

COMPUTER VISION LECTURE 17 – TWO-VIEW GEOMETRY (2)

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A generic projection matrix

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- Camera at (t_x, t_y, t_z)

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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

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

projection
model

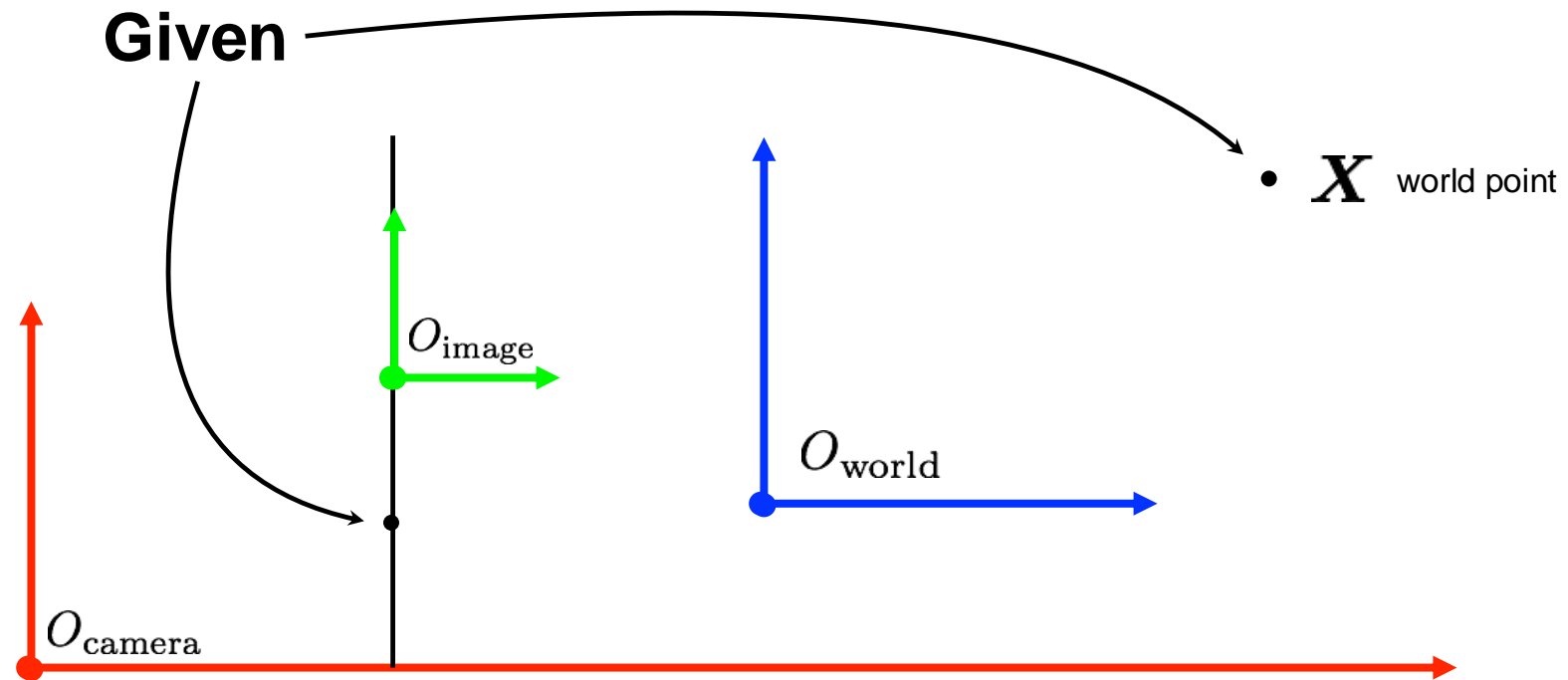
parameters

Camera
matrix

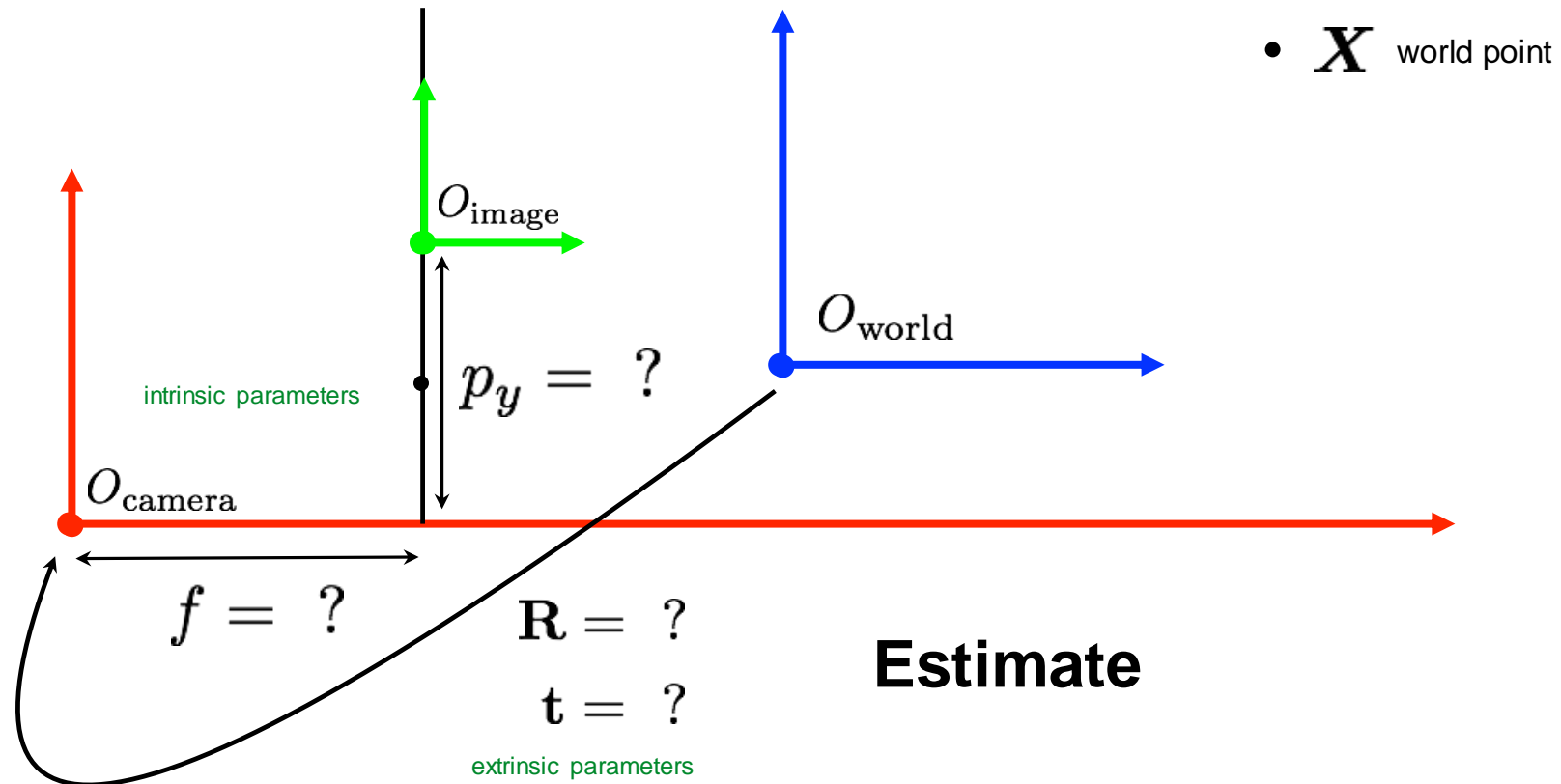
Find the (pose) estimate of

P

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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 ...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}^\top & \mathbf{0} & -x' \mathbf{X}^\top \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{X}^\top & -y' \mathbf{X}^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

For N points ...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1^\top & \mathbf{0} & -x' \mathbf{X}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{X}_1^\top & -y' \mathbf{X}_1^\top \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_N^\top & \mathbf{0} & -x' \mathbf{X}_N^\top \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{X}_N^\top & -y' \mathbf{X}_N^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Solve for camera matrix by

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

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SVD!

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

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

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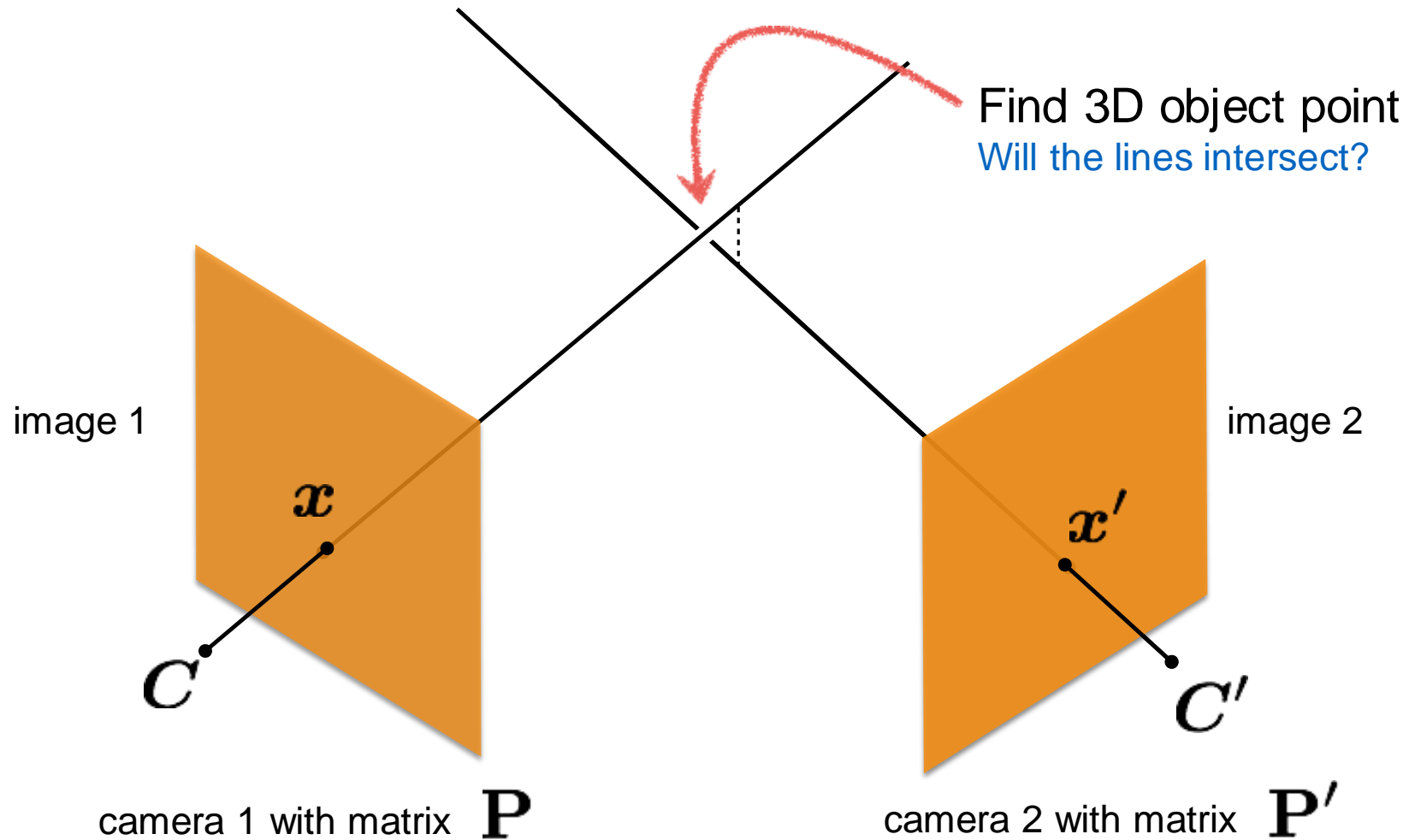
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Equivalently, solution \mathbf{x} is the Eigenvector corresponding to smallest Eigenvalue of

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

Intrinsic / Extrinsic???

Triangulation



Triangulation

Given a set of (noisy) matched points

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

and camera matrices

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

Estimate the 3D point

$$\mathbf{X}$$

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

(homogeneous
coordinate)

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

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

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Same ray direction but differs by a scale factor

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How do we solve for unknowns in a similarity relation?

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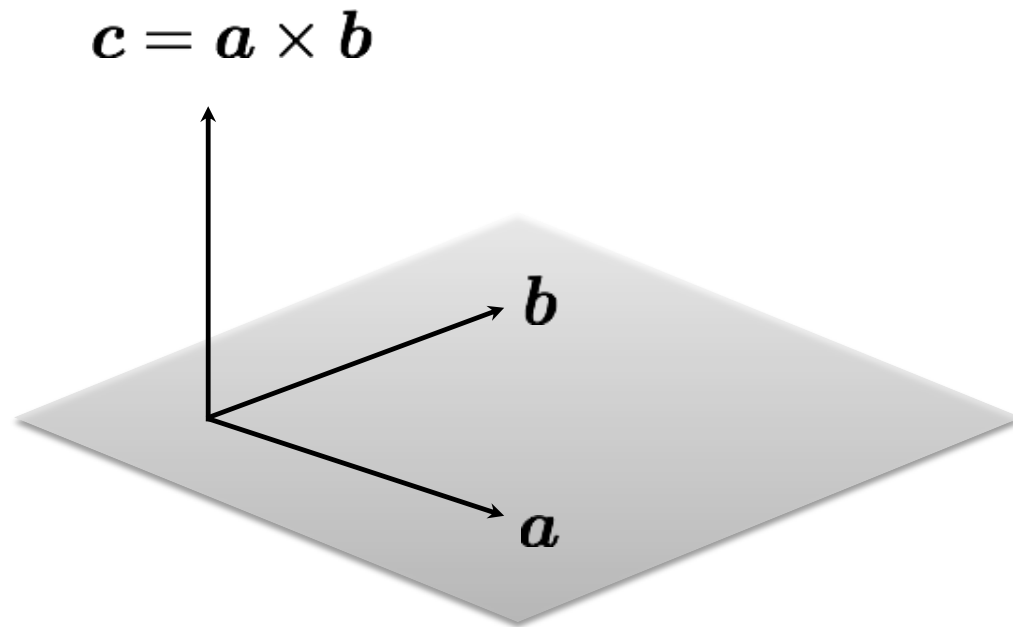
How do we solve for unknowns in a similarity relation?

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



$$c \cdot a = 0$$

$$c \cdot b = 0$$

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

cross product of two vectors in the same direction is zero

$$a \times a = 0$$

remember this!!!

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

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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$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p_1^\top X} \\ \mathbf{p_2^\top X} \\ \mathbf{p_3^\top X} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y\mathbf{p_3^\top X} - \mathbf{p_2^\top X} \\ \mathbf{p_1^\top X} - x\mathbf{p_3^\top X} \\ x\mathbf{p_2^\top X} - y\mathbf{p_1^\top X} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the fact that the cross product should be zero

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y\mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X} - x\mathbf{p}_3^\top \mathbf{X} \\ x\mathbf{p}_2^\top \mathbf{X} - y\mathbf{p}_1^\top \mathbf{X} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 2 equations

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

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

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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S V D !

Recall: Total least squares

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

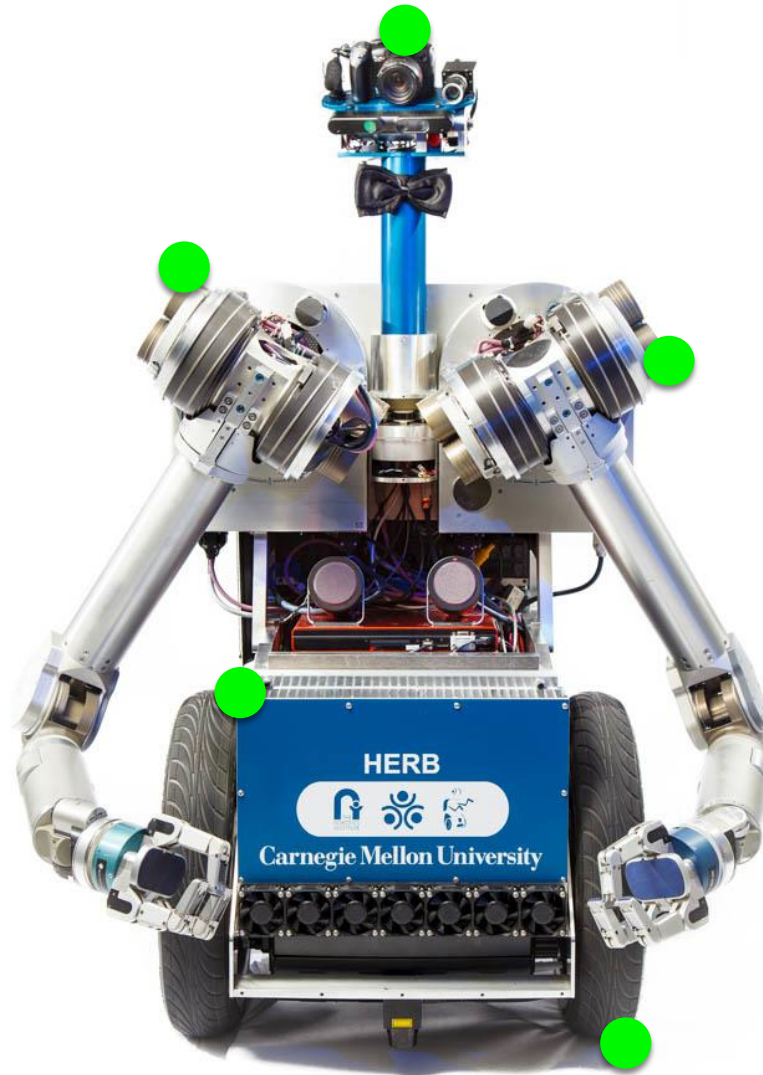
$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{TLS}} &= \sum_i (\mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{x})^2 \\ &= \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 && \text{(matrix form)} \\ \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 &= 1 && \text{constraint} \end{aligned}$$

minimize	$\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\ ^2$		minimize	$\frac{\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\ ^2}{\ \mathbf{x}\ ^2}$
subject to	$\ \mathbf{x}\ ^2 = 1$			(Rayleigh quotient)

Solution is the eigenvector
corresponding to smallest eigenvalue of

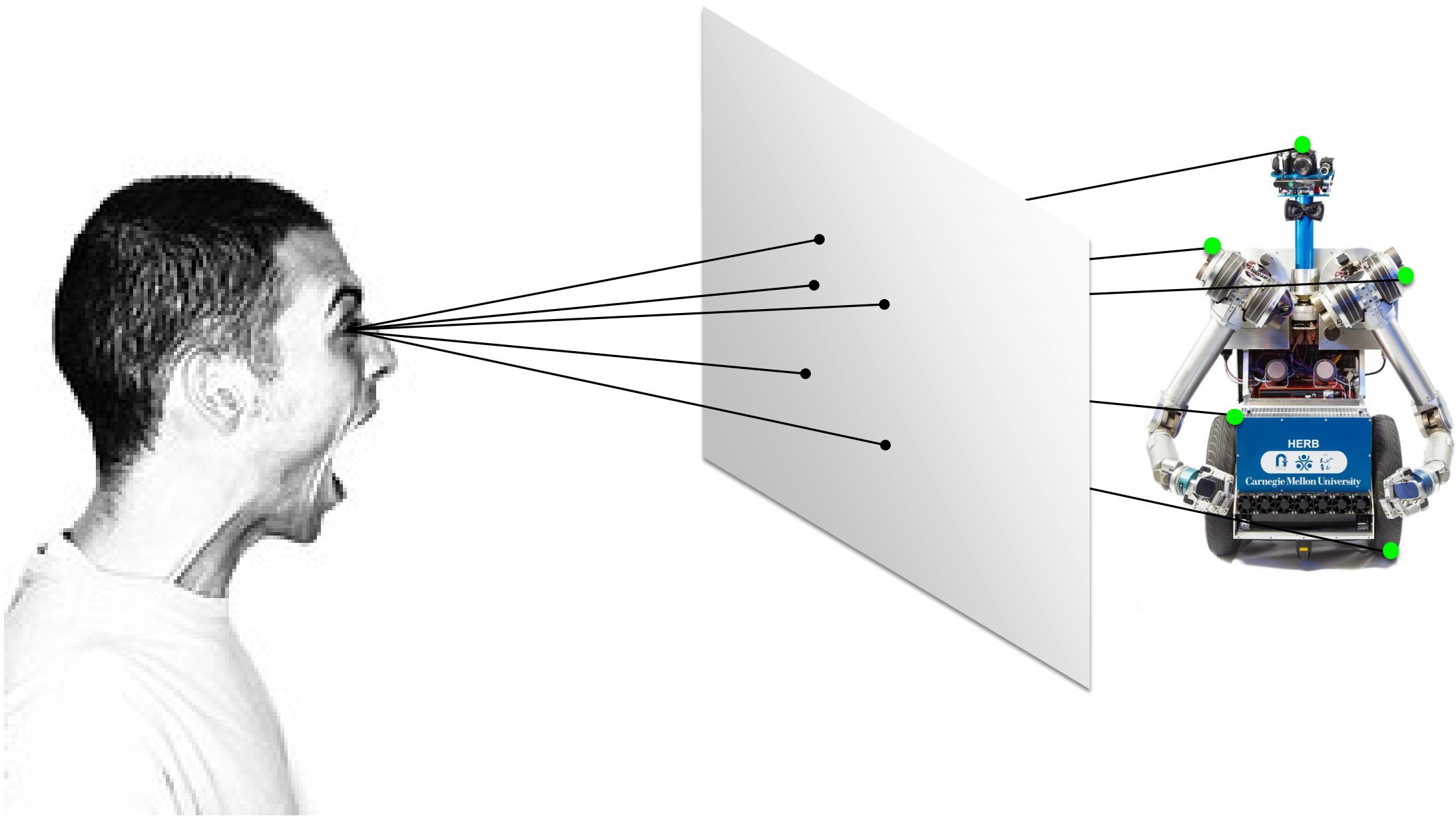
$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$$

Epipolar geometry

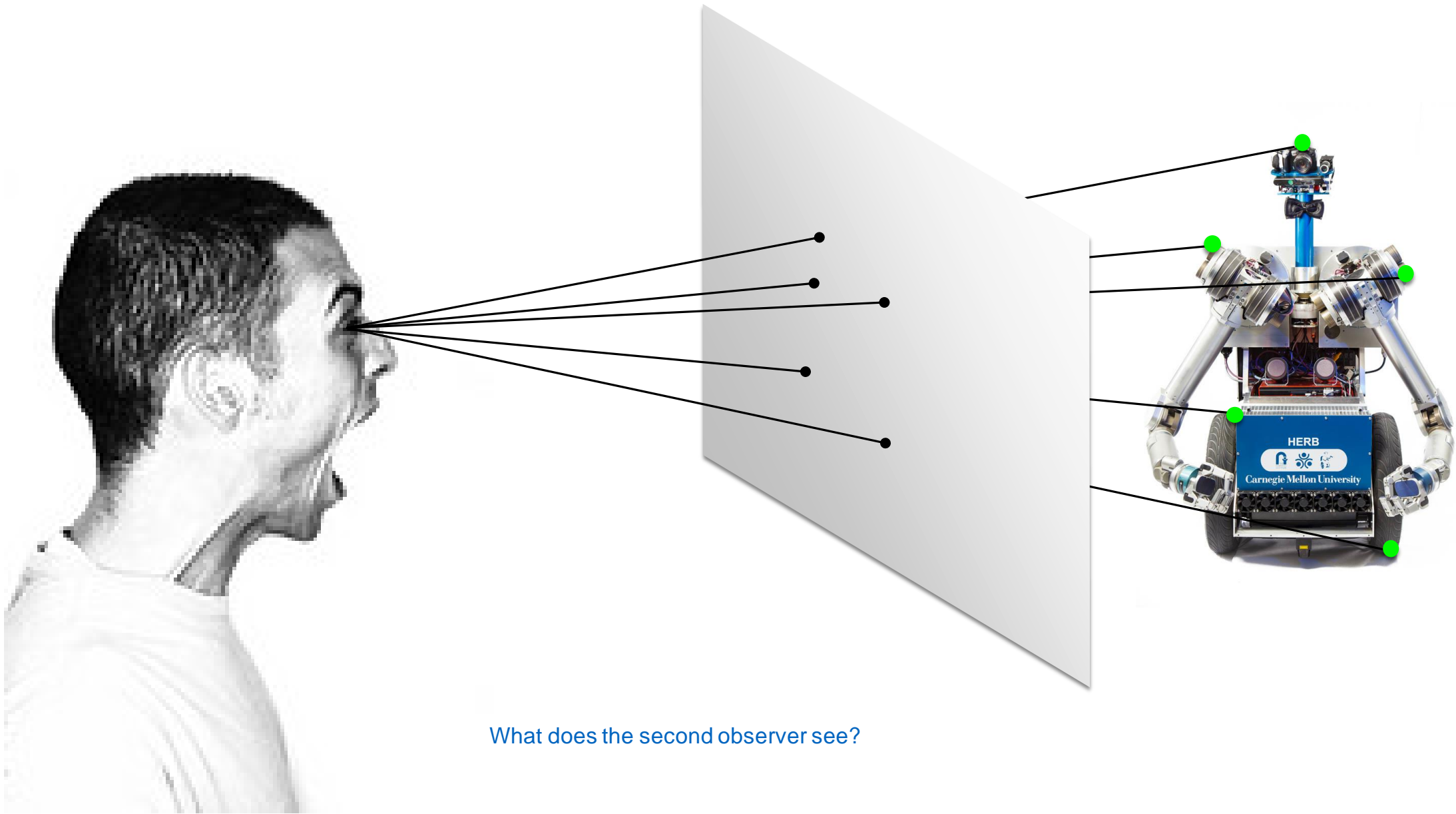


Tie tiny threads on HERB and pin them to your eyeball

[What would it look like?](#)

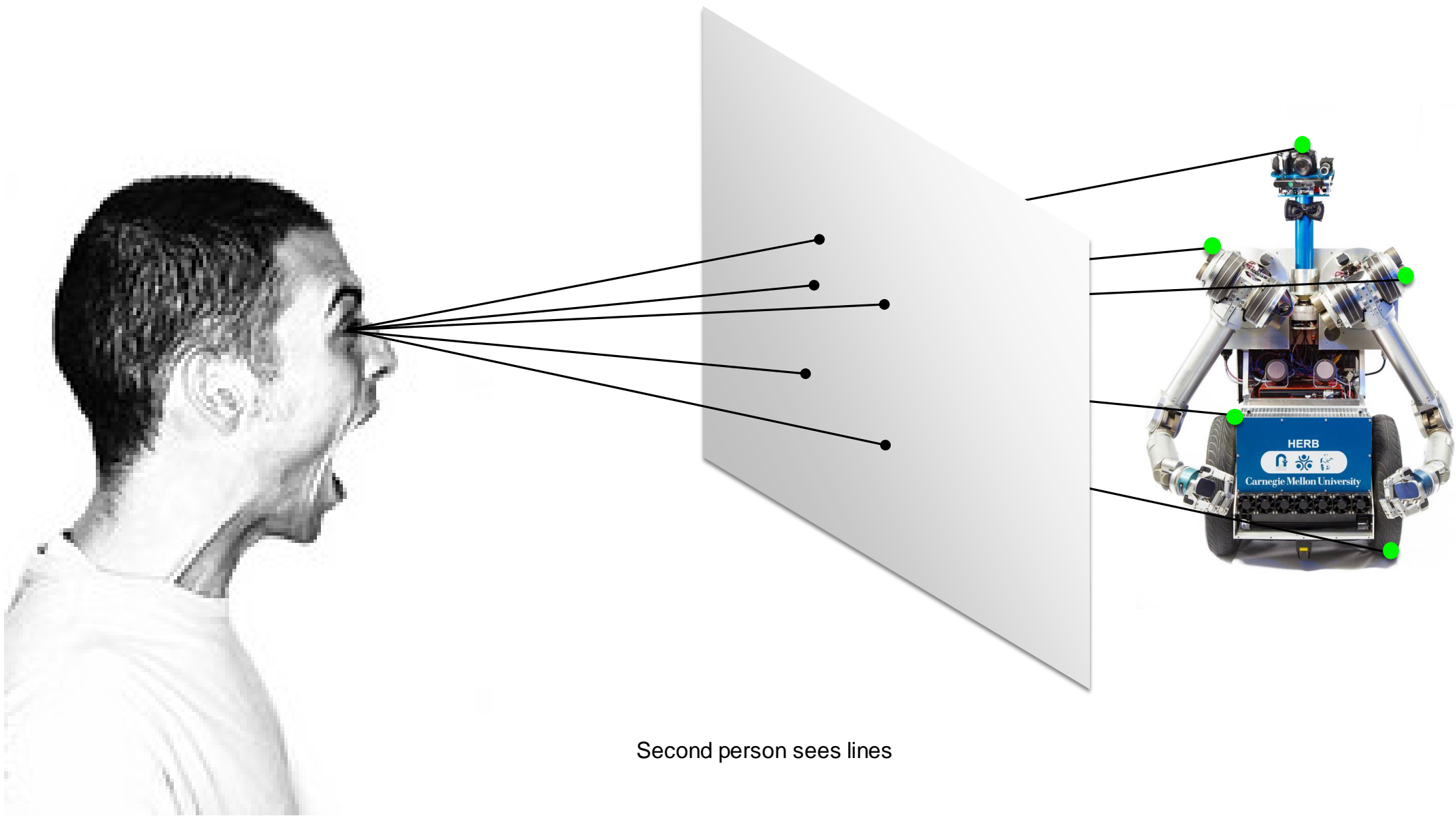


You see points on HERB



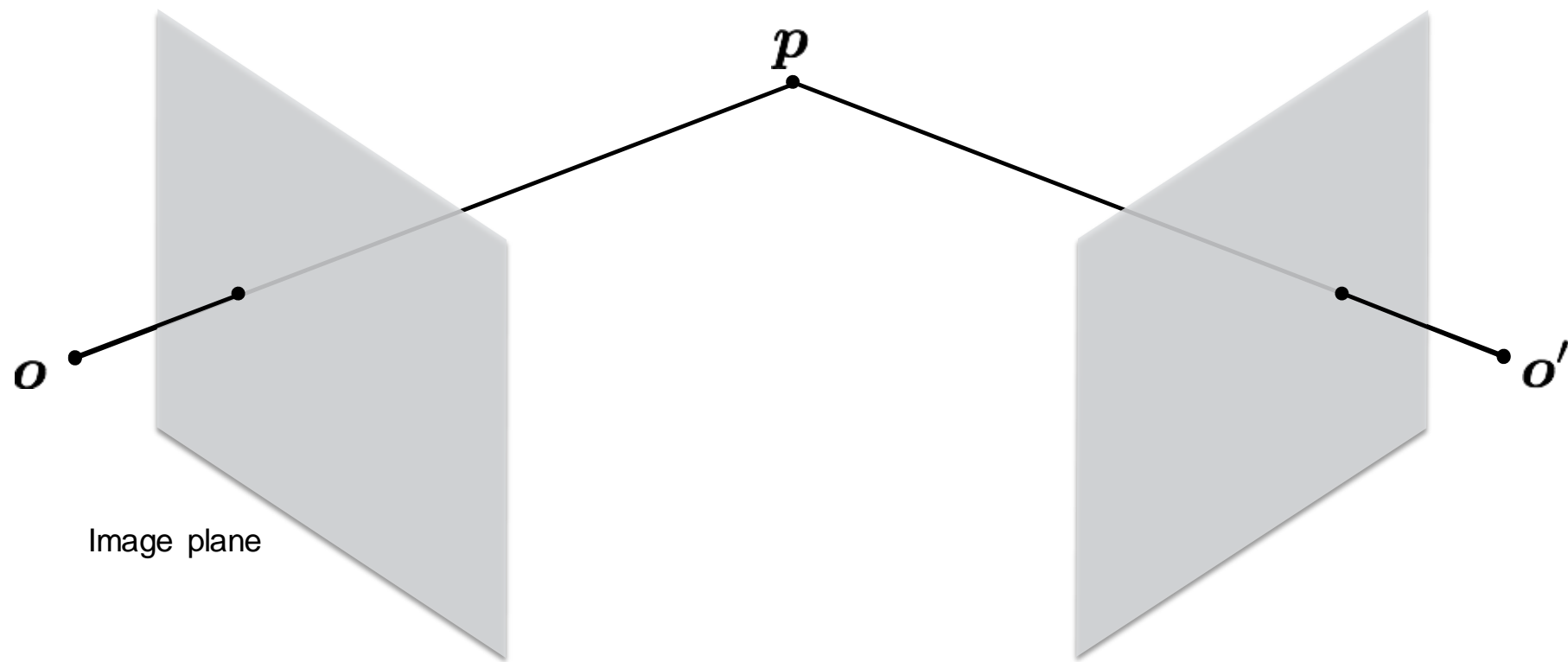
What does the second observer see?

You see points on HERB

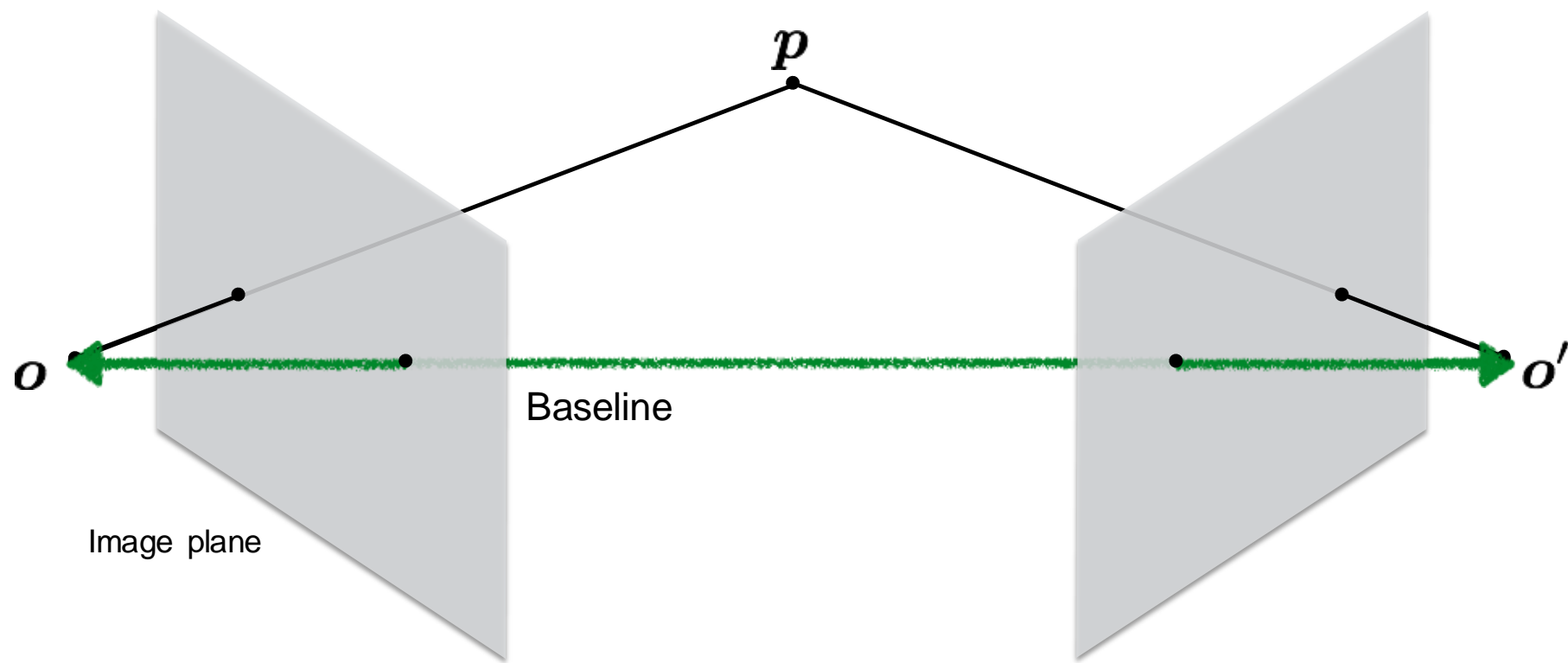


Second person sees lines

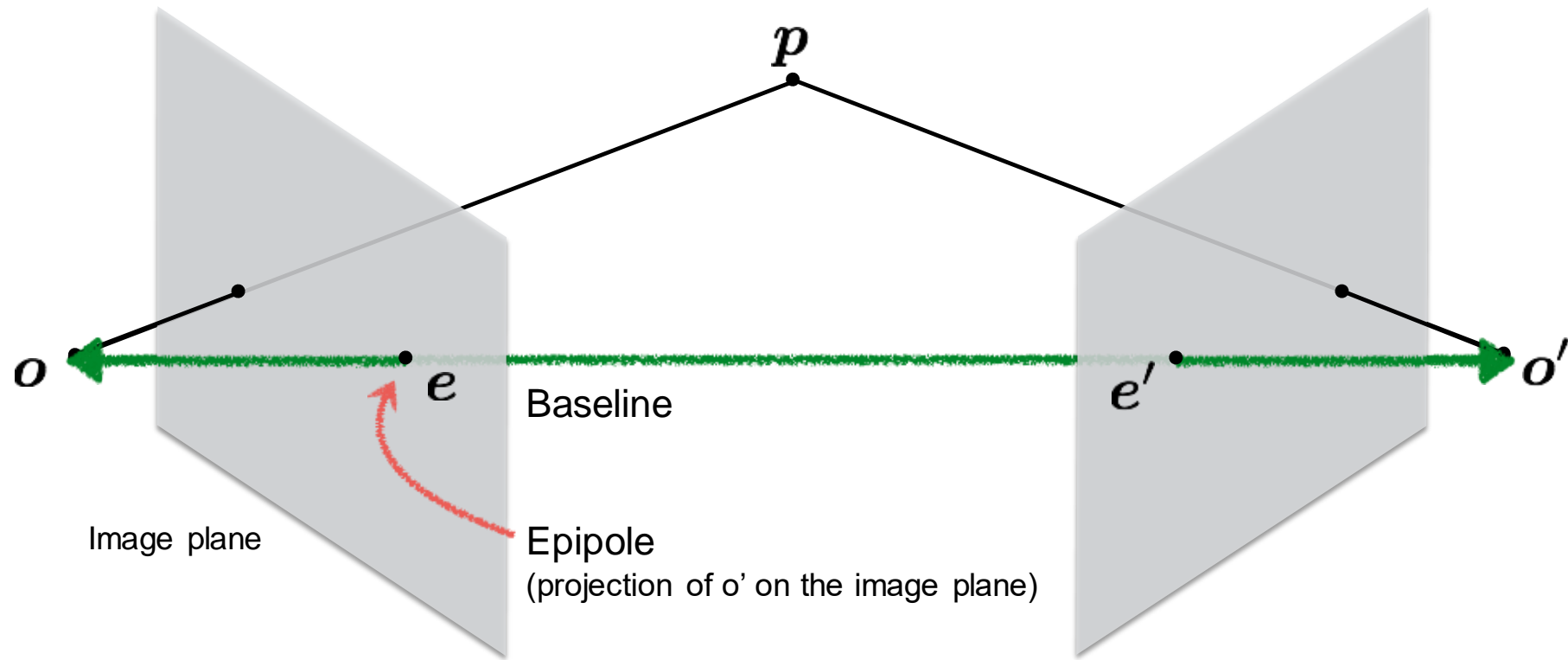
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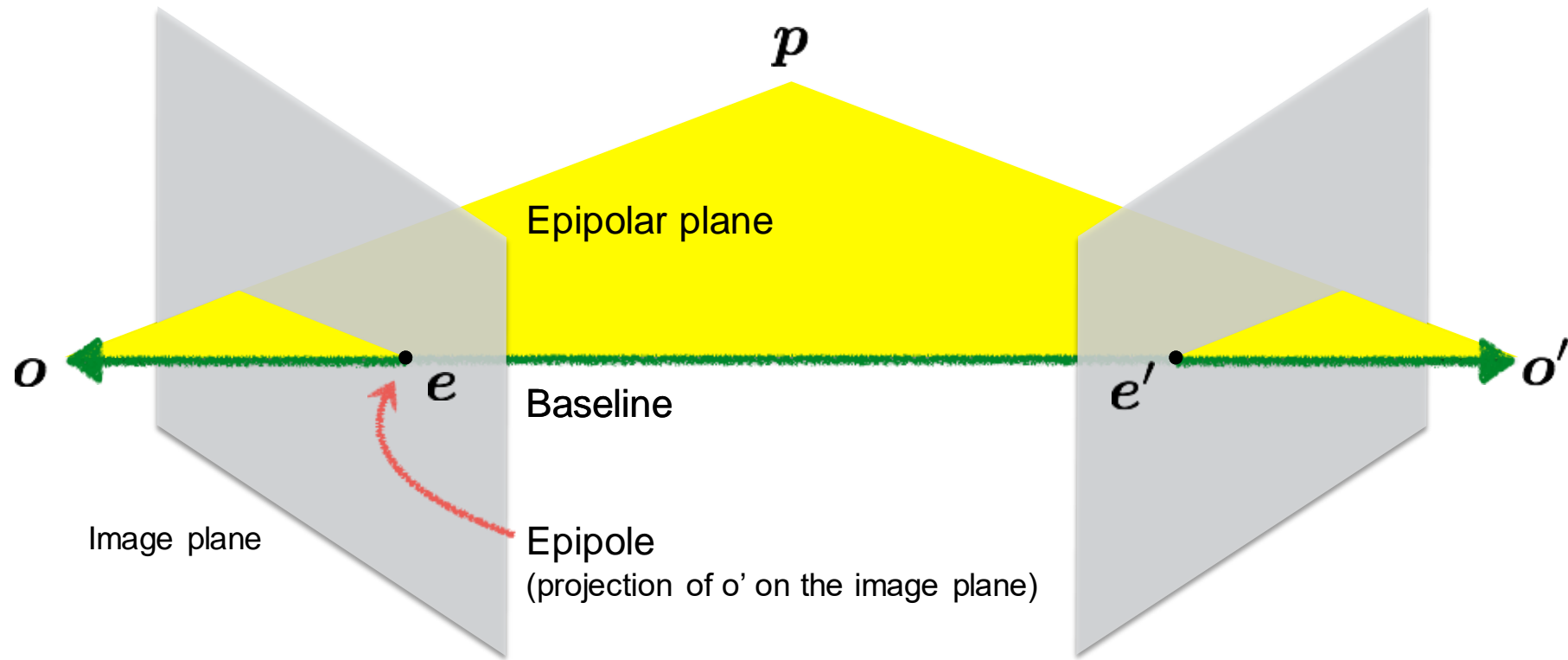
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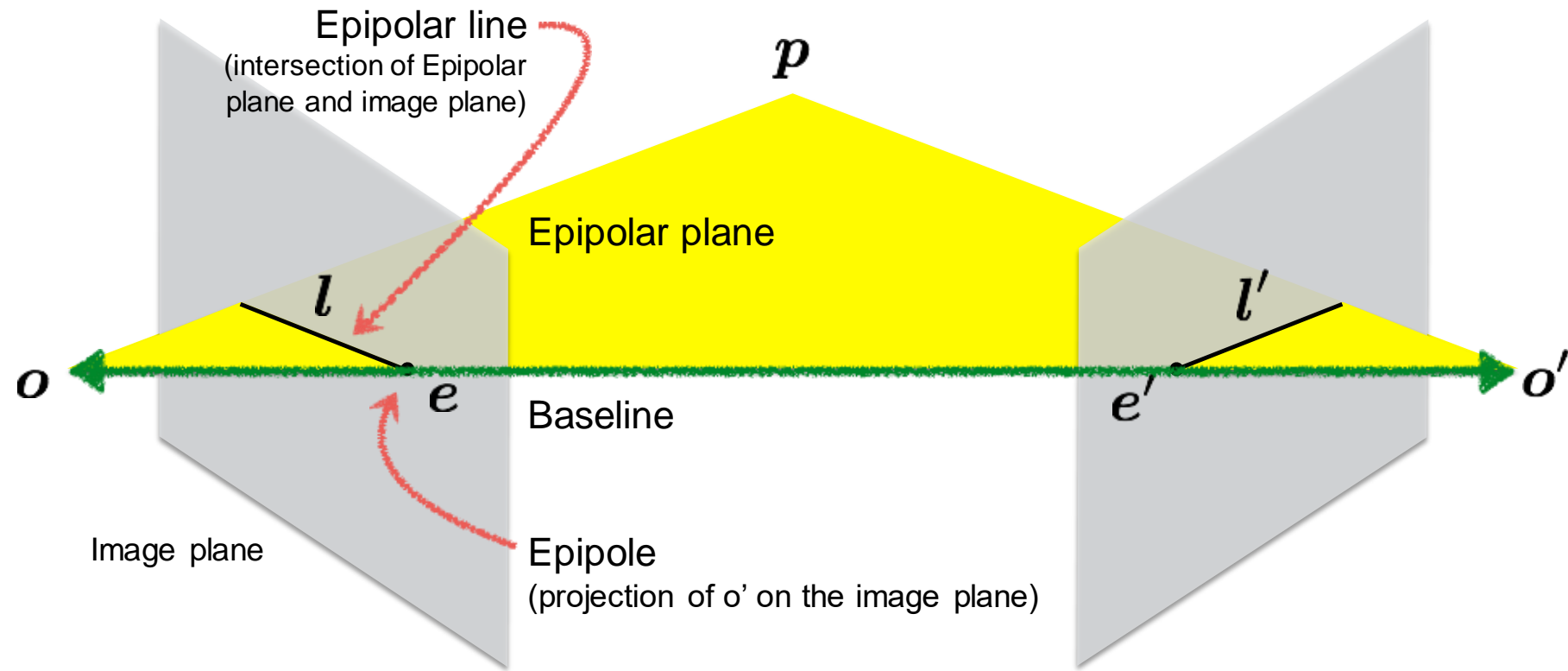
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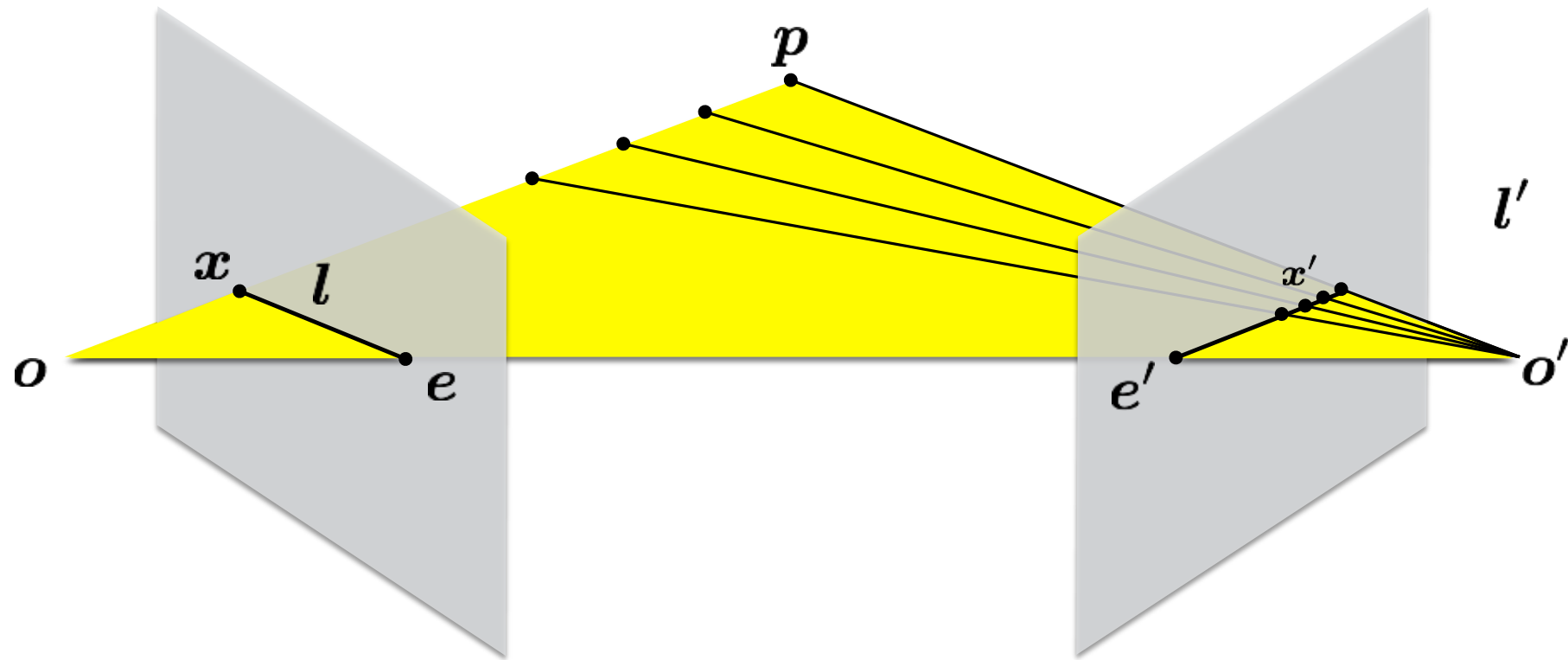
Epipolar geometry



Epipolar geometry



Epipolar constraint



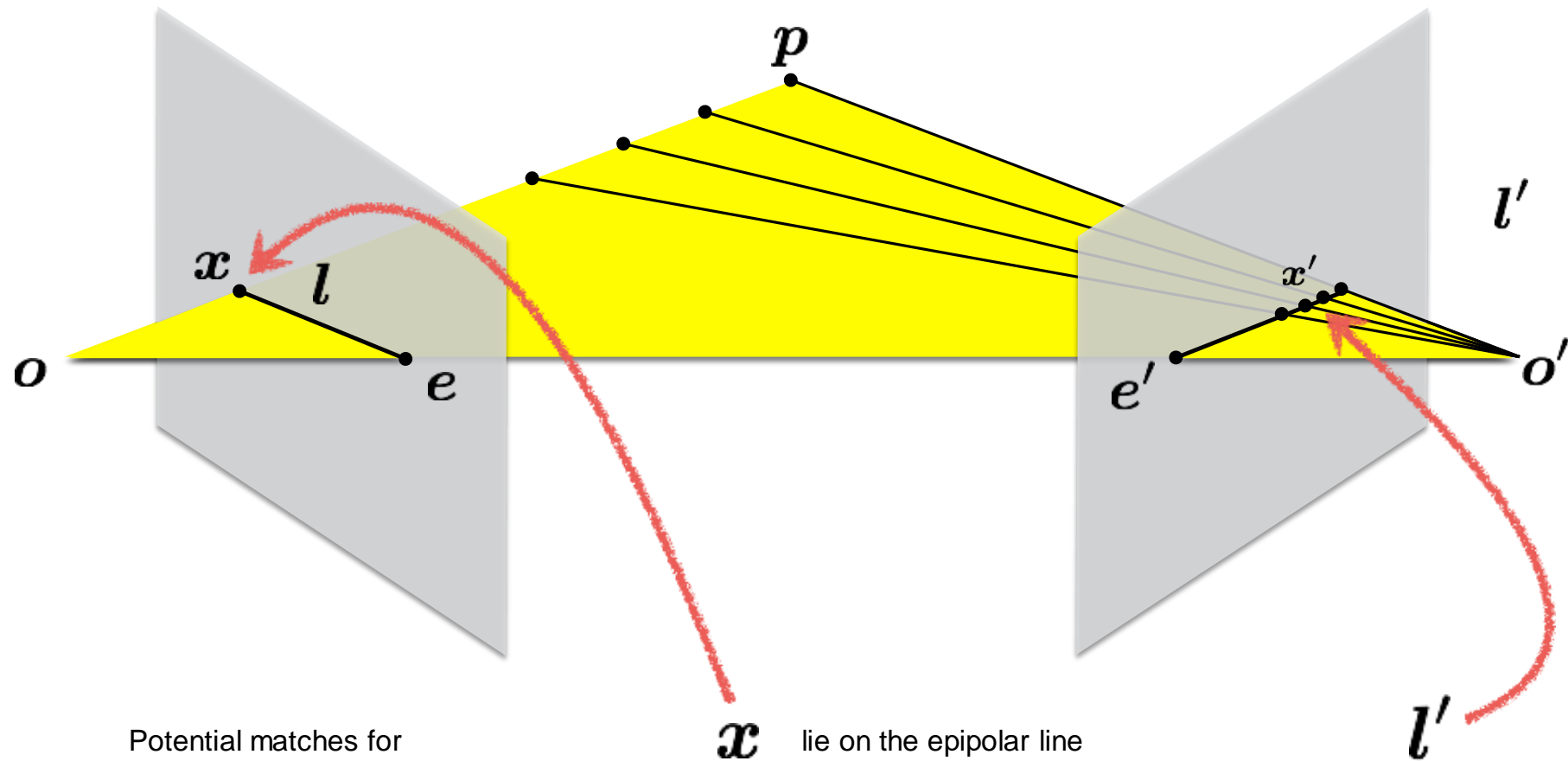
Potential matches for

x

lie on the epipolar line

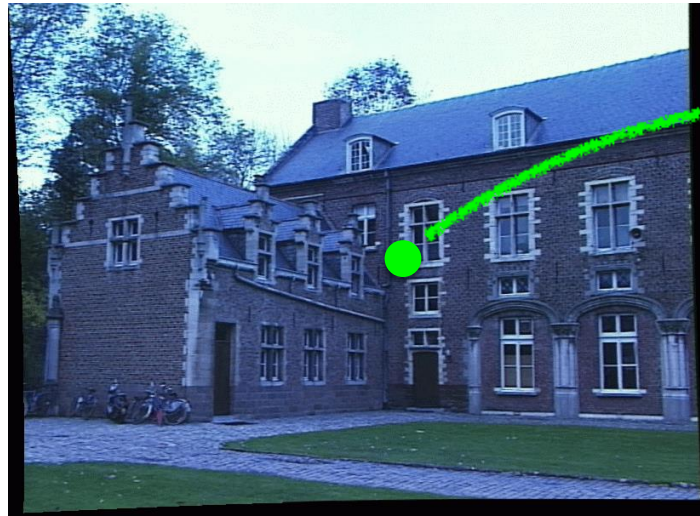
l'

Epipolar constraint

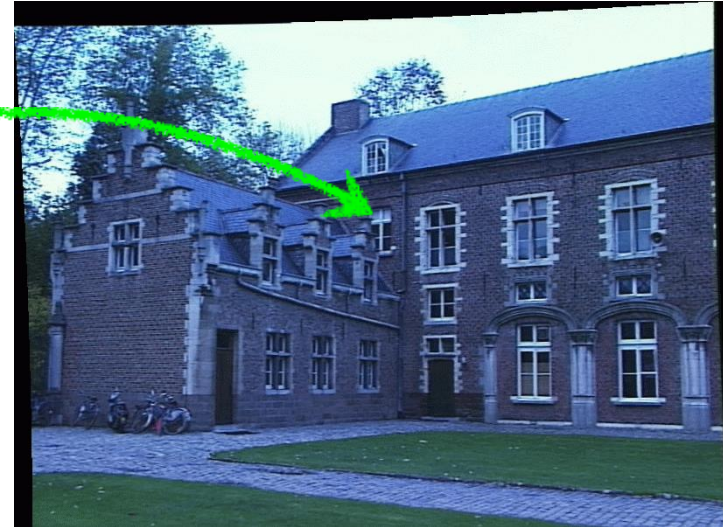


The epipolar constraint is an important concept for stereo vision

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



Left image

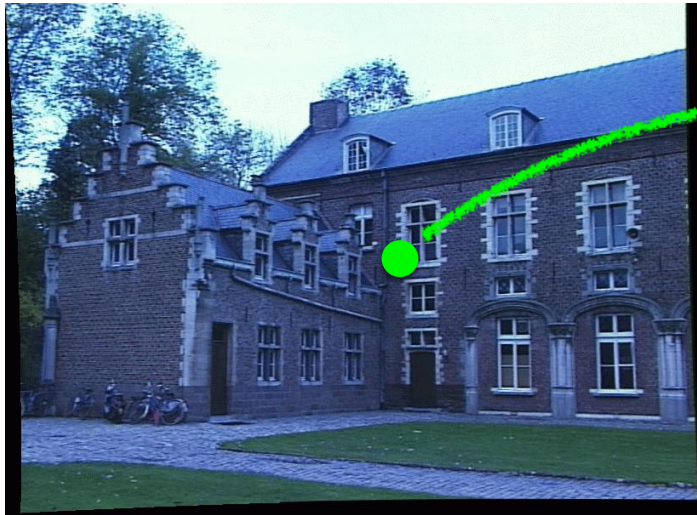


Right image

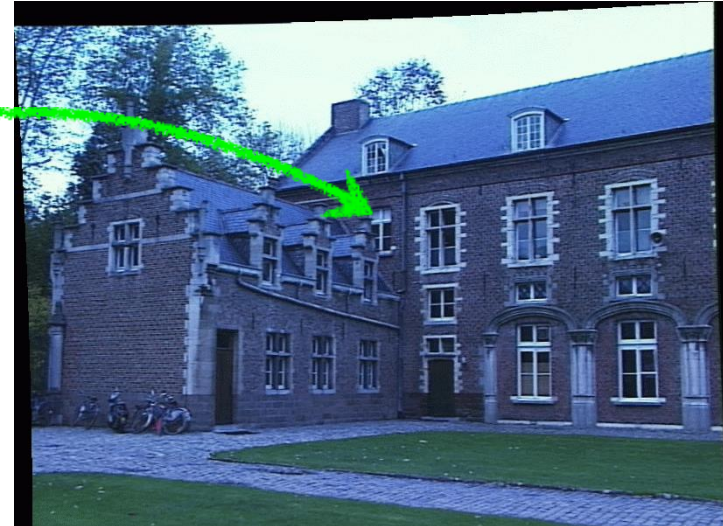
How would you do it?

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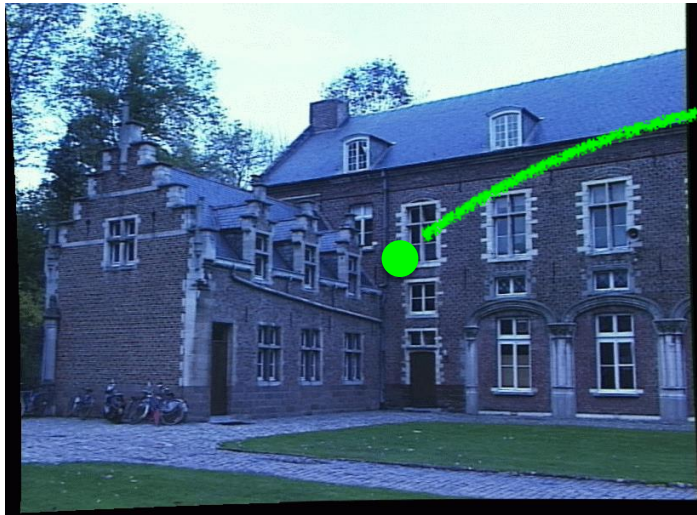
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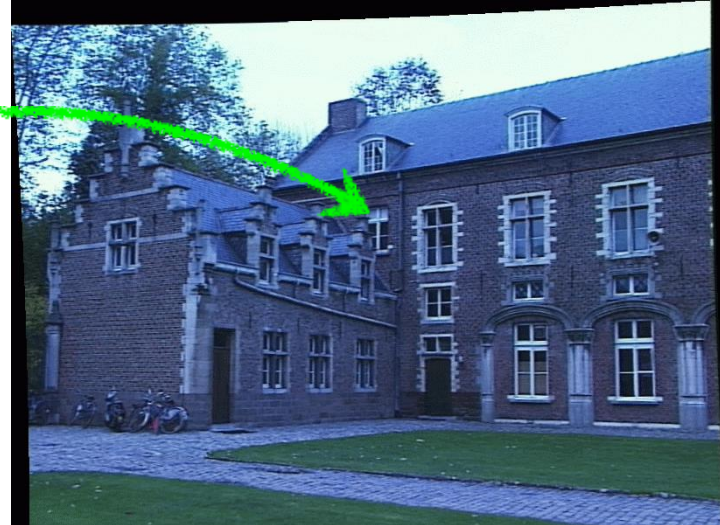
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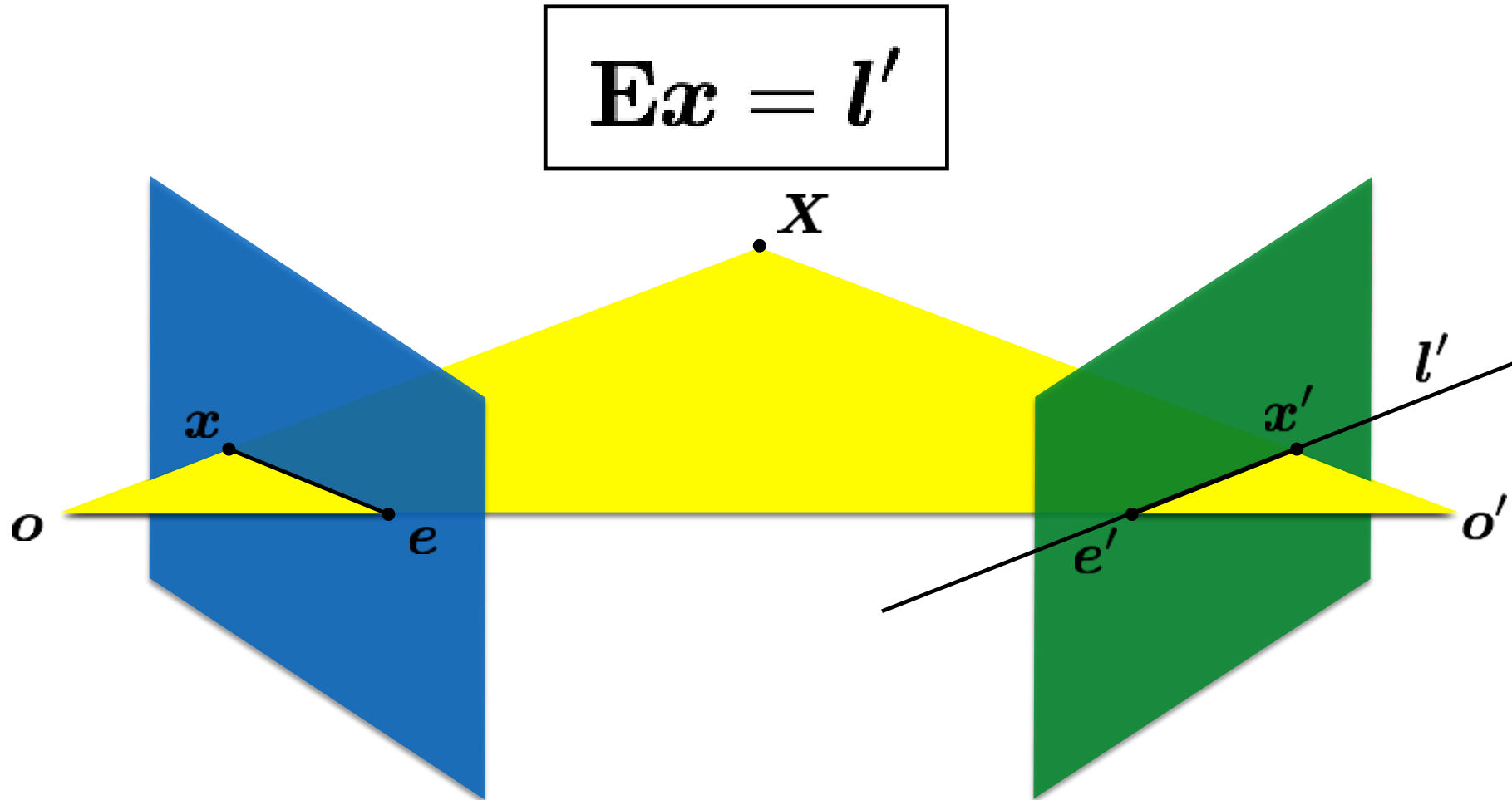
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Epipolar constraint reduces search to a single line

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.



Motivation

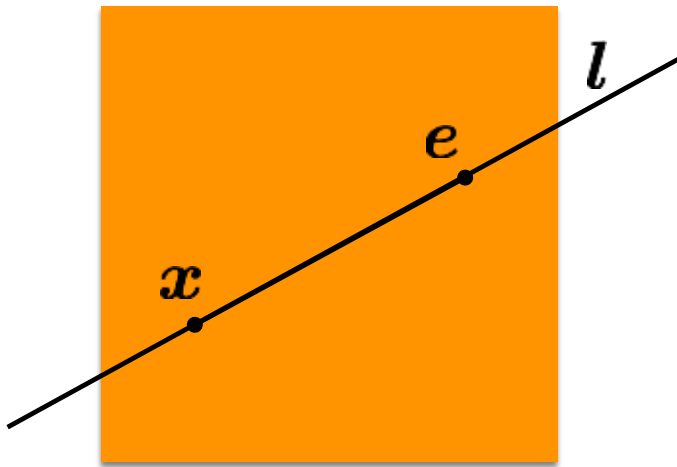
The Essential Matrix is a 3×3 matrix that encodes **epipolar geometry**

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Representing the ...

Epipolar Line

$$ax + by + c = 0 \quad \text{in vector form} \quad \boldsymbol{l} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

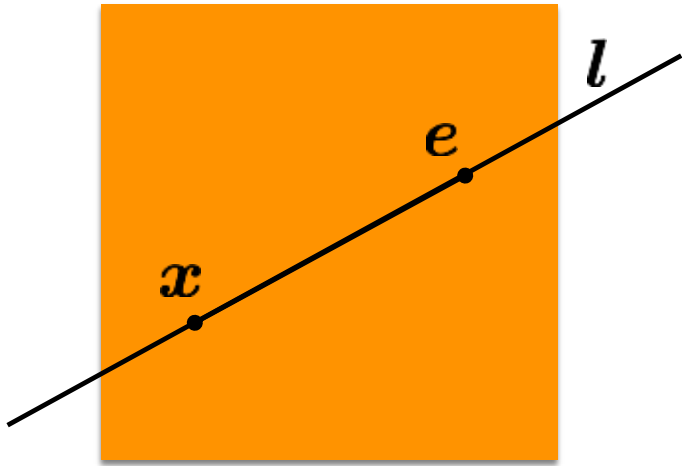


If the point \boldsymbol{x} is on the epipolar line \boldsymbol{l} then

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

Epipolar Line

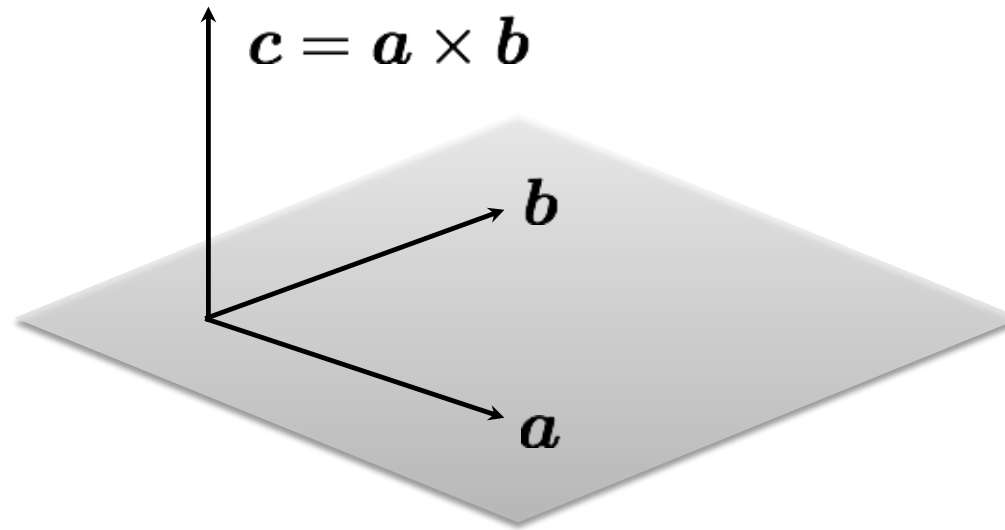
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Recall: Dot Product



$$c \cdot a = 0$$

$$c \cdot b = 0$$

dot product of two orthogonal vectors is zero

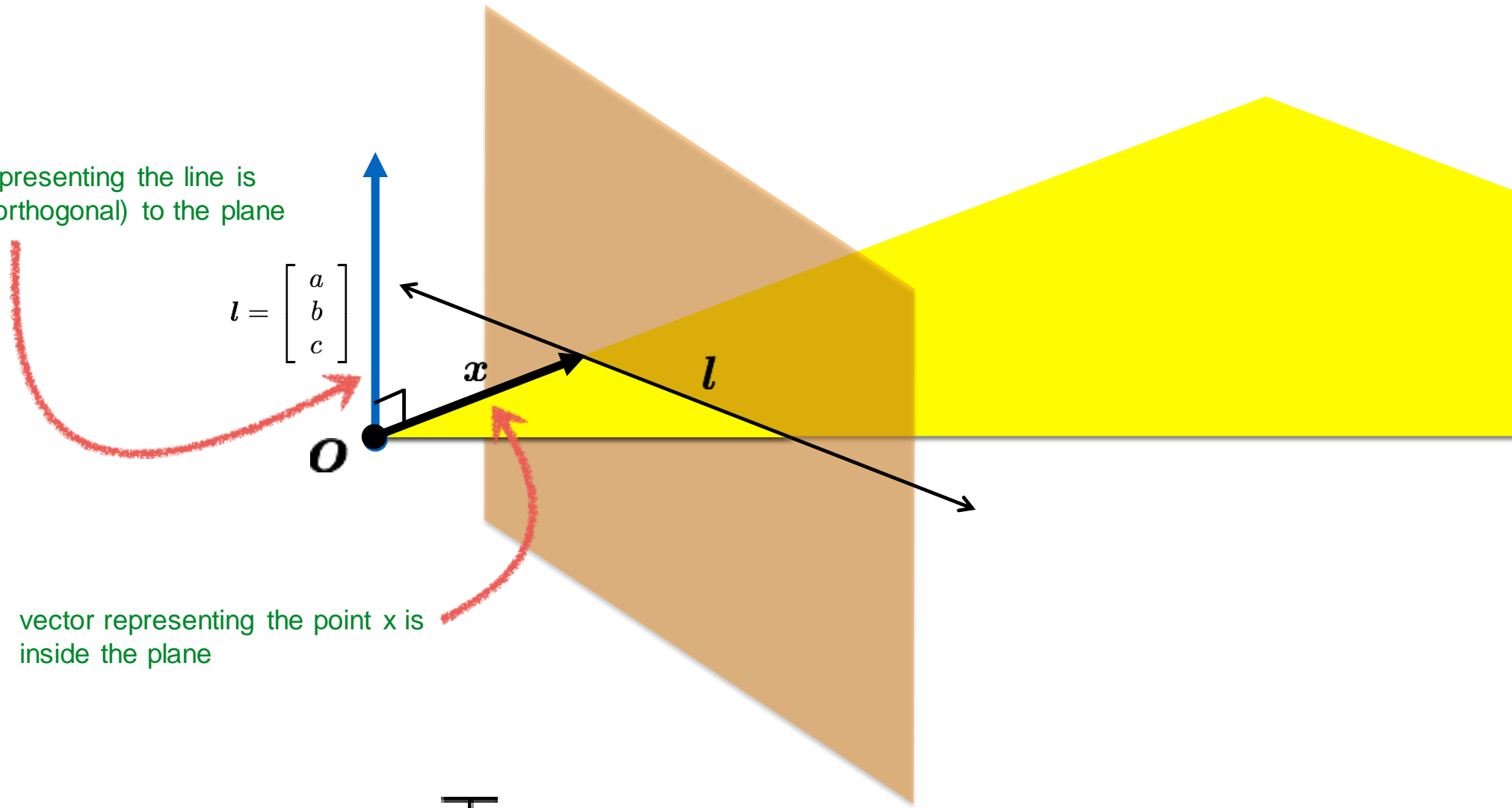
vector representing the line is
normal (orthogonal) to the plane

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

vector representing the point x is
inside the plane

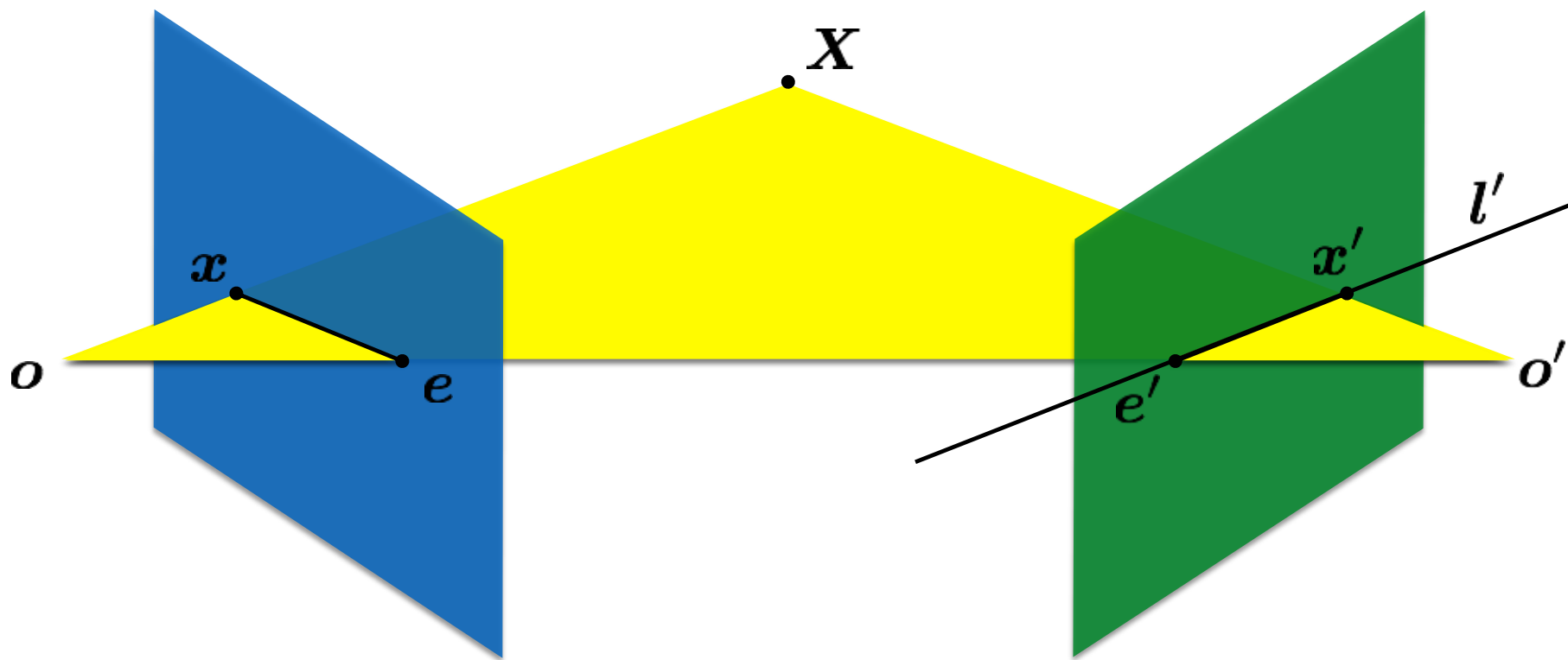
Therefore:

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



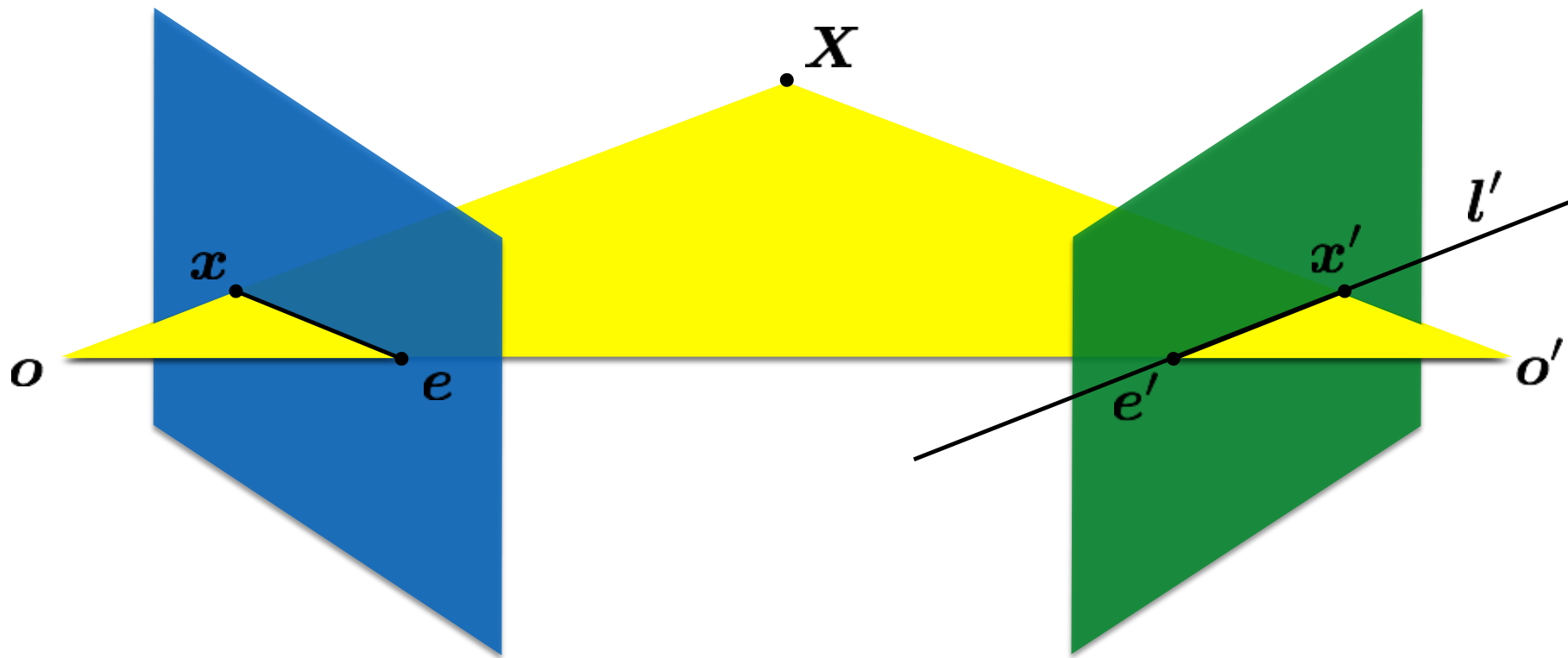
So if $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{l} = 0$ and $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{l}'$ then

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



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Essential Matrix vs Homography

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

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They are both 3 x 3 matrices but ...

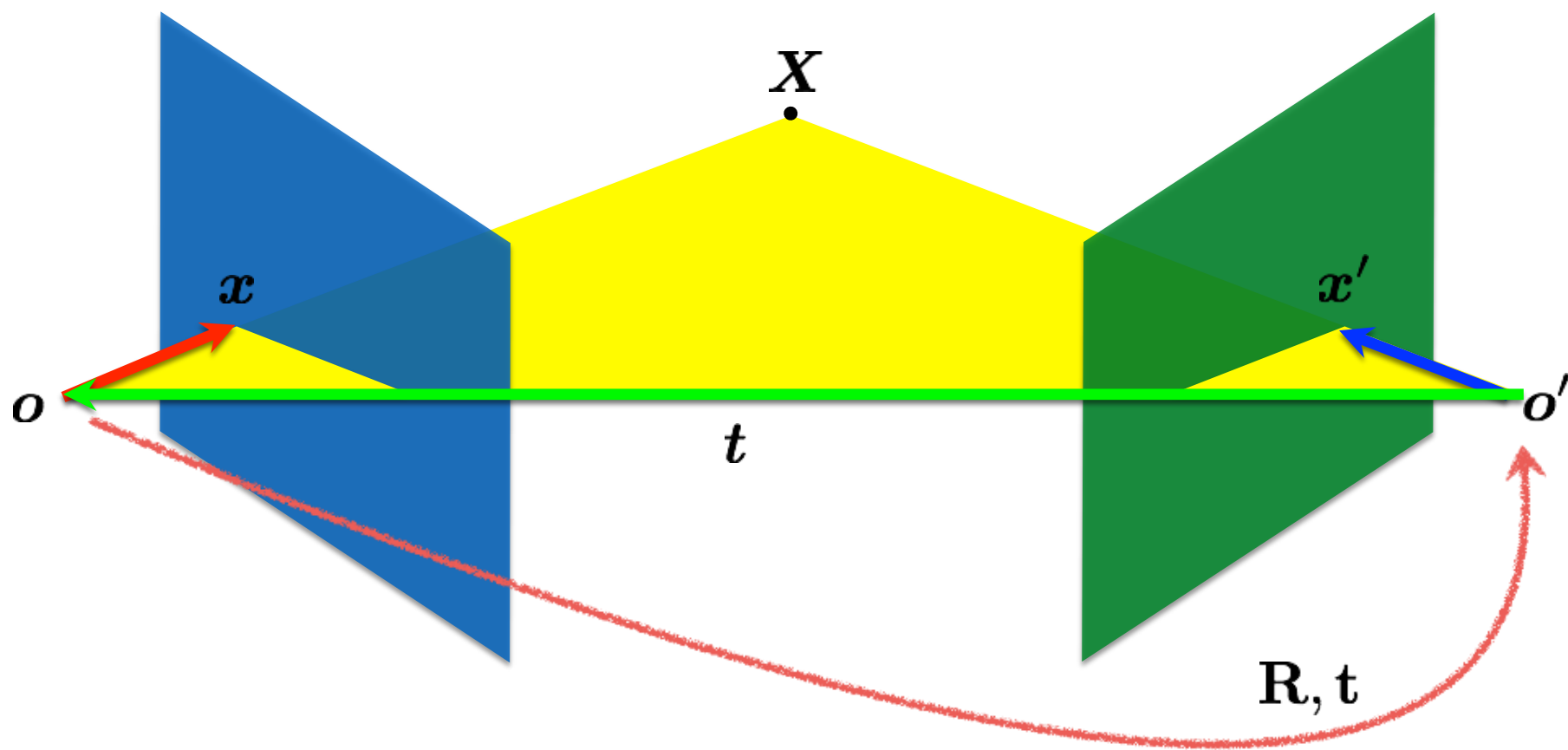
$$l' = \mathbf{E}x$$

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

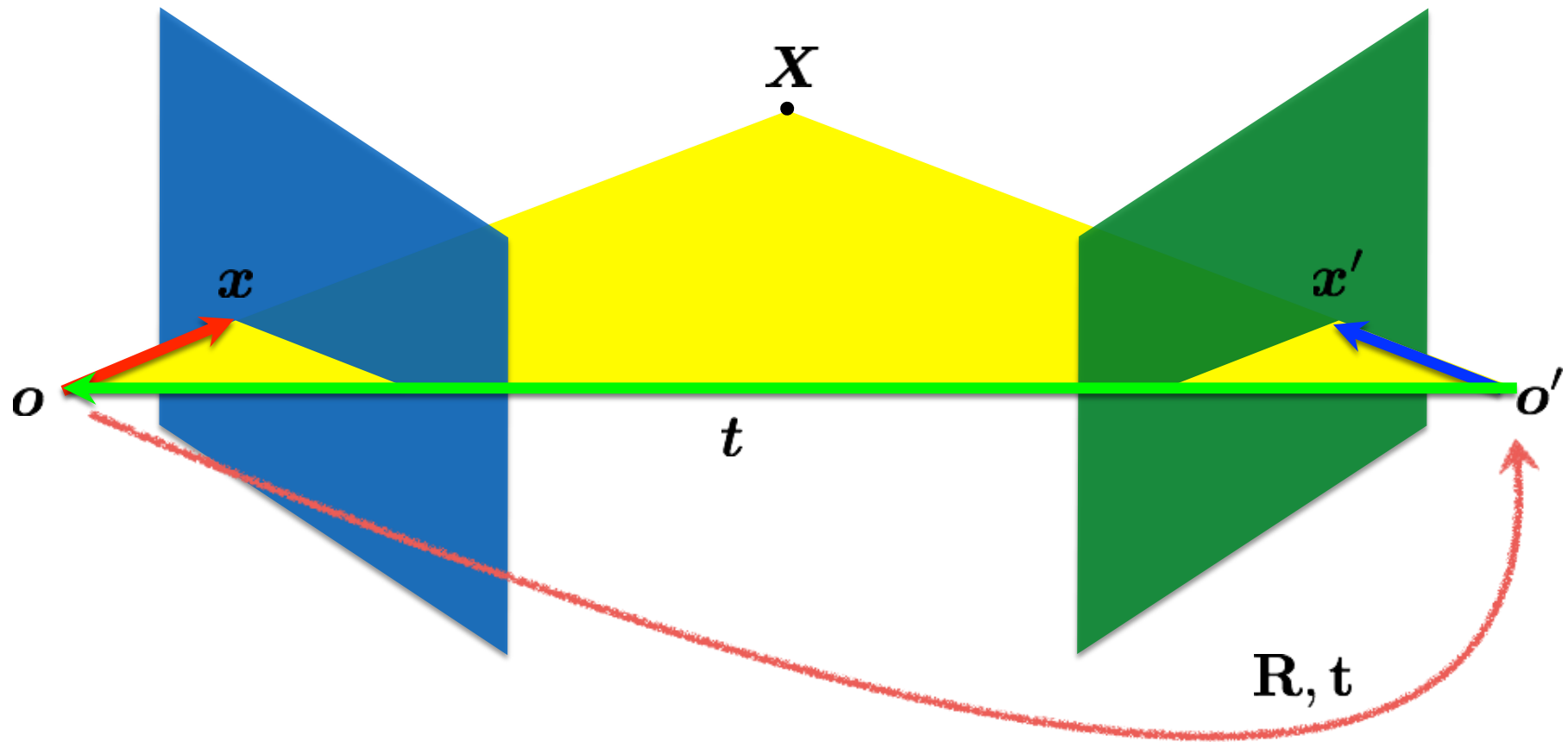
$$x' = \mathbf{H}x$$

Homography maps a
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Where does the Essential matrix come from?

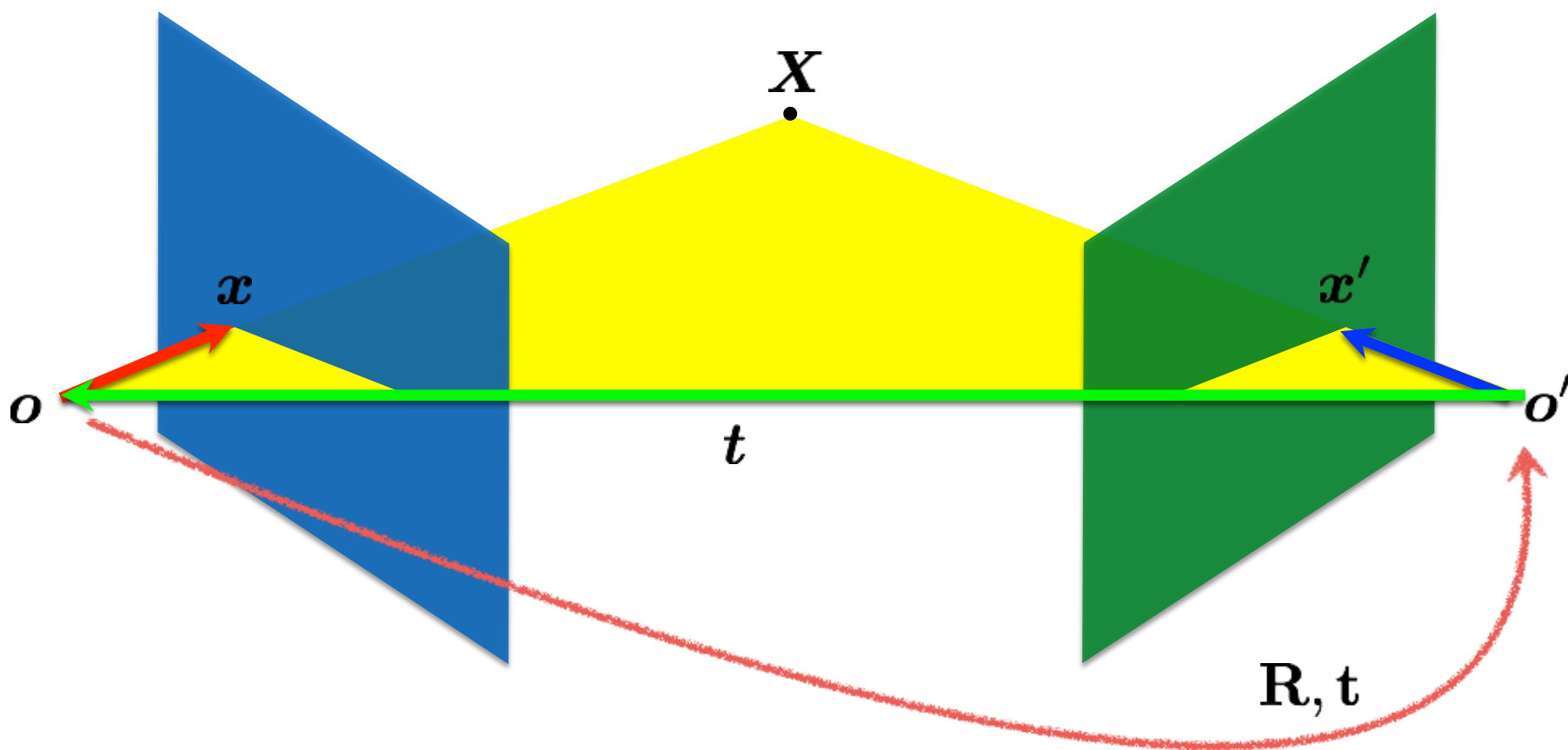


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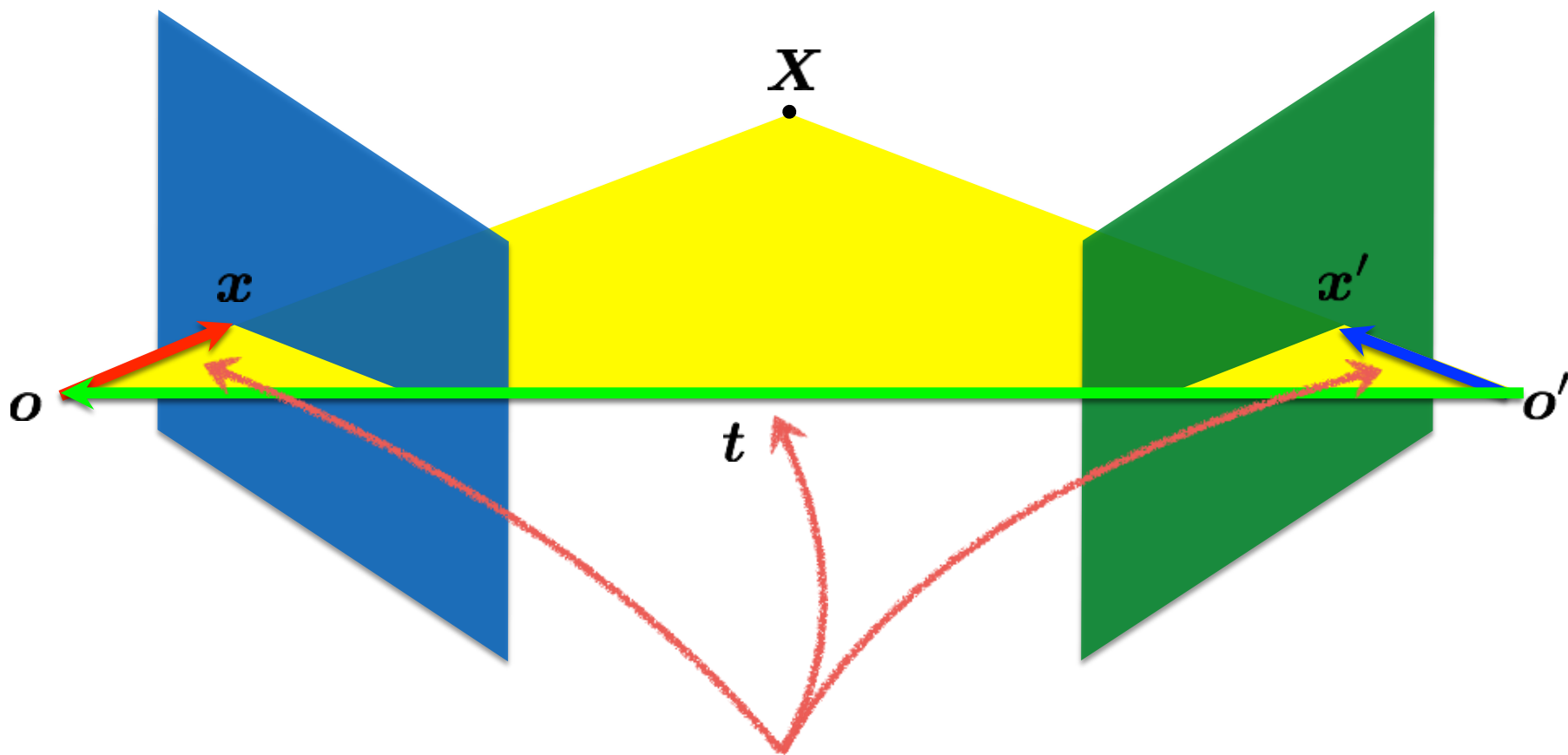
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Does this look familiar?



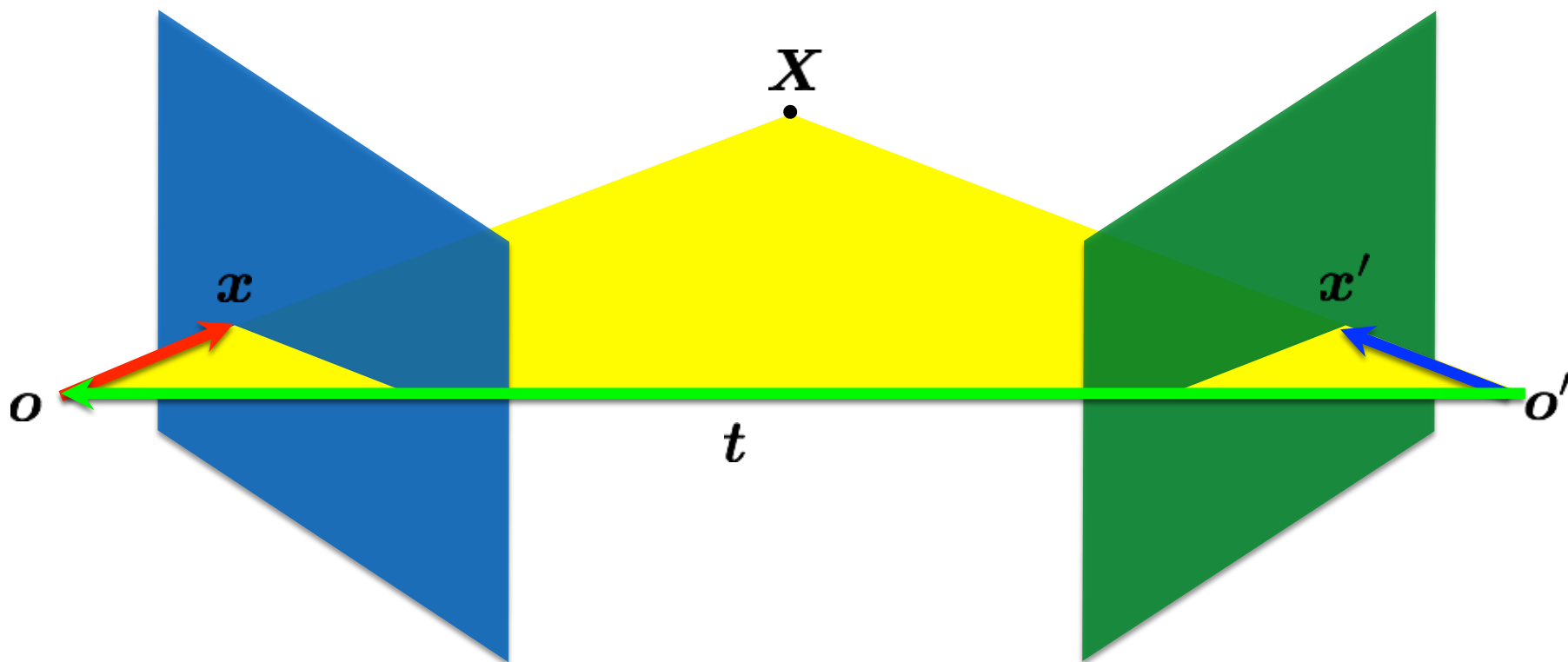
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Camera-camera transform just like **world-camera** transform



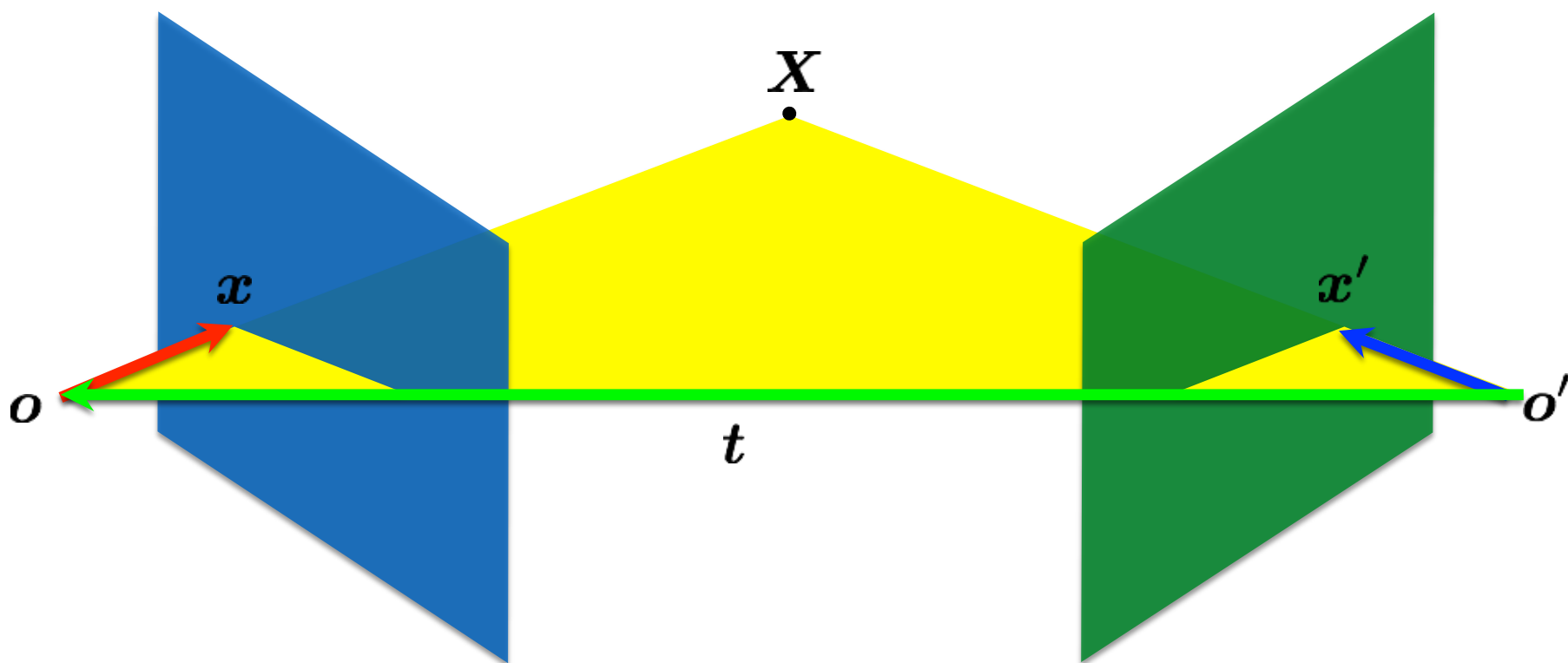
These three vectors are coplanar

$$x, t, x'$$



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

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

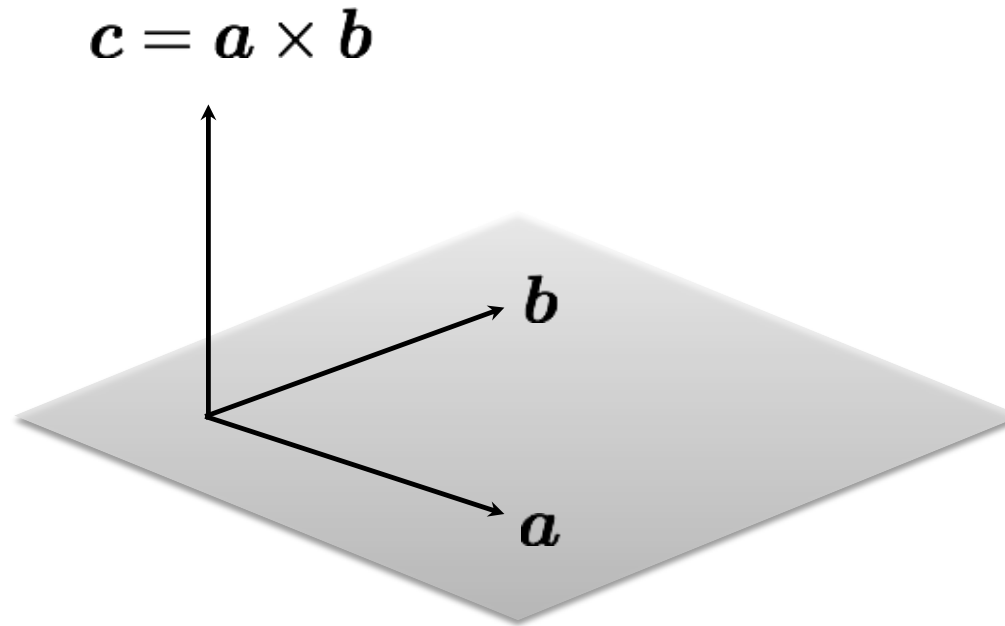


$$x^{\top}(t \times x) = 0$$

Recall: Cross Product

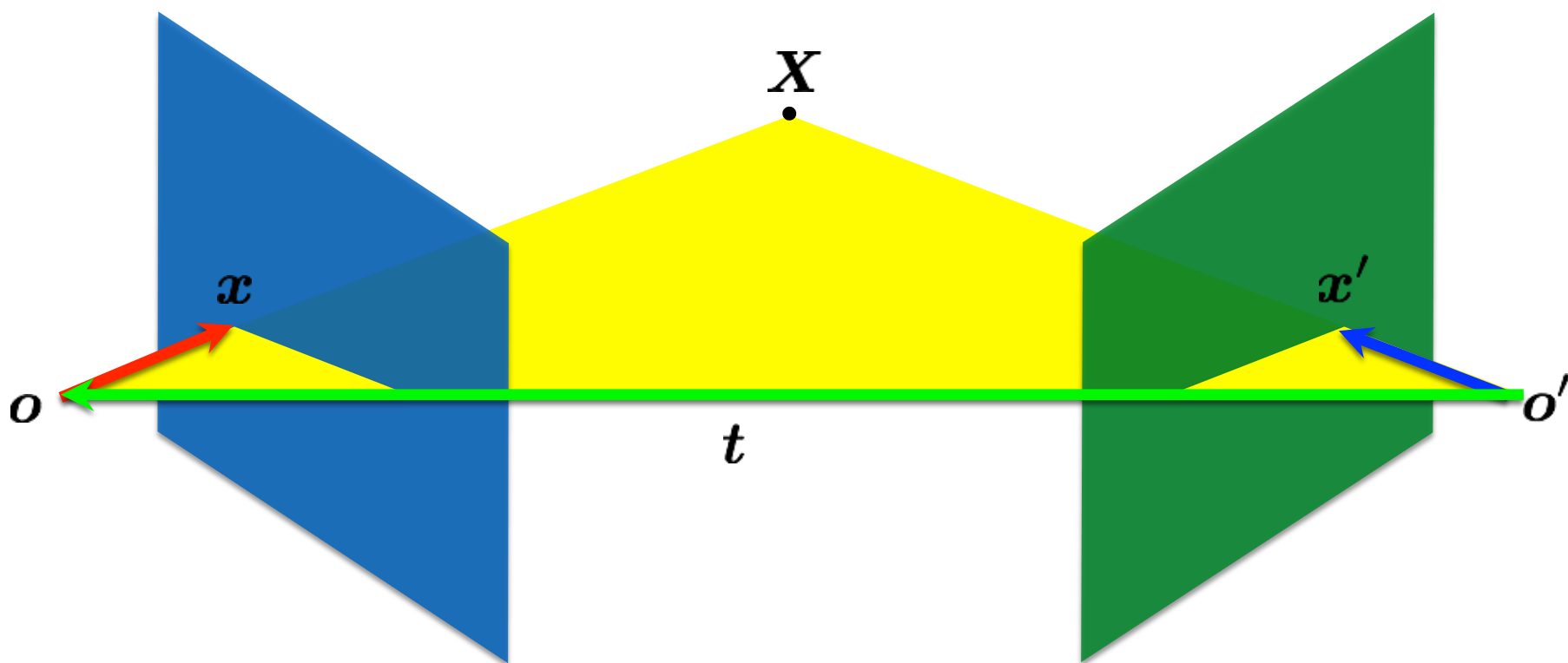
Vector (cross) product

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both

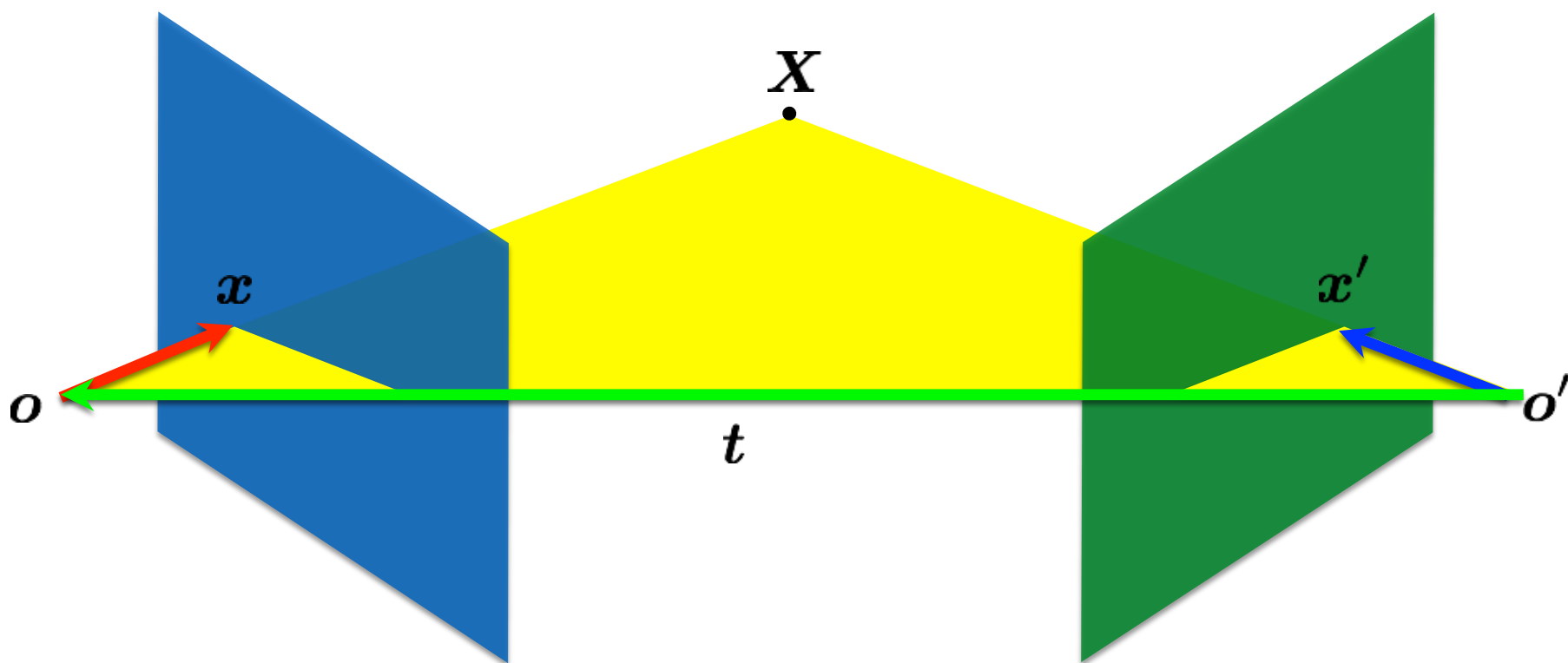


$$c \cdot a = 0$$

$$c \cdot b = 0$$



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



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

putting it together

rigid motion

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

coplanarity

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

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

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

putting it together

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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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Epipolar lines

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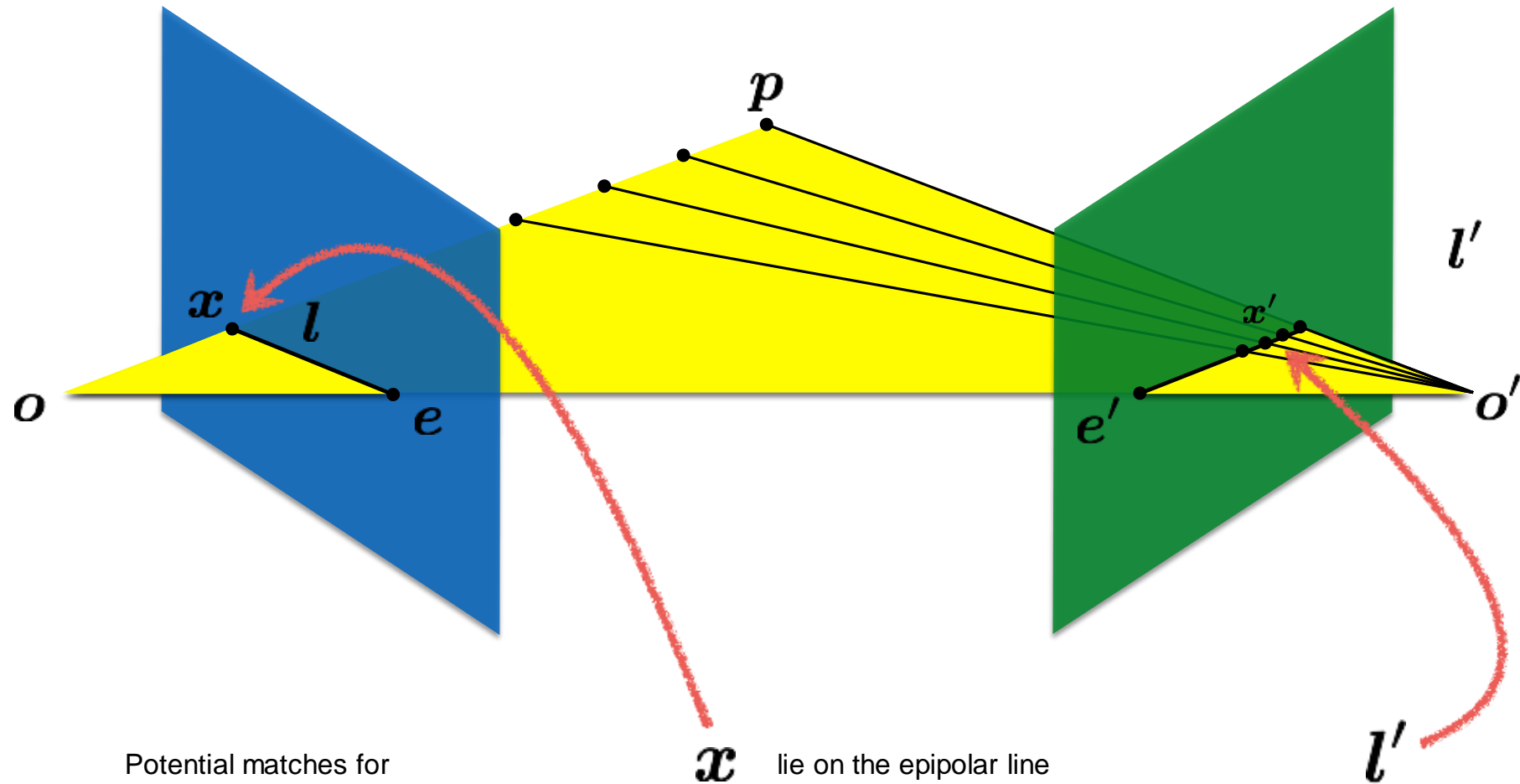
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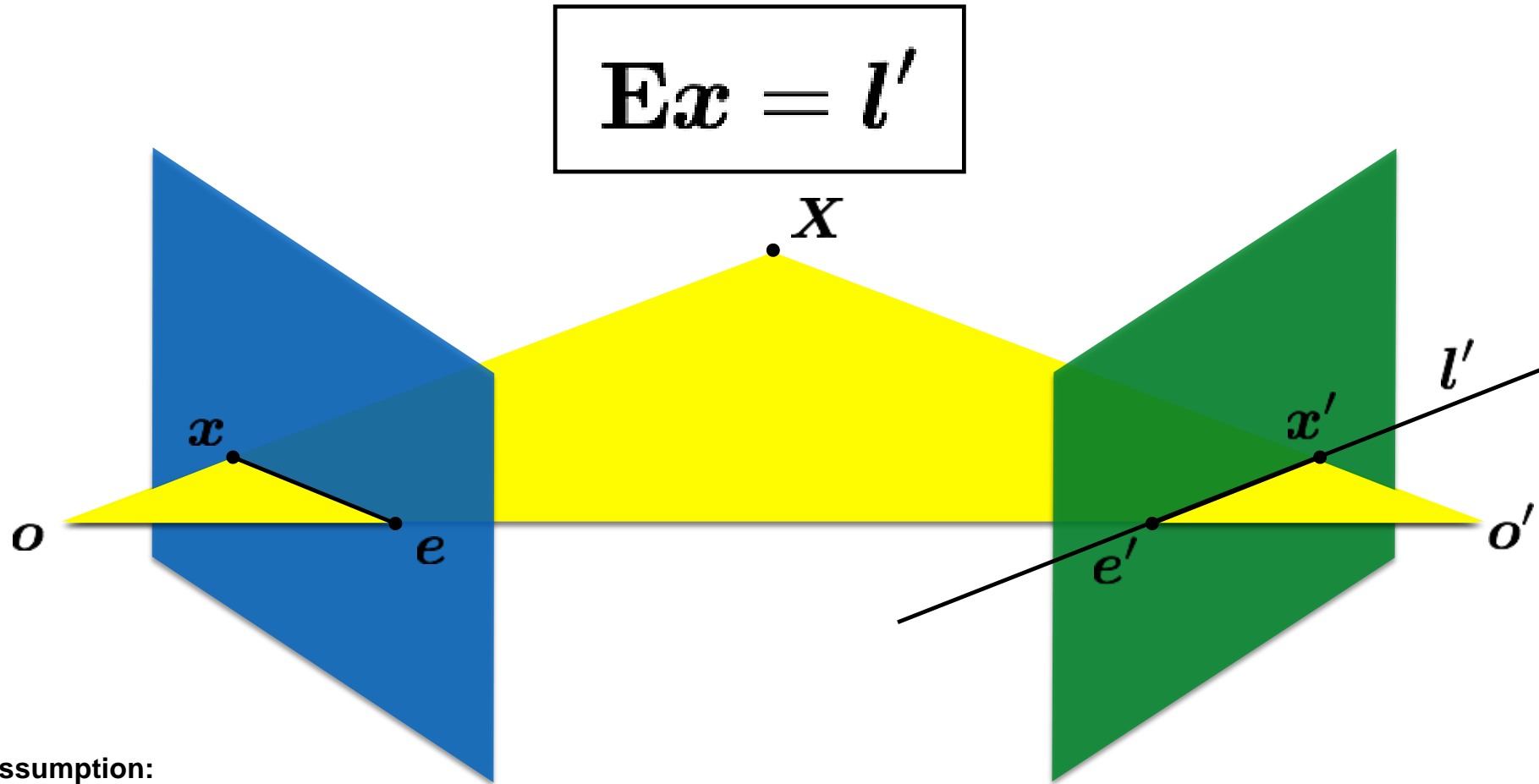
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points in normalized camera coordinates...

Recall: Epipolar constraint



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



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

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

The Essential matrix operates on image points expressed in

normalized coordinates

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

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Writing out the epipolar constraint in terms of image coordinates

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

Same equation works in image coordinates!

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

it maps pixels to epipolar lines

properties of the \mathbf{F}/\mathbf{E} matrix

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Epipolar lines

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

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

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

$$l = \mathbf{E}^T x'$$

Epipoles

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(points in **image** coordinates)

Breaking down the fundamental matrix

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How would you solve for F?

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The 8-point algorithm

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$$\{\mathbf{x}_m, \mathbf{x}'_m\} \quad m = 1, \dots, M$$

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How many equation do you get from one correspondence?

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ONE correspondence gives you ONE equation

$$\begin{aligned} x_m x'_m f_1 + x_m y'_m f_2 + x_m f_3 + \\ y_m x'_m f_4 + y_m y'_m f_5 + y_m f_6 + \\ x'_m f_7 + y'_m f_8 + f_9 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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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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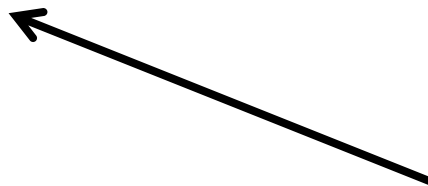
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See Hartley-Zisserman for why we do this

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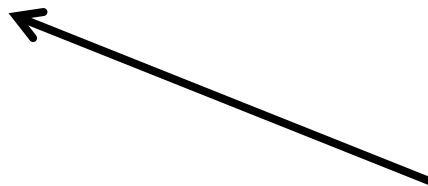
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Enforcing rank constraints

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

$$\min_{\substack{F' \\ \text{rank}(F')=k}} \|F - F'\|^2$$

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

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

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

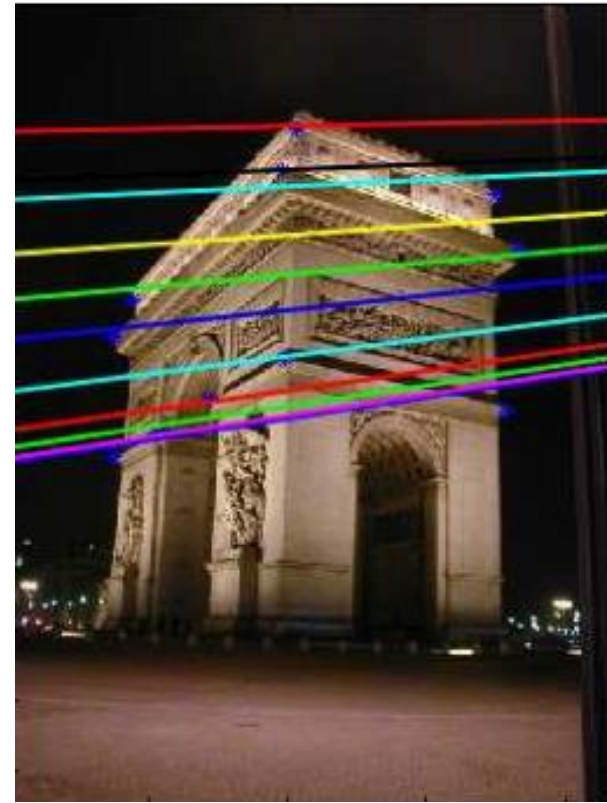
Then the problem solution is the matrix \mathbf{F}' formed as,

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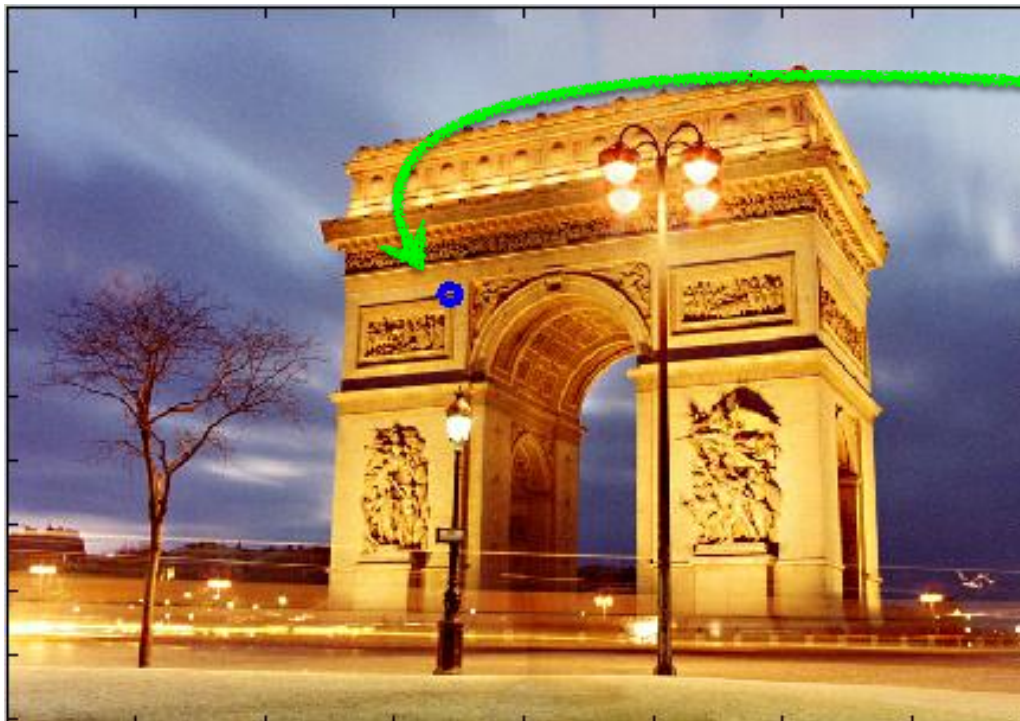
Example



epipolar lines



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

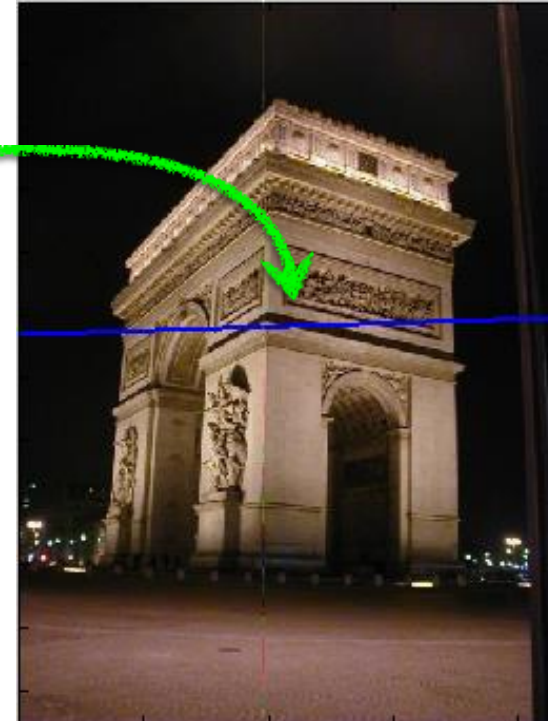


$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 343.53 \\ 221.70 \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Where is the epipole?



How would you compute it?



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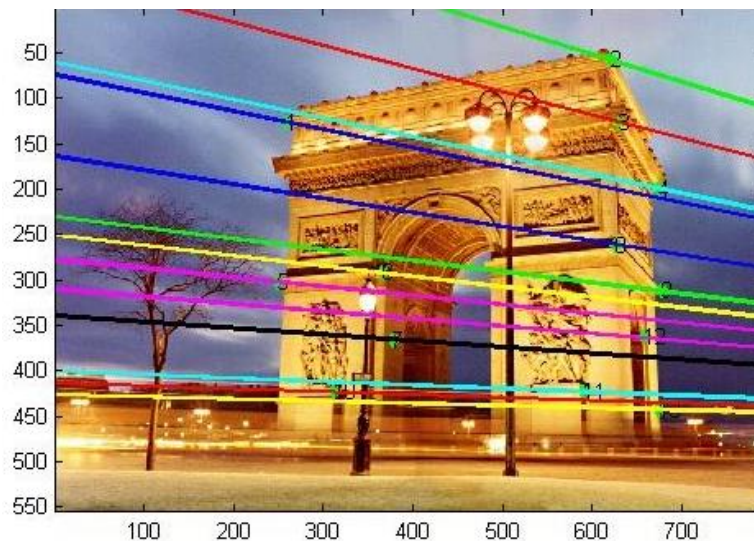
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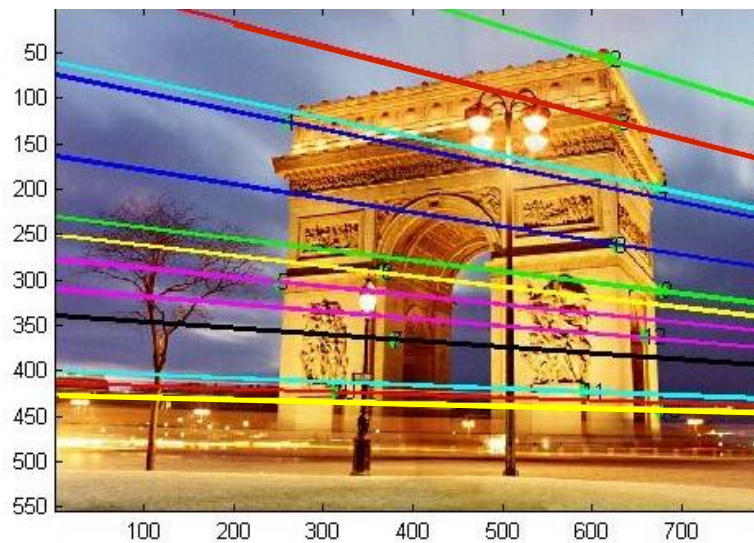
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References

Basic reading:

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