Mathematical Principles in Visual Computing
Projective Geometry – Geometric Relations

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Outline

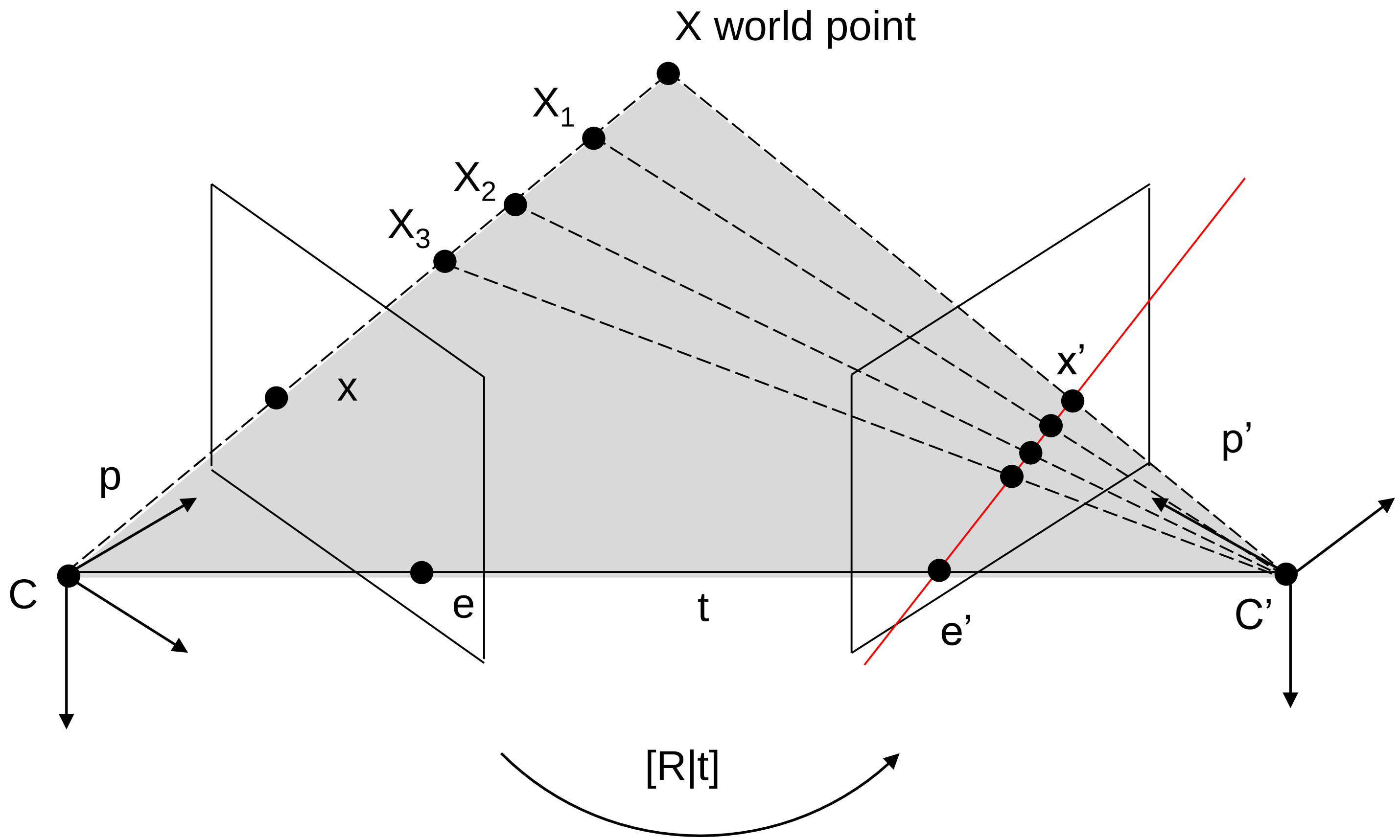
- Epipolar constraint derivation
- Stereo normal case
- Triangulation
- Camera pose estimation

Learning goals

- Understand and derive the epipolar constraint
- Understand the geometric concept of the epipolar plane
- Understand triangulation
- Understand camera pose estimation

Epipolar constraint

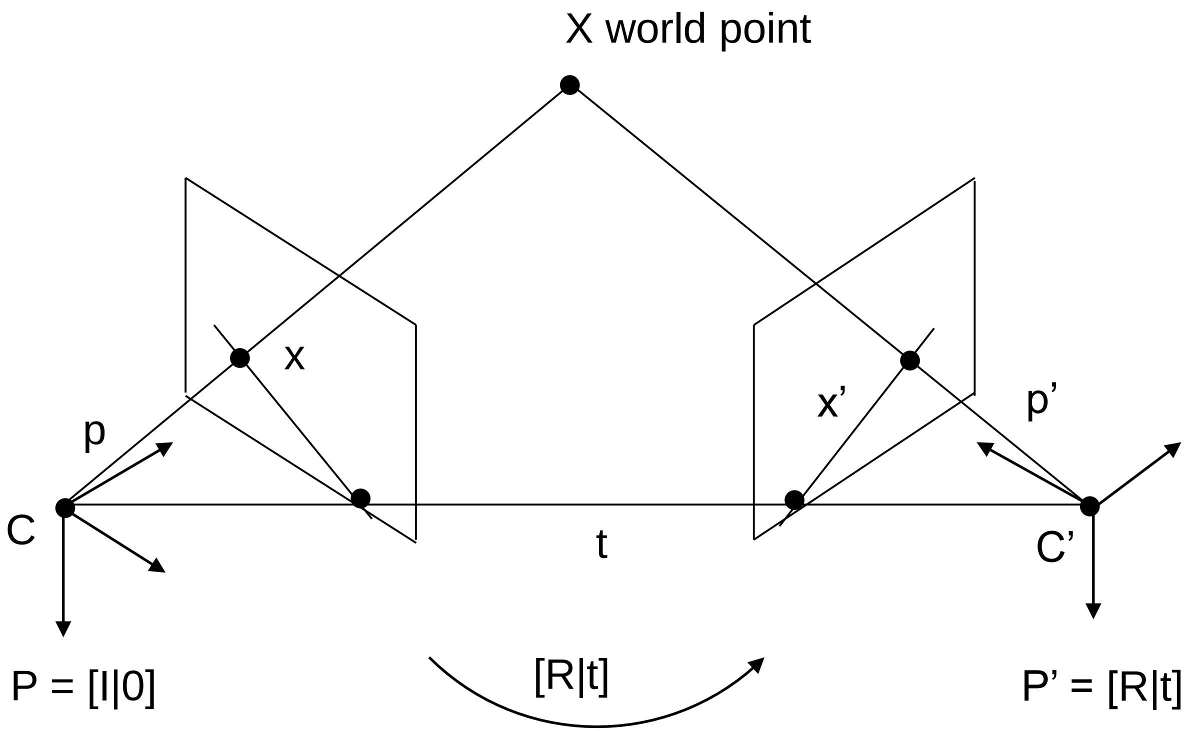
- The epipolar constraint is a mathematical relationship between the point correspondences of two images



Epipolar constraint – derivation by coplanarity condition

- Vector p and t define a plane
- Vector p’ and t define also a plane
- Both planes must have the same normal
- What we seek is a relation between p and p’

Epipolar constraint – derivation by coplanarity condition



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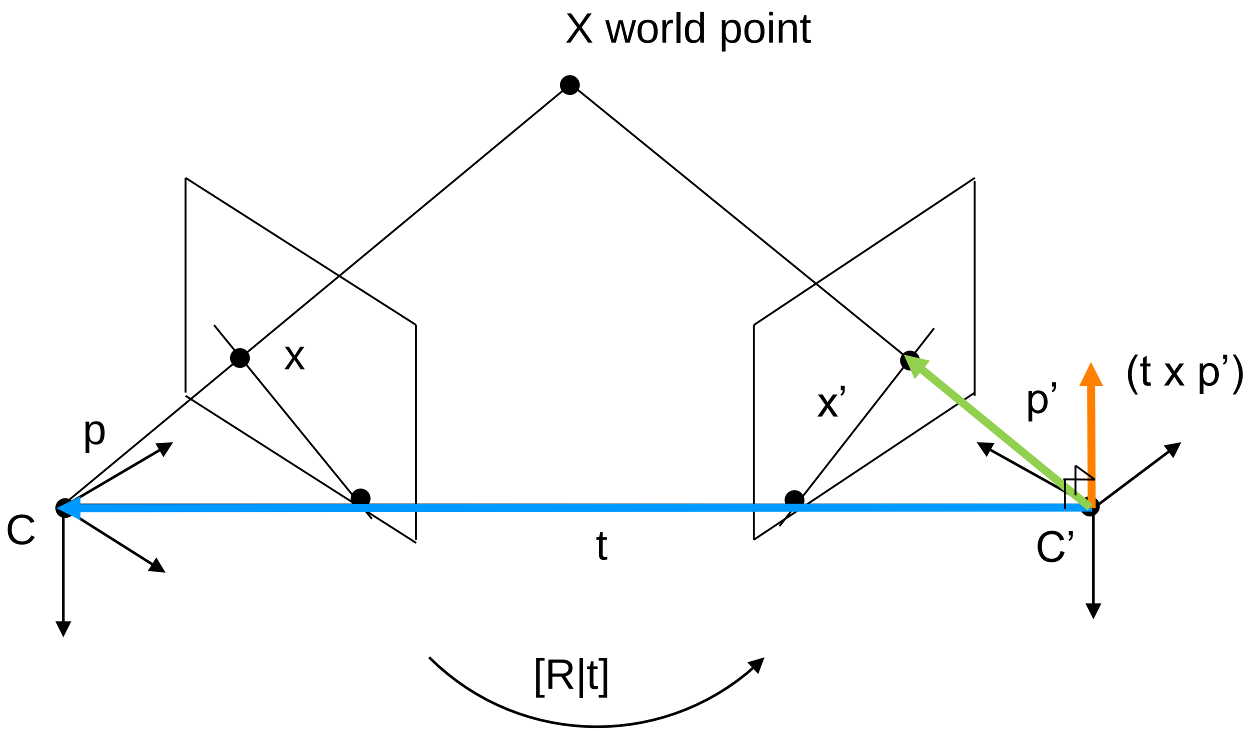

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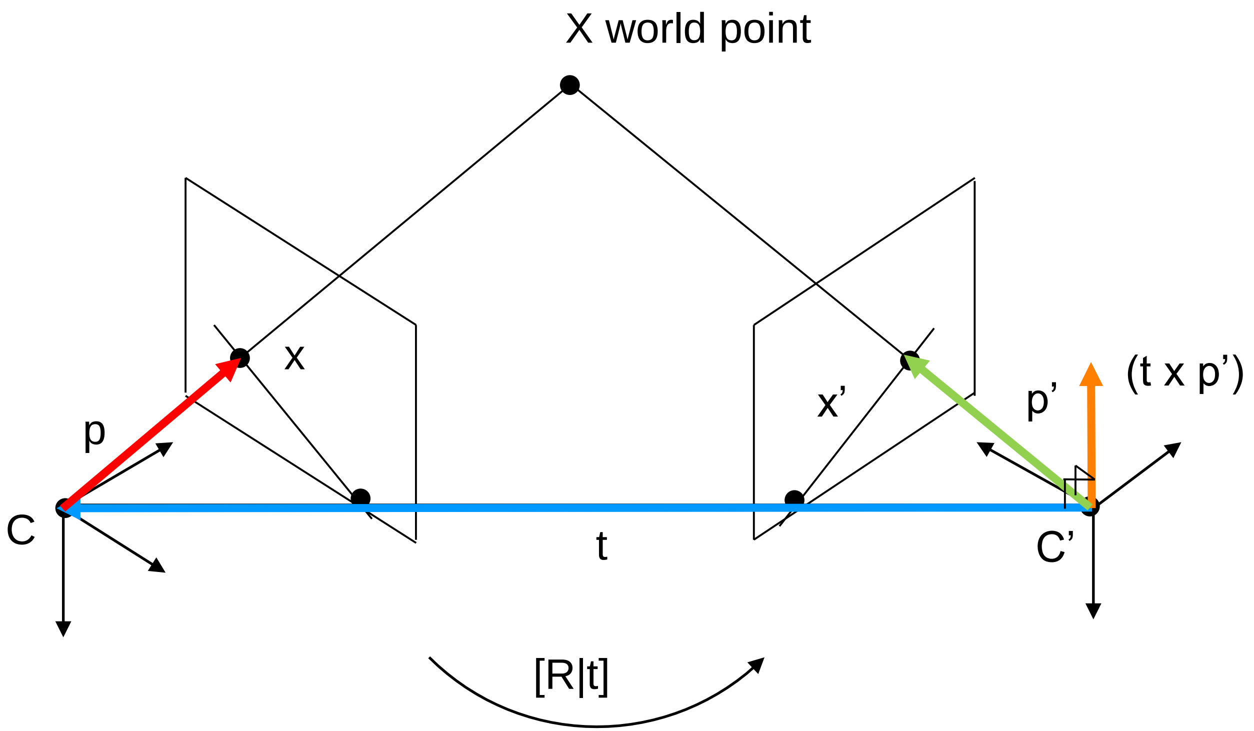

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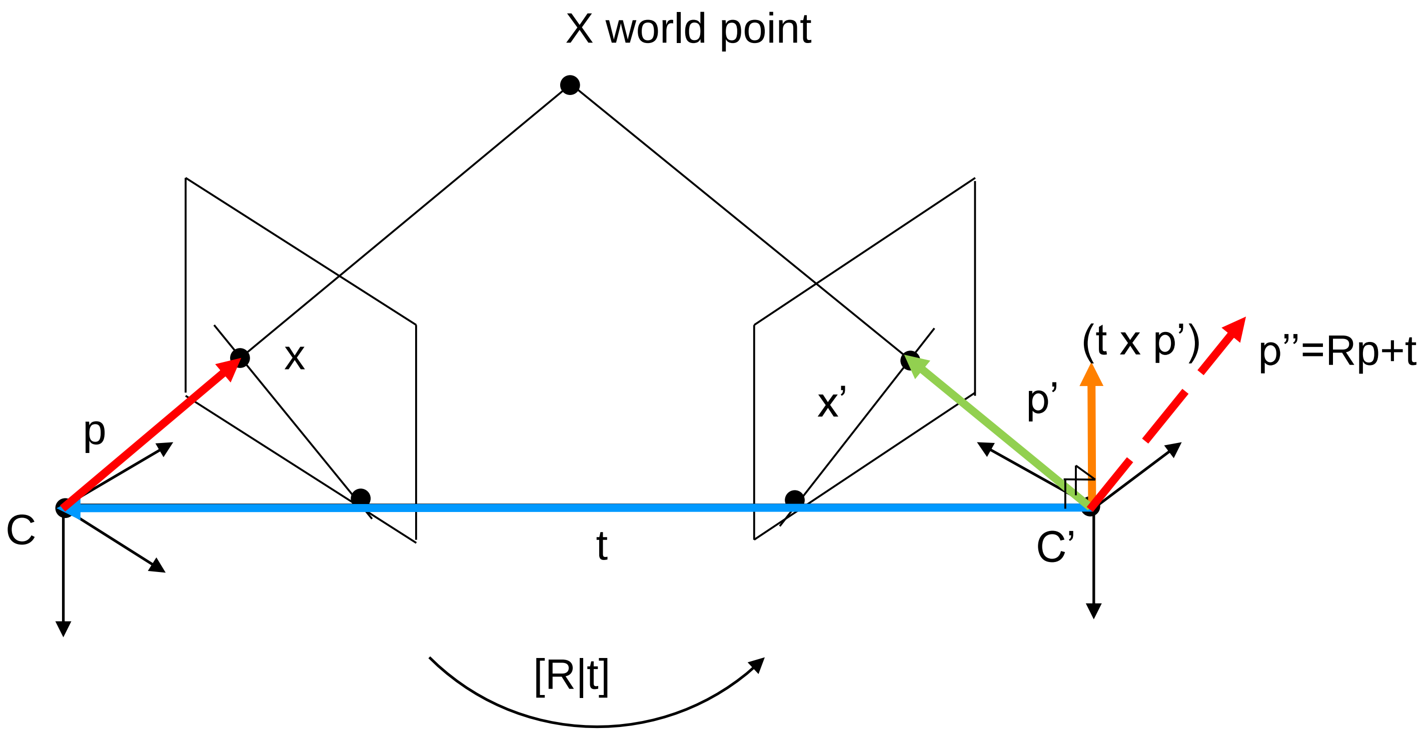

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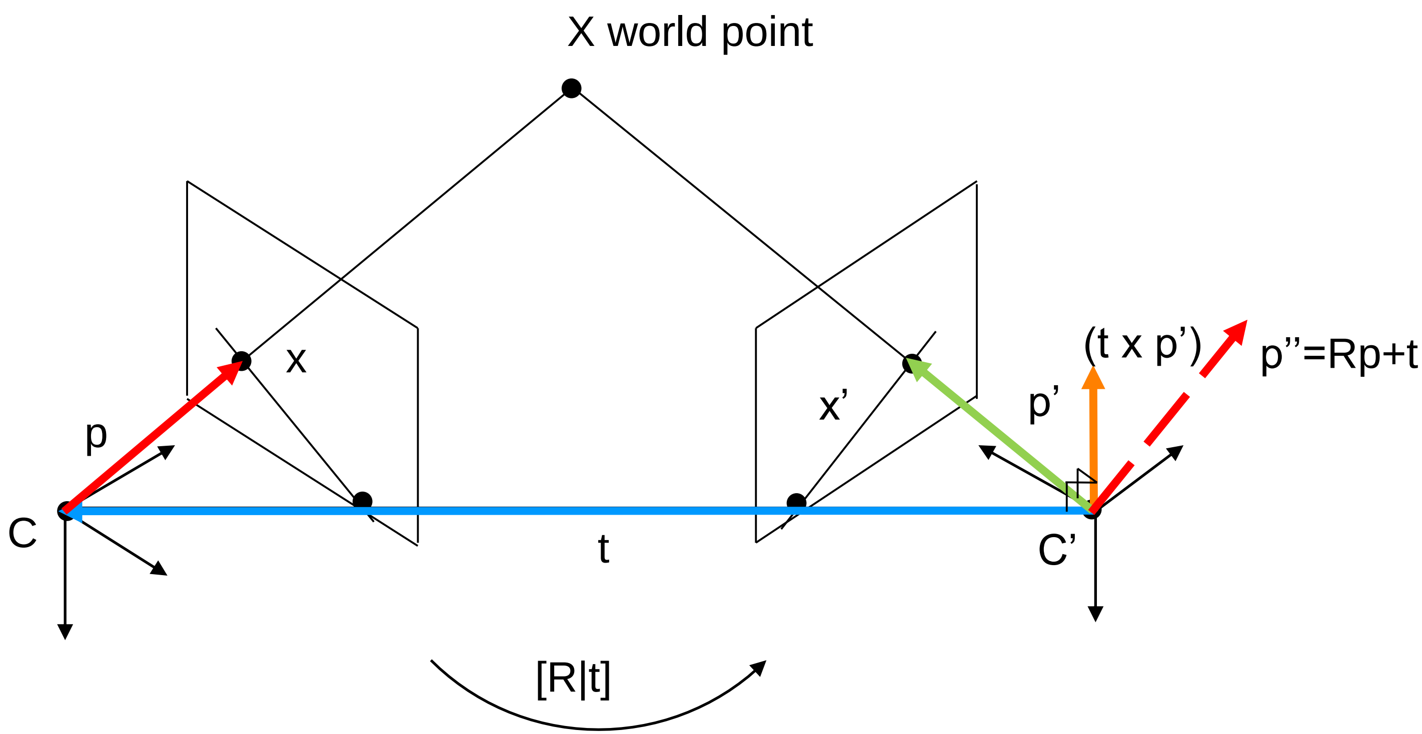


$$t \times p' = t \times p''$$
$$t \times p' = t \times (Rp + t)$$
$$with\, p'' = Rp + t$$
$$t \times p' = t \times Rp + t \times t$$
$$p'^T(t \times p') = 0$$
$$p'^T(t \times Rp) = 0$$

$$p'^T \underbrace{[t]_x R}_{E} p = 0$$

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

E is called the Essential matrix

Fundamental matrix

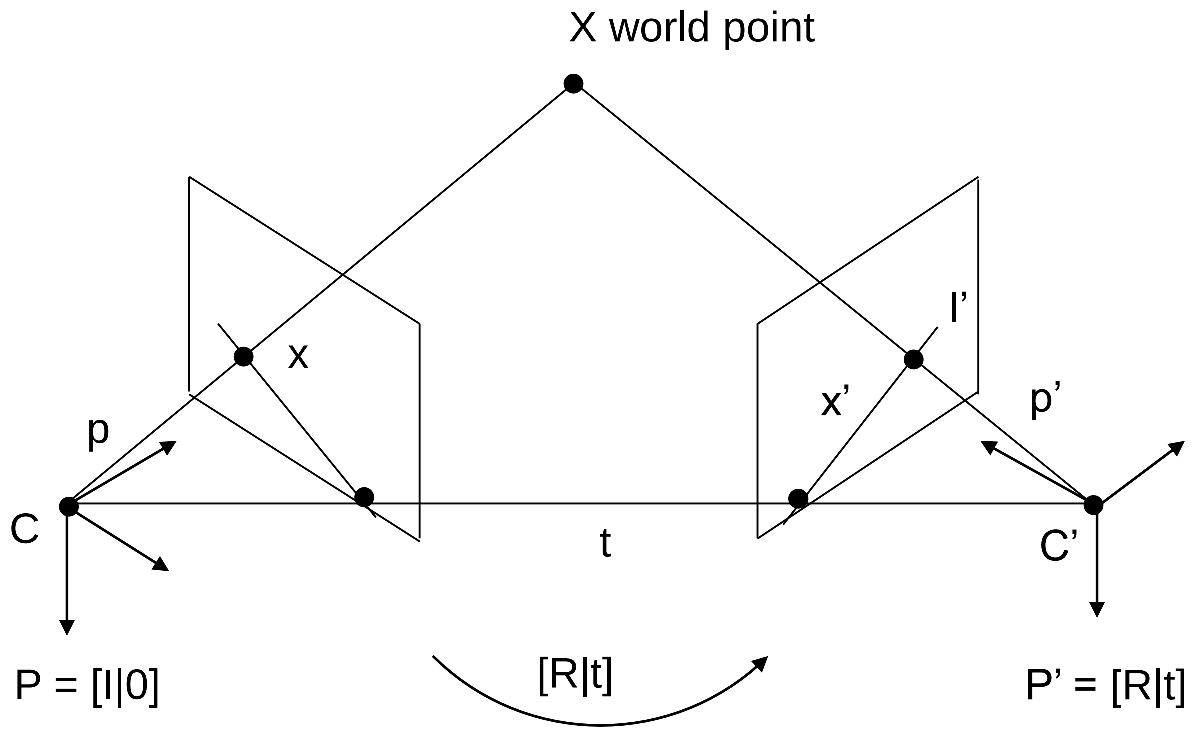
- p,p’ from the Essential matrix derivation are in normalized coordinates
- x,x’ are image coordinates, x=Kp, x’=Kp’
- By replacing p,p’ with x,x’ one gets the Fundamental matrix

$$p = K^{-1}x$$
$$p' = K^{-1}x'$$

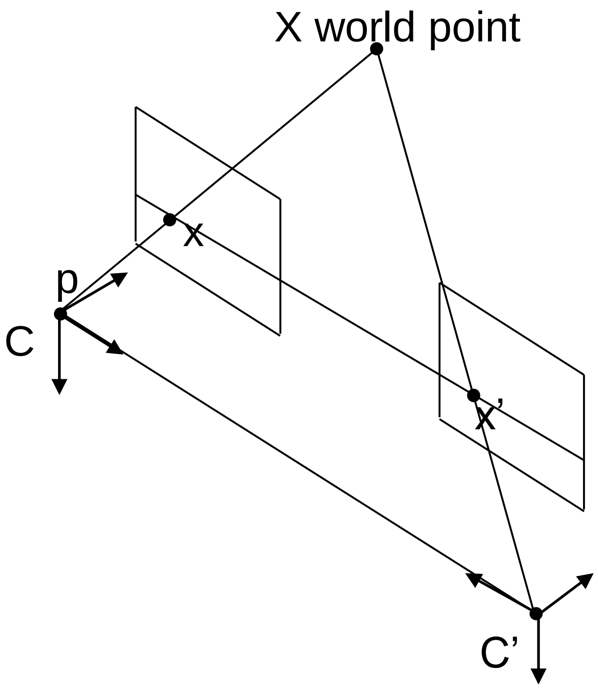
$$p'^T E p = 0$$
$$x'^T K^{-T} E K^{-1} x = 0$$
$$x'^T F x = 0$$
$$\mathrm{F} = K^{-T} E K^{-1}$$

Epipolar lines

- The corresponding line l' to image coordinate x
- l' is the line connecting the epipole e' and the image coordinate x'
- Hypothesis: $l' = Fx$
- Point x' must lie on l', thus $x'^T l' = 0$
- Now $x'^T F x = 0$



Stereo case



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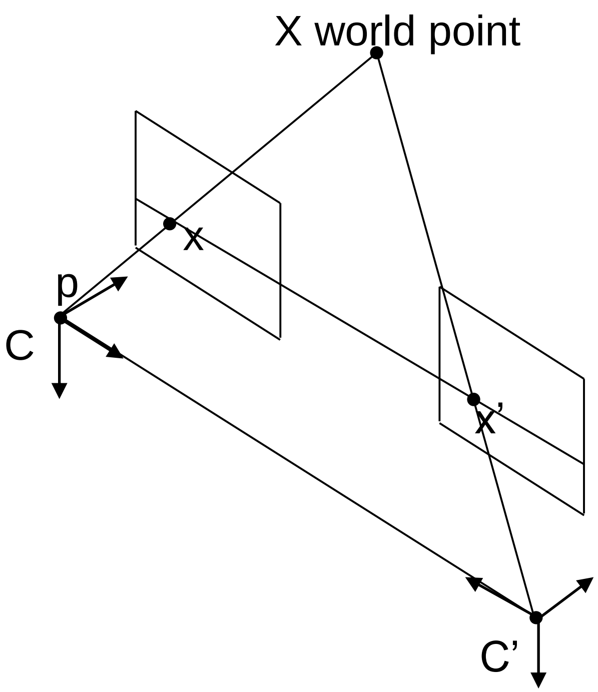

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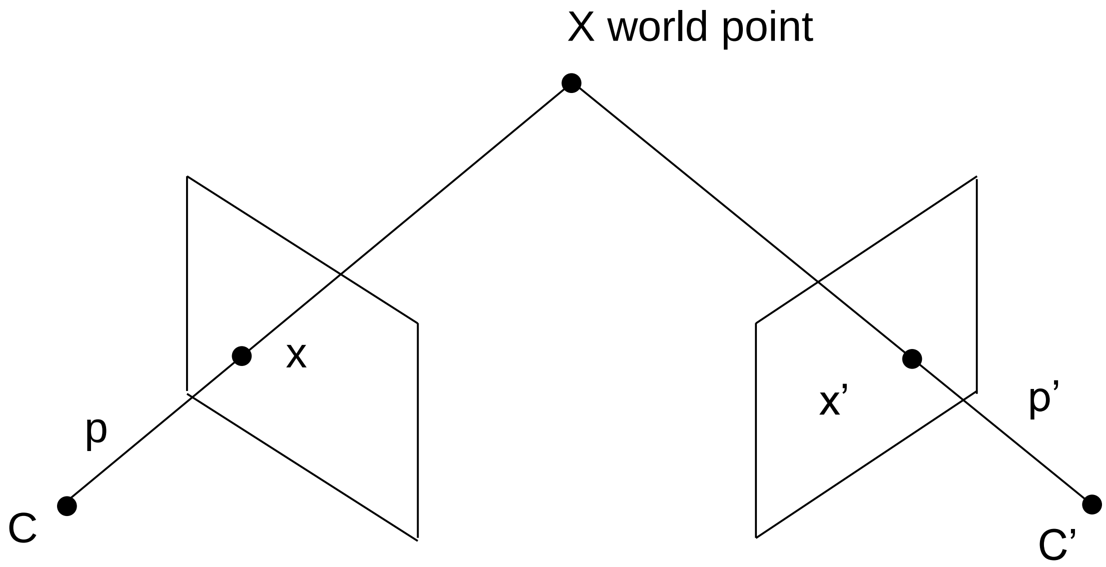
$$E = [T]_x R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -T_x \\ 0 & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[x' \quad y' \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -T_x \\ 0 & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$[x' \quad y' \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -T_x \\ T_x y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$-y' T_x + T_x y = 0$$

Triangulation



- Compute coordinates of world point X given the measurements x, x’ and the camera projection matrices P and P’

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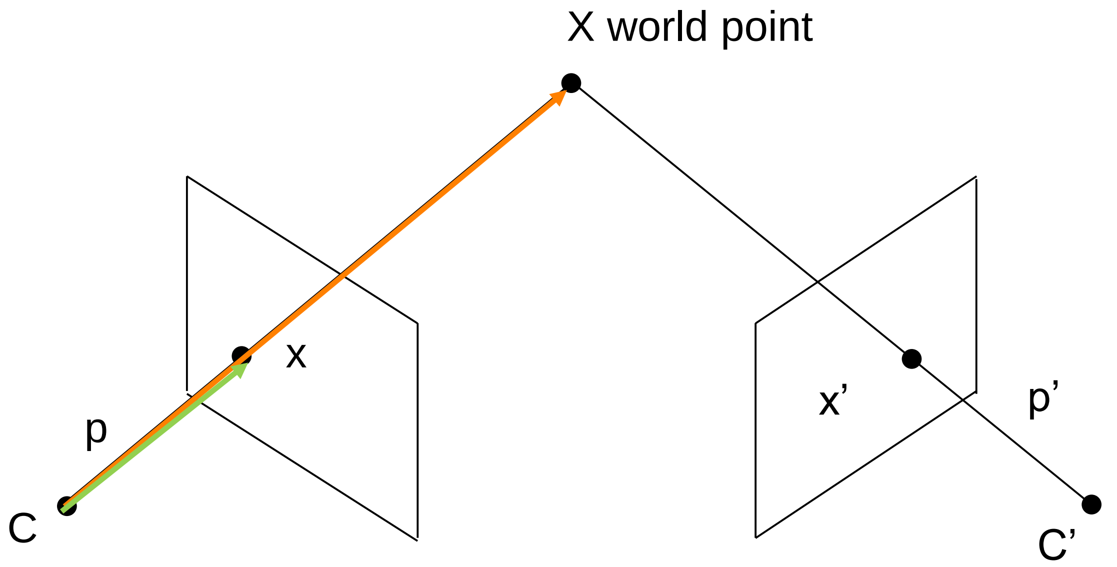
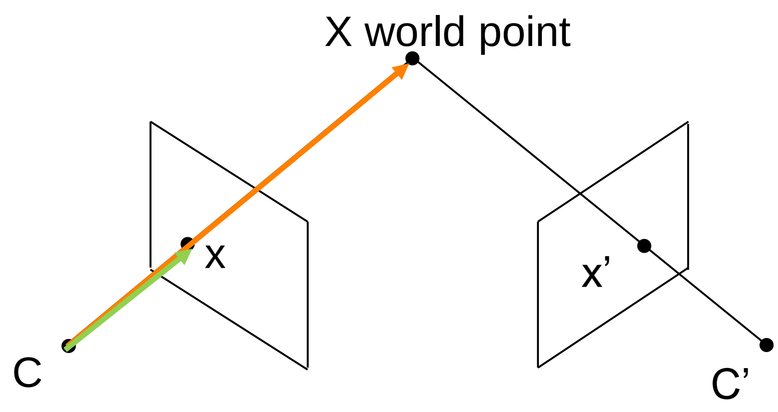


- Condition: Measurement vector x needs to have the same direction as projection of X (cross-product equals 0)
- $x \times (PX) = 0 \; and \; x' \times (P'X) = 0$
- Can be rewritten into equation system $AX = 0$ to solve for X

Triangulation

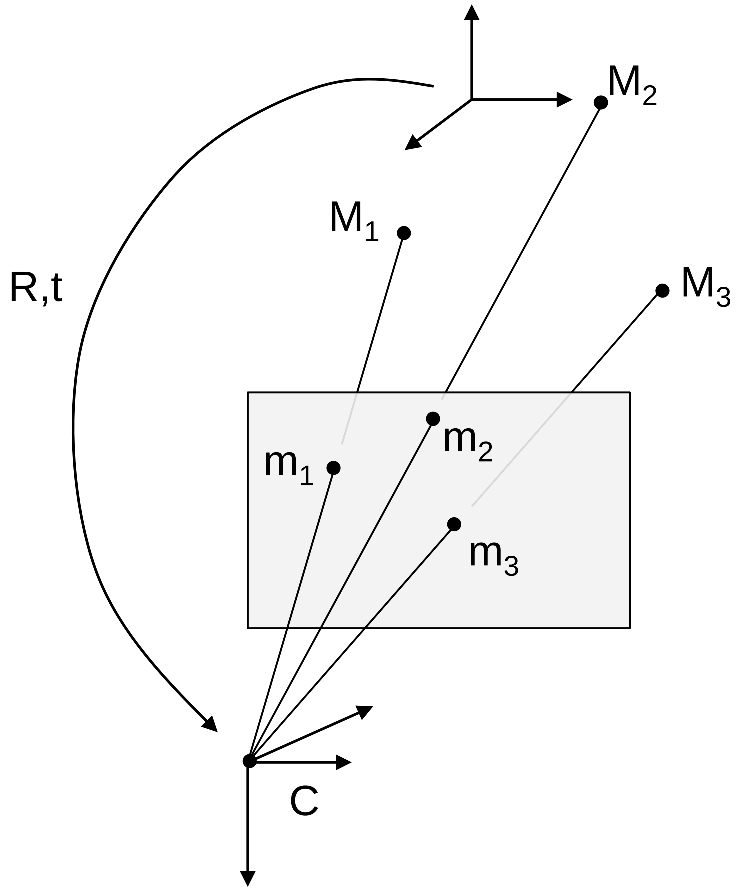


$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1^T \\ P_2^T \\ P_3^T \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x \times (PX) = 0 \; and \; x' \times (P'X) = 0$$
$$x(P_3^T X) - (P_1^T X) = 0$$
$$y(P_3^T X) - (P_2^T X) = 0$$
$$x(P_2^T X) - y(P_1^T X) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} xP_3^T - P_1^T \\ yP_3^T - P_2^T \\ x'P'^T_3 - P'^T_1 \\ y'P'^T_3 - P'^T_2 \end{bmatrix} X = 0$$

Camera pose estimation



- perspective-n-point problem
- Goal is to estimate camera matrix P such that $m_1 = PM_1$
- $m_1, M_1, m_2, M_2, m_3, M_3$ are known
- Algebraic linear solution requires 6 3D-2D point correspondences, minimal nonlinear solution requires only 3

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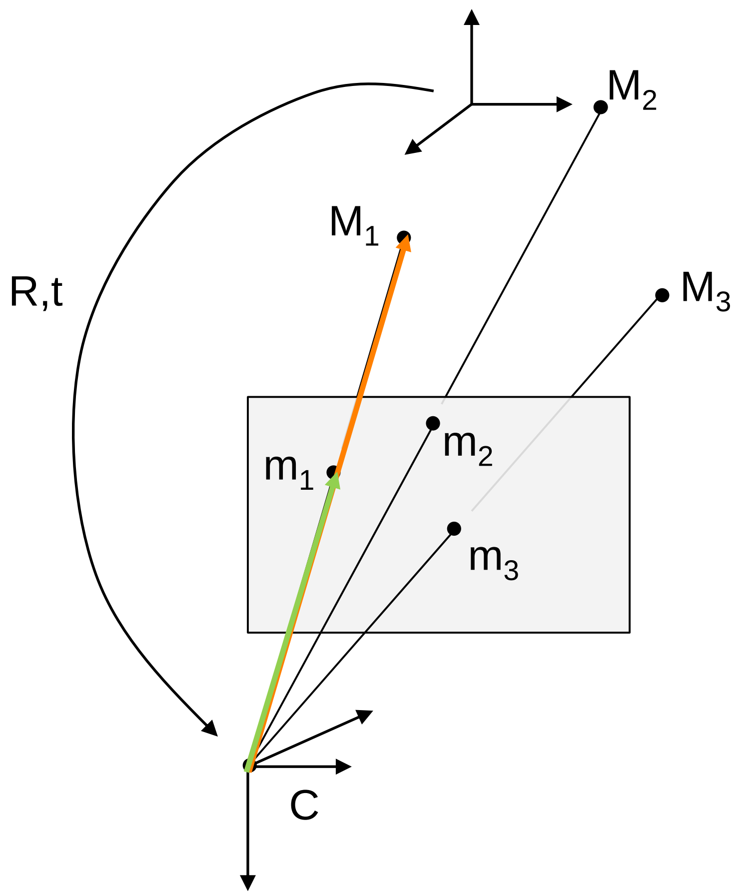

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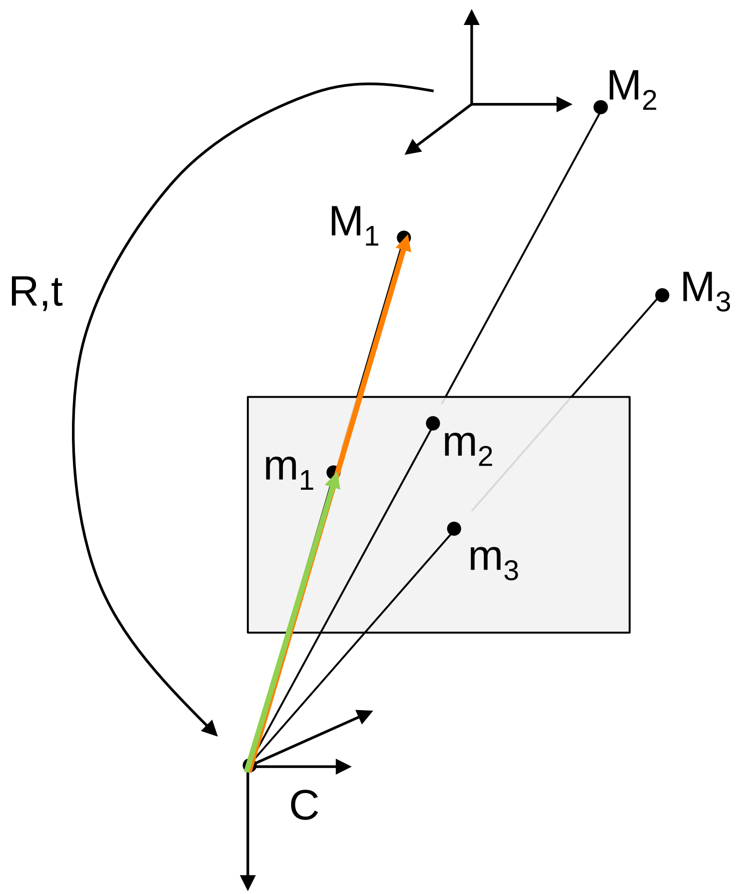

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$$x \times (PX) = 0 \; for \; all \; pairs \; x \leftrightarrow X$$
$$y(P_3^T X) - w(P_2^T X) = 0$$
$$x(P_3^T X) - w(P_1^T X) = 0$$
$$x(P_2^T X) - y(P_1^T X) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -wX^T & yX^T \\ -wX^T & 0 & xX^T \\ -yX^T & xX^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

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