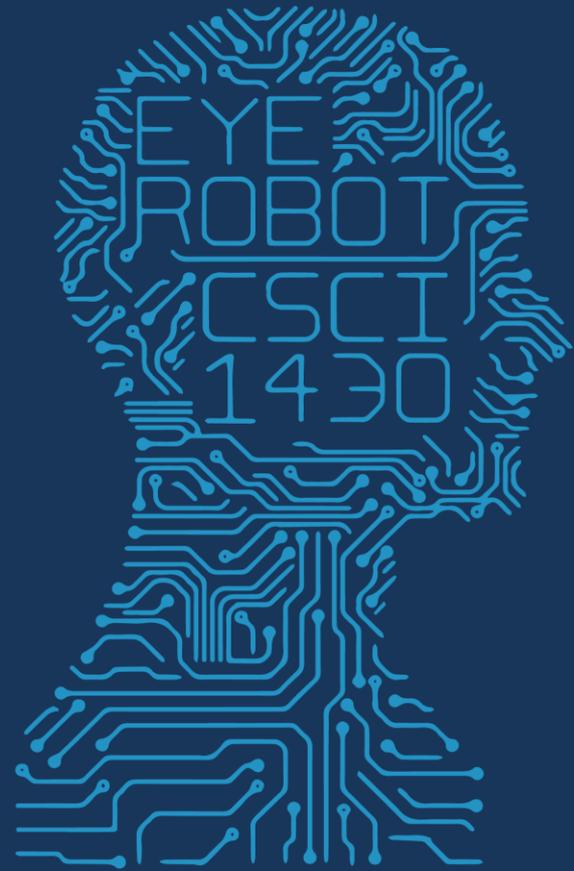


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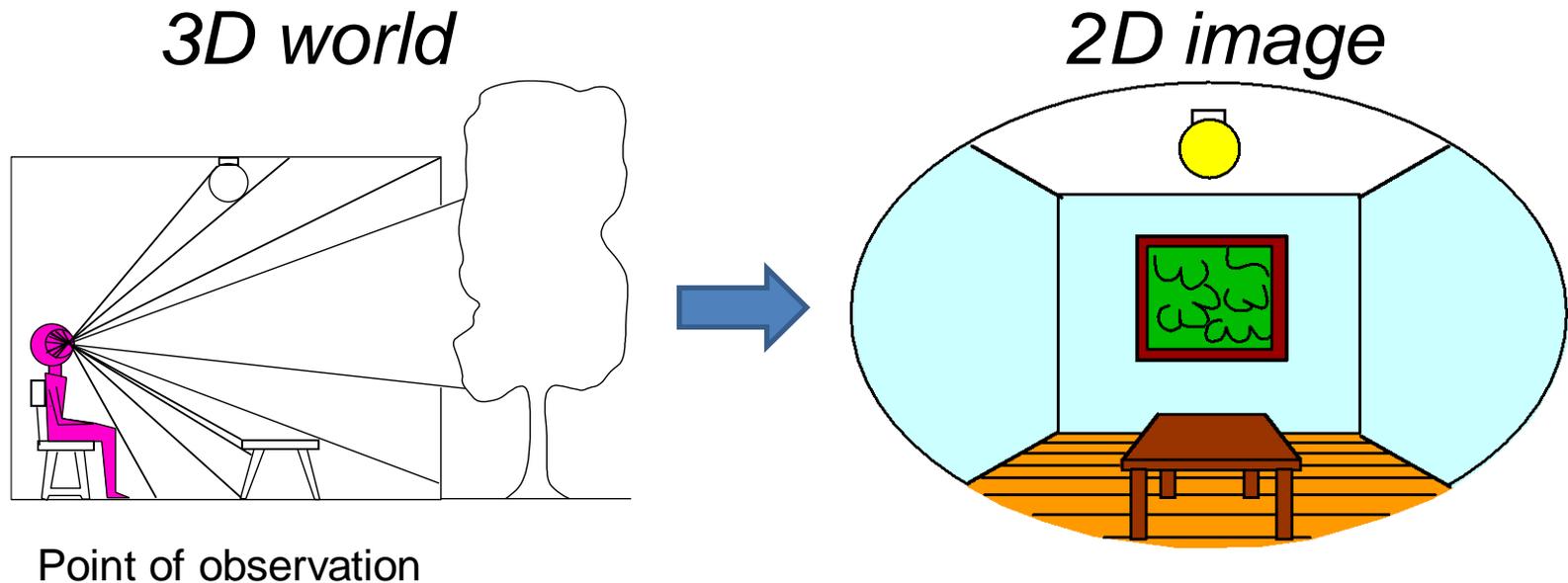
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# Dimensionality Reduction Machine (3D to 2D)



Lengths are lost...

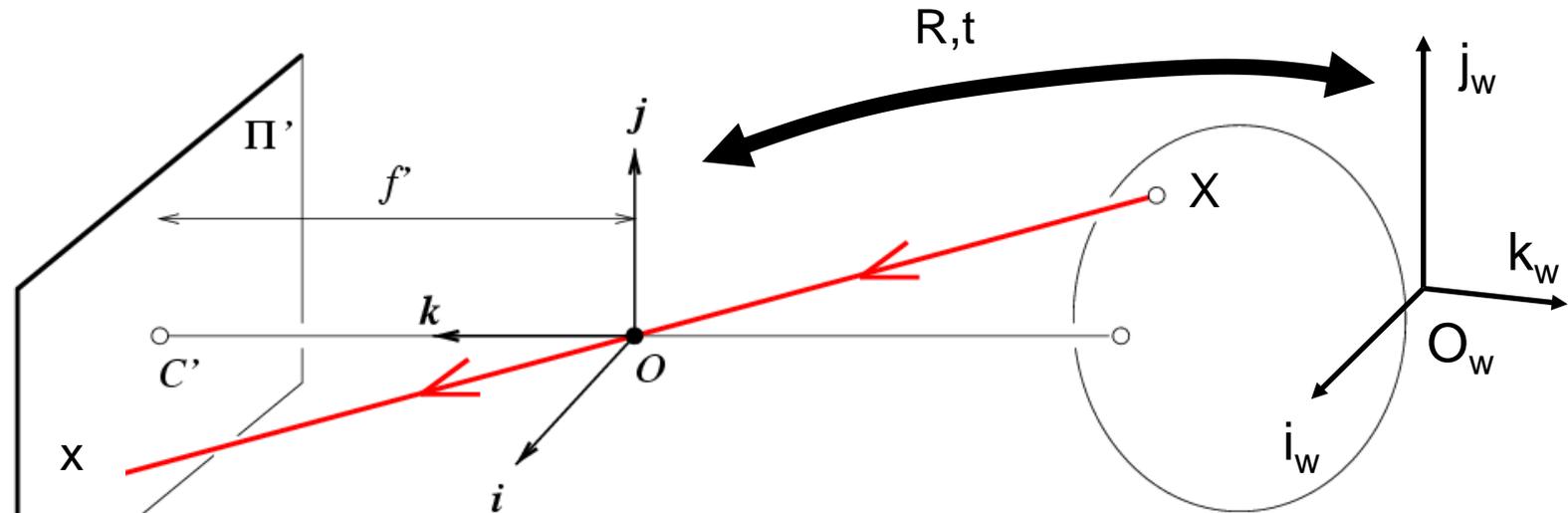
...and so area is lost.

Angle preservation is lost...

...so parallel/perpendicular lines are lost.

*How can we recover scene geometry to measure the world?*

# Camera (projection) matrix



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \underbrace{[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}]}_{\text{Extrinsic Matrix}} \mathbf{X}$$

Extrinsic Matrix

$\mathbf{x}$ : Image Coordinates:  $(u, v, 1)$

$\mathbf{K}$ : Intrinsic Matrix (3x3)

$\mathbf{R}$ : Rotation (3x3)

$\mathbf{t}$ : Translation (3x1)

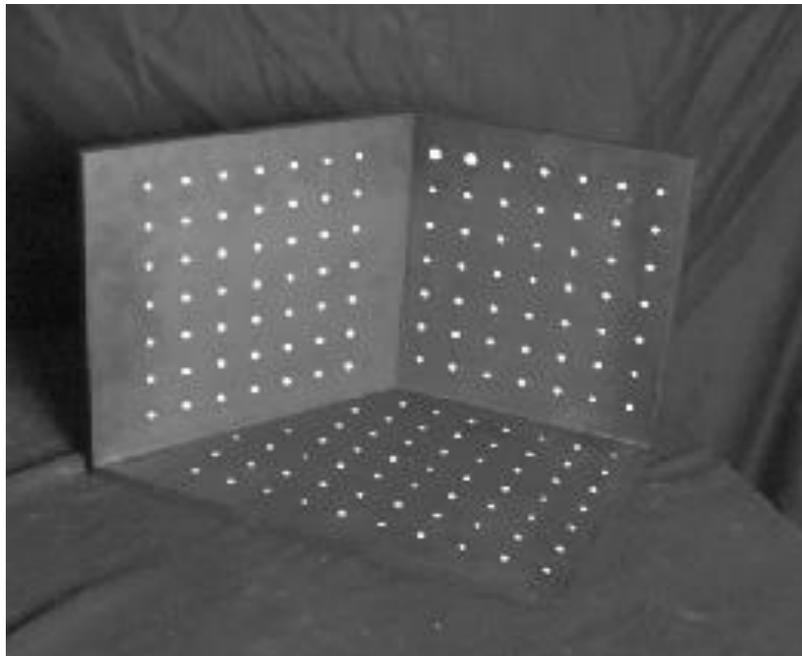
$\mathbf{X}$ : World Coordinates:  $(X, Y, Z, 1)$

$${}^w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & s & u_0 \\ 0 & f_y & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Calibrating the Camera

Use an scene with **known** geometry

- Correspond image points to 3d points
- Get least squares solution (or non-linear solution)



Known 2d  
image coords

Known 3d  
world locations

$$\begin{array}{c} \Downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} su \\ sv \\ s \end{bmatrix} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{M} \\ \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \Downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Unknown Camera Parameters

# Can we factorize $M$ back to $K [R \mid T]$ ?

- Yes!
- We can directly solve for the individual entries of  $K [R \mid T]$ .

$\mathbf{a}_n = \text{nth}$   
column of  $A$

# Extracting camera parameters

$$\frac{M}{\rho} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \alpha \mathbf{r}_1^T - \alpha \cot \theta \mathbf{r}_2^T + u_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \alpha t_x - \alpha \cot \theta t_y + u_0 t_z \\ \hline \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} \mathbf{r}_2^T + v_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} t_y + v_0 t_z \\ \hline \mathbf{r}_3^T & t_z \end{array} \right) = K \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{T} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \cot \theta & u_0 \\ 0 & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$   $\mathbf{b}$

Box 1

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^T \\ \mathbf{a}_2^T \\ \mathbf{a}_3^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Estimated values

## Intrinsic

$$\rho = \frac{\pm 1}{|\mathbf{a}_3|} \quad \begin{array}{l} u_0 = \rho^2 (\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_3) \\ v_0 = \rho^2 (\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{a}_3) \end{array}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(\mathbf{a}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_3) \cdot (\mathbf{a}_2 \times \mathbf{a}_3)}{|\mathbf{a}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_3| \cdot |\mathbf{a}_2 \times \mathbf{a}_3|}$$

# Extracting camera parameters

$$\frac{\mathcal{M}}{\rho} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \alpha \mathbf{r}_1^T - \alpha \cot \theta \mathbf{r}_2^T + u_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \alpha t_x - \alpha \cot \theta t_y + u_0 t_z \\ \hline \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} \mathbf{r}_2^T + v_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} t_y + v_0 t_z \\ \hline \mathbf{r}_3^T & t_z \end{array} \right) = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{T} \end{bmatrix}$$

**A**
**b**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^T \\ \mathbf{a}_2^T \\ \mathbf{a}_3^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Estimated values

## Intrinsic

$$\alpha = \rho^2 |\mathbf{a}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_3| \sin \theta$$

$$\beta = \rho^2 |\mathbf{a}_2 \times \mathbf{a}_3| \sin \theta$$

# Extracting camera parameters

$$\frac{\mathcal{M}}{\rho} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \alpha \mathbf{r}_1^T - \alpha \cot \theta \mathbf{r}_2^T + u_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \alpha t_x - \alpha \cot \theta t_y + u_0 t_z \\ \hline \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} \mathbf{r}_2^T + v_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} t_y + v_0 t_z \\ \mathbf{r}_3^T & t_z \end{array} \right) = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{T} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Estimated values

## Extrinsic

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \frac{(\mathbf{a}_2 \times \mathbf{a}_3)}{|\mathbf{a}_2 \times \mathbf{a}_3|} \quad \mathbf{r}_3 = \frac{\pm \mathbf{a}_3}{|\mathbf{a}_3|}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{r}_3 \times \mathbf{r}_1 \quad \mathbf{T} = \rho \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$$

# Can we factorize $M$ back to $K [R \mid T]$ ?

Yes!

We can also use  $RQ$  factorization (not  $QR$ )

- $R$  in  $RQ$  is not rotation matrix  $R$ ; crossed names!
- $R$  (right diagonal) is  $K$
- $Q$  (orthogonal basis) is  $R$  the rotation matrix.
- $T$ , the last column of  $[R \mid T]$ , is  $\text{inv}(K) * \text{last column of } M$ .
  - But you need to do a bit of post-processing to make sure that the matrices are valid. See <http://ksimek.github.io/2012/08/14/decompose/>

# Recovering the camera center

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

$$w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & s & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is not the camera center C.

It is  $-\mathbf{RC}$ , as the point is rotated before  $t_x$ ,  $t_y$ , and  $t_z$  are added

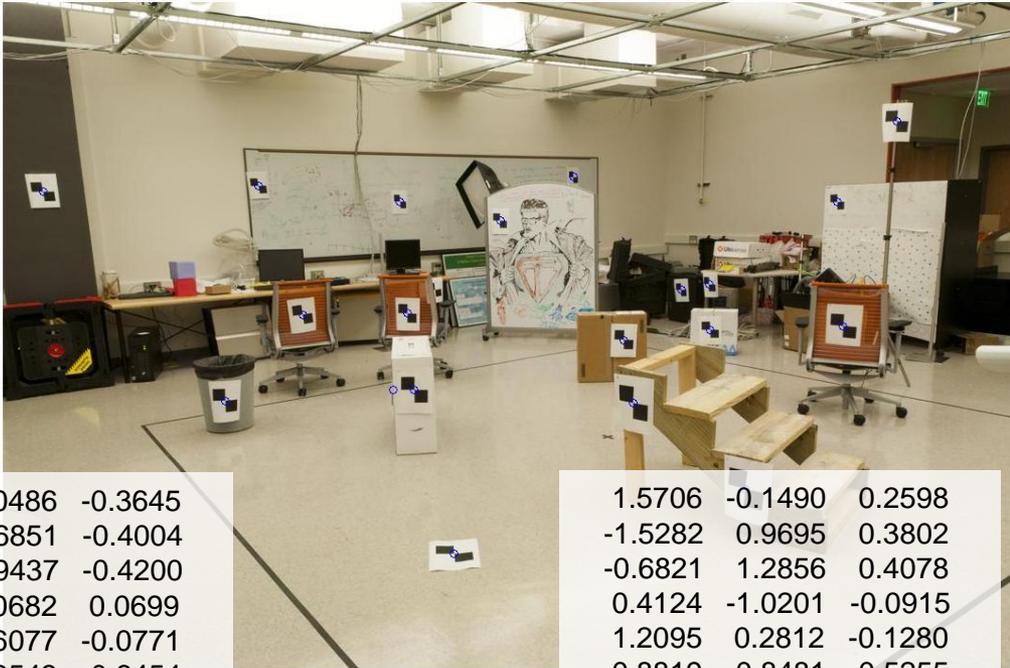
So we need  $-\mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{K}^{-1} m_4$  to get C.

$$\begin{bmatrix} su \\ sv \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{Q}} \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is  $\mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{K}$   
So  $\mathbf{K}^{-1} m_4$  is  $\mathbf{t}$

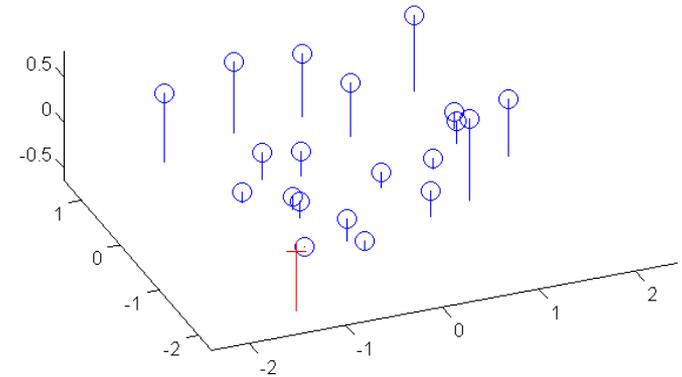
$\mathbf{Q}$  is  $\mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{R}$ .  
So we just need  $-\mathbf{Q}^{-1} m_4$

# Estimate of camera center



|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| 1.0486  | -0.3645 |
| -1.6851 | -0.4004 |
| -0.9437 | -0.4200 |
| 1.0682  | 0.0699  |
| 0.6077  | -0.0771 |
| 1.2543  | -0.6454 |
| -0.2709 | 0.8635  |
| -0.4571 | -0.3645 |
| -0.7902 | 0.0307  |
| 0.7318  | 0.6382  |
| -1.0580 | 0.3312  |
| 0.3464  | 0.3377  |
| 0.3137  | 0.1189  |
| -0.4310 | 0.0242  |
| -0.4799 | 0.2920  |
| 0.6109  | 0.0830  |
| -0.4081 | 0.2920  |
| -0.1109 | -0.2992 |
| 0.5129  | -0.0575 |
| 0.1406  | -0.4527 |

|         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|
| 1.5706  | -0.1490 | 0.2598  |
| -1.5282 | 0.9695  | 0.3802  |
| -0.6821 | 1.2856  | 0.4078  |
| 0.4124  | -1.0201 | -0.0915 |
| 1.2095  | 0.2812  | -0.1280 |
| 0.8819  | -0.8481 | 0.5255  |
| -0.9442 | -1.1583 | -0.3759 |
| 0.0415  | 1.3445  | 0.3240  |
| -0.7975 | 0.3017  | -0.0826 |
| -0.4329 | -1.4151 | -0.2774 |
| -1.1475 | -0.0772 | -0.2667 |
| -0.5149 | -1.1784 | -0.1401 |
| 0.1993  | -0.2854 | -0.2114 |
| -0.4320 | 0.2143  | -0.1053 |
| -0.7481 | -0.3840 | -0.2408 |
| 0.8078  | -0.1196 | -0.2631 |
| -0.7605 | -0.5792 | -0.1936 |
| 0.3237  | 0.7970  | 0.2170  |
| 1.3089  | 0.5786  | -0.1887 |
| 1.2323  | 1.4421  | 0.4506  |



Great! So now I have  $K$  and  $R_t$

Well, what is that useful for?

Goal: reconstruct depth.

So far: we have 'calibrated' one camera.

Or, potentially two...



# Think-Pair-Share

What visual or physiological cues help us to perceive 3D shape and depth?

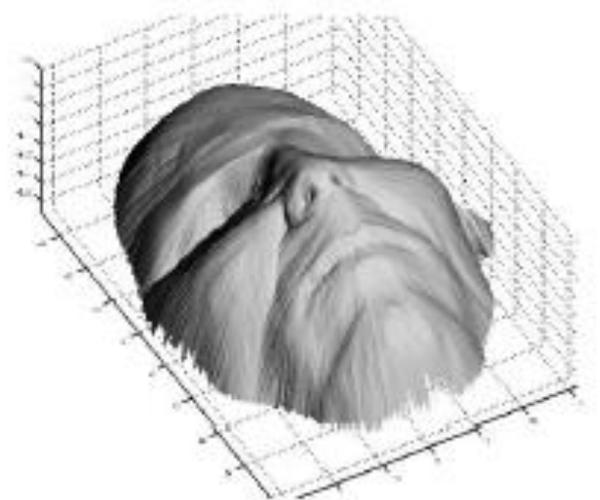
# Shading



a)

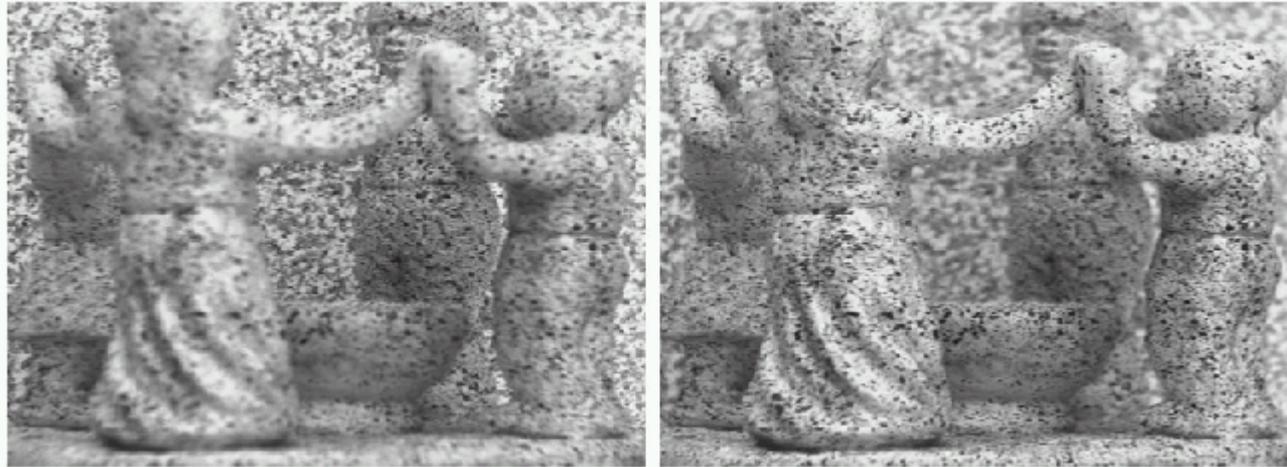


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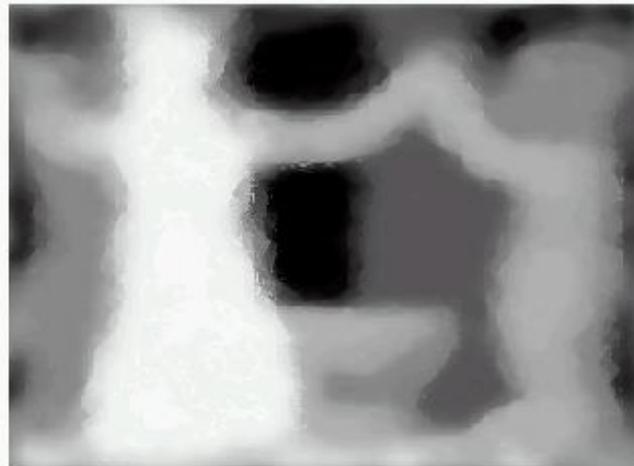
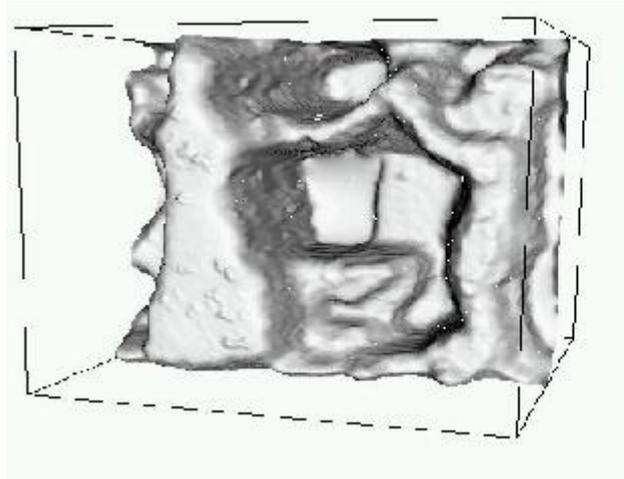


c)

# Focus/defocus

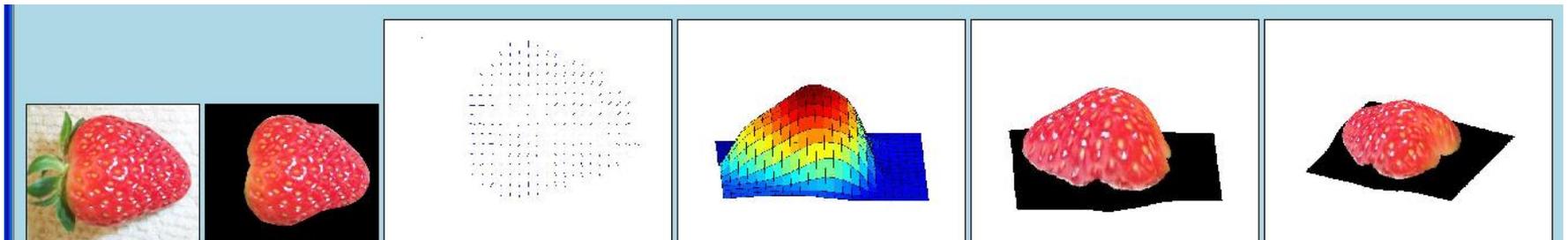
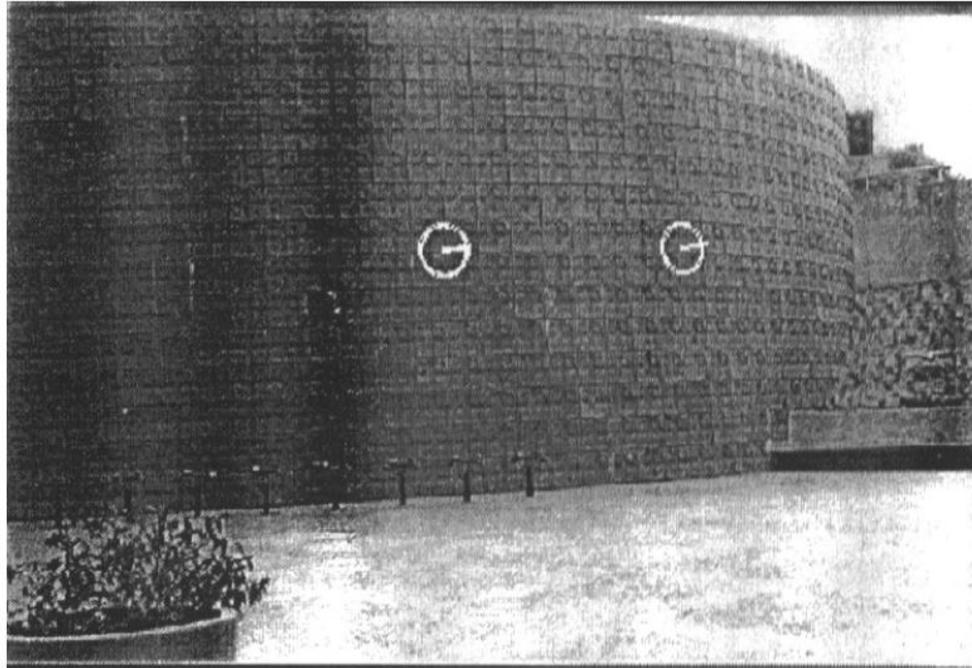


Images from same point of view, different camera parameters



3d shape / depth estimates

# Texture

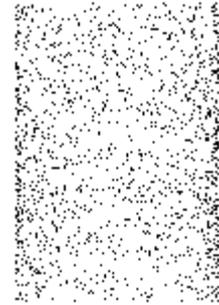


[From [A.M. Loh. The recovery of 3-D structure using visual texture patterns.](#) PhD thesis]

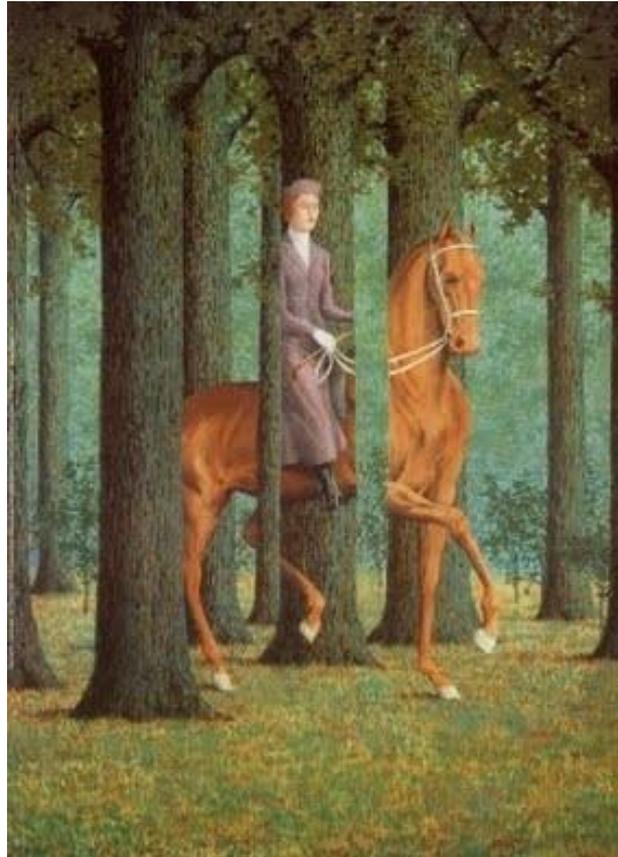
# Perspective effects



# Motion

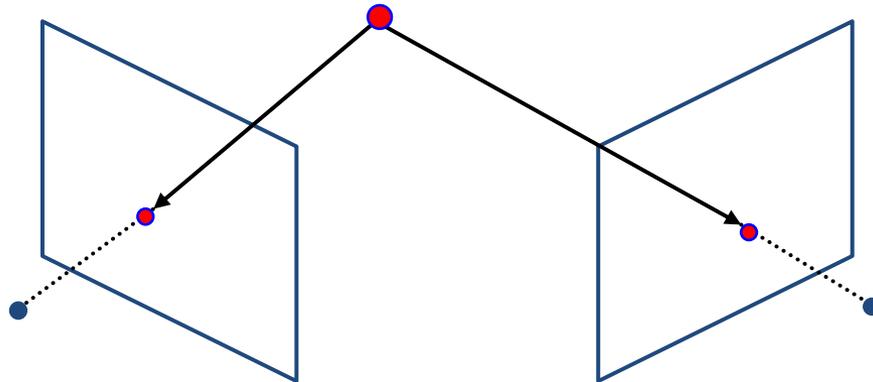


# Occlusion



Rene Magritte's famous painting *Le Blanc-Seing* (literal translation: "The Blank Signature") roughly translates as "free hand" or "free rein"

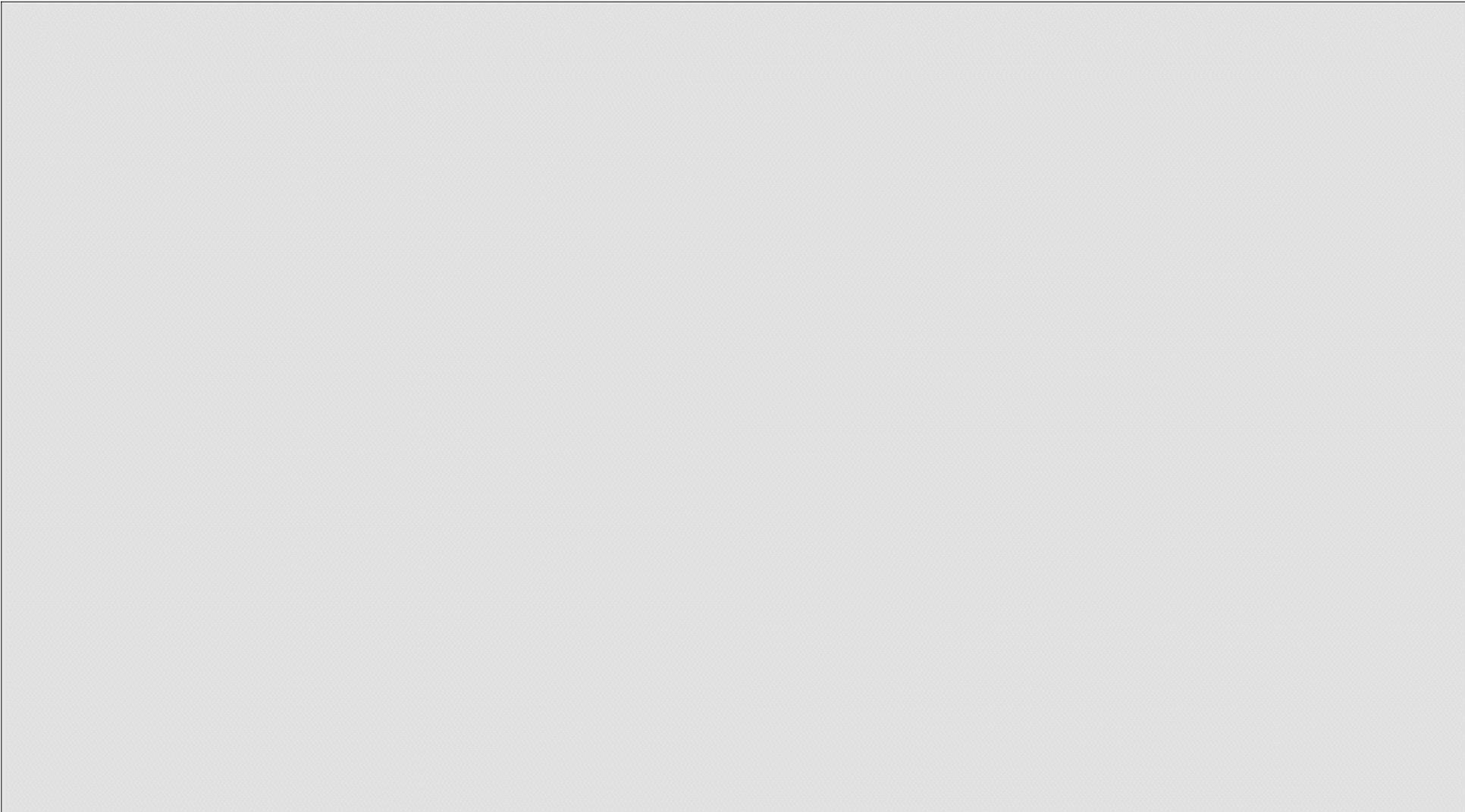
# Stereo





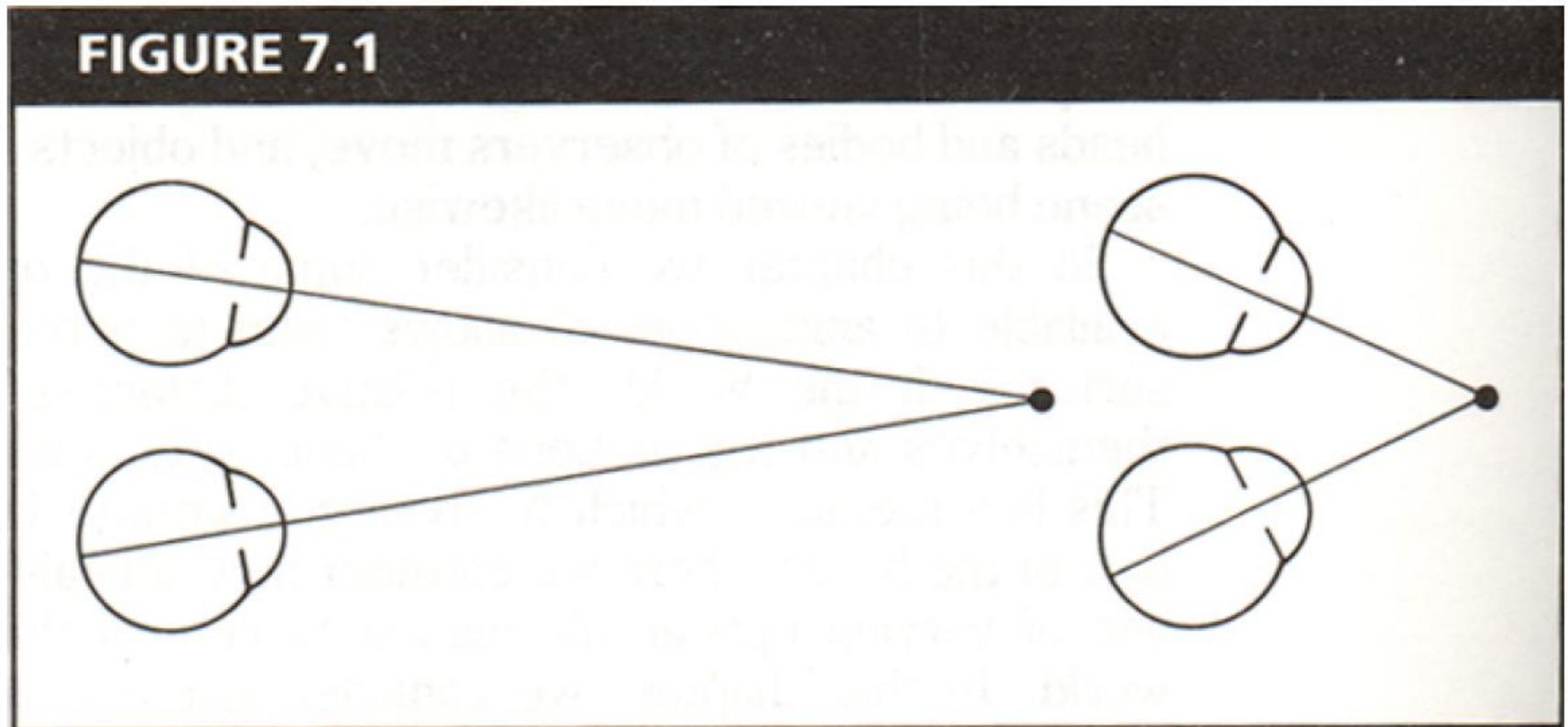
If stereo were critical for depth perception, navigation, recognition, etc., then rabbits would never have evolved.





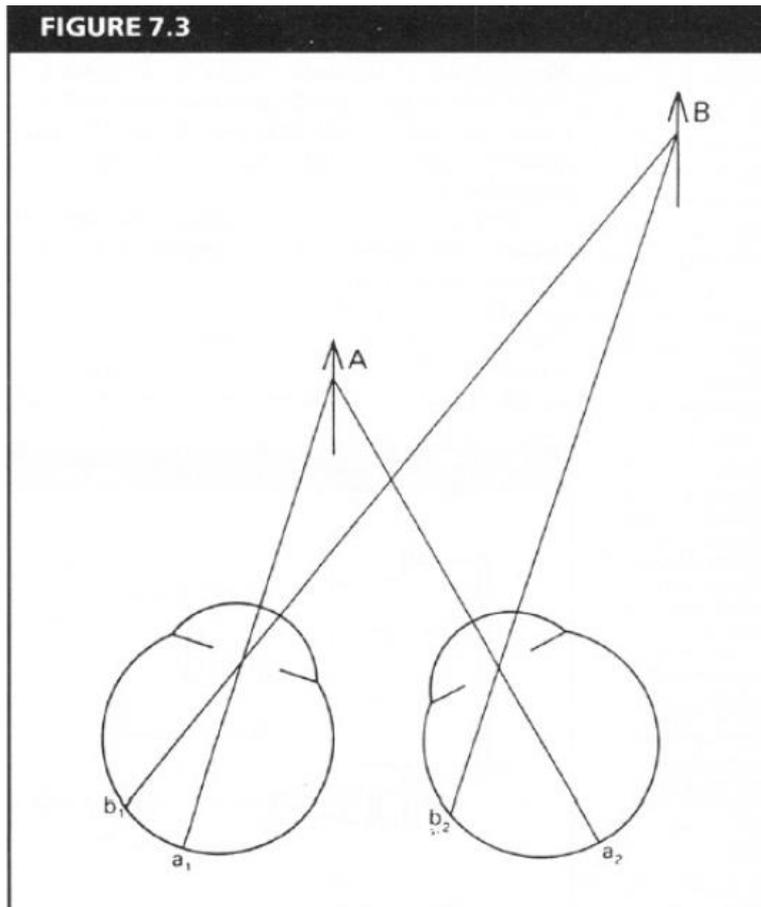
# Human stereopsis

Human eyes **fixate** on point in space – rotate so that corresponding images form in centers of fovea.



From Bruce and Green, *Visual Perception, Physiology, Psychology and Ecology*

# Human stereopsis: disparity

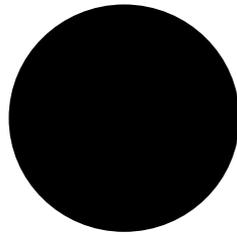


**Disparity** occurs when eyes fixate on one object; others appear at different visual angles.

Disparity is distance from b1 to b2 along retina.

From Bruce and Green, Visual Perception, Physiology, Psychology and Ecology

Yes, you can be stereoblind.



# Random dot stereograms

- Julesz 1960:

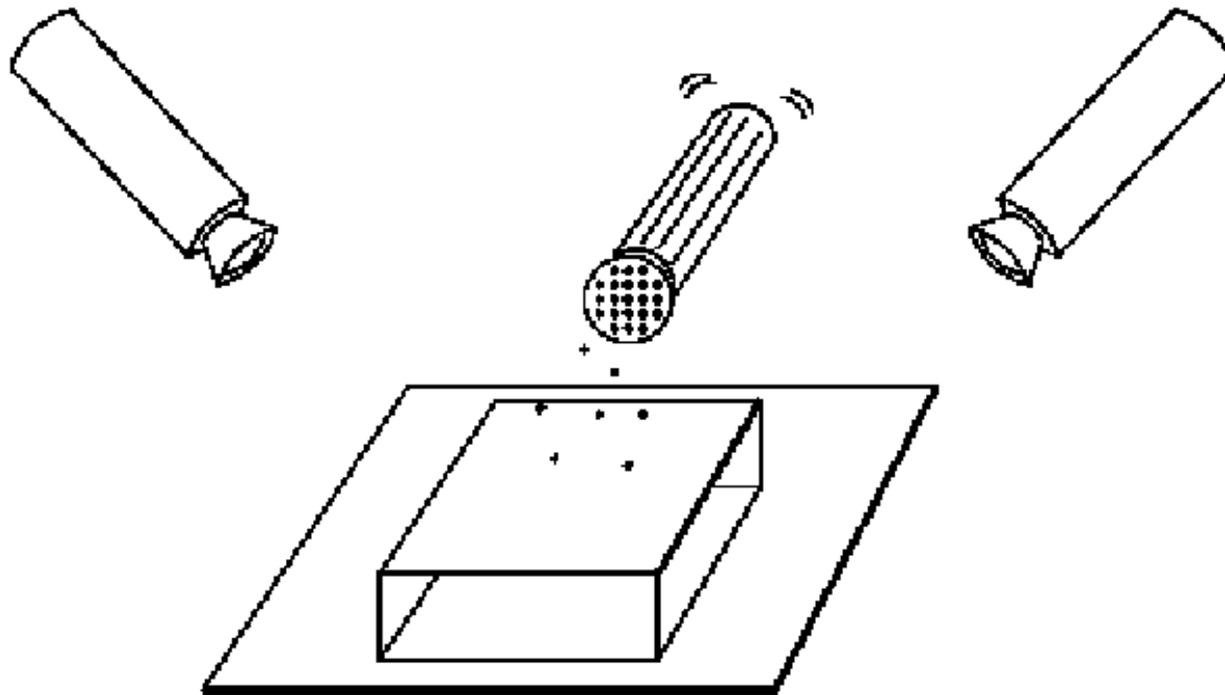
Do we identify local brightness patterns before fusion (monocular process) or after (binocular)?

- Think Pair Share – yes / no? how to test?

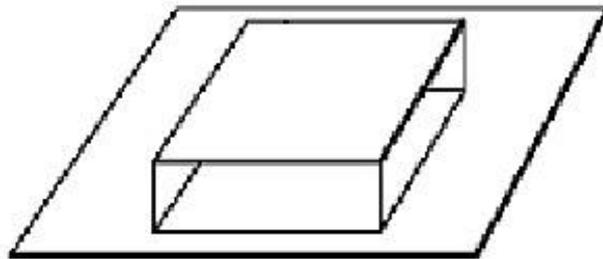
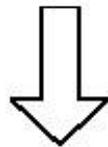
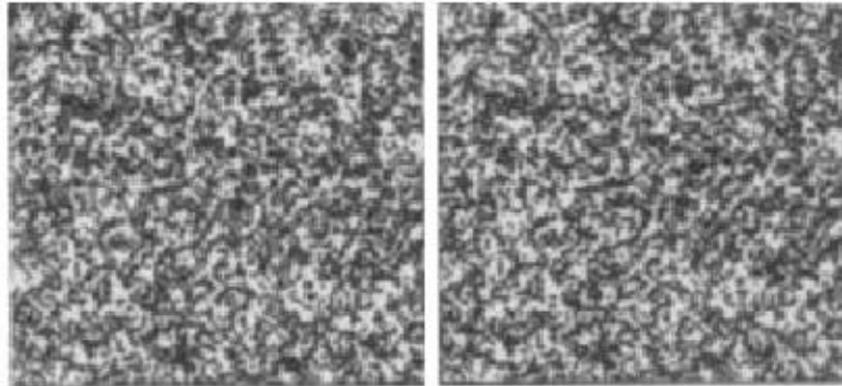
# Random dot stereograms

- Julesz 1960:
  - Do we identify local brightness patterns before fusion (monocular process) or after (binocular)?
- To test: pair of synthetic images obtained by randomly spraying black dots on white objects

# Random dot stereograms



# Random dot stereograms



1. Create an image of suitable size. Fill it with random dots. Duplicate the image.



2. Select a region in one image.



3. Shift this region horizontally by a small amount. The stereogram is complete.





# Random dot stereograms

- When viewed monocularly, they appear random; when viewed stereoscopically, see 3d structure.
- Human binocular fusion not directly associated with the physical retinas; must involve the central nervous system (V2, for instance).
- Imaginary “*cyclopean retina*” that combines the left and right image stimuli as a single unit.
- High level scene understanding not required for stereo...but, high level scene understanding is arguably *better* than stereo.

# Autostereograms – ‘Magic Eye’



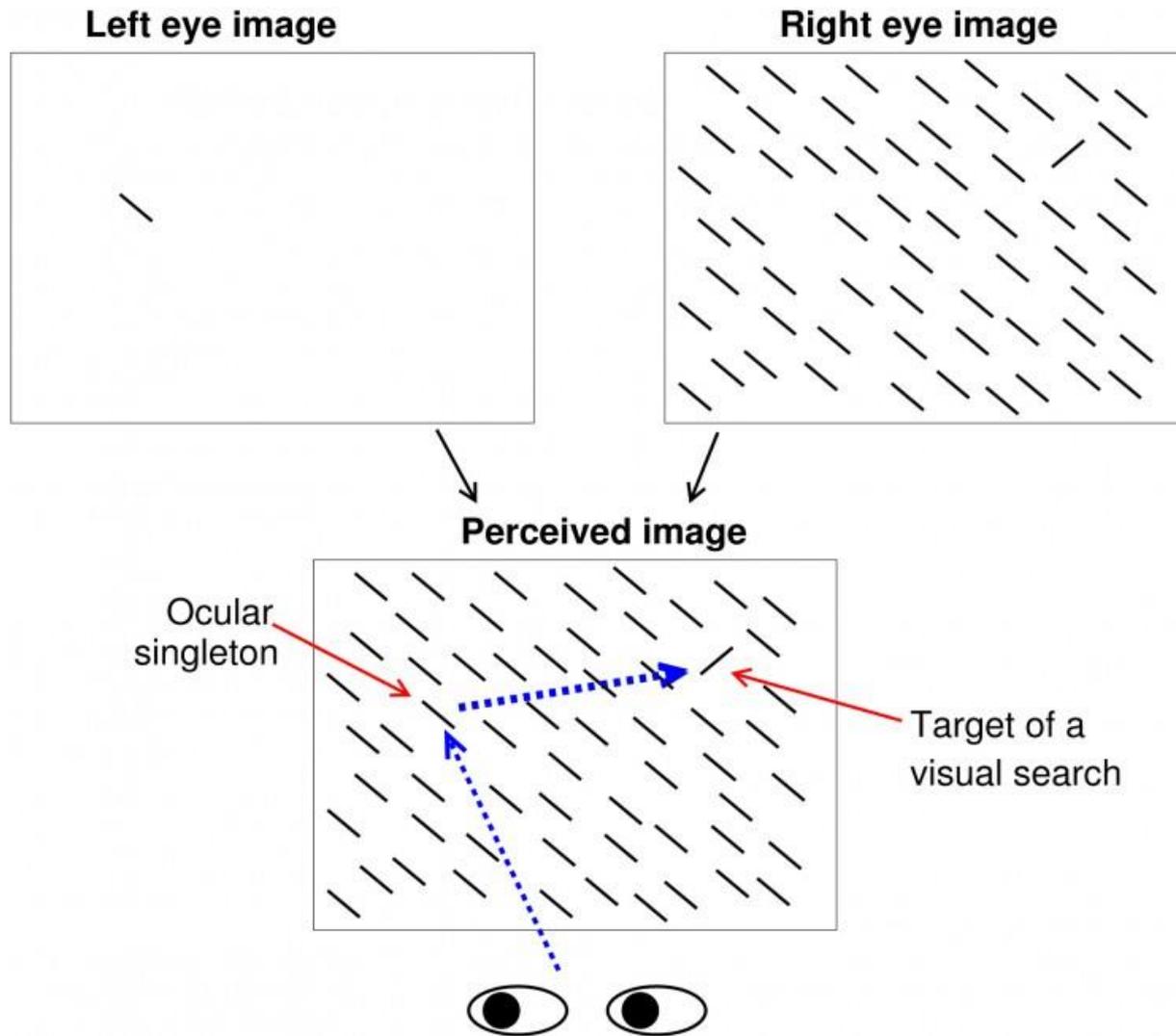
Exploit disparity as depth cue using single image.

(Single image random dot stereogram, Single image stereogram)

# Autostereograms

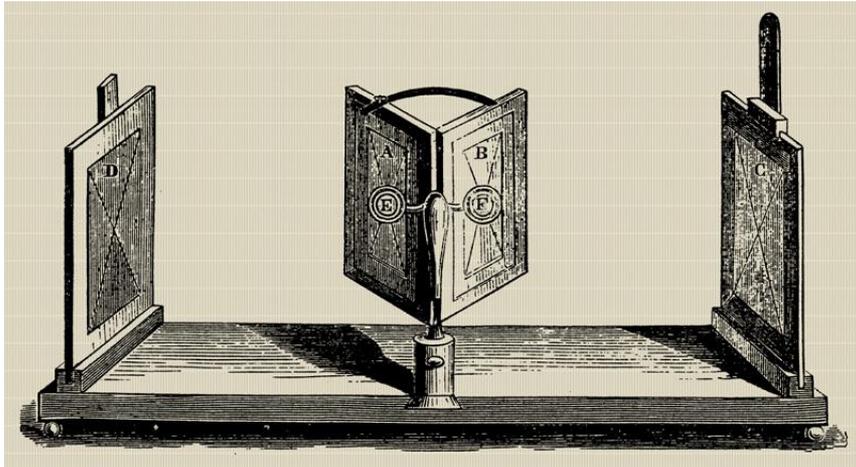


# Stereo attention is weird wrt. mind's eye



# Stereo photography and stereo viewers

Take two pictures of the same subject from two slightly different viewpoints and display so that each eye sees only one of the images.



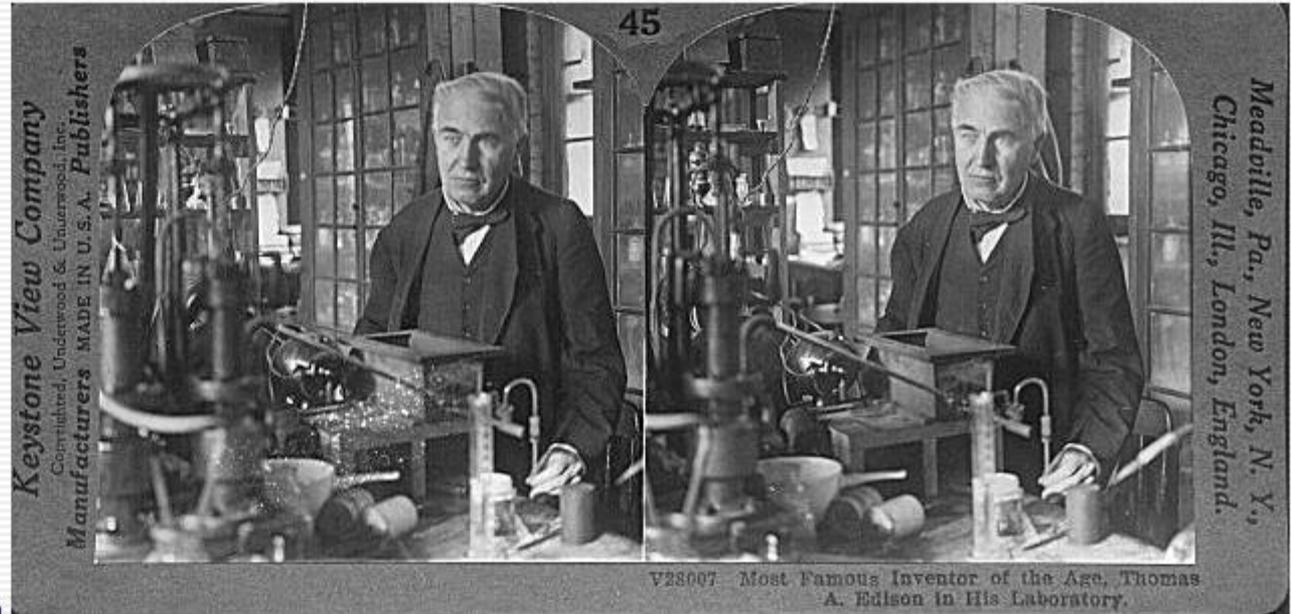
Invented by Sir Charles Wheatstone, 1838



Image from fisher-price.com

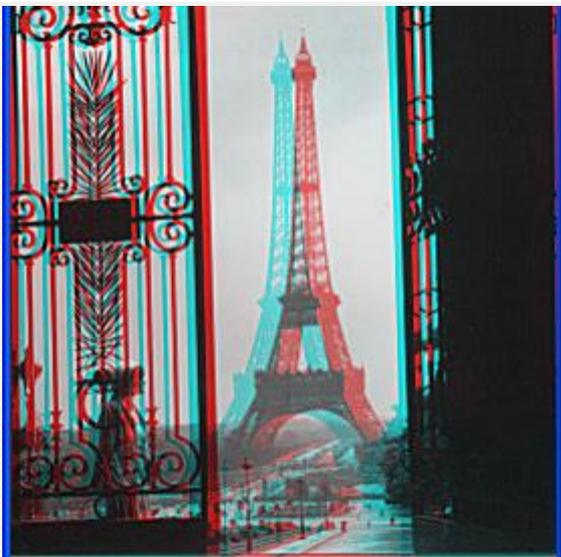


# Anaglyph stereo



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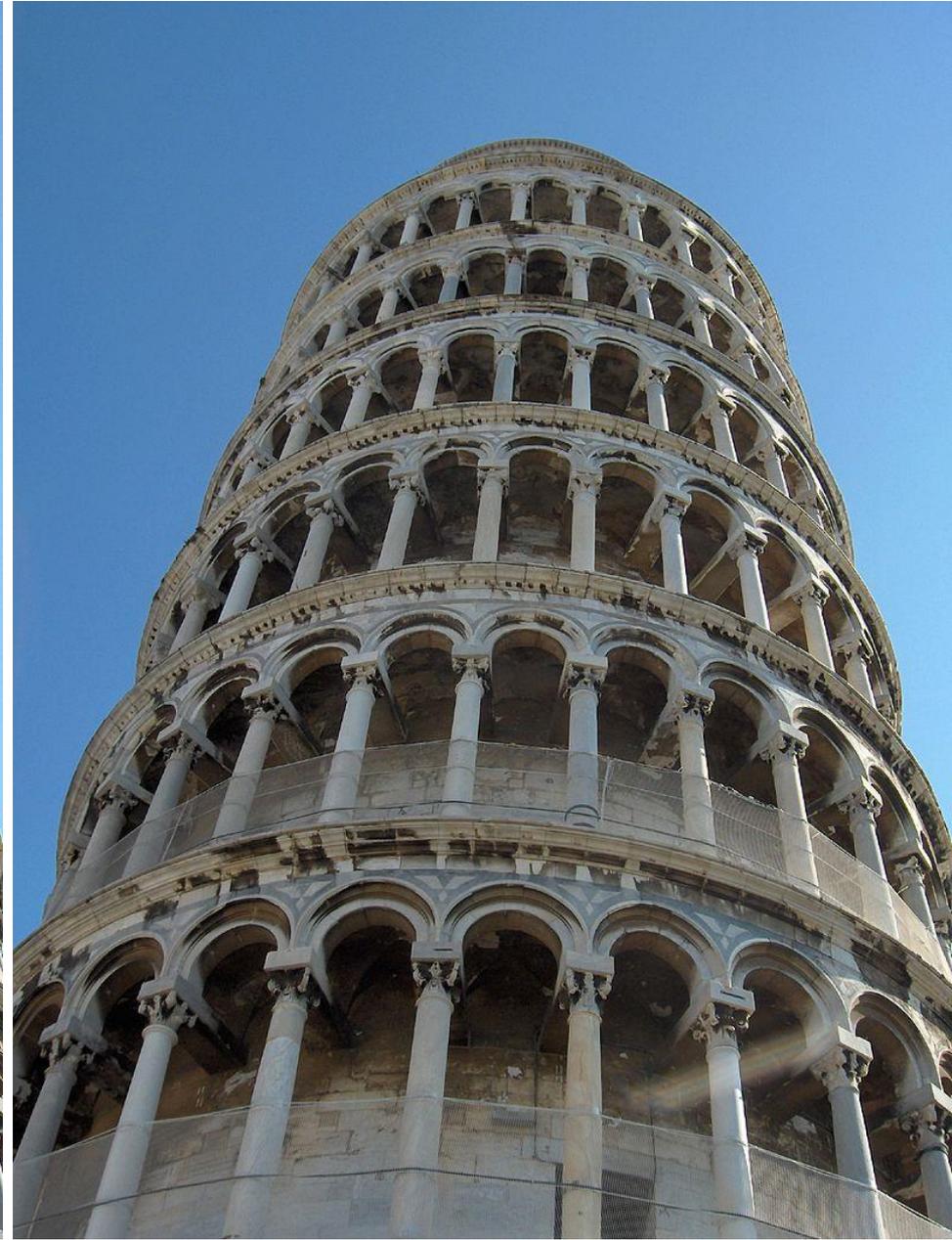
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# Wiggle images



[http://www.well.com/~jimmg/stereo/stereo\\_list.html](http://www.well.com/~jimmg/stereo/stereo_list.html)









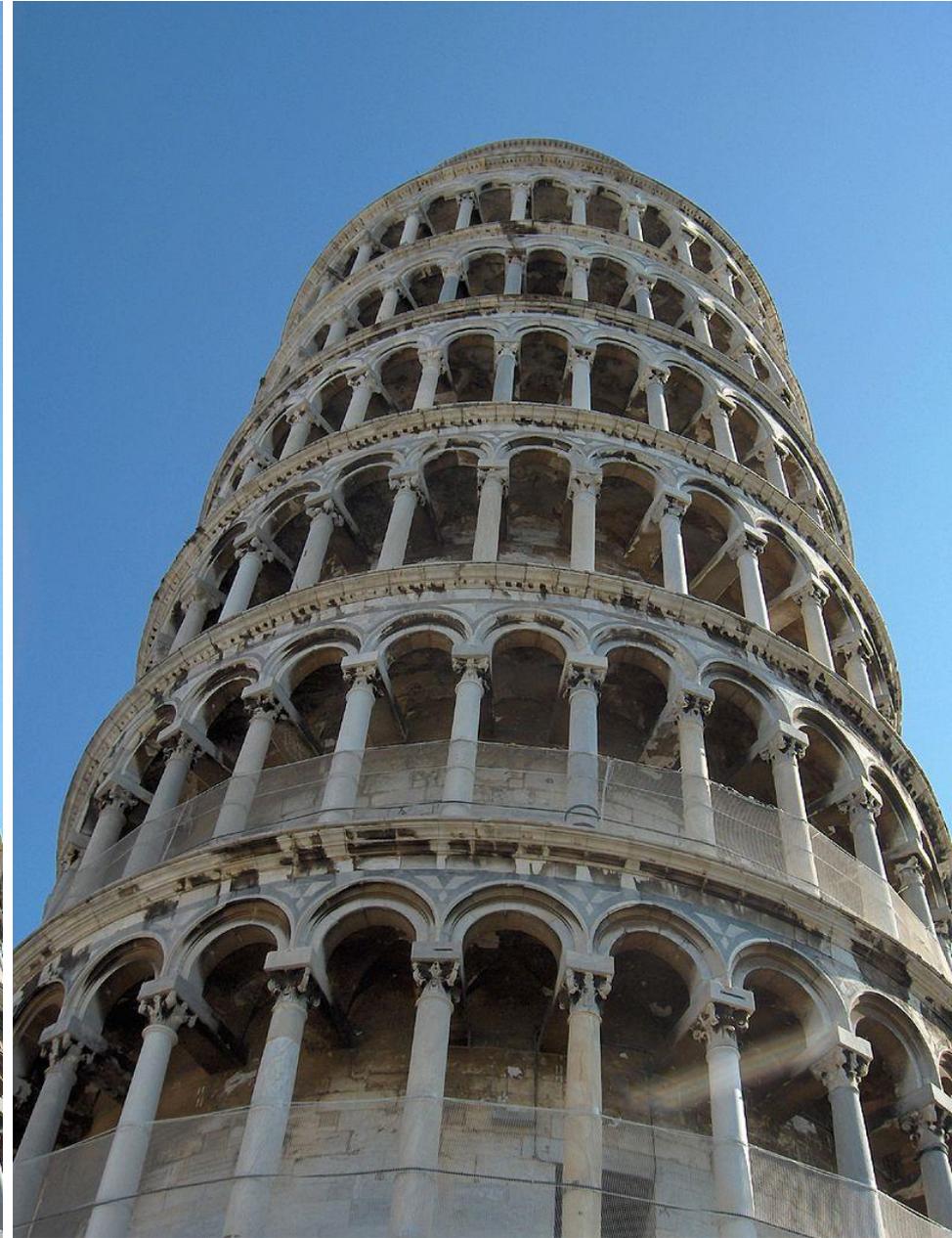


Photo: Georges Janson. Illusion: Frederick Kingdom, Ali Yoonessi and Elena



# Stereo vision



Two cameras, simultaneous views



Single moving camera and static scene

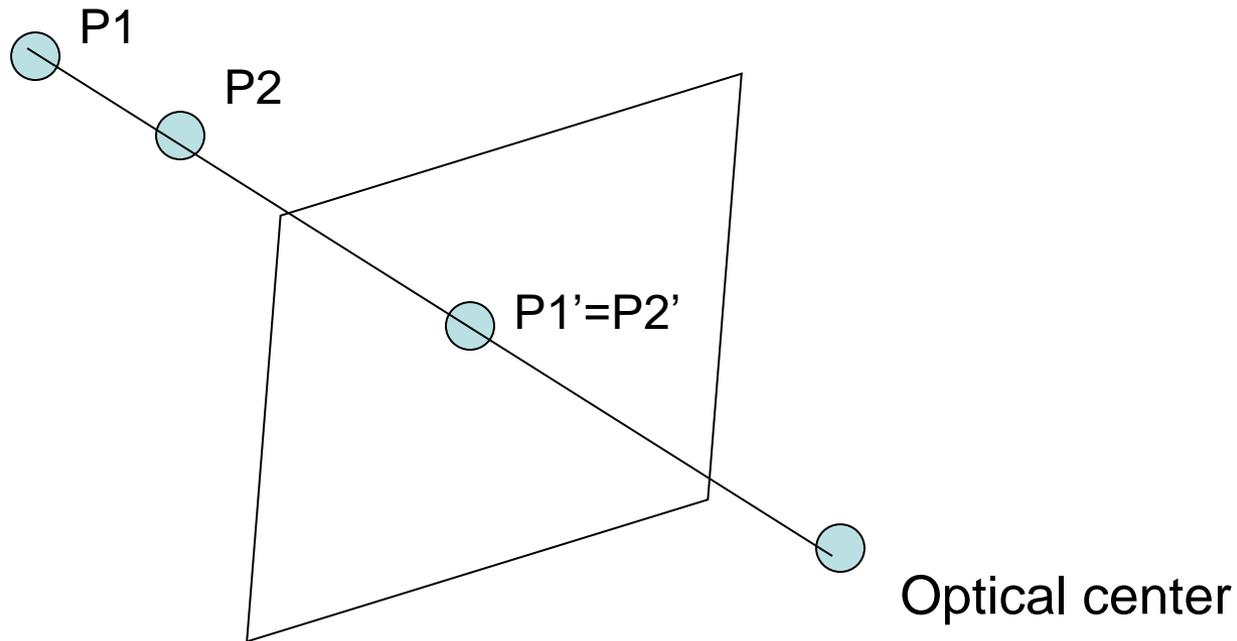
# Why multiple views?

Structure and depth can be ambiguous from single views...

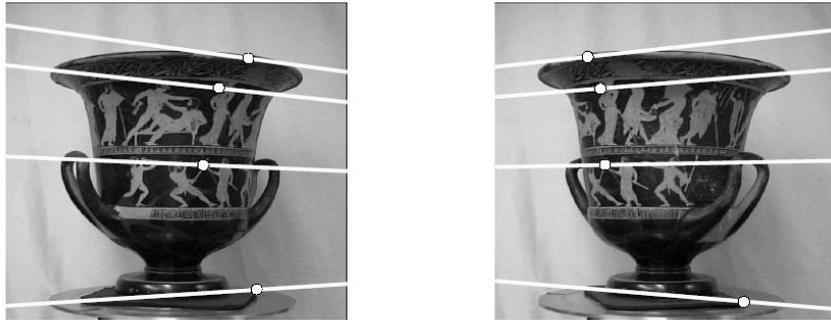
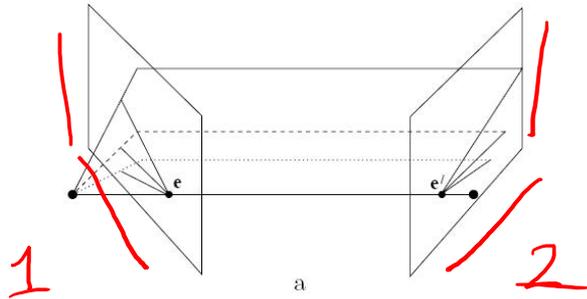


# Why multiple views?

Points at different depths along a line project to a single point



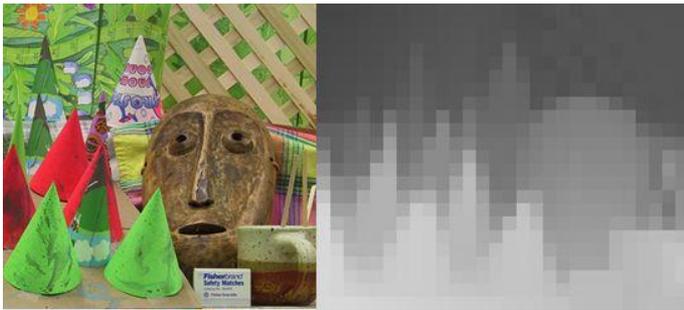
# Multiple views



Hartley and Zisserman

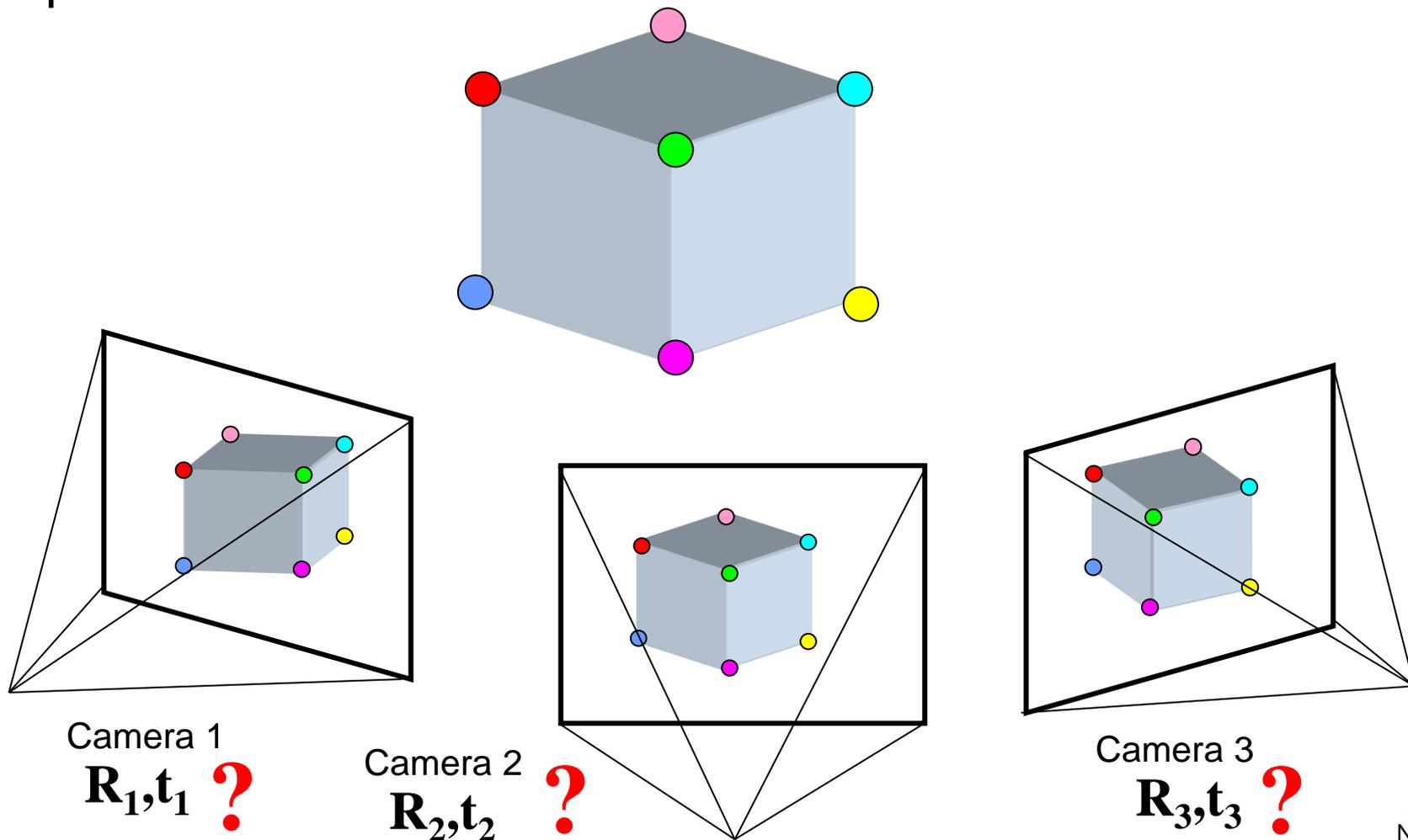
SLAM  
Simultaneous  
location localization  
and  
Mapping

- Stereo vision
- Structure from motion
- Optical flow



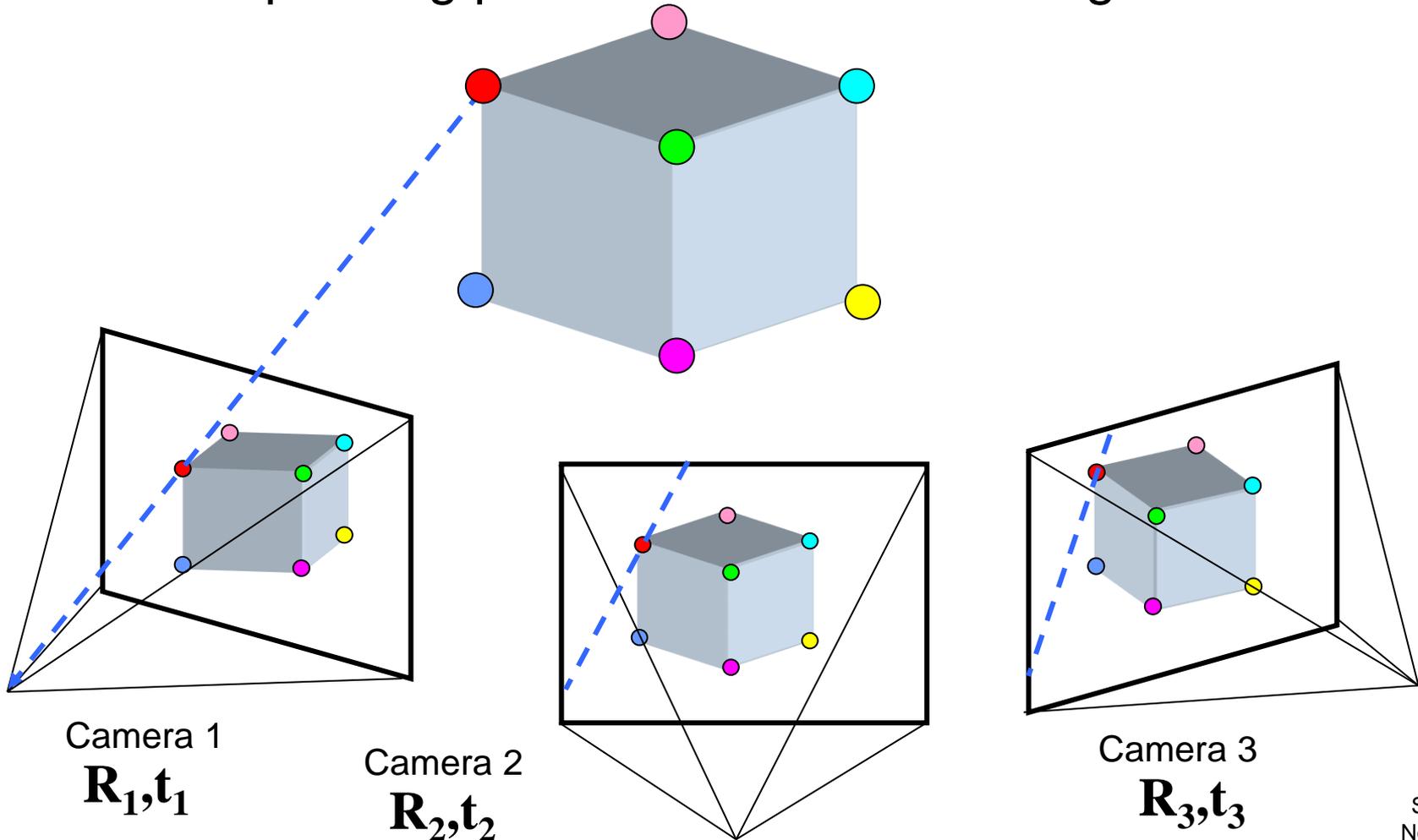
# Multi-view geometry problems

- **Camera 'Motion'**: Given a set of corresponding 2D/3D points in two or more images, compute the camera parameters.



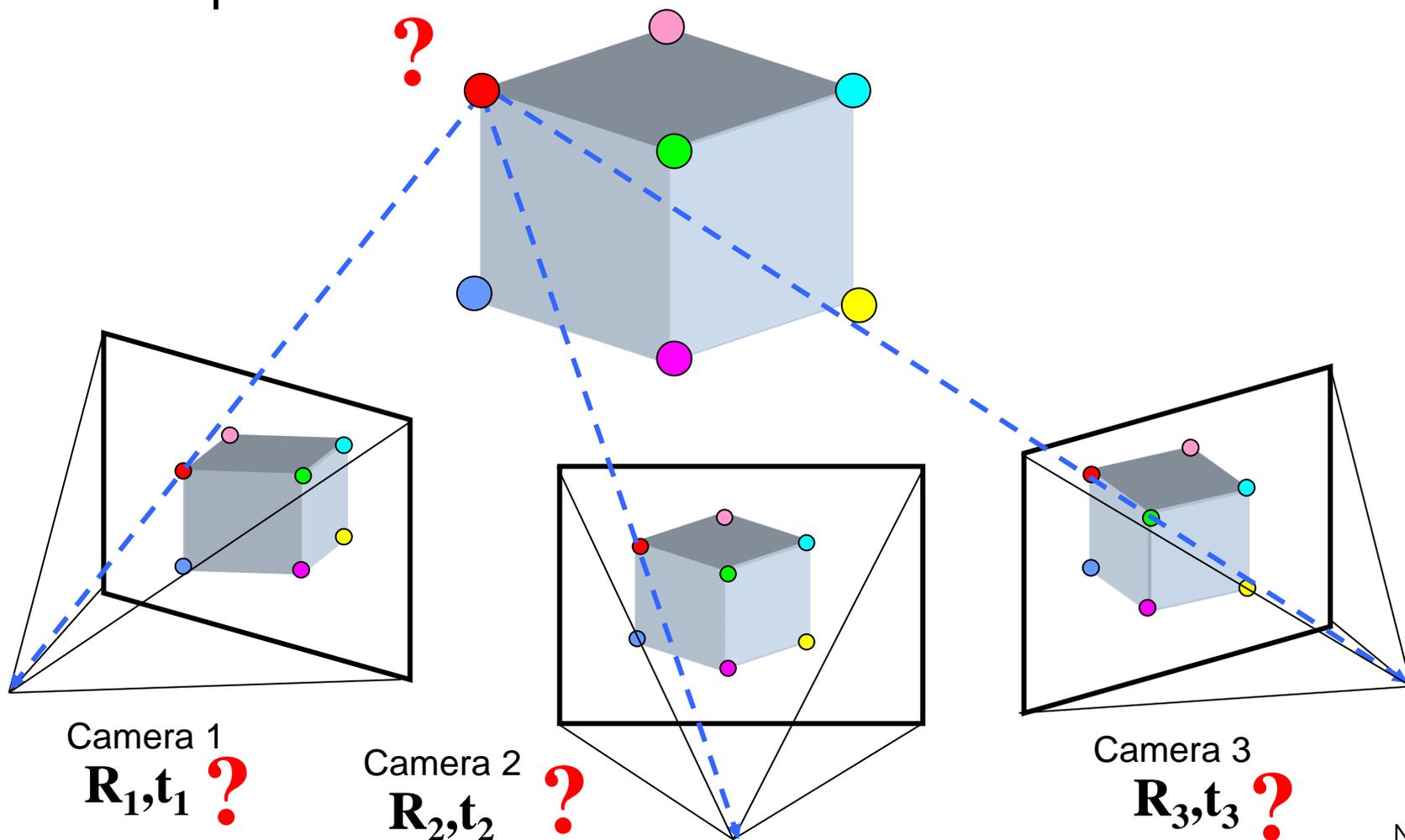
# Multi-view geometry problems

- **Stereo correspondence:** Given known camera parameters and a point in one of the images, where could its corresponding points be in the other images?



# Multi-view geometry problems

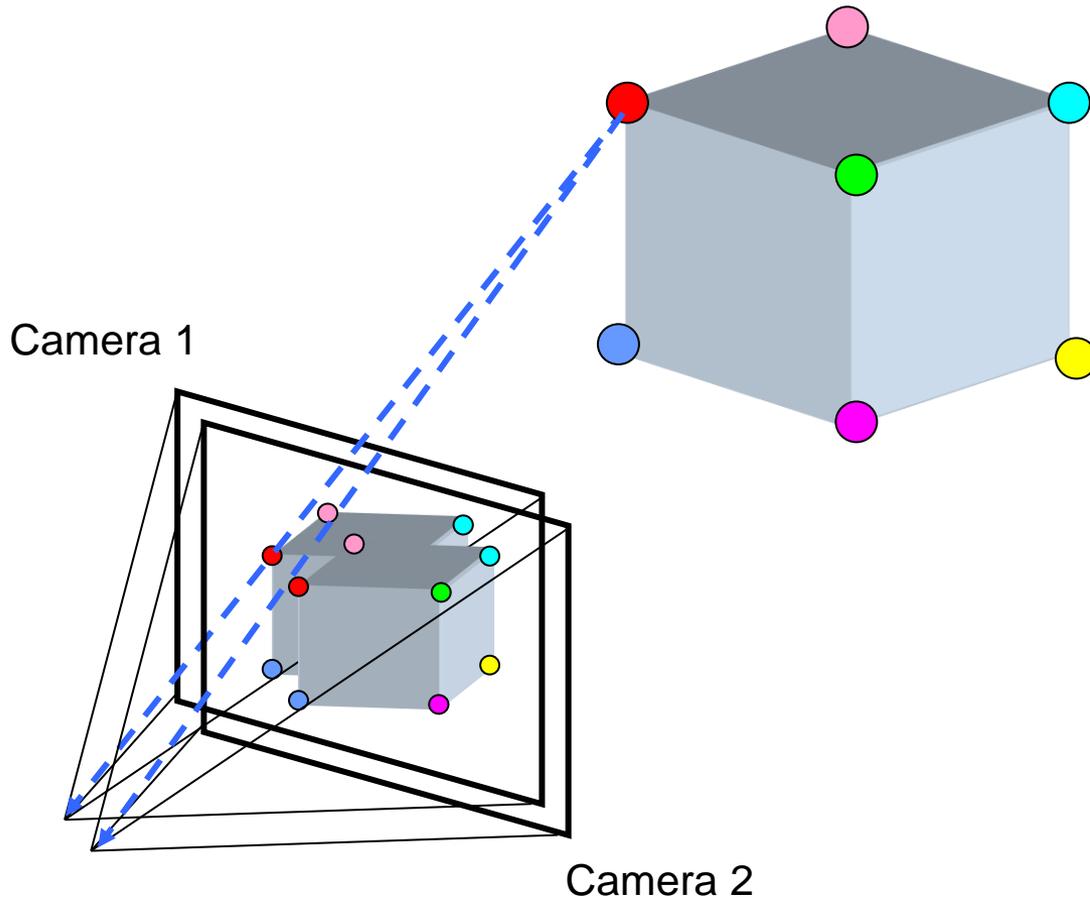
- **Structure from Motion:** Given projections of the same 3D point in two or more images, compute the 3D coordinates of that point



# Multi-view geometry problems

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- **Optical flow:** Given two images, find the location of a world point in a second close-by image with no camera info.



# Multiple views - Dogception

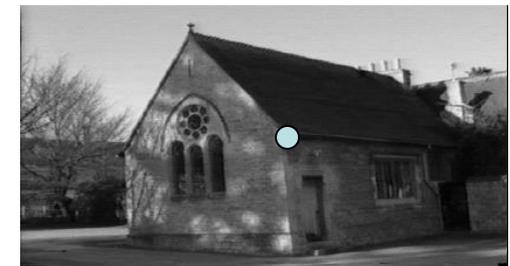
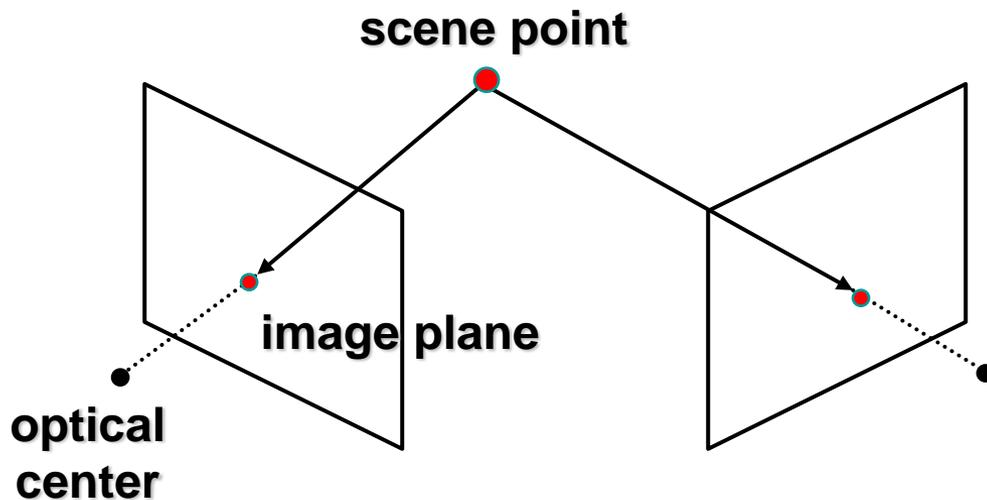
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# Estimating depth with stereo

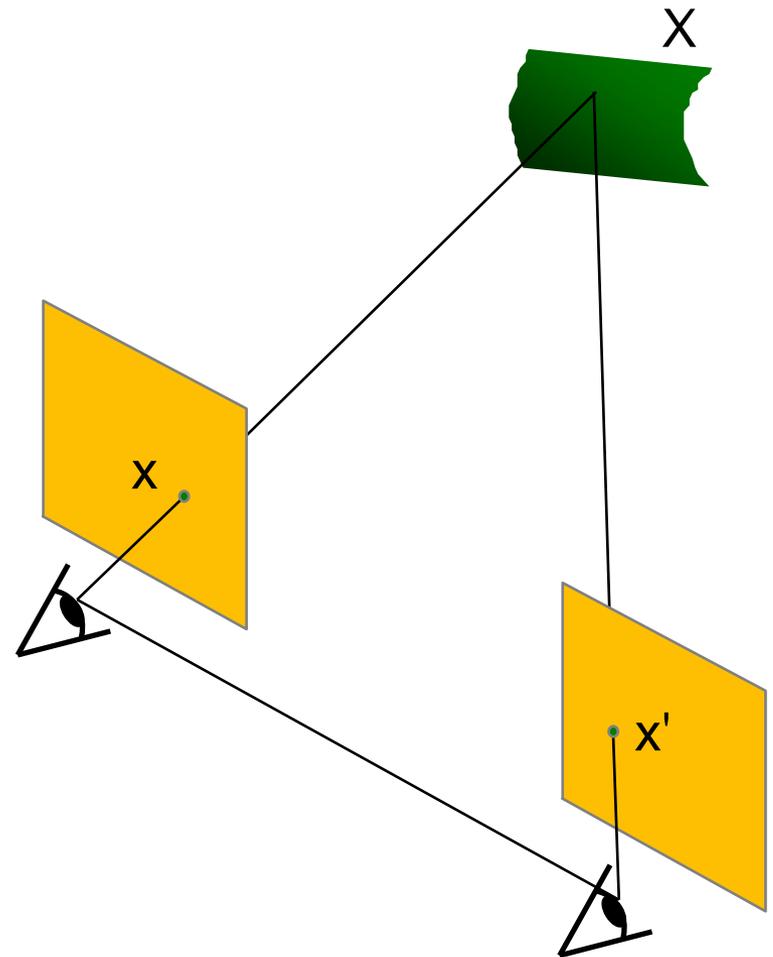
- **Stereo:** shape from “motion” between two views
- We’ll need to consider:
  - Info on camera pose (“calibration”)
  - Image point correspondences

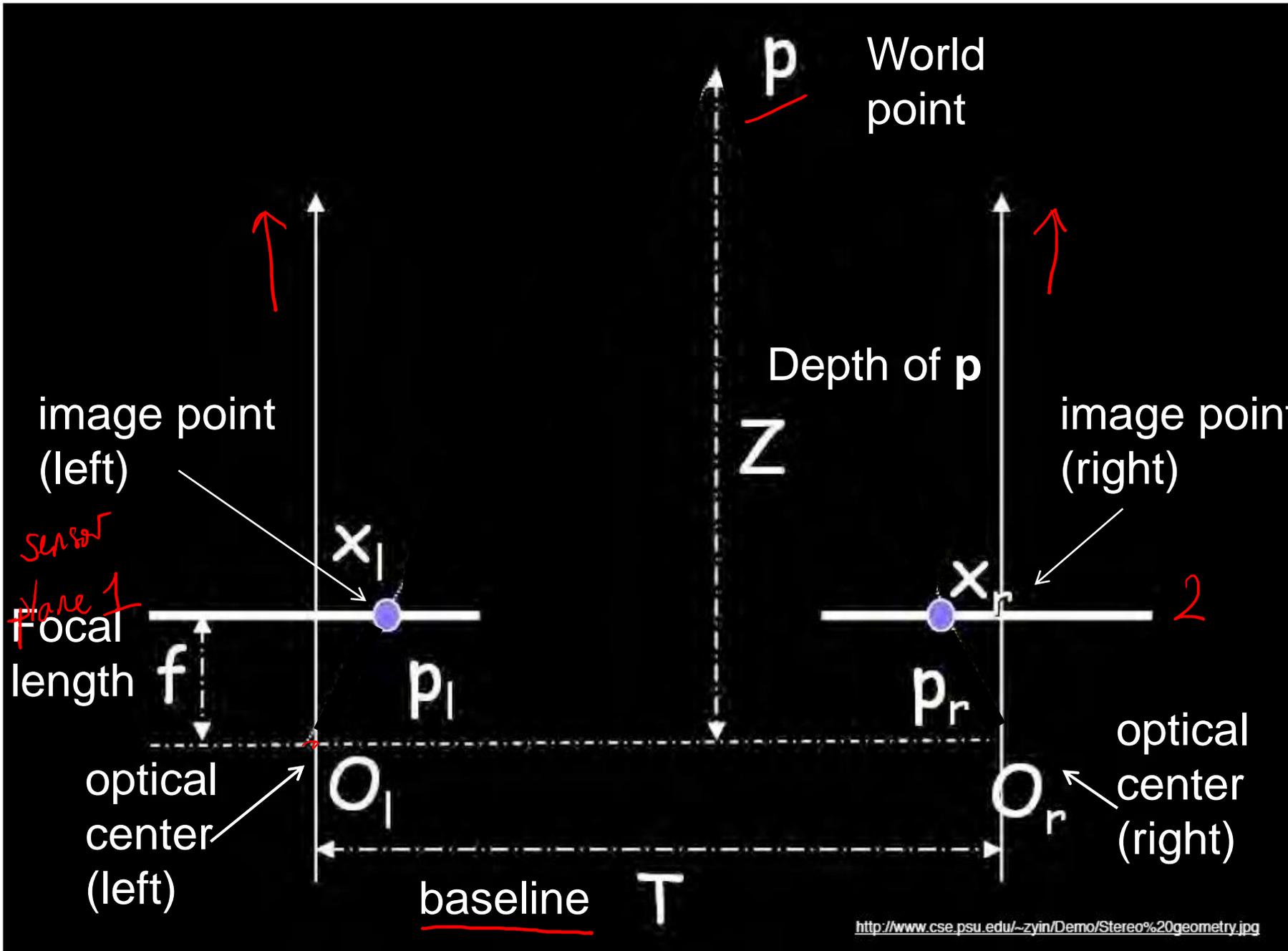
*→ intrinsic K*  
*→ relative extrinsics*



# Geometry for a simple stereo system

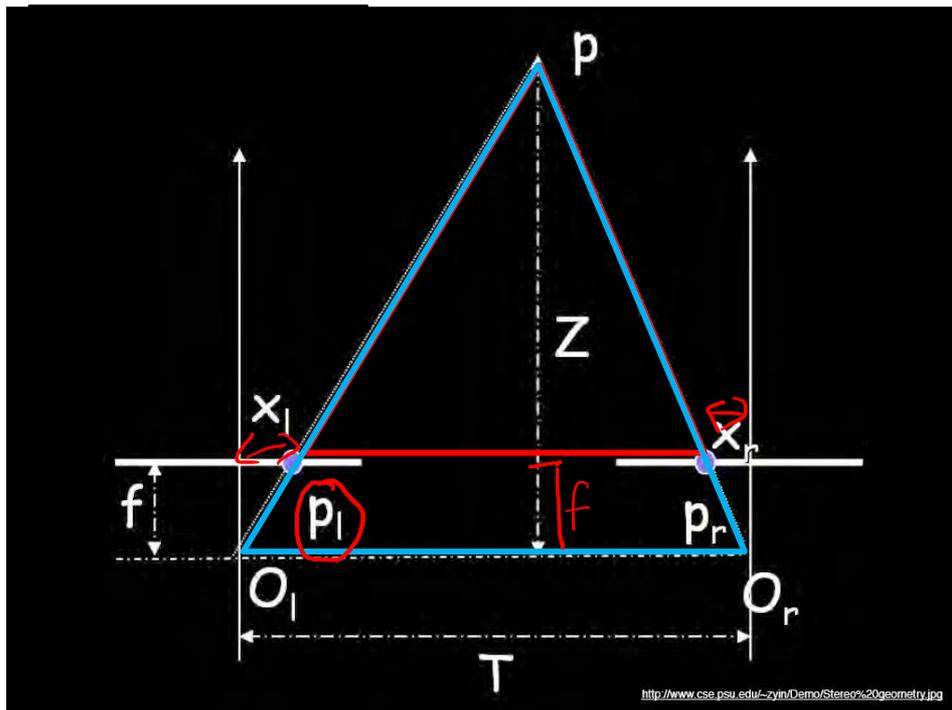
- Assume:
  - parallel optical axes,
  - known camera parameters (i.e., calibrated cameras):
- Goal: recover depth of  $X$  by finding image coordinate  $x'$  that corresponds to  $x$





# Geometry for a simple stereo system

- Assume parallel optical axes, known camera parameters (i.e., calibrated cameras). **What is expression for Z?**



Similar triangles  $(p_l, P, p_r)$  and  $(O_l, P, O_r)$ :

$$\frac{T + x_l - x_r}{Z - f} = \frac{T}{Z}$$

$$\underline{Z} = f \frac{T}{\underline{x_r - x_l}}$$

disparity

# Depth from disparity

image  $I(x,y)$



Disparity map  $D(x,y)$

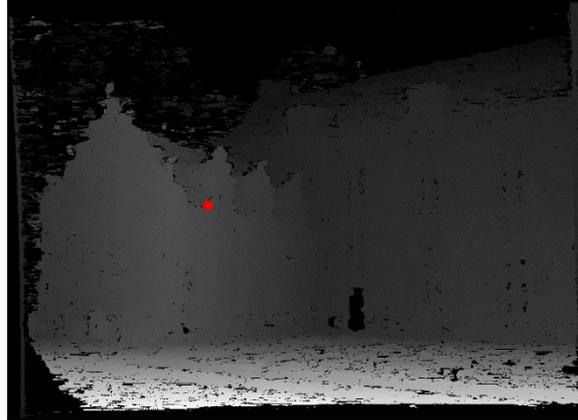


image  $I'(x',y')$

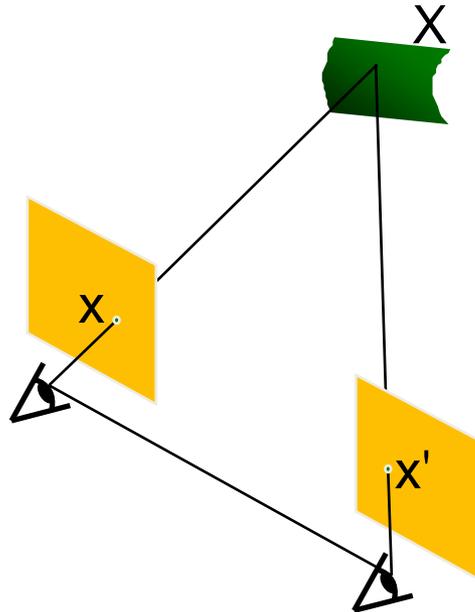


$$(x', y') = (x + \underline{D(x,y)}, y)$$

If we could find the **corresponding points** in two images, we could **estimate relative depth**...

# Depth from disparity

- 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  $x'$ ?



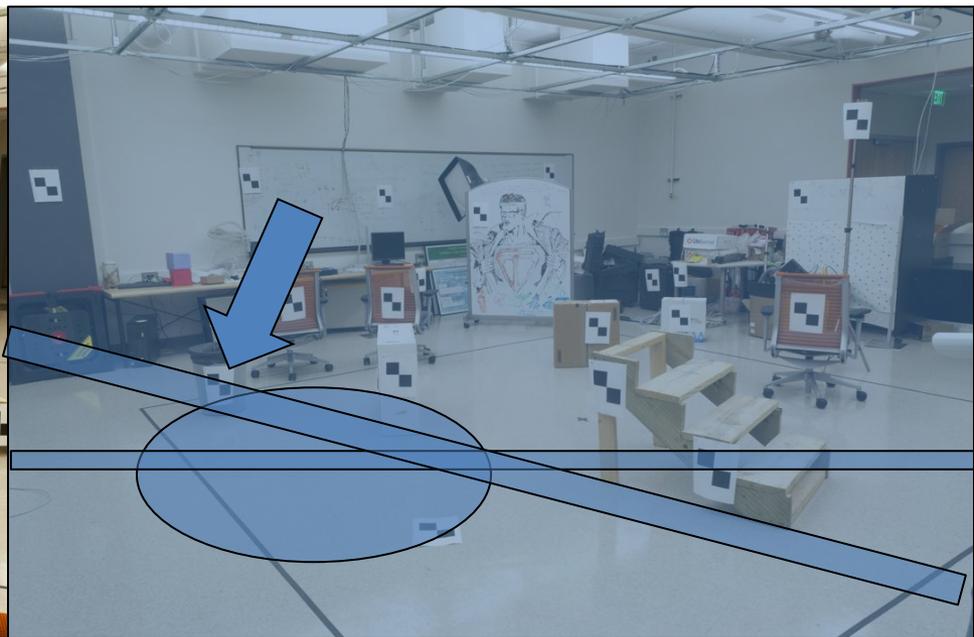
# What do we need to know?

1. Calibration for the two cameras.
  1. Intrinsic matrices for both cameras (e.g.,  $f$ )
  2. Baseline distance  $T$  in parallel camera case
  3.  $R, t$  in non-parallel case
  
2. Correspondence for every pixel.

Like project 2, but project 2 is “sparse”.

We need “dense” correspondence!

Correspondence for every pixel.  
Where do we need to search?

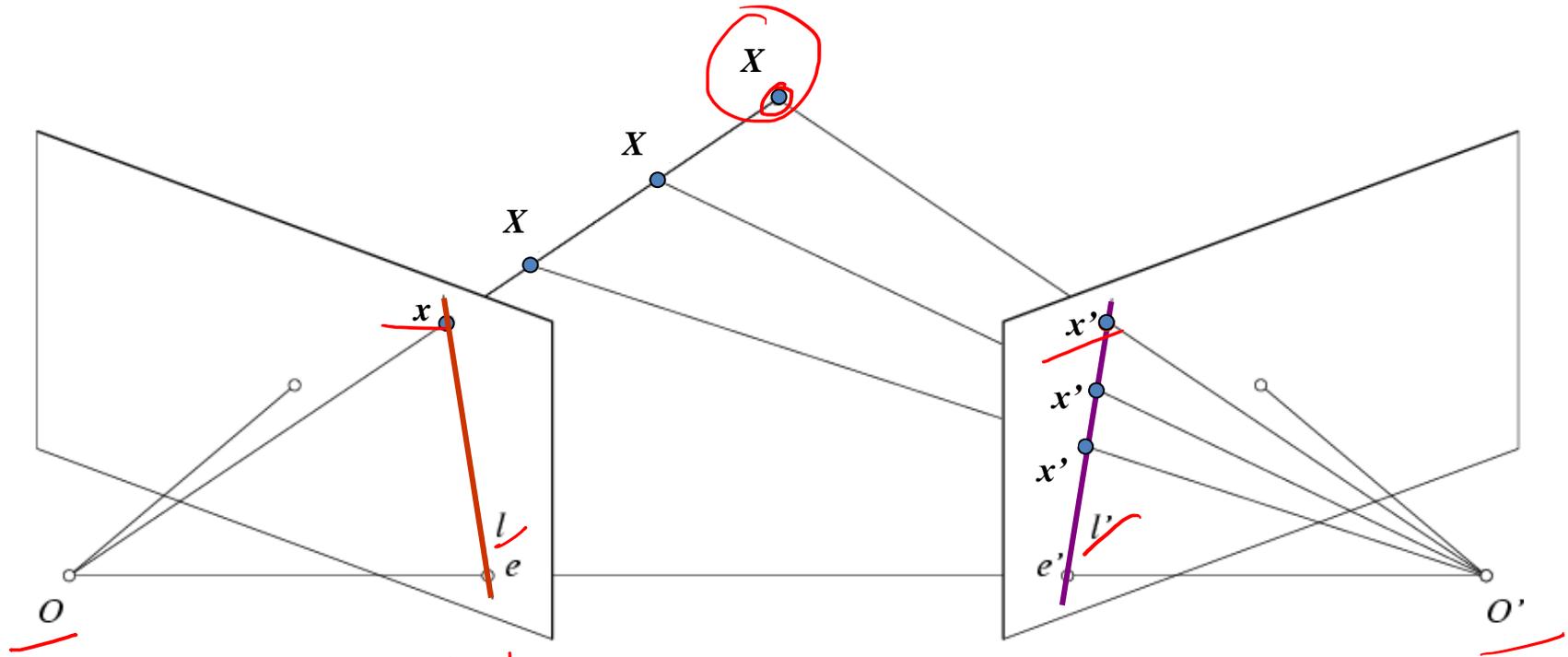


Wouldn't it be nice to know  
where matches can live?

*Epipolar geometry*

Constrains 2D search to 1D

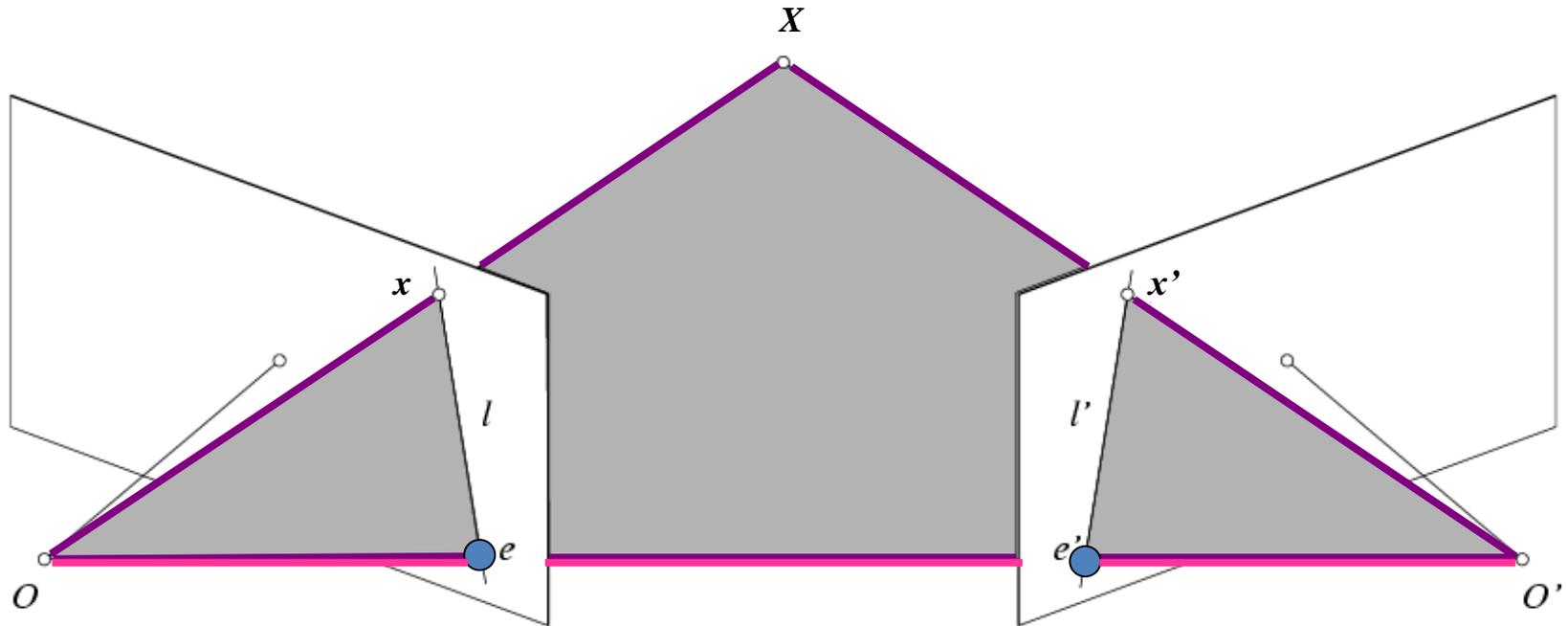
# Key idea: Epipolar constraint



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

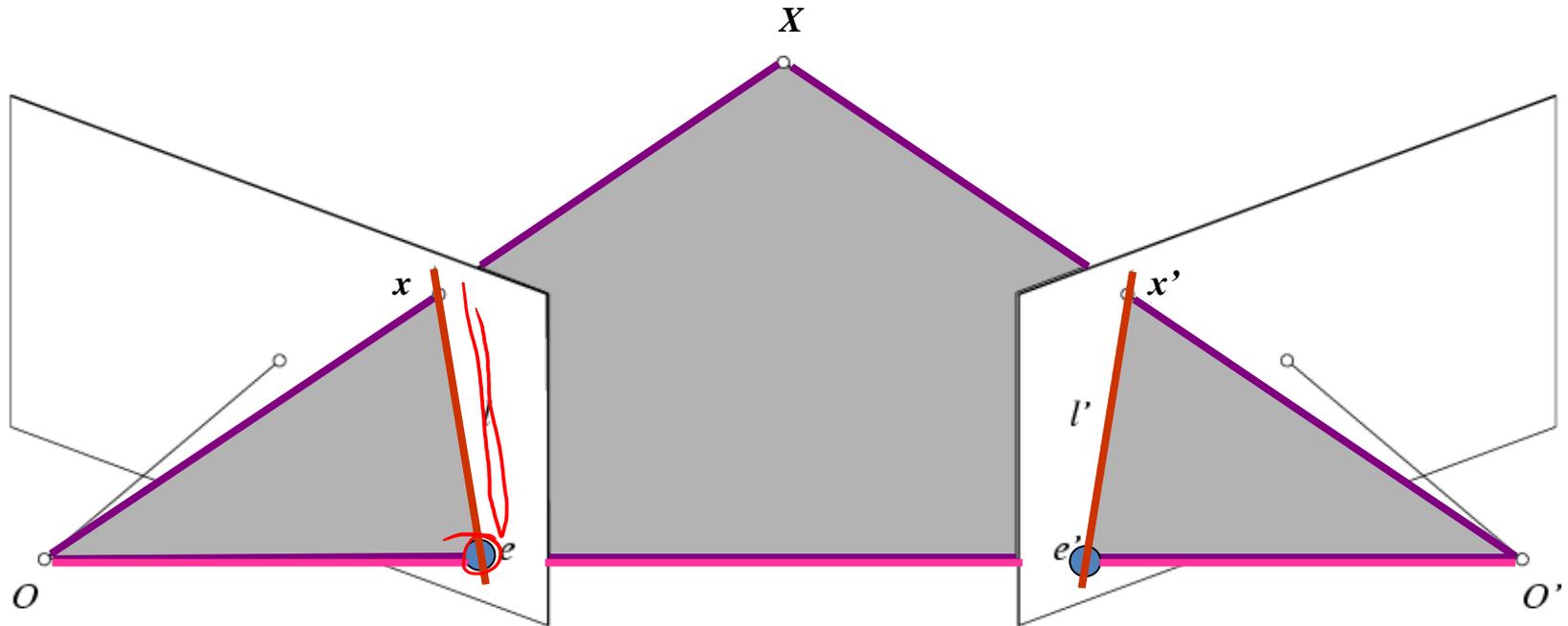
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# Epipolar geometry: notation



- **Baseline** – line connecting the two camera centers
- **Epipoles**  
= intersections of baseline with image planes  
= projections of the other camera center
- **Epipolar Plane** – plane containing baseline (1D family)

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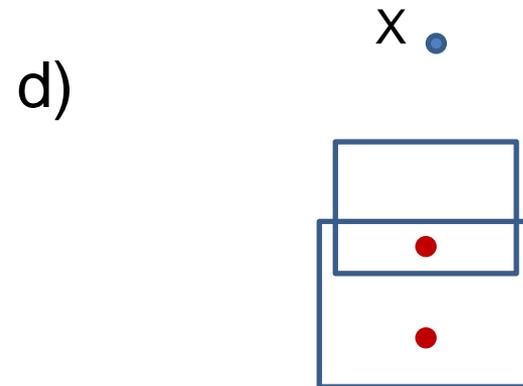
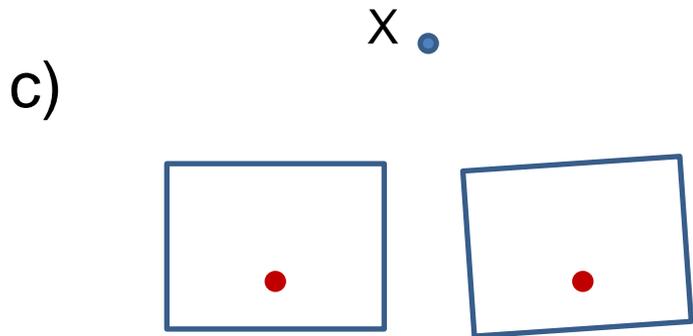
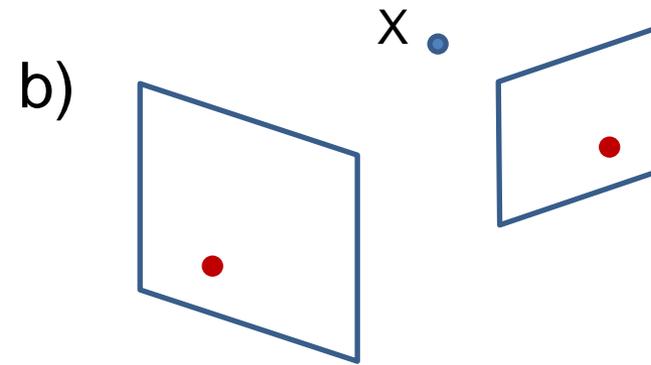
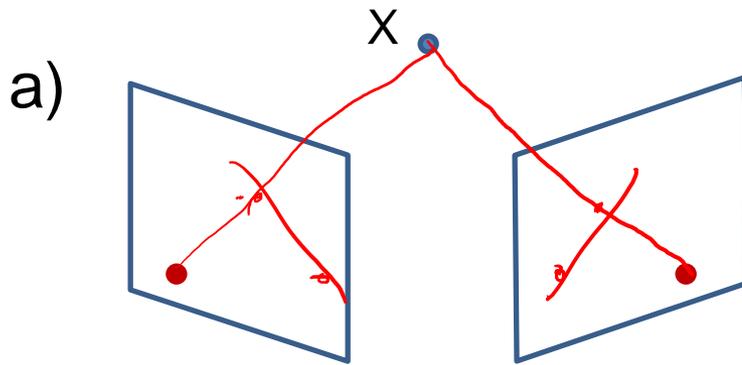
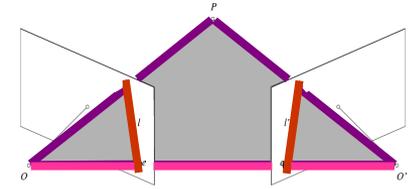
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- **Epipolar Lines** - intersections of epipolar plane with image planes (always come in corresponding pairs)

# Think Pair Share

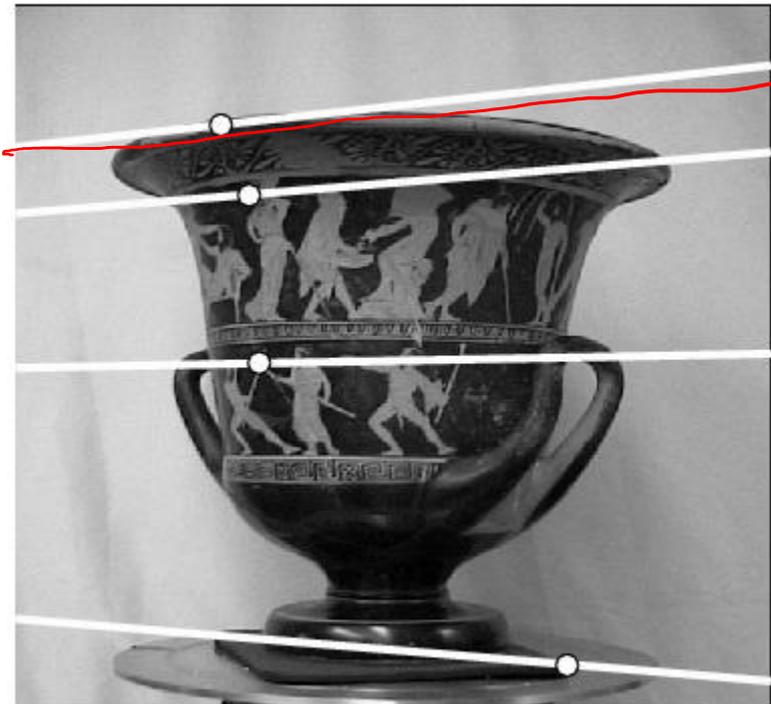
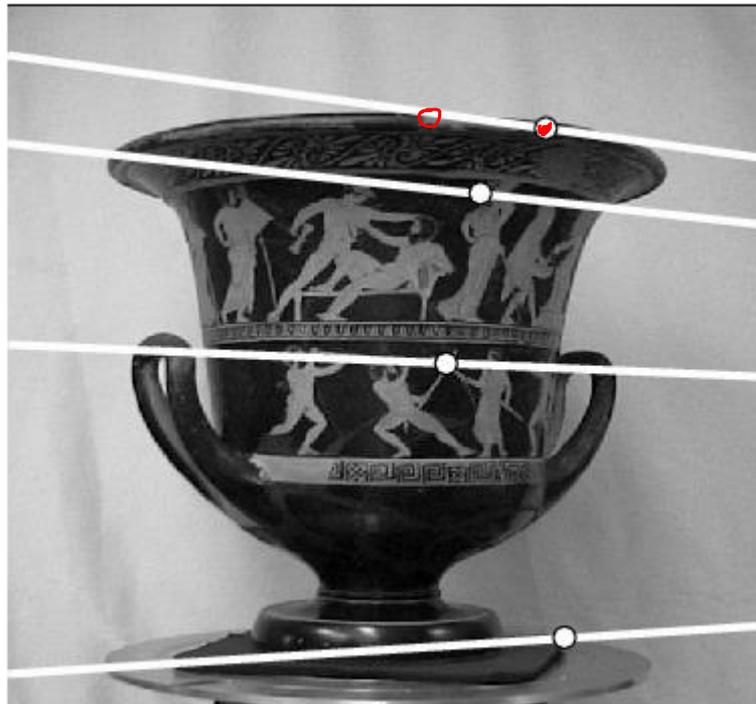
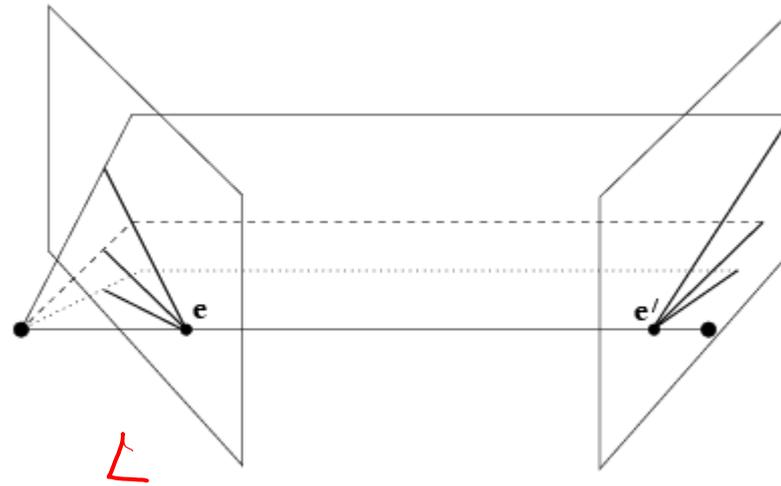
Where are the epipoles?

What do the epipolar lines look like?

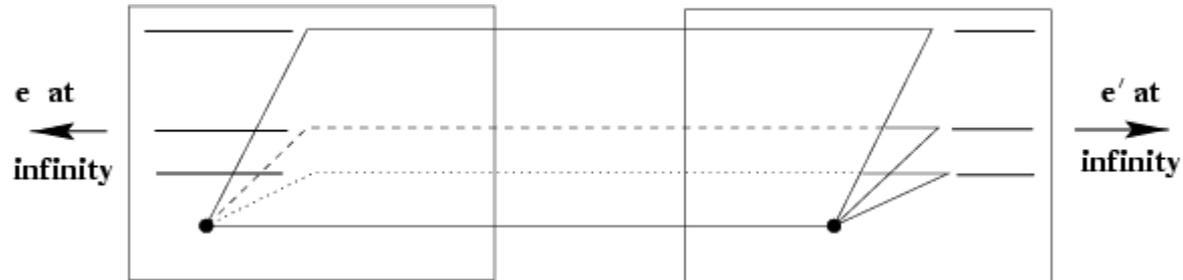
● = camera center



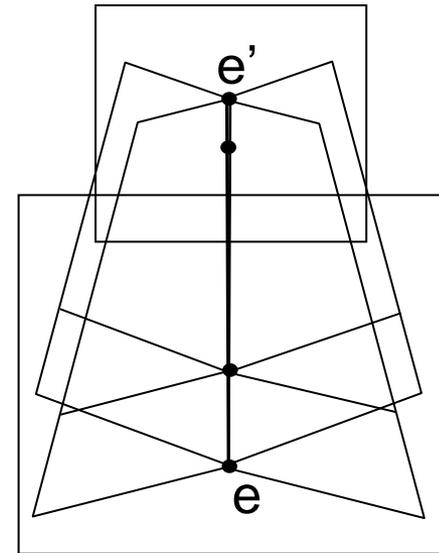
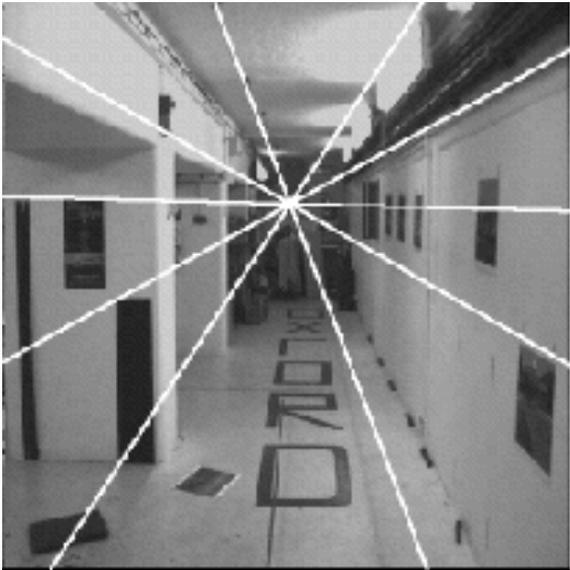
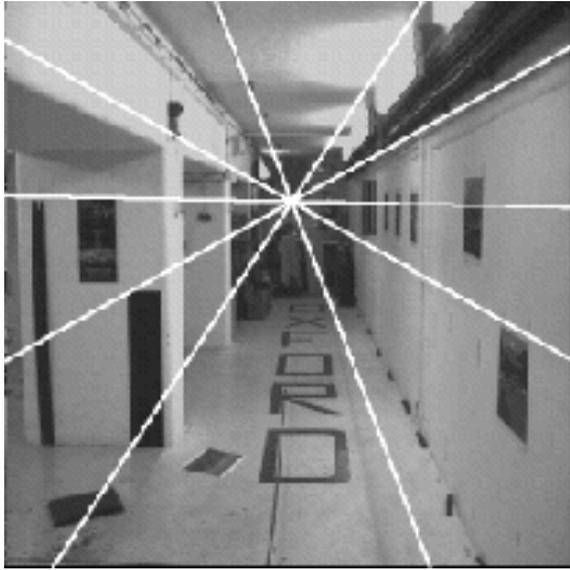
# Example: Converging cameras



# Example: Motion parallel to image plane



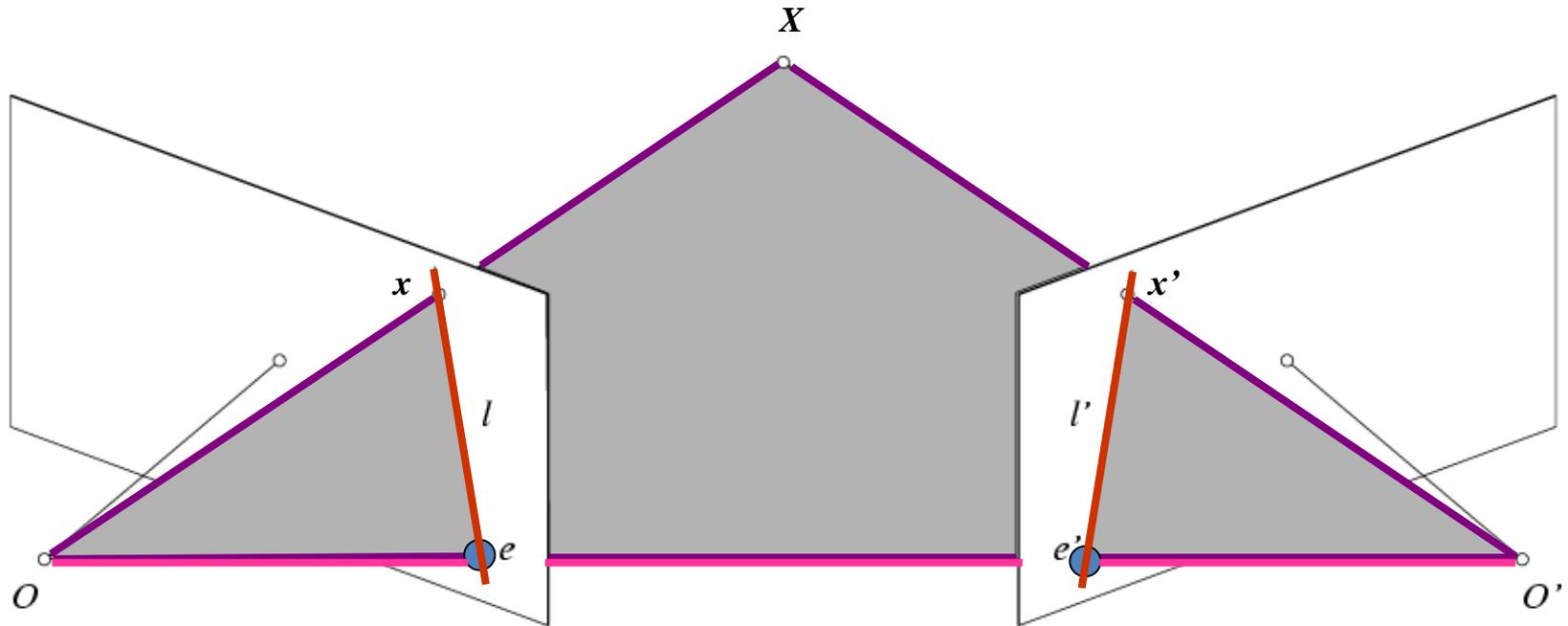
# Example: Forward motion



Epipole has same coordinates in both images.

Points move along lines radiating from  $e$ :  
“Focus of expansion”

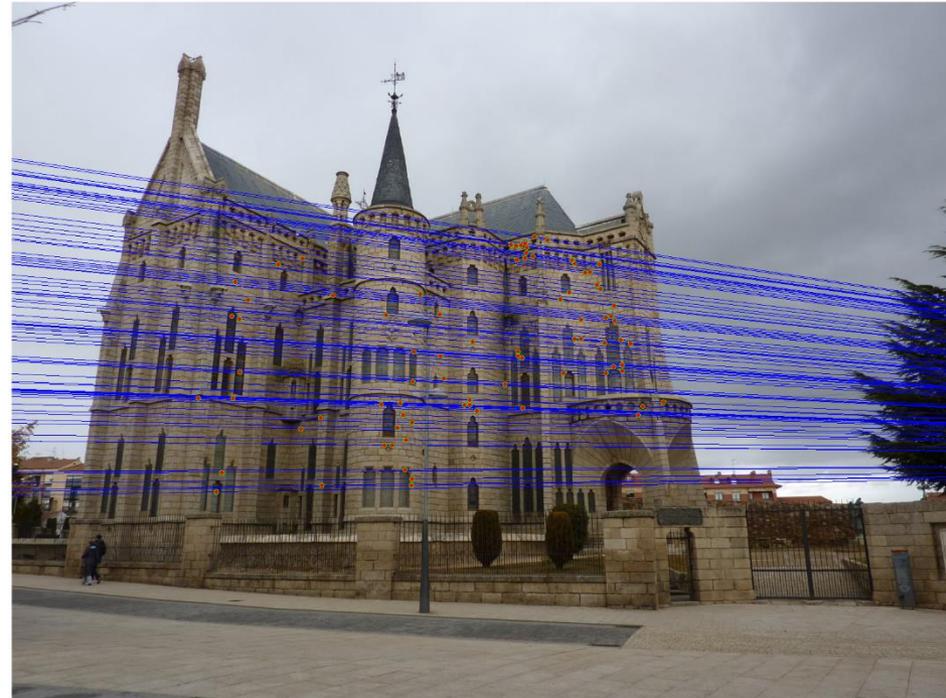
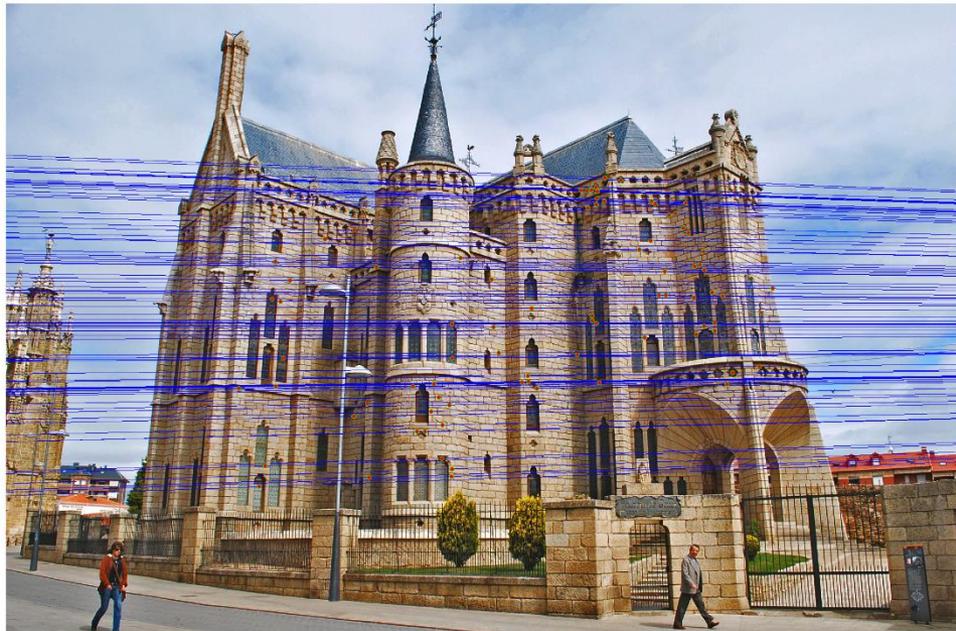
# What is this useful for?



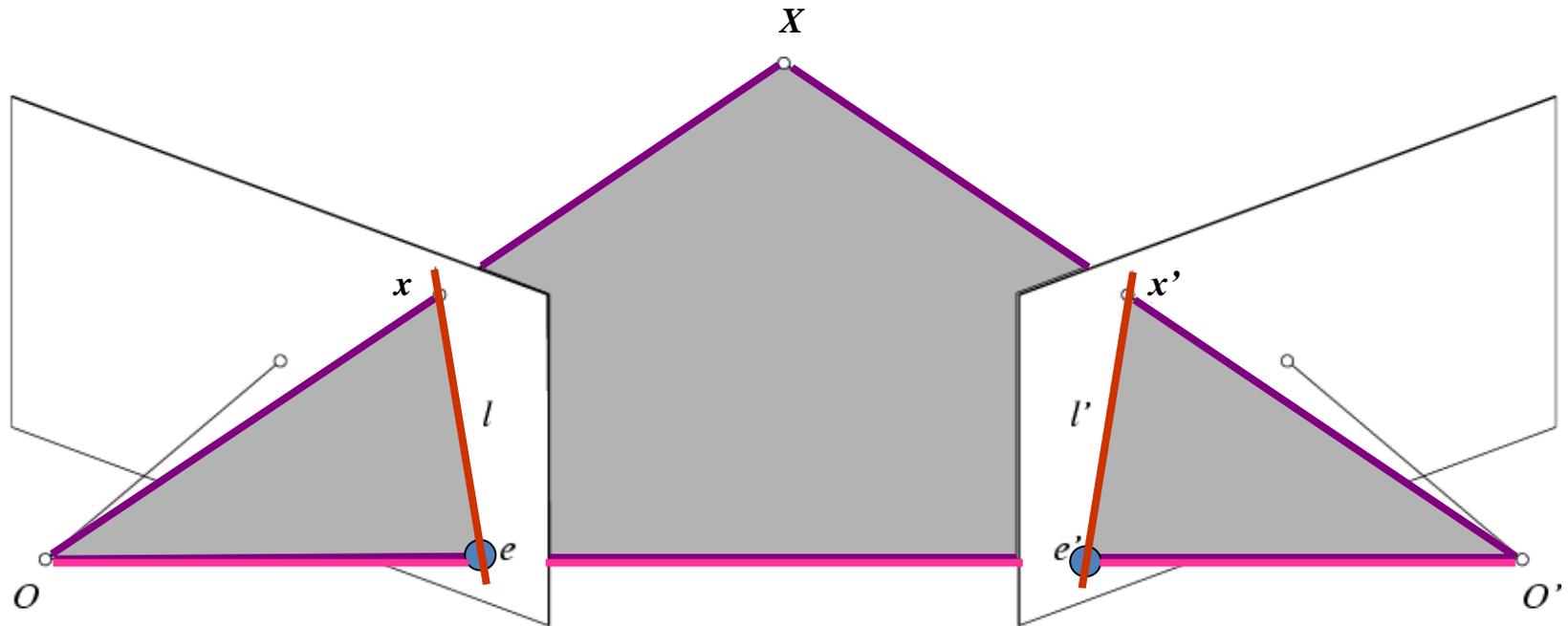
Reduce search space for stereo disparity estimation.

- Help find  $x'$ : If I know  $x$ , and have calibrated cameras (known intrinsics  $K, K'$  and extrinsic relationship), I can restrict  $x'$  to be along  $l'$ .

# Epipolar lines

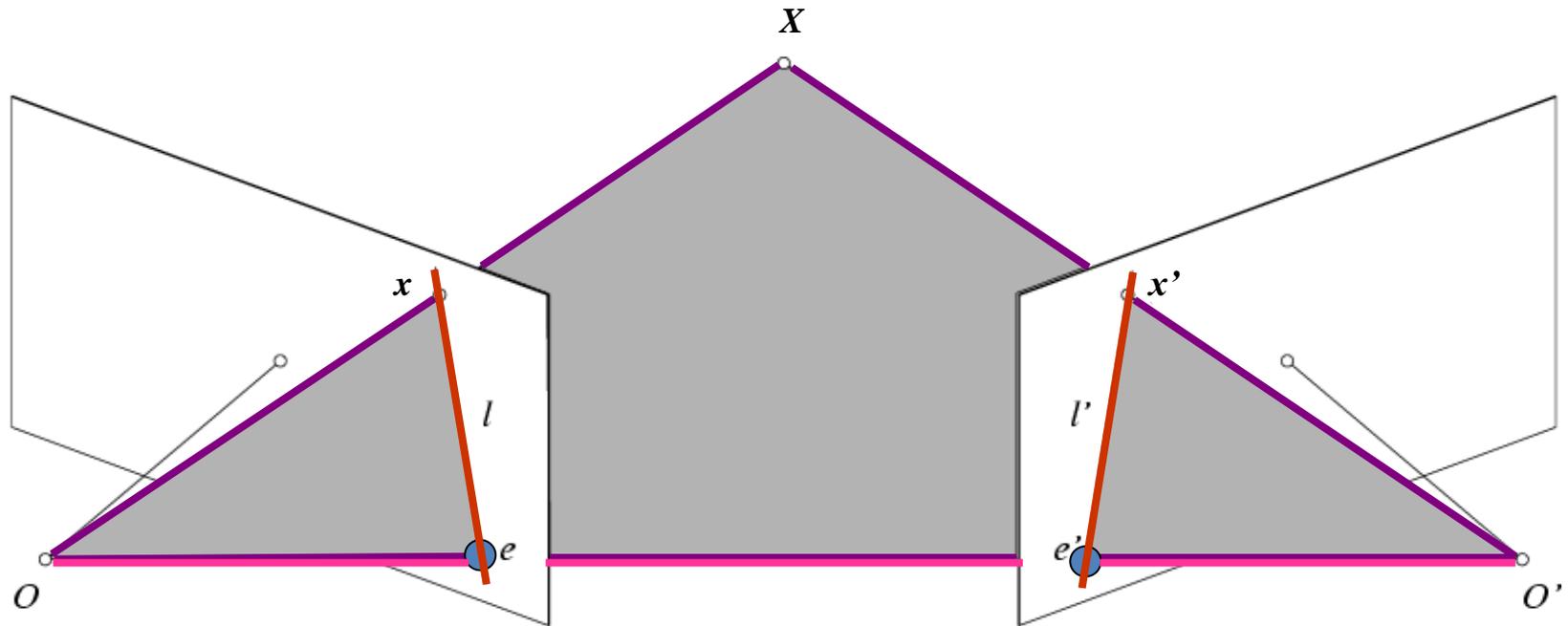


# What is this useful for?



If we have enough  $x, x'$  correspondences, we can estimate relative position and orientation between the cameras and the 3D position of corresponding image points  $\rightarrow$  estimate  $E$ .

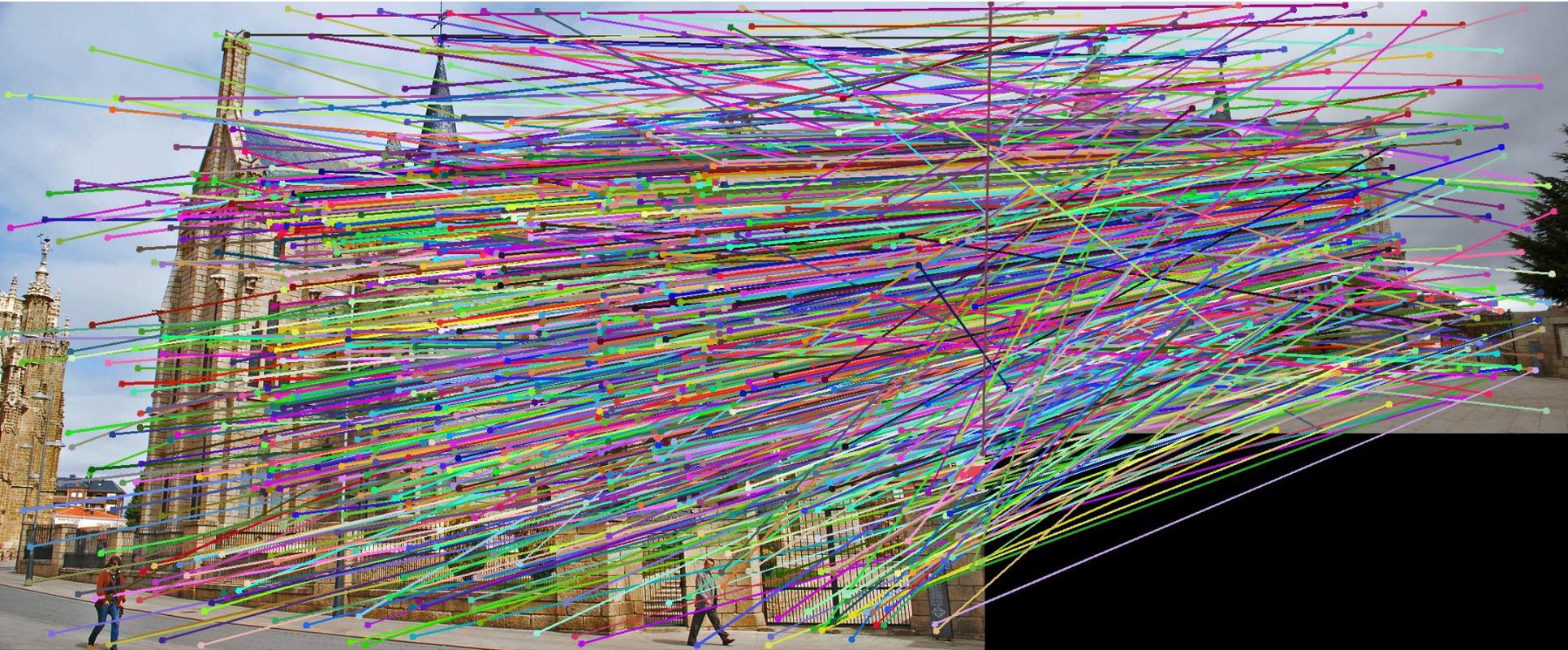
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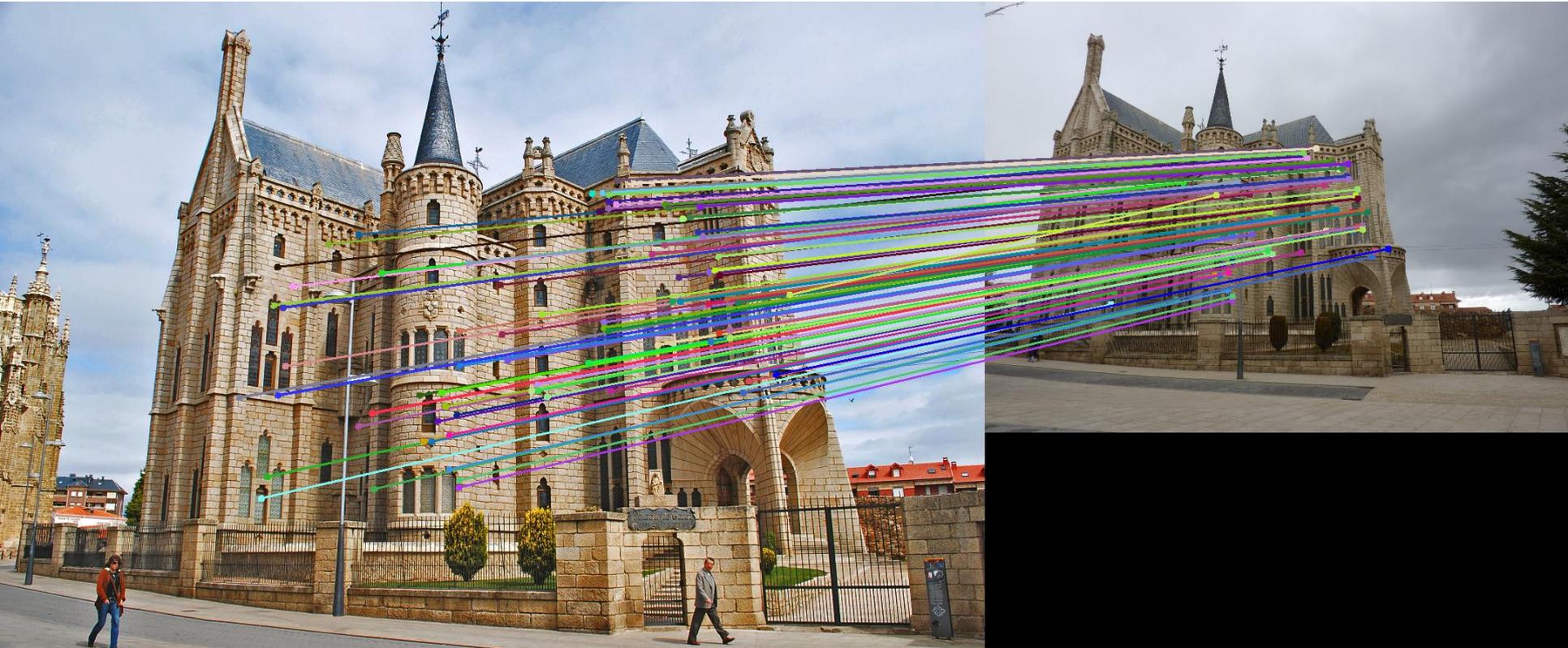
Camera model 'sanity check':

- See if candidate  $x, x'$  correspondences fit estimated projection models of cameras 1 and 2.

VLFeat's 800 most confident matches  
among 10,000+ local features.

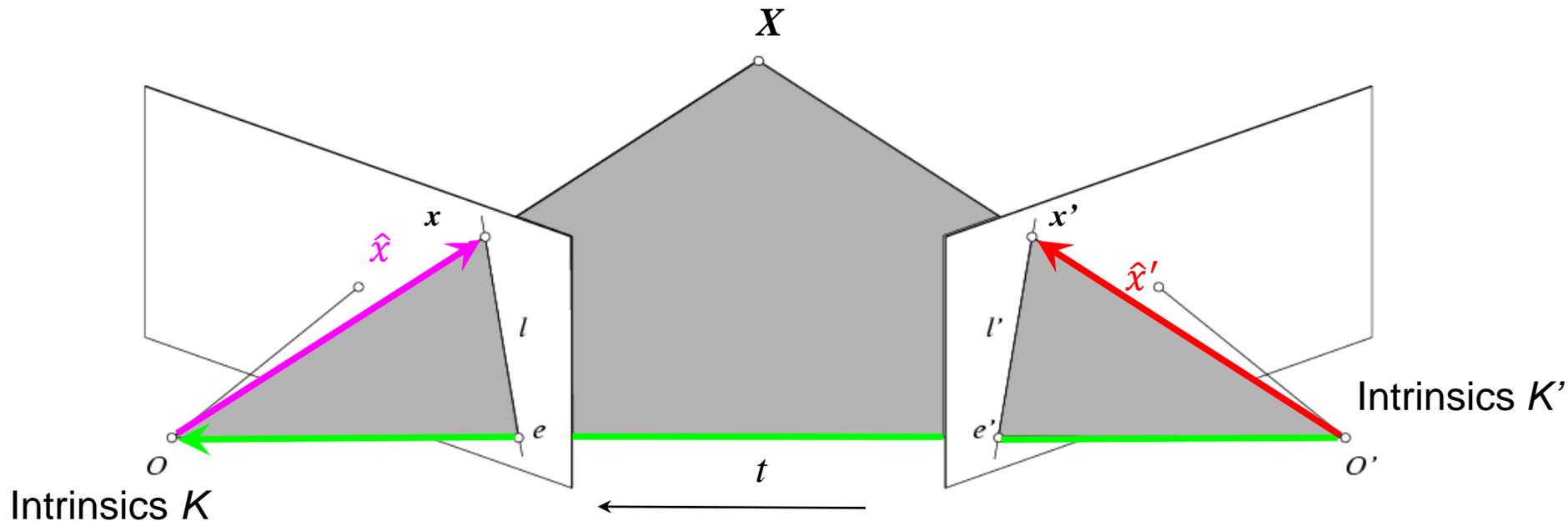


Keep only the matches that are “inliers” with respect to the “best” fundamental matrix





# Epipolar constraint: Calibrated case



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

Homogeneous 2d point  
(3D ray towards  $X$ )

2D pixel coordinate  
(homogeneous)

3D scene point

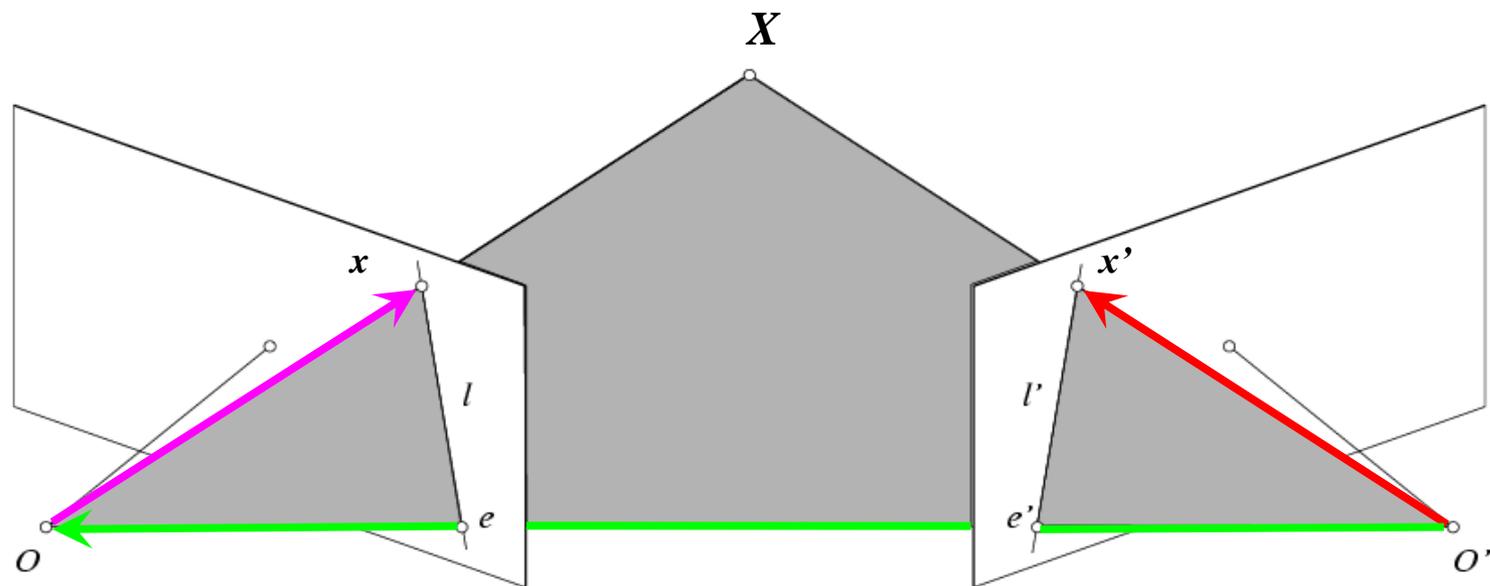
$$\hat{x}' = K'^{-1} x' = X'$$

3D scene point in 2<sup>nd</sup>  
camera's 3D coordinates

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

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

# Essential matrix



$$\hat{x} \cdot [t \times (R \hat{x}')] = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{x}^T E \hat{x}' = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad E = [t]_{\times} R$$

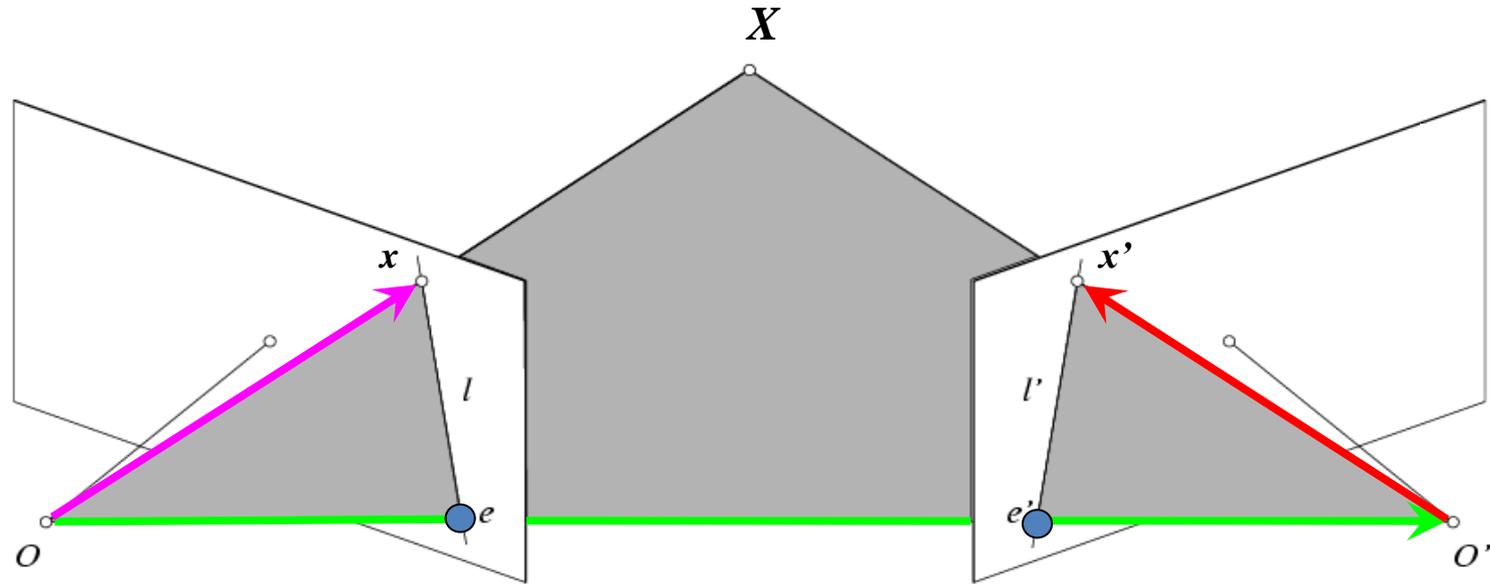
E is a 3x3 matrix which relates corresponding pairs of normalized homogeneous image points across pairs of images – for intrinsic  $K$  calibrated cameras.

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

*Estimates relative position/orientation.*

Note:  $[t]_{\times}$  is matrix representation of cross product

# Epipolar constraint: Uncalibrated case



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

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

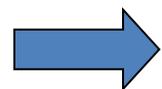
# The Fundamental Matrix

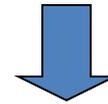
Without knowing  $K$  and  $K'$ , we can define a similar relation using *unknown* normalized coordinates

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

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

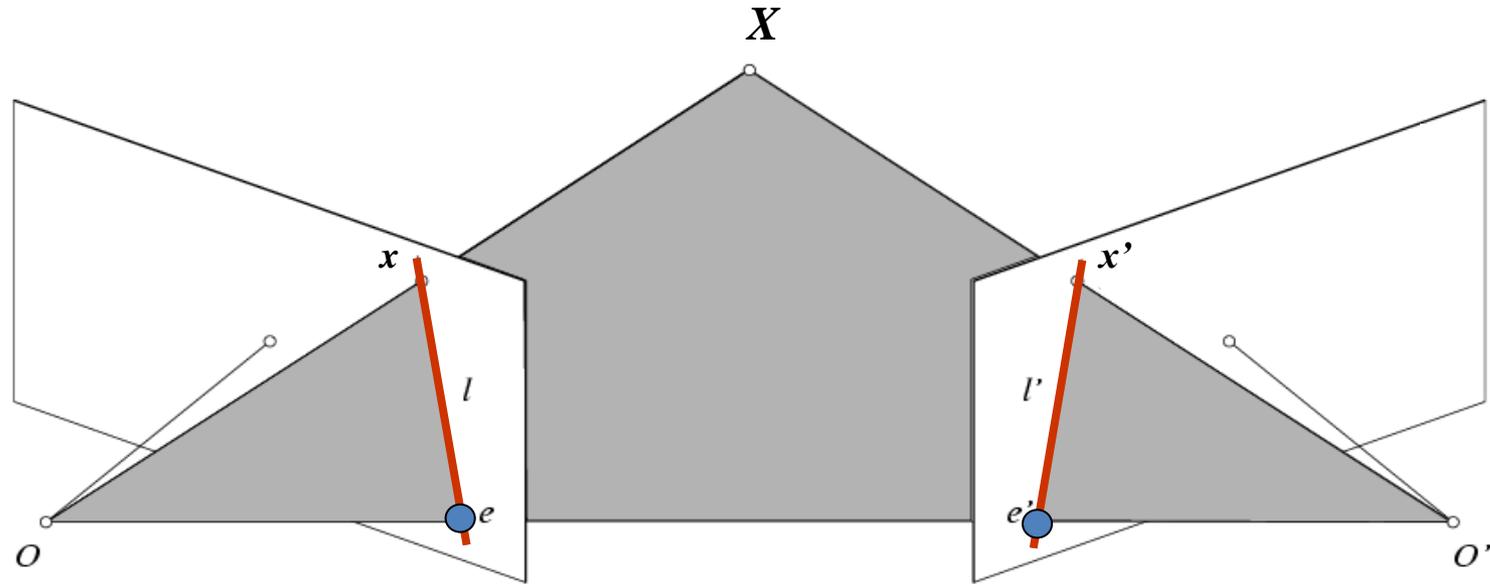
$$\hat{x}' = K'^{-1} x'$$


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



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

# Properties of the Fundamental matrix



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

- $F x' = 0$  is the epipolar line  $l$  associated with  $x'$
- $F^T x = 0$  is the epipolar line  $l'$  associated with  $x$
- $F$  is singular (rank two):  $\det(F)=0$
- $F e' = 0$  and  $F^T e = 0$  (nullspaces of  $F = e'$ ; nullspace of  $F^T = e$ )
- $F$  has seven degrees of freedom: 9 entries but defined up to scale,  $\det(F)=0$

# F in more detail

- F is a 3x3 matrix
- Rank 2 -> projection; one column is a linear combination of the other two.
- Determined up to scale.
- 7 degrees of freedom

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & \alpha a + \beta b \\ c & d & \alpha c + \beta d \\ e & f & \alpha e + \beta f \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } a \text{ is scalar; e.g., can normalize out.}$$

Given  $x$  projected from  $X$  into image 1,  $F$  constrains the projection of  $x'$  into image 2 to an epipolar line.

# Estimating the Fundamental Matrix

- 8-point algorithm
  - Least squares solution using SVD on equations from 8 pairs of correspondences
  - Enforce  $\det(F)=0$  constraint using SVD on  $F$

**Note:** estimation of  $F$  (or  $E$ ) is degenerate for a planar scene.

# 8-point algorithm

1. Solve a system of homogeneous linear equations

a. Write down the system of equations

$$\mathbf{x}^T F \mathbf{x}' = 0$$

$$uu'f_{11} + uv'f_{12} + uf_{13} + vu'f_{21} + vv'f_{22} + vf_{23} + u'f_{31} + v'f_{32} + f_{33} = 0$$

$$A\mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1u_1' & u_1v_1' & u_1 & v_1u_1' & v_1v_1' & v_1 & u_1' & v_1' & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ u_nu_n' & u_nv_n' & u_n & v_nu_n' & v_nv_n' & v_n & u_n' & v_n' & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ \vdots \\ f_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

# 8-point algorithm

1. Solve a system of homogeneous linear equations
  - a. Write down the system of equations
  - b. Solve  $\mathbf{f}$  from  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f}=\mathbf{0}$  using SVD

Matlab:

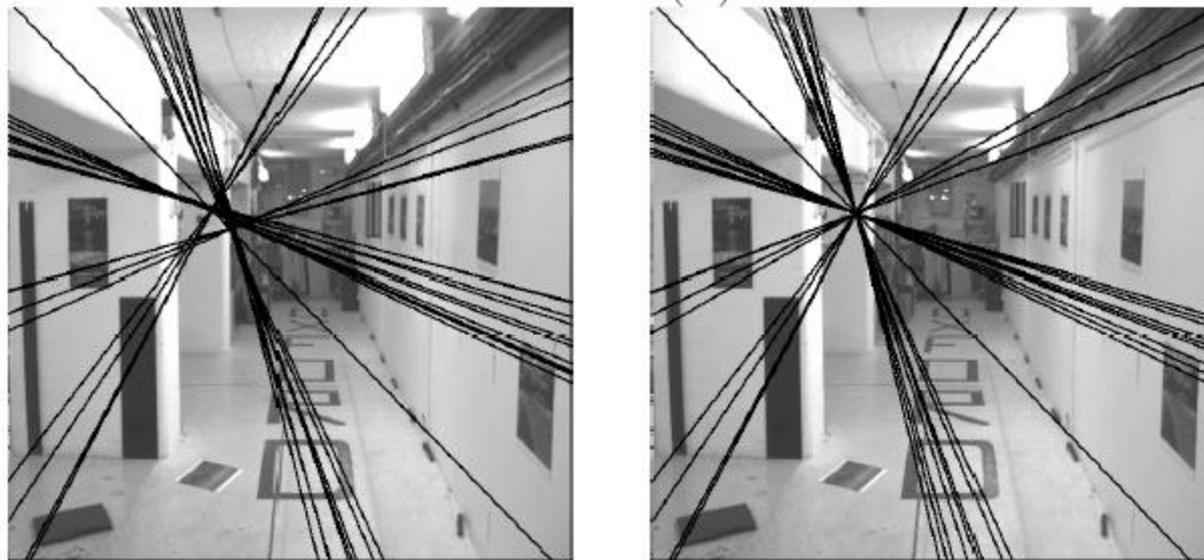
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[U, S, V] = svd(A);  
f = V(:, end);  
F = reshape(f, [3 3])';
```

Python Numpy:

```
U, S, Vh = np.linalg.svd(A)  
# V = Vh.T -> note = different from MATLAB  
F = Vh[-1, :]  
F = np.reshape(F, (3,3))
```

# Need to enforce singularity constraint

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



**Left :** Uncorrected  $\mathbf{F}$  – epipolar lines are not coincident.

**Right :** Epipolar lines from corrected  $\mathbf{F}$ .

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2. Resolve  $\det(\mathbf{F}) = 0$  constraint using SVD

Matlab:

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[U, S, V] = svd(F);
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```
S(3,3) = 0;
```

```
F = U*S*V';
```

Python Numpy:

```
U, S, Vh = np.linalg.svd(F)
```

```
S[-1] = 0
```

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F = U @ np.diagflat(S) @ Vh
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@ operator = matrix multiplication

# Problem with eight-point algorithm

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$$\begin{bmatrix} u'u & u'v & u' & v'u & v'v & v' & u & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \end{bmatrix} = -\mathbf{1}$$

# Problem with eight-point algorithm

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|           |           |        |           |           |        |        |        |
|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| 250906.36 | 183269.57 | 921.81 | 200931.10 | 146766.13 | 738.21 | 272.19 | 198.81 |
| 2692.28   | 131633.03 | 176.27 | 6196.73   | 302975.59 | 405.71 | 15.27  | 746.79 |
| 416374.23 | 871684.30 | 935.47 | 408110.89 | 854384.92 | 916.90 | 445.10 | 931.81 |
| 191183.60 | 171759.40 | 410.27 | 416435.62 | 374125.90 | 893.65 | 465.99 | 418.65 |
| 48988.86  | 30401.76  | 57.89  | 298604.57 | 185309.58 | 352.87 | 846.22 | 525.15 |
| 164786.04 | 546559.67 | 813.17 | 1998.37   | 6628.15   | 9.86   | 202.65 | 672.14 |
| 116407.01 | 2727.75   | 138.89 | 169941.27 | 3982.21   | 202.77 | 838.12 | 19.64  |
| 135384.58 | 75411.13  | 198.72 | 411350.03 | 229127.78 | 603.79 | 681.28 | 379.48 |

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \end{bmatrix} = -\mathbf{1}$$

Poor numerical conditioning

Can be fixed by rescaling the data

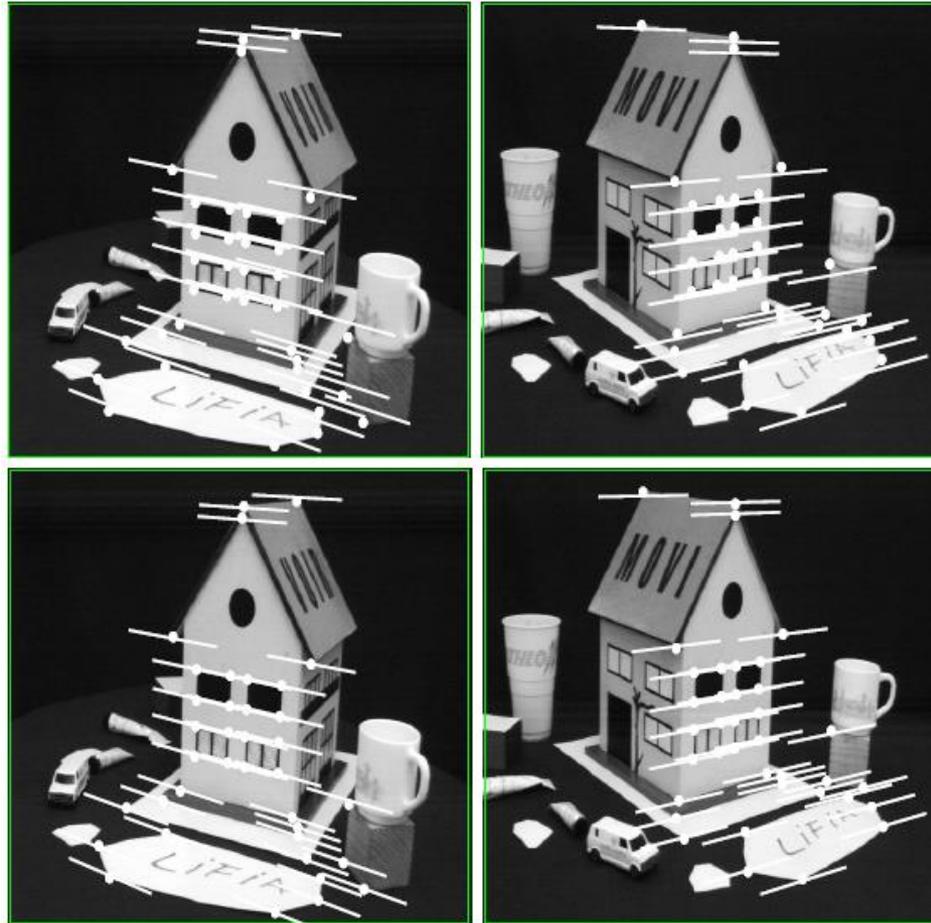
# The normalized eight-point algorithm

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(Hartley, 1995)

- Center the image data at the origin, and scale it so the mean squared distance between the origin and the data points is 2 pixels
- Use the eight-point algorithm to compute  $\mathbf{F}$  from the normalized points
- Enforce the rank-2 constraint (for example, take SVD of  $\mathbf{F}$  and throw out the smallest singular value)
- Transform fundamental matrix back to original units: if  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{T}'$  are the normalizing transformations in the two images, then the fundamental matrix in original coordinates is  $\mathbf{T}'^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{T}$

# Comparison of estimation algorithms



|             | 8-point     | Normalized 8-point | Nonlinear least squares |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Av. Dist. 1 | 2.33 pixels | 0.92 pixel         | 0.86 pixel              |
| Av. Dist. 2 | 2.18 pixels | 0.85 pixel         | 0.80 pixel              |

# From epipolar geometry to camera calibration

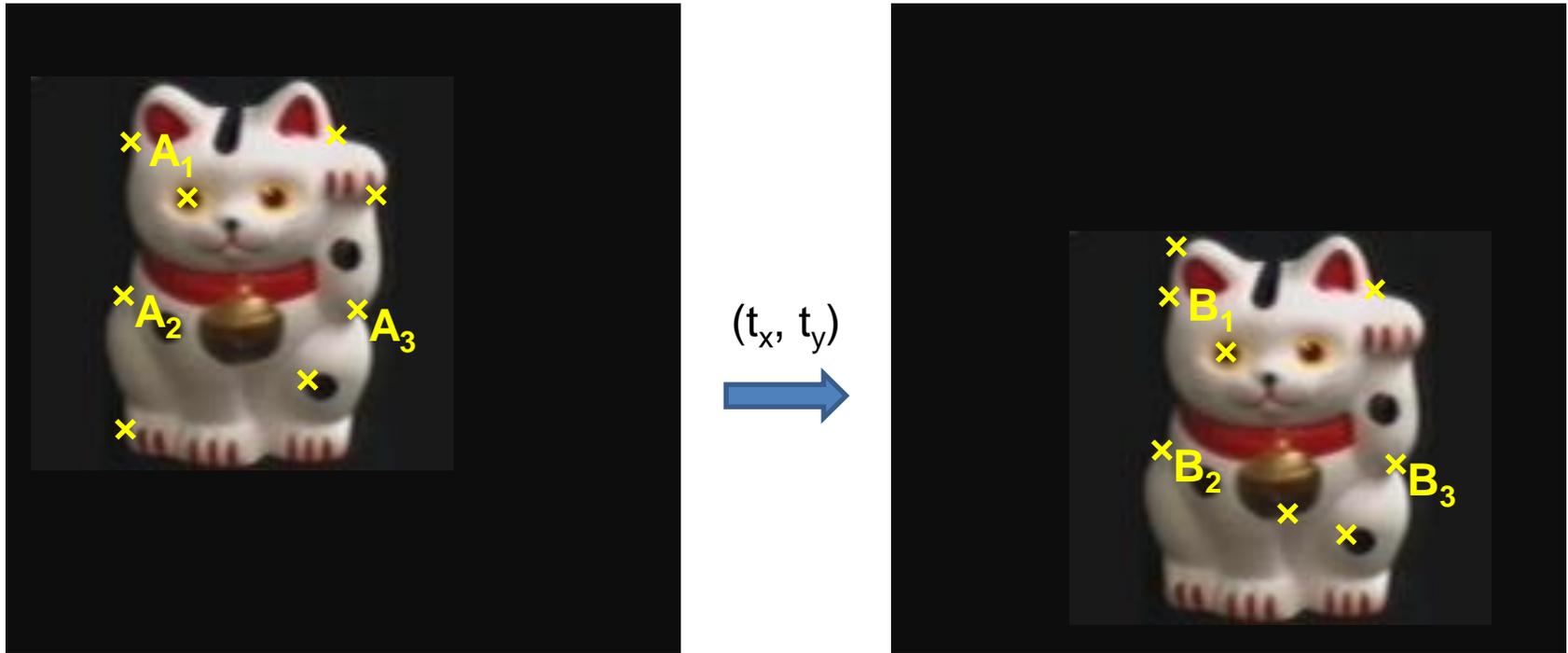
- If we know the calibration matrices of the two cameras, we can estimate the essential matrix:  $E = K^T F K'$
- The essential matrix gives us the relative rotation and translation between the cameras, or their extrinsic parameters.
- Fundamental matrix lets us compute relationship up to scale for cameras with unknown intrinsic calibrations.
- Estimating the fundamental matrix is a kind of “weak calibration”

# Let's recap...

- Fundamental matrix song
- <http://danielwedge.com/fmatrix/>

Among all my matches, how do I know which ones are good?

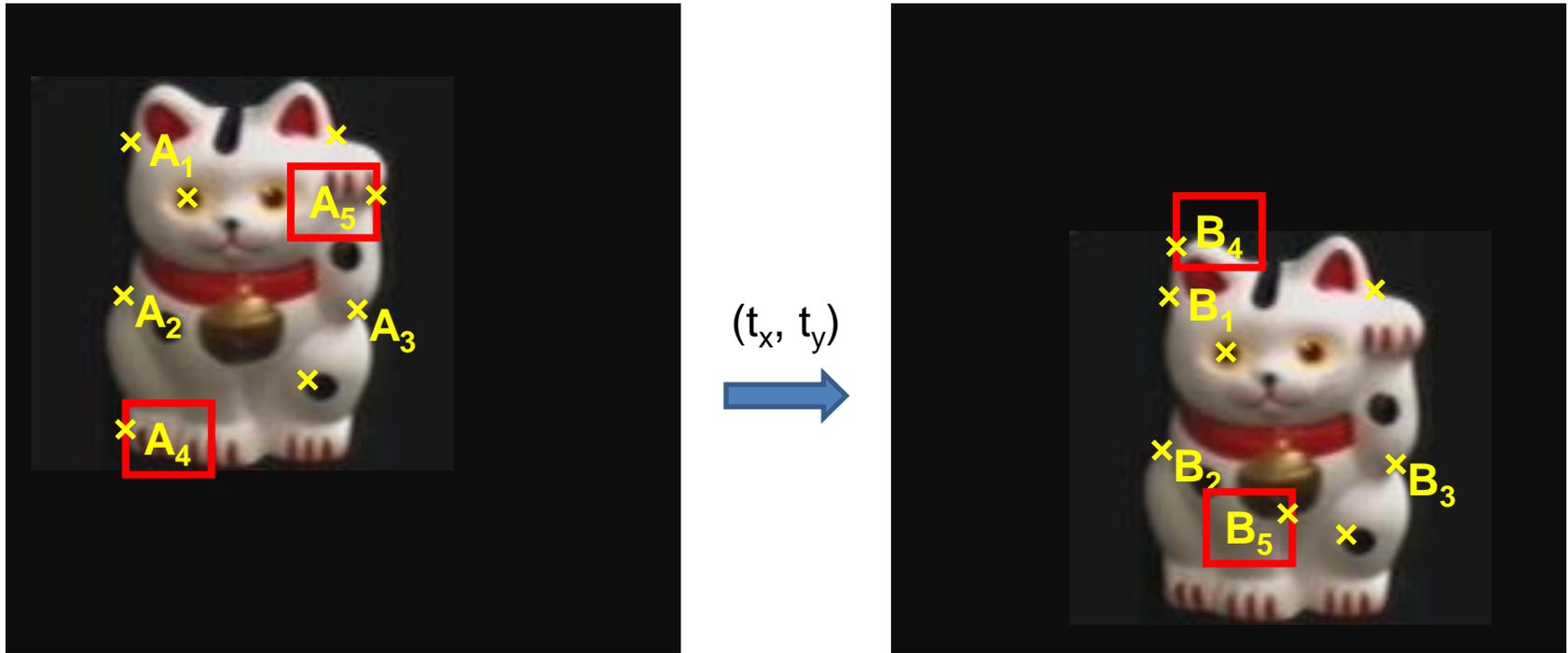
# Example: solving for translation



Given matched points in  $\{A\}$  and  $\{B\}$ , estimate the translation of the object

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i^B \\ y_i^B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_i^A \\ y_i^A \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: solving for translation

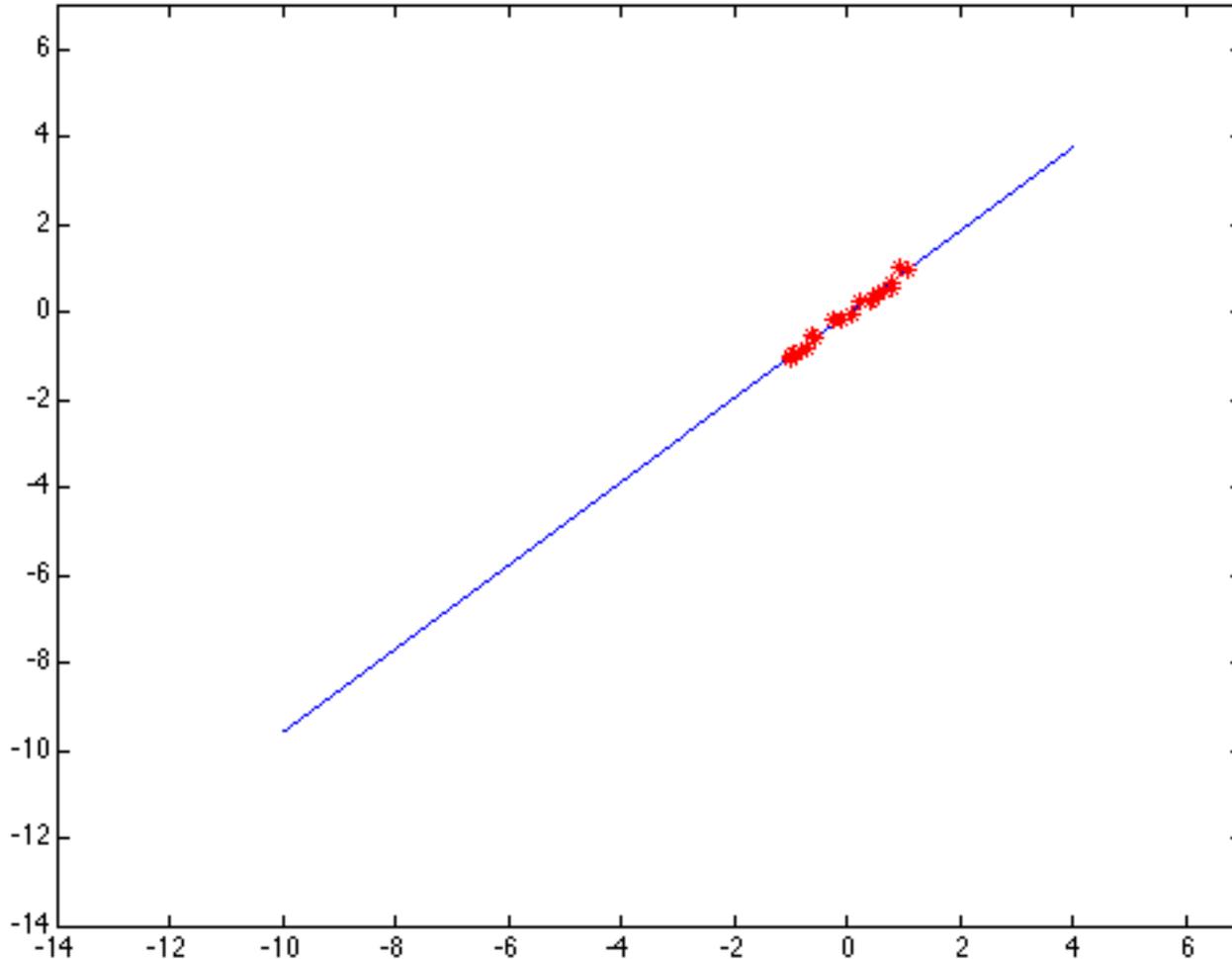


**Problem: outliers  $A_4$ - $B_4$  and  $A_5$ - $B_5$  which *incorrectly* correspond**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i^B \\ y_i^B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_i^A \\ y_i^A \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix}$$

# Least squares: Robustness to noise

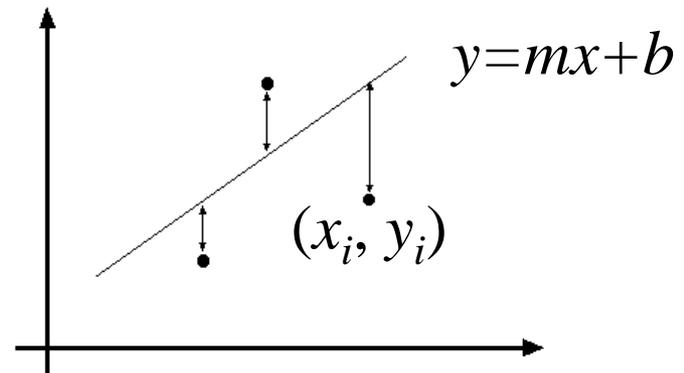
- Least squares fit to the red points:



# Least squares line fitting

- Data:  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$
- Line equation:  $y_i = mx_i + b$
- Find  $(m, b)$  to minimize

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - mx_i - b)^2$$



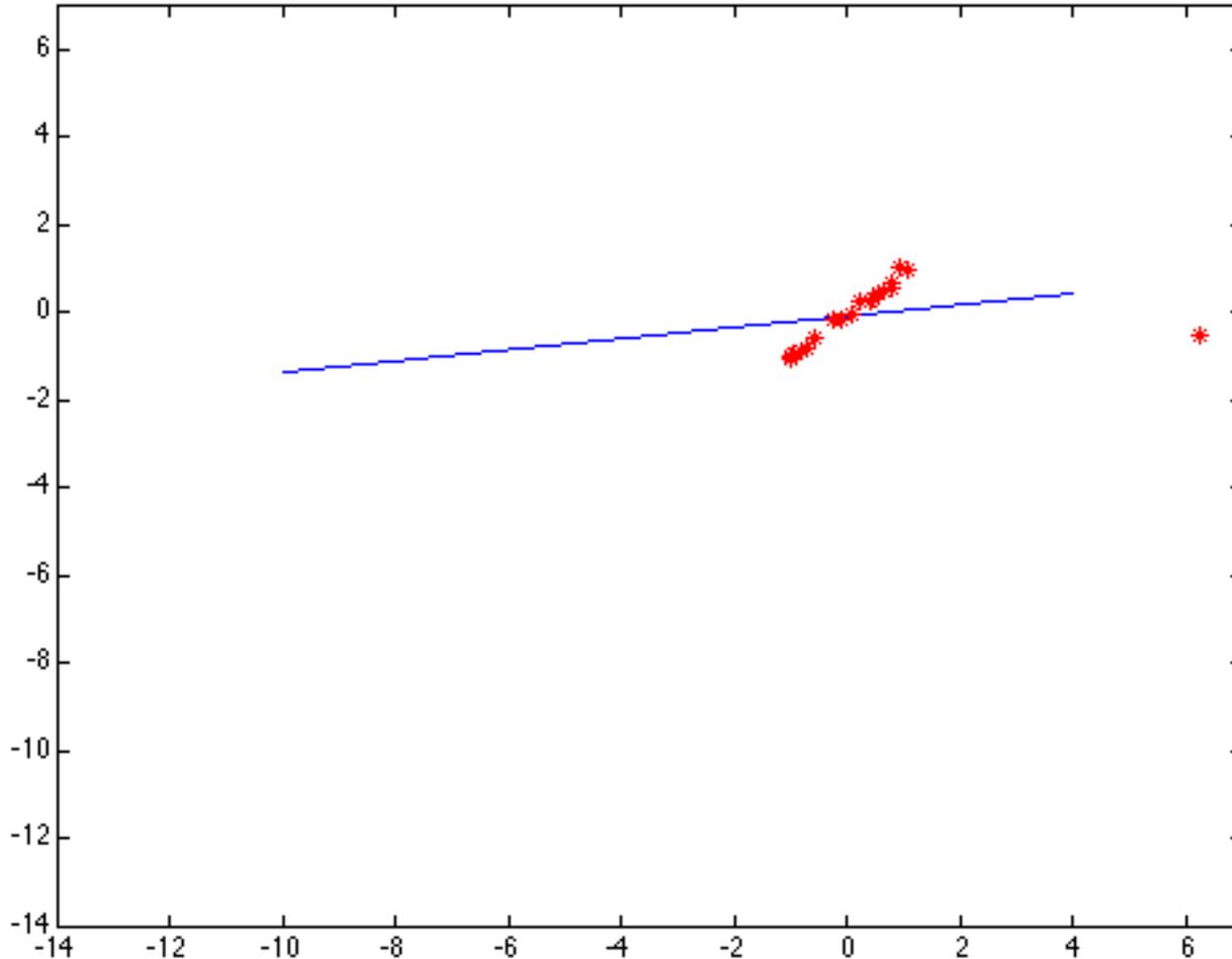
Matlab:  $p = A \setminus y;$

Python:  $p = \text{np.linalg.lstsq}(A, y)[0]$

(Closed form solution)

# Least squares: Robustness to noise

- Least squares fit with an outlier:



Problem: squared error heavily penalizes outliers

# Robust least squares (to deal with outliers)

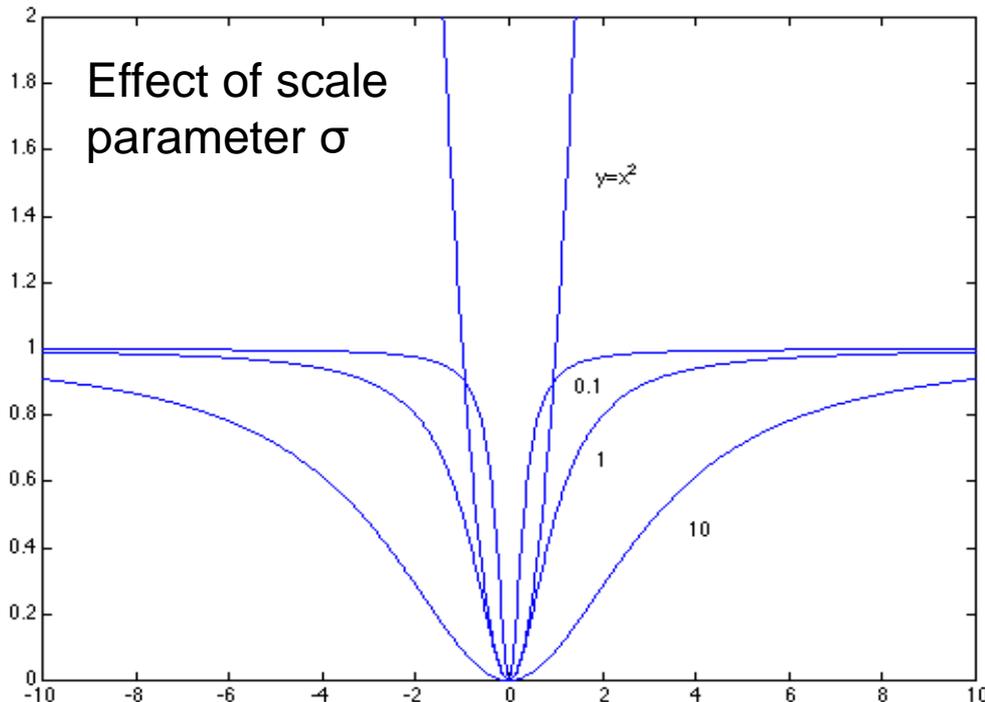
General approach:

minimize

$$\sum_i \rho(u_i(x_i, \theta); \sigma) \quad u^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - mx_i - b)^2$$

$u_i(x_i, \theta)$  – residual of  $i^{\text{th}}$  point w.r.t. model parameters  $\theta$

$\rho$  – robust function with scale parameter  $\sigma$

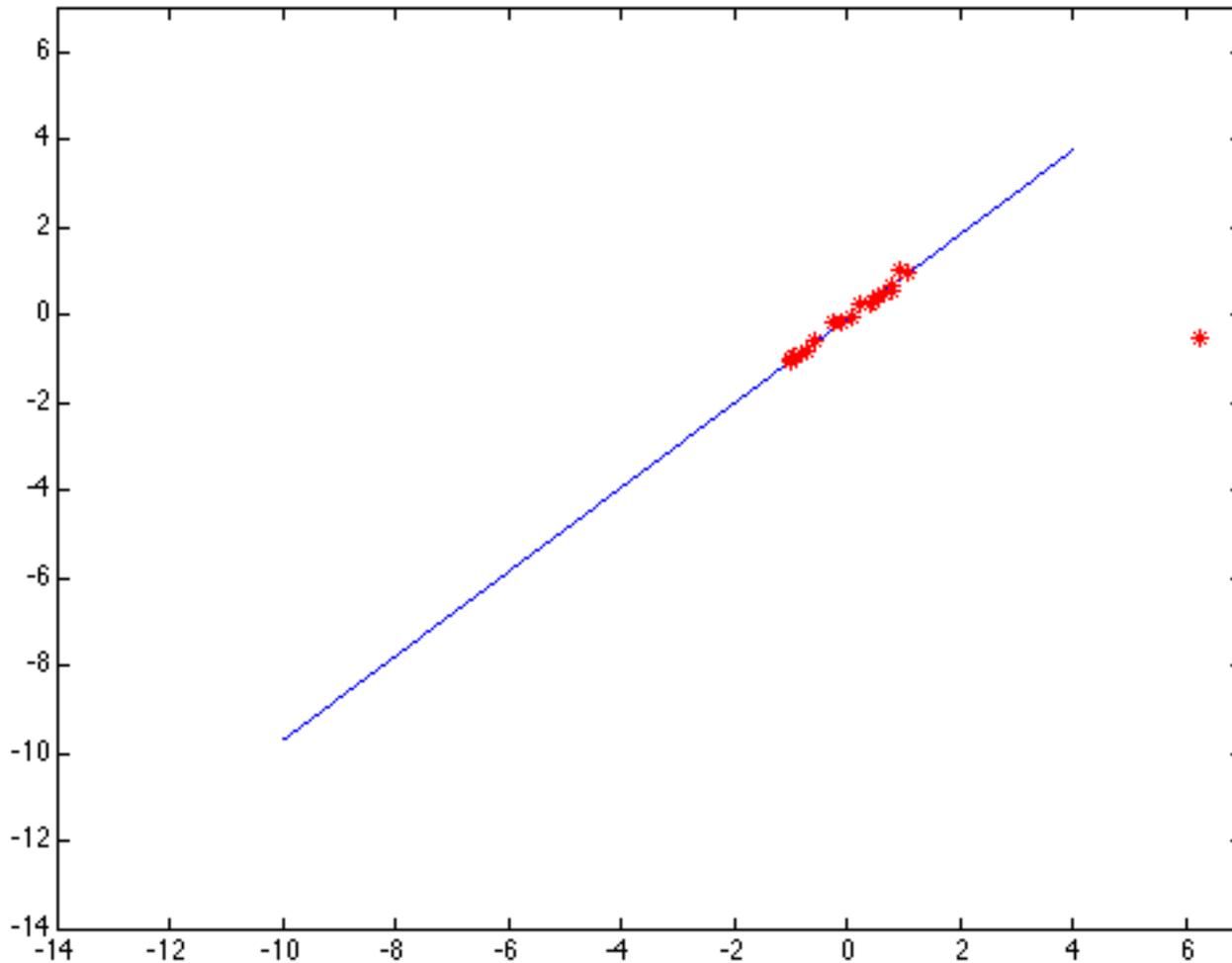


The robust function  $\rho$

- Favors a configuration with small residuals
- Constant penalty for large residuals

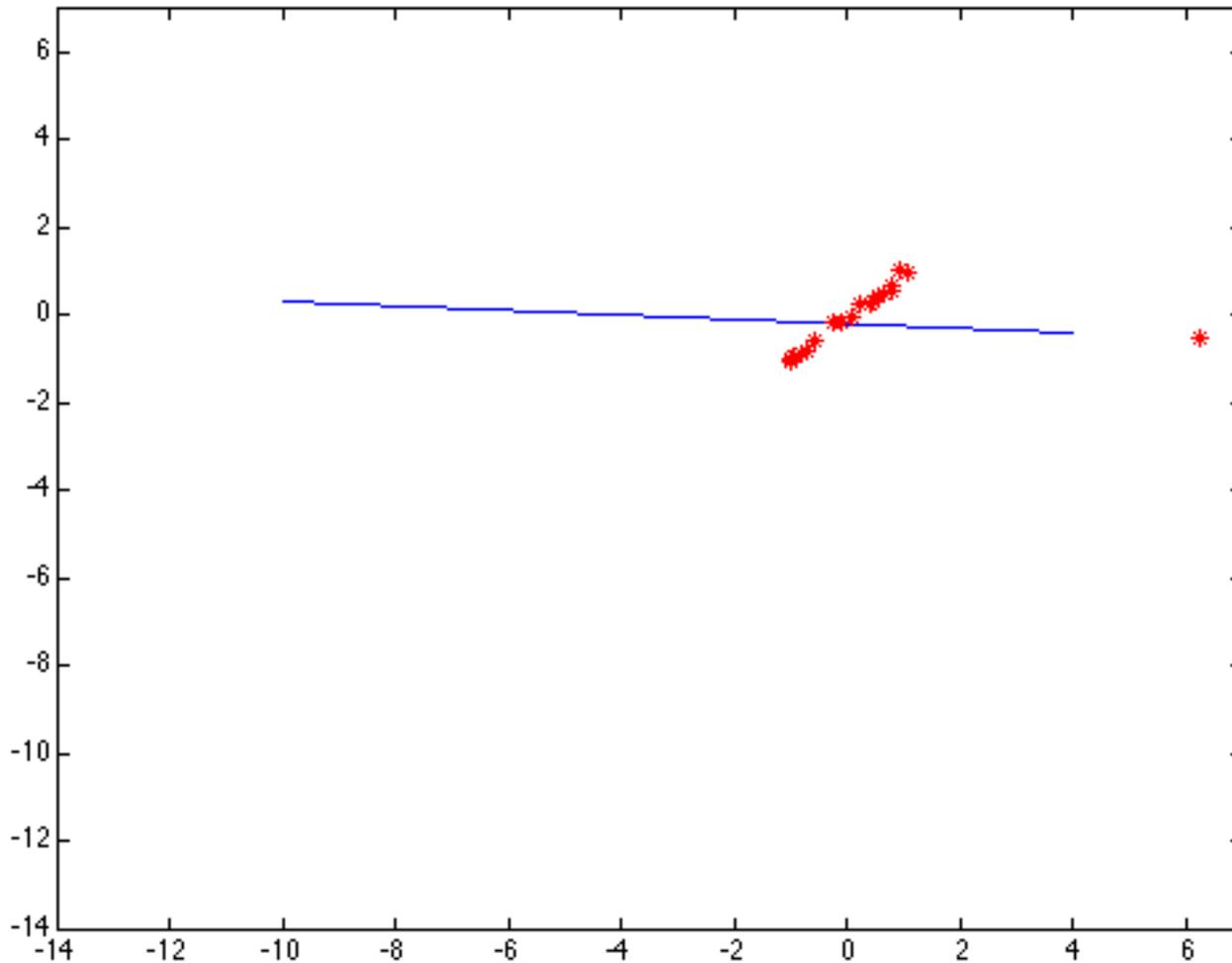
$$\rho(u; \sigma) = \frac{u^2}{\sigma^2 + u^2}$$

# Choosing the scale: Just right



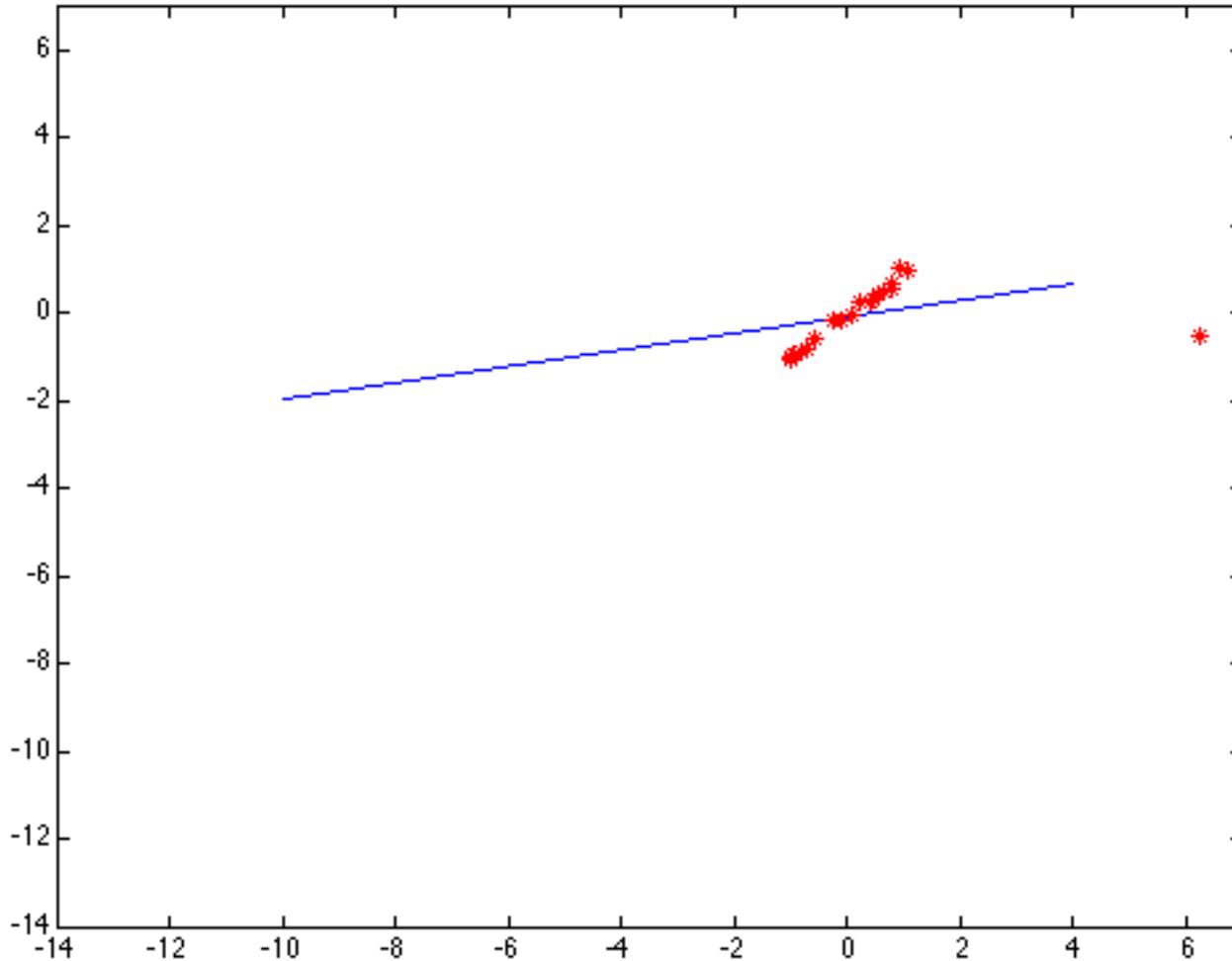
The effect of the outlier is minimized

# Choosing the scale: Too small



The error value is almost the same for every point and the fit is very poor

# Choosing the scale: Too large



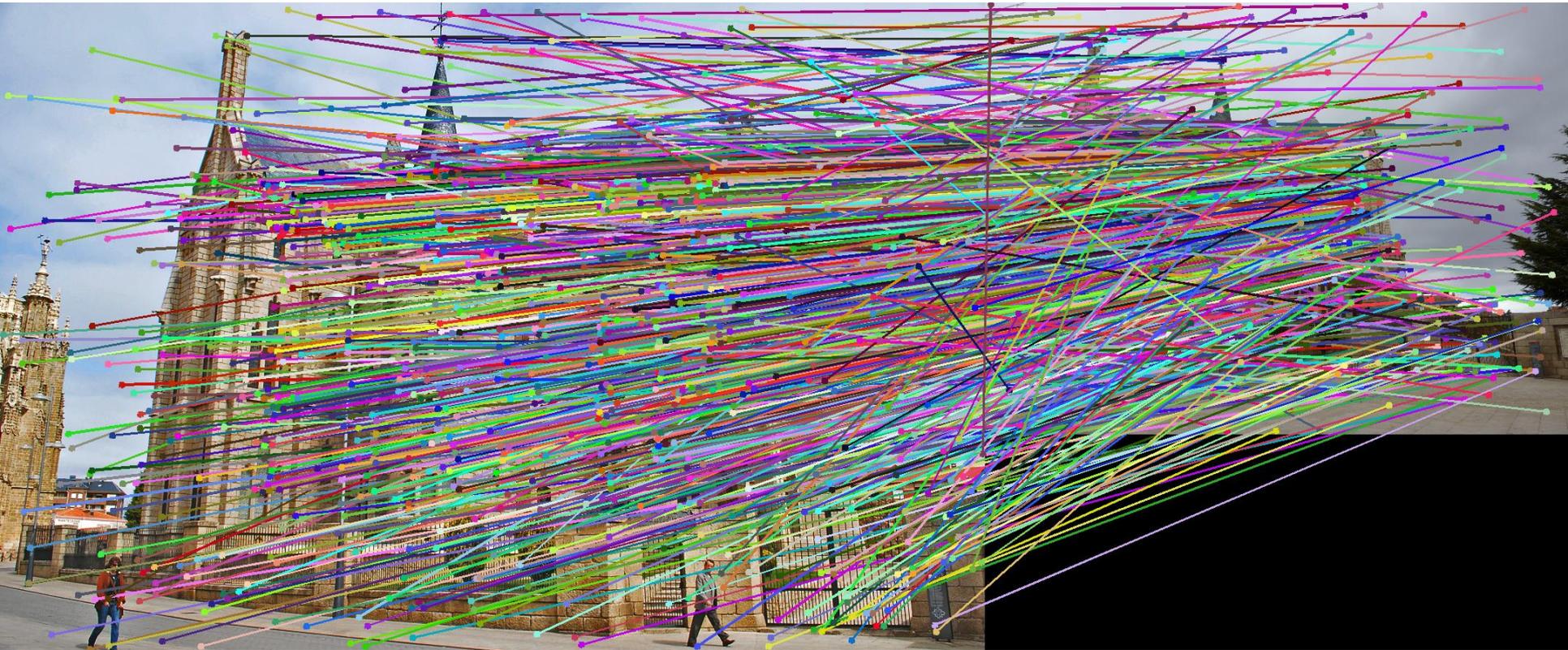
Behaves much the same as least squares

# Robust estimation: Details

- Robust fitting is a nonlinear optimization problem that must be solved iteratively
- Scale of robust function should be chosen adaptively based on median residual
- Least squares solution can be used for initialization

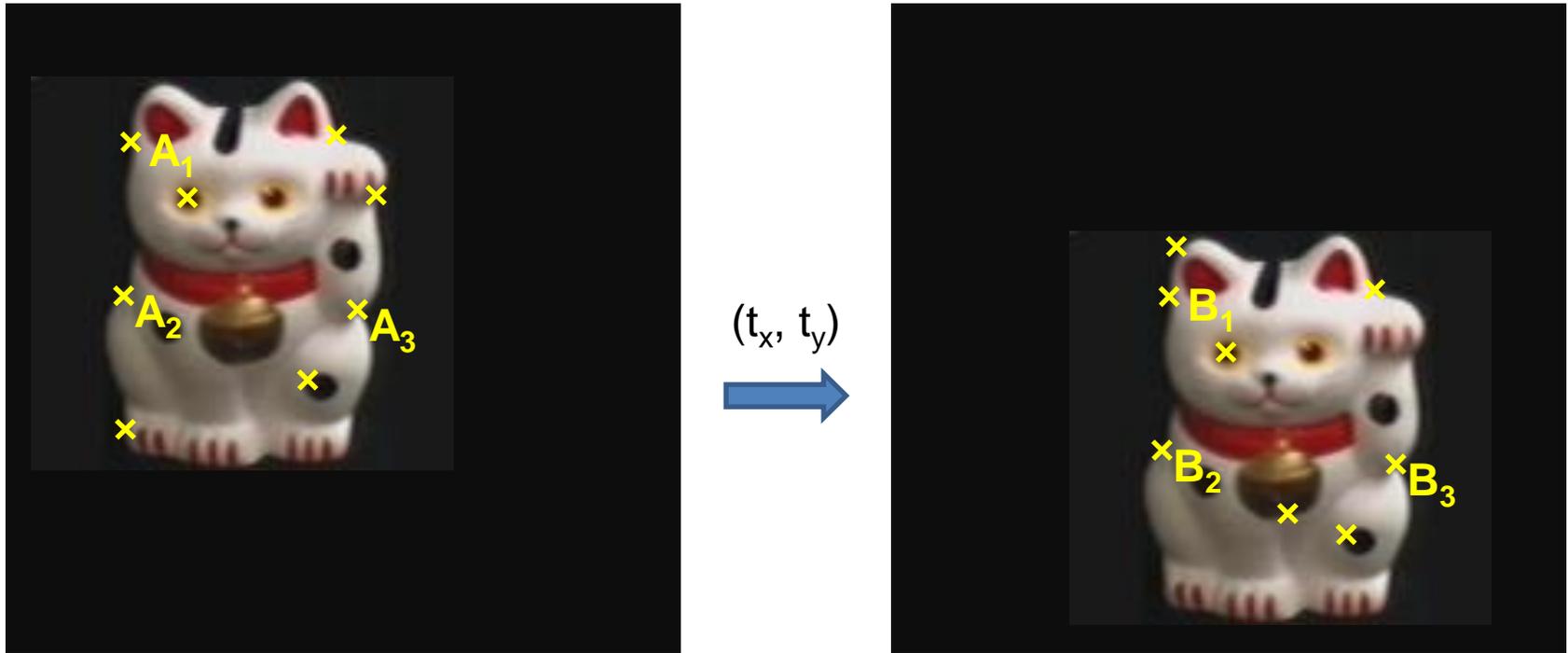
# What if I have *many* outliers?

Episcopal Gaudi image pair



VLFeat's 800 most confident matches  
among 10,000+ local features.

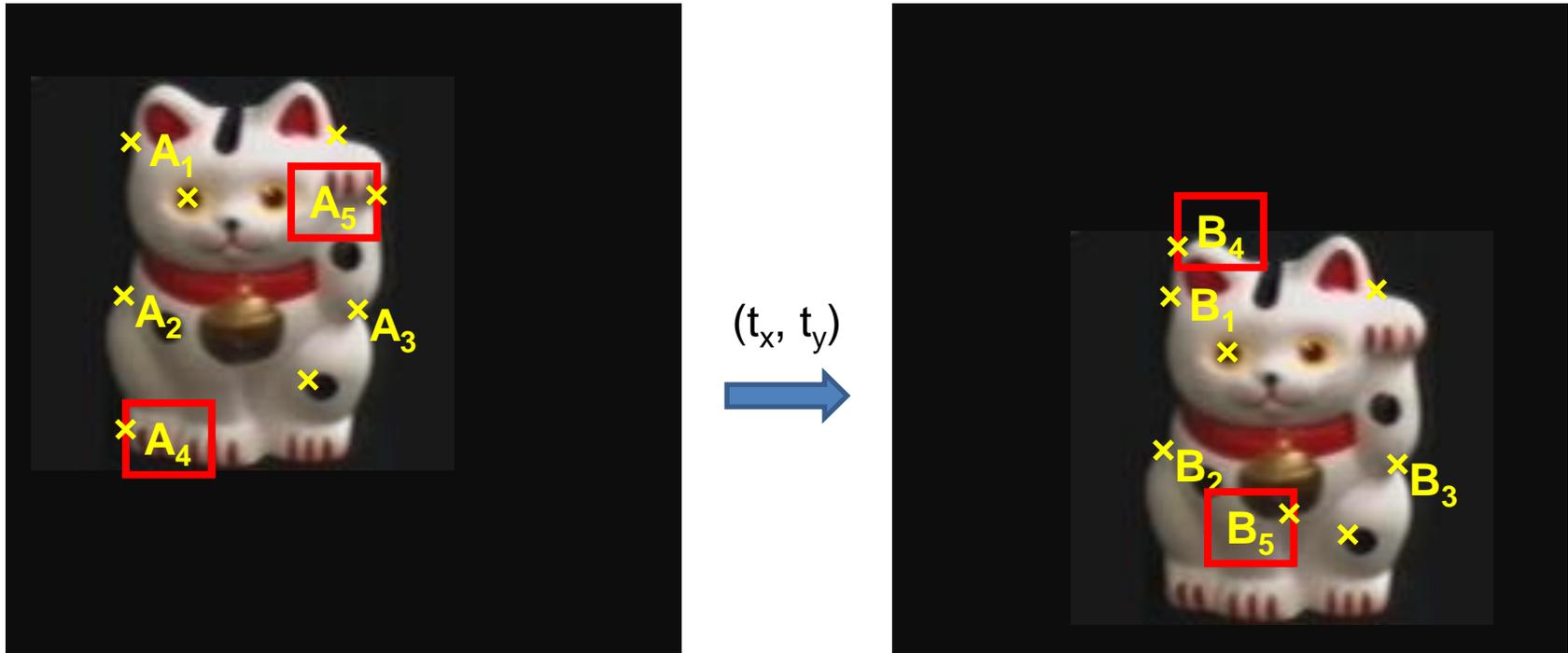
# Example: solving for translation



Given matched points in  $\{A\}$  and  $\{B\}$ , estimate the translation of the object

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i^B \\ y_i^B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_i^A \\ y_i^A \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: solving for translation



**Problem: outliers  $A_4$ - $B_4$  and  $A_5$ - $B_5$  which *incorrectly* correspond**

## RANSAC solution

1. Sample a set of matching points (1 pair)
2. Solve for transformation parameters
3. Score parameters with number of inliers
4. Repeat steps 1-3 N times

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# RANSAC

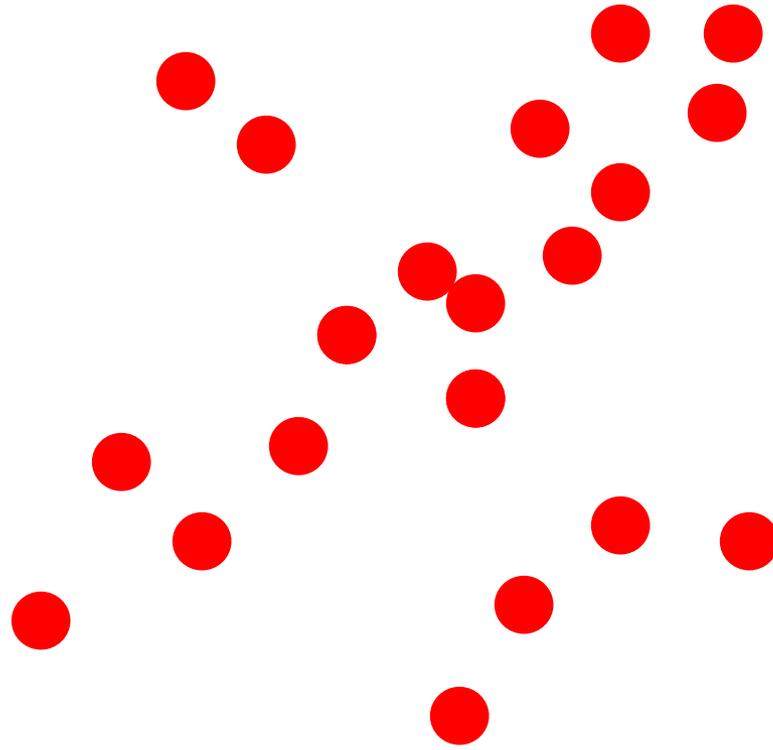
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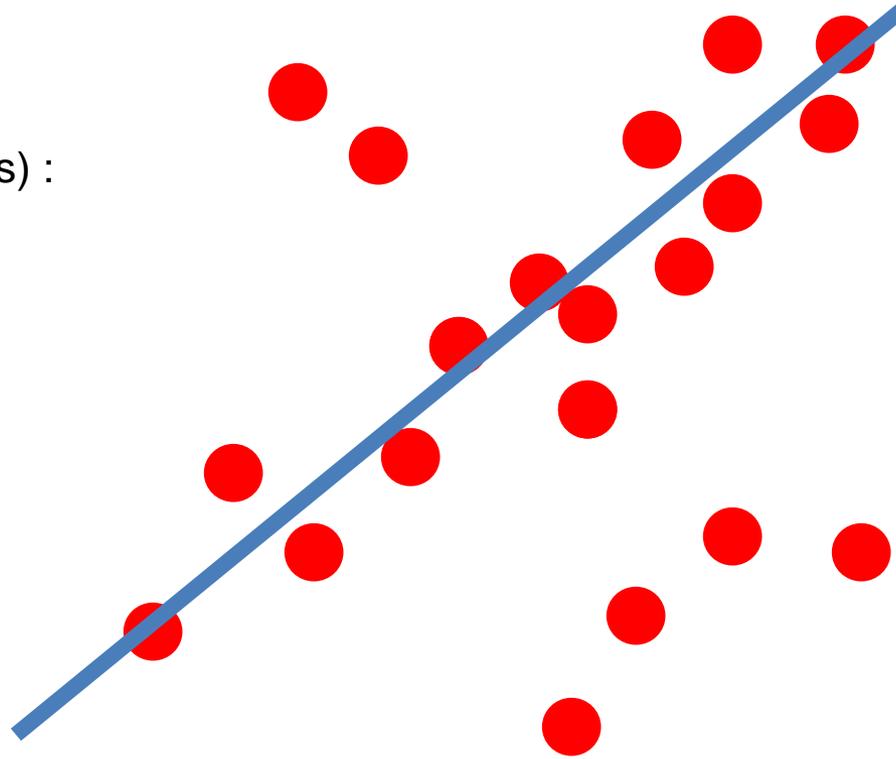
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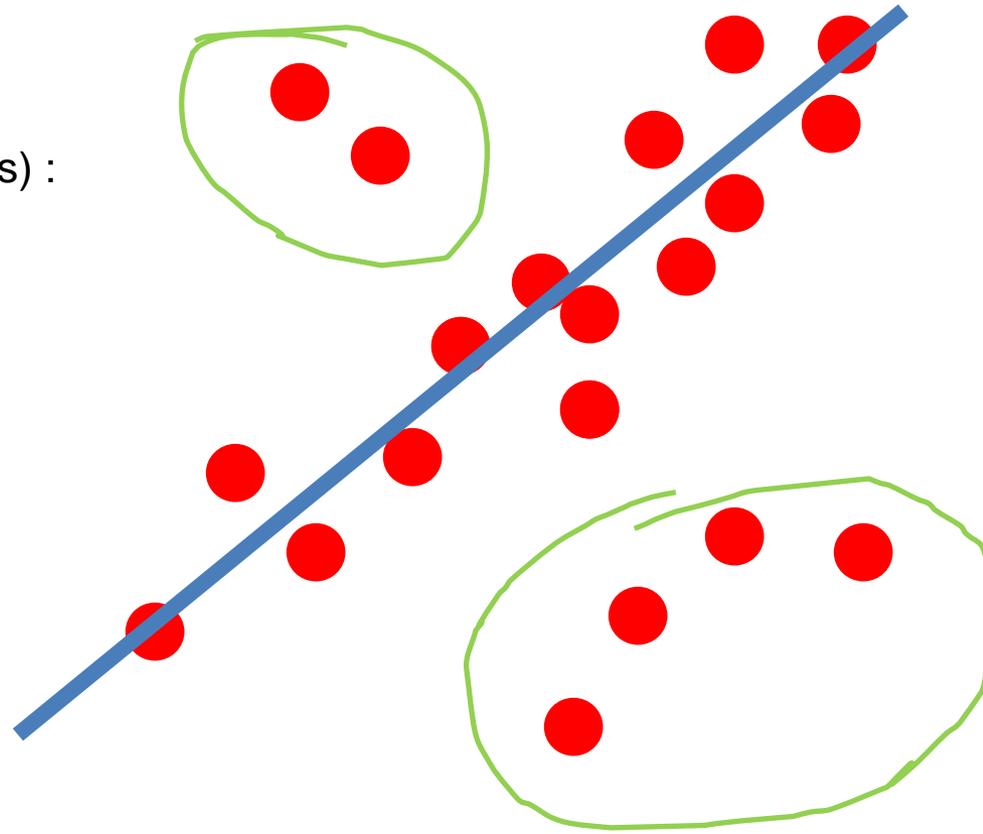


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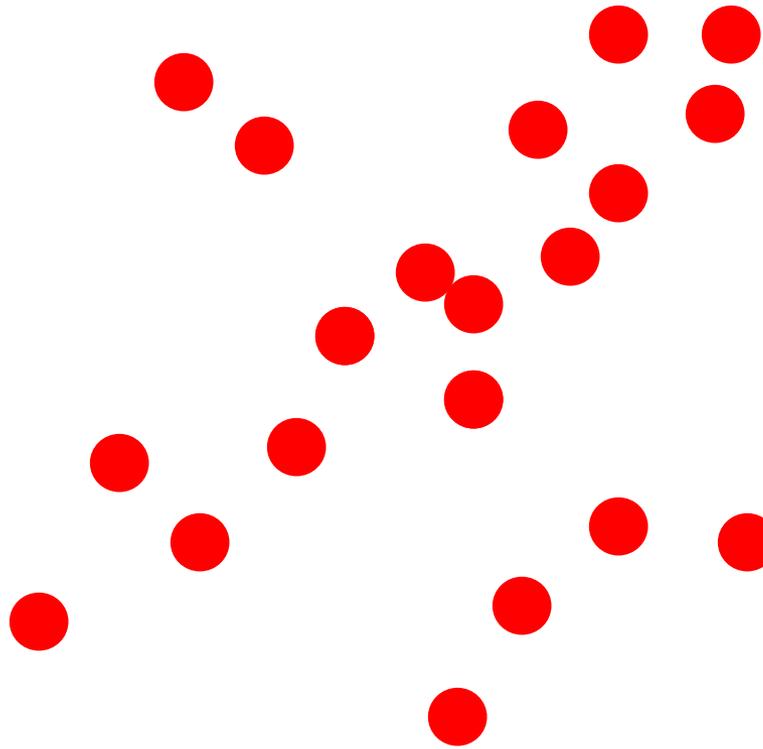
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Here, we expect to see a line, but least-squares fitting will produce the wrong result due to strong outlier presence.

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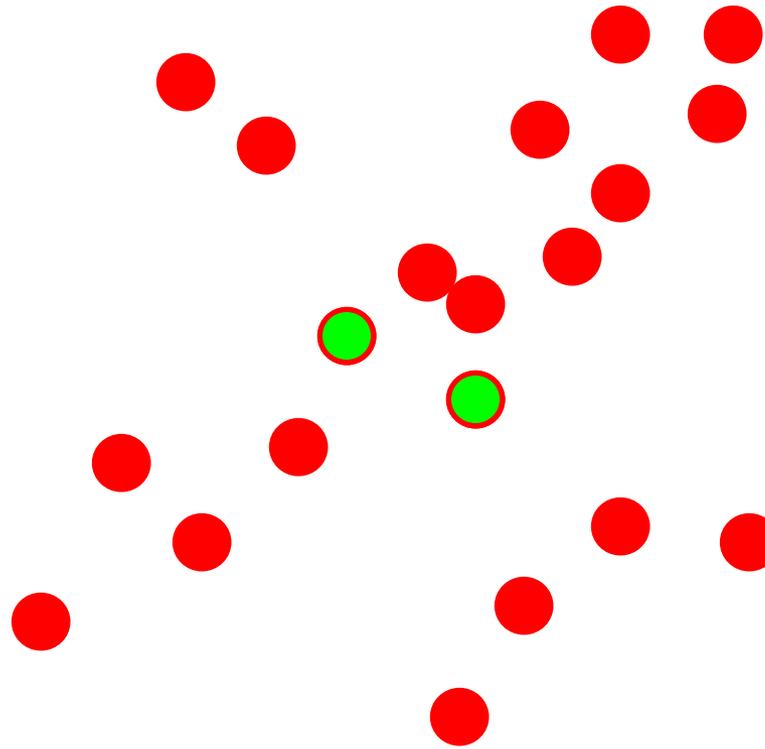
Algorithm:

1. **Sample** (randomly) the number of points  $s$  required to fit the model
2. **Solve** for model parameters using samples
3. **Score** by the fraction of inliers within a preset threshold of the model

**Repeat** 1-3 until the best model is found with high confidence

# RANSAC

Line fitting example



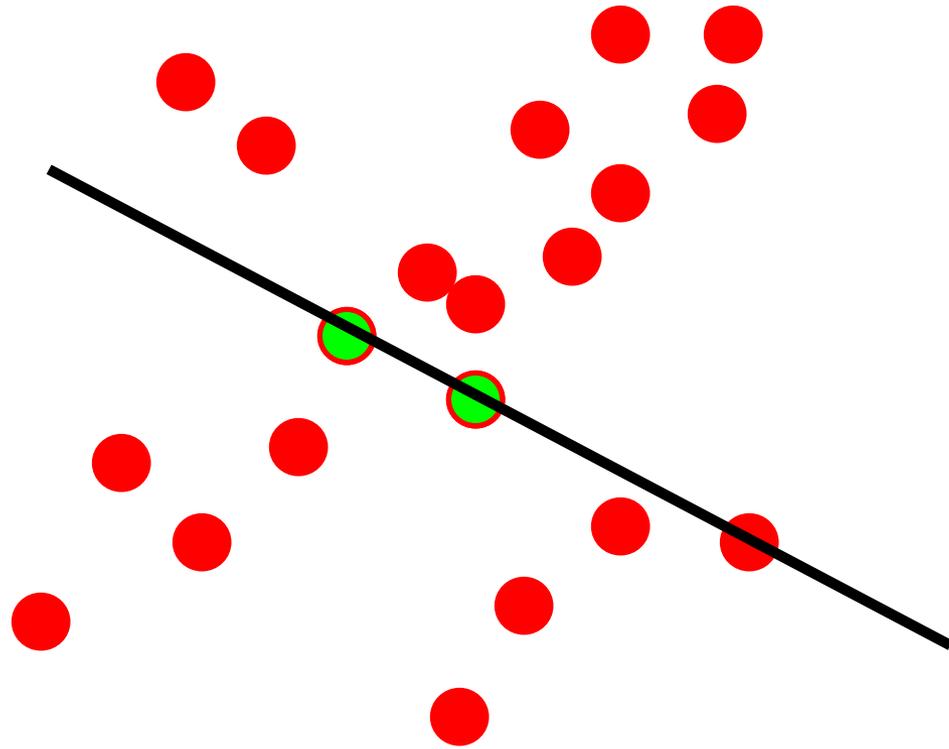
Algorithm:

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# RANSAC

Line fitting example



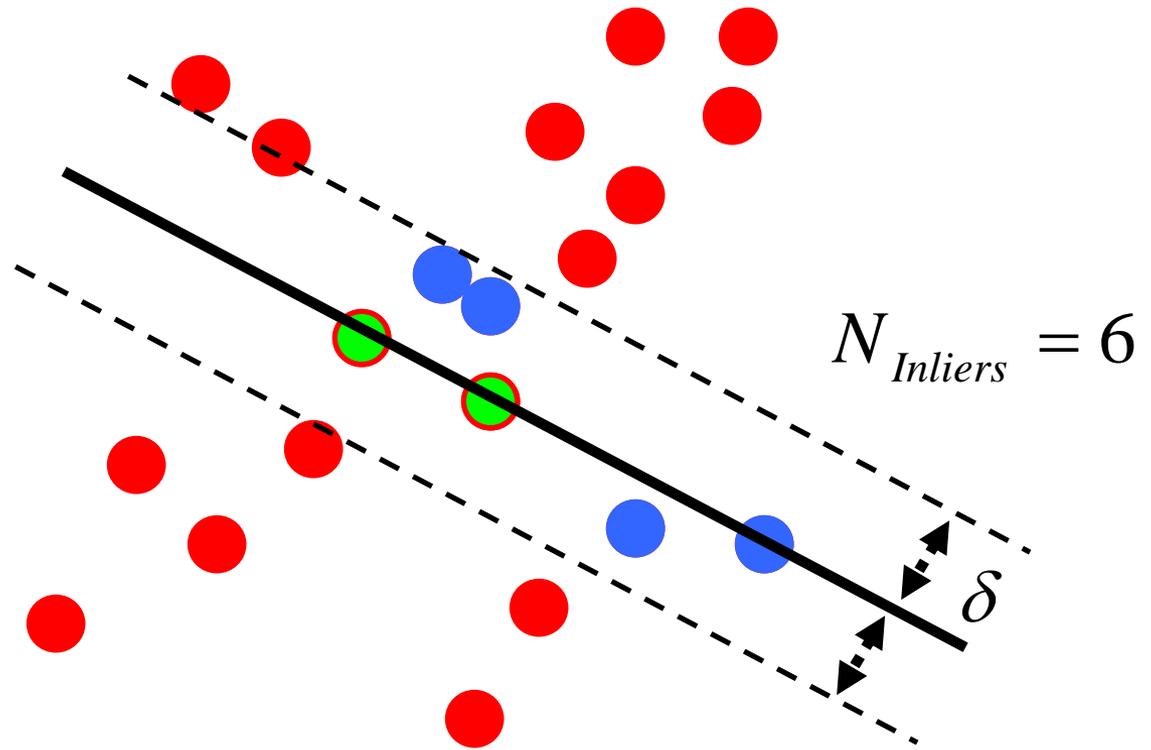
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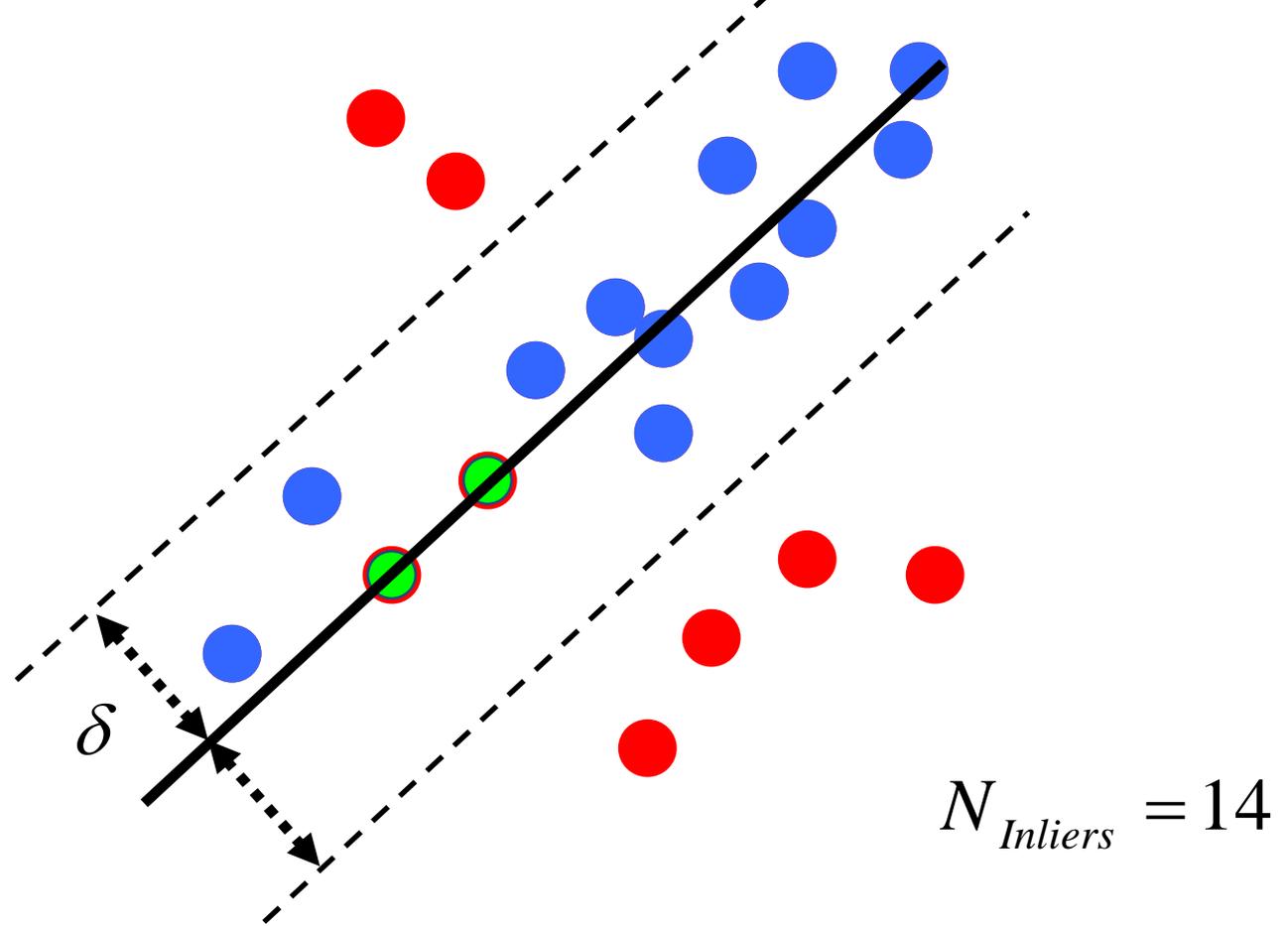


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# How to choose parameters?

- Number of algorithm iterations  $N$ 
  - Choose  $N$  so that, with probability  $p$ , at least one random sample is free from outliers (e.g.,  $p=0.99$ ) (outlier ratio:  $e$ )
- Number of sampled points  $s$ 
  - Minimum number needed to fit the model
- Distance threshold  $\delta$ 
  - Choose  $\delta$  so that a good point with noise is likely (e.g., prob=0.95) within threshold
  - Zero-mean Gaussian noise with std. dev.  $\sigma$ :  $t^2=3.84\sigma^2$

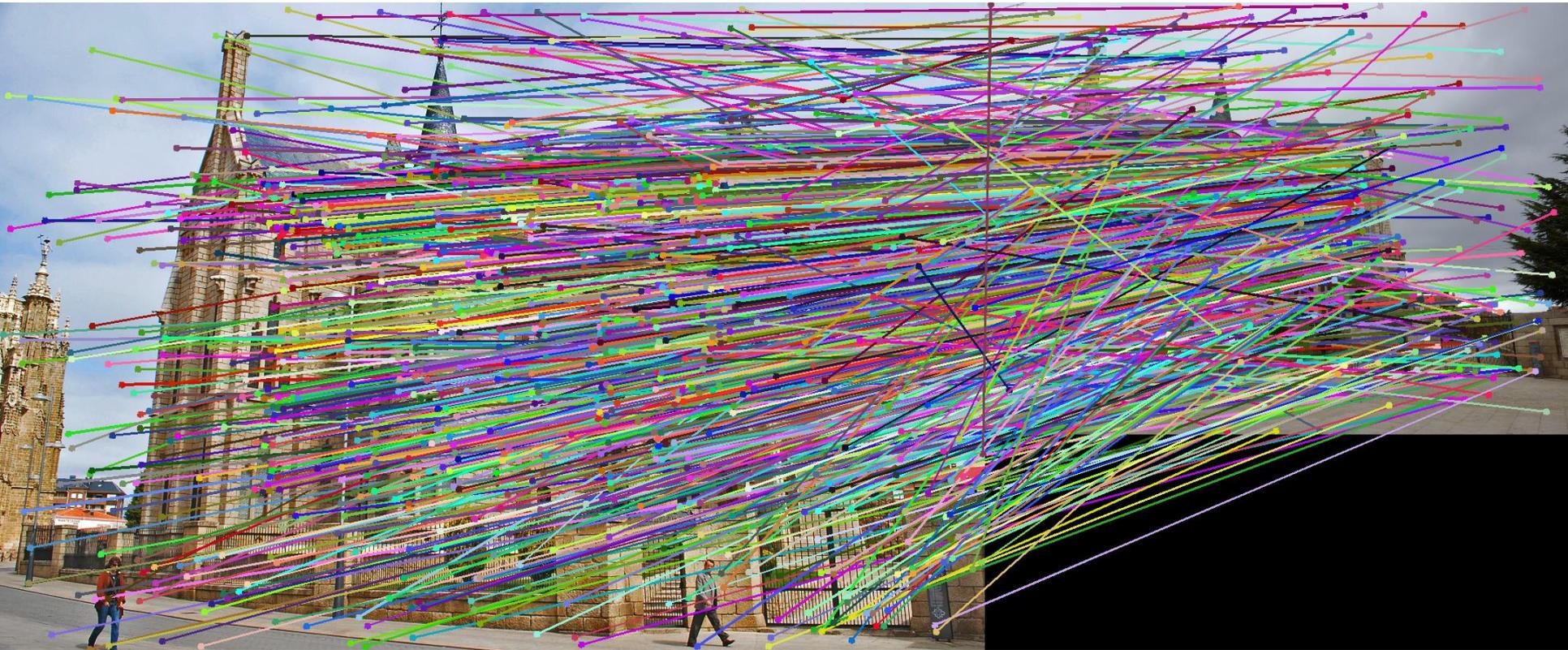
How many iterations  
do I need?

$$N = \log(1 - p) / \log(1 - (1 - e)^s)$$

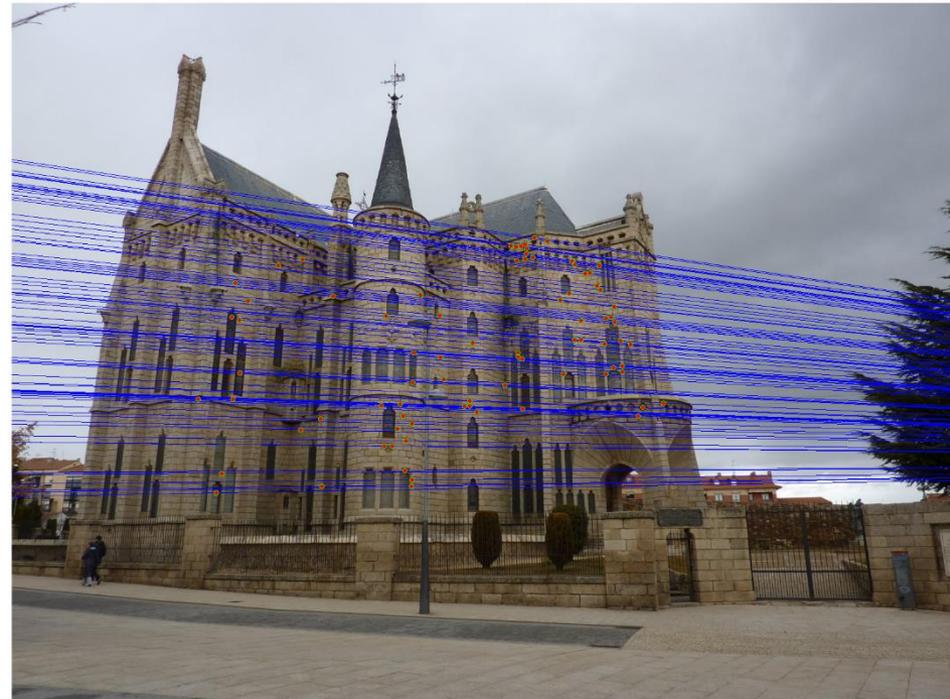
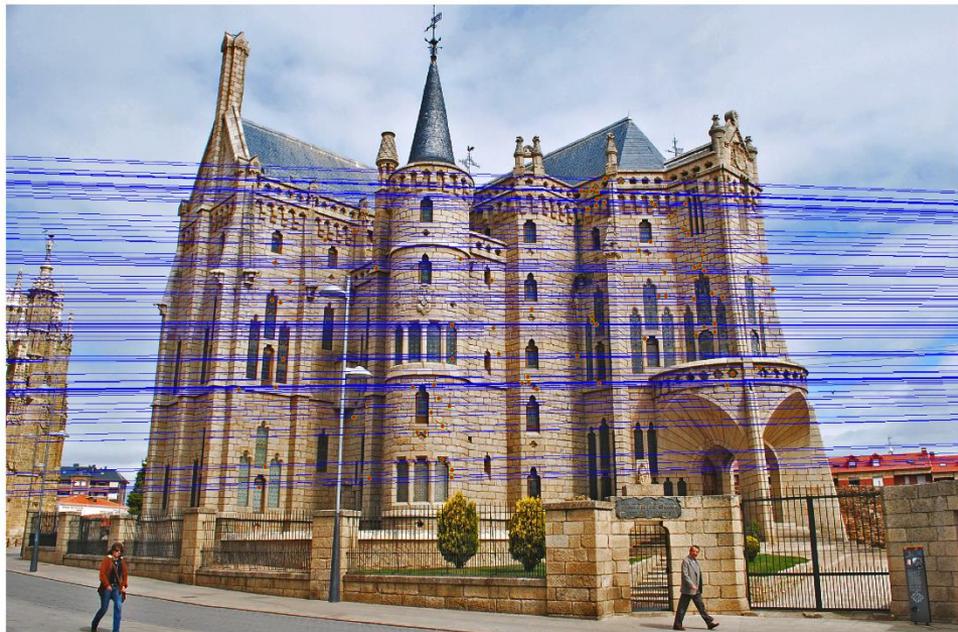
| $s$ | Proportion of outliers $e$ |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|-----|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
|     | 5%                         | 10% | 20% | 25% | 30% | 40% | 50%  |
| 2   | 2                          | 3   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 11  | 17   |
| 3   | 3                          | 4   | 7   | 9   | 11  | 19  | 35   |
| 4   | 3                          | 5   | 9   | 13  | 17  | 34  | 72   |
| 5   | 4                          | 6   | 12  | 17  | 26  | 57  | 146  |
| 6   | 4                          | 7   | 16  | 24  | 37  | 97  | 293  |
| 7   | 4                          | 8   | 20  | 33  | 54  | 163 | 588  |
| 8   | 5                          | 9   | 26  | 44  | 78  | 272 | 1177 |

For  $p = 0.99$

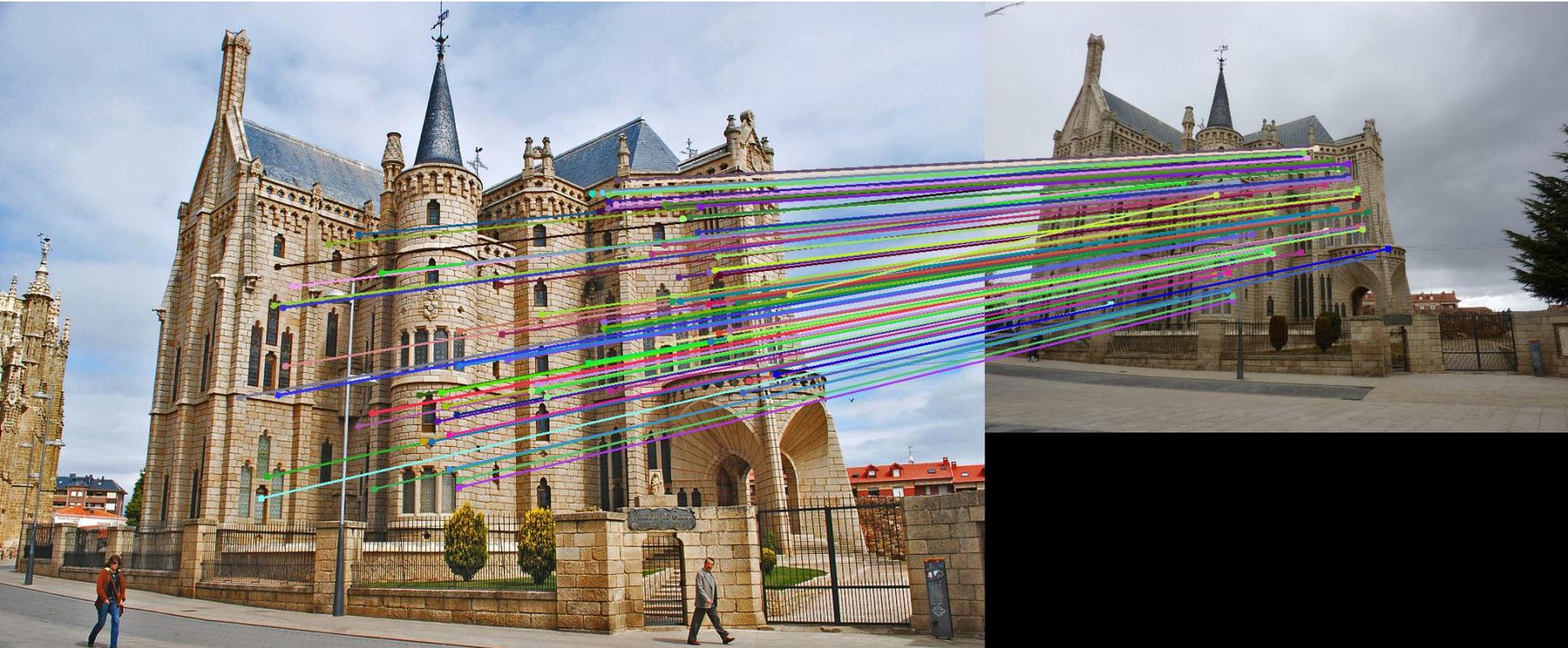
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# Epipolar lines



Keep only the matches that are “inliers” with respect to the “best” fundamental matrix



# RANSAC conclusions

## Good

- Robust to outliers
- Applicable for large number of objective function parameters (than Hough transform)
- Optimization parameters are easier to choose (than Hough transform)

## Bad

- Computational time grows quickly with fraction of outliers and number of parameters
- Not good for getting multiple fits

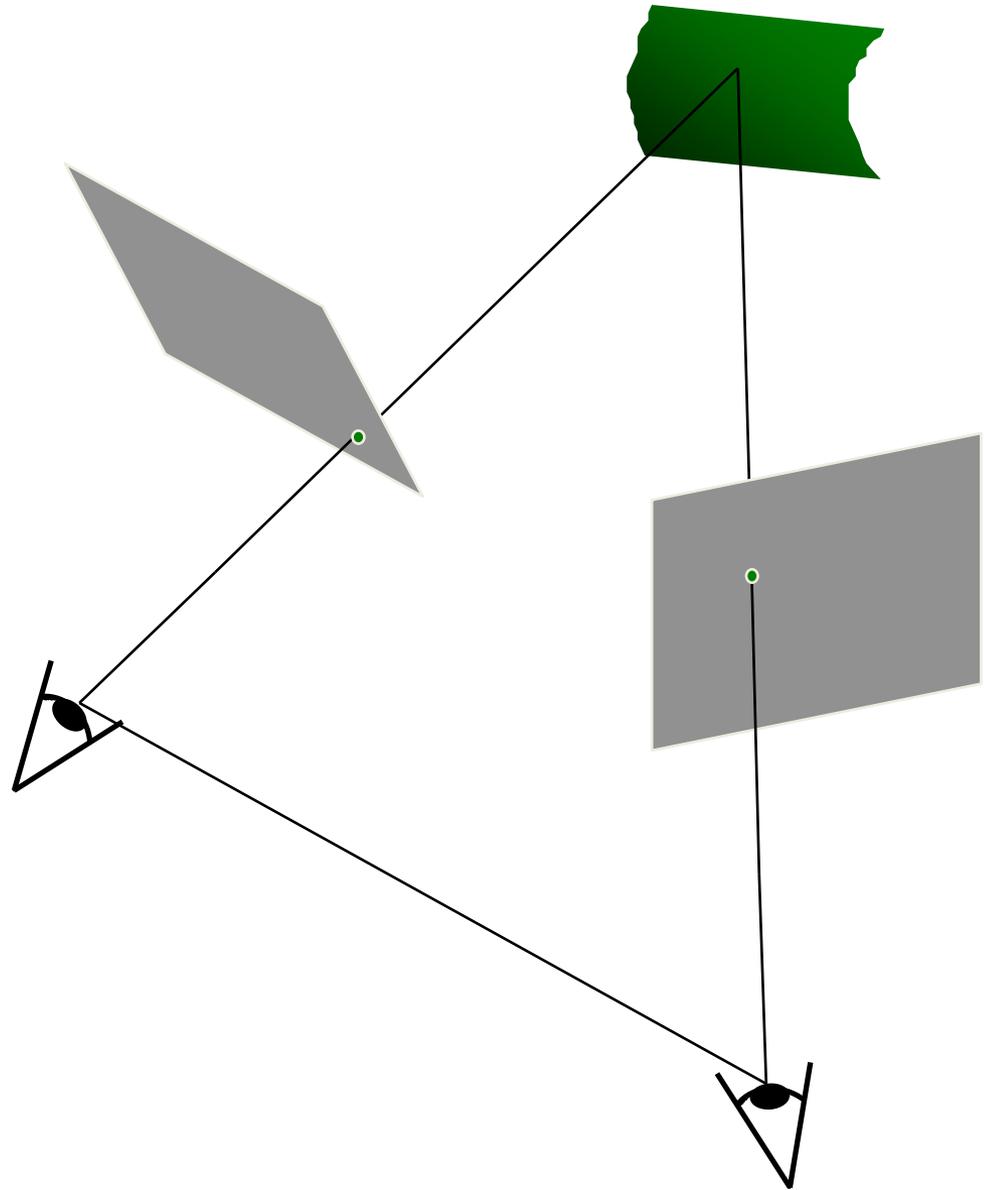
## Common applications

- Estimating fundamental matrix (relating two views)
- Computing a homography (e.g., image stitching)

Found  $F$  – now what?

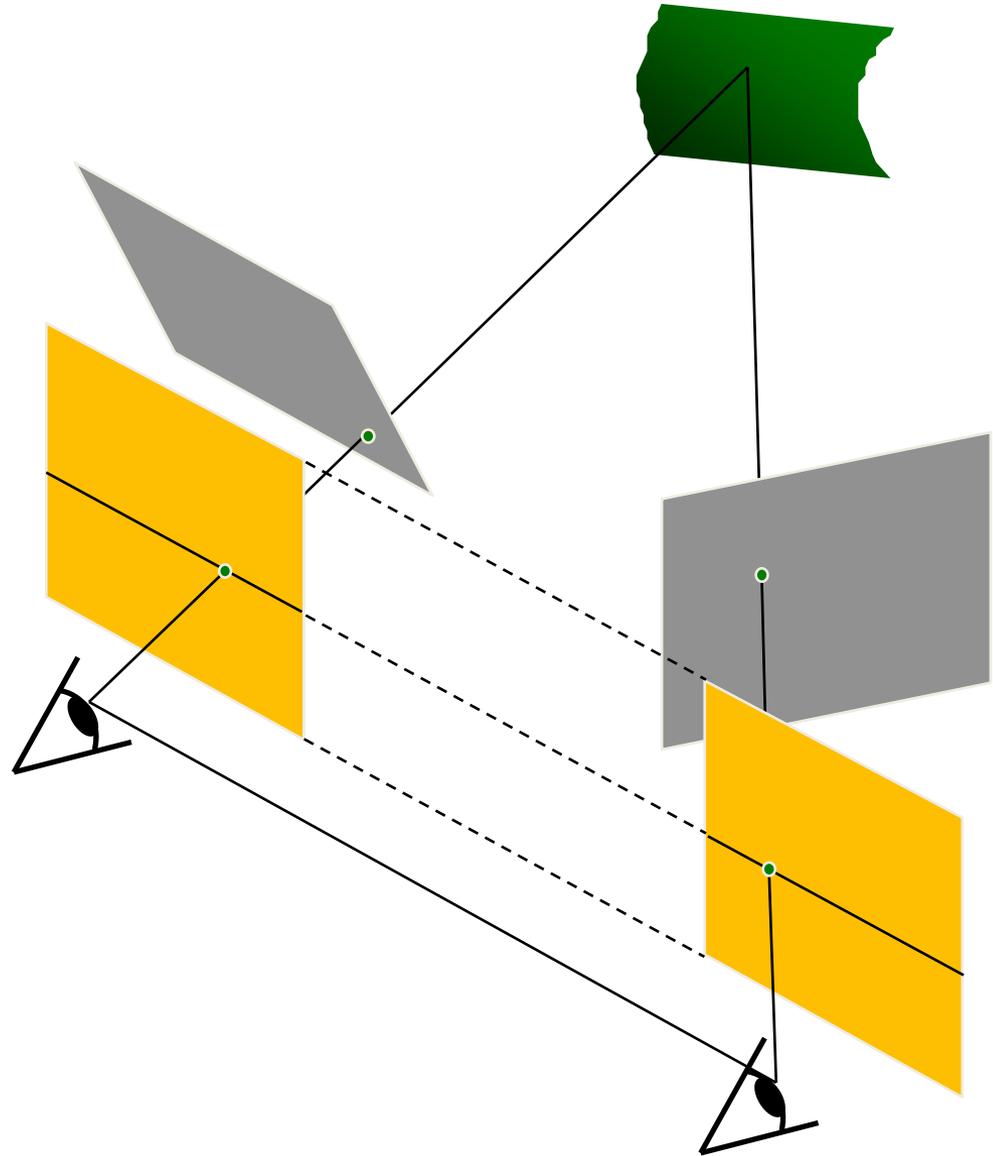
# **SCANLINE ALIGNMENT VIA RECTIFICATION**

# Stereo image rectification



# Stereo image rectification

- Reproject image planes onto a common plane parallel to the line between camera centers
  - Pixel motion is horizontal after this transformation
  - Two homographies (3x3 transform), one for each input image reprojection
- C. Loop and Z. Zhang. [Computing Rectifying Homographies for Stereo Vision](#). IEEE Conf. Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 1999.



# Rectification example

