

# CS4501: Introduction to Computer Vision

## Dense Stereo and Epipolar Geometry



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# Last Class

- Camera Calibration
- Stereo Vision

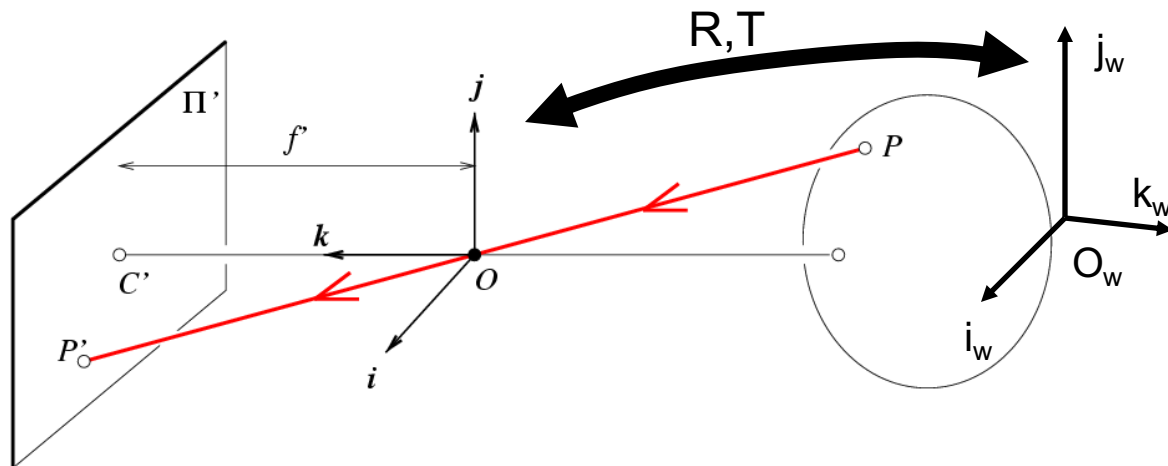
# Today's Class

- Stereo Vision – Dense Stereo
- More on Epipolar Geometry

# Camera Calibration

- What does it mean?

# Recall the Projection matrix



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

$\mathbf{x}$ : Image Coordinates:  $(u, v, 1)$

$\mathbf{K}$ : Intrinsic Matrix  $(3 \times 3)$

$\mathbf{R}$ : Rotation  $(3 \times 3)$

$\mathbf{t}$ : Translation  $(3 \times 1)$

$\mathbf{X}$ : World Coordinates:  $(X, Y, Z, 1)$

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$\mathbf{X} =$

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f = 3.0 # focal length.
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              [0, 0, 1]])

# Extrinsic Camera Parameters.
Rt = np.array([[1, 0, 0, 1],
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               [0, 0, 1, 4]])

# Camera matrix.
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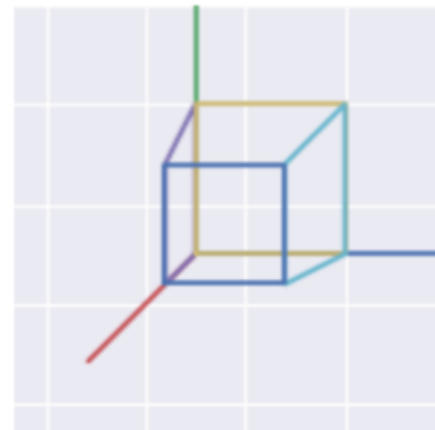
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Goal: Find  $\mathbf{x}$



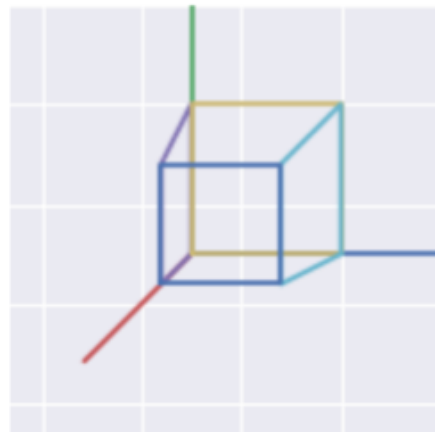
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$\mathbf{x} =$





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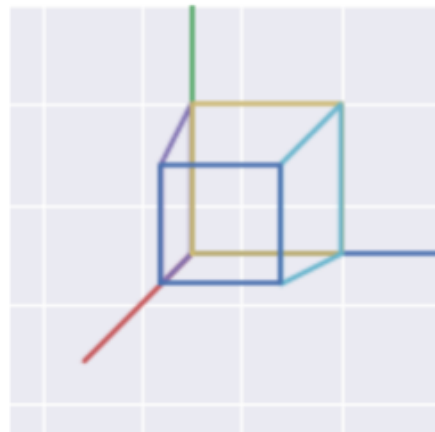
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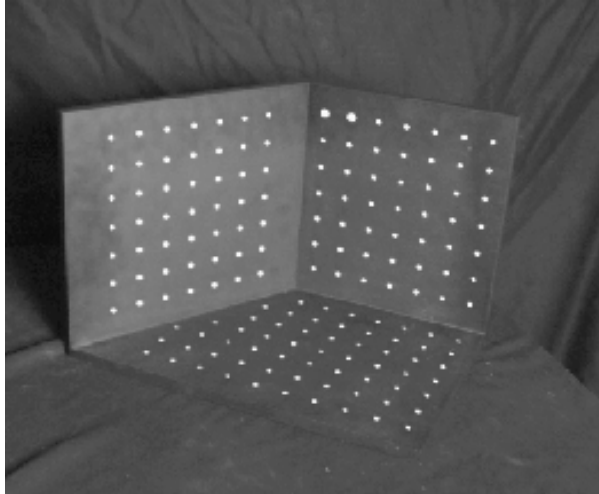
$\mathbf{X} =$



# Calibrating the Camera

Use an scene with known geometry

- Correspond image points to 3d points
- Get least squares solution (or non-linear solution)



Known 2d  
image coords



$$\begin{bmatrix} su \\ sv \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Known 3d  
locations



Unknown Camera Parameters

# How do we calibrate a camera?

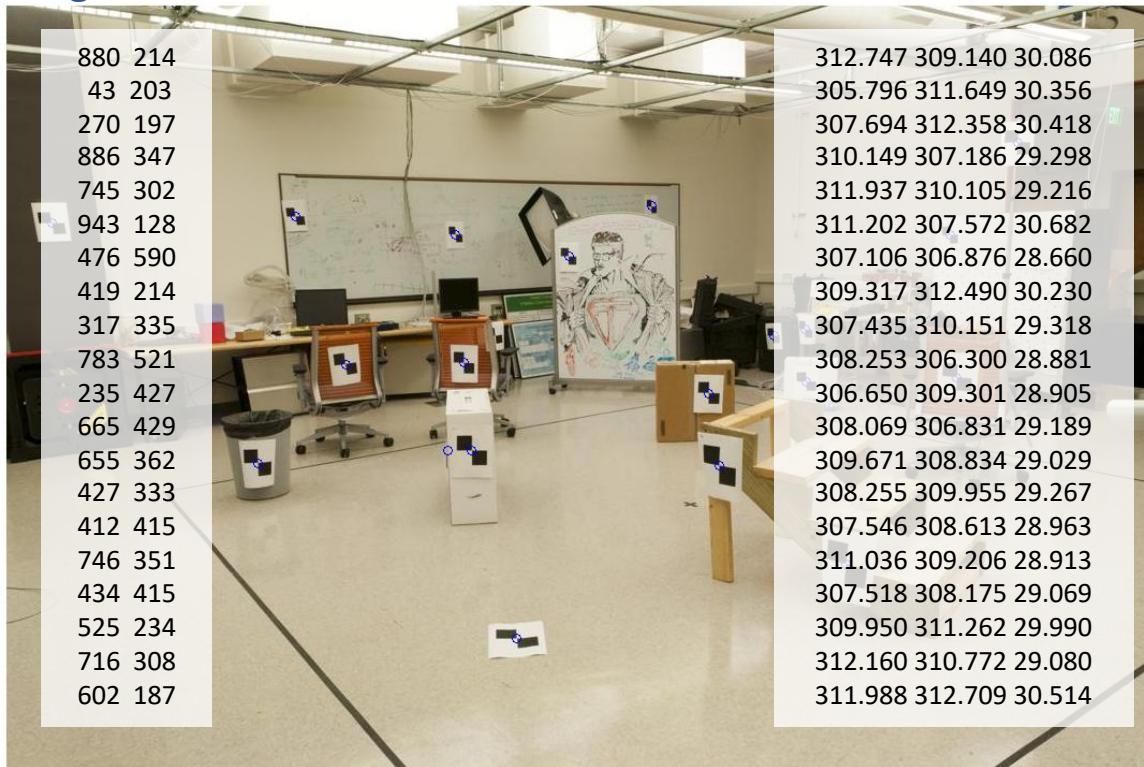
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Known 2d  
image coords

880 214  
43 203  
270 197  
886 347  
745 302  
943 128  
476 590  
419 214  
317 335  
783 521  
235 427  
665 429  
655 362  
427 333  
412 415  
746 351  
434 415  
525 234  
716 308  
602 187

Known 3d  
locations


312.747 309.140 30.086  
305.796 311.649 30.356  
307.694 312.358 30.418  
310.149 307.186 29.298  
311.937 310.105 29.216  
311.202 307.572 30.682  
307.106 306.876 28.660  
309.317 312.490 30.230  
307.435 310.151 29.318  
308.253 306.300 28.881  
306.650 309.301 28.905  
308.069 306.831 29.189  
309.671 308.834 29.029  
308.255 309.955 29.267  
307.546 308.613 28.963  
311.036 309.206 28.913  
307.518 308.175 29.069  
309.950 311.262 29.990  
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# Unknown Camera Parameters

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Known 3d  
locations

$$su = m_{11}X + m_{12}Y + m_{13}Z + m_{14}$$

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$$s = m_{31}X + m_{32}Y + m_{33}Z + m_{34}$$


$$u = \frac{m_{11}X + m_{12}Y + m_{13}Z + m_{14}}{m_{31}X + m_{32}Y + m_{33}Z + m_{34}}$$

$$v = \frac{m_{21}X + m_{22}Y + m_{23}Z + m_{24}}{m_{31}X + m_{32}Y + m_{33}Z + m_{34}}$$

# Unknown Camera Parameters

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Known 2d image coords


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Known 3d locations

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$$m_{31}uX + m_{32}uY + m_{33}uZ + m_{34}u = m_{11}X + m_{12}Y + m_{13}Z + m_{14}$$

$$m_{31}vX + m_{32}vY + m_{33}vZ + m_{34}v = m_{21}X + m_{22}Y + m_{23}Z + m_{24}$$

# Unknown Camera Parameters

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Known 2d image coords

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Known 3d locations

$$m_{31}uX + m_{32}uY + m_{33}uZ + m_{34}u = m_{11}X + m_{12}Y + m_{13}Z + m_{14}$$

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$$0 = m_{21}X + m_{22}Y + m_{23}Z + m_{24} - m_{31}vX - m_{32}vY - m_{33}vZ - m_{34}v$$

## Unknown Camera Parameters

Known 2d  
image coords

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- Method 1 – homogeneous linear system. Solve for m's entries using linear least squares

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 & Y_1 & Z_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_1X_1 & -u_1Y_1 & -u_1Z_1 & -u_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & X_1 & Y_1 & Z_1 & 1 & -v_1X_1 & -v_1Y_1 & -v_1Z_1 & -v_1 \\ & & & & & & \vdots & & & & & \\ X_n & Y_n & Z_n & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_nX_n & -u_nY_n & -u_nZ_n & -u_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & X_n & Y_n & Z_n & 1 & -v_nX_n & -v_nY_n & -v_nZ_n & -v_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} \\ m_{12} \\ m_{13} \\ m_{14} \\ m_{21} \\ m_{22} \\ m_{23} \\ m_{24} \\ m_{31} \\ m_{32} \\ m_{33} \\ m_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[U, S, V] = \text{svd}(A);$$

$$M = V(:, \text{end});$$

$$M = \text{reshape}(M, [], 3)';$$

## Unknown Camera Parameters

Known 2d  
image coords

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Known 3d  
locations

- Method 2 – nonhomogeneous linear system. Solve for m's entries using linear least squares

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 & Y_1 & Z_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_1 X_1 & -u_1 Y_1 & -u_1 Z_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & X_1 & Y_1 & Z_1 & 1 & -v_1 X_1 & -v_1 Y_1 & -v_1 Z_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ X_n & Y_n & Z_n & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_n X_n & -u_n Y_n & -u_n Z_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & X_n & Y_n & Z_n & 1 & -v_n X_n & -v_n Y_n & -v_n Z_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} \\ m_{12} \\ m_{13} \\ m_{14} \\ m_{21} \\ m_{22} \\ m_{23} \\ m_{24} \\ m_{31} \\ m_{32} \\ m_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M &= A \setminus Y; \\ M &= [M; 1]; \\ M &= \text{reshape}(M, [], 3)'; \end{aligned}$$



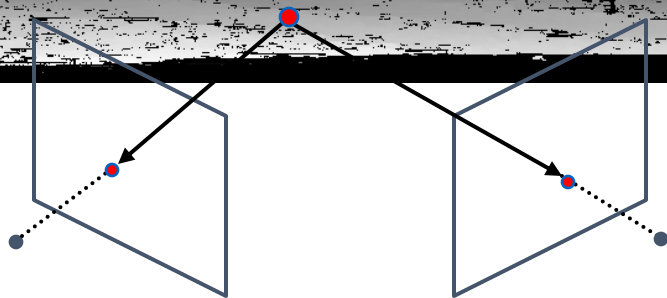
# Can we factorize $M$ back to $K [R \mid T]$ ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{t}]$$

- Yes!
- You can use  $RQ$  factorization (note – not the more familiar  $QR$  factorization).  $R$  (right diagonal) is  $K$ , and  $Q$  (orthogonal basis) is  $R$ .  $T$ , the last column of  $[R \mid T]$ , is  $\text{inv}(K) * \text{last column of } M$ .
  - But you need to do a bit of post-processing to make sure that the matrices are valid. See <http://ksimek.github.io/2012/08/14/decompose/>

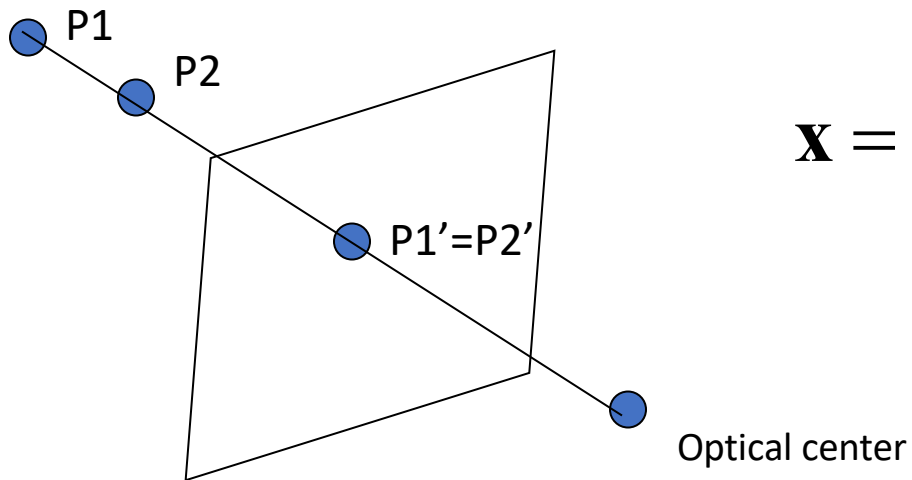
# Stereo: Epipolar geometry

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# Why multiple views?

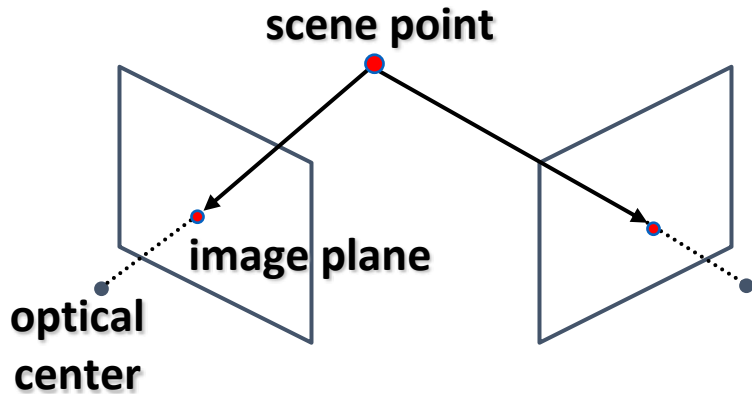
- Structure and depth are inherently ambiguous from single views.



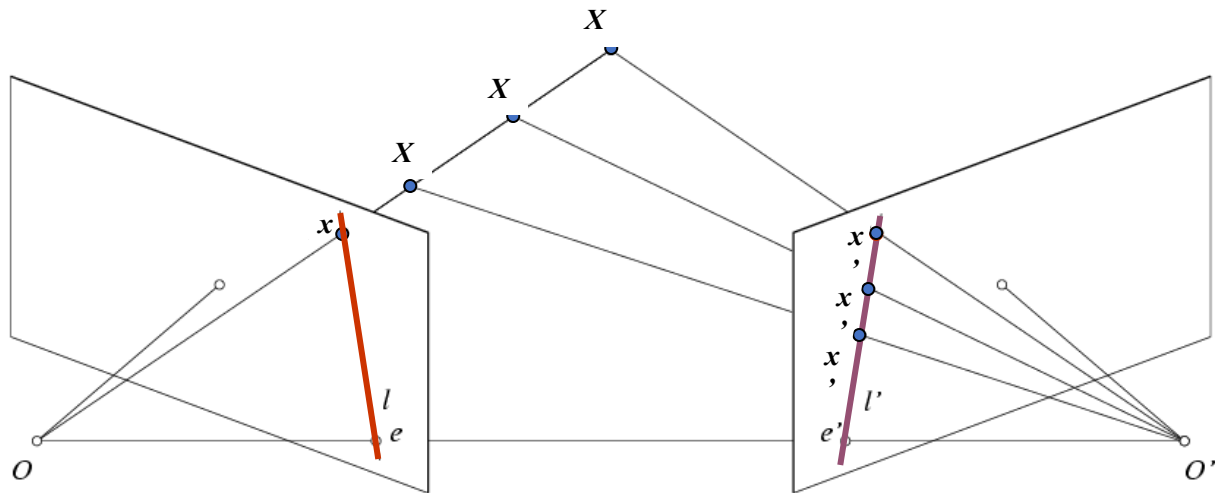
$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X}$$

# Estimating depth with stereo

- **Stereo:** shape from “motion” between two views
- We’ll need to consider:
  - Info on camera pose (“calibration”)
  - Image point correspondences



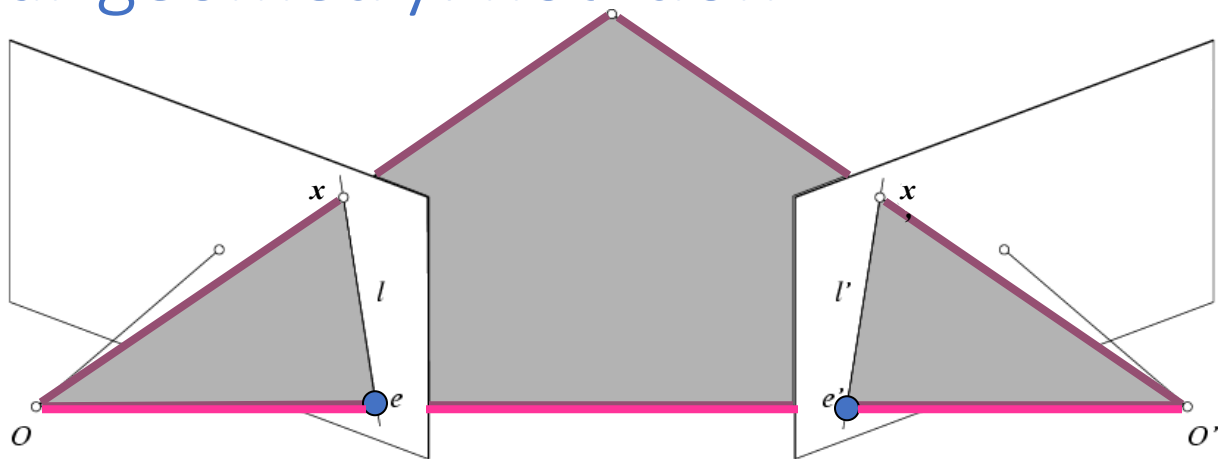
# Key idea: Epipolar constraint



Potential matches for  $x$  have to lie on the corresponding line  $l'$ .

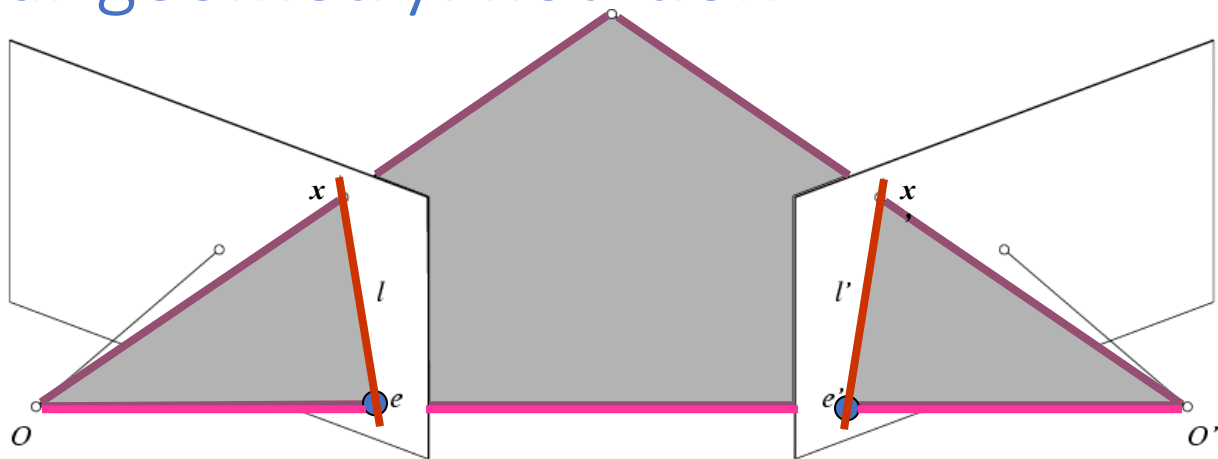
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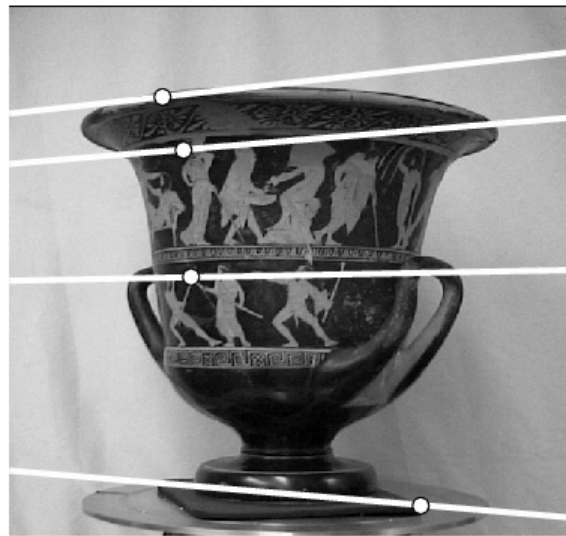
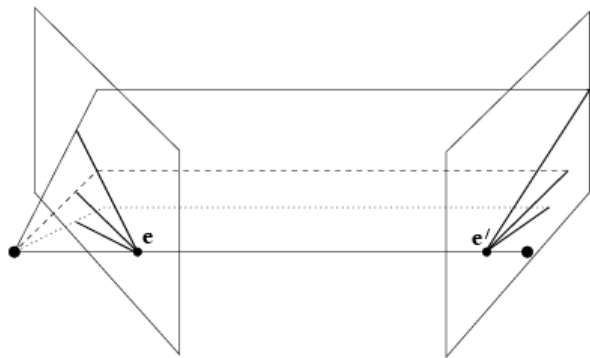
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- **Epipoles**  
= intersections of baseline with image planes  
= projections of the other camera center
- **Epipolar Plane** – plane containing baseline (1D family)

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- **Epipolar Plane** – plane containing baseline (1D family)
- **Epipolar Lines** - intersections of epipolar plane with image planes (always come in corresponding pairs)

# Example: Converging cameras

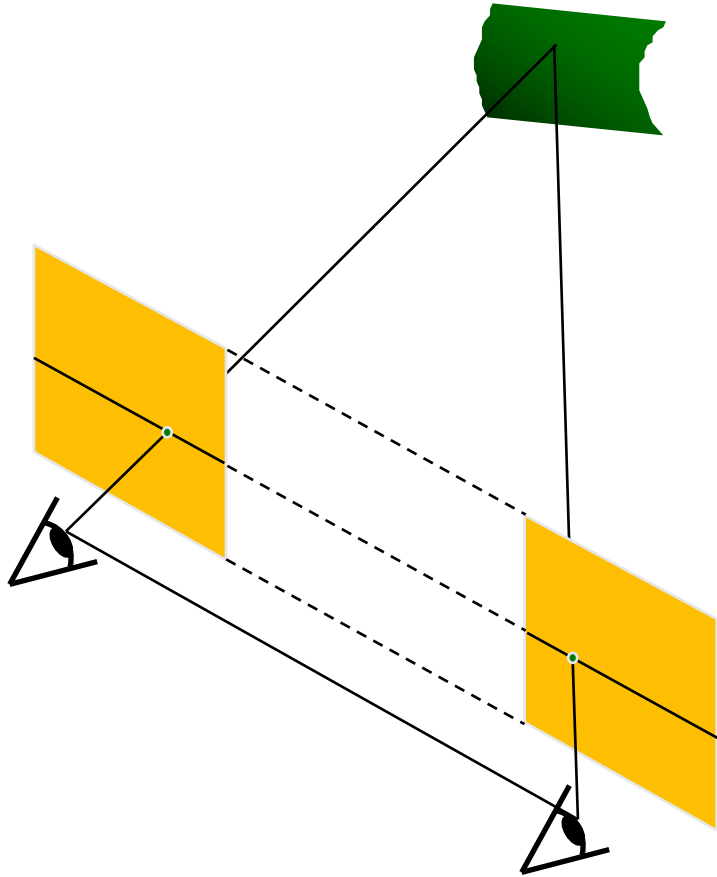




# Geometry for a simple stereo system

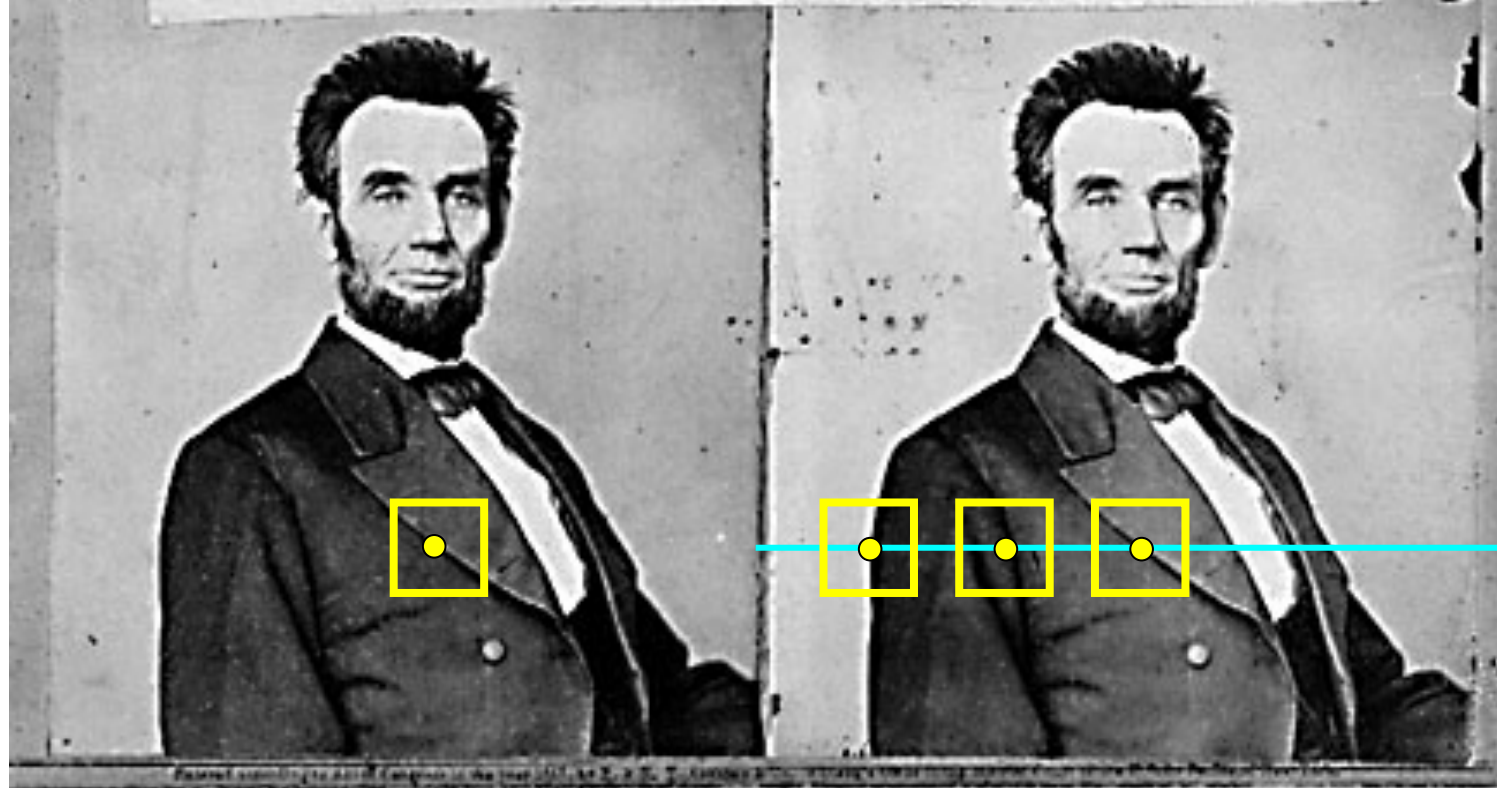
- First, assuming parallel optical axes, known camera parameters (i.e., calibrated cameras):

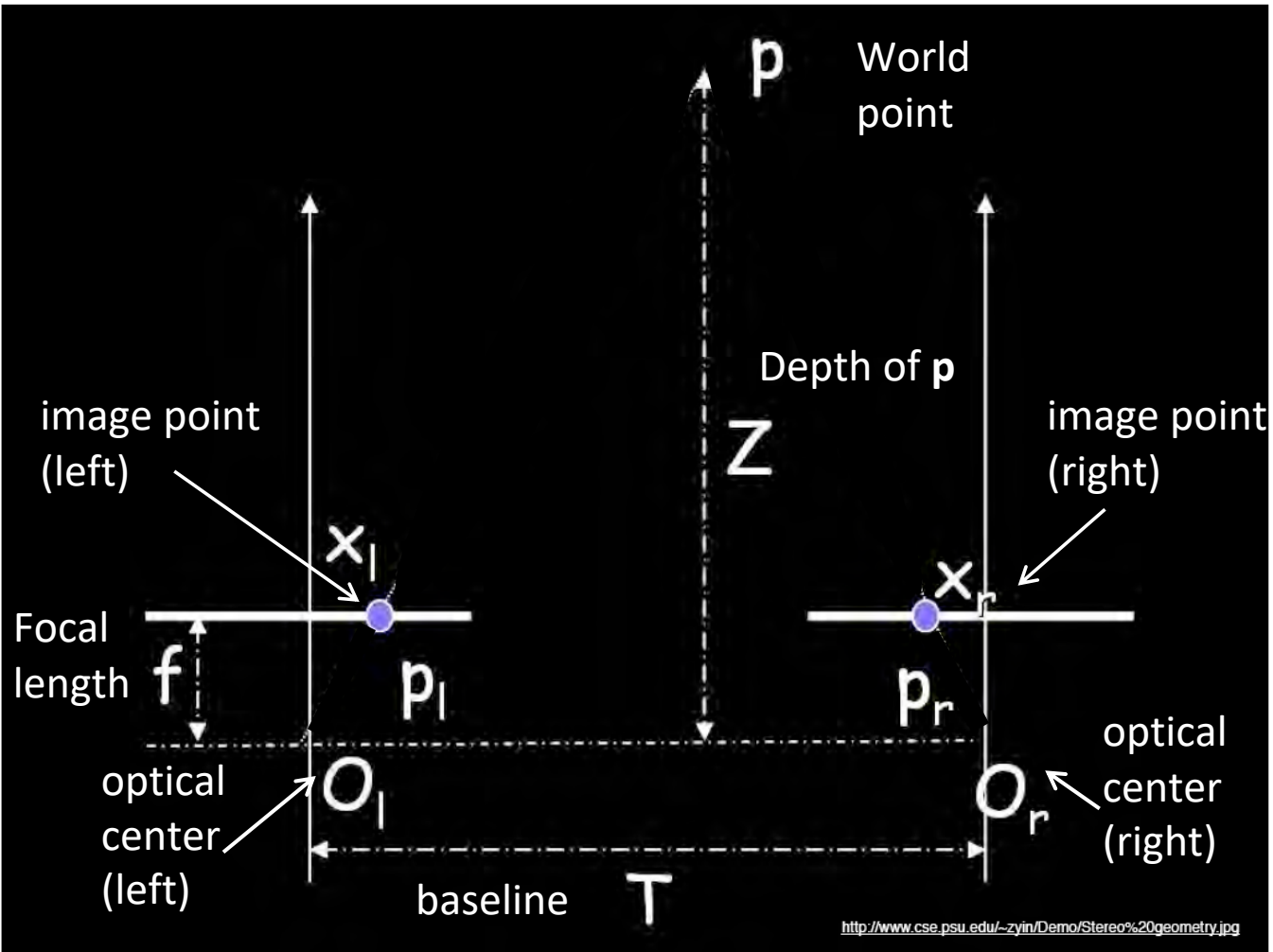
# Simplest Case: Parallel images



- Image planes of cameras are parallel to each other and to the baseline
- Camera centers are at same height
- Focal lengths are the same
- Then epipolar lines fall along the horizontal scan lines of the images

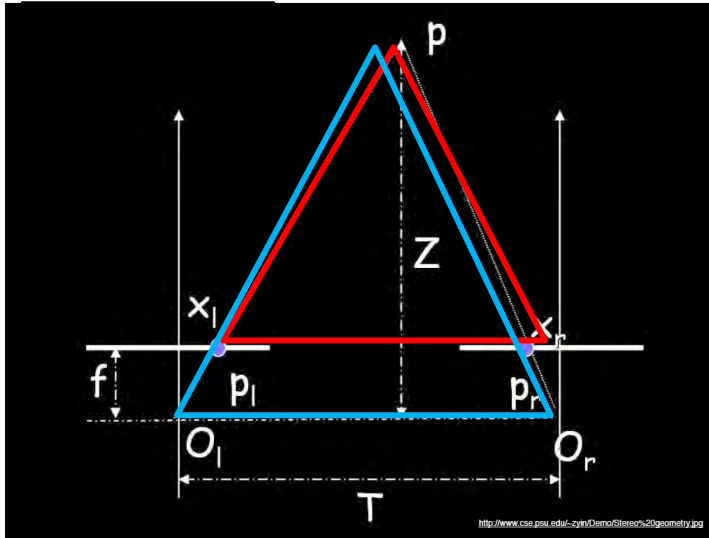
HON. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of United States.





# Geometry for a simple stereo system

- Assume parallel optical axes, known camera parameters (i.e., calibrated cameras). **What is expression for Z?**



Similar triangles  $(p_l, P, p_r)$  and  $(O_l, P, O_r)$ :

$$\frac{T + x_l - x_r}{Z - f} = \frac{T}{Z}$$

$$Z = f \frac{T}{x_r - x_l}$$

disparity

$$x_r - x_l$$

# Depth from disparity

image  $I(x,y)$



Disparity map  $D(x,y)$

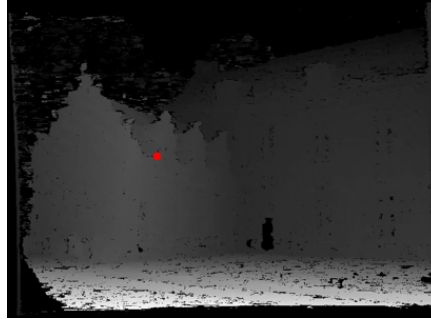


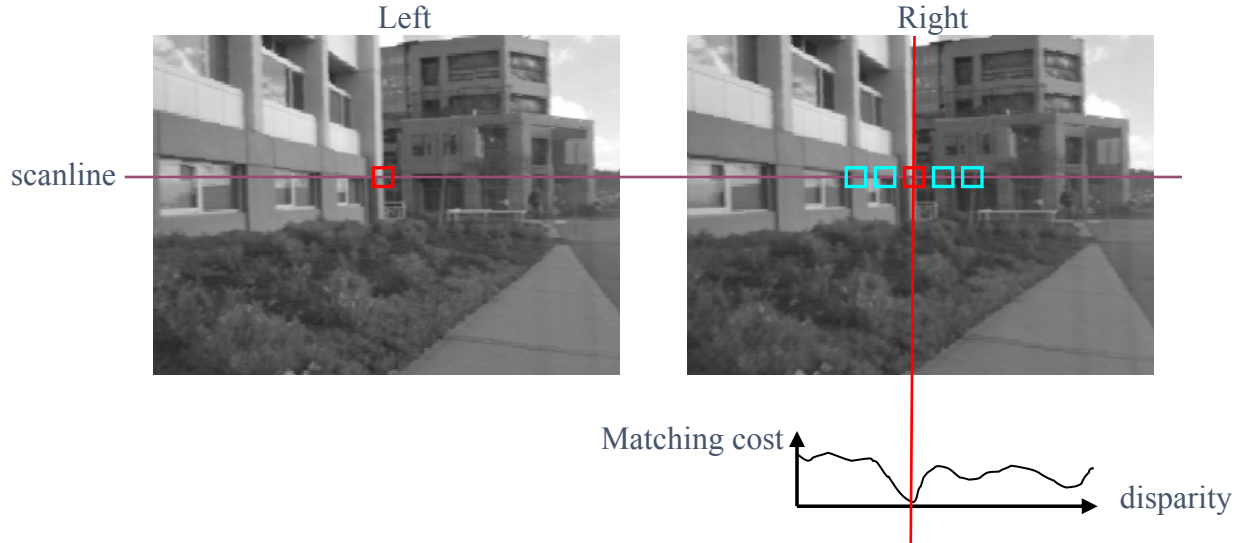
image  $I'(x',y')$



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

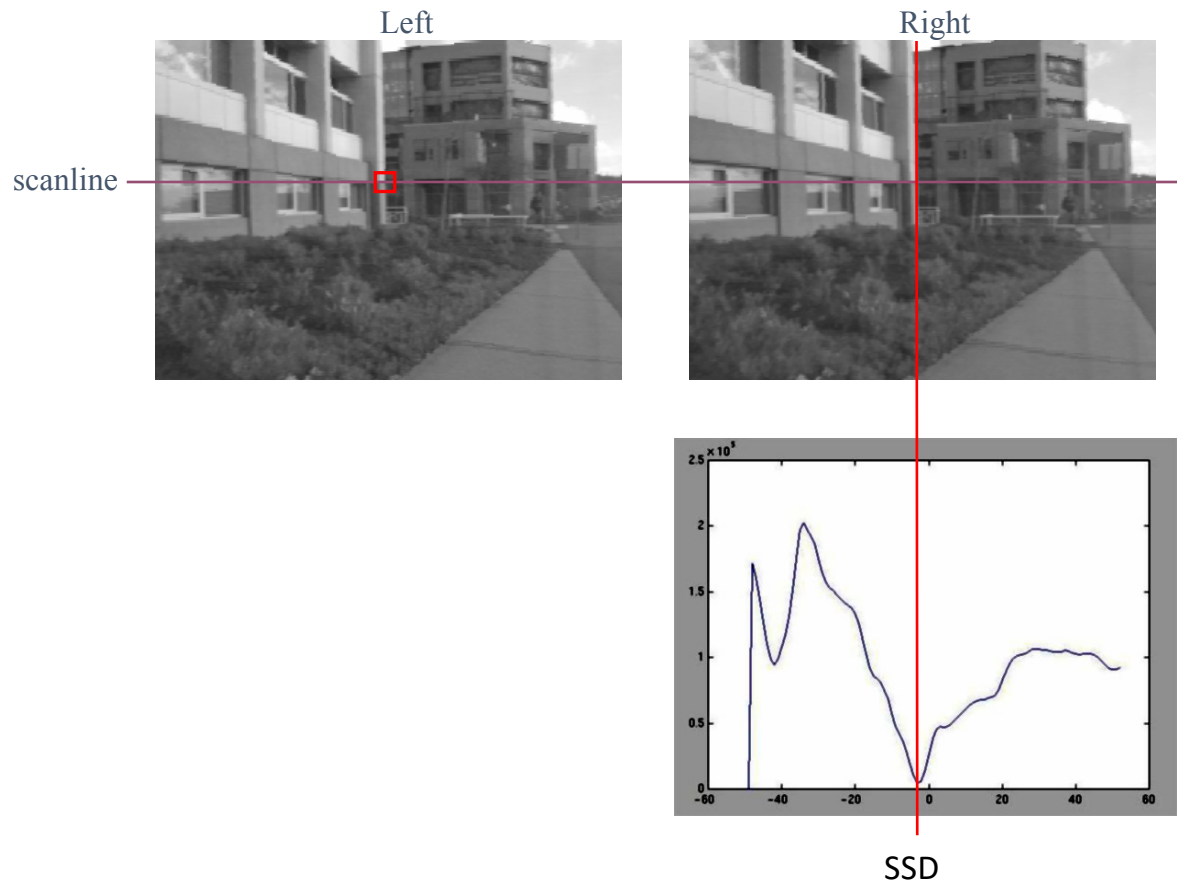
So if we could find the **corresponding points** in two images, we could **estimate relative depth**...

# Correspondence search



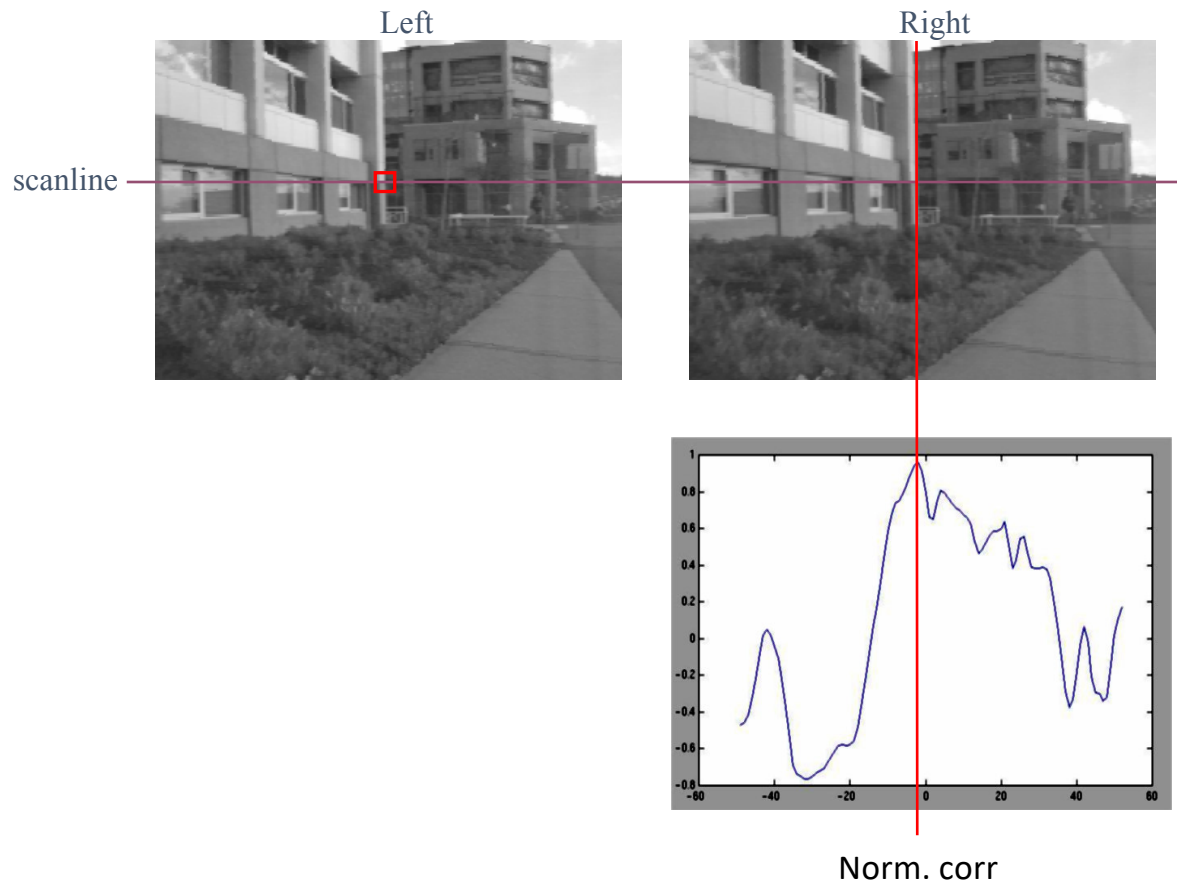
- Slide a window along the right scanline and compare contents of that window with the reference window in the left image
- Matching cost: SSD or normalized correlation

# Correspondence search

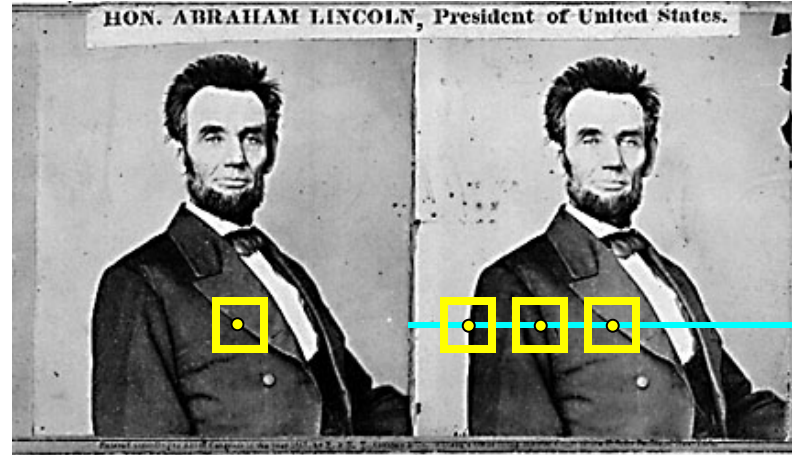




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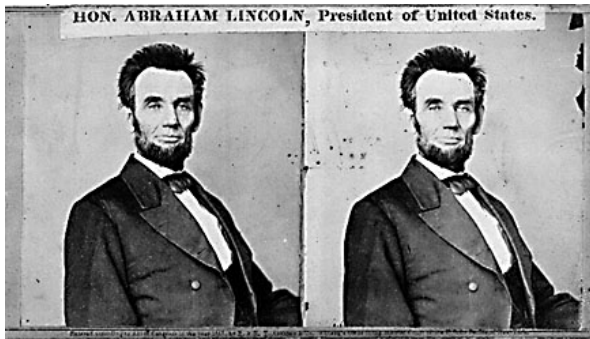


# Basic stereo matching algorithm



- If necessary, rectify the two stereo images to transform epipolar lines into scanlines
- For each pixel  $x$  in the first image
  - Find corresponding epipolar scanline in the right image
  - Examine all pixels on the scanline and pick the best match  $x'$
  - Compute disparity  $x-x'$  and set  $\text{depth}(x) = B*f/(x-x')$

# Failures of correspondence search



Textureless surfaces



Occlusions, repetition



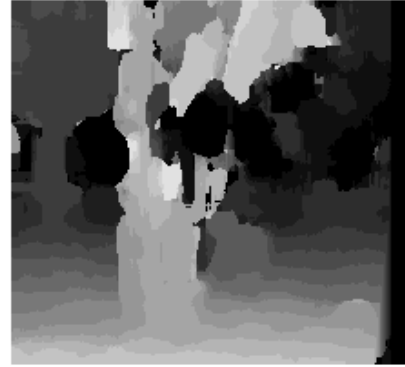
Non-Lambertian surfaces, specularities



# Effect of window size



$W = 3$



$W = 20$

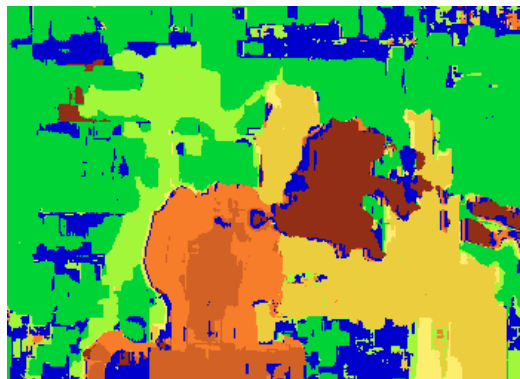
- Smaller window
  - + More detail
  - More noise
- Larger window
  - + Smoother disparity maps
  - Less detail

# Results with window search

Data



Window-based matching



Ground truth



# Better methods exist...



Graph cuts

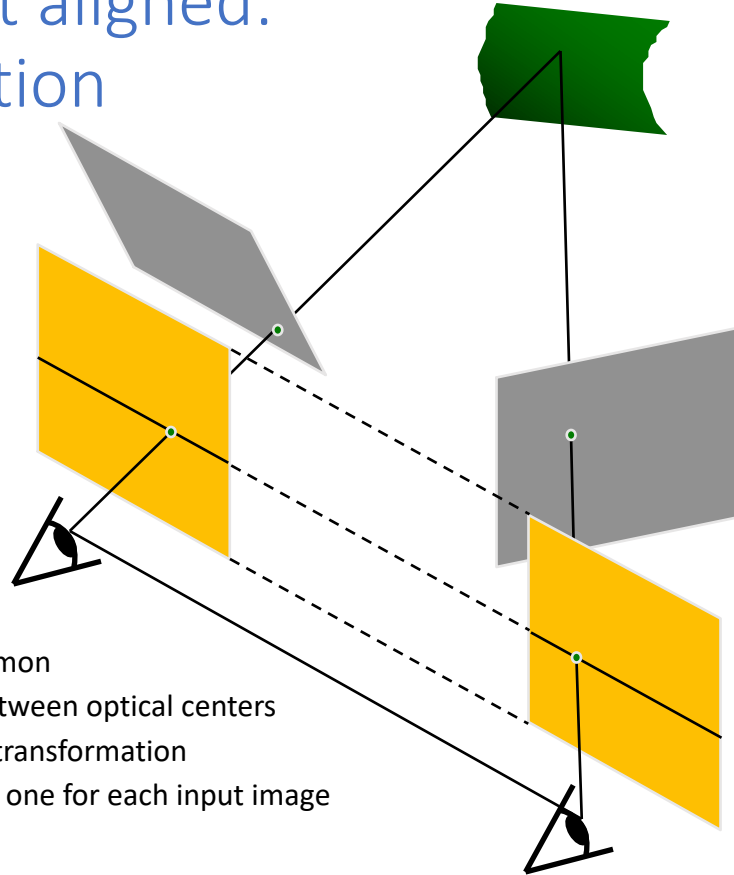


Ground truth

Y. Boykov, O. Veksler, and R. Zabih, [Fast Approximate Energy Minimization via Graph Cuts](#), PAMI 2001

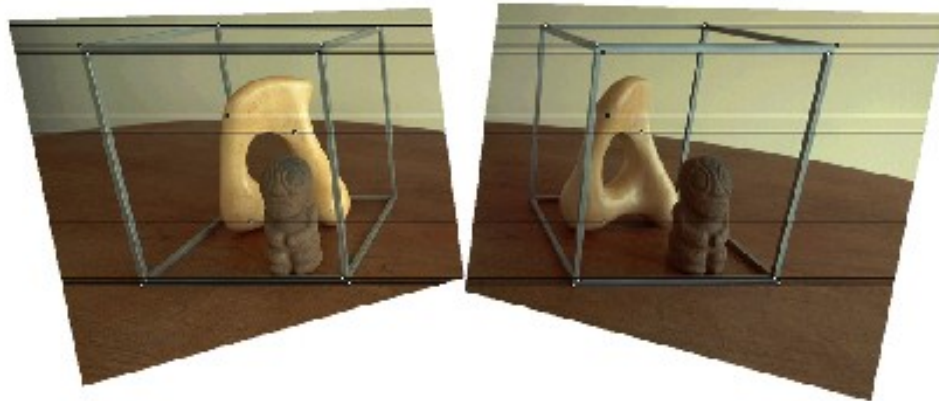
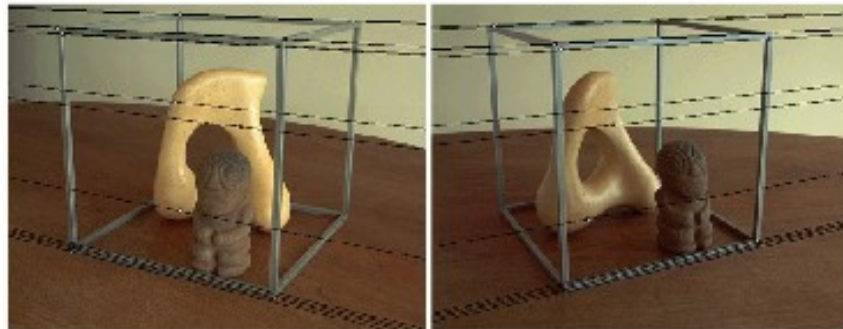
For the latest and greatest: <http://www.middlebury.edu/stereo/>

# When cameras are not aligned: Stereo image rectification



- Reproject image planes onto a common
- plane parallel to the line between optical centers
- Pixel motion is horizontal after this transformation
- Two homographies (3x3 transform), one for each input image reprojected

# Rectification example





Questions?