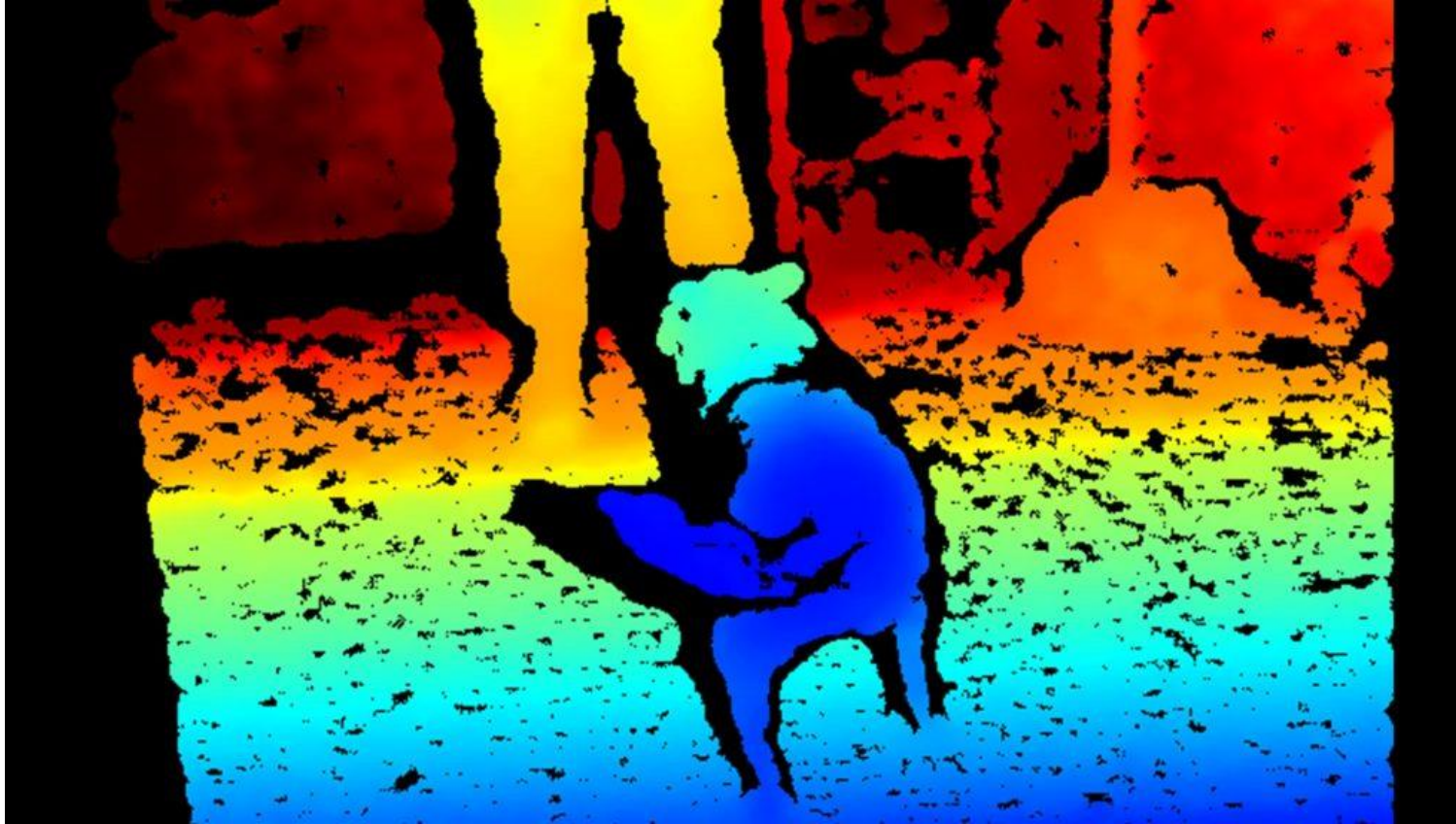
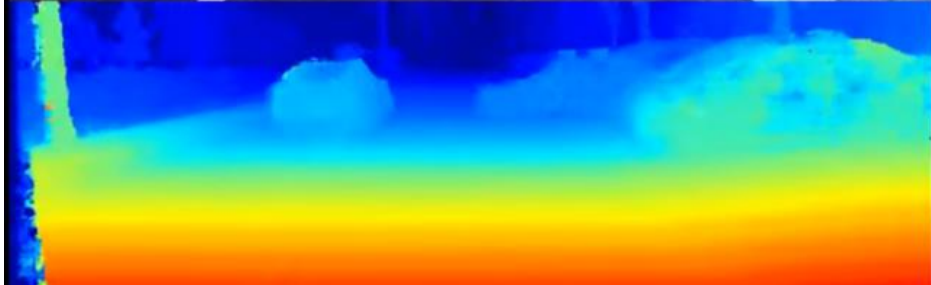


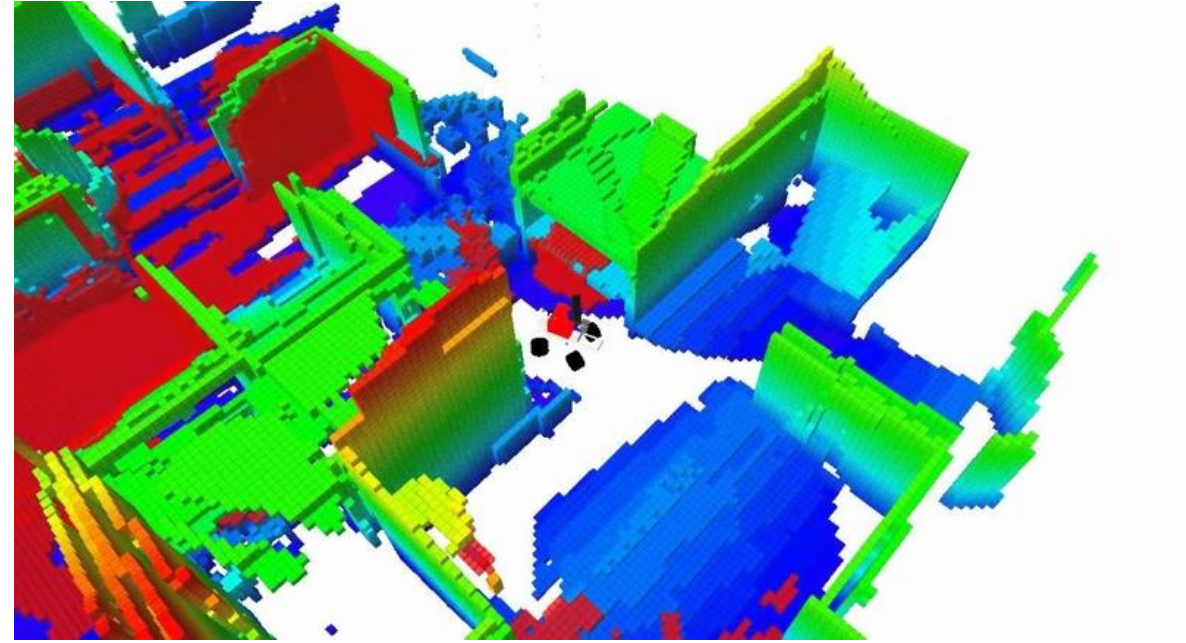
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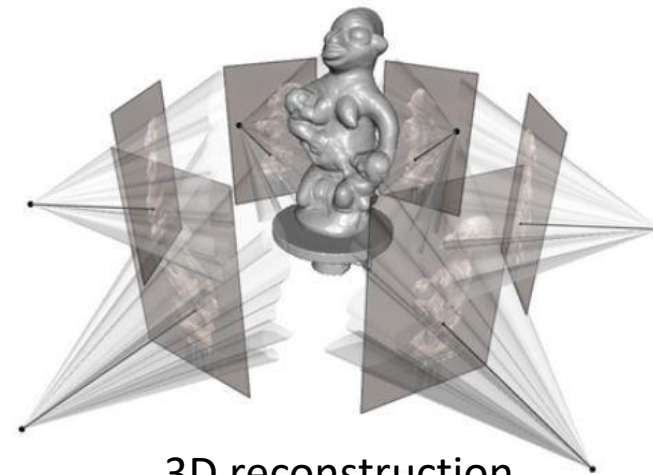
# What can be done with stereo vision?



Autonomous driving



SLAM- robot navigation



3D reconstruction

# References

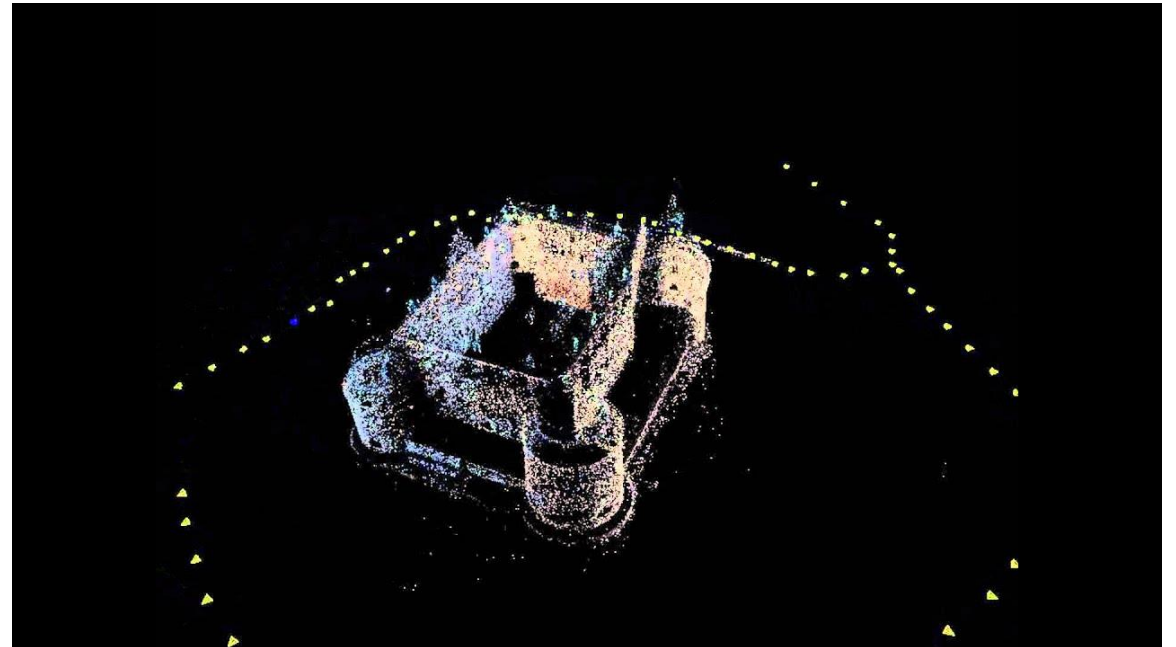
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# Structure from motion

- **Structure from motion (SfM)** is the process of estimating the 3-D structure of a scene from a set of 2-D images. SfM is used in many applications, such as 3-D scanning and augmented reality.
  - [Mathworks]
- SfM is also known as **3D reconstruction**.
- **Stereo vision** is a subcategory of SfM in which we are dealing only with 2 images.



# Structure and motion

	Structure (3D model of world)	Motion (6 DOFs of cameras)	Measurements
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3D reconstruction/ SfM/ stereo vision	<b>estimate</b>	<b>estimate</b>	2D to 2D correspondences + triangulation

# Structure and motion

- So essentially one can say that “structure from motion” is the wrong name...
  - Structure and motion is more precise, but nobody will understand what are you talking about.
- In this class we are dealing with 3D reconstruction and Triangulation.



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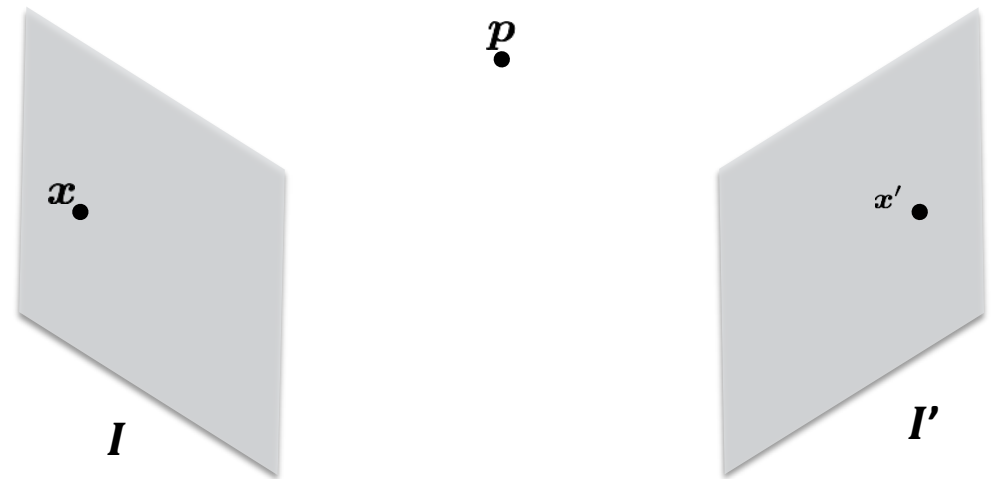
# Epipolar geometry

- **Epipolar geometry** is the geometry of stereo vision. When two cameras view a 3D scene from two distinct positions, there are a number of geometric relations between the 3D points and their projections onto the 2D images that lead to constraints between the image points.
  - [Wikipedia]

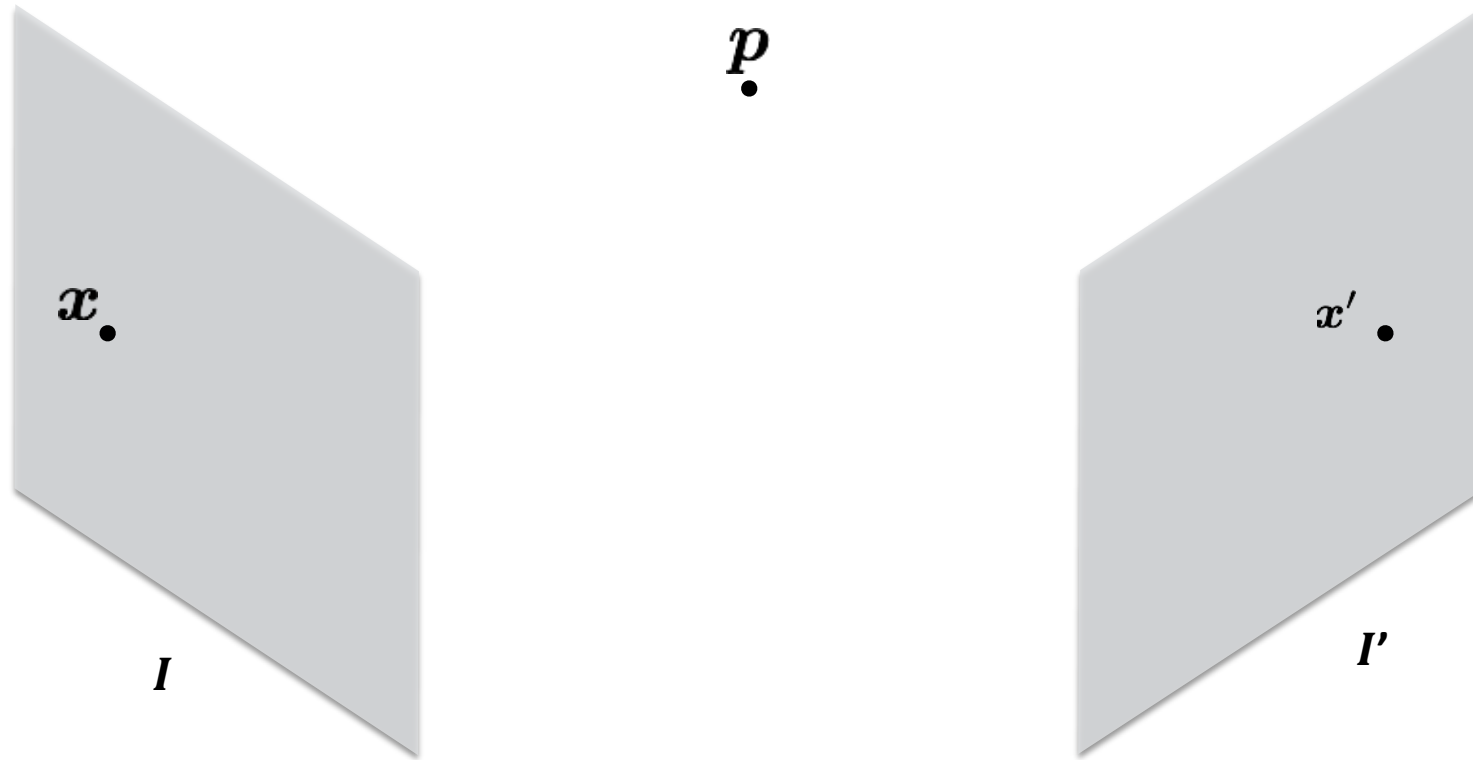
# Epipolar geometry - The triangulation problem

- Given:
  - two 2D points in the **normalized image coordinate system**  $(x, x')$  in two different images  $(I, I')$  that describes the same point  $p$  in 3D space.
  - Rotation and translation between the two cameras.
- Find  $p$ .

- Normalized image coordinate system:  $x = K^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

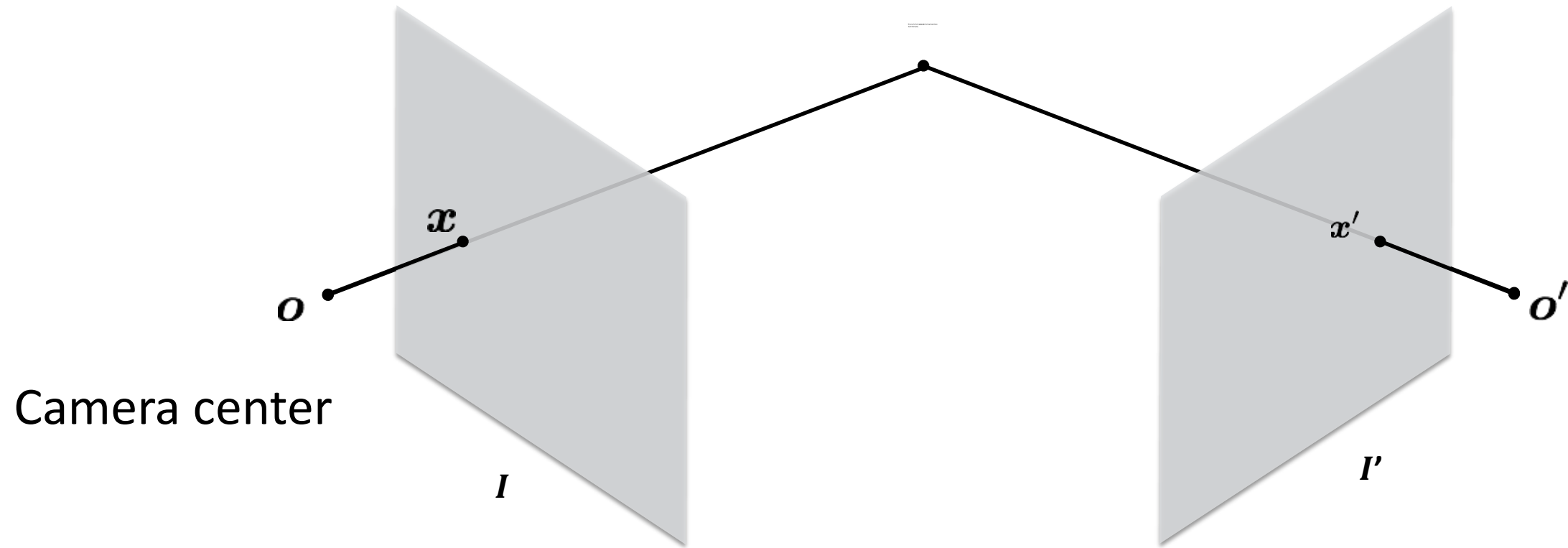


# Epipolar geometry



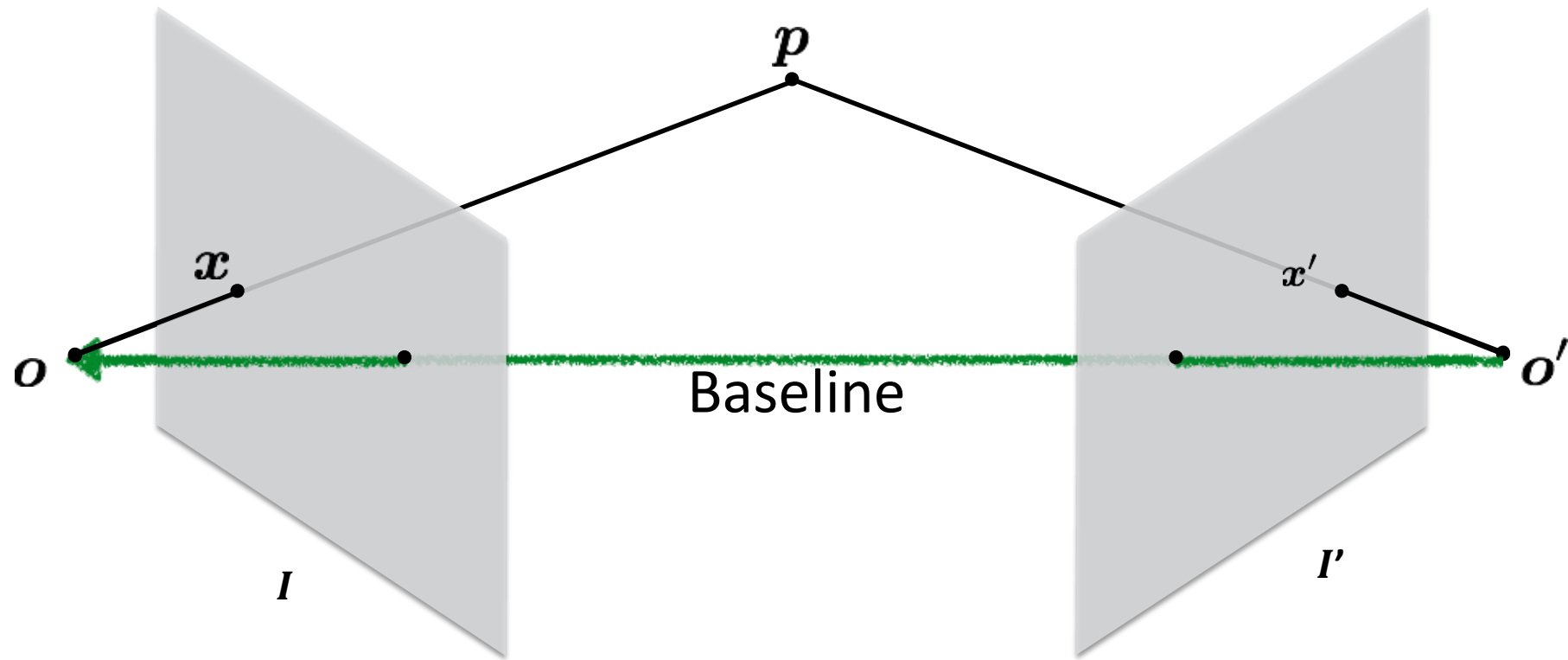
# Epipolar geometry

- We can trace lines from the **camera center** of each image, through the given 2D point to the 3D point  $p$ .



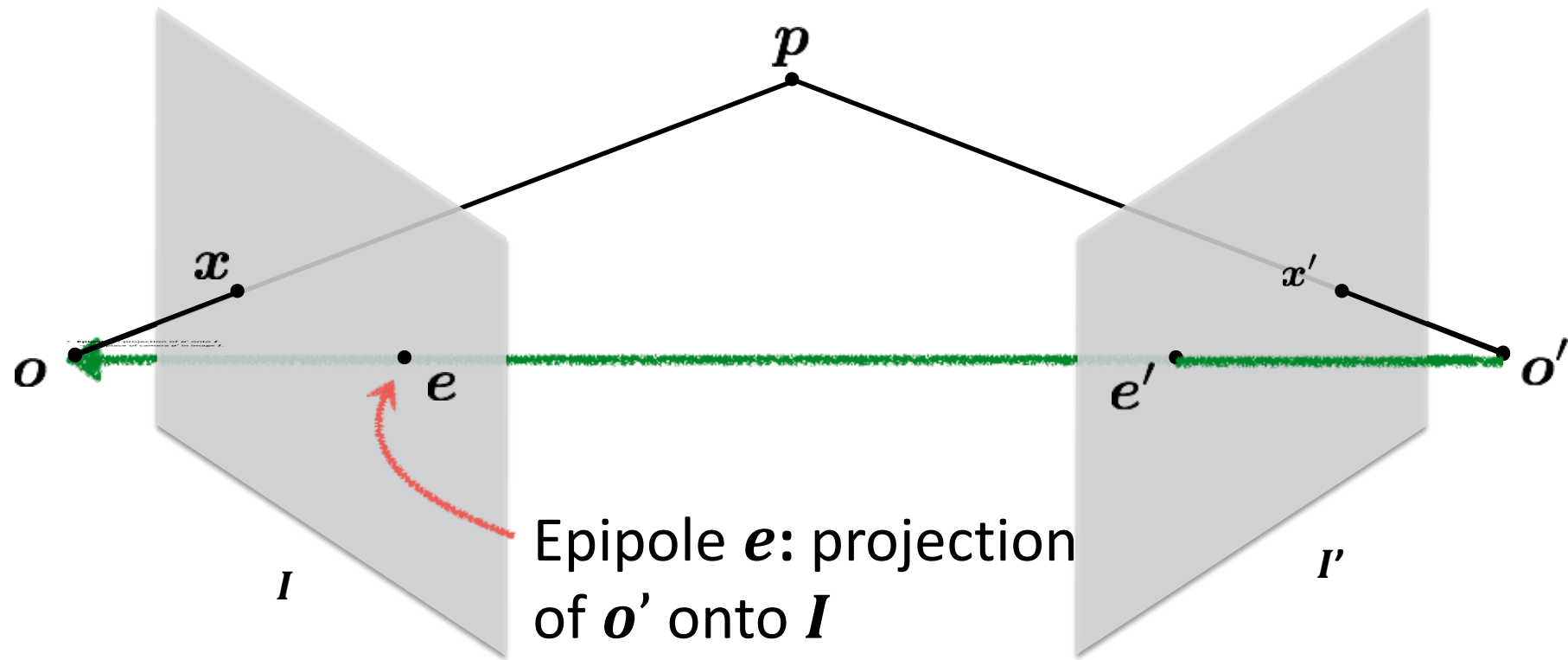
# Epipolar geometry

- **Baseline** is a vector that represent the translation between two cameras



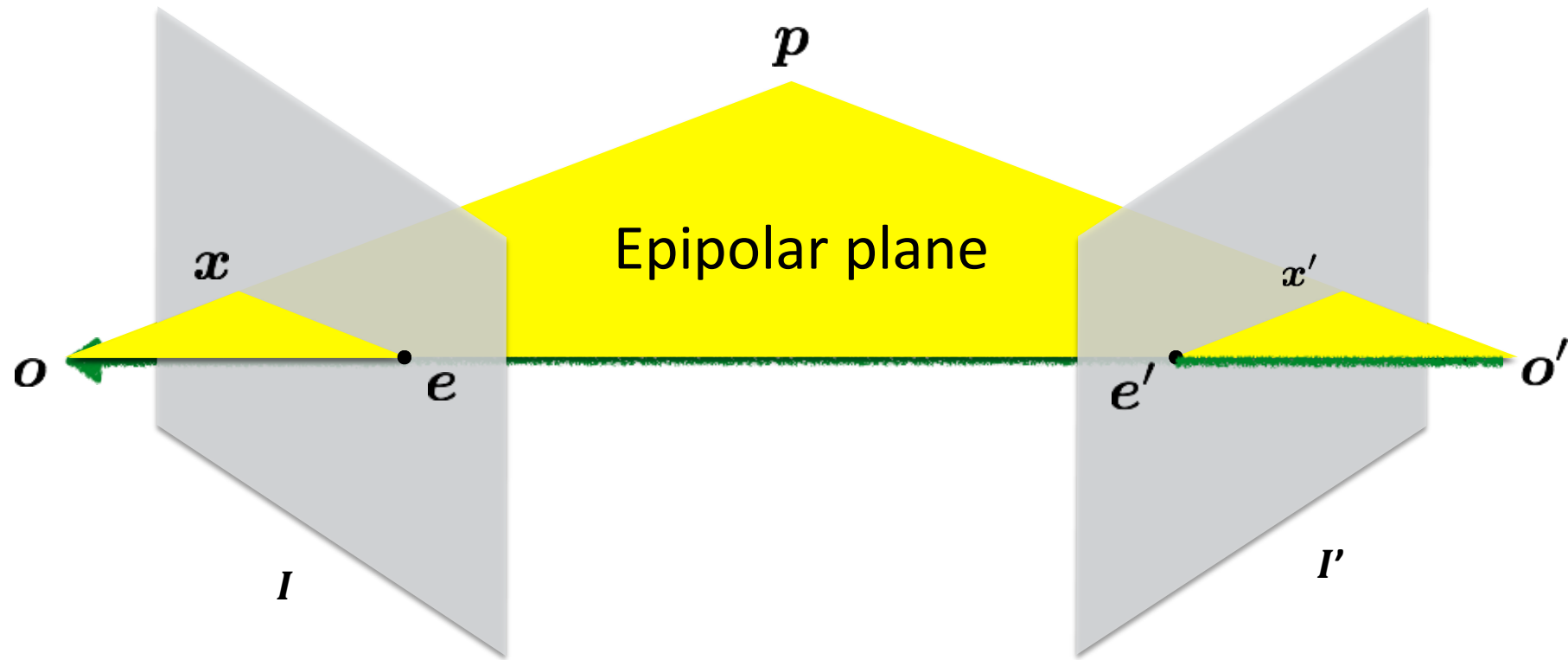
# Epipolar geometry

- **Epipole  $e$ :** projection of  $o'$  onto  $I$ .
  - The place of camera  $o'$  in image  $I$ .



# Epipolar geometry

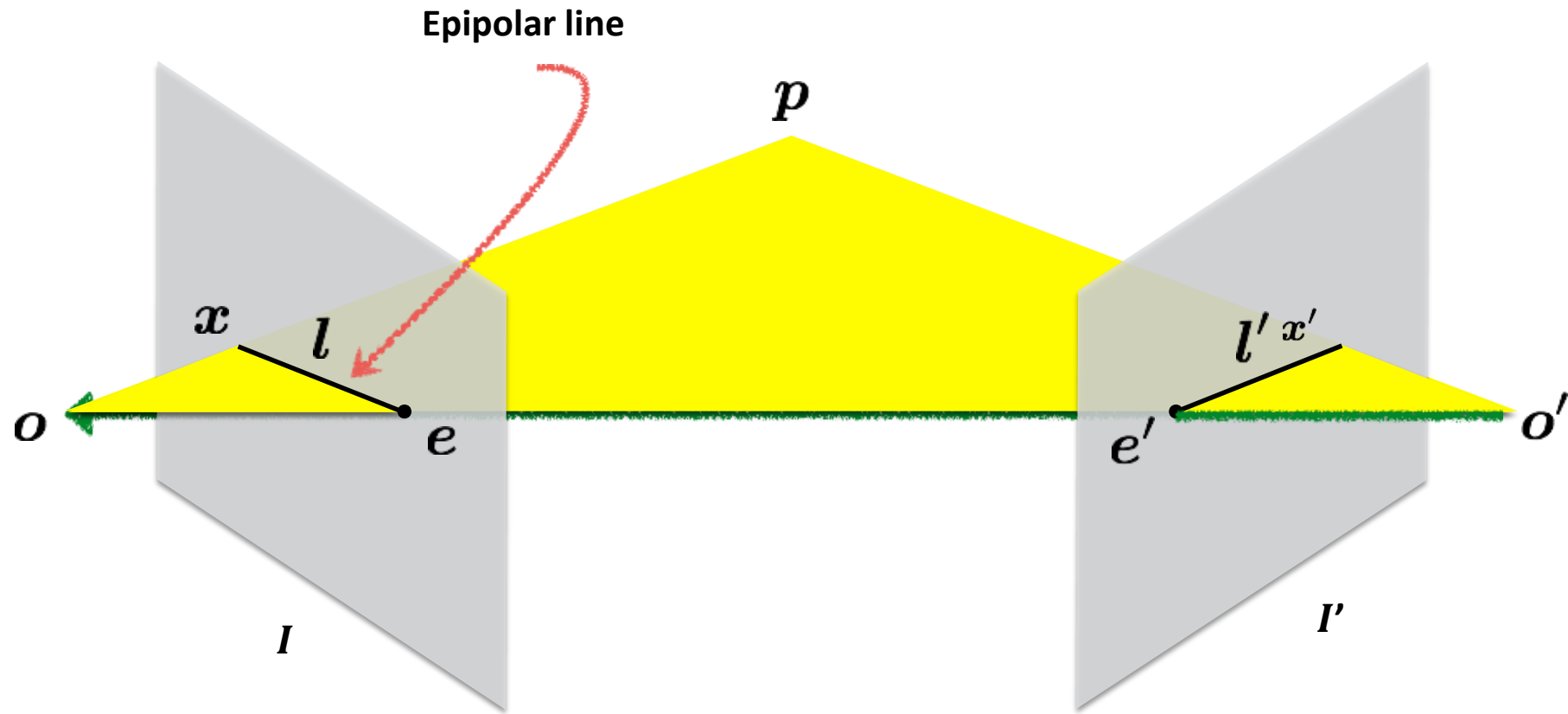
- **Epipolar plane:** the plane that is constructed from the 3 points  $(p, o, o')$ .





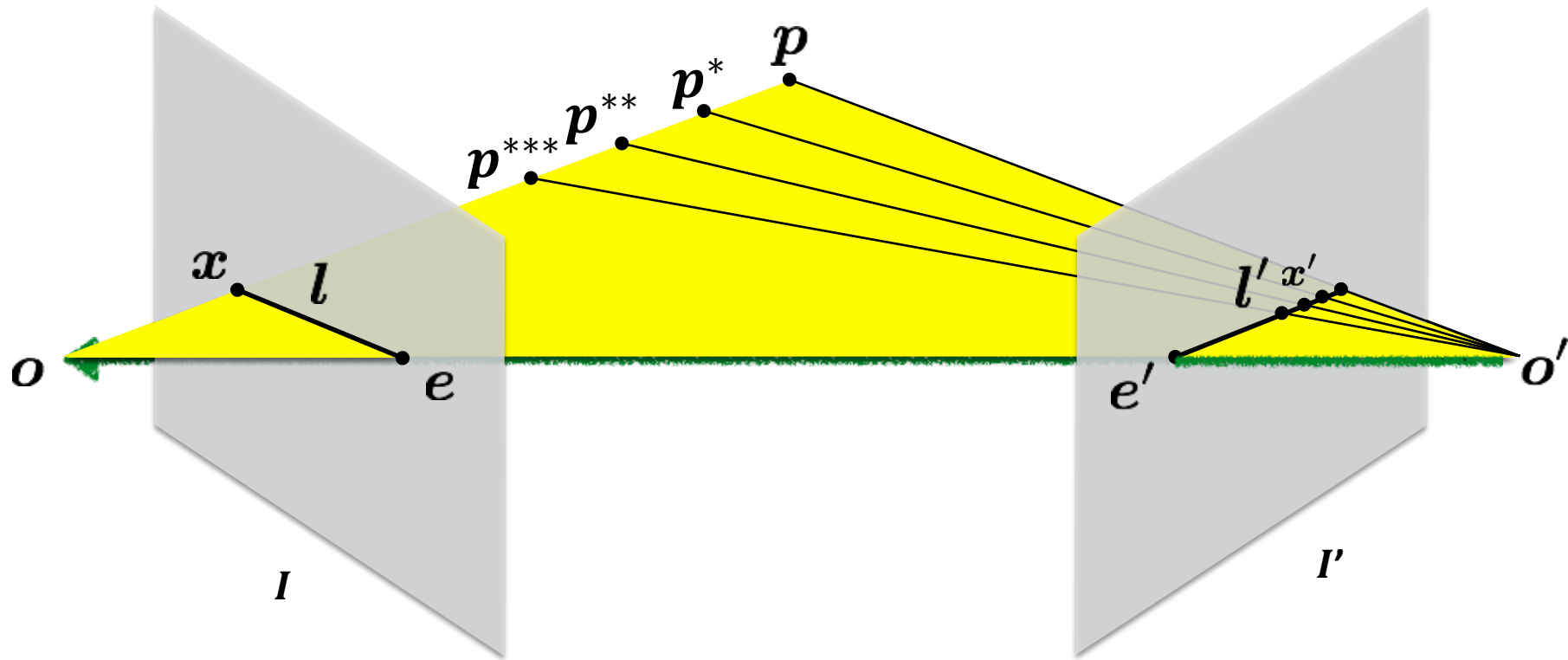
# Epipolar geometry

- **Epipolar line:** intersection of Epipolar plane and image plane.



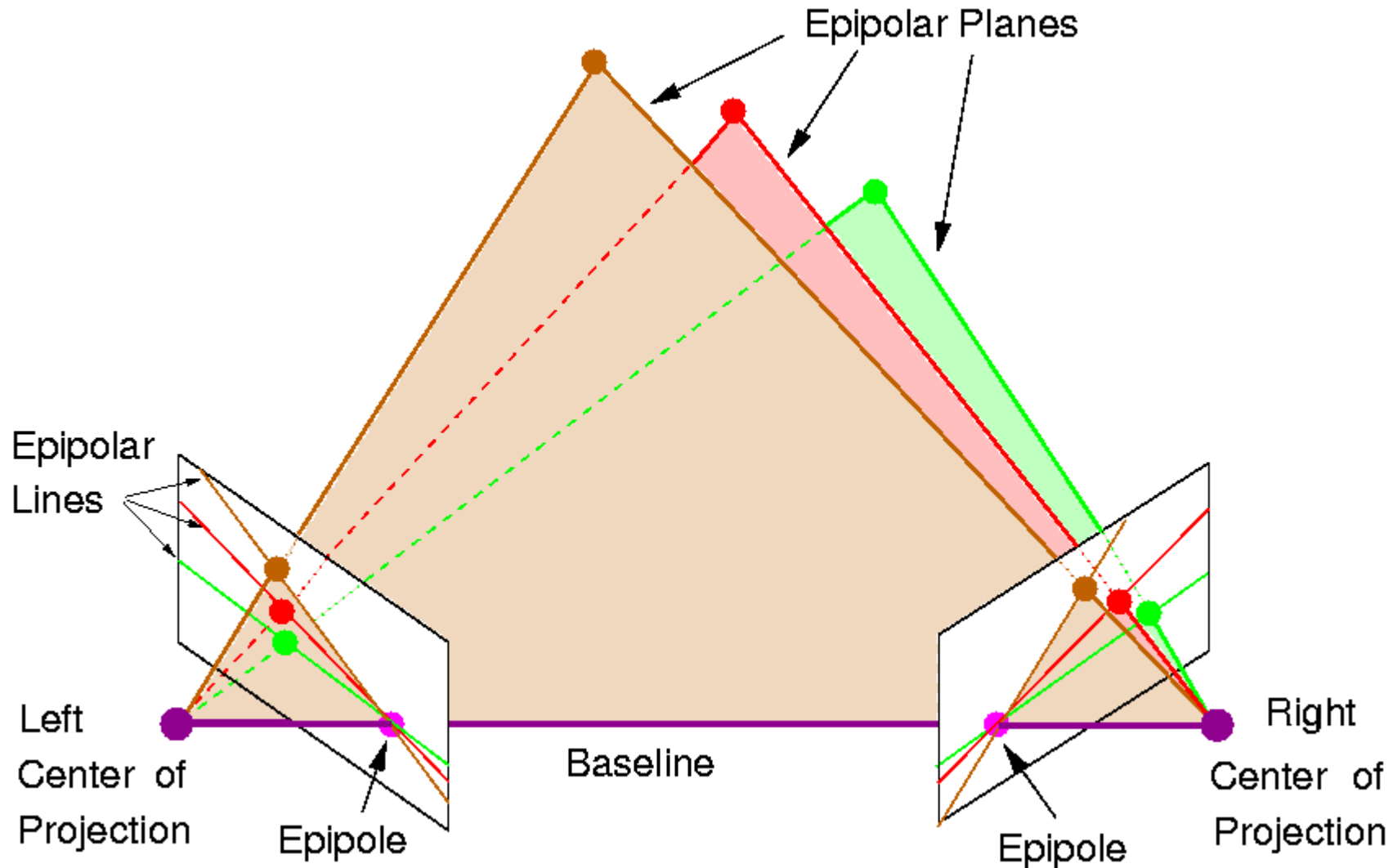
# Epipolar constraint

- **The epipolar constraint:** a point  $x$  in image  $I$  is mapped onto an epipolar line  $l'$  in image  $I'$ .
  - This happens since we don't know  $p$  in advance.



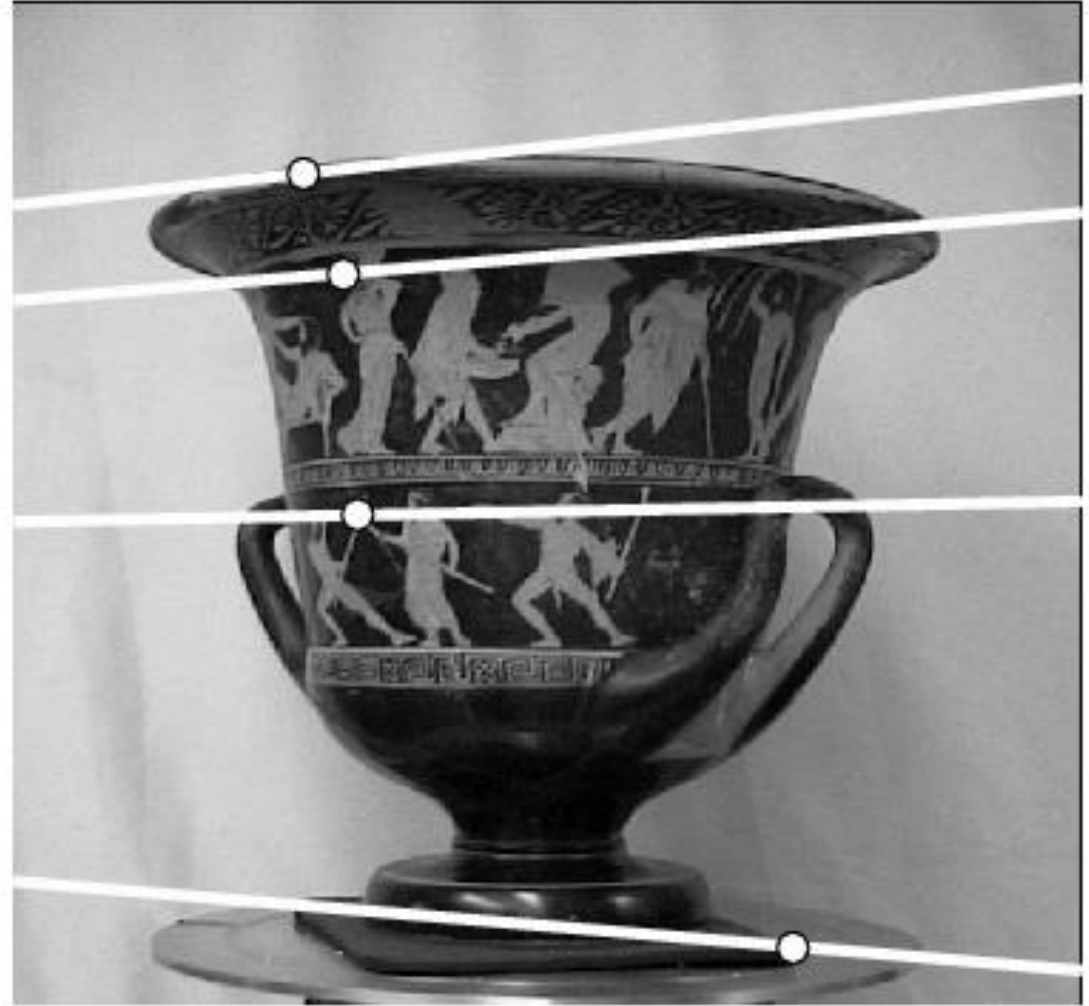
# Epipolar geometry

- Note: all epipolar lines pass through the epipole.



# Epipolar geometry

- Where is the epipole in this images?



# Epipolar geometry

- Where is the epipole in this images? The epipole doesn't have to be inside the image!



here!



# Epipolar geometry

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# Epipolar geometry

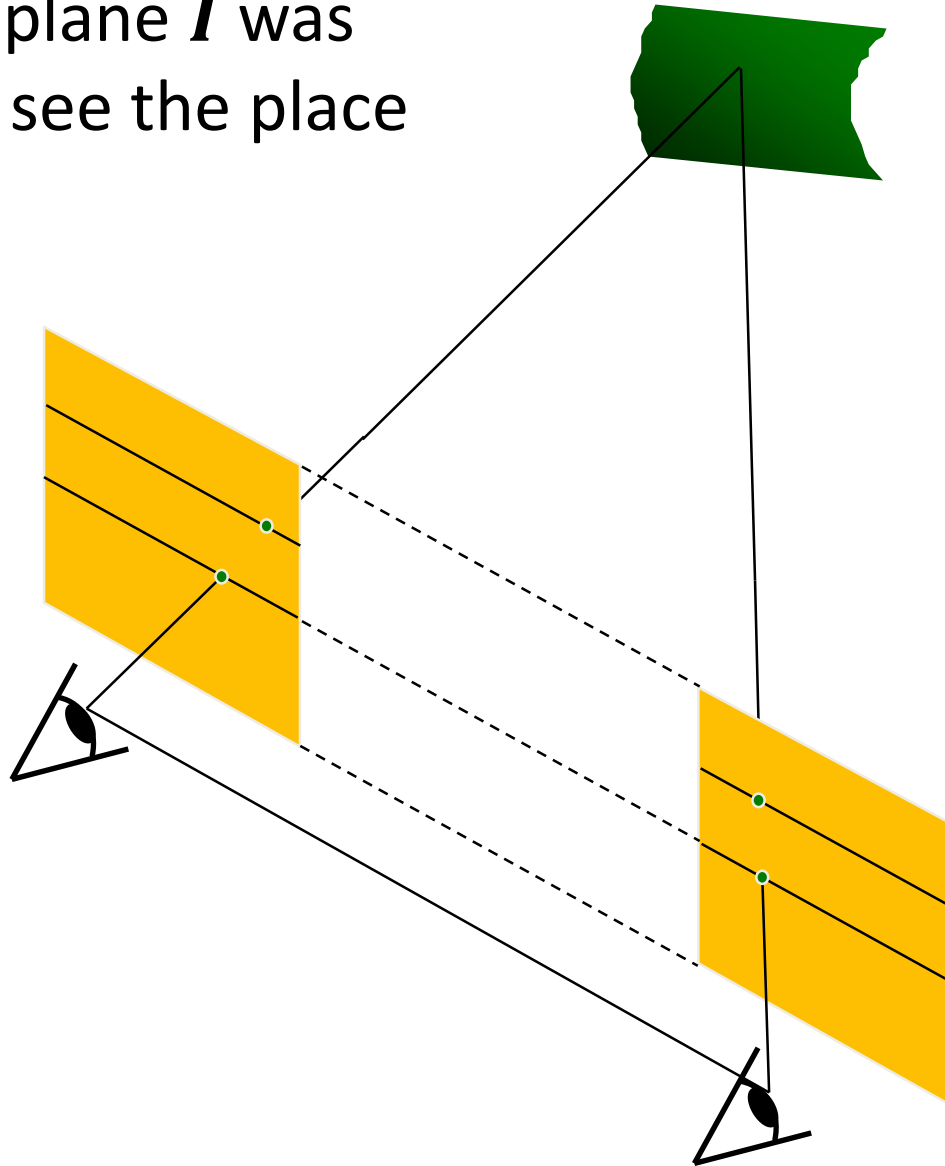
- Where is the epipole in this image? The epipolar lines doesn't converge since the baseline translation is parallel to the image plane!





# Epipolar geometry

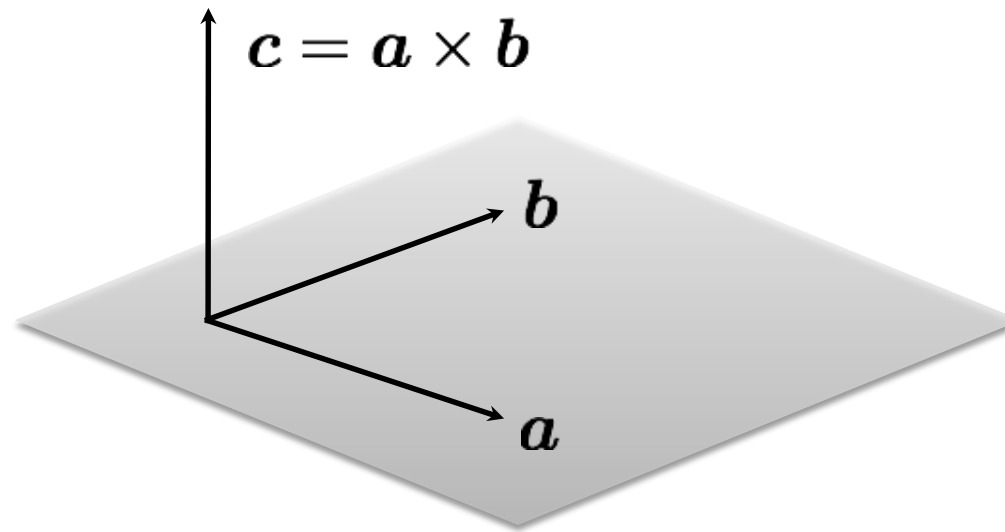
- Even if the image plane  $I$  was infinite, you can't see the place of  $o'$ .



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# Recall: Dot Product



$$c \cdot a = 0$$

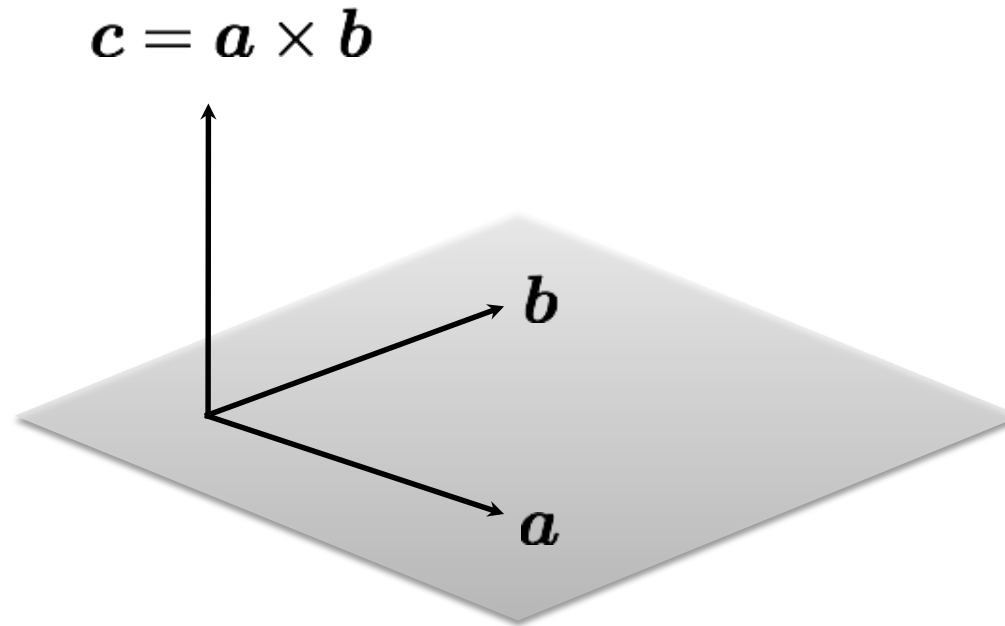
$$c \cdot b = 0$$

dot product of two orthogonal vectors is zero

# Recall: Cross Product

## Vector (cross) product

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both



$$c \cdot a = 0$$

$$c \cdot b = 0$$

# Recall: Cross Product

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

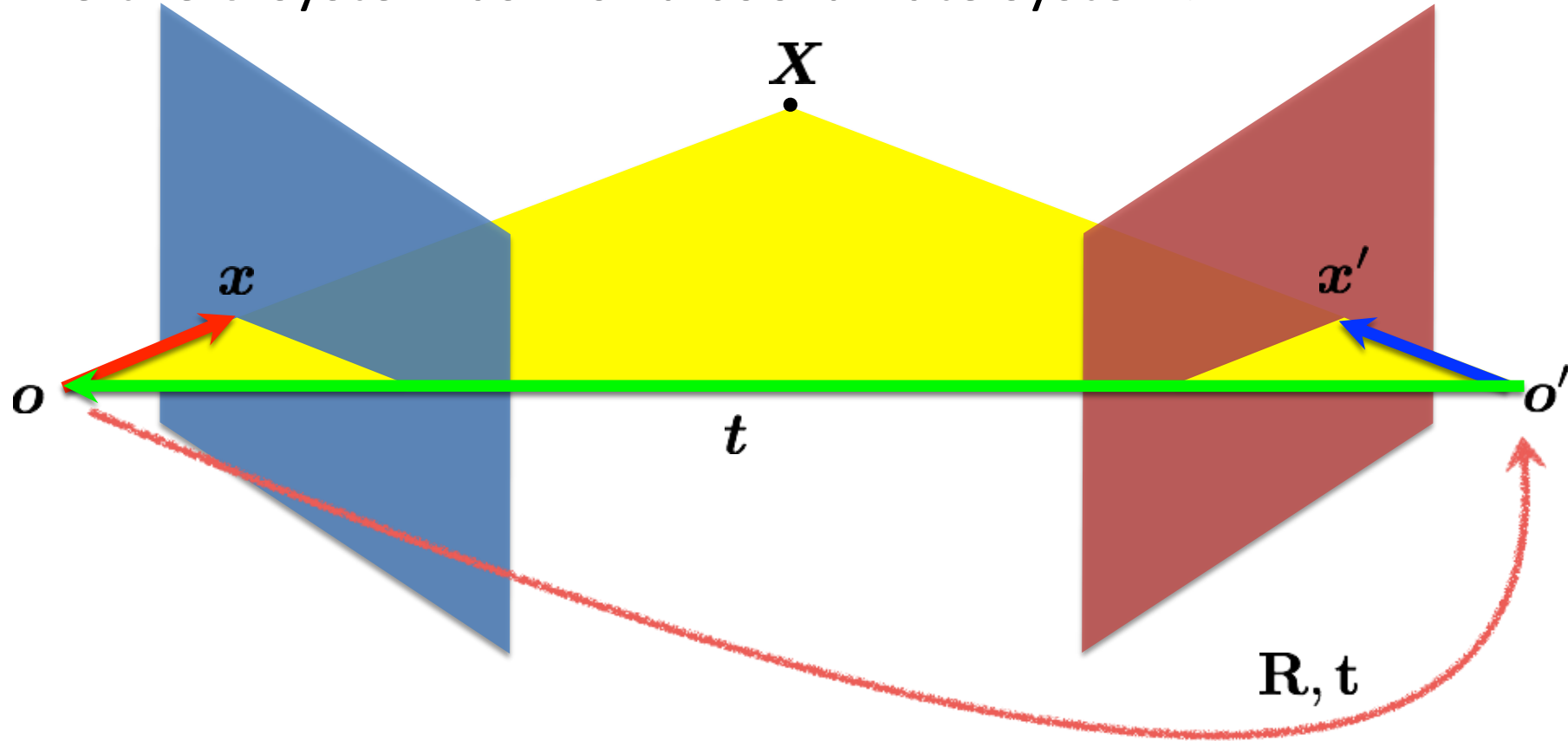
Can also be written as a matrix multiplication

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

**Skew symmetric**

# Building the essential matrix

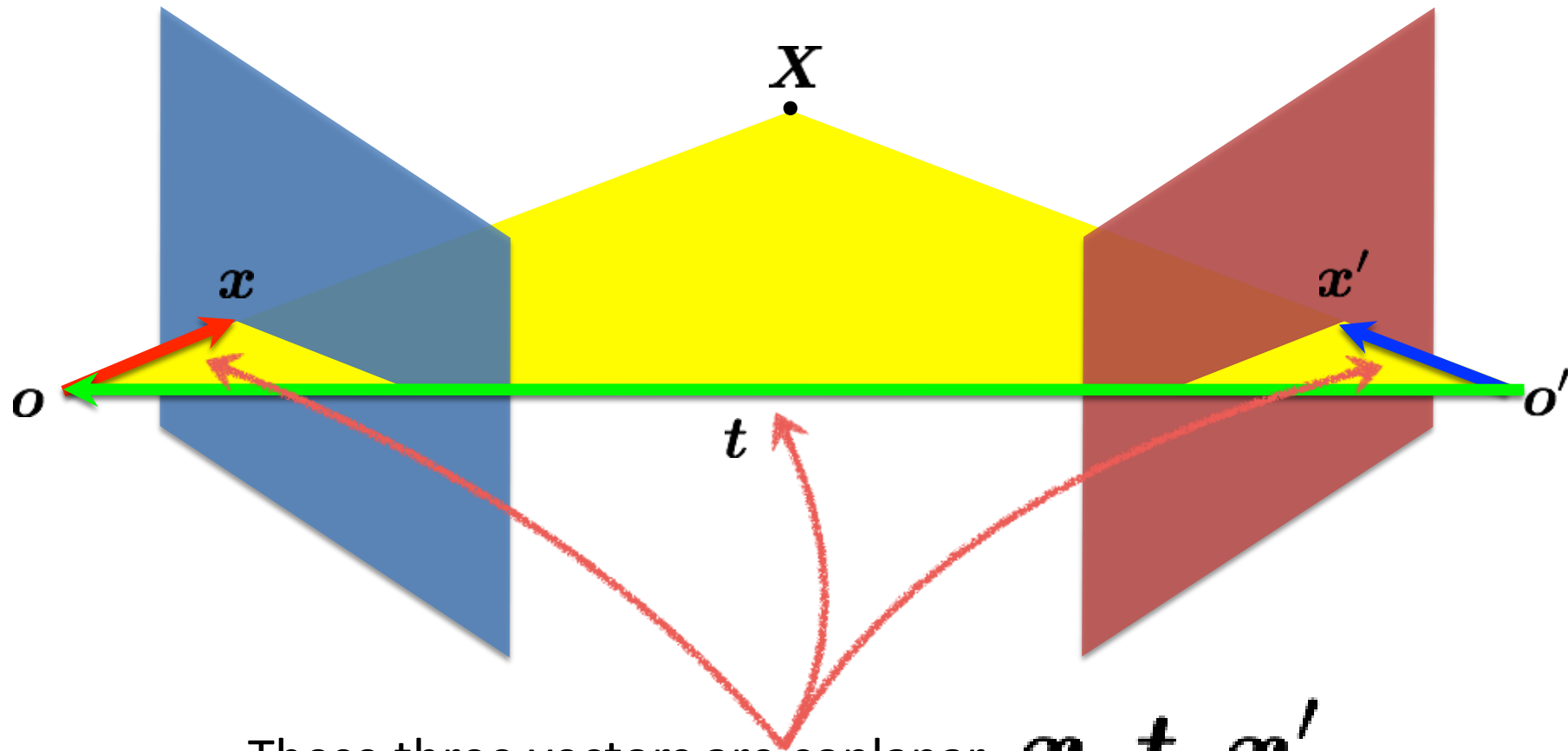
- Let's define the  $\mathbf{o}$  system as world coordinate system.



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

\* $t$  here is  $c$  from camera calibration class

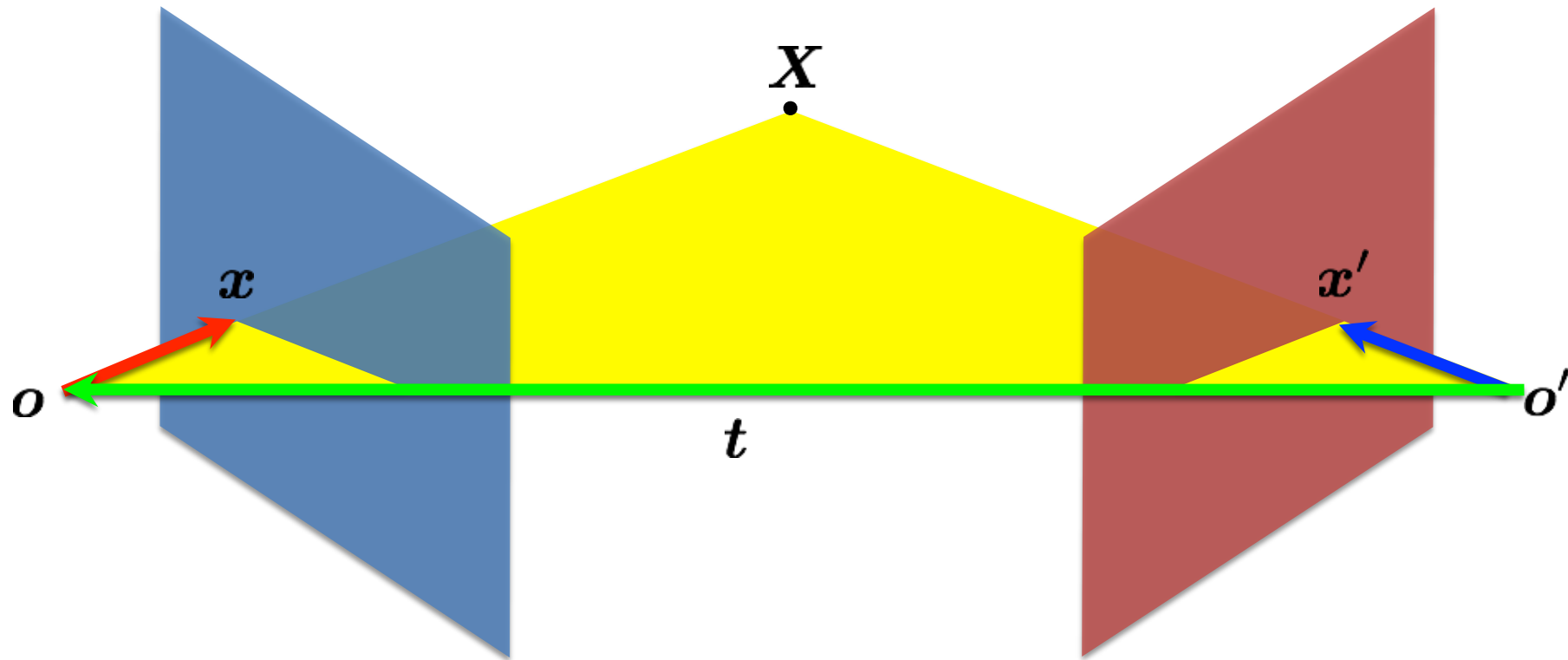
# Building the essential matrix



These three vectors are coplanar  $x, t, x'$



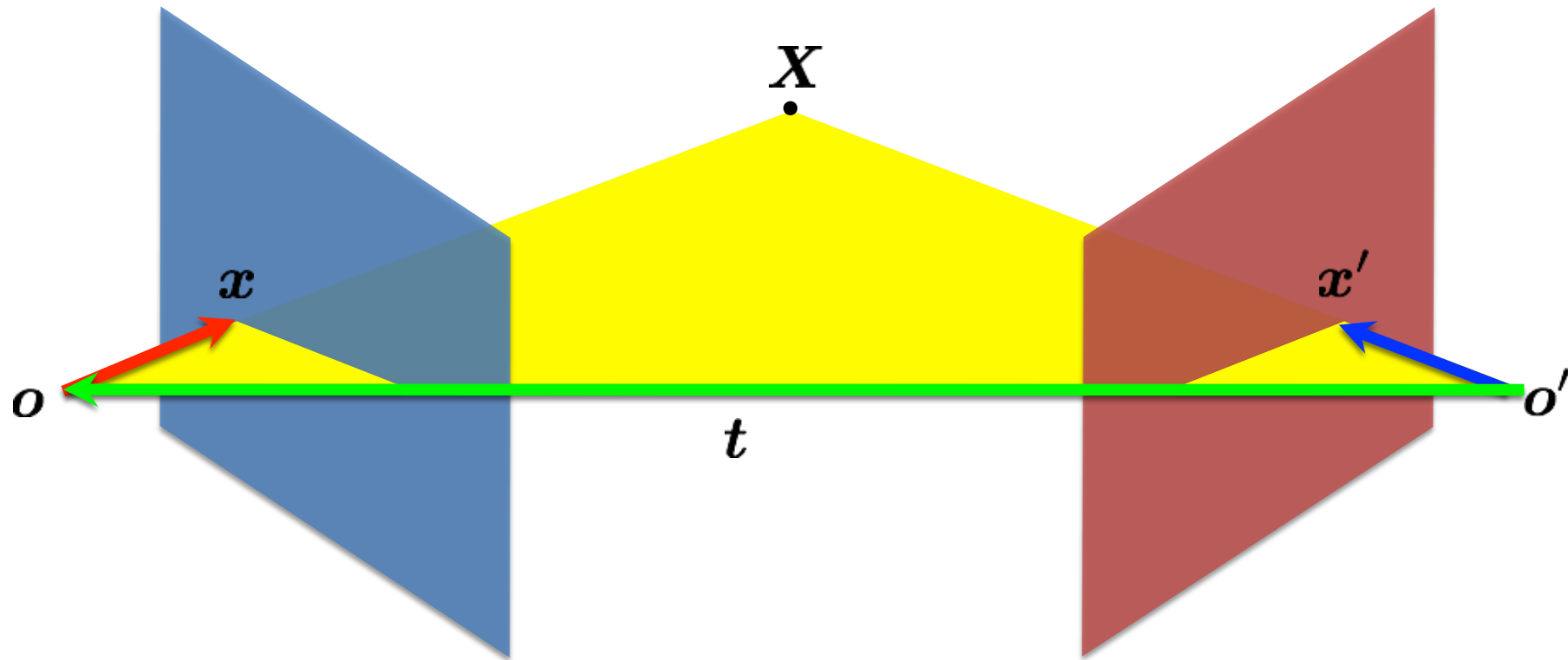
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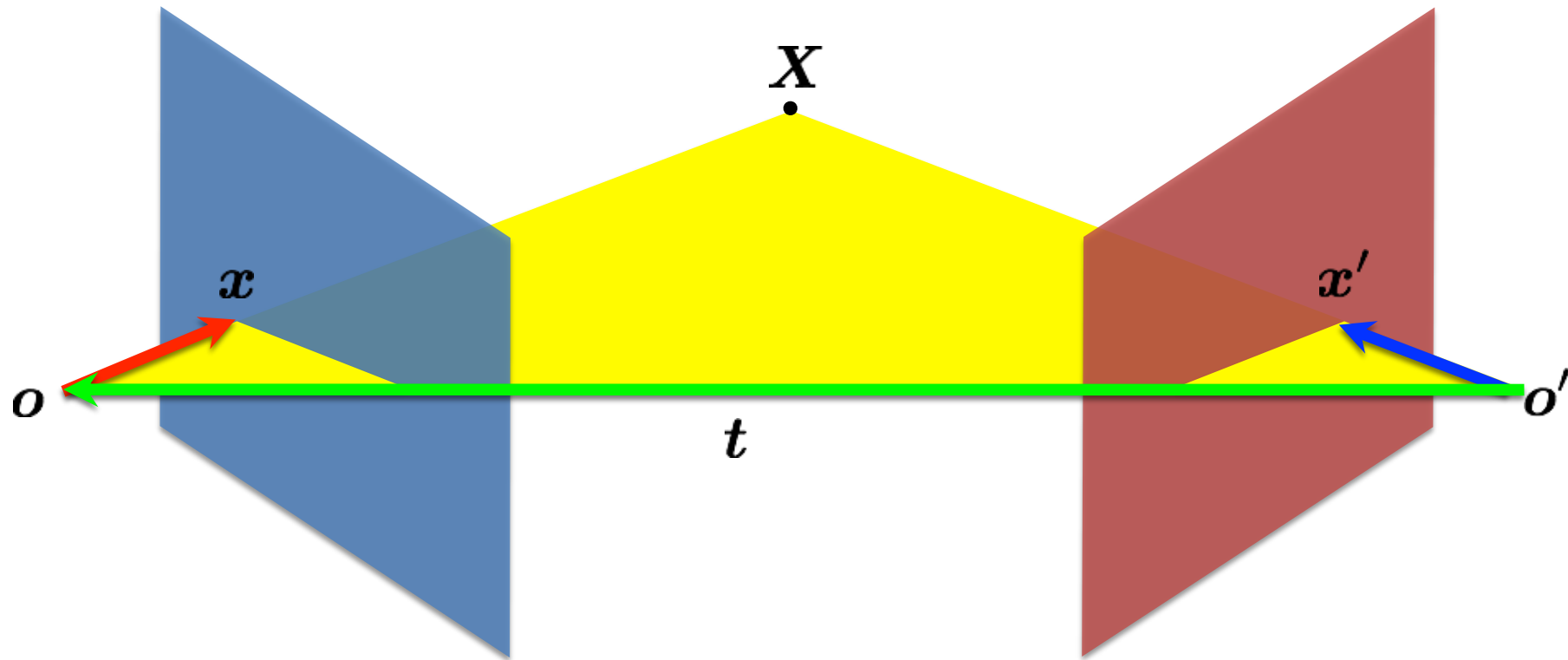
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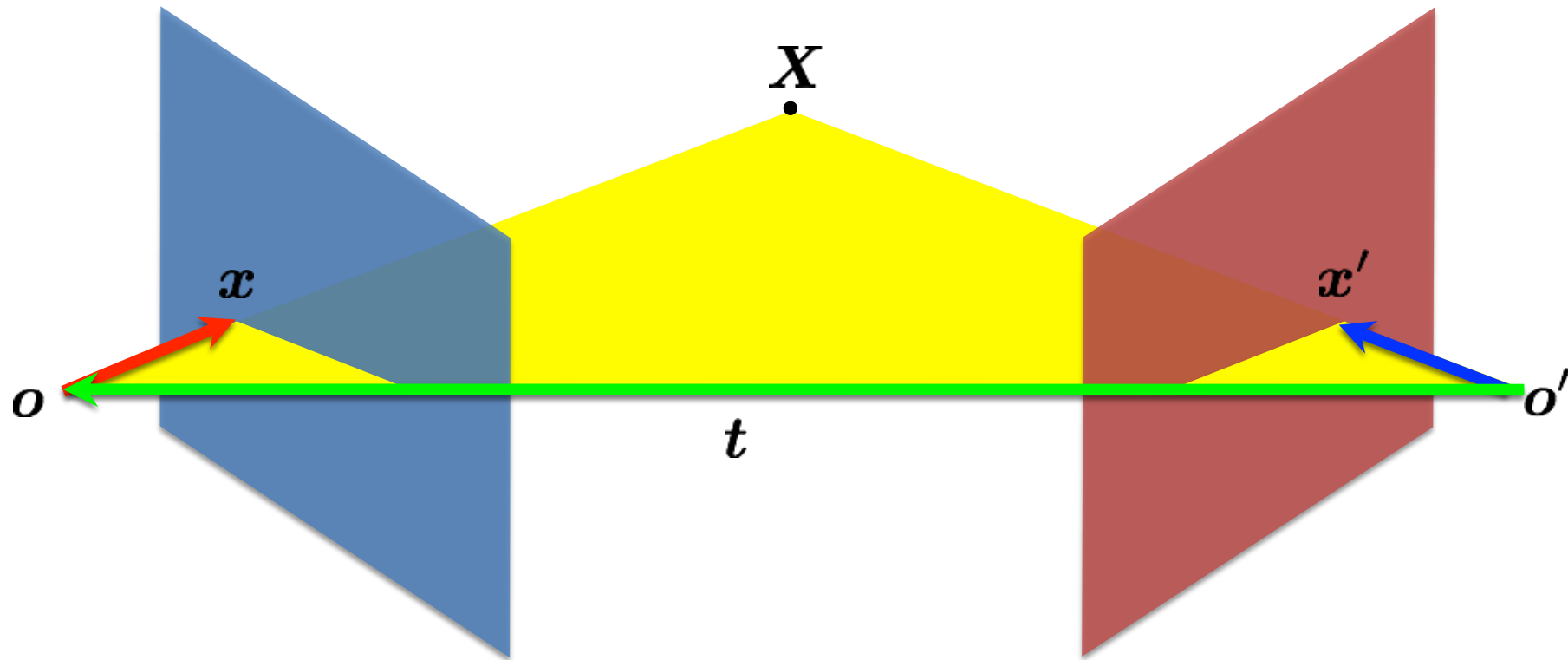
# Building the essential matrix



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$$(x - t)^\top (t \times x) = ?$$

# Building the essential matrix



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# Building the essential matrix

rigid motion

coplanarity

$$\begin{aligned} R^T &= R^{-1} \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{t}) \\ R^T \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{x}'^T \mathbf{R} = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{t})^T \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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

**Essential Matrix**

$$\mathbf{E} = R[\mathbf{t}]_x$$

# properties of the E matrix

(points in normalized image coordinates)

Essential matrix definition  $x'^T E x = 0$

# Epipolar lines equation

- Recall this version of line equation:

$$ax + by + c = 0$$

For homogenous vector  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $l = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ :

$$x^T l = l^T x = 0$$

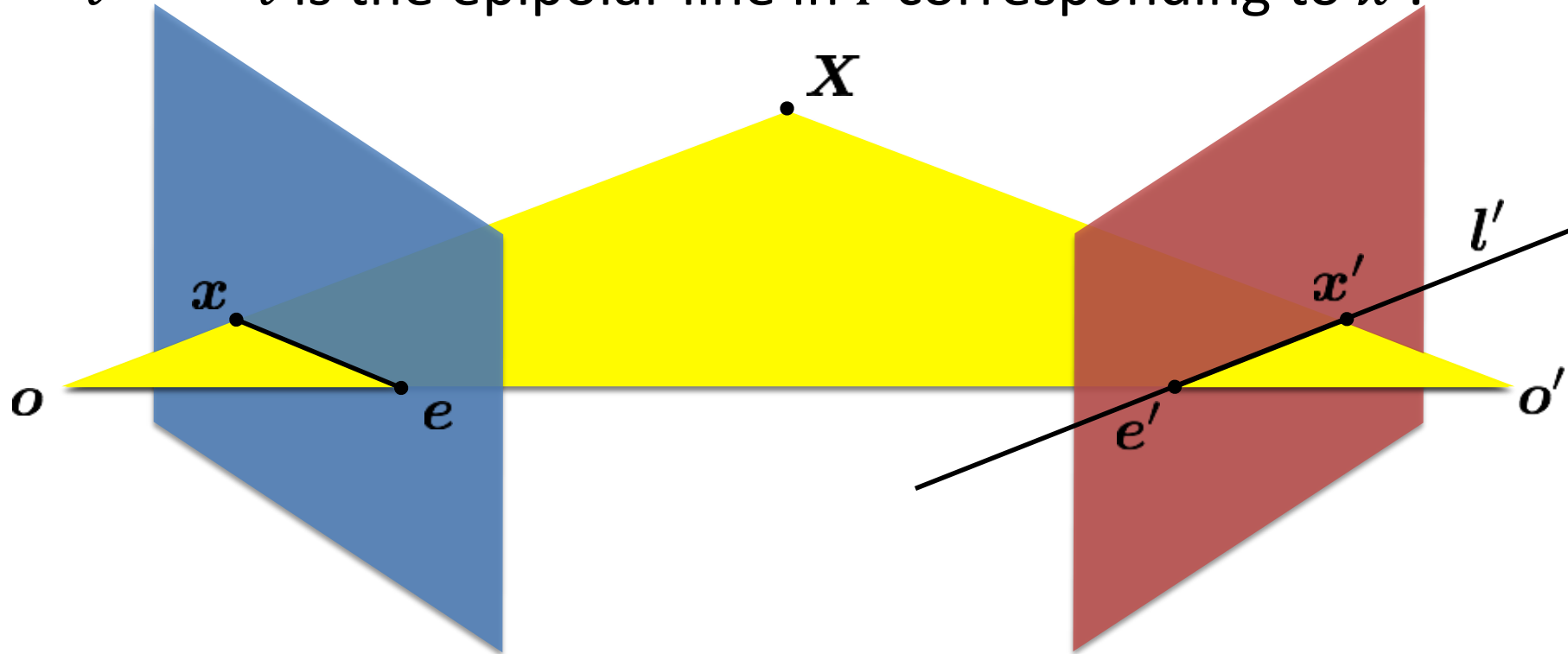
# Epipolar lines equation

- $x'^T E x = x'^T l' = 0$

$E x = l'$  is the epipolar line in  $I'$  corresponding to  $x$ .

- $x'^T E x = l^T x = 0$

$(x'^T E)^T = l^{TT} = l$  is the epipolar line in  $I$  corresponding to  $x'$ .



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- Full proof for the epipolar lines can be found here:

[http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs4670/2015sp/lectures/lec21\\_stereo\\_web.pdf](http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs4670/2015sp/lectures/lec21_stereo_web.pdf)

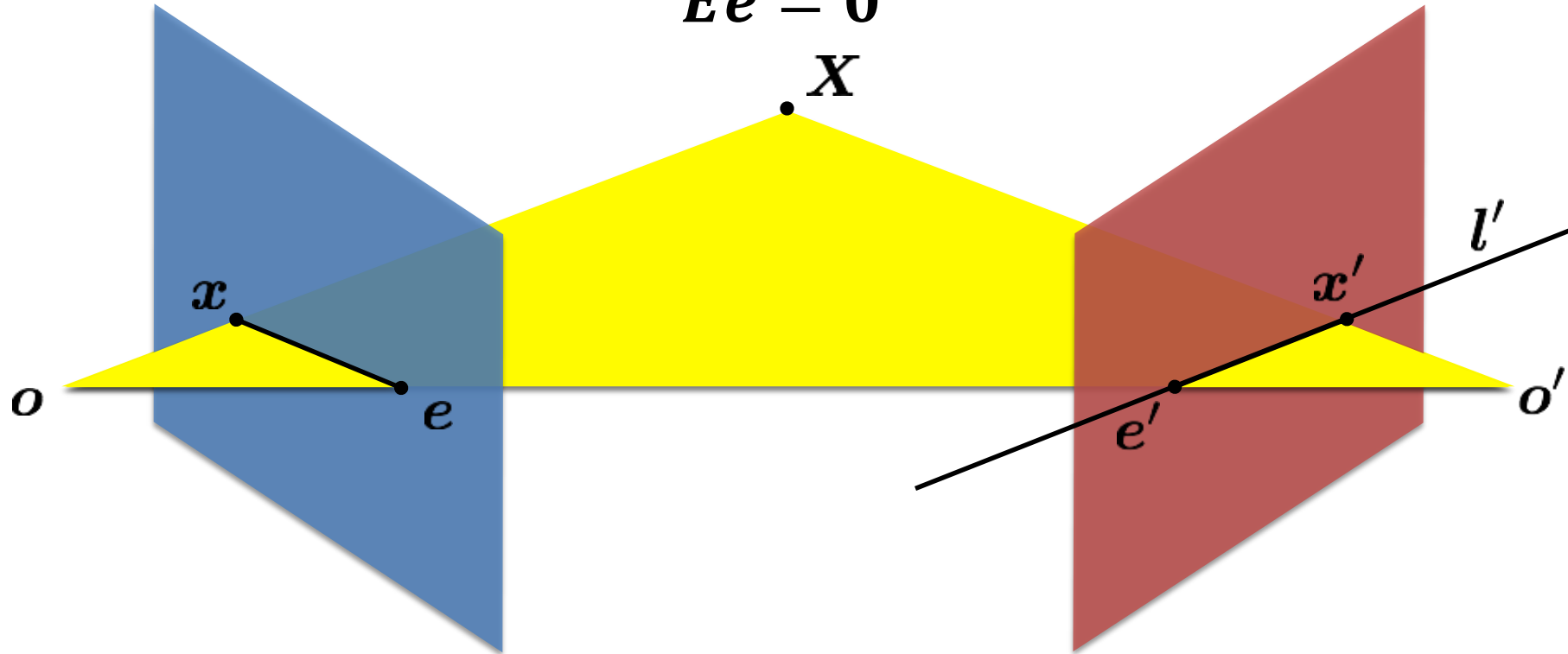
# Epipolar lines equation

- $e'^T l' = 0 \quad \forall x \text{ s.t. } Ex = l'$ , meaning:

$$e'^T E = 0$$

- $l^T e = 0 \quad \forall x' \text{ s.t. } x'^T E = l^T$  meaning:

$$Ee = 0$$



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# Fundamental matrix

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

The Essential matrix operates on image points expressed in

**normalized coordinates**

(points have been aligned (normalized) to camera coordinates)

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

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

camera point                      image point

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camera point                      image point

Writing out the epipolar constraint in terms of image coordinates

$$x'^T \mathbf{K}'^{-T} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1} x = 0$$

$$x'^T (\mathbf{K}'^{-T} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1}) x = 0$$

$$x'^T \mathbf{F} x = 0$$

**Essential  
Matrix**

$$F = K'^{-T} E K^{-1}$$

# properties of the **F** matrix

- All of the below functions works with **F** and un-normalized points the same!

(points in un-normalized image coordinates)

Fundamental matrix definition  $x'^T \mathbf{F} x = 0$

Epipolar lines

- $\mathbf{F}x = l'$  is the epipolar line in  $I'$  corresponding to  $x$
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# Estimating $F$

- If we don't know  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $R$ , or  $t$ , can we estimate  $F$  for two images?
- Yes, given enough correspondences



# Estimating F – 8-point algorithm

- The fundamental matrix F is defined by

$$\mathbf{x}'^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

for any pair of matches  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  in two images.

- Let  $\mathbf{x}=(u,v,1)^T$  and  $\mathbf{x}'=(u',v',1)^T$ ,  
each match gives a linear equation

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$uu' f_{11} + vu' f_{12} + u' f_{13} + uv' f_{21} + vv' f_{22} + v' f_{23} + uf_{31} + vf_{32} + f_{33} = 0$$

# 8-point algorithm

- Like with homographies, instead of solving  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = 0$ , we seek  $\mathbf{f}$  to minimize  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f}\|$ , least eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 u_1' & v_1 u_1' & u_1' & u_1 v_1' & v_1 v_1' & v_1' & u_1 & v_1 & 1 \\ u_2 u_2' & v_2 u_2' & u_2' & u_2 v_2' & v_2 v_2' & v_2' & u_2 & v_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ u_n u_n' & v_n u_n' & u_n' & u_n v_n' & v_n v_n' & v_n' & u_n & v_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$



## 8-point algorithm – Problem?

- $\mathbf{F}$  should have rank 2
- To enforce that  $\mathbf{F}$  is of rank 2,  $\mathbf{F}$  is replaced by  $\mathbf{F}'$  that minimizes  $\|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F}'\|$  subject to the rank constraint.

- This is achieved by SVD. Let  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ , where

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ let } \mathbf{\Sigma}' = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then  $\mathbf{F}' = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}'\mathbf{V}^T$  is the solution.

# 8-point algorithm

- Pros: it is linear, easy to implement and fast
- Cons: susceptible to noise.
  - Solutions: (all out of scope)
    - normalized 8 points algorithm.
    - 7 points algorithm.
    - Finding  $K, K'$  with single camera intrinsics calibration and then search for  $E$  (only 5 DOFs instead of 8/7).

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3D reconstruction	<b>estimate</b>	<b>Estimated!</b>	2D to 2D correspondences + triangulation

We've found the motion, let's find the structure – back to triangulation problem!

# How would you reconstruct 3D points?

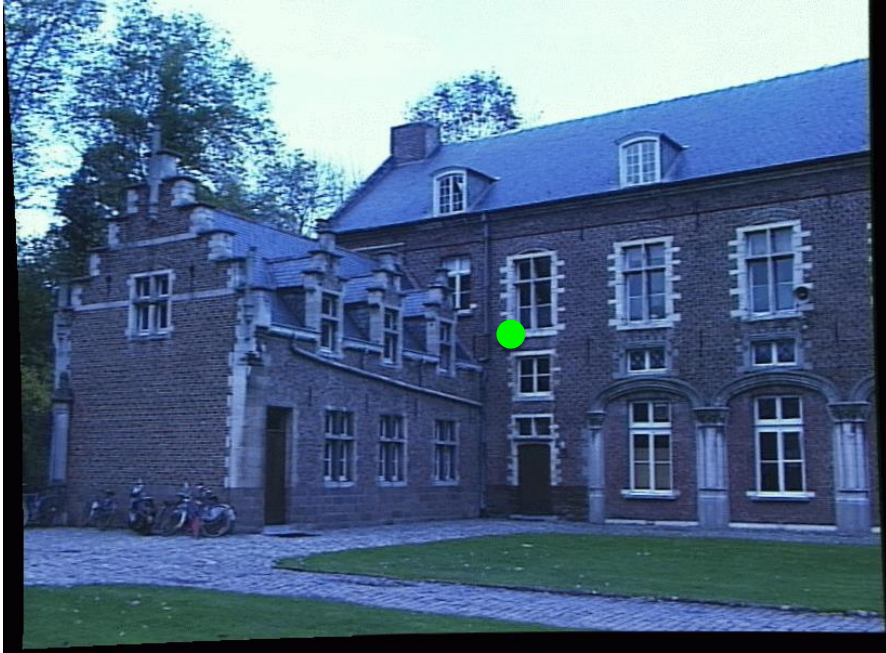


Left image



Right image

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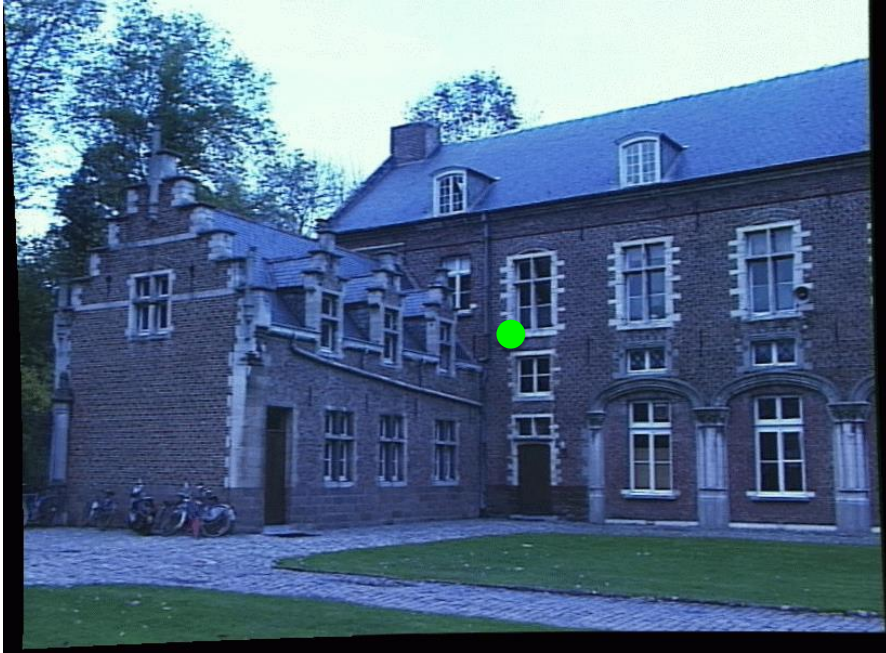


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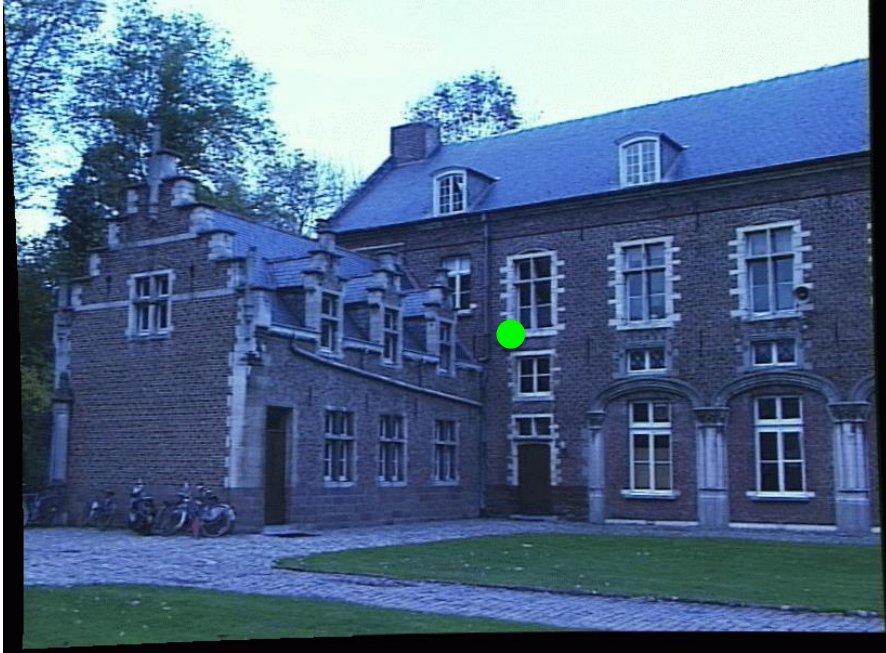
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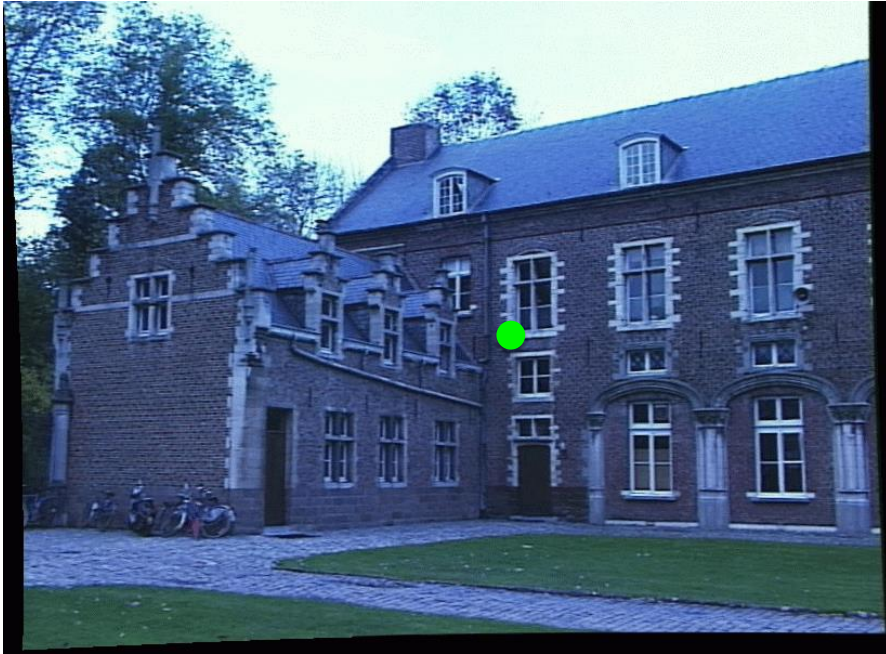


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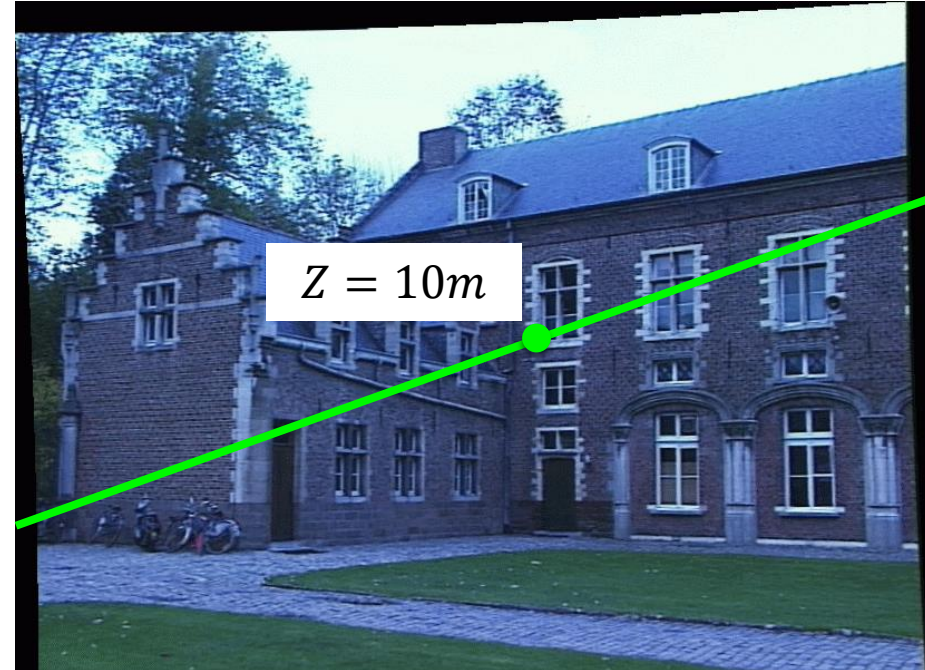
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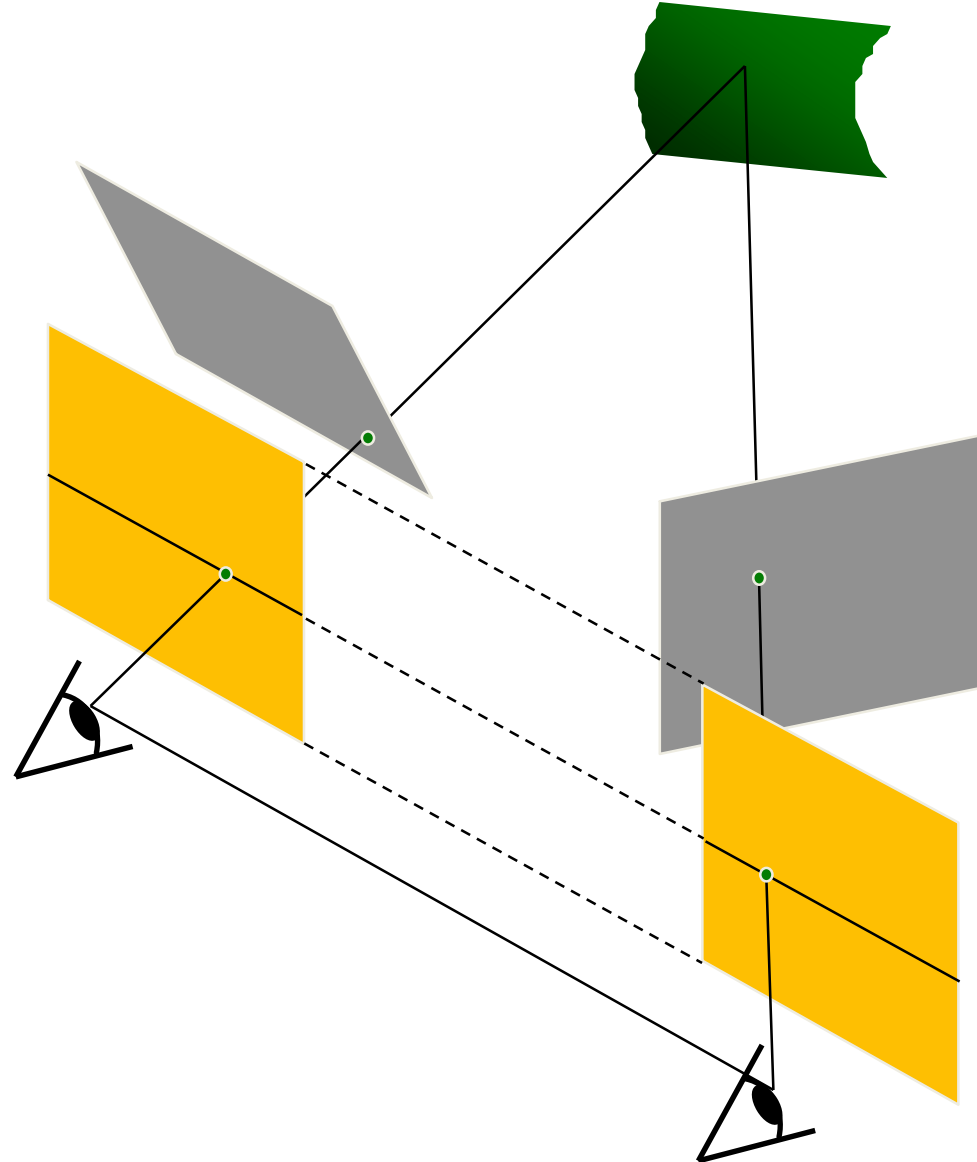


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3. Find matching point along line (how?)
4. Perform triangulation (how?)

# Stereo image rectification

- Out of scope...
- Let's say the images comes rectified (as in the yellow samples).





Original stereo pair



After rectification

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# triangulation







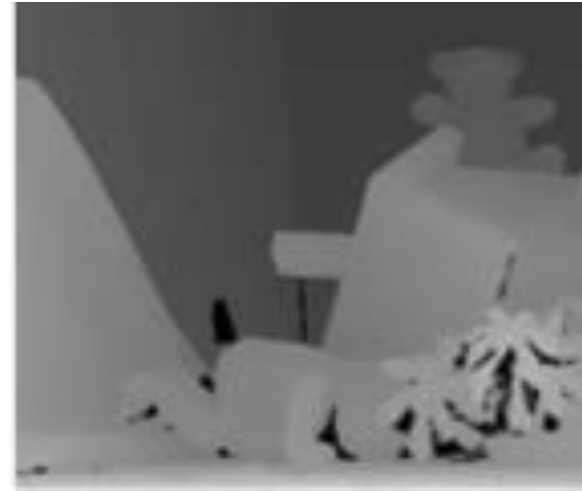
# triangulation



Objects that are close move more or less?

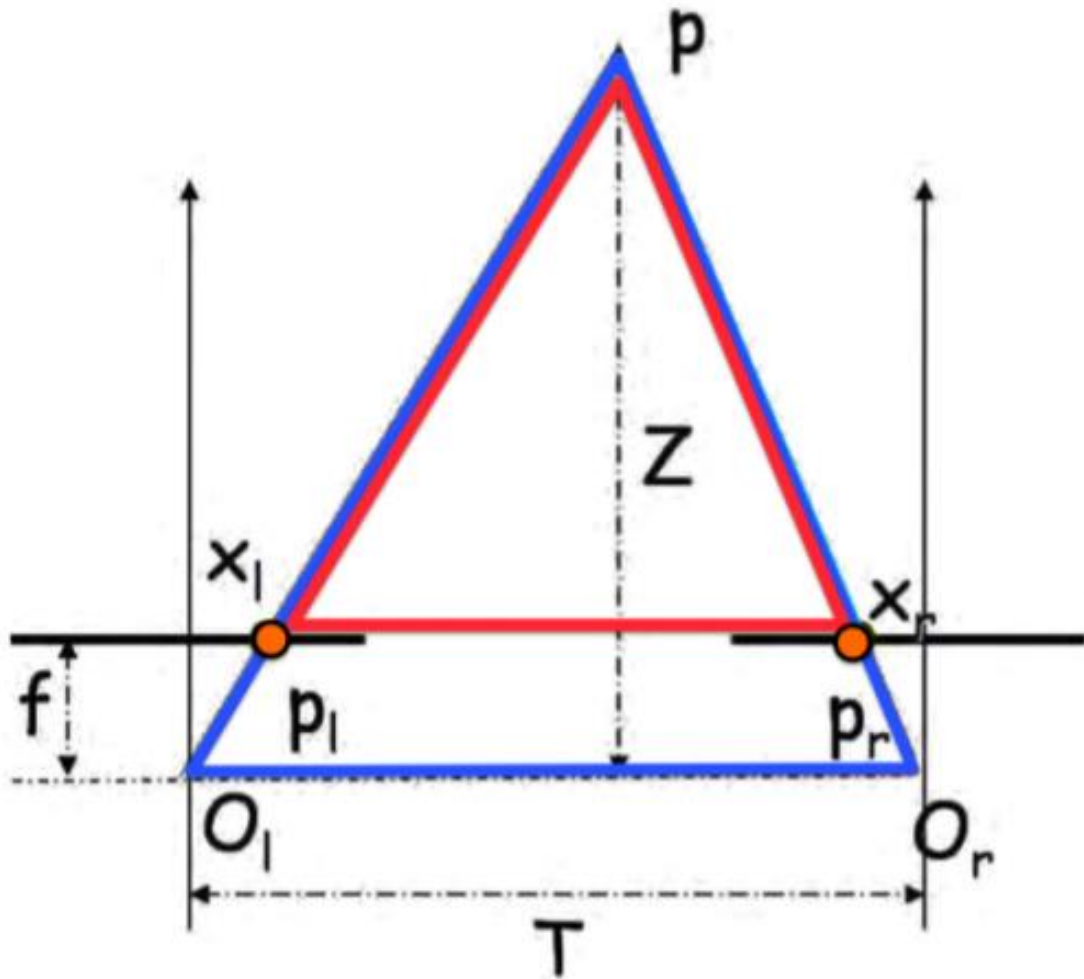


# triangulation



- The amount of horizontal movement is inversely proportional to the distance from the camera.
- The amount of horizontal movement == disparity.
- Distance from the camera == depth (or  $Z$ ).

# triangulation



Similar triangles:

$$\frac{T}{Z} = \frac{T + x_r - x_l}{Z - f}$$

$$Z = \frac{f \cdot T}{x_l - x_r}$$

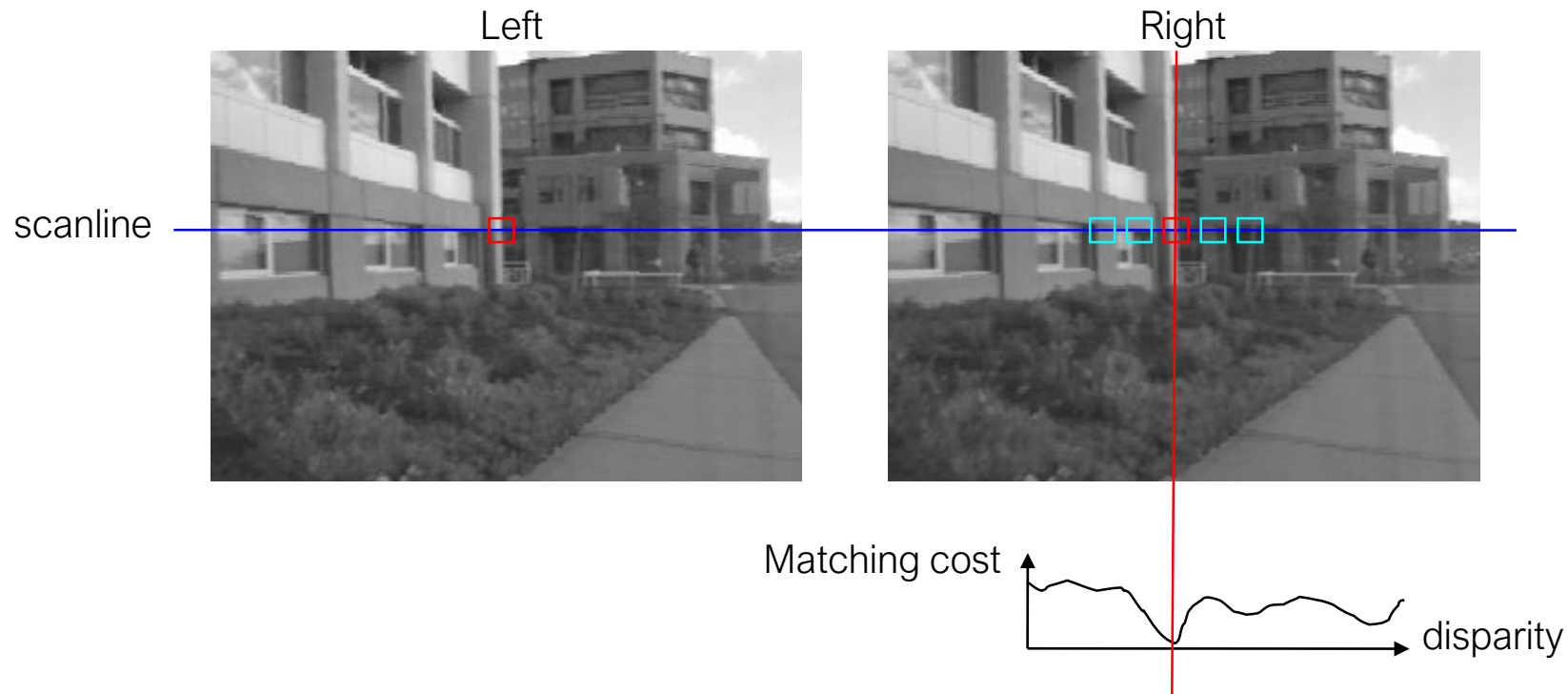
Labels in the diagram:

- $f$ : focal length
- $T$ : baseline
- $x_l - x_r$ : disparity

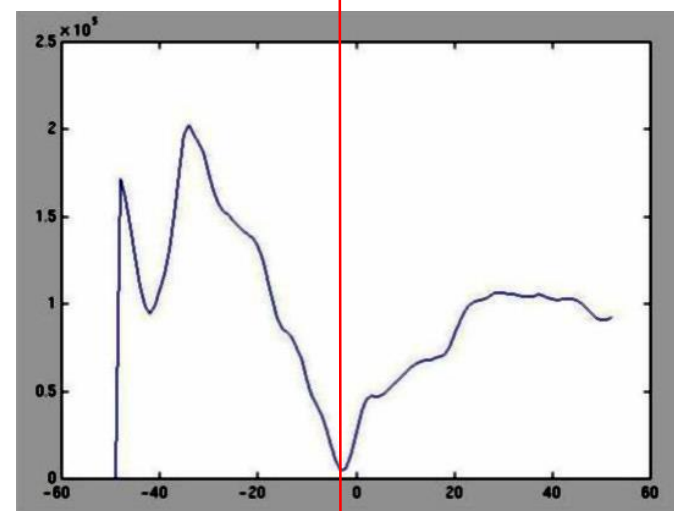
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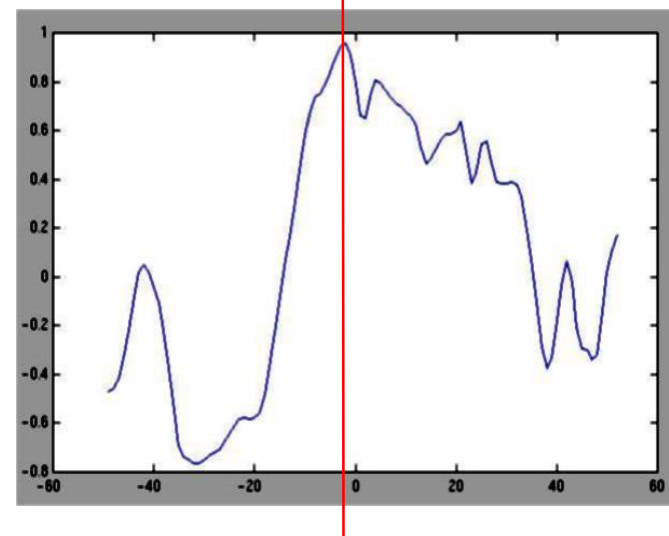
# Stereo Block Matching



- Slide a window along the epipolar line and compare contents of that window with the reference window in the left image
- Matching cost: SSD or normalized correlation



SSD

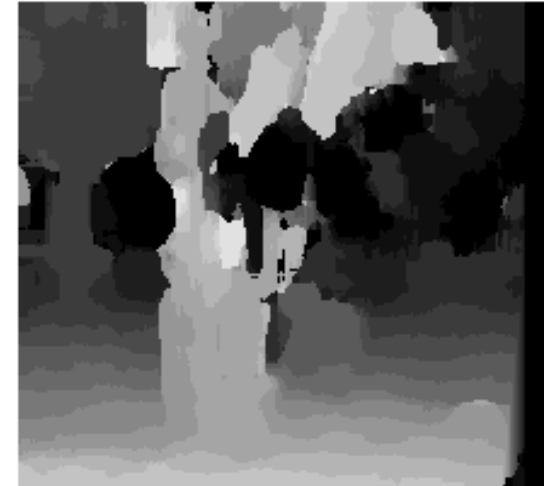


Normalized cross-correlation

# Effect of window size



$W = 3$



$W = 20$

# Effect of window size



$W = 3$

## **Smaller window**

- + More detail
- More noise



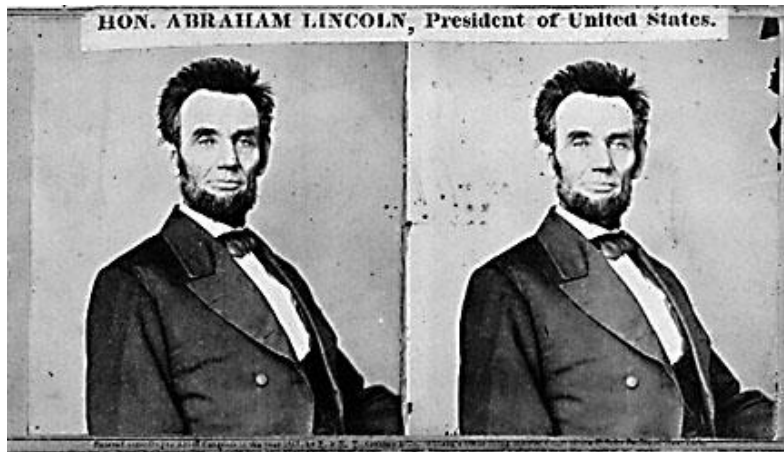
$W = 20$

## **Larger window**

- + Smoother disparity maps
- Less detail
- Fails near boundaries



## *When will stereo block matching fail?*

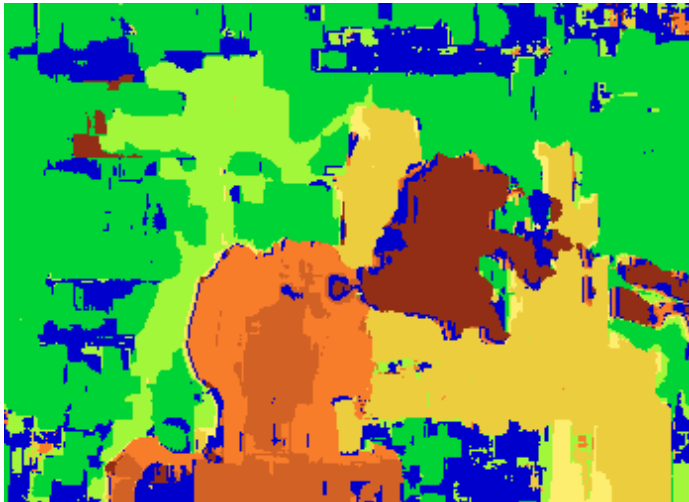


## *When will stereo block matching fail?*





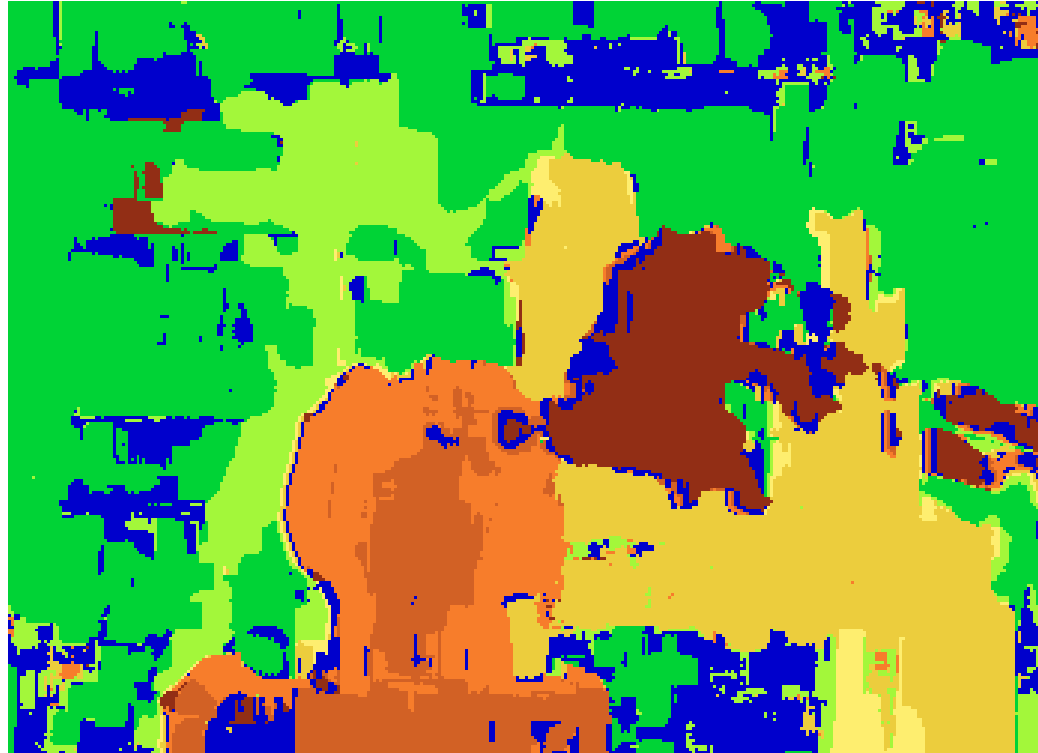
Block matching



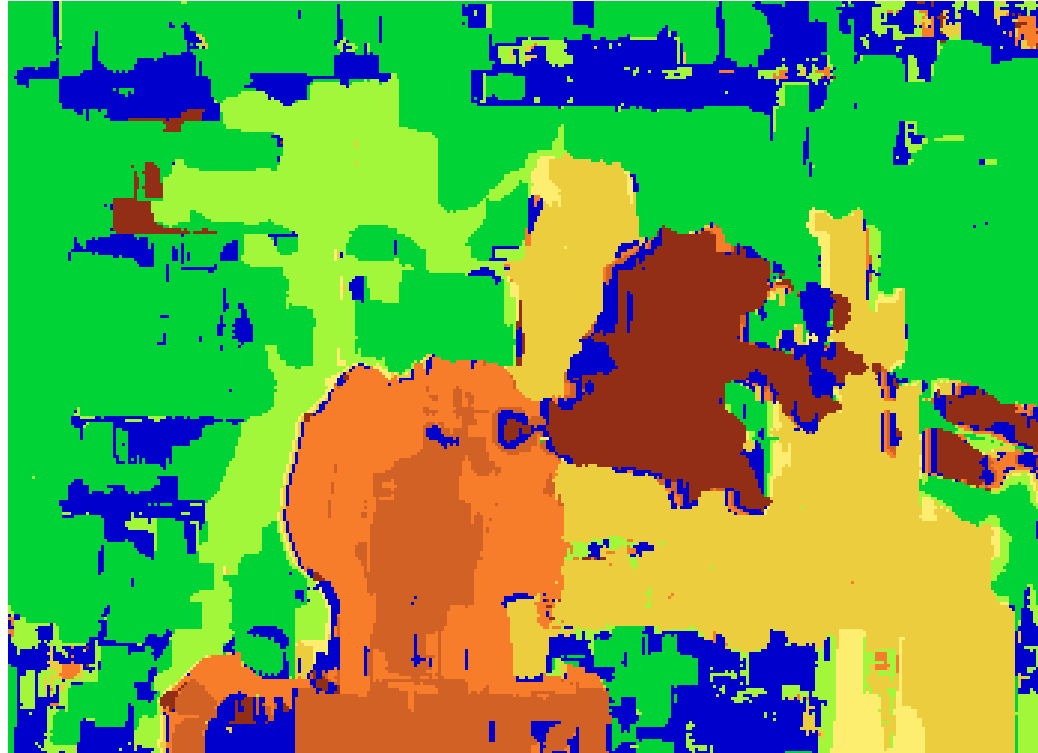
Ground truth



*What are some problems with the result?*



*How can we improve depth estimation?*

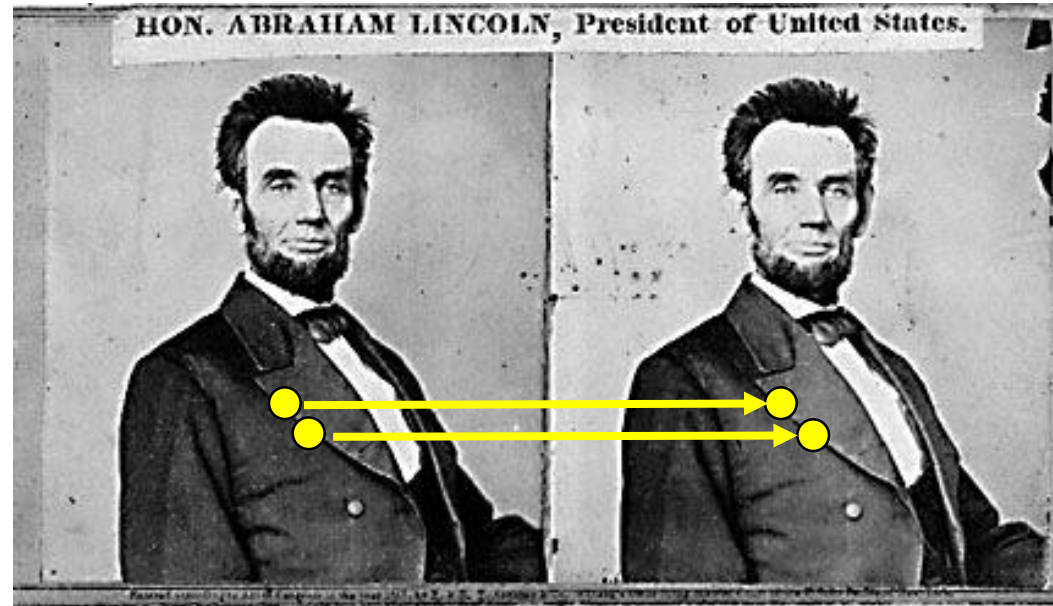


*How can we improve depth estimation?*

Too many discontinuities.  
We expect disparity values to change slowly.

Let's make an assumption:  
**depth should change smoothly**

# Energy Minimization



What defines a good stereo correspondence?

- 1. Match quality**

- Want each pixel to find a good match in the other image

- 2. Smoothness**

- If two pixels are adjacent, they should (usually) move about the same amount

energy function  
(for one pixel)

$$E(d) = \underbrace{E_d(d)}_{\text{data term}} + \lambda \underbrace{E_s(d)}_{\text{smoothness term}}$$

Want each pixel to find a good match  
in the other image  
(block matching result)

Adjacent pixels should (usually)  
move about the same amount  
(smoothness function)



$$E(d) = E_d(d) + \lambda E_s(d)$$

$$E_d(d) = \sum_{(x,y) \in I} C(x, y, d(x, y))$$

data term

SSD distance between windows  
centered at  $I(x, y)$  and  $J(x + d(x, y), y)$



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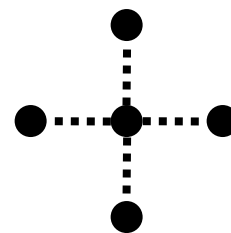
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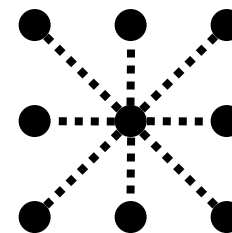
$$E_s(d) = \sum_{(p,q) \in \mathcal{E}} V(d_p, d_q)$$

smoothness term

$\mathcal{E}$  : set of neighboring pixels



4-connected  
neighborhood



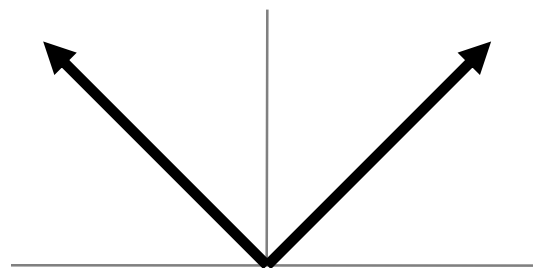
8-connected  
neighborhood

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smoothness term

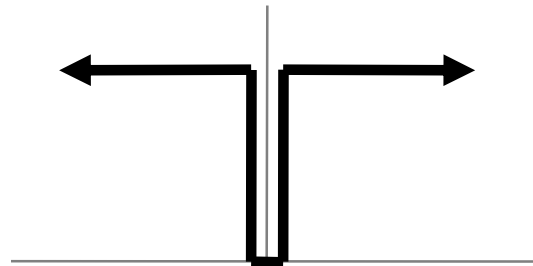
$$V(d_p, d_q) = |d_p - d_q|$$

$L_1$  distance



$$V(d_p, d_q) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } d_p = d_q \\ 1 & \text{if } d_p \neq d_q \end{cases}$$

“Potts model”



# Dynamic Programming

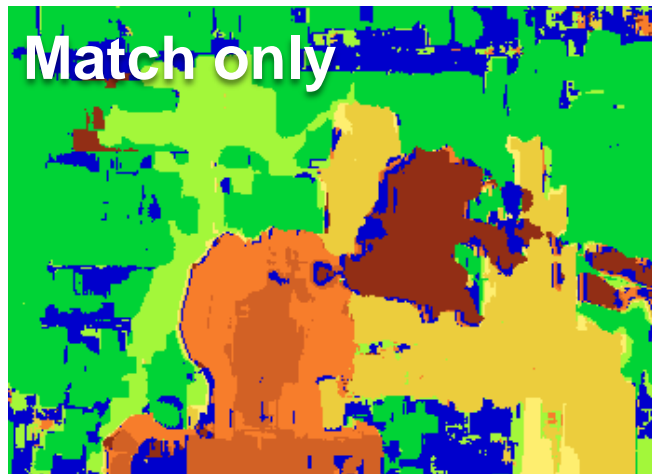
One possible solution...

$$E(d) = E_d(d) + \lambda E_s(d)$$

Can minimize this independently per scanline  
using dynamic programming (DP) ●.....●.....●

$D(x, y, d)$  : minimum cost of solution such that  $d(x,y) = d$

$$D(x, y, d) = C(x, y, d) + \min_{d'} \{D(x - 1, y, d') + \lambda |d - d'|\}$$



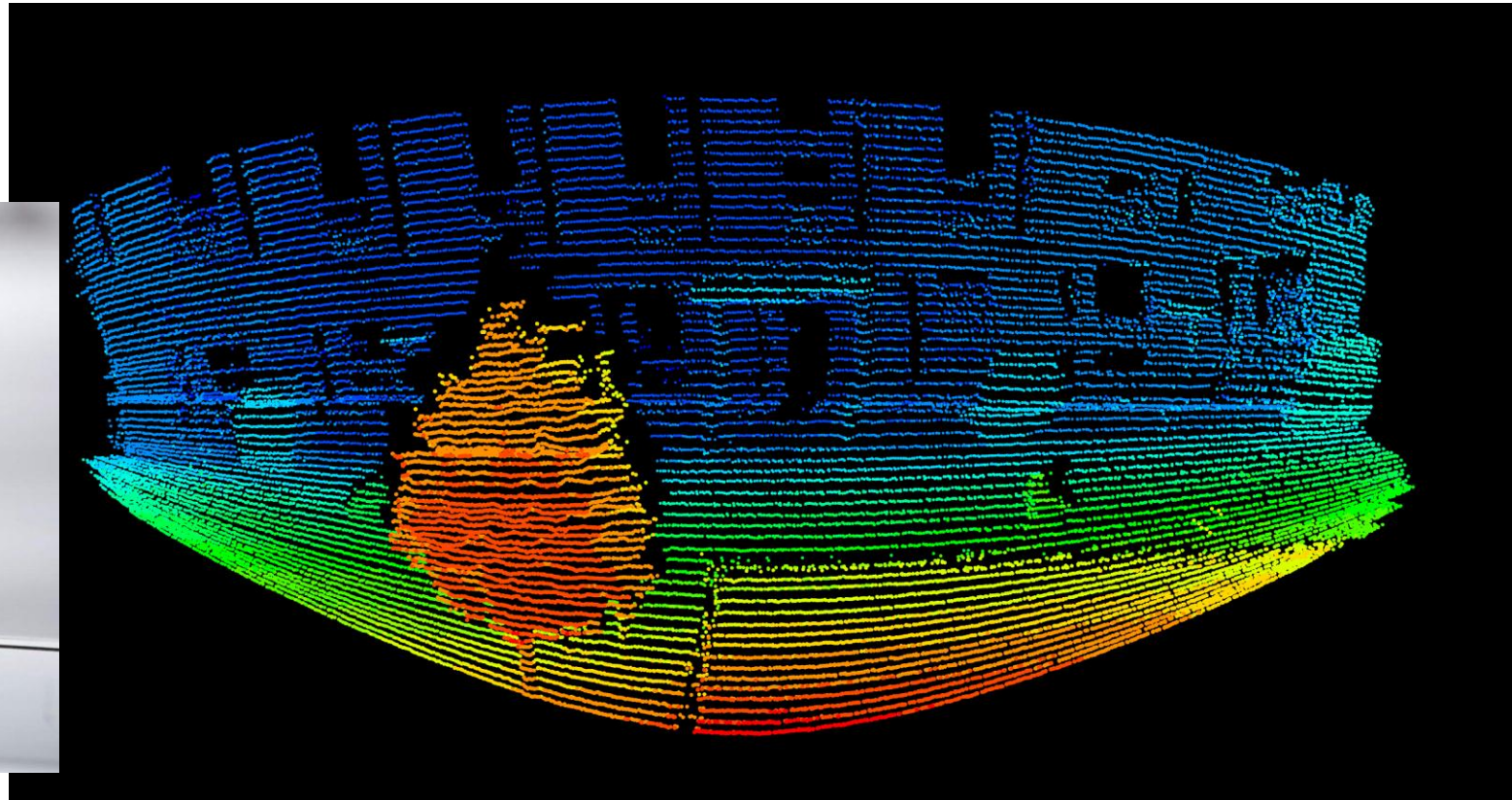
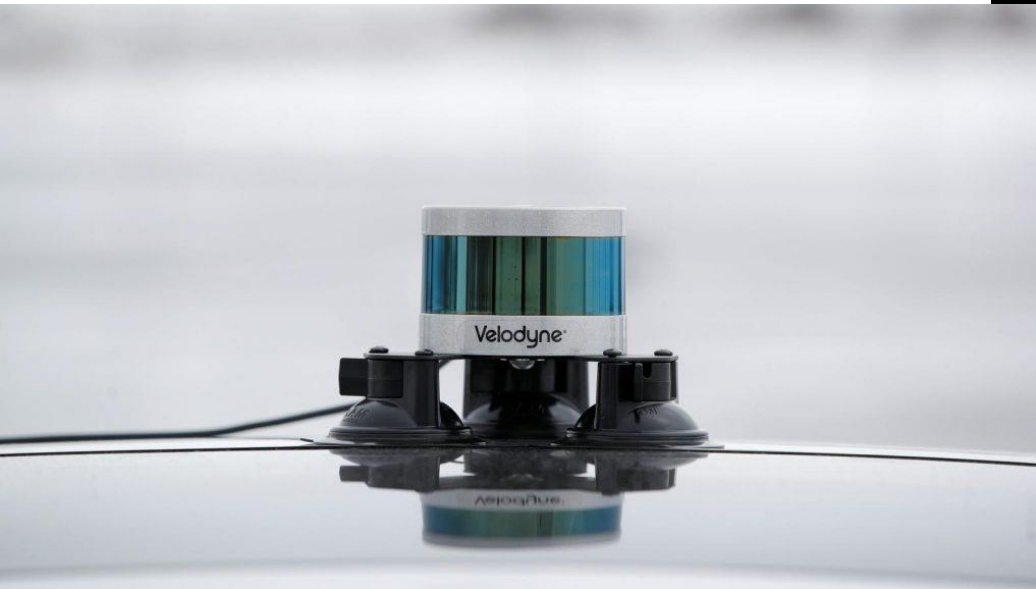
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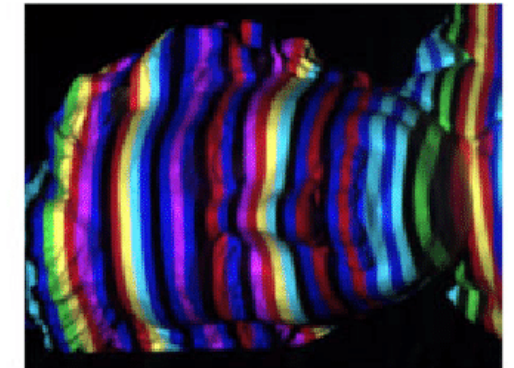
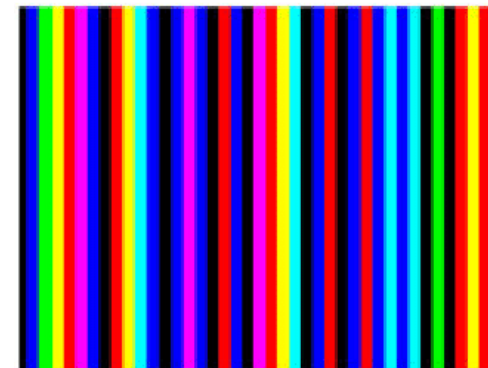
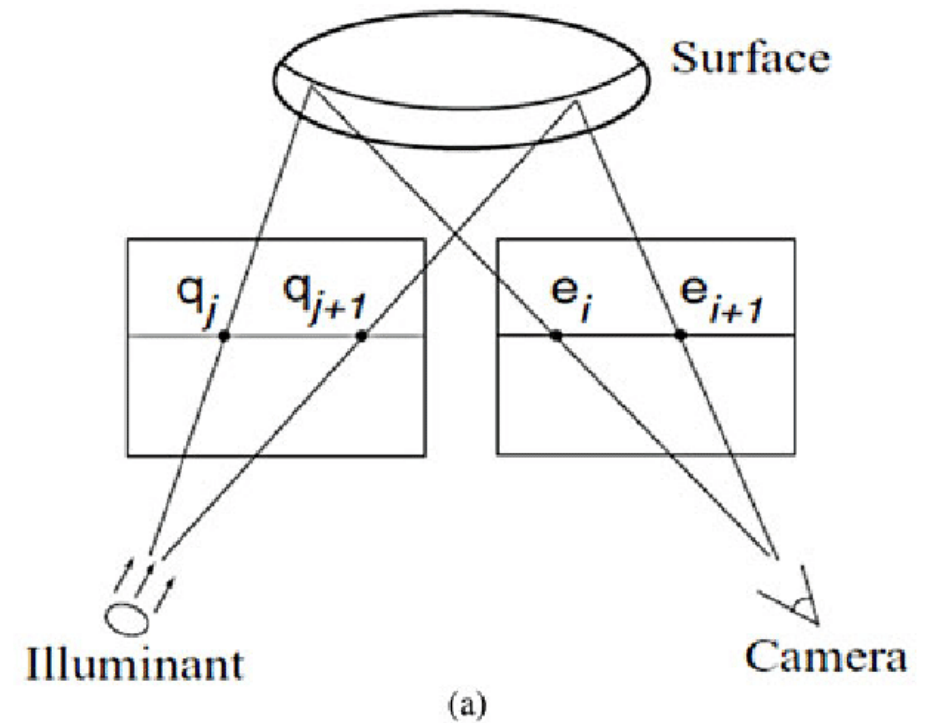
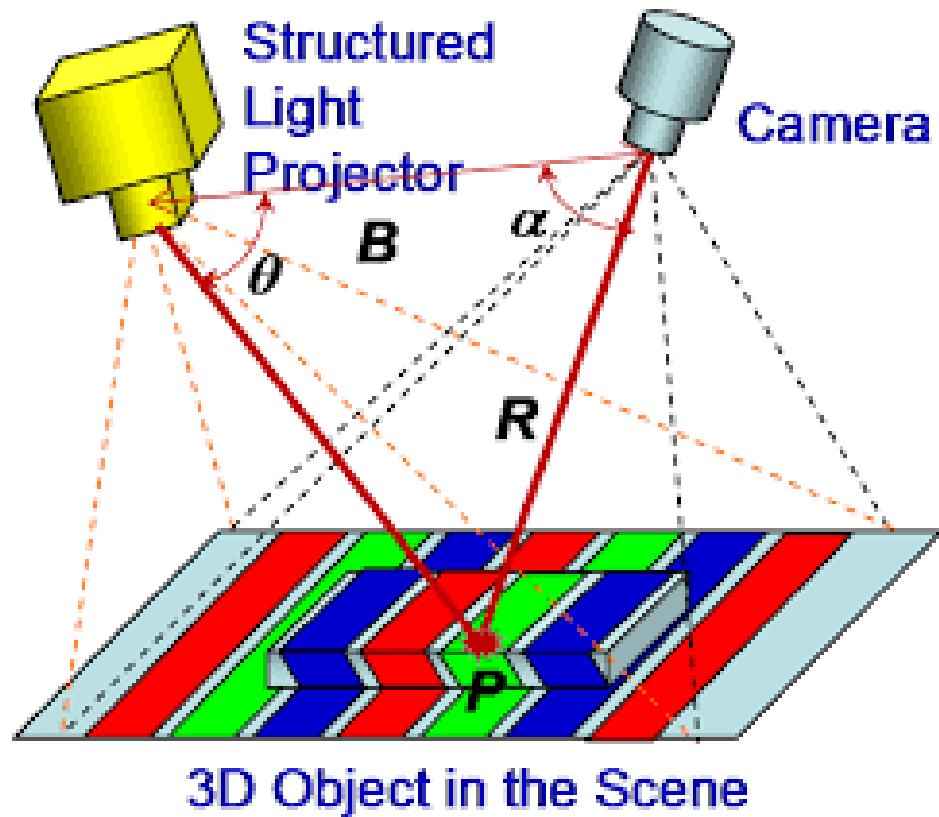
# Other types of 3D sensors

- **LIDAR**, which stands for **L**ight **D**etection and **R**anging (or light radar), is a remote sensing method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to measure ranges.
- Most known: velodyne projector.



# Other types of 3D sensors

- Structured light



# Other types of 3D sensors

- Coded light
- Realsense SR305
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PluL7WTIKrM>





# Other types of 3D sensors

- *Light Coding*
- *Used in Kinect v1- Kinect for xbox 360.*
- *Iphone x front camera*

