

Two-View Geometry

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- Fundamental Matrix
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Review: Normalized DLT for Camera Calibration

Normalized DLT algorithm

Objective

Given $n \geq 6$ 2D-to-3D point correspondences $\{\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}_i\}$,
determine the 3×4 projection matrix \mathbf{P} such that $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_i$

Algorithm

- (i) Normalize points: $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{T}_{\text{norm}} \mathbf{x}_i, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i = \mathbf{S}_{\text{norm}} \mathbf{X}_i$
- (ii) Apply the DLT algorithm to $\{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i \leftrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i\}$
- (iii) Denormalize the recovered solution $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$ using $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{T}_{\text{norm}}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{S}_{\text{norm}}$

- Example normalizations:

$$\mathbf{T}_{\text{norm}} = \begin{bmatrix} w+h & 0 & w/2 \\ 0 & w+h & h/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \quad \mathbf{S}_{\text{norm}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} \text{diag}(\lambda_1^{-1}, \lambda_2^{-1}, \lambda_3^{-1}) \mathbf{V}^{-1} & -\mathbf{V} \text{diag}(\lambda_1^{-1}, \lambda_2^{-1}, \lambda_3^{-1}) \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}_i} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{V} \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \mathbf{V}^{-1} = \text{eig}\left(\sum_i (\mathbf{X}_{i,\text{nonhom}} - \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}_i})(\mathbf{X}_{i,\text{nonhom}} - \mathbf{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}_i})^T\right)$$

Review – vanishing points, vanishing line

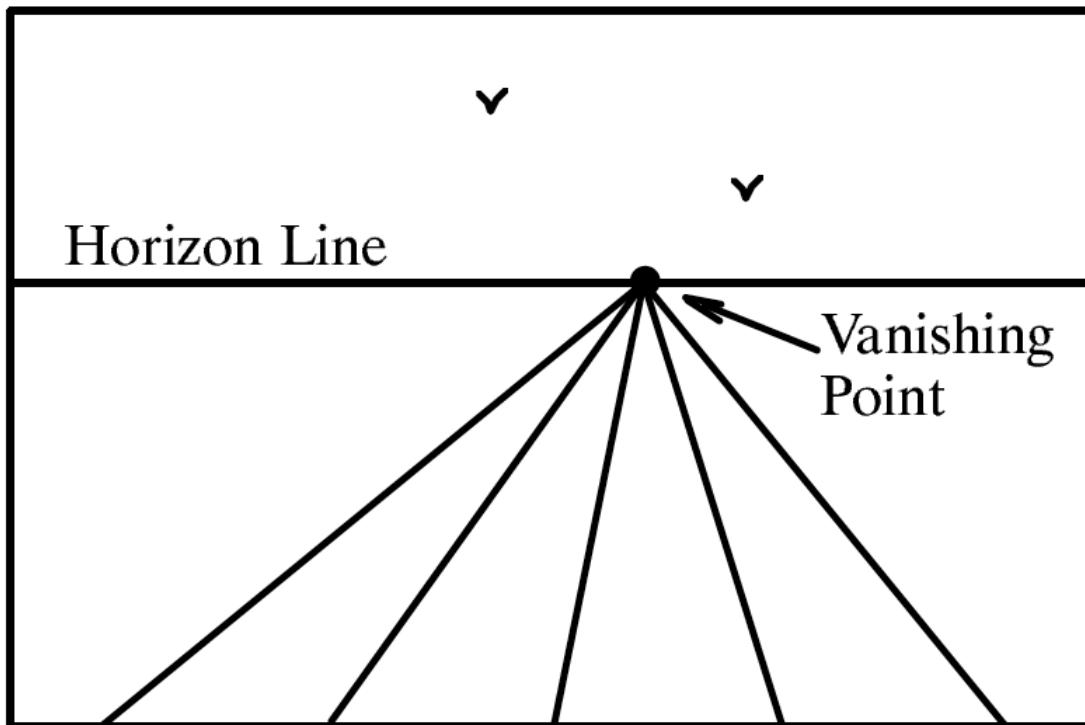
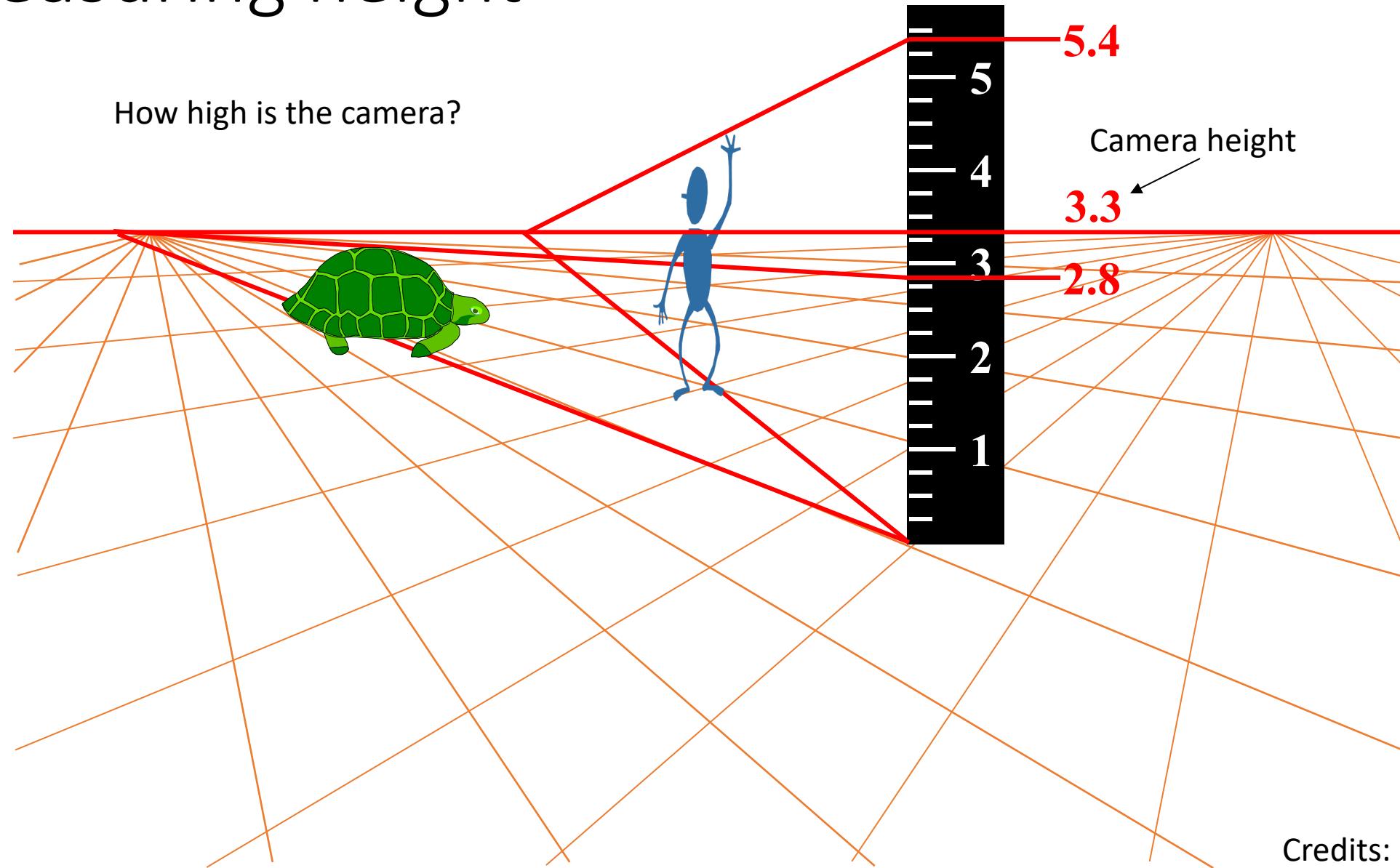


Figure 23.4

A perspective view of a set of parallel lines in the plane. All of the lines converge to a single vanishing point.

Measuring height

How high is the camera?



The DLT algorithm – computing a homography

Problem Statement:

Given n correspondences $\mathbf{x}'_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_i$, points in two images.

Compute homography \mathbf{H} such that $\mathbf{x}'_i \approx \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_i$.

Each correspondence generates two equations

$$x'_i = \frac{h_{11}x_i + h_{12}y_i + h_{13}}{h_{31}x_i + h_{32}y_i + h_{33}} \quad y'_i = \frac{h_{21}x_i + h_{22}y_i + h_{23}}{h_{31}x_i + h_{32}y_i + h_{33}}$$

Multiplying out gives equations linear in the matrix elements of \mathbf{H}

$$\begin{aligned} x'_i(h_{31}x_i + h_{32}y_i + h_{33}) &= h_{11}x_i + h_{12}y_i + h_{13} \\ y'_i(h_{31}x_i + h_{32}y_i + h_{33}) &= h_{21}x_i + h_{22}y_i + h_{23} \end{aligned}$$

These equations can be rearranged as

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x'x & -x'y & -x' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & y & 1 & -y'x & -y'y & -y' \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$$

with $\mathbf{h} = (h_{11}, h_{12}, h_{13}, h_{21}, h_{22}, h_{23}, h_{31}, h_{32}, h_{33})^\top$ a 9-vector.

Computing homography continued ...

Solving for \mathbf{H}

- (i) Concatenate the equations from ($n \geq 4$) correspondences to generate $2n$ simultaneous equations, which can be written: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$, where \mathbf{A} is a $2n \times 12$ matrix.
- (ii) In general this will not have an exact solution, but a (linear) solution which minimizes $|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}|$, subject to $|\mathbf{h}| = 1$ is obtained from the eigenvector with least eigenvalue of $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$. Or equivalently from the vector corresponding to the smallest singular value of the SVD of \mathbf{A} .
- (iii) This linear solution is then used as the starting point for a non-linear minimization of the difference between the measured and projected point:

$$\min_{\mathbf{H}} \sum_i ((x'_i, y'_i) - \text{dehom}(\mathbf{H}(x_i, y_i, 1)))^2$$

where

- (i) **hom** is the homogenizing operation $(x, y) \mapsto (x, y, 1)$.
- (ii) **dehom** is the dehomogenizing operation $(x, y, w) \mapsto (x/w, y/w)$.

DLT algorithm

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Given $n \geq 4$ 2D to 2D point correspondences $\{x_i \leftrightarrow x'_i\}$,
determine the 2D homography matrix H such that $x'_i = Hx_i$

Algorithm

- (i) For each correspondence $x_i \leftrightarrow x'_i$ compute A_i . Usually only two first rows needed.
- (ii) Assemble n 2×9 matrices A_i into a single $2n \times 9$ matrix A
- (iii) Obtain SVD of A . Solution for h is last column of V
- (iv) Determine H from h

Importance of normalization

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_i & -y_i & -1 & y'_i x_i & y'_i y_i & y'_i \\ x_i & y_i & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x'_i x_i & -x'_i y_i & -x'_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h^1 \\ h^2 \\ h^3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Orders of magnitude!

Check Page 110, Multiple view geometry in computer Vision.

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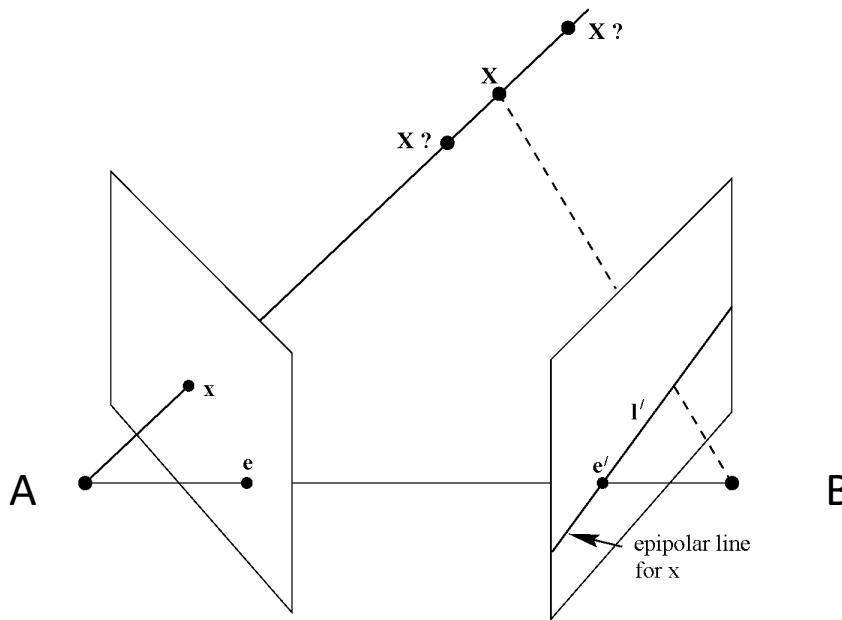
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Epipolar Geometry

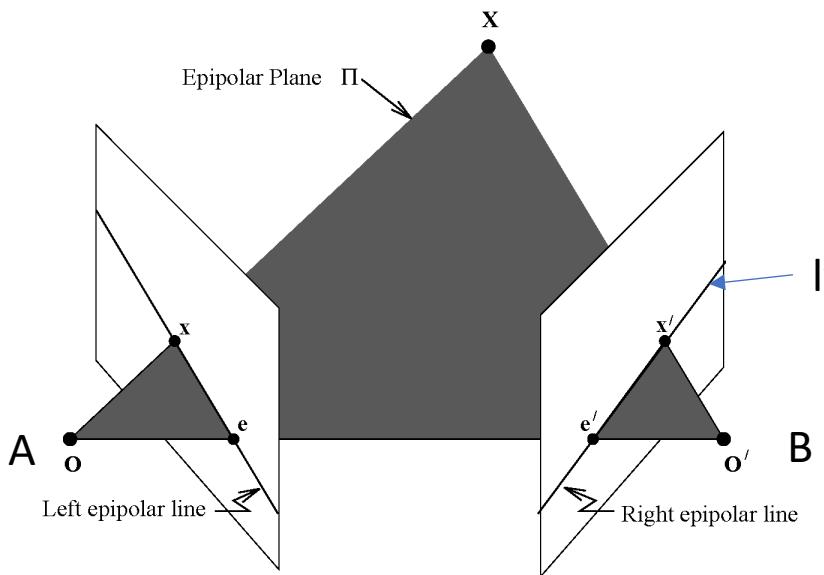
Correspondence Geometry

Given the image of a point in one view, what can we say about its position in another?



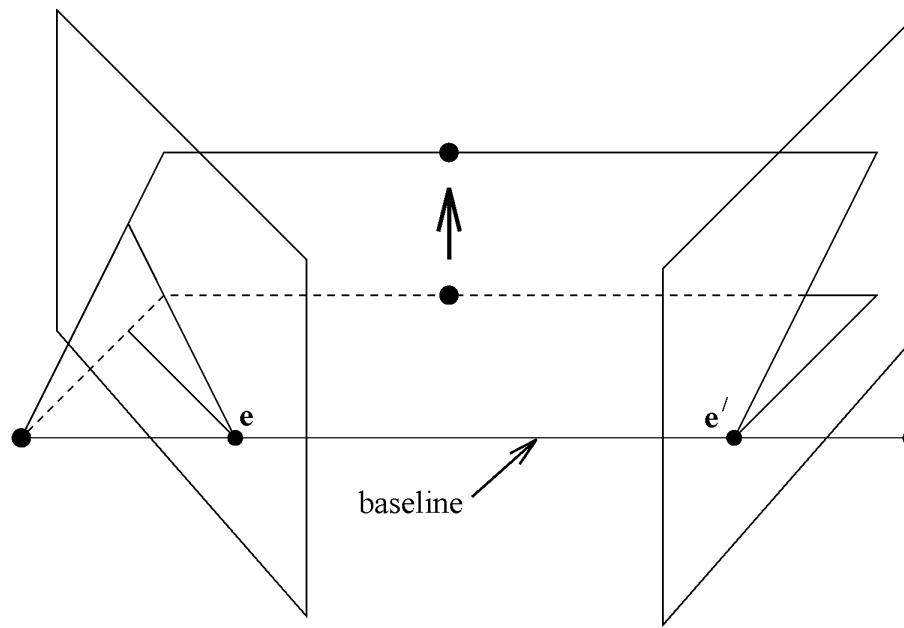
- A point in one image “generates” a line in the other image.
- This line is known as an **epipolar** line, and the geometry which gives rise to it is known as epipolar geometry.

Epipolar Geometry



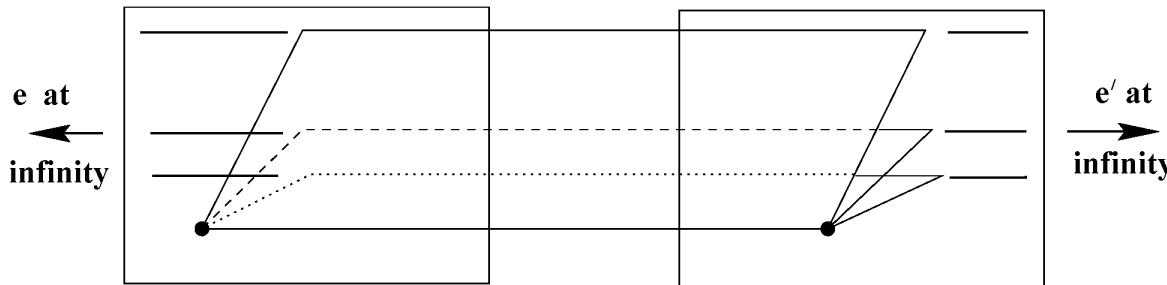
- The **epipolar line** l' is the image of the ray through x .
- The **epipole** e' is the **point** of intersection of the line joining the camera centres—the **baseline**—with the image plane.
- The epipole is also the image in one camera of the centre of the other camera.
- All epipolar lines intersect in the epipole.

Epipolar pencil

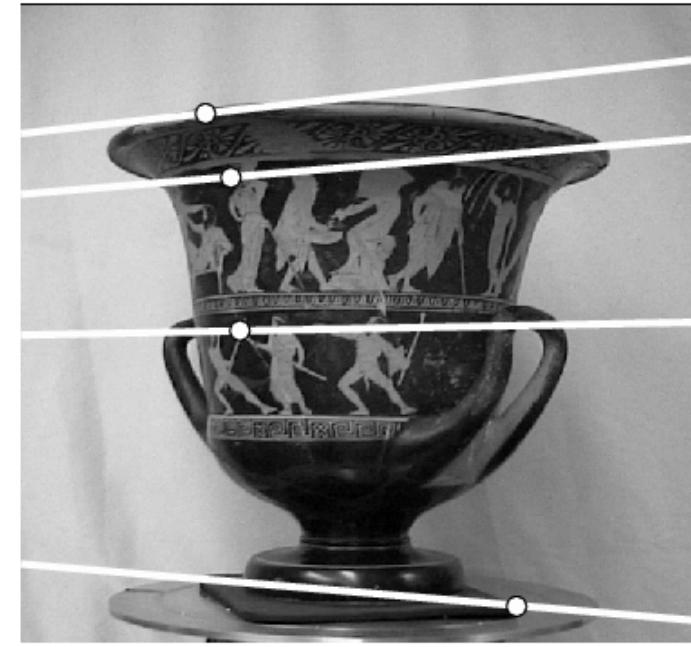
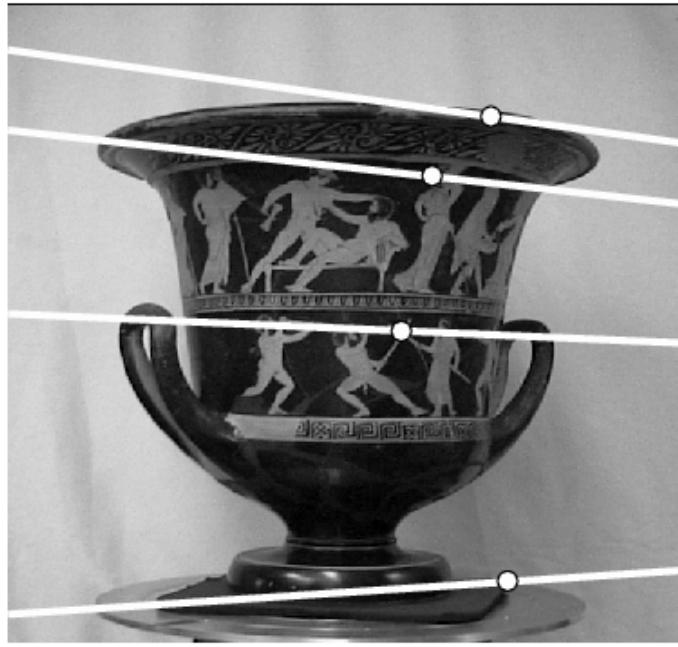


As the position of the 3D point X varies, the epipolar planes “rotate” about the baseline. This family of planes is known as an epipolar pencil. All epipolar lines intersect at the epipole.

Epipolar geometry example



Epipolar geometry depends **only** on the relative pose (position and orientation) and internal parameters of the two cameras, i.e. the position of the camera centres and image planes. It does **not** depend on structure (3D points external to the camera).

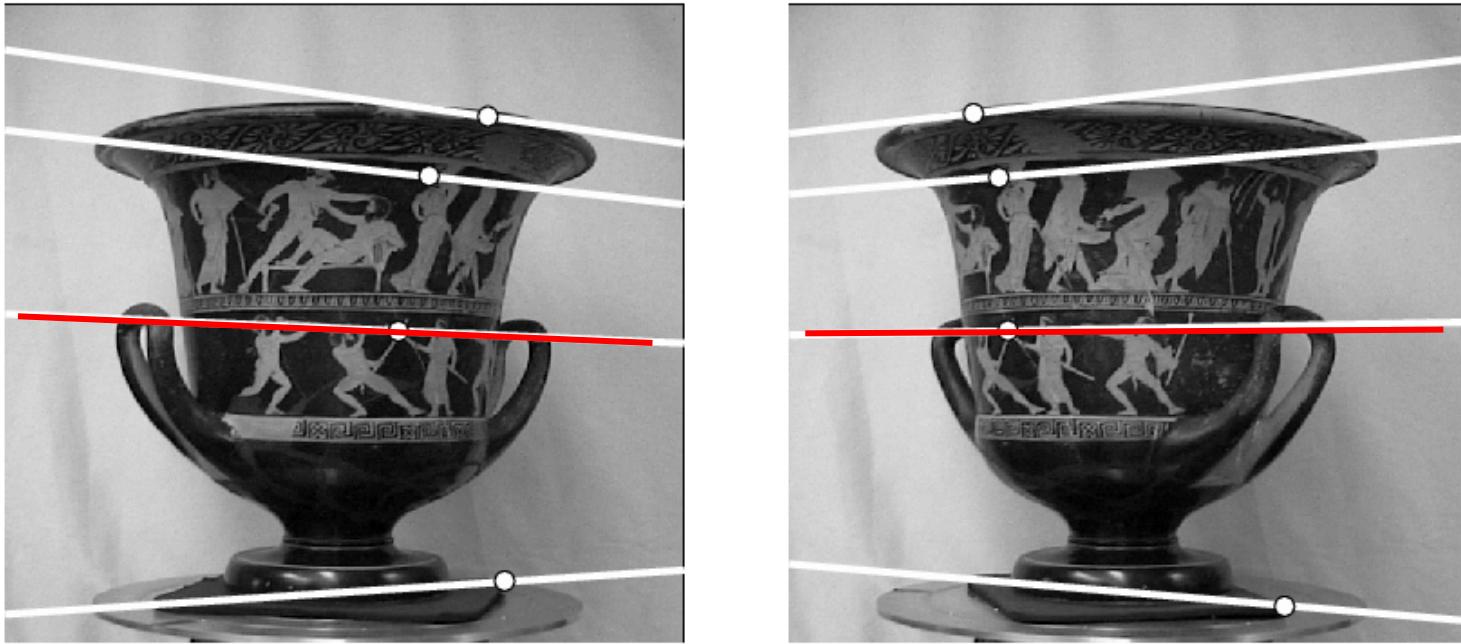


Examples of epipolar lines:

These are the intersections of the epipolar planes with the images.

Corresponding points lie on corresponding lines.

Point matching becomes a 1-dimensional search.

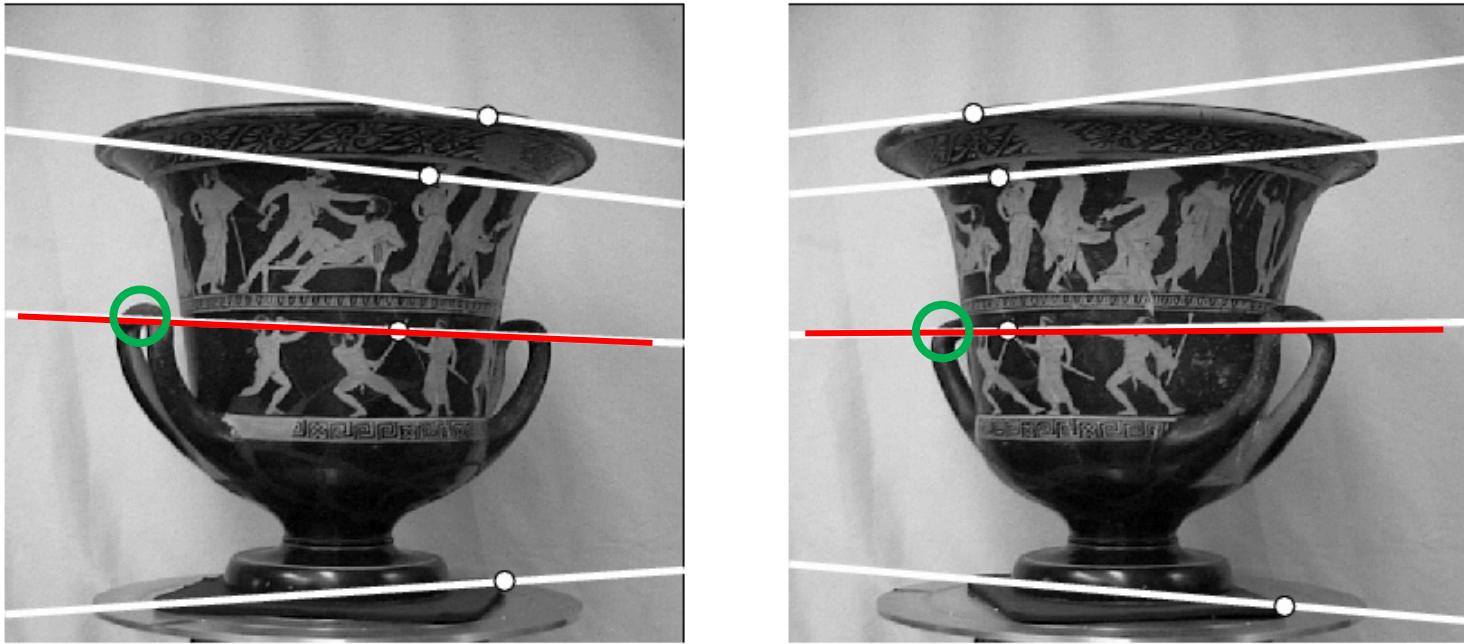


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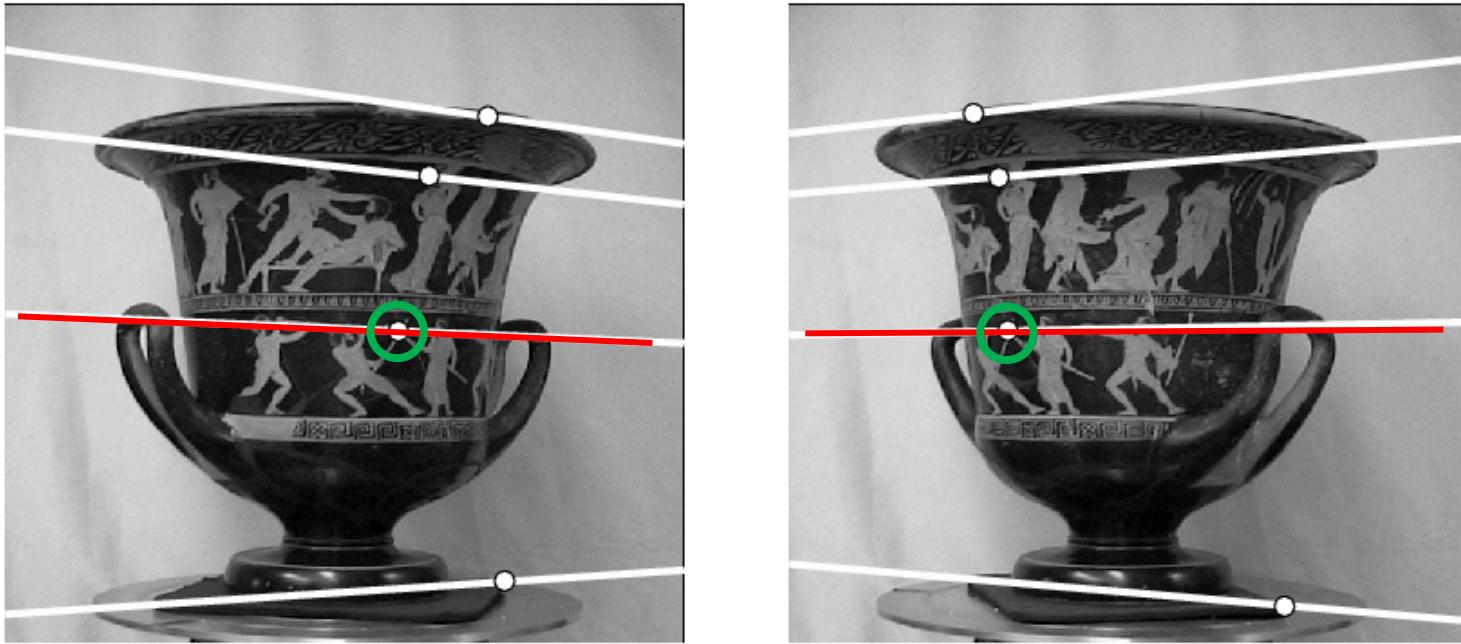


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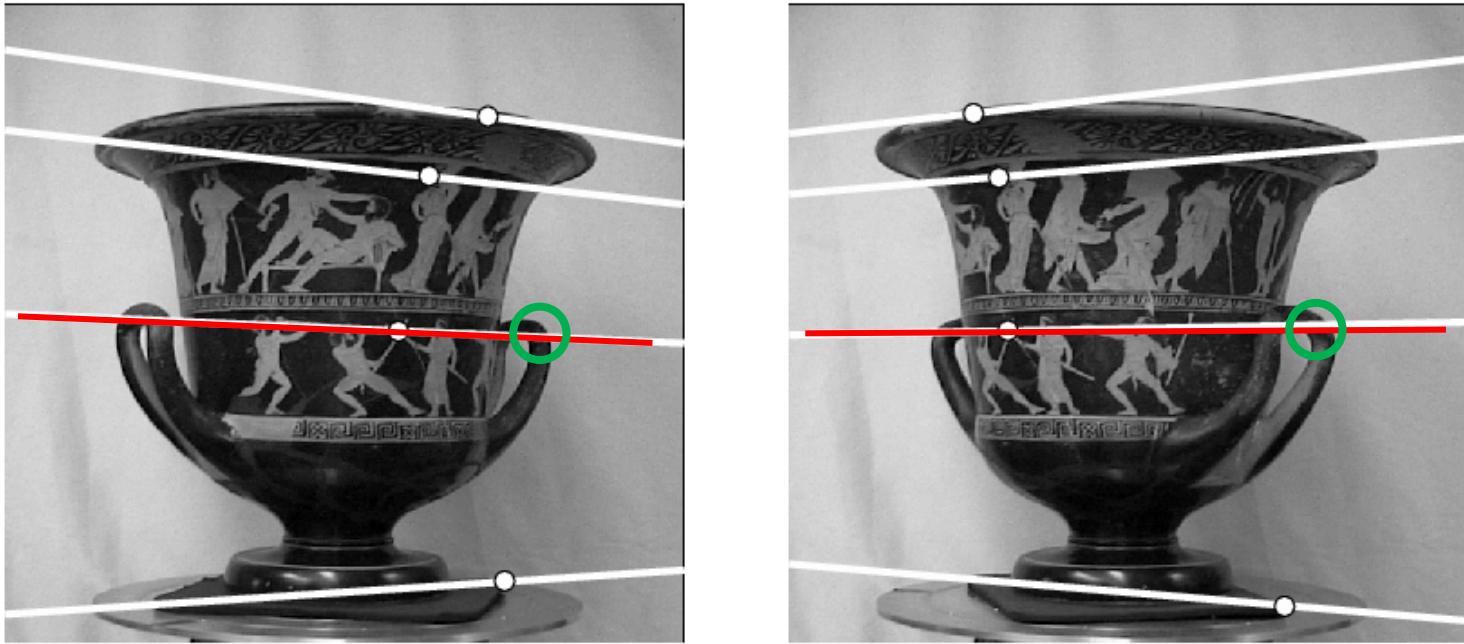


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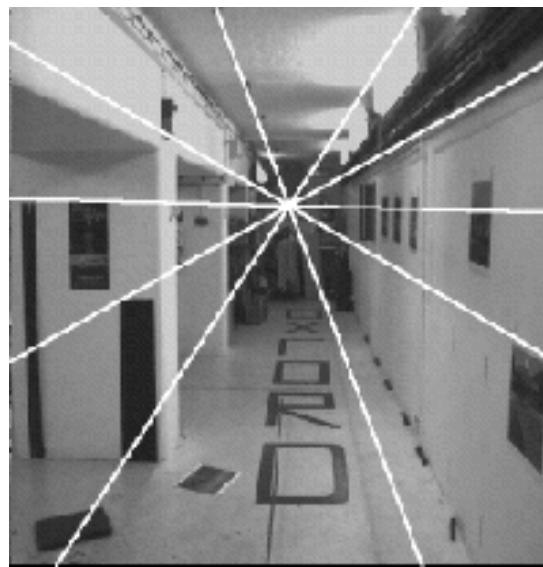
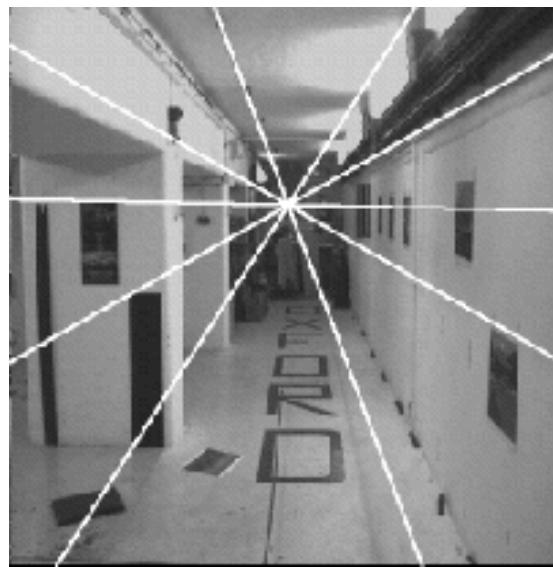
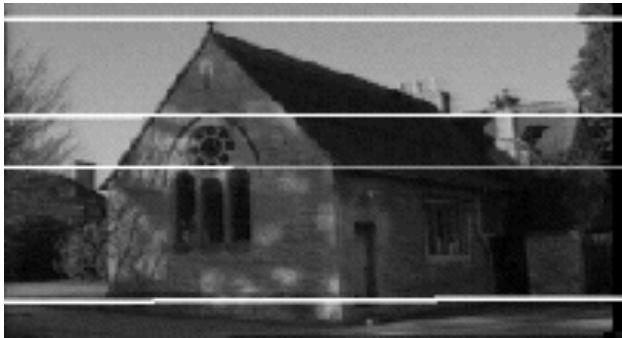


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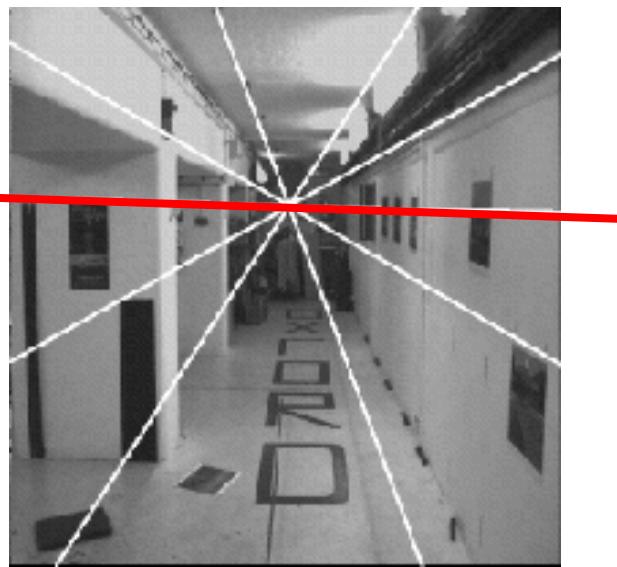
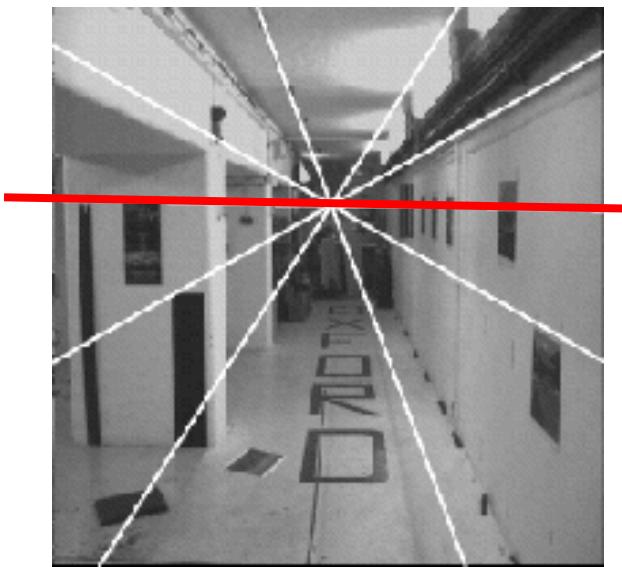
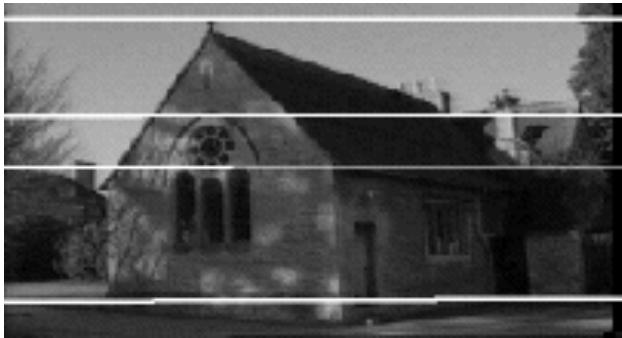
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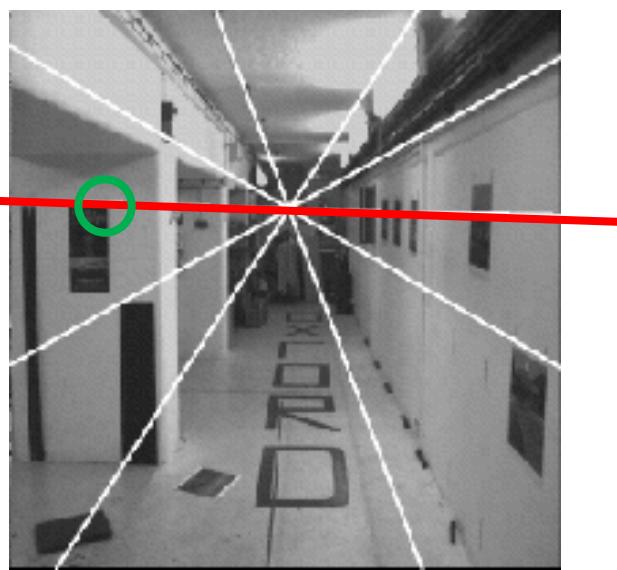
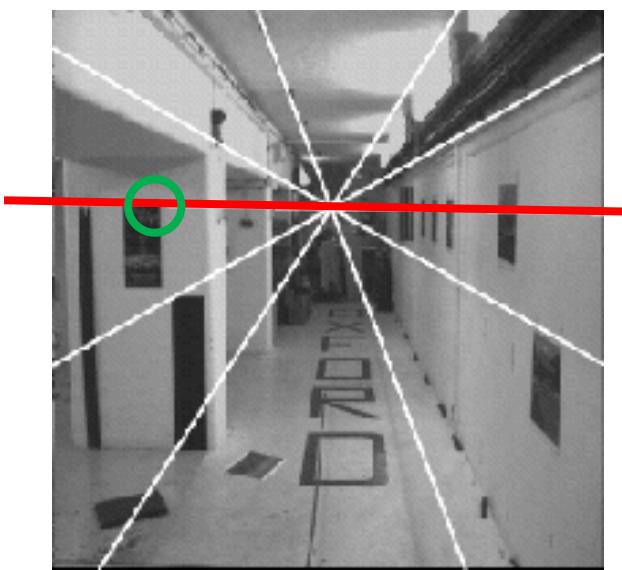
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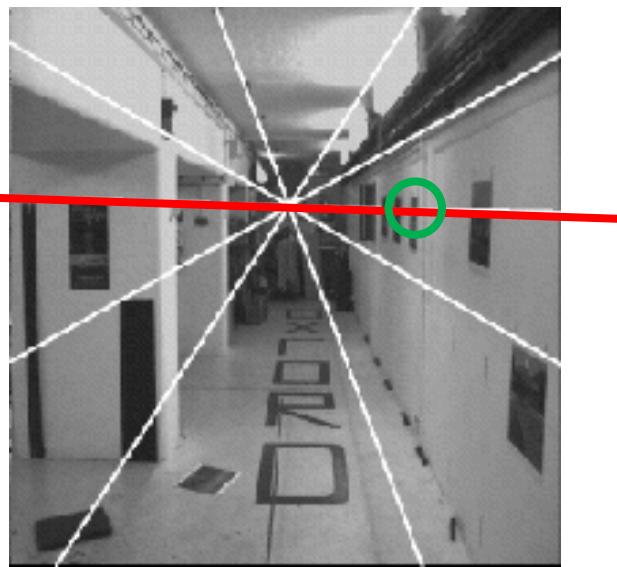
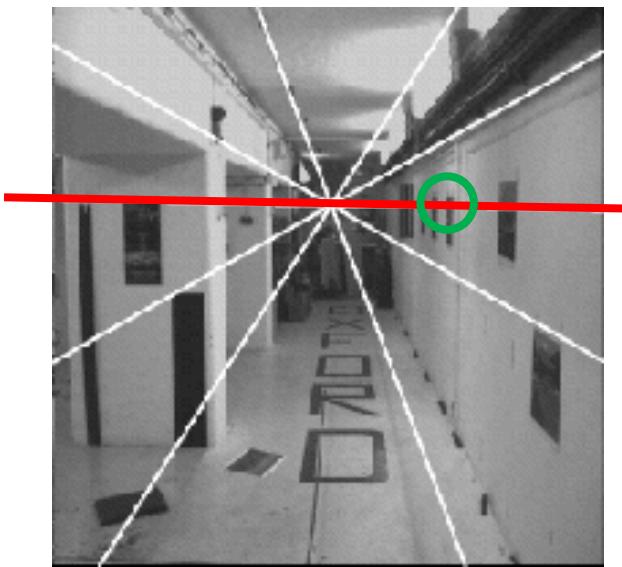
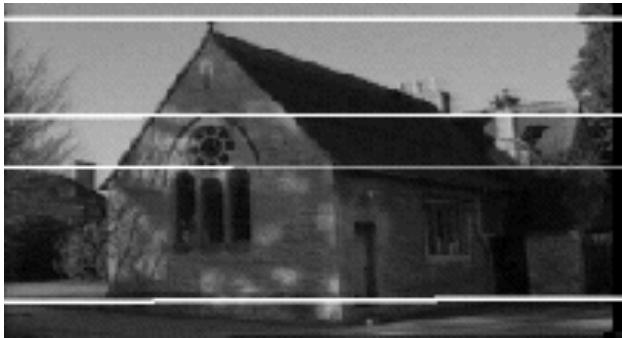
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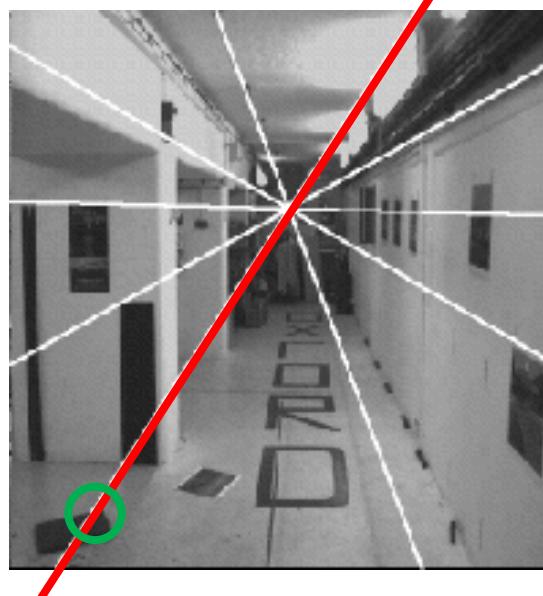
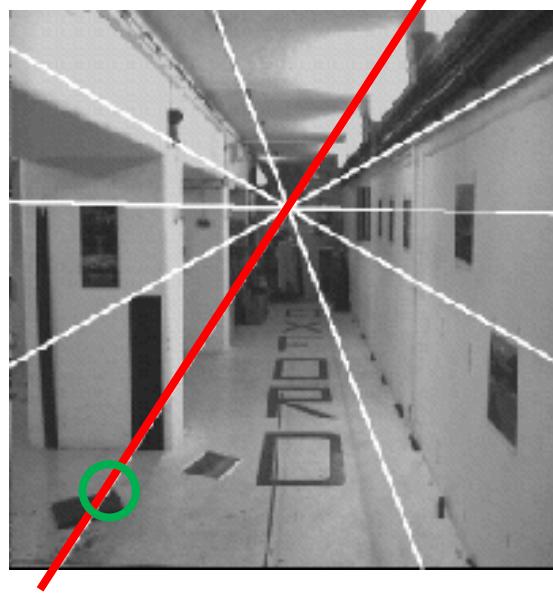
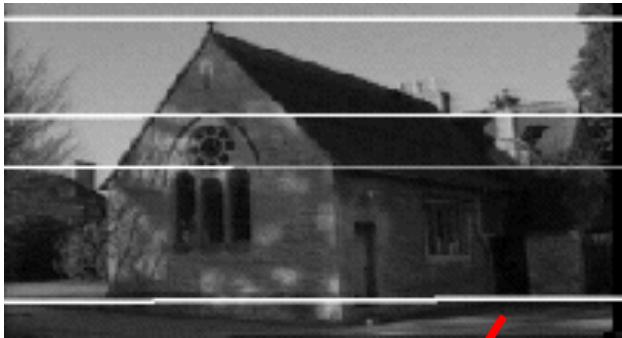
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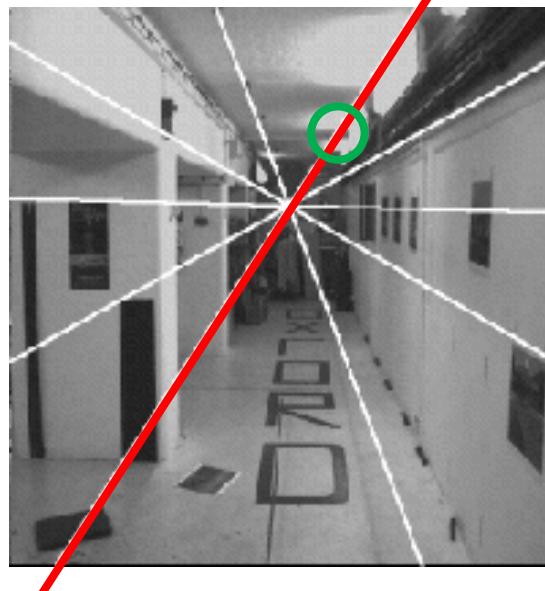
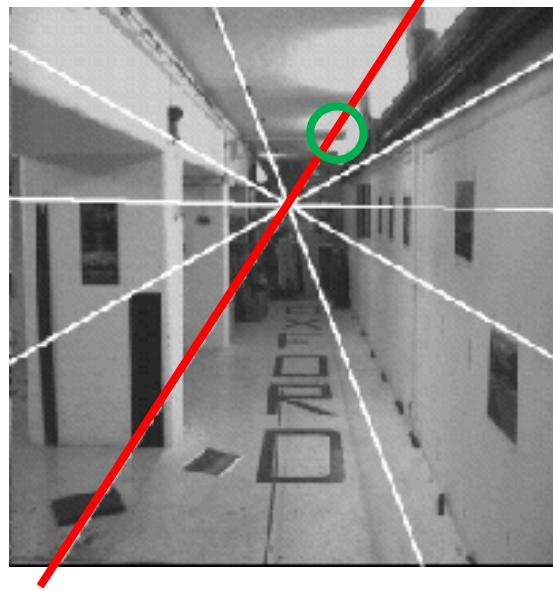
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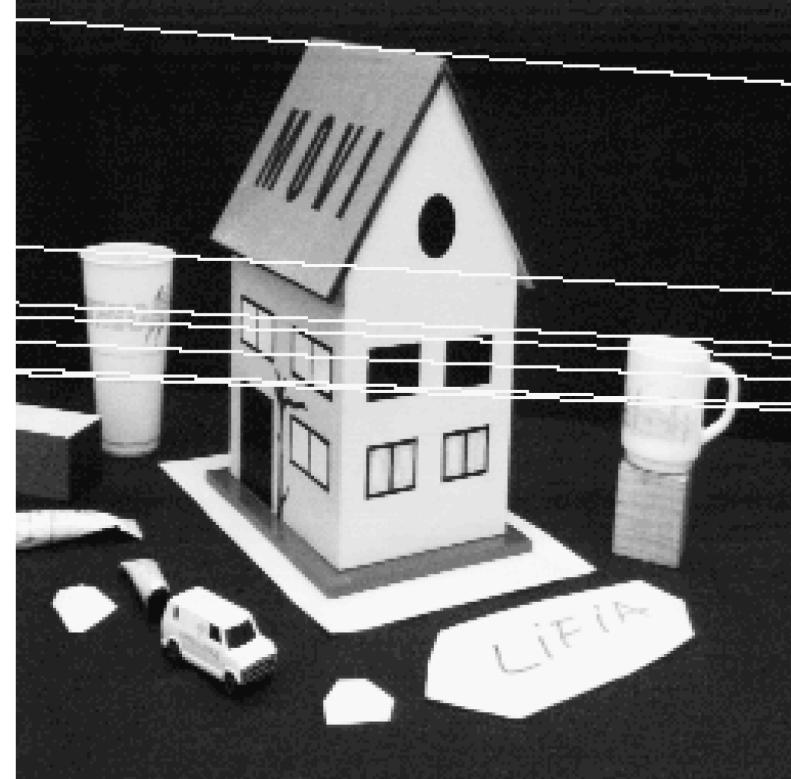
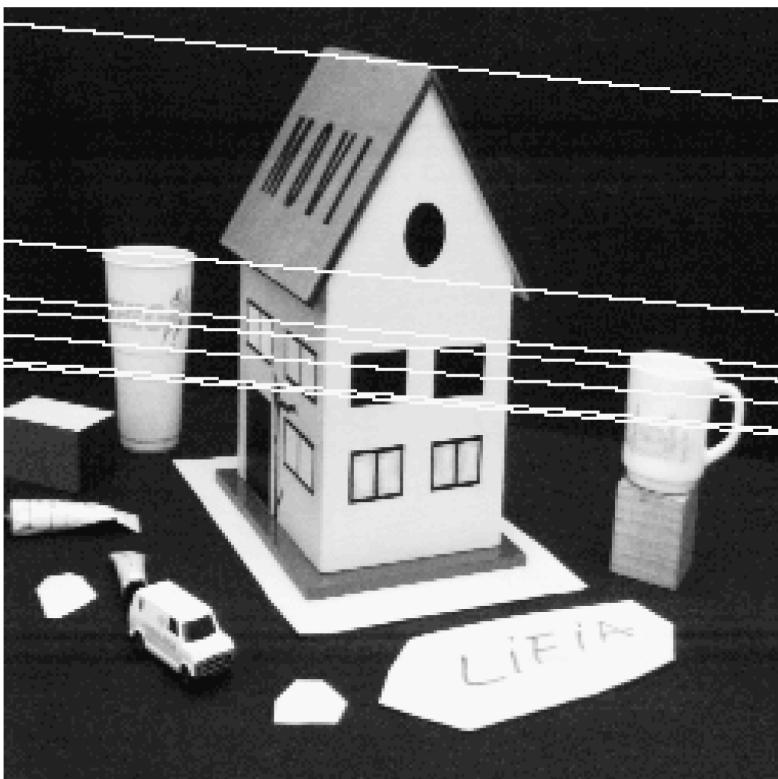


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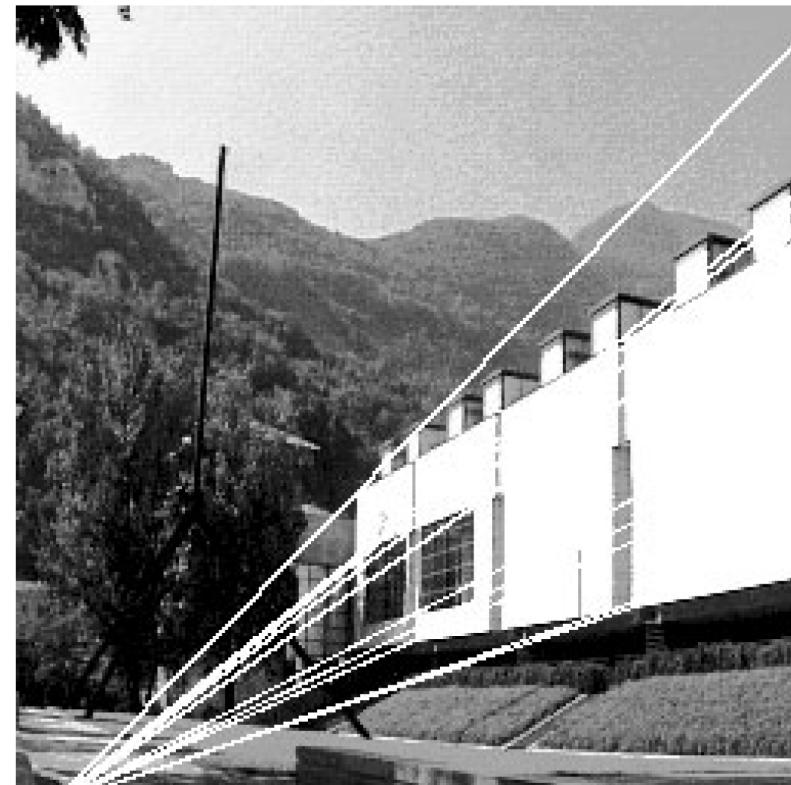
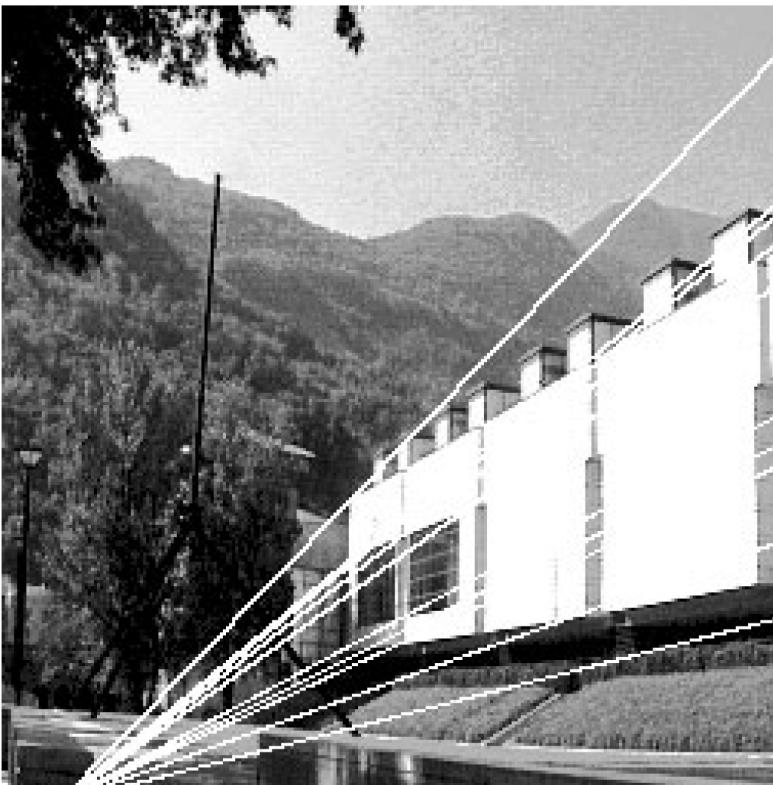
Lifia House images



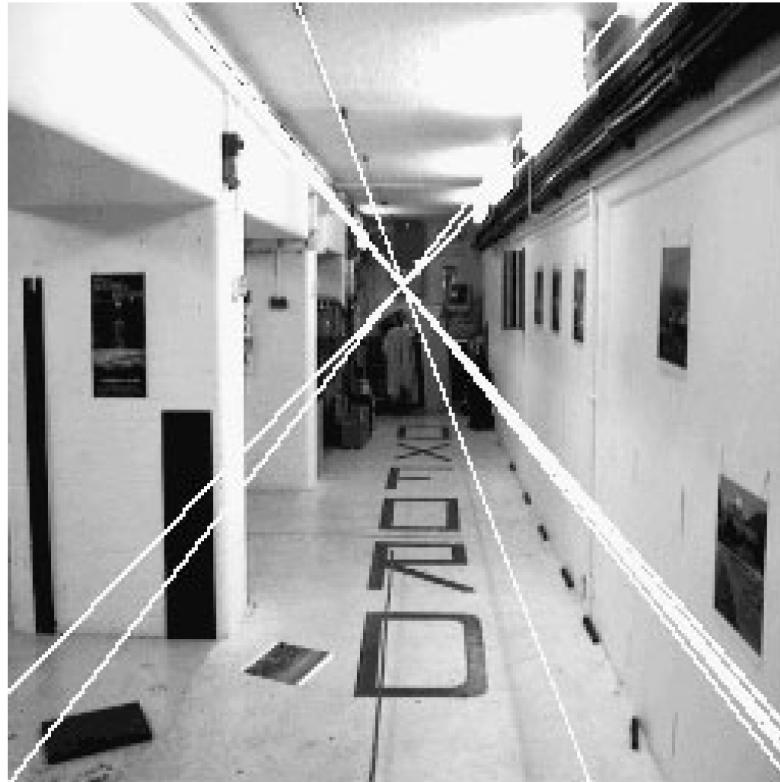
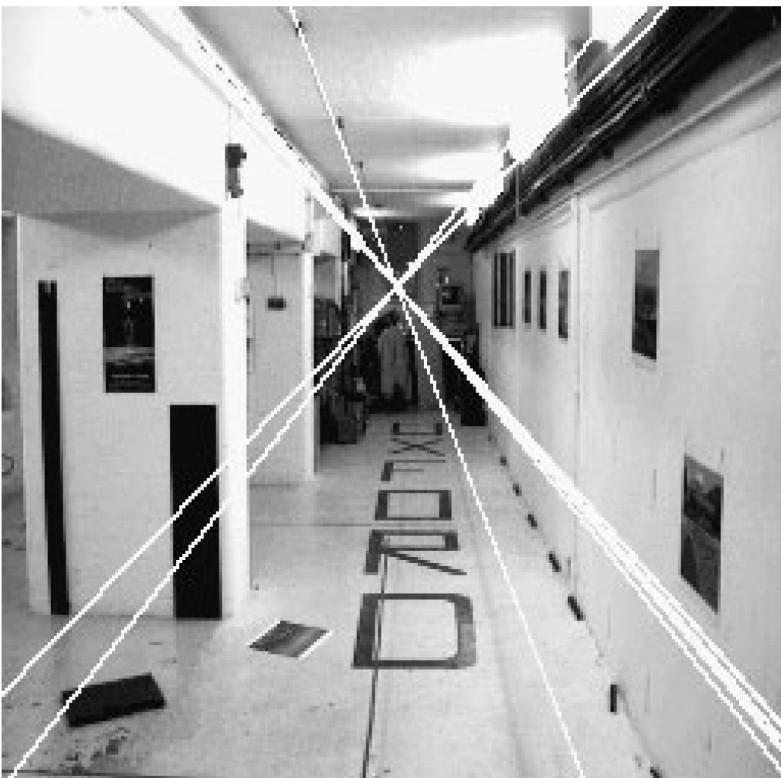
Statue images



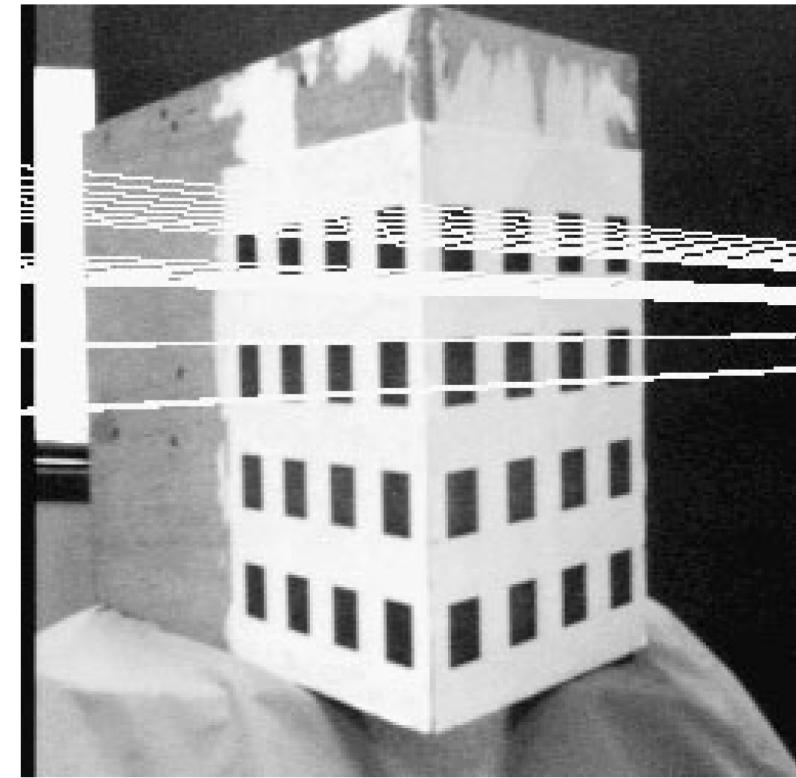
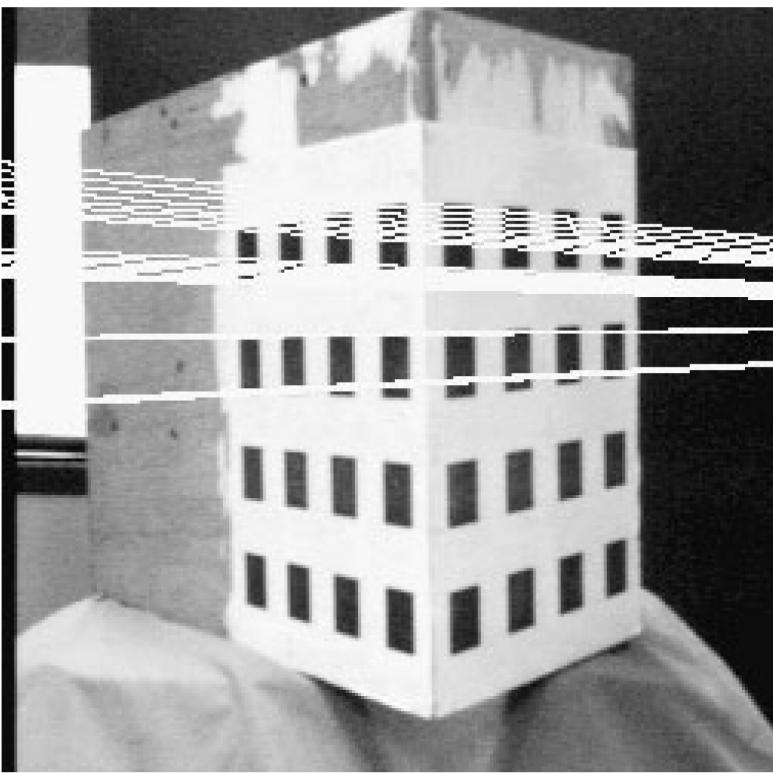
Grenoble Museum



Oxford Basement



Calibration object



Homogeneous Notation Interlude

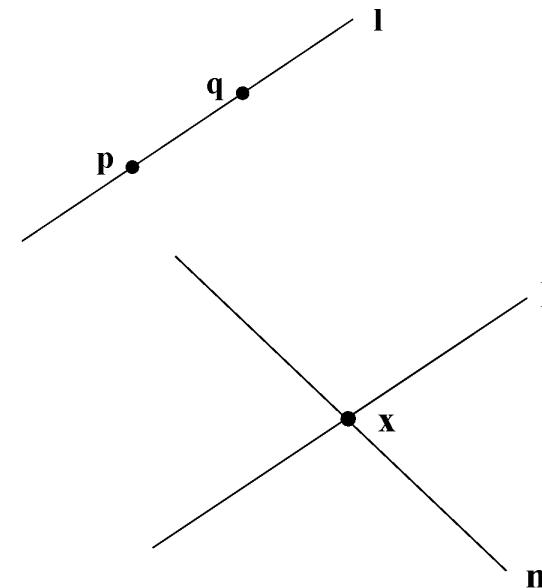
- A **line** \mathbf{l} is represented by the homogeneous 3-vector

$$\mathbf{l} = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \\ l_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

for the line $l_1x + l_2y + l_3 = 0$. Only the ratio of the homogeneous line coordinates is significant.

- point on line: $\mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ or $\mathbf{l}^\top \mathbf{x} = 0$ or $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{l} = 0$

- two points define a line: $\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q}$



- two lines define a point: $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{m}$

Matrix notation for vector product

The vector product $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{x}$ can be represented as a matrix multiplication

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{v}]_{\times} \mathbf{x}$$

where

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -v_z & v_y \\ v_z & 0 & -v_x \\ -v_y & v_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $[\mathbf{v}]_{\times}$ is a 3×3 skew-symmetric matrix of rank 2.
- \mathbf{v} is the null-vector of $[\mathbf{v}]_{\times}$, since $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} = [\mathbf{v}]_{\times} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.

Algebraic representation - the **Fundamental Matrix**

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

- \mathbf{F} is a 3×3 rank 2 homogeneous matrix
- $\mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{e}' = 0$
- It has 7 degrees of freedom
- Compute from 7 image point correspondences

Derivations are from following slides.

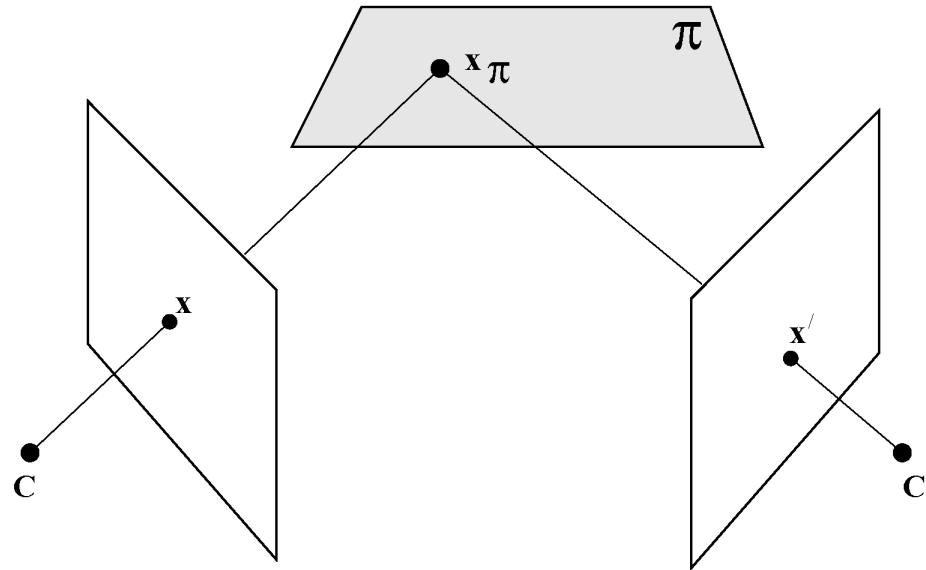
Images of Planes

Projective transformation between images induced by a plane

$$\mathbf{x} = H_{1\pi} \mathbf{x}_\pi \quad \mathbf{x}' = H_{2\pi} \mathbf{x}_\pi$$

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$$= H_{2\pi} H_{1\pi}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = H_\pi \mathbf{x}$$



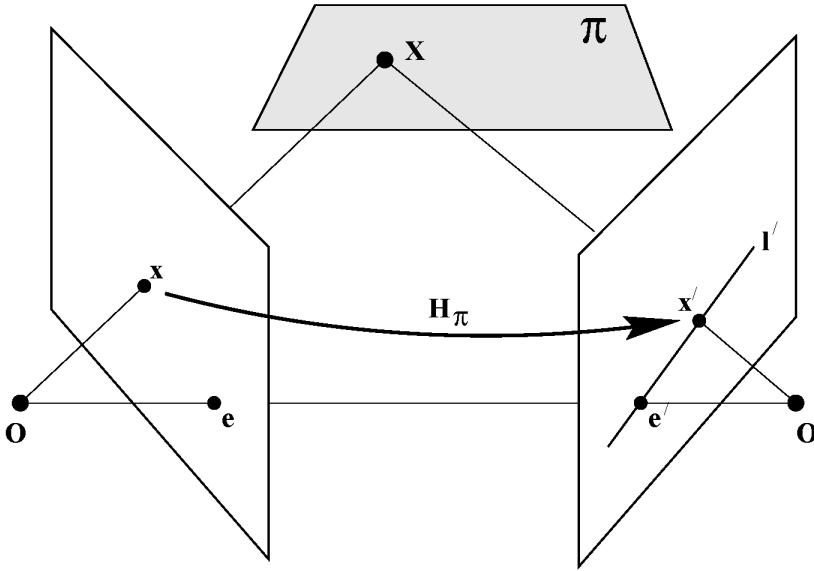
- H_π can be computed from the correspondence of four points on the plane.

$$\mathbf{X}_2 = R_2 \mathbf{X}_1 + \mathbf{t}_2.$$

$$w_1 \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = K_1 (R_1 \mathbf{X}_1 + \mathbf{t}_1) = K_1 (-R_1 R_2^{-1} \mathbf{t}_2 + \mathbf{t}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_1 = R_2^{-1} (\mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{t}_2) = -R_2^{-1} \mathbf{t}_2$$

Fundamental matrix - sketch derivation



Step 1: Point transfer via a plane $x' = H_\pi x$

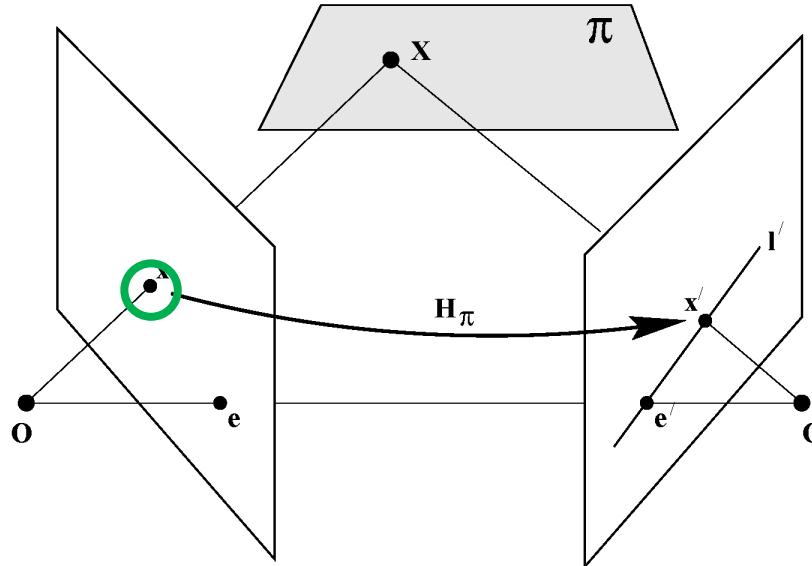
Step 2 : Construct the epipolar line $l' = e' \times x' = [e']_x x'$

$$l' = [e']_x H_\pi x = Fx$$

$$F = [e']_x H_\pi$$

This shows that F is a 3×3 rank 2 matrix.

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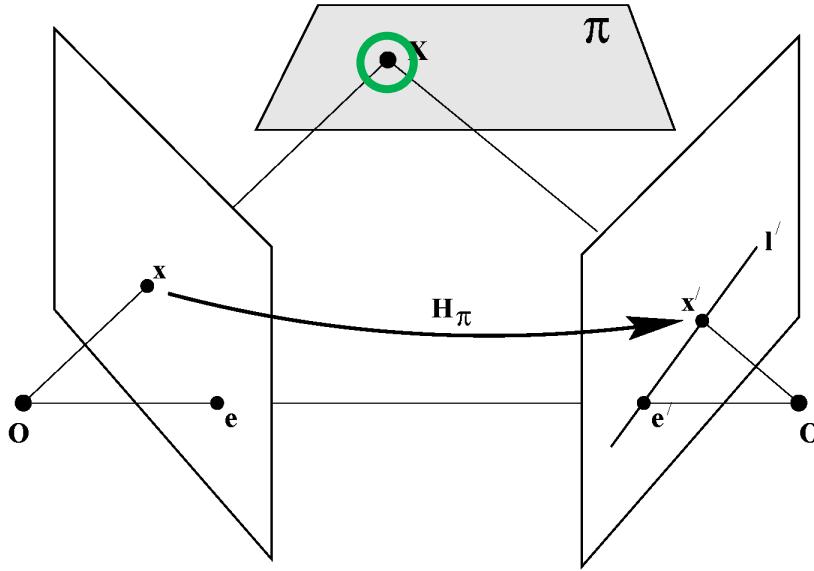
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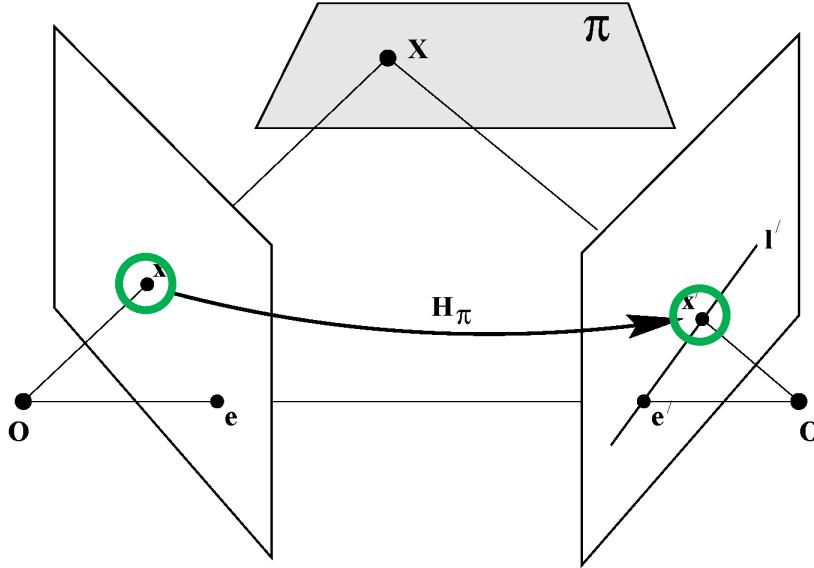
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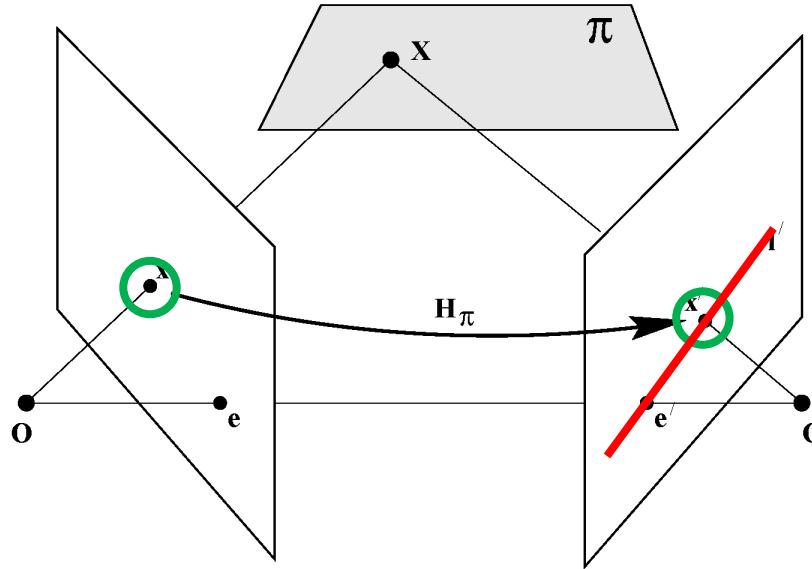
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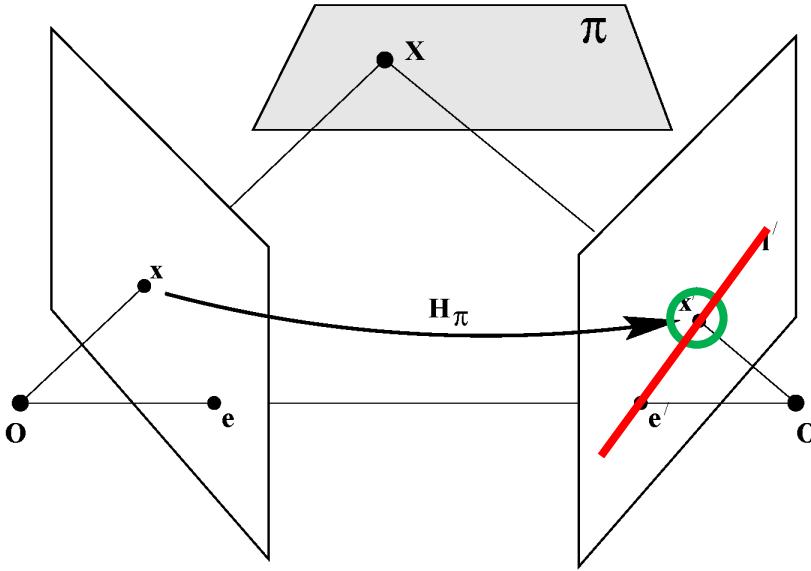
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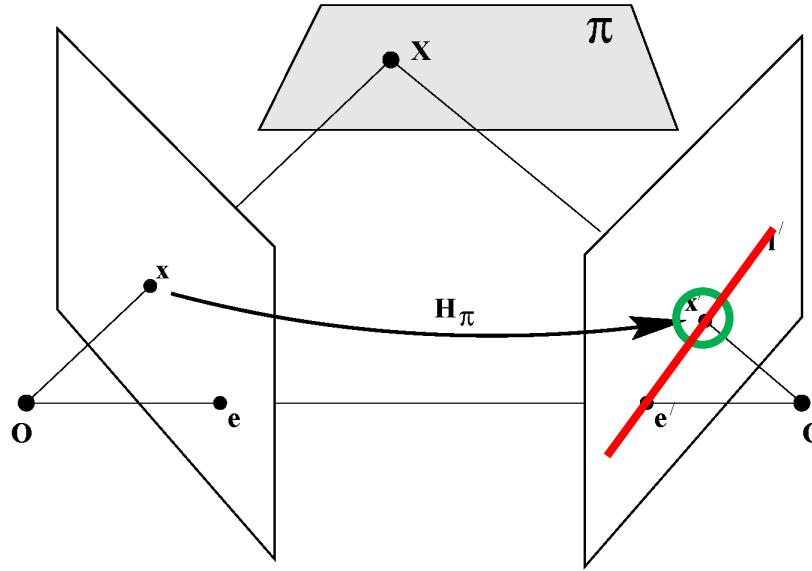
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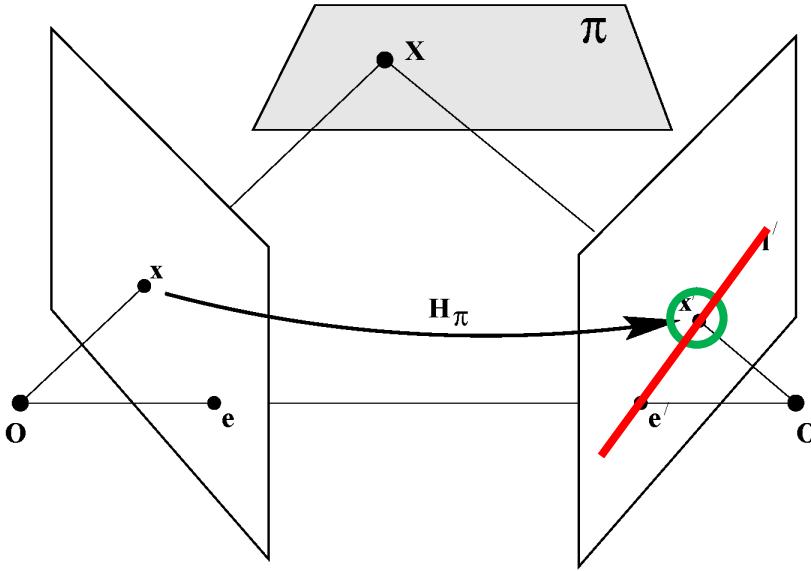
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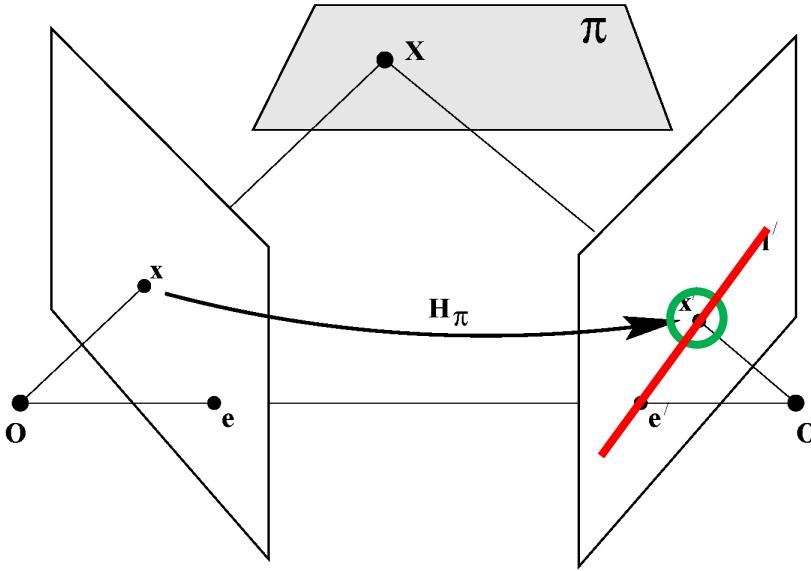
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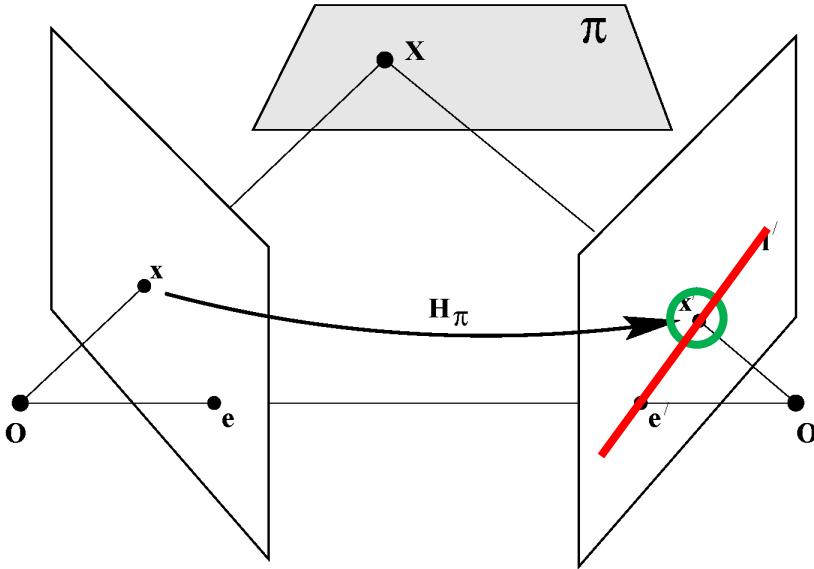
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$$F = [e']_x H_\pi$$

This shows that F is a 3×3 rank 2 matrix.

Fundamental matrix - sketch derivation



Step 1: Point transfer via a plane $x' = H_\pi x$

Step 2 : Construct the epipolar line $l' = e' \times x' = [e']_x x'$

Point x' lies on line l' . Hence:

$$x'^\top F x = 0 .$$

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Derivation

If F factorizes as

$$F = [\mathbf{e}'] \times H$$

Then a pair of cameras that correspond to this fundamental matrix are

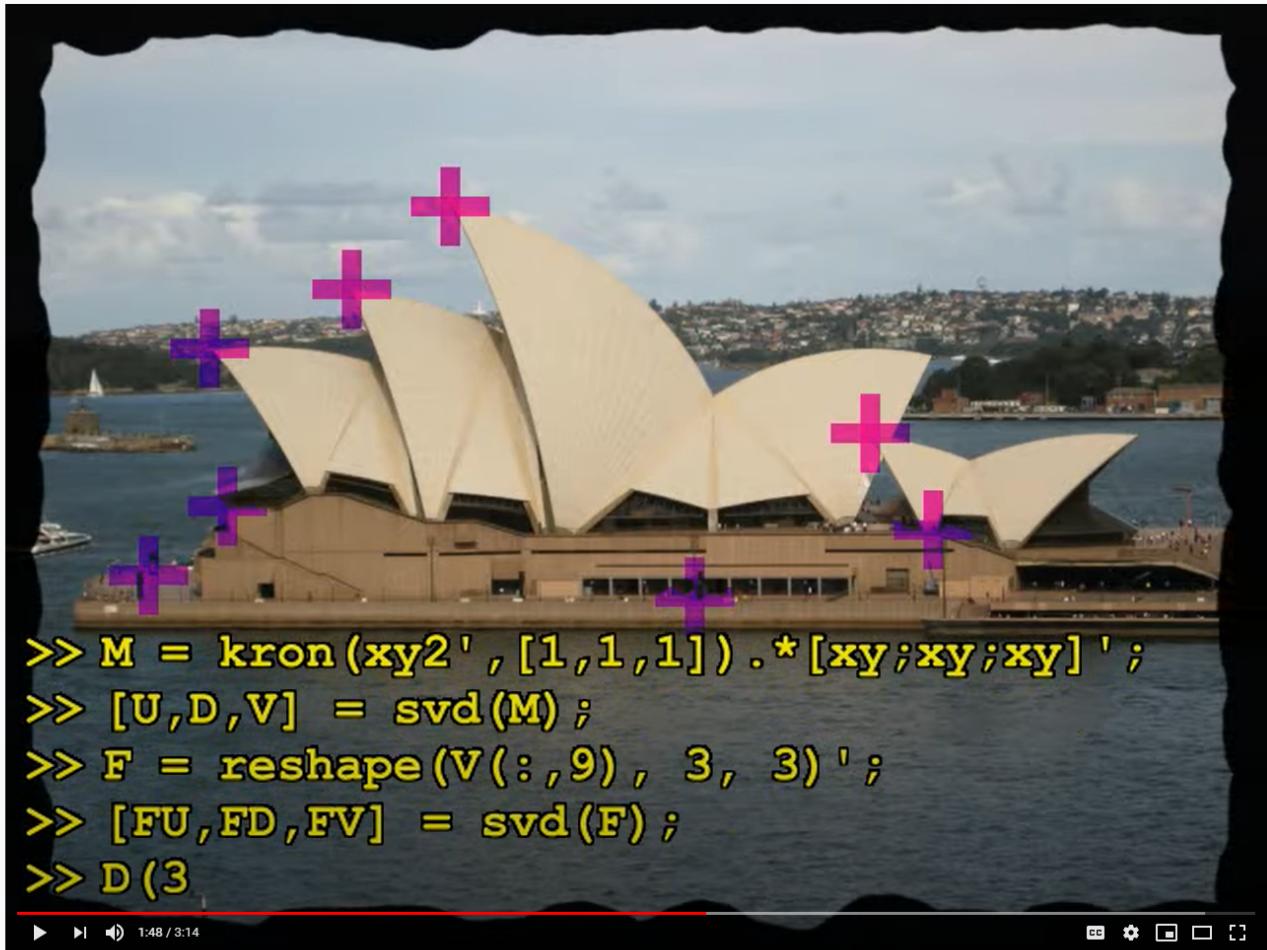
$$\begin{aligned} P &= [I \mid \mathbf{0}] \\ P' &= [H \mid \mathbf{e}'] \end{aligned}$$

Check:

1. Centre of camera P is the origin, with coordinates $(0, 0, 0, 1)^\top$.
2. Point projects via camera $P' = [H \mid \mathbf{e}']$ to point \mathbf{e}' .
3. This is what it should be, since epipole \mathbf{e}' is defined as the image of centre of P as viewed by camera P' .
4. Verify that H is the image-to-image homography for the plane at infinity.
 - (a) Let point $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, 1)$ be in image of P' .
 - (b) Point $\mathbf{X} = (x, y, 1, 0)$ on plane at infinity satisfies $P\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$.
 - (c) \mathbf{X} maps to point in camera P' given by

$$\mathbf{x}' = [H \mid \mathbf{e}']\mathbf{X} = H\mathbf{x} .$$

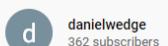
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Computation of the Fundamental Matrix

Basic equations

Given a correspondence

$$\mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'$$

The basic incidence relation is

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

May be written

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

Single point equation - Fundamental matrix

Gives an equation :

$$(x'x, x'y, x', y'x, y'y, y', x, y, 1) \begin{pmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{33} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

where

$$\mathbf{f} = (f_{11}, f_{12}, f_{13}, f_{21}, f_{22}, f_{23}, f_{31}, f_{32}, f_{33})^\top$$

holds the entries of the Fundamental matrix

Total set of equations

$$\mathbf{Af} = \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 x_1 & x'_1 y_1 & x'_1 & y'_1 x_1 & y'_1 y_1 & y'_1 & x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x'_n x_n & x'_n y_n & x'_n & y'_n x_n & y'_n y_n & y'_n & x_n & y_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Solving the Equations

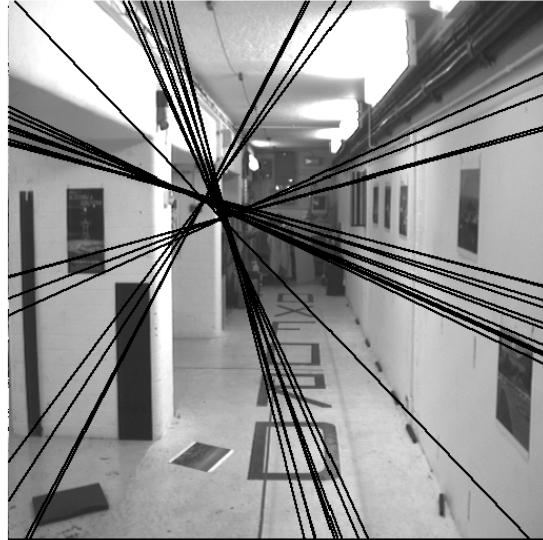
- Solution is determined up to scale only.
- Need 8 equations \Rightarrow 8 points
- 8 points \Rightarrow unique solution
- > 8 points \Rightarrow least-squares solution.

Least-squares solution

- (i) Form equations $Af = 0$.
- (ii) Take SVD : $A = UDV^\top$.
- (iii) Solution is last column of V (corresp : smallest singular value)
- (iv) Minimizes $\|Af\|$ subject to $\|f\| = 1$.

The singularity constraint

Fundamental matrix has rank 2 : $\det(F) = 0$.



Left : Uncorrected F – epipolar lines are not coincident.

Right : Epipolar lines from corrected F .

Computing F from 7 points

- F has 9 entries but is defined only up to scale.
- Singularity condition $\det F = 0$ gives a further constraint.
- F has 3 rows $\implies \det F = 0$ is a cubic constraint.
- F has only 7 degrees of freedom.
- It is possible to solve for F from just 7 point correspondences.

7-point algorithm

Computation of F from 7 point correspondences

- (i) Form the 7×9 set of equations $A\mathbf{f} = 0$.
- (ii) System has a 2-dimensional solution set.
- (iii) General solution (use SVD) has form

$$\mathbf{f} = \lambda \mathbf{f}_0 + \mu \mathbf{f}_1$$

- (iv) In matrix terms

$$\mathbf{F} = \lambda \mathbf{F}_0 + \mu \mathbf{F}_1$$

- (v) Condition $\det \mathbf{F} = 0$ gives cubic equation in λ and μ .
- (vi) Either one or three real solutions for ratio $\lambda : \mu$.

Correcting F using the Singular Value Decomposition

If F is computed linearly from 8 or more correspondences, singularity condition does not hold.

SVD Method

- (i) SVD : $F = UDV^\top$
- (ii) U and V are orthogonal, $D = \text{diag}(r, s, t)$.
- (iii) $r \geq s \geq t$.
- (iv) Set $F' = U \text{diag}(r, s, 0) V^\top$.
- (v) Resulting F' is singular.
- (vi) Minimizes the Frobenius norm of $F - F'$
- (vii) F' is the "closest" singular matrix to F.

Factorization of the fundamental matrix

SVD method

(i) Define

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

(ii) Compute the SVD

$$F = UDV^T \text{ where } D = \text{diag}r, s, 0$$

(iii) Factorization is

$$F = (UZU^T)(UZDV^T)$$

- Simultaneously corrects F to a singular matrix.

Non-uniqueness of factorization

- Factorization of the fundamental matrix is not unique.
- General formula : for varying v and λ

$$P = [I \mid o] ; \quad P' = [M + e'v^\top \mid \lambda e']$$

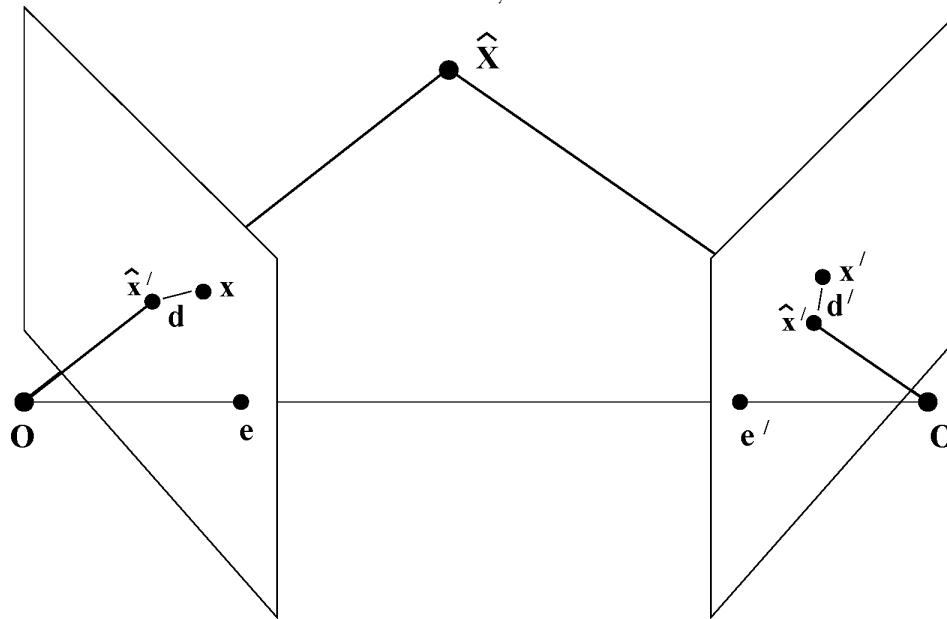
- Difference factorizations give configurations varying by a projective transformation.
- 4-parameter family of solutions with $P = [I \mid o]$.

Triangulation

Triangulation :

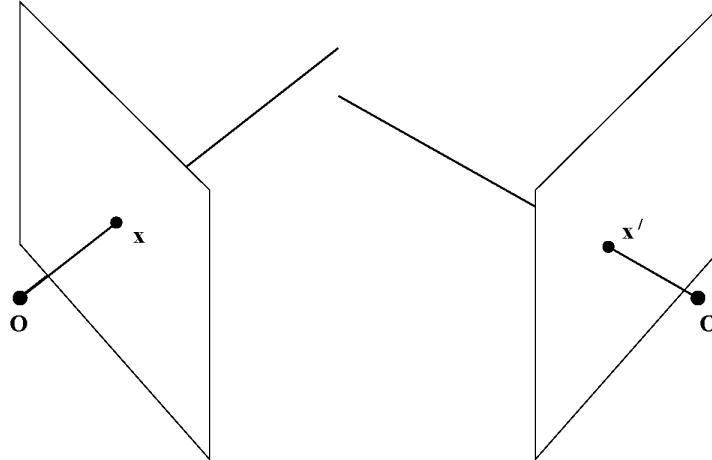
- Knowing P and P'
- Knowing x and x'
- Compute x' such that

$$x = Px \quad ; \quad x' = P'x$$

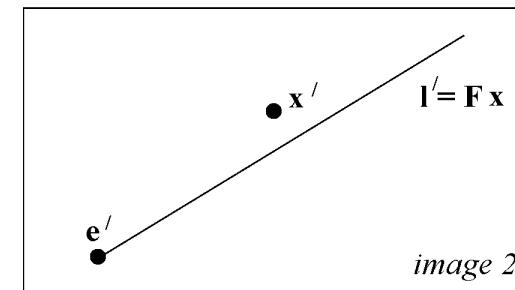
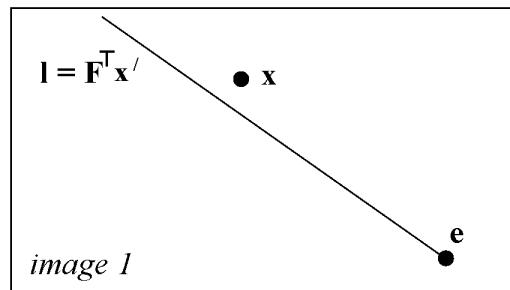


Triangulation in presence of noise

- In the presence of noise, back-projected lines do not intersect.



Rays do not intersect in space



Measured points do not lie on corresponding epipolar lines

Problem statement

- Assume camera matrices are given without error, up to projective distortion.
- Hence F is known.
- A pair of matched points in an image are given.
- Possible errors in the position of matched points.
- Find 3D point that minimizes suitable error metric.
- Method must be invariant under 3D projective transformation.

Linear triangulation methods

- Direct analogue of the linear method of camera resectioning.
- Given equations

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

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

- $\mathbf{p}^{i\top}$ are the rows of \mathbf{P} .
- Write as linear equations in \mathbf{x}

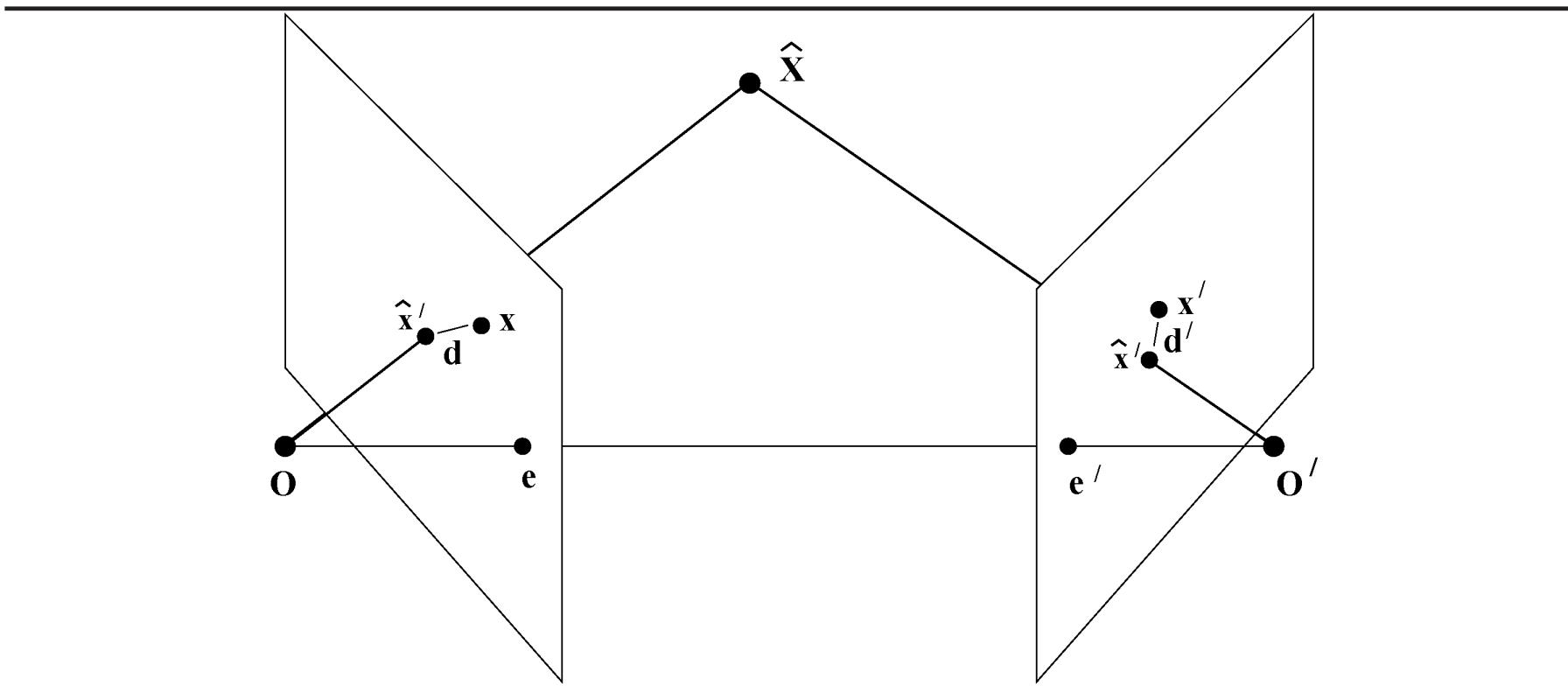
$$\begin{bmatrix} x\mathbf{p}^{3\top} - \mathbf{p}^{1\top} \\ y\mathbf{p}^{3\top} - \mathbf{p}^{2\top} \\ x'\mathbf{p}'^{3\top} - \mathbf{p}'^{1\top} \\ y\mathbf{p}'^{3\top} - \mathbf{p}'^{2\top} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

- Solve for \mathbf{x} .
- Generalizes to point match in several images.
- Minimizes no meaningful quantity – not optimal.

Minimizing geometric error

- Point x in space maps to **projected** points \hat{x} and \hat{x}' in the two images.
- Measured points are x and x' .
- Find x that minimizes difference between projected and measured points.

Geometric error . . .



Cost function

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x}) = d(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}})^2 + d(\mathbf{x}', \hat{\mathbf{x}}')^2$$

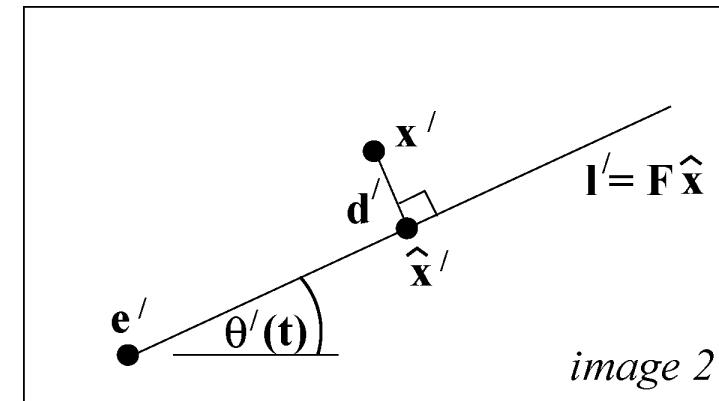
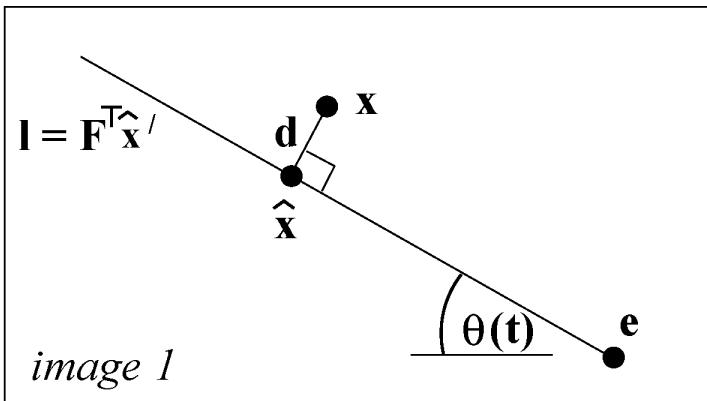
Different formulation of the problem

Minimization problem may be formulated differently:

- Minimize

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l})^2 + d(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{l}')^2$$

- \mathbf{l} and \mathbf{l}' range over all choices of corresponding epipolar lines.
- $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is the closest point on the line \mathbf{l} to \mathbf{x} .
- Same for $\hat{\mathbf{x}}'$.



Complete 8-point algorithm

8 point algorithm has two steps :

- (i) Linear solution. Solve $Af = 0$ to find F .
- (ii) Constraint enforcement. Replace F by F' .

Warning This algorithm is unstable and should never be used with unnormalized data (see next slide).

The normalized 8-point algorithm

Raw 8-point algorithm performs badly in presence of noise.

Normalization of data

- 8-point algorithm is sensitive to origin of coordinates and scale.
- Data must be translated and scaled to “canonical” coordinate frame.
- Normalizing transformation is applied to both images.
- Translate so centroid is at origin
- Scale so that RMS distance of points from origin is $\sqrt{2}$.
- “Average point” is $(1, 1, 1)^\top$.

Normalized 8-point algorithm

(i) **Normalization:** Transform the image coordinates :

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_i$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}'_i = \mathbf{T}'\mathbf{x}'_i$$

(ii) **Solution:** Compute \mathbf{F} from the matches $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i \leftrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{x}}'_i$

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

(iii) **Singularity constraint :** Find closest singular $\hat{\mathbf{F}}'$ to $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$.

(iv) **Denormalization:** $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{T}'^{\top} \hat{\mathbf{F}}' \mathbf{T}$.

Readings

- Chapter 9.1, 9.2, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 12.1, 12.2
- Epipolar geometry and Fundamental matrix, triangulation