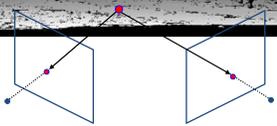


Stereo: Epipolar geometry

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Announcements

- Reminder: Pset 3 due next Wed, March 30

Last time

- Image formation affected by geometry, photometry, and optics.
- Projection equations express how world points mapped to 2d image.
- Parameters (focal length, aperture, lens diameter,...) affect image obtained.

Review

- How do the perspective projection equations explain this effect?



<http://www.mzephotos.com/gallery/mammals/rabbit-nose.html> [flickr.com/photos/lungstruck/434631076/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/lungstruck/434631076/)

Miniature faking

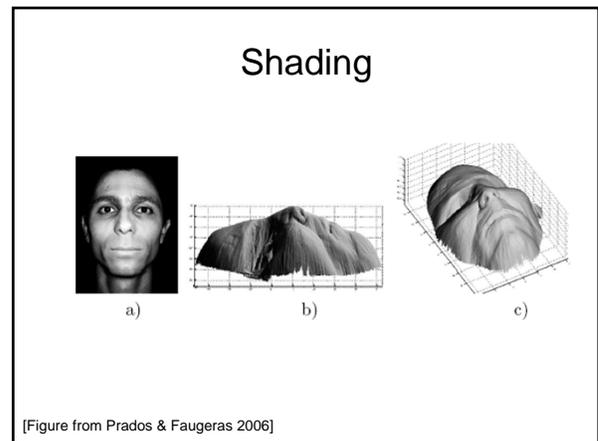
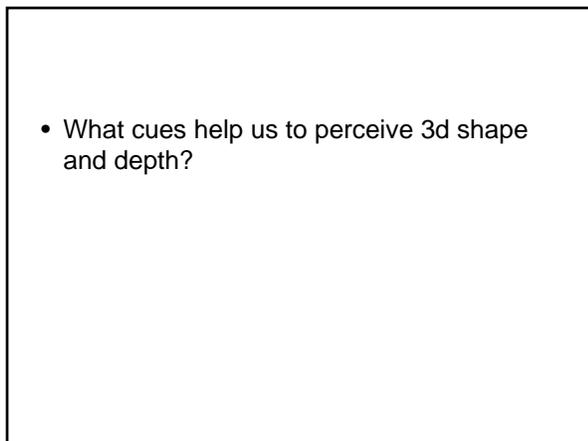
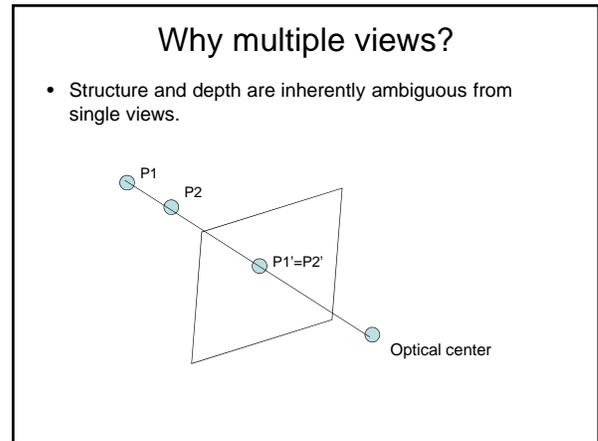
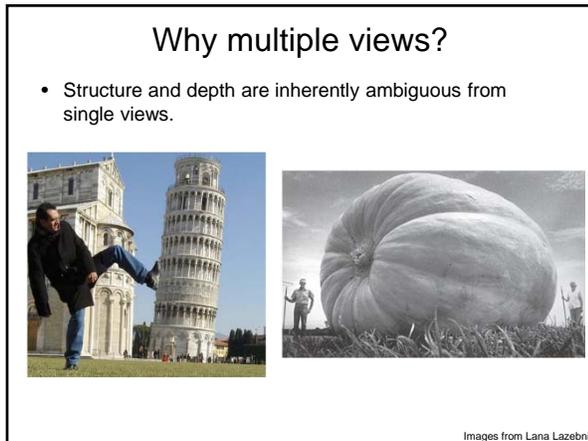
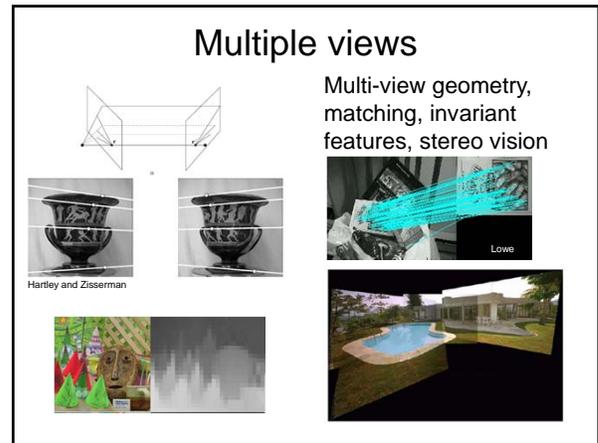
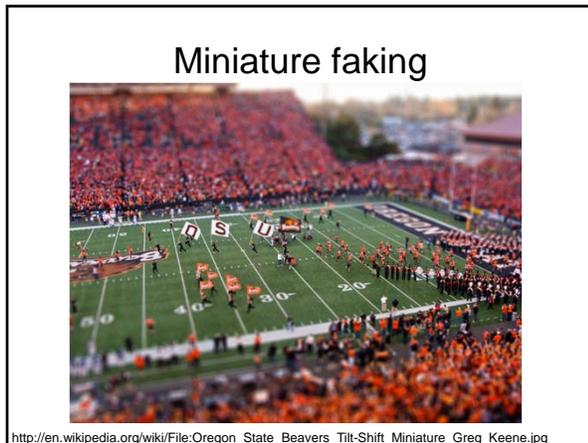


In close-up photo, the depth of field is limited.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Jodhpur_tilt_shift.jpg

Miniature faking





Focus/defocus

Images from same point of view, different camera parameters

3d shape / depth estimates

[figs from H. Jin and P. Favaro, 2002]

Texture

[From A.M. Loh, The recovery of 3-D structure using visual texture patterns, PHD thesis]

Perspective effects

Image credit: S. Seitz

Motion

Figures from L. Zhang <http://www.brainconnection.com/teasers/?main=illusion/motion-shape>

Estimating scene shape

- “Shape from X”: Shading, Texture, Focus, Motion...
- **Stereo:**
 - shape from “motion” between two views
 - infer 3d shape of scene from two (multiple) images from different viewpoints

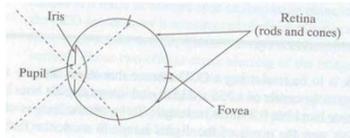
Main idea:

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- Stereograms
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 - General case with calibrated cameras

Human eye

Rough analogy with human visual system:

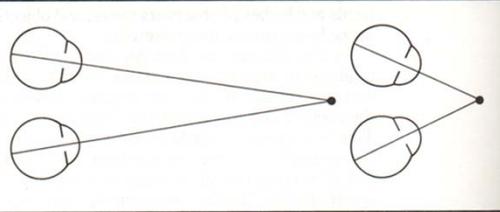


Pupil/Iris – control amount of light passing through lens
 Retina - contains sensor cells, where image is formed
 Fovea – highest concentration of cones

Fig from Shapiro and Stockman

Human stereopsis: disparity

FIGURE 7.1

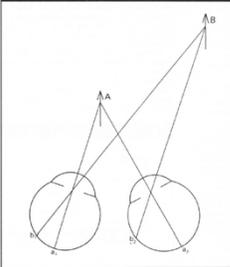


From Bruce and Green, Visual Perception, Physiology, Psychology and Ecology

Human eyes **fixate** on point in space – rotate so that corresponding images form in centers of fovea.

Human stereopsis: disparity

FIGURE 7.3

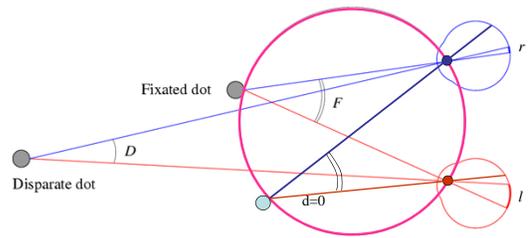


Disparity occurs when eyes fixate on one object; others appear at different visual angles

From Bruce and Green, Visual Perception, Physiology, Psychology and Ecology

Adapted from David Forsyth, UC Berkeley

Human stereopsis: disparity



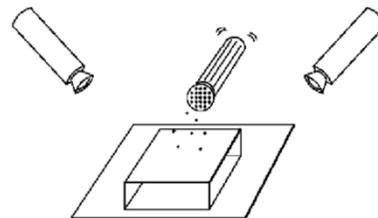
Disparity: $d = r/l = D \cdot F$

Forsyth & Ponce

Random dot stereograms

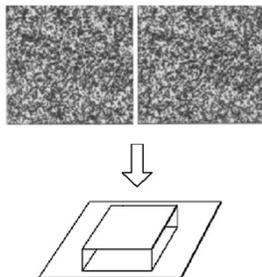
- Julesz 1960: Do we identify local brightness patterns before fusion (monocular process) or after (binocular)?
- To test: pair of synthetic images obtained by randomly spraying black dots on white objects

Random dot stereograms



Forsyth & Ponce

Random dot stereograms



Random dot stereograms

- When viewed monocularly, they appear random; when viewed stereoscopically, see 3d structure.
- Conclusion: human binocular fusion not directly associated with the physical retinas; must involve the central nervous system
- Imaginary “*cyclopean retina*” that combines the left and right image stimuli as a single unit

Stereo photography and stereo viewers

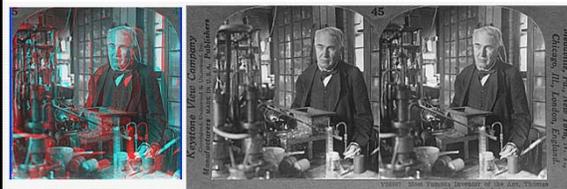
Take two pictures of the same subject from two slightly different viewpoints and display so that each eye sees only one of the images.



Invented by Sir Charles Wheatstone, 1838



Image from fisher-price.com



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Public Library, Stereoscopic Looking Room, Chicago, by Phillips, 1923

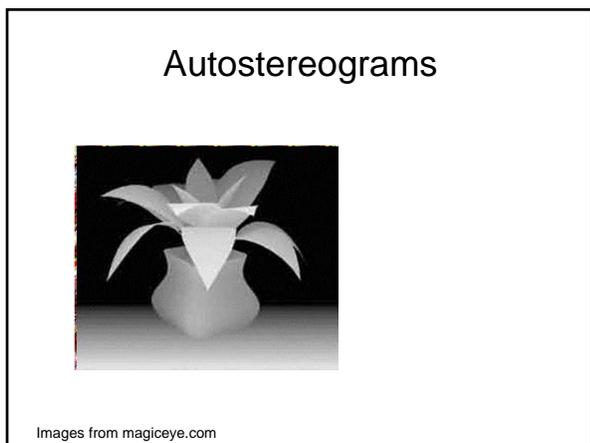




Autostereograms

Exploit disparity as depth cue using single image.
(Single image random dot stereogram, Single image stereogram)

Images from magiceye.com



Estimating depth with stereo

- **Stereo:** shape from "motion" between two views
- We'll need to consider:
 - Info on camera pose ("calibration")
 - Image point correspondences

Stereo vision

Two cameras, simultaneous views

Single moving camera and static scene

Camera parameters

Extrinsic parameters:
Camera frame 1 \leftrightarrow Camera frame 2

Intrinsic parameters:
Image coordinates relative to camera \leftrightarrow Pixel coordinates

- *Extrinsic* params: rotation matrix and translation vector
- *Intrinsic* params: focal length, pixel sizes (mm), image center point, radial distortion parameters

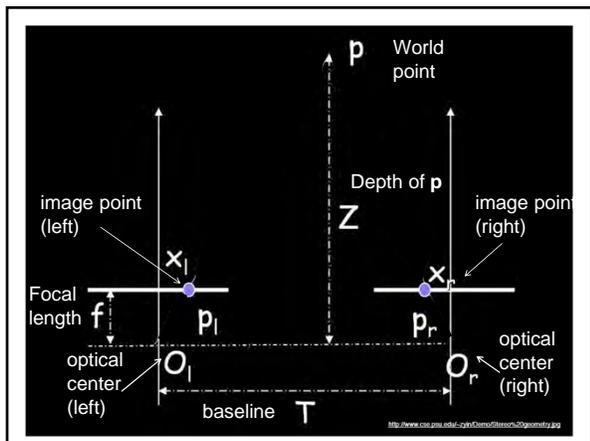
We'll assume for now that these parameters are given and fixed.

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Geometry for a simple stereo system

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Geometry for a simple stereo system

- Assume parallel optical axes, known camera parameters (i.e., calibrated cameras). **What is expression for Z?**

Similar triangles (p, P, p_i) and (O_i, P, O_i) :

$$\frac{T + x_l - x_r}{Z - f} = \frac{T}{Z}$$

$$Z = f \frac{T}{x_r - x_l}$$

disparity $\rightarrow x_r - x_l$

Depth from disparity

image $I(x,y)$

Disparity map $D(x,y)$

image $I'(x',y')$

$(x',y') = (x + D(x,y), y)$

So if we could find the **corresponding points** in two images, we could **estimate relative depth**...

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General case, with calibrated cameras

- The two cameras need not have parallel optical axes.

The diagram shows two camera setups. On the left, two cameras are shown with their optical axes parallel, projecting a point from the world onto two image planes. On the right, two cameras are shown with their optical axes at an angle to each other, also projecting a point from the world onto two image planes. The text 'Vs.' is placed between the two diagrams.

Stereo correspondence constraints

A point p is shown in the left image. Lines from the camera centers project this point into the world. From the world, lines project back to the right image, defining a region where the corresponding point p' must lie.

- Given p in left image, where can corresponding point p' be?

Stereo correspondence constraints

A point p in the left image is projected through the camera center. The resulting line in the right image is the epipolar line, which contains the corresponding point p' .

Epipolar constraint

The diagram shows a world point P and two camera centers O and O' . The epipolar plane is the plane containing P , O , and O' . The intersection of this plane with the image planes are the epipolar lines. A point p in the left image is shown, and its corresponding point p' in the right image is shown to lie on the epipolar line.

Geometry of two views constrains where the corresponding pixel for some image point in the first view must occur in the second view.

- It must be on the line carved out by a plane connecting the world point and optical centers.

Epipolar geometry

The diagram illustrates the key terms of epipolar geometry. The **Baseline** is the line segment between camera centers O and O' . The **Epipole** is the point where the baseline intersects the image planes. The **Epipolar Plane** is the plane containing the world point P and the camera centers. The **Epipolar Line** is the intersection of the epipolar plane with the image planes.

<http://www.ai.sri.com/~luong/research/Meta3DViewer/EpipolarGeo.html>

Epipolar geometry: terms

- Baseline:** line joining the camera centers
- Epipole:** point of intersection of baseline with image plane
- Epipolar plane:** plane containing baseline and world point
- Epipolar line:** intersection of epipolar plane with the image plane

- All epipolar lines intersect at the epipole
- An epipolar plane intersects the left and right image planes in epipolar lines

Why is the epipolar constraint useful?

Epipolar constraint



This is useful because it reduces the correspondence problem to a 1D search along an epipolar line.

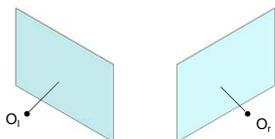
Image from Andrew Zisserman

Example



What do the epipolar lines look like?

1.



2.



Example: converging cameras

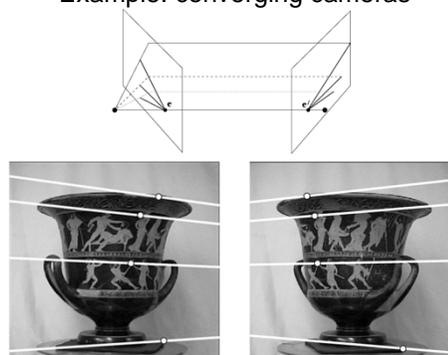


Figure from Hartley & Zisserman

Example: parallel cameras

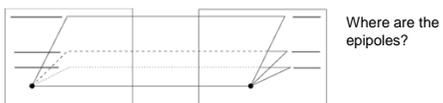
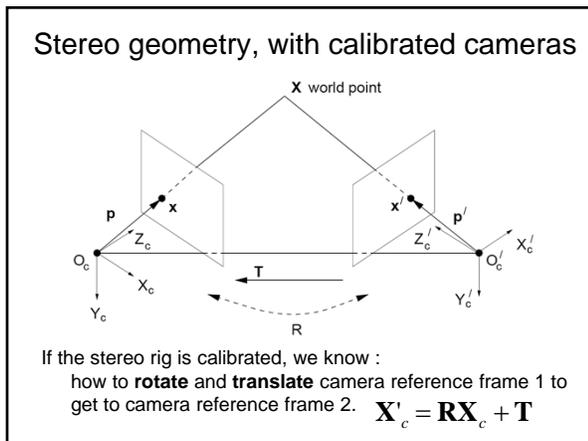
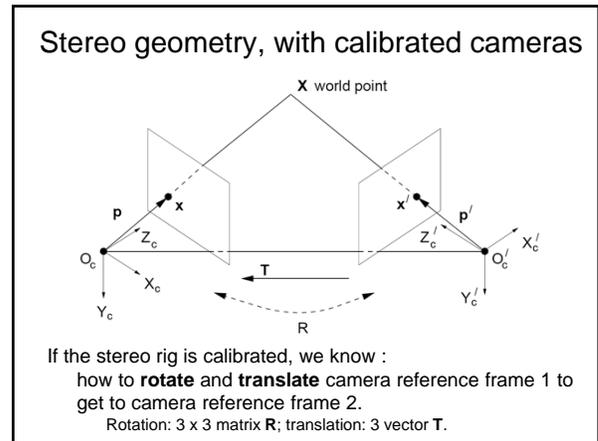
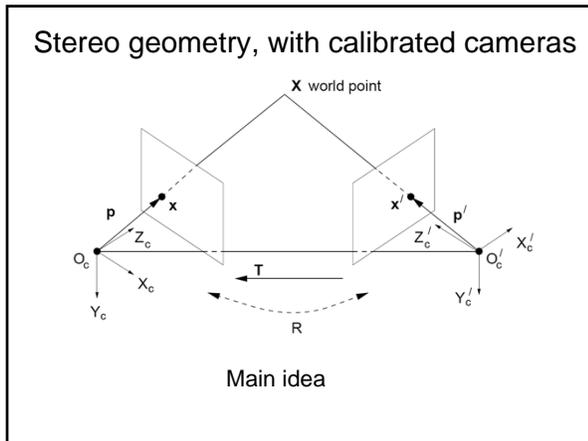


Figure from Hartley & Zisserman

- So far, we have the explanation in terms of geometry.
- Now, how to express the epipolar constraints algebraically?

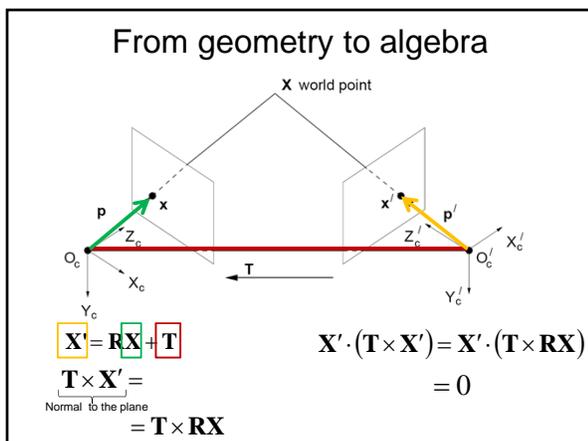


An aside: cross product

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c} \quad \begin{matrix} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0 \\ \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0 \end{matrix}$$

Vector cross product takes two vectors and returns a third vector that's perpendicular to both inputs.

So here, c is perpendicular to both a and b, which means the dot product = 0.



Another aside: Matrix form of cross product

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{c} \quad \begin{matrix} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0 \\ \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0 \end{matrix}$$

Can be expressed as a matrix multiplication.

$$[a_x] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{b} \quad \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = [a_x] \vec{b}$$

From geometry to algebra

$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{T}$

$\mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{T}$

Normal to the plane
 $= \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}$

$\mathbf{X}' \cdot (\mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{X}') = \mathbf{X}' \cdot (\mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}) = 0$

Essential matrix

$\mathbf{X}' \cdot (\mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}) = 0$

$\mathbf{X}' \cdot ([\mathbf{T}_x] \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}) = 0$

Let $\mathbf{E} = [\mathbf{T}_x] \mathbf{R}$

$\mathbf{X}'^T \mathbf{E} \mathbf{X} = 0$

\mathbf{E} is called the **essential matrix**, and it relates corresponding image points between both cameras, given the rotation and translation.

If we observe a point in one image, its position in other image is constrained to lie on line defined by above.

Note: these points are in **camera coordinate systems**.

Essential matrix example: parallel cameras

$\mathbf{R} =$

$\mathbf{T} =$

$\mathbf{E} = [\mathbf{T}_x] \mathbf{R} =$

$\mathbf{p} = [x, y, f]$

$\mathbf{p}' = [x', y', f']$

$\mathbf{p}'^T \mathbf{E} \mathbf{p} = 0$

For the parallel cameras, image of any point must lie on same horizontal line in each image plane.

image $I(x,y)$ Disparity map $D(x,y)$ image $I'(x',y')$

$(x', y') = (x + D(x,y), y)$

What about when cameras' optical axes are not parallel?

Stereo image rectification

In practice, it is convenient if image scanlines (rows) are the epipolar lines.

reproject image planes onto a common plane parallel to the line between optical centers

pixel motion is horizontal after this transformation

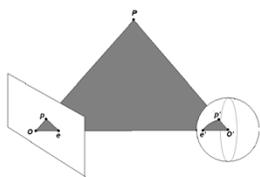
two homographies (3x3 transforms), one for each input image reprojection

Slide credit: Li Zhang

Stereo image rectification: example

Source: Alyosha Efros

An audio camera & epipolar geometry



Spherical microphone array

Adam O' Donovan, [Ramani Duraiswami](#) and [Jan Neumann](#)
Microphone Arrays as Generalized Cameras for Integrated Audio
Visual Processing, IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and
Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Minneapolis, 2007

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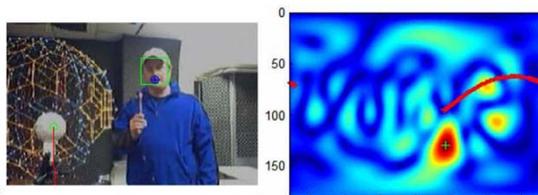


Figure 4. An example of the use of the system in speaker tracking with noise suppression. The bright red spot on the sound image (marked with a '+') corresponds to the dominant source. The less dominant source however lies on the epipolar line in the sound image induced by the location of the mouth in the camera image, and this source is beamformed.

Summary

- Depth from stereo: main idea is to triangulate from corresponding image points.
- Epipolar geometry defined by two cameras
 - We've assumed known extrinsic parameters relating their poses
- Epipolar constraint limits where points from one view will be imaged in the other
 - Makes search for correspondences quicker
- **Terms:** epipole, epipolar plane / lines, disparity, rectification, intrinsic/extrinsic parameters, essential matrix, baseline

Coming up

- Computing correspondences
- Non-geometric stereo constraints
- Weak calibration