

# Applied Computer Vision for Robotics

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# Feature descriptors



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- ✦ Features detected by Harris response
- ✦ How to compare detected features?
  - ✦ Solution: feature descriptor
  - ✦ Extract information around the interest-point from the image

# Feature descriptors



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- ✦ Use raw pixel data for comparison/distance computation ( e.g. SSD/SAD )
- ✦ Make the descriptor robust to appearance variation ( e.g. rotation and scaling )
- ✦ Make the detected features in images well distributed and only select reasonable subset to reduce computational complexity

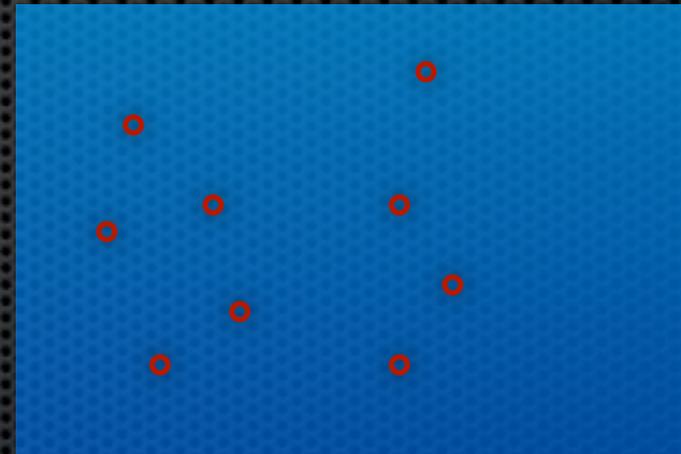
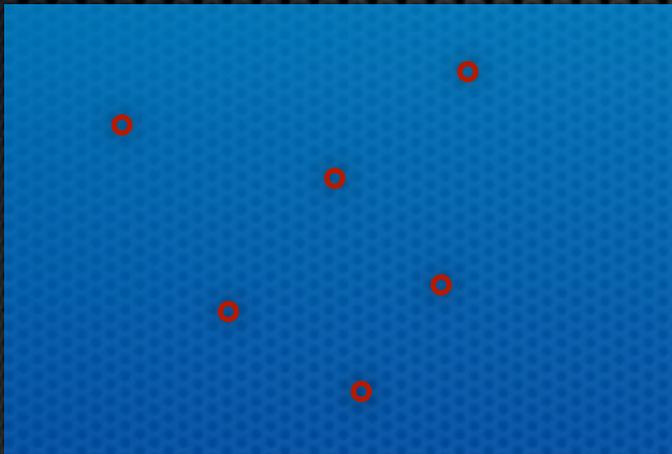
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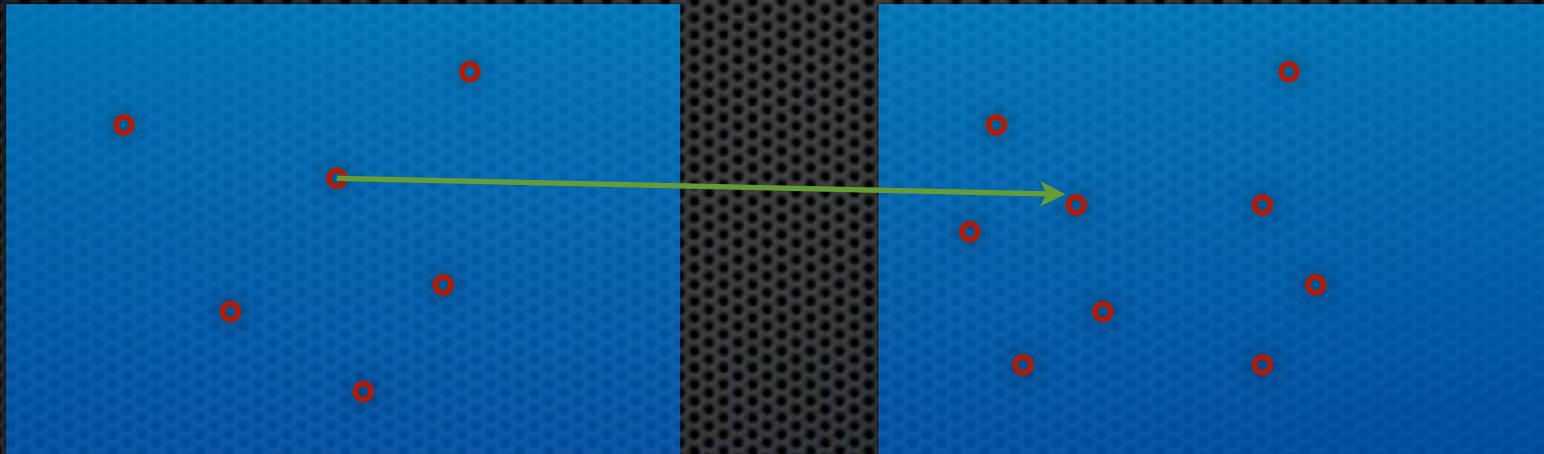
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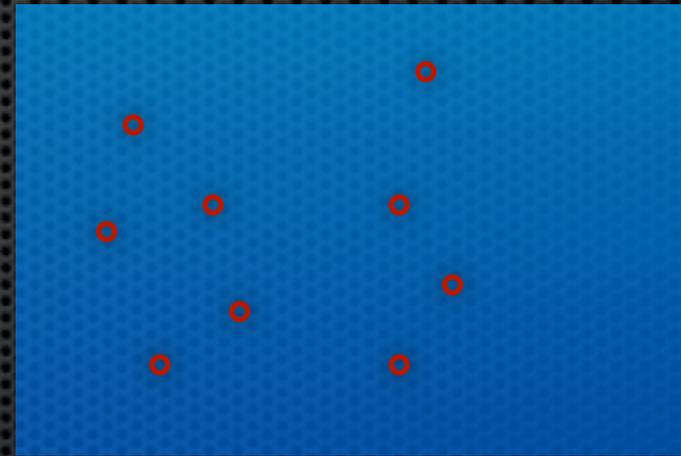
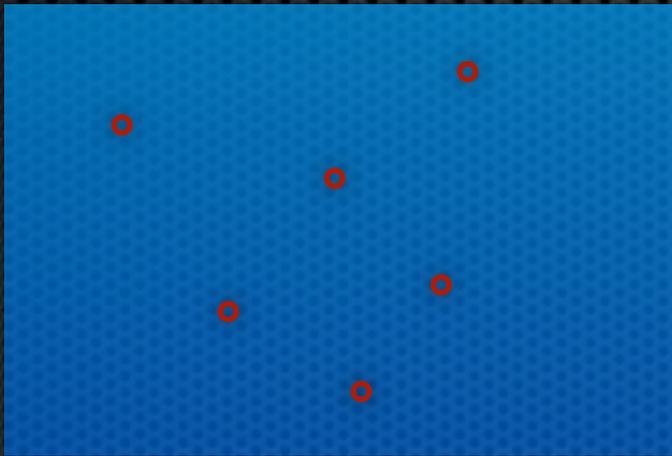
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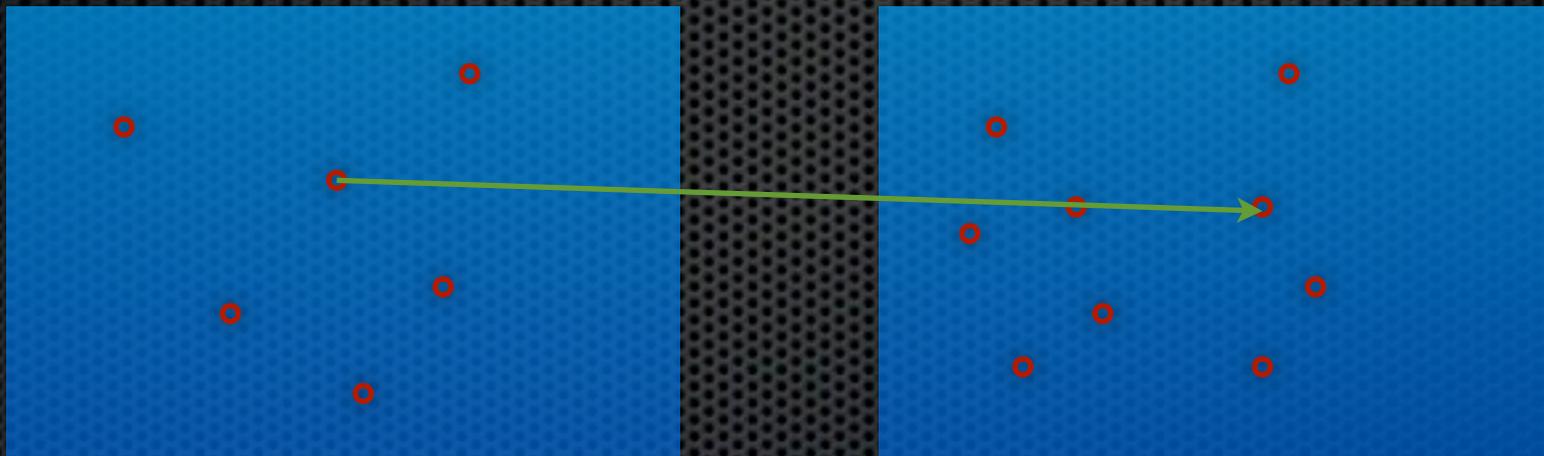
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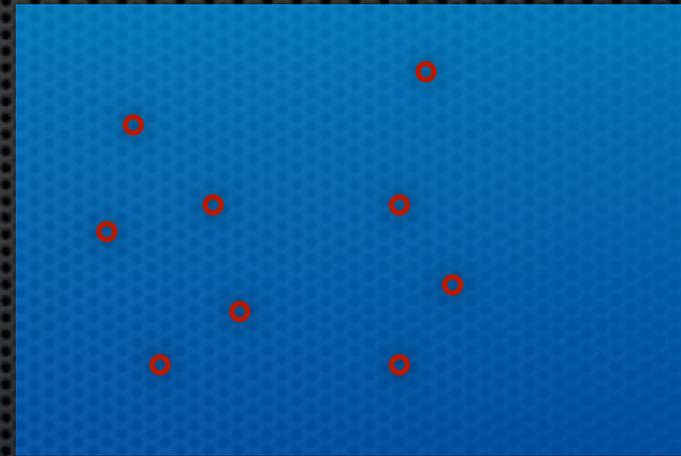
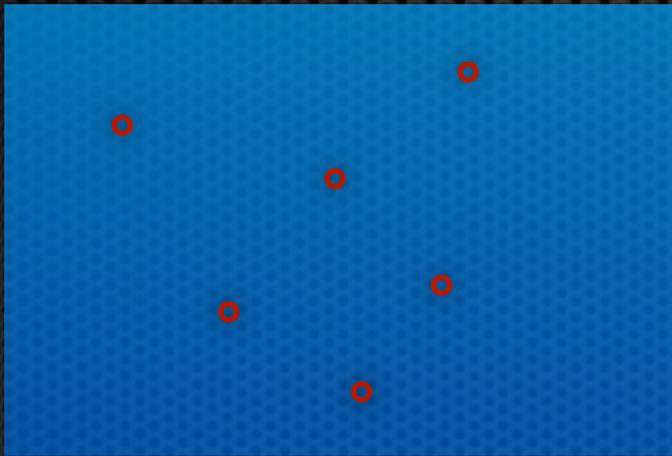
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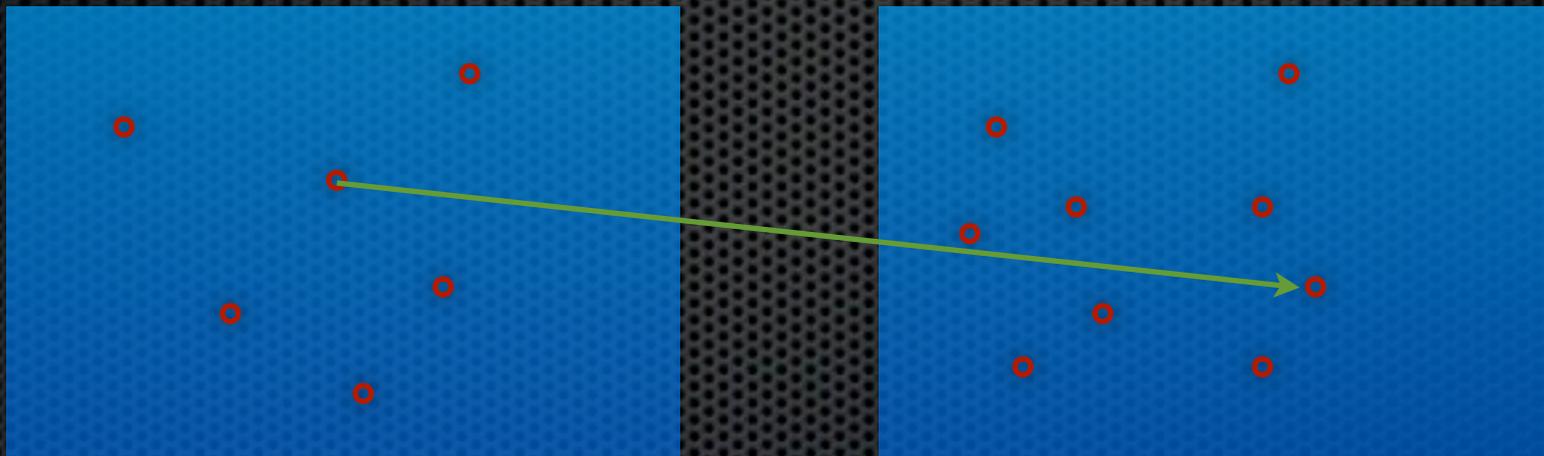
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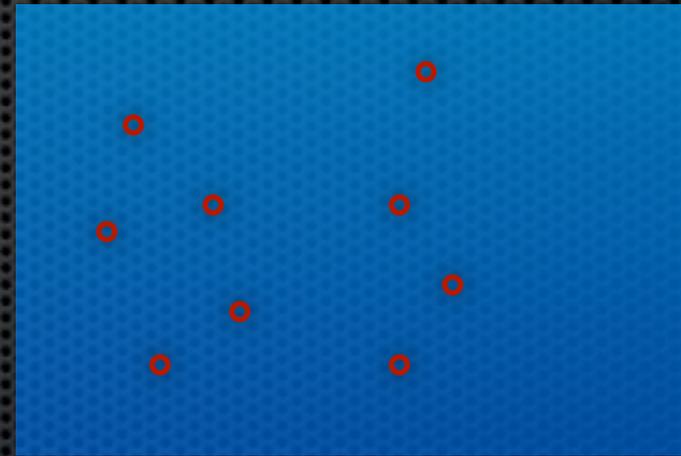
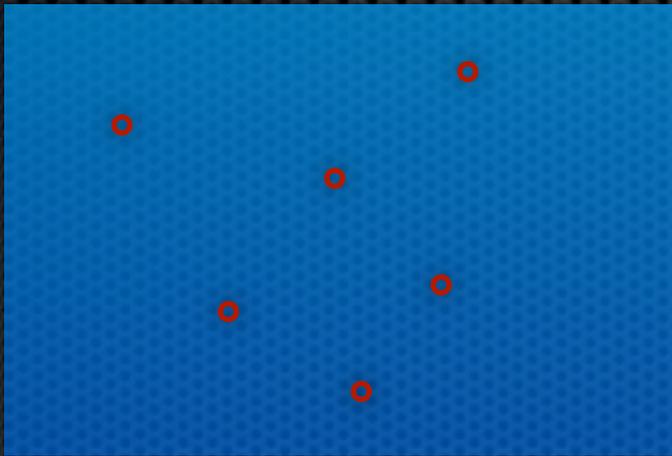
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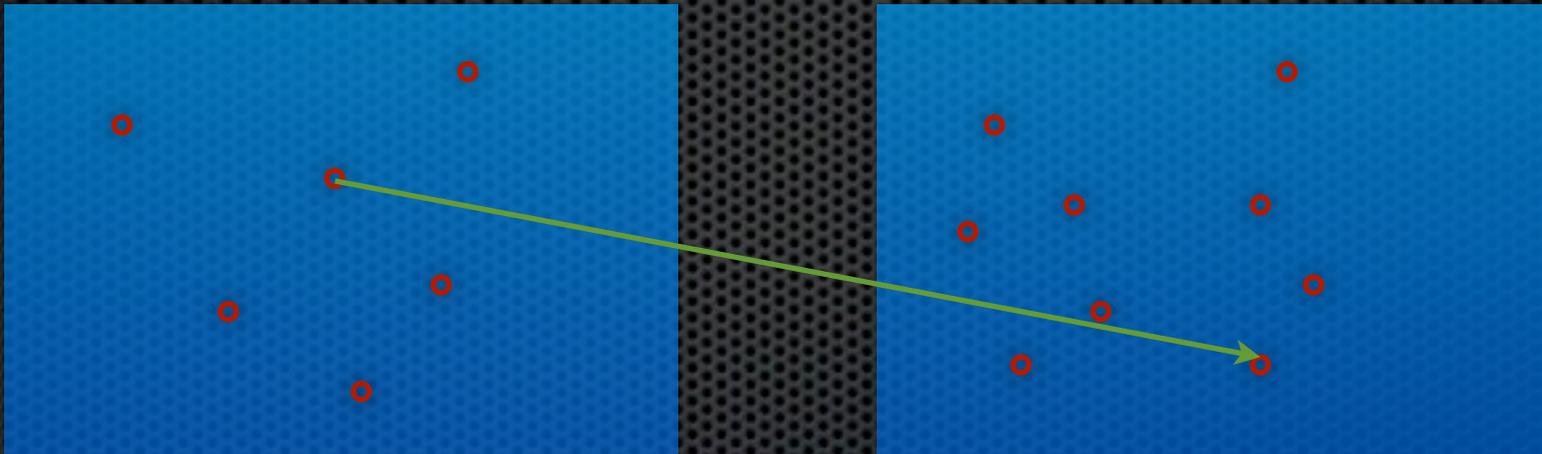
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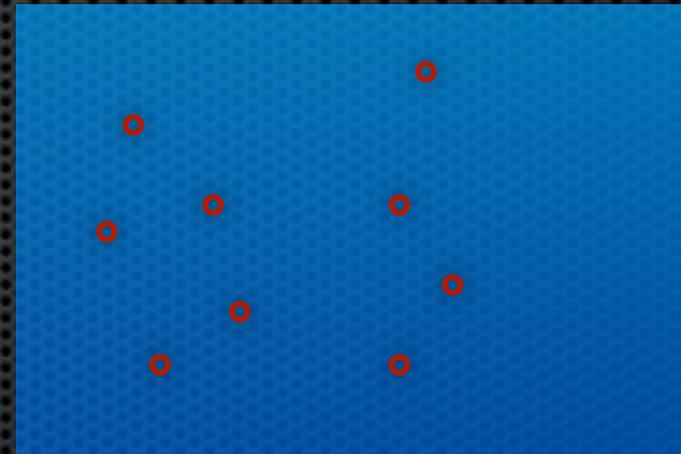
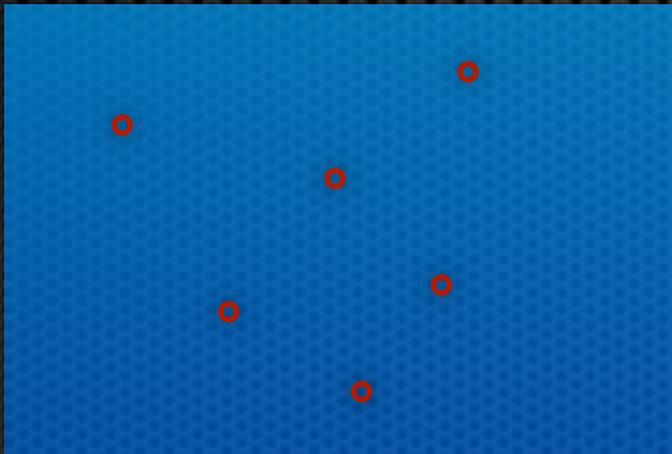
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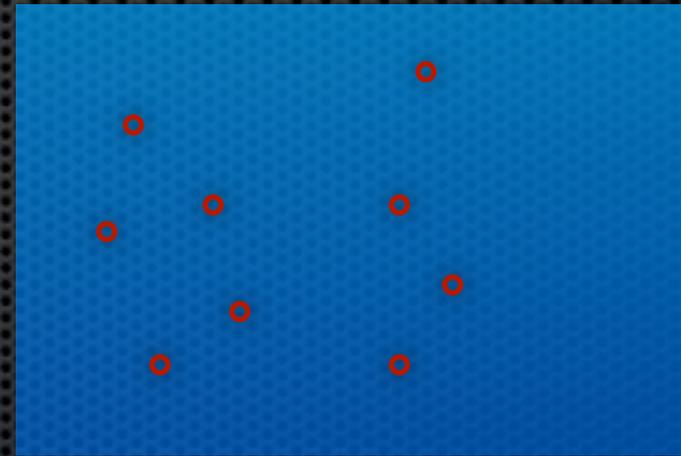
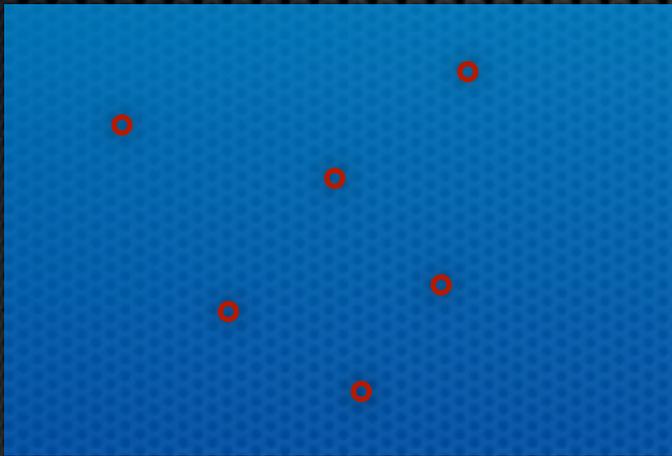
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- Keep the best match ( or a list of the best matches - see exercise sheet )

# Homography DLT



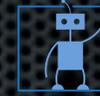
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- ✦ Calculate the transformation that best describes the observed feature matches
- ✦ Given 2d matches  $\{\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i\}$
- ✦ Calculate homography such that

$$\mathbf{x}'_i = H \mathbf{x}_i$$

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$$H \mathbf{x}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h}^{1\top} \mathbf{x}_i \\ \mathbf{h}^{2\top} \mathbf{x}_i \\ \mathbf{h}^{3\top} \mathbf{x}_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}'_i = (x'_i, y'_i, w'_i)^\top$$

$$\mathbf{x}'_i \times H \mathbf{x}_i = \begin{pmatrix} y'_i \mathbf{h}^{3\top} \mathbf{x}_i - w'_i \mathbf{h}^{2\top} \mathbf{x}_i \\ w'_i \mathbf{h}^{1\top} \mathbf{x}_i - x'_i \mathbf{h}^{3\top} \mathbf{x}_i \\ x'_i \mathbf{h}^{2\top} \mathbf{x}_i - y'_i \mathbf{h}^{1\top} \mathbf{x}_i \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}^\top & -w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top & y'_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \\ w'_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top & \mathbf{0}^\top & -x'_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \\ -y'_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top & x'_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top & \mathbf{0}^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h}^1 \\ \mathbf{h}^2 \\ \mathbf{h}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

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$$A_i \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$$

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- ✦ Every match generates an  $A_i$
- ✦ Stack all  $A_i$  together to get a matrix  $A$
- ✦ At least 4 matches are needed
- ✦ Solve for  $A\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$  s.t.  $\|x\| = 1$
- ✦ Special problem - solve using SVD

$$\text{SVD}(A) = U\Sigma V^T$$

- ✦ Solution is the last column of  $V$

# Homography DLT



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- Current solution dependent on the scale of the points
- Normalization of the points needed
- Compute similarity transform  $T$  for the points  $\mathbf{x}_i$  to a new set of points  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$  with centroid  $(0, 0)^\top$  and average distance  $\sqrt{2}$  to the origin
- Do the same for the points  $\mathbf{x}'_i$  giving the transformation  $T'$
- Compute the homography  $\tilde{H}$  for the matches  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i \leftrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{x}}'_i$
- Denormalize and get  $H = T'^{-1} \tilde{H} T$

# Homography to pose



- Given the camera calibration and an estimate for the homography find the rotation and translation of the planar template

$$H = K[r_1 \ r_2 \ t] \quad G = K^{-1}H$$

$$l = \sqrt{\|G_1\| \|G_2\|} \quad R_1 = \frac{G_1}{l}, \quad R_2 = \frac{G_2}{l}, \quad T = \frac{G_3}{l}$$

$$c = R_1 + R_2, \quad p = R_1 \times R_2, \quad d = c \times p$$

$$R'_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{c}{\|c\|} + \frac{d}{\|d\|} \right), \quad R'_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{c}{\|c\|} - \frac{d}{\|d\|} \right)$$

$$R_3 = R'_1 \times R'_2$$