Two-view geometry

15-463, 15-663, 15-862
Computational Photography
Fall 2019, Lecture 17

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Course announcements

- Homework 4 was due on Friday.
  - Any questions?

- Homework 5 will be posted tonight.
  - Will be due on **Monday** November 11th.
  - Start early: Capturing the photometric stereo data is challenging.

- Equipment needs for final project:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Mfm35okoWpzHMknBe7wfeGclbg_sRbk9G0v6mqCBEVM/edit#gid=2055341146

- Guest lecture on November 6th: Aswin Sankaranarayanan, “Compressive Senssing”.

Overview of today’s lecture

- Triangulation.
- Epipolar geometry.
- Essential matrix.
- Fundamental matrix.
- 8-point algorithm.

Slide credits

Many of these slides were adapted from:

- Kris Kitani (16-385, Spring 2017).
- Srinivasa Narasimhan (16-720, Fall 2017).

Triangulation

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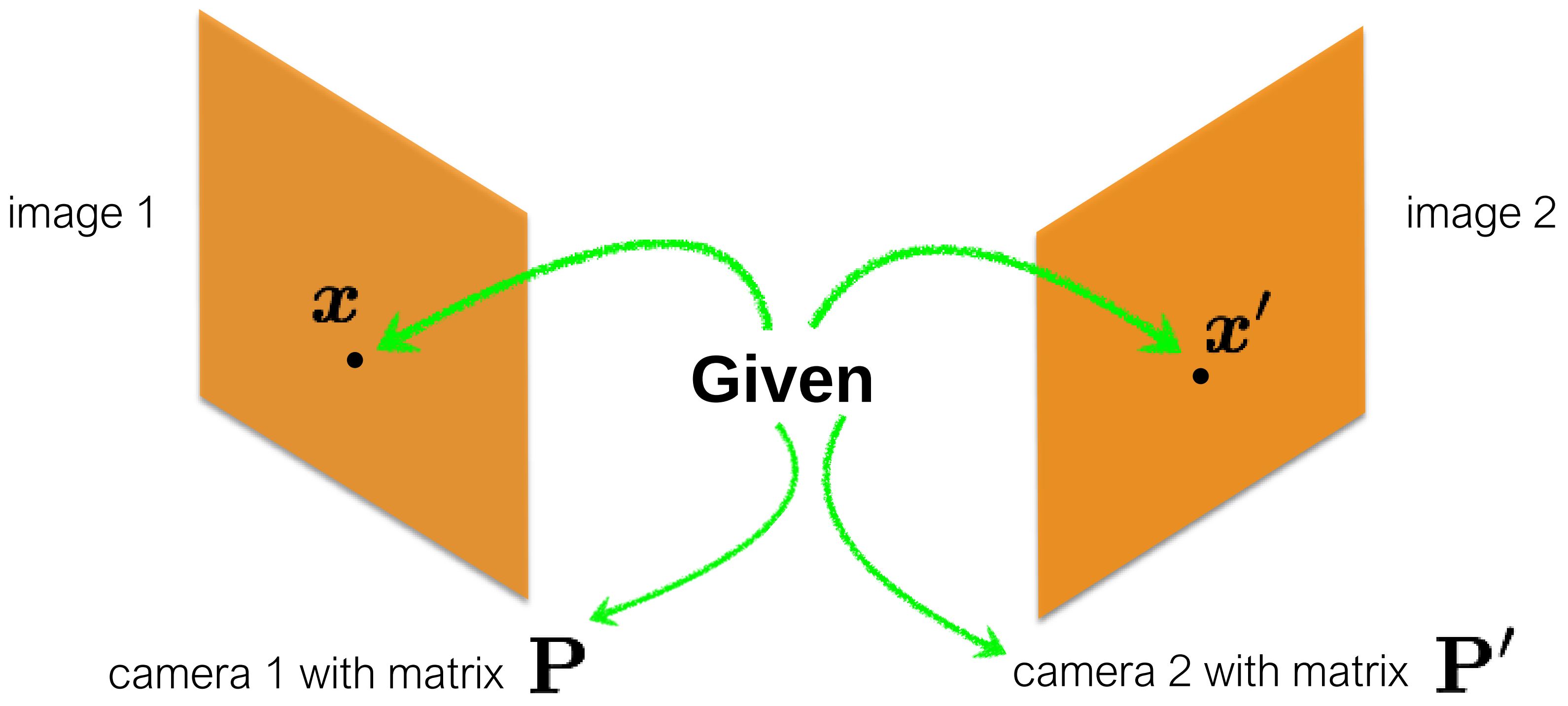

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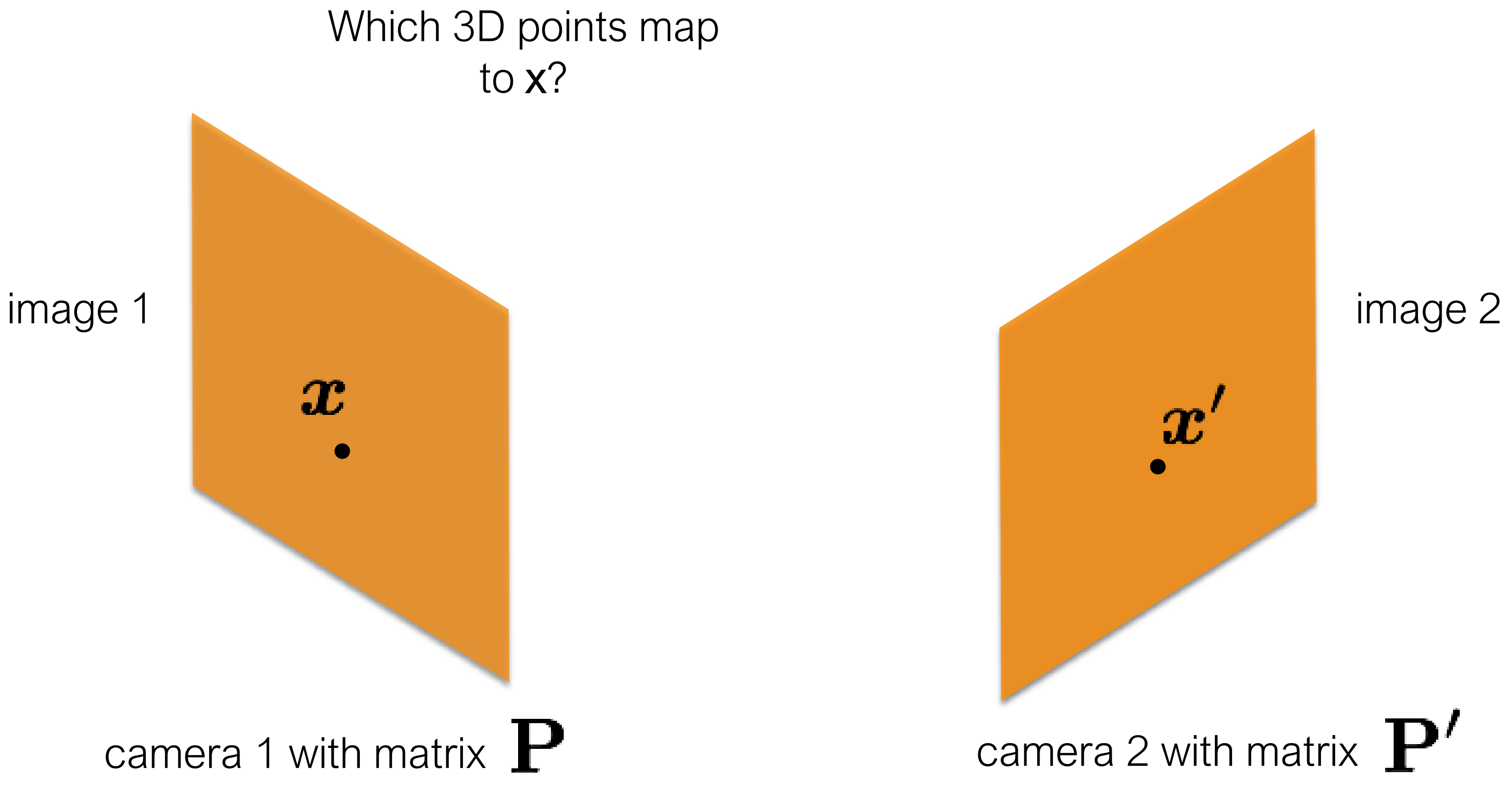

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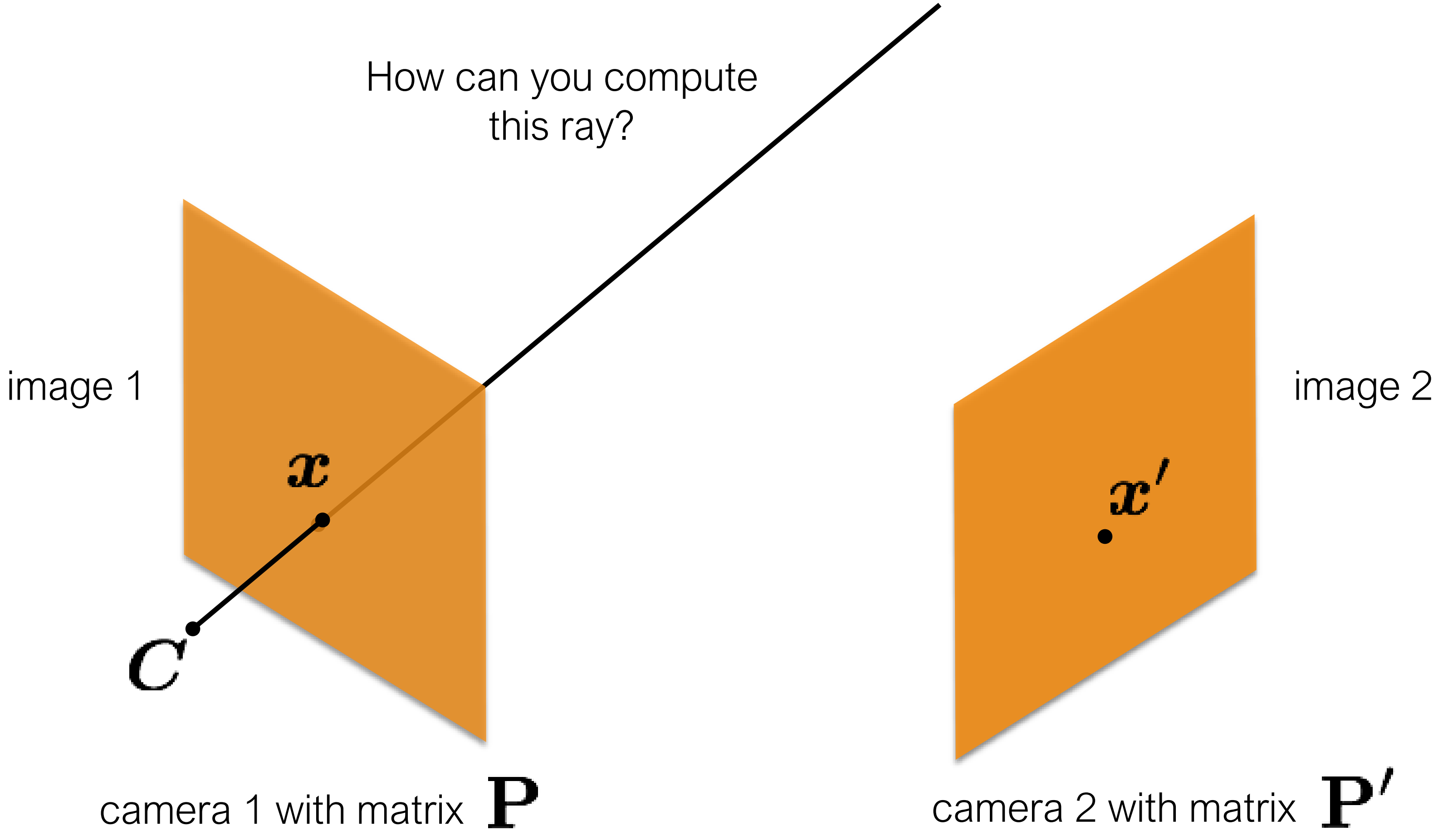
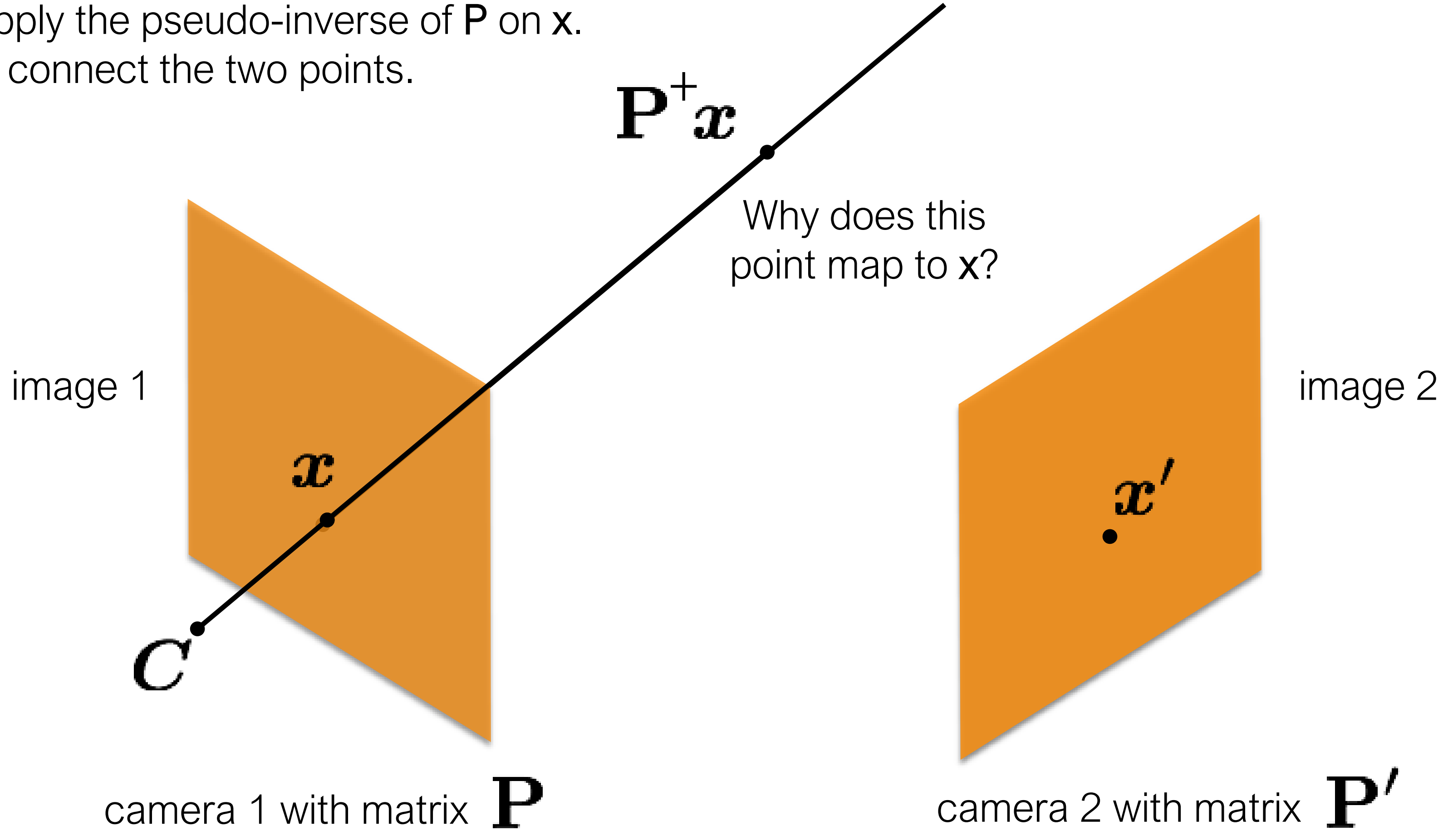


Triangulation

Create two points on the ray:

1) find the camera center; and
2) apply the pseudo-inverse of P on x.

Then connect the two points.



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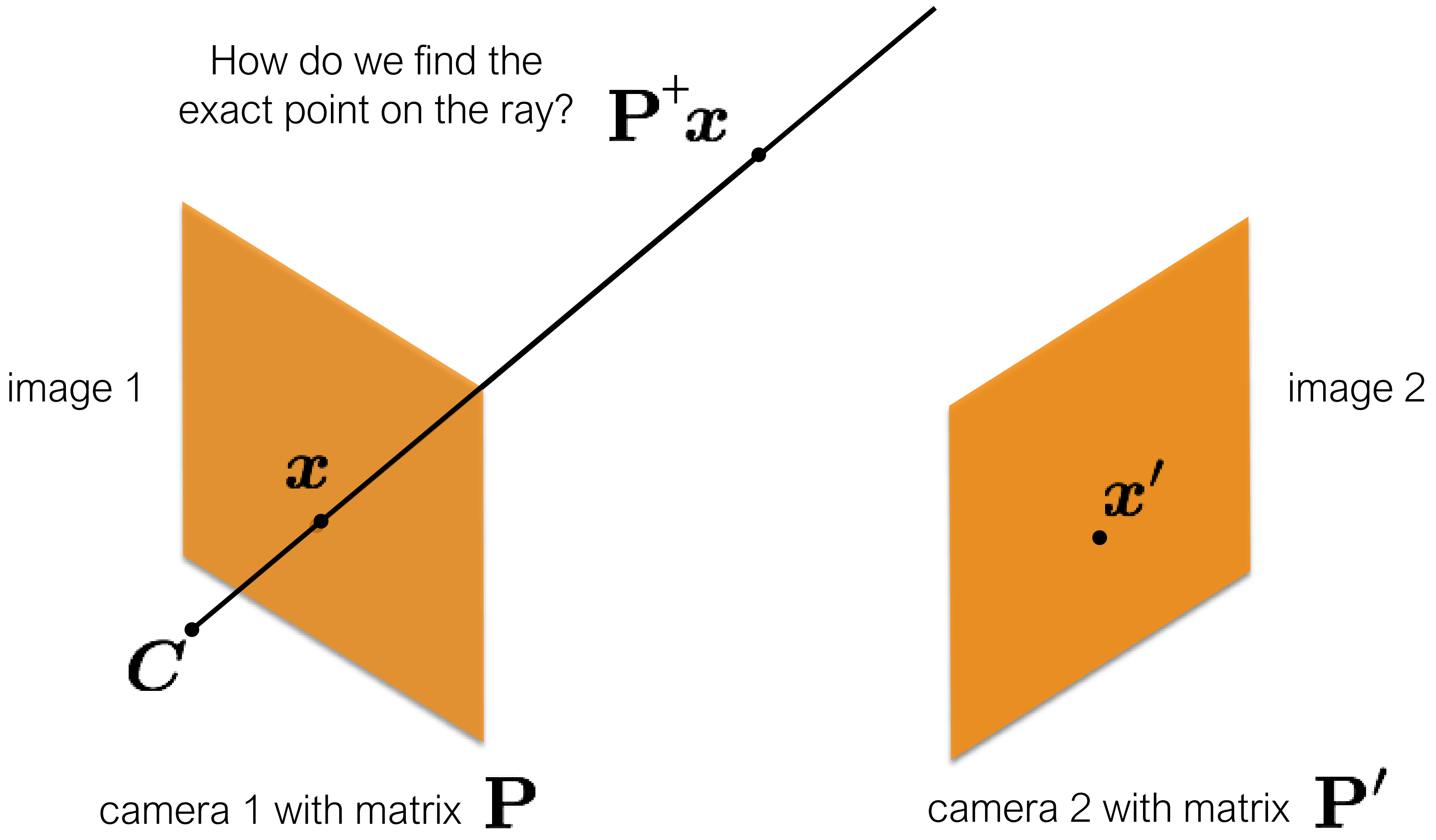

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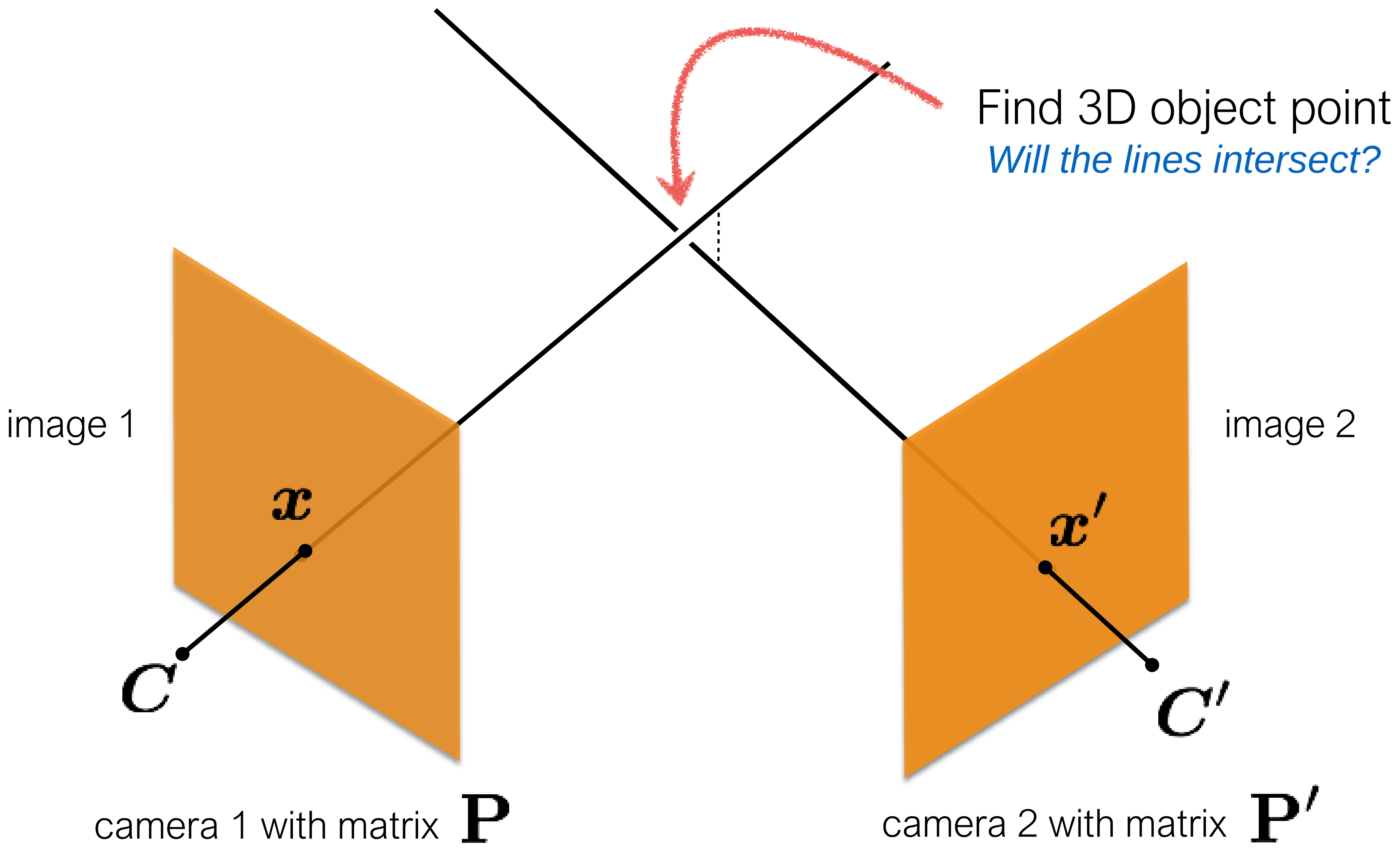

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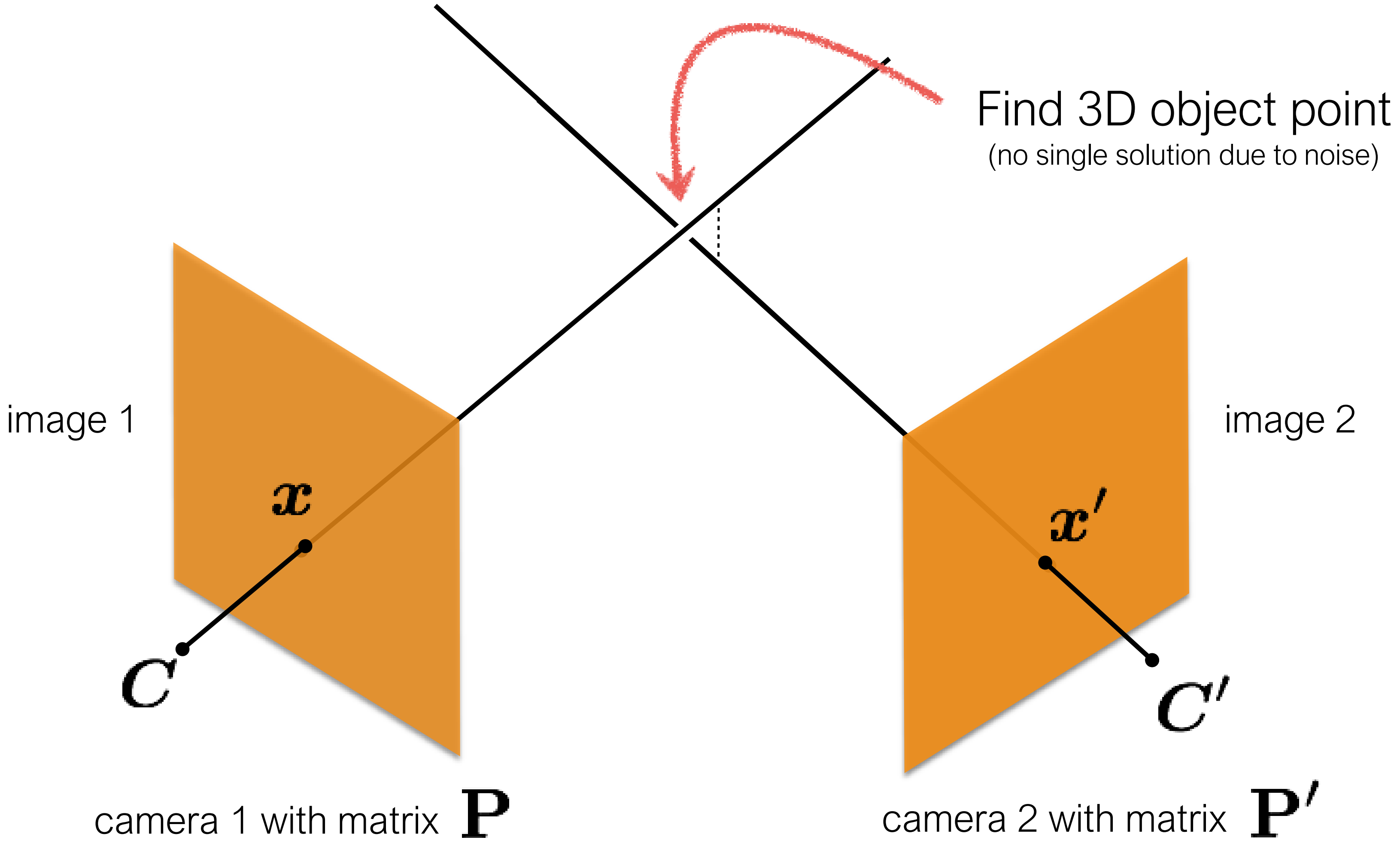

Triangulation

Given a set of (noisy) matched points

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

and camera matrices

$$\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}'$$

Estimate the 3D point

$$\mathbf{X}$$

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

known known

*Can we compute **X** from a single correspondence **x**?*

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There will not be a point that satisfies both constraints because the measurements are usually noisy

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

Need to find the **best fit**

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

(homogeneous
coordinate)

Also, this is a similarity relation because it involves homogeneous coordinates

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

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Same ray direction but differs by a scale factor

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

How do we solve for unknowns in a similarity relation?

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How do we solve for unknowns in a similarity relation?

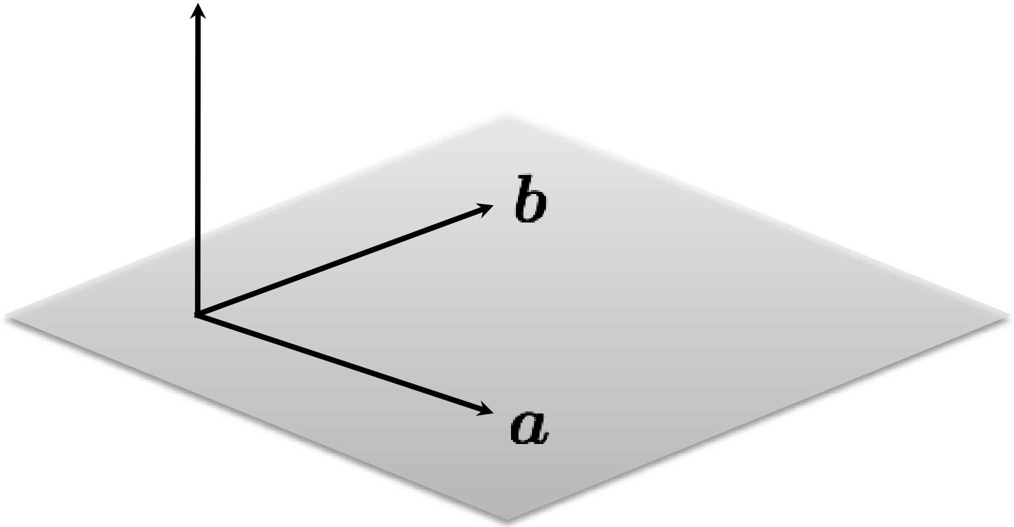
Remove scale factor, convert to linear system and solve with SVD!

Recall: Cross Product

Vector (cross) product

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both

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



$$\boldsymbol{c} \cdot \boldsymbol{a} = 0 \qquad \boldsymbol{c} \cdot \boldsymbol{b} = 0$$

$$\boldsymbol{a} \times \boldsymbol{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2b_3 - a_3b_2 \\ a_3b_1 - a_1b_3 \\ a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

cross product of two vectors in the same direction is zero

$$\boldsymbol{a} \times \boldsymbol{a} = 0$$

remember this!!!

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

Same direction but differs by a scale factor

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{P} \boldsymbol{X} = \mathbf{0}$$

Cross product of two vectors of same direction is zero
(this equality removes the scale factor)

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(x times the first line plus y times the second line)

One 2D to 3D point correspondence give you [redacted] equations

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$$\mathbf{A}_i \boldsymbol{X} = \mathbf{0}$$

Now we can make a system of linear equations
(two lines for each 2D point correspondence)

Concatenate the 2D points from both images

$$\begin{bmatrix} y\boldsymbol{p}_3^\top - \boldsymbol{p}_2^\top \\ \boldsymbol{p}_1^\top - x\boldsymbol{p}_3^\top \\ y'\boldsymbol{p}_3'^\top - \boldsymbol{p}_2'^\top \\ \boldsymbol{p}_1'^\top - x'\boldsymbol{p}_3'^\top \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

sanity check! dimensions?

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Recall: Total least squares

(**Warning:** change of notation. x is a vector of parameters!)

$$E_{\mathrm{TLS}} = \sum_i (\boldsymbol{a}_i \boldsymbol{x})^2$$

$$= \|\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{x}\|^2$$ (matrix form)

$$\|\boldsymbol{x}\|^2 = 1$$ constraint

minimize $\|\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{x}\|^2$

subject to $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|^2 = 1$

→

minimize $\dfrac{\|\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{x}\|^2}{\|\boldsymbol{x}\|^2}$

(Rayleigh quotient)

Solution is the eigenvector corresponding to smallest eigenvalue of

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$$

Epipolar geometry

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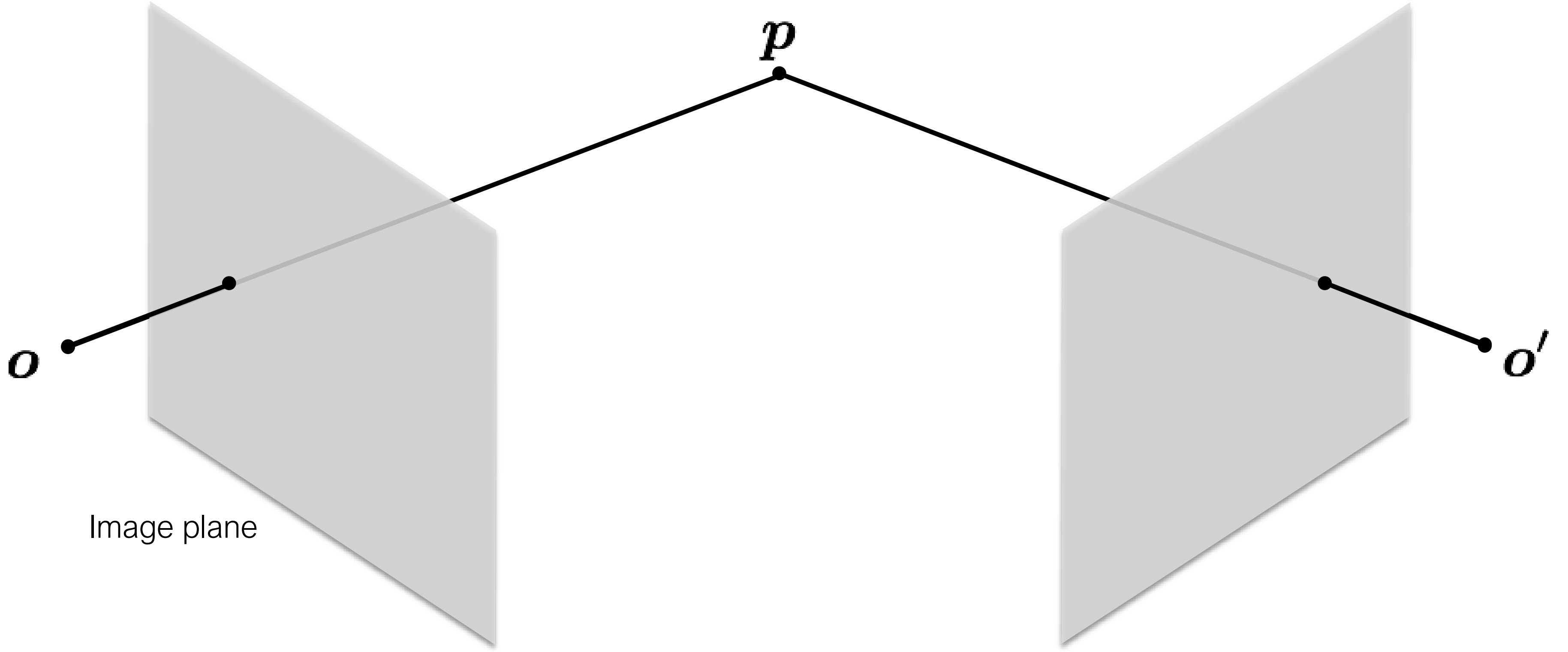

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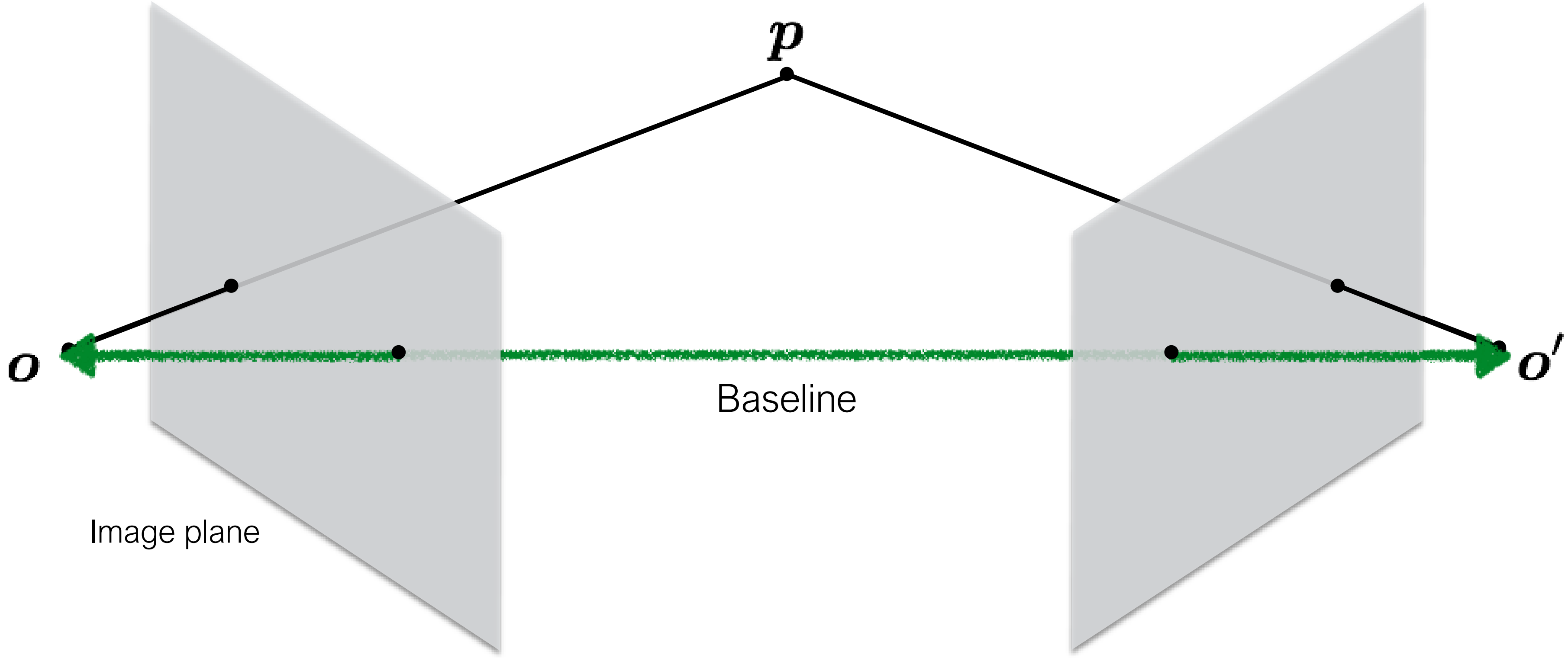

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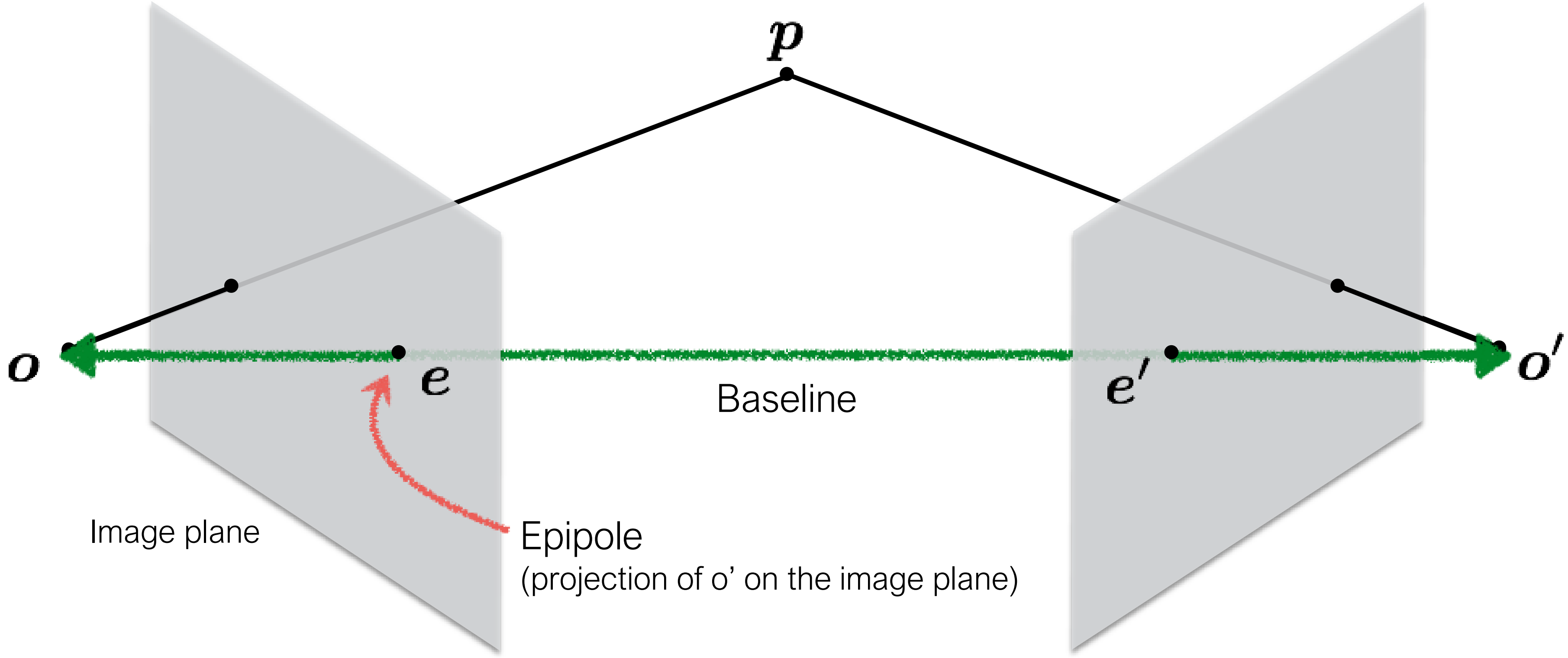

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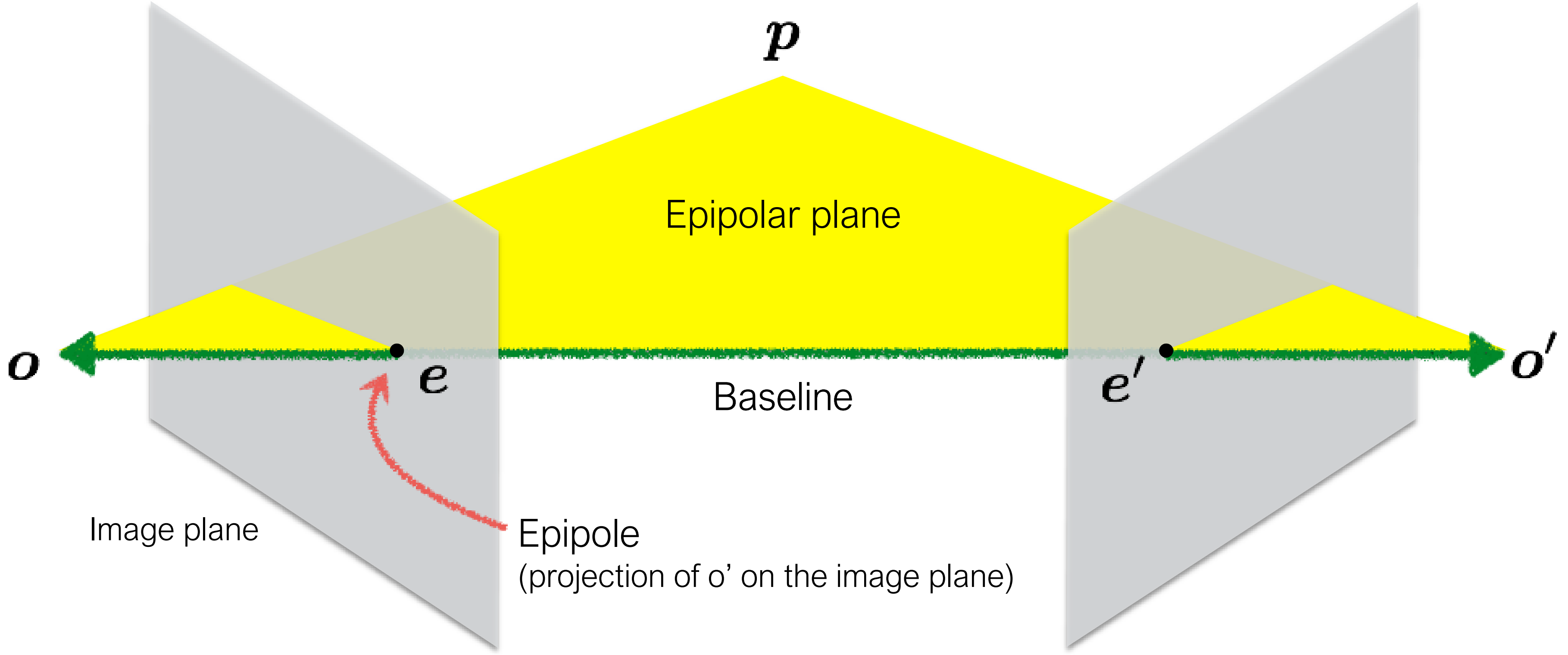

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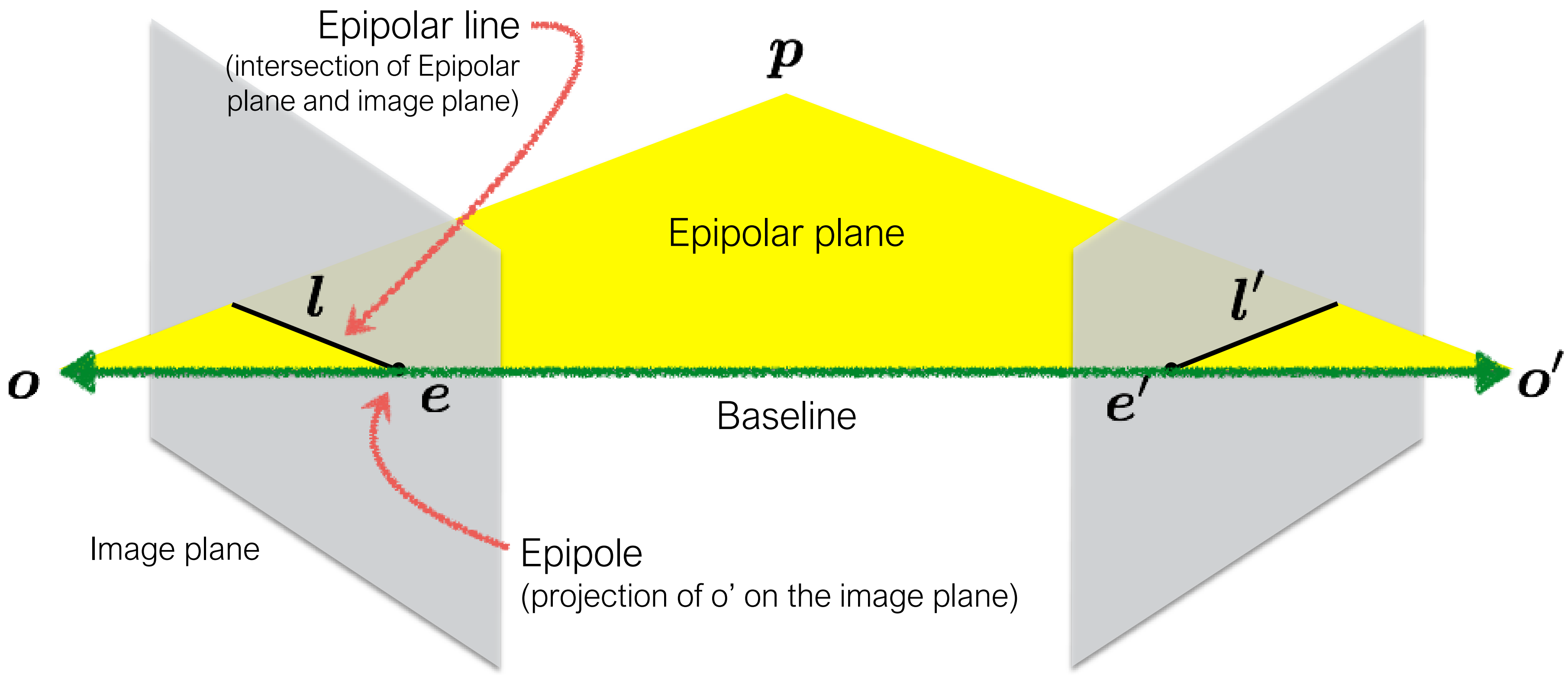

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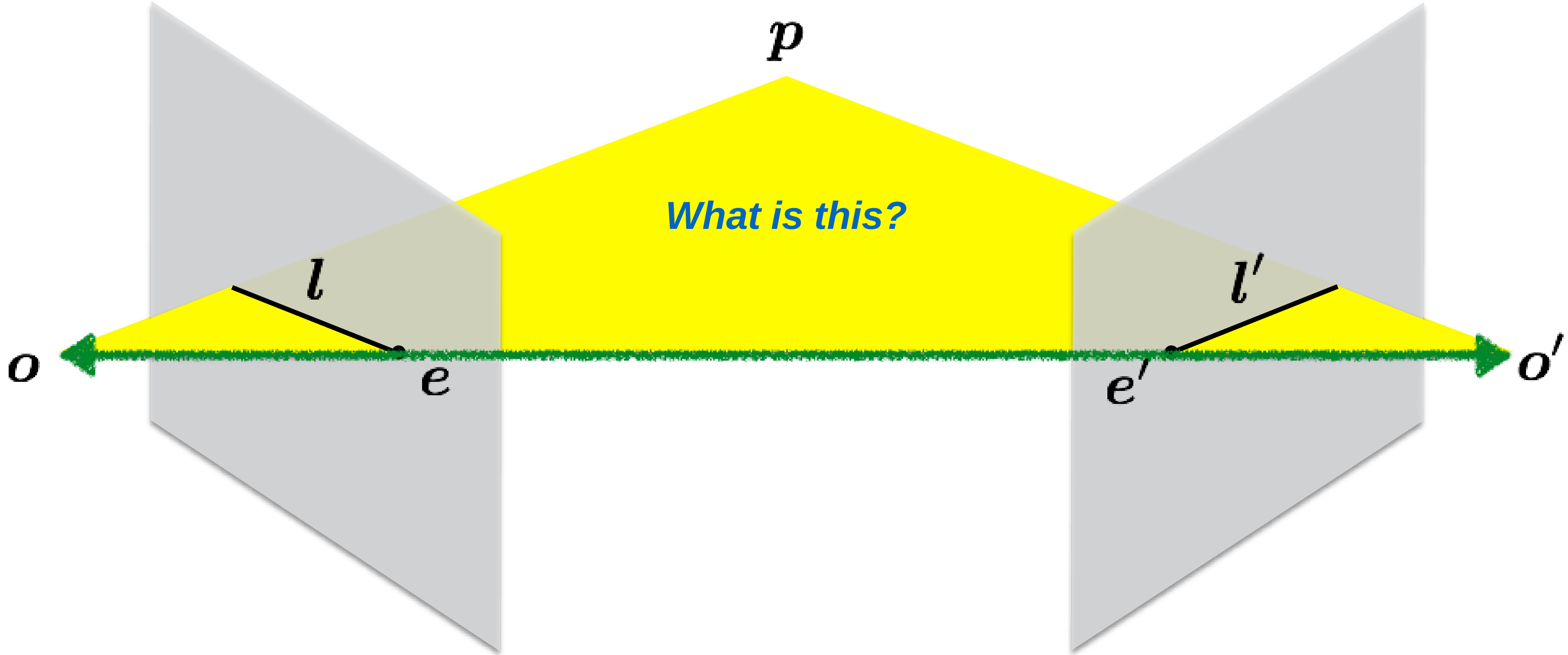

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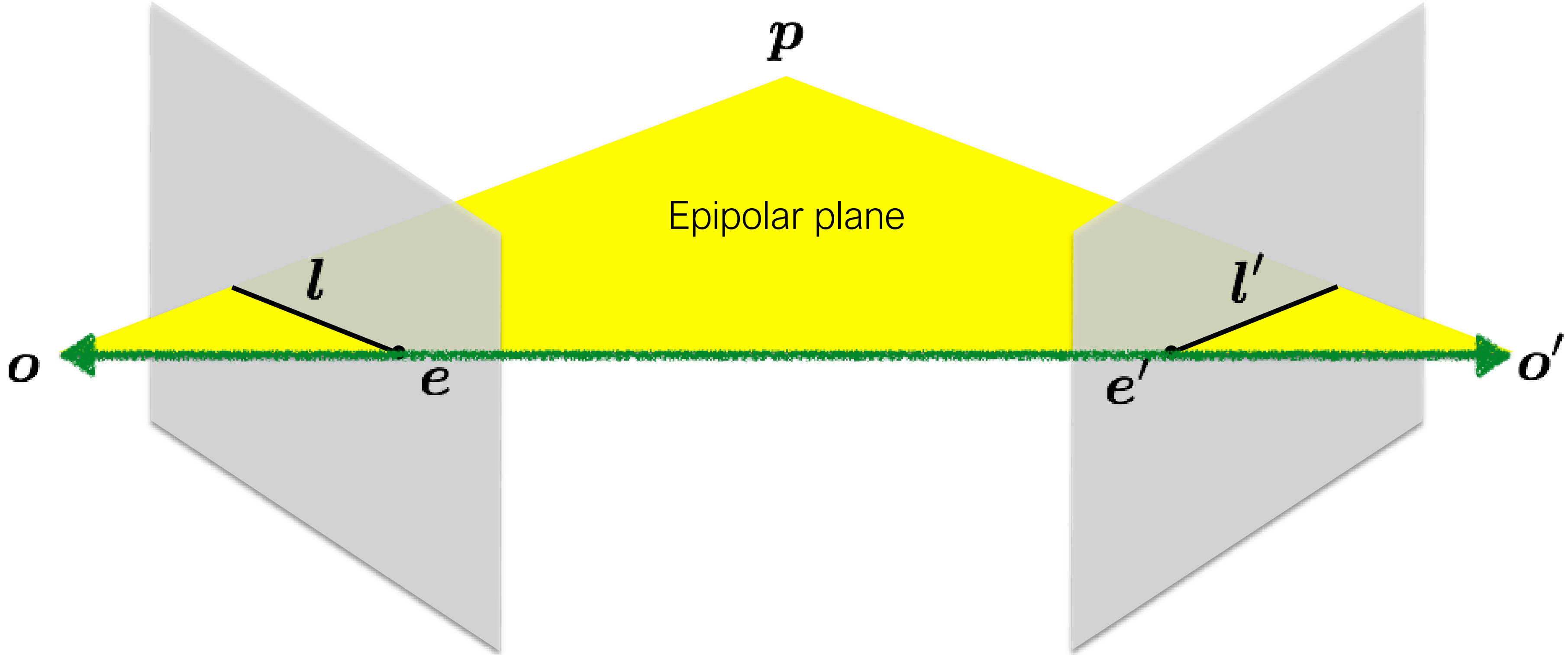

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Epipolar plane
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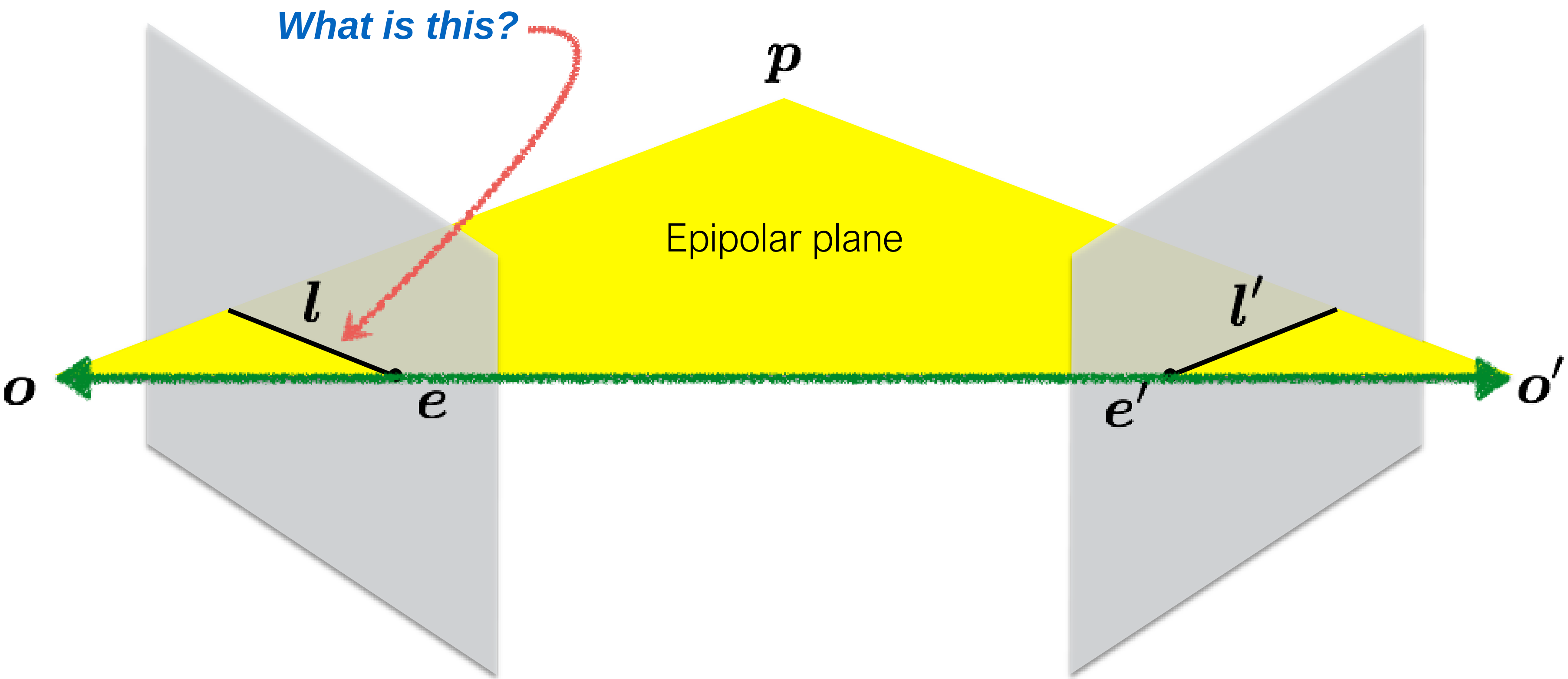

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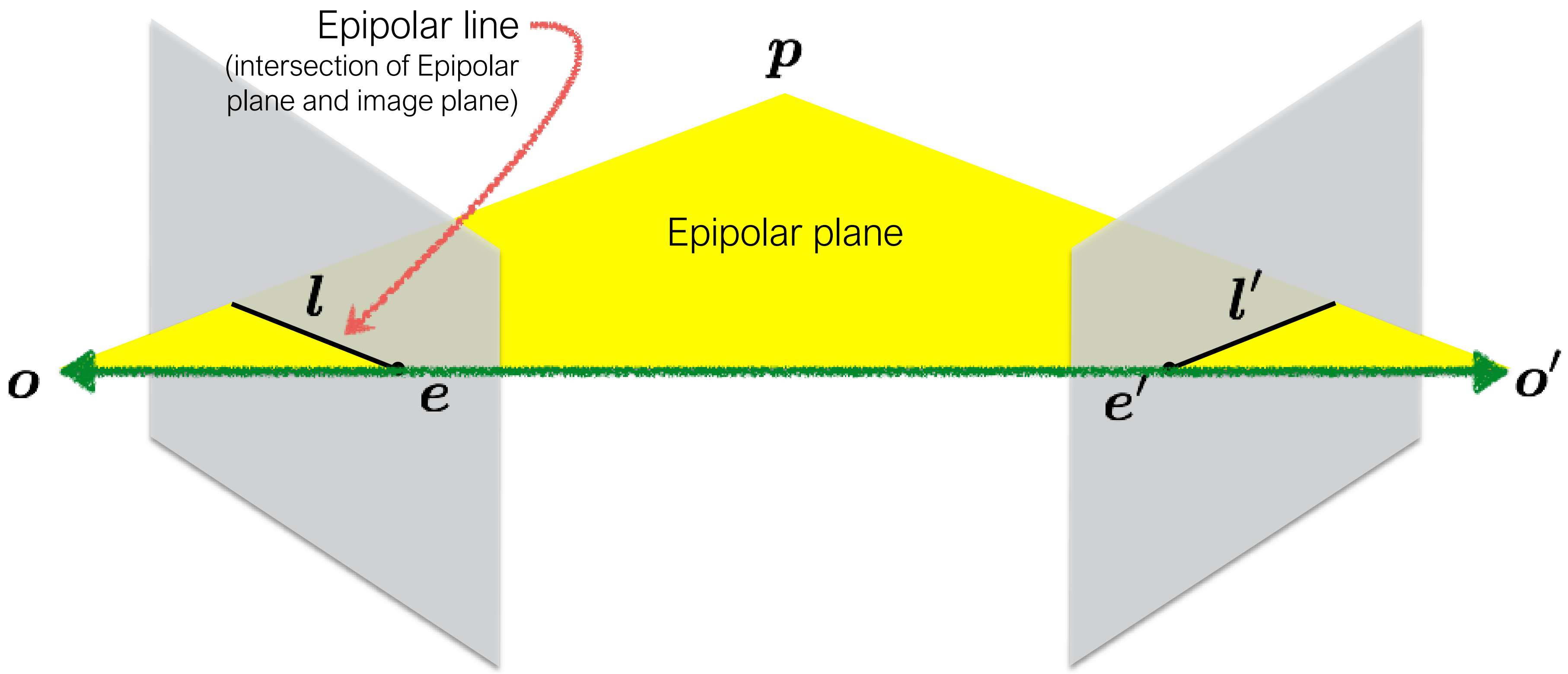
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(intersection of Epipolar
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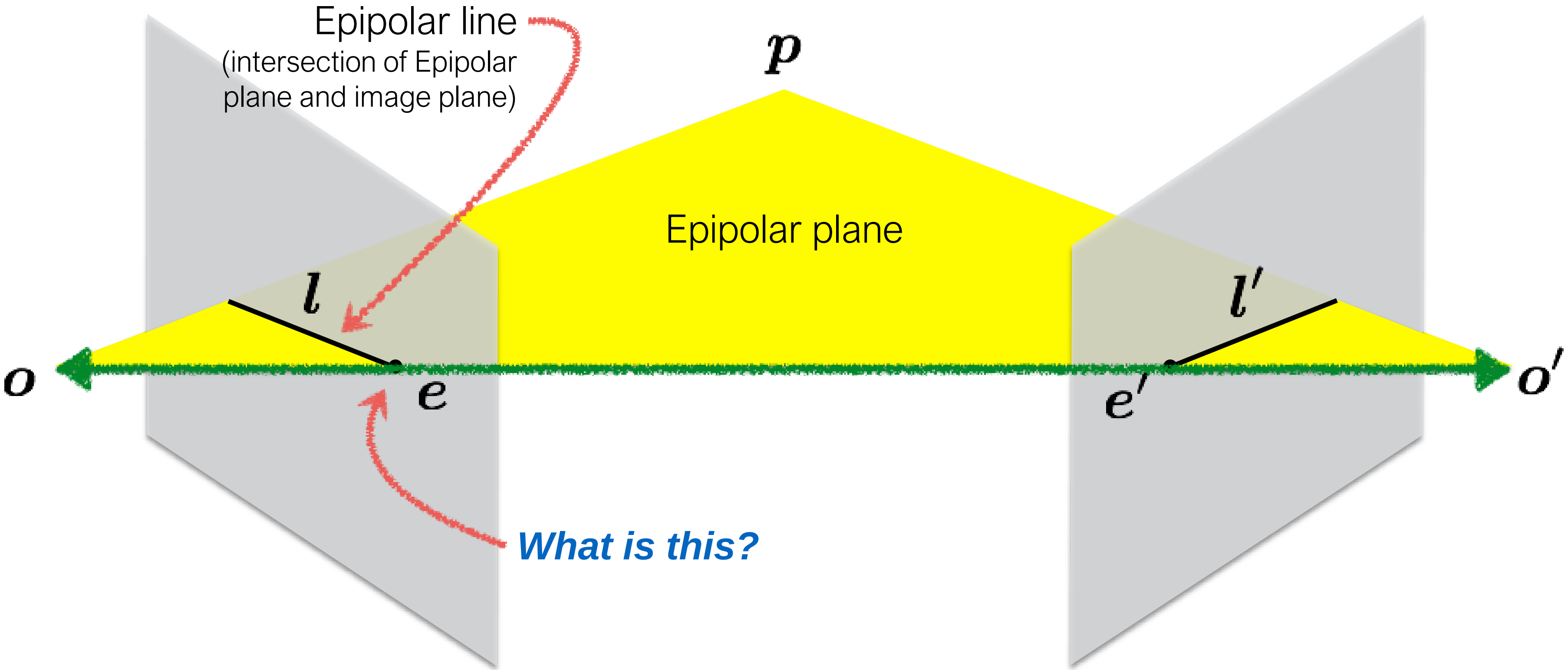

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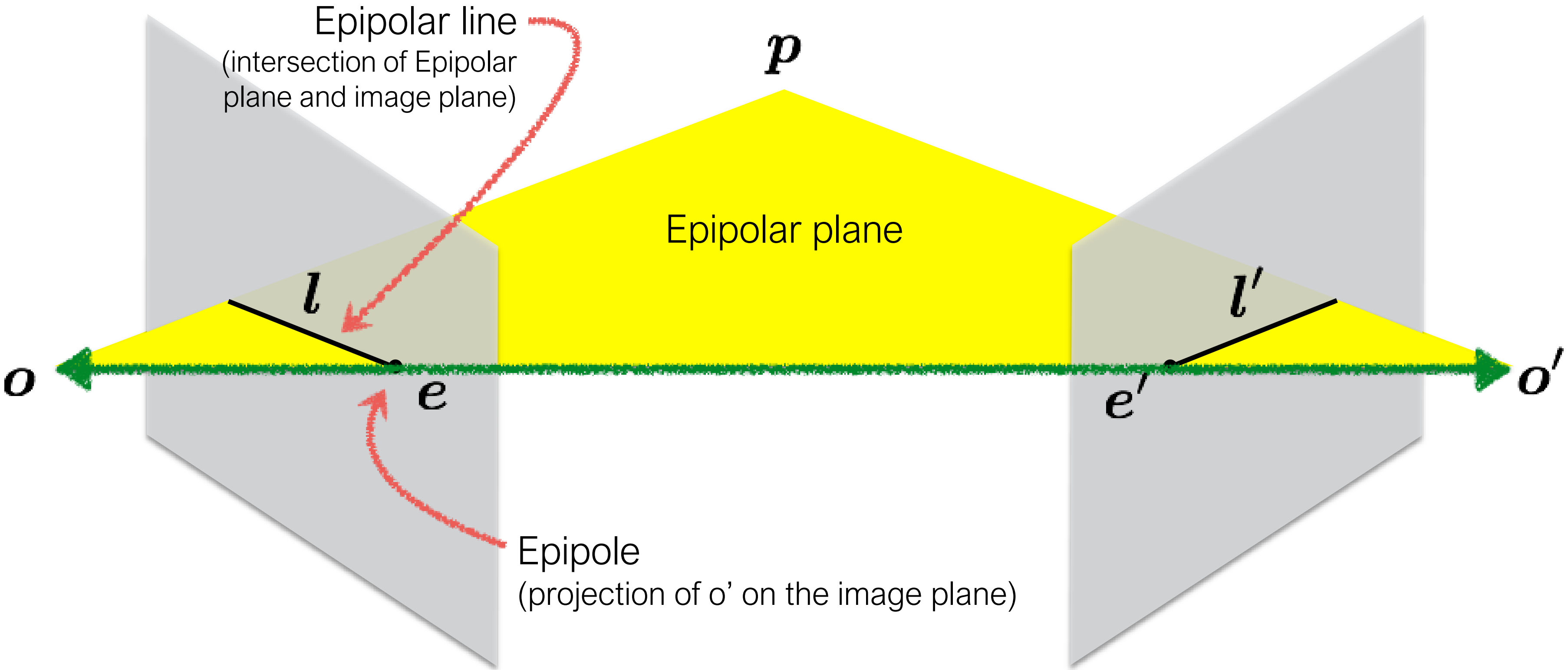
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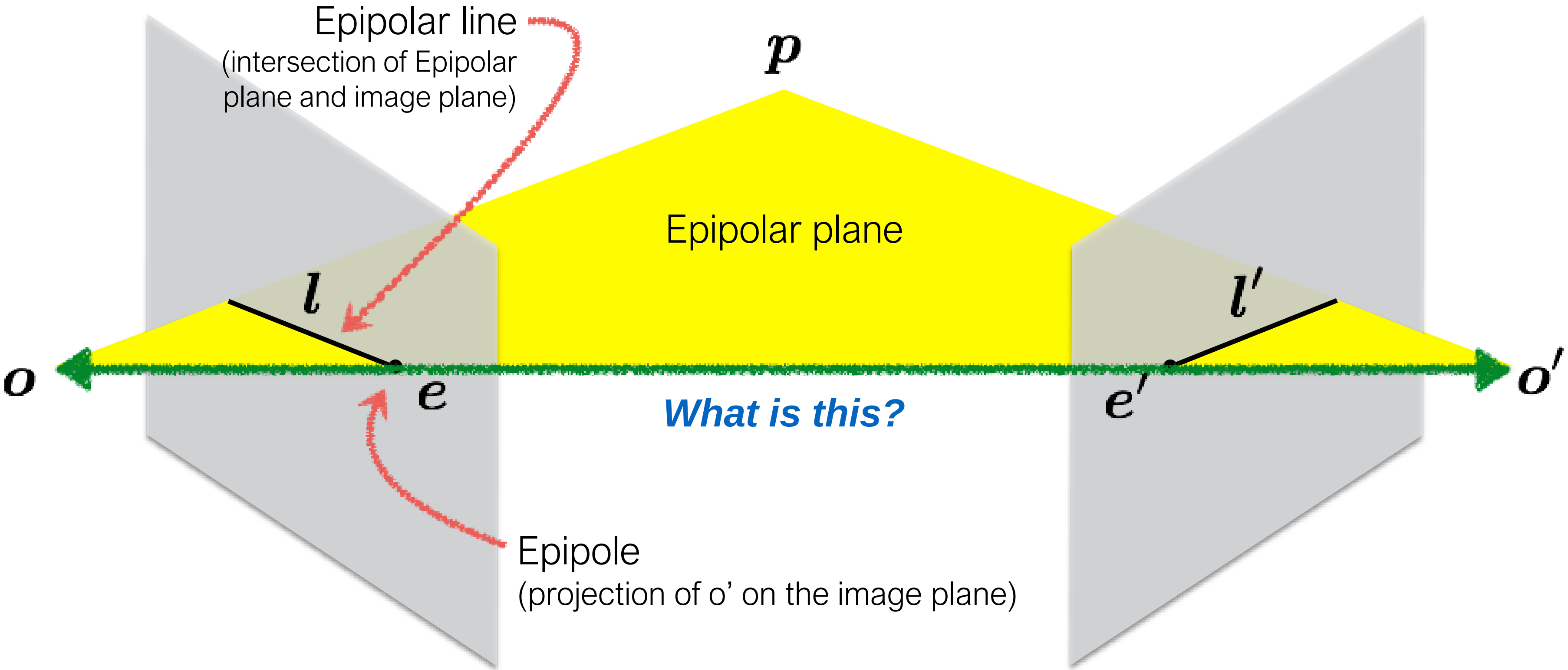

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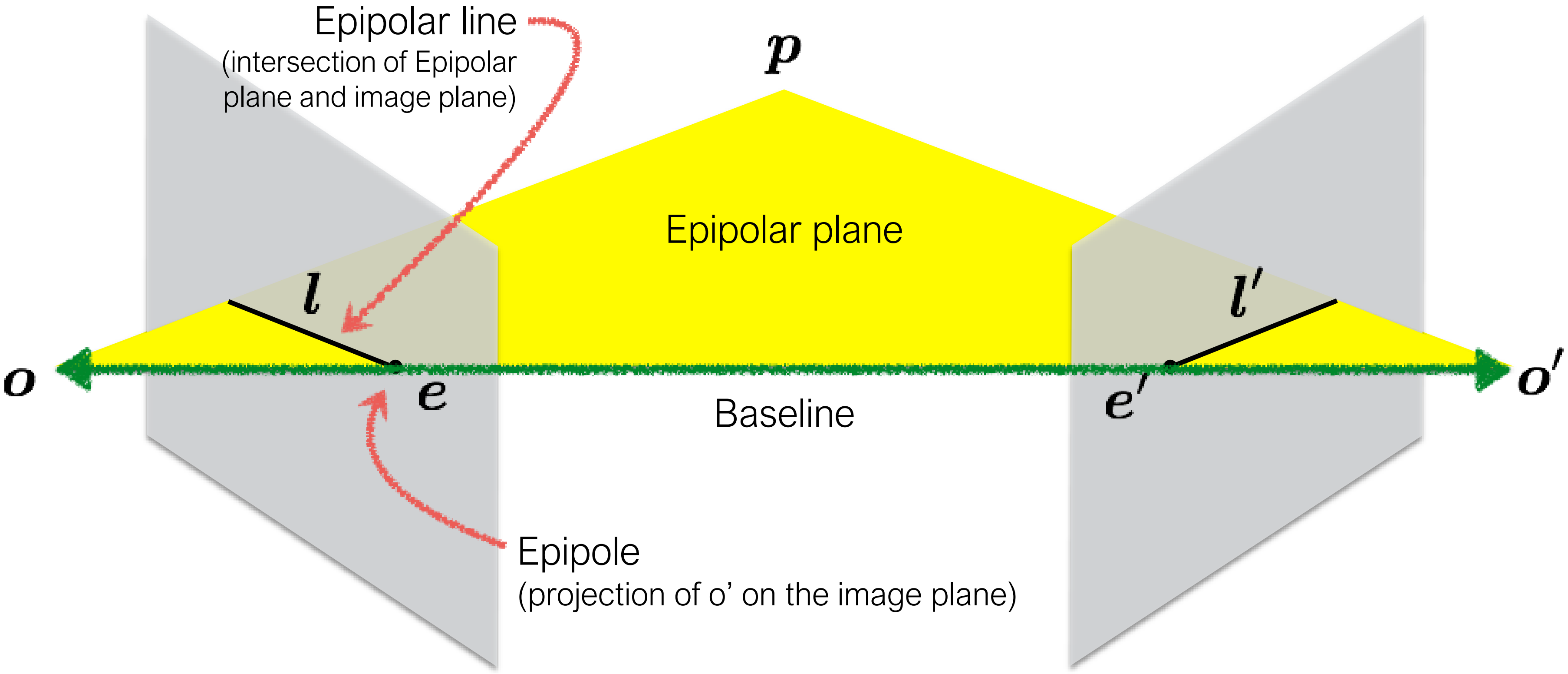

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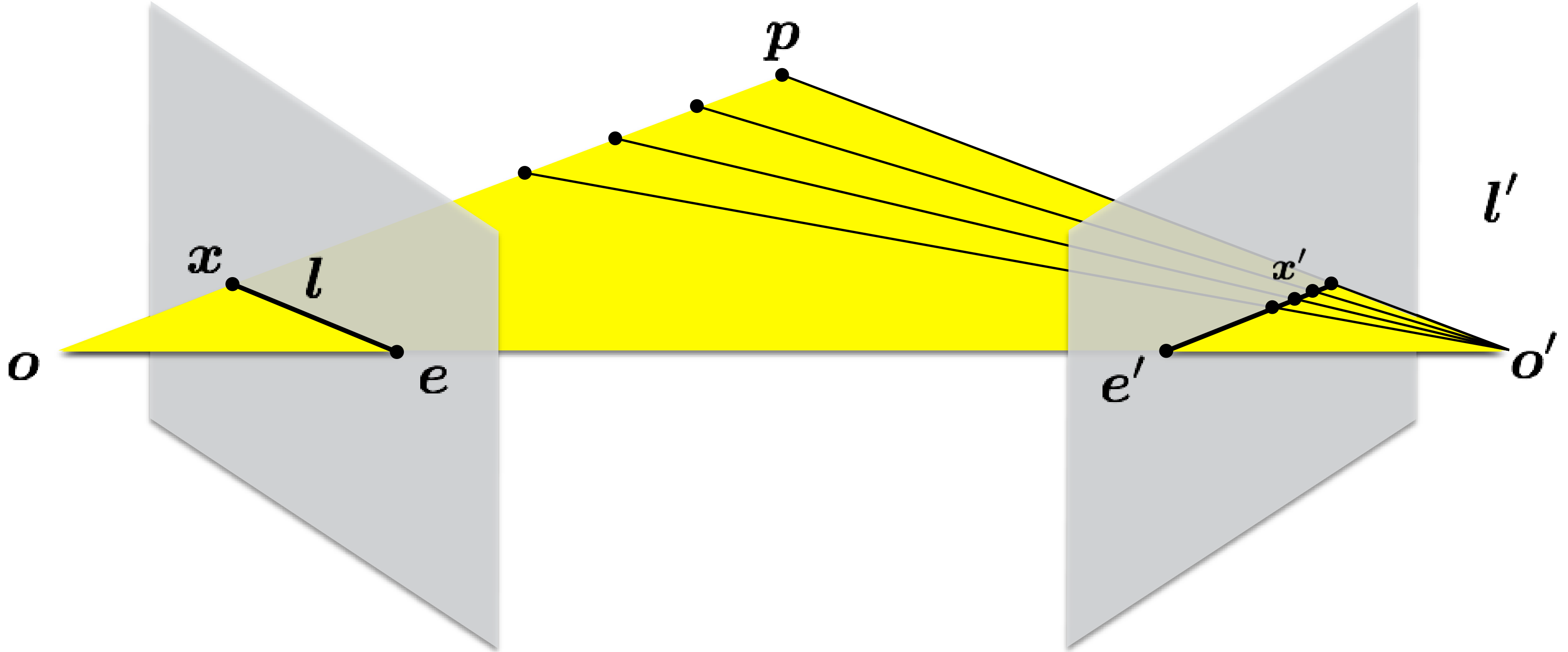
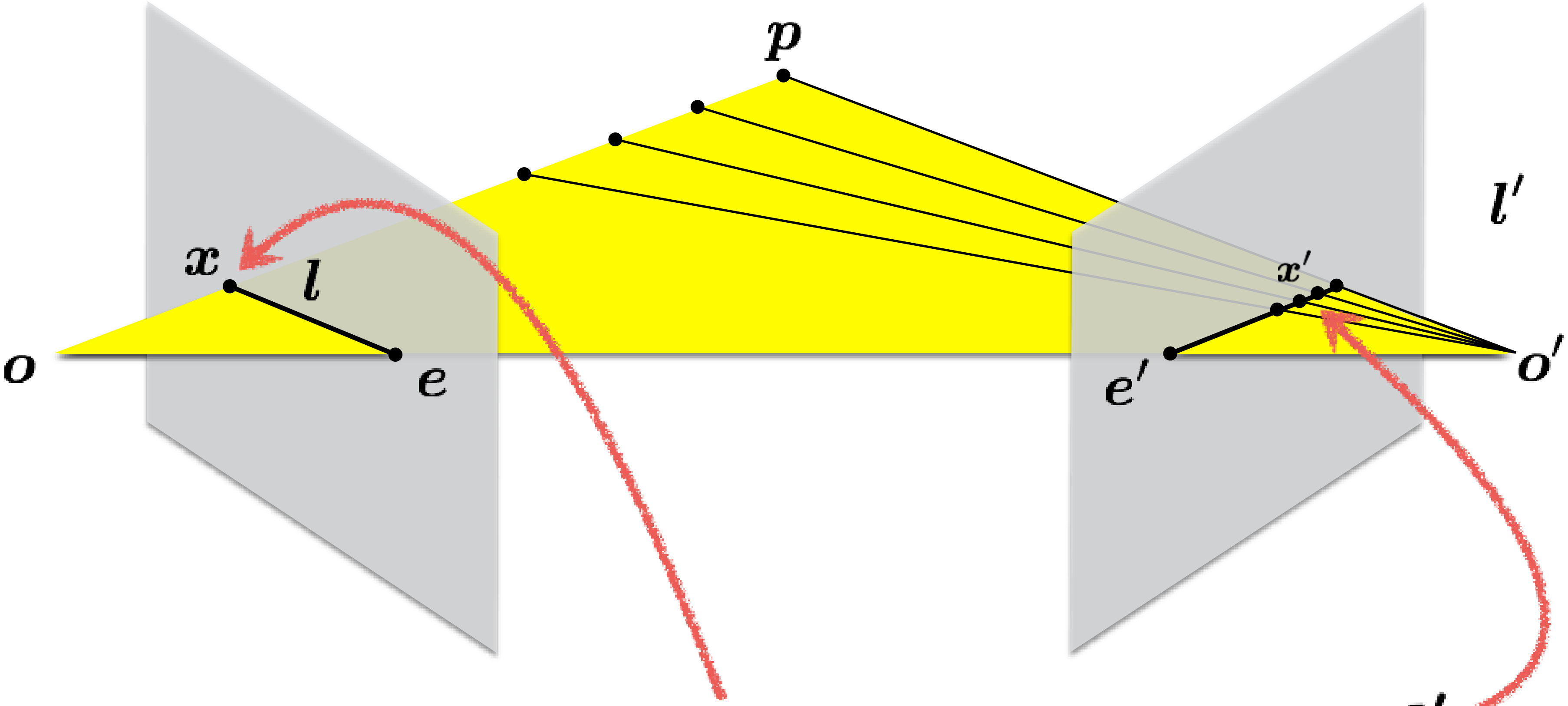
Epipolar constraint

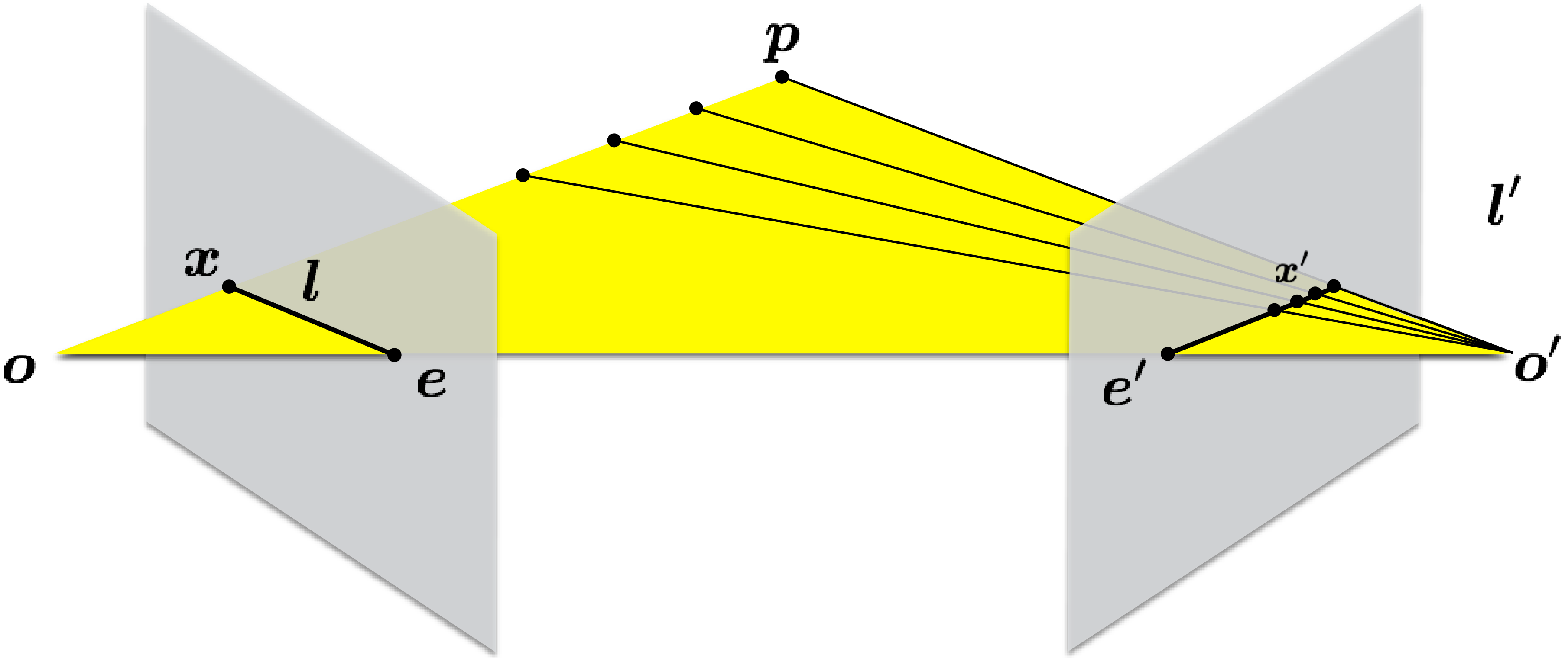


Potential matches for x lie on the epipolar line l'

Epipolar constraint



Potential matches for $\boldsymbol{x}$ lie on the epipolar line $\boldsymbol{l}'$



The point **x** (left image) maps to a ___________ in the right image

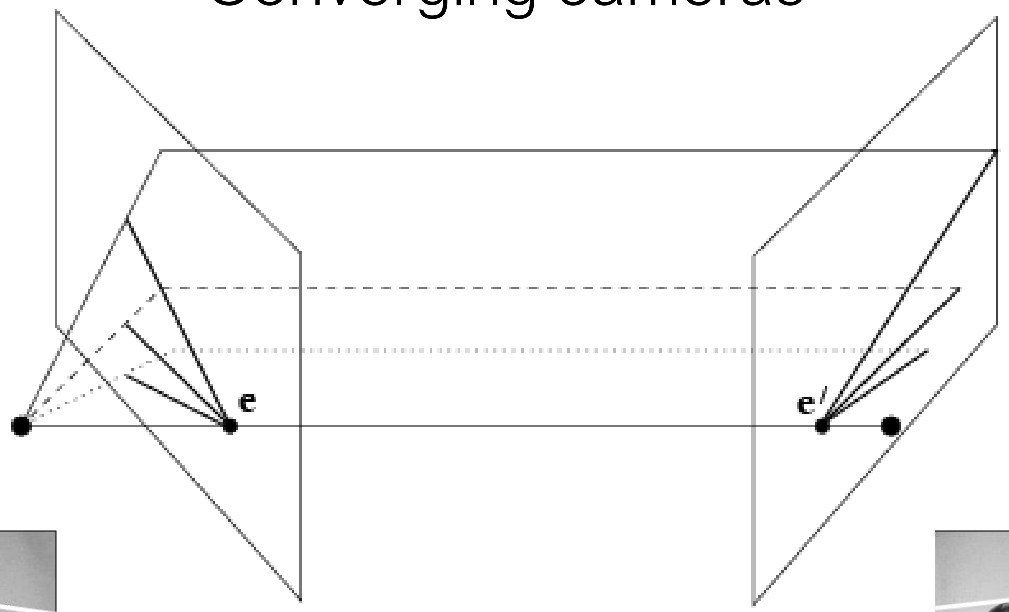
The baseline connects the ___________ and ____________

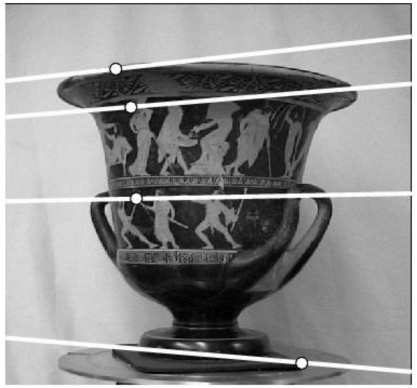
An epipolar line (left image) maps to a __________ in the right image

An epipole **e** is a projection of the ______________ on the image plane

All epipolar lines in an image intersect at the ______________

Converging cameras





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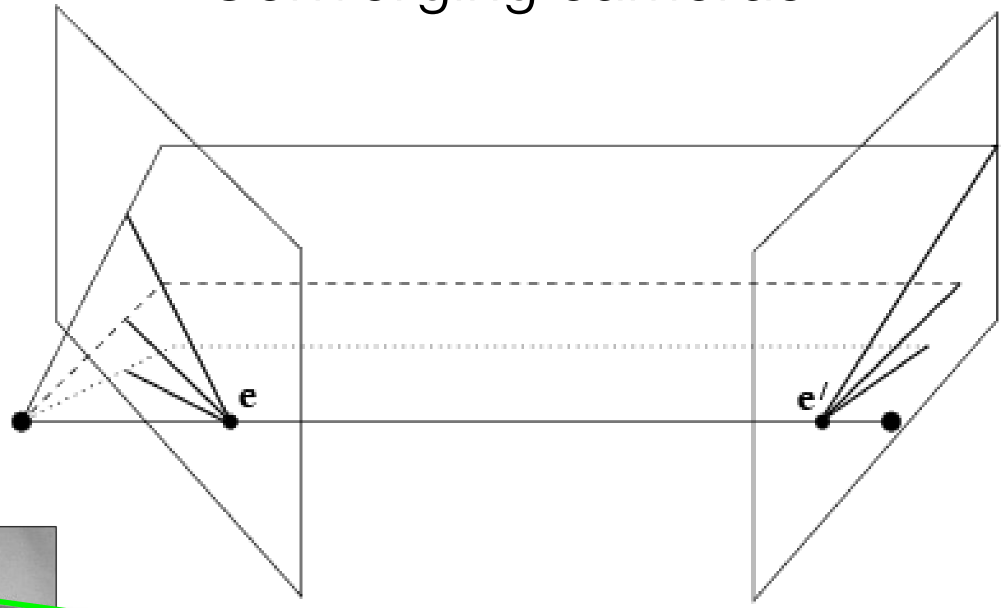
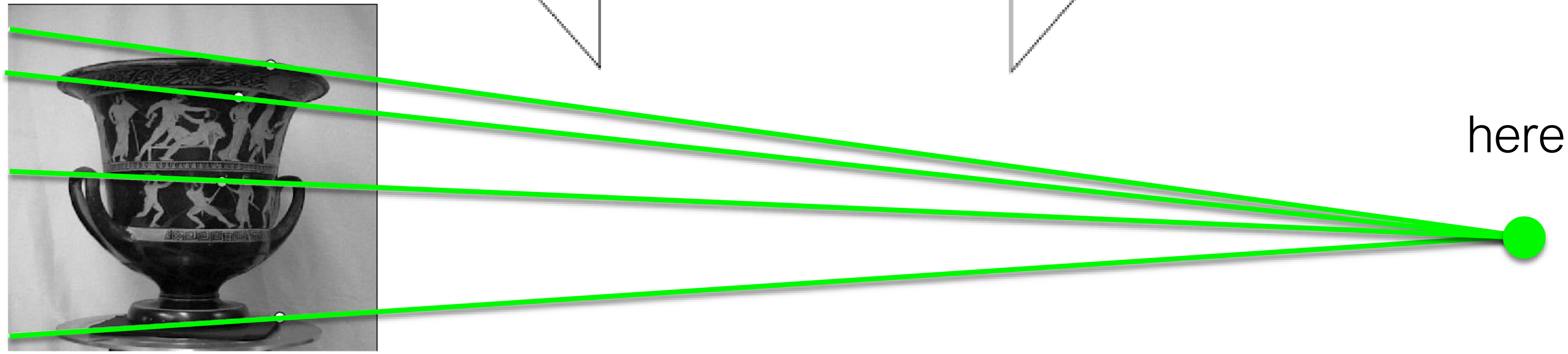
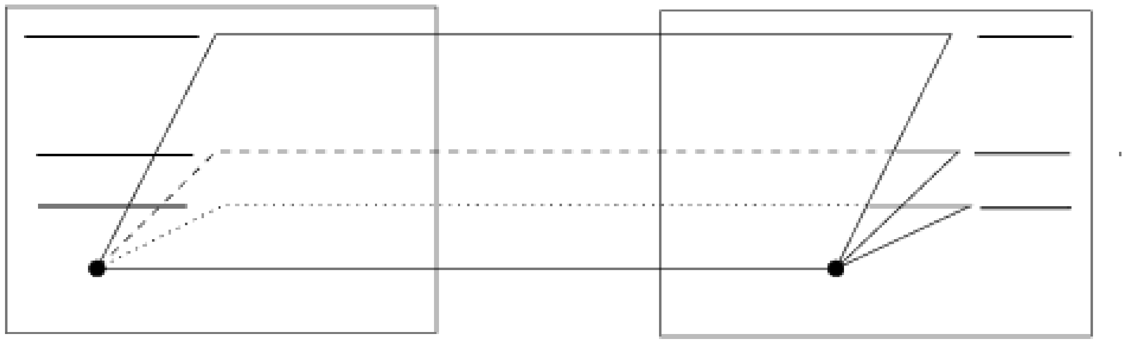


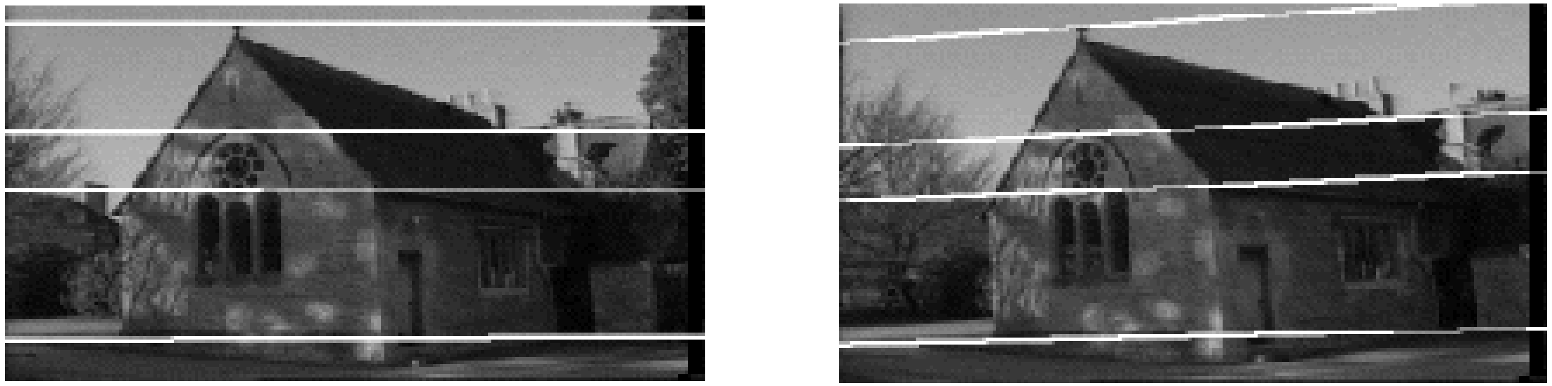


Where is the epipole in this image?

It's not always in the image

Parallel cameras





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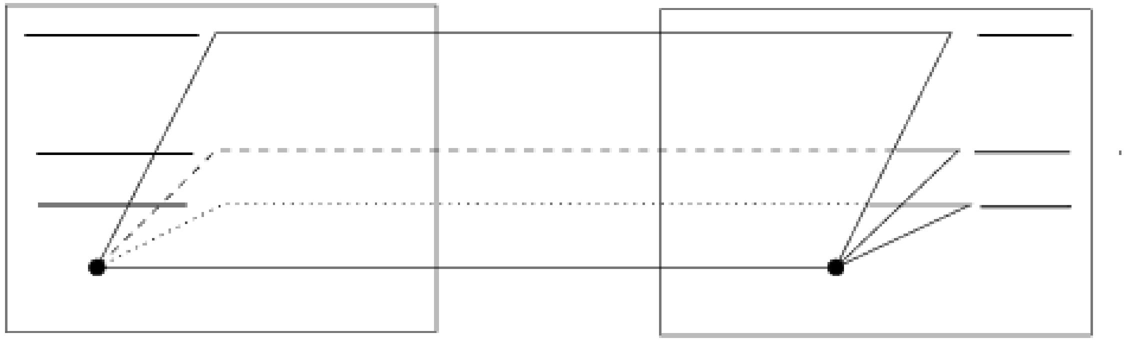
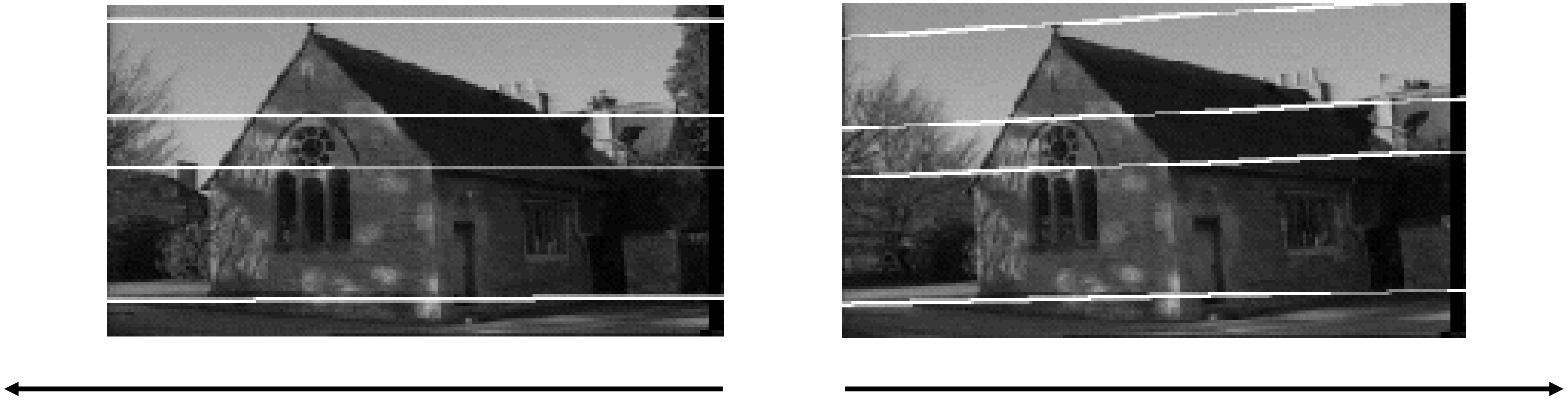
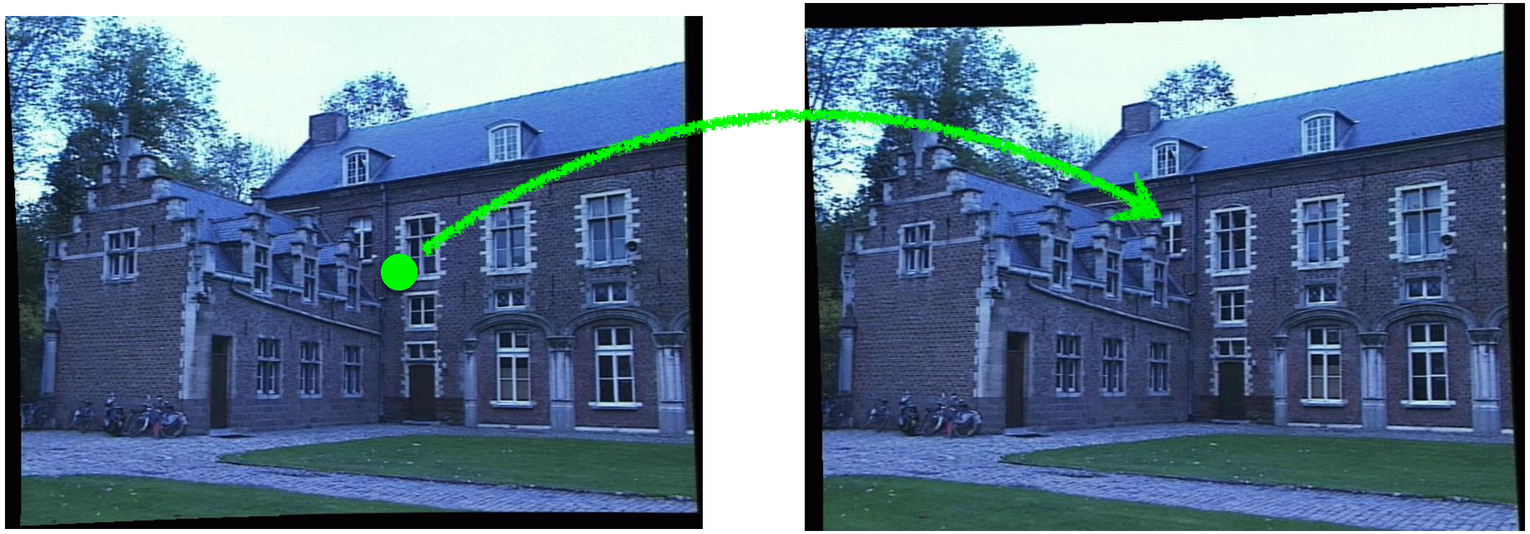




epipole at infinity

The epipolar constraint is an important concept for stereo vision

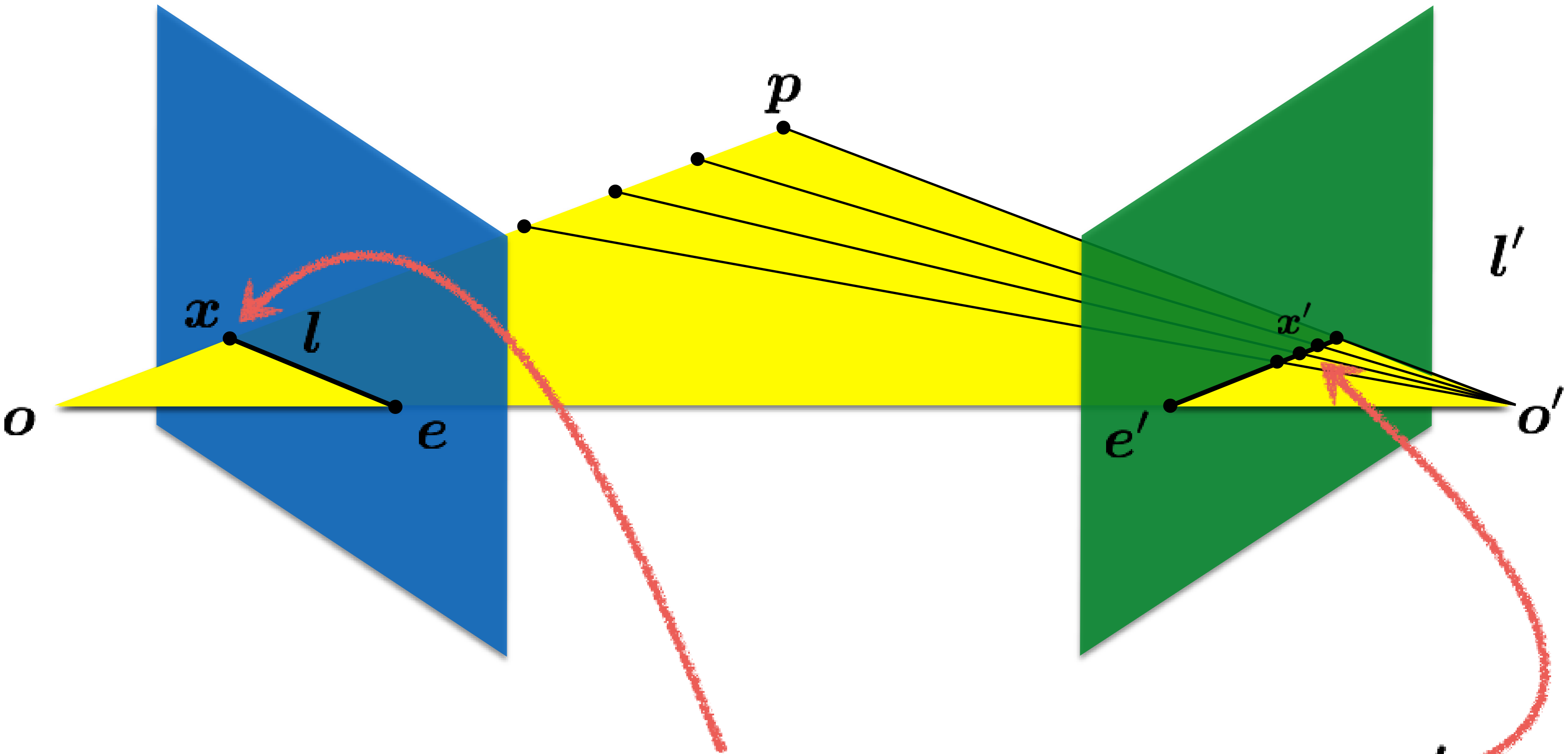
Task: Match point in left image to point in right image



Left image Right image

How would you do it?

Recall:Epipolar constraint



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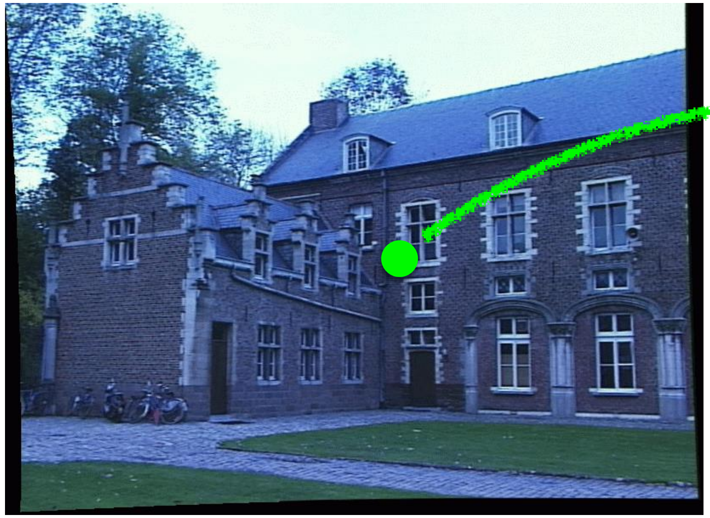

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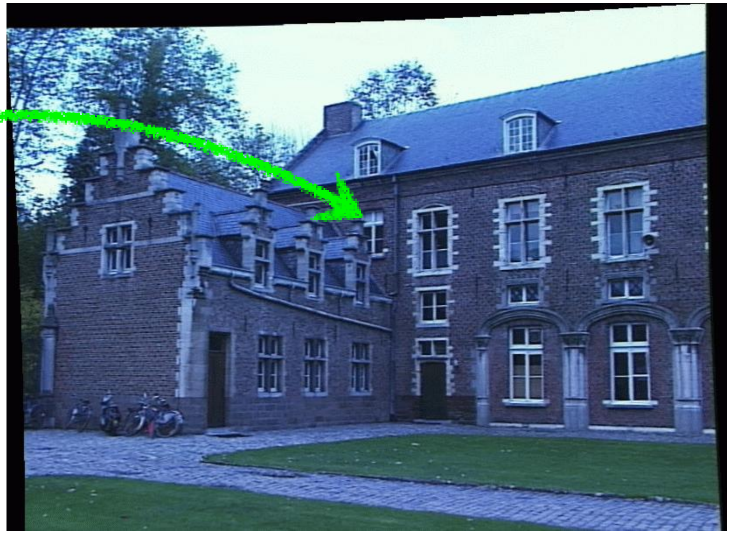

Right image

Want to avoid search over entire image

Epipolar constraint reduces search to a single line

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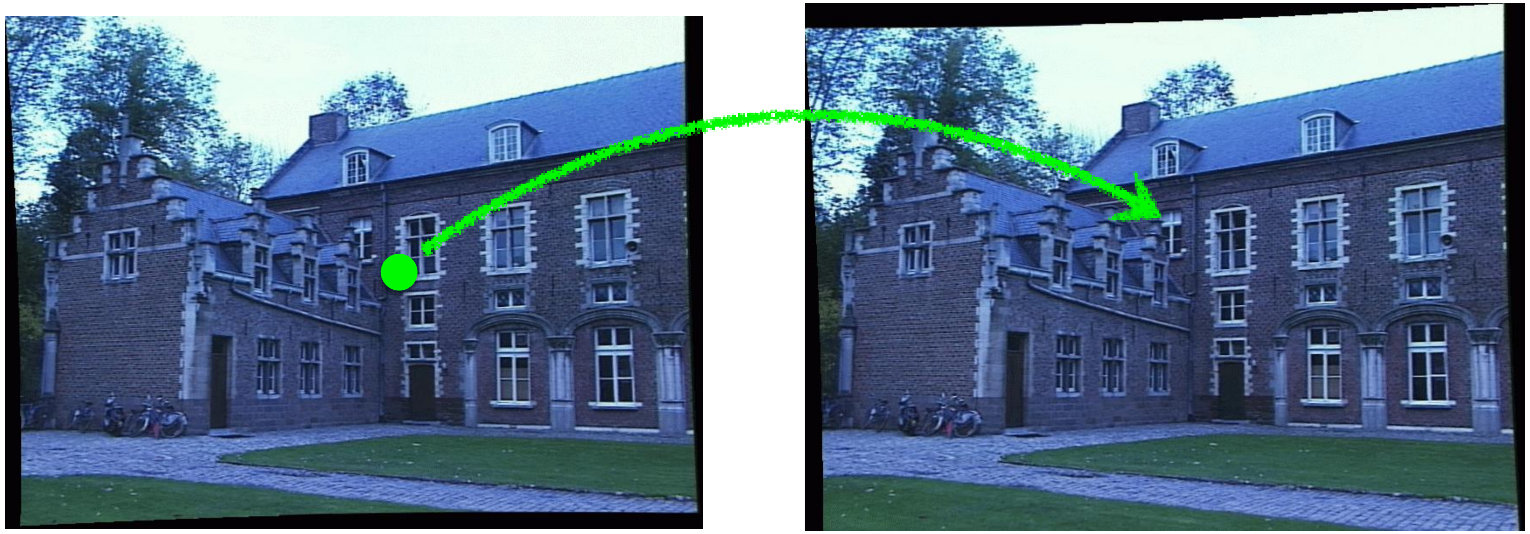

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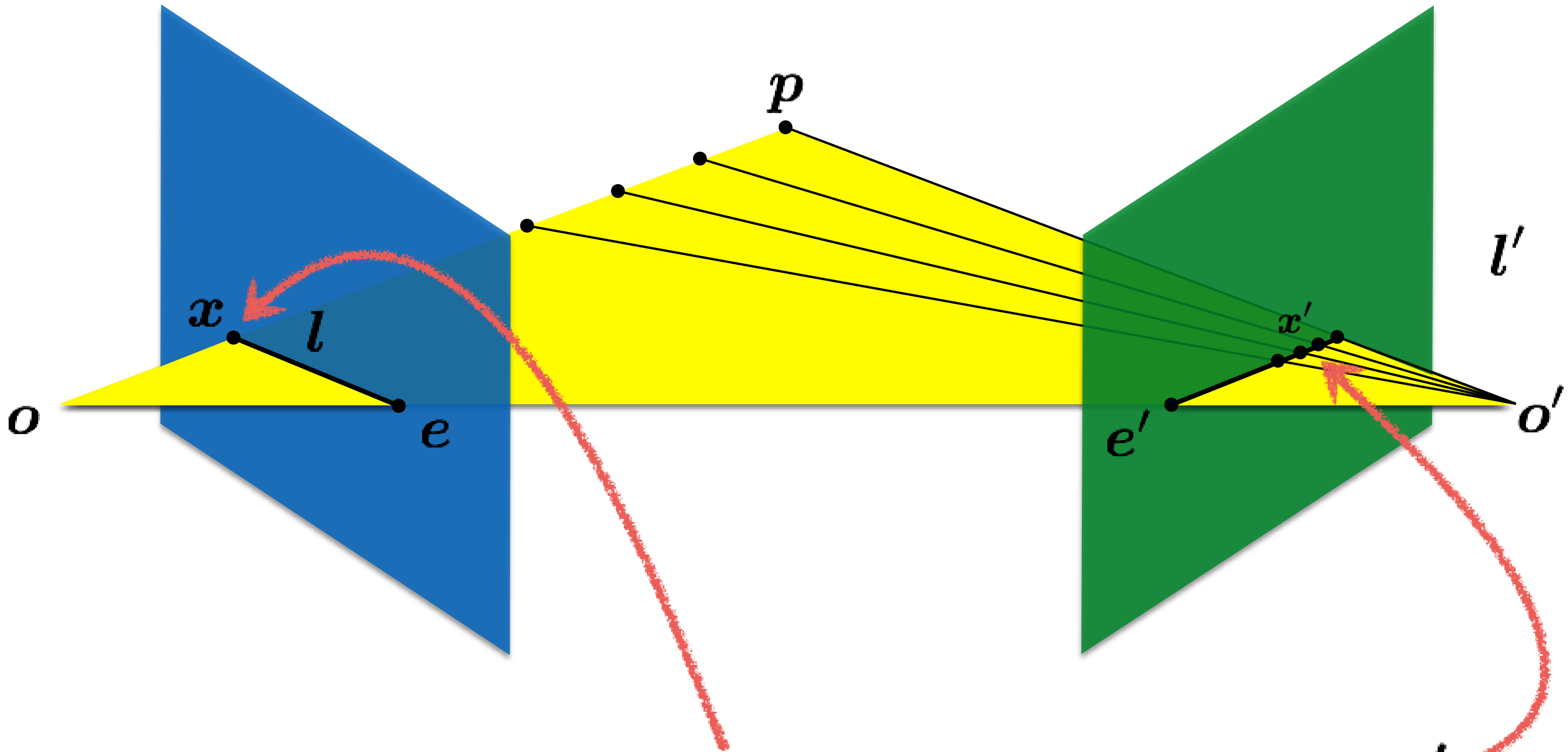
How do you compute the epipolar line?

The essential matrix

Recall:Epipolar constraint



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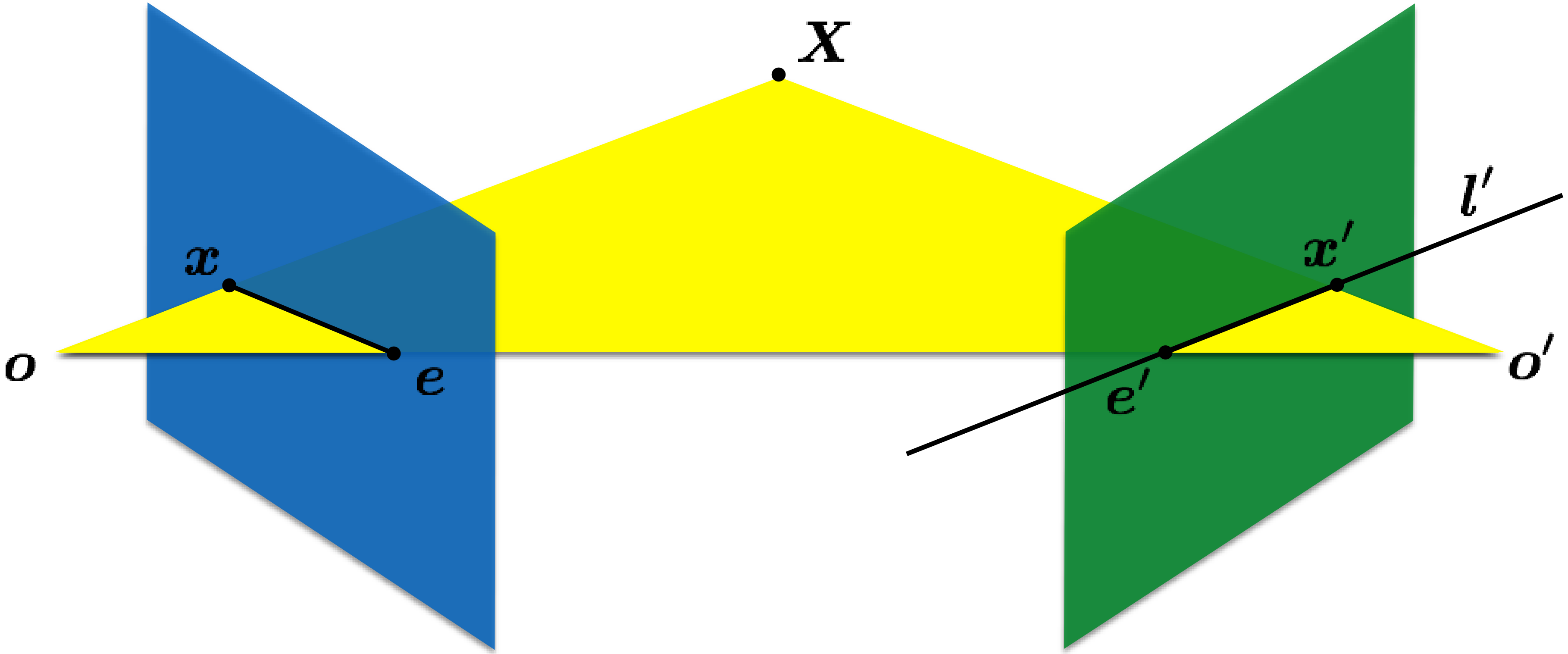

Motivation

The Essential Matrix is a 3 x 3 matrix that encodes **epipolar geometry**

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Representing the …

Epipolar Line

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in vector form

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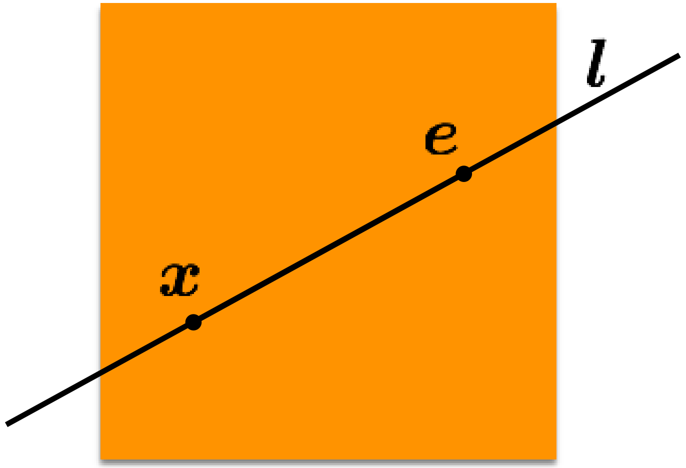

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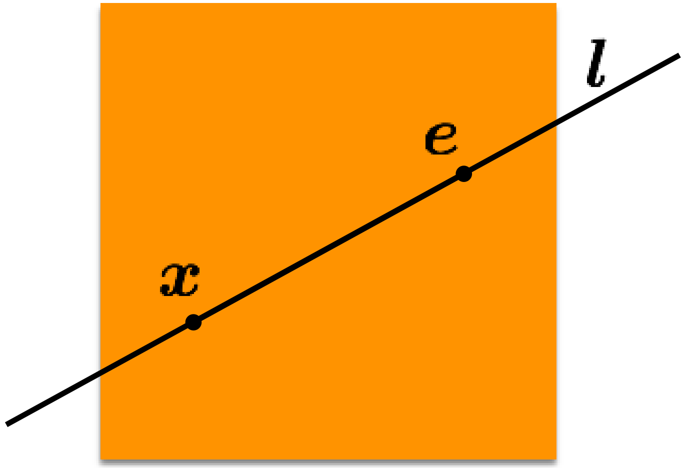

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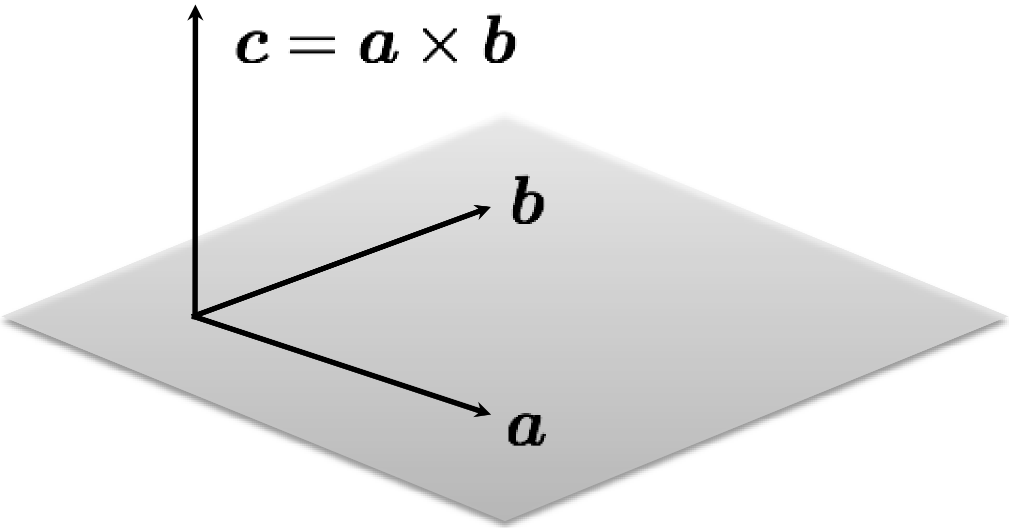
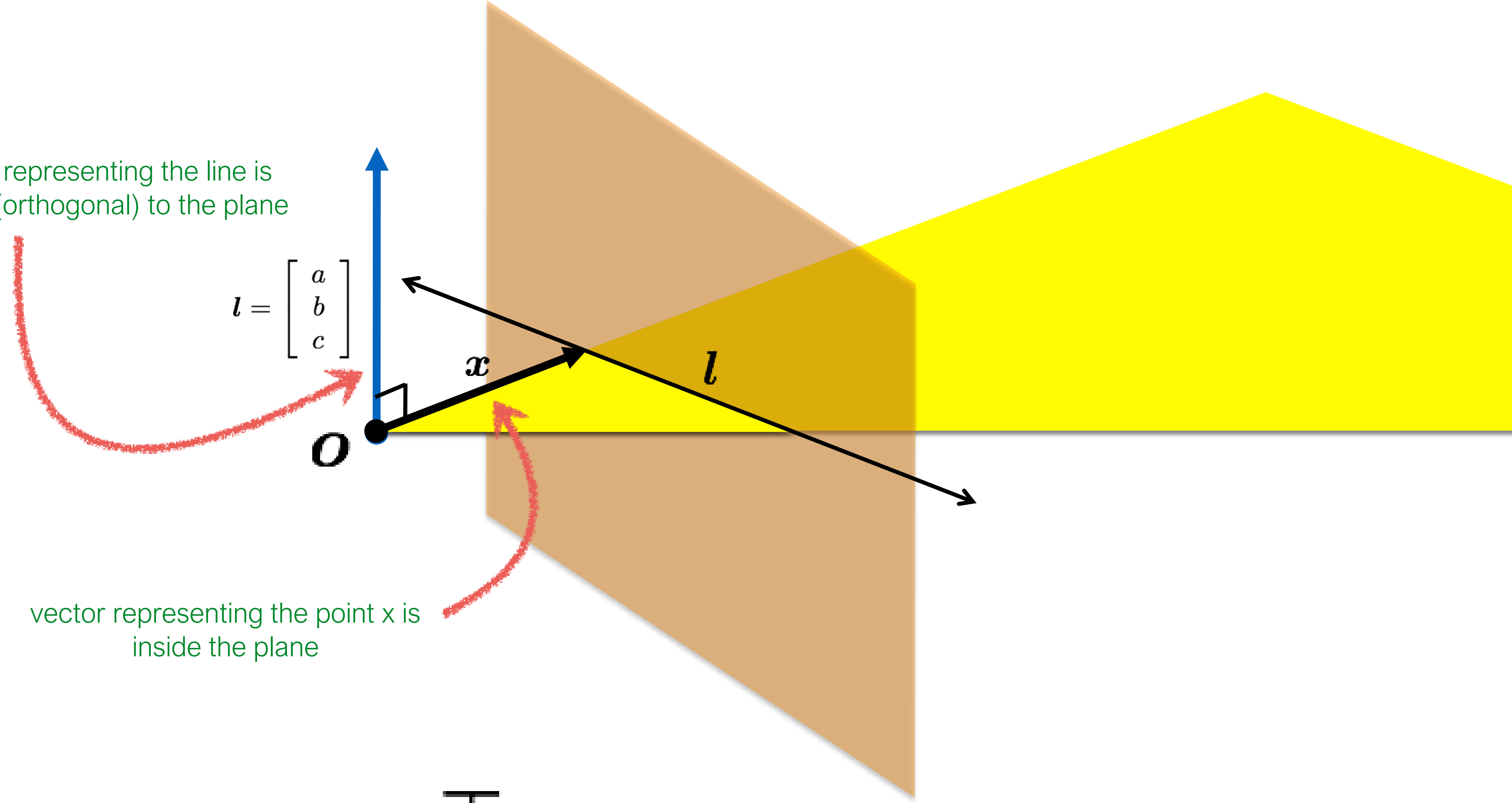


$\boldsymbol{c} \cdot \boldsymbol{a} = 0$ $\quad\quad$ $\boldsymbol{c} \cdot \boldsymbol{b} = 0$

dot product of two orthogonal vectors is zero

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



vector representing the point x is
inside the plane

Therefore: $$\boldsymbol{x}^\top \boldsymbol{l} = 0$$

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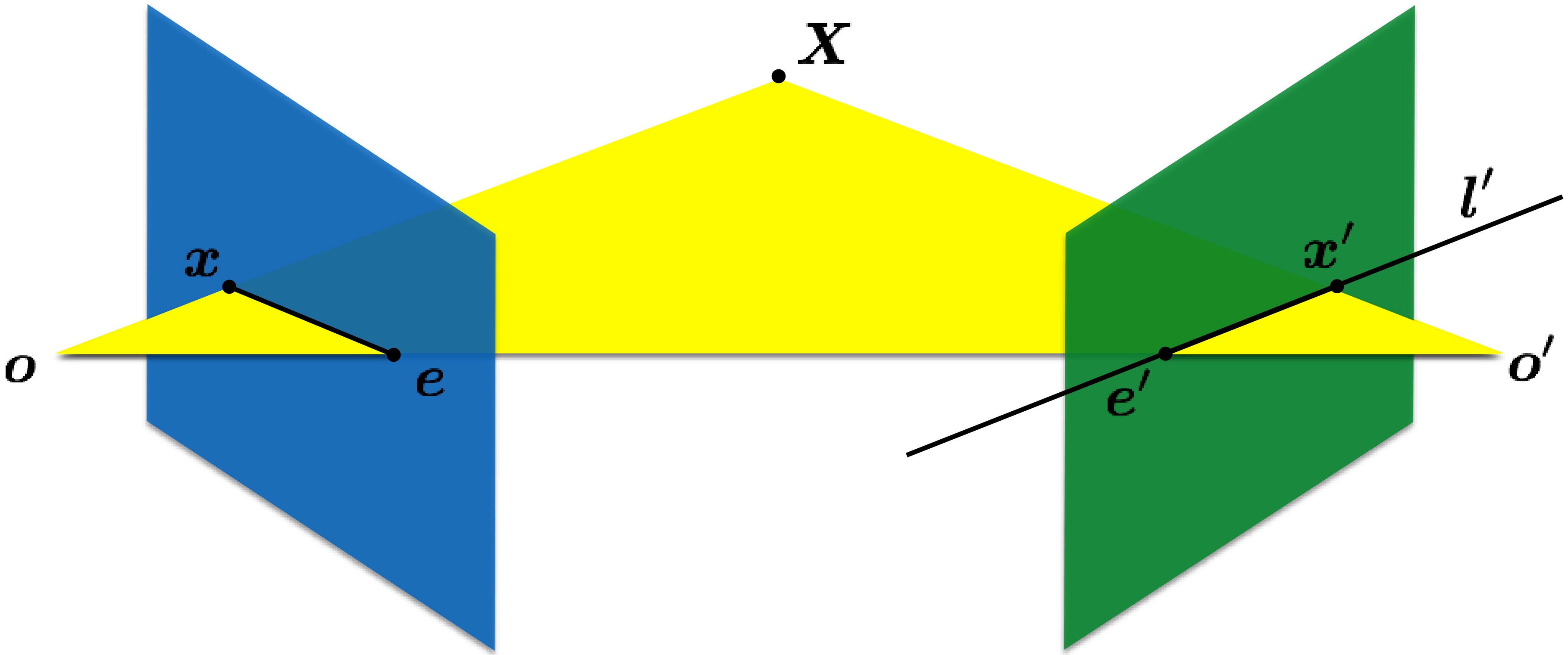
$$\boldsymbol{x}'^\top \mathbf{E}\boldsymbol{x} = \ ?$$



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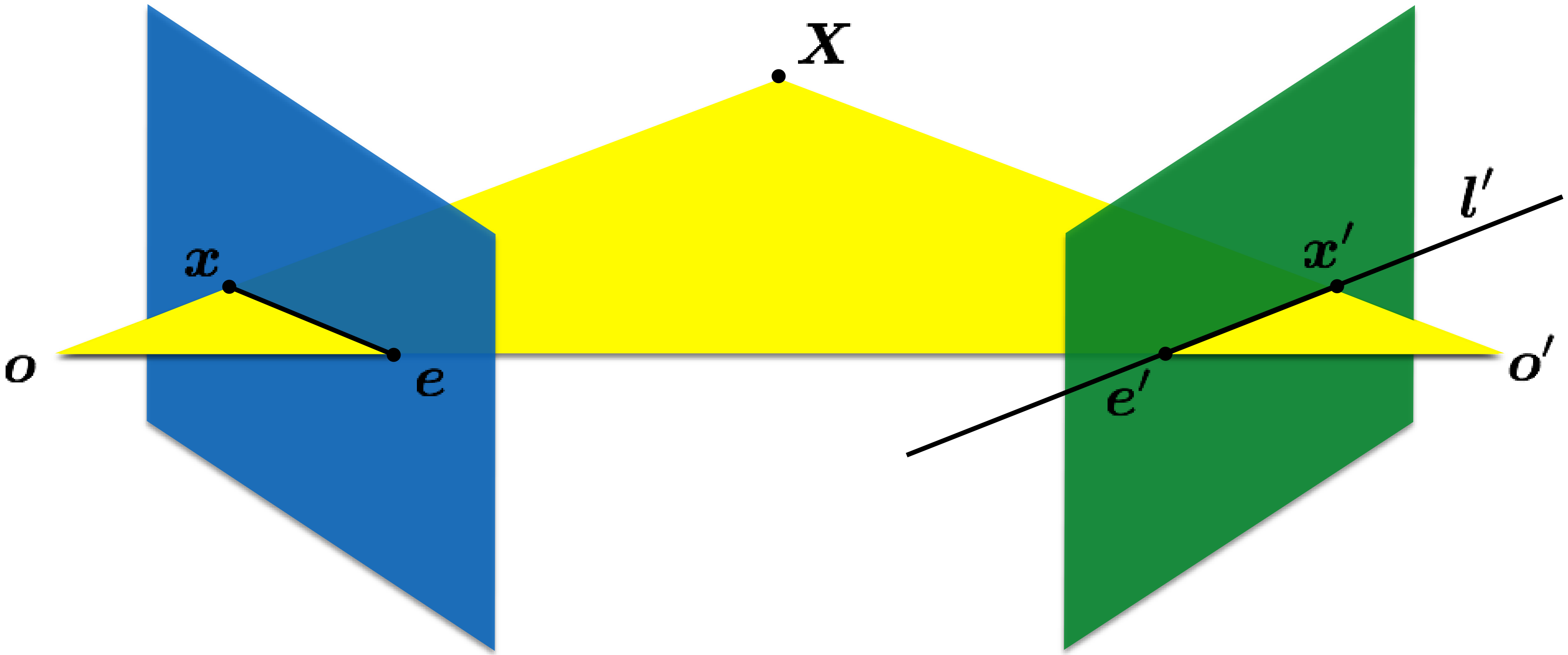

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They are both 3 x 3 matrices but …

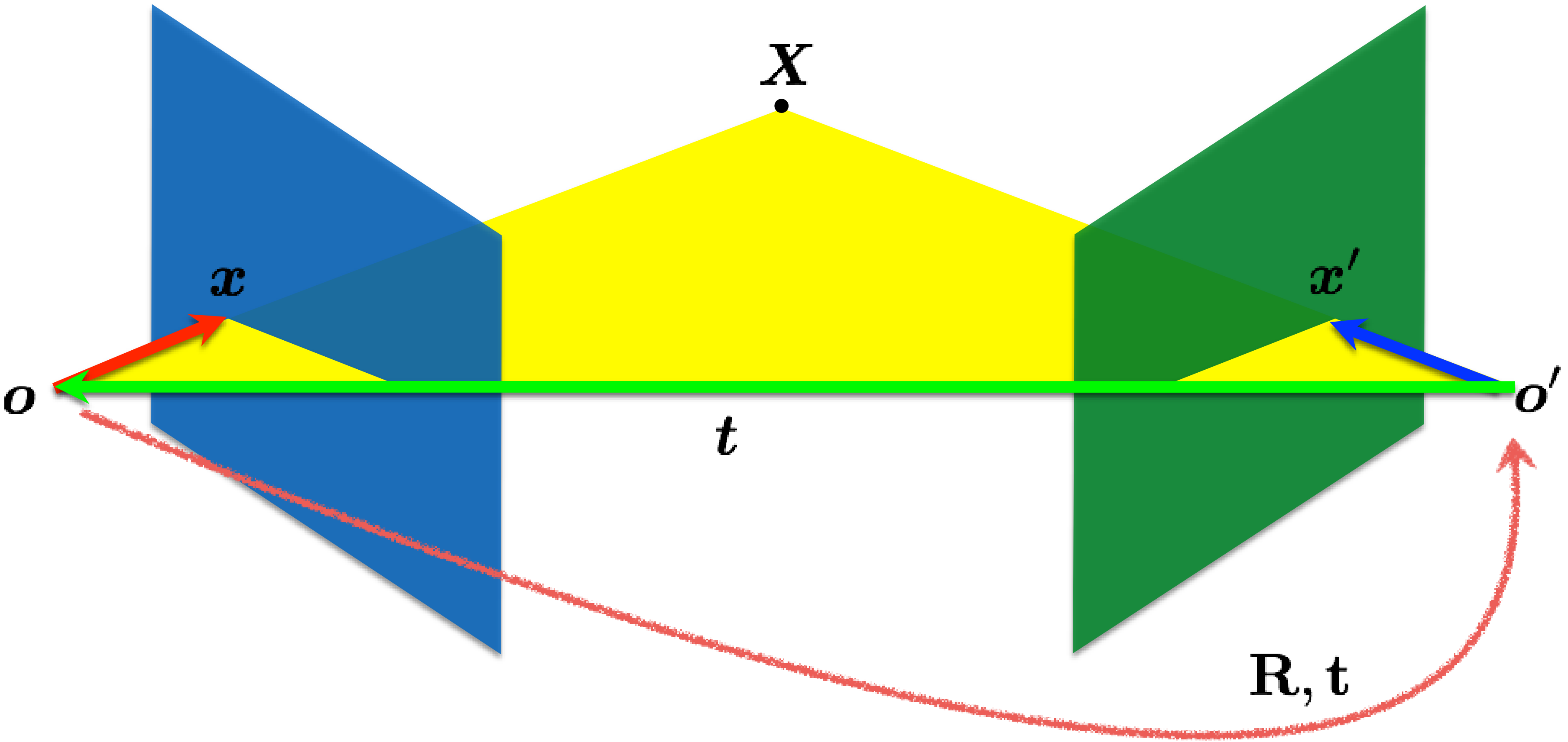
$$\boldsymbol{l}' = \mathbf{E}\boldsymbol{x}$$

Essential matrix maps a **point** to a **line**

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

Homography maps a **point** to a **point**

Where does the Essential matrix come from?



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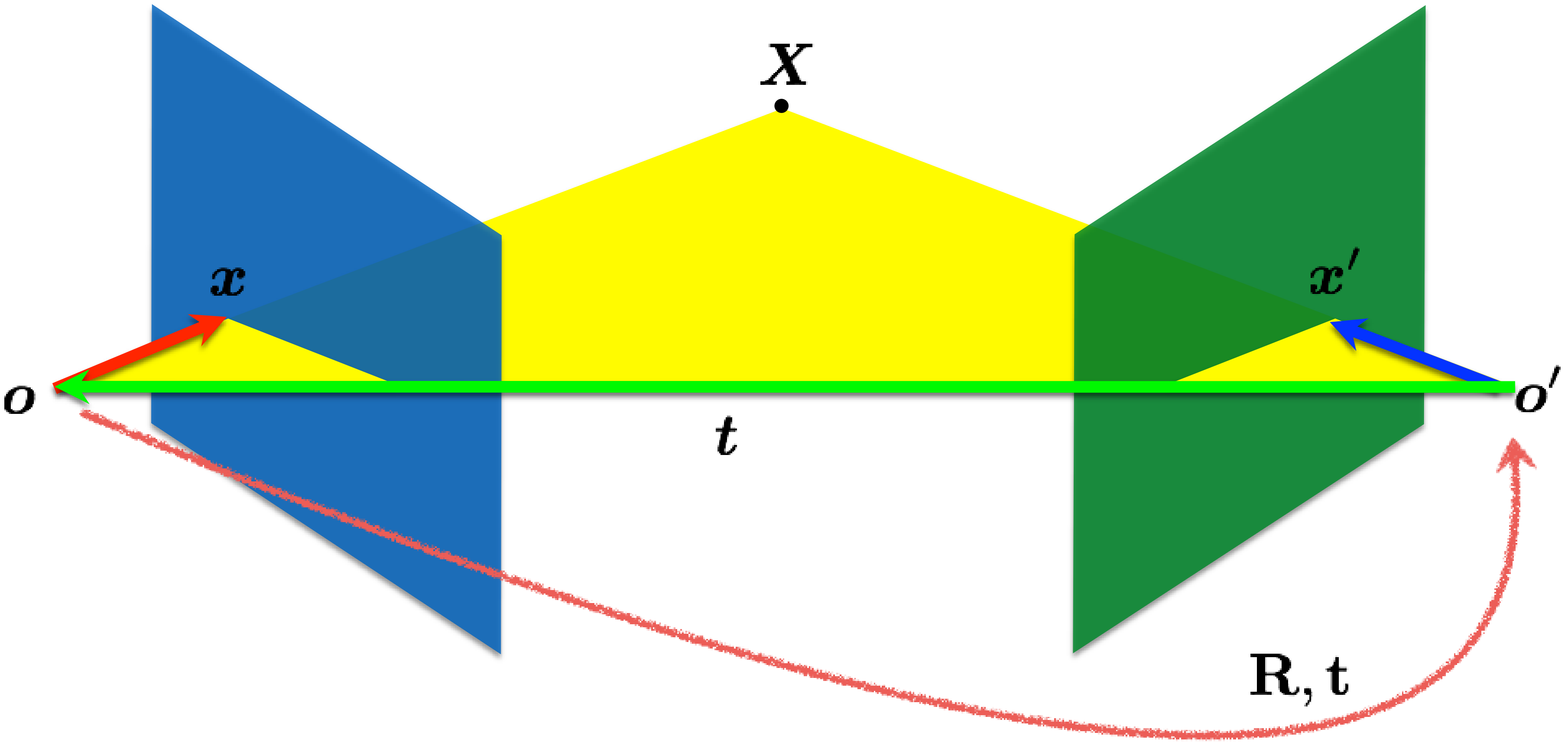

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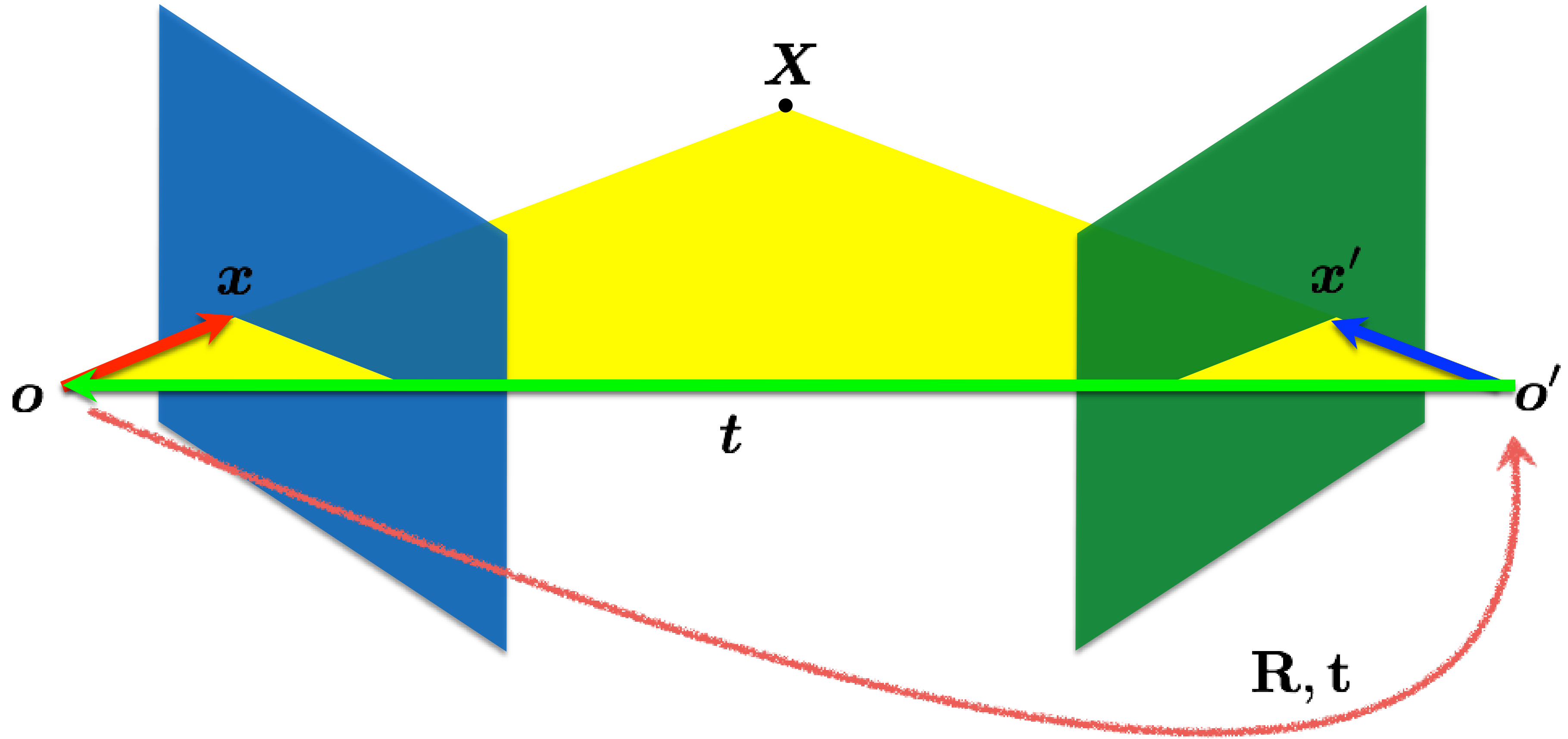
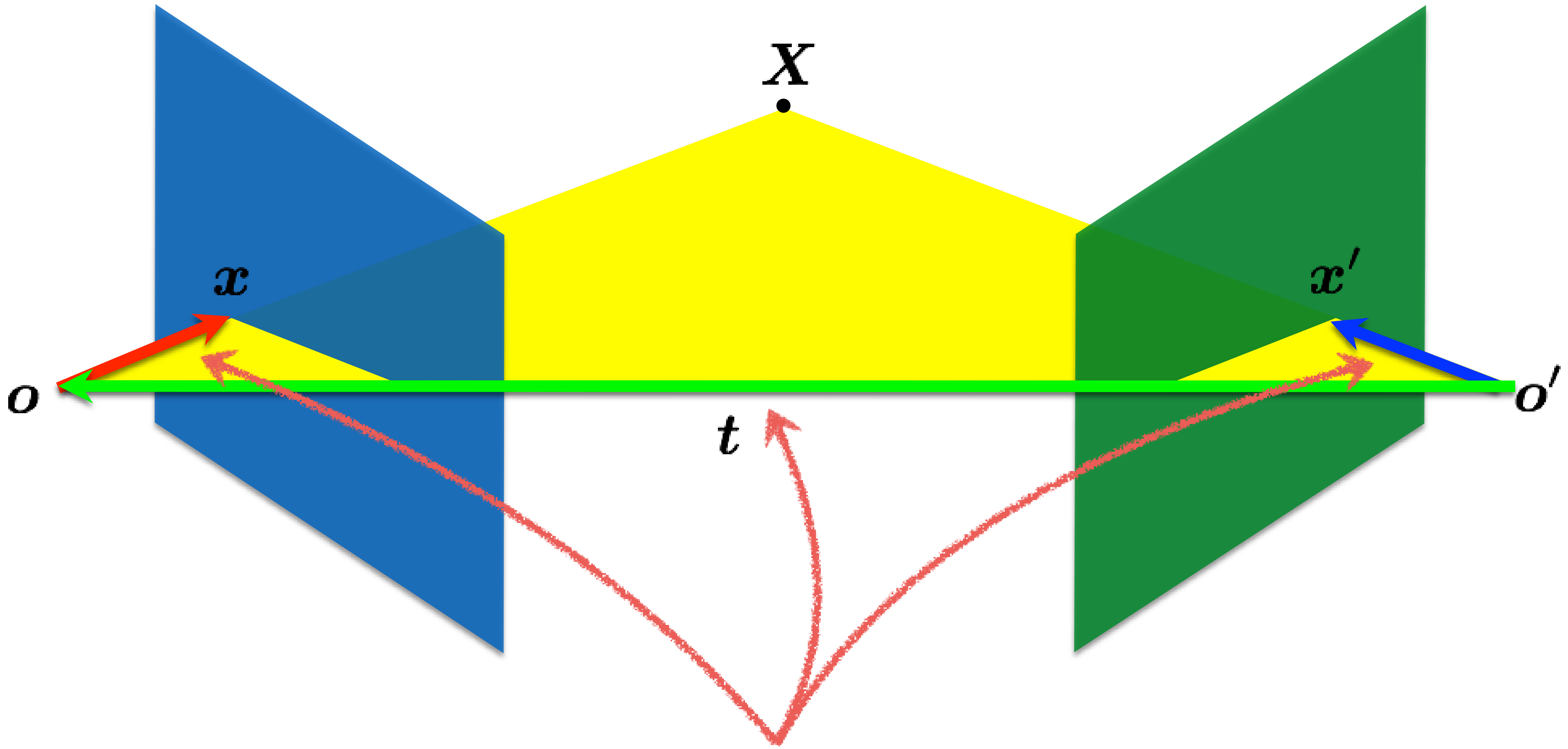
Does this look familiar?



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

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



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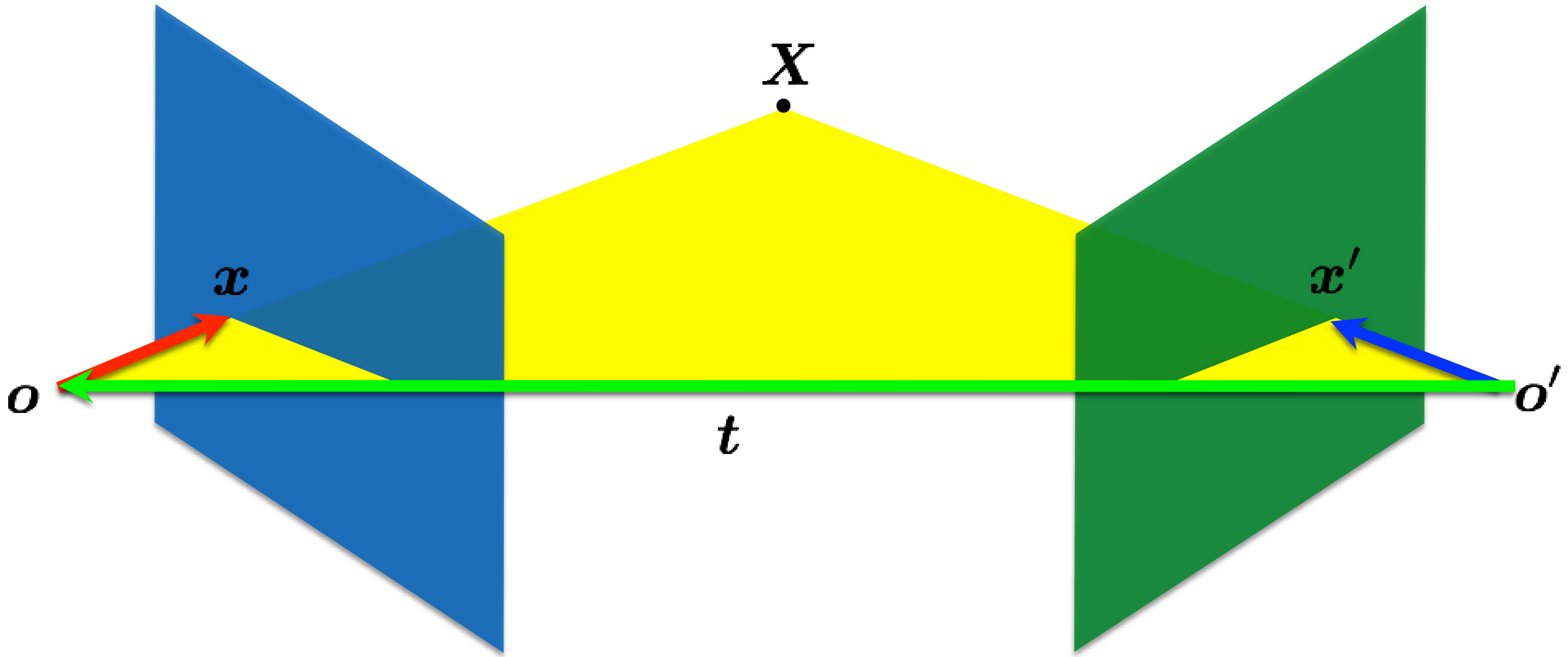

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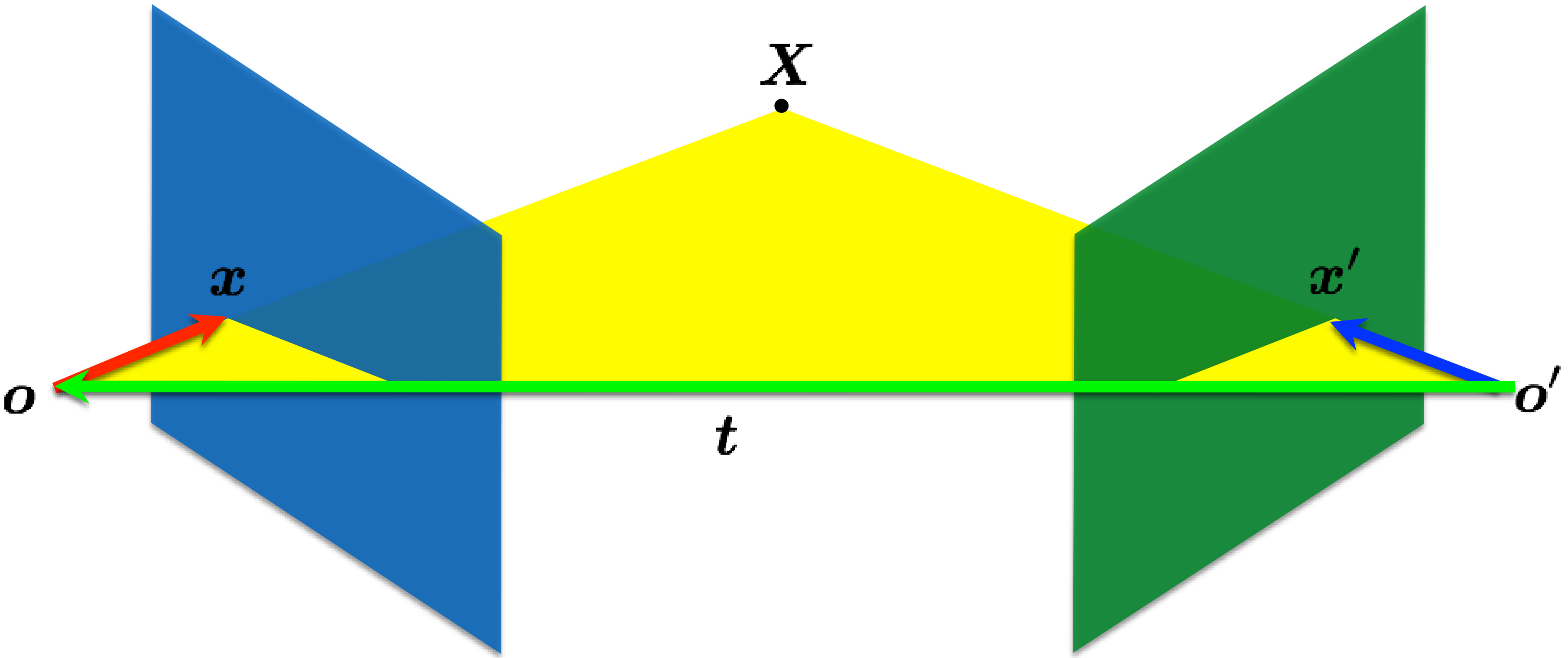

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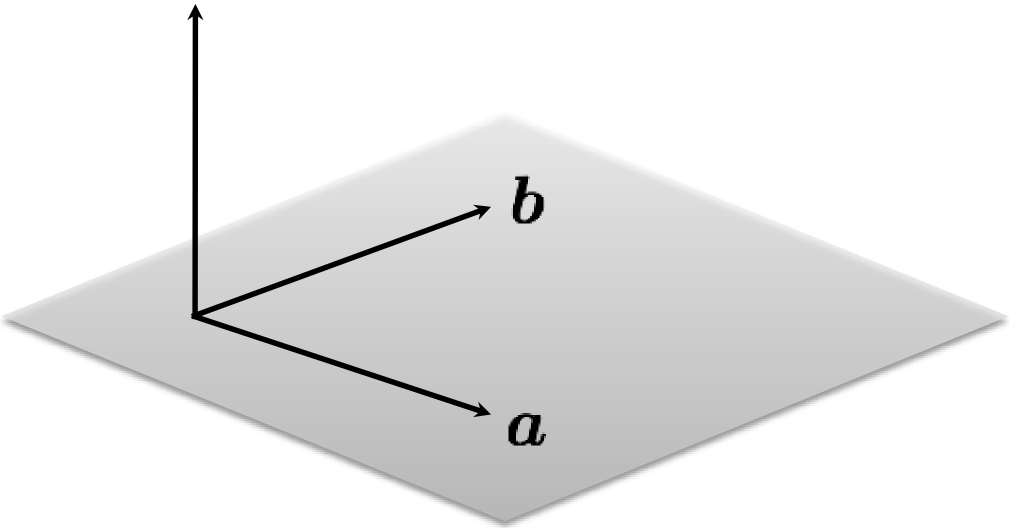
Recall: Cross Product

Vector (cross) product

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both

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



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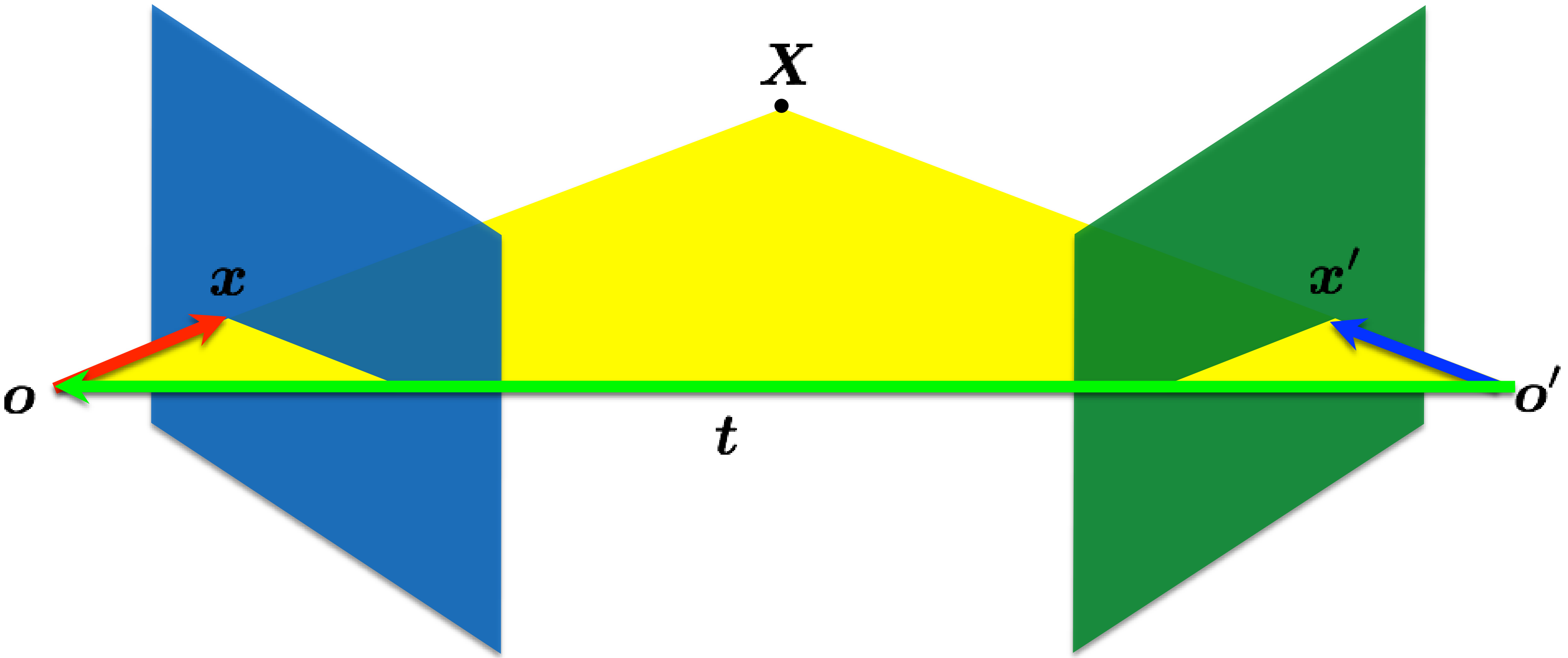

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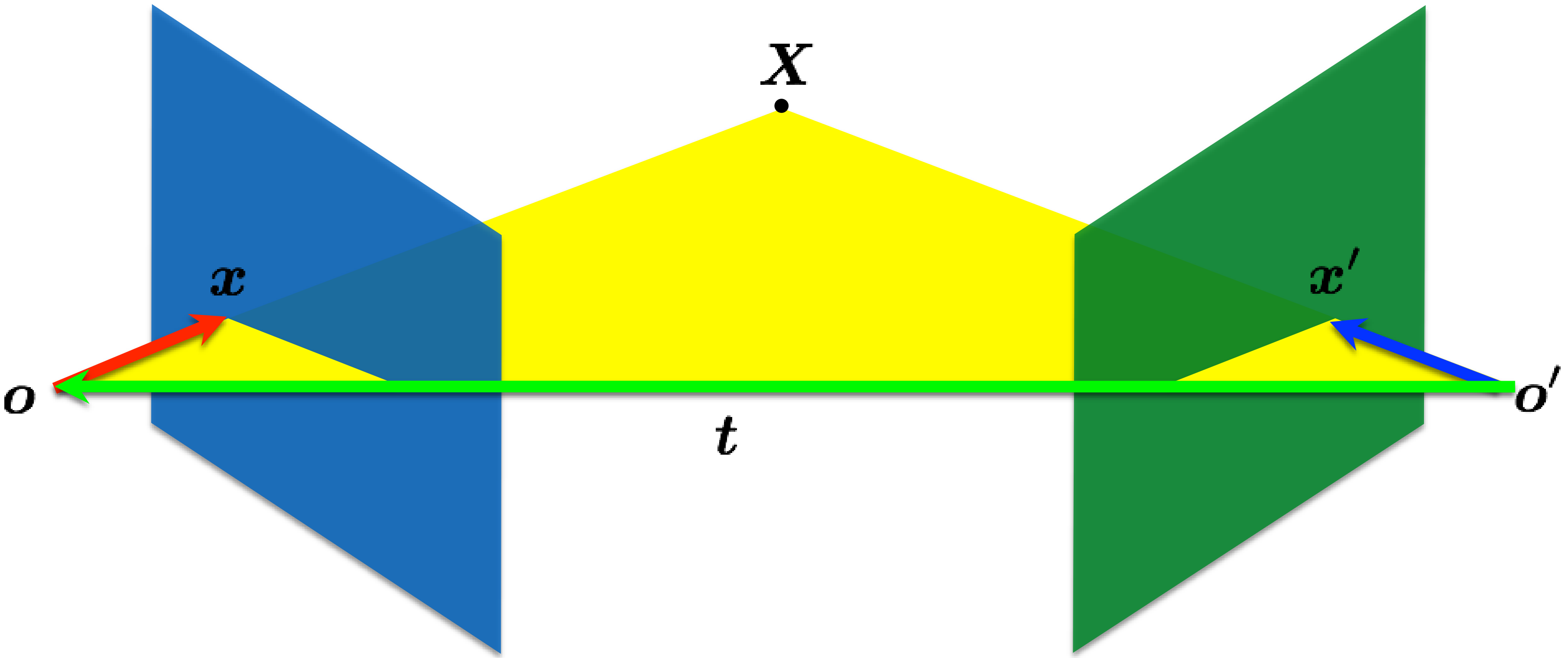

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Cross product

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

Can also be written as a matrix multiplication

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

Skew symmetric

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Essential Matrix
[Longuet-Higgins 1981]

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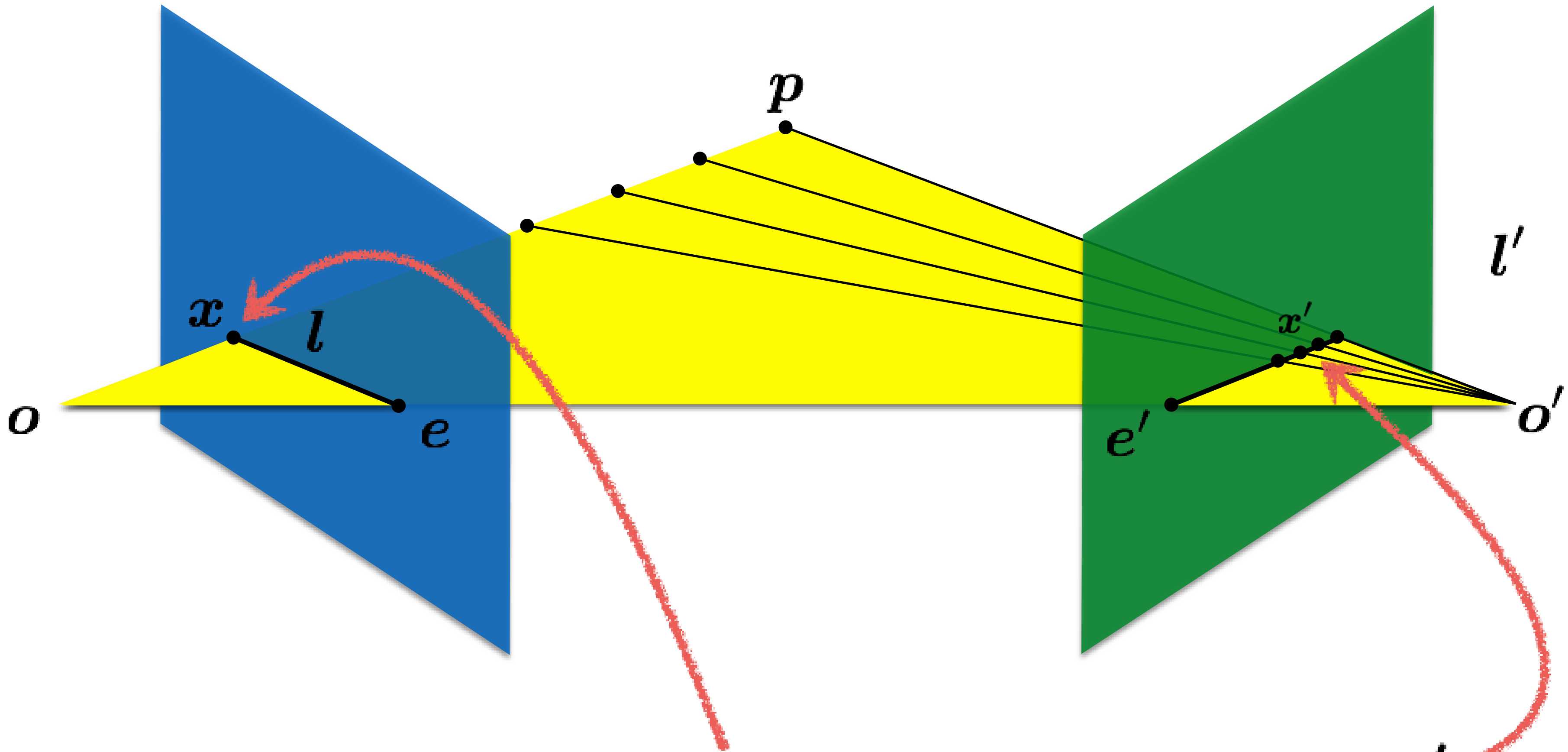

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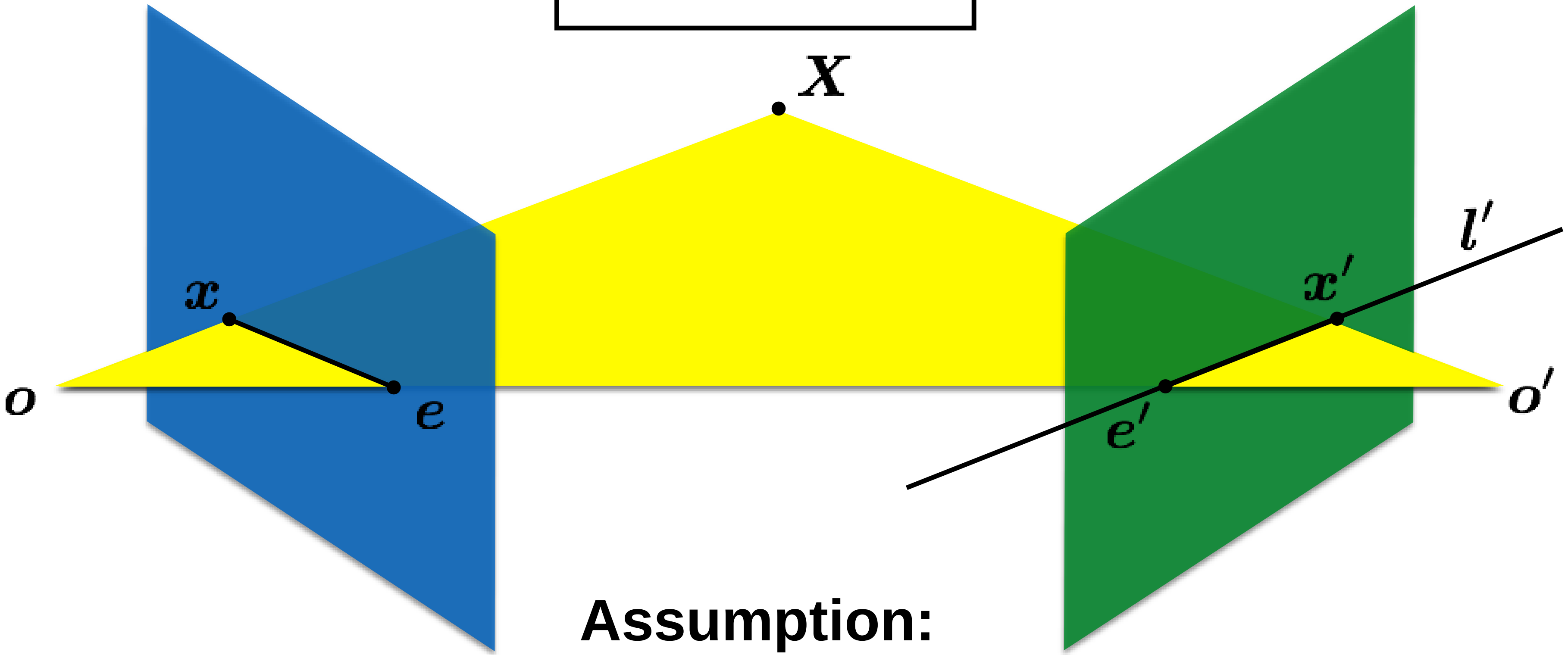

Assumption:
points aligned to camera coordinate axis (calibrated camera)

How do you generalize to uncalibrated cameras?

The fundamental matrix

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is a

generalization

of the

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where the assumption of

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Writing out the epipolar constraint in terms of image coordinates

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

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

Same equation works in image coordinates!

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

it maps pixels to epipolar lines

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The 8-point algorithm

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ONE correspondence gives you ONE equation

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

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How many equations do you need?

Each point pair (according to epipolar constraint) contributes only one scalar equation

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

Note: This is different from the Homography estimation where each point pair contributes 2 equations.

We need at least 8 points

Hence, the 8 point algorithm!

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See Hartley-Zisserman for why we do this

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Enforcing rank constraints

Problem: Given a matrix **F**, find the matrix **F'** of rank k that is closest to **F**,

$$\min_{\substack{F' \\ \mathrm{rank}(F')=k}} \quad ||F - F'||^2$$

Solution: Compute the singular value decomposition of **F**,

$$F = U\Sigma V^T$$

Form a matrix **Σ'** by replacing all but the k largest singular values in **Σ** with 0.

Then the problem solution is the matrix **F'** formed as,

$$F' = U\Sigma' V^T$$

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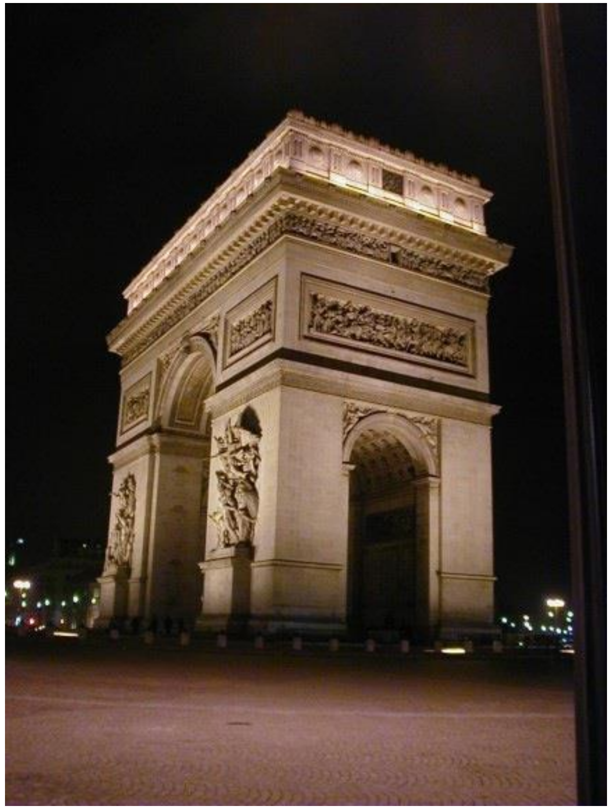
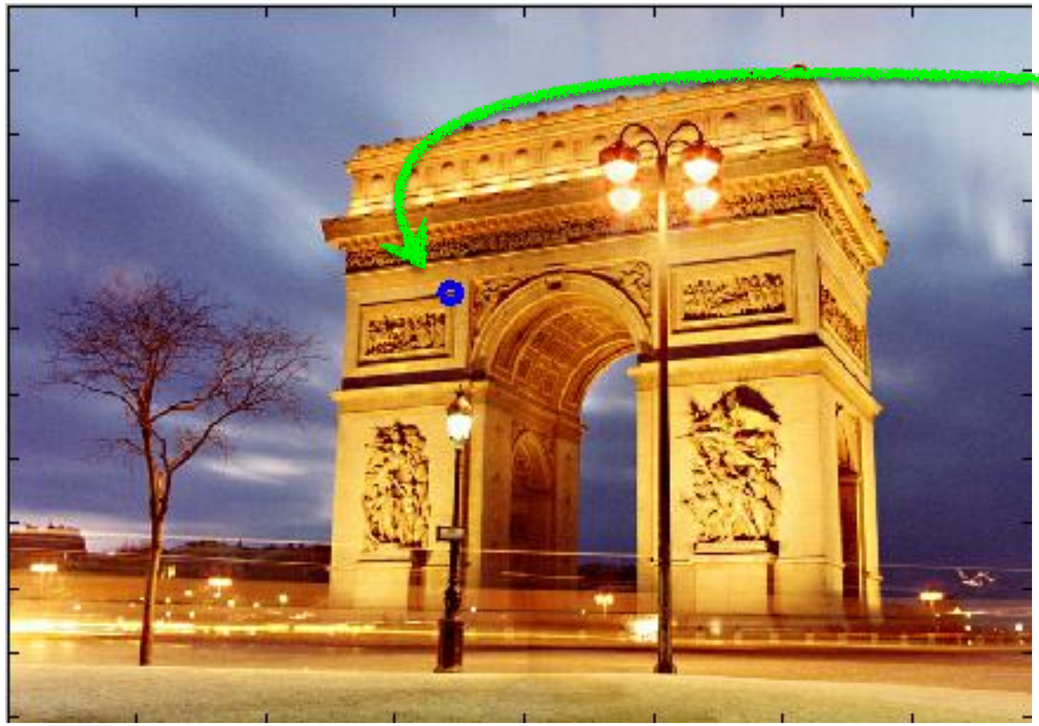
Example



epipolar lines

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



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

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

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

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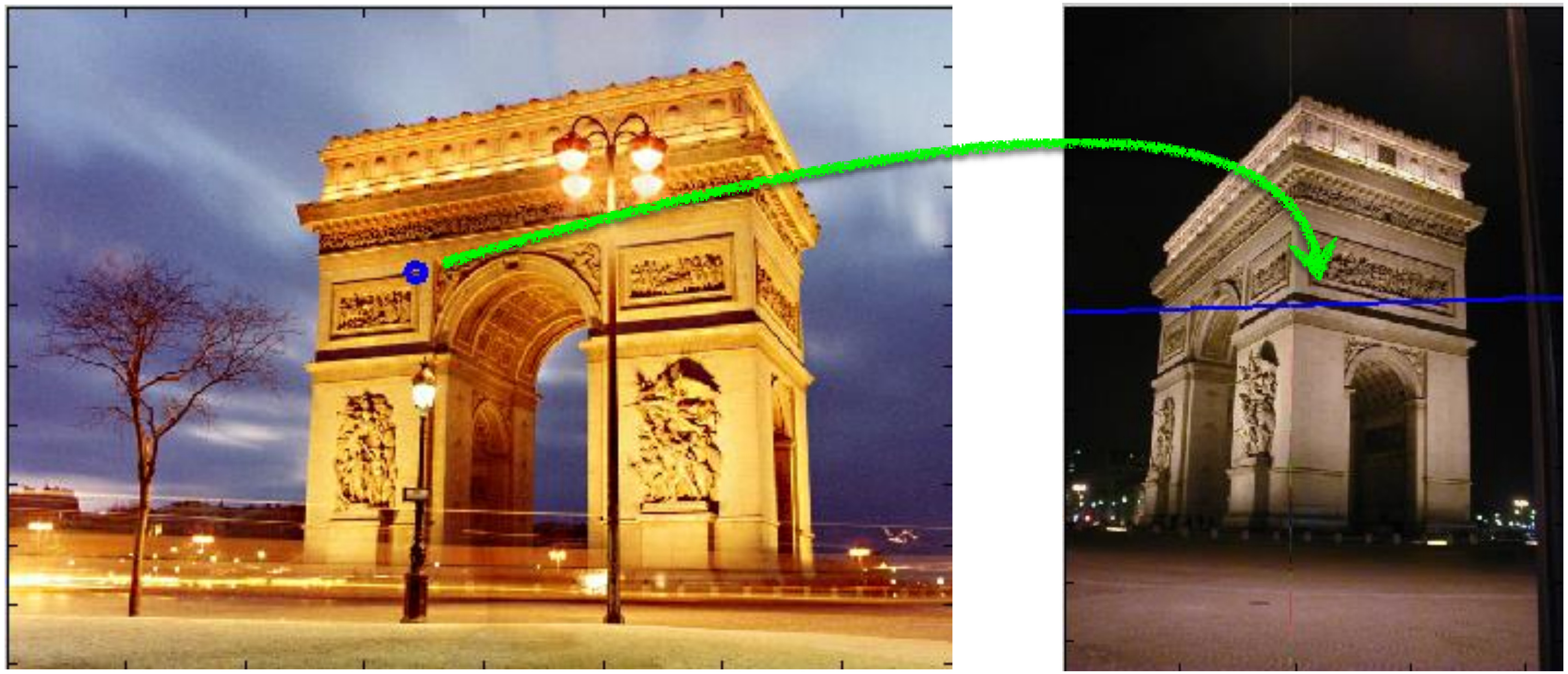

Where is the epipole?

How would you compute it?

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

The epipole is in the right null space of **F**

How would you solve for the epipole?

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References

Basic reading:

- Szeliski textbook, Section 8.1 (not 8.1.1-8.1.3), Chapter 11, Section 12.2.
- Hartley and Zisserman, Section 11.12.