

# Structure from motion

Digital Visual Effects

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# Outline

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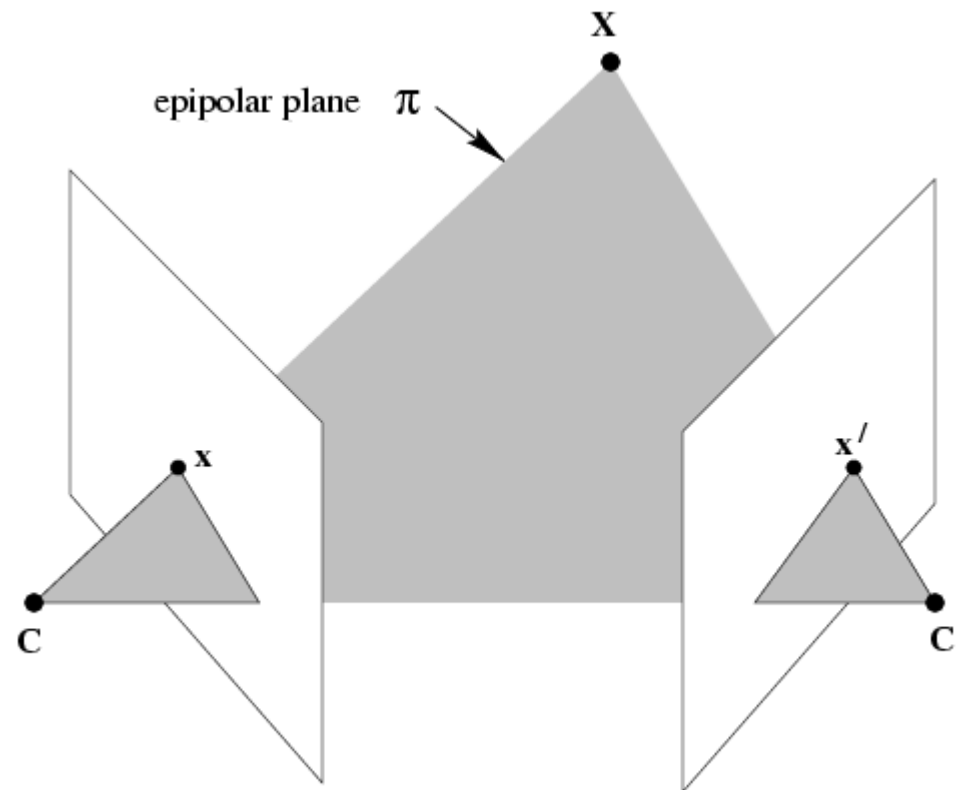
- Epipolar geometry and fundamental matrix
- Structure from motion
- Factorization method
- Bundle adjustment
- Applications

# Epipolar geometry & fundamental matrix

# The epipolar geometry

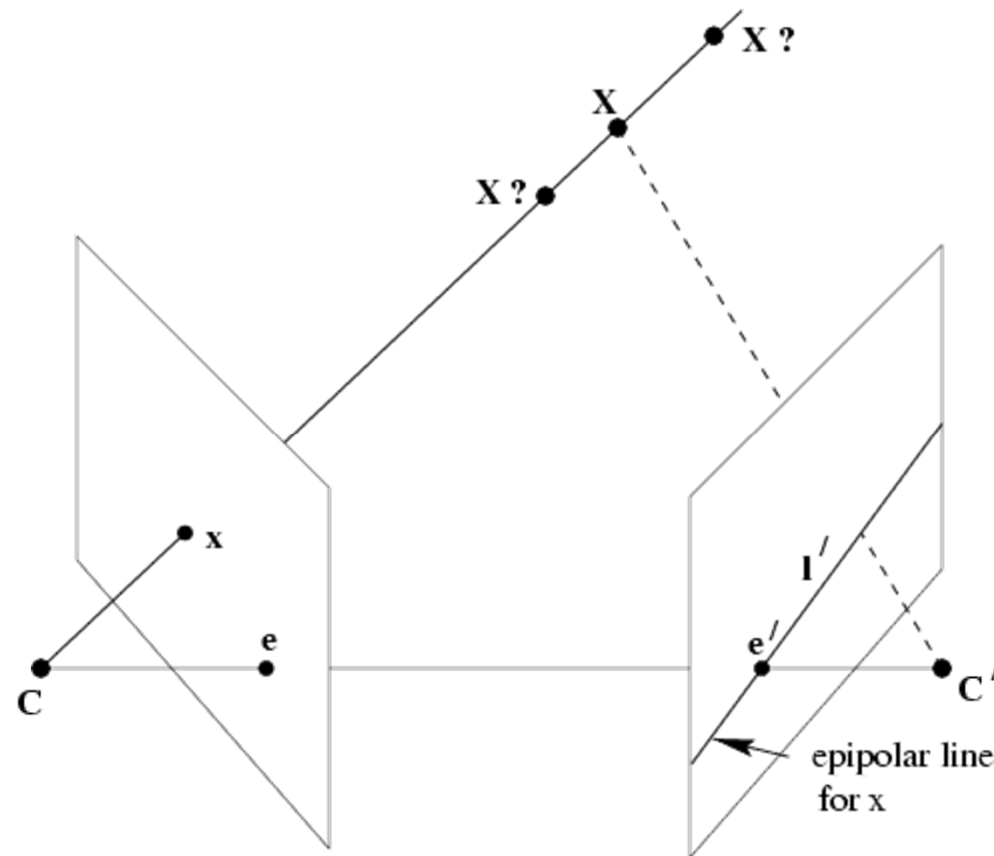
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## epipolar geometry demo



$C, C', x, x'$  and  $X$  are coplanar

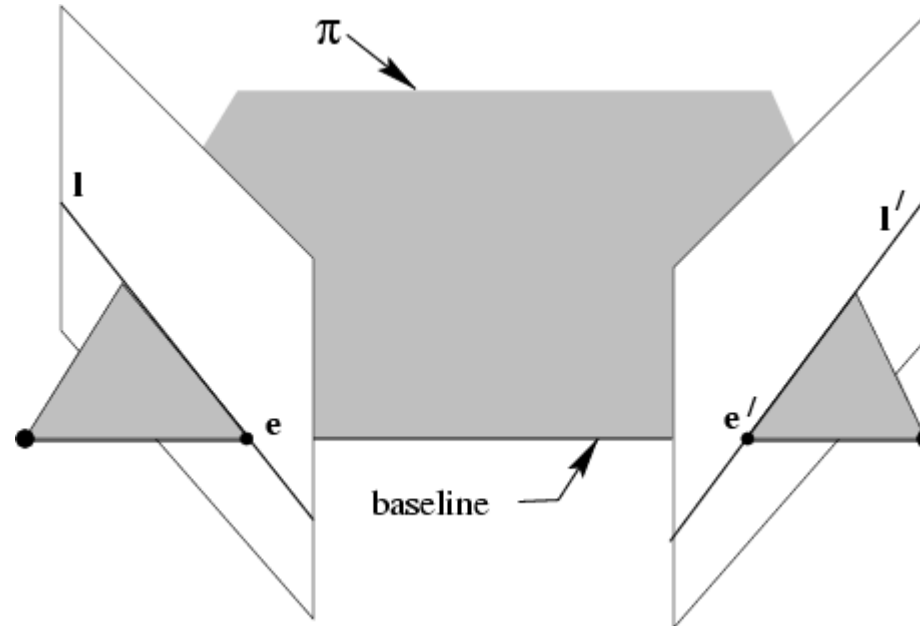
# The epipolar geometry



What if only  $C, C', x$  are known?

# The epipolar geometry

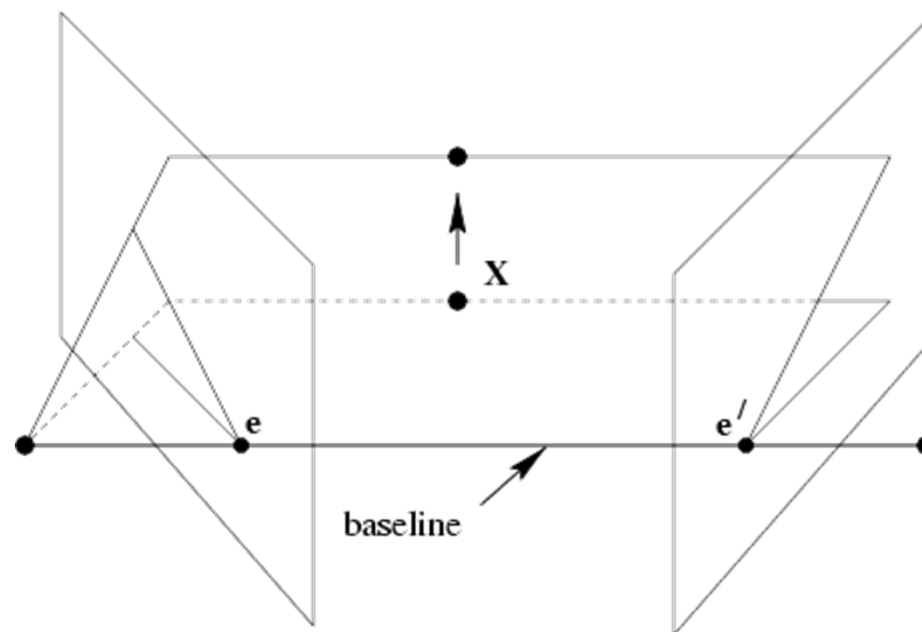
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All points on  $\pi$  project on  $l$  and  $l'$

# The epipolar geometry

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Family of planes  $\pi$  and lines  $l$  and  $l'$  intersect at  $e$  and  $e'$

# The epipolar geometry

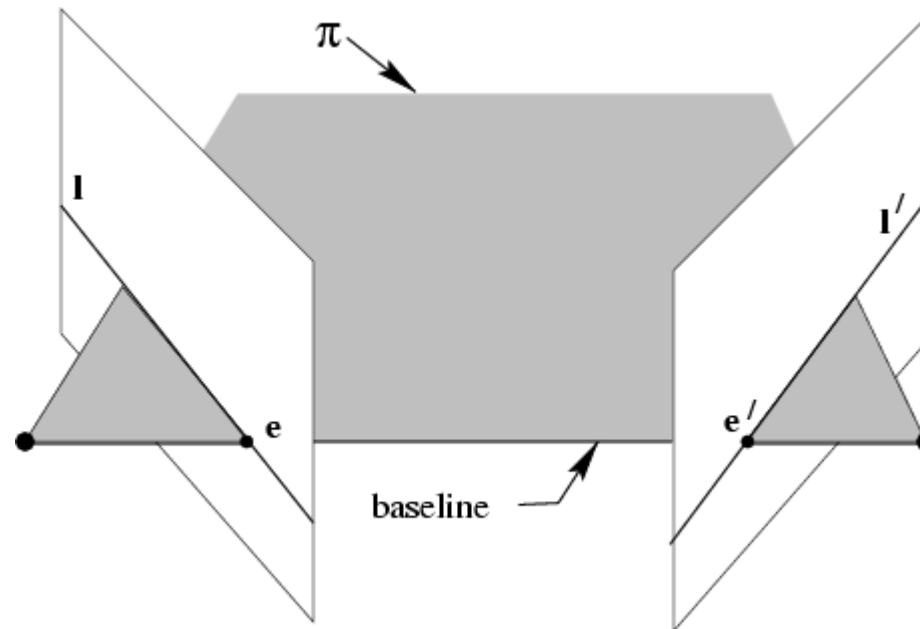
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epipolar pole

[epipolar geometry demo](#)

= intersection of baseline with image plane

= projection of projection center in the other image

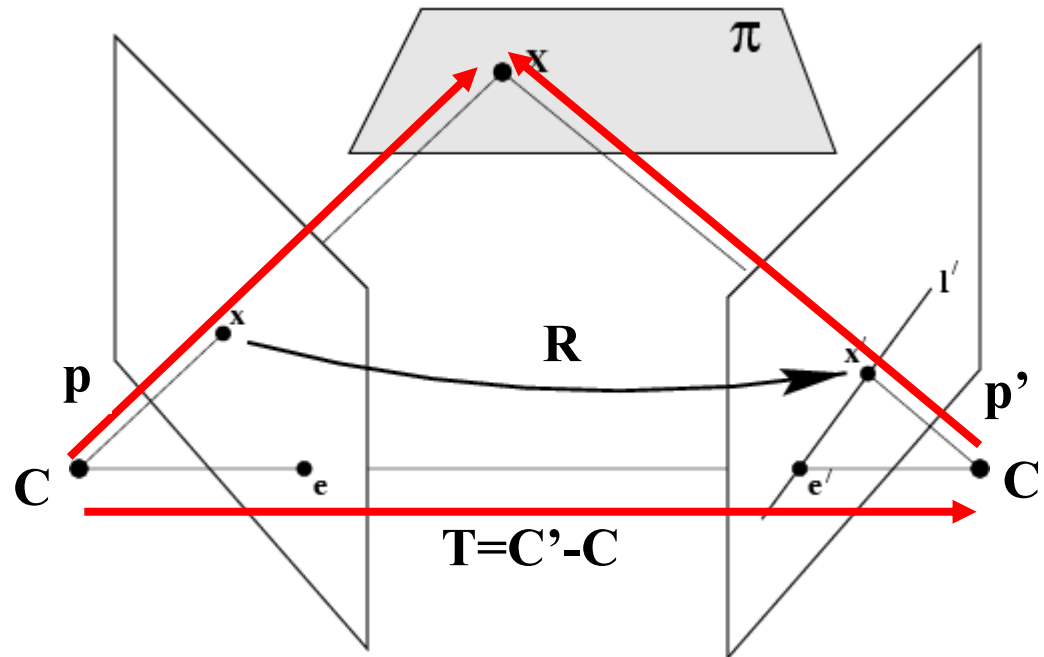


epipolar plane = plane containing baseline

epipolar line = intersection of epipolar plane with image



# The fundamental matrix F



Two reference frames are related via the extrinsic parameters

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}' + \mathbf{T}$$

# The fundamental matrix F

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$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}' + \mathbf{T}$$

Multiply both sides by  $\mathbf{p}^T [\mathbf{T}]_{\times}$

$$[\mathbf{T}]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^T [\mathbf{T}]_{\times} \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}^T [\mathbf{T}]_{\times} (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}' + \mathbf{T})$$

→  $0 = \mathbf{p}^T [\mathbf{T}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}'$

→  $\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{E} \mathbf{p}' = 0$  essential matrix

# The fundamental matrix F

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

Let  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{M}'$  be the intrinsic matrices, then

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{M}'^{-1} \mathbf{x}'$$

$$\rightarrow (\mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{E} (\mathbf{M}'^{-1} \mathbf{x}') = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{M}^{-T} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{M}'^{-1} \mathbf{x}' = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}' = 0 \quad \text{fundamental matrix}$$

# The fundamental matrix F

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- The fundamental matrix is the algebraic representation of epipolar geometry
- The fundamental matrix satisfies the condition that for any pair of corresponding points  $x \leftrightarrow x'$  in the two images

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}' = 0 \quad \left( \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{1} = 0 \right)$$

# The fundamental matrix F

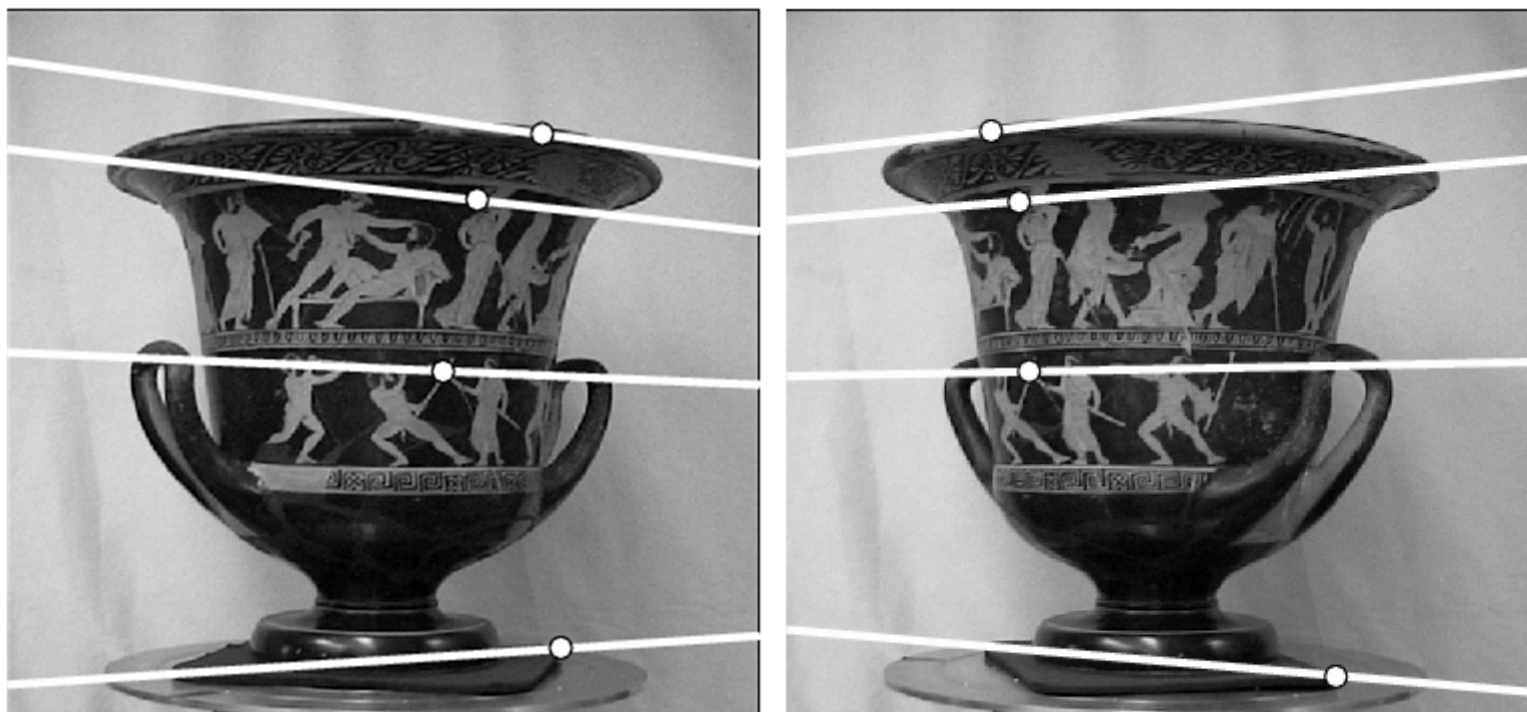
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F is the unique 3x3 rank 2 matrix that satisfies  $x^T F x' = 0$   
for all  $x \leftrightarrow x'$

1. Transpose: if F is fundamental matrix for  $(x, x')$ , then  $F^T$  is fundamental matrix for  $(x', x)$
2. Epipolar lines:  $l = Fx'$  &  $l' = F^T x$
3. Epipoles: on all epipolar lines, thus  $e^T F x' = 0, \forall x' \Rightarrow e^T F = 0$ , similarly  $F e' = 0$
4. F has 7 d.o.f. , i.e.  $3 \times 3 - 1$  (homogeneous) - 1 (rank 2)
5. F is a correlation, projective mapping from a point x to a line  $l = Fx'$  (not a proper correlation, i.e. not invertible)

# The fundamental matrix F

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- It can be used for
  - Simplifies matching
  - Allows to detect wrong matches

# Estimation of F – 8-point algorithm

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- The fundamental matrix  $F$  is defined by

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

for any pair of matches  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  in two images.

- Let  $\mathbf{x}=(u,v,1)^T$  and  $\mathbf{x}'=(u',v',1)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix}$

each match gives a linear equation

$$uu' f_{11} + uv' f_{12} + uf_{13} + vu' f_{21} + vv' f_{22} + vf_{23} + u' f_{31} + v' f_{32} + f_{33} = 0$$

# 8-point algorithm

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 u_1 u_1' & u_1 v_1' & u_1 & v_1 u_1' & v_1 v_1' & v_1 & u_1' & v_1' & 1 \\
 u_2 u_2' & u_2 v_2' & u_2 & v_2 u_2' & v_2 v_2' & v_2 & u_2' & v_2' & 1 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 u_n u_n' & u_n v_n' & u_n & v_n u_n' & v_n v_n' & v_n & u_n' & v_n' & 1
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 f_{11} \\
 f_{12} \\
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 f_{23} \\
 f_{31} \\
 f_{32} \\
 f_{33}
 \end{bmatrix}
 = \mathbf{0}$$

- In reality, instead of solving  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$ , we seek  $\mathbf{f}$  to minimize  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f}\|$  subj.  $\|\mathbf{f}\| = 1$ . Find the vector corresponding to the least singular value.



## 8-point algorithm

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- To enforce that  $\mathbf{F}$  is of rank 2,  $\mathbf{F}$  is replaced by  $\mathbf{F}'$  that minimizes  $\|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F}'\|$  subject to  $\det \mathbf{F}' = 0$ .
- It is achieved by SVD. Let  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ , where

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ let } \mathbf{\Sigma}' = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then  $\mathbf{F}' = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}'\mathbf{V}^T$  is the solution.

# 8-point algorithm

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% Build the constraint matrix

```
A = [x2(1,:)'.*x1(1,:)  x2(1,:)'.*x1(2,:)  x2(1,:)  ...  
     x2(2,:)'.*x1(1,:)  x2(2,:)'.*x1(2,:)  x2(2,:)  ...  
     x1(1,:)           x1(2,:)           ones(npts,1) ];
```

```
[U,D,V] = svd(A);
```

% Extract fundamental matrix from the column of V  
% corresponding to the smallest singular value.

```
F = reshape(V(:,9),3,3)';
```

% Enforce rank2 constraint

```
[U,D,V] = svd(F);
```

```
F = U*diag([D(1,1) D(2,2) 0])*V';
```

# 8-point algorithm

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- Pros: it is linear, easy to implement and fast
- Cons: susceptible to noise

# Problem with 8-point algorithm

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 u_1 u_1' & u_1 v_1' & u_1 & v_1 u_1' & v_1 v_1' & v_1 & u_1' & v_1' & 1 \\
 u_2 u_2' & u_2 v_2' & u_2 & v_2 u_2' & v_2 v_2' & v_2 & u_2' & v_2' & 1 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 u_n u_n' & u_n v_n' & u_n & v_n u_n' & v_n v_n' & v_n & u_n' & v_n' & 1
 \end{bmatrix}
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 f_{31} \\
 f_{32} \\
 f_{33}
 \end{bmatrix}
 = 0$$

$\sim 10000 \quad \sim 10000 \quad \sim 100 \quad \sim 10000 \quad \sim 10000 \quad \sim 100 \quad \sim 100 \quad \sim 100 \quad 1$



Orders of magnitude difference  
 between column of data matrix  
 → least-squares yields poor results

# Normalized 8-point algorithm

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1. Transform input by  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_i, \hat{\mathbf{x}}'_i = \mathbf{T}'\mathbf{x}'_i$
2. Call 8-point on  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{x}}'_i$  to obtain  $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$
3.  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{T}'^T \hat{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{T}$

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

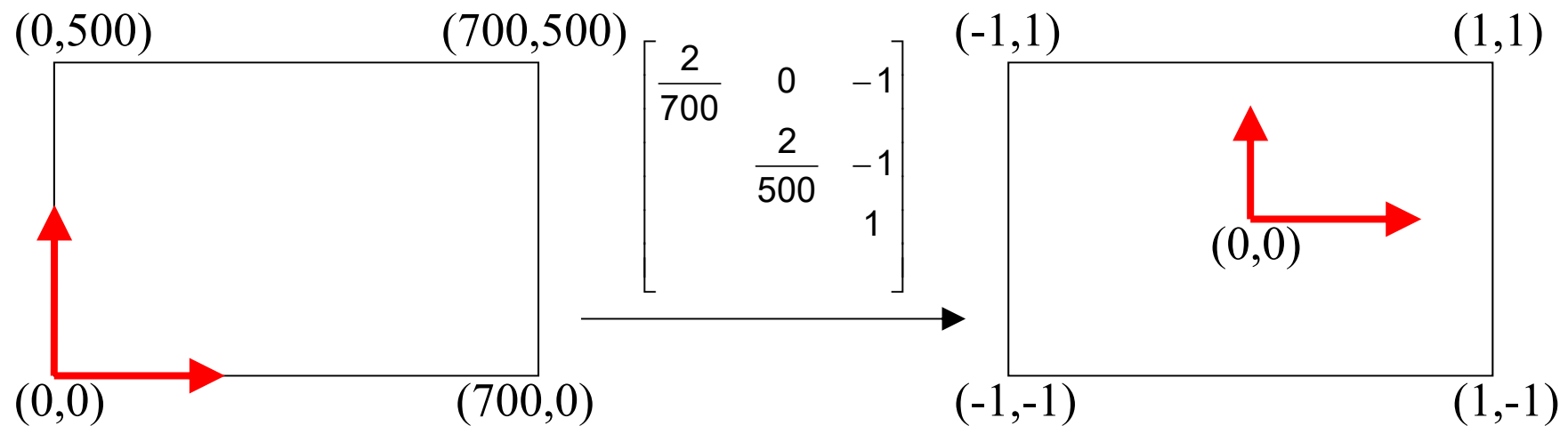
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}'^T \mathbf{T}'^{-T} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{T}^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 0$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\hat{\mathbf{F}}}$

# Normalized 8-point algorithm

normalized least squares yields good results

Transform image to  $\sim[-1,1] \times [-1,1]$



# Normalized 8-point algorithm

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```
[x1, T1] = normalise2dpts(x1);
```

```
[x2, T2] = normalise2dpts(x2);
```

```
A = [x2(1,:)'.*x1(1,:)  x2(1,:)'.*x1(2,:)  x2(1,:)  ...
      x2(2,:)'.*x1(1,:)  x2(2,:)'.*x1(2,:)  x2(2,:)  ...
      x1(1,:)           x1(2,:)           ones(npts,1) ];
```

```
[U,D,V] = svd(A);
```

```
F = reshape(V(:,9),3,3)';
```

```
[U,D,V] = svd(F);
```

```
F = U*diag([D(1,1) D(2,2) 0])*V';
```

```
% Denormalise
```

```
F = T2'*F*T1;
```

# Normalization

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```
function [newpts, T] = normalise2dpts(pts)
```

```
    c = mean(pts(1:2,:))'; % Centroid
```

```
    newp(1,:) = pts(1,:)-c(1); % Shift origin to centroid.
```

```
    newp(2,:) = pts(2,:)-c(2);
```

```
    meandist = mean(sqrt(newp(1,:).^2 + newp(2,:).^2));
```

```
    scale = sqrt(2)/meandist;
```

```
    T = [scale    0  -scale*c(1)
         0    scale -scale*c(2)
         0     0     1      ];
```

```
    newpts = T*pts;
```



# RANSAC

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repeat

- select minimal sample (8 matches)

- compute solution(s) for F

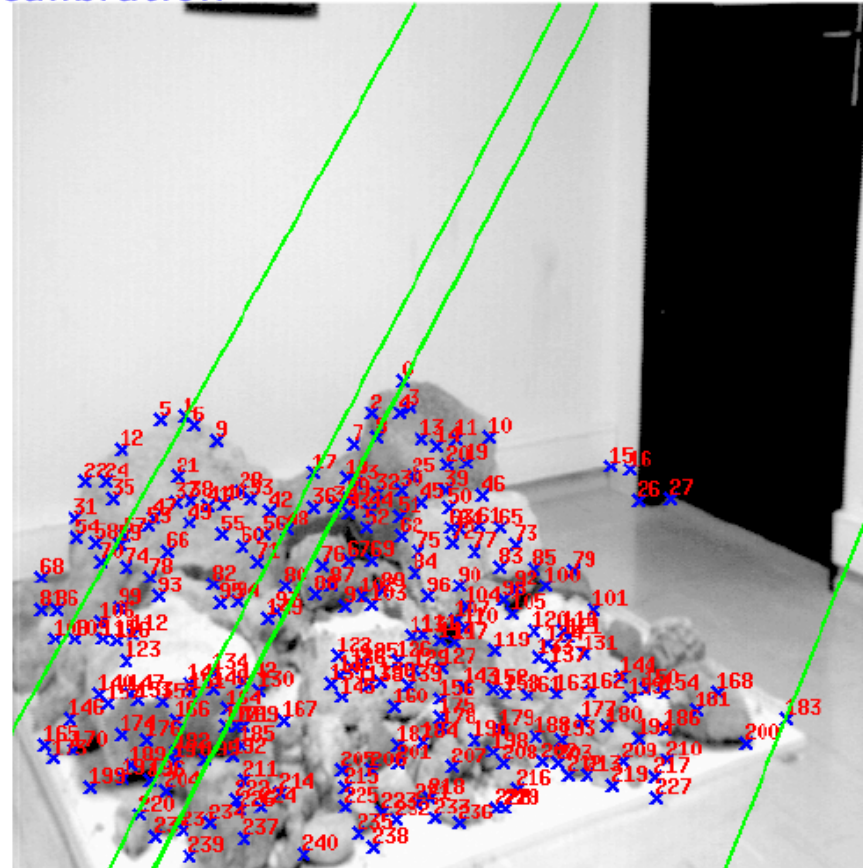
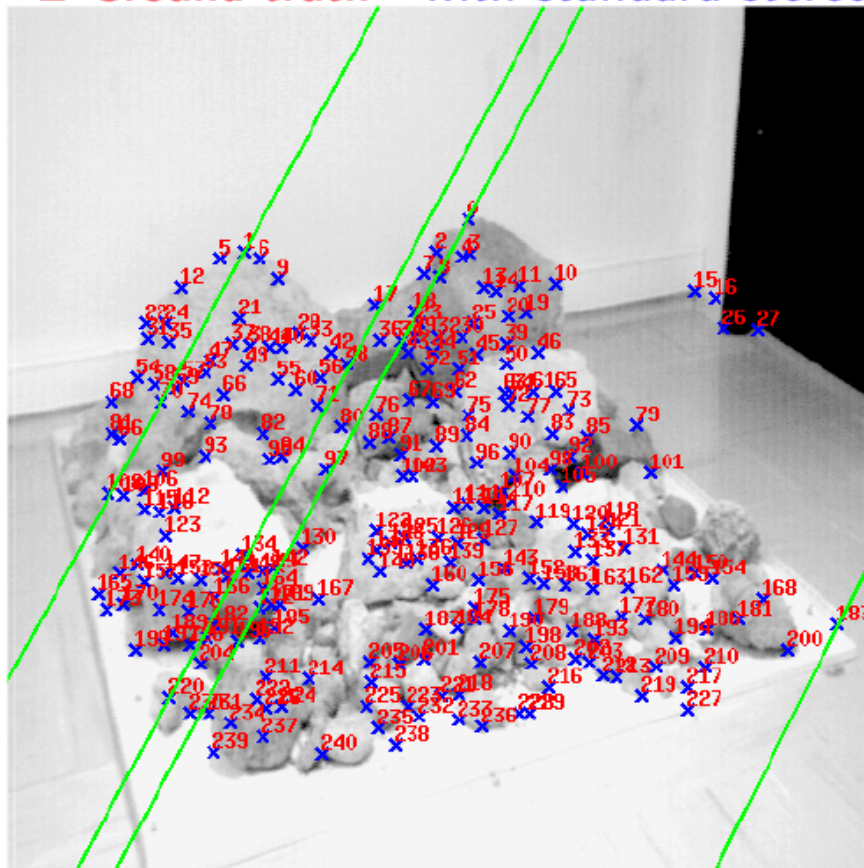
- determine inliers

until  $\Gamma(\#inliers, \#samples) > 95\%$  or too many times

compute F based on all inliers

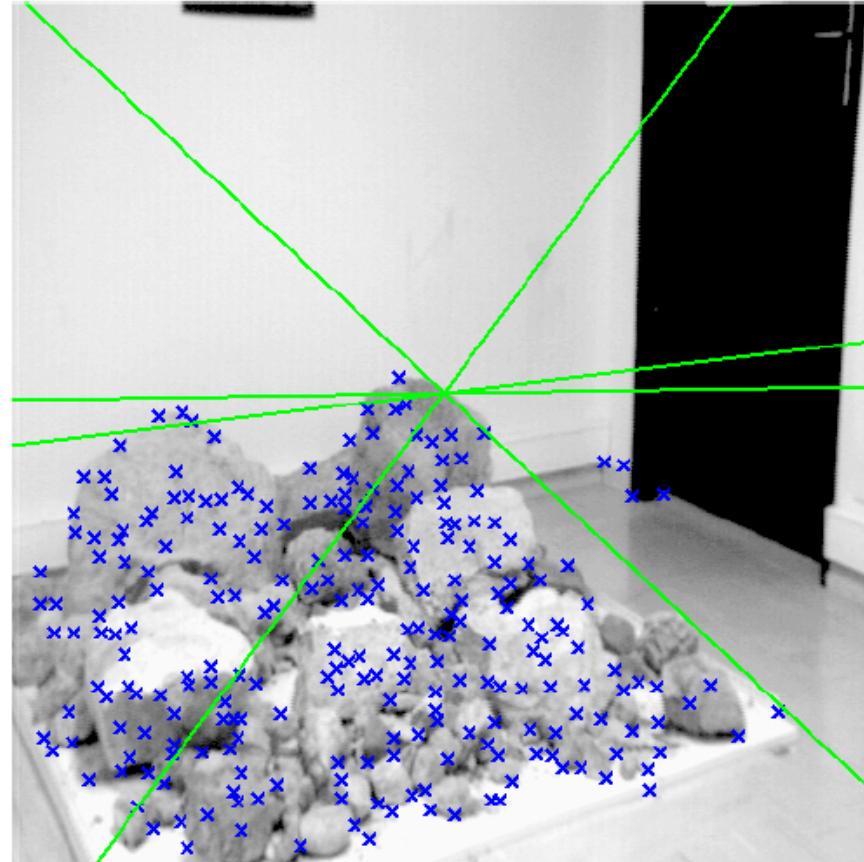
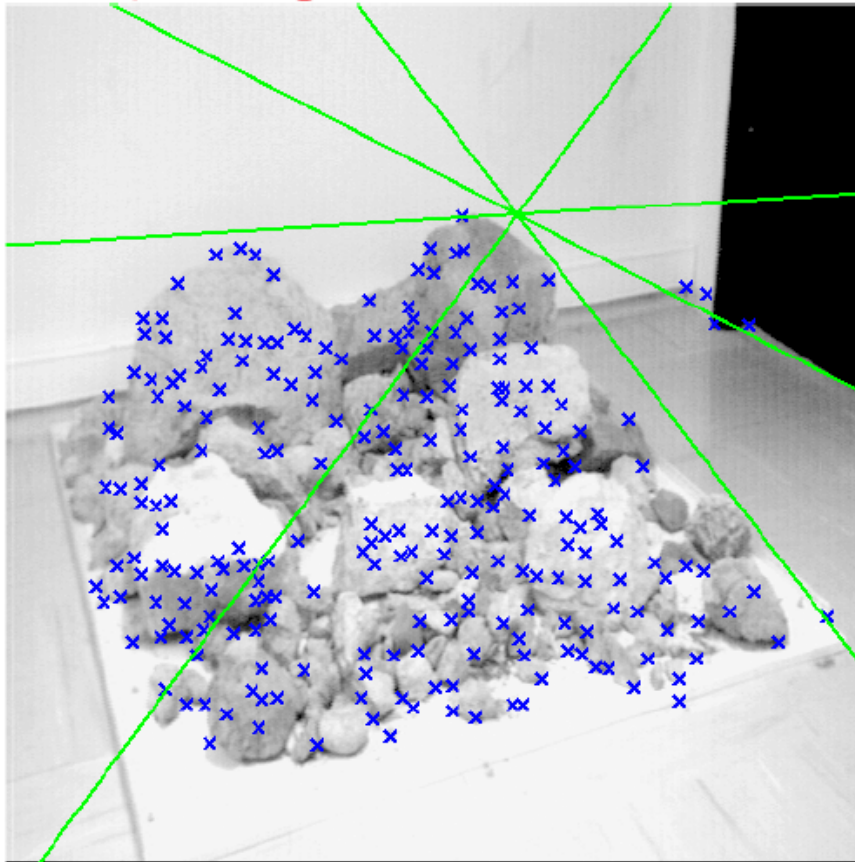
# Results (ground truth)

■ Ground truth with standard stereo calibration



# Results (8-point algorithm)

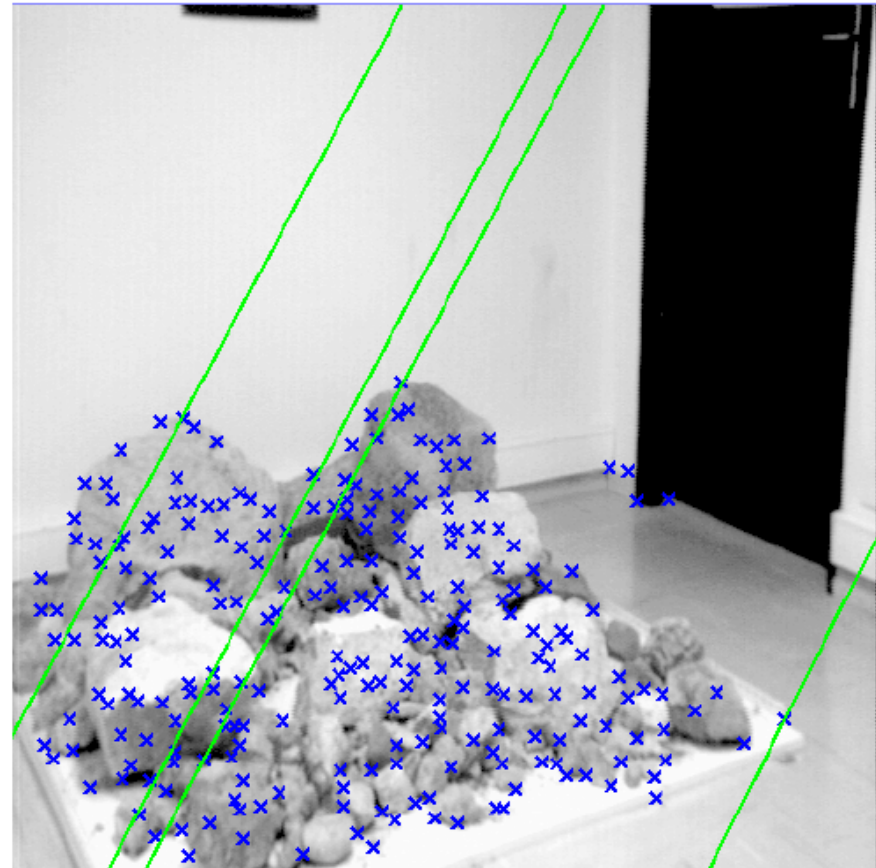
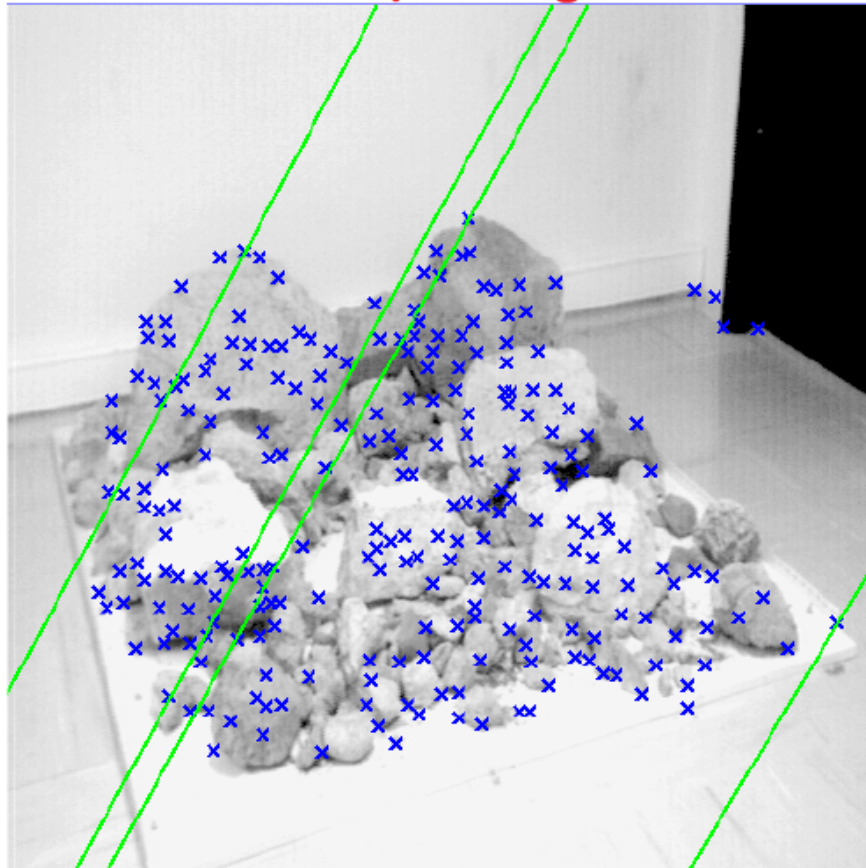
## ■ 8-point algorithm



# Results (normalized 8-point algorithm)

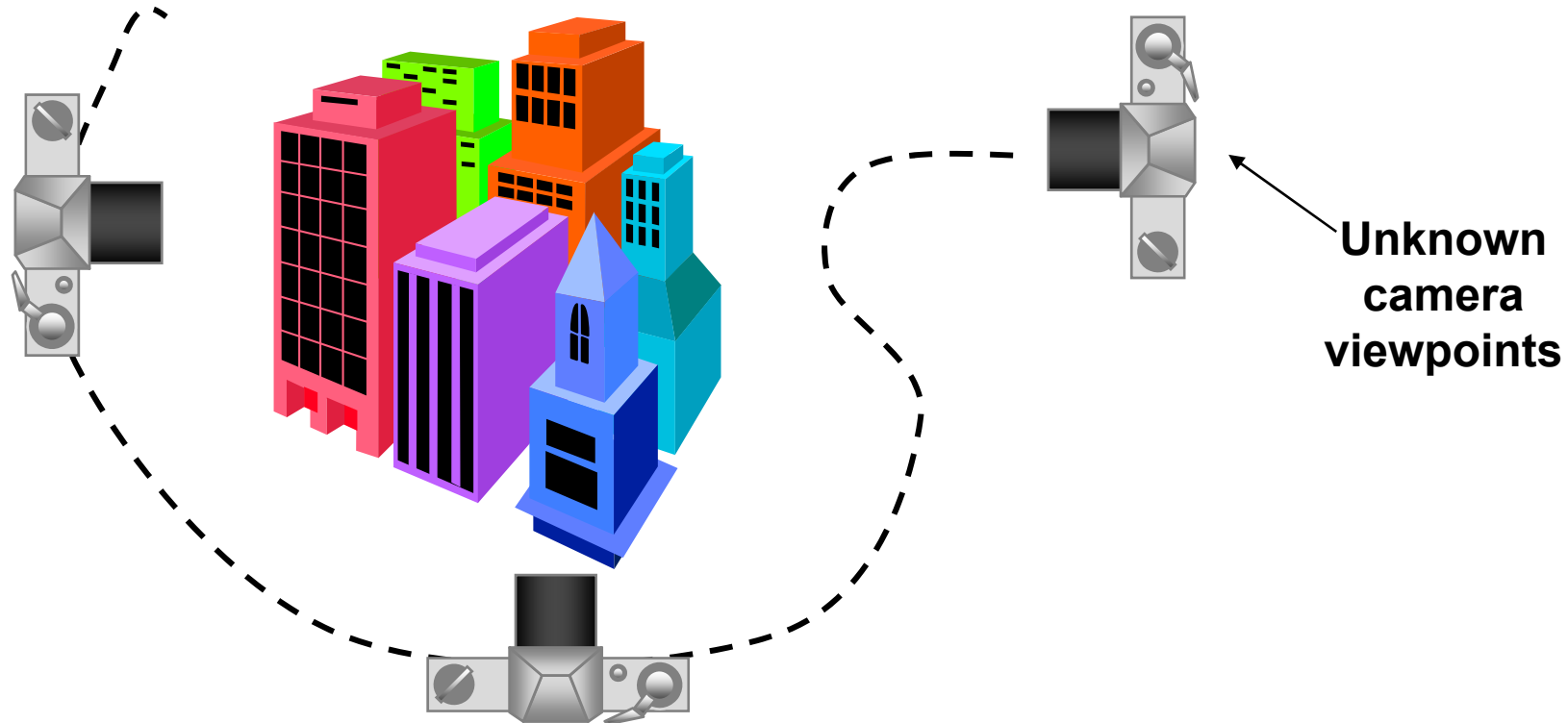
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## ■ Normalized 8-point algorithm



# Structure from motion

# Structure from motion



structure from motion: automatic recovery of camera motion and scene structure from two or more images. It is a self calibration technique and called *automatic camera tracking* or *matchmoving*.

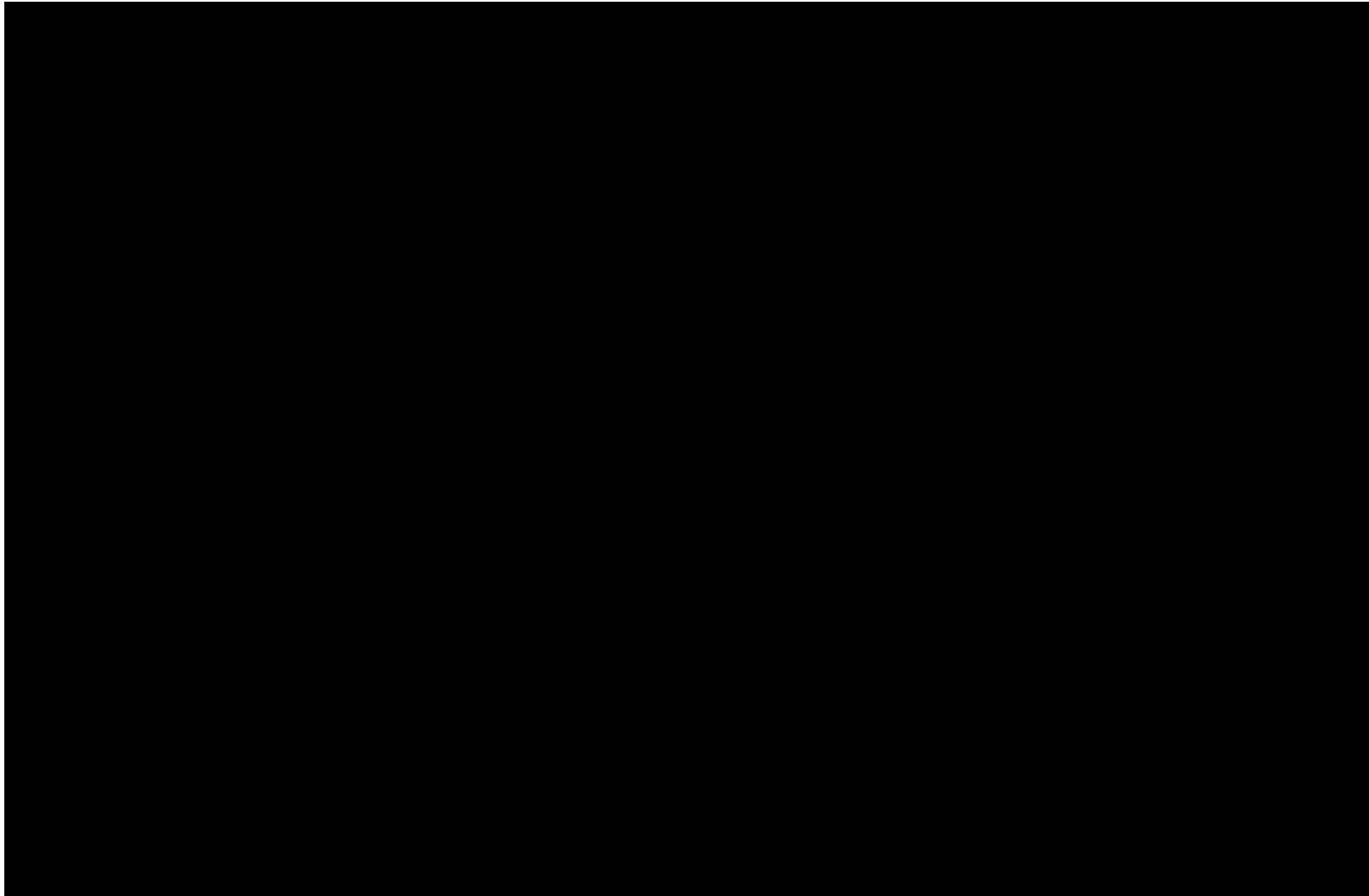


# Applications

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- For computer vision, multiple-view shape reconstruction, novel view synthesis and autonomous vehicle navigation.
- For film production, seamless insertion of CGI into live-action backgrounds

# Matchmove



[example #1](#)

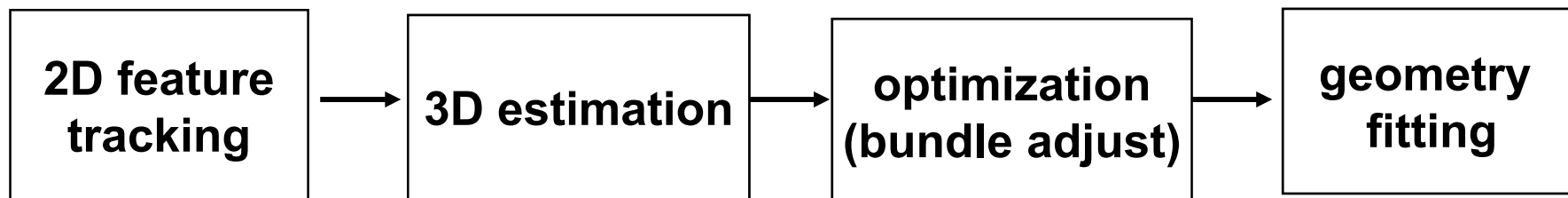
[example #2](#)

[example #3](#)



# Structure from motion

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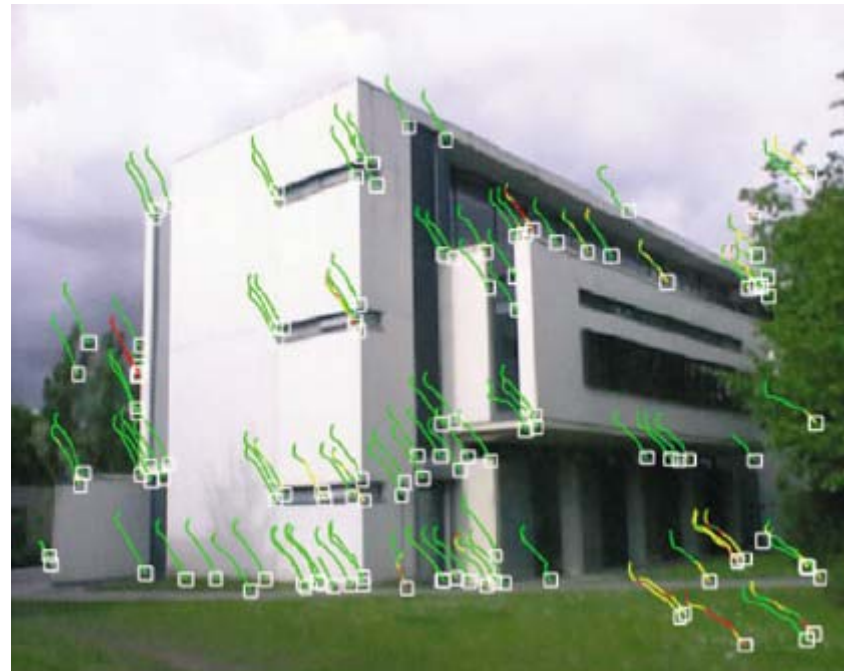


SFM pipeline

# Structure from motion

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- Step 1: Track Features
  - Detect good features, Shi & Tomasi, SIFT
  - Find correspondences between frames
    - Lucas & Kanade-style motion estimation
    - window-based correlation
    - SIFT matching



# KLT tracking

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<http://www.ces.clemson.edu/~stb/klt/>

# Structure from Motion

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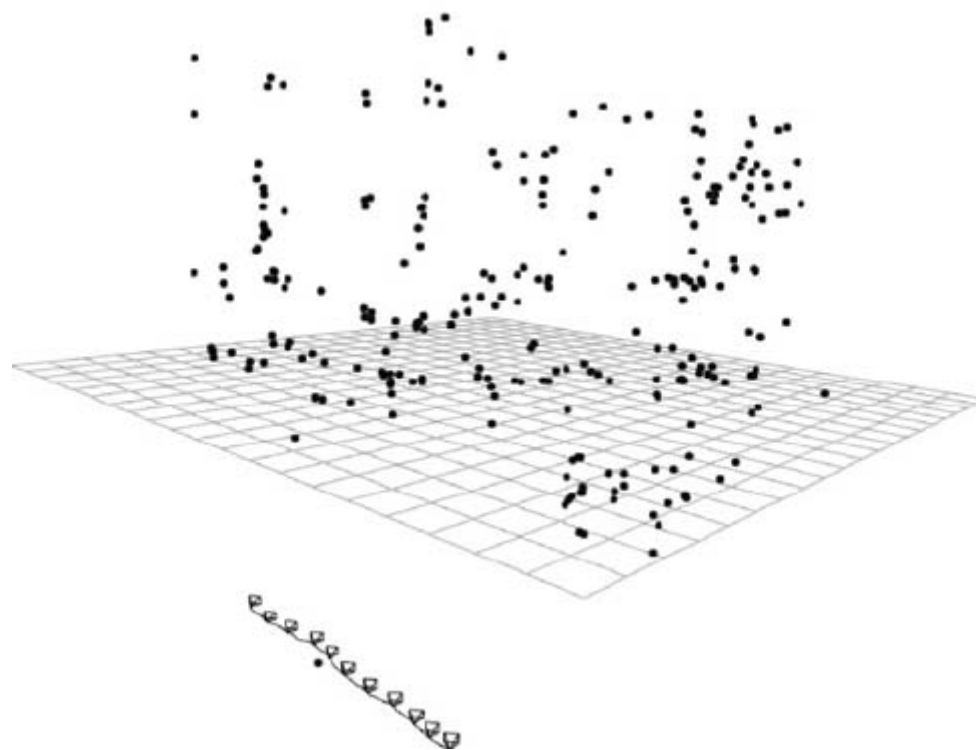
- Step 2: Estimate Motion and Structure
  - Simplified projection model, e.g., [Tomasi 92]
  - 2 or 3 views at a time [Hartley 00]



# Structure from Motion

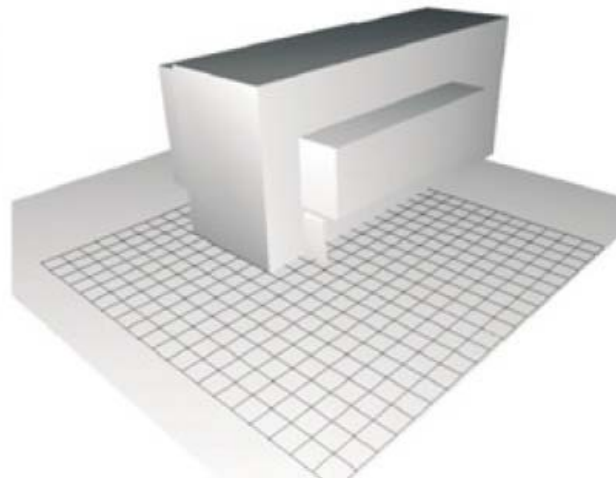
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- Step 3: Refine estimates
  - “Bundle adjustment” in photogrammetry
  - Other iterative methods



# Structure from Motion

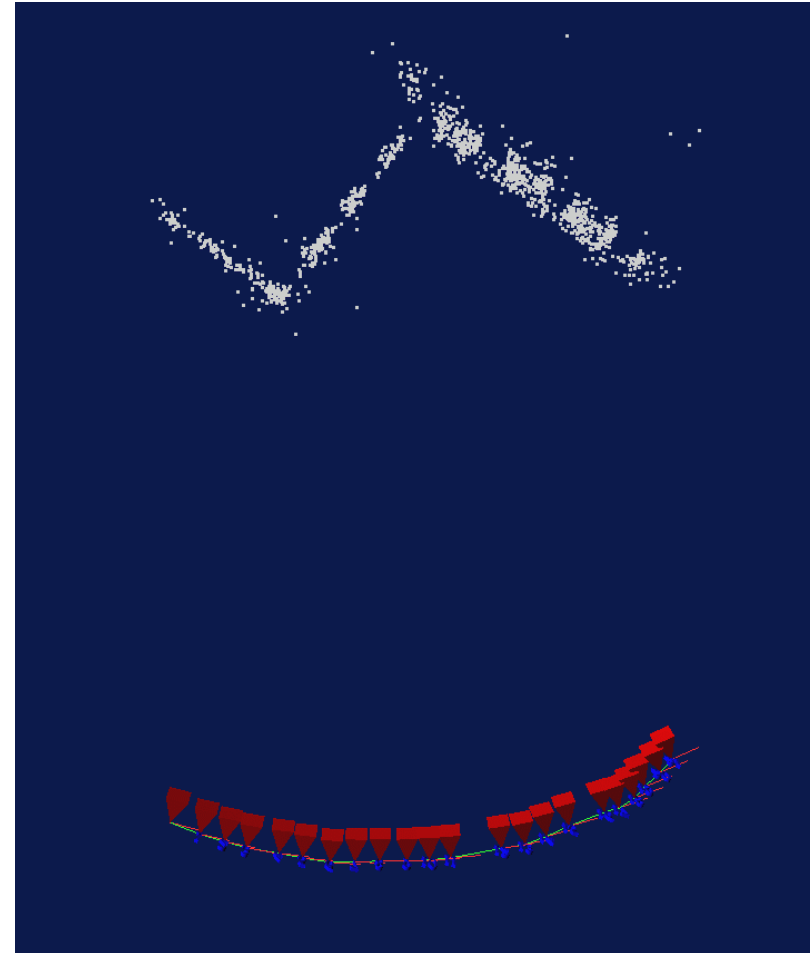
- Step 4: Recover surfaces (image-based triangulation, silhouettes, stereo...)



# Factorization methods

# Problem statement

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# Notations

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- $n$  3D points are seen in  $m$  views
- $\mathbf{q}=(u, v, 1)$ : 2D image point
- $\mathbf{p}=(x, y, z, 1)$ : 3D scene point
- $\Pi$ : projection matrix
- $\pi$ : projection function
- $q_{ij}$  is the projection of the  $i$ -th point on image  $j$
- $\lambda_{ij}$  projective depth of  $q_{ij}$

$$\mathbf{q}_{ij} = \pi(\Pi_j \mathbf{p}_i)$$

$$\pi(x, y, z) = (x / z, y / z)$$

$$\lambda_{ij} = z$$

# Structure from motion

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- Estimate  $\Pi_j$  and  $\mathbf{p}_i$  to minimize

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{\Pi}_1, \dots, \mathbf{\Pi}_m, \mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} \log P(\pi(\mathbf{\Pi}_j \mathbf{p}_i); \mathbf{q}_{ij})$$

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p_i \text{ is visible in view } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

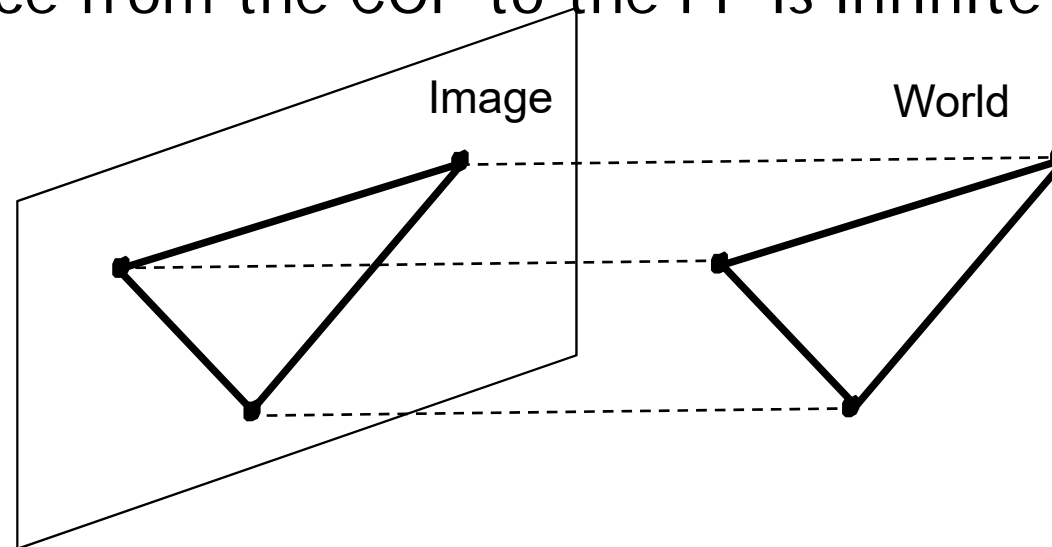
- Assume isotropic Gaussian noise, it is reduced to

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{\Pi}_1, \dots, \mathbf{\Pi}_m, \mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} \|\pi(\mathbf{\Pi}_j \mathbf{p}_i) - \mathbf{q}_{ij}\|^2$$

- Start from a simpler projection model

# Orthographic projection

- Special case of perspective projection
  - Distance from the COP to the PP is infinite

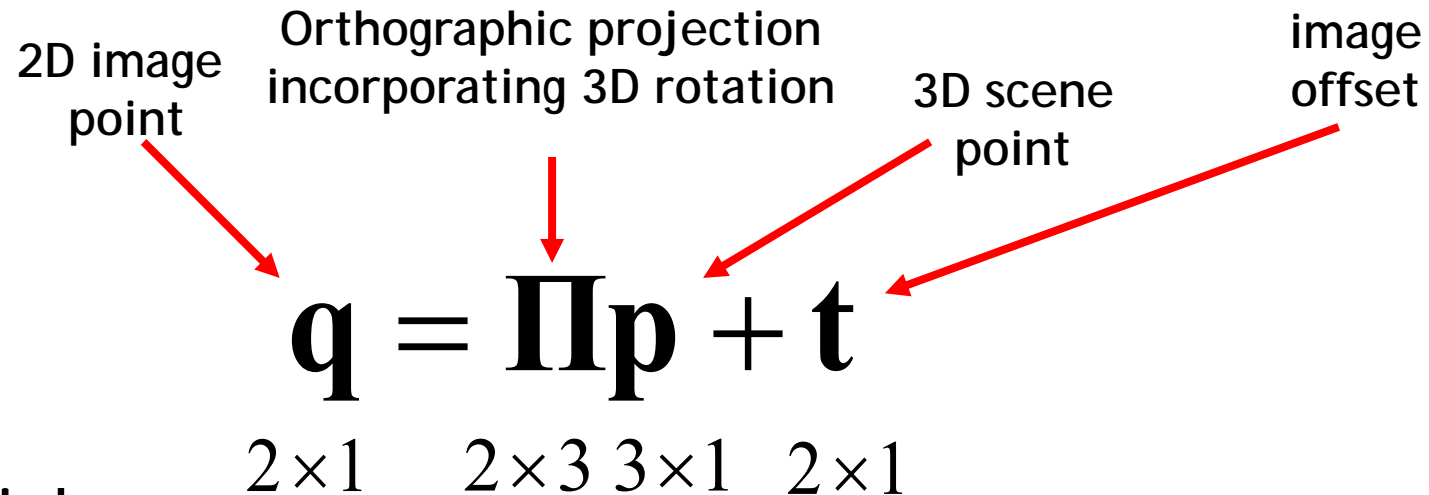


$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x, y)$$

- Also called “parallel projection”:  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x, y)$

# SFM under orthographic projection

2D image point      Orthographic projection incorporating 3D rotation      3D scene point      image offset


$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{t}$$

$2 \times 1$        $2 \times 3$   $3 \times 1$        $2 \times 1$

- Trick
  - Choose scene origin to be centroid of 3D points
  - Choose image origins to be centroid of 2D points
  - Allows us to drop the camera translation:

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{p}$$

# factorization (Tomasi & Kanade)

projection of  $n$  features in one image:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 & \mathbf{q}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_n \end{bmatrix} = \prod \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{p}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$2 \times n \qquad \qquad 2 \times 3 \qquad \qquad 3 \times n$

projection of  $n$  features in  $m$  images

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_{11} & \mathbf{q}_{12} & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{1n} \\ \mathbf{q}_{21} & \mathbf{q}_{22} & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{q}_{m1} & \mathbf{q}_{m2} & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Pi}_1 \\ \mathbf{\Pi}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{\Pi}_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{p}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$2m \times n \qquad \qquad 2m \times 3 \qquad \qquad 3 \times n$

**W** measurement      **M** motion      **S** shape

Key Observation:  $rank(\mathbf{W}) \leq 3$

# Factorization

$$\text{known} \text{---} \textcircled{\mathbf{W}}_{2m \times n} = \boxed{\mathbf{M} \mathbf{S}}_{\substack{2m \times 3 \\ 3 \times n}} \text{--- solve for}$$

- Factorization Technique

- $W$  is at most rank 3 (assuming no noise)
- We can use *singular value decomposition* to factor  $W$ :

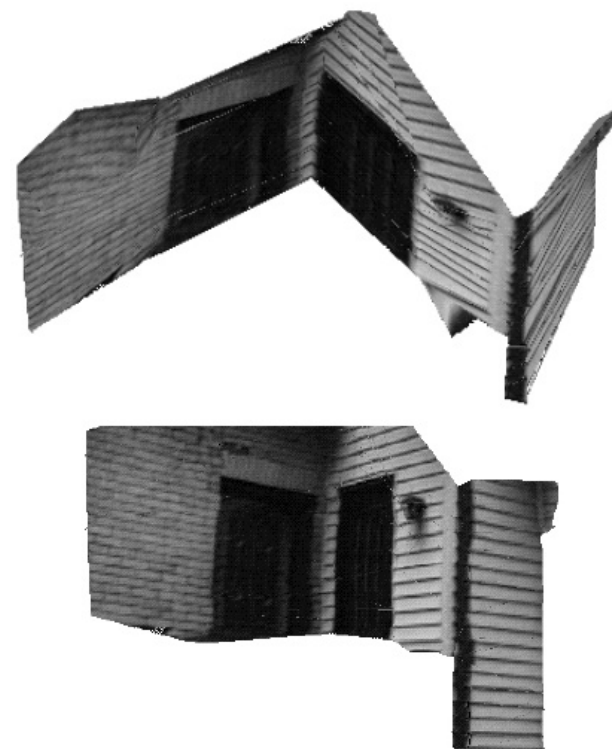
$$\mathbf{W}_{2m \times n} = \mathbf{M}'_{2m \times 3} \mathbf{S}'_{3 \times n}$$

- $S'$  differs from  $S$  by a linear transformation  $A$ :

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{M}'\mathbf{S}' = (\mathbf{M}\mathbf{A}^{-1})(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S})$$

- Solve for  $A$  by enforcing *metric* constraints on  $M$

# Results



# Extensions to factorization methods

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- Projective projection
- With missing data
- Projective projection with missing data




# **Bundle adjustment**

# Bundle adjustment

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- $n$  3D points are seen in  $m$  views
- $x_{ij}$  is the projection of the  $i$ -th point on image  $j$
- $a_j$  is the parameters for the  $j$ -th camera
- $b_i$  is the parameters for the  $i$ -th point
- BA attempts to minimize the projection error

$$\min_{\mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{b}_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m d(\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{b}_i), \mathbf{x}_{ij})^2$$


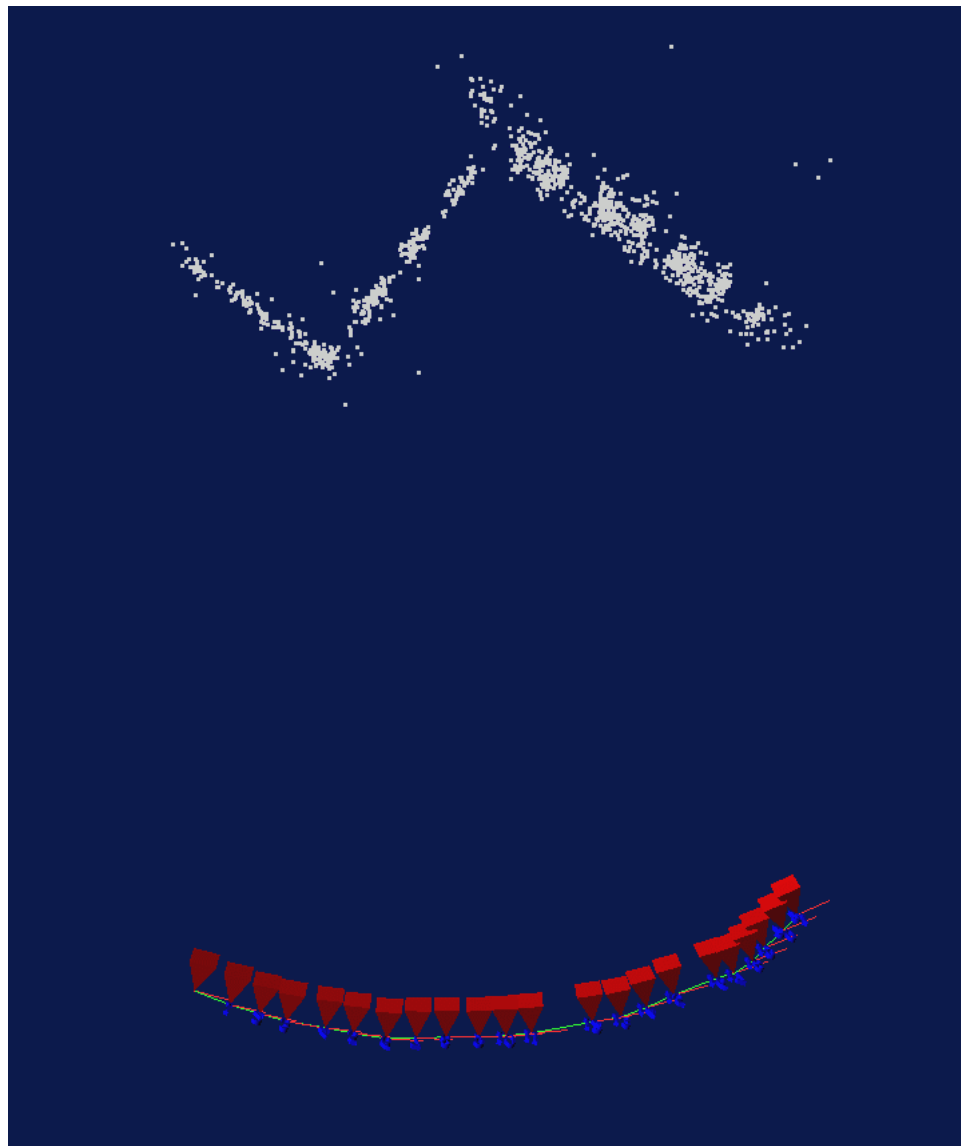
Euclidean distance

# Levenberg-Marquardt method

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- LM can be thought of as a combination of steepest descent and the Newton method. When the current solution is far from the correct one, the algorithm behaves like a steepest descent method: slow, but guaranteed to converge. When the current solution is close to the correct solution, it becomes a Newton's method.

# Bundle adjustment



## The Structure from Motion Pipeline

# Applications of matchmove

# Jurassic park



# 2d3 boujou



DigiVFX



Enemy at the Gate, Double Negative



2d3 boujou



DigiVFX



Enemy at the Gate, Double Negative

# Photo Tourism



## Photo Tourism

Exploring photo collections in 3D



(a)



(b)



(c)

# VideoTrace

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<http://www.acvt.com.au/research/videotrace/>

# Video stabilization





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# Project #3 MatchMove

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- It is more about using tools in this project
- You can choose either calibration or structure from motion to achieve the goal
- Calibration
- Voodoo/Icarus
  
- Examples from previous classes, [#1](#), [#2](#)
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/theActionMovieKid/videos>