

## COMPUTER VISION LECTURE 16-17 – TWO-VIEW GEOMETRY

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# Imaging

real-world  
object

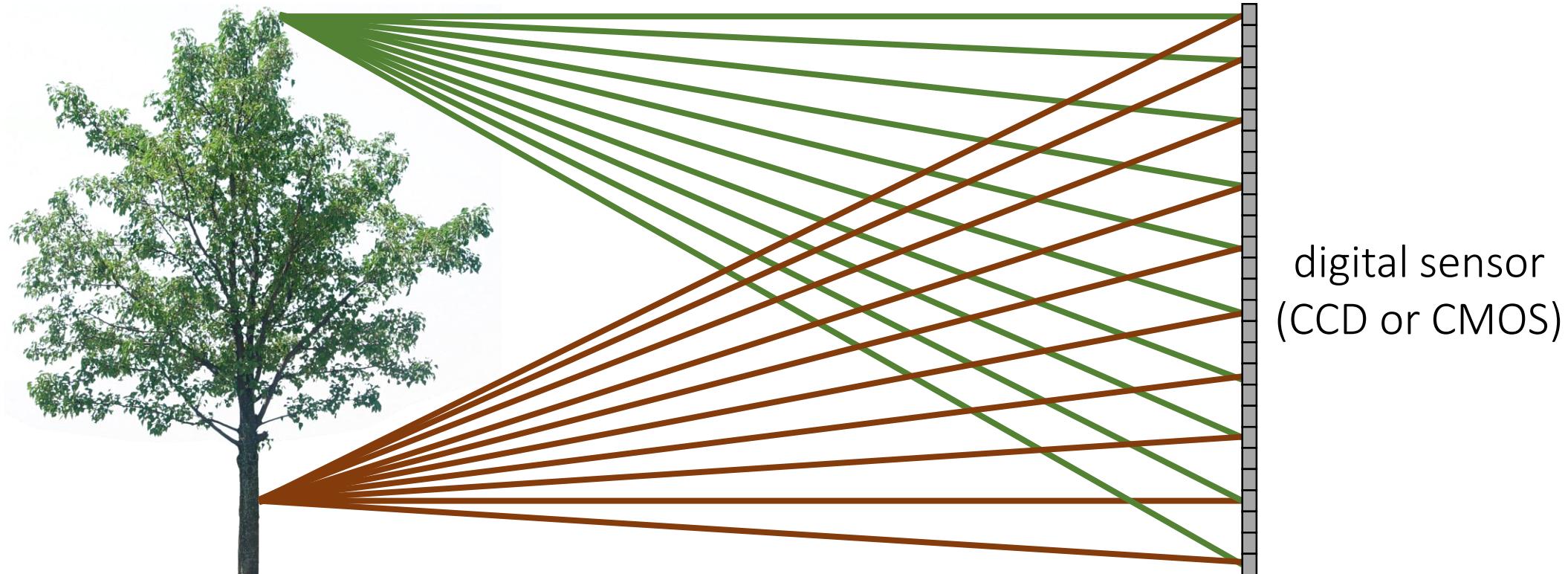


digital sensor  
(CCD or CMOS)

What would an image taken like this look like?

# Bare-sensor imaging

real-world  
object



All scene points contribute to all sensor pixels

What does the  
image on the  
sensor look like?

# Bare-sensor imaging



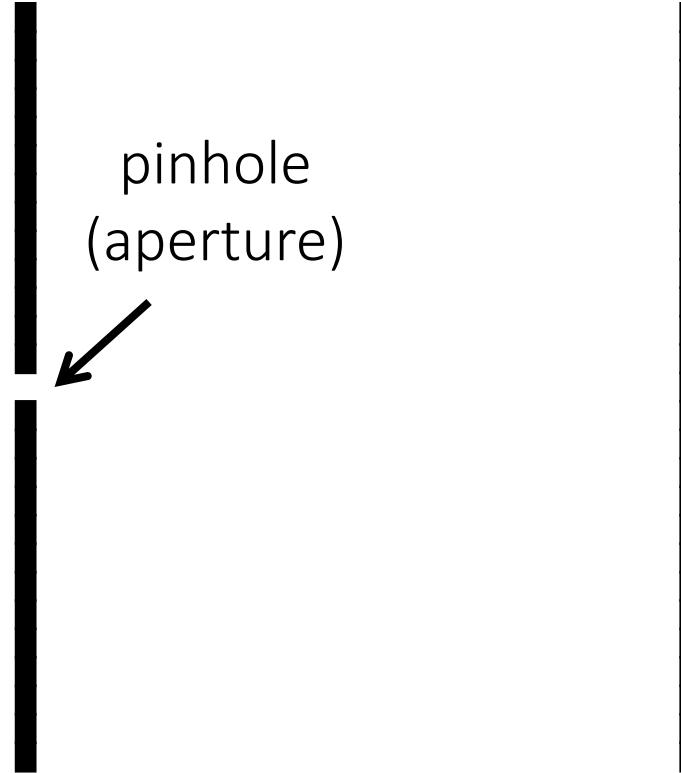
All scene points contribute to all sensor pixels

# Let's add something to this scene

real-world  
object

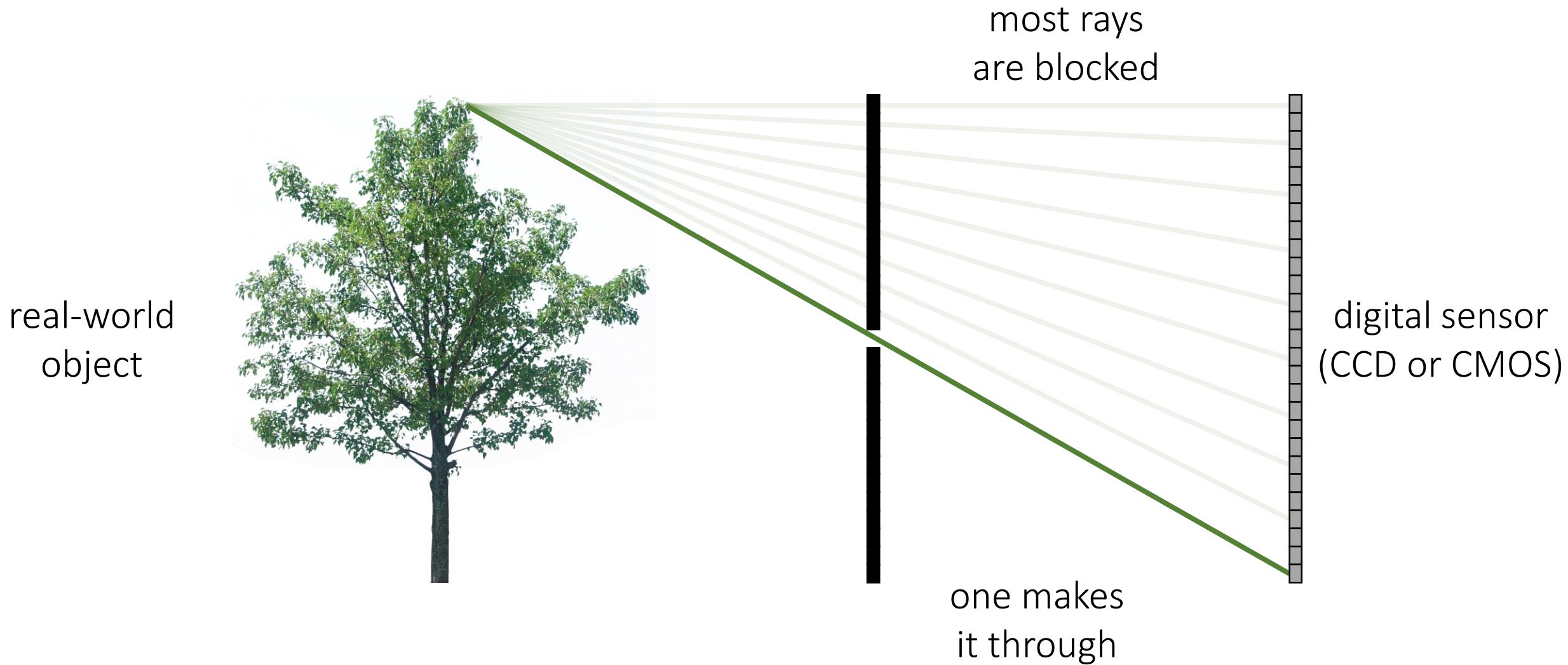


barrier (diaphragm)

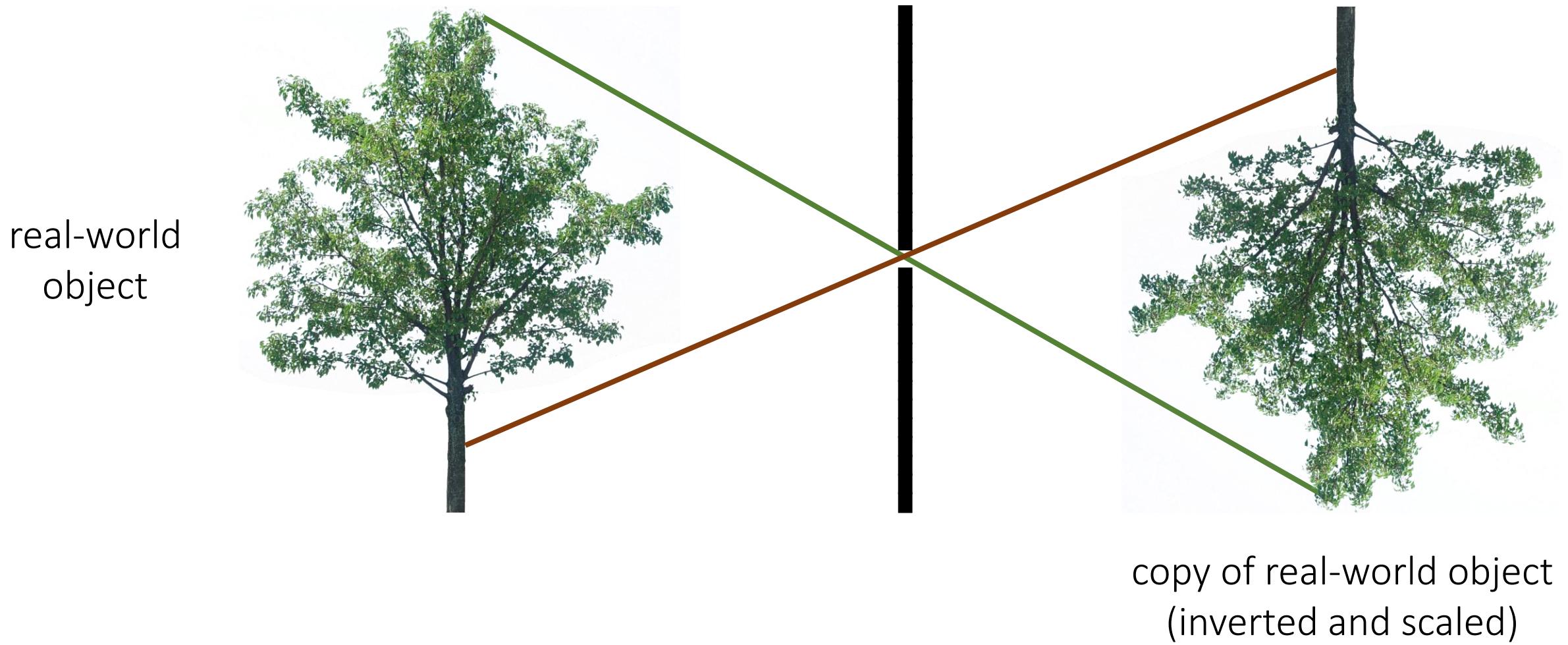


What would an image taken like this look like?

# Pinhole imaging



# Pinhole imaging



# Pinhole camera terms

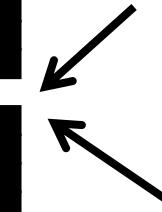
real-world  
object



barrier (diaphragm)



pinhole  
(aperture)



camera center  
(center of projection)

image plane

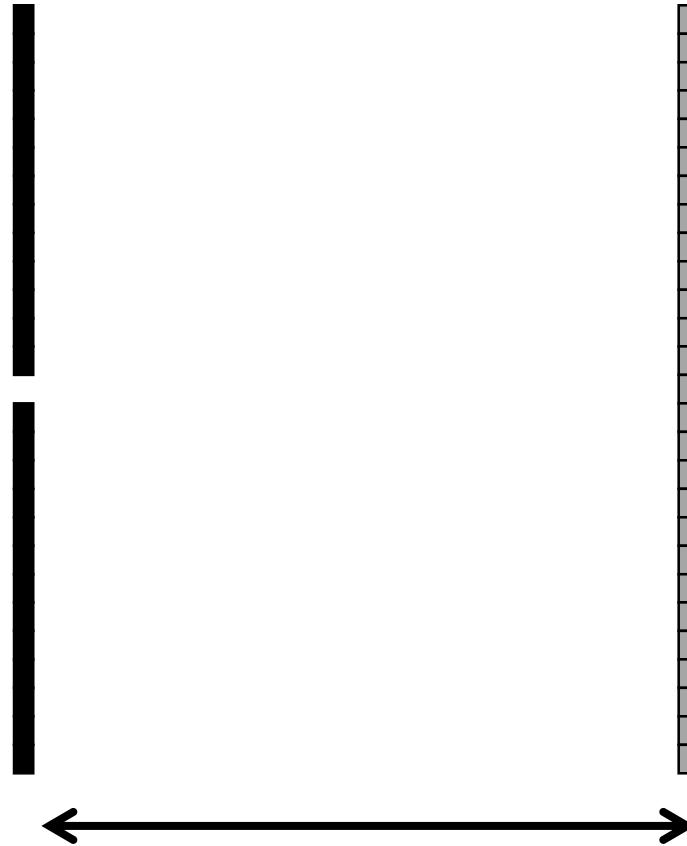


digital sensor  
(CCD or CMOS)



# Focal length

real-world  
object



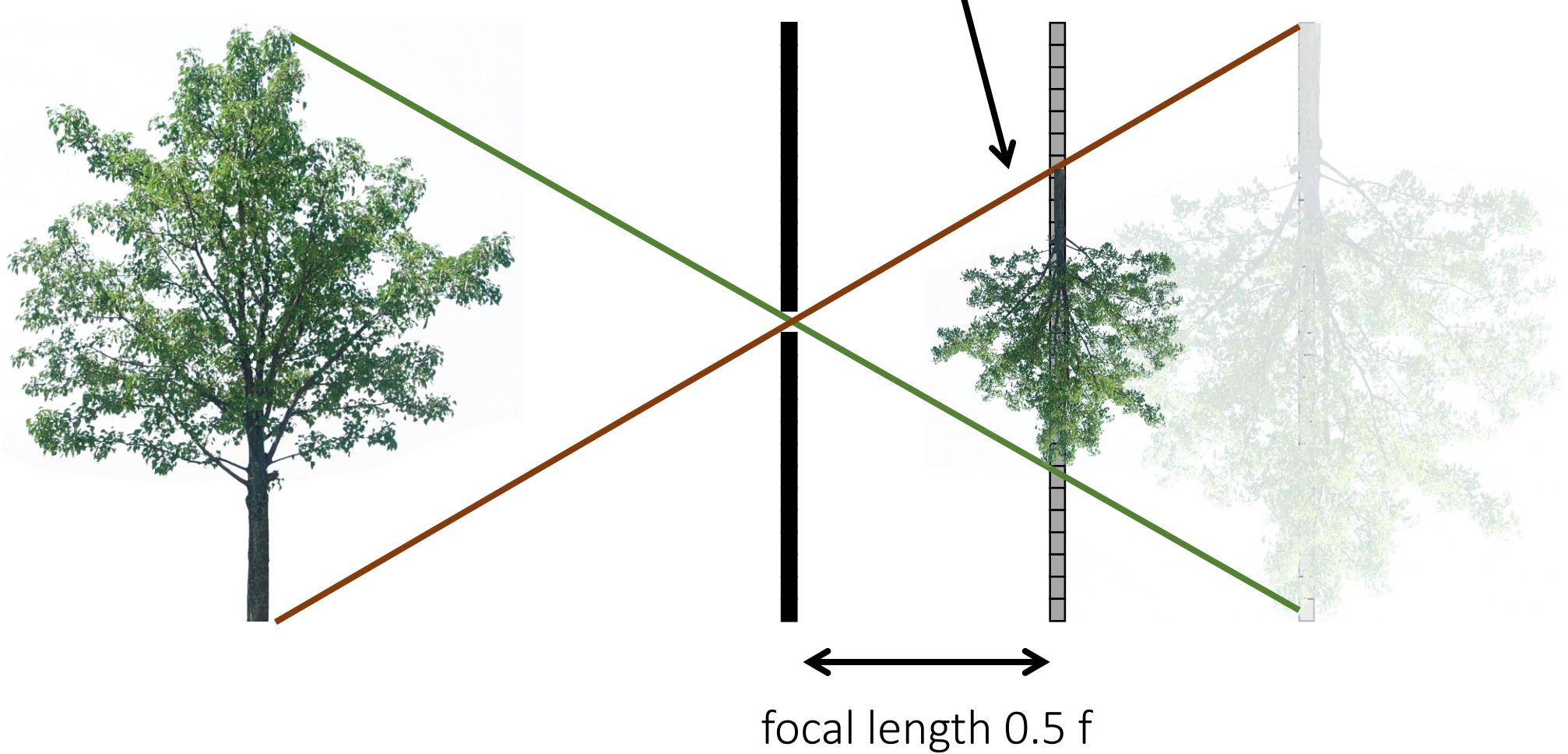
focal length  $f$

# Focal length

What happens as we change the focal length?

real-world  
object

object projection is half the size



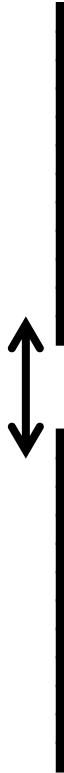
# Pinhole size

What happens as we change the pinhole diameter?

real-world  
object



pinhole  
diameter

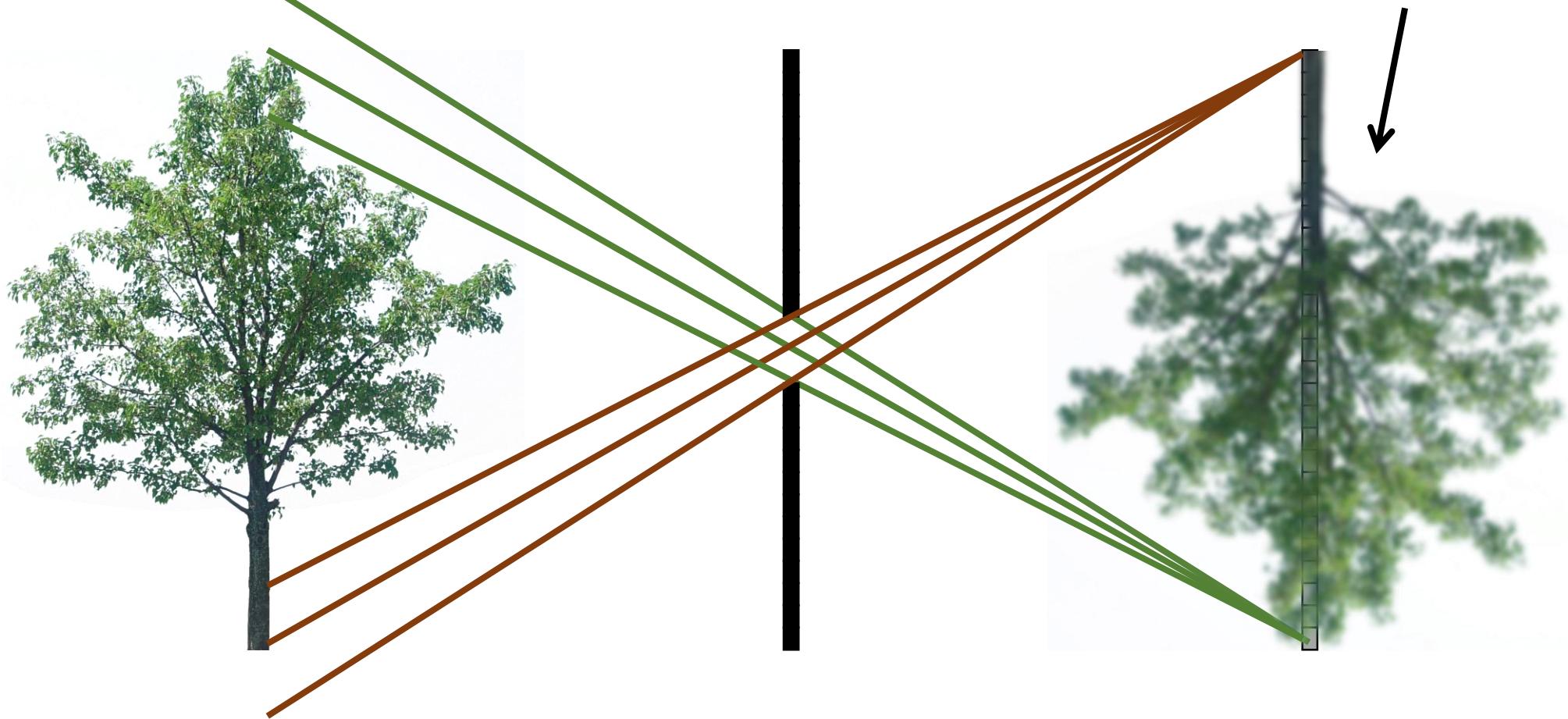


# Pinhole size

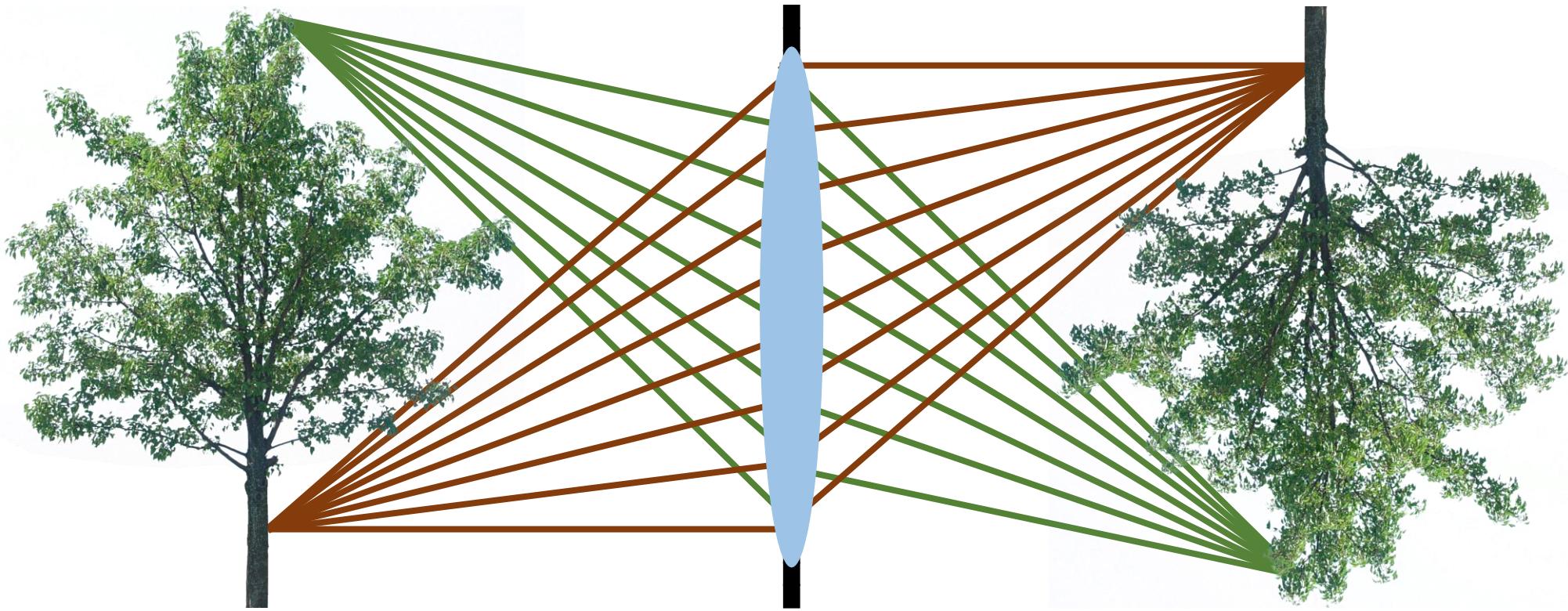
What happens as we change the pinhole diameter?

object projection becomes blurrier

real-world  
object



# In practice



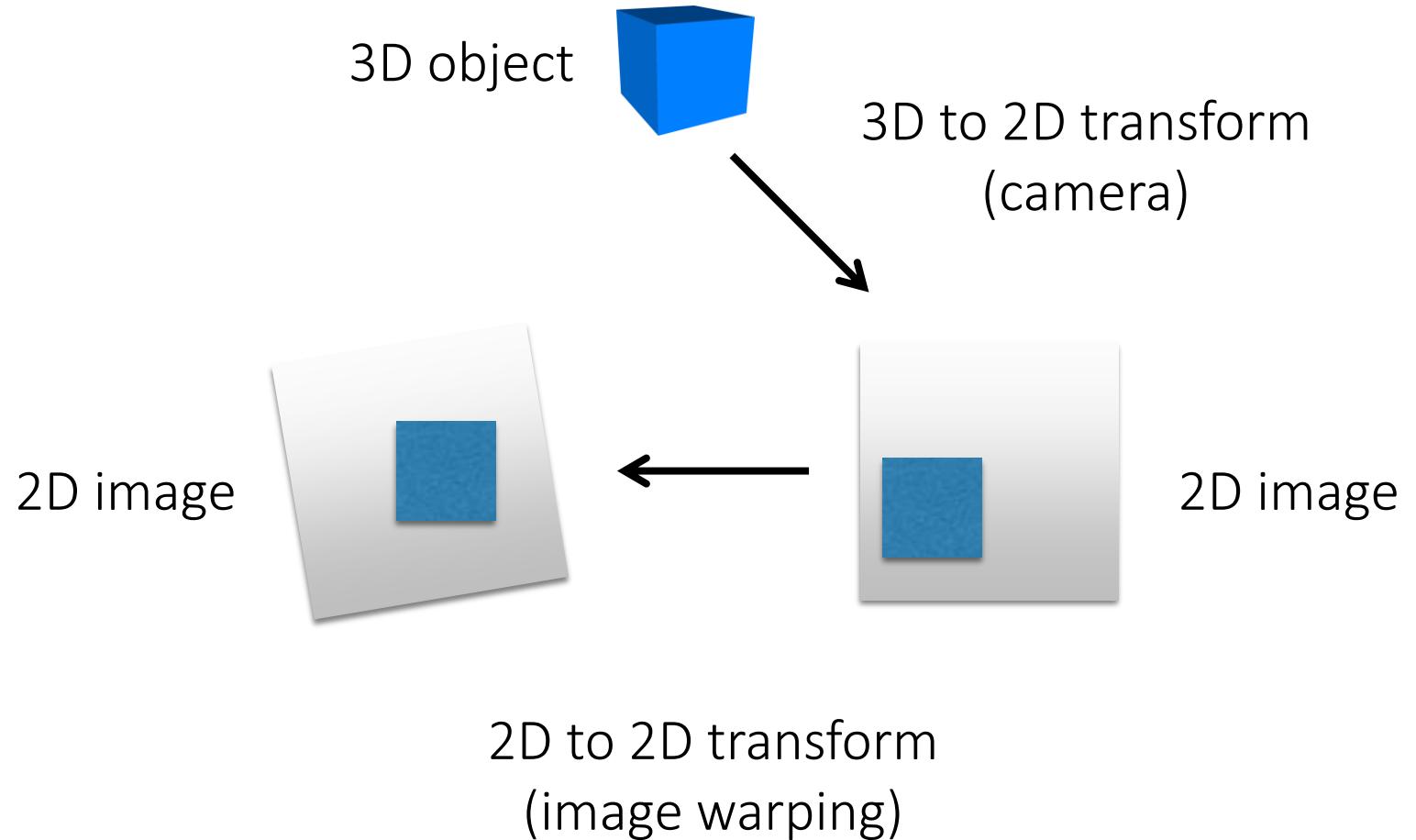
Lenses map “bundles” of rays from points on the scene to the sensor.

# The camera as a coordinate transformation

A camera is a mapping from:

the 3D world  
to:

a 2D image



# The camera as a coordinate transformation

A camera is a mapping from:

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to:

a 2D image

homogeneous coordinates

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

2D image  
point

camera  
matrix      3D world  
                point

What are the dimensions of each variable?

# The camera as a coordinate transformation

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

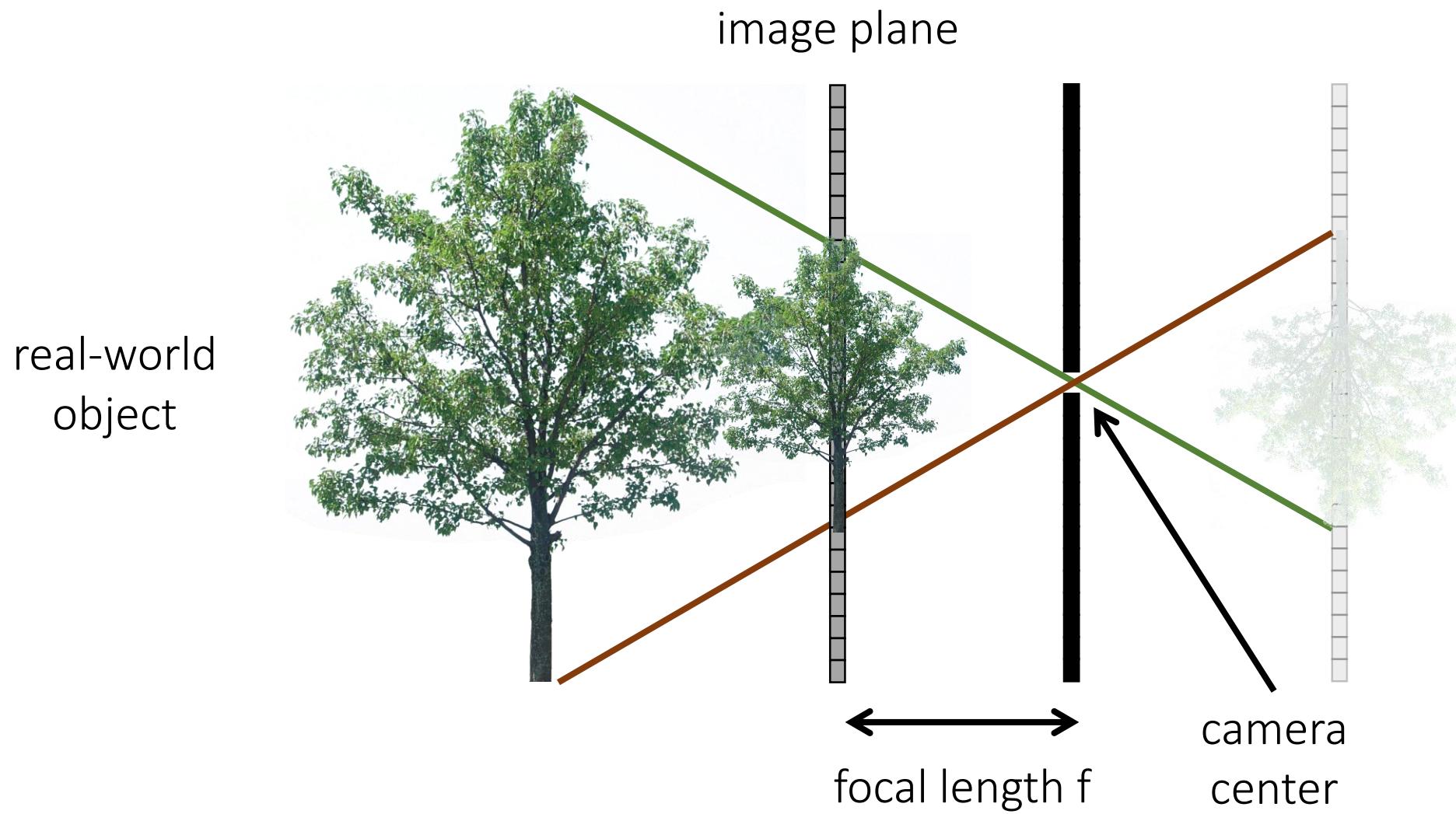
$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous  
image coordinates  
 $3 \times 1$

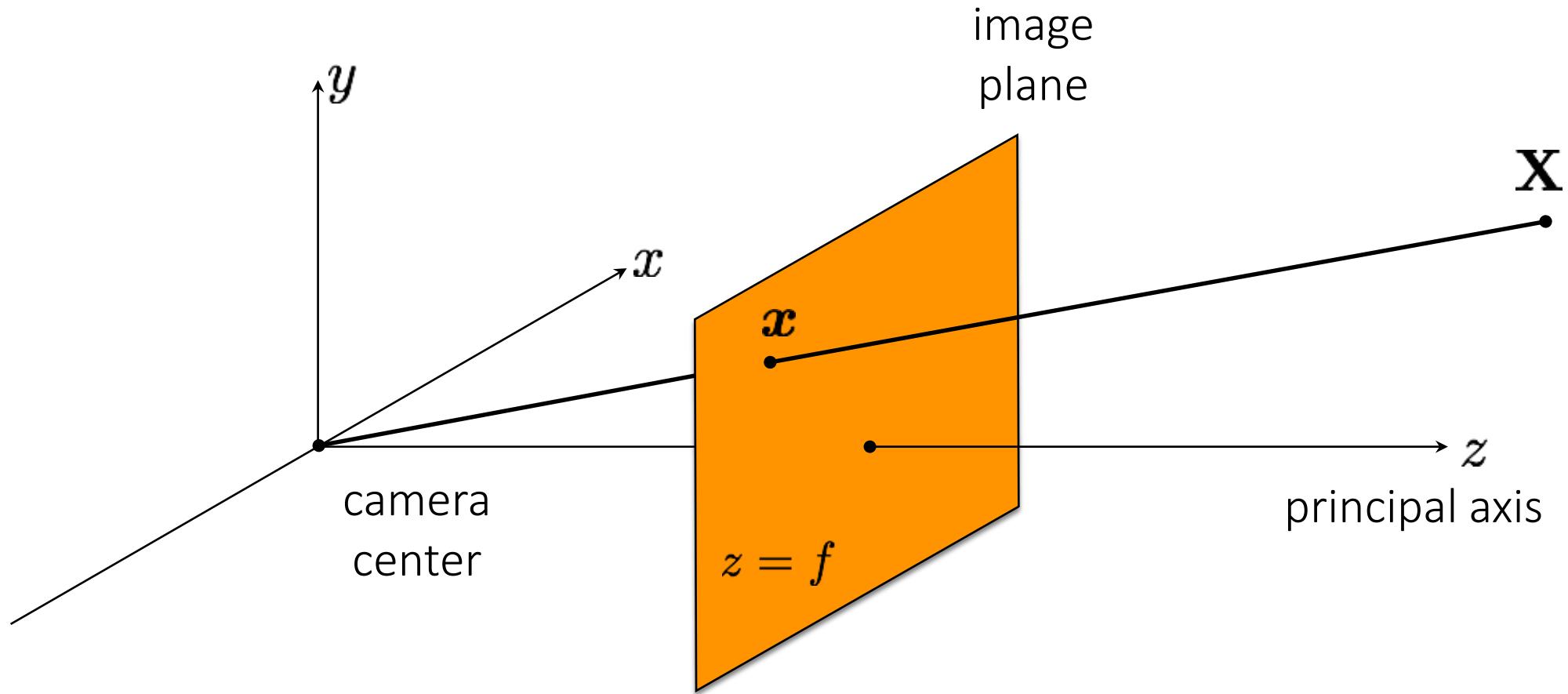
camera  
matrix  
 $3 \times 4$

homogeneous  
world coordinates  
 $4 \times 1$

# The (rearranged) pinhole camera

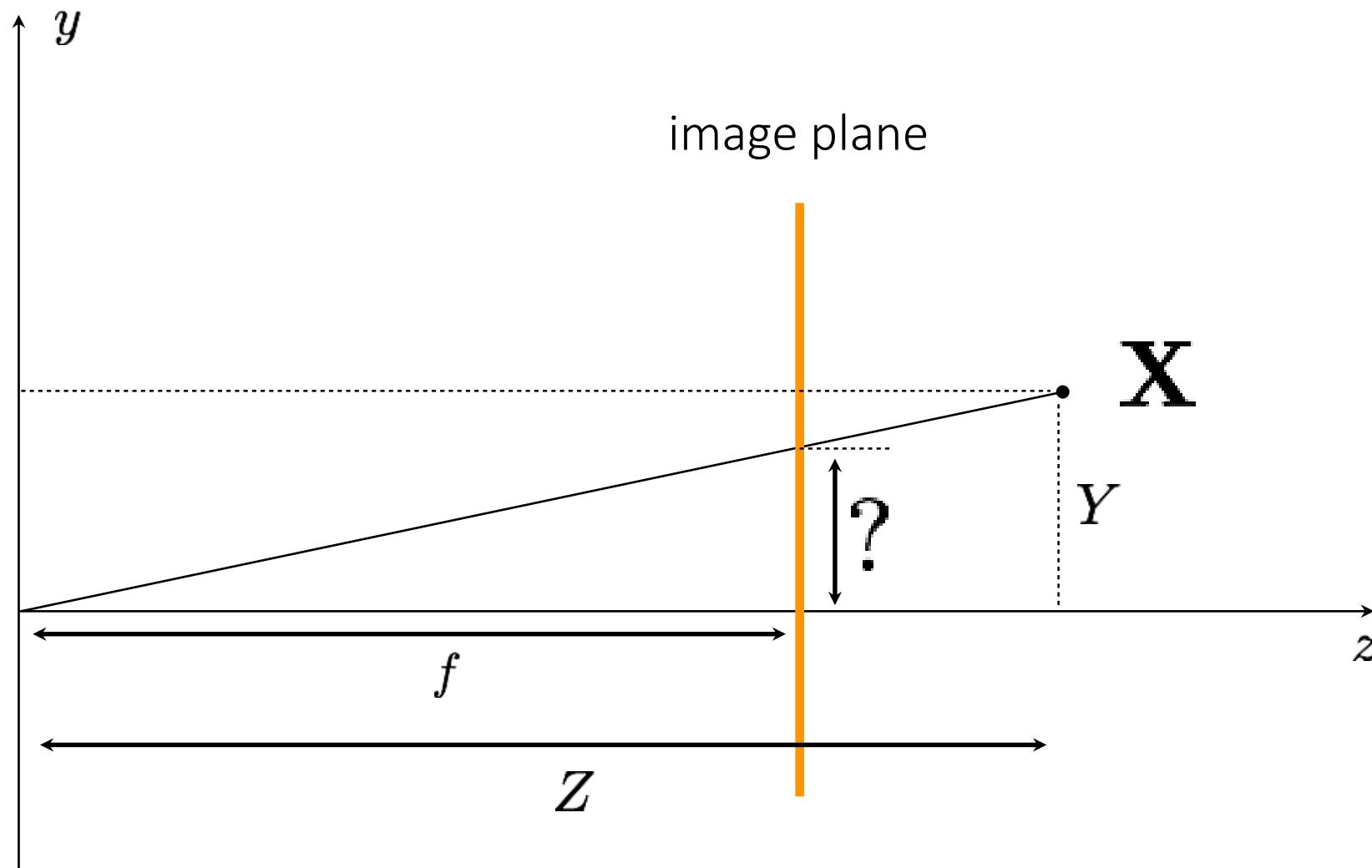


# The (rearranged) pinhole camera



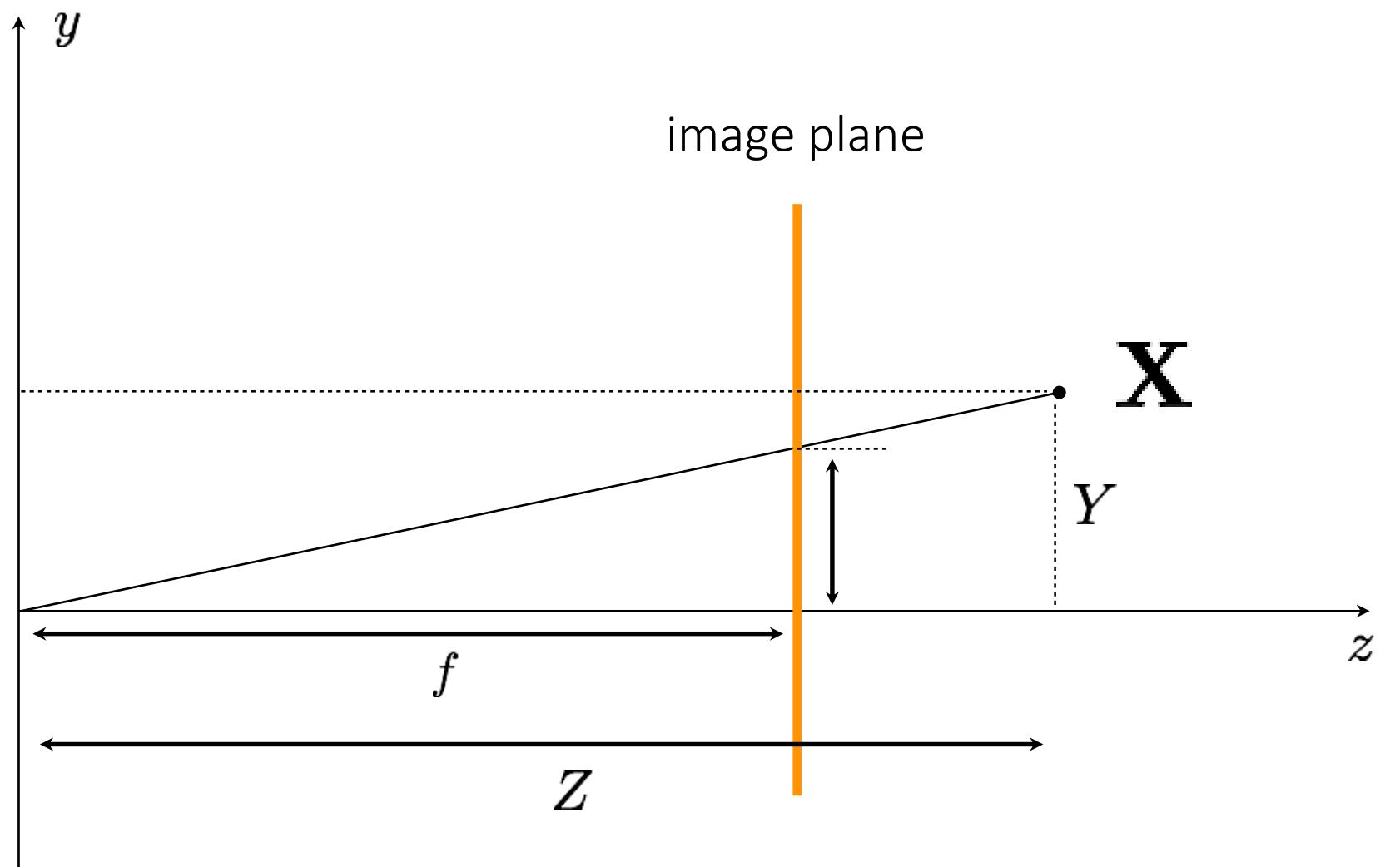
What is the equation for image coordinate  $\mathbf{x}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{X}$ ?

# The 2D view of the (rearranged) pinhole camera



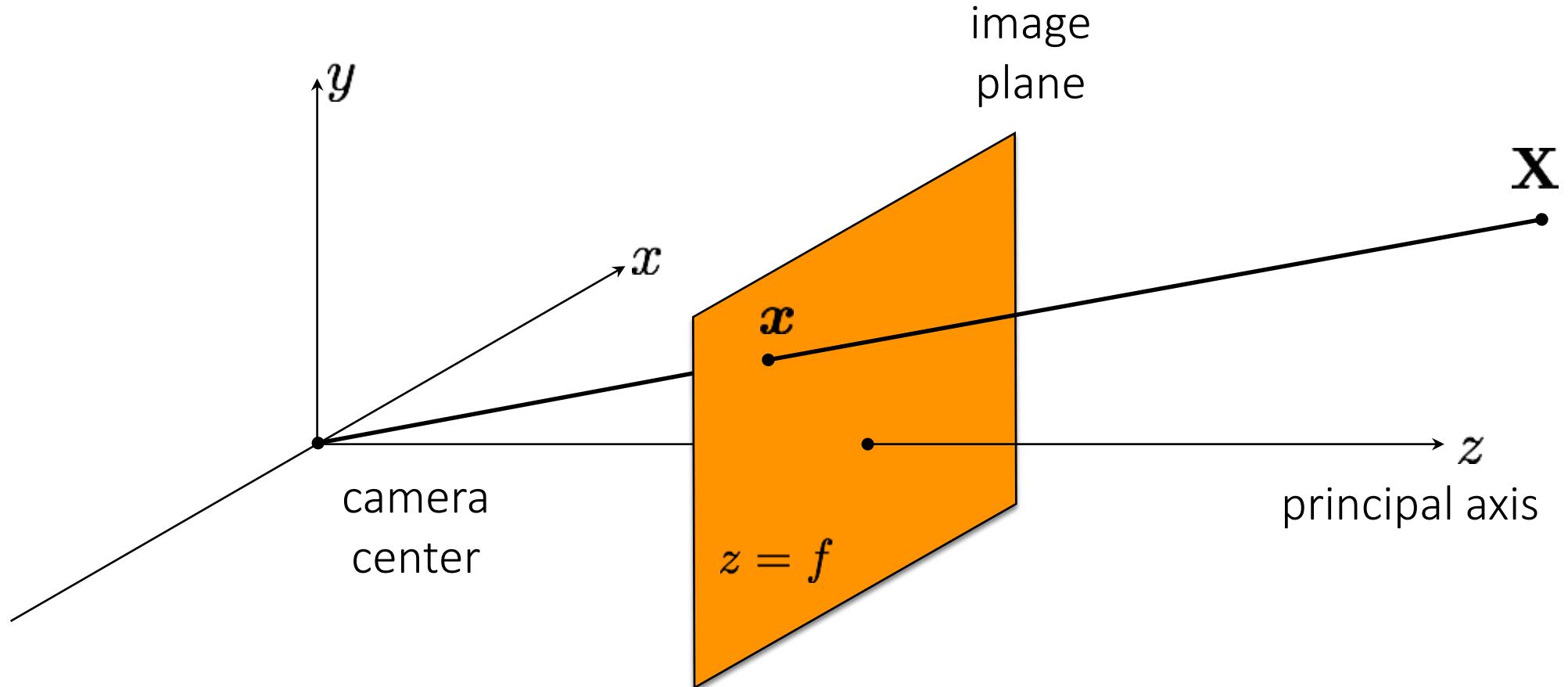
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# The 2D view of the (rearranged) pinhole camera



$$[X \ Y \ Z]^\top \mapsto [fX/Z \ fY/Z]^\top$$

# The (rearranged) pinhole camera



What is the camera matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  for a pinhole camera?

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

# The pinhole camera matrix

Relationship from similar triangles:

$$[X \ Y \ Z]^\top \mapsto [fX/Z \ fY/Z]^\top$$

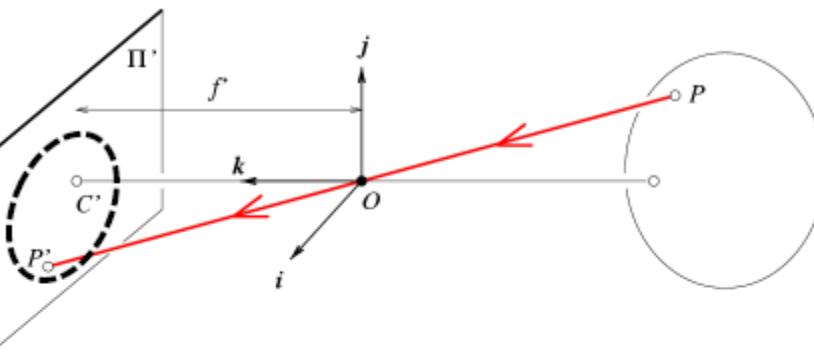
General camera model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What does the pinhole camera projection look like?

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

# Relating a real-world point to a point on the camera



In homogeneous coordinates:

$$P' = \begin{bmatrix} f & x \\ f & y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

ideal world

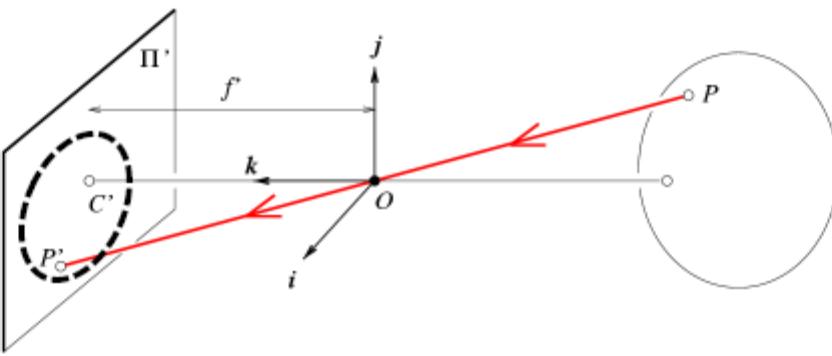
## Intrinsic Assumptions

- Unit aspect ratio
- Optical center at (0,0)
- No skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at (0,0,0)

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In homogeneous coordinates:

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$K$

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# Remove assumption: known optical center

## Intrinsic Assumptions

- Optical center at  $(0,0)$
- **Optical center at  $(u_0, v_0)$**
- Square pixels
- No skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at  $(0,0,0)$

$$P' = K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} P \xrightarrow{\text{w}} w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Remove assumption: square pixels

## Intrinsic Assumptions

- Optical center at  $(u_0, v_0)$
- ~~Square pixels~~
- **Rectangular pixels**
- No skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at  $(0,0,0)$

$$P' = K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} P \rightarrow w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & u_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Remove assumption: non-skewed pixels

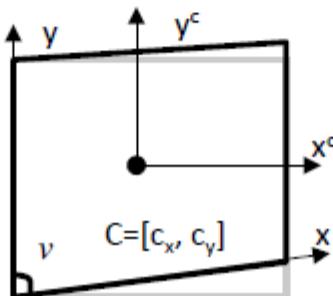
## Intrinsic Assumptions

- Optical center at  $(u_0, v_0)$
- Rectangular pixels
- ~~No skew~~
- Small skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at  $(0,0,0)$

$$P' = K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} P \rightarrow w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & s & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Remove assumption: non-skewed pixels

## Intrinsic Assumptions

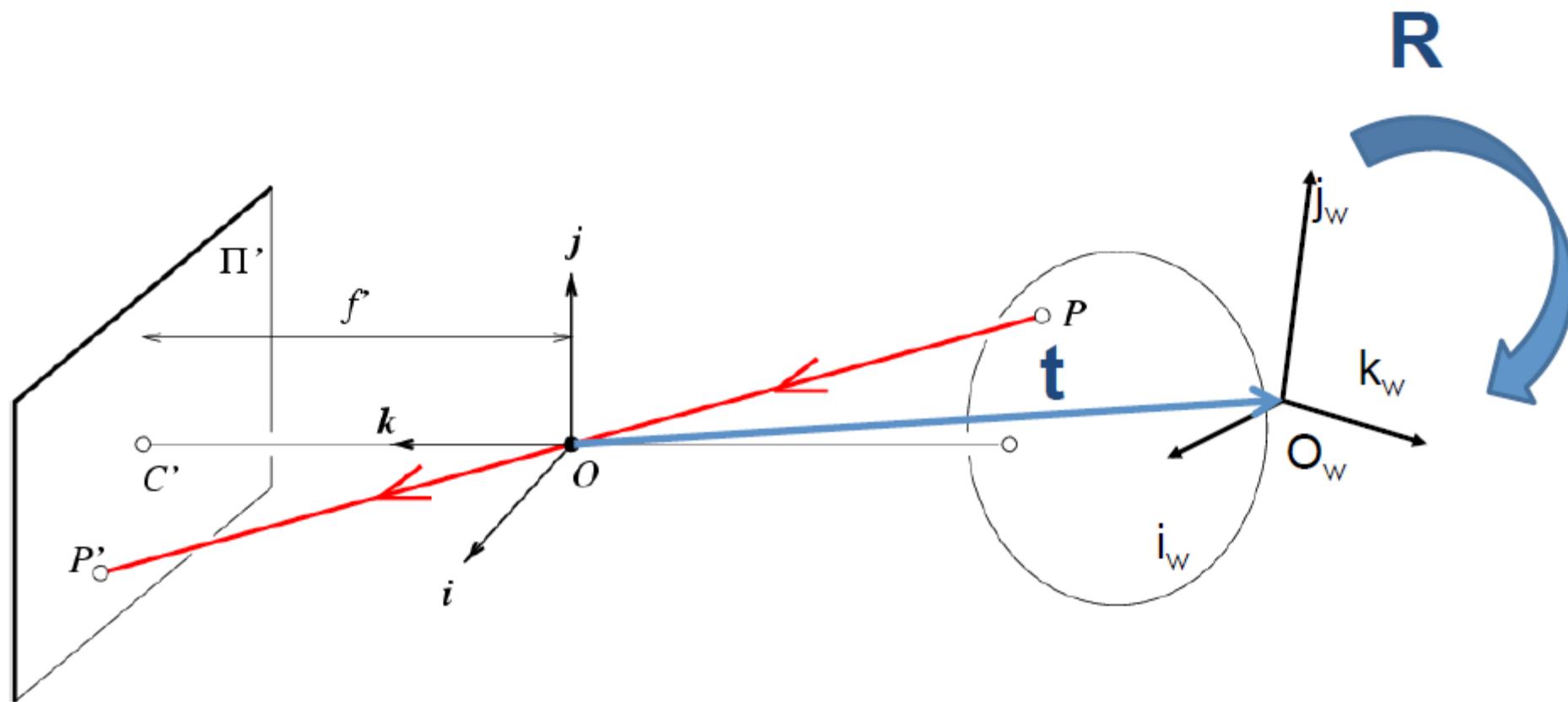
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## Extrinsic Assumptions

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Real world camera:  
Translate + Rotate



# Remove assumption: allow translation

## Intrinsic Assumptions

- Optical center at  $(u_0, v_0)$
- Rectangular pixels
- Small skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at  $(0,0,0)$   $\rightarrow (t_x, t_y, t_z)$

$$P' = K \begin{bmatrix} I & \bar{t} \end{bmatrix} P \quad \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} \quad w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

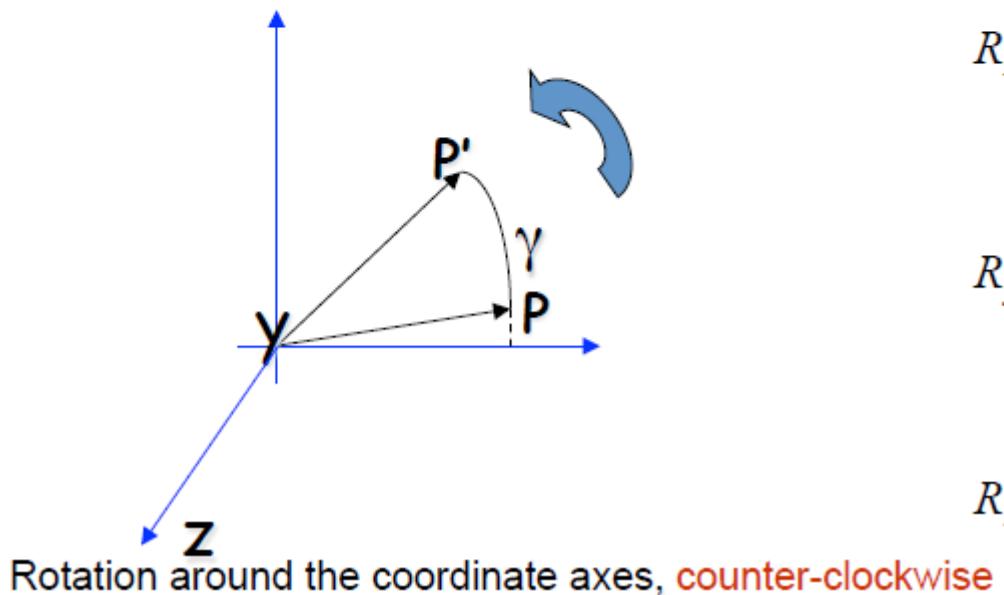
# Remove assumption: allow rotation

## Intrinsic Assumptions

- Optical center at  $(u_0, v_0)$
- Rectangular pixels
- Small skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- ~~No~~ rotation
- Camera at  $(t_x, t_y, t_z)$



Rotation around the coordinate axes, **counter-clockwise**

$$R_x(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_z(\gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

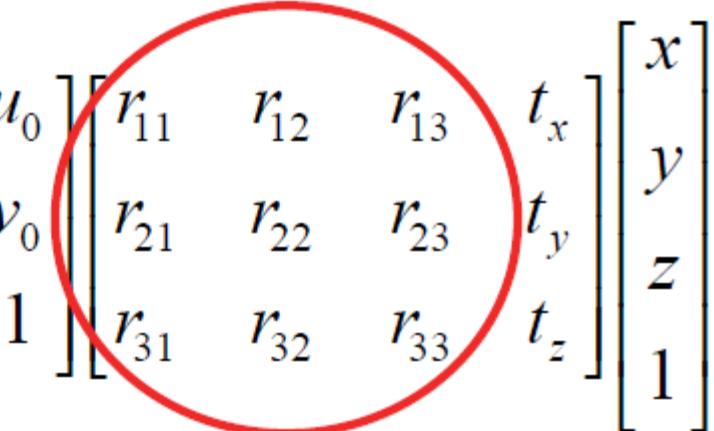
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# A generic projection matrix

## Intrinsic Assumptions

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## Extrinsic Assumptions

- Allow rotation
- Camera at  $(t_x, t_y, t_z)$

$$P' = K \begin{bmatrix} R & \bar{t} \end{bmatrix} P \xrightarrow{\text{w}} w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & s & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Degrees of freedom??

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$$P' = K \begin{bmatrix} R & \bar{t} \end{bmatrix} P \xrightarrow{\text{5}} w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & s & u_0 \\ 0 & p & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Degrees of freedom??

# Pose estimation

# 3D Pose Estimation

(Resectioning, Geometric Calibration, Perspective n-Point)

Given a set of matched points

$$\{\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{x}_i\}$$

point in 3D  
space      point in the  
image

and camera model

$$\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

projection  
model

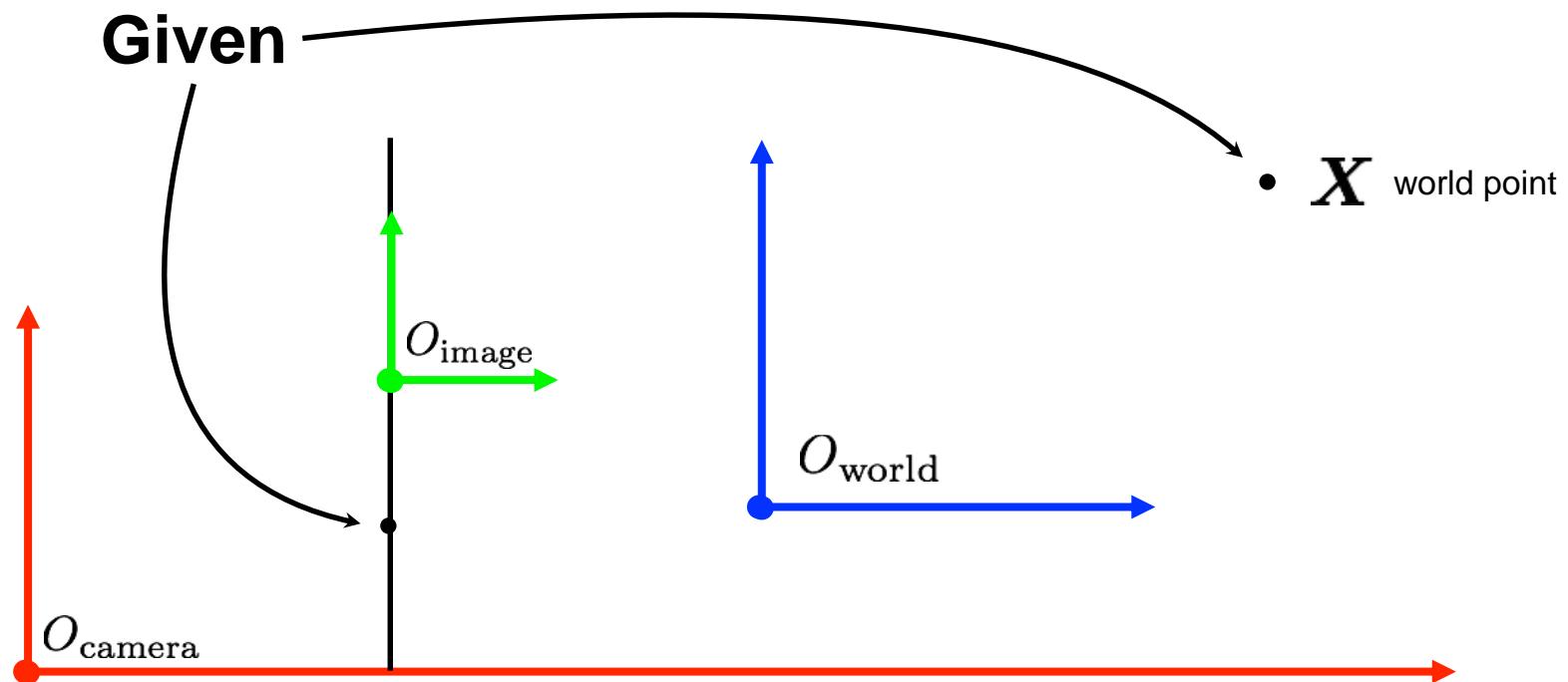
parameters

Camera  
matrix

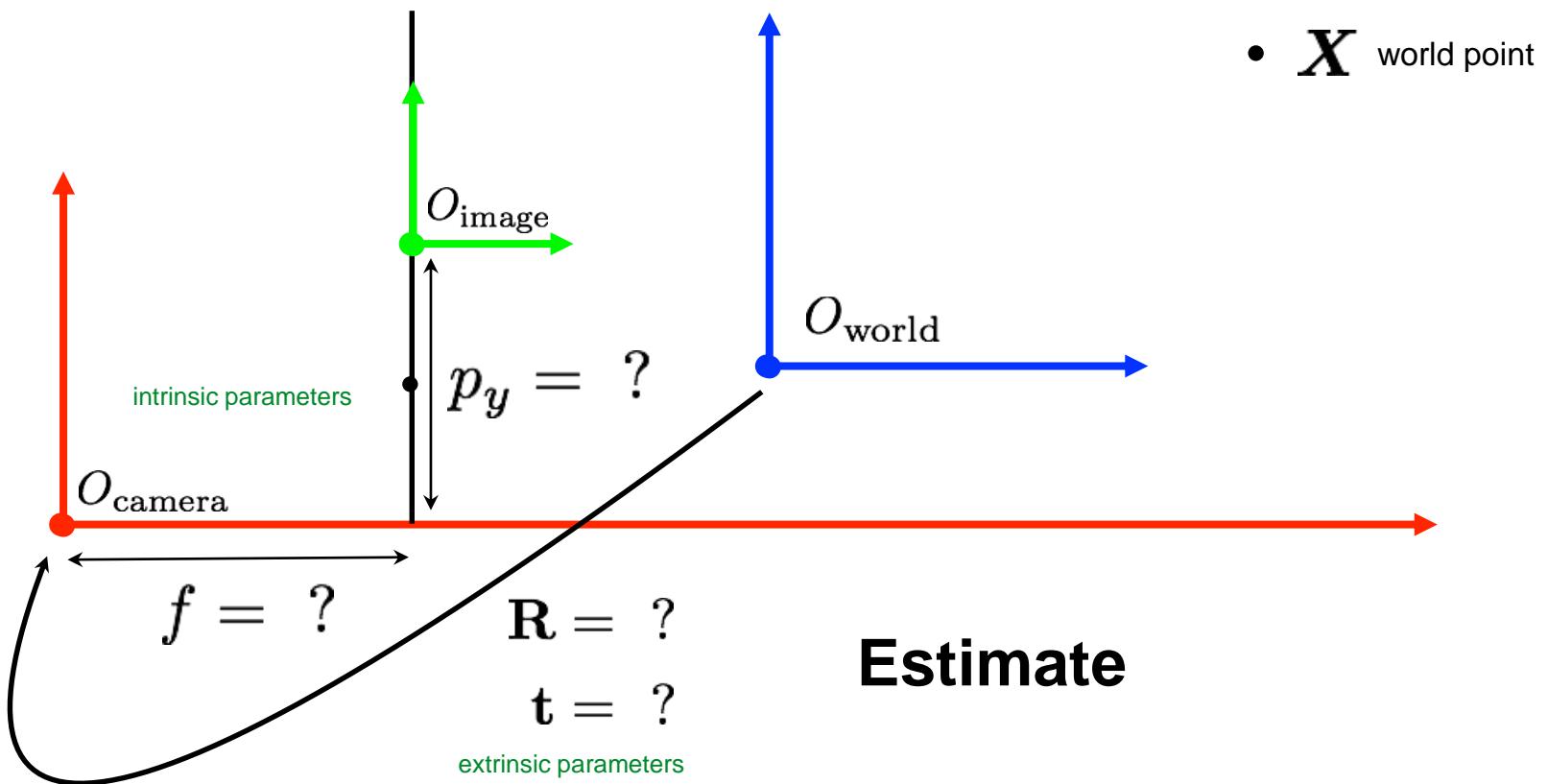
Find the (pose) estimate of

**P**

# What is Pose Estimation?



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## Mapping between 3D point and image points

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

What are the unknowns?

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \mathbf{p}_1^\top & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{p}_2^\top & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \mathbf{p}_3^\top & \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | \\ \mathbf{X} \\ | \end{bmatrix}$$

## Heterogeneous coordinates

$$x' = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X}} \quad y' = \frac{\mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X}}$$

(non-linear correlation between coordinates)

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Make them linear with algebraic manipulation...

$$\mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} y' = 0$$

$$\mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} x' = 0$$

Now you can setup a system of linear equations  
with multiple point correspondences

$$\mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} y' = 0$$

$$\mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} x' = 0$$

In matrix form ...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}^\top & \mathbf{0} & -x' \mathbf{X}^\top \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{X}^\top & -y' \mathbf{X}^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

For N points ...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1^\top & \mathbf{0} & -x' \mathbf{X}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{X}_1^\top & -y' \mathbf{X}_1^\top \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_N^\top & \mathbf{0} & -x' \mathbf{X}_N^\top \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{X}_N^\top & -y' \mathbf{X}_N^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Solve for camera matrix by

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1^\top & \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{x}' \mathbf{X}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{X}_1^\top & -\mathbf{y}' \mathbf{X}_1^\top \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_N^\top & \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{x}' \mathbf{X}_N^\top \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{X}_N^\top & -\mathbf{y}' \mathbf{X}_N^\top \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**SVD!**

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Solution  $\mathbf{x}$  is the column of  $\mathbf{V}$   
corresponding to smallest singular  
value of

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^\top$$

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Equivalently, solution  $\mathbf{x}$  is the  
Eigenvector corresponding to  
smallest Eigenvalue of

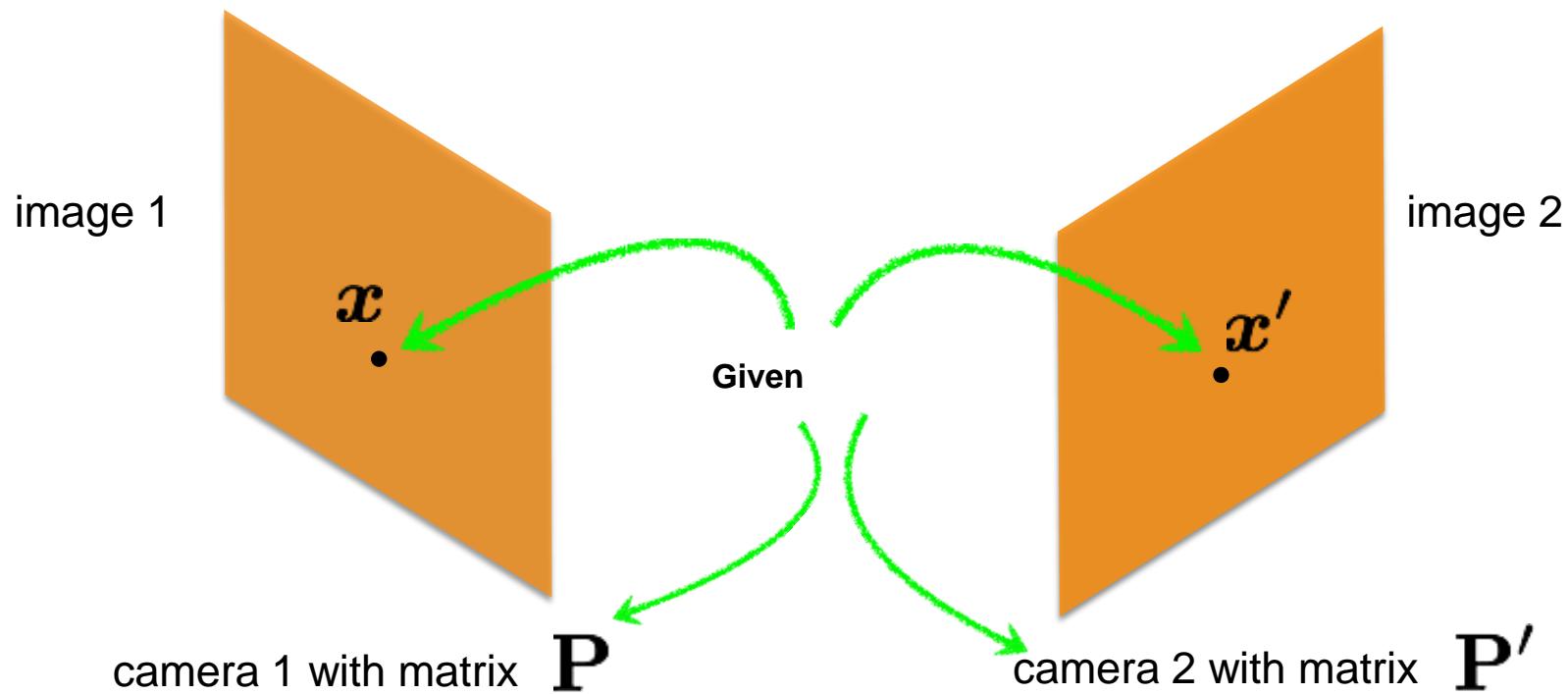
$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$$

# Other topics for today

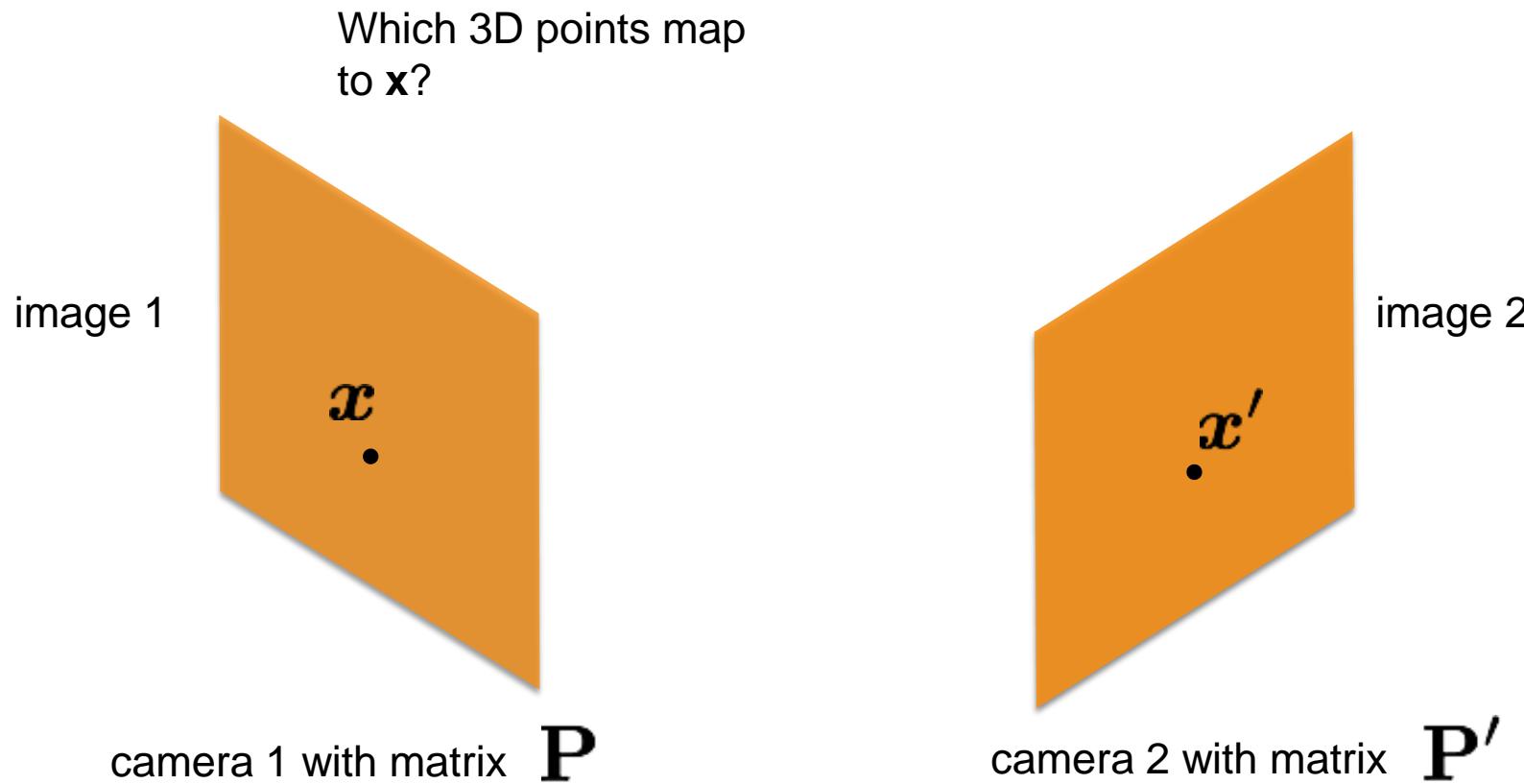
- Triangulation.
- Epipolar geometry.
- Essential matrix.
- Fundamental matrix.
- 8-point algorithm.

# Triangulation

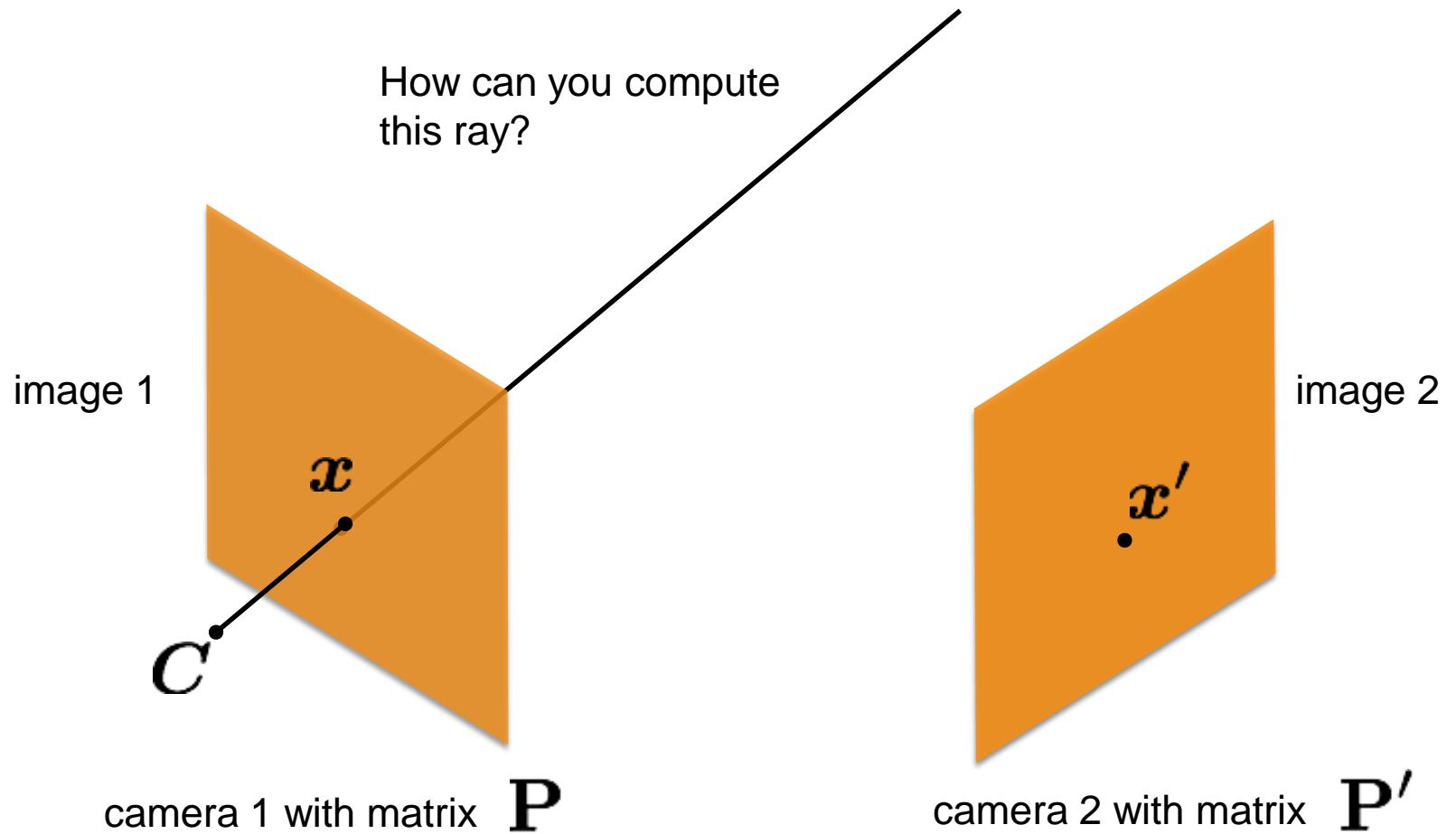
# Triangulation



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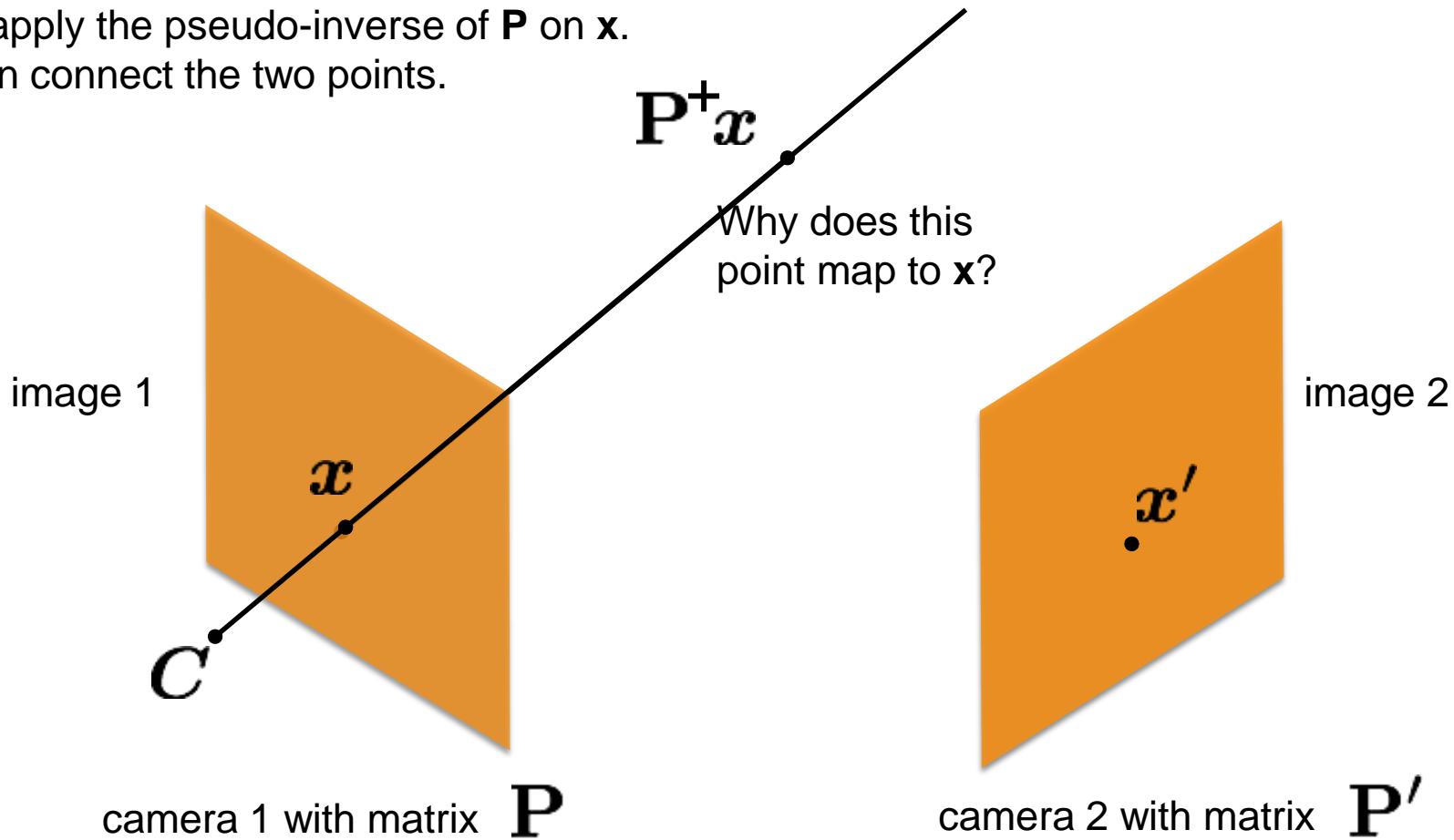


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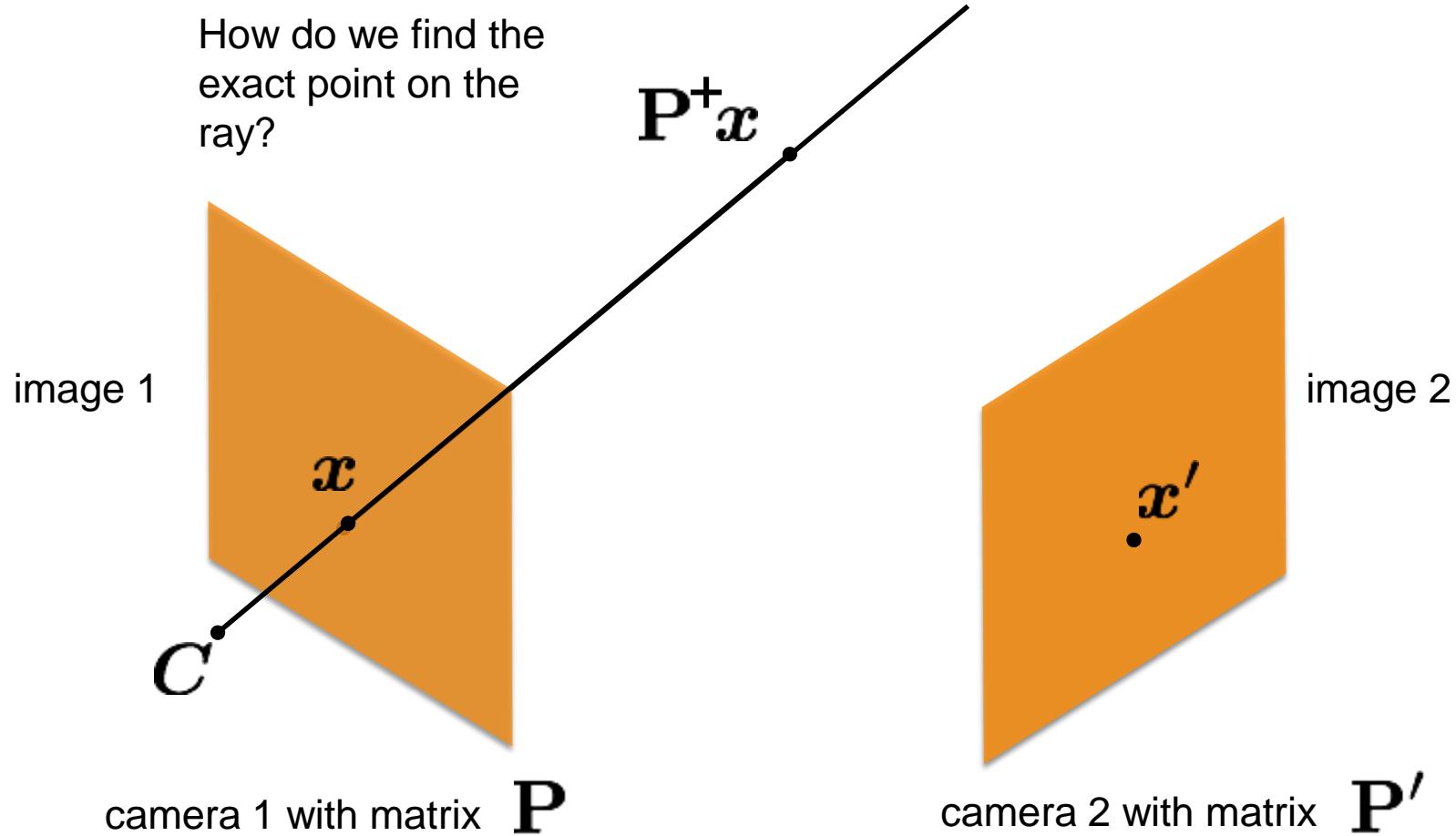
Create two points on the ray:

- 1) find the camera center; and
- 2) apply the pseudo-inverse of  $\mathbf{P}$  on  $\mathbf{x}$ .

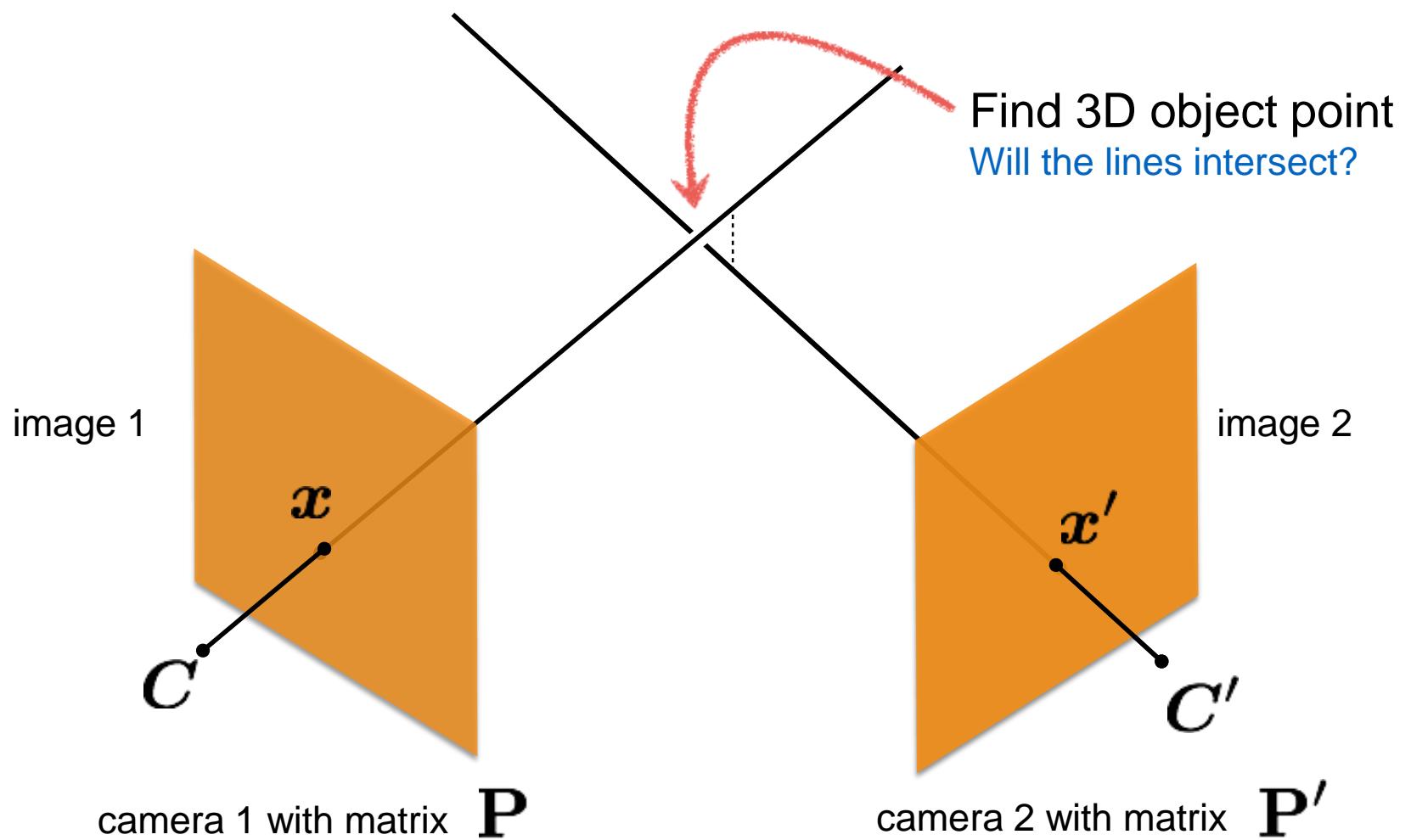
Then connect the two points.



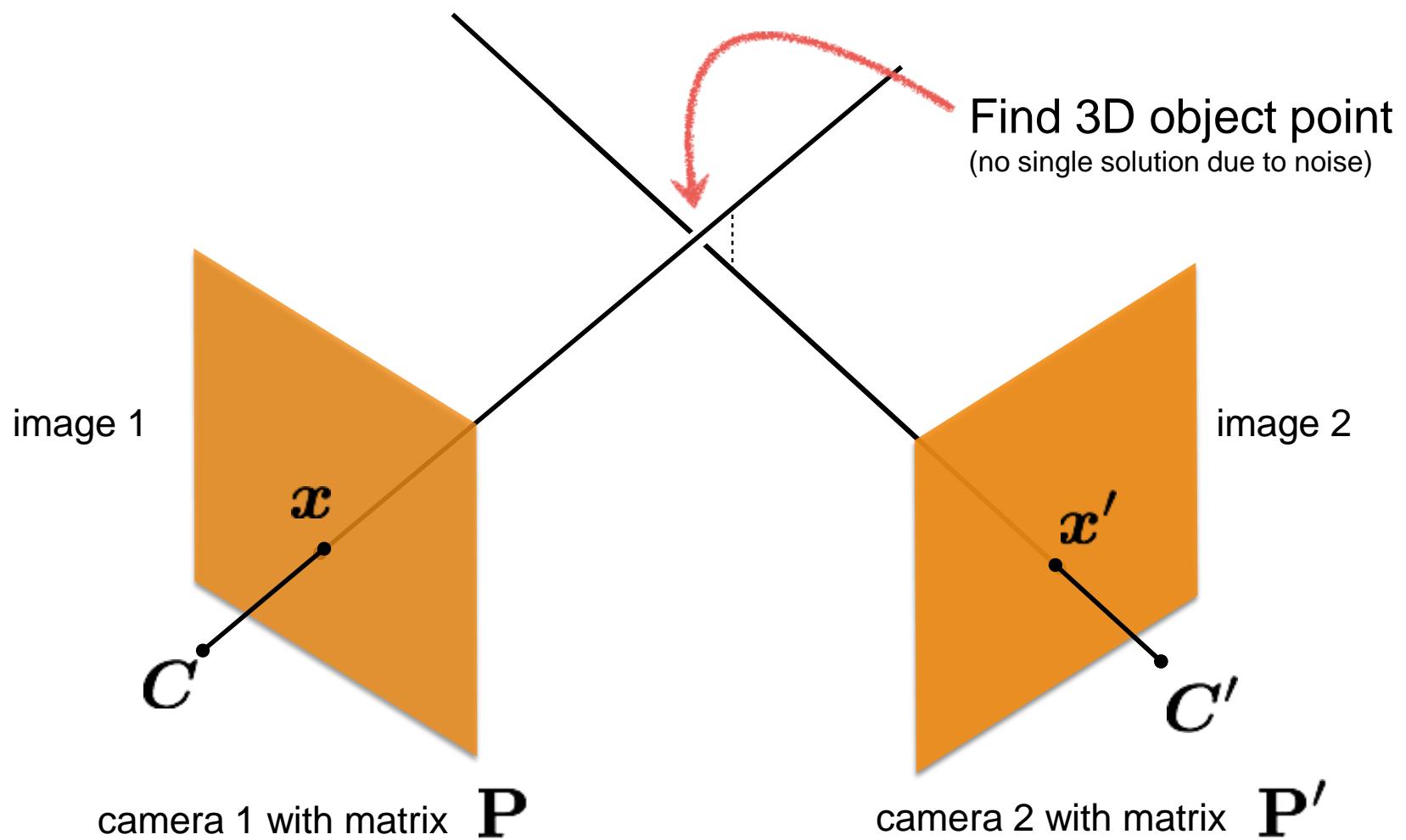
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Given a set of (noisy) matched points

$$\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}'_i\}$$

and camera matrices

$$\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}'$$

Estimate the 3D point

$$\mathbf{\tilde{x}}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

known      known

Can we compute  $\mathbf{X}$  from a single  
correspondence  $\mathbf{x}$ ?

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known      known

Can we compute  $\mathbf{X}$  from two  
*correspondences  $x$  and  $x'$ ?*

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known              known

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Yes, if perfect measurements

There will not be a point that satisfies both constraints  
because the measurements are usually noisy

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{P}' \mathbf{X} \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

Need to find the **best fit**

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}X$$

(homogeneous  
coordinate)

Also, this is a similarity relation because it involves homogeneous coordinates

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{P}X$$

(homogeneous  
coordinate)

Same ray direction but differs by a scale factor

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

How do we solve for unknowns in a similarity relation?

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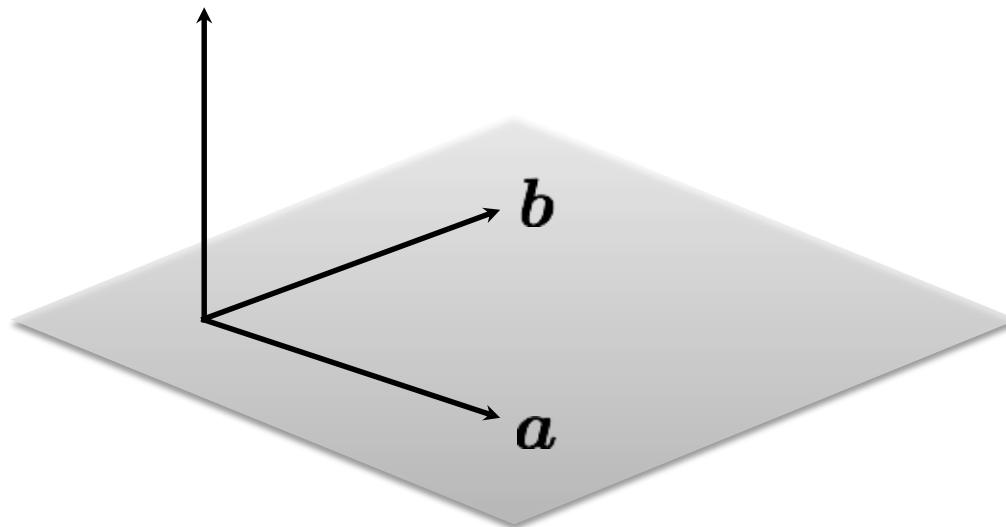
Remove scale factor, convert to linear system and solve with SVD

# Recall: Cross Product

**Vector (cross) product**

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$$



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

cross product of two vectors in  
the same direction is zero

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} = 0$$

remember this!!!

$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

Same direction but differs by a scale factor

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$$

Cross product of two vectors of same direction is zero  
(this equality removes the scale factor)

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Using the fact that the cross product should be zero

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Third line is a linear combination of the first and second lines.  
( $x$  times the first line plus  $y$  times the second line)

One 2D to 3D point correspondence give you   equations

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$$\begin{bmatrix} y\mathbf{p}_3^\top - \mathbf{p}_2^\top \\ \mathbf{p}_1^\top - x\mathbf{p}_3^\top \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$$

Now we can make a system of linear equations  
(two lines for each 2D point correspondence)

Concatenate the 2D points from both images

$$\begin{bmatrix} y\mathbf{p}_3^\top - \mathbf{p}_2^\top \\ \mathbf{p}_1^\top - x\mathbf{p}_3^\top \\ y'\mathbf{p}'_3^\top - \mathbf{p}'_2^\top \\ \mathbf{p}'_1^\top - x'\mathbf{p}'_3^\top \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

sanity check! dimensions?

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$$

How do we solve homogeneous linear system?

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How do we solve homogeneous linear system?

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Recall: Total least squares

(Warning: change of notation.  $\mathbf{x}$  is a vector of parameters!)

$$E_{\text{TLS}} = \sum_i (\mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{x})^2$$
$$= \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 \quad \text{(matrix form)}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1 \quad \text{constraint}$$

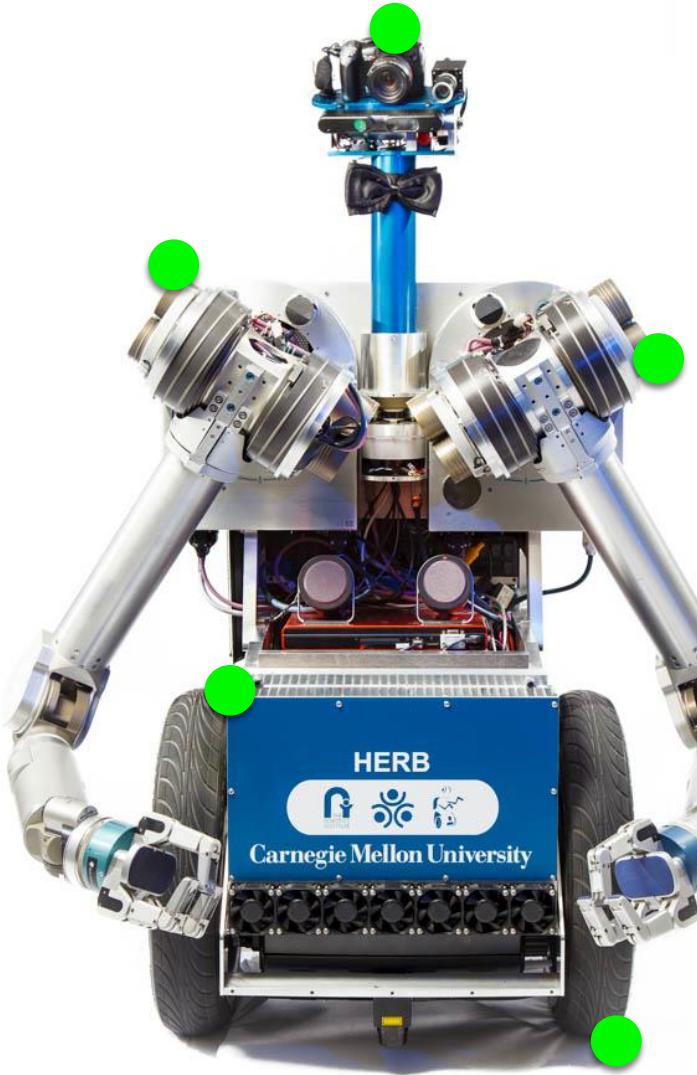
minimize       $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2$   
subject to       $\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1$



minimize       $\frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2}$   
(Rayleigh quotient)

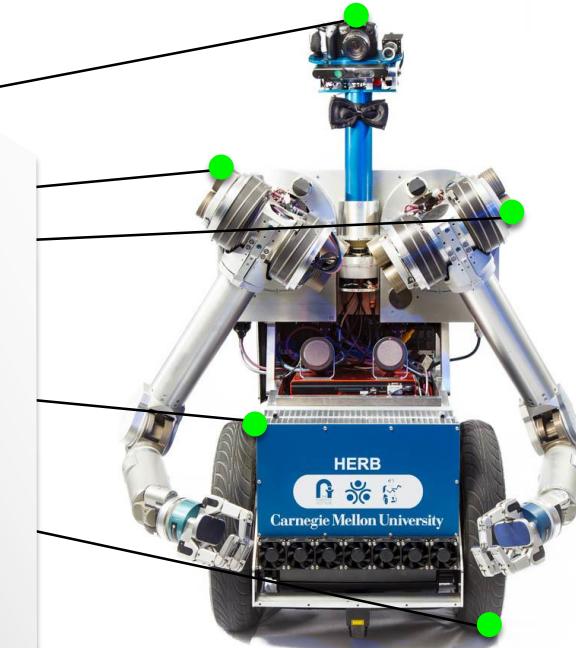
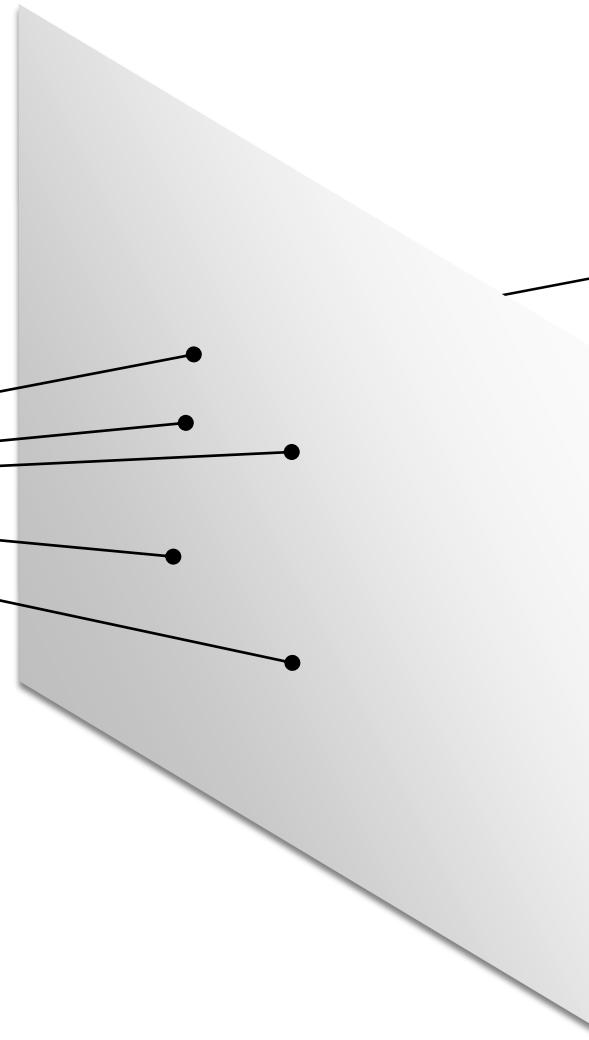
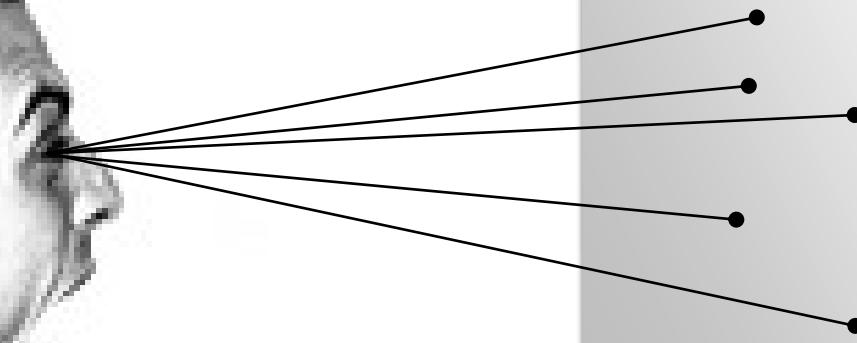
Solution is the eigenvector  
corresponding to smallest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$

# Epipolar geometry

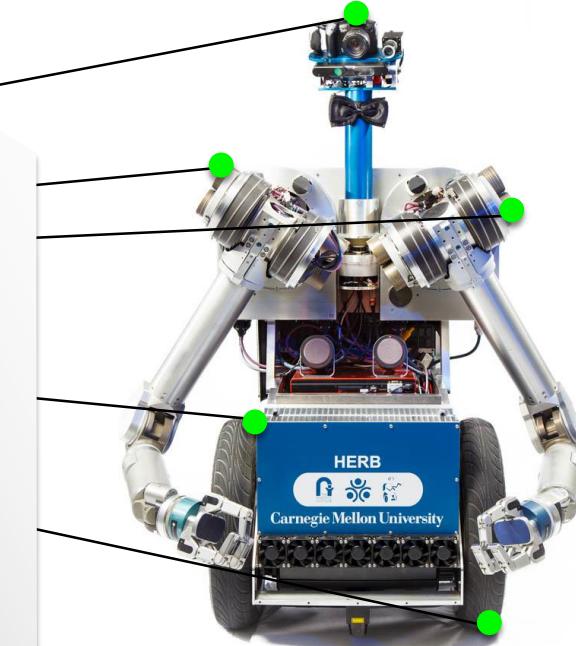
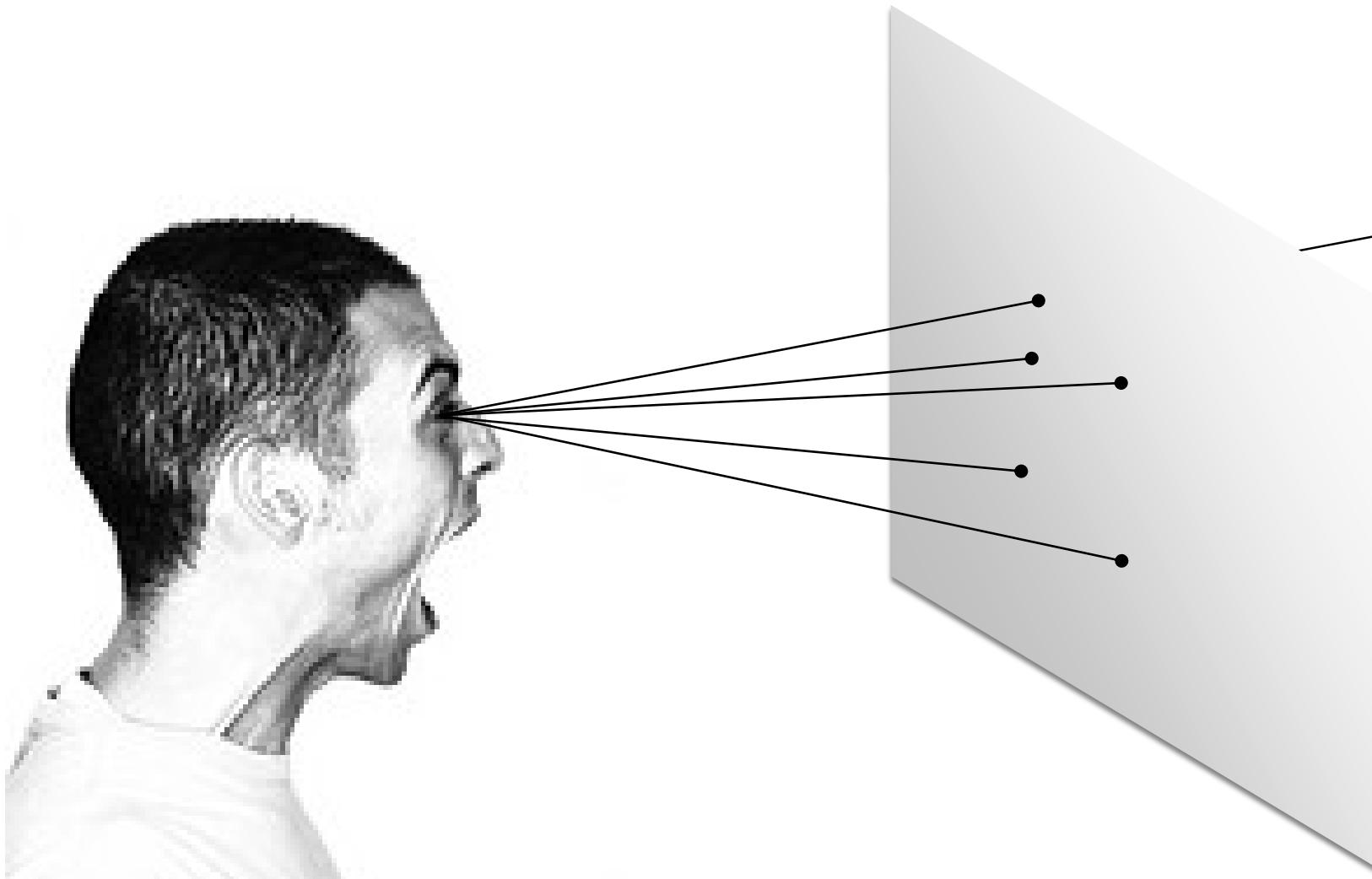


Tie tiny threads on HERB and pin them to your eyeball

[What would it look like?](#)

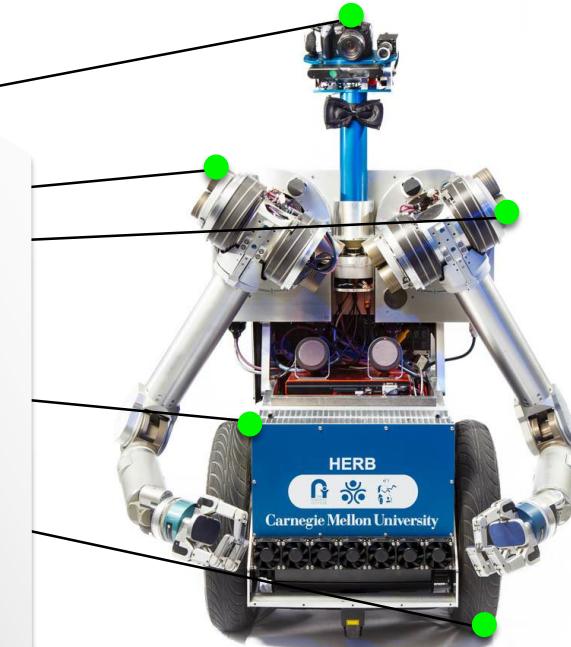
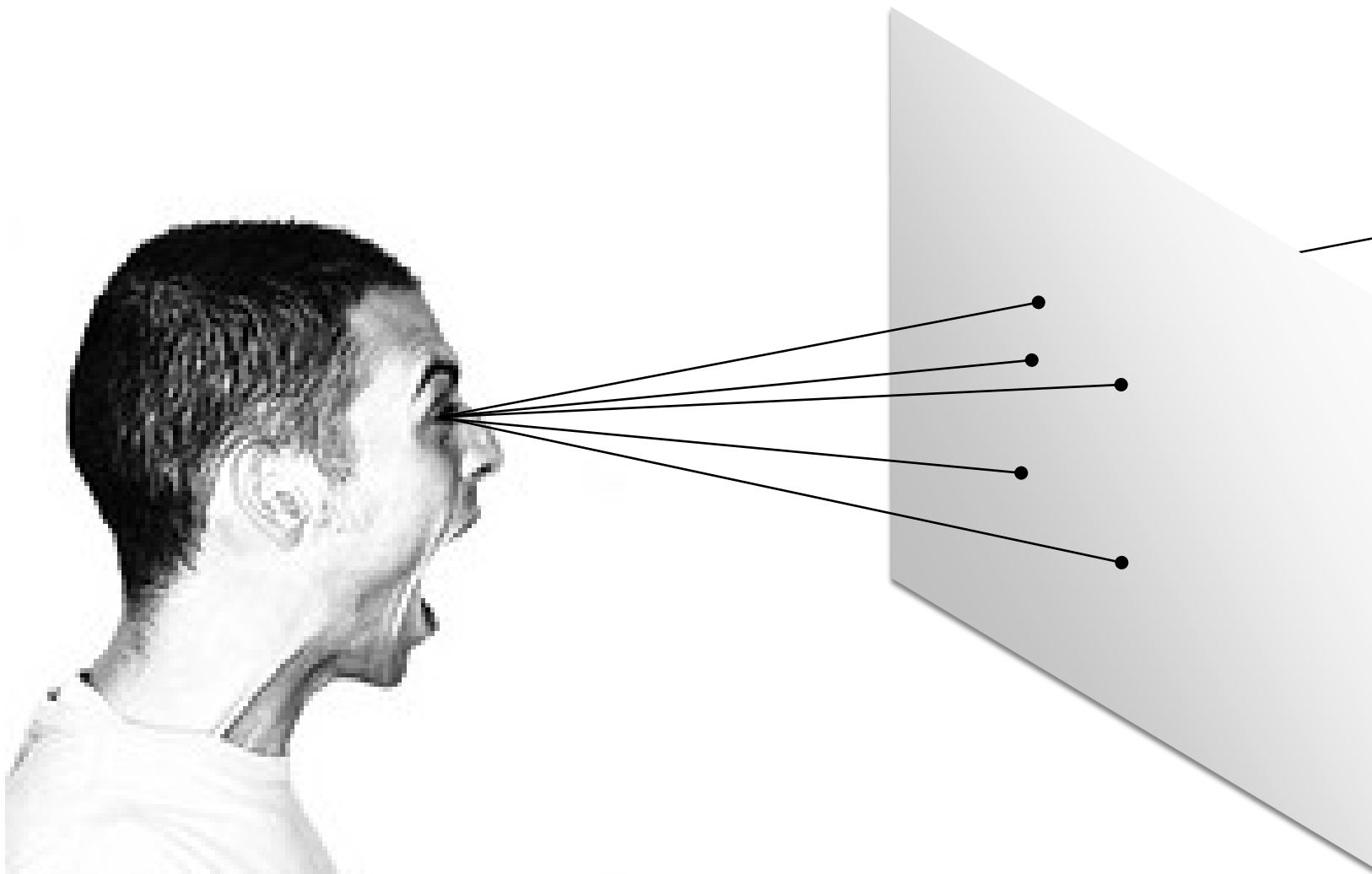


You see points on HERB



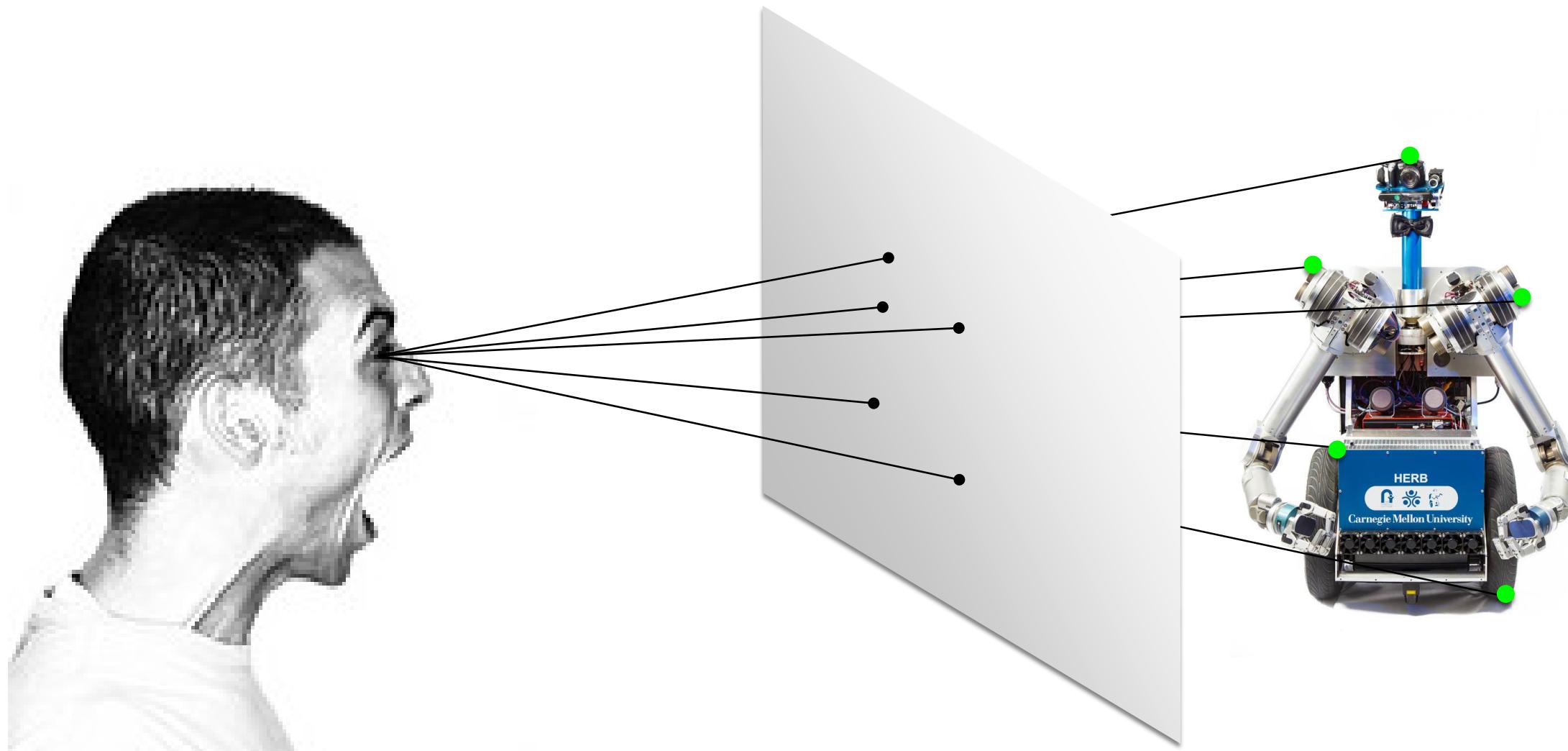
What does the second observer see?

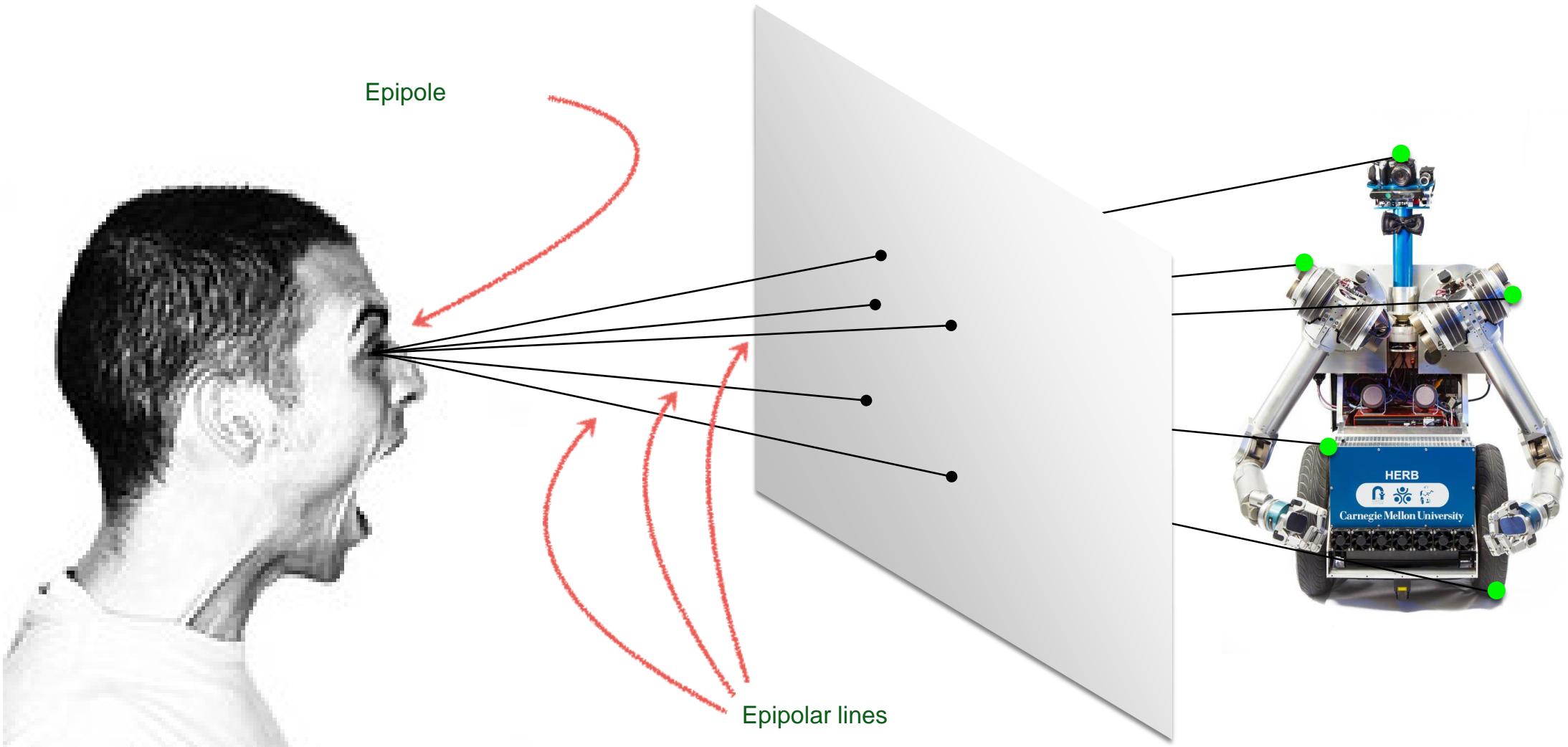
You see points on HERB



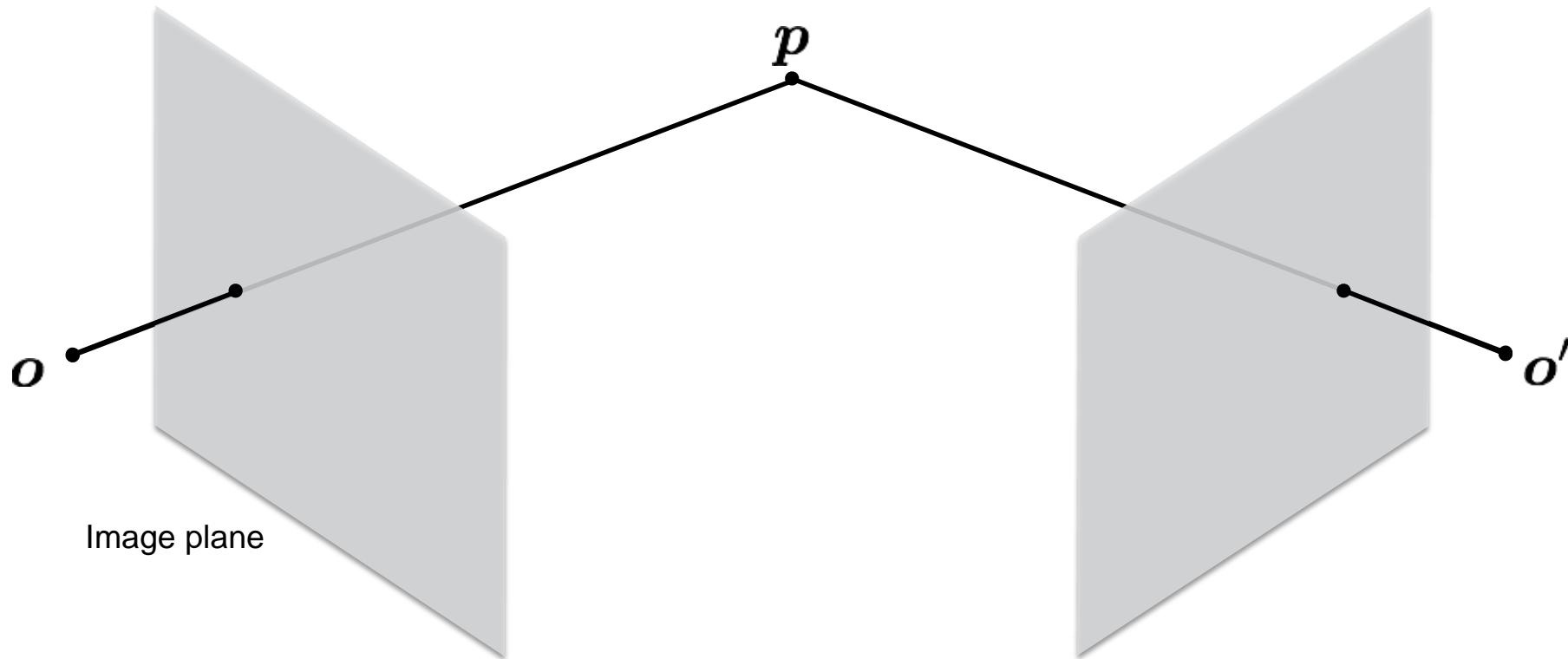
Second person sees lines

# This is Epipolar Geometry

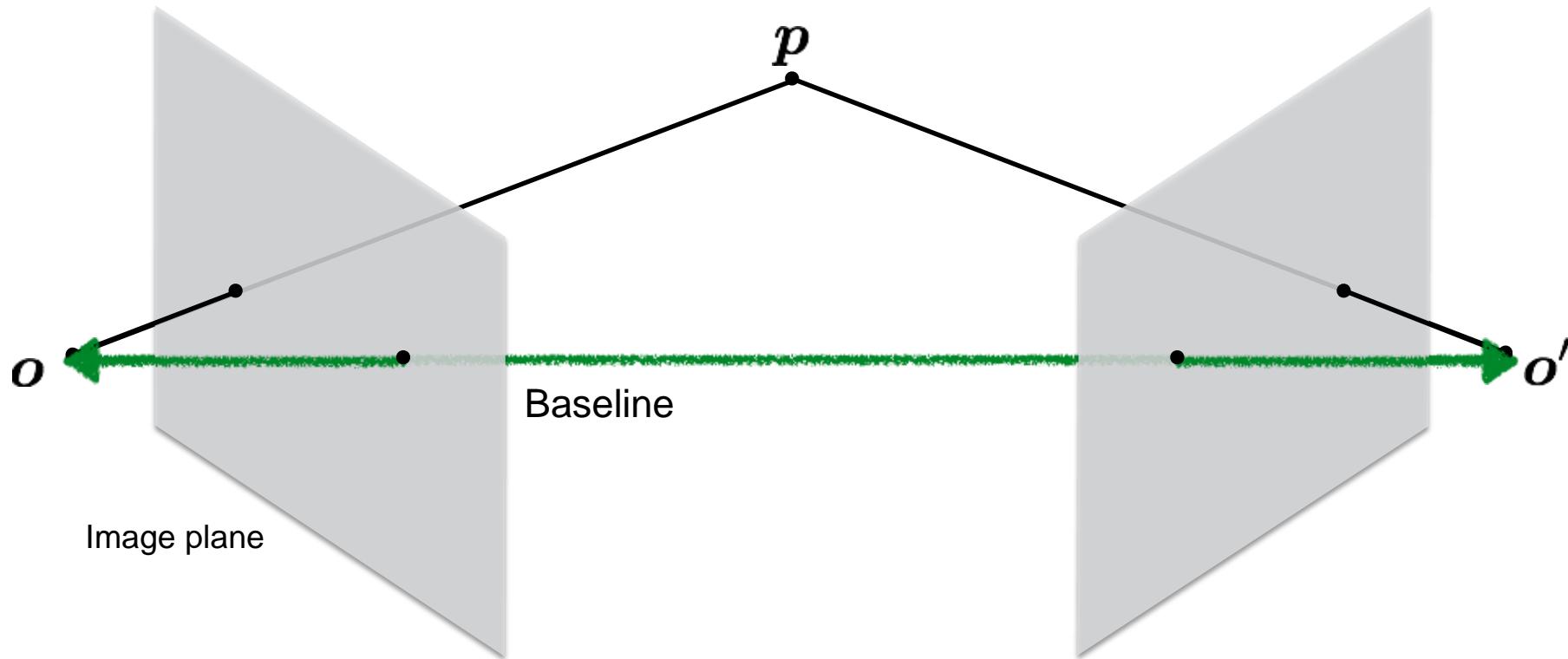




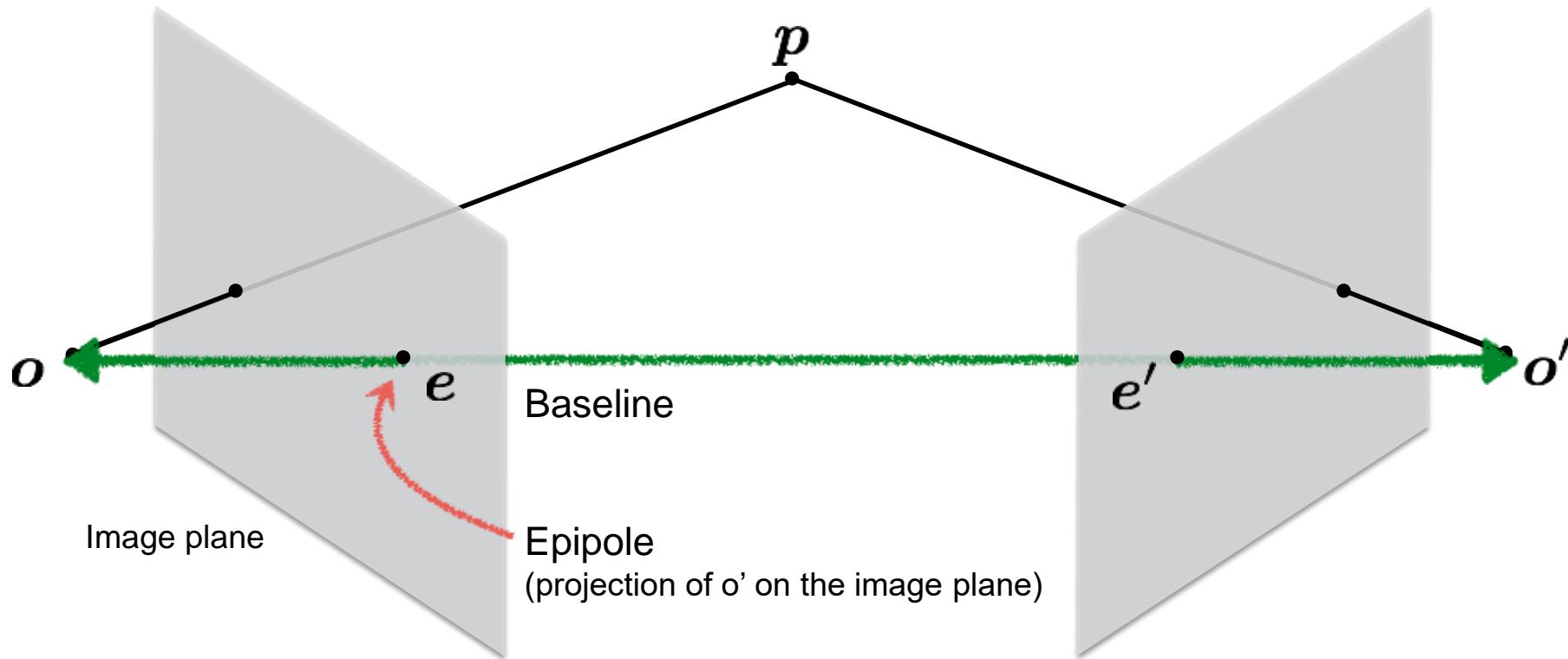
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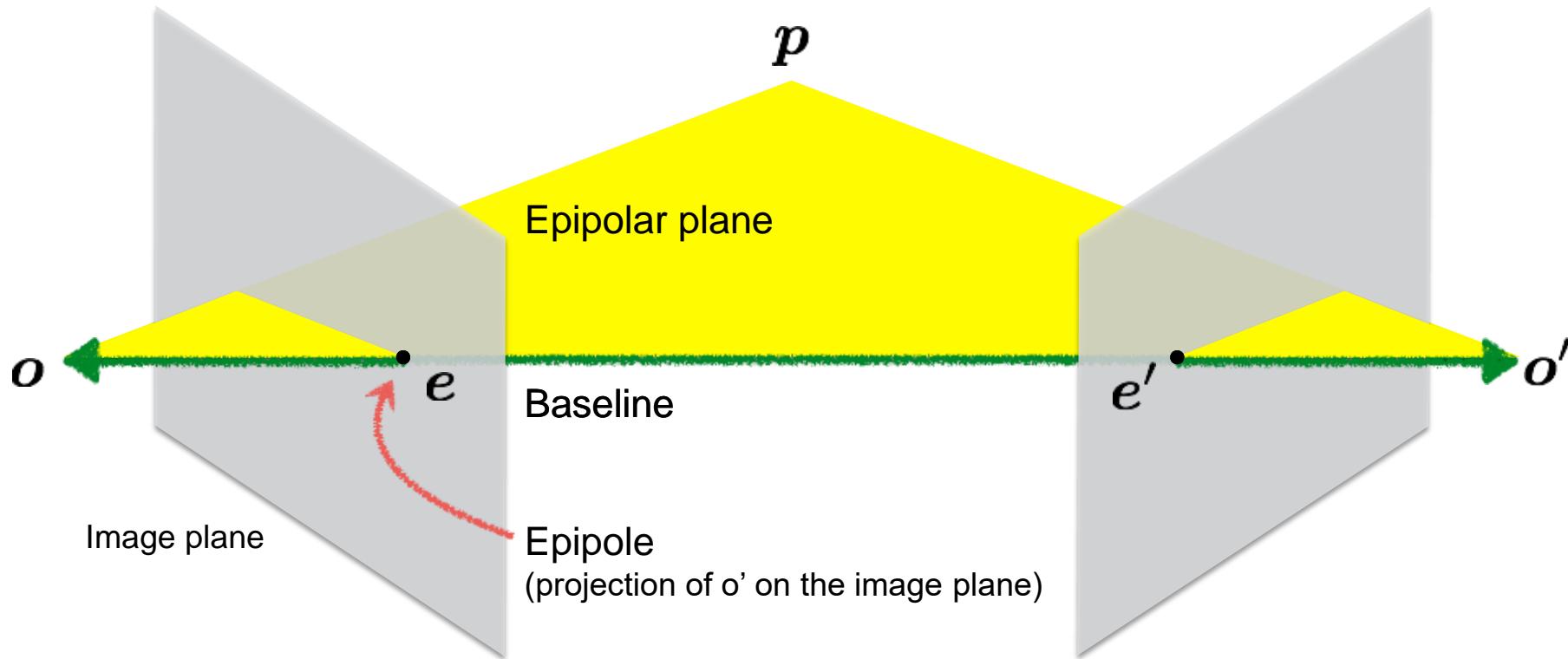
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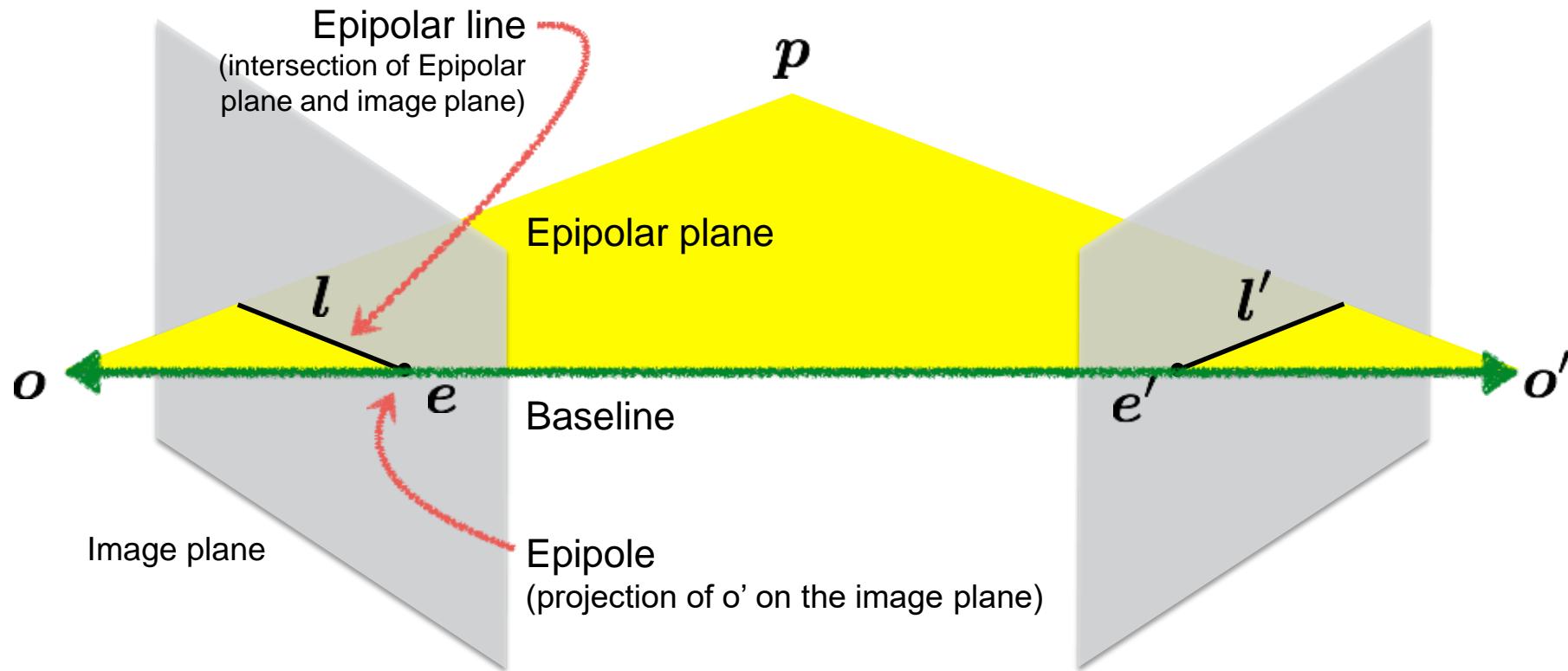
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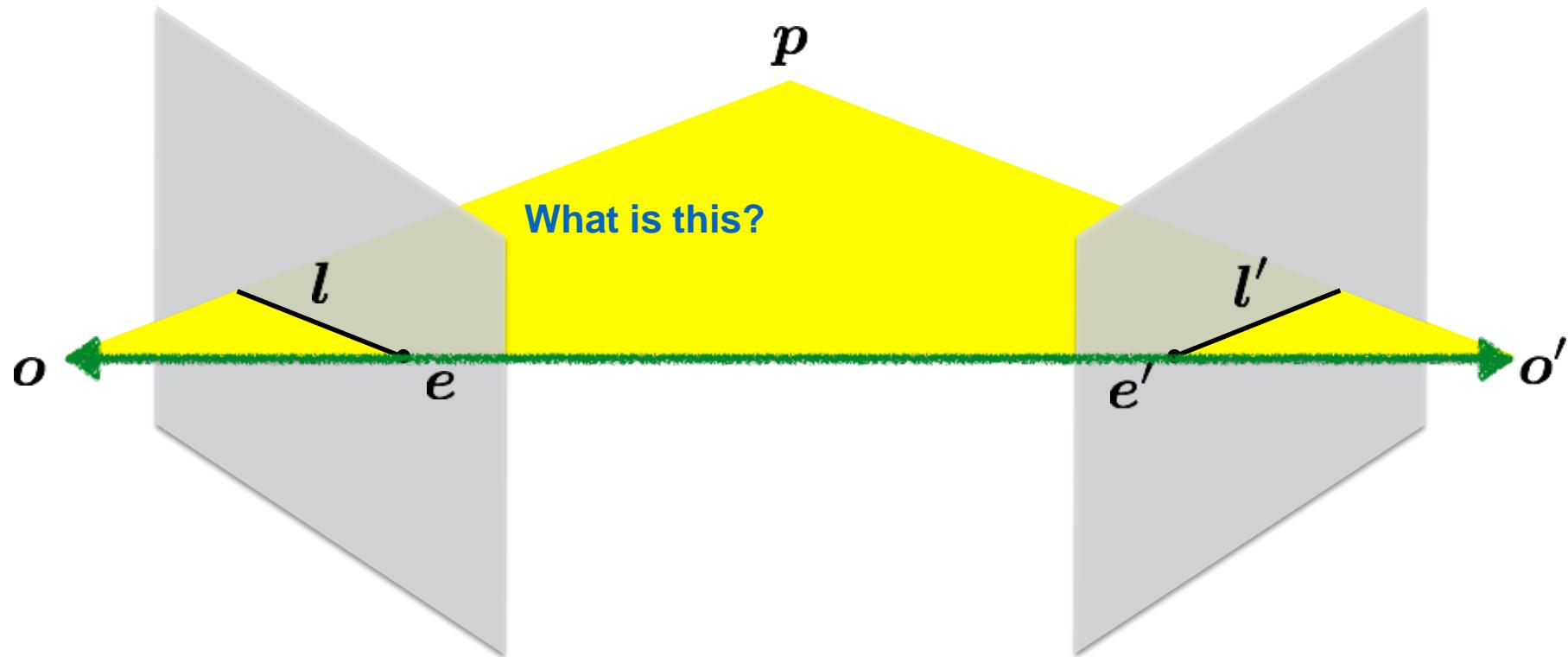
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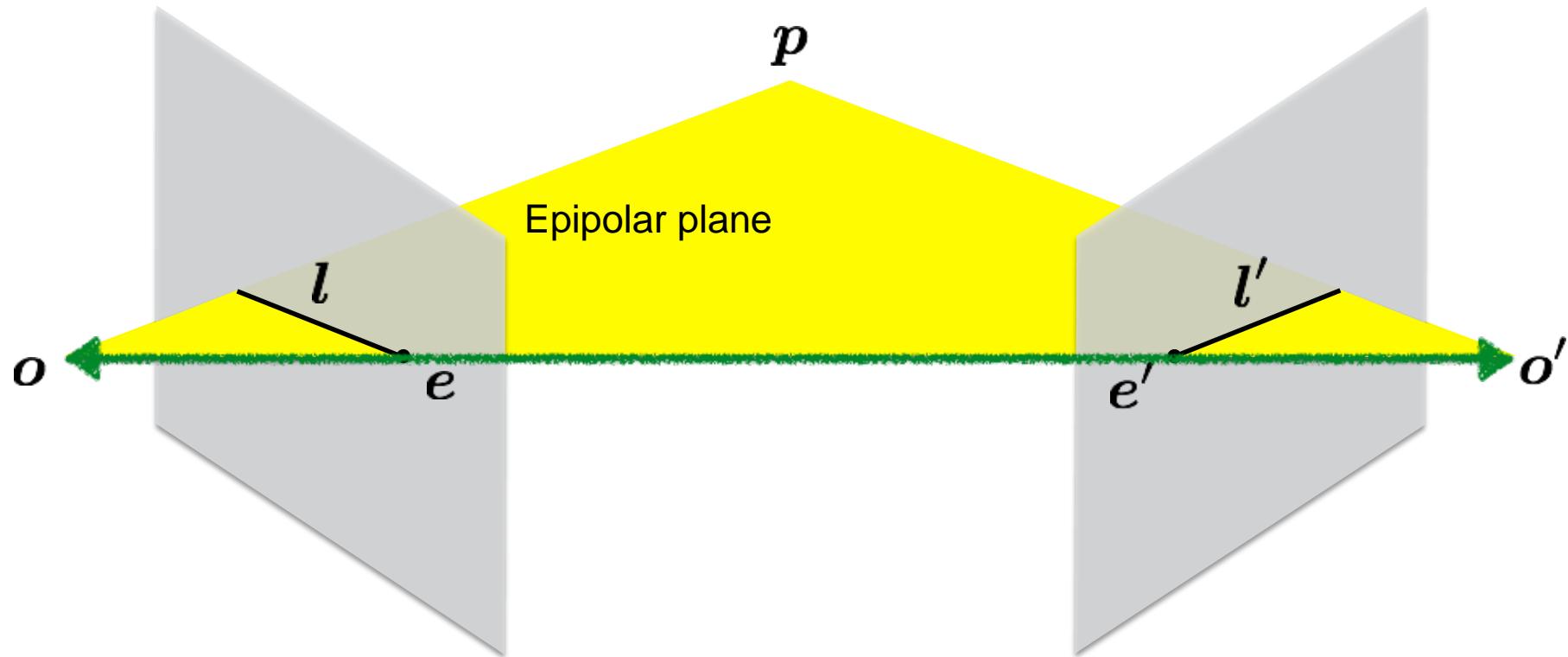
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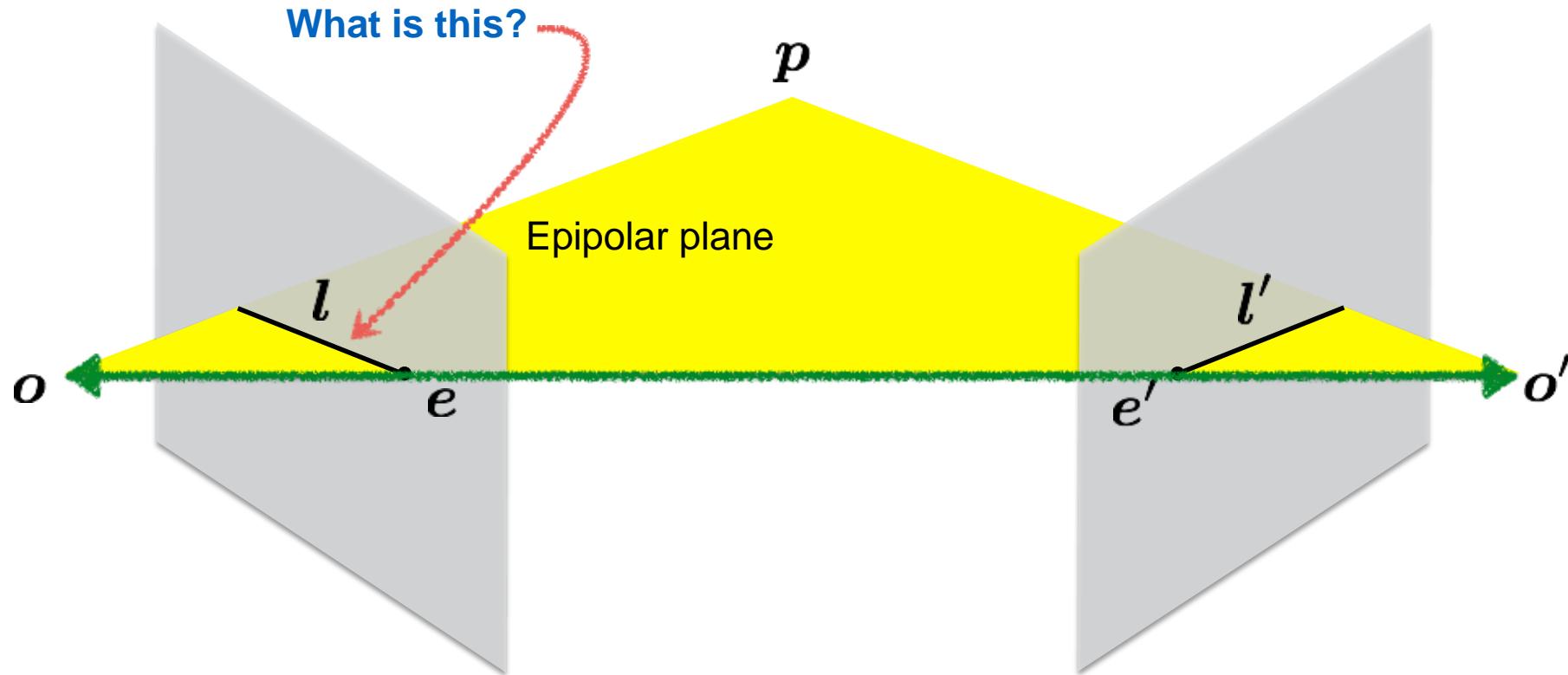
# Quiz



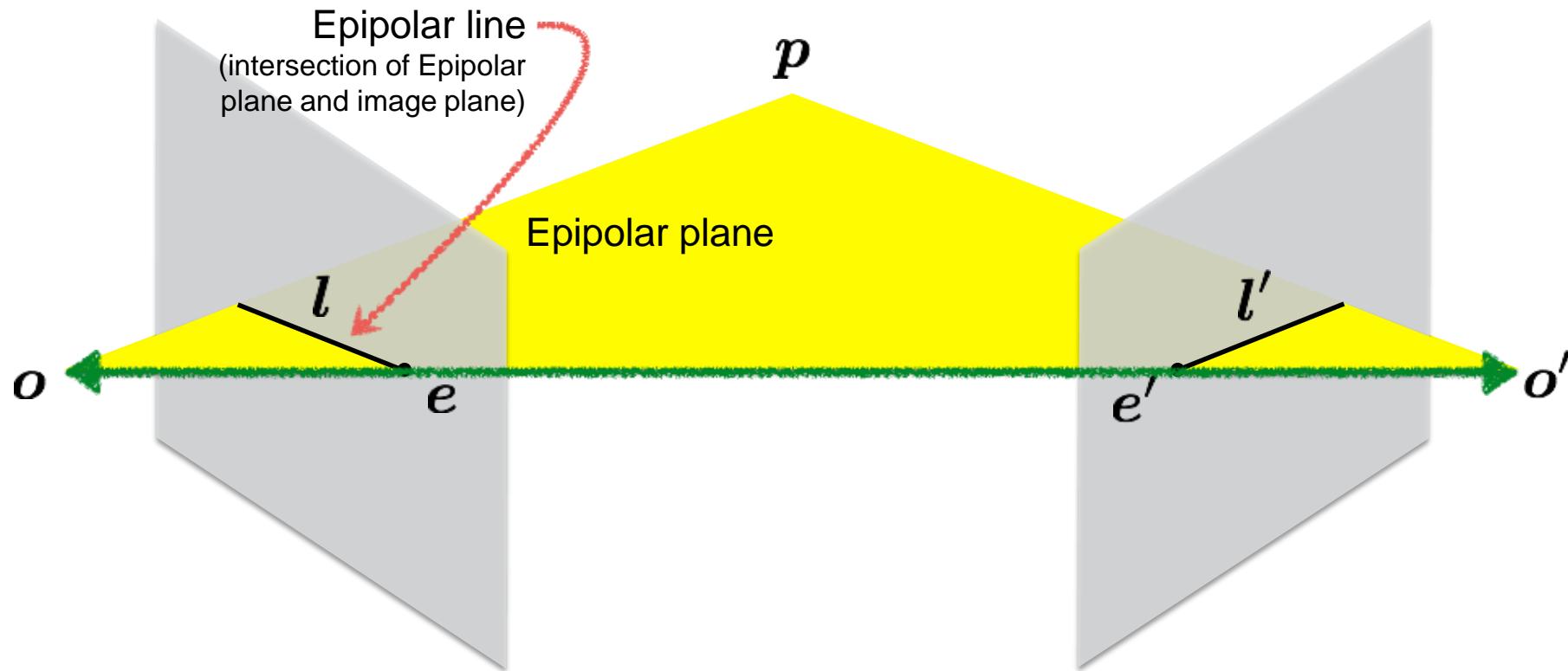
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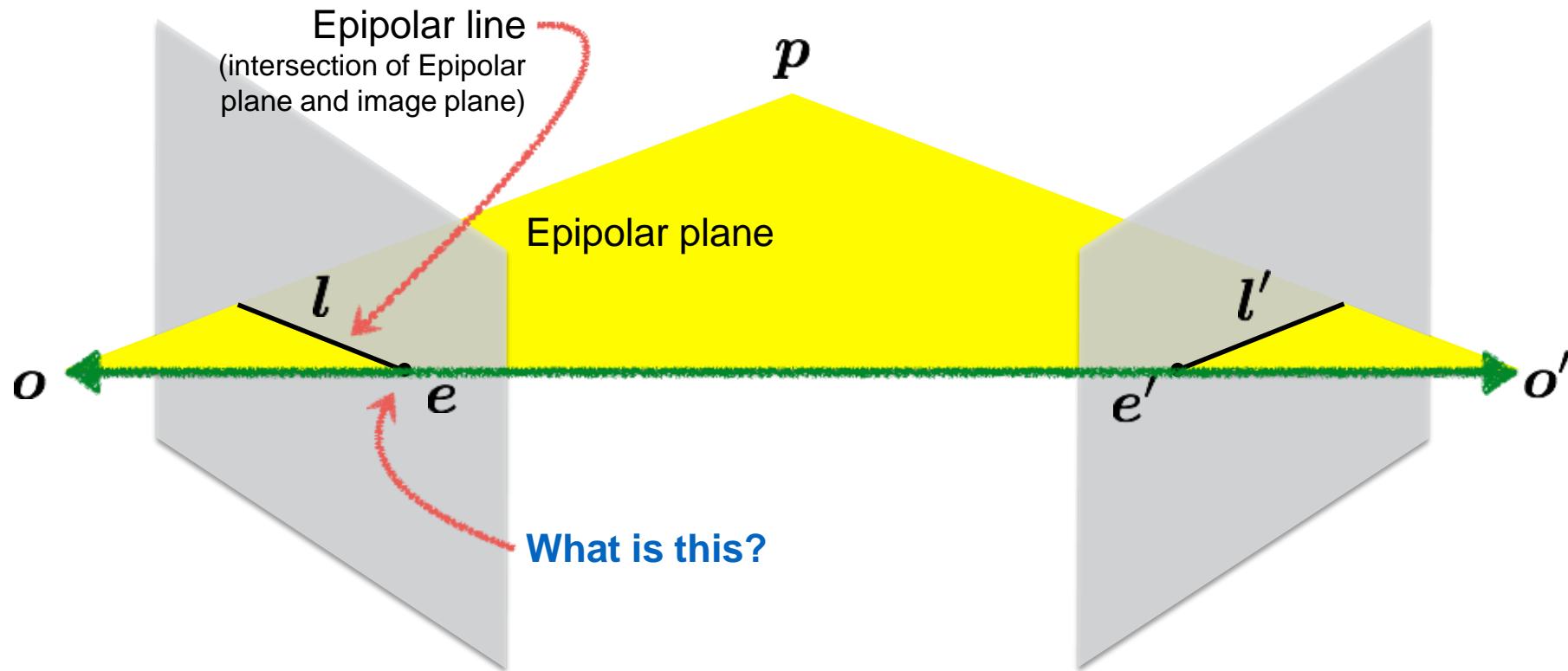
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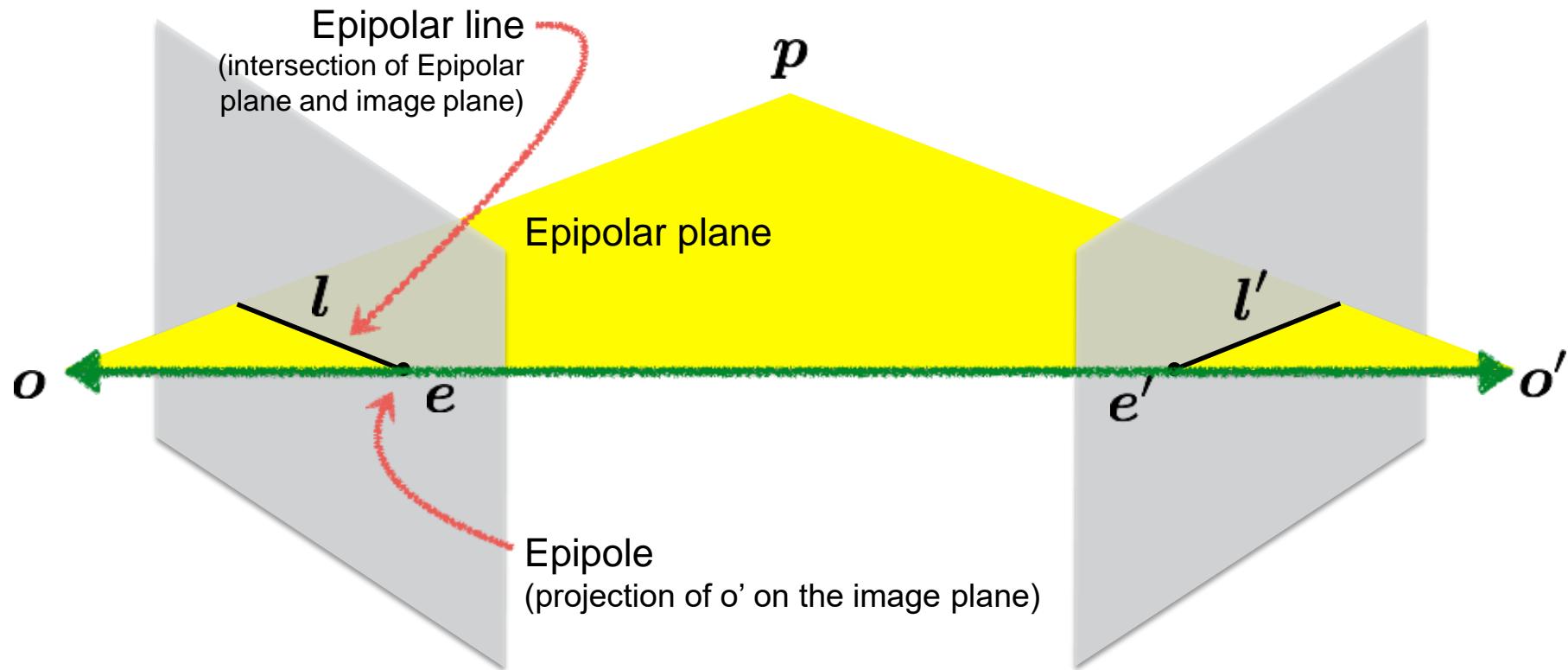
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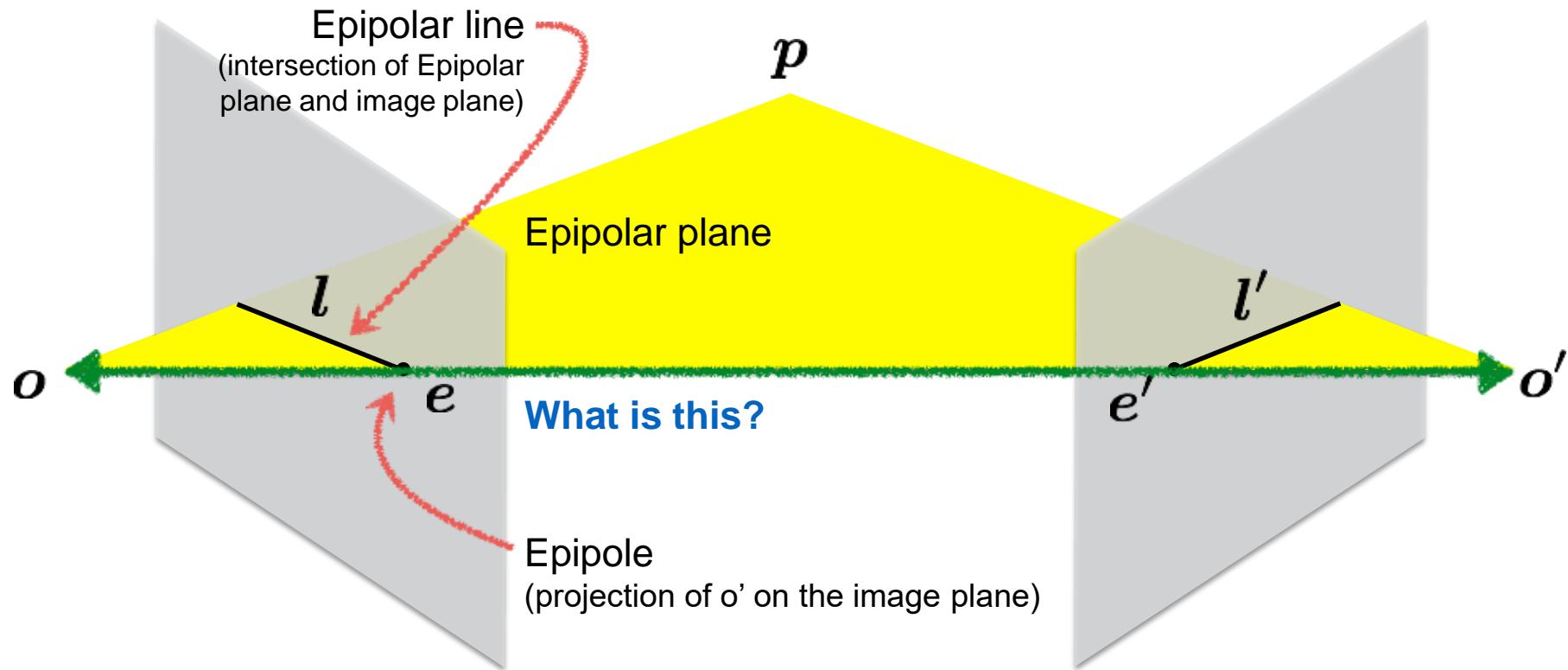
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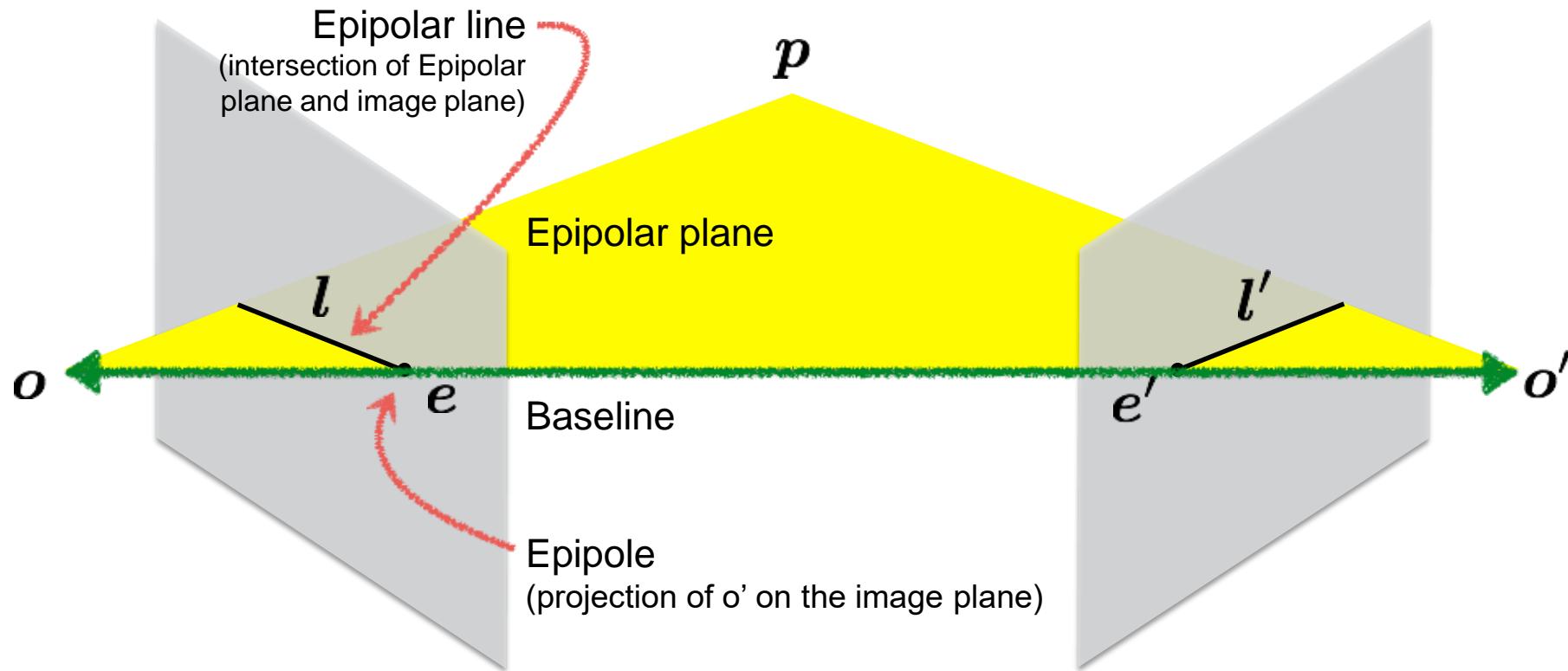
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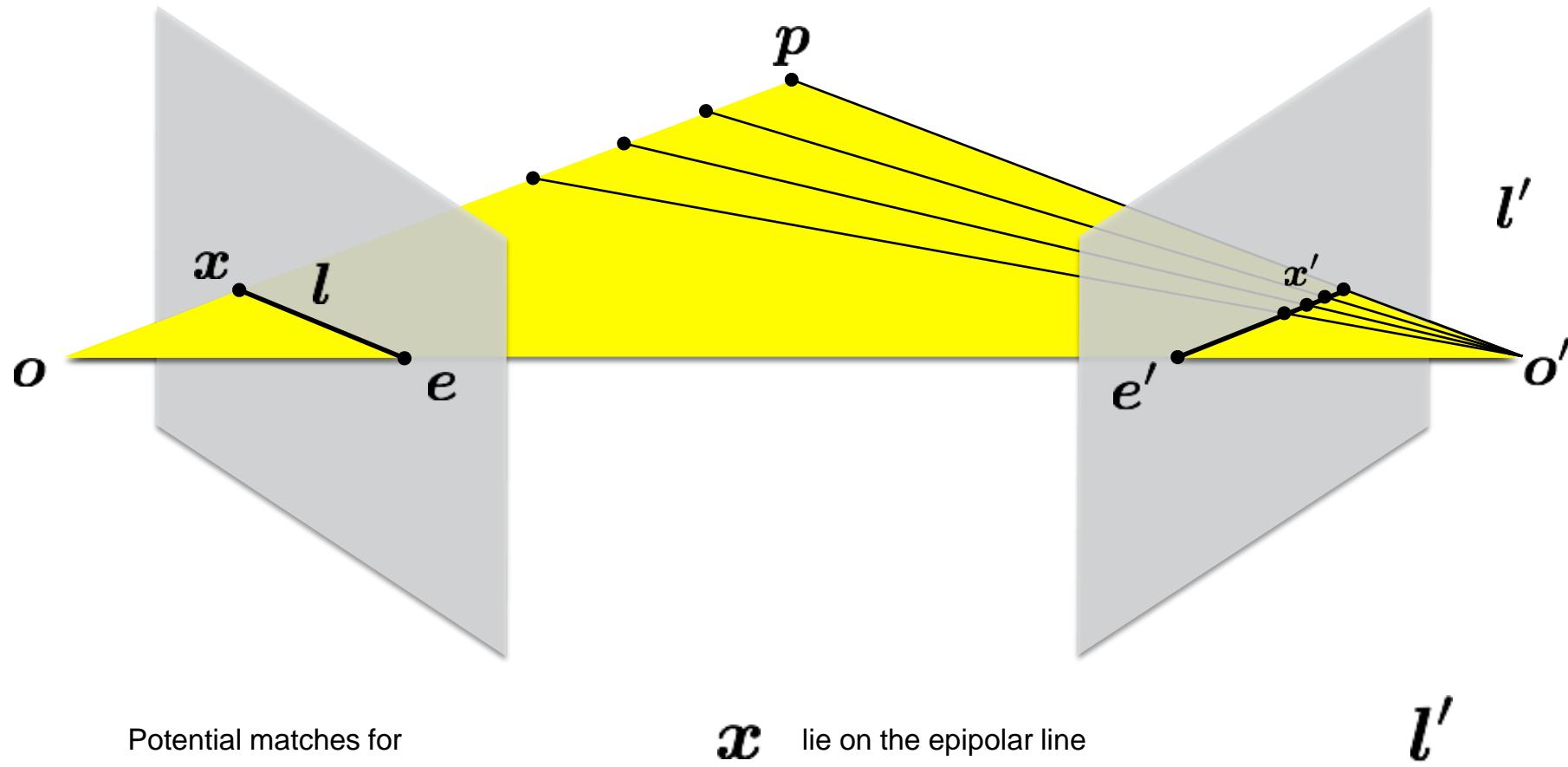
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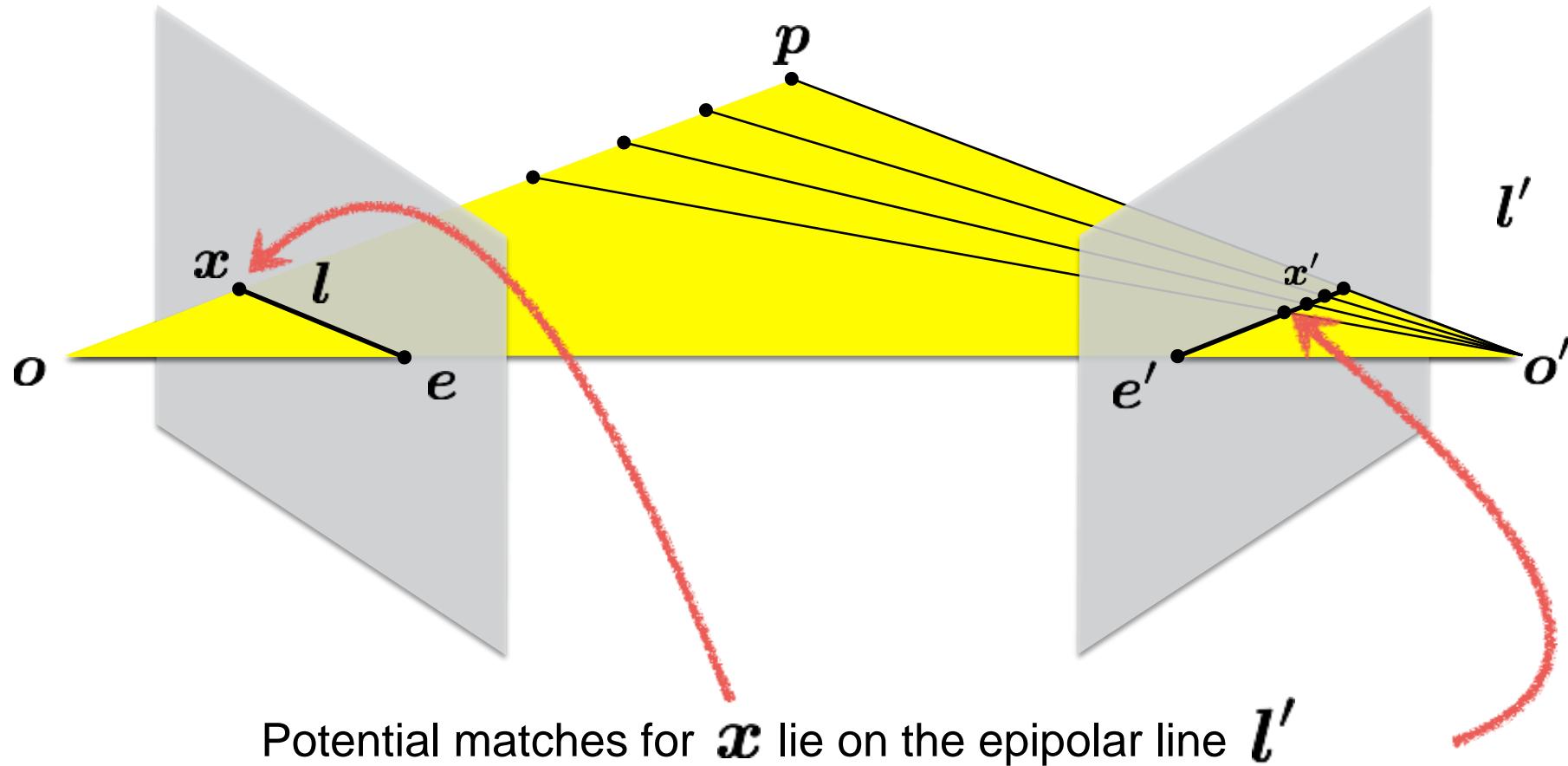
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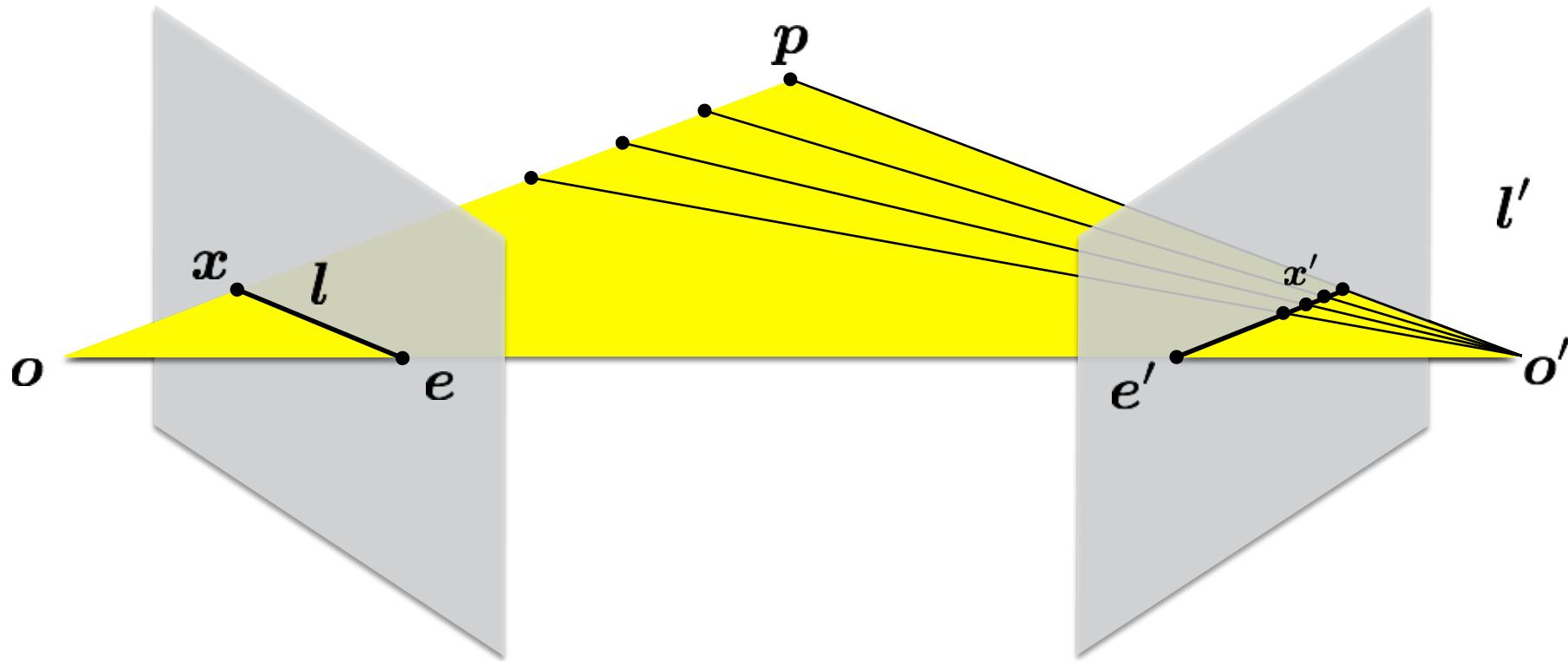


# Epipolar constraint



# Epipolar constraint





The point **x** (left image) maps to a \_\_\_\_\_ in the right image

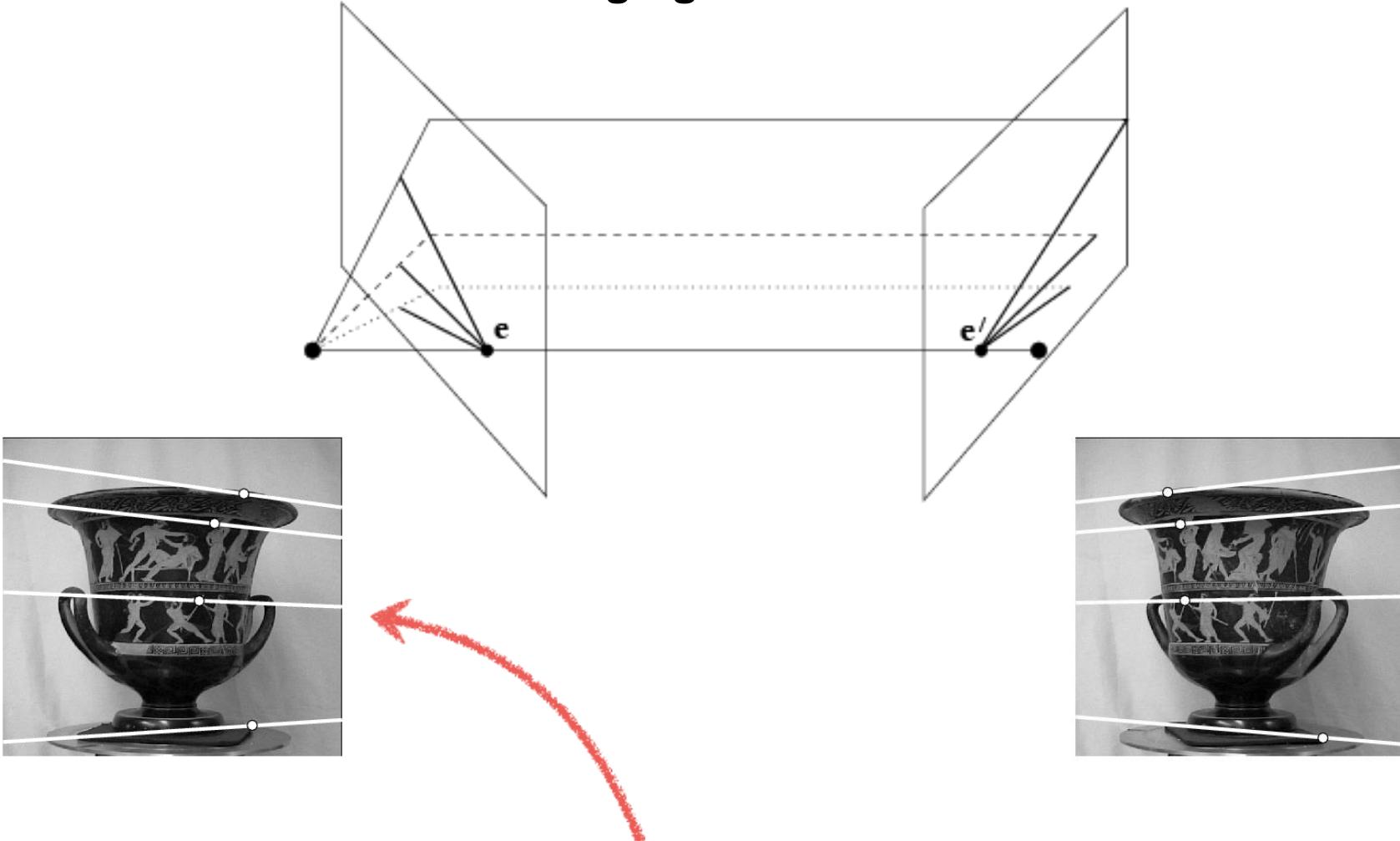
The baseline connects the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

An epipolar line (left image) maps to a \_\_\_\_\_ in the right image

An epipole **e** is a projection of the \_\_\_\_\_ on the image plane

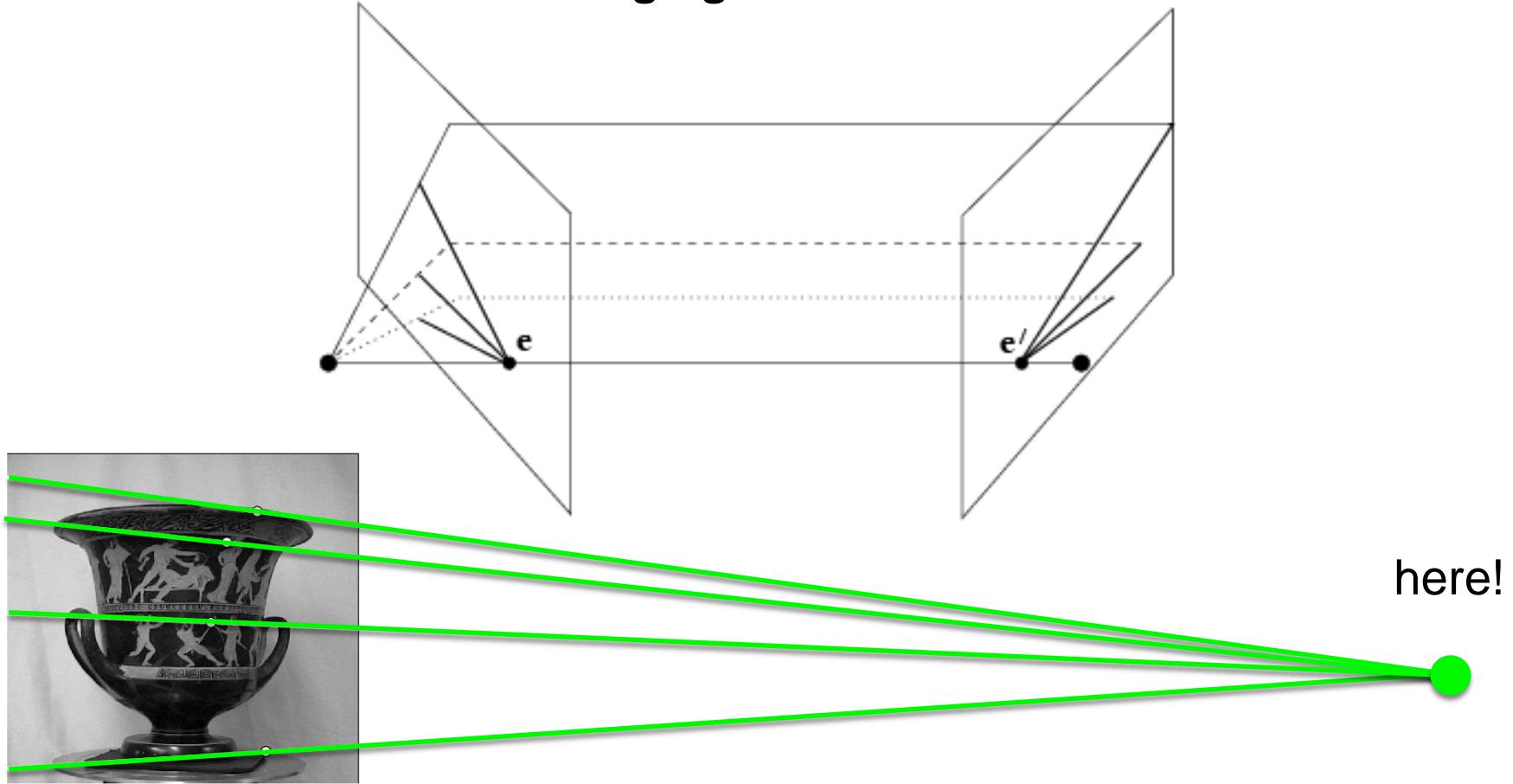
All epipolar lines in an image intersect at the \_\_\_\_\_

## Converging cameras



Where is the epipole in this image?

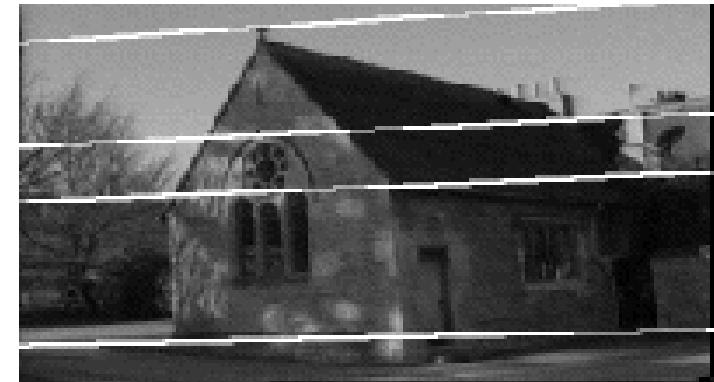
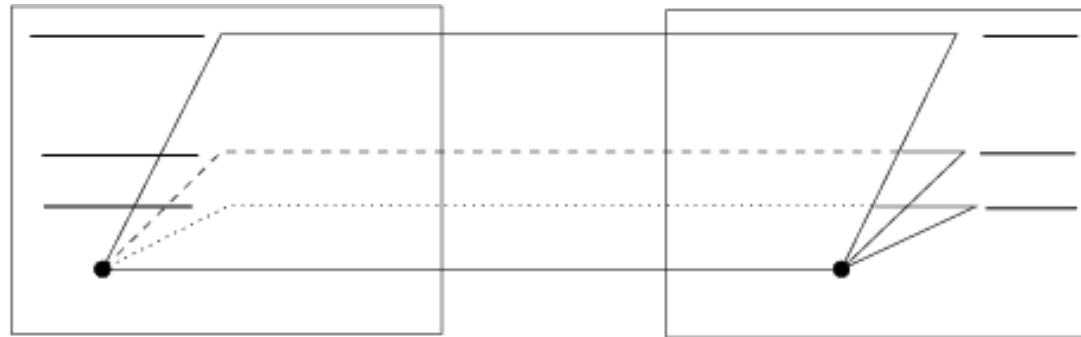
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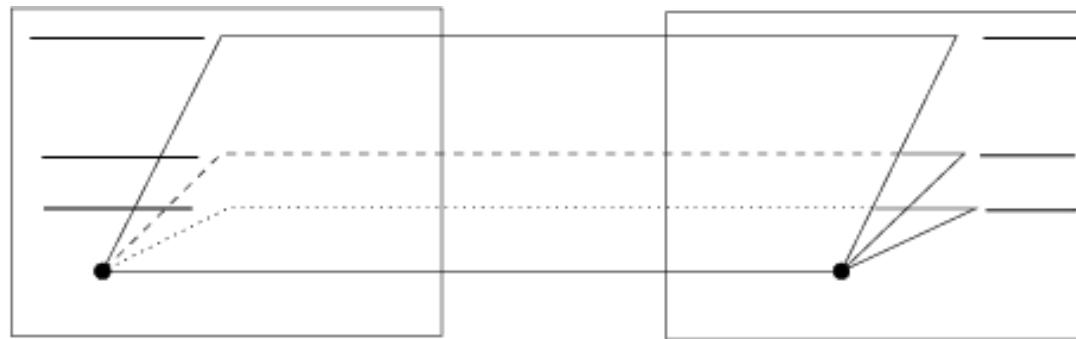
It's not always in the image

## Parallel cameras



Where is the epipole?

## Parallel cameras



epipole at infinity

## Forward-moving cameras



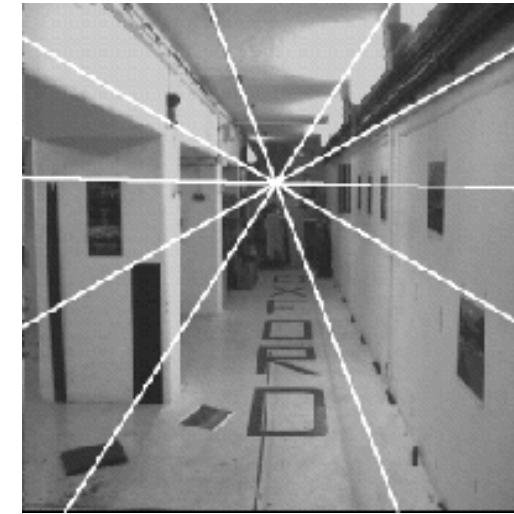
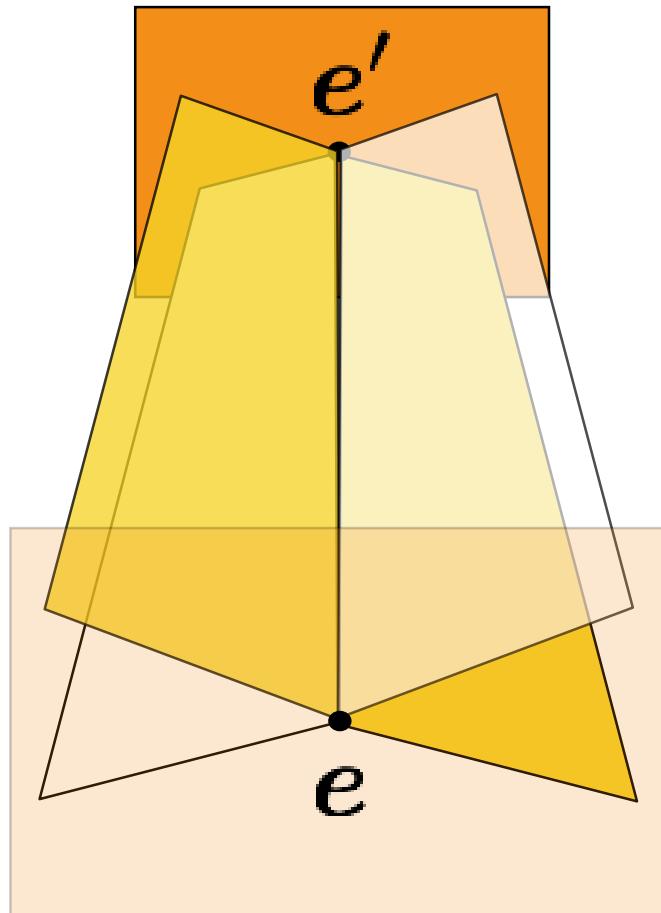
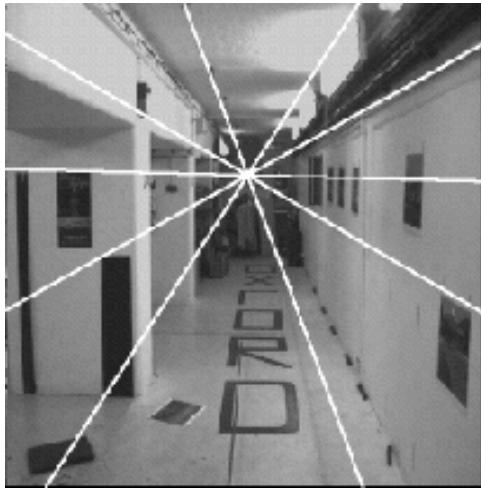
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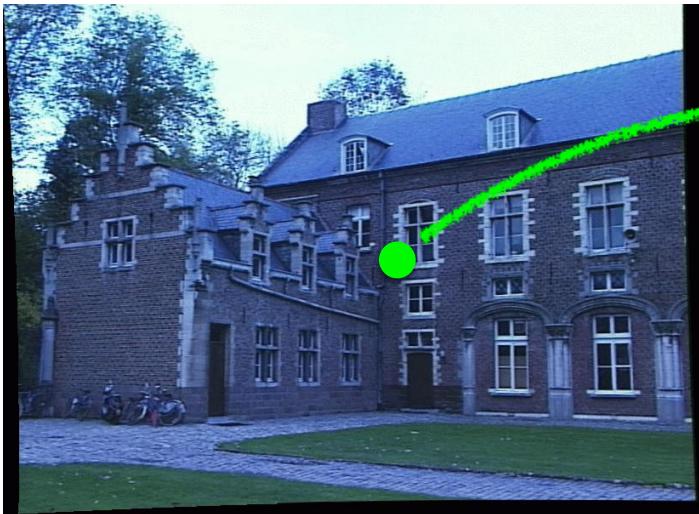
What do the epipolar lines look like?

Epipole has same coordinates in both images.  
Points move along lines radiating from “Focus of expansion”



The epipolar constraint is an important concept for stereo vision

**Task:** Match point in left image to point in right image



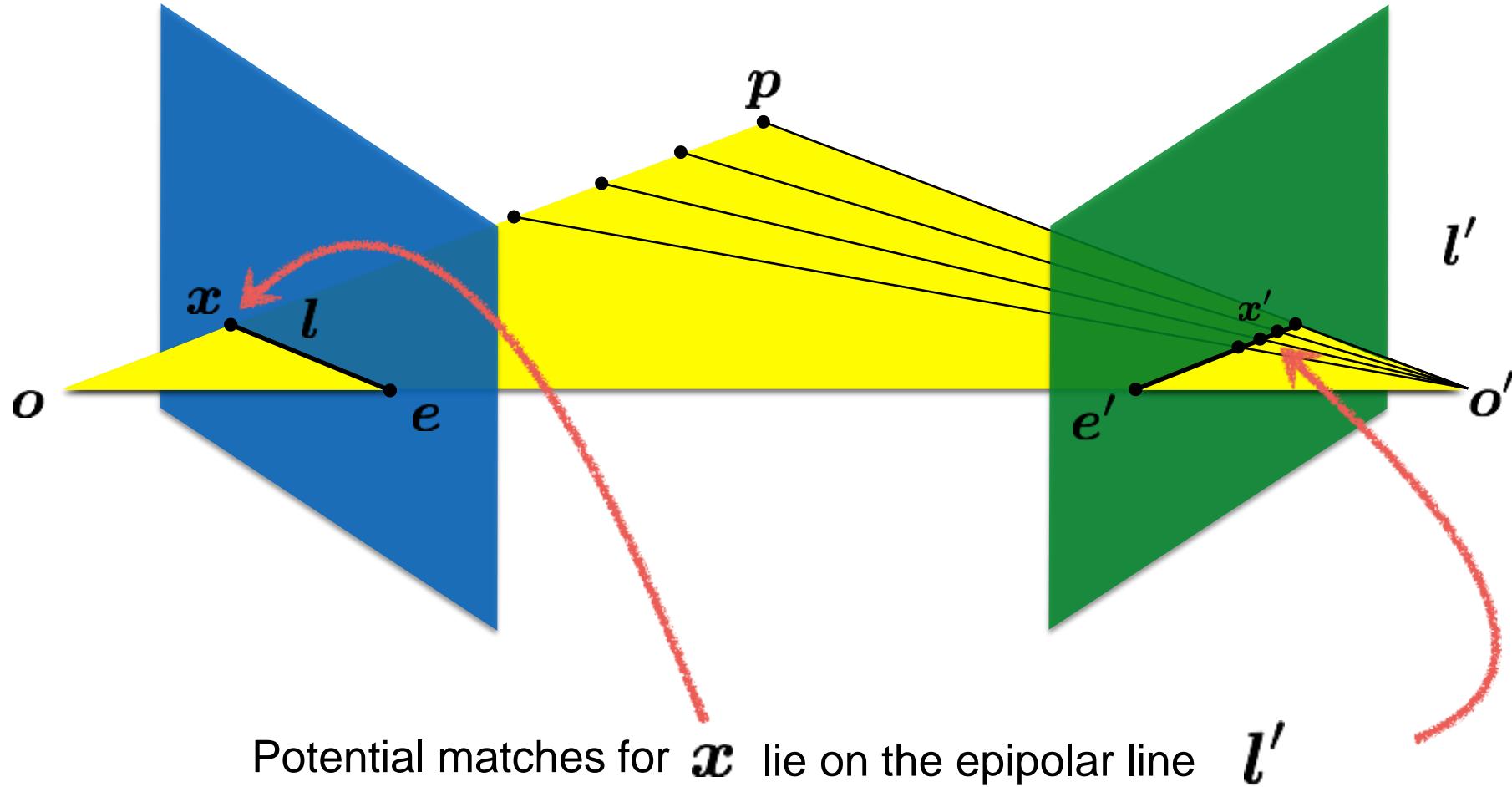
Left image



Right image

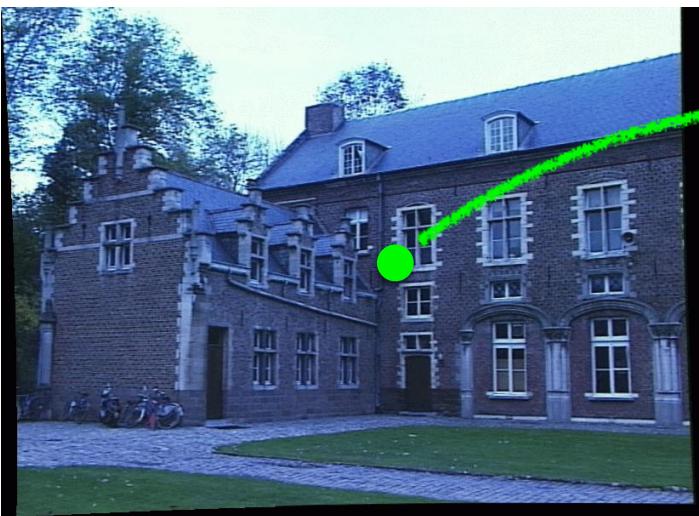
How would you do it?

# Recall: Epipolar constraint



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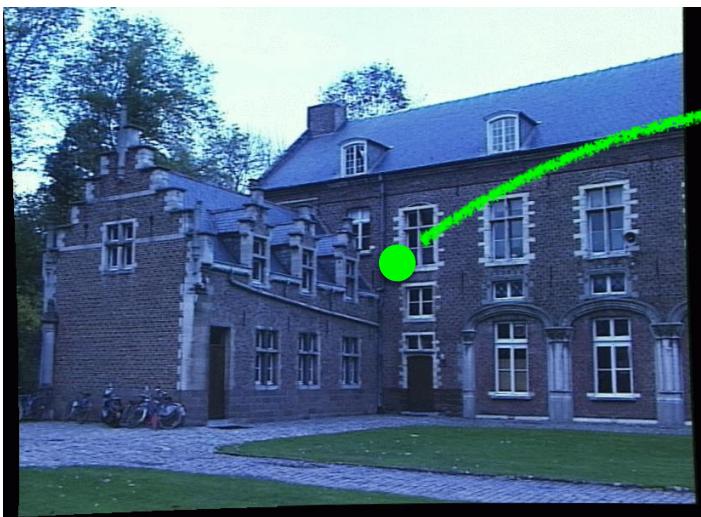
Right image

Want to avoid search over entire image

Epipolar constraint reduces search to a single line

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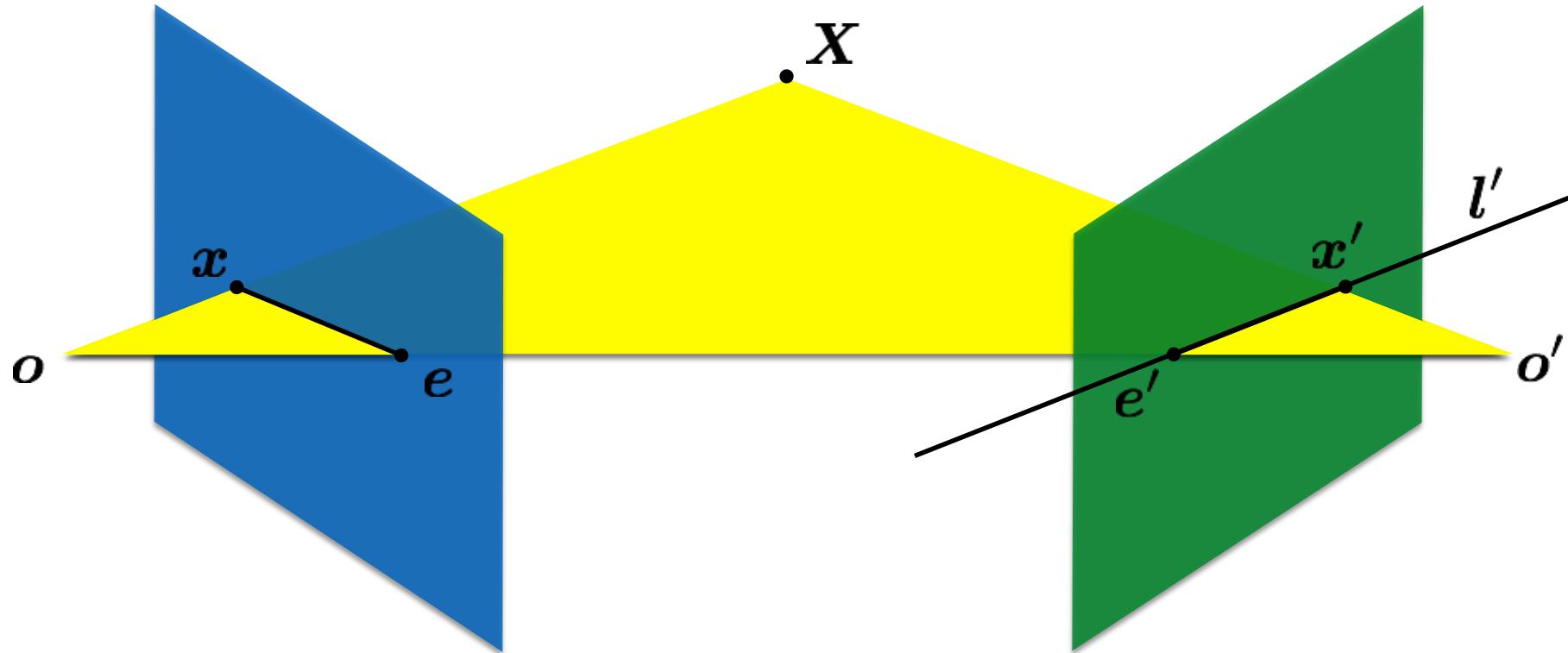
Epipolar constraint reduces search to a single line

How do you compute the epipolar line?

# The essential matrix

Given a point in one image,  
multiplying by the **essential matrix** will tell us  
the **epipolar line** in the second view.

$$\mathbf{E}x = l'$$



# Motivation

The Essential Matrix is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix that encodes **epipolar geometry**

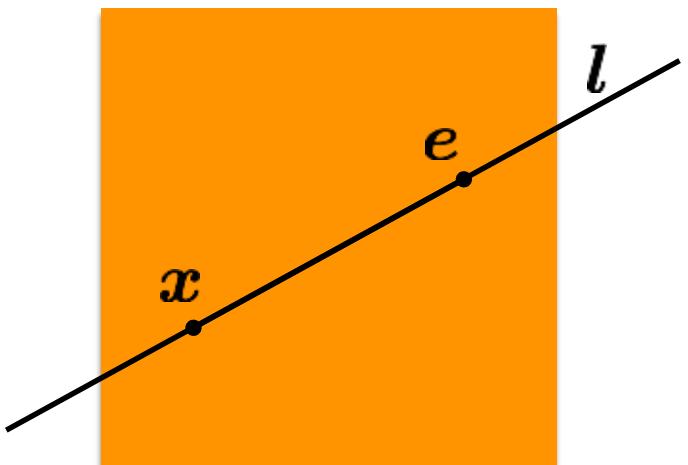
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Representing the ...

# Epipolar Line

$$ax + by + c = 0 \quad \text{in vector form}$$

$$\mathbf{l} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$



If the point  $\mathbf{x}$  is on the epipolar line  $\mathbf{l}$  then

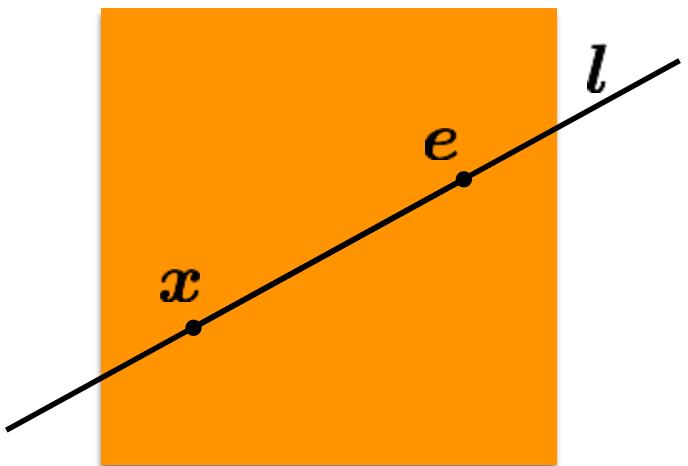
$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{l} = ?$$

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in vector form

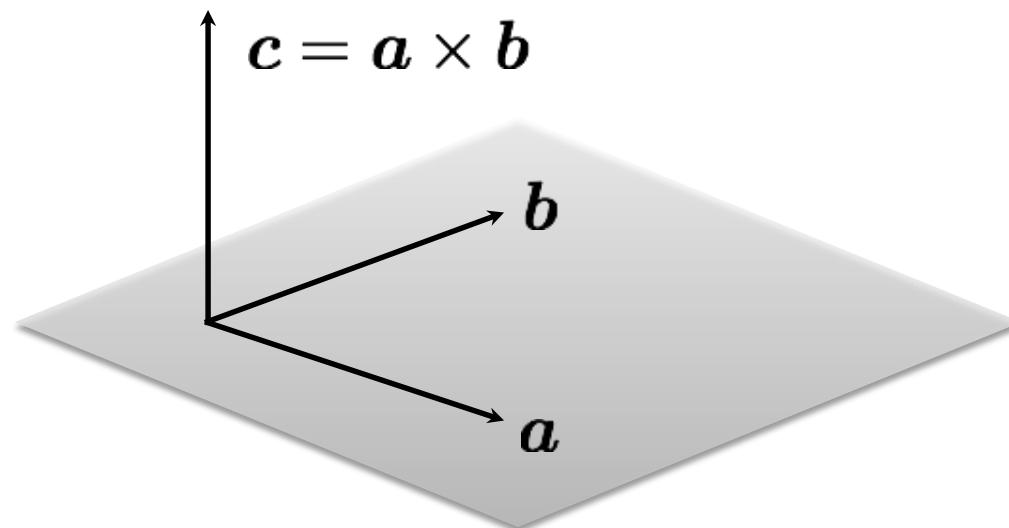
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$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{l} = 0$$

# Recall: Dot Product

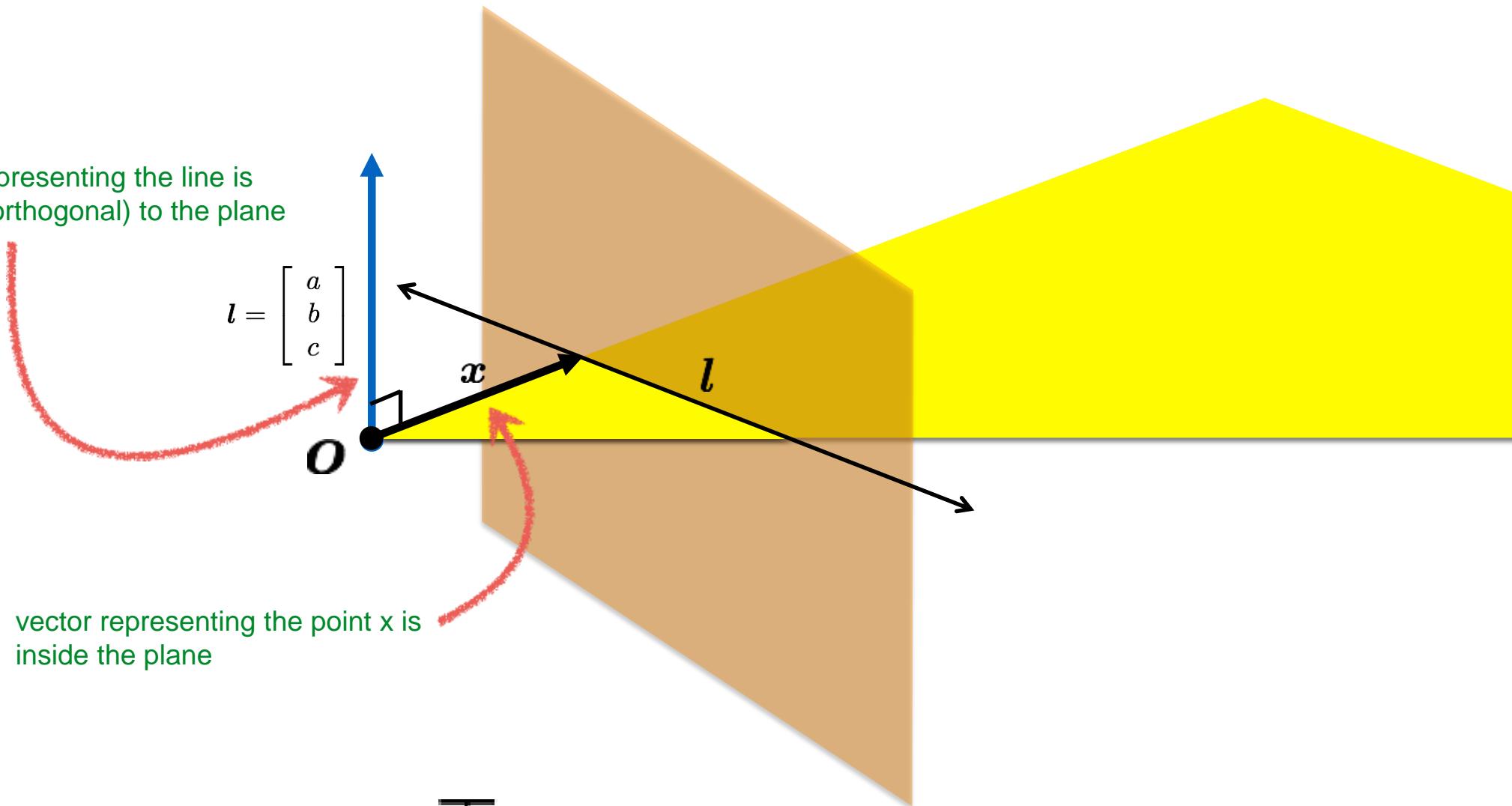


$$c \cdot a = 0$$

$$c \cdot b = 0$$

dot product of two orthogonal vectors is zero

vector representing the line is  
normal (orthogonal) to the plane

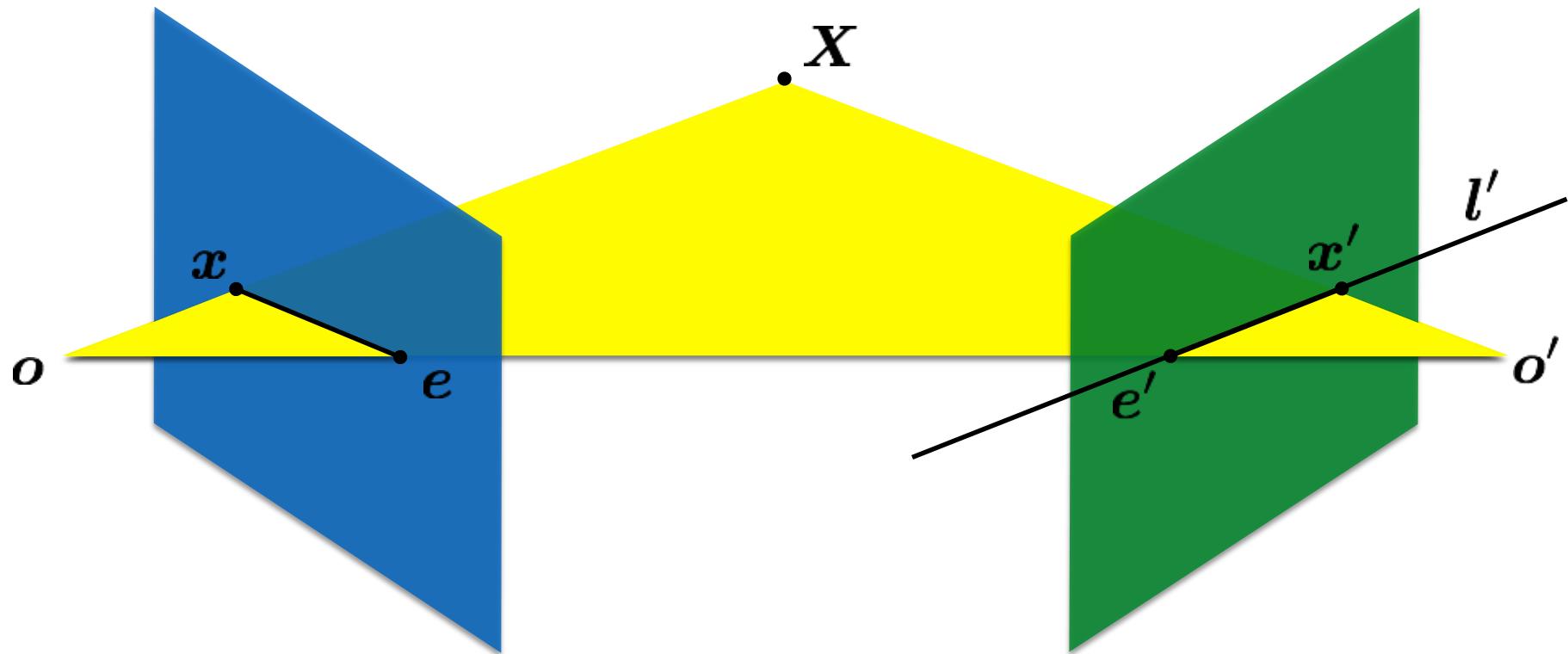


Therefore:

$$x^\top l = 0$$

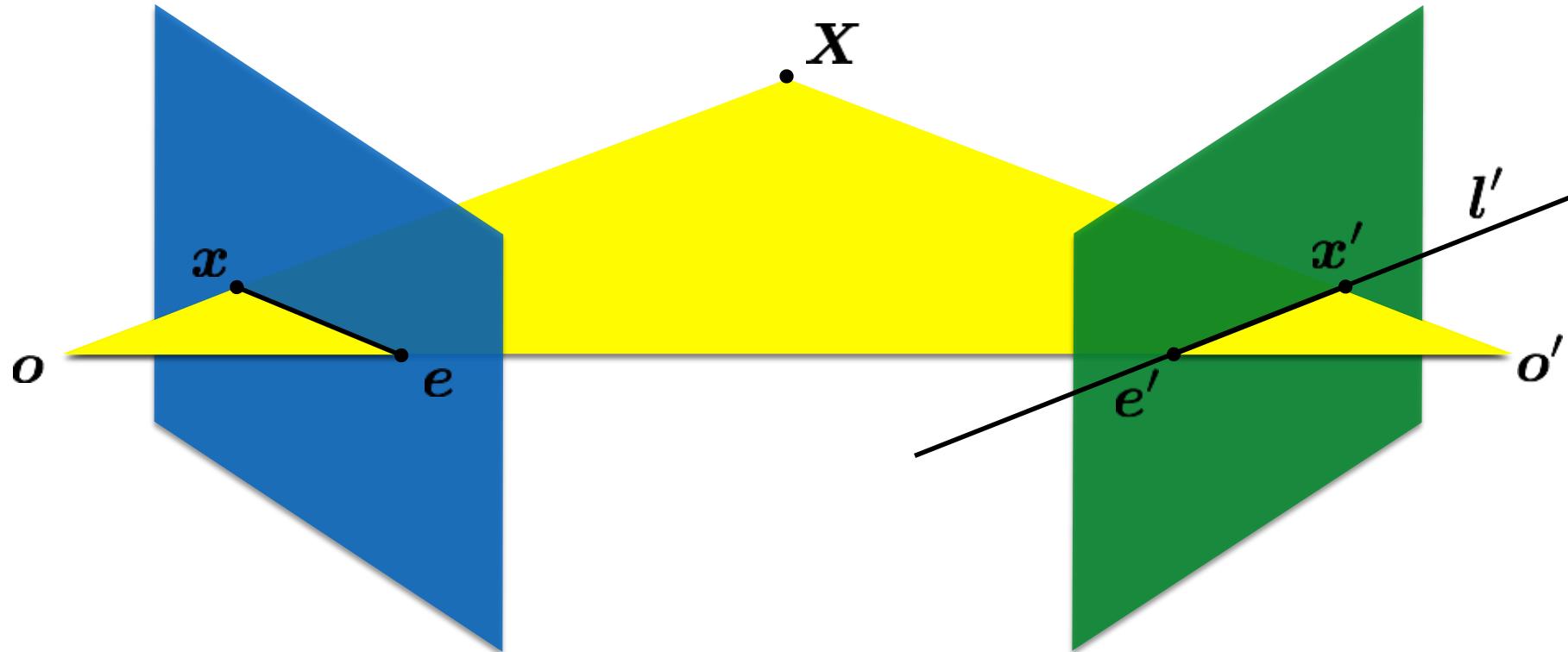
So if  $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{l} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{l}'$  then

$$\mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{E}\mathbf{x} = ?$$



So if  $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{l} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{l}'$  then

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



# Essential Matrix vs Homography

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# Essential Matrix vs Homography

*What's the difference between the essential matrix and a homography?*

They are both  $3 \times 3$  matrices but ...

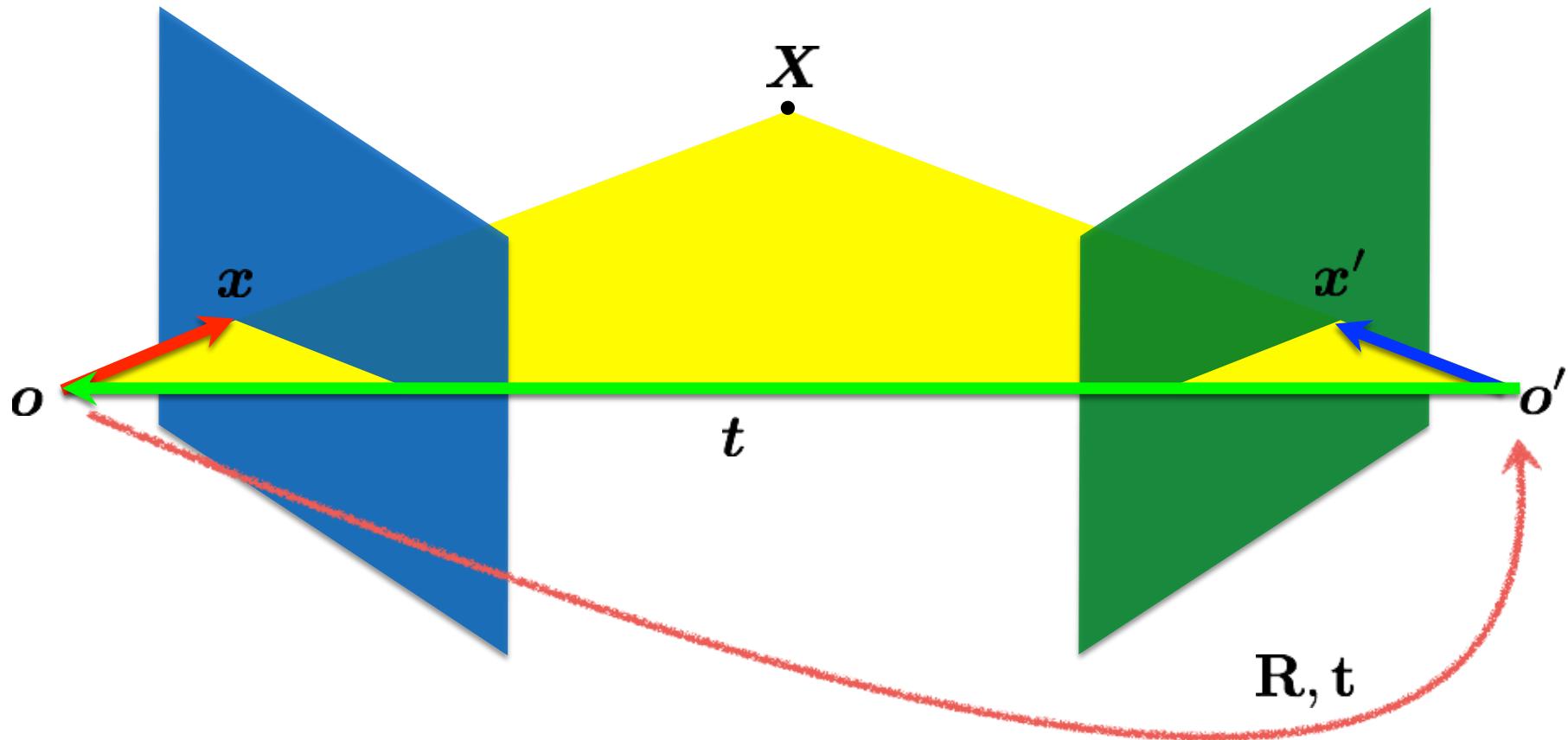
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Essential matrix maps a  
**point to a line**

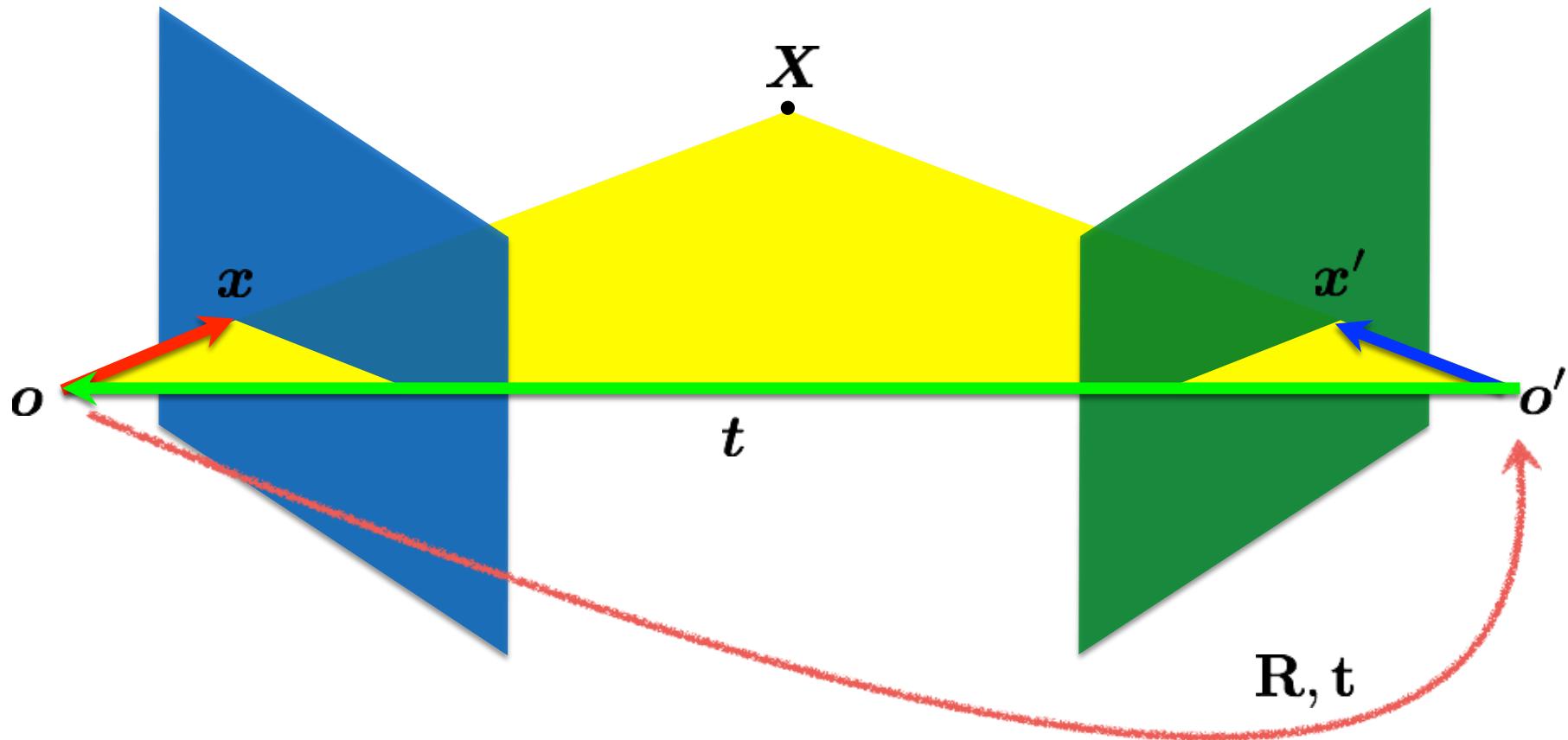
$$x' = \mathbf{H}x$$

Homography maps a  
**point to a point**

Where does the Essential matrix come from?

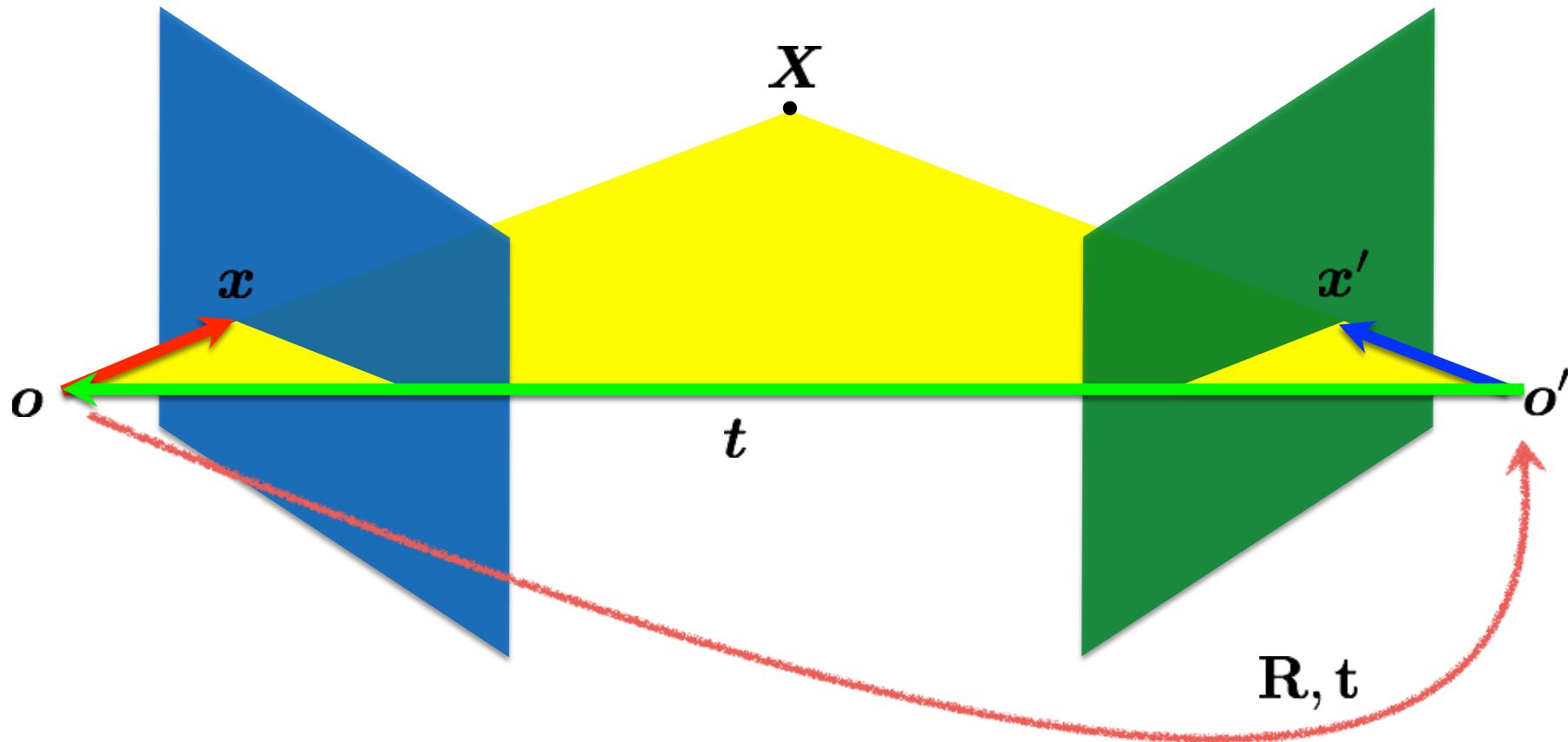


$$x' = R(x - t)$$



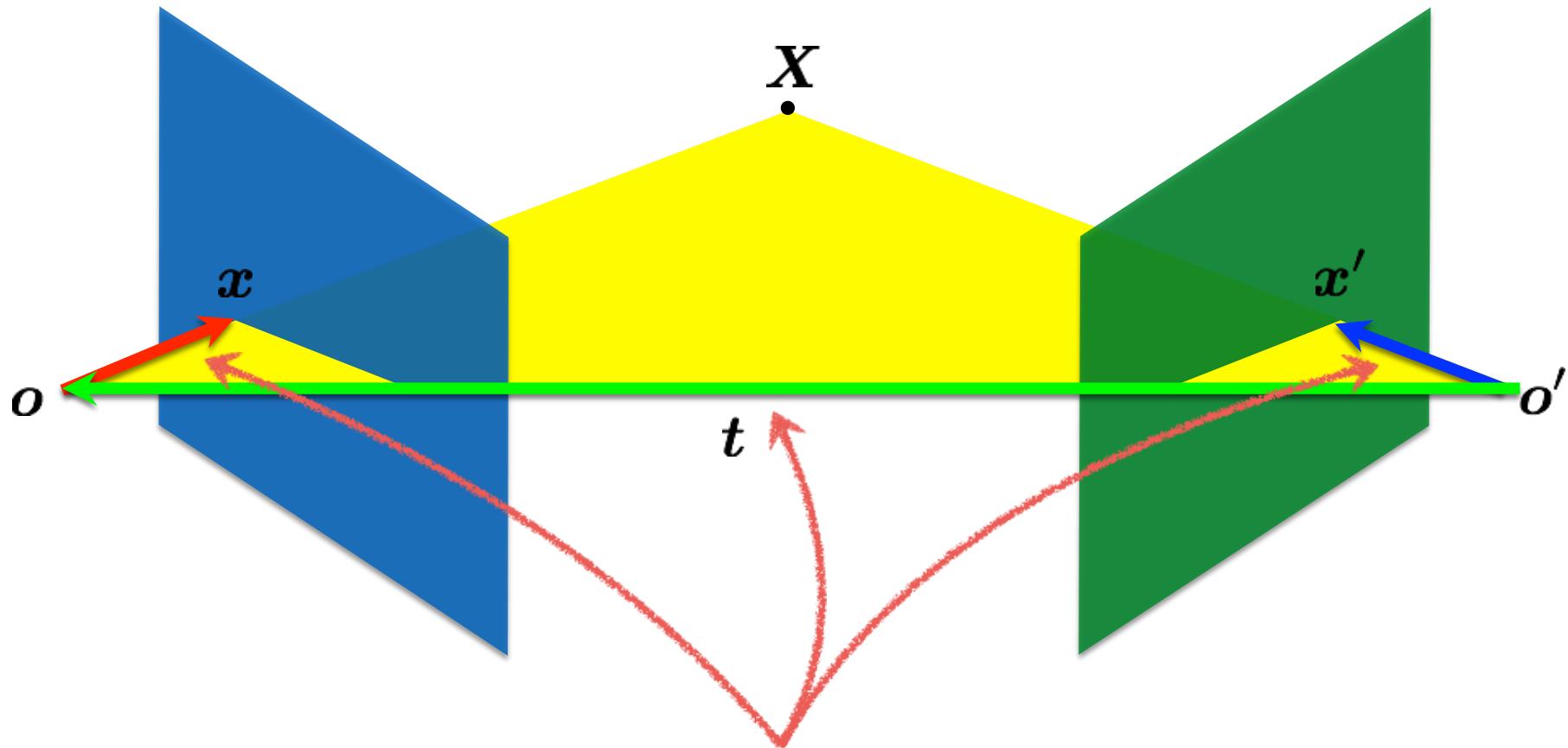
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Does this look familiar?



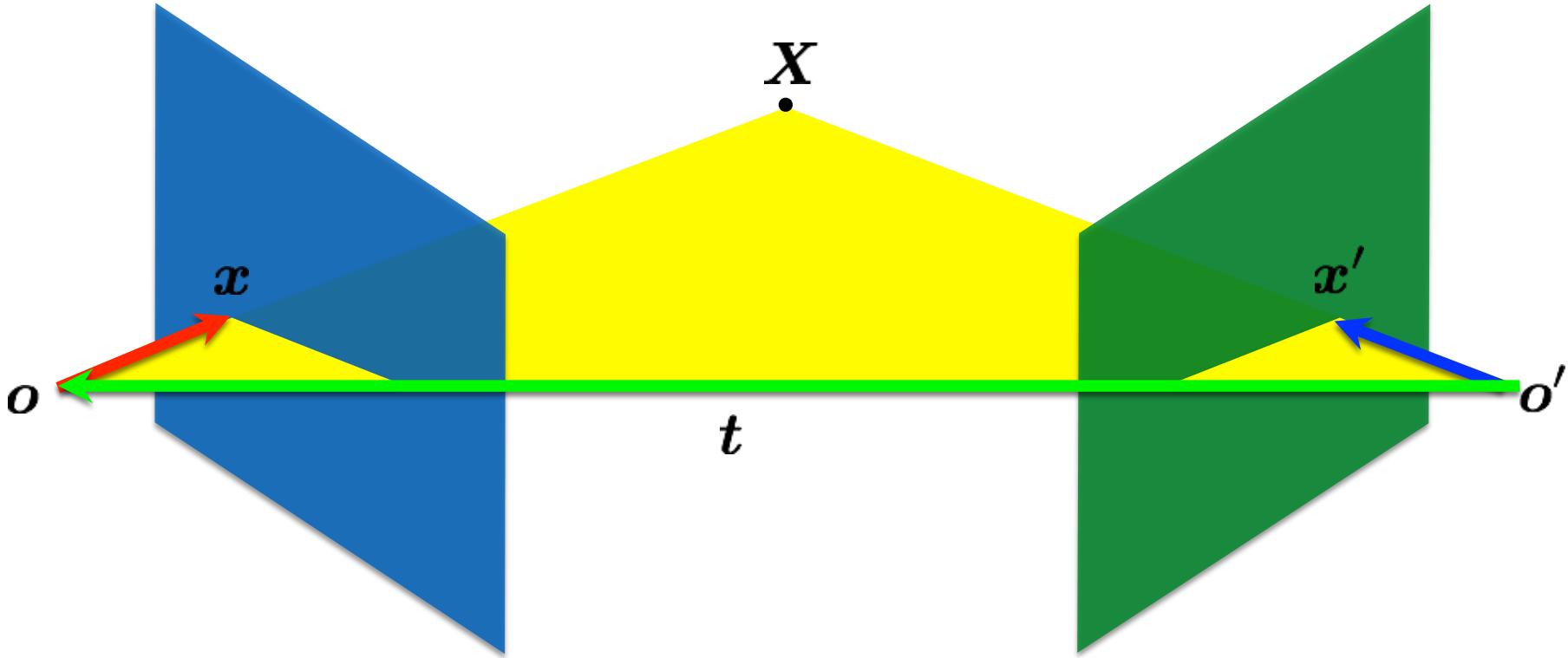
$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{t})$$

Camera-camera transform just like **world-camera** transform



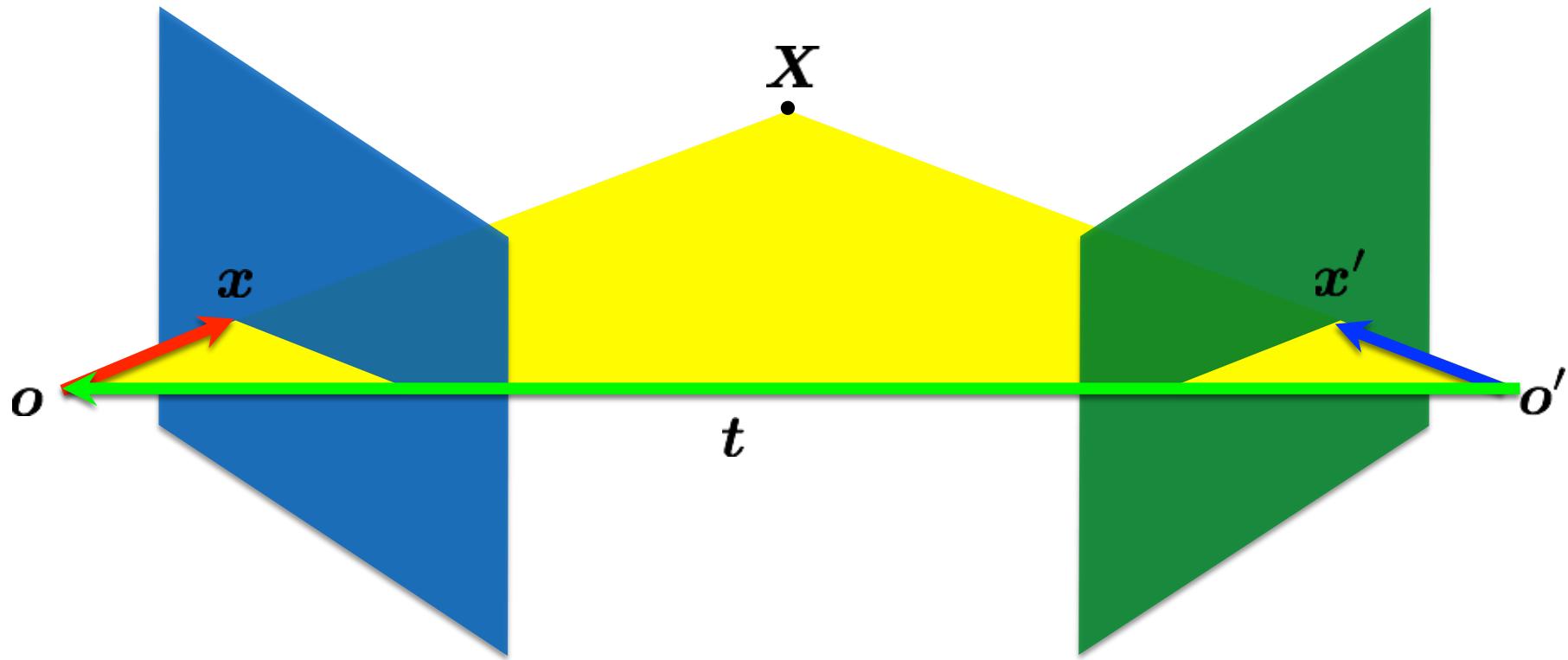
These three vectors are coplanar

$$x, t, x'$$



If these three vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}'$  are coplanar, then

$$\mathbf{x}^\top (\mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{x}) = ?$$



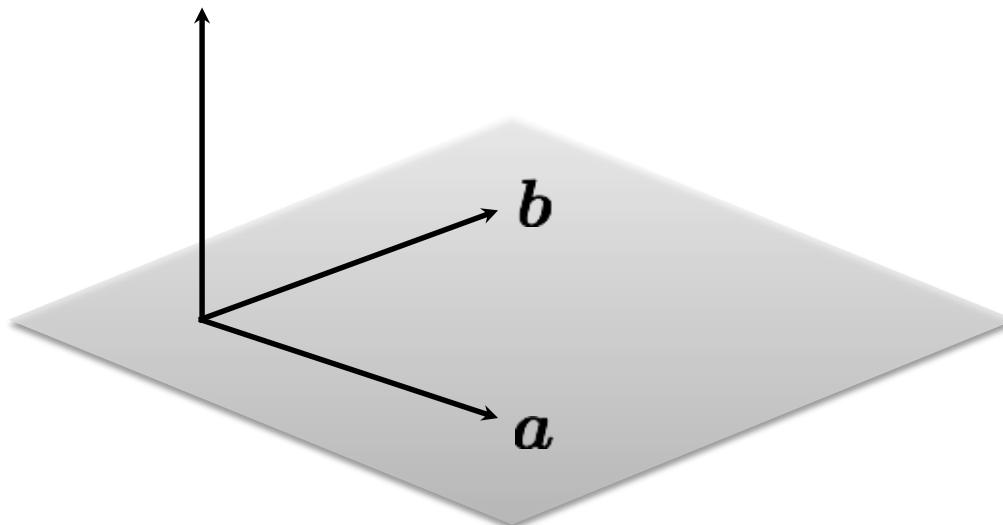
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# Recall: Cross Product

**Vector (cross) product**

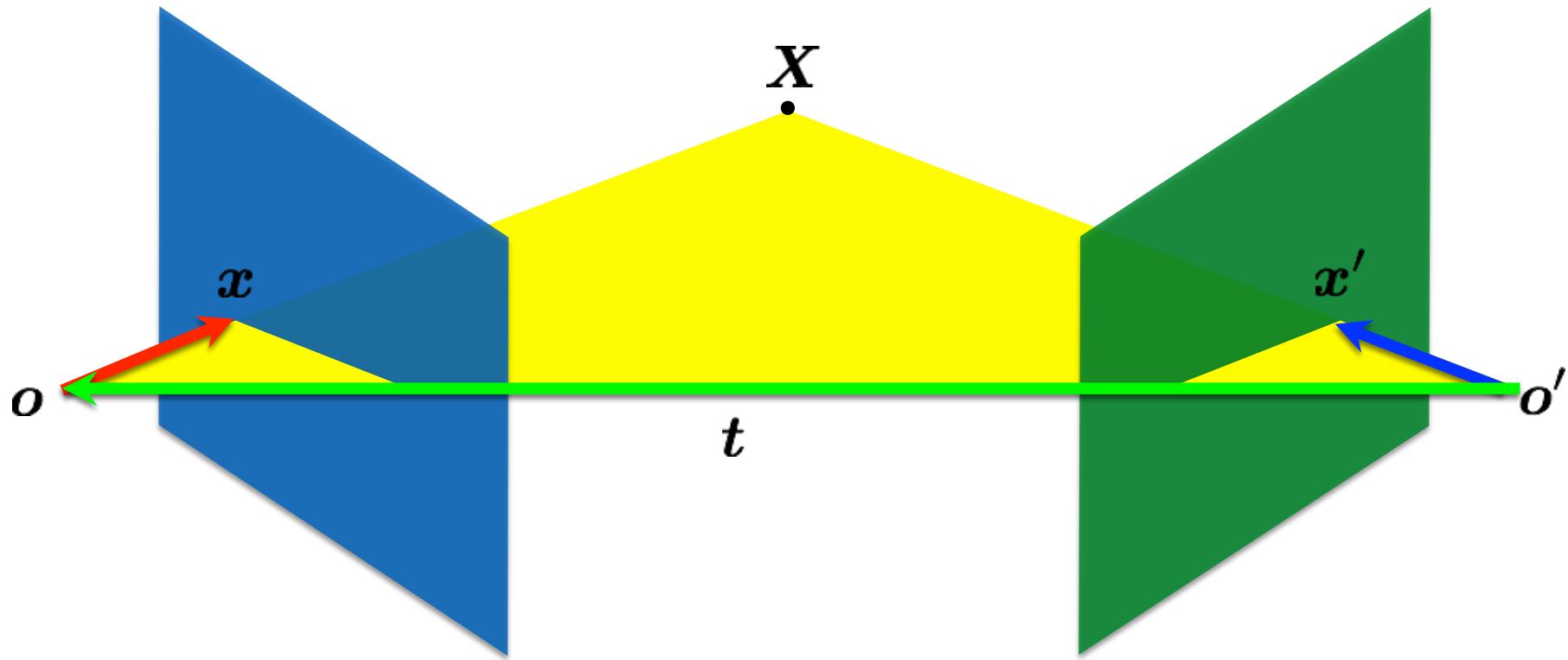
takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$$

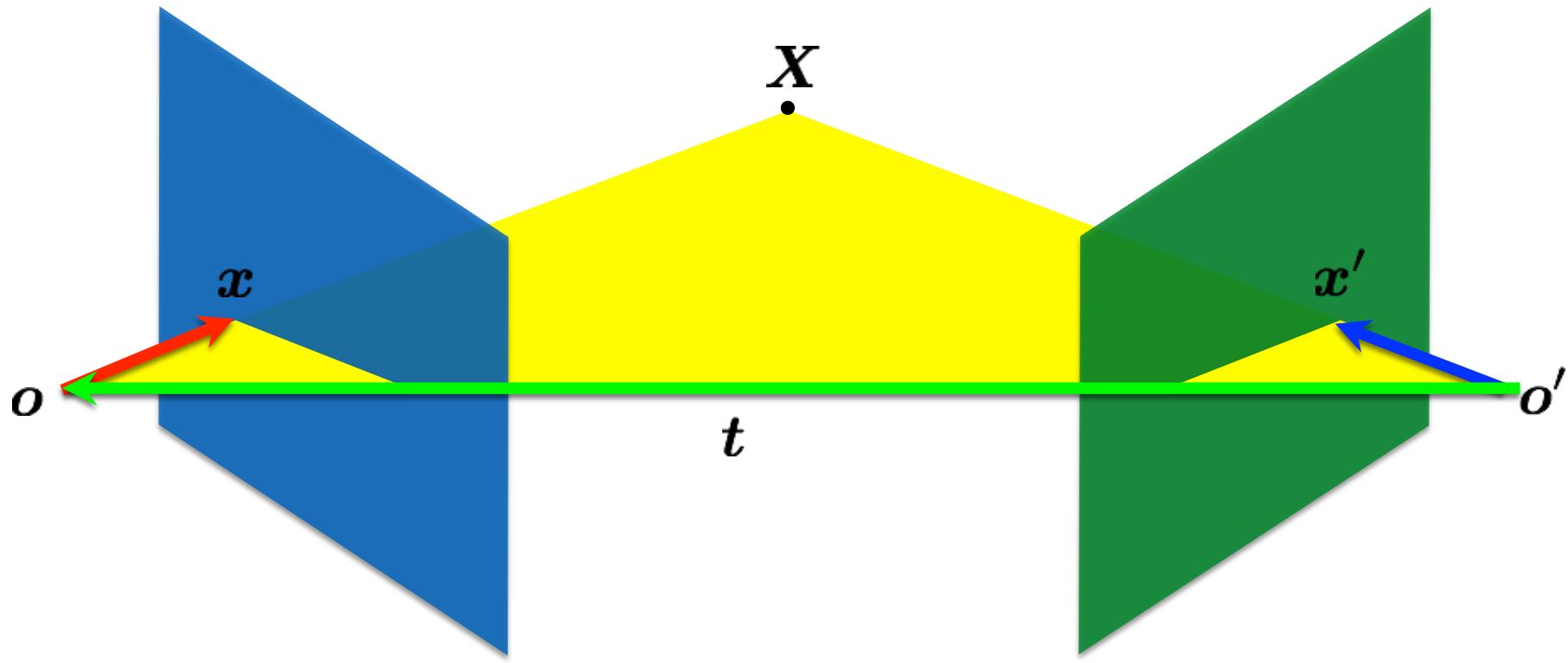


$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$$



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



$$(x - t)^\top (t \times x) = 0$$

# putting it together

rigid motion

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$$(\mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{R})(\mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{x}) = 0$$

Cross product

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**

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Essential Matrix  
[Longuet-Higgins 1981]

# properties of the E matrix

Longuet-Higgins equation

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(points in normalized coordinates)

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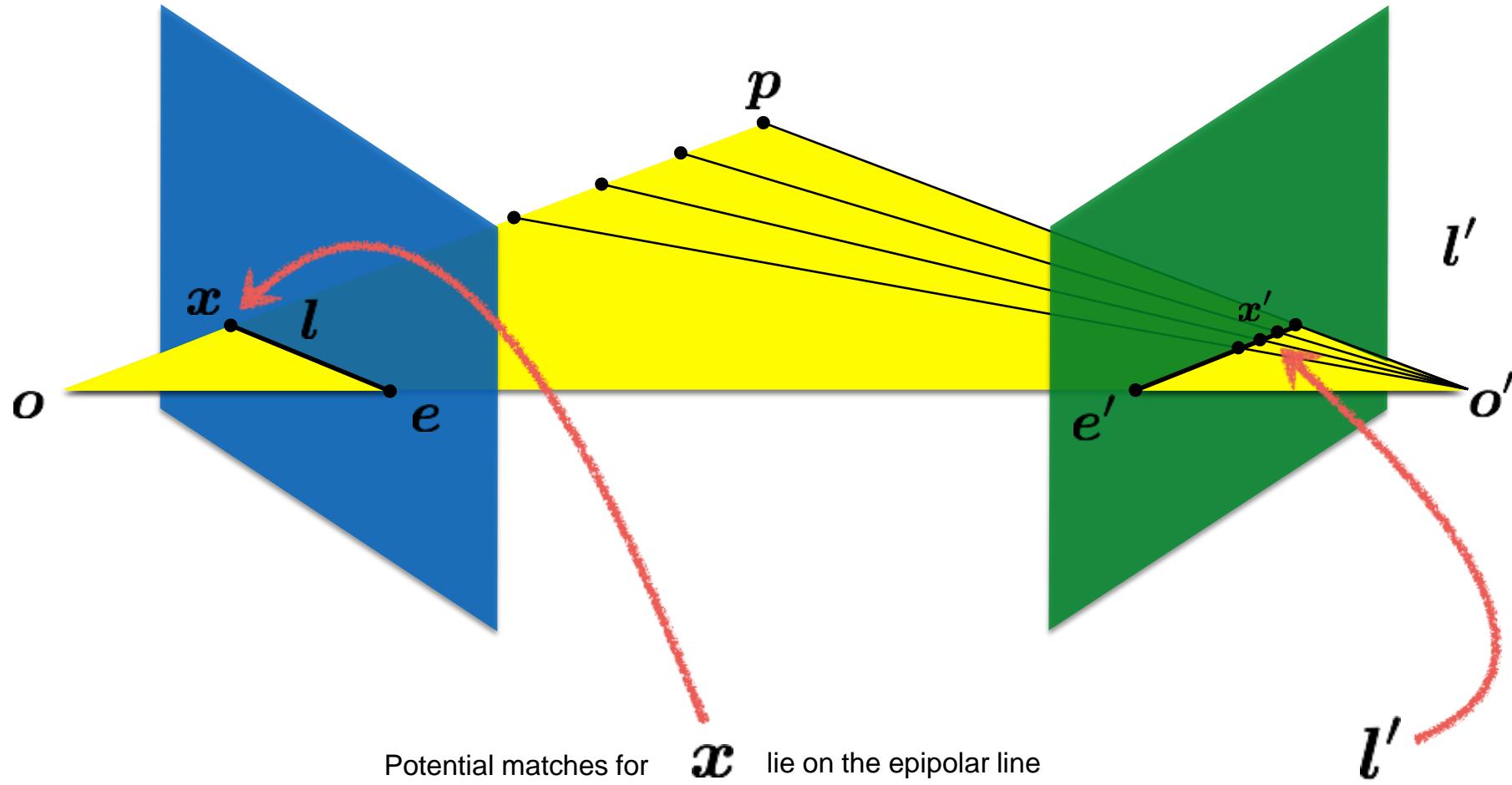
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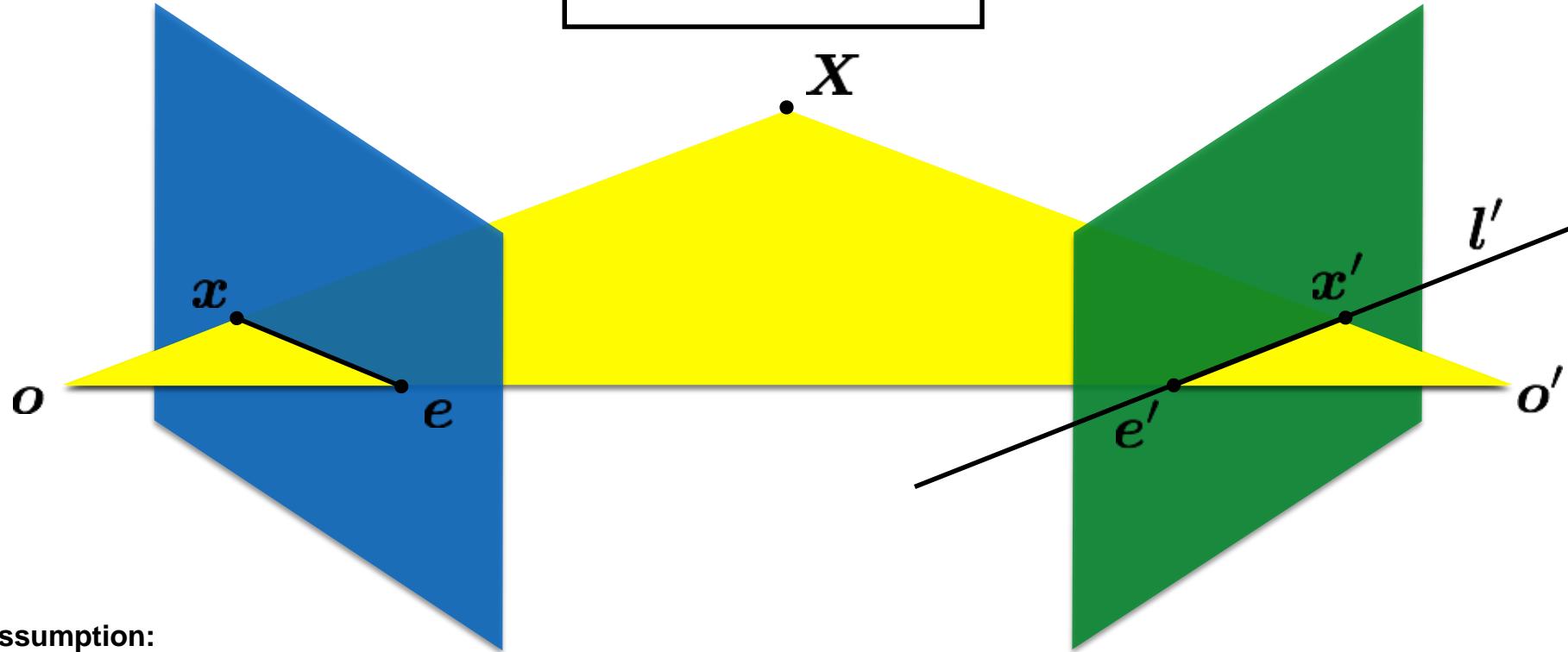
*points in normalized camera coordinates...*

# Recall: Epipolar constraint



Given a point in one image,  
multiplying by the **essential matrix** will tell us  
the **epipolar line** in the second view.

$$\mathbf{E}x = l'$$



**Assumption:**

points aligned to camera coordinate axis (calibrated camera)

How do you  
generalize to  
uncalibrated  
cameras?

# The fundamental matrix

The Fundamental matrix is a **generalization** of the Essential matrix, where the assumption of calibrated cameras is removed

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

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

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Writing out the epipolar constraint in terms of image coordinates

$$\mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{K}'^{-\top} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x}'^\top (\mathbf{K}'^{-\top} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1}) \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

Same equation works in image coordinates!

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it maps pixels to epipolar lines

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How would you solve for F?

$$\mathbf{x}_m'^\top \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}_m = 0$$

# The 8-point algorithm

Assume you have  $M$  matched *image* points

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ONE correspondence gives you ONE equation

$$\begin{aligned}
& x_m x'_m f_1 + x_m y'_m f_2 + x_m f_3 + \\
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How many equations do you need?

Each point pair (according to epipolar constraint) contributes only one scalar equation

$$\mathbf{x}'_m^\top \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}_m = 0$$

**Note:** This is different from the Homography estimation where each point pair contributes 2 equations.

We need at least 8 points

**Hence, the 8 point algorithm!**

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$$AX = 0$$

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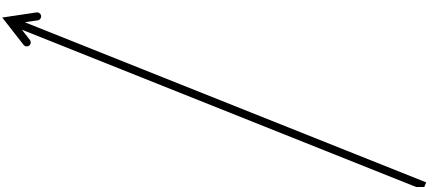
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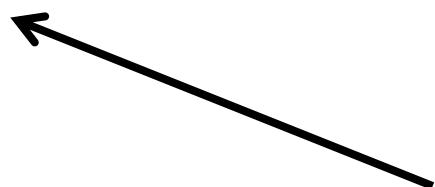
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See Hartley-Zisserman for why we do this

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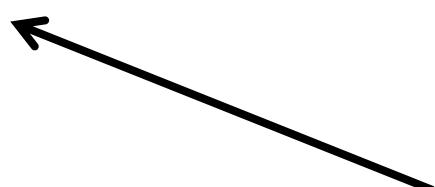
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# Enforcing rank constraints

**Problem:** Given a matrix  $\mathbf{F}$ , find the matrix  $\mathbf{F}'$  of rank  $k$  that is closest to  $\mathbf{F}$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\mathbf{F}'} & \|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F}'\|^2 \\ \text{rank}(\mathbf{F}') = k & \end{array}$$

**Solution:** Compute the singular value decomposition of  $\mathbf{F}$ ,

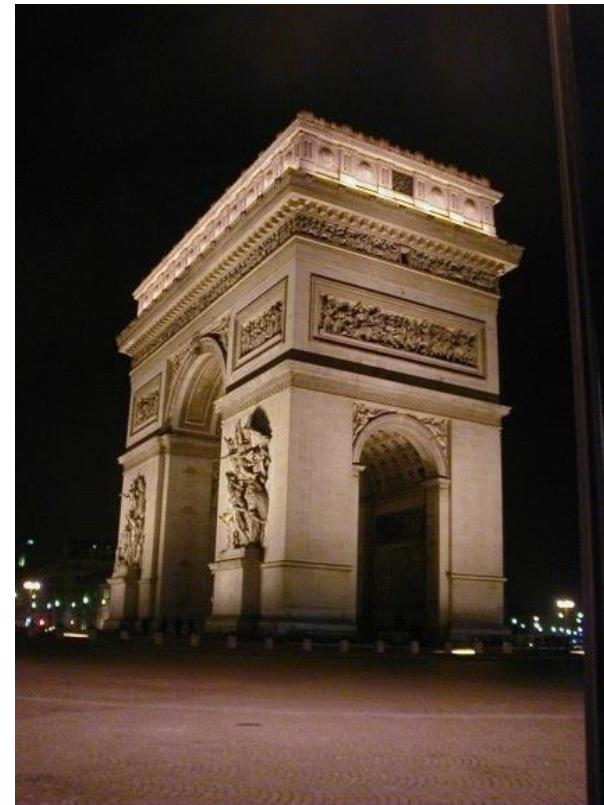
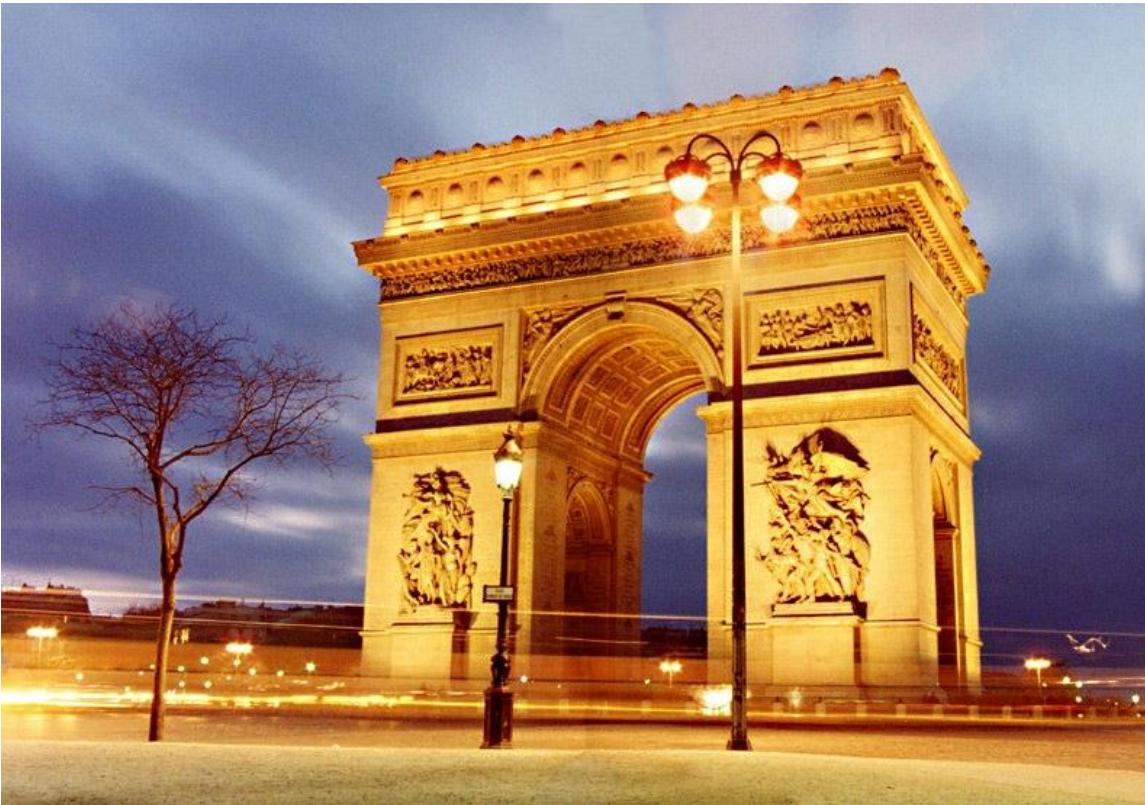
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Form a matrix  $\Sigma'$  by replacing all but the  $k$  largest singular values in  $\Sigma$  with 0.

Then the problem solution is the matrix  $\mathbf{F}'$  formed as,

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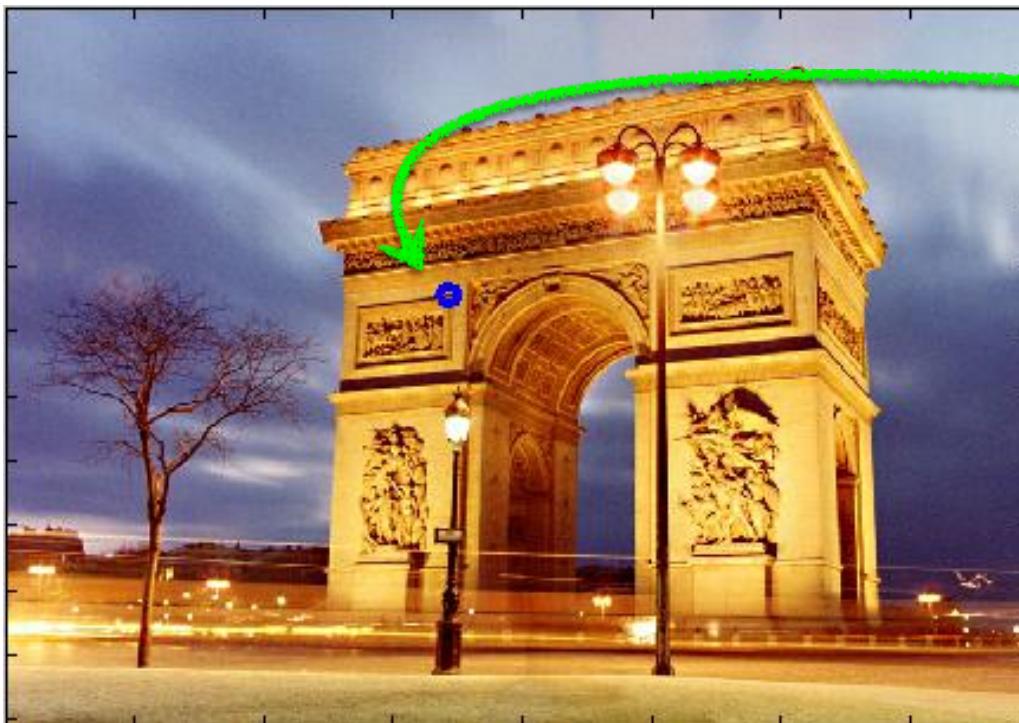
# Example



# epipolar lines



$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.00310695 & -0.0025646 & 2.96584 \\ -0.028094 & -0.00771621 & 56.3813 \\ 13.1905 & -29.2007 & -9999.79 \end{bmatrix}$$



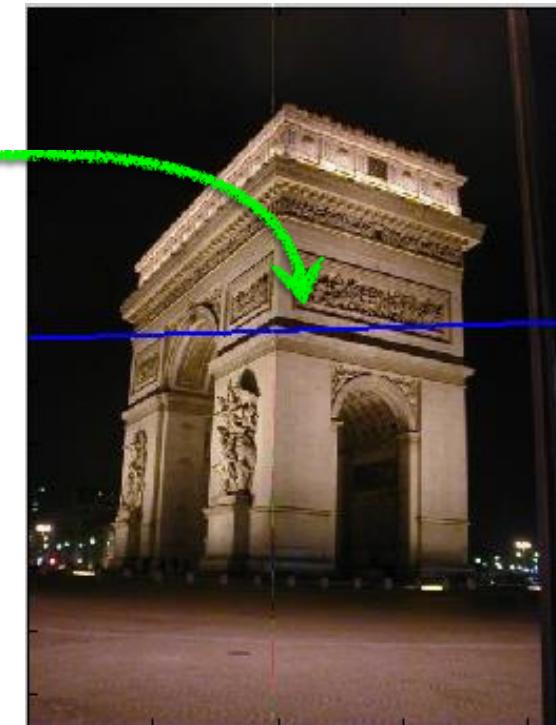
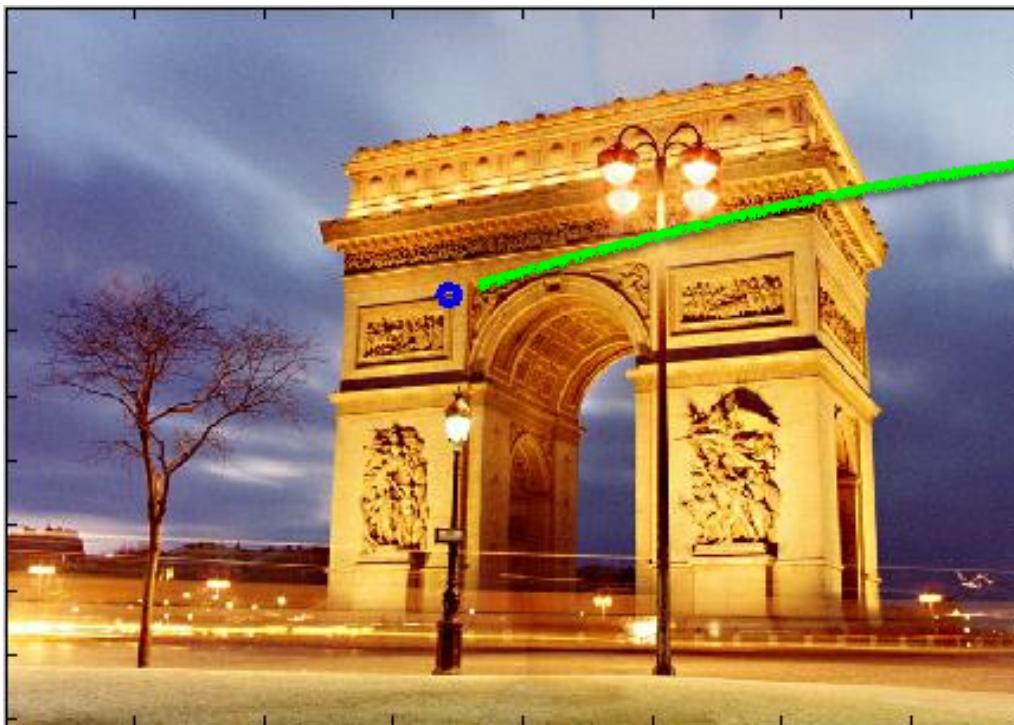
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 343.53 \\ 221.70 \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Where is the epipole?



How would you compute it?



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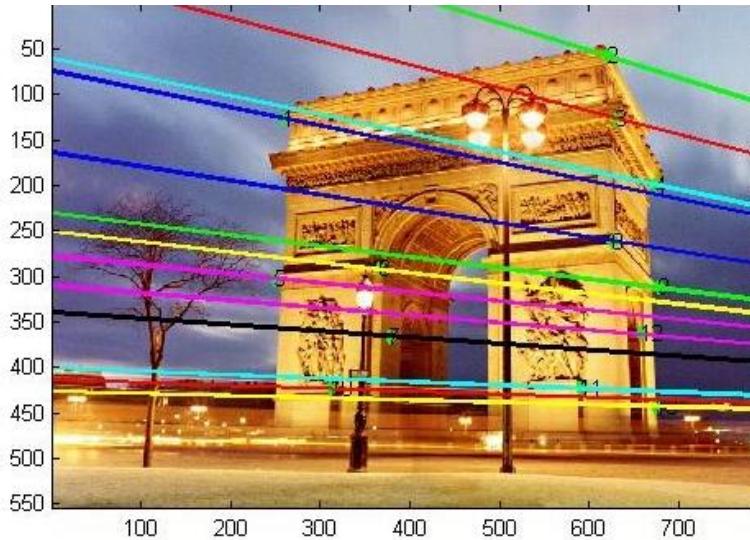
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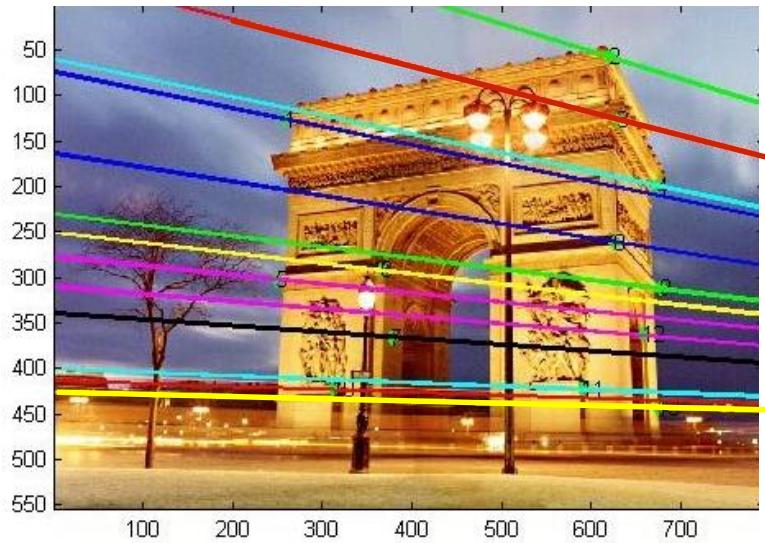
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# References

Basic reading:

- Szeliski textbook, Sections 7.1, 7.2, 11.1.
- Hartley and Zisserman, Chapters 9, 11, 12.