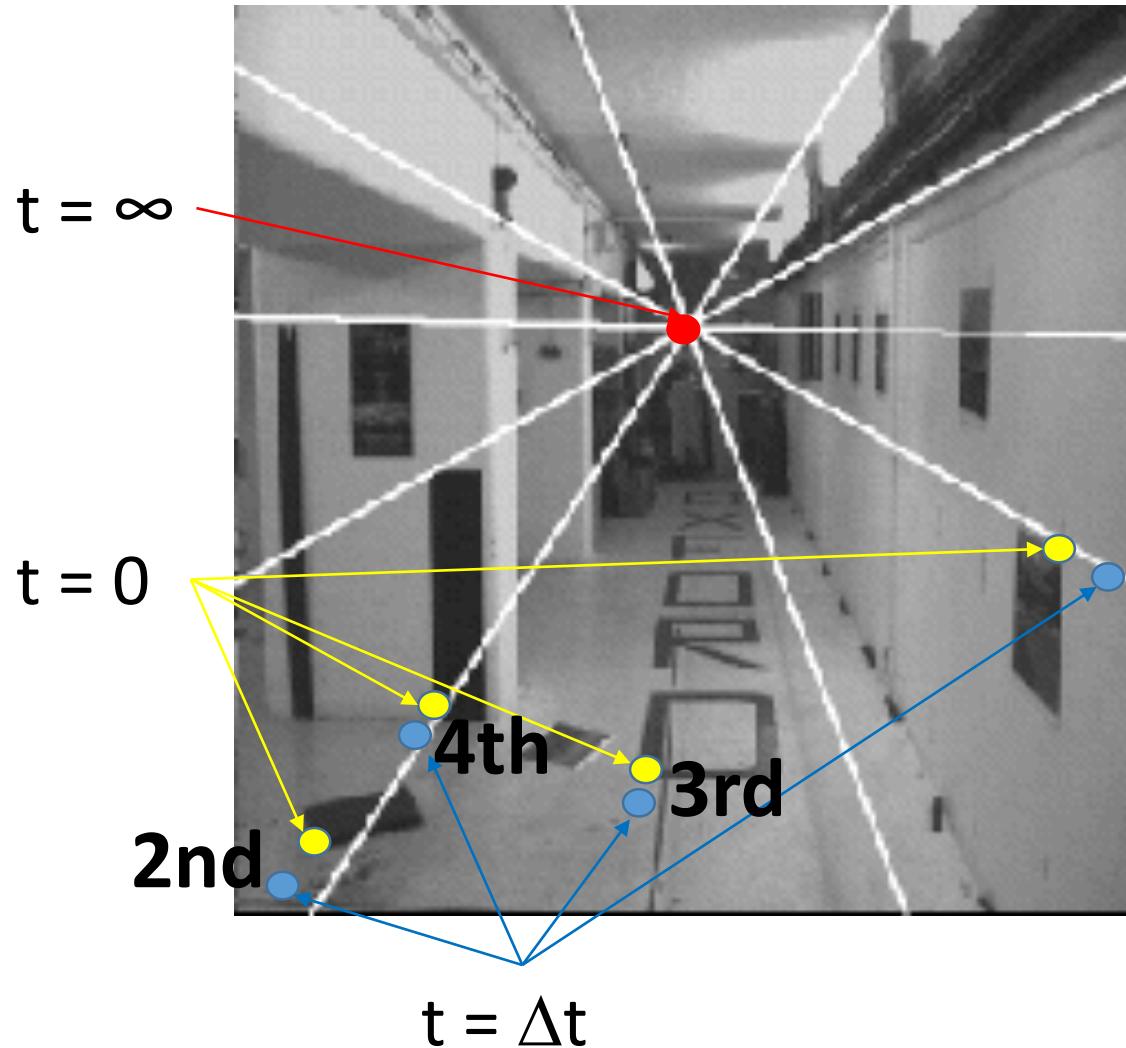
same operations
at impact ...



equal cross ratios

$$t_i = \Delta t \frac{\mathbf{x}_\infty - \mathbf{x}'}{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}$$

) time to impact relation,
proportional to
 Δt time ~ velocity



sort features by increasing
time to impact

computing for each features
we can extract depth



full Reconstruction
if we have calibrated
camera
 π

partial 3D
reconstruction ~

Translational motion

time to impact of a feature

proportional to the **depth** of the feature

(i.e. distance from lens plane along motion direction)



it allows a partial 3D reconstruction

in the case of **calibrated images** (K known)

it allows a **full** (euclidean) 3D reconstruction,

since, for each moving feature, we know both the depth (from its time-to-impact) and the direction (from its viewing ray)

Fundamental matrix for pure translation

$$F = [e']_x M' M^{-1} = [e']_x \quad F \text{ only 2 d.o.f., } x^T [e]_x x = 0 \Rightarrow \text{auto-epipolar}$$

example: $e' = (1, 0, 0)^\top$ $F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_x$ $x'^T F x = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = y'$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = P X = K[I|0] X = K \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = Z \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = Z x_{cart} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = Z K^{-1} x_{cart}$$

$$x' = P' X = K[I|t] \begin{bmatrix} Z K^{-1} x_{cart} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = K[I|t] \begin{bmatrix} K^{-1} x_{cart} \\ 1/Z \end{bmatrix} = x_{cart} + Kt/Z$$

$x' = x_{cart} + Kt/Z$ and if $t_z = 0$ then $x' = x'_{cart}$ it is cartesian

motion starts at x and moves towards (or away from) e , faster depending on Z

By the way

$x' = x_{cart} + Kt/Z$ is a multiple of x'_{cart}

$$x' = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + Kt/Z = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f_x & (s) & U_o \\ 0 & f_y & V_o \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \end{bmatrix} / Z = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ 1 + t_z/Z \end{bmatrix}$$

\rightarrow

$$x'_{cart} = \frac{x'}{1+t_z/Z} \rightarrow x'_{cart}(1+t_z/Z) = x' = x_{cart} + Kt/Z$$

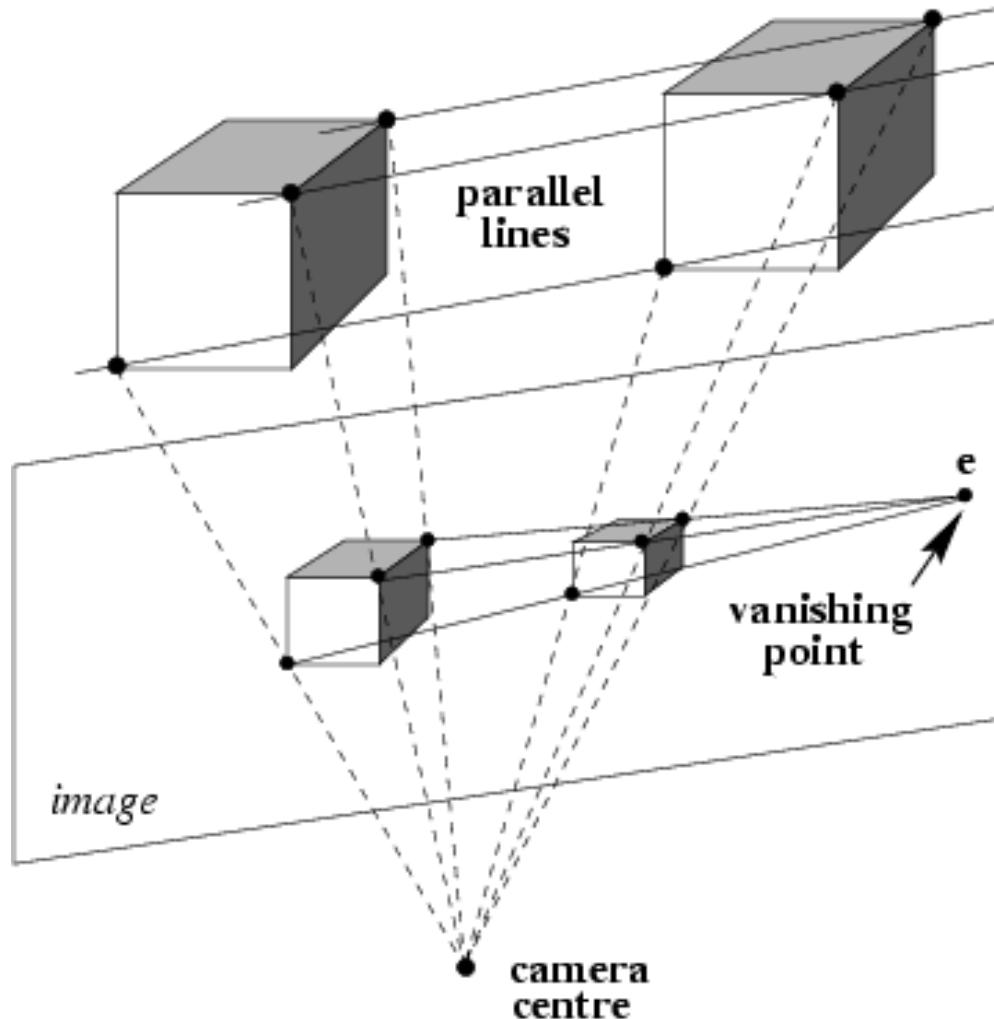
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see next slide $x'_{cart} + x'_{cart}(t_z/Z) = x_{cart} + x_\infty(t_z/Z)$

\rightarrow

$$Z = t_z \frac{x_\infty - x'_{cart}}{x'_{cart} - x_{cart}}$$

(ratio of two colinear vectors)

Fundamental matrix for pure translation



Viewing ray of epipole is parallel to the translation direction
 $K^{-1}e = t \rightarrow e = Kt$

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(ratio of two colinear vectors)

Observation

depth can be useful in many application

t_z : camera displacement along Z during Δt

You can compute Z coord using translation displacement instead of t

$$Z = t_z \frac{x_\infty - x'_{cart}}{x'_{cart} - x_{cart}}$$

and

$$t_i = \Delta t \frac{x_\infty - x'_{cart}}{x_{cart} - x'_{cart}}$$

given Z depth
we need viewing direction to achieve full reconstruction
Calibrated camera

are of opposite sign:

this is because the time to impact is positive only if Z decreases with time, which can only occur if the speed $t_z / \Delta t$ is negative

depth Z provide distance coord along transelation respect
lens plane...



by depth, moving along Z direction,
we can reconstruct points depth

↓ feature depth

BUT NOT full 3D reconstruction

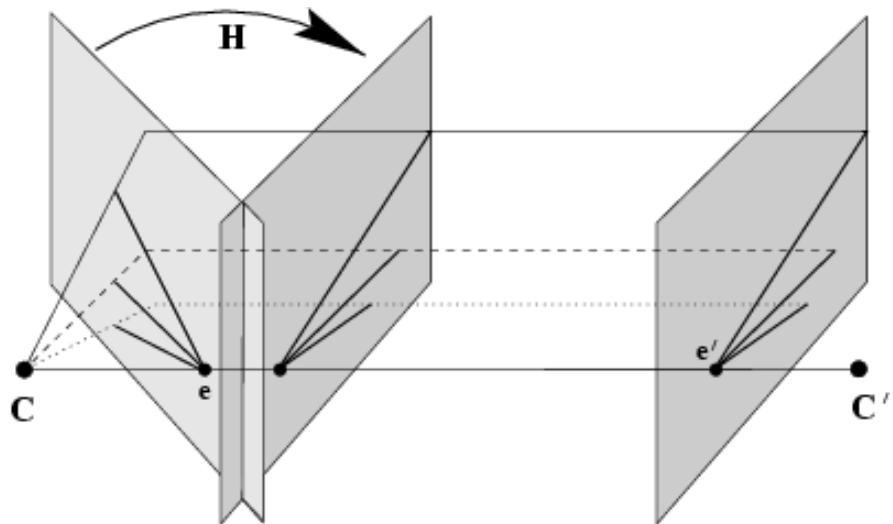


intersect viewing
ray with plane T_{LZ}
at depth Z to

reconstruct the scene

← to specify position you need also
viewing direction of that point!

General motion



$$\mathbf{x}'^\top [\mathbf{e}'] \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x}'^\top [\mathbf{e}'] H \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = Z \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{cart}$$

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{K}'[\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{t}] \begin{bmatrix} Z \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{cart} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K}'[\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{t}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{cart} \\ \frac{1}{Z} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K}' \mathbf{R} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{cart} + \mathbf{K}' \mathbf{t} / Z$$

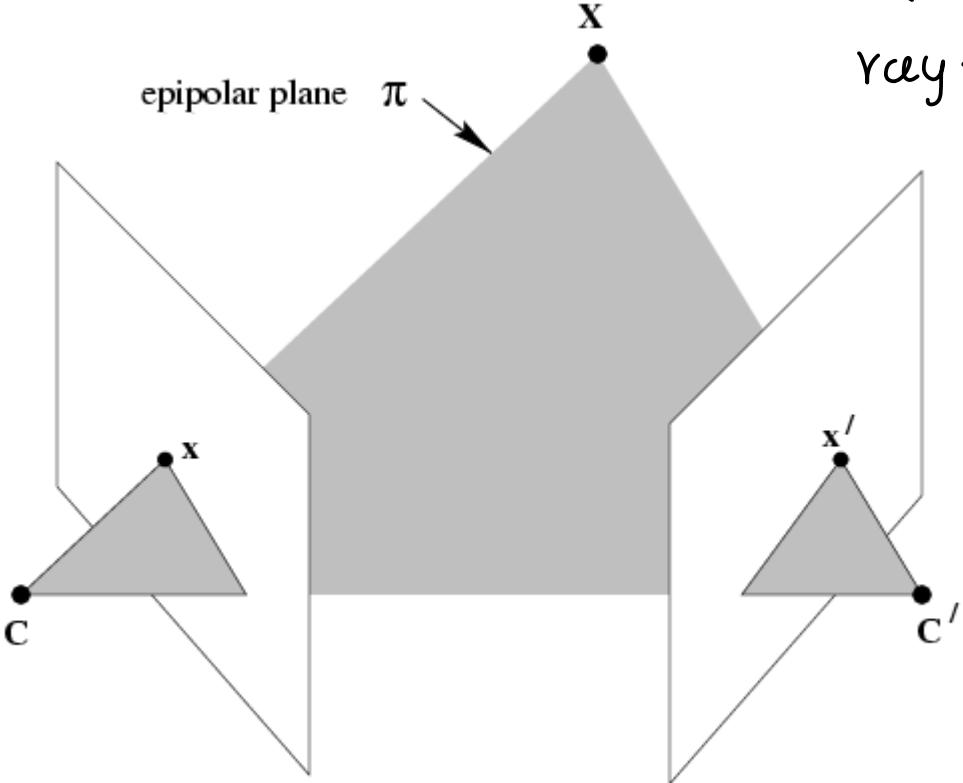
$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{K}' \mathbf{R} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{cart} + \mathbf{K}' \mathbf{t} / Z$$

3D reconstruction by triangulation

to do this, a technique is TRIANGULATION



extracting viewing rays and finding point X



X = intersection of the viewing rays:

- viewing ray associated to x with camera P
- viewing ray associated to x' with camera P'

Attention: change of notation

under
some conditions
you can reconstruct \Rightarrow

$$P, P' \rightarrow P_1, P_2$$

I camera

II camera

$$P'_1, P'_2 \leftarrow$$

in reconstruction, we
modify (refine) camera until

we get the
correct

will be used to indicate modified camera pairs

Iteratively try to fix it

Remember: (in new notation) \downarrow

Fundamental matrix of cameras $P_1 = [M_1 | m_1], P_2 = [M_2 | m_2]$:

$$F = [e_2]_x M_2 M_1^{-1}$$

$$e_2 = \text{LNS}(F) \rightarrow e_2^T F = 0$$

Projective Ambiguity Theorem

give you two equivalent facts! ↴

A fundamental matrix F_{12} is compatible with camera pairs (P_1, P_2) and (P'_1, P'_2)

From P_1, P_2 F is univocally determined,

While from F I have ∞ number of

P'_1, P'_2 compatible with it

both first cameras couples 1, 2
and adjusted 1', 2' cameras



It holds that:

camera pairs are projectively related: i.e. \exists an invertible matrix $H_{4 \times 4}$ such that

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{cases} P'_1 = P_1 H^{-1} \\ P'_2 = P_2 H^{-1} \end{cases}$$

both transformed
in same way!

this

holds in
other direction ↗

Projective Ambiguity Theorem

proof of \uparrow direction

this is
"easy" to
proof

camera pairs (P_1, P_2) and (P'_1, P'_2) have the same fundamental matrix F_{12}

can be computed from
pairs of image points correspond.

given camera pairs related, then
camera pairs are projectively related: i. e. \exists an invertible matrix $H_{4 \times 4}$ such that

points co-planar
remain such that,
co-linearity, CR
order of contact
etc.. preserved!

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P'_1 = P_1 H^{-1} \\ P'_2 = P_2 H^{-1} \end{array} \right\}$$

→ compatible with same F

because F from pairs of img points



compatible with same images...

also lot of related cameras are fine \Rightarrow

Projective ambiguity: ↑ proof summary

Suppose that a Fundamental matrix F is compatible with a camera pair (P_1, P_2) . Consider a second camera pair (P'_1, P'_2) such that:

given camera matrx

$$\begin{cases} P'_1 = P_1 H^{-1} \\ P'_2 = P_2 H^{-1} \end{cases}$$

we have ∞ pairs of cameras compatible ...

Triangulating the viewing rays of corresponding pairs of image points (x_1, x_2) according to cameras (P_1, P_2) , the 3D points X are obtained. by intersection

Now apply a projective transformation H to points X : points $X' = HX$ are obtained.

Project the transformed points $X' = HX$ onto cameras (P'_1, P'_2) :

The same image points (\rightarrow same Fundamental matrix F) are obtained by image-projecting

the transformed 3D points $X' = HX$ onto the new cameras (P'_1, P'_2)
by applying transformation in fact reconstruction related to original ..

false cameras

P'_1, P'_2 gives

triangulation
that still keep
same image,
projectively
related

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x'_1 = P'_1 X' = P_1 H^{-1} X' = P_1 H^{-1} H X = P_1 X = x_1 \\ x'_2 = P'_2 X' = P_2 H^{-1} X' = P_2 H^{-1} H X = P_2 X = x_2 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{same image!}$$

given image pairs are compatible not only with true 3D points X
but also with any projectively transformed points $X' = HX$

← FIRST STEP of
3D reconstruction

2) from false

triangulation,

I reduce generality
to affine, then

similarity

↓

reach
desired
reconstruction

Projective transformation and invariance

Derivation based purely on projective concepts

$$\hat{x} = Hx, \hat{x}' = H'x' \Rightarrow \hat{F} = H'^{-T} F H^{-1}$$

F invariant to transformations of projective 3D-space

$$x_1 = P_1 X = \left(P_1 H^{-1} \right) (H X) = P'_1 X'$$

$$x_2 = P_2 X = \left(P_2 H^{-1} \right) (H X) = P'_2 X'$$

$$(P_1, P_2) \mapsto F \quad \text{unique}$$

$$F_{12} \mapsto (P_1, P_2) \quad \text{not unique}$$

canonical form

$$P_1 = [I \mid 0]$$

$$P_2 = [M \mid m]$$

$$e_2 = m \rightarrow F_{12} = [m]_x M$$

useful fact learnt from the \uparrow proof

A set of images of a given scene

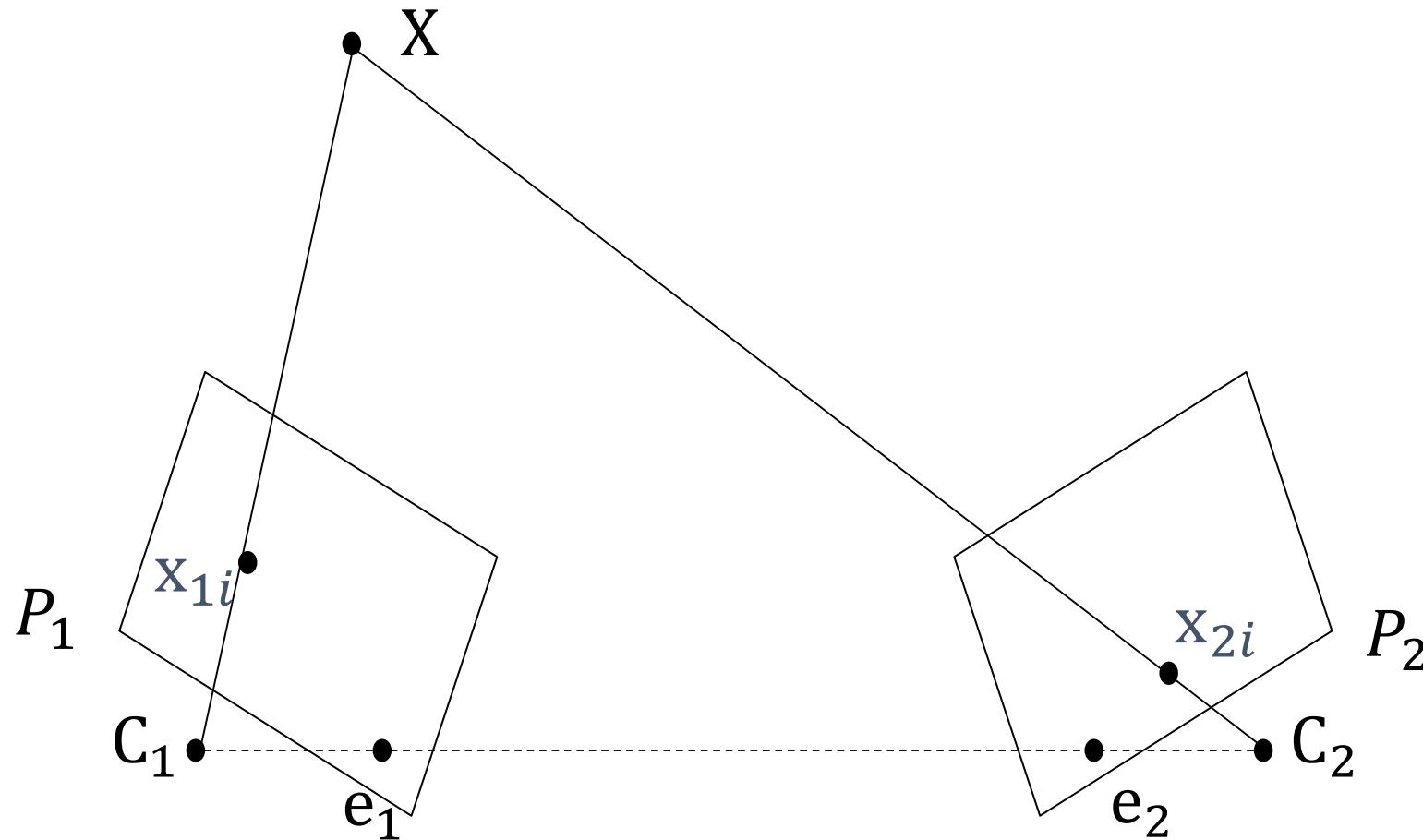
are also compatible with

any projective transformation of the given scene

or

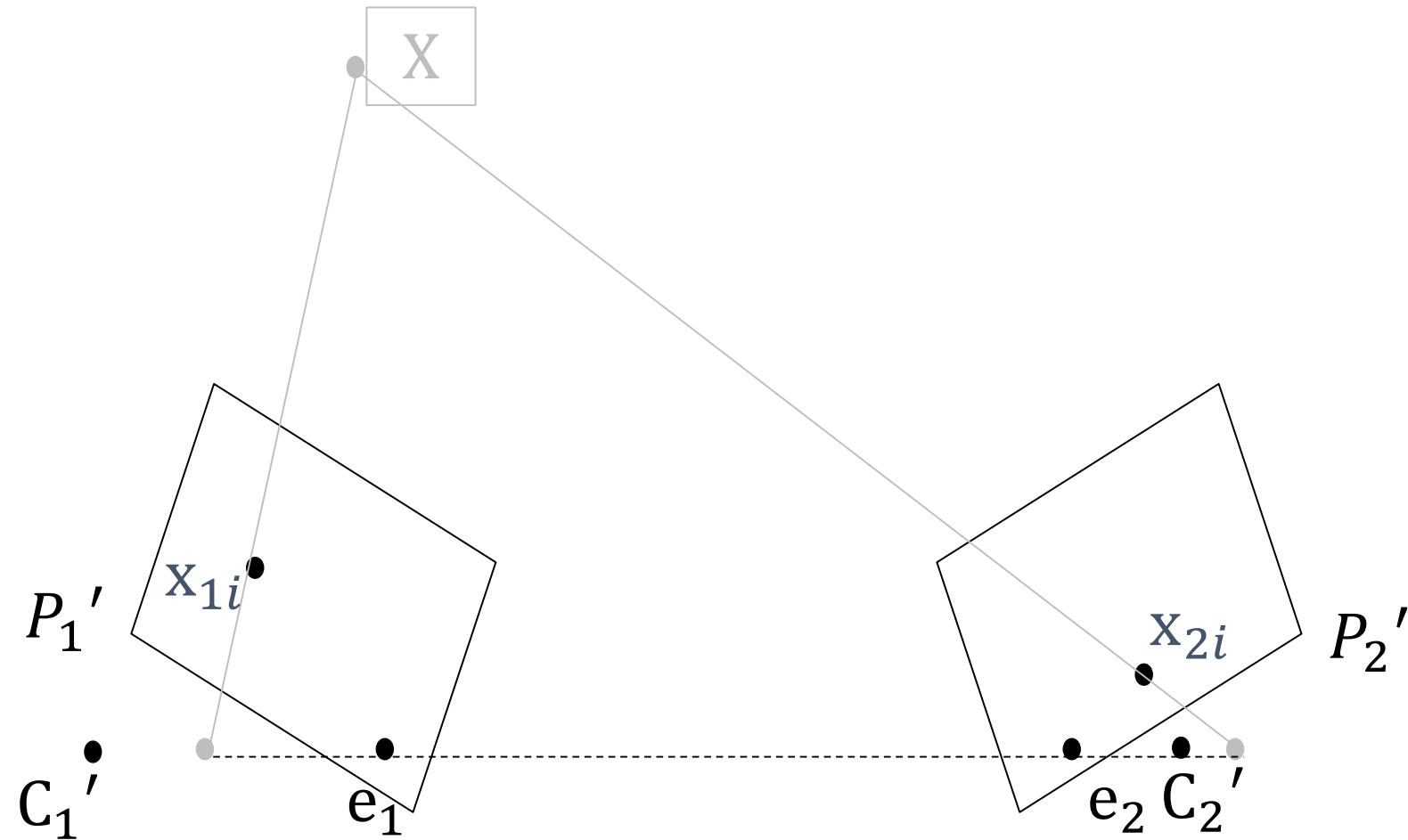
any two projectively related 3D scenes can produce exactly the same images:
by adapting the cameras, i.e. by letting the camera matrices vary

Projective ambiguity $F=F(P_1, P_2)$:
given corresponding image points

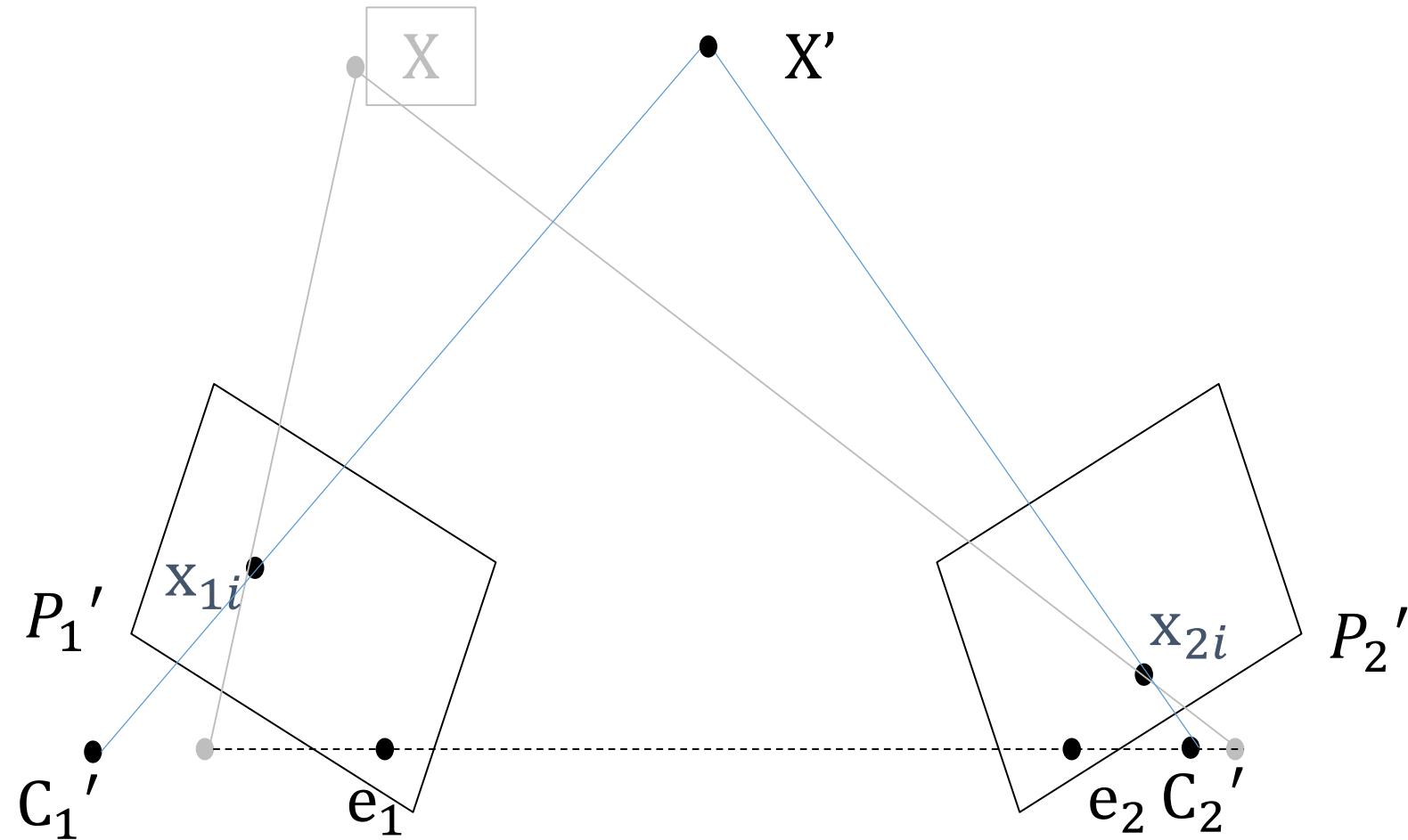


triangulated points X

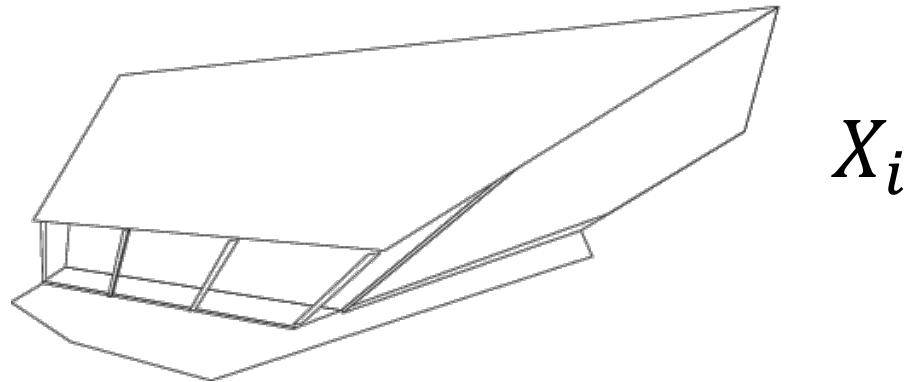
Projective ambiguity $F=F(P_1', P_2')=F(P_1, P_2)$:
other cameras with the same F : $P_1'=P_1H^{-1}$ $P_2'=P_2H^{-1}$

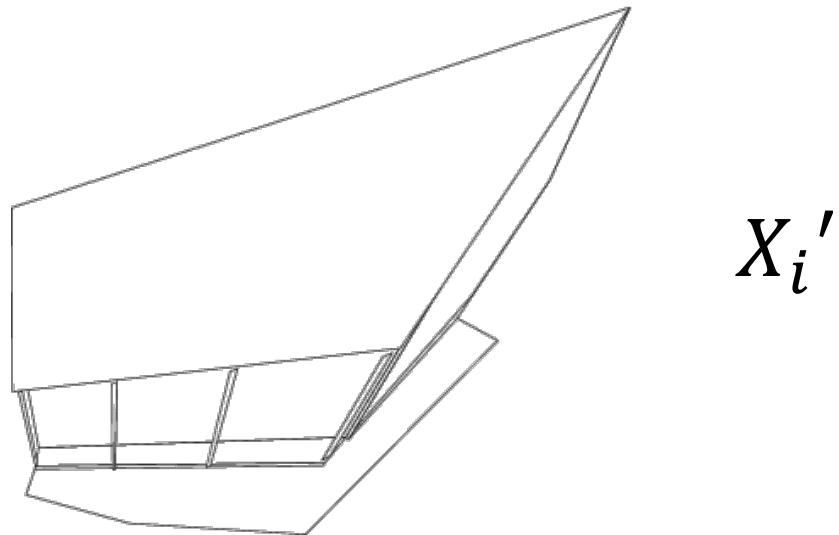


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triangulated points $X' = HX$

 X_i 



X_i'



Camera pairs in canonical form

From ↑ part of the theorem

two camera pairs that are projectively related have the same F



if camera pair (P_1^o, P_2^o) has F as fundamental matrix, with $P_1^o = [M \ m]$,

then take $H = \begin{bmatrix} M & m \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$: $P_1^o = [M \ m] = [I \ 0]H$

therefore, also $P_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [I \ 0] = P_1^o H^{-1}$ and $P_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [A \ a] = P_2^o H^{-1}$

have the same F as fundamental matrix!! Cameras in **canonical form** for F :

$$(P_1, P_2) = ([I \ 0], [A \ a])$$

In addition, the epipole of pair $(P_1, P_2) = (([I \ 0], [A \ a]))$ is $[A \ a] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = a$

$$\text{and } F = [e_2]_x M_2 M_1^{-1} = [a]_x A I^{-1} = [a]_x A$$

image by P_2 of the center of P_1

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$$P'_2 = P_2 H^{-1}$$

Projective ambiguity of cameras given F

↓ easier proof with cameras in canonical form

if F is the same both for (P_1, P_2) and for (P'_1, P'_2) →

\exists a projective transformation H so that $P'_1 = P_1 H^{-1}$ and $P'_2 = P_2 H^{-1}$

$$P_1 = [I|0]; P = P_2 = [A|a] \text{ and } P'_1 = [I|0]; P' = P'_2 = [\tilde{A}|\tilde{a}]$$

$$F = [a]_x A = [\tilde{a}]_x \tilde{A}$$

lemma: $\tilde{a} = ka$ and $\tilde{A} = k^{-1}(A + av^T)$

proof: $a^T F = a^T [a]_x A = 0$ and similarly $\tilde{a}^T F \Rightarrow 0$ $\tilde{a} = ka$ since they are both LNS of the rank 2 matrix F

$[a]_x A = [\tilde{a}]_x \tilde{A} \Rightarrow [a]_x (k\tilde{A} - A) = 0 \Rightarrow$ all columns of $(k\tilde{A} - A)$ are multiples of a $\Rightarrow (k\tilde{A} - A) = av^T$
in fact, $a \times (k\tilde{A} - A) = 0 \Rightarrow a$ is «parallel» to each column vector in $(k\tilde{A} - A)$

take $H^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} k^{-1}I & 0 \\ k^{-1}v^T & k \end{bmatrix}$ $P_1 H^{-1} = [I|0] = P'_1$ and from $(k\tilde{A} - A) = av^T$ is $\tilde{A} = k^{-1}(A + av^T)$

$$P_2 H^{-1} = [A|a] \begin{bmatrix} k^{-1}I & 0 \\ k^{-1}v^T & k \end{bmatrix} = [k^{-1}(A + av^T) | ka] = [\tilde{A}|\tilde{a}] = P'_2 \quad (22-15=7, \text{ok})$$

useful fact learnt from the ↓ proof

if

cameras $P_1 = [I|0]$ and $P_2 = [A|a]$ are compatible with a Fundamental matrix F_{12}

then

also cameras $P'_1 = [I|\mathbf{0}]$ and $P'_2 = [A + av^T | \lambda a]$
are compatible with F_{12} , for any vector v and scalar λ

Most general canonical cameras given F

A possible choice of cameras compatible with a given F :

$$P_1 = [I|0] \quad P_2 = [[e_2]_x F | e_2], \quad (e_2 = \text{LNS } F)$$

since the fundamental matrix of (P_1, P_2) is F : in fact for canonical cameras is

$$F = [m]_x M = [e_2]_x M = [e_2]_x [e_2]_x F = -\|e_2\|^2 F \Leftrightarrow F$$

However, $M = [e_2]_x F$ is singular \rightarrow camera P_2 is degenerate

Canonical representation:

from theorem proof with $A = [e_2]_x F$, $a = e_2$, divide by k and take $\lambda = 1/k^2$

$$P_1 = [I|0] \quad P_2 = [[e_2]_x F + e_2 v^T | \lambda e_2]$$

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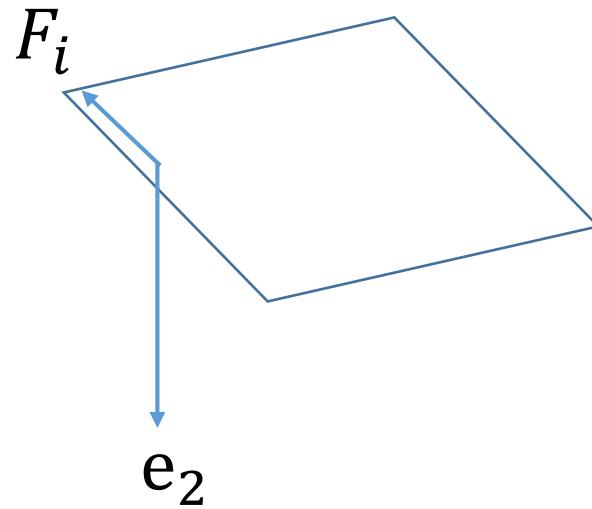
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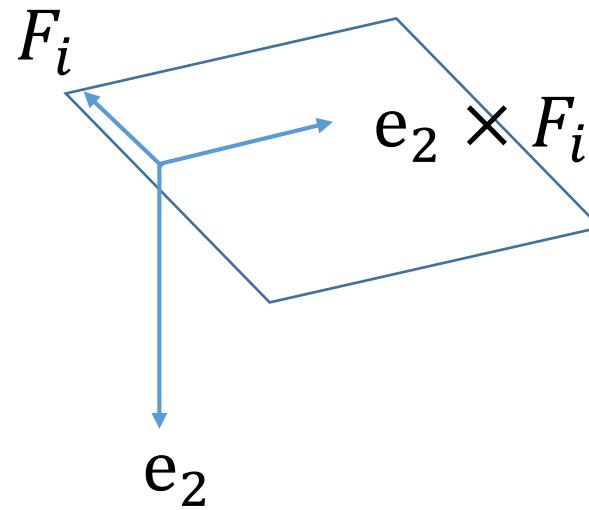
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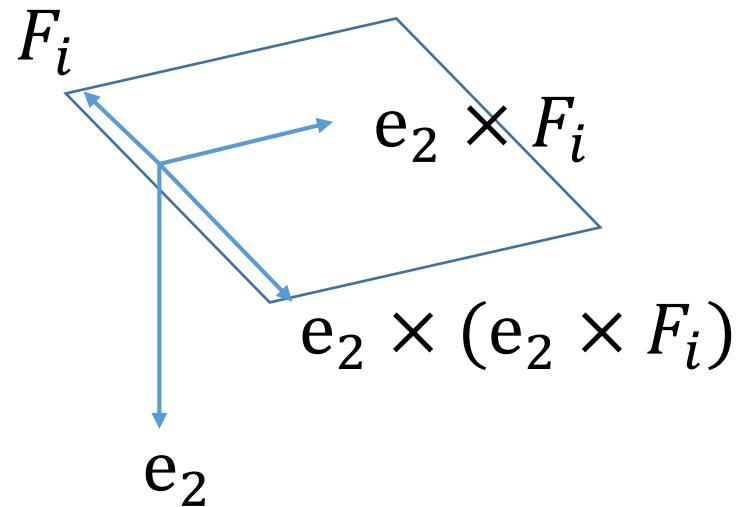
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$$[\mathbf{e}_2]_{\times}[\mathbf{e}_2]_{\times}\mathbf{F}_i = -\|\mathbf{e}_2\|^2\mathbf{F}_i$$



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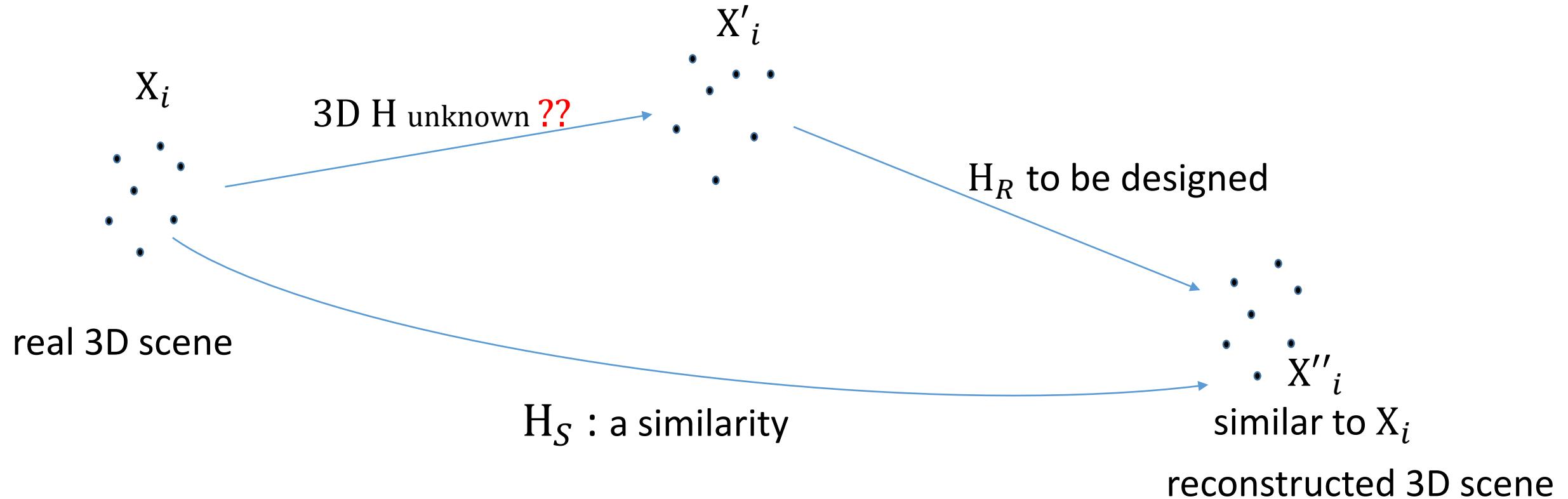
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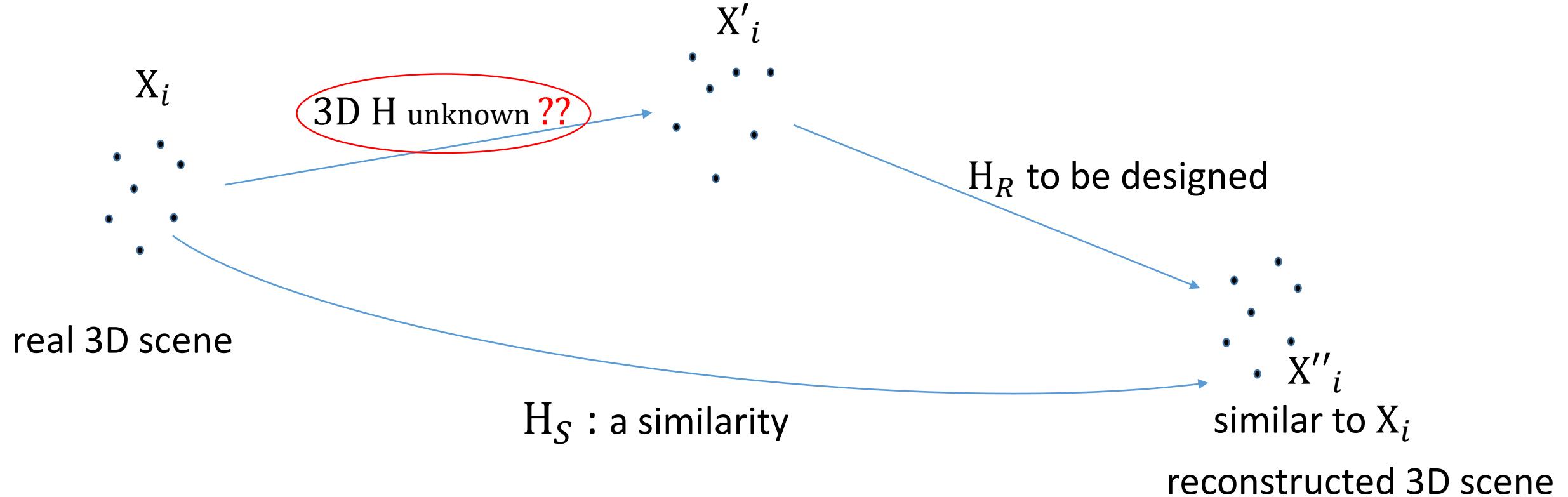
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3D shape reconstruction from images



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3D reconstruction problem

A step was left behind, while studying 3D projective Geometry:

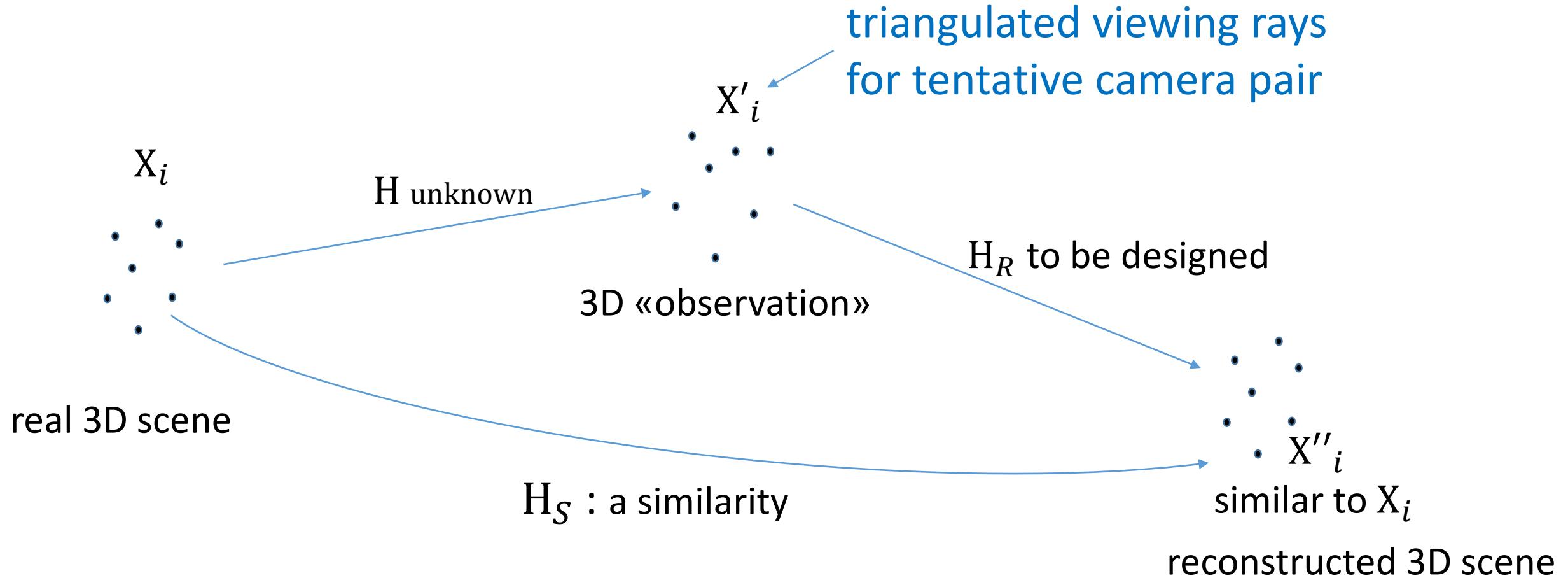
- How to construct an observation of the 3D scene, that is a 3D projectivity of it?
- Take 2D images of 3D scene points X_i and find correspondences $x_1^i \leftrightarrow x_2^i$
- Find fundamental matrix(es) F_{12} by solving $\begin{cases} x_2^{Ti} F_{12} x_1^i = 0 \\ i = 1 \dots N \end{cases}$ for F_{12}
- Take a tentative pair of cameras compatible with F_{12}

$$P_1 = [I \mid 0] \quad P_2 = [[e_2]_x F_{12} + e_2 v^T \mid \lambda e_2]$$

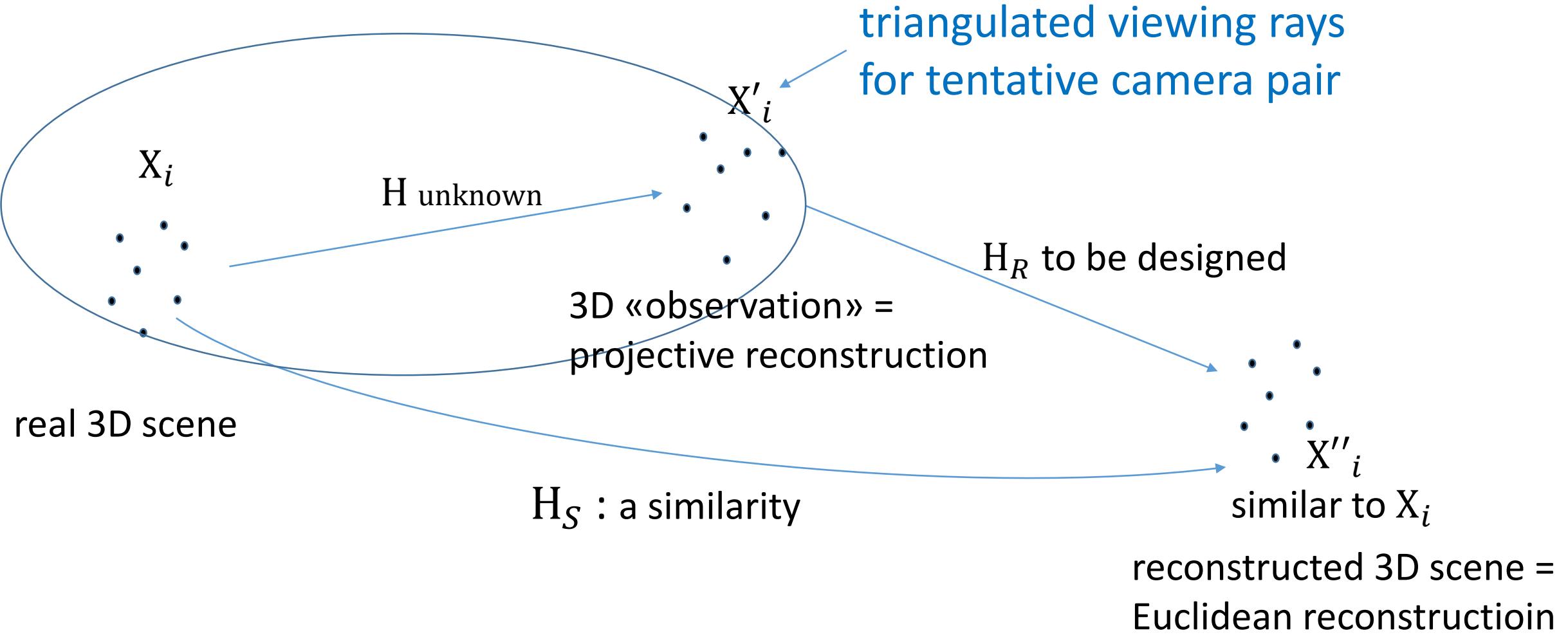
where e_2 is the LNS of F_{12} , λ and v are any nonzero scalar and vector

- Triangulate the pairs of viewing rays associated to $x_1^i \leftrightarrow x_2^i$ through cameras $P_1 P_2$
- Take X_i' as the points resulting from the triangulations:
THESE X_i' ARE AN UNKNOWN PROJECTIVE TRANSFORMATION OF THE TRUE 3D POINTS X_i

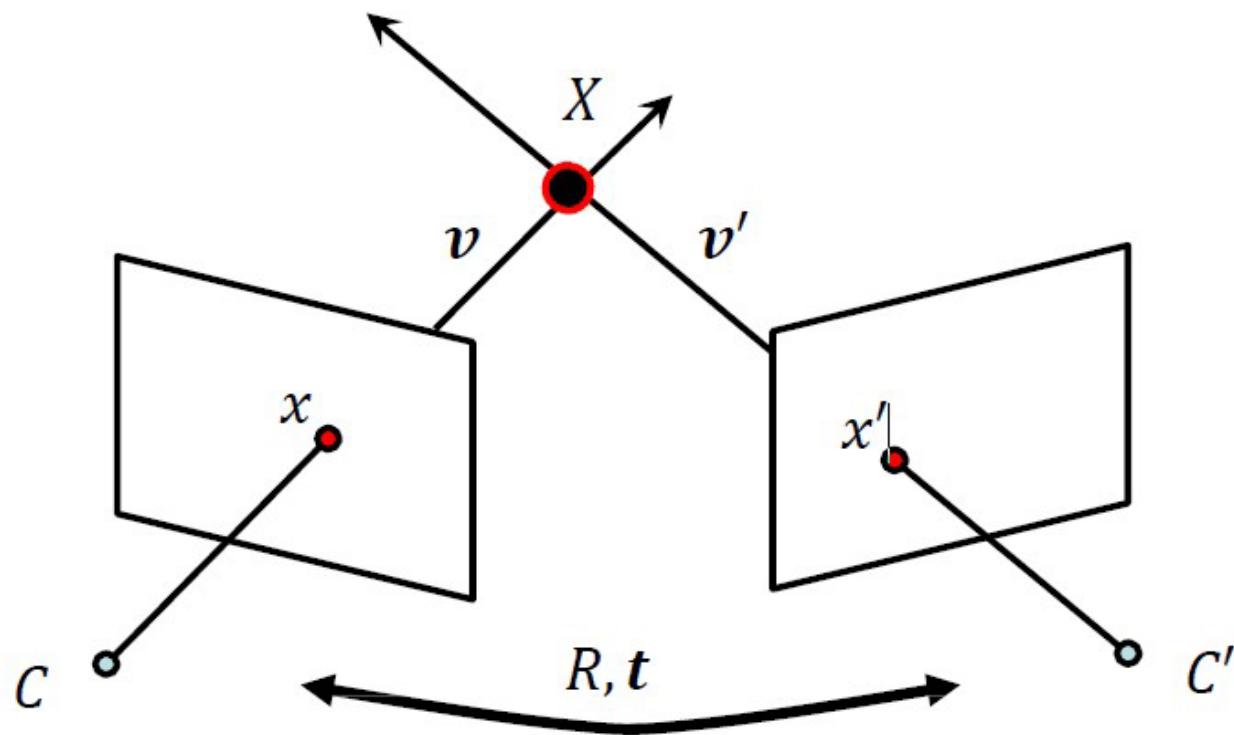
3D shape reconstruction from images



3D shape reconstruction: first step



scenario 2: **calibrated** structure from motion
 $x \leftrightarrow x'$ known; R, t unknown; K and K' known;



use **epipolar constraint** to estimate R, t ; \rightarrow compute viewing rays v, v'
 \rightarrow triangulation: $X = v \cap v'$

Yet another expression of P

$$P = [M \ m] \quad o = \begin{bmatrix} o \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = RNS(P)$$

$$M = KR_{cam \rightarrow world} \quad o = t_{world \rightarrow cam}$$

From

$$PO = [M \ m] \begin{bmatrix} t_{world \rightarrow cam} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = Mt_{world \rightarrow cam} + m = 0$$

$$\text{is } m = -Mt_{world \rightarrow cam} = -KR_{cam \rightarrow world}t_{world \rightarrow cam}$$

But since

$$t_{cam \rightarrow world} = -R_{cam \rightarrow world}t_{world \rightarrow cam},$$

$$\text{Then } m = Kt_{cam \rightarrow world}$$

$$\text{Hence } P = [M \ m] = [KR_{cam \rightarrow world} \quad Kt_{cam \rightarrow world}]$$

$$P = K[R \ t]$$

where $R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R_{cam \rightarrow world}$ and $t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} t_{cam \rightarrow world}$

3D shape reconstruction from calibrated images

Calibrated cameras observe a same scene from unknown relative positions
Change image coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= K_1 \hat{x}_1 \\x_2 &= K_2 \hat{x}_2\end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = P_1 X \rightarrow K_1 \hat{x}_1 = K_1 [R_1 \ t_1] X \rightarrow \hat{x}_1 = [R_1 \ t_1] X$$

and, similarly,

$$\hat{x}_2 = [R_2 \ t_2] X$$

Place world reference = camera-1 reference: $R_1 = I$ and $t_1 = 0$ (and call $R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R_2$, $t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} t_2$)

$$\hat{x}_1 = \frac{[I \ 0]X}{\hat{P}_1} \text{ and } \hat{x}_2 = \frac{[R \ t]X}{\hat{P}_2}$$

Essential matrix of two calibrated images

(Longuet-Higgins 1980)

$$\hat{x}_2^T E_{12} \hat{x}_1 = 0$$

$$E_{12} = [\hat{e}_2]_x \hat{M}_2 \hat{M}_1^{-1}$$

The epipole is the image projection of the center of the first camera center (the origin) onto the second camera $\hat{P}_2 = [R \quad t]$: $\hat{e}_2 = [R \quad t] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = t$

thus $E_{12} = [t]_x R$

Relationship between Fundamental matrix F and Essential matrix E

$$x_2^T F_{12} x_1 = \hat{x}_2^T K_2^T F_{12} K_1 \hat{x}_1 = 0 = \hat{x}_2^T E_{12} \hat{x}_1 \longrightarrow K_2^T F_{12} K_1 = E_{12}$$

Derive R and t first, then triangulate

- **Property:** any 3×3 skew-symmetric matrix S can be written as

$$S = hU \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^T = hUZU^T \text{ where } Z \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } U \text{ is an orthogonal matrix}$$

$$\text{Let } W \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ be another orthogonal matrix: } \rightarrow \text{ it is } Z = \pm \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} W$$

$$\text{Thus, since matrix } [t]_x \text{ is skew-symmetric, } [t]_x = \pm UZU^T = \pm U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} WU^T$$

$$\text{Therefore } E_{12} = [t]_x R = \pm U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} WU^T R = \pm U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T \text{ with } V \text{ also orthogonal}$$

V^T

this is svd(E) !

$$\text{svd}(E_{12}) = \pm U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} W U^T R = \pm U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T \text{ gives } U \text{ and } V \text{ as output matrixes}$$

Two solutions: + sign and - sign

$$+ \text{ sign: } \rightarrow V^T = W U^T R \text{ therefore } R_+ = U W^T V^T = U \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

$$- \text{ sign: } -Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} W^T \rightarrow -E_{12} = U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} W^T U^T R \rightarrow V^T = W^T U^T R$$

$$\rightarrow \text{second solution } R_- = U W V^T = U \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

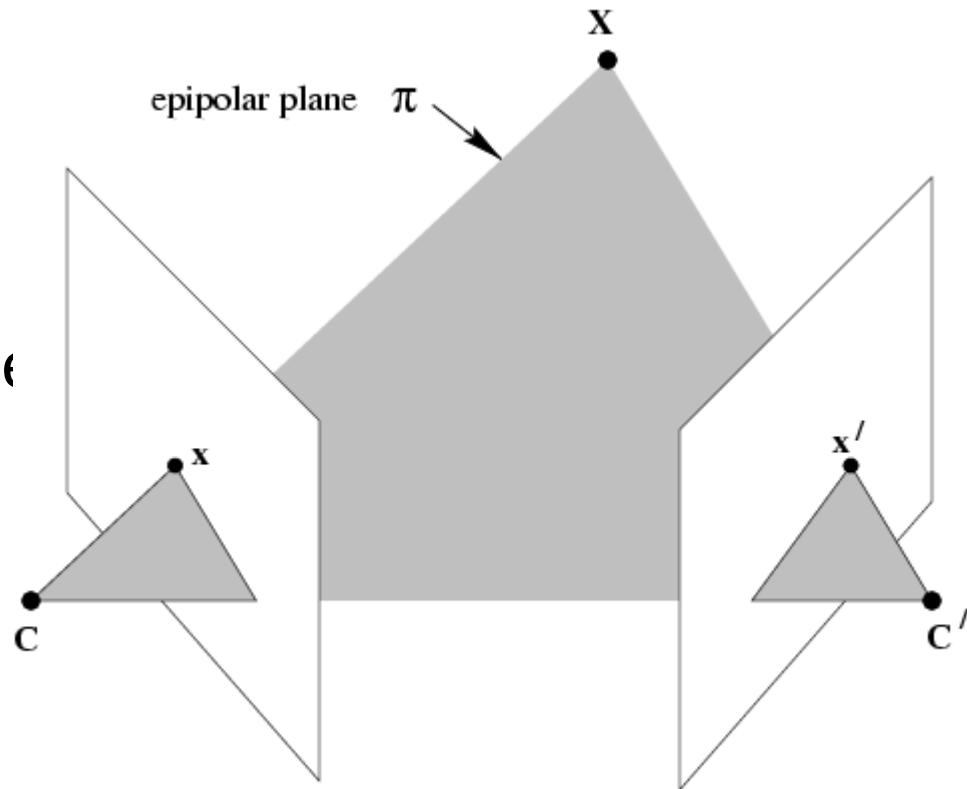
From $E_{12} = [t]_x R$, for each solution for R, there are two solutions for t: $[t]_x = \pm E_{12} R^T$

Once R and t have been derived, the relative pose of the two cameras is known, together with K_1 and K_2
→ 3D reconstruction by TRIANGULATION

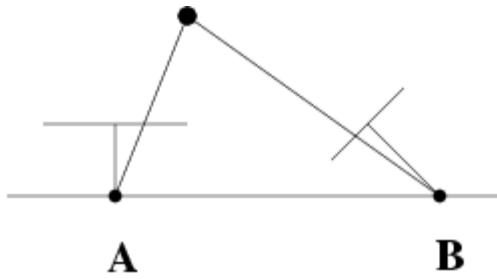
Modulo scale-translation (module of t):

Scale, or module of translation, can not be determined from just images

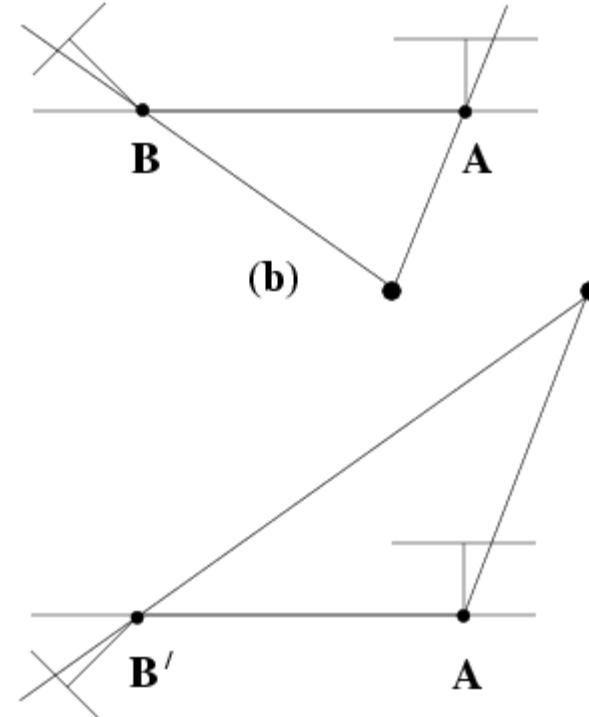
→ Additional information needed, such as,
e.g., a size in the scene or $|t|$



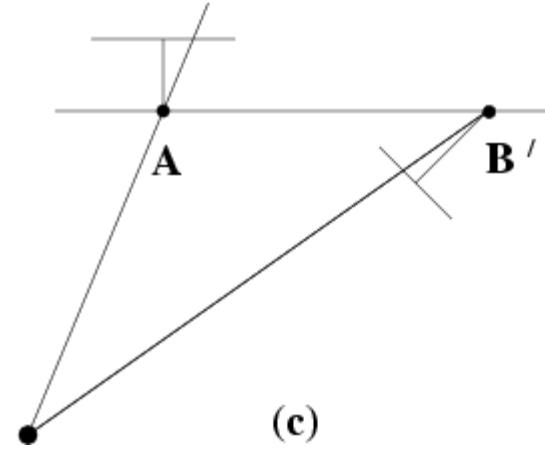
Four possible reconstructions from E



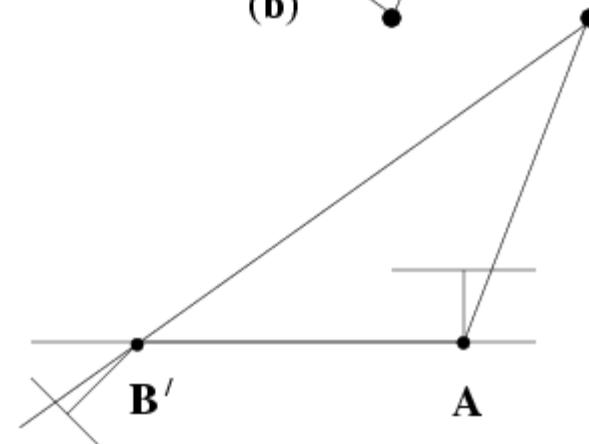
(a)



(b)

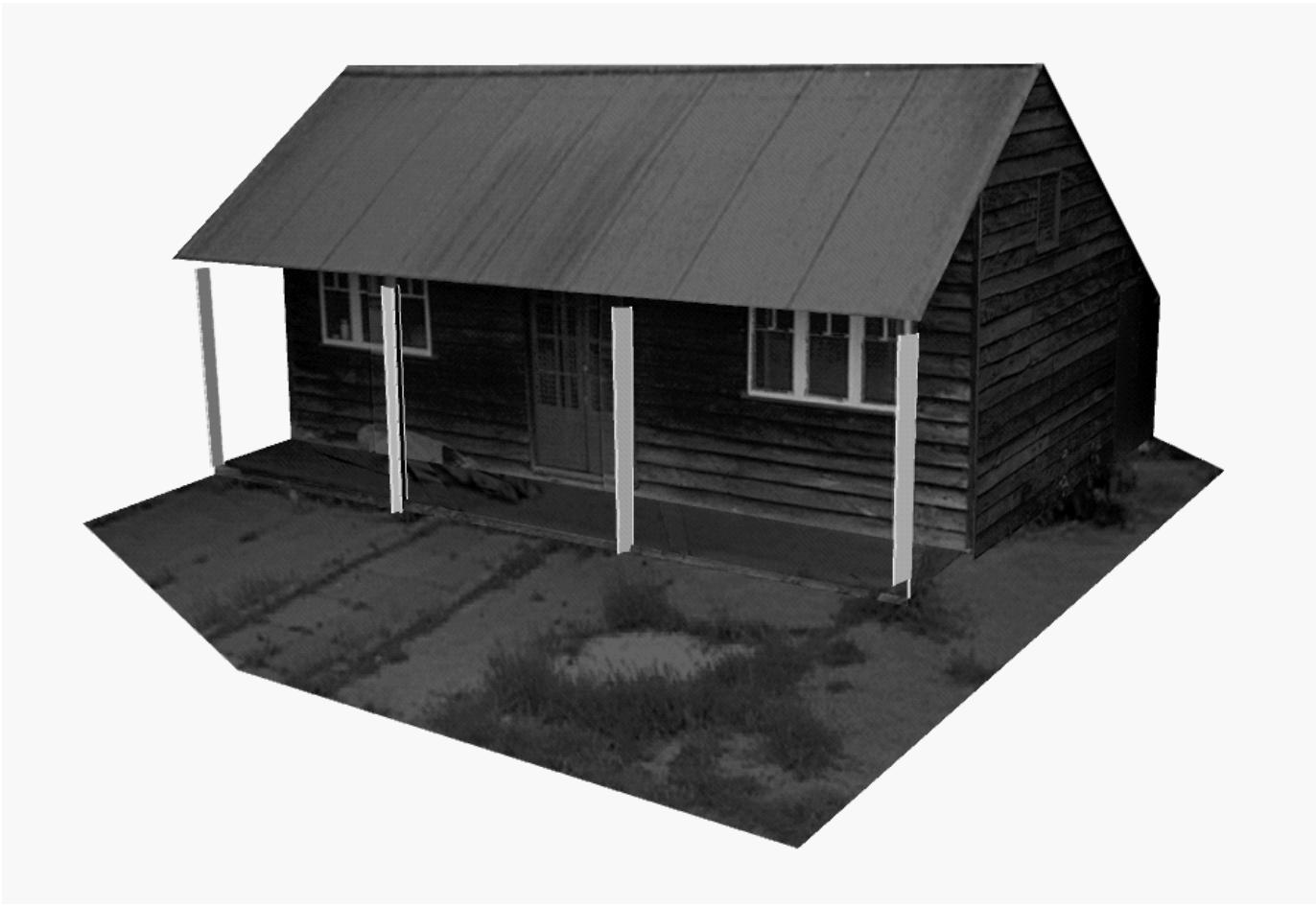


(c)



(d)

(only one solution where the triangulated point is in front of both cameras)



3D reconstruction

from multiple images

Three questions:

- (i) **Correspondence geometry:** Given an image point x_1 in the first image, how does this constrain the position of the corresponding point x_2 in the second image?
- (ii) **Camera geometry (motion):** Given a set of corresponding image points $\{x_{1i} \leftrightarrow x_{2i}\}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, what are the cameras P_1 and P_2 for the two views?
- (iii) **Scene geometry (structure):** Given corresponding image points $x_{1i} \leftrightarrow x_{2i}$ and cameras P_1, P_2 , what is the position of (their pre-image) X in space?
→

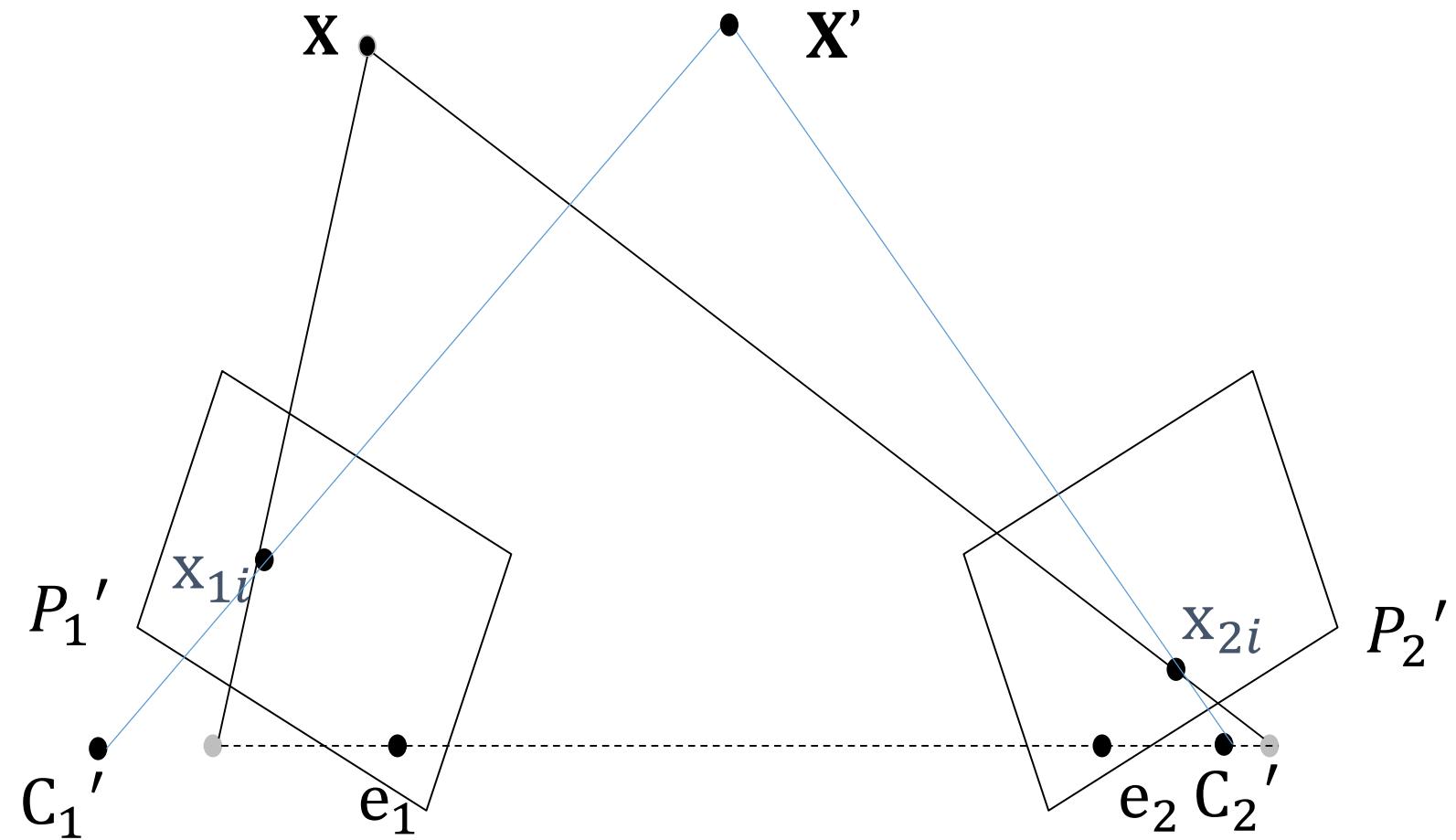
3D reconstruction of cameras and structure

reconstruction problem:

given $\mathbf{x}_{1i} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_{2i}$, compute P_1, P_2 and \mathbf{X}_i

$$\mathbf{x}_{1i} = P_1 \mathbf{X}_i \quad \mathbf{x}_{2i} = P_2 \mathbf{X}_i \quad \text{for all } i$$

without additional information, reconstruction
is only possible up to projective ambiguity
(projective reconstruction)



outline of **projective** reconstruction

- (i) Compute F from correspondences
- (ii) Compute tentative camera matrices from F
- (iii) Compute 3D point for each pair of corresponding points

(i) computation of F

use $\mathbf{x}_{2i}^T F \mathbf{x}_{1i} = 0$ equations, linear in coeff. F
8 points (linear), 7 points (non-linear), 8+ (least-squares)

(ii) computation of tentative camera matrices

use $P_1 = [I|0]$ $P_2 = [[e_2]_x F_{12} + e_2 v^T | \lambda e_2]$

(iii) triangulation

compute intersection of two backprojected rays

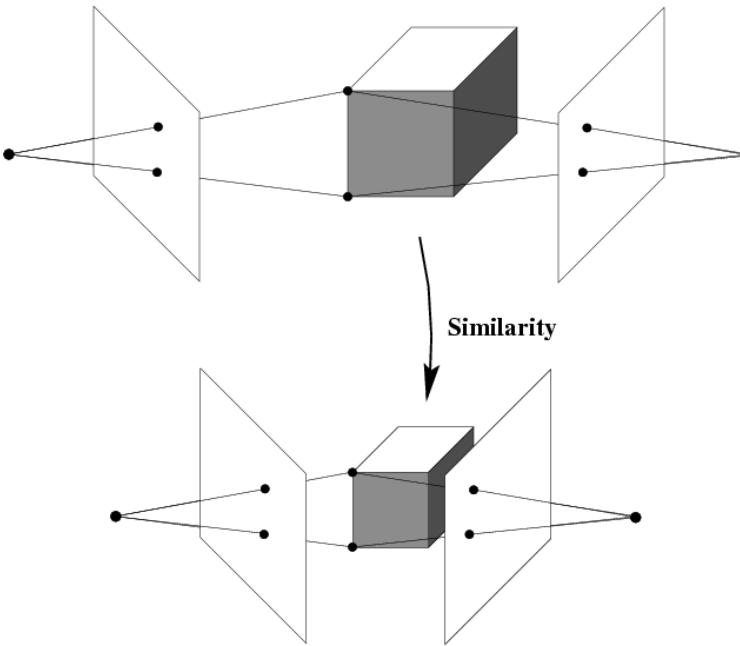
3D projective reconstruction

Construct observation of the 3D scene, projective mapping of it

- Take images of 3D scene points X_i and find correspondences $x_1^i \leftrightarrow x_2^i$
- Find fundamental matrix(es) F_{12} by solving $\begin{cases} x_2^{Ti} F_{12} x_1^i = 0 \\ i = 1 \dots N \end{cases}$ for F_{12}
- Take a tentative pair of cameras compatible with $F_{12} \quad P_1 \quad P_2$
where e_2 is the LNS of F_{12} , λ and v are any nonzero scalar and vector

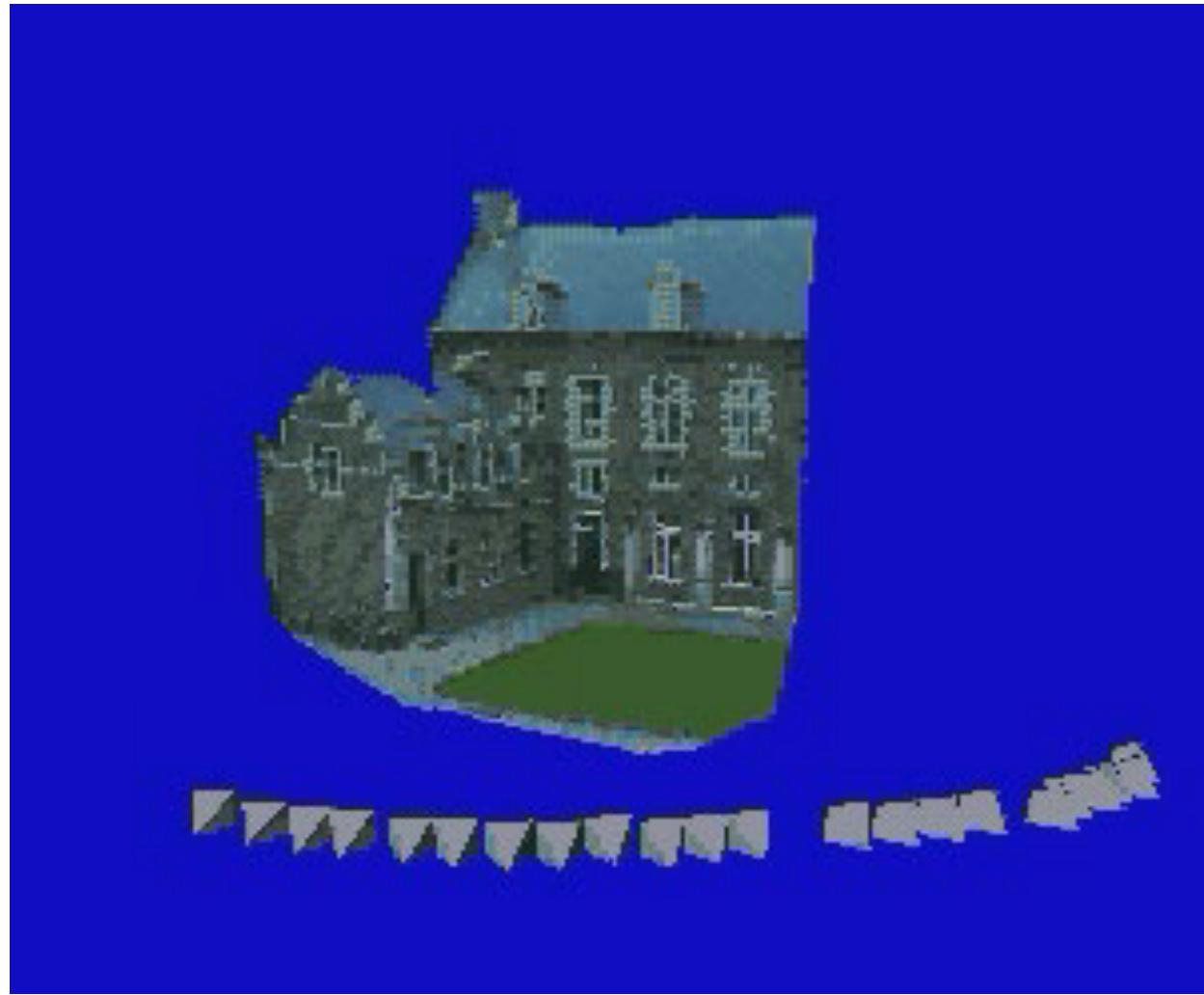
$$P_1 = [I|0] \quad P_2 = [[e_2]_\times F_{12} + e_2 v^T | \lambda e_2]$$

Purpose: reconstruction ambiguity up to a similarity

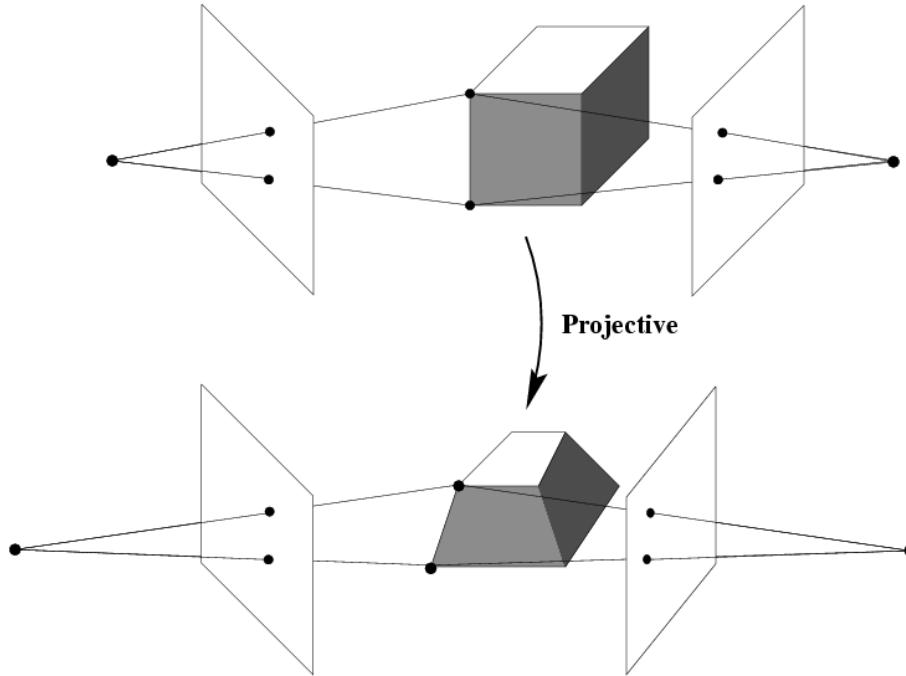


$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_i = (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}_S^{-1})(\mathbf{H}_S\mathbf{X}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}_S^{-1} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} | \mathbf{t}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}'^T & -\mathbf{R}'^T \mathbf{t}' \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}'^T] - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}'^T \mathbf{t}' + \lambda \mathbf{t}$$



Starting point: reconstruction ambiguity up to a projective mapping



$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_i = (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}_P^{-1})(\mathbf{H}_P \mathbf{X}_i)$$

Terminology

Pairs of corresponding image points $x_{1i} \leftrightarrow x_{2i}$

Original unknown scene \overline{X}_i

Projective, affine, similarity reconstruction

= reconstruction that is identical to original up to
projective, affine, similarity transformation

Literature: Metric and Euclidean reconstruction

= similarity reconstruction

The projective reconstruction theorem

If a set of point correspondences in two views determine the fundamental matrix uniquely, then the scene and cameras may be reconstructed from these correspondences alone, and any two such reconstructions from these correspondences are projectively equivalent

$$x_{1i} \leftrightarrow x_{2i} \quad (P_1, P_2, \{X_i\}) \quad (P'_1, P'_2, \{X'_i\})$$

$$P'_1 = P_1 H^{-1} \quad P'_2 = P_2 H^{-1} \quad X'_i = H X_i \quad \begin{pmatrix} \text{except:} \\ F x_{1i} = x_{2i}^T F = 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

theorem from last class

$$P'_1 X'_i = P'_1 (H X_i) = P_1 H^{-1} H X_i = P_1 X_i = x_{1i} = P'_1 X'_i$$

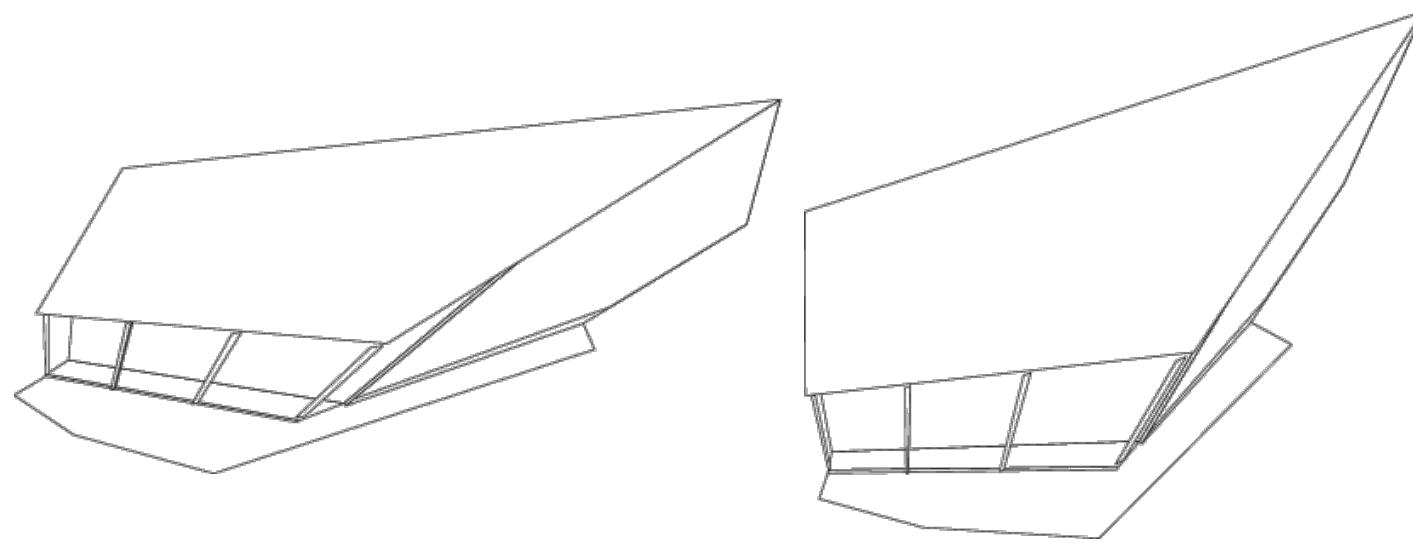
same images

$$\text{idem } P'_2 X_i = x_{2i} = P'_2 X'_i$$

two possibilities: $X'_i = H X_i$, or points along baseline

key result:

allows projective reconstruction from pair of uncalibrated images

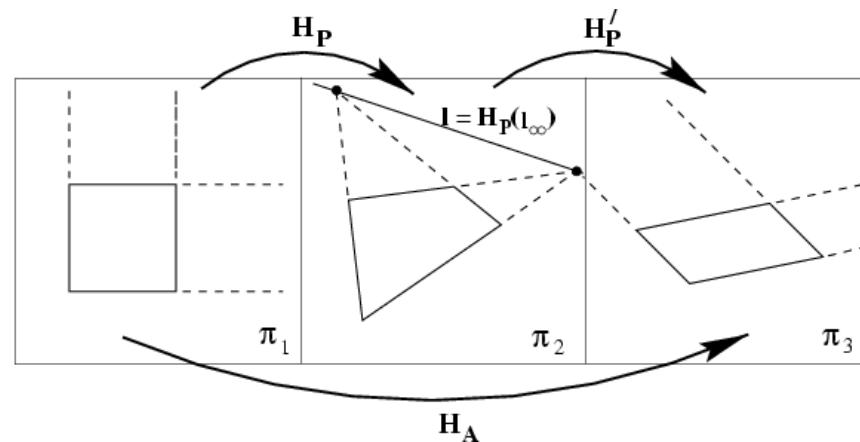


Stratified reconstruction

- (i) Projective reconstruction
- (ii) Affine reconstruction
- (iii) Metric reconstruction

Projective to affine

remember 2-D case



A theorem useful for Affine reconstruction

Theorem on an affine invariant

Theorem. *A projective transformation H maps the plane at the infinity π_∞ onto itself, i.e., π_∞ is **invariant** under a projective transformation*



*H is **affine***

Application to affine reconstruction

Given 3D points obtained by an unknown projective mapping of an unknown original scene (set of points in 3D space)



the plane π'_{∞} (i.e. the transformed π_{∞}) is in general $\neq \pi_{\infty}!!$

Use π'_{∞} as additional information: if we apply to the transformed set a second mapping H_{AR} which maps π'_{∞} back to π_{∞} , we obtain a new, reconstructed model

The composed mapping of π_{∞} is again $\pi_{\infty} \rightarrow$

From the theorem, the obtained model is an affine mapping of the original scene



The obtained model is an **affine reconstruction** of the scene

Use of $\boldsymbol{\pi}'_\infty$ in affine reconstruction

....

apply to the transformed point set a second projective mapping H_{AR}
that maps $\boldsymbol{\pi}'_\infty$ back to $\boldsymbol{\pi}_\infty$,

how can we find such a projective mapping H_{AR} ?

$$H_{AR} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ \boldsymbol{\pi}'_\infty^T \end{bmatrix},$$

such that H_{AR} it is invertible

To sum up: affine rectification from π'_{∞}

- Find three points $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3$ that result from mapping three points **at the infinity**

- Fit the transformed plane π'_{∞} to them: $\pi'_{\infty} = \text{RNS}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1^T \\ \mathbf{X}_2^T \\ \mathbf{X}_3^T \end{bmatrix}\right)$

- Affine rectification matrix

$$H_{AR} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ & \pi'_{\infty}^T & & \end{bmatrix}$$

- Affine reconstructed model $M_A = \{\mathbf{X}'_i\} = H_{AR} \text{ given}_{\text{points}} = H_{AR} \{\mathbf{X}_i\}$

Theorem
A projective transformation \mathcal{H}
maps π_∞ to itself



\mathcal{H} is an affinity

if π'_∞ known \rightarrow apply mapping from π'_∞ to π_∞ :
combined mapping from real to reconstructed
is an affinity

Projective to affine: additional information π'_{∞}

$(P_1, P_2, \{X_i\})$ initial cameras, e.g., canonical form

$$\pi'_{\infty} = (A, B, C, D)^T \mapsto (0, 0, 0, 1)^T = \pi_{\infty}$$

$$H^{-T} \pi'_{\infty} = (0, 0, 0, 1)^T$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} I | 0 \\ \pi'_{\infty} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{if } D \neq 0)$$

theorem says up to a projective transformation,
but a projective transformation with fixed π_{∞} is **affine**

new cameras: $P'_1 = P_1 H^{-1}$ and $P'_2 = P_2 H^{-1}$

new reconstruction: $X'_i = H X_i$ affine mapping of the true points

Affine reconstruction can be sufficient for some applications,
e.g. mid-point, centroid, parallelism

constraints on π'_∞ : examples

Projective to affine

Constraints on π'_{∞} from translational motion

points at infinity are fixed for a pure translation

\Rightarrow Reconstruction (triangulation) of $x_i \leftrightarrow x_i$ is on π_{∞}



$$F = [e']_x M M^{-1} = [e']_x = [e]_x$$

e': vanishing point of motion direction

$$P = [I|0]$$

$$P' = [I|e']$$

Constraints on π'_{∞} from scene

Parallel lines observed in the images

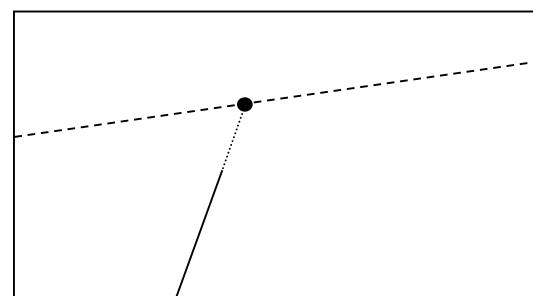
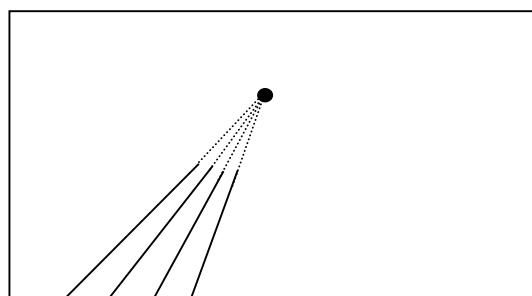
parallel lines intersect at infinity

reconstruction of corresponding vanishing point yields
a point whose **true position** is on the **plane at infinity**

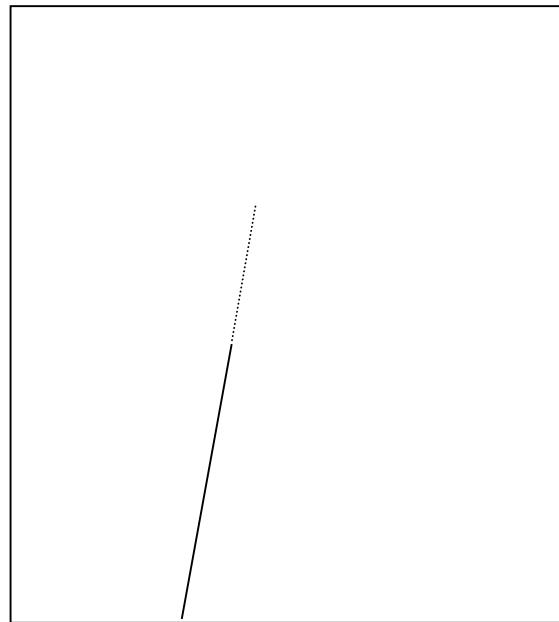
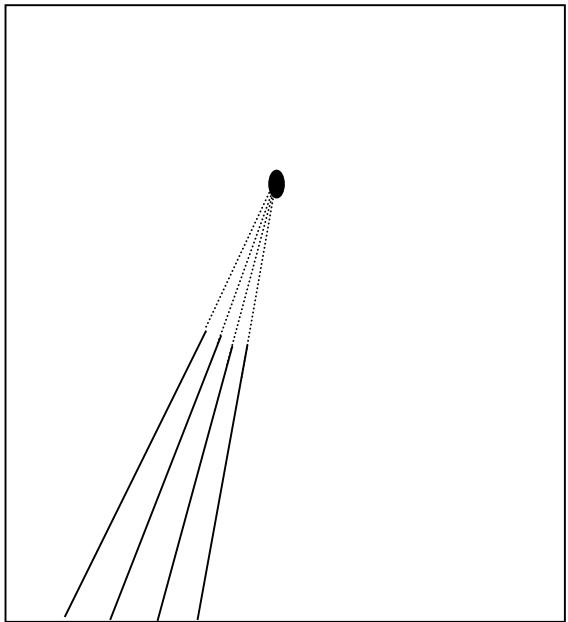
Images of 3 sets of parallel lines allow to uniquely determine π'_{∞}

remark: in presence of noise determining the intersection
of parallel lines is a delicate problem

remark: obtaining vanishing point in one image, and just one line
in the other image, can be sufficient

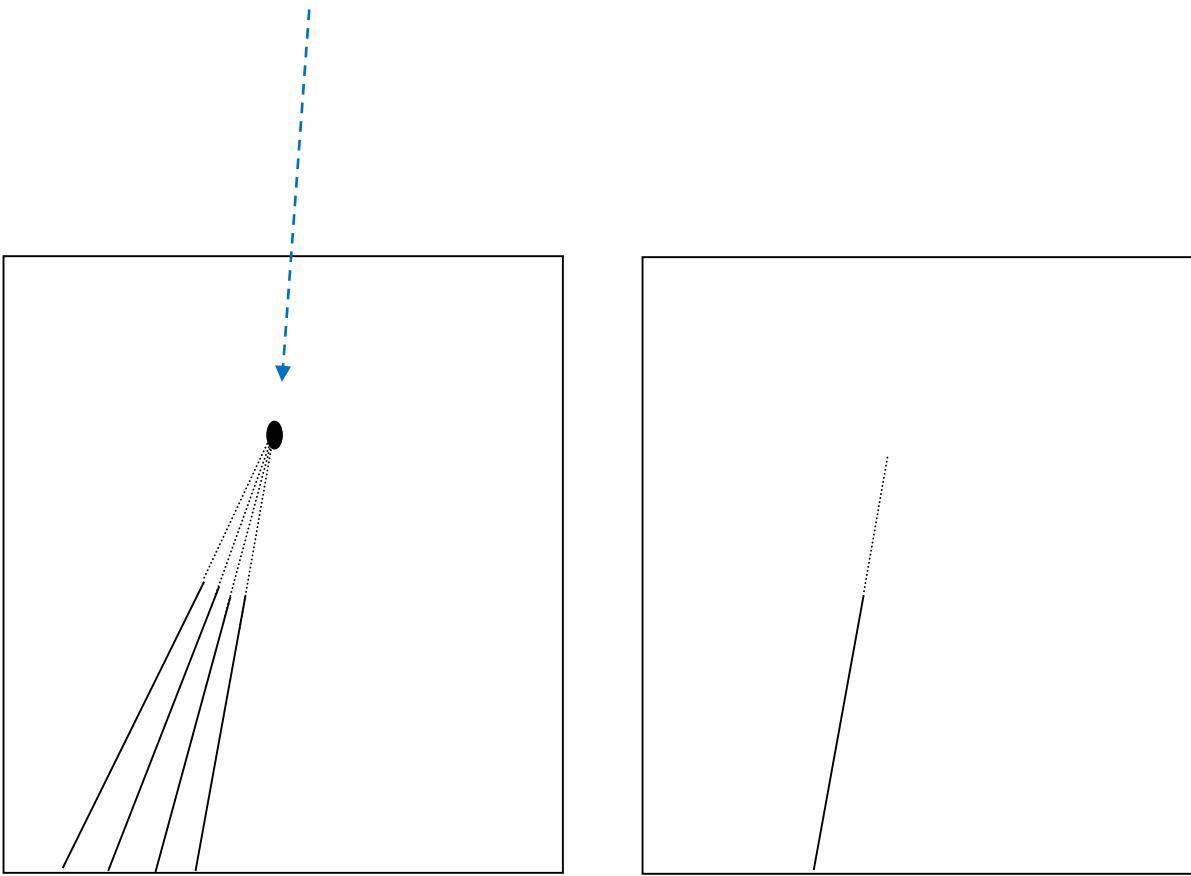


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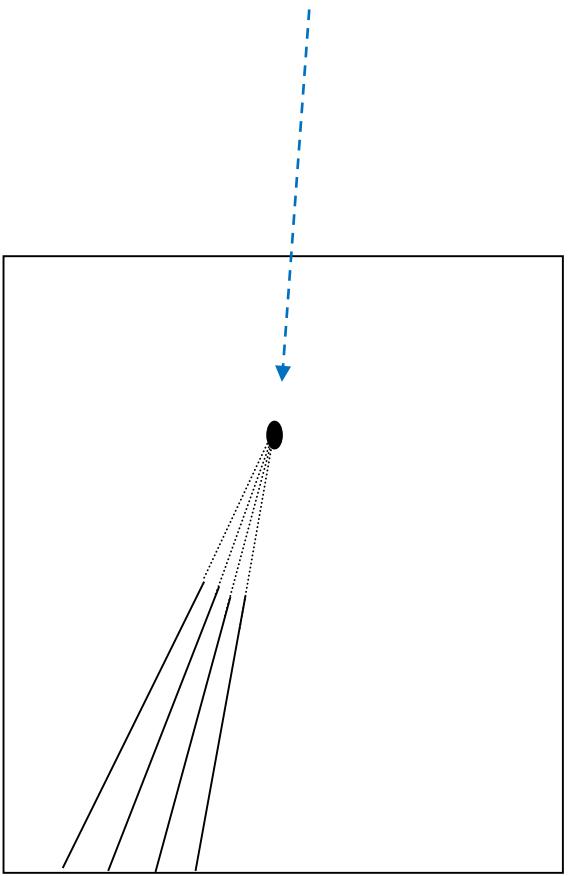
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vanishing point in the first image

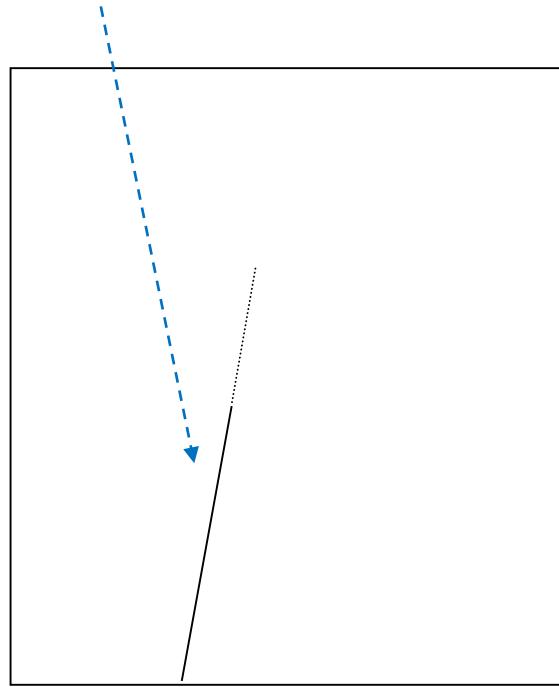


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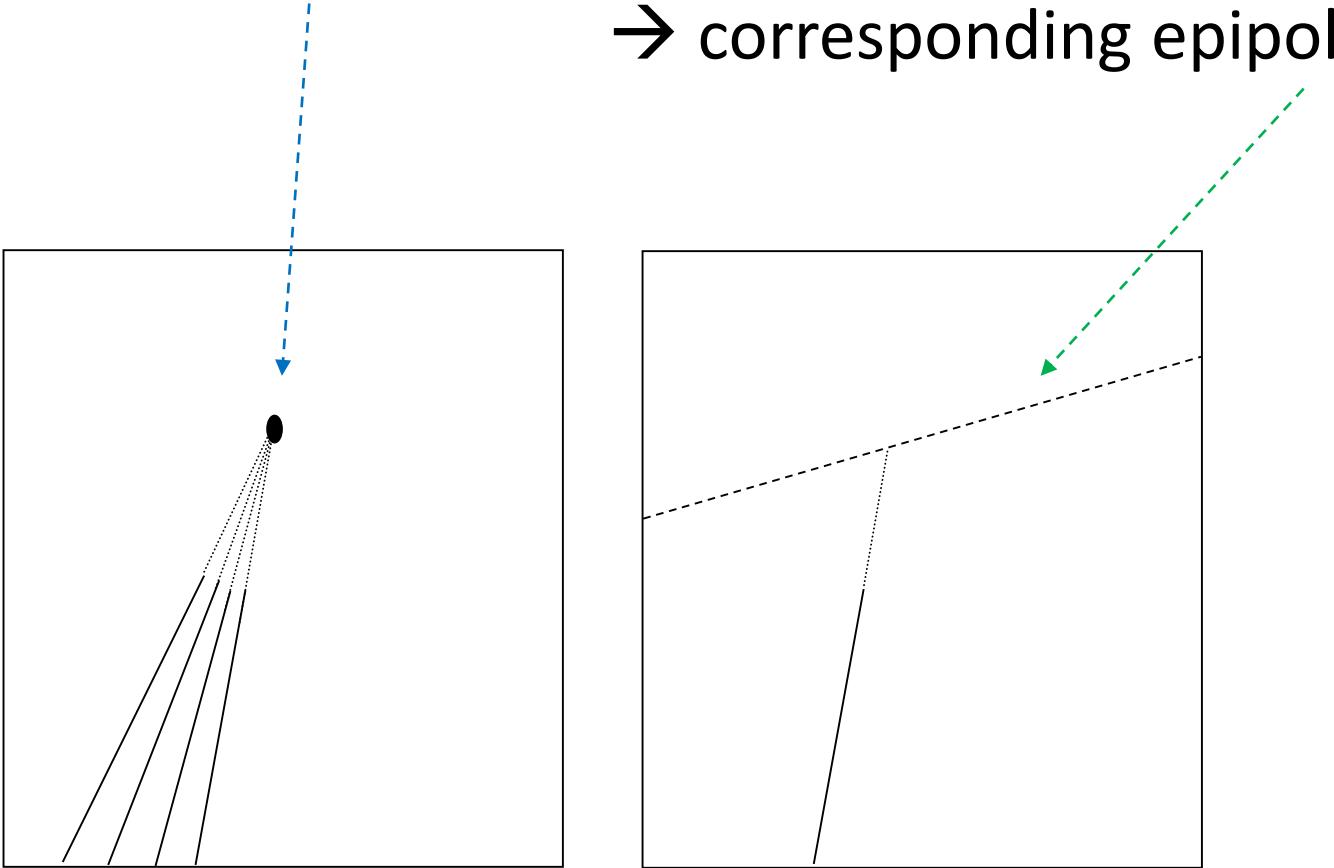


a line in the second image



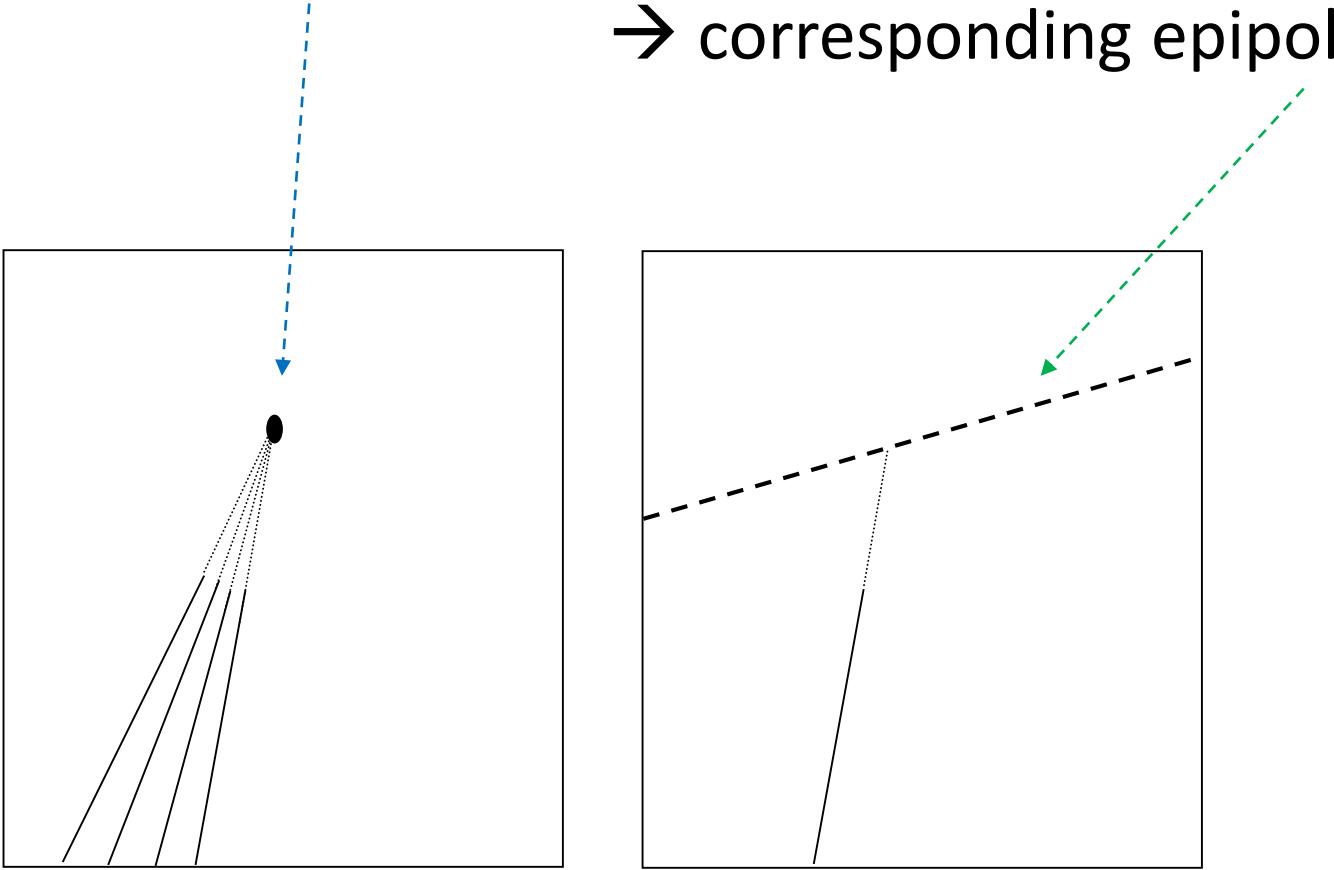
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vanishing point in the first image
→ corresponding epipolar line



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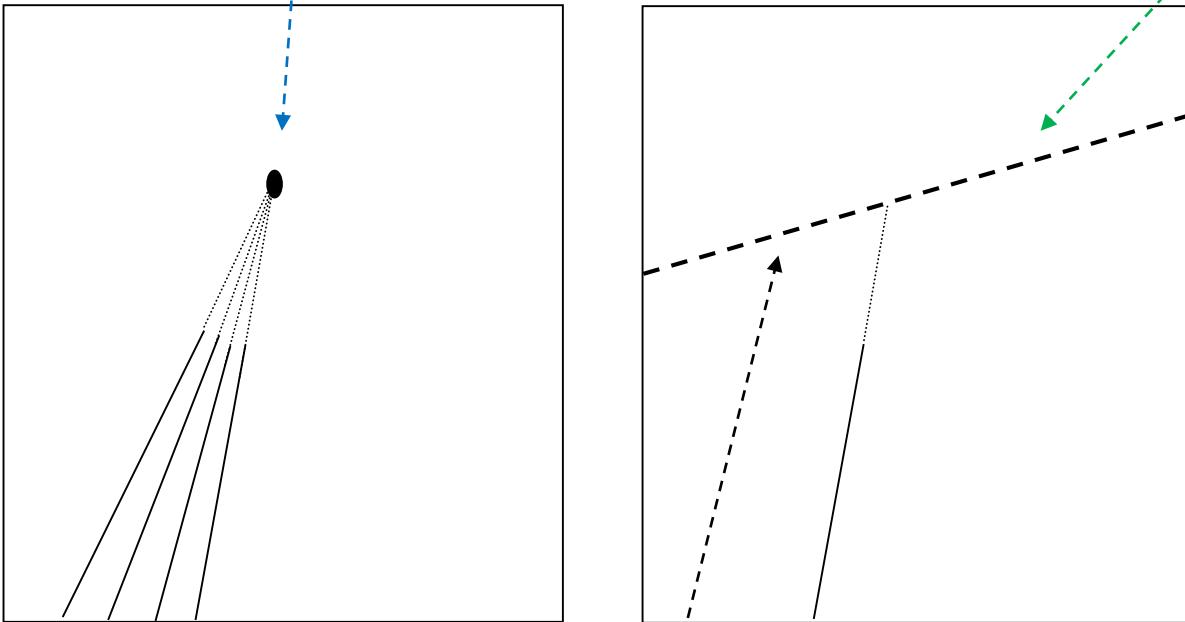


The vanishing point in the second image ...

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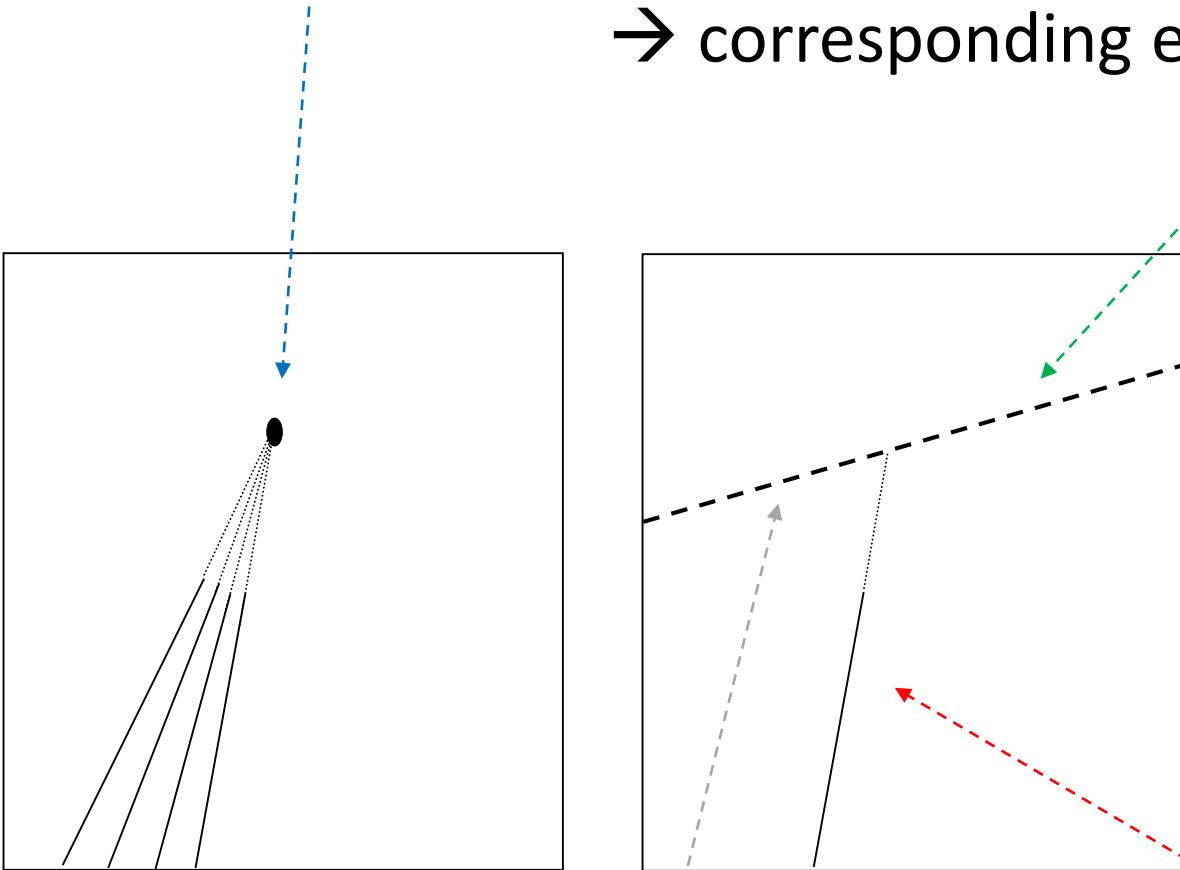
→ corresponding epipolar line



The vanishing point in the second image must lie (i) on this epipolar line

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vanishing point in the first image
→ corresponding epipolar line

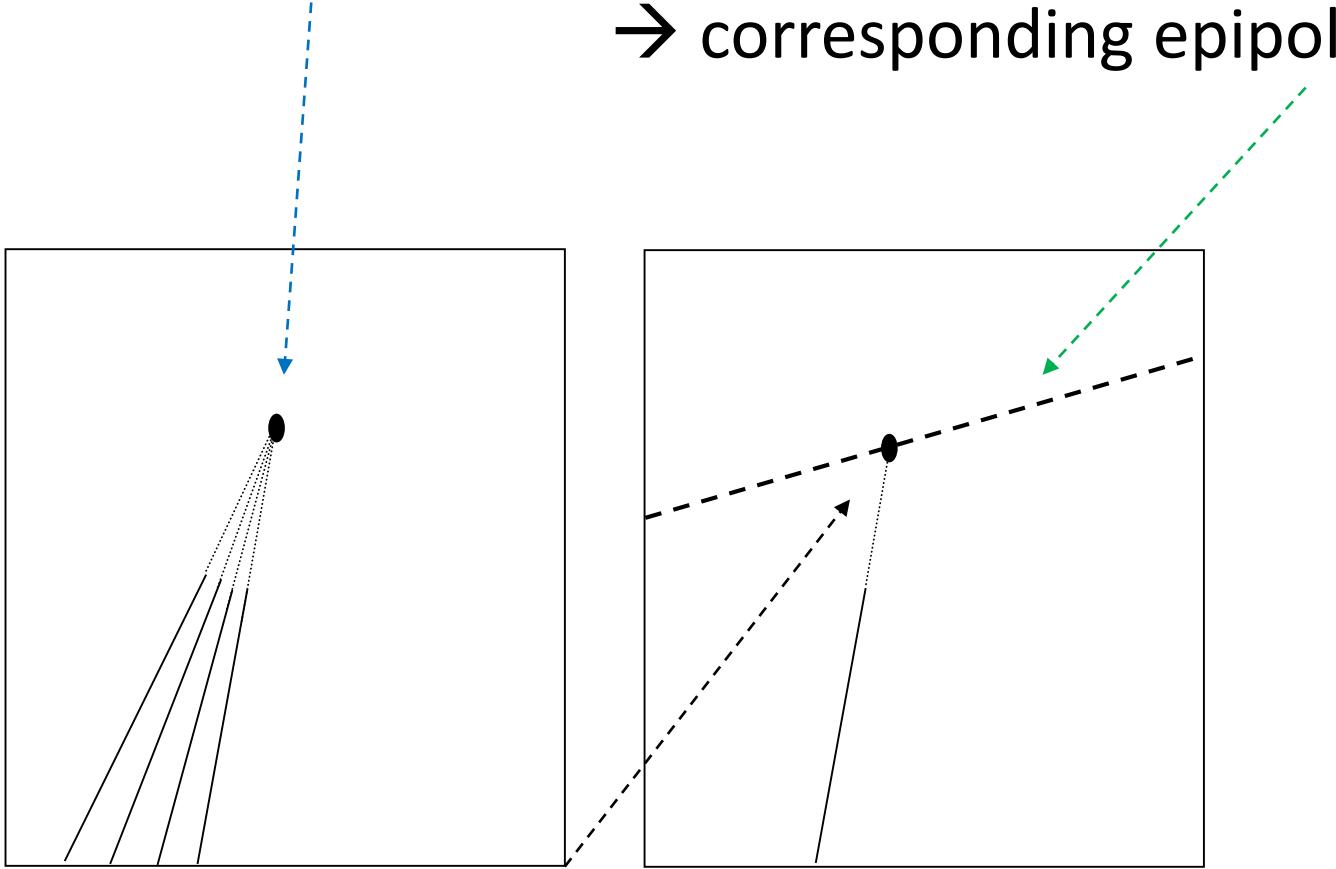


The vanishing point in the second image must lie (i) on this epipolar line, and (ii) on this image line

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vanishing point in the first image

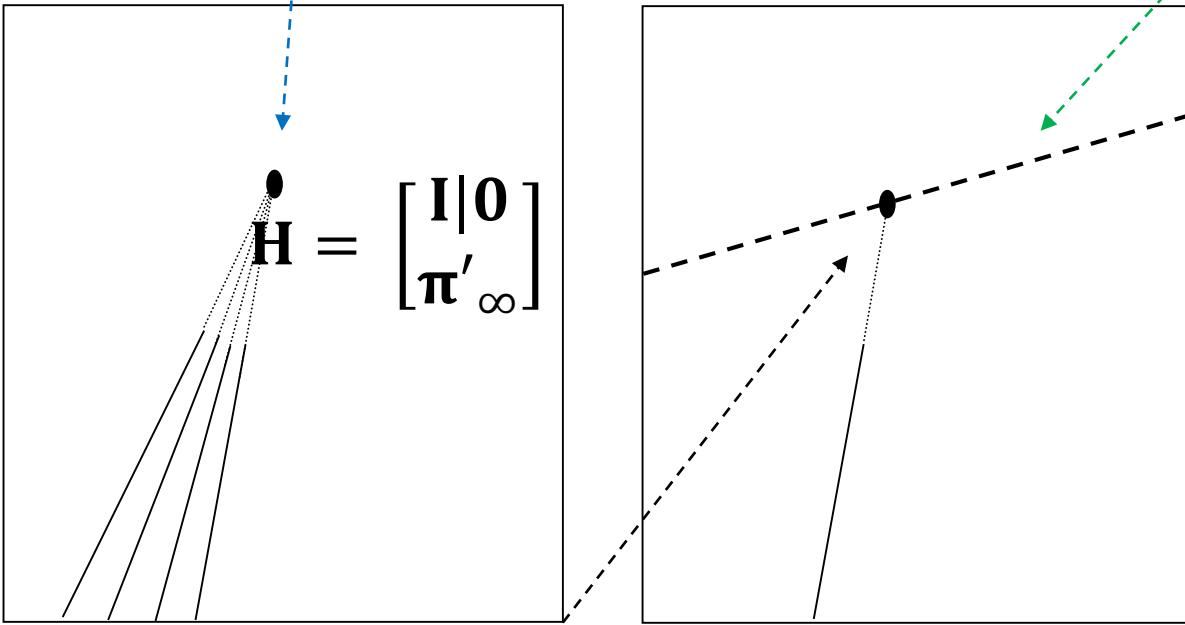
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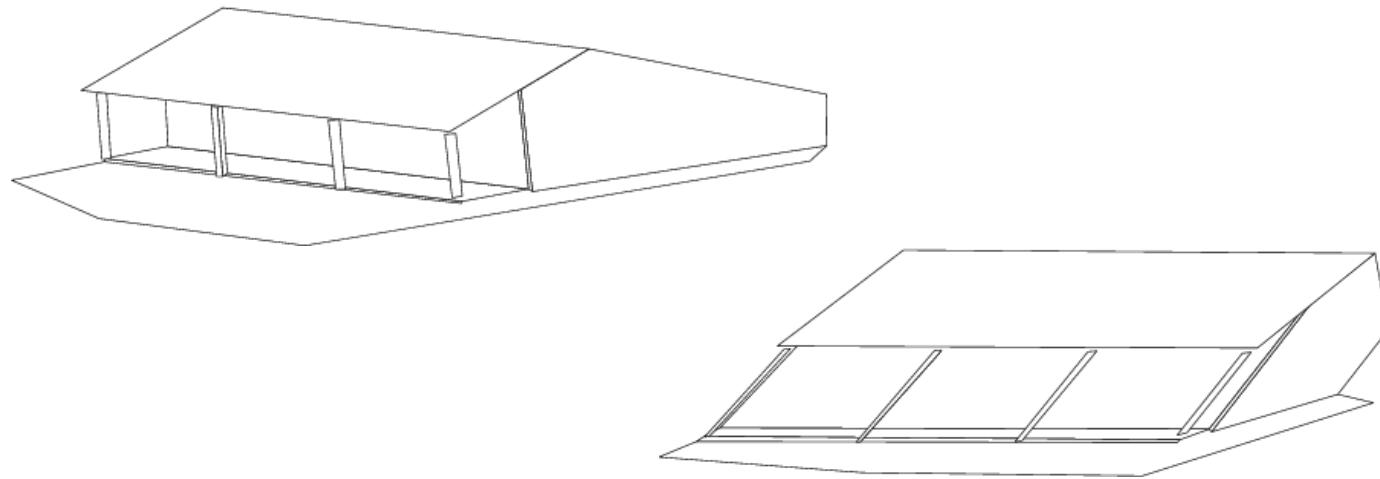
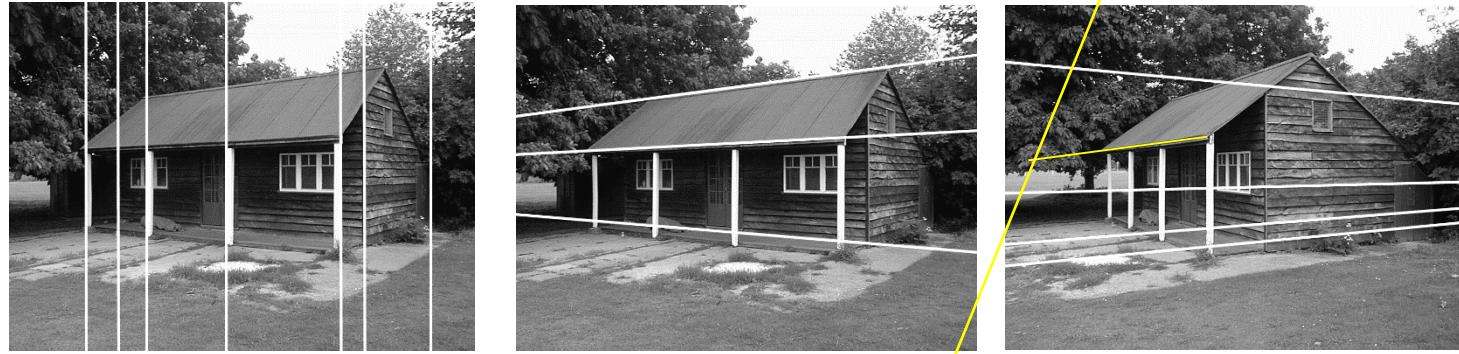
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From 3 such pairs of corresponding vanishing points
triangulate them → find 3 3D points → find $\boldsymbol{\pi}'_\infty$ through
them → apply $\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} | \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\pi}'_\infty \end{bmatrix}$

Scene constraints: parallel lines

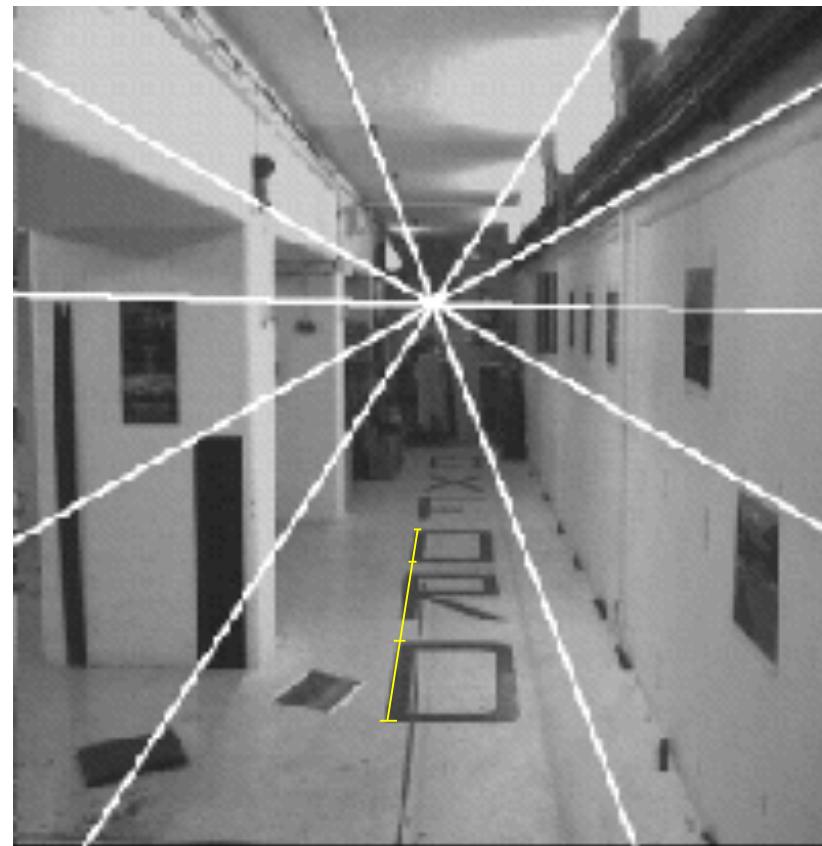


Projective to affine

other constraints on π'_{∞} from scene

known distance ratios on a line

known distance ratio along a line allow to determine point at infinity (same as 2D case) : from cross ratio



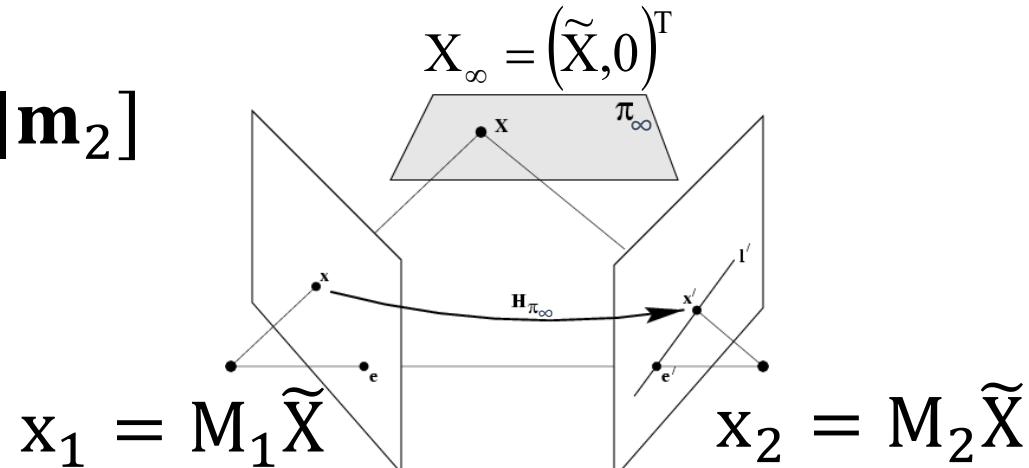
Projective to affine

Alternative cameras (for affine reconstruction)

The homography induced by the plane at the ∞

$$P_1 = [M_1 | m_1] \quad P_2 = [M_2 | m_2]$$

$$H_\infty = M_2 M_1^{-1}$$



unchanged under affine transformations

$$P_i = [M_i | m_i] \begin{bmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [M_i A | M_i a + m_i]$$

$$\rightarrow H_\infty = M_2 A A^{-1} M_1^{-1} = M_2 M_1^{-1}$$

affine reconstruction: alternative cameras $P_1 = [I | 0] \quad P_2 = [H_\infty | e]$

Proof: use affine transformation with H^{-1} where $H \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

The homography induced by the plane at the ∞

$$P_1 = [M_1 | \mathbf{m}_1] \quad P_2 = [M_2 | \mathbf{m}_2] \quad H_\infty = M_2 M_1^{-1}$$

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Proof: use affine transformation with H^{-1} where $H \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & \mathbf{m}_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$

$$H^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} M_1^{-1} & -M_1^{-1}\mathbf{m}_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow P'_1 = P_1 H^{-1} = [I | 0]$$

and

$$\rightarrow P'_2 = P_2 H^{-1} = [M_2 M_1^{-1} | -M_2 M_1^{-1}\mathbf{m}_1 + \mathbf{m}_2] = [H_\infty | e]$$

in fact the first camera center is $\mathbf{o}_1 = -M_1^{-1}\mathbf{m}_1$

and its image is

$$e = P_2 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{o}_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = [M_2 | \mathbf{m}_2] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{o}_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -M_2 M_1^{-1}\mathbf{m}_1 + \mathbf{m}_2$$

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Remember:

if 3D points are on a plane π , their two images are related by a homography

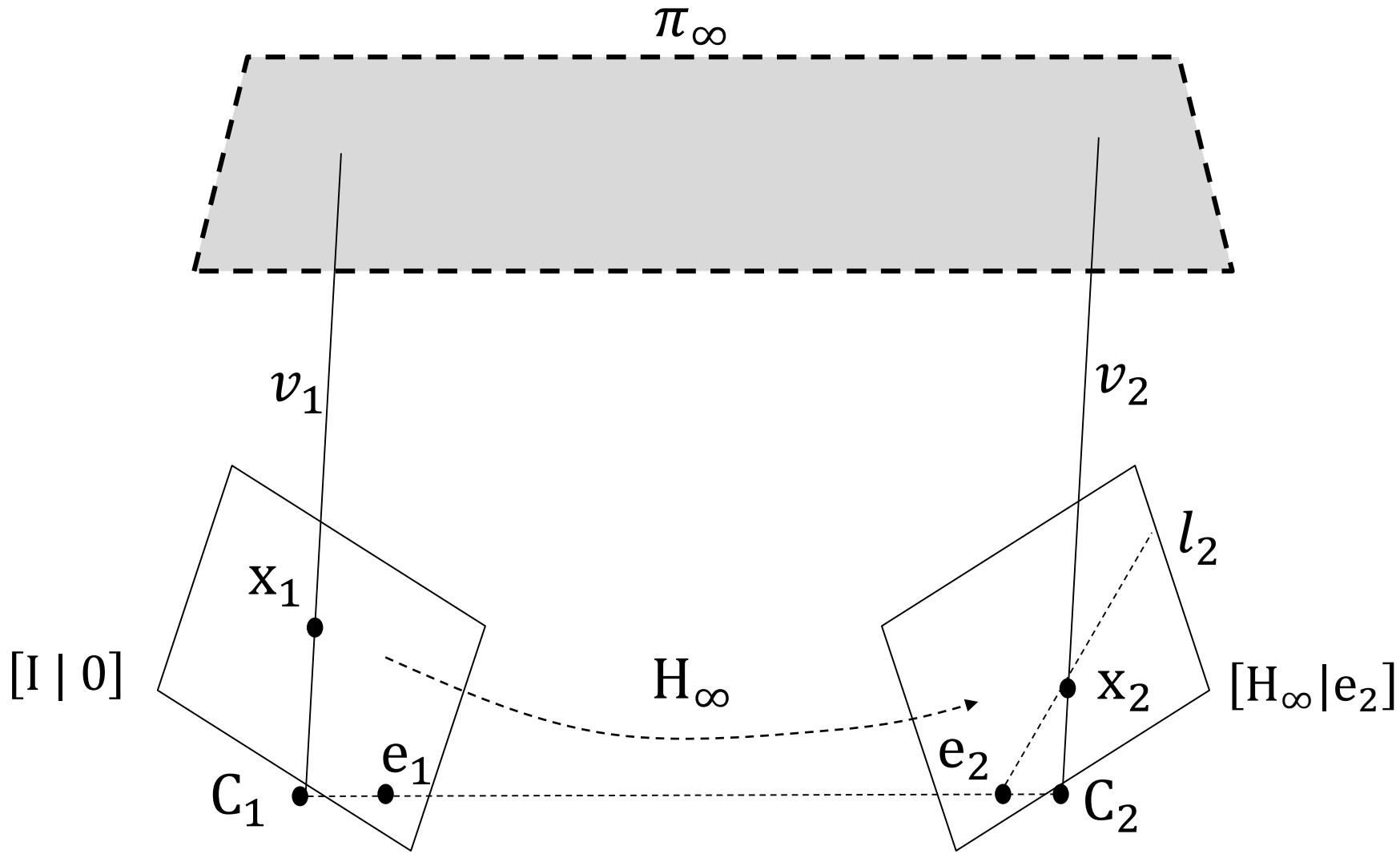
H_π induced by plane π

Alternative cameras (for affine reconstruction)

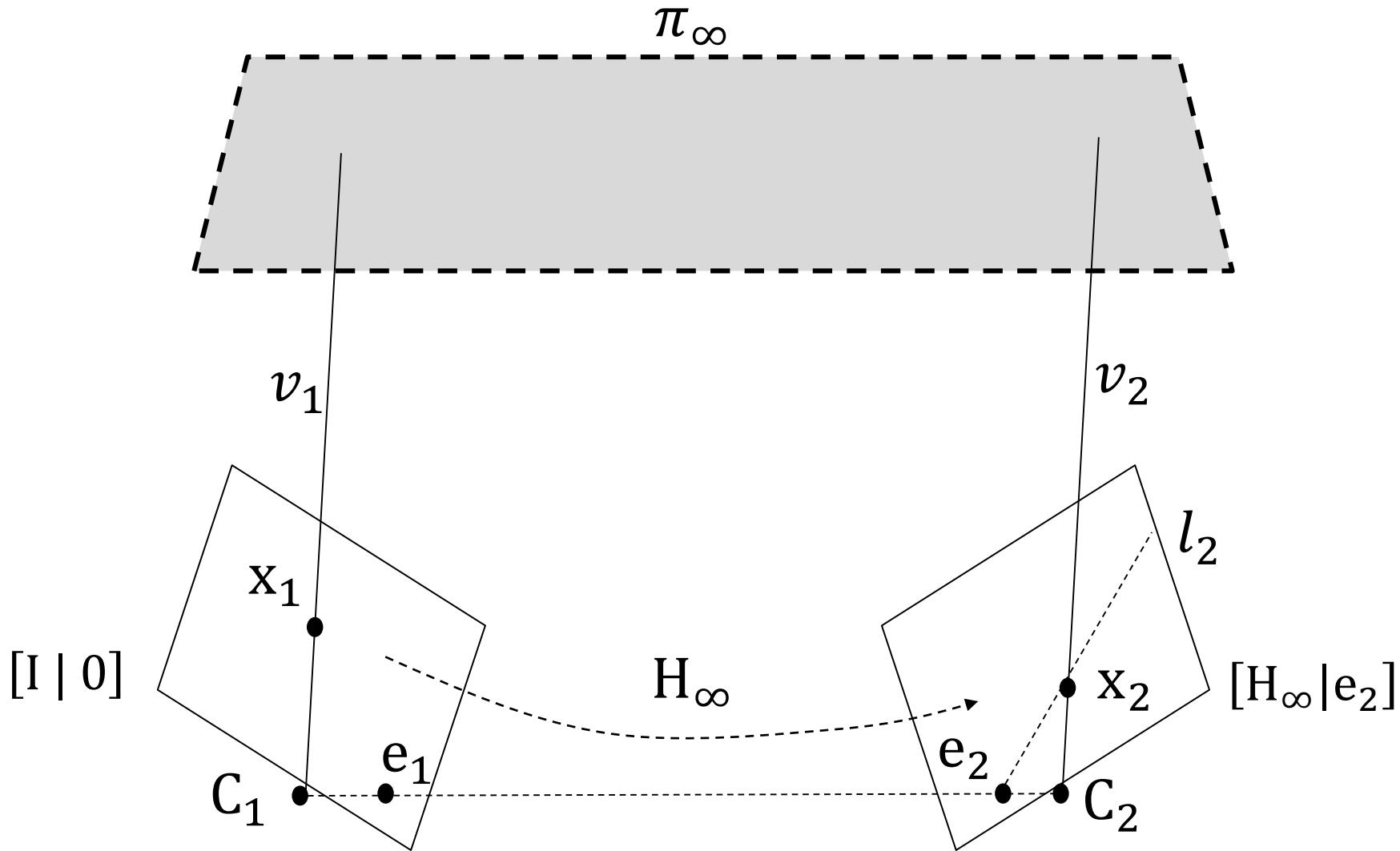
if 3D points are known to be at the ∞ , i.e., on the plane π_∞ , their two images are related by the homography H_∞ induced by plane π_∞

This homography H_∞ can be computed by three correspondences $x_1 \leftrightarrow x_2 +$ one $e_1 \leftrightarrow e_2$

Now check camera pair $([I | 0], [H_\infty | e_2])$



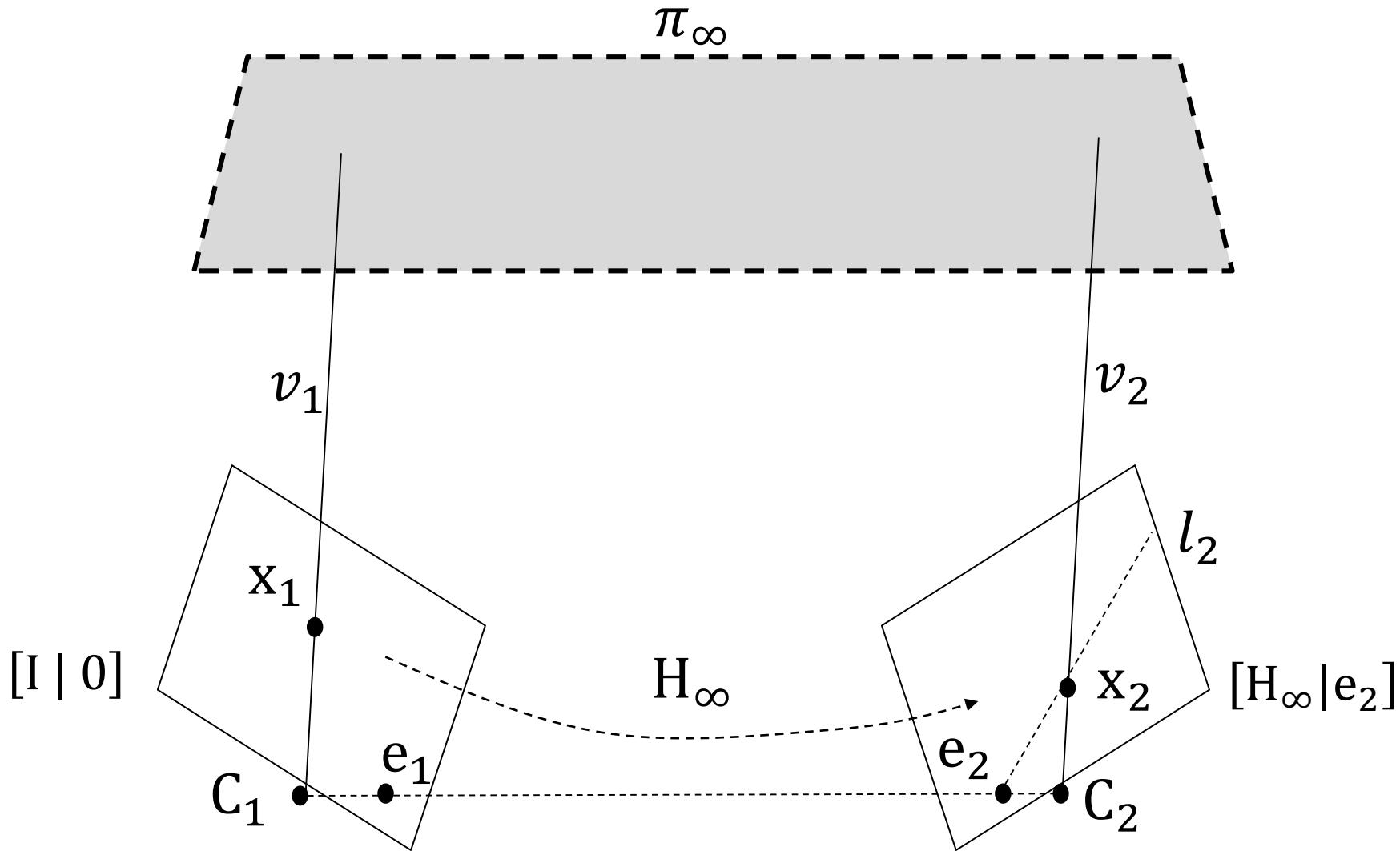
triangulate viewing rays of $x_1 \leftrightarrow x_2 = H_\infty x_1$ using cameras
 $[I \mid 0]$: $\text{dir}(\nu_1) = I^{-1}x_1 = x_1$ and ...



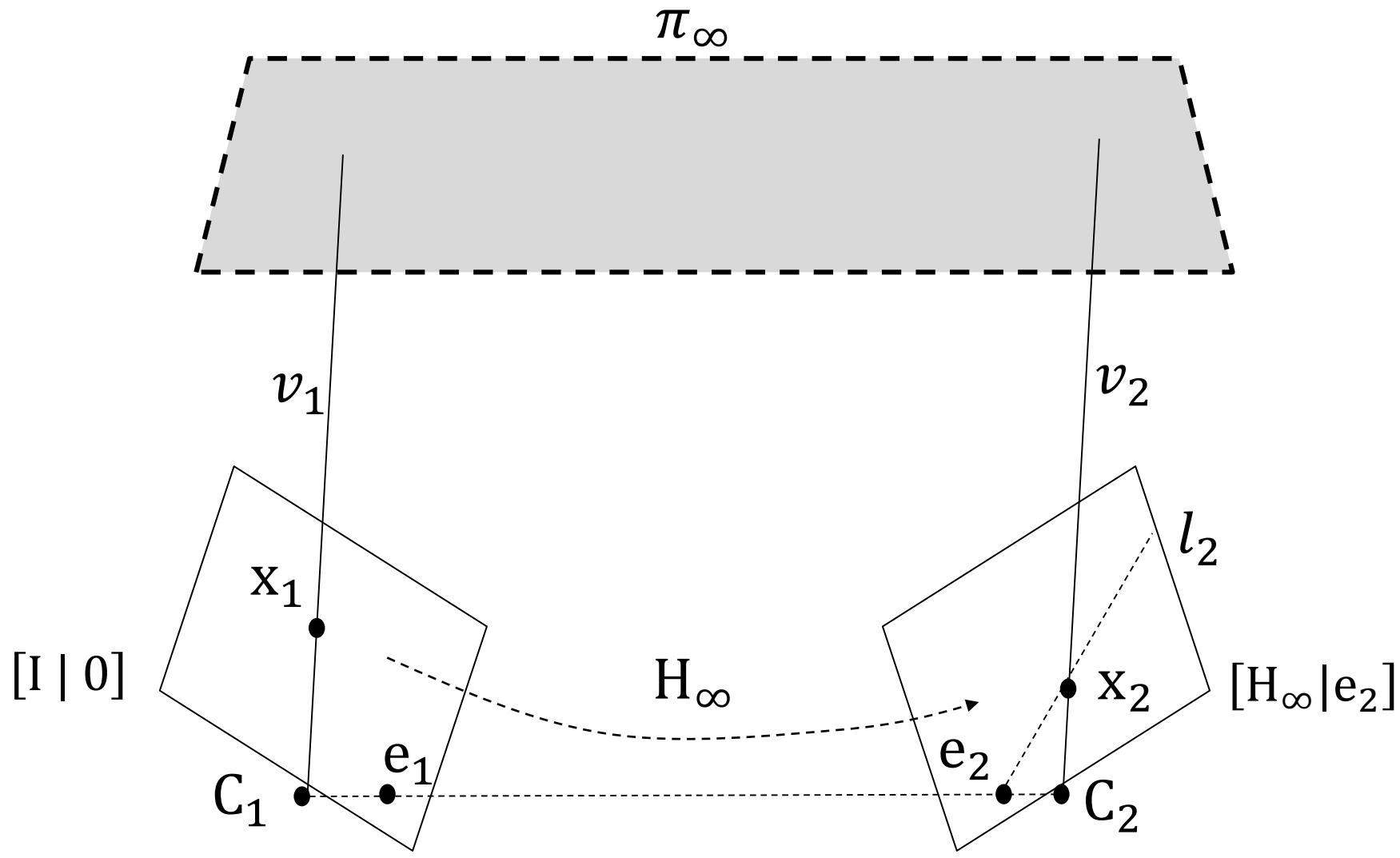
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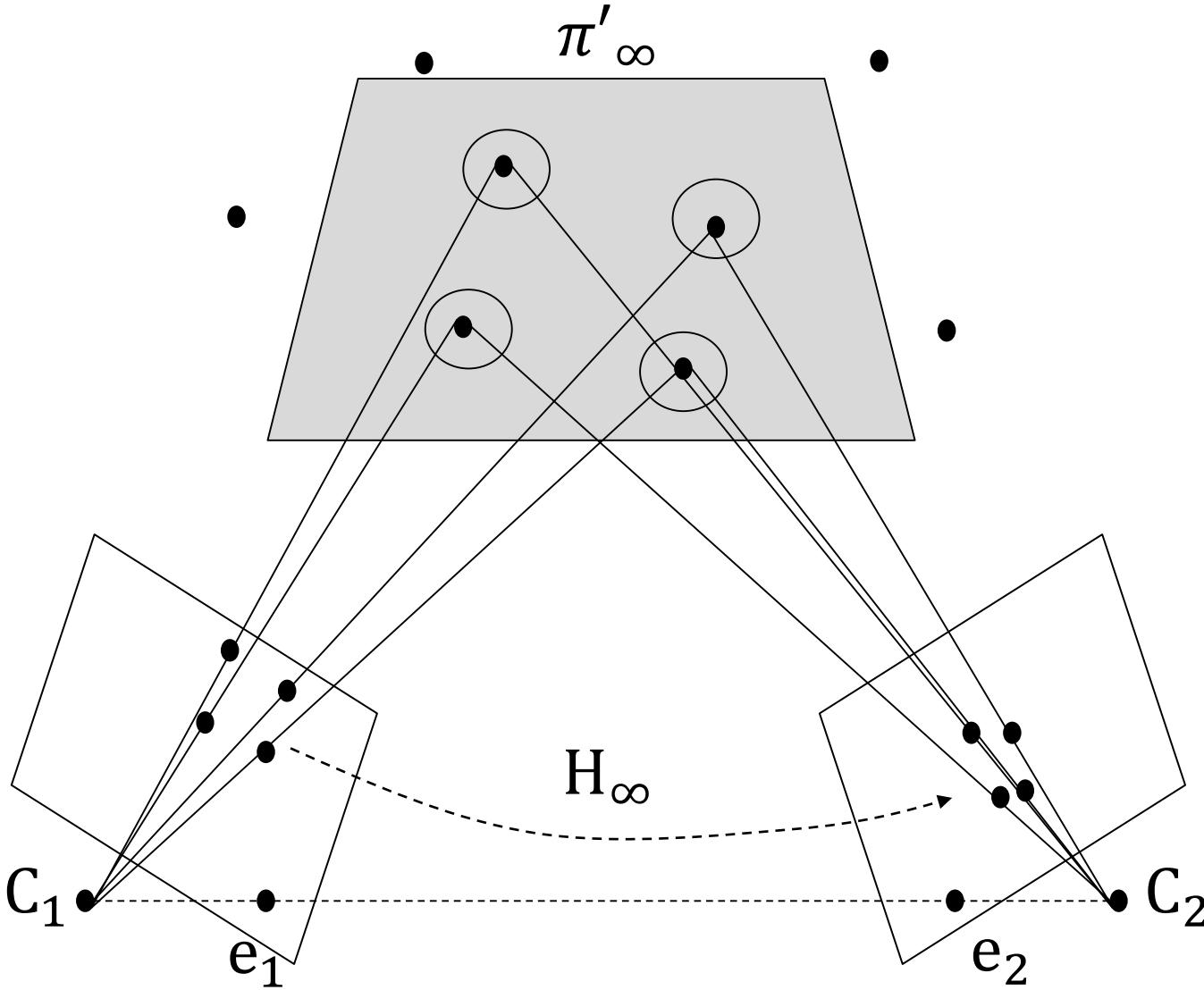
$[H_\infty | e_2]$: $\text{dir}(\nu_2) = H_\infty^{-1}x_2 = H_\infty^{-1}H_\infty x_1 = x_1 = \text{dir}(\nu_1)$



triangulate viewing rays of $x_1 \leftrightarrow x_2 = H_\infty x_1$ using cameras
 $[I | 0]$: $\text{dir}(\nu_1) = x_1$ and $[H_\infty | e_2]$: $\text{dir}(\nu_2) = x_1 = \text{dir}(\nu_1)$
 viewing rays ν_1, ν_2 are parallel \rightarrow their $\cap X'$ is at the ∞ !!



true point X on π_∞ , reconstructed point X' on π_∞ : AFFINE
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Affine reconstruction: from 4 pairs of corresponding **vanishing** points compute homography H_{π} (H_{∞}). Use cameras $[I \mid 0]$ and $[H_{\infty} \mid e_2]$ to triangulate 3D points

To compute the homography induced by the plane at the infinity

- find three pairs of corresponding vanishing points $v_{1j} \leftrightarrow v_{2j}$
 $j = 1..3$ from two images
- use epipoles $e_1 \leftrightarrow e_2$ as the fourth pair of points (the epipoles can not be used to triangulate a point in 3D)
- → compute homography using these four pairs of points
- → this homography is H_∞

then use cameras $P_1 = [I|0]$ and $P_2 = [H_\infty|e_2]$ as new cameras

affine to metric

Affine to metric

Given $P_1 = [M_1 | m_1]$ and $\omega_1 = (KK^T)^{-1}$ of just one of the cameras, a possible transformation from affine to metric is

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } A = \text{Cholesky factorisation of } AA^T = (M_1^T \omega_1 M_1)^{-1}$$

Proof: new camera $P'_1 = P_1 H^{-1} = [M_1 A | m_1]$ is OK if
 \rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1^{-1} &= KK^T = (KR)(KR)^T = M' M'^T = (M_1 A)(M_1 A)^T = M_1 A A^T M_1^T \\ &\rightarrow \\ M_1^{-1} \omega_1^{-1} M_1^{-T} &= A A^T \quad \text{Q.E.D} \end{aligned}$$

Then, the new (first) camera is $P'_1 = P_1 H^{-1} = [M_1 A | m_1]$

and new reconstruction is $X' = HX = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X$

Affine to metric: the new (other) camera P_2'

From $P_2 = [M_2 | m_2]$, new camera is $P_2' = P_2 H^{-1} = [M_2 A | m_2]$

(since $H = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$) with $AA^T = (M_1^T \omega_1 M_1)^{-1}$

The ω matrix of the other camera is

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_2^{-1} &= (M_2 A)(M_2 A)^T = M_2 A A^T M_2^T = M_2 (M_1^T \omega_1 M_1)^{-1} M_2^T = \\ &= M_2 M_1^{-1} \omega_1^{-1} M_1^{-T} M_2^T = H_\infty \omega_1^{-1} H_\infty^T\end{aligned}$$

Transfer of the ω matrix:

$$\omega_2 = H_\infty^{-T} \omega_1 H_\infty^{-1}$$

through the homography H_∞ induced by the plane at the ∞

Affine to metric

If, after affine reconstruction, K is known for camera

$P_1 = [I | 0]$, then this camera is transformed to $P'_1 = [K | 0]$ by applying the reconstructing mapping

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} K^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

the other cameras $P_2, P_3 \dots$ are mapped to $P'_2, P'_3 \dots$

$$P'_2 = P_2 H^{-1} = [M_2 | m_2] \begin{bmatrix} K & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [M_2 K | m_2]$$

while the updated (metric) reconstruction is

$$X'' = H X' = \begin{bmatrix} K^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X'$$

Constraints on ω from orthogonality

vanishing points corresponding to orthogonal directions

$$\mathbf{v}_1^T \boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$$

vanishing line and vanishing point corresponding to plane
and normal direction

$$\mathbf{l} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{v}$$

Constraints on ω from known internal parameters

$$\omega = K^{-T} K^{-1}$$

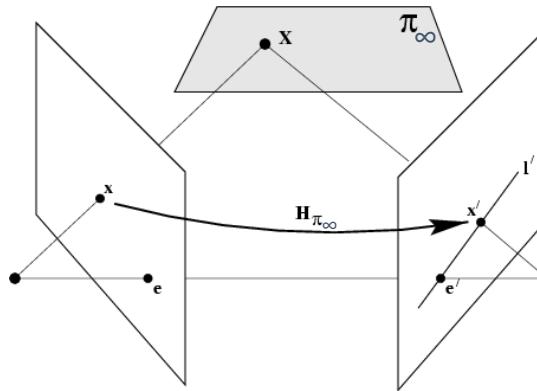
rectangular pixels (zero skew factor)

$$s = 0 \quad \omega_{12} = \omega_{21} = 0$$

+ square pixels (or known aspect ratio)

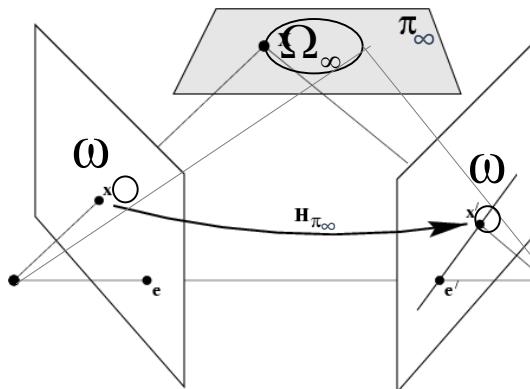
$$f_x = f_y \quad \omega_{11} = \omega_{22}$$

Remember: Homography induced by plane at the infinity



$$H_\infty = M_2 M_1^{-1}$$

transfer of vanishing point: $v_2 = H_\infty v_1 = M_2 M_1^{-1} v_1$



transfer of the ω matrix $\omega_2 = H_\infty^{-T} \omega_1 H_\infty^{-1}$

Example: same camera for all images → constraints on ω from affine reconstruction (H_∞)

same intrinsics $K \Rightarrow$ same ω matrix, e.g. moving camera

$$\omega = \omega' = H_\infty^{-T} \omega H_\infty^{-1}$$

given enough images there is in general only one matrix ω that transfers to itself in all images,

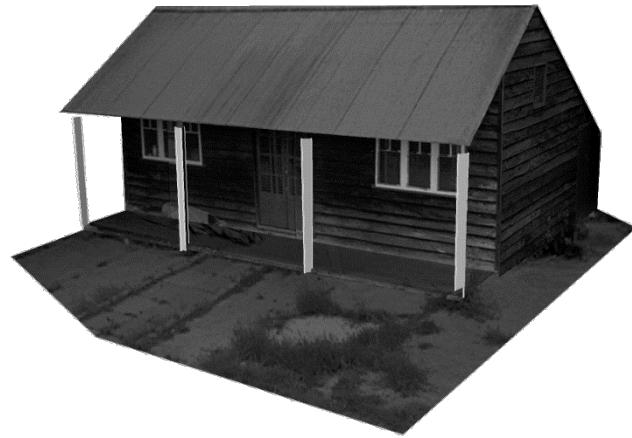
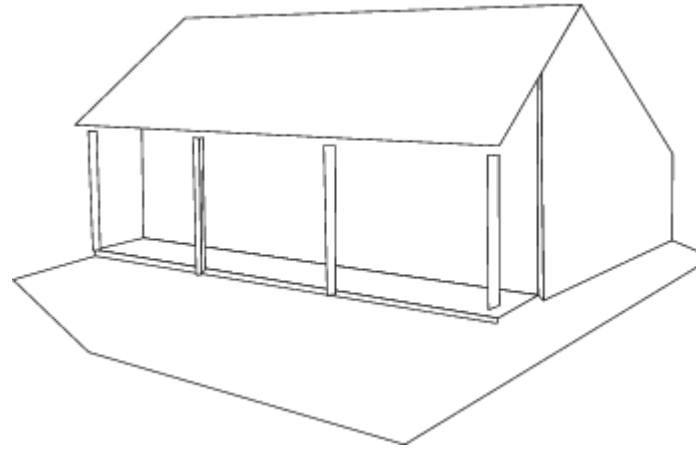
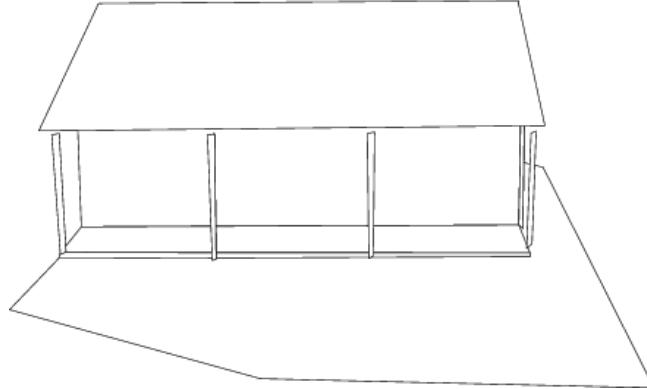
This approach is called *self-calibration*, see later

transfer of ω matrix : $\omega' = \omega = H_\infty^{-T} \omega H_\infty^{-1}$

Direct metric reconstruction using ω of all cameras

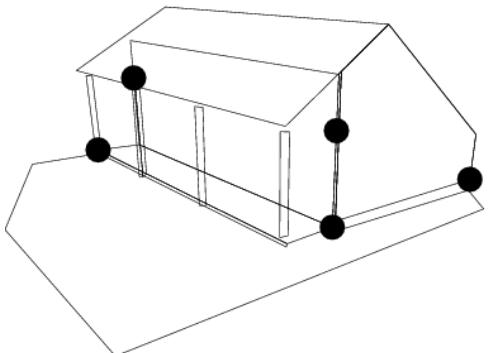
$$\omega = K^{-T} K^{-1} \Rightarrow K$$

calibrated reconstruction: Essential matrix
→ first relative pose and then stereo triangulation



Direct reconstruction using ground truth

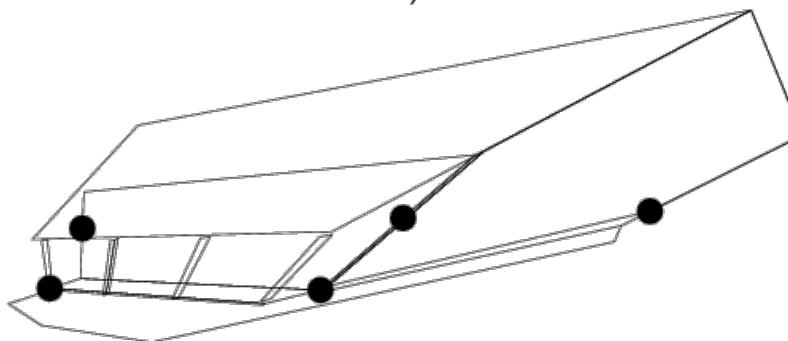
use control points X_{Ei} with known coordinates
to go from projective to metric



$$X_{Ei} = H X_i$$

$$x_i = P H^{-1} X_{Ei}$$

(2 lin. eq. in H^{-1} per view,
3 for two views)



3D Shape Reconstruction

Data

Enough pairs of corresponding image points

$$x_{1i} \leftrightarrow x_{2i}$$

taken by two uncalibrated images

Purpose

Compute
 $(P_1^M, P_2^M, \{X_i^M\})$

(i.e. within similarity of original scene and cameras)

Algorithm

(i) Compute projective reconstruction $(P_1^o, P_2^o, \{X_i^o\})$

- (a) Compute F from $x_{1i} \leftrightarrow x_{2i}$
- (b) Compute P_1^o, P_2^o from F : $P_1^o = [I|0]$ $P_2^o = [[e_2]_x F | e_2]$, ($e_2 = \text{LNS } F$)
- (c) Triangulate X_i from $x_{1i} \leftrightarrow x_{2i}$

(ii) Rectify reconstruction from projective to metric

Direct method: compute H from control points $X_{Ei} = H X_i$

$$\text{then } P_1^M = P_1^o H^{-1}, P_2^M = P_2^o H^{-1}, X_{Ei} = H X_i$$

Stratified method:

- (a) **Affine reconstruction:** find (fit) π_∞ and apply $H = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ \pi_\infty \end{bmatrix}$ **OR**
find (fit) H_∞ and set new cameras $P_1^A = [I|0]$ and $P_2^A = [H_\infty|e_2]$

- (a) **Metric reconstruction:** find $K \rightarrow (\omega$ matrix) for one of the cameras
apply $H = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ with $AA^T = (M^T \omega M)^{-1}$ Cholesky factorisation

Image information provided	View relations and projective objects	3-space objects	reconstruction ambiguity
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point correspondences	F		projective
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point correspondences including vanishing points	F, H_∞	π_∞	affine
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Points correspondences and internal camera calibration	F, H_∞ ω, ω'	π_∞ Q_∞	metric
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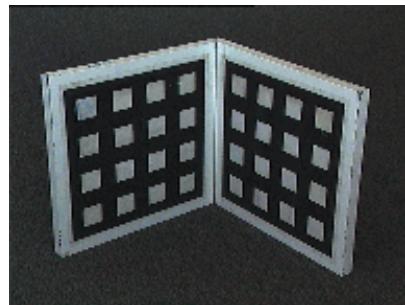
SELF-CALIBRATION

Outline

- Introduction
- Self-calibration
- Absolute Conic

Motivation

- Avoid explicit calibration procedure
 - Complex procedure
 - Need for calibration object
 - Need to maintain calibration



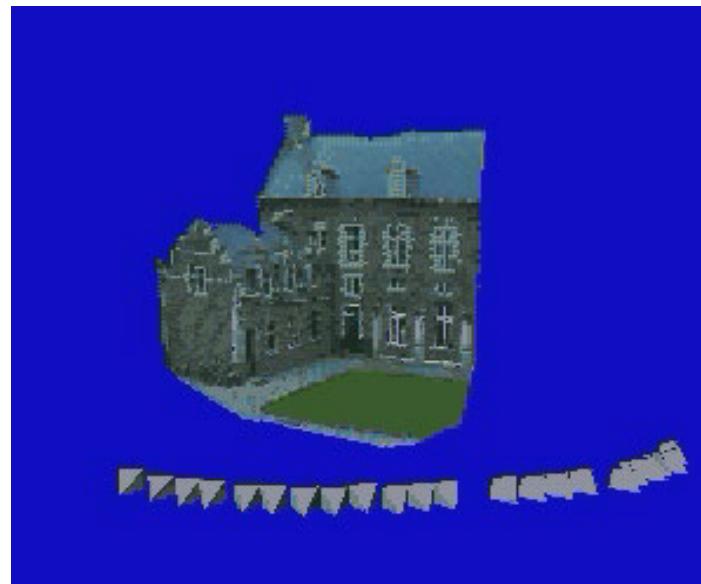
Motivation

- Allow flexible acquisition
 - No prior calibration necessary
 - Possibility to vary intrinsics
 - Use archive footage

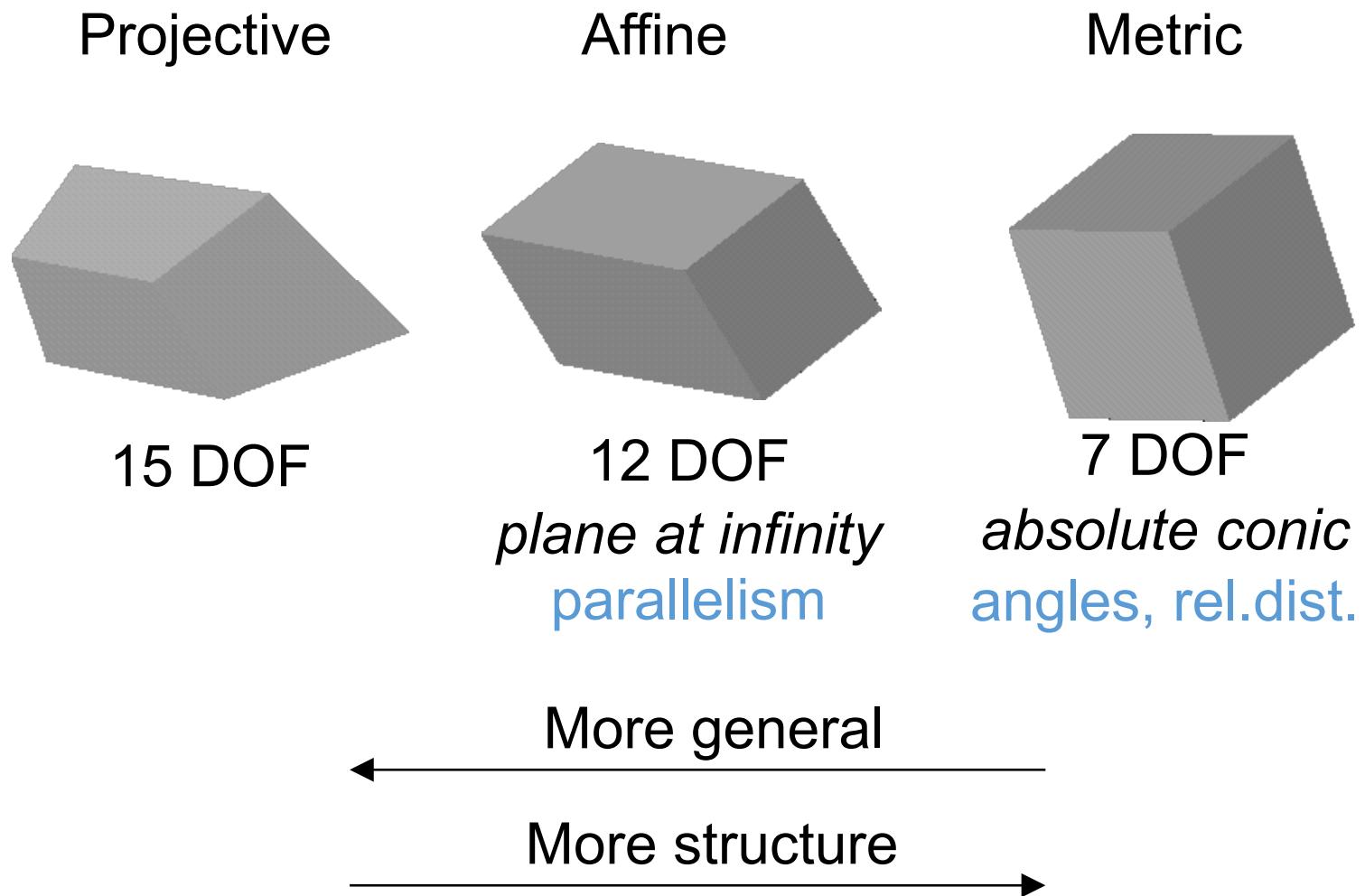
Projective ambiguity

Reconstruction from uncalibrated images
⇒ projective ambiguity on reconstruction

$$x = Px = (PT^{-1})(Tx) = P'x'$$



Stratification of geometry



Constraints ?

- Scene constraints
 - Parallelism, vanishing points, horizon, ...
 - Distances, positions, angles, ...
Unknown scene → no constraints
- Camera extrinsics constraints
 - Pose, orientation, motion ...
Unknown camera motion → no constraints
- Camera intrinsics constraints
 - Focal length, principal point, aspect ratio & skew
*Perspective camera model too general
→ some constraints*

Euclidean projection matrix

Factorization of Euclidean projection matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}^\top & -\mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Intrinsics: $\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & s & u_x \\ & f_y & u_y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (camera geometry)

Extrinsics: (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}) (camera motion)

Note: every projection matrix can be factorized,
but only meaningful for euclidean projection matrices

Self-calibration

Upgrade from *projective* structure to *metric* structure using *constraints on intrinsic* camera parameters

- Constant intrinsics
(Faugeras et al. ECCV'92, Hartley'93,
Triggs'97, Pollefeys et al. PAMI'98,...)
- Some known intrinsics, others varying
- Constraints on intrinsics and restricted motion
(e.g. pure translation, pure rotation, planar motion)
(Moons et al.'94, Hartley '94, Armstrong ECCV'96, ...)

A counting argument

- To go from projective (15DOF) to metric (7DOF) at least 8 constraints are needed
- Minimal sequence length should satisfy

$$n \times (\# \text{known}) + (n - 1) \times (\# \text{fixed}) \geq 8$$

where n is the number of images

- Independent of algorithm
- Assumes general motion (i.e. not critical)

Dual Image of Absolute Conic

DIAC

From tentative cameras
to true cameras

tentative cameras $P_1 = [I \quad 0] \quad P_i = [A_i \quad a_i]$

true cameras $P'_1 = P_1 H^{-1} \quad P'_i = P_i H^{-1}$

with $H^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A & t \\ v^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

world reference = first-camera reference

$$P'_1 = [K_1 \quad 0] = [I \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} A & t \\ v^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

thus $A = K_1$ and $t = 0$

.. therefore

new camera $P'_i = [K_i R_i \quad K_i t_i] = [A_i \quad a_i] \begin{bmatrix} K_1 & 0 \\ v^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

now define p s.t. $v^T = -p^T K_1$

then the new camera $P'_i = [(A_i - a_i p^T) K_1 \quad a_i]$

is a true camera if $(A_i - a_i p^T) K_1 = K_i R_i$

But, since $\omega_i^* = K_i K_i^T = (K_i R_i)(K_i R_i)^T$

Then $\omega_i^* = (A_i - a_i p^T) K_1 K_1^T (A_i - a_i p^T)^T$

Hence $\omega_i^* = (A_i - a_i p^T) \omega_1^* (A_i - a_i p^T)^T$

Selfcalibration equation

$$\omega_i^* = (A_i - a_i p^T) \omega_1^* (A_i - a_i p^T)^T$$

8 unknowns: p and ω_1^* (3 + 5)

provided that only constrained elements of ω_i^* are used (i.e., known or constant)

→ in this way: new equations do not introduce new unknowns

$$\omega_i^* = (A_i - a_i p^T) \omega_1^* (A_i - a_i p^T)^T$$

$$A_i - a_i p^T = H_{\infty i}$$

since true cameras are $[K_1|0]$, $[(A_i - a_i p^T)K_1|a_i]$
and the homography induced by the plane π_∞ is

$$H_{\infty i} = M_2 M_1^{-1} = A_i - a_i p^T$$

there are 8 unknowns: vector p and matrix K_1

Constraints on intrinsic parameters

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & s & u_x \\ & f_y & u_y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Constant

same cameras:

$$\mathbf{K}_1 = \mathbf{K}_2 = \dots$$

aspect ratio

$$f_x / f_y = a \text{ constant for all cameras}$$

Known

e.g. rectangular pixels:

$$s = 0$$

square pixels:

$$f_x = f_y, s = 0$$

principal point known:

$$(u_x, u_y) = \left(\frac{w}{2}, \frac{h}{2} \right)$$

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Constraints on DIAC ω^*

$$\omega^* = \begin{bmatrix} f_x^2 + s^2 + u_o^2 & sf_y + u_o v_o & u_o \\ sf_y + u_o v_o & f_y^2 + v_o^2 & v_o \\ u_o & v_o & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

condition	constraint	type	#constraints
Zero skew	$\omega_{12}^* \omega_{33}^* = \omega_{13}^* \omega_{23}^*$	quadratic	m
Principal point	$\omega_{13}^* = \omega_{23}^* = 0$	linear	$2m$
Zero skew (& p.p.)	$\omega_{12}^* = 0$	linear	m
Fixed aspect ratio (& p.p.& Skew)	$\omega_{11}^* \omega_{22}^* = \omega_{22}^* \omega_{11}^*$	quadratic	$m-1$
Known aspect ratio (& p.p.& Skew)	$\omega_{11}^* = \omega_{22}^*$	linear	m
Focal length (& p.p. & Skew)	$\omega_{33}^* = \omega_{11}^*$	linear	m

Note that in the absence of skew the IAC ω
can be more practical than the DIAC ω^* !

$$\omega_{\infty}^* = \begin{bmatrix} f_x^2 + s^2 + u_o^2 & sf_y + u_o v_o & u_o \\ sf_y + u_o v_o & f_y^2 + v_o^2 & v_o \\ u_o & v_o & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{f_x^2 f_y^2} \begin{bmatrix} f_y^2 & 0 & -f_y^2 u_o \\ 0 & f_x^2 & -f_x^2 v_o \\ -f_y^2 v_o & -f_x^2 u_o & f_x^2 f_y^2 + f_y^2 u_o^2 + f_x^2 v_o^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear algorithm

(Pollefeys et al., ICCV'98/IJCV'99)

Assume everything known, except focal length

$$\omega^* \approx \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{f}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \propto \mathbf{P}\Omega^*\mathbf{P}^T$$
$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{PQ}^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{11} - (\mathbf{PQ}^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{22} &= 0 \\ (\mathbf{PQ}^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{12} &= 0 \\ (\mathbf{PQ}^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{13} &= 0 \\ (\mathbf{PQ}^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{23} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Yields 4 constraint per image

Note that rank-3 constraint is not enforced

Linear algorithm revisited

(Pollefeys et al., ECCV'02)

Weighted linear equations

$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^T \approx \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{f}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{f} \approx 1$$

$$\frac{1}{0.2} (\mathbf{P}\Omega^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{11} - (\mathbf{P}\Omega^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{22} = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{0.01} (\mathbf{P}\Omega^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{12} = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{0.1} (\mathbf{P}\Omega^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{13} = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{0.1} (\mathbf{P}\Omega^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{23} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{9} (\mathbf{P}\Omega^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{11} - (\mathbf{P}\Omega^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{33} = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{9} (\mathbf{P}\Omega^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{22} - (\mathbf{P}\Omega^*\mathbf{P}^T)_{33} = 0$$

assumptions

$$\log(\hat{f}) \approx \log(1) \pm \log(3)$$

$$\log\left(\frac{f_x}{\hat{f}_y}\right) \approx \log(1) \pm \log(1.1)$$

$$c_x \approx 0 \pm 0.1 \quad s = 0$$

$$c_y \approx 0 \pm 0.1$$

Refinement

- Metric bundle adjustment

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{P}_k, \mathbf{X}_i} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n D(\mathbf{x}_{ki}, \mathbf{P}_k(\mathbf{X}_i))^2$$

Enforce constraints or priors
on intrinsics during minimization
(this is „self-calibration“ for photogrammetrist)