

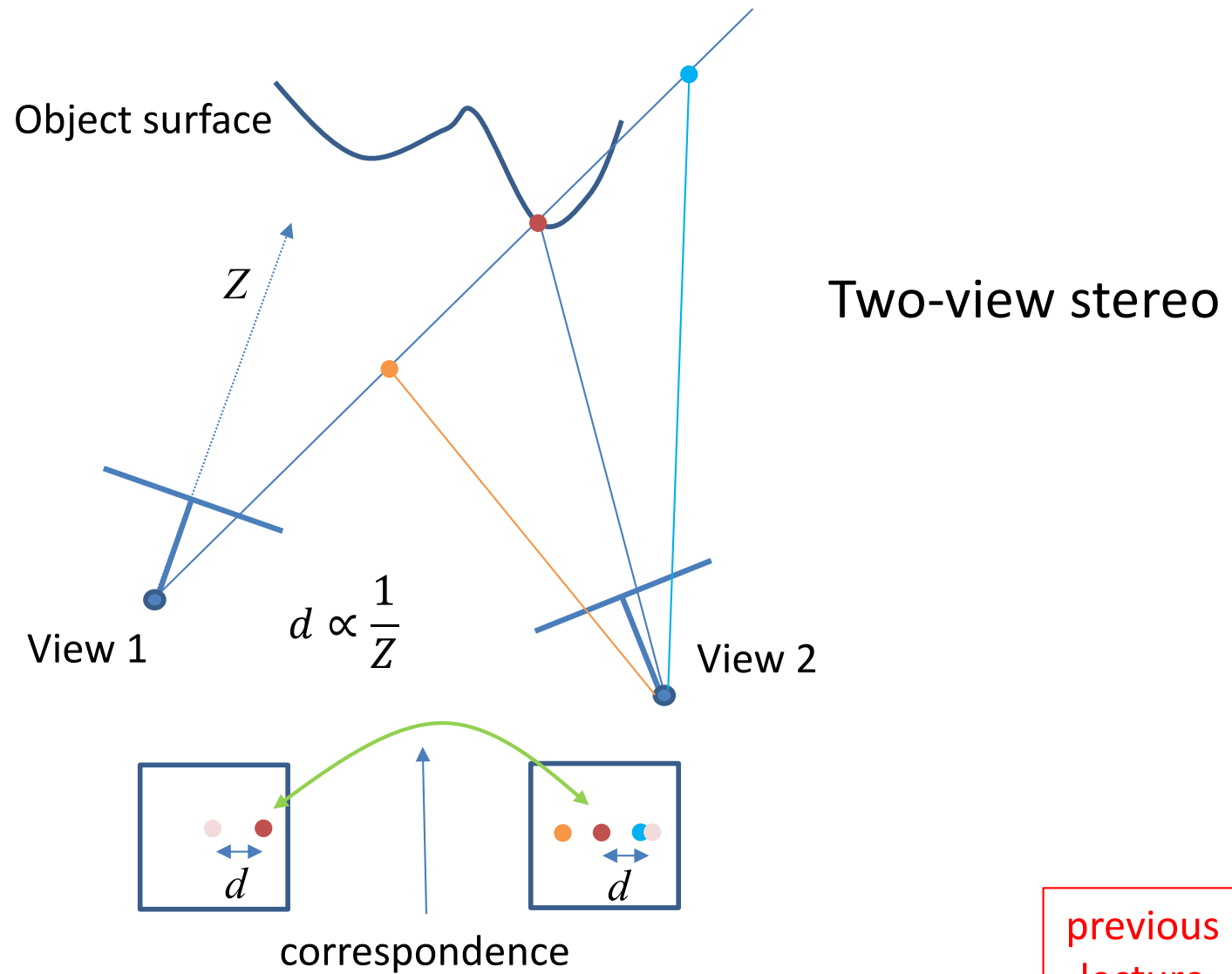
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Stereo 2 – Epipolar Geometry

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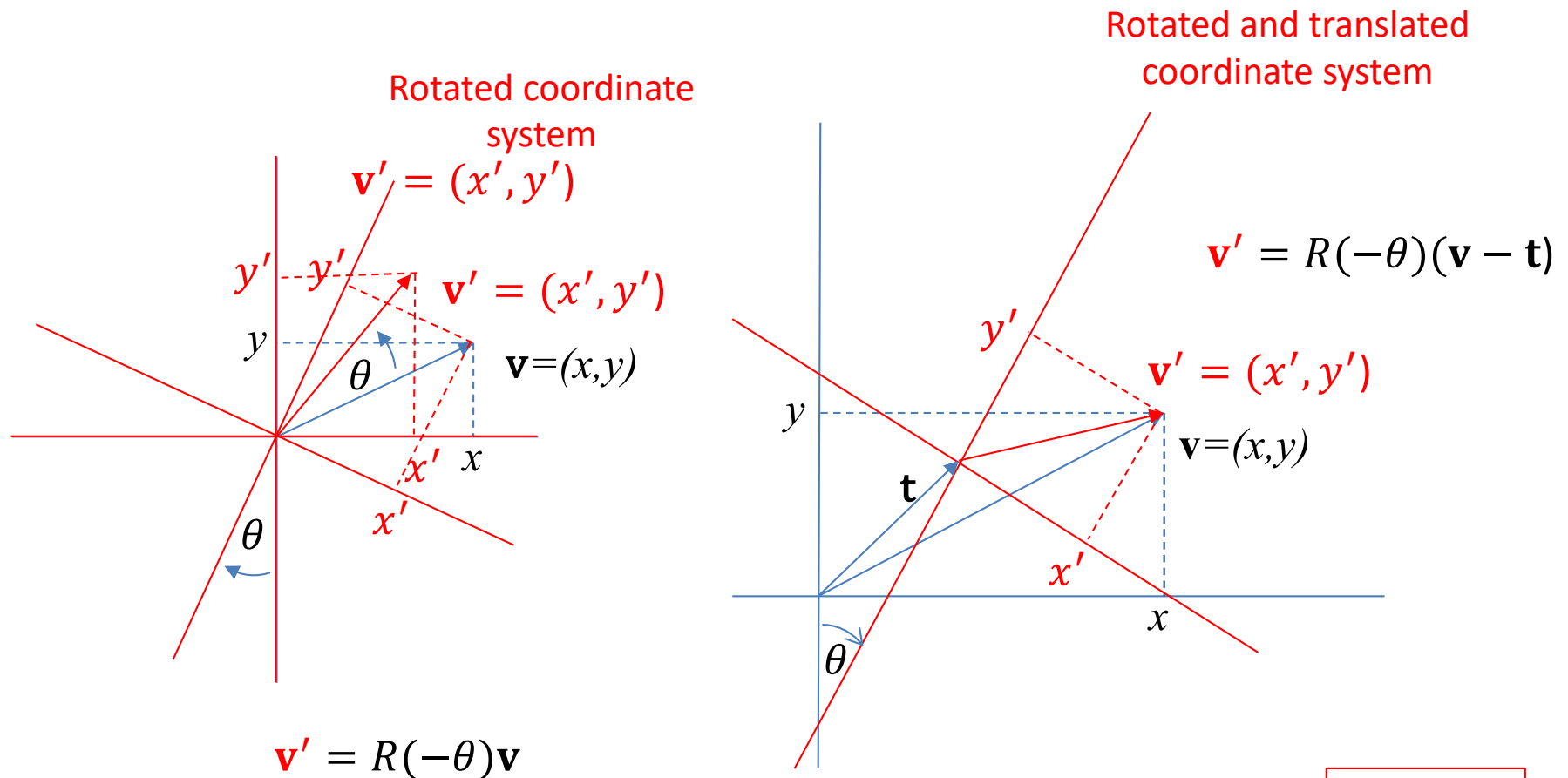
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Stereo Computer Vision



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2-D Coordinate Transformations



Vector representation in rotated coordinate system

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3-D Coordinate Transformations

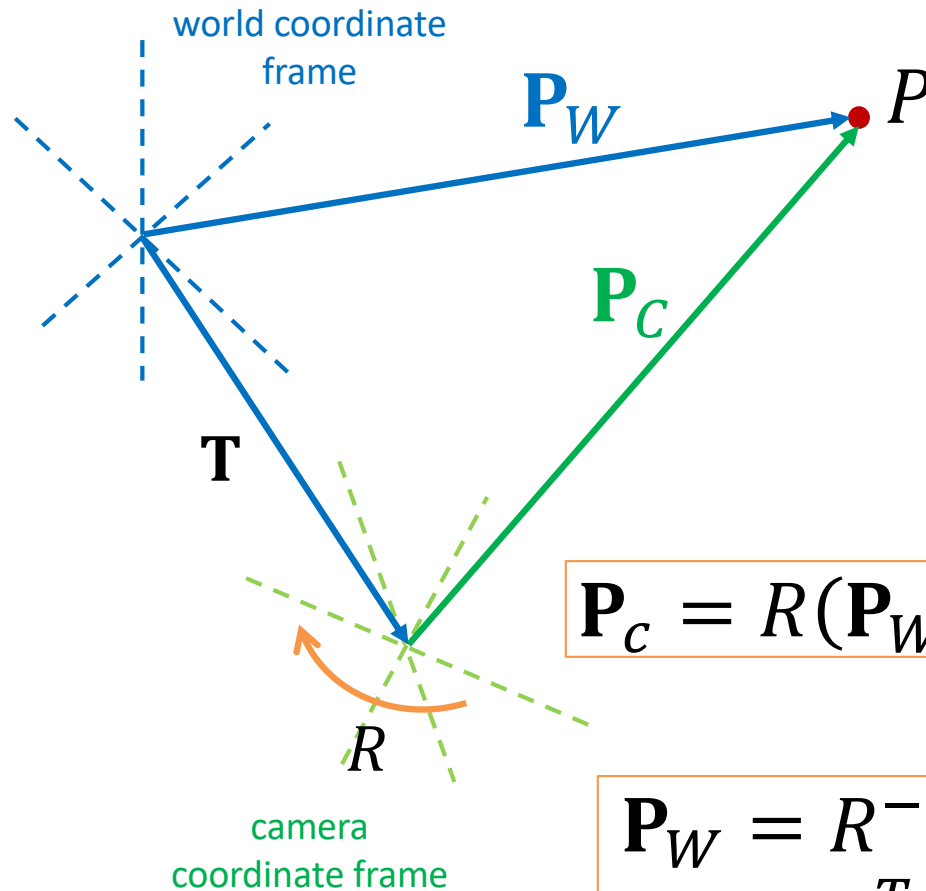
\mathbf{P}_W Vector defining P in world coordinates

\mathbf{P}_C Vector defining P in camera coordinates

\mathbf{T} : 3-D camera position vector

R : 3-D camera rotation matrix

R defines rotation to be applied to camera coordinate system to align it with world coordinate system



$$\mathbf{P}_C = R(\mathbf{P}_W - \mathbf{T})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}_W &= R^{-1}\mathbf{P}_C + \mathbf{T} \\ &= R^T\mathbf{P}_C + \mathbf{T}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Rotation matrices: } R^T = R^{-1}$$

Homogeneous Coordinates

- Homogeneous coordinates allow coordinate transformations to be defined by 4x4 matrices:

$$\mathbf{P}'_W = \begin{bmatrix} X_W \\ Y_W \\ Z_W \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_W \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_C \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = H_{CW} \mathbf{P}'_C \Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{P}_W = R^T \mathbf{P}_C + \mathbf{T}}$$

$$\mathbf{P}'_C = H_{CW}^{-1} \mathbf{P}'_W = H_{WC} \mathbf{P}'_W$$

$$H_{CW} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{00} & R_{10} & R_{20} & T_x \\ R_{01} & R_{11} & R_{21} & T_y \\ R_{02} & R_{12} & R_{22} & T_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

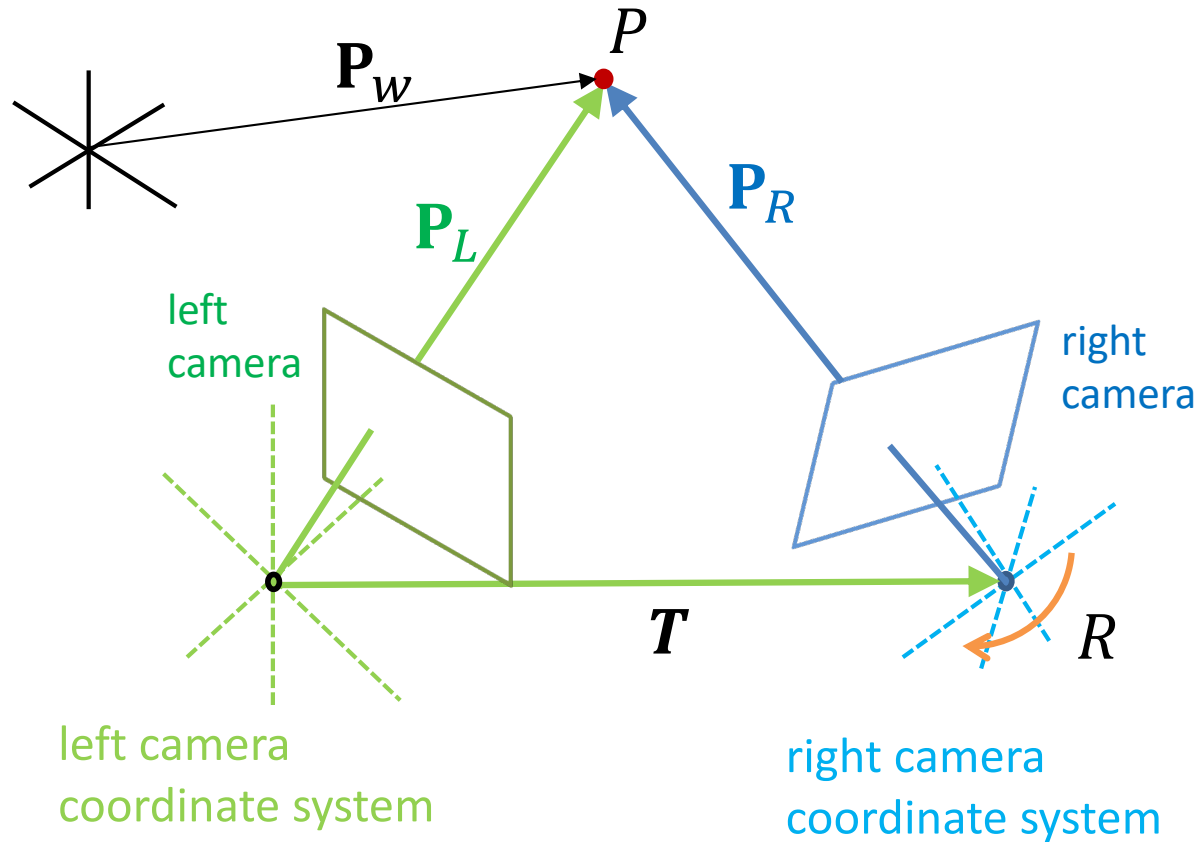
$$H_{WC} = \begin{bmatrix} R & -R\mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow H_{WC} H_{CW} = I$$

I - Identity matrix

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{P}_C = R (\mathbf{P}_W - \mathbf{T})}$$

H_{CW} : camera to world
coordinate transformation matrix

Stereo Coordinate Systems



left camera
coordinate system

right camera
coordinate system

R defines rotation to be applied to right camera coordinate system to align it with left coordinate system

$$\mathbf{P}'_L = H_{WL} \mathbf{P}'_W$$

$$\mathbf{P}'_R = H_{WR} \mathbf{P}'_W$$

$$\mathbf{P}'_L = H_{WL} H_{WR}^{-1} \mathbf{P}'_R$$

$$\mathbf{P}'_L = H_{RL} \mathbf{P}'_R$$

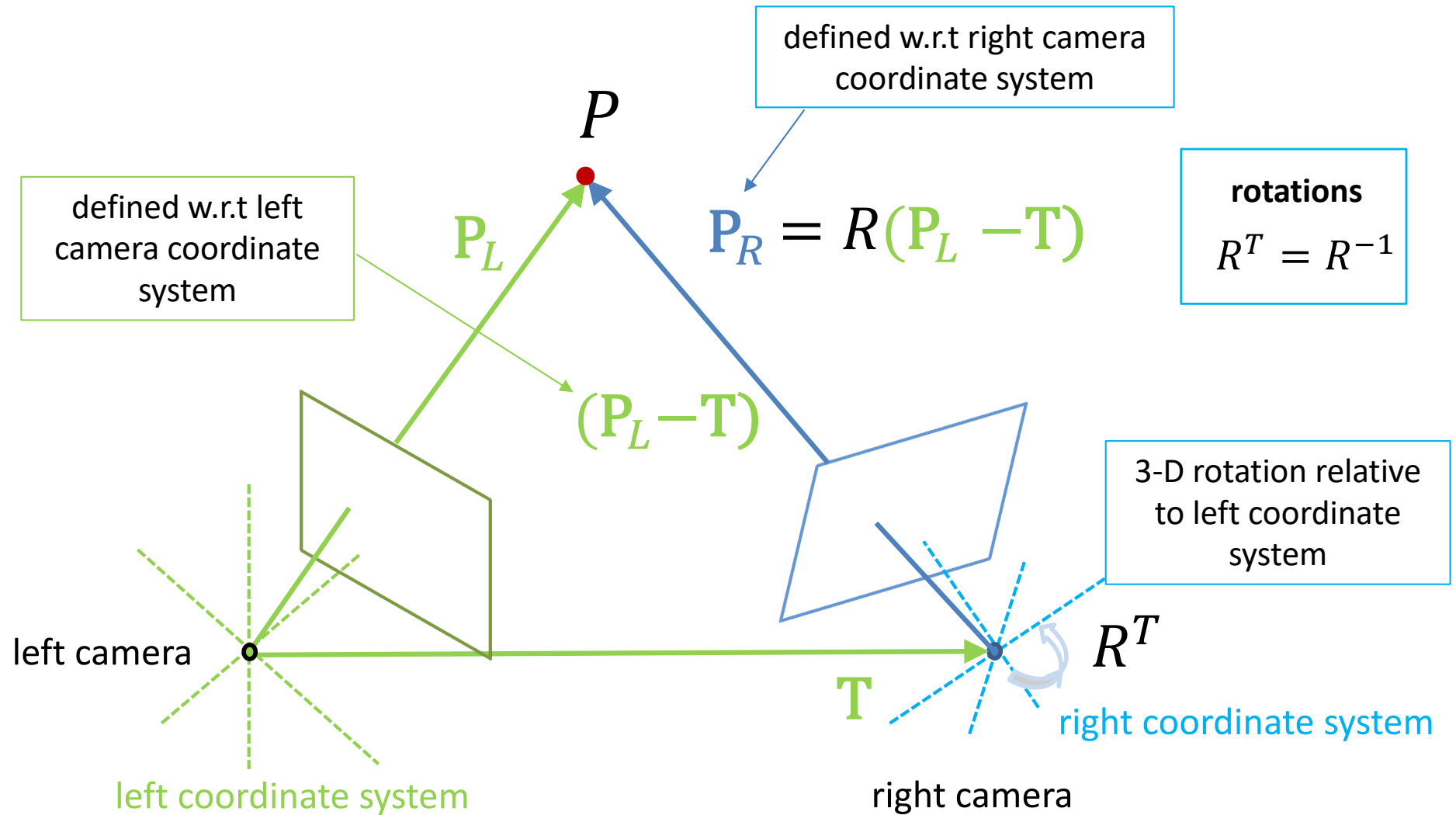
$$H_{RL} = \begin{bmatrix} R^T & \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_L = R^T \mathbf{P}_R + \mathbf{T}$$

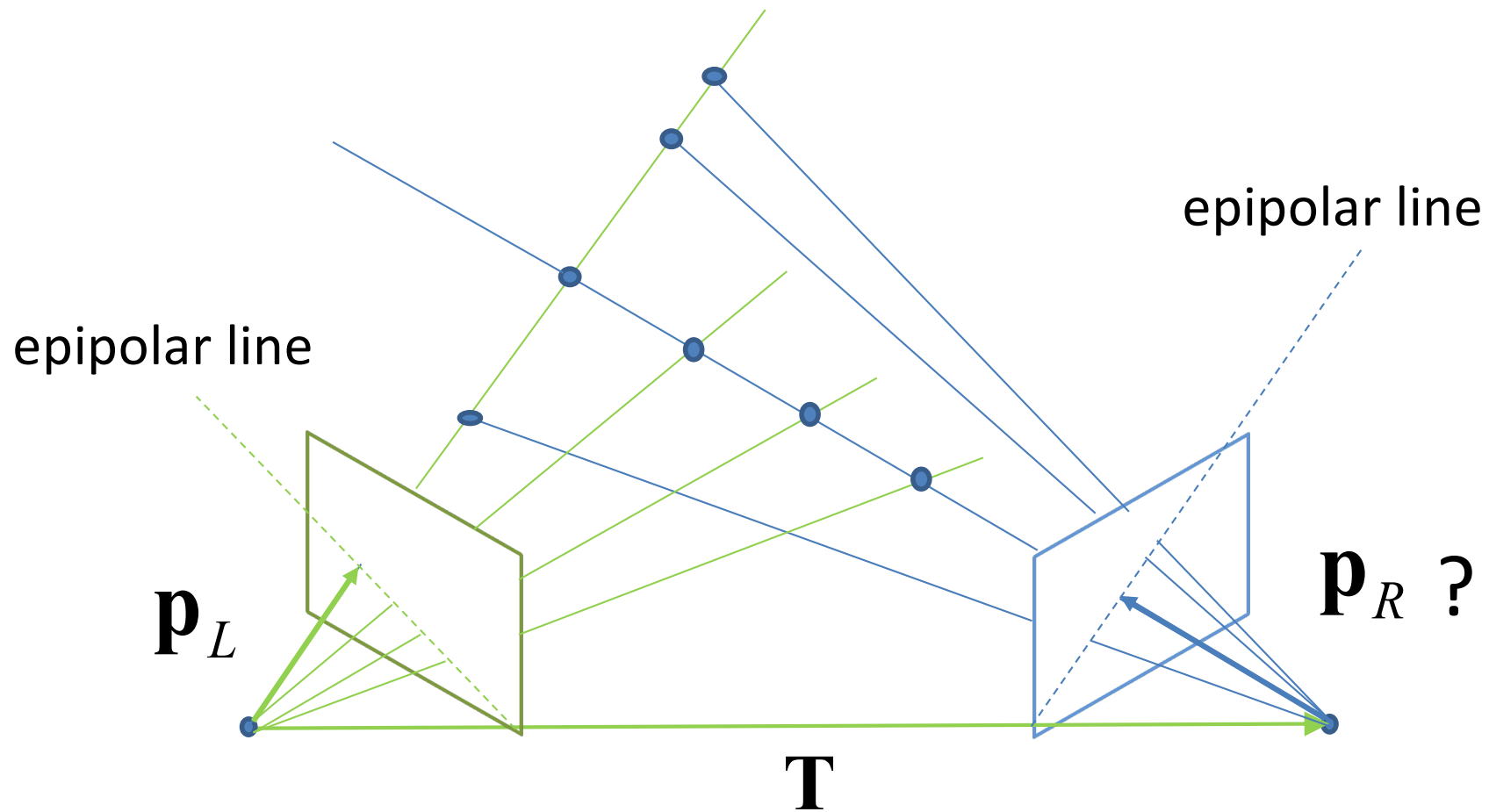
$$\mathbf{P}_R = R(\mathbf{P}_L - \mathbf{T})$$

General Two-View Stereo

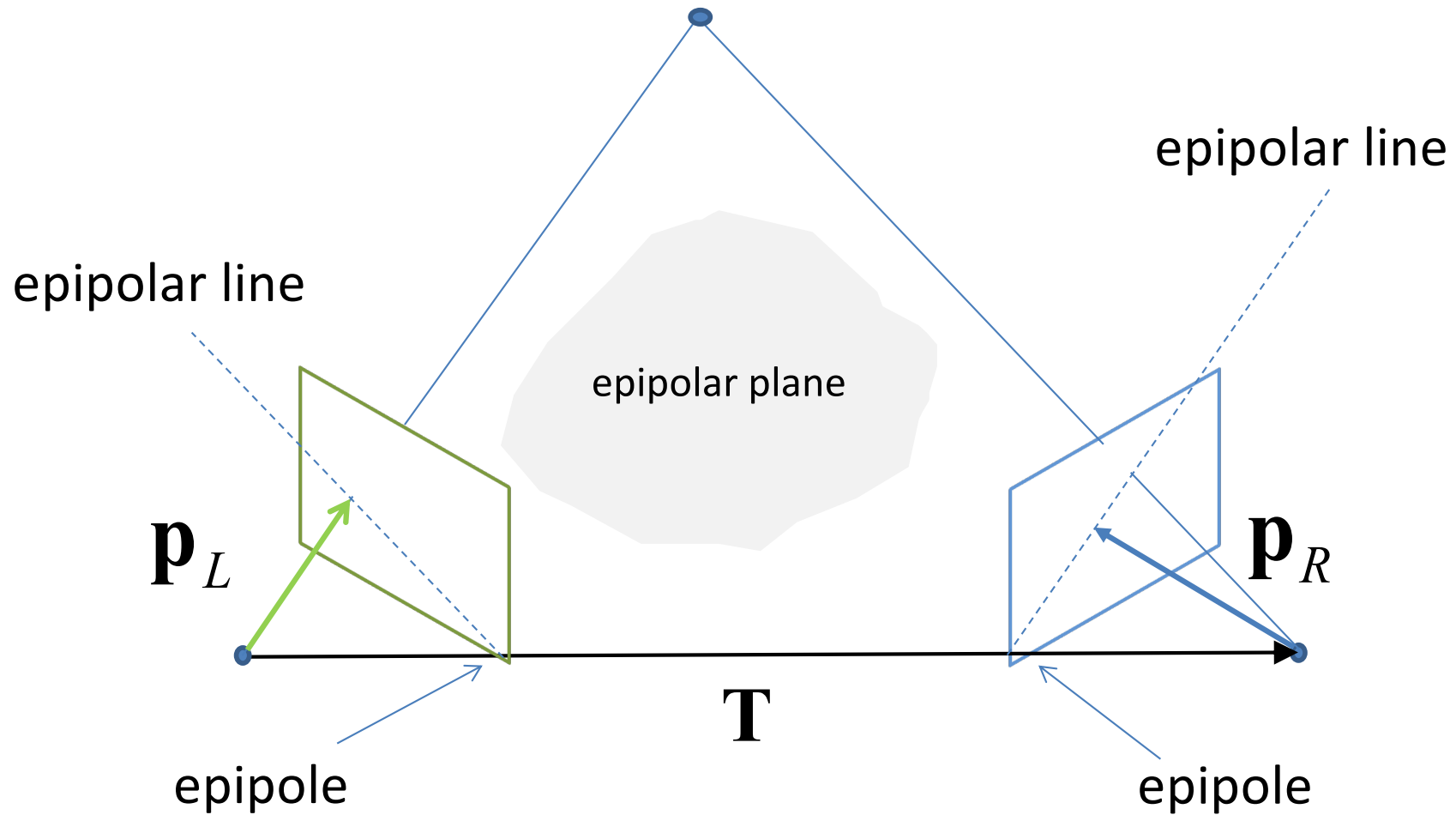
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Epipolar Lines



Epipolar Planes



Epipolar Geometry

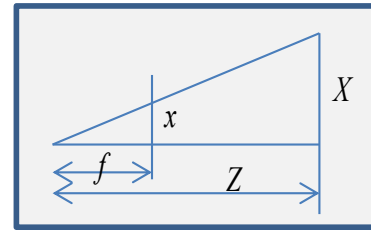
- Epipolar geometry defines relationship between two stereo views
- For known viewpoints:
 - it constrains matches to lie along epipolar lines
- For unknown viewpoints:
 - given matching points
 - it enables estimation of viewpoints

Epipolar Geometry - Maths

Rigid transformation between cameras:

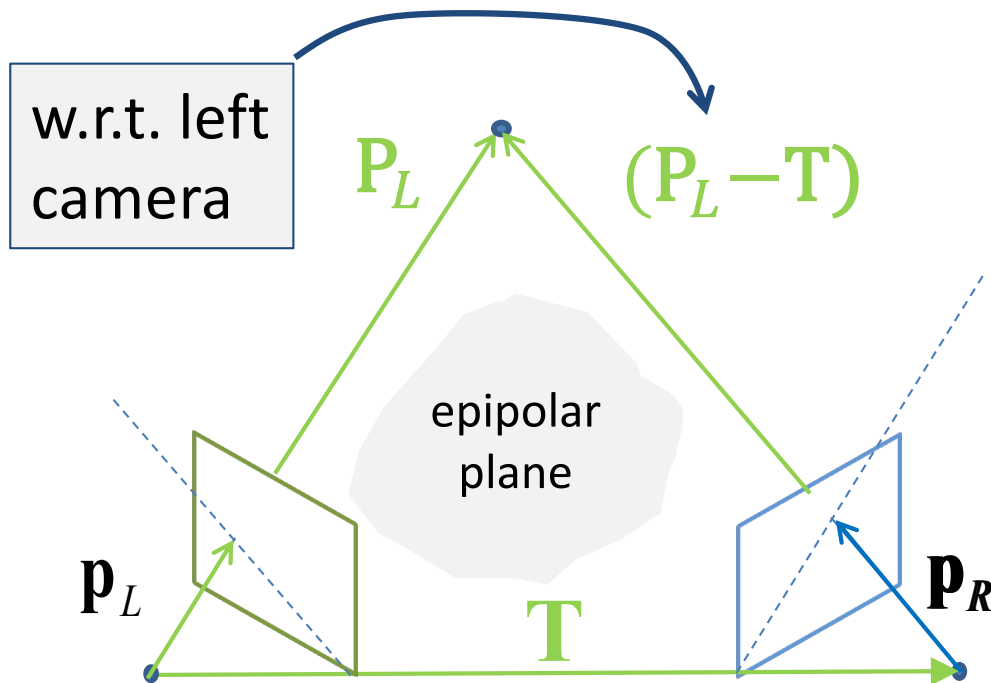
$$\mathbf{P}_R = R(\mathbf{P}_L - \mathbf{T})$$

Perspective projection:



$$\mathbf{P}_L = \begin{bmatrix} X_L \\ Y_L \\ Z_L \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{p}_L = \begin{bmatrix} x_L \\ y_L \\ f \end{bmatrix} = \frac{f \mathbf{P}_L}{Z_L} \quad \mathbf{p}_R = \begin{bmatrix} x_R \\ y_R \\ f \end{bmatrix} = \frac{f \mathbf{P}_R}{Z_R}$$

Epipolar Geometry - Maths



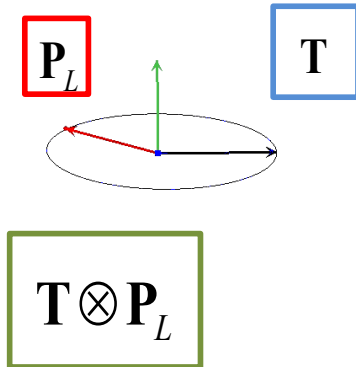
Vectors \mathbf{P}_L , \mathbf{T} and $\mathbf{P}_L - \mathbf{T}$ all lie in epipolar plane

in plane

perpendicular to plane

$$(\mathbf{P}_L - \mathbf{T})^T (\mathbf{T} \otimes \mathbf{P}_L) = 0$$

\otimes cross product :



dot product = 0 for **perpendicular** vectors

Epipolar Geometry - Maths

$$(\mathbf{P}_L - \mathbf{T})^T (\mathbf{T} \otimes \mathbf{P}_L) = 0$$

$$(\mathbf{T} \otimes \mathbf{P}_L) = S \mathbf{P}_L$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T_Z & T_Y \\ T_Z & 0 & -T_X \\ -T_Y & T_X & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

w.r.t. right camera

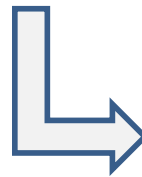
$$\mathbf{P}_R = R(\mathbf{P}_L - \mathbf{T})$$

$$R^T = R^{-1} \quad \text{Rotation matrix}$$



$$R^T \mathbf{P}_R = (\mathbf{P}_L - \mathbf{T})$$

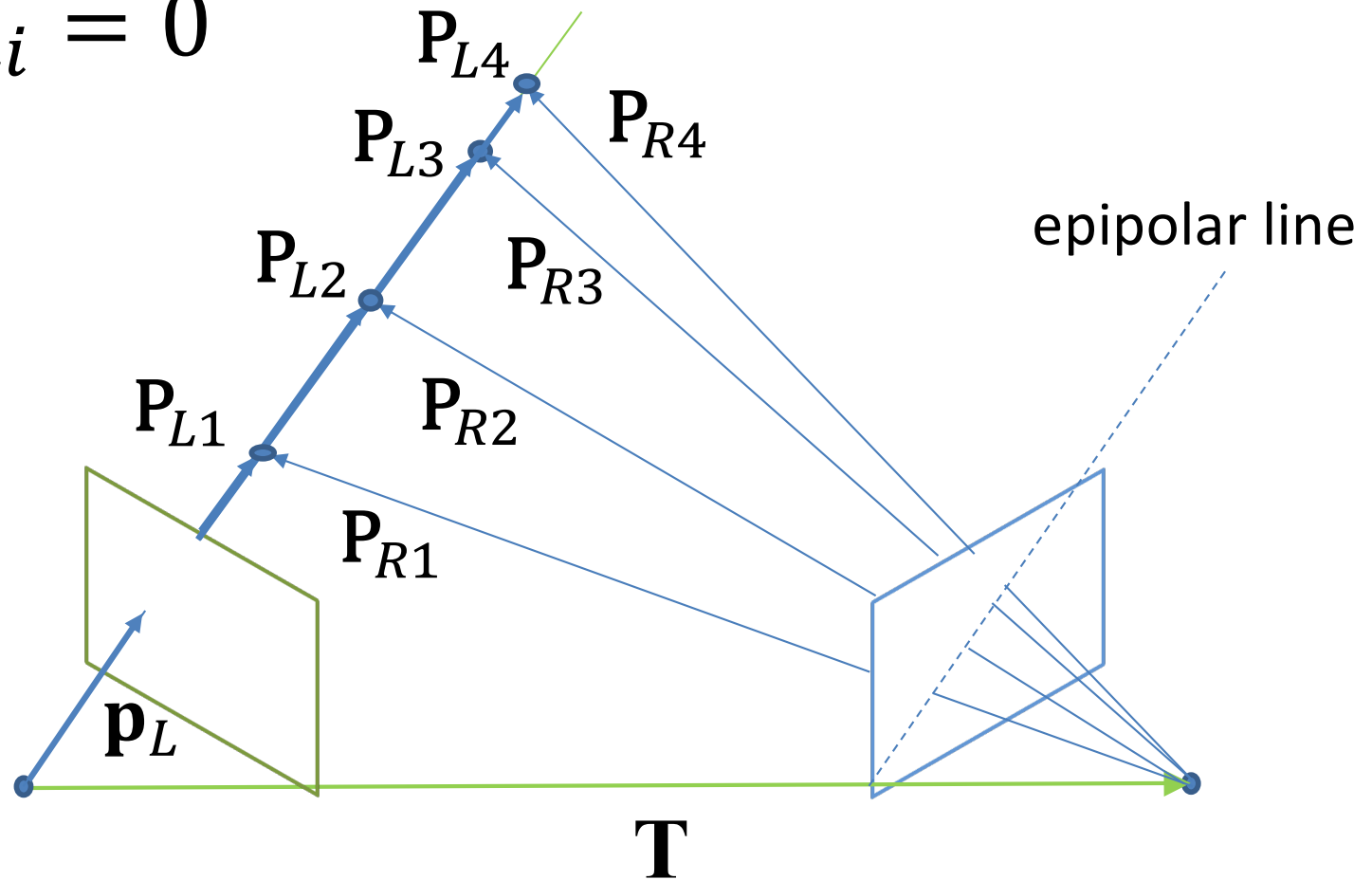
$$\mathbf{P}_R^T R = (\mathbf{P}_L - \mathbf{T})^T$$



$$\mathbf{P}_R^T R S \mathbf{P}_L = 0$$

Epipolar Line Constraint

$$\mathbf{P}_{Ri}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P}_{Li} = 0$$



The Essential Matrix

$$\mathbf{P}_R^T \underbrace{R S}_{\text{essential matrix}} \mathbf{P}_L = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{P}_R^T E \mathbf{P}_L = 0$$

$$E = RS \Rightarrow \text{the essential matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p}_L = \frac{f \mathbf{P}_L}{Z_L} \quad \mathbf{p}_R = \frac{f \mathbf{P}_R}{Z_R}$$



$$\mathbf{P}_L = \frac{Z_L \mathbf{p}_L}{f} \quad \mathbf{P}_R = \frac{Z_R \mathbf{p}_R}{f}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cancel{Z_R}}{f} \mathbf{p}_R^T E \frac{\cancel{Z_L}}{f} \mathbf{p}_L = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_R^T E \mathbf{p}_L = 0$$