

# PSET 2 Review

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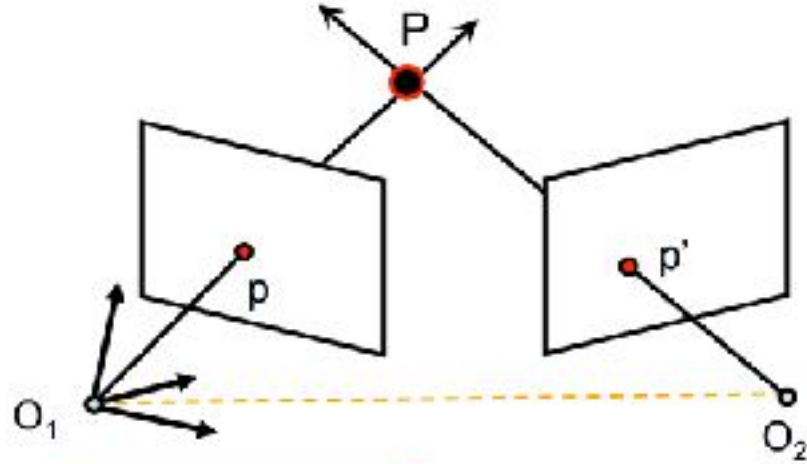
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# **Problem 1**

Fundamental Matrix Estimation From  
Point Correspondences

## Fundamental Matrix

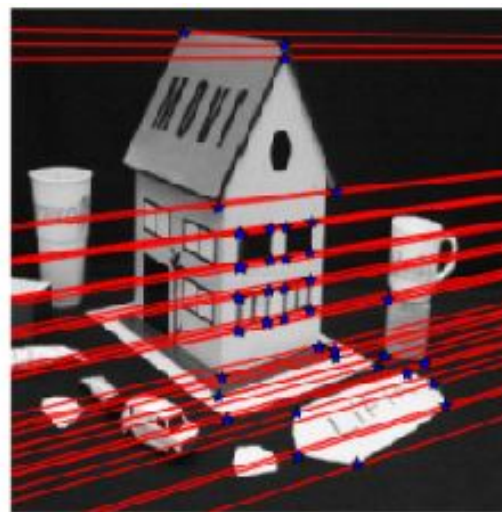
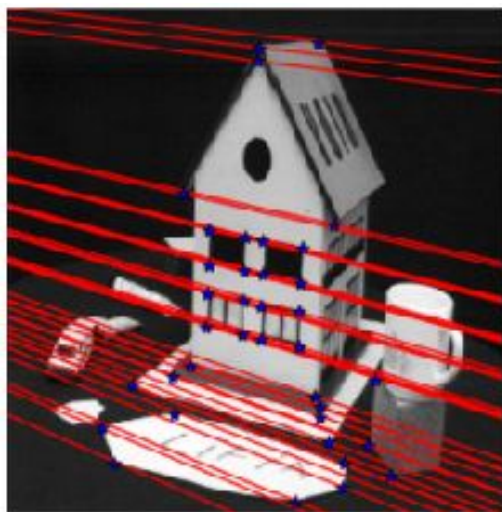
- A matrix which maps the relationship of correspondences between stereo images





[Eq. 13]

$$p^T F p' = 0$$

$$F = K^{-T} \cdot [T_x] \cdot R K'^{-1}$$



- (a)  Implement the linear least-squares eight point algorithm in `lls_eight_point_alg()`. Remember to enforce the rank-two constraint for the fundamental matrix via singular value decomposition. [15 points]
- (b)  Include your resulting fundamental matrix with 4 decimal places minimum and briefly describe your implementation in your written report. [5 points]

Computing F:  
**8-point algorithm**

**[Eq. 13]**  $p^T F p' = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad p' = \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(u, v, 1) \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} & F_{13} \\ F_{21} & F_{22} & F_{23} \\ F_{31} & F_{32} & F_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (uu', uv', u, vu', vv', v, u', v', 1) \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} \\ F_{12} \\ F_{13} \\ F_{21} \\ F_{22} \\ F_{23} \\ F_{31} \\ F_{32} \\ F_{33} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

**[Eq. 14]**

Let's take 8 corresponding points

## Estimating F

Problem?

- Points can be very far off from each other
- W is highly unbalanced (not well conditioned)

$$\mathbf{W} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 u'_1 & u_1 v'_1 & u_1 & v_1 u'_1 & v_1 v'_1 & v_1 & u'_1 & v'_1 & 1 \\ u_2 u'_2 & u_2 v'_2 & u_2 & v_2 u'_2 & v_2 v'_2 & v_2 & u'_2 & v'_2 & 1 \\ u_3 u'_3 & u_3 v'_3 & u_3 & v_3 u'_3 & v_3 v'_3 & v_3 & u'_3 & v'_3 & 1 \\ u_4 u'_4 & u_4 v'_4 & u_4 & v_4 u'_4 & v_4 v'_4 & v_4 & u'_4 & v'_4 & 1 \\ u_5 u'_5 & u_5 v'_5 & u_5 & v_5 u'_5 & v_5 v'_5 & v_5 & u'_5 & v'_5 & 1 \\ u_6 u'_6 & u_6 v'_6 & u_6 & v_6 u'_6 & v_6 v'_6 & v_6 & u'_6 & v'_6 & 1 \\ u_7 u'_7 & u_7 v'_7 & u_7 & v_7 u'_7 & v_7 v'_7 & v_7 & u'_7 & v'_7 & 1 \\ u_8 u'_8 & u_8 v'_8 & u_8 & v_8 u'_8 & v_8 v'_8 & v_8 & u'_8 & v'_8 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} \\ F_{12} \\ F_{13} \\ F_{21} \\ F_{22} \\ F_{23} \\ F_{31} \\ F_{32} \\ F_{33} \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad [\text{Eqs. 15}] \quad \mathbf{f}$$

- Homogeneous system  $\mathbf{W} \mathbf{f} = 0$
- Rank 8  $\rightarrow$  A non-zero solution exists (unique)
- If  $N > 8 \rightarrow$  Lsq. solution by SVD!  $\rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{F}}$   
 $\|\mathbf{f}\| = 1$

Final step:

Reduce rank(F) to 2



$$F = U \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

Where:

$$U \begin{bmatrix} s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_3 \end{bmatrix} V^T = SVD(\hat{F})$$

[HZ] pag 281, chapter 11, "Computation of F"

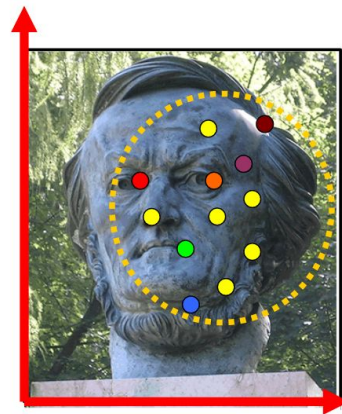
## Possible improvement? Normalized Eight Point Algorithm

- (c)  Implement the normalized eight point algorithm in `normalized_eight_point_alg()`.  
Hint: Remember to enforce the rank-two constraint for the fundamental matrix via singular value decomposition. **[2.5 points]**
- (d)  Report the returned fundamental matrix with 4 decimal places minimum.  
**[2.5 points]**

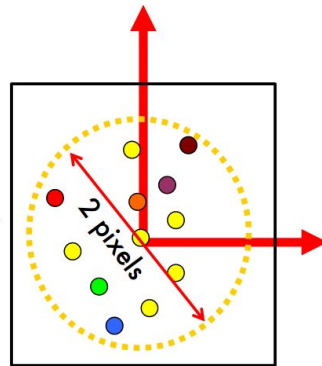
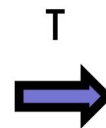


Pre-condition our linear system to get more stable result

- origin = centroid of the points
- Set the mean square distance of the image points from origin to  **$\sim 2\text{px}$**



Coordinate system of the image before applying T



Coordinate system of the image after applying T

- Origin = centroid of image points
- Mean square distance of the image points from origin is  $\sim 2$  pixels

# The Normalized Eight-Point Algorithm



0. Compute  $T$  and  $T'$  for image 1 and 2, respectively
1. Normalize coordinates in images 1 and 2:

$$q_i = T p_i \quad q'_i = T' p'_i$$

2. Use the eight-point algorithm to compute  $\hat{F}_q$  from the corresponding points  $q_i$  and  $q'_i$ .

1. Enforce the rank-2 constraint:  $\rightarrow F_q$  such that:
$$\begin{cases} q^T F_q q' = 0 \\ \det(F_q) = 0 \end{cases}$$
2. De-normalize  $F_q$ :  $F = T^T F_q T'$

## Computing Epipolar lines

- (e)  After implementing methods to determine the Fundamental matrix, we can now determine epipolar lines. Specifically to determine the accuracy of our Fundamental matrix, we will compute the average distance between a point and its corresponding epipolar line in `compute_distance_to_epipolar_lines()`. [2.5 points]
- (f)  Briefly describe your implementation of `compute_distance_to_epipolar_lines()` in your written report. [2.5 points]

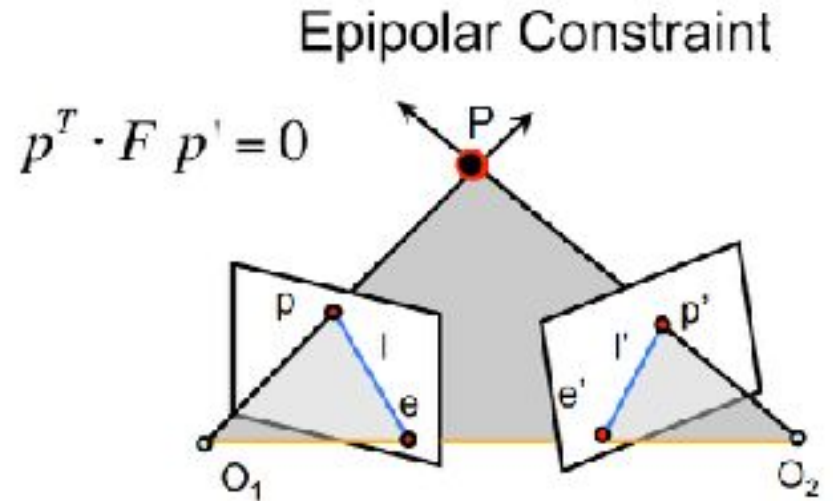
## Distance to epipolar lines

Computing epipolar lines from  $F$

$$l = Fp'$$

$$l' = F^T p$$

$$\text{distance}(ax + by + c = 0, (x_0, y_0)) = \frac{|ax_0 + by_0 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}.$$



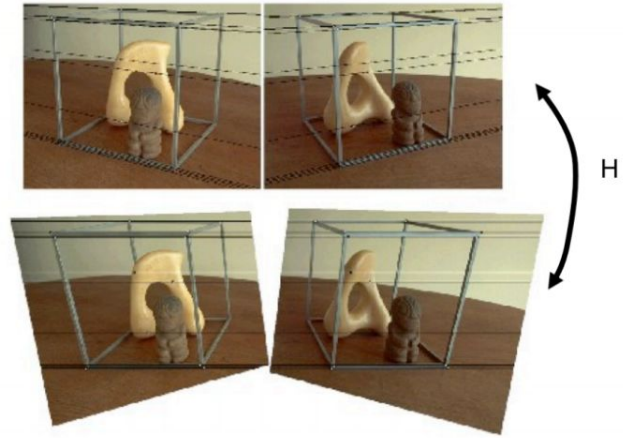
$l = F p'$  is the epipolar line associated with  $p'$

$l' = F^T p$  is the epipolar line associated with  $p$

# **Problem 2**

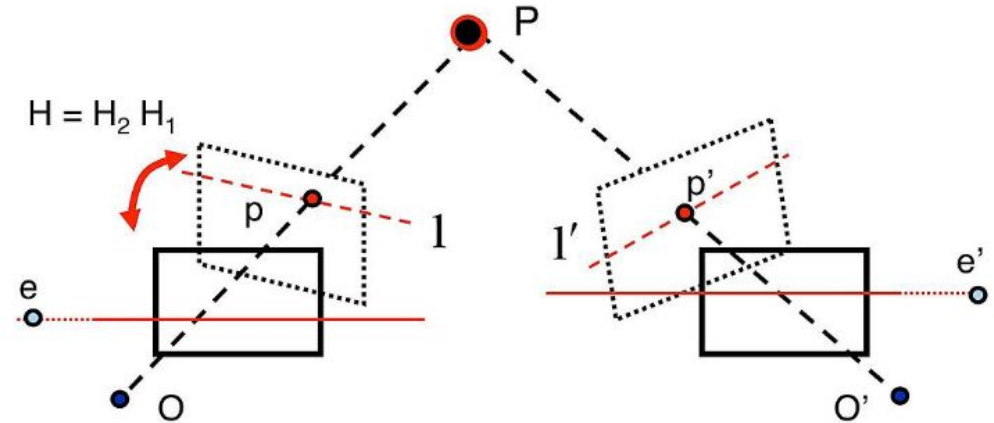
Matching Homographies for Image  
Rectification

Make two images parallel to each other  
 $\Rightarrow$  epipole at infinity along the horizontal  
axis



Make two images parallel to each other  
⇒ epipole at infinity along the horizontal axis

1. Find epipoles
2. Solve for  $E$



(a) Recall that:


- Epipolar line  $l = Fp'$
- Epipole lies on epipolar lines
- Epipole is an intersection of all epipolar lines

$$\{x | \ell^T x = 0\}$$

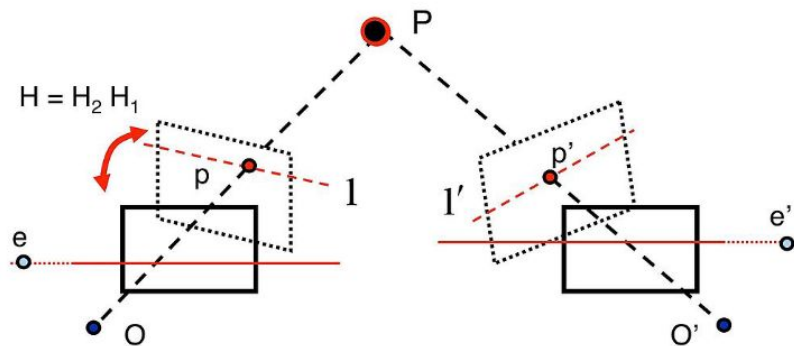



- (a) Compute epipole
- (b) Find an epipole of  $F$  using SVD
- (c) Don't forget to normalize so that  $e[2] = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ell_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \ell_n^T \end{bmatrix} e = 0$$

- (a)  The first step in rectifying an image is to determine the epipoles. Complete the function `compute_epipole()`. Hint: Recall that  $F^T e = 0$ , and how you can use SVD to solve for  $e$ .  
[2 points]

(b) Solving for Homography matrix  $H$  that maps an epipole to infinity.



- (b)  Let's solve for the homography  $H$  that maps an epipole  $e$  to a point on the horizontal axis at infinity  $(f, 0, 0)$ . This may at first look complicated, but it is just a sequence of several relatively simple steps. Complete the function `find_H()`. [5 points]

1. Find homography  $H_2$  that maps the second epipole  $e'$  to a horizontal axis at infinity  $(f, 0, 0)$ 
  - i. Translate the second image s.t. the center is at  $(0, 0, 1)$  in homogeneous coord ( $\mathbf{T}$ )
  - ii. Apply rotation to place the epipole on the horizontal axis  $(f, 0, 1)$  ( $\mathbf{R}$ )
  - iii. Bring epipole at infinity on the horizontal axis  $(f, 0, 0)$  ( $\mathbf{G}$ )

$$H_2 = T^{-1}GRT$$

i. Translate the second image s.t. the center is at (0, 0, 1) in homogeneous coord ( $\boldsymbol{T}$ )

$$\boldsymbol{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{\text{width}}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{\text{height}}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

ii. Apply rotation to place the epipole on the horizontal axis  $(f, 0, 1)$  ( $\mathbf{R}$ )

The translated epipole  $\mathbf{T}e' = (e'_1, e'_2, 1)$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \frac{e'_1}{\sqrt{e'^2_1 + e'^2_2}} & \alpha \frac{e'_2}{\sqrt{e'^2_1 + e'^2_2}} & 0 \\ -\alpha \frac{e'_2}{\sqrt{e'^2_1 + e'^2_2}} & \alpha \frac{e'_1}{\sqrt{e'^2_1 + e'^2_2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\alpha = 1$  if  $e'_1 \geq 0$  and  $\alpha = -1$  otherwise.

iii. Bring epipole  $(f, 0, 1)$  at infinity on the horizontal axis  $(f, 0, 0)$  (**G**)

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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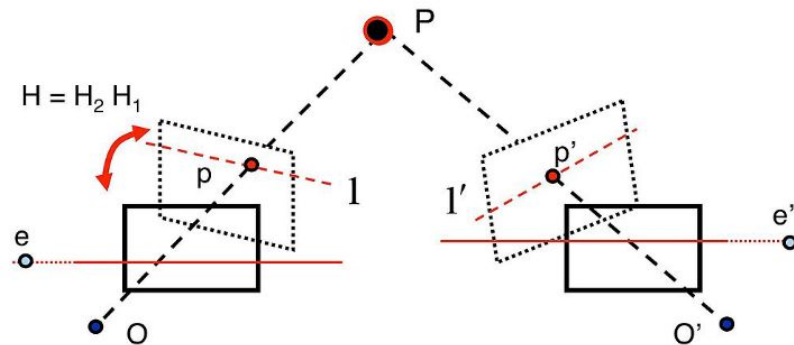
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**Bring together the three steps:**

$$H_2 = T^{-1}GRT$$

2. Find two homographies that shift epipoles to infinity

- a. Find homography  $H_2$  that maps the second epipole  $e'$  to a horizontal axis at infinity  $(f, 0, 0)$
- b. **Find the matching homography  $H_1$  for the first image**

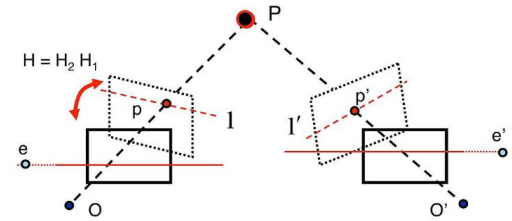


- (c)  Now for the trickier bit - finding a matching pair of homographies  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  by implementing `compute_matching_homographies()`. [10 points]



Find the matching homography  $H_1$  for the first image

$$\arg \min_{H_1} \sum_i \|H_1 p_i - H_2 p'_i\|^2$$



Although the derivation is out of the scope of this class, we know that  $H_1$  is of the form  $H_1 = H_A H_2 M$

$$M = [e]_{\times} F + e v^T$$

$$v^T = [1 \quad 1 \quad 1]$$

$$H_A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Since we already know  $H_2$  and  $M$ , we can write

$$\hat{p}_i = H_2 M p_i \quad \hat{p}'_i = H_2 p'_i$$

and the minimization problem becomes

$$\arg \min_{H_A} \sum_i \|H_A \hat{p}_i - \hat{p}'_i\|^2$$

Solve for  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$  in  $H_A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $\arg \min_{H_A} \sum_i \|H_A \hat{p}_i - \hat{p}'_i\|^2$

where  $\hat{p}_i = H_2 M p_i$   $\hat{p}'_i = H_2 p'_i$

Let  $\hat{p}_i = (\hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i, 1)$  and  $\hat{p}'_i = (\hat{x}'_i, \hat{y}'_i, 1)$ , the problem becomes

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{a}} \sum_i (a_1 \hat{x}_i + a_2 \hat{y}_i + a_3 - \hat{x}'_i)^2 + (\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}'_i)^2$$

constant value

Solve least-square  $W\mathbf{a} = b$  with

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 & \hat{y}_1 & 1 \\ & \vdots & \\ \hat{x}_n & \hat{y}_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}'_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{x}'_n \end{bmatrix}$$

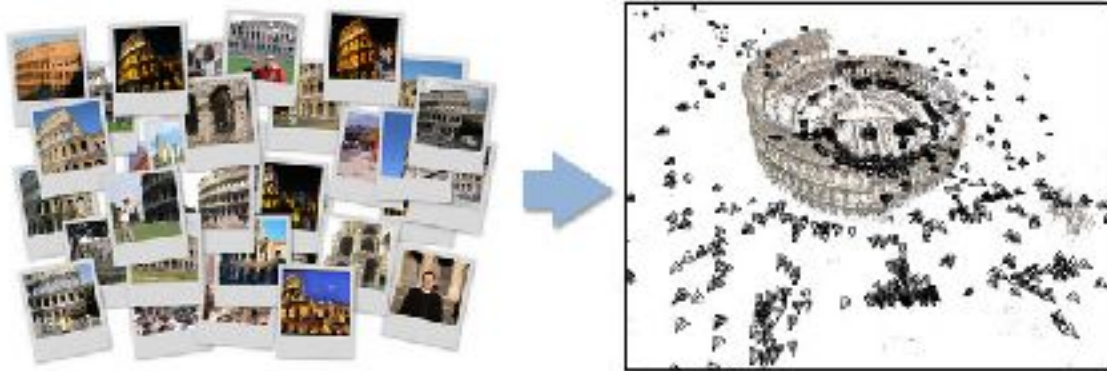
# Problem 3+4: Structure from Motion

Structure from Motion (SfM)

Estimating 3D structure from  
2D images that may be  
coupled with local motions

Input: 2D images



Output: 3D structure  
(+ camera extrinsic)



# **Problem 3**

The Factorization Method

## Tomasi and Kanade Factorization Method

- (a)  Implement the factorization method as described in lecture and in the course notes. Complete the function `factorization_method()`. **[8 points]**
- (b)  Briefly describe your implementation in your written report. **[2 points]**

**Data centering step:** center the data at the origin

$$\hat{x}_{ij} = x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i = x_{ij} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}$$

Affine SfM problem  $x_{ij} = A_i X_j + b_i$

After centering

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_{ij} &= x_{ij} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_{ik} \\ &= A_i X_j - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n A_i X_k \\ &= A_i \left( X_j - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \right) \\ &= A_i (X_j - \bar{X}) \\ &= A_i \hat{X}_j\end{aligned}$$

**Factorization:** Factor out motion matrix  $A_i$  and structure  $X_j$   $\hat{x}_{ij} = A_i \hat{X}_j$

Build the measure matrix from all camera observations (2mxn)

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_{11} & \hat{x}_{12} & \dots & \hat{x}_{1n} \\ \hat{x}_{21} & \hat{x}_{22} & \dots & \hat{x}_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \\ \hat{x}_{m1} & \hat{x}_{m2} & \dots & \hat{x}_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$



Factorization

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1^T \\ \vdots \\ v_n^T \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1^T \\ v_2^T \\ v_3^T \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= U_3 \Sigma_3 V_3^T
 \end{aligned}$$

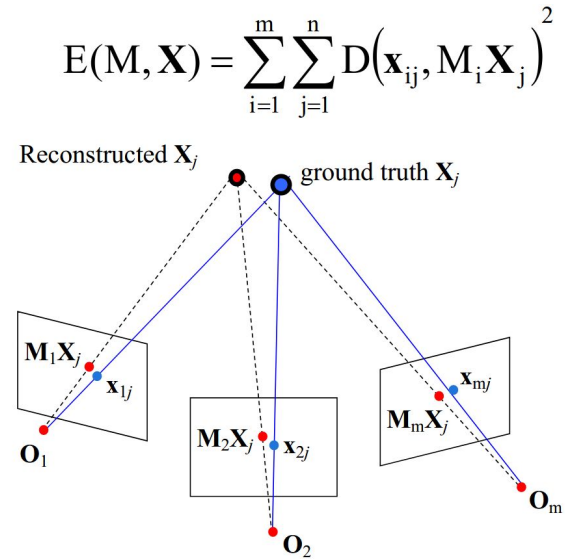
Structure matrix (3xn):  $S = \sqrt{\Sigma_3} V_3^T$

Motion matrix (2mx3):  $M = U_3 \sqrt{\Sigma_3}$

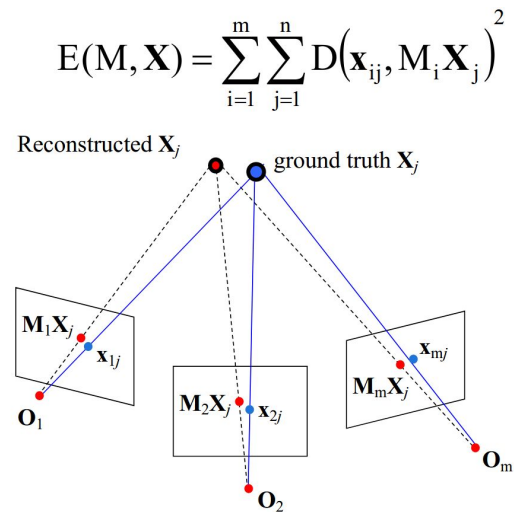
# **Problem 4**

Triangulation in Structure From Motion

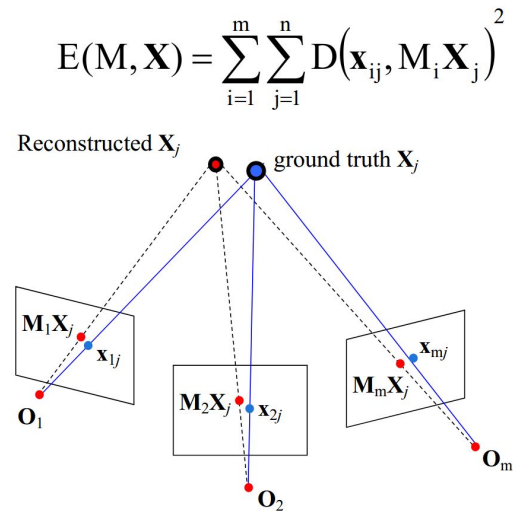
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2. Use  $E$  to make initial estimate of relative rotation  $R$  and translation  $T$
3. Estimate 3D reconstructed points given  $R, T$
4. Optimize (bundle adjustment)
  - Jointly optimize all relative camera motions ( $R$ 's and  $T$ 's)
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1. To compute  $R$ : Given the singular value decomposition  $E = UDV^T$

$$Q = UWV^T \text{ or } UW^TV^T, \text{ where}$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

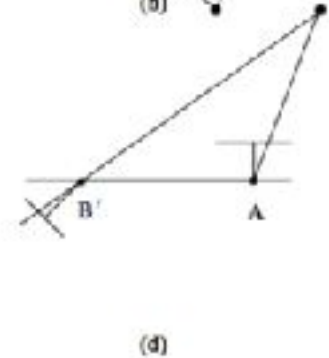
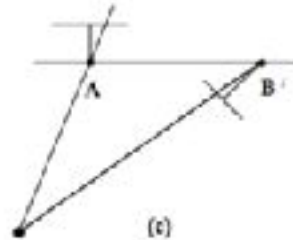
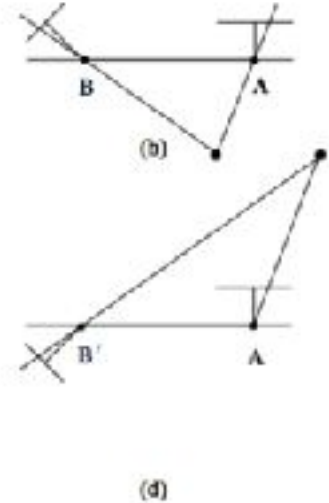
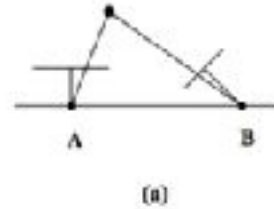
Note that this factorization of  $E$  only guarantees that  $Q$  is orthogonal. To find a rotation, we simply compute  $R = (\det Q)Q$ .

2. To compute  $T$ : Given that  $E = U\Sigma V^T$ ,  $T$  is simply either  $u_3$  or  $-u_3$ , where  $u_3$  is the third column vector of  $U$ .

Use E to make initial estimate of relative rotation  $R$  and translation  $T$

However, this gives four pairs of rotation and translation,  $(R_1, R_2) \times (T, -T)$

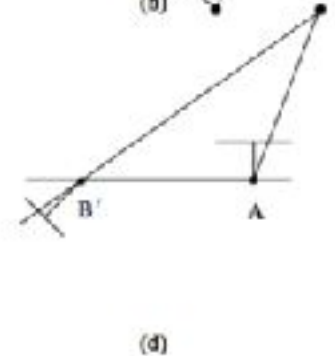
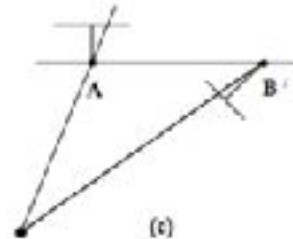
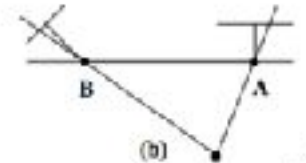
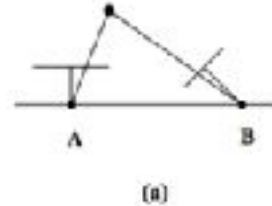
How do we find out which  $R$  and  $T$  is the correct one?



There exists only **one** solution that will consistently produce 3D points which are both in front of camera

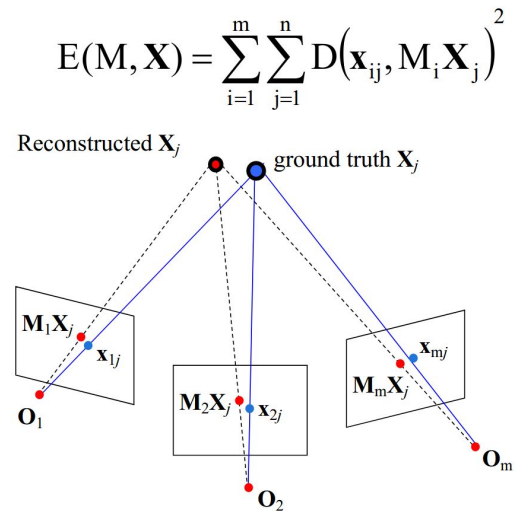
Compute 3D point's location in the R,T frame!

- Find 3D location of the image points given R,T frame
- Chose the one which has the most 3D points with positive depth (z-coordinate) with respect to both camera frame





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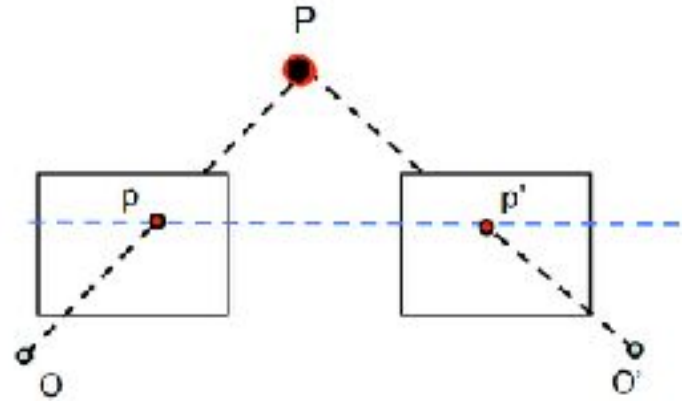


Estimate 3D reconstructed points given

1. projective camera matrix
2. their image coordinates

Two different possible approaches:

1. **Formulating a linear equation to solve**
2. Nonlinear optimization to minimize reprojection error



1. For each image  $i$ , we have  $p_i = M_i P$ , where  $P$  is the 3D point,  $p_i$  is the homogenous image coordinate of that point, and  $M_i$  is the projective camera matrix.

2. Formulate matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} p_{1,1}m^{3\top} - m^{1\top} \\ p_{1,2}m^{3\top} - m^{2\top} \\ \vdots \\ p_{n,1}m^{3\top} - m^{1\top} \\ p_{n,2}m^{3\top} - m^{2\top} \end{bmatrix}$$

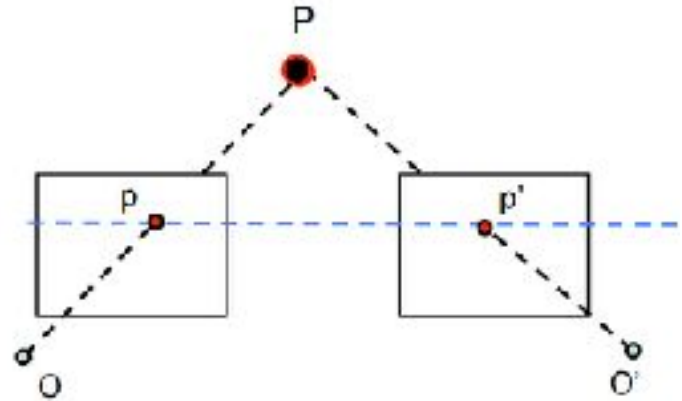
where  $p_{i,1}$  and  $p_{i,2}$  are the xy coordinates in image  $i$  and  $m^{k\top}$  is the  $k$ -th row of  $M$ .

3. The 3D point can be solved for by using the singular value decomposition.

Estimate 3D location of the reconstruction  
given 1. projective camera matrix 2. their  
image coordinates

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Estimate 3D location of the reconstruction

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Nonlinear optimization to minimize reprojection error

Gauss-Newton algorithm

$$\hat{P} = \hat{P} - (J^T J)^{-1} J^T e$$

Begin from linear estimation for better initialization

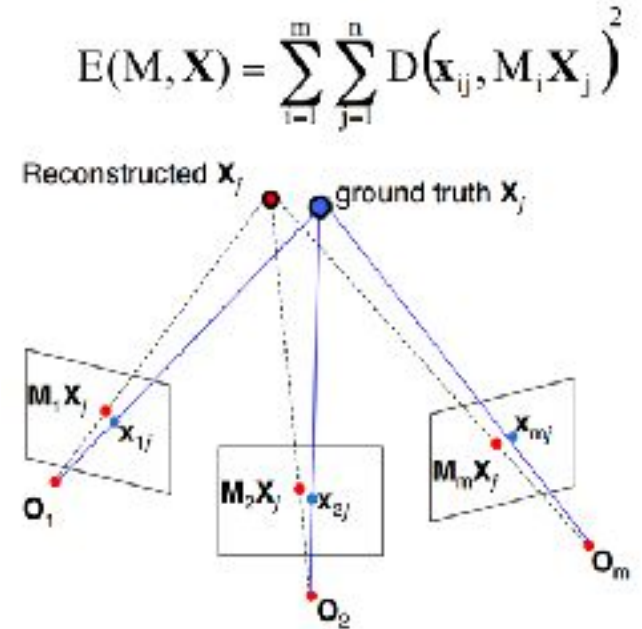
(reprojection) error: difference between the projected point (MiP) and ground-truth image coordinate  $p_i$

Jacobian:

$$e = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 - M_1 \hat{P} \\ \vdots \\ p_n - M_n \hat{P} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial \hat{P}_1} & \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial \hat{P}_2} & \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial \hat{P}_3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial e_N}{\partial \hat{P}_1} & \frac{\partial e_N}{\partial \hat{P}_2} & \frac{\partial e_N}{\partial \hat{P}_3} \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Compute essential matrix  $E$  from two views
2. Use  $E$  to make initial estimate of relative rotation  $R$  and translation  $T$
3. Estimate 3D reconstructed points given  $R, T$
4. Optimize (bundle adjustment)
  - Jointly optimize all relative camera motions ( $R$ 's and  $T$ 's)
  - Minimize total reprojection error with respect to all 3D point and camera parameters
5. Repeat 3 and 4 for pairs of frames



Thanks!