

# Computer Vision-IT416

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# Image Stitching



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3

How would you align these images?

## Image Stitching

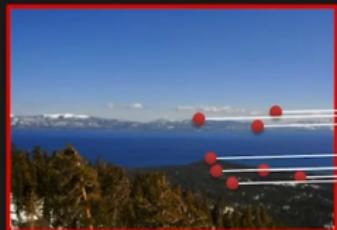


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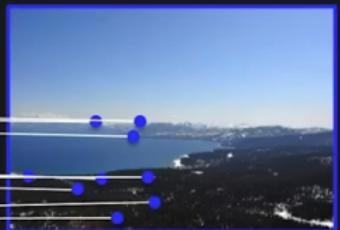


Image 3

Find corresponding points  
(using feature detectors like SIFT)

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Find geometric relationship between the images

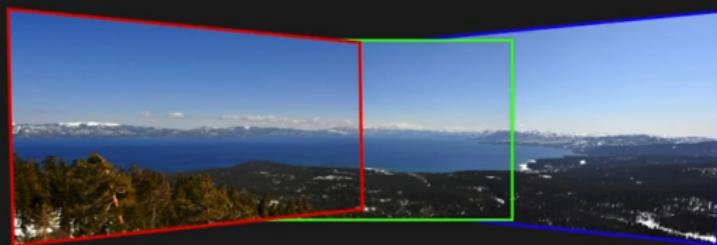
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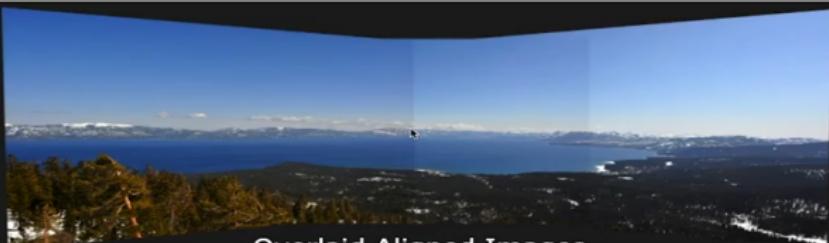
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Overlaid Aligned Images



Blended Images

# Image Stitching

Combine multiple photos to create a larger photo

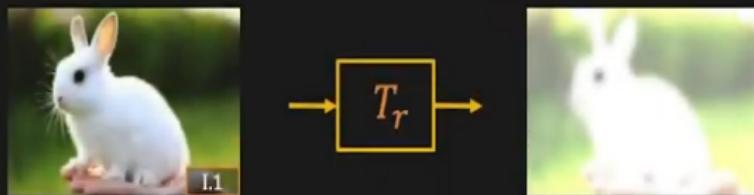
## Topics:

- (1) 2x2 Image Transformations
- (2) 3x3 Image Transformations
- (3) Computing Homography
- (4) Dealing with Outliers: RANSAC
- (5) Warping and Blending Images

# Image Manipulation

Image Filtering: Change range (brightness)

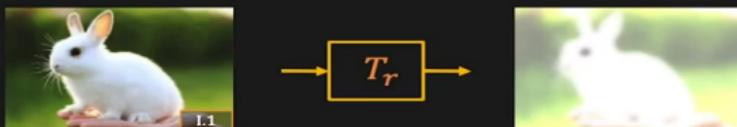
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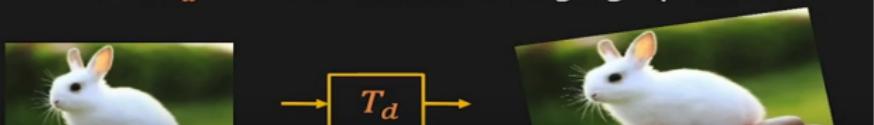
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**Image Warping:** Change domain (location)

$$g(x, y) = f(T_d(x, y))$$

Transformation  $T_d$  is a coordinate changing operator



## Global Warping/Transformation



Translation



Rotation



Scaling and Aspect

$$g(x, y) = f(T(x, y))$$



Affine



Projective



Barrel

Transformation  $T$  is the same over entire domain

Often can be described by just a few parameters

## 2x2 Linear Transformations



$$\mathbf{p}_1 = (x_1, y_1)$$



$$\mathbf{p}_2 = (x_2, y_2)$$

$T$  can be represented by a matrix.

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = T\mathbf{p}_1 \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = T \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Scaling (Stretching or Squishing)

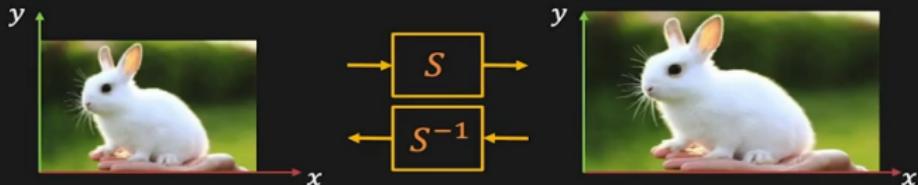


Forward:

$$x_2 = ax_1 \quad y_2 = by_1$$

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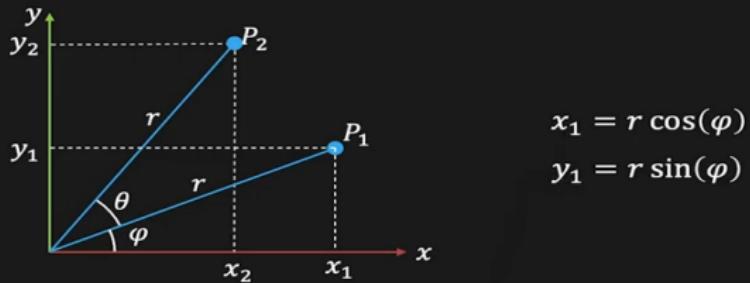
Inverse:

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{a}x_2 \quad y_1 = \frac{1}{b}y_2$$

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## 2D Rotation



$$x_2 = r \cos(\varphi + \theta)$$

$$x_2 = r \cos \varphi \cos \theta - r \sin \varphi \sin \theta$$

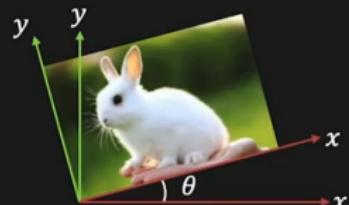
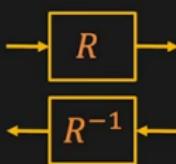
$$x_2 = x_1 \cos \theta - y_1 \sin \theta$$

$$y_2 = r \sin(\varphi + \theta)$$

$$y_2 = r \cos \varphi \sin \theta + r \sin \varphi \cos \theta$$

$$y_2 = x_1 \sin \theta + y_1 \cos \theta$$

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$$x_1 = x_2 \cos\theta + y_2 \sin\theta$$

$$y_1 = -x_2 \sin\theta + y_2 \cos\theta$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = R \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = R^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Skew



Horizontal Skew:

$$x_2 = x_1 + m_x y_1$$

$$y_2 = y_1$$

Vertical Skew:

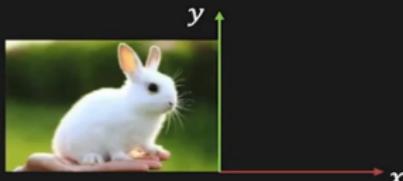
$$x_2 = x_1$$

$$y_2 = m_y x_1 + y_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = S_x \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & m_x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Mirror



Mirror about Y-axis:

$$x_2 = -x_1$$

$$y_2 = y_1$$

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

Mirror about line  $y = x$ :

$$x_2 = y_1$$

$$y_2 = x_1$$

$$M_{xy} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



## 2x2 Matrix Transformations

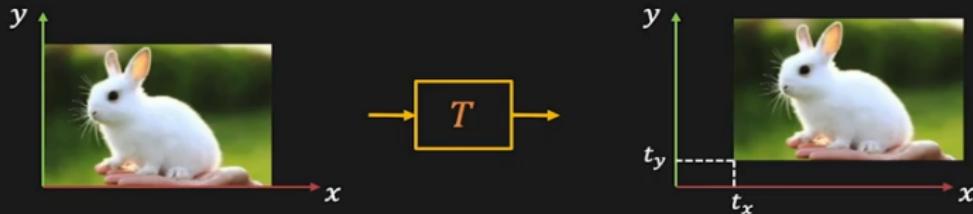
Any transformation of the form:

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- Origin maps to the origin
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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{p}_2 = T_{21}\mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 = T_{32}\mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 = T_{31}\mathbf{p}_1 \end{array} \right\} \quad \mathbf{p}_3 = T_{32}\mathbf{p}_2 = T_{32}T_{21}\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad T_{31} = T_{32}T_{21}$$

# Translation



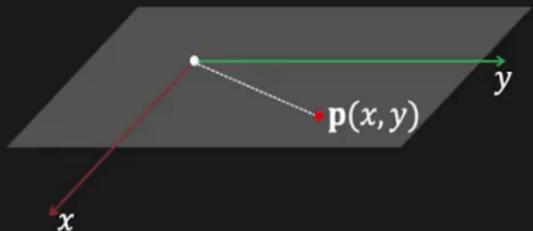
$$x_2 = x_1 + t_x \qquad y_2 = y_1 + t_y$$

Can translation be expressed as a  $2 \times 2$  matrix? No.

# Homogenous Coordinates

The homogenous representation of a 2D point  $\mathbf{p} = (x, y)$  is a 3D point  $\tilde{\mathbf{p}} = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z})$ . The third coordinate  $\tilde{z} \neq 0$  is fictitious such that:

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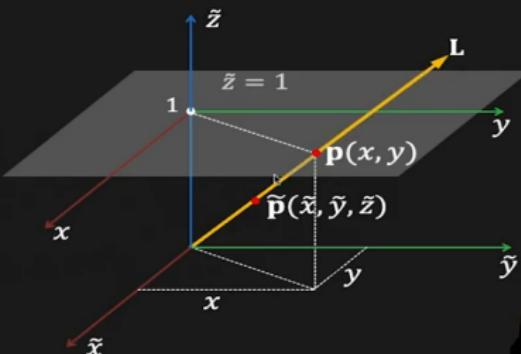


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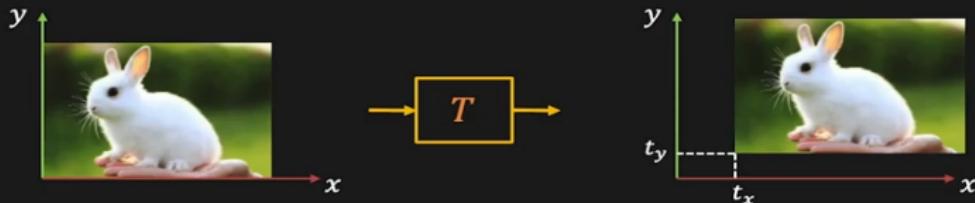
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$$\mathbf{p} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{z}x \\ \tilde{z}y \\ \tilde{z} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ \tilde{y} \\ \tilde{z} \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\mathbf{p}}$$



Every point on line  $L$  (except origin) represents the homogenous coordinate of  $\mathbf{p}(x, y)$

## Translation



$$x_2 = x_1 + t_x \quad y_2 = y_1 + t_y$$

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## Scaling, Rotation, Skew, Translation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_2 \\ \tilde{y}_2 \\ \tilde{z}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scaling

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Rotation

## Affine Transformation

Any transformation of the form:

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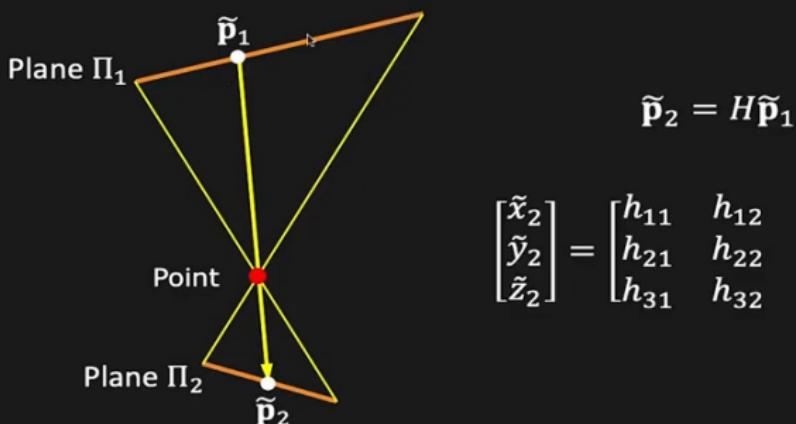
$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_2 \\ \tilde{y}_2 \\ \tilde{z}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ \textcolor{orange}{h_{31}} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{y}_1 \\ \tilde{z}_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_2 = H \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_1$$



Also called Homography

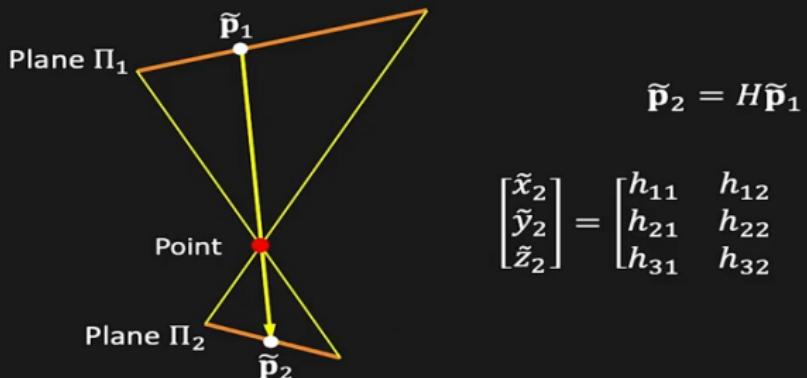
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Mapping of one plane to another through a point



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Same as imaging a plane through a pinhole

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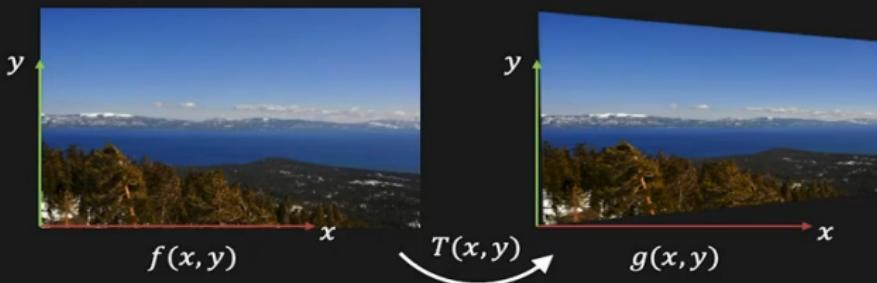
If we fix scale such that  $\sqrt{\sum(h_{ij})^2} = 1$  then 8 free parameters

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## Warping Images

Given a transformation  $T$  and a image  $f(x, y)$ , compute the transformed image  $g(x, y)$

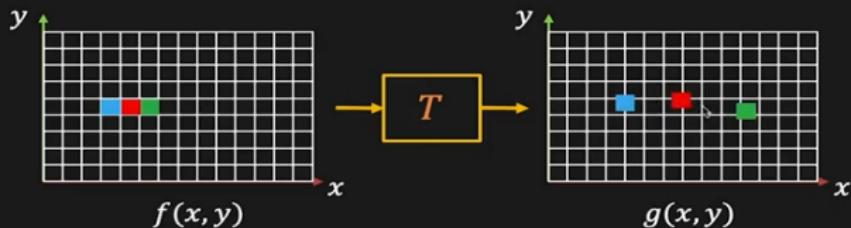
$$g(x, y) = f(T(x, y))$$



## Forward Warping

Send each pixel  $(x, y)$  in  $f(x, y)$  to its corresponding location  $T(x, y)$  in  $g(x, y)$

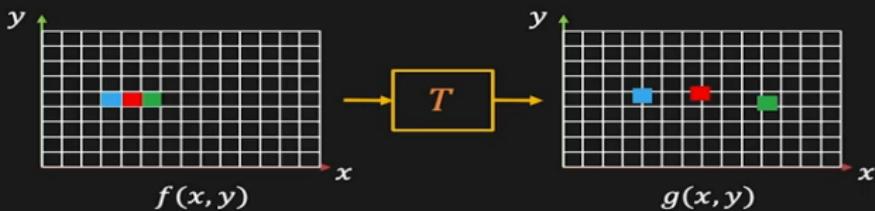
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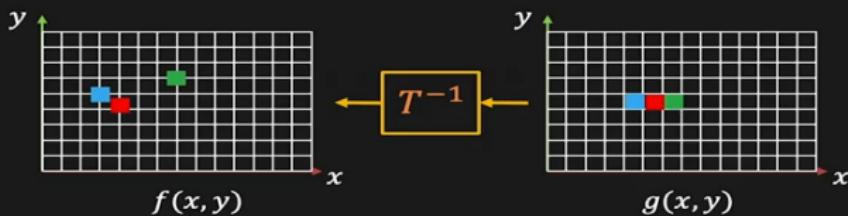


What if pixel lands in between pixels?  
What if not all pixels in  $g(x, y)$  are filled?

## Backward Warping

Get each pixel  $(x, y)$  in  $g(x, y)$  from its corresponding location  $T^{-1}(x, y)$  in  $f(x, y)$

$$g(x, y) = f(T(x, y))$$



What if pixel lands between pixels?  
Use **Nearest Neighbor** or **Interpolate**

## Image Alignment Process



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Image 2

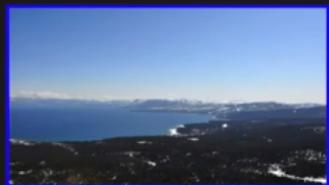
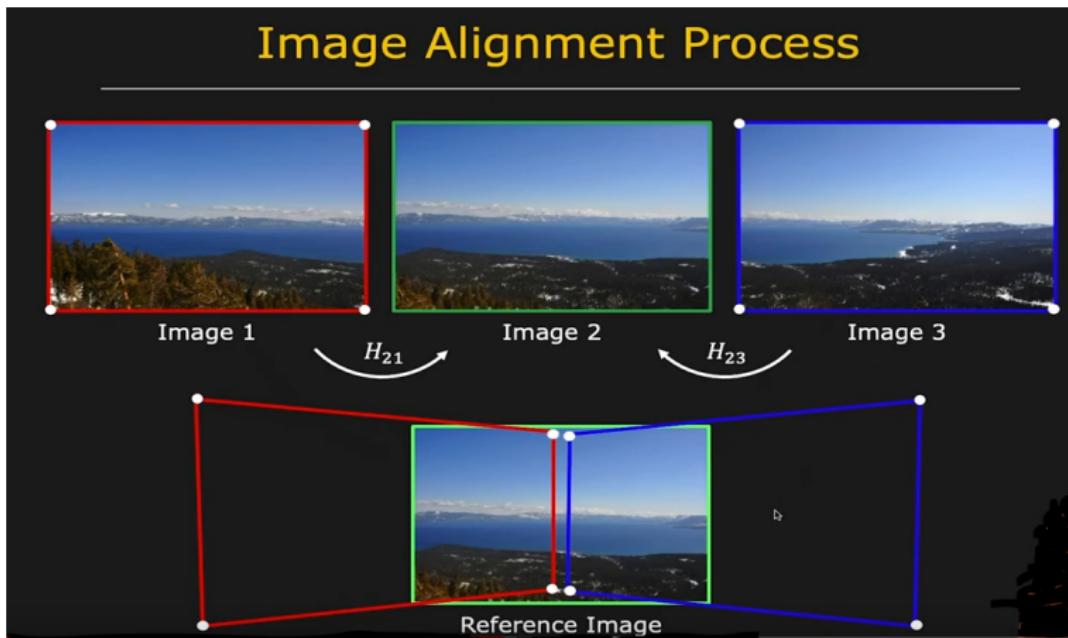


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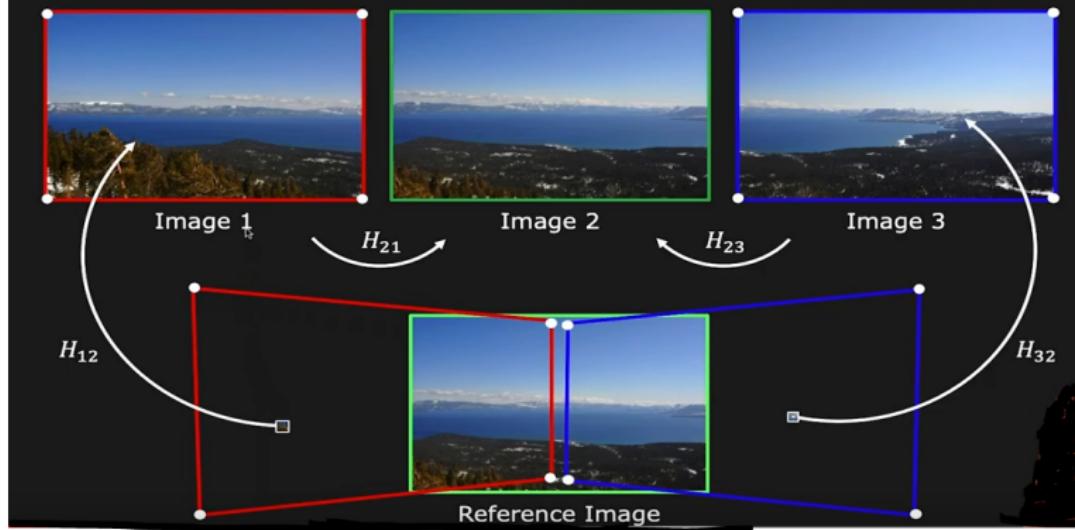


Reference Image  
(Image 2)

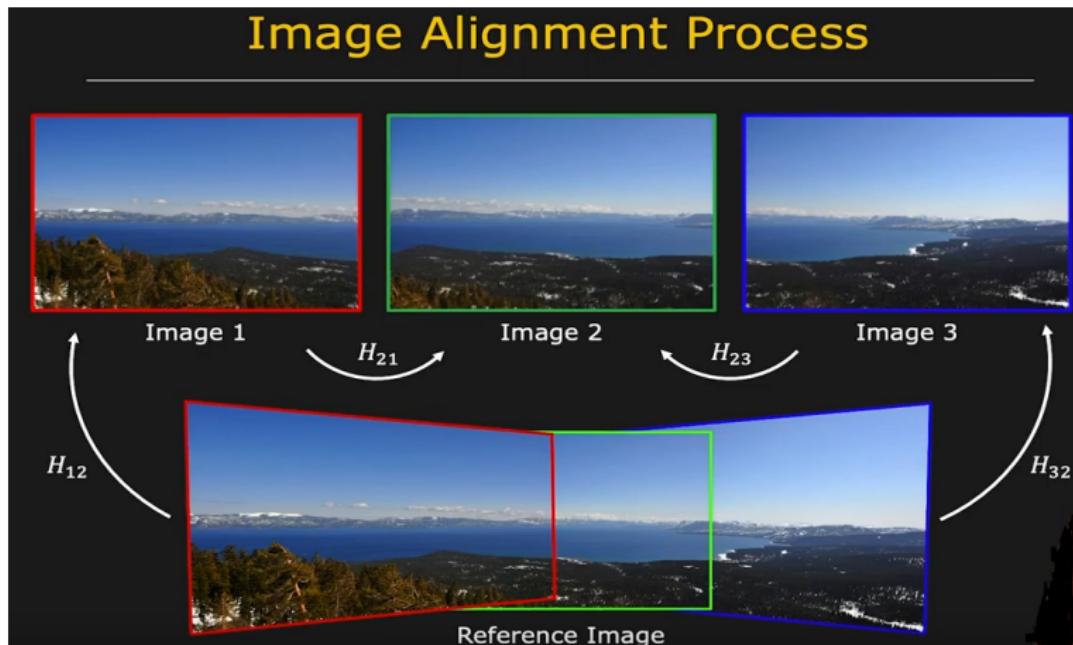
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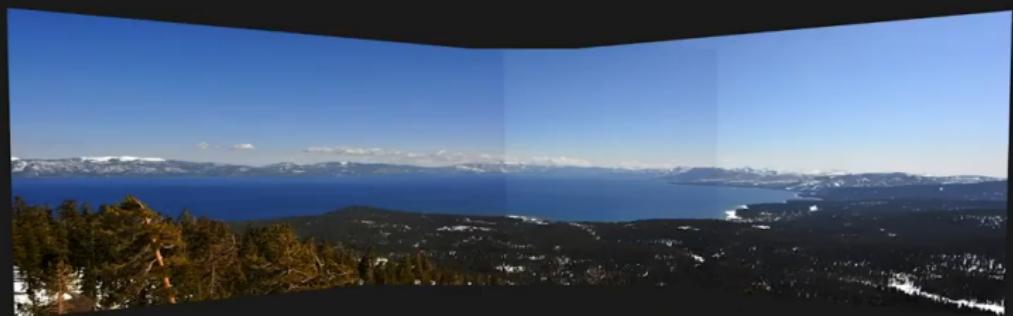
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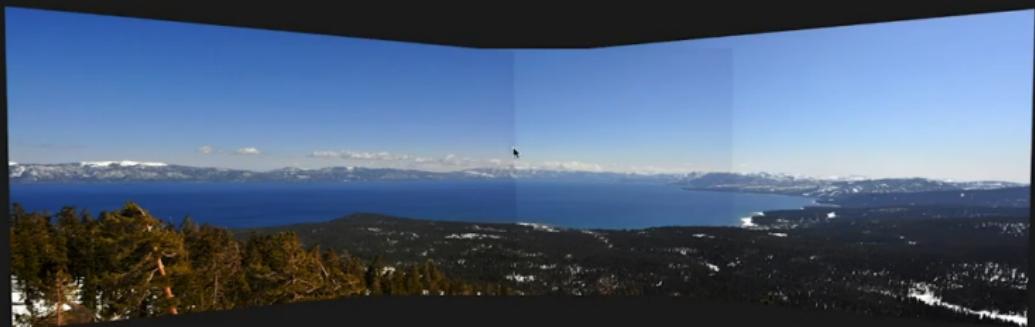
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## Blending Images: Averaging



Averaged Images

Seams still visible

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Image  $I_1$



Image  $I_2$

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+



Image  $I_2$



Weight  $w_1$

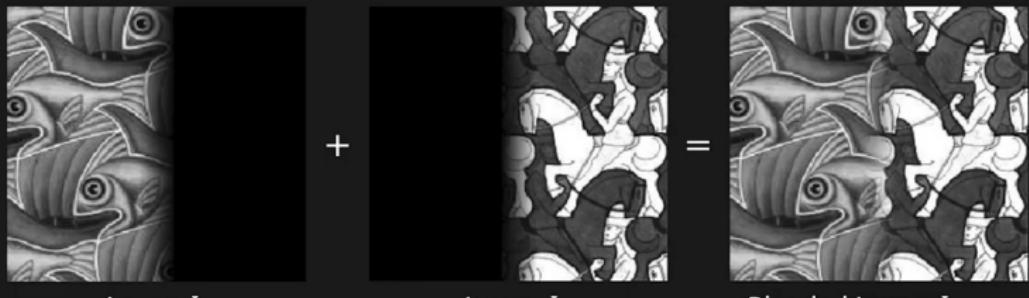


Weight  $w_2$

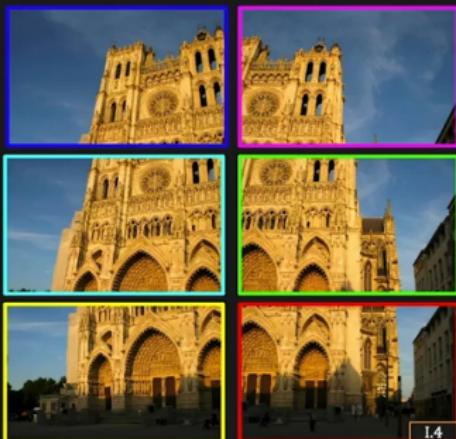
$$I_{blend} = \frac{w_1 I_1 + w_2 I_2}{w_1 + w_2}$$

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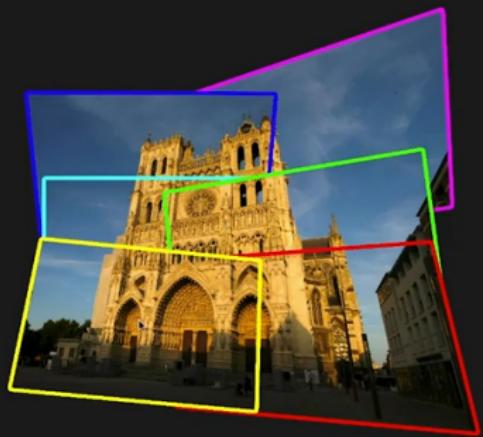
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## Image Stitching Example



Source Images



Aligned Images