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# Robot Perception

## Multi-View Geometry

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# Overview

\* Hands-on: AprilTag & camera calibration

+ Epipolar geometry

++ Fundamental matrix

+ Essential matrix

+ Planar Homography

+ PnP problem

++ Hand-eye calibration

\*: know how to code

++: know how to derive

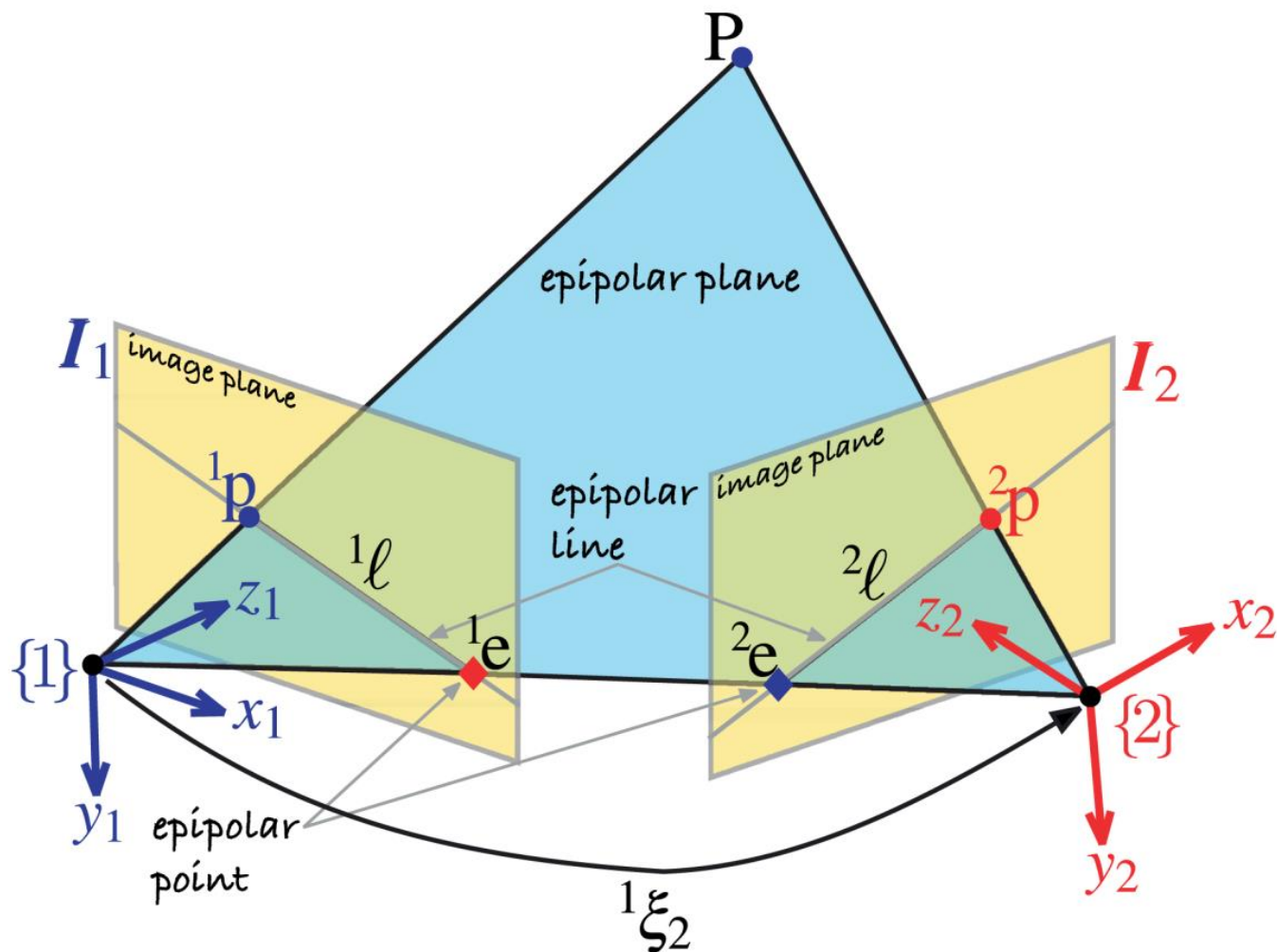
+: know the concept



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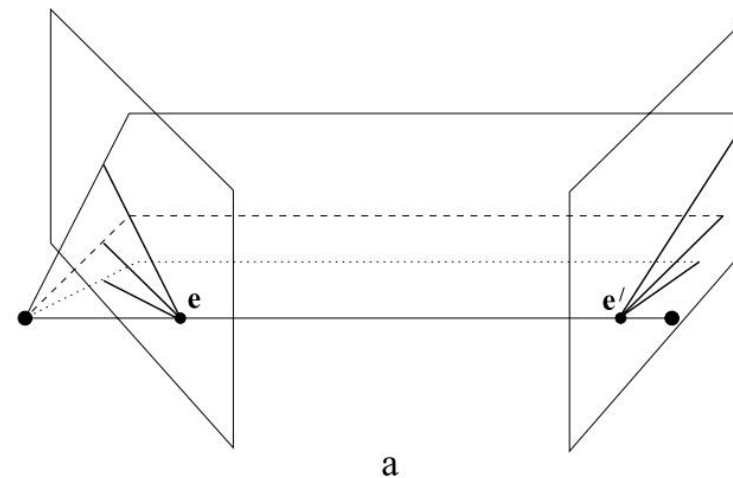
# Two-view Geometry





# Epipolar Geometry

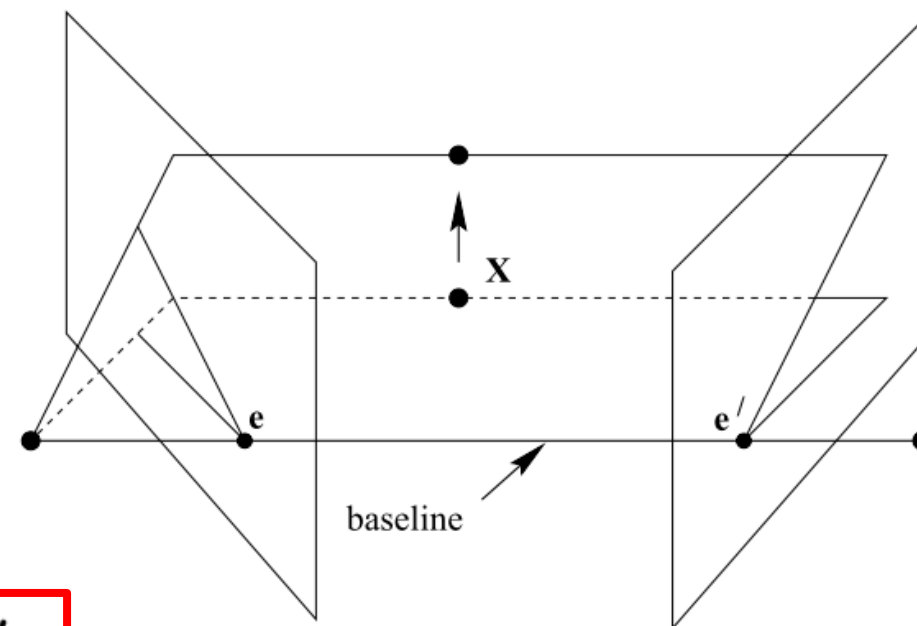
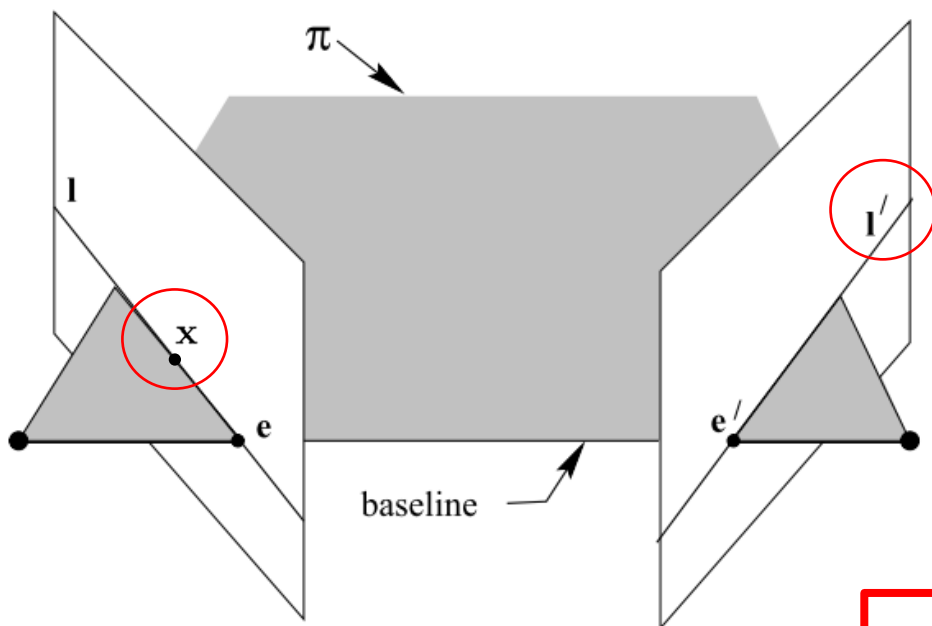
- Independent of scene structure
- Only depends on the **cameras' internal parameters and relative pose**





# Epipolar Geometry

- From a **point  $x$**  on one image, epipolar geometry allows us to find on the other image a **corresponding line  $l'$**  that **MUST** contain the **corresponding point  $x'$** , without knowing where  $x'$  is



$$x \mapsto l'$$



# Fundamental Matrix: the Algebra of Epipolar Geometry

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[LonguetHiggins-81] H. C. Longuet-Higgins. A computer algorithm for reconstructing a scene from two projections. *Nature*, 293:133–135, September 1981.

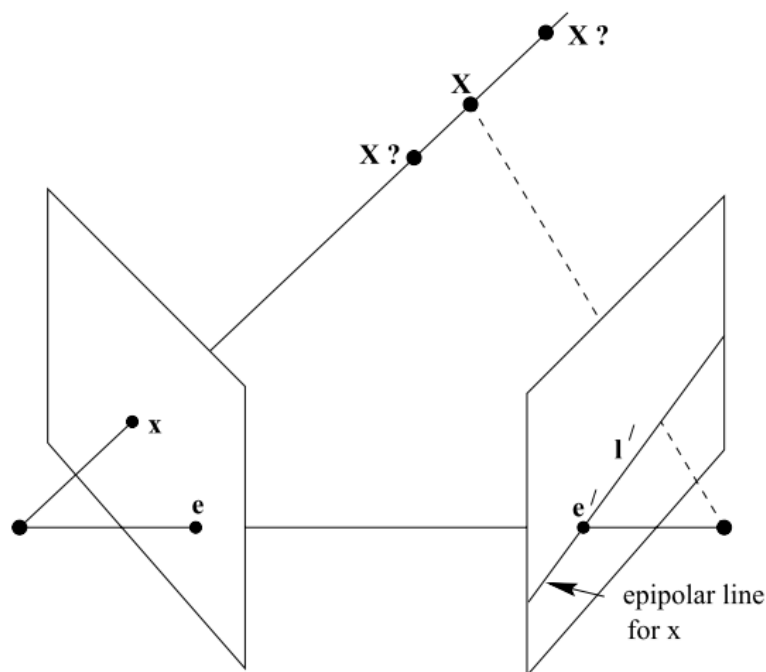


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# Properties of Fundamental Matrix

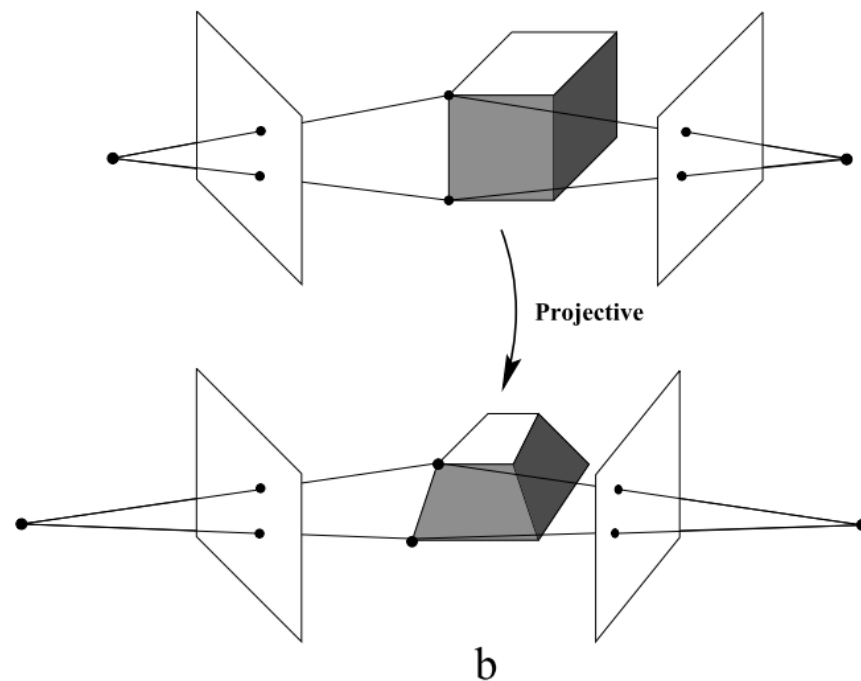
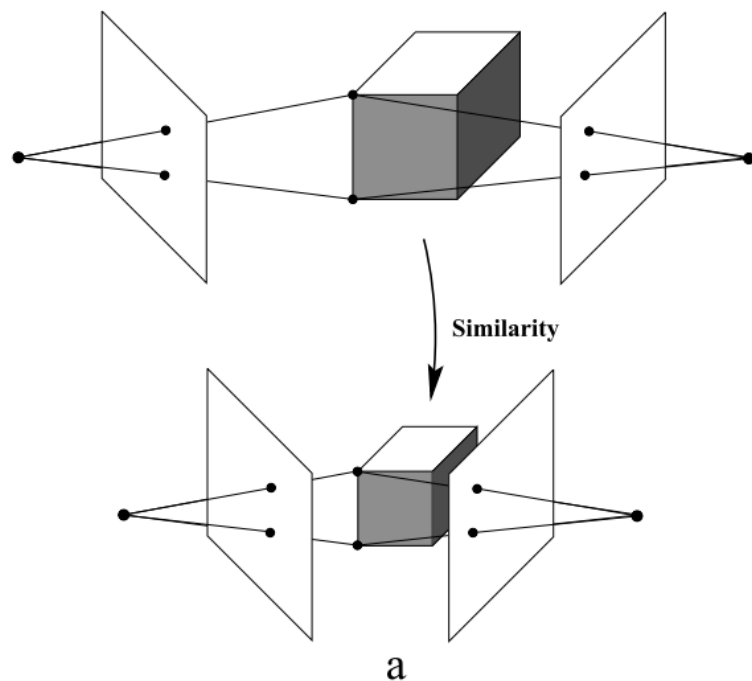


- $F$  is a rank 2 homogeneous matrix with 7 degrees of freedom.
- **Point correspondence:** If  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  are corresponding image points, then  $\mathbf{x}'^T F \mathbf{x} = 0$ .
- **Epipolar lines:**
  - ◇  $\mathbf{l}' = F \mathbf{x}$  is the epipolar line corresponding to  $\mathbf{x}$ .
  - ◇  $\mathbf{l} = F^T \mathbf{x}'$  is the epipolar line corresponding to  $\mathbf{x}'$ .
- **Epipoles:**
  - ◇  $F \mathbf{e} = 0$ .
  - ◇  $F^T \mathbf{e}' = 0$ .
- **Computation from camera matrices  $P, P'$ :**
  - ◇ General cameras,  
 $F = [\mathbf{e}']_{\times} P' P^+$ , where  $P^+$  is the pseudo-inverse of  $P$ , and  $\mathbf{e}' = P' C$ , with  $PC = 0$ .
  - ◇ Canonical cameras,  $P = [I \mid 0]$ ,  $P' = [M \mid \mathbf{m}]$ ,  
 $F = [\mathbf{e}']_{\times} M = M^{-T} [\mathbf{e}]_{\times}$ , where  $\mathbf{e}' = \mathbf{m}$  and  $\mathbf{e} = M^{-1} \mathbf{m}$ .
  - ◇ Cameras not at infinity  $P = K[I \mid 0]$ ,  $P' = K'[R \mid \mathbf{t}]$ ,  
 $F = K'^{-T} [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} R K^{-1} = [K' \mathbf{t}]_{\times} K' R K^{-1} = K'^{-T} R K^T [K R^T \mathbf{t}]_{\times}$ .

Geometrically,  $F$  represents a mapping from the 2-dimensional projective plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$  of the first image to the pencil of epipolar lines through the epipole  $\mathbf{e}'$ . Thus, it represents a mapping from a 2-dimensional onto a 1-dimensional projective space, and hence must have rank 2.



# Projective Ambiguity of Fundamental Matrix



**Result 9.8.** *If  $H$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix representing a projective transformation of 3-space, then the fundamental matrices corresponding to the pairs of camera matrices  $(P, P')$  and  $(PH, P'H)$  are the same.*



## Normalized Coordinate and Essential Matrix

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

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{t}]$$

Normalized coordinate  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{t}]\mathbf{X}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}'^T \mathbf{E} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 0$$

**Result 9.17.** *A  $3 \times 3$  matrix is an essential matrix if and only if two of its singular values are equal, and the third is zero.*

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{K}'^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{K}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{E} = [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}}$$



# Extracting Relative Camera Pose from E-matrix

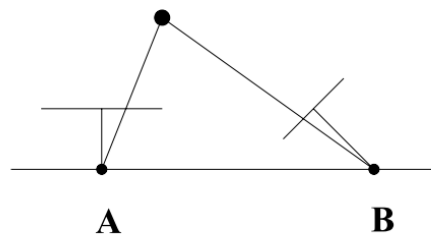


**Result 9.19.** For a given essential matrix  $E = U \text{diag}(1, 1, 0)V^T$ , and first camera matrix  $P = [I \mid 0]$ , there are four possible choices for the second camera matrix  $P'$ , namely

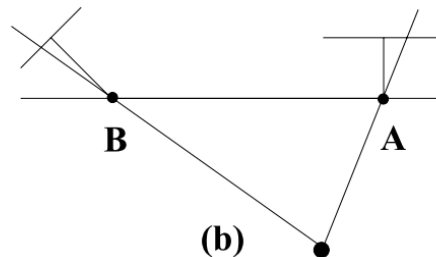
$$P' = [UWV^T \mid +\mathbf{u}_3] \text{ or } [UWV^T \mid -\mathbf{u}_3] \text{ or } [UW^TV^T \mid +\mathbf{u}_3] \text{ or } [UW^TV^T \mid -\mathbf{u}_3].$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

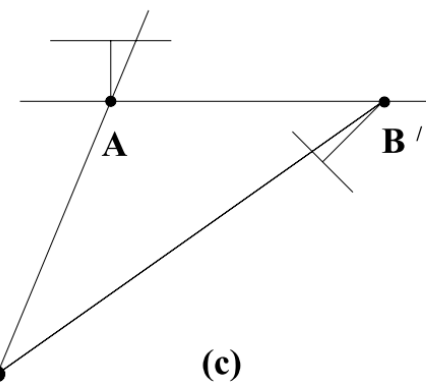
$$U(0, 0, 1)^T = \mathbf{u}_3$$



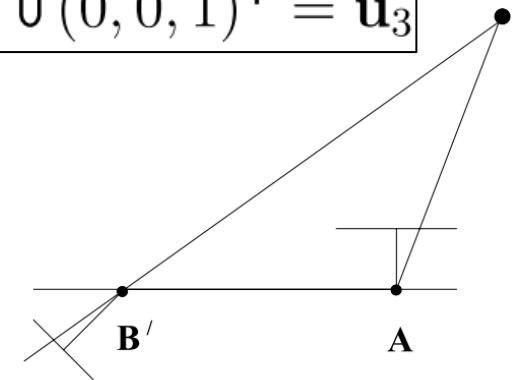
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



## Estimating F-matrix



- Find multiple  $\mathbf{X} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}'$  correspondences ( $\geq 7$ ) between two images

$$\mathbf{x}'^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$x'x f_{11} + x'y f_{12} + x' f_{13} + y'x f_{21} + y'y f_{22} + y' f_{23} + x f_{31} + y f_{32} + f_{33} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 x_1 & x'_1 y_1 & x'_1 & y'_1 x_1 & y'_1 y_1 & y'_1 & x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x'_n x_n & x'_n y_n & x'_n & y'_n x_n & y'_n y_n & y'_n & x_n & y_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$$

- Enforce rank-2 constraint by SVD**



# Normalized 8-point Algorithm

## Objective

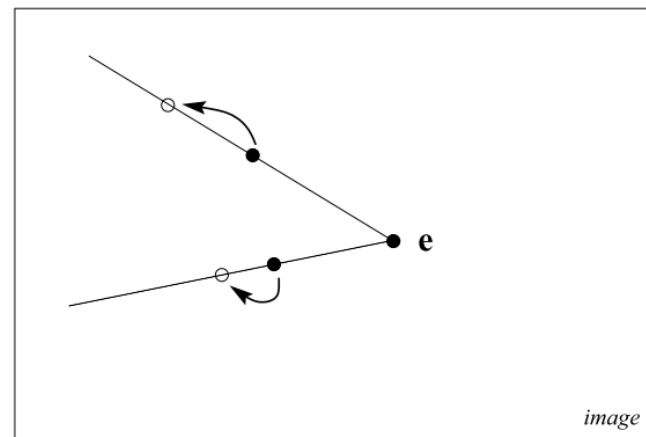
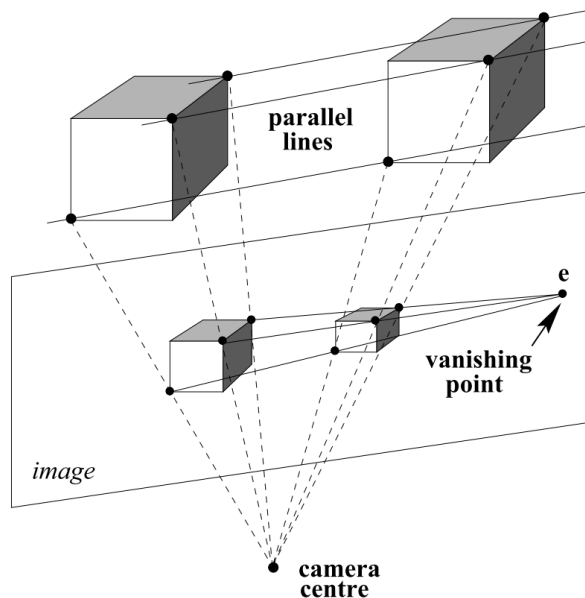
Given  $n \geq 8$  image point correspondences  $\{\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i\}$ , determine the fundamental matrix  $F$  such that  $\mathbf{x}'_i{}^T F \mathbf{x}_i = 0$ .

## Algorithm

- (i) **Normalization:** Transform the image coordinates according to  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = T\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}'_i = T'\mathbf{x}'_i$ , where  $T$  and  $T'$  are normalizing transformations consisting of a translation and scaling.
- (ii) Find the fundamental matrix  $\hat{F}'$  corresponding to the matches  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i \leftrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{x}}'_i$  by
  - (a) **Linear solution:** Determine  $\hat{F}$  from the singular vector corresponding to the smallest singular value of  $\hat{A}$ , where  $\hat{A}$  is composed from the matches  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i \leftrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{x}}'_i$  as defined in (11.3).
  - (b) **Constraint enforcement:** Replace  $\hat{F}$  by  $\hat{F}'$  such that  $\det \hat{F}' = 0$  using the SVD (see section 11.1.1).
- (iii) **Denormalization:** Set  $F = T'^T \hat{F}' T$ . Matrix  $F$  is the fundamental matrix corresponding to the original data  $\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i$ .

# Special Case of F-matrix Computation

- Special cases of motion
  - Simplify the computation of F-matrix
- Pure Translation:  $F = [e']_{\times}$ 
  - the epipole can be estimated from the **image motion of two points**





# The Fundamental Matrix Song – Daniel Wedge

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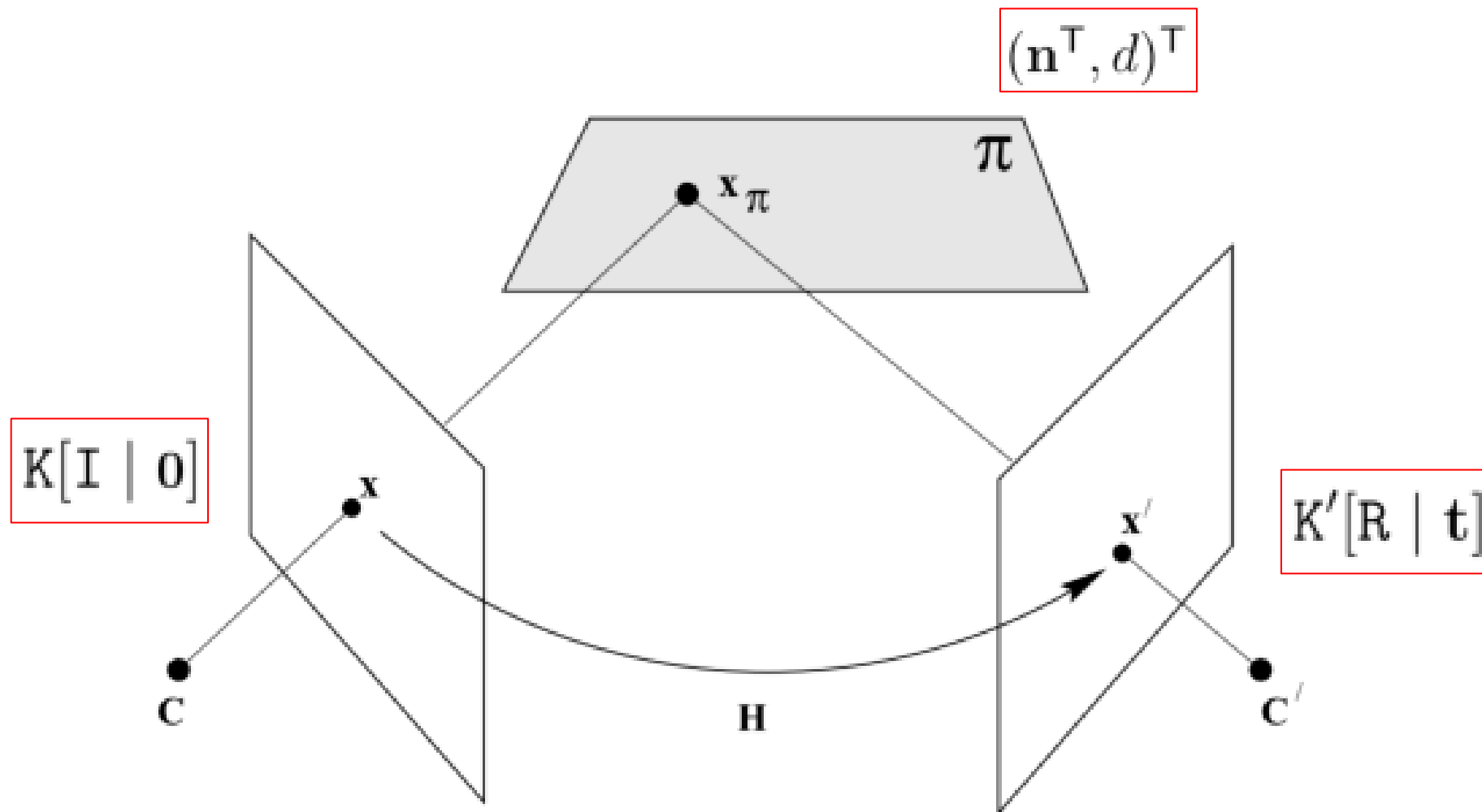


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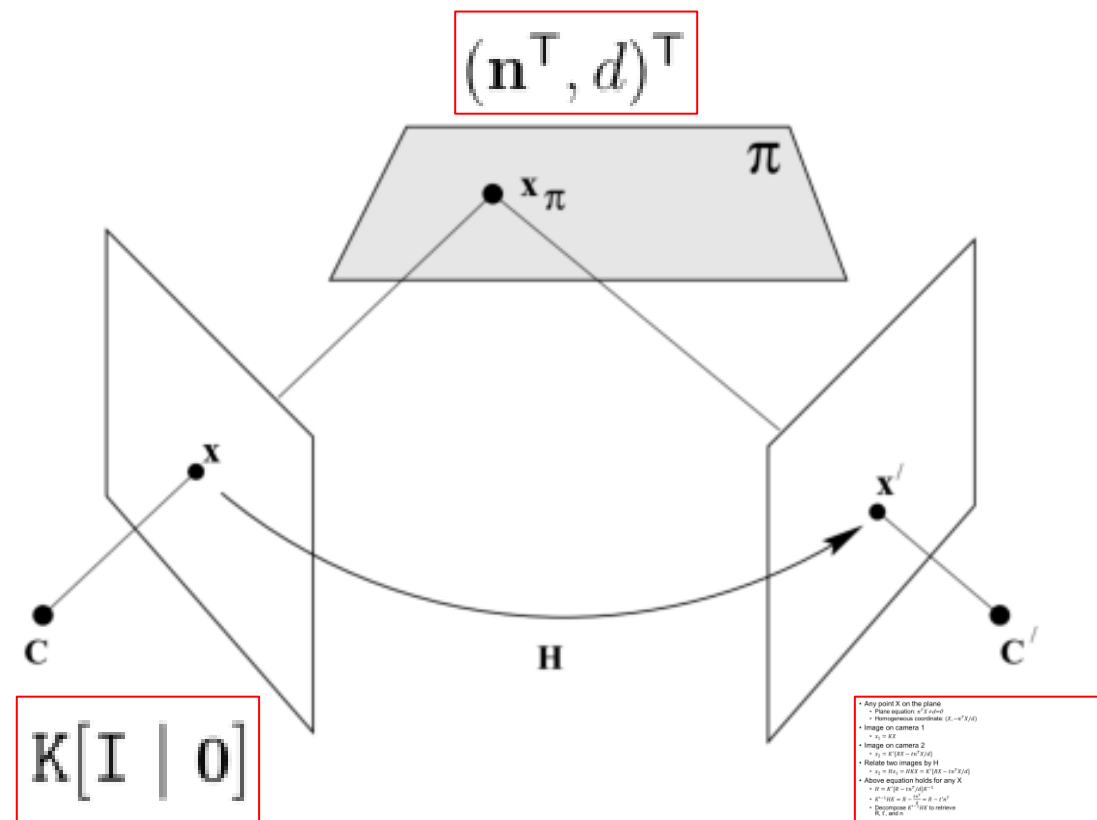
# Planar Homography



# Planar Homography

- Any point  $X$  on the plane
  - Plane equation:  $n^T X + d = 0$
  - Homogeneous coordinate:  $(X, -n^T X/d)$
- Image on camera 1
  - $x_1 = KX$
- Image on camera 2
  - $x_2 = K'[RX - tn^T X/d]$
- Relate two images by  $H$ 
  - $x_2 = Hx_1 = HKX = K'[RX - tn^T X/d]$
- Above equation holds for any  $X$ 
  - $H = K'[R - tn^T/d]K^{-1}$
  - $K'^{-1}HK = R - \frac{tn^T}{d} = R - t'n^T$
  - Decompose  $K'^{-1}HK$  to retrieve  $R$ ,  $t'$ , and  $n$

Hartley &amp; Zisserman 2003



Malis, Ezio, and Manuel Vargas. "Deeper understanding of the homography decomposition for vision-based control." (2007).

# Perspective-n-point (PnP) Problem

- **A calibrated camera is an angular sensor**

- $\hat{x}_i = K^{-1}x_i / \|K^{-1}x_i\|$

- Visual angles between any pair of image points must be the same as the angle between corresponding 3D points

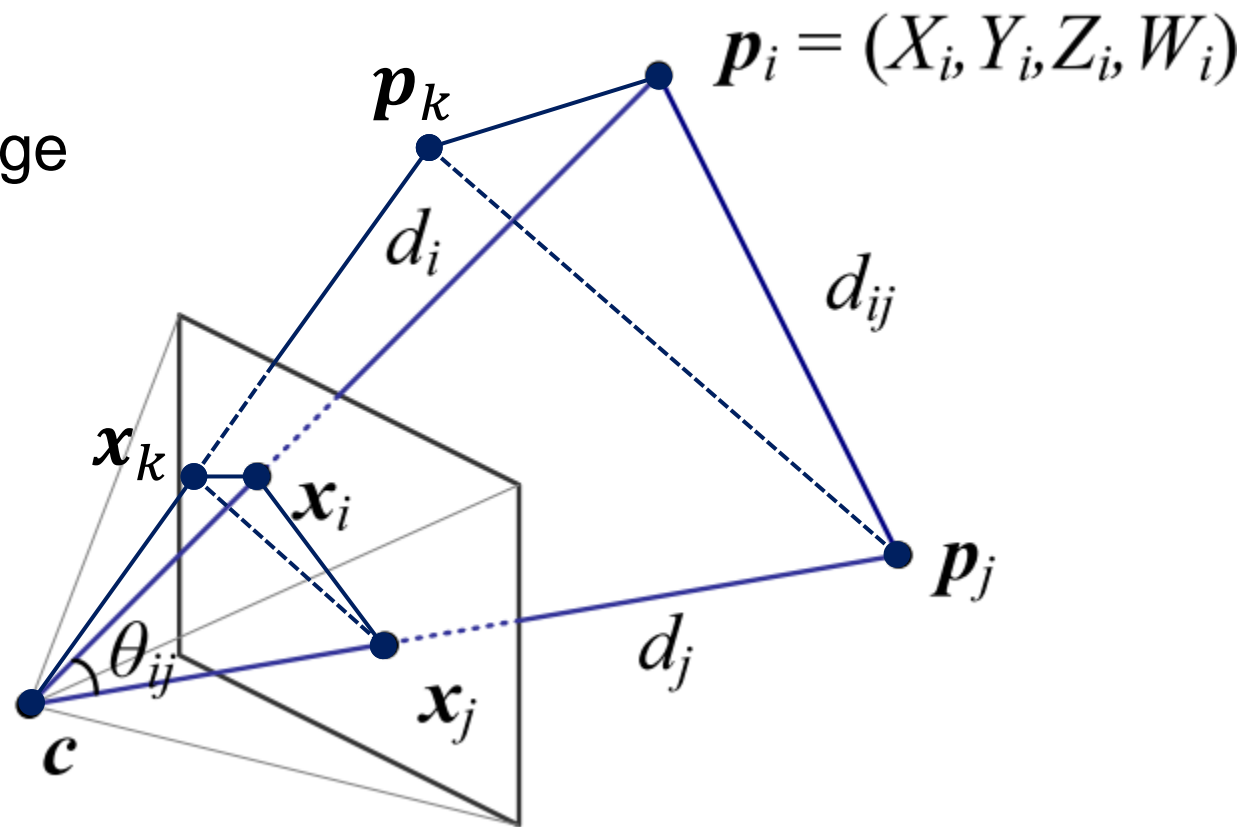
- $\angle x_i c x_j \equiv \angle p_i c p_j$

- 3 pair of 2D-3D correspondences leads to 4 possible solutions

- P3P problem

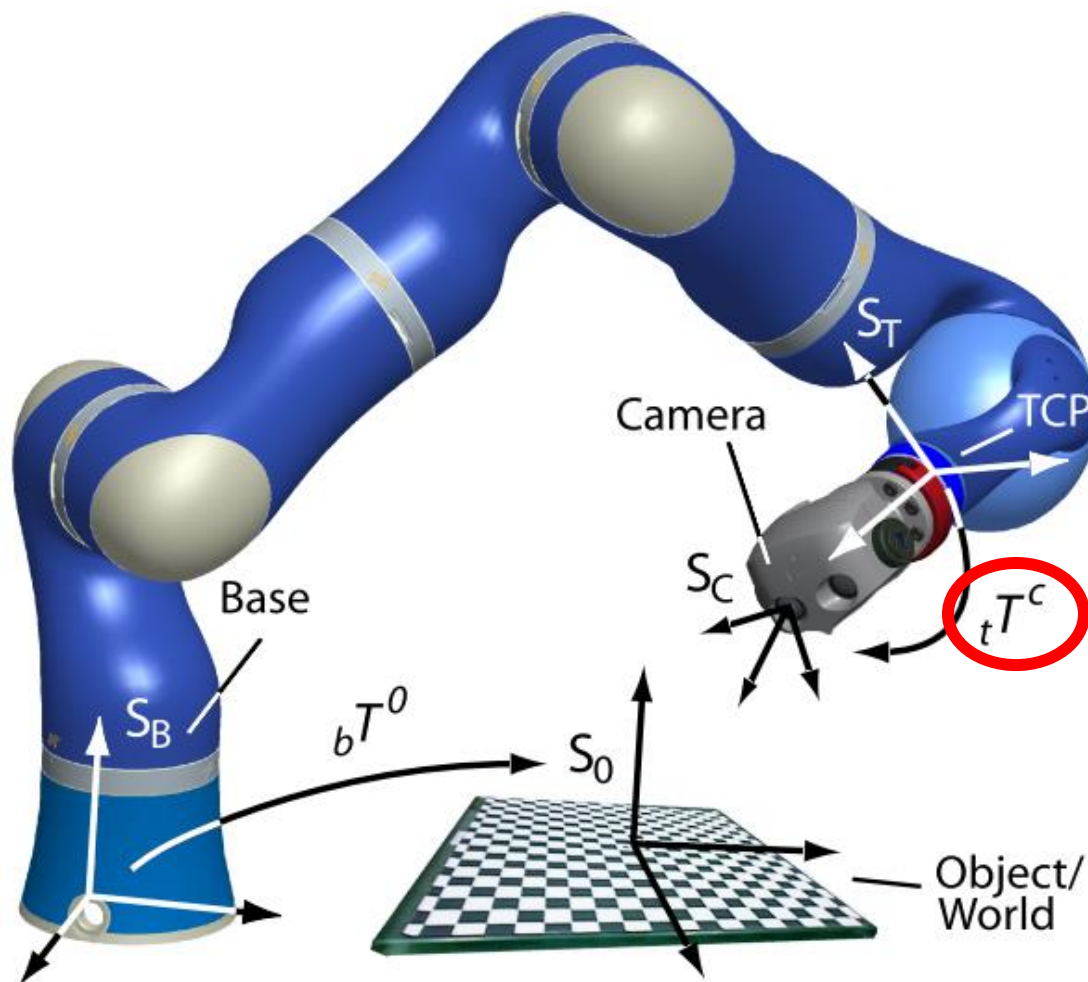
- Useful for estimating object pose

- $[R, t]$





# Hand-eye Calibration





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- For any static point  $P$  in the calibration frame

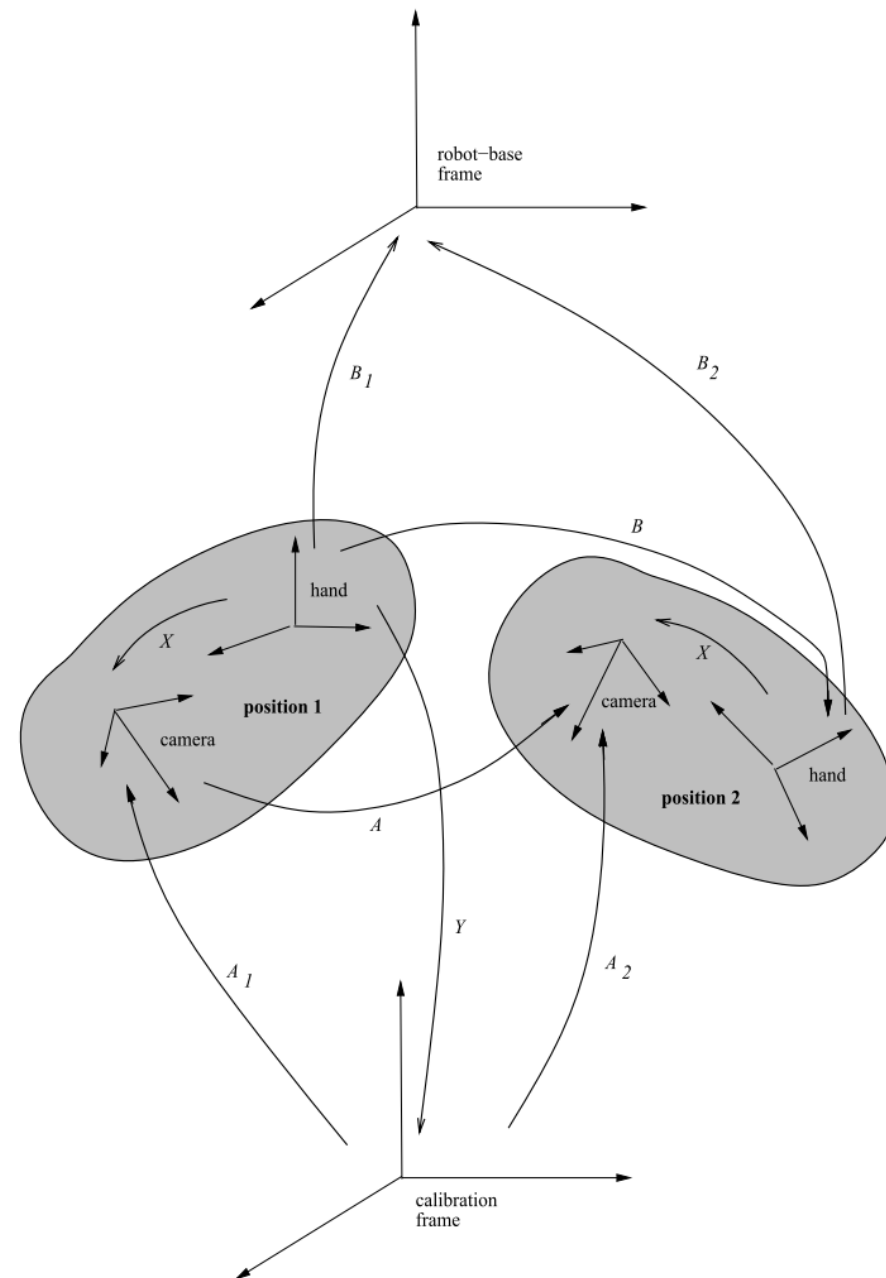
- $B_1 X^{-1} A_1 P = B_2 X^{-1} A_2 P, \forall P$ 
  - $B_2^{-1} B_1 X^{-1} = X^{-1} A_2 A_1^{-1}$
  - $X B_1^{-1} B_2 = A_1 A_2^{-1} X$

- $AX = XB$**

- $A = A_1 A_2^{-1}$
- $B = B_1^{-1} B_2$

- Solve  $X$  by observing multiple  $(A, B)$

$$\begin{cases} A_{12}X &= XB_{12} \\ \vdots & \\ A_{i-1\ i}X &= XB_{i-1\ i} \\ \vdots & \\ A_{n-1\ n}X &= XB_{n-1\ n} \end{cases}$$





## Solve $AX=XB$

- $A = \begin{bmatrix} R_A & t_A \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and so on for B and X
- $\begin{bmatrix} R_A & t_A \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_X & t_X \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_X & t_X \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_B & t_B \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $R_A R_X = R_X R_B$
- $R_A t_X + t_A = R_X t_B + t_X \Rightarrow (R_A - I)t_X = R_X t_B - t_A$
- Solve rotation first!



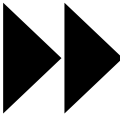
## Solve $R_A R_X = R_X R_B$



- Let  $n_B$  be  $R_B$ 's rotation axis
  - $n_B = R_B n_B$
- Multiply both sides by  $R_X$ 
  - $R_X n_B = R_X R_B n_B$
  - $\quad \quad = R_A R_X n_B$
- Consider  $R_A$ 's rotation axis:  $n_A = R_A n_A$
- So  $R_X n_B$  turns out to be  $R_A$ 's rotation axis
  - $n_A = R_X n_B$
- $R_X$  can be solved with multiple ( $\geq 2$ ) pairs of (A, B)!
  - Polar decomposition on a covariance matrix  $N_A N_B^T$
  - Orthogonal Procrustes problem



# Orthogonal Procrustes Problem



$$R = \arg \min_{\Omega} \|\Omega A - B\|_F \quad \text{subject to} \quad \Omega^T \Omega = I,$$

$$A: 3 \times n, B: 3 \times n, \Omega: 3 \times 3$$

$$= \arg \min_{\Omega} \langle \Omega A - B, \Omega A - B \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle_F = \sum_{i,j} \overline{A_{ij}} B_{ij}, = \text{tr}(\overline{\mathbf{A}^T} \mathbf{B})$$

$$= \arg \min_{\Omega} \|\Omega A\|_F^2 + \|B\|_F^2 - 2\langle \Omega A, B \rangle$$

$$= \arg \min_{\Omega} \|A\|_F^2 + \|B\|_F^2 - 2\langle \Omega A, B \rangle$$

$$= \arg \max_{\Omega} \langle \Omega, BA^T \rangle$$

$$= \arg \max_{\Omega} \langle \Omega, U \Sigma V^T \rangle$$

More generally, the trace is *invariant under cyclic permutations*, i.e.,

$$\text{tr}(ABCD) = \text{tr}(BCDA) = \text{tr}(CDAB) = \text{tr}(DABC).$$

$$= \arg \max_{\Omega} \langle U^T \Omega V, \Sigma \rangle$$

$$= \arg \max_{\Omega} \langle S, \Sigma \rangle \quad \text{where } S = U^T \Omega V$$

$$S^* = I \\ \implies$$

$$I = U^T R V \\ R = U V^T$$





## Next Week

- + Feature detection

  - Harris/FAST/DoG

- + Feature description & matching

  - SIFT/SURF

- ++ Linear & total least square

- \* RANSAC

  - Intuitions behind RANSAC

  - How RANSAC works

  - Why minimal solution is important

  - More example problems

  - Variations

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