

Stereo Vision

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What's different between these two images?

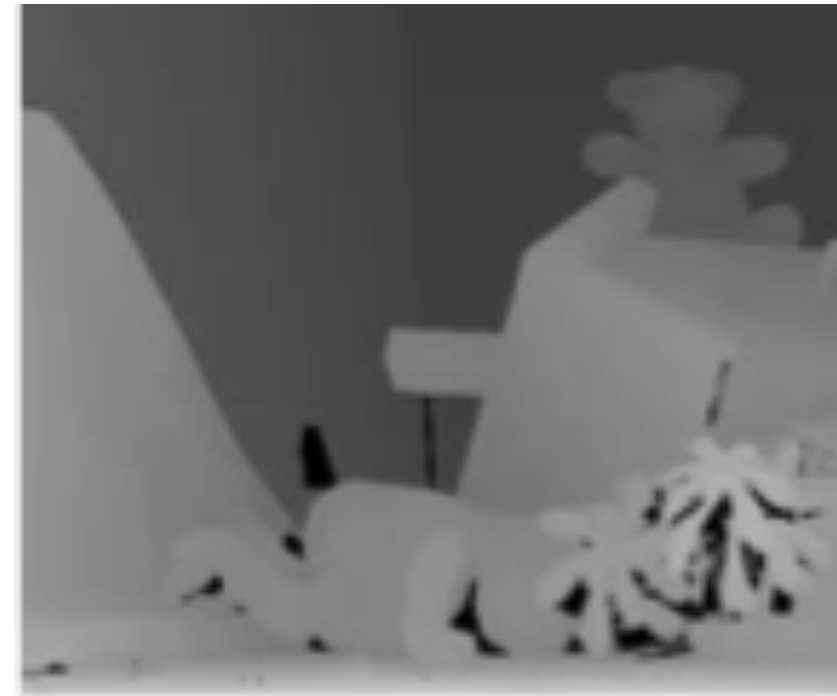




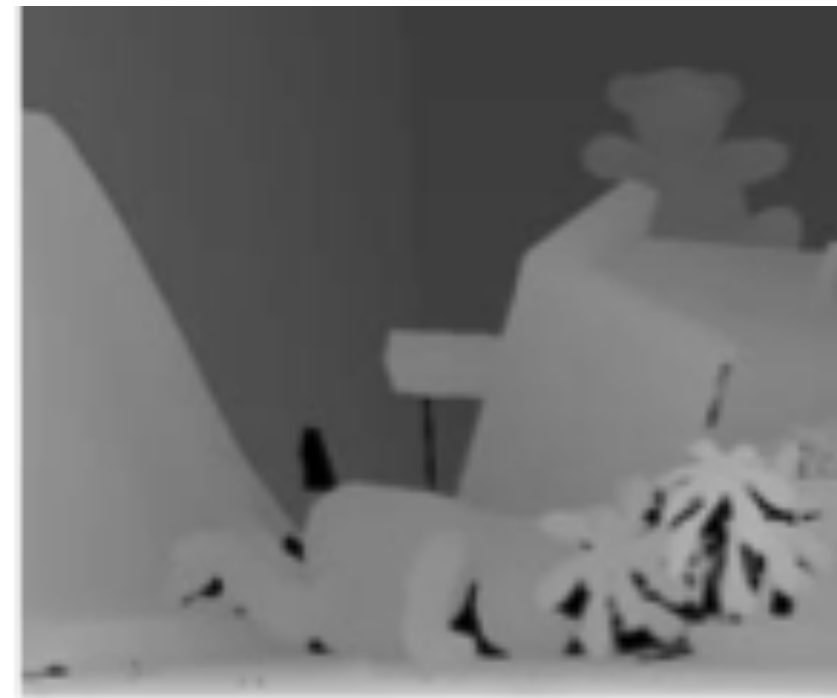


Objects that are close move more or less?

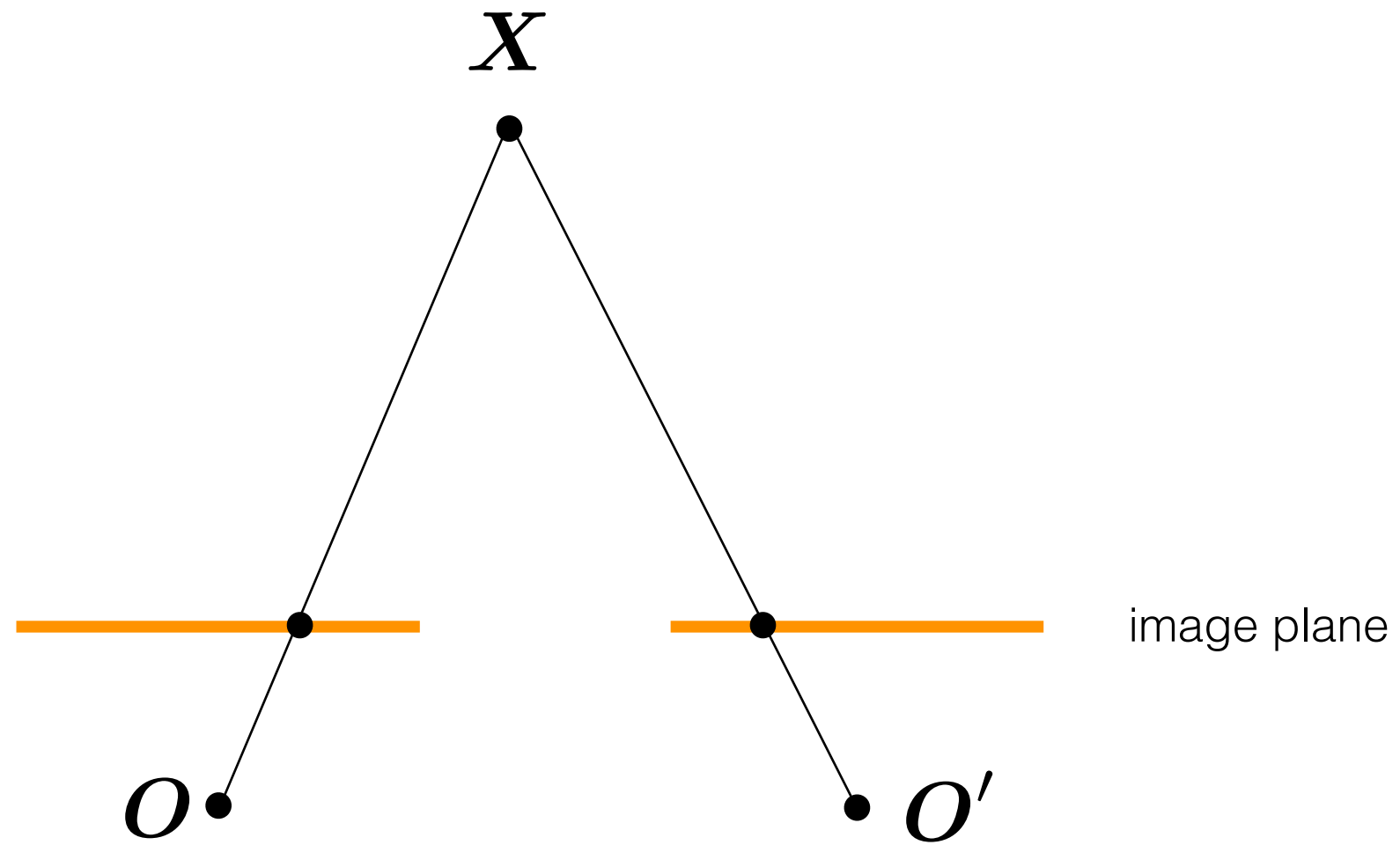
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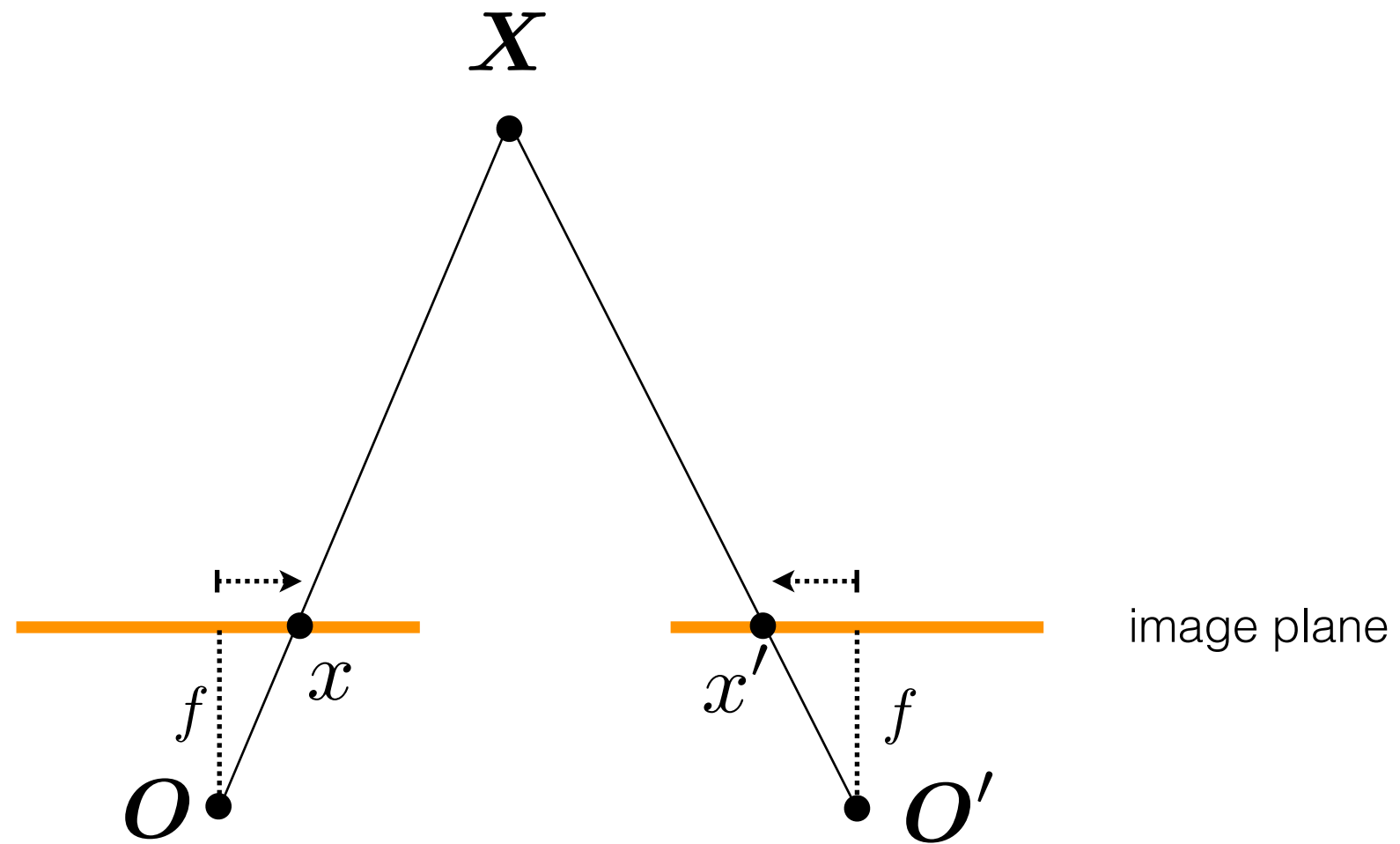


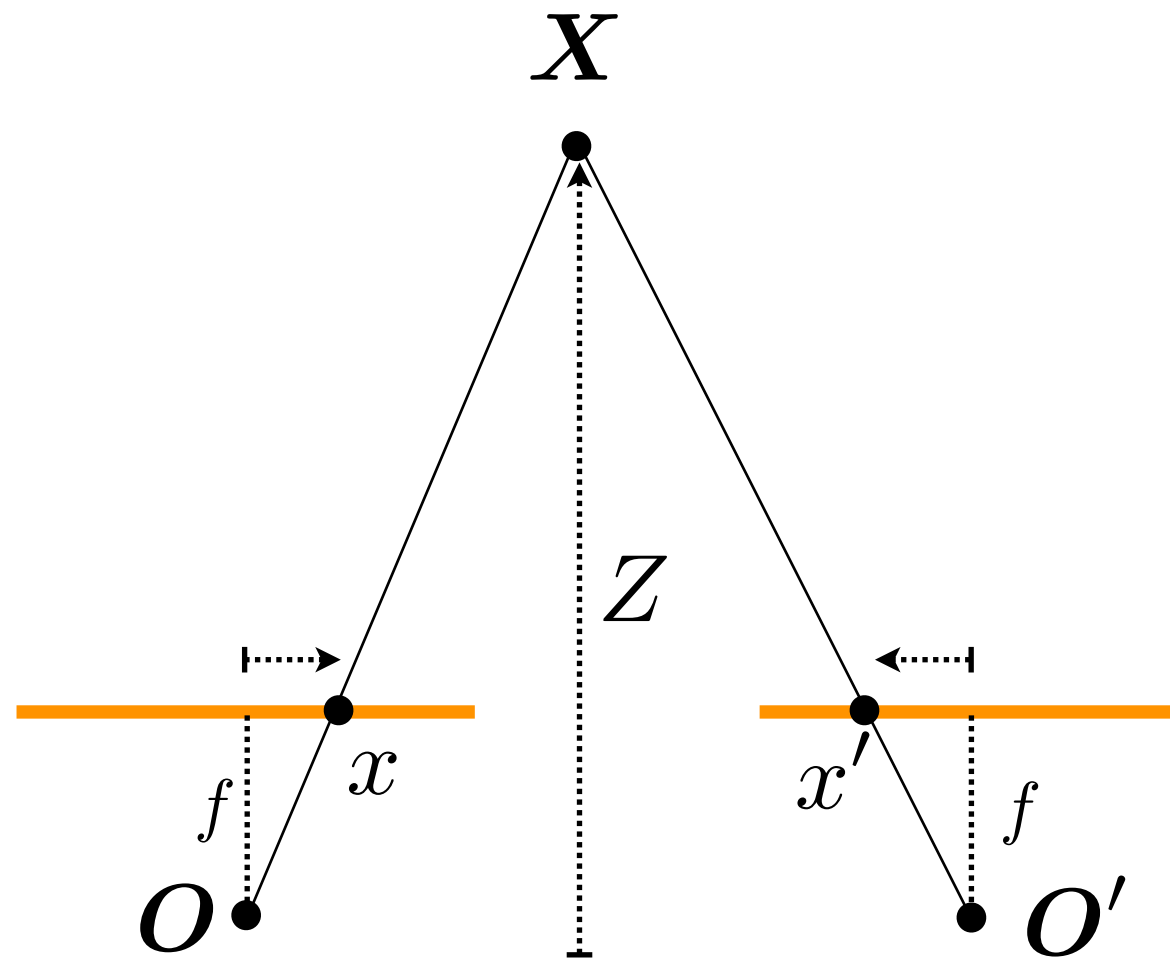
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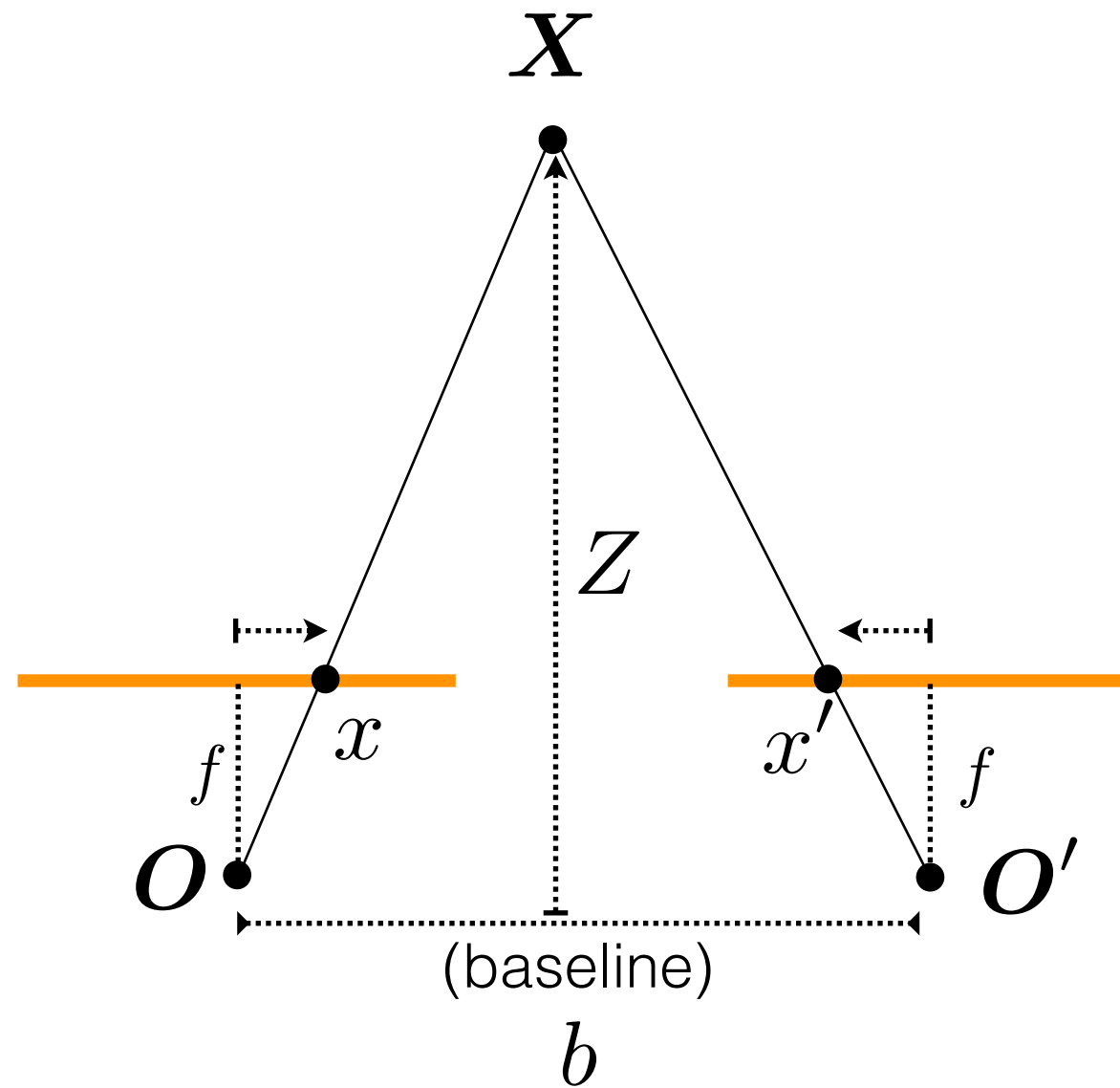


... the distance from the camera.

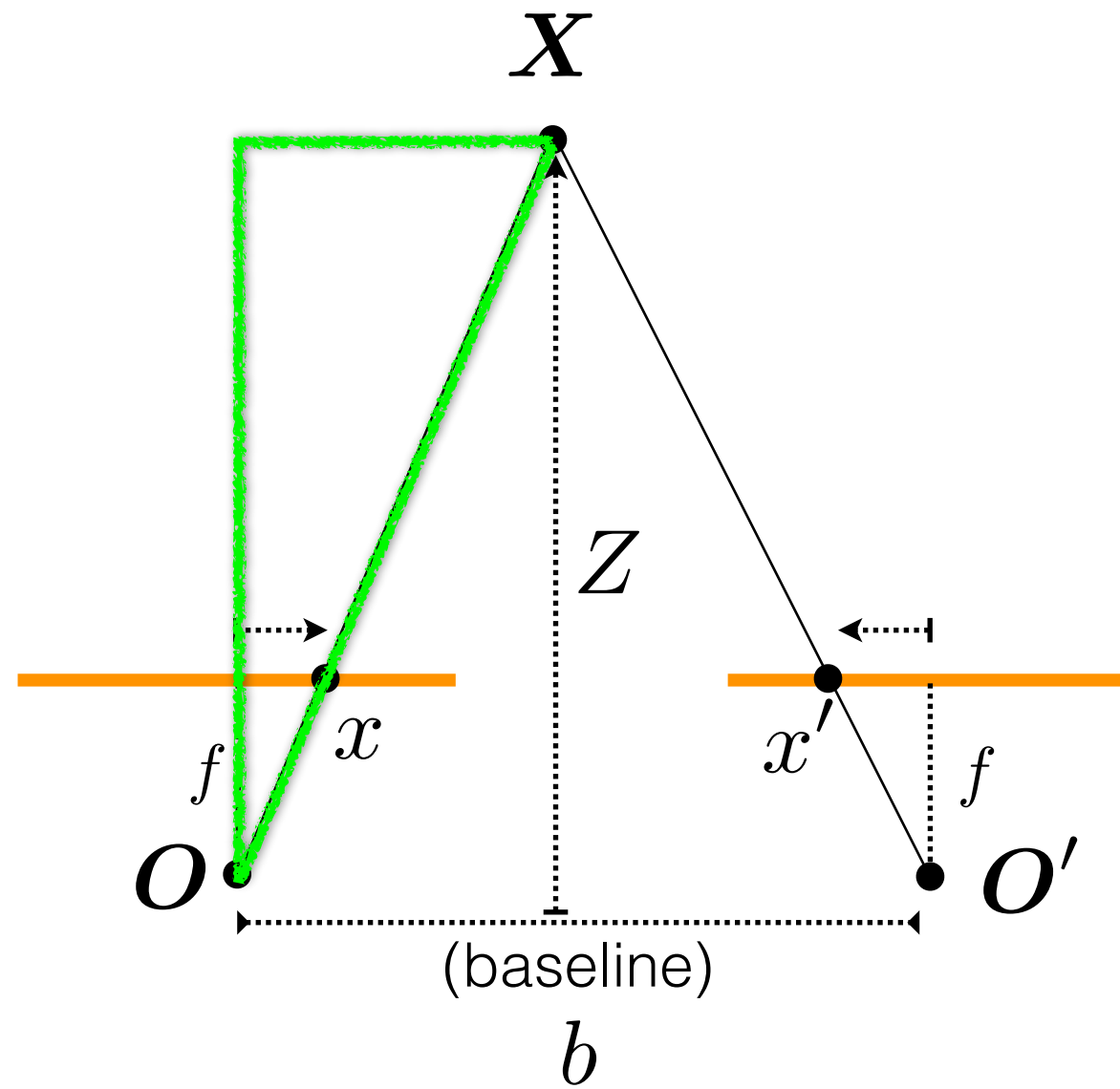




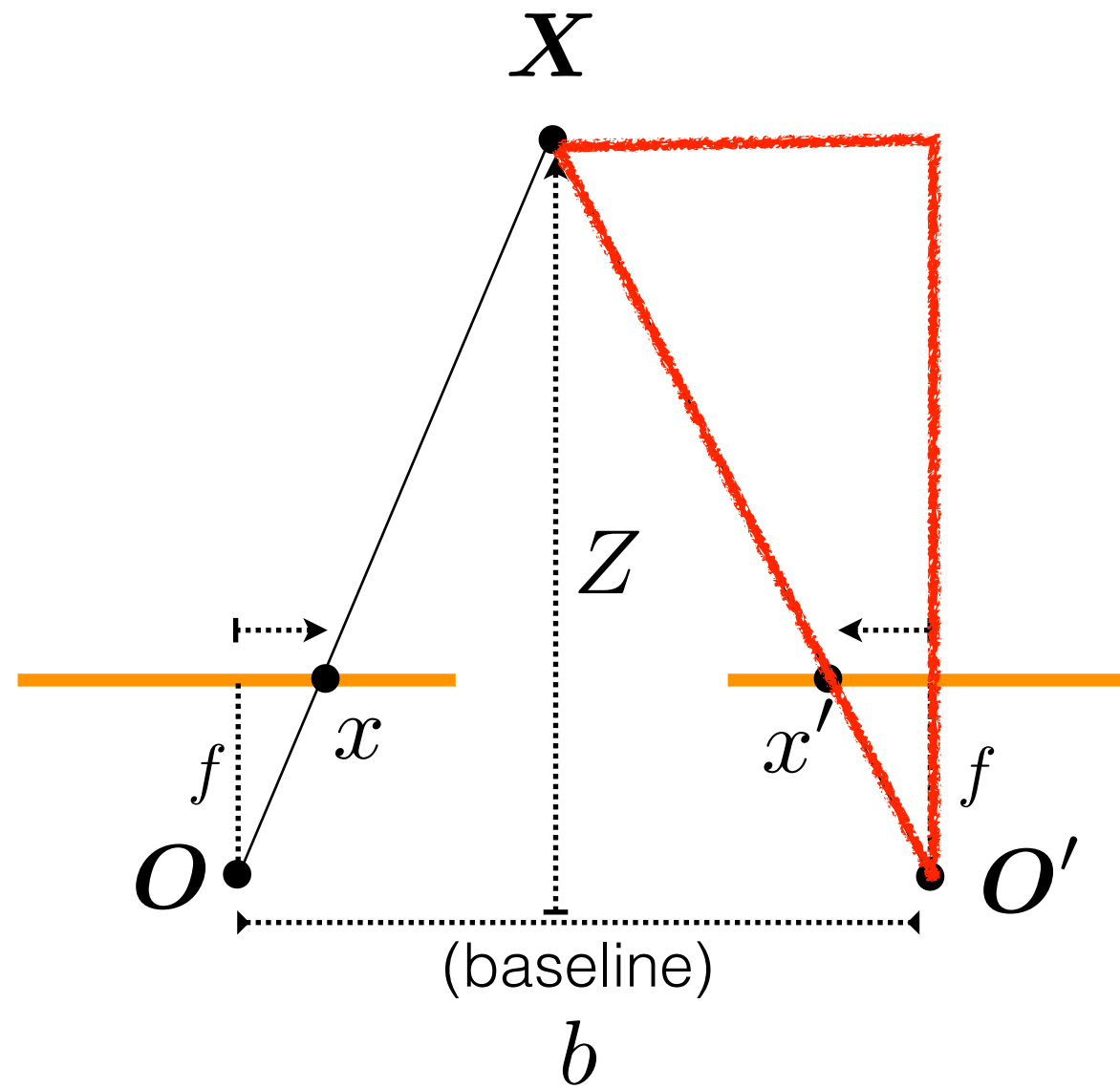




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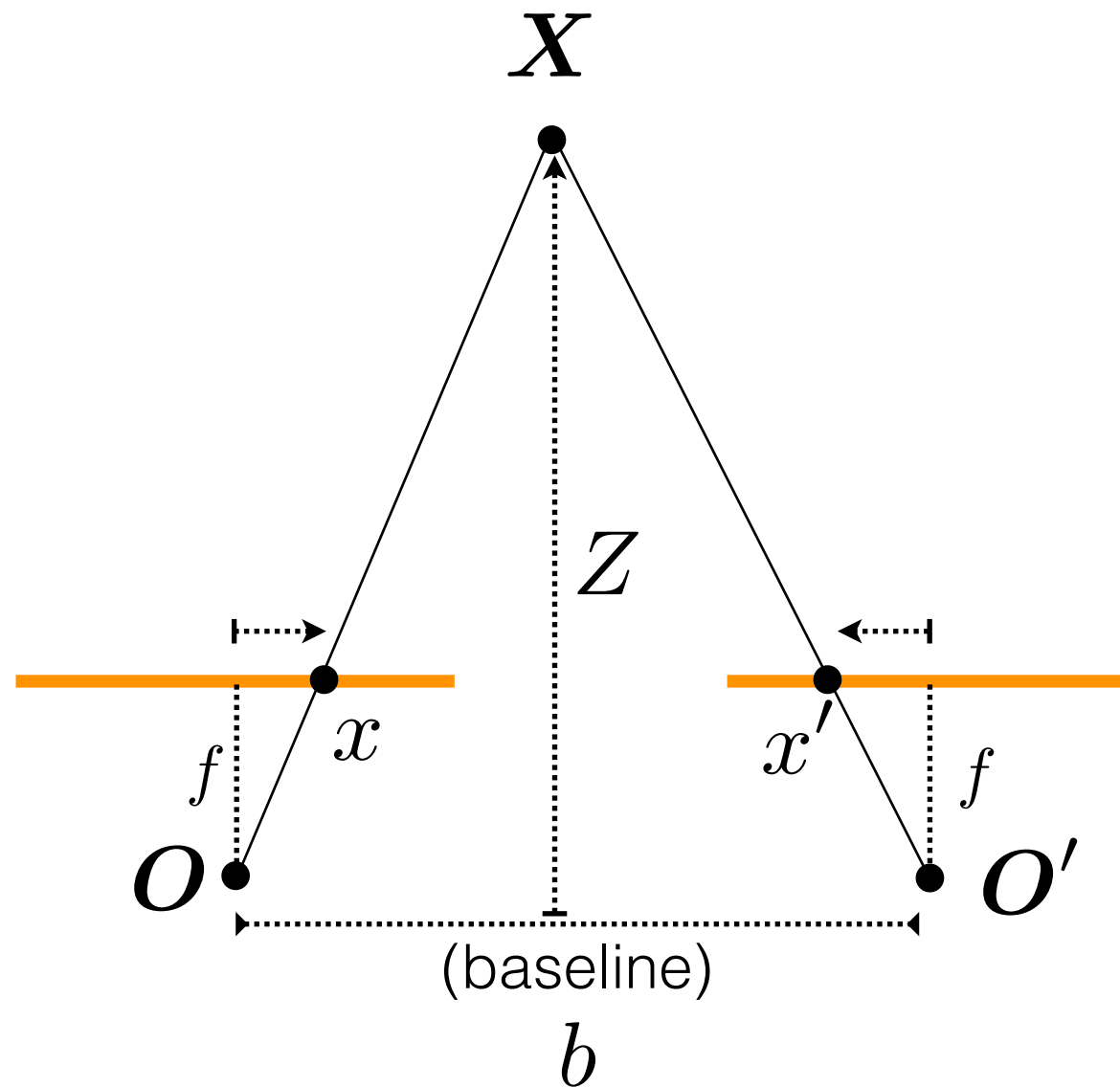


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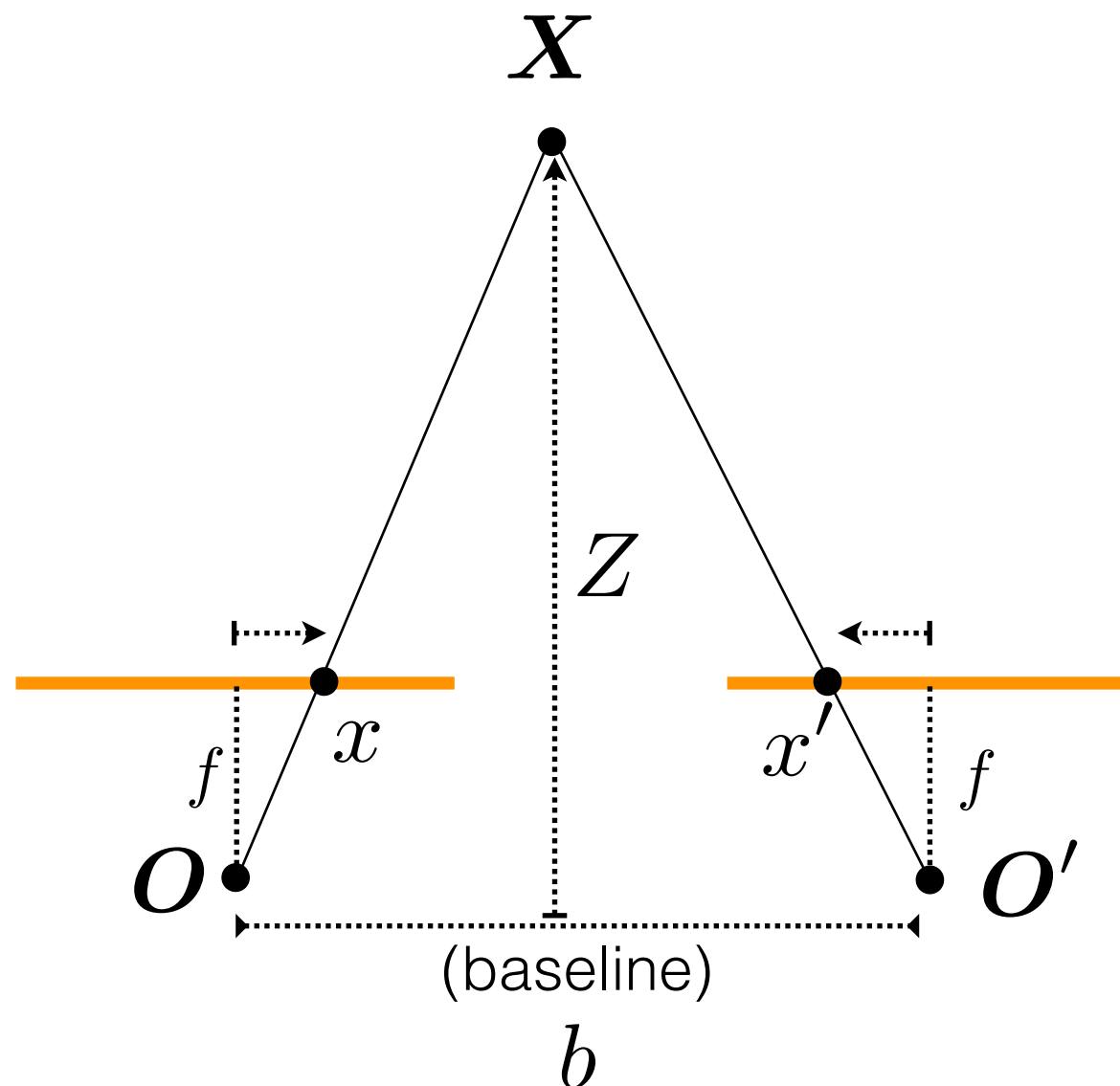
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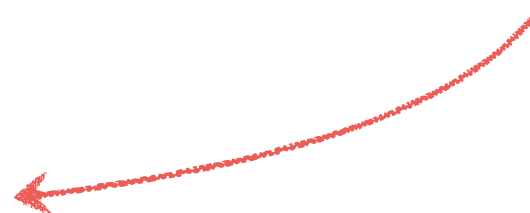


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inversely proportional
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Real-time stereo sensing



Nomad robot searches for meteorites in Antarctica

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



Navigability Map

VFH



Subaru
Eyesight system

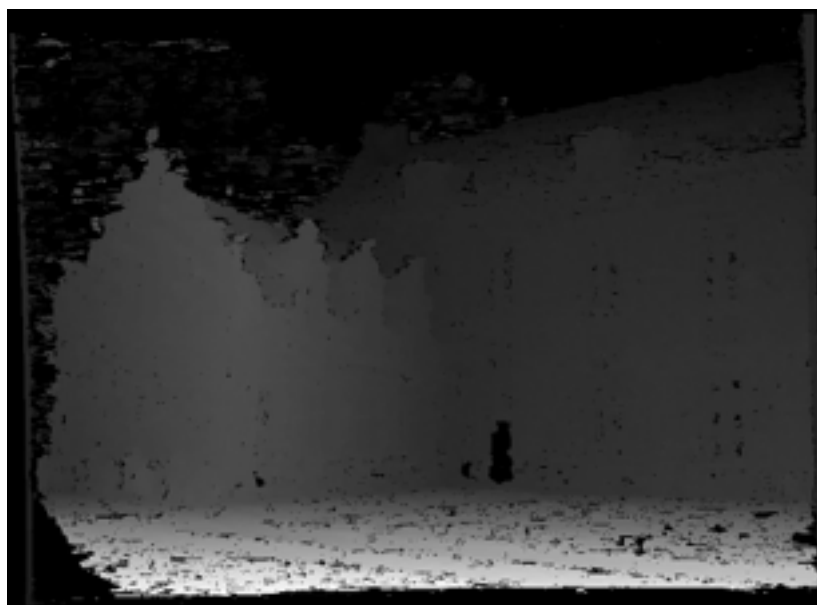
Pre-collision
braking

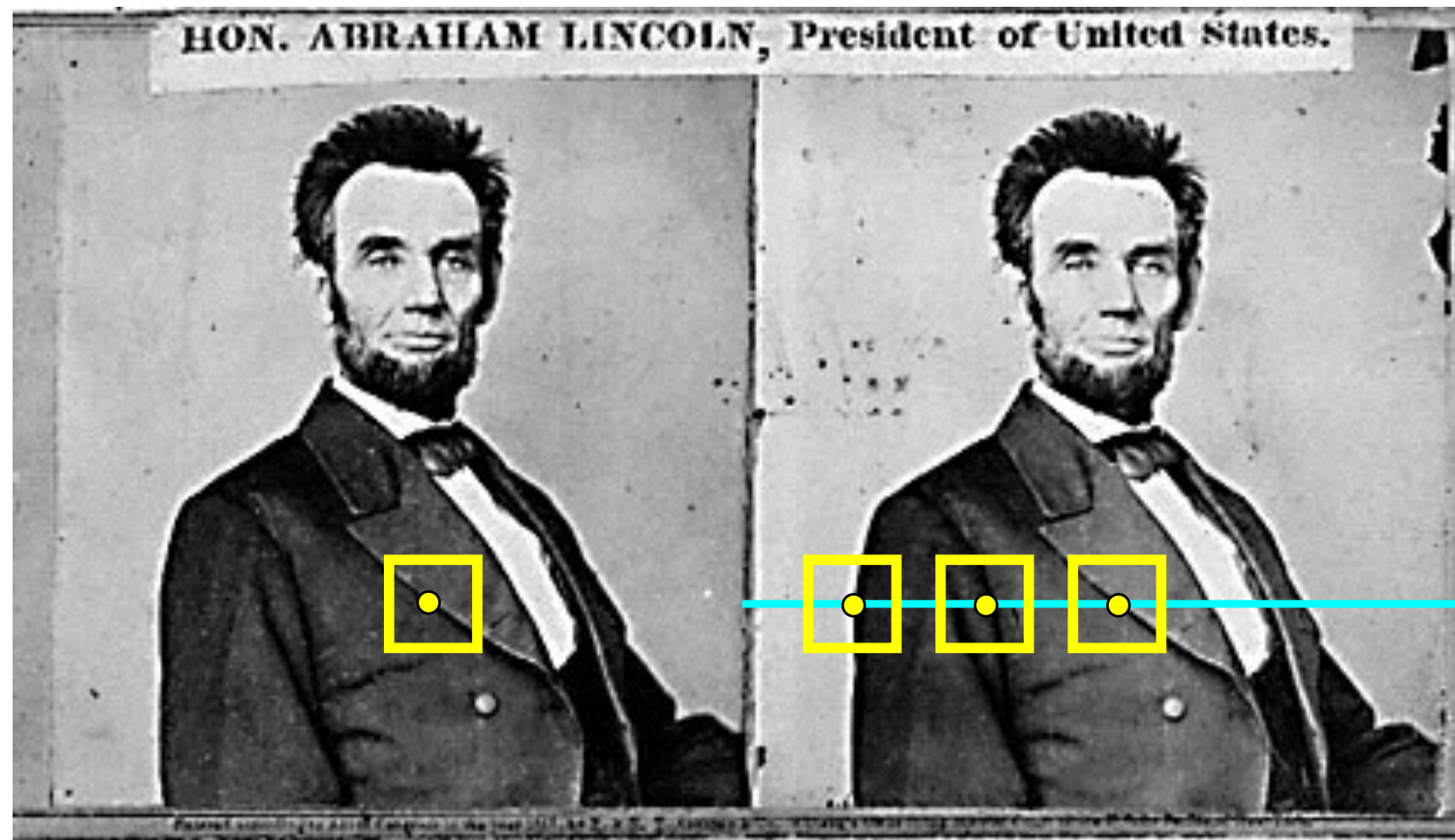






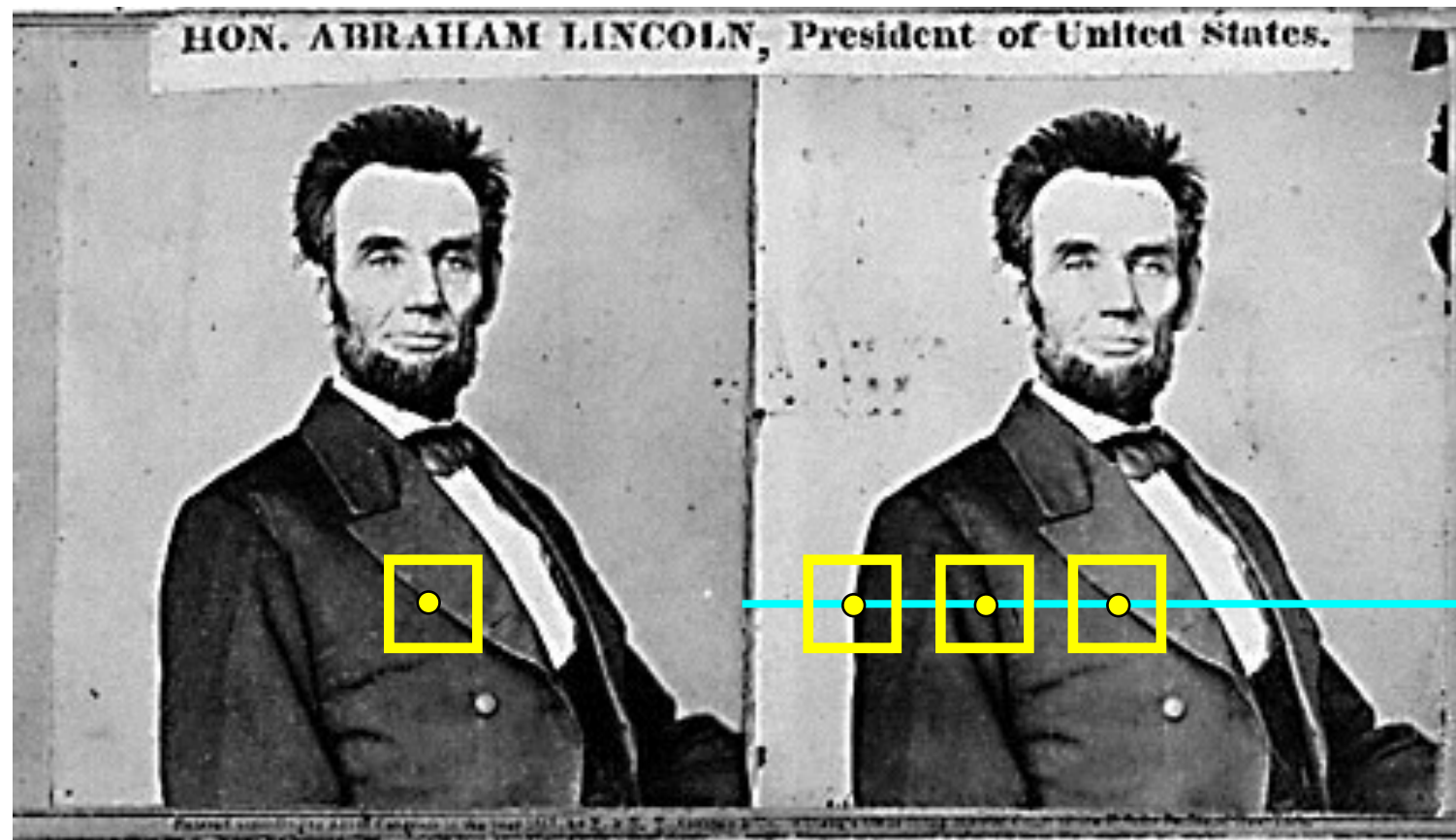
How so you compute depth
from a stereo pair?



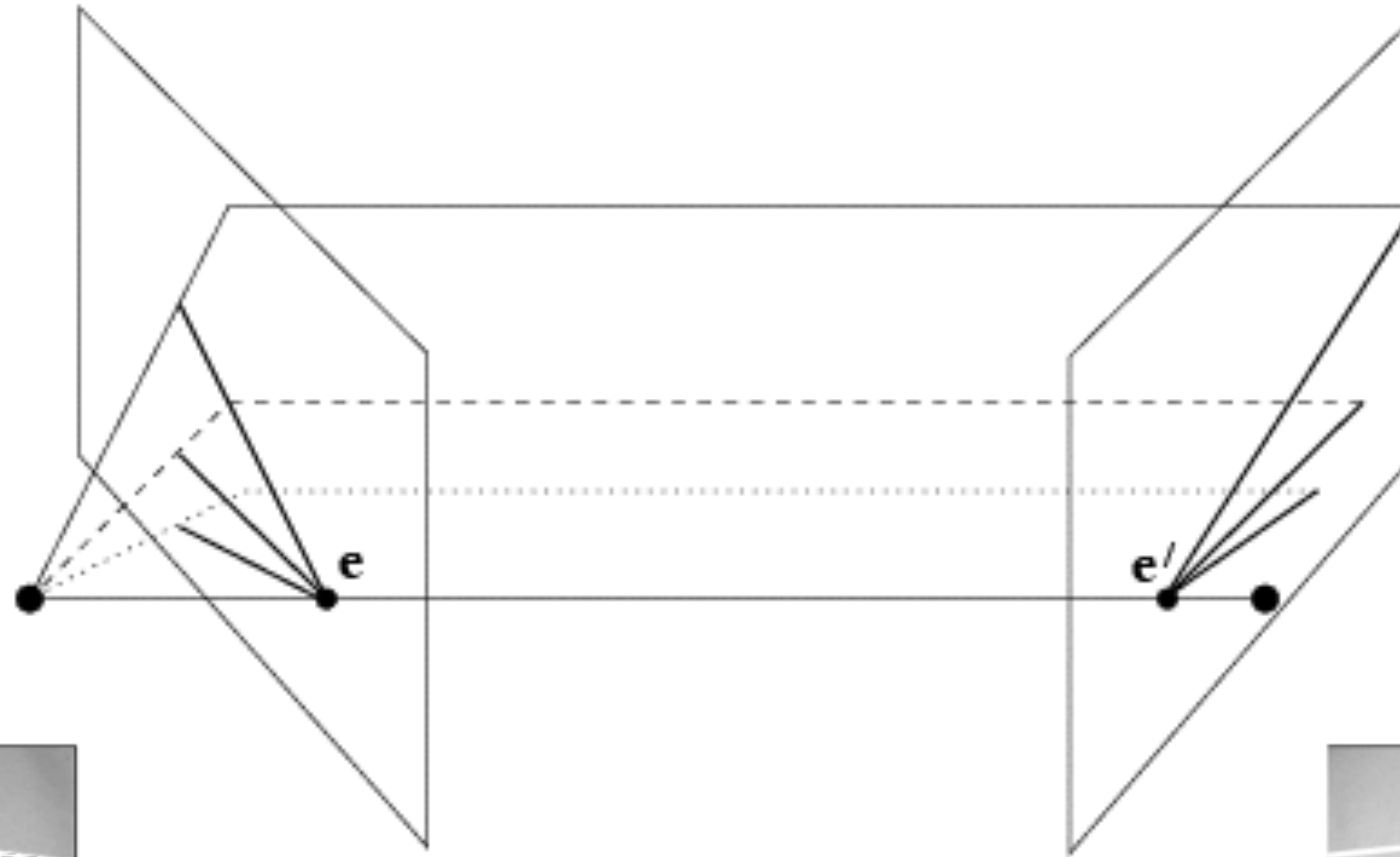


1. Rectify images
(make epipolar lines horizontal)
2. For each pixel
 - a. Find epipolar line
 - b. Scan line for best match
 - c. Compute depth from disparity

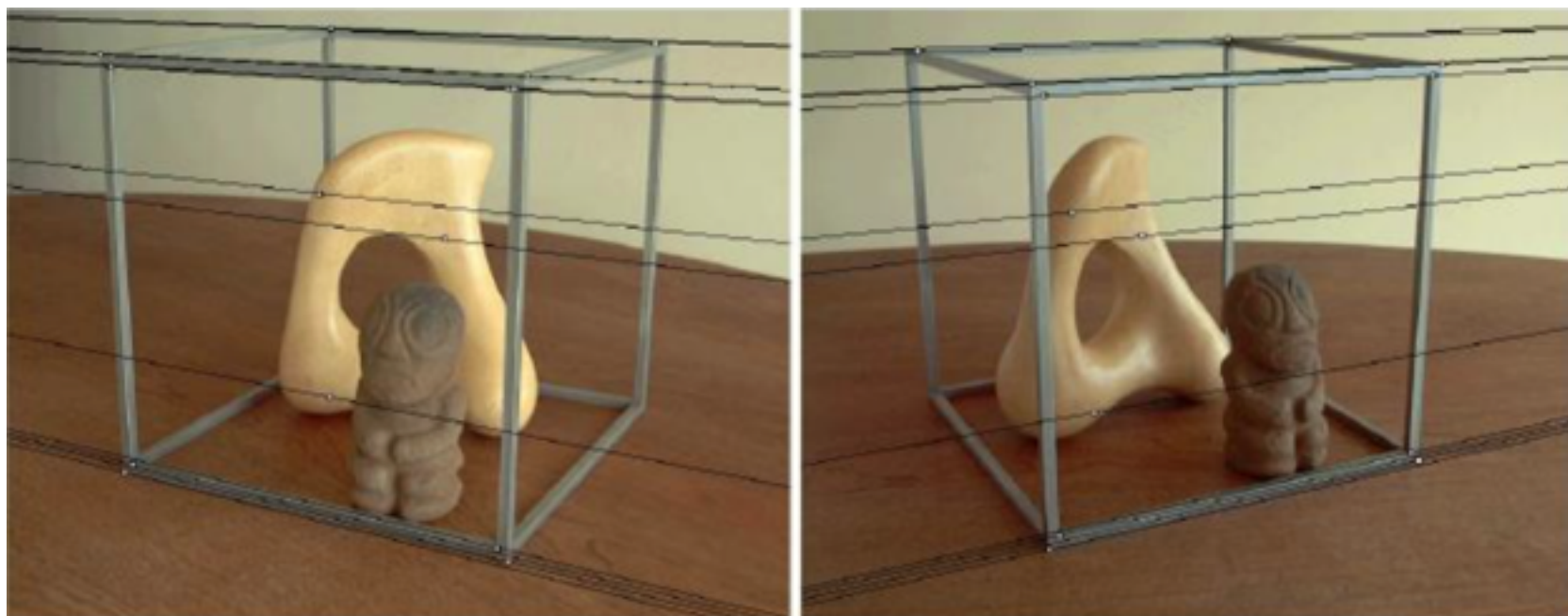
$$Z = \frac{bf}{d}$$



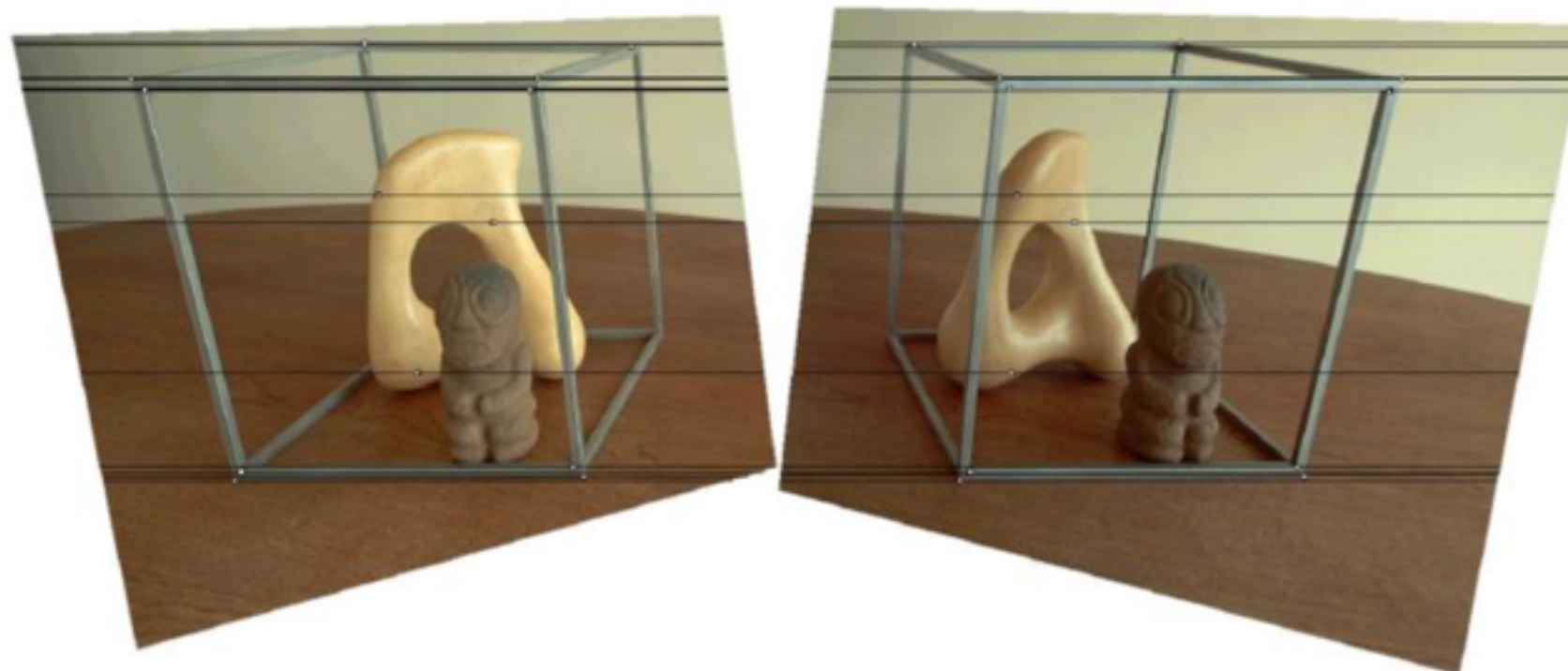
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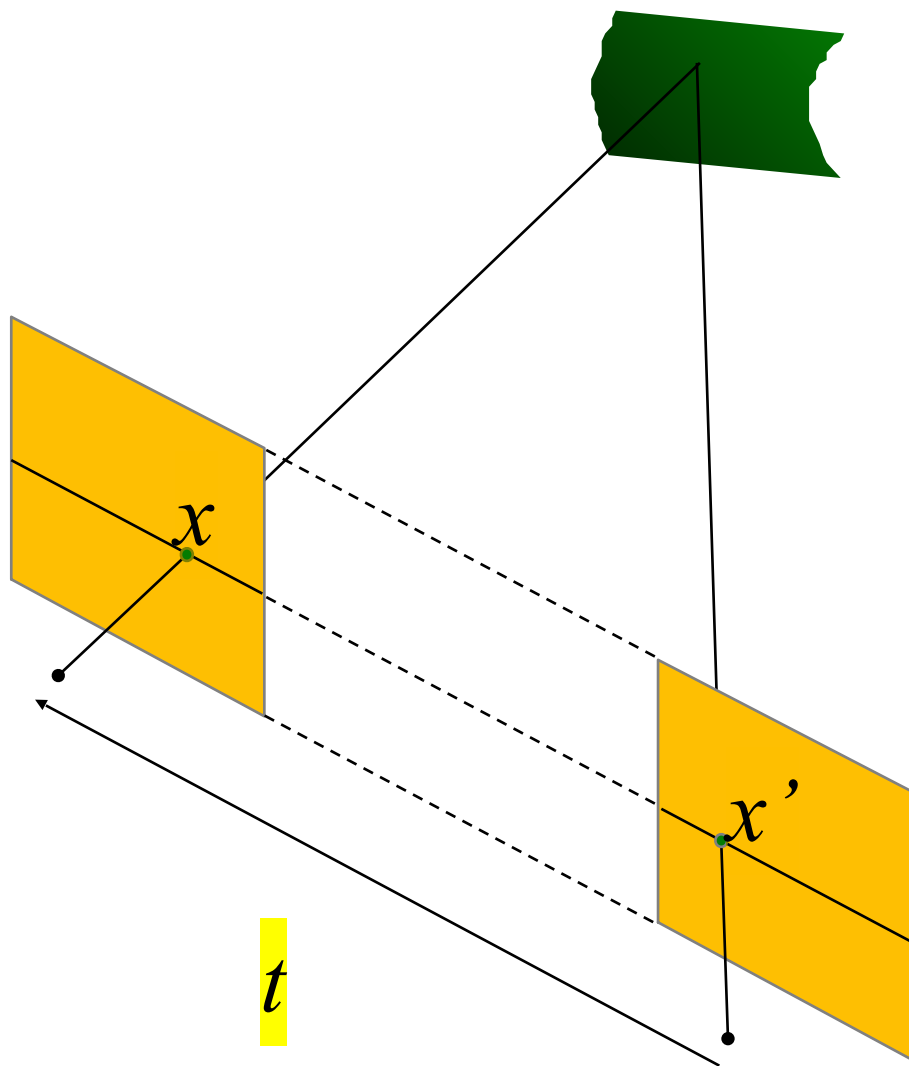


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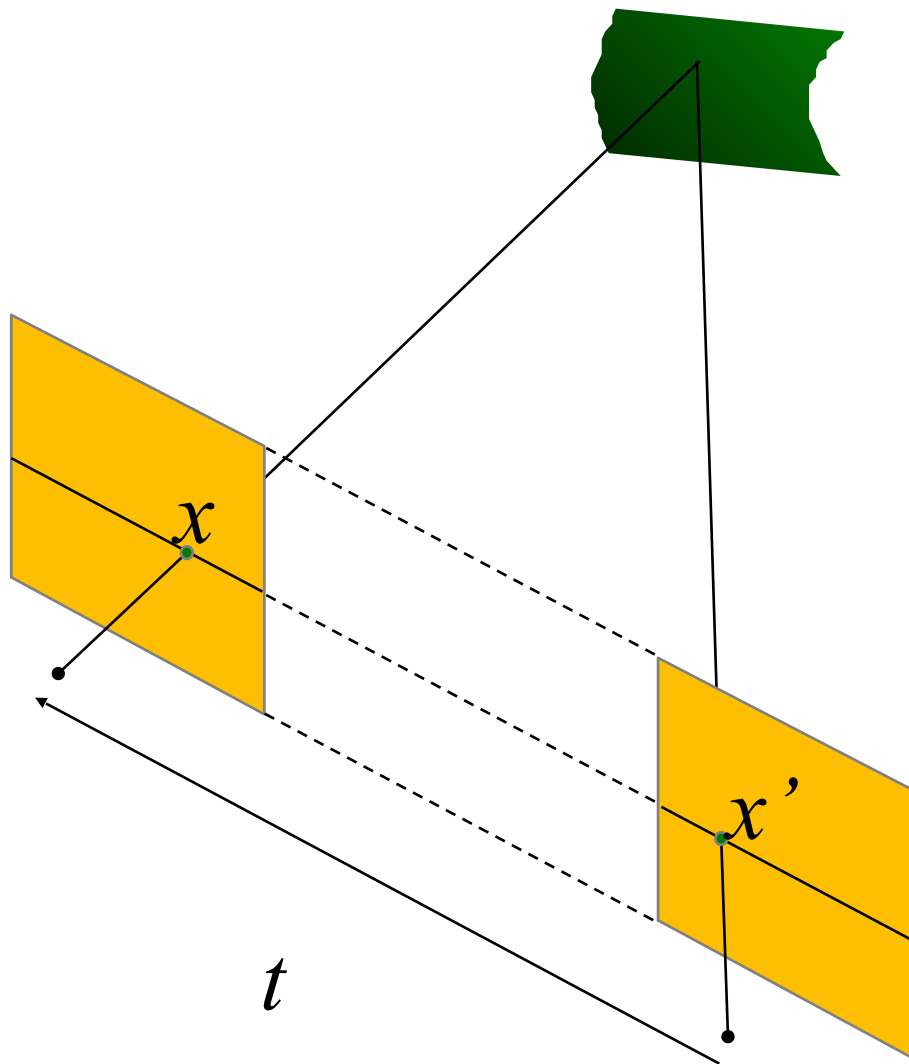
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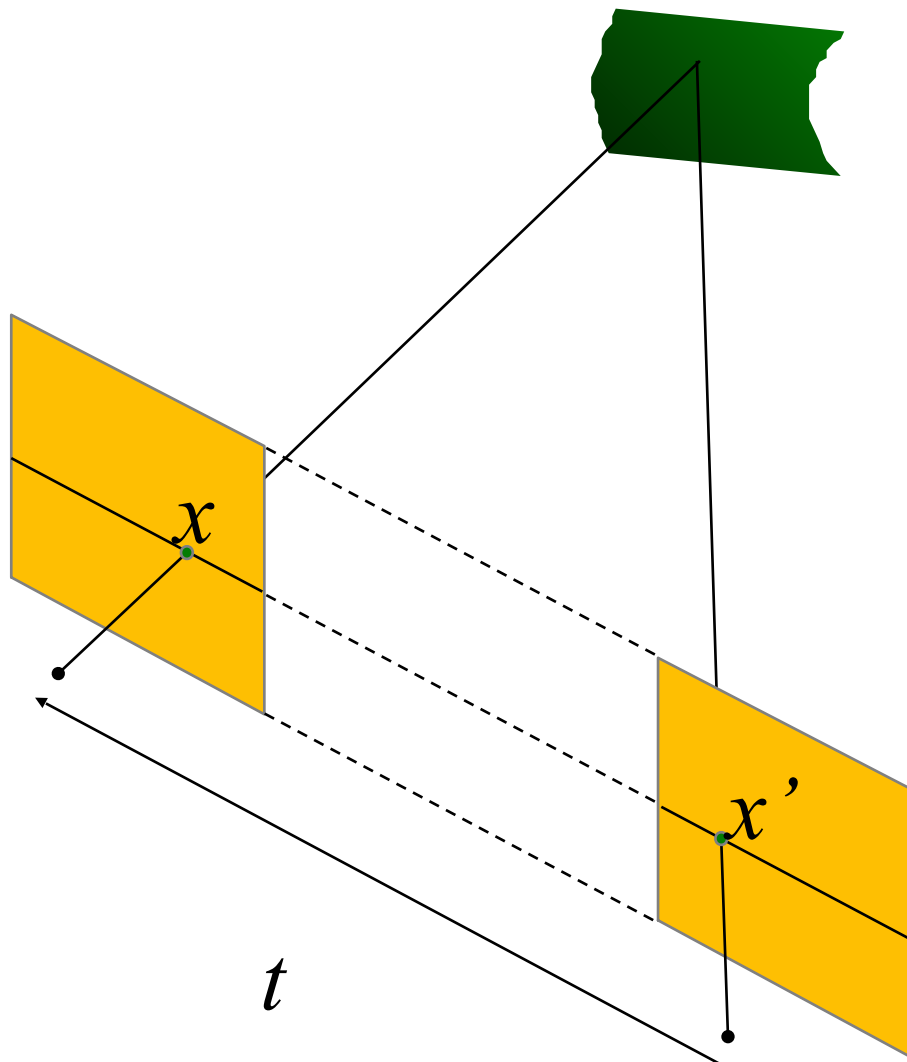
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The image of a 3D point will always be on the same horizontal line

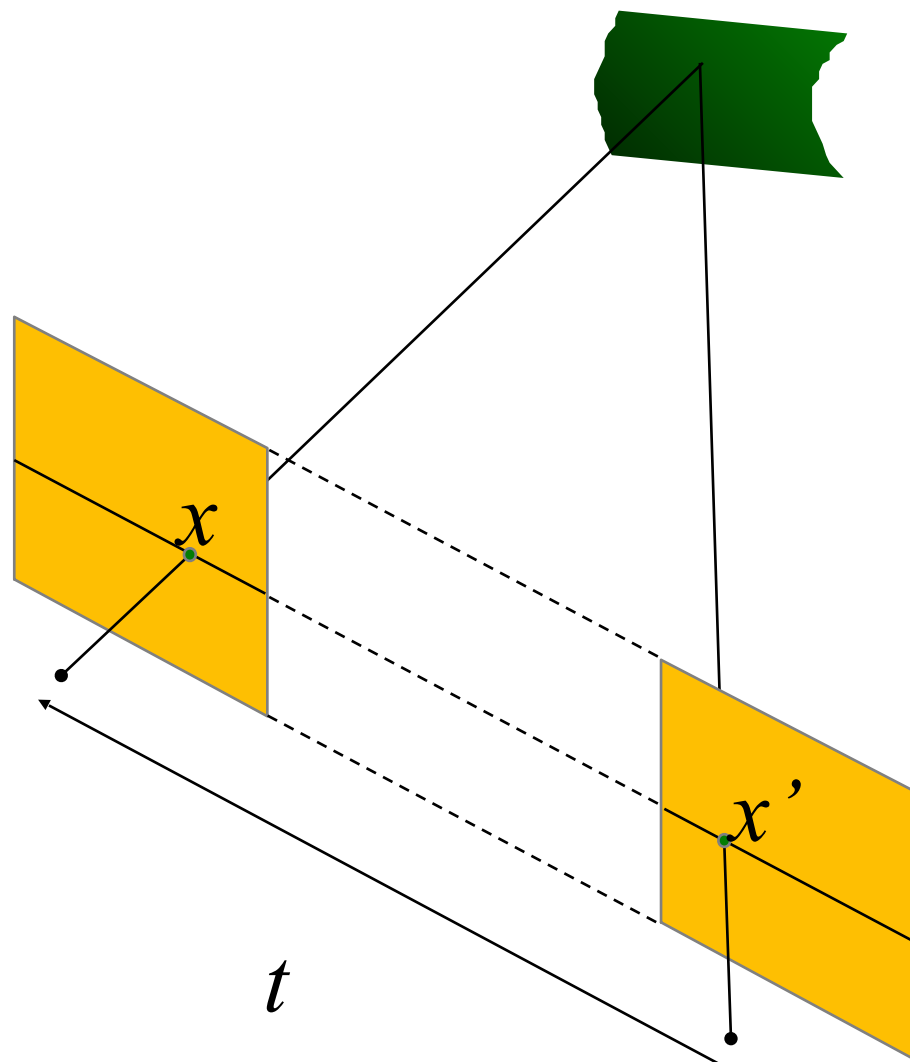
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$$Tv = Tv'$$

y coordinate is always the same!

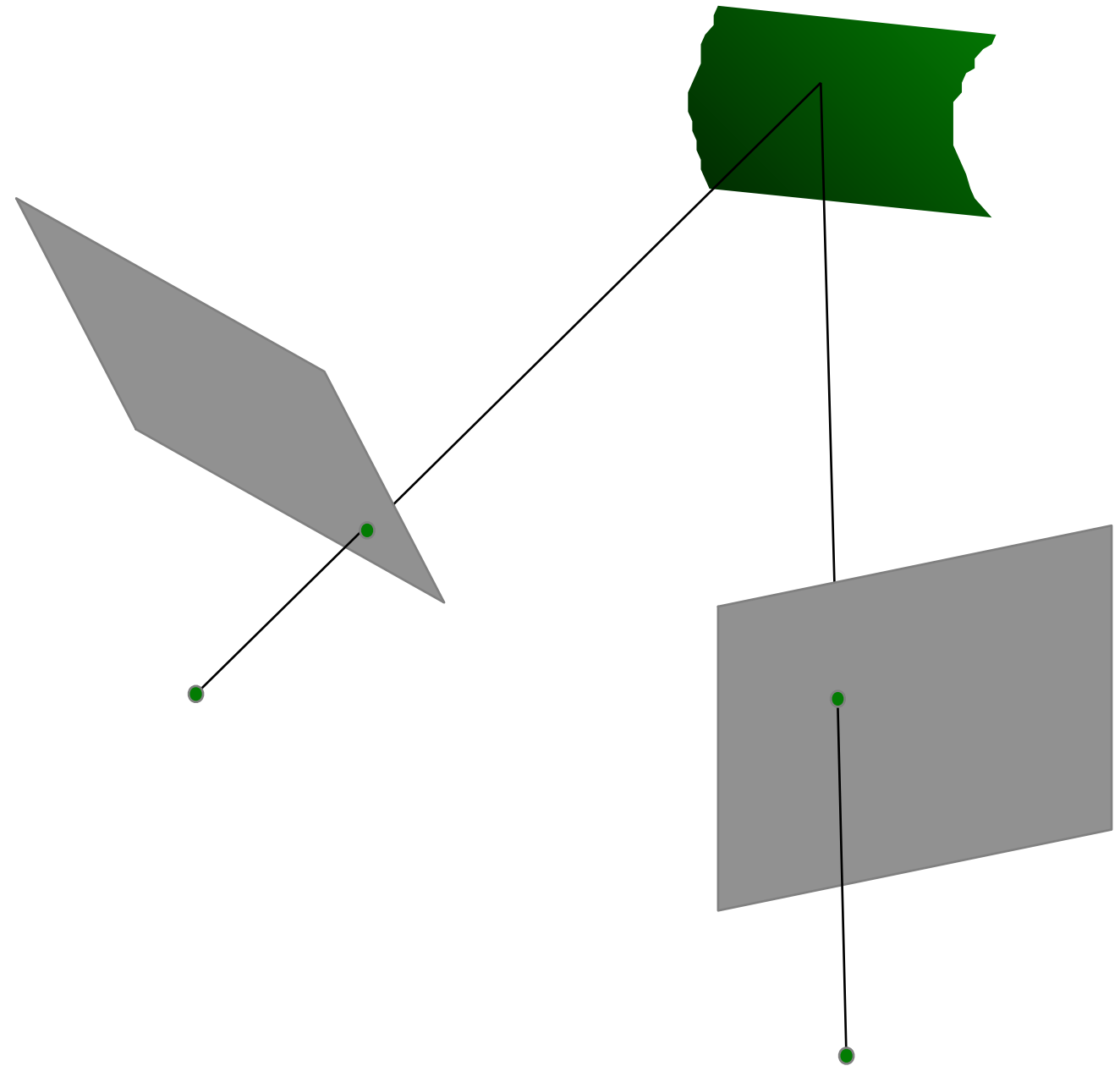




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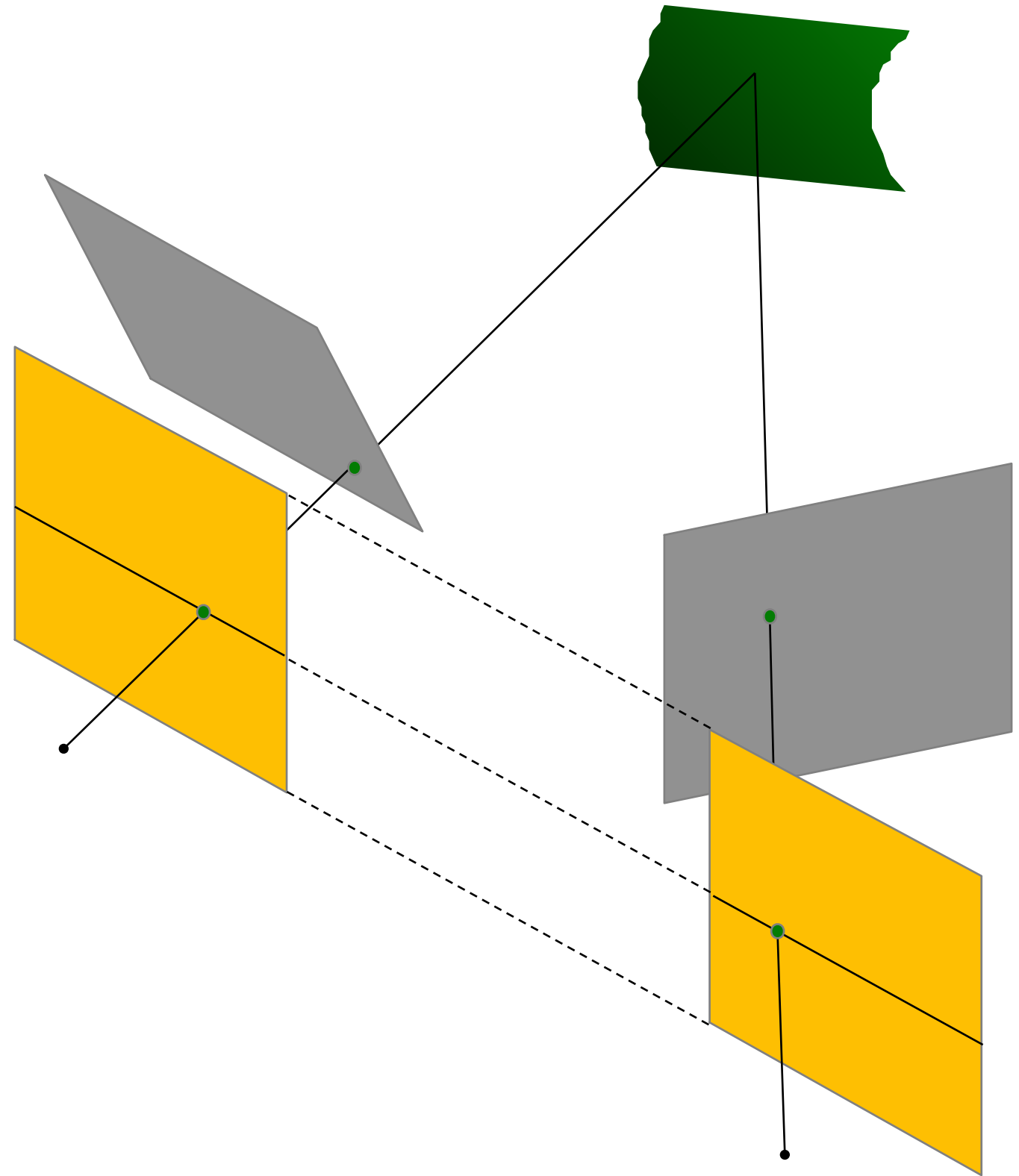


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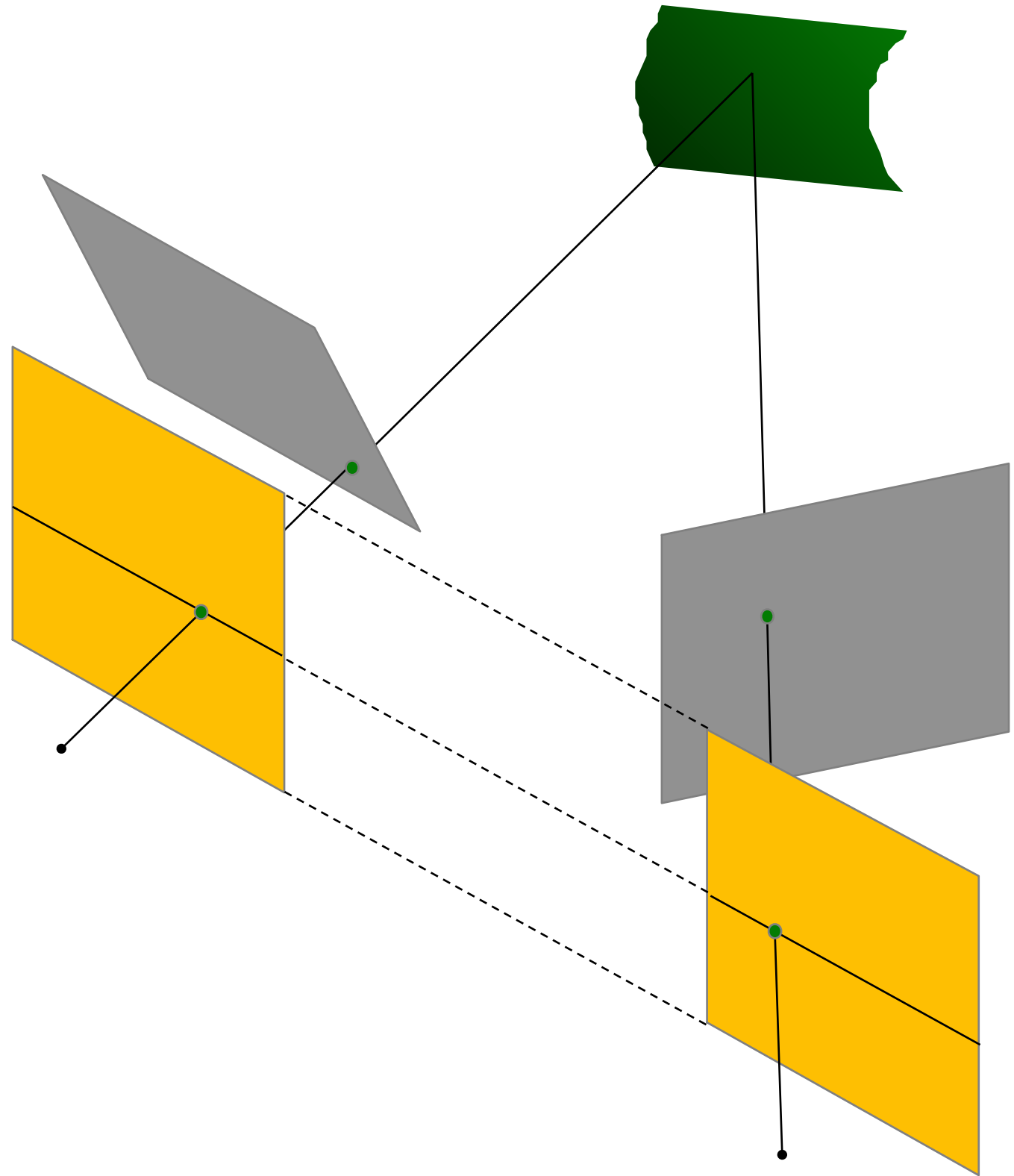
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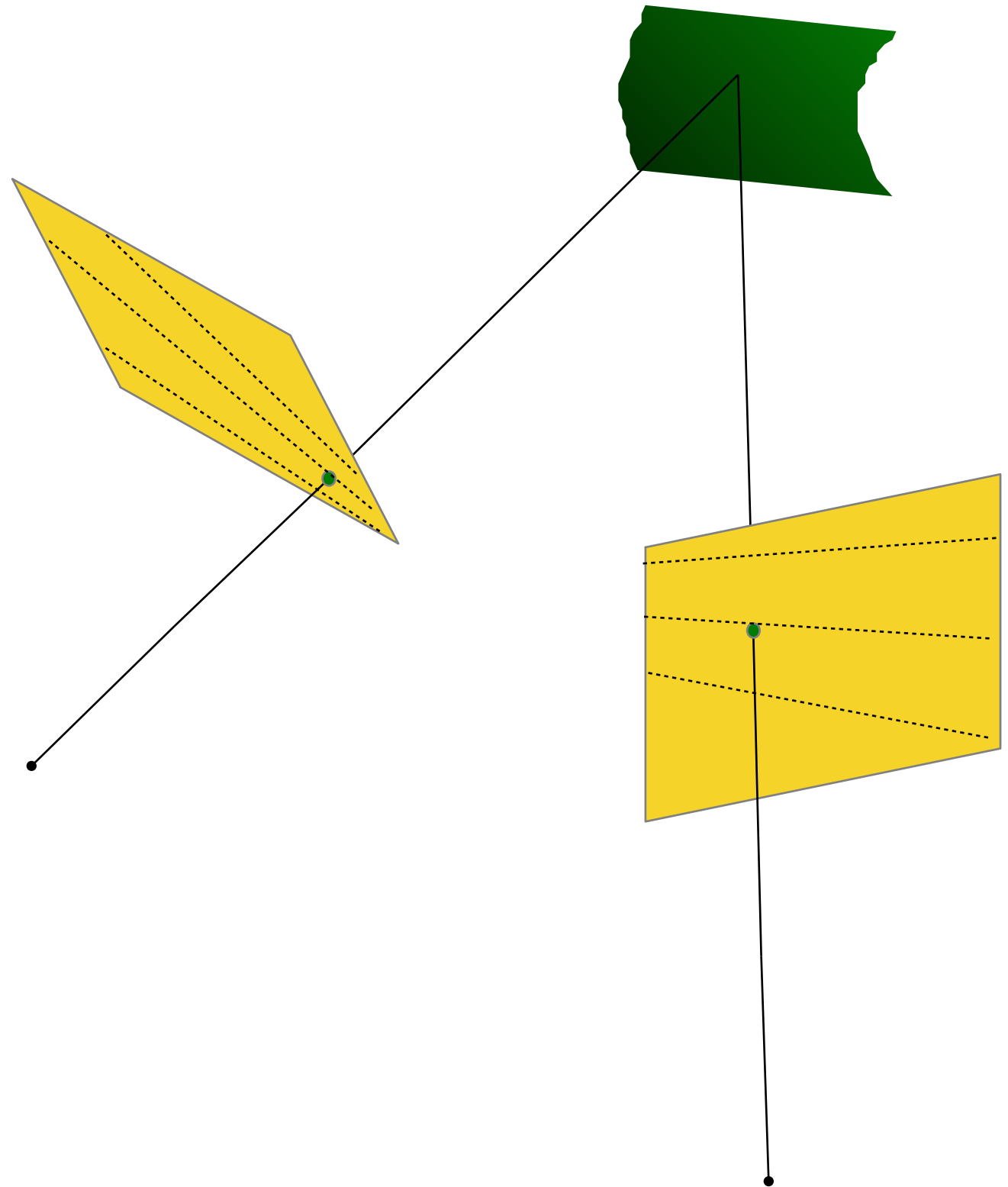
Need two homographies (3x3 transform), one for each input image reprojection



Stereo Rectification

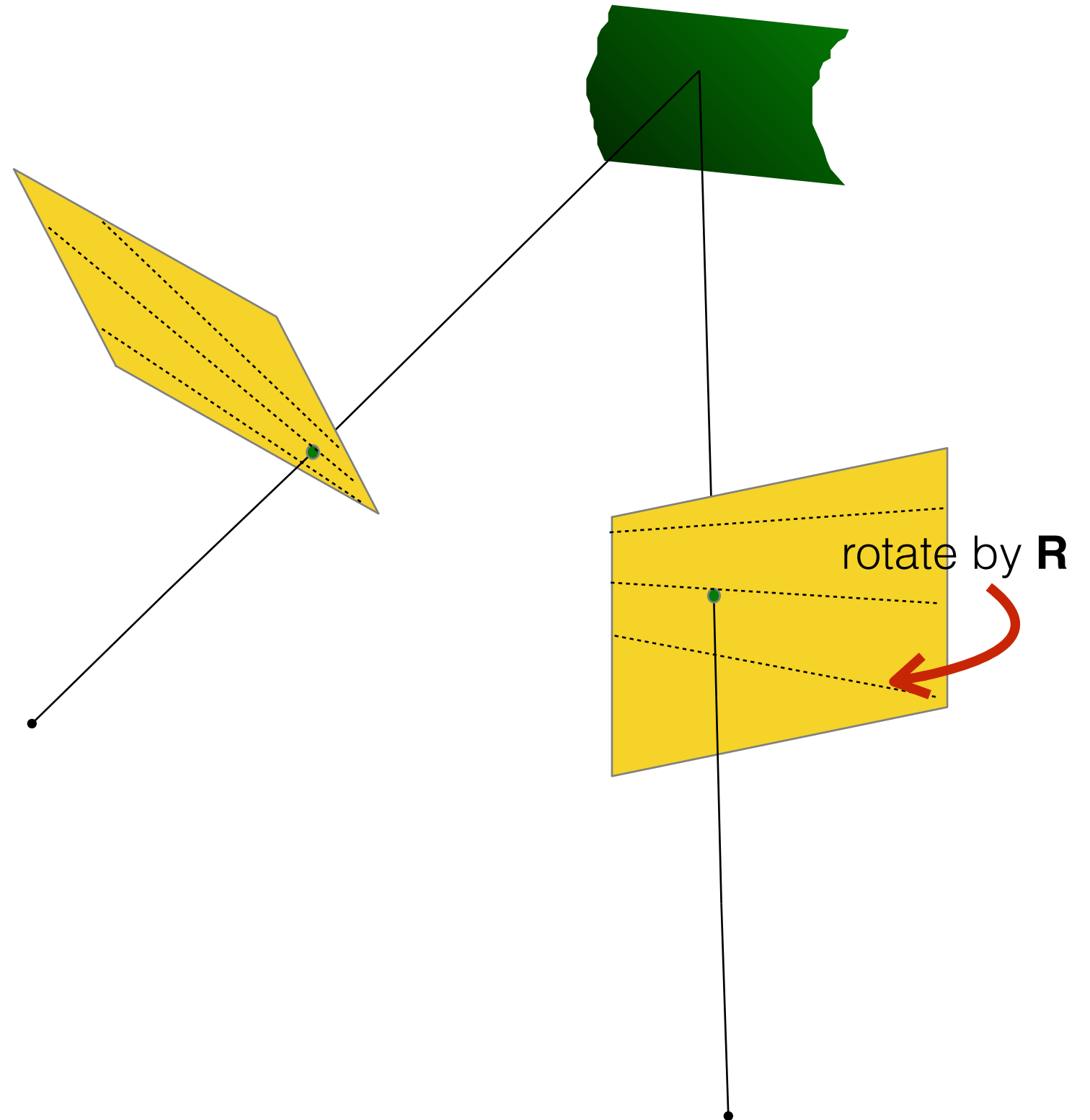
1. **Rotate** the right camera by **R**
(aligns camera coordinate system orientation only)
2. Rotate (**rectify**) the left camera so that the epipole is at infinity
3. Rotate (**rectify**) the right camera so that the epipole is at infinity
4. Adjust the **scale**

Stereo Rectification:



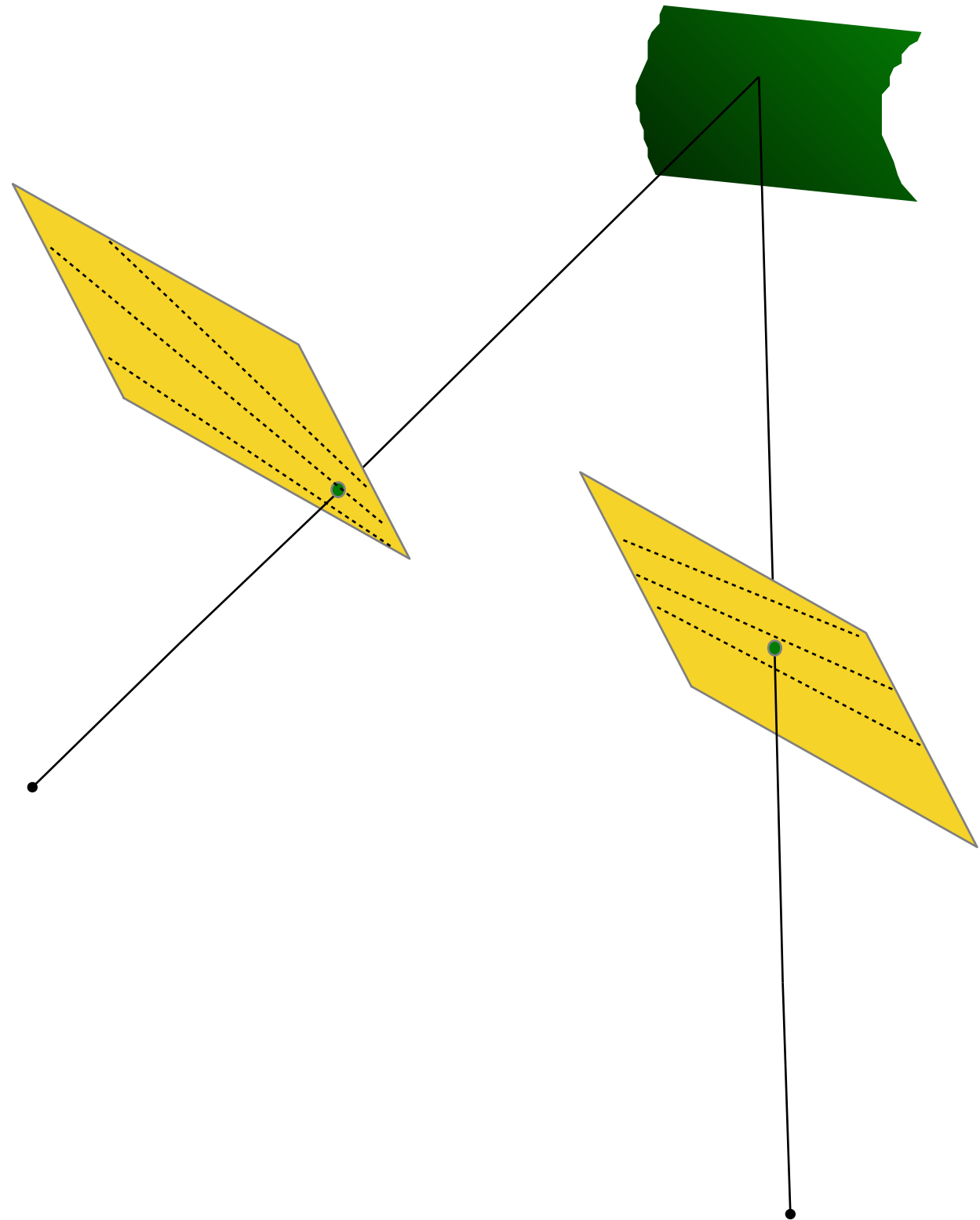
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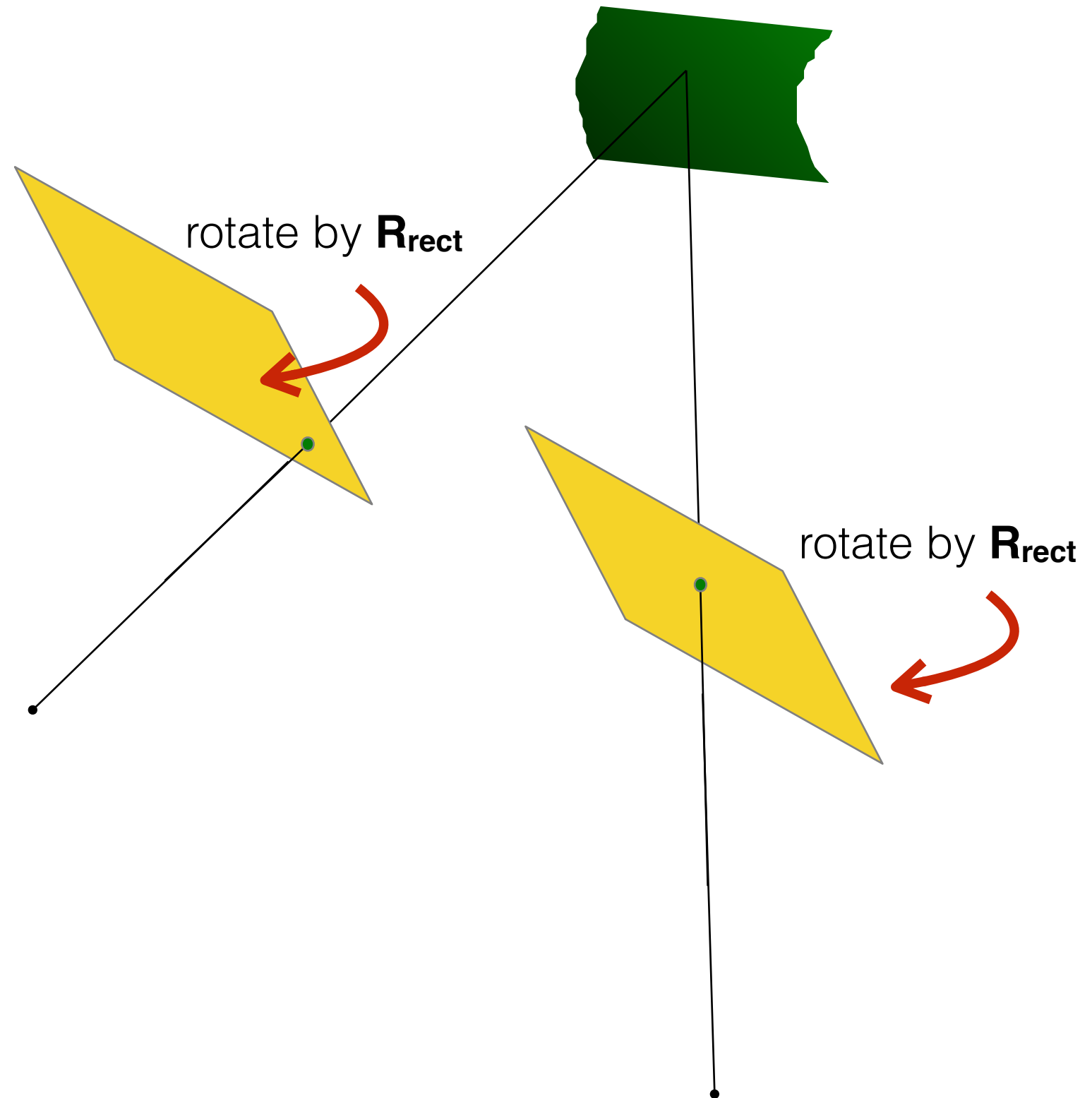
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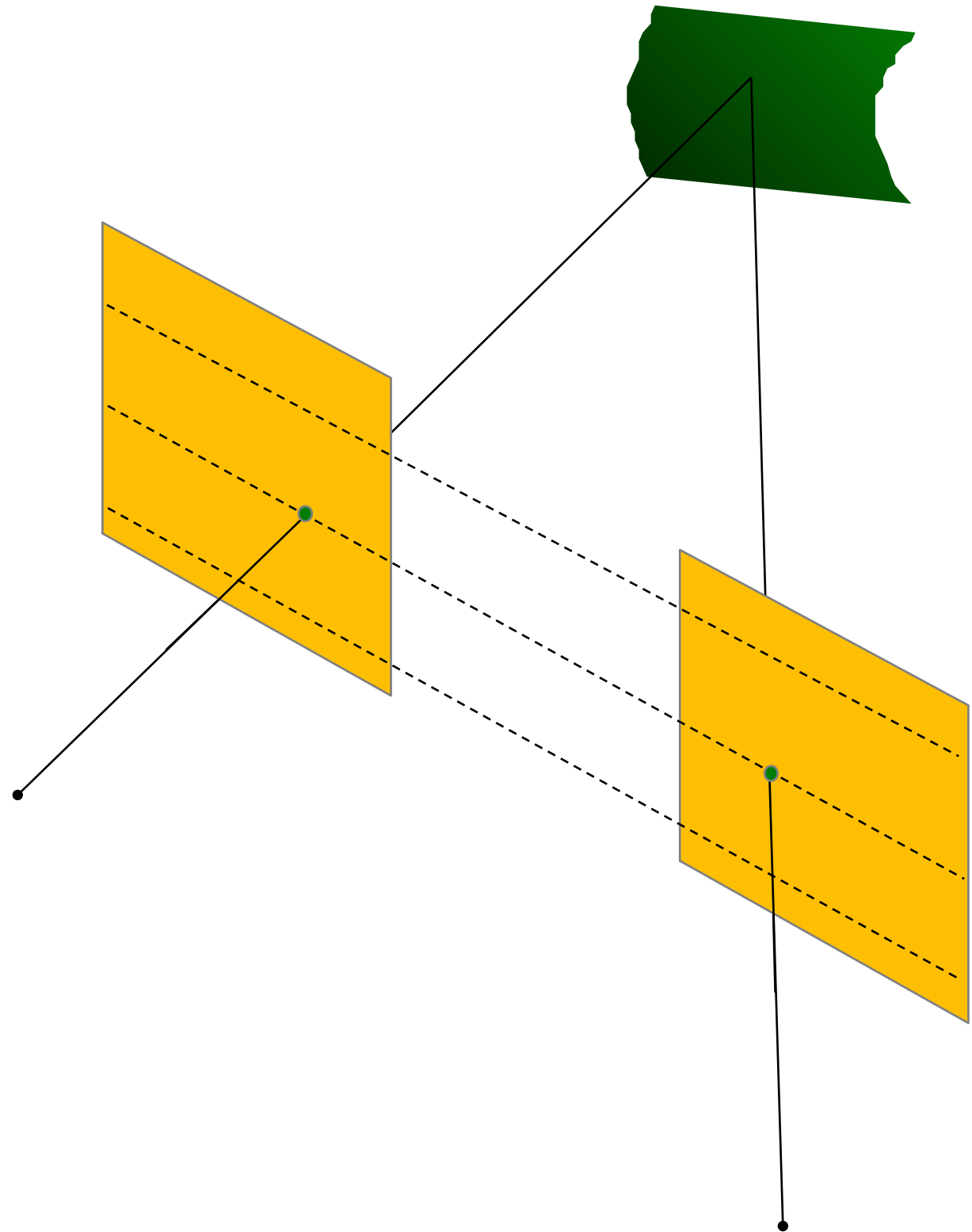
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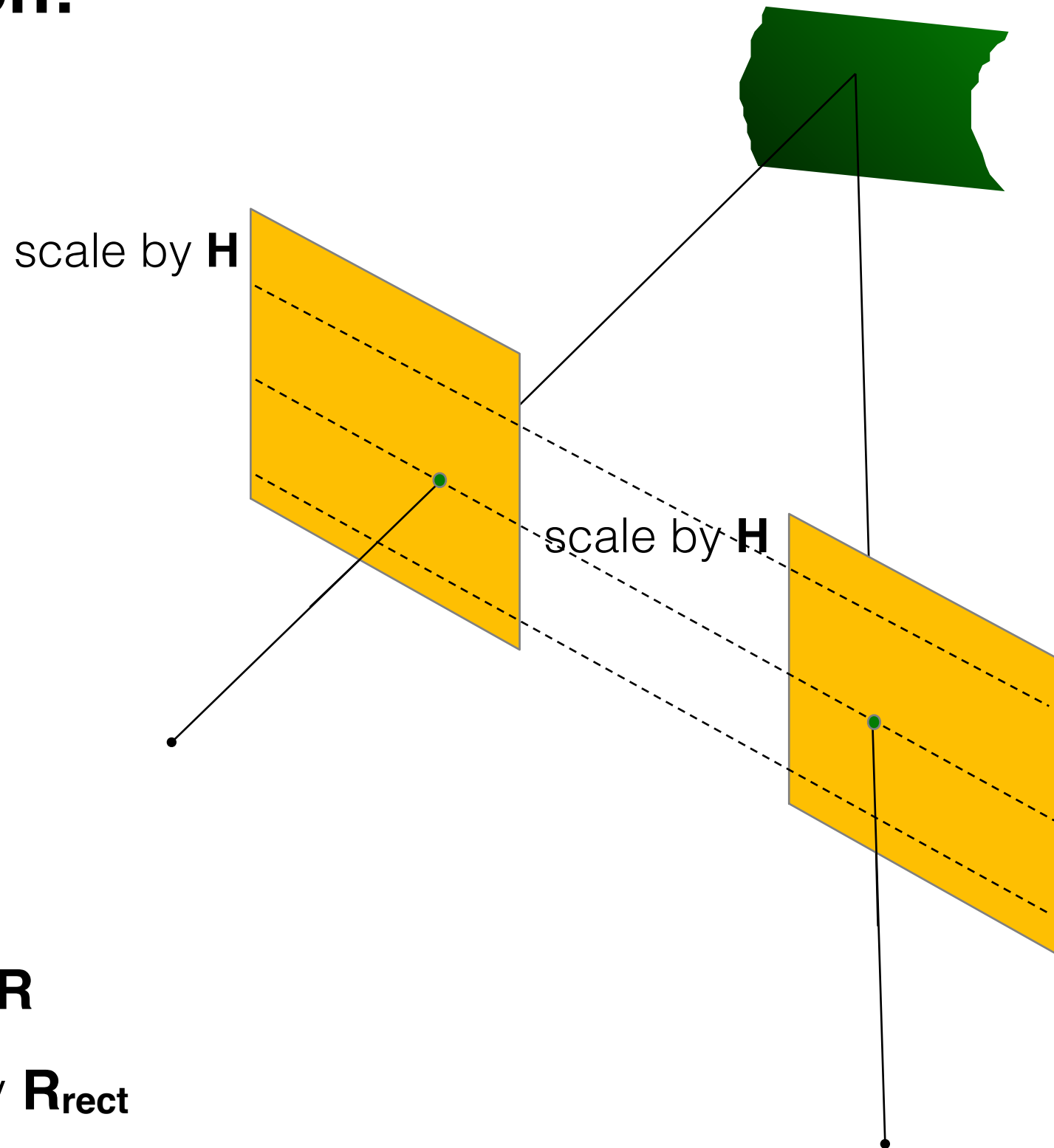
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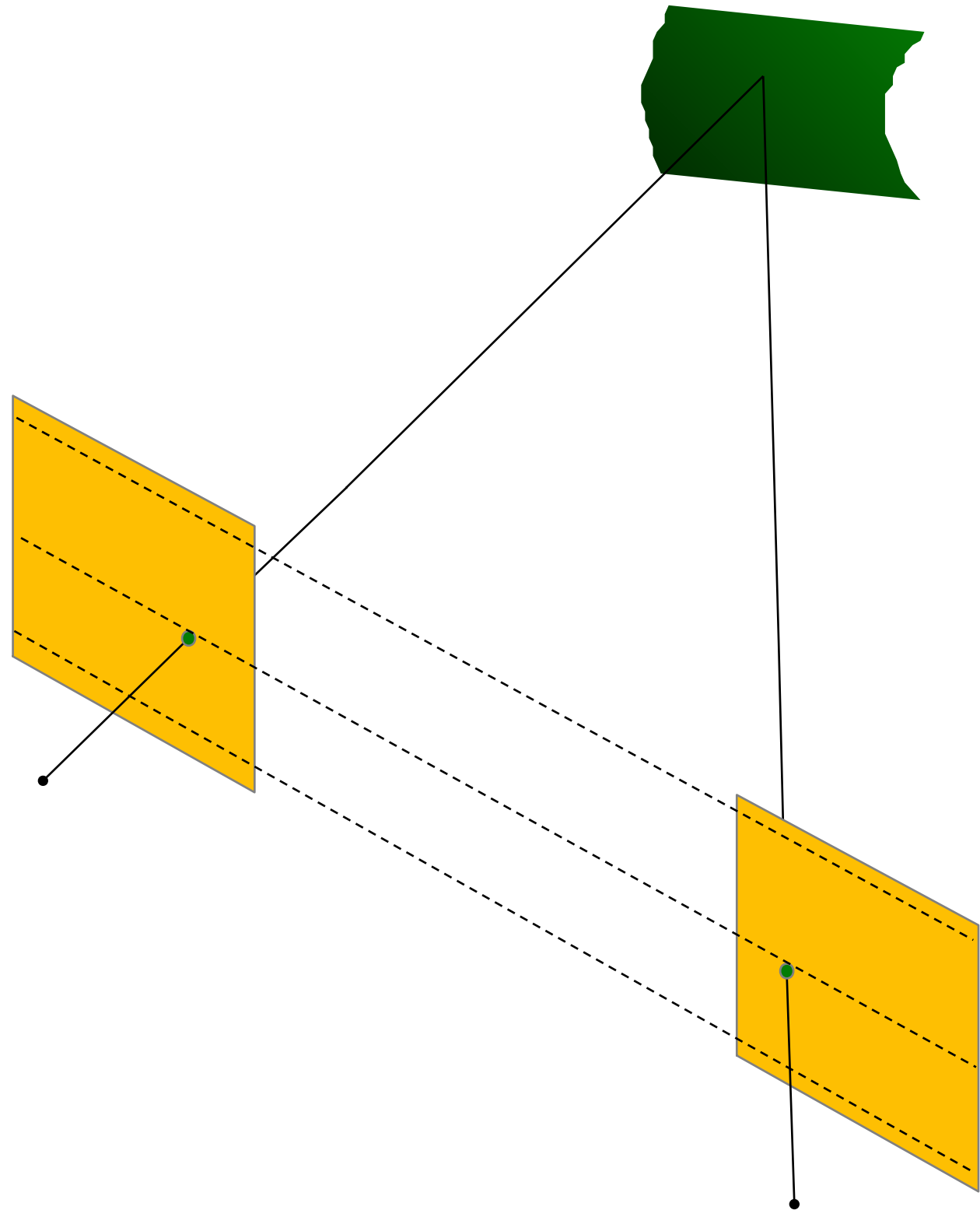
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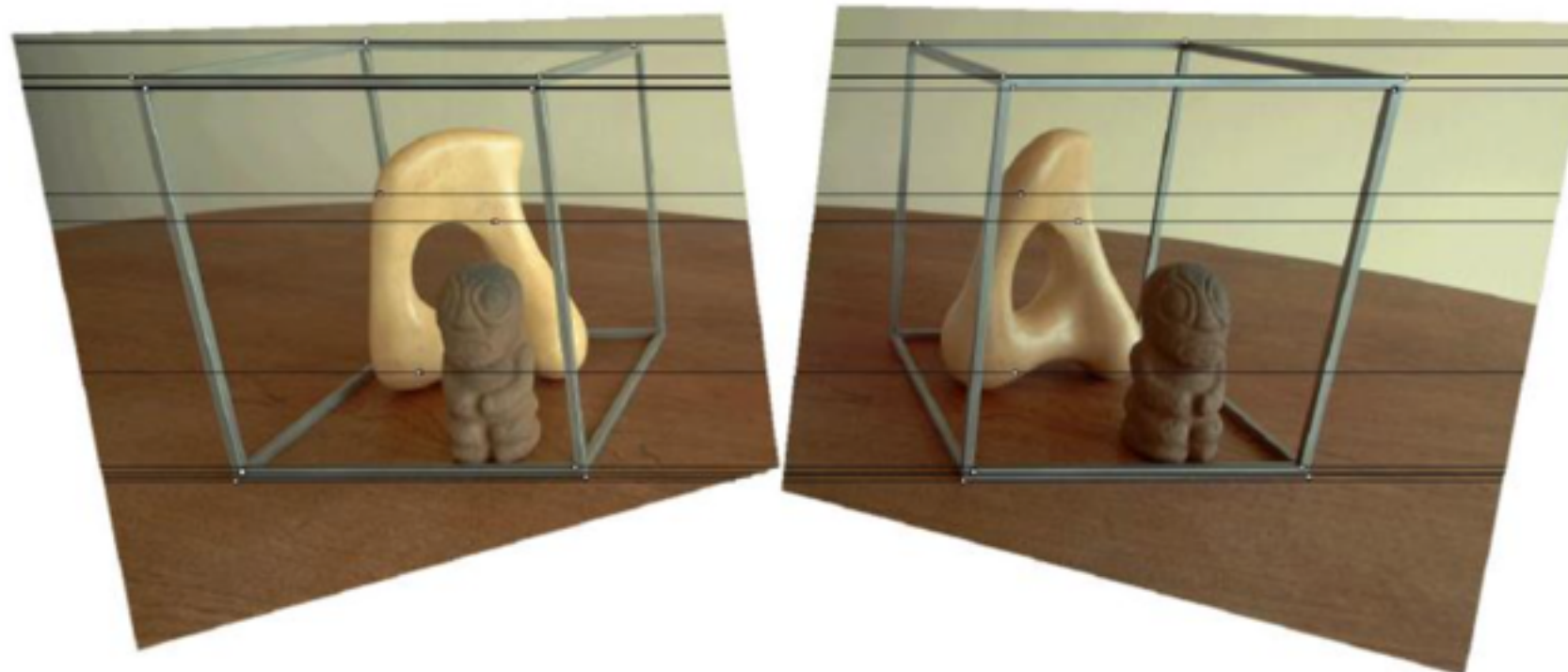
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What can we do after
rectification?



Setting the epipole to infinity

(Building \mathbf{R}_{rect} from \mathbf{e})

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

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

epipole coincides with translation vector

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

cross product of \mathbf{e} and the direction vector of the optical axis

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

orthogonal vector

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

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Where is this point located on the image plane?

At x-infinity

Stereo Rectification Algorithm

1. Estimate \mathbf{E} using the 8 point algorithm (SVD)
2. Estimate the epipole \mathbf{e} (SVD of \mathbf{E})
3. Build \mathbf{R}_{rect} from \mathbf{e}
4. Decompose \mathbf{E} into \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{T}
5. Set $\mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{R}_{\text{rect}}$ and $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}_{\text{rect}}$
6. Rotate each left camera point (warp image)
 $[x' \ y' \ z'] = \mathbf{R}_1 [x \ y \ z]$
7. Rectified points as $\mathbf{p} = f/z' [x' \ y' \ z']$
8. Repeat 6 and 7 for right camera points using \mathbf{R}_2

Stereo Rectification Algorithm

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6. Rotate each left camera point $\mathbf{x}' \sim \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$ where $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}_1$

*You may need to alter the focal length (inside \mathbf{K}) to keep points within the original image size

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