## **Computer Vision**

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#### **Textbook**

Multiple View Geometry in Computer Vision, Hartley, R., and Zisserman

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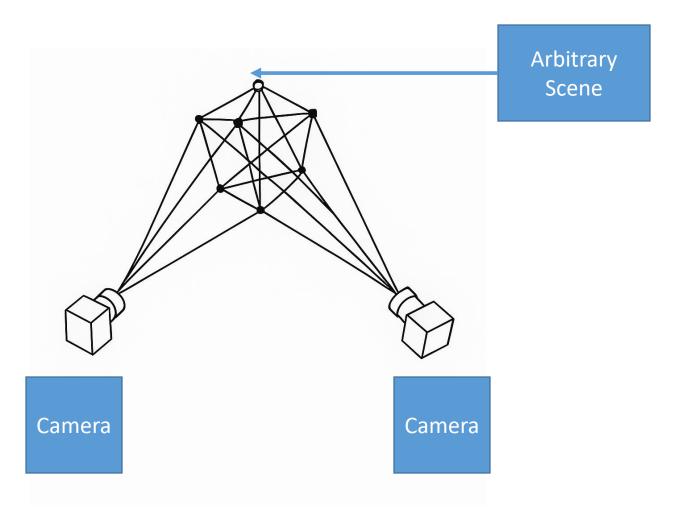
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## Homography: Two views of an arbitrary 3D scene



### **Hierarchy of 2D Transformations**

Transformation	Matrix	# DoF	Preserves Icon
translation	$\left[egin{array}{c c} oldsymbol{I} & oldsymbol{t} \end{array} ight]_{2 imes 3}$	2	orientation
rigid (Euclidean)	$\left[egin{array}{c c} R & t \end{array} ight]_{2 imes 3}$	3	lengths
similarity	$\left[\begin{array}{c c} s R \mid t\end{array}\right]_{2 \times 3}$	4	angles Length Ratios
affine	$\left[\begin{array}{c} oldsymbol{A} \end{array} ight]_{2 imes 3}$	6	parallelism Length Ratios along a line
projective	$\left[egin{array}{c}  ilde{m{H}} \end{array} ight]_{3 imes 3}$	8	straight lines Length Cross-Ratios along a line

## 2D projective geometry A hierarchy of transforms

Group	Matrix	Distortion	Invariant properties
Projective 8 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix}$		Concurrency, collinearity, order of contact, tangent discontinuities and cusps, cross ratios
Affine 6 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & t_x \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Parallelism, ratio of areas, ratio of lengths on collinear or parallel lines, linear combinations of vectors, the line at infinity $I_{\infty}$
Similarity 4 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} sr_{11} & sr_{12} & t_x \\ sr_{21} & sr_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Ratio of lengths, angle
Euclidean 3 dof	$\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		Length, area

## **Translation, Rigid Body** Transformation, Similarity, Affine

$$1. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2. \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & t_x \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3. \begin{bmatrix} scos\theta & -ssin\theta & t_x \\ ssin\theta & scos\theta & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad 4. \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### **Translation Group**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} x + t_x \\ y + t_x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

## Rigid Body Transformation (Euclidean Transformation)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3\times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & t_x \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3\times 3} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3\times 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} x\cos\theta - y\sin\theta + t_x \\ x\sin\theta + y\cos\theta + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

## **Similarity Group**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} s\cos\theta & -s\sin\theta & t_x \\ s\sin\theta & s\cos\theta & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} sxcos\theta - sysin\theta + t_x \\ sxsin\theta + sycos\theta + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

## **Affine Group**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x + a_{12}y + a_{13} \\ a_{21}x + a_{22}y + a_{23} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

- Contains rotation, scaling, shear, translation and any combination thereof
- Preserves Parallel lines

## **Projective Group (Homography)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

- Simulates out of plane rotations
- Preserves straight lines
- Physical Interpretation: Plane + Camera

# **GL(3) - General Linear Group of Degree 3**

- Set of all invertible 3 × 3 matrices (det ≠ 0)
- Notation: GL(3) = {  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3\times3} \mid det(A) \neq 0$  }
- Includes all linear transformations of 3D space
- Preserves vector space structure, not scale. GL(3) keeps the "vector math" consistent but allows geometric distortions (like stretching, skewing, and flipping) — it does not keep distances or proportions constant.
- Used in classical linear transformations

# PL(3) - Projective Linear Group of Degree 3

- PL(3) = GL(3) modulo scalar matrices
- Two matrices are equivalent if they differ by a non-zero scalar
- Works with homogeneous coordinates (projective geometry)
- PL(3) transformations preserve projective structure
- Common in computer vision and image homographies

## Summary: GL(3) vs PL(3)

#### **GL(3)**:

- Invertible 3×3 matrices
- Includes scale
- Linear transformations

#### **PL(3)**:

- Equivalence classes of GL(3)
- Ignores scale
- Projective transformations

# Example: Matrix Equivalence in PL(3)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = 2A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- o In GL(3): A ≠ B
- $\circ$  In PL(3): A  $\sim$  B (same transformation up to scale)

# 2D projective geometry A hierarchy of transformations

We can create a hierarchy of transformations based on the restrictions that we put on a linear transformation H.

- ☐The real linear group GL(3) consists of all invertible real 3 × 3 matrices.¹
- □When we place all members of GL(3) related by scale in an equivalence class, we obtain the projective linear group PL(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Recall that a group is a set paired with an operation that has an inverse, associativity, an identity, and closure.

## 2D projective geometry A hierarchy of transformations

There are three important subgroups of PL(3):

- The affine group in which the bottom row is constrained to (0, 0, 1);
- The similarity group in which the rows and columns of the upper-left  $2 \times 2$  submatrix are orthogonal;
- The Euclidean or isometry group in which the upper-left
   2 × 2 submatrix is orthonormal.

- $\circ$ PL(3):The elements of this set are 3  $\times$  3 homogenous invertible matrices, where we consider kH to be equal to H. We have a variety of different subgroups:
- oThe affine group within PL(3) is just the set of 3 × 3 homogeneous invertible matrices such that the **bottom** row is 0 0 1. Homographies having this property has some special characteristics.

oThe similarity group in which the rows and columns of the upper left 2 × 2 submatrix are orthogonal. In this case, we place an additional restriction on homography, which creates the upper left 2 × 2 submatrix should be orthogonal. The rows and columns are orthogonal to each other which creates a group called the similarity group.

•Finally, we go even further and restrict this homography matrix even more then we obtain the Euclidean or isometry group. In this case, we have upper left 2 × 2 submatrix as orthonormal.

oIn the similarity group, we say the 2 × 2 submatrix is orthogonal. It means rows and columns have to be orthogonal to each other. The dot product between each row or each column has to be orthogonal, i.e., zero.

oIn the Euclidean group, we say the upper left 2 × 2 is orthonormal, which means the norm of each row or each column is 1.

- oFirst of all, the most general type of homography is called the projective group. This is called PL(3). In it, we are allowed to write whatever co-efficient we want for the elements of this matrix as long as this matrix is invertible, then we have elements of PL(3).
- O What kind of transformation this group model?
- Projective homography can do a lot of different types of distortions.
- •We can take a trapezoid and map it to a different type of trapezoid.

#### 1. Affine transformation:

Here we are saying that the bottom row of this matrix is **0 0 1**. In this case, we are effectively preventing a certain type of distortion. We have **6 degrees of freedom**. Now the transformations, we can model are called using the affine transformations: **Rotations, scale, translations, and shear**.

#### 2. Similarity transformation:

We have imposed further restrictions. It has only **4 degrees of freedom**. We will write the upper left  $2 \times 2$  submatrix using the coefficient  $r_{11}$   $r_{12}$   $r_{13}$   $r_{14}$ . The rows and columns of this matrix are **orthogonal to each other**. It allows us to model **translations**, **scales**, and **rotations**. But, **shear** is not part of similarity transformations.

#### 3. Euclidean transformation:

It allows us to model rotations and translations but not scales. These transformations are very interesting, as we see later when we get to 3D because they model the possible motion of the rigid body.

## Invariant properties of PL (3)

Olnvariant property under Euclidean transformations: In Euclidean transformations, if an object has length or area before applying transformations, then it will have the same length and area after applying the transformations.

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•Invariant property under affine: The most important invariant property under affine is parallelism. If two lines are parallel in the first image and then you transform that image by affinities, then parallel lines still are parallel in the resulting image.

## Invariant properties of PL (3)

#### Olnvariant property under Projective transformation:

- OProjective transformation are real-life transformations between points that are taken when the point lies in the same plane, and you take pictures of them with different cameras.
- olt turns out there are some properties that are preserved. For example, collinearity. If you have a line in image #1 and you transform it by any homography. That line will still be a line in a resulting image.

#### 2D projective geometry Action of projectivities and affinities on ideal points

The key difference between a **projective** and **affine transformation** is that the vector **v** is not null for a projectivity.

What happens when we apply a homography H to a point at infinity?

**Affinities** map ideal points to ideal points:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{o}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

but **general projectivities** can map ideal points to **finite points**:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{V}^T & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ v_1 x_1 + v_2 x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2D projective geometry Action of projectivities and affinities on ideal points

OWhat happens when we apply a homography to a point at infinity?

Affinities map ideal points to ideal points.

"Parallel lines remain parallel under affine transformations."

OHow can we interpret it?

If you have transformations between two images. You would like to prove that **parallel lines** are still going to be **parallel** under **affinities**. It is very simple to prove because **affinities preserve parallelism**. When you have 2 parallel lines then their **point of intersection on a line at infinity**.

#### 2D projective geometry Action of projectivities and affinities on ideal points

OPoint at infinity in homogenous representation of a 2D point:

The third component of your vector representing the point is zero. If the **bottom row is 0 0 1** then **points remain ideal**.

OPoint at finite in homogeneous representation of a 2D point:

If you have arbitrary bottom row of your homography the that means you have arbitrary homography. In this case ideal points are not preserved.

## 2D projective geometry Action of projectivities and affinities on ideal points







Similarity: circularity is invariant

Affinity: parallelism is invariant

Projectivity: the line at infinity becomes finite (parallel lines on the plane intersect at finite points on  $l_{\infty}$ )

Hartley and Zisserman (2004), Fig. 2.6

## 2D projective geometry Action of projectivities and affinities on ideal points







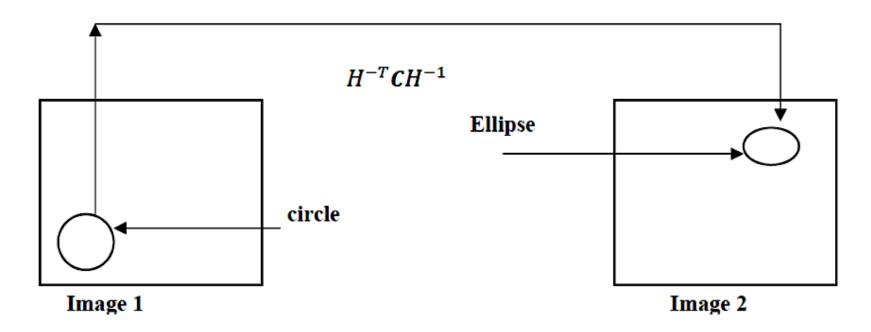
(a) (b) (c)

Distortions arising under central projection. Images of a tiled floor. (a) Similarity: the circular pattern is imaged as a circle. A square tile is imaged as a square. Lines which are parallel or perpendicular have the same relative orientation in the image. (b) Affine: The circle is imaged as an ellipse. Orthogonal world lines are not imaged as orthogonal lines. However, the sides of the square tiles, which are parallel in the world are parallel in the image. (c) Projective: Parallel world lines are imaged as converging lines. Tiles closer to the camera have a larger image than those further away.

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## **Conic Homography**

The corresponding conic homography is  $C' = H^{-T}C H^{-1}$ 



Suppose we have circle in image 1 and we want to map it to ellipse in image 2. We can this transformation using the relationship  $\mathrm{H}^{-T}\mathrm{C}\;\mathrm{H}^{-1}$ 

#### Conic

The equation of a conic in **inhomogeneous coordinates** is  $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey + f = 0$ 

i.e. a polynomial of degree 2. "Homogenizing" this by the replacements:

$$x \mapsto \frac{x_1}{x_3}, y \mapsto \frac{x_2}{x_3}$$
 gives   
 $\Rightarrow ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2 + dx_1x_3 + ex_2x_3 + fx_3^2 = 0$  -----(1) or in matrix form

$$\vec{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{C}\,\vec{\mathbf{x}}=\mathbf{0}$$

where the conic coefficient matrix C is given by

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} a & b/2 & d/2 \\ b/2 & c & e/2 \\ d/2 & e/2 & f \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Conic

- oC is homogeneous because scaling by non-zero constant does not change the conic
- oIt is a symmetric matrix. It has 9 elements but only 6 are unique. Also, it is a homogeneous matrix. We can scale C and we can still satisfy the equation  $\vec{x}^T C \vec{x} = 0$
- It means we lose one degree of freedom.
- •Note: It we divide every element by f then we fix the scale factor by f. As a result, we have 5 degrees of freedom of this matrix

### Five points define a conic

- $\circ$ Suppose we wish to compute the conic which passes through a set of points,  $x_i$ .
- O How many points are we free to specify before the conic is determined uniquely?
- The question can be answered constructively by providing an algorithm to determine the conic. From (1) each point  $x_i$  places one constraint on the conic coefficients, since if the conic passes through  $(x_i, y_i)$  then

$$ax_i^2 + bx_iy_i + cy_i^2 + dx_i + ey_i + f = 0$$

This constraint can be written as

$$[x_i^2 \quad x_i y_i \quad y_i^2 \quad x_i \quad y_i \quad 1]_{1 \times 6} \vec{c}_{6 \times 1} = 0$$

Where  $\vec{c}_{6\times 1} = [a \quad b \quad c \quad d \quad e \quad f]^T$  is the conic C represented as a 6-vector

### Five points define a conic

OStacking the constraints from five points we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1y_1 & y_1^2 & x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2^2 & x_2y_2 & y_2^2 & x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3^2 & x_3y_3 & y_3^2 & x_3 & y_3 & 1 \\ x_4^2 & x_4y_4 & y_4^2 & x_4 & y_4 & 1 \\ x_5^2 & x_5y_5 & y_5^2 & x_5 & y_5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{5\times 6}$$

• The conic is the null vector of this 5 × 6 matrix. This shows that a conic is determined uniquely (up to scale) by five points in general position.

#### **Transformation of conics**

$$x^T \subset x = 0$$
 -----(2)  
  $x' = Hx$ 

Pre multiply by  $H^{-1}$ 

$$H^{-1} x' = H^{-1} Hx$$

$$\Rightarrow H^{-1} x' = x$$

or

$$x = H^{-1} x'$$

Substitute the value of x in (2), we get

$$(H^{-1} x')^T C H^{-1} x' = 0$$

$$x'^T H^{-1T} CH^{-1} x' = 0$$

which is a quadratic form  $x'^T C' x'$  with  $C' = H^{-1T} CH^{-1}$ . This gives the transformation rule for a conic:

Under a point transformation x' = Hx, a conic C transforms to

$$C' = H^{-1T} CH^{-1}$$

## Exact homography using 4 points correspondences

$$P_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1}, 1) \mapsto P'_{1}(x'_{1}, y'_{1}, 1)$$

$$P_{2}(x_{2}, y_{2}, 1) \mapsto P'_{2}(x'_{2}, y'_{2}, 1)$$

$$P_{3}(x_{3}, y_{3}, 1) \mapsto P'_{3}(x'_{3}, y'_{3}, 1)$$

$$P_{4}(x_{4}, y_{4}, 1) \mapsto P'_{4}(x'_{4}, y'_{4}, 1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -x_1 & -y_1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_1x_1' & y_1x_1' & x_1' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_1 & -y_1 & -1 & x_1y_1' & y_1y_1' & y_1' \\ -x_2 & -y_2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_2x_2' & y_2x_2' & x_2' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_2 & -y_2 & -1 & x_2y_2' & y_2y_2' & y_2' \\ -x_3 & -y_3 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_3x_3' & y_3x_3' & x_3' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_3 & -y_3 & -1 & x_3y_3' & y_3y_3' & y_3' \\ -x_4 & -y_4 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_4x_4' & y_4x_4' & x_4' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_4 & -y_4 & -1 & x_4y_4' & y_4y_4' & y_4' \end{bmatrix}_{8\times9} \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} \\ h_{12} \\ h_{13} \\ h_{21} \\ h_{22} \\ h_{23} \\ h_{31} \\ h_{32} \\ h_{33} \end{bmatrix}_{9\times1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{8\times1}$$

$$A_{8\times9}\mathbf{h}_{9\times1} = \mathbf{0}_{8\times1}$$
  
 $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{null} (A)$ 

## % Simple example of computing a homography from 4 exact point %correspondences

% The 4-points in the left image

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X = [200 \ 250 \ 210 \ 255; \ 150 \ 145 \ 170 \ 162; \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1];
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#### % The 4-points in the right image

% We have Xprime = H \* X

% Let's loop over the points and extract the linear equations in H

$$A = [];$$

#### % size(X,2) will give us column of X, which is 4 for iPoint = 1:size(X,2)x = X(:, iPoint);% for each point in left image xprime = Xprime(:,iPoint); % for each point in right image % The equation is % xprime(1) = (h11 x(1) + h12 x(2) + h13) / (h31 x(1) + h32 x(2) + h33)% Put this in the form (coeffs \* (h11 h12 h13 h21 h22 h23 h31 h32 h33)') coeffs = [-x(1), -x(2), -1, 0, 0, 0, xprime(1) \* x(1), xprime(1) \* x(2), xprime(1)];A = [A ; coeffs];% Do the same for the equation % xprime(2) = (h21 x(1) + h22 x(2) + h23) / (h31 x(1) + h32 x(2) + h33)coeffs = [0, 0, 0, -x(1), -x(2), -1, xprime(2) \* x(1), xprime(2) \* x(2), xprime(2)];

end

A = [A : coeffs];

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% The solution is the right null space of A
h = null(A);
% Form the 9 parameters of H into a matrix
H = reshape(h, 3, 3)';
% Generate 100 random.
% diag([640,480]) creates a diagonal matrix 640 0; 0 480
Xtest = [(rand(2,100)) * diag([640,480]))'; ones(1,100)];
% Plot themfigure(1);
figure(1);
plot(Xtest(1,:), Xtest(2,:), 'rx');
hold on;
plot(X(1,:), X(2,:), 'bo');
axis([0,640,0,480],'equal','ij');
title('Left image points X');
hold off;
```

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#### % Transfer the test points

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Xtestprime = H * Xtest;
Xtestprime = Xtestprime ./ repmat(Xtestprime(3,:),3,1);
Xprimeest = H * X;Xprimeest = Xprimeest ./ repmat(Xprimeest(3,:),3,1);
% Plot themfigure(2);plot( Xtestprime(1,:), Xtestprime(2,:), 'rx' );
figure(2);
plot( Xtestprime(1,:), Xtestprime(2,:), 'rx' );
hold on;
plot(Xprimeest(1,:),Xprimeest(2,:),'bo');
axis([0,640,0,480],'equal','ij');
title('Right image points X');
hold off;
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# Resulting right image after applying homography on the left image

