

Lecture 8.1

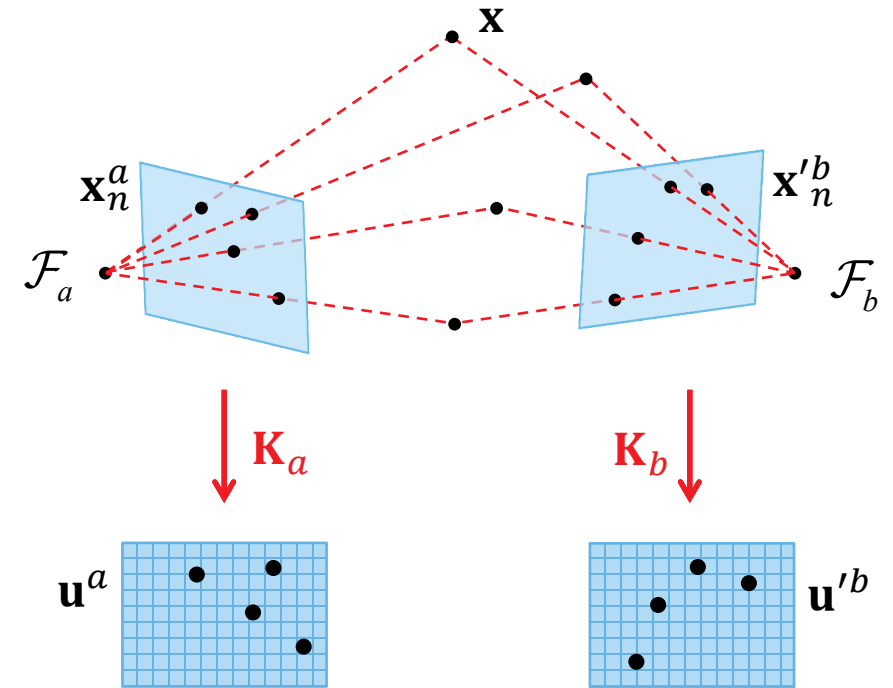
Epipolar geometry

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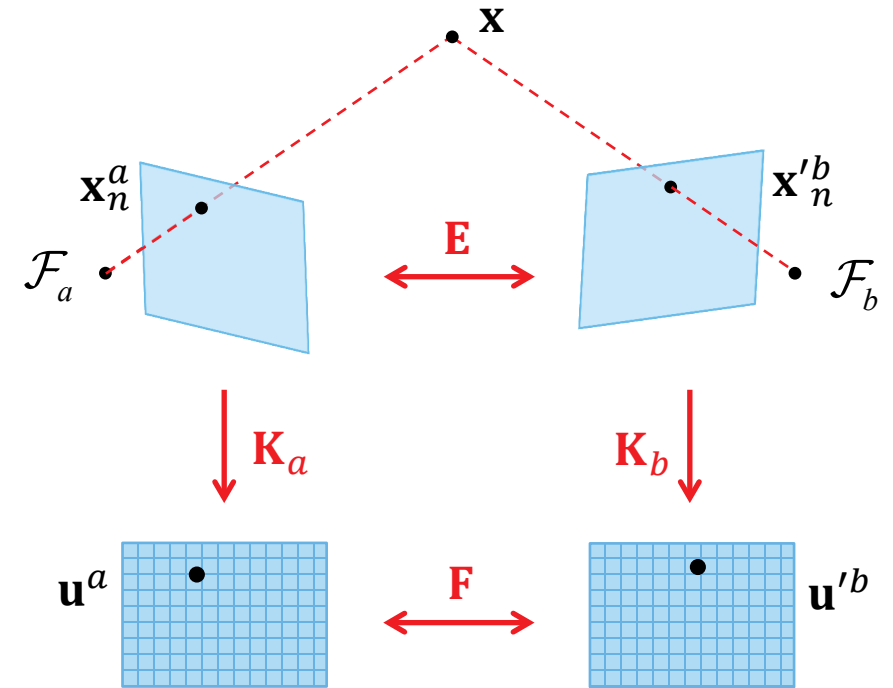
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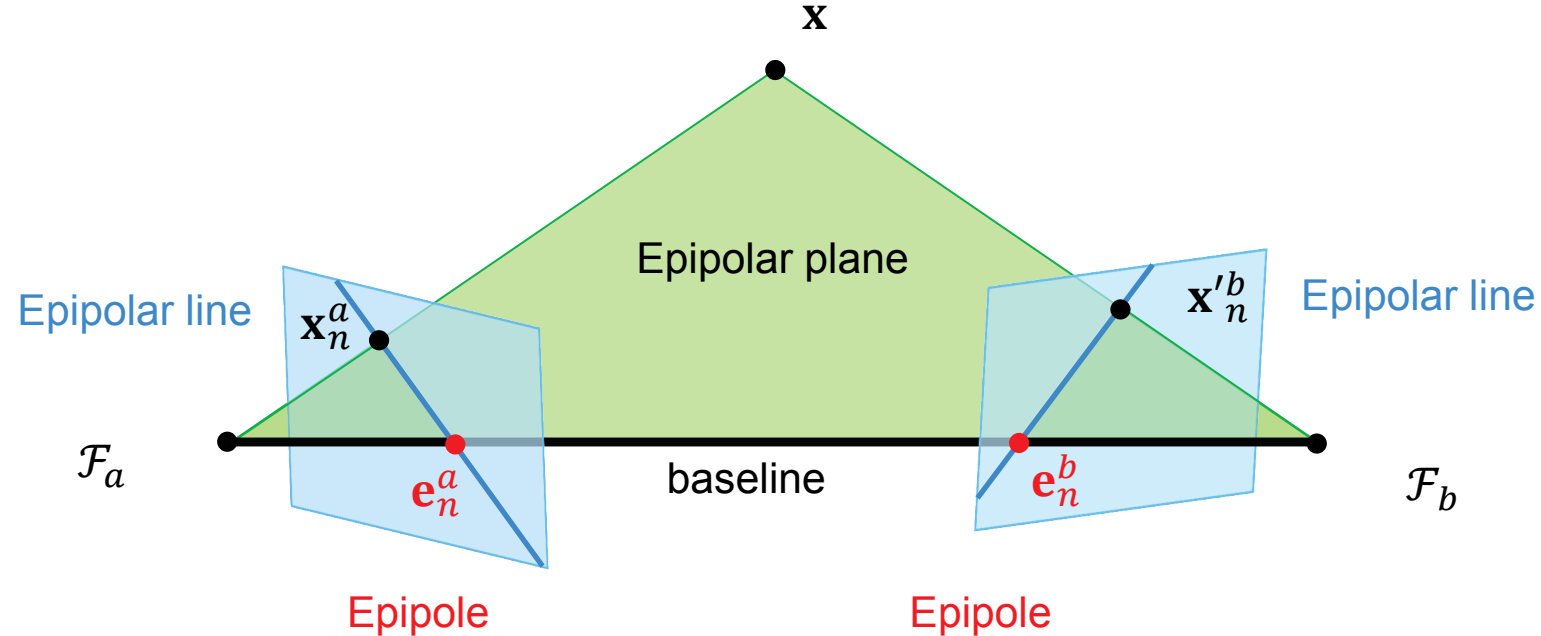


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- The **essential matrix** \mathbf{E} represents the constraint for point correspondences $\mathbf{x}_n^a \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_n{}^b$
- The **fundamental matrix** \mathbf{F} represents the same constraint, but for point correspondences $\mathbf{u}^a \leftrightarrow \mathbf{u}'^b$



Introduction



- The **epipolar plane** is the plane containing \mathbf{x} and the two camera centers of \mathcal{F}_a and \mathcal{F}_b
- The **baseline** is the line joining \mathcal{F}_a and \mathcal{F}_b
- The **epipolar lines** are where the epipolar plane intersects the image planes
- The **epipoles** are where the baseline intersects the two image planes
- Epipoles and epipolar lines can be represented in the normalized image plane as well as in the image

Exploring the epipolar geometry

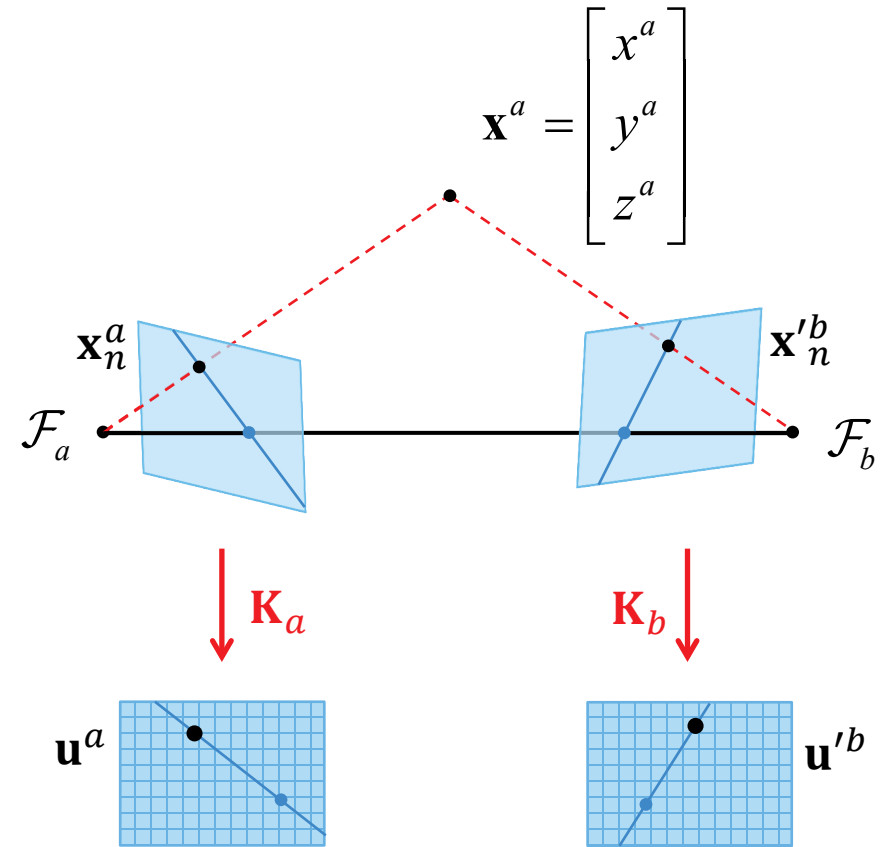
Let us consider two cameras, \mathcal{F}_a and \mathcal{F}_b , and let \mathcal{F}_a to be our “world frame”

Then we have the camera projection matrices

$$\mathbf{P}_a = \mathbf{K}_a [\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{0}]$$

$$\mathbf{P}_b = \mathbf{K}_b [\mathbf{R}_{ba} \quad \mathbf{t}_{ba}^b]$$

Assume that the two cameras project a 3D world point $\mathbf{x}^a = [x^a \quad y^a \quad z^a]^T$ to \mathbf{u}^a and \mathbf{u}'^b correspondingly



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So up to scale we know that

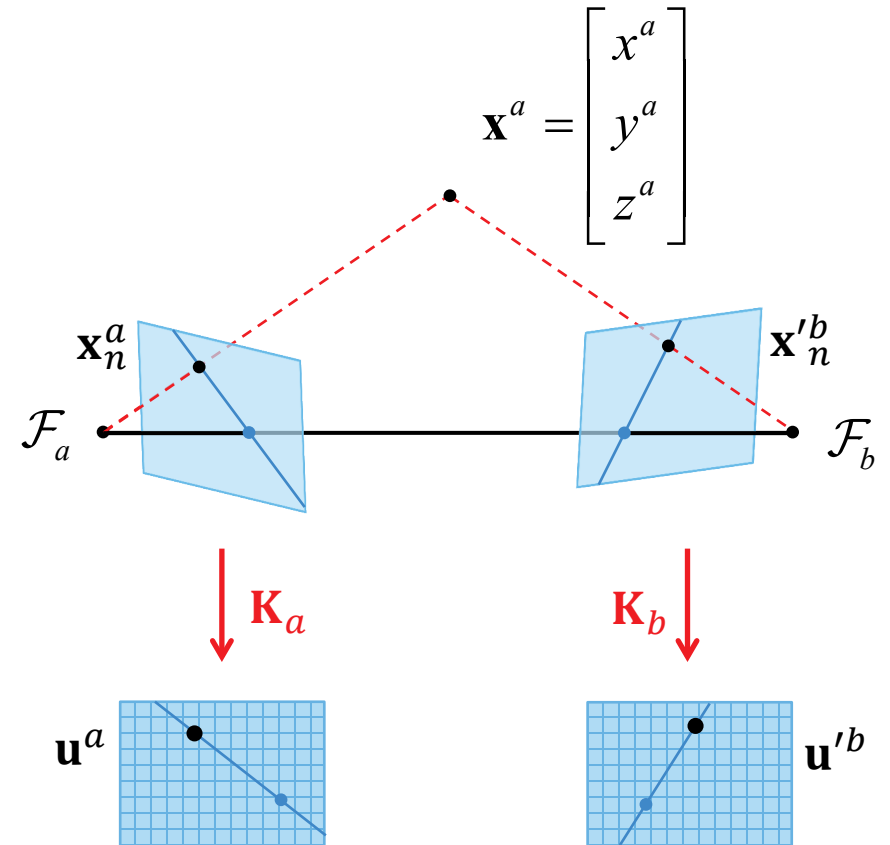
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But given that $\mathbf{x}^a = [x^a \quad y^a \quad z^a]^T$, we also know the scale

$$\mathbf{x}^a = z^a \mathbf{K}_a^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^a$$

truly equal



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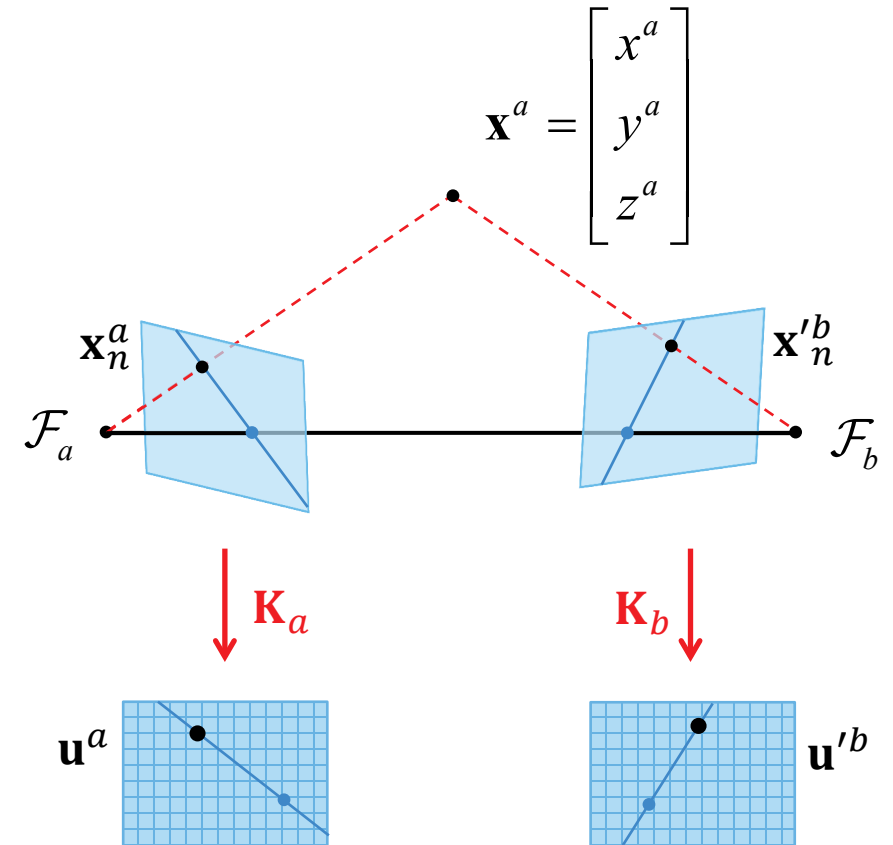
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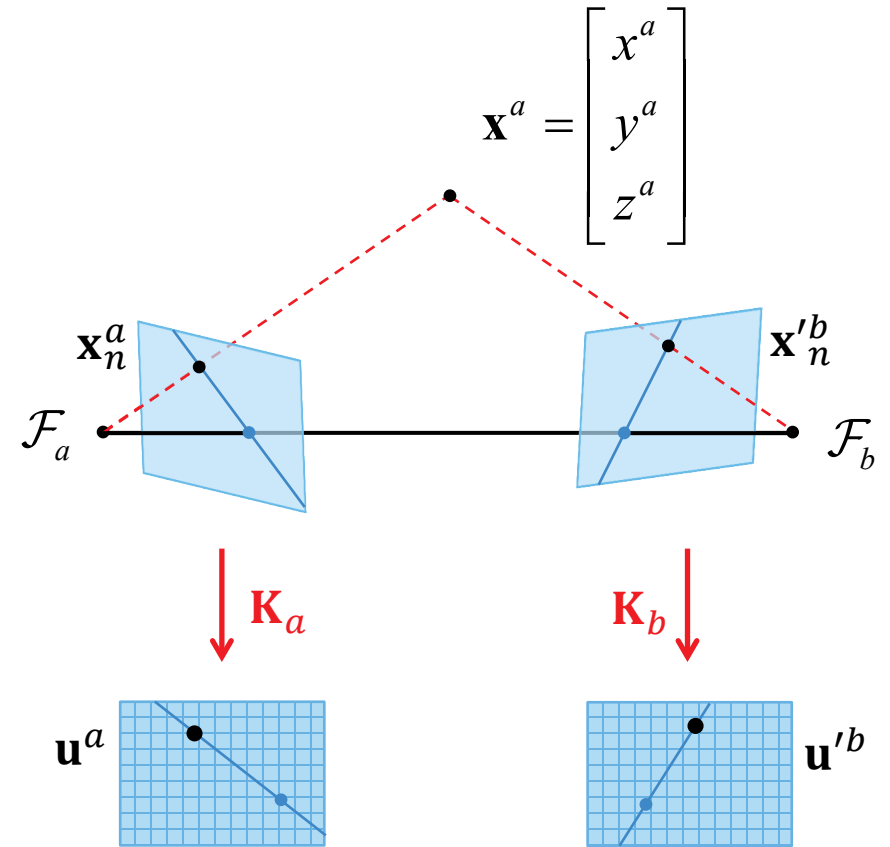


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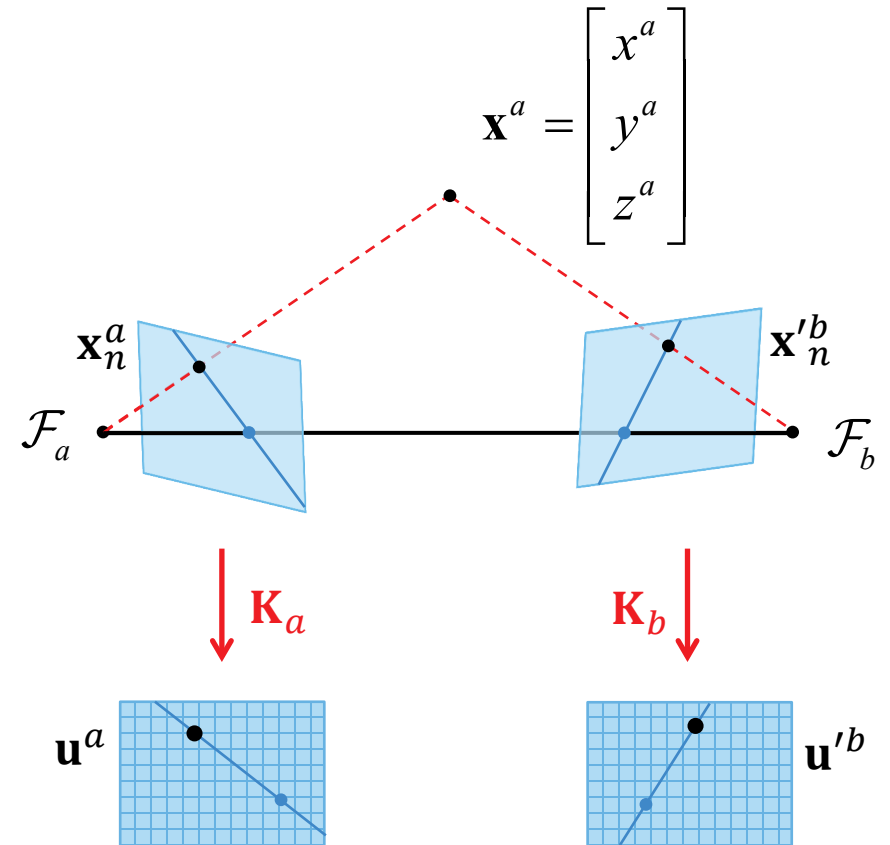


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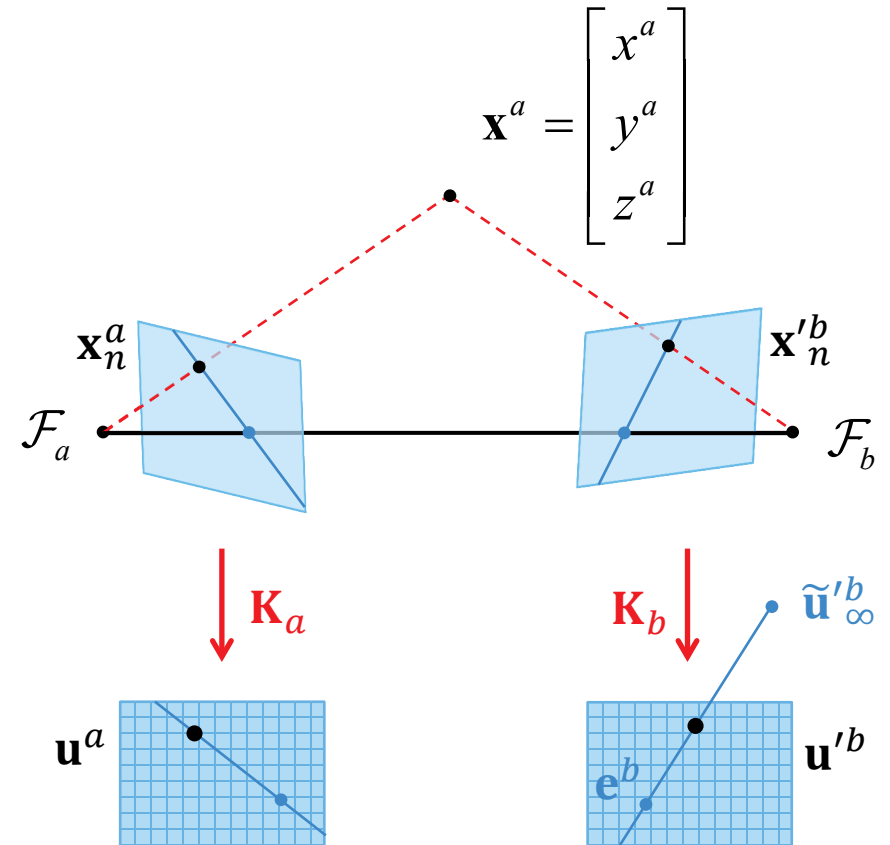
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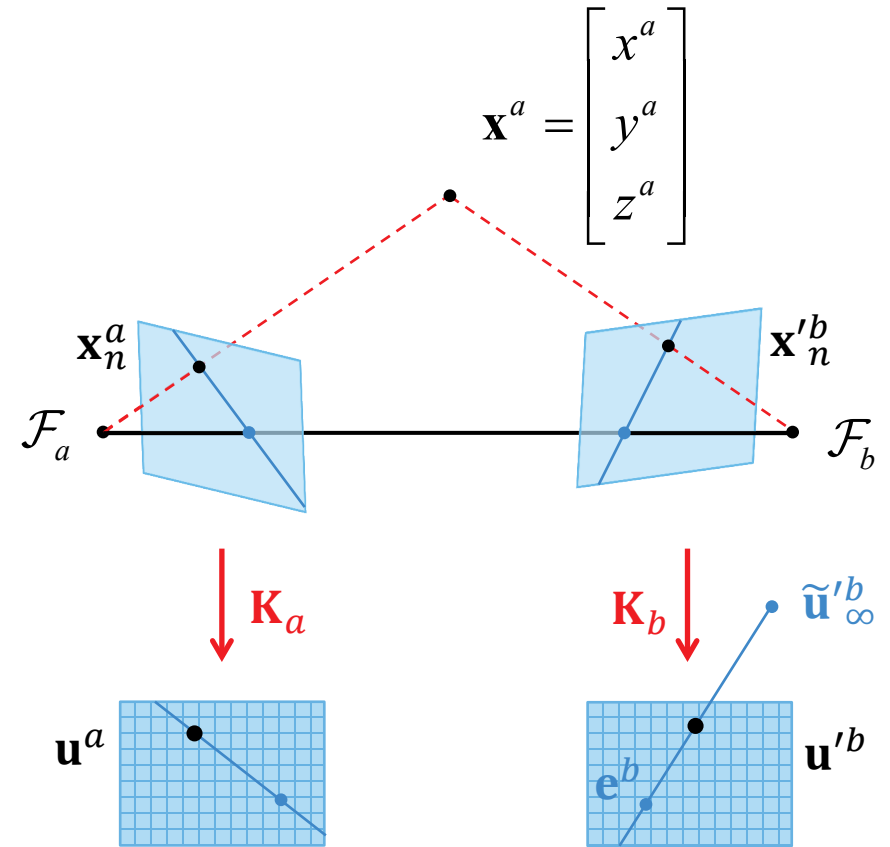
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$$\text{disparity} = \|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}'^b - \mathbf{K}_b \mathbf{R}_{ba} \mathbf{K}_a^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^a\|$$

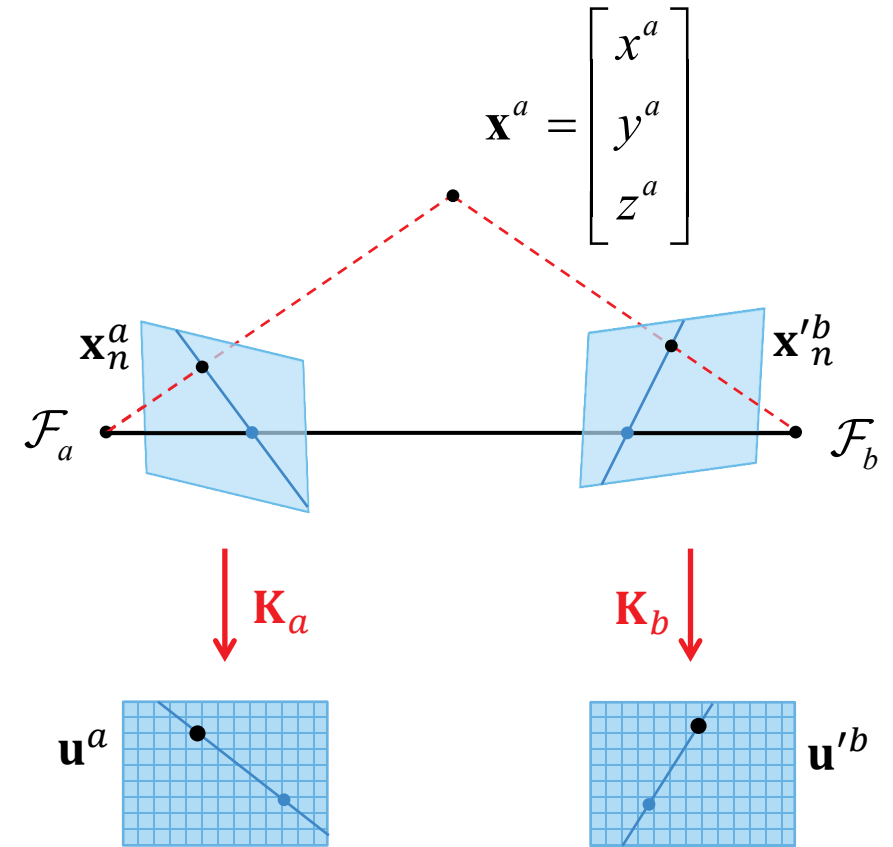
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Another observation is that all correspondences $\mathbf{u}^a \leftrightarrow \mathbf{u}'^b$ for far away 3D points \mathbf{x}^a must be related by the same homography

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{K}_b \mathbf{R}_{ba} \mathbf{K}_a^{-1}$$

The same is obviously true for absolutely all correspondences when \mathcal{F}_b is just a rotation of \mathcal{F}_a , i.e. when $\mathbf{t}_{ba}^b = \mathbf{0}$

This explains why it is easy to coregister images of distant scenes even when the camera motion is not a pure rotation



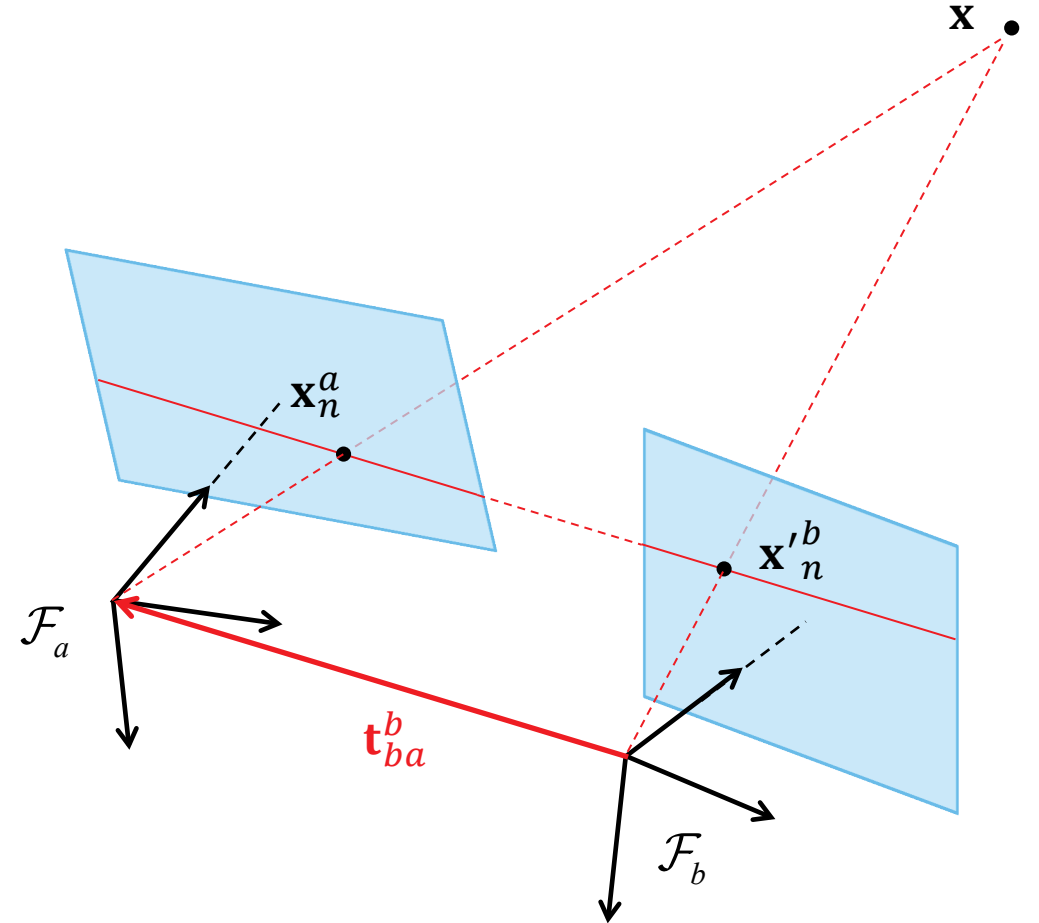
$$\text{"far away"} \Leftrightarrow z^a \gg \|\mathbf{K}_b \mathbf{t}_{ba}^b\|$$

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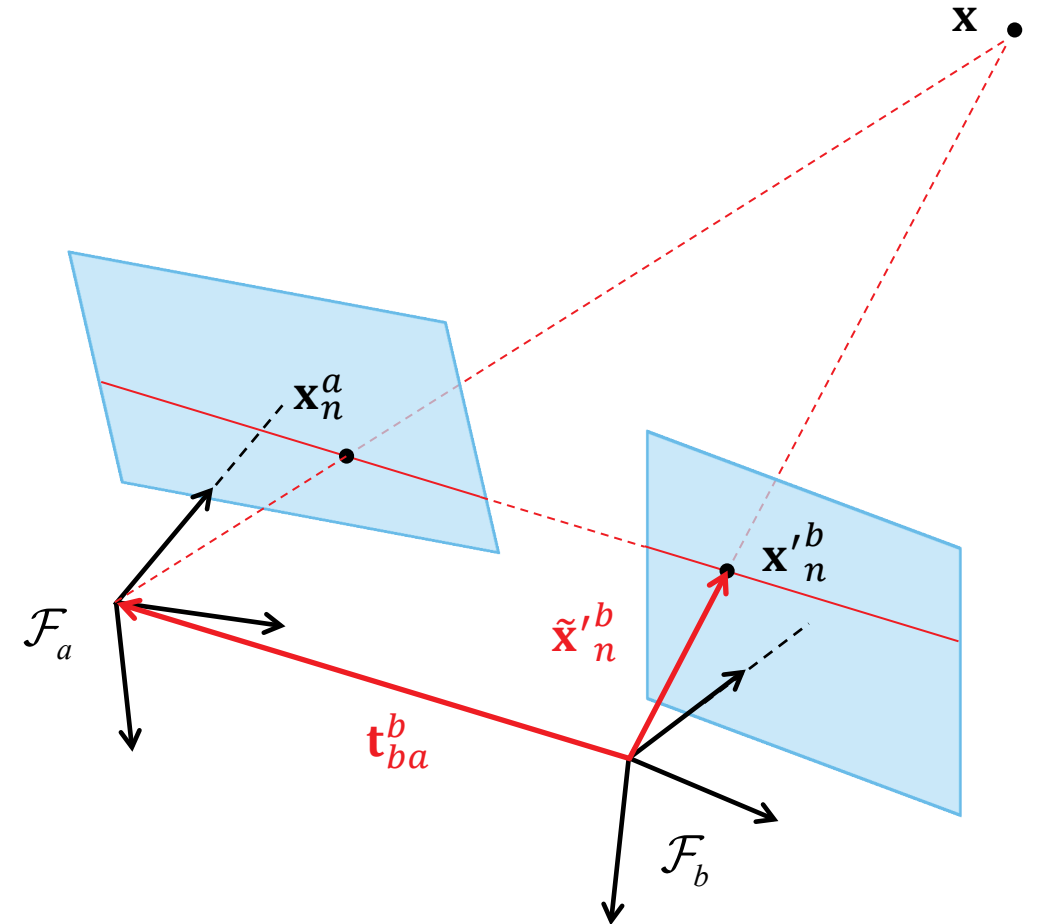
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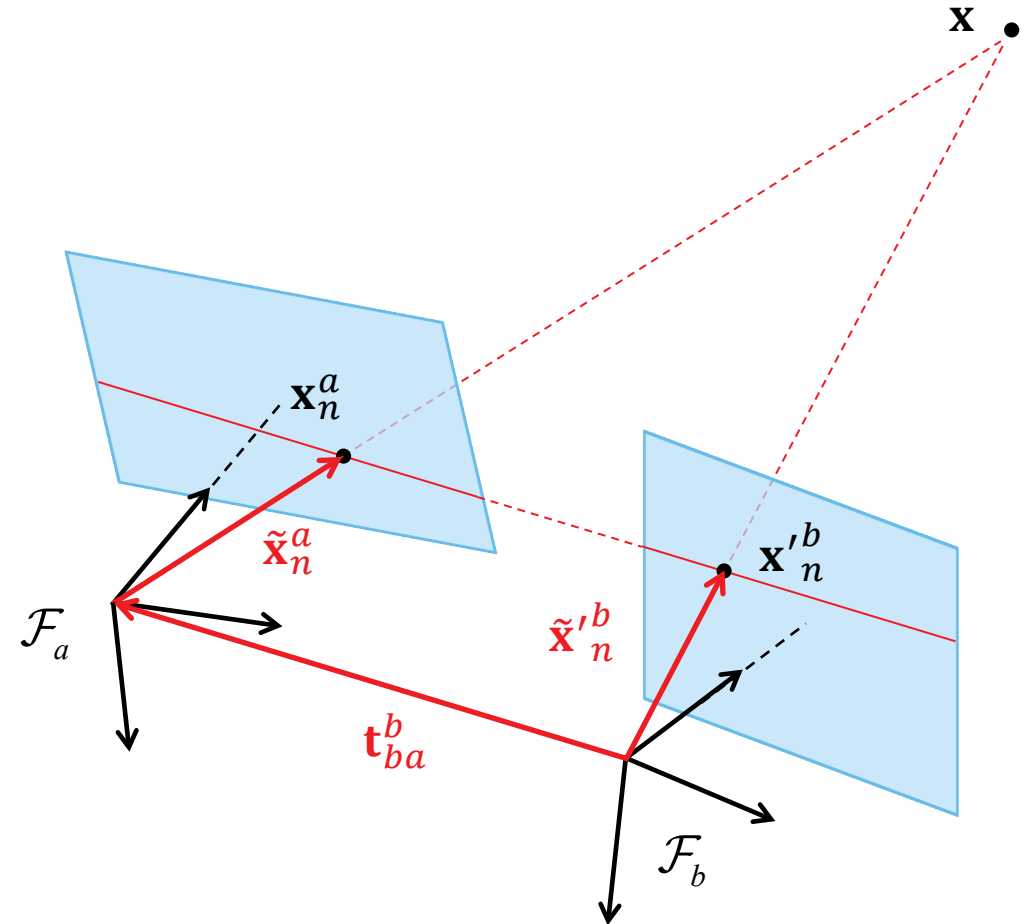
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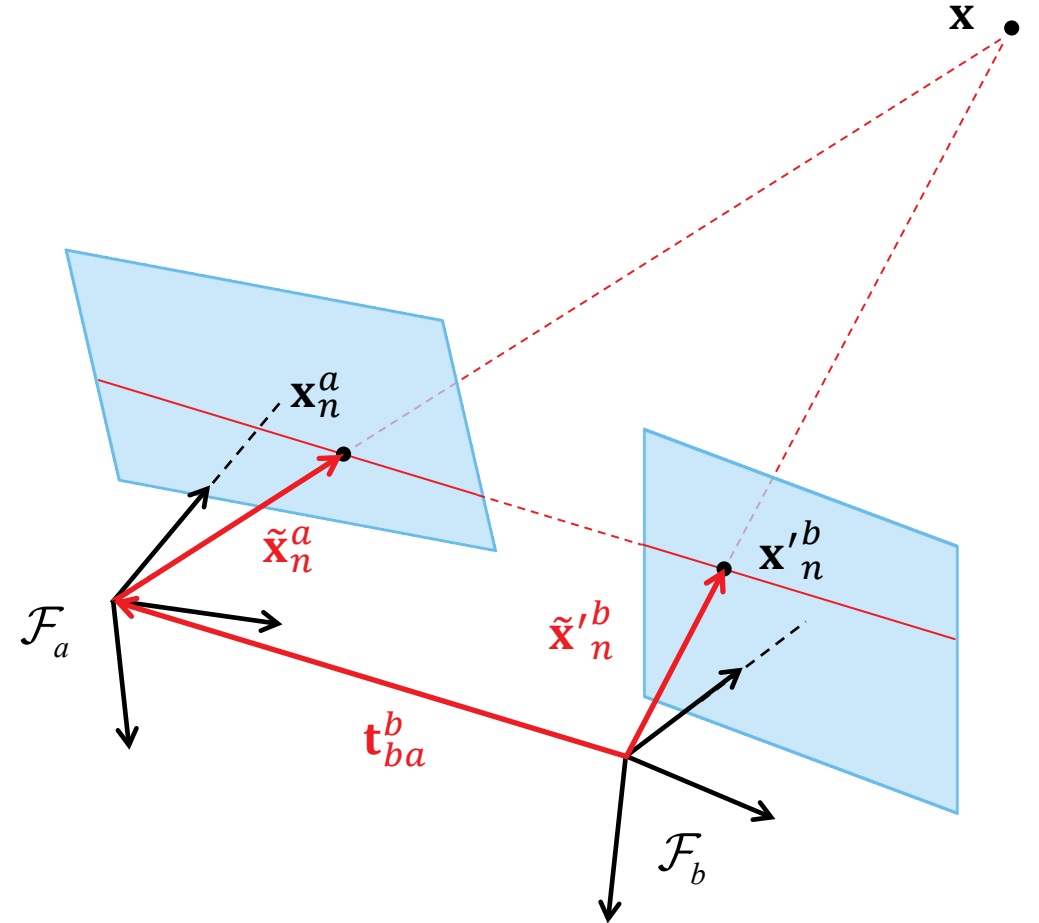
The same goes for $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^a$



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Since both vectors $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^a$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^b$ lie in the epipolar plane, they must satisfy the equation

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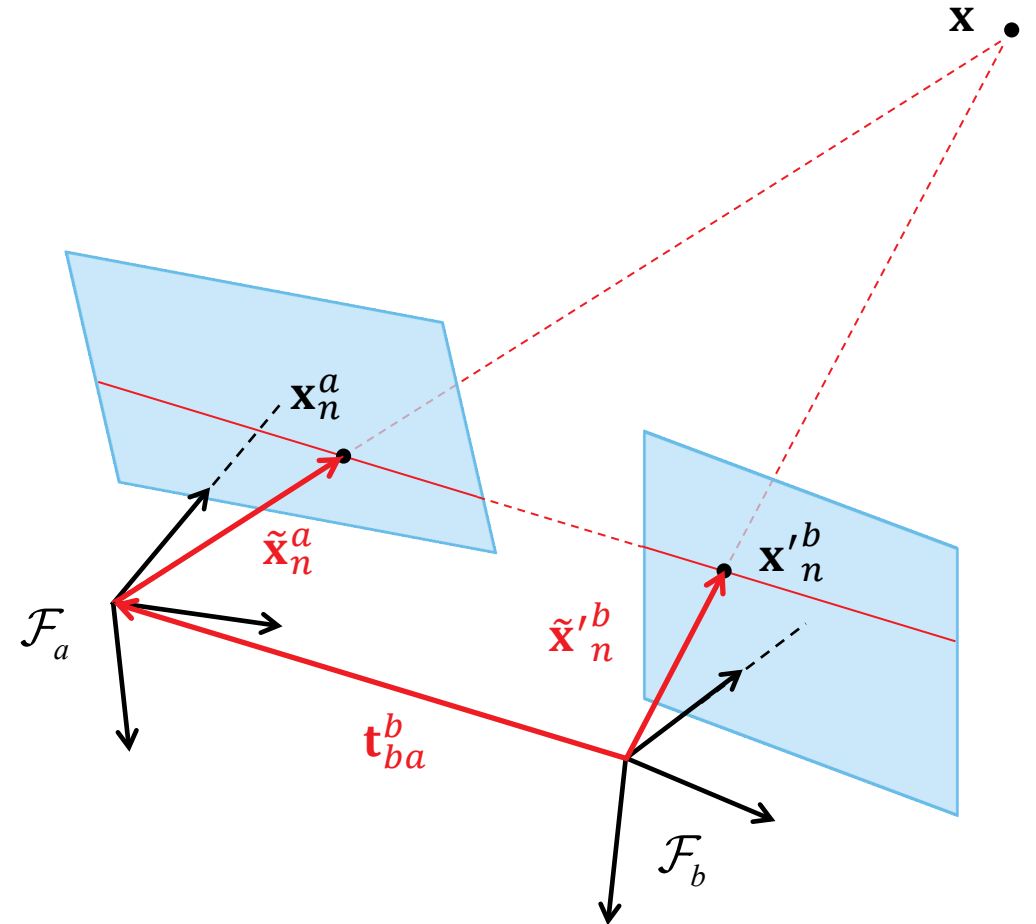
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normal vector of the epipolar plane

$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^a$ transformed to \mathcal{F}_b



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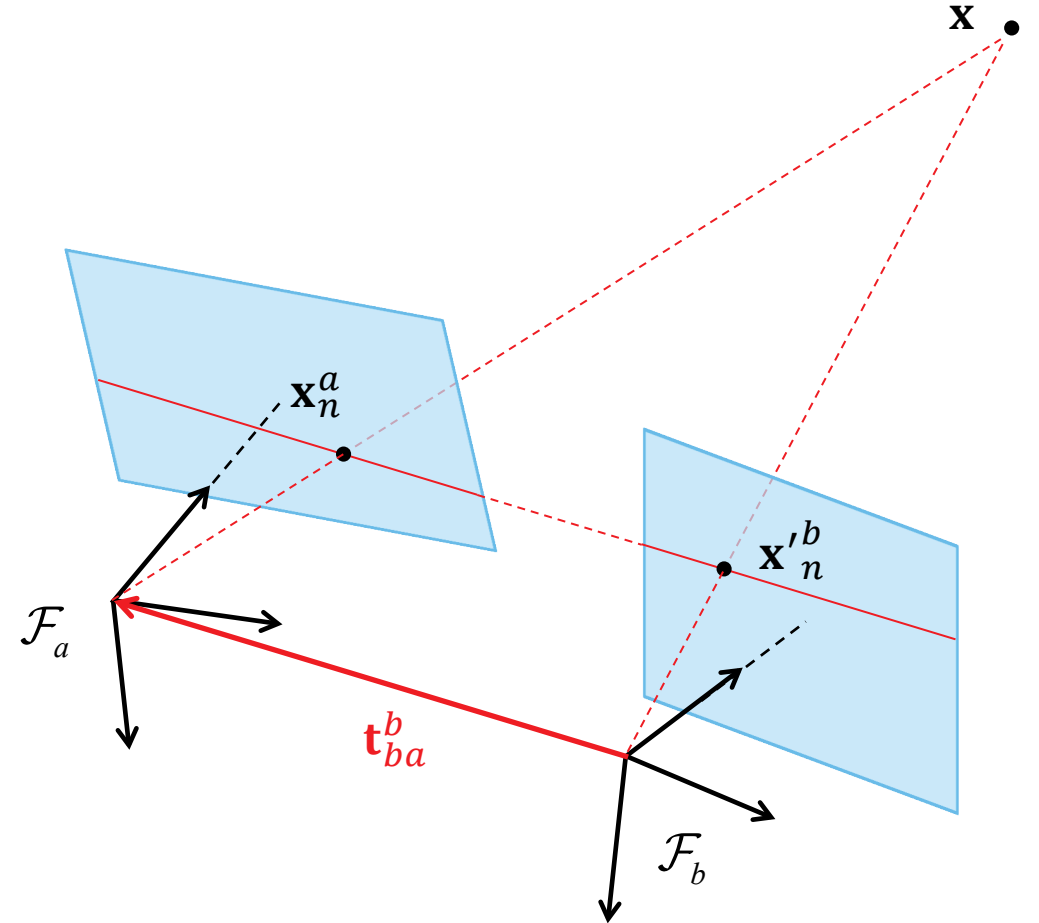
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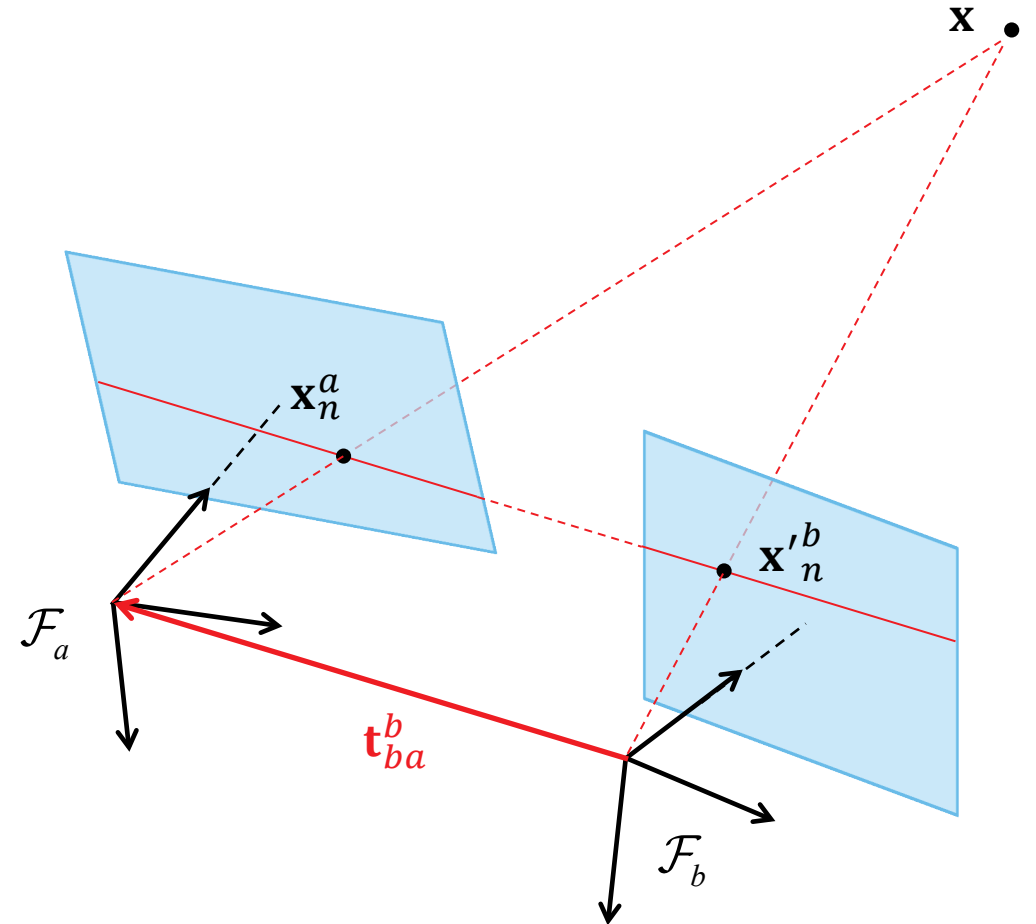
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Notice that this derivation is independent of $\|\mathbf{t}_{ba}^b\|$, so that \mathbf{E}_{ab} and \mathbf{E}_{ba} are homogeneous by nature



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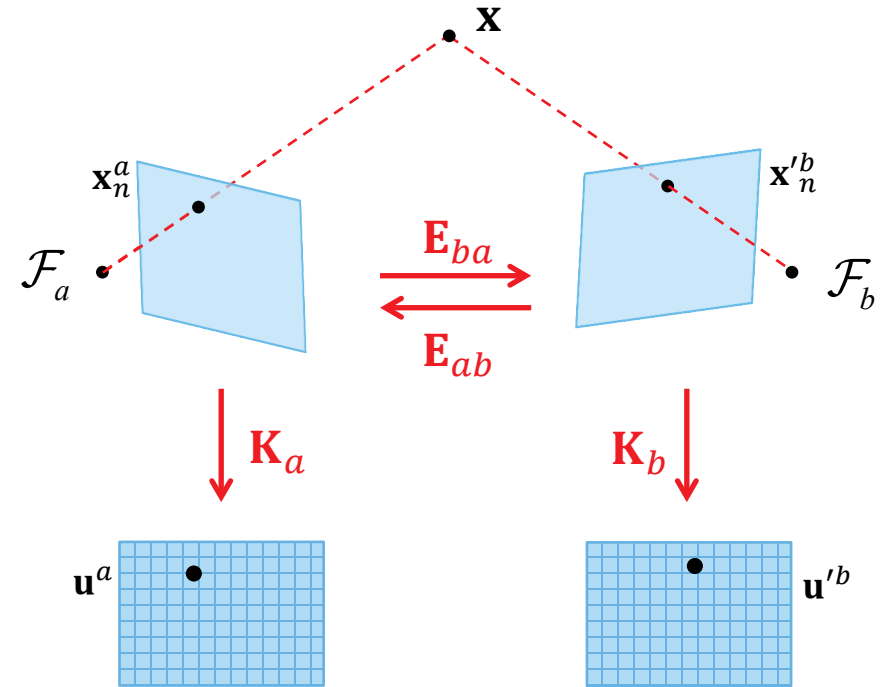
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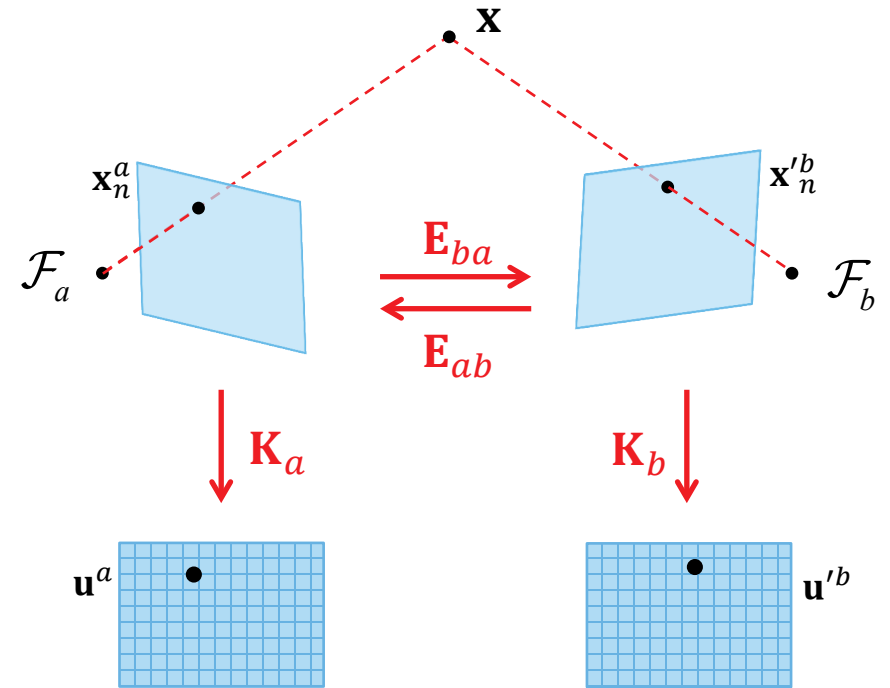
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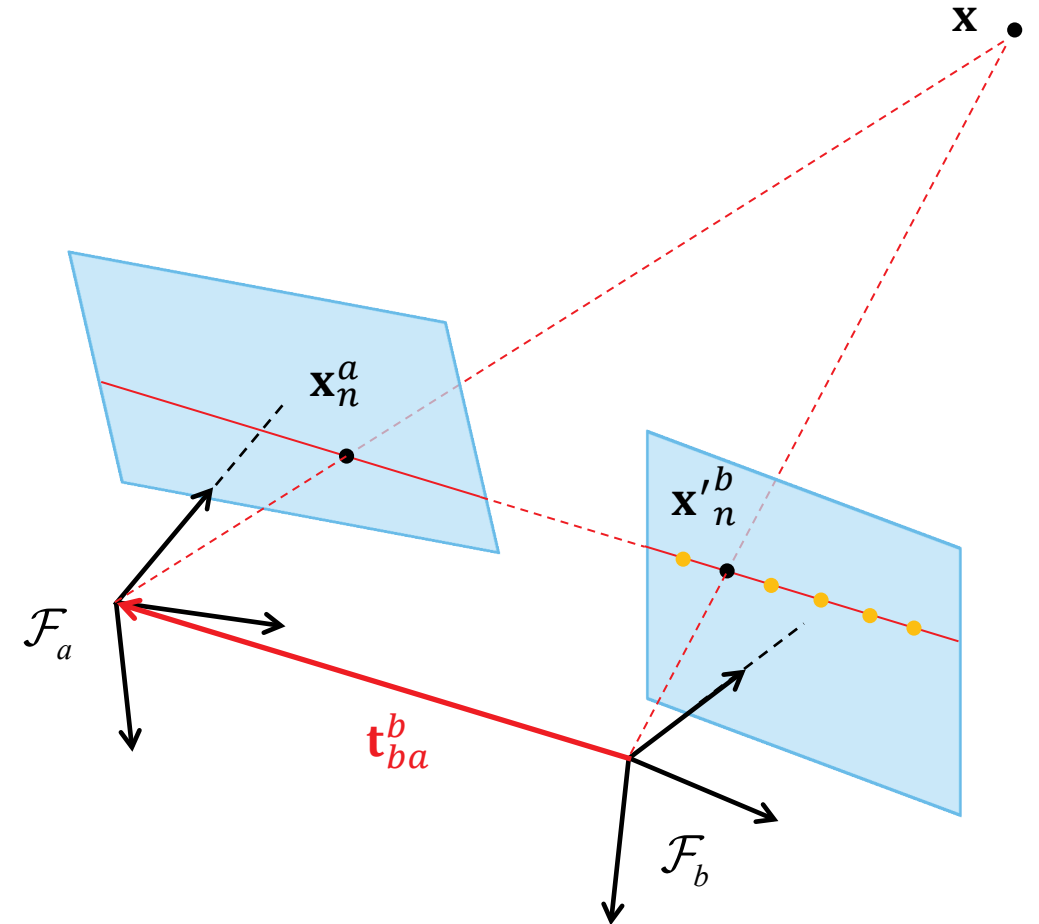
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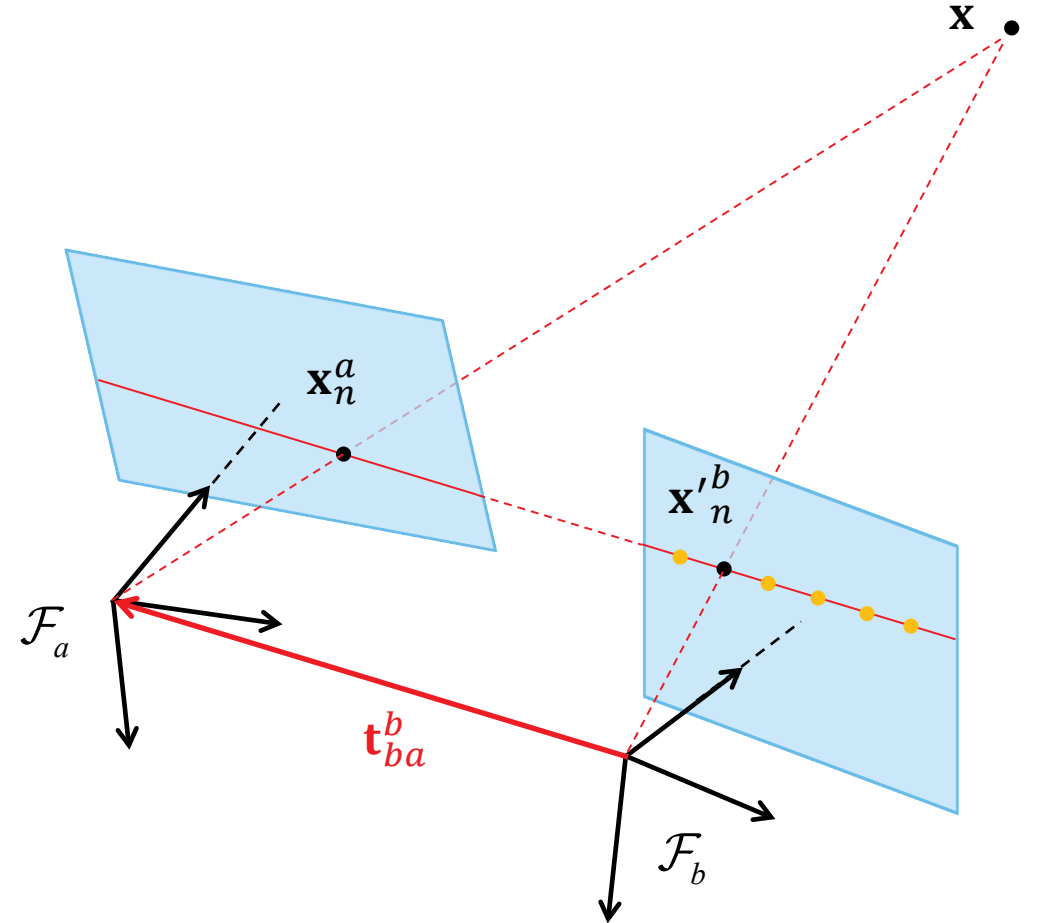
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The expression

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can be used to constrain the correspondence further

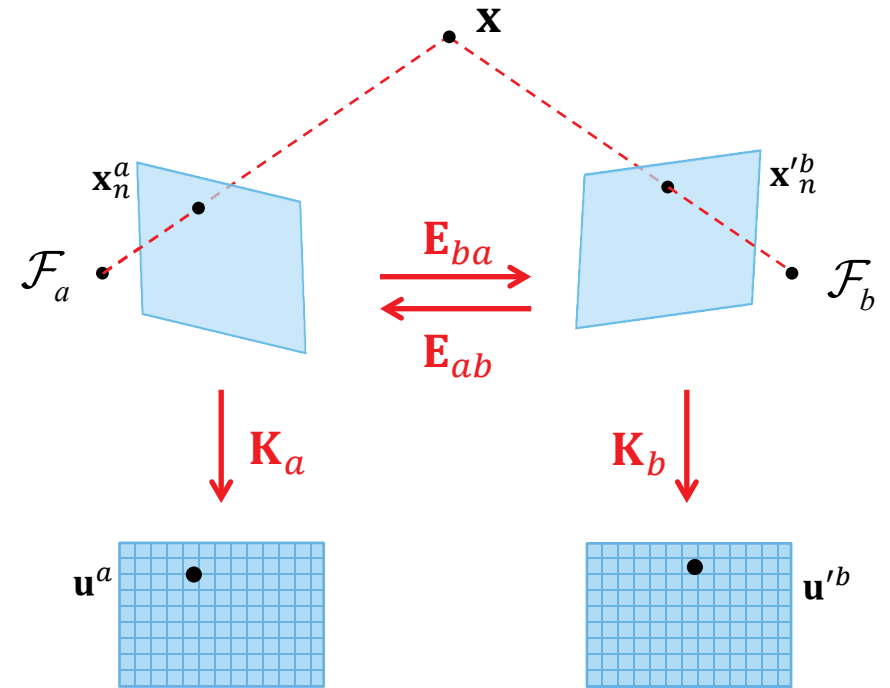


Properties of \mathbf{E}

- $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{t} \wedge \mathbf{R}$
- \mathbf{E} is homogeneous
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{E}) = 2$
- $\det(\mathbf{E}) = 0$
- If \mathbf{x}_n and \mathbf{x}'_n correspond to the same 3D point then

$$(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{E} \mathbf{x}'_n = 0$$

- $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{t} \wedge \mathbf{R}$ has five degrees of freedom
 - $\mathbf{R} \Rightarrow 3$, $\mathbf{t} \Rightarrow 3$, homogeneous $\Rightarrow -1$
 - It can be estimated from as little as five point correspondences $\mathbf{x}'_n \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_n^a$

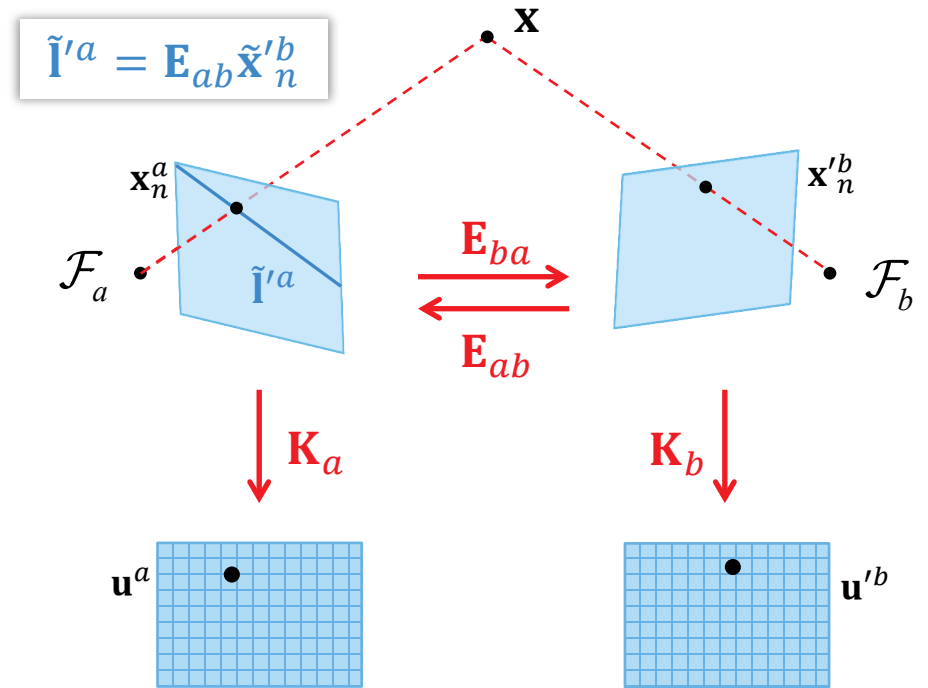


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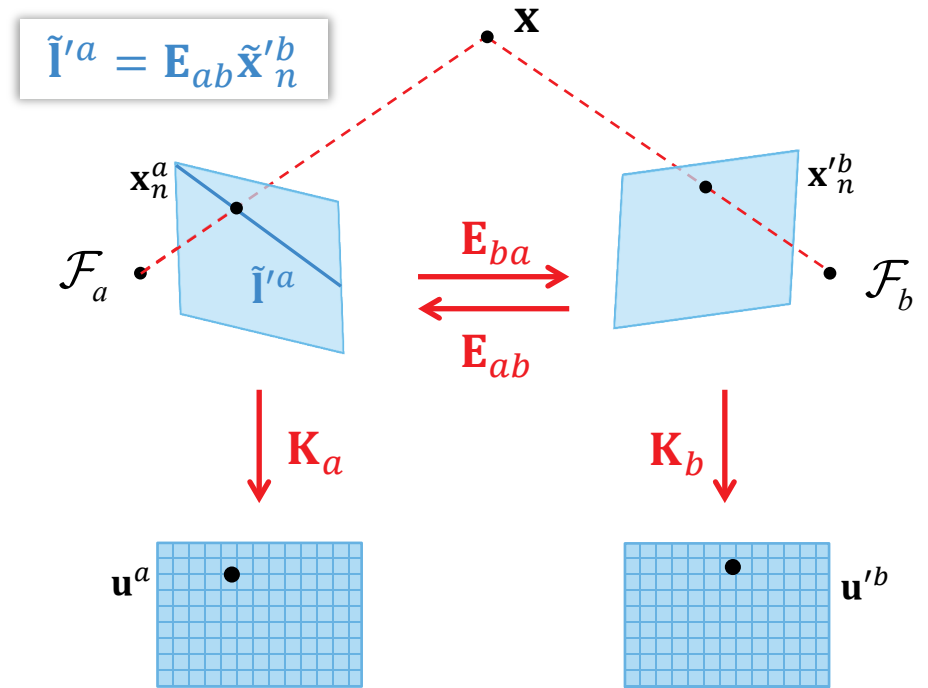
Line in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$ax + by + c = 0$$

Line in \mathbb{P}^2 :

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{l}} = 0$$

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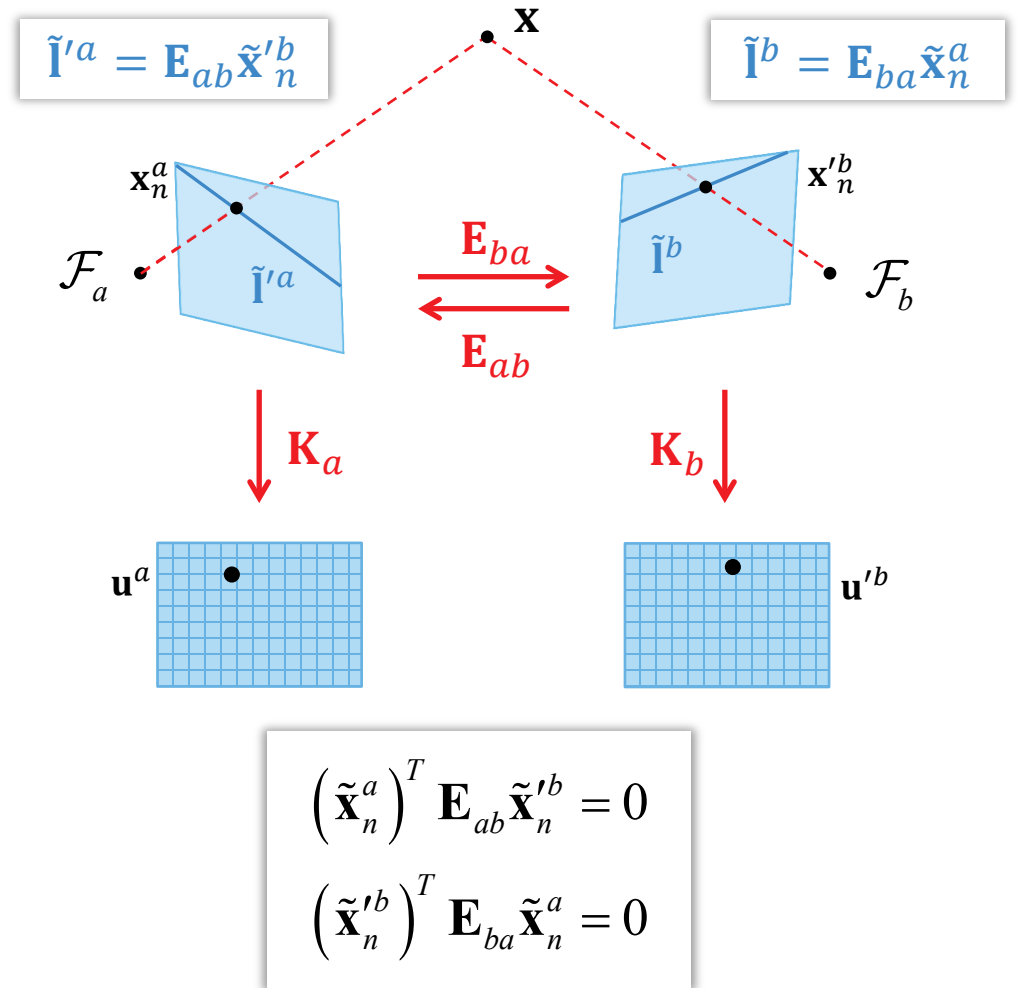
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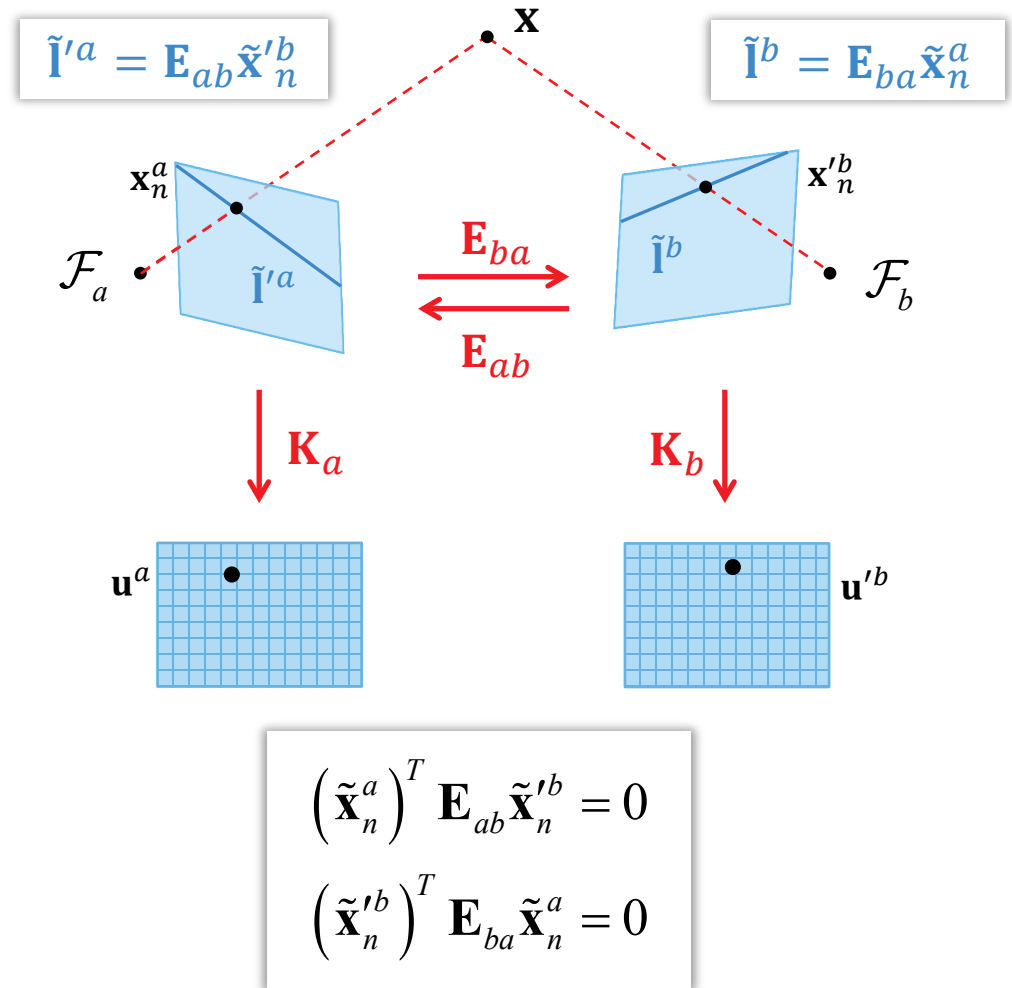
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- It is possible to determine \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{t} (up to scale) by decomposing \mathbf{E}



The fundamental matrix F

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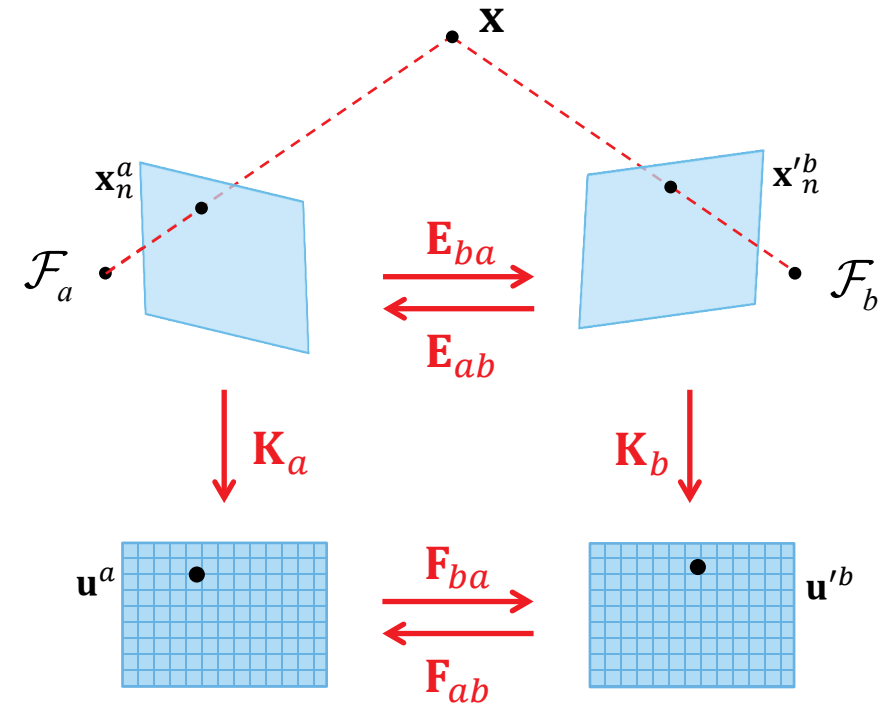
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$$\Downarrow \begin{cases} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^a = \mathbf{K}_a^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^a \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n'^b = \mathbf{K}_b^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}'^b \end{cases}$$

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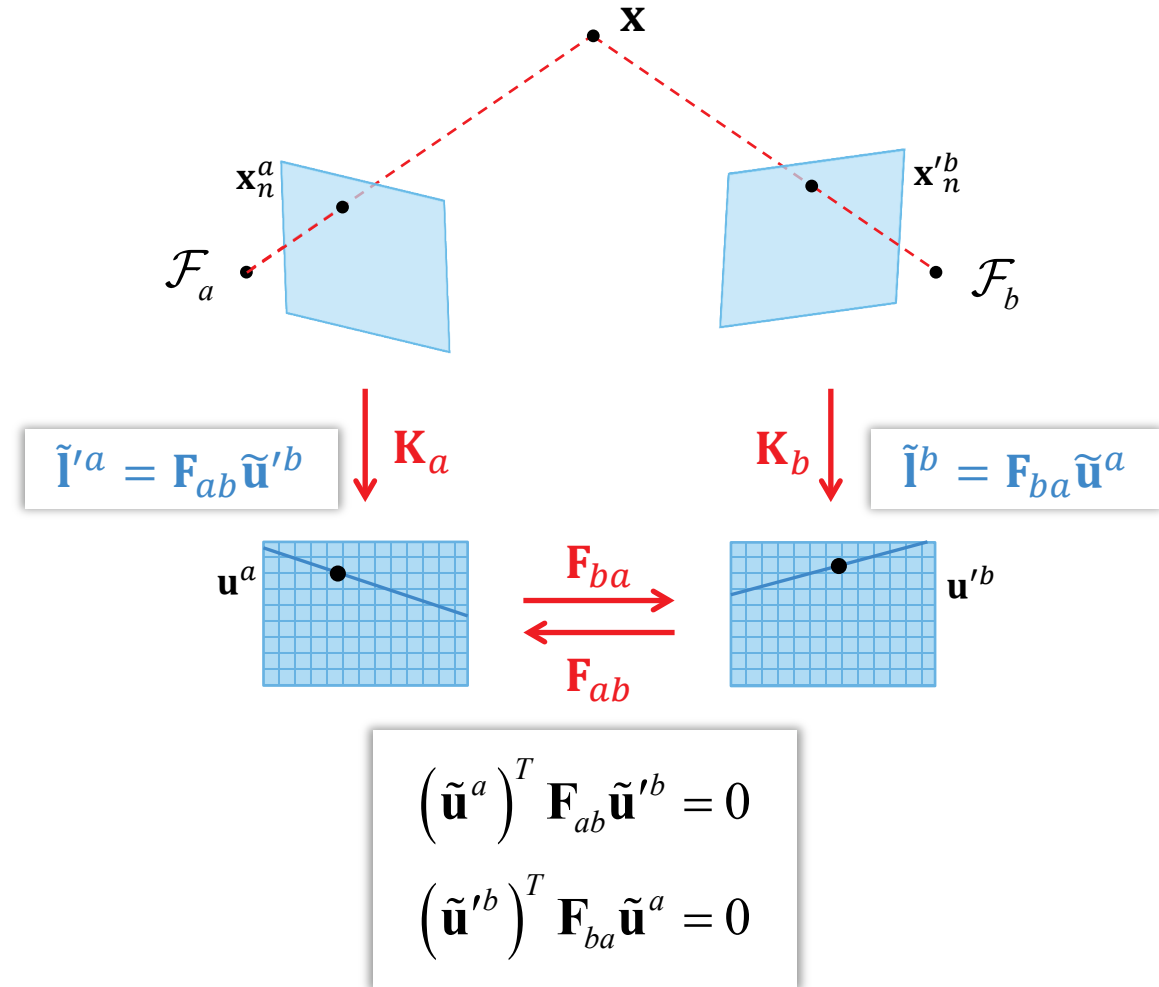
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Properties of \mathbf{F}

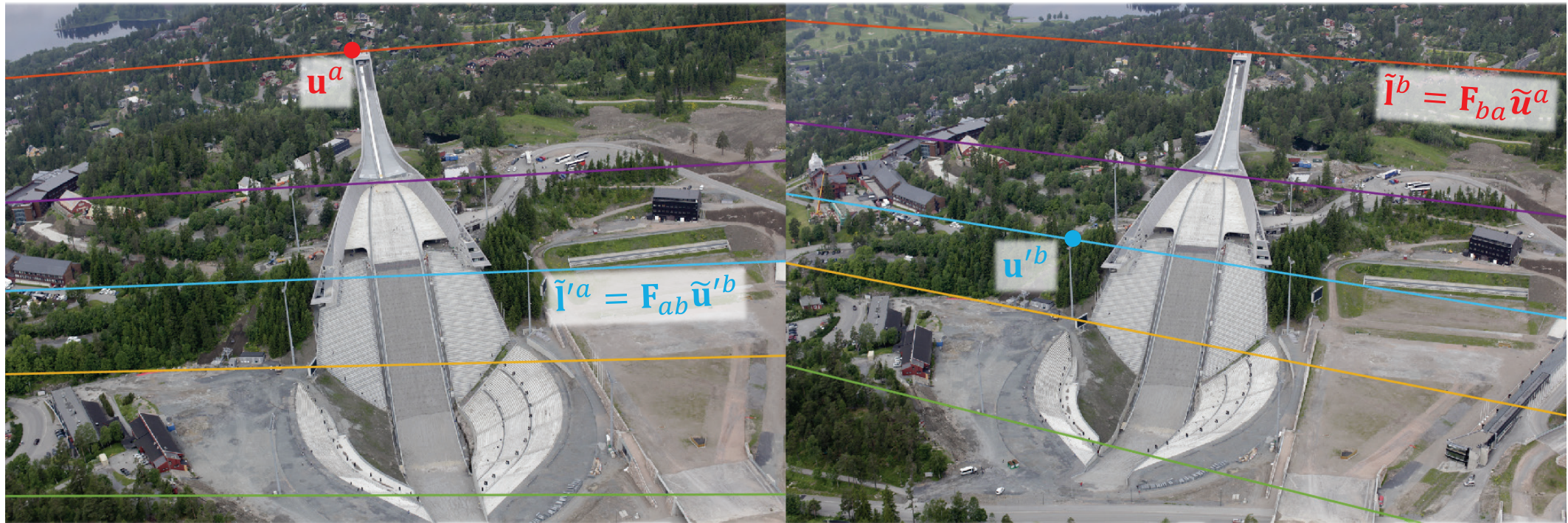
- \mathbf{F} is homogeneous
- $\text{rank}(\mathbf{F}) = 2$
- $\det(\mathbf{F}) = 0$
- \mathbf{F} has seven degrees of freedom
 - It can be estimated from as little as seven point correspondences $\mathbf{u}^a \leftrightarrow \mathbf{u}'^b$
- Epipolar line corresponding to \mathbf{u}'^b is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{l}}'^a = \mathbf{F}_{ab} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}'^b$$
- Epipolar line corresponding to $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^a$ is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{l}}^b = \mathbf{F}_{ba} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^a$$



Example



img_a

img_b

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From several correspondences, we get a system of linear equations that we can solve by SVD

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 u'_1 & v_1 u'_1 & u'_1 & u_1 v'_1 & v_1 v'_1 & v'_1 & u_1 & v_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ u_k u'_k & v_k u'_k & u'_k & u_k v'_k & v_k v'_k & v'_k & u_k & v_k & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} = 0$$

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

Estimating F – The 8-point algorithm

Given eight (or more) correspondences $\mathbf{u}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{u}'_i$

1. Normalize point sets $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}$ and $\{\mathbf{u}'_i\}$ using similarity transforms \mathbf{T} and \mathbf{T}'
2. Build matrix \mathbf{A} from point-correspondences and compute its SVD
3. Extract the estimate $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$ from the right singular vector corresponding to the smallest singular value

4. Perform SVD on $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$:

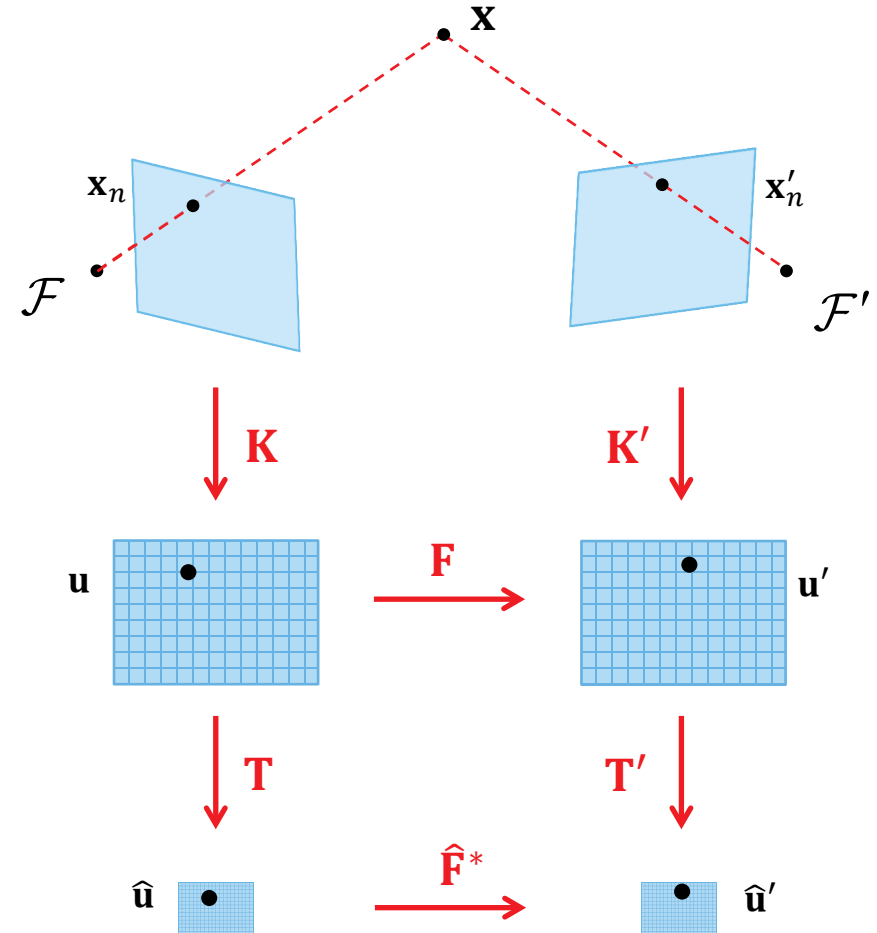
$$\hat{\mathbf{F}} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}^T$$

5. Enforce zero determinant by setting the smallest singular value (s_{33} in \mathbf{S}) to zero and compute a proper fundamental matrix

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}^* = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}^T$$

6. Denormalize

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{T}'^T \hat{\mathbf{F}}^* \mathbf{T}$$



Estimating F – The 7-point algorithm

Given seven correspondences $\mathbf{u}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{u}_i'$

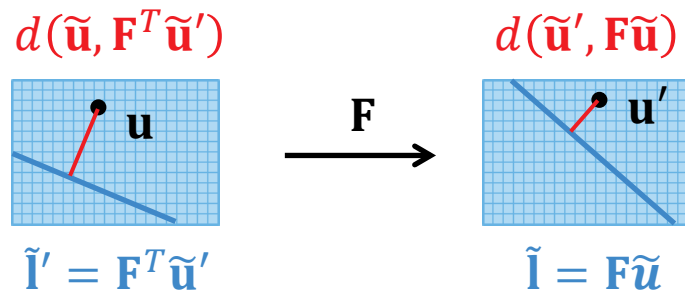
- The matrix \mathbf{A} is a 7×9 matrix, so in general $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 7$ and the null space of \mathbf{A} is 2-dimensional
 - Then the fundamental matrix must be a linear combination of the two right singular vectors of \mathbf{A} which correspond to the two singular values that are zero
- $$\mathbf{F}(\alpha) = \alpha\mathbf{F}_1 + (1 - \alpha)\mathbf{F}_2$$
- The additional constraint $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ leads to a cubic polynomial equation in α which has one or three solutions
 - Hence the 7-pt algorithm returns one or three possible fundamental matrices
 - In a RANSAC scheme, the 7-pt algorithm is better than the 8-pt algorithm
 - It is minimal, since we only need to sample seven random correspondences per iteration
 - Each sampled set of correspondences can return three fundamental matrices for testing

Estimating F – Beyond linear estimation

Improved estimates of \mathbf{F} can be obtained using iterative methods

One possibility is to determine the matrix \mathbf{F} that minimizes the total squared **epipolar distance**

$$\varepsilon = \sum_i d(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}'_i, \mathbf{F}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_i)^2 + d(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_i, \mathbf{F}^T\tilde{\mathbf{u}}'_i)^2$$



The distance between a homogeneous point $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ and a homogeneous line $\tilde{\mathbf{l}} = [\tilde{l}_1 \ \tilde{l}_2 \ \tilde{l}_3]^T$ is

$$d(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \tilde{\mathbf{l}}) = \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{l}}}{\sqrt{\tilde{l}_1^2 + \tilde{l}_2^2}}$$

Iterative methods typically achieve a noticeably better estimate than the linear methods

But linear methods typically provide quite good estimates

Estimating E

For calibrated cameras we can first estimate \mathbf{F} and then compute \mathbf{E} by

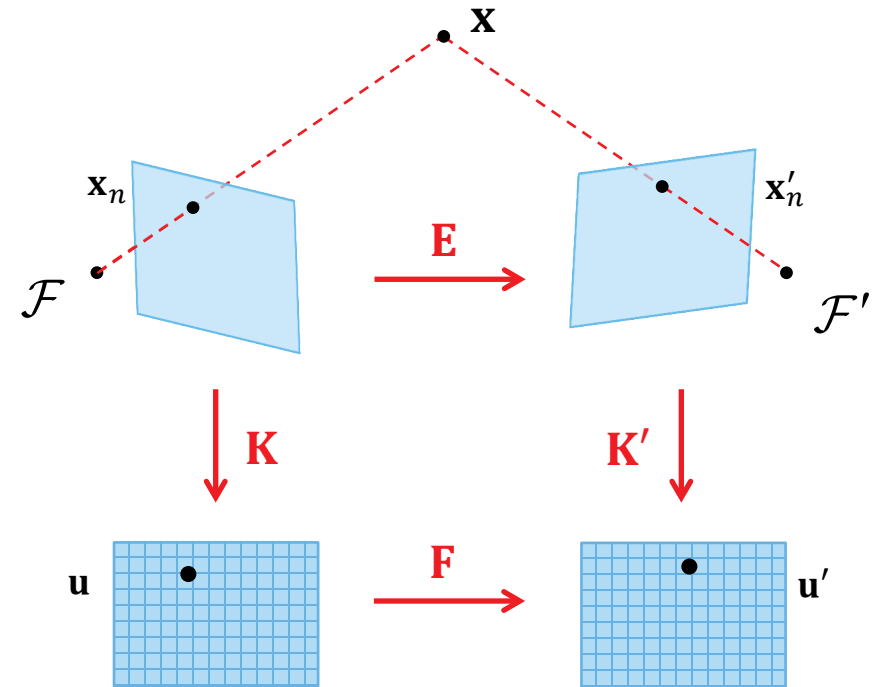
$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{K}'^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{K}$$

One can also estimate \mathbf{E} directly from five normalized point correspondences $\mathbf{x}_n \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_n$ using an algorithm called the **5-pt algorithm**

- Involves finding the roots of a 10th degree polynomial

In a RANSAC scheme, the 5-pt algorithm is the preferred alternative

- To achieve 99% confidence with 50% outliers, requires 145 tests with using the 5-pt algorithm versus 1177 tests using the 8-pt algorithm



Summary

- The essential matrix \mathbf{E} and the fundamental matrix \mathbf{F} represent the epipolar geometry

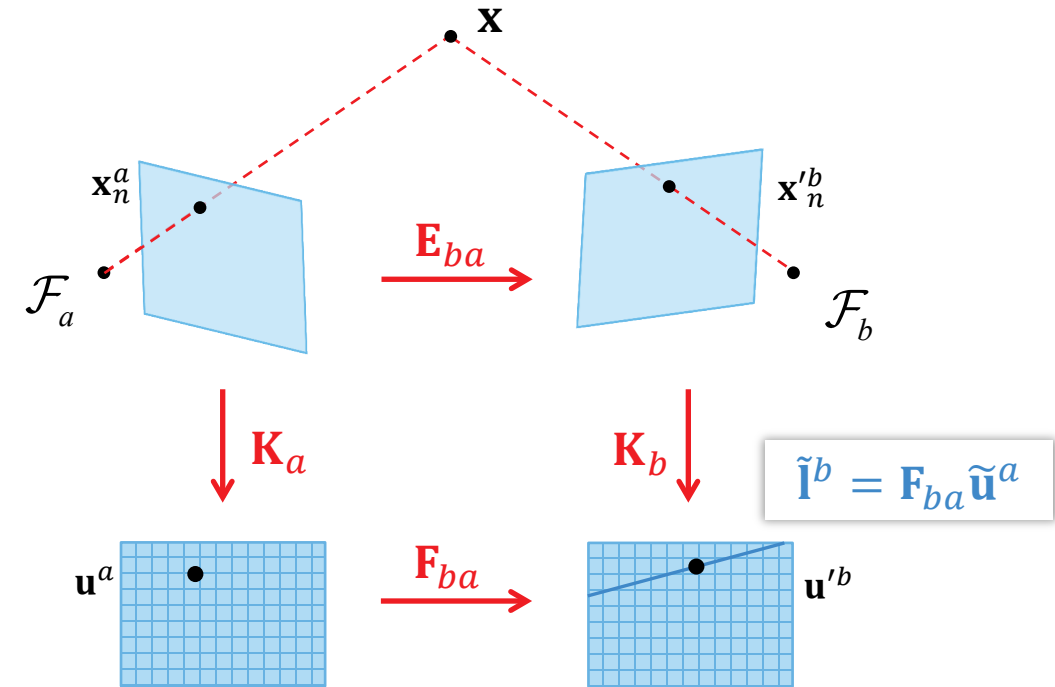
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$$\left(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{\prime b}\right)^T \mathbf{F}_{ba} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^a = 0$$

- \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{F} can be estimated from correspondences
 - $\mathbf{F} \leftarrow$ RANSAC, 7-pt or 8-pt
 - $\mathbf{E} \leftarrow$ RANSAC, 5-pt

- \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{F} maps points to their corresponding epipolar lines

$$\tilde{\mathbf{l}}^b = \mathbf{F}_{ba} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^a$$



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$$\mathbf{F}_{ba} = \mathbf{K}_b^{-T} \mathbf{E}_{ba} \mathbf{K}_a^{-1}$$

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Further reading

- Online book by Richard Szeliski – Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications
http://szeliski.org/Book/drafts/SzeliskiBook_20100903_draft.pdf
 - Chapter 7.2 covers two-frame structure from motion where the essential matrix and the fundamental matrix are central quantities in the discussion
- Online book by Timothy D. Barfoot – State Estimation for Robotics
http://asrl.utias.utoronto.ca/~tdb/bib/barfoot_ser17.pdf
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<http://www.ee.oulu.fi/research/imag/courses/Sturm/nister04.pdf>
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