Computer Vision

CSE/ECE 576
Matching and Blending

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Review

- Descriptors
- Matching
- Computing Transformation

Simple Normalized Descriptor

interest point

201

neighborhood around interest point

45	56	200
46	201	200
85	101	105

normalized neighborhood around interest point

156	145	1
155	0	1
116	100	96

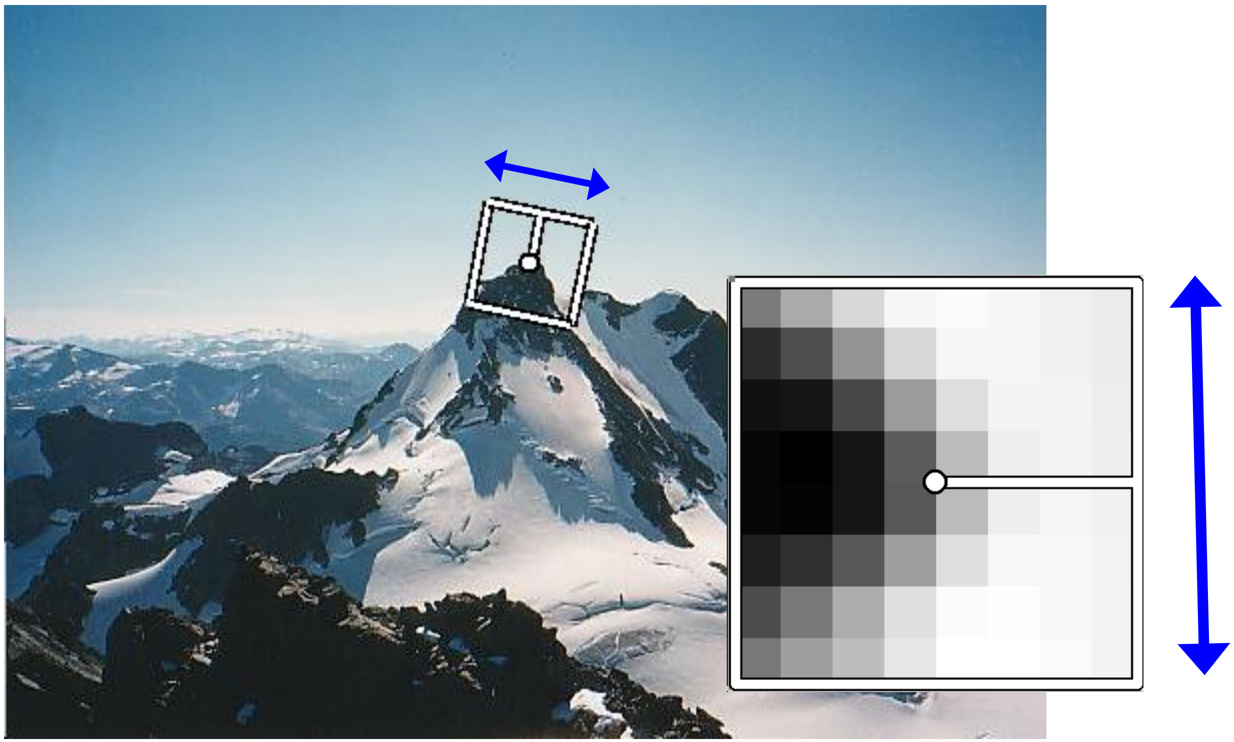
- The simple descriptor just subtracts the center value from each of the neighbors, including itself to normalize for lighting and exposure.
- We can store this as a 1D vector to be efficient:
  156 145 1 155 0 1 116 100 96

Properties of our Descriptor

- Translation Invariant
- Not scale invariant
- Not rotation invariant
- Somewhat invariant to lighting changes

- Let's look at the SIFT descriptor, because it is heavily used, even without using the SIFT key point detector.
- It already solves the scale problem by computing at multiple scales and keeping track.

Rotation invariance



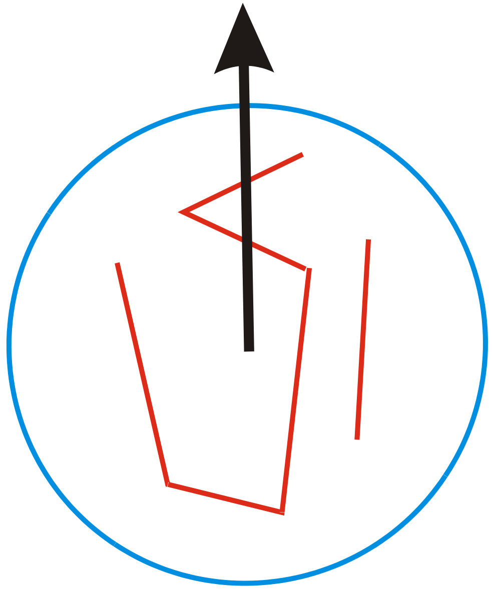
- Rotate patch according to its dominant gradient orientation
- This puts the patches into a canonical orientation.

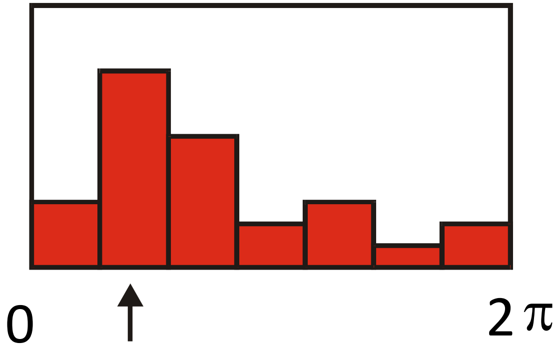
Image from Matthew Brown

Orientation Normalization

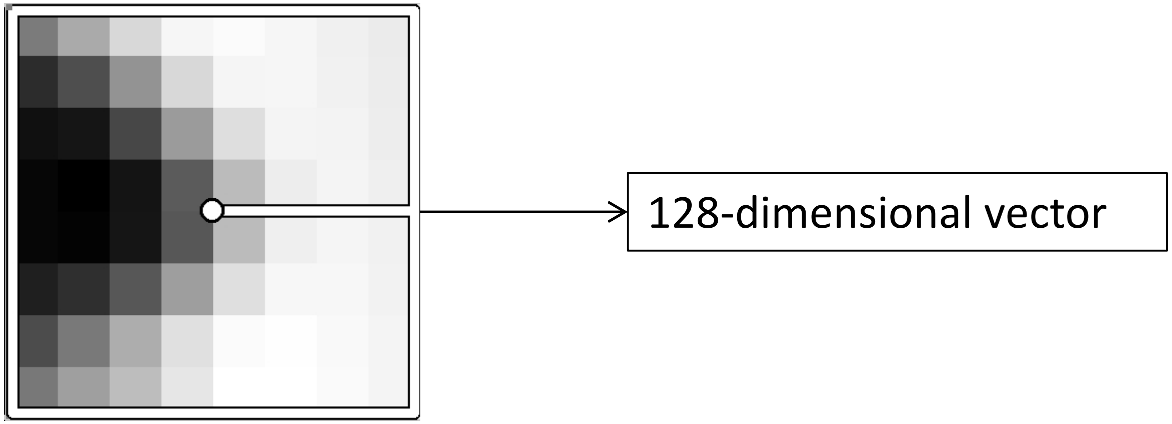
- Compute orientation histogram
- Select dominant orientation
- Normalize: rotate to fixed orientation

[Lowe, SIFT, 1999]





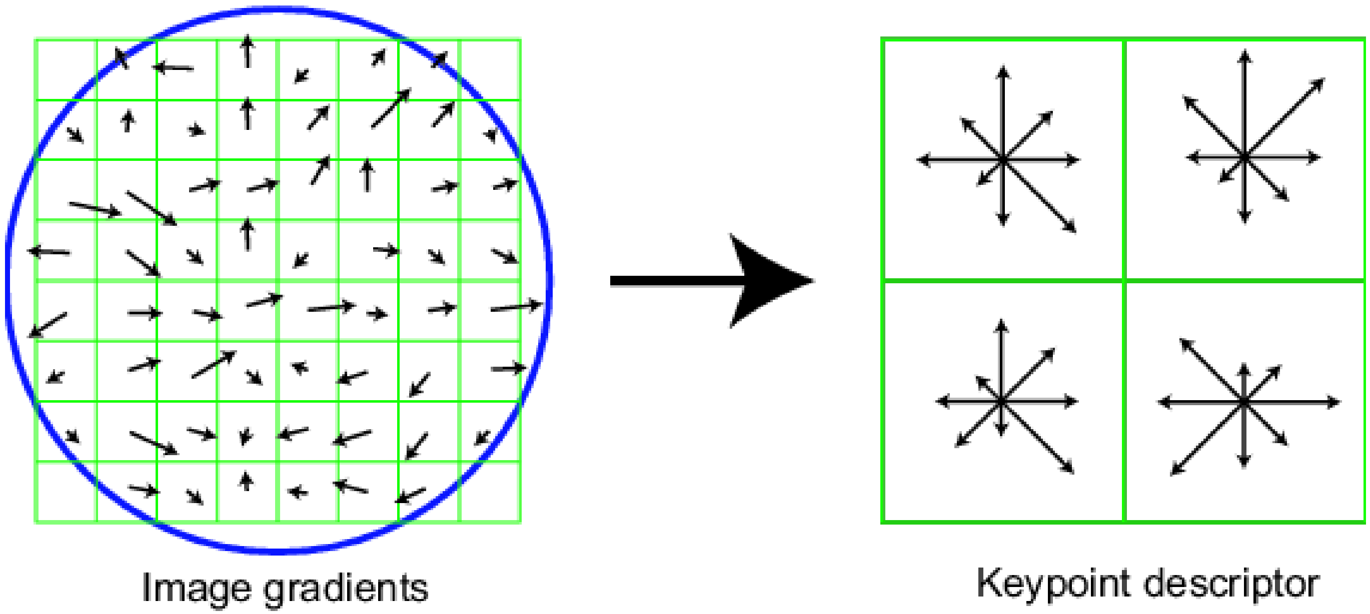
Once we have found the key points and a dominant orientation for each, we need to describe the (rotated and scaled) neighborhood about each.



SIFT descriptor

Full version

- Divide the 16x16 window into a 4x4 grid of cells (2x2 case shown below)
- Compute an orientation histogram for each cell
- 16 cells * 8 orientations = 128 dimensional descriptor



Adapted from slide by David Lowe

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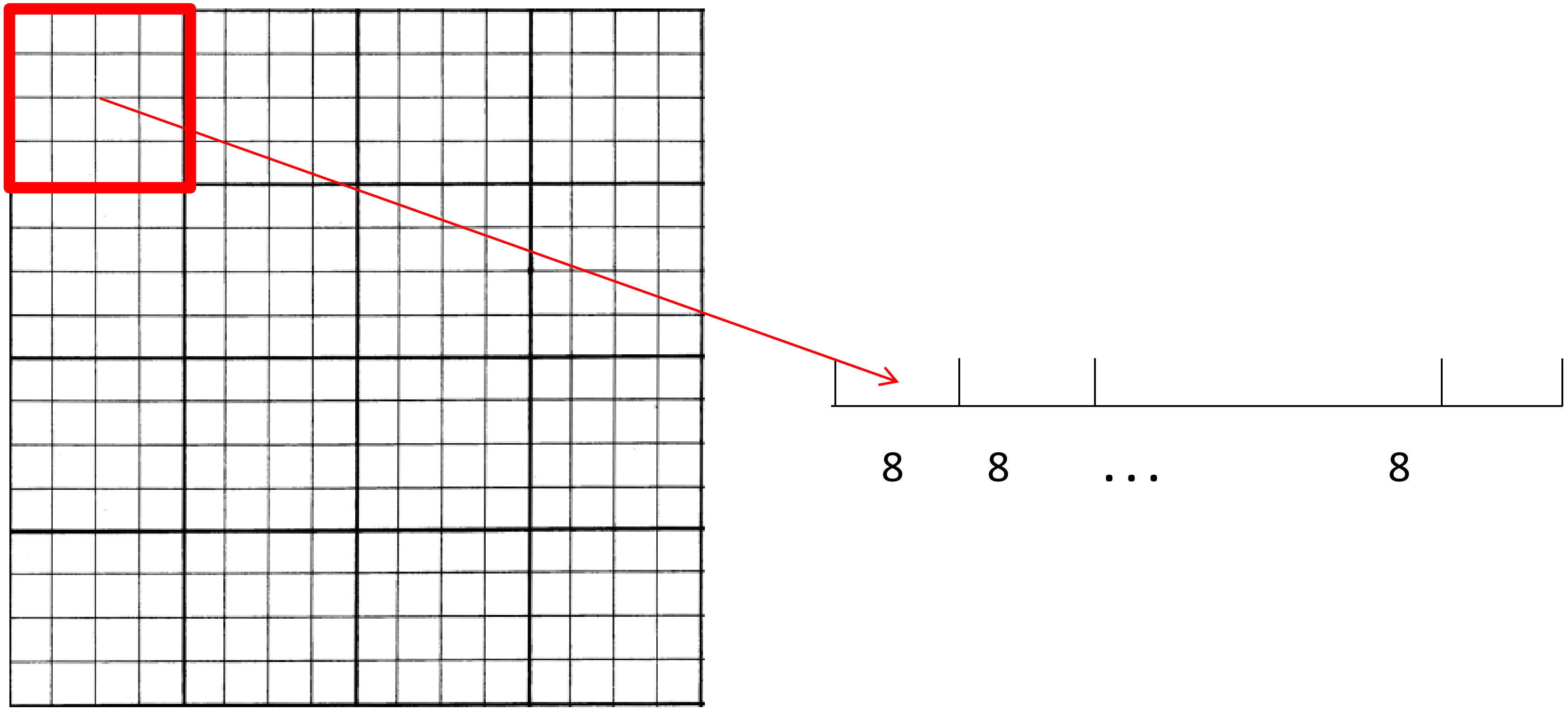
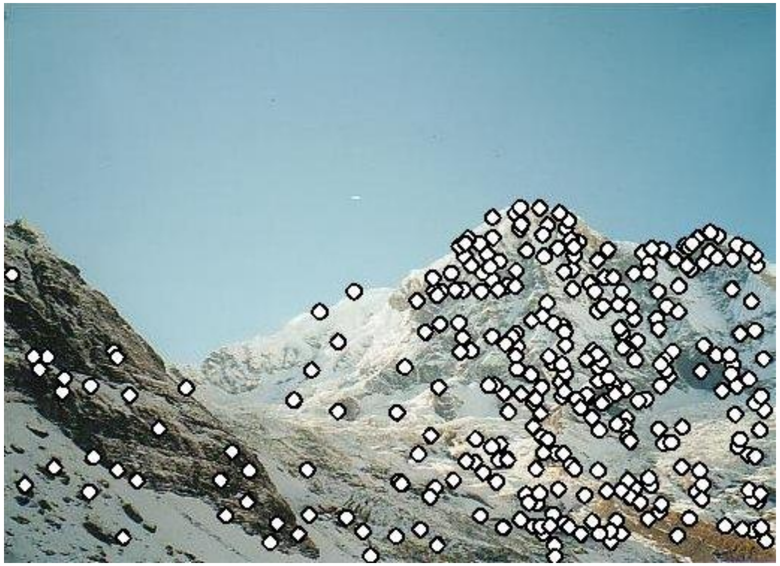
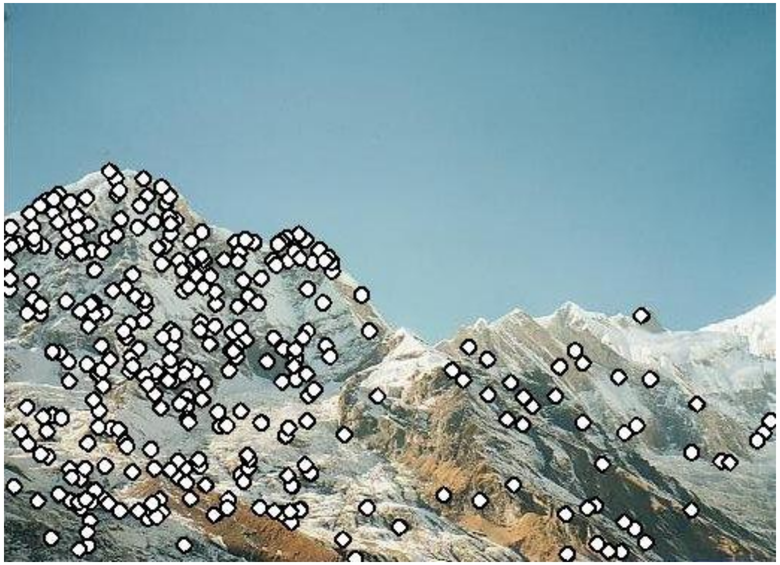


Matching with Features

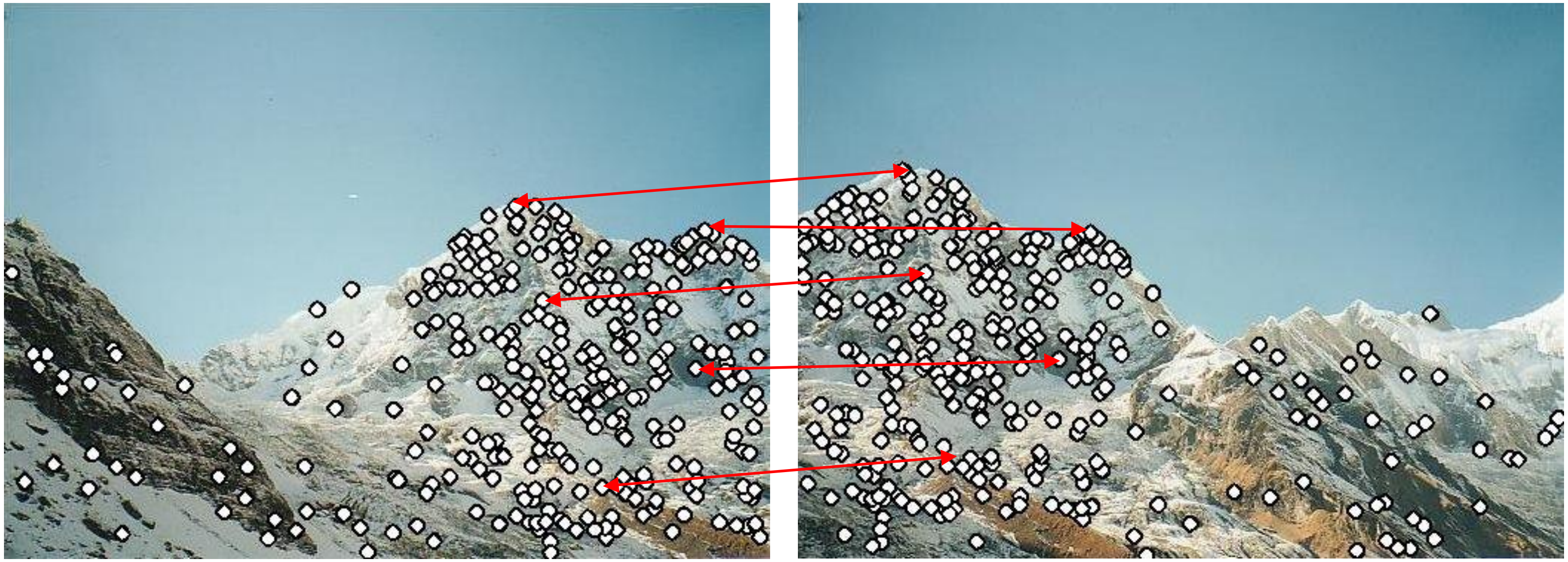
- Detect feature points in both images





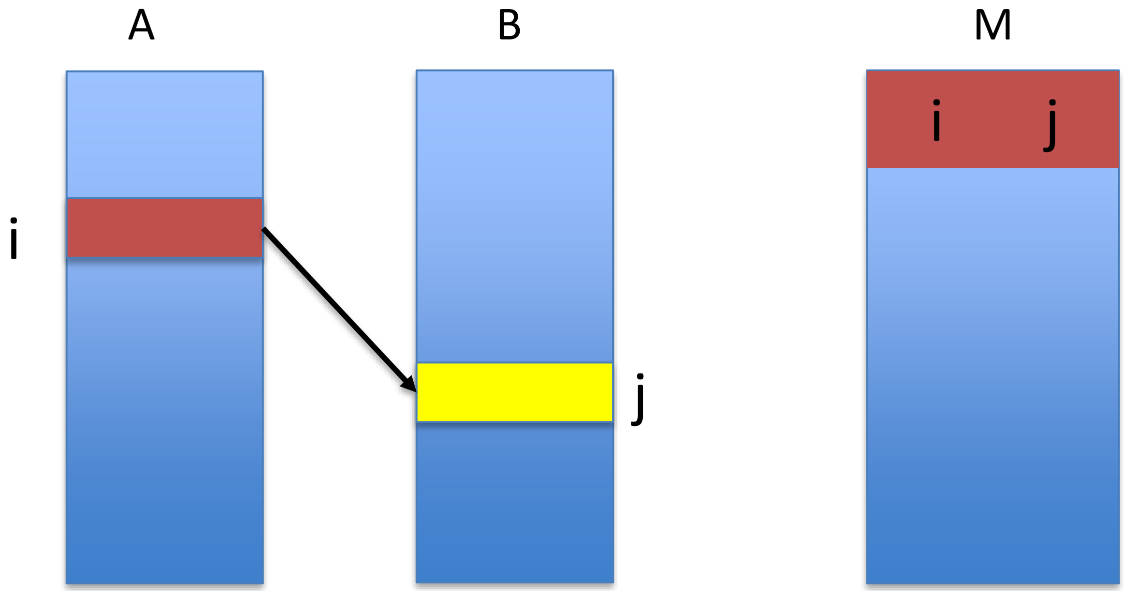
Matching with Features

- Detect feature points in both images
- Find corresponding pairs



Find the best matches

- For each descriptor a in A, find its best match b in B

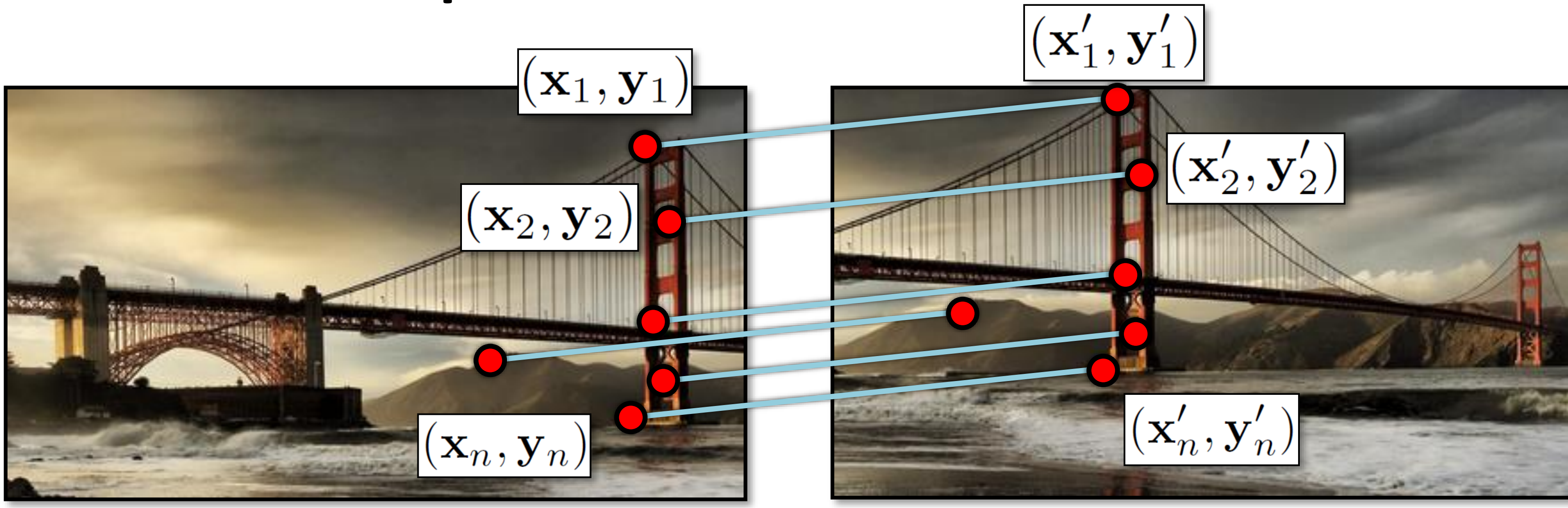


- And store it in a vector of matches
- Note: this is abstract; see code for details.

- Larger Goal: Combine two or more overlapping images to make one larger image

Slide credit: [Vaibhav Vaish]

Simple case: translations



Displacement of match *i* = $(\mathbf{x}'_i - \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}'_i - \mathbf{y}_i)$

$$(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}_t) = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}'_i - \mathbf{x}_i, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{y}'_i - \mathbf{y}_i \right)$$

Solving for homographies

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cong \begin{bmatrix} h_{00} & h_{01} & h_{02} \\ h_{10} & h_{11} & h_{12} \\ h_{20} & h_{21} & h_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Why is this now a variable and not just 1?

- A homography is a projective object, in that it has no scale. It is represented by the above matrix, up to scale.
- One way of fixing the scale is to set one of the coordinates to 1, though that choice is arbitrary.
- But that's what most people do and your assignment code does.

Solving for homographies

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i' \\ y_i' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cong \begin{bmatrix} h_{00} & h_{01} & h_{02} \\ h_{10} & h_{11} & h_{12} \\ h_{20} & h_{21} & h_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_i' = \frac{h_{00}x_i + h_{01}y_i + h_{02}}{h_{20}x_i + h_{21}y_i + h_{22}}$$

$$y_i' = \frac{h_{10}x_i + h_{11}y_i + h_{12}}{h_{20}x_i + h_{21}y_i + h_{22}}$$

Why the division?

$$x_i'(h_{20}x_i + h_{21}y_i + h_{22}) = h_{00}x_i + h_{01}y_i + h_{02}$$
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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i & y_i & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x'_i x_i & -x'_i y_i & -x'_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_i & y_i & 1 & -y'_i x_i & -y'_i y_i & -y'_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{00} \\ h_{01} \\ h_{02} \\ h_{10} \\ h_{11} \\ h_{12} \\ h_{20} \\ h_{21} \\ h_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is just for one pair of points.

Direct Linear Transforms (n points)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x'_1 x_1 & -x'_1 y_1 & -x'_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_1 & y_1 & 1 & -y'_1 x_1 & -y'_1 y_1 & -y'_1 \\ & & & & \vdots & & & & \\ x_n & y_n & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x'_n x_n & -x'_n y_n & -x'_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_n & y_n & 1 & -y'_n x_n & -y'_n y_n & -y'_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{00} \\ h_{01} \\ h_{02} \\ h_{10} \\ h_{11} \\ h_{12} \\ h_{20} \\ h_{21} \\ h_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underset{2n \times 9}{\mathbf{A}} \qquad \underset{9}{\mathbf{h}} \qquad \underset{2n}{\mathbf{0}}$$

Defines a least squares problem: minimize $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{0}\|^2$

- Since $\mathbf{h}$ is only defined up to scale, solve for unit vector $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$
- Solution: $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ = eigenvector of $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ with smallest eigenvalue
- Works with 4 or more points

Direct Linear Transforms

- Why could we not solve for the homography in exactly the same way we did for the affine transform, ie.

$$\mathbf{t} = \left(\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{A}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{b}$$

Answer from Sameer Agarwal (Dr. Rome in a Day)

- For an affine transform, we have equations of the form $Ax_i + b = y_i$, solvable by linear regression.
- For the homography, the equation is of the form

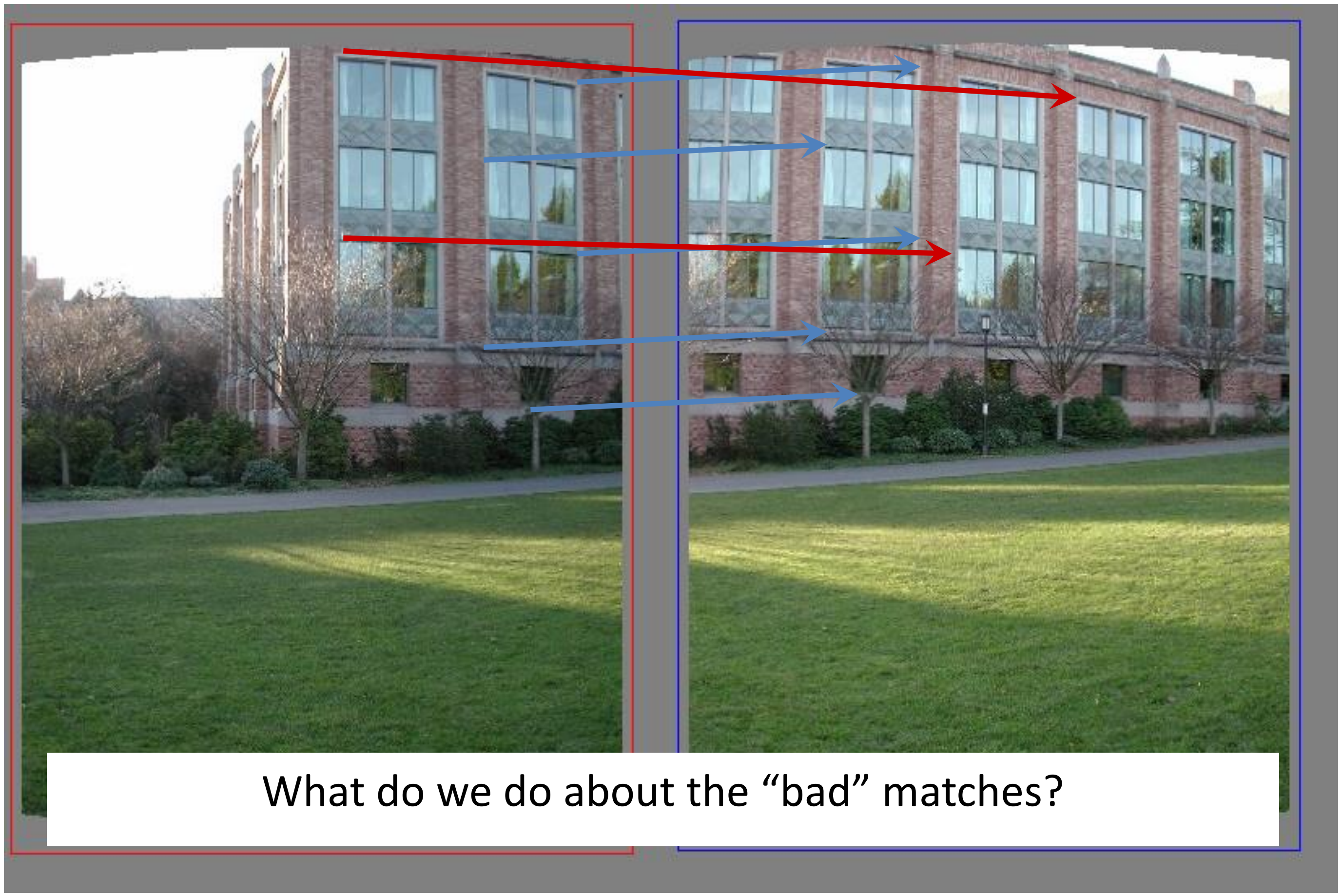
  $H\tilde{x}_i \sim \tilde{y}_i$ (homogeneous coordinates)

and the ~ means it holds only up to scale. The affine solution does not hold.

Colosseum: 2,097 images, 819,242 points

Trevi Fountain: 1,935 images, 1,055,153 points

Matching features



RANSAC for estimating homography

- RANSAC loop:

1. Select four feature pairs (at random)
2. Compute homography $\boldsymbol{H}$ (exact)
3. Compute inliers where $\|p_i', \boldsymbol{H}\, p_i\| < \varepsilon$

- Keep largest set of inliers
- Re-compute least-squares $\boldsymbol{H}$ estimate using all of the inliers

Panorama algorithm:

Find corners in both images

Calculate descriptors

Match descriptors

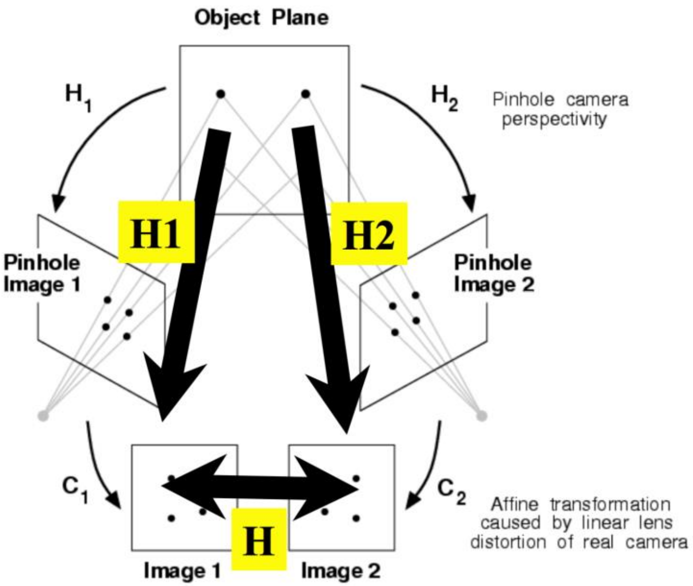
RANSAC to find homography

Stitch together images with homography

Stitching panoramas:

- We know homography is right choice under certain assumption:
  - Assume we are taking multiple images of planar object

3D



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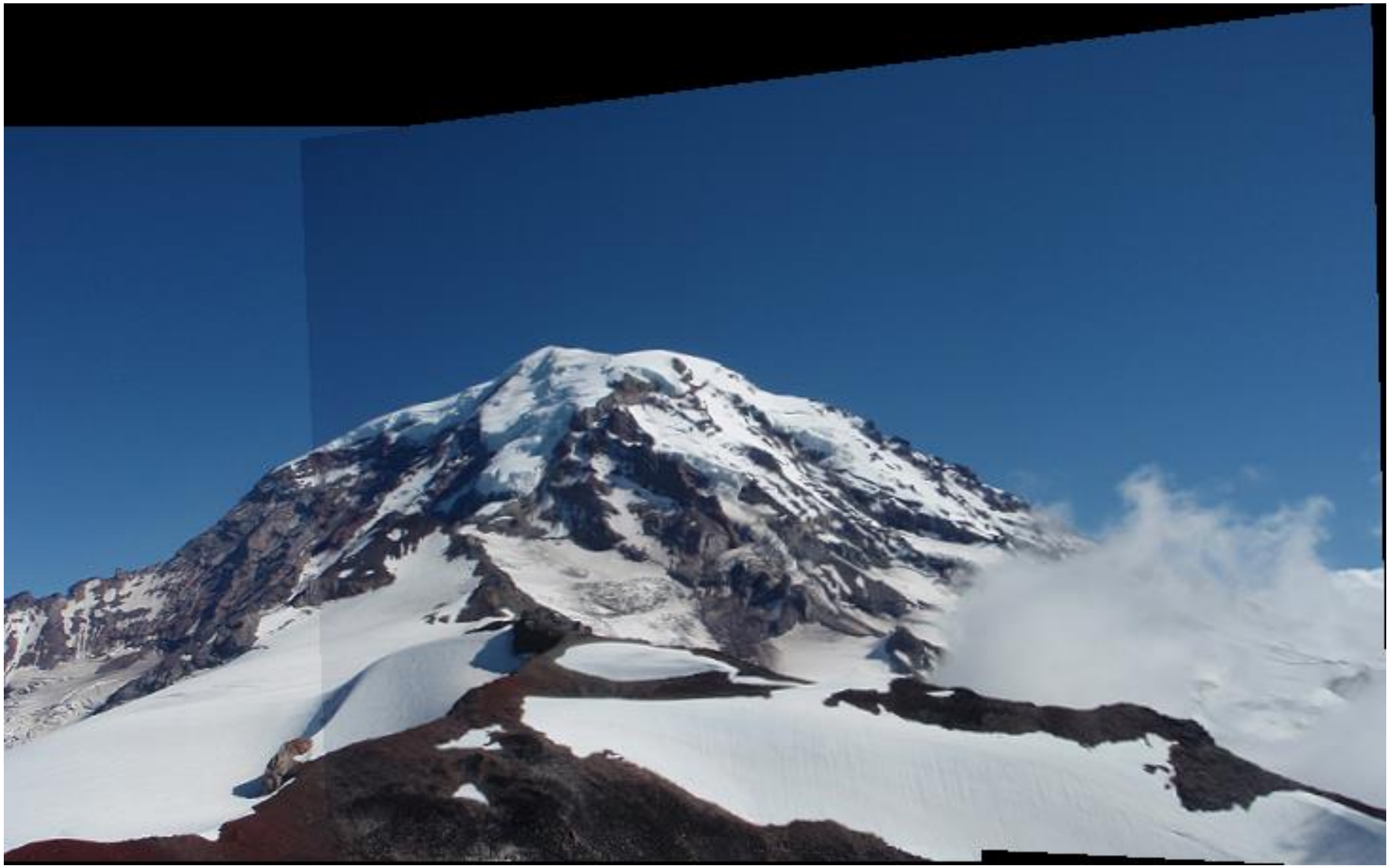

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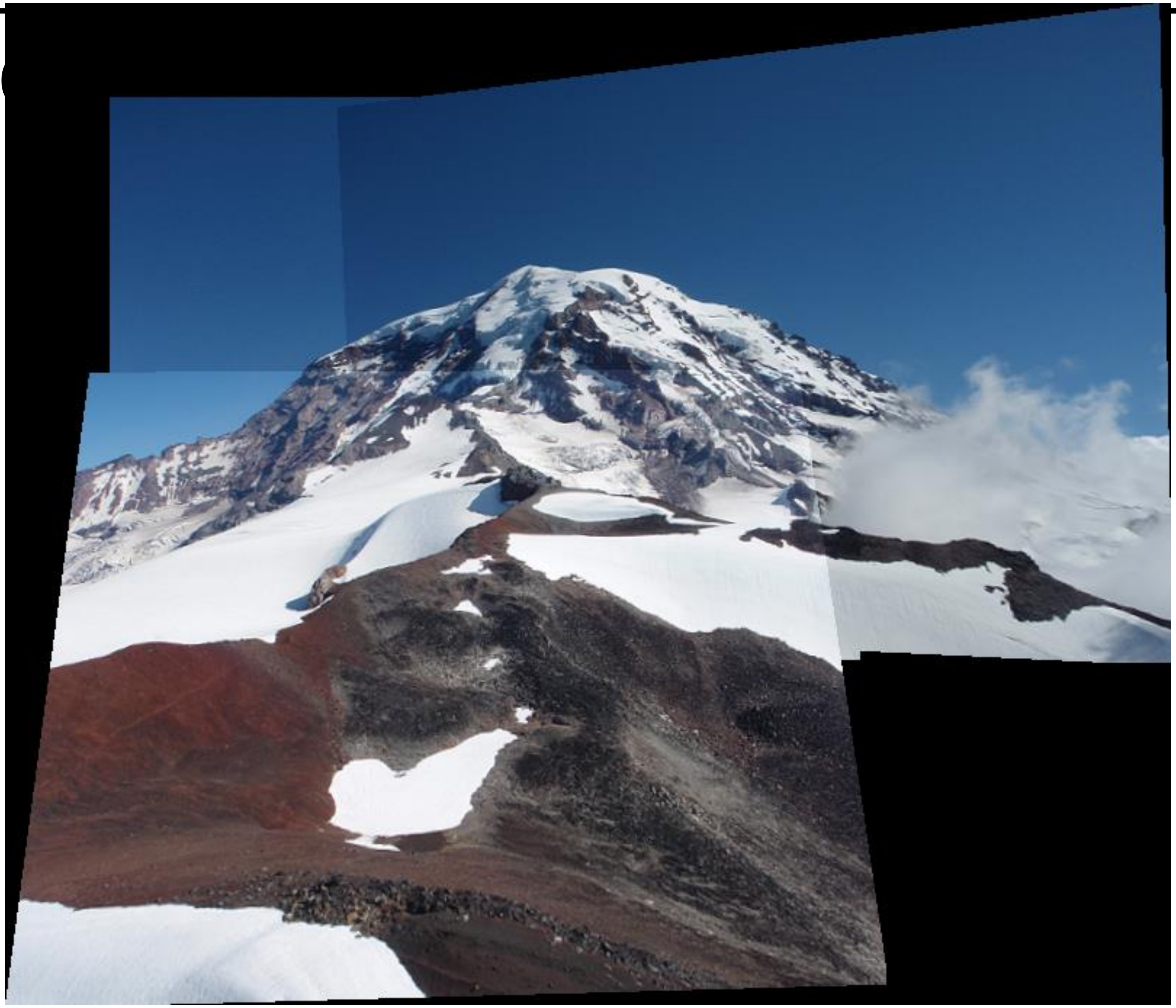

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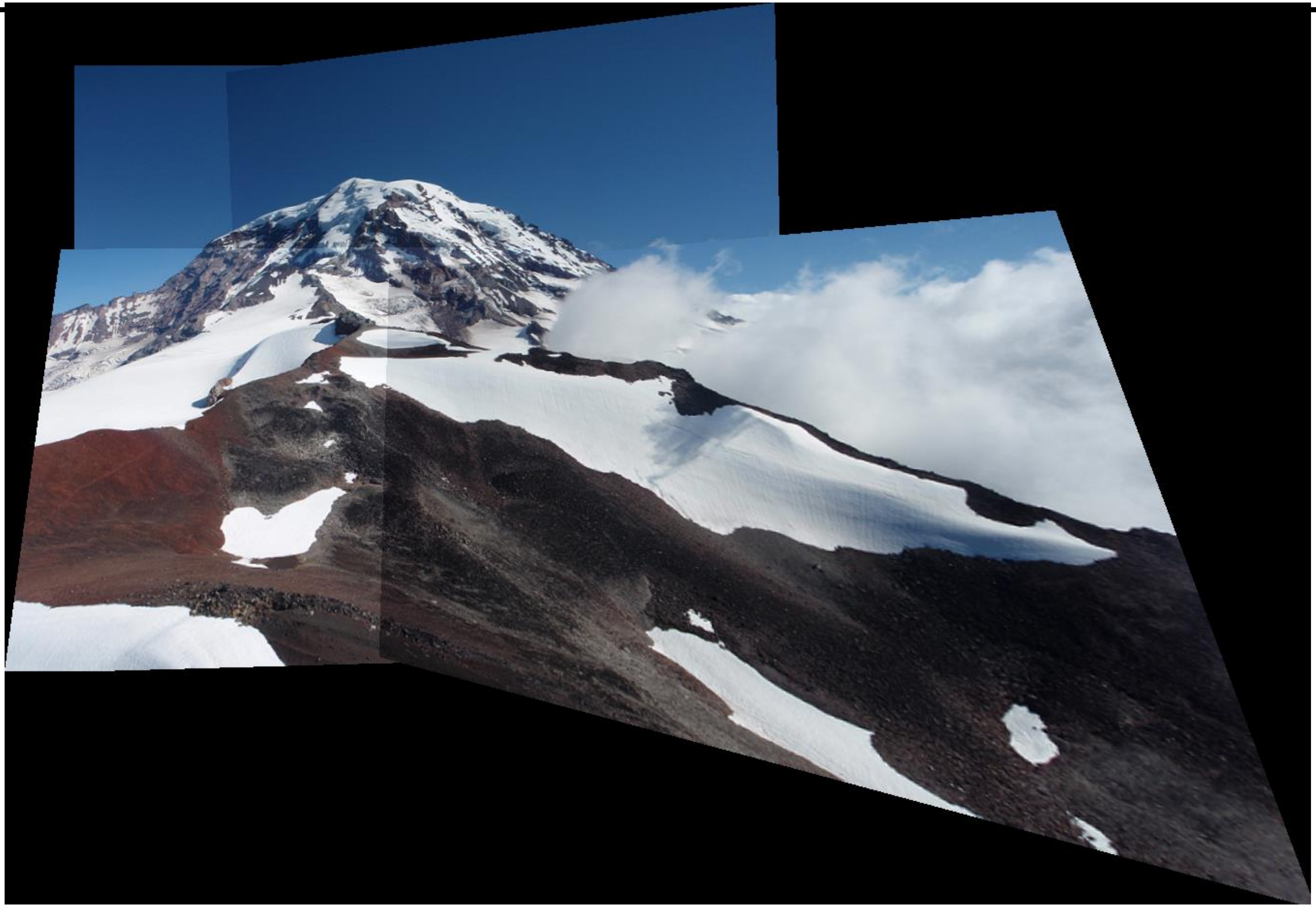

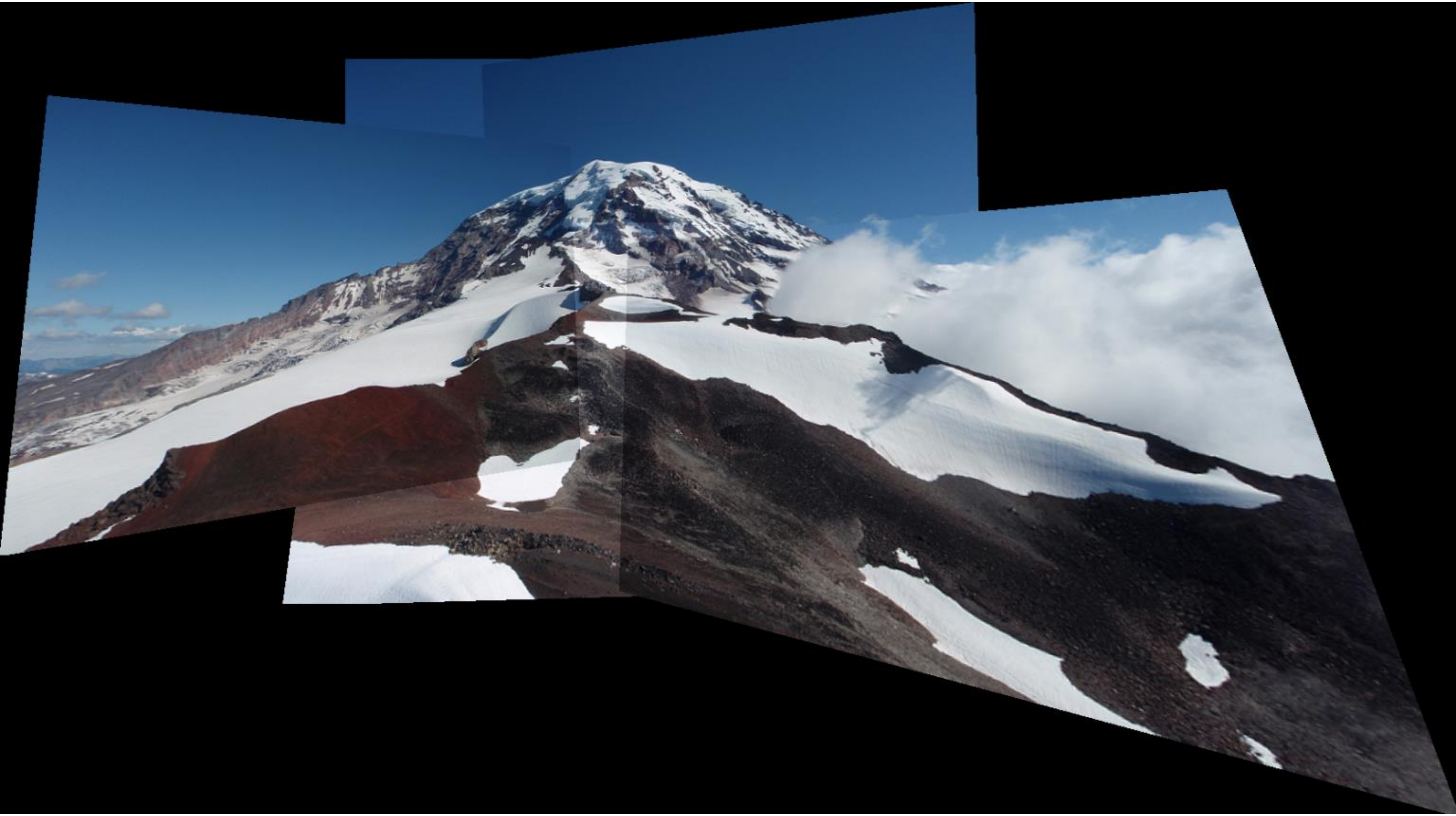

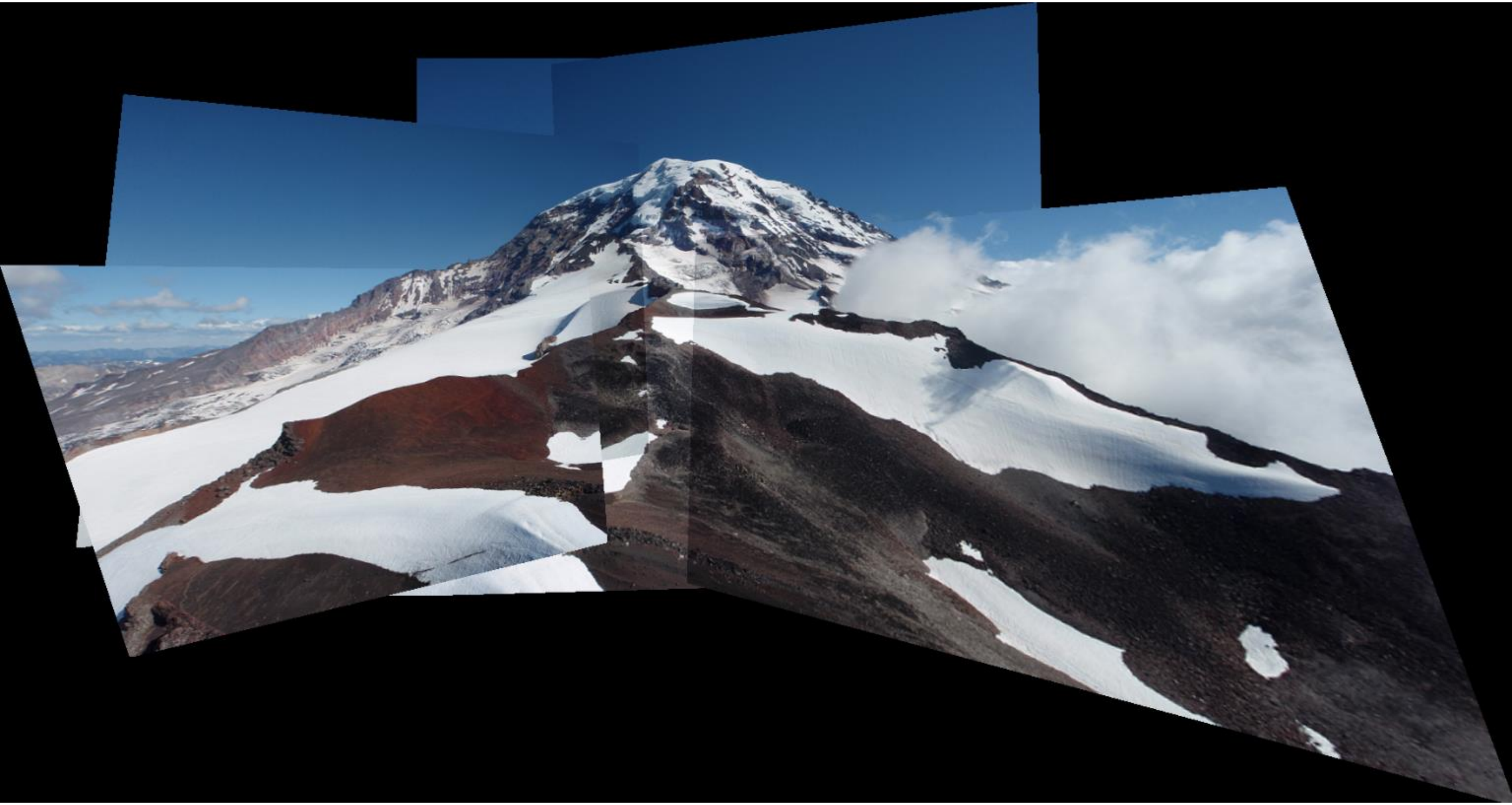

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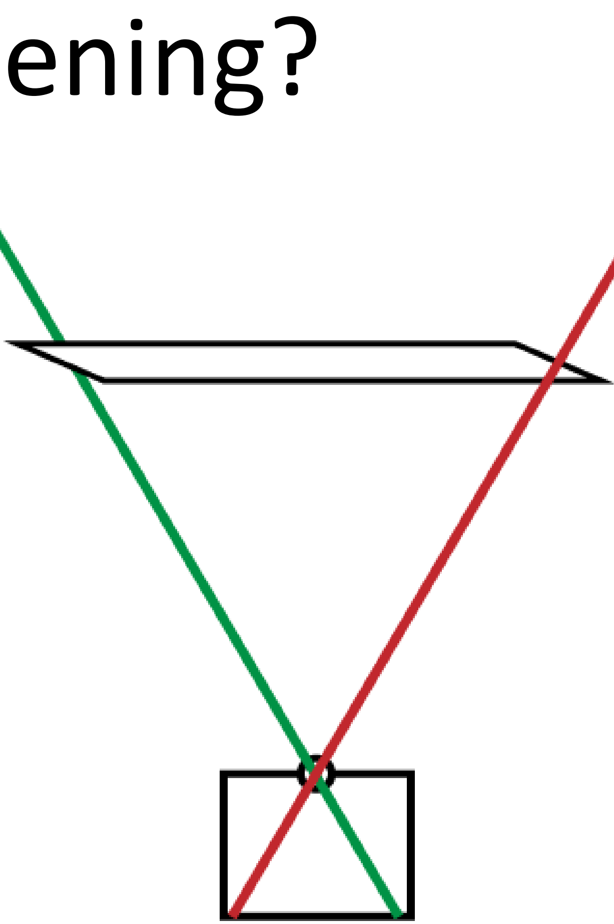

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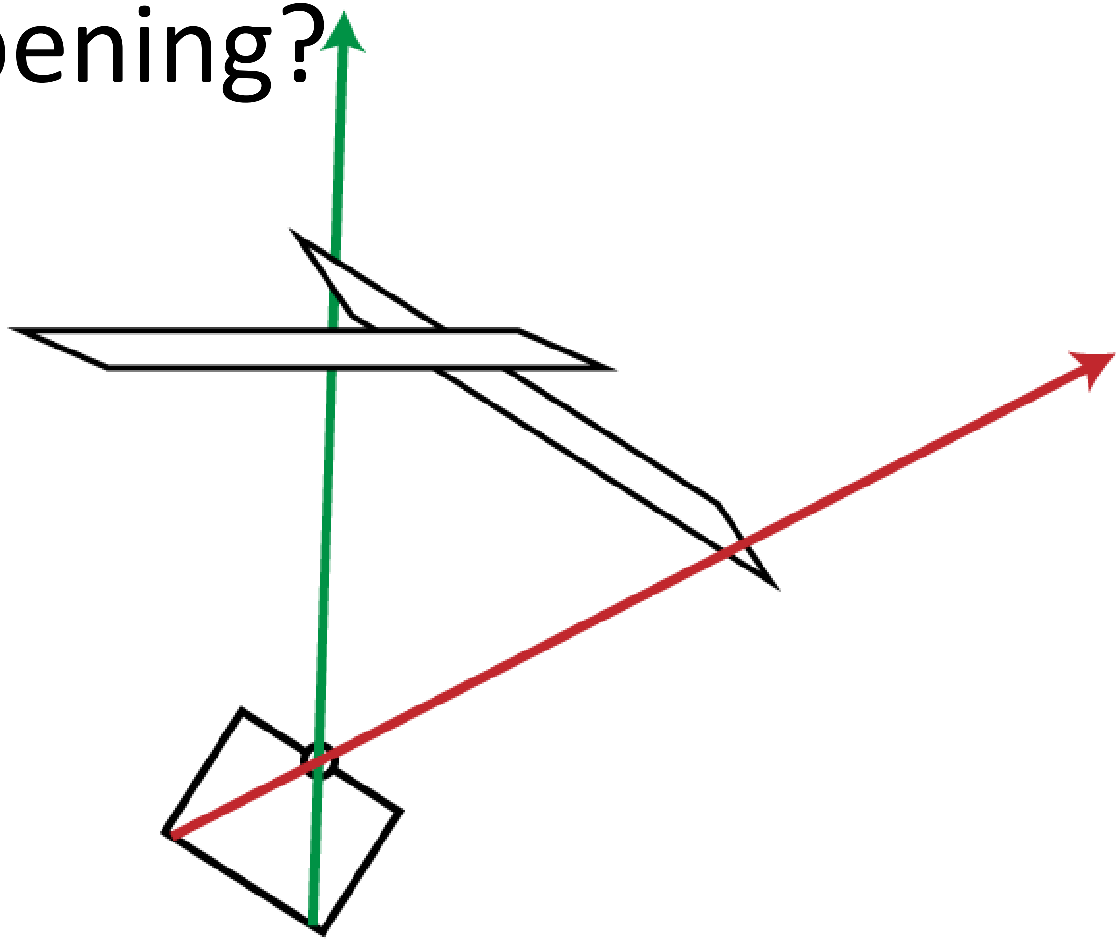

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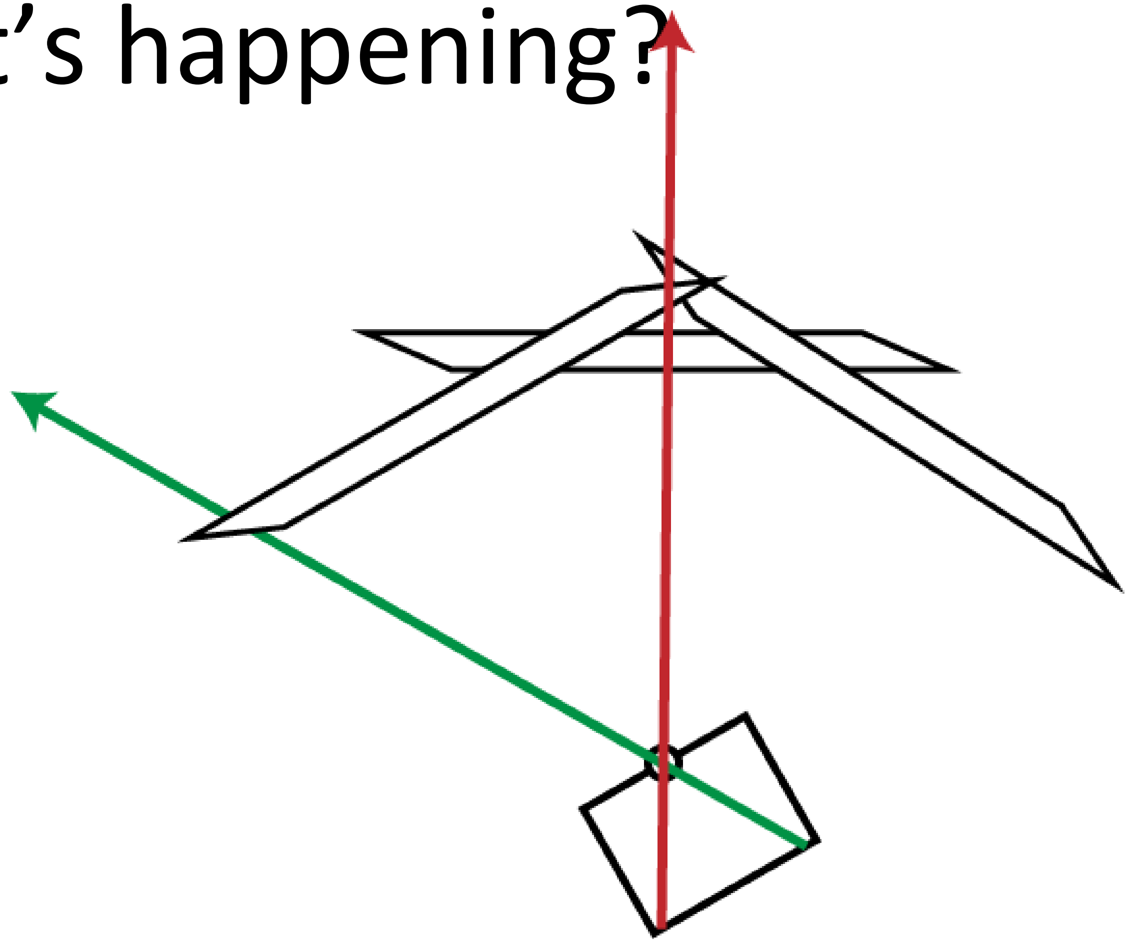

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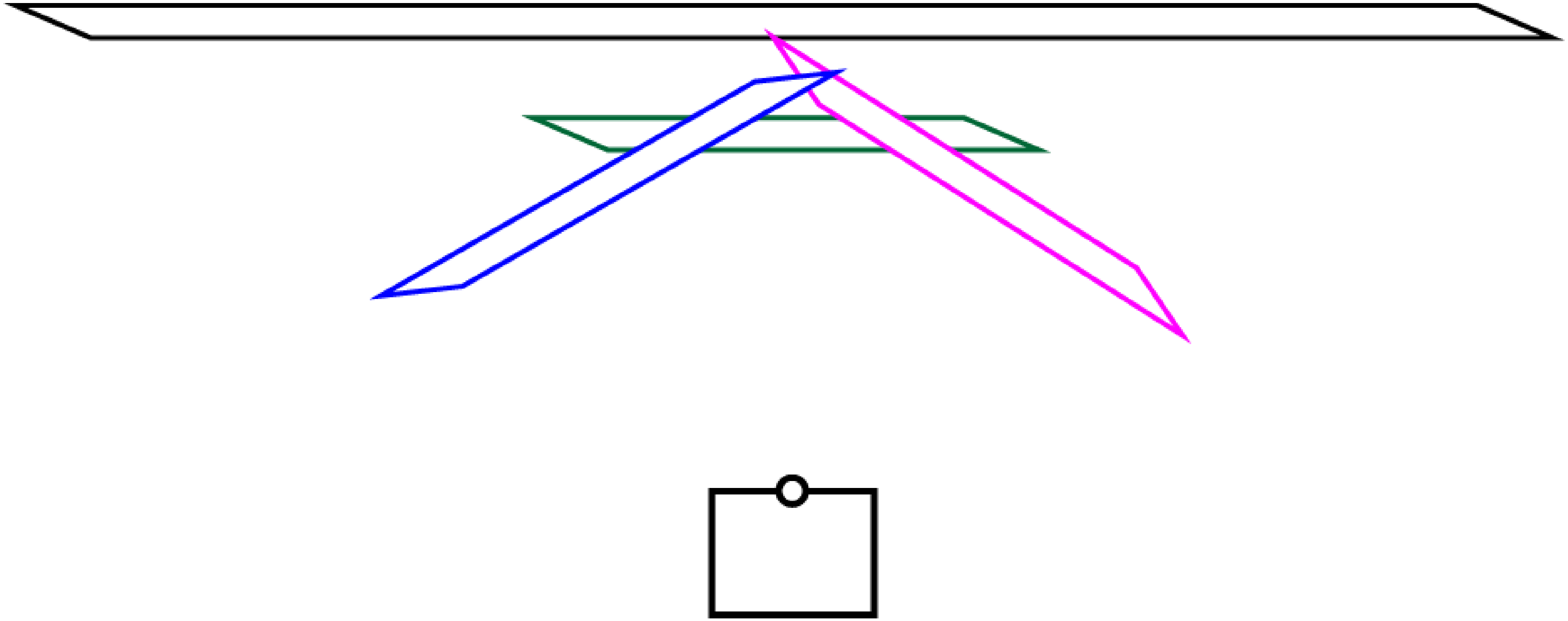

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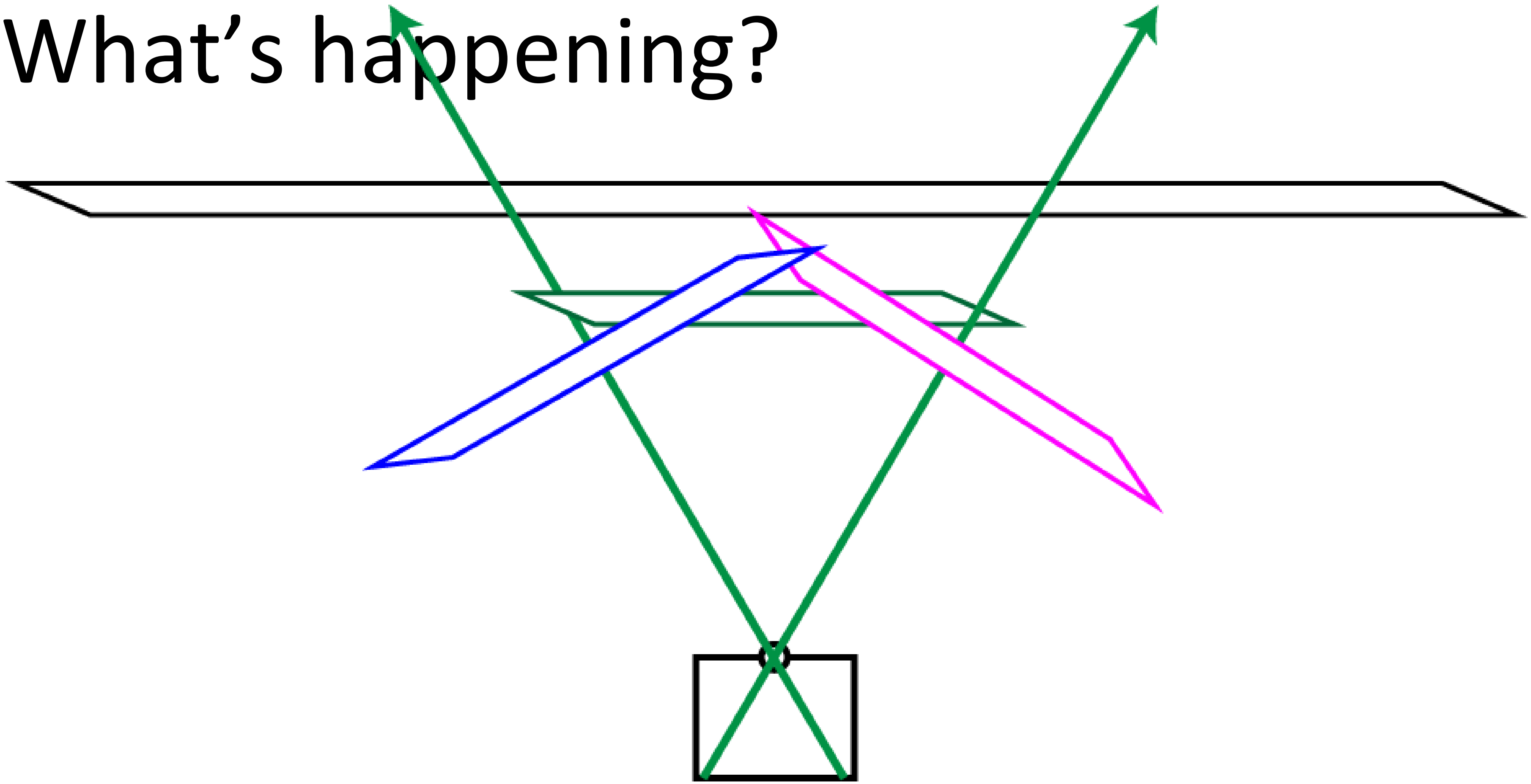

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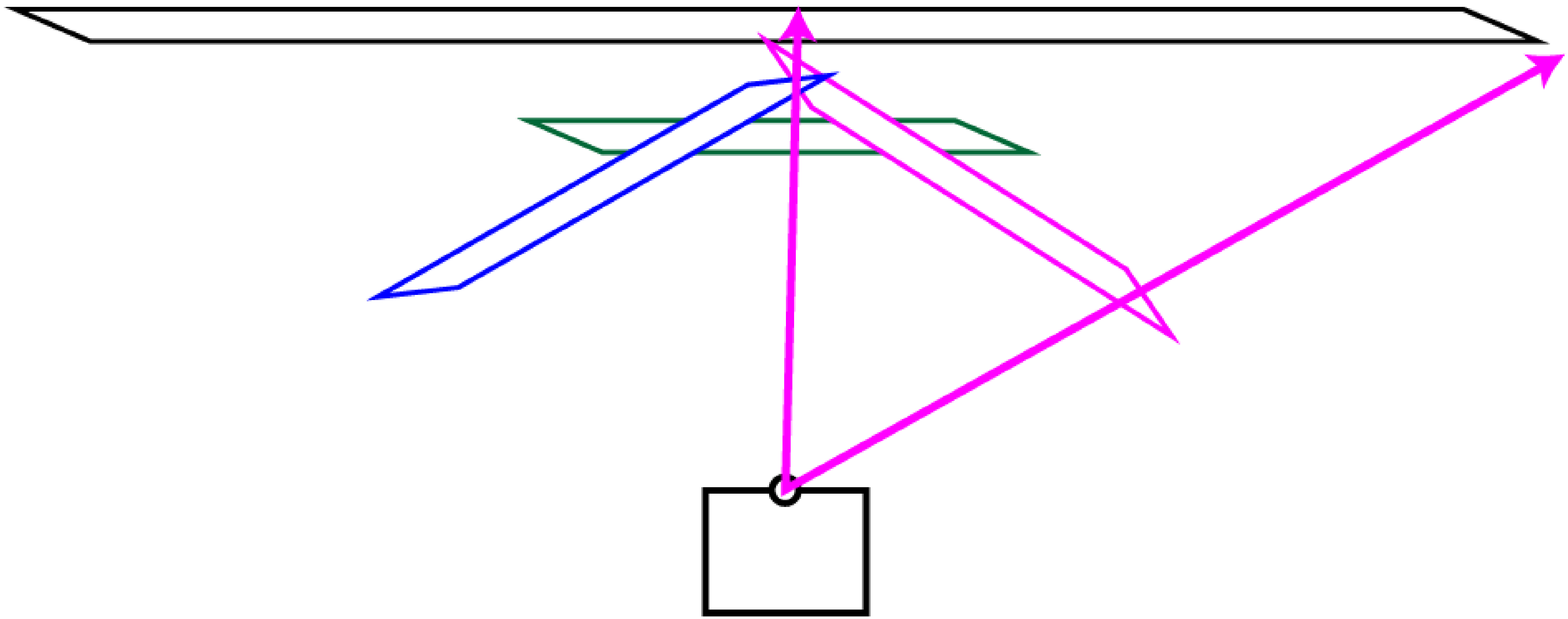

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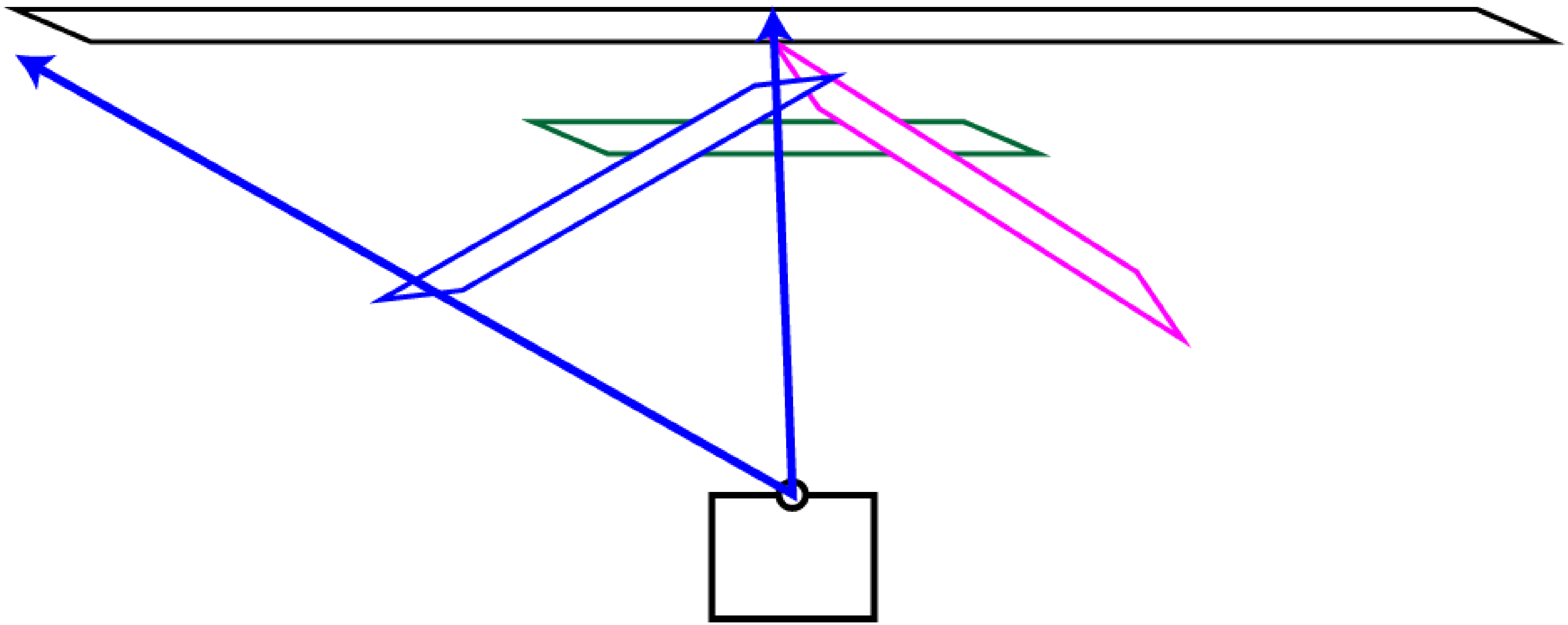

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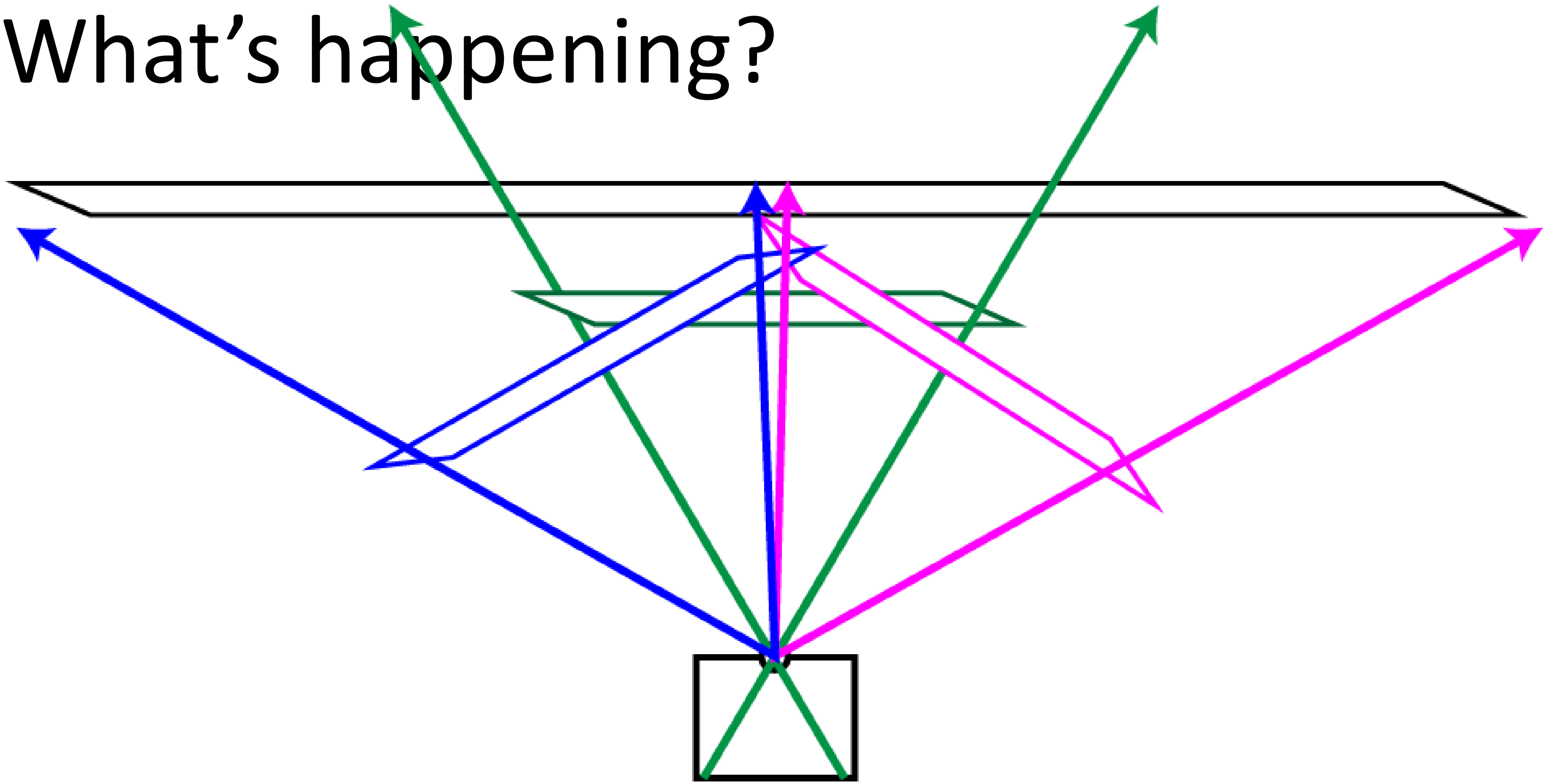

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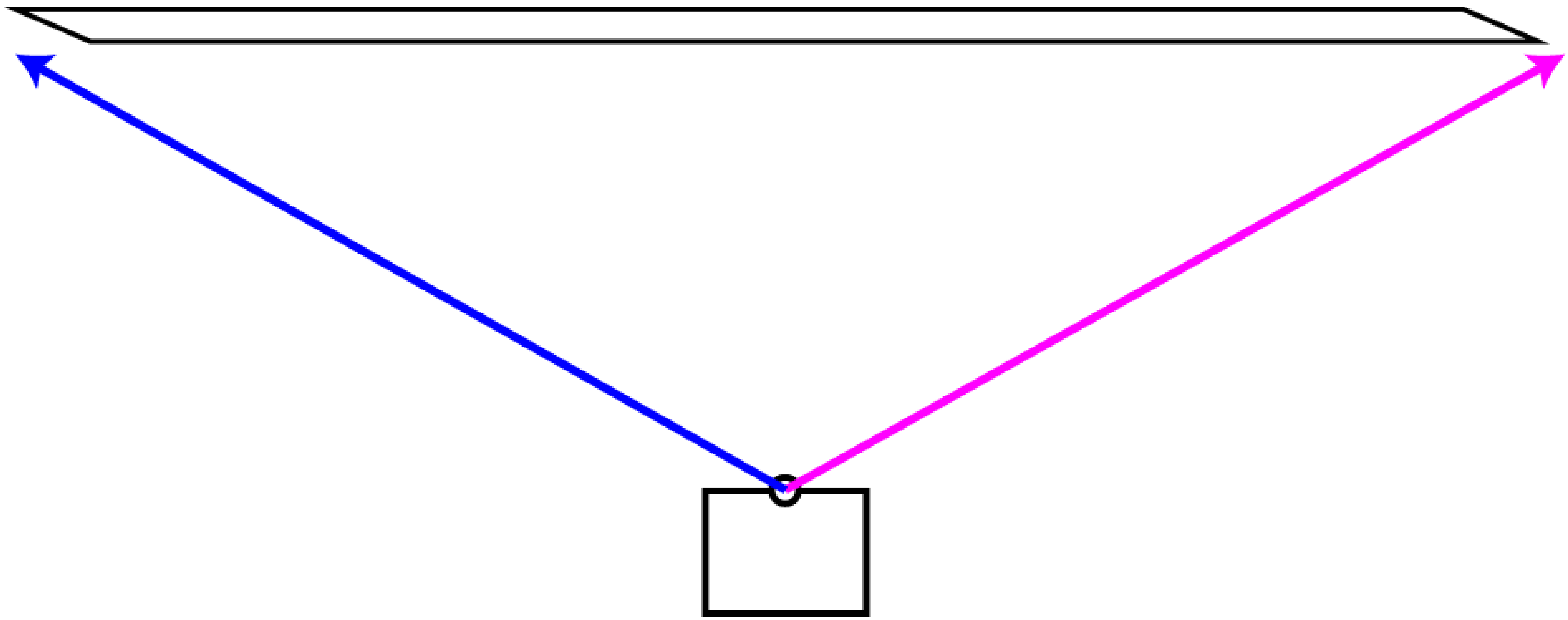

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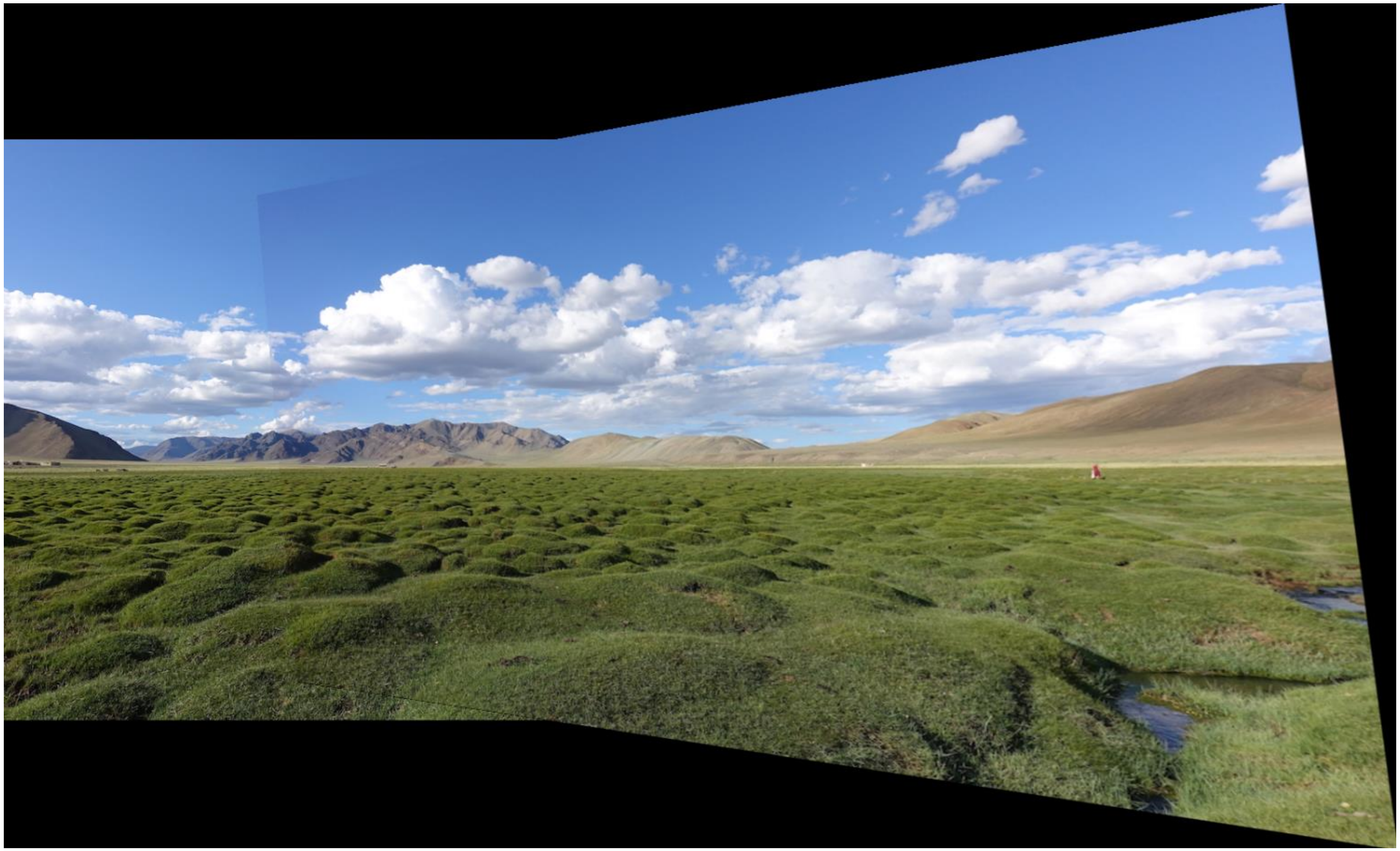

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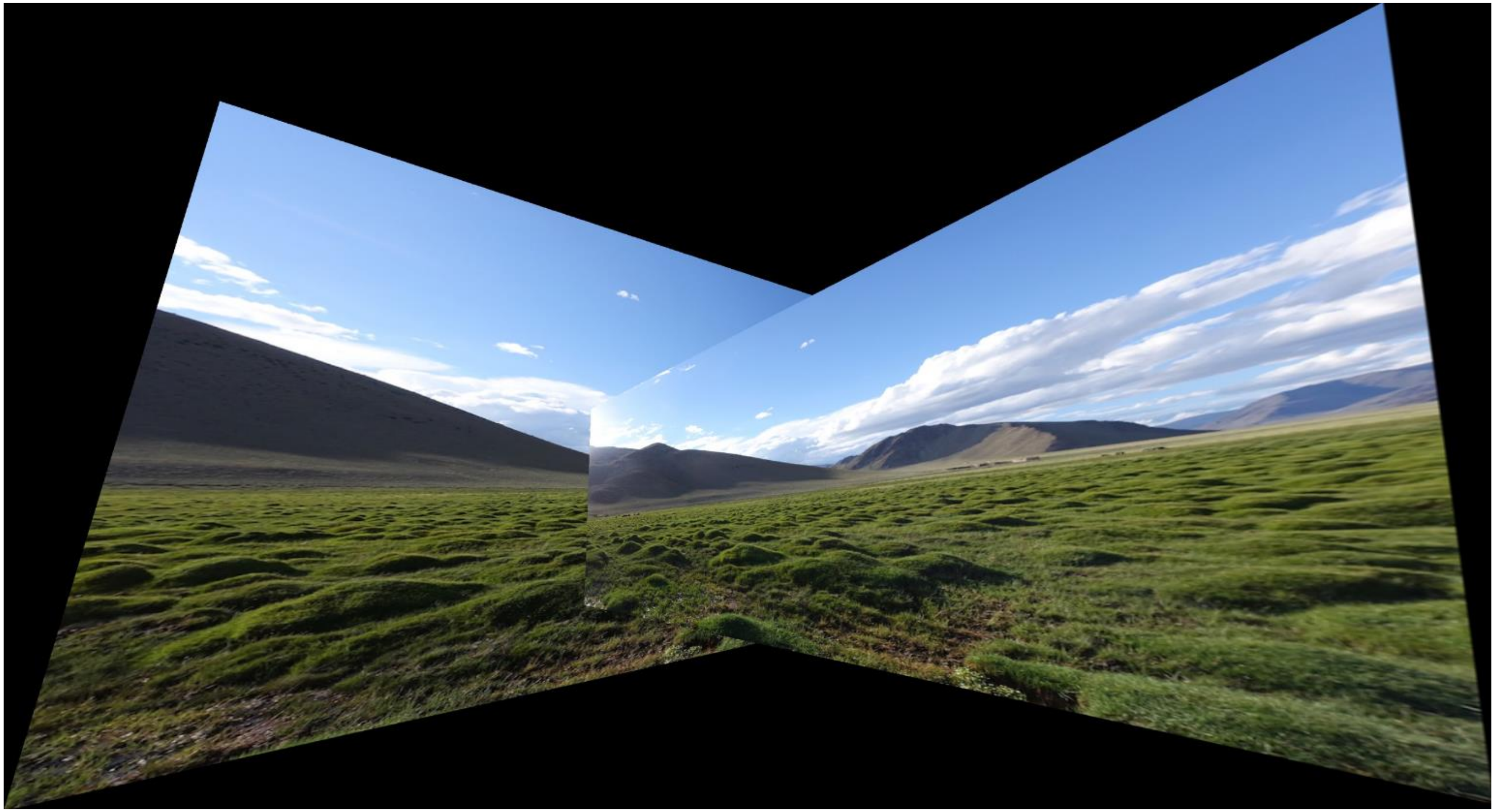

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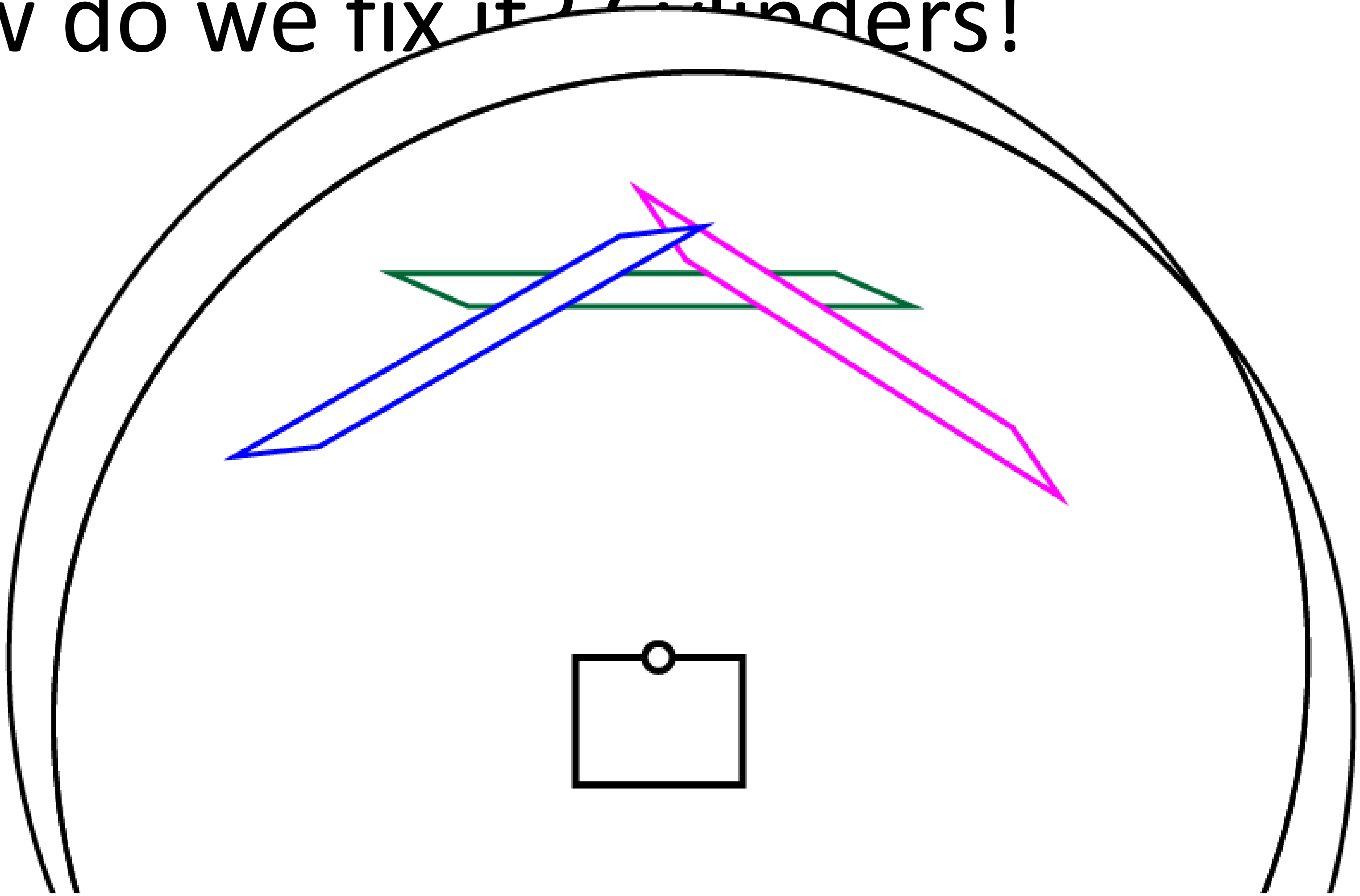

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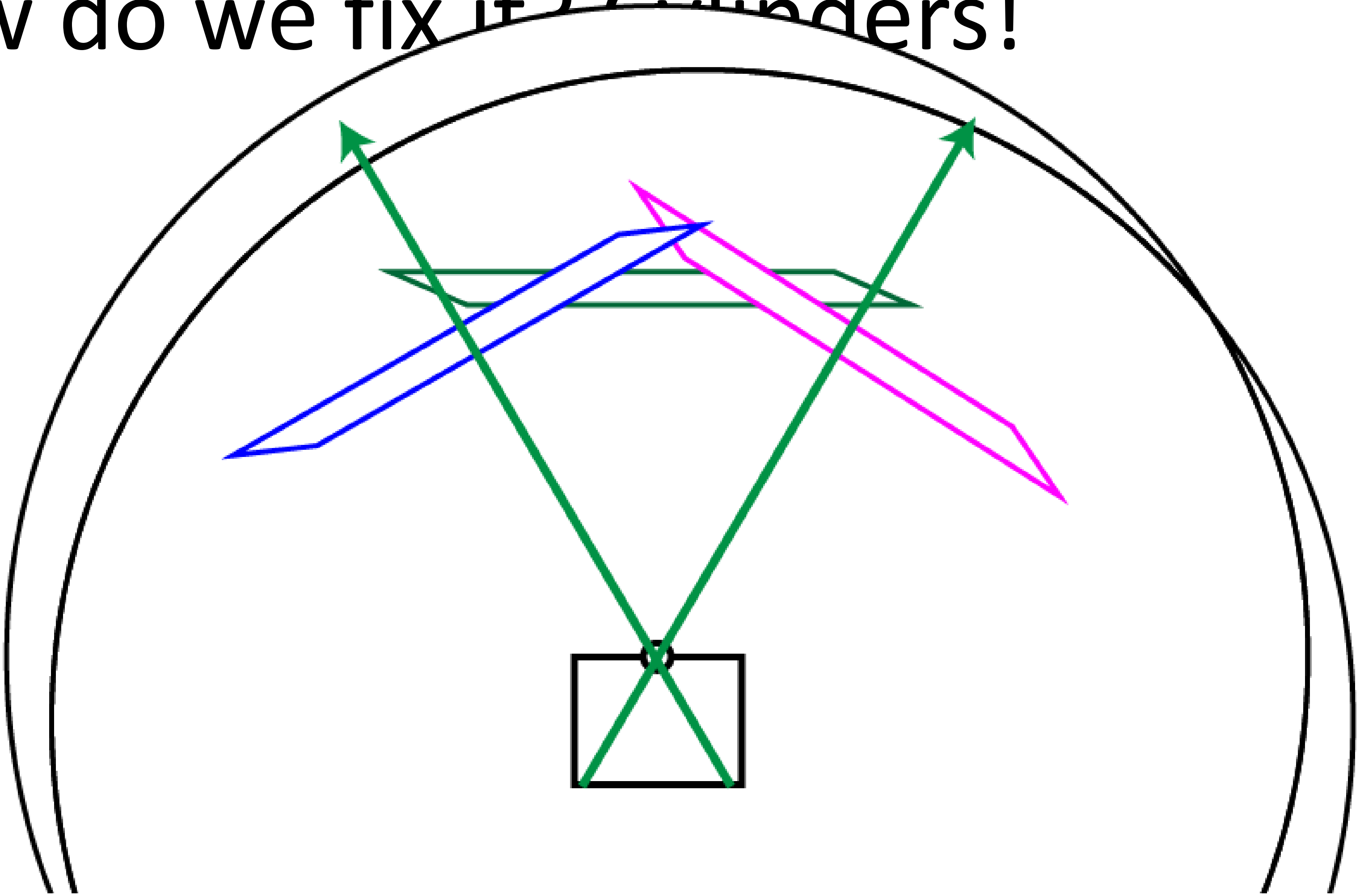

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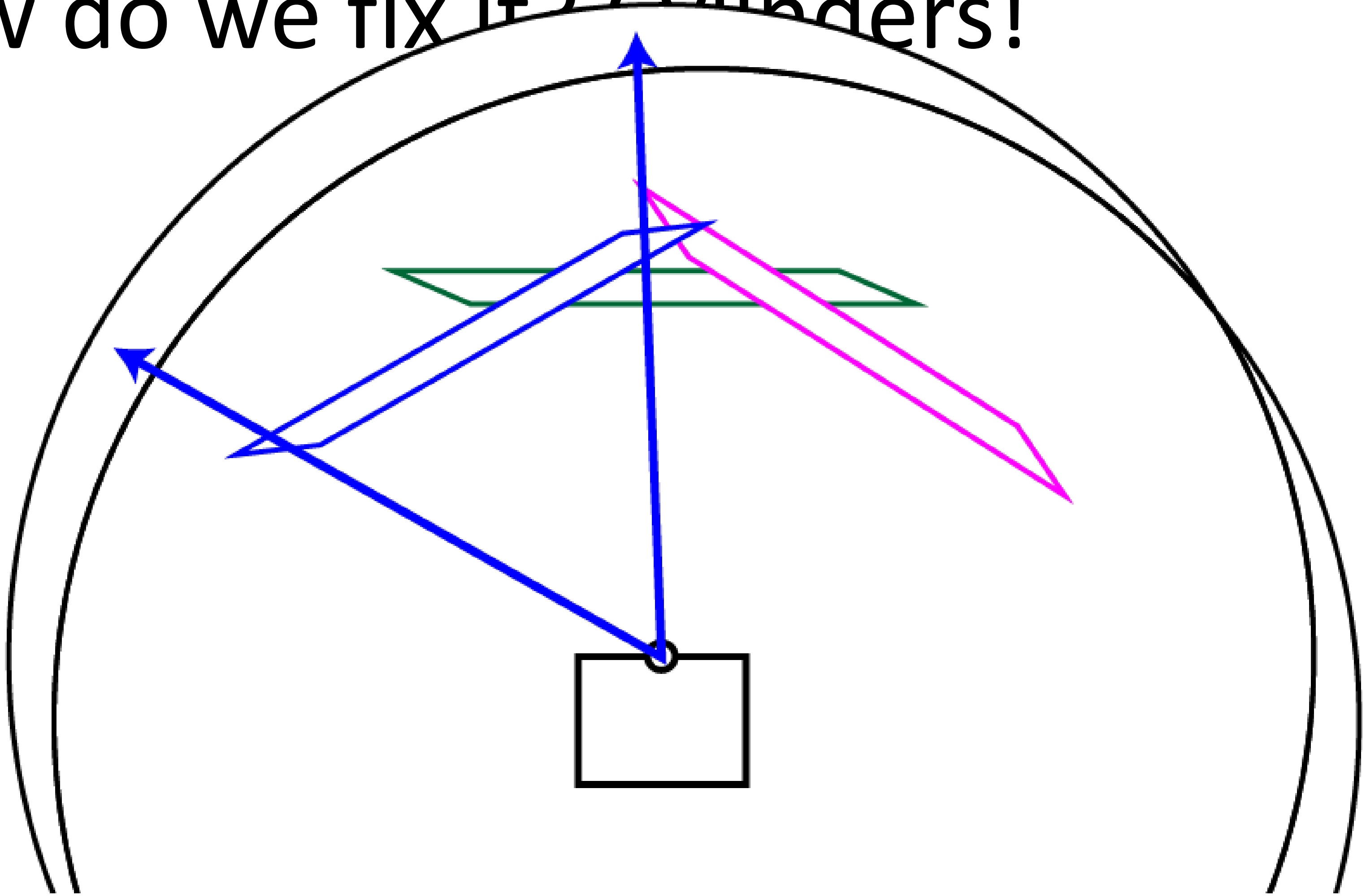

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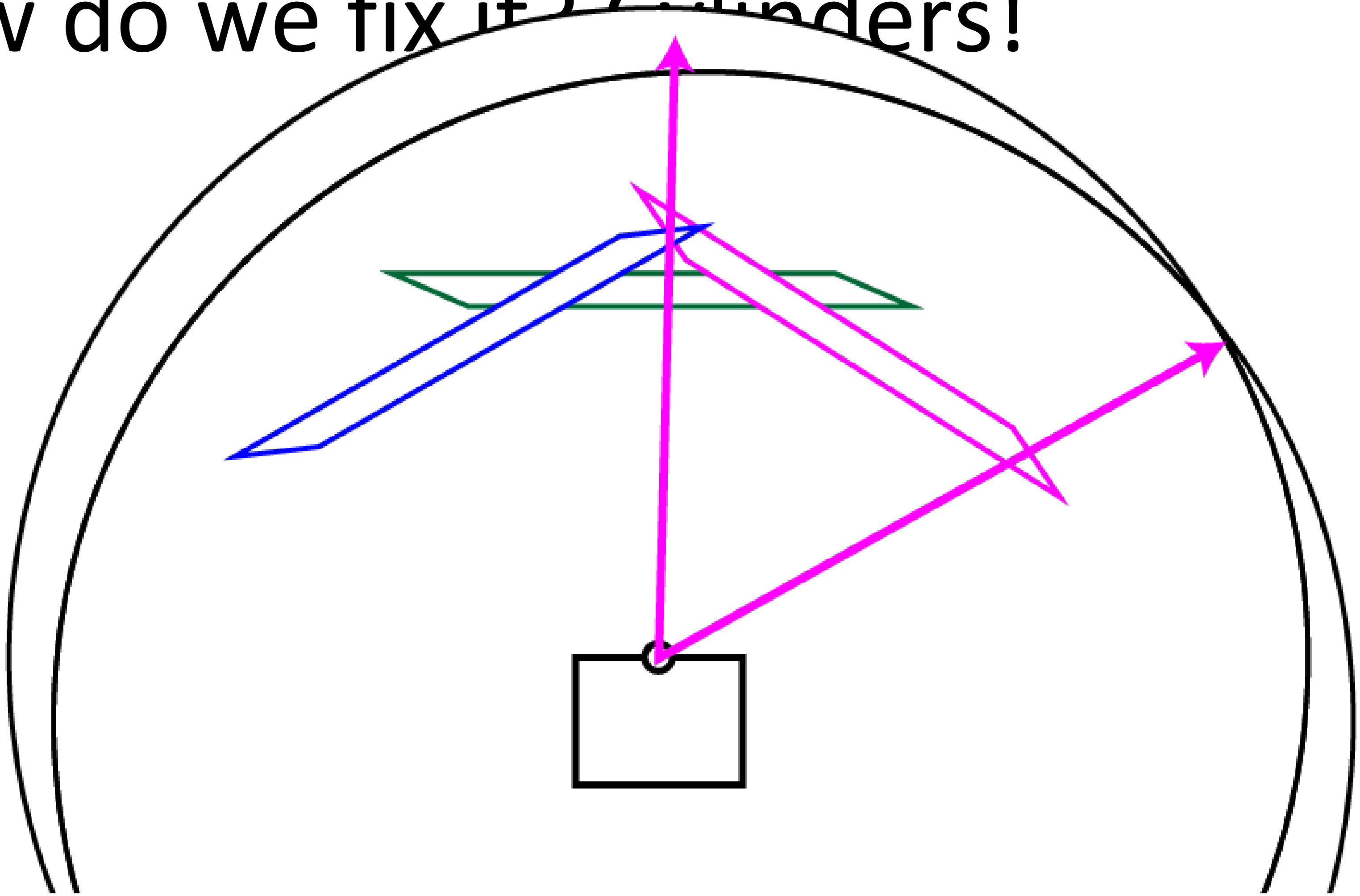

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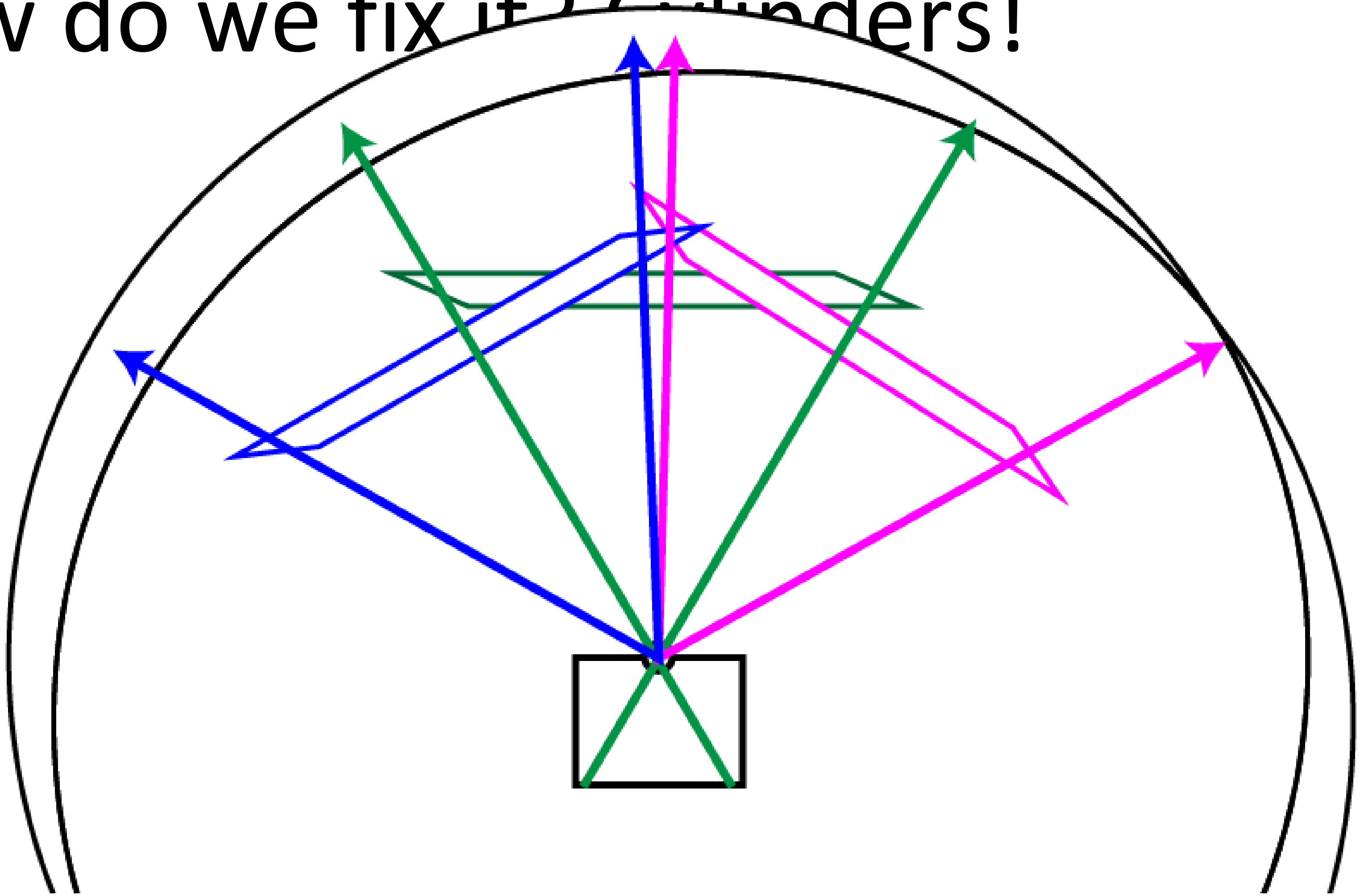


How do we fix it? Cylinders!

Calculate angle and height:

$\theta = (x - xc) / f$

$h = (y - yc) / f$

Find unit cylindrical coords:

$X' = \sin(\theta)$

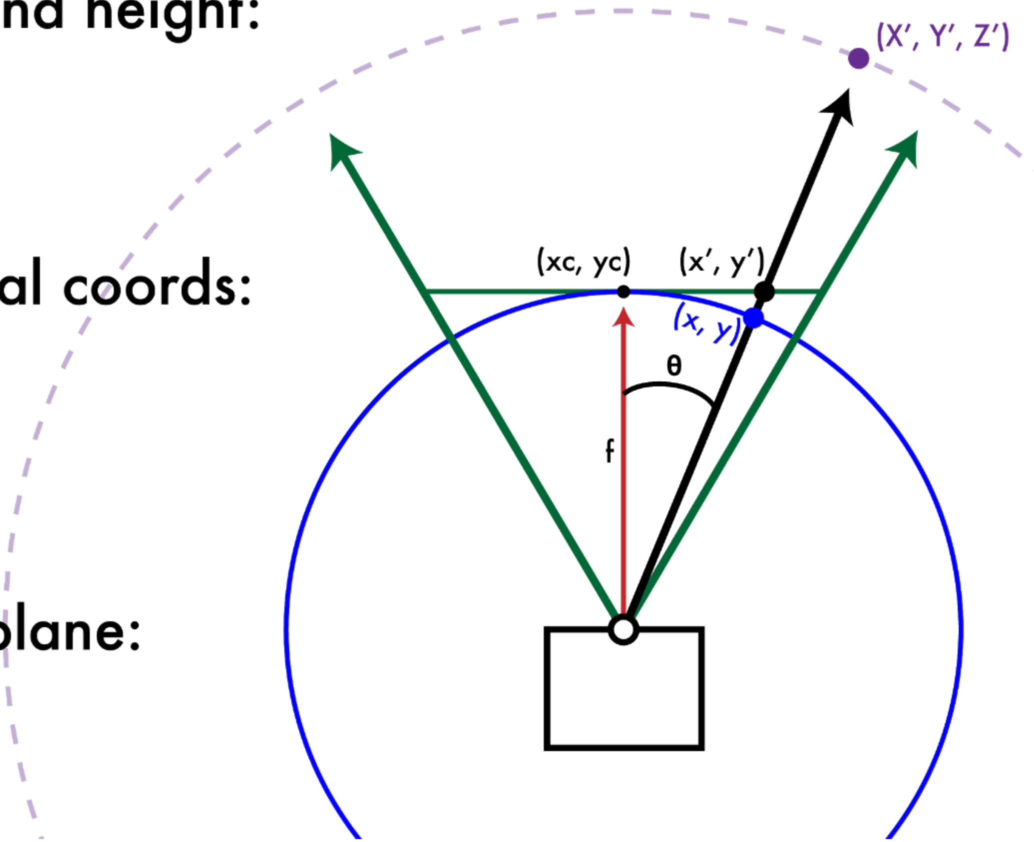
$Y' = h$

$Z' = \cos(\theta)$

Project to image plane:

$x' = f\, X'/Z' + xc$

$y' = f\, Y'/Z' + yc$



(xc,yc) = center of projection and f = focal length of camera

Dependant on focal length!

f = 300

f = 500

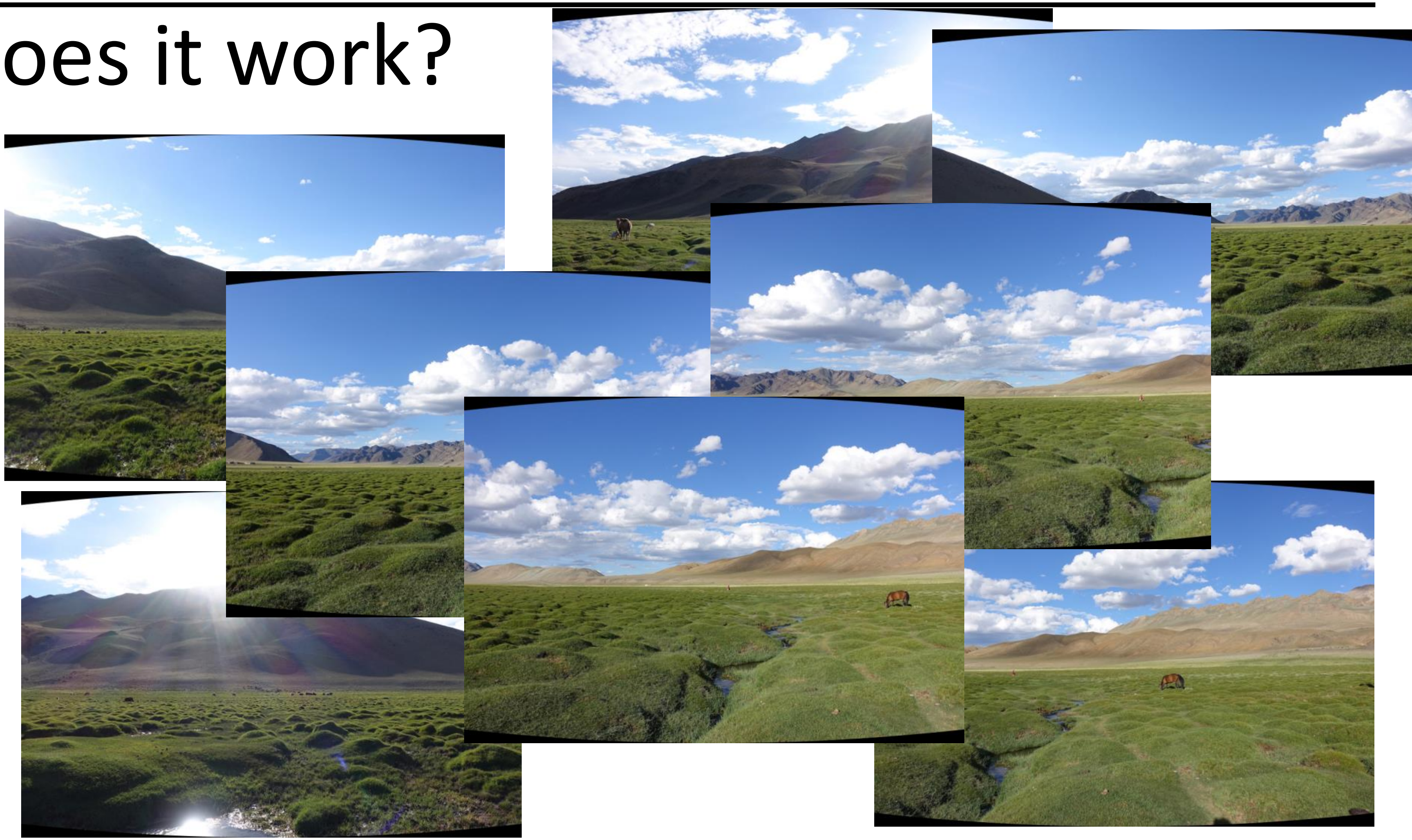
f = 1000

f = 1400

f = 10,000

$f = 10{,}000$

Does it work?



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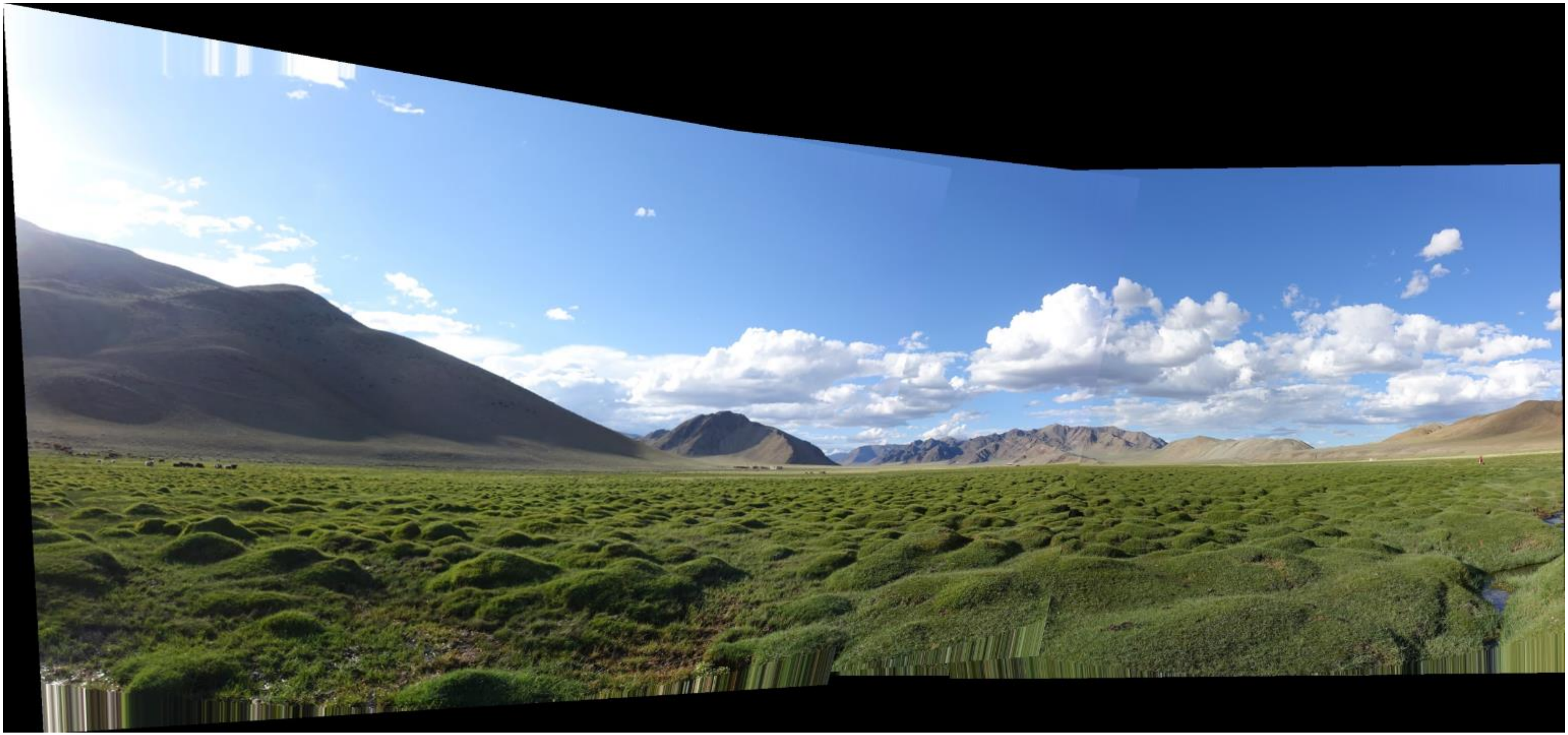

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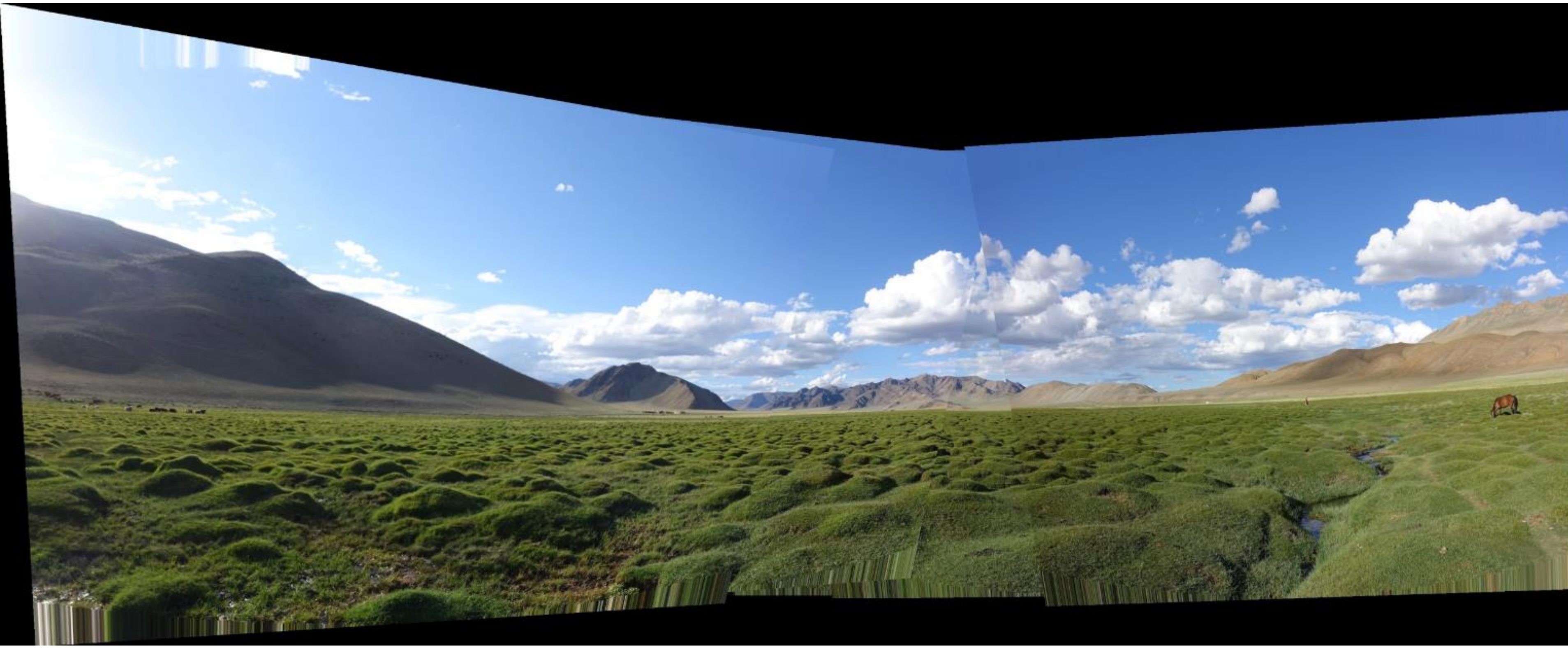
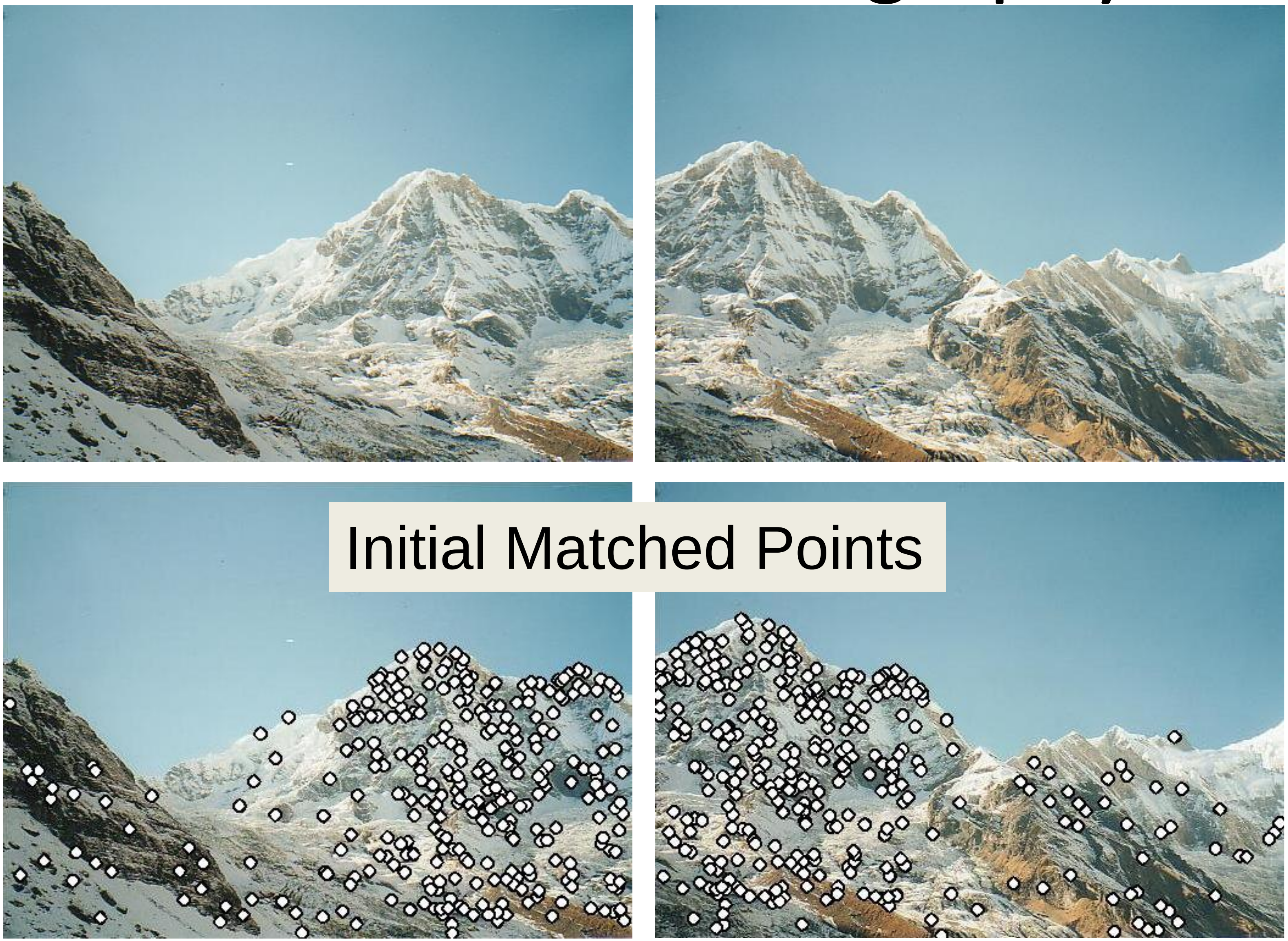


Does it work? Yay!

Where are we?

- We are going to build a panorama from two (or more) images.
- We need to learn about
  - Finding interest points
  - Describing small patches about such points
  - Finding matches between pairs of such points on two images, using the descriptors
  - Selecting the best set of matches and saving them
  - Constructing homographies (transformations) from one image to the other and picking the best one
  - Stitching the images together to make the panorama

RANSAC for Homography



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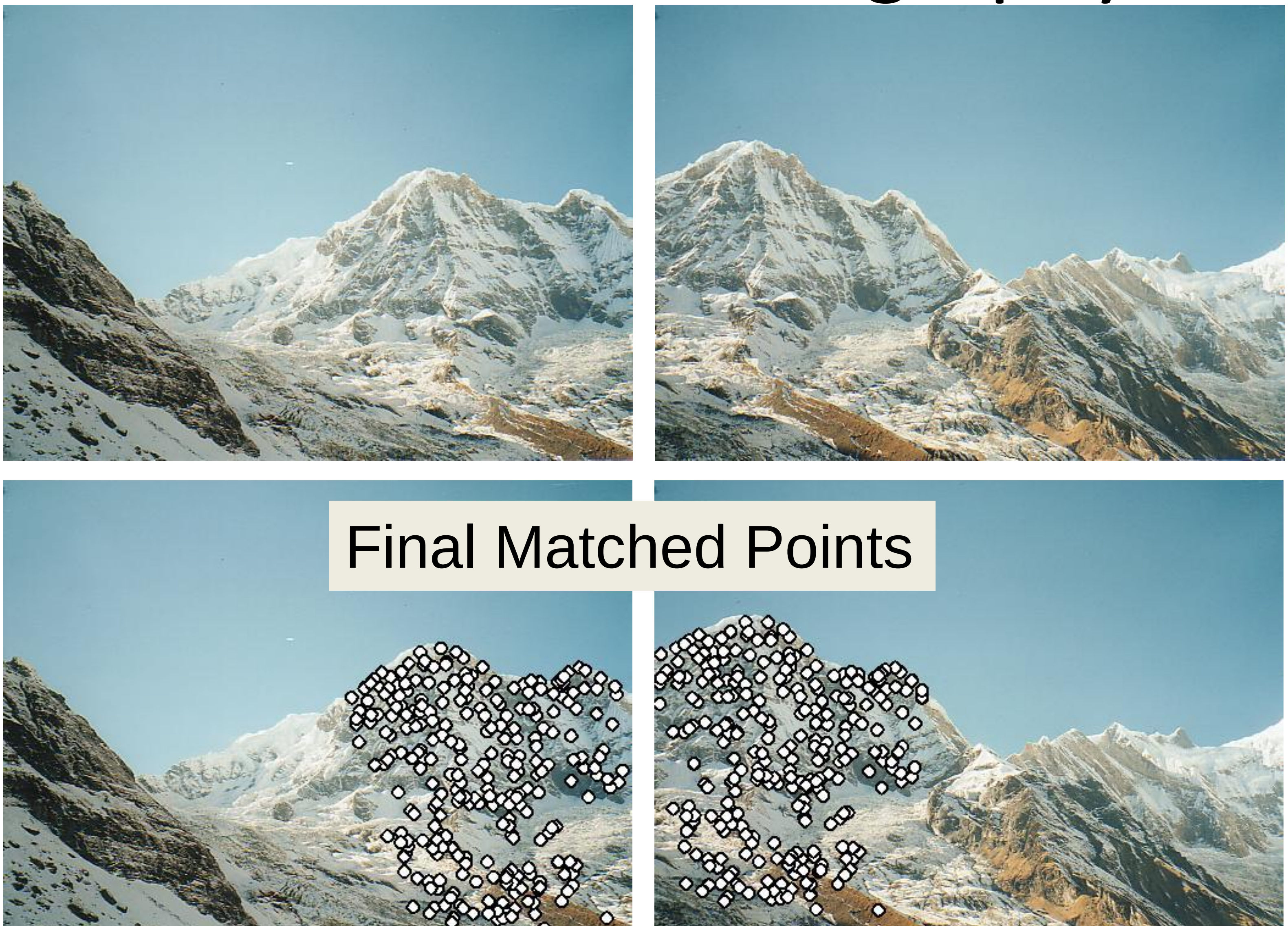

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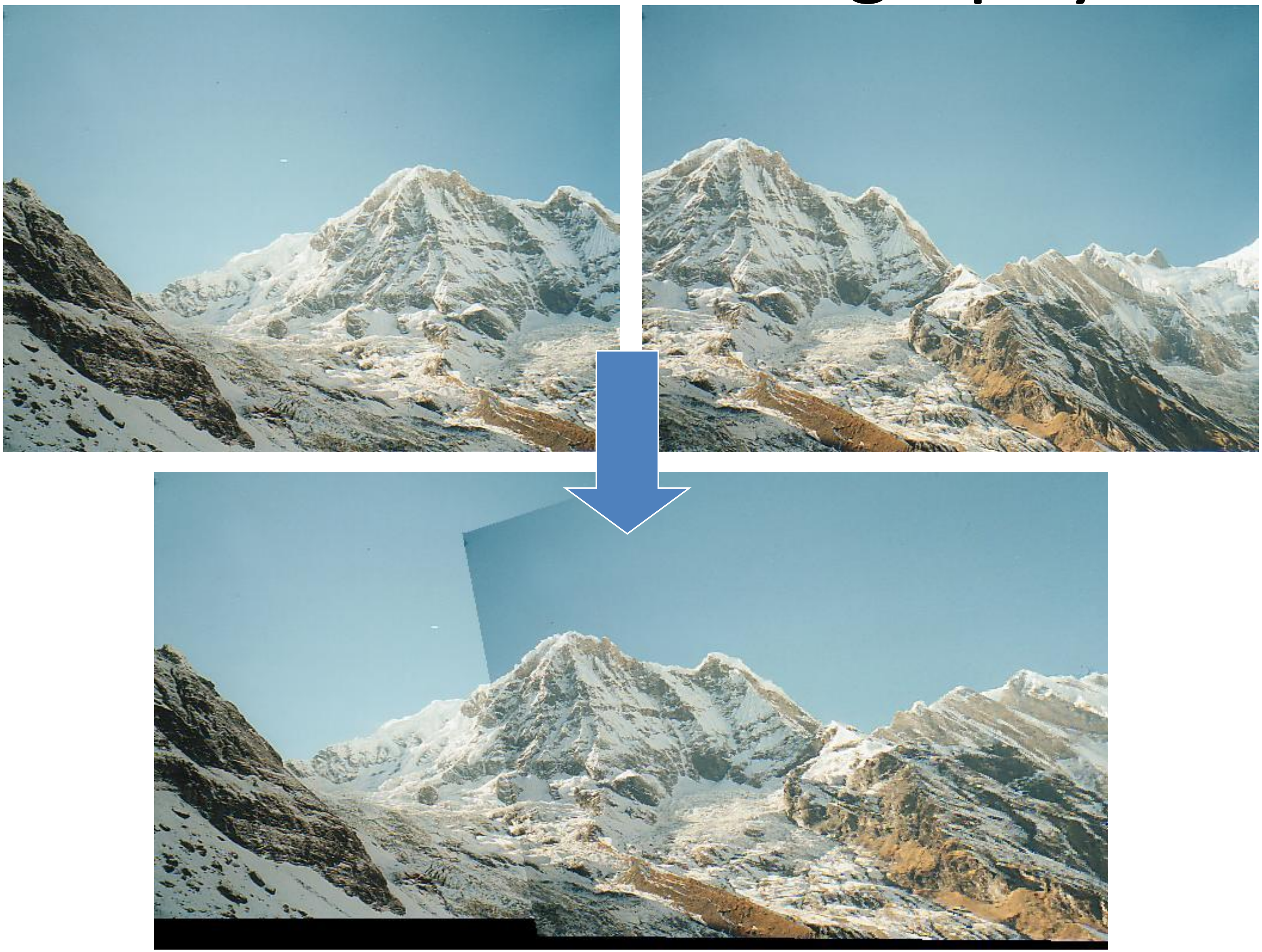

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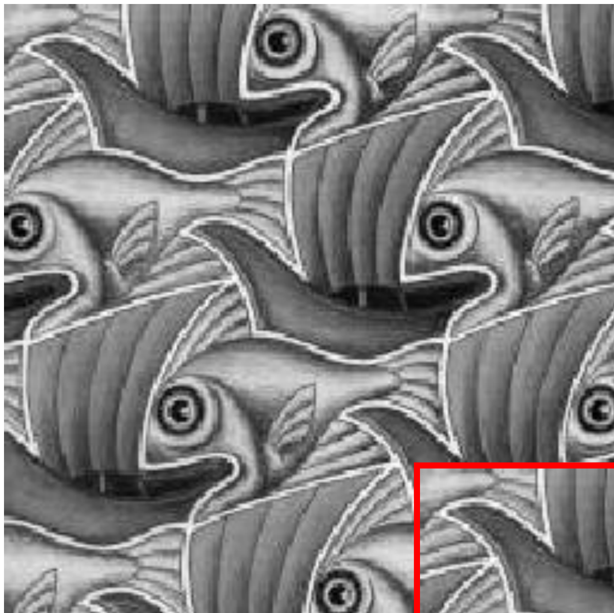
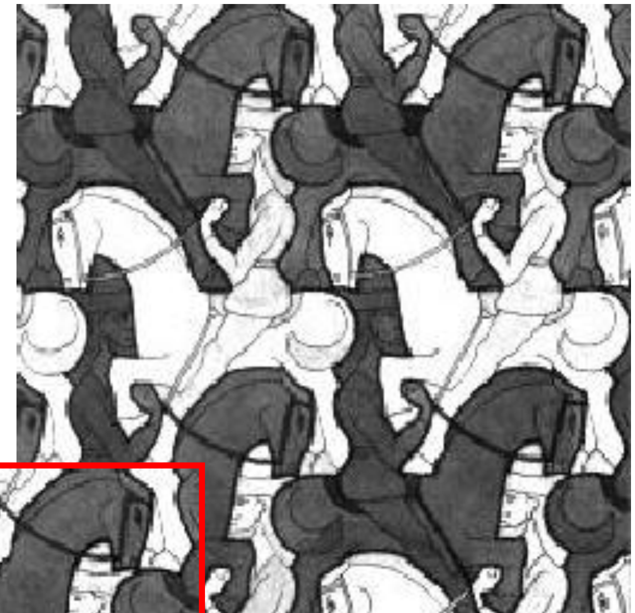
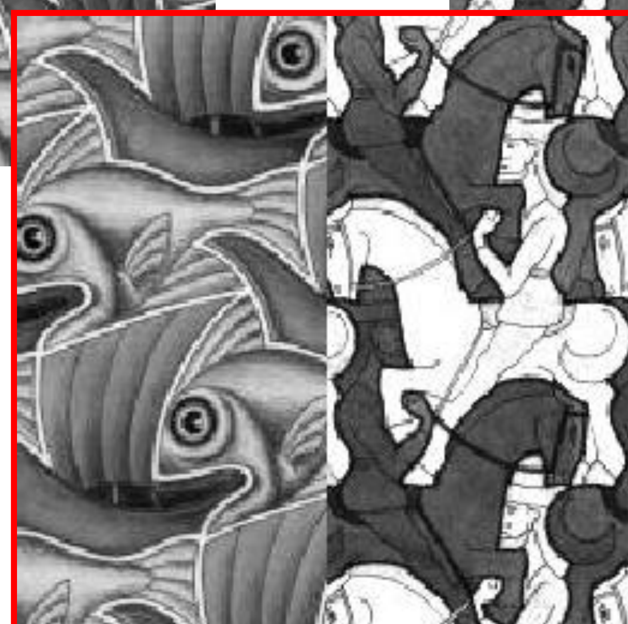
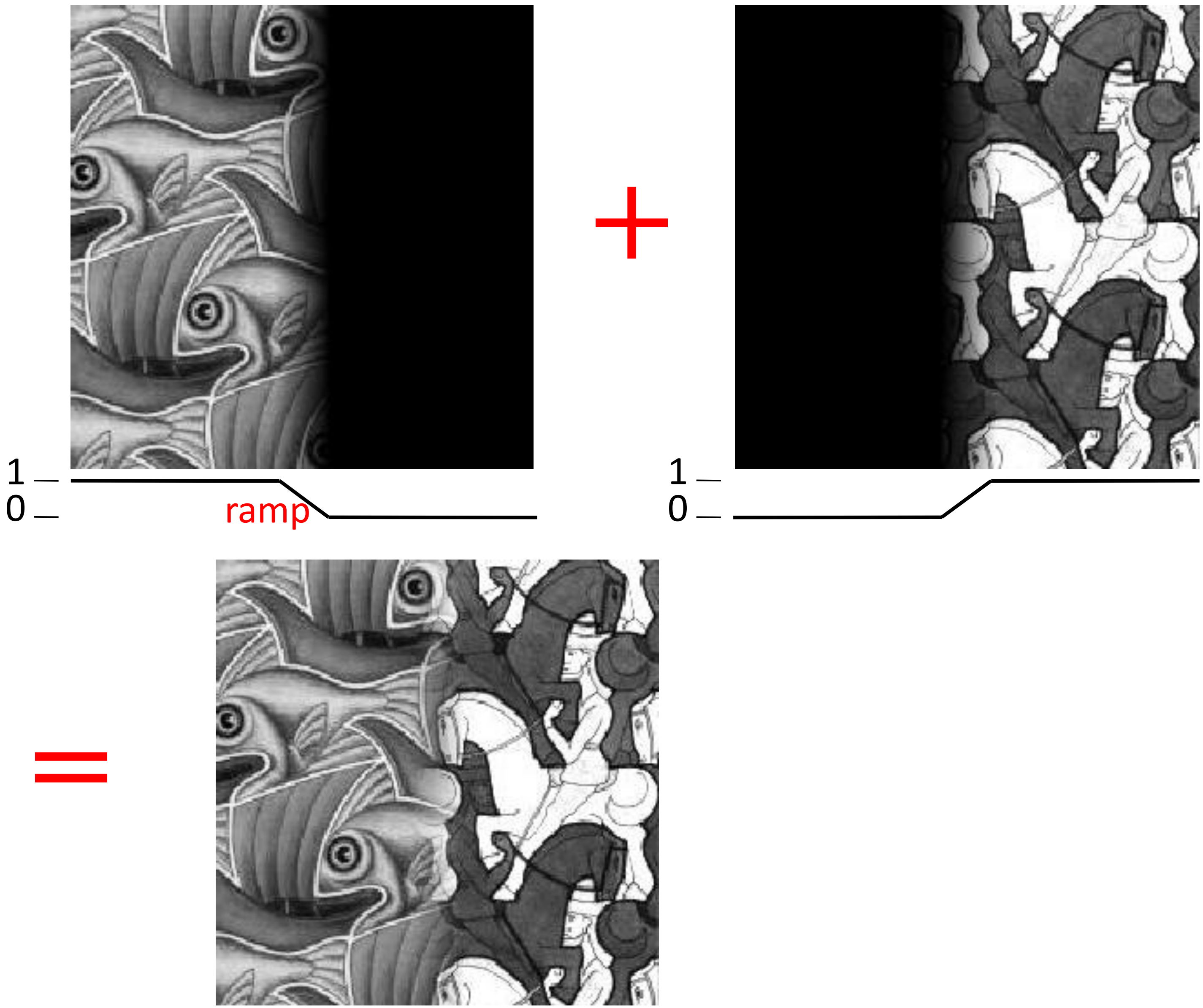




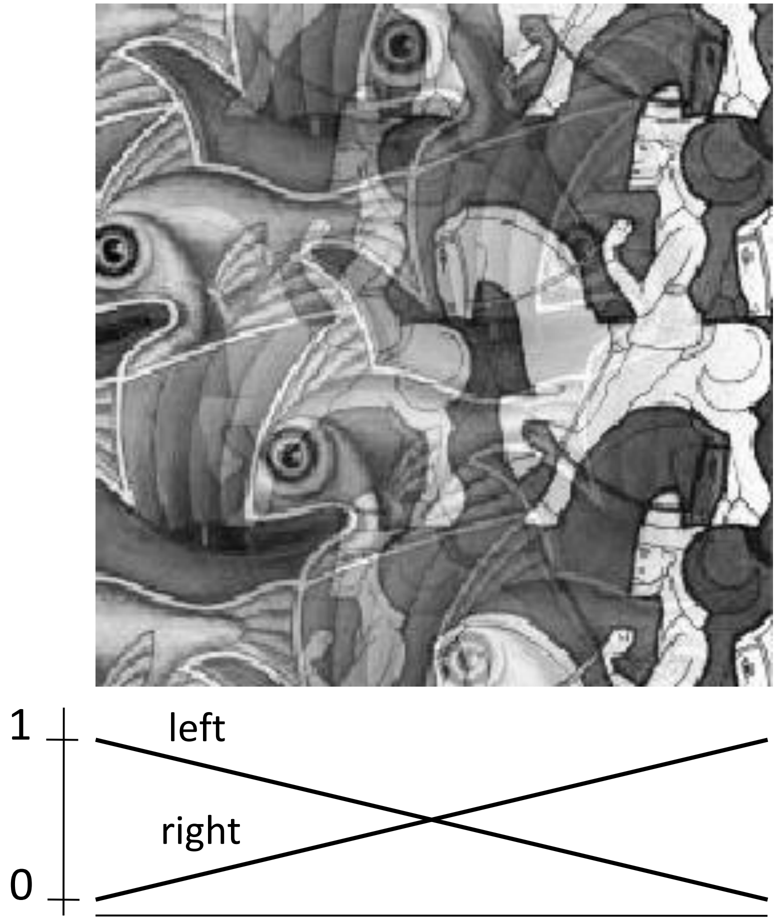


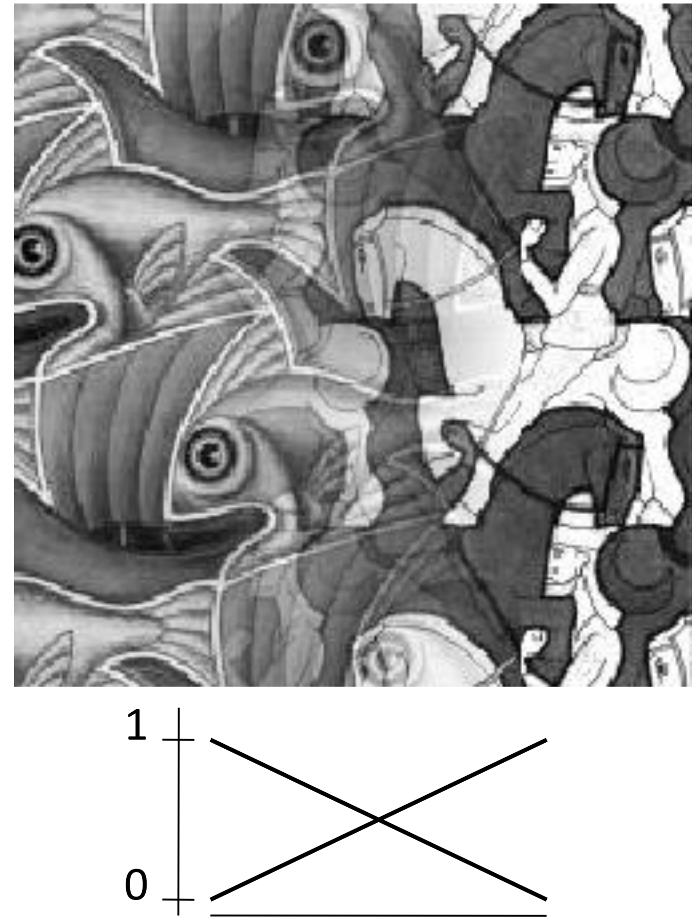
What's wrong?

Feathering



Effect of window (ramp-width) size





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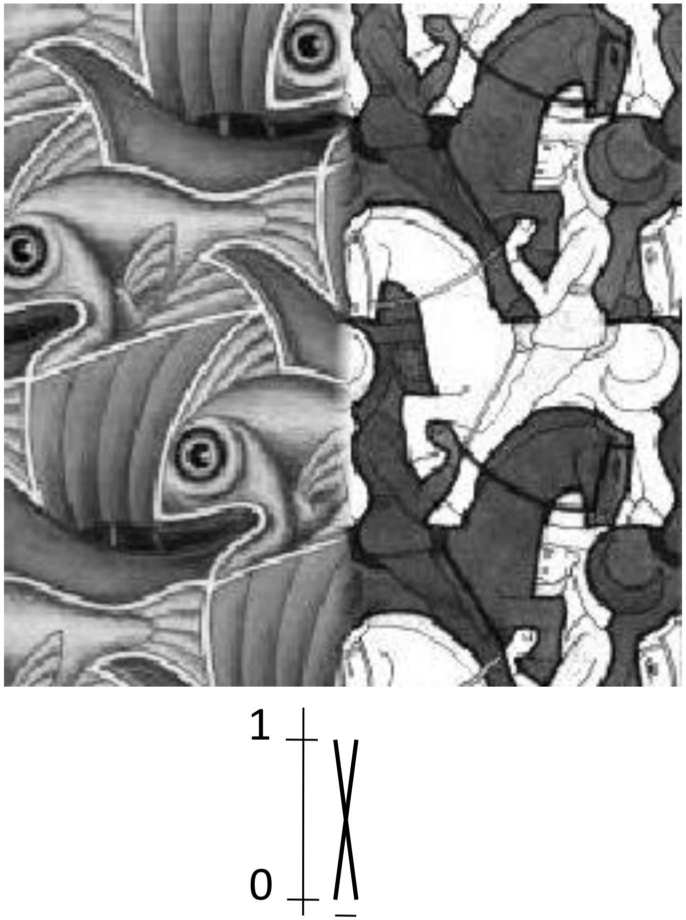
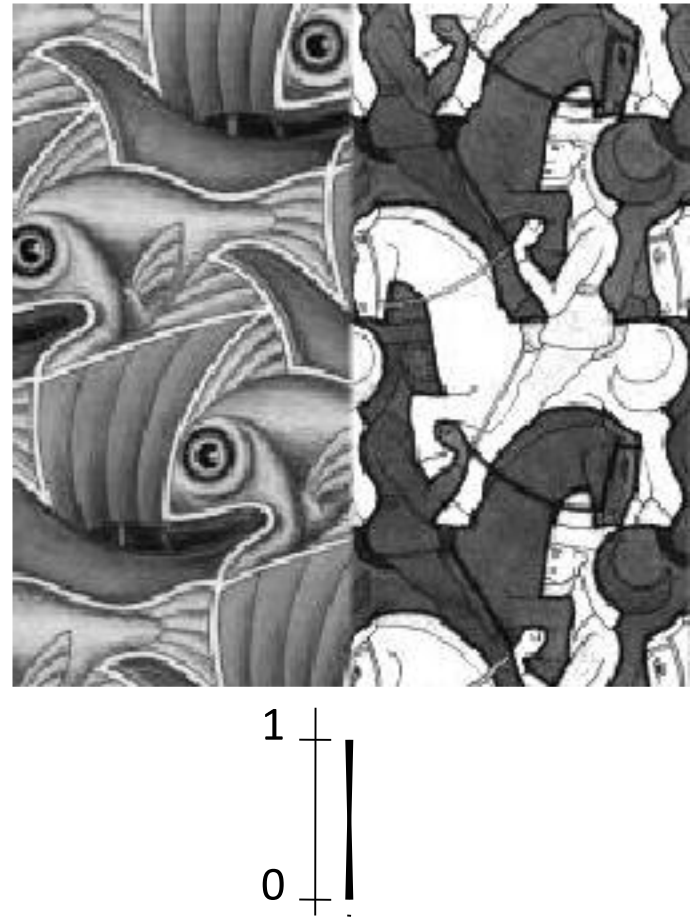
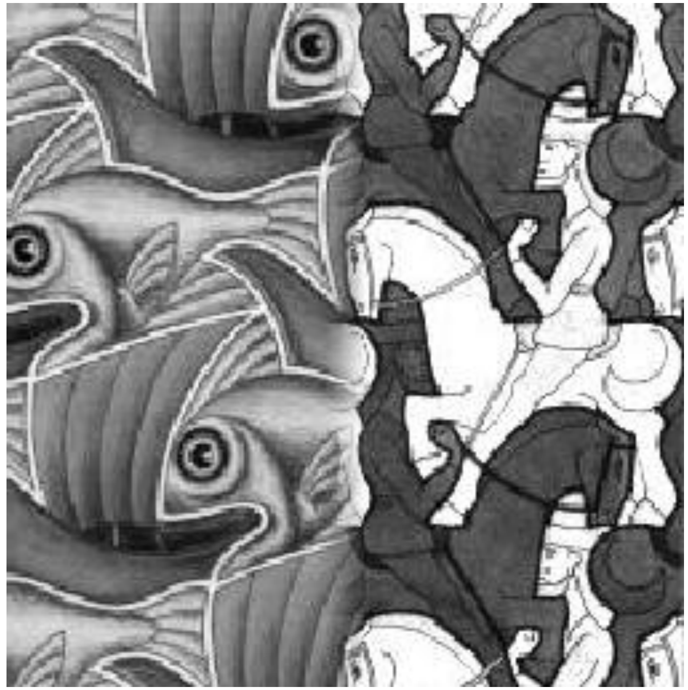
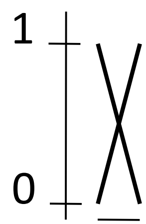




Good window size





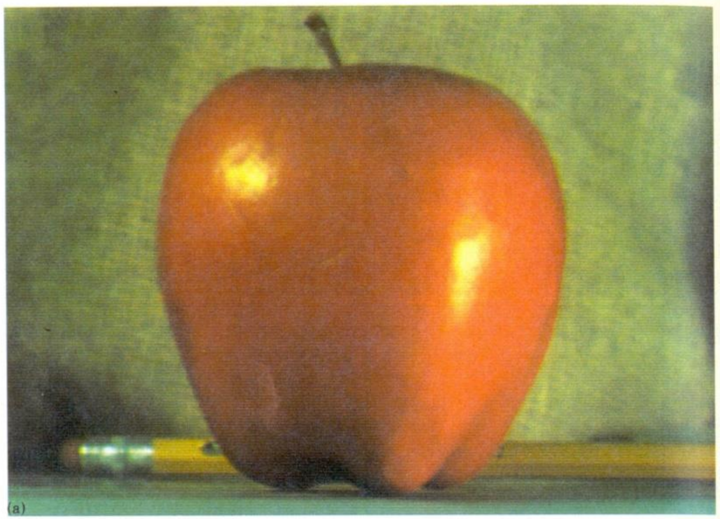
"Optimal" window: smooth but not ghosted

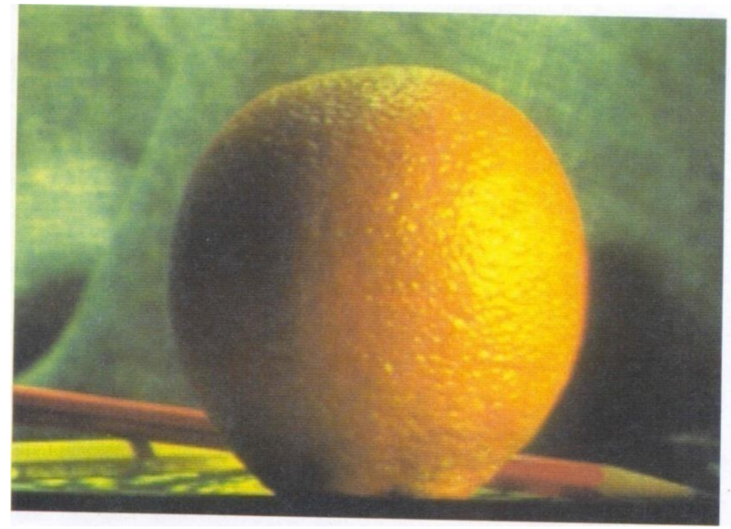
- Doesn't always work...

What can we do instead?

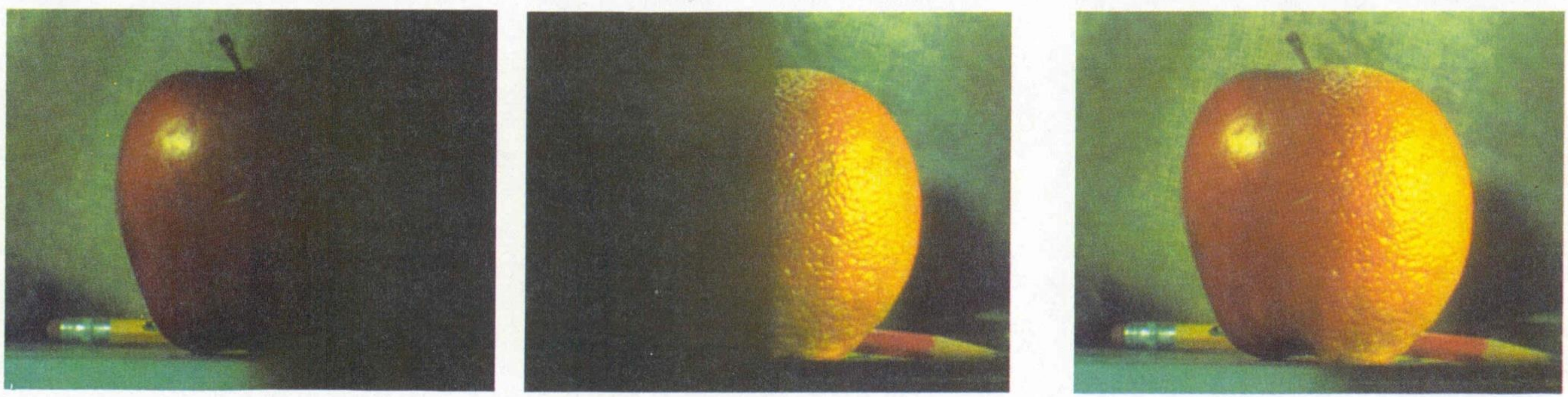
Pyramid blending

apple





orange

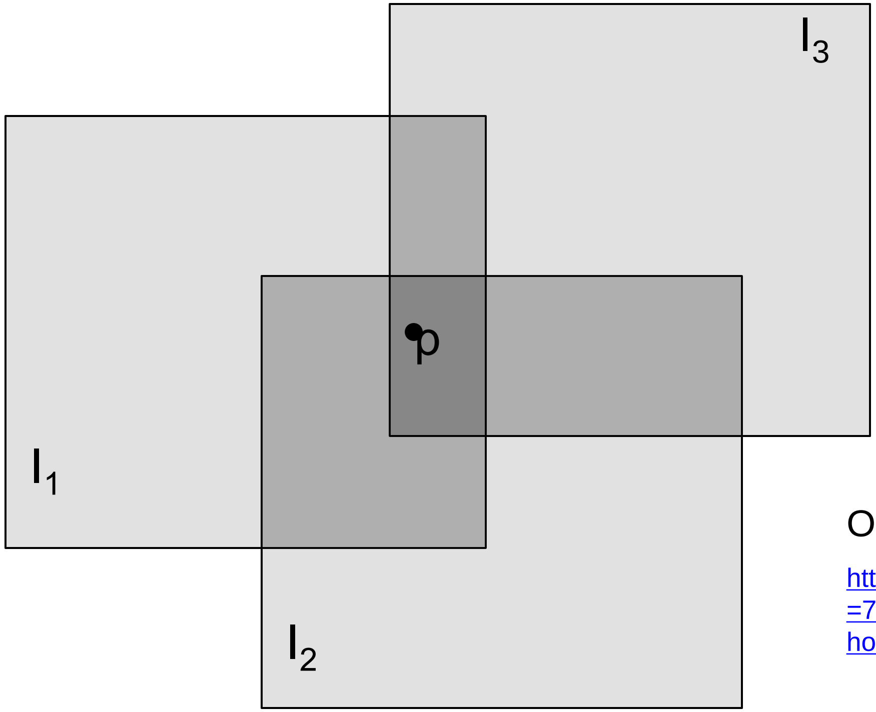


(d) (h) (l)

Create a Laplacian pyramid, blend each level

- Burt, P. J. and Adelson, E. H., A Multiresolution Spline with Application to Image Mosaics, ACM Transactions on Graphics, 42(4), October 1983, 217-236. http://persci.mit.edu/pub_pdfs/spline83.pdf

Alpha Blending



Optional: see Blinn (CGA, 1994) for details:

http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/iel1/38/7531/00310740.pdf?isNumber=7531&prod=JNL&arnumber=310740&arSt=83&ared=87&arAuhor=Blinn%2C+J.F.

Encoding blend weights: $I(x,y) = (\alpha R, \alpha G, \alpha B, \alpha)$

color at p = $$\frac{(\alpha_1 R_1,\ \alpha_1 G_1,\ \alpha_1 B_1) + (\alpha_2 R_2,\ \alpha_2 G_2,\ \alpha_2 B_2) + (\alpha_3 R_3,\ \alpha_3 G_3,\ \alpha_3 B_3)}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}$$

Implement this in two steps:

1. accumulate: add up the (α premultiplied) RGB values at each pixel
2. normalize: divide each pixel's accumulated RGB by its α value

Gain Compensation: Getting rid of artifacts

- Simple gain adjustment
  - Compute average RGB intensity of each image in overlapping region
  - Normalize intensities by ratio of averages

Blending Comparison

(b) Without gain compensation

(c) With gain compensation

(d) With gain compensation and multi-band blending

Recognizing Panoramas

Some of following material from Brown and Lowe 2003 talk

Brown and Lowe 2003, 2007

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inliers

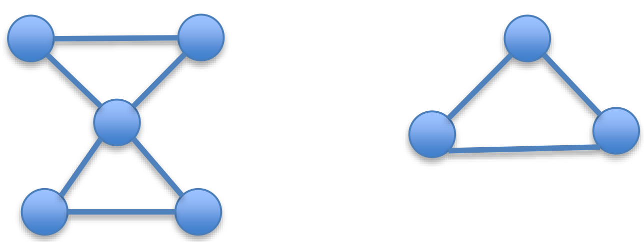
keypoints in overlapping area

Recognizing Panoramas (cont.)

(now we have matched pairs of images)

4. Make a graph of matched pairs

   Find connected components of the graph



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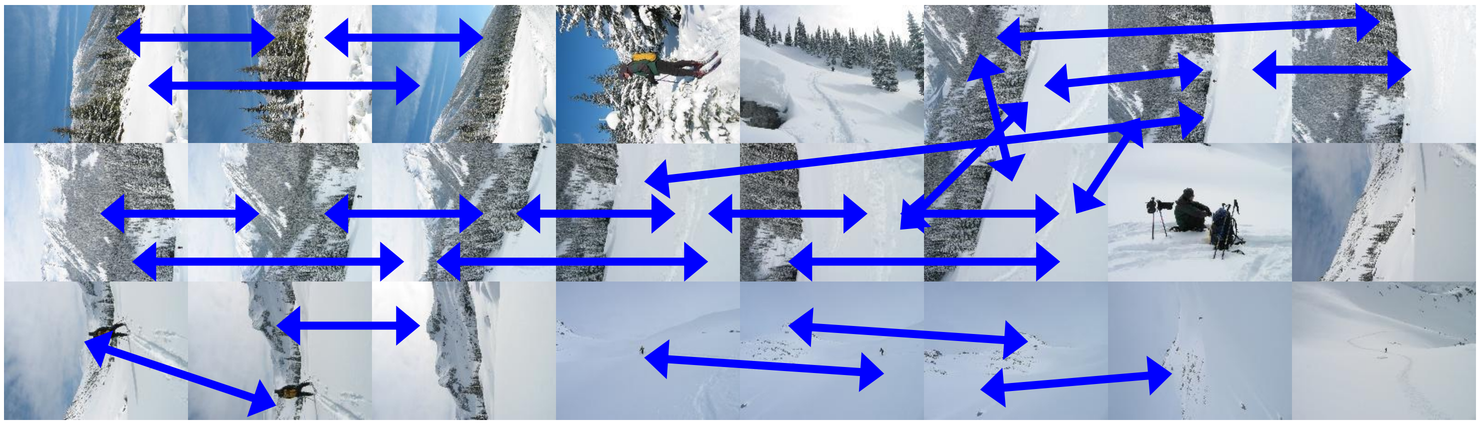

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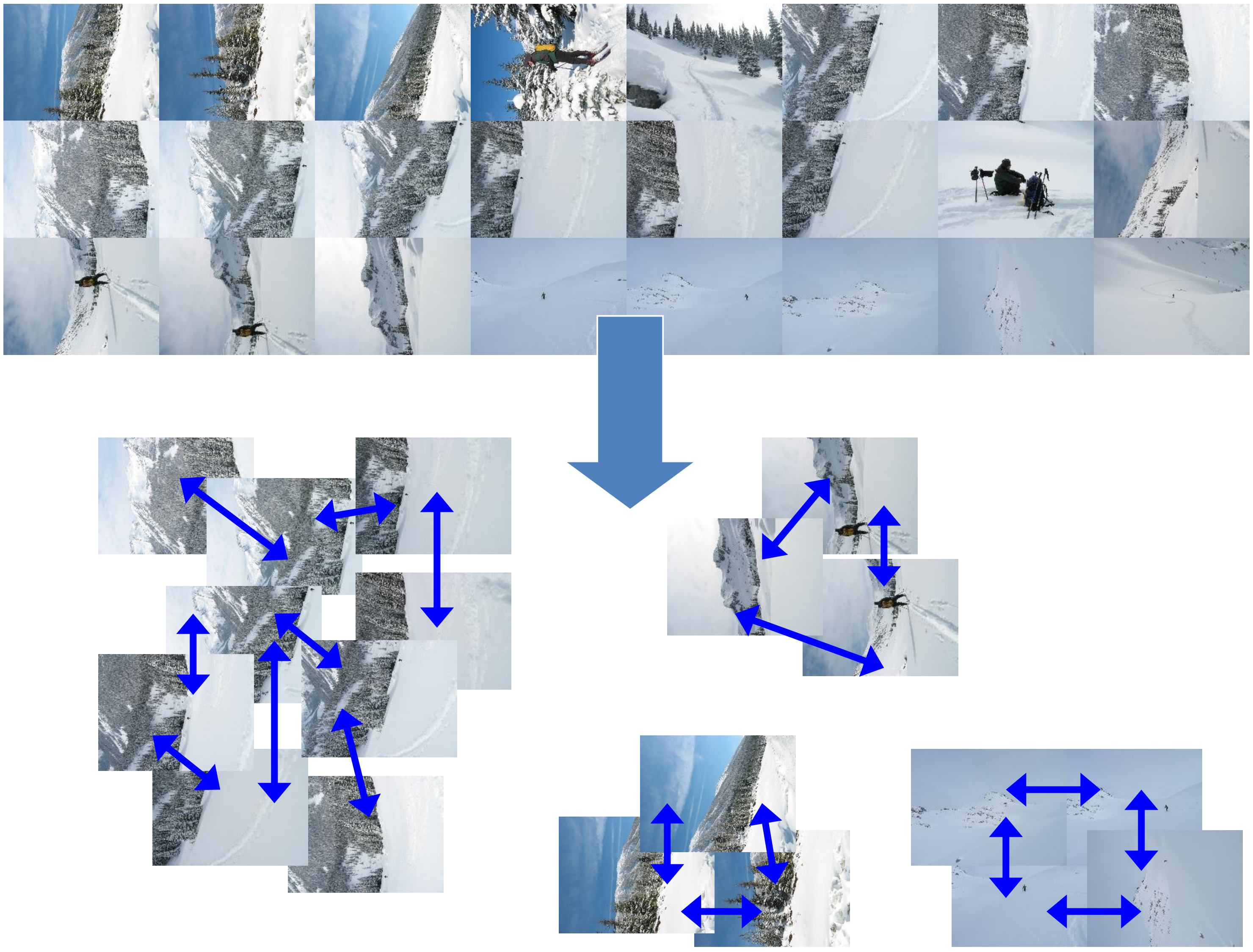


Recognizing Panoramas (cont.)

(now we have matched pairs of images)

4. Find connected components
5. For each connected component
   a) Solve for rotation and f
   b) Project to a surface (plane, cylinder, or sphere)
   c) Render with multiband blending

Finding the panoramas

Homework 3

CREATING PANORAMAS!

Useful structures (defined in image.h)

- **Data structure for an point**

```
typedef struct{
    float x, y;
} point;
```

- **Data structure for a descriptor**

```
typedef struct{
    point p; <-pixel location
    int n; <-size of data
    float *data;
} descriptor;
```

- **Data structure for a match**

```
typedef struct{
    point p, q; <-matching points
    int ai, bi; <-matching indices of descriptor arrays
    float distance; <-dist. between matching descriptors
} match;
```

Overall algorithm

```
image panorama_image(image a, image b, float sigma, float thresh, int
nms, float inlier_thresh, int iters, int cutoff)
{
    // Calculate corners and descriptors
    descriptor *ad = harris_corner_detector(a, sigma, thresh, nms, &an);
    descriptor *bd = harris_corner_detector(b, sigma, thresh, nms, &bn);

    // Find matches
    match *m = match_descriptors(ad, an, bd, bn, &mn);

    // Run RANSAC to find the homography
    matrix H = RANSAC(m, mn, inlier_thresh, iters, cutoff);

    // Stitch the images together with the homography
    image combine = combine_images(a, b, H);

return combine;
}
```

1. Harris corner detection

- TODO #1.1: Compute structure matrix S
- TODO #1.2: Compute cornerness response map R from structure matrix S
- TODO #1.3: Find local maxes in map R using non-maximum suppression
- TODO #1.4: Compute descriptors for final corners

TODO #1.1: structure matrix

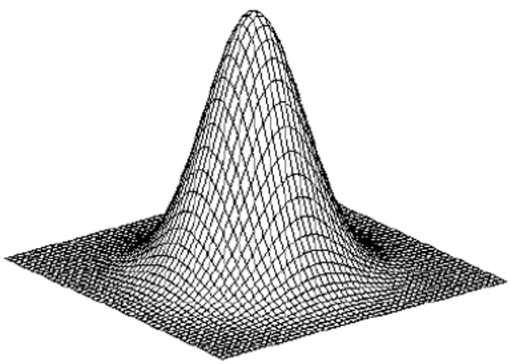
- Compute Ix and Iy using Sobel filters from HW2

- Create an empty image of 3 channels
  - Assign channel 1 to Ix^2
  - Assign channel 2 to Iy^2
  - Assign channel 3 to Ix * Iy

- Compute weighted sum of neighbors
  - smooth the image with a gaussian of given sigma

TODO #1.1.1: make a fast smoother

- Decompose a 2D gaussian to 2 1D convolutions.



Gaussian

Separable kernel

- Factors into product of two 1D Gaussians
- Discrete example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_\sigma(u,v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right)$$

TODO #1.2: response map

- For each pixel of the given structure matrix S:
  - Get Ix^2, Iy^2 and IxIy from the 3 channels
  - Compute $Det(S) = Ix^2 * Iy^2 – IxIy * IxIy$
  - Compute $Tr(S) = Ix^2 + Iy^2$
  - Compute $R = Det(S) – 0.06 * Tr(S) * Tr(S)$

TODO #1.3: NMS

- For each pixel ‘p’ of the given response map R
  - get value(p)
  - loop over all neighboring pixels ‘q’ in a 2w+1 window
    - +/- w around the current pixel location
    - if value(q) > value (p), value(p) = -999999 (very low)
  - set ‘p’ to value(p)

TODO #1.4: corner descriptors

- Given: Response map after NMS
- Initialize count; loop over each pixel
  - if pixel value > threshold, increment count

- Initialize descriptor array of size ‘count’
- Loop over each pixel again
  - if pixel value > threshold, create descriptor for that pixel
    - use describe_index() defined in harris_image.c
  - add this new descriptor to the array

2. Matching descriptors

- TODO #2.1: Find best matches from descriptor array “a” to descriptor array “b”
- TODO #2.2: Eliminate duplicate matches to ensure one-to-one match between “a” and “b”
- TODO #2.3: Project points given a homography and compute inliers from an array of matches
- TODO #2.4: Implement RANSAC algorithm
- TODO #2.5: Combine images

TODO #2.1: best matches

- For each descriptor 'a_r' in array 'a':
  - initialize min_distance and best_index
  - for each descriptor 'b_s' in array 'b':
  - compute L1 distance between a_r and b_s
    - sum of absolute differences
  - if distance < min_distance:
    - update min_distance and best_index

TODO #2.2: remove duplicates

- Sort the matches based on distance (shortest is first)
- Initialize an array of 0s called ‘seen’

- Loop over all matches:
  - if b-index of current match is ≠1 in ‘seen’
    - set the corresponding value in ‘seen’ to 1
    - retain the match
  - else, discard the match

TODO #2.3.1: point projection

- Given point p, set matrix c_{3x1} = [x-coord, y-coord,1]
- Compute $M_{3x1} = H_{3x3} * c_{3x1}$ with given Homography
- Compute x,y coordinates of a point ’q’:
  - x-coord: M[0] / M[2]
  - y-coord: M[1] / M[2]
- Return point ‘q’

TODO #2.3.2: model inliers

- Loop over each match from array of matches (starting from end):
  - project point ‘p’ of match using given ‘H’
  - compute L2 distance between point ‘q’ of match and the projected point
  - if distance < given threshold:
    - it is an inlier; bring match to the front of array (swap)
    - update inlier count

TODO #2.4: implement RANSAC

- For each iteration:
  - compute homography with 4 random matches
    - call compute_homography() with argument 4
  - if homography is empty matrix, continue
  - else compute inliers with this homography
  - if #inliers > max_inliers:
    - compute new homography with all inliers
    - update best_homography with this new homography
    - update max_inliers with #inliers computed with this new homography unless new homography is empty
    - if updated max_inliers > given cutoff: return best_homography
- Return best_homography

TODO #2.5: combine images

- Project corners of image ‘b’ and create a big empty image ‘c’ to place image ‘a’ and projected ‘b’. This part is given in the code.

- For each pixel in image ‘a’, get pixel value and assign it to ‘c’ after proper offset

- For each pixel in image ’c’ within projected bounds:
  - project to image ‘b’ using given homography
  - get pixel value at projected location using bilinear interpolation
  - assign the value to ’c’ after proper offset

3. Cylindrical Projection

- Implement cylindrical projection for an image
  - See lecture slides for the formulas
  - See Tryhw3, which will call the panorama code to do the stitching.
  - See code for the code stub you will fill in to cylinderize an image.

Have Fun