

# Computer Vision

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# Ground-truth annotations added for test data in Project 1

- ground-truth annotations added for test data in my Dropbox where you have all the files for Project 1

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# Intermediate results for Project 1

-below are results after running our evaluation routine on your provided predictions vs ground-truth test annotations (maximum 4.5 points)

-still to add: 0.5 points from presentation+pdf, 0.5 points from ex-officio (right format)

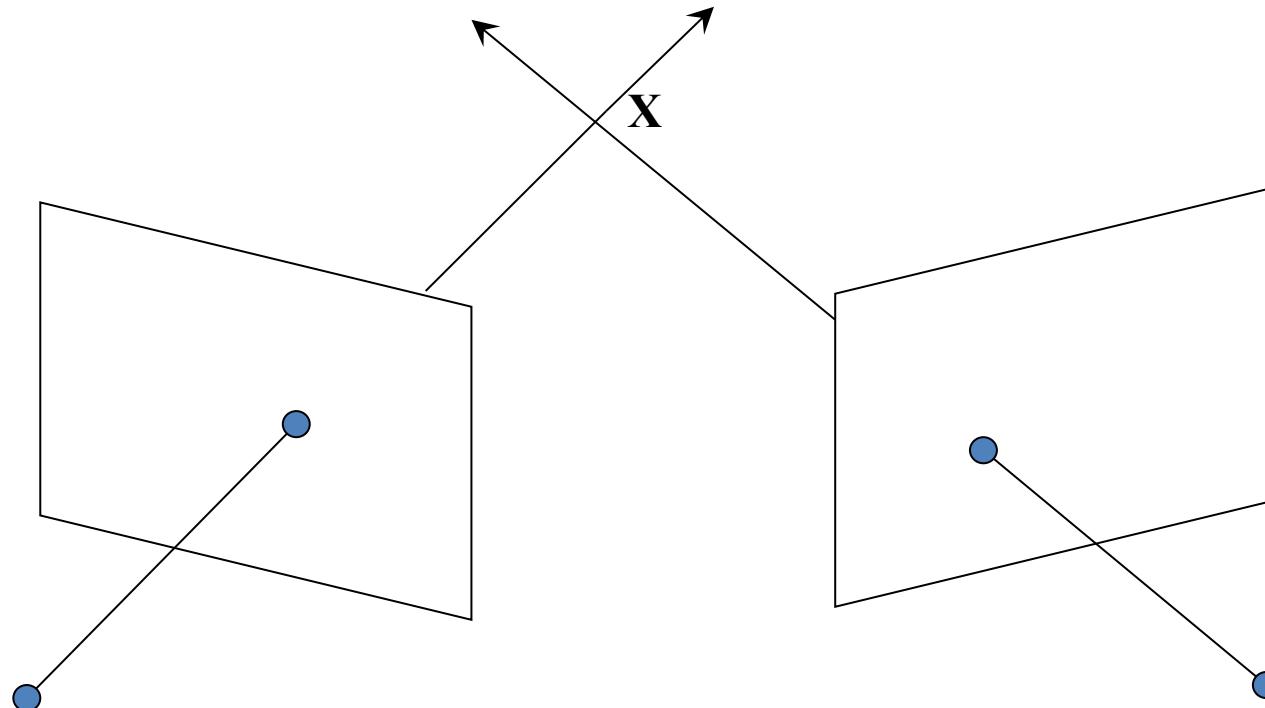
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4	Barbu Iulia Andreea	407	3.6525
5	Bejenariu David-Cosmin	407	2.9975
6	Bocu Stefania Denisa	407	2.6
7	Bors Andrei	407	1.8025
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9	Broscoteanu Daria Mihaela	407	4.4725
10	Buta Gabriel-Sebastian	407	4.325
11	Chirobocea Mihail	407	4.42
12	Coconu Teodor Ioan	407	4.0675
13	Costea Razvan George	407	3.8875
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45	Vasilescu Costin-Tiberiu	407	4.3825
46	Vrajmas Sanda	407	2.9625

# Administrative

- exam date = deadline for project 2 = Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> of June
- Project 2 coming soon (at latest 4<sup>th</sup> of June) – video analysis
- the plan is to release the Project 2 until week 14, deadline on 25<sup>th</sup> of June to submit your code/results, presentation from 26th of June in the f2f or online setting.

# Last Lecture: Two-View Geometry

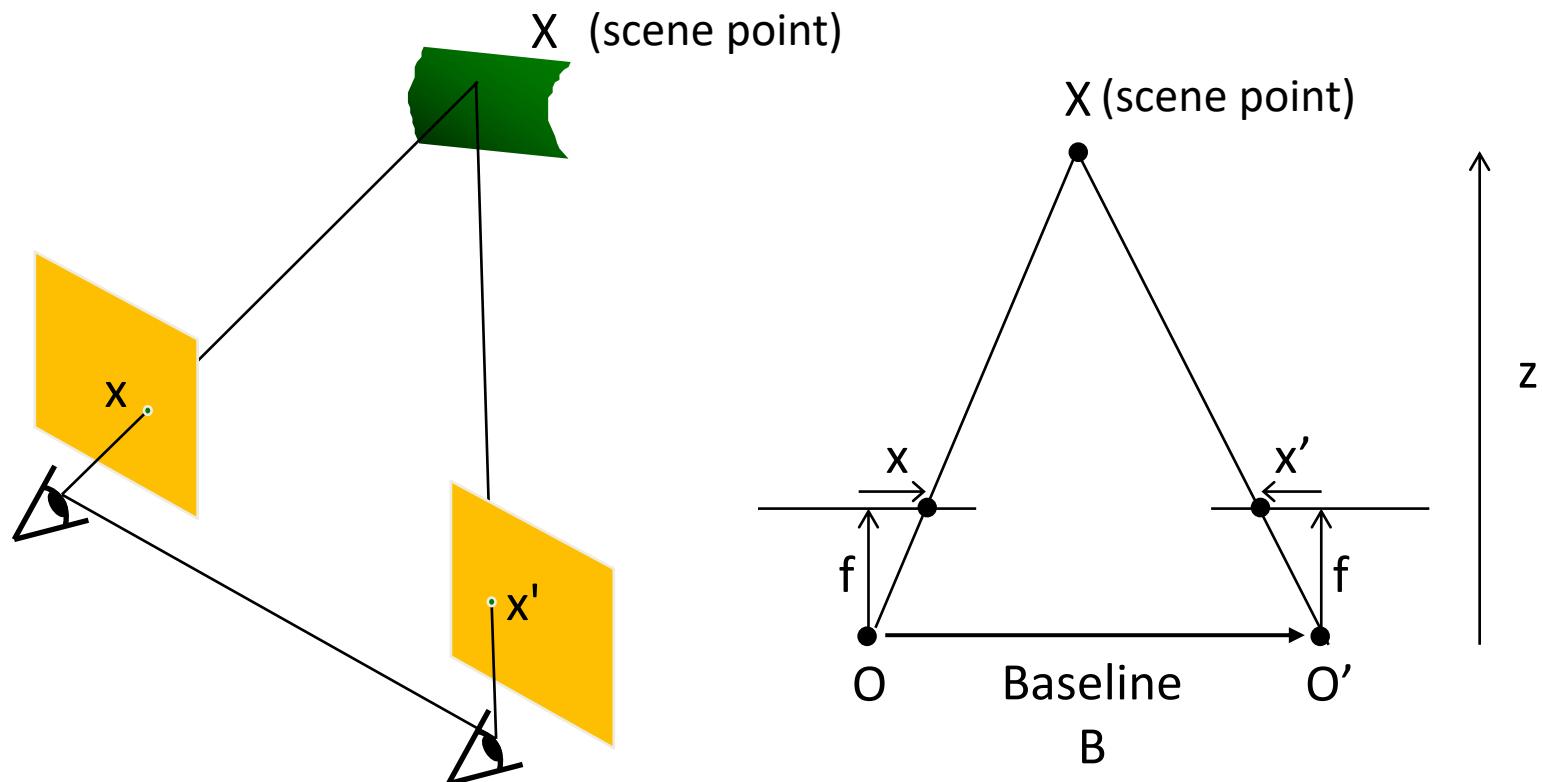


# Last Lecture: Two-View Geometry

- Epipolar geometry
  - Relates cameras from two positions
- Stereo depth estimation
  - Recover depth from two images

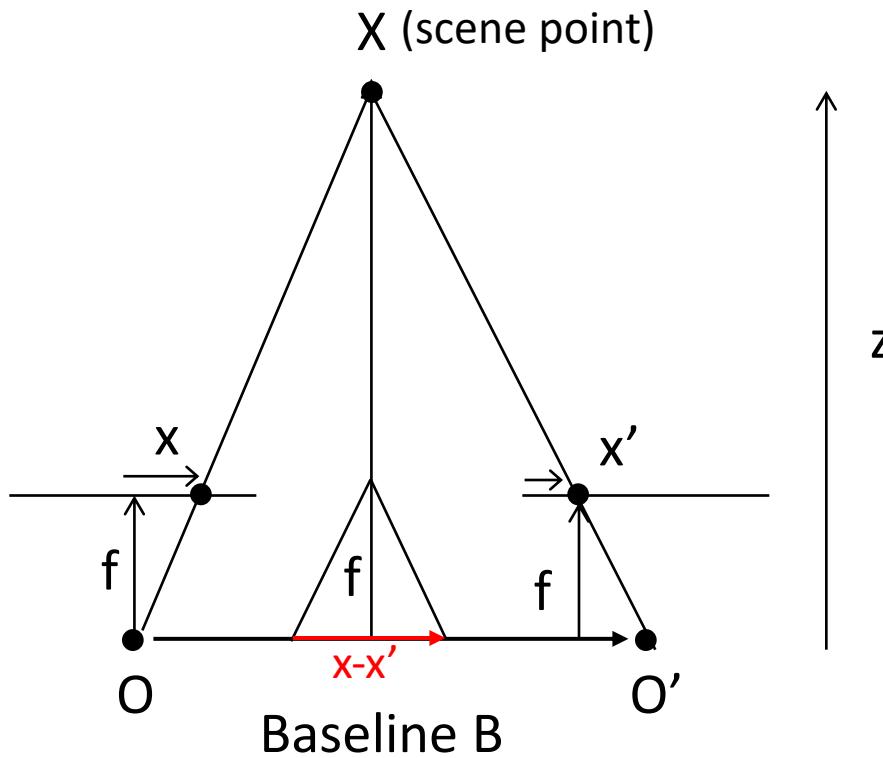
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- Goal: recover depth by finding image coordinate  $x'$  that corresponds to  $x$



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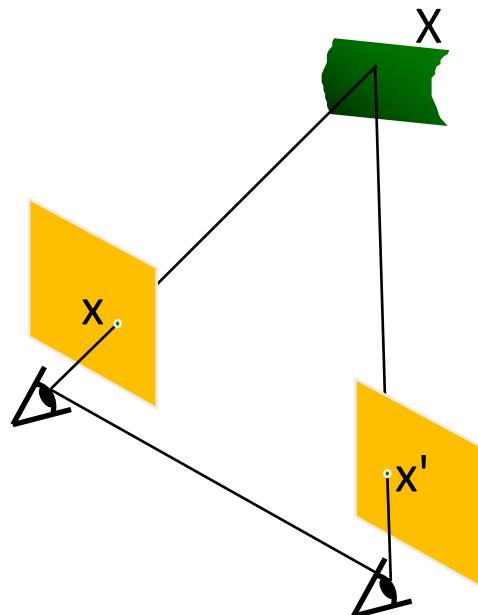


$$disparity = x - x' = \frac{B \cdot f}{z}$$

Disparity is inversely proportional to depth.

# Last Lecture: Depth from Stereo

- Goal: recover depth by finding image coordinate  $x'$  that corresponds to  $x$
- Sub-Problems
  1. Calibration: How do we recover the relation of the cameras (if not already known)?
  2. Correspondence: How do we search for the matching point  $x'$ ?

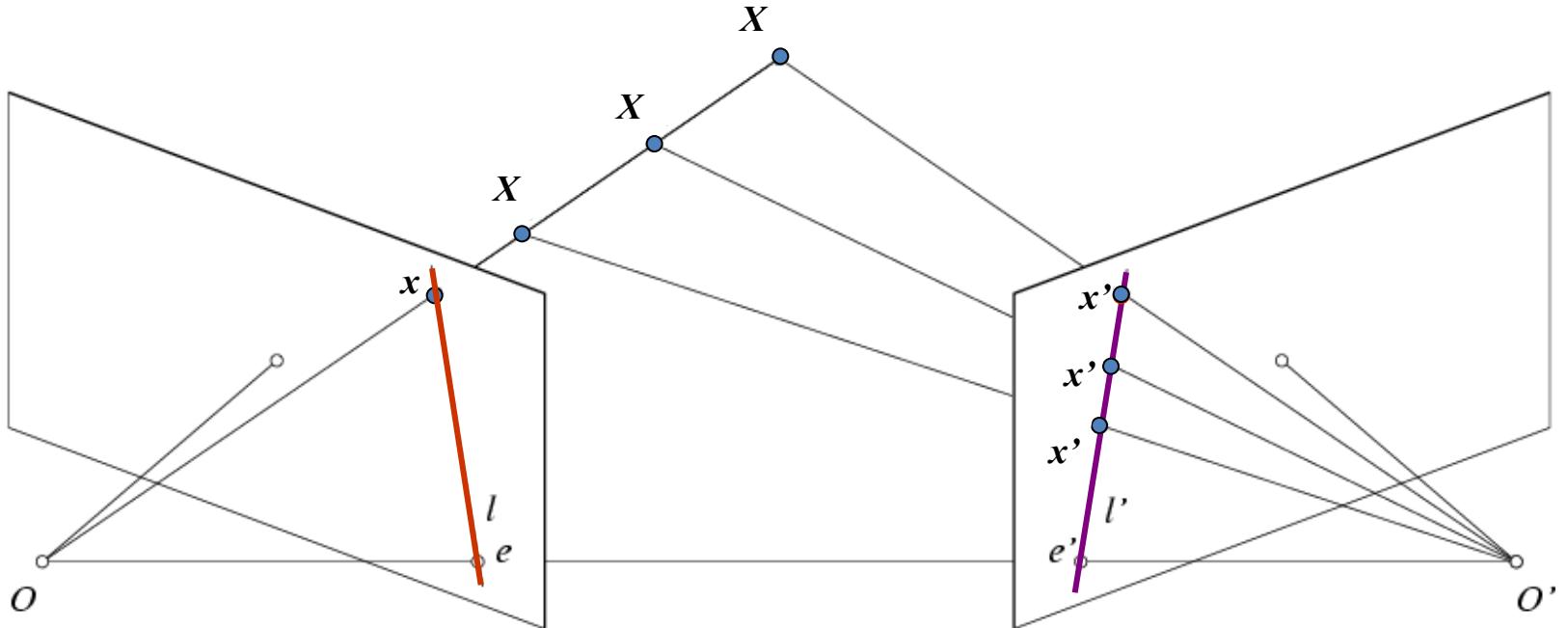


# Last Lecture: Correspondence Problem



- We have two images taken from cameras with different intrinsic and extrinsic parameters
- How do we match a point in the first image to a point in the second? How can we constrain our search?

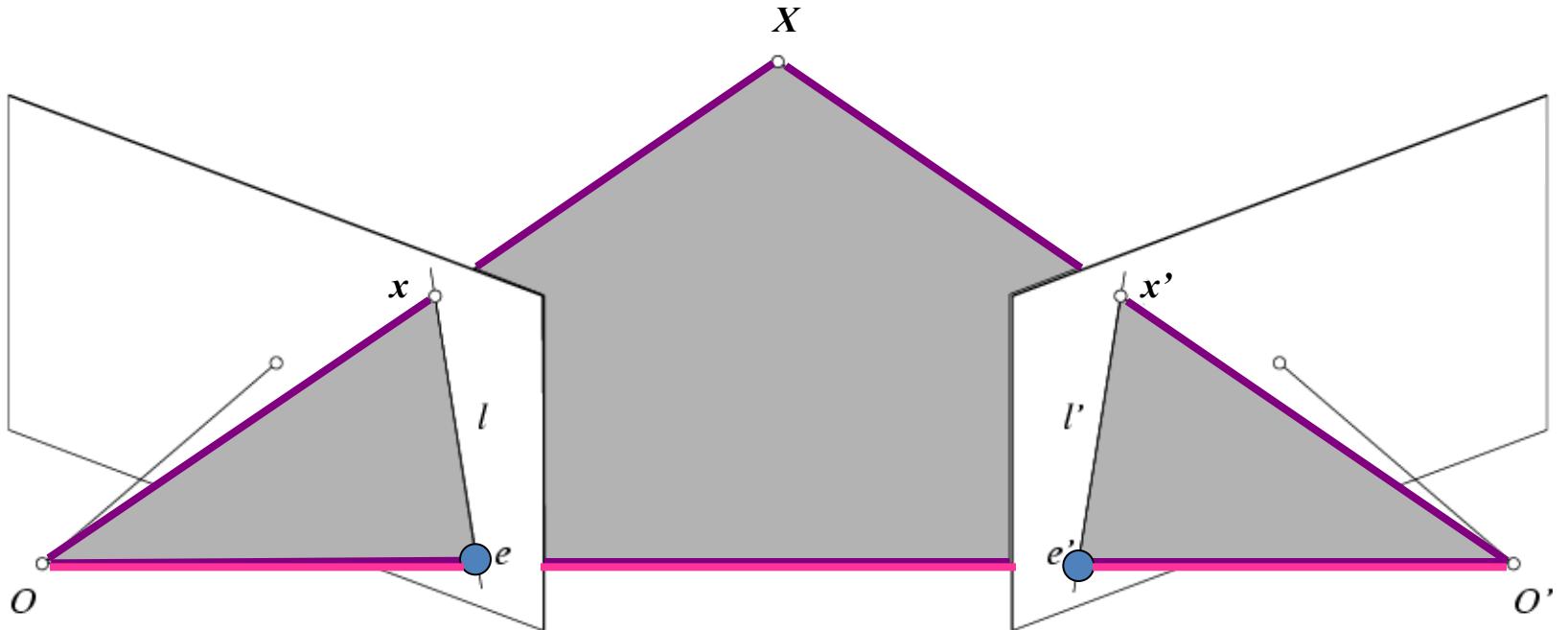
# Key idea: Epipolar constraint



Potential matches for  $x$  have to lie on the corresponding line  $l'$ .

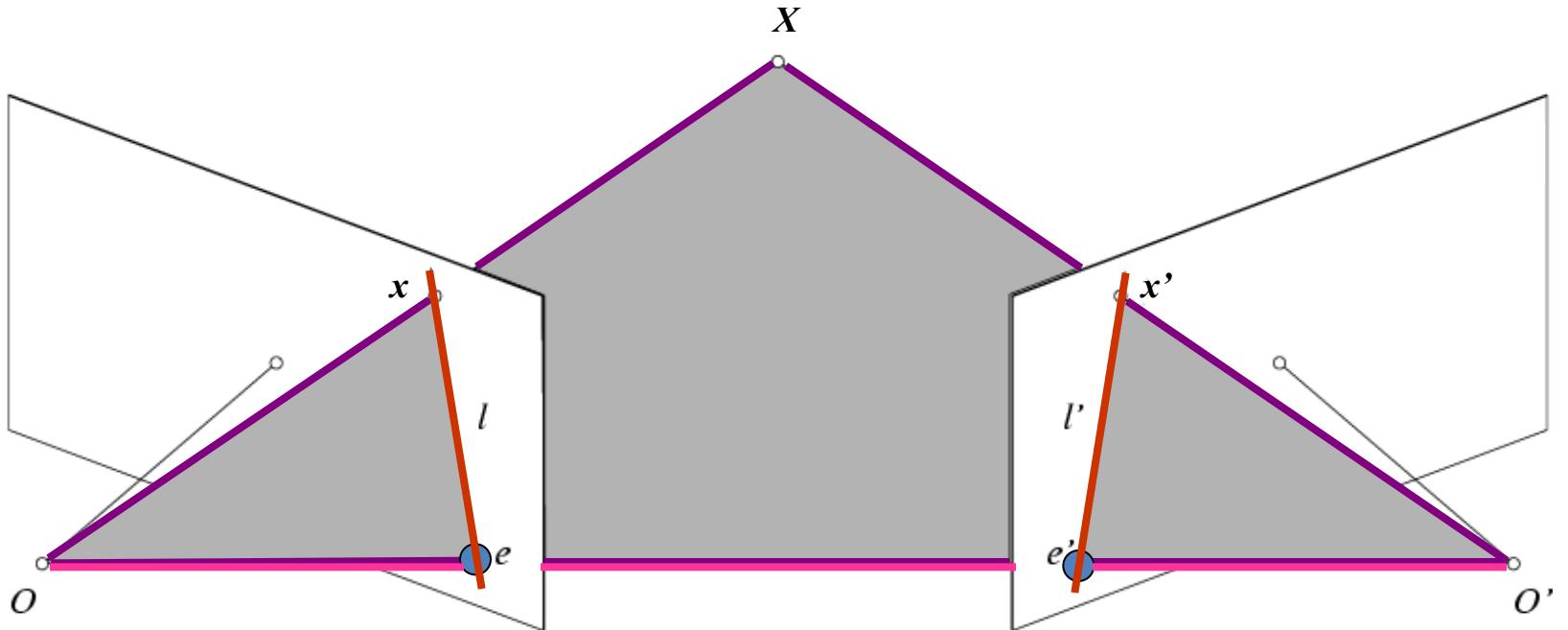
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# Epipolar geometry: notation



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- **Epipolar Lines** - intersections of epipolar plane with image planes (always come in corresponding pairs)

# Camera parameters $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}]$

- Intrinsic parameters

  - Principal point coordinates

  - Focal length

  - Pixel magnification factors

  - Skew (non-rectangular pixels)*

  - Radial distortion*

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} m_x & f & p_x \\ m_y & f & p_y \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_x & s & \beta_x \\ \alpha_y & \beta_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Extrinsic parameters

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \quad -\mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{C}}]$$

  - Rotation and translation relative to world coordinate system

  - What is the projection of the camera center?

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \quad -\mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{C}}] \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{C}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

↑  
coords. of  
camera center  
in world frame

The camera center is the *null space* of the projection matrix!

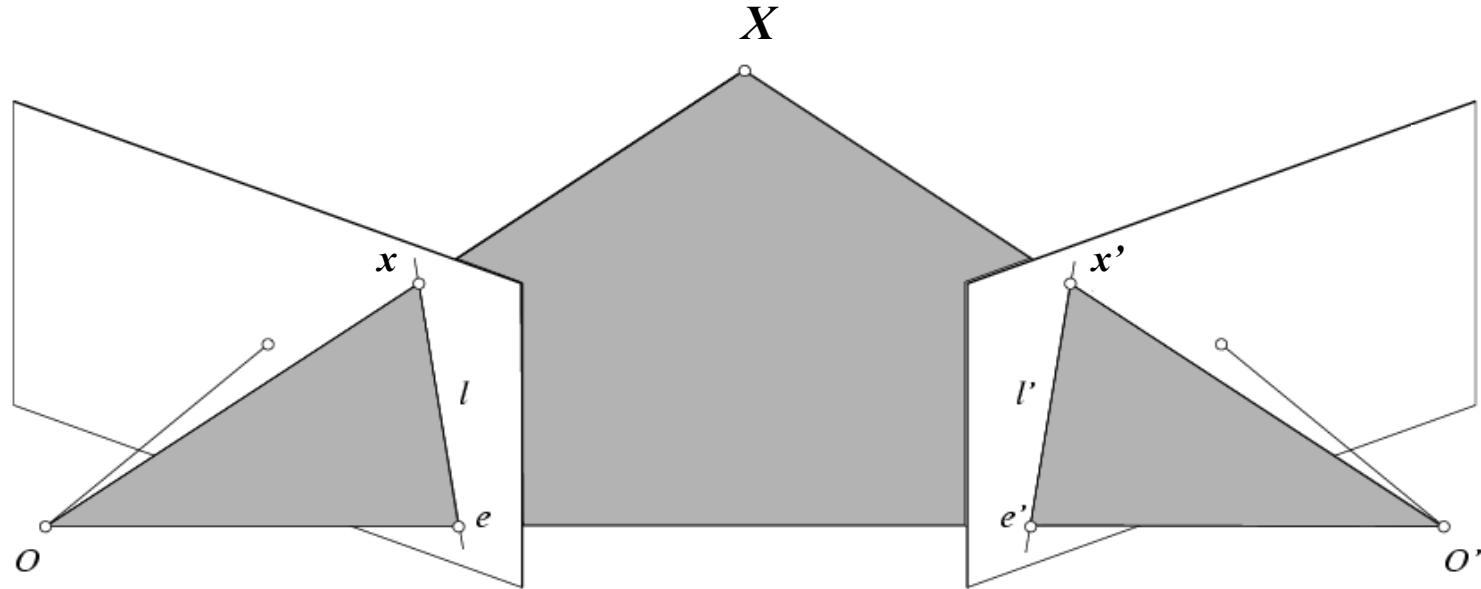
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$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_x & s & \beta_x \\ 0 & \alpha_y & \beta_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \end{bmatrix}$$

# Epipolar constraint: Calibrated case

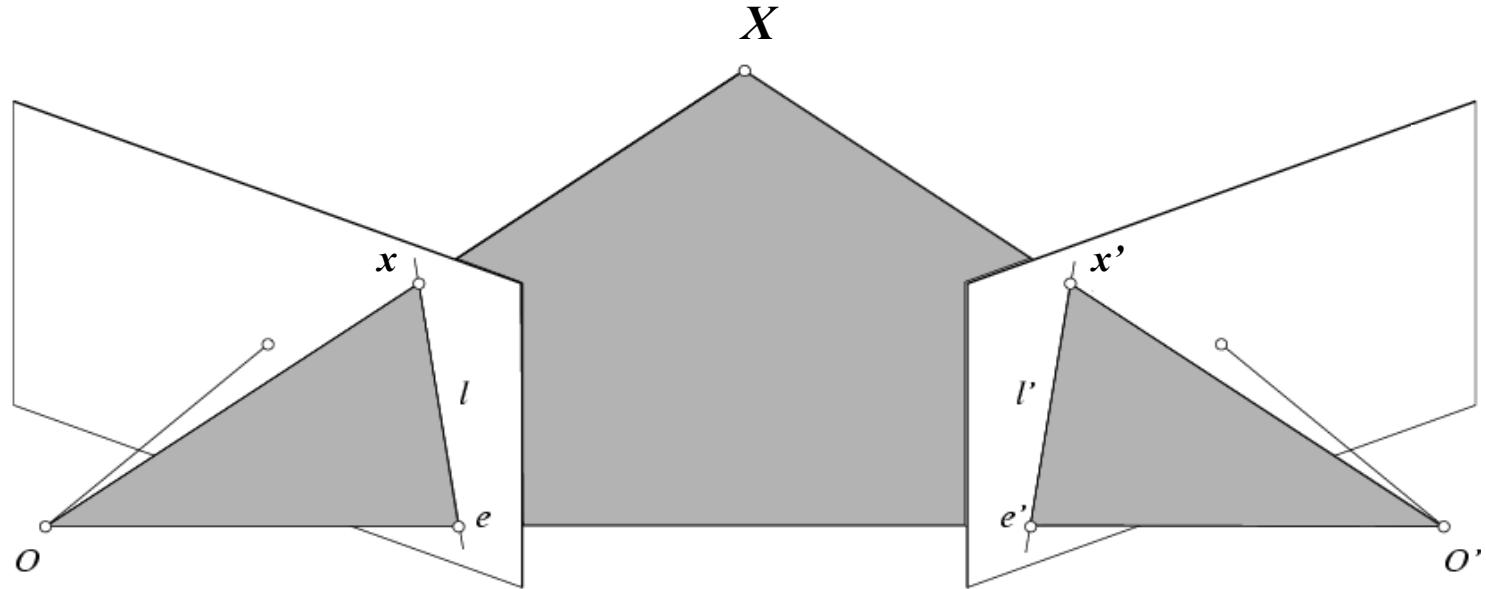


Given the intrinsic parameters of the cameras:

1. Convert to normalized coordinates by pre-multiplying all points with the inverse of the calibration matrix; set first camera's coordinate system to world coordinates

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \hat{x} = K^{-1}x = X & \xrightarrow{\text{for some scale factor}} & \hat{x}' = K'^{-1}x' = X' \\ \text{Homogeneous 2d point} & \xleftarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \text{3D scene point} \\ (\text{3D ray towards } X) & \xleftarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \\ & \xleftarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \\ & \text{2D pixel coordinate} & \\ & (\text{homogeneous}) & \\ & \xleftarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \\ & \text{3D scene point in 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ camera's} & \\ & \text{3D coordinates} & \end{array}$$

# Epipolar constraint: Calibrated case

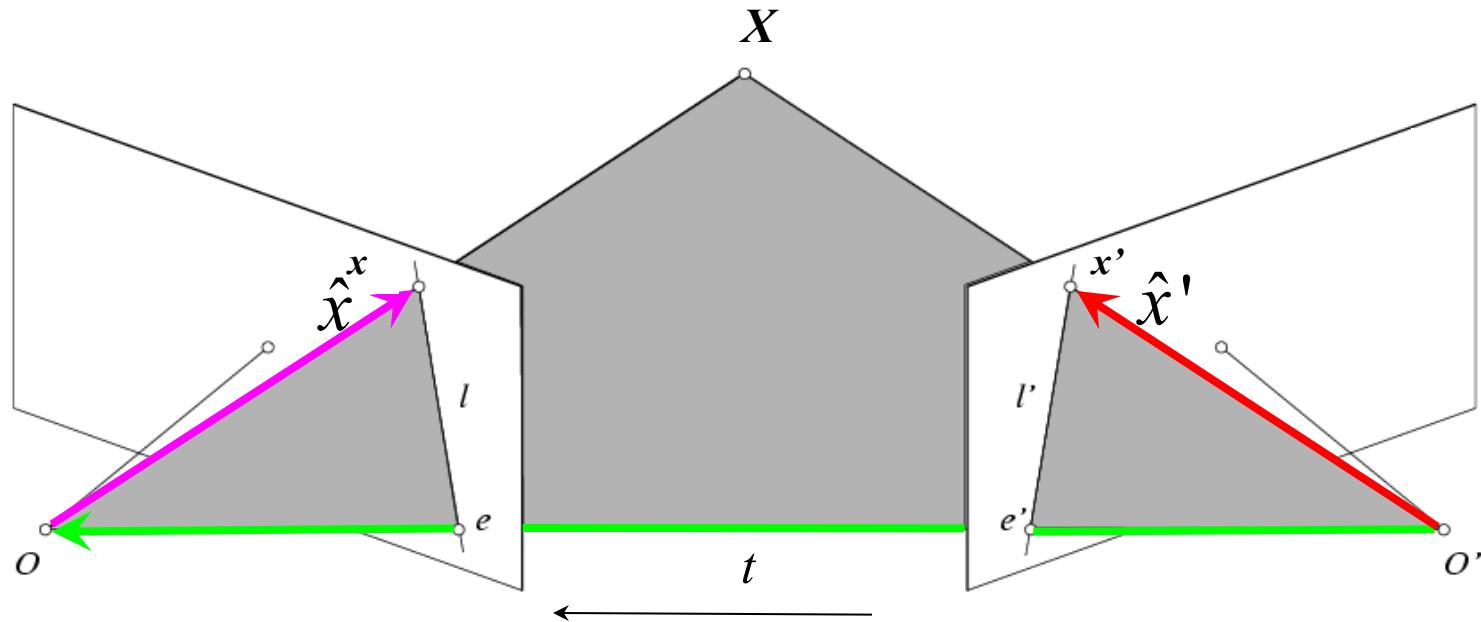


Given the intrinsic parameters of the cameras:

1. Convert to normalized coordinates by pre-multiplying all points with the inverse of the calibration matrix; set first camera's coordinate system to world coordinates
2. Define some  $R$  and  $t$  that relate  $X$  to  $X'$  as below

$$\hat{x} = K^{-1}x = X \quad \text{for some scale factor} \quad \hat{x}' = K'^{-1}x' = X'$$
$$\hat{x} = R\hat{x}' + t$$

# Epipolar constraint: Calibrated case



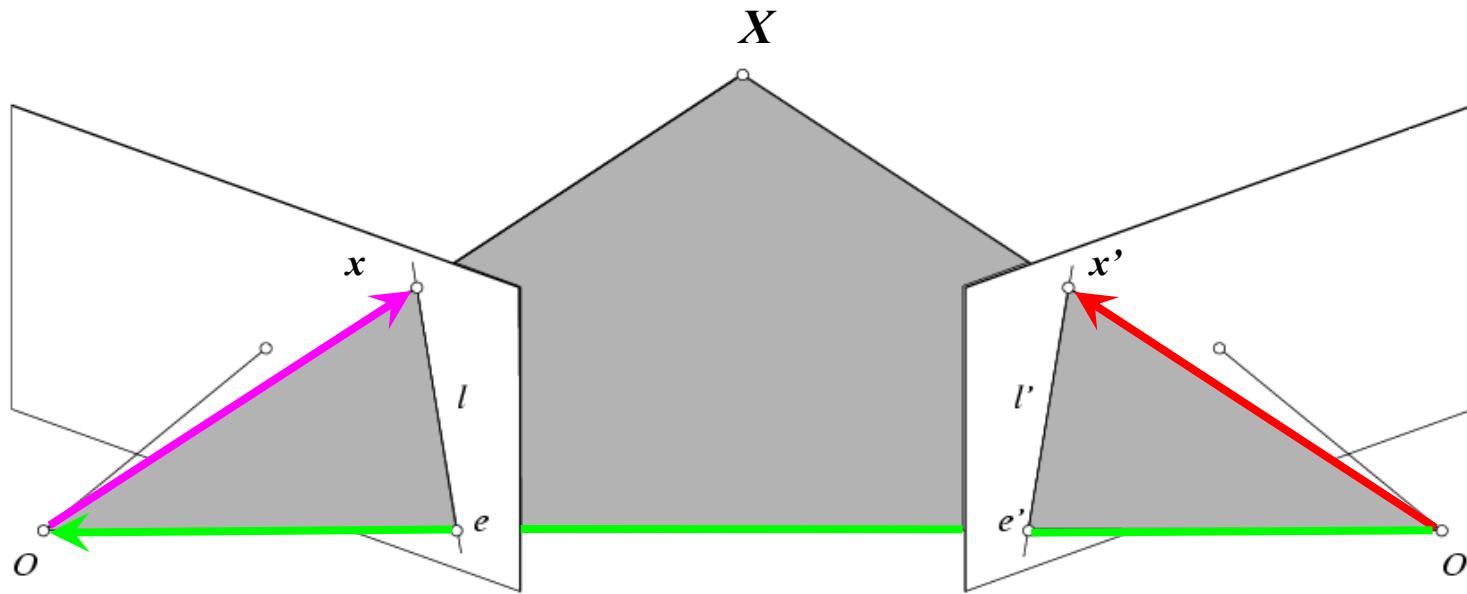
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$$\hat{x}' = K'^{-1}x' = X'$$

$$\hat{x} = R\hat{x}' + t \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{x} \cdot [t \times (R\hat{x}')] = 0$$

(because x,  $R\hat{x}'$  and t are co-planar)

# Last Lecture: Essential matrix



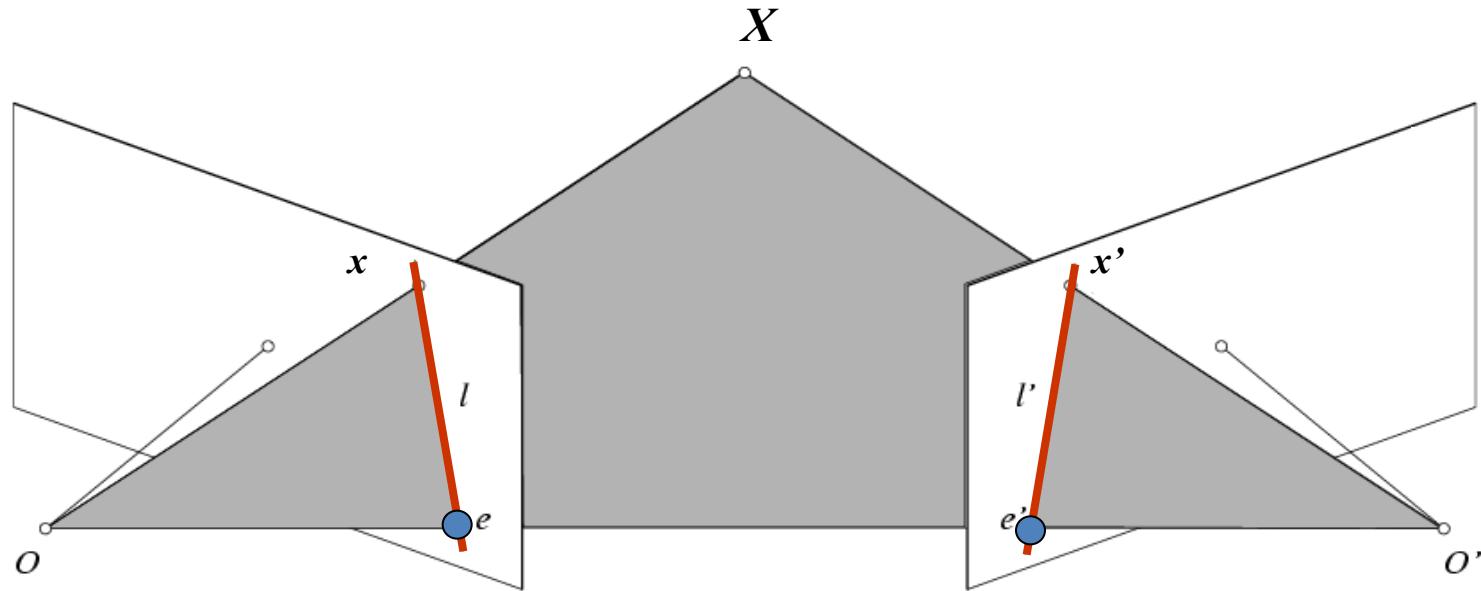
$$\hat{x} \cdot [t \times (R\hat{x}')] = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} \quad \hat{x}^T E \hat{x}' = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad E = [t]_x R$$

$$[t]_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -t_3 & t_2 \\ t_3 & 0 & -t_1 \\ -t_2 & t_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Essential Matrix**  
(Longuet-Higgins, 1981)

$[t]_x$  is the skew symmetric matrix of  $t = (t_1, t_2, t_3)$

# Properties of the Essential matrix



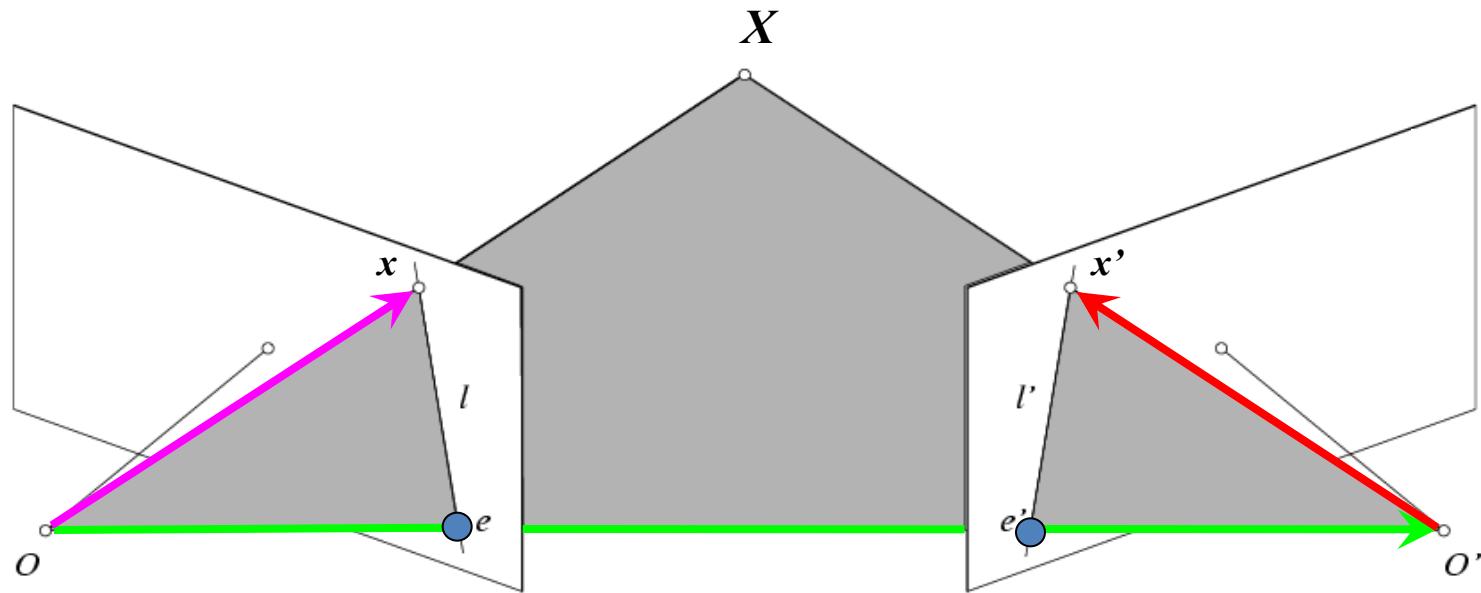
$$\hat{x} \cdot [t \times (R\hat{x}')] = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Drop } \hat{\text{}} \text{ below to simplify notation}} \quad \hat{x}^T E \hat{x}' = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ \end{bmatrix}_x R$$

Drop  $\hat{\text{}}$  below to simplify notation

- $E x'$  is the epipolar line associated with  $x'$  ( $l = E x'$ )
- $E^T x$  is the epipolar line associated with  $x$  ( $l' = E^T x$ )
- $E e' = 0$  and  $E^T e = 0$  ( $e$  and  $e'$  are on each  $l$  and  $l'$ )
- $E$  is singular (rank two – is determinant = 0)
- $E$  has five degrees of freedom
  - (3 for  $R$ , 2 for  $t$  because it's up to a scale)

Skew-symmetric matrix

# Epipolar constraint: Uncalibrated case



- If we don't know  $K$  and  $K'$ , then we can write the epipolar constraint in terms of *unknown* normalized coordinates:

$$\hat{x}^T E \hat{x}' = 0 \quad x = K \hat{x}, \quad x' = K' \hat{x}'$$

# Last Lecture: The Fundamental Matrix

Without knowing  $K$  and  $K'$ , we can define a similar relation using *unknown* normalized coordinates

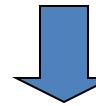
$$\hat{x}^T E \hat{x}' = 0$$

$$\hat{x} = K^{-1} x$$

$$\hat{x}' = K'^{-1} x'$$

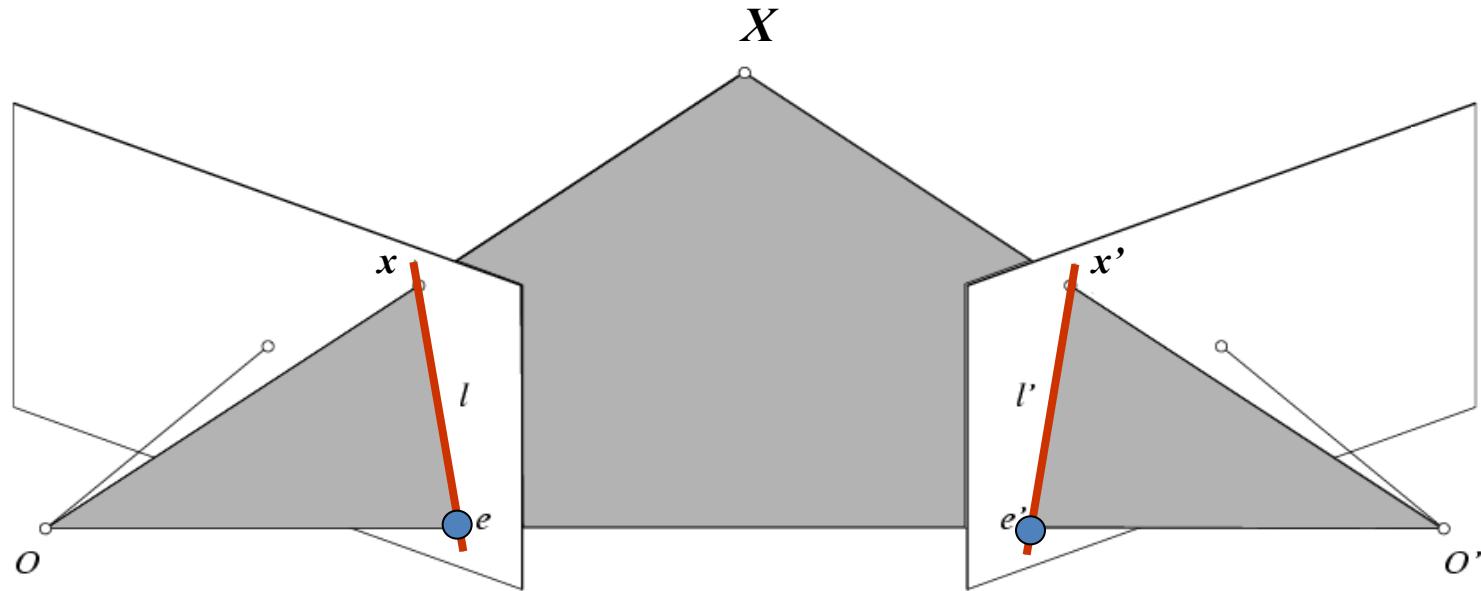


$$x^T F x' = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad F = K^{-T} E K'^{-1}$$



**Fundamental Matrix**  
(Faugeras and Luong, 1992)

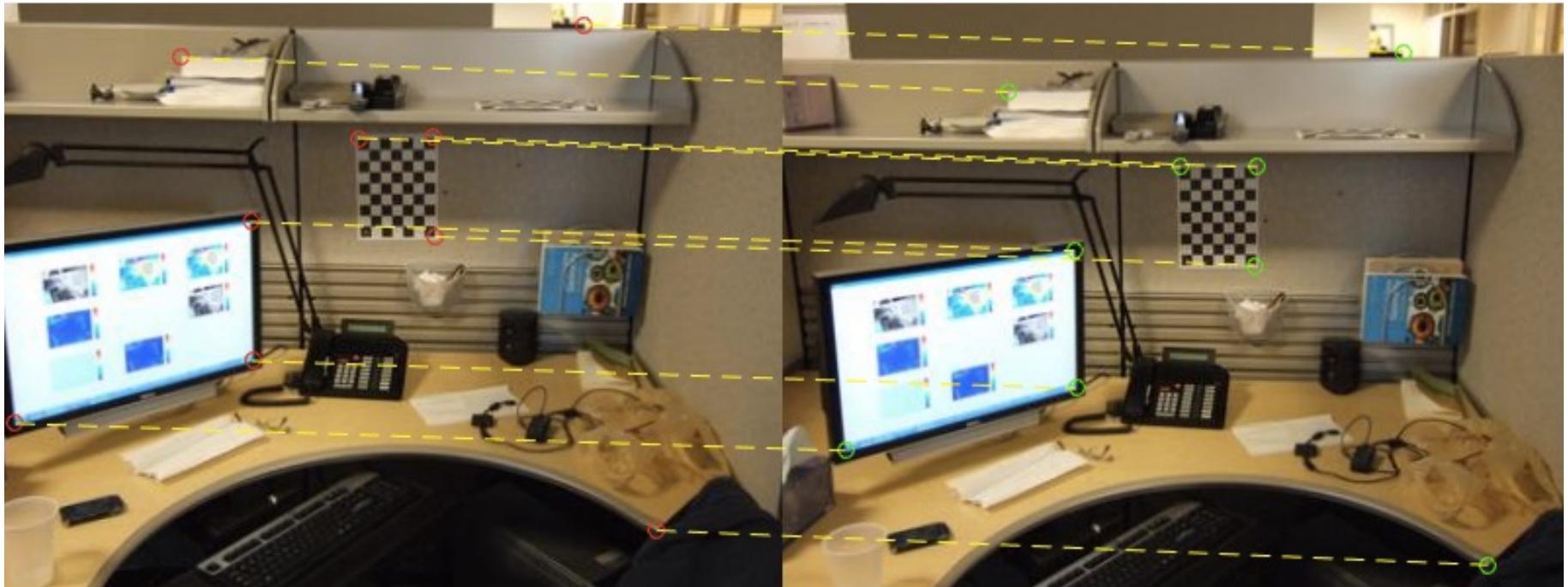
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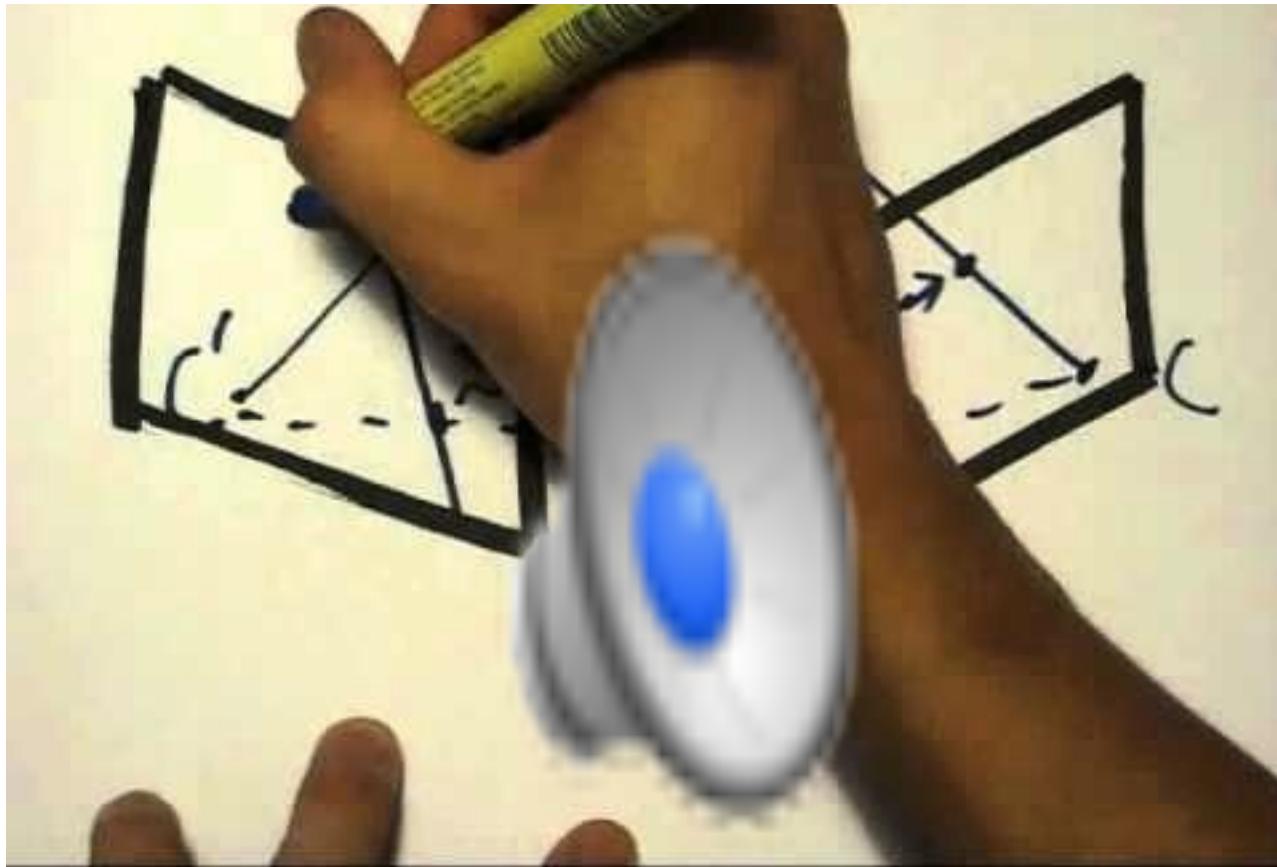
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- $F$  is singular (rank two):  $\det(F)=0$
- $F$  has seven degrees of freedom: 9 entries but defined up to scale,  $\det(F)=0$

# Estimating the fundamental matrix



# The Fundamental Matrix Song



<http://danielwedge.com/fmatrix/>

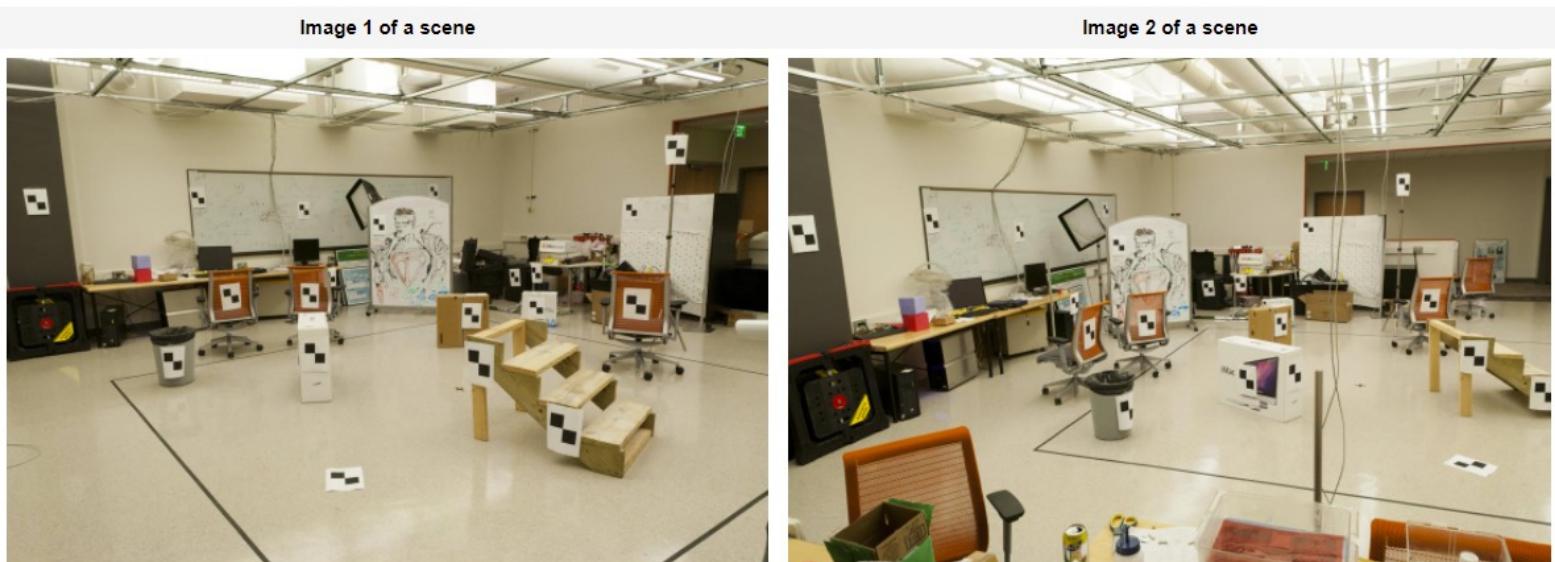
# Laboratory class 6

The goal of this lab is to introduce you to camera and scene geometry. Specifically we will estimate the camera projection matrix, which maps 3D world coordinates to image coordinates, as well as the fundamental matrix, which relates points in one scene to epipolar lines in another. The camera projection matrix and the fundamental matrix can each be estimated using point correspondences. To estimate the projection matrix (camera calibration), the input is corresponding 3D and 2D points. To estimate the fundamental matrix the input is corresponding 2D points across two images. We start by estimating the projection matrix and the fundamental matrix for a scene with ground truth correspondences. Then we'll move on to estimating the fundamental matrix using point correspondences from SIFT.

Tutorial on epipolar geometry is here: [https://docs.opencv.org/master/da/de9/tutorial\\_py\\_epipolar\\_geometry.html](https://docs.opencv.org/master/da/de9/tutorial_py_epipolar_geometry.html) or here: [https://opencv-python-tutorials.readthedocs.io/en/latest/py\\_tutorials/py\\_calib3d/py\\_epipolar\\_geometry/py\\_epipolar\\_geometry.html](https://opencv-python-tutorials.readthedocs.io/en/latest/py_tutorials/py_calib3d/py_epipolar_geometry/py_epipolar_geometry.html)

## Data

We provide 2D and 3D ground truth point correspondences for the base image pair (pic\_a.jpg and pic\_b.jpg), as well as other images which will not have any ground truth dataset.

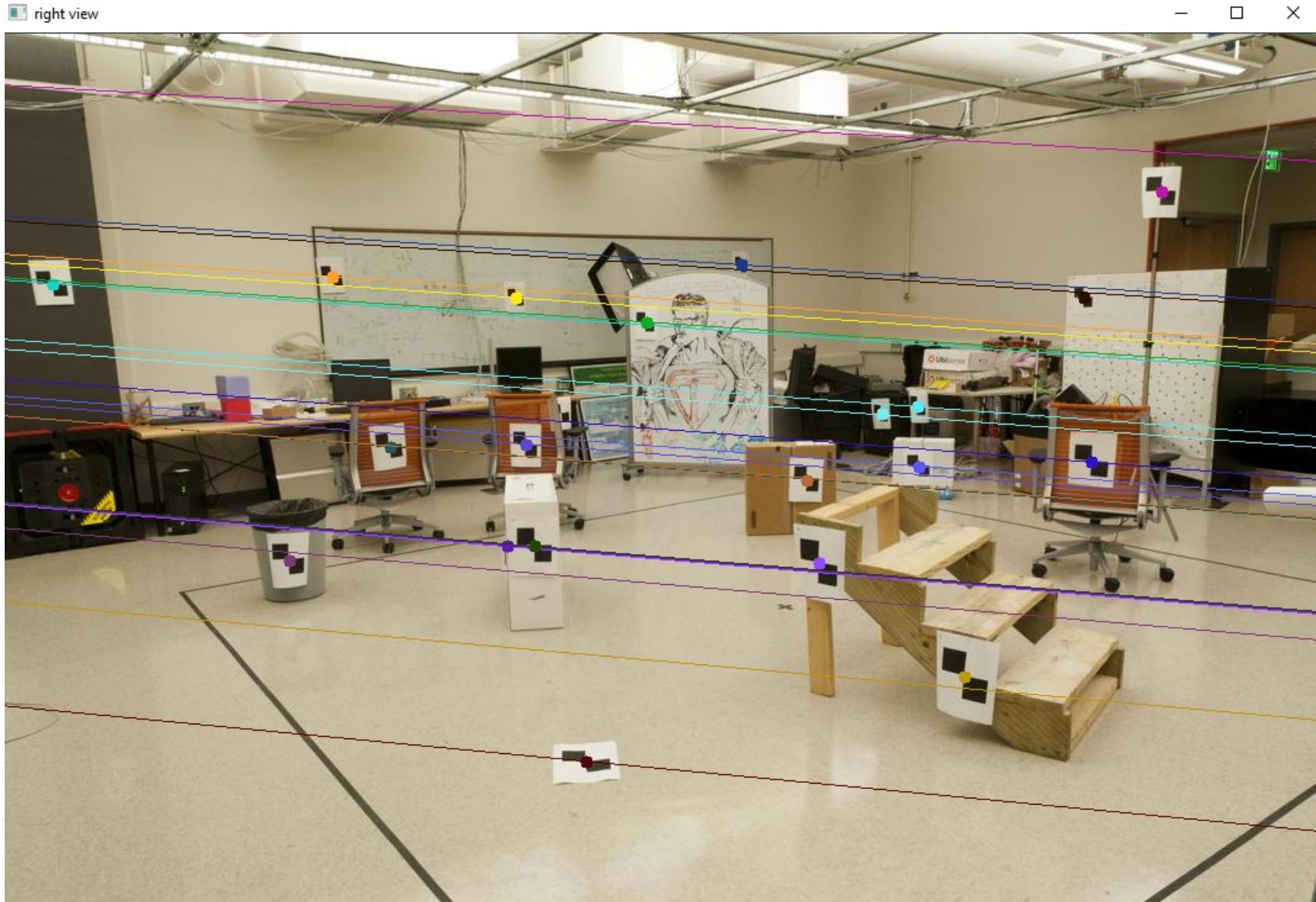


This laboratory consists of three parts: (1) estimating the projection matrix, (2) estimating the fundamental matrix, (3) estimating the fundamental matrix with unreliable SIFT matches using RANSAC.

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# Course structure

## 1. Features and filters: low-level vision

Linear filters, color, texture, edge detection, template matching

## 2. Grouping and fitting: mid-level vision

Fitting curves and lines, robust fitting, RANSAC, Hough transform, segmentation

## 3. Multiple views

Local invariant feature and description, epipolar geometry and stereo, object instance recognition

## 4. Object Recognition: high – level vision

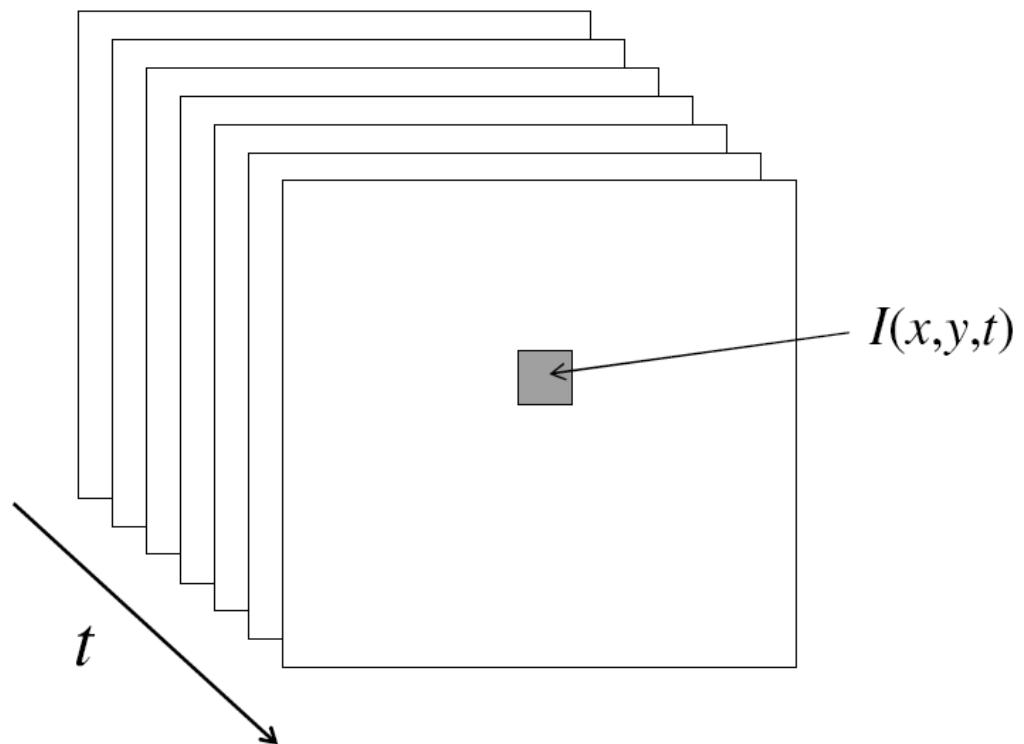
Object classification, object detection, part based models, bovw models

## 5. Video understanding

Object tracking, background subtraction, motion descriptors, optical flow

# Video

- A video is a sequence of frames captured over time
- Now our image data is a function of space ( $x, y$ ) and time ( $t$ )

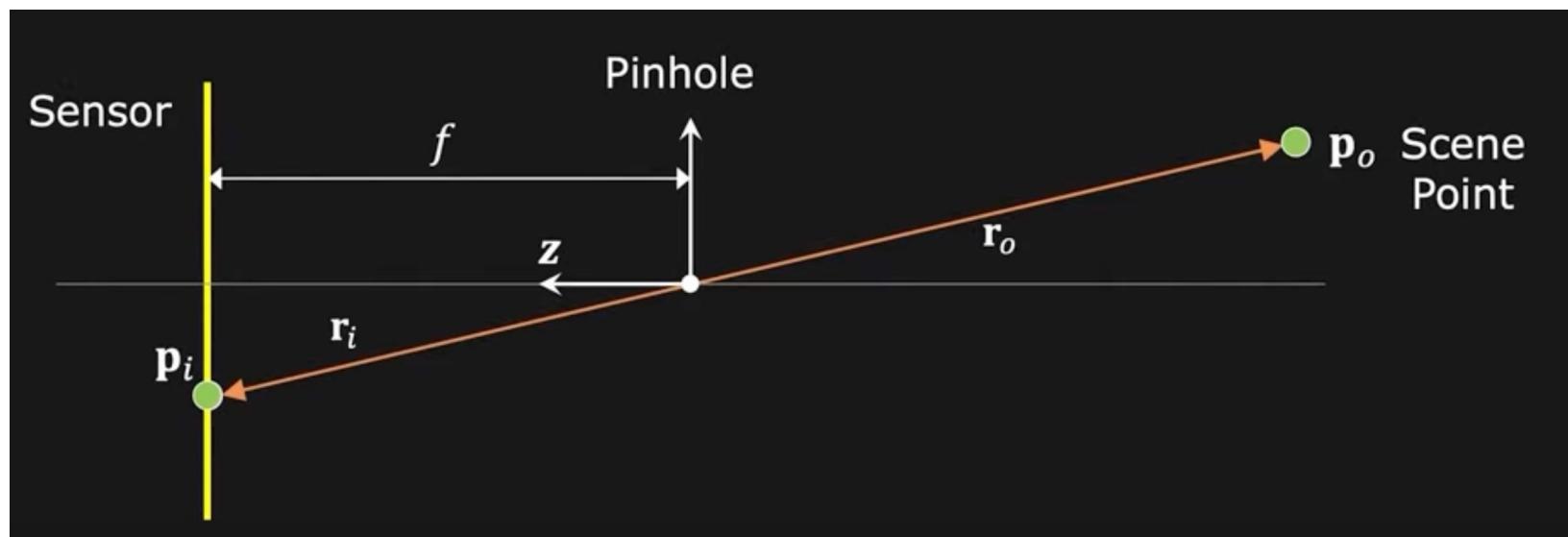


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- Usually objects move in the scene

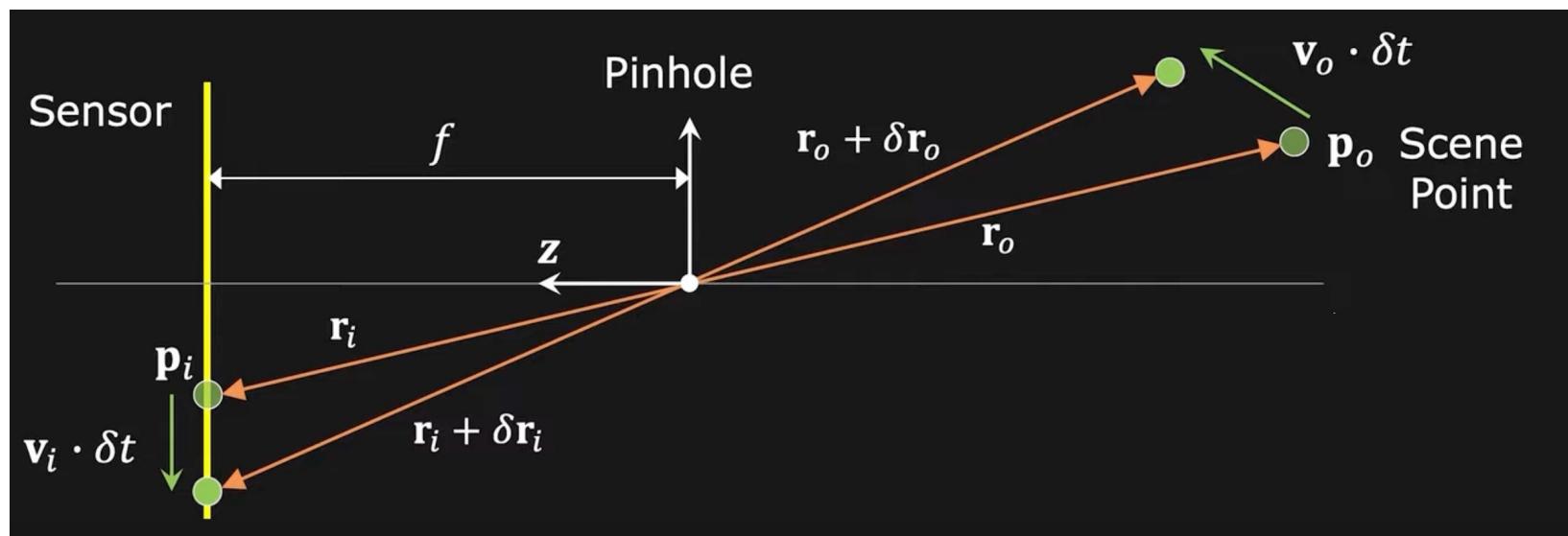
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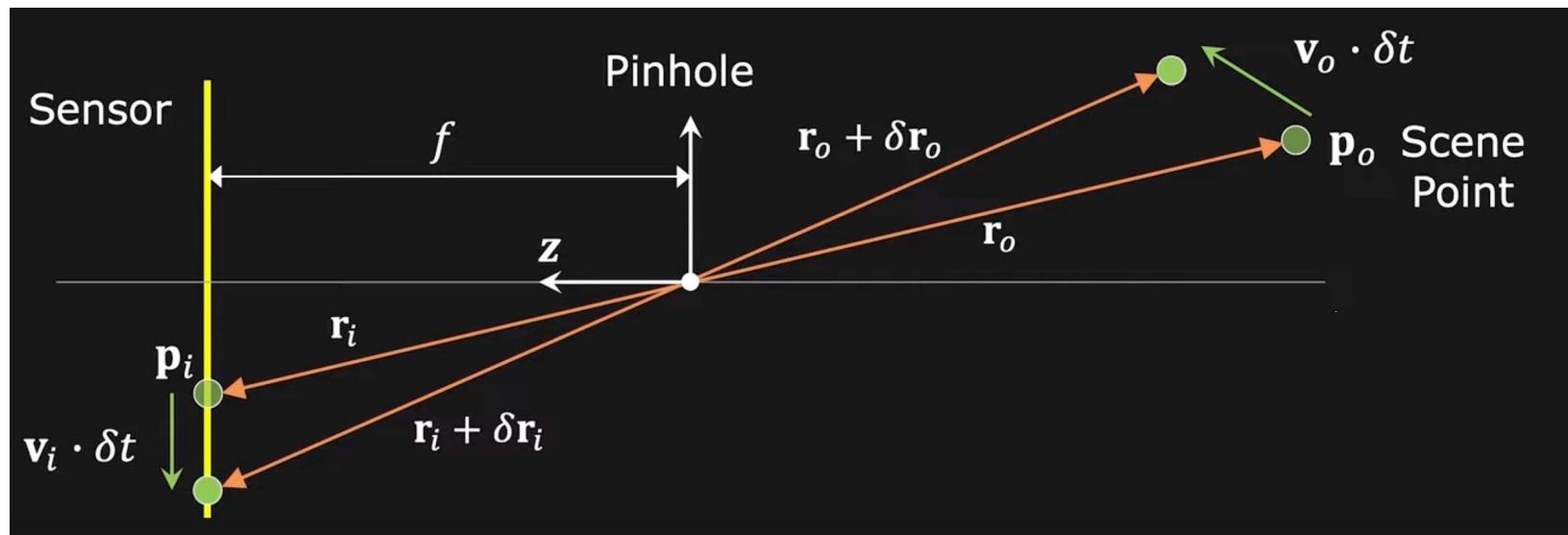
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$$\mathbf{v}_0 = \frac{d\mathbf{r}_0}{dt} \quad \mathbf{v}_i = \frac{d\mathbf{r}_i}{dt}$$

$\mathbf{v}_0$  – scene point velocity

$\mathbf{v}_i$  – image point velocity (motion field)

$\mathbf{r}_0$  related to  $\mathbf{r}_i$  by  $\frac{\mathbf{r}_i}{f} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_0}{\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}}_0}$



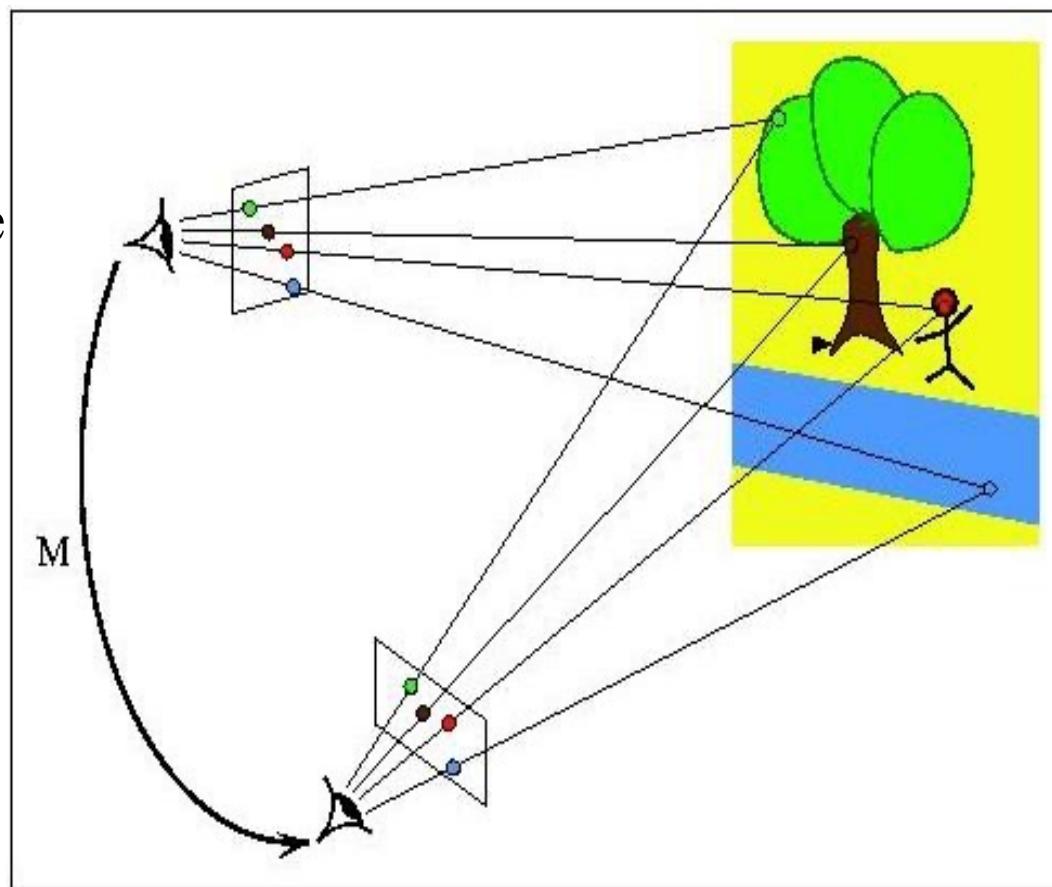
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- Motion Field: Projection of 3D relative velocity vectors onto 2D image plane
- Optic flow: Observed 2D displacements of intensity patterns in the image.
- We want to know motion field, by estimating optical flow.

# The problem of motion estimation

Assuming that illumination does not change:

- Image changes are due to the RELATIVE MOTION between the scene and the camera.
- There are 3 possibilities:
  - Camera still, moving scene
  - Moving camera, still scene
  - Moving camera, moving scene



# Optical flow

- Optical flow = method to estimate the apparent motion of scene points from a sequence of images
  - (1) Motion field vs Optical flow
  - (2) Optical flow constraint equation
  - (3) Lucas – Kanade Method
  - (4) Large motion: coarse-to-fine flow estimation

# Optical flow

- Where do pixels move to?

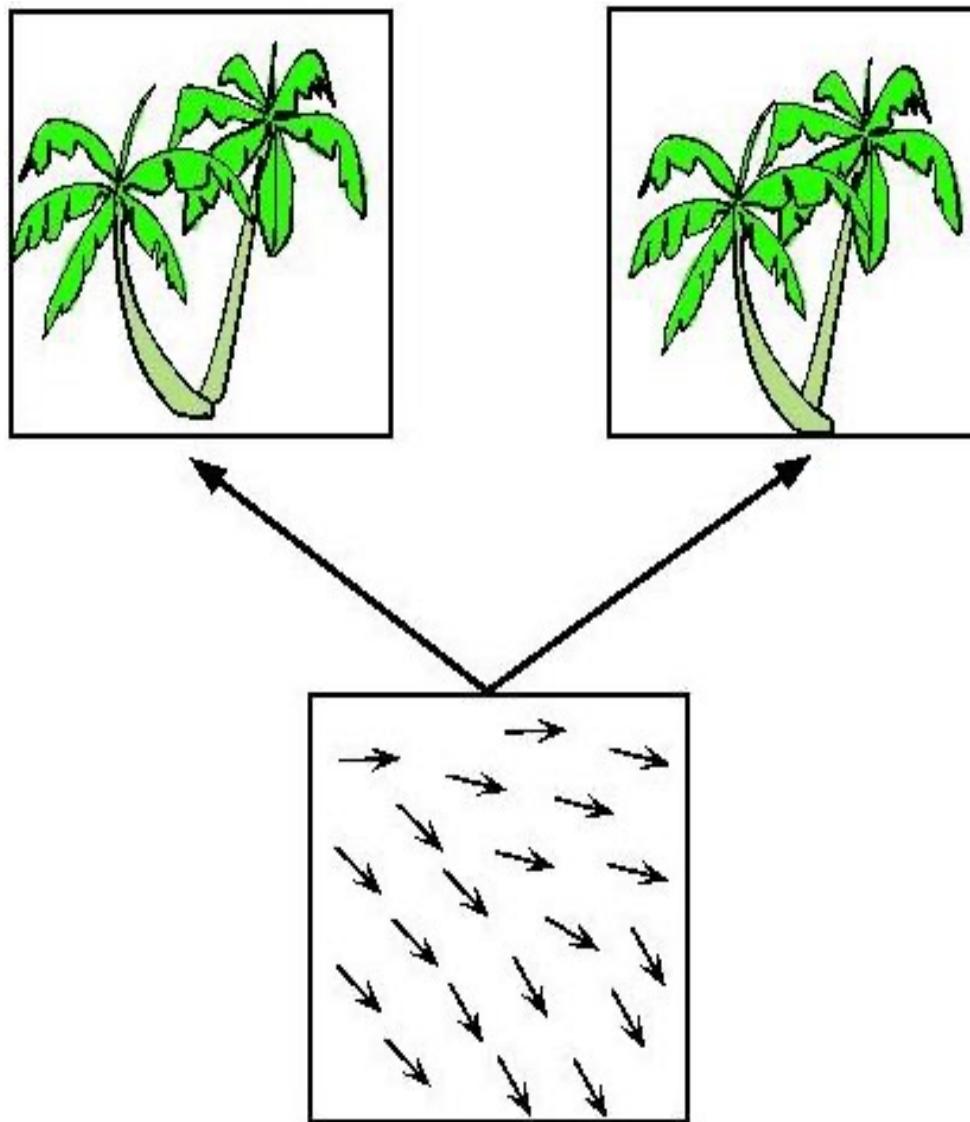


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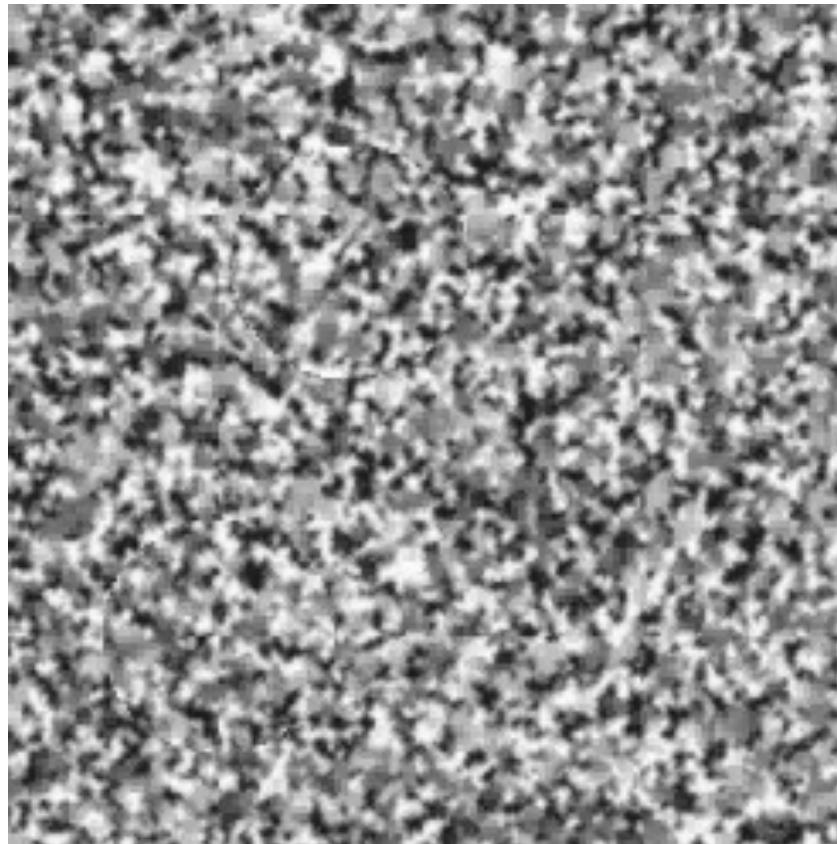


# Optical flow



# Motion is a powerful perceptual cue

- Sometimes, it is the only cue



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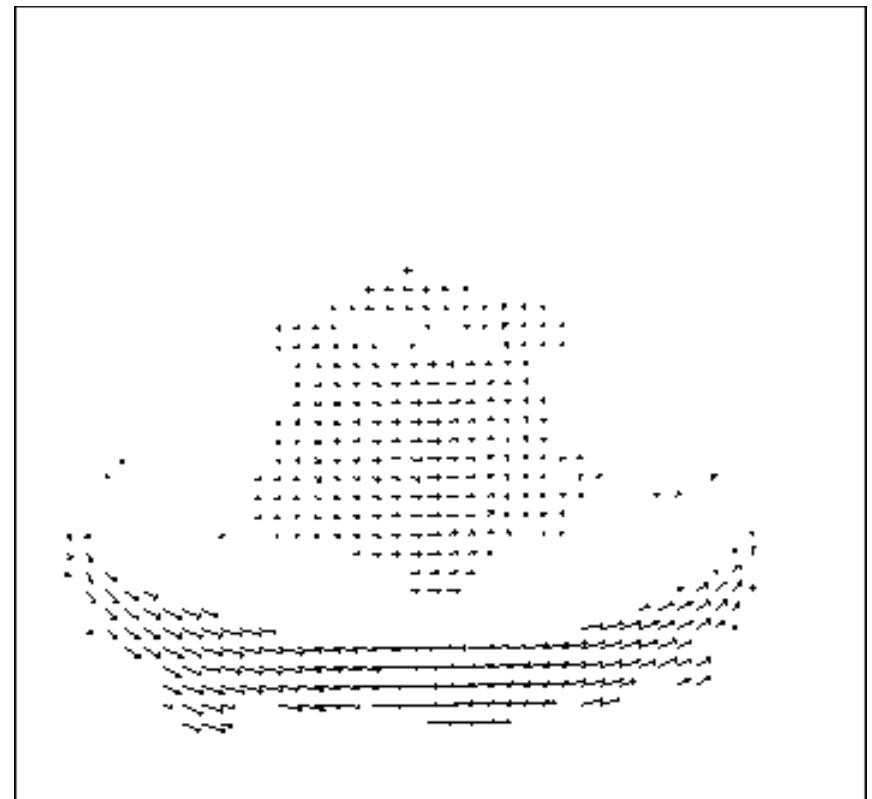
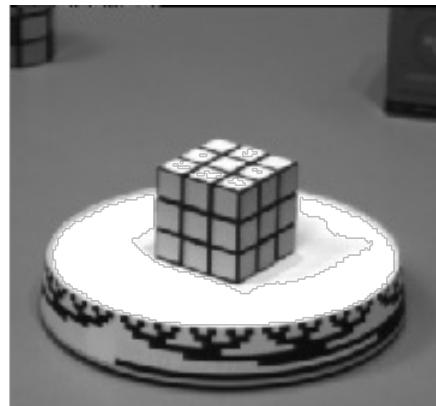
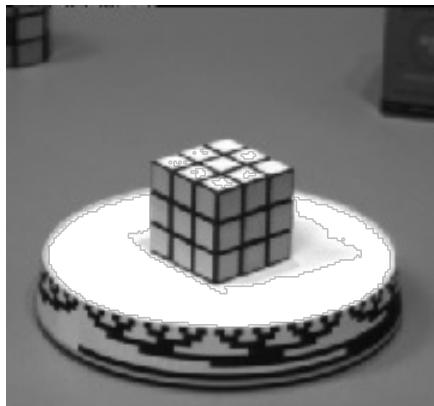
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# Uses of motion in computer vision

- 3D shape reconstruction
- Object segmentation
- Learning and tracking of dynamical models
- Event and activity recognition
- Self-supervised and predictive learning
- Solving project 2 ☺ (most probable)

# Motion field

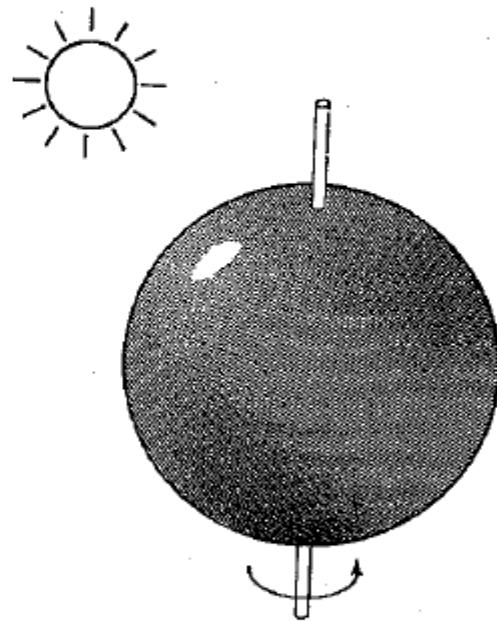
- The motion field is the projection of the 3D scene motion into the image



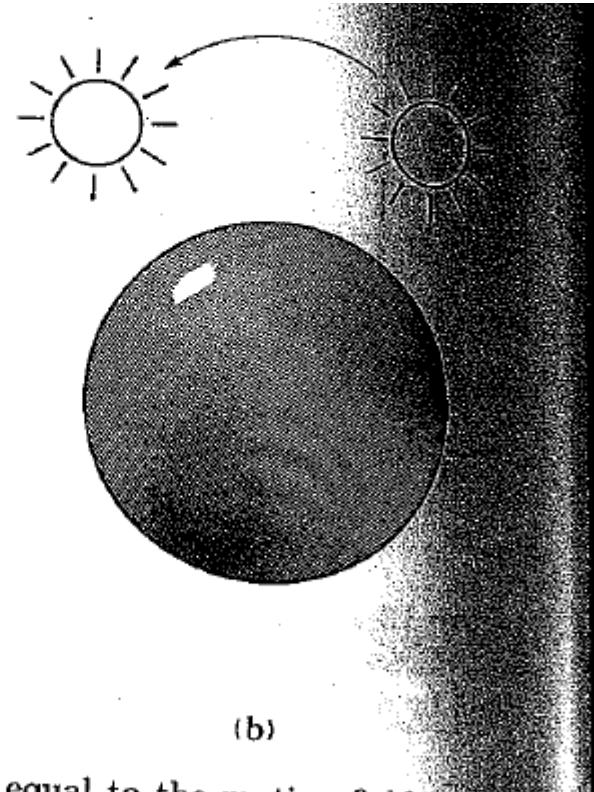
# Optical flow

- **Definition:** optical flow is the *apparent* motion of brightness patterns in the image
- Ideally, optical flow would be the same as the motion field
- Have to be careful: apparent motion can be caused by lighting changes without any actual motion
  - Think of a uniform rotating sphere under fixed lighting vs. a stationary sphere under moving illumination

# Apparent motion $\neq$ motion field



(a)



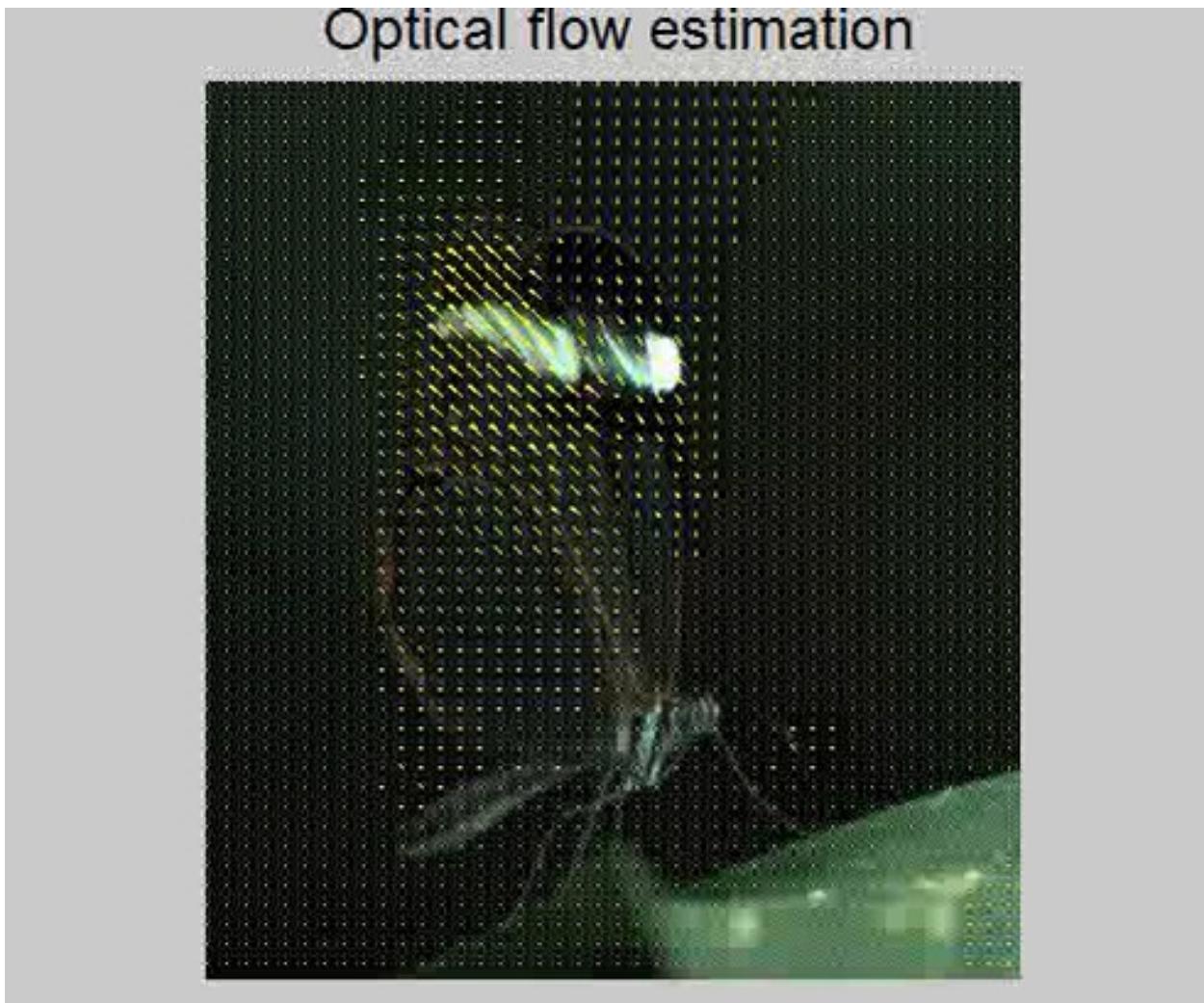
(b)

**Figure 12-2.** The optical flow is not always equal to the motion field. In (a) a smooth sphere is rotating under constant illumination—the image does not change, yet the motion field is nonzero. In (b) a fixed sphere is illuminated by a moving source—the shading in the image changes, yet the motion field is zero.

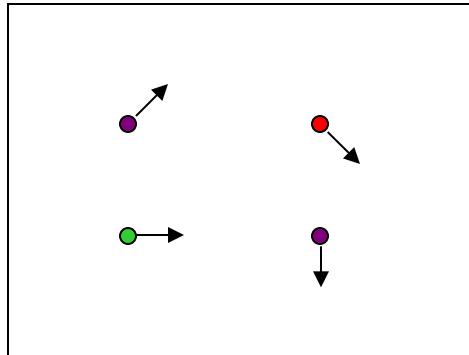
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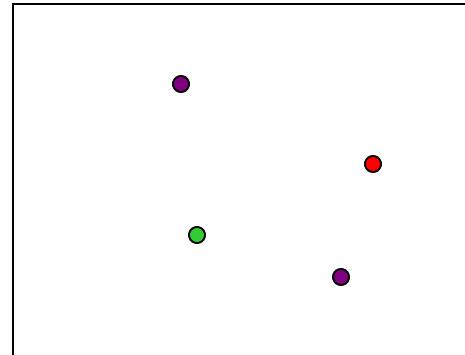
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# Estimating optical flow



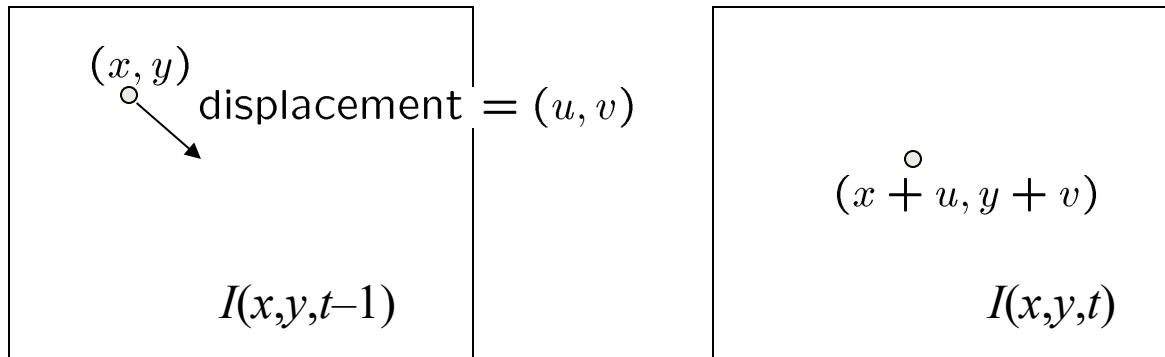
$I(x,y,t-1)$



$I(x,y,t)$

- Given two subsequent frames, estimate the apparent motion field  $u(x,y)$  and  $v(x,y)$  between them
- Key assumptions
  - Brightness constancy: projection of the same point looks the same in every frame
  - Small motion: points do not move very far
  - Spatial coherence: points move like their neighbors

# The brightness constancy constraint



- Brightness Constancy Equation:

$$I(x, y, t-1) = I(x + u(x, y), y + v(x, y), t)$$

Linearizing the right side using Taylor expansion:

$$I(x, y, t-1) \approx I(x, y, t) + I_x u(x, y) + I_y v(x, y)$$

Hence,

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t \approx 0$$

# The brightness constancy constraint

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

- How many equations and unknowns per pixel?
  - One equation, two unknowns
- What does this constraint mean?
$$\nabla I \cdot (u, v) + I_t = 0, \nabla I = (I_x, I_y)$$
- The component of the flow perpendicular to the gradient (i.e., parallel to the edge) is unknown!

# The brightness constancy constraint

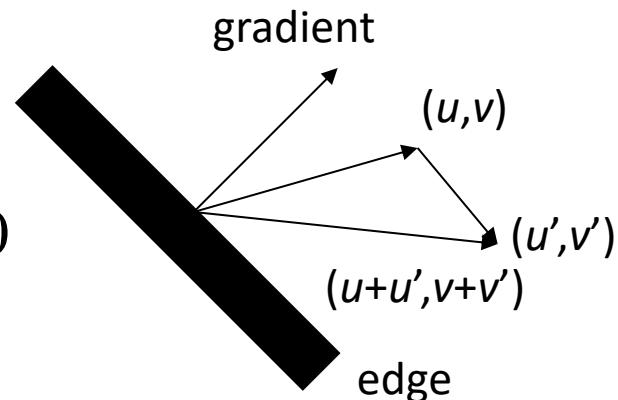
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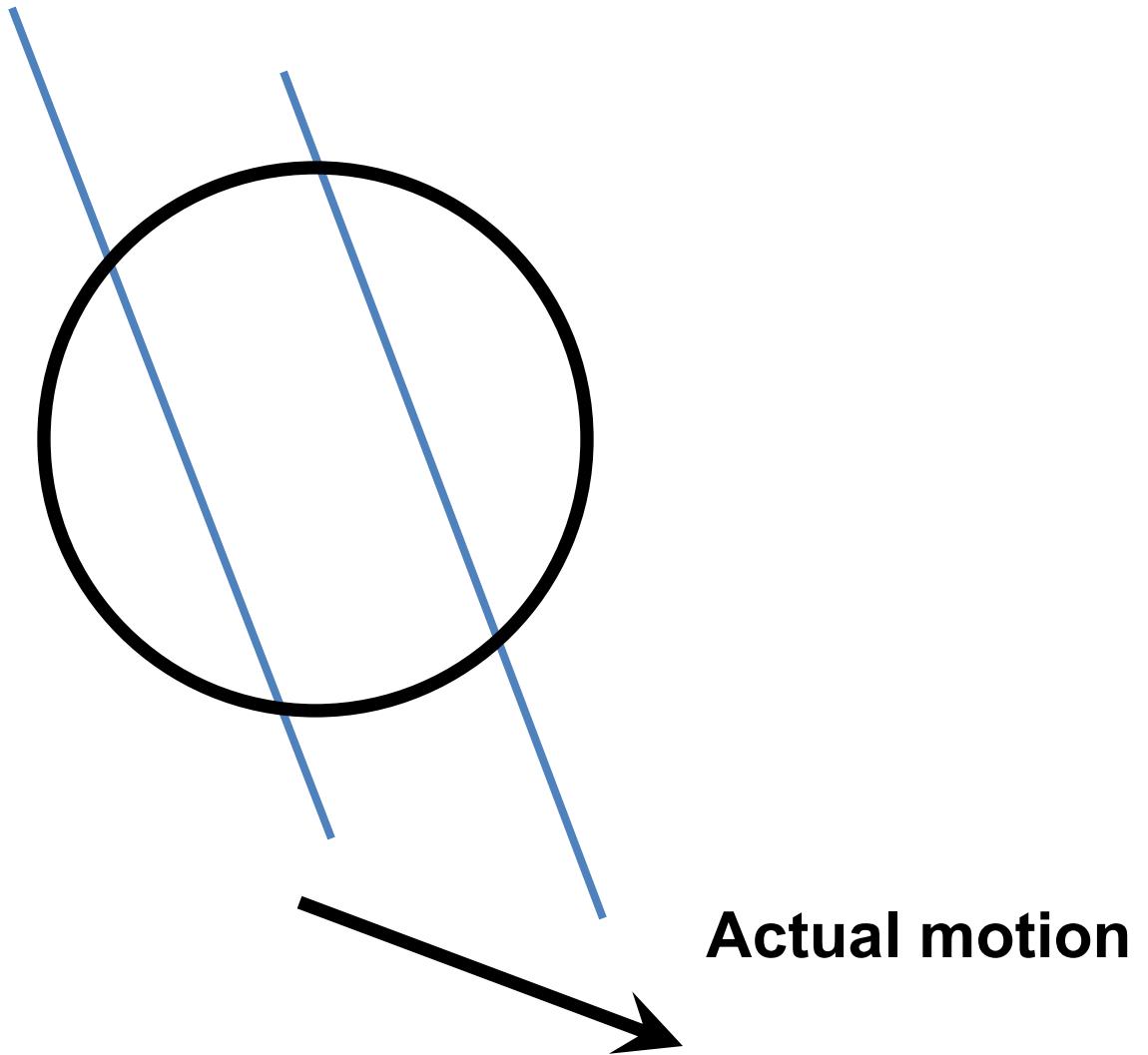
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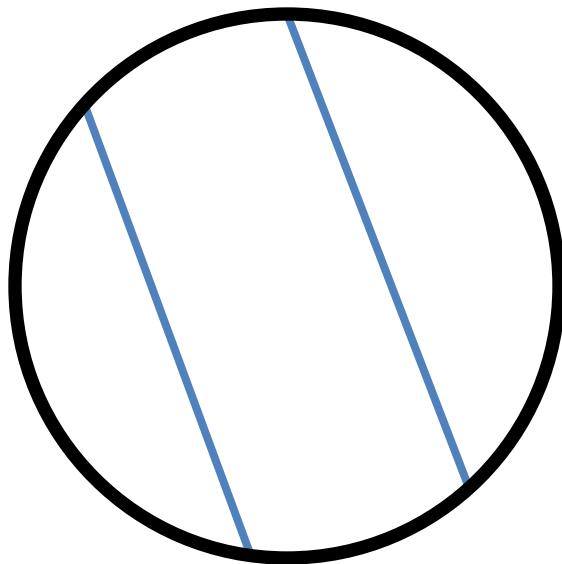
If  $(u, v)$  satisfies the equation,  
so does  $(u+u', v+v')$  if  $\nabla I \cdot (u', v') = 0$



# The aperture problem



# The aperture problem



**Perceived motion**

# The barber pole illusion



The barberpole illusion is a visual illusion that reveals biases in the processing of visual motion in the human brain. This visual illusion occurs when a diagonally striped pole is rotated around its vertical axis (horizontally), it appears as though the stripes are moving in the direction of its vertical axis (downwards in the case of the animation)

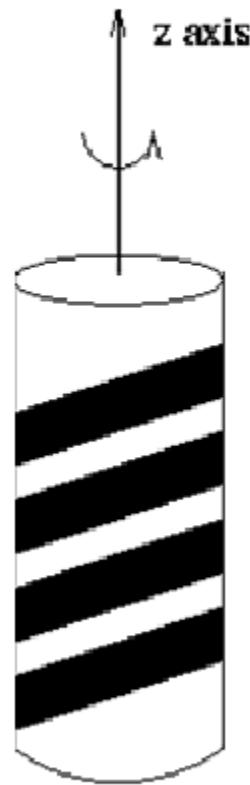
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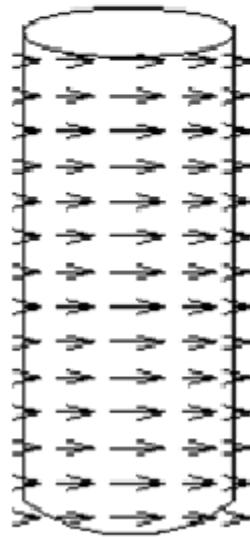


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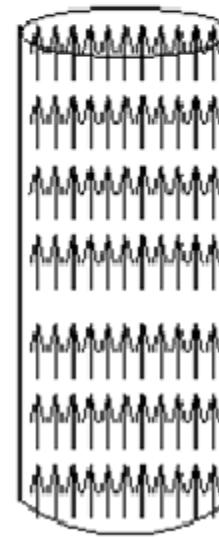
# The barber pole illusion



Barber's pole

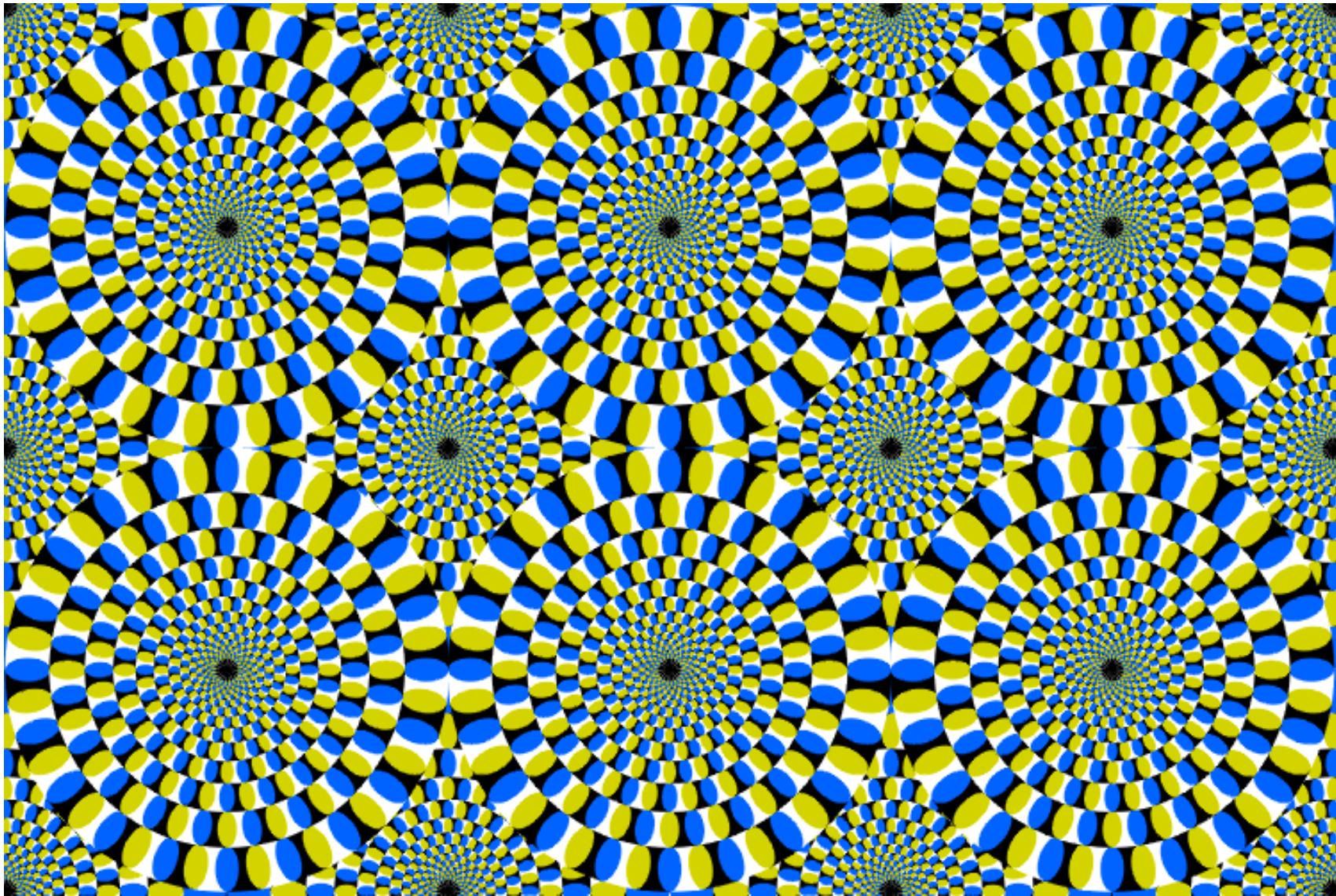


actual motion

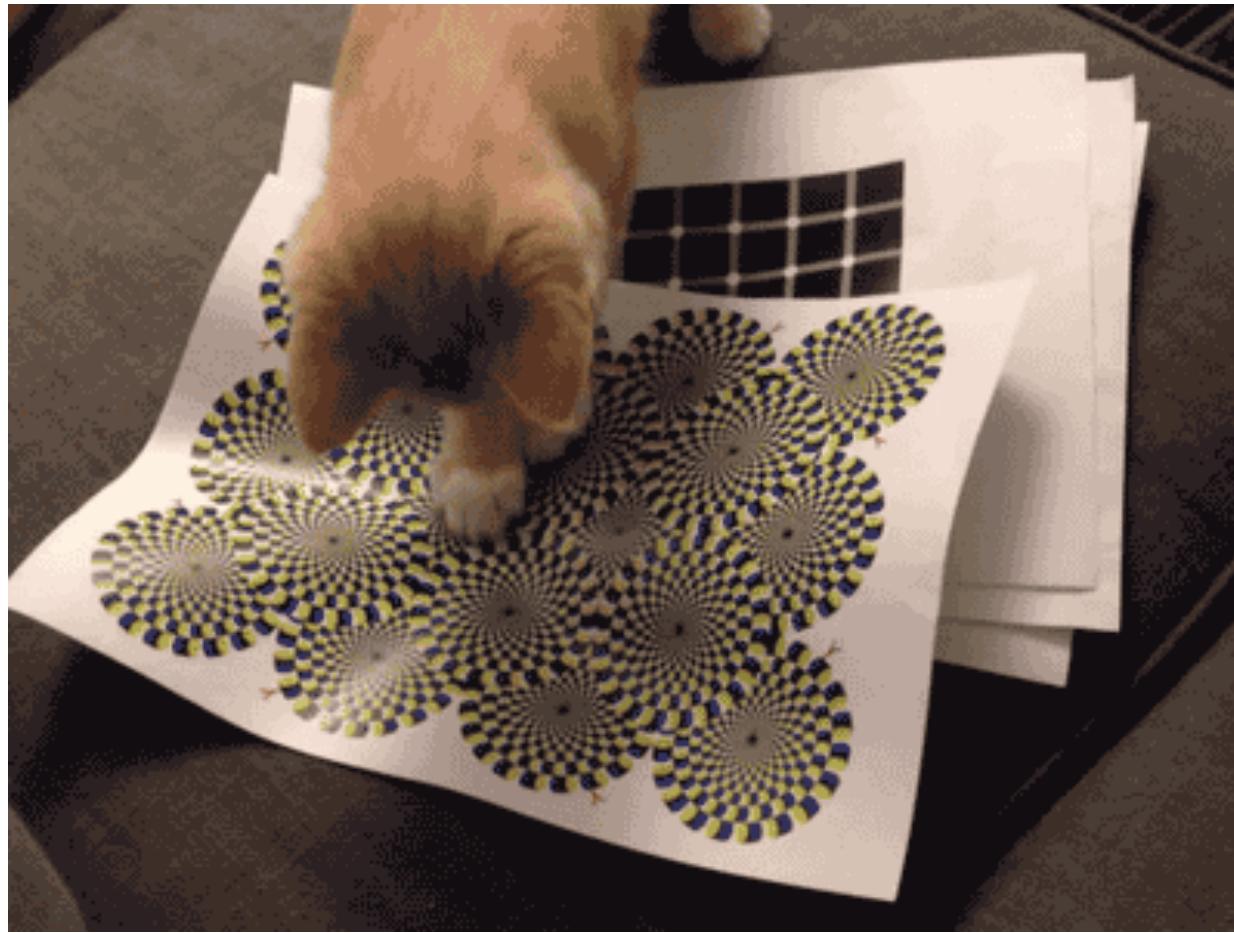


perceived motion

# Motion illusions



# Does it work on other animals?



# Solving the aperture problem

- How to get more equations for a pixel?
- **Spatial coherence constraint:** assume the pixel's neighbors have the same  $(u, v)$ 
  - E.g., if we use a  $5 \times 5$  window, that gives us 25 equations per pixel

$$\nabla I(\mathbf{x}_i) \cdot [u, v] + I_t(\mathbf{x}_i) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x(\mathbf{x}_1) & I_y(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ I_x(\mathbf{x}_2) & I_y(\mathbf{x}_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ I_x(\mathbf{x}_n) & I_y(\mathbf{x}_n) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} I_t(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ I_t(\mathbf{x}_2) \\ \vdots \\ I_t(\mathbf{x}_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Lucas-Kanade flow

- Linear least squares problem:

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- When is this system solvable?

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$\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{b}$   
 $n \times 2 \quad 2 \times 1 \quad n \times 1$

- Solution given by  $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x I_x & \sum I_x I_y \\ \sum I_x I_y & \sum I_y I_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x I_t \\ \sum I_y I_t \end{bmatrix}$$

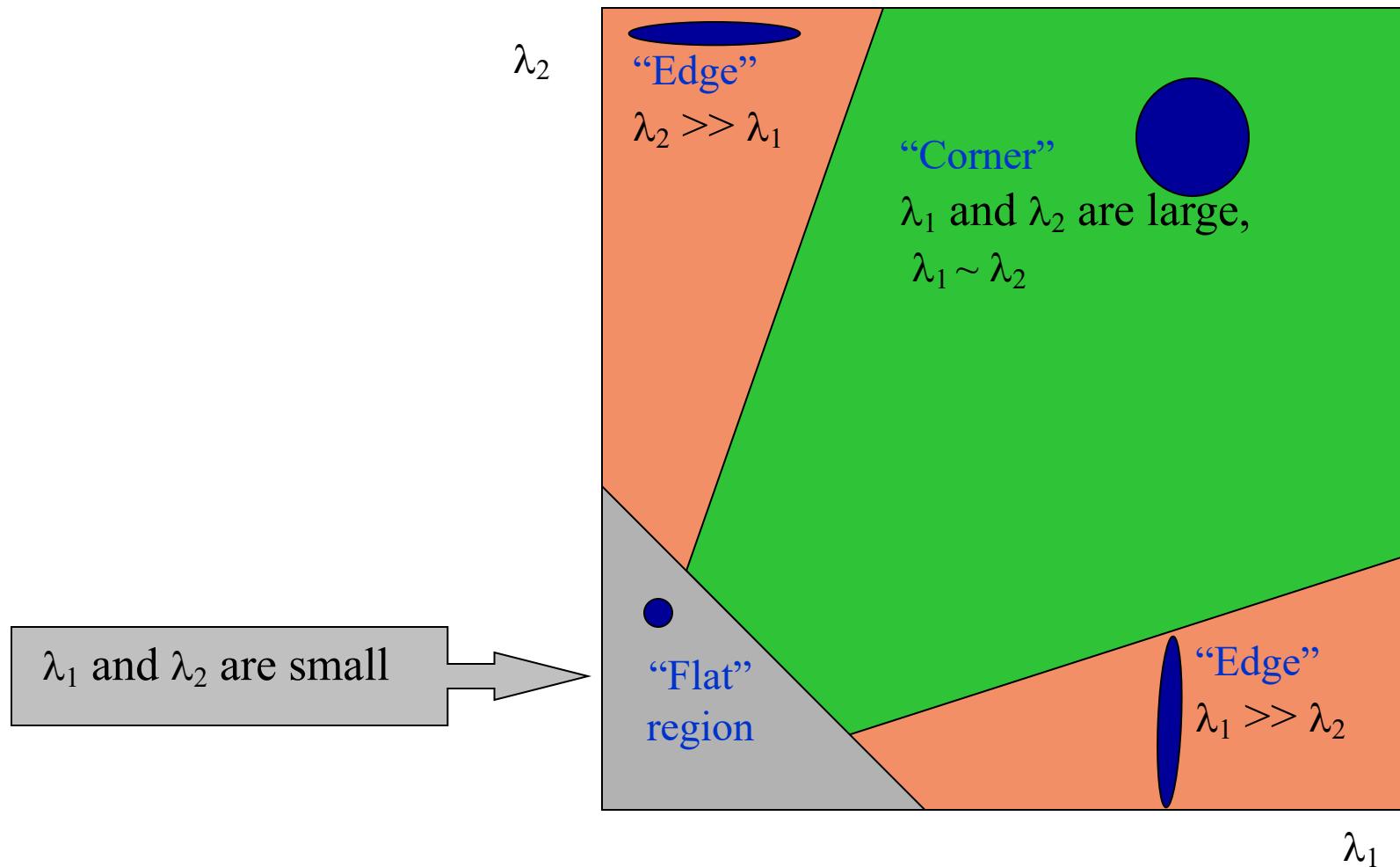
$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  is the second moment matrix!

(summations are over all pixels in the window)

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# Recall: second moment matrix

- Estimation of optical flow is well-conditioned precisely for regions with high “cornerness”:

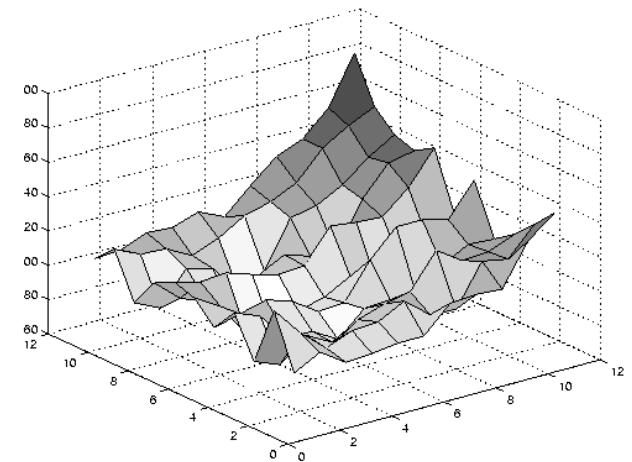
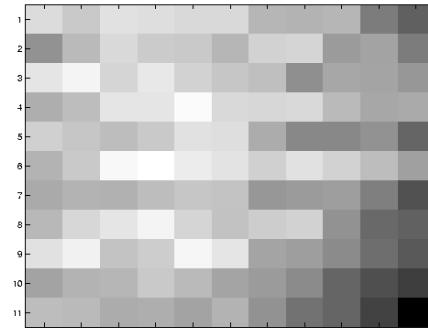


$M = A^T A$  is the *second moment matrix* !  
(Harris corner detector...)

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x I_x & \sum I_x I_y \\ \sum I_x I_y & \sum I_y I_y \end{bmatrix} = \sum \begin{bmatrix} I_x \\ I_y \end{bmatrix} [I_x \ I_y] = \sum \nabla I (\nabla I)^T$$

- Eigenvectors and eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  relate to edge direction and magnitude
  - The eigenvector associated with the larger eigenvalue points in the direction of fastest intensity change
  - The other eigenvector is orthogonal to it

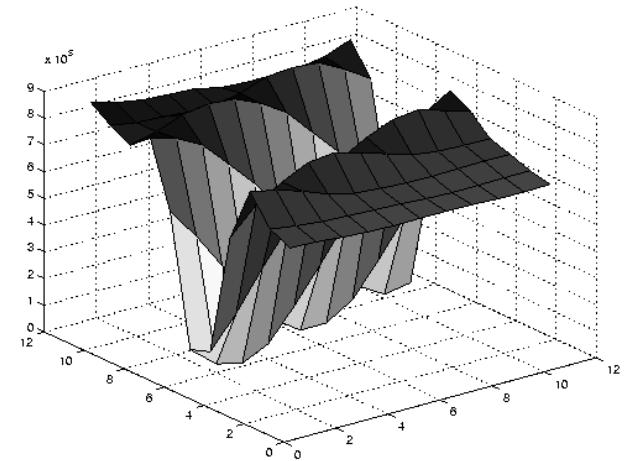
# Low-texture region



$$\sum \nabla I(\nabla I)^T$$

- gradients have small magnitude
- small  $\lambda_1$ , small  $\lambda_2$

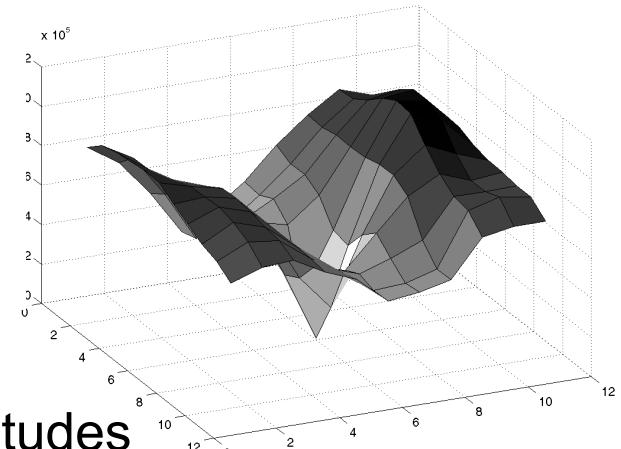
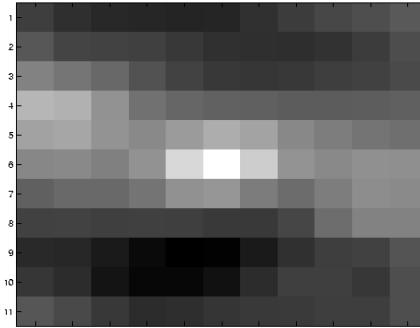
# Edge



$$\sum \nabla I (\nabla I)^T$$

- large gradients, all the same
- large  $\lambda_1$ , small  $\lambda_2$

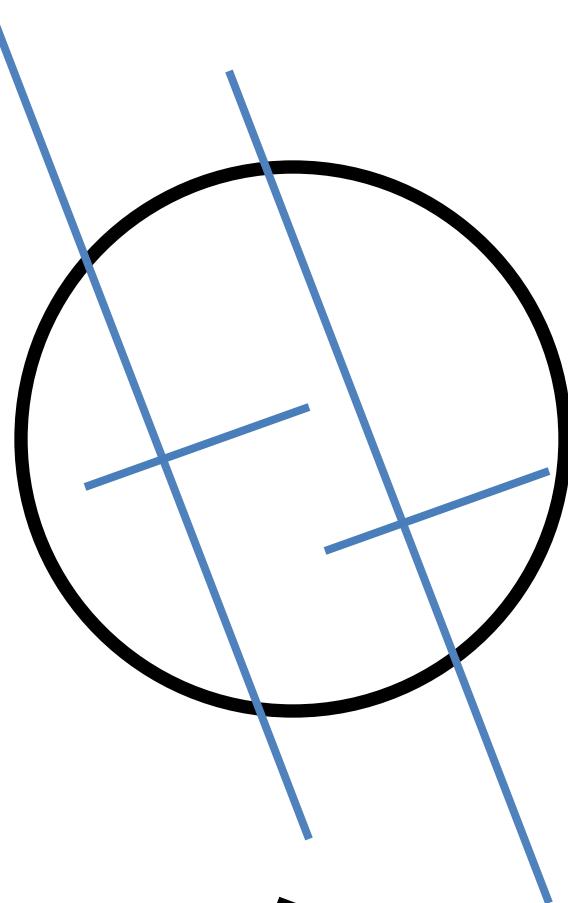
# High-textured region



$$\sum \nabla I (\nabla I)^T$$

- gradients are different, large magnitudes
- large  $\lambda_1$ , large  $\lambda_2$

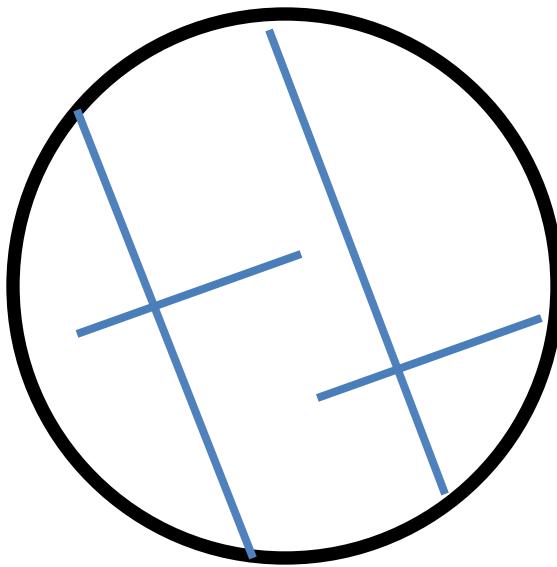
# The aperture problem resolved



*Using corners disambiguates  
the aperture problem*

**Actual motion**

# The aperture problem resolved

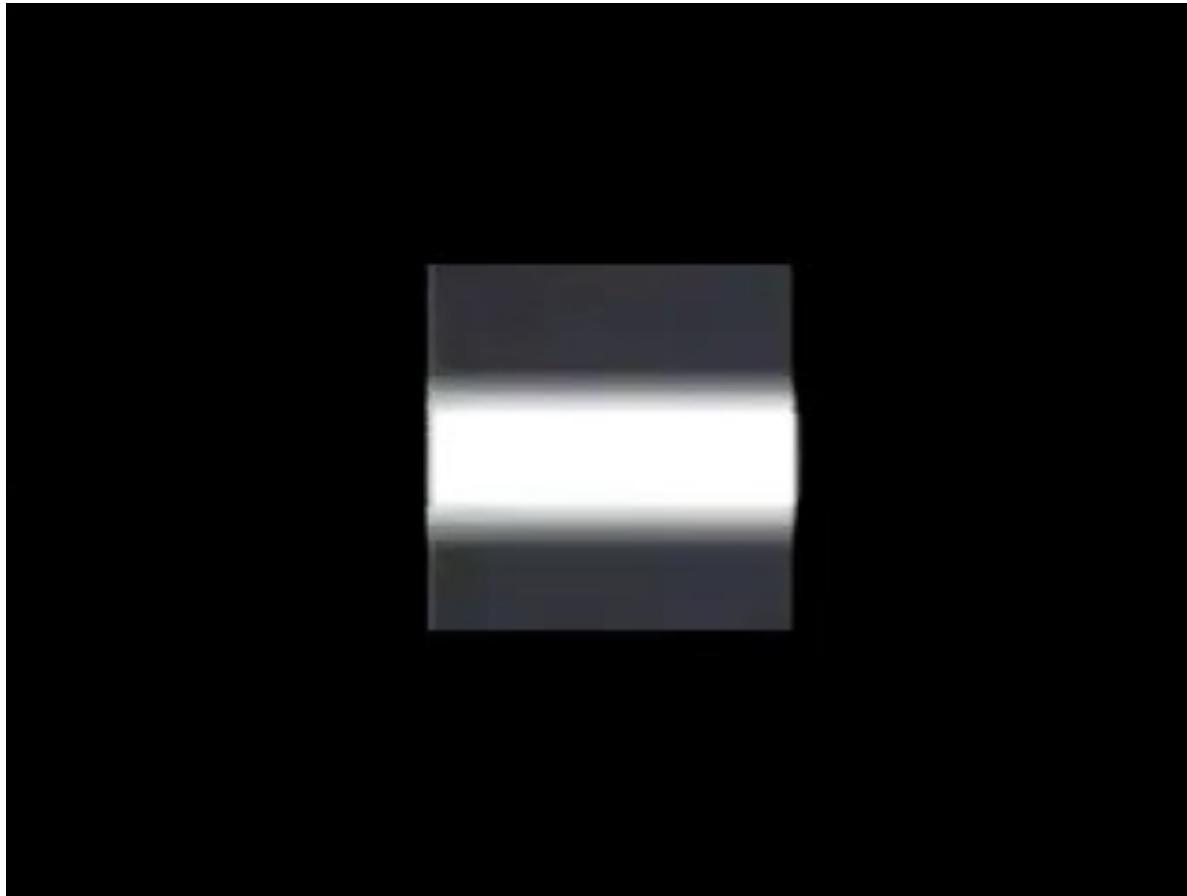


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**Perceived motion**

# Conditions for solvability

- “Bad” case: single straight edge



# Conditions for solvability

- “Good” case

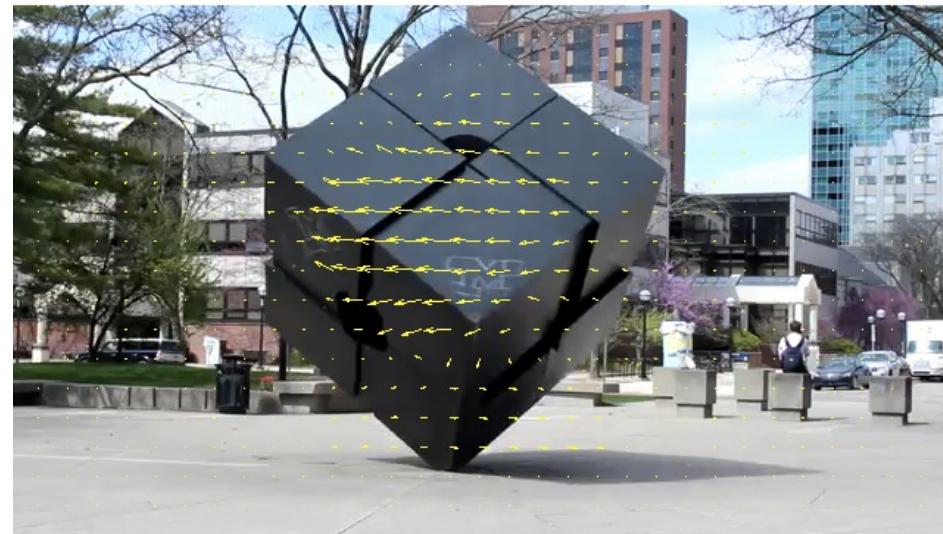


# Lucas-Kanade flow example

Input frames



Output



Source: [MATLAB Central File Exchange](#)

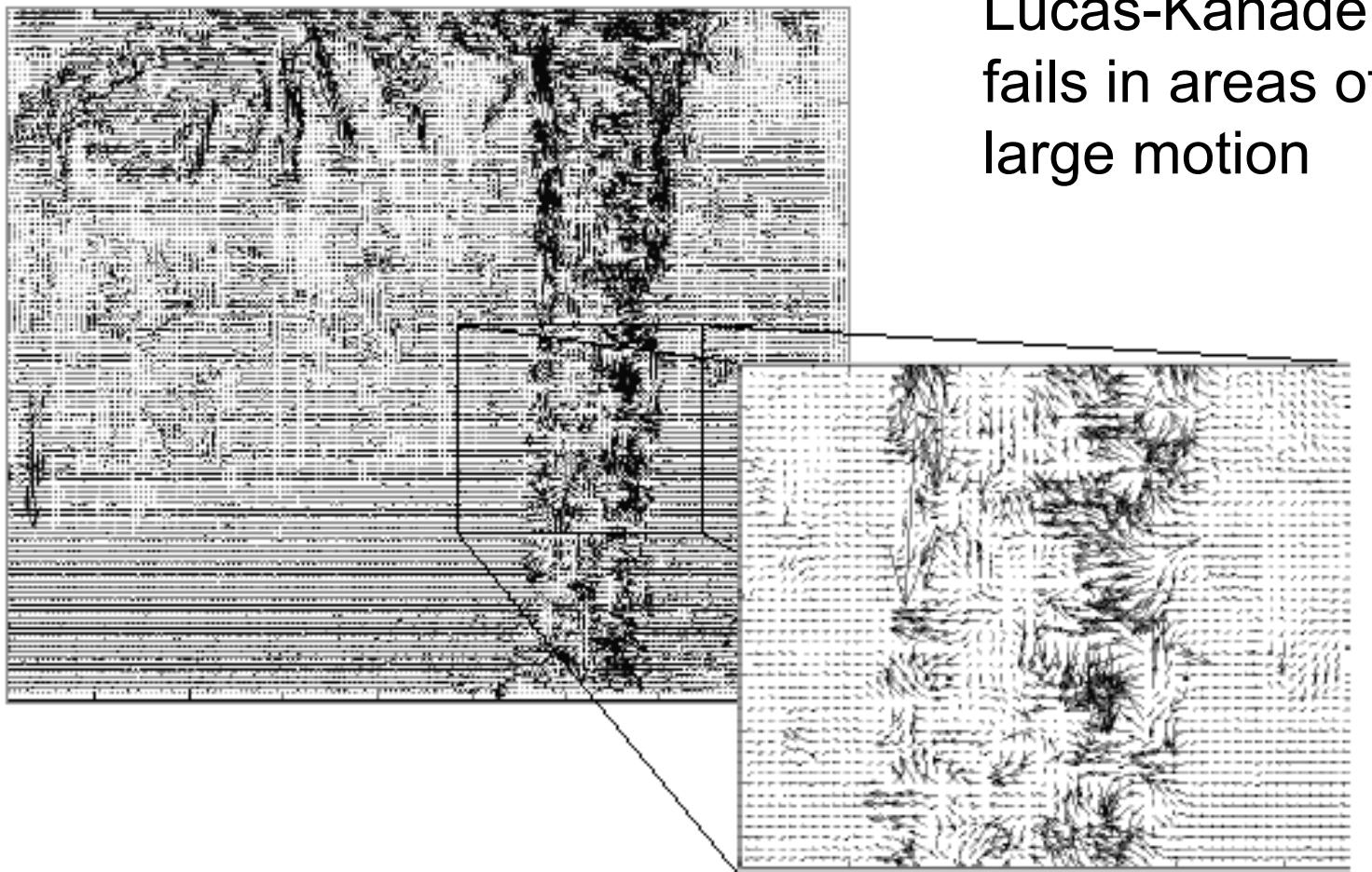
# Errors in Lucas-Kanade

- The motion is large (larger than a pixel)
- A point does not move like its neighbors
- Brightness constancy does not hold

# “Flower garden” example

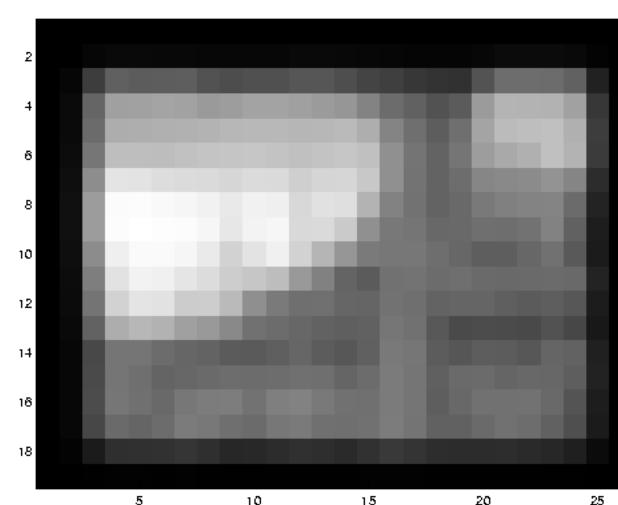
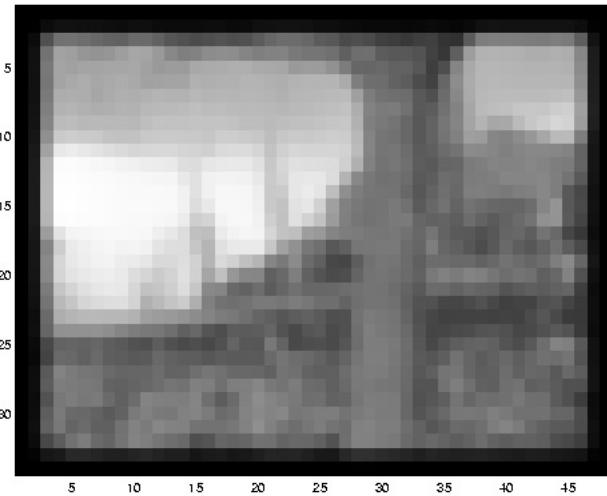
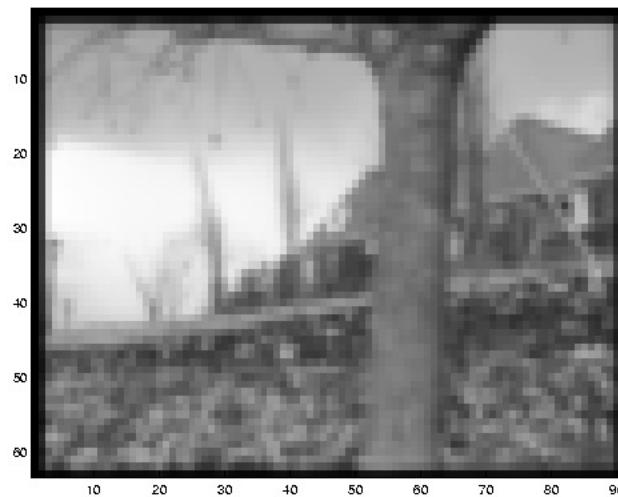


# “Flower garden” example



Lucas-Kanade  
fails in areas of  
large motion

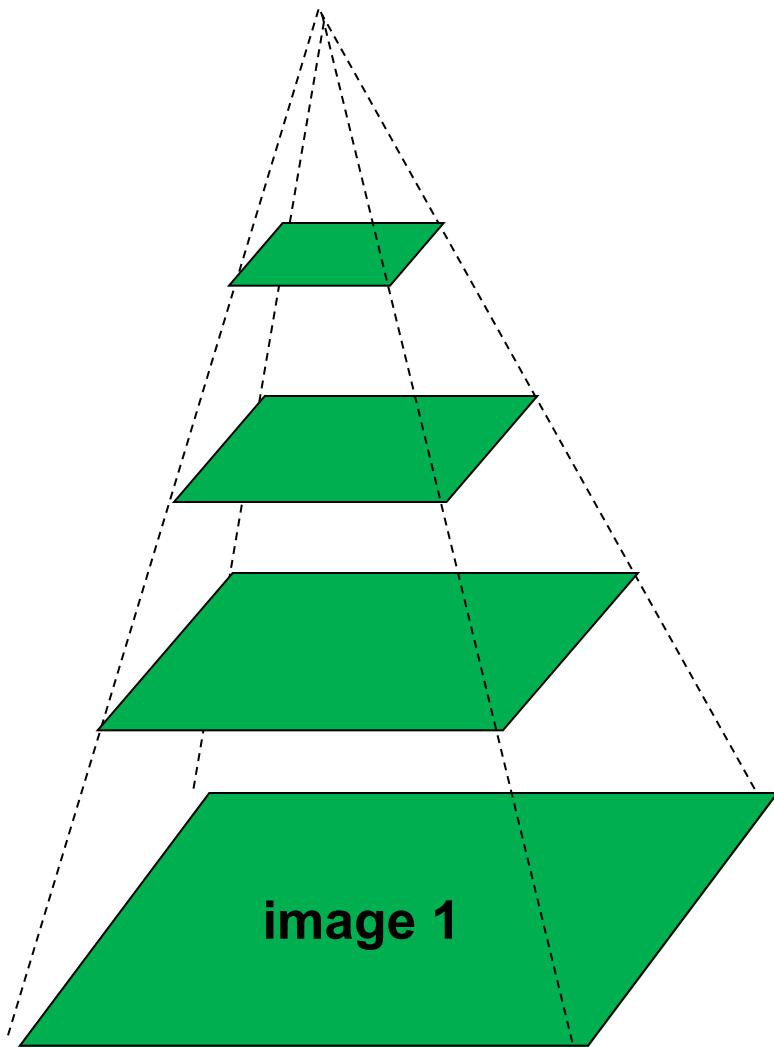
# Reduce the resolution!



# Multi-resolution Lucas Kanade Algorithm

- Compute ‘simple’ LK at highest level
- At level  $i$ 
  - Take flow  $u_{i-1}, v_{i-1}$  from level  $i-1$
  - bilinear interpolate it to create  $u_i^*, v_i^*$  matrices of twice resolution for level  $i$
  - multiply  $u_i^*, v_i^*$  by 2
  - compute  $f_t$  from a block displaced by  $u_i^*(x,y), v_i^*(x,y)$
  - Apply LK to get  $u_i'(x, y), v_i'(x, y)$  (the correction in flow)
  - Add corrections  $u_i', v_i'$ , i.e.  $u_i = u_i^* + u_i'$ ,  
 $v_i = v_i^* + v_i'$ .

# Coarse-to-fine optical flow estimation



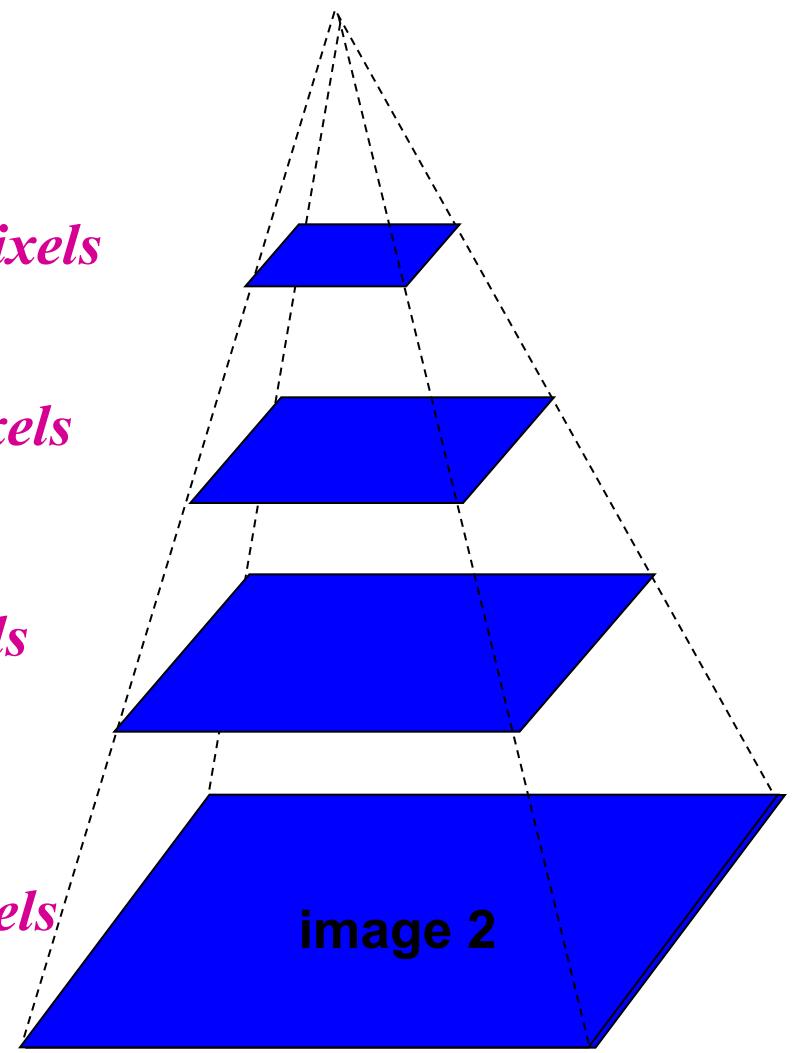
Gaussian pyramid of image 1

$u=1.25 \text{ pixels}$

$u=2.5 \text{ pixels}$

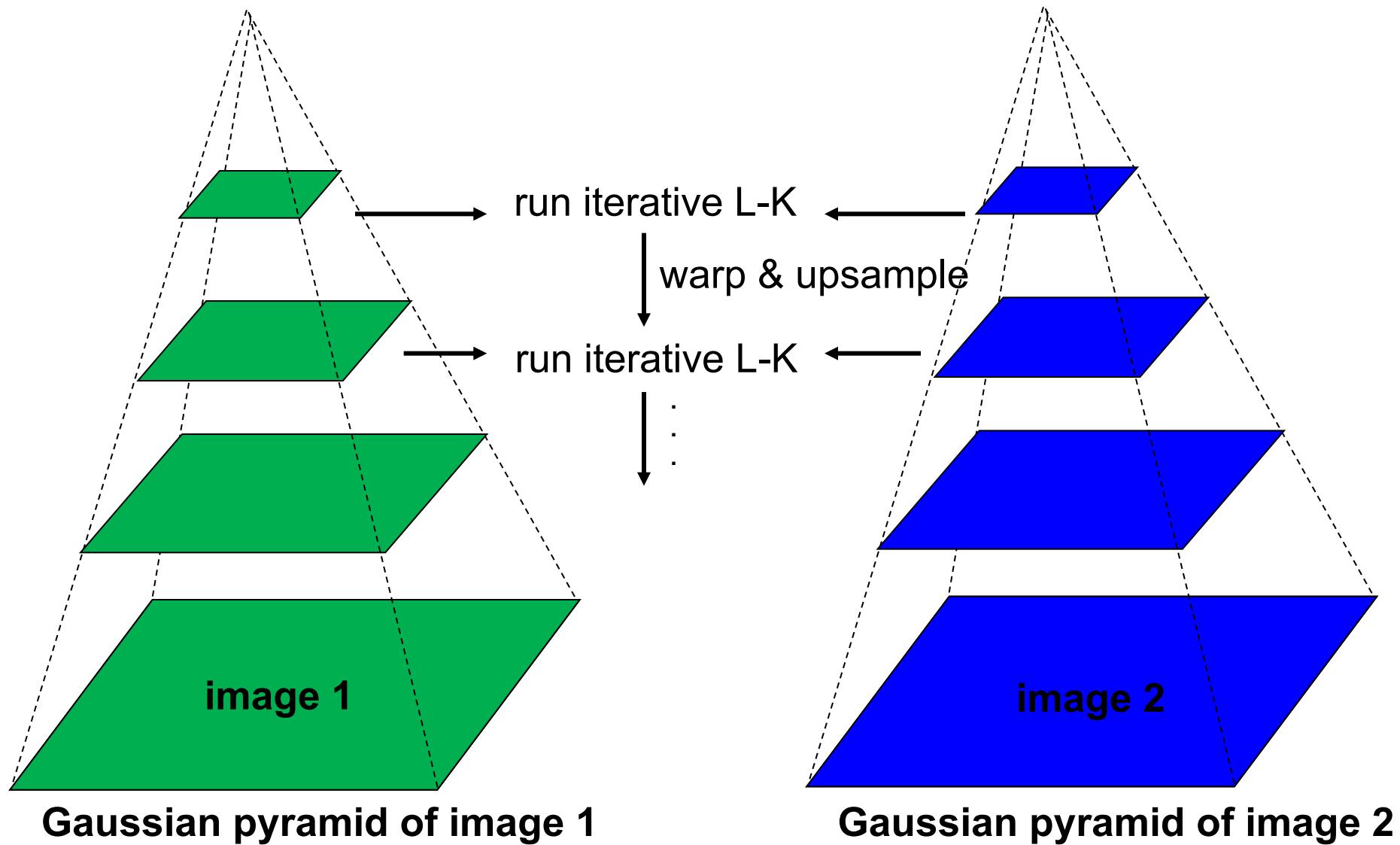
$u=5 \text{ pixels}$

$u=10 \text{ pixels}$

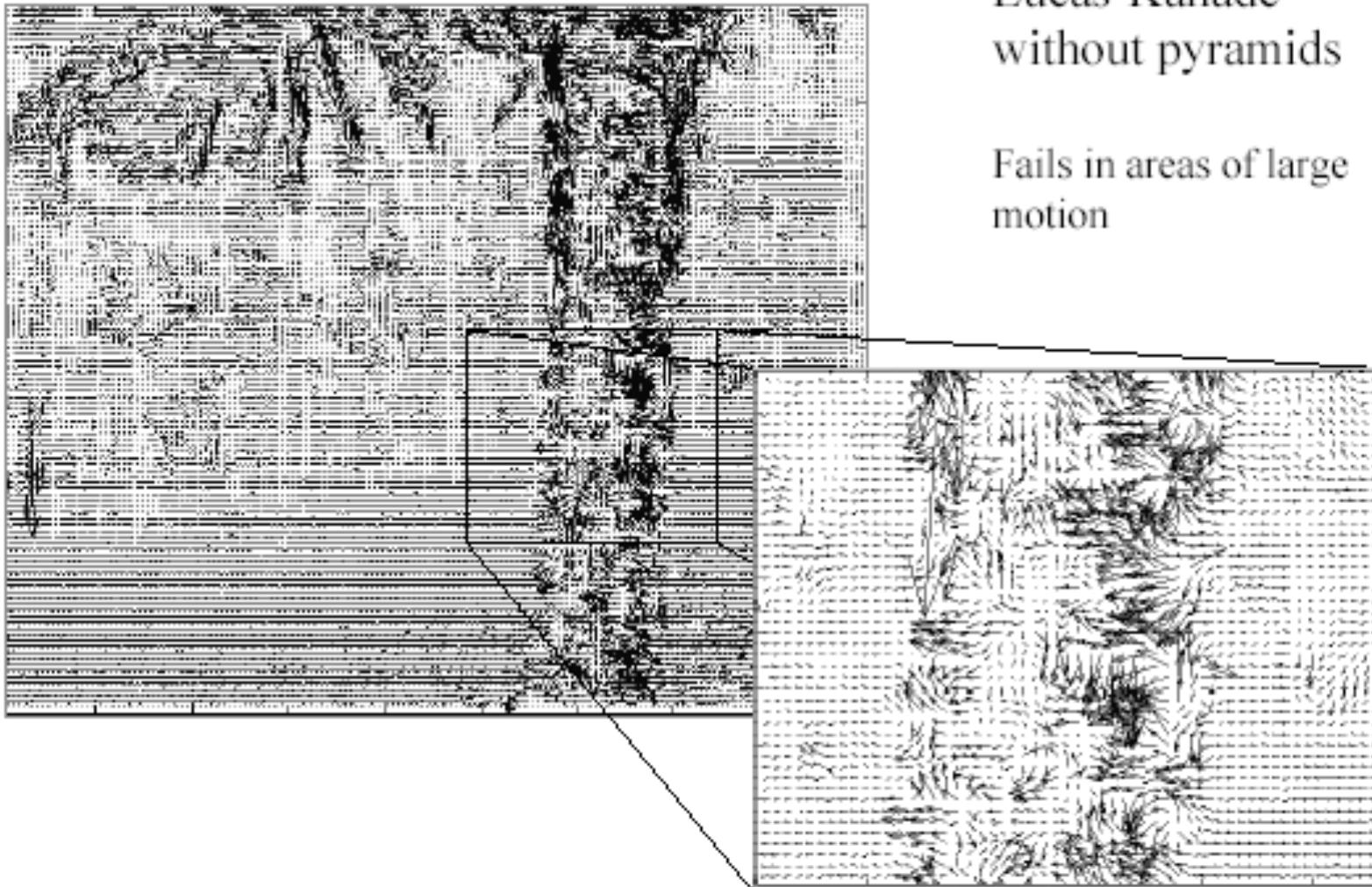


Gaussian pyramid of image 2

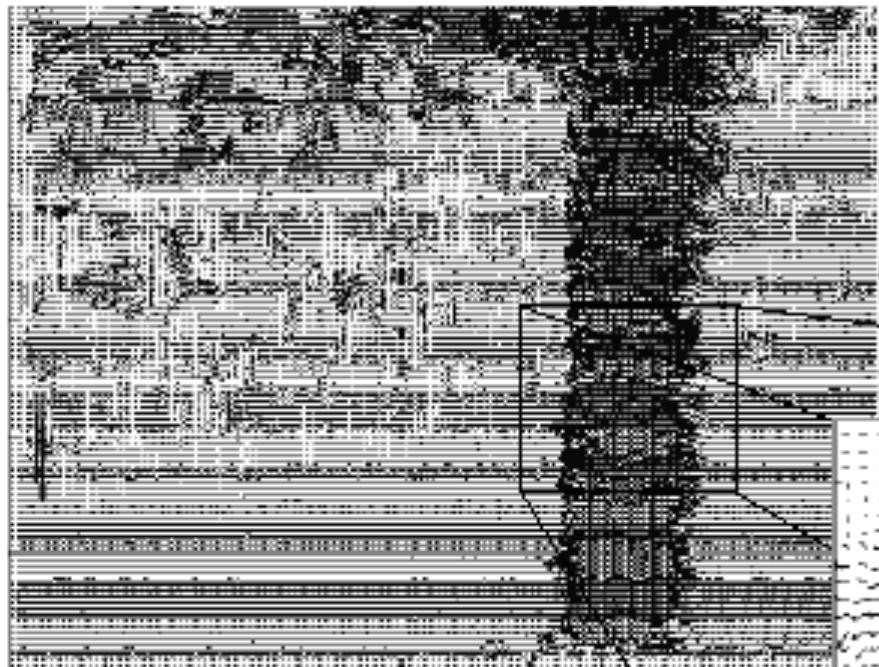
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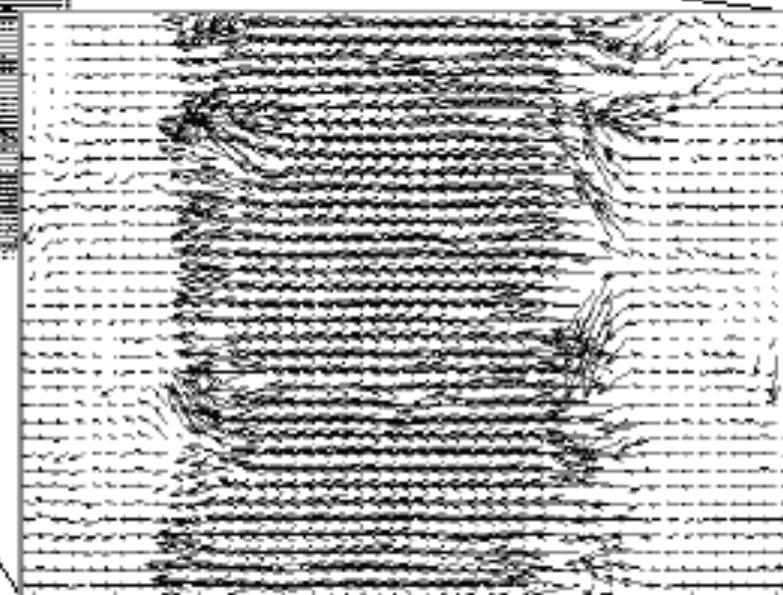
# Optical Flow Results



# Optical Flow Results



Lucas-Kanade with Pyramids



# Visualize the optical flow

Flow magnitude as saturation, orientation as hue



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Flow magnitude as saturation, orientation as hue



# Applications of optical flow

1. Traffic monitoring – finding velocities of vehicles
2. Slow motion effect
3. Image stabilization
4. Face tracking – lip reading, emotion detection