


Lecture 4

Two View Geometry

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Today's Agenda

- Review of Previous Lecture 
 - Camera calibration
- Epipolar geometry

Learning objectives

- Understand and explain the relationship between two cameras

Review of Camera Calibration

- Camera calibration
 - Recovering K
 - Recovering R and T

$$\mathbf{P}' = \mathcal{M}\mathbf{P}_w$$
$$= \mathcal{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{R} & \mathbf{T} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_w$$

Internal (intrinsic) parameters

External (extrinsic) parameters

Review of Camera Calibration

- How many parameters to recover?

- 5 intrinsic parameters

- 2 for focal length
- 2 for offset
- 1 for skewness

- 6 extrinsic parameters

- 3 for rotation
- 3 for translation

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \cot \theta & u_o \\ 0 & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} & v_o \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^T \\ \mathbf{r}_2^T \\ \mathbf{r}_3^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}' &= \mathcal{M} \mathbf{P}_w \\ &= \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{T} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_w \end{aligned}$$

Review of Camera Calibration

- 11 parameters to recover
- Corresponding 3D-2D point pairs
 - Each 3D-2D point pair -> 2 constraints
 - 11 unknown -> 6 point correspondence
 - Use more to handle noisy data

$$\mathbf{p}_i = \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{bmatrix} = M\mathbf{P}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mathbf{m}_1\mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3\mathbf{P}_i} \\ \frac{\mathbf{m}_2\mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3\mathbf{P}_i} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} u_i(\mathbf{m}_3\mathbf{P}_i) - \mathbf{m}_1\mathbf{P}_i &= 0 \\ v_i(\mathbf{m}_3\mathbf{P}_i) - \mathbf{m}_2\mathbf{P}_i &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Review of Camera Calibration

- 11 parameters to recover
- Corresponding 3D-2D point pairs
- How to solve it?
 - $m = 0$ always a trivial solution
 - $k * m$ (k is non-zero) is also a solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1^T & 0^T & -u_1 \mathbf{P}_1^T \\ 0^T & \mathbf{P}_1^T & -v_1 \mathbf{P}_1^T \\ & \vdots & \\ \mathbf{P}_n^T & 0^T & -u_n \mathbf{P}_n^T \\ 0^T & \mathbf{P}_n^T & -v_n \mathbf{P}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1^T \\ \mathbf{m}_2^T \\ \mathbf{m}_3^T \end{bmatrix} = P\mathbf{m} = 0$$

Review of Camera Calibration

- 11 parameters to recover
- Corresponding 3D-2D point pairs
- How to solve it?
 - $m = 0$ always a trivial solution
 - $k * m$ (k is non-zero) is also a solution
 - Constrained optimization

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1^T & 0^T & -u_1 \mathbf{P}_1^T \\ 0^T & \mathbf{P}_1^T & -v_1 \mathbf{P}_1^T \\ & \vdots & \\ \mathbf{P}_n^T & 0^T & -u_n \mathbf{P}_n^T \\ 0^T & \mathbf{P}_n^T & -v_n \mathbf{P}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1^T \\ \mathbf{m}_2^T \\ \mathbf{m}_3^T \end{bmatrix} = P\mathbf{m} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{minimize} \quad \|P\mathbf{m}\|^2 \\ \mathbf{m} \\ \text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{m}\|^2 = 1 \end{array}$$

Review of Camera Calibration

- Solved using SVD

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

SVD decomposition of P

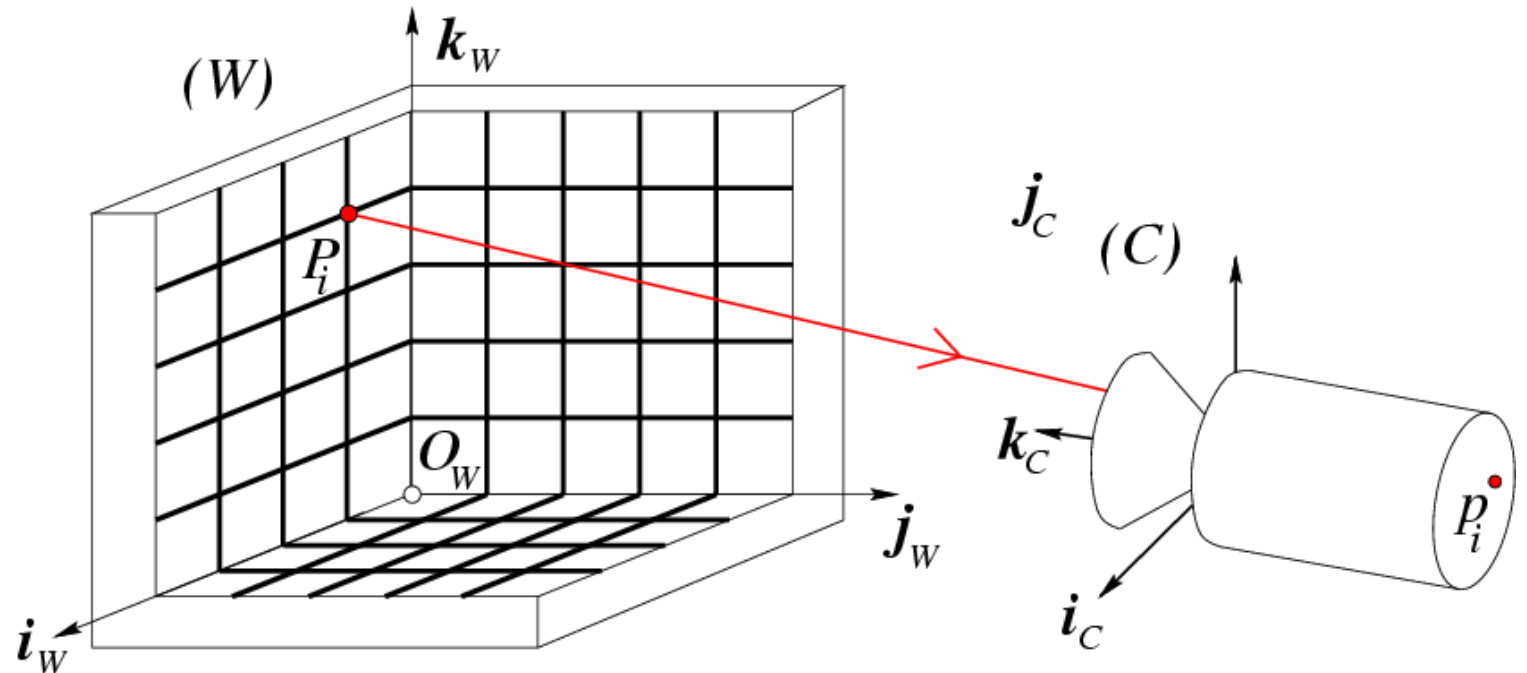
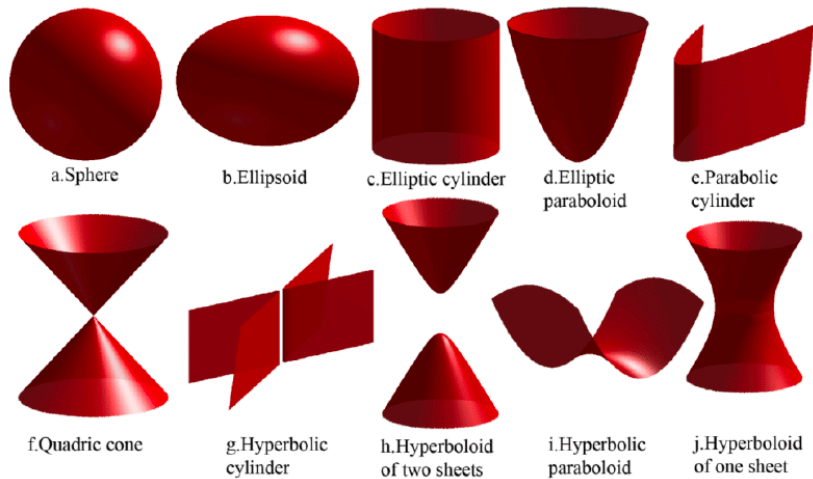
$$U_{2n \times 12} D_{12 \times 12} V^T_{12 \times 12}$$

Last column of V gives \mathbf{m}

(Why? See page 593 of [Hartley & Zisserman](#). Multiple view geometry in computer vision)

Review of Camera Calibration

- Not always solvable
 - P_i s cannot lie on the same plane
 - P_i s cannot lie on the intersection curve of two quadric surfaces



Quiz

When should we re-calibrate the camera intrinsic matrix?

- (a) When zooming in.
- (b) When rotating the camera around its local origin.
- (c) When changing the resolution of the image.
- (d) When the camera is moved.

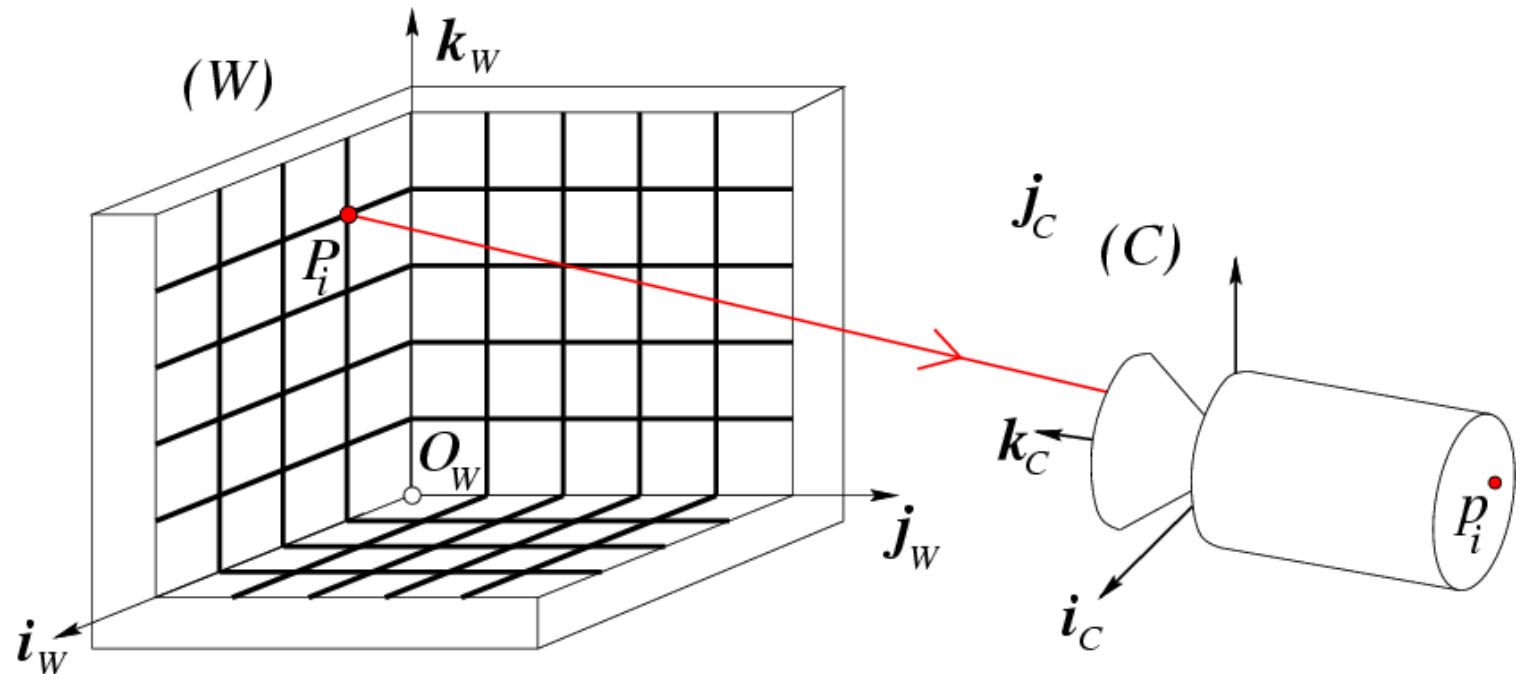
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- Epipolar Geometry



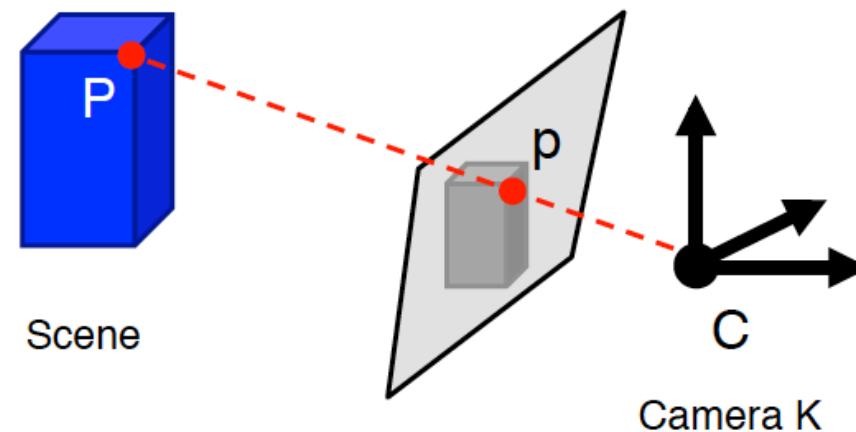
Recovering 3D Geometry

- Camera calibration from a single view
 - Camera intrinsic parameters
 - Camera orientation
 - Camera translation



Recovering 3D Geometry

- Camera calibration from a single view
 - Camera intrinsic parameters
 - Camera orientation
 - Camera translation
- Can structure/geometry be recovered from a single view?



Recovering 3D Geometry

- Camera calibration from a single view
- Recover 3D geometry from a single view?
 - Intrinsic ambiguities of 3D \rightarrow 2D
 - Two eyes help

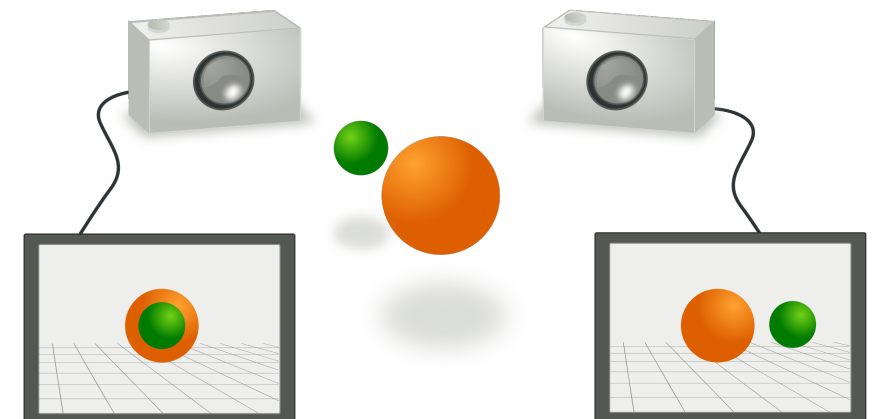


Core Problems in Recovering 3D Geometry

- **Correspondence:** Given a point in one image, how can I find the corresponding point in another one?
- **Camera geometry:** Given corresponding points in two images, establish the relations between multi-views. **Epipolar Geometry**
- **Scene geometry:** Find coordinates of 3D point from its projection into 2 or multiple images.

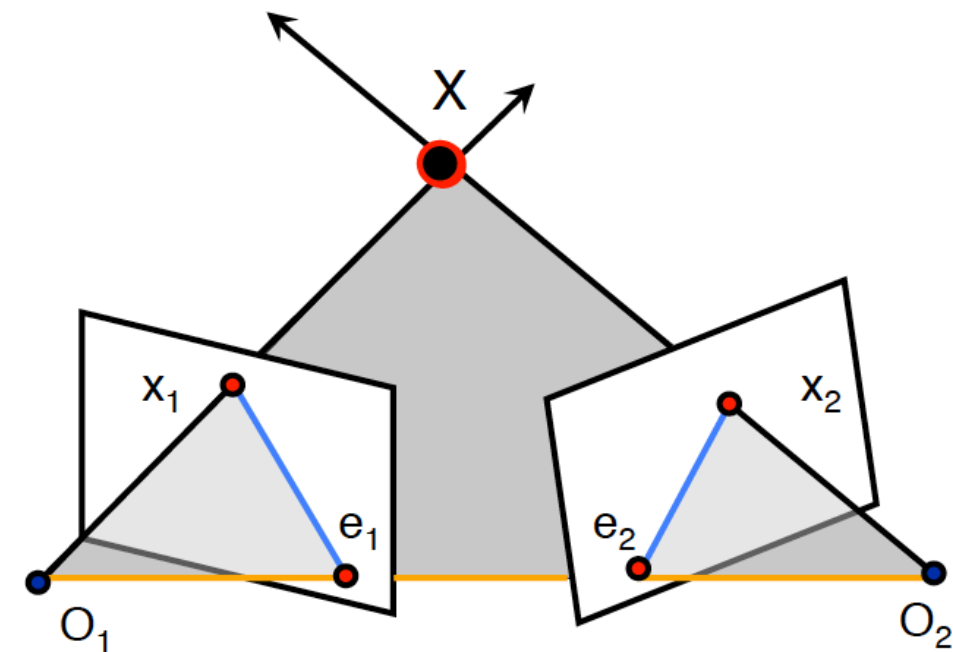
Epipolar Geometry

- The geometry of stereo vision
 - Geometric relations between 3D points and their images points
 - Define constraints between the image points
 - Derived using the pinhole camera model



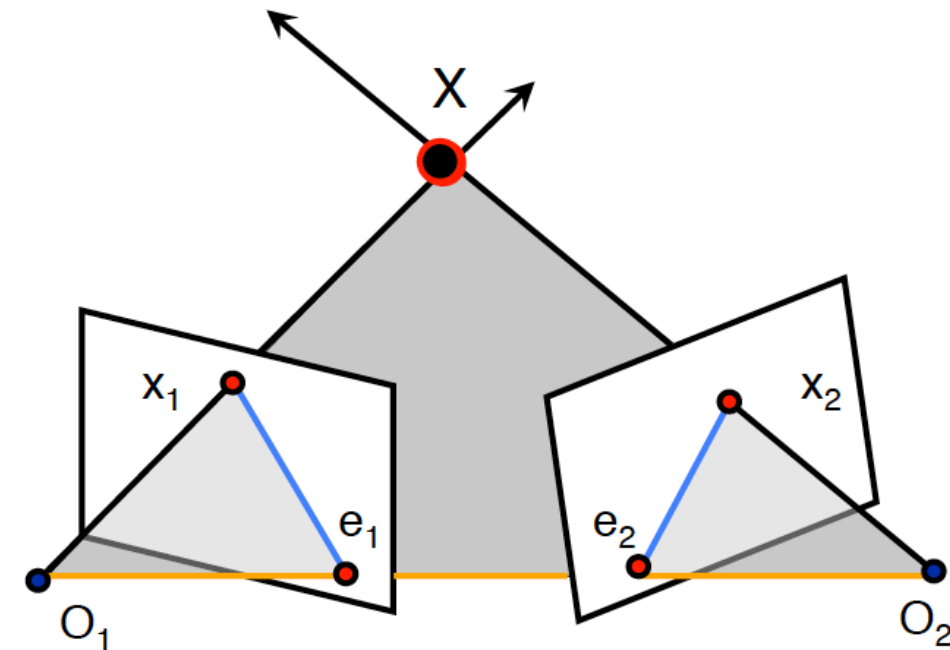
Epipolar Geometry

- Baseline
 - The line between the two camera centers



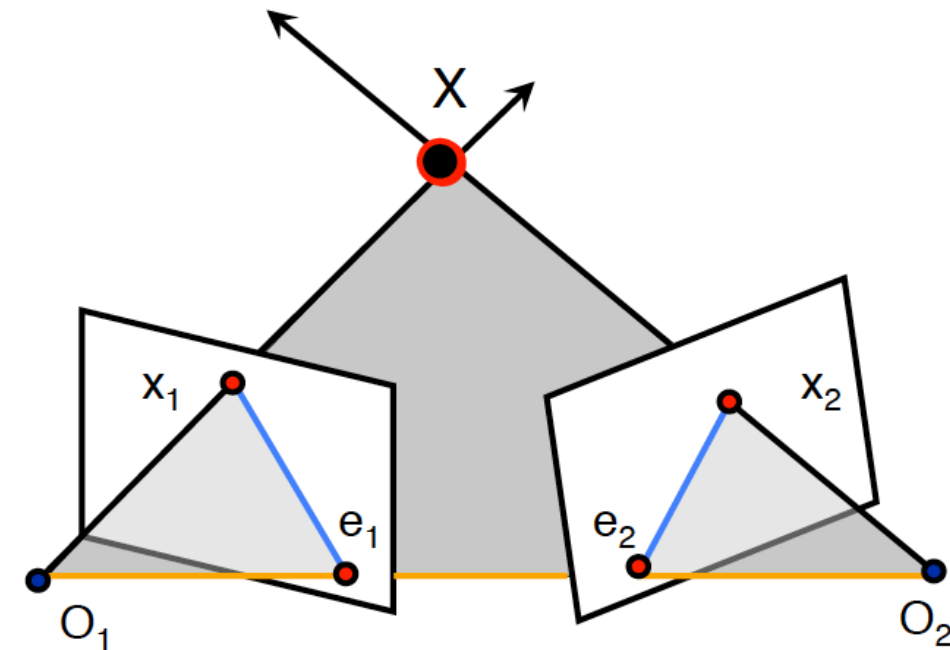
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- Epipolar plane
 - The plane defined by X , O_1 , and O_2



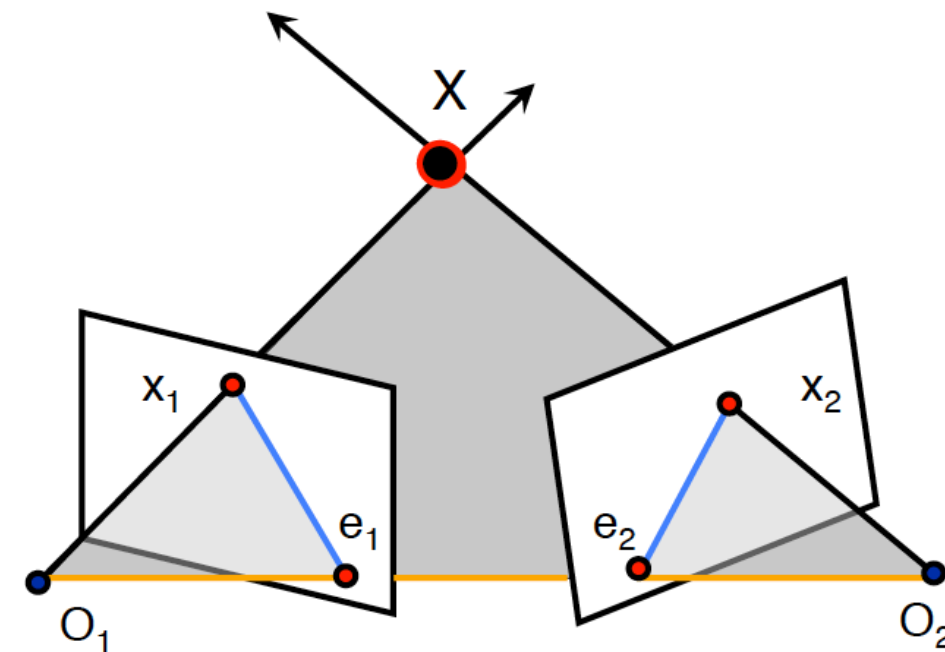
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- Epipoles
 - \cap of baseline and image plane
 - Projection of the other camera center



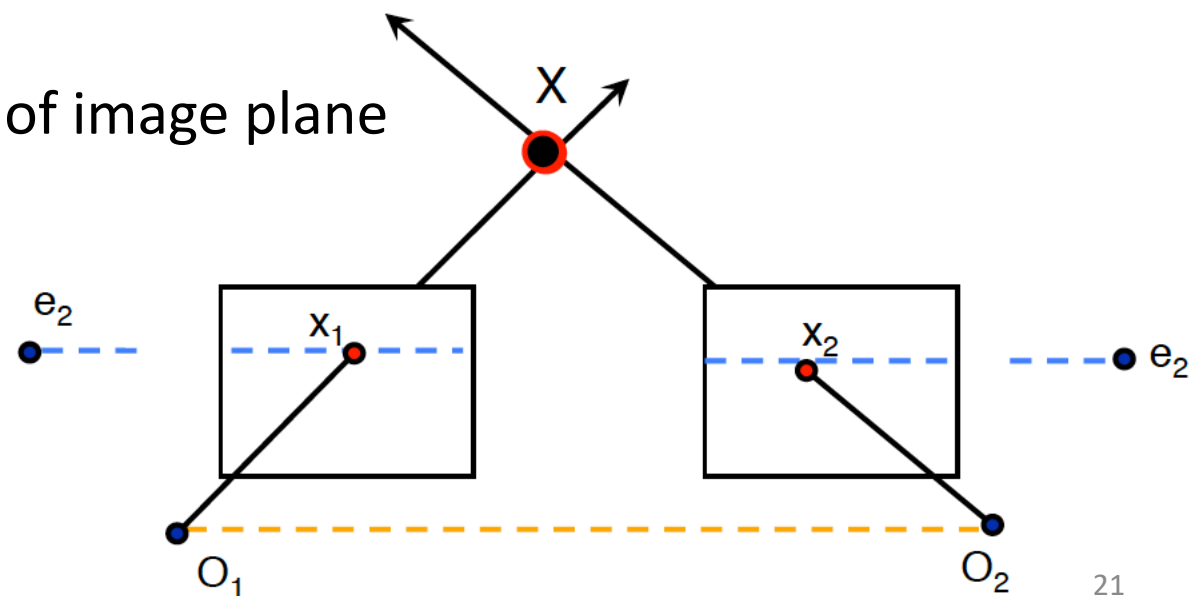
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- Epipolar lines
 - \cap of epipolar plane with the image plane



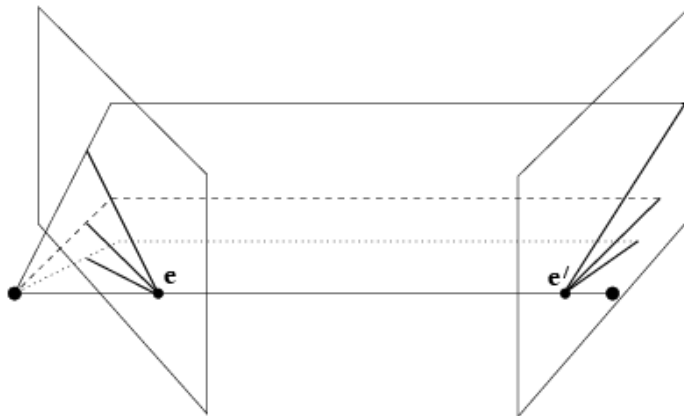
Epipolar Geometry

- Example
 - Converging image planes
 - Parallel Image Planes
 - Baseline intersects the image plane at infinity!
 - Epipoles are at infinity!
 - Epipolar lines are parallel to U axis of image plane



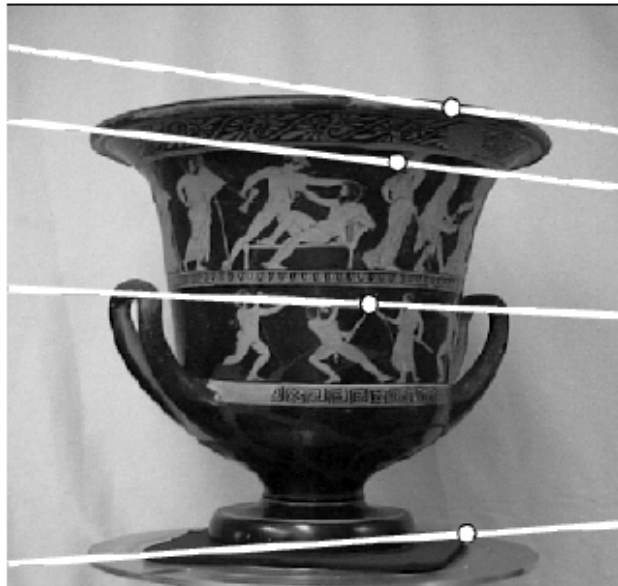
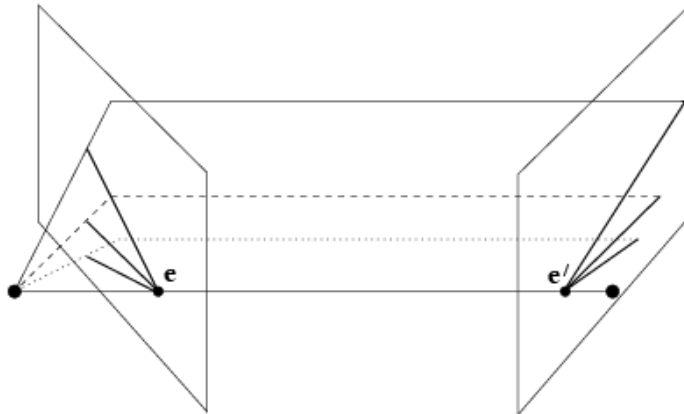
Epipolar Geometry

- Example
 - Converging image planes
 - All epipolar lines intersect at the epipole



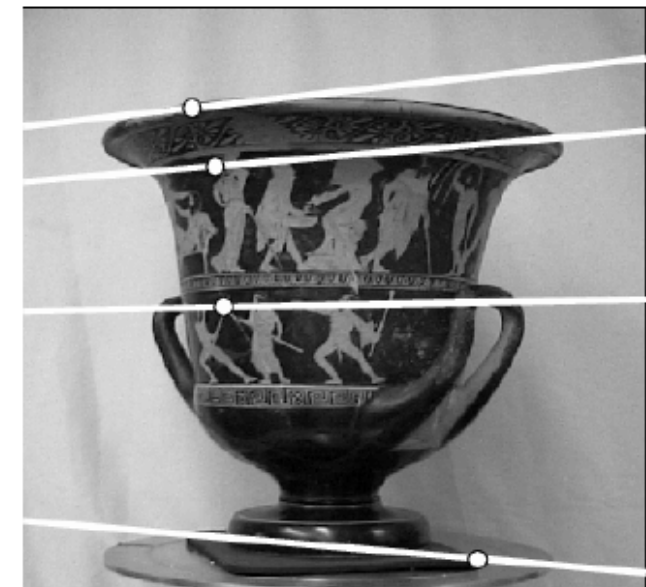
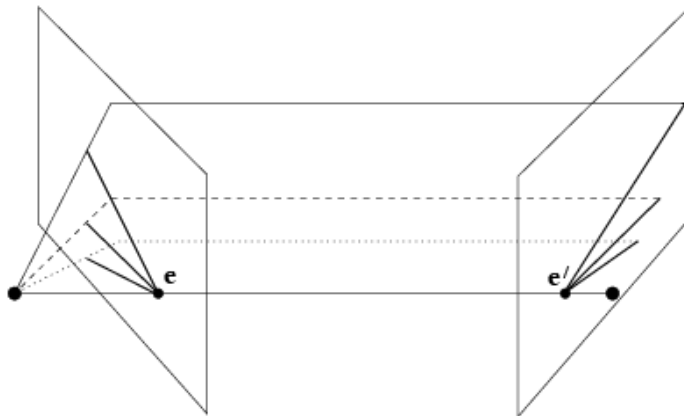
Epipolar Geometry

- The relations between different views?
 - How to use for recovering 3D geometry?
 - Unknown: 3D points
 - Known: image points; camera parameters



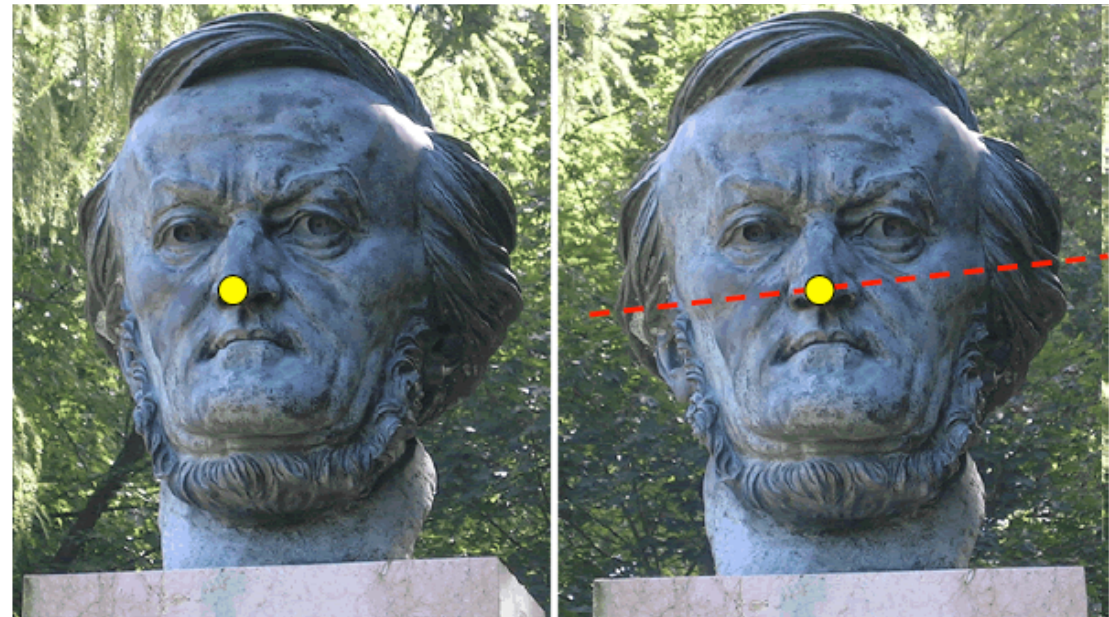
Epipolar Geometry

- Constraints between images (**without knowing 3D structure**)
 - Epipolar lines determined by just camera centers and an image point
 - The image point on the second image must be on its Epipolar line



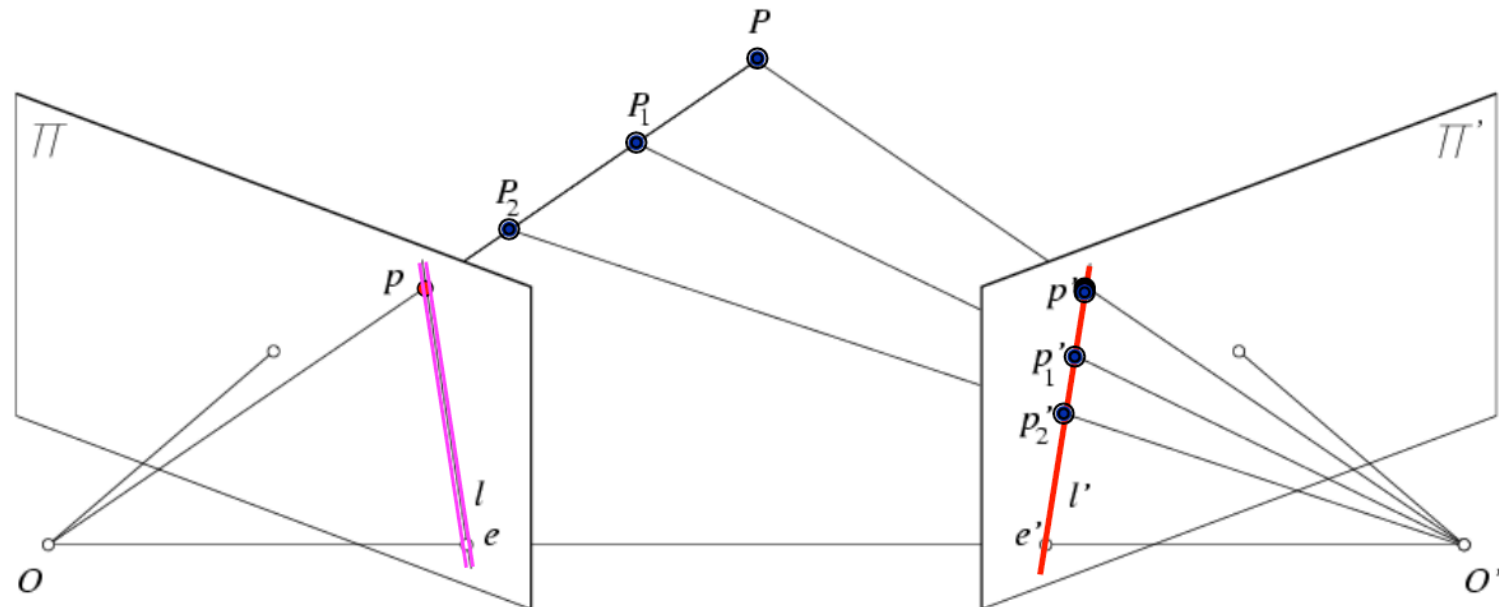
Epipolar Constraint

- Given a point on left image, find the corresponding point on right image?
 - Two views of the same object
 - Known camera positions and camera matrices



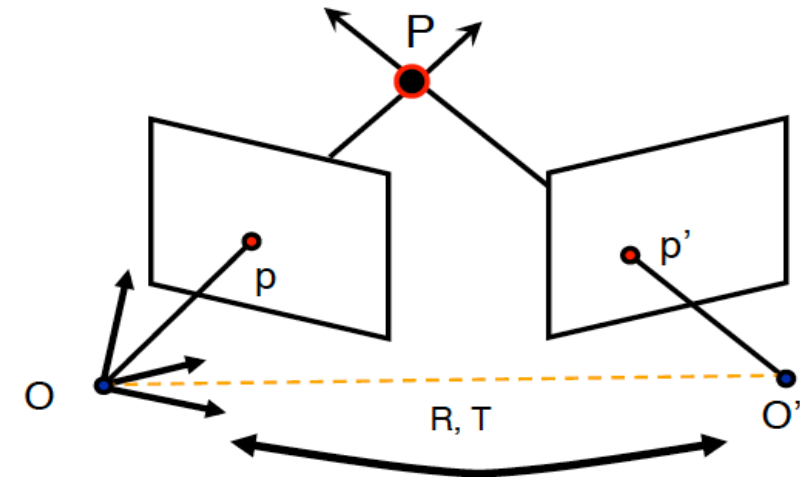
Epipolar Constraint

- Potential matches for p have to lie on the corresponding epipolar line l' .
- Potential matches for p' have to lie on the corresponding epipolar line l .



Epipolar Constraint

- The relationship between the two image points
 - Assume the world reference system aligned with the left camera
 - The right camera has offset T and orientation R



Camera projection matrices

$$M = K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P \rightarrow MP = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

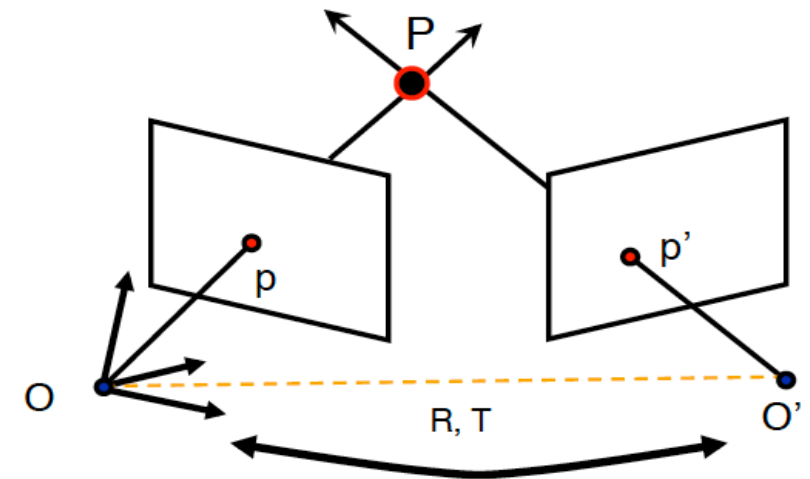
$$M' = K \begin{bmatrix} R & T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P \rightarrow M'P = \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Epipolar Constraint

- The relationship between the two image points
 - Canonical cameras
 - K is identity

p' in camera 1's coordinate system



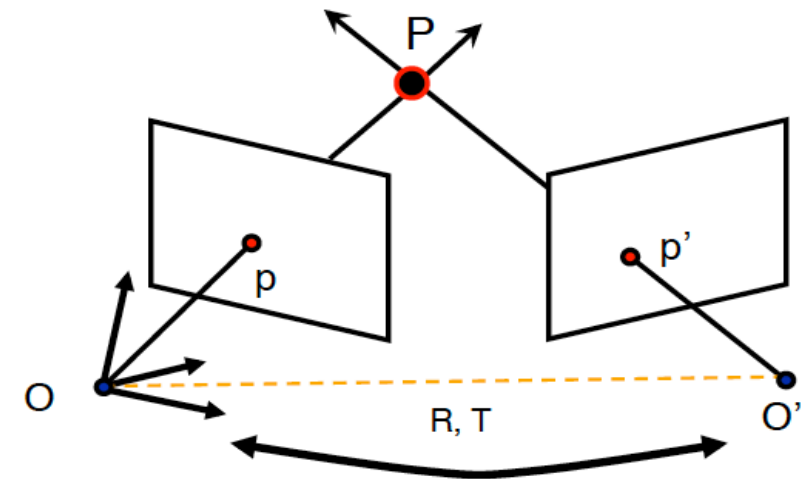
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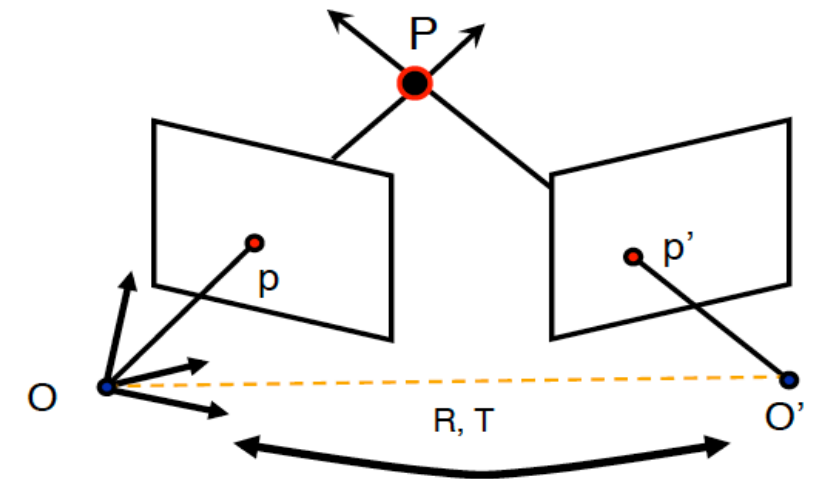
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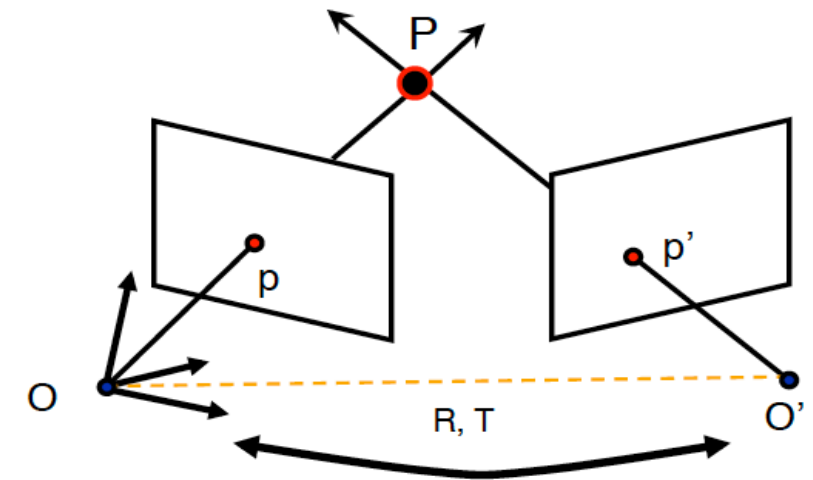
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Normal of the Epipolar plane

$$R^T T \times [R^T(p' - T)] = R^T(T \times p')$$

Op lies in the Epipolar plane



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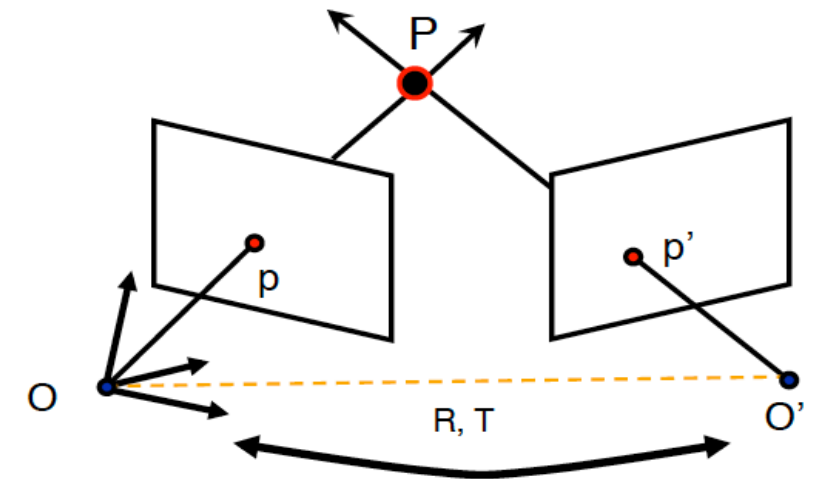
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$$[R^T(T \times p')]^T p = 0$$



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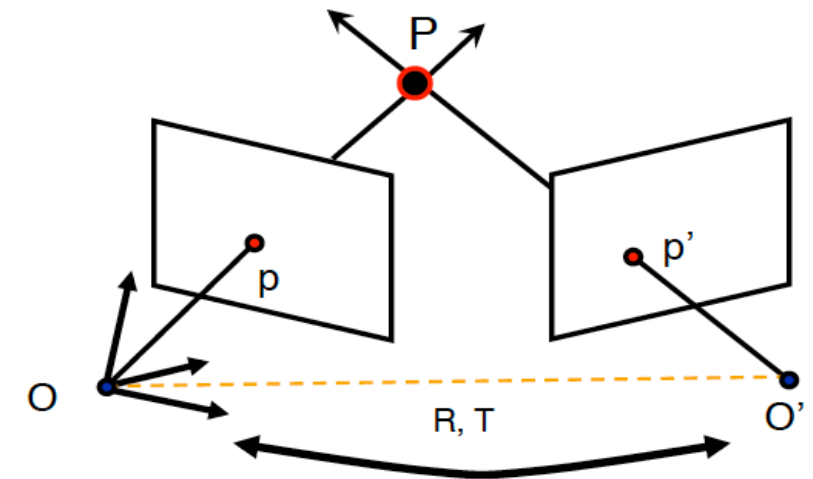
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$$R^T T \times [R^T(p' - T)] = R^T(T \times p')$$

Op lies in the Epipolar plane

$$[R^T(T \times p')]^T p = 0 \implies (T \times p')^T R p = 0$$



Epipolar Constraint

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Cross product as matrix-vector multiplication

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\mathbf{a}_z & \mathbf{a}_y \\ \mathbf{a}_z & 0 & -\mathbf{a}_x \\ -\mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_x \\ \mathbf{b}_y \\ \mathbf{b}_z \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{a}_\times] \mathbf{b}$$

p' in camera 1's coordinate system $R^T(p' - T)$

O' in camera 1's coordinate system $R^T(O' - T) = -R^T T$

Normal of the Epipolar plane $R^T T \times [R^T(p' - T)] = R^T(T \times p')$

Op lies in the Epipolar plane $[R^T(T \times p')]^T p = 0 \Rightarrow (T \times p')^T R p = 0$

Epipolar Constraint

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p' in camera 1's coordinate system

$$R^T(p' - T)$$

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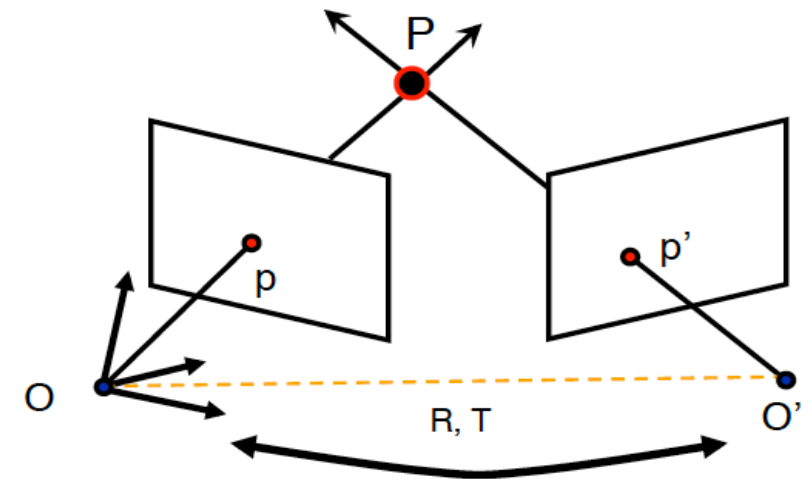
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$$[R^T(T \times p')]^T p = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (T \times p')^T R p = 0$$

$$T \times p' = [T_{\times}] p'$$



$$([T_{\times}] p')^T R p = 0$$



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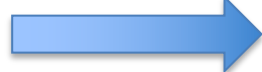
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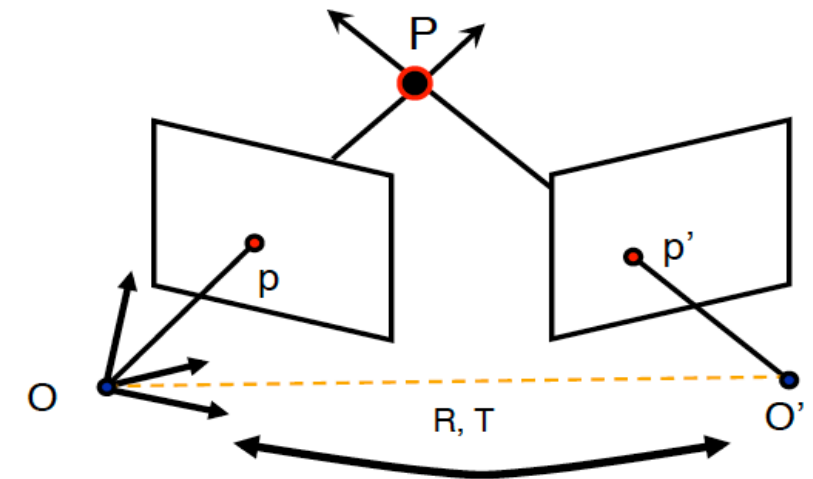
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$$[R^T(T \times p')]^T p = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (T \times p')^T R p = 0$$

$$T \times p' = [T_x] p'$$



$$([T_x] p')^T R p = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p'^T [T_x] R p = 0$$



Epipolar Constraint

- Essential matrix
 - Establish constraints between matching image points
 - Determine relative position and orientation of two cameras

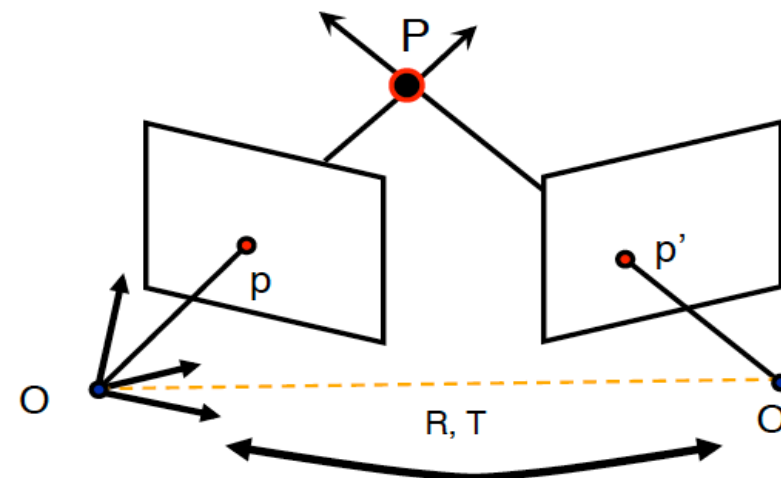
$$p'^T [T_X] R p = 0$$

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$$E = [T_X] R$$

$$p'^T E p = 0$$

Essential matrix



Epipolar Constraint

- How to generalize Essential matrix?
 - Canonical cameras
 - K is identity

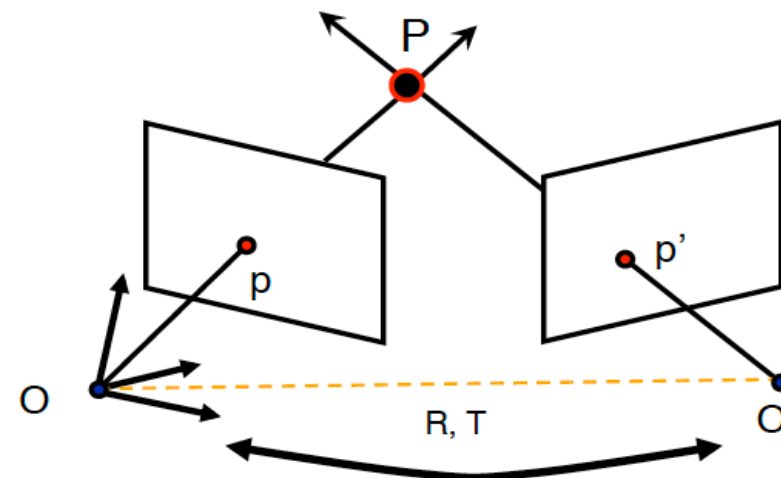
$$E = [T_X]R$$

$$p'^T E p = 0$$

$$M = [I \ 0] \quad K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M' = [R \ T]$$

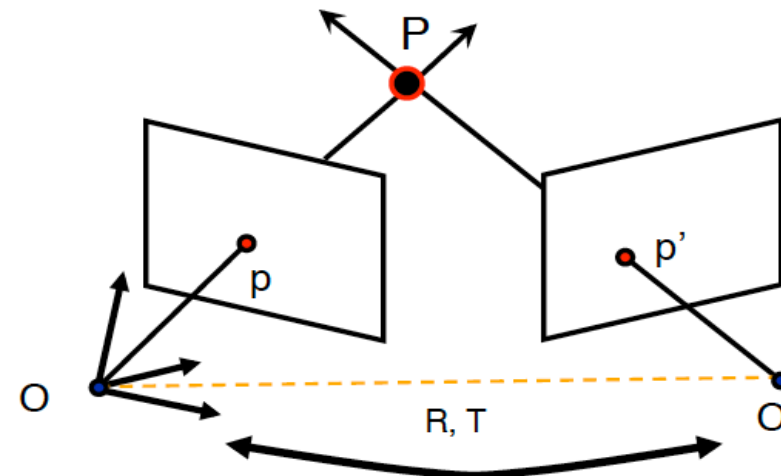
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Epipolar Constraint

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$$M = K[I \ 0] \quad \text{K is unknown} \quad M' = K[R \ T] \quad ?$$



Epipolar Constraint

- Fundamental matrix

$$M = [I \quad 0] \quad K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad M' = [R \quad T] \quad \Rightarrow \quad p'^T E p = 0, \quad E = [T_\times] R$$

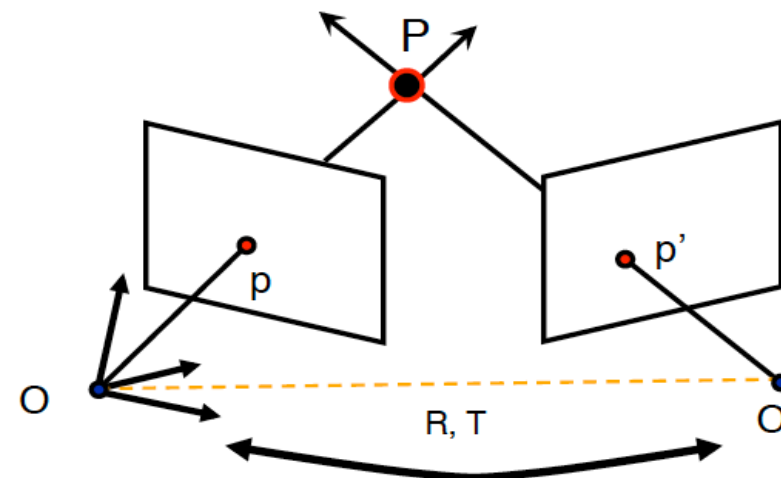
$$M = K[I \quad 0] \quad \text{K is unknown} \quad M' = K[R \quad T] \quad \Rightarrow \quad p'^T F p = 0, \quad F = K'^{-T} [T_\times] R K^{-1}$$

Hint for derivation

$$\begin{cases} p \rightarrow K^{-1} p \\ p' \rightarrow K'^{-1} p' \end{cases}$$

$$p'^T \boxed{K'^{-T} [T_\times] R K^{-1}} p = 0$$

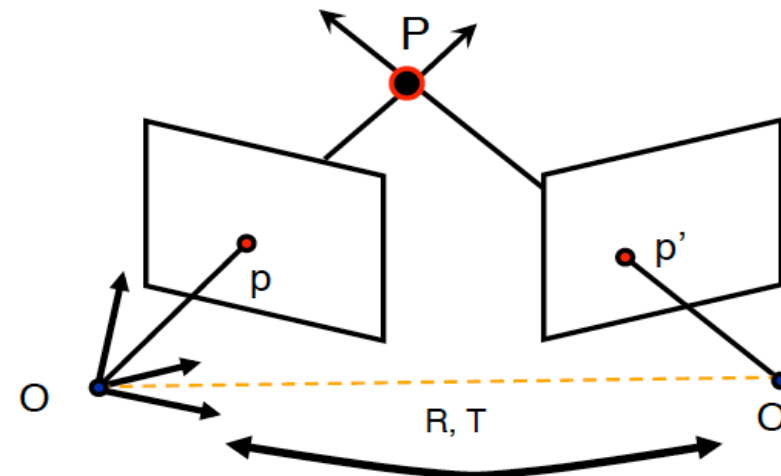
F



Epipolar Constraint

- Fundamental matrix F is a matrix product of camera parameters
- Encode Epipolar geometry of 2 views & camera parameters

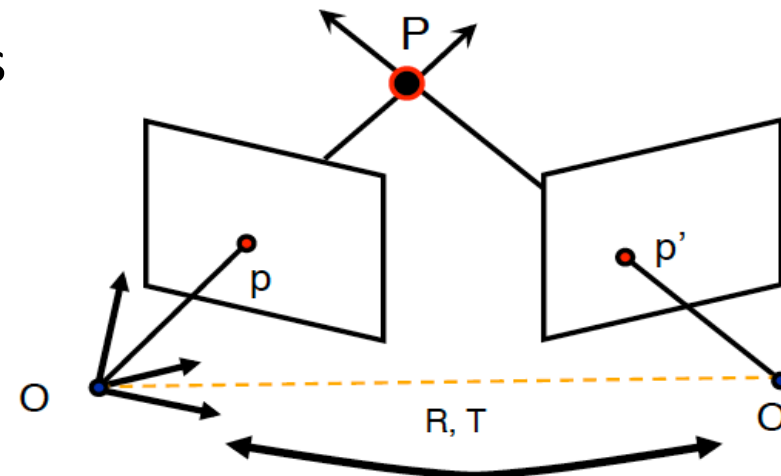
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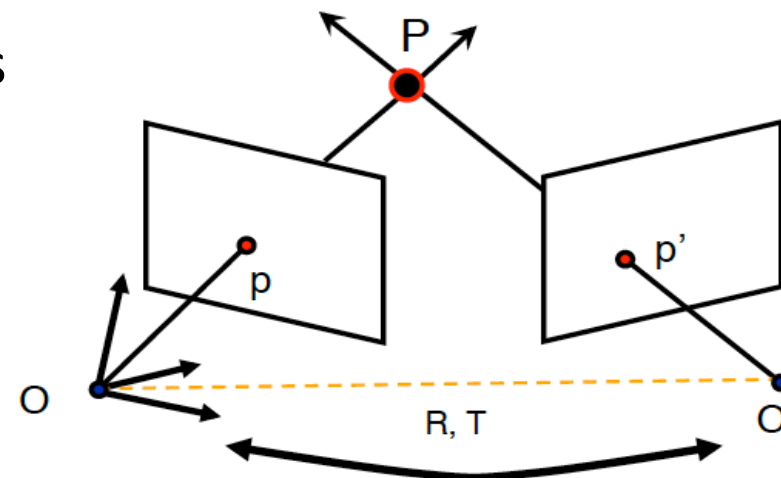
- Fundamental matrix F is a matrix product of camera parameters
- Encode Epipolar geometry of 2 views & camera parameters
- How is the fundamental matrix useful?
 - A 3D point's image in one image \rightarrow the Epipolar line in the other image
 - No need 3D point location
 - No need camera extrinsic parameters
 - No need camera intrinsic parameters

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Epipolar Constraint

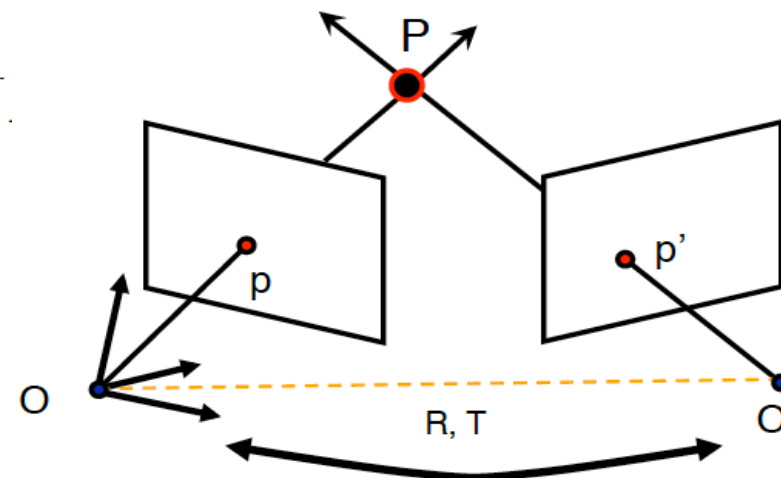
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- How is the fundamental matrix useful?
 - A 3D point's image in one image \rightarrow the image point in the other image
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 - No need camera extrinsic parameters
 - No need camera intrinsic parameters
 - Powerful tool in:
 - 3D reconstruction
 - Multi-view object/scene matching



Epipolar Constraint

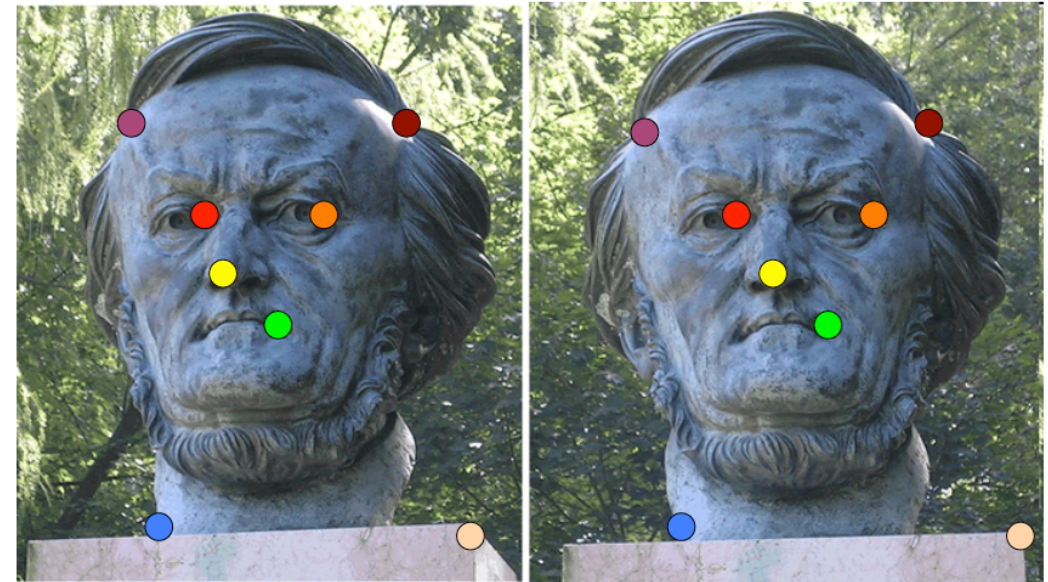
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- How to recover F ?
 - From image correspondences

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Epipolar Constraint

- Fundamental matrix F is a matrix product of camera parameters
- Encode Epipolar geometry of 2 views & camera parameters
- How is the fundamental matrix useful?
- How to recover F ?
 - From image correspondences
 - F has 7 degrees of freedom
 - How many point pairs needed?



Recovering Fundamental Matrix

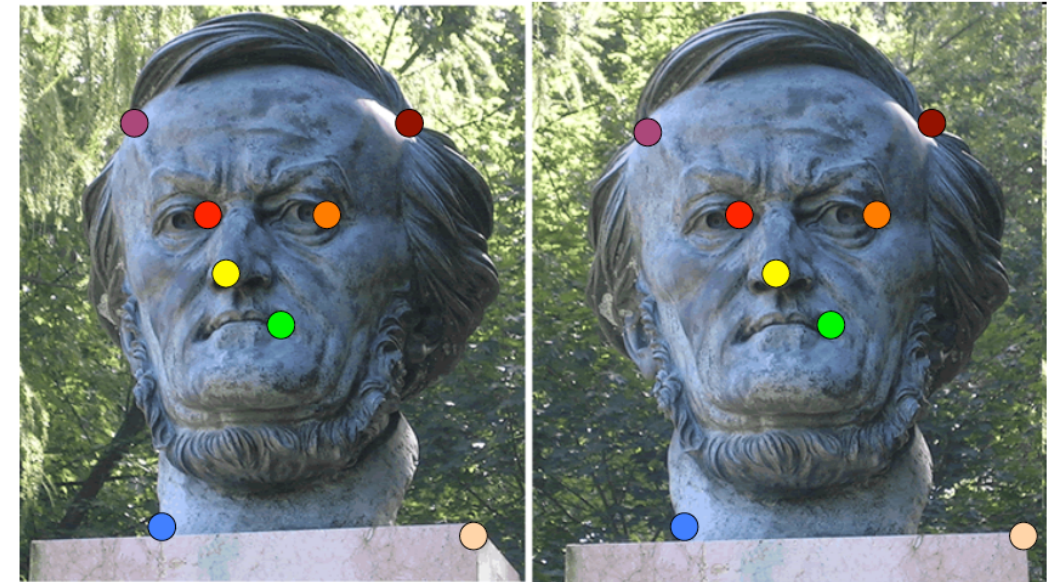
Assume a correspondence

$$\begin{cases} p_i = (u_i, v_i, 1) \\ p'_i = (u'_i, v'_i, 1) \end{cases} + p'^T F p = 0,$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} u_i u'_i & v_i u'_i & u'_i & u_i v'_i & v_i v'_i & v'_i & u_i & v_i & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_{11} \\ F_{12} \\ F_{13} \\ F_{21} \\ F_{22} \\ F_{23} \\ F_{31} \\ F_{32} \\ F_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

8+ point pairs



Recovering Fundamental Matrix

- 8-point algorithm

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_i u'_i & v_i u'_i & u'_i & u_i v'_i & v_i v'_i & v'_i & u_i & v_i & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix} F_{11} \\ F_{12} \\ F_{13} \\ F_{21} \\ F_{22} \\ F_{23} \\ F_{31} \\ F_{32} \\ F_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 u'_1 & v_1 u'_1 & u'_1 & u_1 v'_1 & v_1 v'_1 & v'_1 & u_1 & v_1 & 1 \\ u_2 u'_2 & v_2 u'_2 & u'_2 & u_2 v'_2 & v_2 v'_2 & v'_2 & u_2 & v_2 & 1 \\ u_3 u'_3 & v_3 u'_3 & u'_3 & u_3 v'_3 & v_3 v'_3 & v'_3 & u_3 & v_3 & 1 \\ u_4 u'_4 & v_4 u'_4 & u'_4 & u_4 v'_4 & v_4 v'_4 & v'_4 & u_4 & v_4 & 1 \\ u_5 u'_5 & v_5 u'_5 & u'_5 & u_5 v'_5 & v_5 v'_5 & v'_5 & u_5 & v_5 & 1 \\ u_6 u'_6 & v_6 u'_6 & u'_6 & u_6 v'_6 & v_6 v'_6 & v'_6 & u_6 & v_6 & 1 \\ u_7 u'_7 & v_7 u'_7 & u'_7 & u_7 v'_7 & v_7 v'_7 & v'_7 & u_7 & v_7 & 1 \\ u_8 u'_8 & v_8 u'_8 & u'_8 & u_8 v'_8 & v_8 v'_8 & v'_8 & u_8 & v_8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix} F_{11} \\ F_{12} \\ F_{13} \\ F_{21} \\ F_{22} \\ F_{23} \\ F_{31} \\ F_{32} \\ F_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Recovering Fundamental Matrix

- 8-point algorithm
- Solved using SVD

$$W\mathbf{f} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 u_1 u'_1 & v_1 u'_1 & u'_1 & u_1 v'_1 & v_1 v'_1 & v'_1 & u_1 & v_1 & 1 \\
 u_2 u'_2 & v_2 u'_2 & u'_2 & u_2 v'_2 & v_2 v'_2 & v'_2 & u_2 & v_2 & 1 \\
 u_3 u'_3 & v_3 u'_3 & u'_3 & u_3 v'_3 & v_3 v'_3 & v'_3 & u_3 & v_3 & 1 \\
 u_4 u'_4 & v_4 u'_4 & u'_4 & u_4 v'_4 & v_4 v'_4 & v'_4 & u_4 & v_4 & 1 \\
 u_5 u'_5 & v_5 u'_5 & u'_5 & u_5 v'_5 & v_5 v'_5 & v'_5 & u_5 & v_5 & 1 \\
 u_6 u'_6 & v_6 u'_6 & u'_6 & u_6 v'_6 & v_6 v'_6 & v'_6 & u_6 & v_6 & 1 \\
 u_7 u'_7 & v_7 u'_7 & u'_7 & u_7 v'_7 & v_7 v'_7 & v'_7 & u_7 & v_7 & 1 \\
 u_8 u'_8 & v_8 u'_8 & u'_8 & u_8 v'_8 & v_8 v'_8 & v'_8 & u_8 & v_8 & 1
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 F_{11} \\
 F_{12} \\
 F_{13} \\
 F_{21} \\
 F_{22} \\
 F_{23} \\
 F_{31} \\
 F_{32} \\
 F_{33}
 \end{bmatrix}
 = 0$$

Recovering Fundamental Matrix

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Just the idea on how to recover F .

Advanced techniques exist to improve robustness.

Details in the lecture note 3.

Normalized 8-point algorithm

$$W\mathbf{f} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 u_1 u'_1 & v_1 u'_1 & u'_1 & u_1 v'_1 & v_1 v'_1 & v'_1 & u_1 & v_1 & 1 \\
 u_2 u'_2 & v_2 u'_2 & u'_2 & u_2 v'_2 & v_2 v'_2 & v'_2 & u_2 & v_2 & 1 \\
 u_3 u'_3 & v_3 u'_3 & u'_3 & u_3 v'_3 & v_3 v'_3 & v'_3 & u_3 & v_3 & 1 \\
 u_4 u'_4 & v_4 u'_4 & u'_4 & u_4 v'_4 & v_4 v'_4 & v'_4 & u_4 & v_4 & 1 \\
 u_5 u'_5 & v_5 u'_5 & u'_5 & u_5 v'_5 & v_5 v'_5 & v'_5 & u_5 & v_5 & 1 \\
 u_6 u'_6 & v_6 u'_6 & u'_6 & u_6 v'_6 & v_6 v'_6 & v'_6 & u_6 & v_6 & 1 \\
 u_7 u'_7 & v_7 u'_7 & u'_7 & u_7 v'_7 & v_7 v'_7 & v'_7 & u_7 & v_7 & 1 \\
 u_8 u'_8 & v_8 u'_8 & u'_8 & u_8 v'_8 & v_8 v'_8 & v'_8 & u_8 & v_8 & 1
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 F_{11} \\
 F_{12} \\
 F_{13} \\
 F_{21} \\
 F_{22} \\
 F_{23} \\
 F_{31} \\
 F_{32} \\
 F_{33}
 \end{bmatrix}
 = 0$$

Next Lecture

- Image Matching
 - Find corresponding image points
- Triangulation
- Structure from Motion
 - Go beyond two views
 - Simultaneously determine 3D structure & camera parameters