

# CSCI 497P/597P: Computer Vision

## Projective Geometry



# Announcements

- Exam will be out later today, due Monday 10pm.
- Academic honesty:
  - OK – any course materials
    - lecture slides, notes, and videos;
    - your own notes your assignment code, your HW solutions;
    - the textbook
  - Not OK:
    - other people
    - the internet at large

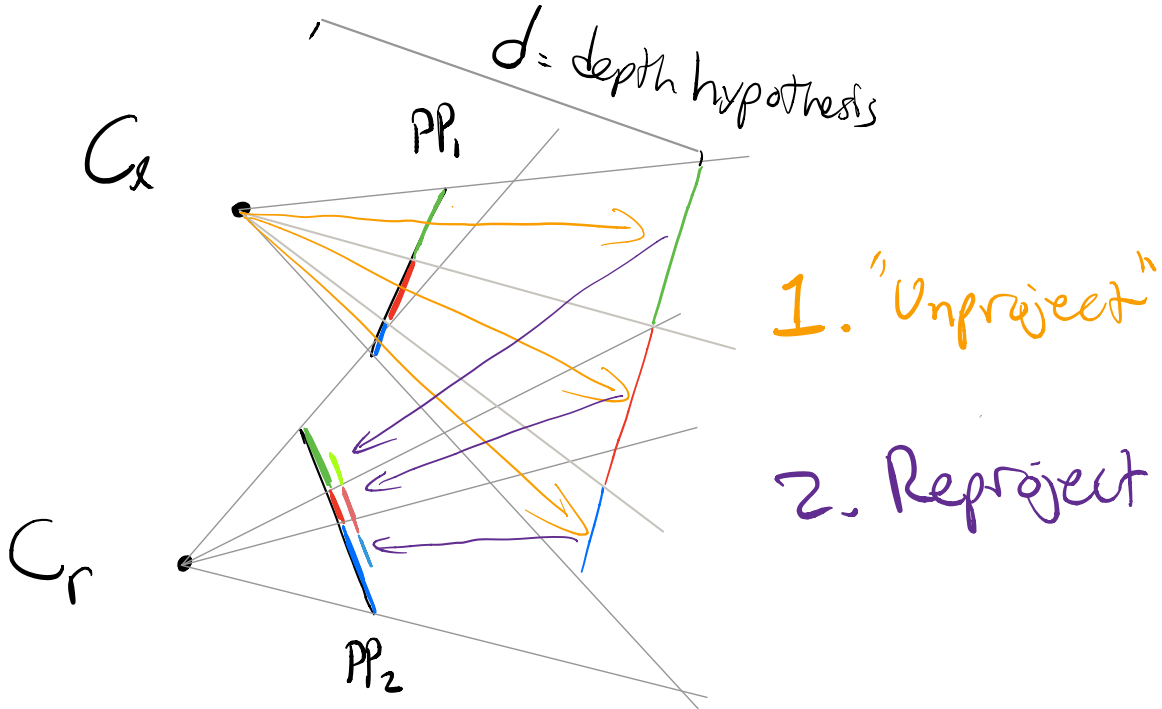
# Goals (Today and Monday)

- Understand how lines are represented in projective space.
- Understand the duality of points and lines:
  - How to calculate the line through two points
  - How to check whether a point lies on a line
- Understand the derivation and significance of:
  - The Epipolar plane, epipolar lines, epipoles
  - The fundamental matrix
- Get a general sense for how camera parameters ( $[R | t]$ ,  $K$ ) can be inferred from sets of feature matches.
- Know the definition of “structure from motion”

# Example: A rectified stereo pair



# Plane Sweep Stereo



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \vec{P}_r = & K_r & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & [R_r | t_r]^{-t_x} & R_e^T & d & K_e^{-1} & \vec{P}_e \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\
 \text{img}(r) & & \text{cam}(r) & \text{World} & & \text{cam}(l) & \text{img}(l) & \\
 & & & (@d) & & \text{3D} \rightarrow \text{4D} & & 
 \end{array}$$

In Practice: Because the 3D object is Planar,  
 we can move it arbitrarily with a homography.

1. Find the homography

- a. Unproject - then reproject the 4 corners of  $C_e$
- b. Fit a homography from the 4 correspondences.

2. Warp the left image onto the right image

3. Compute NCC for the whole image and fill in the cost volume slice for depth  $d$ .

# Let's dig into that math hack of ours...

- (“whiteboard”)

# Projective Geometry: Homogeneous Points

- whiteboard / lecture notes
- $[x \ y \ 1]$  is equivalent all points  $[ax \ ay \ a]$
- Viewed in 3D: All such points lie on a ray from  $[0 \ 0 \ 0]$  in the direction of  $[x \ y \ 1]$
- Projective space considers points equal if they are equivalent under projection onto a plane.



# Projective Geometry: Homogeneous Lines

- (see whiteboard/ lecture notes)
- Lines can also be represented in projective space (homogeneous coordinates).
- The line equation  $ax + by + c = 0$  is represented using  $[a \ b \ c]$ .
- Lines are invariant to scale as well:  $[ka \ kb \ kc]$  is the same as  $[a \ b \ c]$  for any  $k \neq 0$ .
- In the 3D view, a line represents all points on a plane through  $[0 \ 0 \ 0]$  whose **normal** is the vector  $[a \ b \ c]$ .

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- Can you write the same line with more than one 3-vector like you can with points?

# Projective Geometry: Point-Line Duality

- (see whiteboard/ lecture notes)
- The **line** between two **points**, is the normal vector of the **plane** spanned by their **rays**.
- We can get a vector normal to a plane by taking the cross product of two vectors that span the plane.
- $l = p_1 \times p_2$

# Projective Geometry: Point-Line Duality

- (see whiteboard/ lecture notes)
- To find the line through two points, take the cross-product of the points' homogeneous 3-vectors.
- How do you find the intersection point between two lines?

# Projective Geometry:

## Points on Lines, Lines through Points

- (see whiteboard/ lecture notes)
- A point  $[x \ y \ w]$  is on a line if:
  - $a(x/w) + b(y/w) + c = 0$  (multiply both sides by  $w$ )
  - $ax + by + cw = 0$
  - $[a \ b \ c] \cdot [x \ y \ w]^T = 0$
  - dot product!

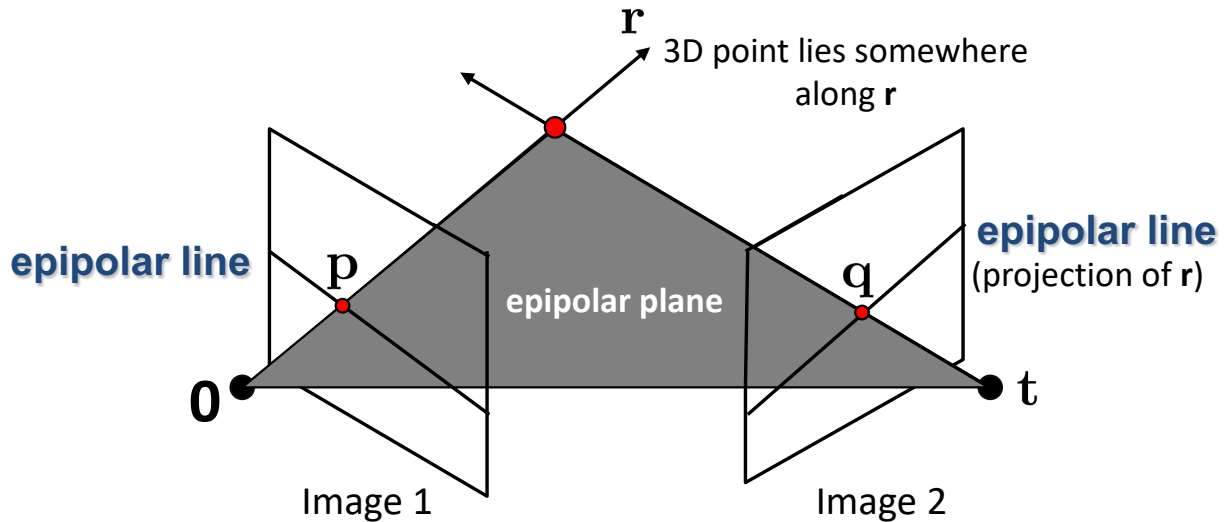
# Epipolar Geometry

- Where could a point seen by one camera appear in a second camera?

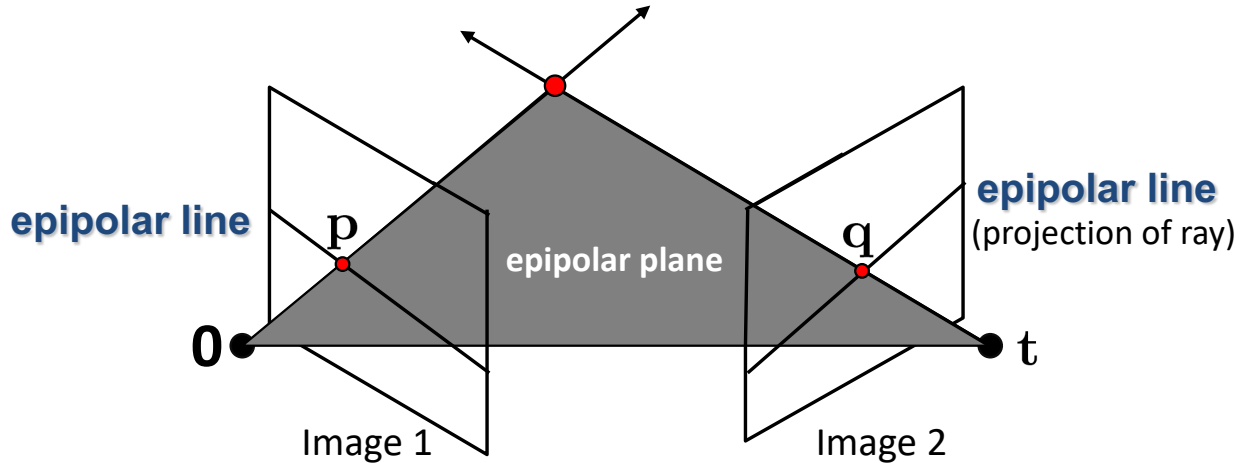


# Two-view geometry

- Where do epipolar lines come from?

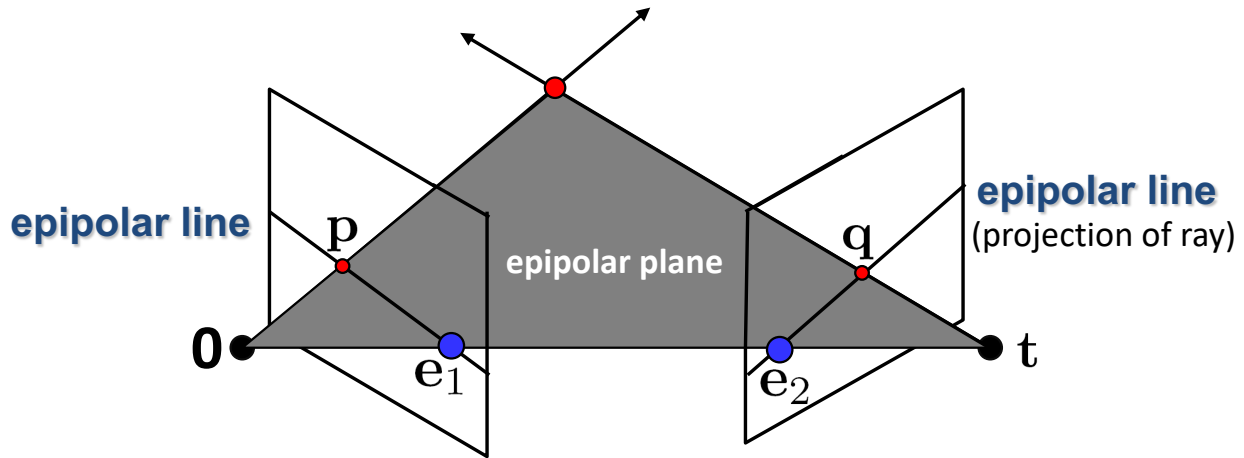


# Fundamental matrix



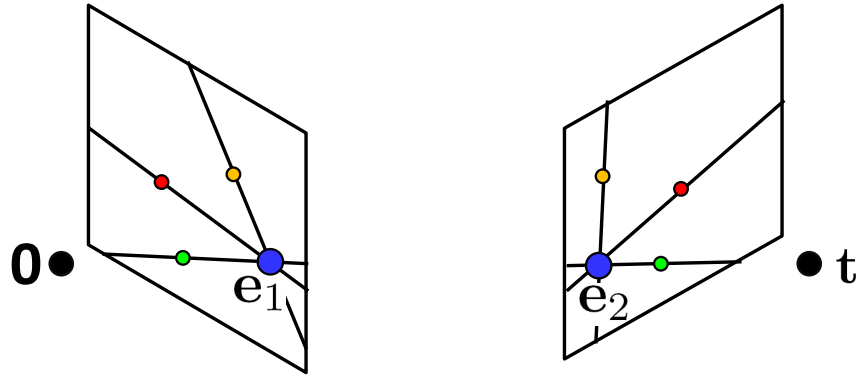
- This *epipolar geometry* of two views is described by a Very Special 3x3 matrix  $\mathbf{F}$ , called the *fundamental matrix*
- $\mathbf{F}$  maps (homogeneous) *points* in image 1 to *lines* in image 2!
- The epipolar line (in image 2) of point  $\mathbf{p}$  is:  $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{p}$
- *Epipolar constraint* on corresponding points:  $\mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{F}\mathbf{p} = 0$

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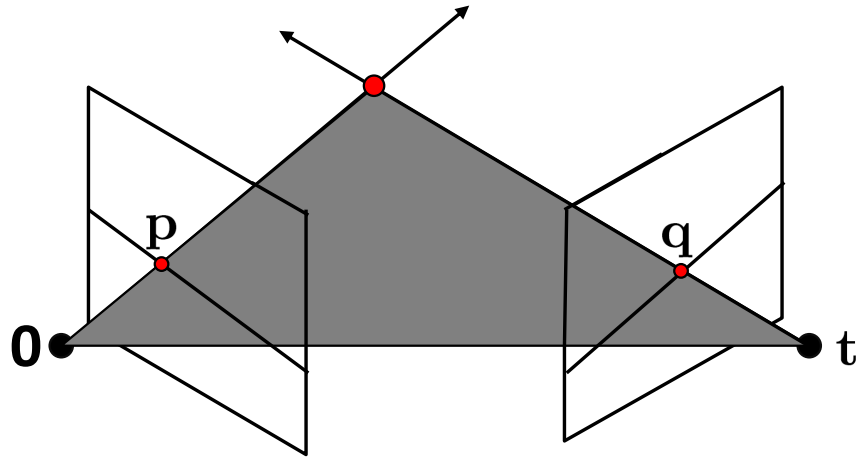


- Two Special points:  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2$  (the *epipoles*): projection of one camera into the other
- All of the epipolar lines in an image pass through the epipole

# Epipoles

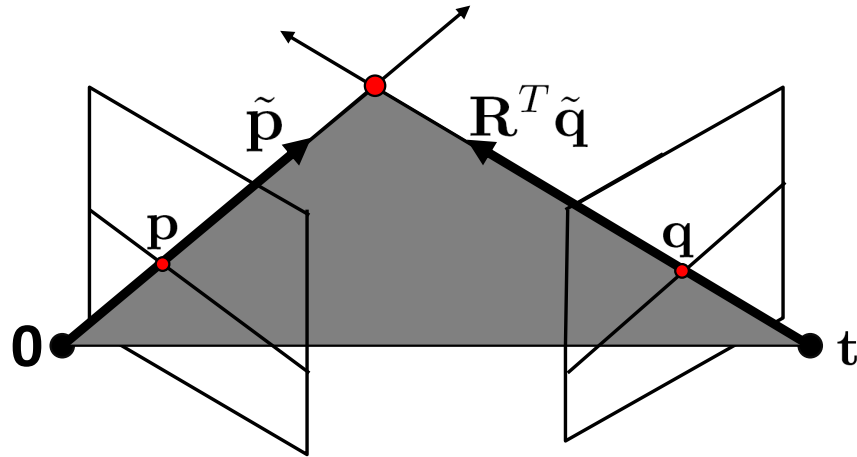


# Fundamental matrix



- Why does  $\mathbf{F}$  exist?
- Let's derive it...

# Fundamental matrix – calibrated case



$\mathbf{K}_1$  : intrinsics of camera 1

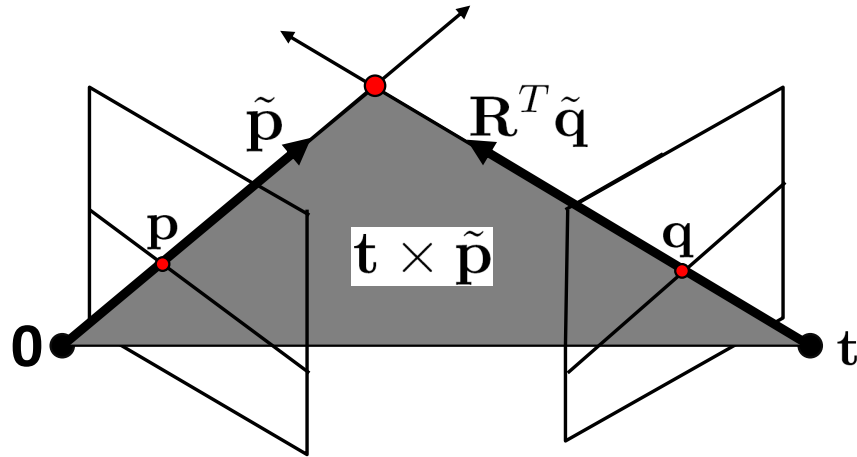
$\mathbf{K}_2$  : intrinsics of camera 2

$\mathbf{R}$  : rotation of image 2 w.r.t. camera 1

$\tilde{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{K}_1^{-1} \mathbf{p}$  : ray through  $\mathbf{p}$  in camera 1's (and world) coordinate system

$\tilde{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{K}_2^{-1} \mathbf{q}$  : ray through  $\mathbf{q}$  in camera 2's coordinate system

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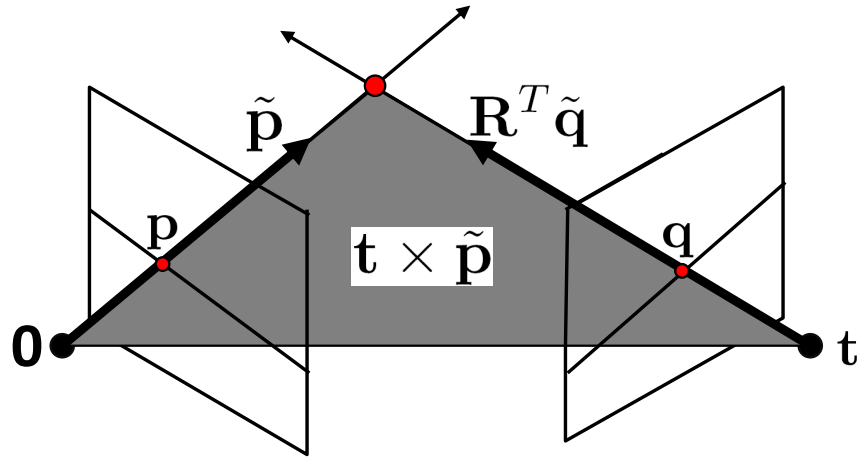


- $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}^T \tilde{\mathbf{q}}$ , and  $\mathbf{t}$  are coplanar
- epipolar plane can be represented as  $\mathbf{t} \times \tilde{\mathbf{p}}$

$$(\mathbf{R}^T \tilde{\mathbf{q}})^T (\mathbf{t} \times \tilde{\mathbf{p}}) = 0$$



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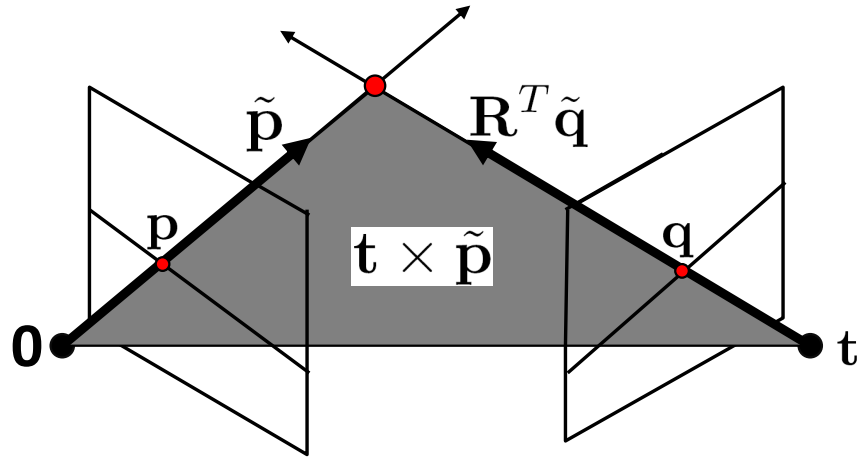


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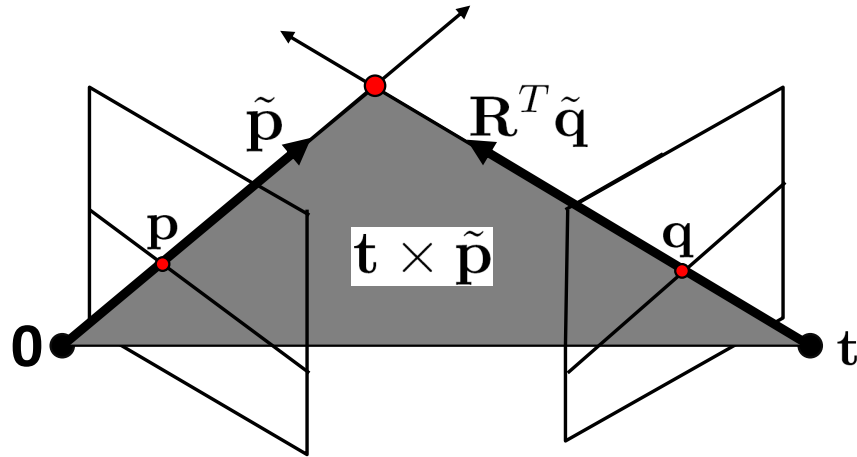


- One more substitution:

– Cross product with  $\mathbf{t}$  can be represented as a 3x3 matrix

$$[\mathbf{t}]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -t_z & t_y \\ t_z & 0 & -t_x \\ -t_y & t_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{t} \times \tilde{\mathbf{p}} = [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}$$

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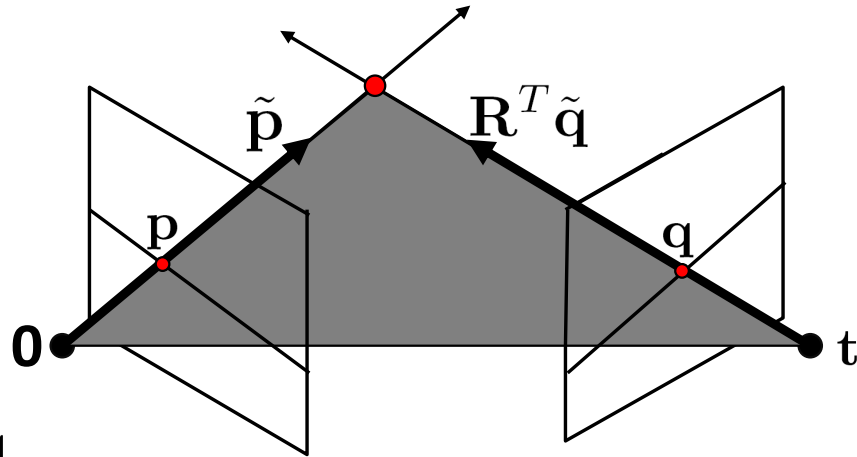


$$\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^T \mathbf{R} (\mathbf{t} \times \tilde{\mathbf{p}}) = 0$$



$$\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^T \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \tilde{\mathbf{p}} = 0$$

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$$\underbrace{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^T \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{t}]_{\times}}_{\mathbf{E}} \tilde{\mathbf{p}} = 0 \quad \tilde{\mathbf{q}}^T \mathbf{E} \tilde{\mathbf{p}} = 0$$

$\mathbf{E}$  ← the Essential matrix

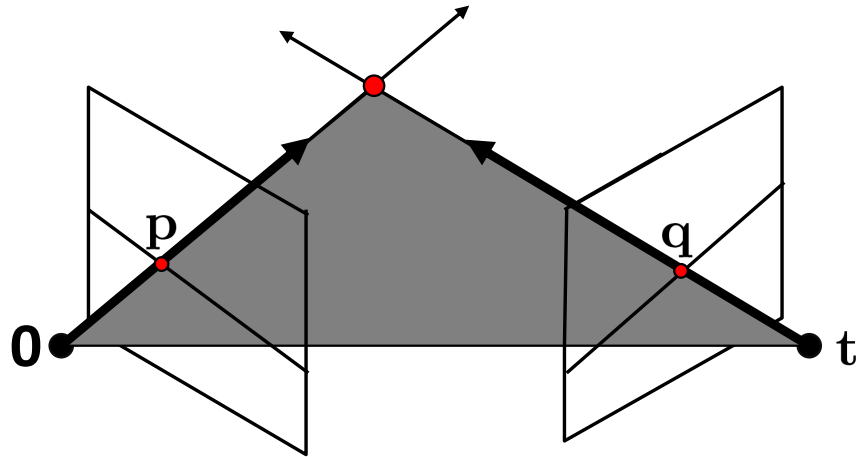
# Cross-product as linear operator

**Useful fact:** Cross product with a vector  $\mathbf{t}$  can be represented as multiplication with a (*skew-symmetric*) 3x3 matrix

$$[\mathbf{t}]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -t_z & t_y \\ t_z & 0 & -t_x \\ -t_y & t_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{t} \times \tilde{\mathbf{p}} = [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}$$

# Fundamental matrix – uncalibrated case



$\mathbf{K}_1$  : intrinsics of camera 1

$\mathbf{K}_2$  : intrinsics of camera 2

$\mathbf{R}$  : rotation of image 2 w.r.t. camera 1

$$\mathbf{q}^T \underbrace{\mathbf{K}_2^{-T} \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \mathbf{K}_1^{-1}}_{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{p} = 0$$

$\mathbf{F}$  ← the Fundamental matrix

# Properties of the Fundamental Matrix

- $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{p}$  is the epipolar line associated with  $\mathbf{p}$
- $\mathbf{F}^T\mathbf{q}$  is the epipolar line associated with  $\mathbf{q}$
- $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{F}^T\mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{0}$
- $\mathbf{F}$  is rank 2
- How many parameters does  $\mathbf{F}$  have?

# Fundamental matrix song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgGV3l82NTk>