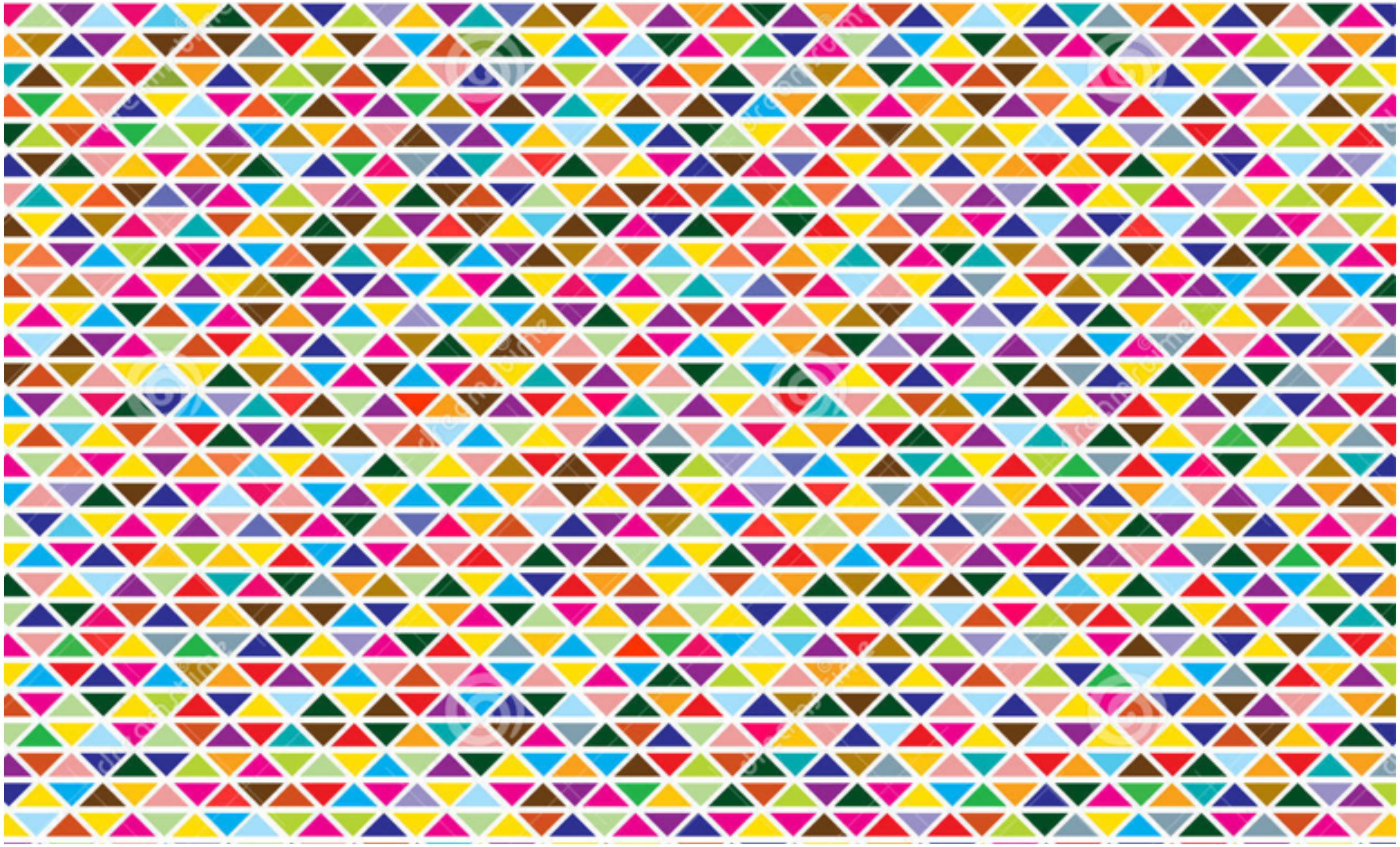

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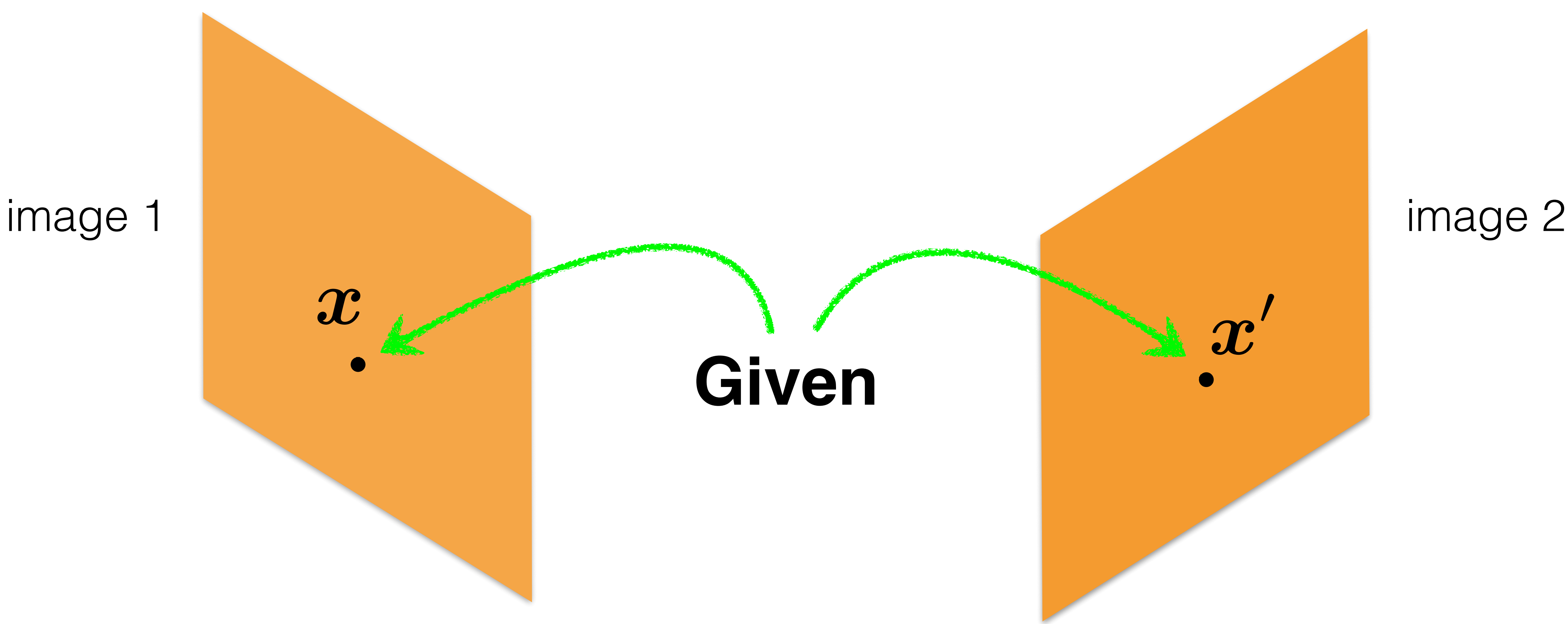

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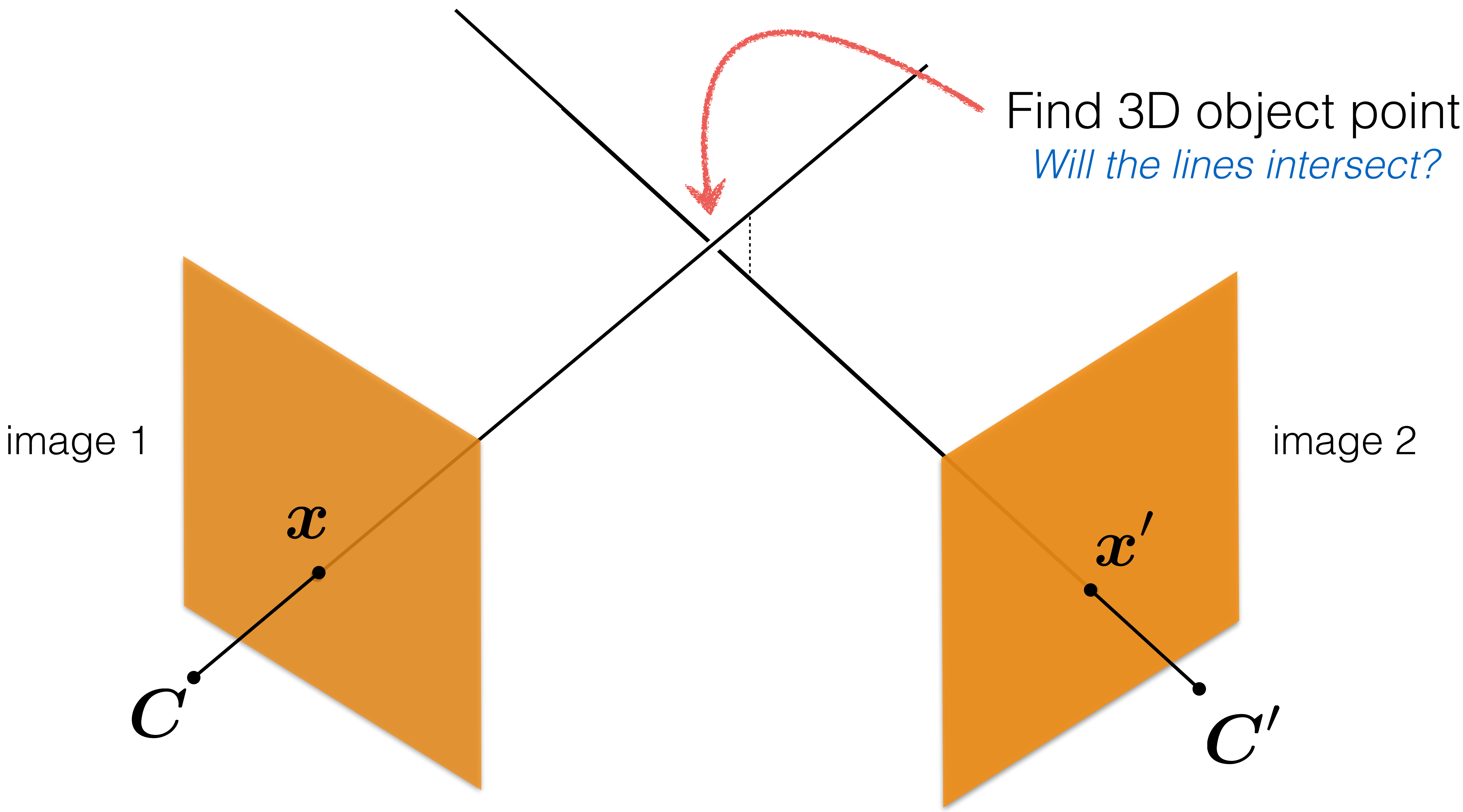

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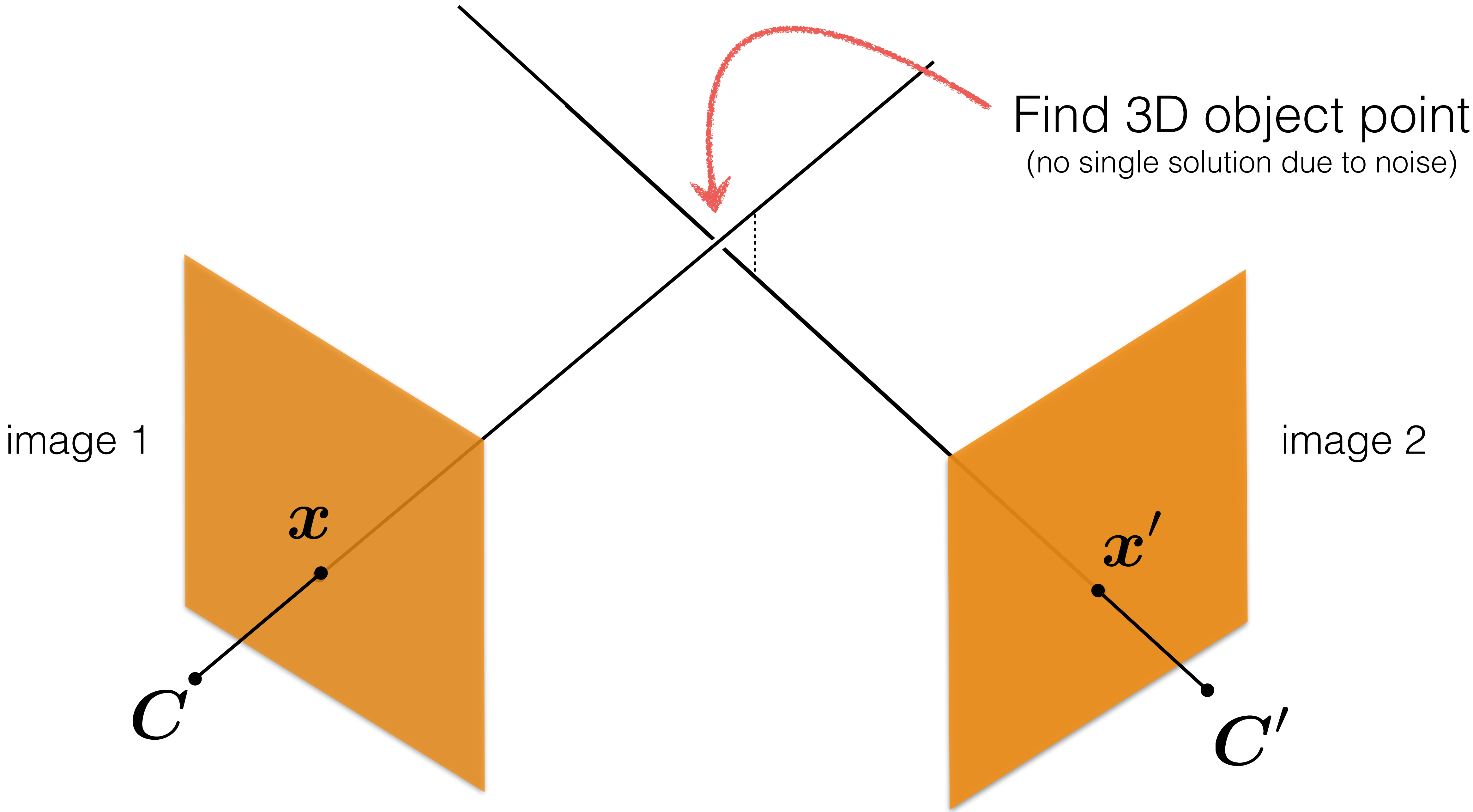


Triangulation

Given a set of (noisy) matched points

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

and camera matrices

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

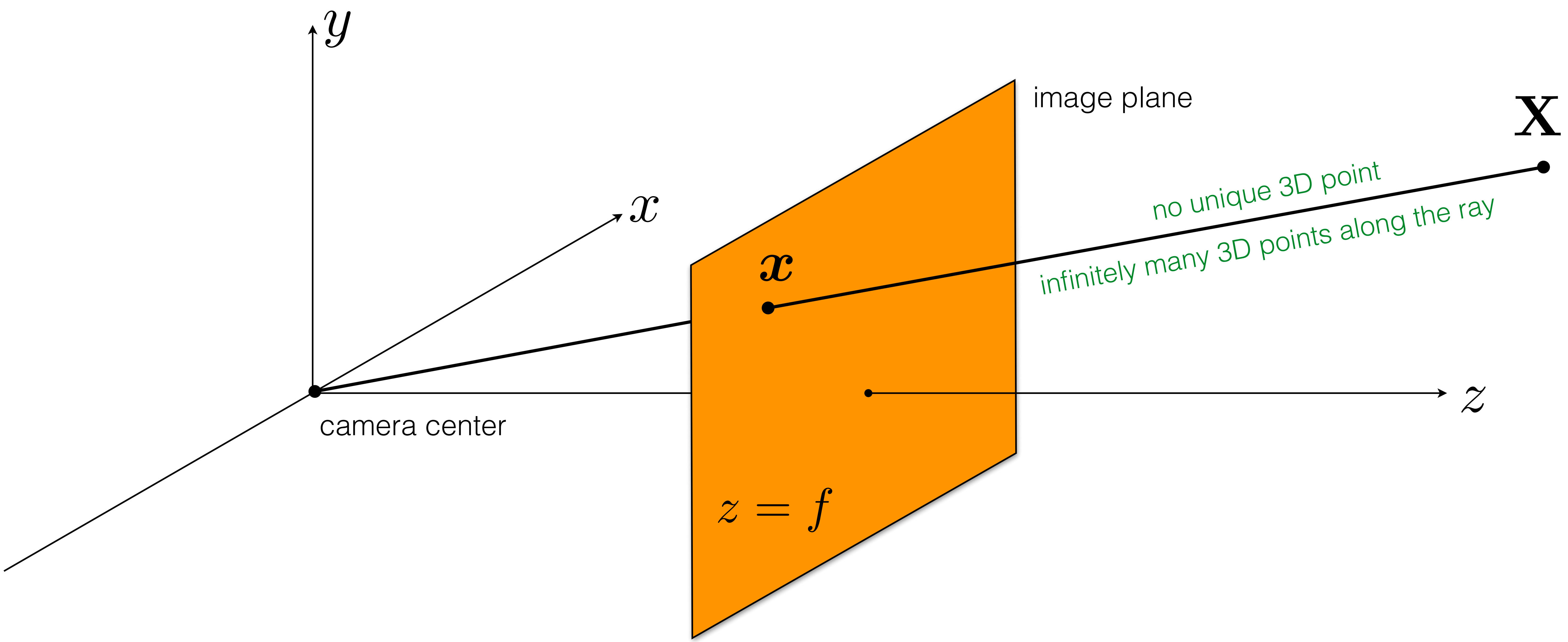
Estimate the 3D point

$$\mathbf{X}$$

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

known known

*Can we compute **X** from a single correspondence **x**?*


y
x
image plane
$\mathbf{X}$
no unique 3D point
infinitely many 3D points along the ray
$\boldsymbol{x}$
camera center
z
$z = f$

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

known known

Can we compute ***X*** *from* *<u>two</u>* *correspondences* ***x*** *and* ***x'****?*

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

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yes if perfect measurements

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Can we compute ***X*** *from* *<u>two</u>* *correspondences* ***x*** *and* ***x'****?*

yes if perfect measurements

There will not be a point that satisfies both constraints because the measurements are usually noisy

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{P}'\boldsymbol{X} \qquad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\boldsymbol{X}$$

Need to find the **best fit**

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

(homogeneous coordinate)

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

(inhomogeneous coordinate)

Same ray direction but differs by a scale factor

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

How do we solve for unknowns in a similarity relation?

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Direct Linear Transform

Remove scale factor, convert to linear system and solve with SVD.

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

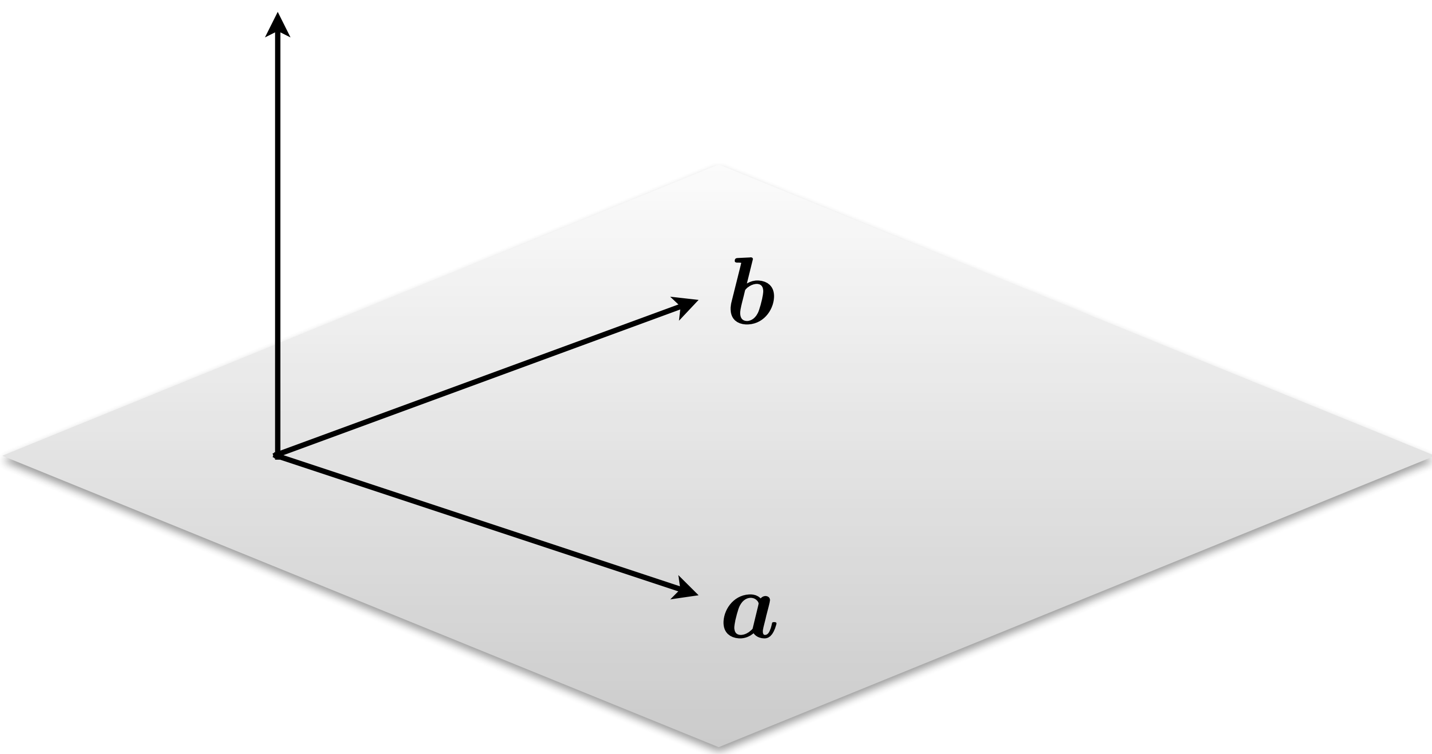
Cross product of two vectors of same direction is zero
(this equality removes the scale factor)

Recall: Cross Product

Vector (cross) product

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both

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



$$\boldsymbol{a} \times \boldsymbol{b} = \left[\begin{array}{c} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{array} \right]$$

cross product of two vectors in the same direction is zero

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

remember this!!!

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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 [redacted] equations

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One 2D to 3D point correspondence give you 2 equations

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

Now we can make a system of linear equations
(two lines for each 2D point correspondence)

Concatenate the 2D points from both images

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

sanity check! dimensions?

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

How do we solve homogeneous linear system?

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S V D !

Recall: Total least squares

(**Warning:** change of notation. x is a vector of parameters!)

$$E_{\mathrm{TLS}} = \sum_i (\boldsymbol{a}_i \boldsymbol{x})^2$$

$$= \|\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{x}\|^2 \qquad \text{(matrix form)}$$

$$\|\boldsymbol{x}\|^2 = 1 \qquad \text{constraint}$$

minimize $\|\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{x}\|^2$

subject to $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|^2 = 1$

$\Rightarrow$

minimize $\dfrac{\|\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{x}\|^2}{\|\boldsymbol{x}\|^2}$

(Rayleigh quotient)

Solution is the eigenvector corresponding to smallest eigenvalue of

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

```python
# 3. Compute the Essential Matrix
E, mask = cv2.findEssentialMat(pts1, pts2, K, method=cv2.RANSAC, prob=0.999, threshold=1.0)
print("Essential Matrix:\n", E)

# 4. Recover the relative camera pose (R, t)
_, R, t, mask_pose = cv2.recoverPose(E, pts1, pts2, K)
print("Rotation Matrix (R):\n", R)
print("Translation Vector (t):\n", t)

# 5. Triangulate 3D points
# Build the projection matrices for both cameras
P1 = np.dot(K, np.hstack((np.eye(3), np.zeros((3, 1)))))  # First camera (reference)
P2 = np.dot(K, np.hstack((R, t)))                          # Second camera

# Perform triangulation in homogeneous coordinates
points_4d_h = cv2.triangulatePoints(P1, P2, pts1.T, pts2.T)

# Convert homogeneous coordinates to 3D
points_3d = (points_4d_h / points_4d_h[3])[:3].T

print("Triangulated 3D Points:\n", points_3d)
```

	Structure (scene geometry)	Motion (camera geometry)	Measurements
Pose Estimation	known	estimate	3D to 2D correspondences
Triangulation	estimate	known	2D to 2D coorespondences
Reconstruction	estimate	estimate	2D to 2D coorespondences