

# Lecture **Reconstruct 3D Geometry**

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# Today's Agenda

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- Review of Epipolar Geometry 
- Reconstruct 3D Geometry
  - 3D from 2 views
    - Extracting corresponding image points (next lecture)
    - Recover camera motion
    - Triangulation
  - 3D from more views
    - Structure from motion

# Review of Epipolar Geometry

- Essential matrix
  - Canonical camera assumption

$$p'^T E p = 0, \quad E = [\mathbf{t}_\times]R \quad K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Fundamental matrix (most important concept in 3DV)

$$p'^T F p = 0, \quad F = K'^{-T} [\mathbf{t}_\times] R K^{-1}$$

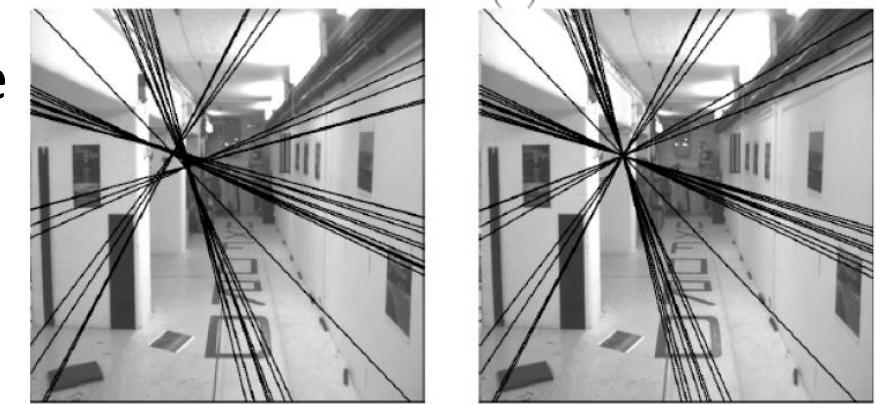
- Relates matching image points of different views
  - No known 3D location
  - No known camera intrinsic and extrinsic parameters

# Review of Epipolar Geometry

- Fundamental matrix
  - 3 by 3
  - homogeneous (has scale ambiguity)
  - $\text{rank}(F) = 2$ 
    - The potential matching point is located on a line
  - 7 degrees of freedom

$$\mathbf{p}'^T F \mathbf{p} = 0 \quad F = K'^{-T} [\mathbf{t}_x] R K^{-1}$$

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



Left: Uncorrected  $F$  – epipolar lines are not coincident.

Right: Epipolar lines from corrected  $F$ .

# Review of Epipolar Geometry

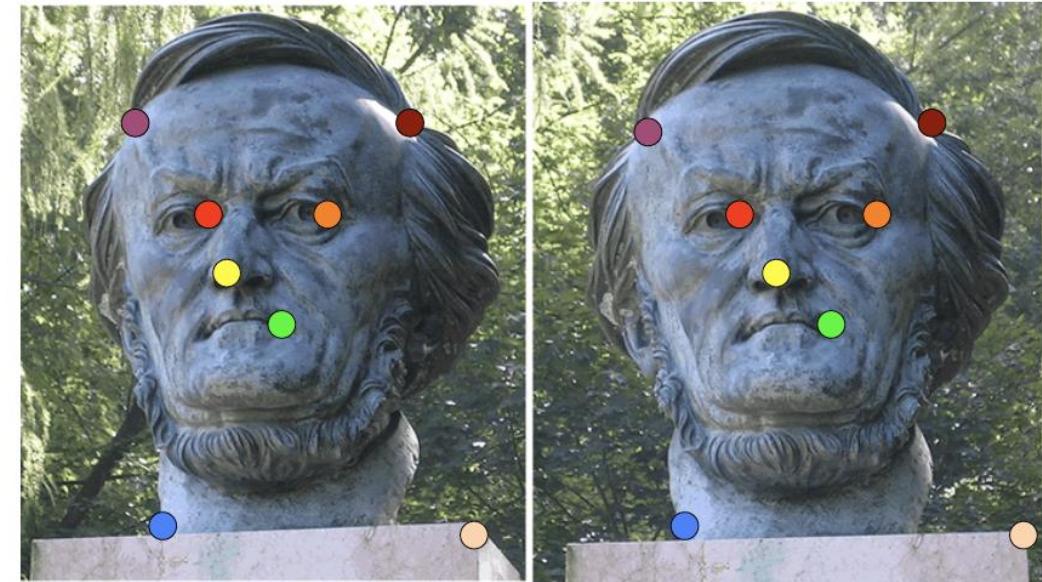
- Recover  $F$  from corresponding image points
  - 8 unknown parameters to recover (scale ambiguity)
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$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}_i = (u_i, v_i, 1) \\ \mathbf{p}'_i = (u'_i, v'_i, 1) \end{cases}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_i u'_i & v_i u'_i & u'_i & u_i v'_i & v_i v'_i & v'_i & u_i & v_i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_{11} \\ F_{12} \\ F_{13} \\ F_{21} \\ F_{22} \\ F_{23} \\ F_{31} \\ F_{32} \\ F_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$



# Review of Epipolar Geometry

- Recover  $F$  from corresponding image points
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  - Each point pair gives a single linear constraint
  - 7-point algorithm does exist but less popular
  - ~~8-point algorithm ( $\geq 8$  pairs)~~ → Normalized 8-point algorithm

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 u_1u'_1 & v_1u'_1 & u'_1 & u_1v'_1 & v_1v'_1 & v'_1 & u_1 & v_1 & 1 \\
 u_2u'_2 & v_2u'_2 & u'_2 & u_2v'_2 & v_2v'_2 & v'_2 & u_2 & v_2 & 1 \\
 u_3u'_3 & v_3u'_3 & u'_3 & u_3v'_3 & v_3v'_3 & v'_3 & u_3 & v_3 & 1 \\
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$$W\mathbf{f} = 0$$

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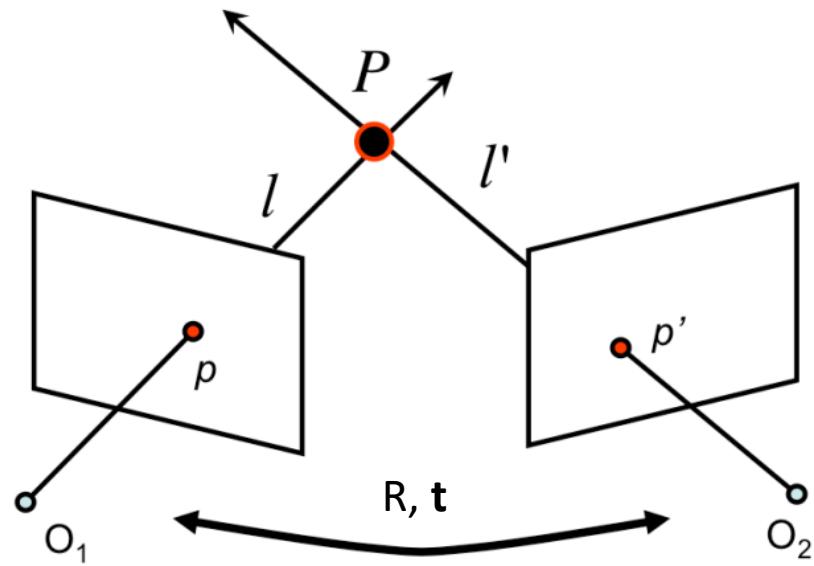
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# 3D from 2 Views

- The general idea



Recover 3D coordinates from corresponding image points  
(assume camera parameters are known)

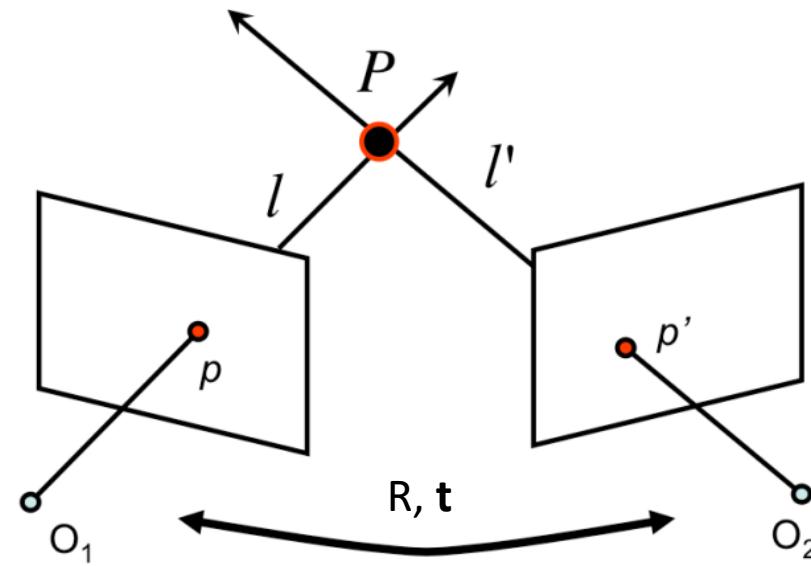


# 3D from 2 Views

- What information is needed?
  - Corresponding image points (next lecture) ✓
  - Image matching techniques
  - Intrinsic camera parameters ✓
  - Camera calibration
  - Extrinsic camera parameters?
  - Recover from image points

$$p'^T F p = 0,$$

$$F = K'^{-T} [\mathbf{t}_x] R K^{-1}$$



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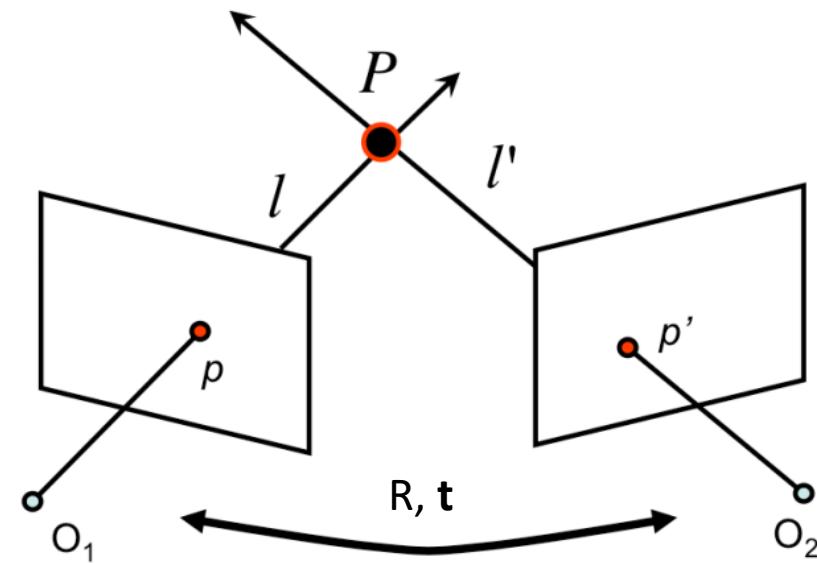
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# Relative Pose from Fundamental Matrix

- Essential matrix from fundamental matrix
  - Known intrinsic parameters
    - From calibration

$$F = K'^{-T} [\mathbf{t}_\times] R K^{-1}$$

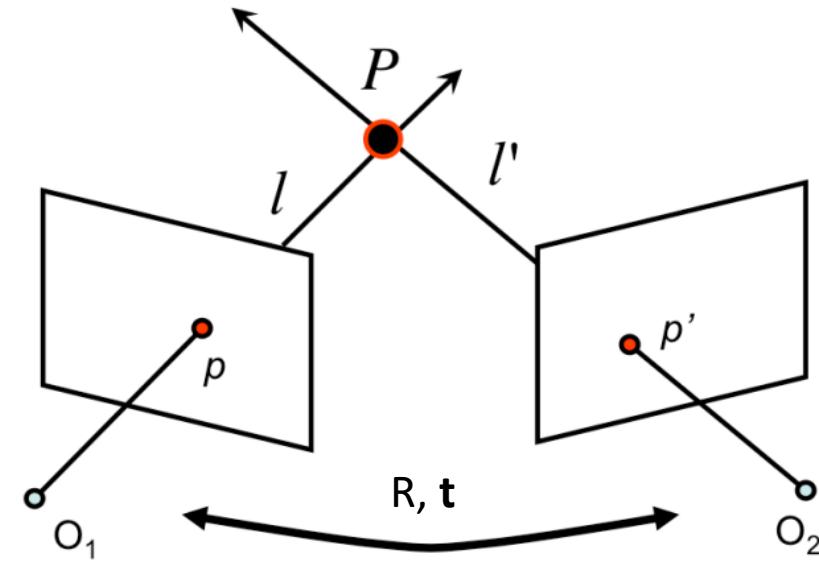
$$E = [\mathbf{t}_\times] R = K'^T F K$$



# Relative Pose from Fundamental Matrix

- Essential matrix from fundamental matrix
- Relative pose from essential matrix

$$E = [\mathbf{t}_x]R$$



# Relative Pose from Fundamental Matrix

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- SVD of  $E$

$$E = UDV^T$$

- determinant( $R$ ) > 0

- Two potential values

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

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- $\mathbf{t}$  up to a sign

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- $\mathbf{u}_3$ : last column of  $U$

- Corresponds to the smallest singular value

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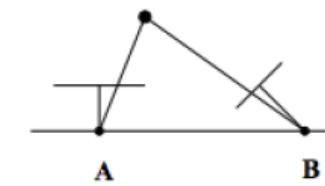
$$\mathbf{t} = \pm U \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \pm \mathbf{u}_3$$

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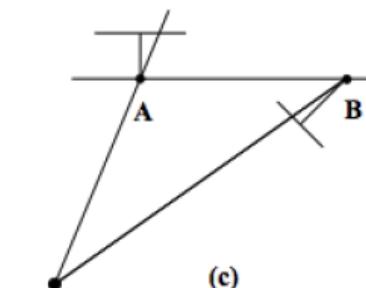
Which is the correct configuration



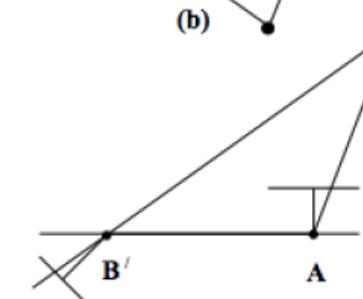
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

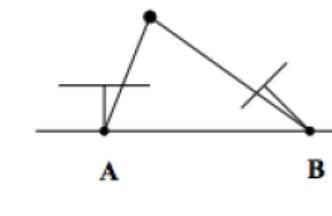
B and B' rotate cameras in opposite directions

# Relative Pose from Fundamental Matrix

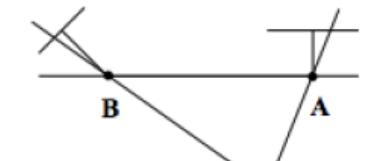
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  - $R$ : two potential values
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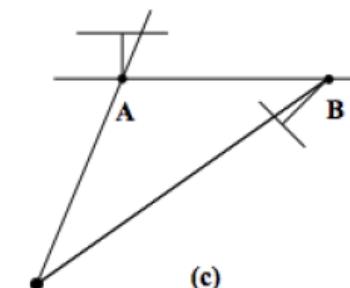
But 3D points are not known yet?



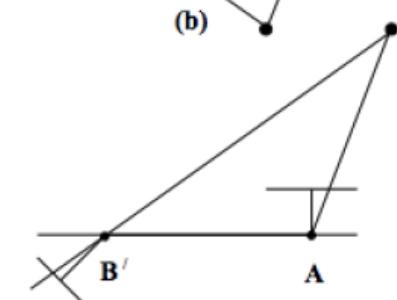
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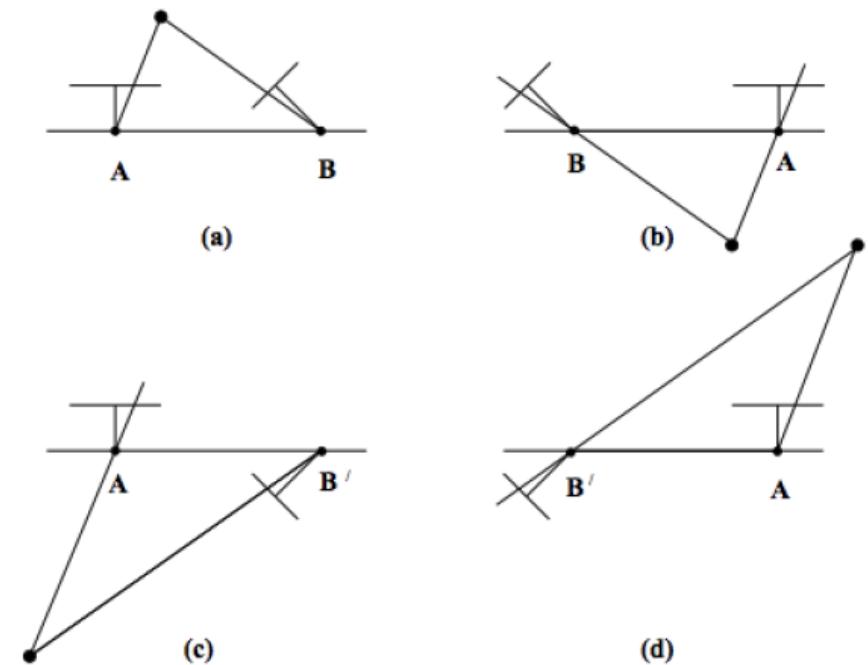
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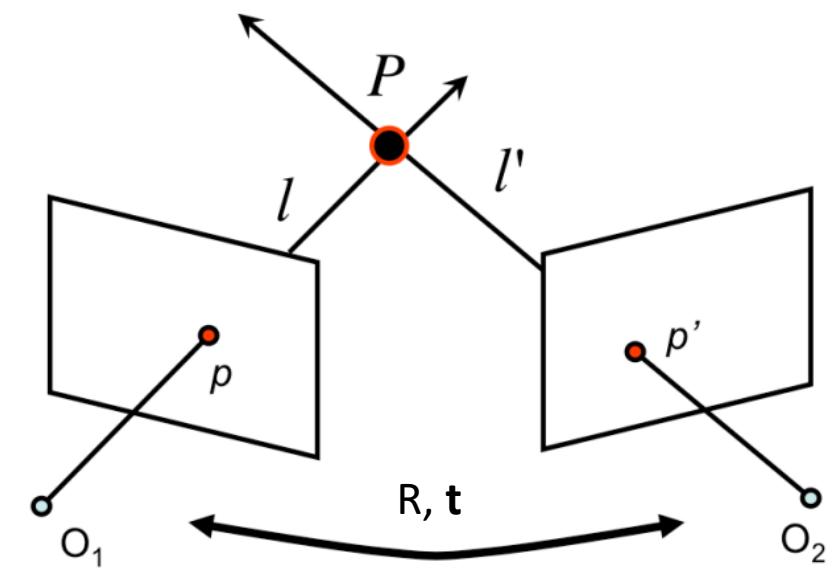
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    - Reconstruct 3D points
      - using all potential pairs of  $R$  and  $t$
    - Count the number of points in front of cameras
    - The pair giving max number is correct



# Relative Pose from Fundamental Matrix

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  - $R$ : two potential values
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  - 3D points must be in front of both cameras
    - First camera
      - $P.z > 0$  ?
    - Second camera
      - $P$  in 2<sup>nd</sup> camera's coordinate system:  $Q = R * P + t$
      - $Q.z > 0$  ?



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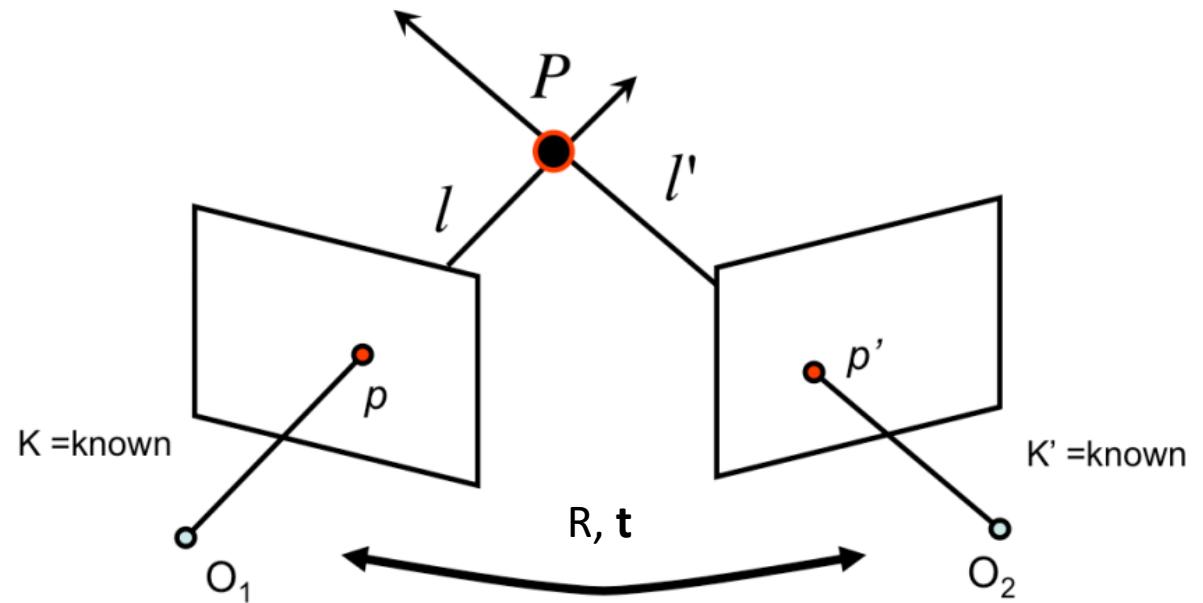
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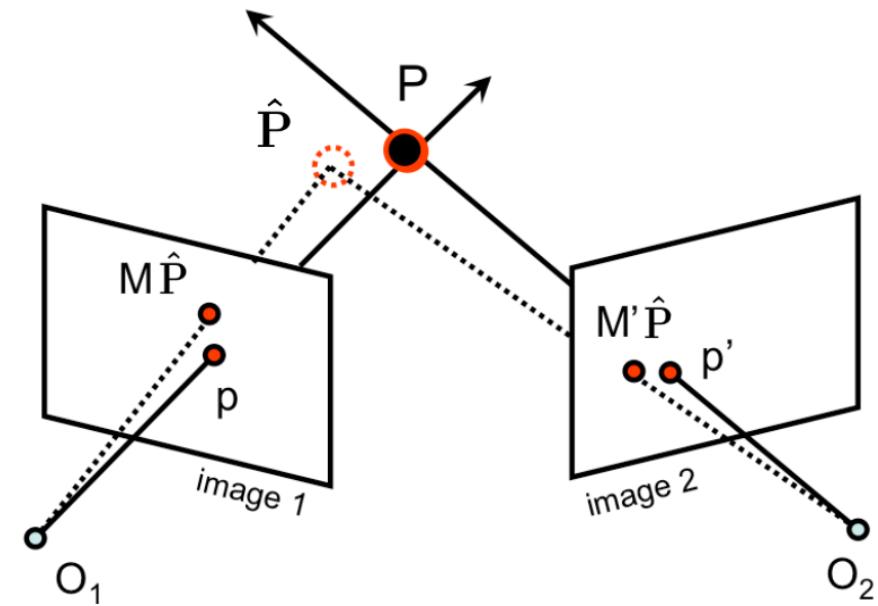
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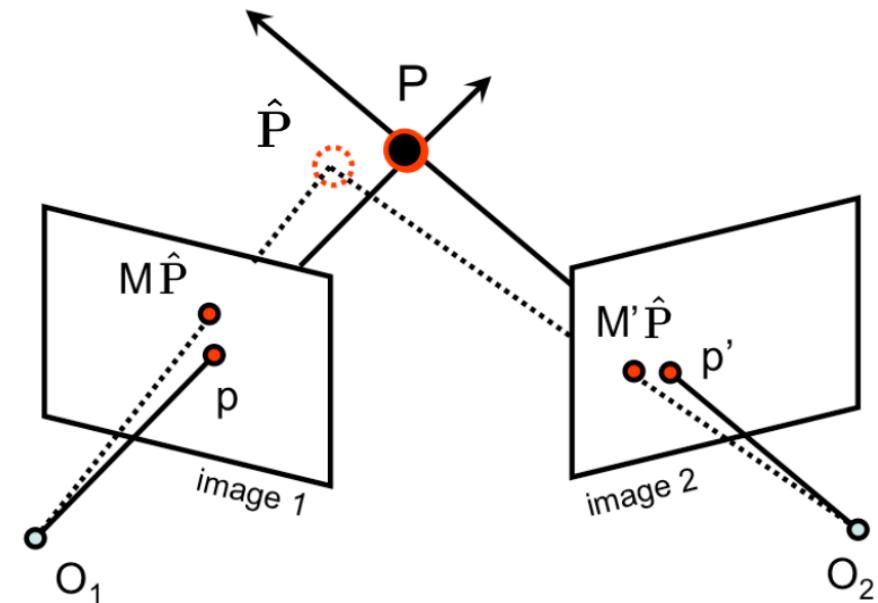
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  - Two approaches for triangulation
    - A linear method
    - A non-linear method



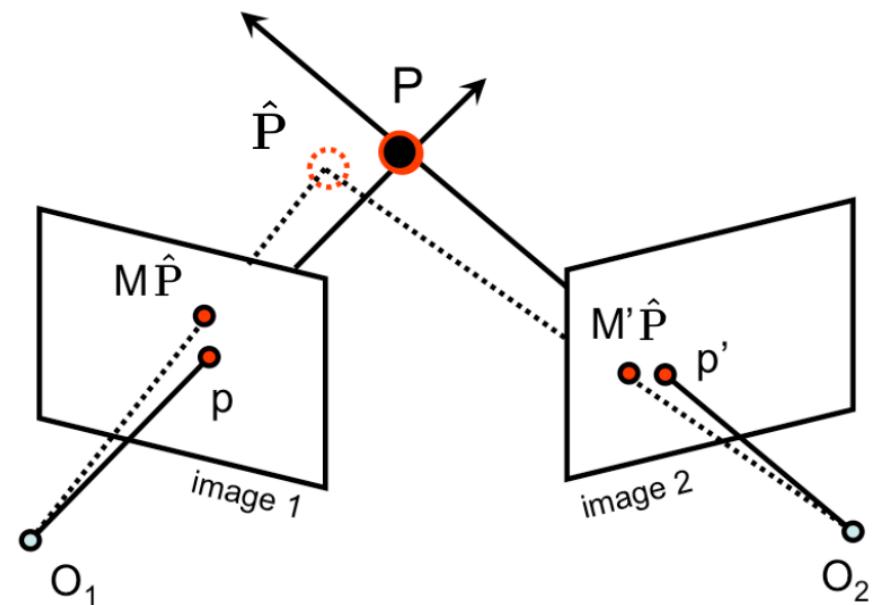
# A Linear Method for Triangulation

Two image points

$$\mathbf{p} = M\mathbf{P} = (x, y, 1) \text{ and } \mathbf{p}' = M'\mathbf{P} = (x', y', 1)$$

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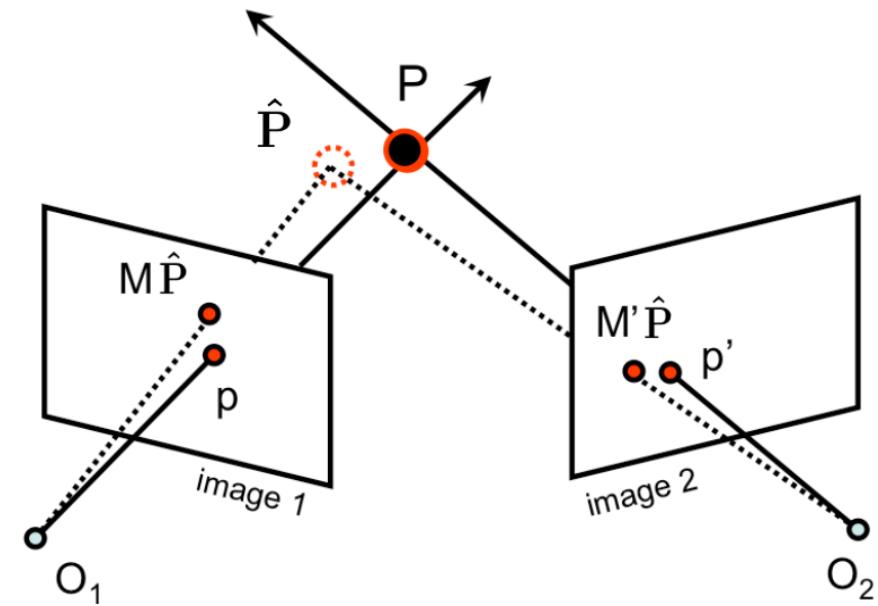
$$x(\mathbf{m}_3^T \mathbf{P}) - (\mathbf{m}_1^T \mathbf{P}) = 0$$

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Solve for  $\mathbf{P}$ ?



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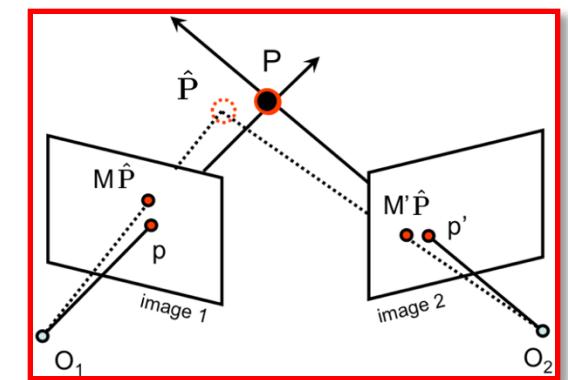
Similar constraints from  $\mathbf{p}'$  and  $M'$

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x\mathbf{m}_3^T - \mathbf{m}_1^T \\ y\mathbf{m}_3^T - \mathbf{m}_2^T \\ x'\mathbf{m}_3'^T - \mathbf{m}_1'^T \\ y'\mathbf{m}_3'^T - \mathbf{m}_2'^T \end{bmatrix}$$



$$AP = 0$$

# A Linear Method for Triangulation

- Advantages
  - Easy to solve and very efficient
  - Can handle multiple views
  - Used as initialization to advanced methods (e.g., non-linear methods and SfM)

$$AP = 0$$

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# The Non-linear Method for Triangulation

- Formulation

$$\min_{\hat{\mathbf{P}}} \|M\hat{\mathbf{P}} - \mathbf{p}\|^2 + \|M'\hat{\mathbf{P}} - \mathbf{p}'\|^2$$

Reprojection error

- Solving it

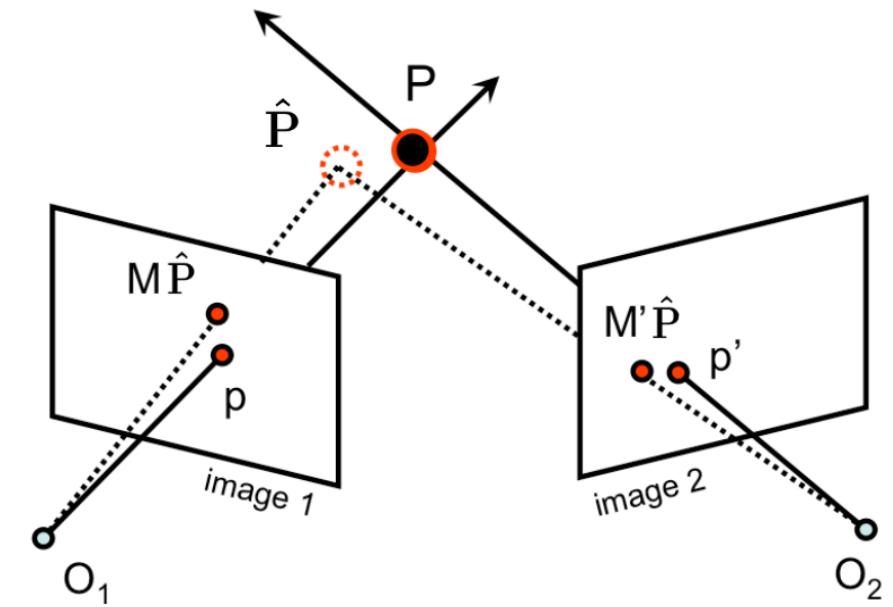
- Methods

- Levenberg-Marquardt

- Gauss-Newton's method

- Requires good initialization

- 3D coordinates from the linear method



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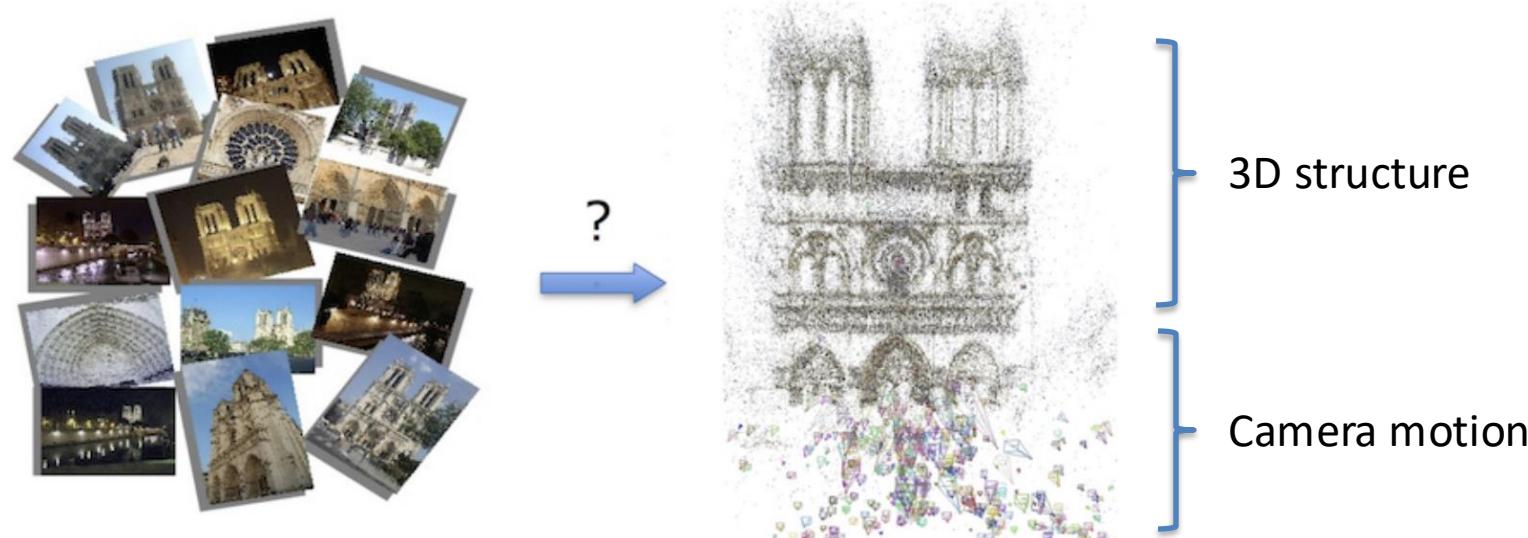
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# Structure from Motion

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  - 3D geometry of the scene/object
- Motion?
  - Camera locations and orientations

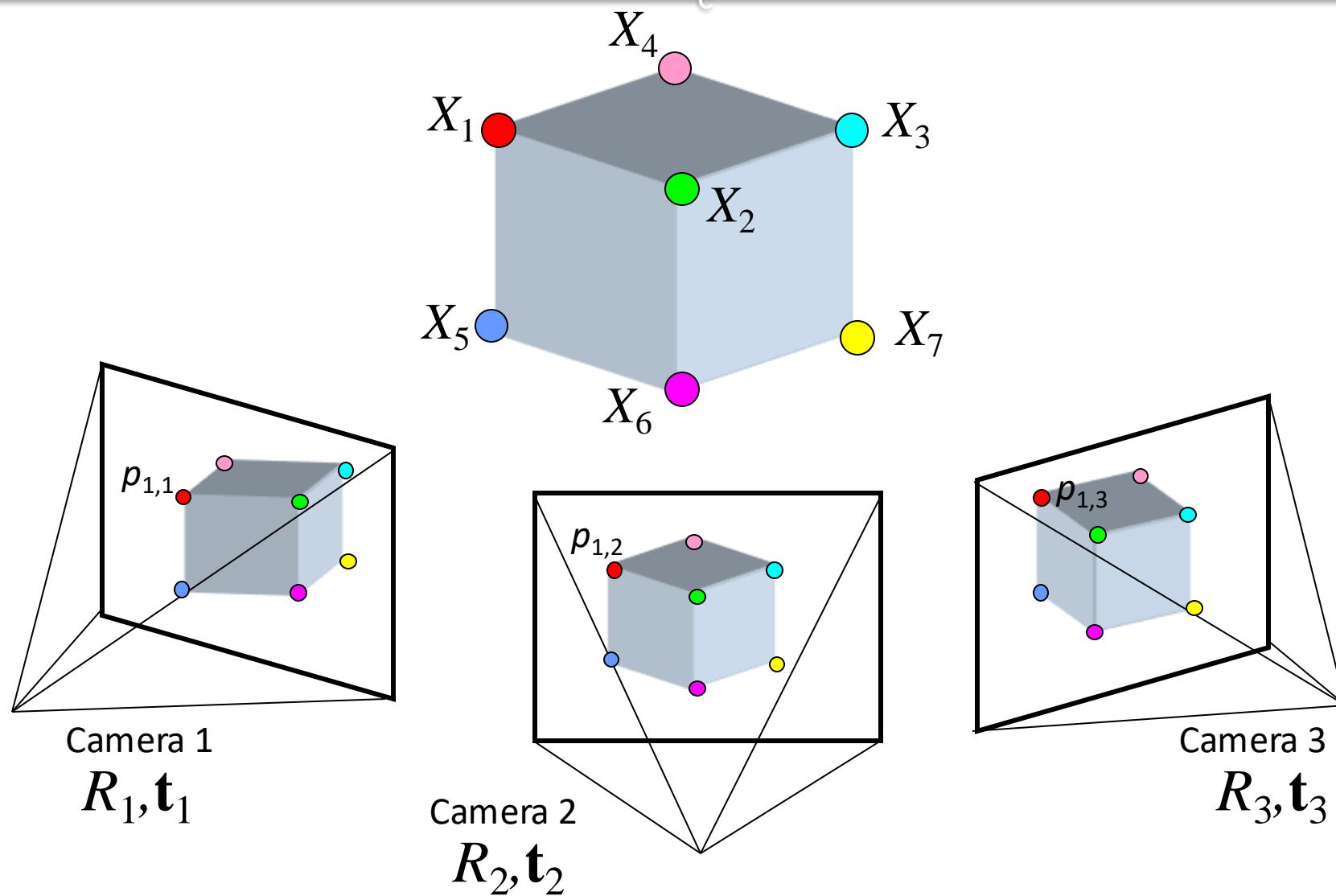


# Structure from Motion

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- Structure
  - 3D geometry of the scene/object
- Motion
  - Camera locations and orientations
- Structure from Motion
  - Compute the geometry from moving cameras
  - Simultaneously recovering structure and motion
  - Extension of 2-view reconstruction to multiple views

# Structure from Motion



# Bundle Adjustment

- Minimize total re-projection error:

$$g(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} \cdot \left\| \underbrace{\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{t}_j)}_{\substack{\text{predicted} \\ \text{image points}}} - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_{i,j} \\ v_{i,j} \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{observed} \\ \text{image points}}} \right\|^2$$

$\downarrow$   
*indicator variable:*  
 is point  $i$  visible in image  $j$  ?



How is it different from the non-linear method for triangulation?

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- Optimized using non-linear least squares
  - e.g., Levenberg-Marquardt

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- Optimized using non-linear least squares
- Initialization
  - From chained 2-view reconstruction
    - Relative motion can be estimated from the corresponding image points
    - 3D points can be estimated from the relative motion using triangulation
  - Global optimization techniques allow poses and 3D structures to be initialized arbitrarily.

# Bundle Adjustment

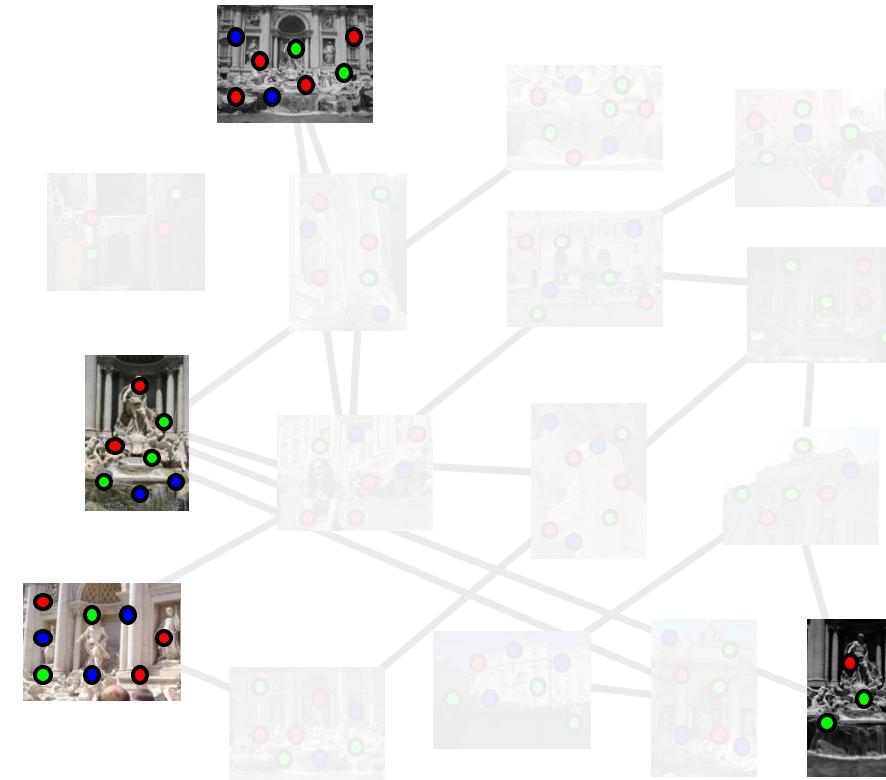
- What are the variables?
  - Camera extrinsic parameters (and intrinsic parameters)
  - Coordinates of the 3D points
- How many variables per camera?
- How many variables per point?

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Example: 100 input photos, 100,000 3D points

Very large optimization problem

# Incremental SfM



# Structure from Motion



# Failure Cases

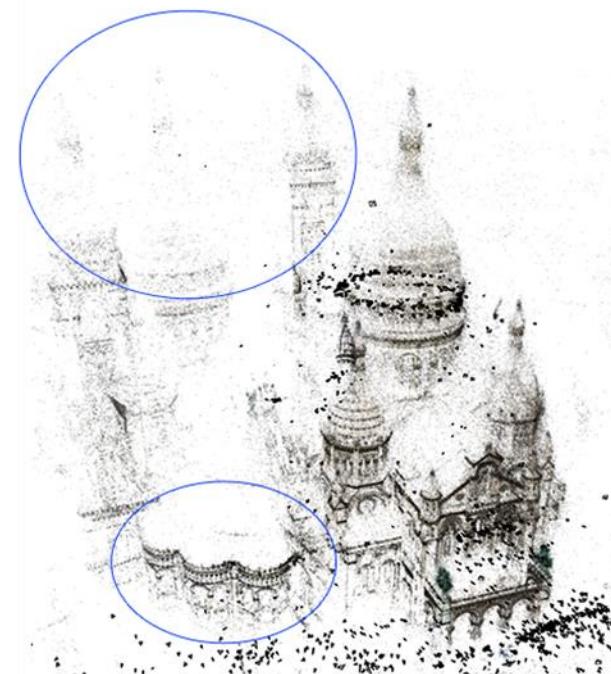
- Repetitive structures



Ground truth

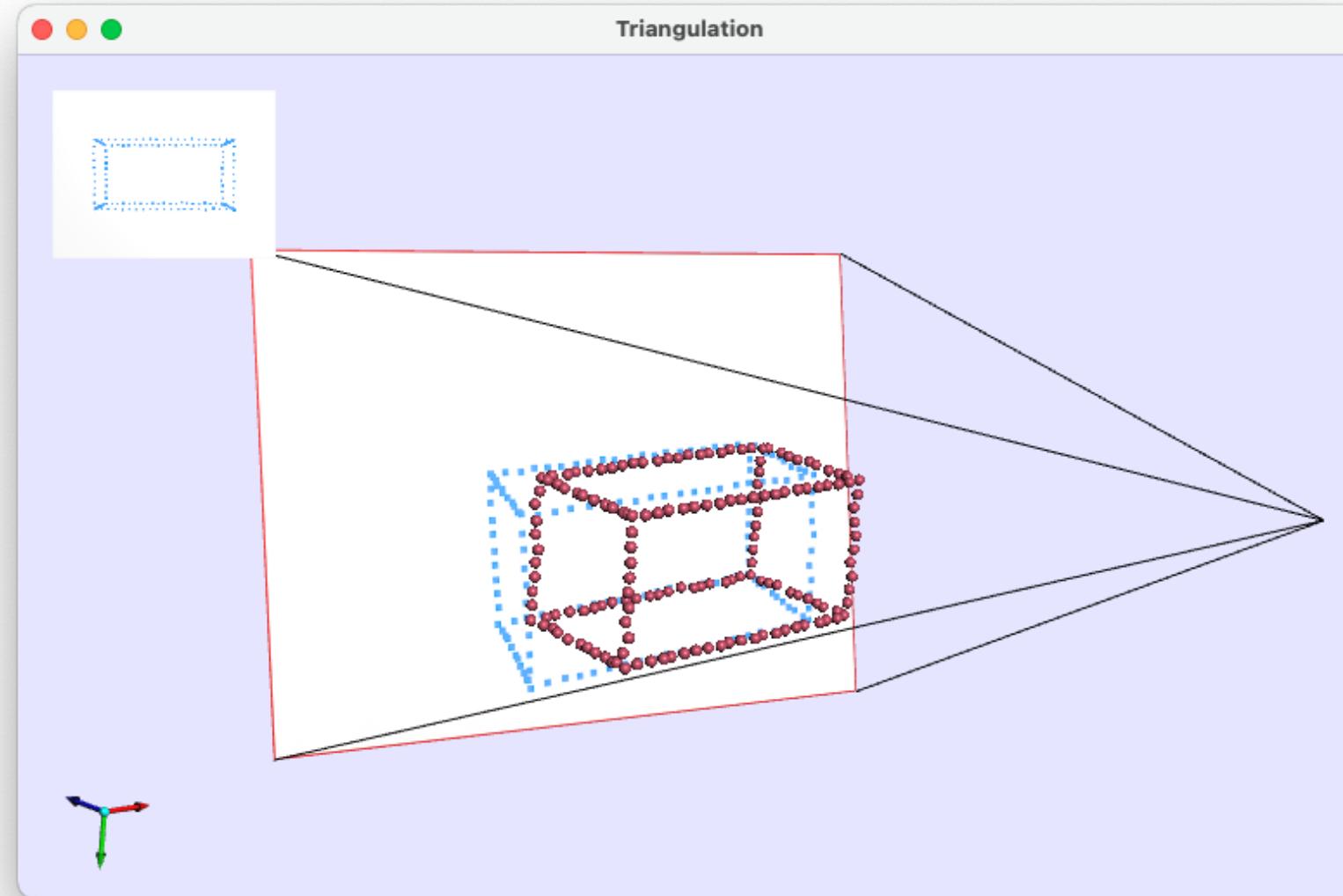


Google Earth  
reference



Broken model

# A2: Triangulation



# Next Lecture

- Image matching
  - Obtaining corresponding image points

