

The 8-point algorithm

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Fundamental Matrix Estimation

Given a set of matched *image* points

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

Estimate the Fundamental Matrix

F

What's the relationship between F and x?

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ONE correspondence gives you ONE equation

$$\begin{aligned} x_m x'_m f_1 + x_m y'_m f_2 + x_m f_3 + \\ y_m x'_m f_4 + y_m y'_m f_5 + y_m f_6 + \\ x'_m f_7 + y'_m f_8 + f_9 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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How many equations do you need?

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We need at least 8 points

Hence, the 8 point algorithm!

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Eight-Point Algorithm

0. (Normalize points)

1. Construct the $M \times 9$ matrix \mathbf{A}

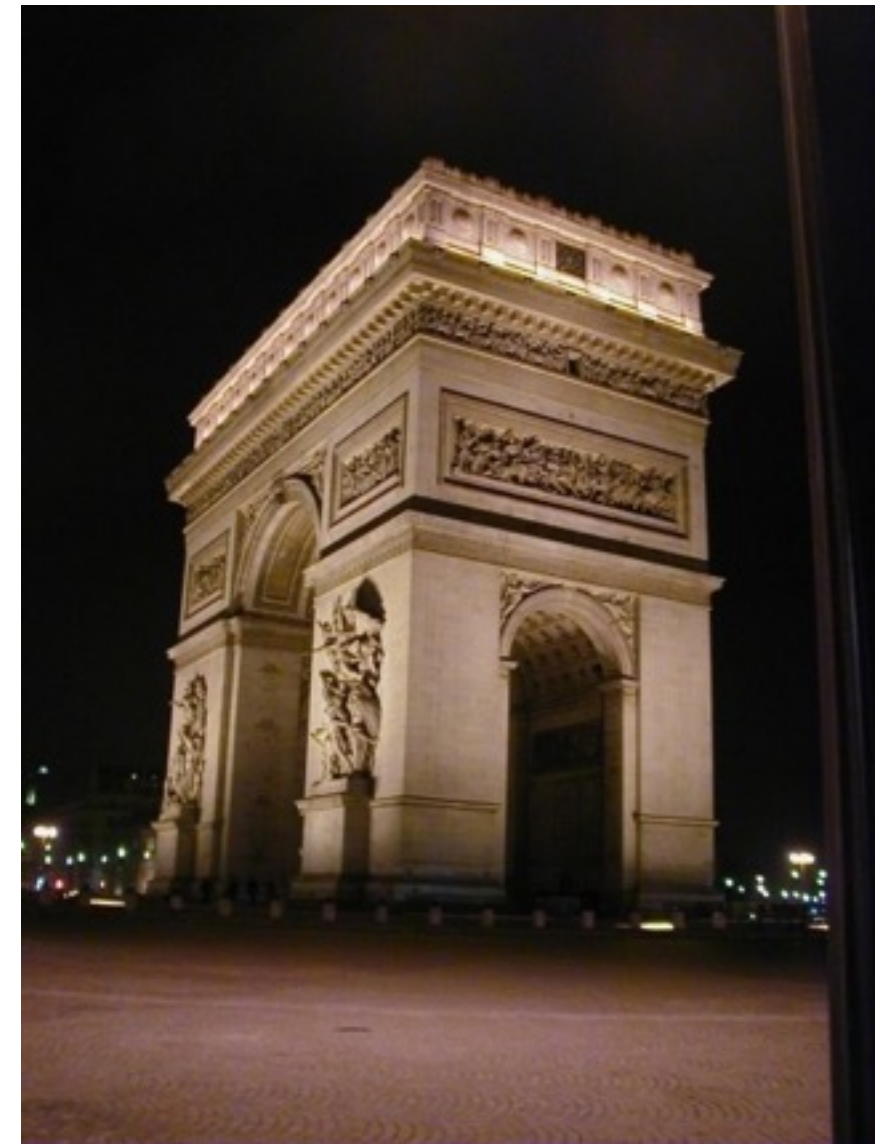
2. Find the SVD of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$

3. Entries of \mathbf{F} are the elements of column of \mathbf{V} corresponding to the least singular value

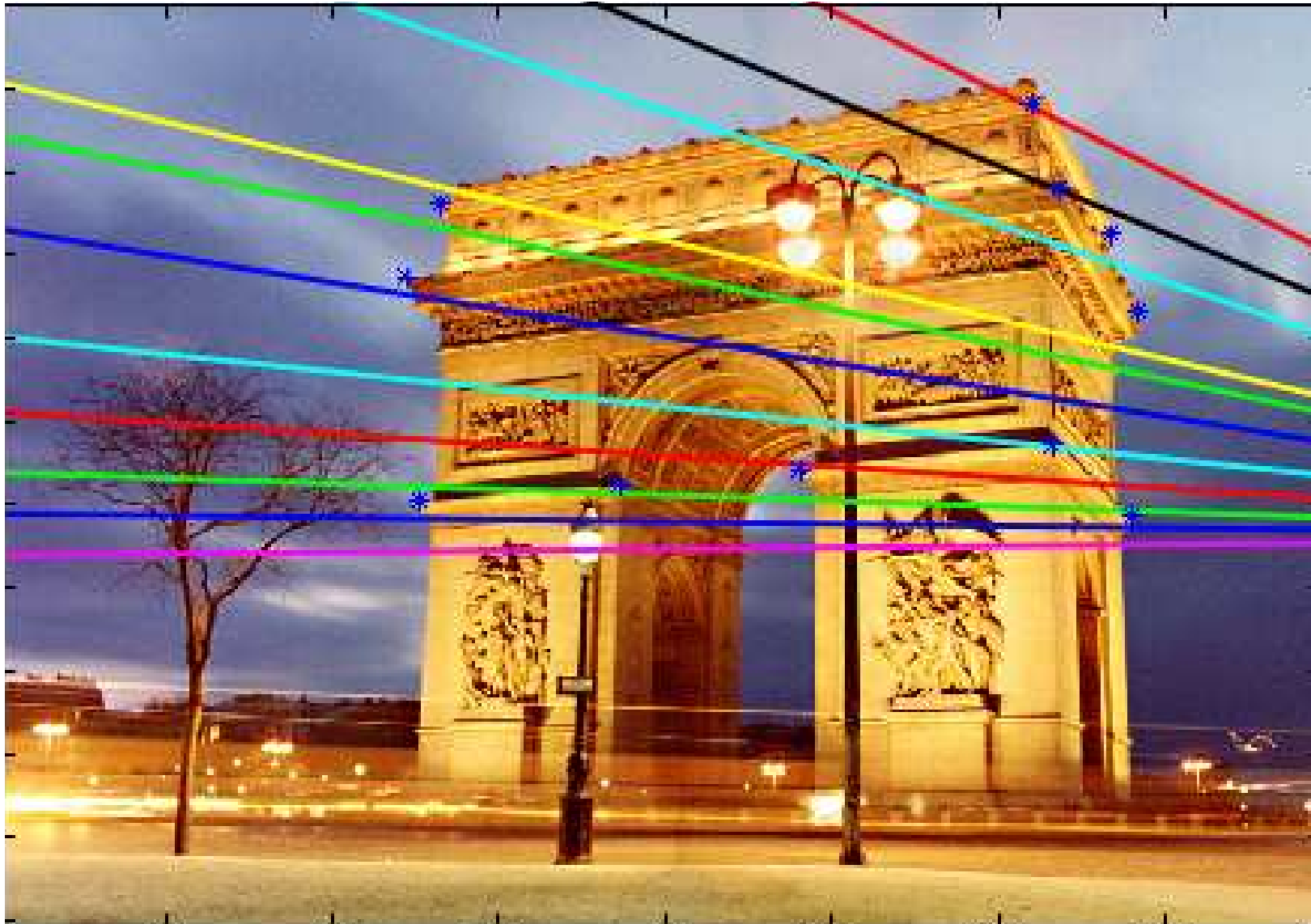
4. (Enforce rank 2 constraint on \mathbf{F})

5. (Un-normalize \mathbf{F})

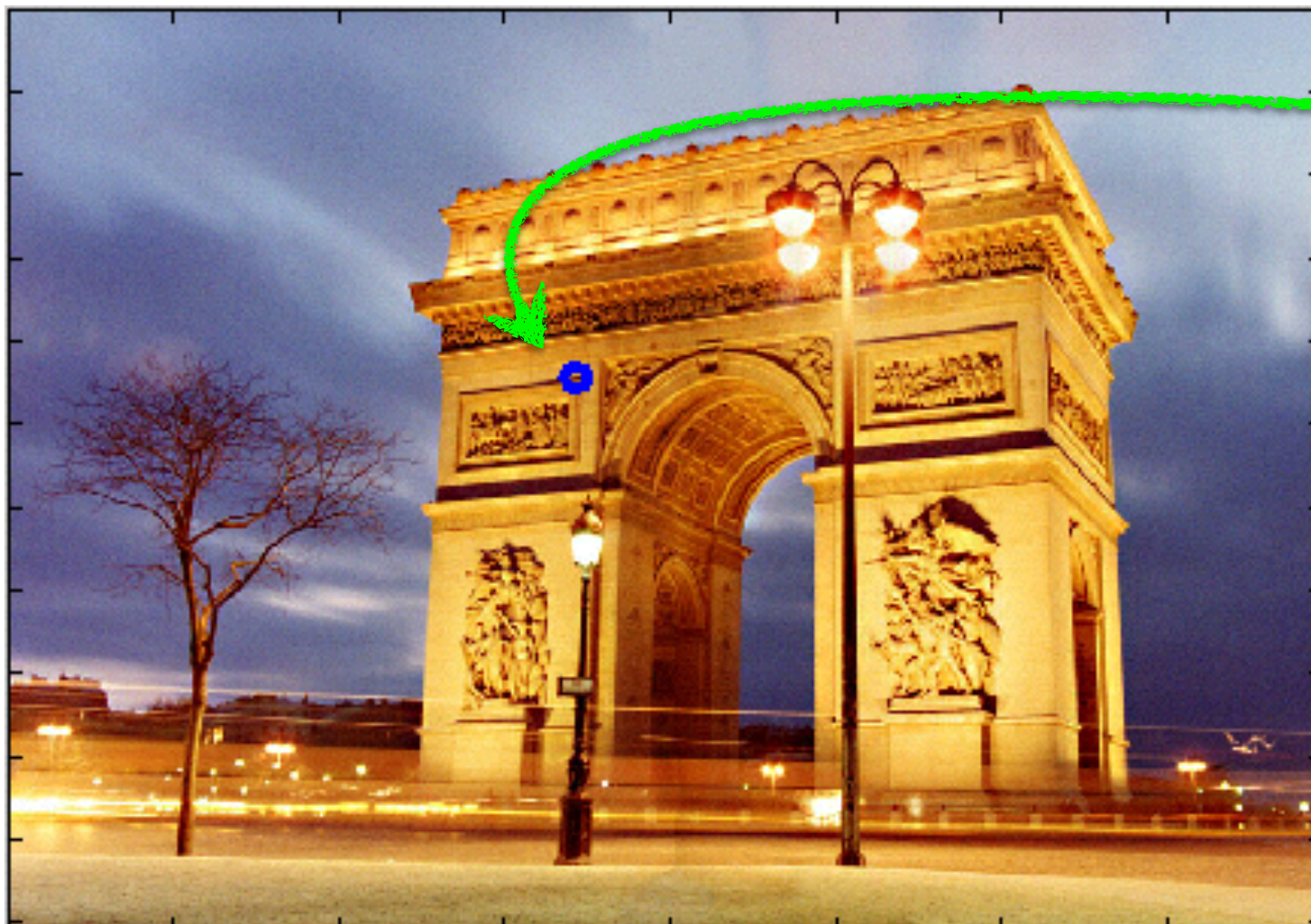
Example



epipolar lines



$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.00310695 & -0.0025646 & 2.96584 \\ -0.028094 & -0.00771621 & 56.3813 \\ 13.1905 & -29.2007 & -9999.79 \end{bmatrix}$$



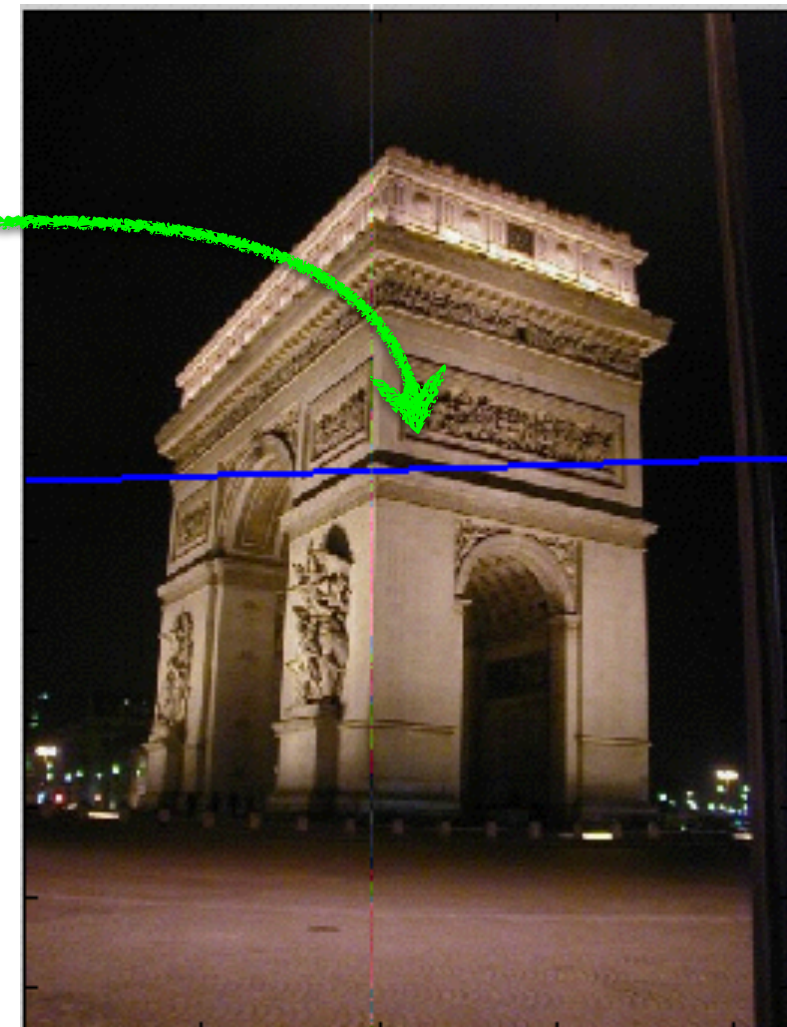
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 343.53 \\ 221.70 \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{l}' = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}$$

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Where is the epipole?



How would you compute it?



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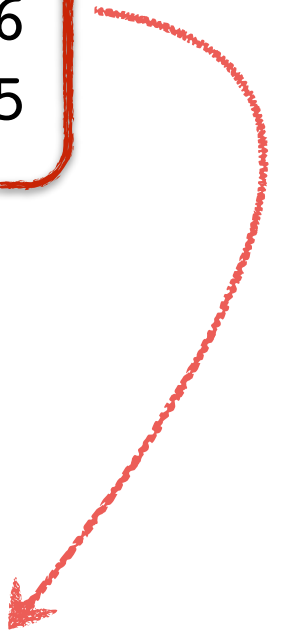
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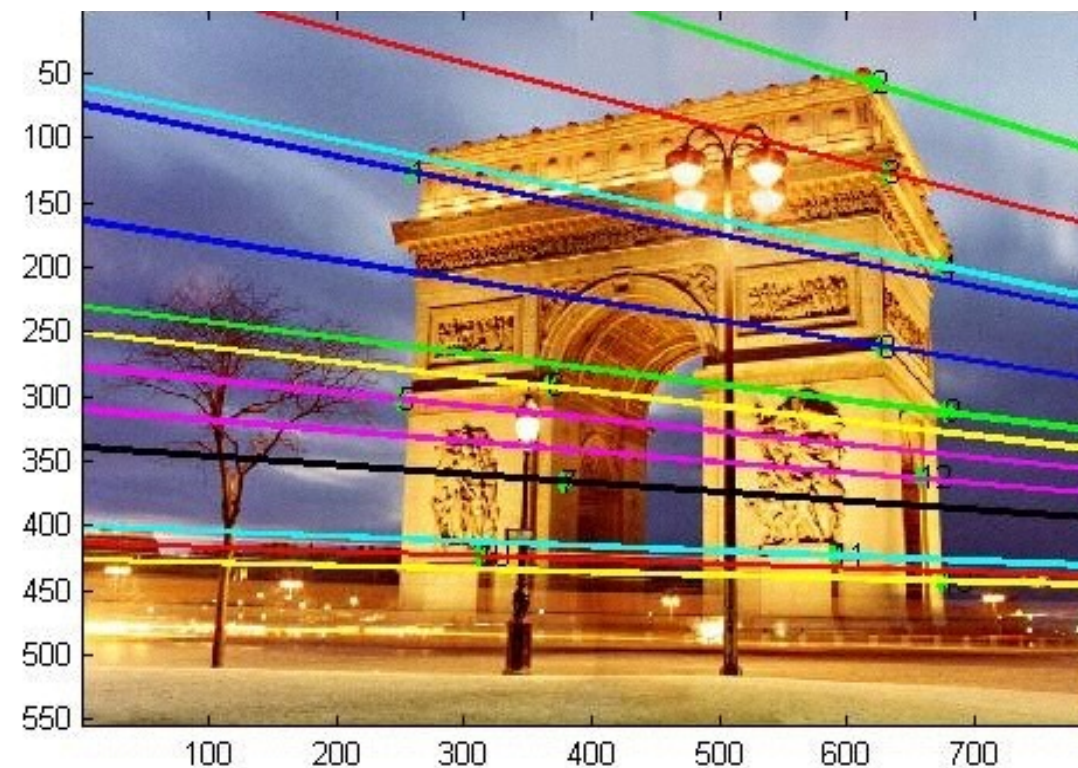
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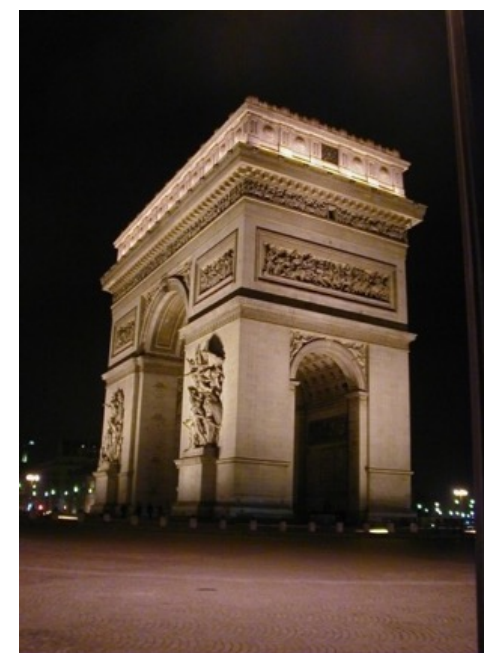
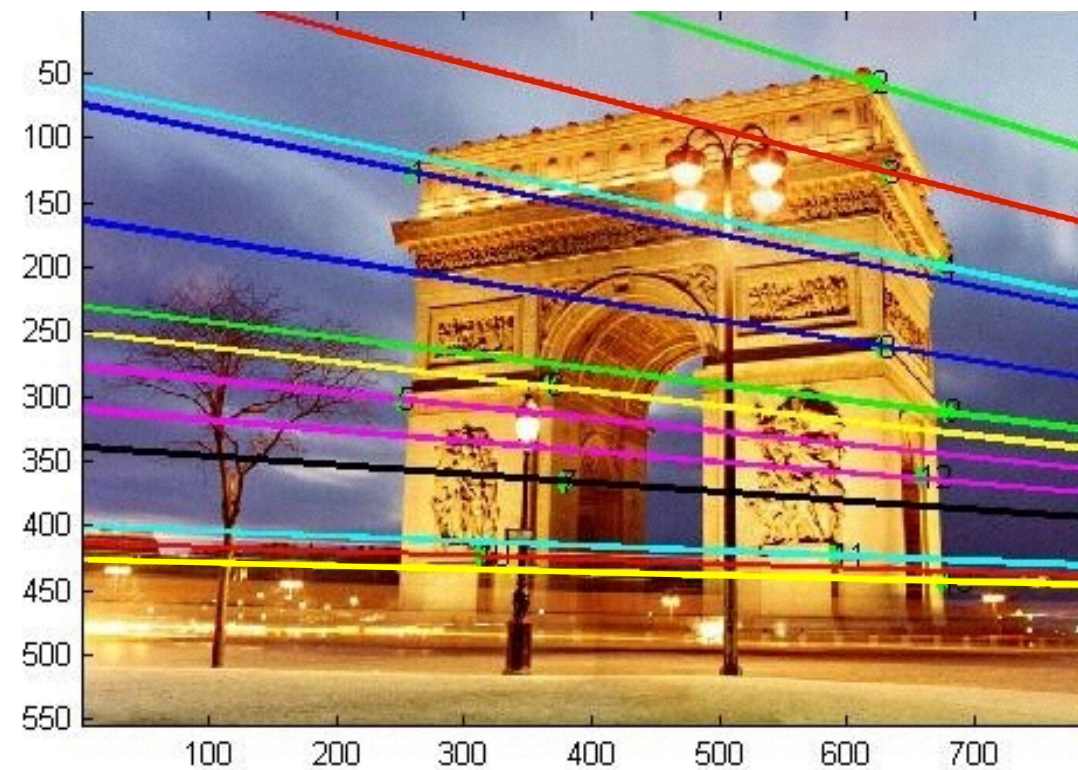
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this is where the
other picture is
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