



# Image Rectification (Stereo)

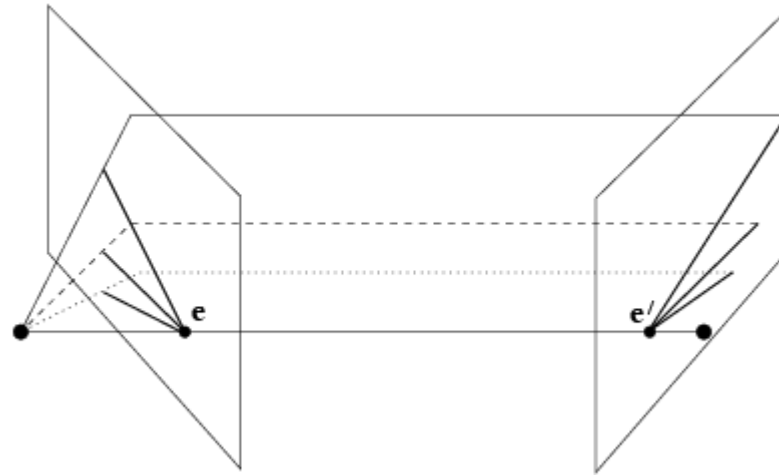
(New book: 7.2.1,  
old book: 11.1)

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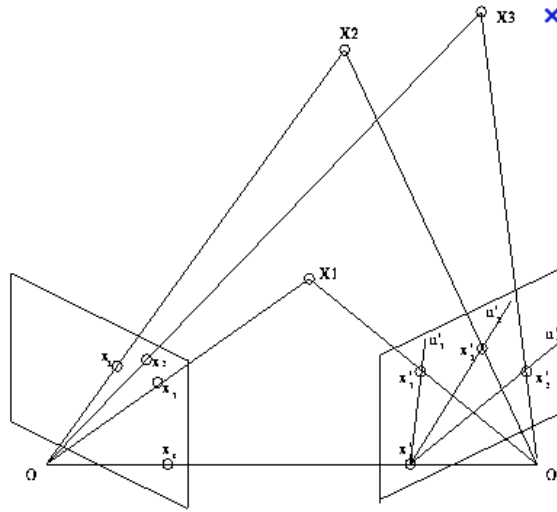
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# Example: converging cameras

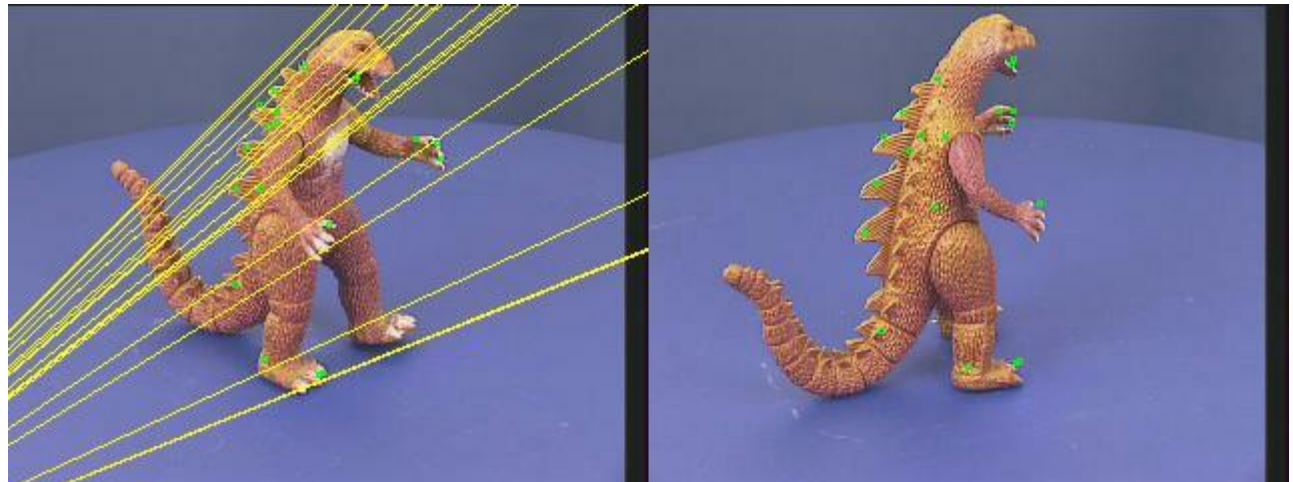


courtesy of Andrew Zisserman

# Epipolar Lines in Converging Cameras

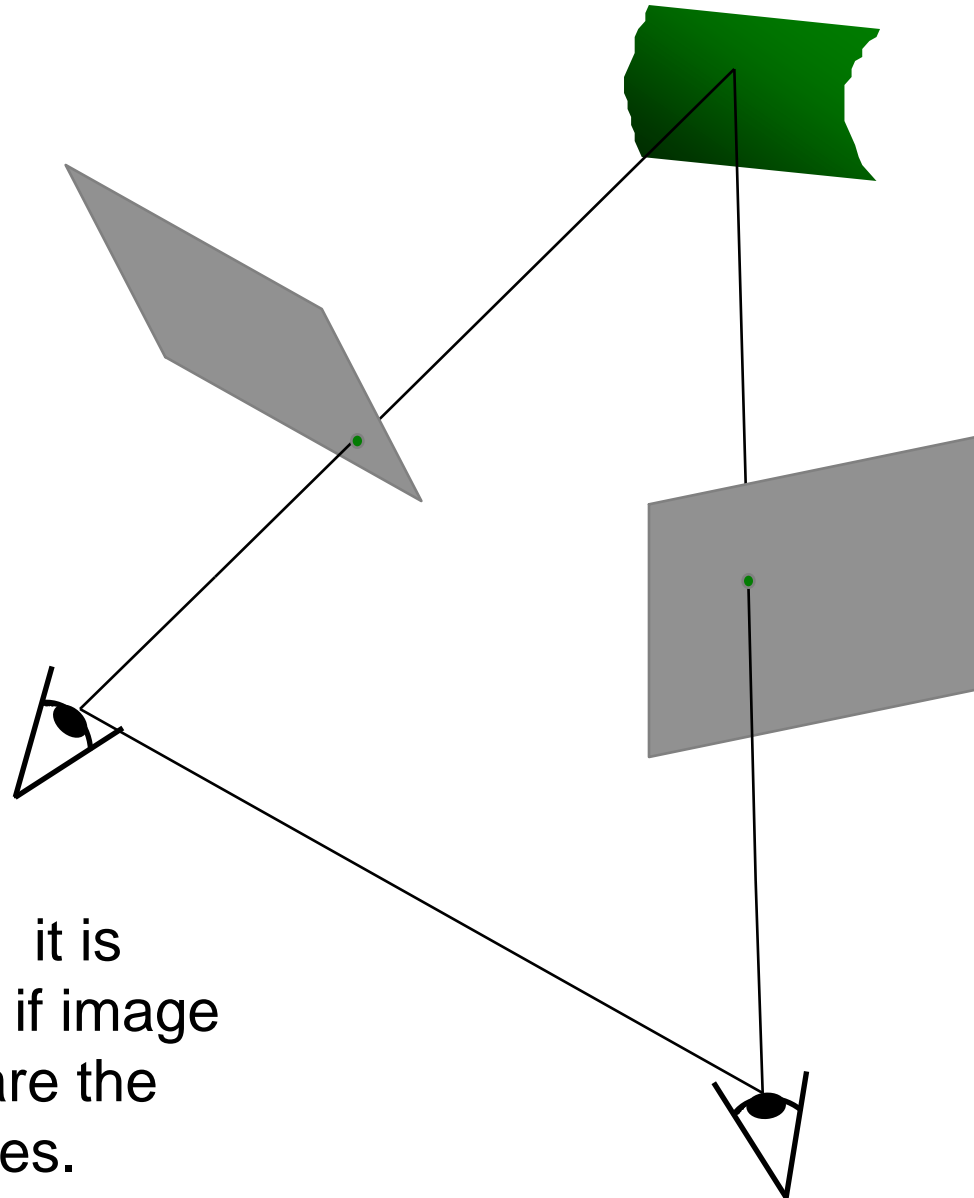


Epipolar lines all intersect at epipoles.





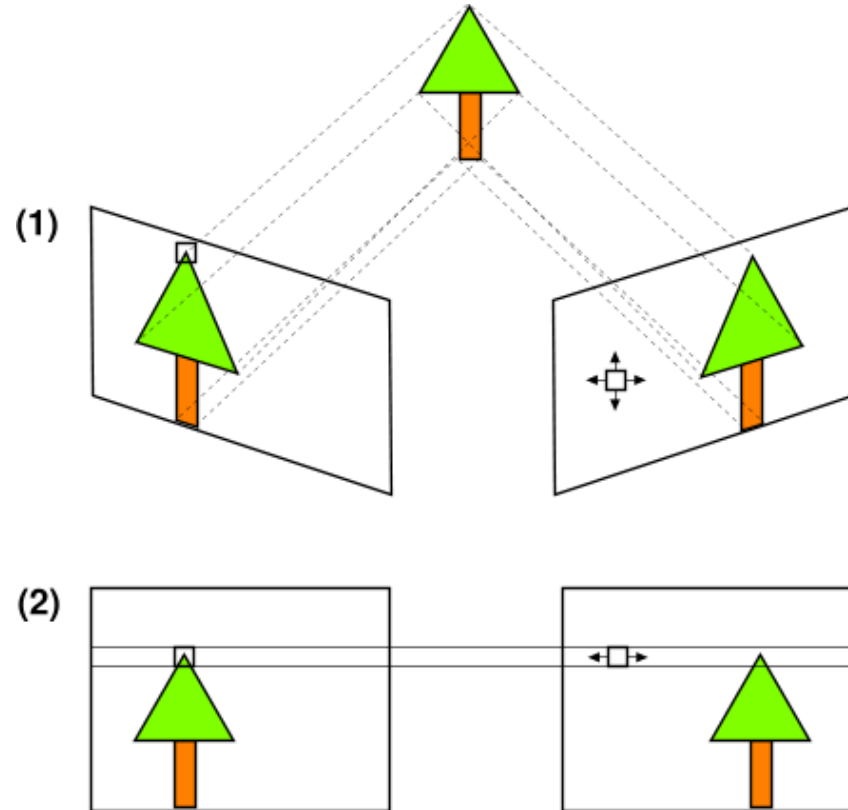
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In practice, it is convenient if image scanlines are the epipolar lines.



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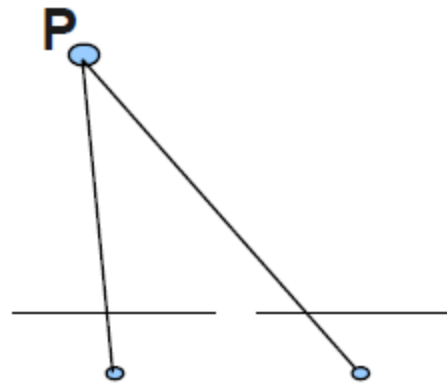
If the two cameras are aligned to be [coplanar](#), the search is simplified to one dimension - a horizontal line parallel to the [baseline](#) between the cameras

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image\\_rectification](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image_rectification)



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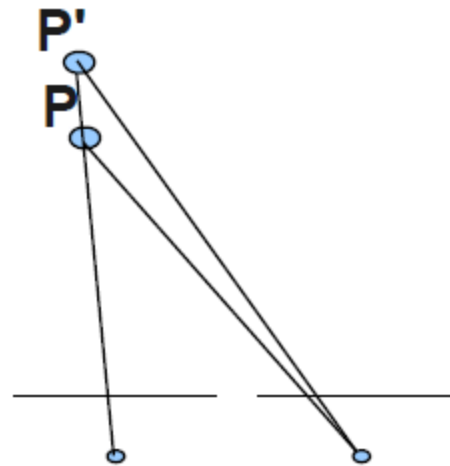
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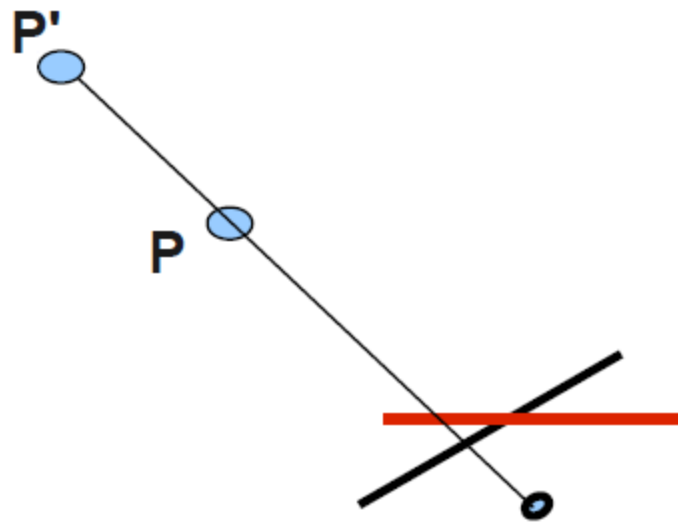
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- But if I just rotate the camera, then I don't need to know the depth
- Notice that  $P'$  and  $P$  still project to the same point in the rotated camera

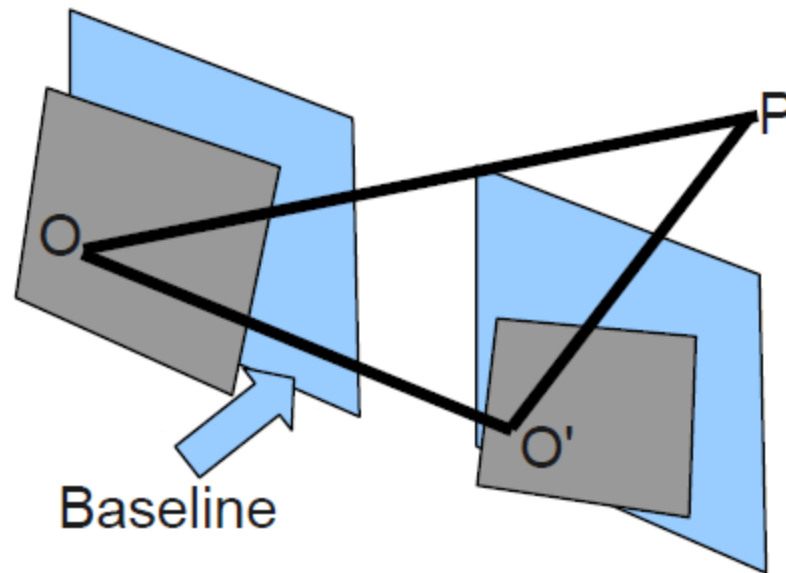






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- I can rotate views to be parallel to each other and baseline

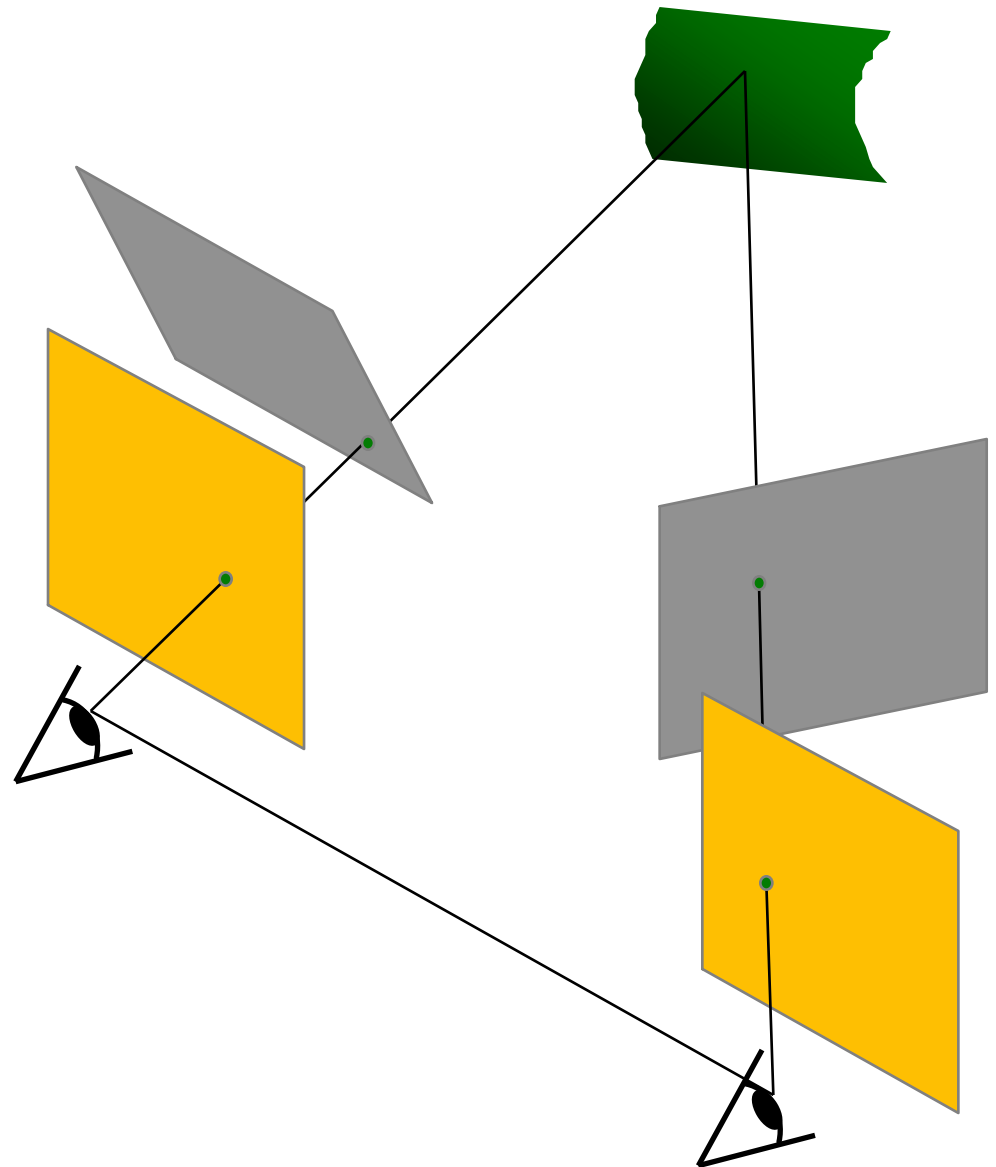




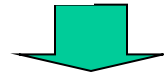
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- Image Reprojection

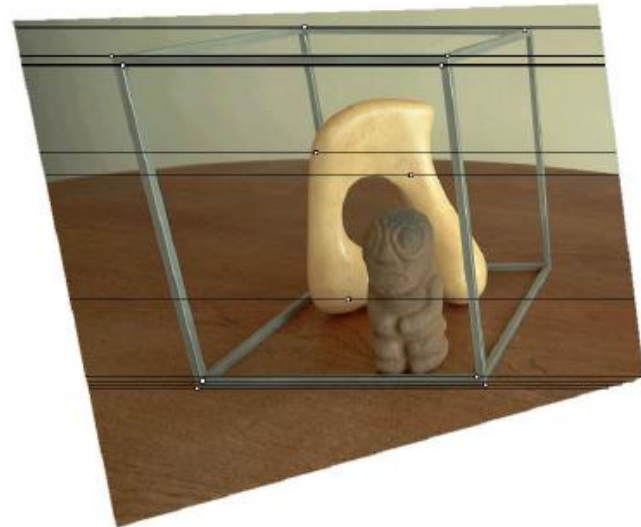
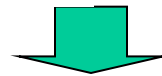
- reproject image planes onto common plane parallel to line between optical centers
- a homography (3x3 transform) applied to both input images
- pixel motion is horizontal after this transformation
- C. Loop and Z. Zhang. [Computing Rectifying Homographies for Stereo Vision](#). IEEE Conf. Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 1999.



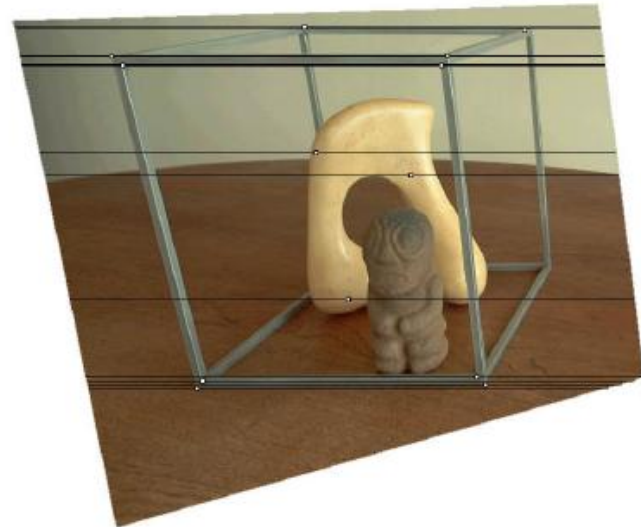
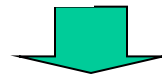
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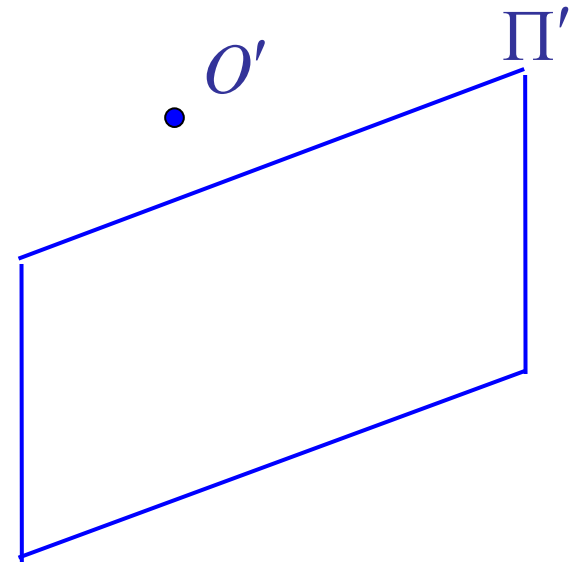
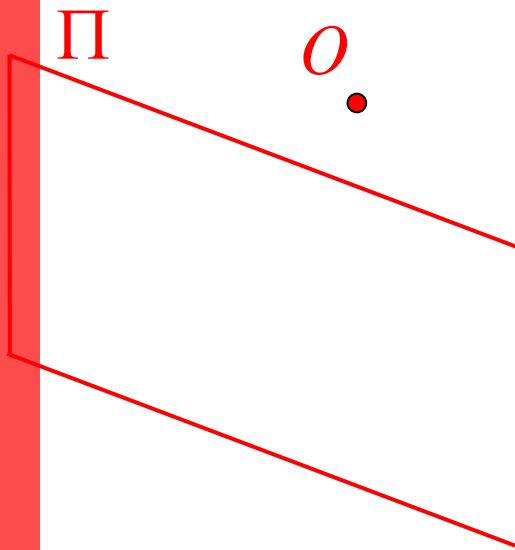


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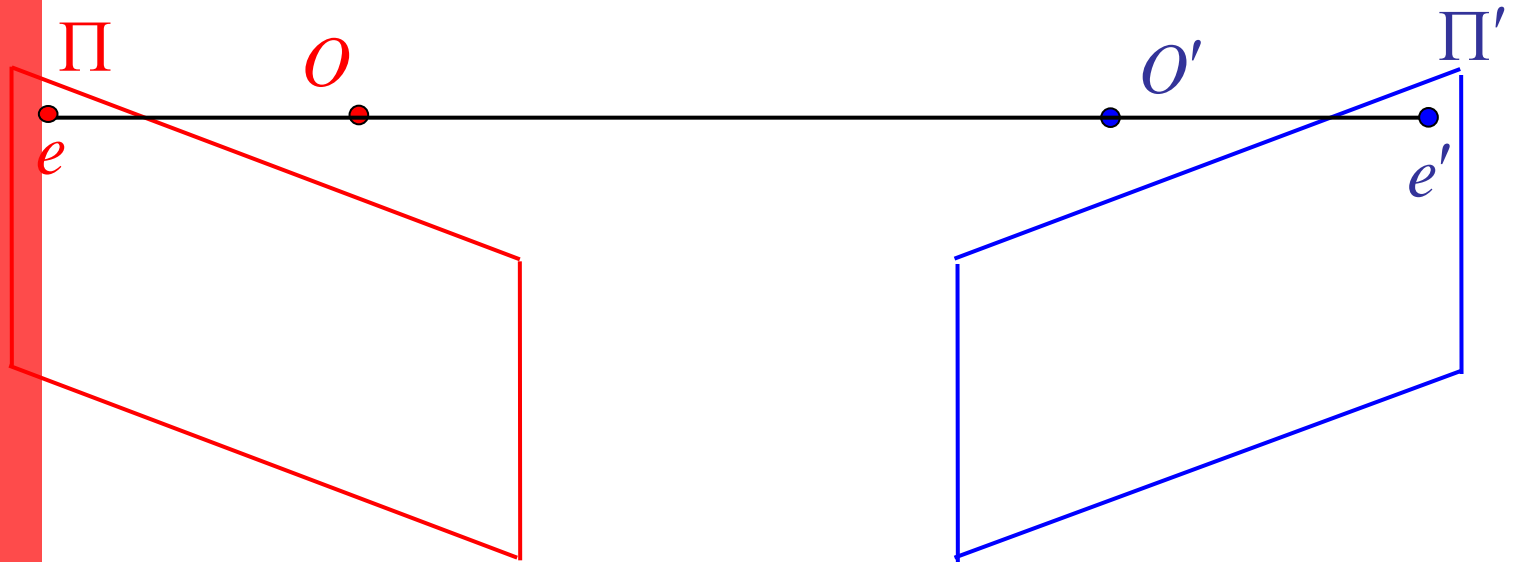


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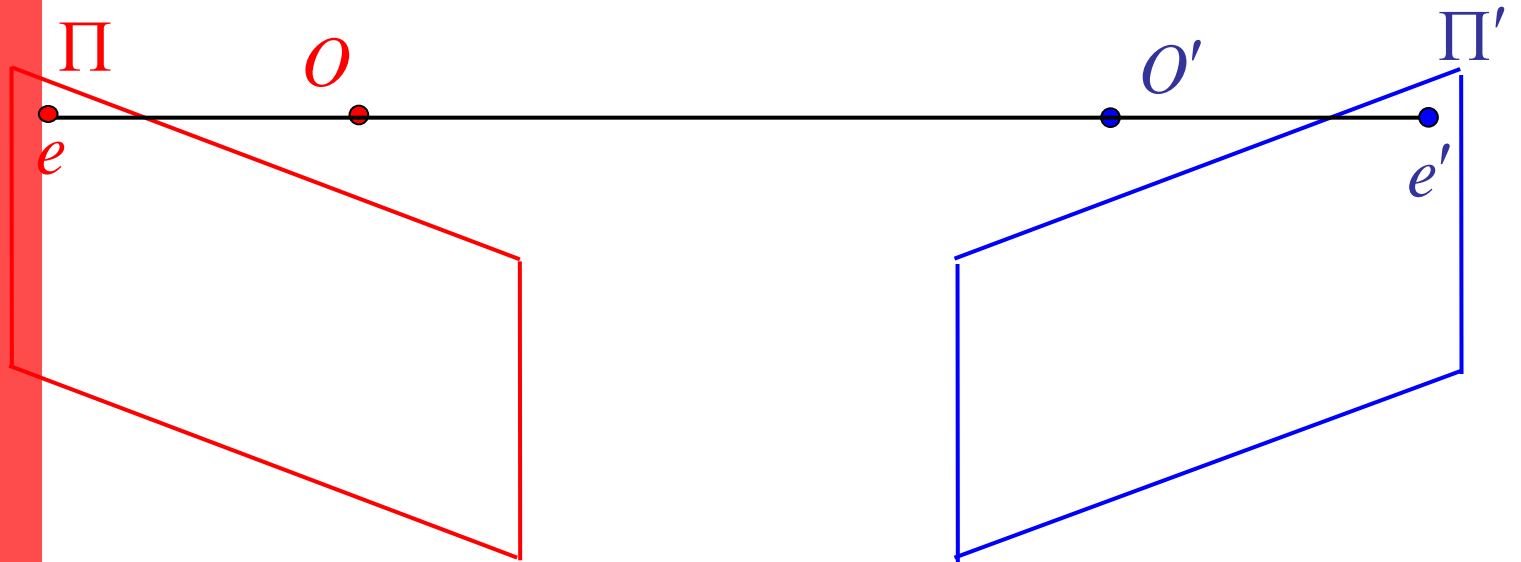
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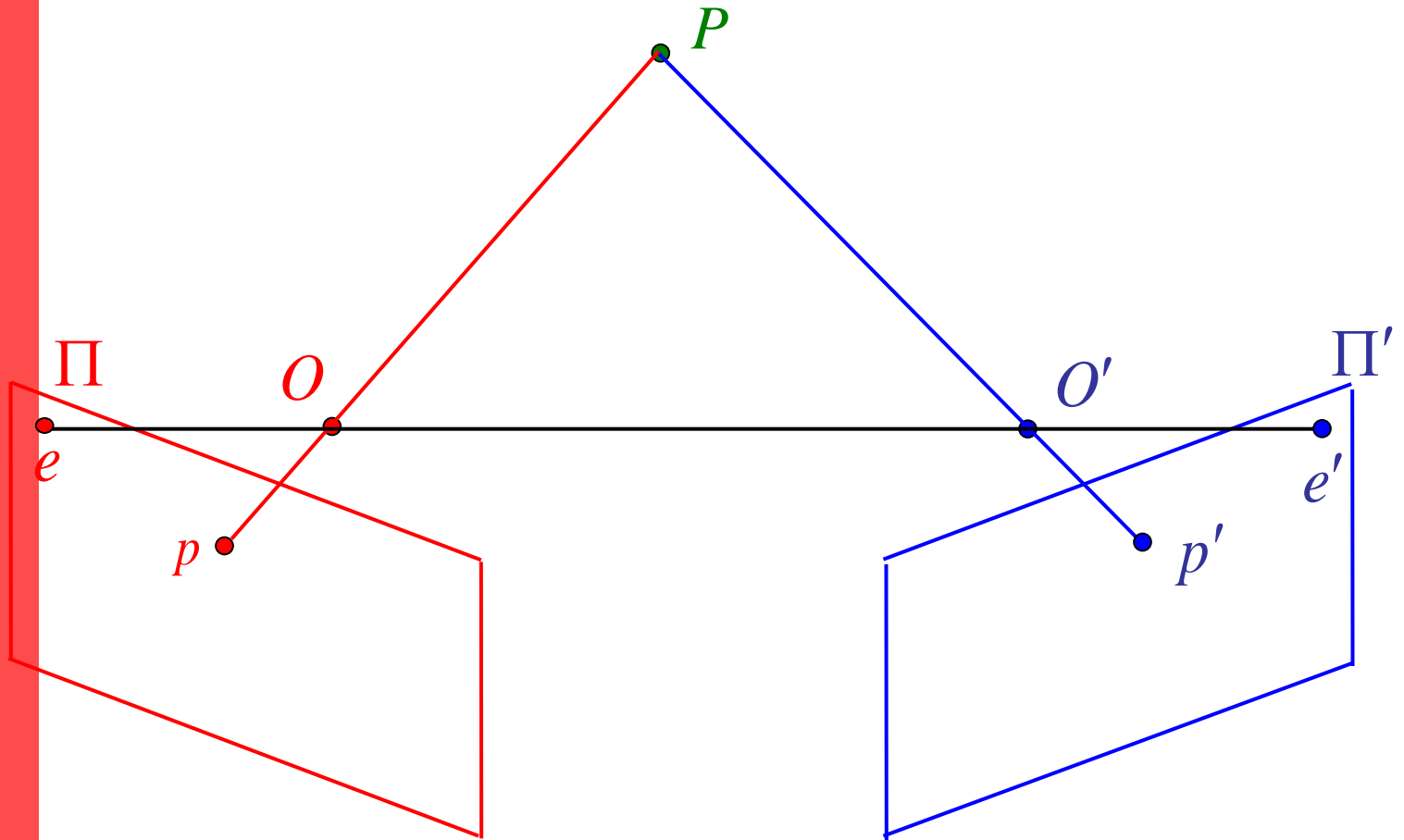
•  $P$





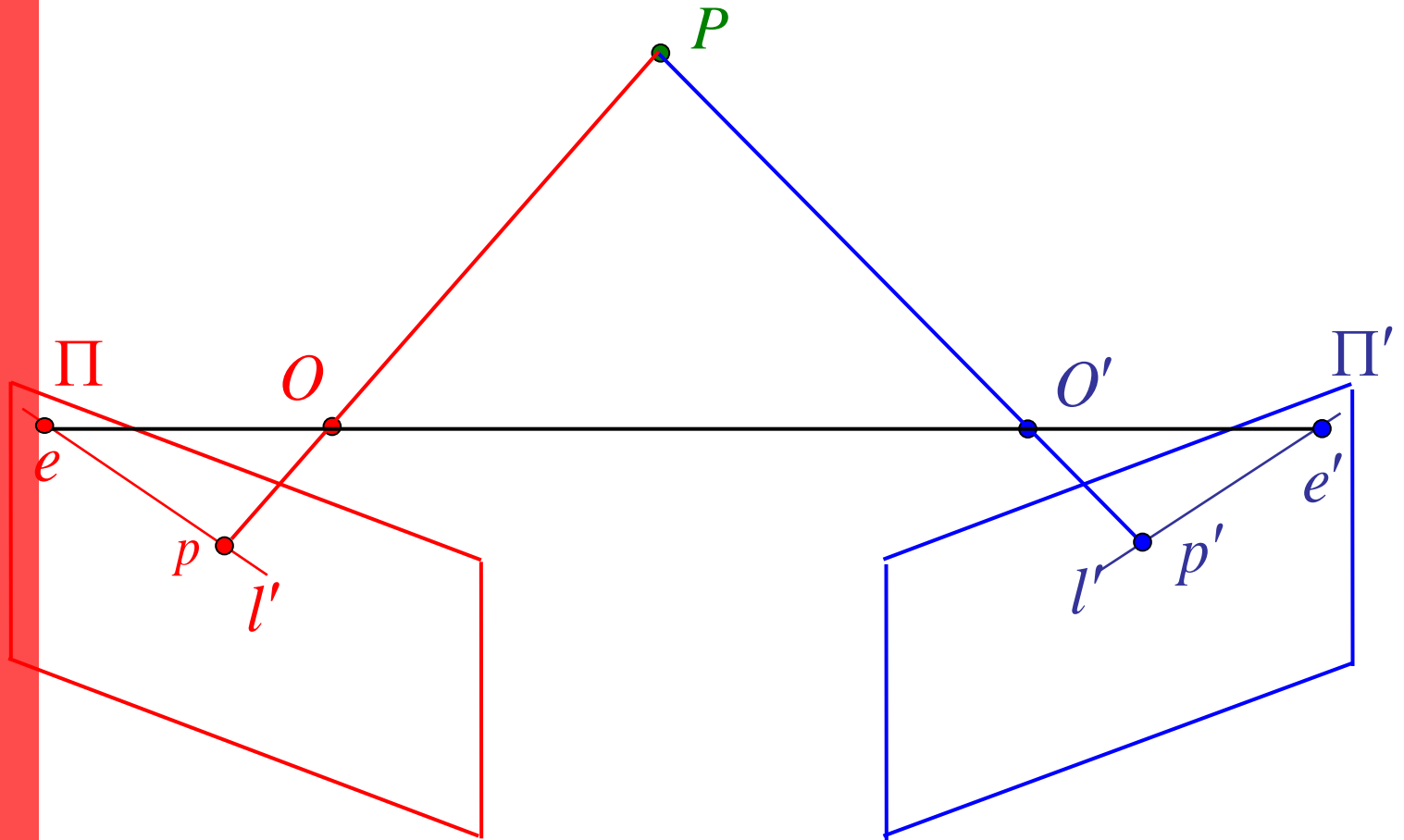


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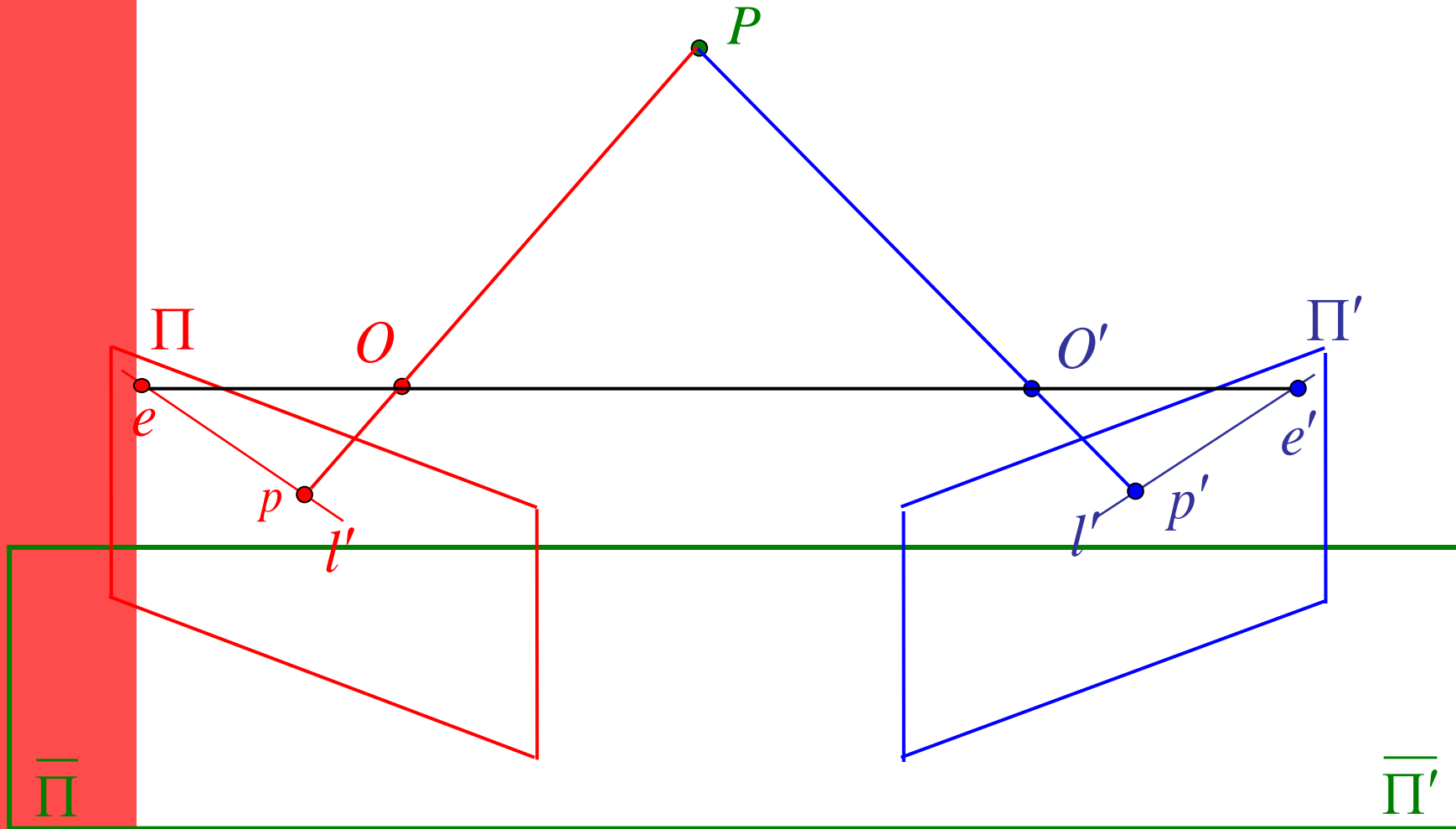


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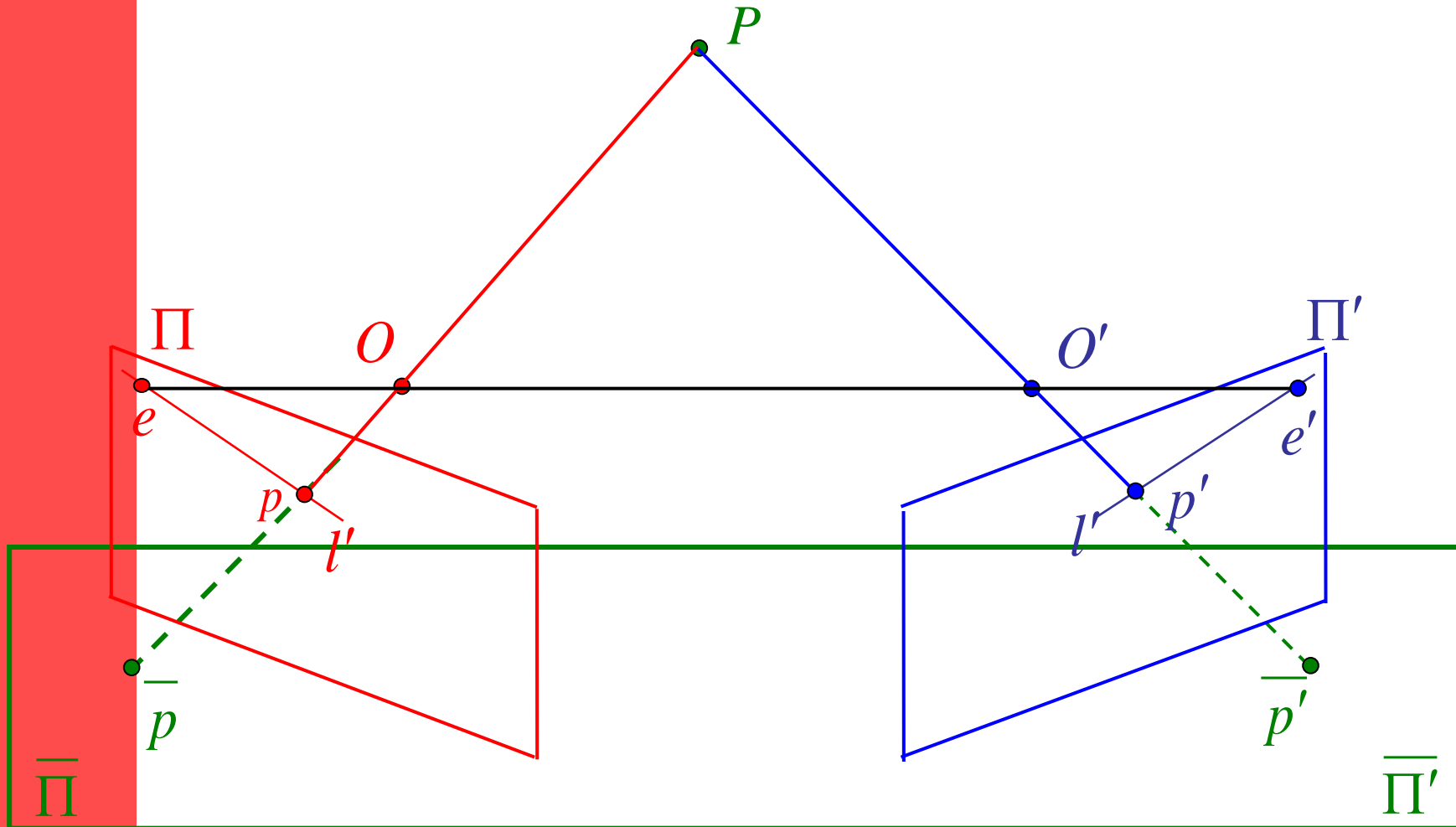


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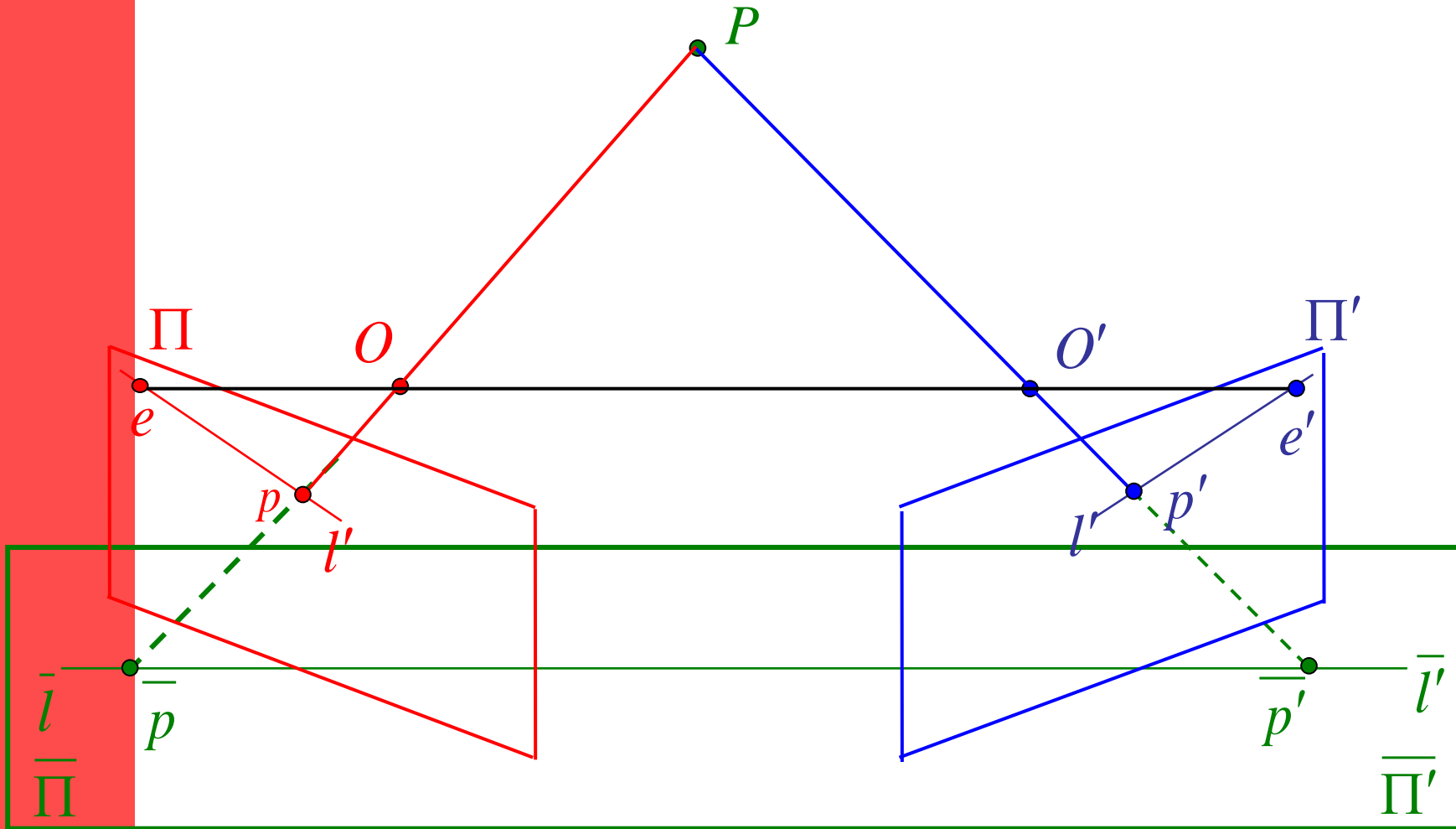


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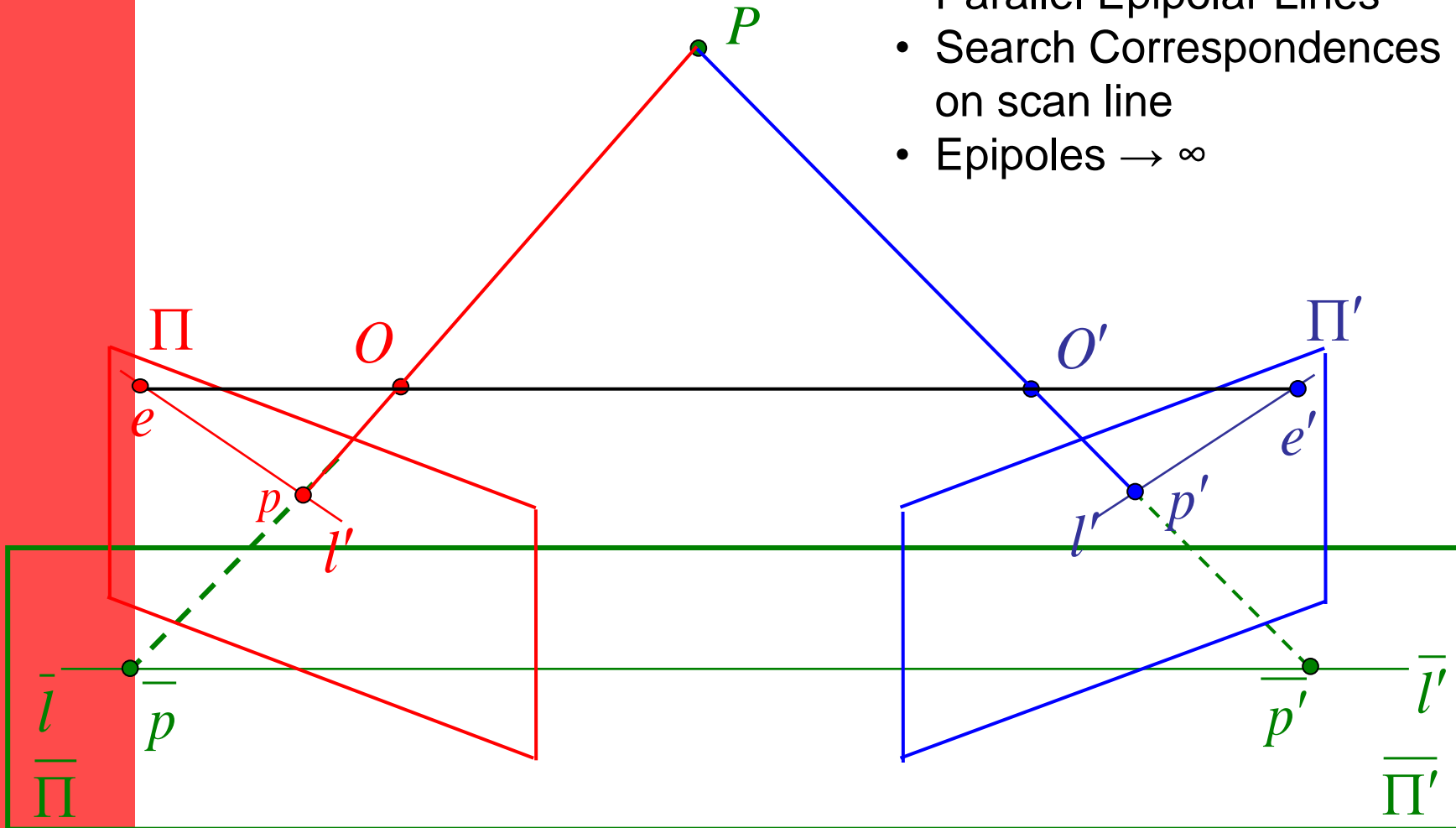
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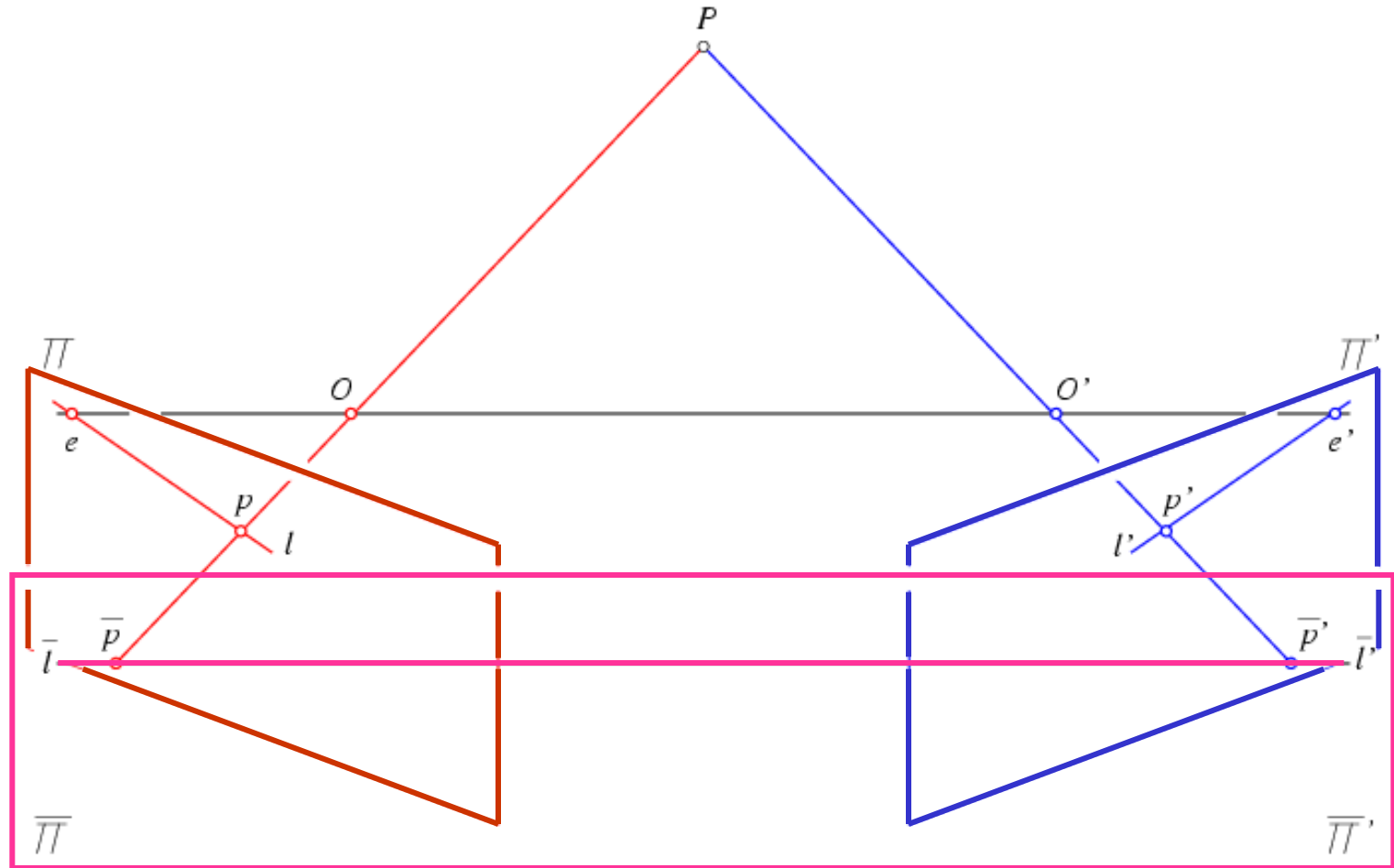
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- Common Image Plane
- Parallel Epipolar Lines
- Search Correspondences on scan line
- Epipoles  $\rightarrow \infty$



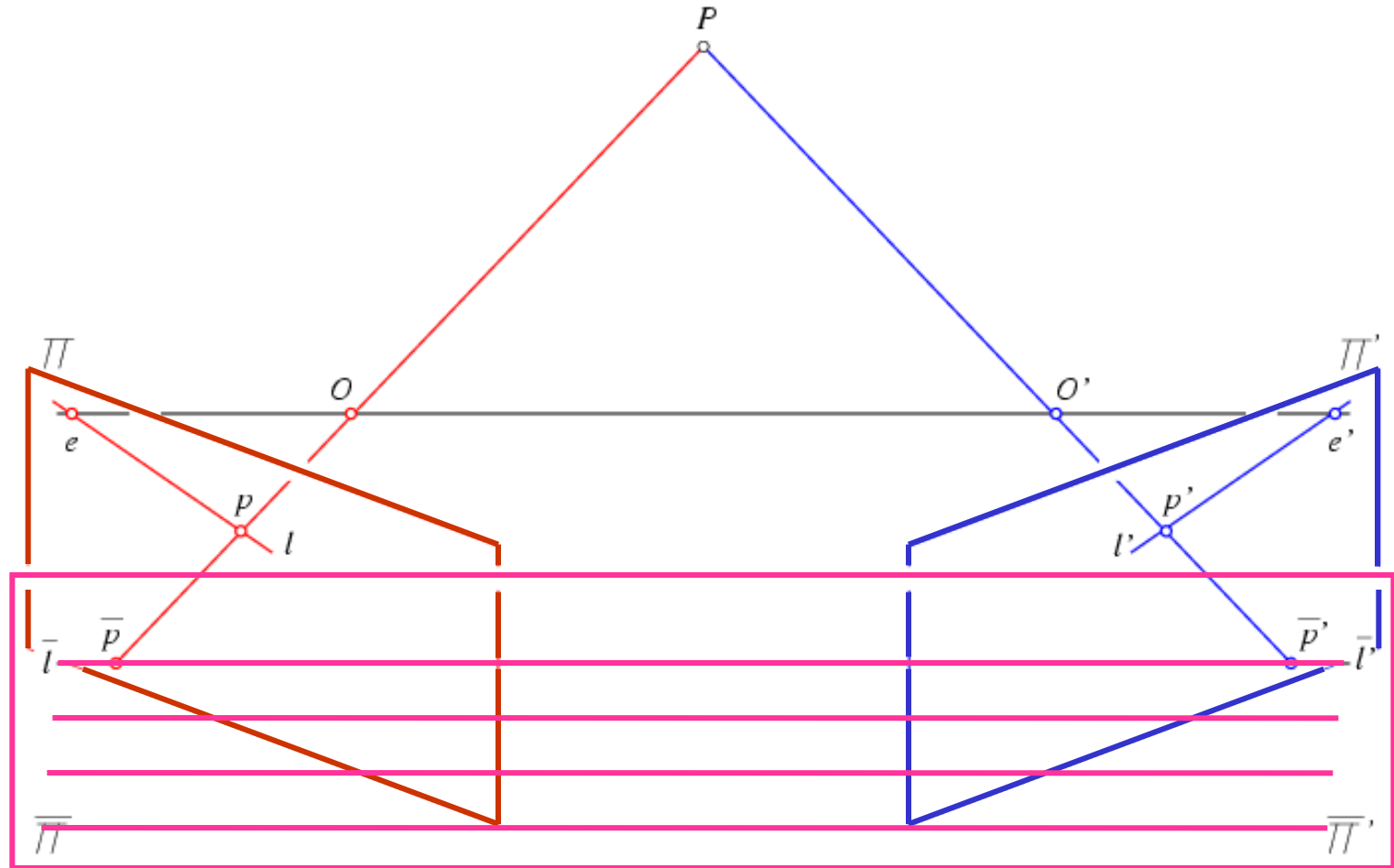


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All epipolar lines are parallel in the rectified image plane.





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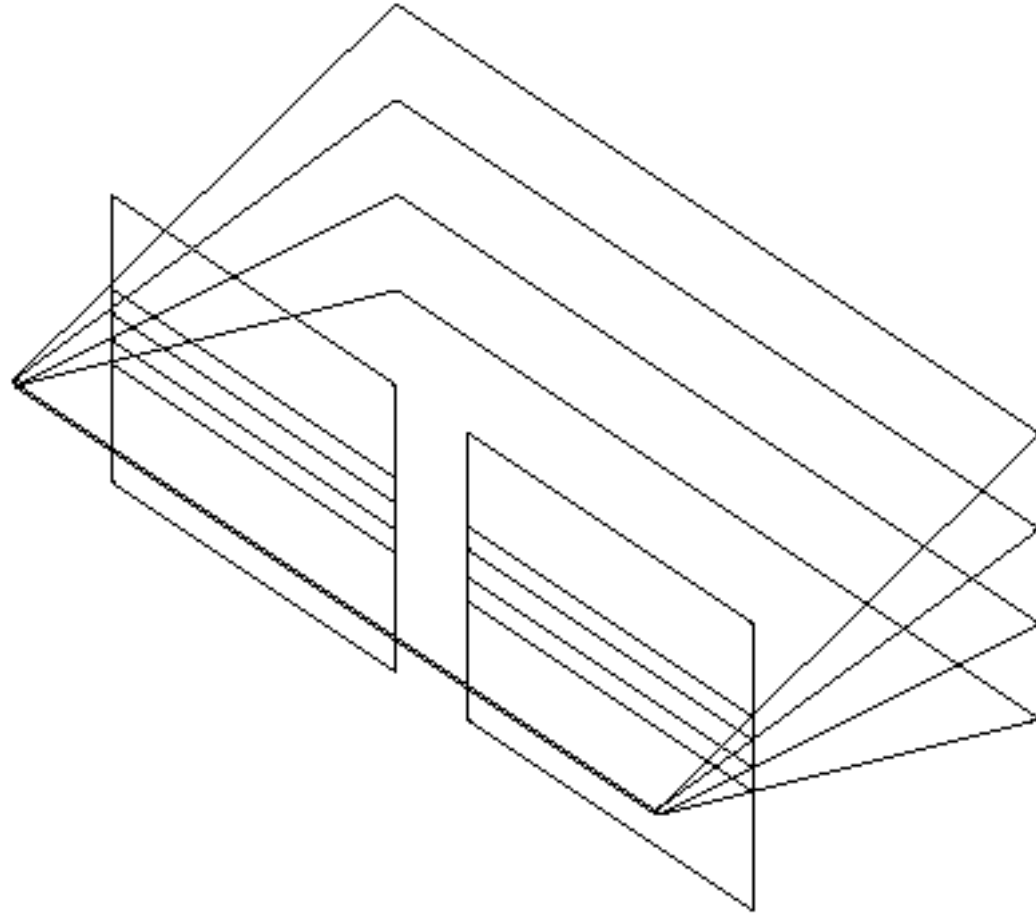
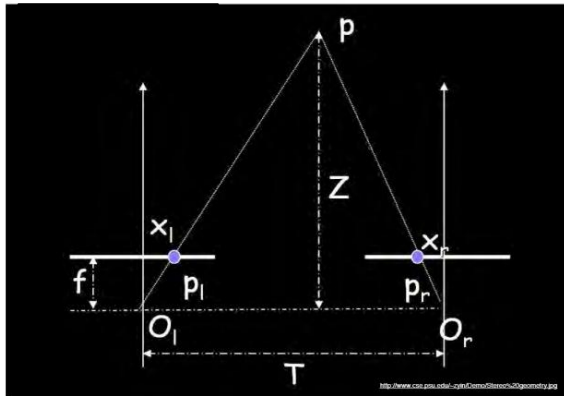


Figure 7.15: Standard stereo setup

# Essential matrix example: parallel cameras

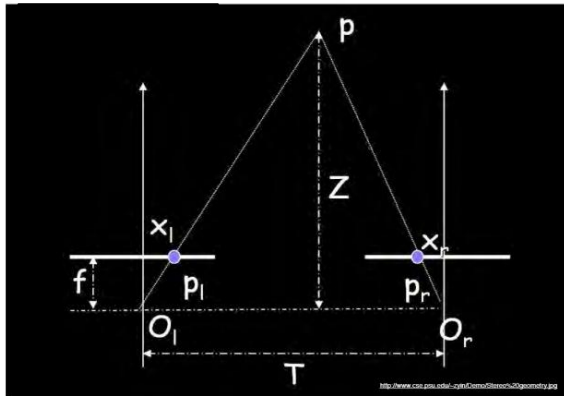


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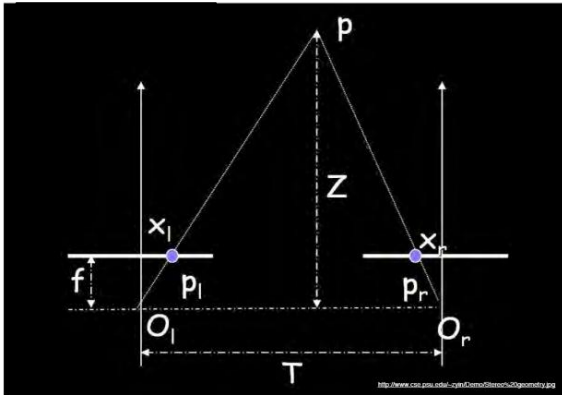


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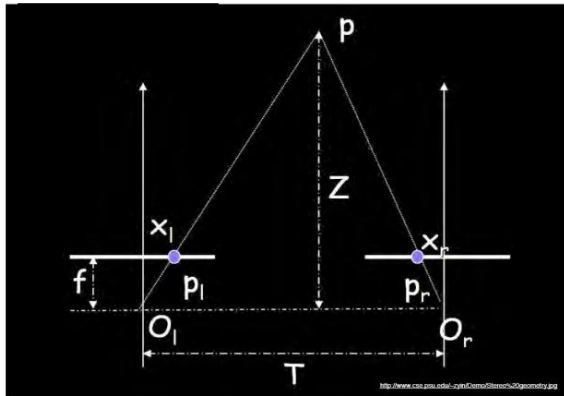


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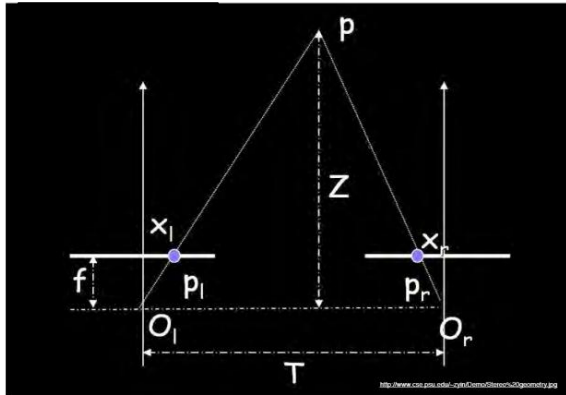


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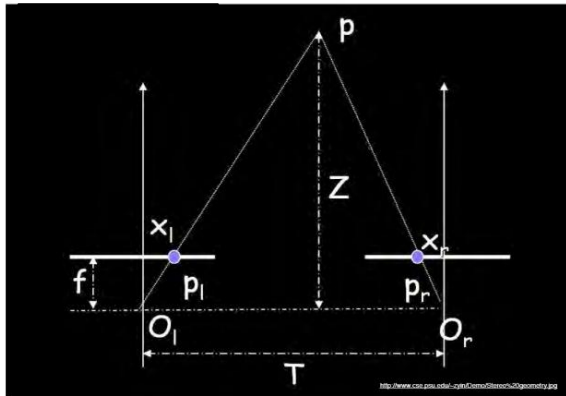
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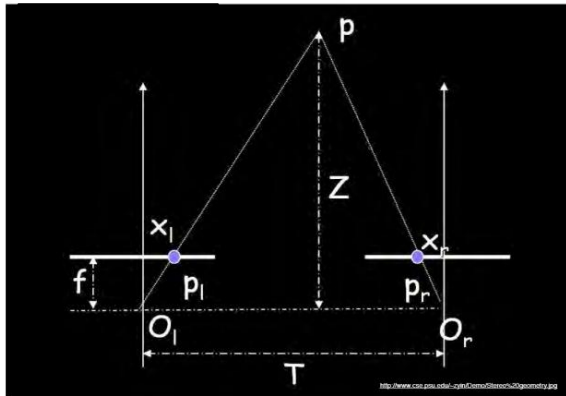
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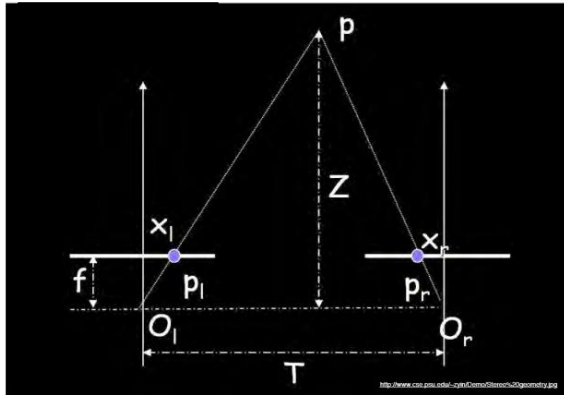
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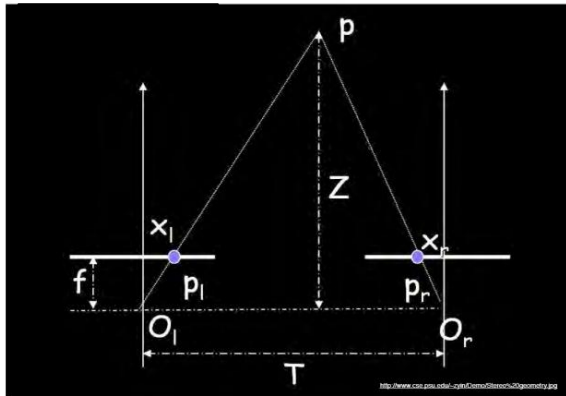
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For the parallel cameras, image of any point must lie on same horizontal line in each image plane.

Example I: compute the fundamental matrix for a parallel camera stereo rig

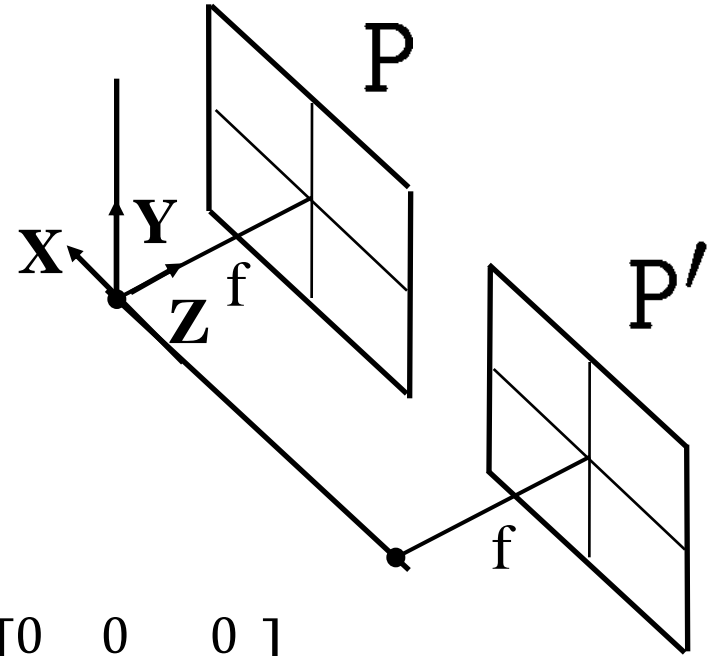
$$P = K[I \mid \mathbf{0}] \quad P' = K'[R \mid \mathbf{t}]$$

$$K = K' = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R=I \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{pmatrix} tx \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{b} & 0 \\ -\frac{u_0}{a} & -\frac{v_0}{b} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -tx \\ 0 & tx & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & 0 & -\frac{u_0}{a} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{b} & -\frac{v_0}{b} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{tx}{b} \\ 0 & \frac{tx}{b} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}'^T F \mathbf{x} = (x' \ y' \ 1) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$



- reduces to  $y = y'$ , i.e. raster correspondence (horizontal scan-lines)

F is a rank 2 matrix

The epipole  $e$  is the null-space vector (kernel) of F (exercise), i.e.  $Fe = 0$

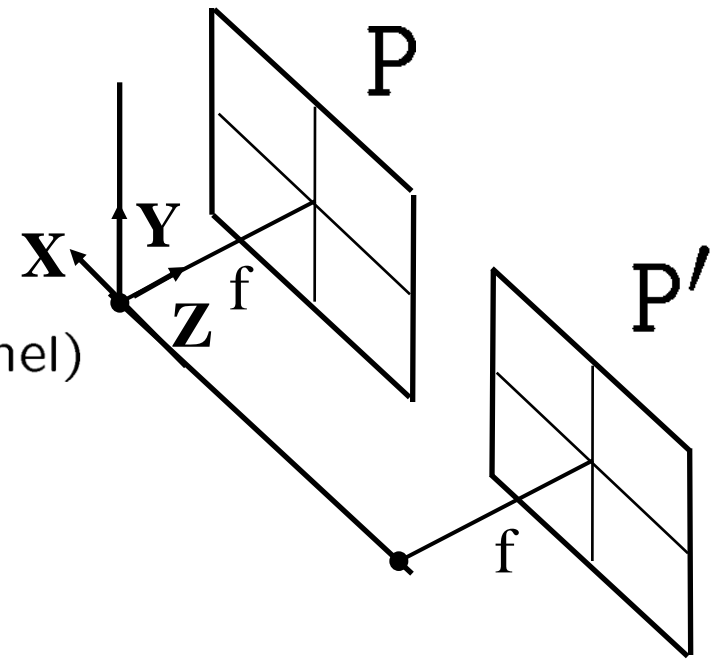
In this case

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

so that

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Geometric interpretation ?

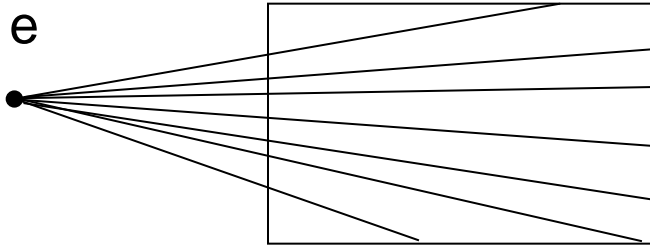




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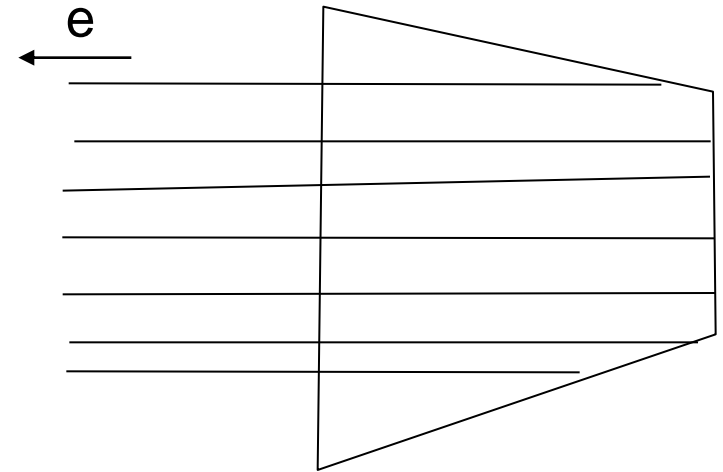
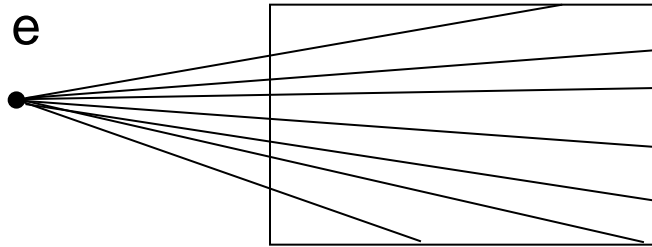




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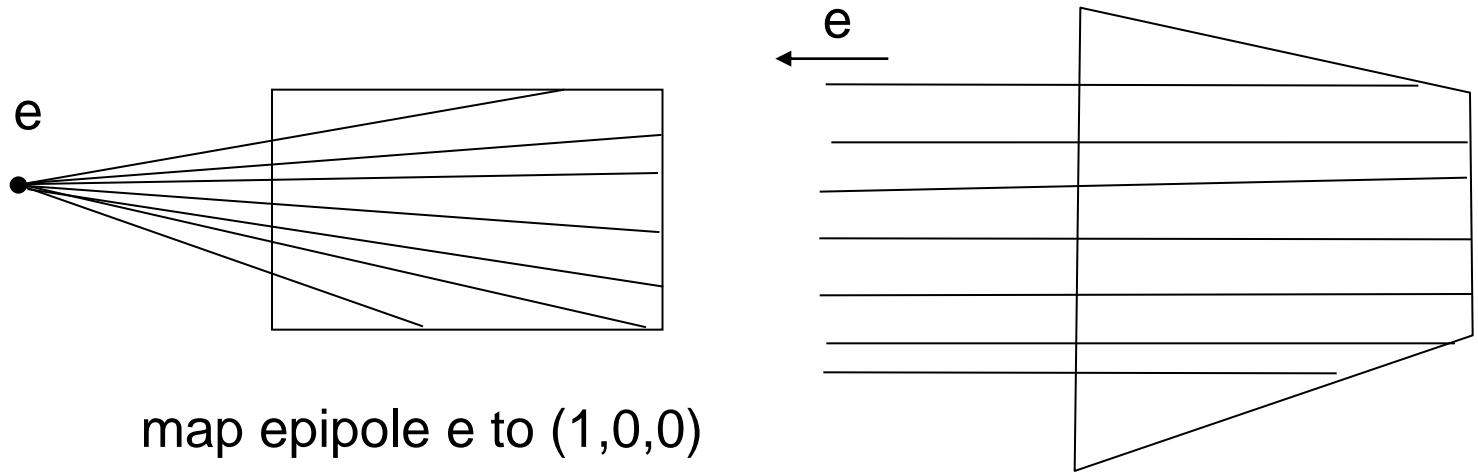
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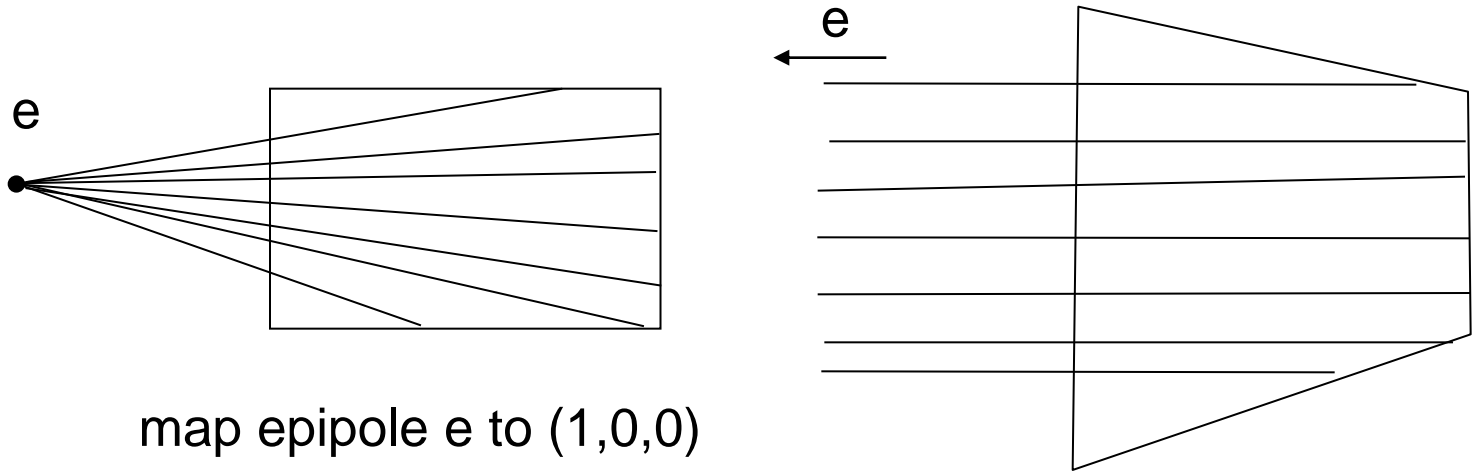
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problem when epipole in (or close to) the image

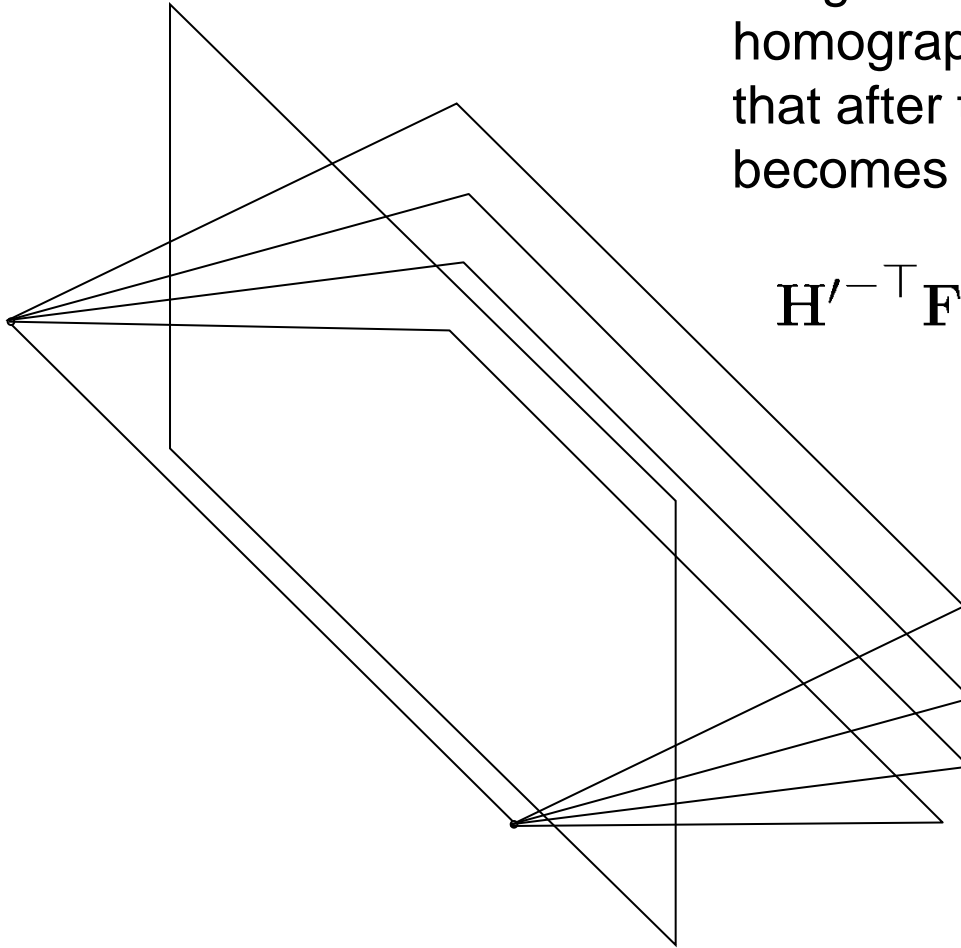




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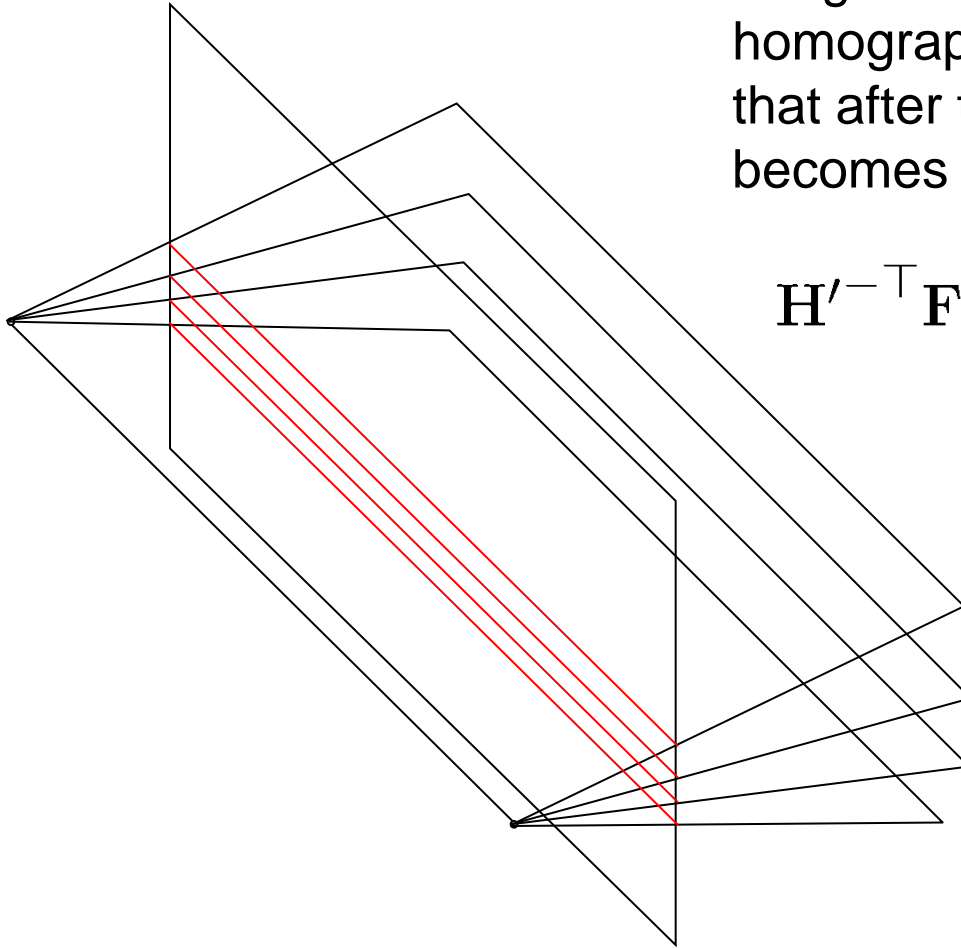




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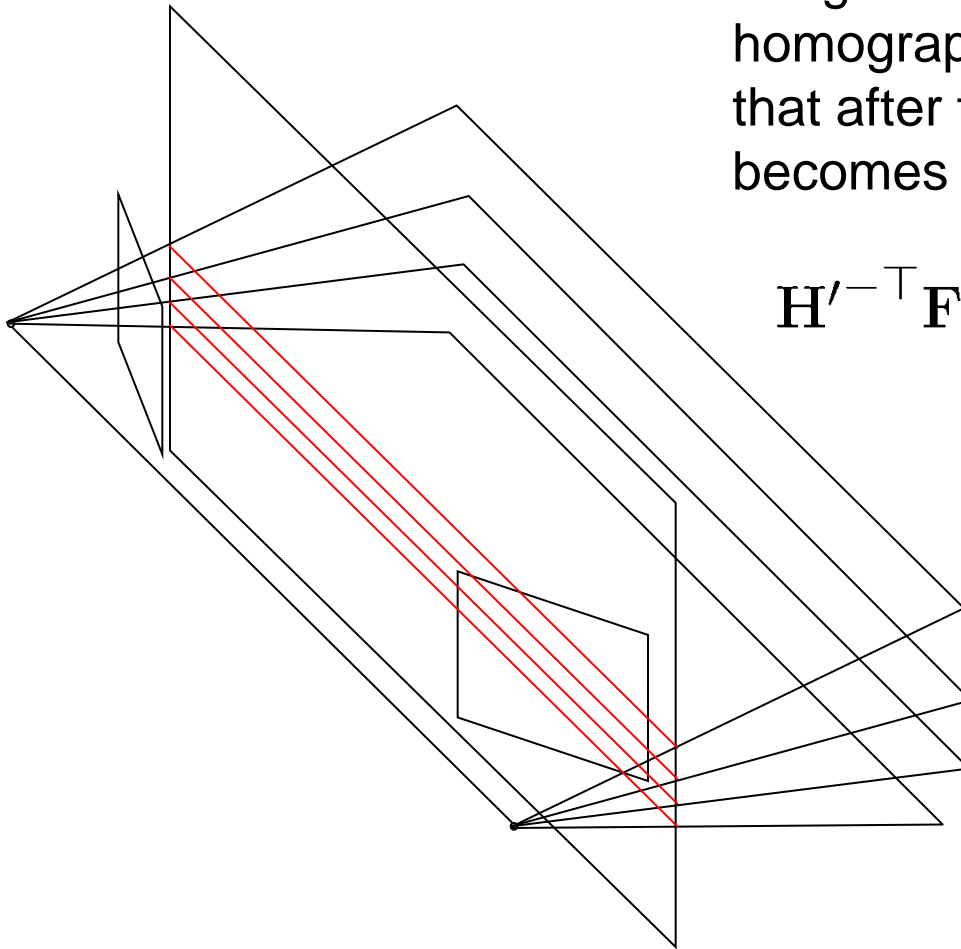




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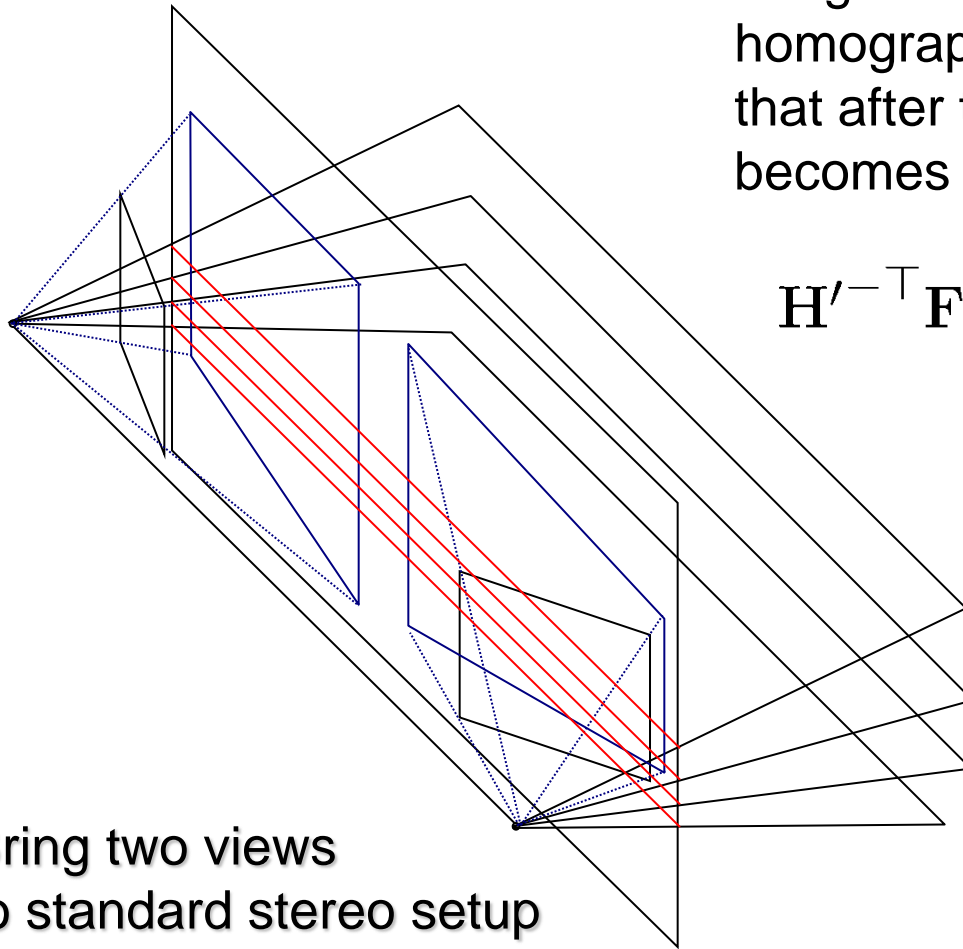




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Bring two views  
to standard stereo setup

(moves epipole to  $\infty$ )

(not possible when in/close to image)

# Algorithm Rectification

Following Trucco & Verri book pp. 159

- known  $T$  and  $R$  between cameras
- Rotate left camera so that epipole  $e_l$  goes to infinity along horizontal axis
- Apply same rotation to right camera to recover geometry
- Rotate right camera by  $R^{-1}$
- Adjust scale



The algorithm 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.

To carry out this method, we construct a triple of mutually orthogonal unit vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_3$ . Since the problem is underconstrained, we are going to make an arbitrary choice. The first vector,  $\mathbf{e}_1$ , is given by the epipole; since the image center is in the origin,  $\mathbf{e}_1$  coincides with the direction of translation, or

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

The only constraint we have on the second vector,  $\mathbf{e}_2$ , is that it must be orthogonal to  $\mathbf{e}_1$ . To this purpose, we compute and normalize the cross product of  $\mathbf{e}_1$  with the direction vector of the optical axis, to obtain

$$\mathbf{e}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_x^2 + T_y^2}} [-T_y, T_x, 0]^T.$$

The third unit vector is unambiguously determined as

$$\mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{e}_1 \times \mathbf{e}_2.$$

It is easy to check that the orthogonal matrix defined as

$$R_{rect} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1^T \\ \mathbf{e}_2^T \\ \mathbf{e}_3^T \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.22)$$

rotates the left camera about the projection center in such a way that the epipolar lines become parallel to the horizontal axis. This implements the first step of the algorithm. Since the remaining steps are straightforward, we proceed to give the customary algorithm:





## 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). In addition, Assumptions 1 and 2 above hold.

1. Build the matrix  $R_{rect}$  as in (7.22);
2. Set  $R_l = R_{rect}$  and  $R_r = R R_{rect}$ ;
3. For each left-camera point,  $\mathbf{p}_l = [x, y, f]^T$  compute

$$R_l \mathbf{p}_l = [x', y', z']$$

and the coordinates of the corresponding rectified point,  $\mathbf{p}'_l$ , as

$$\mathbf{p}'_l = \frac{f}{z'} [x', y', z'].$$

4. Repeat the previous step for the right camera using  $R_r$  and  $\mathbf{p}_r$ .

The output is the pair of transformations to be applied to the two cameras in order to rectify the two input point sets, as well as the rectified sets of points.

From: Trucco & Verri, Introductory Techniques for 3-D Computer Vision, pp. 157-161



# More elegant Solution

- Idea: Mapping epipole to infinity  $\rightarrow [1,0,0]^T$
- Factorization of matrix  $F=SM$ , where  $S$  is skew symmetric and  $M$  representing the required homography (projective transformation).
- Use SVD:

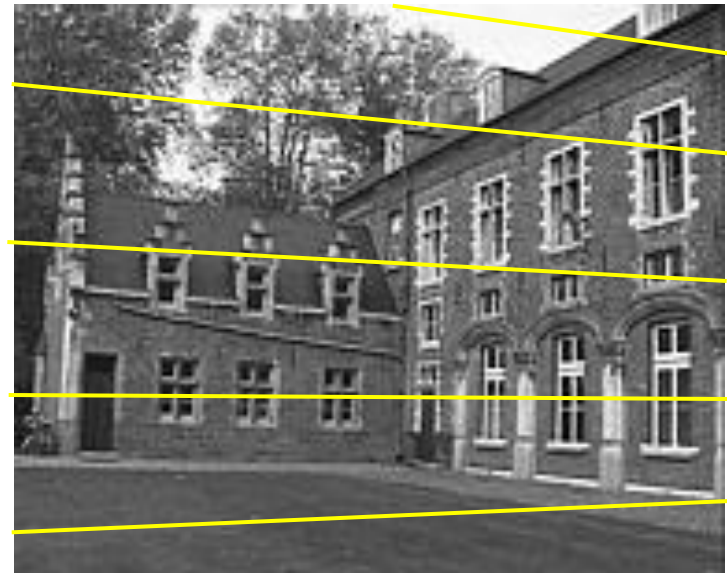
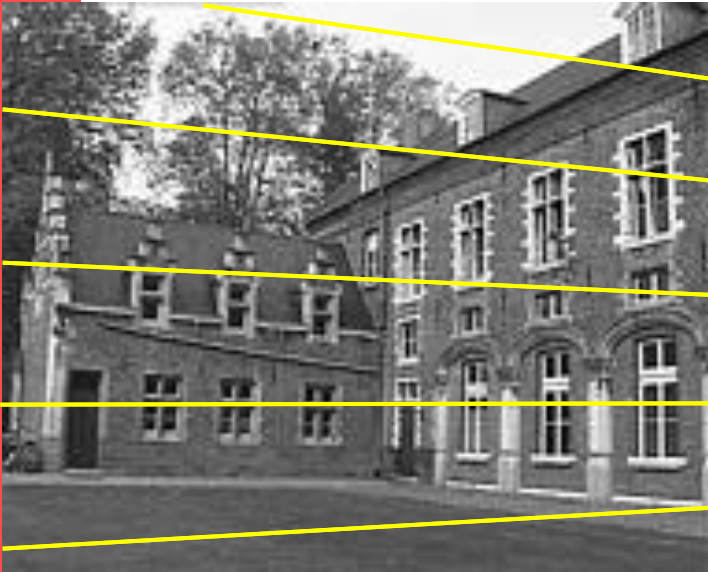
$$F = UDV^T = UWZD'V^T = (UWU^T)(UZD'V^T) = SM$$

where

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

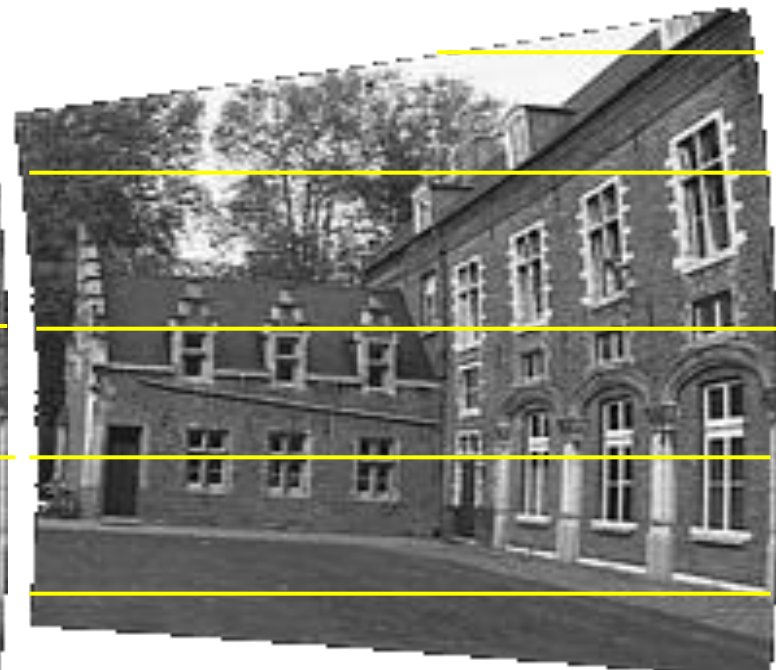
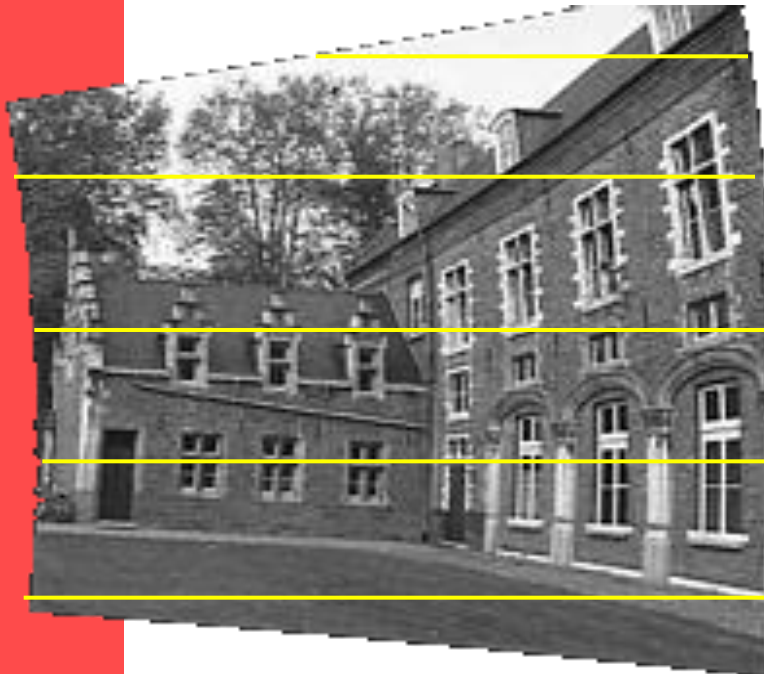


# Stereo matching with general camera configuration





# Image pair rectification

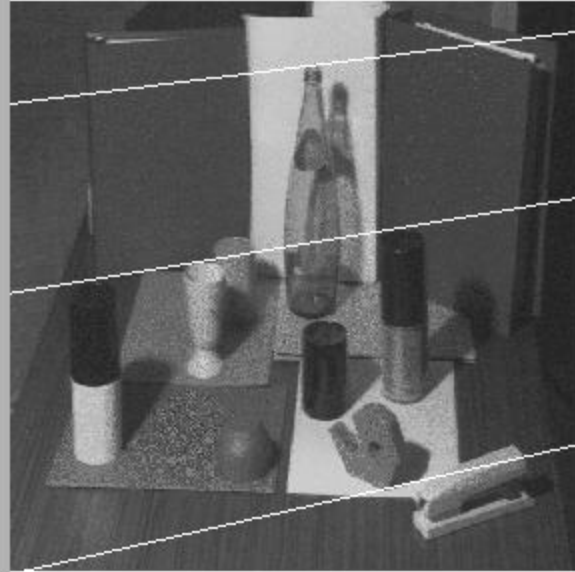




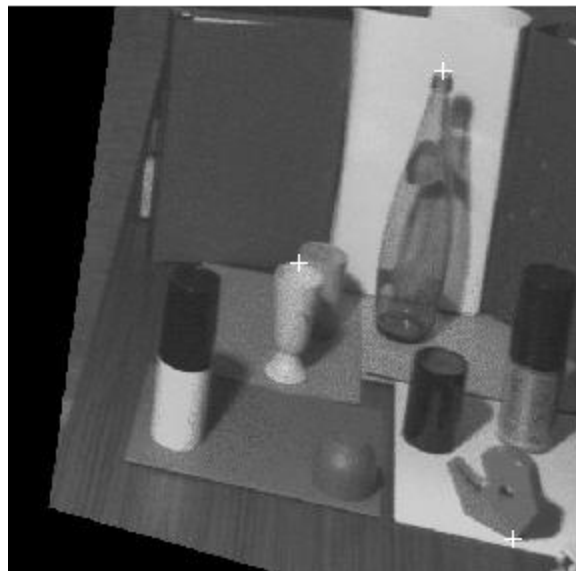
Left image



Right image

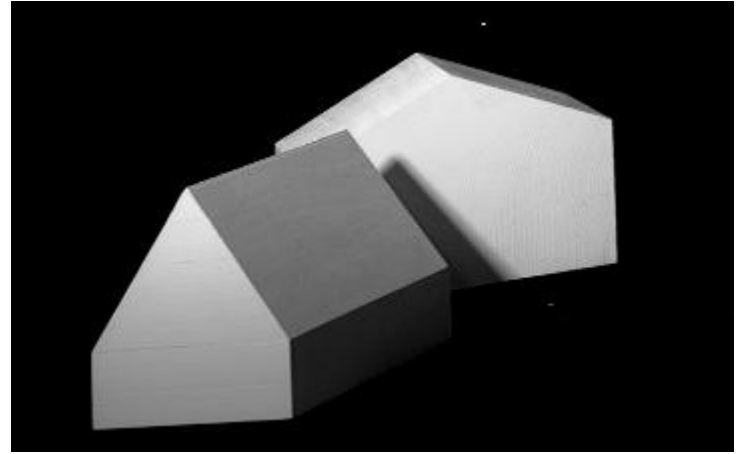
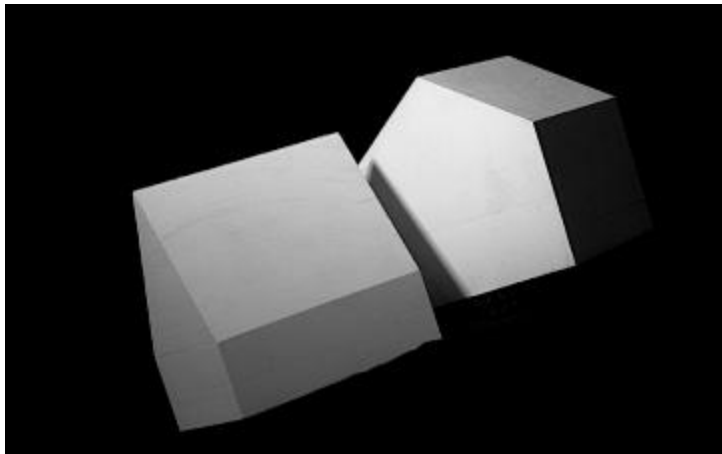
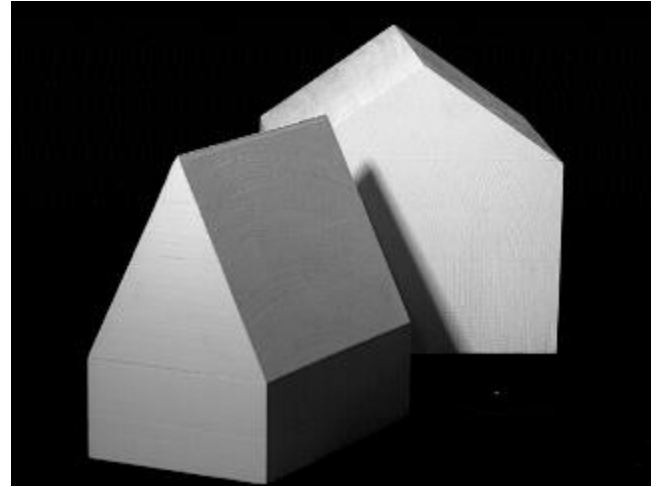
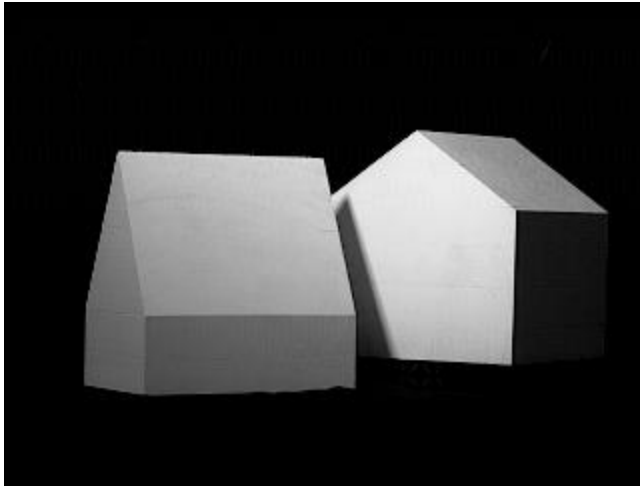


Rectified left image



Rectified right image











# Other Material /Code

- Epipolar Geometry, Rectification:  
[http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/rbf/CVonline/LOCAL\\_COPIES/FUSIELLO2/rectif\\_cvol.html](http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/rbf/CVonline/LOCAL_COPIES/FUSIELLO2/rectif_cvol.html)
- Fusiello, Trucco & Verri: Tutorial, Matlab code etc:  
<http://profs.sci.univr.it/~fusiello/demo/rect/>



# Run Example

**Demo for stereo reconstruction (out of date):**

<http://mitpress.mit.edu/e-journals/Videre/001/articles/Zhang/CalibEnv/CalibEnv.html>

**Updated Webpages:**

<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/people/zhang/INRIA/software.html>

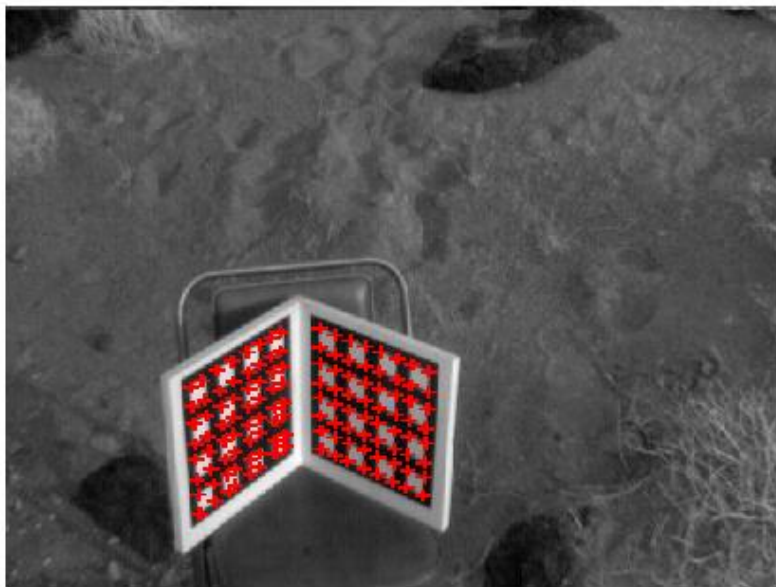
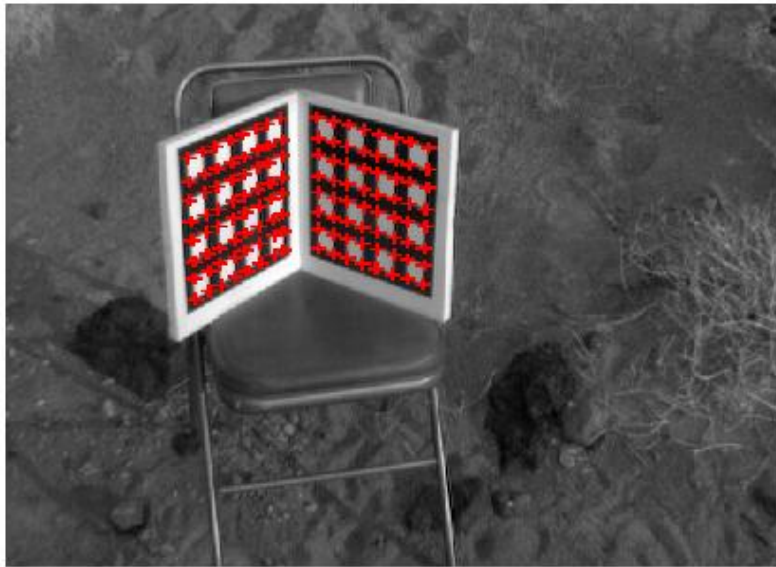
**SFM Example:**

<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/people/zhang/INRIA/SFM-Ex/SFM-Ex.html>

**Software:**

<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/people/zhang/INRIA/software.html>

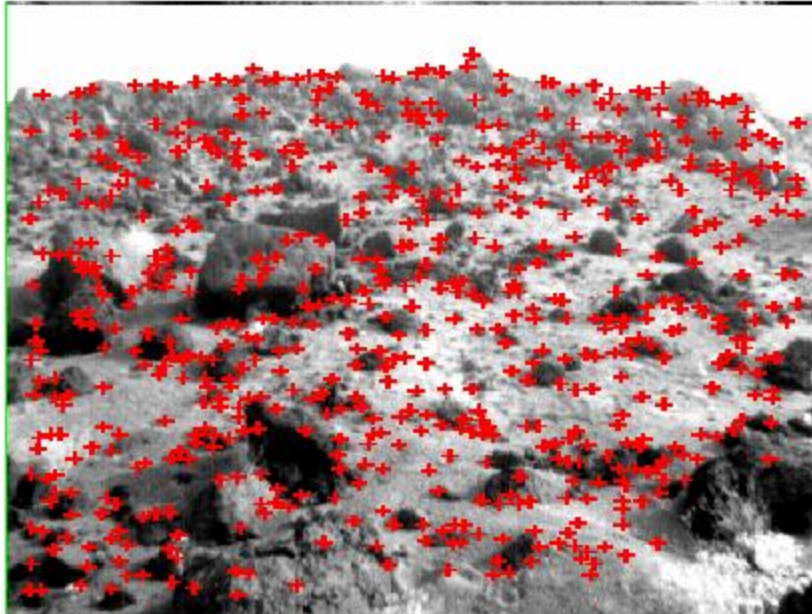
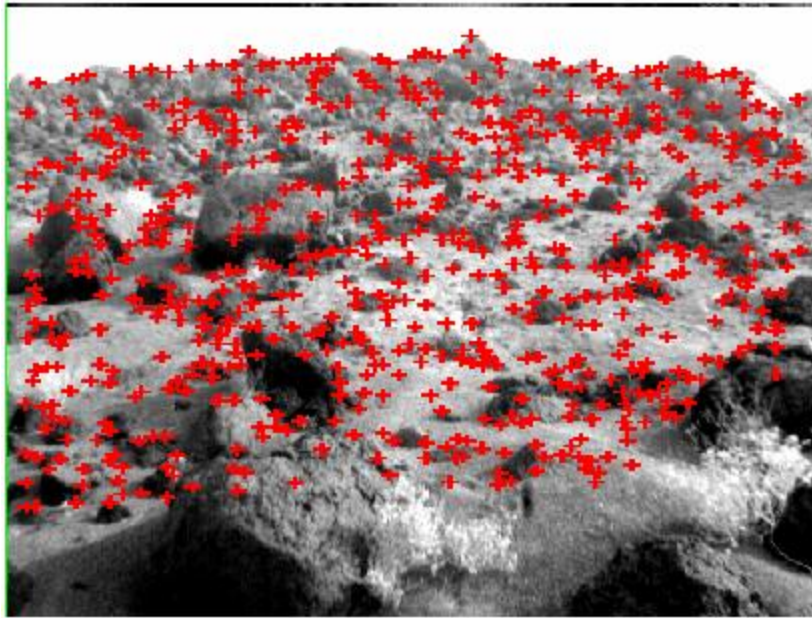
# Example: Zhengyou Zhang



Fundamental matrix between the two cameras:

5.2049303e-07	-2.9159992e-05	-2.5405448e-04
2.9090123e-05	6.7508671e-08	-5.6408271e-03
-5.0032429e-03	5.6687599e-03	1.0e-0





Points have been extracted using Harris corner detector, point matches via fundamental matrix  $F$  and search along epipolar lines.

2.019618e-06	1.887944e-04	-3.978027e-01
-1.702288e-04	-2.145494e-07	6.907326e-03
3.978027e-01	-7.553172e-03	8.266808e-01



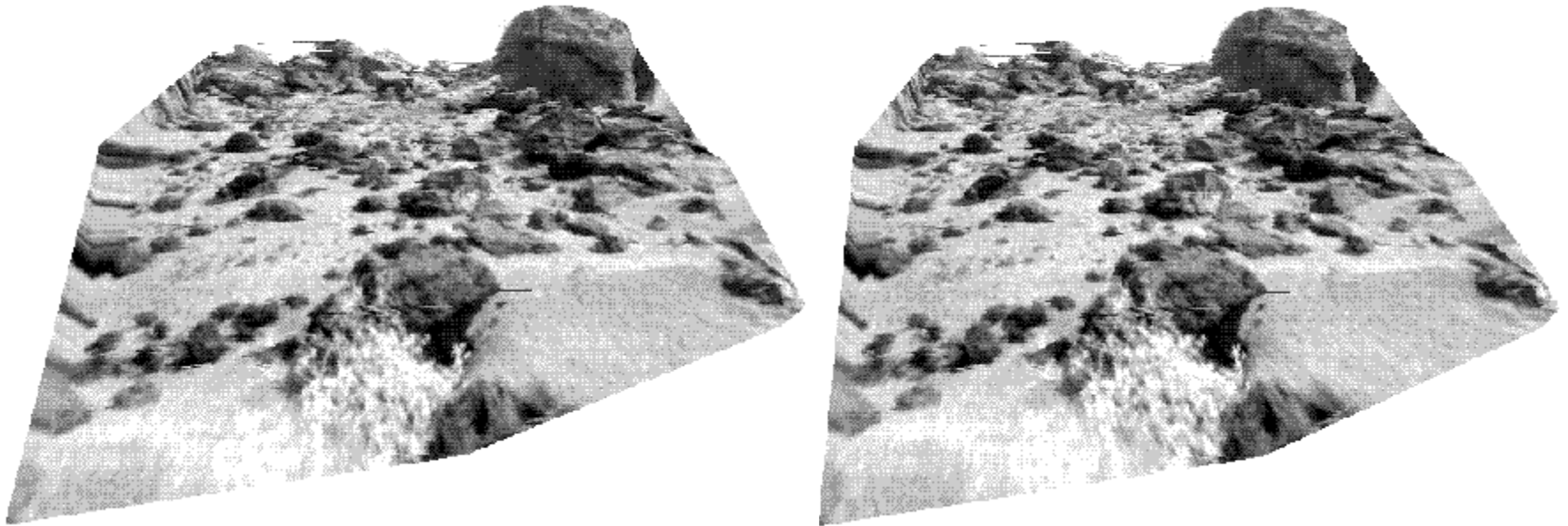
# Point matches found by a correlation technique

File Display Epipolar Matching Click Option Colors Misc Hide Menu Start Save F-Matrix Quit 3.4 s CPU

<Motion> x: 8 y: 1 val: 255 <ButtonPressed> <Motion> x: 40 y: 420 val: 176 <ButtonPressed>



# 3D reconstruction represented by a pseudo stereogram



<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/people/zhang/INRIA/SFM-Ex/SFM-Ex.html>

# Additional Materials: Forward Translating Cameras

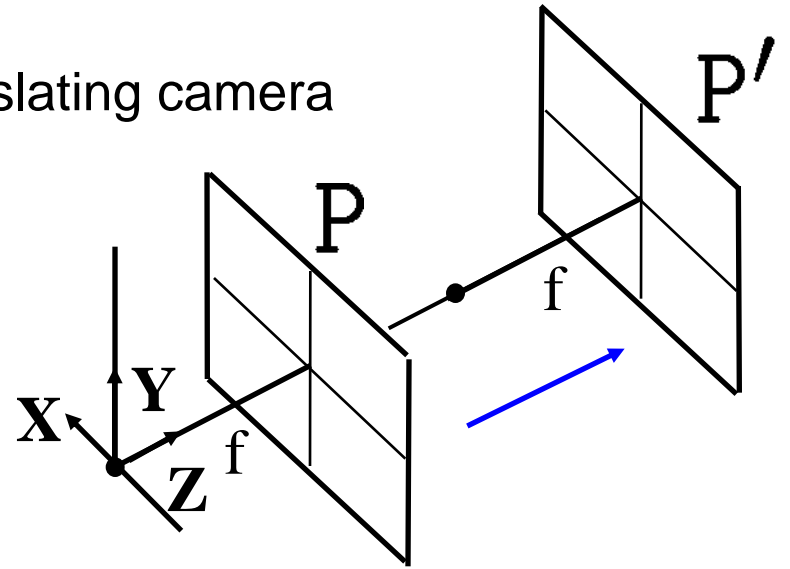




Example II: compute  $F$  for a forward translating camera

$$P = K[I \mid \mathbf{0}] \quad P' = K'[R \mid \mathbf{t}]$$

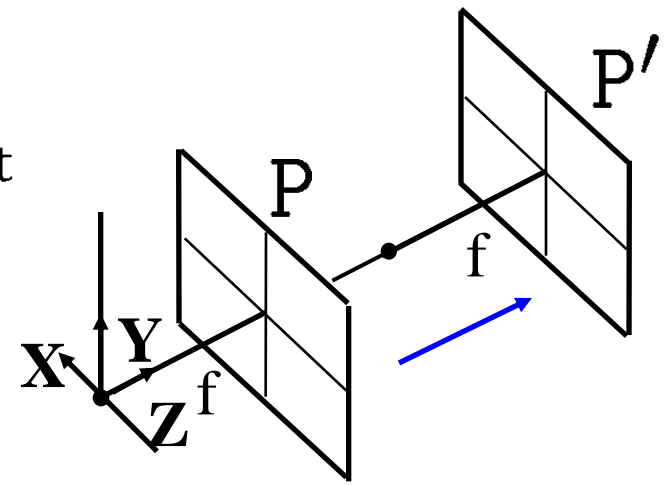
$$K = K' = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R = I \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ t_z \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned} F &= K'^{-T} [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} R K^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -t_z & 0 \\ t_z & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

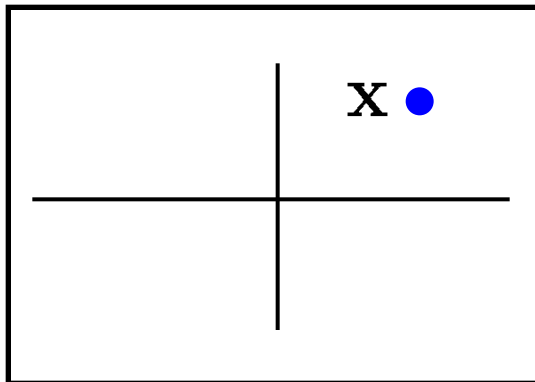
From  $l' = Fx$  the epipolar line for the point  $x = (x, y, 1)^T$  is

$$l' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

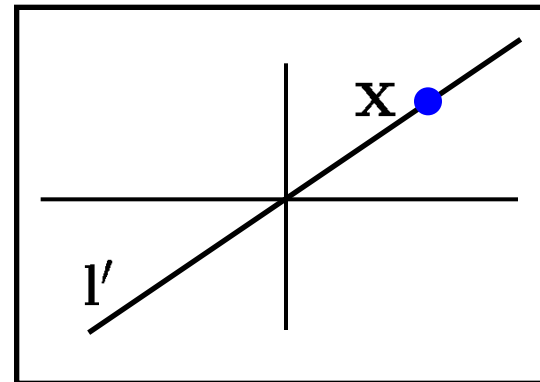


The points  $(x, y, 1)^T$  and  $(0, 0, 1)^T$  lie on this line

first image



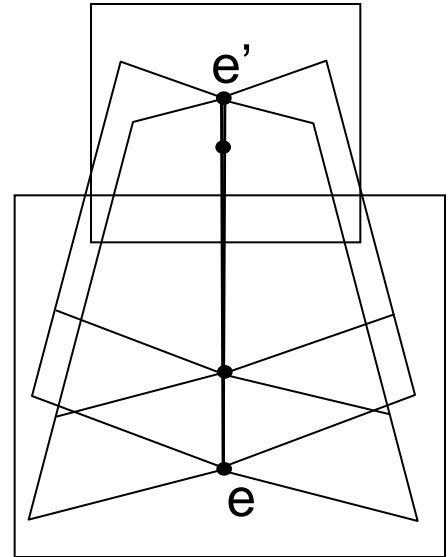
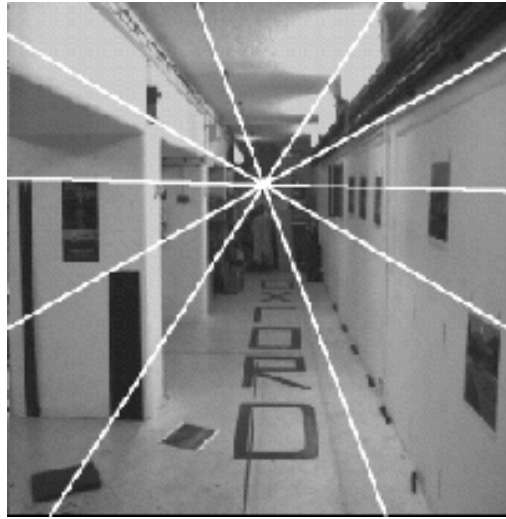
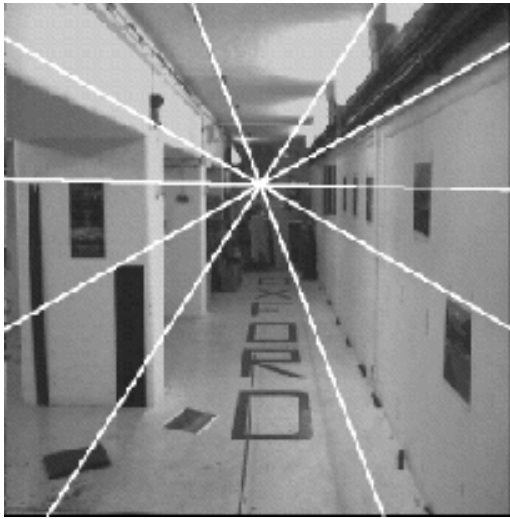
second image











# Summary: Properties of the Fundamental matrix

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- $F$  is a rank 2 homogeneous matrix with 7 degrees of freedom.
- **Point correspondence:**  
if  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  are corresponding image points, then  $\mathbf{x}'^T F \mathbf{x} = 0$ .
- **Epipolar lines:**
  - ◇  $\mathbf{l}' = F \mathbf{x}$  is the epipolar line corresponding to  $\mathbf{x}$ .
  - ◇  $\mathbf{l} = F^T \mathbf{x}'$  is the epipolar line corresponding to  $\mathbf{x}'$ .
- **Epipoles:**
  - ◇  $F \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$ .
  - ◇  $F^T \mathbf{e}' = \mathbf{0}$ .
- **Computation from camera matrices  $P, P'$ :**  
 $P = K[I \mid \mathbf{0}]$ ,  $P' = K'[R \mid \mathbf{t}]$ ,  $F = K'^{-T}[\mathbf{t}]_{\times} R K^{-1}$

# Goal: 3D from Stereo via Disparity Map



image  $I(x,y)$

Disparity map  $D(x,y)$

image  $I'(x',y')$



$$(x',y')=(x+D(x,y),y)$$

# Example: Stereo to Depth Map



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