

Lecture 17: Two-view Geometry

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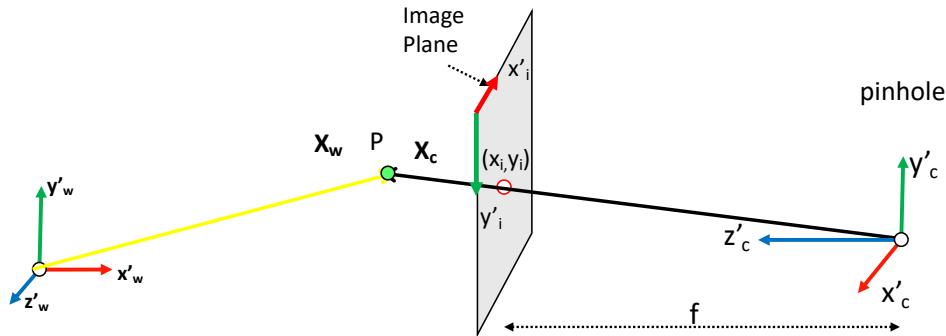


Image Coordinates

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Perspective
Projection

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & o_x & 0 \\ 0 & f_y & o_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Intrinsics

Camera Coordinates

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{bmatrix}$$

Coordinate
Transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

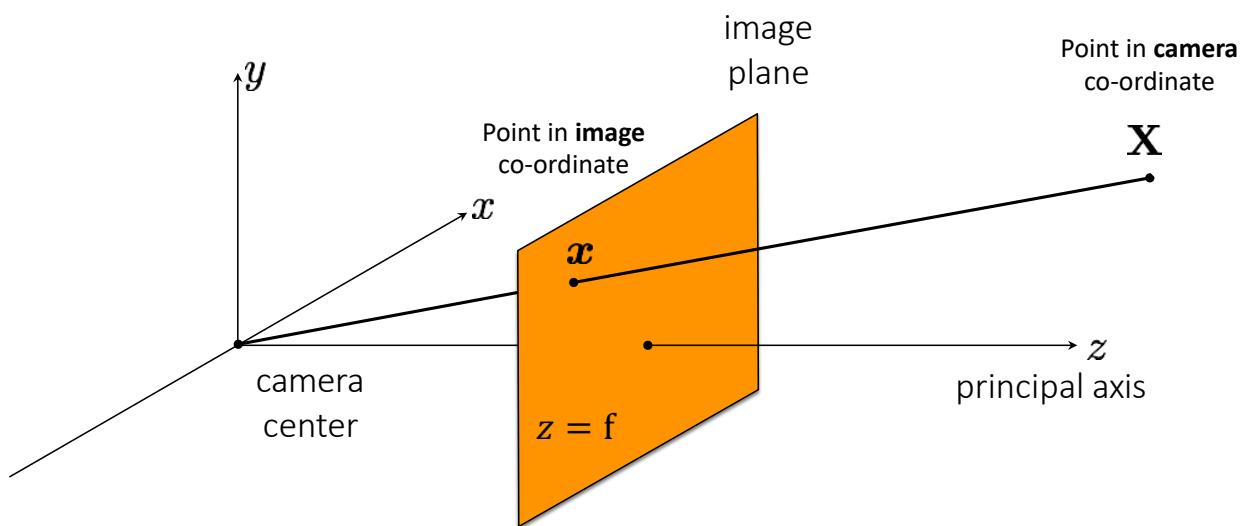
World Coordinates

$$\mathbf{X}_w = \begin{bmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \end{bmatrix}$$

Extrinsics

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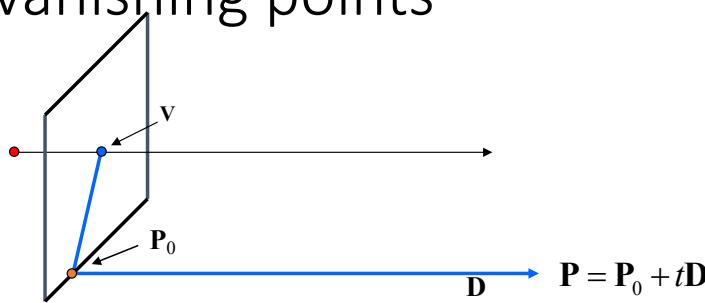
The (rearranged) pinhole camera



$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (f \frac{x}{z}, f \frac{y}{z}, f)$$

$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (f \frac{x}{z}, f \frac{y}{z})$$

Computing vanishing points



Any point on a line= $P_0 + t[D_x, D_y, D_z]$

$$\text{Projection of that point on image plane} = f^* \left[\frac{(P_{0x} + t^*D_x)}{(P_{0z} + t^*D_z)}, \frac{(P_{0y} + t^*D_y)}{(P_{0z} + t^*D_z)} \right]$$

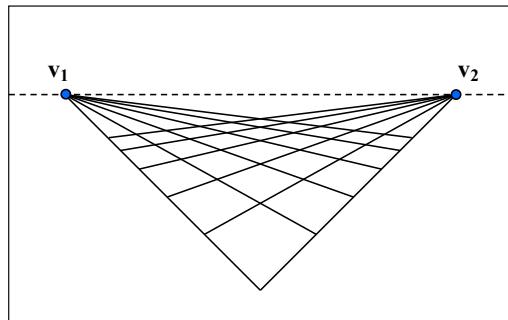
$$\text{Vanishing Point} = \text{Limit } t \rightarrow \infty \quad f^* \left[\frac{(P_{0x} + t^*D_x)}{(P_{0z} + t^*D_z)}, \frac{(P_{0y} + t^*D_y)}{(P_{0z} + t^*D_z)} \right]$$

$$= (f^*D_x/D_z, f^*D_y/D_z)$$

Properties:

2 set of parallel lines project to the same vanishing point.

Vanishing lines (Horizon Lines)



Properties:

- Union of any 2 vanishing points create a vanishing line
- Horizon line is the projection of a plane at infinity
- A point on horizon line visible in the image is at the height of the camera.

Geometric camera calibration

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

$$\mathbf{P}$$

Same setup as homography estimation

(slightly different derivation here)

Compute SVD of a measurement matrix to obtain \mathbf{P}

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{t}] \\ &= \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R}] - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{c} \\ &= [\mathbf{M}] - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{c}\end{aligned}$$

Find the camera center \mathbf{C}

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$$

SVD of \mathbf{P} !

\mathbf{c} is the singular vector corresponding
to the smallest singular value

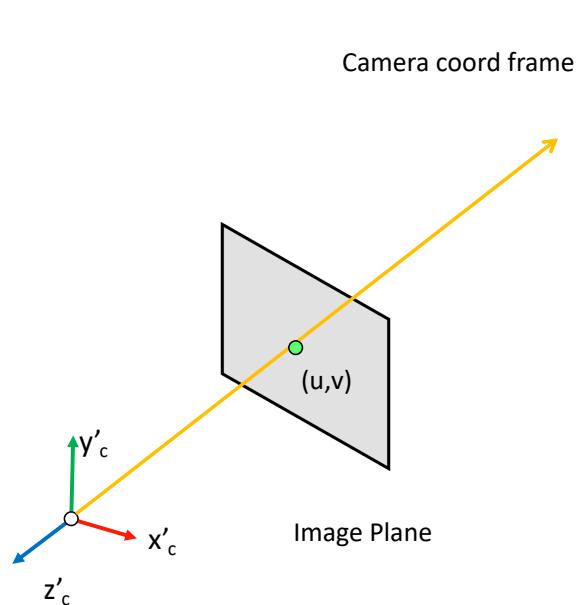
Find intrinsic \mathbf{K} and rotation \mathbf{R}

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}$$

QR decomposition

Now that our cameras are calibrated, can we find the 3D scene point of a pixel?

You know we can't, but we know it'll be...
on the ray!



Ray

3D to 2D:
(point)

$$u = f_x \frac{x_c}{z_c} + o_x$$
$$v = f_y \frac{y_c}{z_c} + o_y$$

2D to 3D:
(ray)

Back projection

$$x = \frac{z}{f_x} (u - o_x)$$
$$y = \frac{z}{f_y} (v - o_y)$$
$$z > 0$$

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Our goal: Develop theories and study
how a 3D point and its projection in
2 images are related to each other!

From a single image you can only
back project a pixel to obtain a ray
on which the actual 3D point lies



To find the actual location
of the 3D point, you need:

an additional image captured
from another viewpoint.

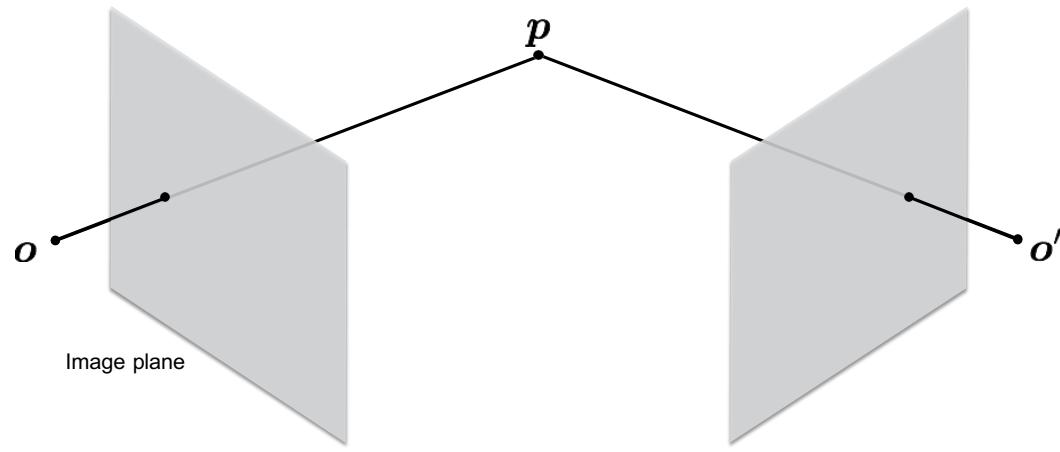
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- Epipolar Geometry
- Essential Matrix
- Fundamental Matrix
- 8-point Algorithm
- Triangulation

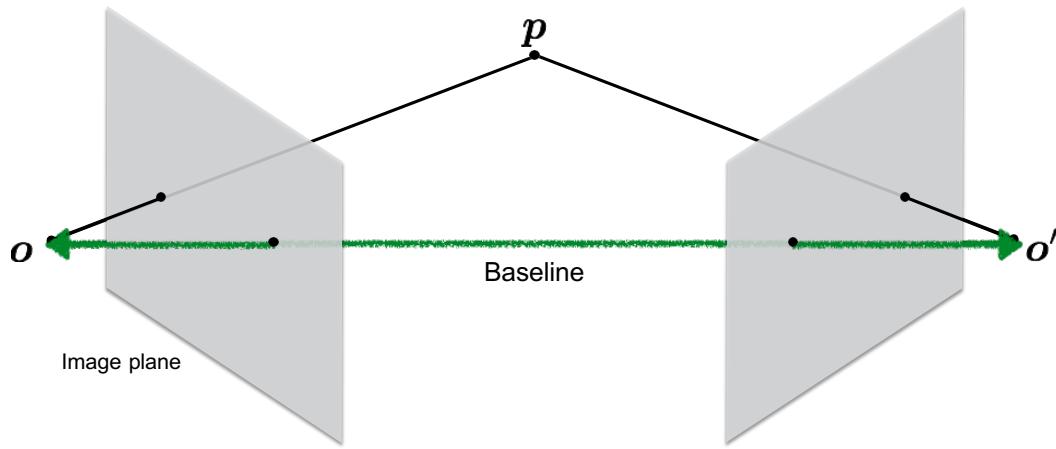
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- Triangulation

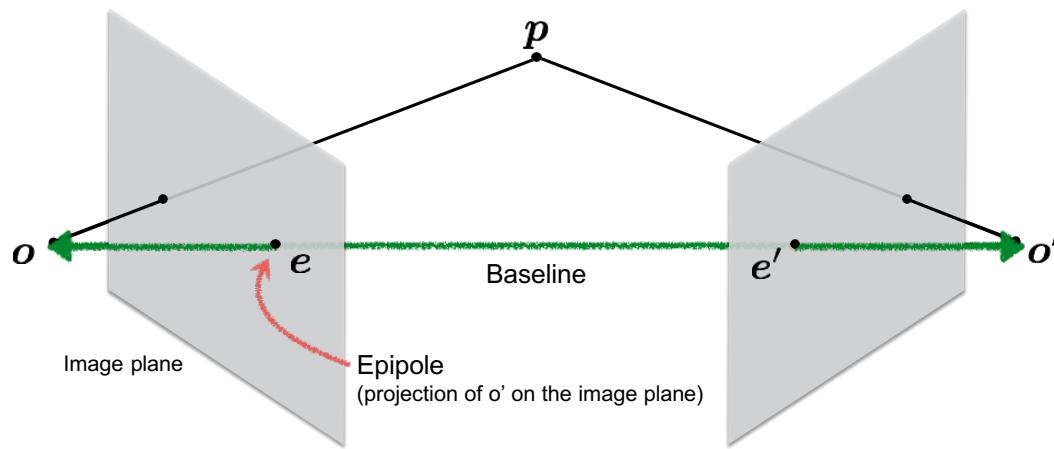
Epipolar geometry



Epipolar geometry



Epipolar geometry

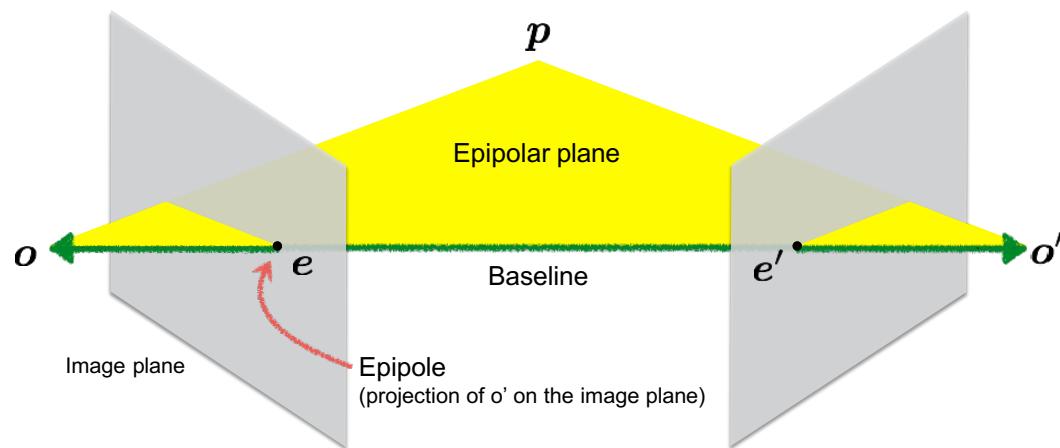


The Epipole

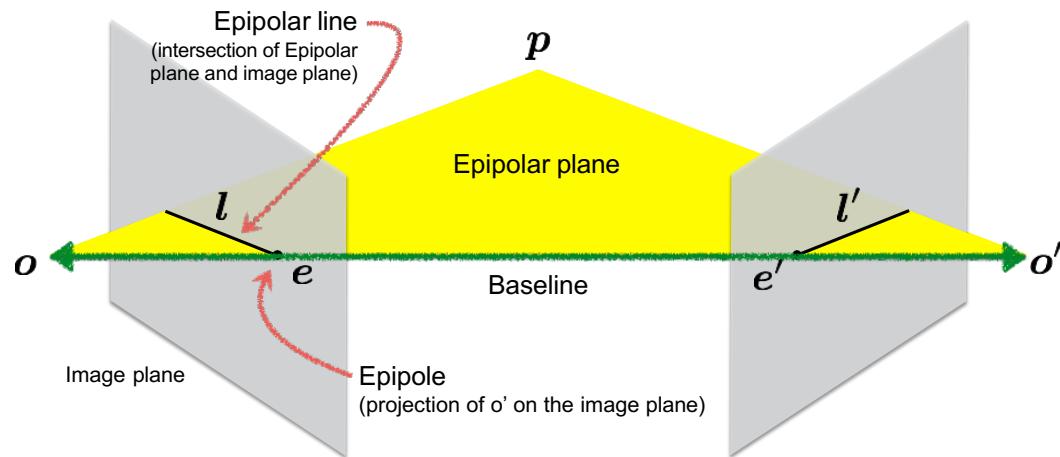


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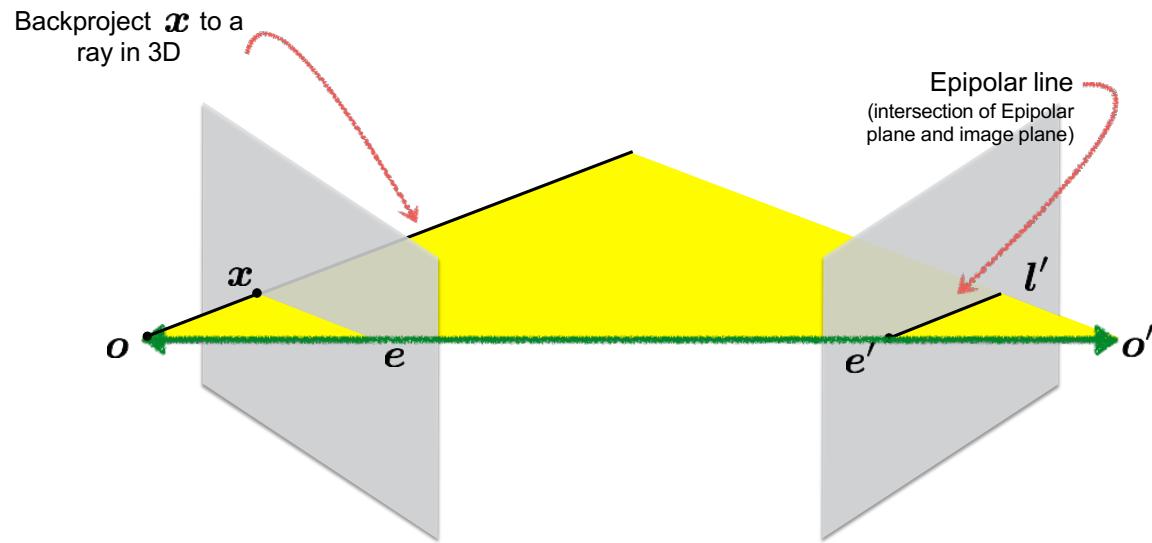
Epipolar geometry



Epipolar geometry

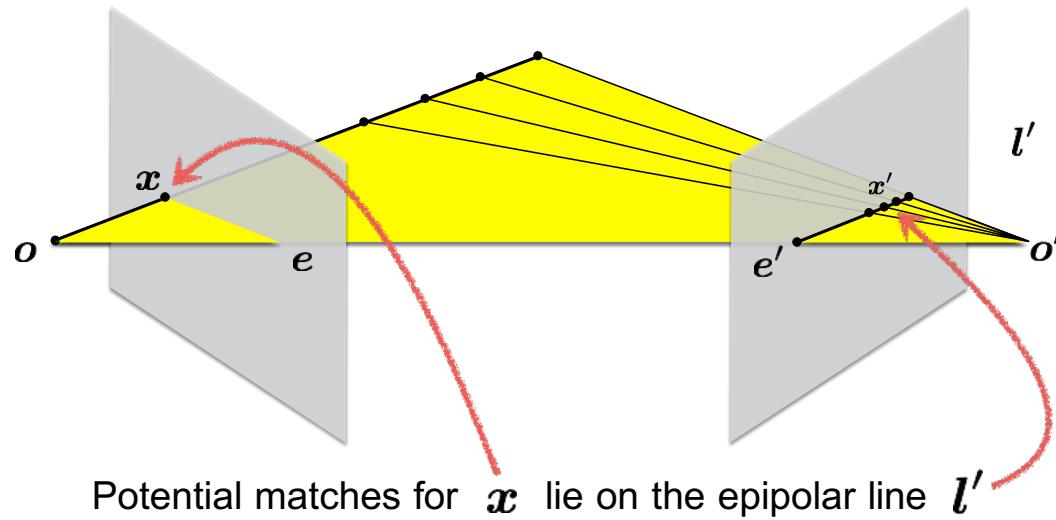


Epipolar constraint



Another way to construct the epipolar plane, this time given \mathbf{x}

Epipolar constraint



Example : Converging Cameras

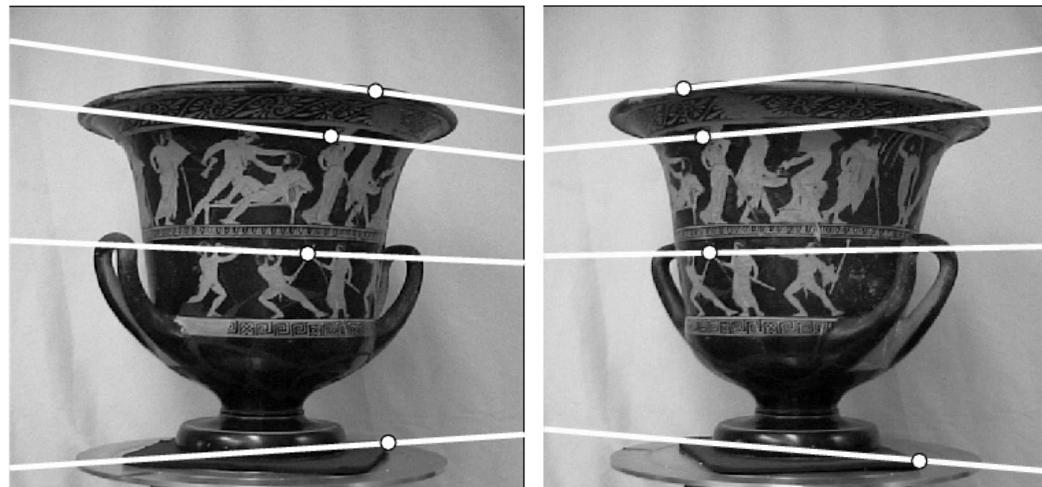
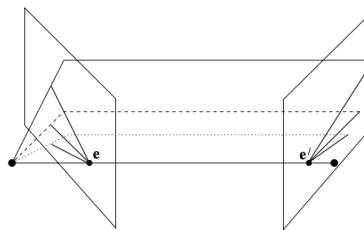
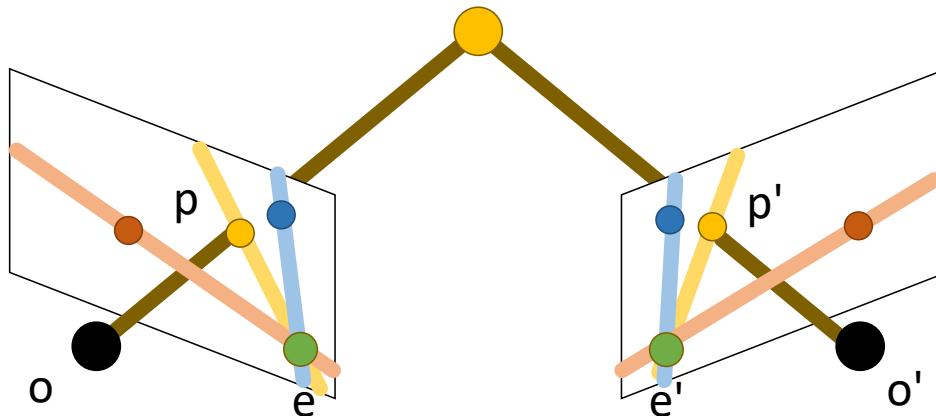


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Example: Converging Cameras



Epipoles finite, maybe in image; epipolar lines converge

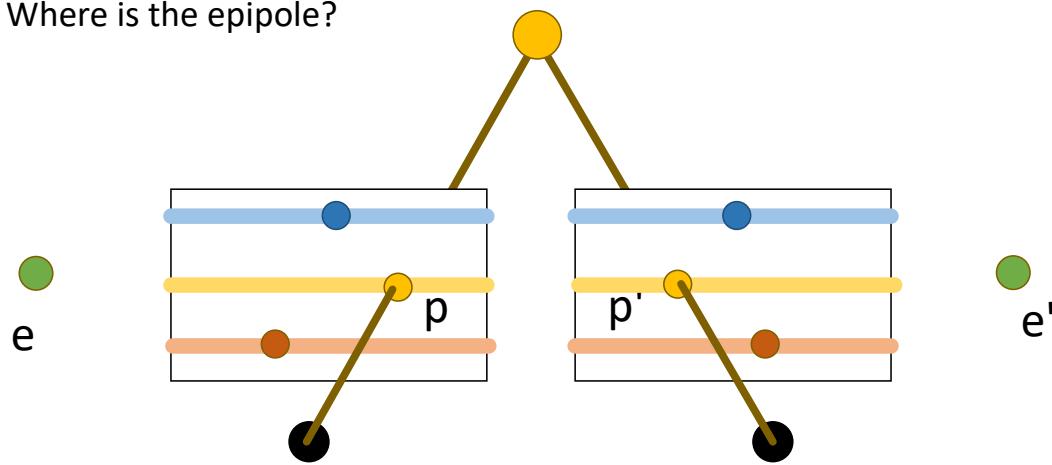
Epipolar lines come in pairs:

given a point p , we can construct the epipolar line for p' .

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Example: Parallel to Image Plane

Where is the epipole?



Epipoles *infinitely* far away, epipolar lines parallel

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Example: Forward Motion



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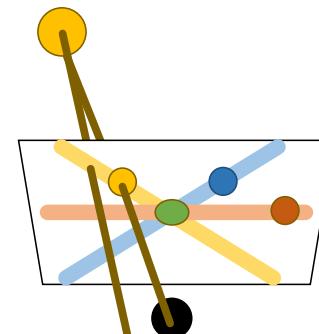
Example: Forward Motion



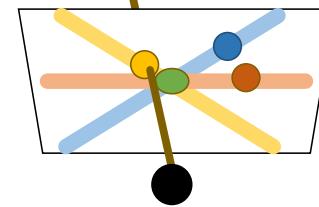
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Example: Forward Motion

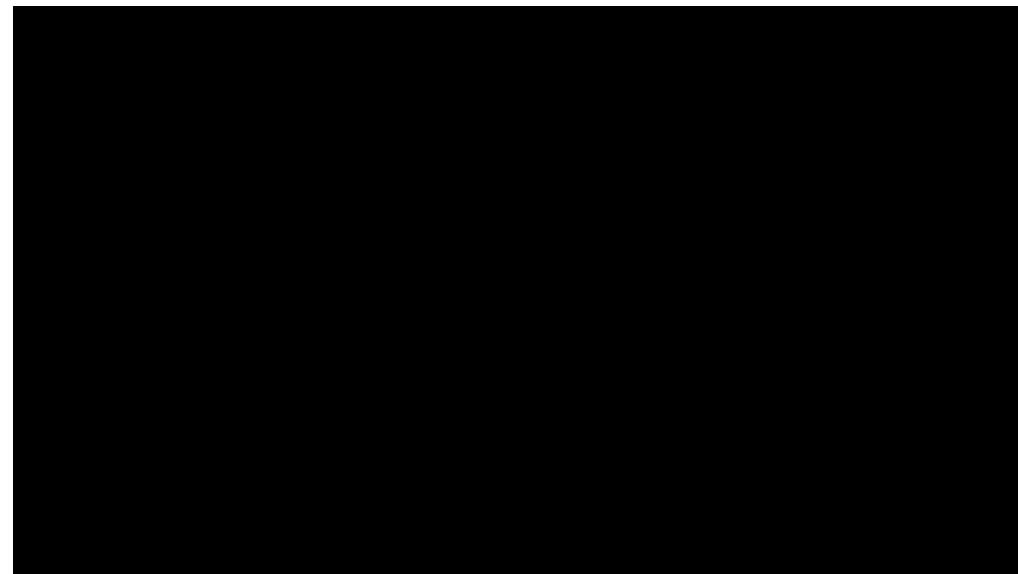
Epipole is focus of expansion / principal point of the camera.



Epipolar lines go out from principal point



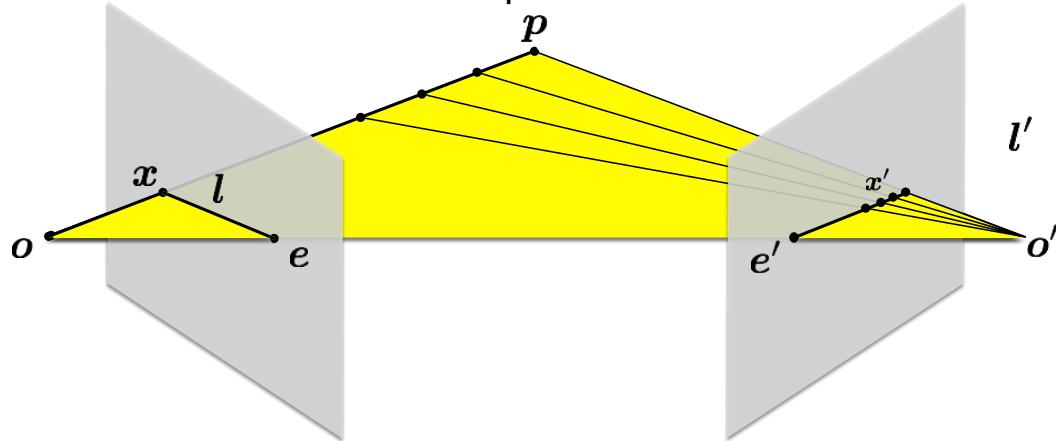
Motion perpendicular to image plane



<http://vimeo.com/48425421>

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Recap Time!



The point \mathbf{x} (left image) maps to a _____ in the right image

The baseline connects the _____ and _____

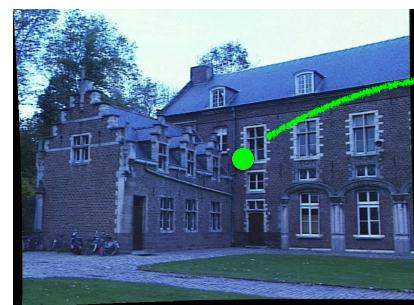
An epipolar line (left image) maps to a _____ in the right image

An epipole \mathbf{e} is a projection of the_____ on the image plane

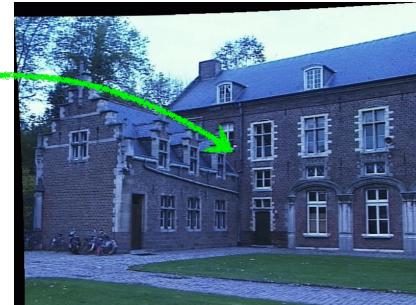
All epipolar lines in an image intersect at the _____

The epipolar constraint is an important concept for stereo vision

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



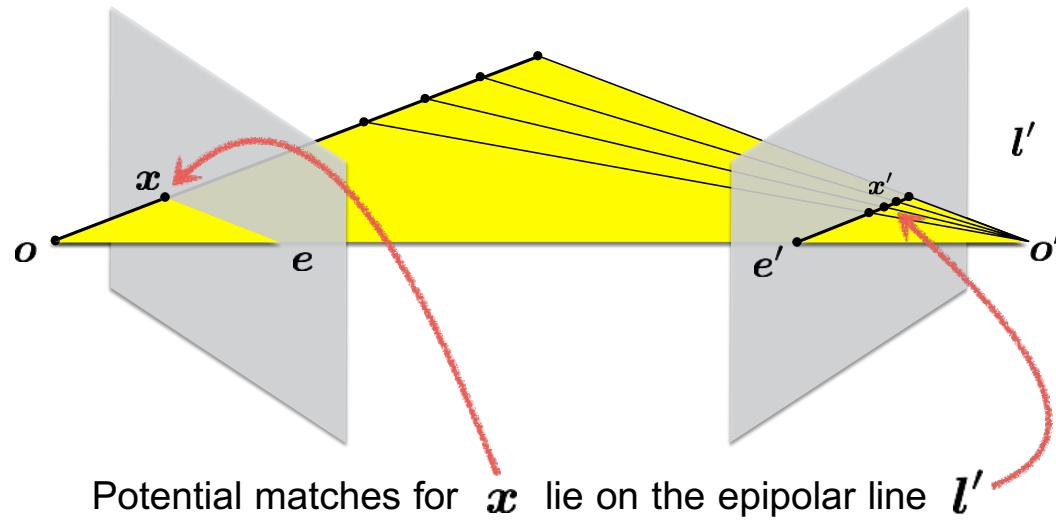
Left image



Right image

How would you do it?

Epipolar constraint



The epipolar constraint is an important concept for stereo vision

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



Want to avoid search over entire image
Epipolar constraint reduces search to a single line

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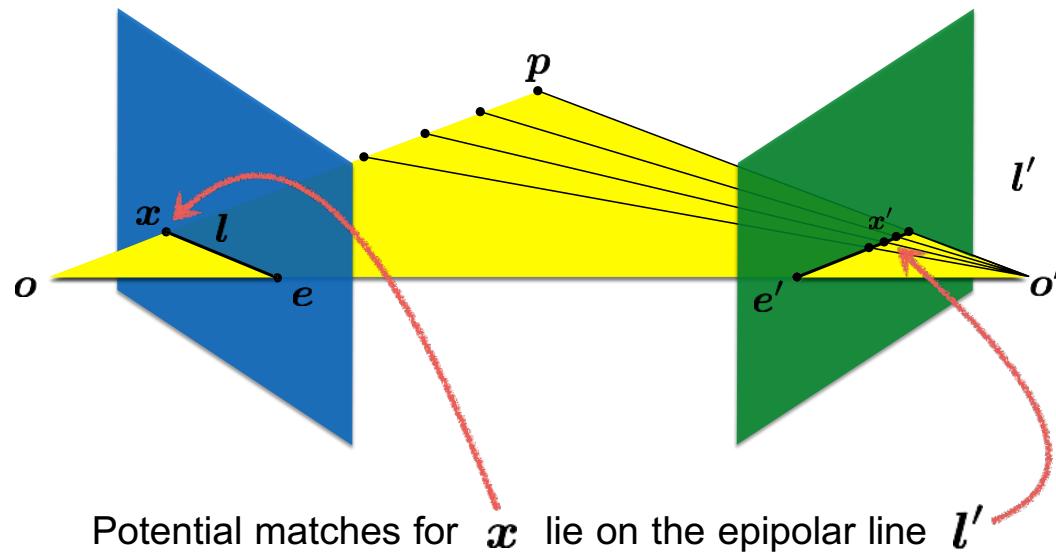
Epipolar constraint reduces search to a single line

How do you compute the epipolar line?

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- Epipolar Geometry
- **Essential Matrix**
- Fundamental Matrix
- 8-point Algorithm
- Triangulation

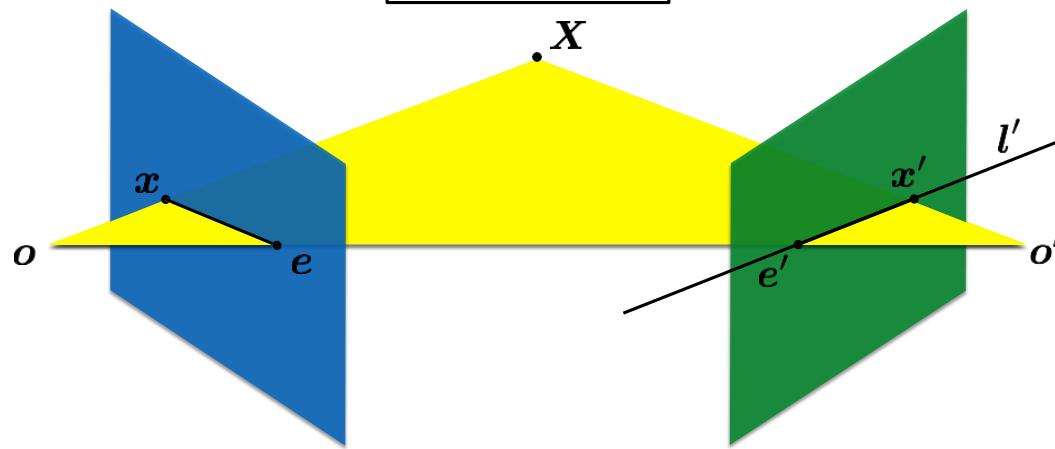
Recall: Epipolar constraint



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

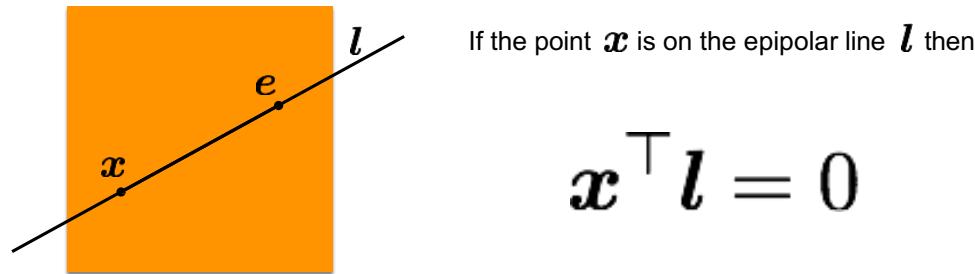
$$\mathbf{E}x = l'$$

Essential matrix is 3x3 and
encodes epipolar geometry.



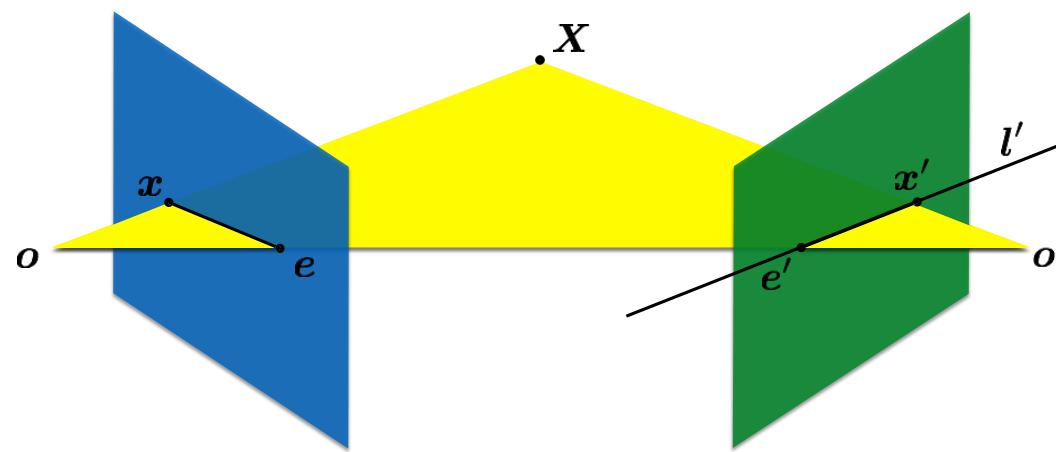
Epipolar Line

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



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

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



Where does the essential matrix come from?

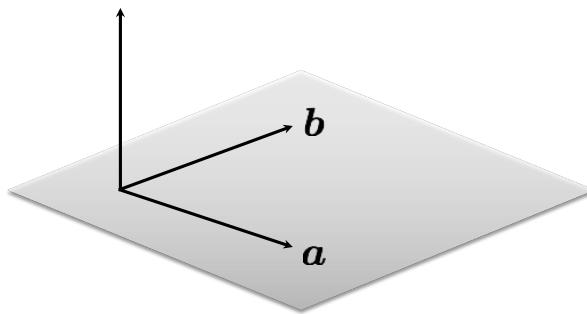
Can we express essential matrix as function of camera parameters?

Linear algebra reminder: cross product

Vector (cross) product

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$$



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

cross product of two vectors in
the same direction is zero
vector

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} = 0$$

remember this!!!

$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$$

Linear algebra reminder: cross product

Cross product

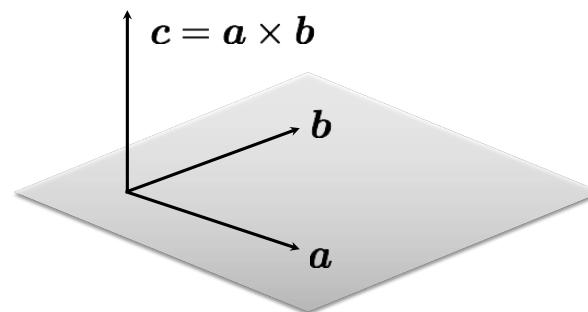
$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

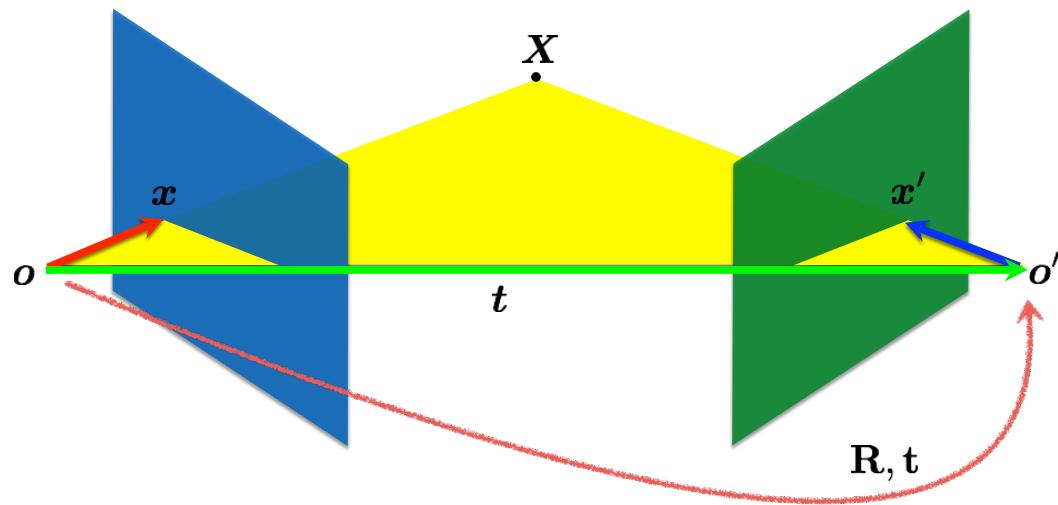
Compare with: dot product



$$c \cdot a = 0$$

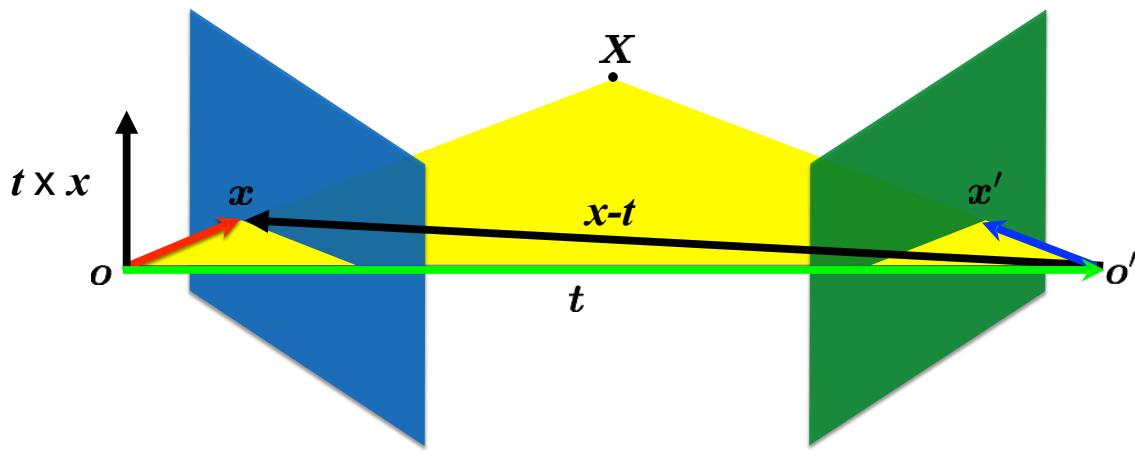
$$c \cdot b = 0$$

dot product of two orthogonal vectors is (scalar) zero



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

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



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

dot product of orthogonal vectors cross-product: vector orthogonal to plane

Putting it together

rigid motion

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

use skew-symmetric

matrix to represent cross
product

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

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

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

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

Essential Matrix
[Longuet-Higgins 1981]

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = [\mathbf{a}]_\times \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Skew symmetric

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

Properties of the E matrix

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

Longuet-Higgins equation

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

Epipolar lines

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

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

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

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

Epipoles

$$\mathbf{e}'^{\top} \mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{E} \mathbf{e} = 0$$

(2D points expressed in camera coordinate system)

Properties of the E matrix

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

- E has 5 degrees of freedom, why?
 - R has 3 degree of freedom
 - T has 3 degree of freedom
 - However since this is a projective transformation one can apply an arbitrary scale to E. Thus 1 degree of freedom less.
- E is rank 2, why?
 - $[\mathbf{t}_x]$ is skew symmetric, hence rank 2.
 - Thus $\text{Det}(E) = 0$.
- E has 2 singular value both of which are equal.
 - $[\mathbf{t}_x]$ a skew symmetric matrix has 2 equal singular values

2 possible notation

$$x' = R(x - t)$$

$$E = R[t]_x$$

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= Rx - Rt \\&= Rx + t'\end{aligned}$$

$$E = [\tilde{t}]_x R$$

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

In practice we have points in image coordinate, i.e. pixel values.

The essential matrix operates on image points expressed in **2D coordinates** in the camera coordinate system.

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

camera point image point

Writing out the epipolar constraint in terms of image coordinates

$$\mathbf{x}'^\top (\mathbf{K}'^{-\top} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1}) \mathbf{x} = 0$$
$$\mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

Fundamental Matrix

Properties of the \mathbf{E} matrix

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

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{K}'^{-\top} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \quad \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{K}'^{-\top} [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{K}^{-1}$$

Longuet-Higgins equation

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

Epipolar lines

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

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

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

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

Epipoles

$$\mathbf{e}'^{\top} \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{E} \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$$

(2D points expressed in image coordinate system)

Properties of the E matrix

$$E = R [t]_x$$

$$F = K'^{-\top} E K^{-1} \quad F = K'^{-\top} [t_x] R K^{-1}$$

- F has 7 degrees of freedom, why?
 - F is 3x3, has 8 degrees of freedom, since it is a projective transformation.
 - F is rank 2. So 1 less degree of freedom.
- F is rank 2, why?
 - Same reason as E
 - $[t_x]$ is skew symmetric, hence rank 2.
- F has 2 singular value both of which are equal.

Essential Matrix vs Homography

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

They are both 3 x 3 matrices but ...

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

Essential matrix maps a
point to a line

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

Fundamental matrix maps a
point to a line

- Rank 2
- 5 DoF

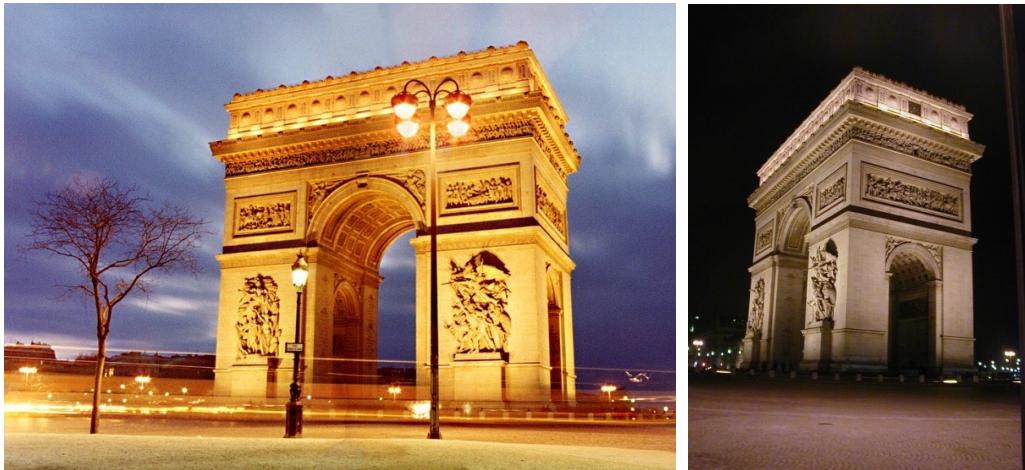
$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$$

Homography maps a
point to a point

- Rank 3
- 8 DoF

Homography is a special case of the Essential/Fundamental matrix, for planar scenes

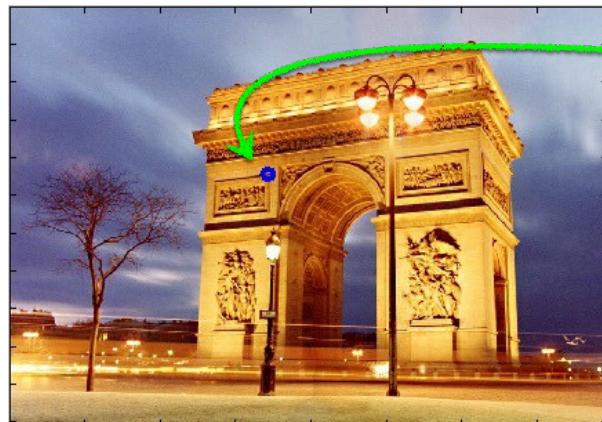
Example



epipolar lines



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



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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{l}' &= \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.0295 \\ 0.9996 \\ -265.1531 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.0295 \\ 0.9996 \\ -265.1531 \end{bmatrix}$$



Where is the epipole?



How would you compute it?



$$\mathbf{F}e = 0$$

The epipole is in the right null space of \mathbf{F}

How would you solve for the epipole?



$$\mathbf{F}e = 0$$

The epipole is in the right null space of \mathbf{F}

How would you solve for the epipole?

SVD!

SVDs are pretty
useful, huh?

Continue to next Lecture 18

Slide Credits

- [CS5670, Introduction to Computer Vision, Cornell Tech, by Noah Snavely.](#)
- [CS 194-26/294-26: Intro to Computer Vision and Computational Photography, UC Berkeley, by Angjoo Kanazawa.](#)
- [CS 16-385: Computer Vision, CMU, by Matthew O'Toole](#)

Additional Reading

- Multiview Geometry, Hartley & Zisserman,
 - Chapter 9 (focus on topics discussed or mentioned in the slides).
 - Chapter 10.1, 10.2 (not discussed in class, no midterm ques, but imp to understand, practical importance.)
 - Chapter 11.1, 11.2
 - Chapter 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 (no midterm ques, but imp to understand)