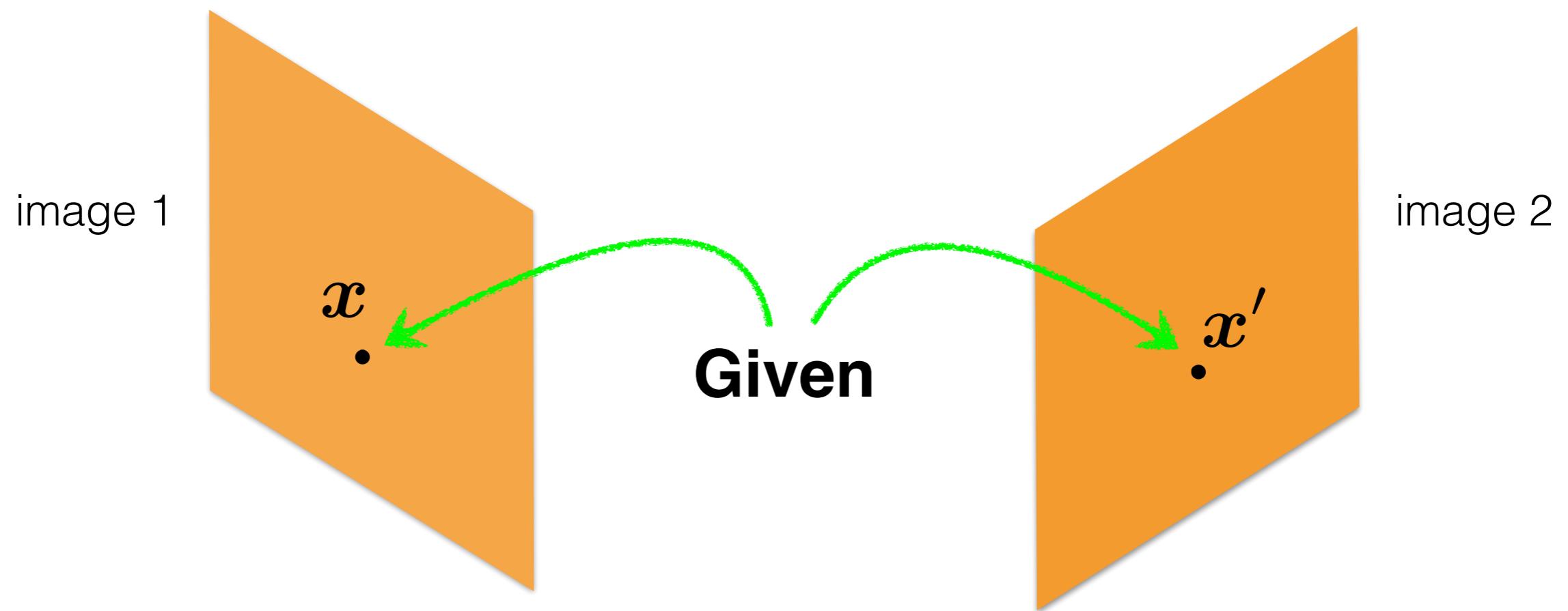


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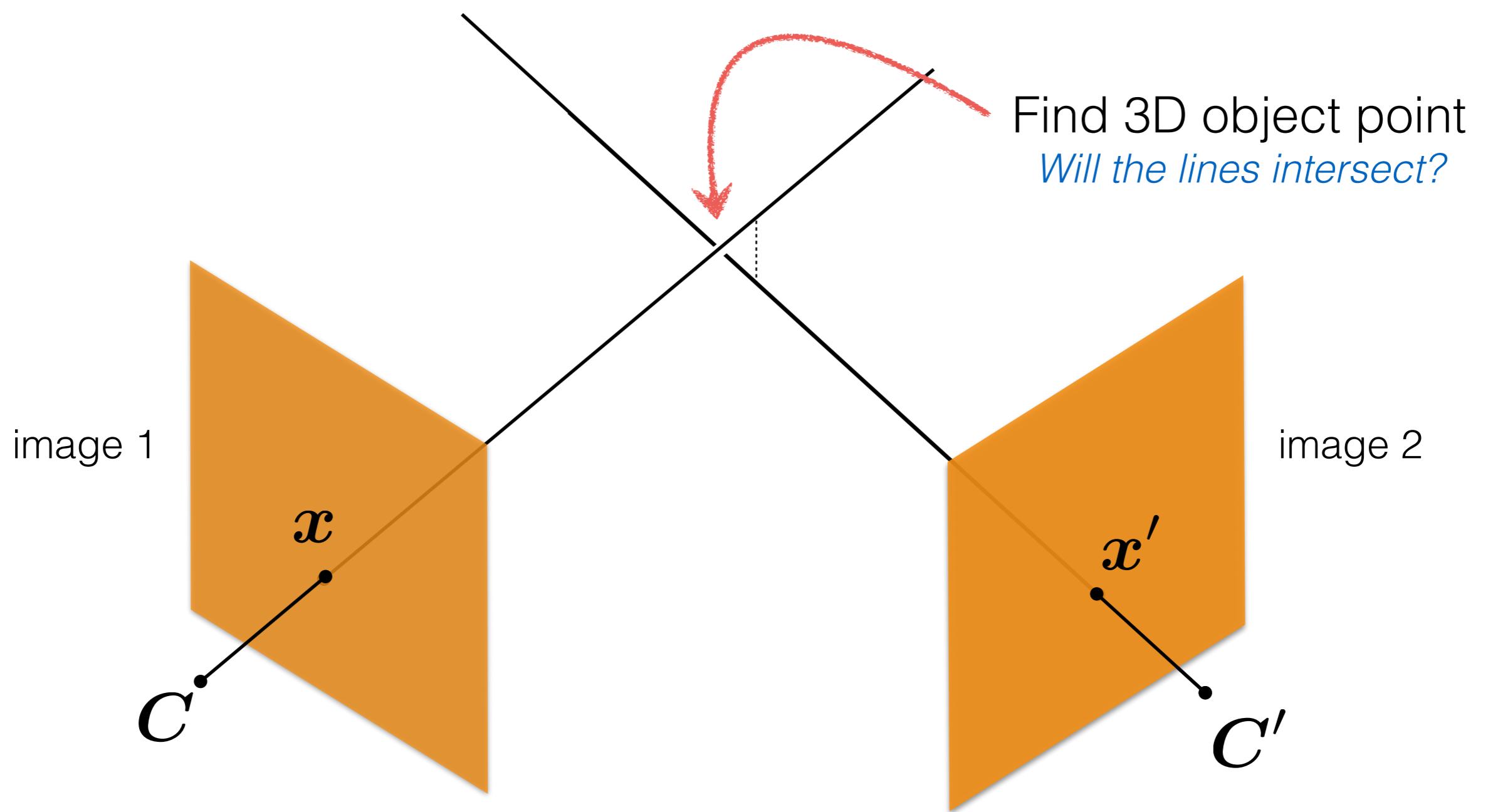
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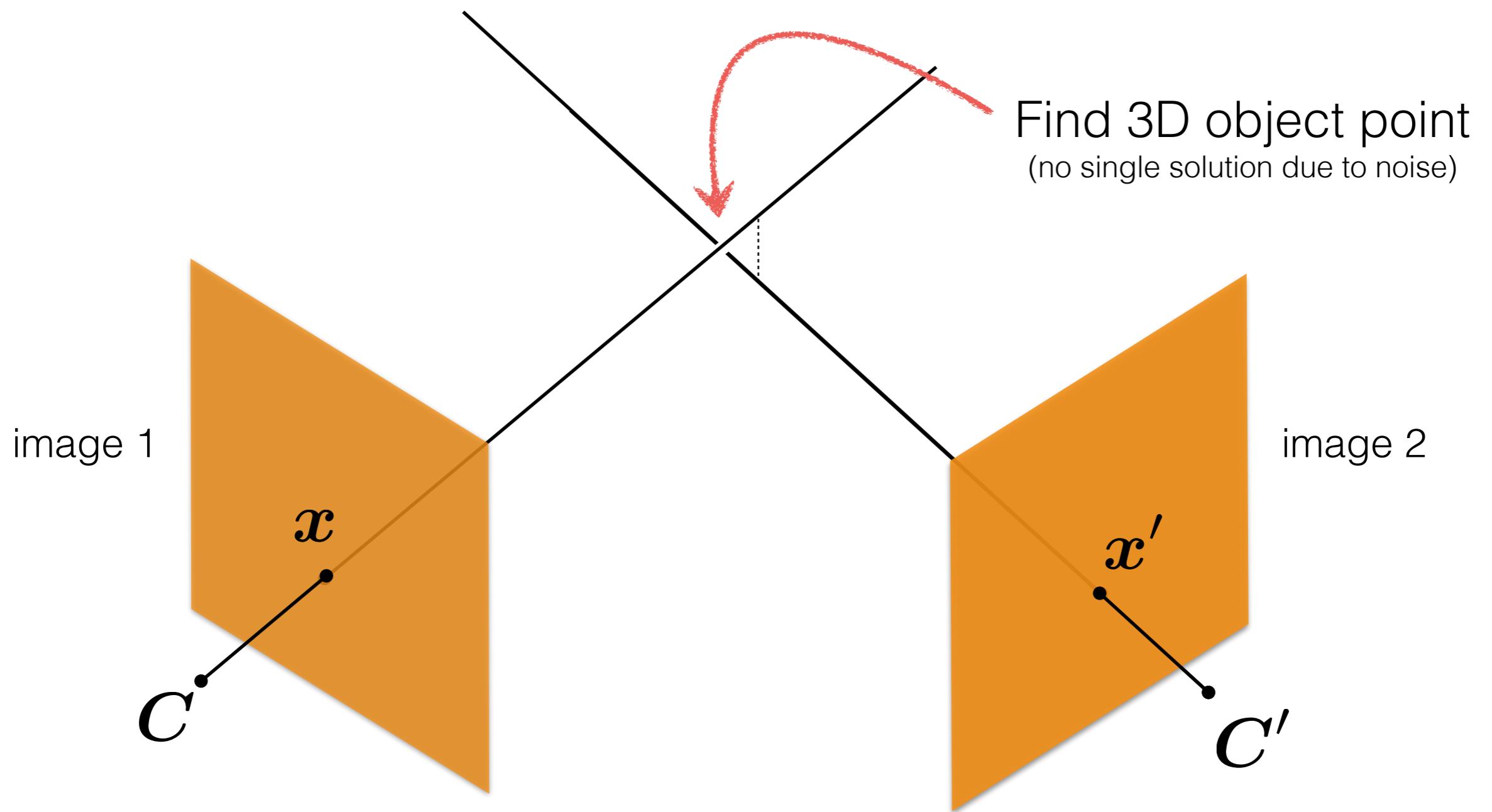
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Given a set of (noisy) matched points

$$\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}'_i\}$$

and camera matrices

$$\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}'$$

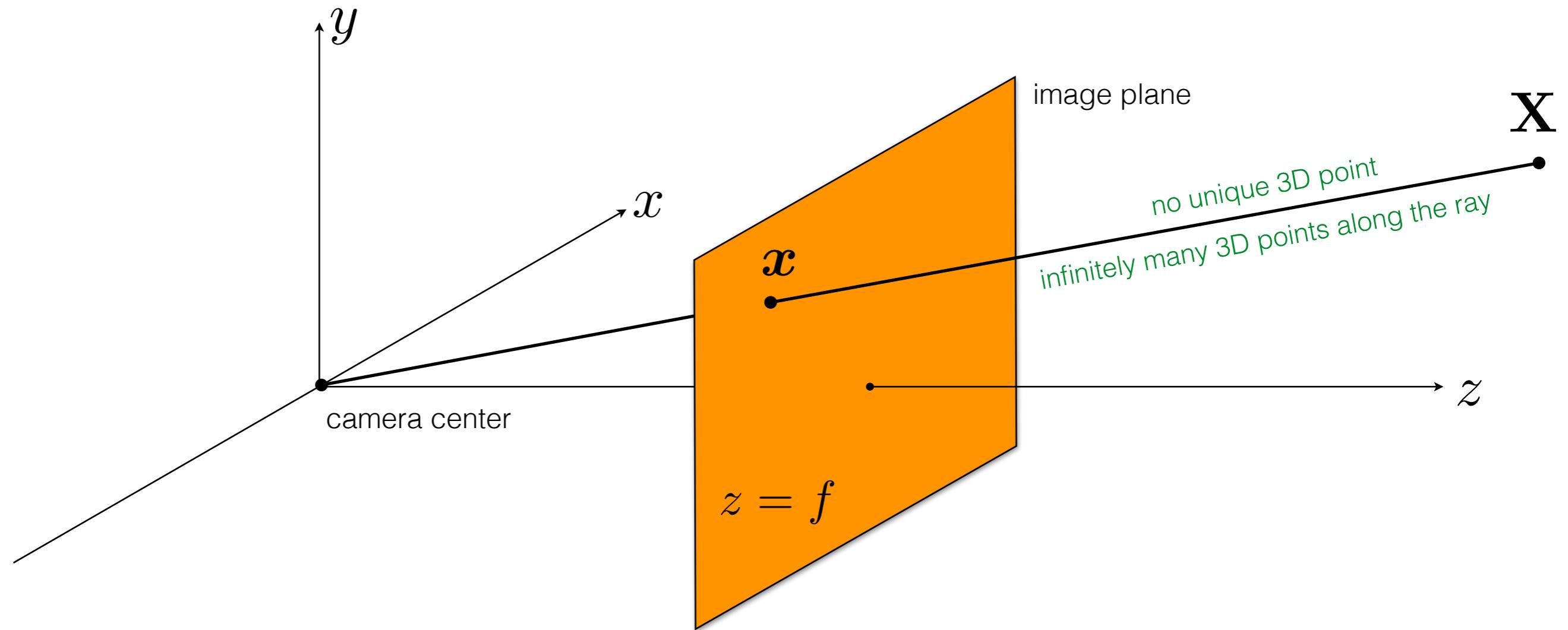
Estimate the 3D point

$$\mathbf{X}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}_X$$

known known

Can we compute \mathbf{X} from a single correspondence \mathbf{x} ?



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There will not be a point that satisfies both constraints because the measurements are usually noisy

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{X} \quad \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

Need to find the **best fit**

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

(homogeneous
coordinate)

Also, this is a similarity relation because it involves homogeneous coordinates

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

(inhomogeneous
coordinate)

Same ray direction but differs by a scale factor

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \\ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \\ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Remove scale factor, convert to linear system and solve with SVD.

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Same direction but differs by a scale factor

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X} = 0$$

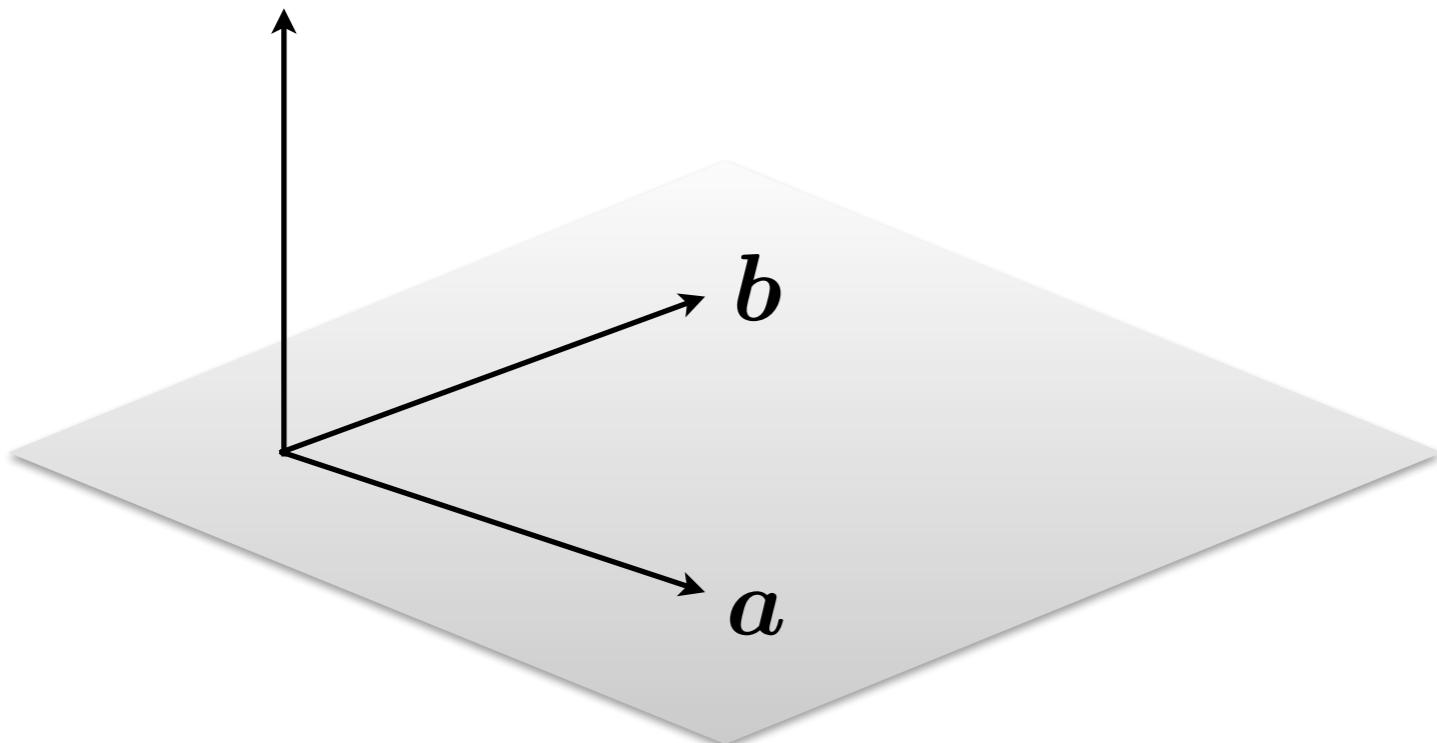
Cross product of two vectors of same direction is zero
(this equality removes the scale factor)

Recall: Cross Product

Vector (cross) product

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both

$$c = a \times b$$



$$a \times b = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

cross product of two vectors in the same direction is zero

$$a \times a = 0$$

remember this!!!

$$c \cdot a = 0$$

$$c \cdot b = 0$$

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Using the fact that the cross product should be zero

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Third line is a linear combination of the first and second lines.
(x times the first line plus y times the second line)

One 2D to 3D point correspondence give you equations

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$$\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{X} = 0$$

Now we can make a system of linear equations
(two lines for each 2D point correspondence)

Concatenate the 2D points from both images

$$\begin{bmatrix} yp_3^\top - p_2^\top \\ p_1^\top - xp_3^\top \\ y'p_3'^\top - p_2'^\top \\ p_1'^\top - x'p_3'^\top \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

sanity check! dimensions?

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How do we solve homogeneous linear system?

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$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$$

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S V D !

Recall: Total least squares

(Warning: change of notation. \mathbf{x} is a vector of parameters!)

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{TLS}} &= \sum_i (a_i \mathbf{x})^2 \\ &= \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 \quad (\text{matrix form}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1 \quad \text{constraint}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{minimize} \quad \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2} \quad (\text{Rayleigh quotient})$$

Solution is the eigenvector
corresponding to smallest eigenvalue of

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$$

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