

# Computer Vision – Transformations, Imaging Geometry and Stereo Vision

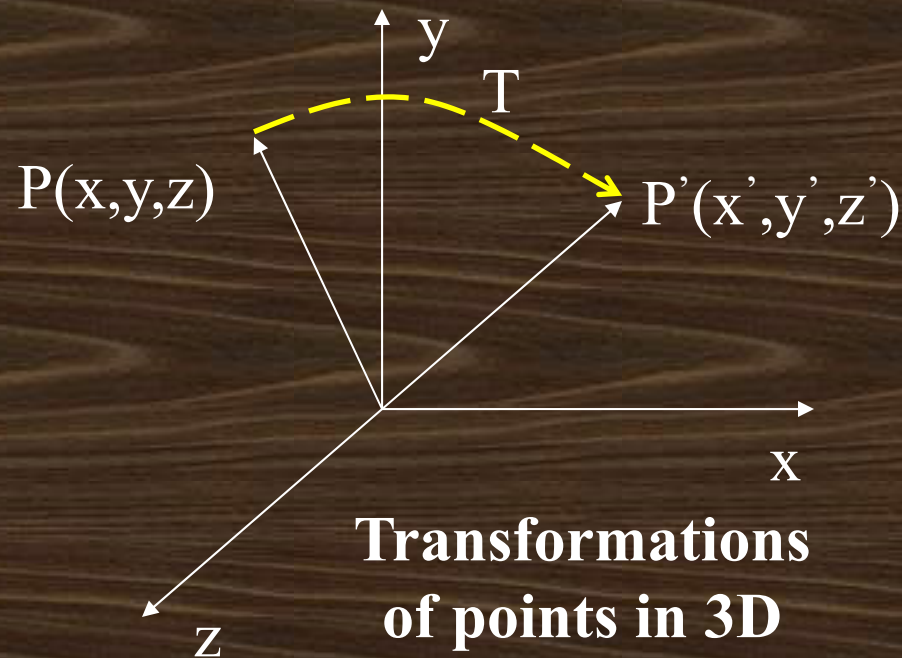
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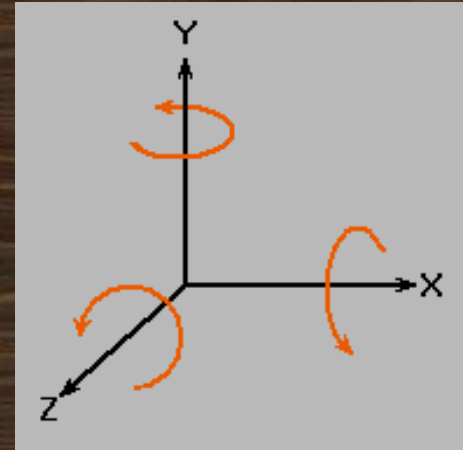
# BASICS

**Representation of Points in the 3D world: a vector of length 3**

$$\bar{X} = [x \ y \ z]^T$$



**Transformations  
of points in 3D**



**Right handed  
coordinate system**

**4 basic transformations**

- Translation
- Rotation
- Scaling
- Shear

**Affine  
transformations**

# Basics 3D Transformation equations

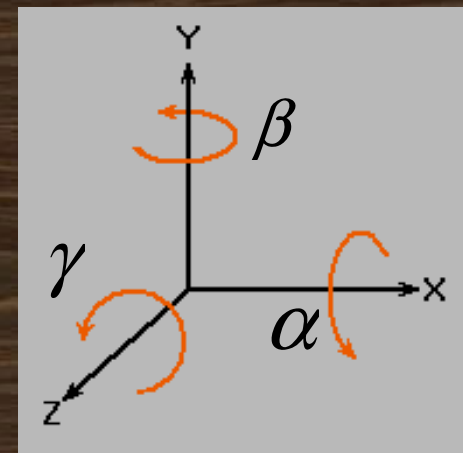
- Translation :  $P' = P + \Delta P$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \\ \Delta z \end{bmatrix}$$

- Scaling:  $P' = SP$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- Rotation : about an axis,  
 $P' = RP$



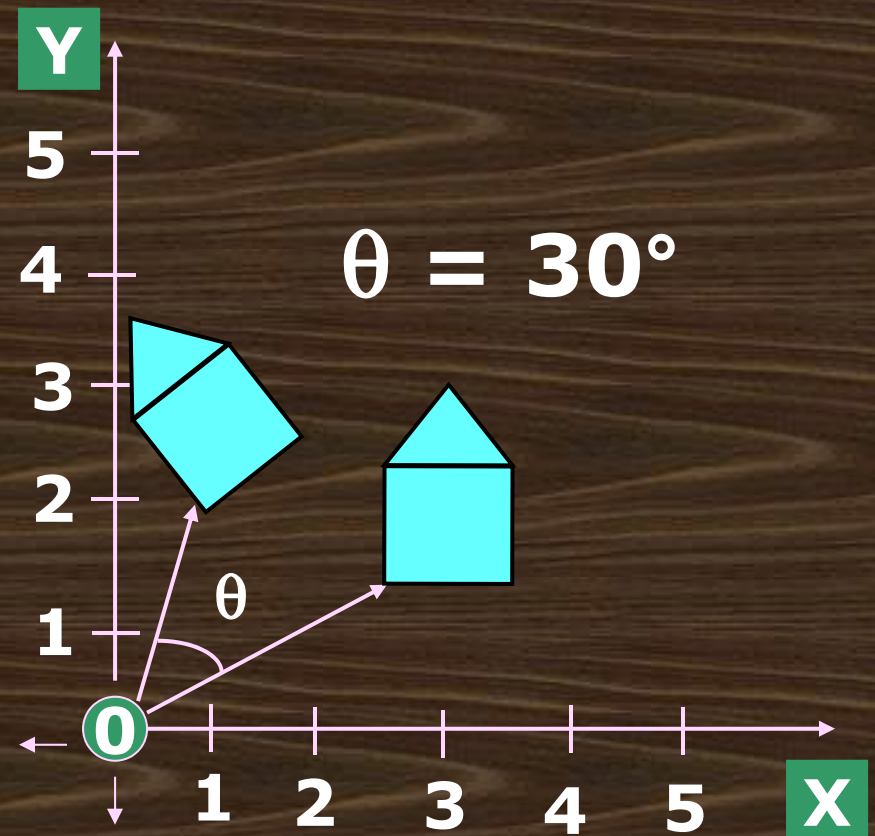
## ROTATION - 2D

$$x' = x \cos(\theta) - y \sin(\theta)$$

$$y' = x \sin(\theta) + y \cos(\theta)$$

In matrix form, this is :

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$



**Positive Rotations: counter clockwise about the origin**

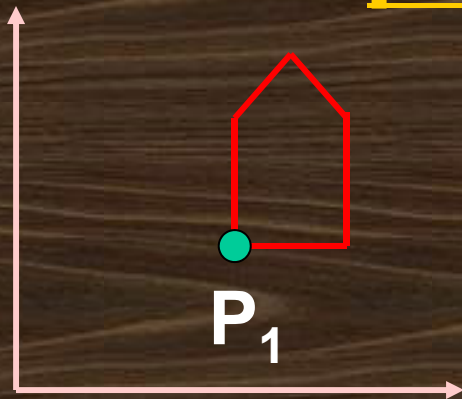
**For rotations,  $|R| = 1$  and  $[R]^T = [R]^{-1}$ .  
Rotation matrices are orthogonal.**

## Rotation about an arbitrary point P in space

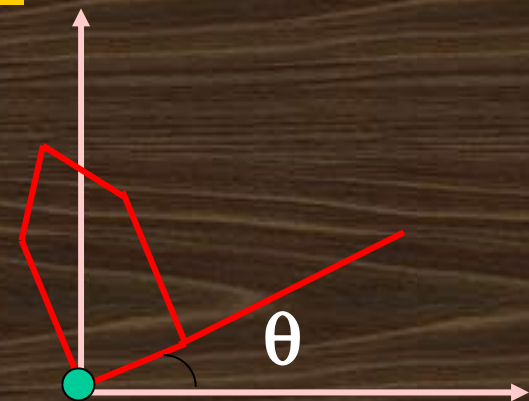
As we mentioned before, rotations are applied about the origin. So to rotate about any arbitrary point P in space, **translate** so that P coincides with the origin, then **rotate**, then **translate back**. Steps are:

- Translate by  $(-P_x, -P_y)$
- Rotate
- Translate by  $(P_x, P_y)$

## Rotation about an arbitrary point P in space



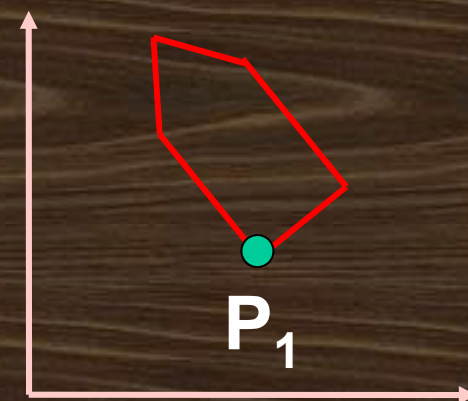
House at  $P_1$



Rotation by  $\theta$



Translation of  
 $P_1$  to Origin



Translation  
back to  $P_1$

## 2D Transformation equations (revisited)

- Translation :  $P' = P + \Delta P$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \Delta x \\ 0 & 1 & \Delta y \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} ??$$

- Rotation : about an axis,  
 $P' = RP$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

## Rotation about an arbitrary point P in space

$$R_{\text{gen}} = T_1(-P_x, -P_y) * R_2(\theta) * T_3(P_x, P_y)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -P_x \\ 0 & 1 & -P_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & P_x \\ 0 & 1 & P_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & P_x * (\cos(\theta) - 1) - P_y * (\sin(\theta)) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & P_y * (\cos(\theta) - 1) + P_x * \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using Homogeneous system

## Homogeneous representation of a point in 3D space:

$$P = [x \ y \ z \ w]^T$$

( $w = 1$ , for a 3D point)

Transformations will thus be represented by 4x4 matrices:

$$P' = A.P$$

# Homogenous Coordinate systems

- In order to Apply a sequence of transformations to produce composite transformations we introduce the fourth coordinate
- Homogeneous representation of 3D point:  
 $[x \ y \ z \ h]^T$  (h=1 for a 3D point, dummy coordinate)
- Transformations will be represented by 4x4 matrices.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \Delta x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \Delta z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Homogenous Translation  
matrix**

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Homogenous Scaling  
matrix**

$$R_{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation about x axis by angle  $\alpha$

$$R_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation about y axis by angle  $\beta$

$$R_{\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation about z axis by angle  $\gamma$

**Change of  
sign?**

How can one do a Rotation about an arbitrary Axis in Space?

# 3D Transformation equations (3)

## Rotation About an Arbitrary Axis in Space

Assume we want to perform a rotation about an axis in space, passing through the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  with direction cosines  $(c_x, c_y, c_z)$ , by  $\theta$  degrees.

- 1) First of all, translate by:  $-(x_0, y_0, z_0) = |T|$ .
- 2) Next, we rotate the axis into one of the principle axes. Let's pick, Z ( $|R_x|, |R_y|$ ).
- 3) We rotate next by  $\theta$  degrees in Z ( $|R_z(\theta)|$ ).
- 4) Then we undo the rotations to align the axis.
- 5) We undo the translation: translate by  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

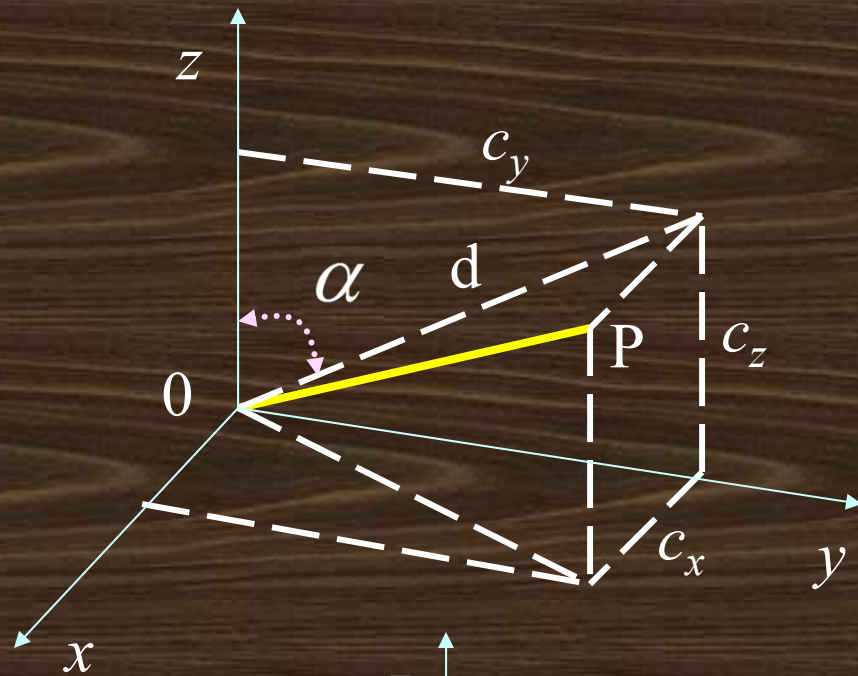
*The tricky part is (2) above.*

This is going to take 2 rotations,

i) about x (to place the axis in the x-z plane)

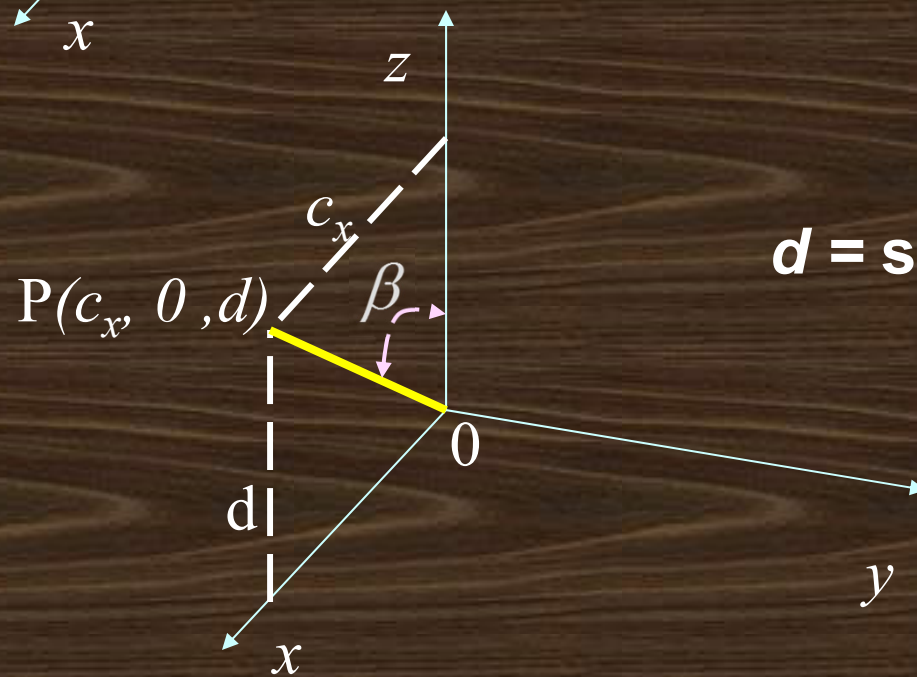
and

ii) about y (to place the result coincident with the z axis).



**Rotation about x by  $\alpha$ :**  
**How do we determine  $\alpha$ ?**

**Project the unit vector, along OP, into the y-z plane. The y and z components are  $c_y$  and  $c_z$ , the directions cosines of the unit vector along the arbitrary axis. It can be seen from the diagram above, that :**



$$d = \sqrt{c_y^2 + c_z^2}, \quad \cos(\alpha) = c_z/d$$

$$\sin(\alpha) = c_y/d$$

**Rotation by  $\beta$  about y:**  
**How do we determine  $\beta$ ?**  
**Similar to above:**

**Determine the angle  $\beta$  to rotate the result into the Z axis:**

**The x component is  $c_x$  and the z component is d.**

$$\cos(\beta) = d = d / (\text{length of the unit vector})$$

$$\sin(\beta) = c_x = c_x / (\text{length of the unit vector}).$$

**Final Transformation:**

$$M = |T|^{-1} |R_x|^{-1} |R_y|^{-1} |R_z| |R_y| |R_x| |T|$$

**If you are given 2 points instead, you can calculate the direction cosines as follows:**

$$V = | (x_1 - x_0) \ (y_1 - y_0) \ (z_1 - z_0) |^T$$

$$c_x = (x_1 - x_0) / |V|$$

$$c_y = (y_1 - y_0) / |V|$$

$$c_z = (z_1 - z_0) / |V|,$$

**where  $|V|$  is the length of the vector V.**

# Inverse transformations

$$T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\Delta x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\Delta y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\Delta z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse Translation

$$S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/S_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/S_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/S_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse scaling

Inverse Rotation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & -\sin \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_{\alpha}^{-1}$

$R_{\beta}^{-1}$

$R_{\gamma}^{-1}$

# Concatenation of transformations

- The 4 X 4 representation is used to perform a sequence of transformations.
- Thus application of several transformations in a particular sequence can be presented by a single transformation matrix

$$v^* = R_{\theta}(S(Tv)) = Av; \quad A = R_{\theta}.S.T$$

- The order of application is important... the multiplication may not be commutable.

## Commutativity of Transformations

If we **scale**, then **translate to the origin**, and then **translate back**, is that equivalent to **translate to origin**, **scale**, **translate back**?

When is the order of matrix multiplication unimportant?

When does  $T_1 * T_2 = T_2 * T_1$ ?

Cases where  $T_1 * T_2 = T_2 * T_1$ :

$T_1$	$T_2$
translation	translation
scale	scale
rotation	rotation
Scale (uniform)	rotation

## **COMPOSITE TRANSFORMATIONS**

If we want to apply a series of transformations  $T_1, T_2, T_3$  to a set of points, We can do it in two ways:

- 1) We can calculate  $p' = T_1 * p$ ,  $p'' = T_2 * p'$ ,  
 $p''' = T_3 * p''$
- 2) Calculate  $T = T_1 * T_2 * T_3$ , then  $p''' = T * p$ .

Method 2, saves large number of additions and multiplications (computational time) – needs approximately 1/3 of as many operations. Therefore, we concatenate or compose the matrices into one final transformation matrix, and then apply that to the points.

# Spaces

## *Object Space*

definition of objects. Also called Modeling space.

## *World Space*

where the scene and viewing specification is made

## *Eye space (Normalized Viewing Space)*

where eye point (COP) is at the origin looking down the Z axis.

## *3D Image Space*

A 3D Perspected space.

Dimensions: -1:1 in x & y, 0:1 in Z.

Where Image space hidden surface algorithms work.

## *Screen Space (2D)*

Coordinates 0:width, 0:height

# Projections

We will look at several planar geometric 3D to 2D projection:

- Parallel Projections

  - Orthographic

  - Oblique

- Perspective

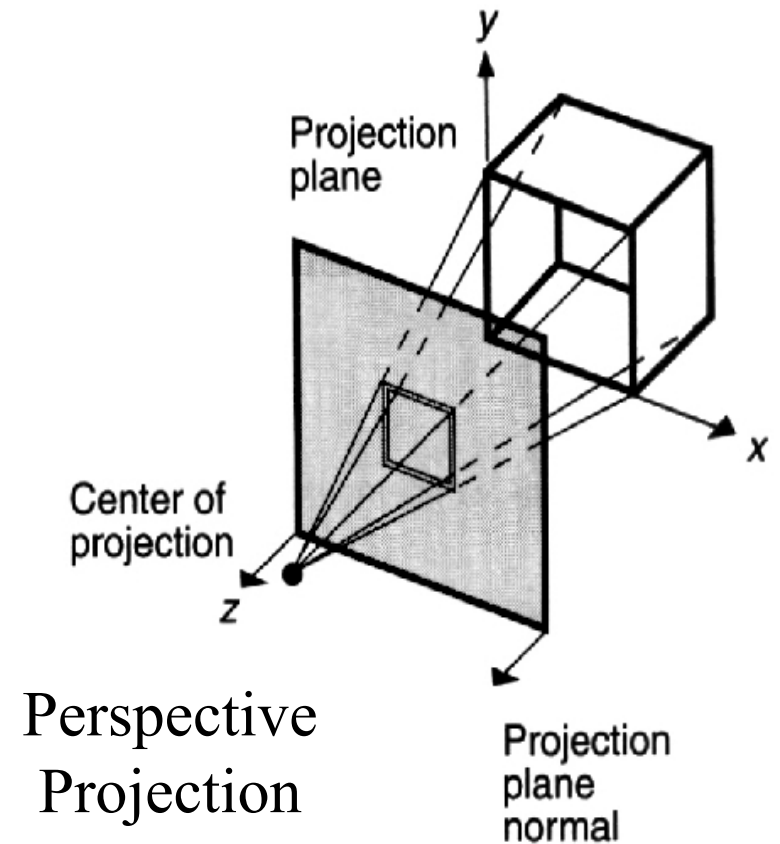
Projection of a 3D object is defined by straight projection rays (projectors) emanating from the center of projection (COP) passing through each point of the object and intersecting the projection plane.

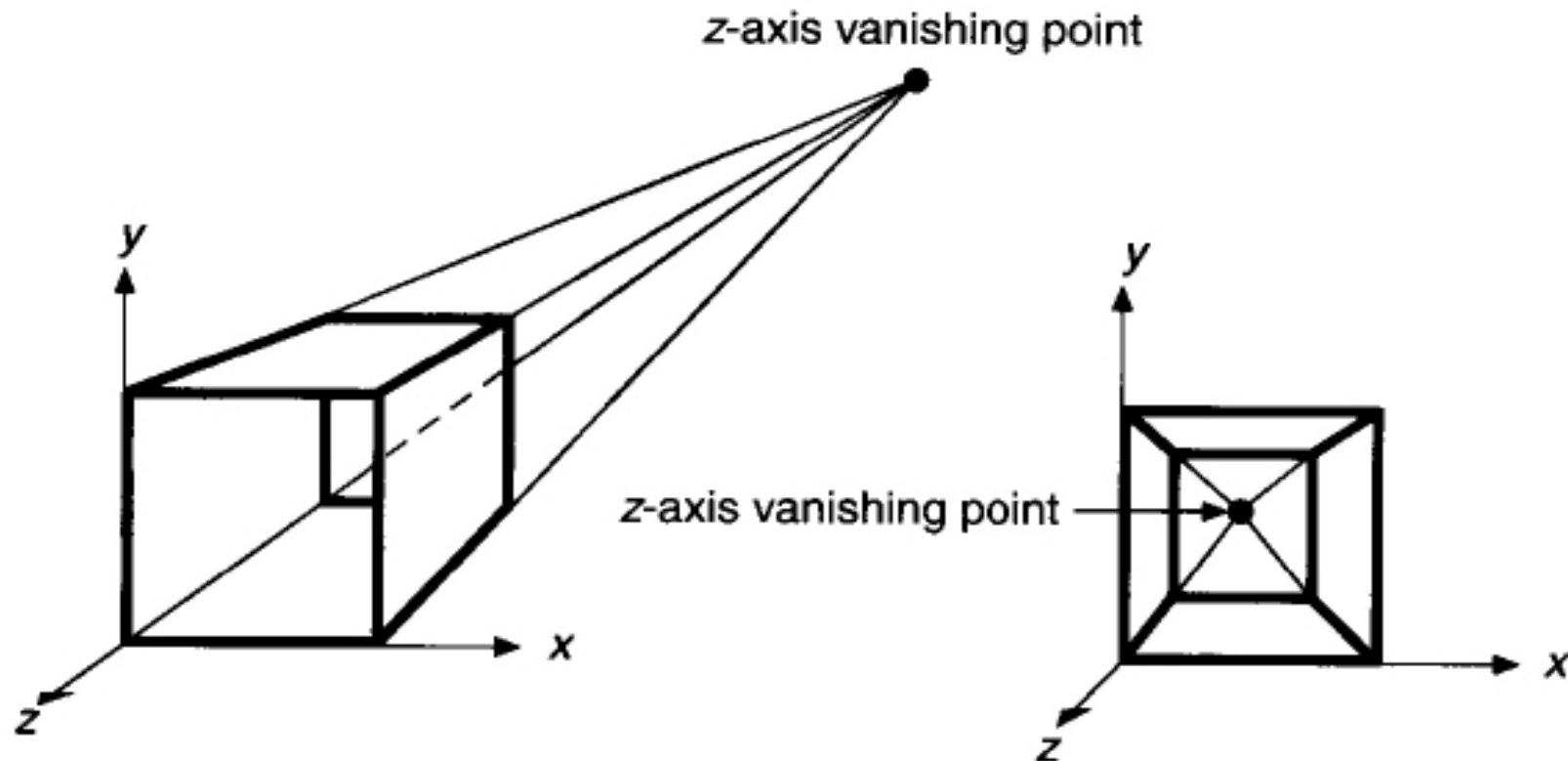
# Perspective Projections

Distance from COP to projection plane is finite.  
The projectors are not parallel & we specify a center of projection.

Center of Projection is also called the  
Perspective Reference Point

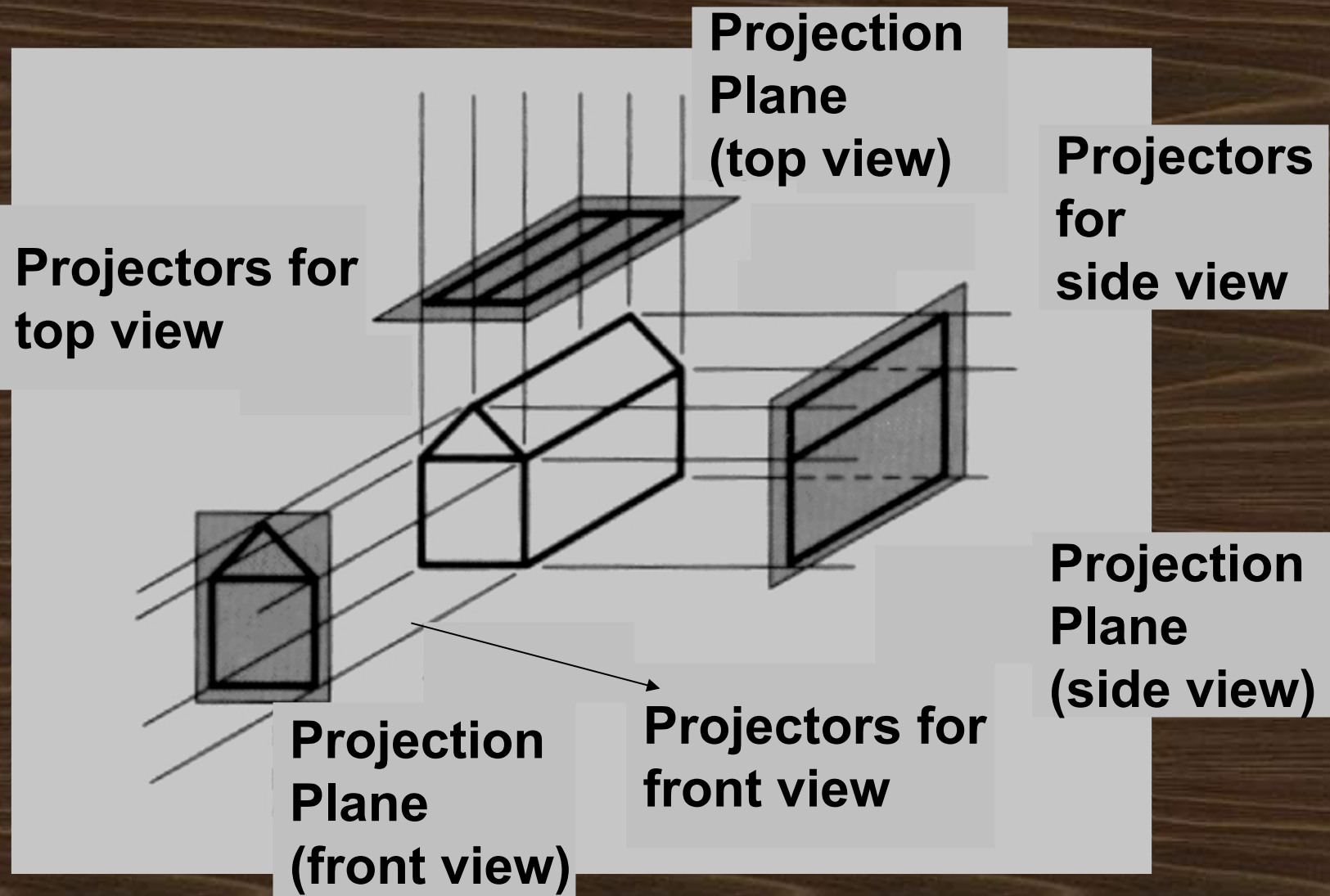
**COP = PRP**





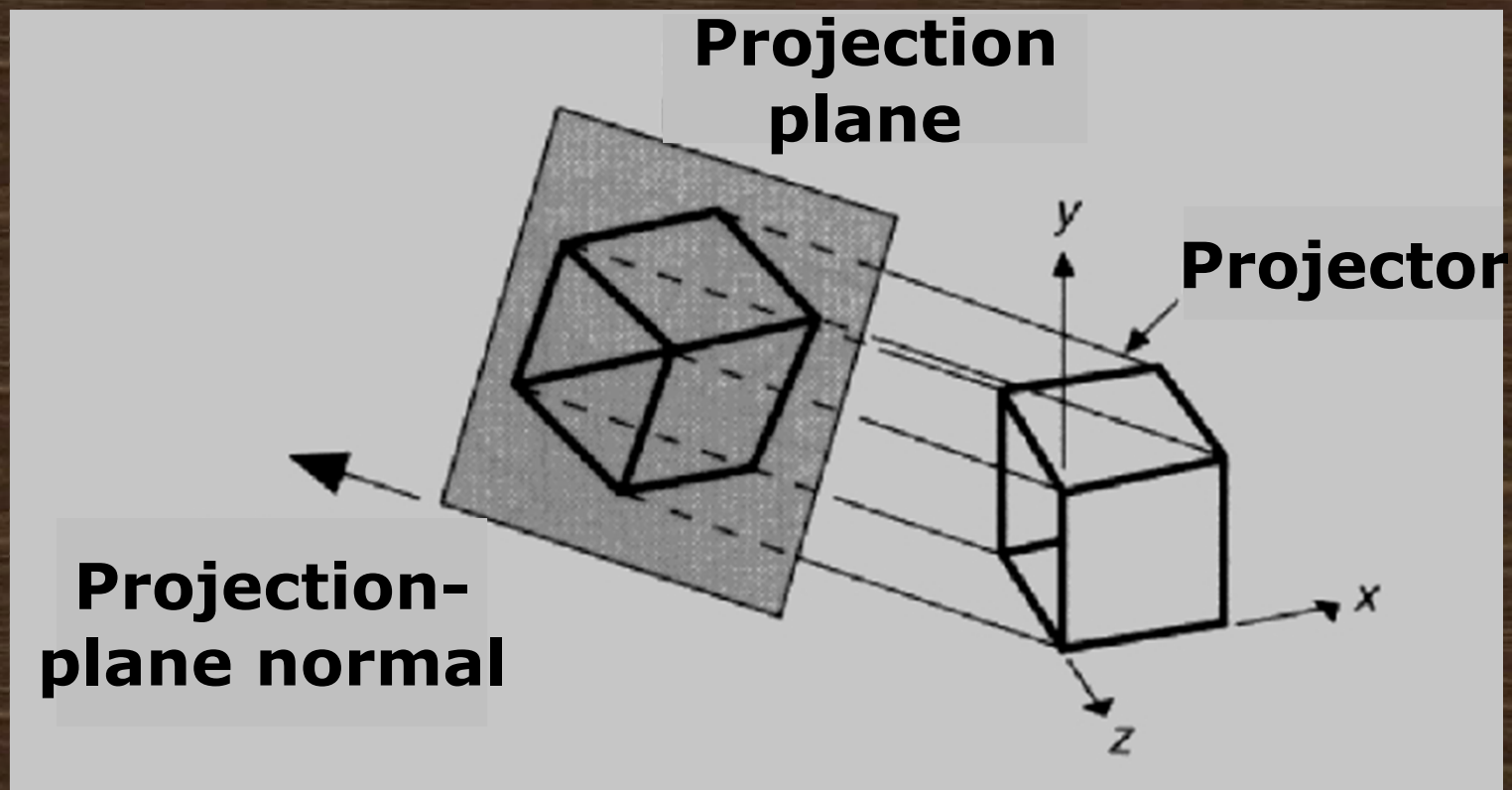
- **Perspective foreshortening:** the size of the perspective projection of the object varies inversely with the distance of the object from the center of projection.
- **Vanishing Point:** The perspective projections of any set of parallel lines that are not parallel to the projection plane converge to a vanishing point.



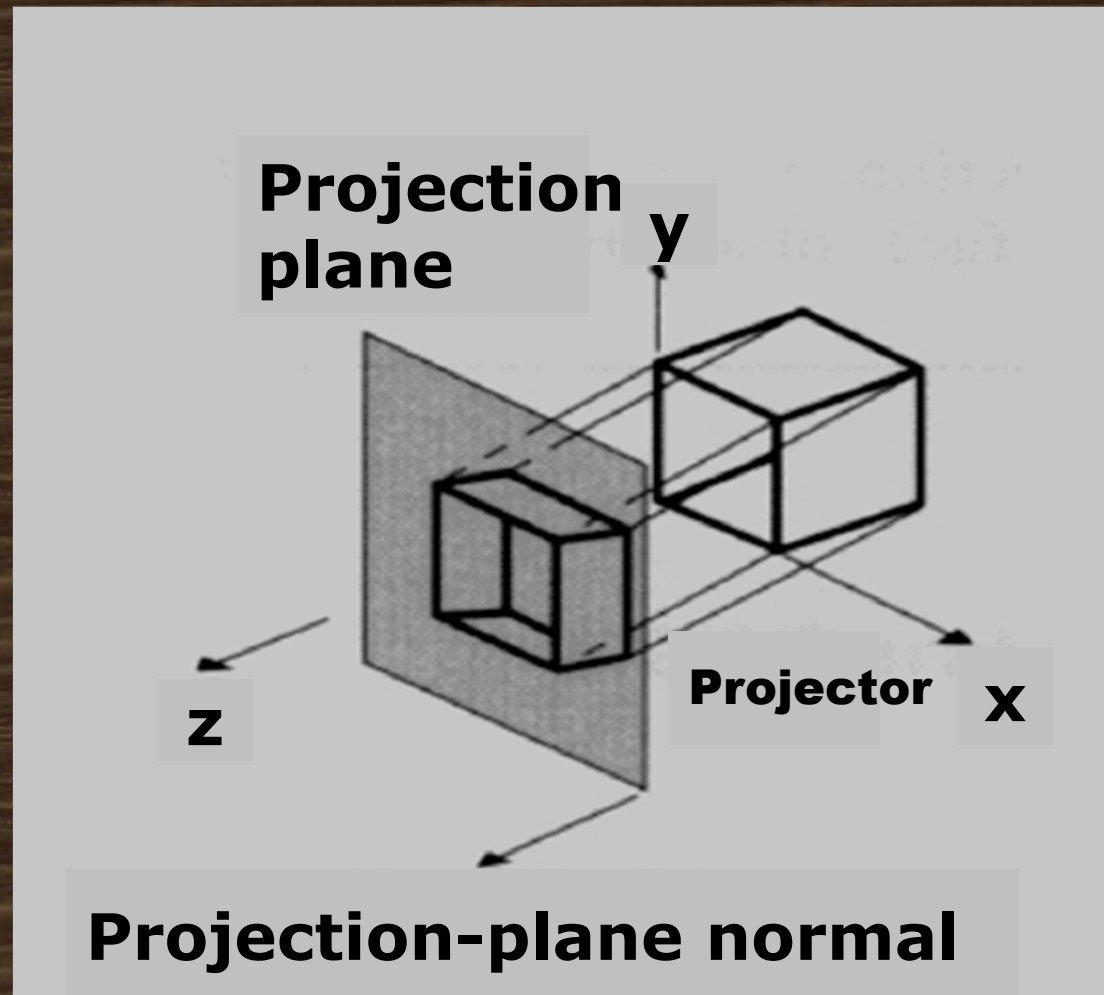


## **Example of Orthographic Projection**

# Example of Isometric Projection:

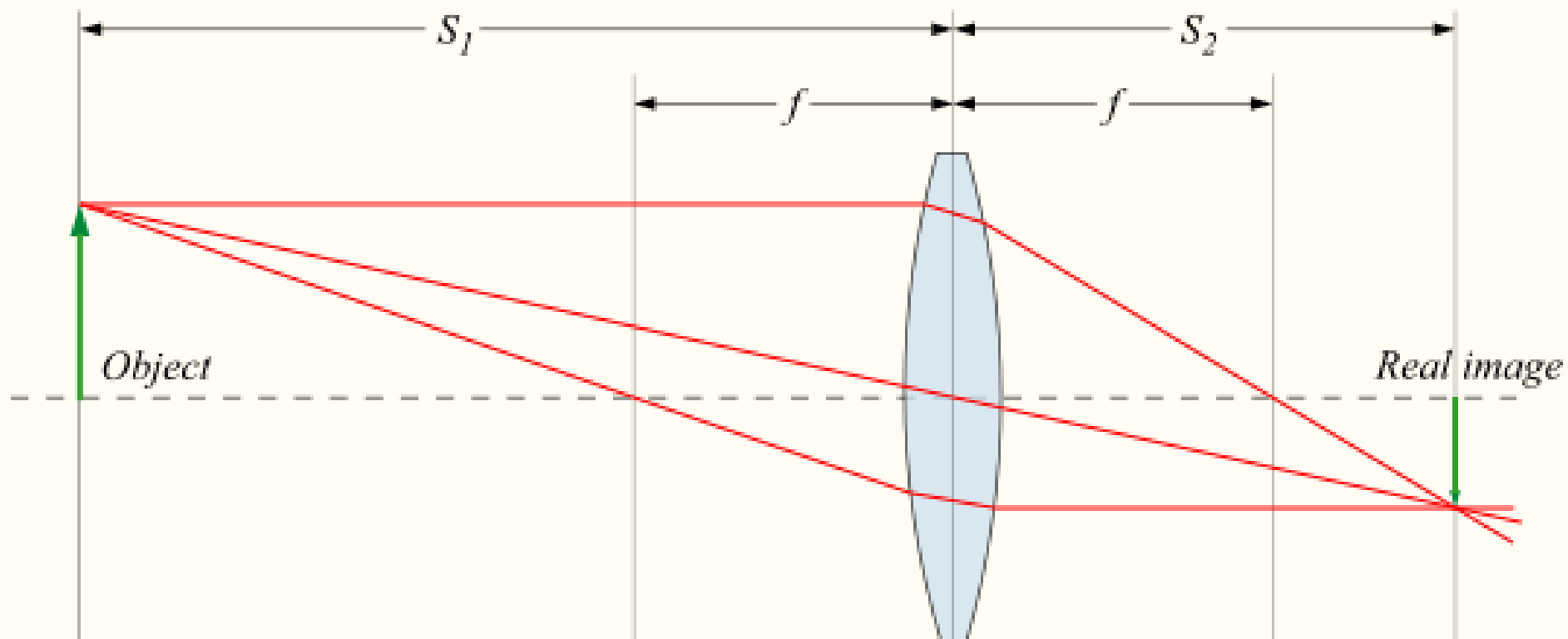


## Example Oblique Projection



The background of the slide is a dark brown wood grain texture, featuring wavy, concentric lines that create a sense of depth and movement. The color is a rich, dark chocolate brown with lighter, golden-brown highlights following the grain pattern.

END OF BASICS



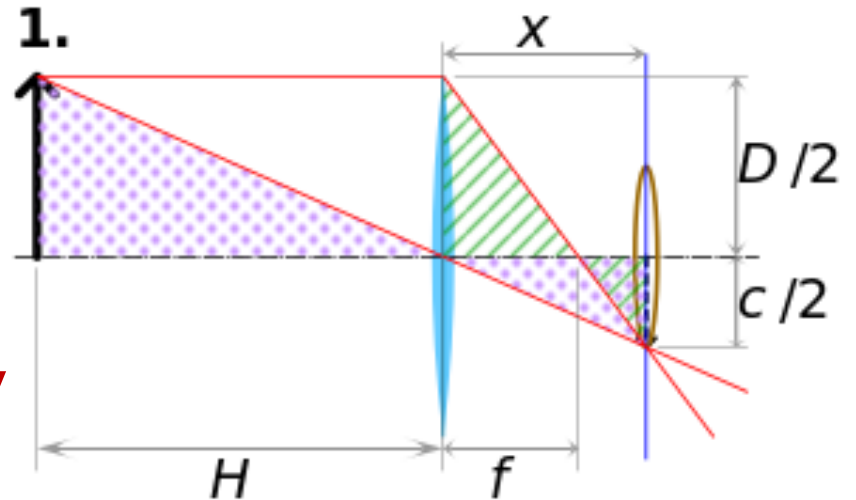
**In optics and photography, hyperfocal distance is a distance beyond which all objects can be brought into an "acceptable" focus.**

**There are two commonly used definitions of *hyperfocal distance*:**

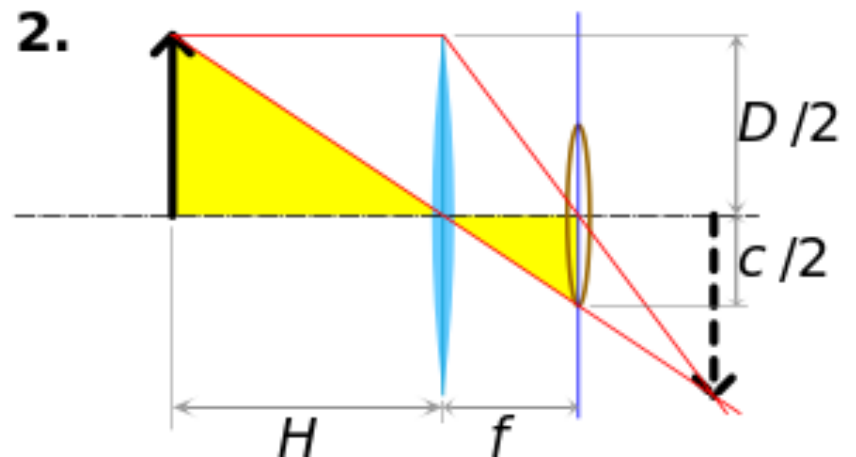
***Definition 1:* The hyperfocal distance is the closest distance at which a lens can be focused while keeping objects at infinity acceptably sharp. When the lens is focused at this distance, all objects at distances from half of the hyperfocal distance out to infinity will be acceptably sharp.**

***Definition 2:* The hyperfocal distance is the distance beyond which all objects are acceptably sharp, for a lens focused at infinity.**

**An object at distance  $H$  forms a sharp image at distance  $x$  (blue line).**



**Here, objects at infinity have images with a circle of confusion indicated by the brown ellipse where the upper red ray through the focal point intersects the blue line.**

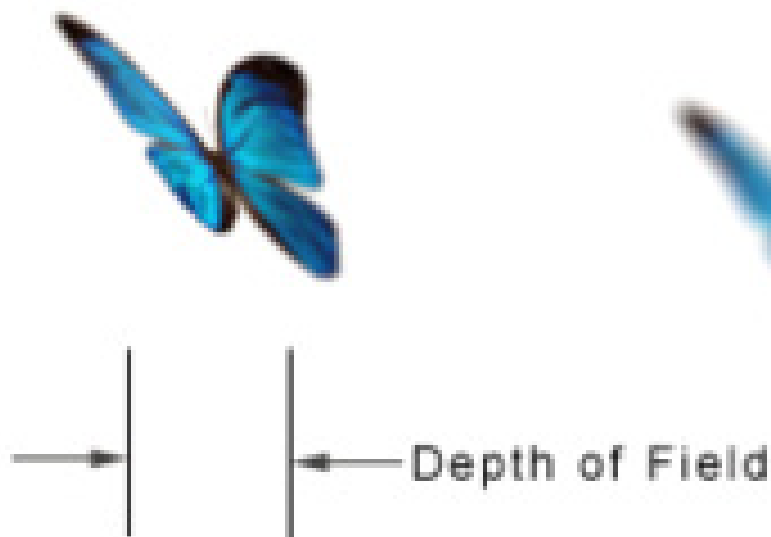
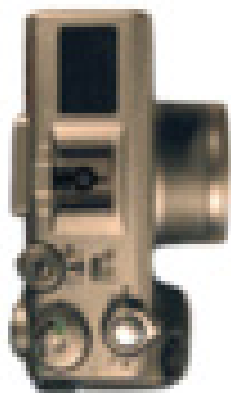


**Objects at infinity form sharp images at the focal length  $f$  (blue line).**

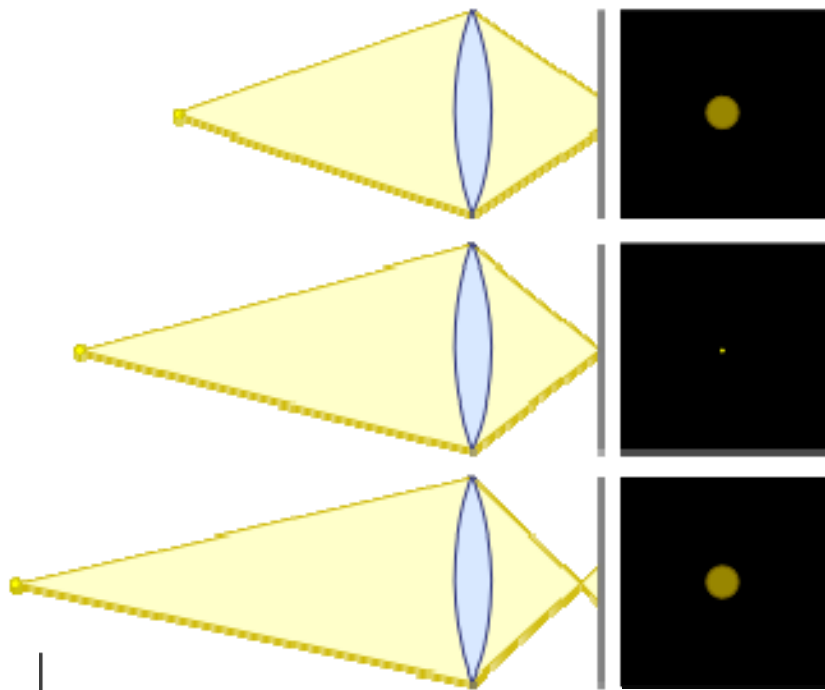
**Here, an object at  $H$  forms an image with a circle of confusion indicated by the brown ellipse where the lower red ray converging to its sharp image intersects the blue line**



**Deep focus is a photographic and cinematographic technique using a large depth of field. Depth of field is the front-to-back range of focus in an image — that is, how much of it appears sharp and clear. Consequently, in deep focus the foreground, middle-ground and background are all in focus.**

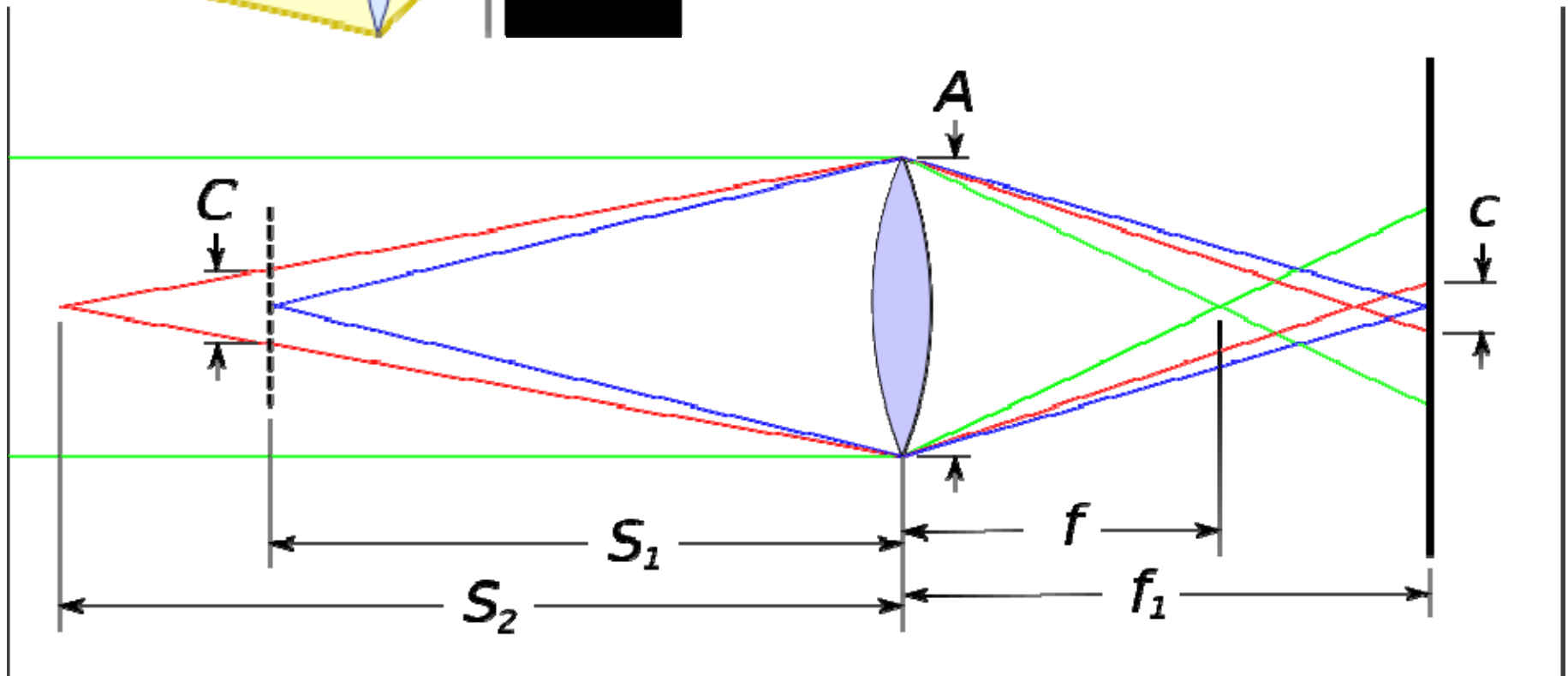


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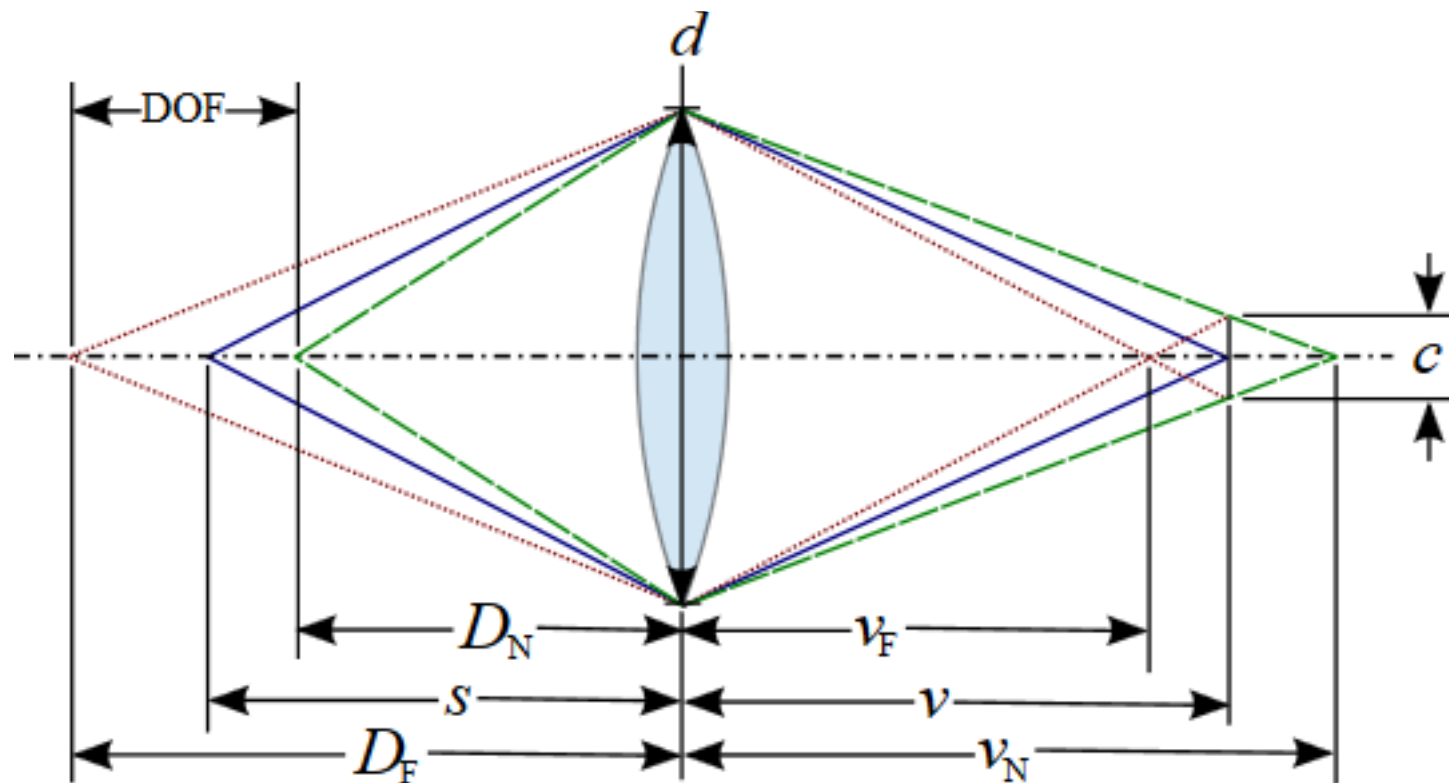
In optics, a **circle of confusion** is an optical spot caused by a cone of light rays from a lens not coming to a perfect focus when imaging a point source. It is also known as disk of confusion, circle of indistinctness, blur circle, or blur spot.

In photography, the **circle of confusion (CoC)** is used to determine the **depth of field**, the part of an image that is acceptably sharp.

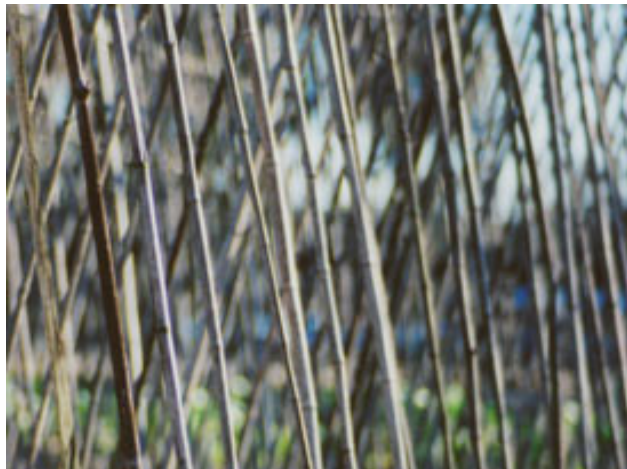
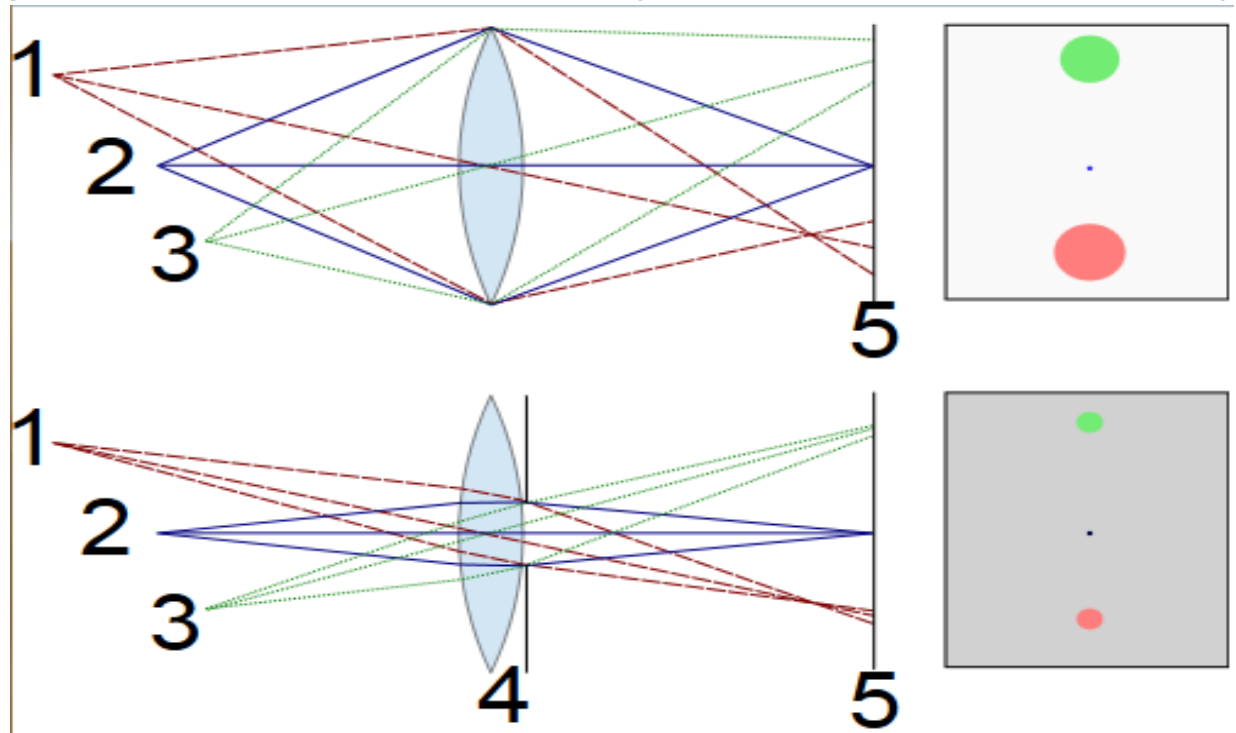


A symmetrical lens is illustrated. The subject, at distance  $s$ , is in focus at image distance  $v$ .

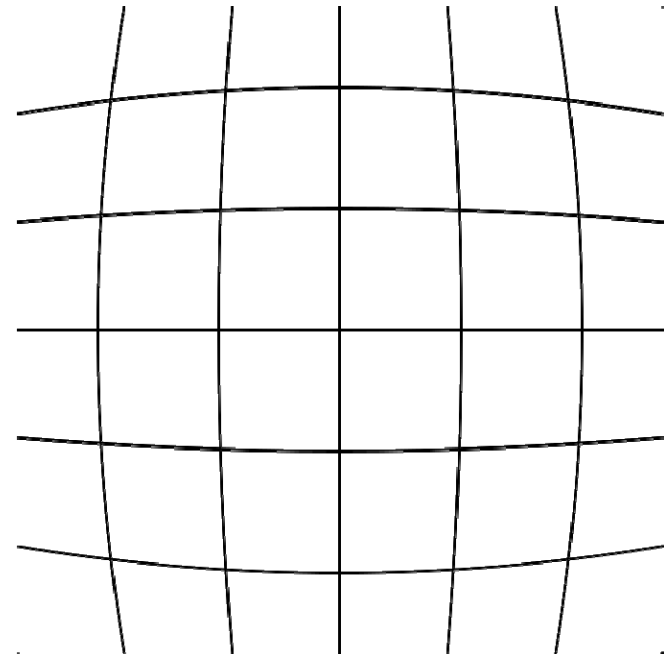
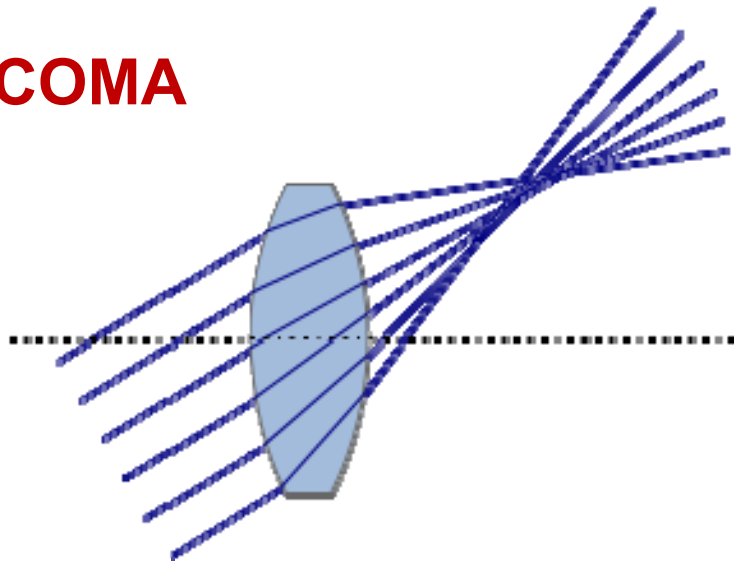
Point objects at distances  $D_F$  and  $D_N$  would be in focus at image distances  $v_F$  and  $v_N$ , respectively; at image distance  $v$ , they are imaged as blur spots. The depth of field is controlled by the aperture stop diameter  $d$ ; when the blur spot diameter is equal to the acceptable circle of confusion  $c$ , the near and far limits of DOF are at  $D_N$  and  $D_F$ .



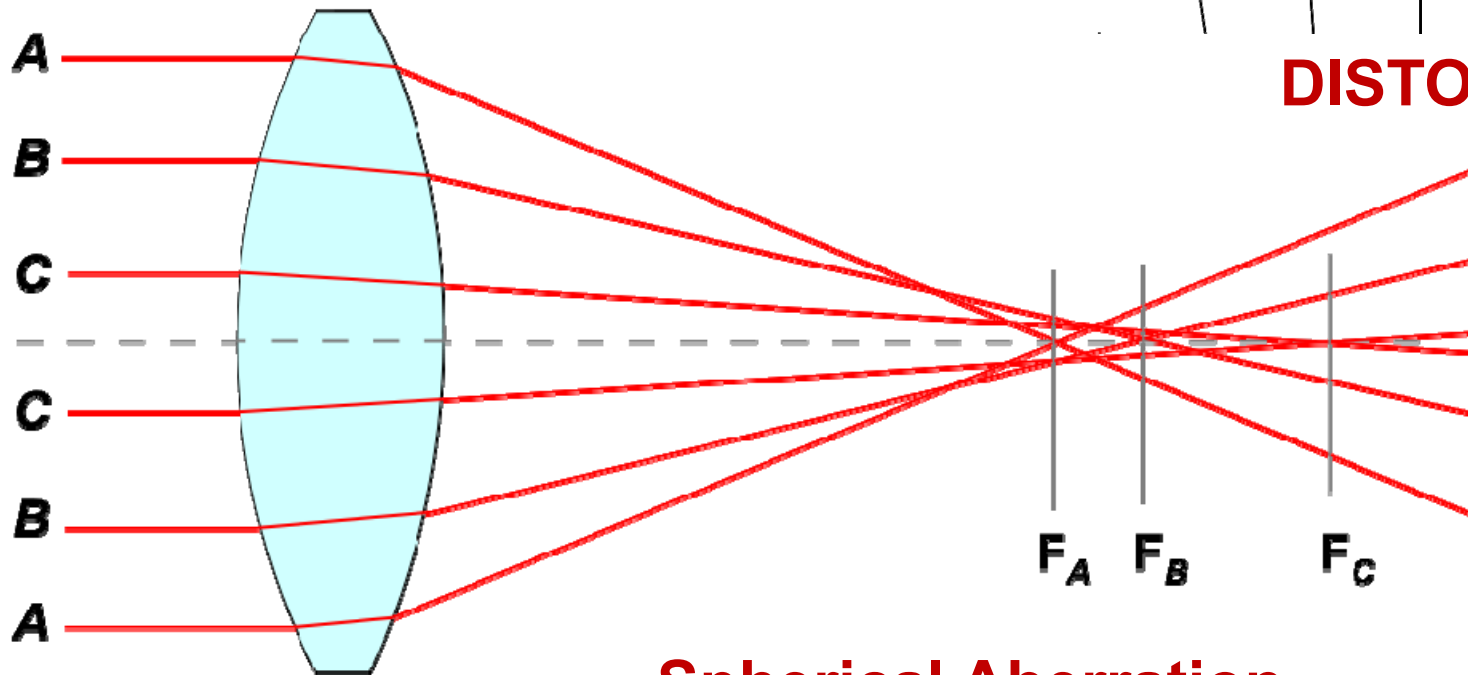
Reducing the aperture diameter increases the DOF because the circle of confusion is shrunk directly and indirectly by reducing the light hitting the outside of the lens which is focused to a different point than light hitting the inside of the lens due to spherical aberration caused by the construction of the lens.



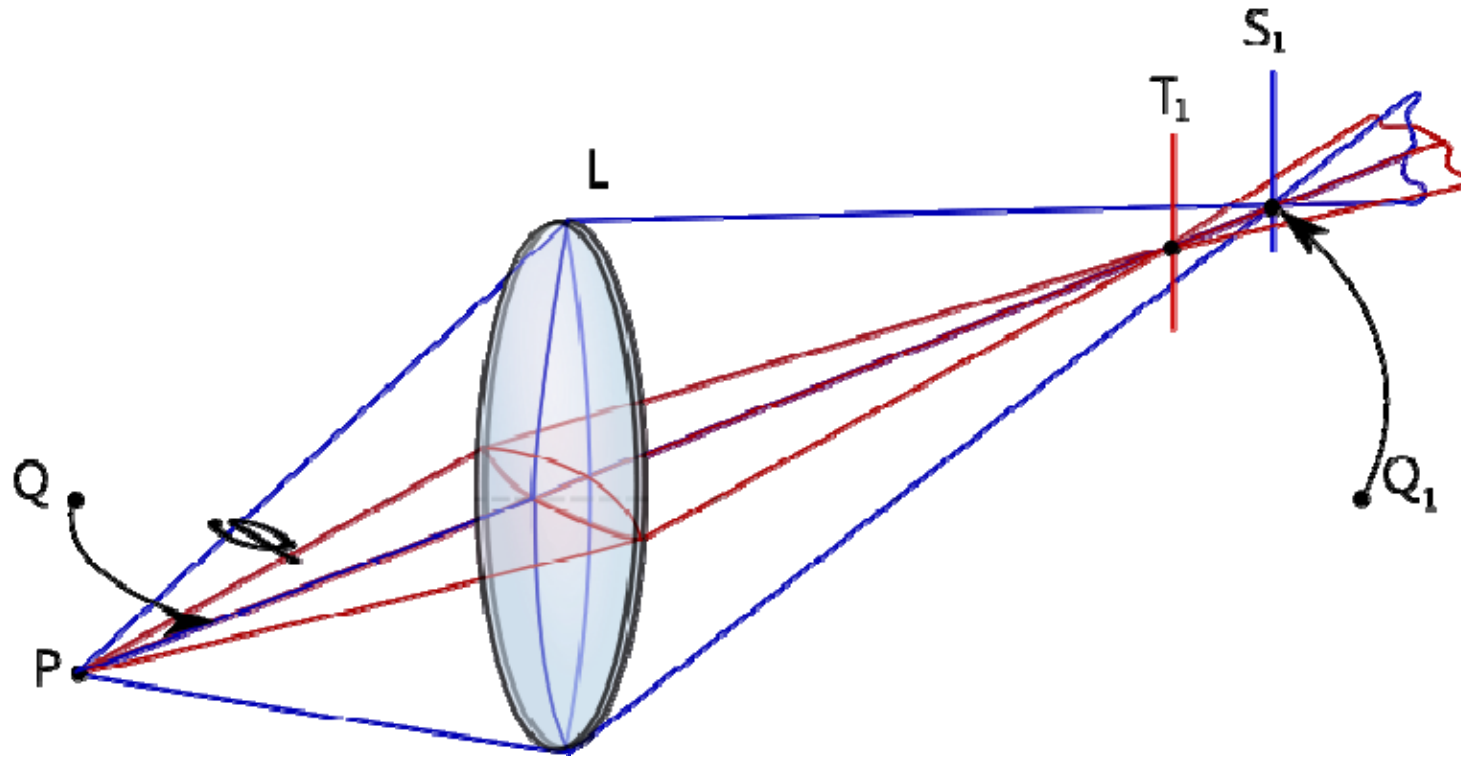
**COMA**



**DISTORTION**



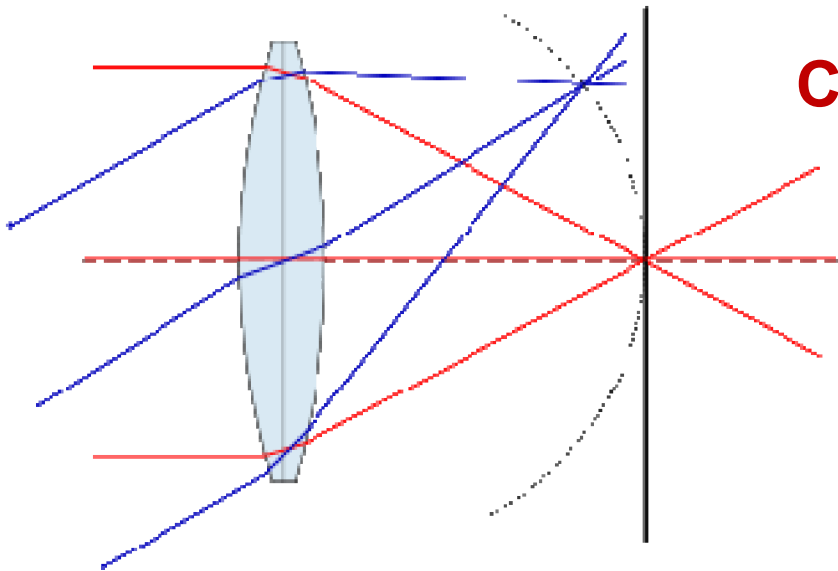
**Spherical Aberration**



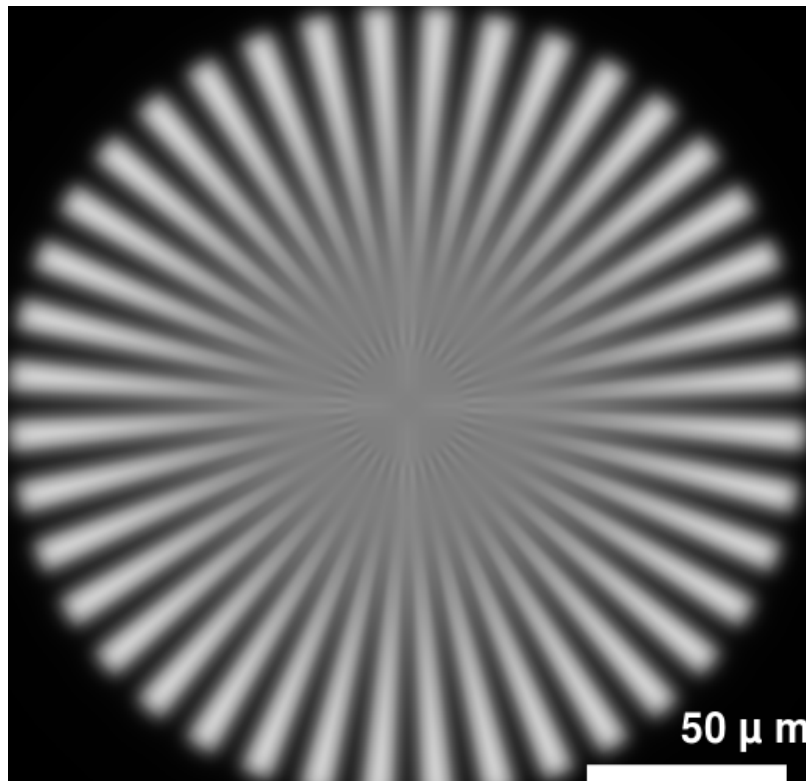
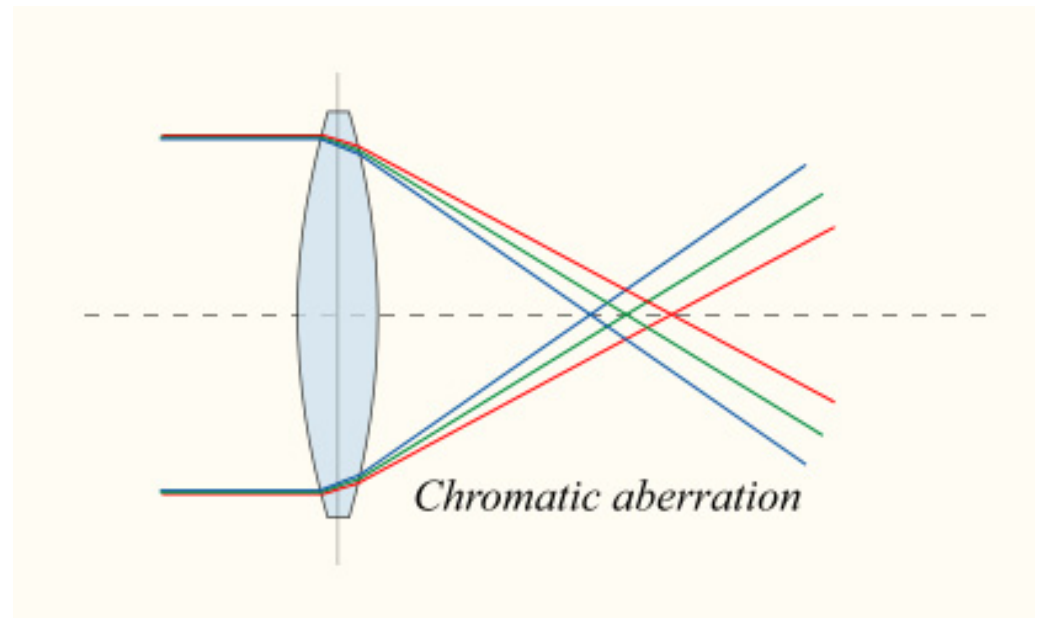
**An optical system with astigmatism is one where rays that propagate in two perpendicular planes have different focus.**

**If an optical system with astigmatism is used to form an image of a cross, the vertical and horizontal lines will be in sharp focus at two different distances**

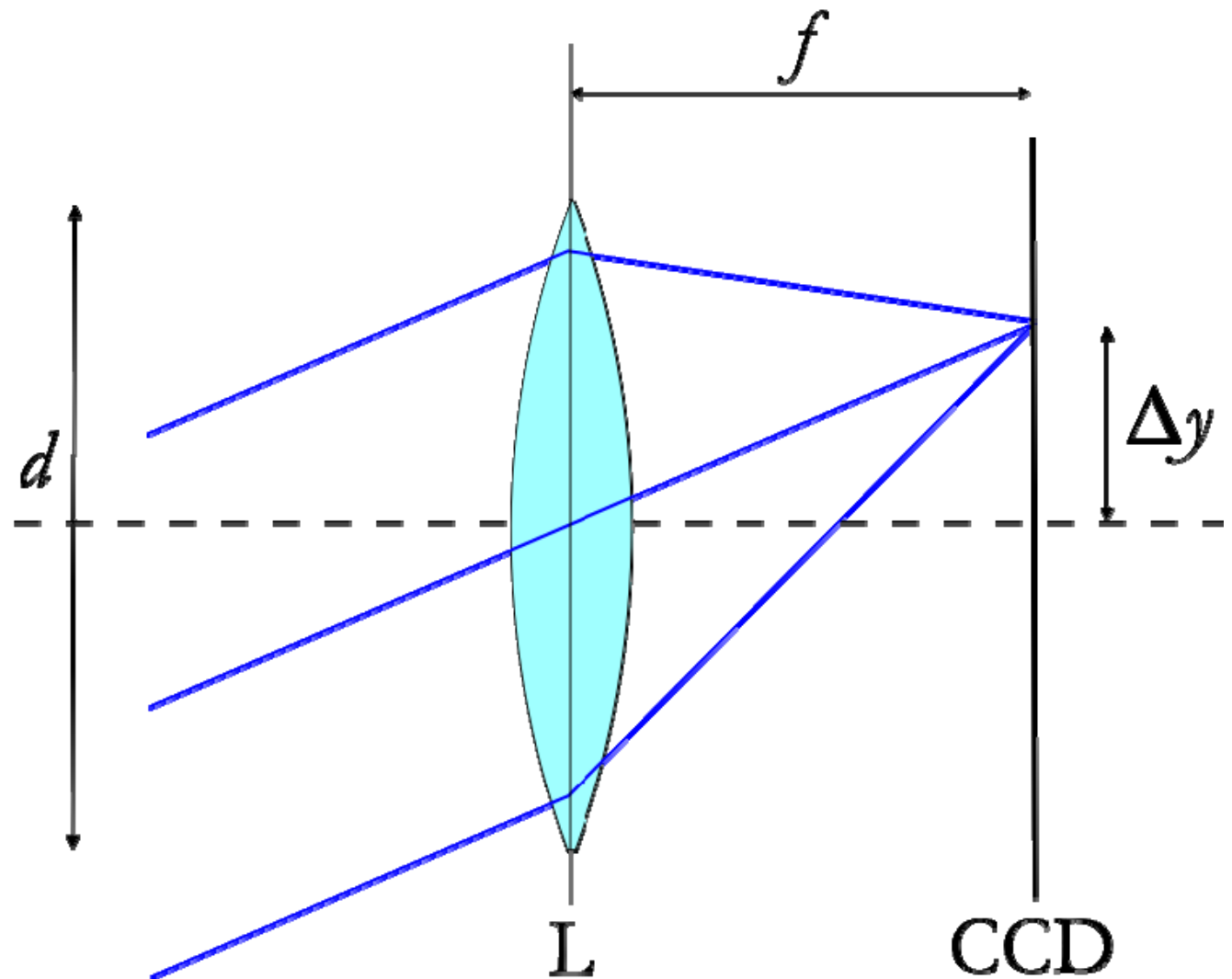
**Field  
Curvature**



**Chromatic  
Aberration**

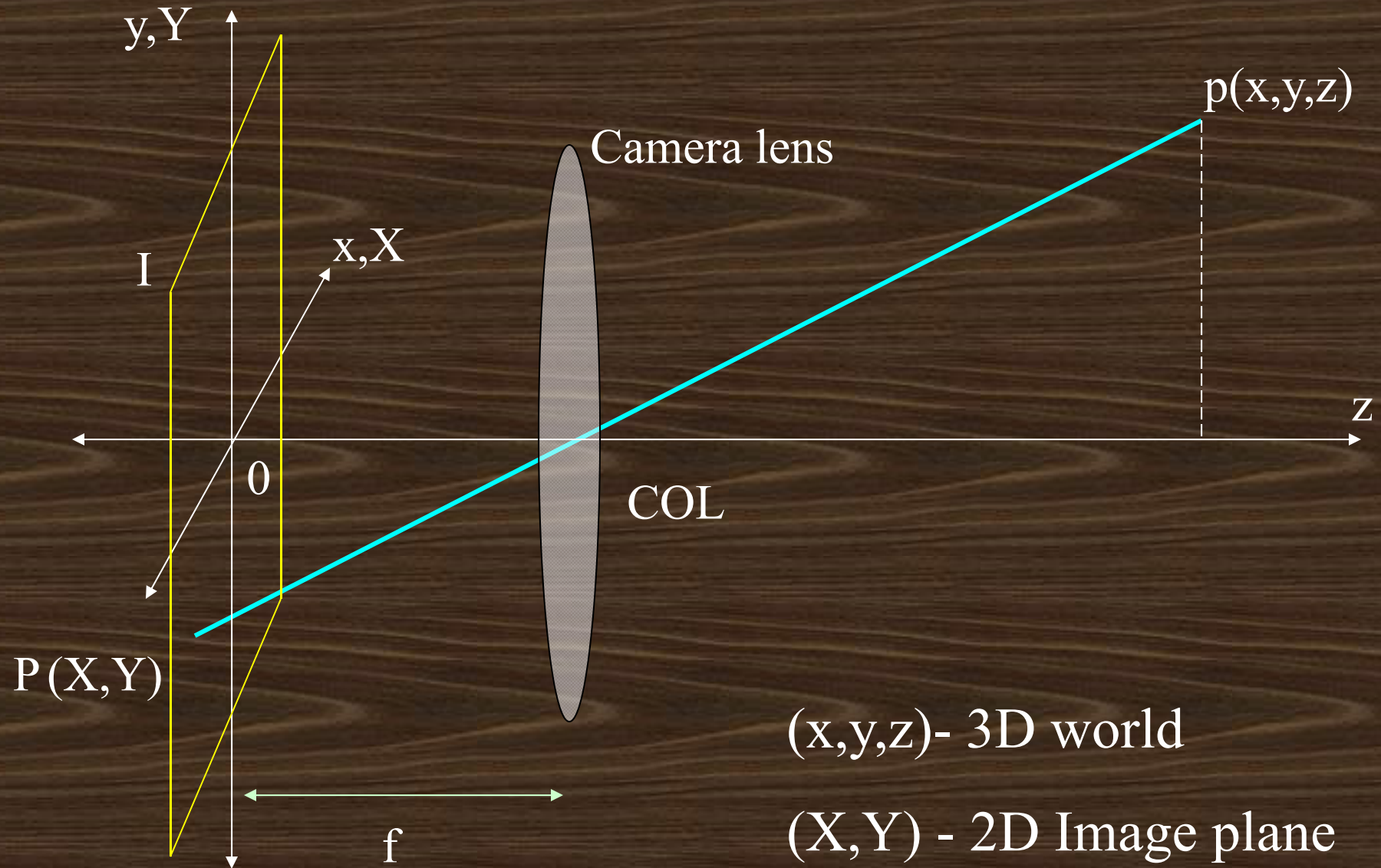


Hartmann-Shack  
sensor: single  
lenslet L =  
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CCD sensor,  $d$  =  
lenslet diameter,  
 $f$  = focal length,  
 $\Delta y$  = local tilt of  
wavefront

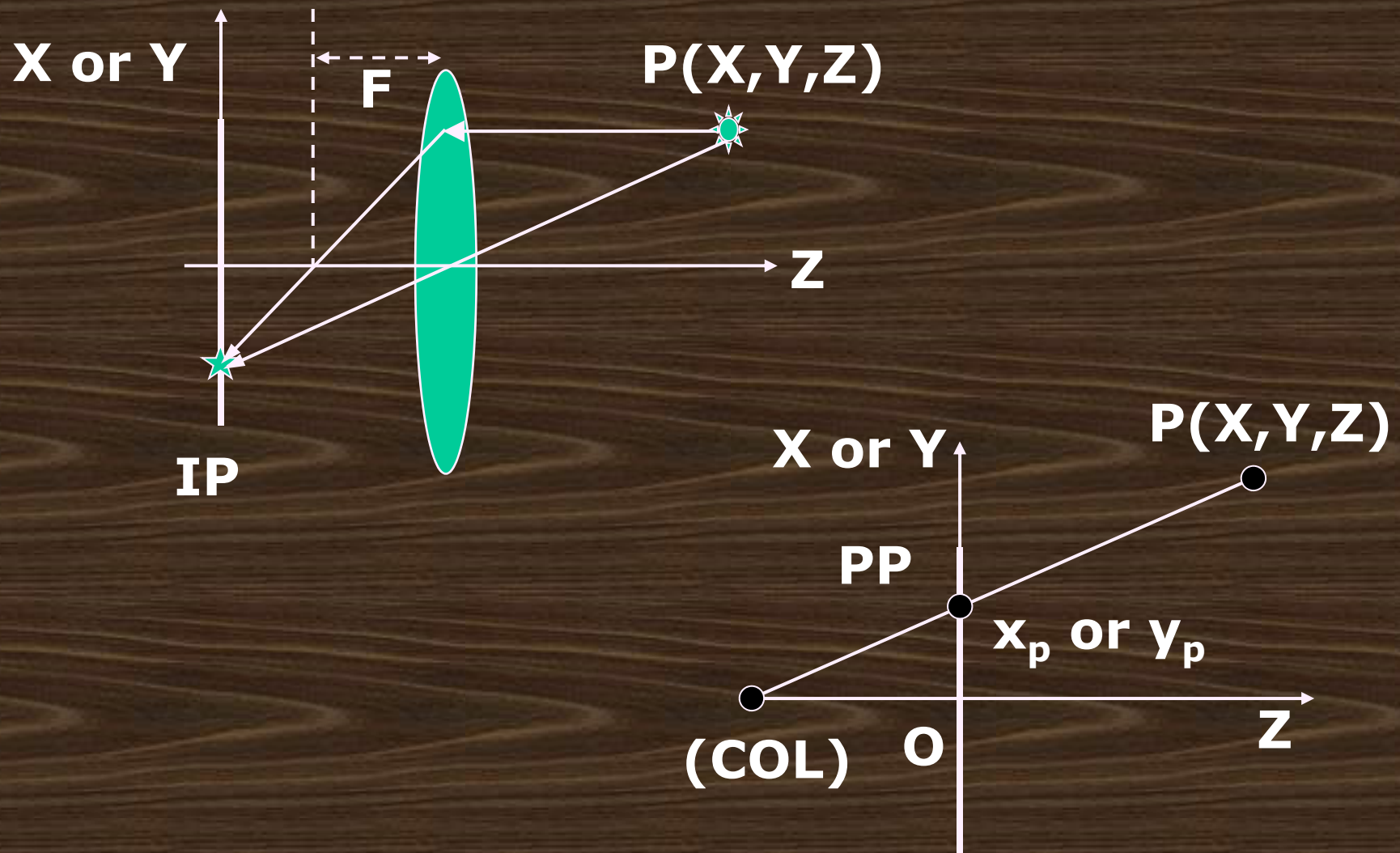


In optics, **tilt** is a deviation in the direction a beam of light propagates. Tilt quantifies the average slope in both the X and Y directions of a wavefront or phase profile across the pupil of an optical system.

# THE CAMERA MODEL: perspective projection



## Perspective Geometry and Camera Models



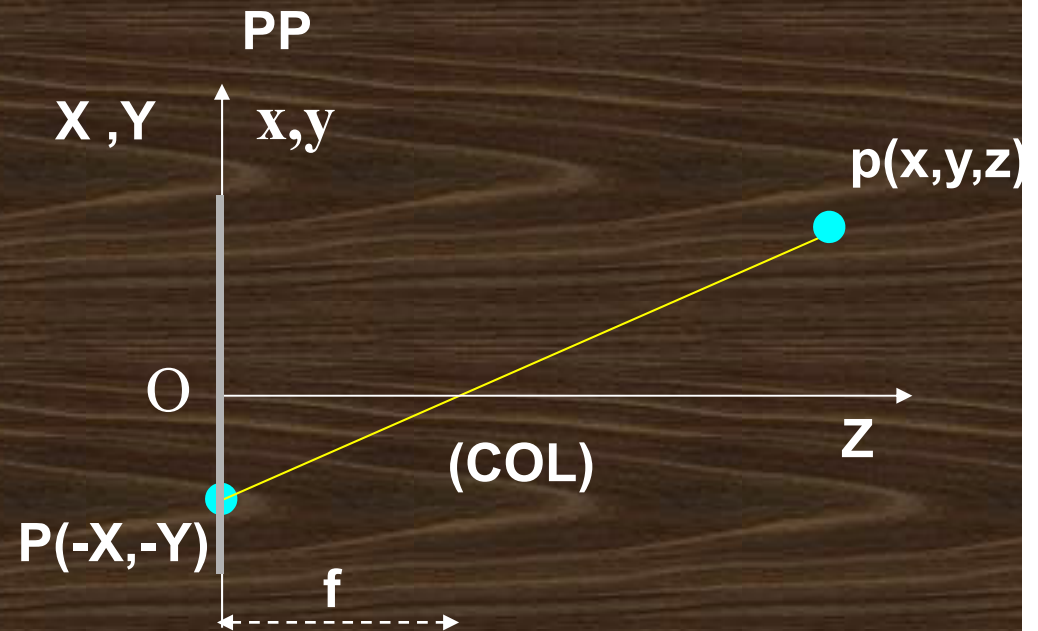
## CASE - 1

By similarity of triangles

$$\frac{X}{f} = \frac{-x}{z-f}, \quad \frac{Y}{f} = \frac{-y}{z-f}$$

$$X = \frac{xf}{f-z}, \quad Y = \frac{yf}{f-z}$$

$$X = \frac{x}{1 - z/f}, \quad Y = \frac{y}{1 - z/f}$$



- Image plane before the camera lens
- Origin of coordinate systems at the image plane
- Image plane at origin of coordinate system

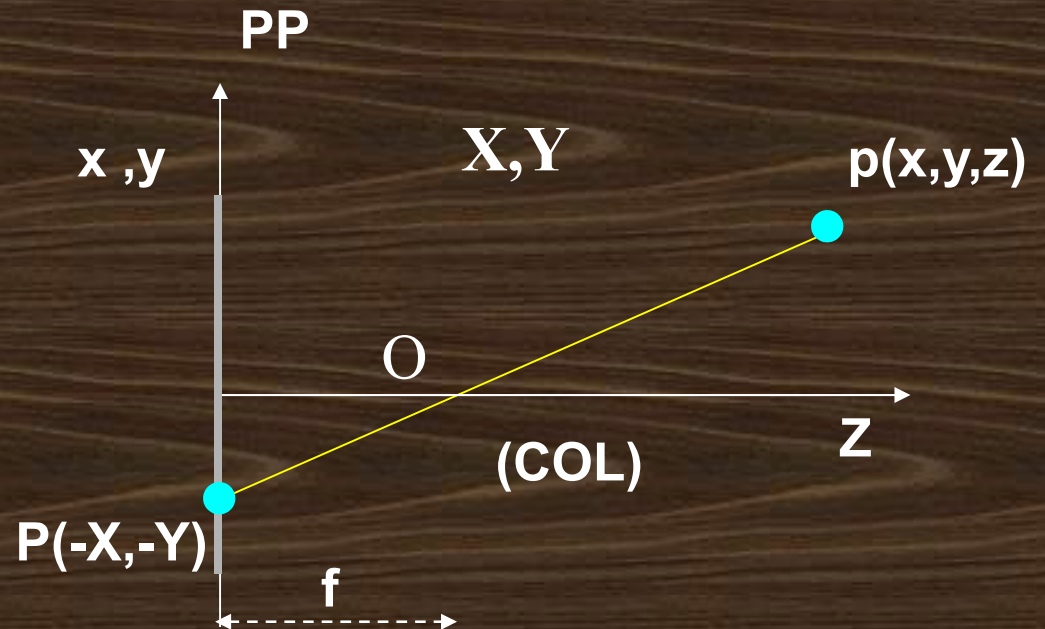
## CASE - 1.1

By similarity of triangles

$$\frac{-X}{-f} = \frac{x}{z}, \quad \frac{-Y}{-f} = \frac{y}{z}$$

$$X = \frac{xf}{z}, \quad Y = \frac{yf}{z}$$

$$X = \frac{x}{z/f}, \quad Y = \frac{y}{z/f}$$



- Image plane before the camera lens
- Origin of coordinate systems at the camera lens
- Image plane at origin of coordinate system

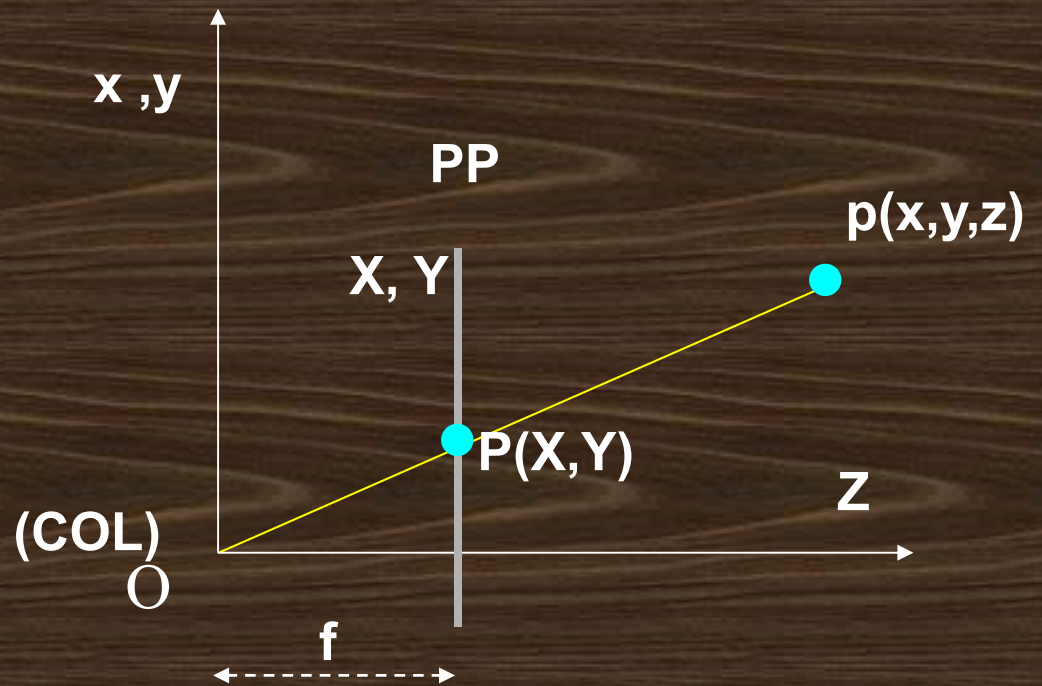
## CASE - 2

By similarity of triangles

$$\frac{X}{f} = \frac{x}{z}, \quad \frac{Y}{f} = \frac{y}{z}$$

$$X = \frac{xf}{z}, \quad Y = \frac{yf}{z}$$

$$X = \frac{x}{z/f}, \quad Y = \frac{y}{z/f}$$



- Image plane after the camera lens
- Origin of coordinate systems at the camera lens
- Focal length f

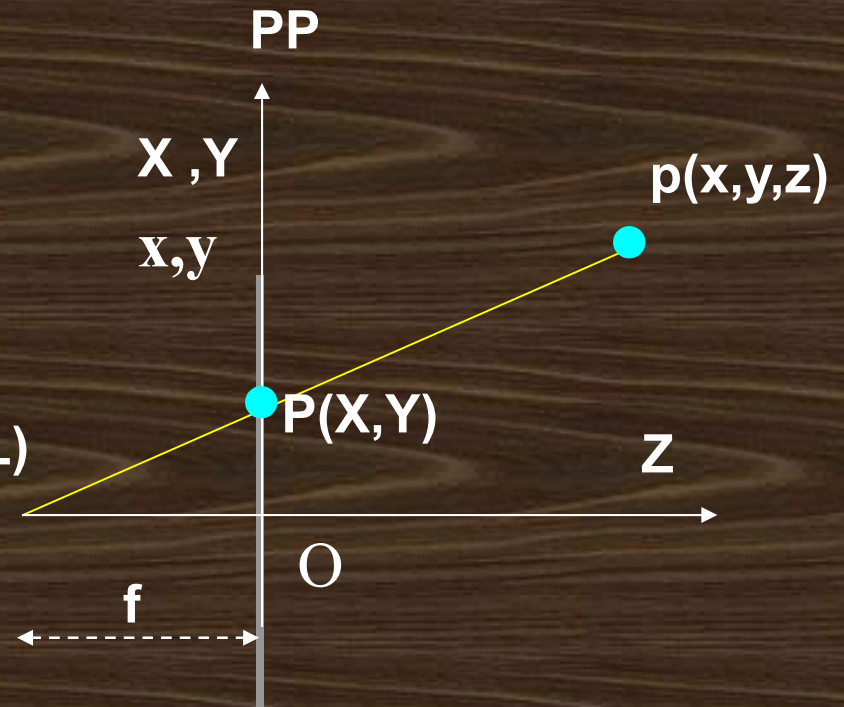
## CASE – 2.1

By similarity of triangles (COL)

$$\frac{X}{f} = \frac{x}{f+z}, \quad \frac{Y}{f} = \frac{y}{f+z}$$

$$X = \frac{xf}{f+z}, \quad Y = \frac{yf}{f+z}$$

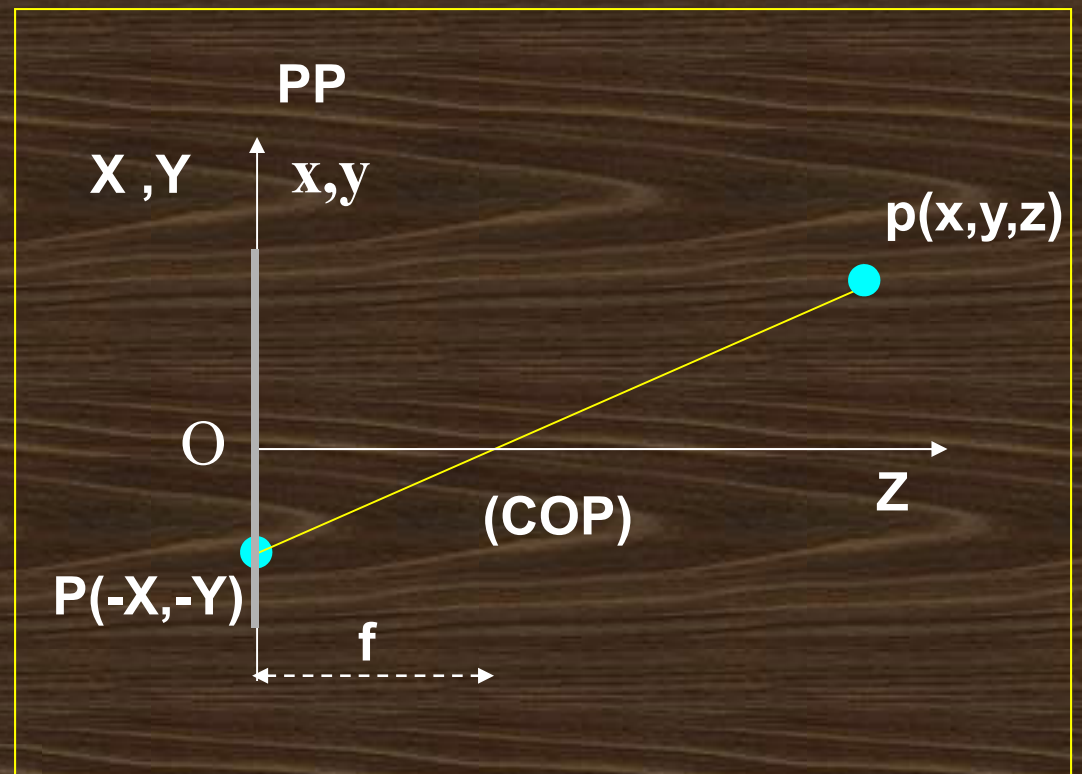
$$X = \frac{x}{1 + \frac{z}{f}}, \quad Y = \frac{y}{1 + \frac{z}{f}}$$



- Image plane after the camera lens
- Origin of coordinate system not at COP
- Image plane origin coincides with 3D world origin

## Consider the first case ....

- Note that the equations are non-linear
- We can develop a matrix formulation of the equations given below



$$X = \frac{x}{1 - \frac{z}{f}}, \quad Y = \frac{y}{1 - \frac{z}{f}}$$

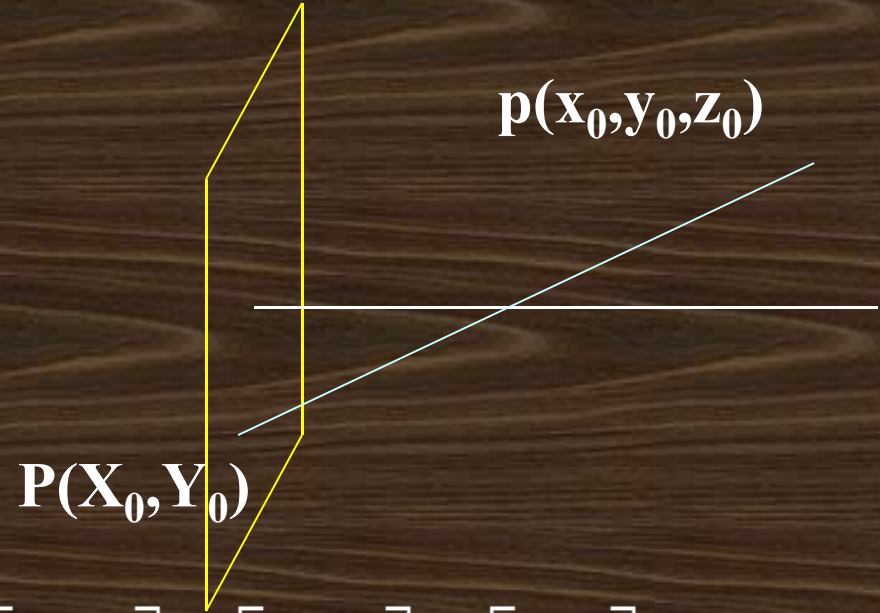


(Z is not important and is eliminated)

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ k' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/f & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} kx \\ ky \\ kz \\ k \end{bmatrix}$$

# Inverse perspective projection

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$w_h = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} kX_0 \\ kY_0 \\ 0 \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} kX_0 \\ kY_0 \\ 0 \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_0 \\ Y_0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Hence no 3D information can be retrieved with the inverse transformation**

So we introduce the dummy variable i.e. the depth  $Z$

Let the image point be represented as:  $[kX_0 \ kY_0 \ kZ \ k]^T$

$$w_h = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} kX_0 \\ kY_0 \\ kZ \\ k \end{bmatrix} =$$



$$z_0 = \frac{fZ}{f+Z} \Rightarrow Z = \frac{fz_0}{f-z_0} \Rightarrow \frac{f}{f+Z} = \frac{z_0}{Z} = \frac{f-z_0}{f}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = \frac{X_0}{f}(f-z_0), \quad y_0 = \frac{Y_0}{f}(f-z_0)$$

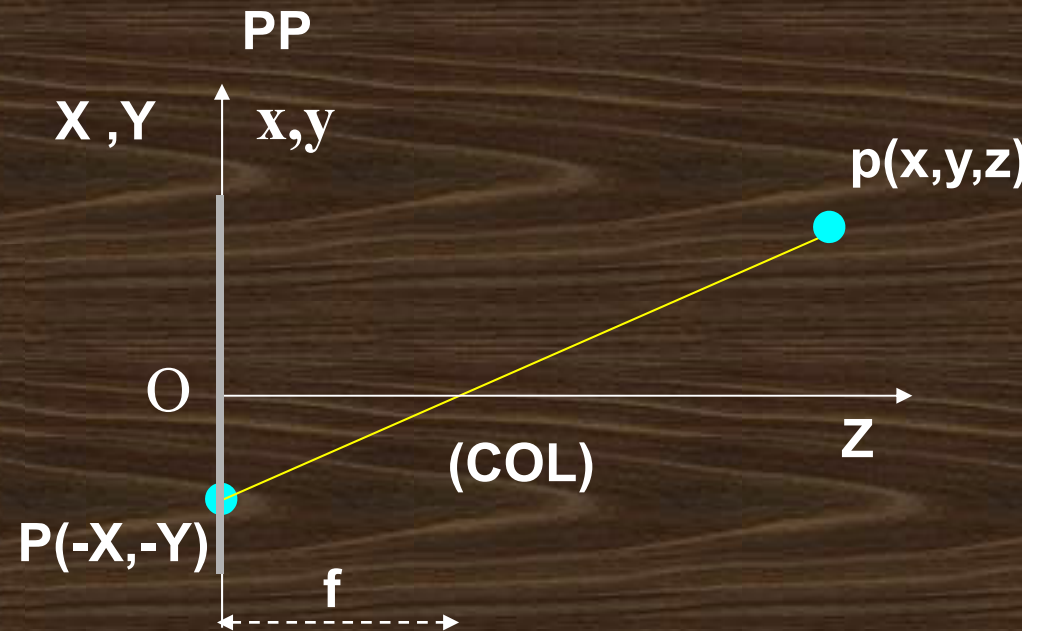
## CASE - 1

**Forward: 3D to 2D**

$$\frac{X}{f} = \frac{-x}{z-f}, \quad \frac{Y}{f} = \frac{-y}{z-f}$$

$$X = \frac{xf}{f-z}, \quad Y = \frac{yf}{f-z}$$

$$X = \frac{x}{1 - z/f}, \quad Y = \frac{y}{1 - z/f}$$



**Inverse: 2D to 3D**

$$x_0 = \frac{X_0}{f}(f - z_0), \quad y_0 = \frac{Y_0}{f}(f - z_0)$$

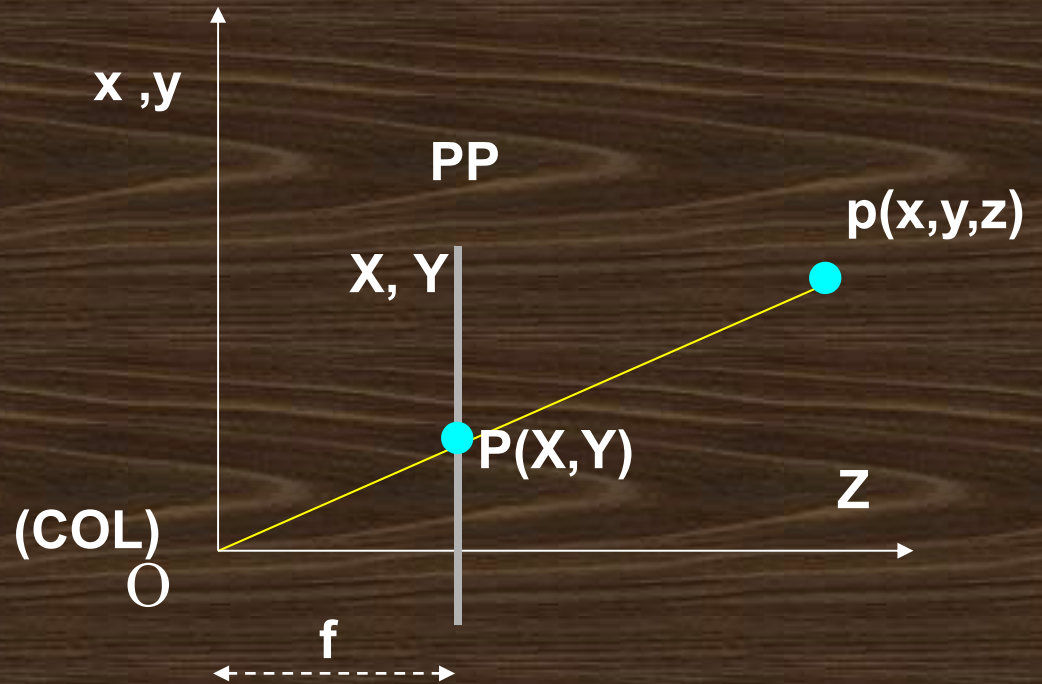
## CASE - 2

**Forward: 3D to 2D**

$$\frac{X}{f} = \frac{x}{z}, \quad \frac{Y}{f} = \frac{y}{z}$$

$$X = \frac{xf}{z}, \quad Y = \frac{yf}{z}$$

$$X = \frac{x}{z/f}, \quad Y = \frac{y}{z/f}$$



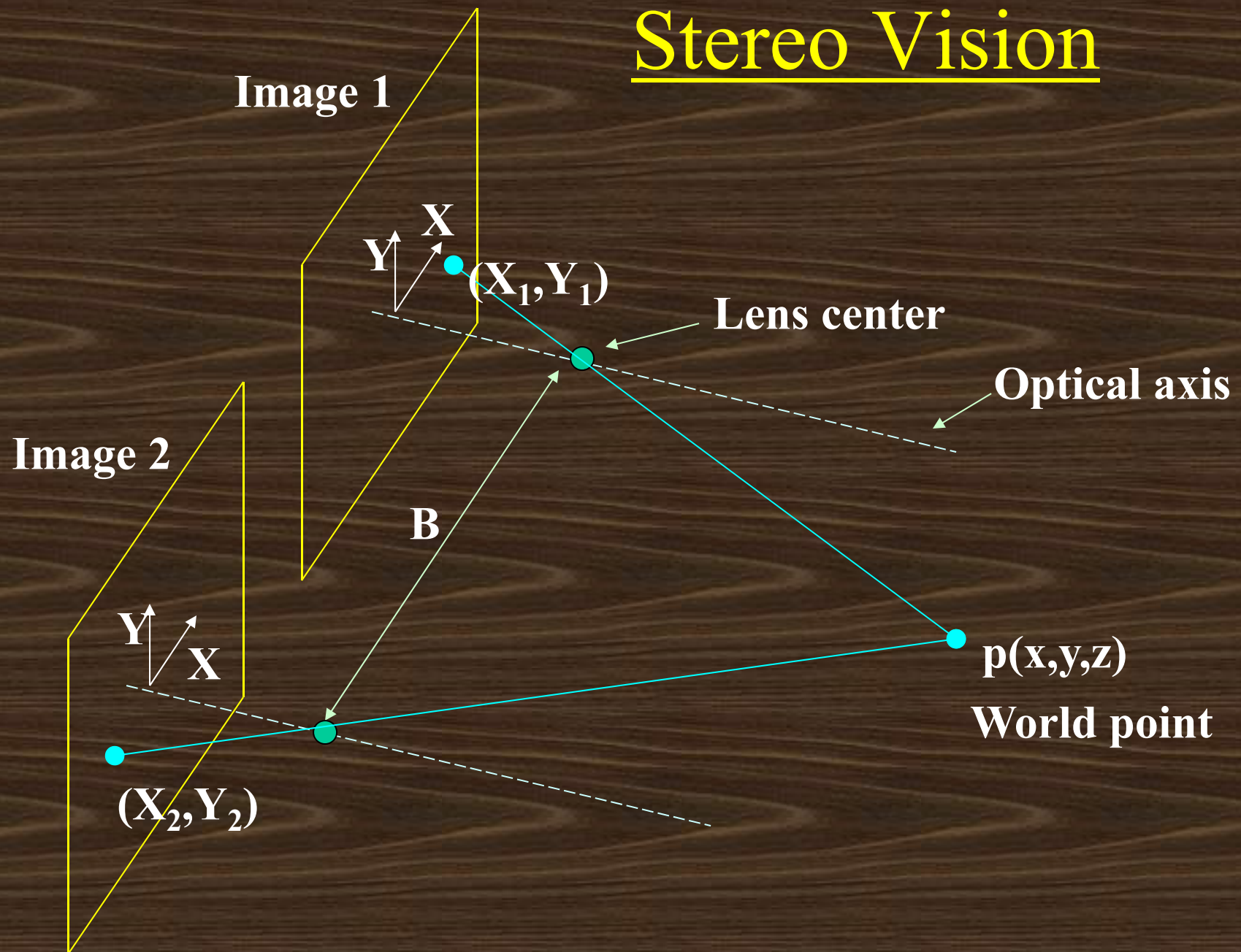
**Inverse: 2D to 3D**

$$x_0 = \frac{z_0 \cdot X_0}{f}, \quad y_0 = \frac{z_0 \cdot Y_0}{f}$$

# Observations about Perspective projection

- 3D scene to image plane is a one to one transformation (unique correspondence)
- For every image point no unique world coordinate can be found
- So depth information cannot be retrieved using a single image ? What to do?
- Would two (2) images of the same object (from different viewing angles) help?
- Termed - **Stereo Vision**

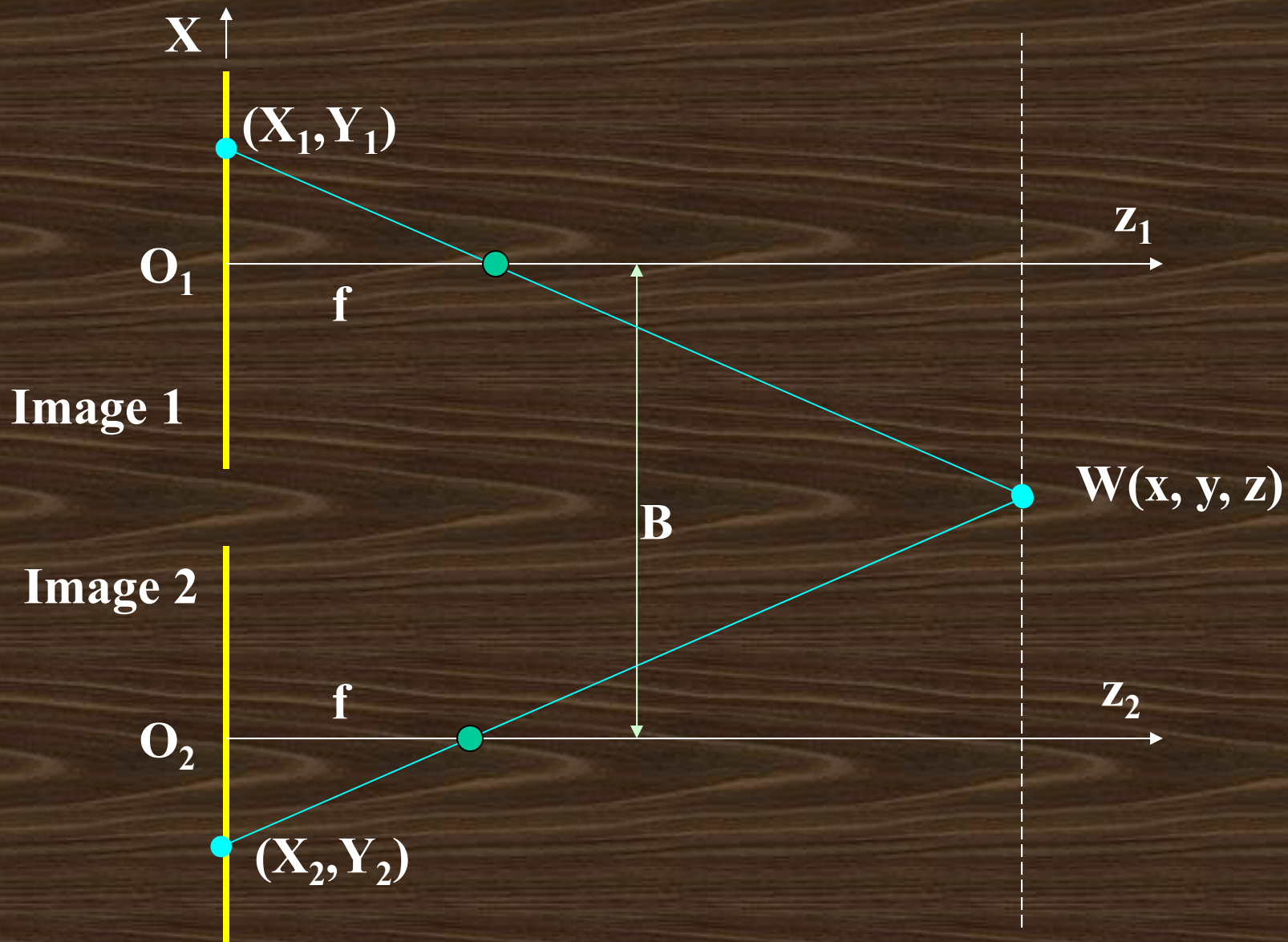
# Stereo Vision



## Stereo Vision (2)

- Stereo imaging involves obtaining **two separate image views** of an object ( in this discussion the world point)
- The distance between the centers of the two lenses is called the **baseline width**.
- The projection of the world point on the two image planes is  $(X_1, Y_1)$  and  $(X_2, Y_2)$
- The assumption is that the cameras are identical
- The coordinate system of both cameras are perfectly aligned differing only in the x-coordinate location of the origin.
- The world coordinate system is also brought into the coincidence with one of the image X, Y planes (say image plane 1) . So y, z coordinates are same for both the camera coordinate systems.

Top view of the stereo imaging system with origin at center of first imaging plane.



**First bringing the first camera into coincidence with the world coordinate system and then using the second camera coordinate system and directly applying the formula we get:**

$$x_1 = \frac{X_1}{f}(f - z_1), \quad x_2 = \frac{X_2}{f}(f - z_2)$$

**Because the separation between the two cameras is B**

$$x_2 = x_1 + B, \quad z_1 = z_2 = z(?) \quad / * \text{Solve it now} * /$$

$$x_1 = \frac{X_1}{f}(f - z), \quad x_1 + B = \frac{X_2}{f}(f - z)$$

$$B = \frac{(X_2 - X_1)}{f}(f - z), \quad z = f - \frac{fB}{(X_2 - X_1)}$$

- The equation above gives the depth directly from the coordinate of the two points
- The quantity given below is called the **disparity**

$$D = (X_2 - X_1) = \frac{fB}{(f - z)}$$

- The most difficult task is to find out the two corresponding points in different images of the same scene – **the correspondence problem**.
- Once the correspondence problem is solved – (non-analytical), we get D. Then obtain depth using:

$$z = f - \frac{fB}{(X_2 - X_1)} = f[1 - \frac{B}{D}]$$

## Alternate Model

### – Case 2

$$\frac{X}{f} = \frac{x}{z}, \quad \frac{Y}{f} = \frac{y}{z}$$

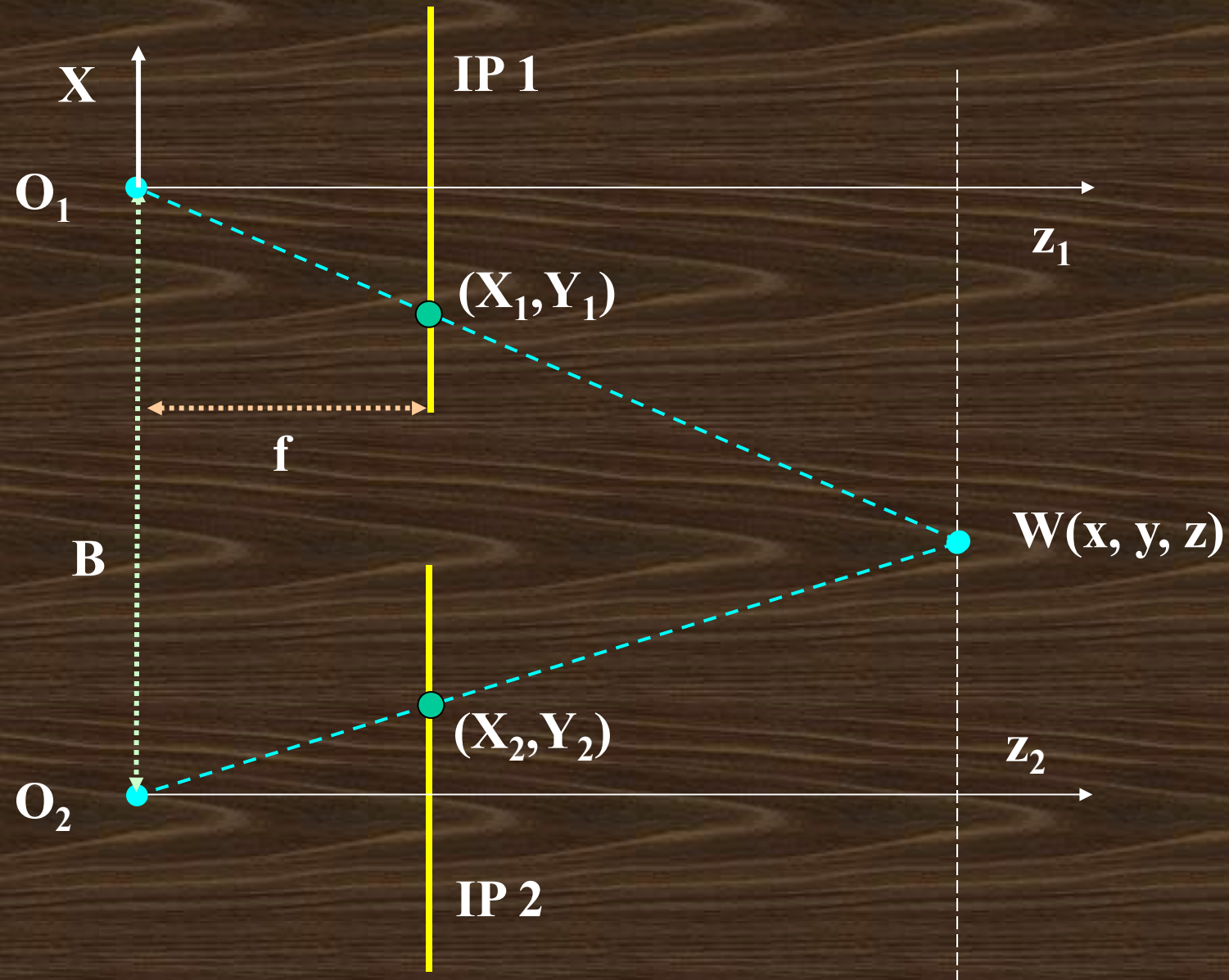
$$x = \frac{Xz}{f}, \quad y = \frac{Yz}{f}$$

$$x_2 = x_1 + B, \quad y_1 = y_2 = y; \quad z_1 = z_2 = z(?).$$

$$x_1 = \frac{X_1 z}{f}, \quad x_2 = x_1 + B = \frac{X_2 z}{f}$$

$$B = \frac{(X_2 - X_1)z}{f}; \quad z = \frac{fB}{(X_2 - X_1)} = B \cdot f / D$$

Top view of the stereo imaging system with origin at center of first camera lens.



## Compare the two solutions

$$z = f - \frac{fB}{(X_2 - X_1)} = f[1 - B/D]$$

$$D = (X_2 - X_1) = \frac{fB}{(f - z)}$$

$$z = \frac{fB}{(X_2 - X_1)} = B.f/D$$

$$D = (X_2 - X_1) = \frac{fB}{z}$$

**What do you think of D ?**

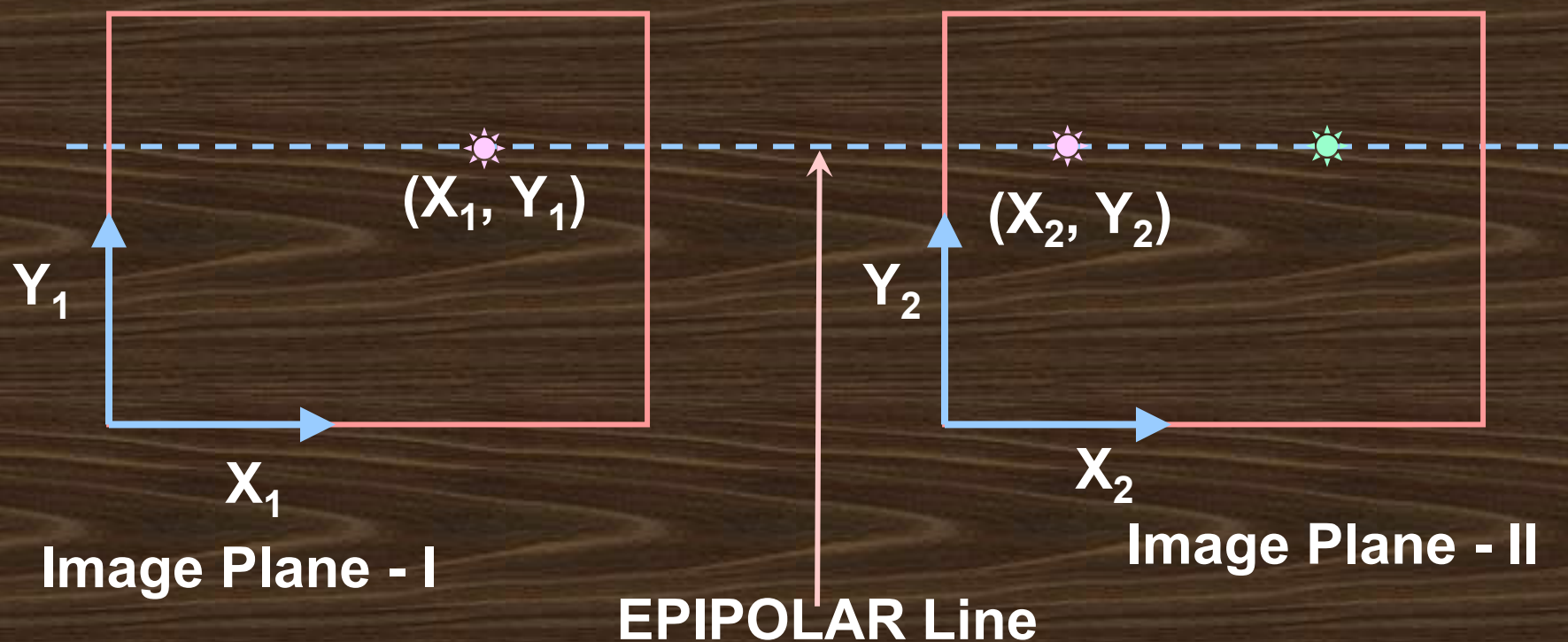
## The Correspondence Problem

$$z = \frac{B \cdot f}{D}$$

$$D = (X_1 - X_2) = \frac{fB}{z}$$

$$Y_1 = Y_2$$

*If  $D > 0$ ; then  $X_2 < X_1$*



## Error in Depth Estimation

$$z = \frac{B.f}{D} \qquad \frac{\delta(z)}{\delta D} = -\frac{B.f}{D^2}$$

**Expressing in terms of depth (z), we have:**

$$\frac{\delta(z)}{\delta D} = -\frac{B.f}{D^2} = -\frac{z}{D} = -\frac{z^2}{B.f}$$

**What is the maximum value of depth (z), you can measure using a stereo setup ?**

$$z_{\max} = B.f$$

Even if correspondence is solved correctly, the computation of  $D$  may have an error, with an upper bound of 0.5; i.e.  $(\delta D)_{\max} = 0.5$ .

That may cause an error of:  $\delta(z) = -\frac{z^2}{2B.f}$

Larger baseline width and Focal length (of the camera) reduces the error and increases the maximum value of depth that may be estimated.

What about the minimum value of depth (object closest to the cameras) ?

$$z_{\min} = B.f / D_{\max}$$

What is  $D_{\max}$  ?

$$D_{\max} = X_{\max}$$

$X_{\max}$  depends on  $f$  and image resolution (in other words, angle of field-of-view or FOV).







**General Stereo Views**

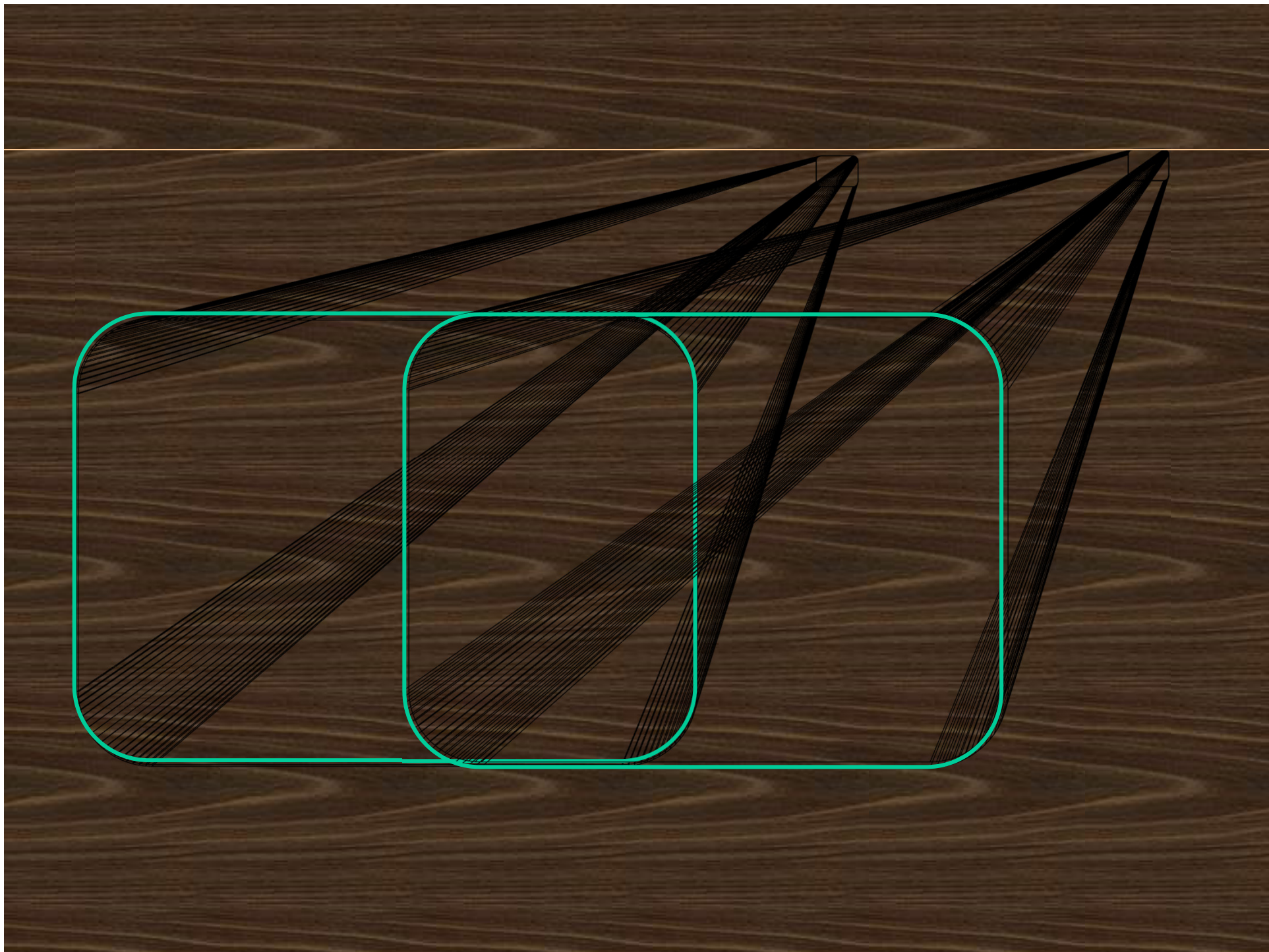


**Perfect Stereo Views**



**Perfect Stereo Views**





We can also have **arbitrary pair of views** from two cameras.

- The baseline may not lie on any of the principle axis
- The viewing axes of the cameras may not be parallel
- Unequal focal lengths of the cameras
- The coordinate systems of the image planes may not be aligned

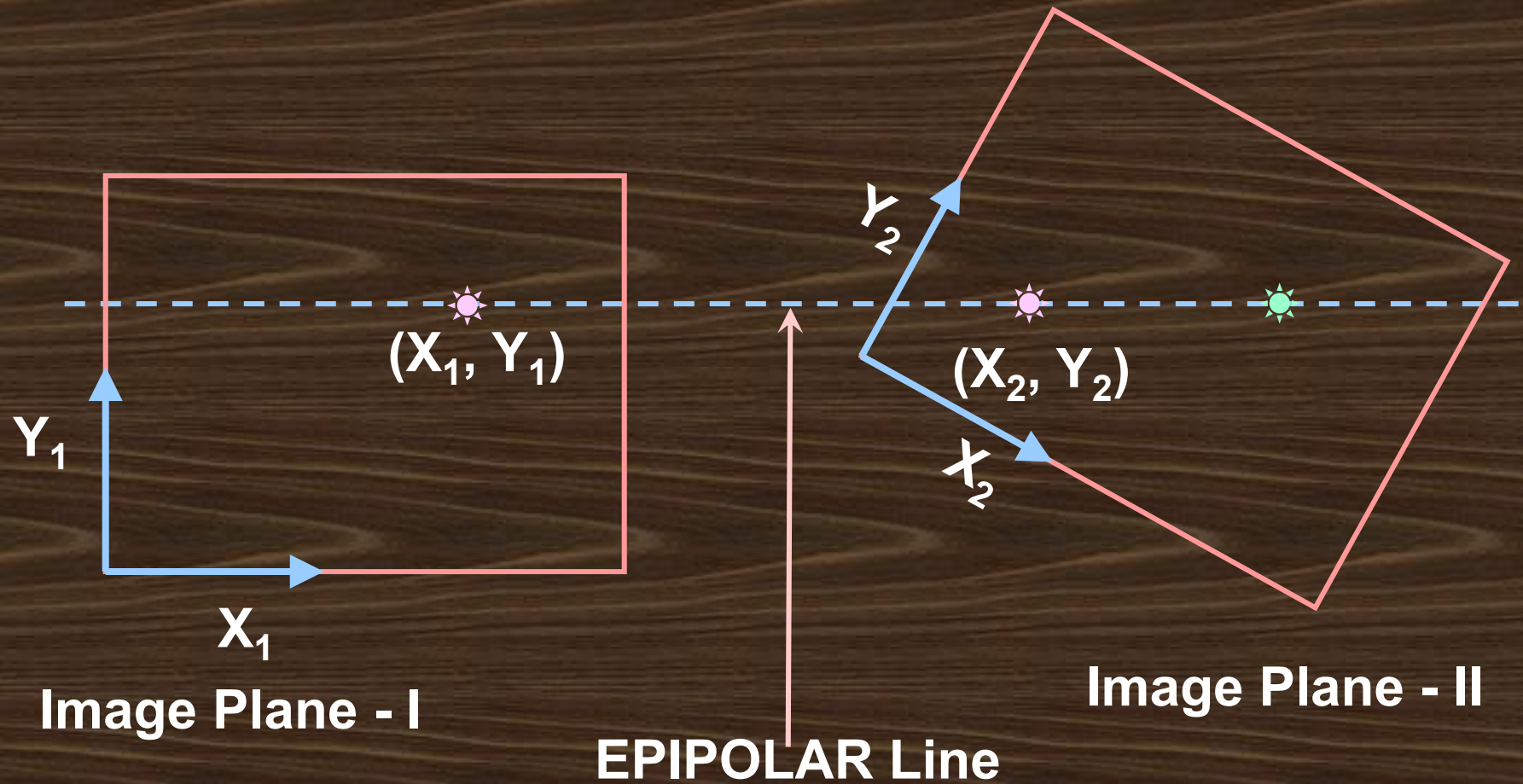
**Take home exercises/problems:**

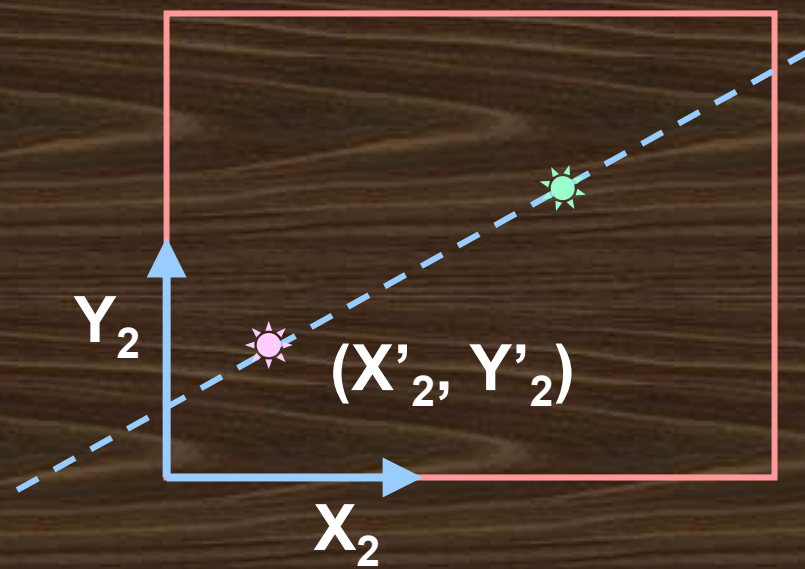
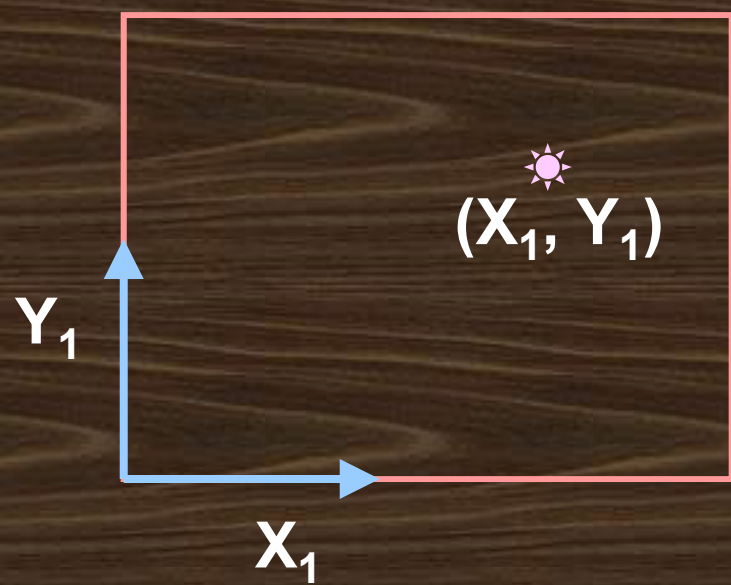
**What about Epipolar line in cases above ?**

**How do you derive the equation of an epipolar line ?**

**In general we may have multiple views ( 2 or more) of a scene. Typically used for 3D surveillance tasks.**

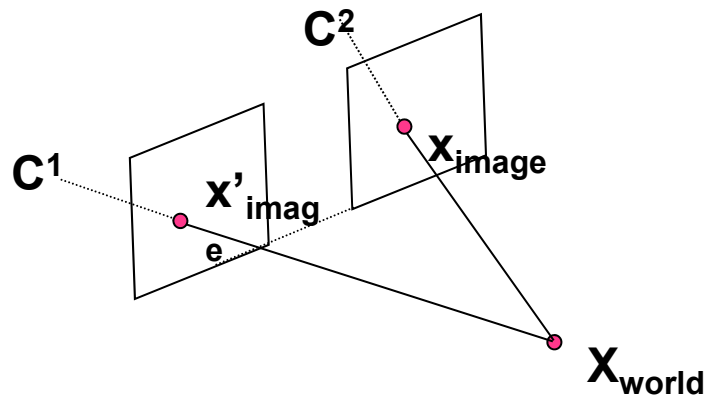
## The Epipolar line in case of Arbitrary Views





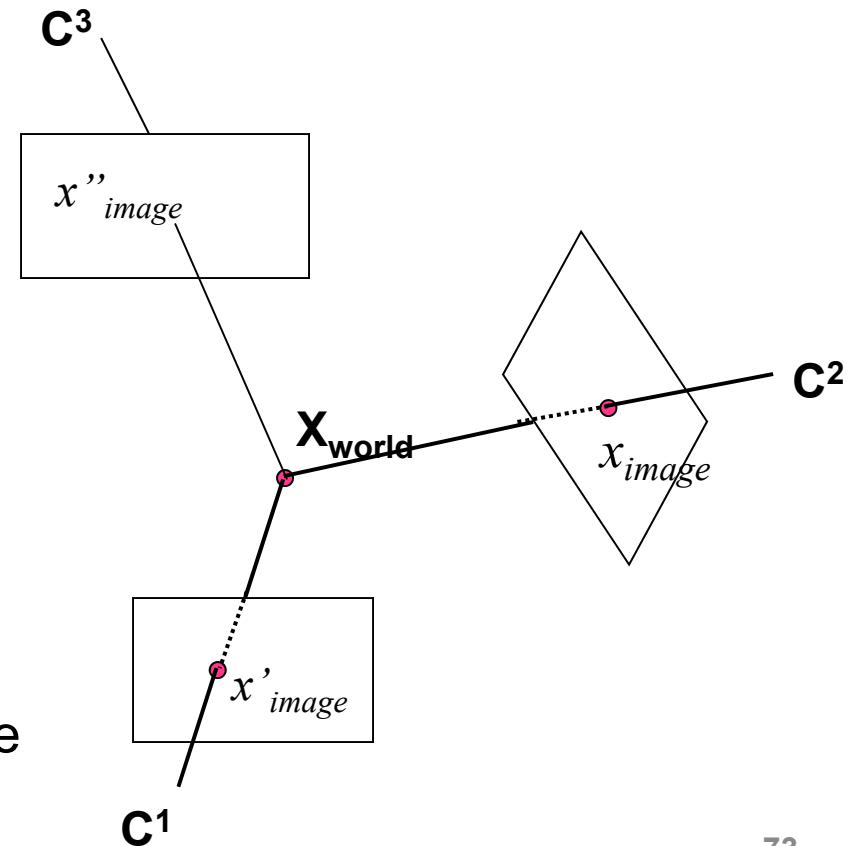
# Classical Depth Estimation

- Depth estimation of image points – need at least two views of the same object



General Stereo

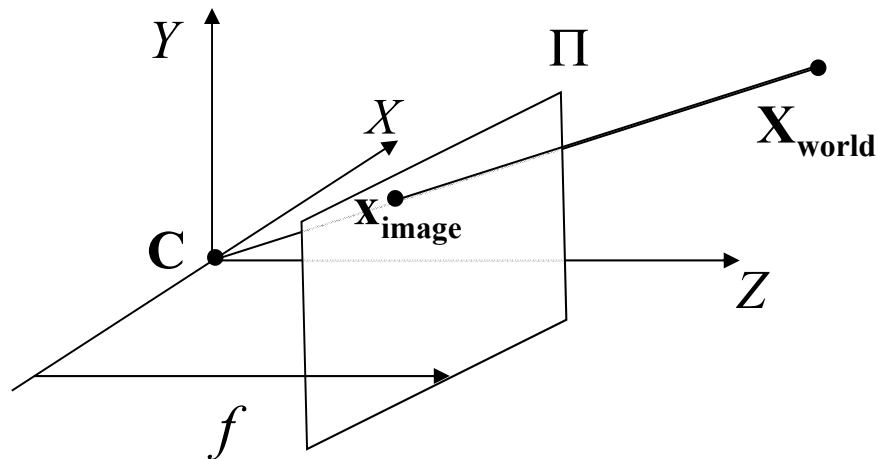
Arbitrary multiple  
view geometry



# Camera Image formulation

- Action of eye is simulated by an abstract camera model (pinhole camera model)
- 3D real world is captured on the image plane. Image is projection of 3D object on a 2D plane.

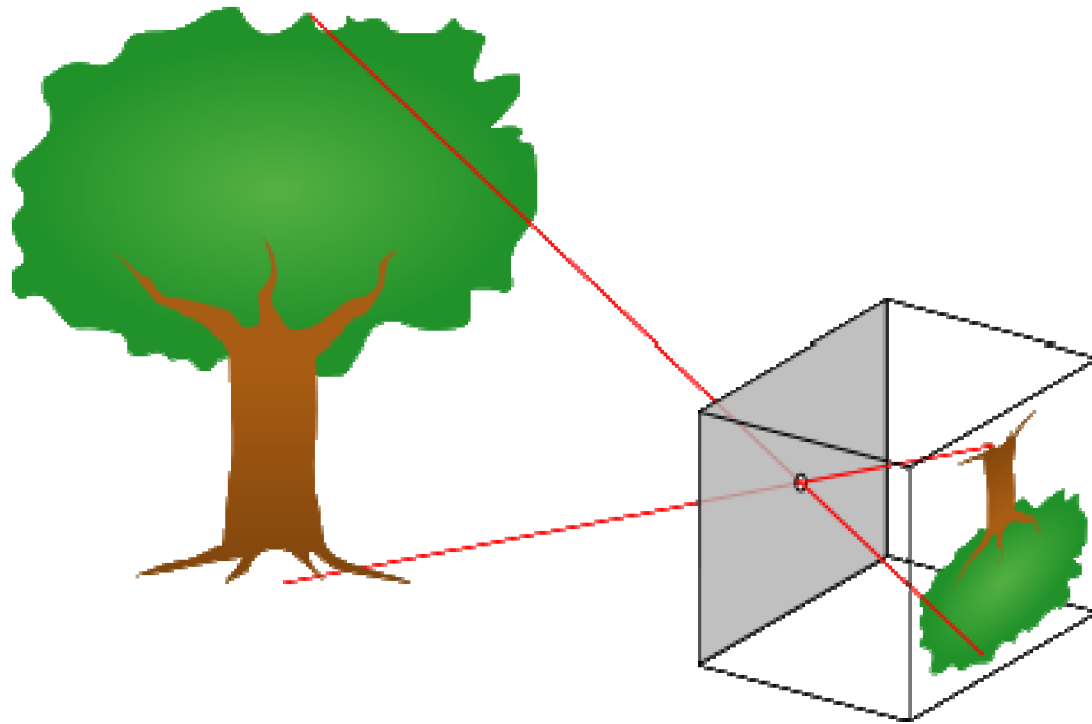
$$F : (X_w, Y_w, Z_w) \rightarrow (x_i, y_i)$$



$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{f} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{world}} = (X_w, Y_w, Z_w)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{image}} = \left( f \frac{X_w}{Z_w}, f \frac{Y_w}{Z_w} \right)$$



**Pinhole Camera schematic diagram**

# Camera Geometry

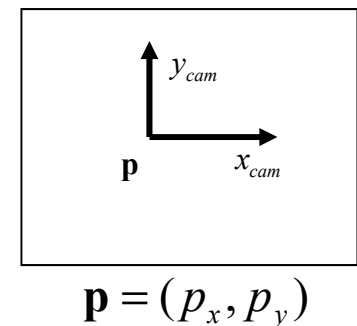
- Camera can be considered as a projection matrix,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}_{3 \times 4} \mathbf{X}$ 
  - A pinhole camera has the projection matrix as

$$P = \text{diag}(f, f, 1) [I \mid 0]$$

- Principal point offset

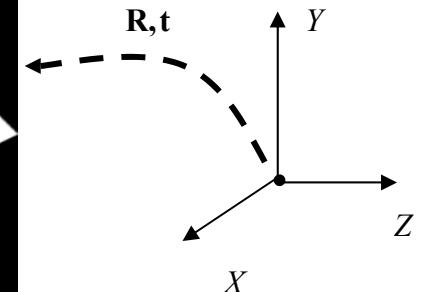
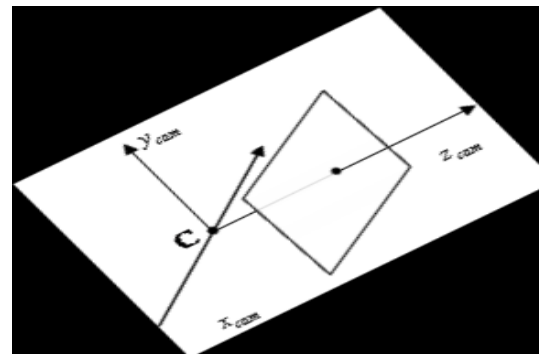
$$(X, Y, Z)^T \rightarrow (fX / Z + p_x, fY / Z + p_y)^T$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & p_x & 0 \\ 0 & f & p_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = K [I \mid \mathbf{0}] \mathbf{X}$$

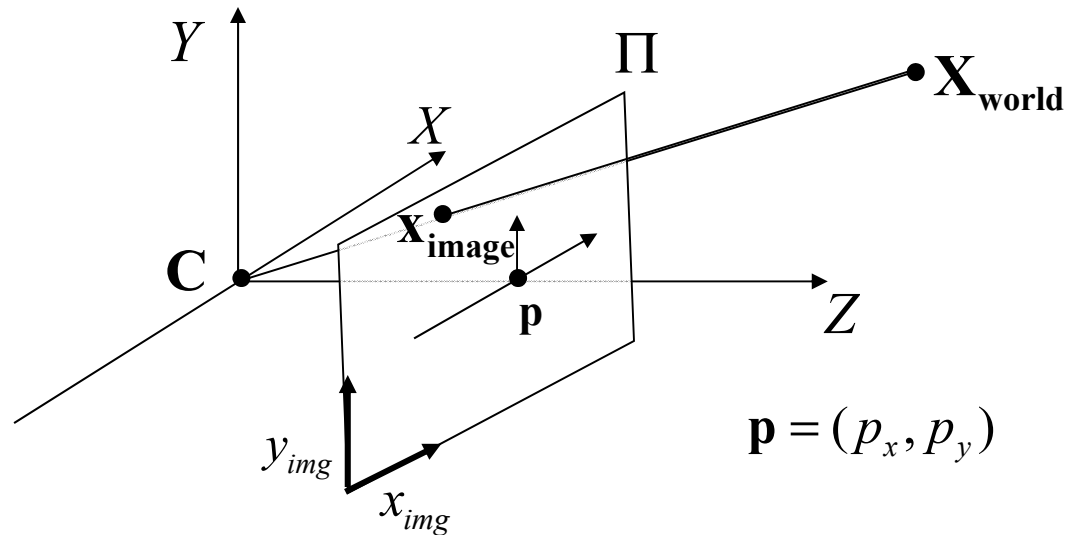


- Camera with rotation and translation

$$\mathbf{x} = K [R \mid \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X}$$



# Camera Geometry



Camera internal parameters

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_x & s & p_x \\ & \alpha_y & p_y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\alpha_x$  Scale factor in x- coordinate direction

$\alpha_y$  Scale factor in y- coordinate direction

$s$  Camera skew

$\frac{\alpha_x}{\alpha_y}$  Aspect ratio

Camera matrix,

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

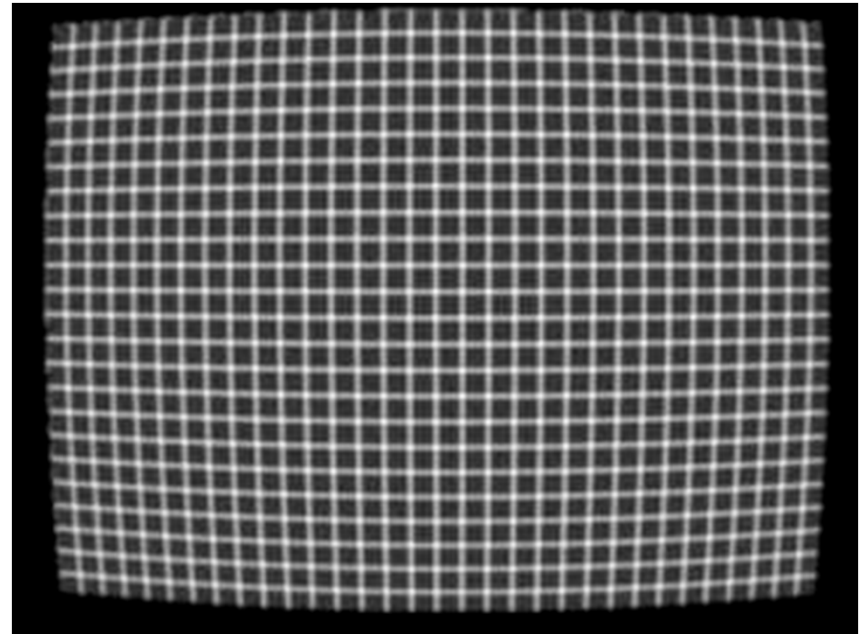
$R$  Rotation

$\mathbf{t}$  Translation vector

## **Camera skew factor/parameter, $s$ :**

**The parameter “ $s$ ” accounts for a possible non-orthogonality of the axes in the image plane.**

**This might be the case if the rows and columns of pixels on the sensor are not perpendicular to each other.**



**Pincushion,  
non-linear distortion**

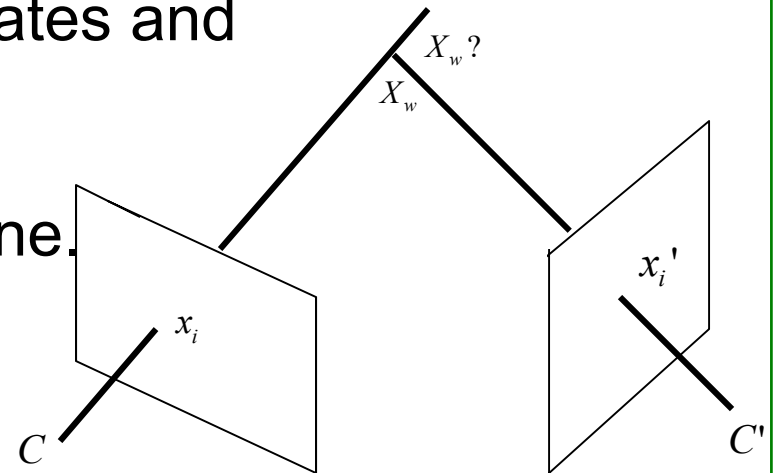
# The Reconstruction Problem

- Given a set of images of a particular 3D scene, can we reconstruct the scene back?
- 3D representation of an object is difficult because of the problem of depth estimation.
- Image is projection of 3D object on a 2D plane.

$$F : (X_w, Y_w, Z_w) \rightarrow (x, y)$$

$(X_w, Y_w, Z_w)$  are real world coordinates and  
 $(x, y)$  are Image coordinates

- Reverse mapping is not one to one.



# 3D Reconstruction

- Given a set of images of a particular 3D scene, can we reconstruct the scene back?



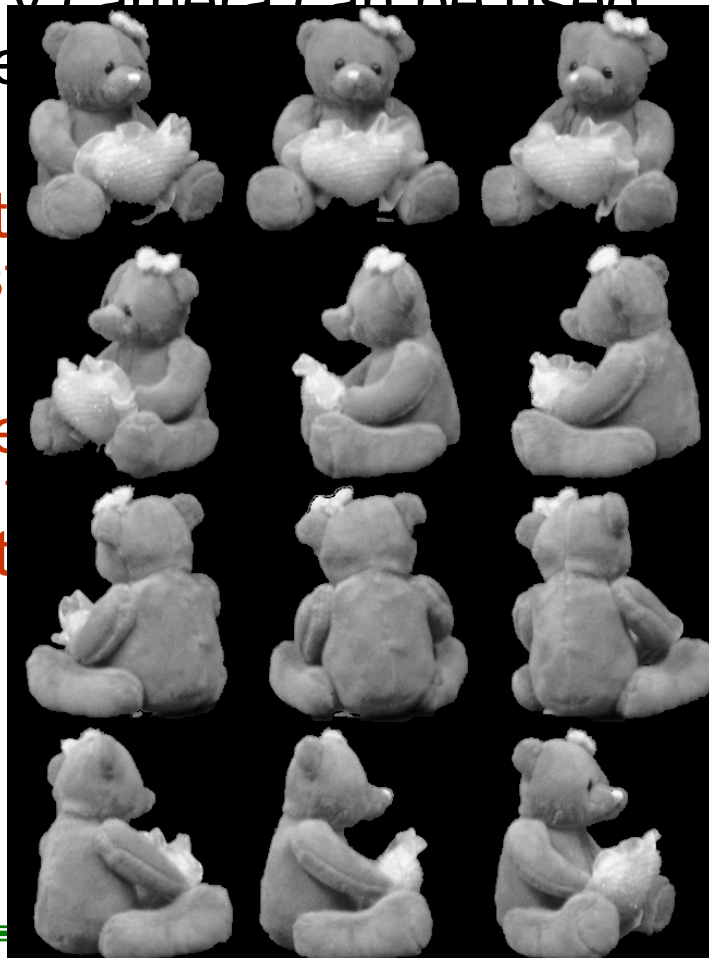
[a]

- Classical inverse problem of the computer vision

[a]. Oxford Keble College

# Reconstruction from turntable sequence

- The images acquired from various poses using an ordinary camera can be used to generate a 3D model

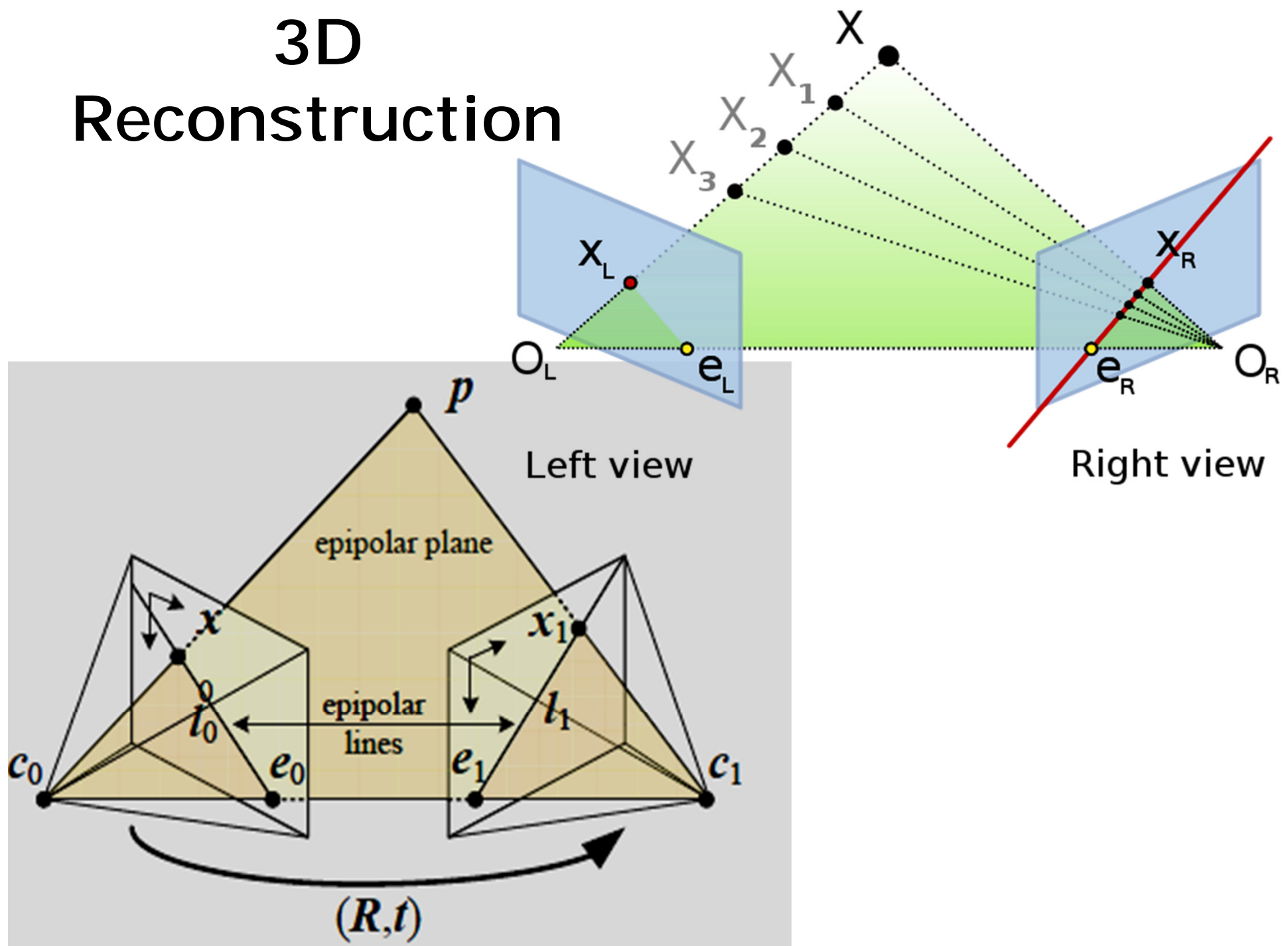


- How should we reconstruct the 3D model?

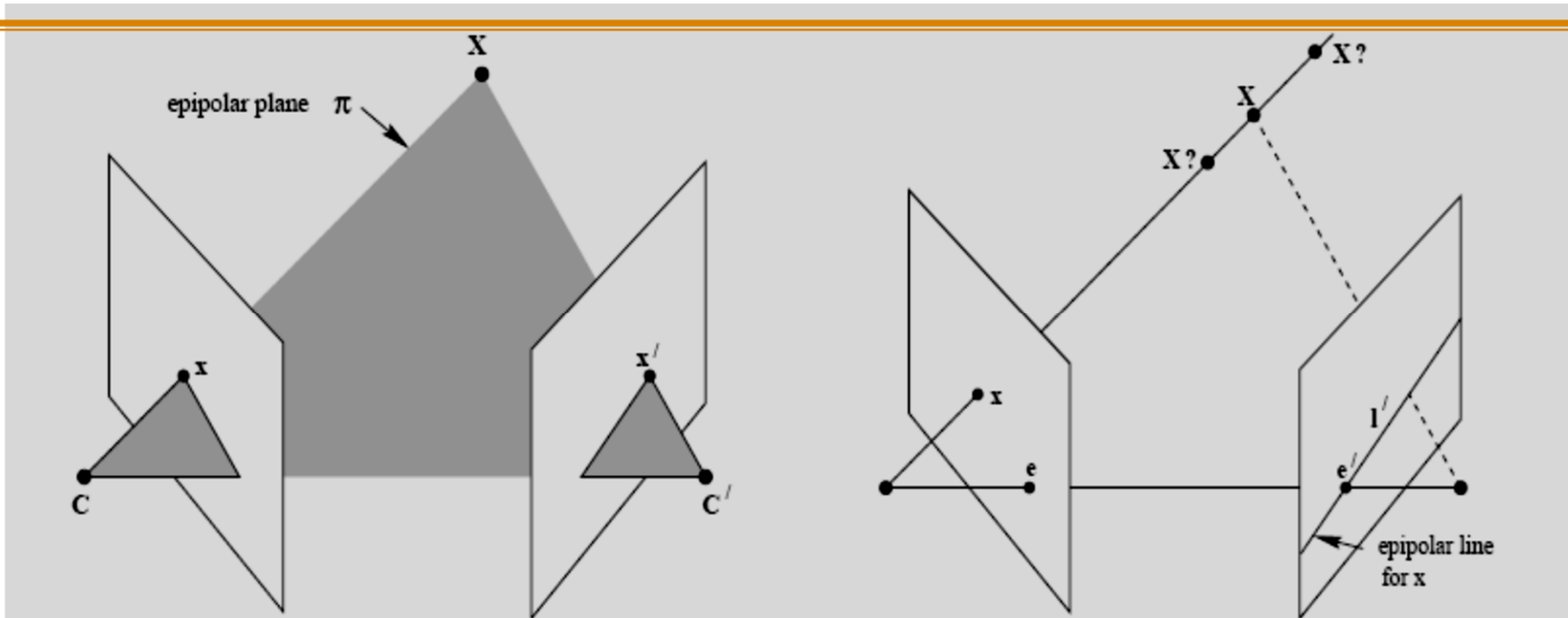
- Is there a better way to acquire the data?



# 3D Reconstruction



# Epipolar lines and Fundamental matrix



- An **epipolar plane** is a plane containing the camera centers (baseline) and the object point.
- An **epipolar line** is the intersection of an epipolar plane with the image plane.
- **Fundamental Matrix ( $F$ )** gives the constraint between corresponding image points of same 3D object point [a]

## Some Notations (*different; WATCH very carefully*)

Point:  $\vec{x} = (x, y)^T$ ;

$$\vec{x}^T L = L^T \vec{x} =$$

Line:  $\vec{L} = (a, b, c)^T$ ;

**A point  $\vec{x}$  in line  $L$  is:**

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{L} = \vec{L} \cdot \vec{x} = 0;$$

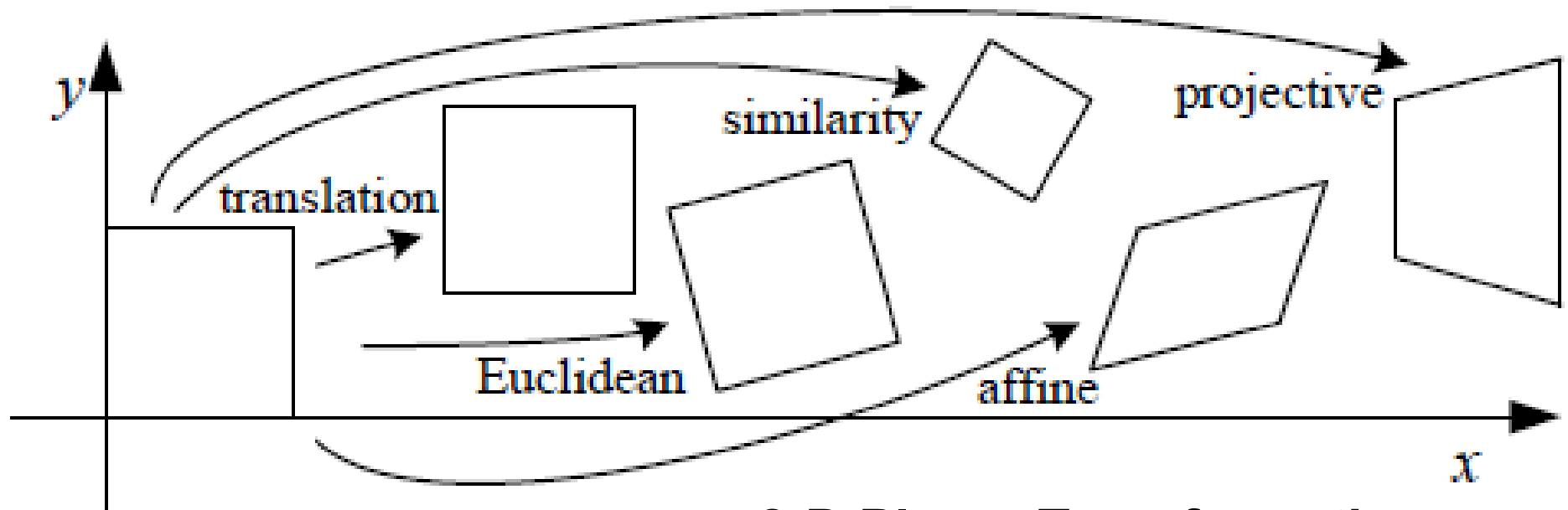
**A line through two points is:**  $L = \vec{x} \vec{x}'$ ;

**Point as intersection of 2 lines:**  $\vec{x} = \vec{L} \vec{x} \vec{L}'$ ;

$$\vec{A} \vec{x} \vec{B} = (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2, a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3, a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)^T$$

$$\text{Define: } [A]_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\text{Thus, } [A]_x B = \vec{A} \vec{x} \vec{B} = (A^T [B]_x)^T$$



## 2-D Planar Transformations

**Affine:**  
**Parallel lines**  
**remain parallel**  
**under Affine**  
**Transformation**

$$\mathbf{x}' = A\bar{\mathbf{x}};$$

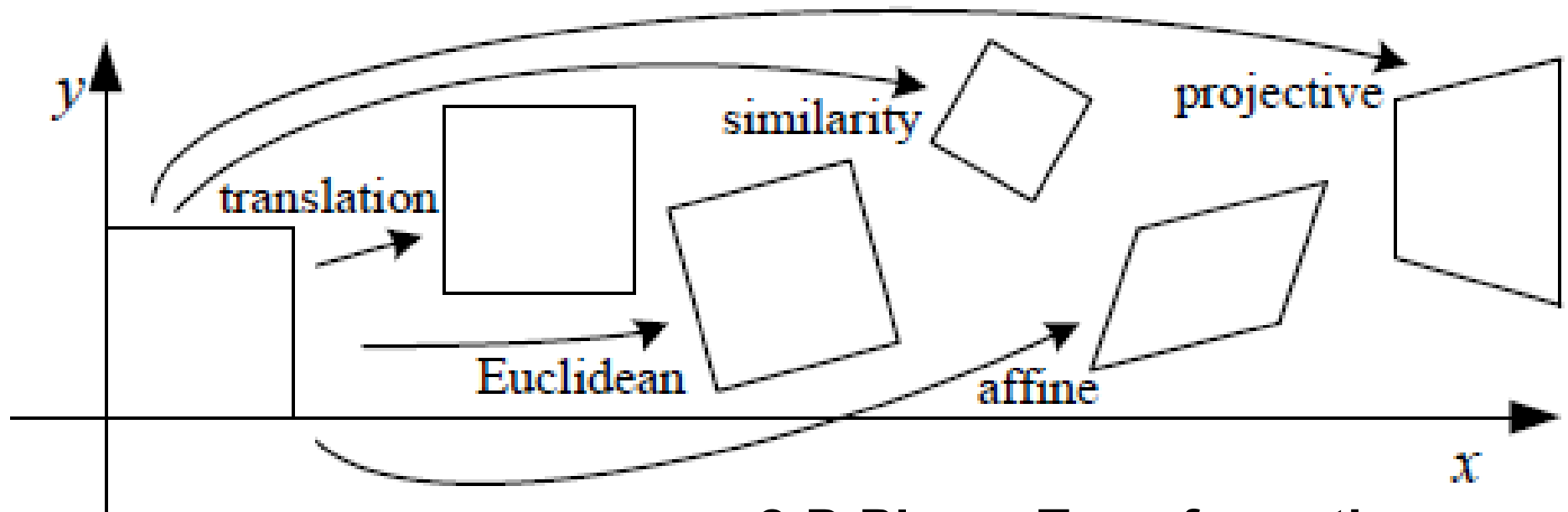
$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\mathbf{x}' = [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}' = [\mathbf{sR} \quad \mathbf{t}] \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b & t_x \\ b & a & t_y \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$



## 2-D Planar Transformations

New:  
Projective  
Or  
Homography

$$\mathbf{x}' = H \mathbf{x};$$






$$x' = \frac{h_{00}x + h_{01}y + h_{02}}{h_{20}x + h_{21}y + h_{22}}; \text{ and } y' = \frac{h_{10}x + h_{11}y + h_{12}}{h_{20}x + h_{21}y + h_{22}}$$

$$l \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0;$$






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

$$\text{Thus, } l' =$$

$$= 0;$$

Transformation	Matrix	# DoF	Preserves	Icon
translation	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	2	orientation	
rigid (Euclidean)	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	3	lengths	
similarity	$\begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	4	angles	
affine	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$	6	parallelism	
projective	$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$	8	straight lines	

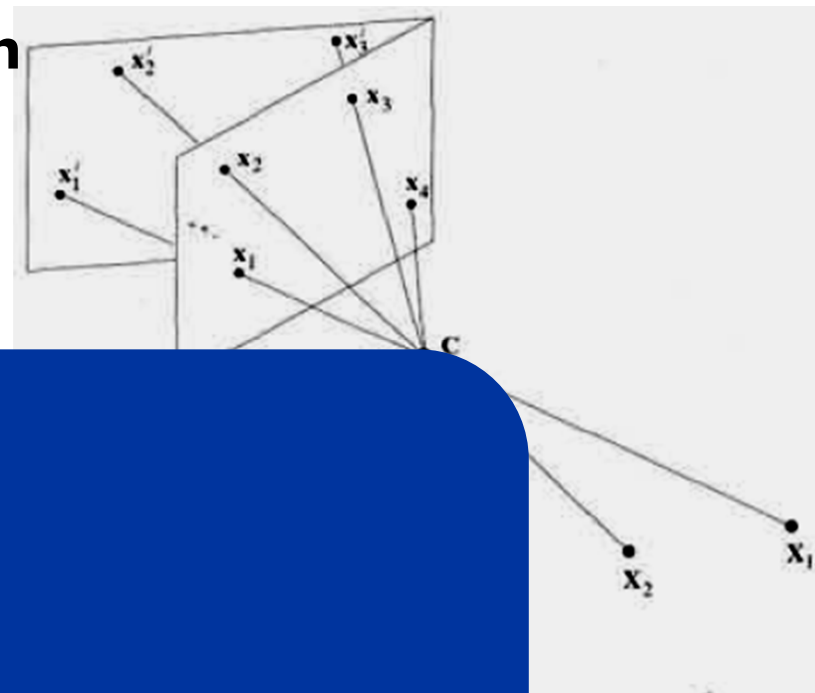
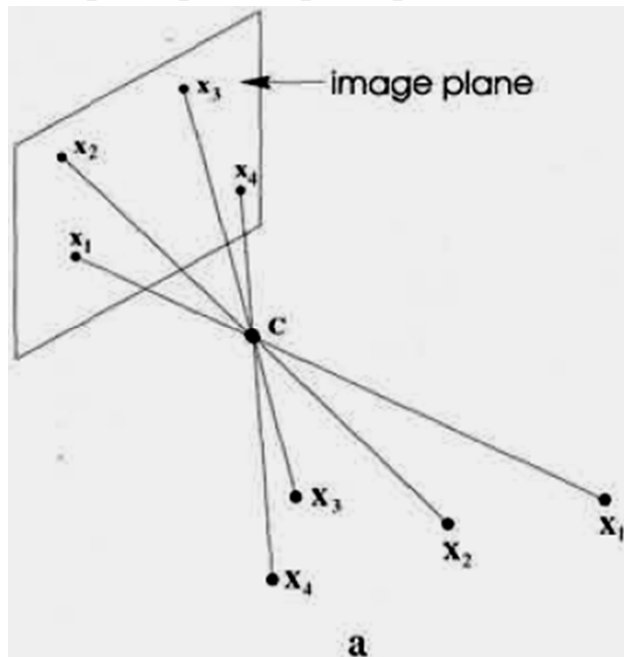
2-D

Transformation	Matrix	# DoF	Preserves	Icon
translation	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	3	orientation	
rigid (Euclidean)	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	6	lengths	
similarity	$\begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	7	angles	
affine	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$	12	parallelism	
projective	$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$	15	straight lines	

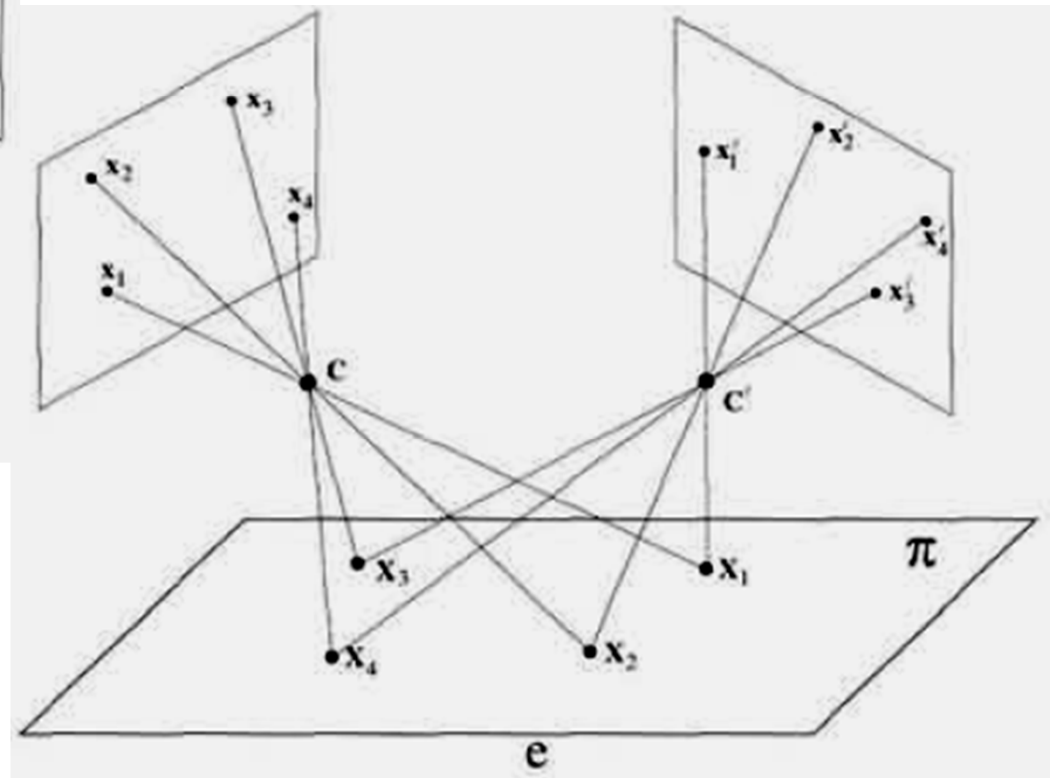
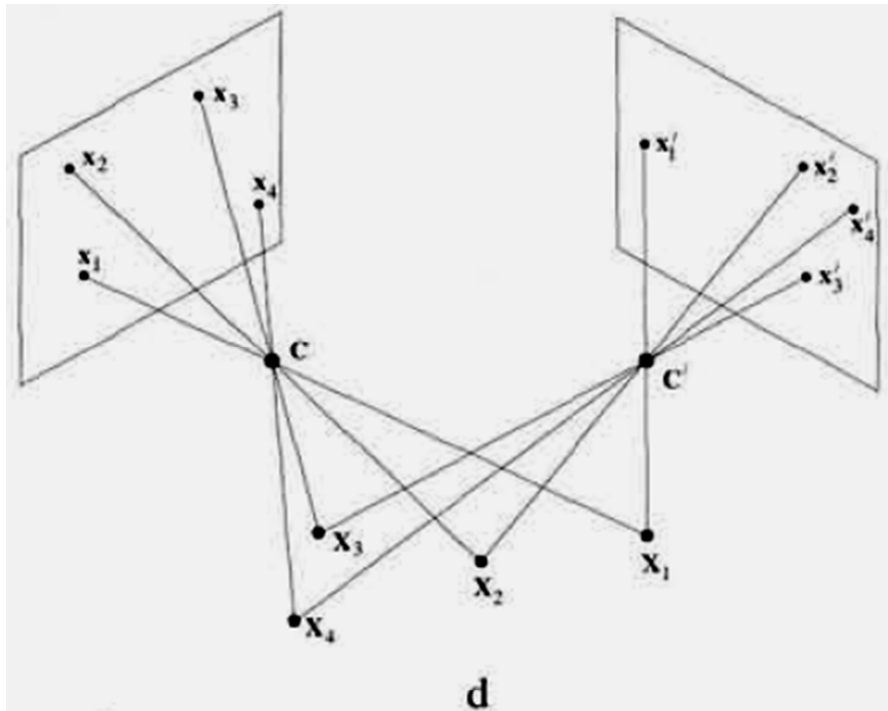
$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} & a_{02} & a_{03} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{x}}.$$

3-D

**A projectivity (or homography) is an invertible mapping  $H$  from  $\mathbb{P}^2$  to itself such that three points  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  lie on the same line, iff  $H(x_1), H(x_2)$  and  $H(x_3)$  do.**

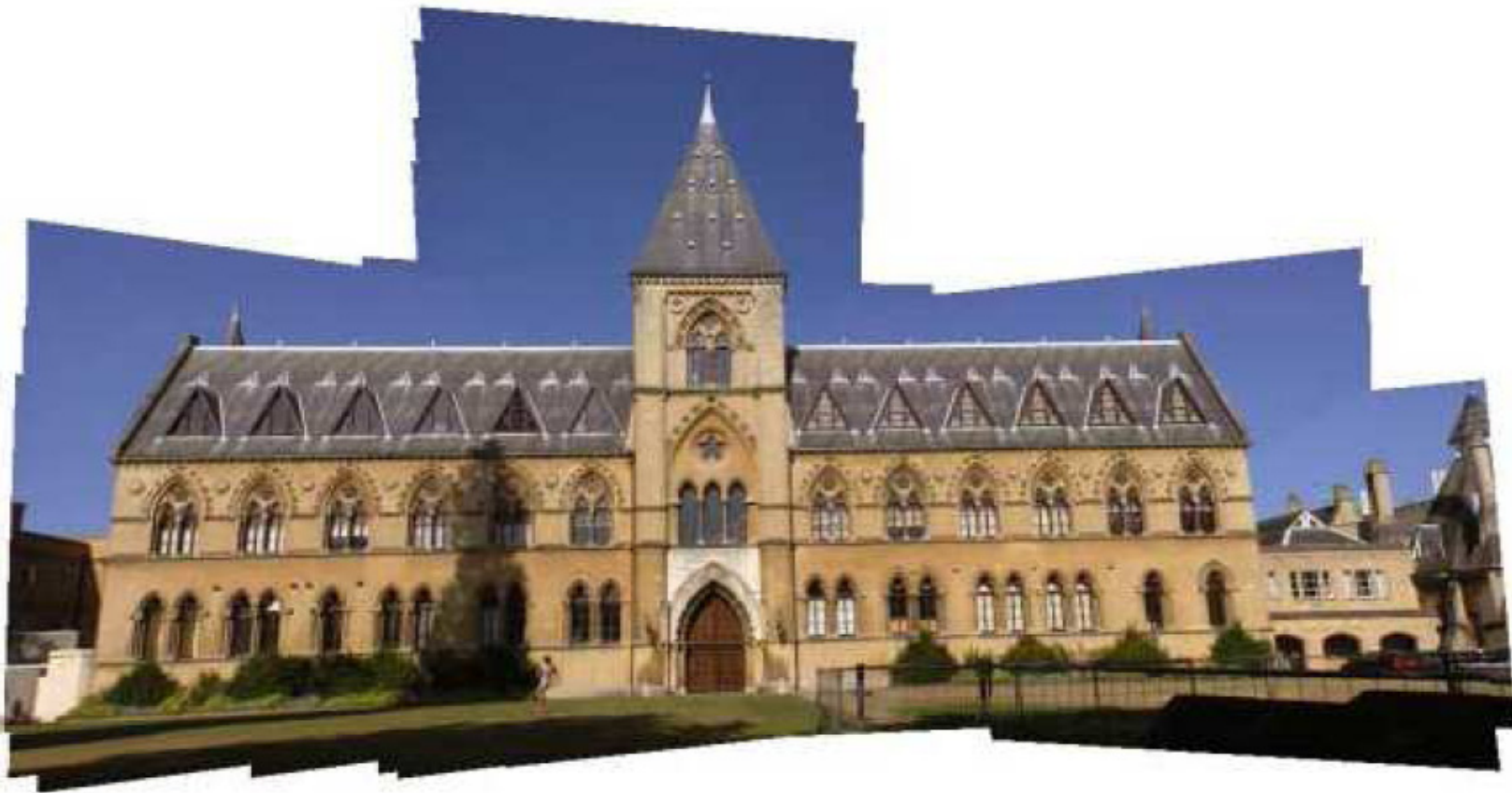
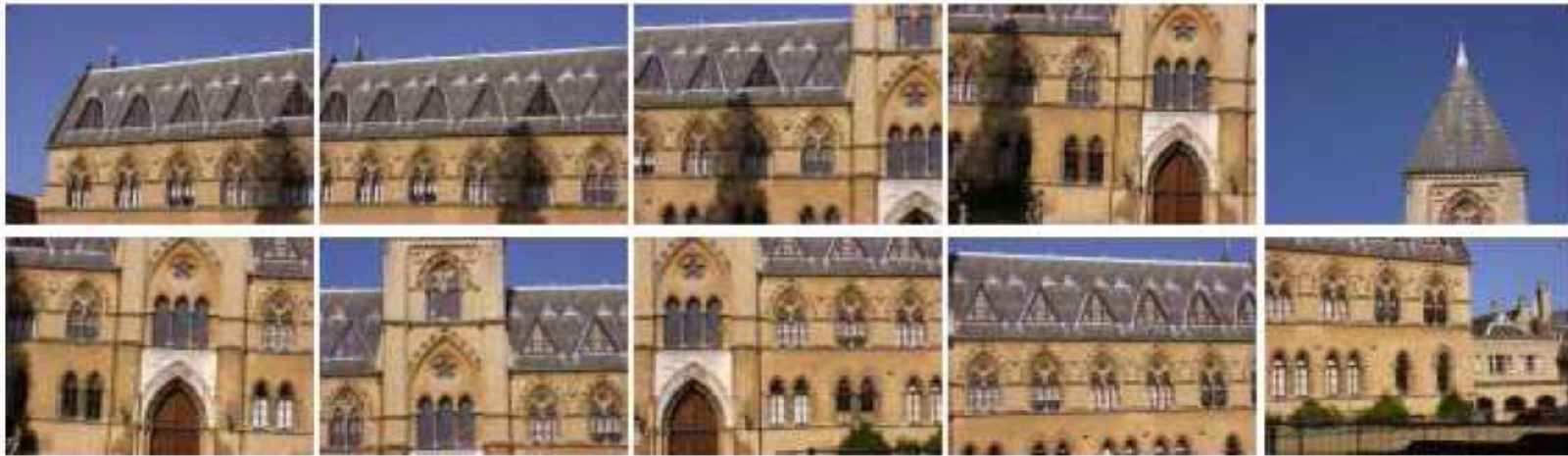


The camera centre is the essence, (a) Image formation: the image points  $x_i$  are the intersection of a plane with rays from the space points  $X_i$  through the camera centre  $C$ . (b) If the space points are coplanar then there is a projective transformation between the world and image planes:  $x_i = H_{3 \times 3} X_i$ . (c) All images with the same camera centre are related by a projective transformation,  $x'_i = H'_{3 \times 3} x_i$ . Compare (b) and (c) - in both cases planes are mapped to one another by rays through a centre. In (b) the mapping is between a scene and image plane, in (c) between two image planes.



**(d) If the camera centre moves, then the images are in general not related by a projective transformation, unless - (e) all the space points are coplanar.**

**H is non-singular, with 8 dof. It has applications in image/video mosaic, stereo reconstruction, camera calibration, scene modeling and understanding etc.**

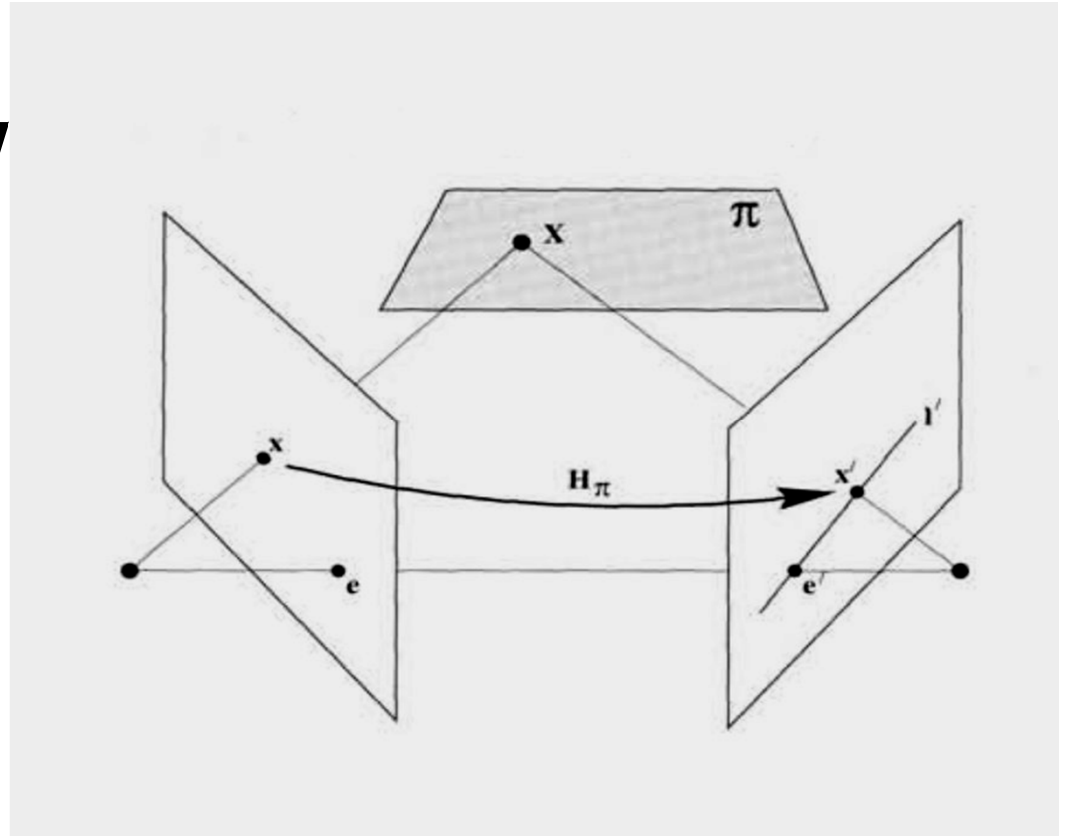


# Homography of points

$$\mathbf{x}' = H \mathbf{x};$$

$$\begin{aligned} l' &= e' \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}' \\ &= [e']_{\times} \mathbf{x}' \\ &= [e']_{\times} H \mathbf{x} \\ &= F \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{x}'^T . l' = 0;$$



$$e = [e_1 \ e_2 \ e_3]$$

$$[e]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -e_3 & e_2 \\ e_3 & 0 & -e_1 \\ -e_2 & e_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# $F$ & $H$ in terms of camera matrix.

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

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

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

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

$$\therefore H =$$

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$$\mathbf{e}' = P'\mathbf{C}$$

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

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

$$= [\mathbf{e}']_{\times} \mathbf{x}'$$

$$= [P'\mathbf{C}]_{\times} (P'P^+ \mathbf{x})$$

and,

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

$$\therefore F = [P'\mathbf{C}]_{\times} P'P^+$$

$$= [\mathbf{e}']_{\times} P'P^+$$

**This is, corresponding  
Epipolar Line for a point**

The basic tool in the reconstruction of point sets from two views is the *fundamental matrix*, which represents the constraint obeyed by image points  $x$  and  $x'$  if they are to be images of the same 3D point.

This constraint arises from the coplanarity of the camera centres of the two views, the images points and the space point.

## $H$ in terms of $K$

$$P = K[I \mid 0]$$

$$P' = KR[I \mid 0]$$

$$x = PX$$

$$= K[I \mid 0]X$$

$$K^{-1}x = [I \mid 0]X$$

$$x' = Hx$$

$$\therefore H =$$

$$x' = P'X = f(x)??$$

$$=$$

$$=$$

## **Fundamental matrix, $F$ :**

*The fundamental matrix  $F$  may be written as  $F = [e']_x H_\Pi$ , where  $H_\Pi$  is the transfer mapping from one image to another via any plane  $\Pi$ .*

*Furthermore, since  $[e']_x$  has rank 2 and  $H_\Pi$  rank 3,  $F$  is a matrix of rank 2.*

**$F$  is a 3 x 3 matrix of rank 2. Equations  $(X_i' F X_i = 0)$  are linear in the entries of the matrix  $F$ , which means that if  $F$  is unknown, then it can be computed from a set of point correspondences.**

**A pair of camera matrices  $P$  and  $P'$  uniquely determine a fundamental matrix  $F$ , and conversely, the fundamental matrix determines the pair of camera matrices, up to a 3D projective ambiguity.**

**Thus, the fundamental matrix encapsulates the complete projective geometry of the pair of cameras, and is unchanged by projective transformation of 3D.**

**The fundamental-matrix method for reconstructing the scene from two views, consisting of the following steps:**

- (i) Given several **point correspondences**  $x_i' \leftrightarrow x_i$  across two views, form linear equations in the entries of  $F$  based on the coplanarity equations  $x_i^T F x_i' = 0$ .**
- (ii) Find  $F$  as the **solution to a set of linear equations**;**
- (iii) Compute a pair of camera matrices from  $F$  according to the simple formula given as:  
The camera matrices corresponding to a fundamental matrix  $F$  may be chosen as  **$P = [I \mid 0]$  and  $P' = [[e']_x F \mid e']$ .****
- (iv) Given the two cameras ( $P, P'$ ) and the corresponding image point pairs  $x_i' \leftrightarrow x_i$ , find the 3D point  $X_i$  that projects to the given image points. Solving for  $X$  in this way is known as *triangulation*.**

**Issues:**

**How to get correct correspondences ?**

**How to estimate  $F$  ?**

**What is triangulation process ?**

## Scene Homography (points)

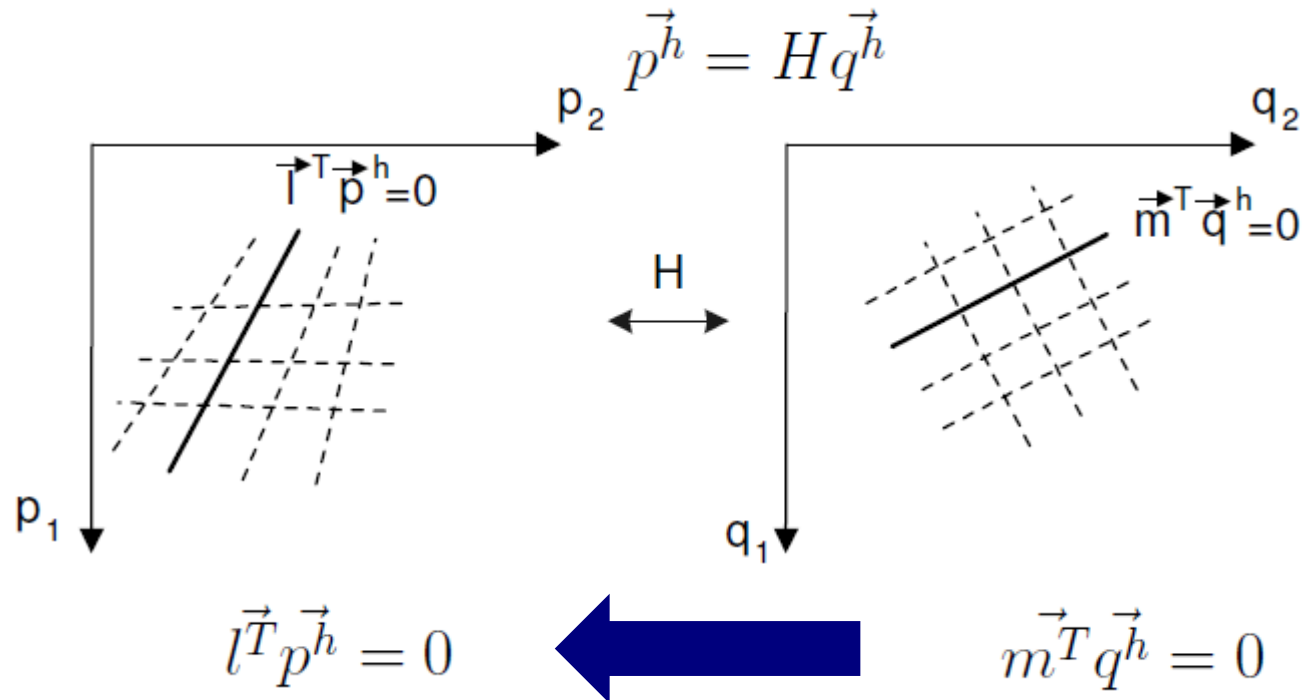
A **homography** is an invertible mapping of points and lines on a projective plane. Its an invertible mapping to itself, such that collinearity is preserved. It is represented as:

$$\vec{p}^h = H \vec{q}^h \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

where:

- $\vec{p}^h, \vec{q}^h$  are homogeneous 3D vectors
- $H \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  is called a **homography matrix** and has 8 degrees of freedom, because it is defined up to a scaling factor ( $H = cA^{-1}B$  where  $c$  is any arbitrary scalar)
- The mapping defined by (1) is called a **2D homography**
- Since the homography matrix  $H$  has 8 degrees of freedom, 4 corresponding  $(\vec{p}, \vec{q})$  pairs are enough to constrain the problem

## Scene Homography (Lines)



**From above, derive,  $l = f(H, m)$  ??**

$$l^T p^h = 0 \Rightarrow l^T H q^h = 0 = m^T q^h;$$

$$\text{Thus, } l = (H^{-1})^T m$$

$$l^T H = m^T$$

$$\Rightarrow l^T = m^T H^{-1}$$

**What about  $H$ , from above ??**

$$H = (l^T)^{-1} m^T$$

**Possible to compute  $H$ , now ??**

## Solving Homography using point correspondences

$$c \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = H \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $c$  is any non-zero constant,  $\begin{pmatrix} u & v & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$  represents  $\mathbf{x}'$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} x & y & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$  represents  $\mathbf{x}$ , and  $H = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & h_3 \\ h_4 & h_5 & h_6 \\ h_7 & h_8 & h_9 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$-h_1x - h_2y - h_3 + (h_7x + h_8y + h_9)u = 0 \quad (2.2)$$

$$-h_4x - h_5y - h_6 + (h_7x + h_8y + h_9)u = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

$$A_i \mathbf{h} = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

where  $A_i =$

and  $\mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & h_3 & h_4 & h_5 & h_6 & h_7 & h_8 & h_9 \end{pmatrix}^T$ .

### **Solution to a homogeneous system ?**

**The solution set to a homogeneous system is the same as the **null space** of the corresponding matrix **A**.**

## Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Singular value decomposition takes a matrix (defined as  $A$ , where  $A$  is a  $n \times p$  matrix). The SVD theorem states:

where,  $U^T U = I$  &  $V^T V = I$   $A_{n \times p} = U_{n \times n} S_{n \times p} V^T_{p \times p}$

Calculating the SVD consists of :

- Finding the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $AA^T$  and  $A^T A$ .
- The columns of  $V$  are orthonormal eigenvectors of  $A^T A$
- The columns of  $U$  are orthonormal eigenvectors of  $AA^T$
- Also, the singular values in  $S$  are square roots of eigenvalues from  $AA^T$  or  $A^T A$  in descending order.

Some important observations:

$$M = U \Sigma V^*$$

- The singular values are the diagonal entries of the  $S$  matrix and are arranged in descending order.
- The singular values are always real numbers.
- If the matrix  $M$  is a real matrix, then  $U$  and  $V$  are also real.

The right-singular vectors corresponding to vanishing singular values of  $M$  **span the null space of  $M$** . The left-singular vectors corresponding to the non-zero singular values of  $M$  span the range (space) of  $M$ .

$$A_i \mathbf{h} = 0$$

Since each point correspondence provides 2 equations, 4 correspondences are sufficient to solve for the 8 degrees of freedom of  $H$ . The restriction is that no 3 points can be collinear (i.e., they must all be in “general position”). Four  $2 \times 9$   $A_i$  matrices (one per point correspondence) can be stacked on top of one another to get a single  $8 \times 9$  matrix  $A$ . The 1D null space of  $A$  is the solution space for  $\mathbf{h}$ .

***If the homography is exactly determined, then  $\sigma_9 = 0$ , and there exists a homography that fits the points exactly.***

**This is the basic DLT algorithm, which only requires normalization (pixel coordinates) and de-normalization steps, prior and after the solution of the homogeneous system.**

**Also a cost minimization approach (use RANSAC) is used for a over-determined set of systems, for a robust solution.**

**For Homography using line correspondences:**

$$A_i = \begin{pmatrix} -u & 0 & ux & -v & 0 & vx & -1 & 0 & x \\ 0 & -u & uy & 0 & -v & vy & 0 & -1 & y \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} u & v & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$  represents  $\mathbf{l}'$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} x & y & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$  represents  $\mathbf{l}$

## Estimate H (DLT, but with an alternate notation)

Given  $n \geq 4$  2-D point pairs;

Algo:

$$\mathbf{x}'_i \times H \mathbf{x}_i = 0; \quad \mathbf{x}'_i = (x'_i, y'_i, w'_i)^T;$$

$$H \mathbf{x}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h}^{1T} \mathbf{x}_i \\ \mathbf{h}^{2T} \mathbf{x}_i \\ \mathbf{h}^{3T} \mathbf{x}_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0^T & -w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & y'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \\ w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & 0^T & -x'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \\ -y'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & x'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & 0^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h^1 \\ h^2 \\ h^3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow A_i \mathbf{h} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x}'_i \times H \mathbf{x}_i = \begin{pmatrix} y'_i \mathbf{h}^{3T} \mathbf{x}_i - w'_i \mathbf{h}^{2T} \mathbf{x}_i \\ w'_i \mathbf{h}^{1T} \mathbf{x}_i - x'_i \mathbf{h}^{3T} \mathbf{x}_i \\ x'_i \mathbf{h}^{2T} \mathbf{x}_i - y'_i \mathbf{h}^{1T} \mathbf{x}_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Use:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0^T & -w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & y'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \\ w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T & 0^T & -x'_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h^1 \\ h^2 \\ h^3 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

- Assemble  $n$  such  $2 \times 9$  matrices  $A_i$  into a single  $2n \times 9$  matrix  $A$ , by stacking horizontally row-wise;

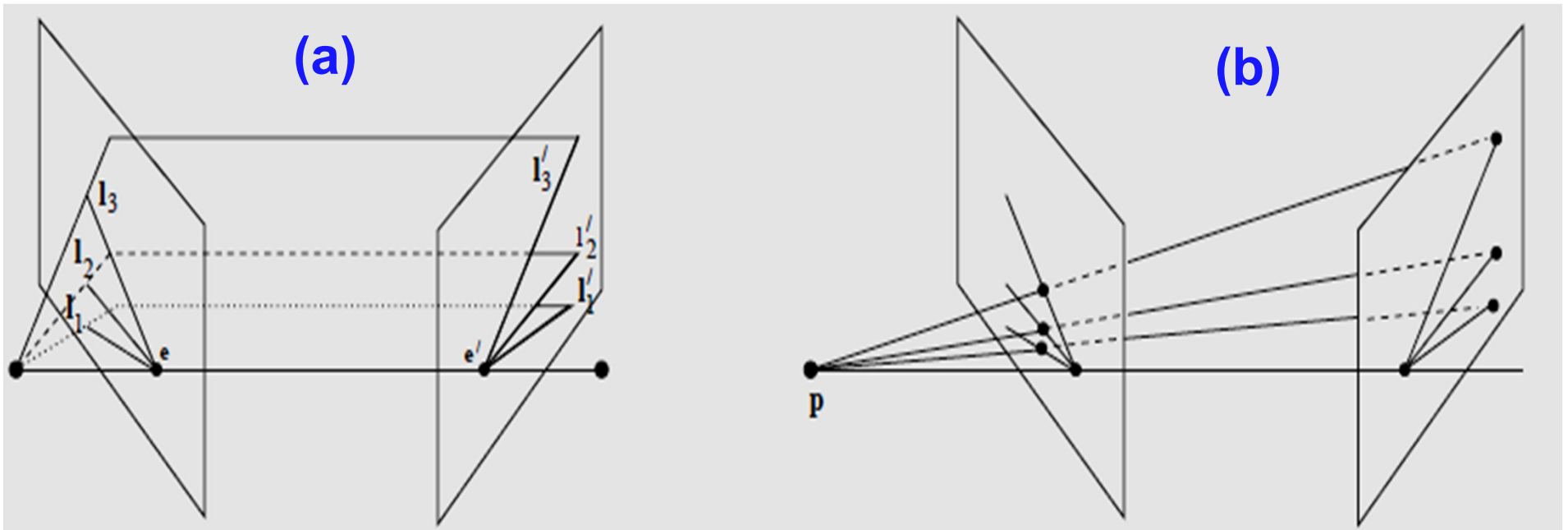
- SVD of  $A$ , gives :

$$A = U D V^T;$$

-  $\mathbf{h}_{9 \times 1}$  is the last column of  $V$  (unit singular eigen-vector corresponding to smallest singular value)

- Form  $H_{3 \times 3}$ , by arranging elements of  $\mathbf{h}$

- May need normalization of coordinates



### Epipolar line homography:

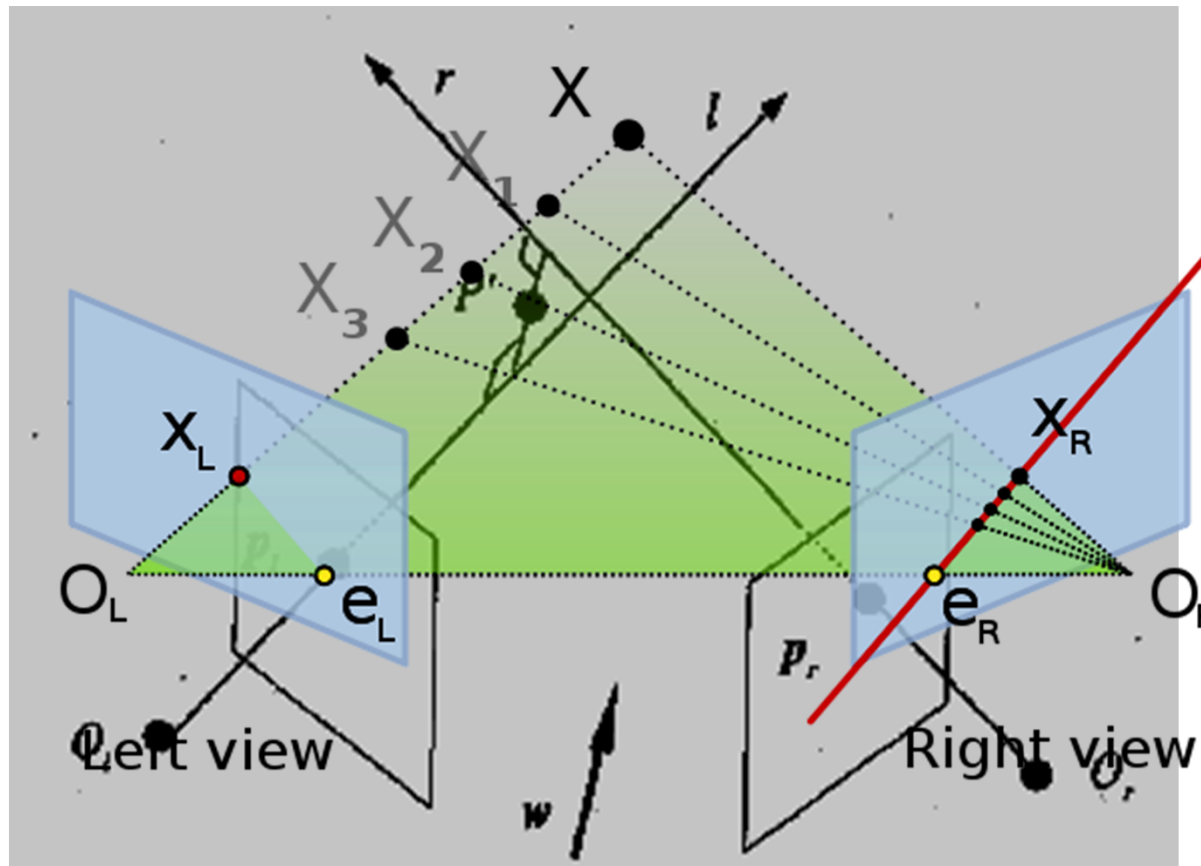
(a) There is a pencil of epipolar lines in each image centred on the epipole. The correspondence between epipolar lines,  $l_i \leftrightarrow l'_i$  is defined by the pencil of planes with axis the baseline.

(b) The corresponding lines are related by a perspectivity, with centre at any point  $p$  on the baseline. It follows that the correspondence between epipolar lines in the pencils is a 1D homography.

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**If the stereo is calibrated; i.e  $P$  and  $P'$  known, use:**

A compact algorithm for rectification of stereo pairs; Andrea Fusiello, Emanuele Trucco, Alessandro Verri ; Machine Vision and Applications (2000) 12: 16–22 Machine Vision and Applications; Springer-Verlag 2000;



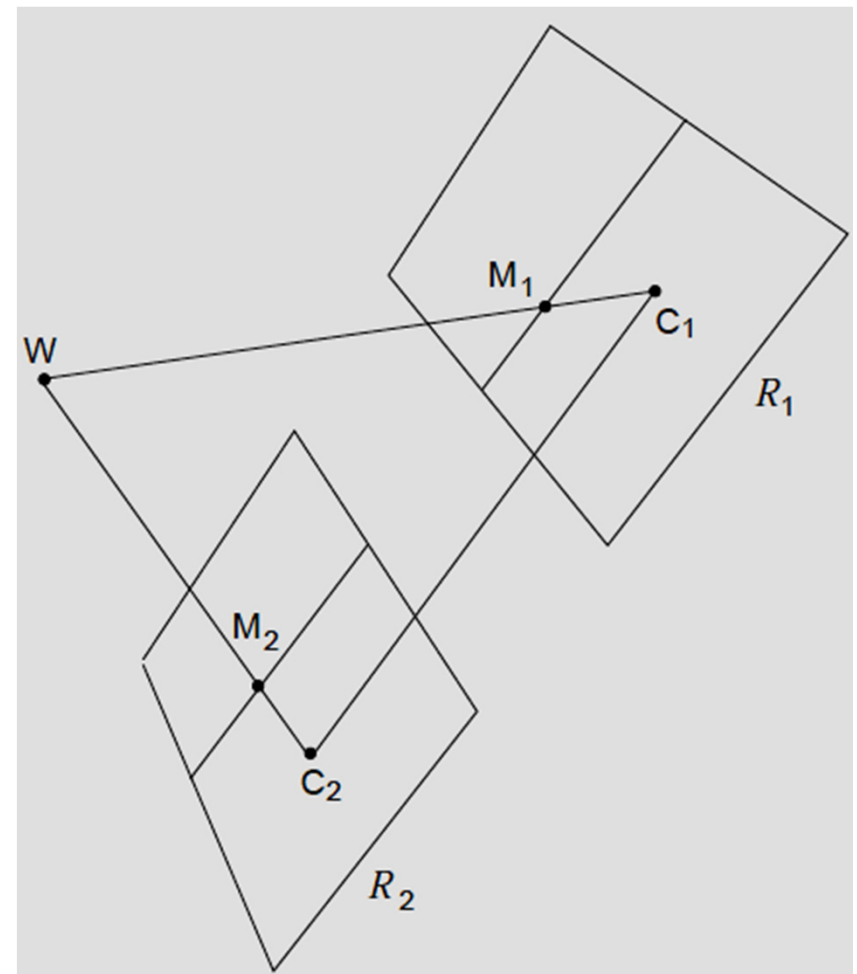
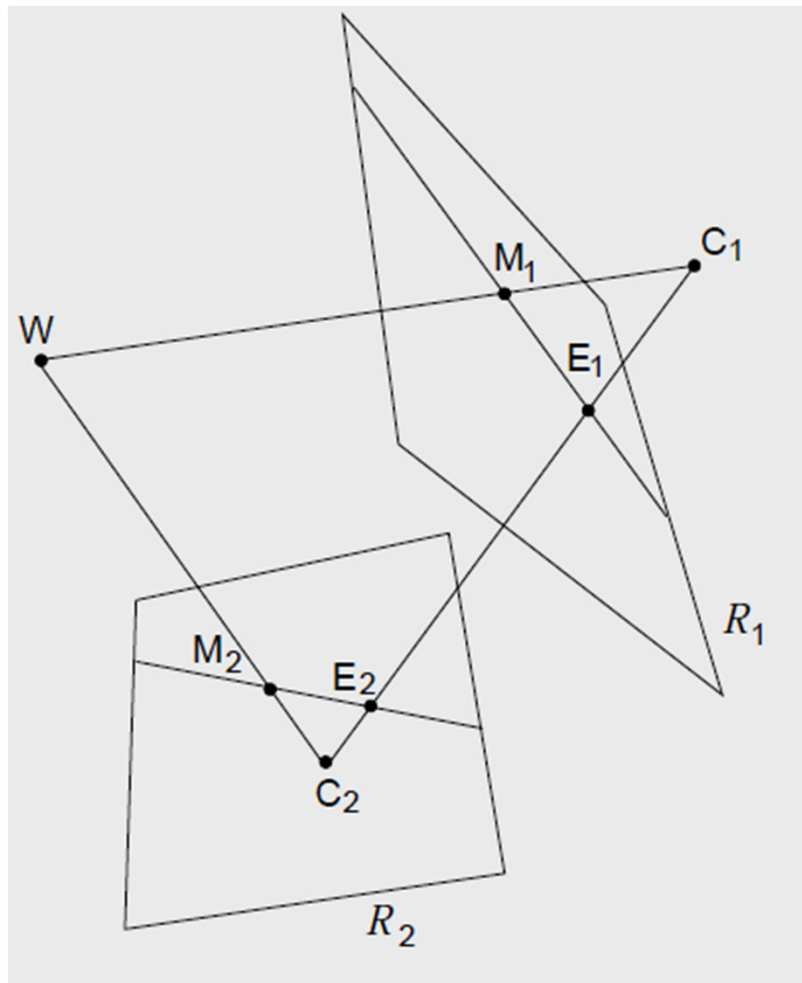
### A Priori Knowledge

Intrinsic and extrinsic parameters  
 Intrinsic parameters only  
 No information on parameters

### 3-D Reconstruction from Two Views

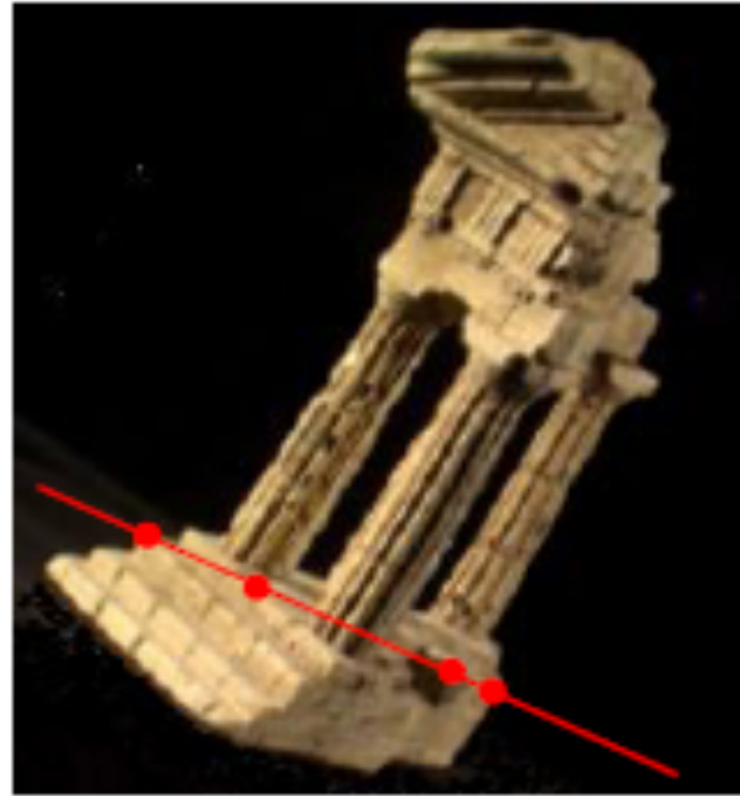
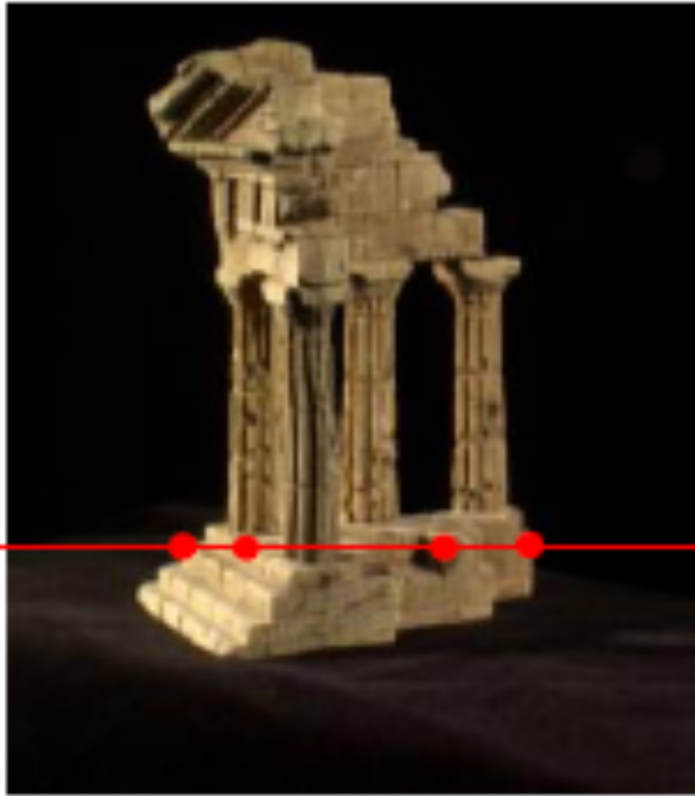
Unambiguous (absolute coordinates)  
 Up to an unknown scaling factor  
 Up to an unknown projective transformation of the environment

**$W$  is orthogonal to both  $r$  &  $l$ ; - formula ??**

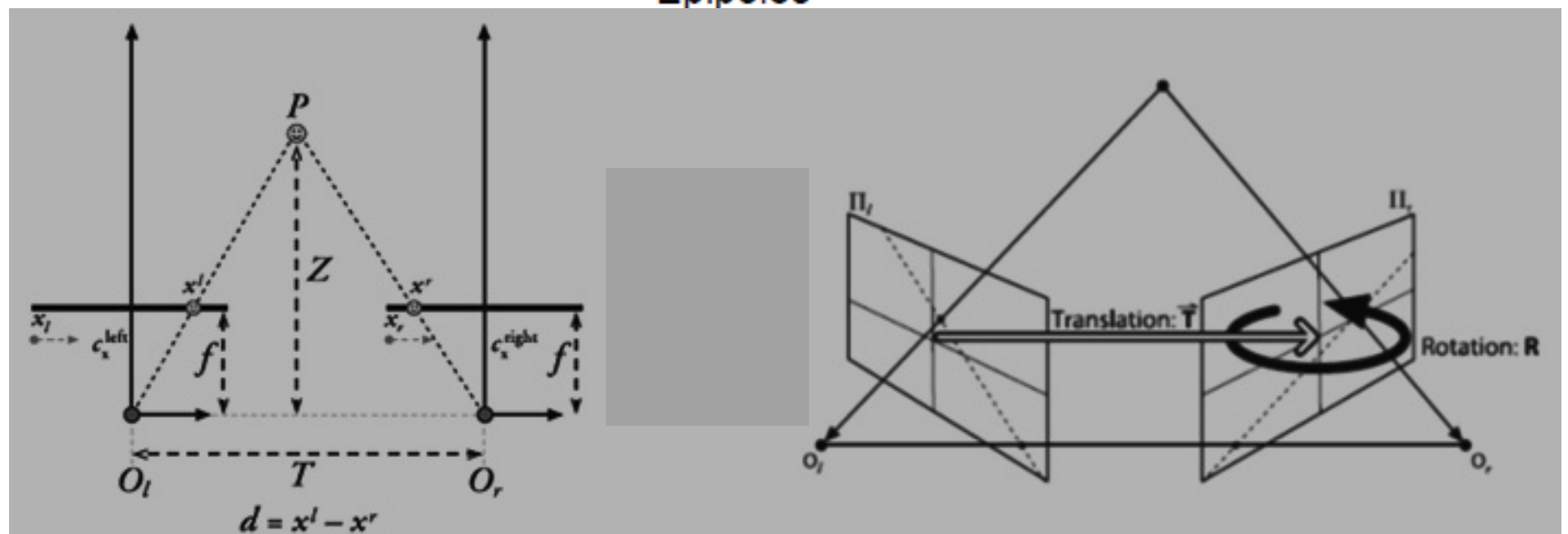
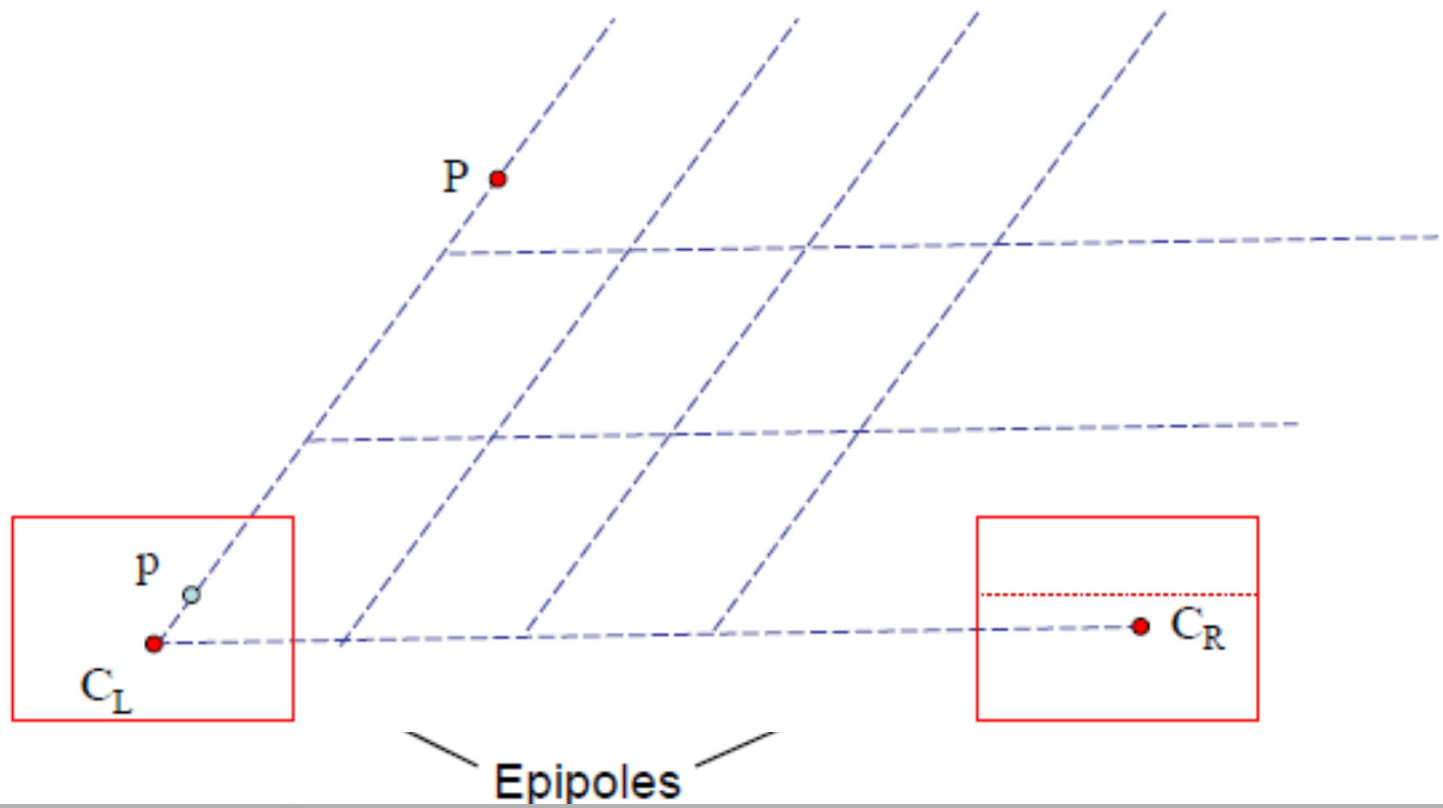


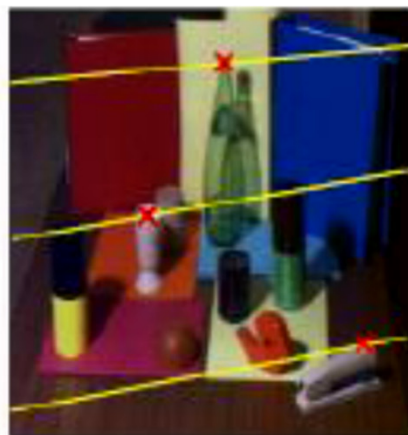
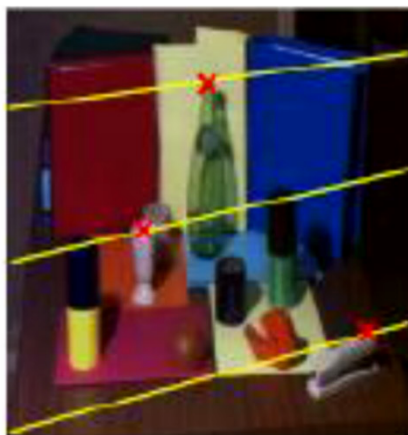
## Process of Rectification

**Image rectification is the process of applying a pair of 2 dimensional projective transforms, or homographies, to a pair of images whose epipolar geometry is known so that epipolar lines in the original images map to horizontally aligned lines in the transformed images.**

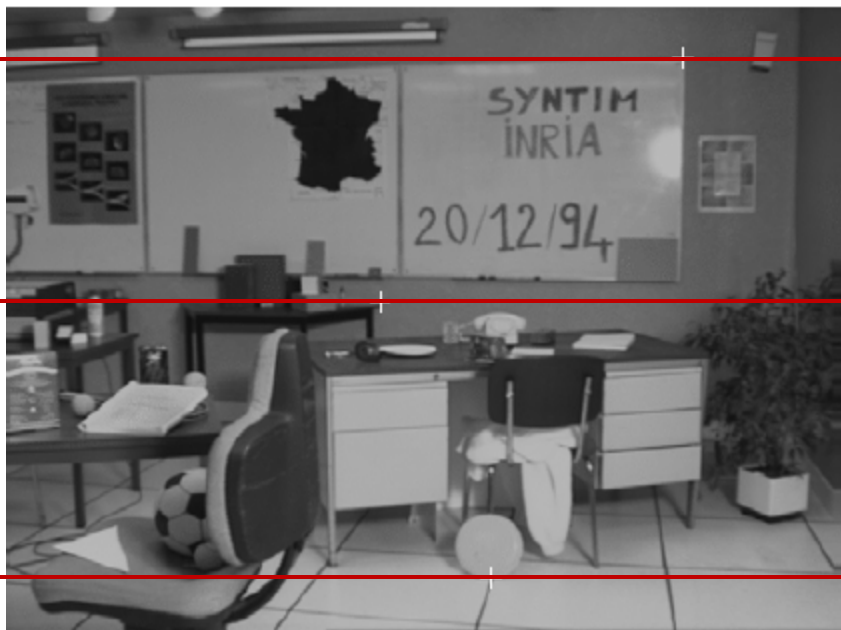


$$\mathbf{l}' = F\mathbf{x}$$





Left image

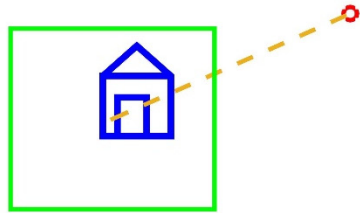


Right image

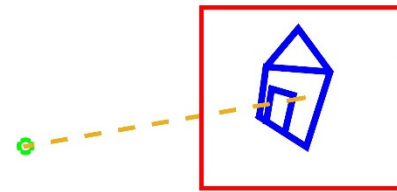




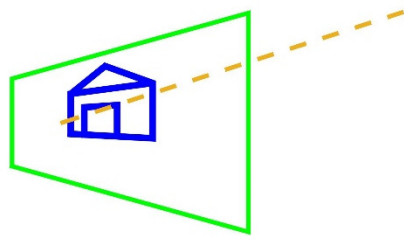
**Image 1 and Epipole**



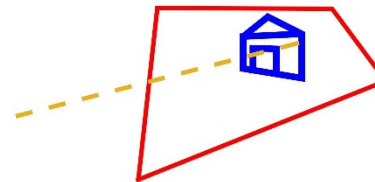
**Image 2 and Epipole**



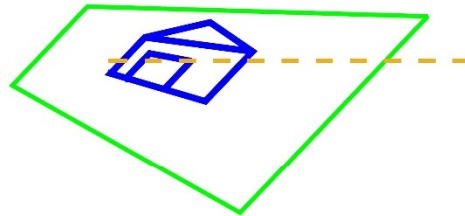
**Image 1 Rotated**



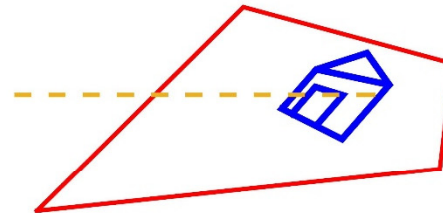
**Image 2 Rotated**



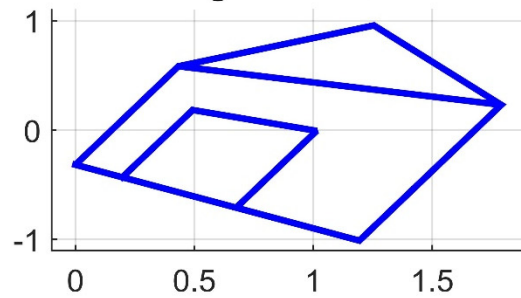
**Image 1 Rotated and Twisted**



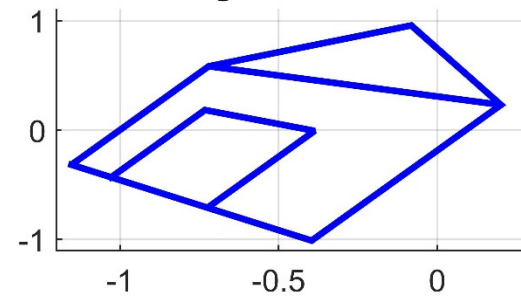
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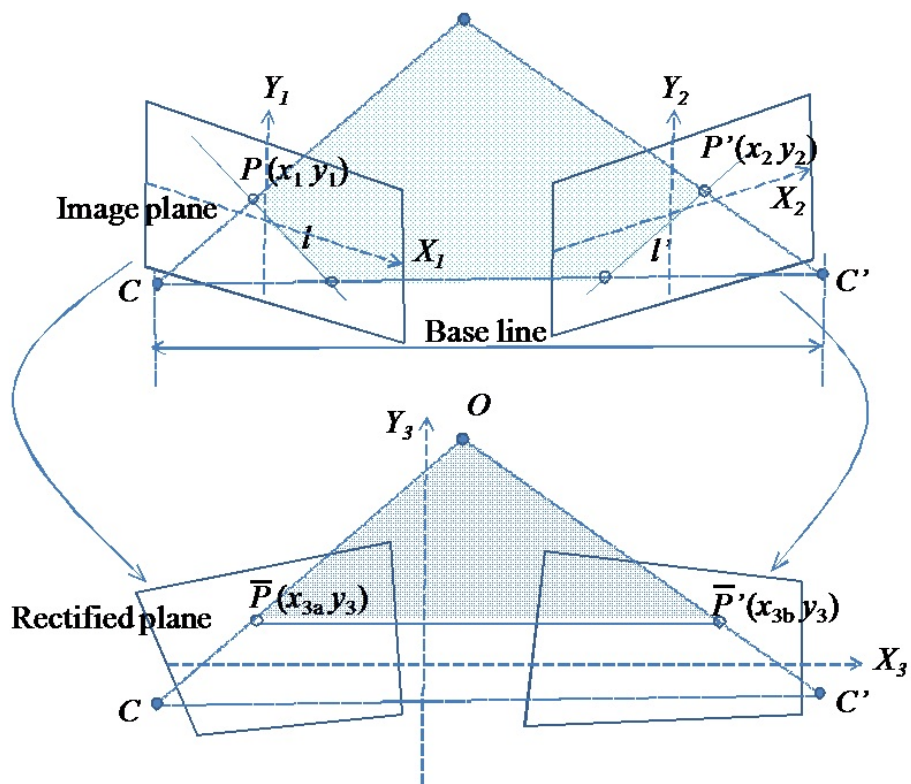
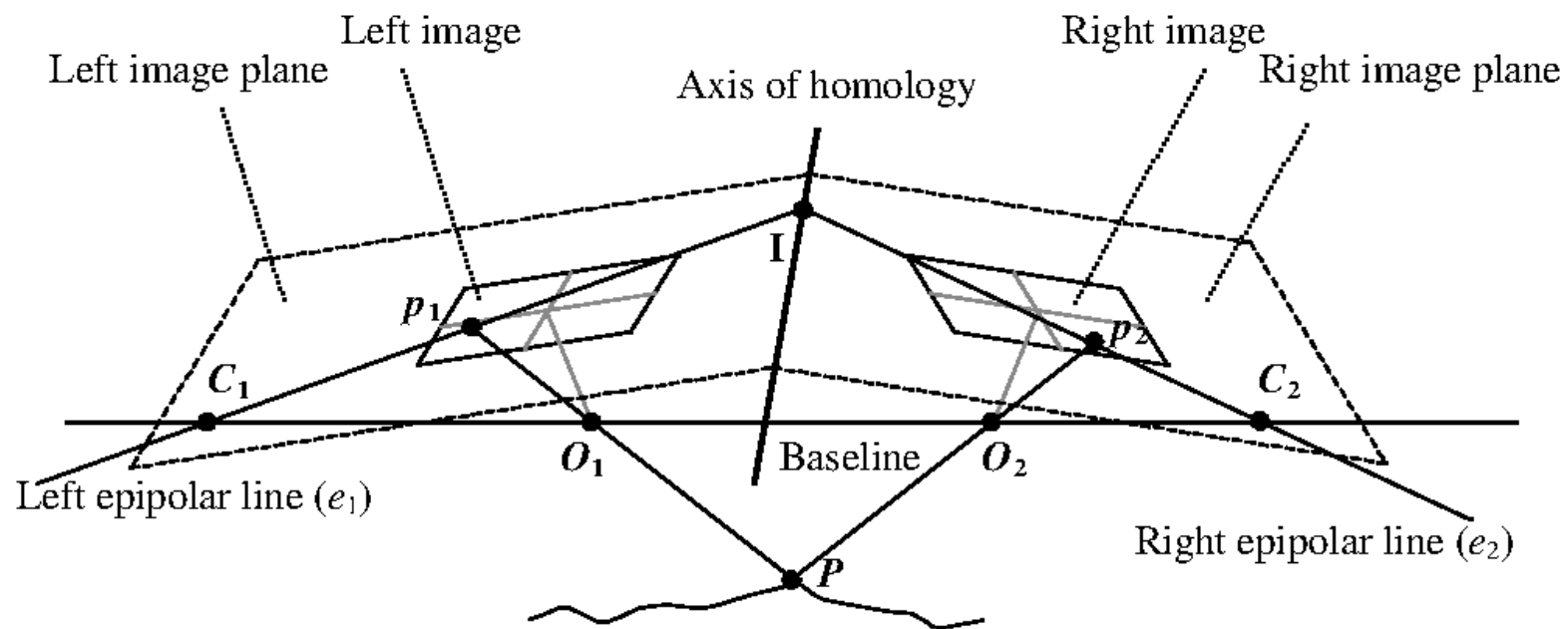


**Image 1 Rectified**



**Image 2 Rectified**



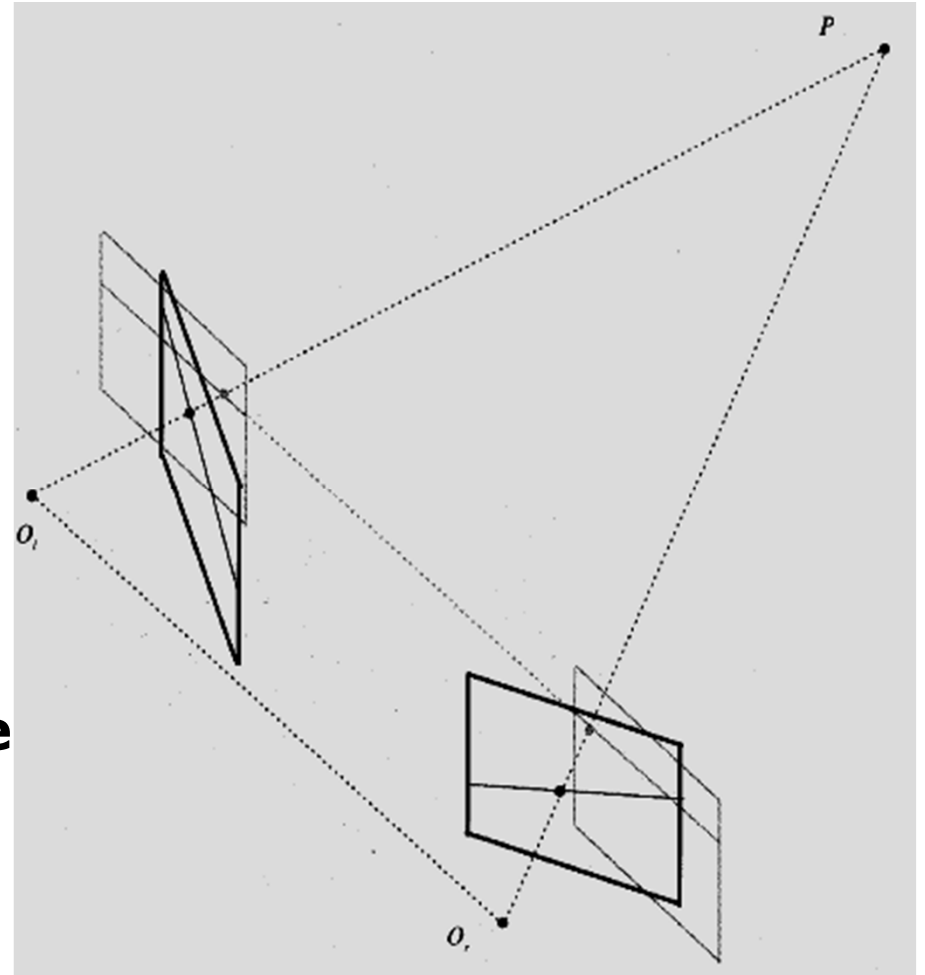


## Assumptions and Problem Statement of Rectification:

Given a stereo pair of images, the intrinsic parameters ( $K$ ) of each camera, and the extrinsic parameters of the system,  $R$  and  $T$ ;  
*compute the image transformation that makes conjugated epipolar lines collinear and parallel to the horizontal image axis.*

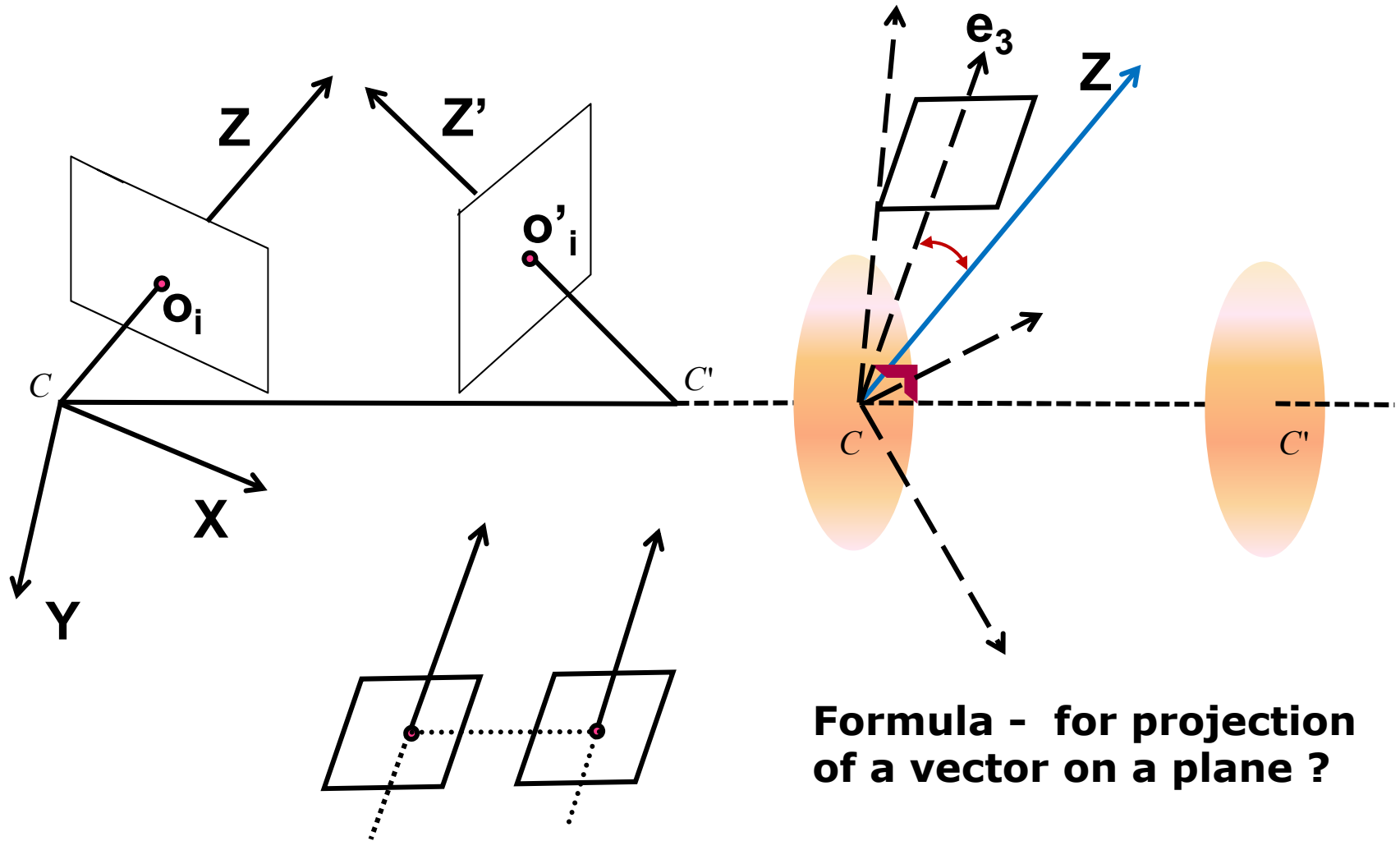
The algorithm (Trucco, Verri) consists of four steps:

- Rotate the left camera so that the epipole goes to infinity along the horizontal axis.
- Apply the same rotation to the right camera to recover the original geometry.
- Rotate the right camera by  $R$ .
- Adjust the scale in both camera reference frames.



# RECTIFICATION Illustrated

$$\vec{e}_1 = \vec{T}; \vec{e}_2 =$$



## **Rectification algo. (four steps), by Trucco, Verri:**

- **Rotate the left camera so that the epipole goes to infinity along the horizontal axis.**
- **Apply the same rotation to the right camera to recover the original geometry.**

First rotate the left camera so that it looks perpendicular to the line joining the camera centers  $c_0$  and  $c_1$ . *Since there is a degree of freedom in the tilt, the smallest rotations that achieve this should be used.* Smallest rotation can be computed from the cross product between the original and desired optical axes.

To determine the desired twist around the optical axes, make the *up vector (the camera y axis)* perpendicular to the baseline. This ensures that corresponding epipolar lines are horizontal and that the disparity for points at infinity is 0. The cross product between the current *x-axis after the first rotation* and the line joining the cameras gives the rotation.

- **Rotate the right camera by  $R$  (or  $R^{-1}$ ).**
- **Adjust the scale in both camera reference frames.**

If necessary, to account for different focal lengths, magnifying the smaller image to avoid aliasing. Now, both have the same resolution (and hence line-to-line correspondence).

## Algorithm RECTIFICATION

The input is formed by the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of a stereo system and a set of points in each camera to be rectified (which could be the whole images).

Also, in both cameras:

- i). the origin of the image reference frame is the principal point;
- ii). the focal length is equal to  $f$ .

**Steps:**

**1. Build the matrix  $R_{rect}$  as:**  $R_{rect} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1^T & e_2^T & e_3^T \end{pmatrix}^T$

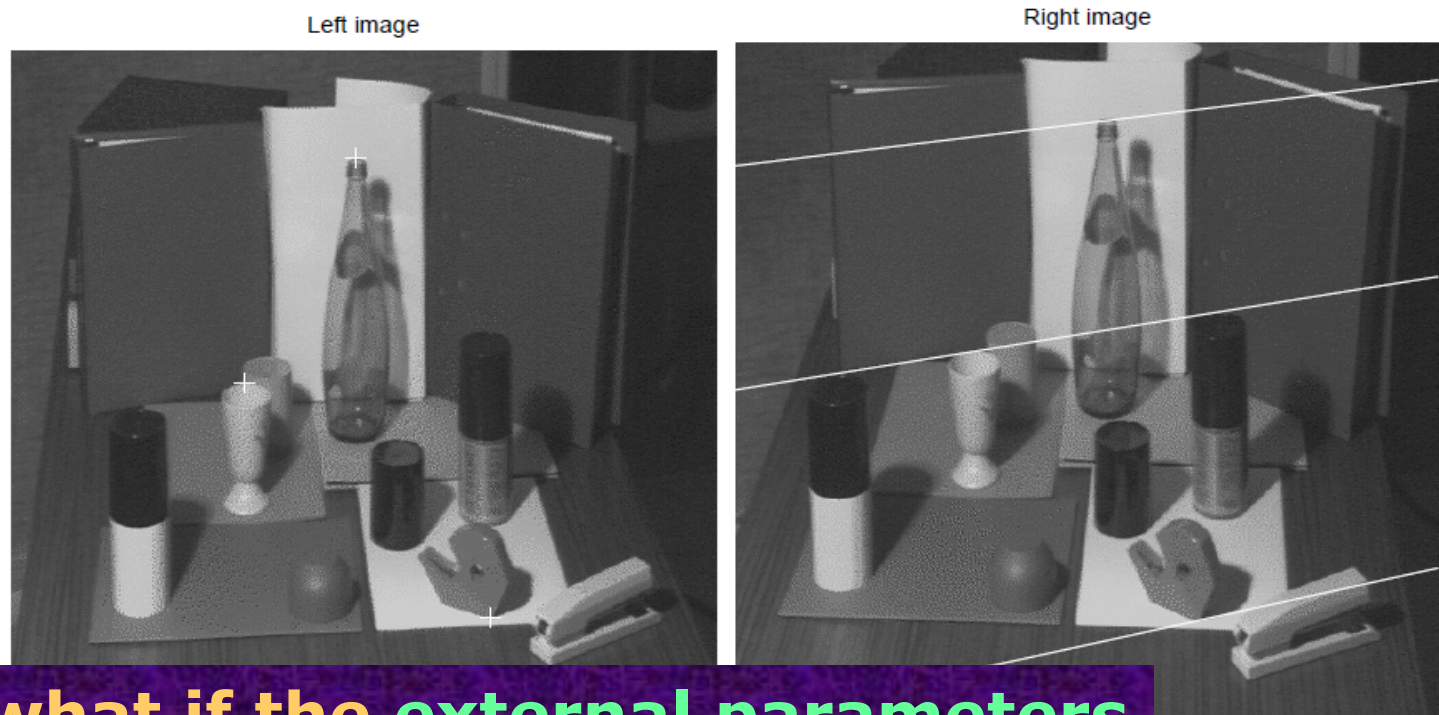
$$\vec{e}_1 = \vec{T}; \quad \vec{e}_2 = \vec{Z} \times \vec{T} = (-T_y, T_x, 0)^T; \quad \vec{e}_3 = \vec{e}_1 \times \vec{e}_2$$

**2. Set  $R_l = R_{rect}$  and  $R_r = R^{-1} \cdot R_{rect}$  ;** e.g. for Left Camera :

**3, 4: For Left and Right camera points,**  $[x', y', z'] = R_l [x, y, f]^T$ ;  
**do:**

$$x' = \begin{pmatrix} f / z' \end{pmatrix} [x', y', z'].$$

**This algorithm fails when the optical axis is parallel to the baseline, i.e., when there is a pure forward motion.**



**But, what if the external parameters are not known**

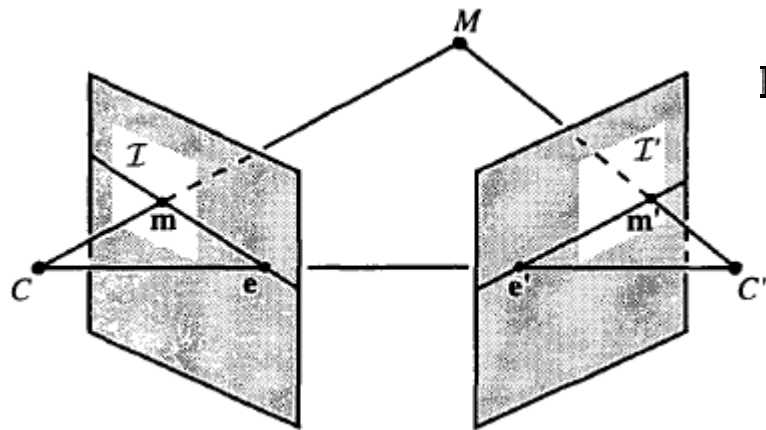
**Zhang's (CVPR'99) method assumes that  $F$  is known. If the intrinsic parameters of a camera are known, we say the images are calibrated, and the fundamental matrix becomes the essential matrix.**

**This method of rectification is suitable for calibrated or uncalibrated images pairs, provided that  $F$  is known between them.**

# Rectification (Zhang's), using Fundamental matrix

**Work on entirely 2-D space;**

**Points and lines:**  $m = [m_u \quad m_v \quad m_w]^T$ ;  $l = [l_a \quad l_b \quad l_c]^T$



$$m'^T F m = 0, \quad (1)$$

**F is a 3x3 rank-2 matrix,  
is known (?).**

$$F m = l'; \quad m'^T l' = 0;$$

$$F e = 0 = F^T e';$$

**Properties of rectified image pair:**

- All epipolar lines are parallel to horizontal (x- or u-axis)
- Corresponding points have identical y- or v-coordinates.

**Fundamental matrix  
for a rectified image pair:**

**What is i ??**

**where,  $i = [1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$ , is X-VP (at Inf.)**

$$\bar{F} = [i]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Rectification (Zhang's) – maps epipolar lines to image scan lines;

Let  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{H}'$  be the homographies to be applied to images  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{I}'$  respectively, and let  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathbf{m}' \in \mathcal{I}'$  be a pair of points that satisfy Eq. (1). Consider rectified image points  $\bar{\mathbf{m}}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{m}}'$  defined

$$\bar{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{m} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\mathbf{m}}' = \mathbf{H}'\mathbf{m}'.$$

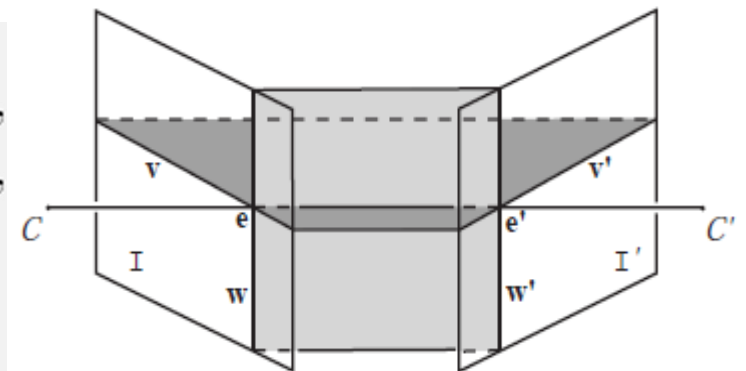
It follows from Eq. (1) that

$$\mathbf{m}'^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{m} = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{m}}'^T \bar{\mathbf{F}} \bar{\mathbf{m}} &= 0, \\ \mathbf{m}'^T \underbrace{\mathbf{H}'^T \bar{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{H}}_{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{m} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

resulting in the factorization

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{H}'^T [\mathbf{i}]_{\times} \mathbf{H}.$$



**Let,**  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{e}' = \mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{H}'^T [\mathbf{i}]_{\times} \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{F}$   
**and consider**  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{e} = [\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{e} \quad \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{e} \quad \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{e}]^T = [1 \quad 0 \quad 0]^T$   $\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}^T \\ \mathbf{v}^T \\ \mathbf{w}^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_a & u_b & u_c \\ v_a & v_b & v_c \\ w_a & w_b & w_c \end{bmatrix}$

**Then, the corresponding lines  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{v}'$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{w}'$  must be epipolar lines (as,  $\mathbf{l}'\mathbf{e}=0$ ), for minimal distortion due to rectification;**

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_{sh} \cdot \mathbf{H}_{rs} \cdot \mathbf{H}_p$$

$$\mathbf{H}_s = \begin{bmatrix} s_a & s_b & s_c \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H}_r = \begin{bmatrix} v_b - v_c w_b & v_c w_a - v_a & 0 \\ v_a - v_c w_a & v_b - v_c w_b & v_c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H}_p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ w_a & w_b & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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**Proposition 1.** If  $l \sim l'$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{I}$  is a direction (point at  $\infty$ ) such that  $l = [\mathbf{e}]_{\times} \mathbf{x}$  then

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

<- used earlier;

Proof in Loop & Zhang '99.

**Proposition 2.** If  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{H}'$  are homographies such that

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{H}'^T [\mathbf{i}]_{\times} \mathbf{H},$$

then  $\mathbf{v} \sim \mathbf{v}'$  and  $\mathbf{w} \sim \mathbf{w}'$ .

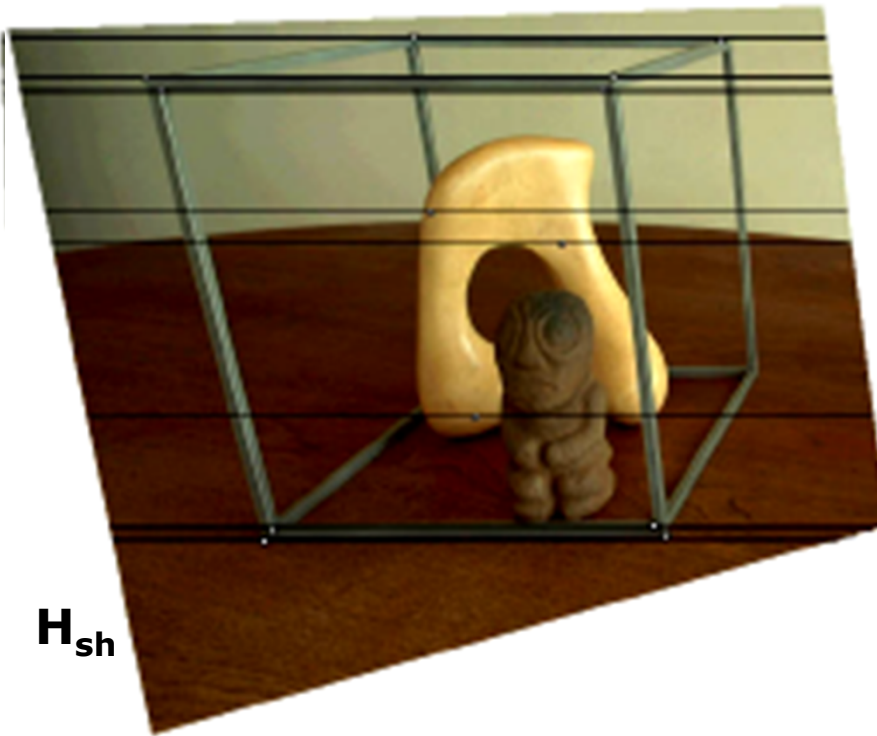
**Minimization criteria used to compute  $\mathbf{H}_p$ .**

$\mathbf{H}_s$  (shearing) only effects the u-coordinate; hence rectification is unaffected.  $\mathbf{H}_r$  is similarity;  $\mathbf{H}_p$  is perspective.

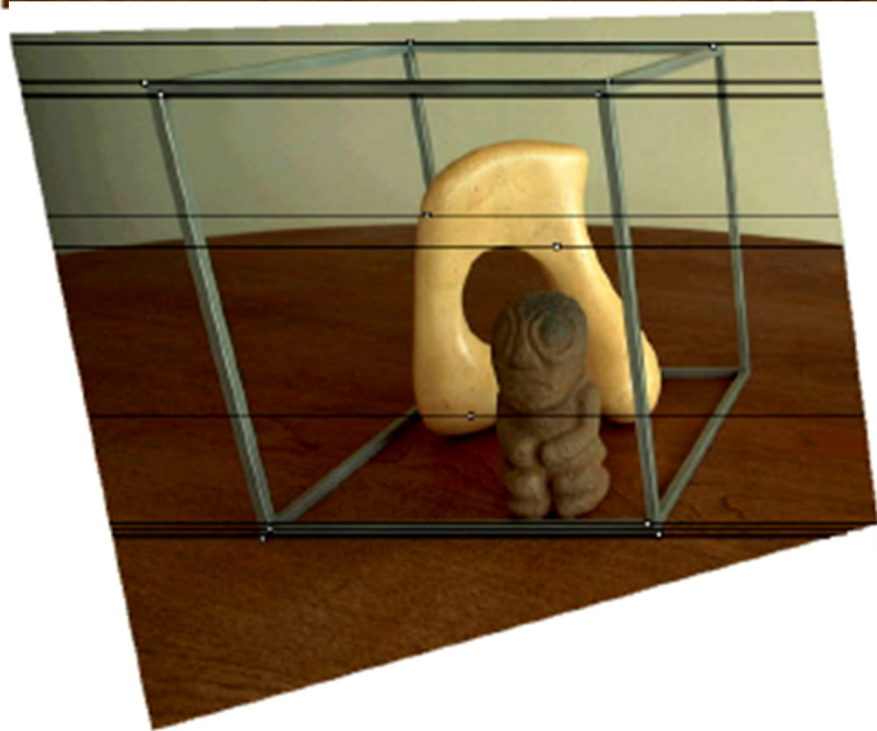
$$\mathbf{H}_r = \begin{bmatrix} F_{32} - w_b F_{33} & w_a F_{33} - F_{31} & 0 \\ F_{31} - w_a F_{33} & F_{32} - w_b F_{33} & F_{33} + v'_c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H}'_r = \begin{bmatrix} F_{23} - w'_b F_{33} & w'_a F_{33} - F_{13} & 0 \\ F_{13} - w'_a F_{33} & F_{23} - w'_b F_{33} & v'_c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = \frac{h^2 x_v^2 + w^2 y_v^2}{hw(x_v y_u - x_u y_v)} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \frac{h^2 x_u x_v + w^2 y_u y_v}{hw(x_u y_v - x_v y_u)}$$

**Figure**      The multi-stage stereo rectification algorithm of Loop and Zhang (1999) © 1999 IEEE. (a) Original image pair overlaid with several epipolar lines; (b) images transformed so that epipolar lines are parallel; (c) images rectified so that epipolar lines are horizontal and in vertical correspondence; (d) final rectification that minimizes horizontal distortions.



$H_{sh}$



**Latest/Modern methods of Correspondence/Rectification/reconstruction include:**

- **Monasse et. al's Rectification – BMVC 2010;**
- **Plane Sweep;**
- **Sparse feature set matching**
- **Profile curves or contours (even occluding)**
- **Dense correspondences using : similarity measures (NCC, SAD, SSD, MSE, MAD), local methods;**
- **Global optimization (RANSAC, L-M) – Dynamic Prog., Segmentation based; etc.**

# Monasse 3-step Rectification

- INPUT : Fundamental Matrix,  $F$  by DLT.

$$e = (e_x, e_y, 1)^T \quad \text{Applying, } Fe = 0, \text{ find } e.$$

$$e' = (e'_x, e'_y, 1)^T \quad \text{Applying, } e'^T F = 0, \text{ find } e'.$$

- Orientation of a camera can be adjusted by,

$$H = K R K^{-1}$$

- Since the image is not calibrated,

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & w/2 \\ 0 & f & h/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where, } w = \text{width of the image,}$$

$h = \text{height of the image.}$

# Monasse 3-step Rectification

- **Step 1:**

$$H_l e = (e_x, e_y, 0)^T = e_l \quad \text{where, } H_l = K R_l K^{-l}$$

$$H'_l e' = (e'_x, e'_y, 0) = e'_l \quad \text{where, } H'_l = K R'_l K^{-l}$$

According to Rodrigues' formulae,

$$R_l(\theta, t) = I + \sin \theta [t]_{\times} + (1 - \cos \theta) [t]_{\times}^2$$

where,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\text{rotation axis, } t = \frac{\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|}$$

$$H_l e = (e_x, e_y, 0)^T$$

$$K R_l K^{-l} e = (e_x, e_y, 0)^T$$

$$R_l K^{-l} e = K^{-l} (e_x, e_y, 0)^T$$

$$R_l \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}$$

# Monasse 3-step Rectification

- **Step 2:**

$$H_2 e_1 = (1, 0, 0)^T = e_2 \quad \text{where, } H_2 = KR_2K^{-1}$$

$$H'_2 e'_1 = (1, 0, 0)^T = e'_2 \quad \text{where, } H'_2 = KR'_2K^{-1}$$

$\therefore H_1, H'_1, H_2, H'_2$  are all parameterized by  $f$ .

- **Step 3:**

The remaining relationship between the two cameras of the rectified image is characterized by a rotation,  $\hat{R}$  around the baseline.

# Finding the Essential Matrix

- According to Zisserman and Hartley,

$\hat{F}$  of a rectified image is given by

$$\hat{F} = K^{-T} [i]_{\times} \hat{R} K^{-1} = K^{-T} \hat{E} K^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \hat{E} = [i]_{\times} \hat{R}$$

$\hat{E}$  is also parameterized by  $f$ .

Now,  $\hat{E}$  is decomposed into  $\hat{E} = UDV^T$

Following the definition of Essential Matrix,

$$\hat{\hat{E}} = U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

$$\therefore \hat{\hat{F}} = K^{-T} \hat{\hat{E}} K^{-1}$$

# The optimization step

$$e'_2 \hat{\tilde{F}} e_2 = 0$$

$$(H'_2 H'_1 e')^T \hat{\tilde{F}} (H_2 H_1 e) = 0$$

$$e'^T H_1'^T H_2'^T \hat{\tilde{F}} H_2 H_1 e = 0 \quad \text{and, } e'^T \tilde{F} e = 0$$

$$\therefore \tilde{F} = H_1'^T H_2'^T \hat{\tilde{F}} H_2 H_1$$

Now an optimization function,  $S$  is defined as :

$$S(f) = \sum_{i=1}^N d(x'_i, \tilde{F} x_i) + d(x_i, \tilde{F}^T x'_i) \quad \text{where, } N \text{ is the no. of pixels in the image.}$$

$d(p, q)$  is the Euclidean distance between  $p$  and  $q$ .

A minimization of  $S(f)$  is done to estimate  $K$  in terms of  $f$ .

From  $K$ ,  $P$  and  $P'$  is estimated.

$$\therefore X = P^+ x \quad \text{or} \quad X = P'^+ x'$$

The idea is to transform both images so that the fundamental matrix gets the form  $[i]_{\times}$ . Unlike the other methods which directly parameterize the homographies from the constraints  $H e = i$ ,  $H' e' = i$  and  $H'^T [i]_{\times} H = F$  and find an optimal pair by minimizing a measure of distortion, we shall compute the homography by explicitly rotating each camera around its optical center. The algorithm is decomposed into three steps (Fig. 1):

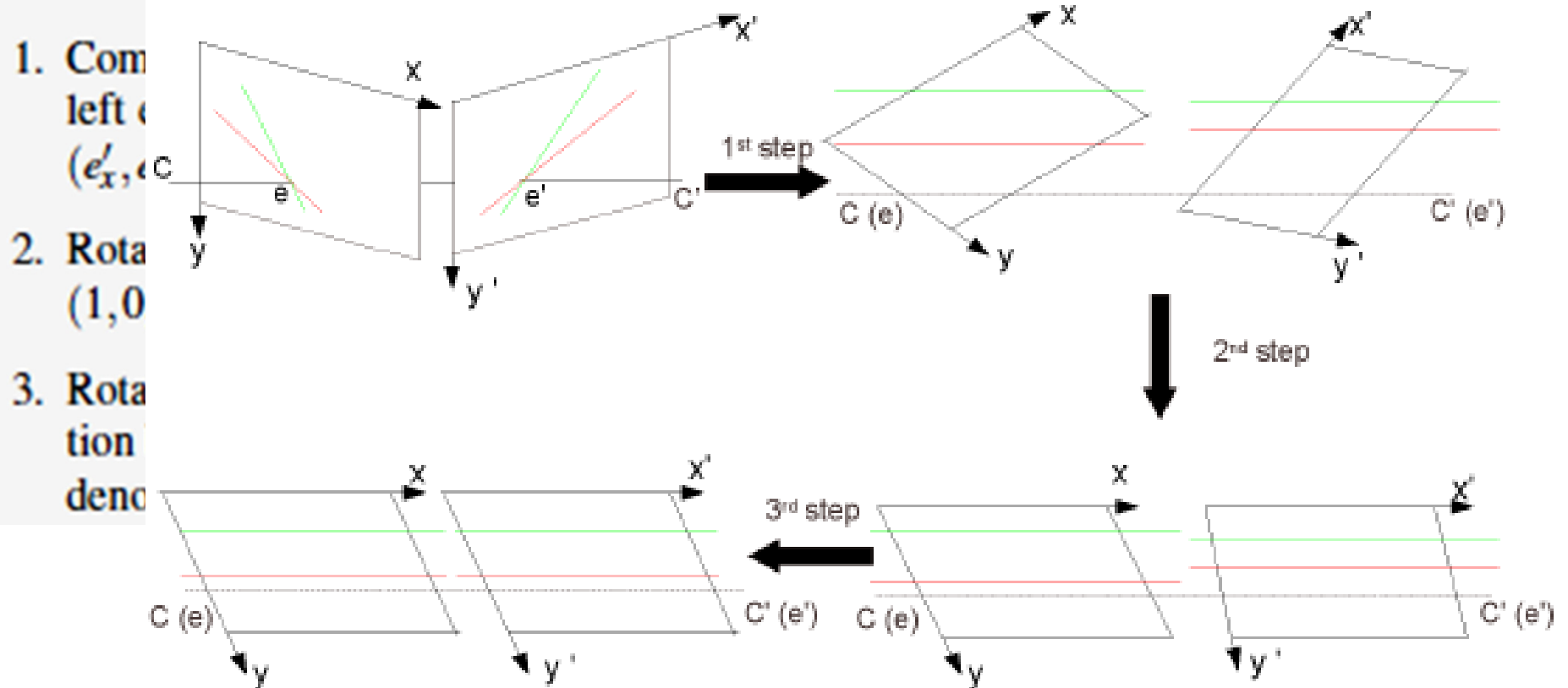


Figure 1: Three-step rectification. First step: the image planes become parallel to  $CC'$ . Second step: the images rotate in their own plane to have their epipolar lines also parallel to  $CC'$ . Third step: a rotation of one of the image planes around  $CC'$  aligns corresponding epipolar lines in both images. Note how the pairs of epipolar lines become aligned.

**Input:**  $F$ , computed using correspondences;  
which gives epipoles  $e$  and  $e'$ ;

Let,

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = K[\mathbf{I} \mid 0]\mathbf{X}; \Rightarrow K^{-1}\mathbf{x}_1 = [\mathbf{I} \mid 0]\mathbf{X}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = K \cdot \mathbf{R}[\mathbf{I} \mid 0]\mathbf{X};$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_2 = K \cdot \mathbf{R}K^{-1}\mathbf{x}_1 = H\mathbf{x}_1;$$

where, **Homography is:**

$$H = K \cdot \mathbf{R}K^{-1}$$

**Steps: 1 & 2:**

$$\mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{e} = (e_x, e_y, 0)^T \text{ and } \mathbf{H}'_1 \mathbf{e}' = (e'_x, e'_y, 0)^T$$

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \text{ and } \mathbf{H}'_1 = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R}' \mathbf{K}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{R} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} (e_x, e_y, 0)^T$$

rotates the vector  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{e}$  to  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} (e_x, e_y, 0)^T$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & \frac{w}{2} \\ 0 & f & \frac{h}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta, \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{I} + \sin \theta [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} + (1 - \cos \theta) [\mathbf{t}]_{\times}^2$$

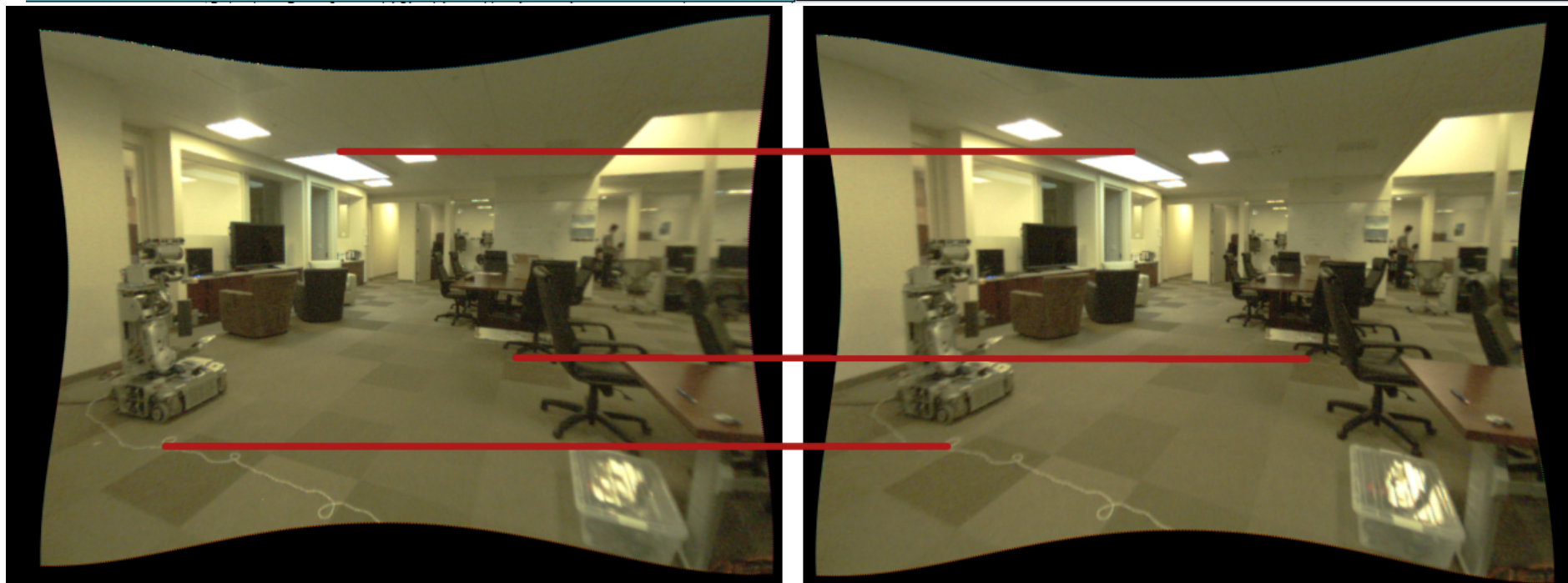
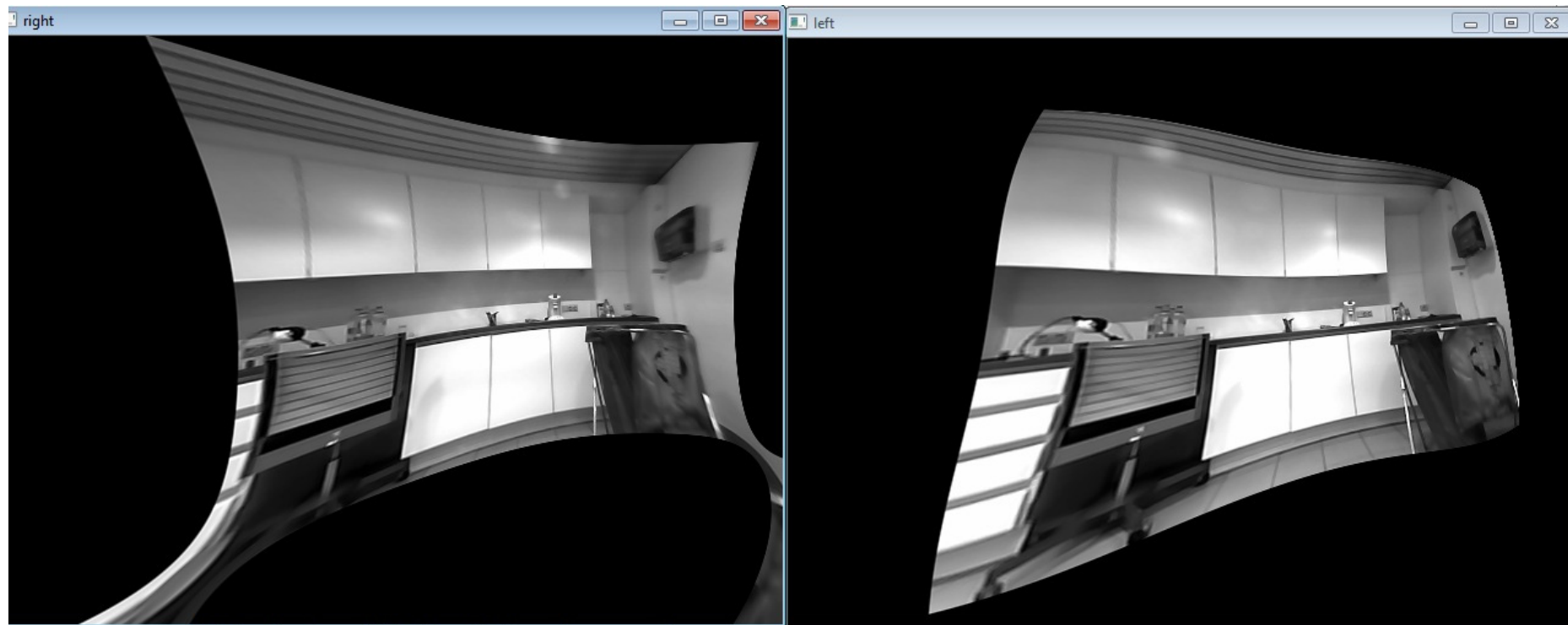
minimal angle  $\theta$  is  $\arccos(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|})$  and the rotation axis  $\mathbf{t}$  is  $\frac{\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|}$

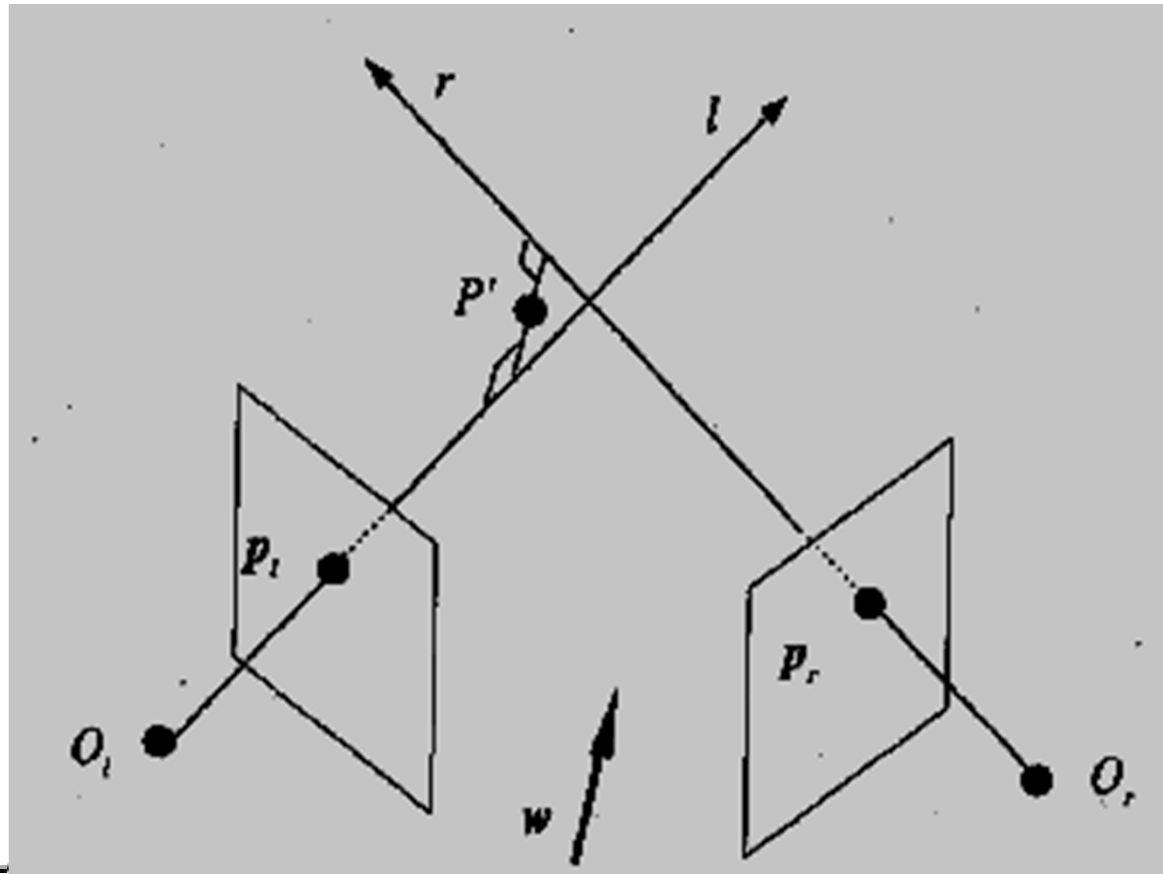
$\mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}'_1, \mathbf{H}_2$  and  $\mathbf{H}'_2$  are all parametrized by  $f$

**Step 3: Rotation  $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$ , of one camera about baseline:**  $\hat{\mathbf{F}} = \mathbf{K}^{-T} [\mathbf{i}]_{\times} \hat{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{K}^{-1}$

$\mathbf{H}_3$  is obtained after obtaining optimal  $\mathbf{K}$  (or  $f$ )







### A Priori Knowledge

Intrinsic and extrinsic parameters  
 Intrinsic parameters only  
 No information on parameters

### 3-D Reconstruction from Two Views

Unambiguous (absolute coordinates)  
 Up to an unknown scaling factor  
 Up to an unknown projective transformation of the environment

**H/W (triangulation): Find eqn. of the line  $||_l$  to  $w$**

**which intersects  $r$  and  $l$ .**

**Inputs:  $O_l, O_r, p_l, p_r, R, T$**

**Properties of F :**  $x'^T F x = 0$

- (i) Transpose:** If F is the fundamental matrix of the pair of cameras (P, P'), then  $F^T$  is the fundamental matrix of the pair in the opposite order: (P', P).
- (ii) Epipolar lines:** For any point x in the first image, the corresponding epipolar line is  $l' = Fx$ . Similarly,  $l = F^T x'$  represents the epipolar line corresponding to x' in the second image;
- (iii) The epipole:** for any point x (other than e) the epipolar line  $l' = Fx$  contains the epipole e'. Thus e' satisfies  $e'^T(Fx) = (e'^T F)x = 0$  for all x. It follows that  $e'^T F = 0$ , i.e. e' is the left null-vector of F. Similarly  $Fe = 0$ , i.e. e is the right null-vector of F.

$$F = [P' C]_x P' P^+$$

- (iv) F is rank-2 homogenous matrix with 7 dof.**  $= [e']_x P' P^+$

Canonical cameras,  $P = [I \mid 0]$ ,  $P' = [M \mid m]$ ,  
 $[m]_x M = F = [e']_x M = M^{-T} [e]_x$ , where  $e' = m$  and  $e = M^{-1} m$ .

# $F$ in terms of $K$

- Let  $K$  be the internal parameter matrix of the camera.
- Camera matrix of the second camera ( $P'$ ) is a rotation and translation of the first camera ( $P$ ):

$$P = K[I \mid 0] \quad P' = K'[R \mid t] \quad P^+ = \begin{bmatrix} K^{-l} \\ 0^T \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P' C =$$



$$F = [P' C]_{\times} P' P^+$$

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

**Prove it.**

- The epipoles, defined as the image of other camera centers are:

$$e = P \begin{bmatrix} -R^T t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = K R^T t \quad e' = P' \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = K' t$$

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

**For any vector  $t$  and non-singular matrix  $M$ :**

$$[t]_{\times} M = M^{-T} [M^{-1} t]_{\times}$$

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

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

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

**Result 9.12.** A non-zero matrix  $F$  is the fundamental matrix corresponding to a pair of camera matrices  $P$  and  $P'$  if and only if  $P'^T F P$  is skew-symmetric.

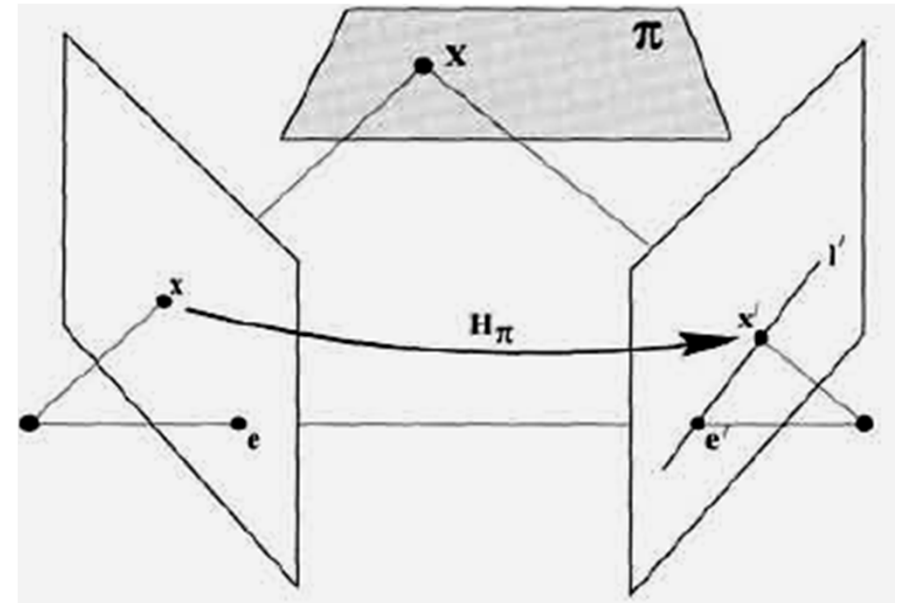
**Proof.** The condition that  $P'^T F P$  is skew-symmetric is equivalent to  $X^T P'^T F P X = 0$  for all  $X$ . Setting  $x' = P' X$  and  $x = P X$ , this is equivalent to  $x'^T F x = 0$ , which is the

**Homography:  $x' = Hx$ ;**

**Relationship with Fundamental matrix,  $F$ :**  $\Leftrightarrow x'^T F x = 0$

**$H^{-1}x'$  lies on the corresponding epipolar line:  $F^T x'$**

**Thus,  $e' = He$ ;  $H^{-1}e' = e$ ;**



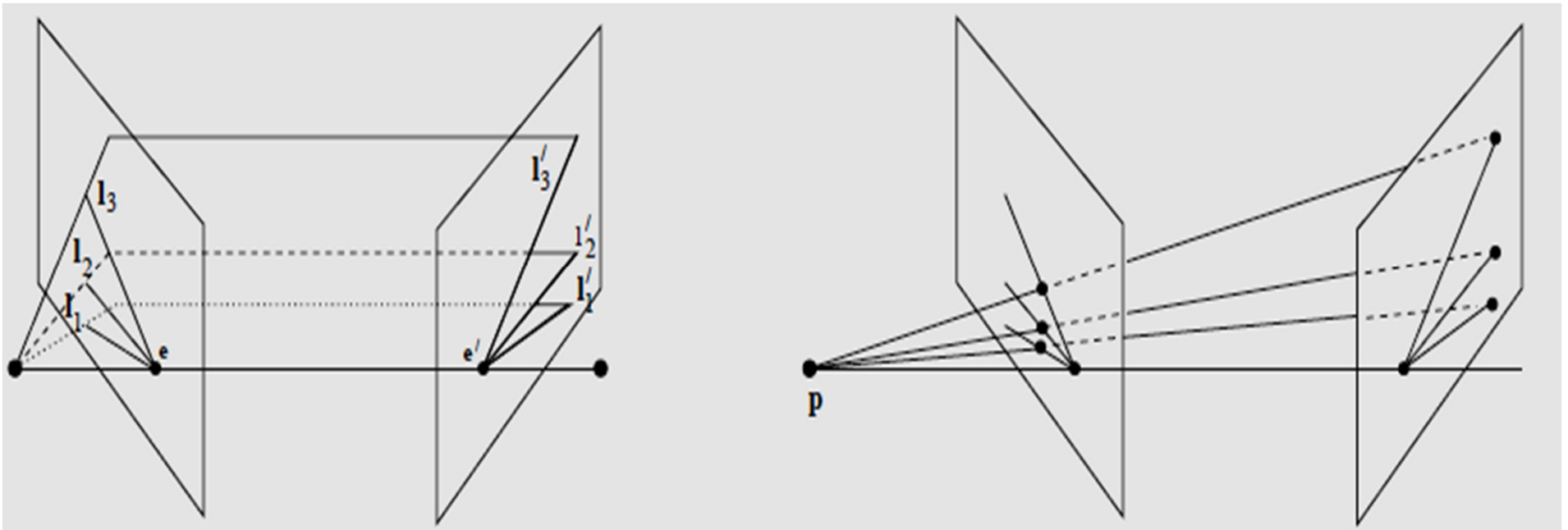
$$F = [P'C]_x P' P^+$$

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

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

$$F = K'^{-T} R K^T [K R^T t]_x = [e']_x K' R K^{-1} = K'^{-T} R K^T [e]_x = [e']_x P' P^+ = [e']_x H_\pi$$

**where,  $H_\pi$  is the homography imposed by epipolar plane.**



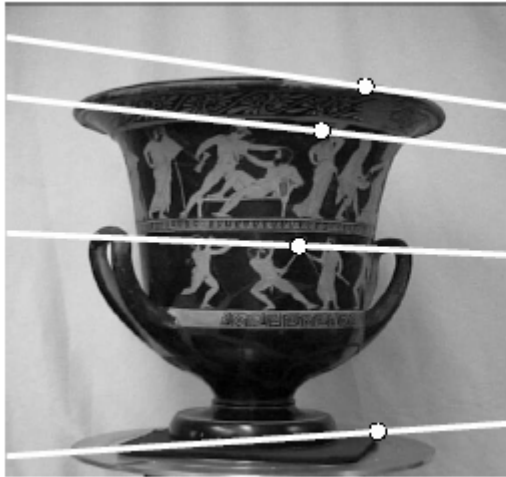
Result 9.5. Suppose  $l$  and  $l'$  are corresponding epipolar lines, and  $k$  is any line not passing through the epipole  $e$ , then  $l$  and  $l'$  are related by:  
Symmetrically,  $l = F^T [k']_{\times} l'$ ;  $l' = F [k]_{\times} l$ ;

$[k]_{\times} l = k \times l \Rightarrow x$  (a point, as intersection of two lines);  $F[k]_{\times} l = F x = l'$ ;  
Let, line  $k$  be a line "e" :- ( ; as :  $k^T e = e^T e \neq 0$ ;

Hence, line "e" does not pass thru epipole  $e$ .

$$l' = [e']_{\times} H_{\pi} x = F x = F[e]_{\times} l; \quad l = F^T [e']_{\times} l'$$

**Result 9.14.** The camera matrices corresponding to a fundamental matrix  $F$  may be chosen as  $P = [I \mid 0]$  and  $P' = [[e']_{\times} F \mid e']$ .



Typical methods used to estimate F:

- 8-pt DLT algo.
- RANSAC

$$\mathbf{m}'^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{m} = 0,$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$A\mathbf{f} = 0;$$

- Normalize data, using Transformation matrix  $T_{TS}$
- DLT;  $F$  is the “smallest singular” vector of  $A$
- replace  $F$  by  $\tilde{F}$ , using SVD, where  $\det(\tilde{F}) = 0$
- Denormalize, as:

$$F = T'^T \tilde{F} T$$

**Also, look at Gold Standard method based on MLE**

# The Eight-Point Algorithm (Longuet-Higgins, 1981)

$$(u, v, 1) \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} & F_{13} \\ F_{21} & F_{22} & F_{23} \\ F_{31} & F_{32} & F_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (uu', uv', u, vu', vv', v, u', v', 1) \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} \\ F_{12} \\ F_{13} \\ F_{21} \\ F_{22} \\ F_{23} \\ F_{31} \\ F_{32} \\ F_{33} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1u'_1 & u_1v'_1 & u_1 & v_1u'_1 & v_1v'_1 & v_1 & u'_1 & v'_1 \\ u_2u'_2 & u_2v'_2 & u_2 & v_2u'_2 & v_2v'_2 & v_2 & u'_2 & v'_2 \\ u_3u'_3 & u_3v'_3 & u_3 & v_3u'_3 & v_3v'_3 & v_3 & u'_3 & v'_3 \\ u_4u'_4 & u_4v'_4 & u_4 & v_4u'_4 & v_4v'_4 & v_4 & u'_4 & v'_4 \\ u_5u'_5 & u_5v'_5 & u_5 & v_5u'_5 & v_5v'_5 & v_5 & u'_5 & v'_5 \\ u_6u'_6 & u_6v'_6 & u_6 & v_6u'_6 & v_6v'_6 & v_6 & u'_6 & v'_6 \\ u_7u'_7 & u_7v'_7 & u_7 & v_7u'_7 & v_7v'_7 & v_7 & u'_7 & v'_7 \\ u_8u'_8 & u_8v'_8 & u_8 & v_8u'_8 & v_8v'_8 & v_8 & u'_8 & v'_8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} \\ F_{12} \\ F_{13} \\ F_{21} \\ F_{22} \\ F_{23} \\ F_{31} \\ F_{32} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Minimize:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{p}_i^T \mathcal{F} \mathbf{p}'_i)^2$$

under the constraint

$$|\mathbf{F}|^2 = 1.$$

## **RANSAC Method for computing F:**

- (i) Interest points: Compute interest points in each image.**
  - (ii) Putative correspondences: Compute a set of interest point matches based on proximity and similarity of their intensity neighbourhood;**
  - (iii) RANSAC robust estimation: Repeat for  $N$  samples:**
    - (a) Select a random sample of 7 (or 8) correspondences and compute the fundamental matrix  $F$  (Algebraic Min. or DLT).**
    - (b) the solution with most inliers is retained; i.e. Choose the  $F$  with the largest number of *inliers*;**
- Repeat the following two steps, until stability:**
- (iv) Non-linear estimation: re-estimate  $F$  from all correspondences classified as *inliers* by minimizing a cost function, using the Levenberg-Marquardt (LM) algorithm.**
  - (v) Guided matching: Further interest point correspondences are now determined using the estimated  $F$  to define a search strip about the epipolar line.**

**Other methods – Gold-standard (MLE); Sampson Distance (cost) function;**

**(c) (d) detected corners  
superimposed on the images**

**There are approx  
corners on each**

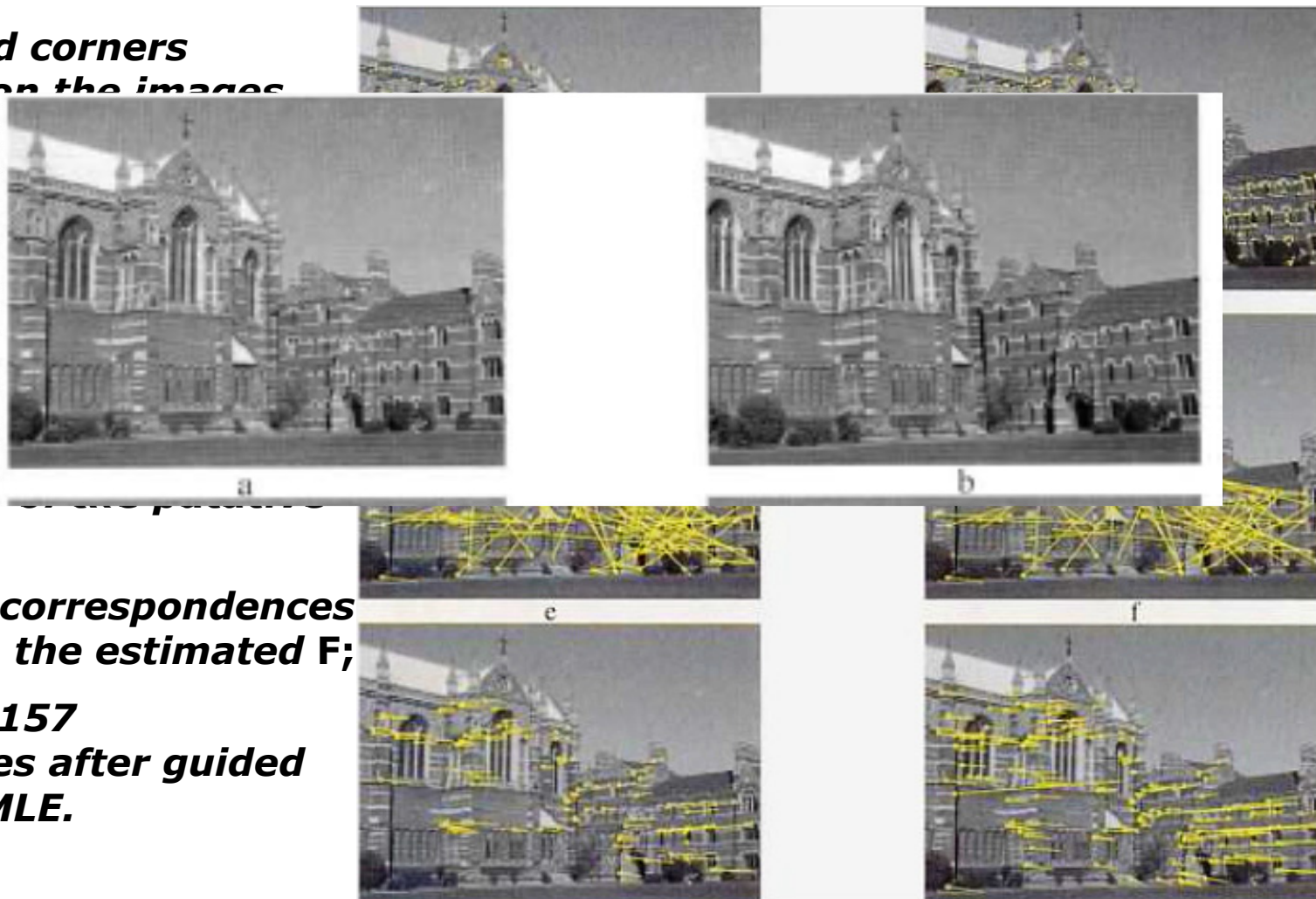
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**(f) outliers - 89  
matches,**

**(g) inliers - 99 correspondences  
consistent with the estimated  $F$ ;**

**(h) final set of 157  
correspondences after guided  
matching and MLE.**



**Both the fundamental and essential matrices could completely describe the geometric relationship between corresponding points of a stereo pair of cameras.**

**The only difference between the two is that the fundamental matrix deals with uncalibrated cameras, while the essential matrix deals with calibrated cameras.**

## E, the essential matrix

Maps a point from one image plane to a line in the corresponding image domain; Has 5 dof.

Two images of a single scene/object are related by the epipolar geometry, which can be described by a 3x3 singular matrix called the **essential matrix** if images' internal parameters are known, or the fundamental matrix otherwise. Mostly used in case of SFM problems.

$$P = K[R | t] \quad \mathbf{x} = PX = K[R | t]X$$

$$\text{let, } \hat{\mathbf{x}} = K^{-1} \mathbf{x} = [R | t]X$$

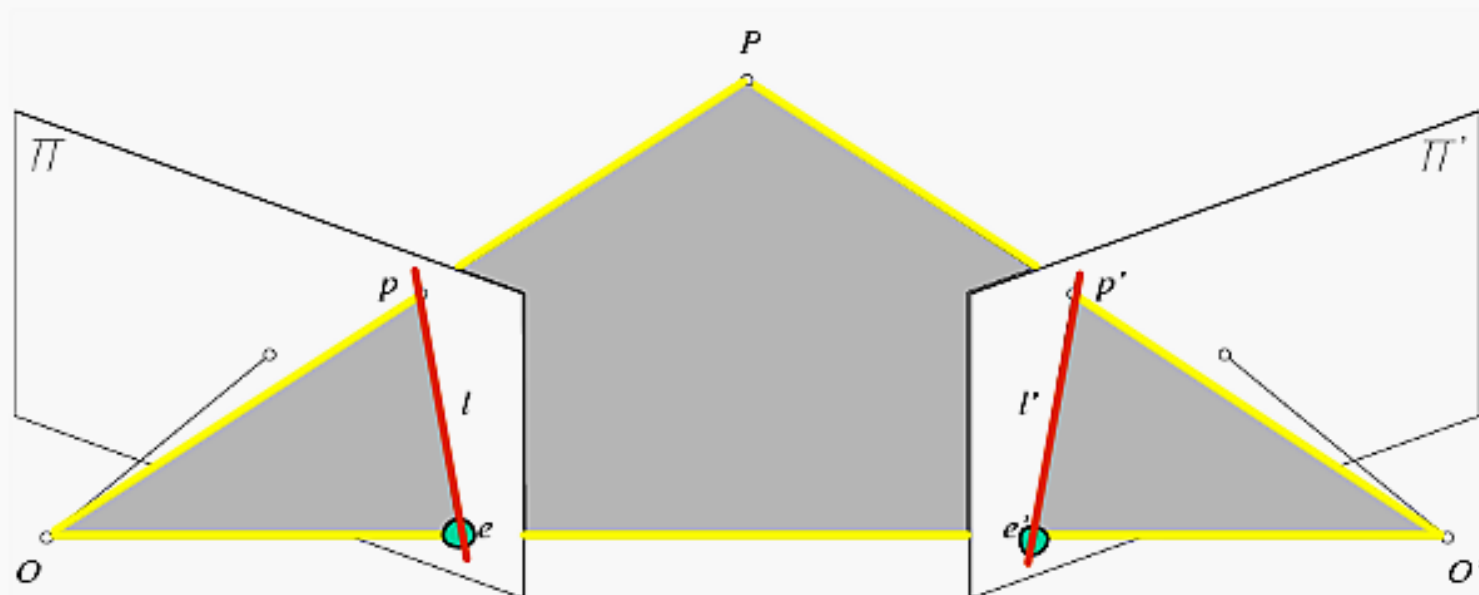
$\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is in normalized coords.

And normalized camera matrix is :  $K^{-1}P = [R | t]$   
(where the effect of known camera calibration matrix has been removed.)

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

The fundamental matrix corresponding to the pair of normalized cameras is customarily called the **essential matrix**.

# Epipolar Constraint: Calibrated Case



$$\vec{Op} \cdot [\vec{OO'} \times \vec{O'p'}] = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{p} \cdot [\mathbf{t} \times (\mathcal{R}\mathbf{p}')] = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{p} = (u, v, 1)^T \\ \mathbf{p}' = (u', v', 1)^T \\ \mathcal{M} = (\text{Id} \quad \mathbf{0}) \\ \mathcal{M}' = (\mathcal{R}^T, -\mathcal{R}^T \mathbf{t}) \end{cases}$$

$$[\mathbf{t}_\times] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -t_z & t_y \\ t_z & 0 & -t_x \\ -t_y & t_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

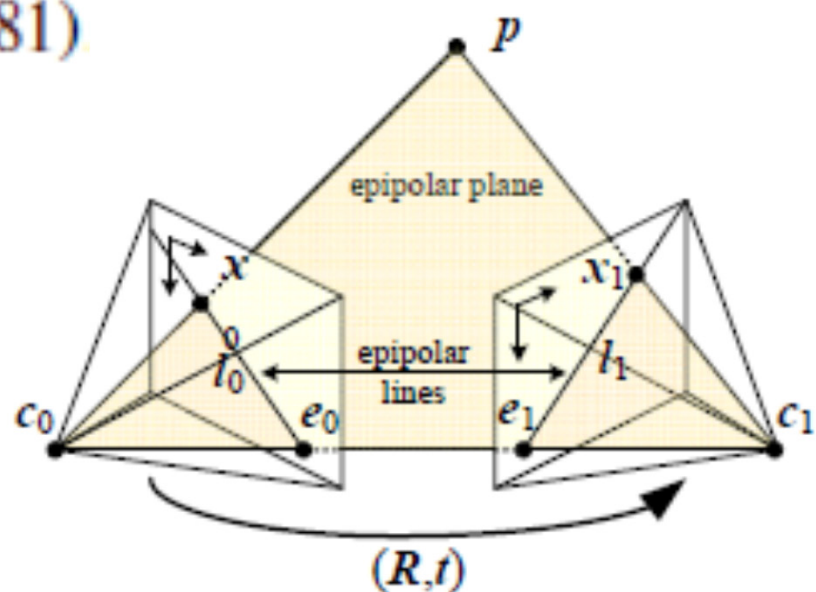
Essential Matrix  
(Longuet-Higgins, 1981)

$$\mathbf{p}^T \mathcal{E} \mathbf{p}' = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{E} = [\mathbf{t}_\times] \mathcal{R}$$

essential matrix (Longuet-Higgins 1981)

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1^T \mathbf{E} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{E} = [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}$$



$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1^T \mathbf{E} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1^T \mathbf{K}_1^{-T} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}_0^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}_1^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}_0 = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{K}_1^{-T} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}_0^{-1} = [\mathbf{e}]_{\times} \tilde{\mathbf{H}}$$

is called the *fundamental matrix* (Faugeras 1992; Hartley, Gupta, and Chang 1992; Hartley and Zisserman 2004).

$$\hat{x}_1^T E \hat{x}_0 = 0,$$

Thus for a pair of normalized cameras:

$$P = [I | 0]$$

$$P' = [R | t]$$

Using:

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

$$E = [t]_{\times} R$$

and ignoring K & K':

$$E =$$

So actually:

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

$$\Rightarrow F =$$

A  $3 \times 3$  matrix is an **essential matrix**, **E** if and only if two of its singular values are equal, and the third is zero .

**For a given essential matrix  $E = U \cdot \text{diag}(1, 1, 0) \cdot V^T$ , and first camera matrix  $P = [I | 0]$ , there are four possible choices for the second camera matrix  $P'$ , namely :**

$$P' = [UWV^T | +u_3] \text{ or } [UWV^T | -u_3] \text{ or } [UW^T V^T | +u_3] \text{ or } [UW^T V^T | -u_3]$$

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

**$t = u_3$ , the last column of U.**

# Finding the Essential Matrix

- According to Zisserman and Hartley,

$\hat{F}$  of a rectified image is given by

$$\hat{F} = K^{-T} [i]_{\times} \hat{R} K^{-1} = K^{-T} \hat{E} K^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \hat{E} = [i]_{\times} \hat{R}$$

$\hat{E}$  is also parameterized by  $f$ .

Now,  $\hat{E}$  is decomposed into  $\hat{E} = UDV^T$

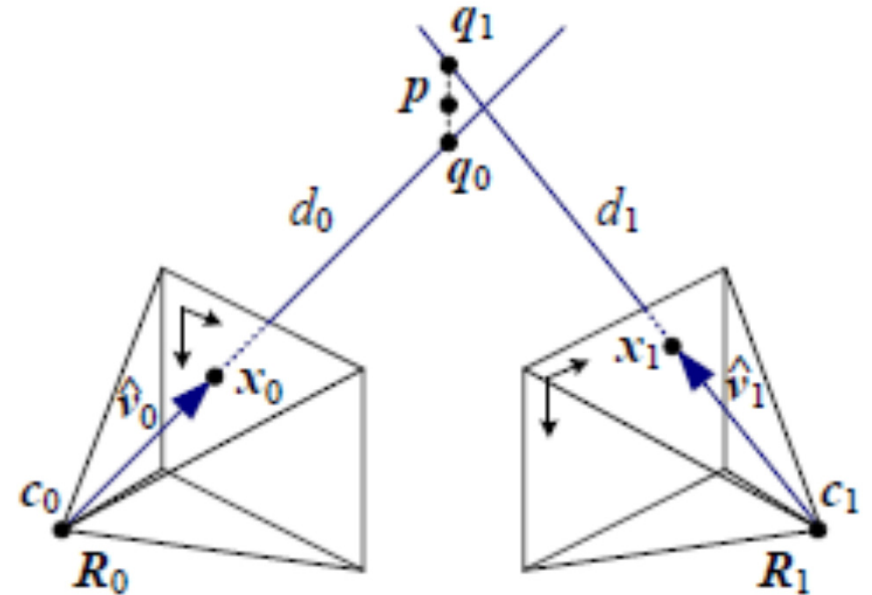
Following the definition of Essential Matrix,

$$\hat{\hat{E}} = U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

$$\therefore \hat{\hat{F}} = K^{-T} \hat{\hat{E}} K^{-1}$$

## The Essential matrix, $E$

The observed location of point  $\mathbf{p}$  in the first image,  $\mathbf{p}_0 = d_0 \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0$  is mapped into the second image by the transformation:



$$d_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \mathbf{p}_1 = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{p}_0 + \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{R}(d_0 \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0) + \mathbf{t}$$

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

Taking the cross product of both sides with  $\mathbf{t}$

$$d_1 [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 = d_0 [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \mathbf{R} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0$$

$$d_0 \hat{\mathbf{x}}_1^T ([\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}) \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = d_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}}_1^T [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 = 0$$

← Solve for  $d_0$  and  $d_1$

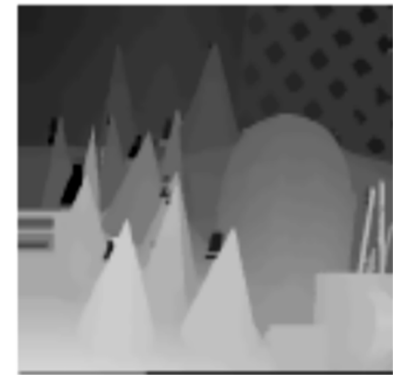
# E vs. F revisited

## The Essential Matrix $E$ :

- Encodes information on the extrinsic parameters only
- Has rank 2 since  $R$  is full rank and  $[T_x]$  is skew & rank 2
- Its two non-zero singular values are equal
- 5 degrees of freedom

## The Fundamental Matrix $F$ :

- Encodes information on both the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters
- Also has rank 2 since  $E$  is rank 2
- 7 degrees of freedom



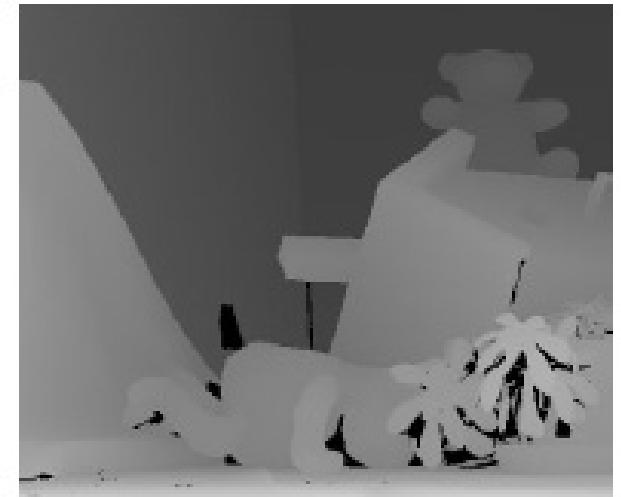
**Linear stereo matching; Leonardo De-Maeztu, Stefano Mattoccia, Arantxa Villanueva, Rafael Cabeza; ICCV-2011. (Spain + Italy)**



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

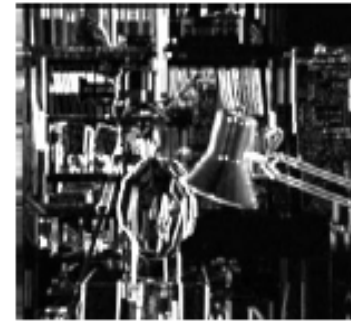
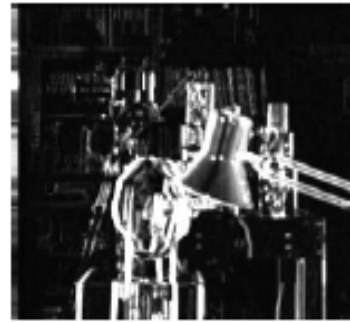
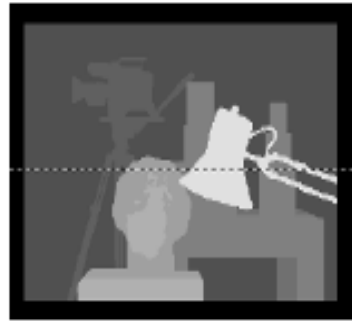


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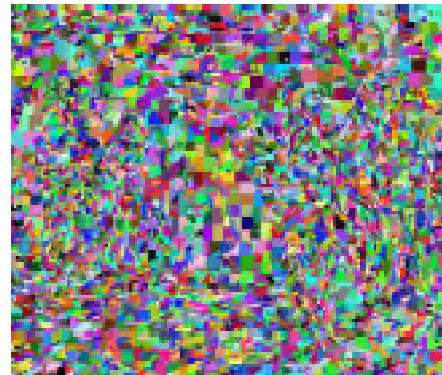


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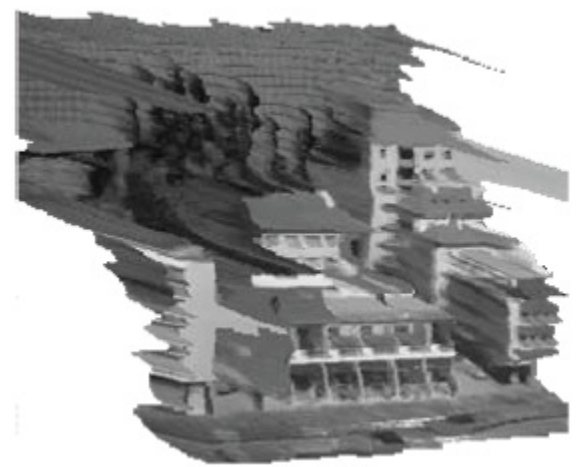
Courtesy: Szeliski



Slices through a typical disparity space image (DSI)  
 (Scharstein and Szeliski 2002) c 2002, Springer:  
 (a) original color image; (b) ground truth disparities;  
 (c–e) three  $(x, y)$  slices for  $d = 10, 16, 21$ ;

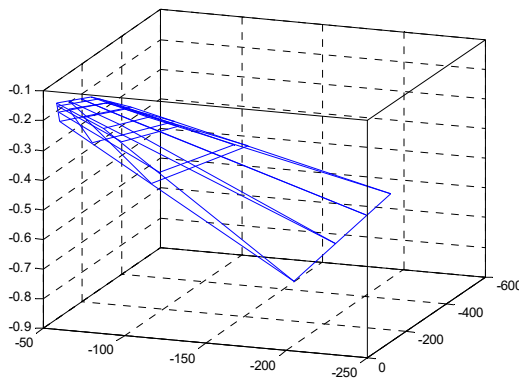
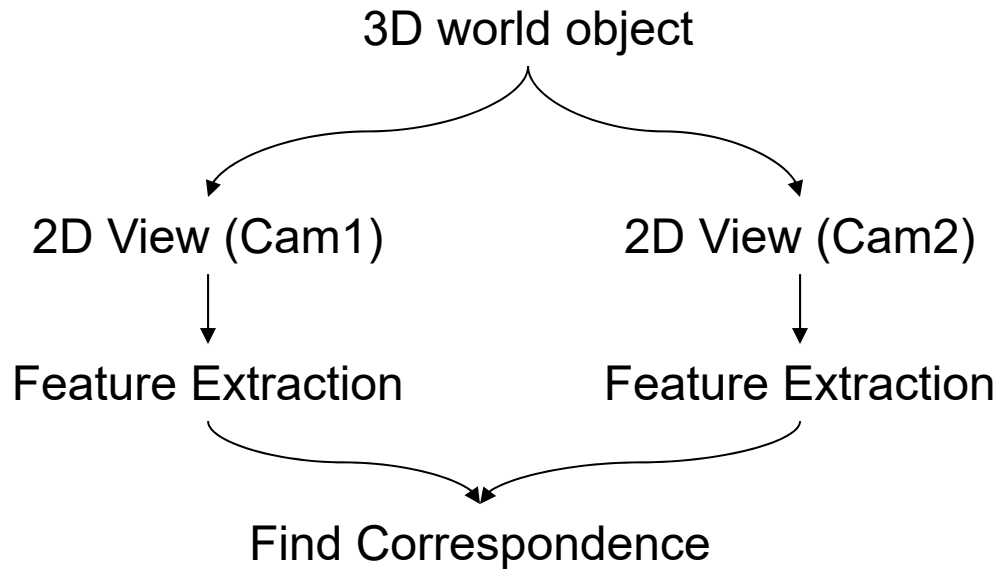
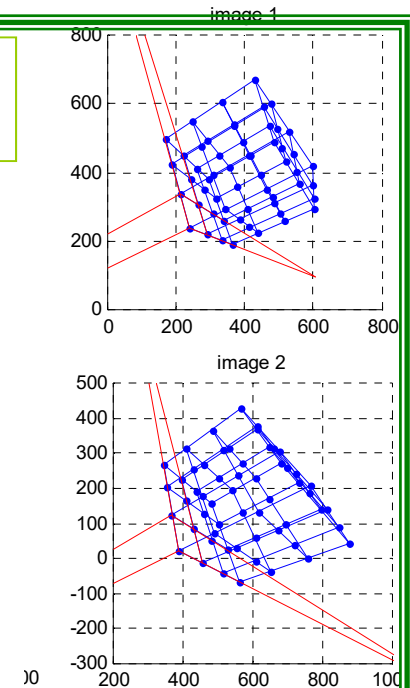
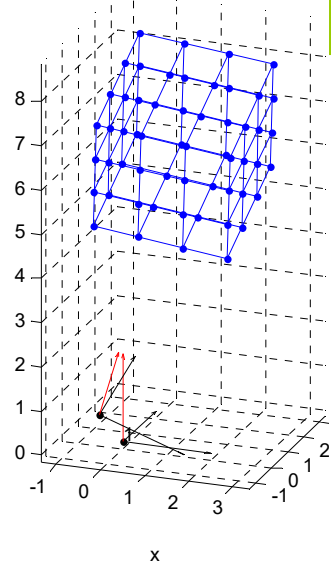


Segmentation-based stereo matching (Zitnick, Kang, Uyttendaele et al. 2004) c 2004 ACM: (a) input color image; (b) color-based segmentation; (c) initial disparity estimates; (d) final piecewise-smoothed disparities;



**Courtesy:  
Szeliski**

# Reconstruction Framework



Fundamental /  
Essential Matrix

Projective Reconstruction  
(Triangulation process ) <sup>[a]</sup>

$$x'^T F x = 0 \text{ or } x'^T E x = 0$$

$$P = [I | 0] \text{ and } P' = [[e']_x F | e']$$

$$E = K'^T F K;$$

$$x = P X$$

$$x_x P X = 0$$

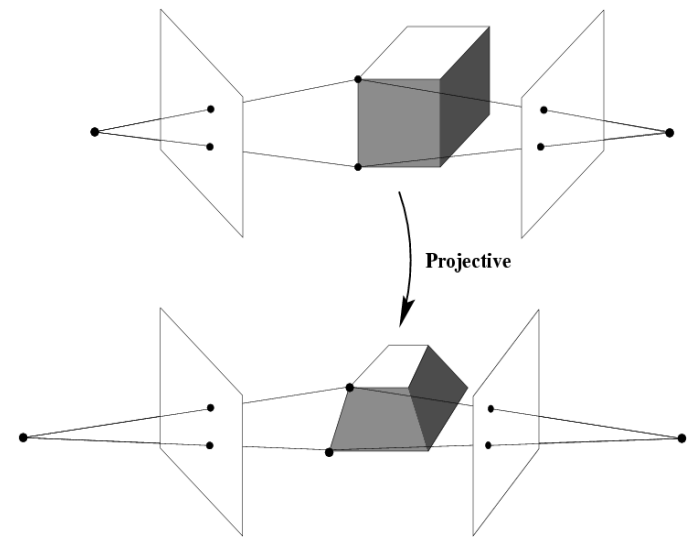
$$A X = 0$$

# Ambiguity in Reconstruction

- From Image correspondences, the scene and the camera can be reconstructed to a projective equivalent of the original scene and camera
- Projective Reconstruction theorem:

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_i = (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^{-1})(\mathbf{H} \ \mathbf{X}_i)$$

- Additional information (scene parallel lines, camera internal parameters) required for metric reconstruction



# GENERIC STEREO RECONSTRUCTION (sec. 10.6, pp 277; H&Z)

Input: Two Uncalibrated images;

Output: Reconstruction (metric) of the scene structure and camera

Algo. Steps:

- **Projective reconstruction**
  - Compute Fundamental matrix,  $F$
  - Compute  $P$  and  $P'$  (camera matrices) using  $F$
  - Use triangulation (with rectification) to get  $X$ , from  $x_i$  and  $x_i'$
- **Rectify from projective to Metric ( $M$ ), using either**
  - (a) **Direct:**  
Estimate homography  $H$ , from grnd. Control pts.,;  
 $P_M = P \cdot H^{-1}$ ;  $P'_M = P' \cdot H^{-1}$ ;  $X_{Mi} = HX_i$ .
  - OR
  - (b) **Stratified (use, VP, VL, VPI, Homography, DIAC etc.):**  
Affine;  
Metric

Also see: Algorithm 12.1. The optimal triangulation method  
(sec. 12.5.2, Algo. 12.1; pp 318 (336); H&Z)

**For self- or auto-calibration :**

**Use (this is research material) -**

**Affine to metric reconstruction,  
Stratification,  
Scene homography,  
Cheirality and DIAC,**

**Bundle adjustment,  
L-M Optimization, RANSAC etc.**

**Refer to the books by:**

- Hartley & Zisserman,**
- Ma, Shastri et. al;**
- Forsyth and Ponce.**



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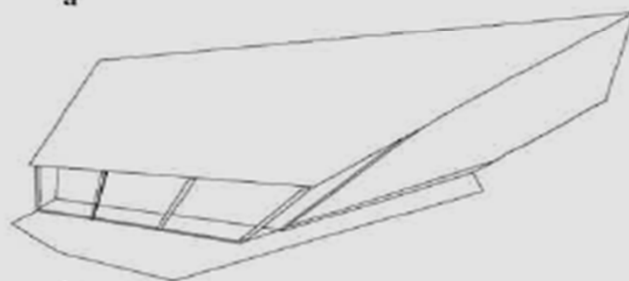
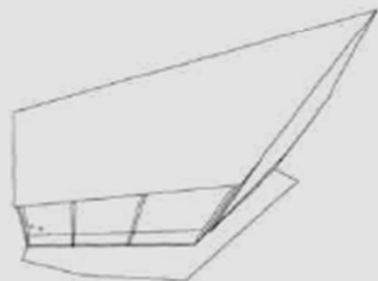
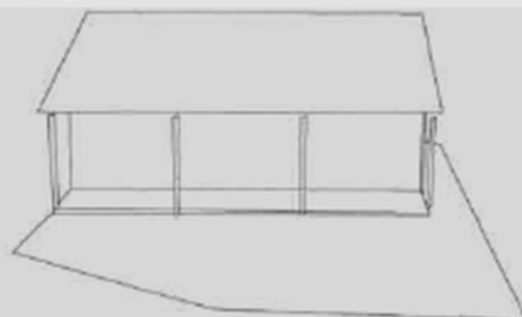


Fig. 10.3. **Projective reconstruction.** (a) Original construction of the scene. The reconstruction recovers information about the scene geometry. The functions between the images, camera matrices are triangulation from the correspondences. The line

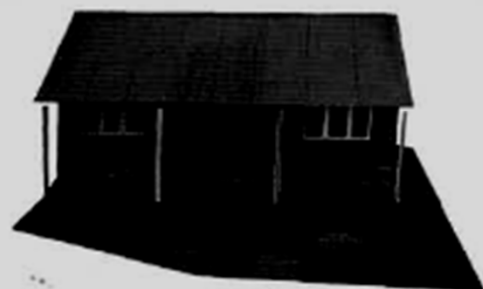


a

Fig. 10.6. **Direct reconstruction metric** by specifying the position of corresponding points on the projected image. The points are mapped to their world coordinates.



a



b

Fig. 10.5. **Metric reconstruction.** The affine reconstruction of figure 10.4 is upgraded to metric by computing the image of the absolute conic. The information used is the orthogonality of the directions

# Vanishing points

Points on a line in 3 space through point  $A$  and direction  $D = (d^T, 0)^T$  are  $X(\lambda) = A + \lambda D$ . As  $\lambda$  goes from zero to infinity, then  $X(\lambda)$  varies from finite point  $A$  to point  $D$  at  $\infty$ . Assume  $P = K \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then image of  $X(\lambda)$  is given by

$$x(\lambda) = PX(\lambda) = PA + \lambda PD = a + \lambda Kd$$

$$v = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} x(\lambda) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} (a + \lambda Kd) = Kd$$

note that  $v$  depends only on the direction  $d$  of the line, not on its position specified by  $A$

→ Conclusion: the vanishing point of lines with direction  $d$  in 3 space is the intersection  $v$  of the image plane with a ray through the camera center with direction  $d$ , namely  $v = Kd$

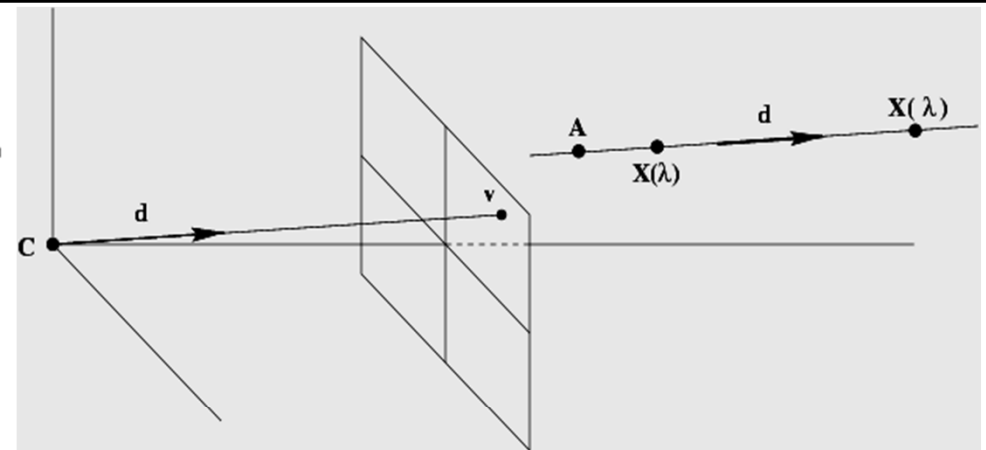
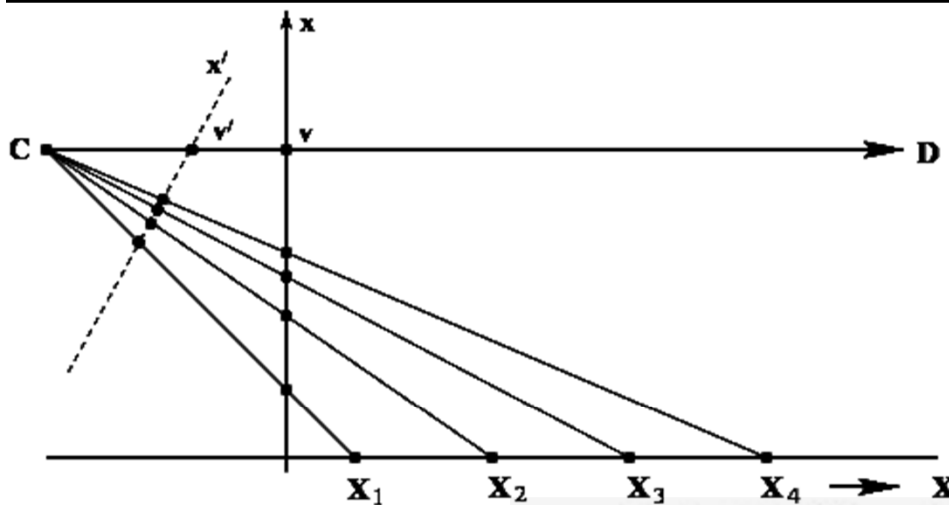
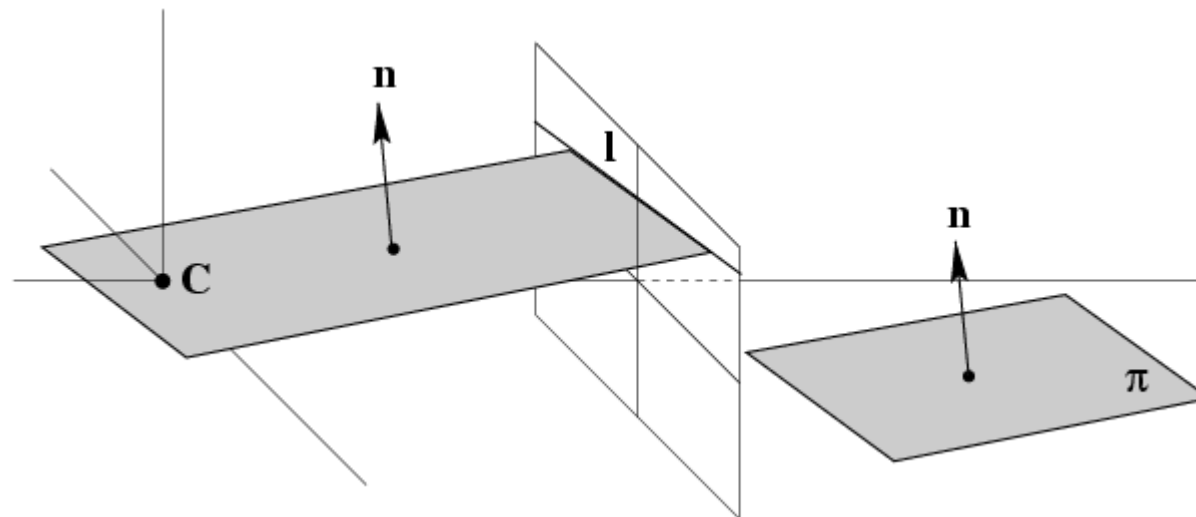
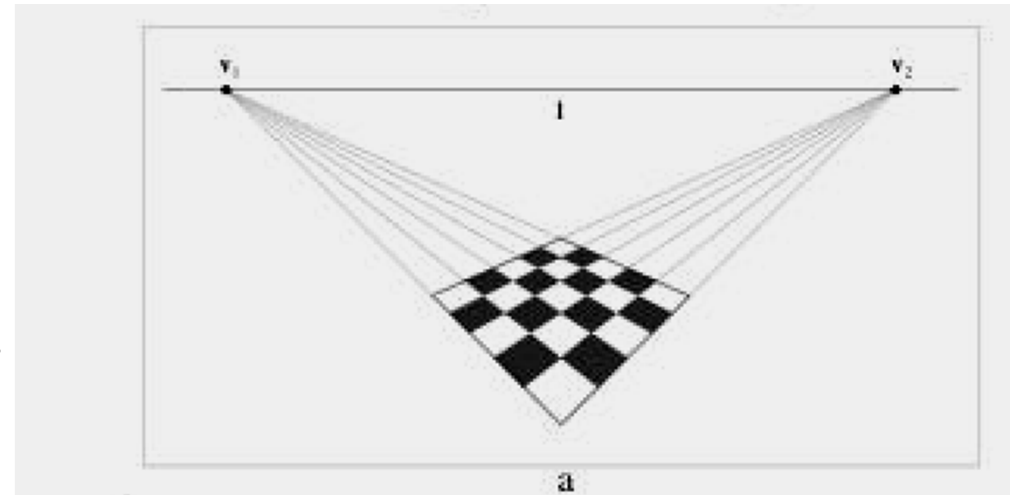
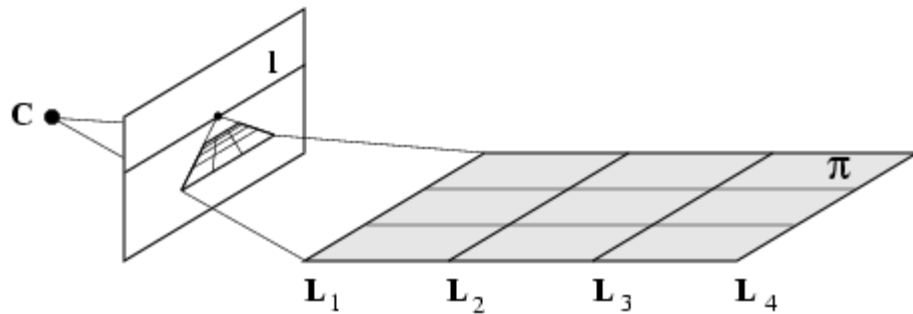


Fig. 8.14. **Vanishing point formation.** (a) Plane to line camera. The points  $X_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$  are equally spaced on the world line, but their spacing on the image line monotonically decreases. In the limit  $X \rightarrow \infty$  the world point is imaged at  $x = v$  on the vertical image line, and at  $x = v$  on the inclined image line. Thus the vanishing point of the world line is obtained by intersecting the image plane with a ray parallel to the world line through the camera centre  $C$ . (b) 3-space to plane camera. The vanishing point,  $v$ , of a line with direction  $d$  is the intersection of the image plane with a ray parallel to  $d$  through  $C$ . The world line may be parametrized as  $X(\lambda) = A + \lambda D$ , where  $A$  is a point on the line, and  $D = (d^T, 0)^T$ .

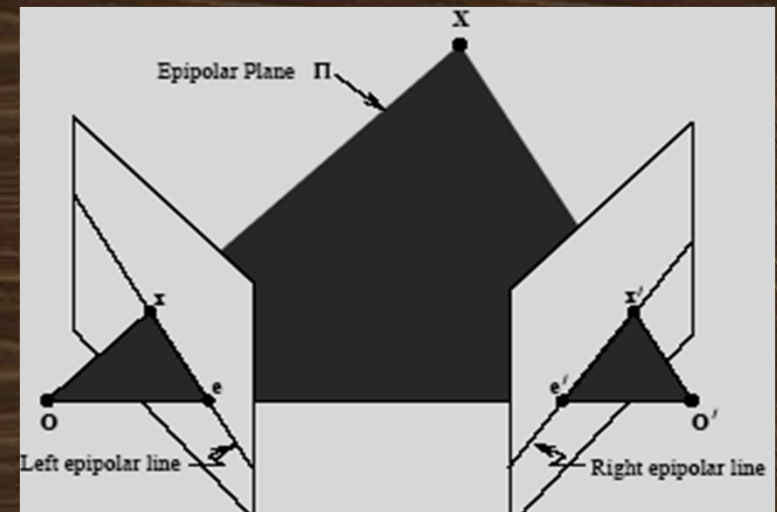
# Vanishing lines

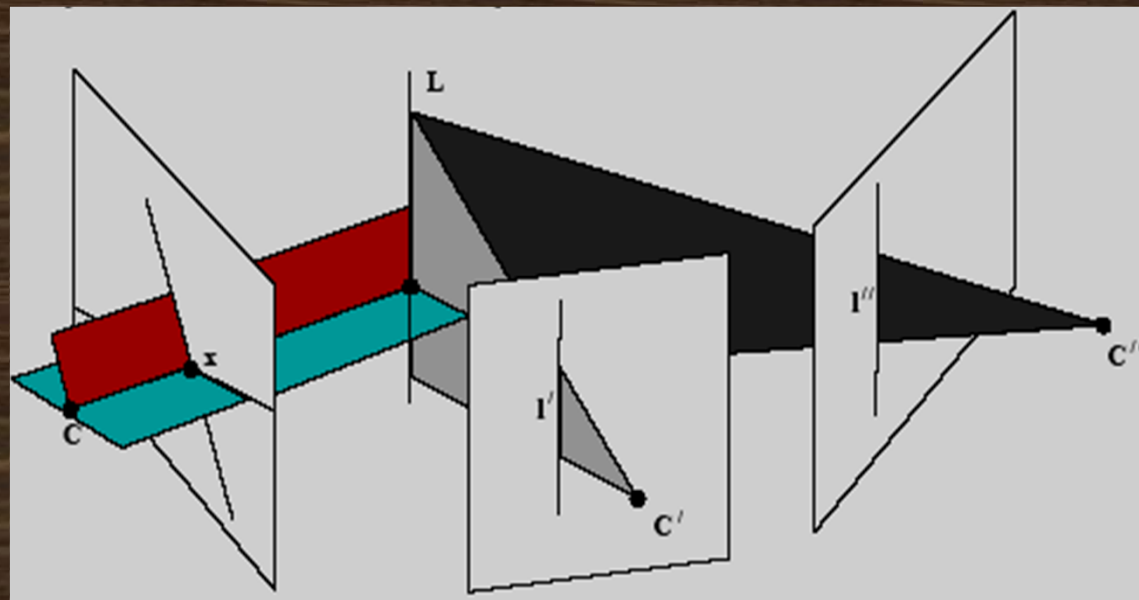
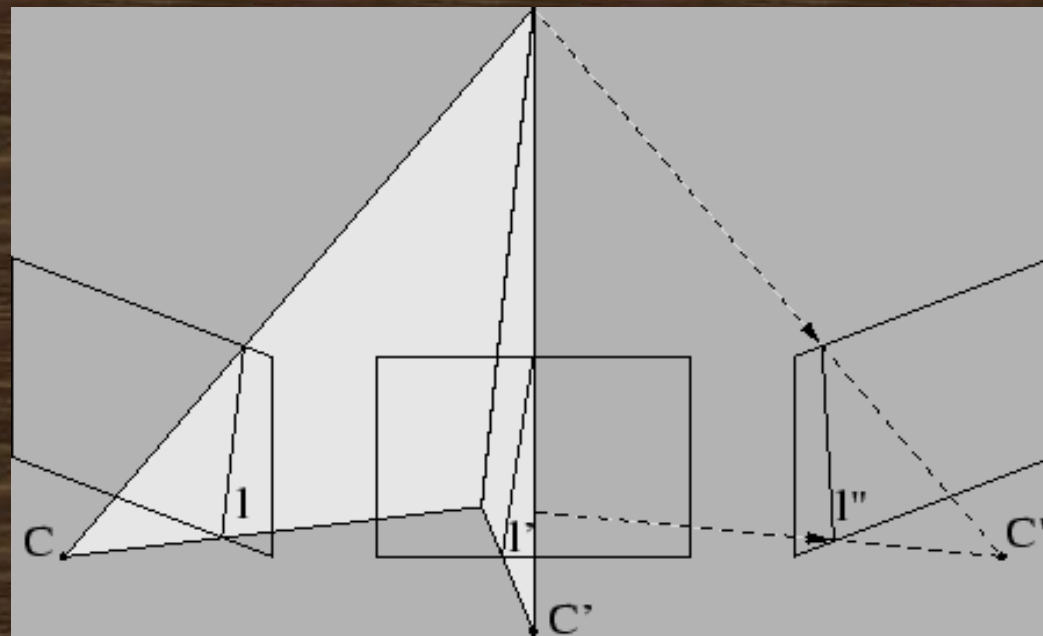


**Fig. 8.16. Vanishing line formation.** (a) The two sets of parallel lines on the scene plane converge to the vanishing points  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  in the image. The line  $l$  through  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  is the vanishing line of the plane. (b) The vanishing line  $l$  of a plane  $\pi$  is obtained by intersecting the image plane with a plane through the camera centre  $C$  and parallel to  $\pi$ .

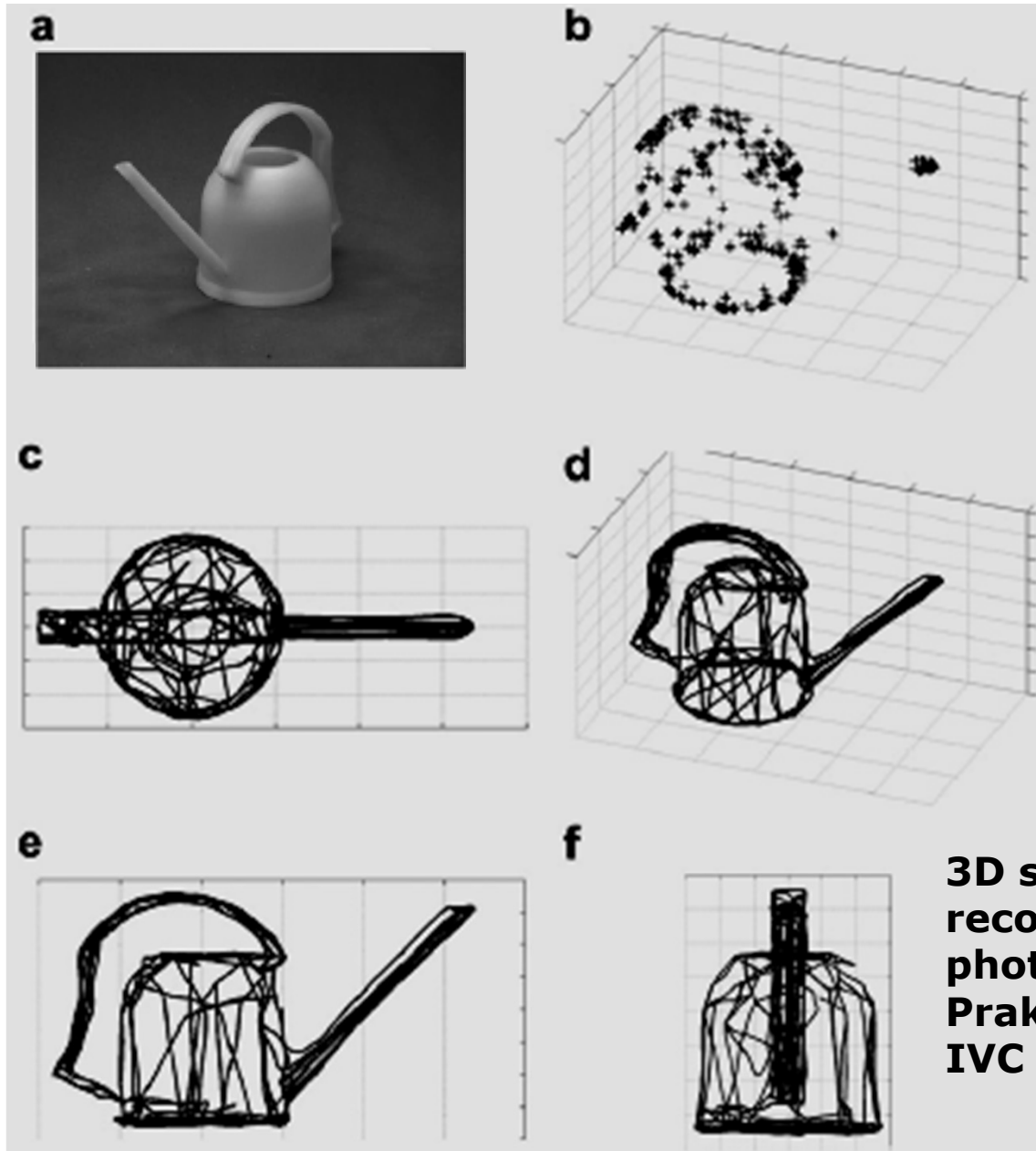
In case of a set of arbitrary views (multi-view geometry) used for 3-D reconstruction (object structure, surface geometry, modeling etc.), methods used involve:

- KLT (Kanade-Lucas-Tomasi)- tracker
- **Bundle adjustment and RANSAC**
- **8-point DLT algorithm**
- Zhang's scene homography
- ***Tri-focal tensors***
- Cheriality and DIAC
- **Auto-calibration**
- **Affine to Metric reconstruction**
- Stratification
- **Kruppa's eqn. for infinite homography**



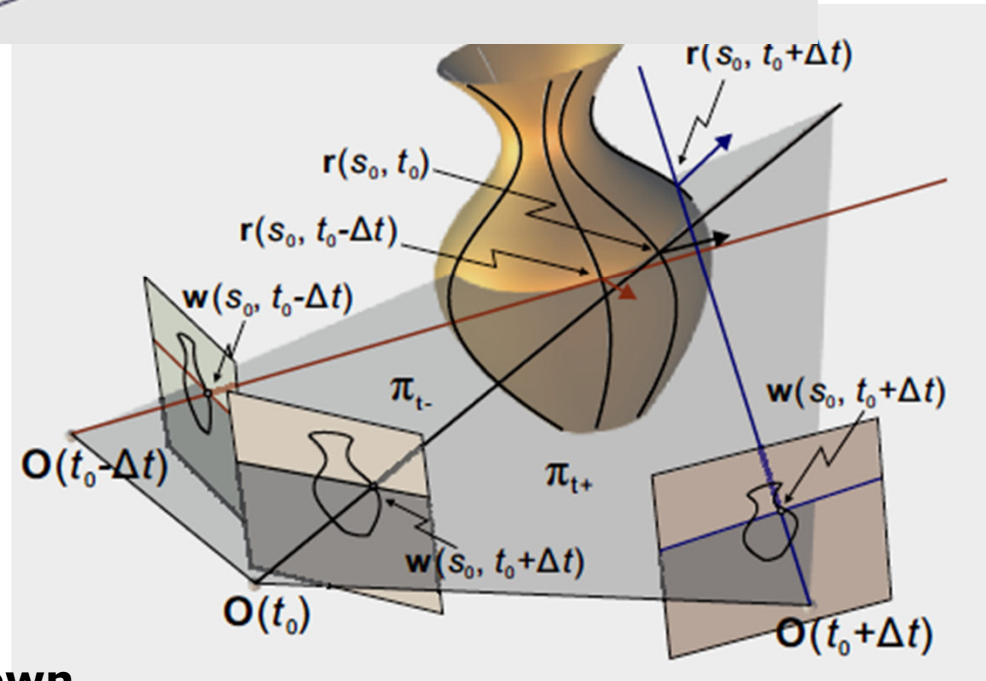
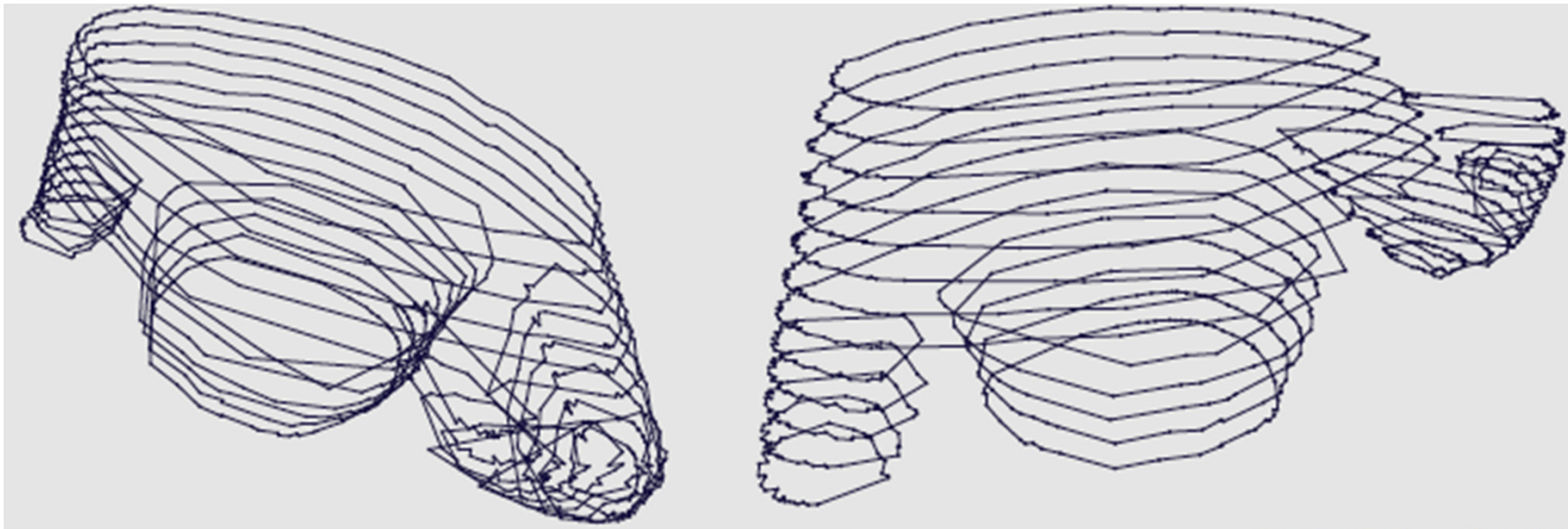


## Example of 3-D reconstruction



**3D surface point and wireframe  
reconstruction from multiview  
photographic images; Simant  
Prakoonwit, Ralph Benjamin;  
IVC – 2008/9**

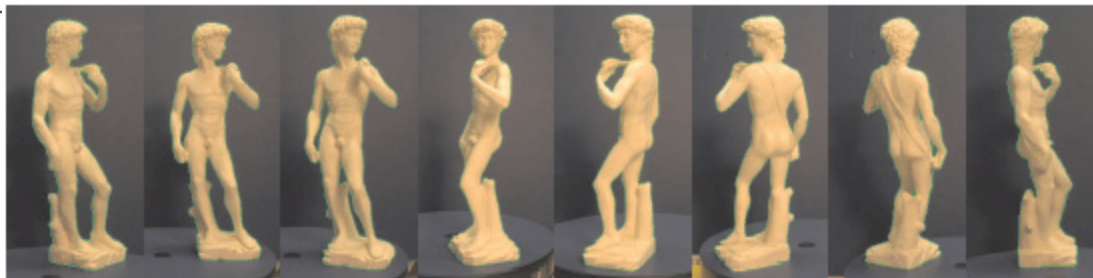
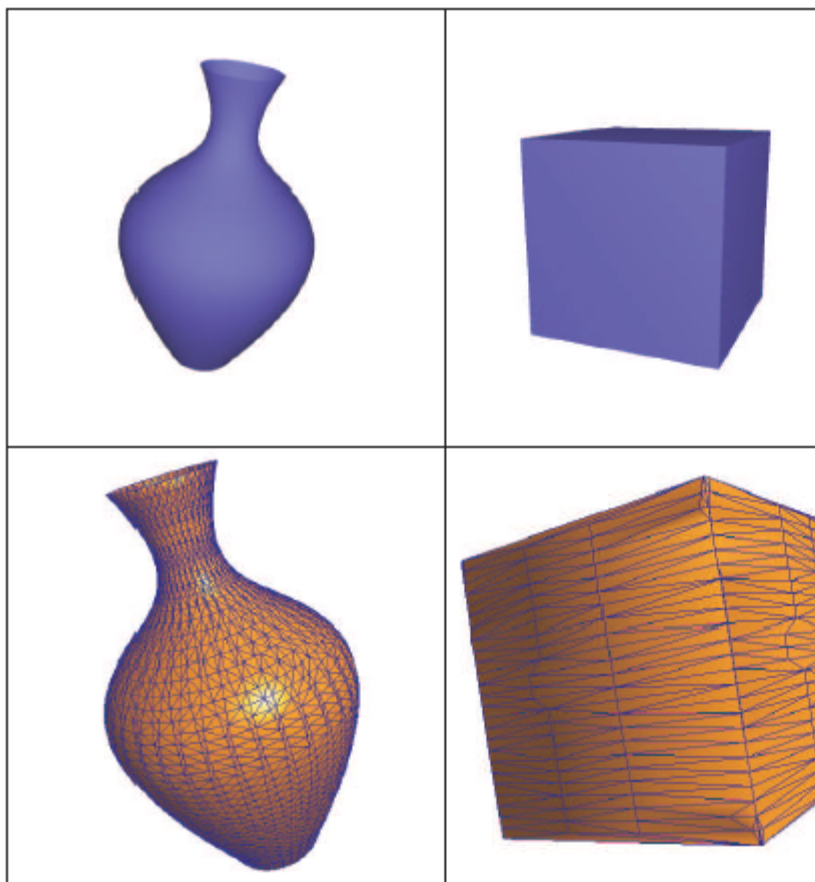
Fig. 18. (a) Real matt plastic watering pot. (b) The reconstructed 3D frontier points shown superimposed upon the pot. (c) - (f) Different views of the reconstructed 3D contour generators.



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