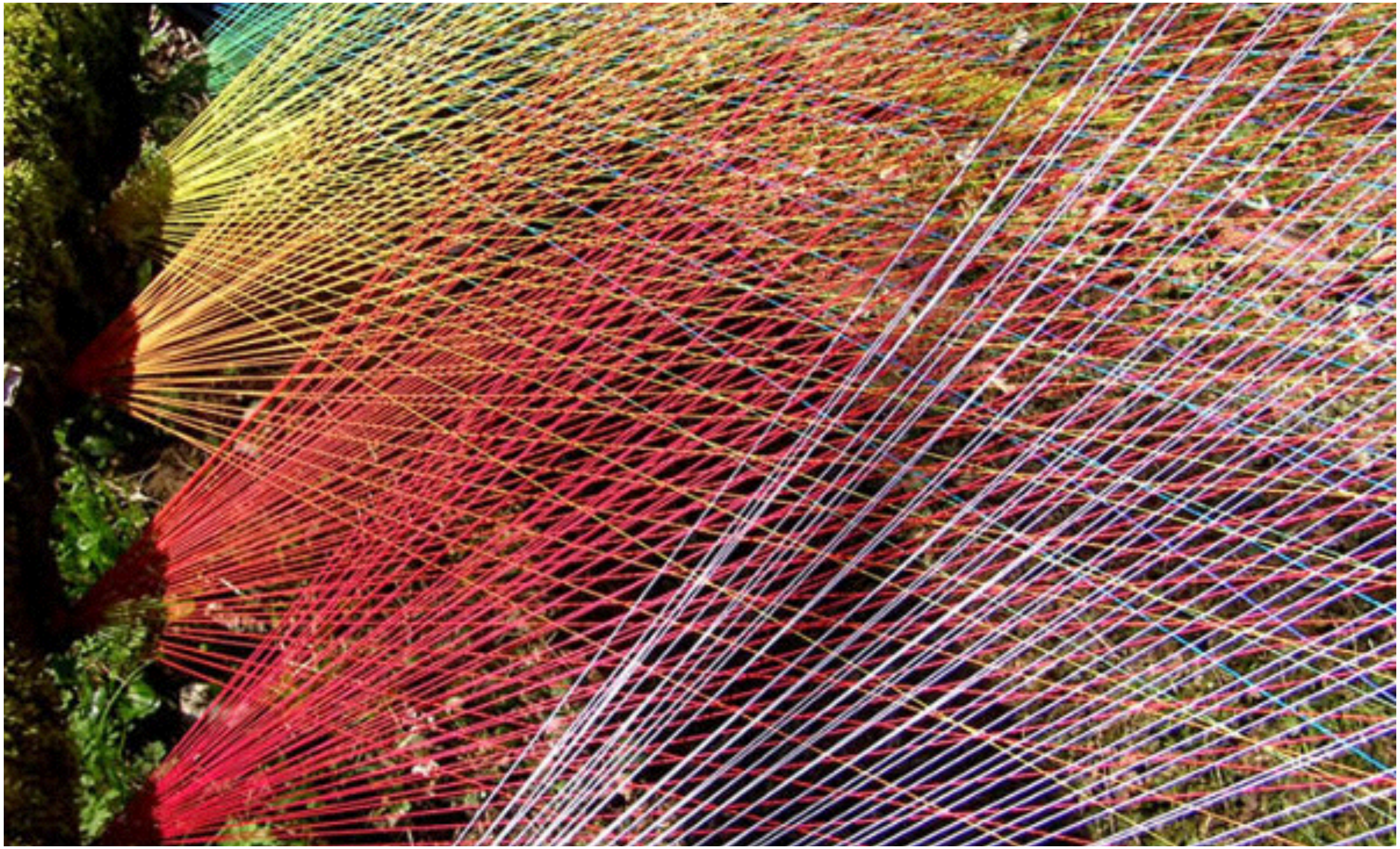

Epipolar Geometry

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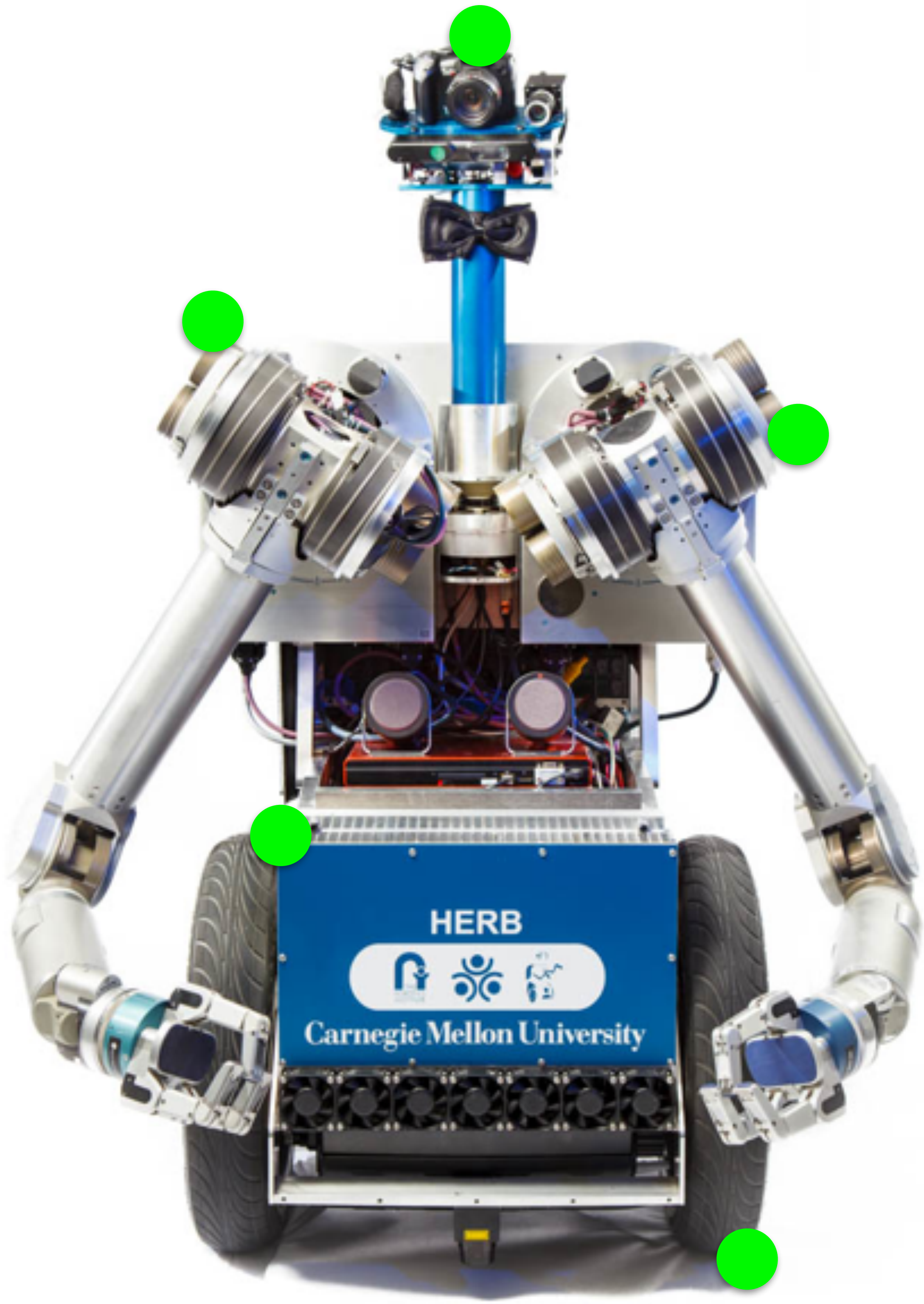
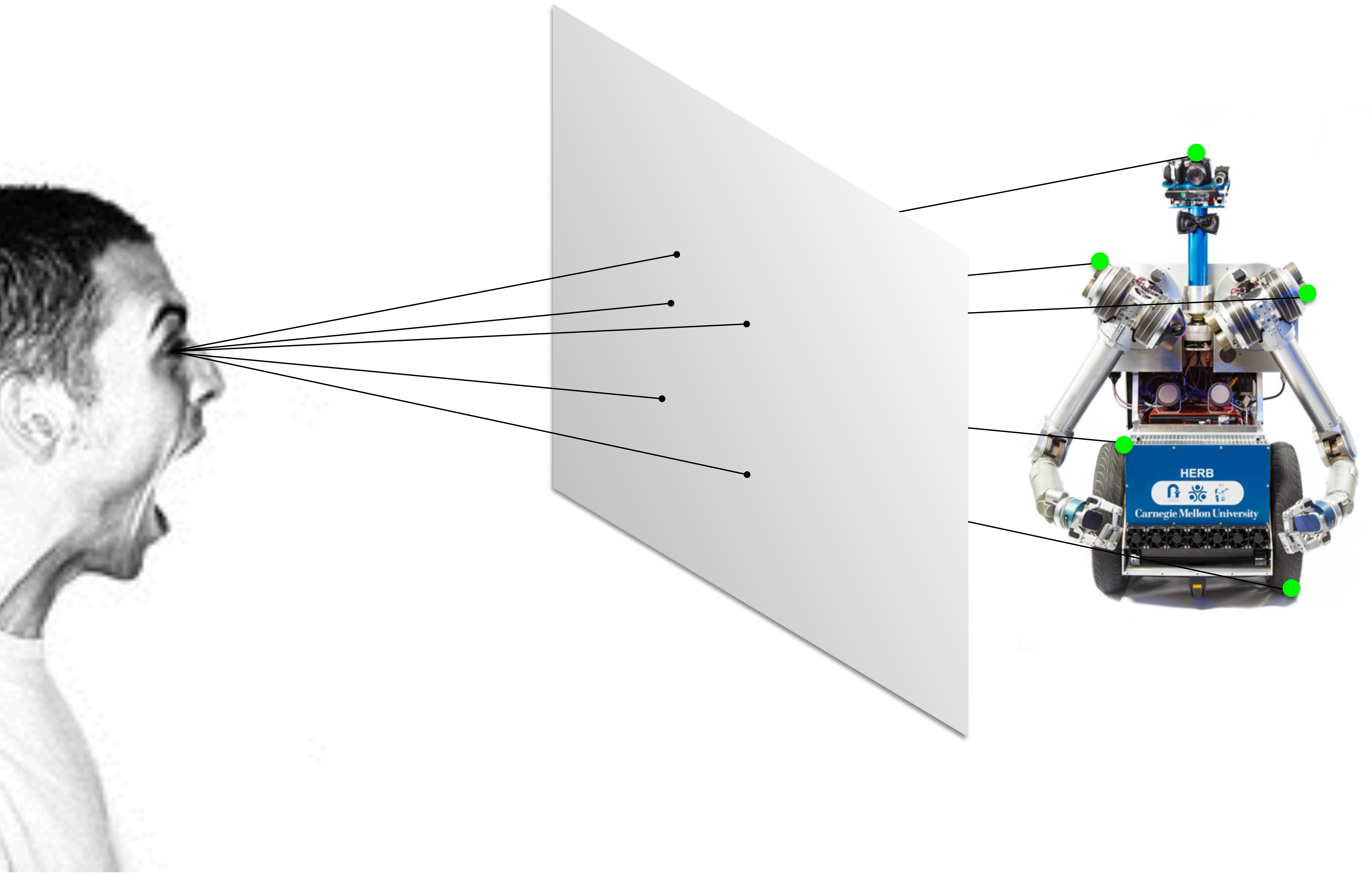


Tie tiny threads on HERB and pin them to your eyeball

What would it look like?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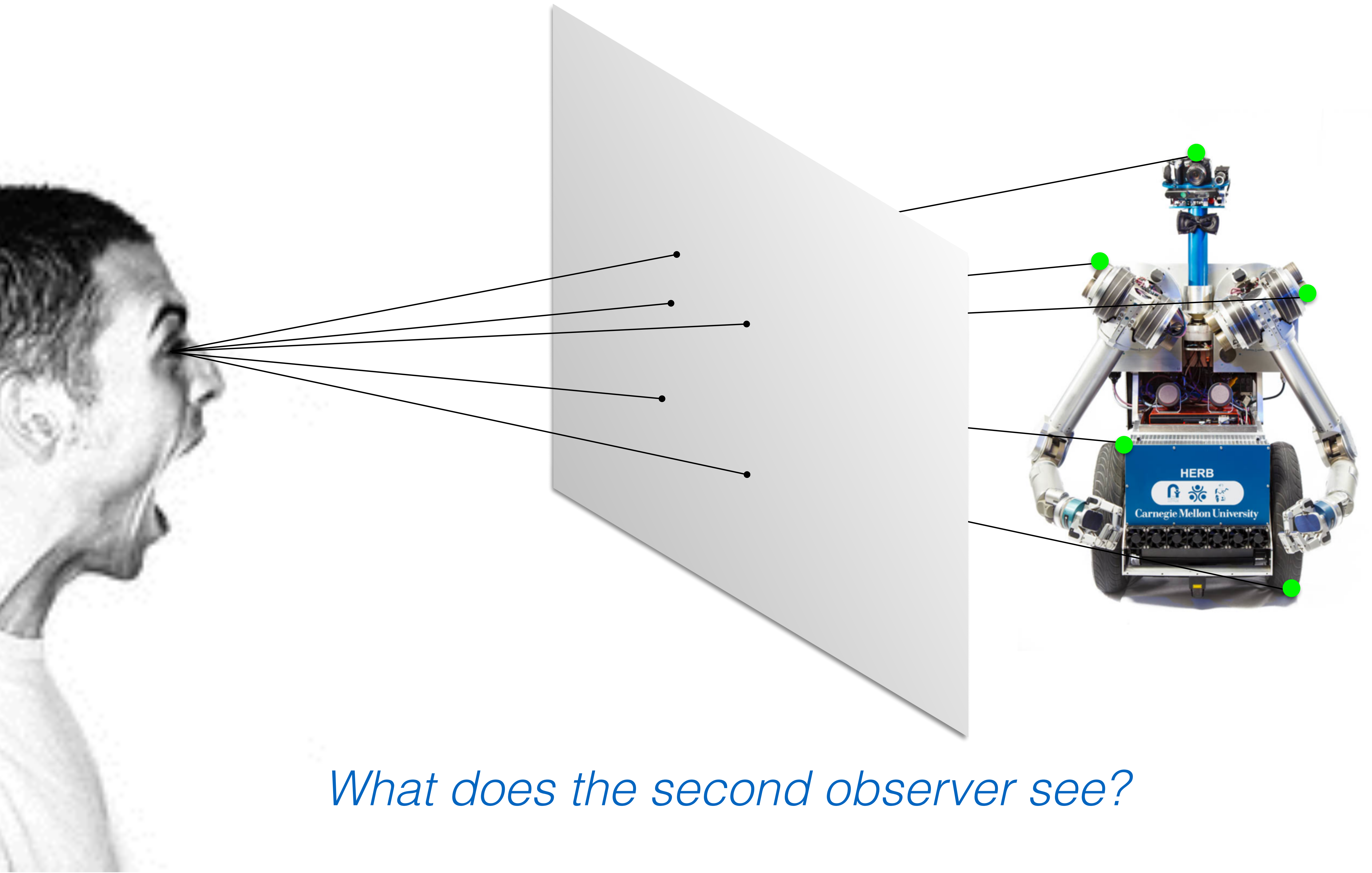
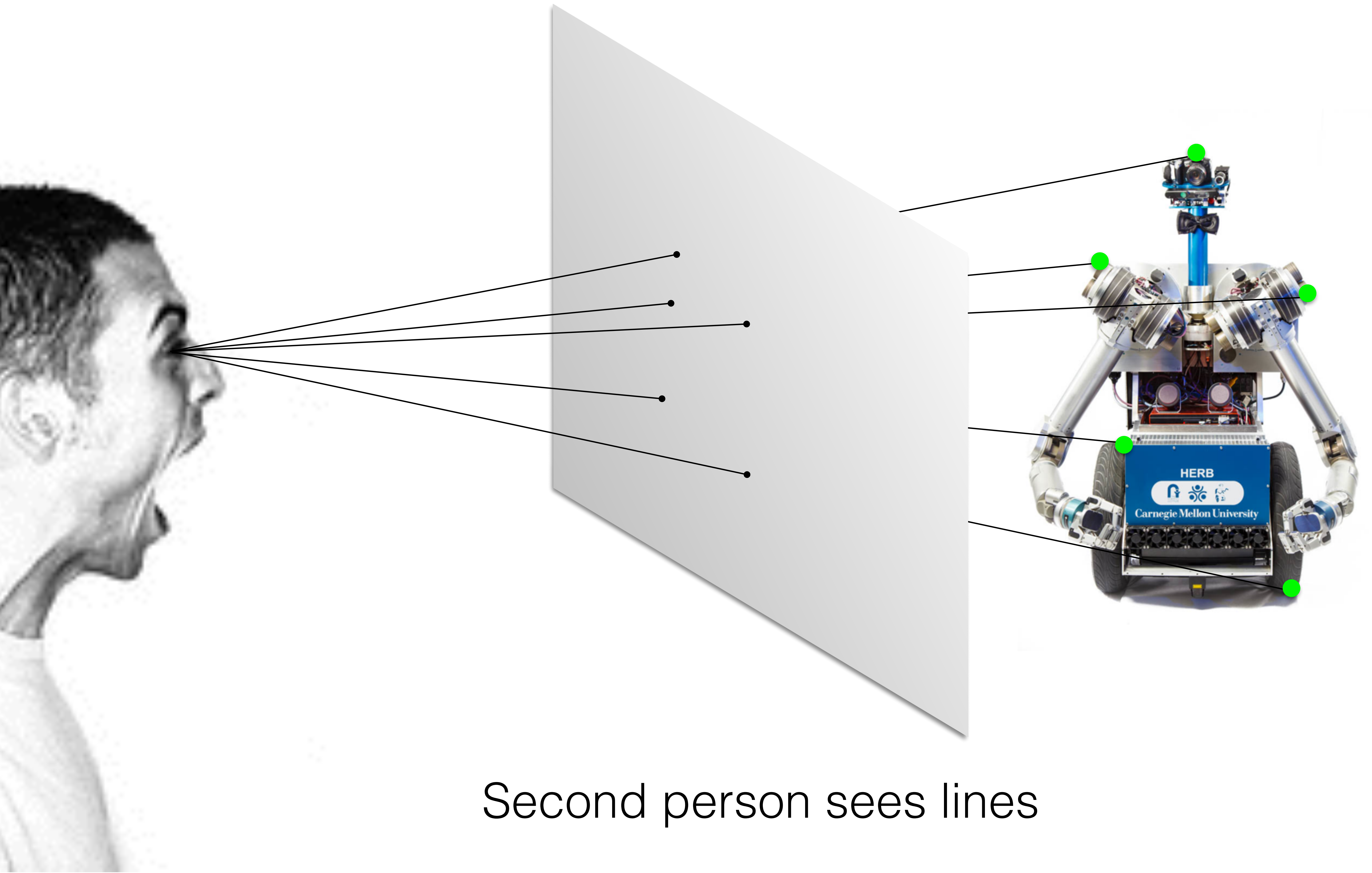
You see points on HERB



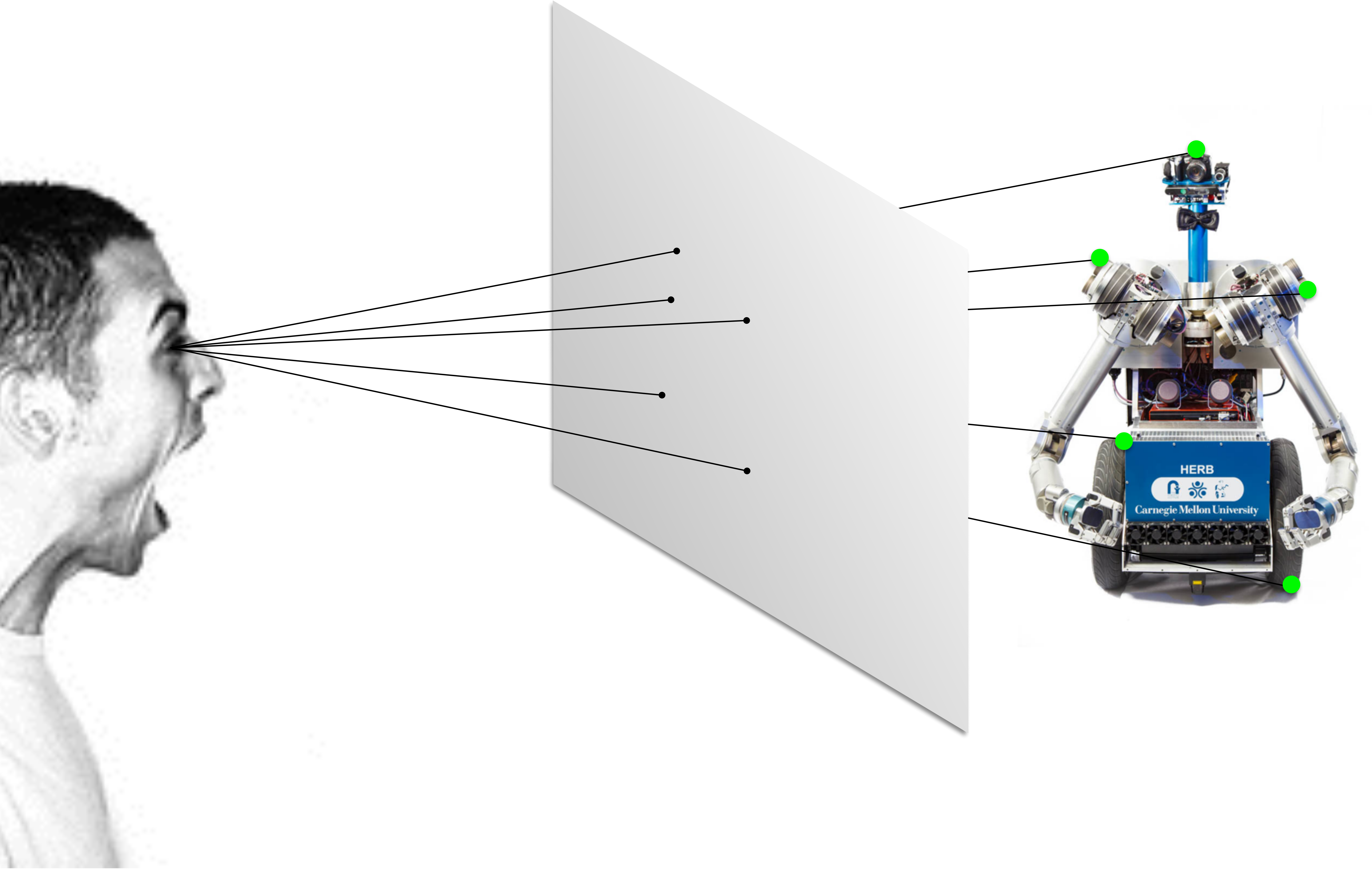
What does the second observer see?

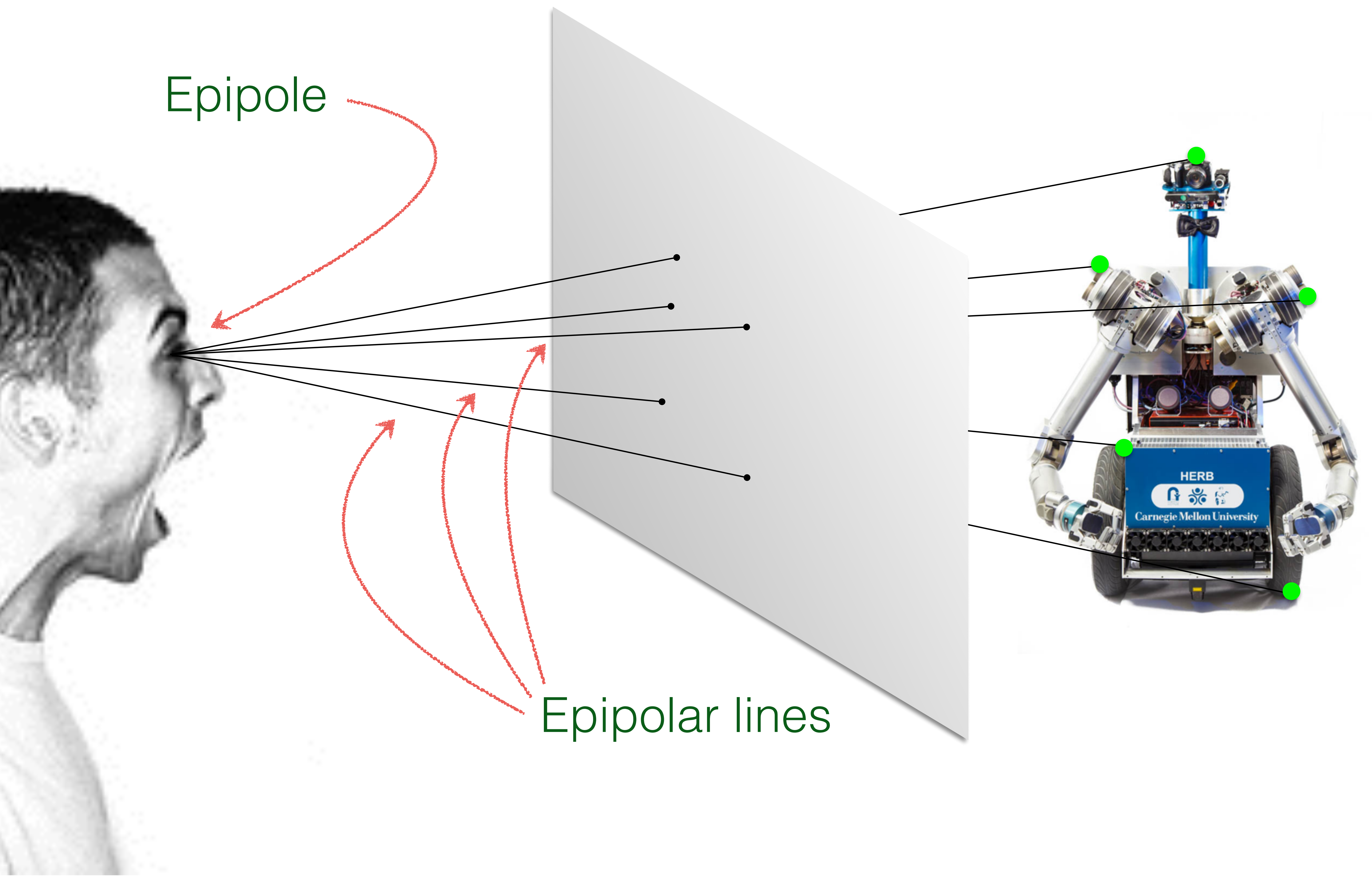
You see points on HERB



Second person sees lines

This is Epipolar Geometry





Epipole
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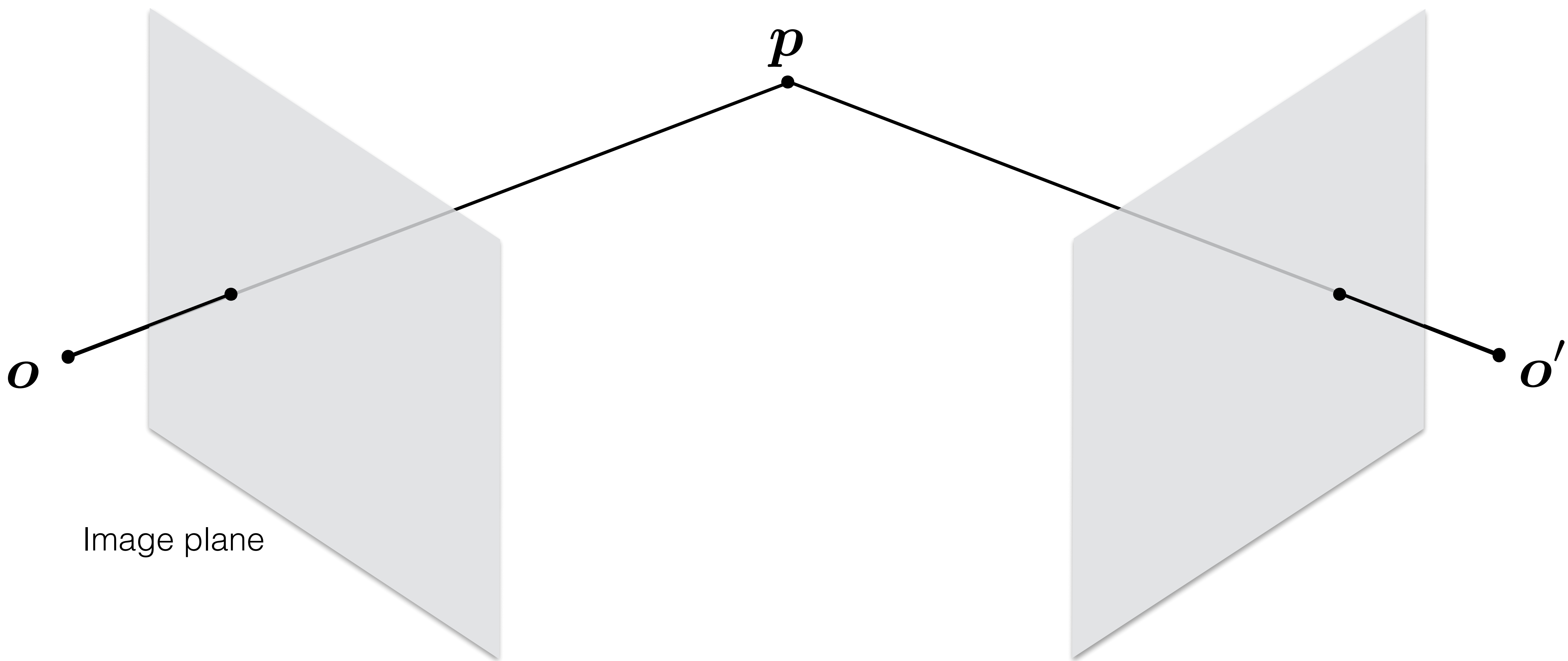
Epipolar lines

Epipolar geometry



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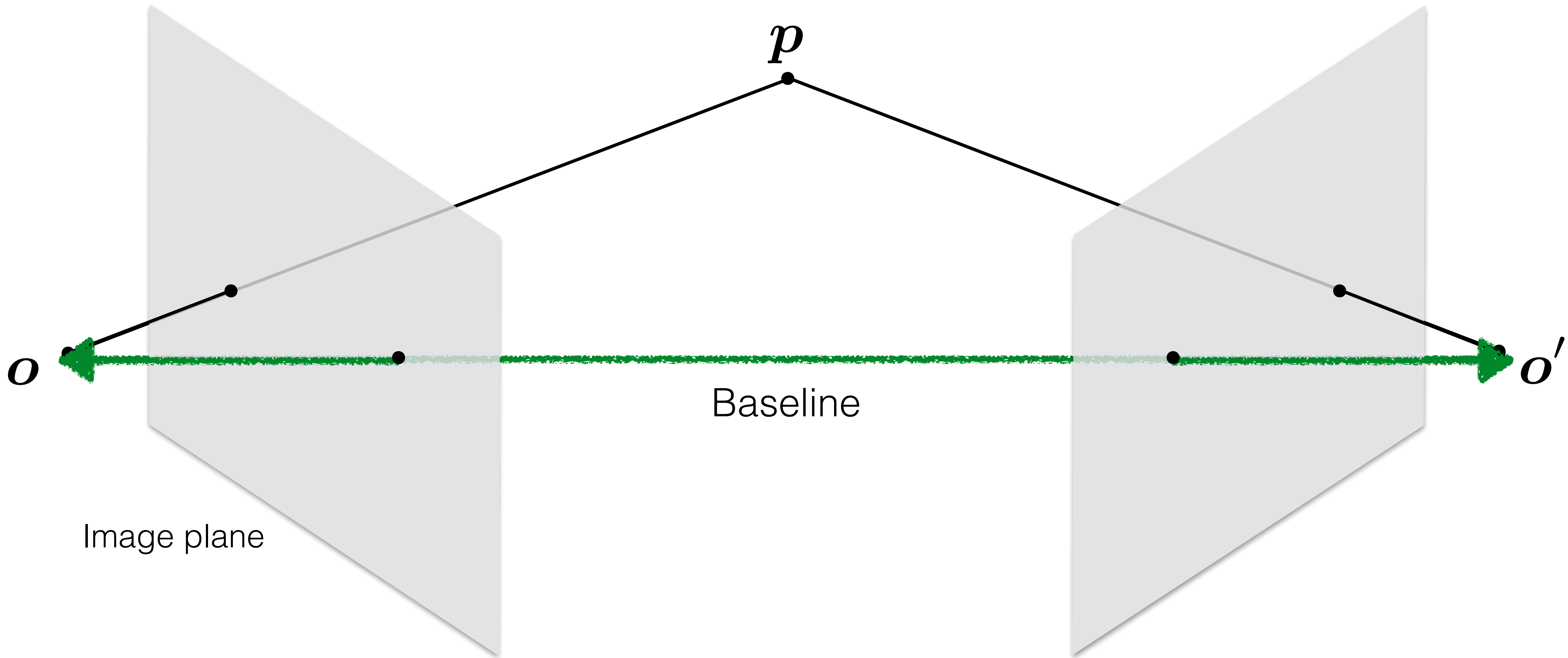

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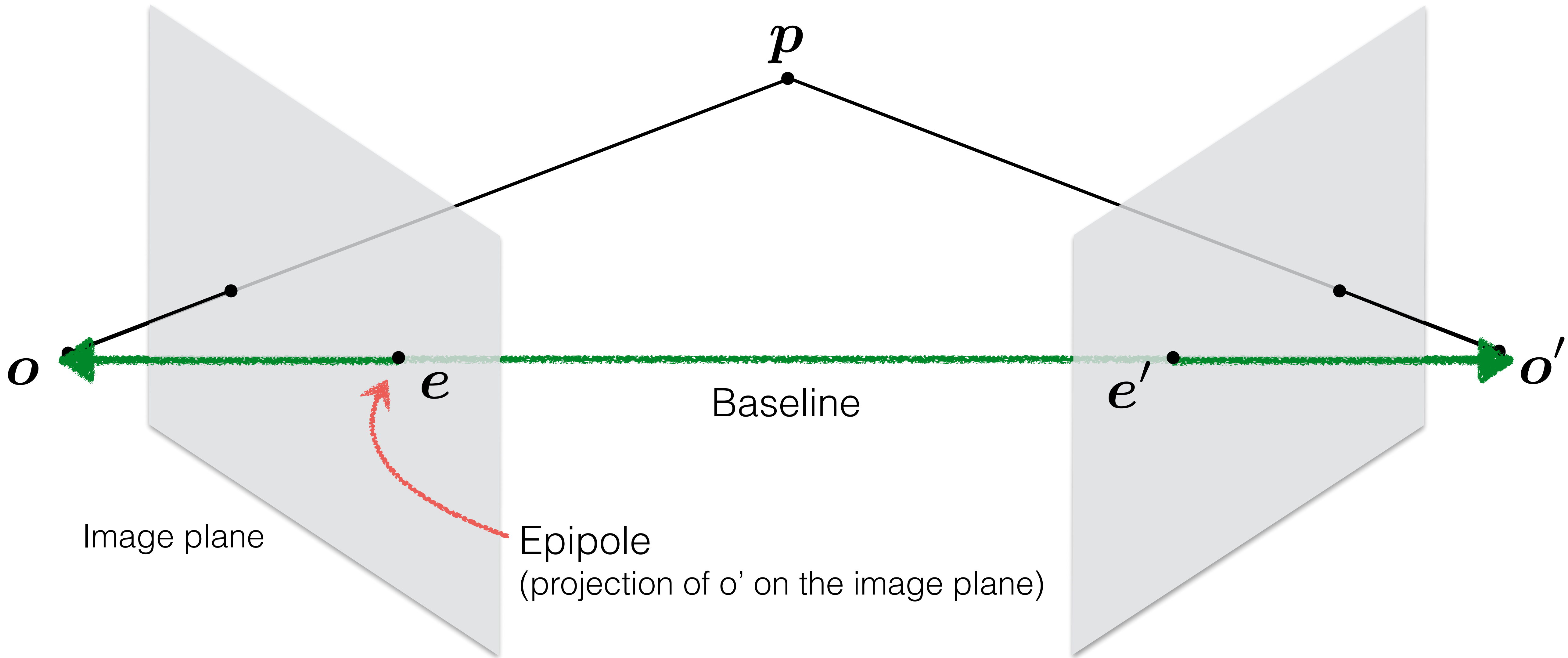

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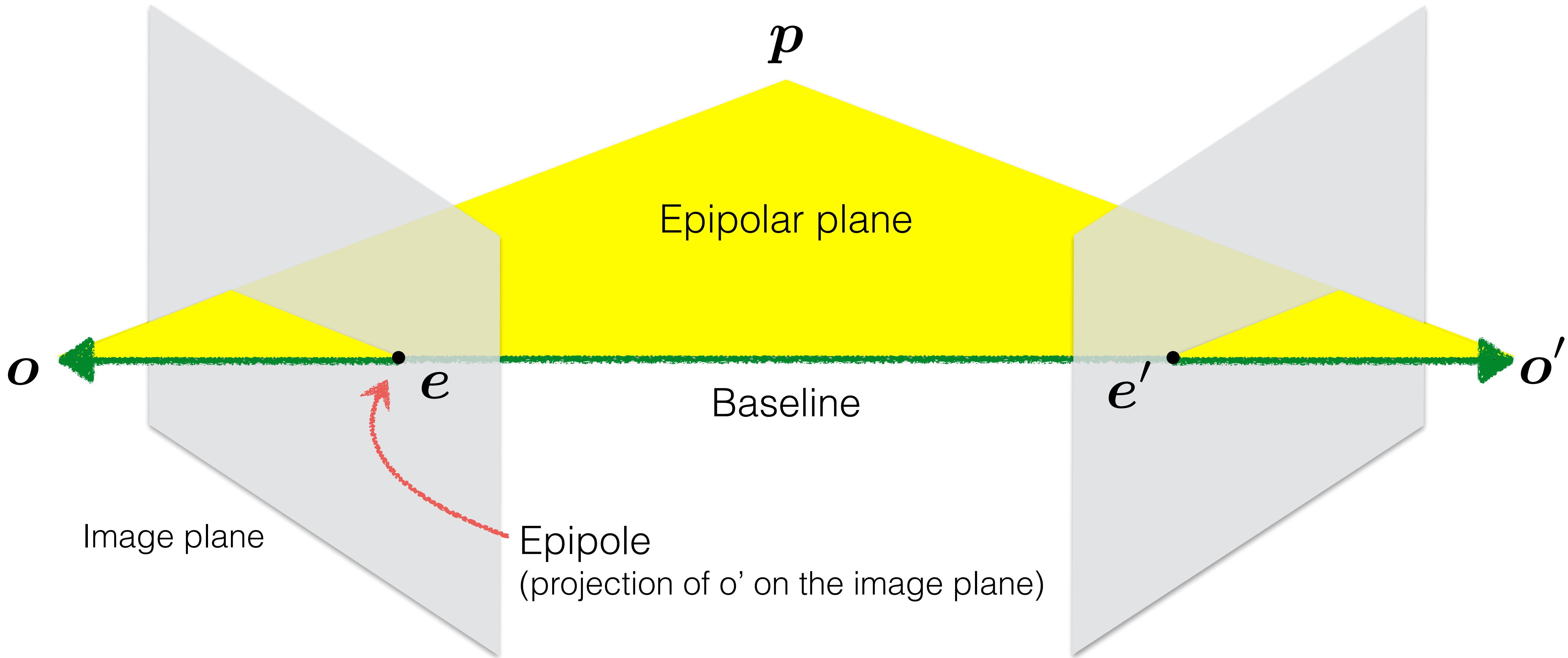

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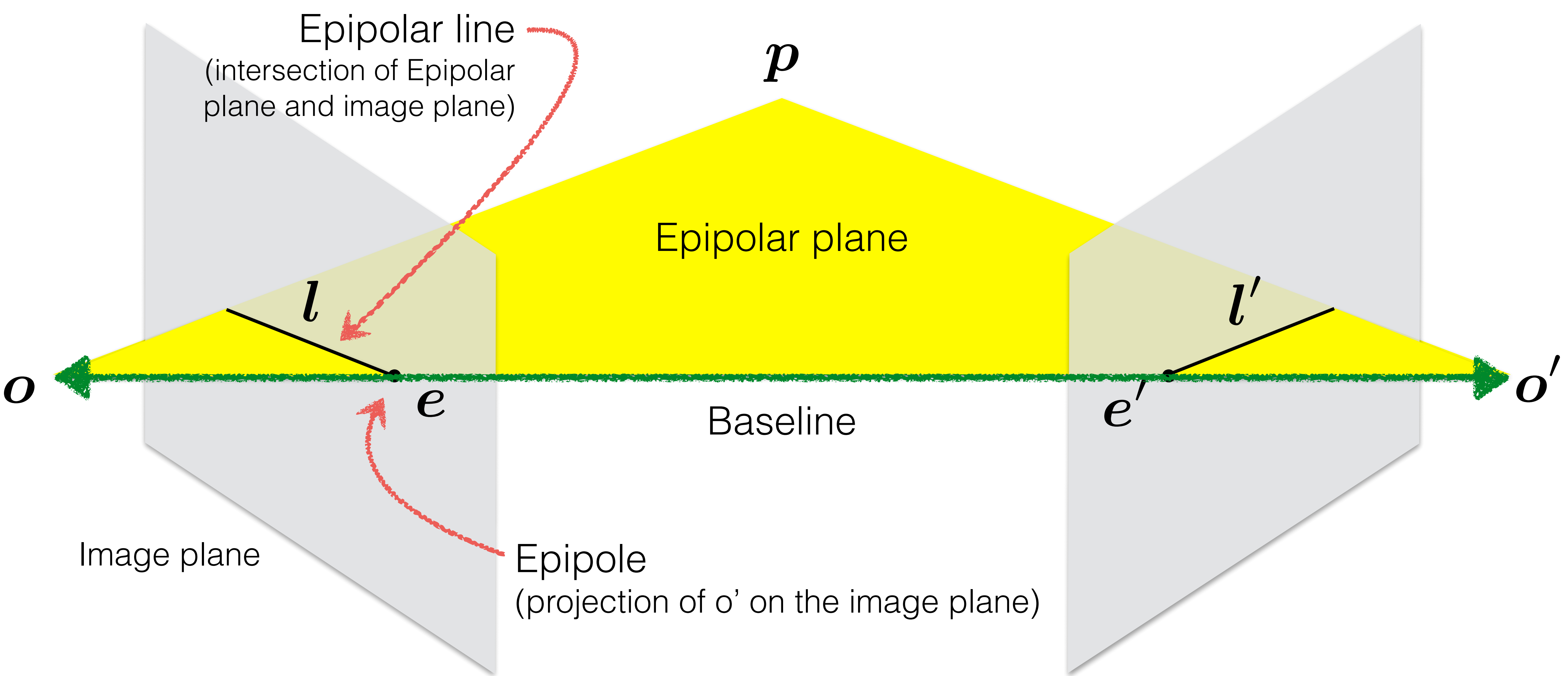
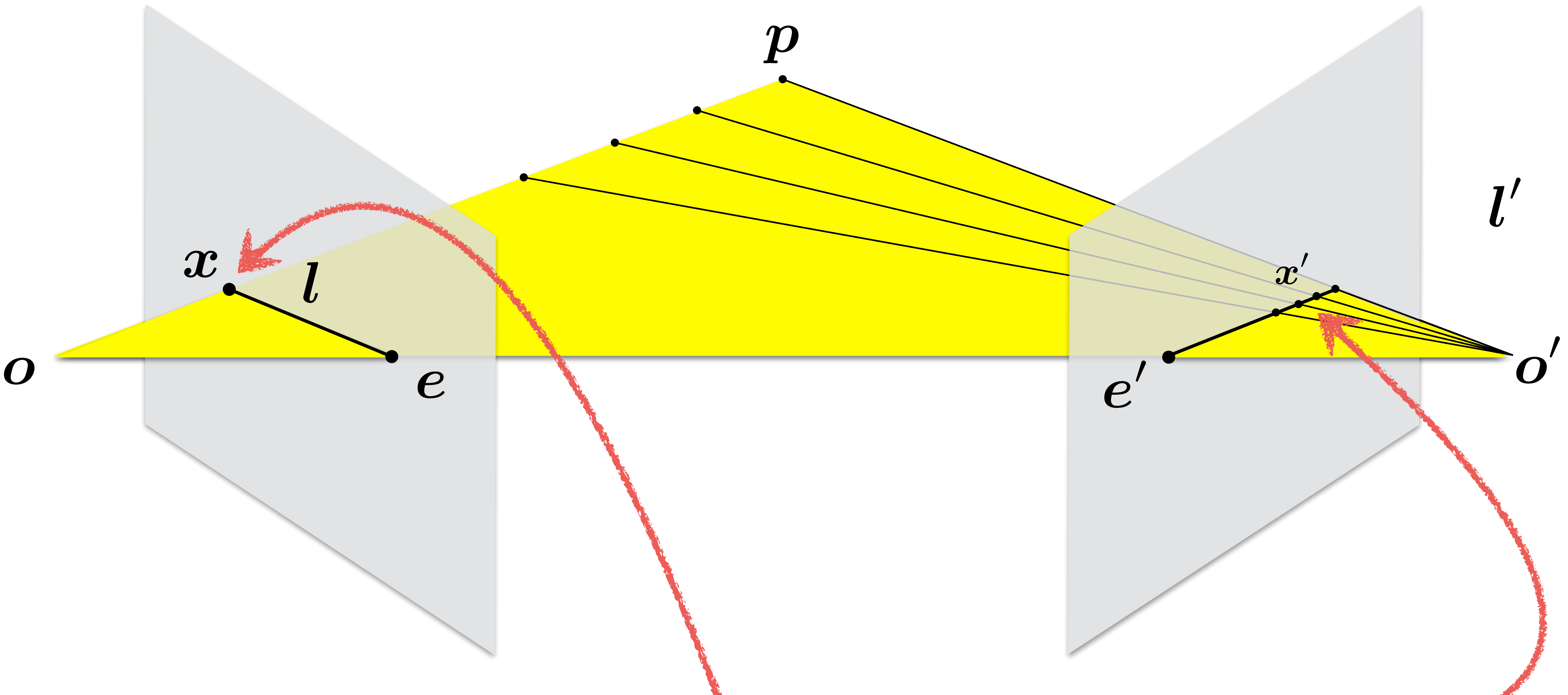
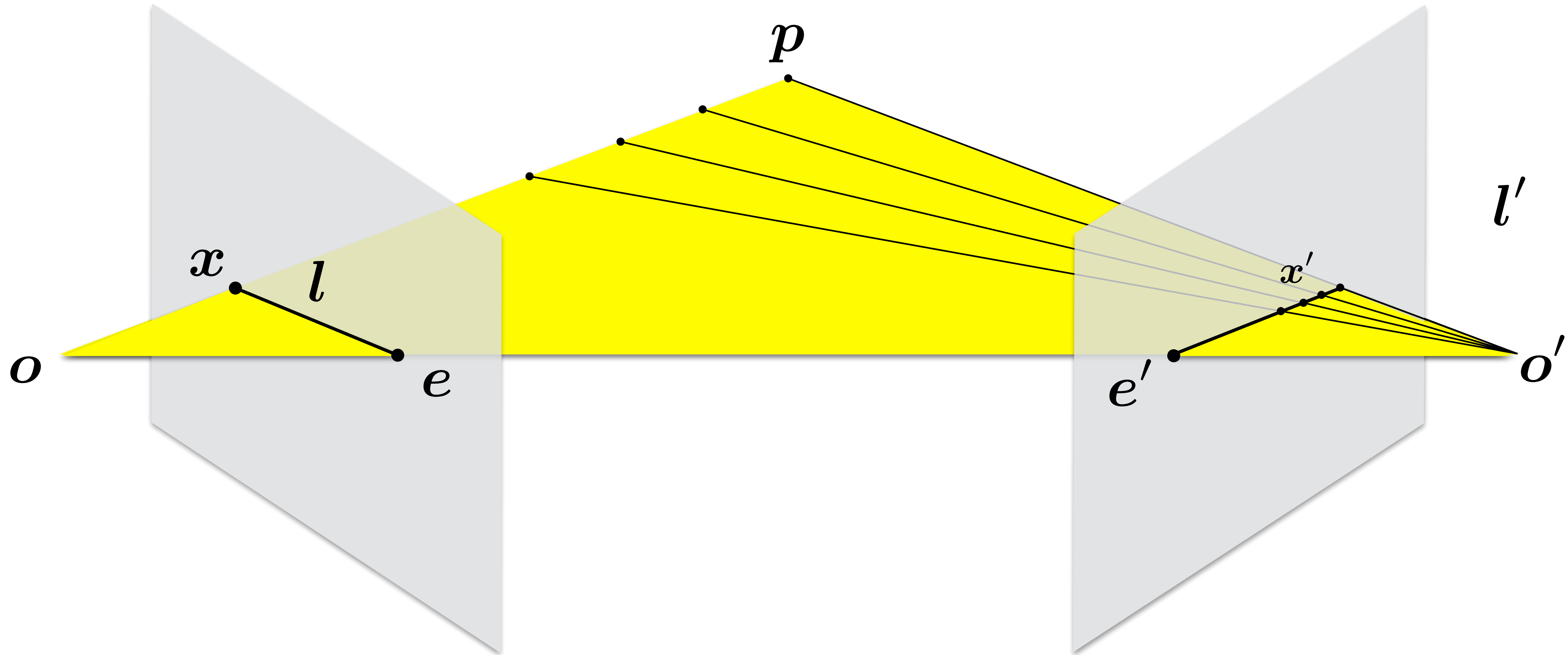


Epipolar constraint



Potential matches for x lie on the epipolar line l'



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

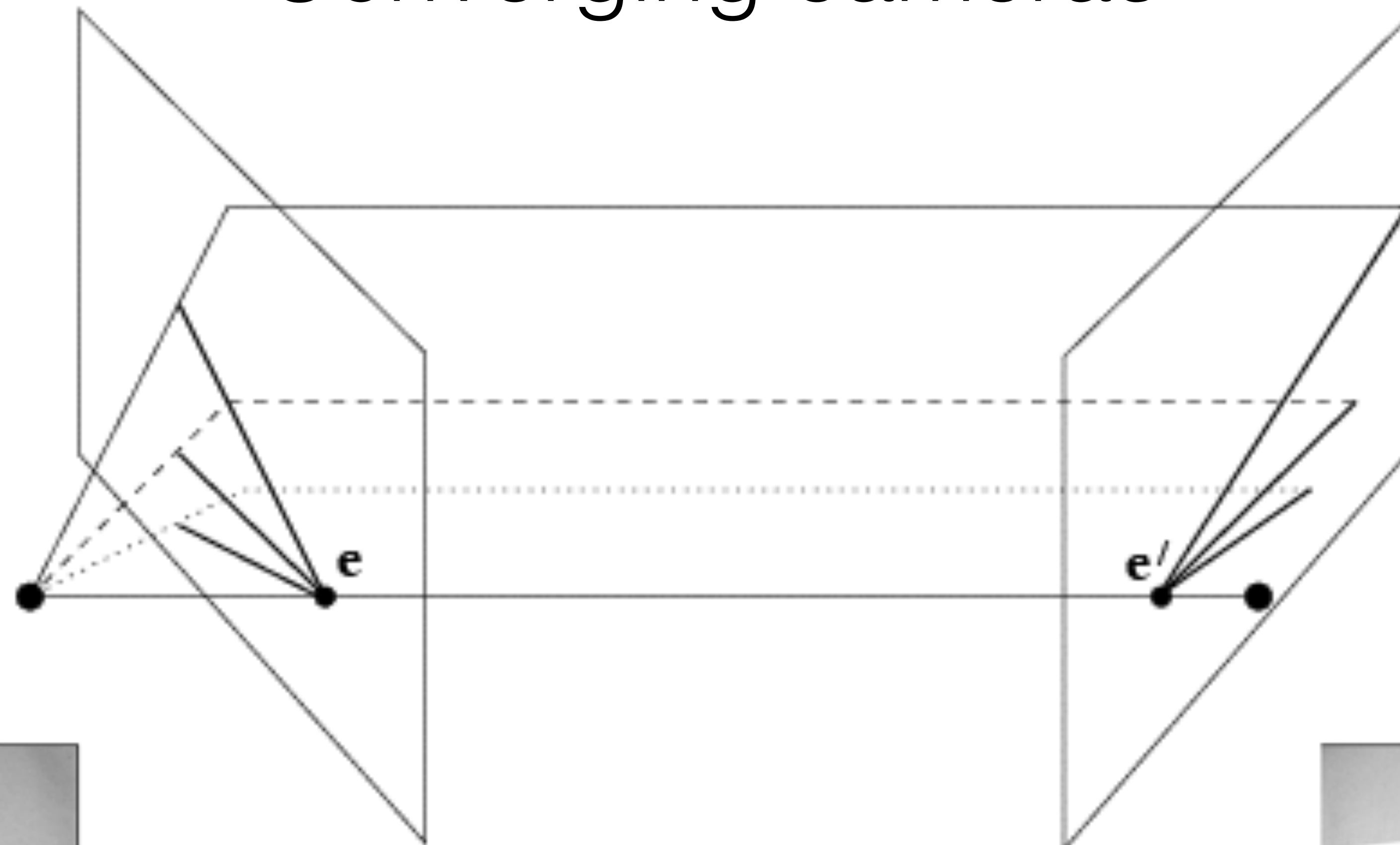
The baseline connects the ___________ and ____________

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

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

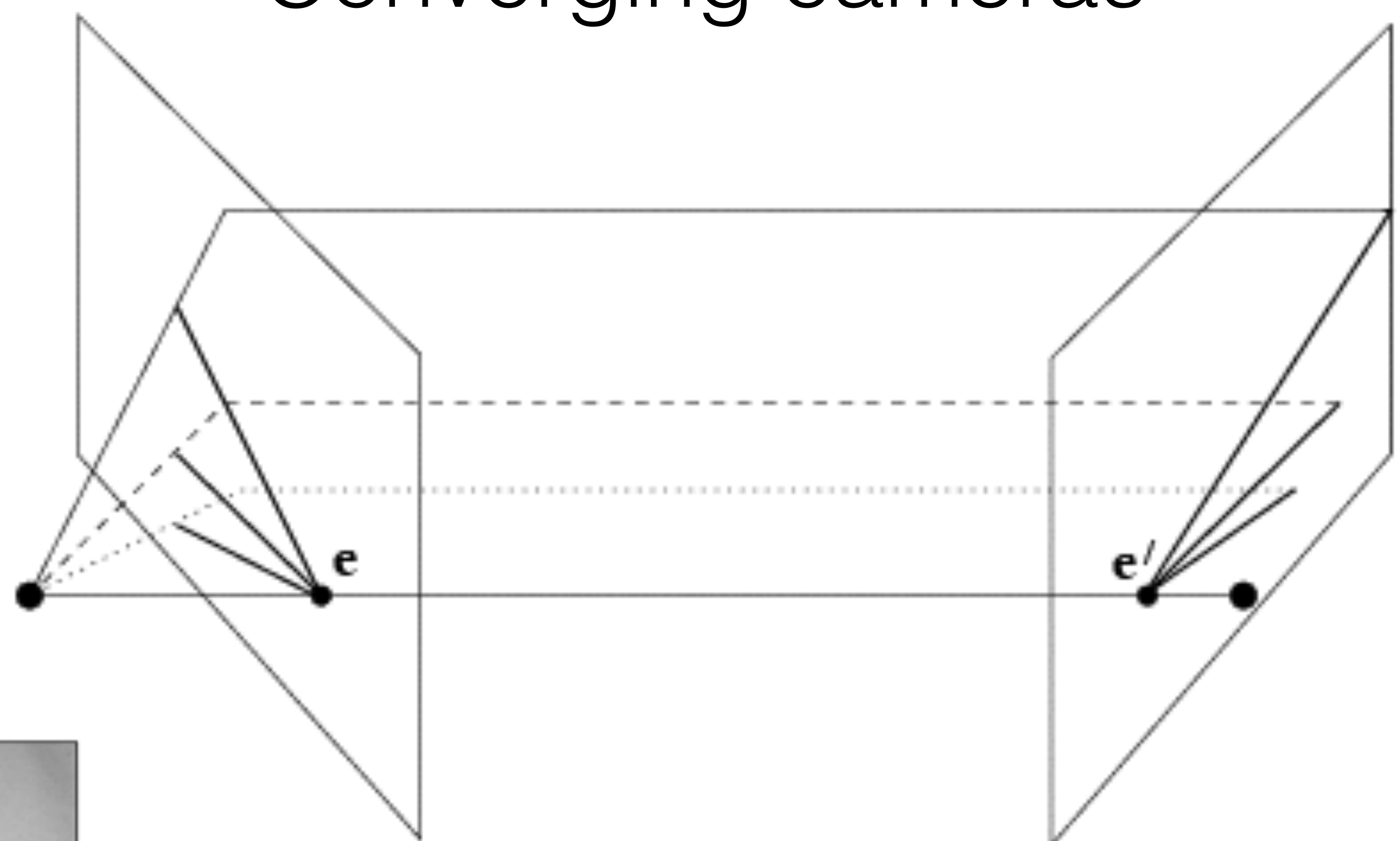
All epipolar lines in an image intersect at the ______________

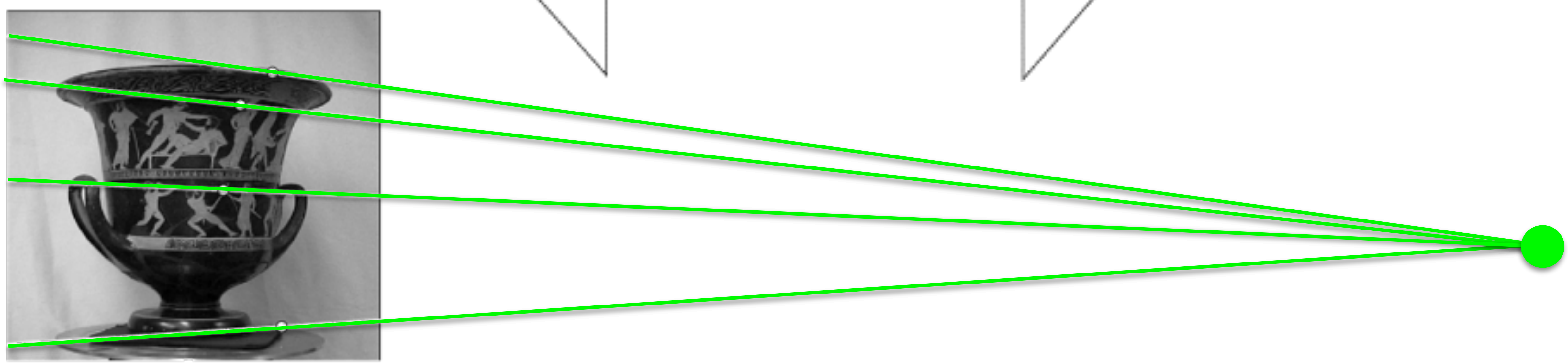
Converging cameras



Where is the epipole in this image?

Converging cameras

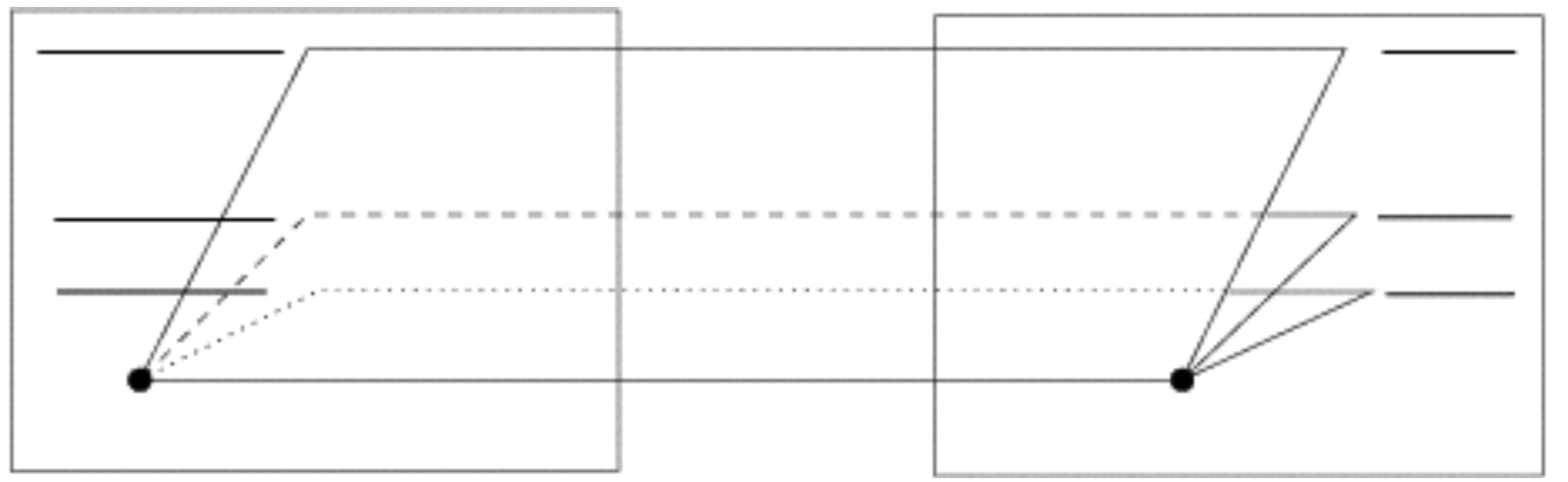


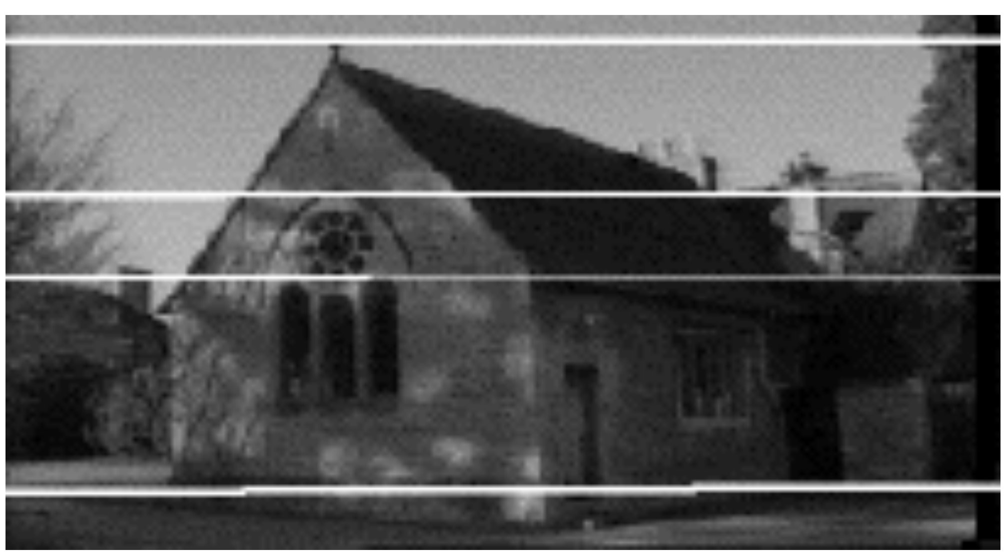


Where is the epipole in this image?

It's not always in the image

Parallel cameras





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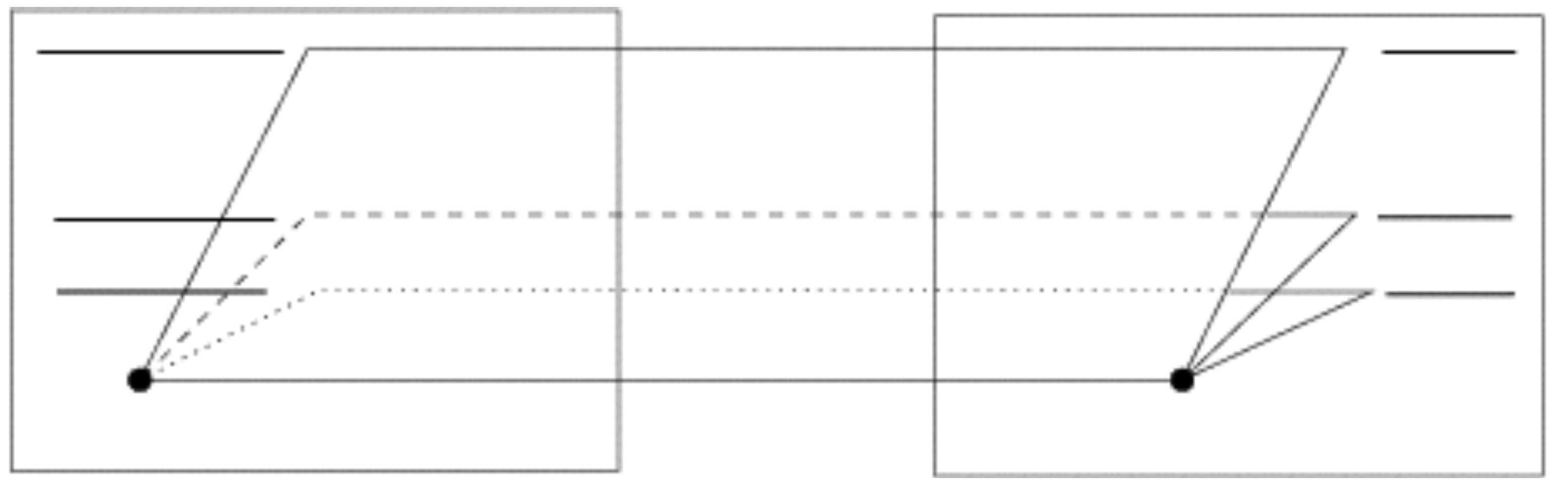


epipole at infinity

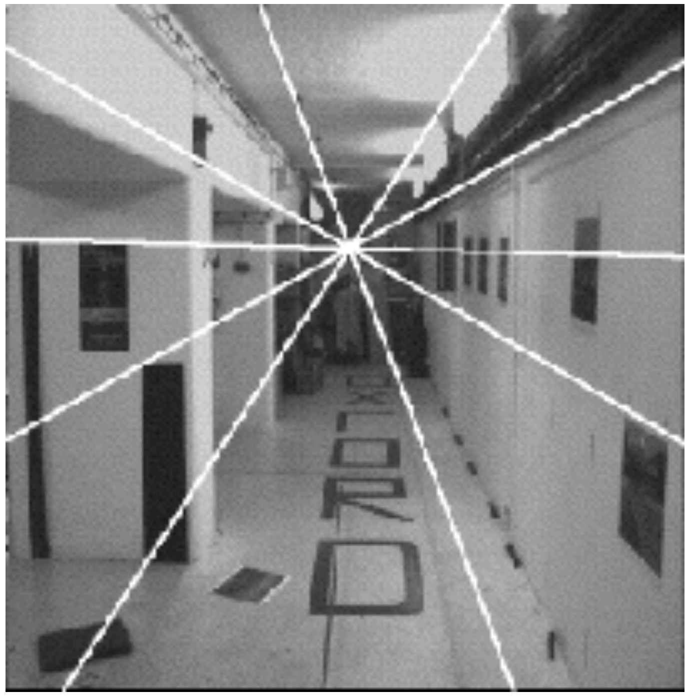
Forward moving camera

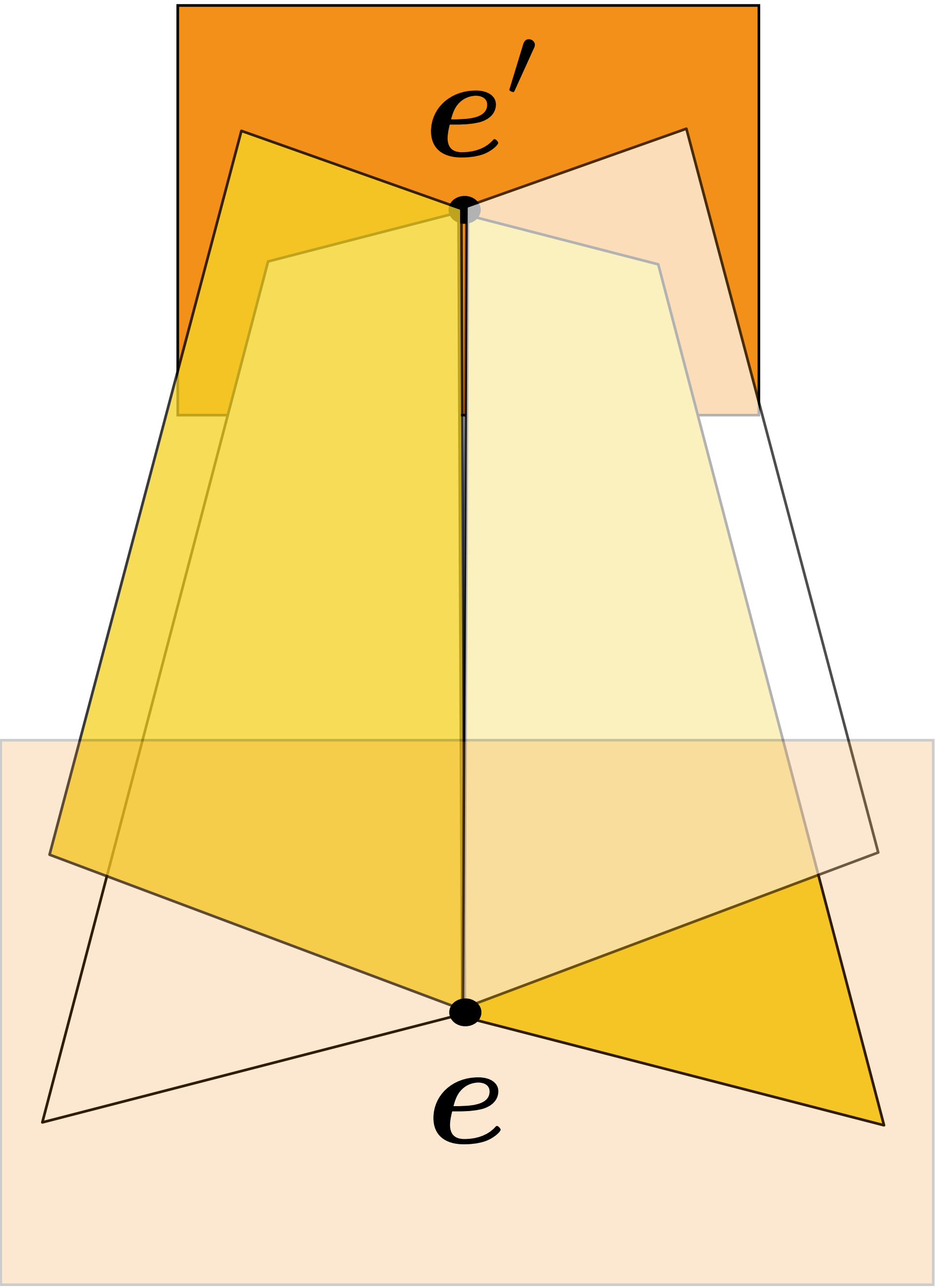
Forward moving camera

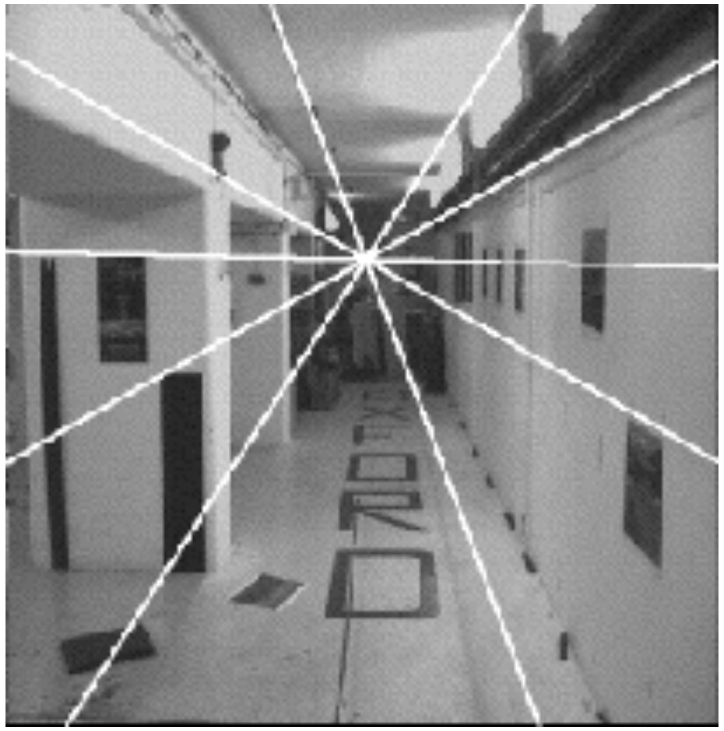
Where is the epipole?

What do the epipolar lines look like?

Epipole has same coordinates in both images.
Points move along lines radiating from "Focus of expansion"

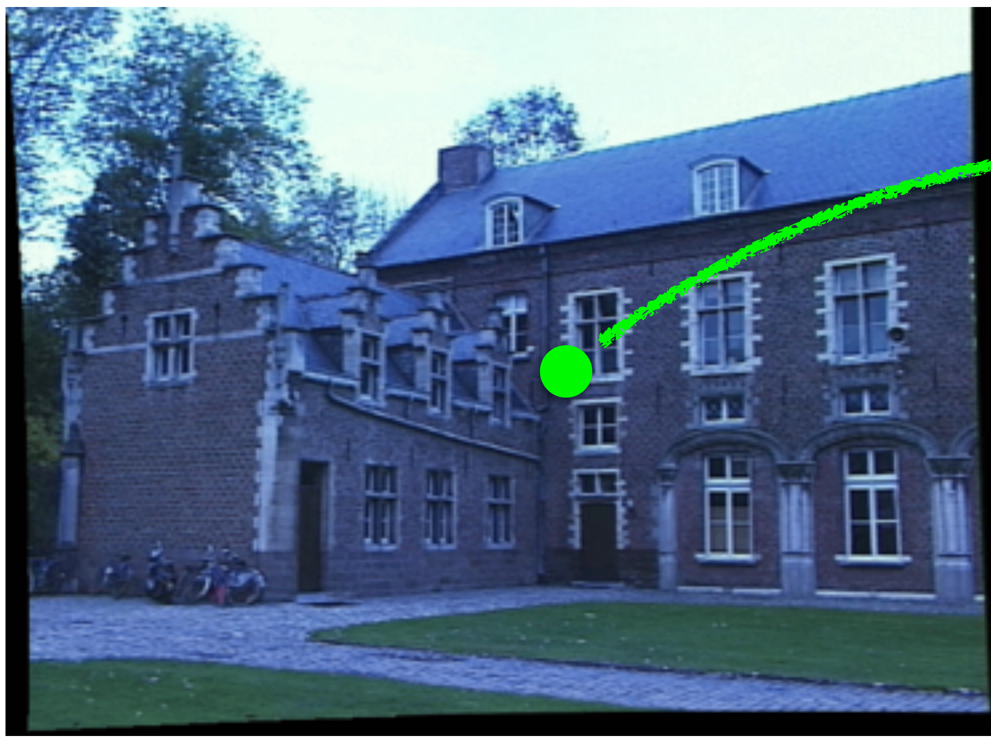






The epipolar constraint is an important concept for stereo vision

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



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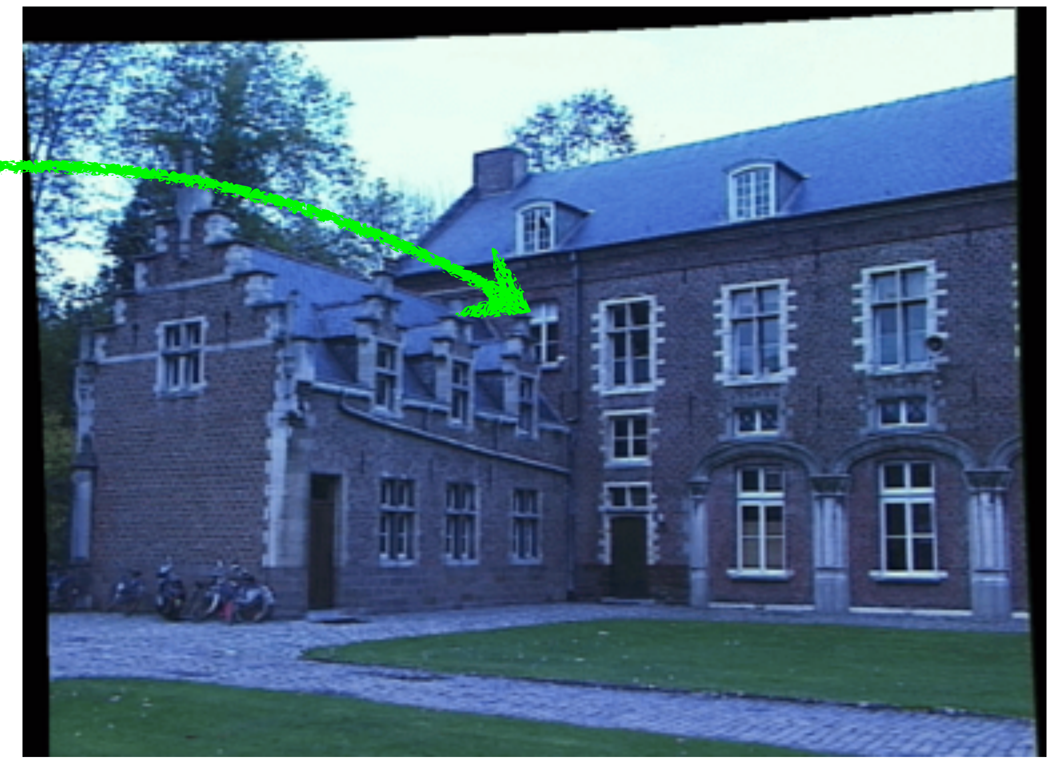

Right image

How would you do it?

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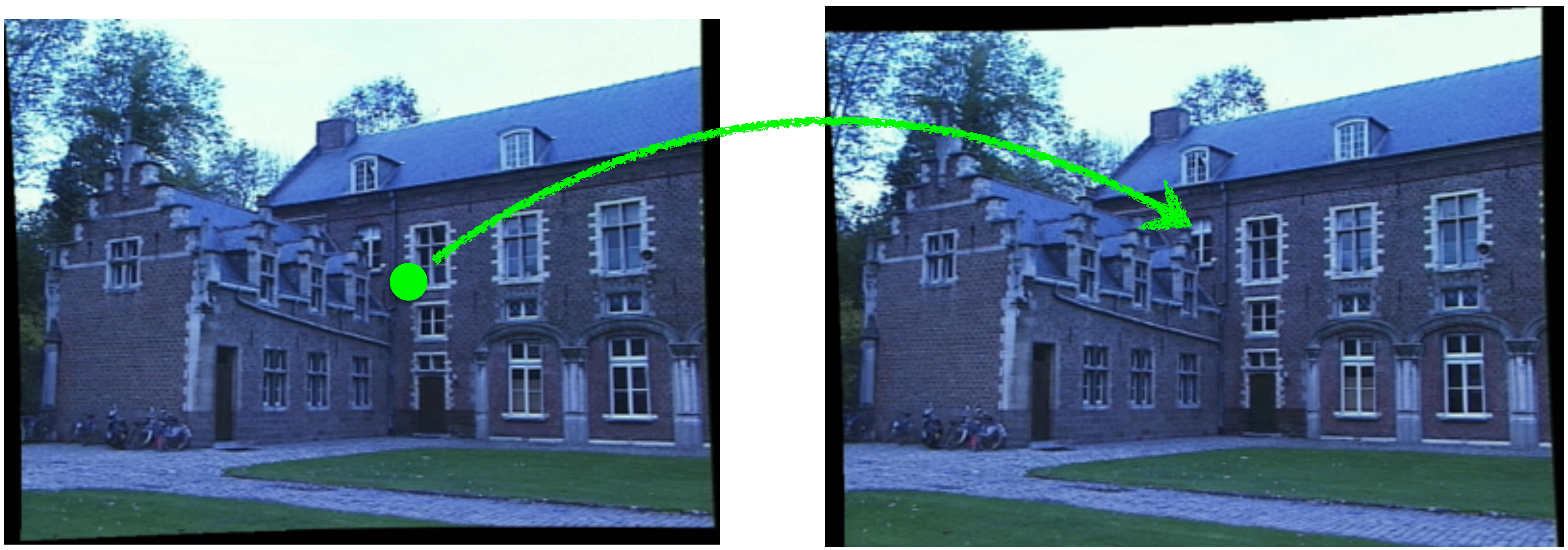

Left image

Right image

Want to avoid search over entire image

(if the images have been rectified)
Epipolar constrain reduces search to a single line

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imagination and vision

$$\mathbf{E}$$

Essential Matrix

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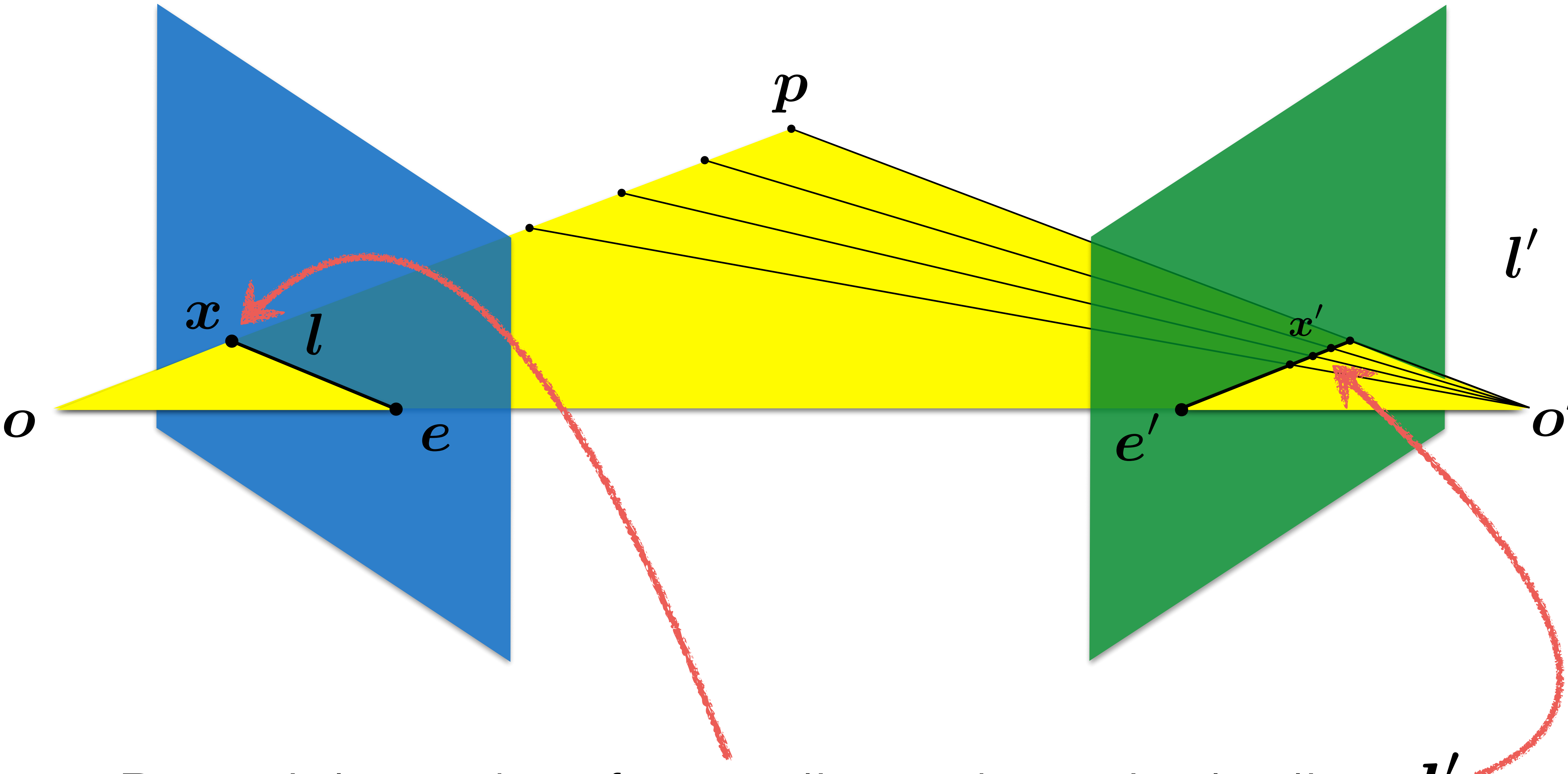
Recall:Epipolar constraint



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

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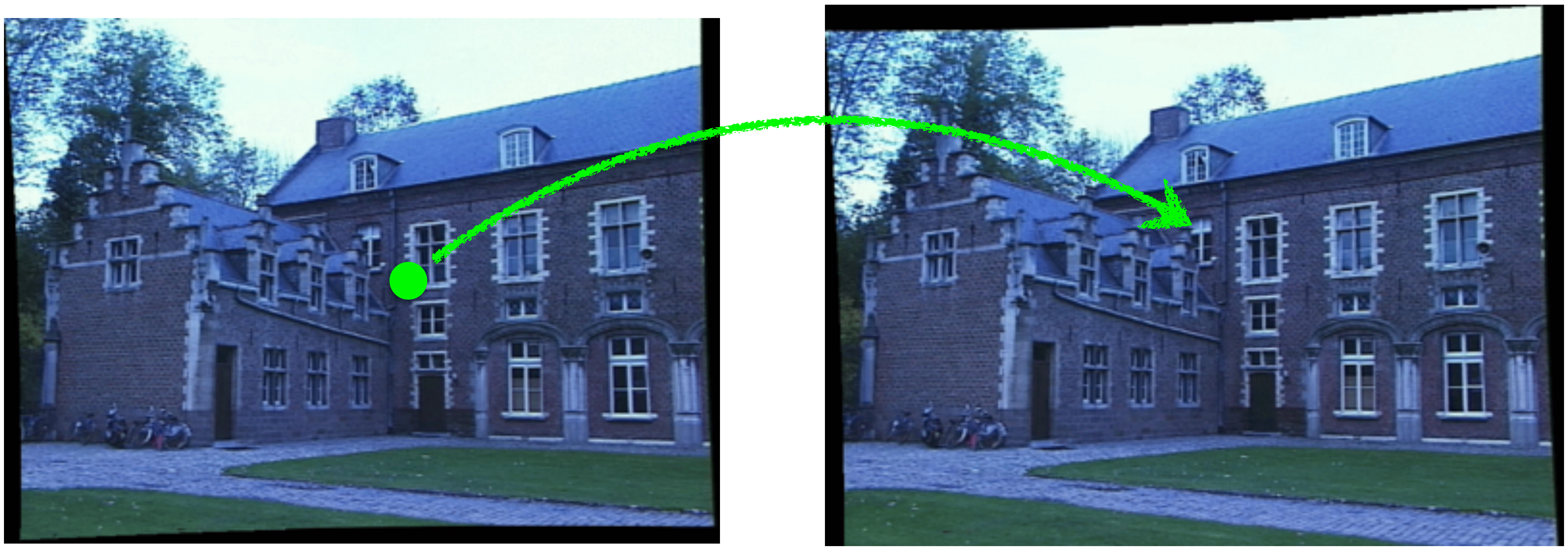

Left image   Right image

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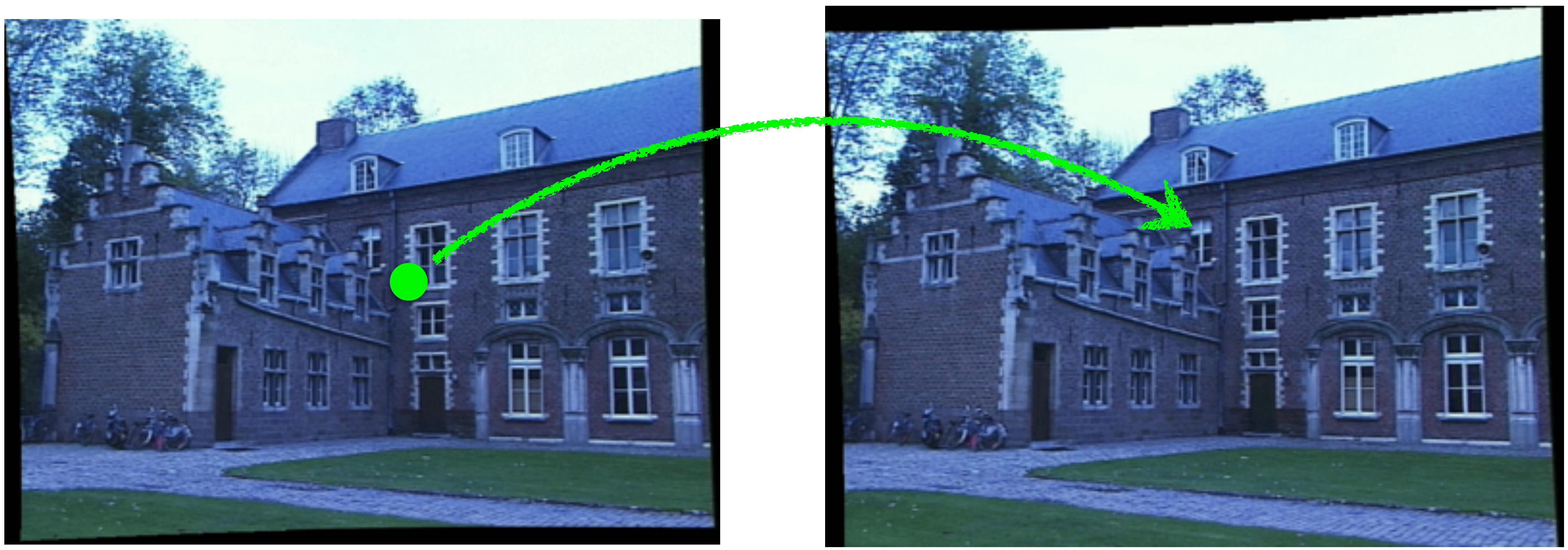

Left image Right image

Epipolar constrain reduces search to a single line

How do you compute the epipolar line?

Essential Matrix

$$\mathbf{E}$$

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

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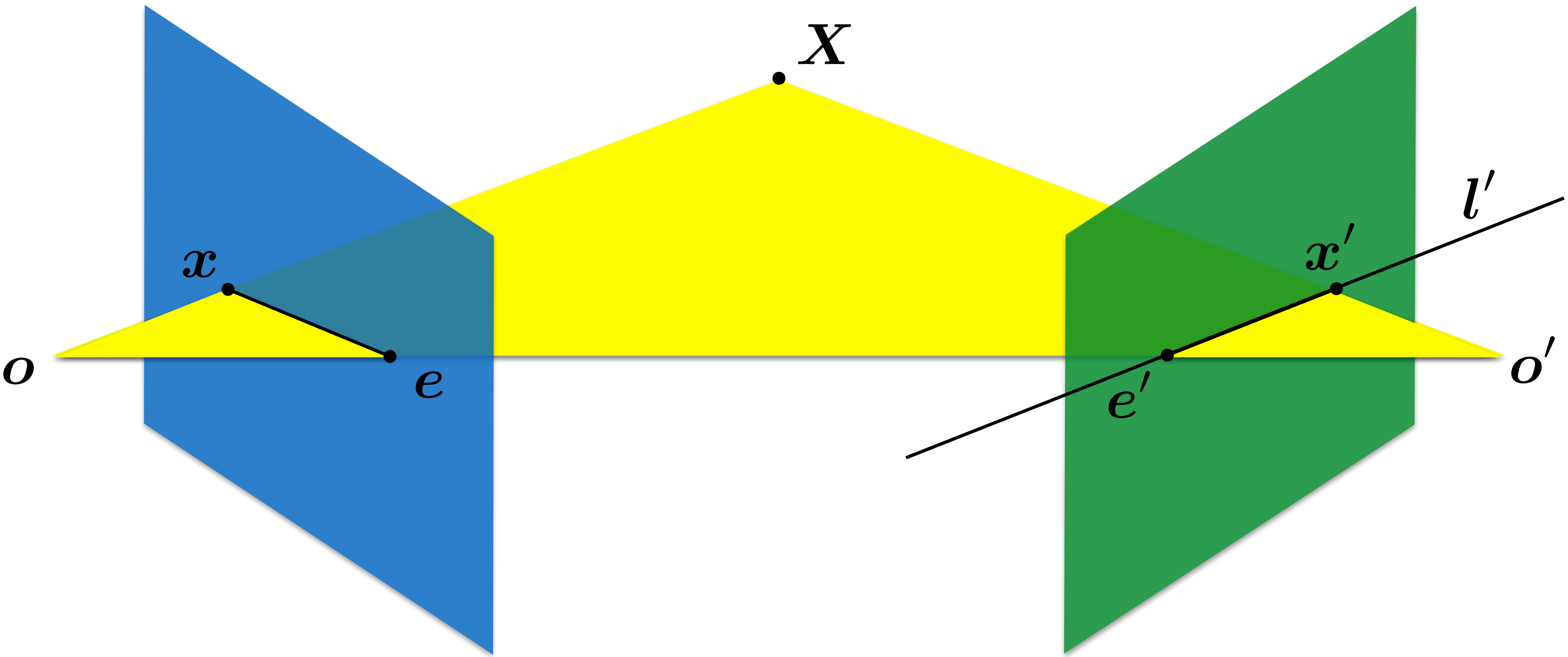


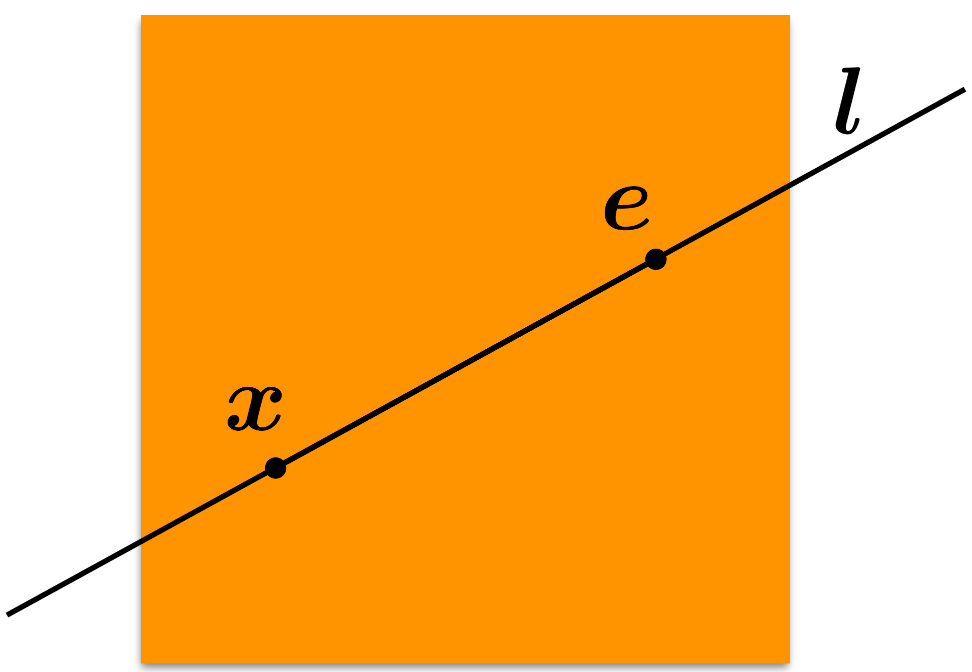
Representing the …

Epipolar Line

$$ax + by + c = 0$$

in vector form

$$\boldsymbol{l} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$



If the point $\boldsymbol{x}$ is on the epipolar line $\boldsymbol{l}$ then

$$\boldsymbol{x}^\top \boldsymbol{l} = \ ?$$

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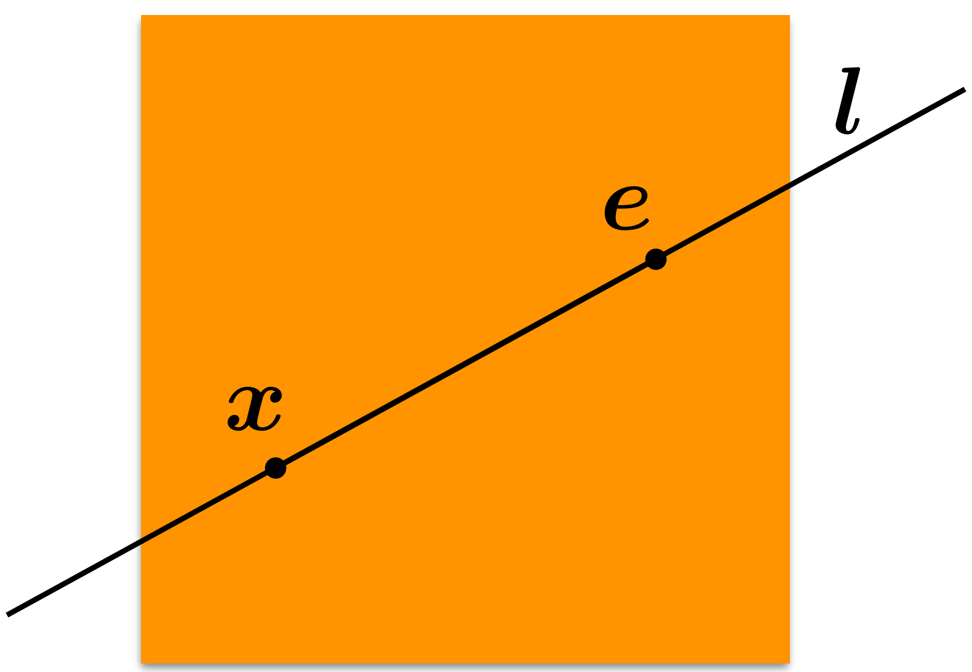

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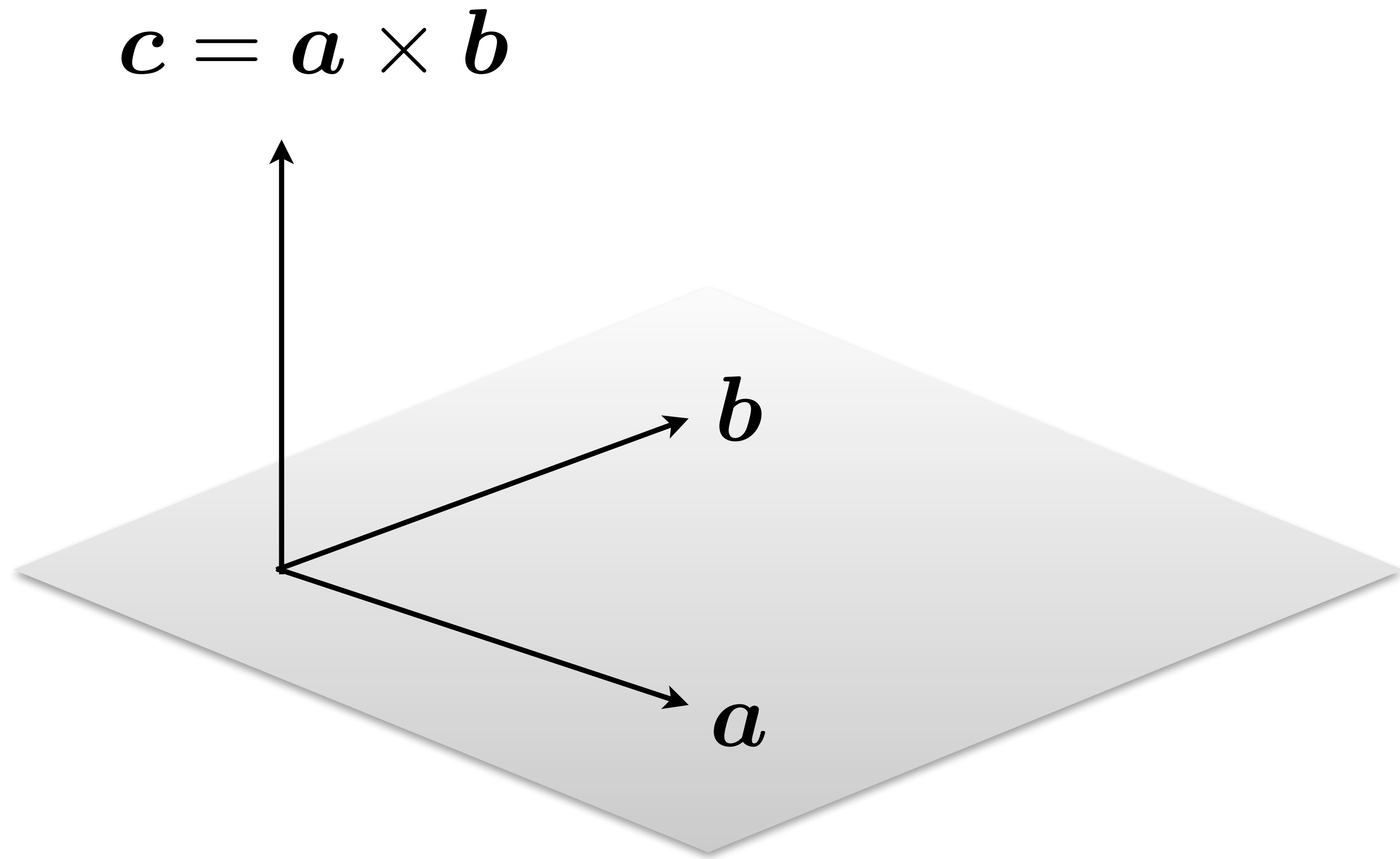
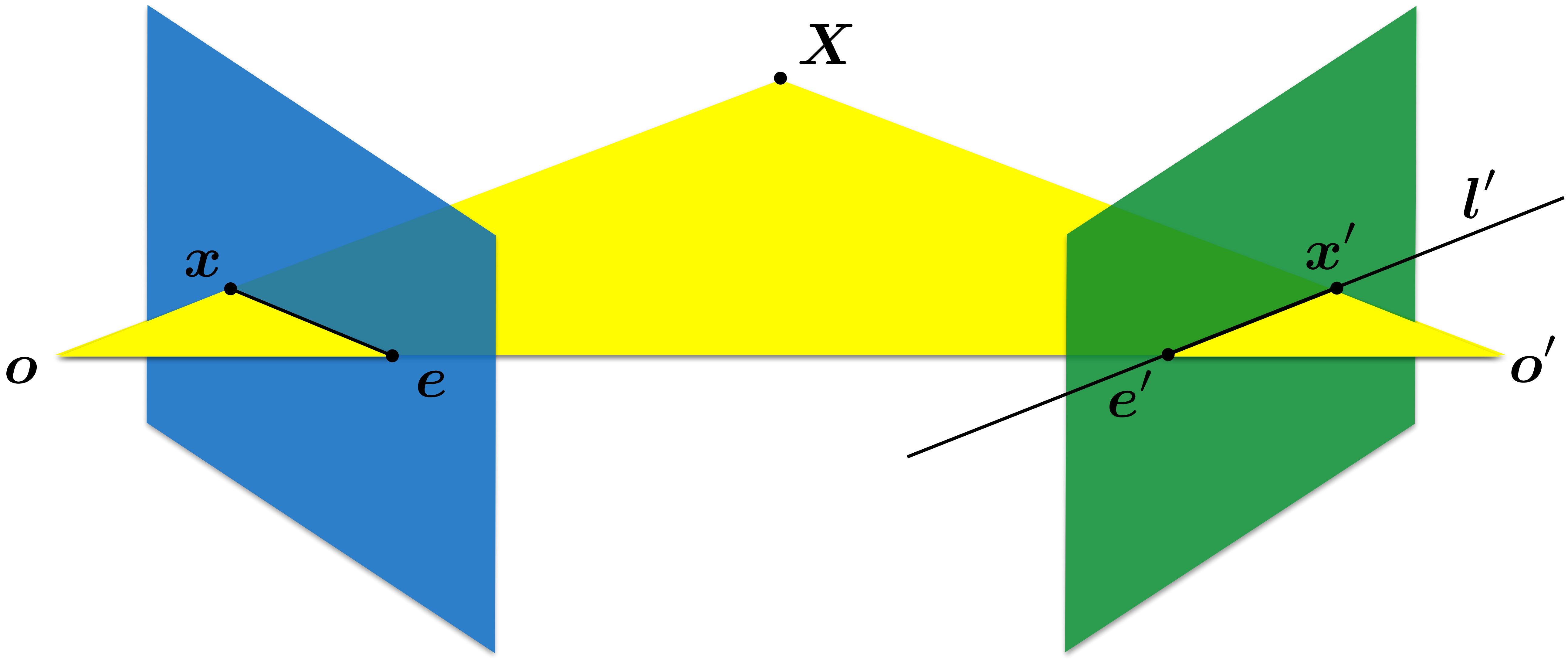
Recall: Dot Product



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

So if $\boldsymbol{x}^\top \boldsymbol{l} = 0$ and $\mathbf{E}\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{l}'$ then

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



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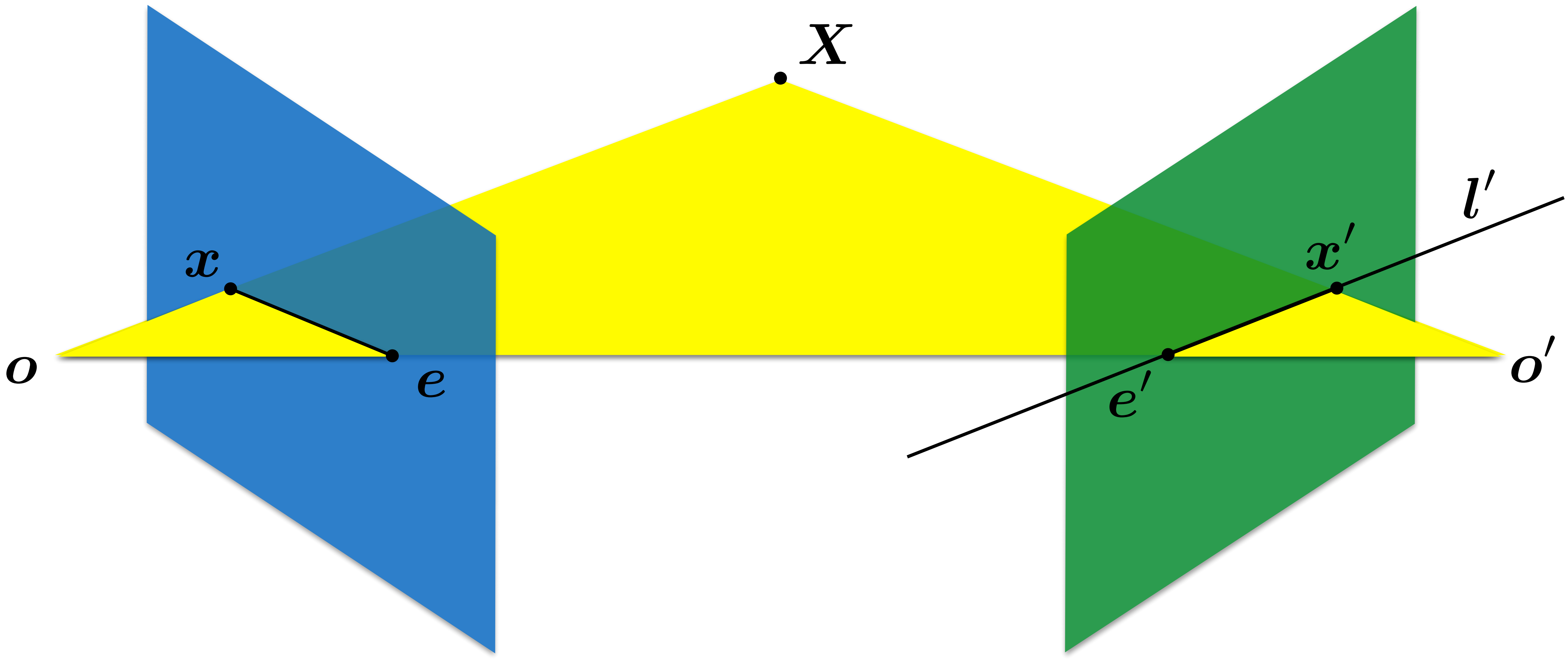

Motivation

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

Given a point in one image, multiplying by the **essential matrix** will tell us the **epipolar line** in the second view.

Essential Matrix vs Homography

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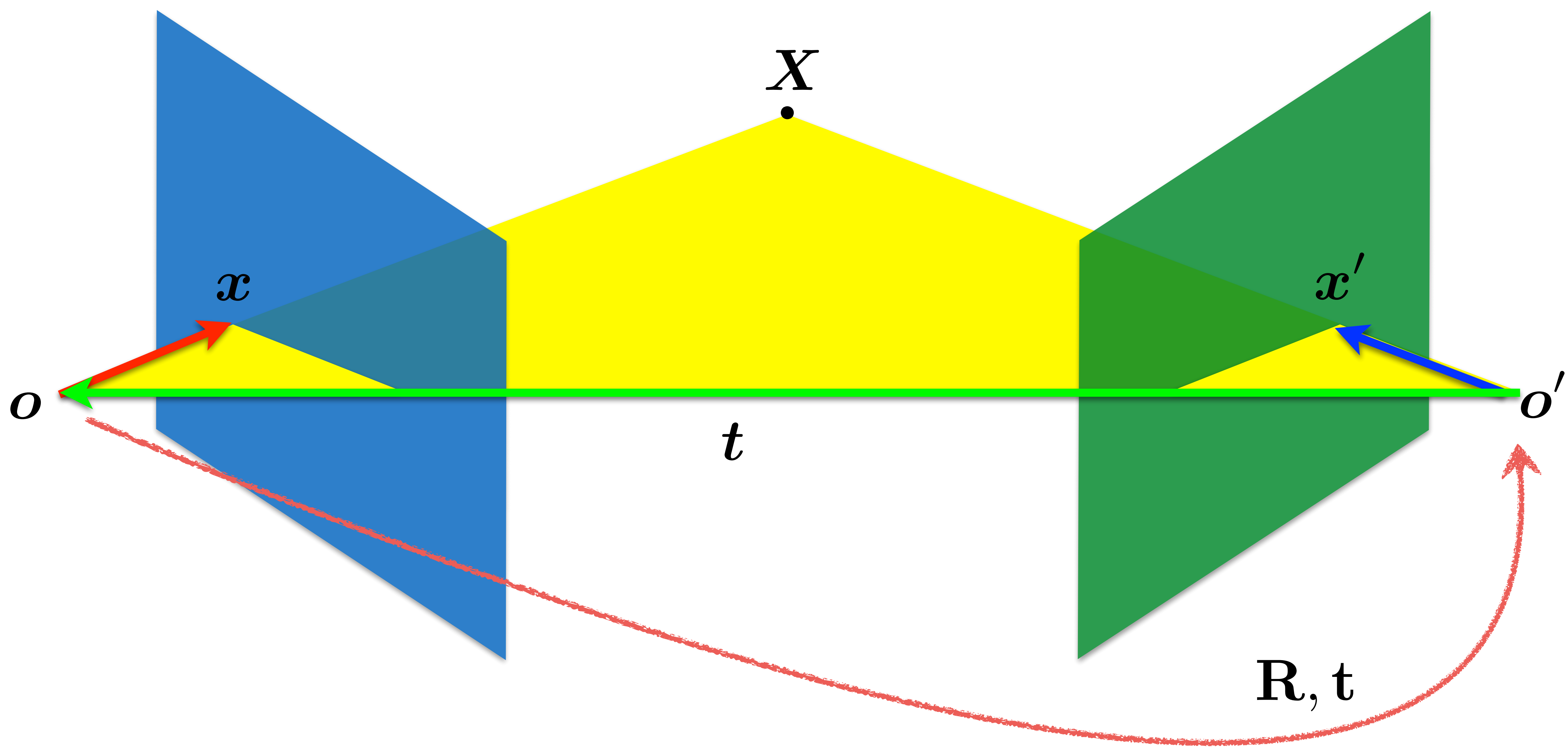
$$\boldsymbol{l}' = \mathbf{E}\boldsymbol{x}$$

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

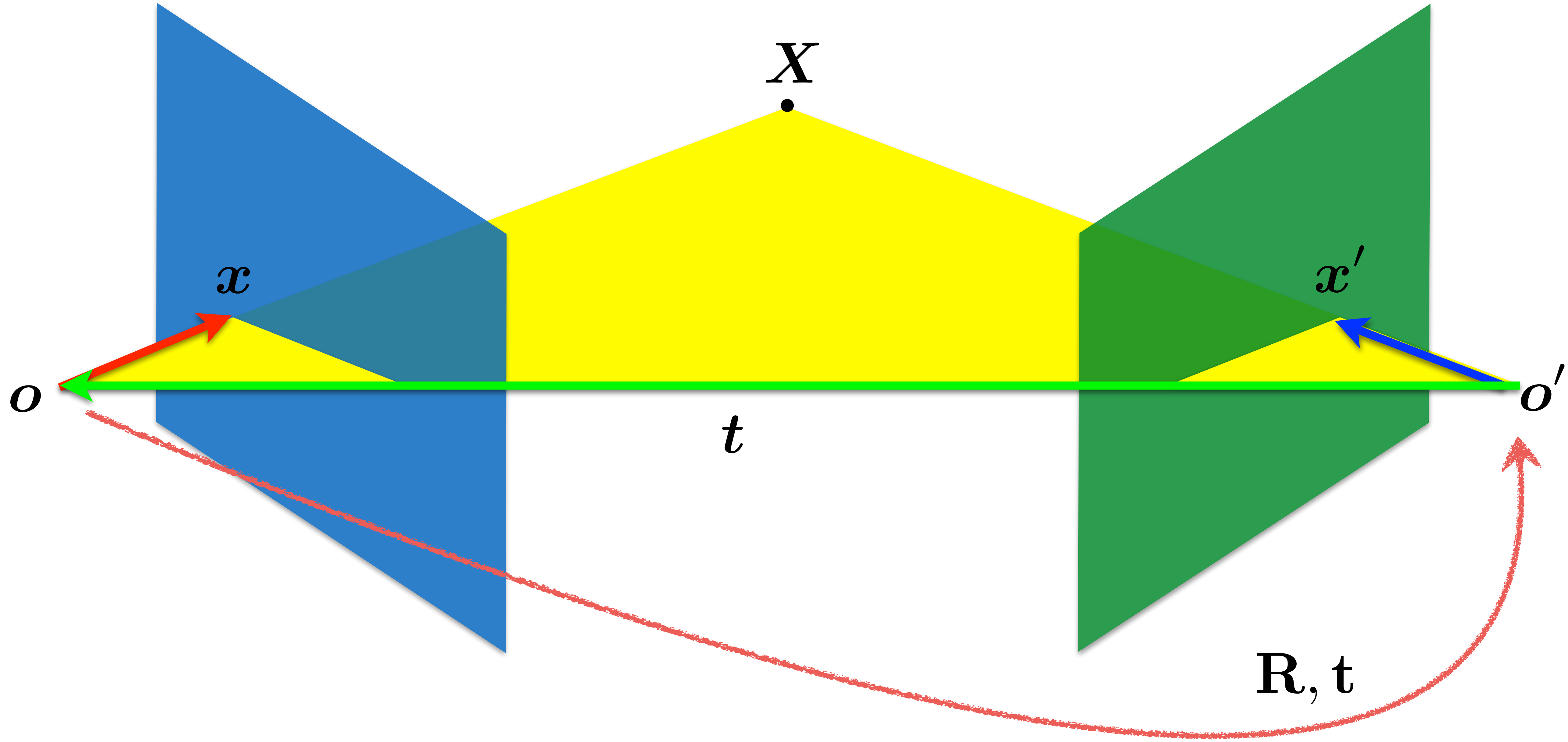
$$\boldsymbol{x}' = \mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{x}$$

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

Where does the Essential matrix come from?



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



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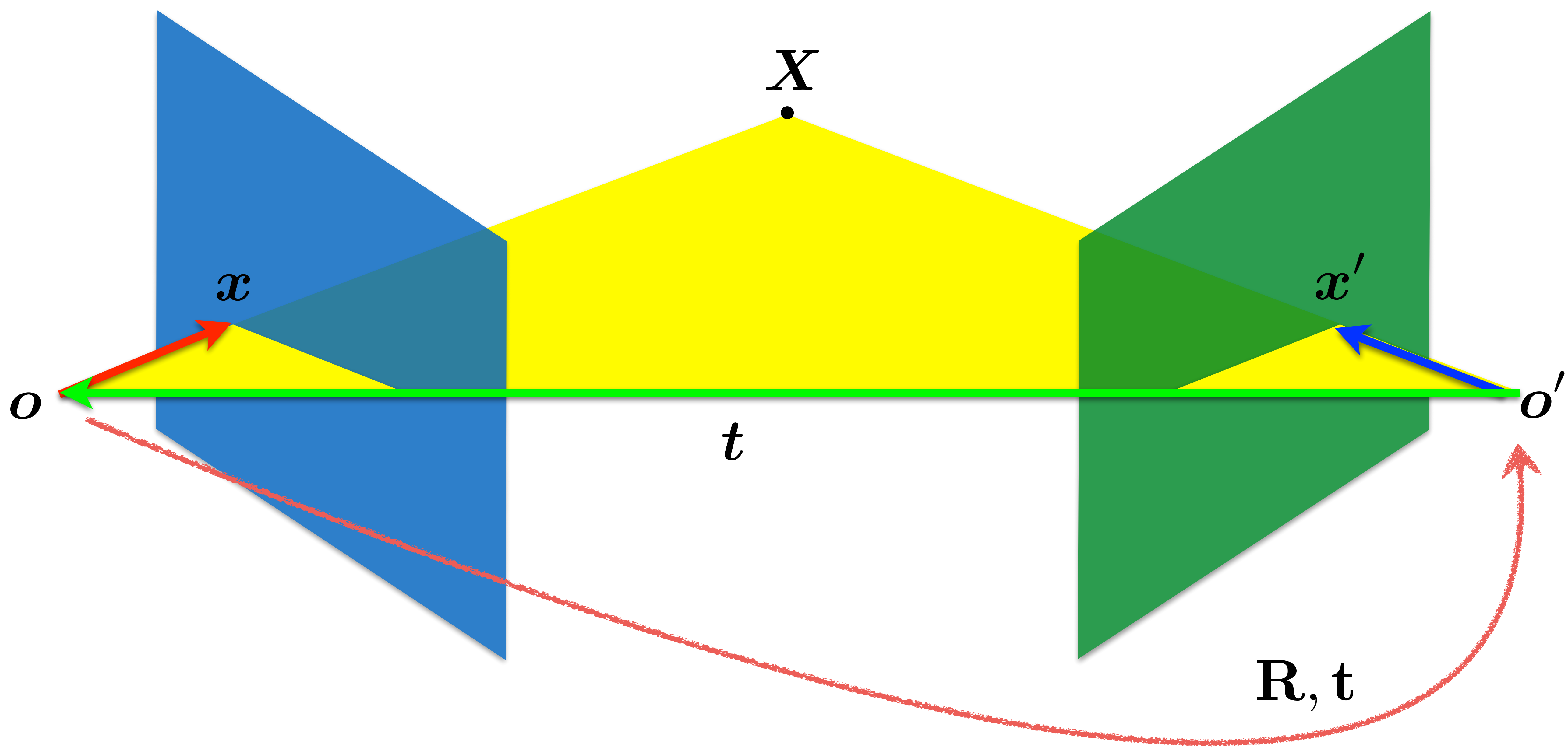
Does this look familiar?



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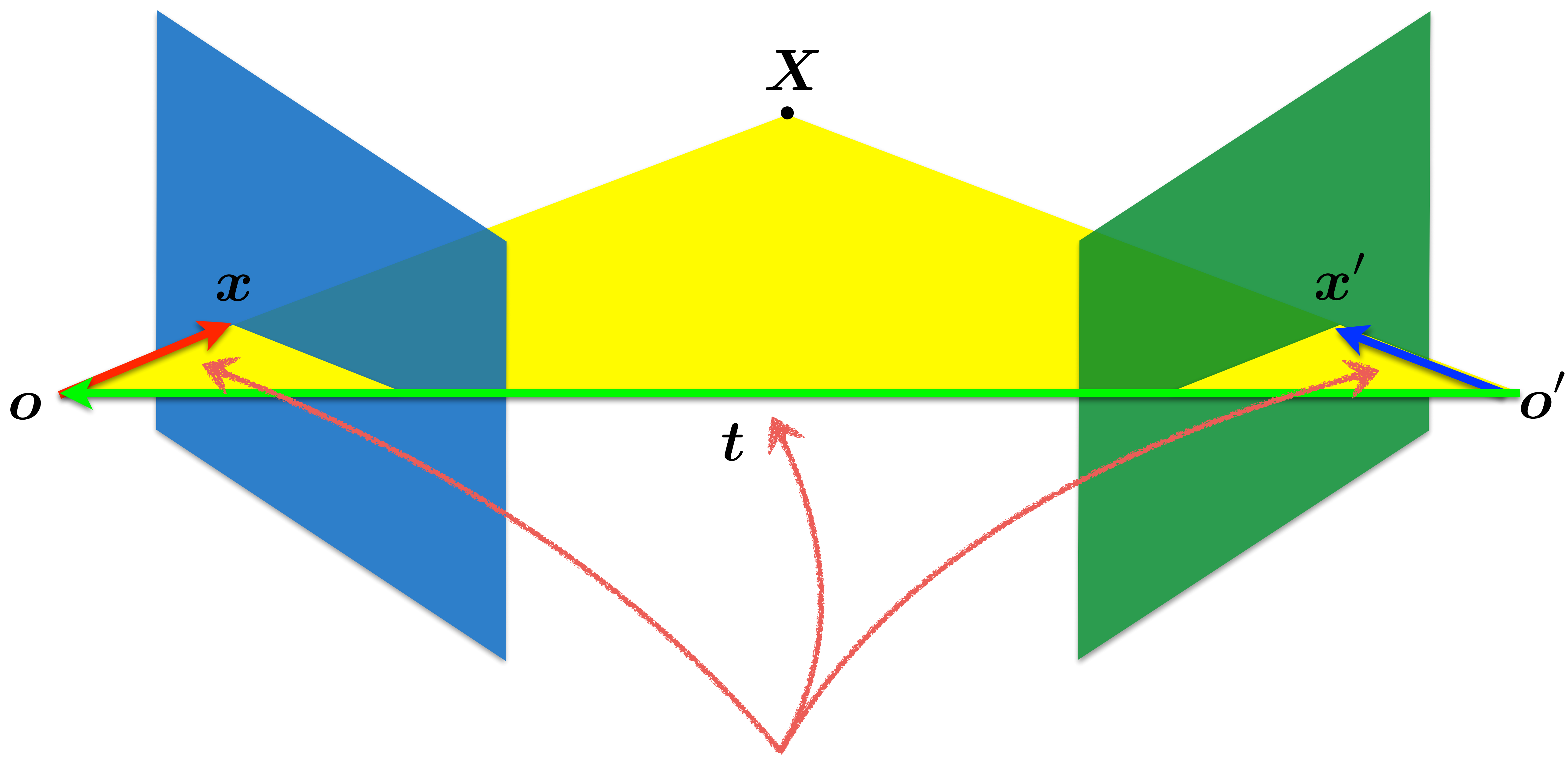
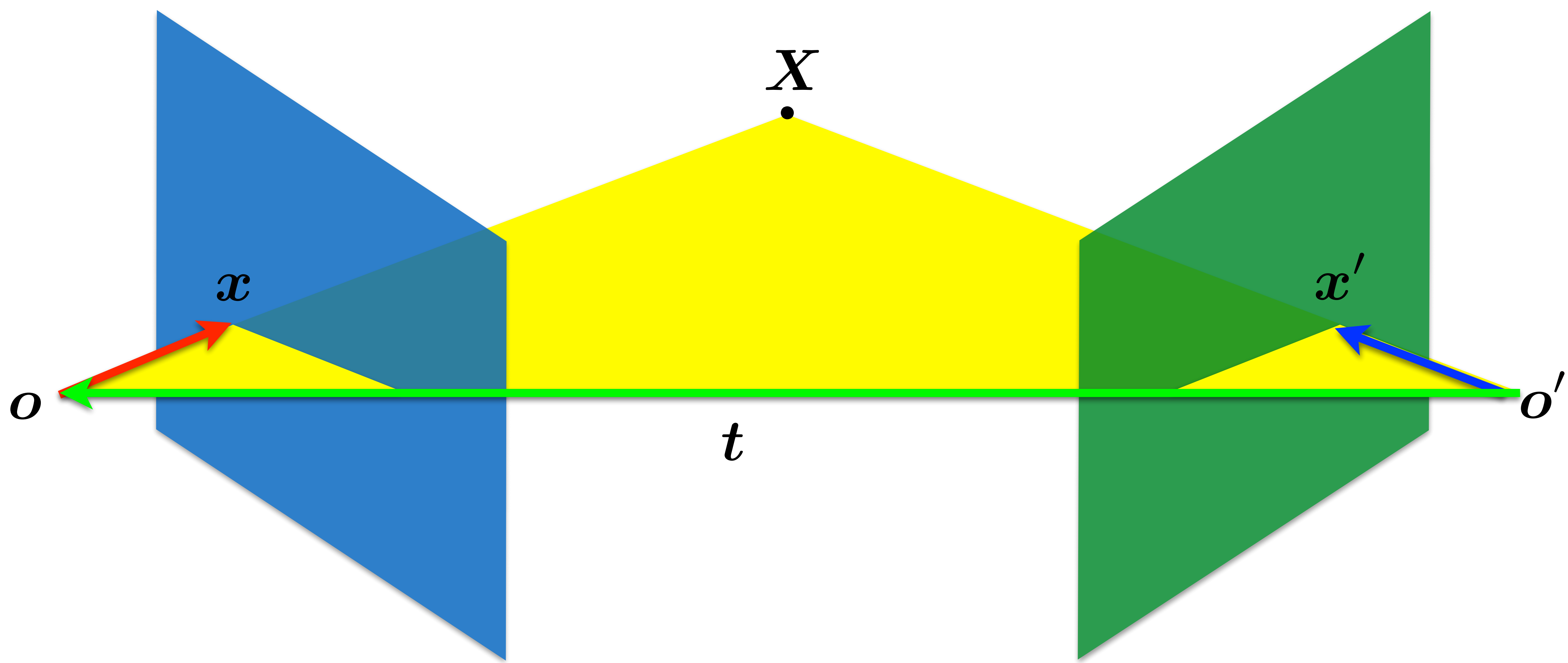
Camera-camera transform just like **world-camera** transform



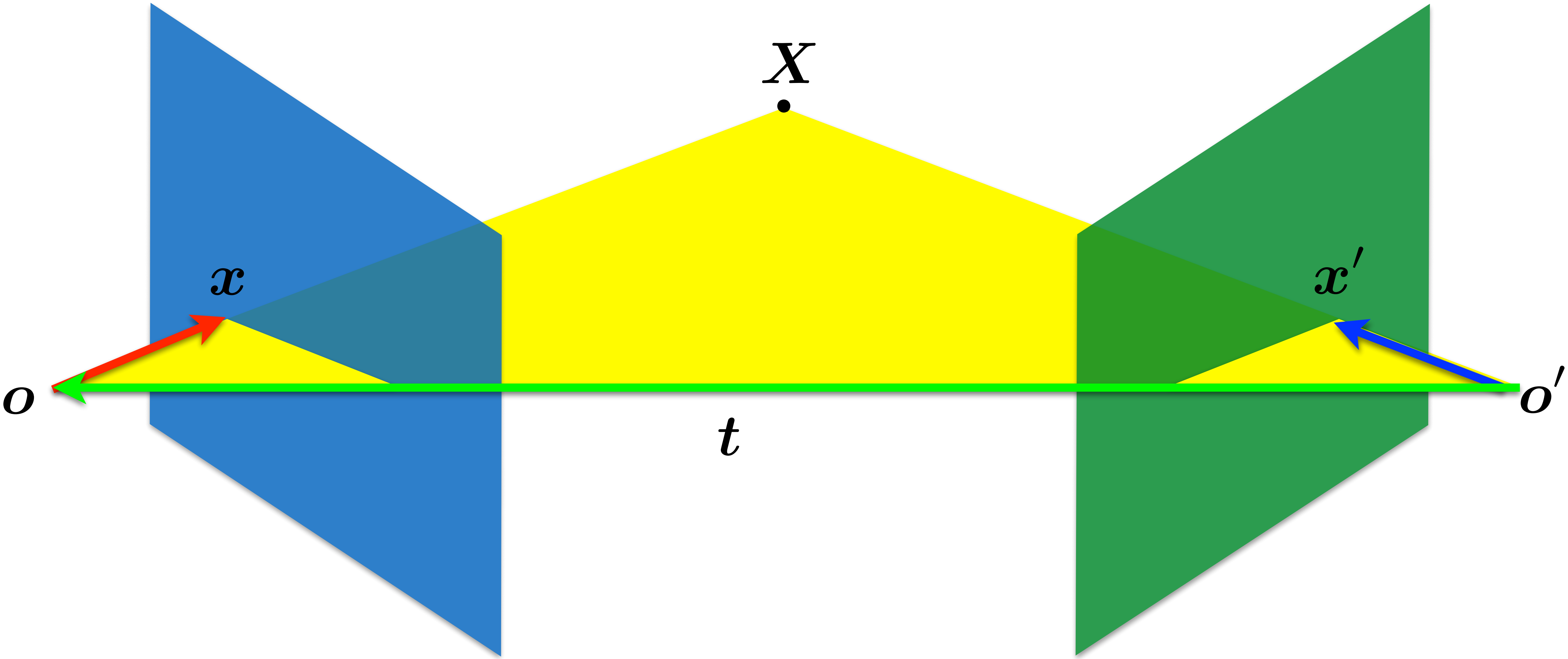
These three vectors are coplanar

$$\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{t}, \boldsymbol{x}'$$



If these three vectors are coplanar $\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{t}, \boldsymbol{x}'$ then

$$\boldsymbol{x}^\top (\boldsymbol{t} \times \boldsymbol{x}) = \ ?$$



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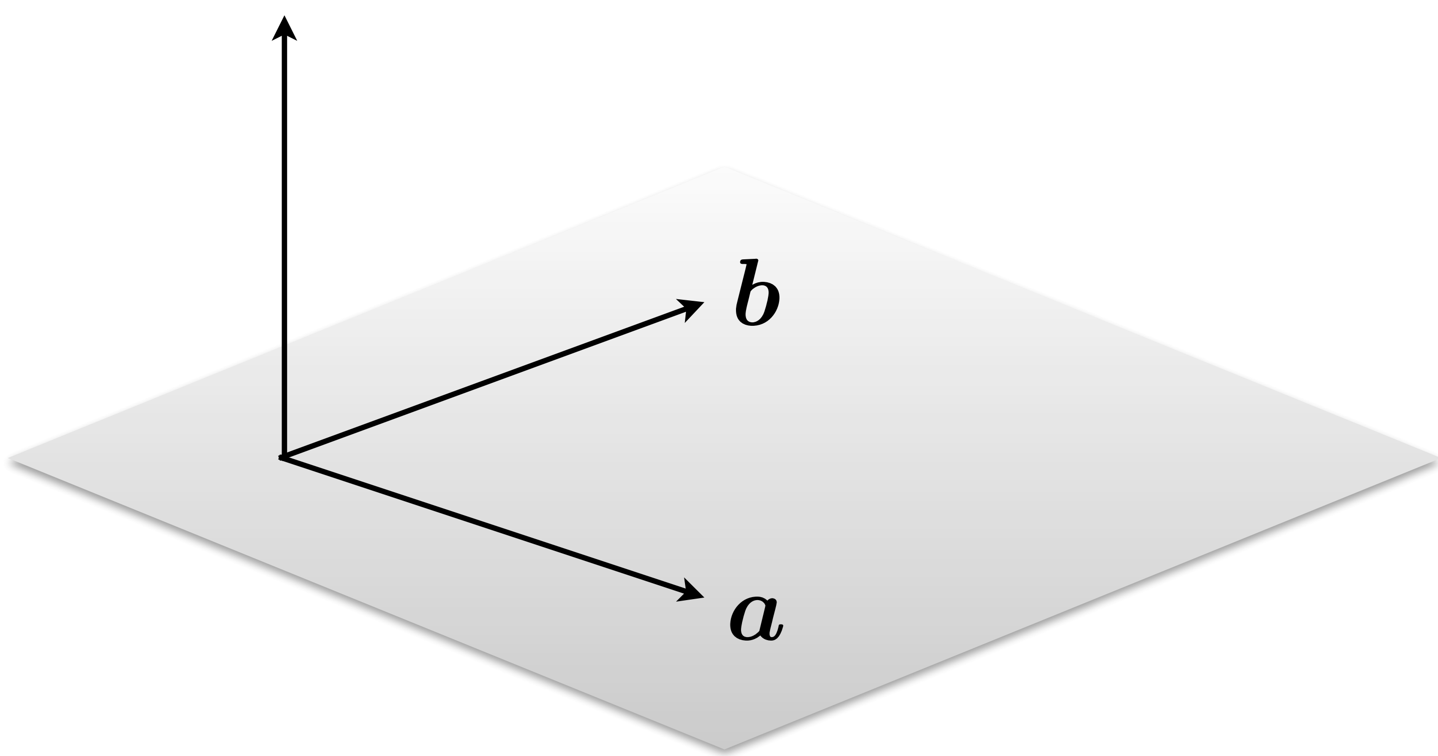
Recall: Cross Product

Vector (cross) product

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both

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



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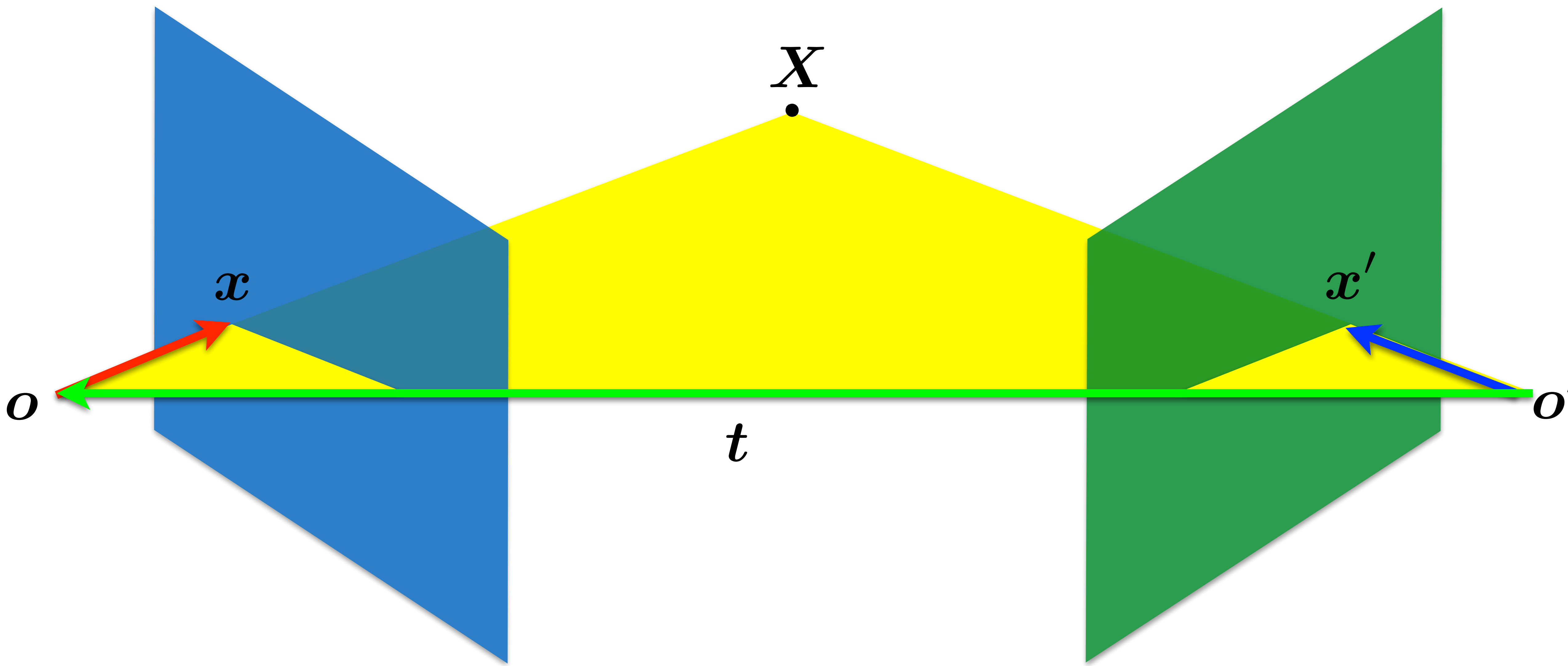

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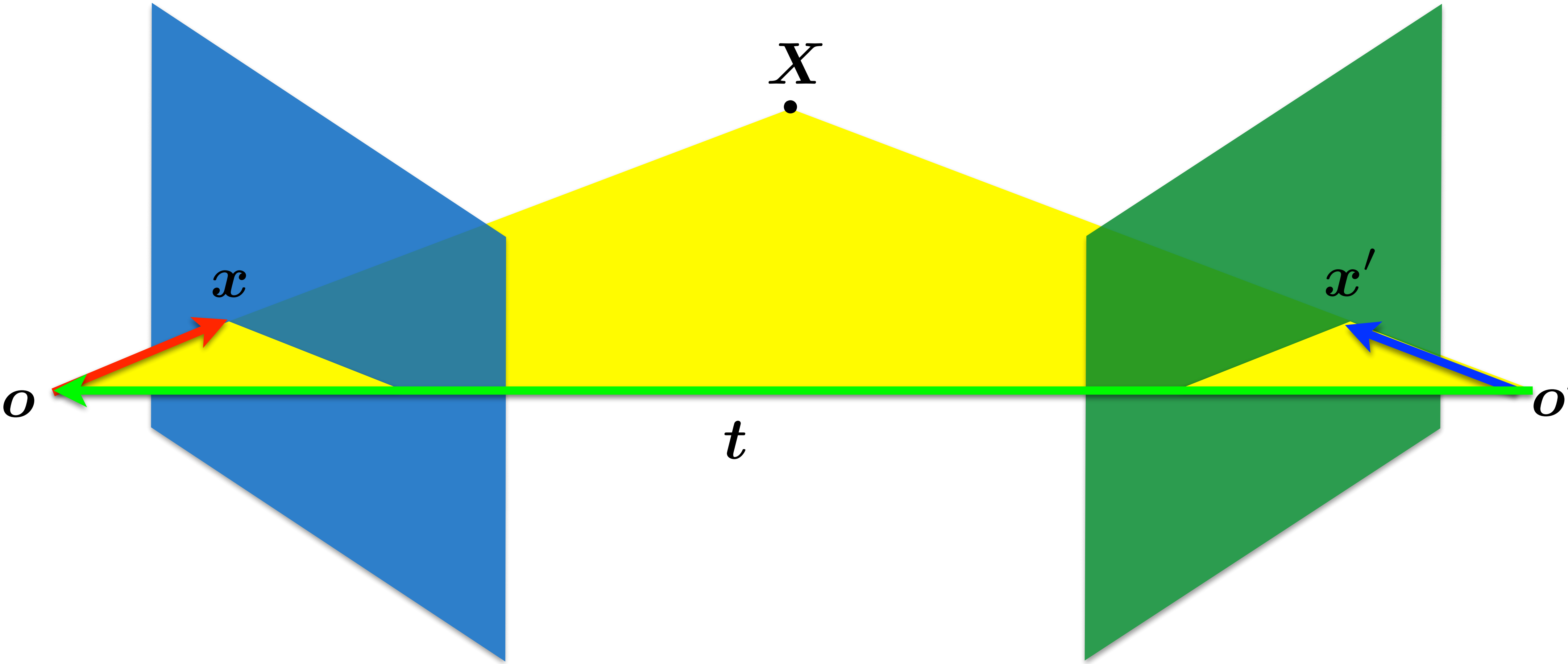

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putting it together

rigid motion

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coplanarity

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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

putting it together

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Essential Matrix
[Longuet-Higgins 1981]

properties of the E matrix

Longuet-Higgins equation $\boldsymbol{x}'^{\top}\mathbf{E}\boldsymbol{x} = 0$

(points in normalized coordinates)

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Epipoles $\boldsymbol{e}'^{\top}\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$ $\quad$ $\mathbf{E}\boldsymbol{e} = \mathbf{0}$

(points in normalized coordinates)

How do you generalize to uncalibrated cameras?

$$\mathbf{F}$$

Fundamental Matrix

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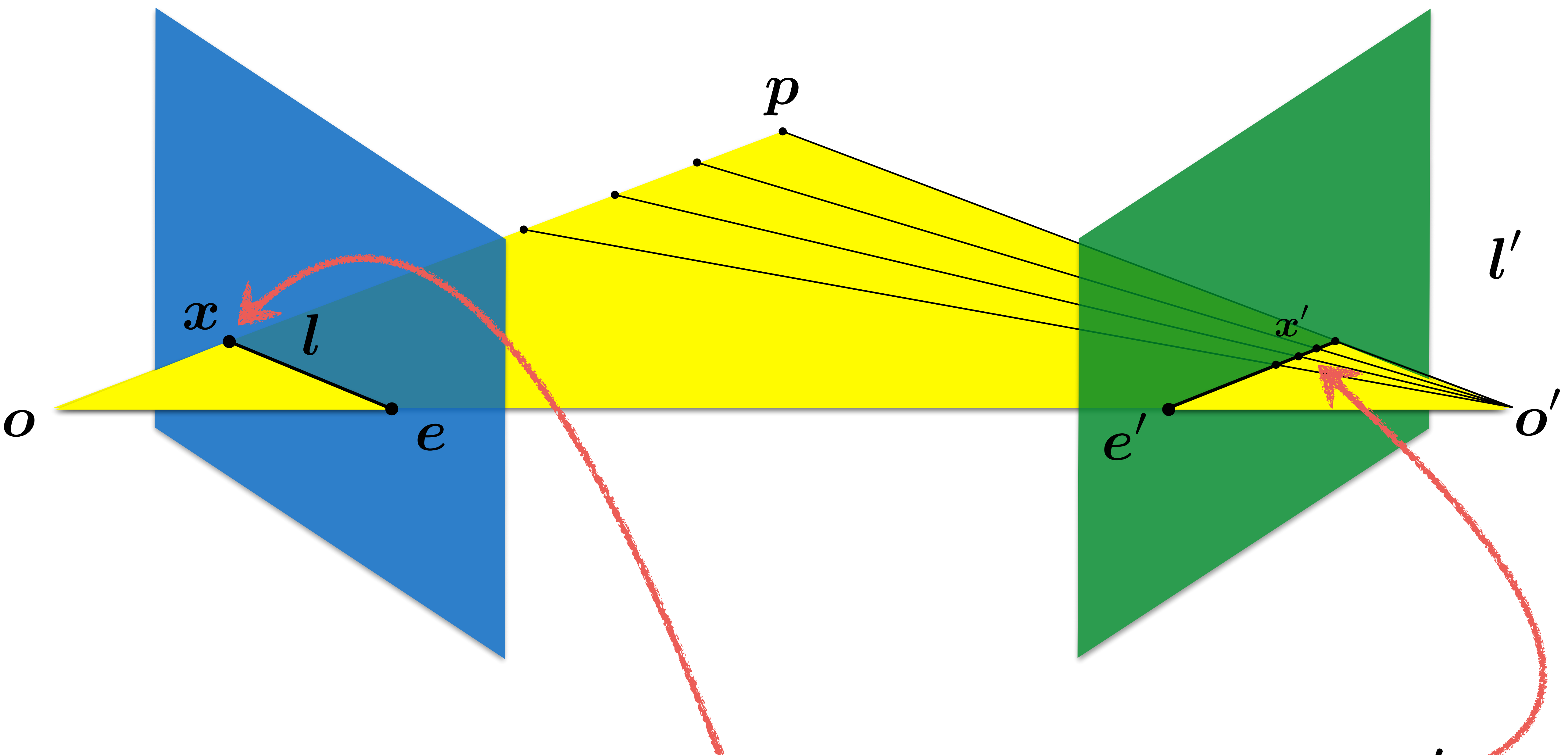
Recall:Epipolar constraint



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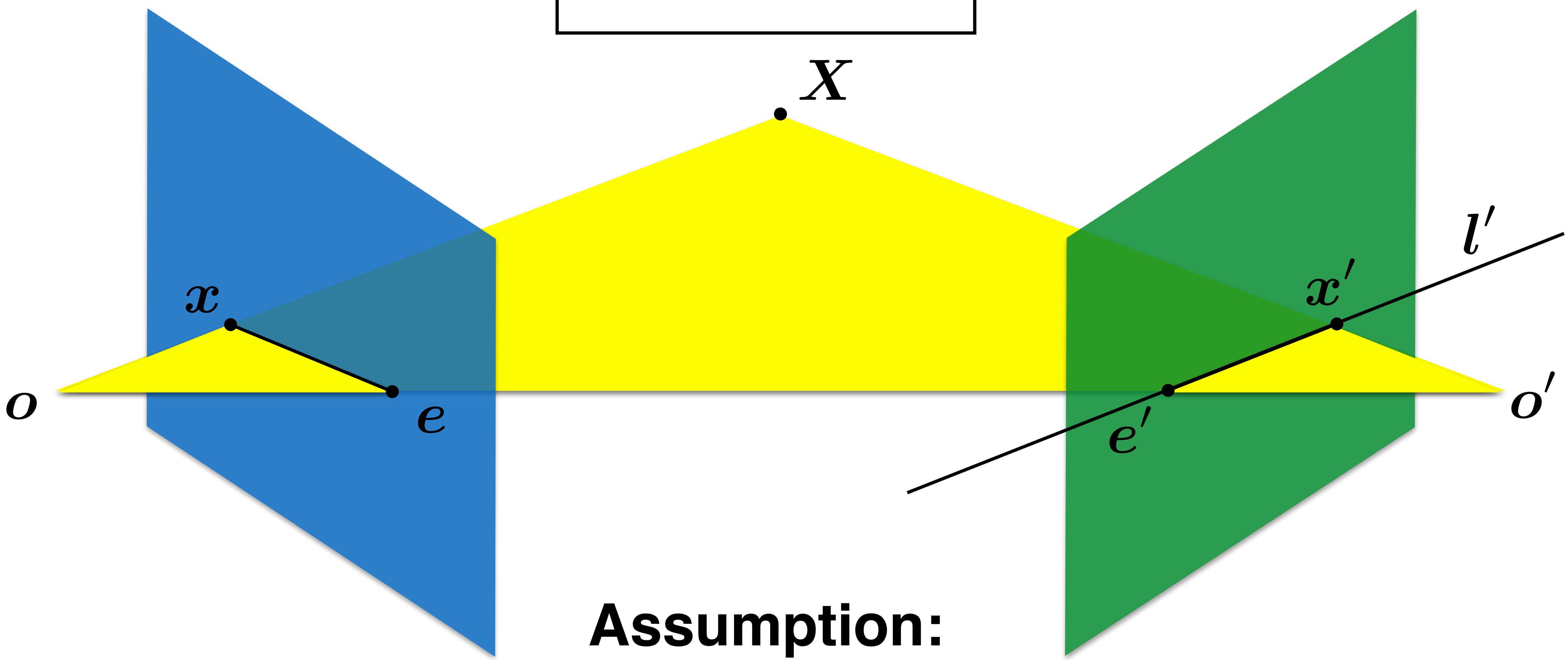

Assumption:
points aligned to camera coordinate axis (calibrated camera)

The
Fundamental matrix
is a
generalization
of the
Essential matrix,
where the assumption of
calibrated cameras
is removed

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

The Essential matrix operates on image points expressed in

normalized coordinates

(points have been aligned (normalized) to camera coordinates)

$$\underbrace{\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}}_{\text{camera point}} = \mathbf{K}^{-1}\underbrace{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\text{image point}} \qquad \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}' = \mathbf{K}^{-1}\boldsymbol{x}'$$

Writing out the epipolar constraint in terms of image coordinates

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

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

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

Same equation works in image coordinates!

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

it maps pixels to epipolar lines

properties of the ~~E~~ F matrix

Longuet-Higgins equation $\boldsymbol{x}'^\top \cancel{\mathbf{E}}\,\mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{x} = 0$

Epipolar lines

$\boldsymbol{x}^\top \boldsymbol{l} = 0$ $\boldsymbol{x}'^\top \boldsymbol{l}' = 0$

$\boldsymbol{l}' = \cancel{\mathbf{E}}\,\mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{x}$ $\boldsymbol{l} = \cancel{\mathbf{E}}\,\mathbf{F}^T \boldsymbol{x}'$

Epipoles $\boldsymbol{e}'^\top \cancel{\mathbf{E}}\,\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$ $\cancel{\mathbf{E}}\,\mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{e} = \mathbf{0}$

(points in **image** coordinates)

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How would you solve for F?

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