

# Camera Matrix

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A camera is a mapping between

the **3D world**

and

a **2D image**

A camera is a mapping between  
the 3D world and a 2D image

$$x = PX$$

2D image  
point

camera  
matrix

3D world  
point

*What do you think the dimensions are?*

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

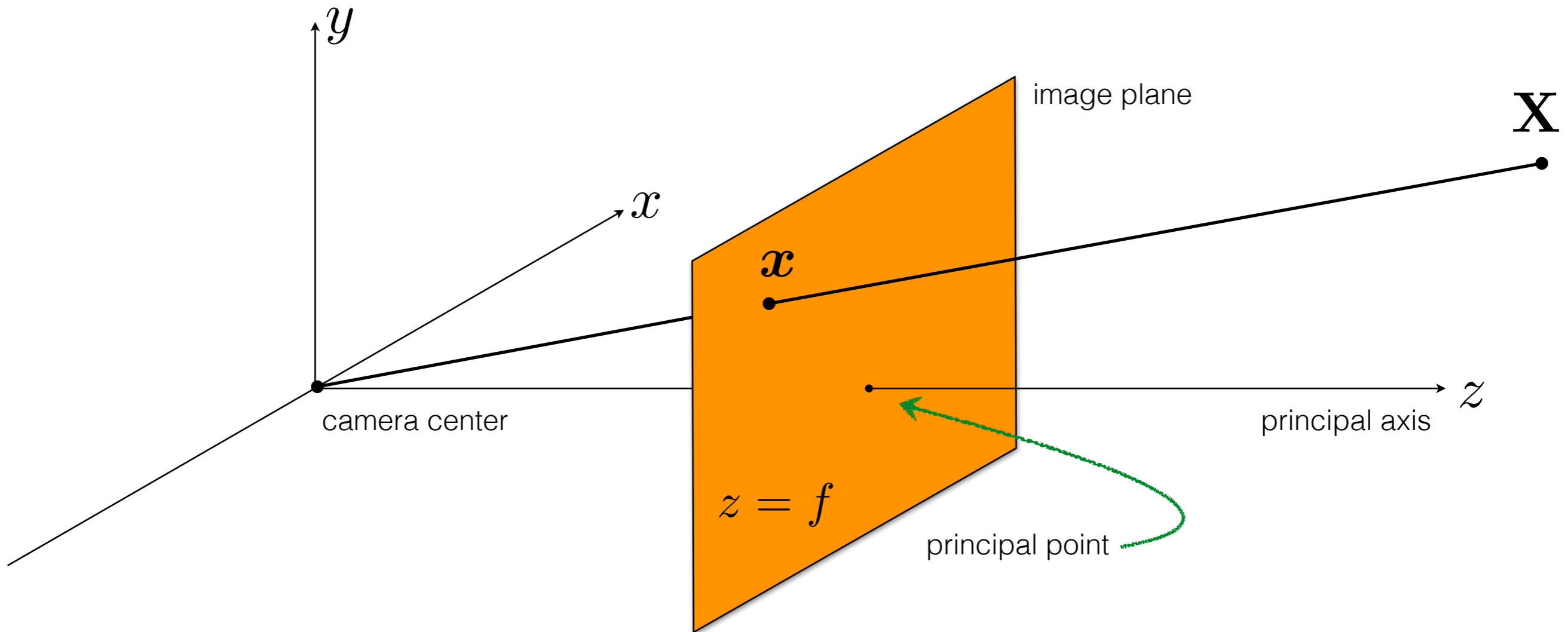
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homogeneous  
image  
3 x 1

Camera  
matrix  
3 x 4

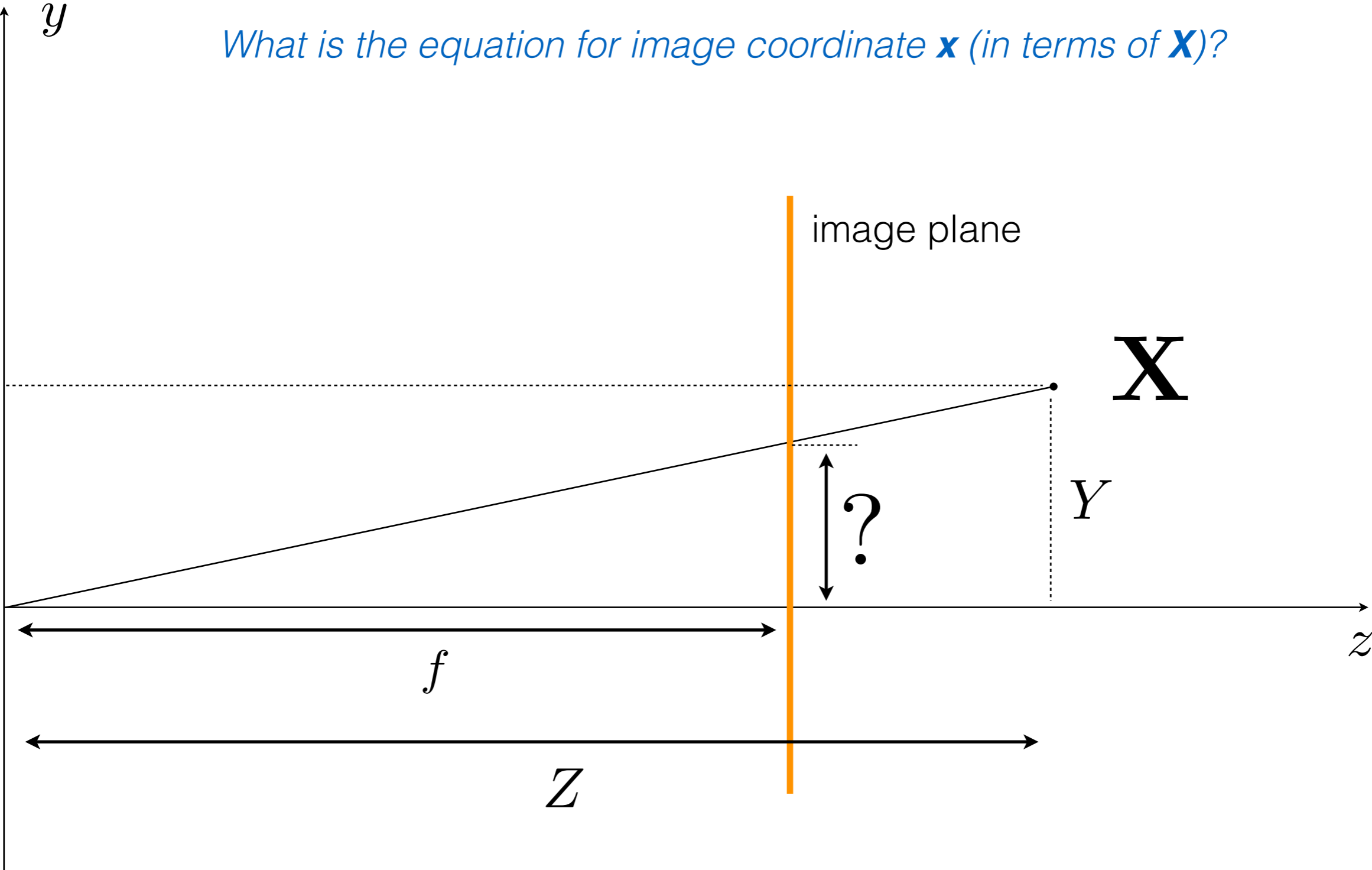
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world point  
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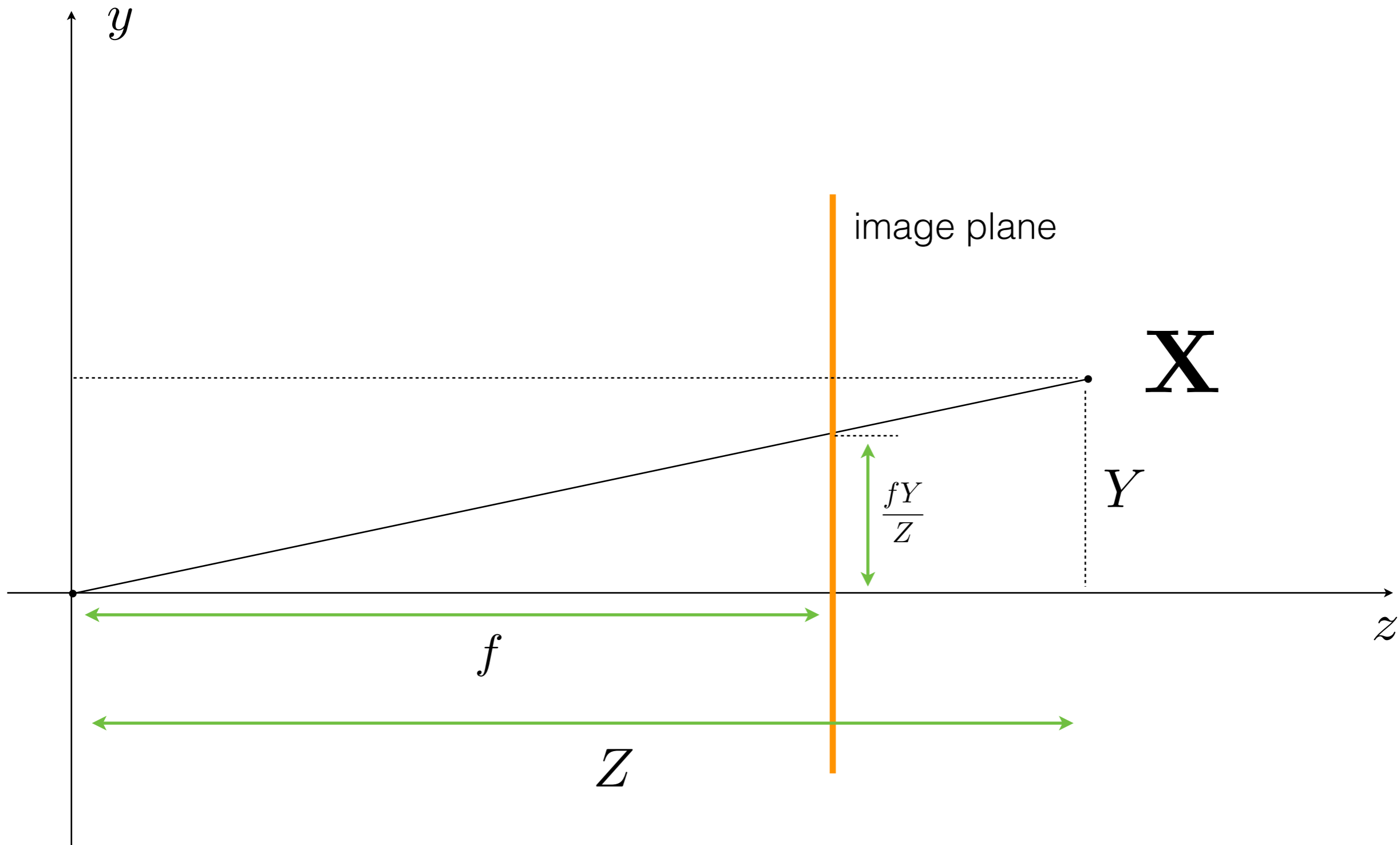
# The pinhole camera



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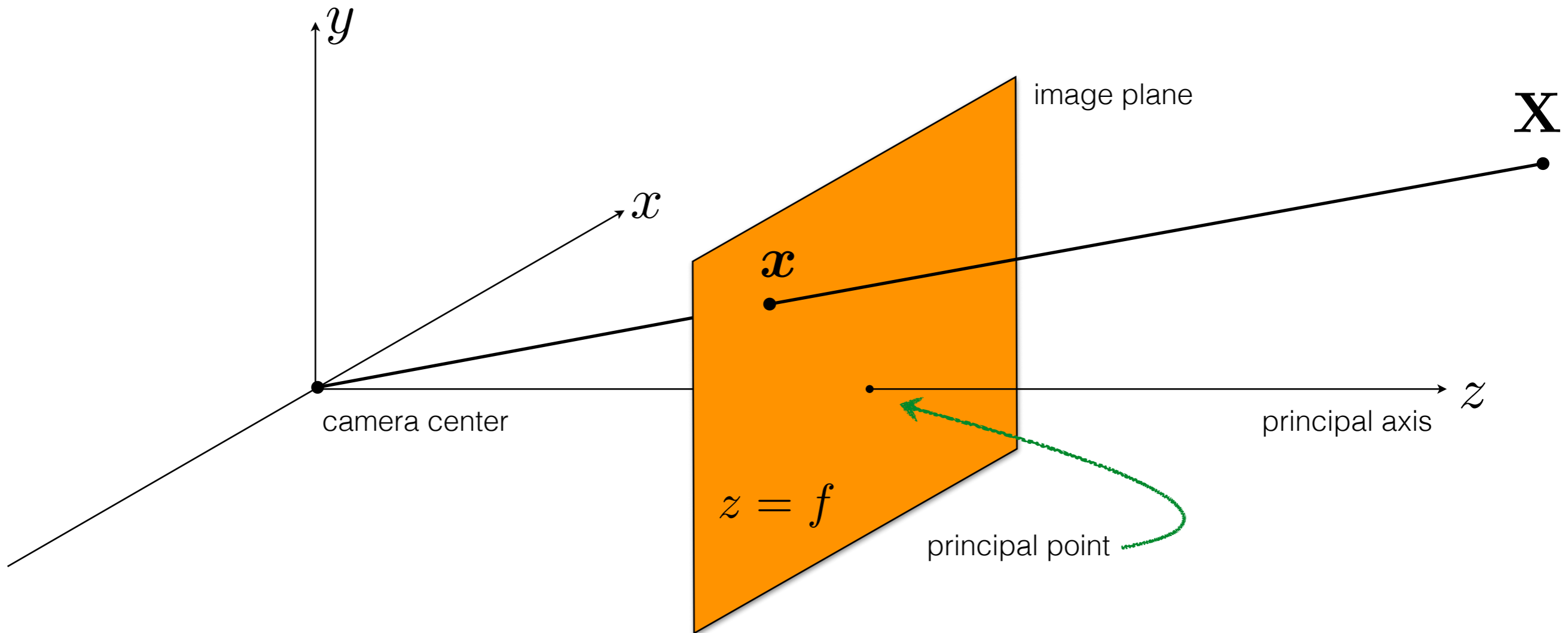
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$$[X \quad Y \quad Z]^T \mapsto [fX/Z \quad fY/Z]^T$$

# Pinhole camera geometry



*What is the camera matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  for a pinhole camera model?*

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

Relationship from similar triangles...

$$[X \quad Y \quad Z]^{\top} \mapsto [fX/Z \quad fY/Z]^{\top}$$

generic camera model

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$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

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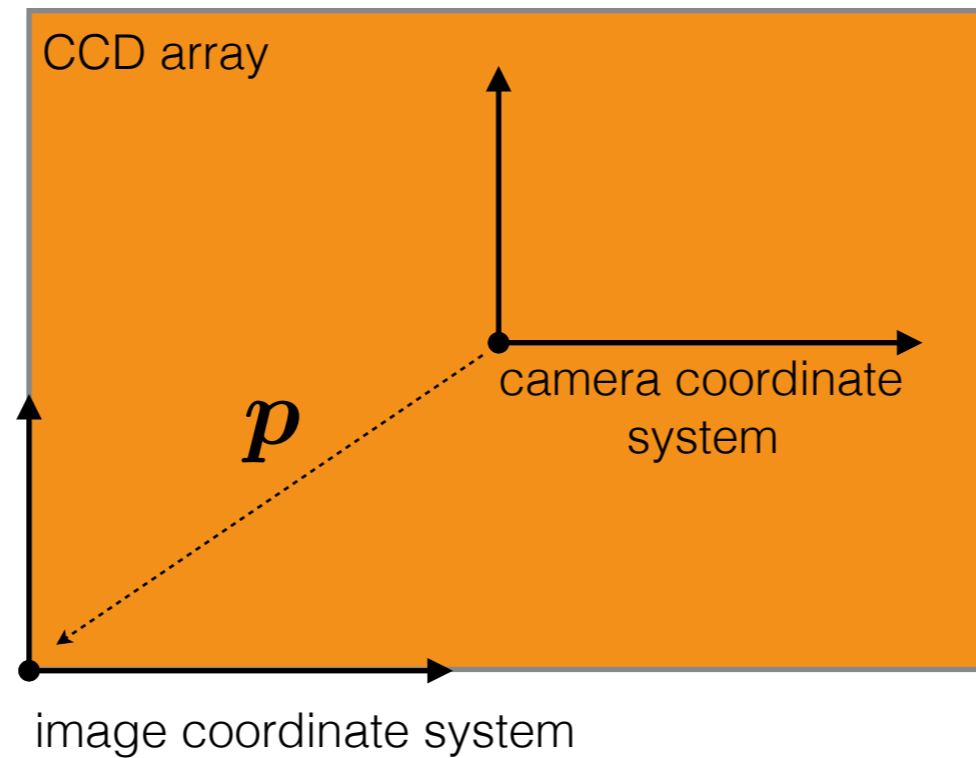
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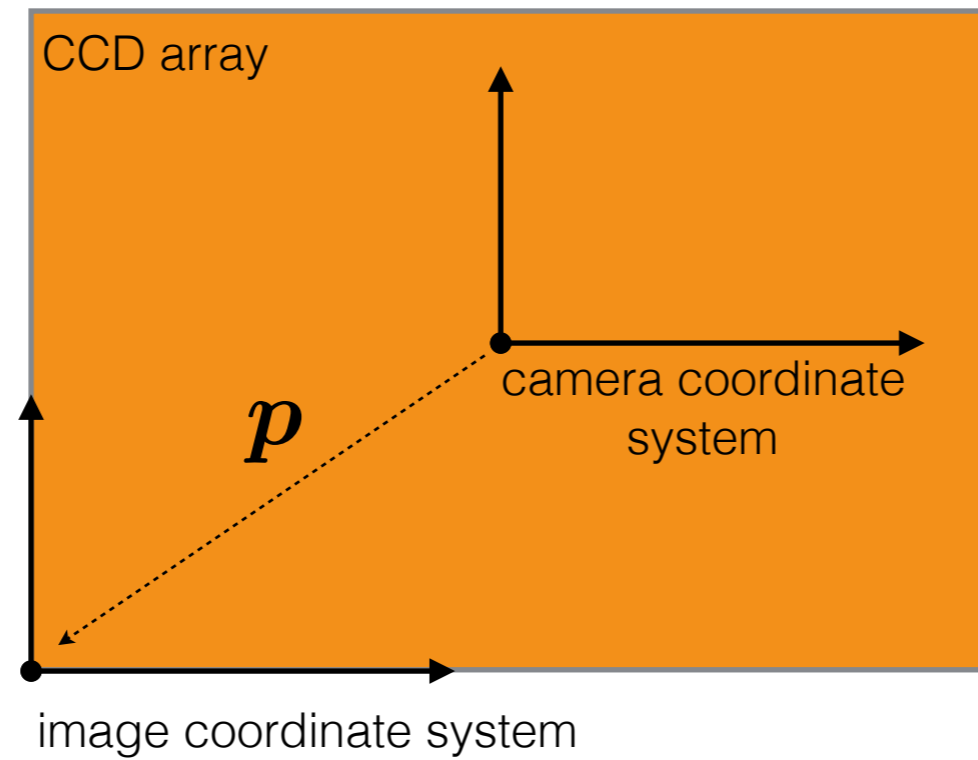
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Camera origin and image origin might be different

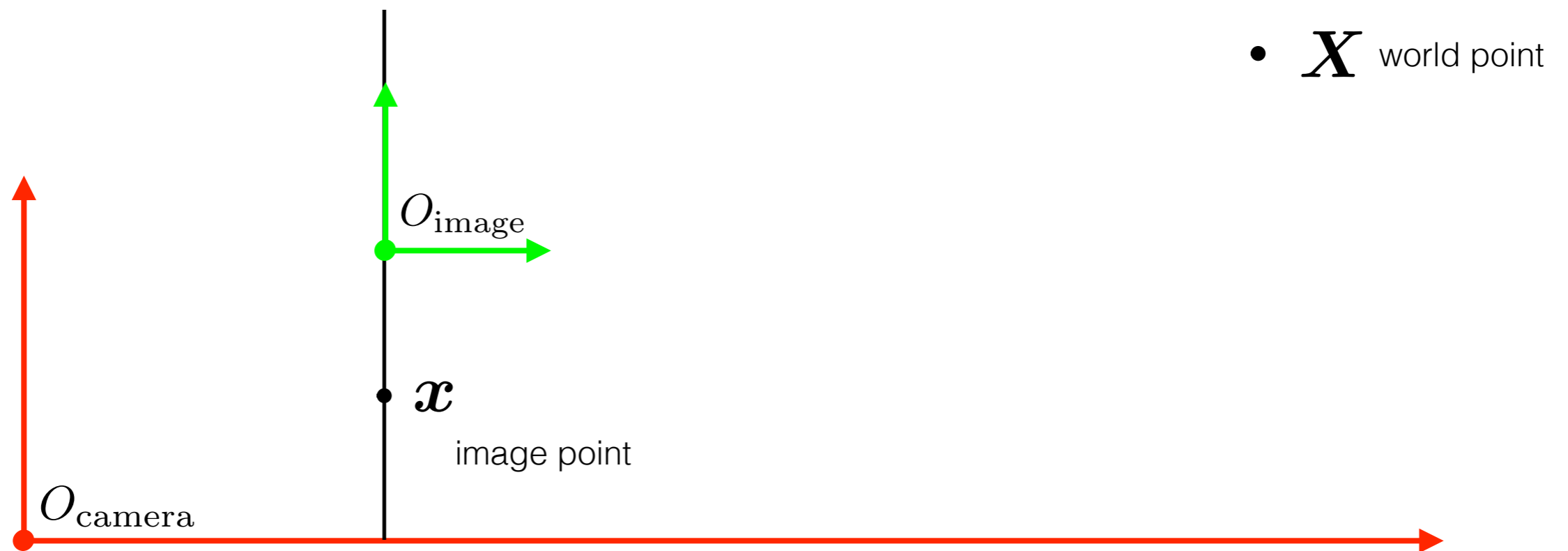




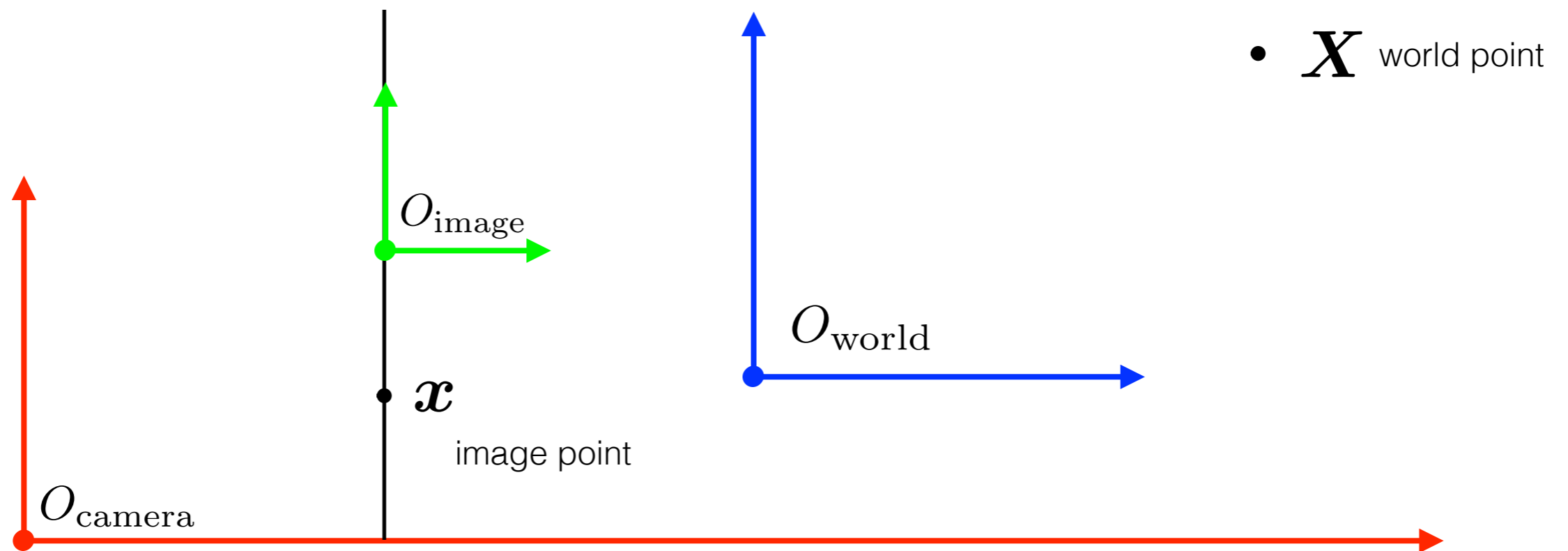
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Accounts for different origins

In general, the camera and image sensor have **different** coordinate systems



In general, there are **three different** coordinate systems...



so you need to know the transformations between them

Can be decomposed into two matrices

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(3 \times 3)$   $(3 \times 4)$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{I}|\mathbf{0}]$$

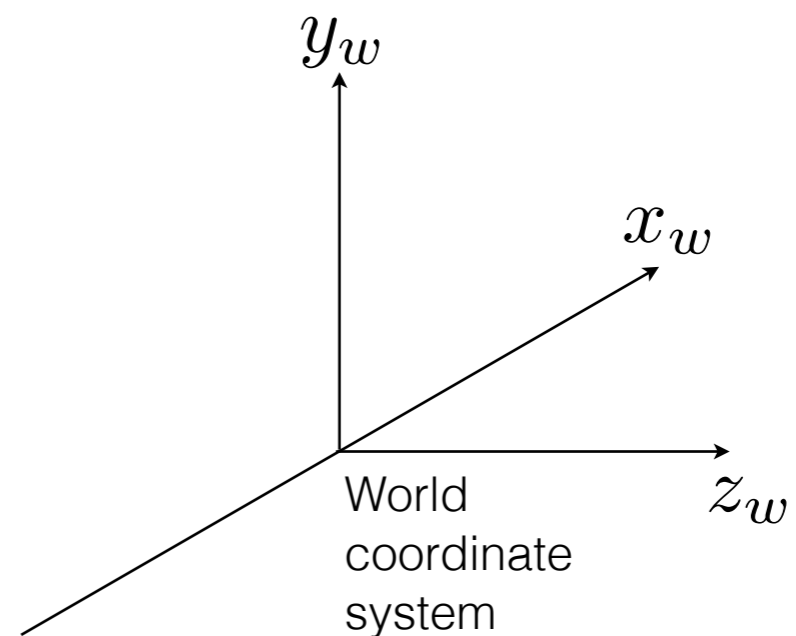
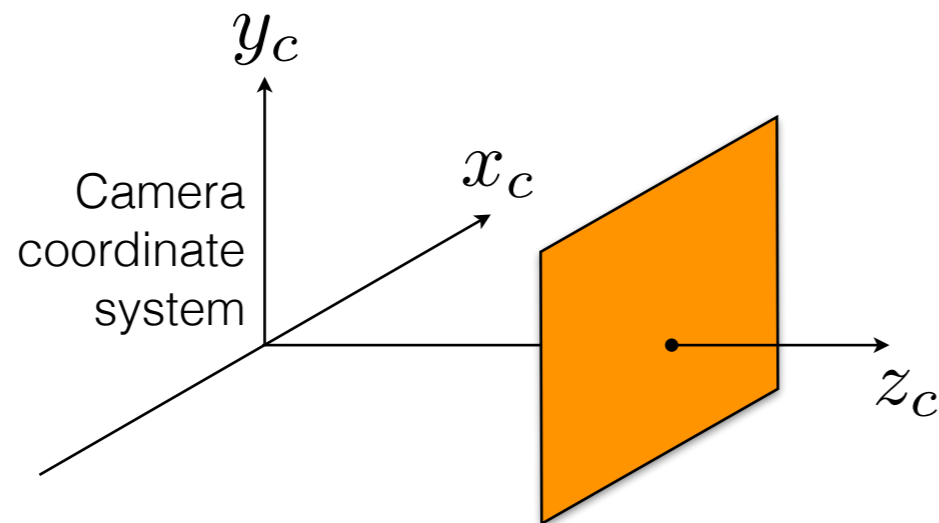
$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{calibration matrix}$$

Assumes that the **camera** and **world** share the same coordinate system

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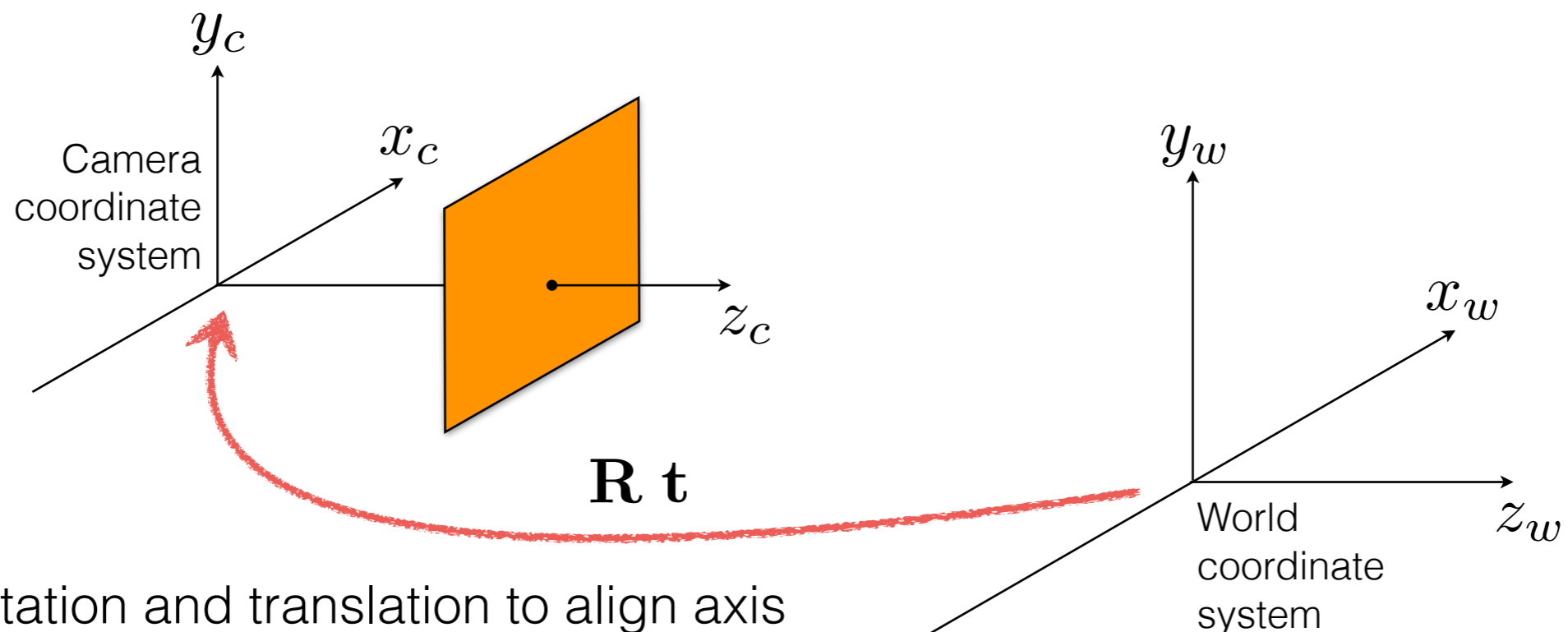
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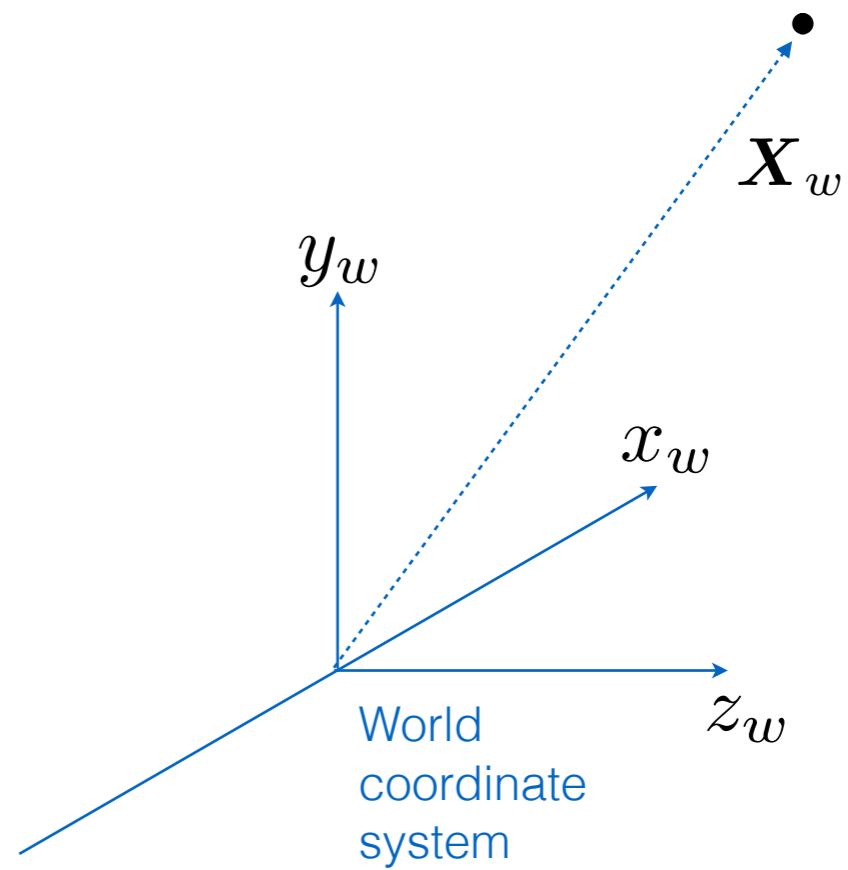
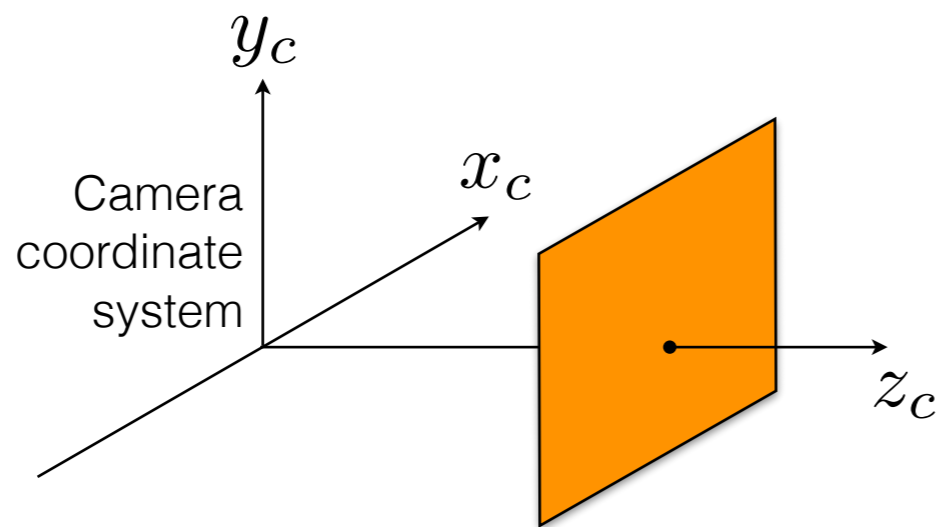
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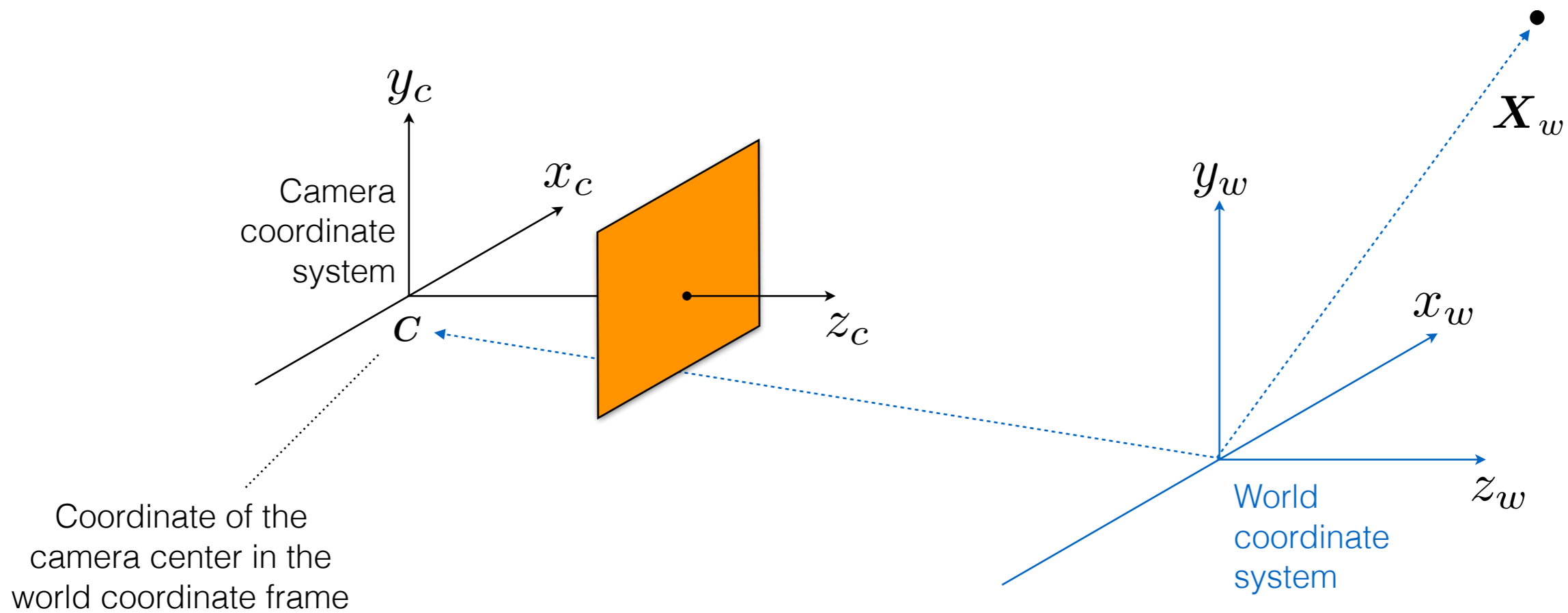
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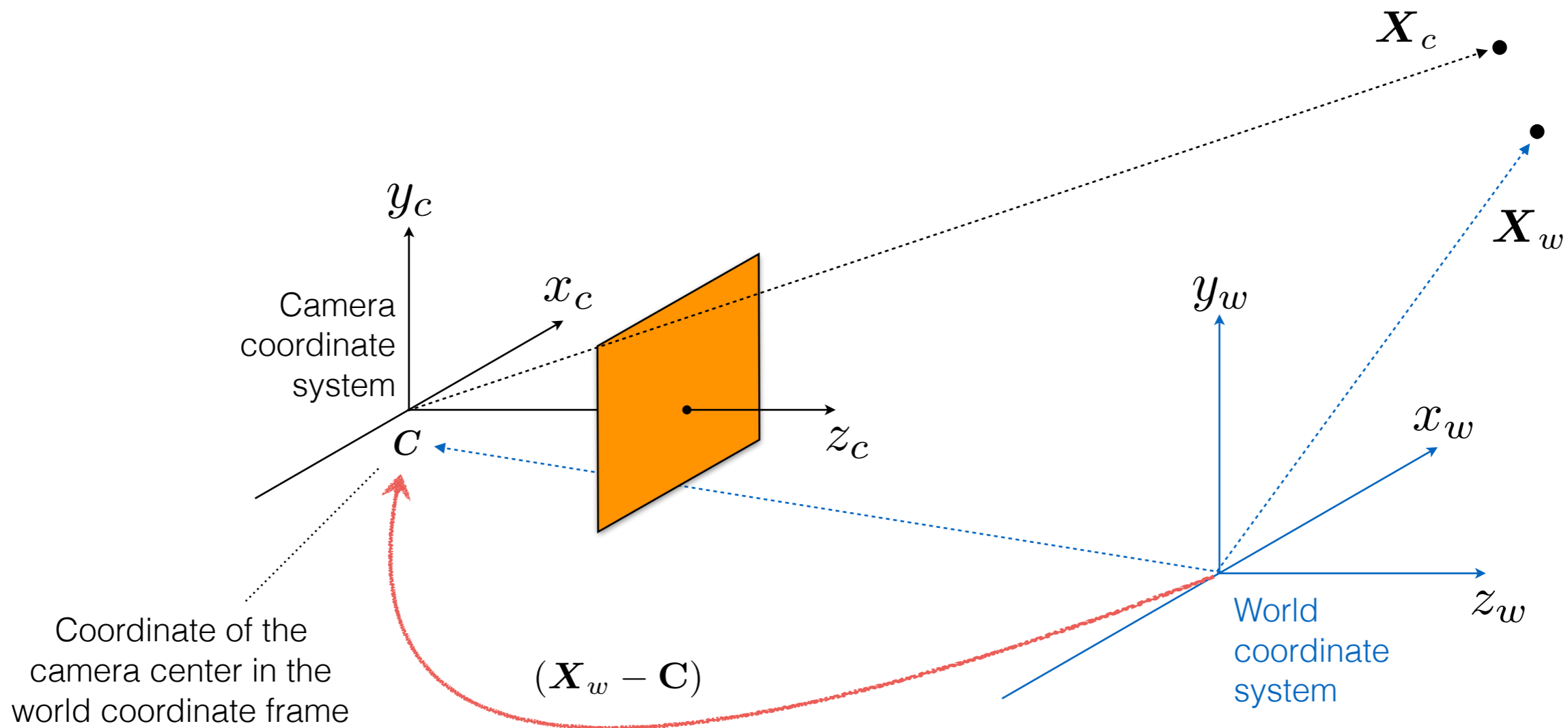
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3R rotation and translation to align axis

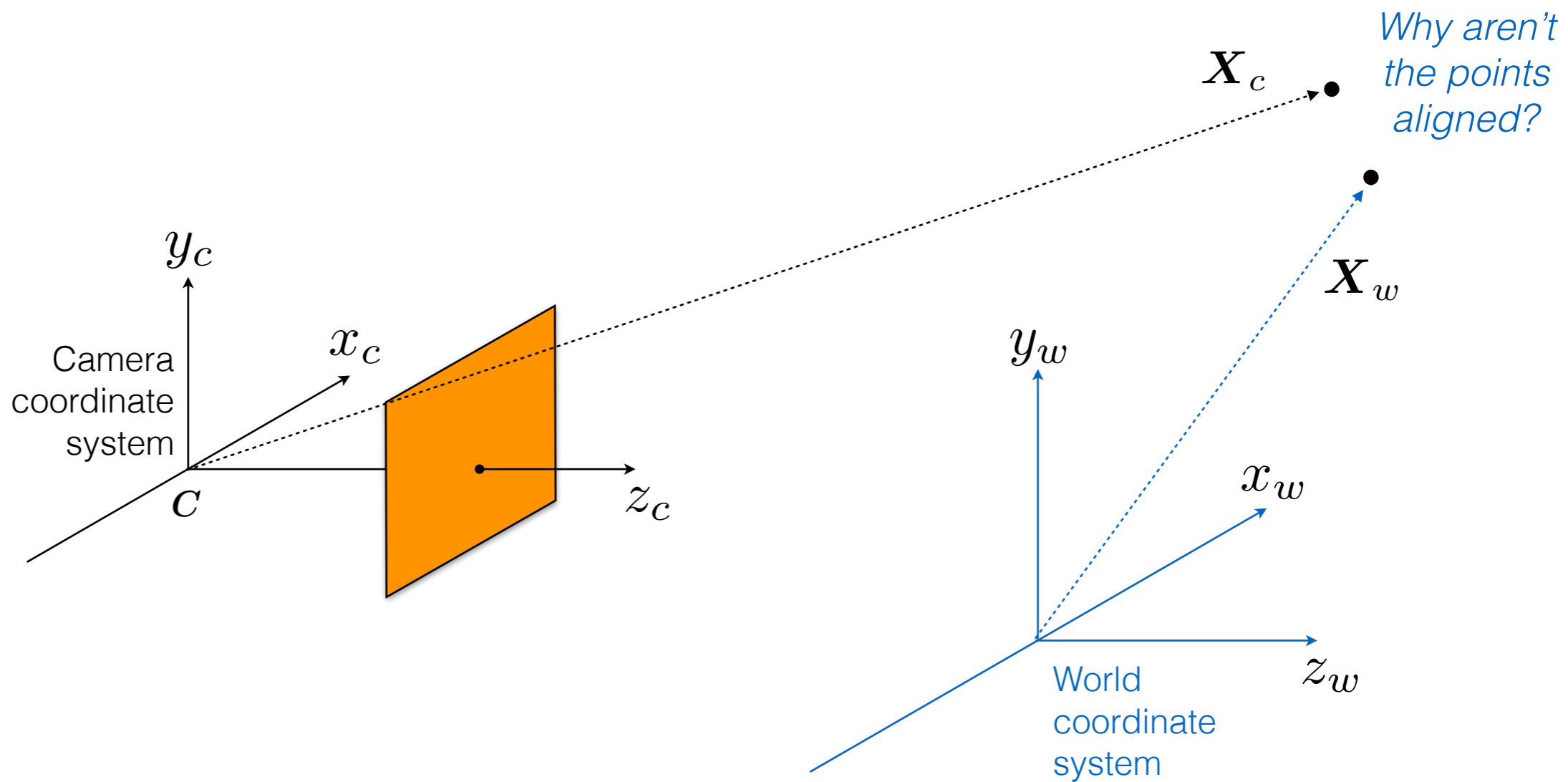






$$(\mathbf{X}_w - \mathbf{C})$$

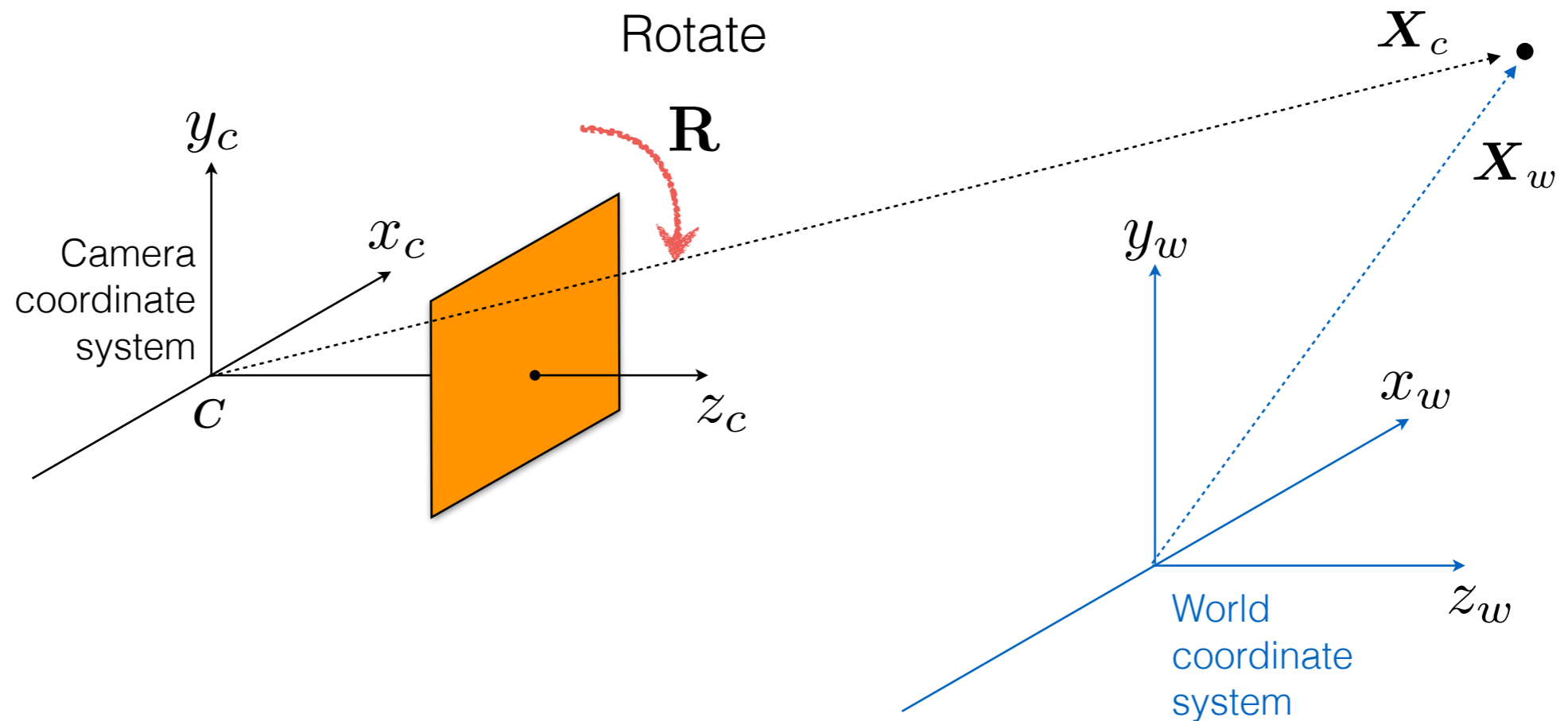
Translate



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# What happens to points after alignment?



$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}_w - \mathbf{C})$$

Rotate Translate

In inhomogeneous coordinates:

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}_w - \mathbf{C})$$

Optionally in homogeneous coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_c \\ Y_c \\ Z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{RC} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{(4 \times 4)} \begin{bmatrix} X_w \\ Y_w \\ Z_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

General mapping of a pinhole camera

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3x3  
3D rotation



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intrinsic

3x3  
3D rotation

3x3  
identity

3x1  
3D translation

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$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{KR}[\mathbf{I} | -\mathbf{C}]$$

(translate first then rotate)

Another way to write the mapping

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} | \mathbf{t}]$$

where

$$\mathbf{t} = -\mathbf{RC}$$

(rotate first then translate)

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intrinsic and extrinsic parameters

# Generalized pinhole camera model

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$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x \\ 0 & f & p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & \cdots & t_1 \\ r_4 & r_5 & r_6 & \cdots & t_2 \\ r_7 & r_8 & r_9 & \cdots & t_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

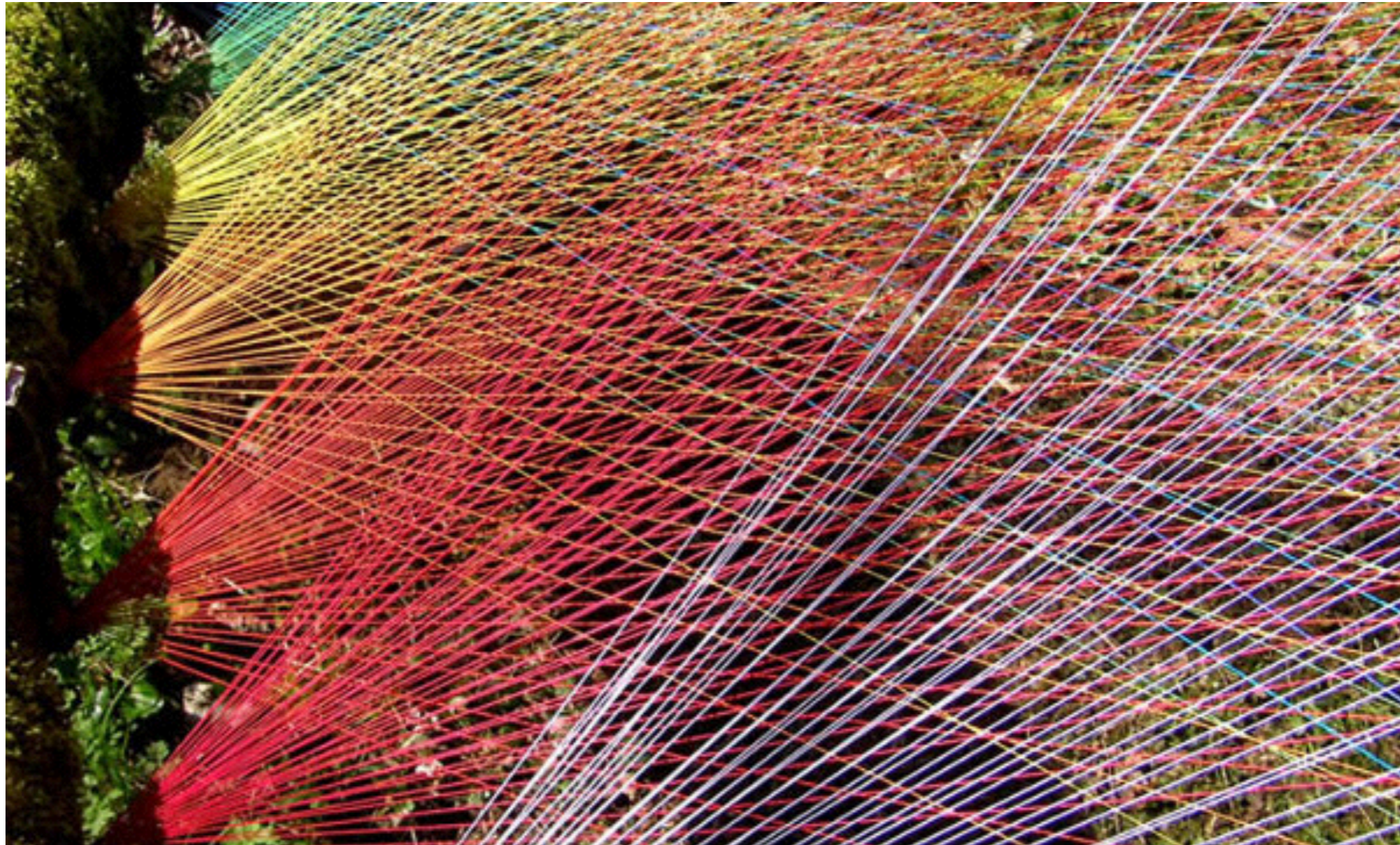
intrinsic parameters                      extrinsic parameters

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \\ r_4 & r_5 & r_6 \\ r_7 & r_8 & r_9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

3D rotation                      3D translation

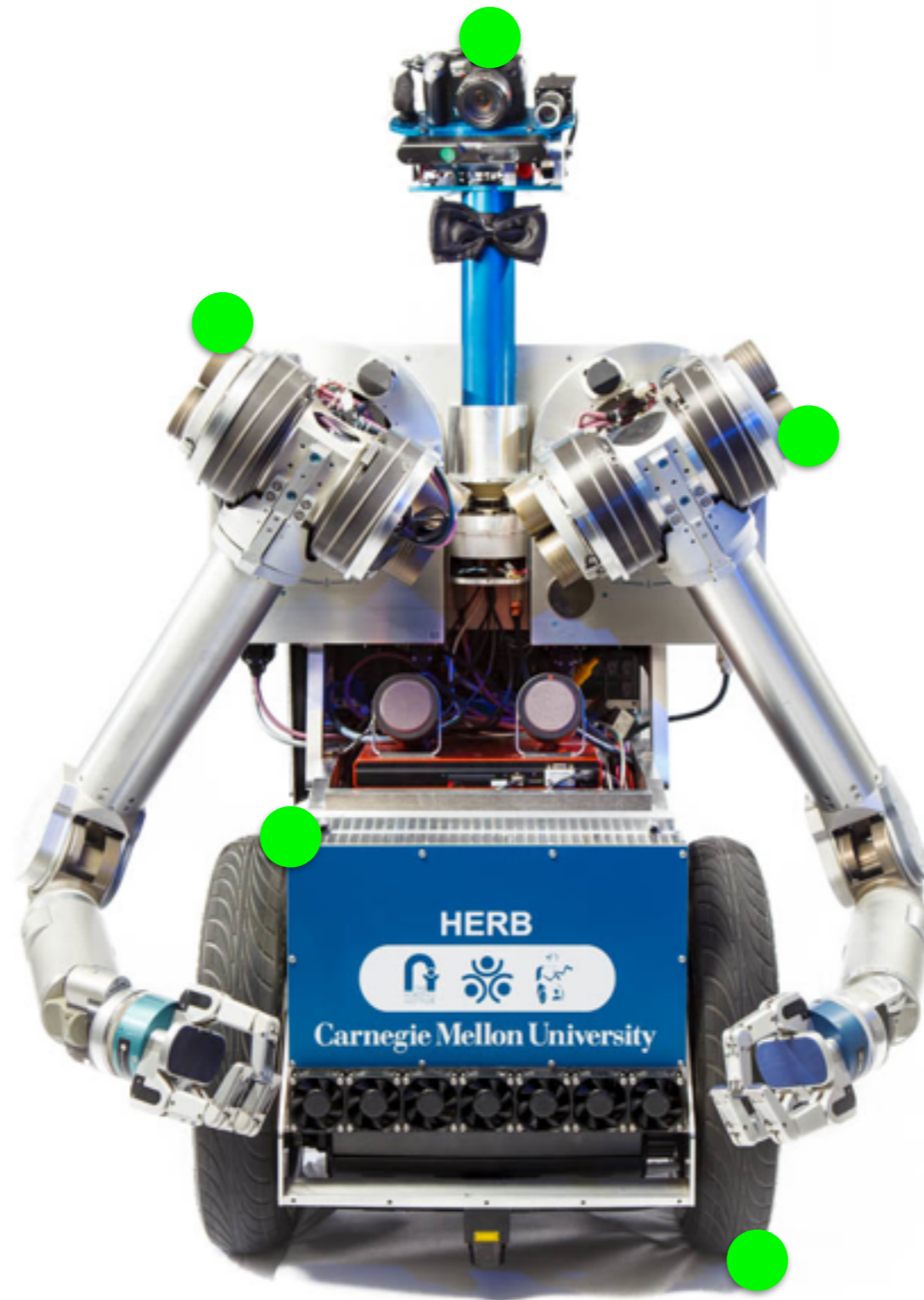
*Why do we need **P**?*

to properly relate **world points** to **image points**  
(by taking into account different coordinate systems)



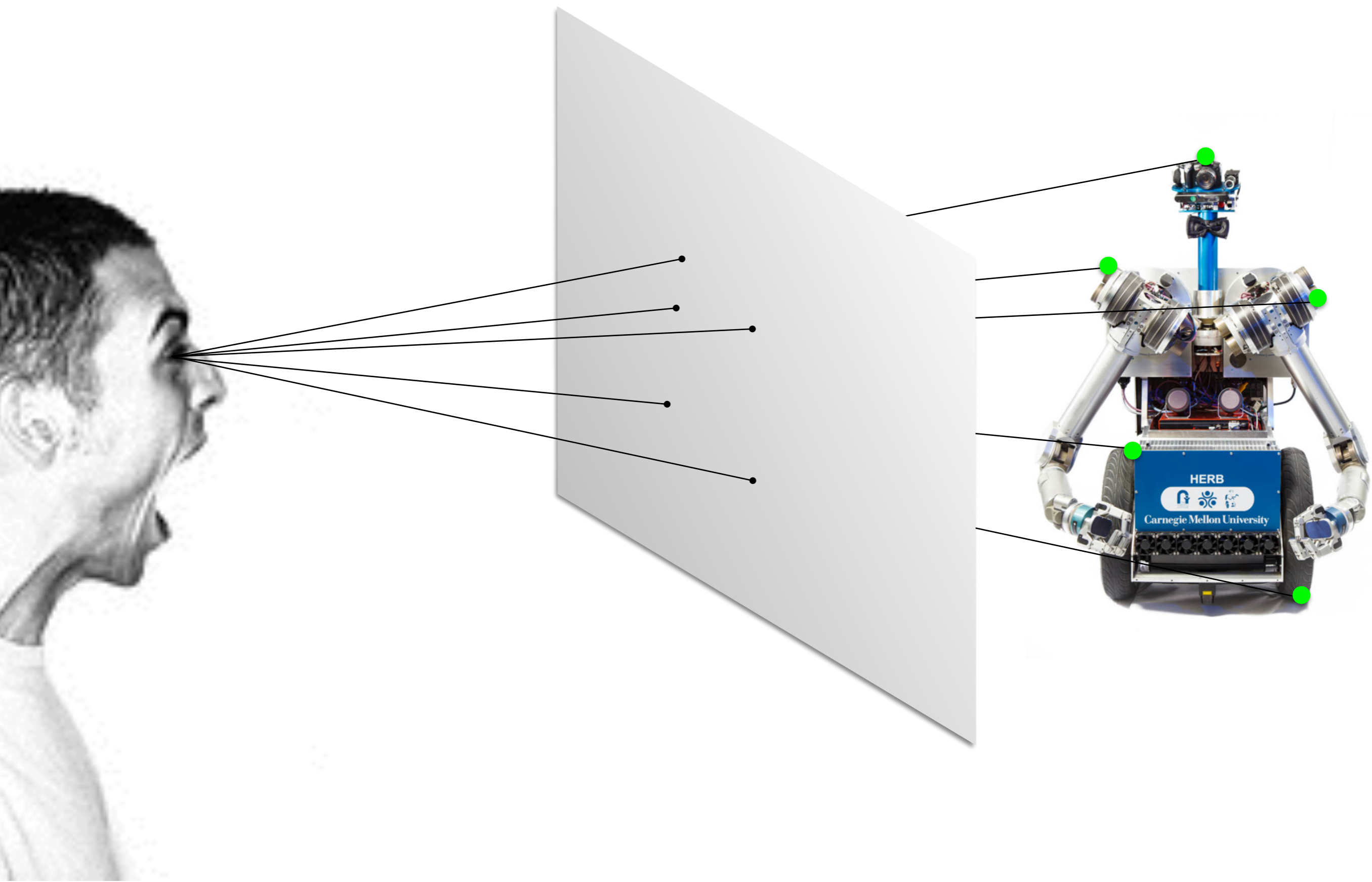
# Epipolar Geometry

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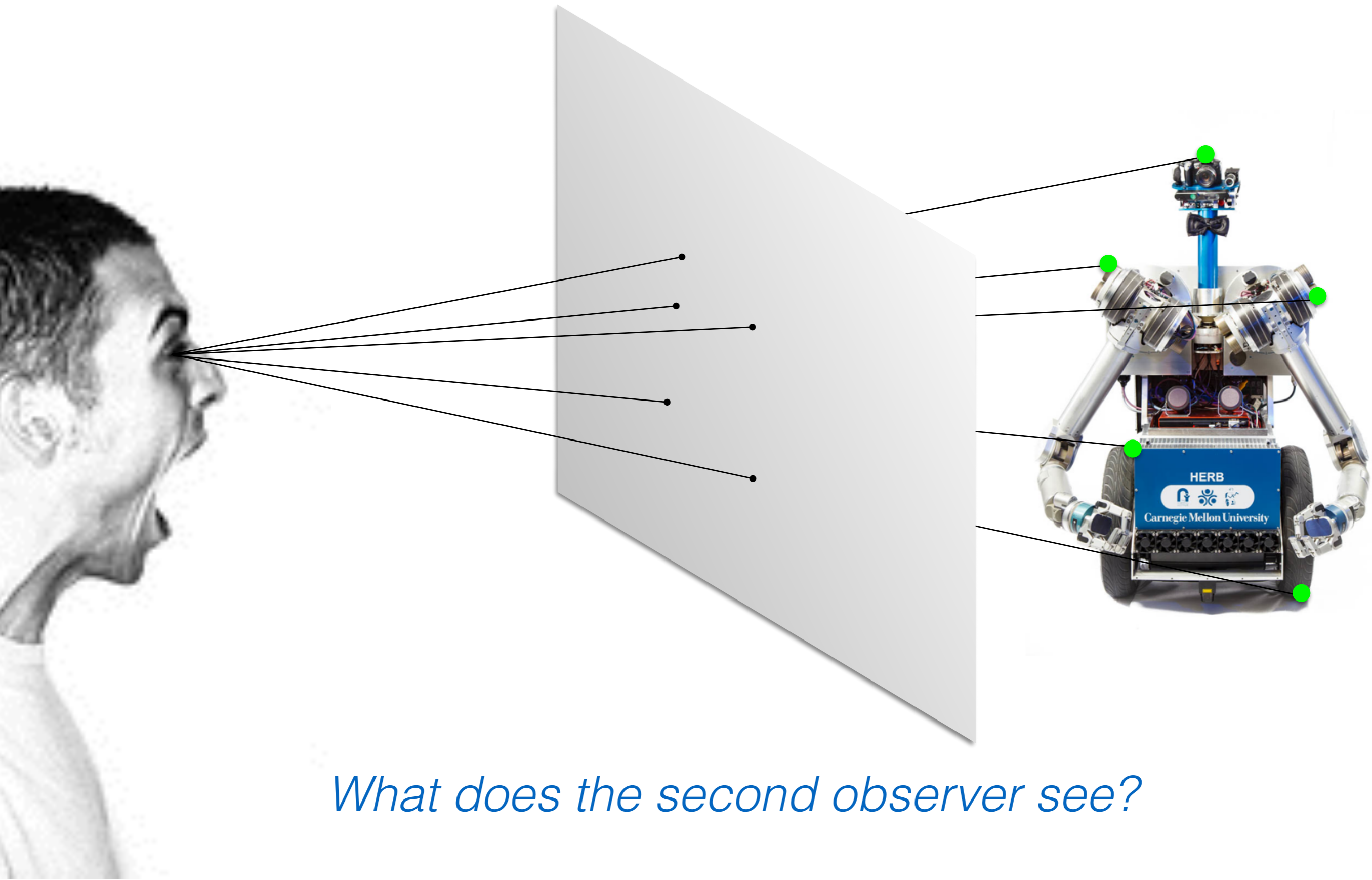


Tie tiny threads on HERB and pin them to your eyeball

*What would it look like?*

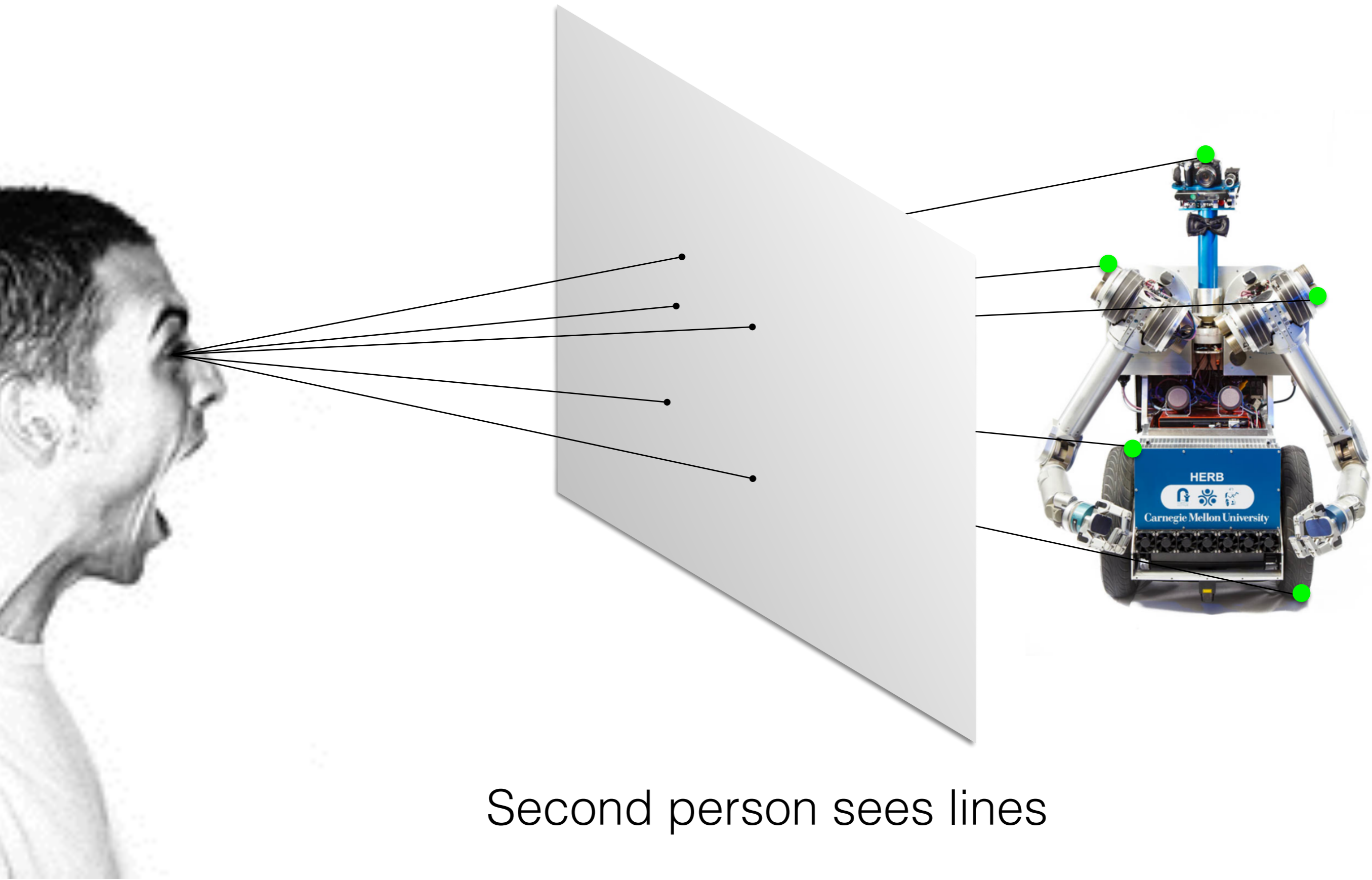


You see points on HERB



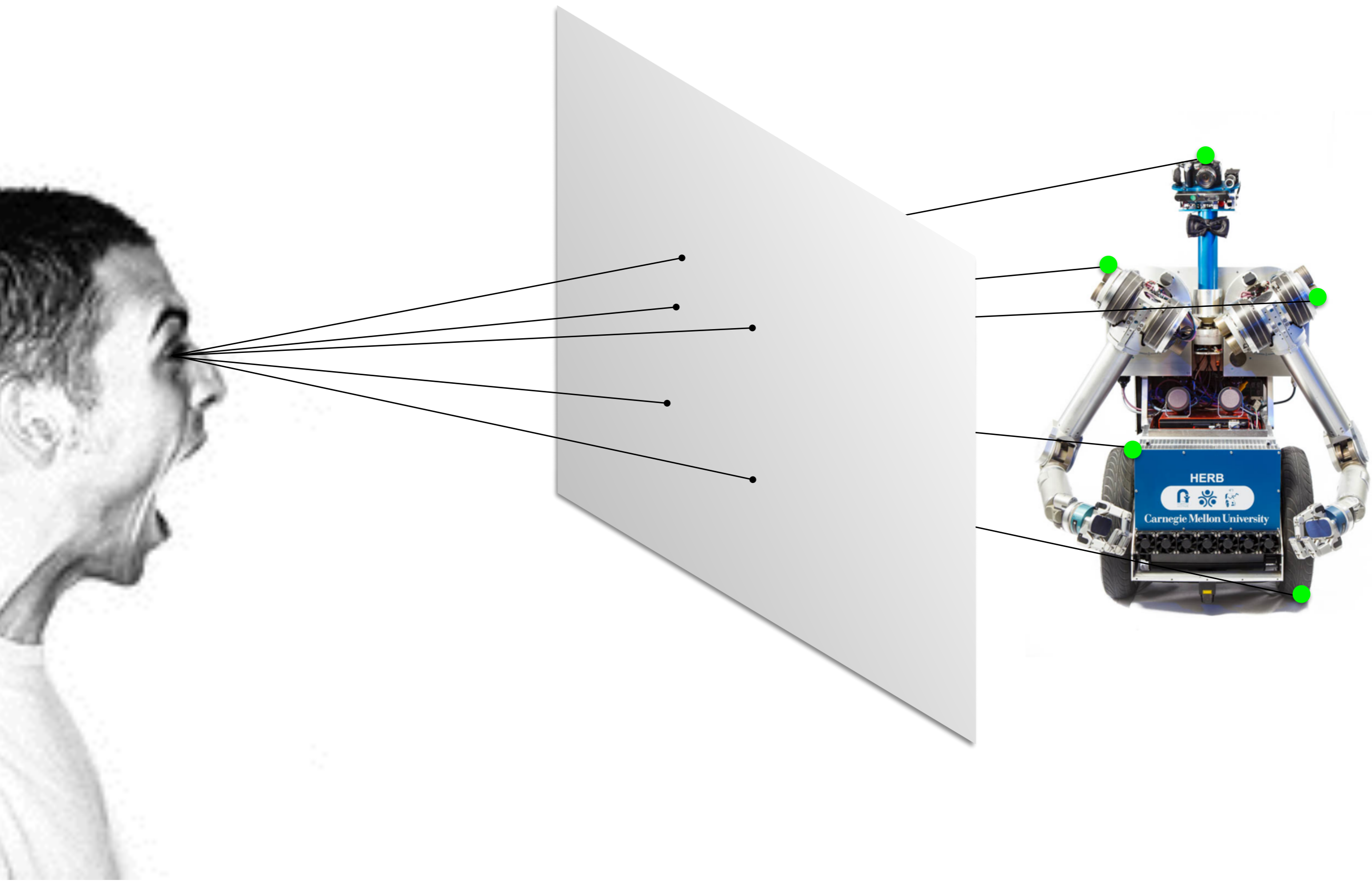
*What does the second observer see?*

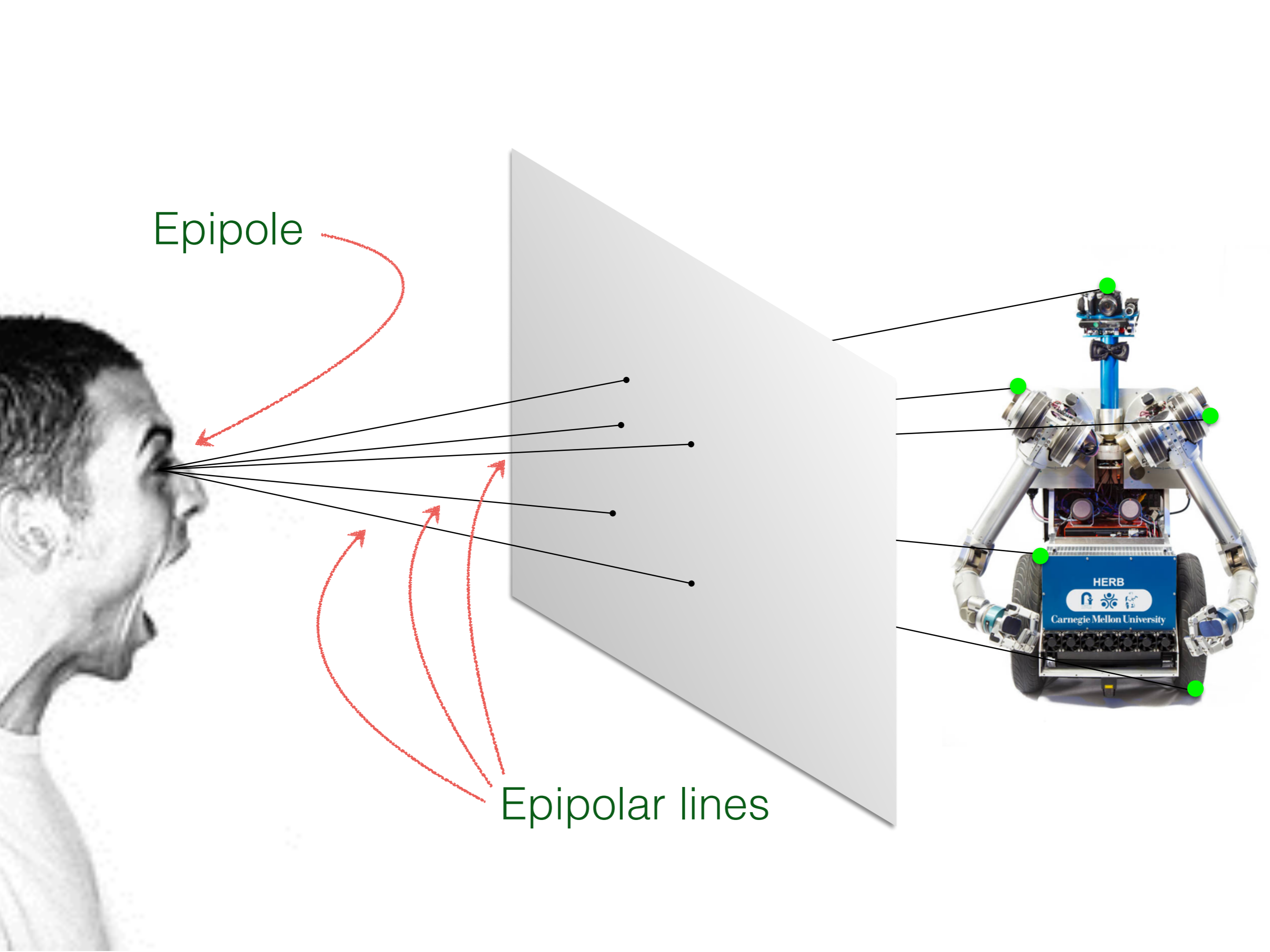
You see points on HERB



Second person sees lines

# This is Epipolar Geometry

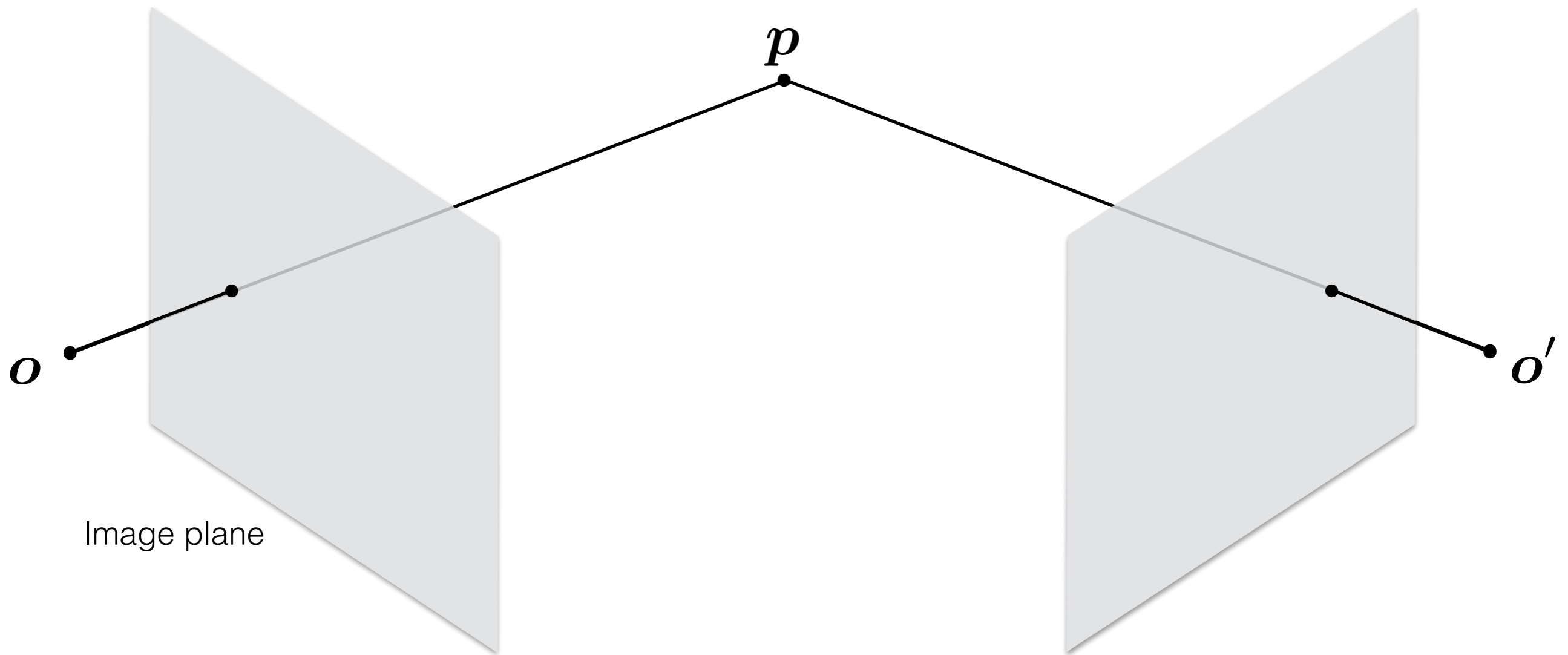




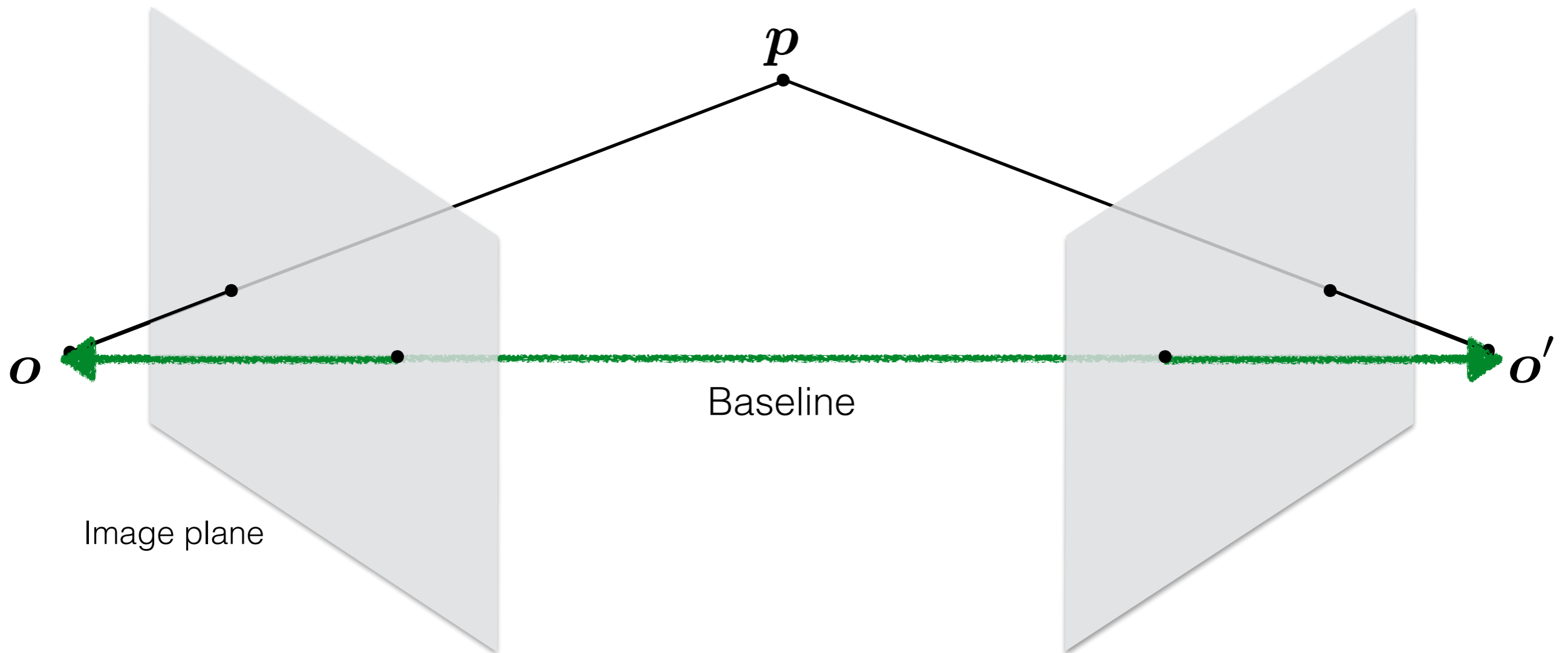
Epipole

Epipolar lines

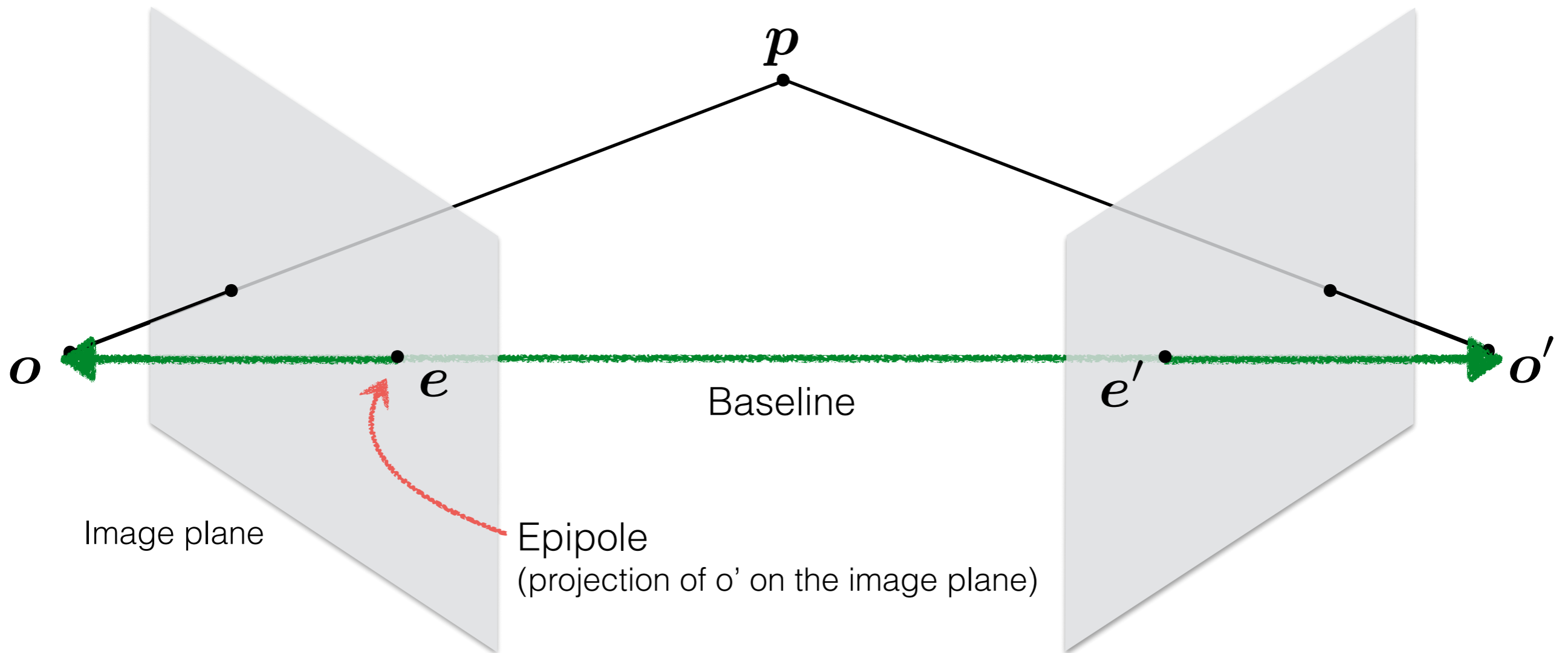
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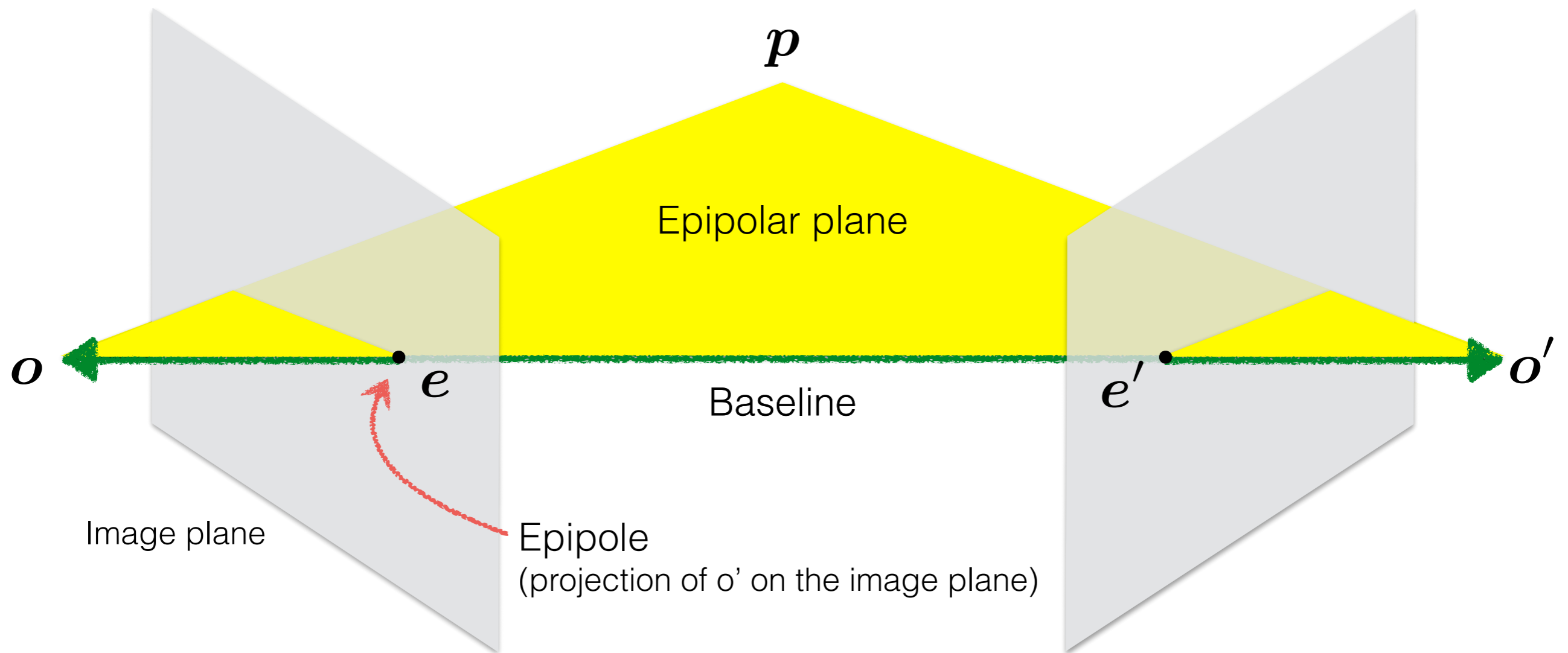
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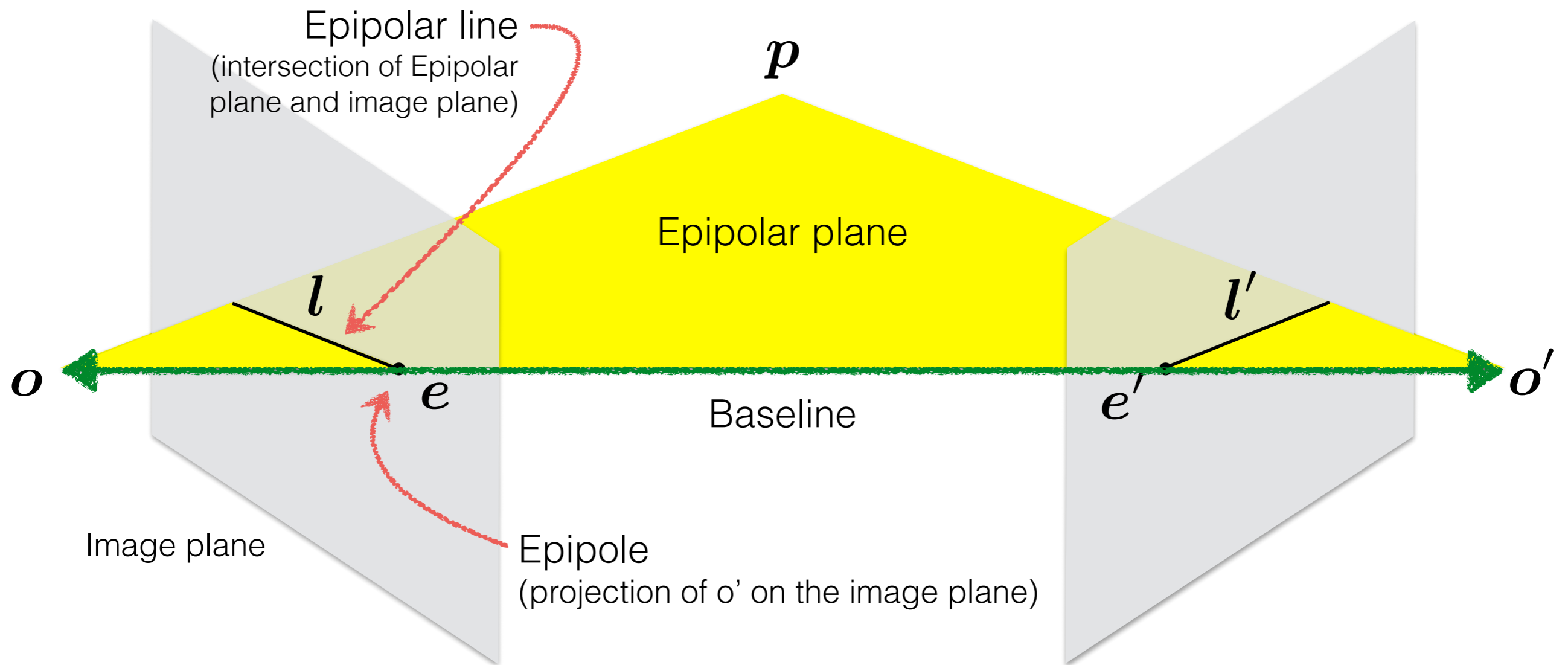
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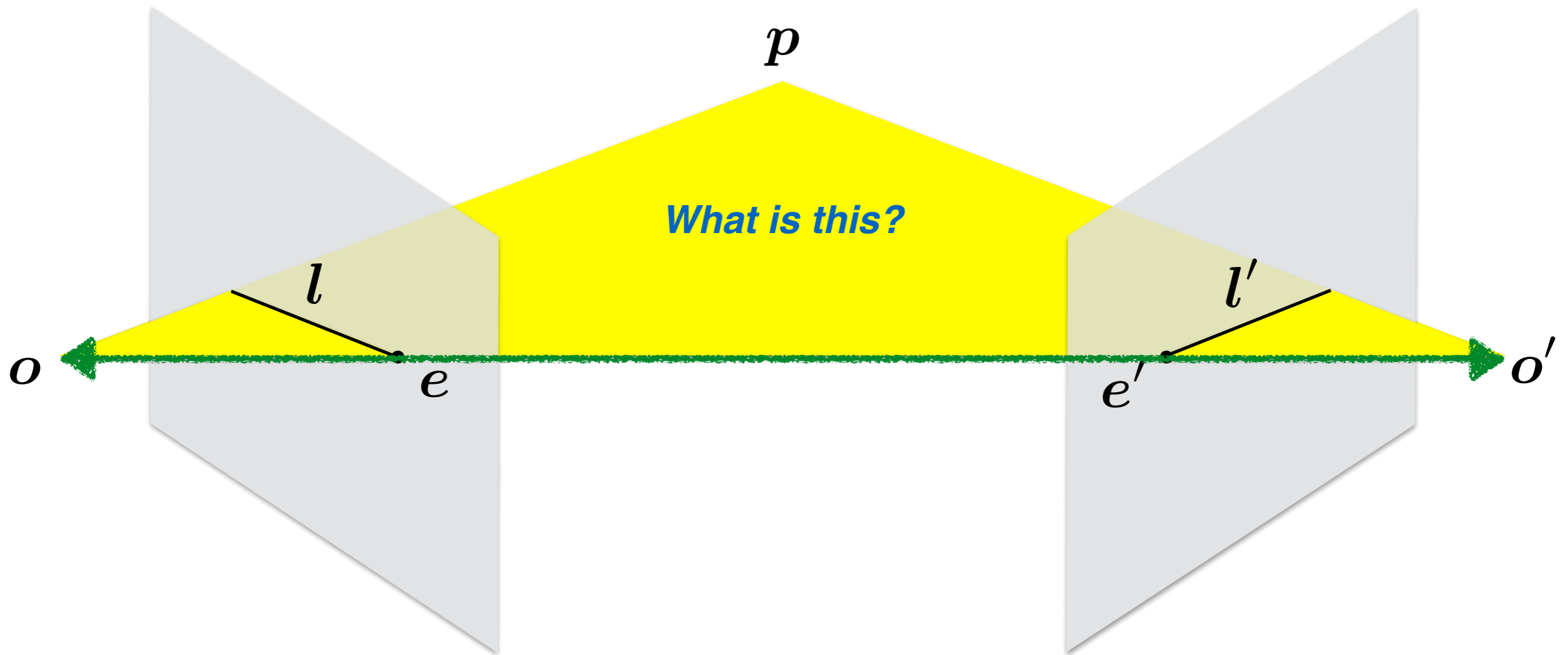
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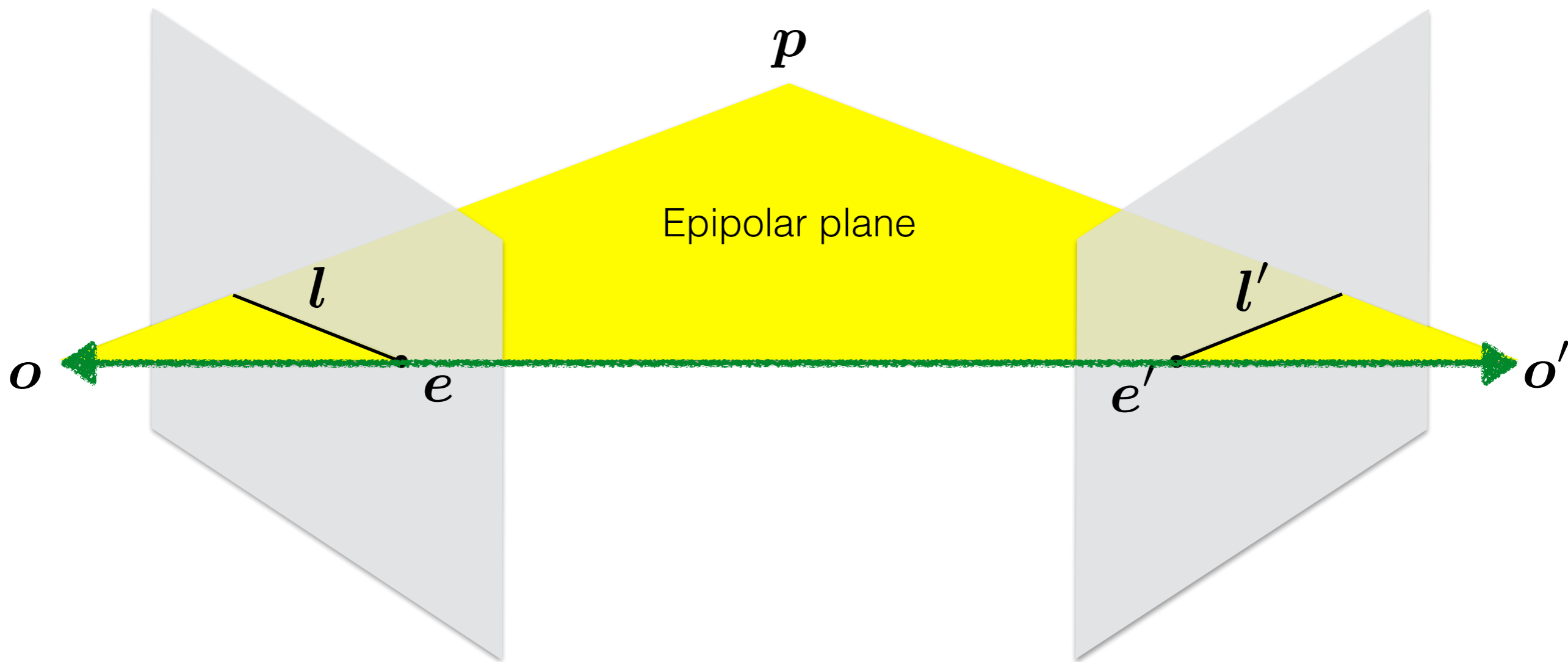
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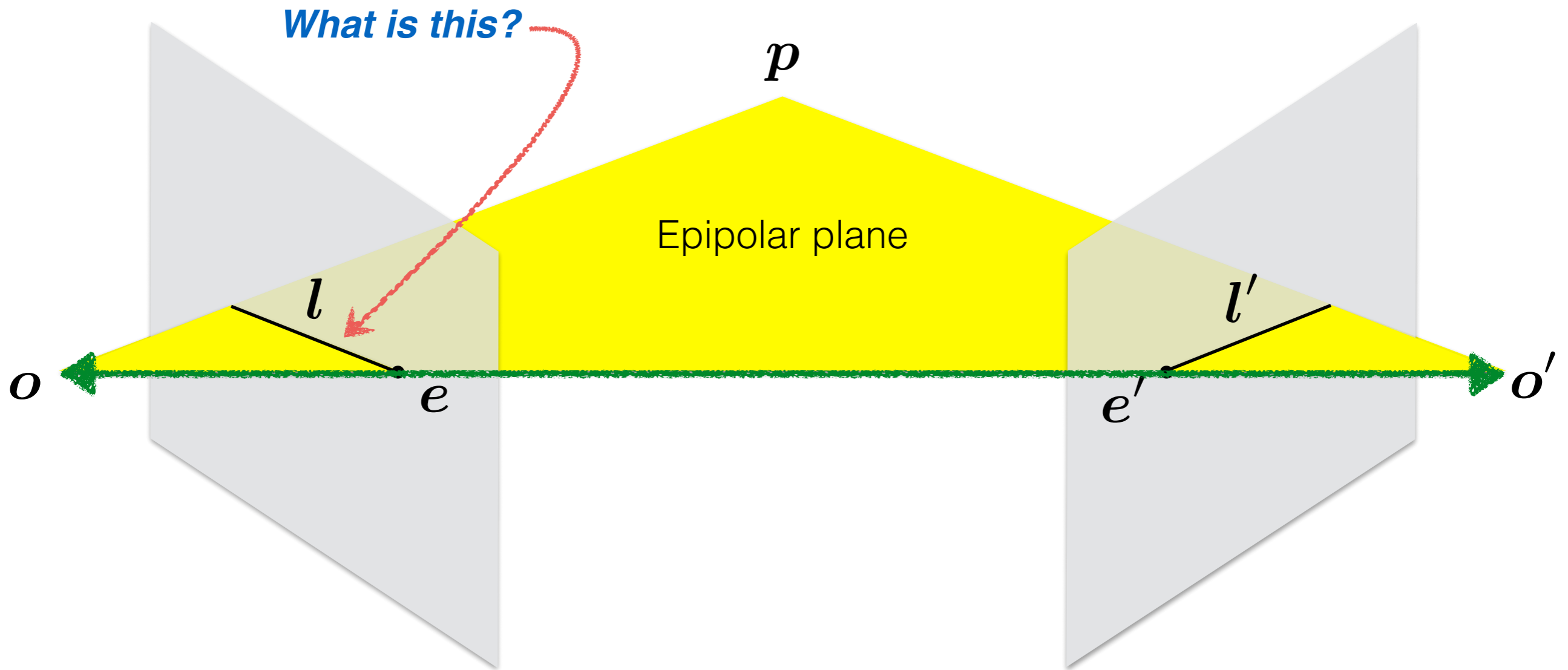
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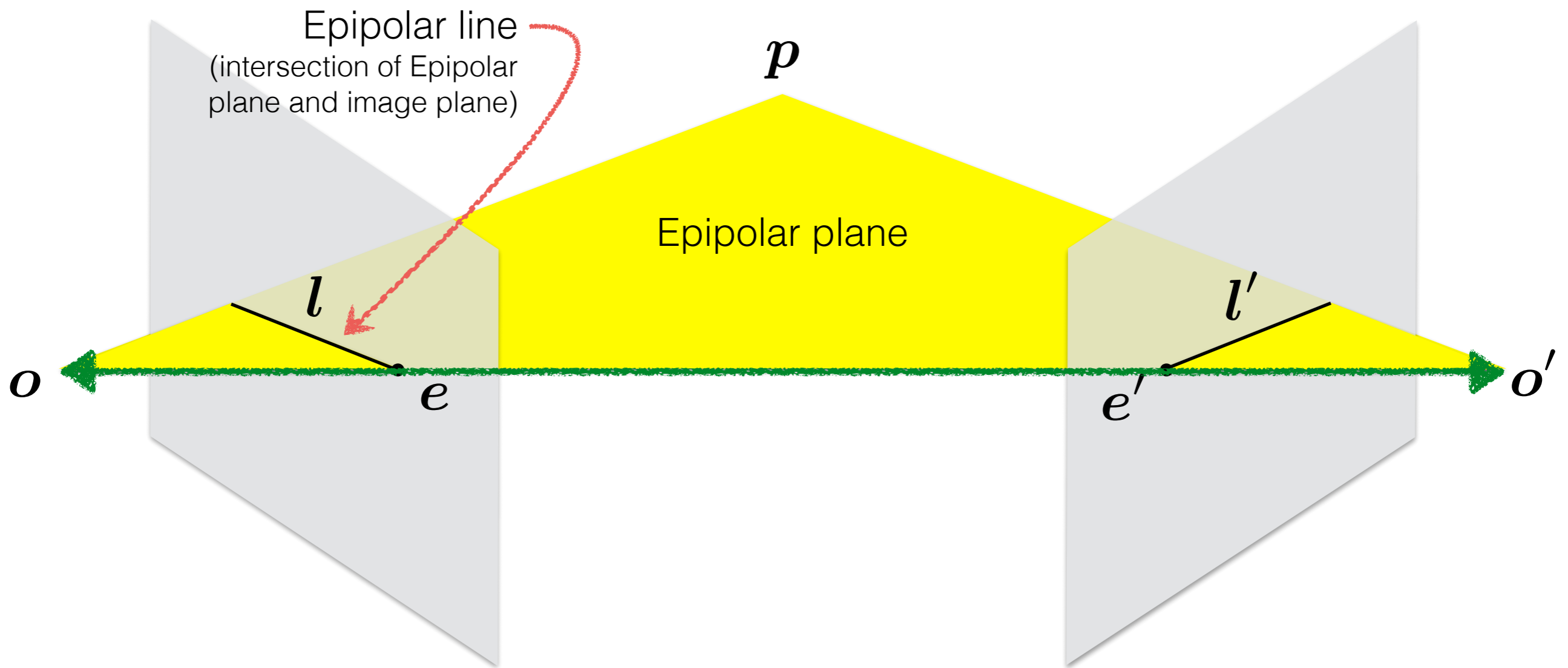
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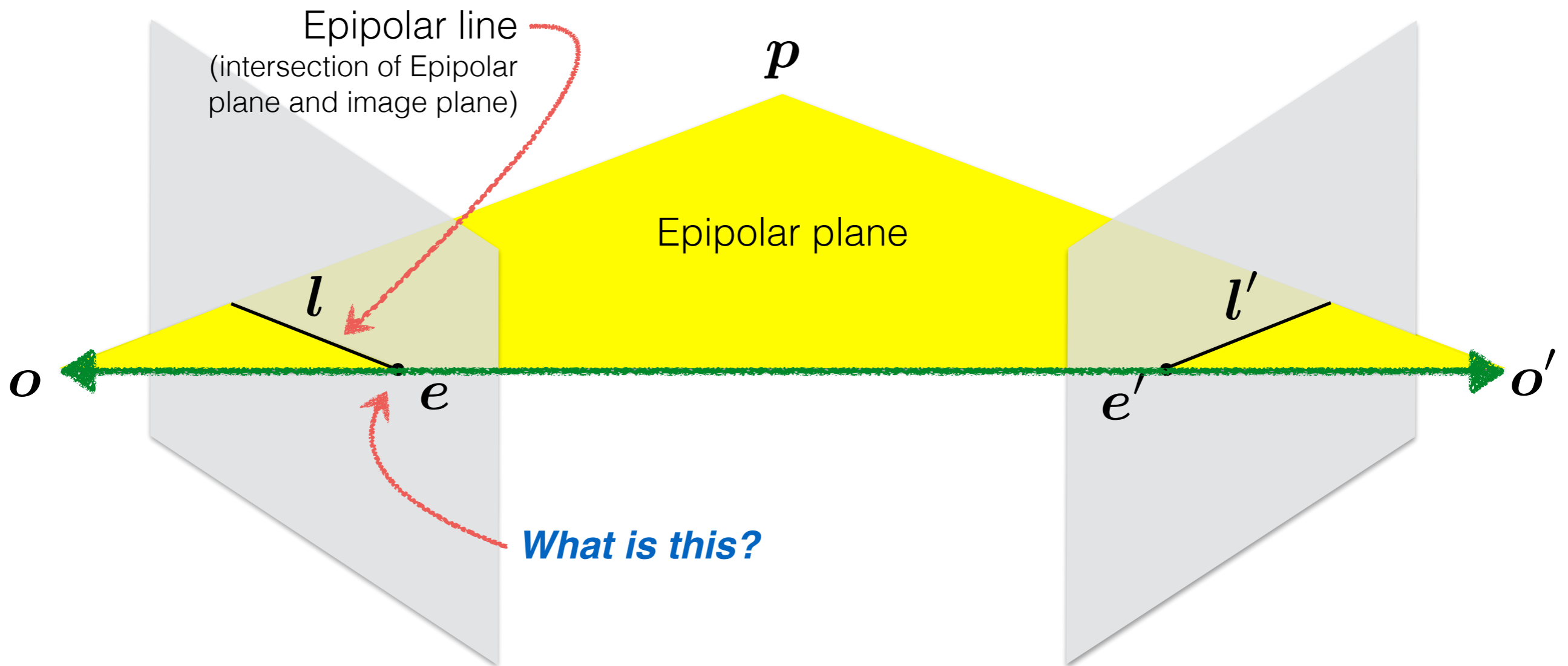
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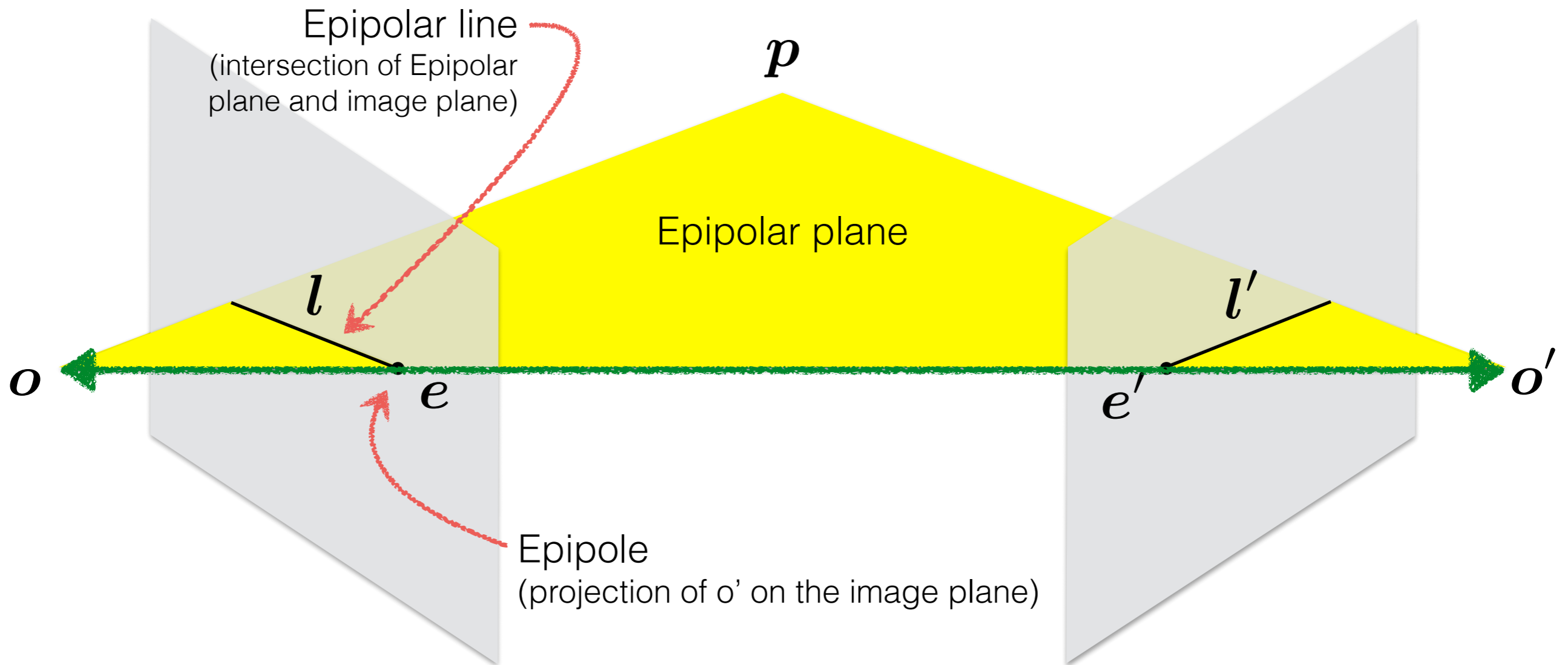
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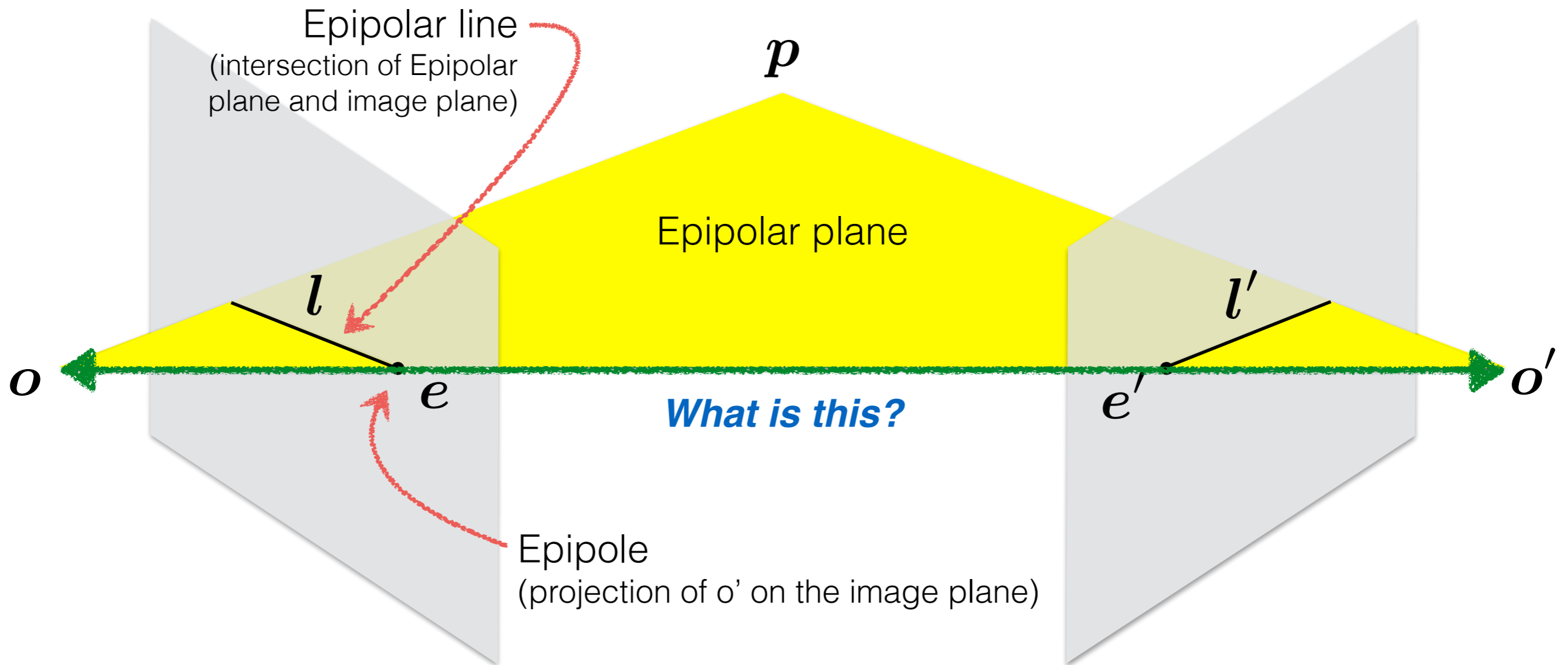
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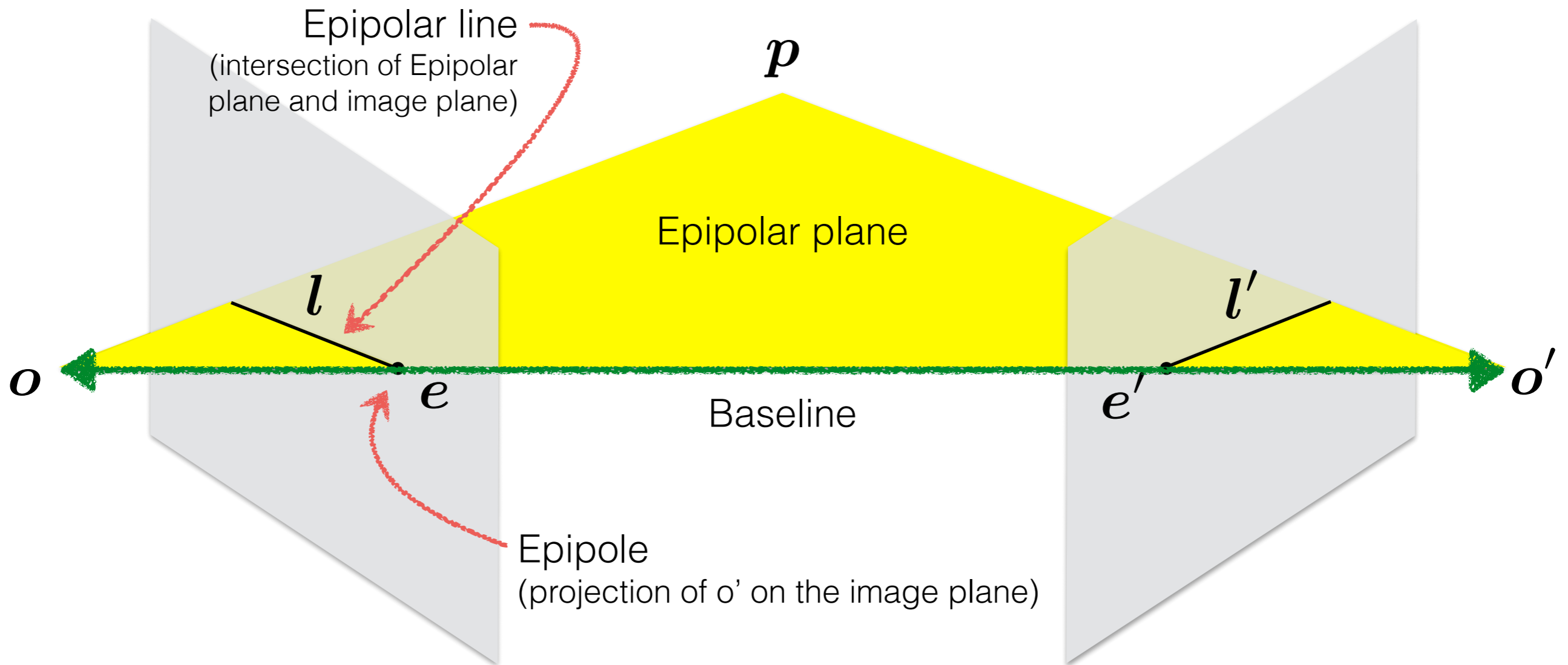
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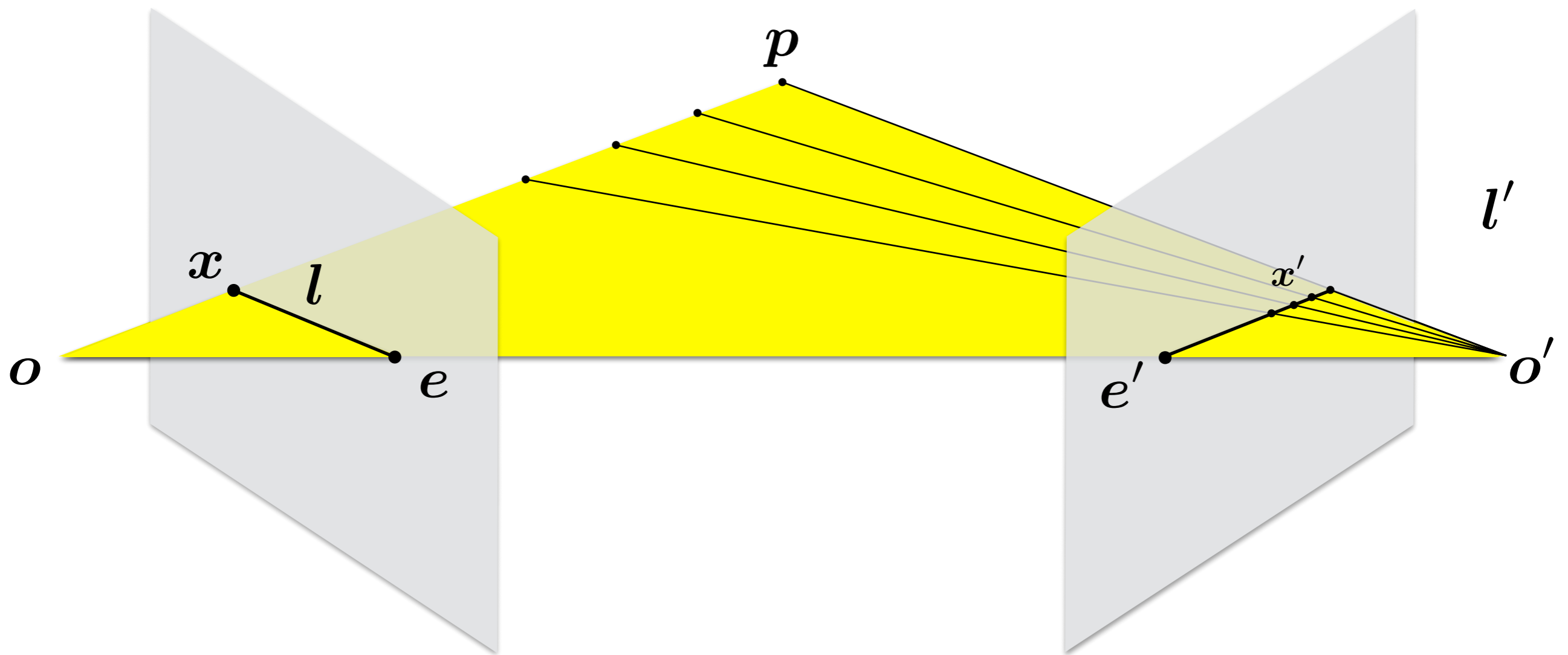
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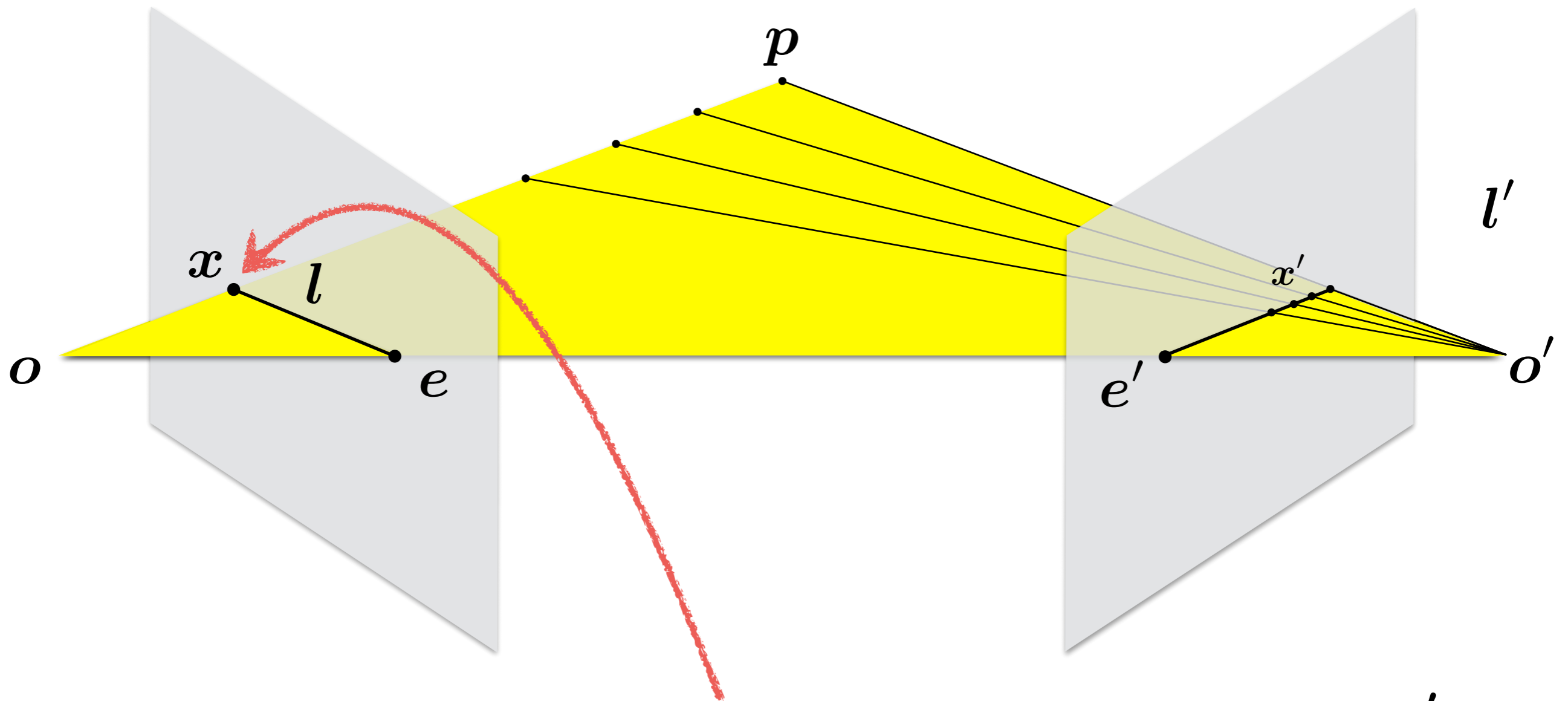


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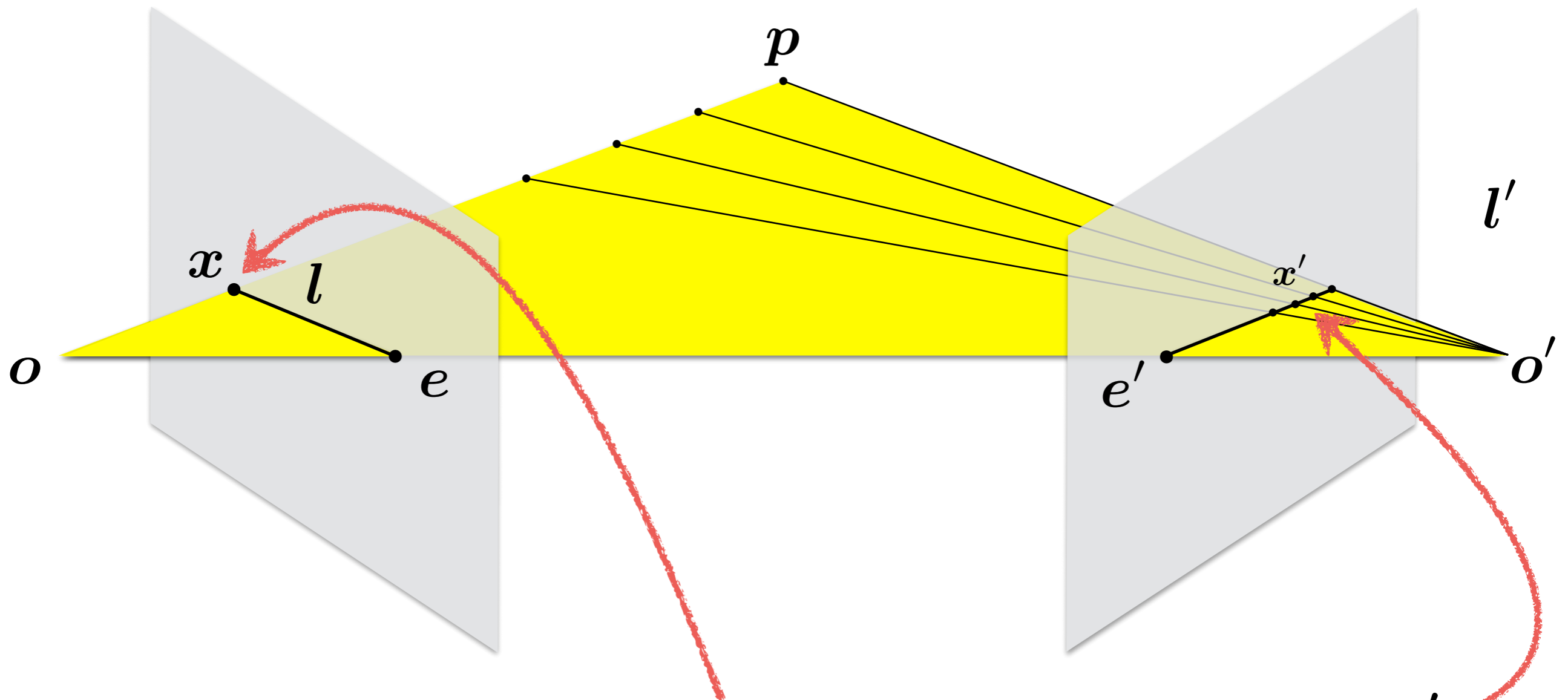
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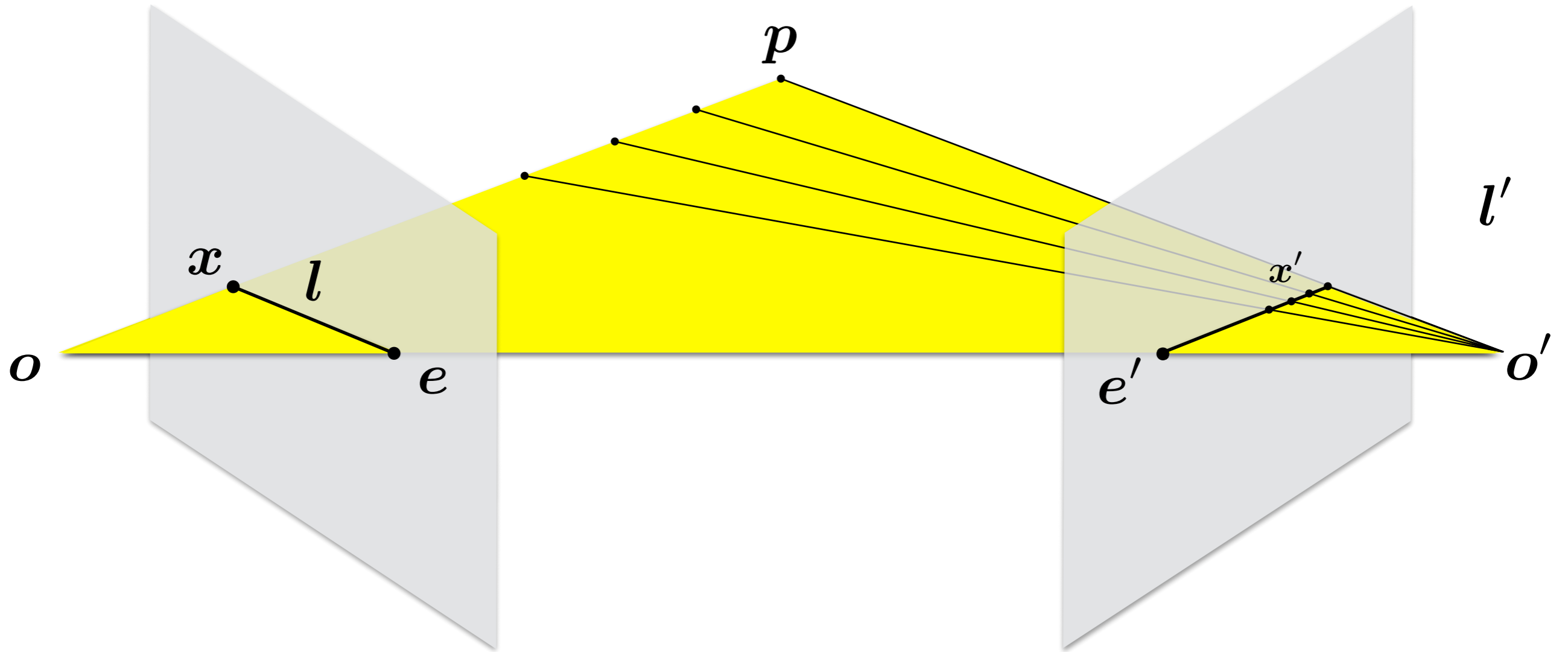


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The point  $\mathbf{x}$  (left image) maps to a \_\_\_\_\_ in the right image

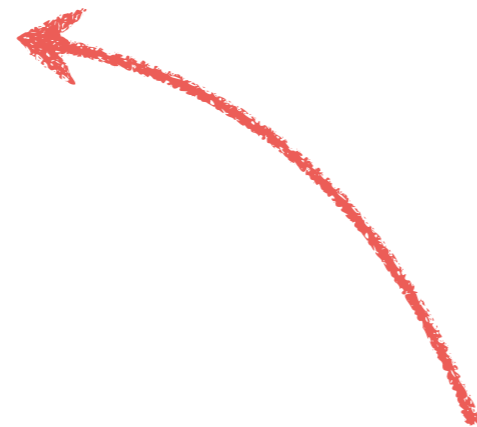
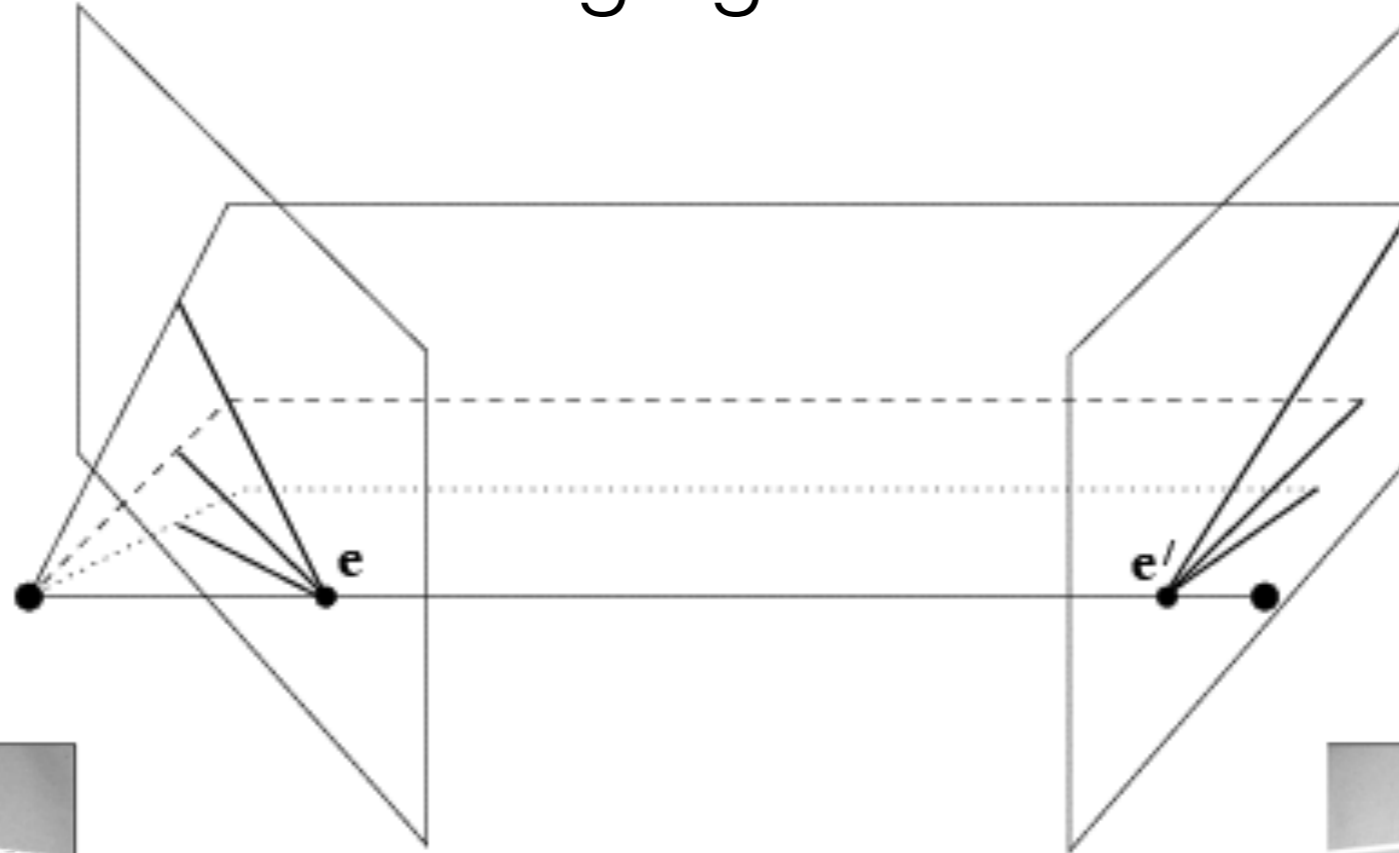
The baseline connects the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

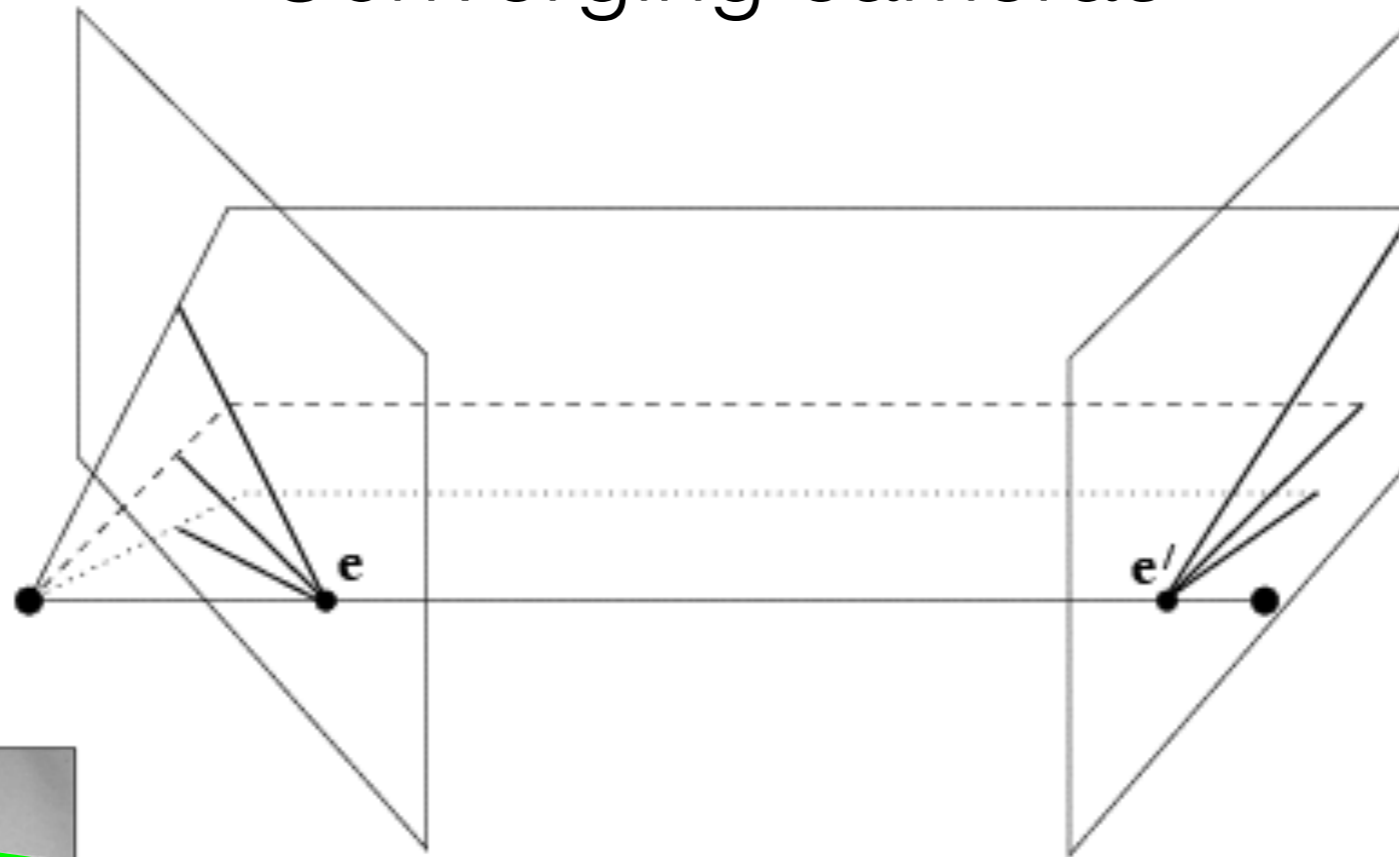
All epipolar lines in an image intersect at the \_\_\_\_\_

# Converging cameras



*Where is the epipole in this image?*

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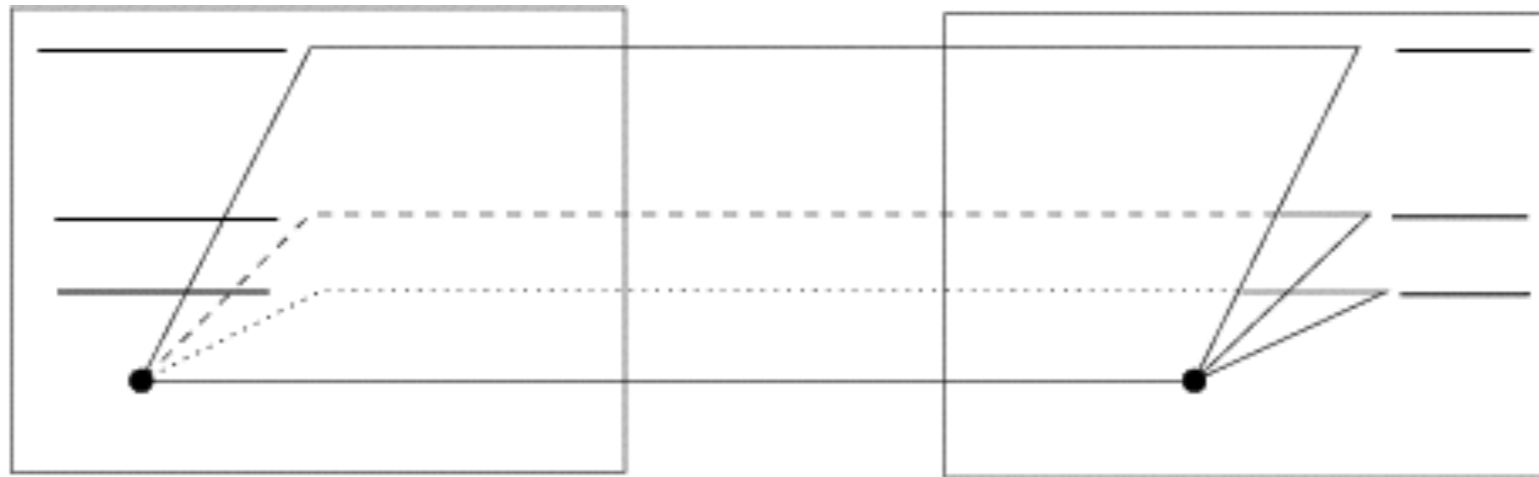
here!



*Where is the epipole in this image?*

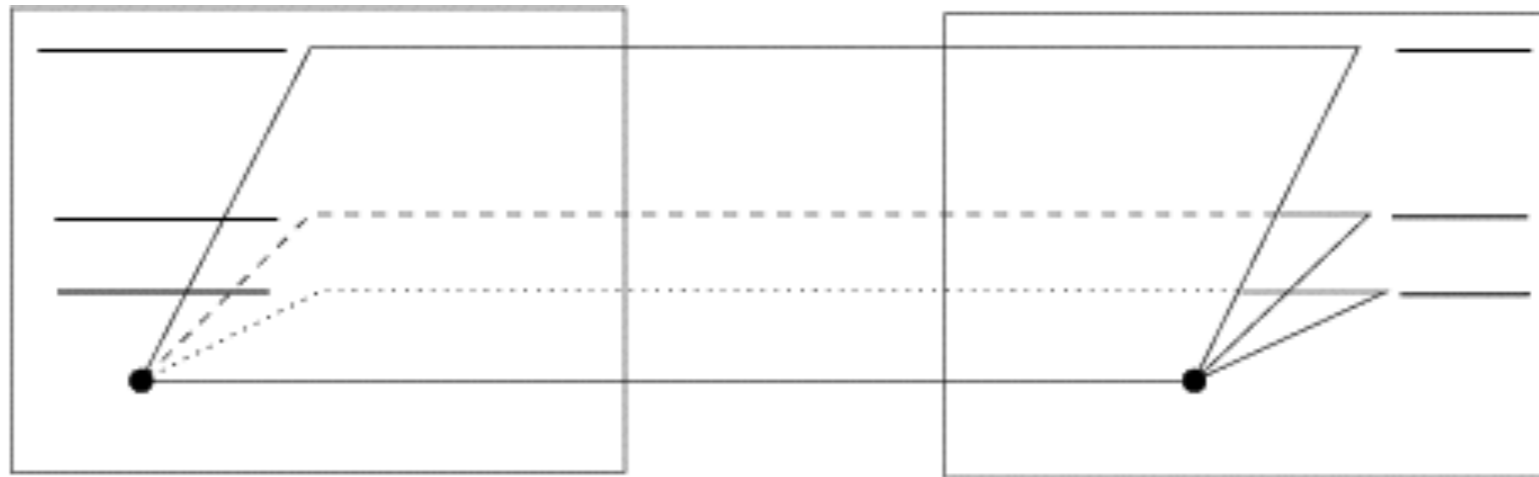
It's not always in the image

# Parallel cameras



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epipole at infinity

# Forward moving camera



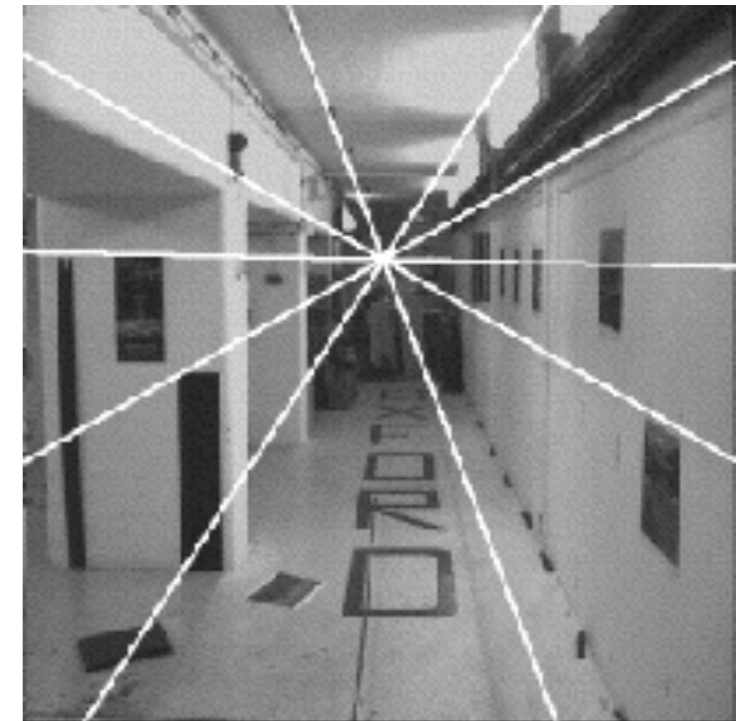
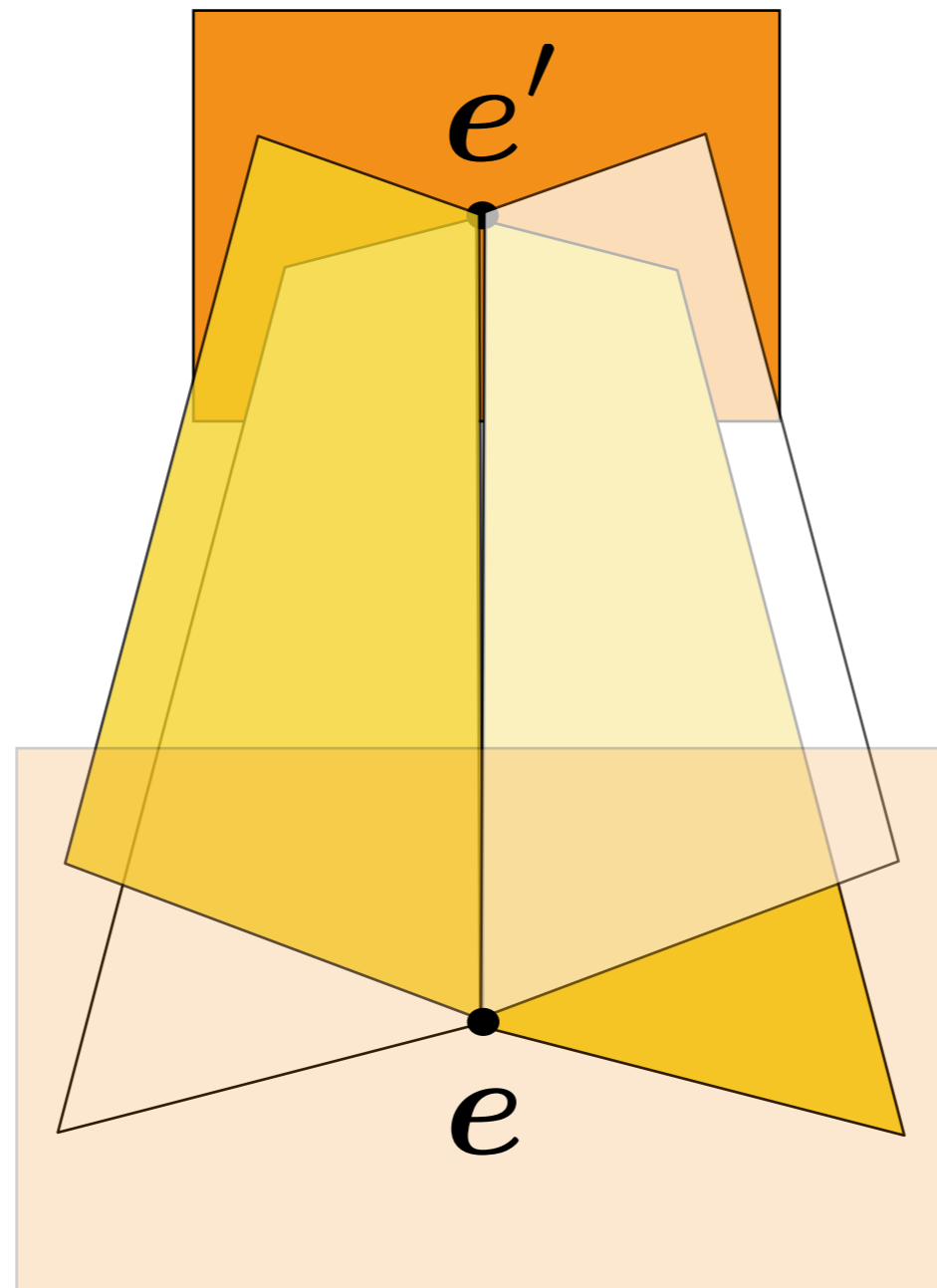
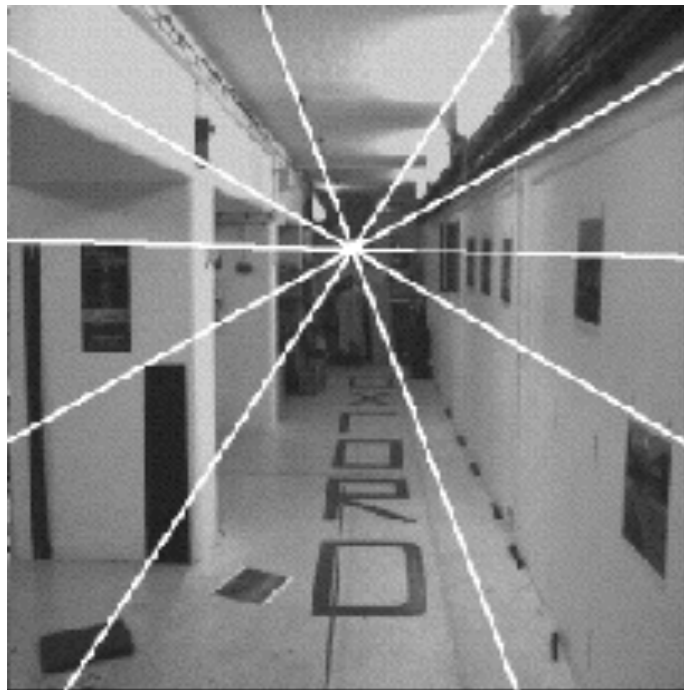
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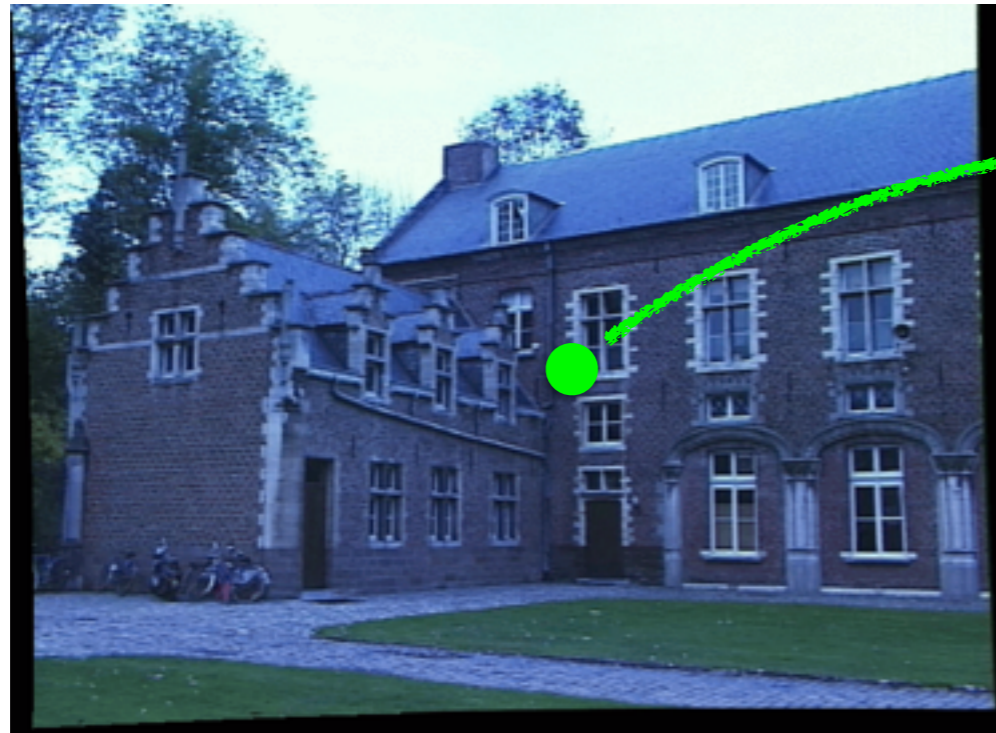
*What do the epipolar lines look like?*

Epipole has same coordinates in both images.  
Points move along lines radiating from “Focus of expansion”

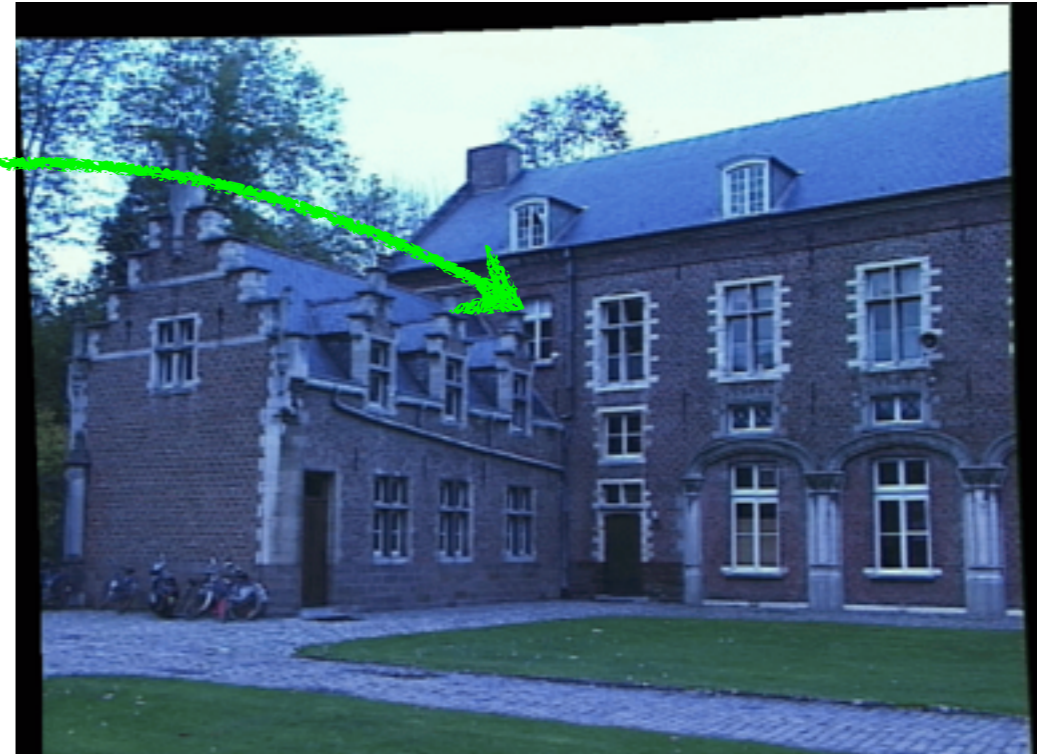


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Left image



Right image

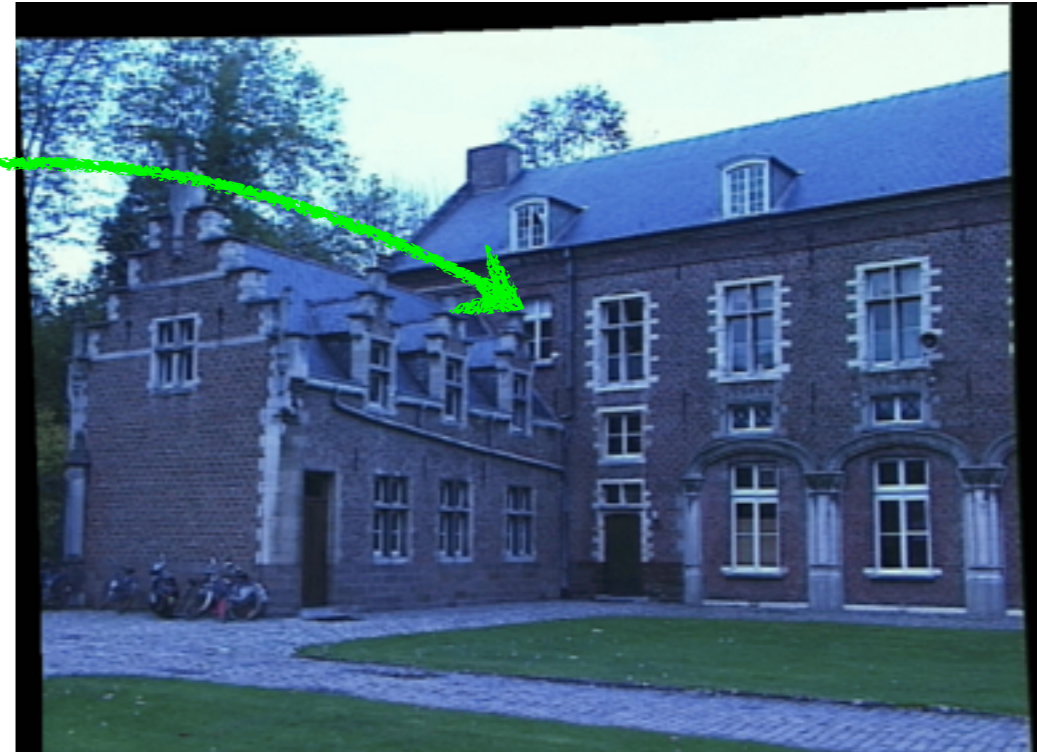
*How would you do it?*

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Want to avoid search over entire image

(if the images have been rectified)

Epipolar constrain reduces search to a single line

**iv-tec**

**imagination and vision**

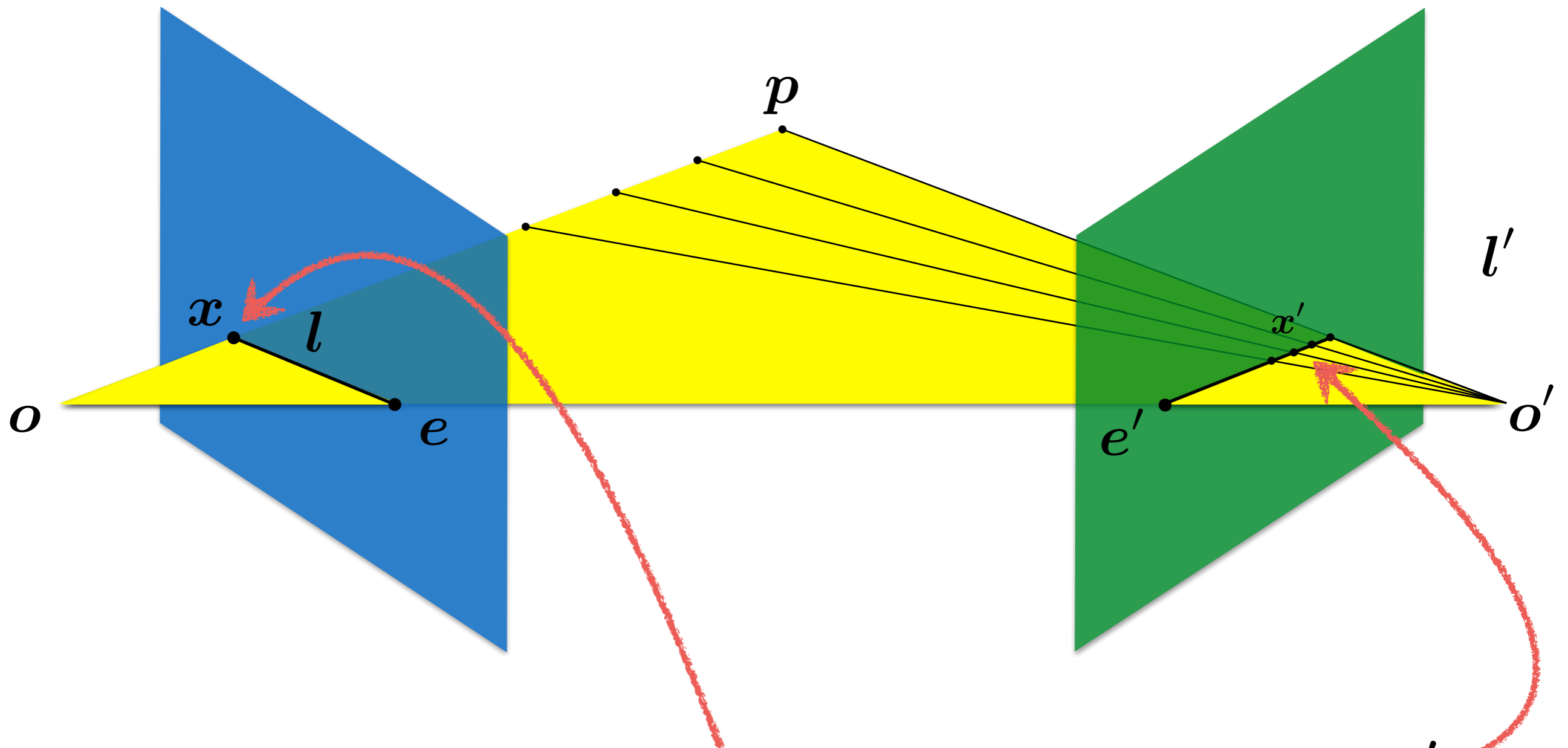


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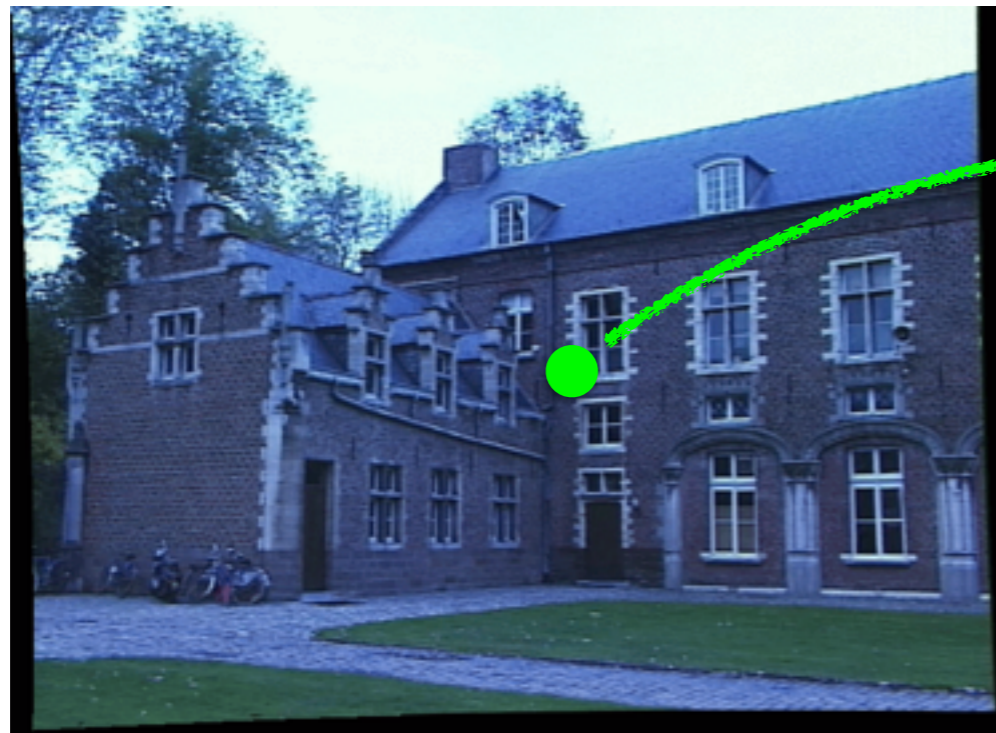
# Recall: Epipolar constraint



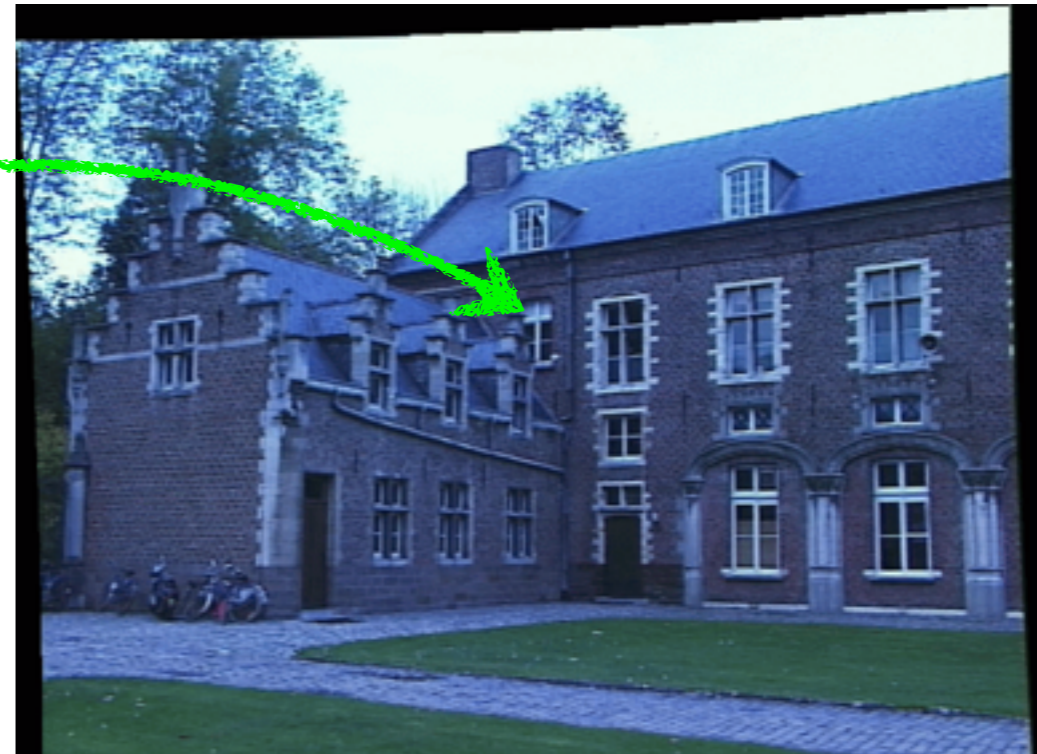
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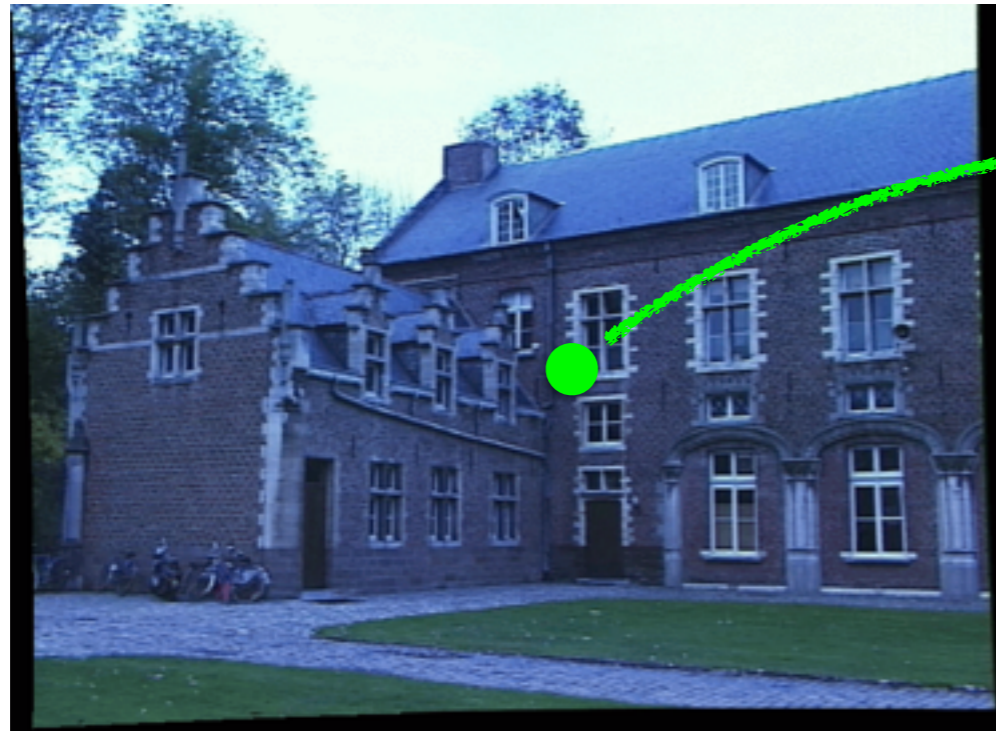


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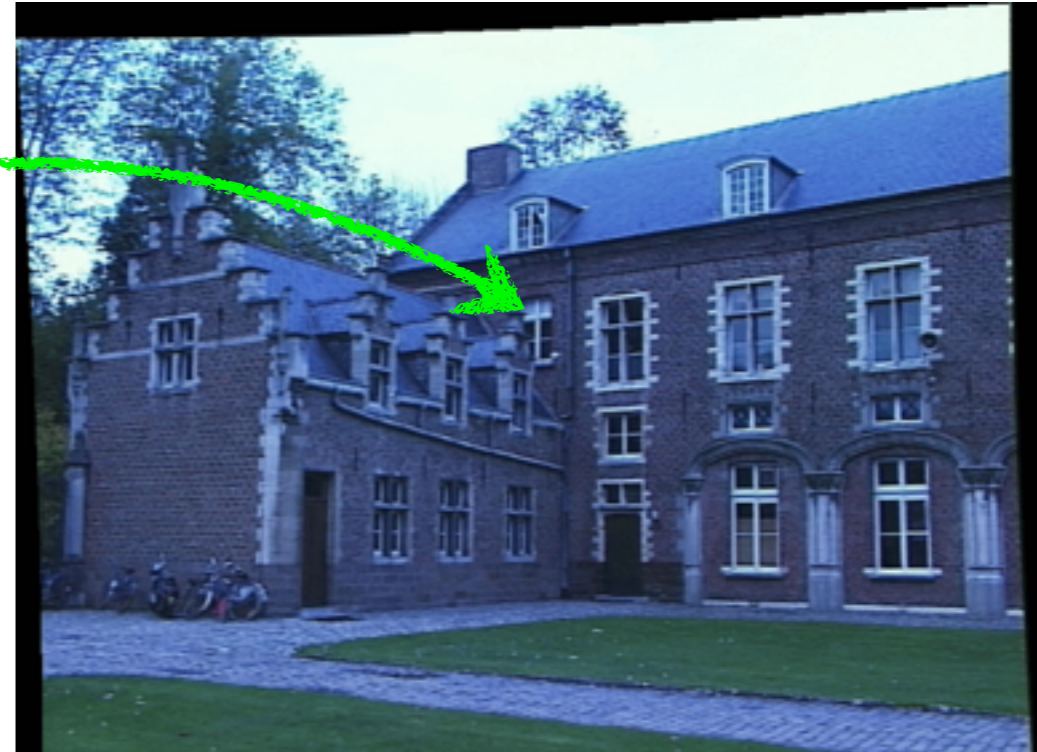
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The epipolar constraint is an important concept for stereo vision

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



Left image



Right image

Epipolar constraint reduces search to a single line

*How do you compute the epipolar line?*

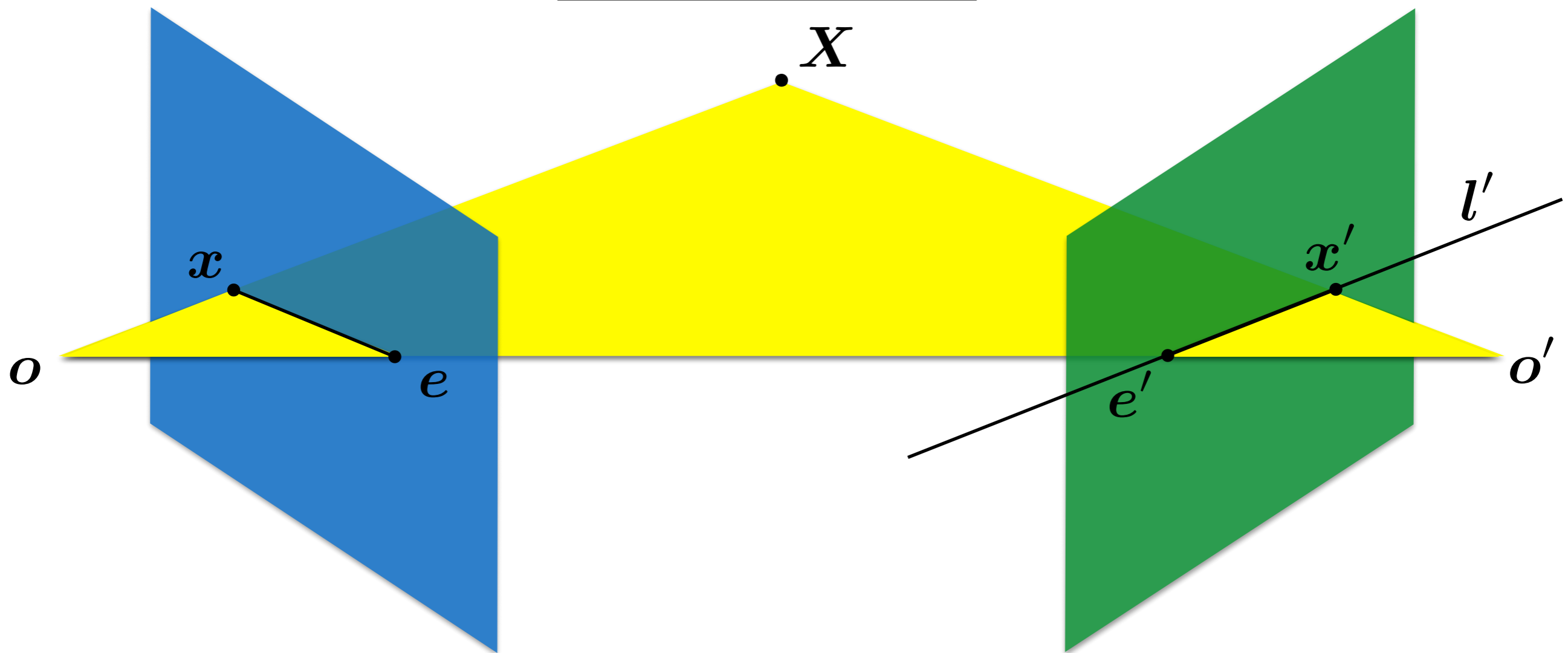
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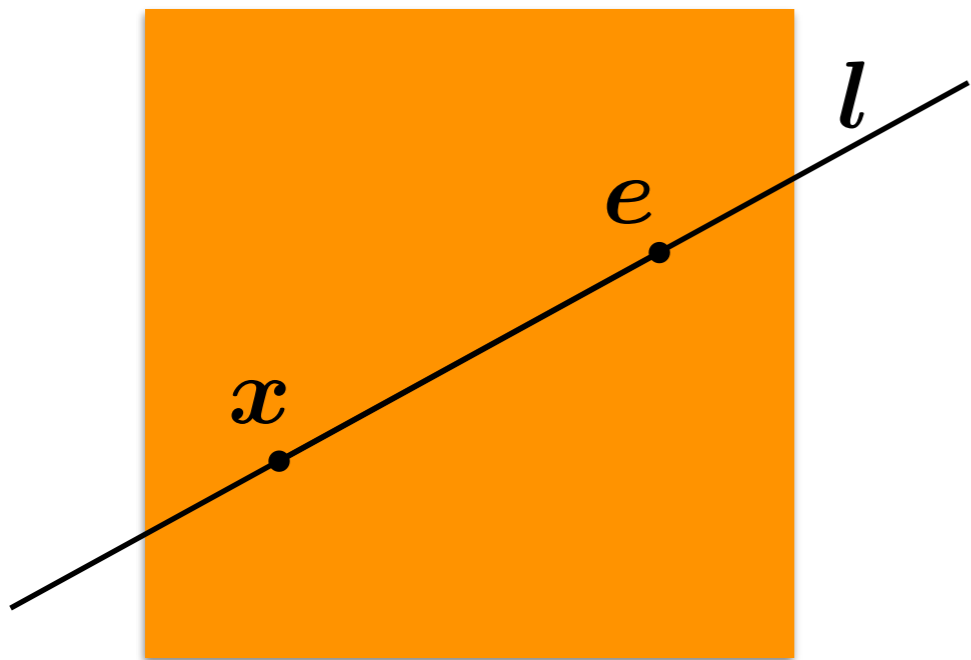
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Representing the ...

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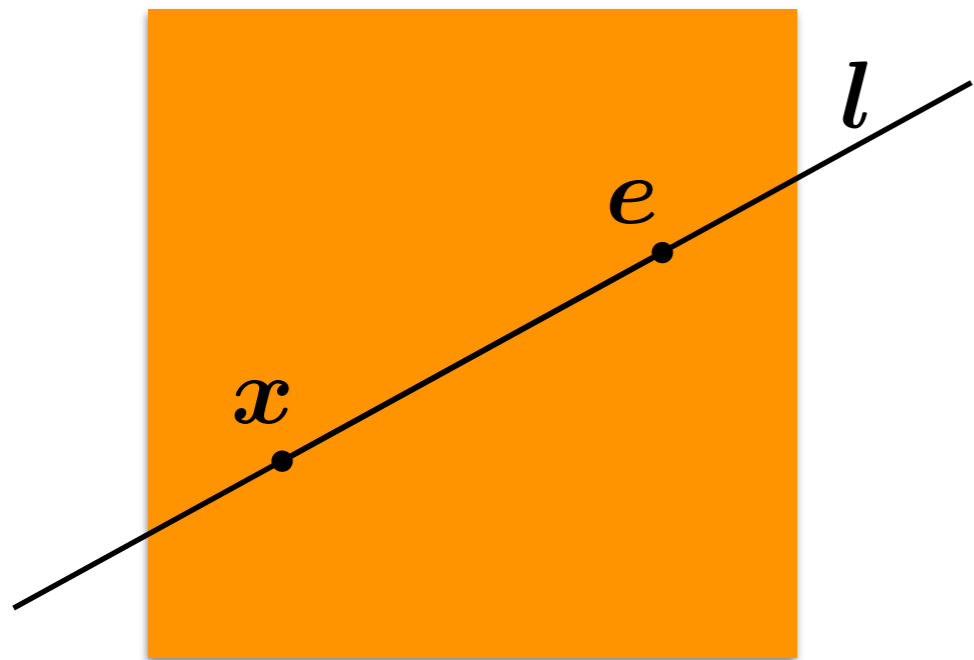


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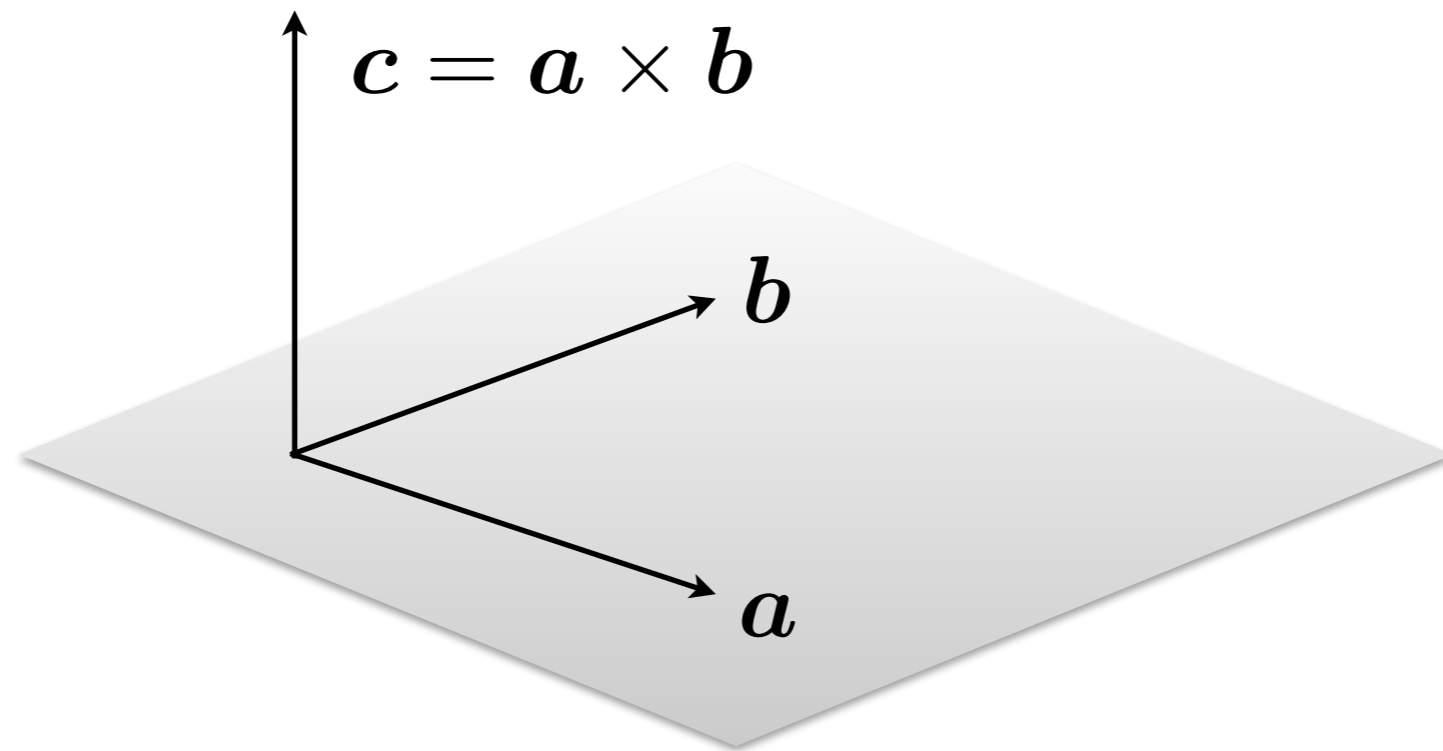
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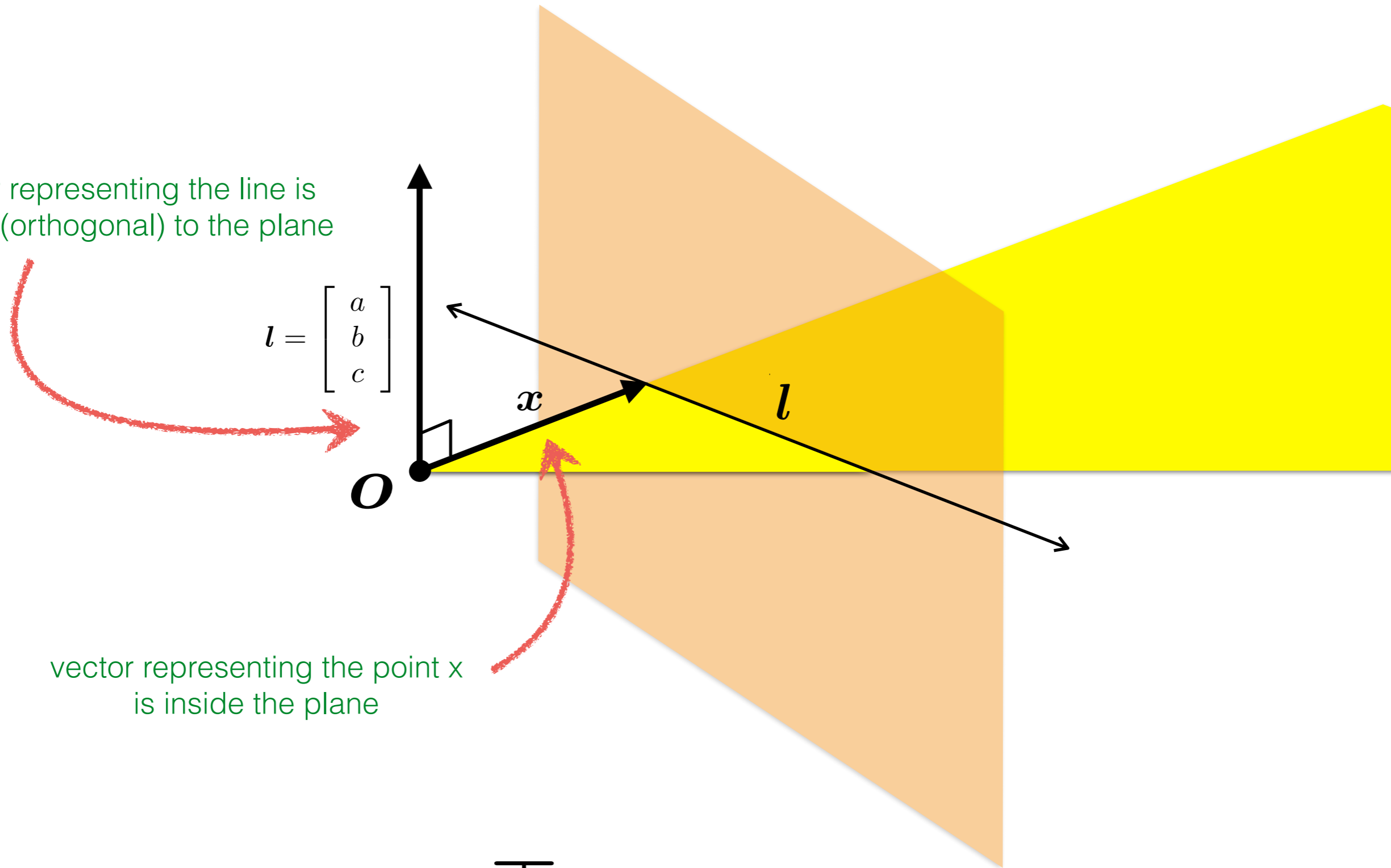
dot product of two orthogonal vectors is zero

vector representing the line is normal (orthogonal) to the plane

$$l = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

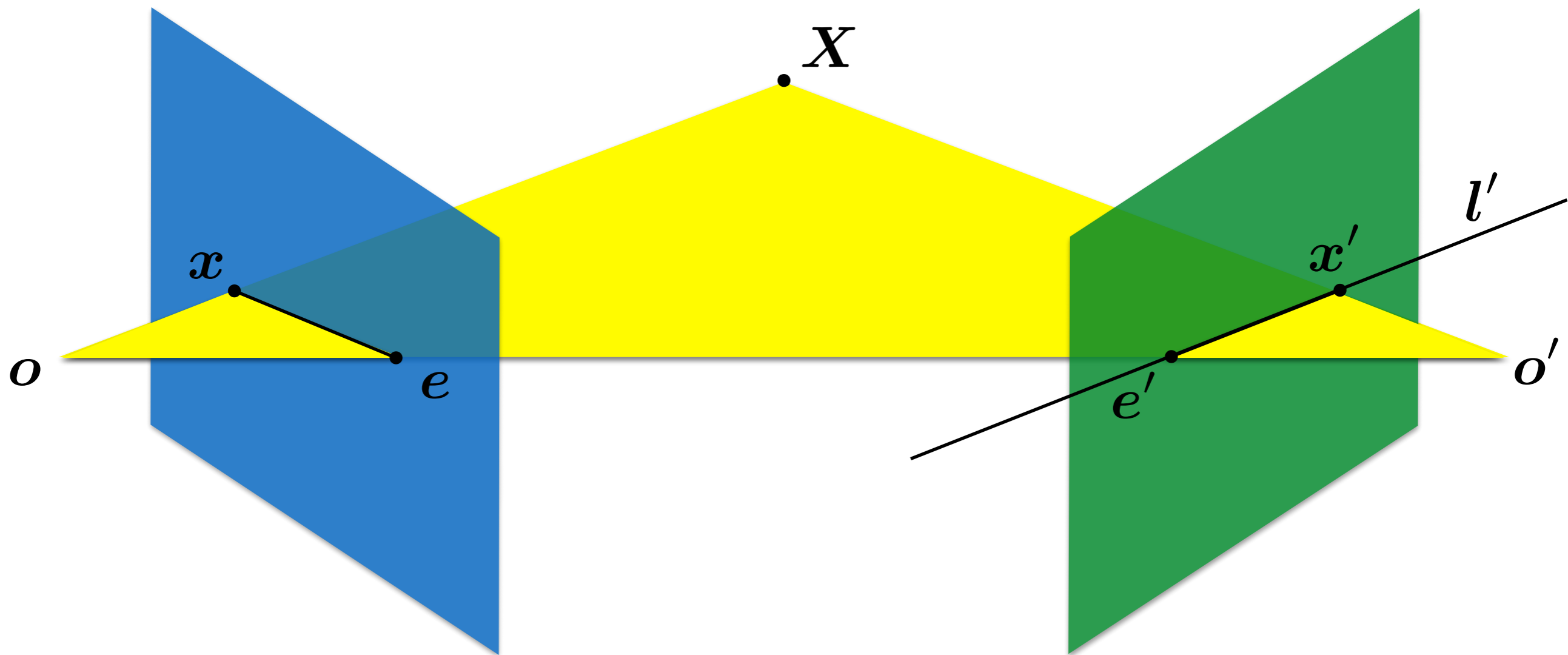
vector representing the point  $x$  is inside the plane

Therefore: 
$$x^\top l = 0$$



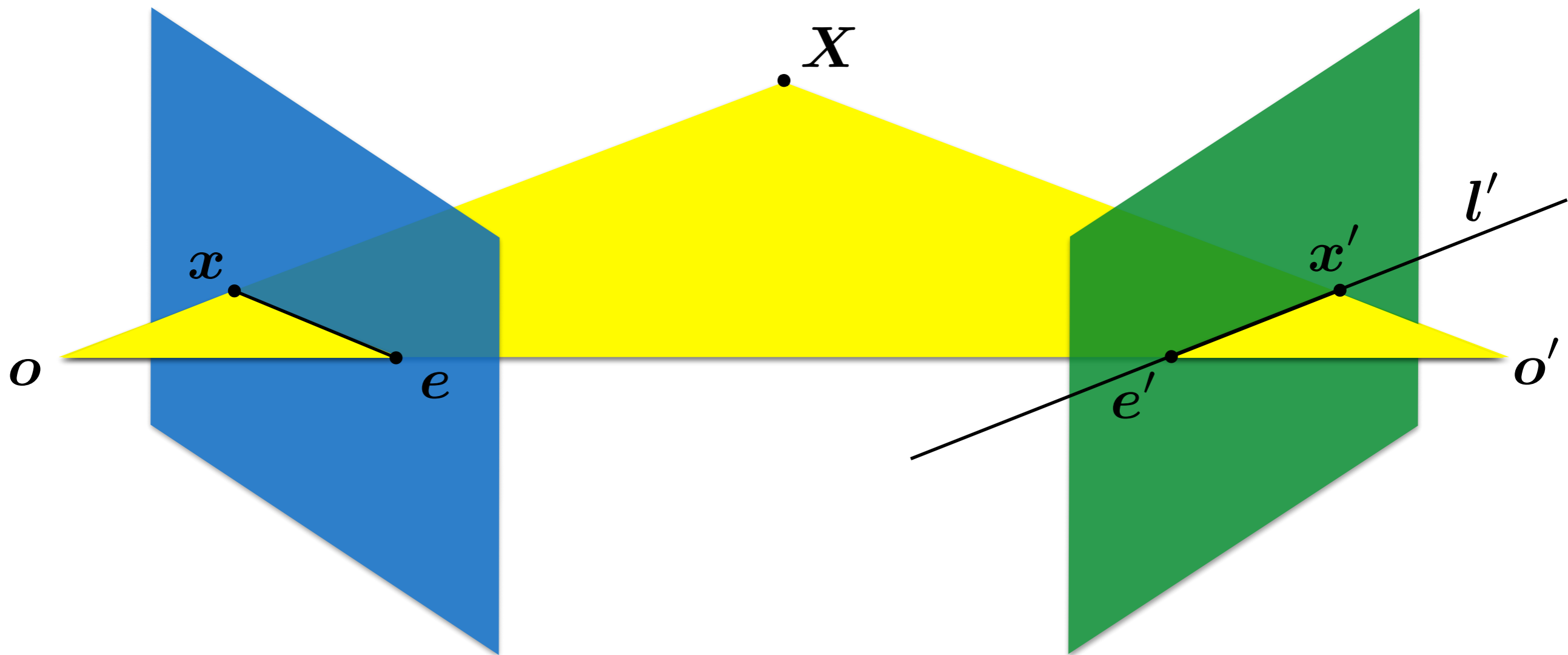
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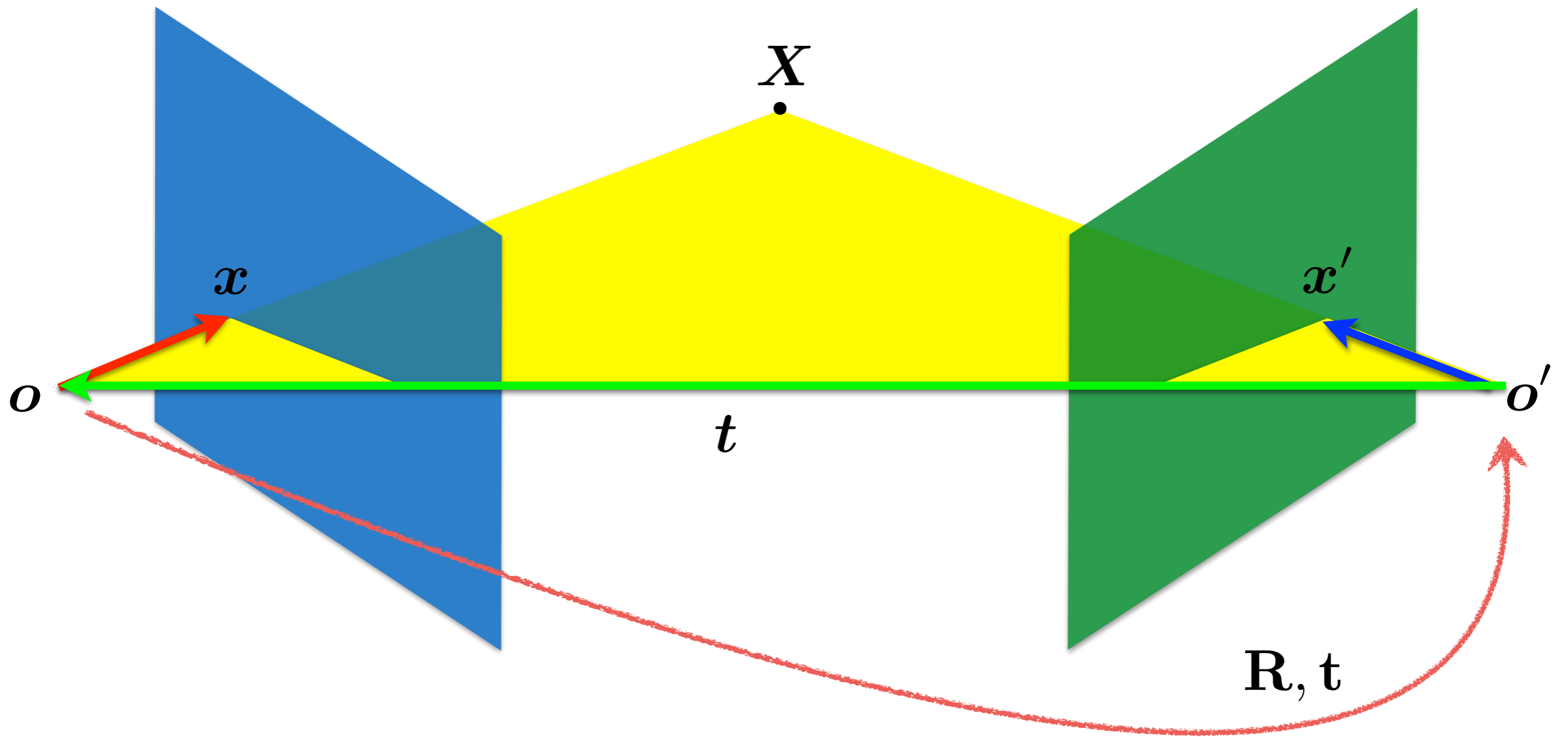
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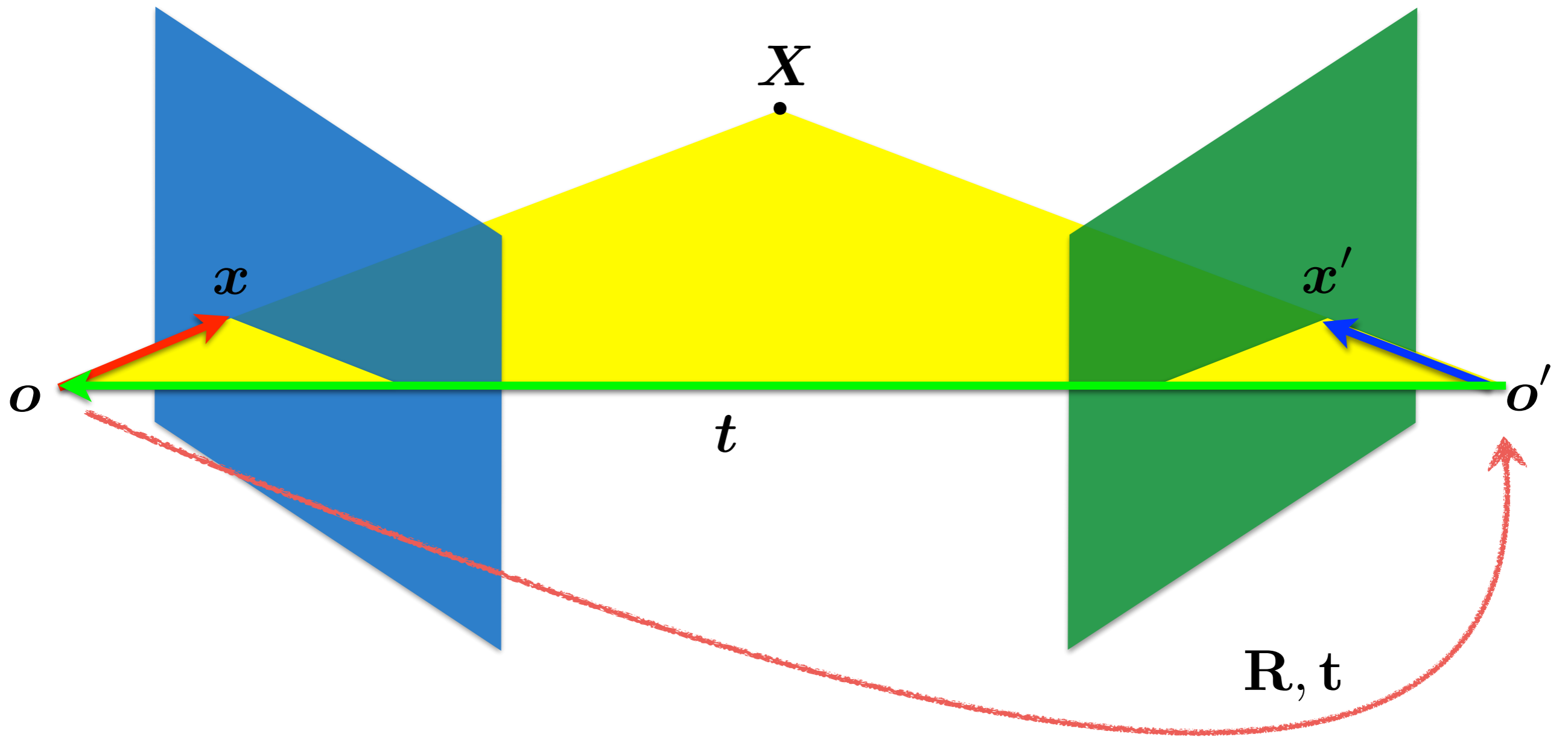
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Where does the Essential matrix come from?

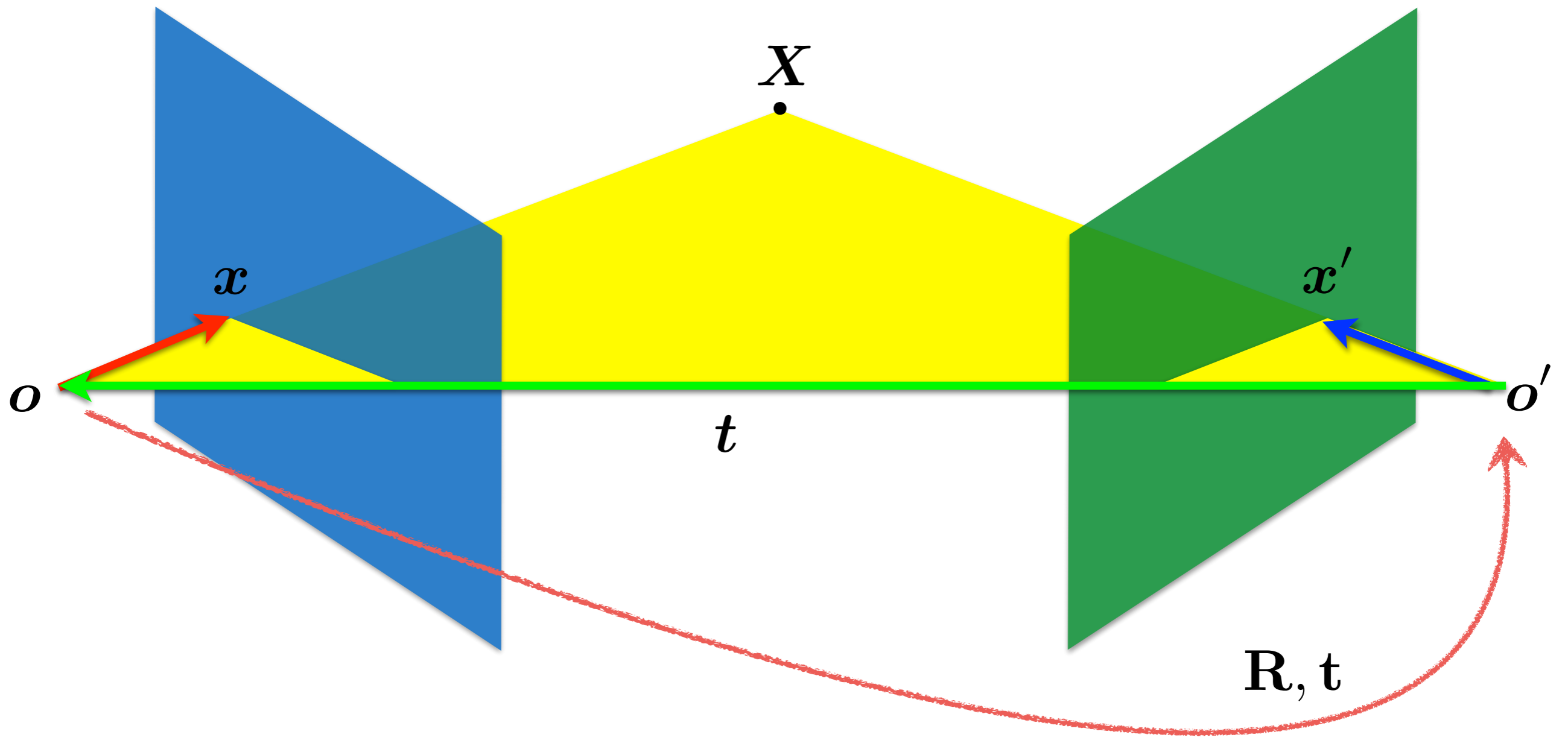


$$x' = \mathbf{R}(x - t)$$



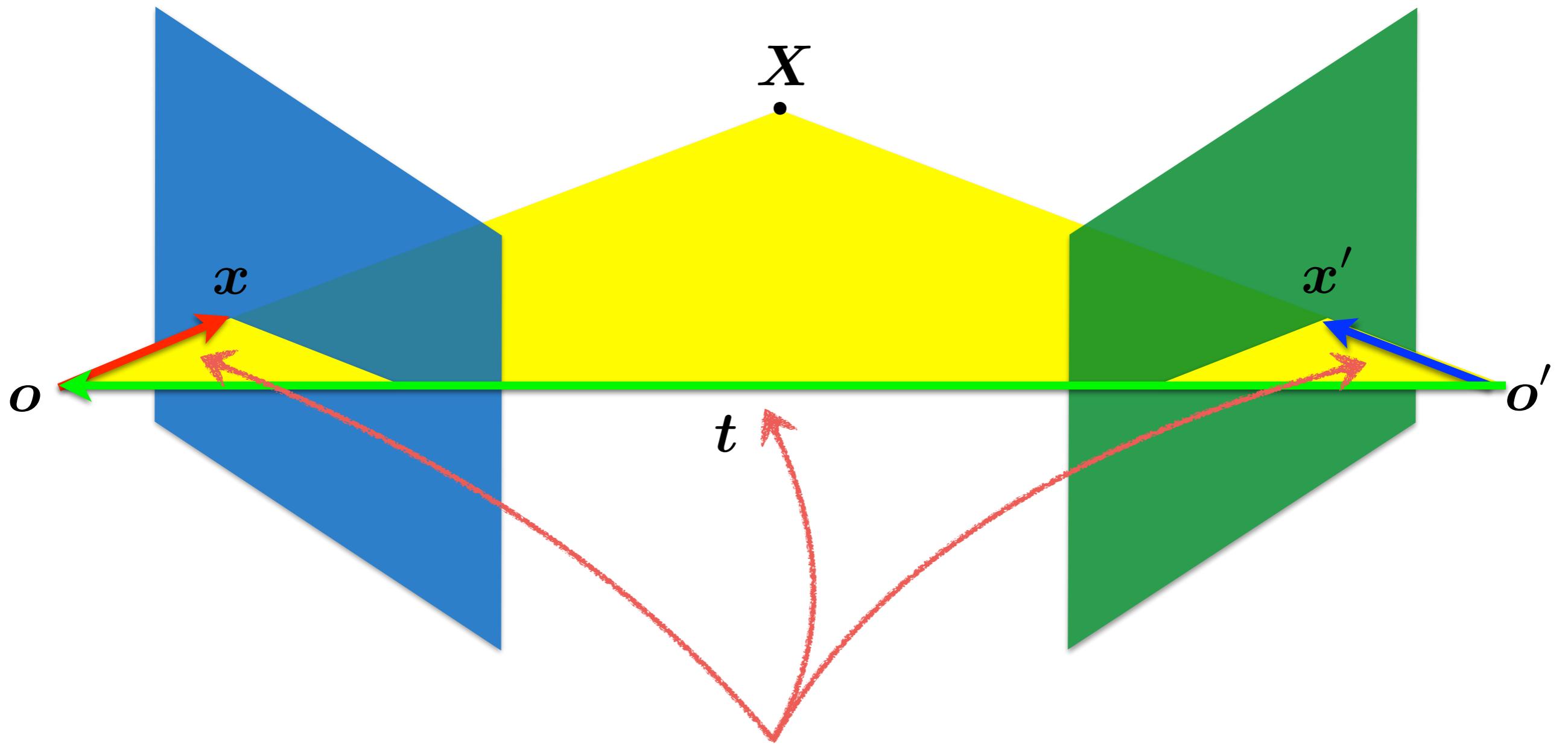
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*Does this look familiar?*



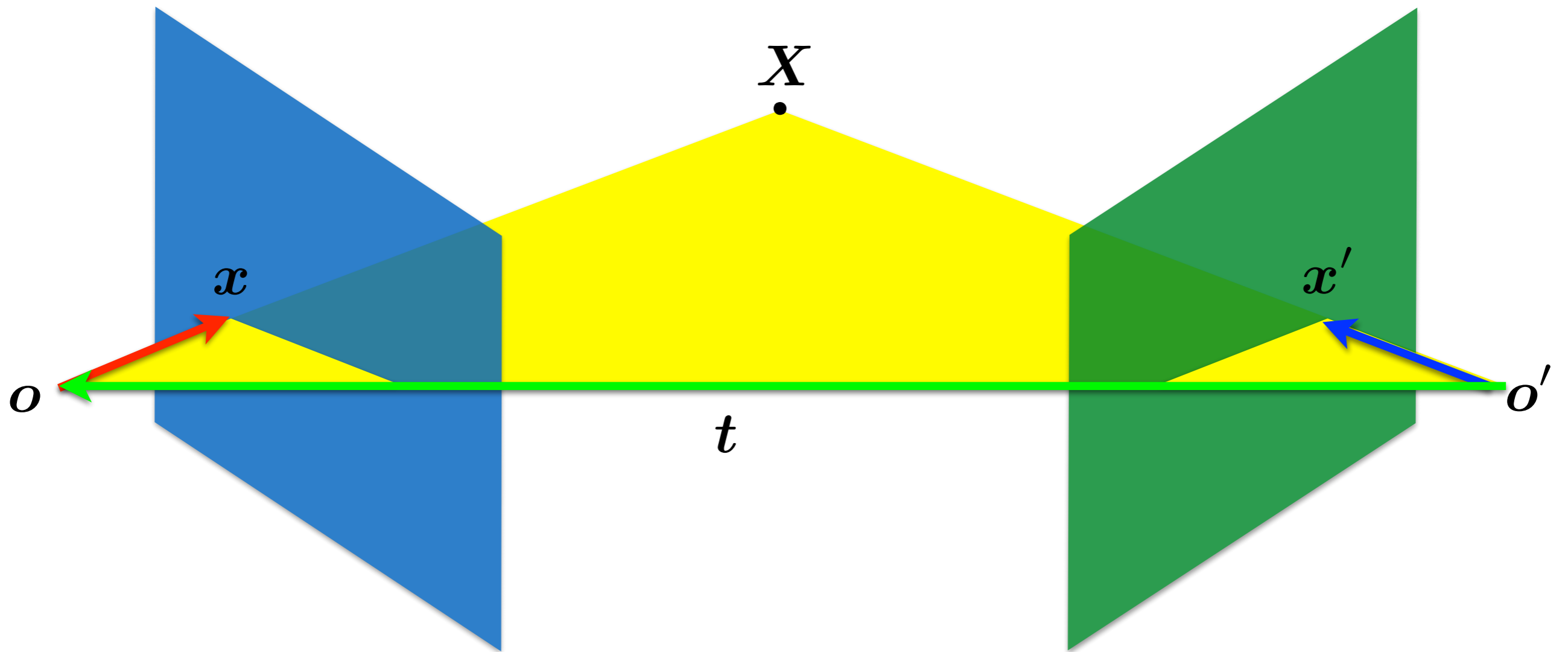
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**Camera-camera** transform just like **world-camera** transform



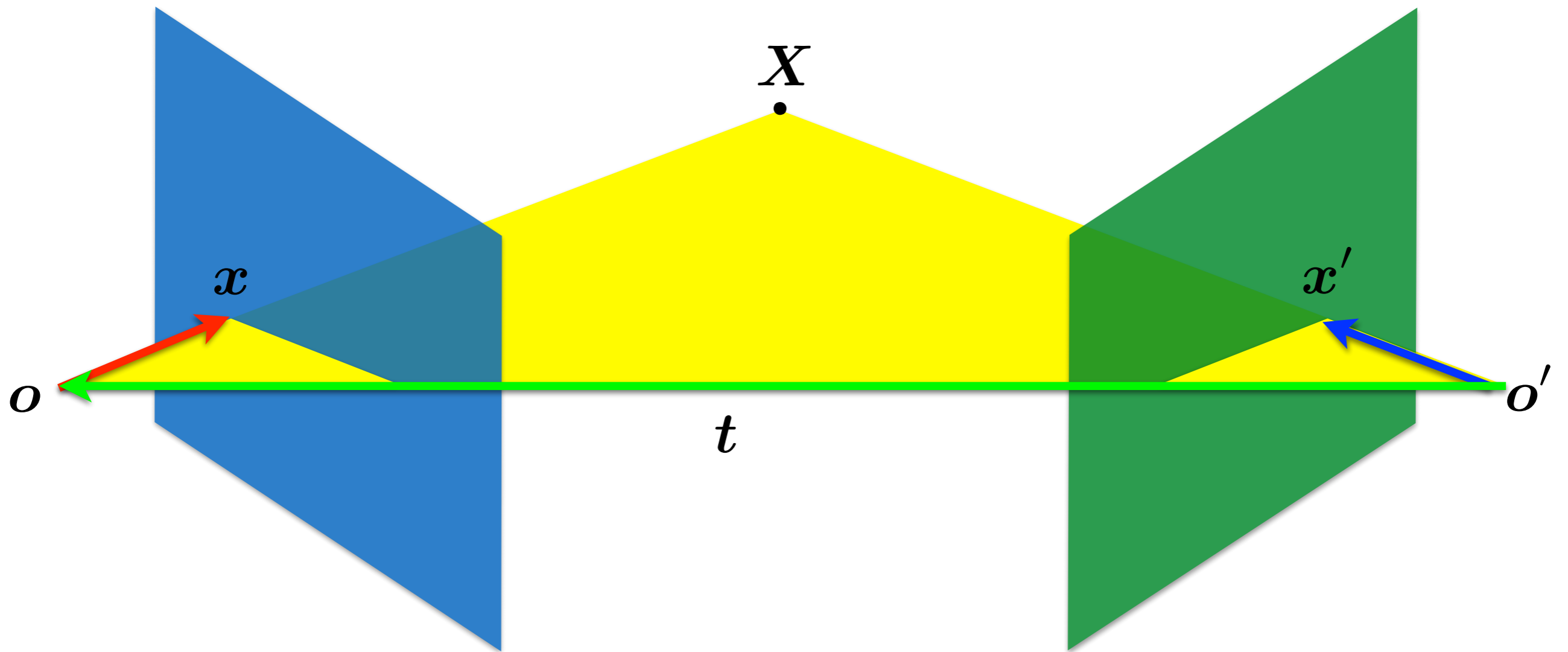
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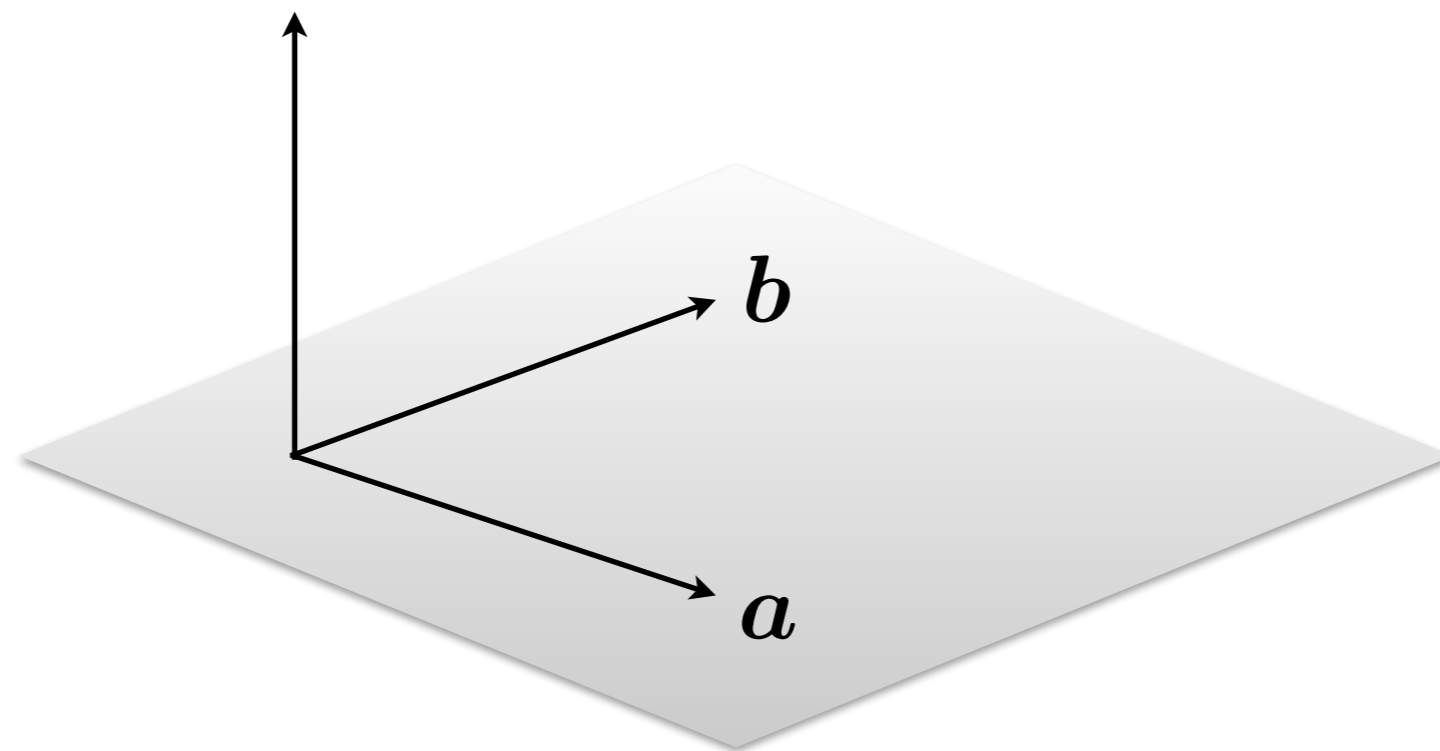
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# Recall: Cross Product

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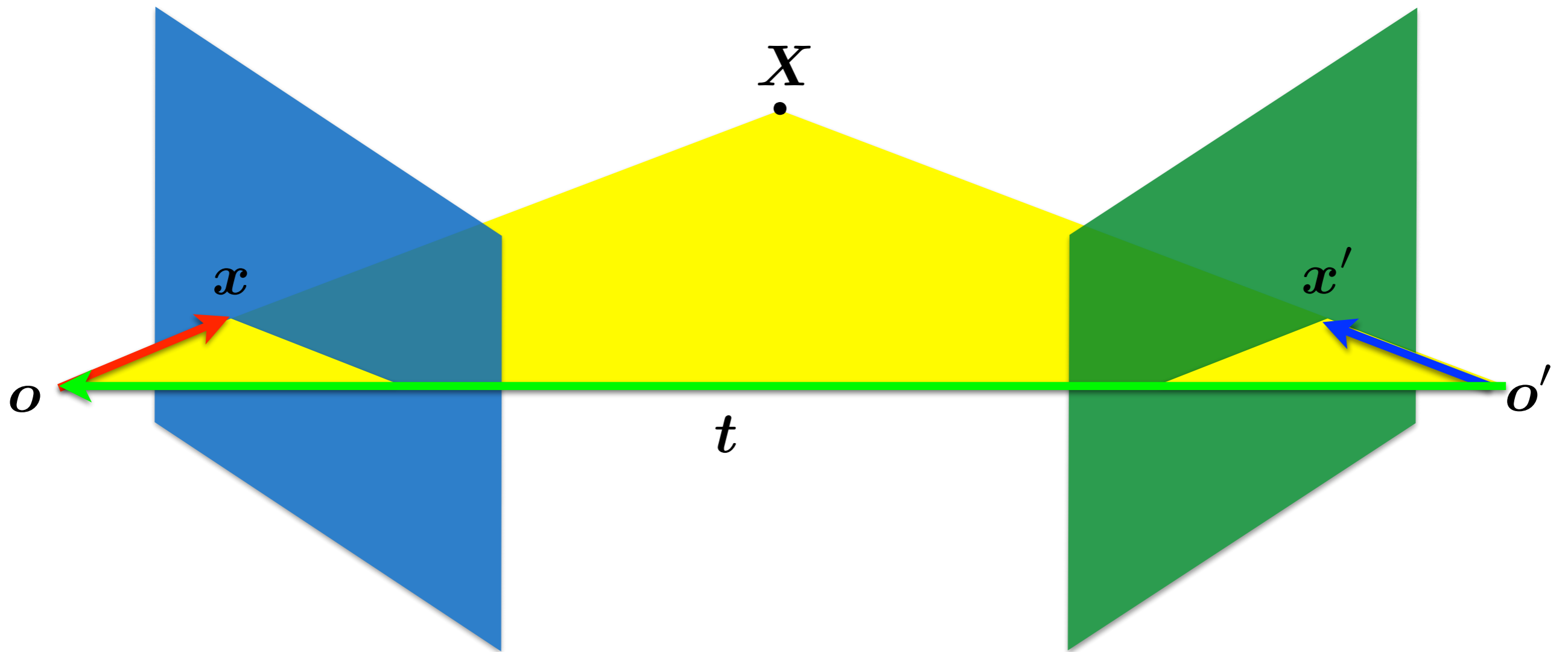
takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both

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



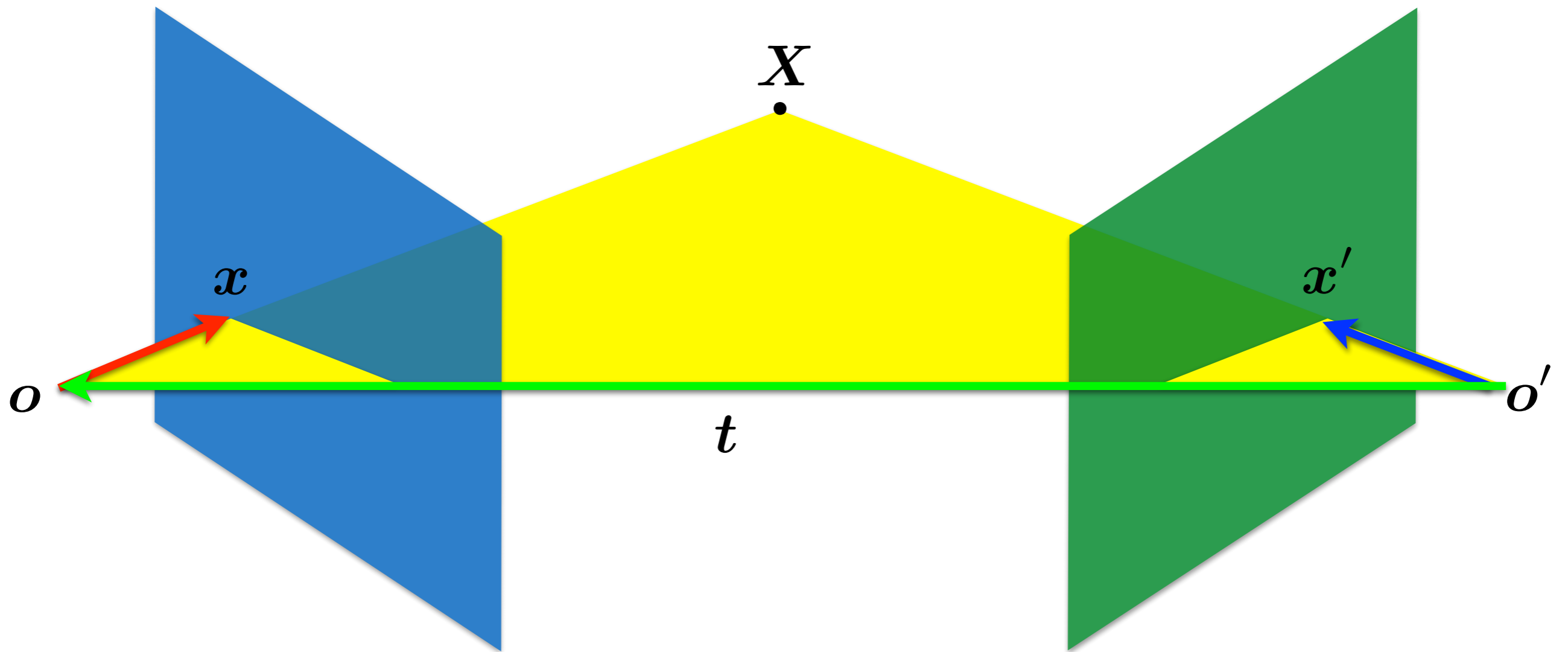
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$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can also be written as a matrix multiplication

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

**Skew symmetric**

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**Essential Matrix**

[Longuet-Higgins 1981]

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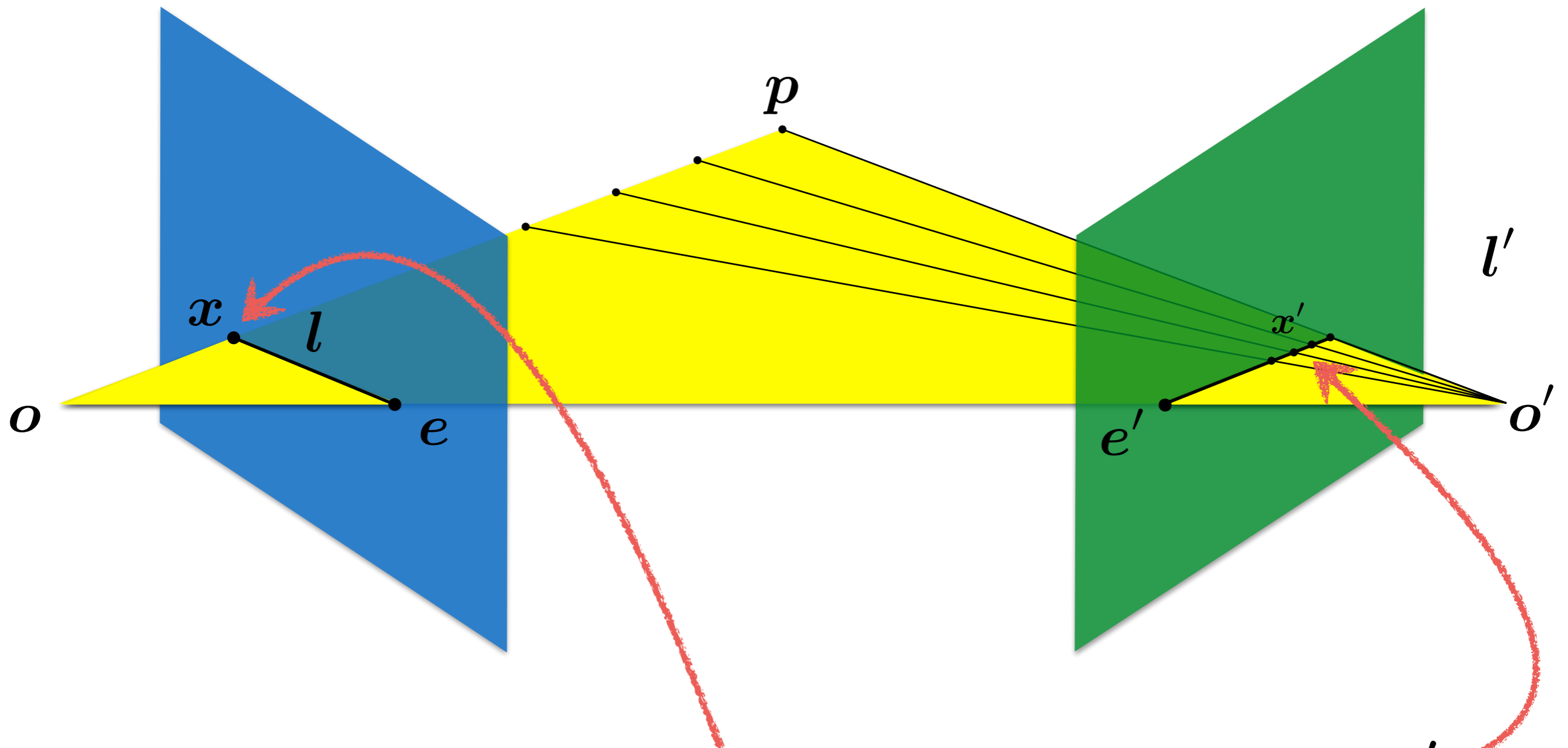
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# Fundamental Matrix

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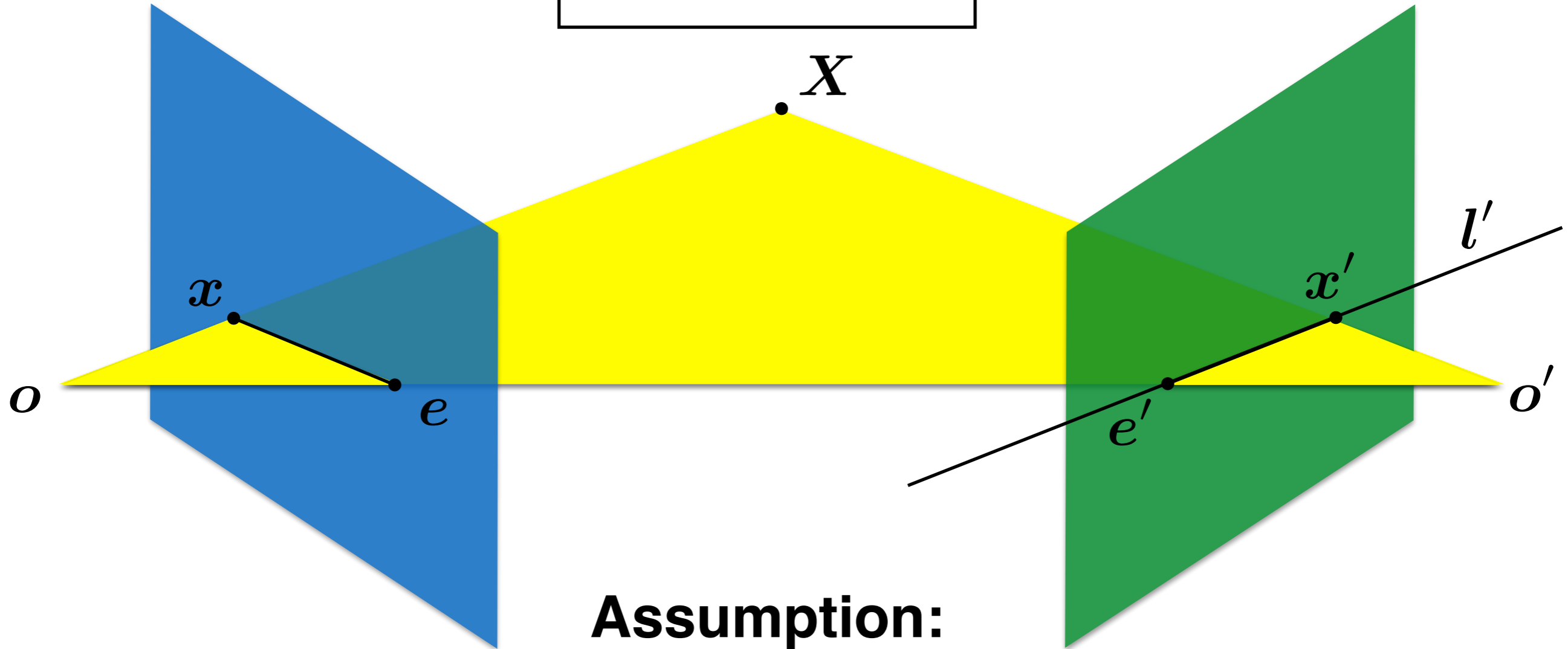
# Recall: Epipolar constraint



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



**Assumption:**

points aligned to camera coordinate axis (calibrated camera)

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The  
**Fundamental matrix**  
is a  
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Writing out the epipolar constraint in terms of image coordinates

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

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

Same equation works in image coordinates!

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

it maps pixels to epipolar lines

# properties of the ~~E~~ matrix

Longuet-Higgins equation  $x'^{\top} \mathbf{E} x = 0$

Epipolar lines  $x^{\top} l = 0$   $x'^{\top} l' = 0$   
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Epipoles  $e'^{\top} \mathbf{E} = 0$   $\mathbf{E} e = 0$

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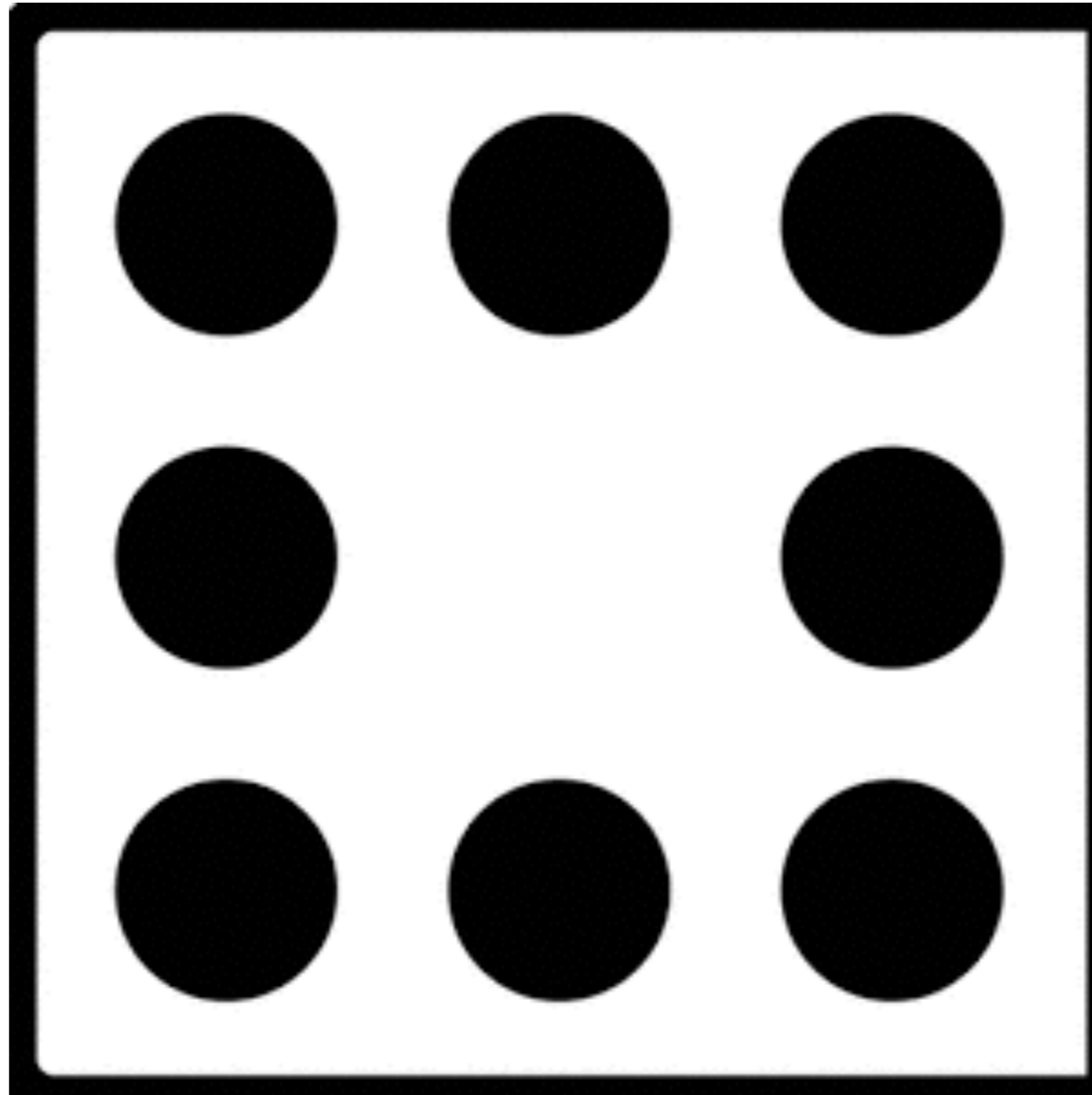
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# The 8-point algorithm

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# Fundamental Matrix Estimation

Given a set of matched *image* points

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

Estimate the Fundamental Matrix

**F**

*What's the relationship between F and x?*

Assume you have  $M$  point correspondences

$$\{\mathbf{x}_m, \mathbf{x}'_m\} \quad m = 1, \dots, M$$

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ONE correspondence gives you ONE equation

$$\begin{aligned} x_m x'_m f_1 + x_m y'_m f_2 + x_m f_3 + \\ y_m x'_m f_4 + y_m y'_m f_5 + y_m f_6 + \\ x'_m f_7 + y'_m f_8 + f_9 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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# Eight-Point Algorithm

0. (Normalize points)

1. Construct the  $M \times 9$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

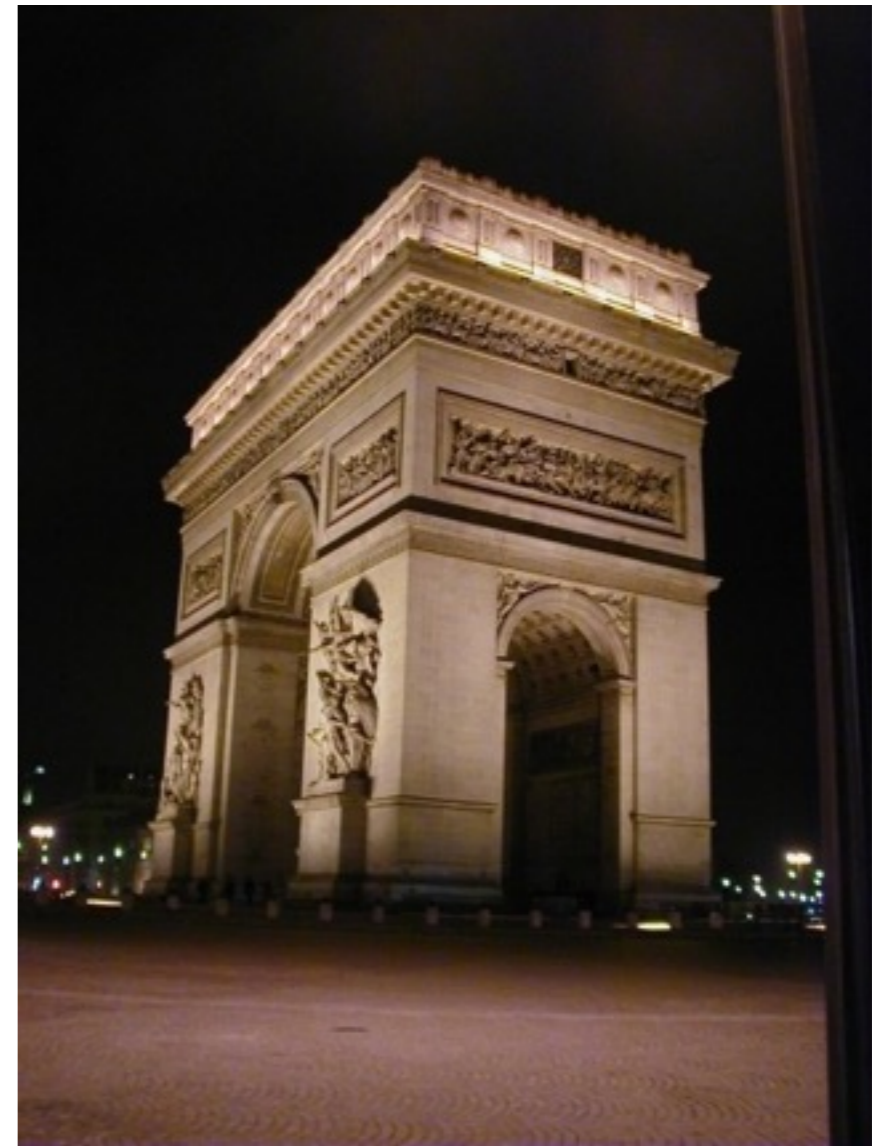
2. Find the SVD of  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$

3. Entries of  $\mathbf{F}$  are the elements of column of  $\mathbf{V}$  corresponding to the least singular value

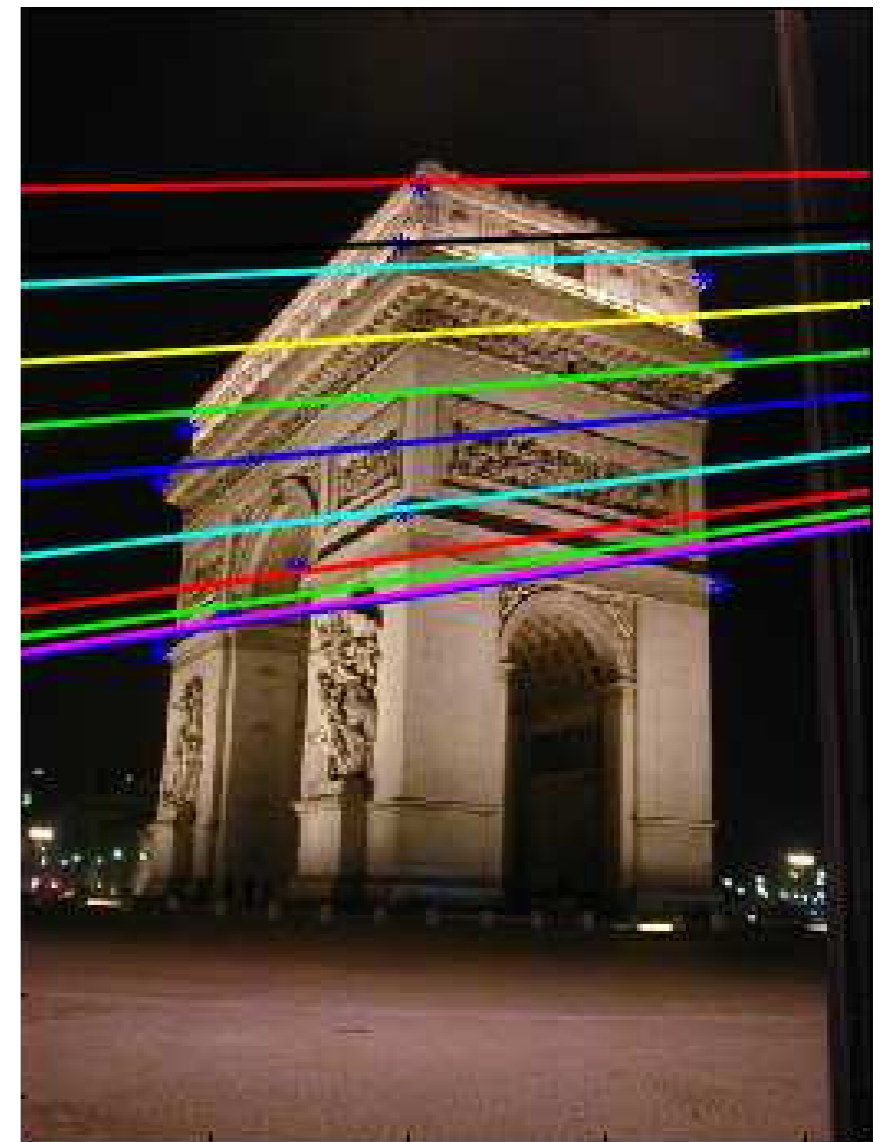
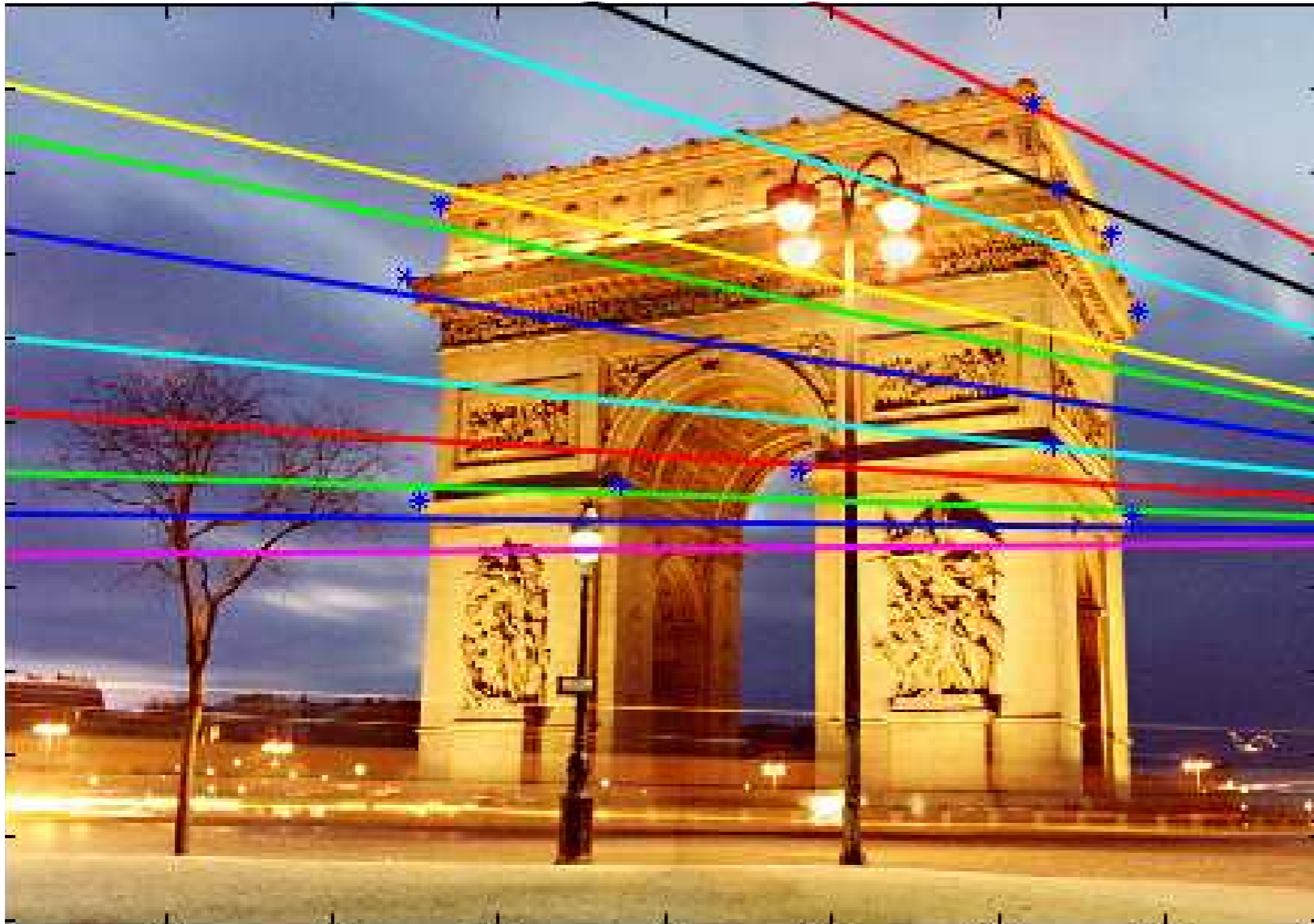
4. (Enforce rank 2 constraint on  $\mathbf{F}$ )

5. (Un-normalize  $\mathbf{F}$ )

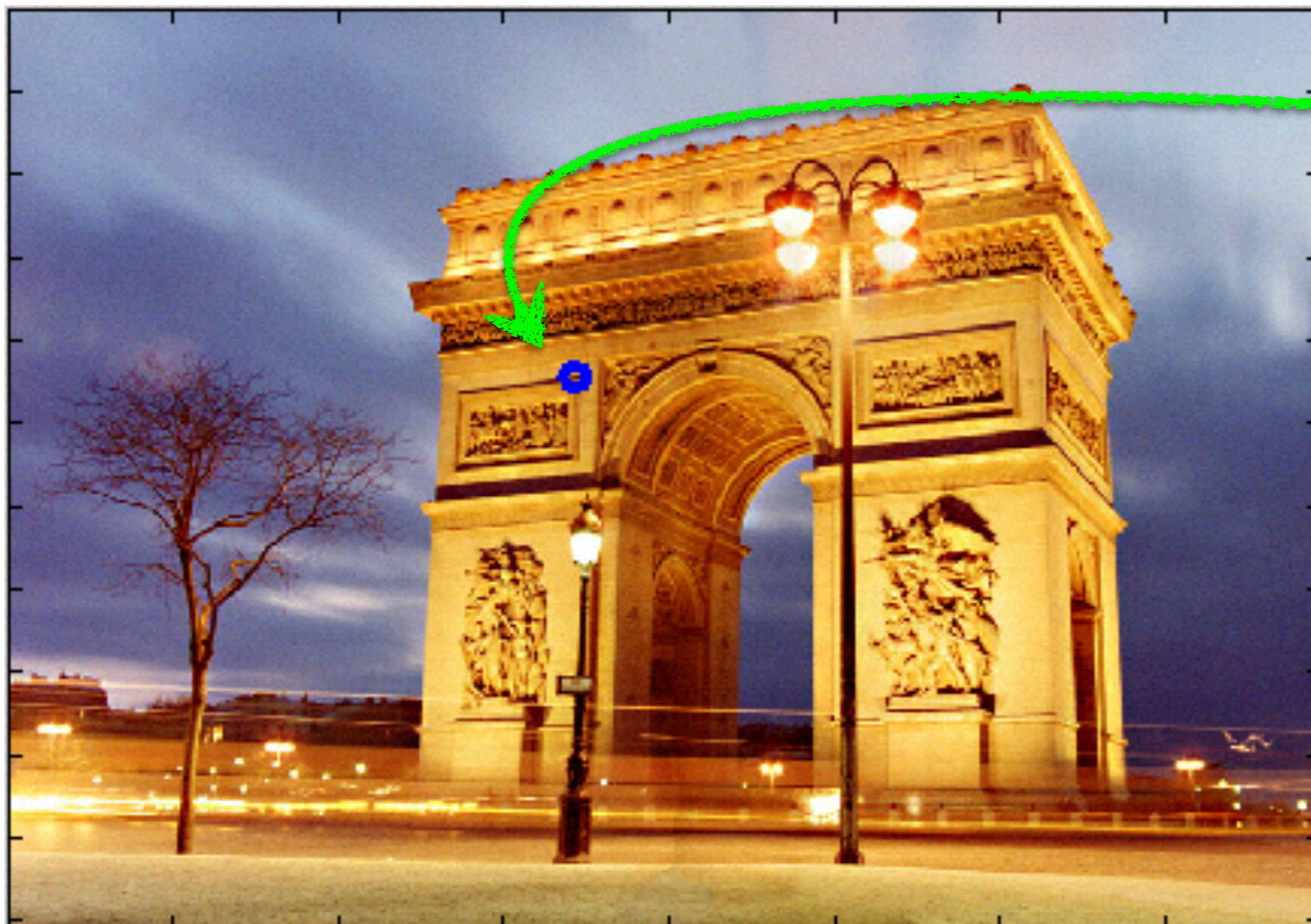
# Example



# epipolar lines



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



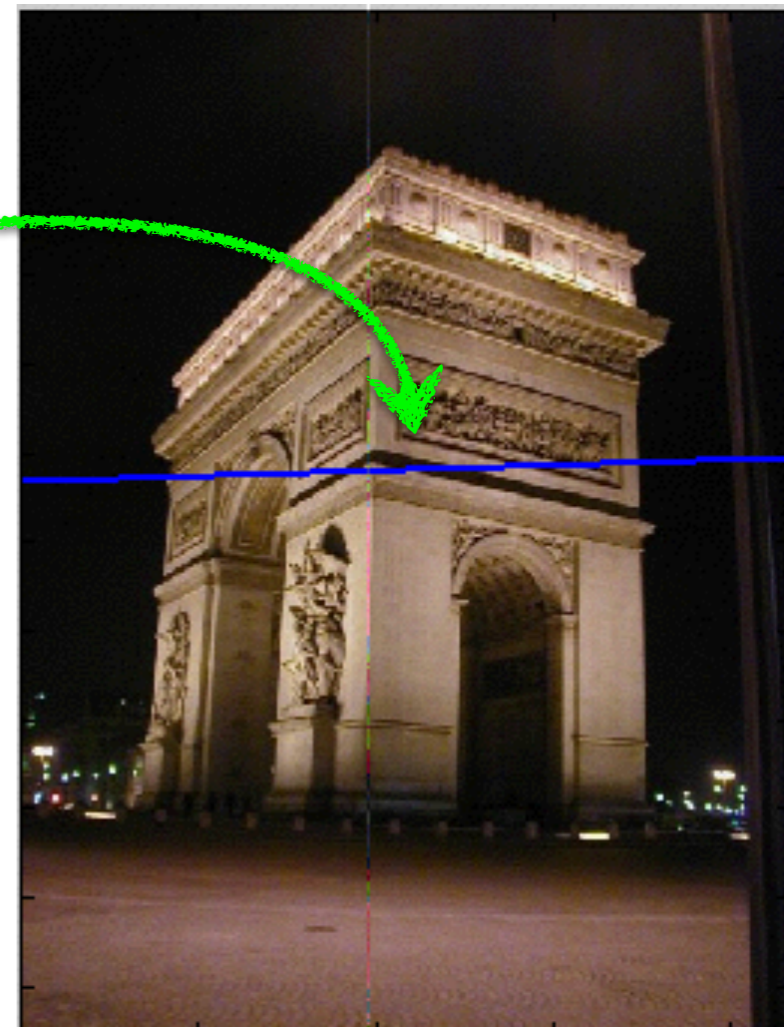
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 343.53 \\ 221.70 \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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

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



# Where is the epipole?



*How would you compute it?*



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

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eigenvectors
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u =
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   -0.0013    0.2586   -0.9660  
    0.0029   -0.9660   -0.2586  
    1.0000    0.0032   -0.0005
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eigenvalue
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d = 1.0e8*
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   -1.0000         0         0  
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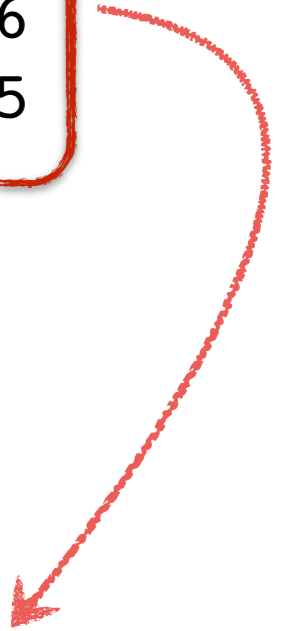
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| -0.0005 |

eigenvalue

d = 1.0e8\*

```
-1.0000    0    0  
 0   -0.0000    0  
 0    0   -0.0000
```





```
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```

eigenvectors

u =

```
   -0.0013    0.2586  
    0.0029   -0.9660  
    1.0000    0.0032
```

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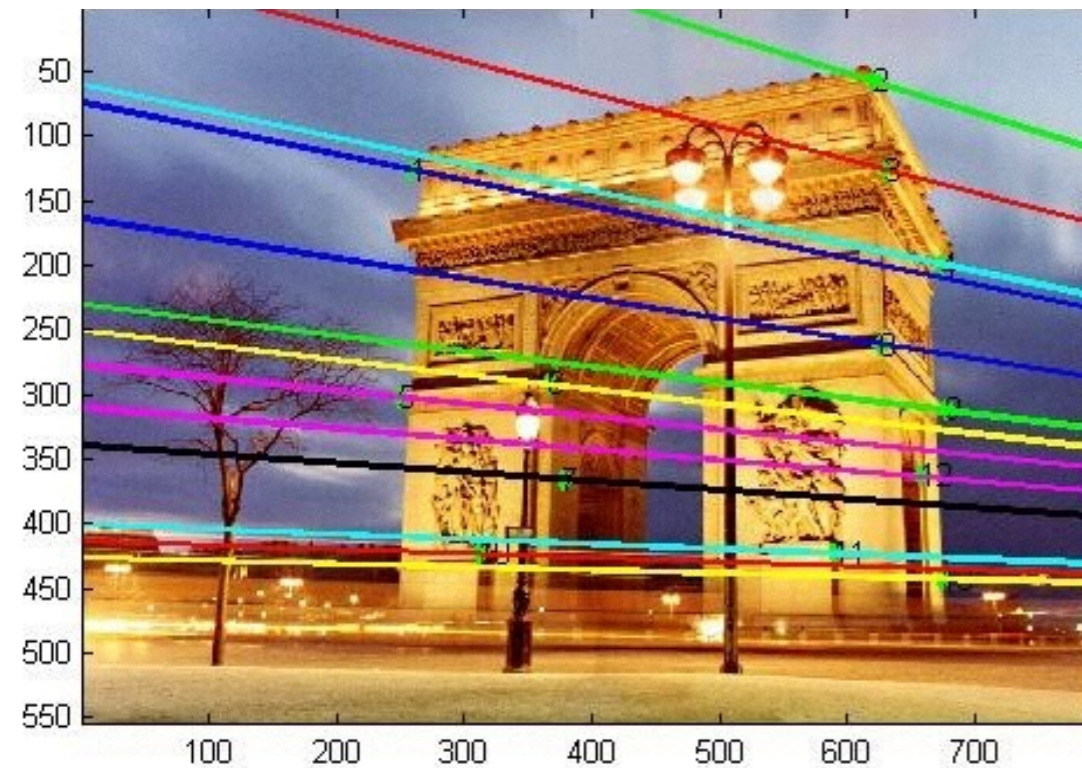
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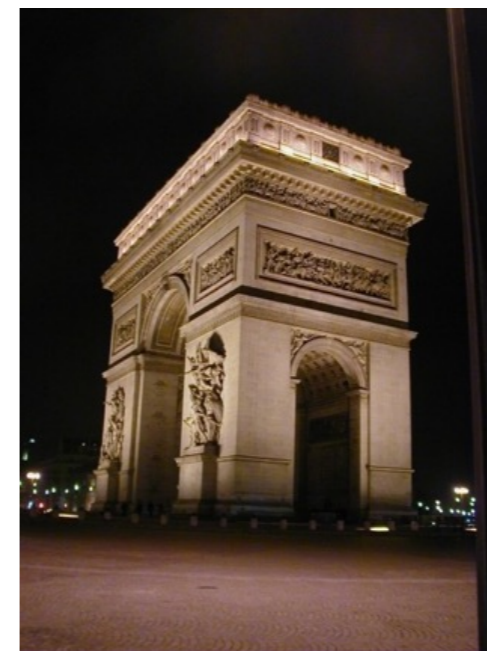
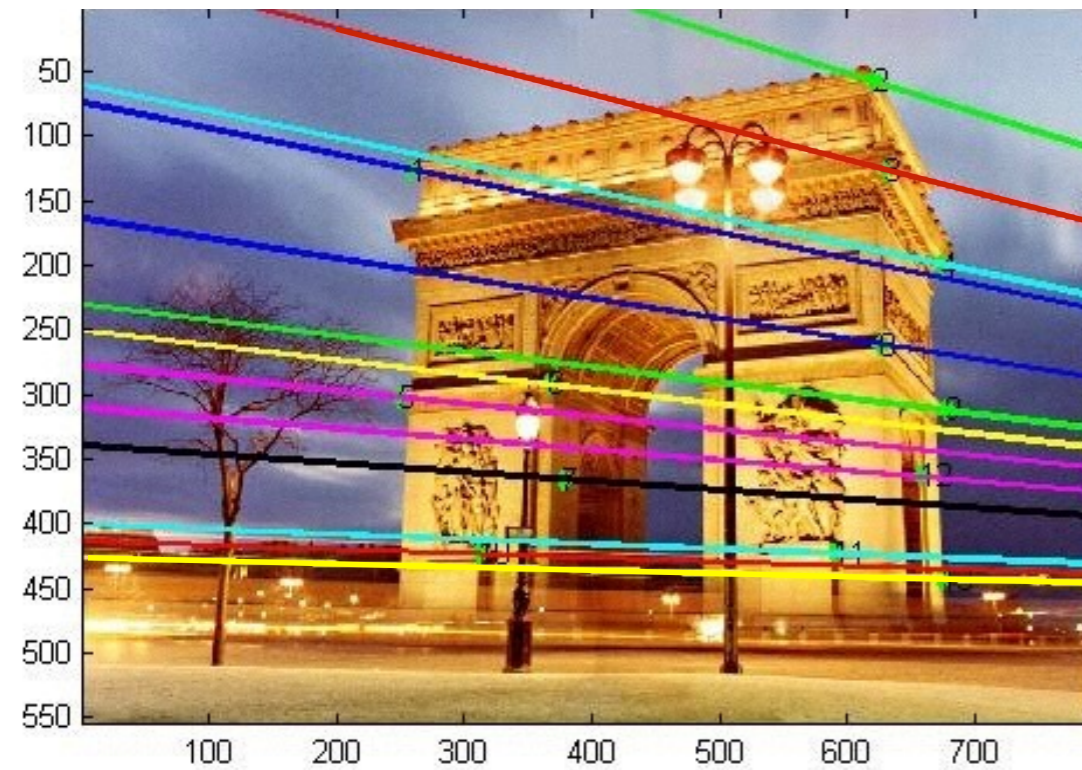
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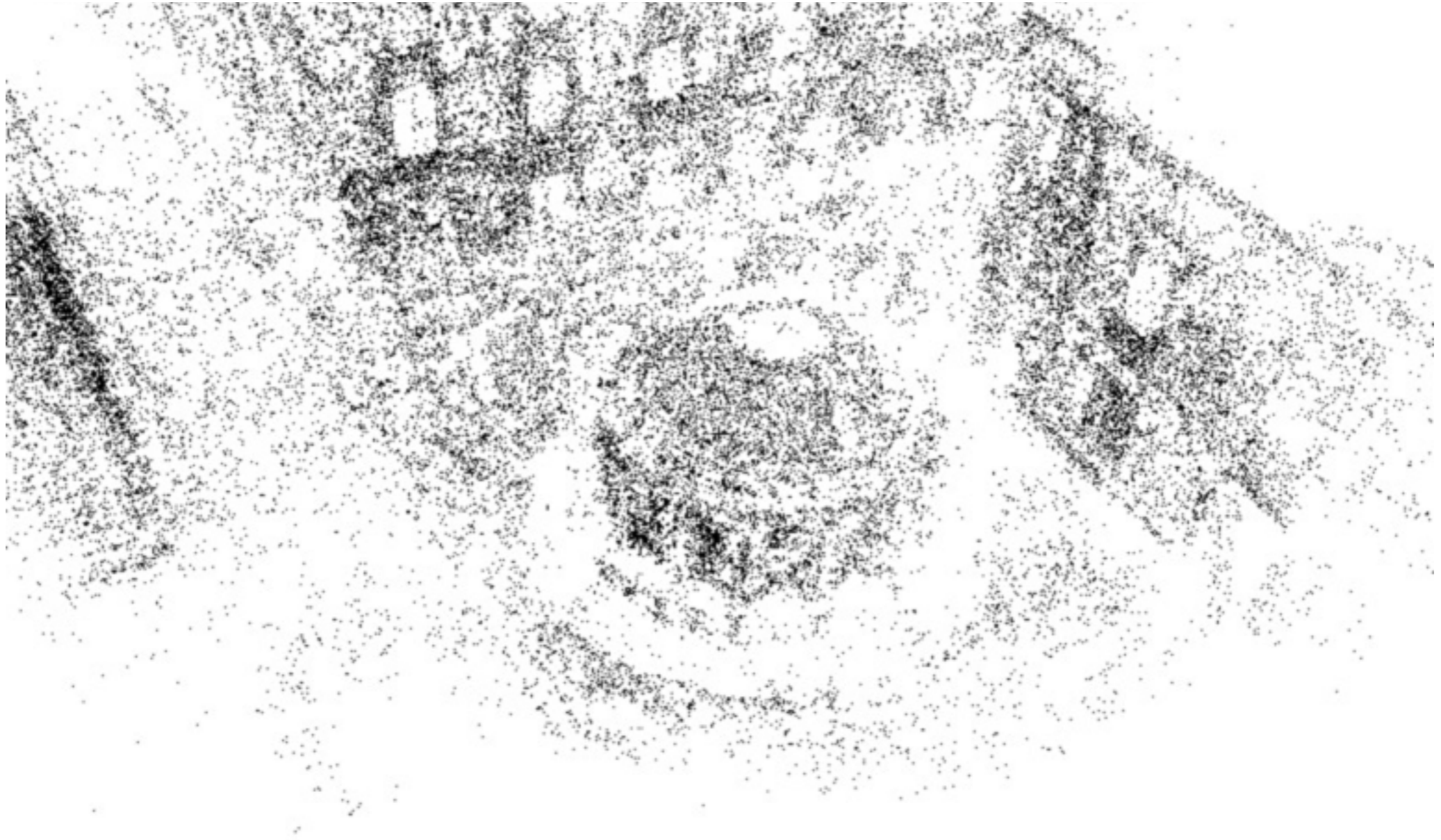


this is where the  
other picture is  
being taken

Epipole projected to image  
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# Reconstruction

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(2 view structure from motion)

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(of the cameras)

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**8-point algorithm**

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Camera matrices corresponding to the fundamental matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  may be chosen as

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{I} | \mathbf{0}] \quad \mathbf{P}' = [[\mathbf{e}_\times] \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{e}']$$

(See Hartley and Zisserman C.9 for proof)

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two possible rotations

two possible translations

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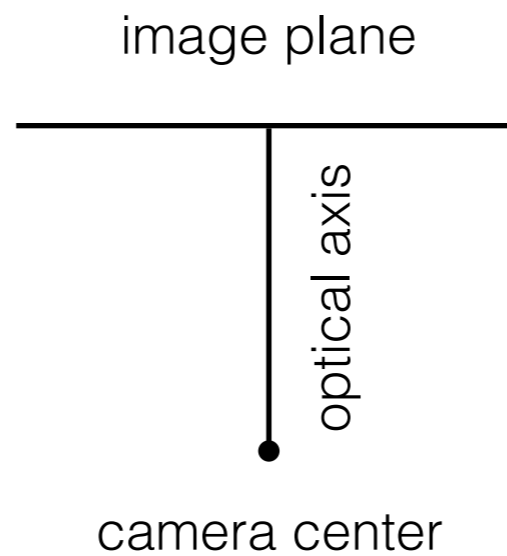
*Which one do we choose?*

Compute determinant of R, valid solution must be equal to 1  
(note:  $\det(R) = -1$  means rotation and reflection)

Compute 3D point using triangulation, valid solution has positive Z value  
(Note: negative Z means point is behind the camera )

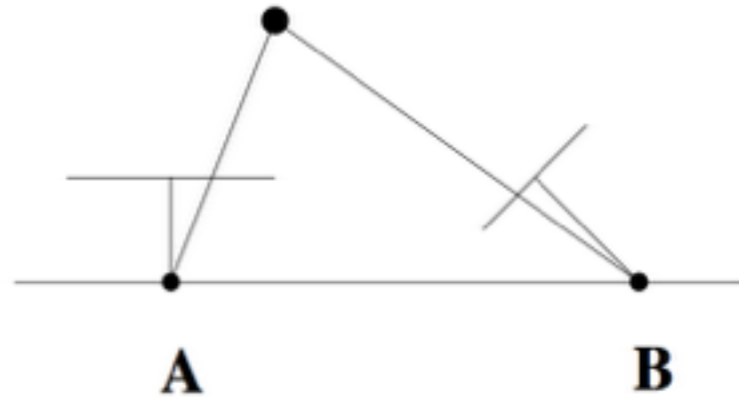
Let's visualize the four configurations...

Camera Icon

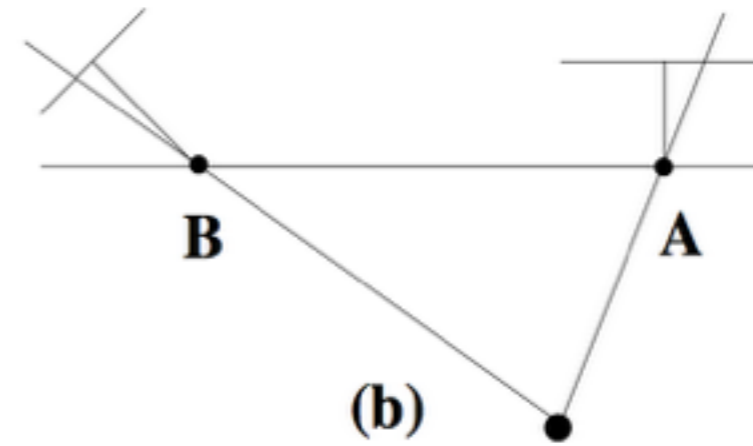


*Find the configuration where the points is in front of both cameras*

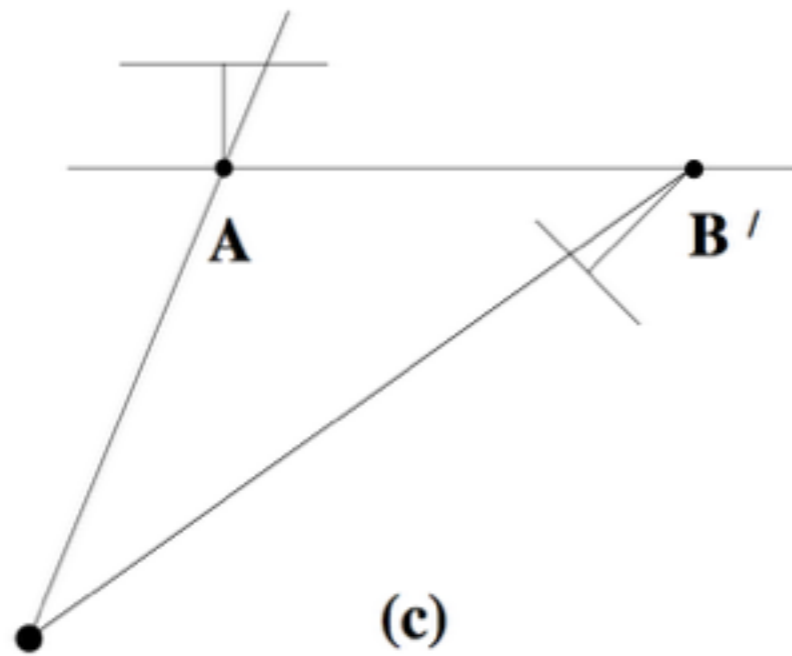
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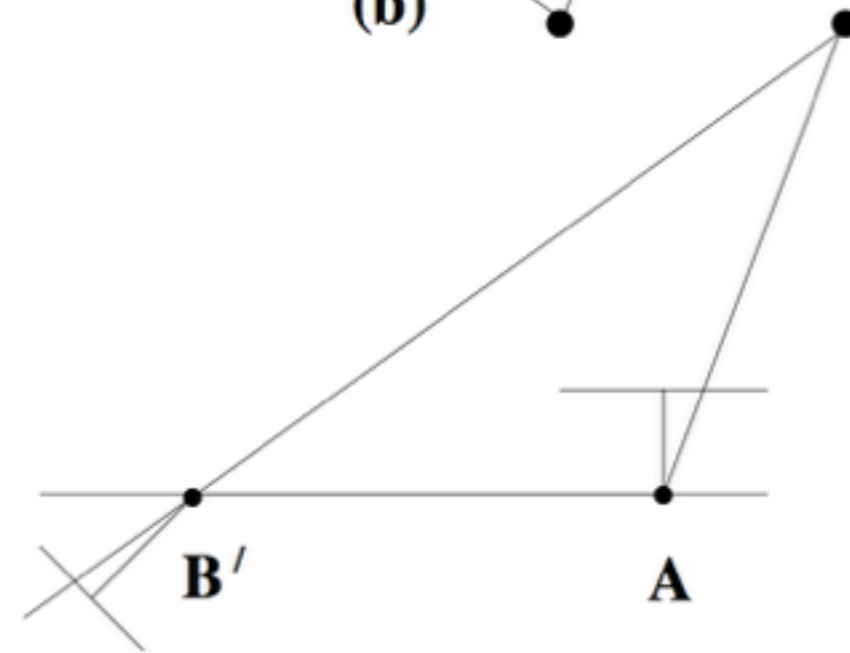
(a)



(b)

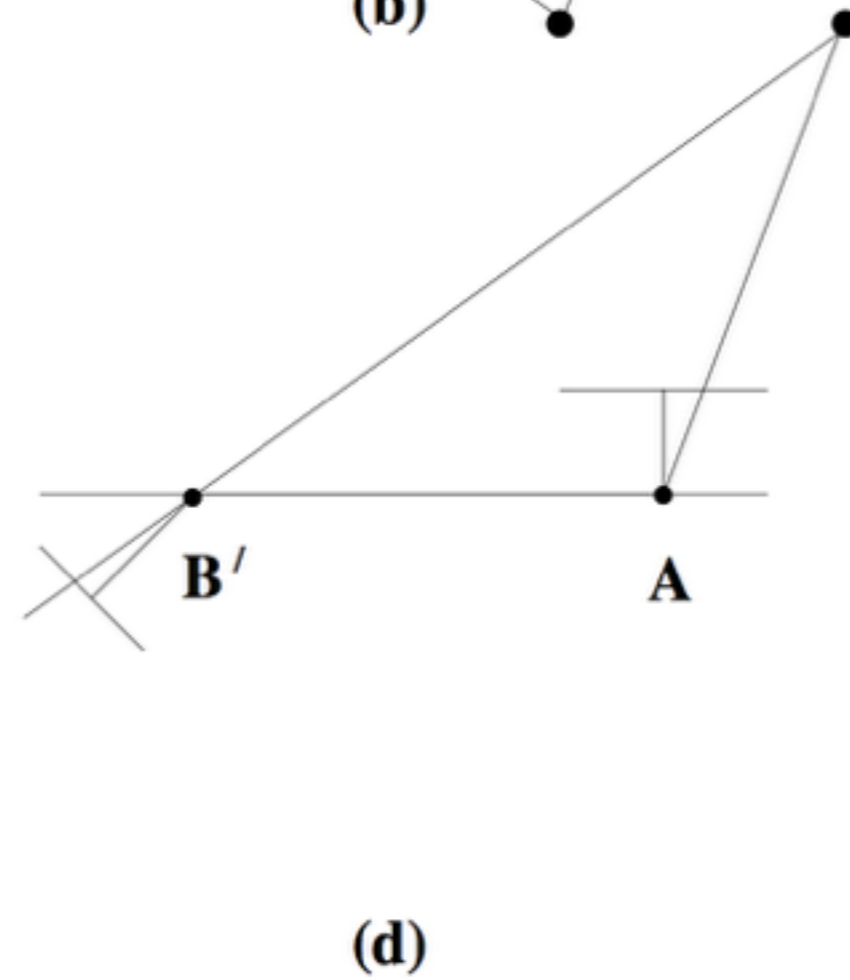
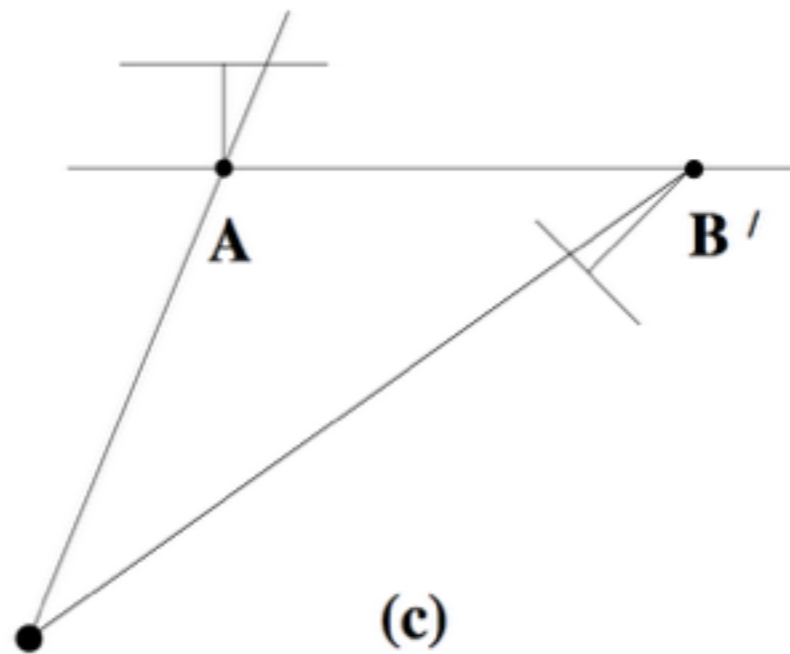
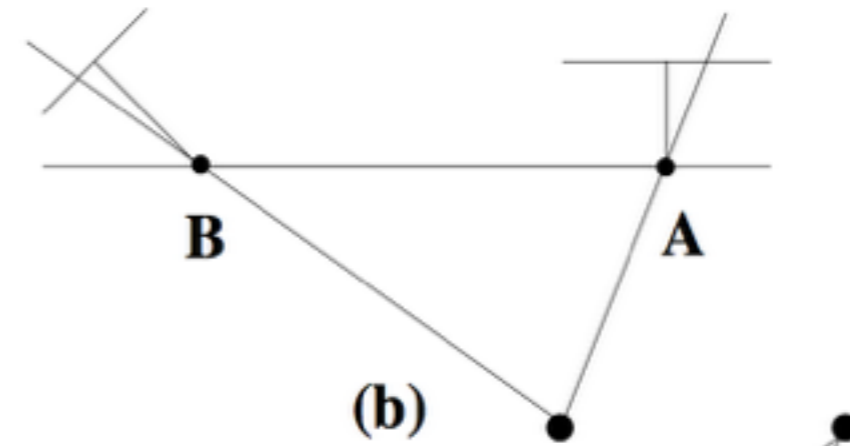
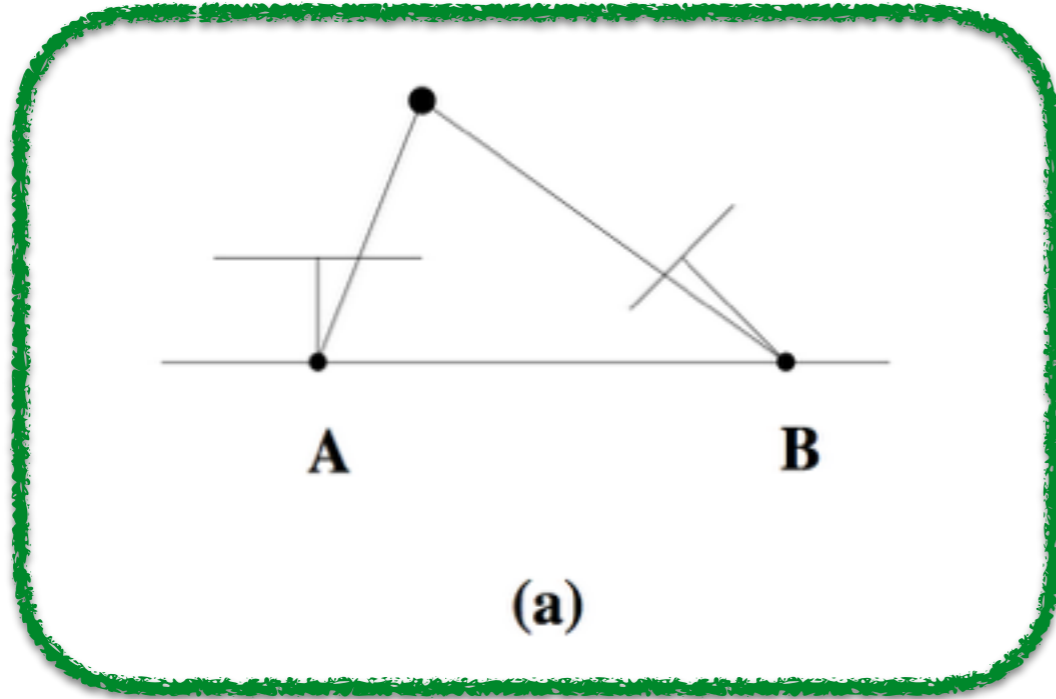


(c)



(d)

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## From points correspondences to camera displacement

1. Normalize the image points  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$  using  $\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{K}'$
2. Use the 8-point algorithm to find an approximation of  $\mathbf{E}$  (SVD!)
3. Project  $\mathbf{E}$  to essential space (SVD!!)  
(set smallest SV to zero)
4. Recover possible solutions for  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$   
(SVD!!!)
5. Use point correspondence to find the correct  $\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}$  pair (don't use SVD...)

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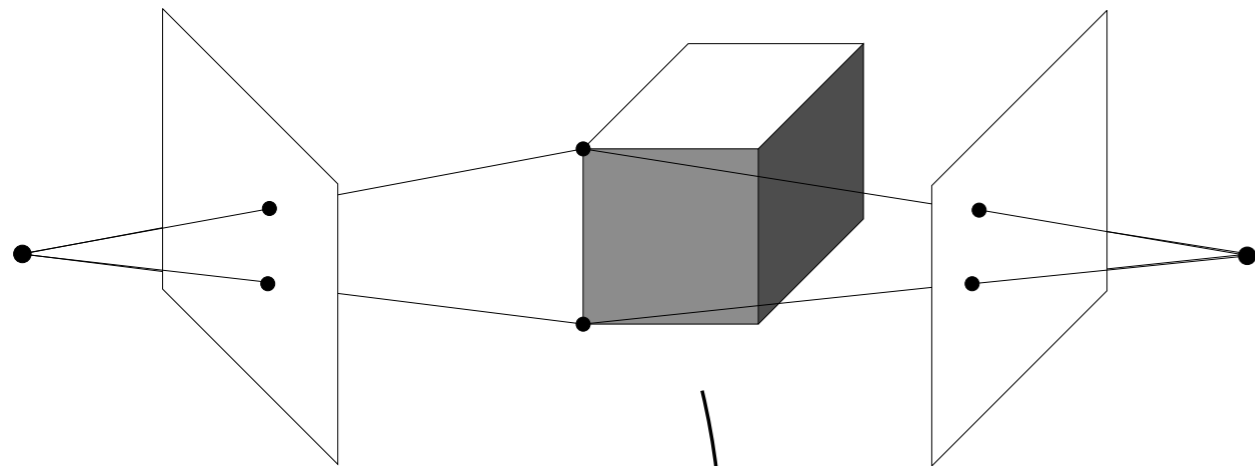
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3. For each point correspondence, compute the point  $\mathbf{X}$  in 3D space (triangularization)

$$\mathbf{DLT} \text{ with } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X} \text{ and } \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{P}' \mathbf{X}$$

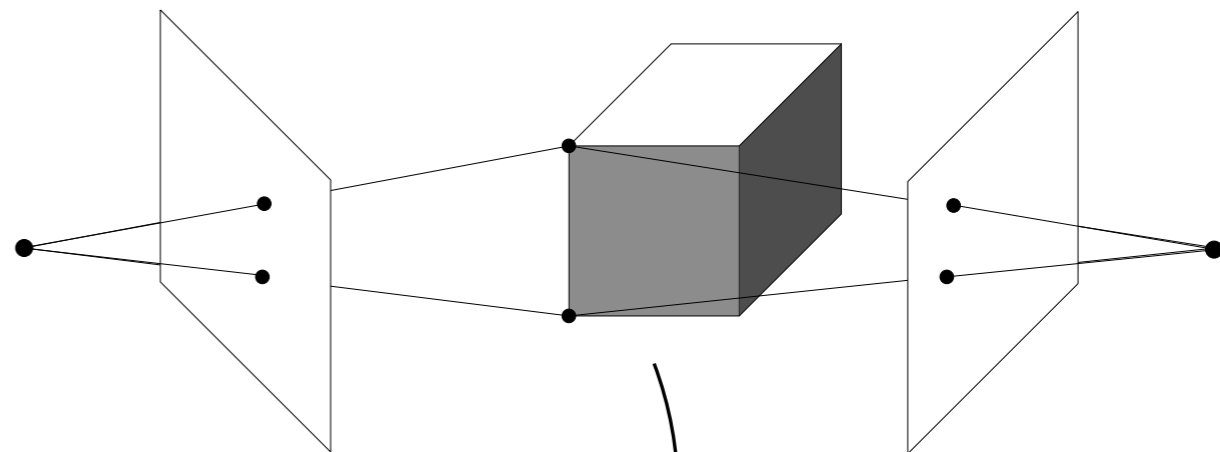
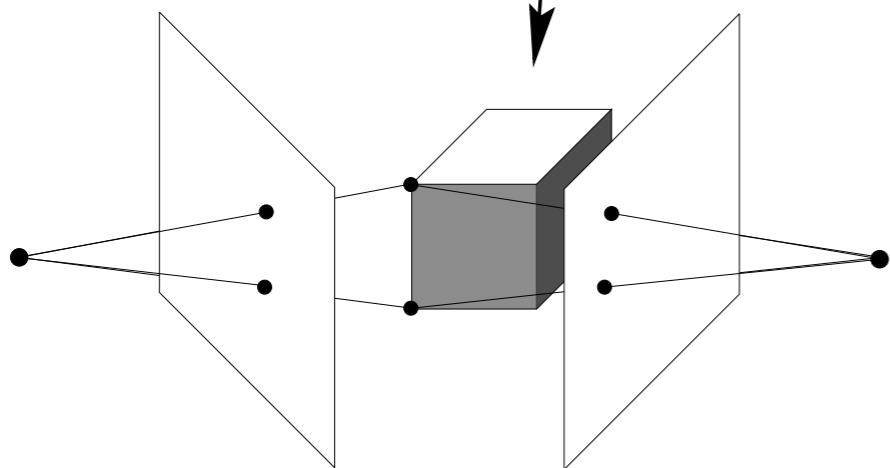
# Projective Ambiguity

- Reconstruction is ambiguous by an arbitrary 3D projective transformation without prior knowledge of camera parameters

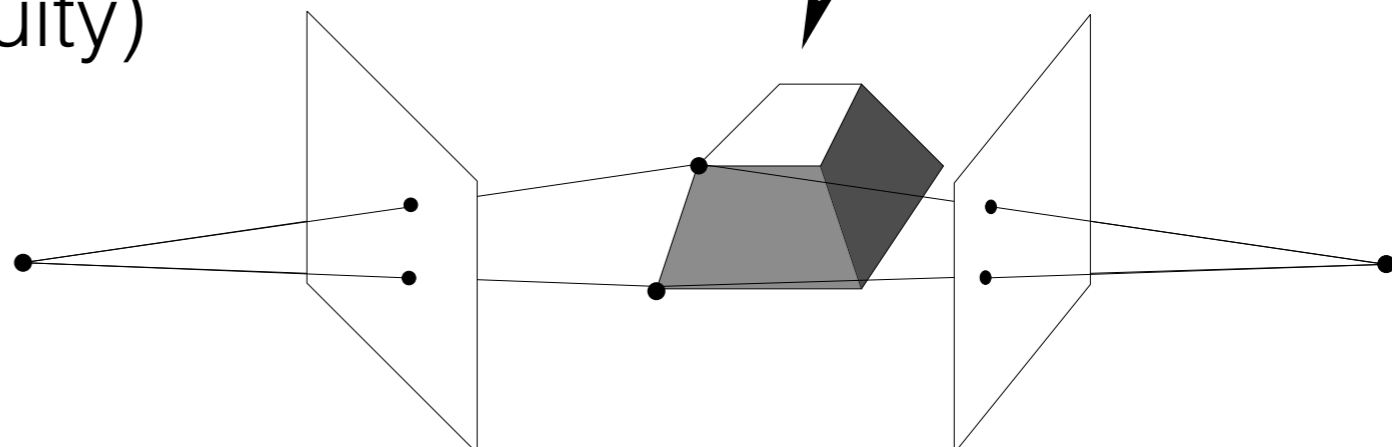


**Calibrated cameras**  
(similarity projection ambiguity)

Similarity

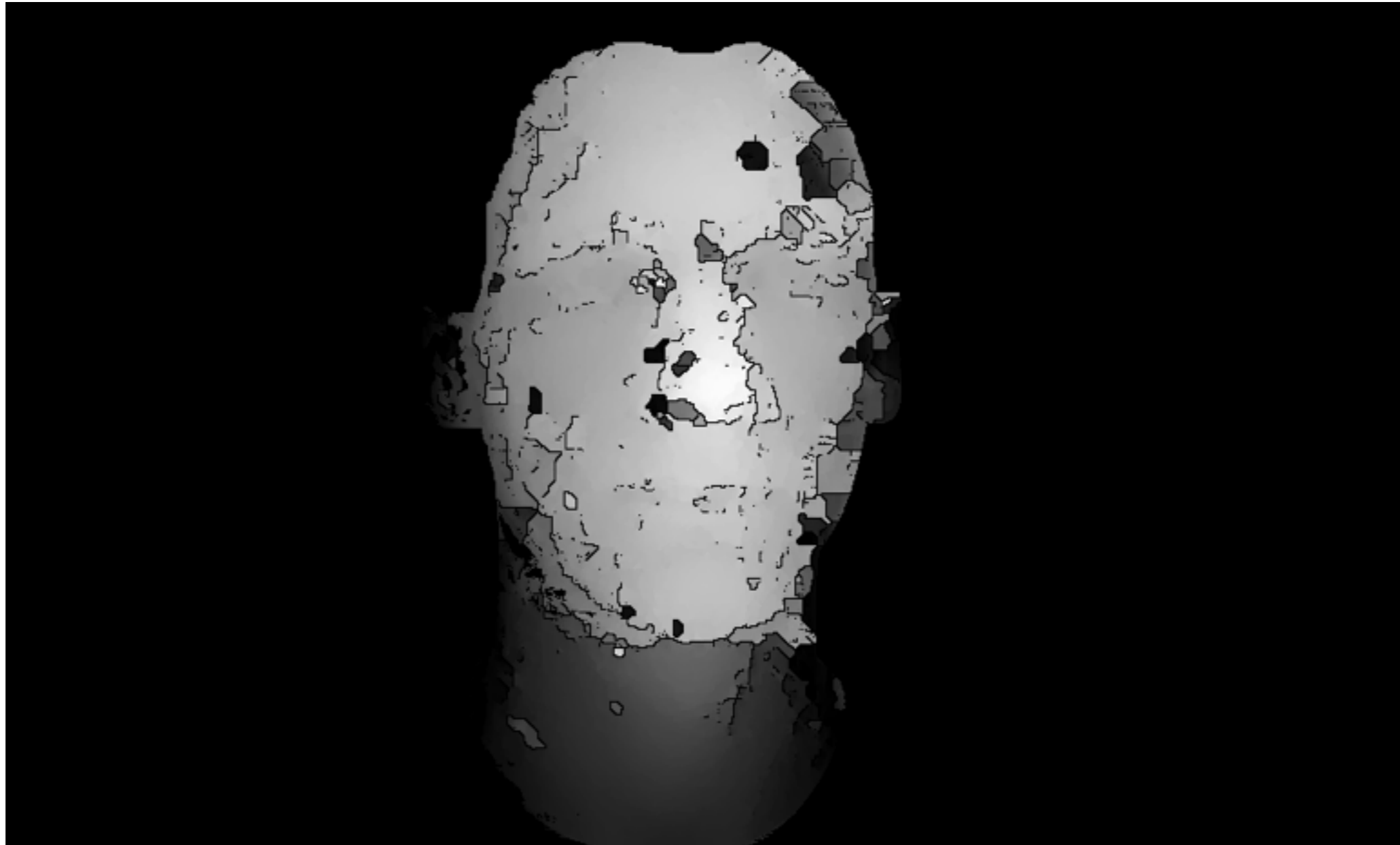


Projective



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# Stereo Vision

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*What's different between these two images?*

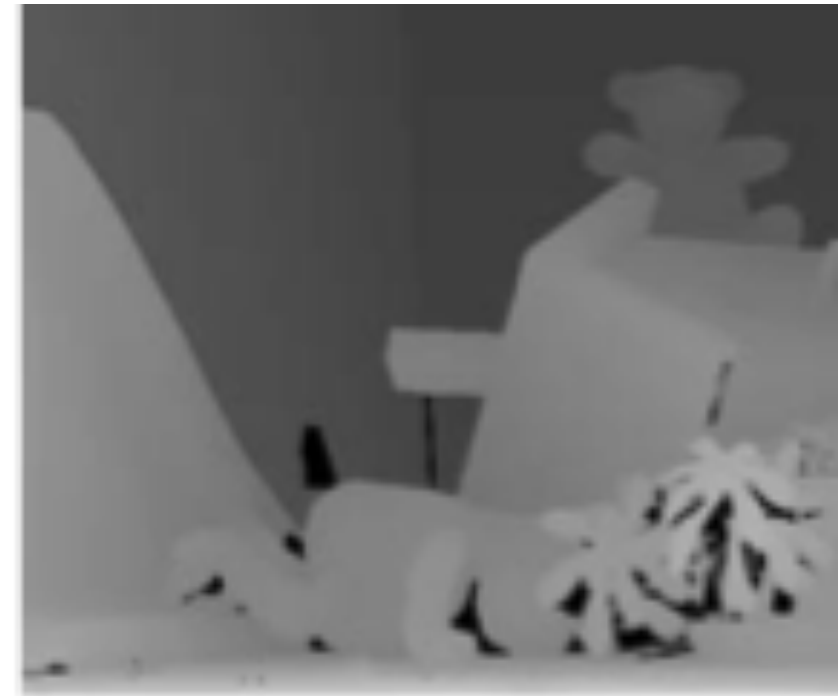




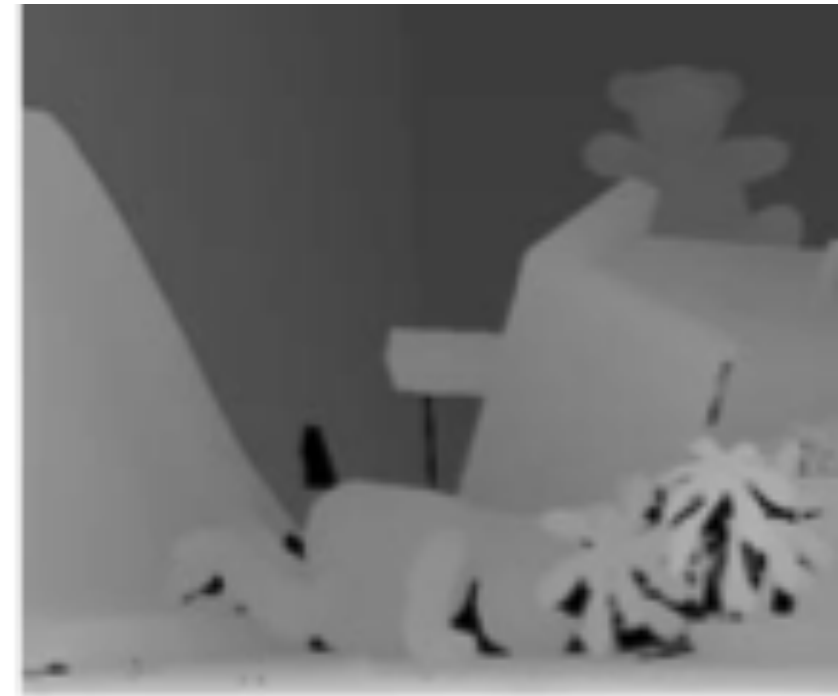


*Objects that are close move more or less?*

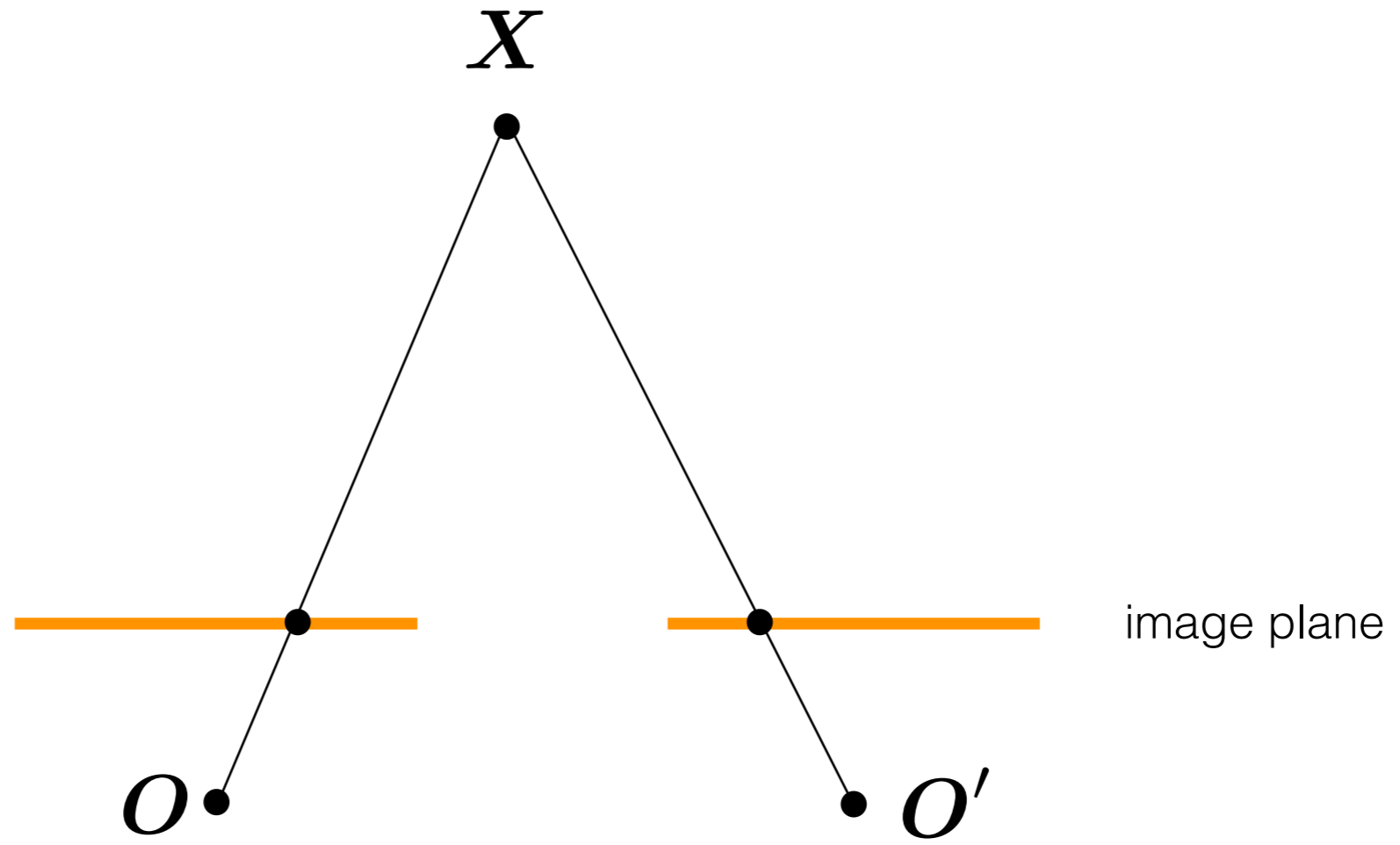
The amount of horizontal movement is inversely proportional to ...

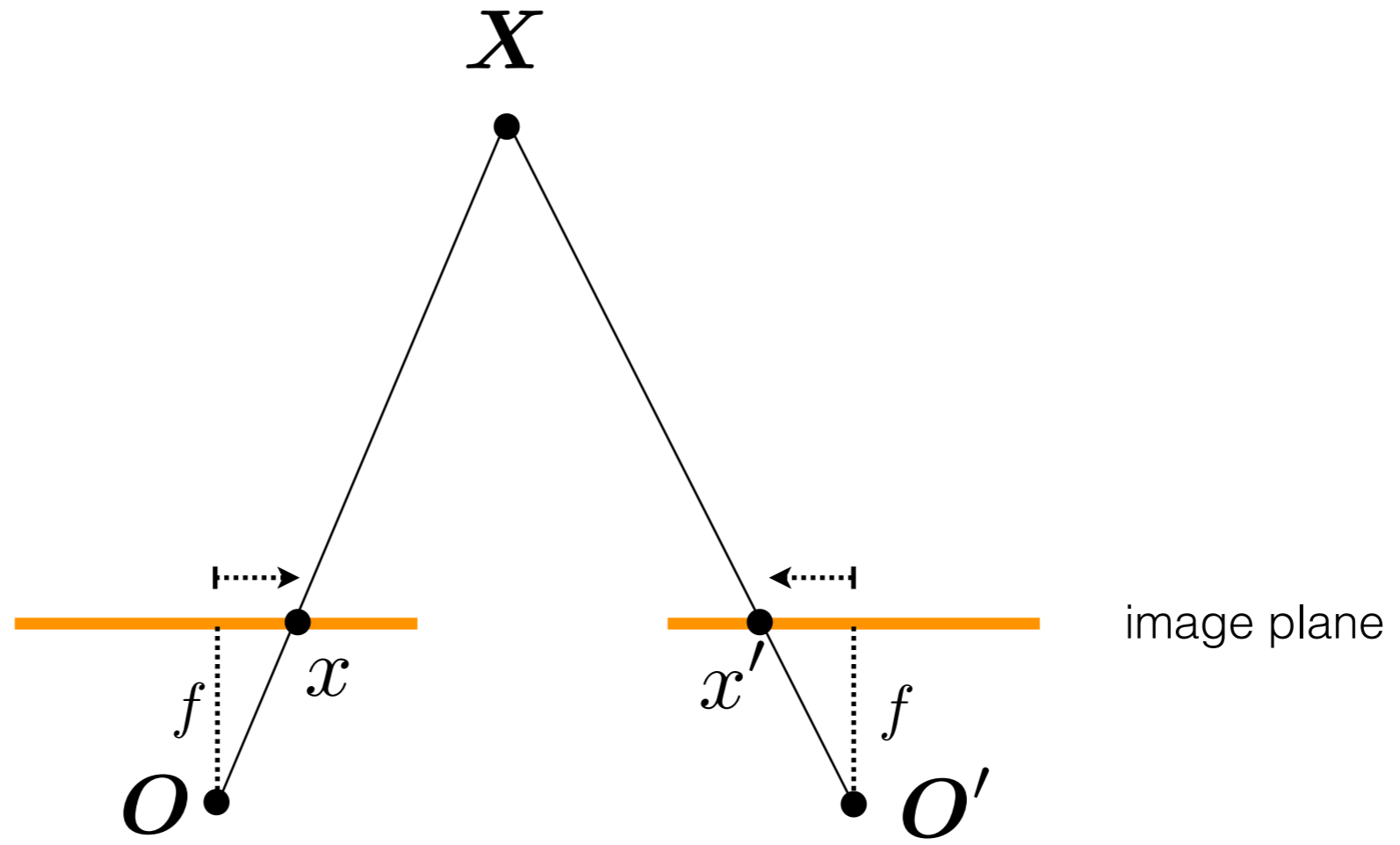


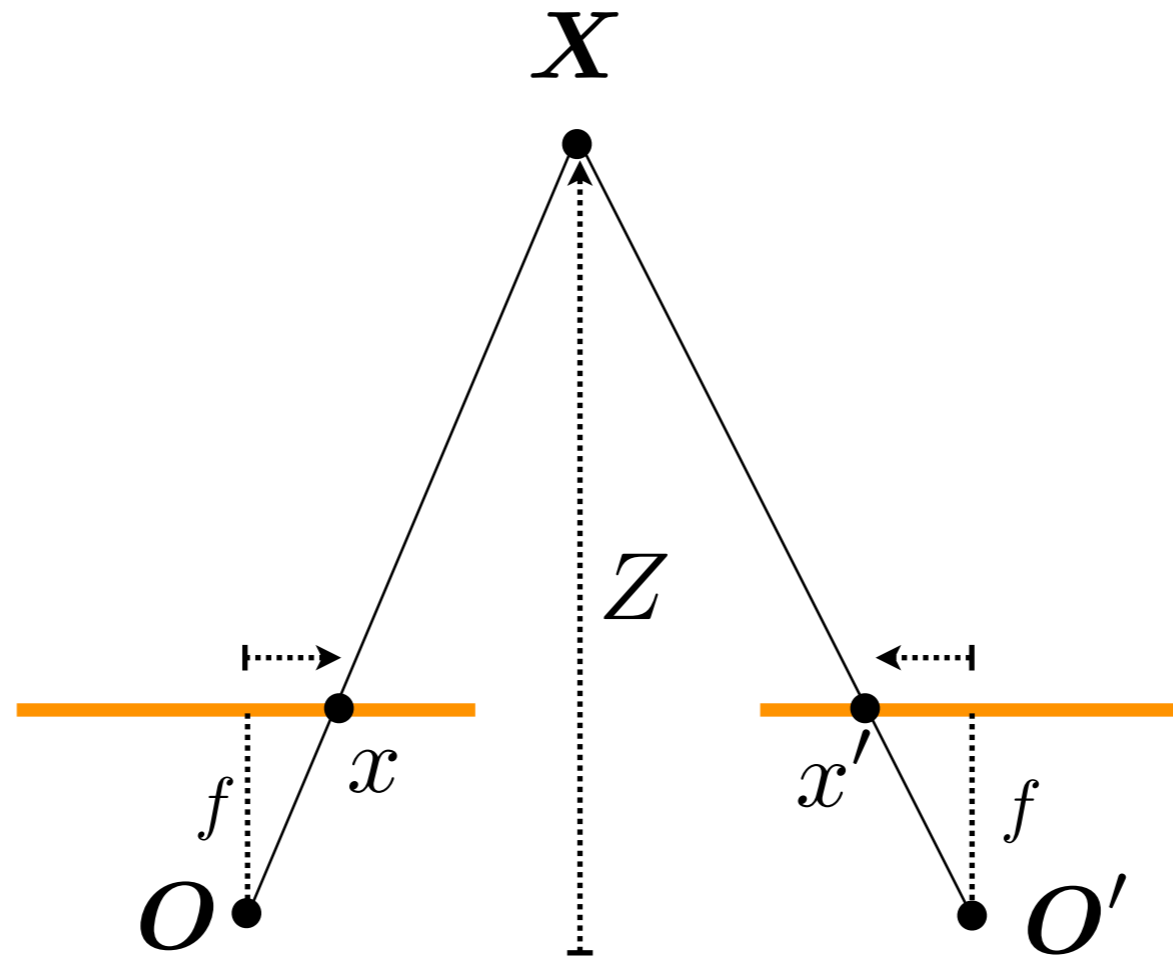
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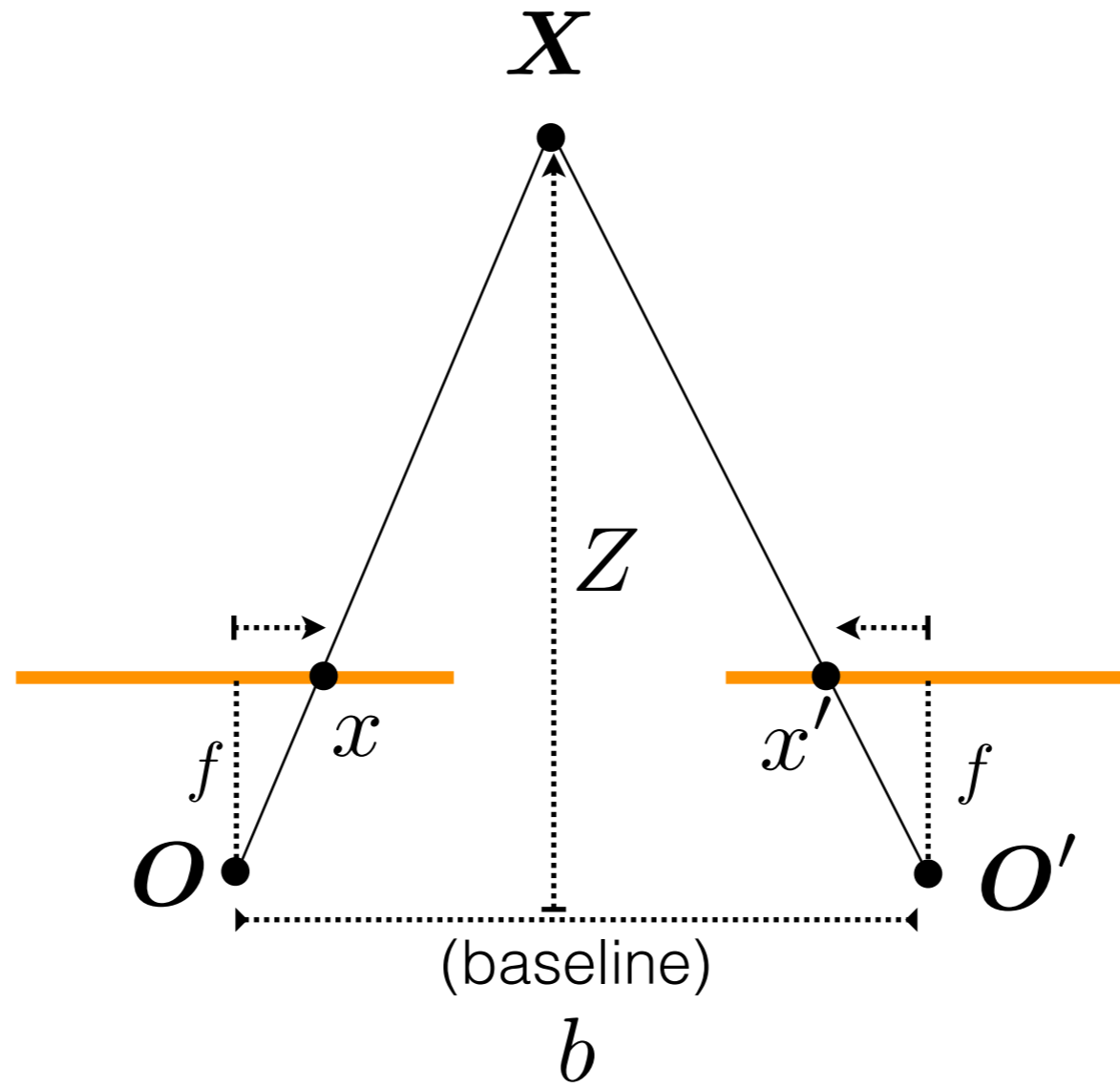


... the distance from the camera.

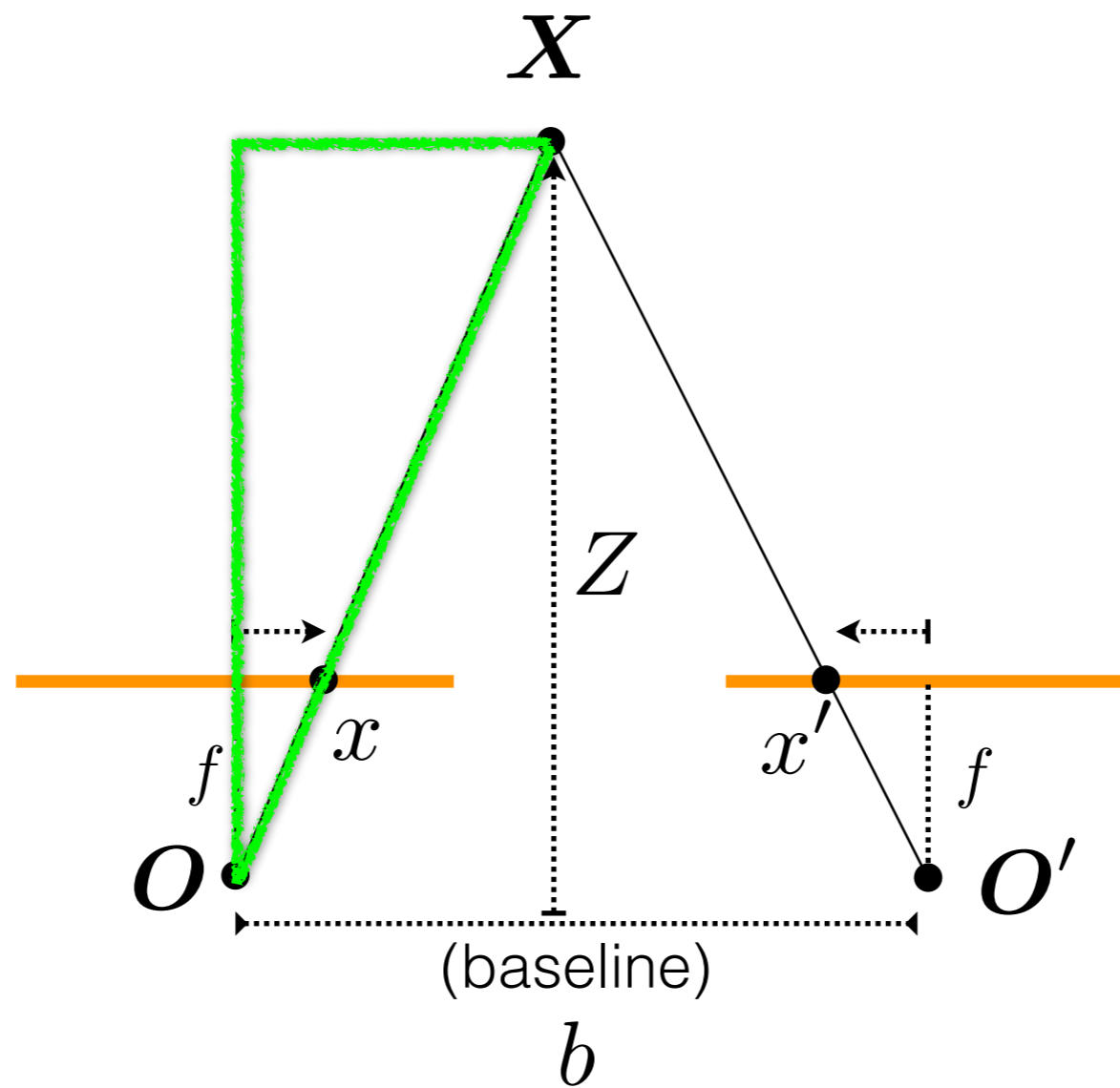




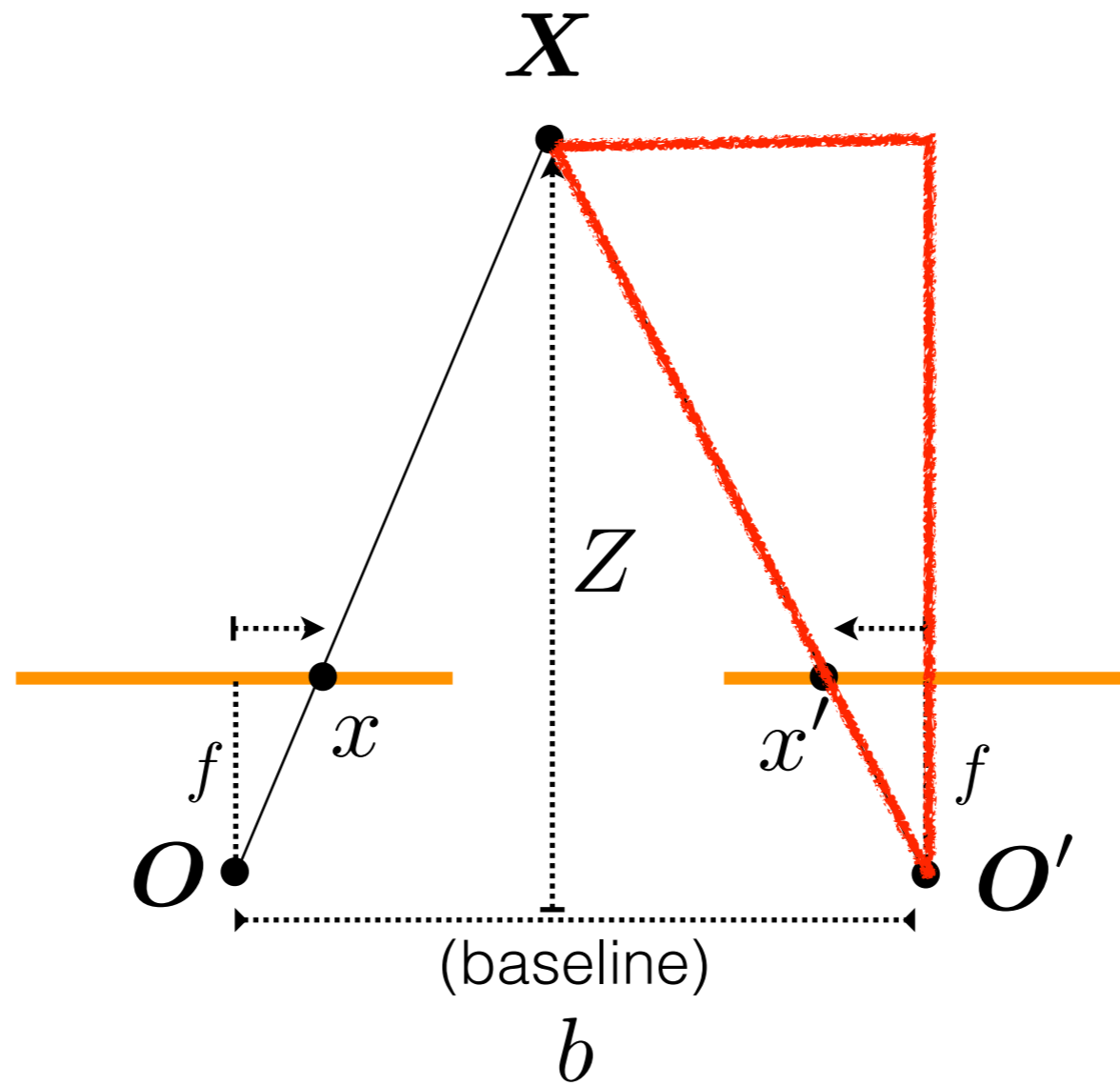




$$\frac{X}{Z} = \frac{x}{f}$$

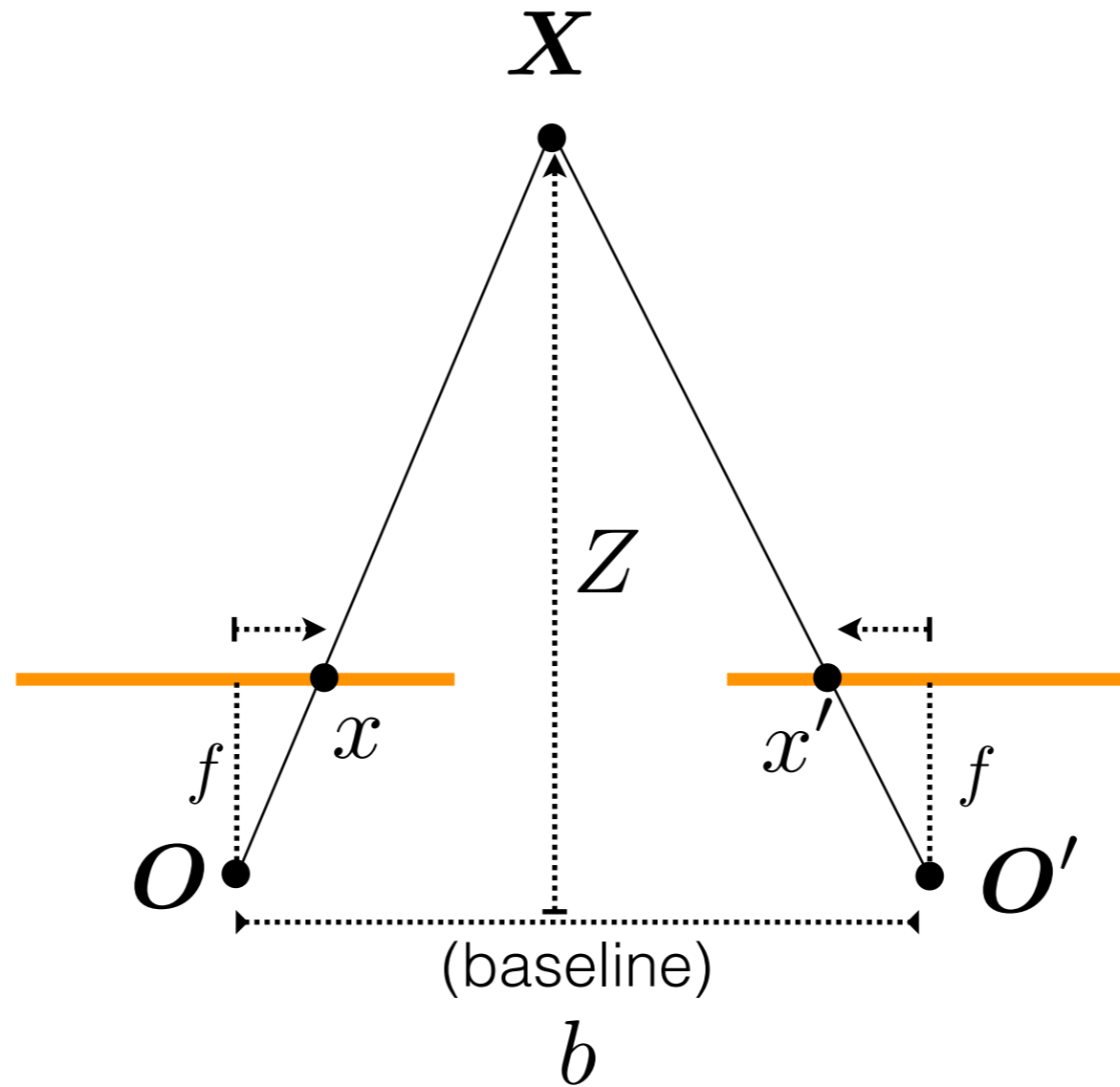


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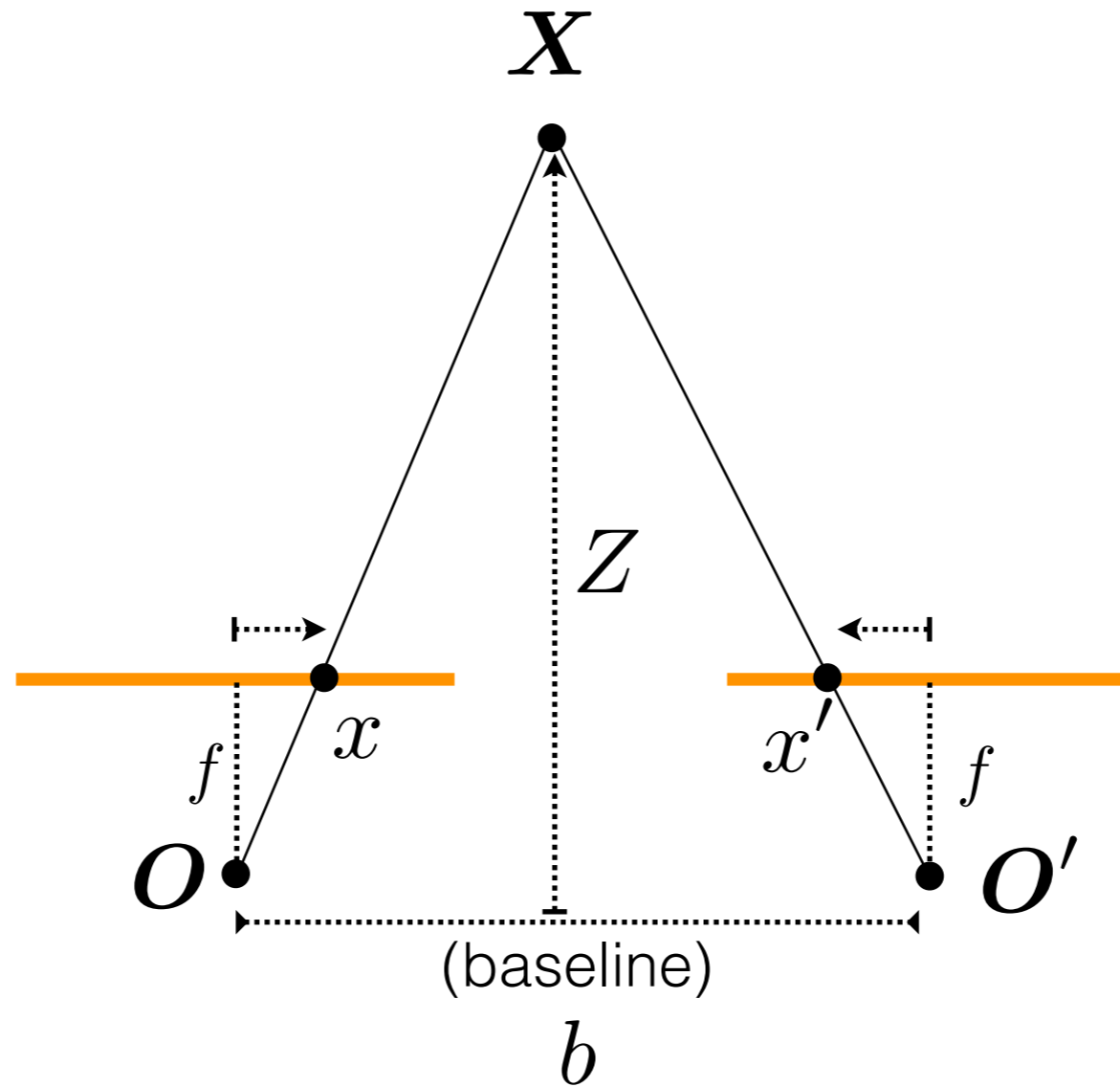


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## Disparity

$$\begin{aligned} d &= x - x' \\ &= \frac{bf}{Z} \end{aligned}$$

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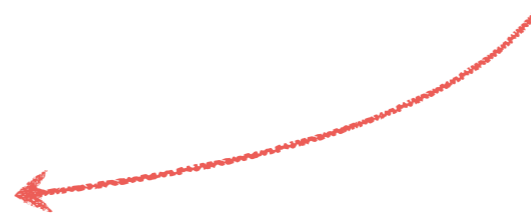
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inversely proportional  
to depth



# Real-time stereo sensing



Nomad robot searches for meteorites in Antarctica

<http://www.frc.ri.cmu.edu/projects/meteorobot/index.html>



Navigability Map

VFH



Subaru  
Eyesight system

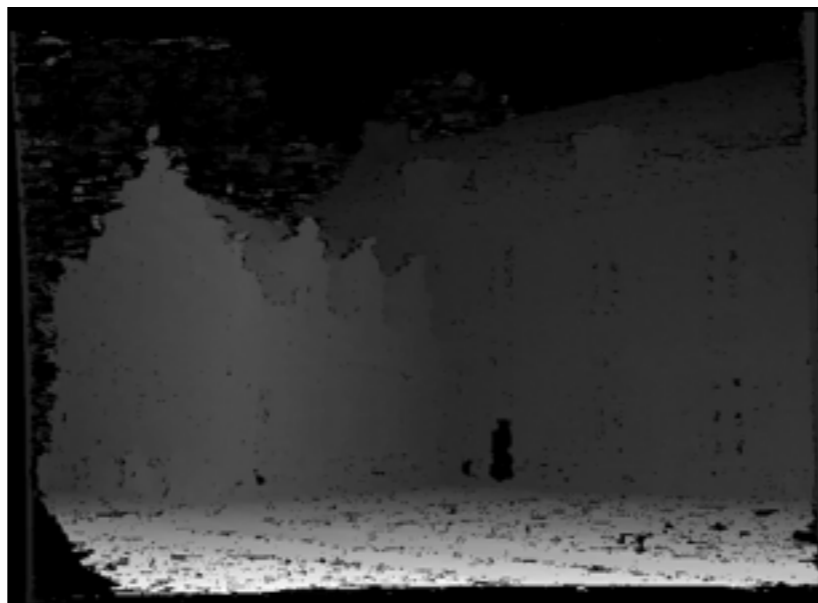
Pre-collision  
braking

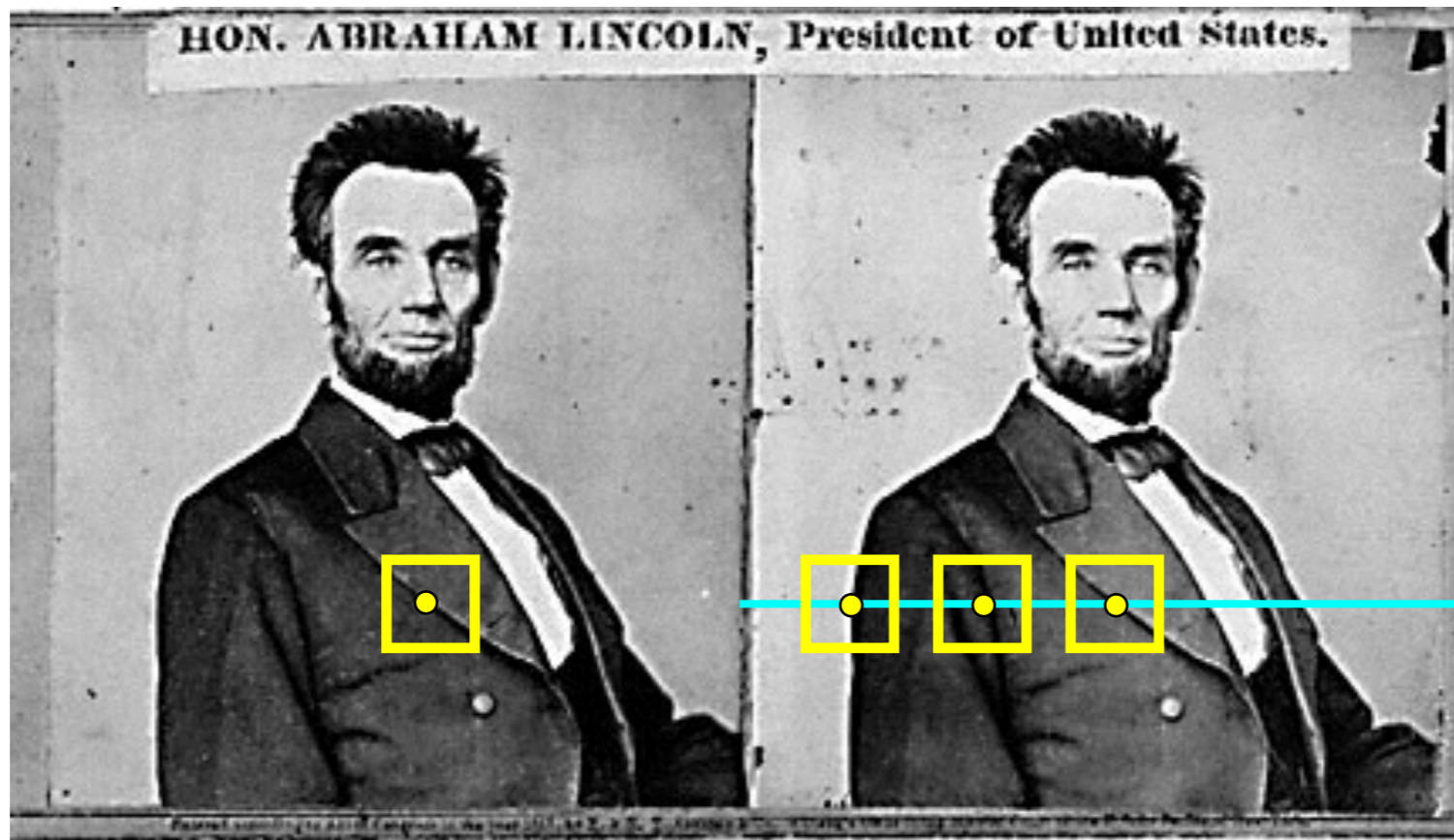






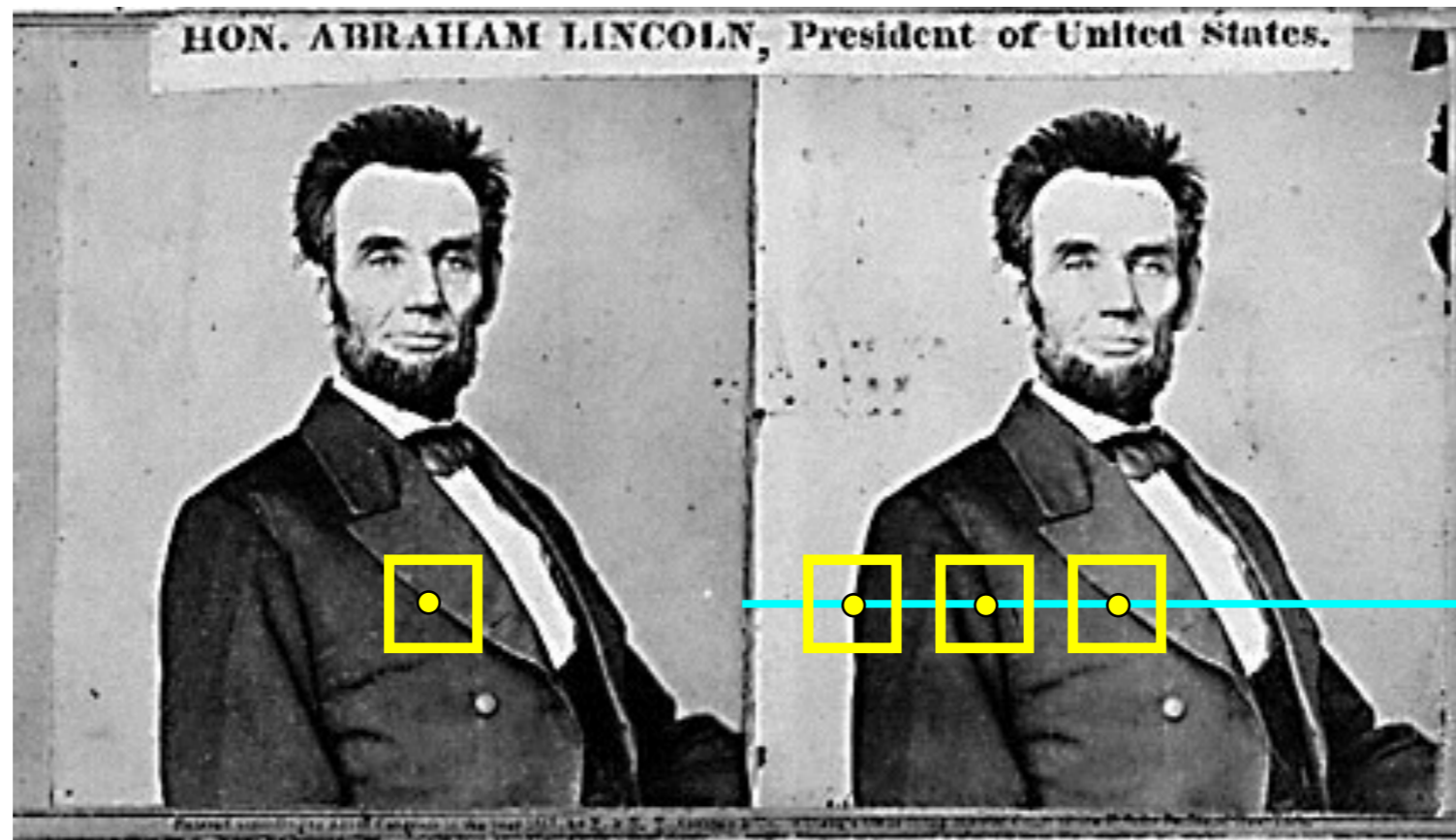
How so you compute depth  
from a stereo pair?



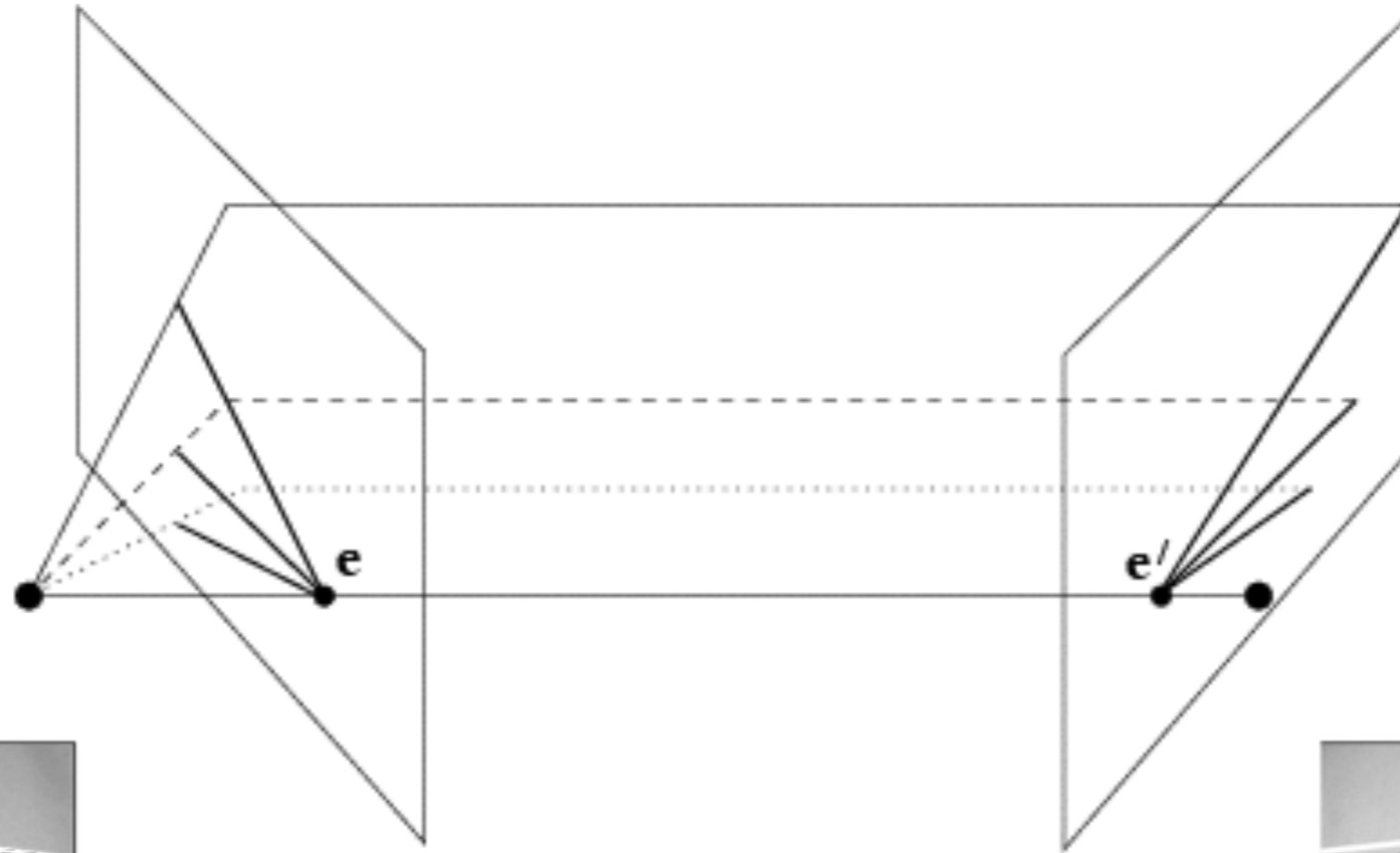


1. Rectify images  
(make epipolar lines horizontal)
2. For each pixel
  - a. Find epipolar line
  - b. Scan line for best match
  - c. Compute depth from disparity

$$Z = \frac{bf}{d}$$



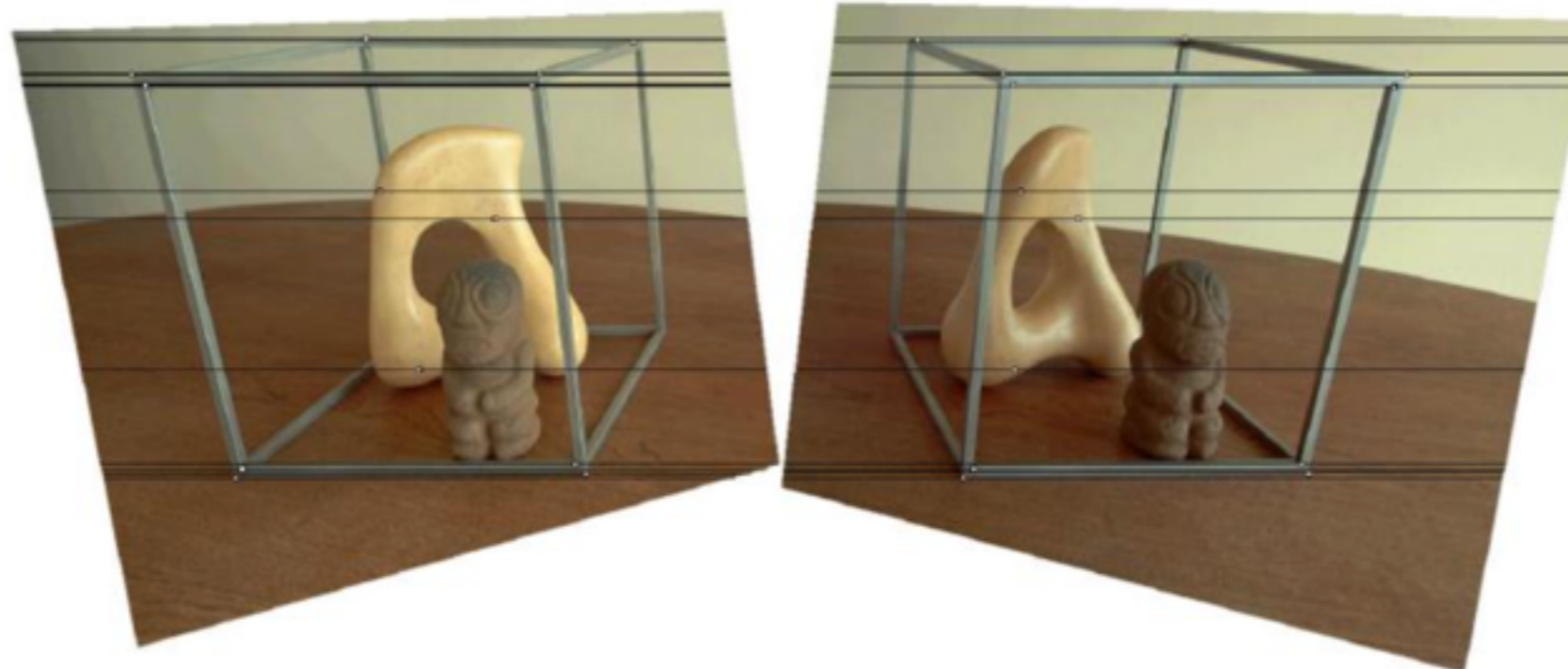
*How can you make the epipolar lines horizontal?*



It's hard to make the image planes exactly parallel



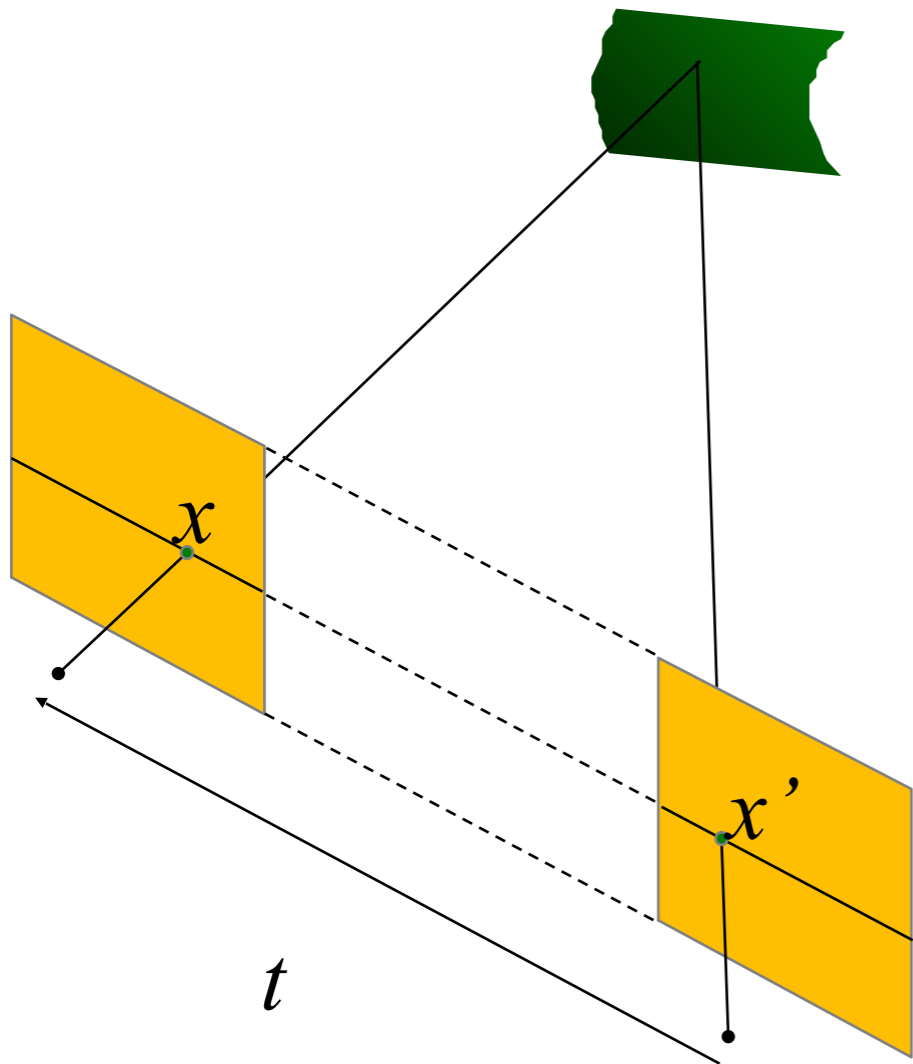
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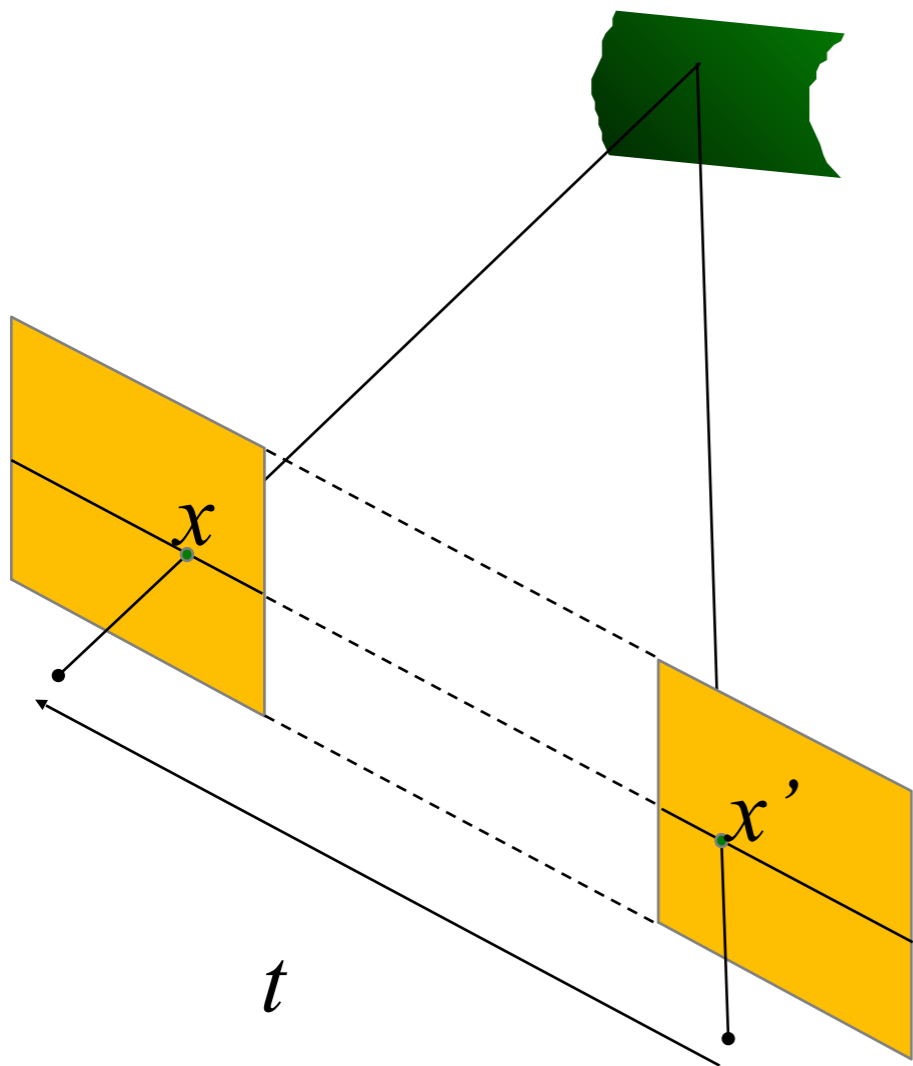
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Let's try this out...

$$E = t \times R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -T \\ 0 & T & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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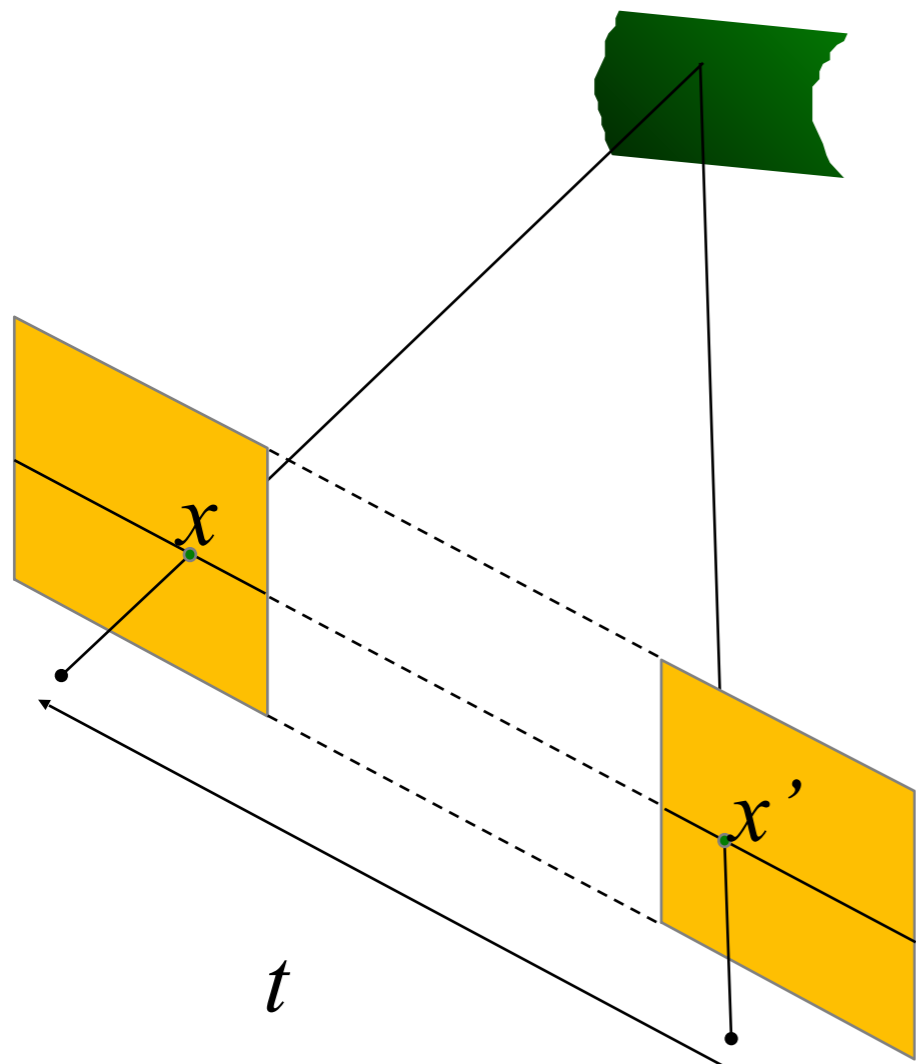
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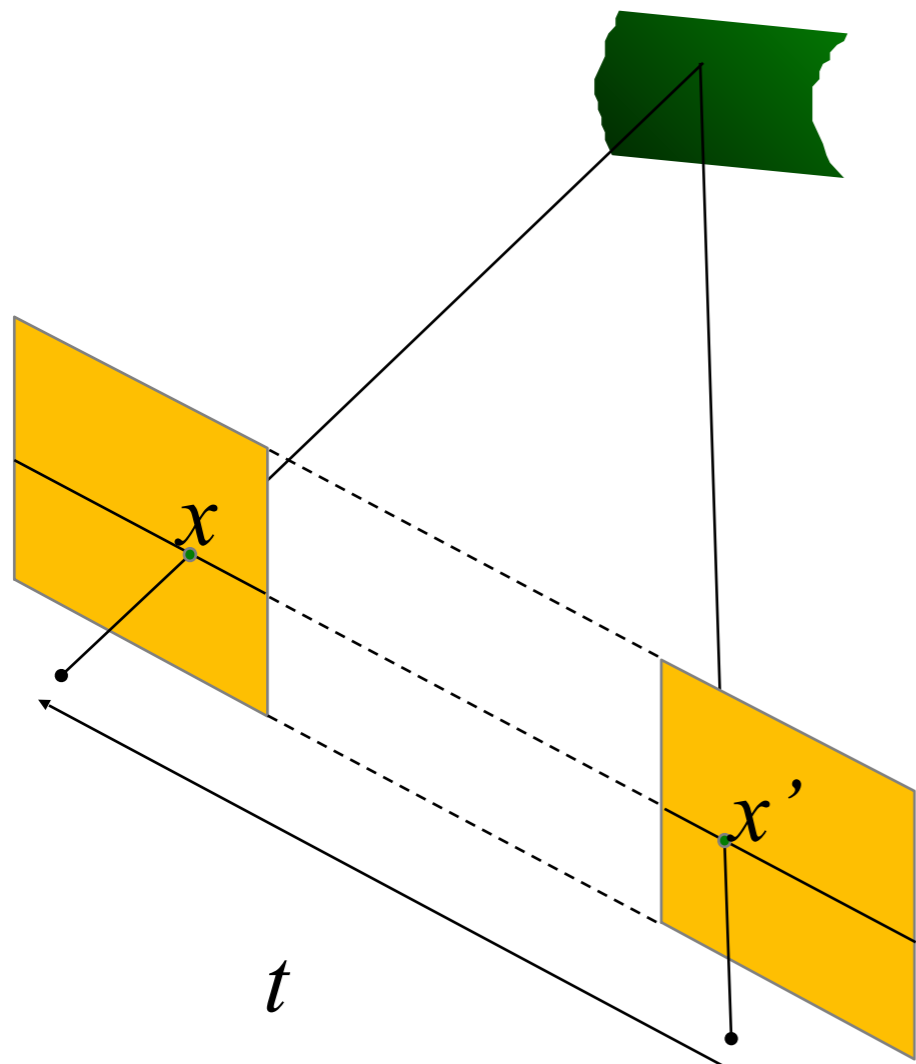
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The image of a 3D point will always be on the same horizontal line



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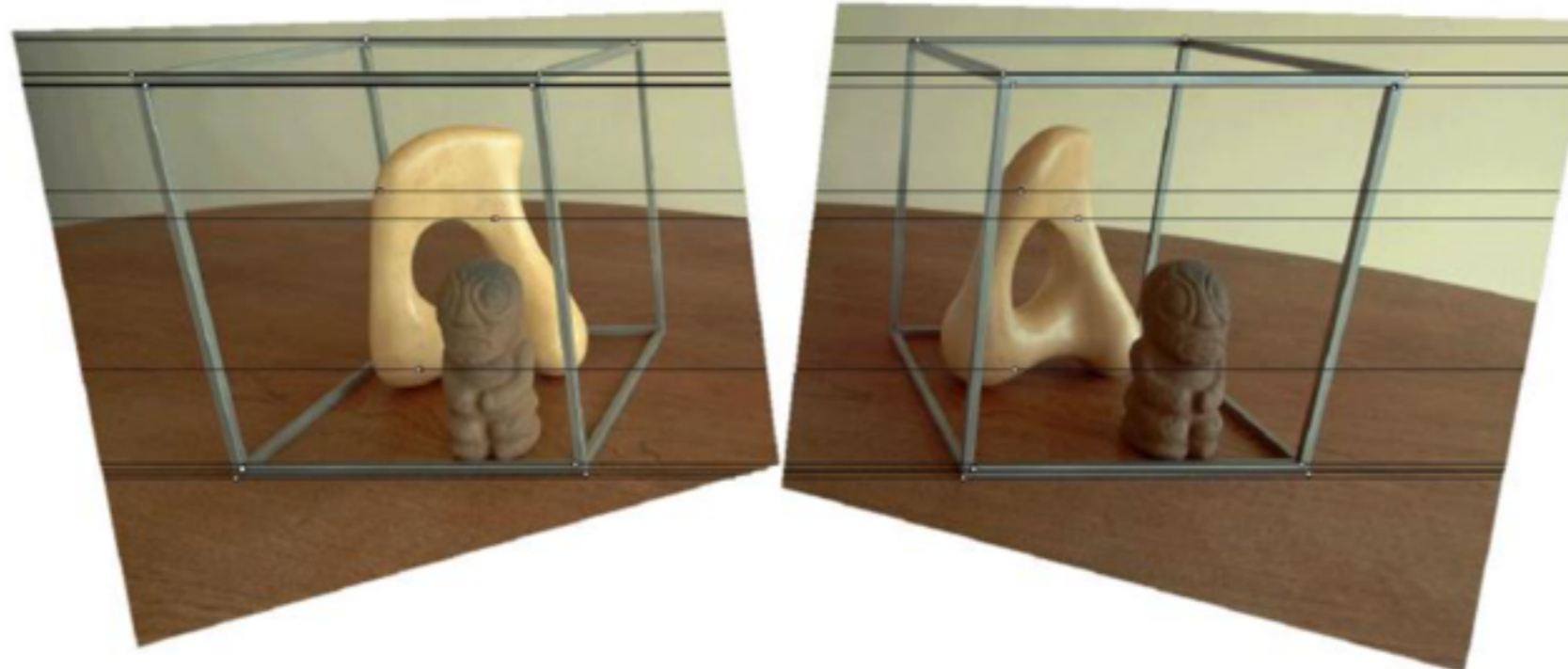
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$$Tv = Tv'$$

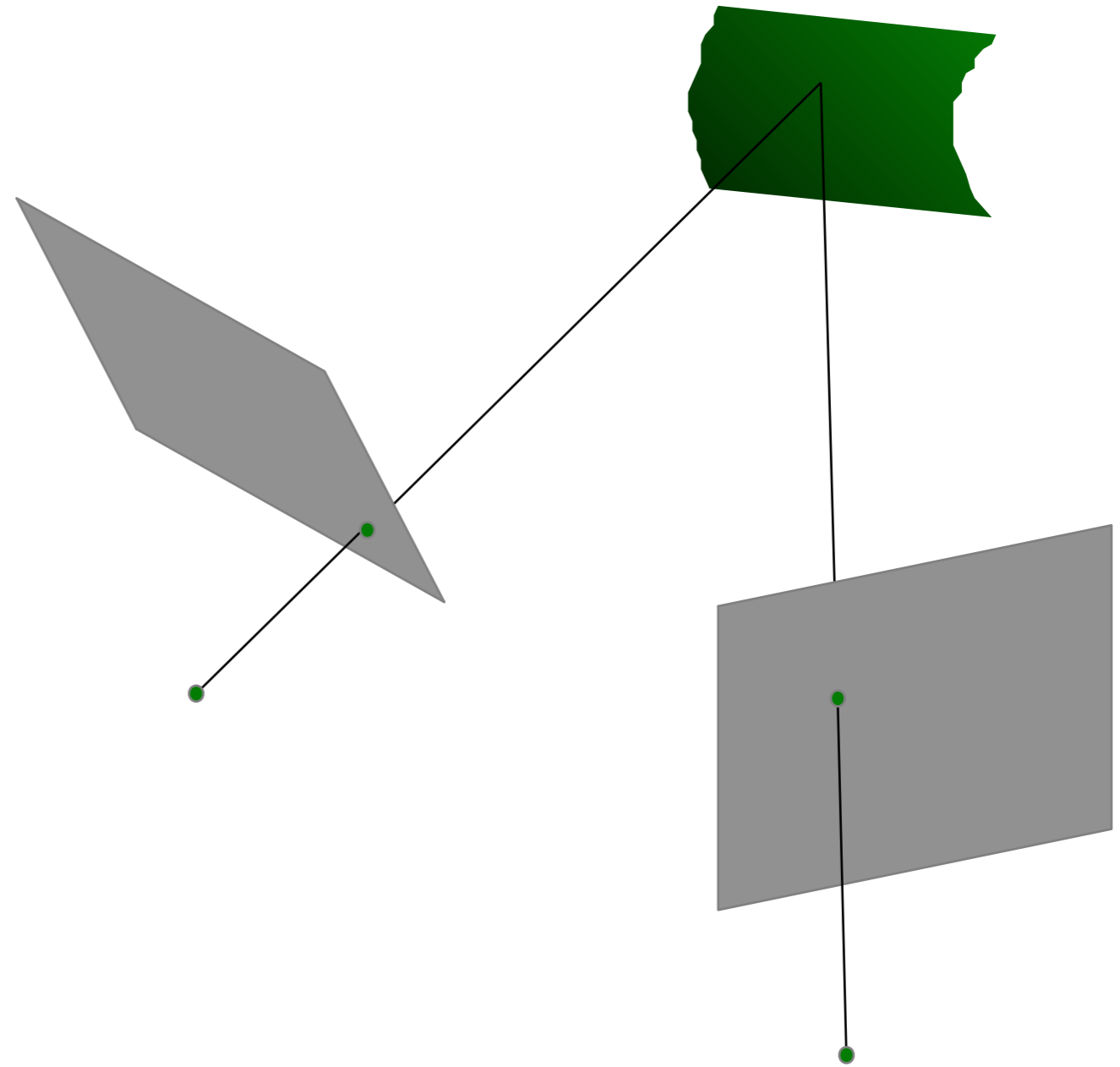
y coordinate is always the same!



*What is stereo rectification?*

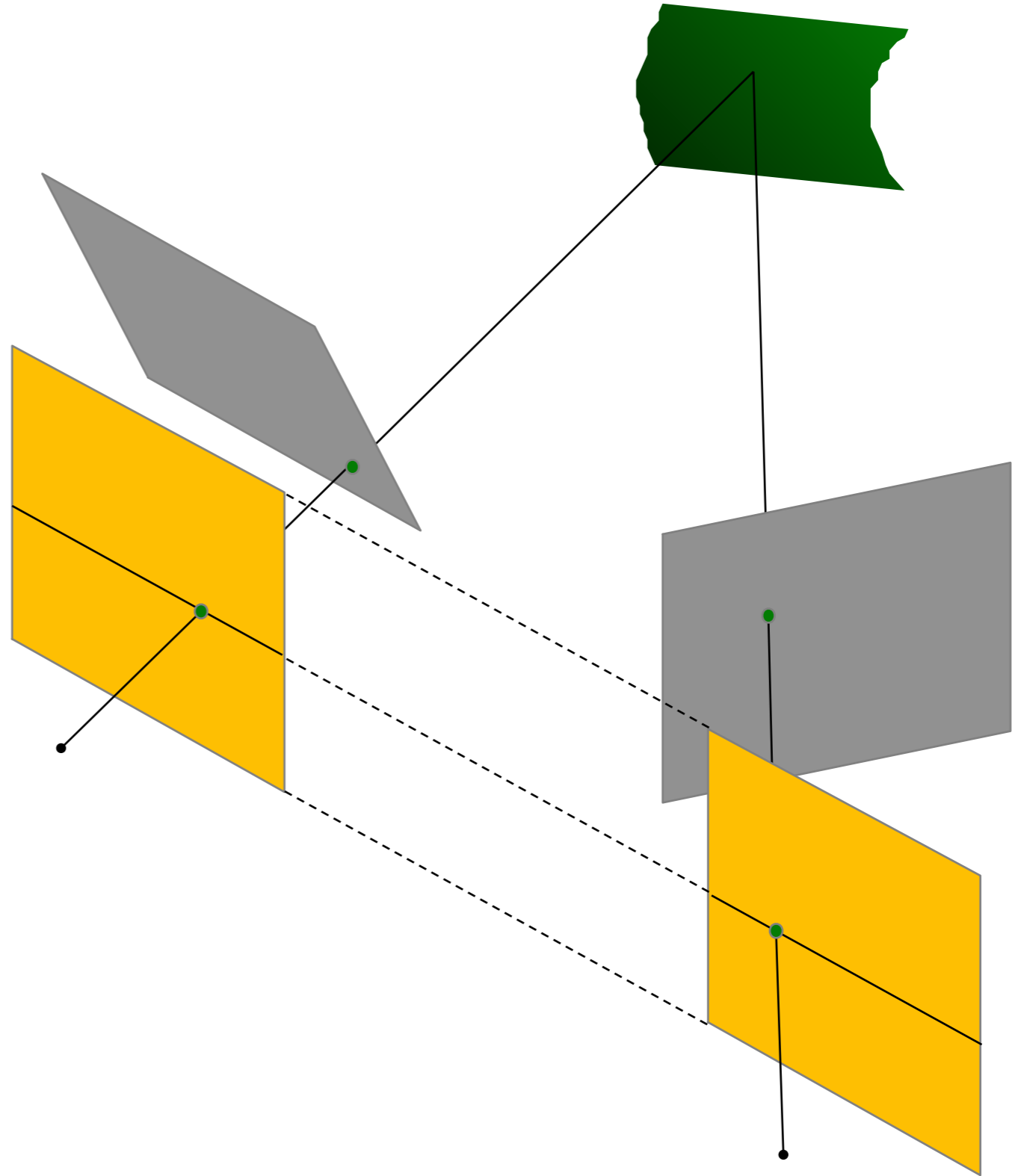


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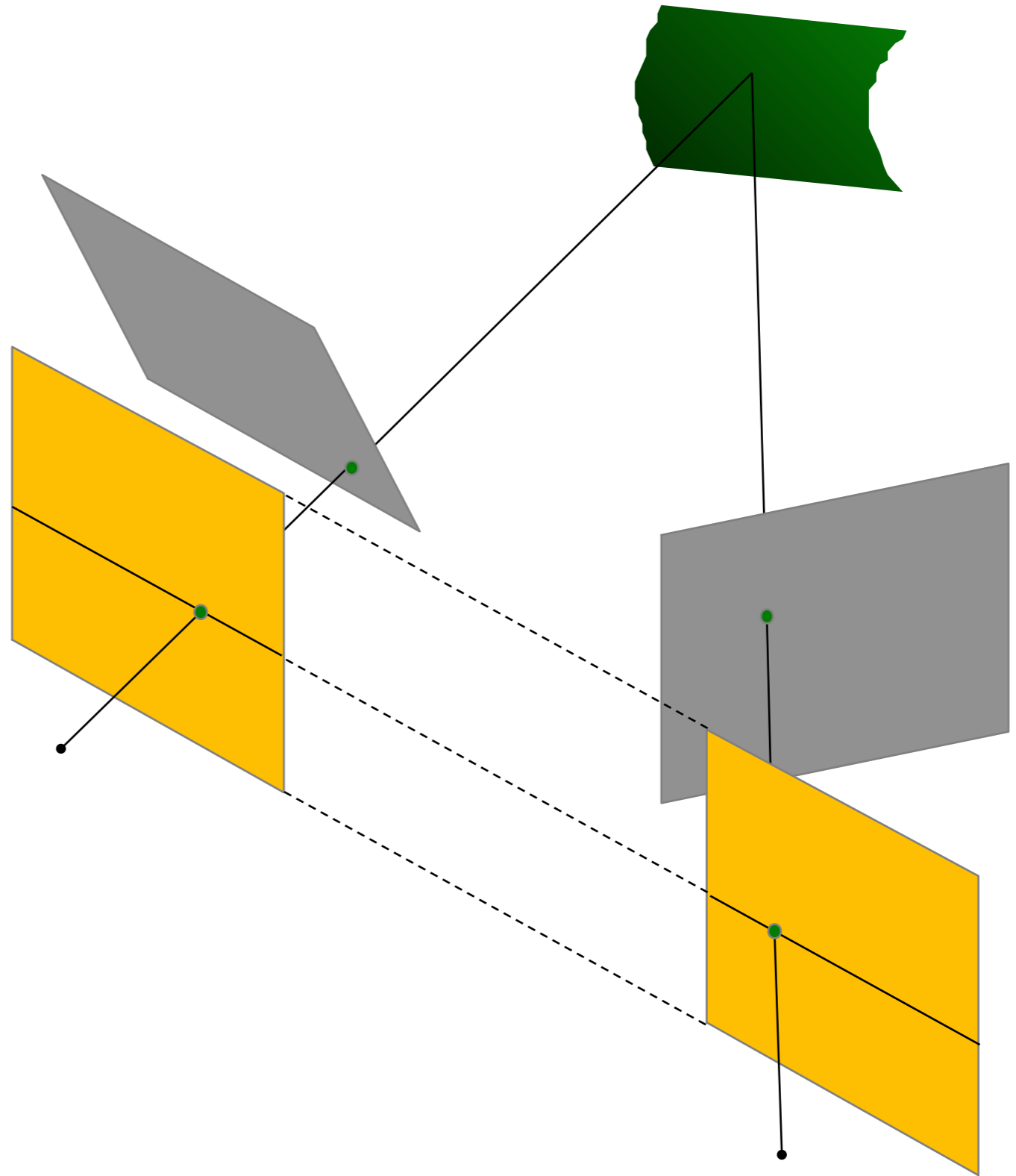
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## *What is stereo rectification?*

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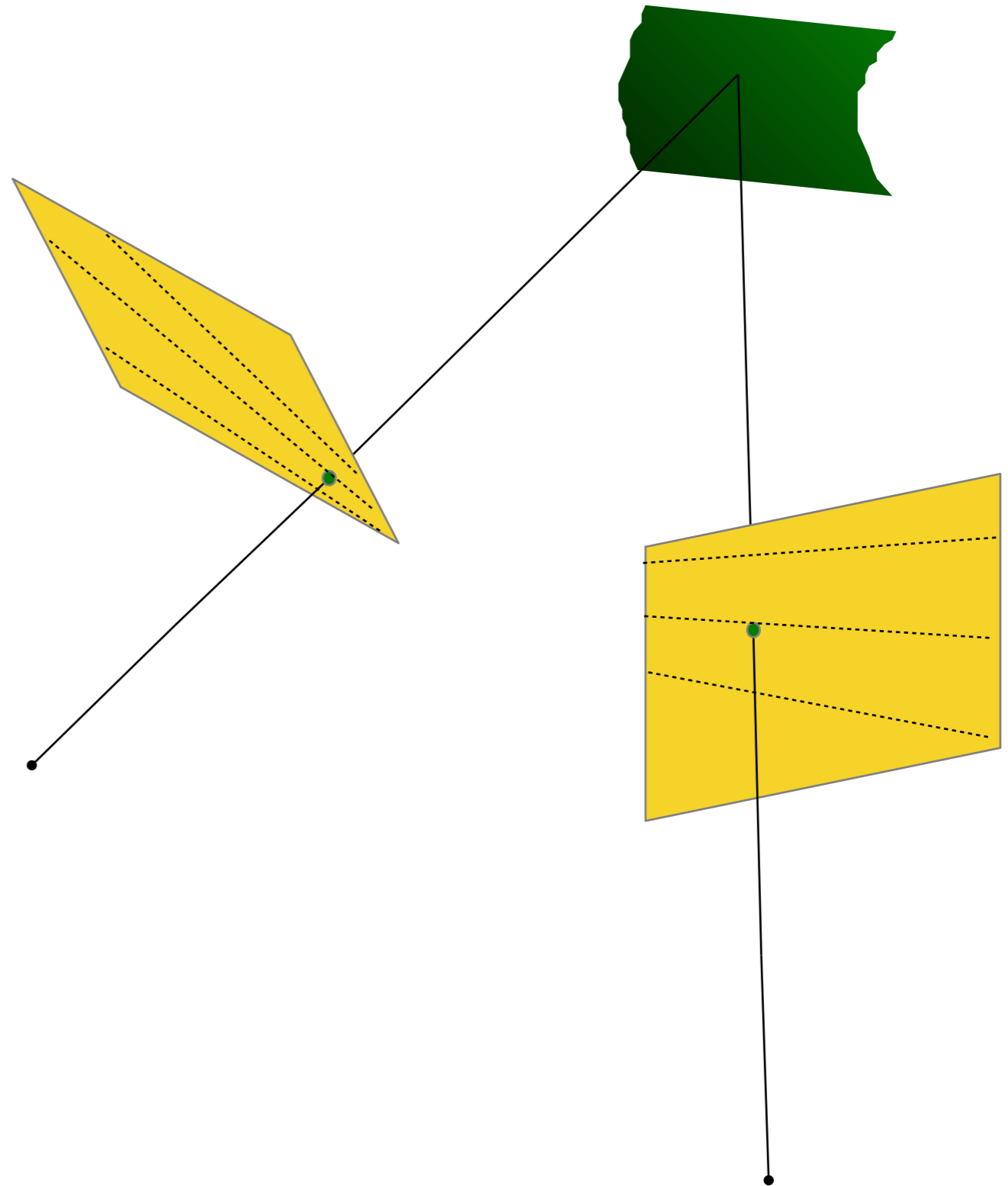
Need two homographies (3x3 transform), one for each input image reprojection



# Stereo Rectification

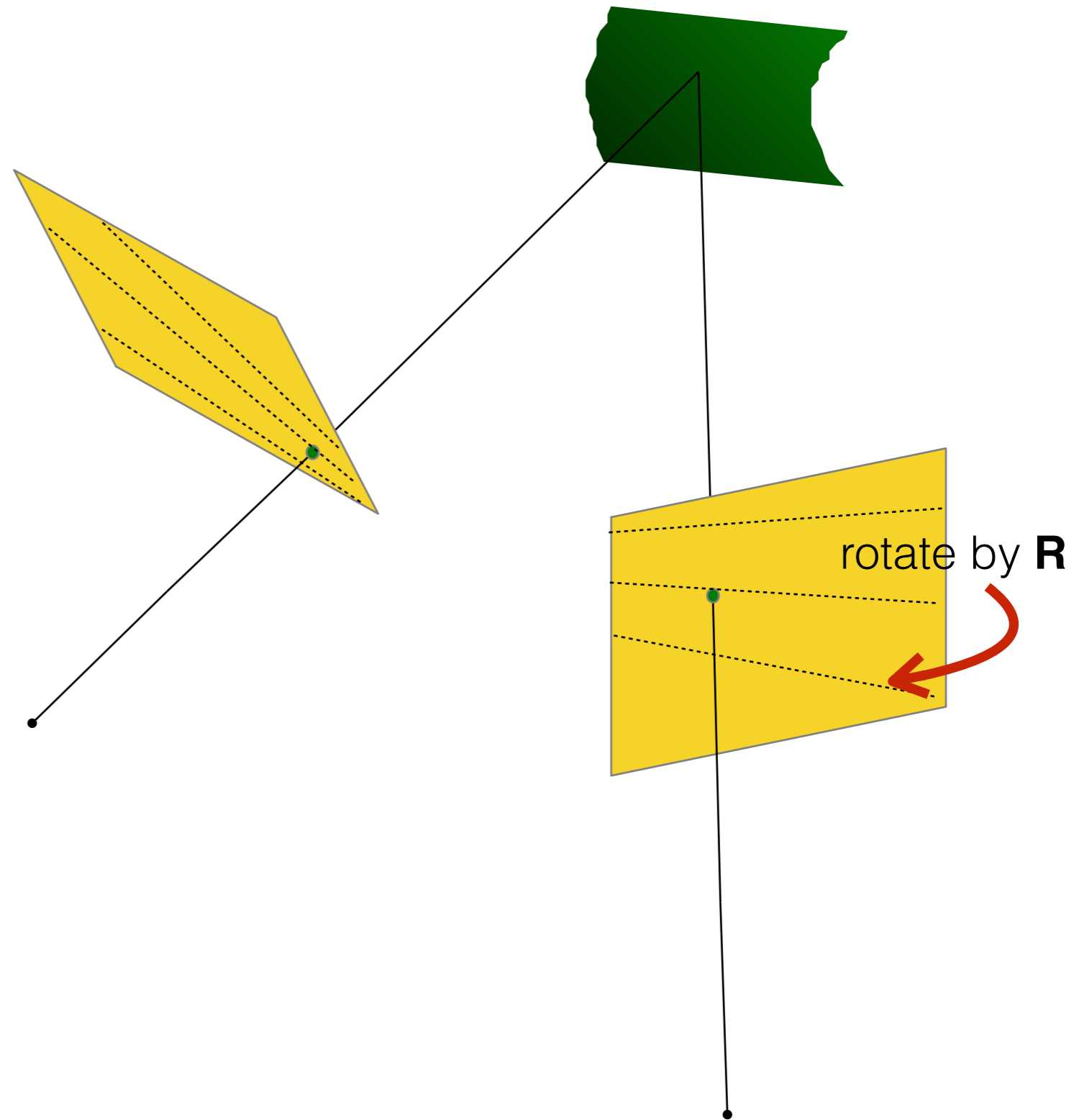
1. **Rotate** the right camera by **R**  
(aligns camera coordinate system orientation only)
2. Rotate (**rectify**) the left camera so that the epipole is at infinity
3. Rotate (**rectify**) the right camera so that the epipole is at infinity
4. Adjust the **scale**

# Stereo Rectification:



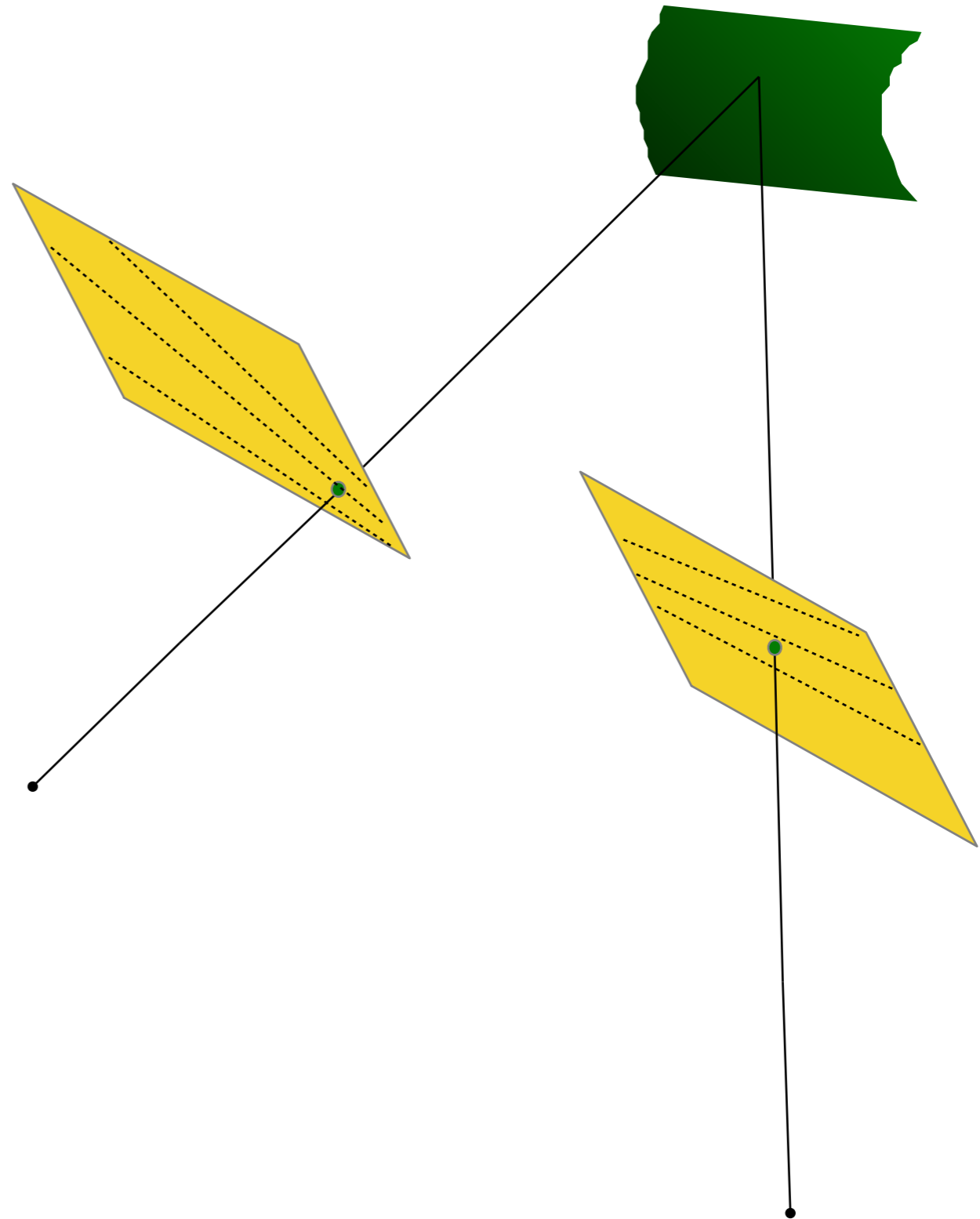
1. Compute  $\mathbf{E}$  to get  $\mathbf{R}$
2. Rotate right image by  $\mathbf{R}$
3. Rotate both images by  $\mathbf{R}_{\text{rect}}$
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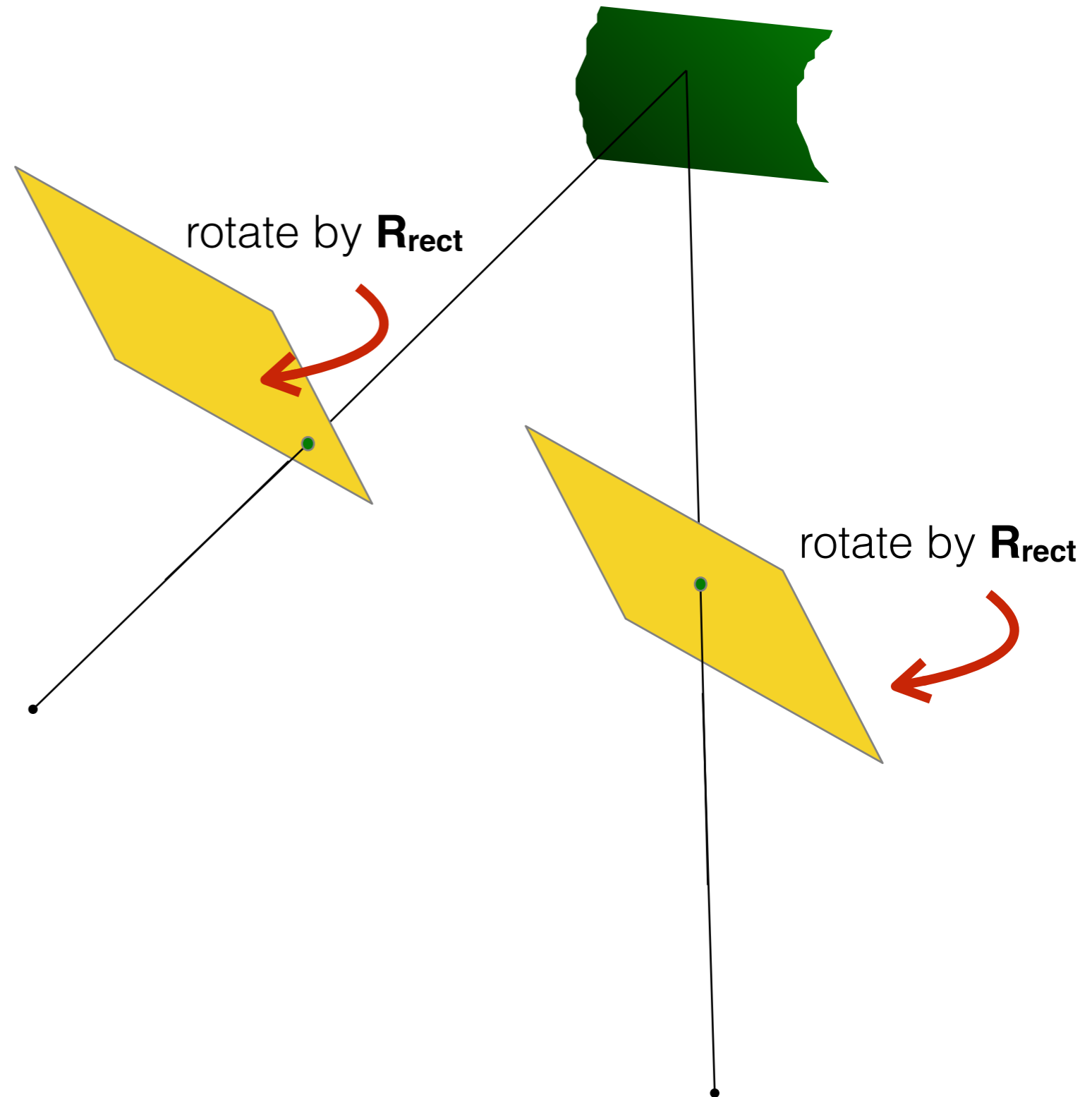
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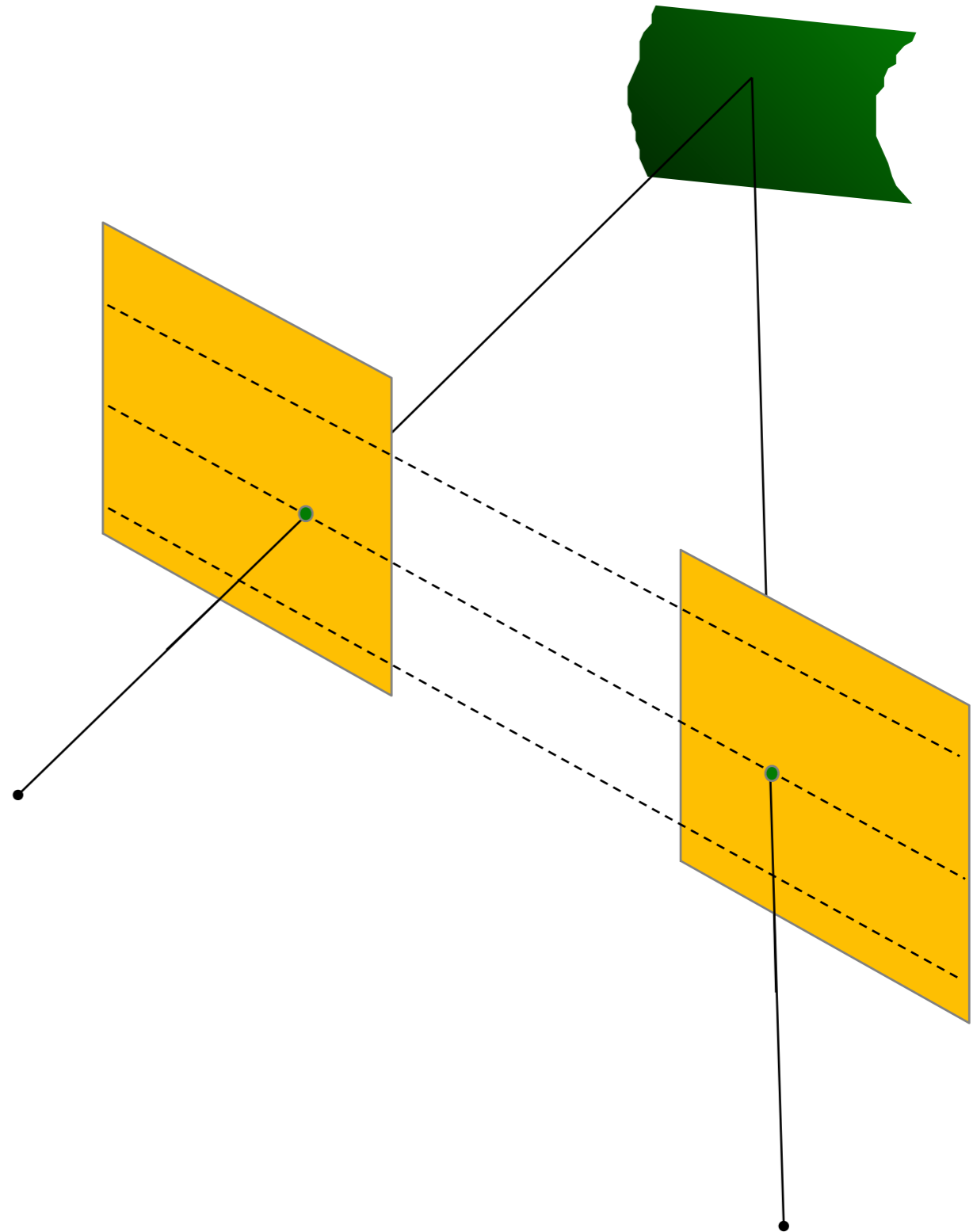
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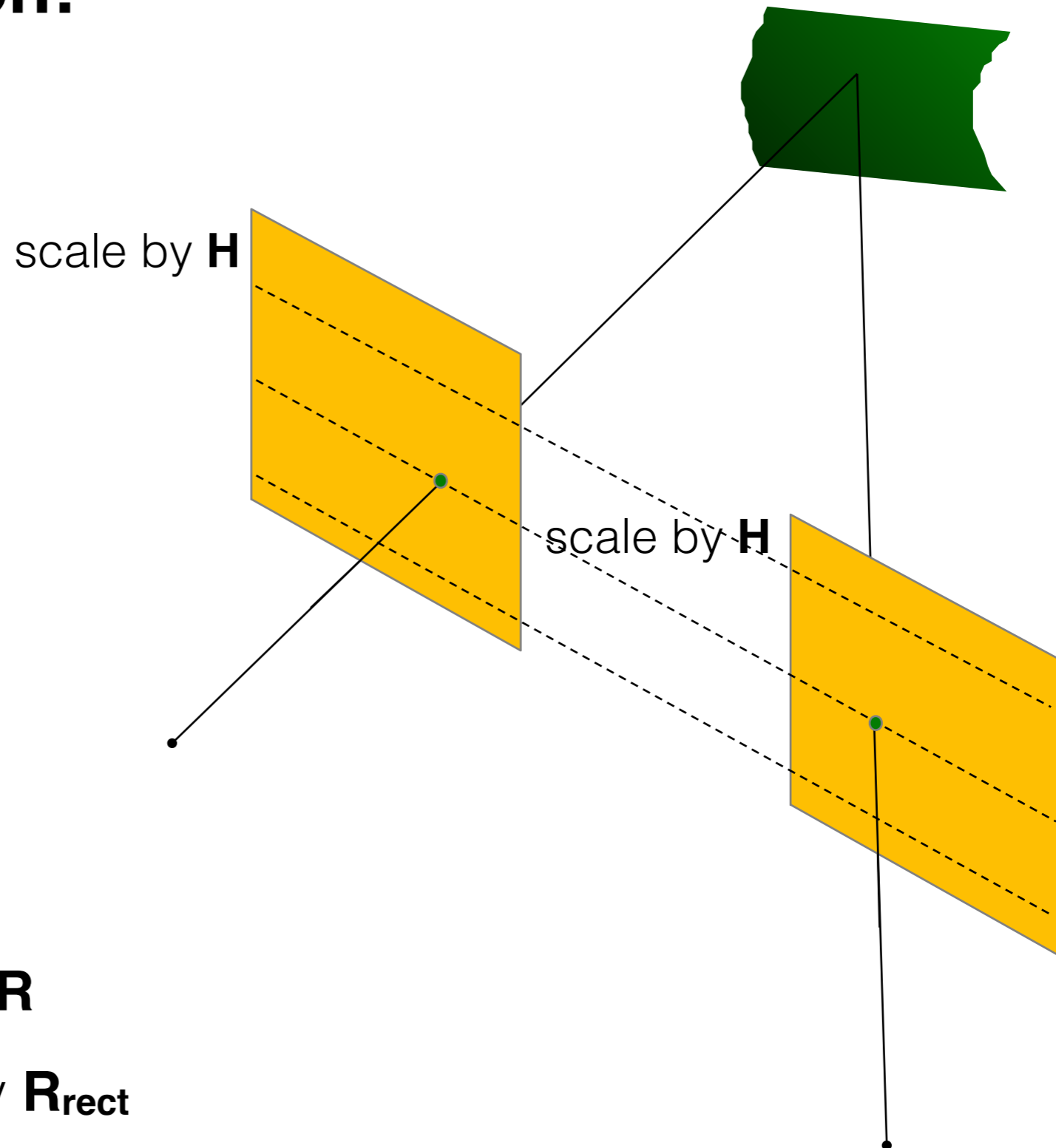
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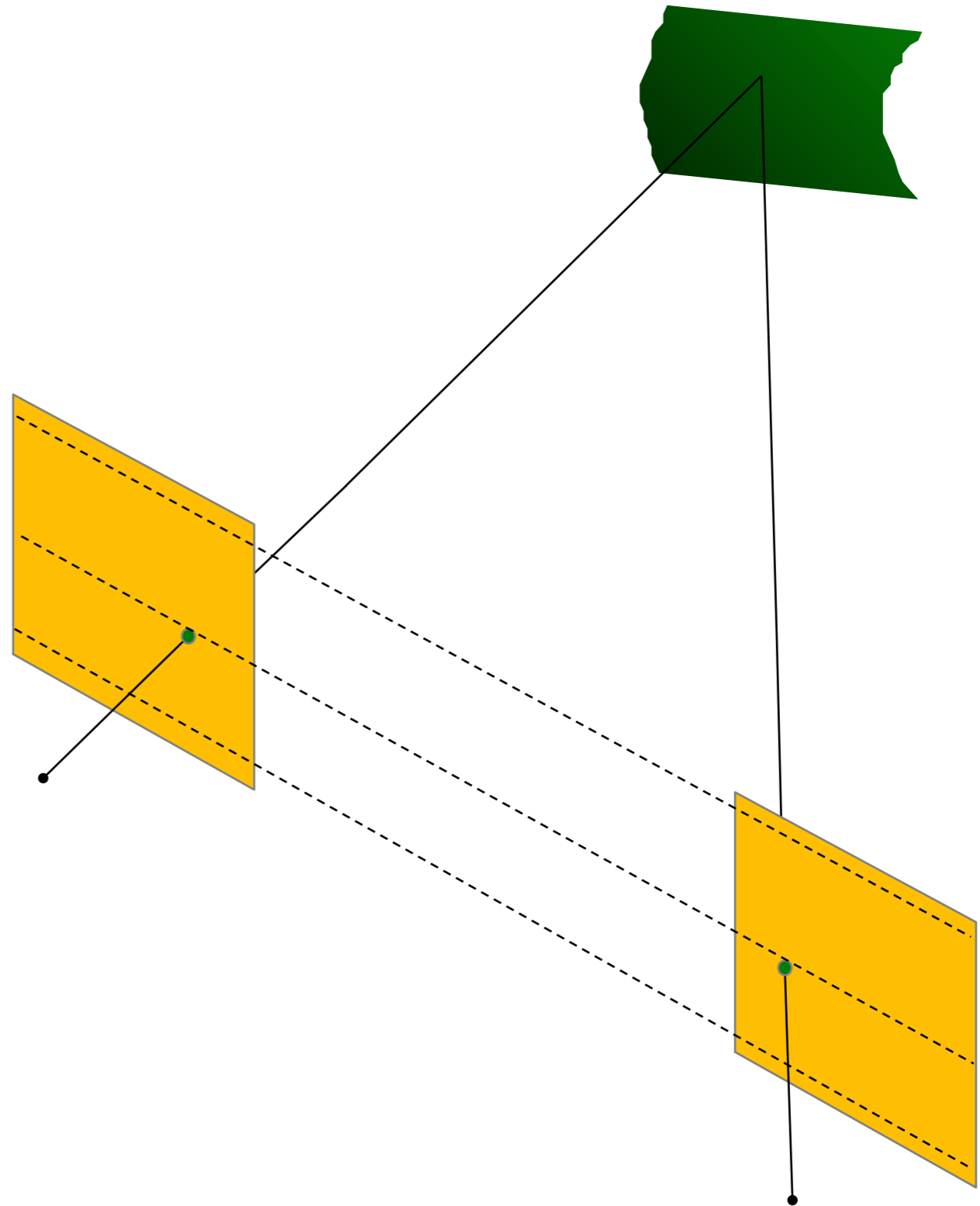
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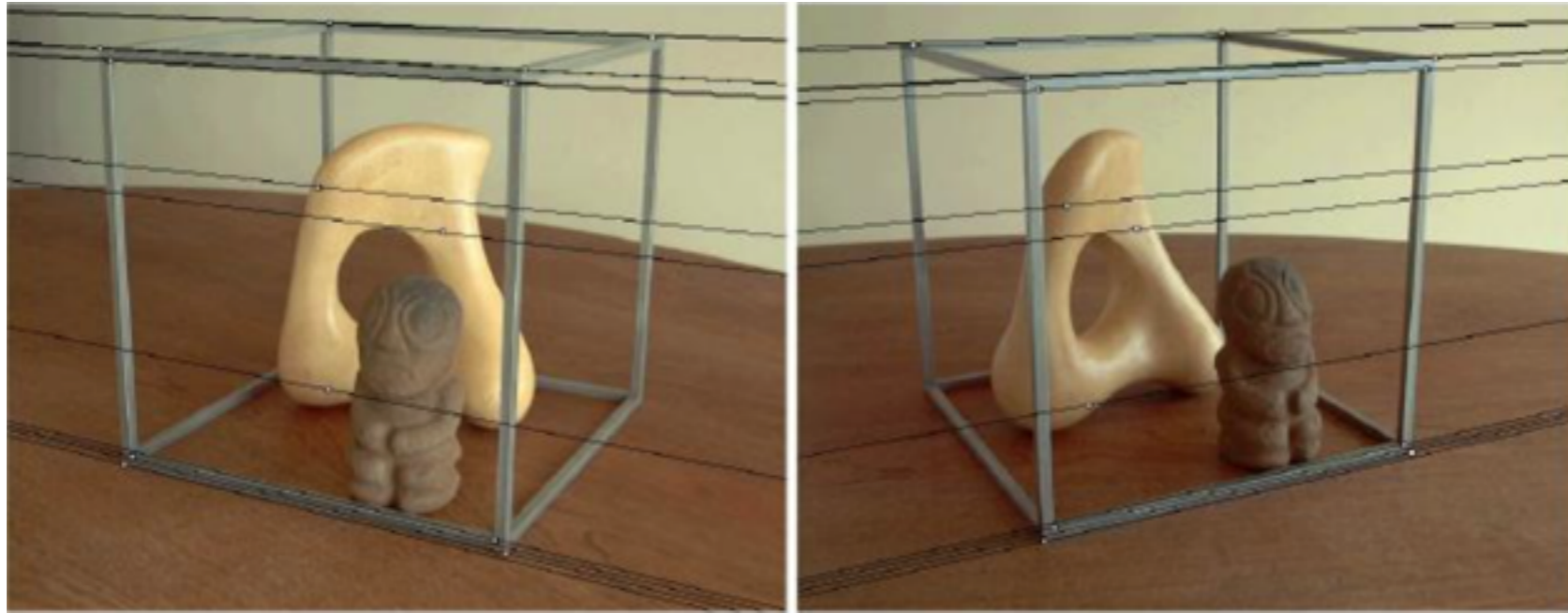


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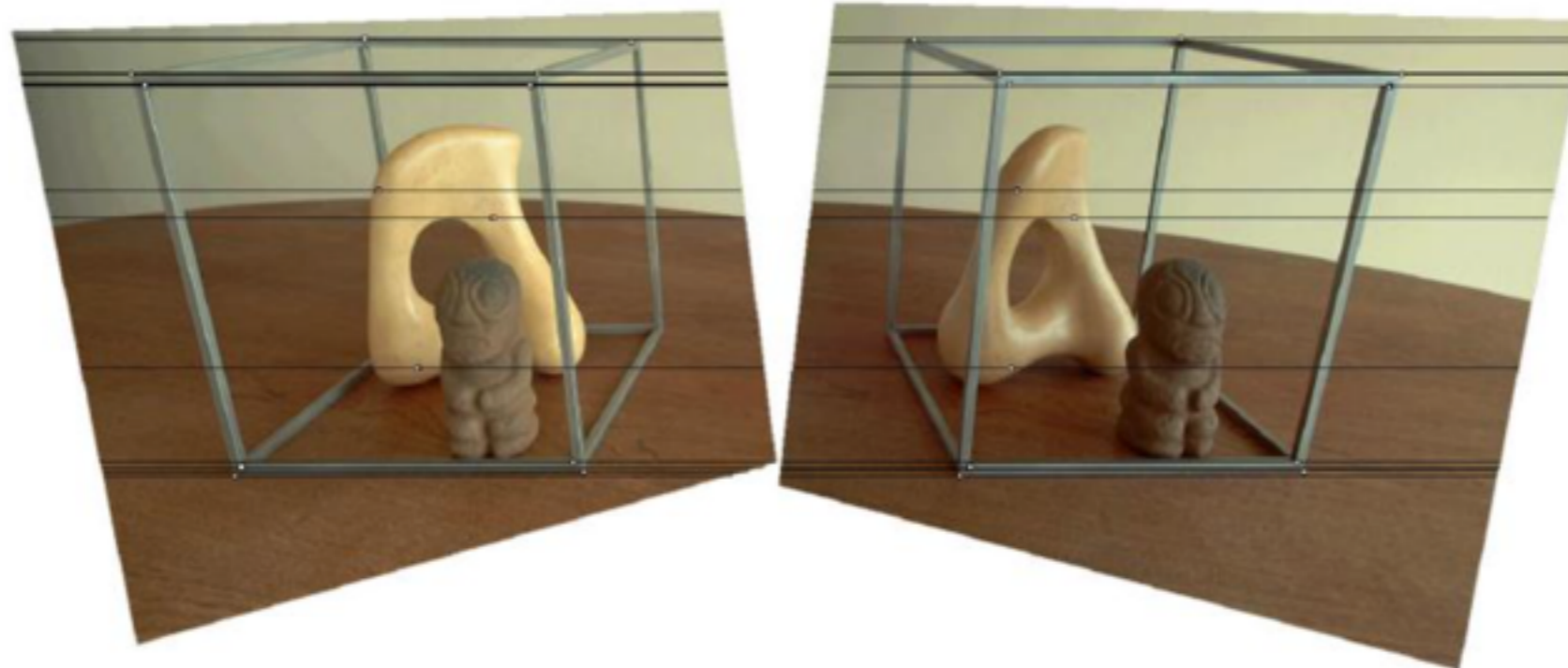
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What can we do after  
rectification?



# Setting the epipole to infinity

(Building  $\mathbf{R}_{\text{rect}}$  from  $\mathbf{e}$ )

Let  $R_{\text{rect}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{r}_2^\top \\ \mathbf{r}_3^\top \end{bmatrix}$       Given: epipole  $\mathbf{e}$   
(using SVD on  $\mathbf{E}$ )  
(translation from  $\mathbf{E}$ )

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{T}{\|T\|}$$

epipole coincides with translation vector

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_x^2 + T_y^2}} \begin{bmatrix} -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

cross product of  $\mathbf{e}$  and  
the direction vector of  
the optical axis

$$\mathbf{r}_3 = \mathbf{r}_1 \times \mathbf{r}_2$$

orthogonal vector

If  $\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{T}}{\|\mathbf{T}\|}$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2$   $\mathbf{r}_3$  orthogonal

then  $R_{\text{rect}} \mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^\top \mathbf{e}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2^\top \mathbf{e}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_3^\top \mathbf{e}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{bmatrix}$

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*Where is this point located on the image plane?*

At x-infinity

# Stereo Rectification Algorithm

1. Estimate  $\mathbf{E}$  using the 8 point algorithm (SVD)
2. Estimate the epipole  $\mathbf{e}$  (SVD of  $\mathbf{E}$ )
3. Build  $\mathbf{R}_{\text{rect}}$  from  $\mathbf{e}$
4. Decompose  $\mathbf{E}$  into  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$
5. Set  $\mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{R}_{\text{rect}}$  and  $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}_{\text{rect}}$
6. Rotate each left camera point (warp image)  
 $[x' \ y' \ z'] = \mathbf{R}_1 [x \ y \ z]$
7. Rectified points as  $\mathbf{p} = f/z' [x' \ y' \ z']$
8. Repeat 6 and 7 for right camera points using  $\mathbf{R}_2$

# Stereo Rectification Algorithm

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6. Rotate each left camera point  $\mathbf{x}' \sim \mathbf{Hx}$  where  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{KR}_1$   
\*You may need to alter the focal length (inside  $\mathbf{K}$ ) to keep points within the original image size
7. Repeat 6 and 7 for right camera points using  $\mathbf{R}_2$

Unrectified



Unrectified



Rectified



Unrectified



Rectified



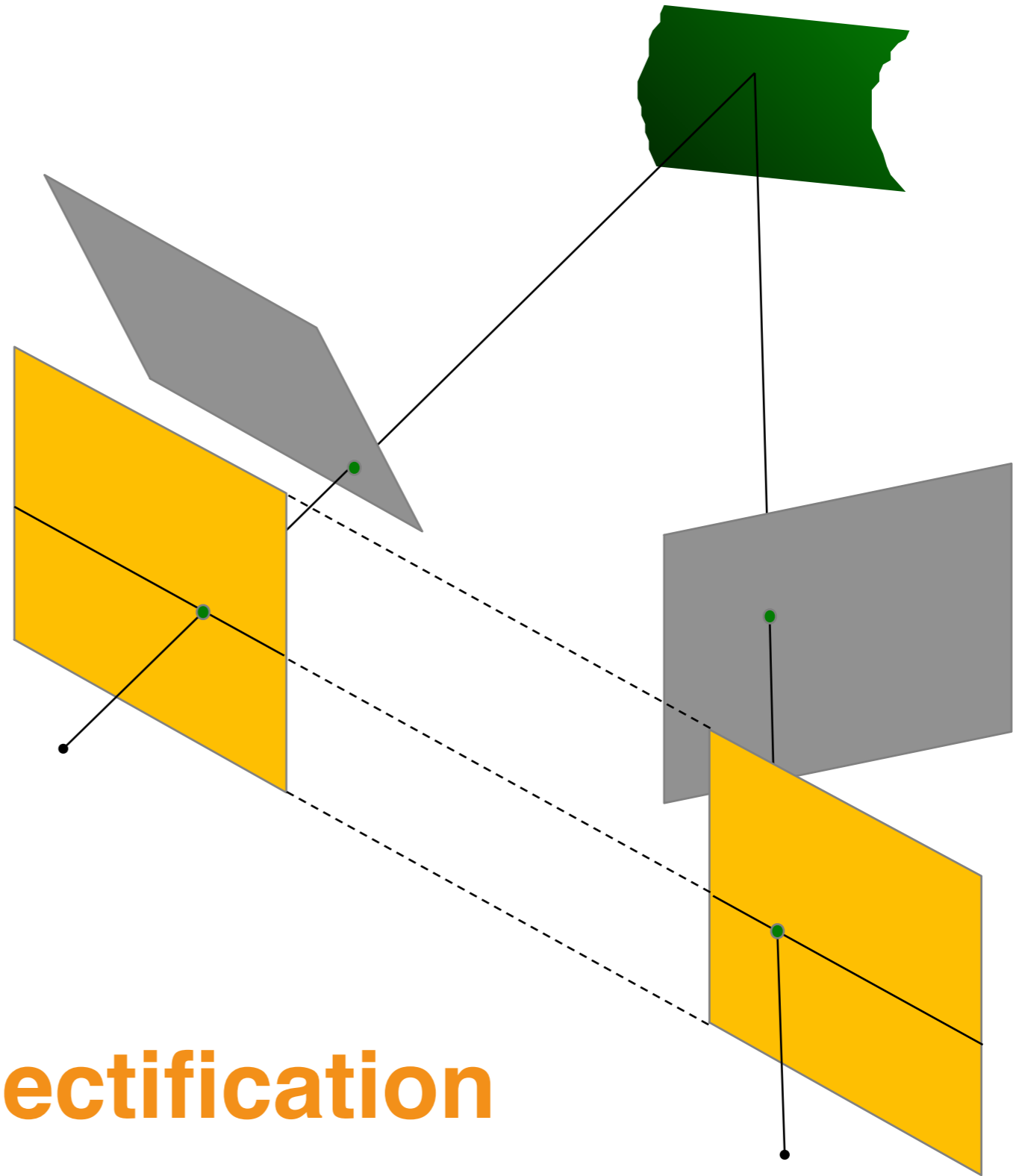


# Stereo Matching

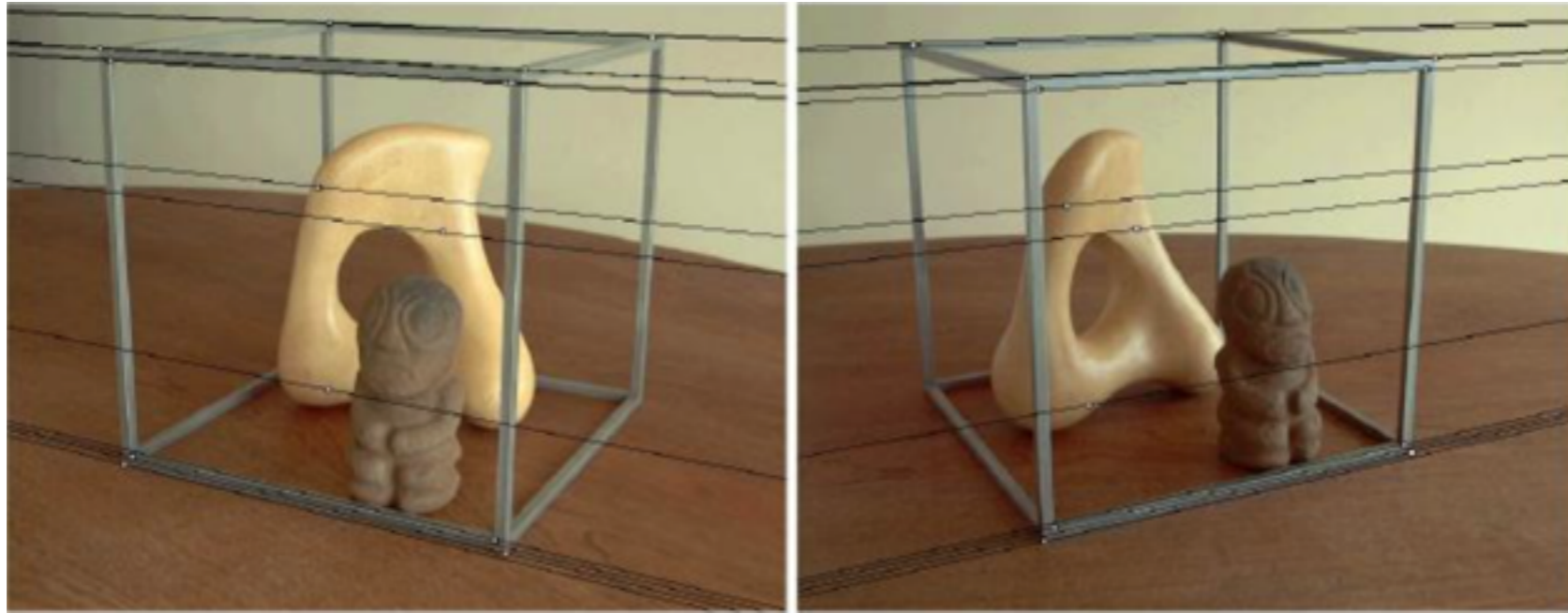
16-385 Computer Vision (Kris Kitani)  
**Carnegie Mellon University**

## *What is stereo rectification?*

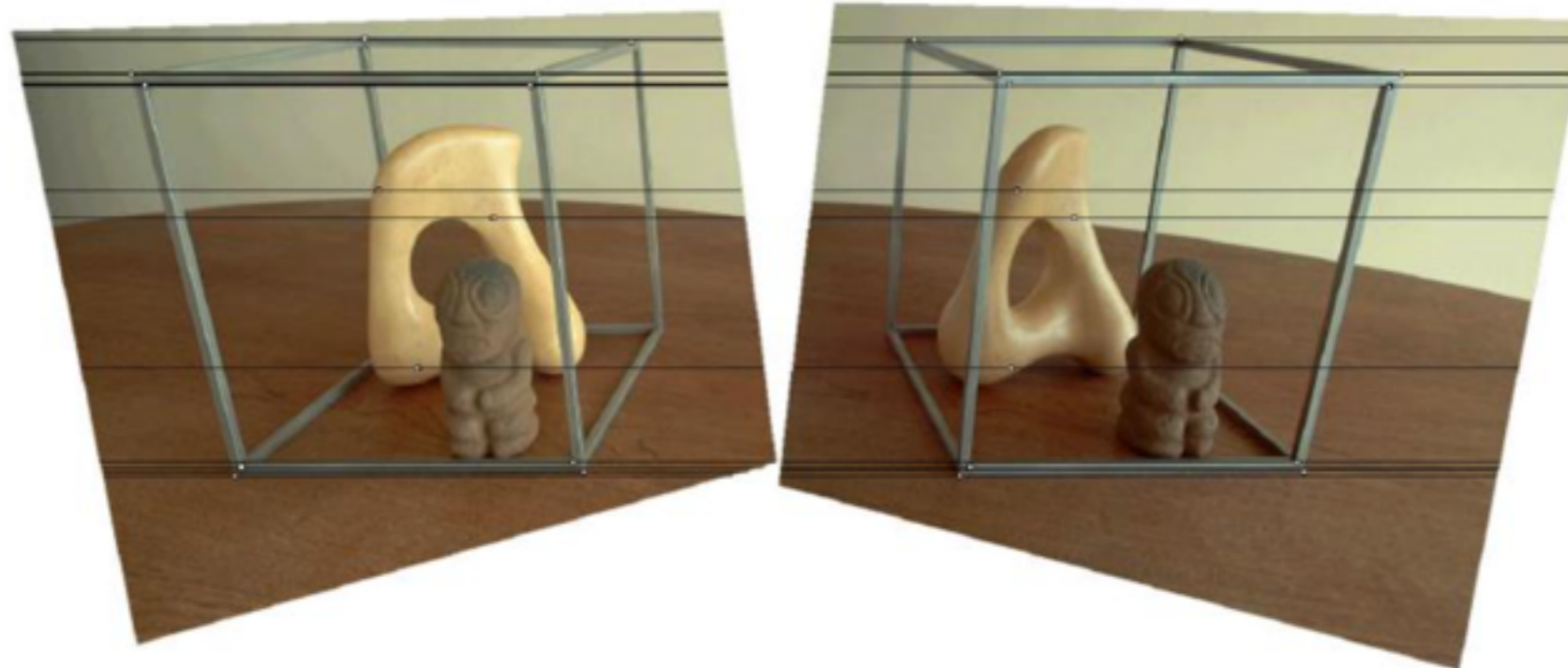
Reproject image planes onto a common plane parallel to the line between camera centers



**Recall: Stereo Rectification**



What can we do after  
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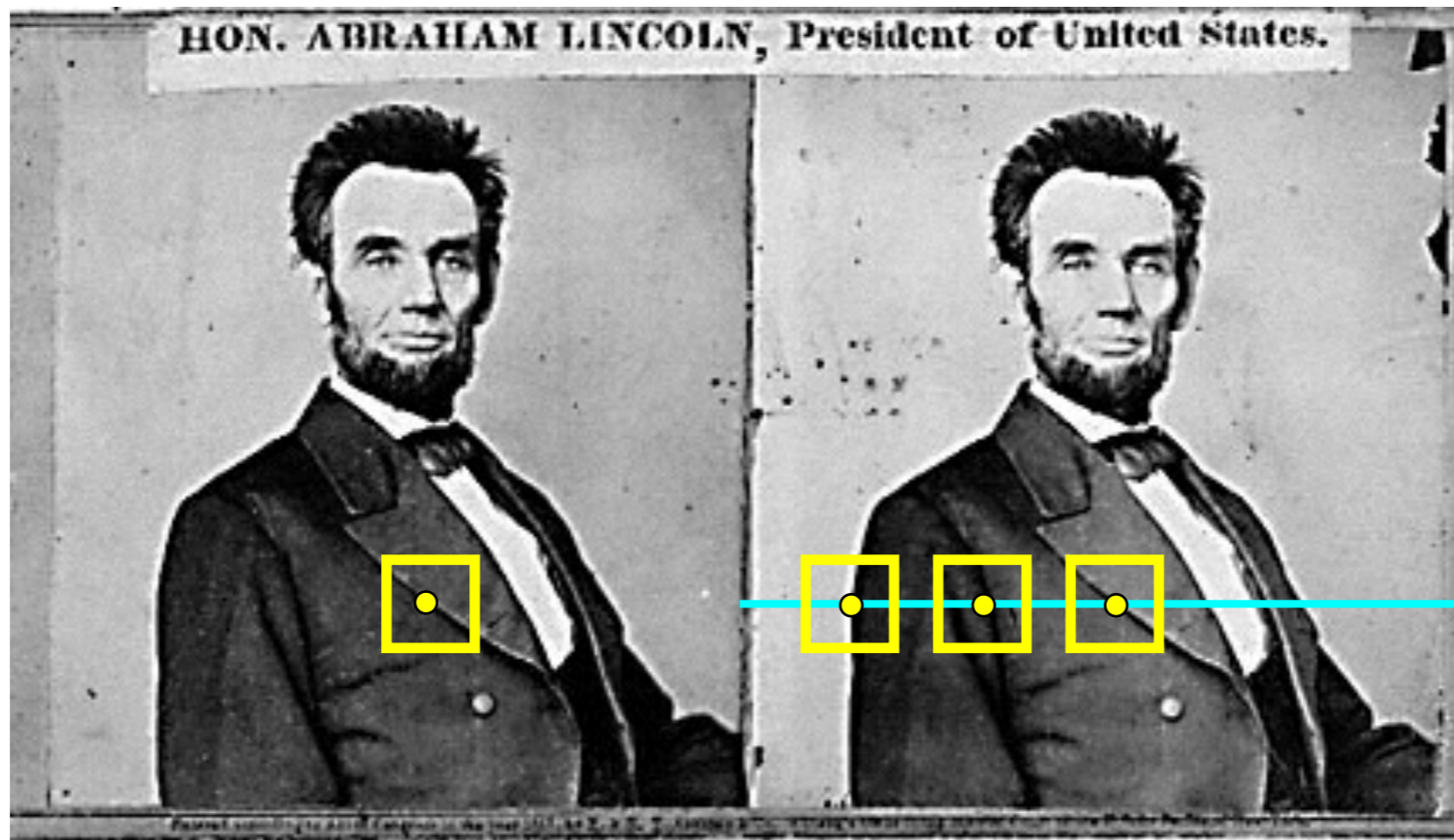




# Depth Estimation via Stereo Matching



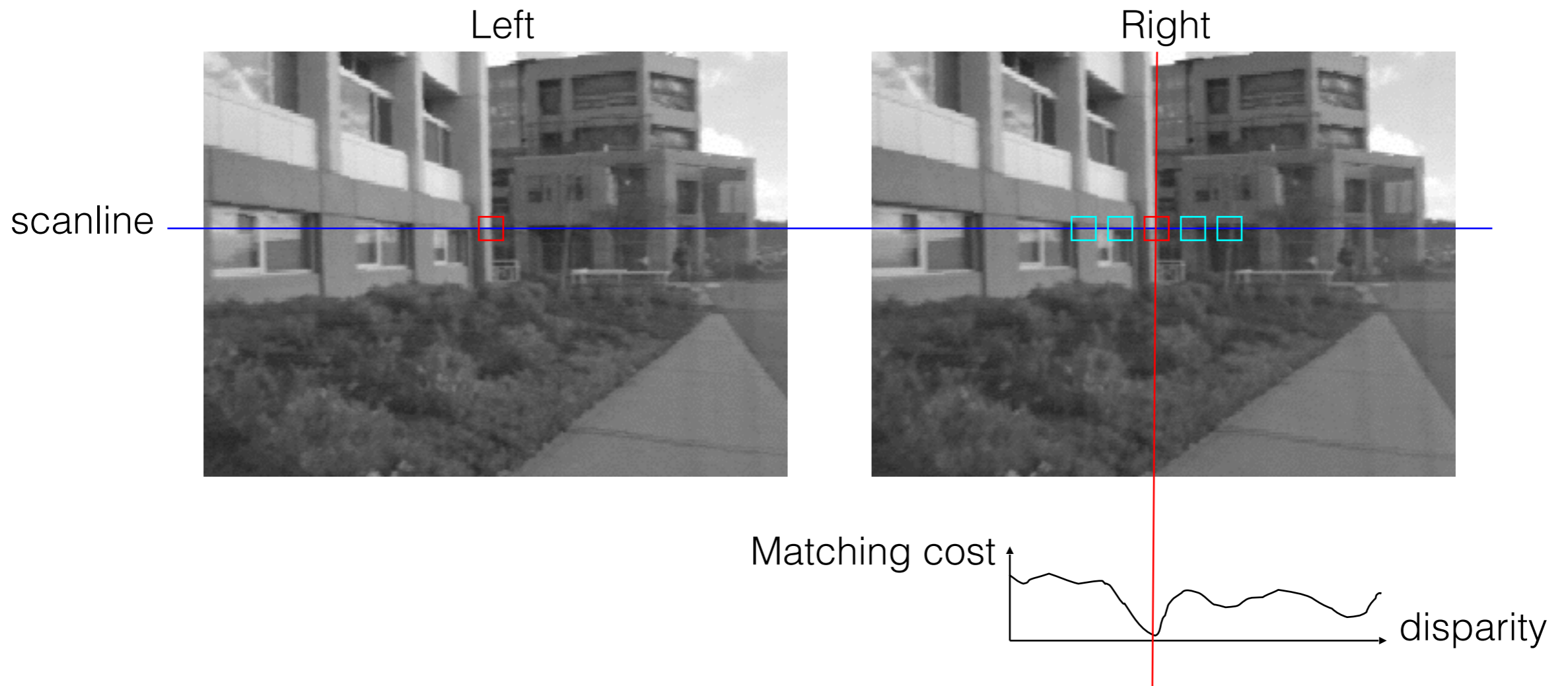




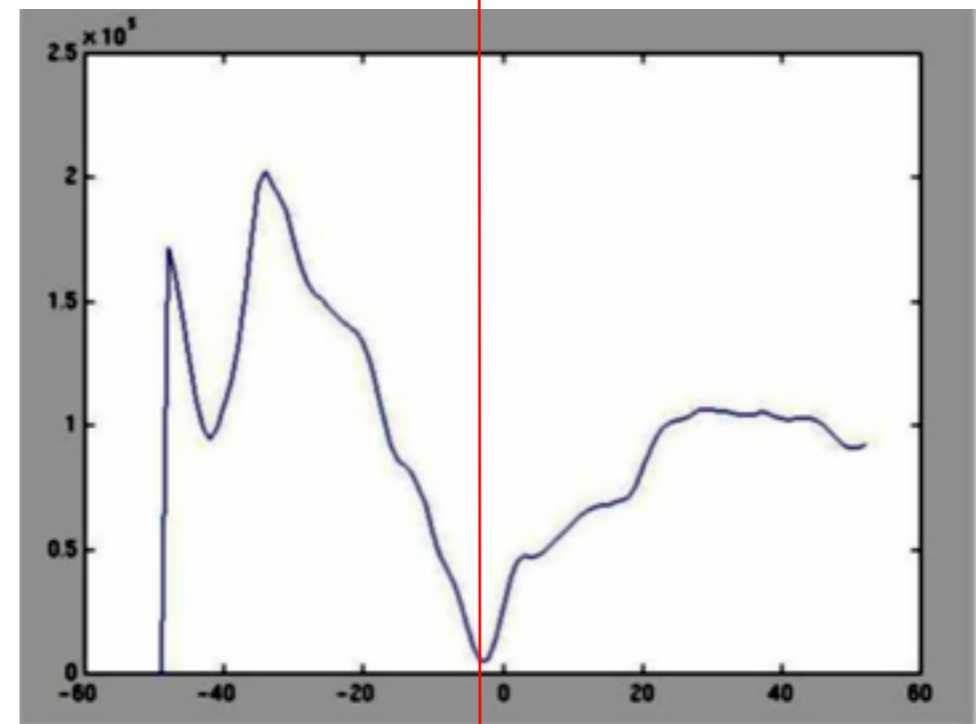
1. Rectify images  
(make epipolar lines horizontal)
2. For each pixel
  - a. Find epipolar line
  - b. Scan line for best match
  - c. Compute depth from disparity

$$Z = \frac{bf}{d}$$

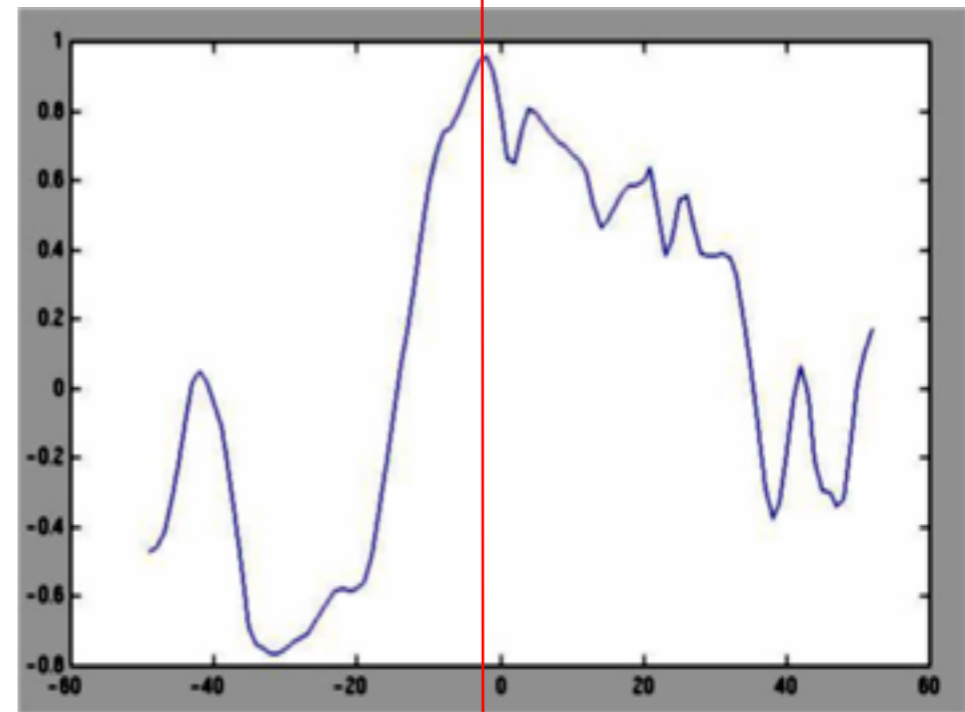
# Stereo Block Matching



- Slide a window along the epipolar line and compare contents of that window with the reference window in the left image
- Matching cost: SSD or normalized correlation



SSD



Normalized cross-correlation

# Similarity Measure

Sum of Absolute Differences (SAD)

Sum of Squared Differences (SSD)

Zero-mean SAD

Locally scaled SAD

Normalized Cross Correlation (NCC)

# Formula

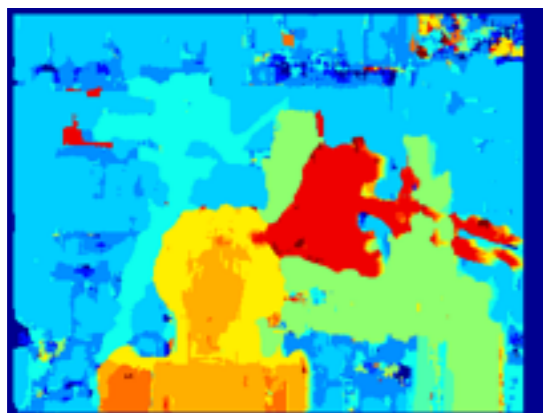
$$\sum_{(i,j) \in W} |I_1(i,j) - I_2(x+i,y+j)|$$

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in W} (I_1(i,j) - I_2(x+i,y+j))^2$$

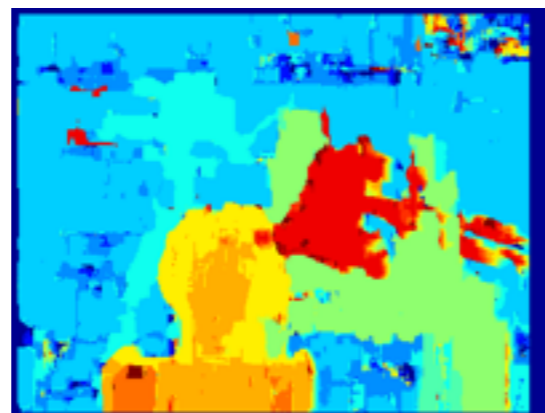
$$\sum_{(i,j) \in W} |I_1(i,j) - \bar{I}_1(i,j) - I_2(x+i,y+j) + \bar{I}_2(x+i,y+j)|$$

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in W} |I_1(i,j) - \frac{\bar{I}_1(i,j)}{\bar{I}_2(x+i,y+j)} I_2(x+i,y+j)|$$

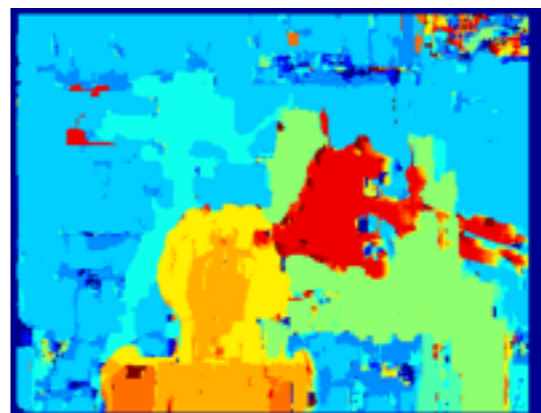
$$\frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in W} I_1(i,j) \cdot I_2(x+i,y+j)}{\sqrt{\sum_{(i,j) \in W} I_1^2(i,j) \cdot \sum_{(i,j) \in W} I_2^2(x+i,y+j)}}$$



SAD



SSD



NCC

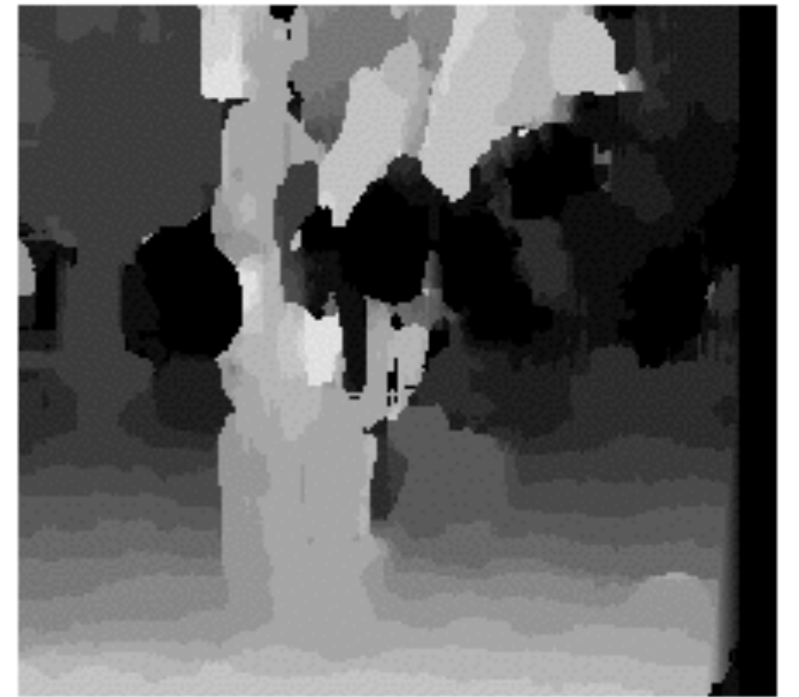


Ground truth

# Effect of window size



$W = 3$



$W = 20$

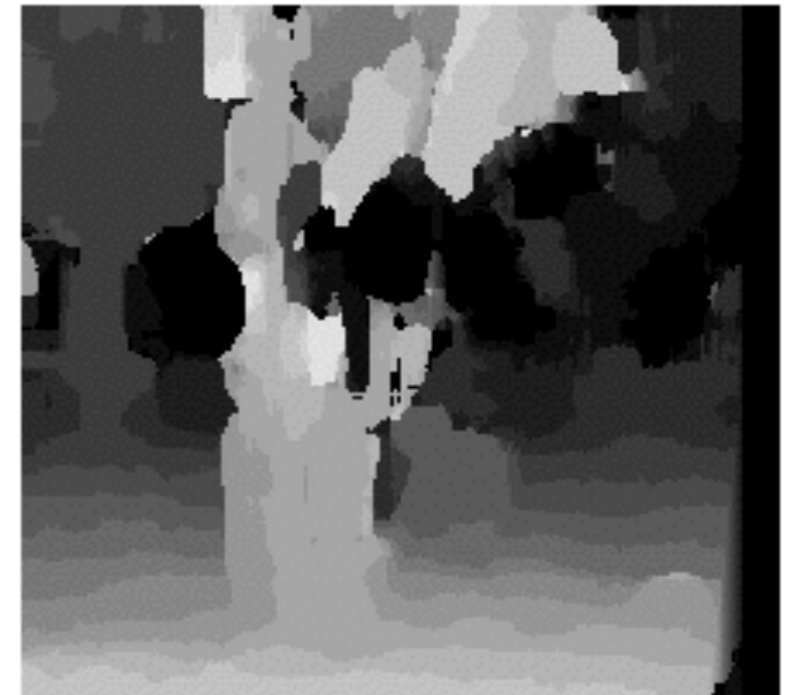
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## **Smaller window**

- + More detail
- More noise

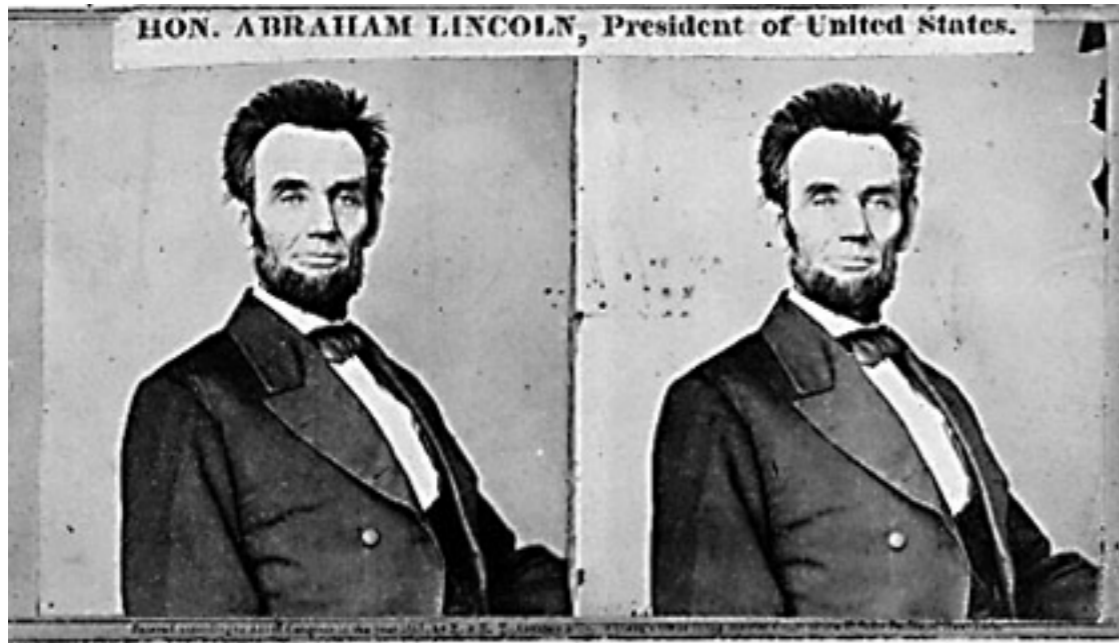


$W = 20$

## **Larger window**

- + Smoother disparity maps
- Less detail
- Fails near boundaries

*When will stereo block matching fail?*



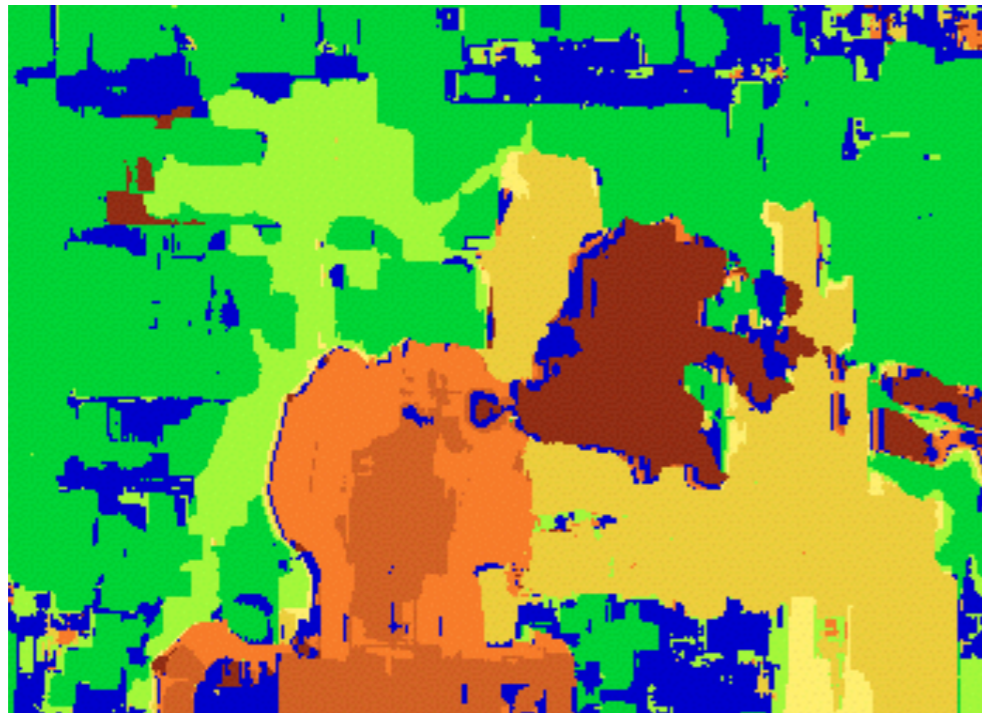
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# Improving Stereo Block Matching



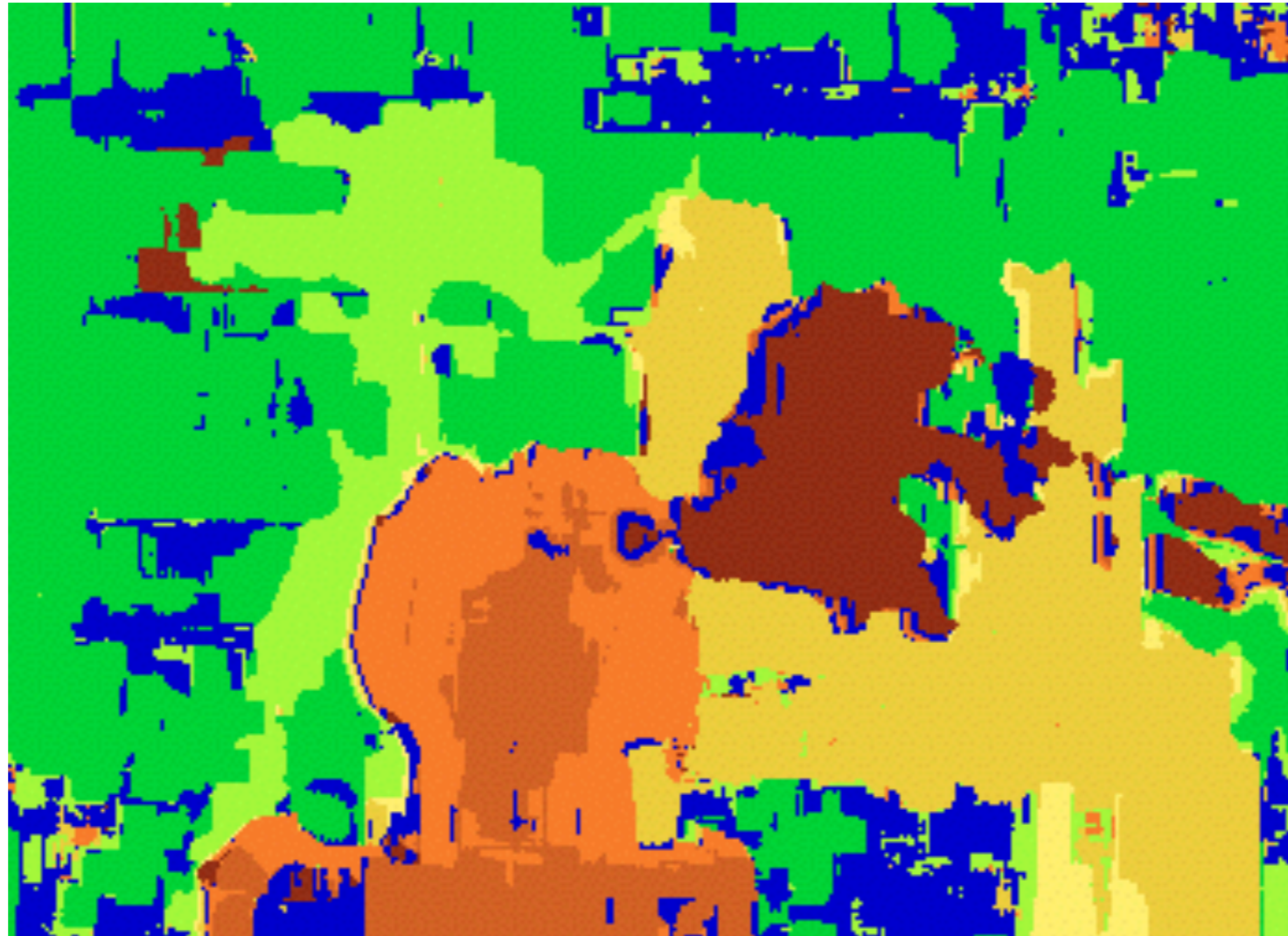
Block matching



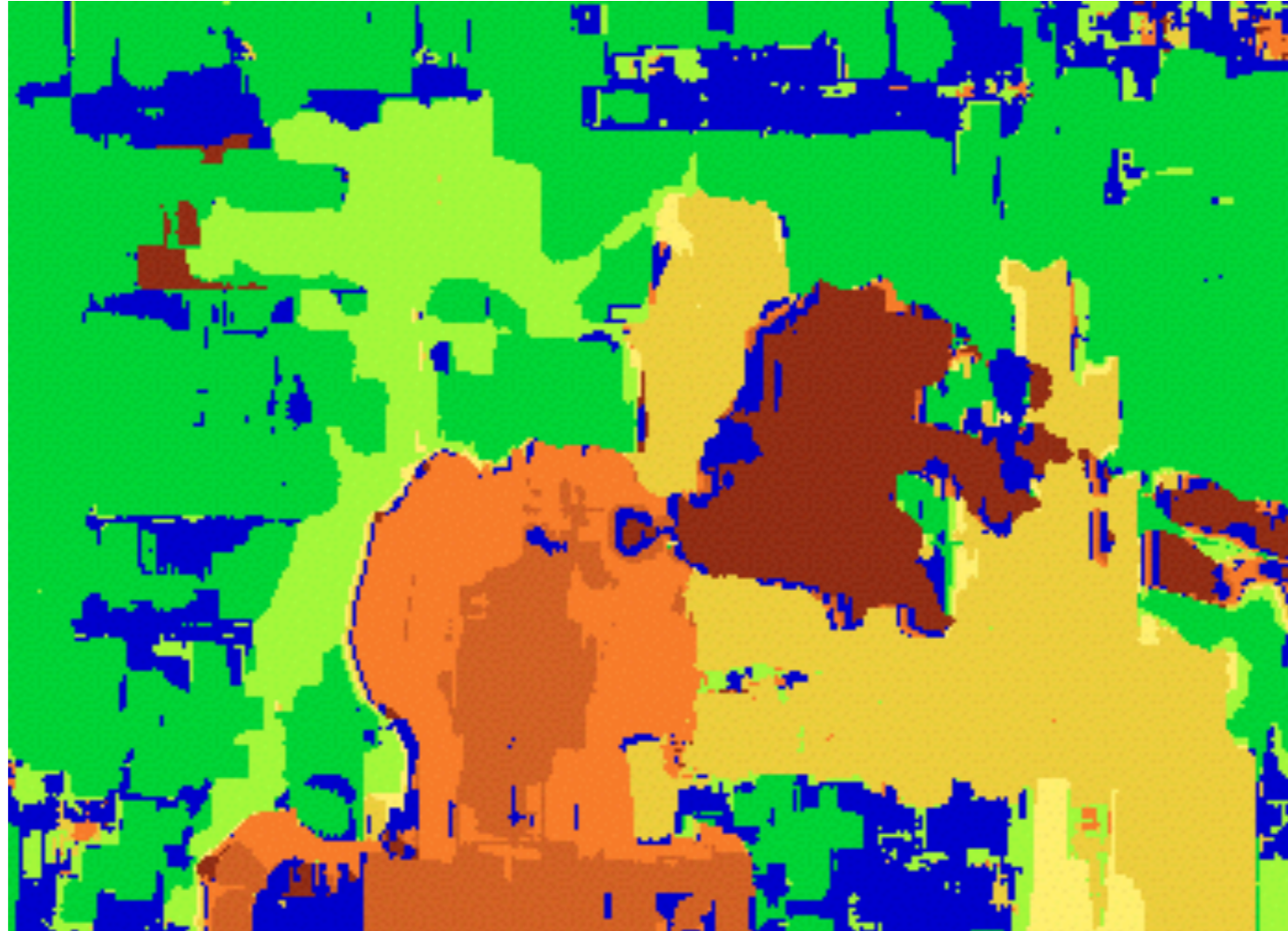
Ground truth



*What are some problems with the result?*



*How can we improve depth estimation?*



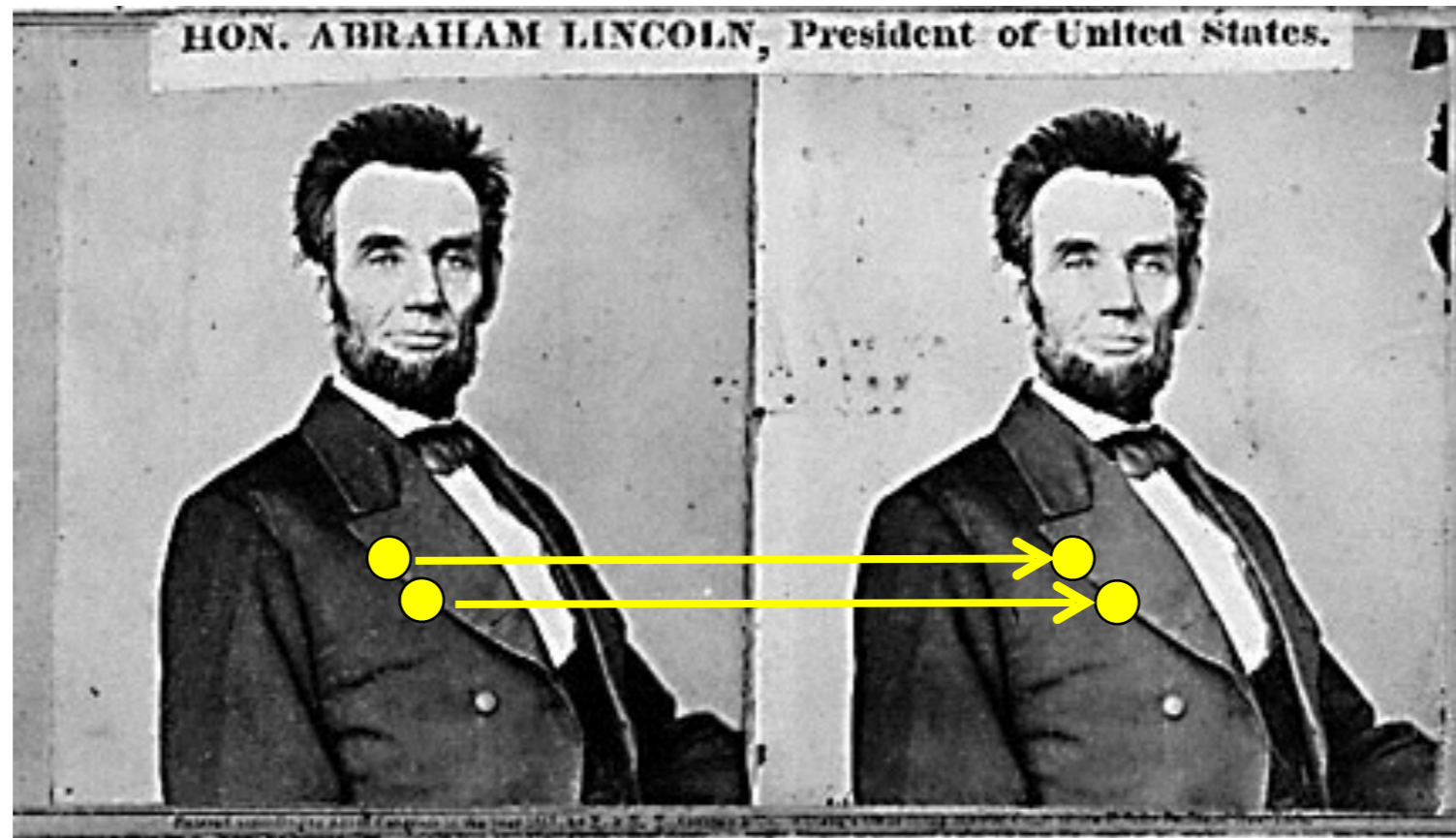
*How can we improve depth estimation?*

Too many discontinuities.  
We expect disparity values to change slowly.

Let's make an assumption:  
**depth should change smoothly**

Stereo matching as ...

# Energy Minimization



What defines a good stereo correspondence?

1. **Match quality**

- Want each pixel to find a good match in the other image

2. **Smoothness**

- If two pixels are adjacent, they should (usually) move about the same amount

energy function  
(for one pixel)

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(block matching result)



Adjacent pixels should (usually)  
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(smoothness function)

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$$E_d(d) = \sum_{(x,y) \in I} C(x, y, d(x, y))$$

data term

SSD distance between windows  
centered at  $I(x, y)$  and  $J(x + d(x, y), y)$

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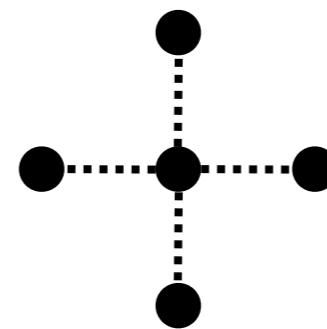
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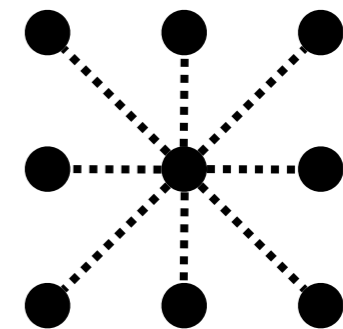
$$E_s(d) = \sum_{(p,q) \in \mathcal{E}} V(d_p, d_q)$$

smoothness term

$\mathcal{E}$  : set of neighboring pixels



4-connected neighborhood



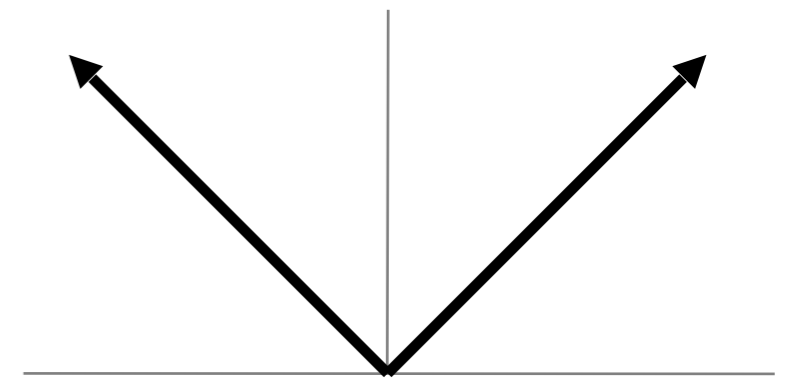
8-connected neighborhood

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smoothness term

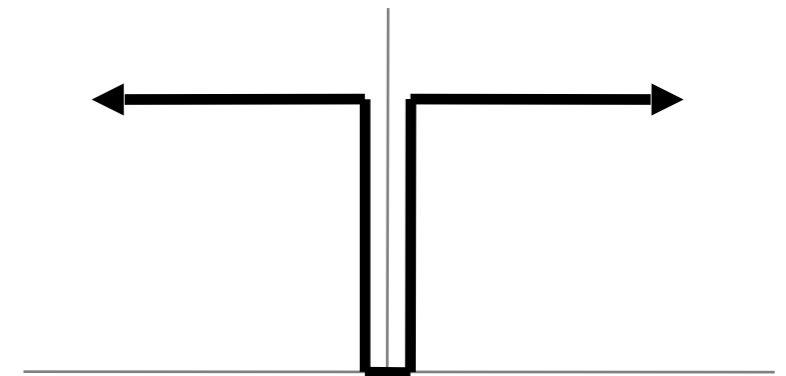
$$V(d_p, d_q) = |d_p - d_q|$$

$L_1$  distance



$$V(d_p, d_q) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } d_p = d_q \\ 1 & \text{if } d_p \neq d_q \end{cases}$$

“Potts model”



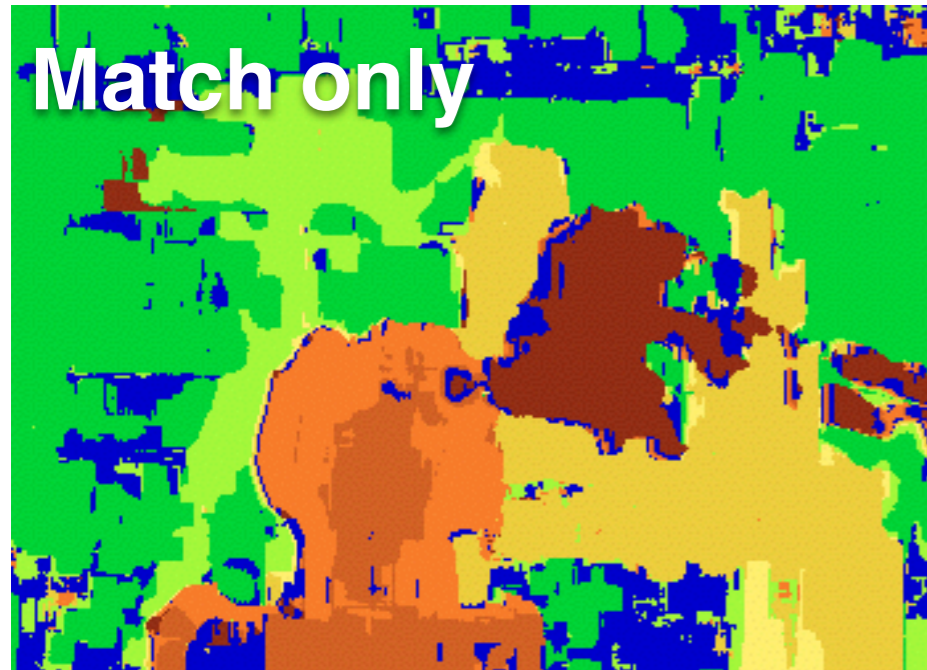
# Dynamic Programming

$$E(d) = E_d(d) + \lambda E_s(d)$$

Can minimize this independently per scanline  
using dynamic programming (DP) ●.....●.....●

$D(x, y, d)$  : minimum cost of solution such that  $d(x,y) = d$

$$D(x, y, d) = C(x, y, d) + \min_{d'} \{D(x - 1, y, d') + \lambda |d - d'|\}$$



Y. Boykov, O. Veksler, and R. Zabih, Fast Approximate Energy Minimization via Graph Cuts, PAMI 2001