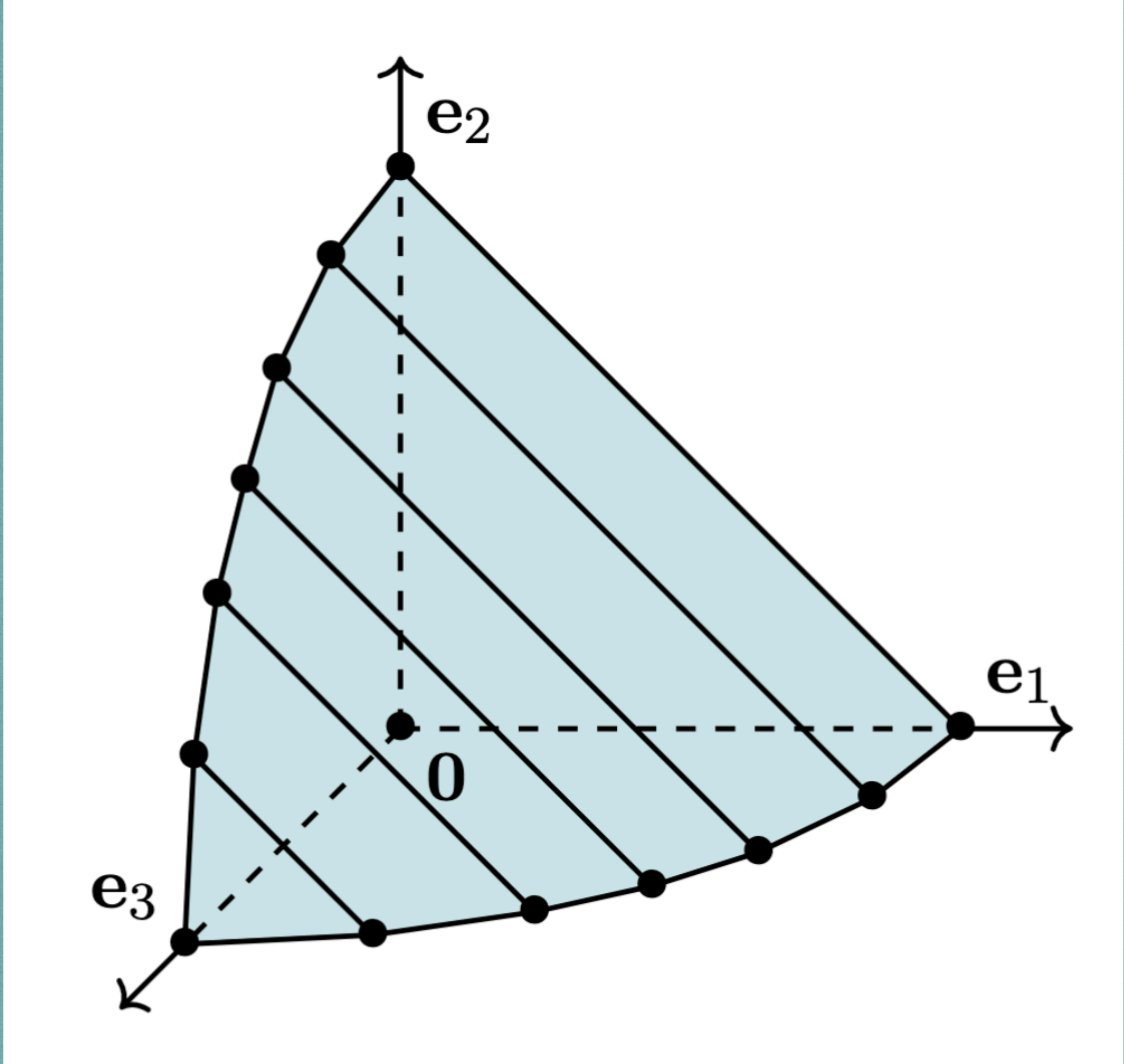
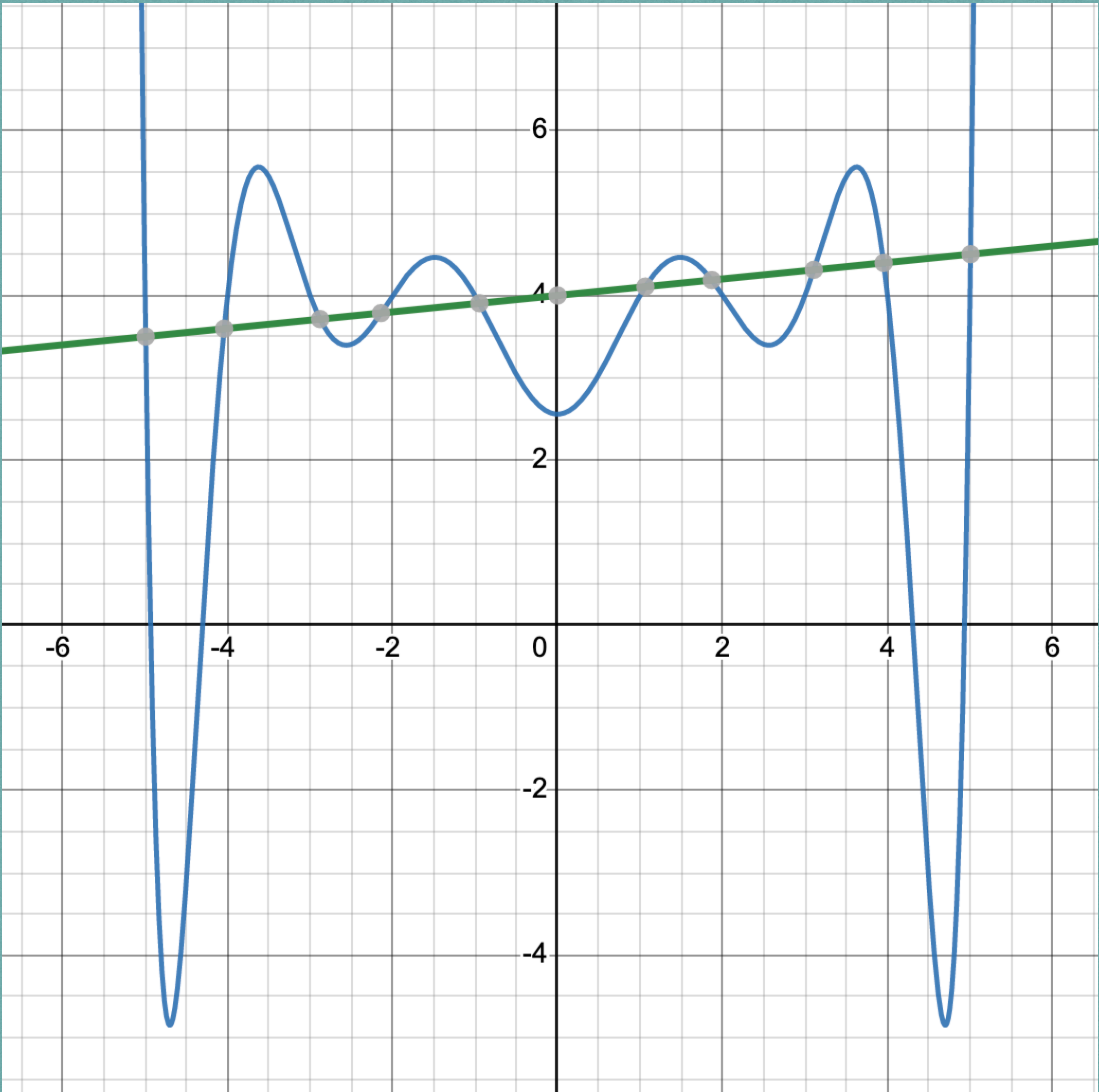


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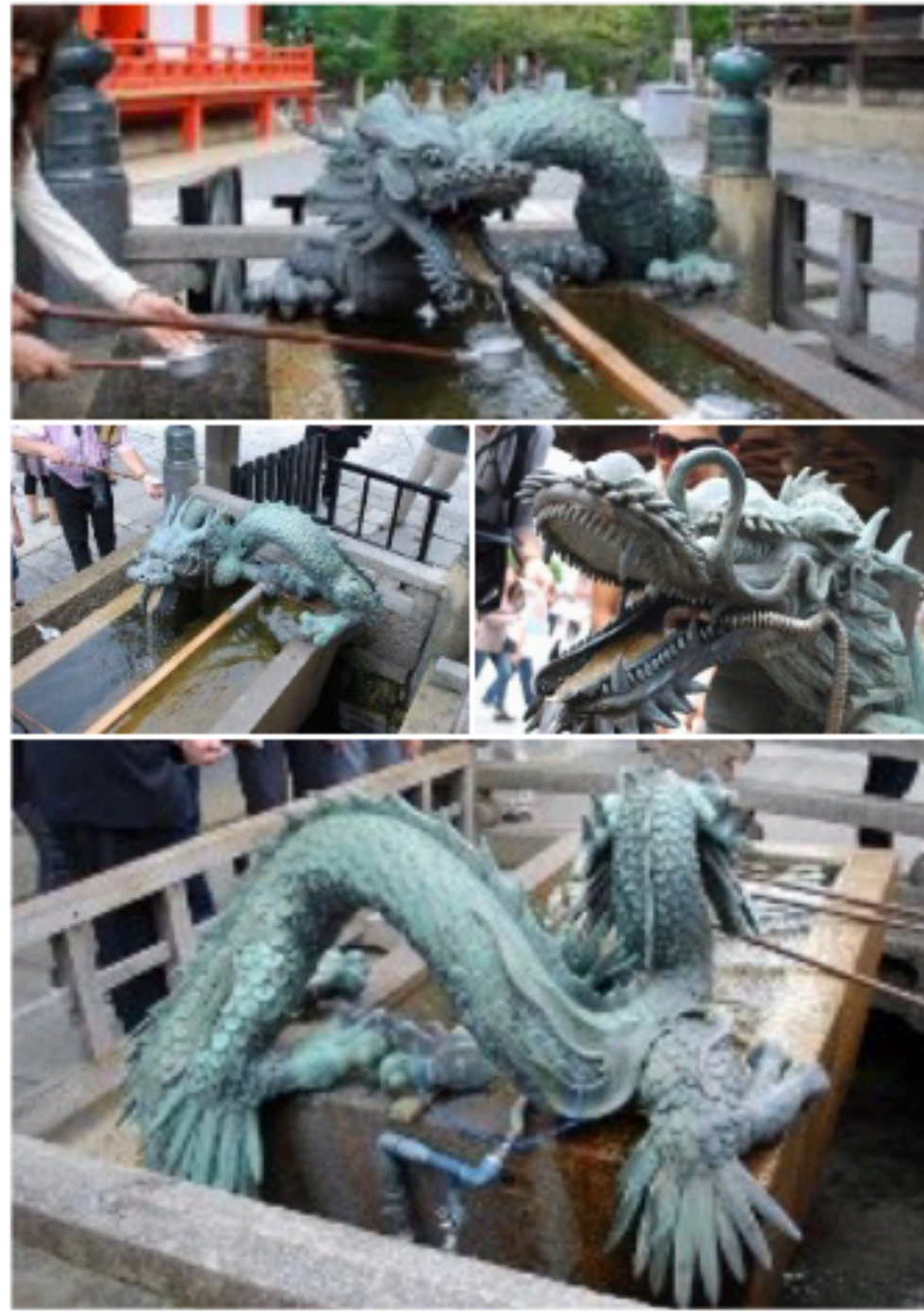
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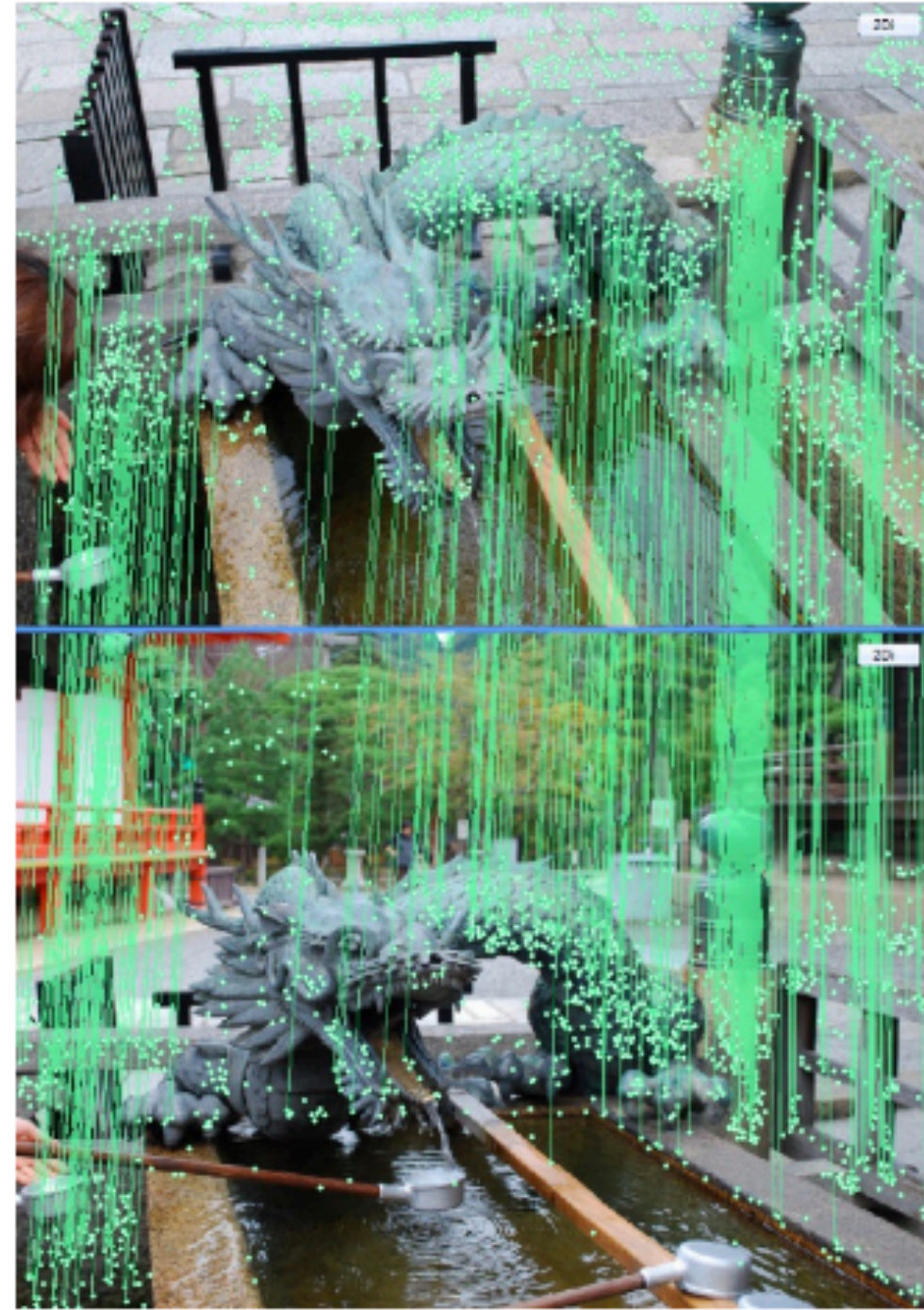
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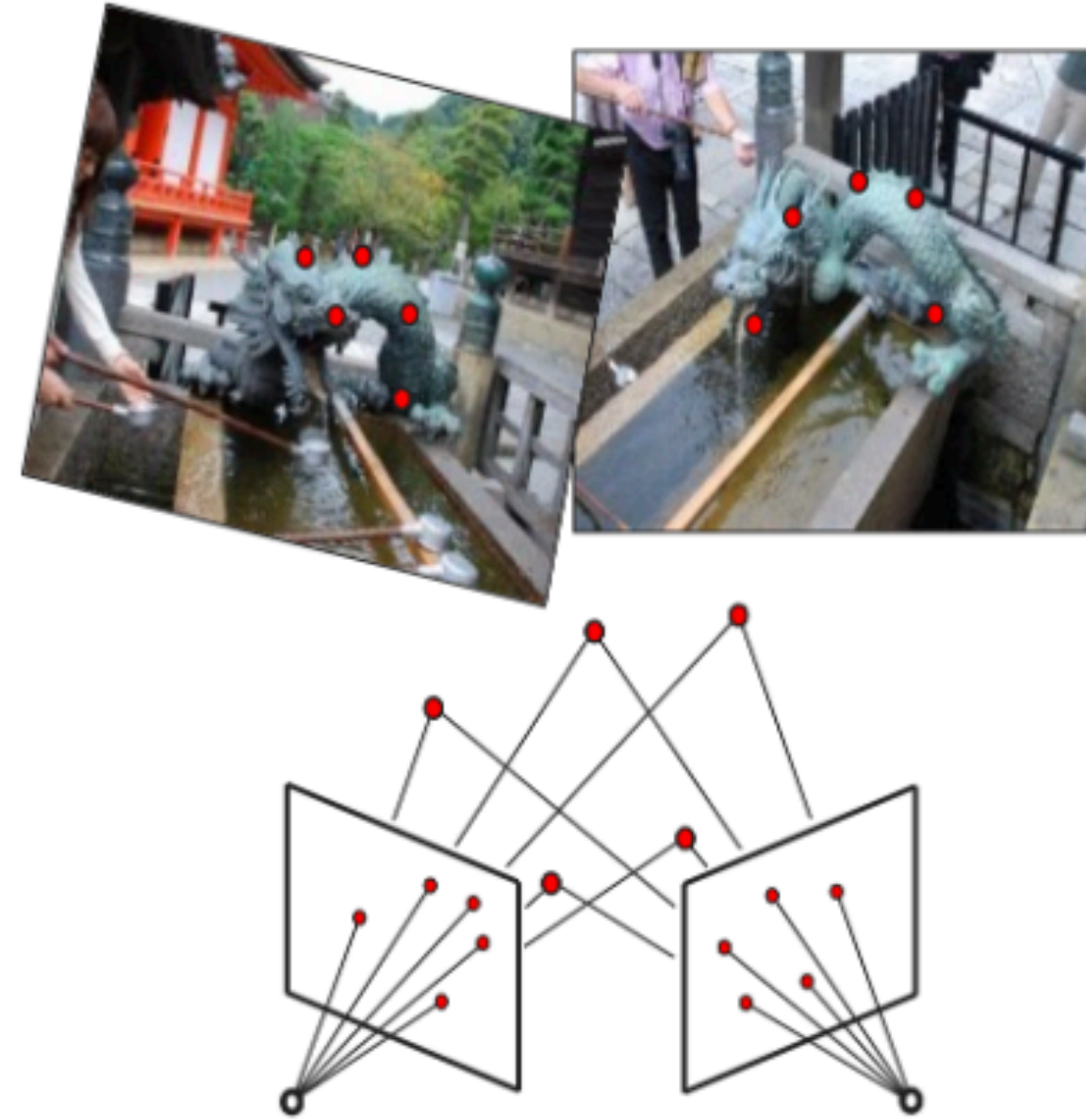
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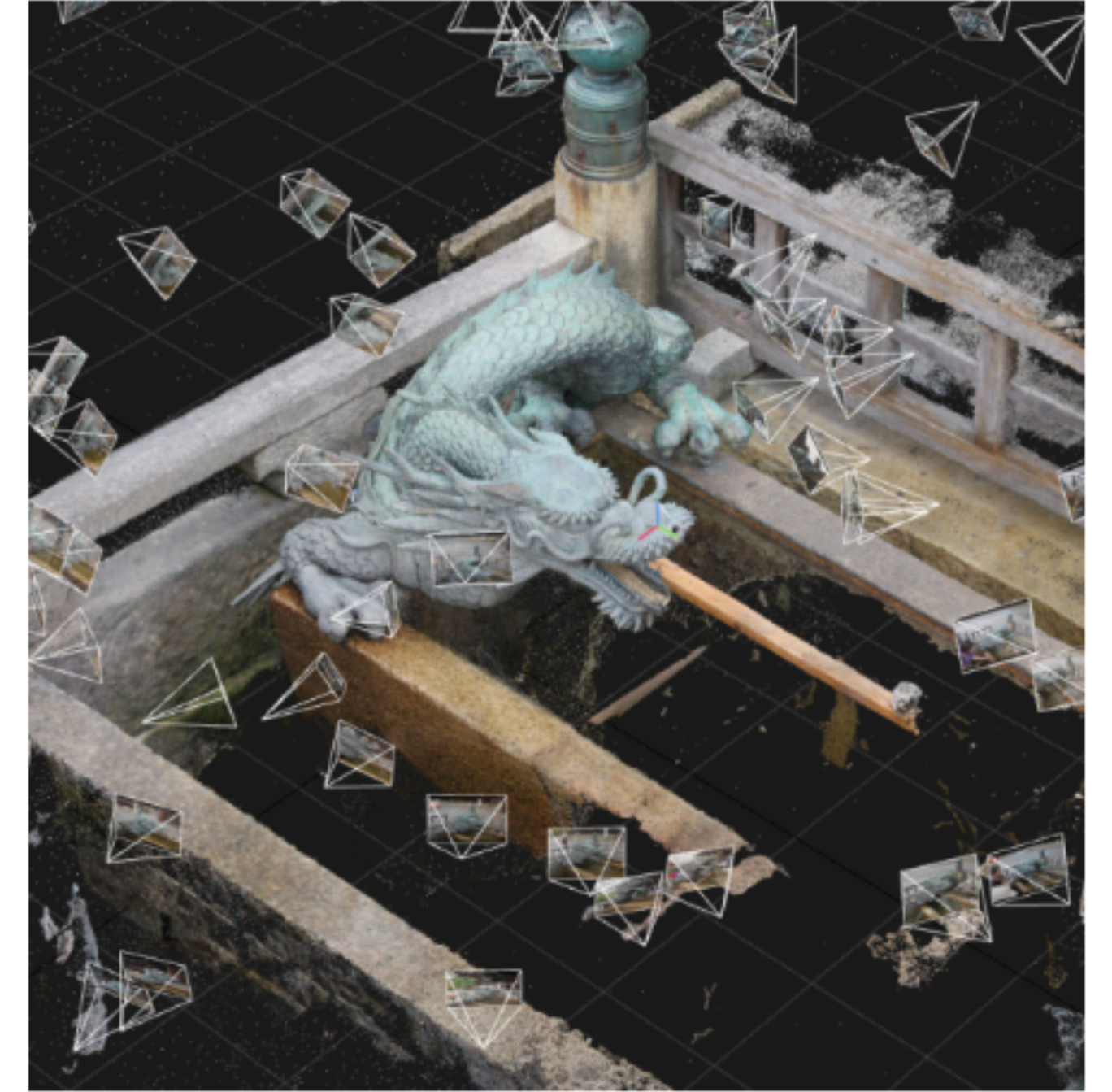
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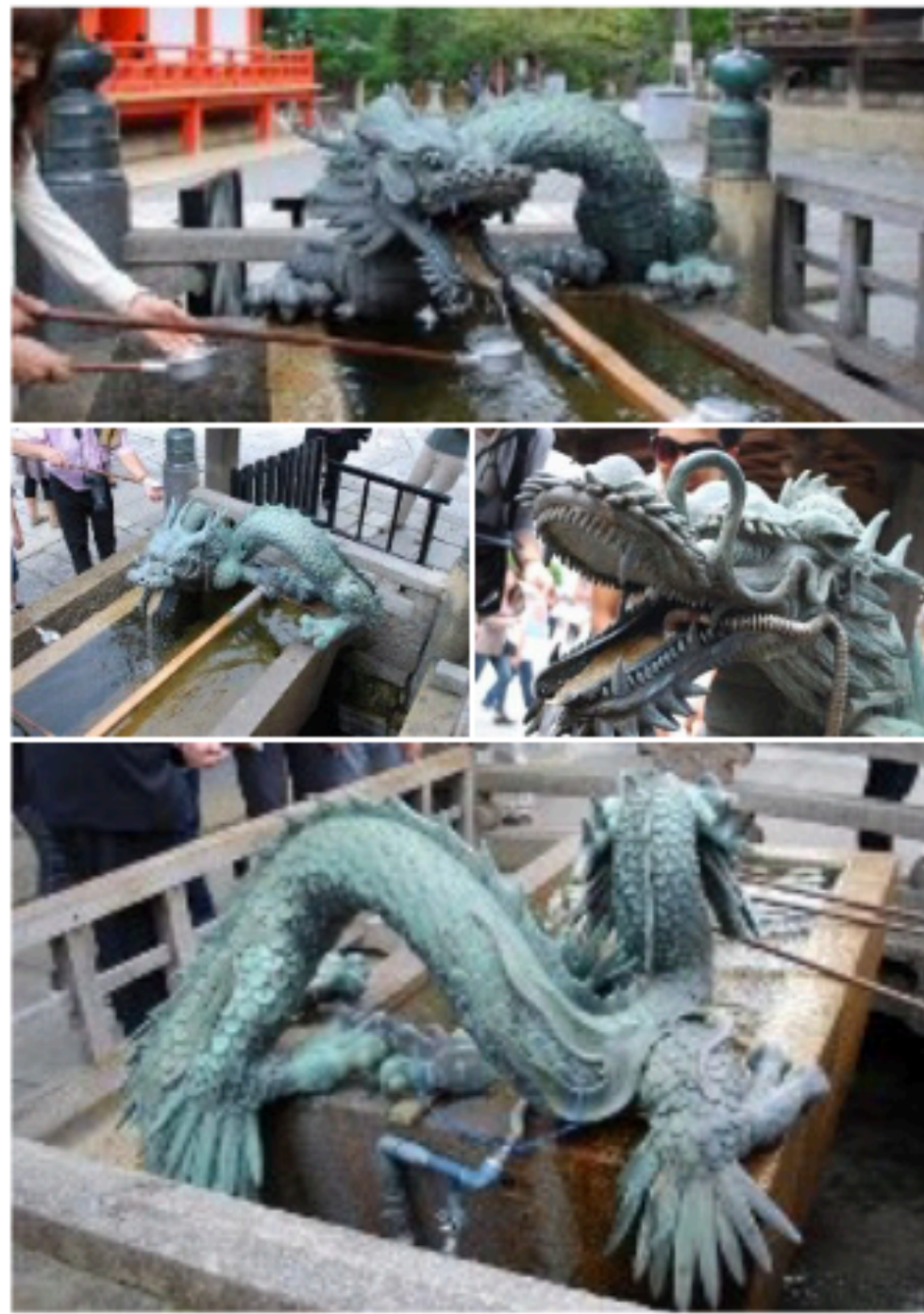
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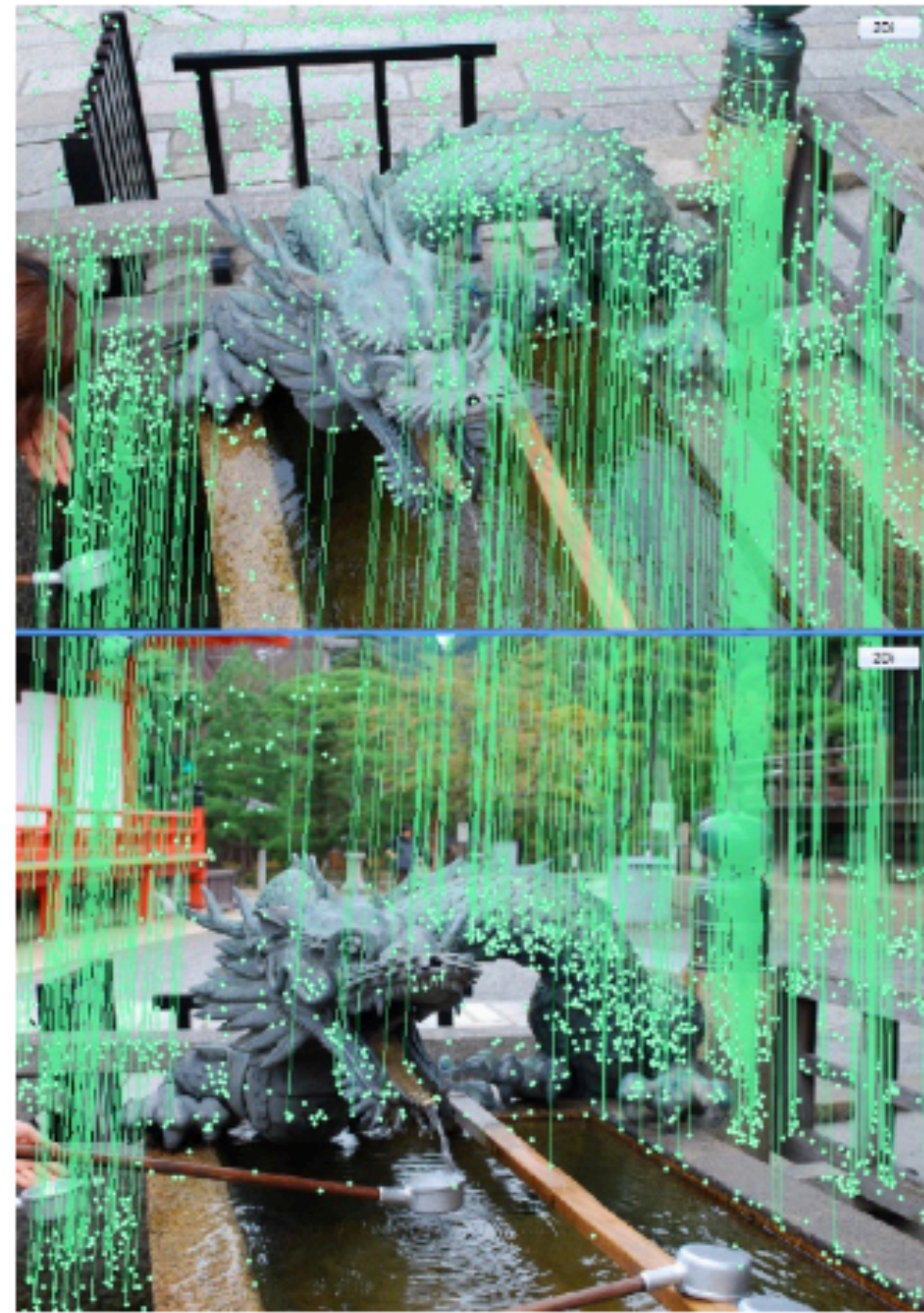
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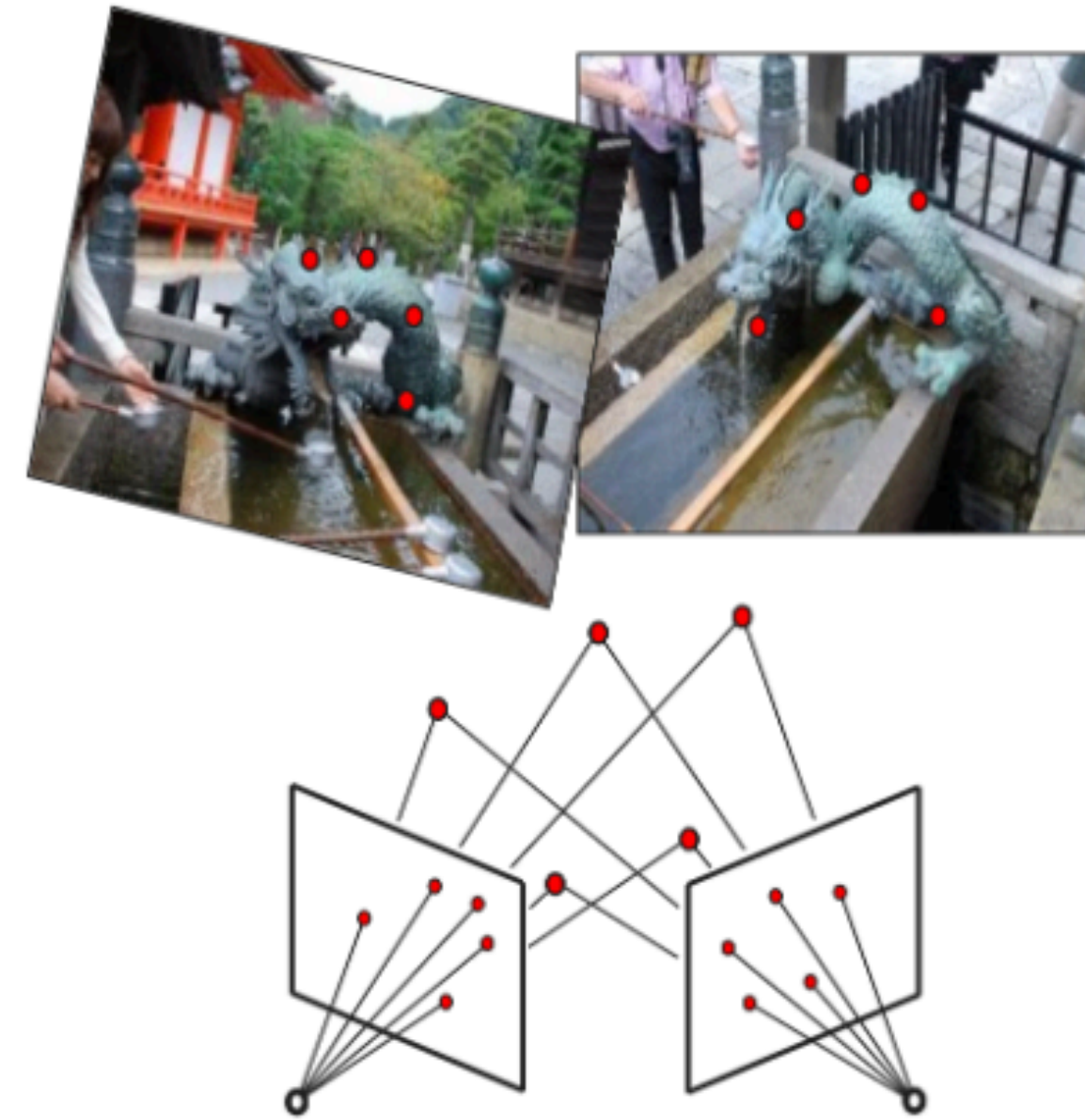
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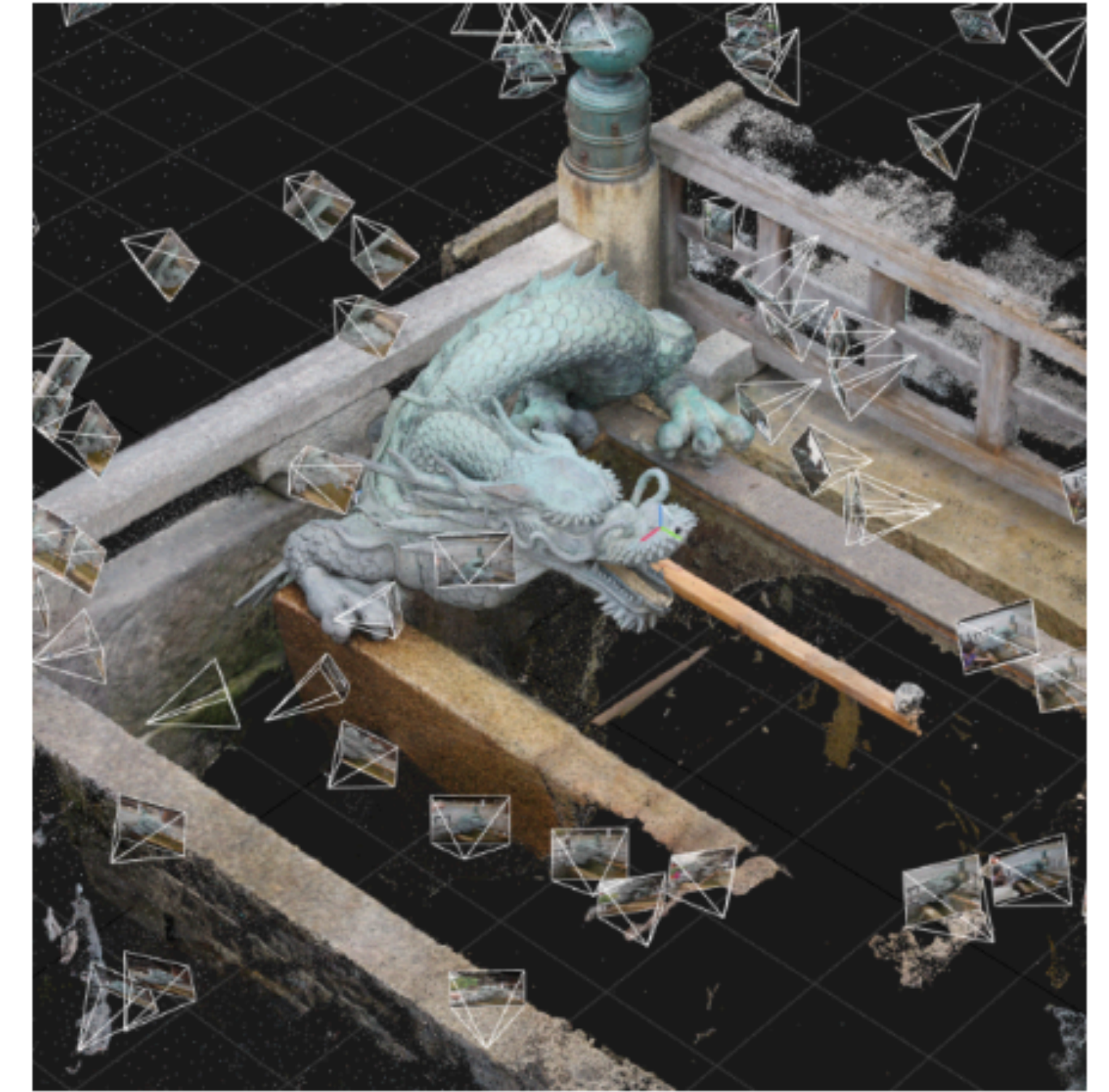
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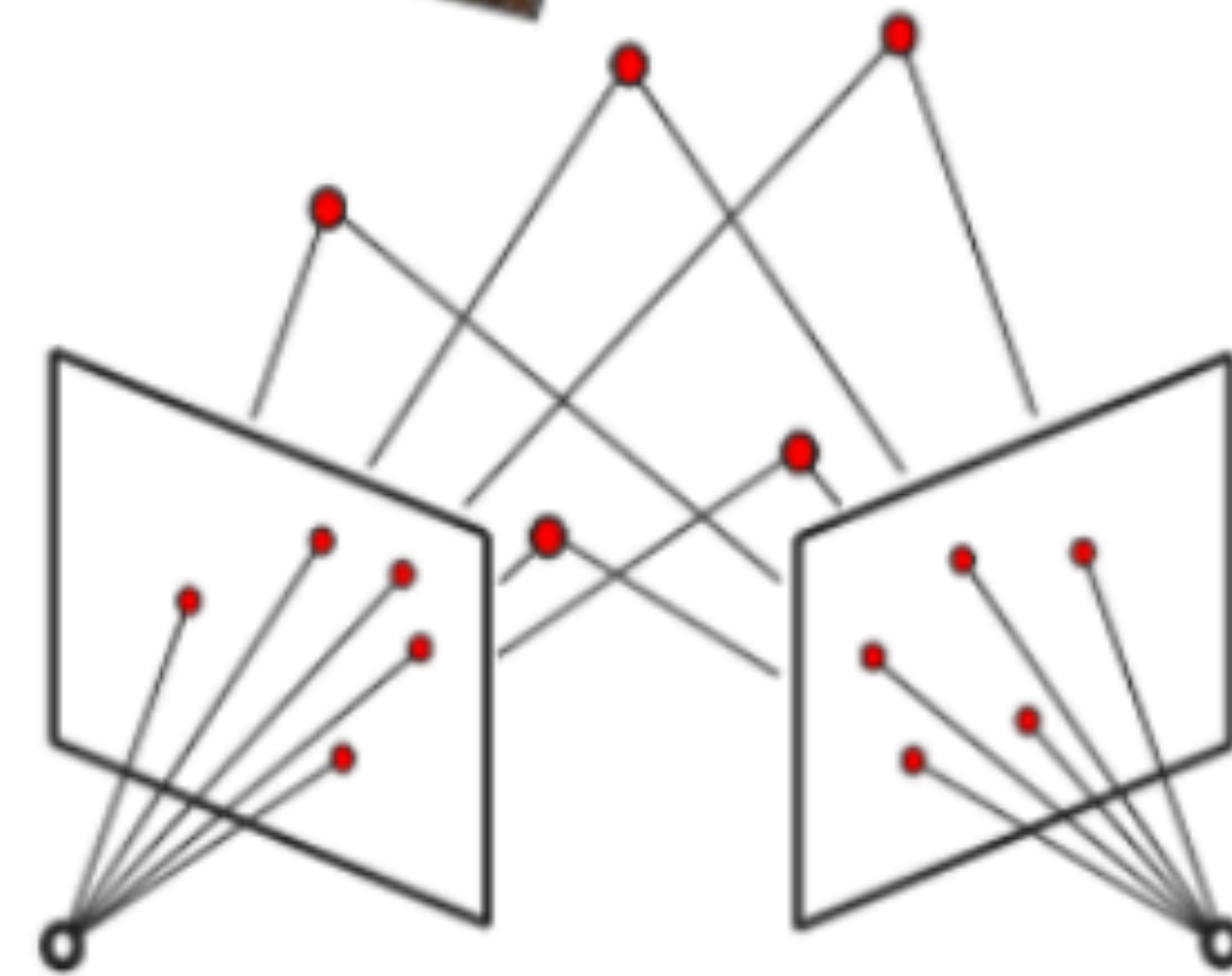


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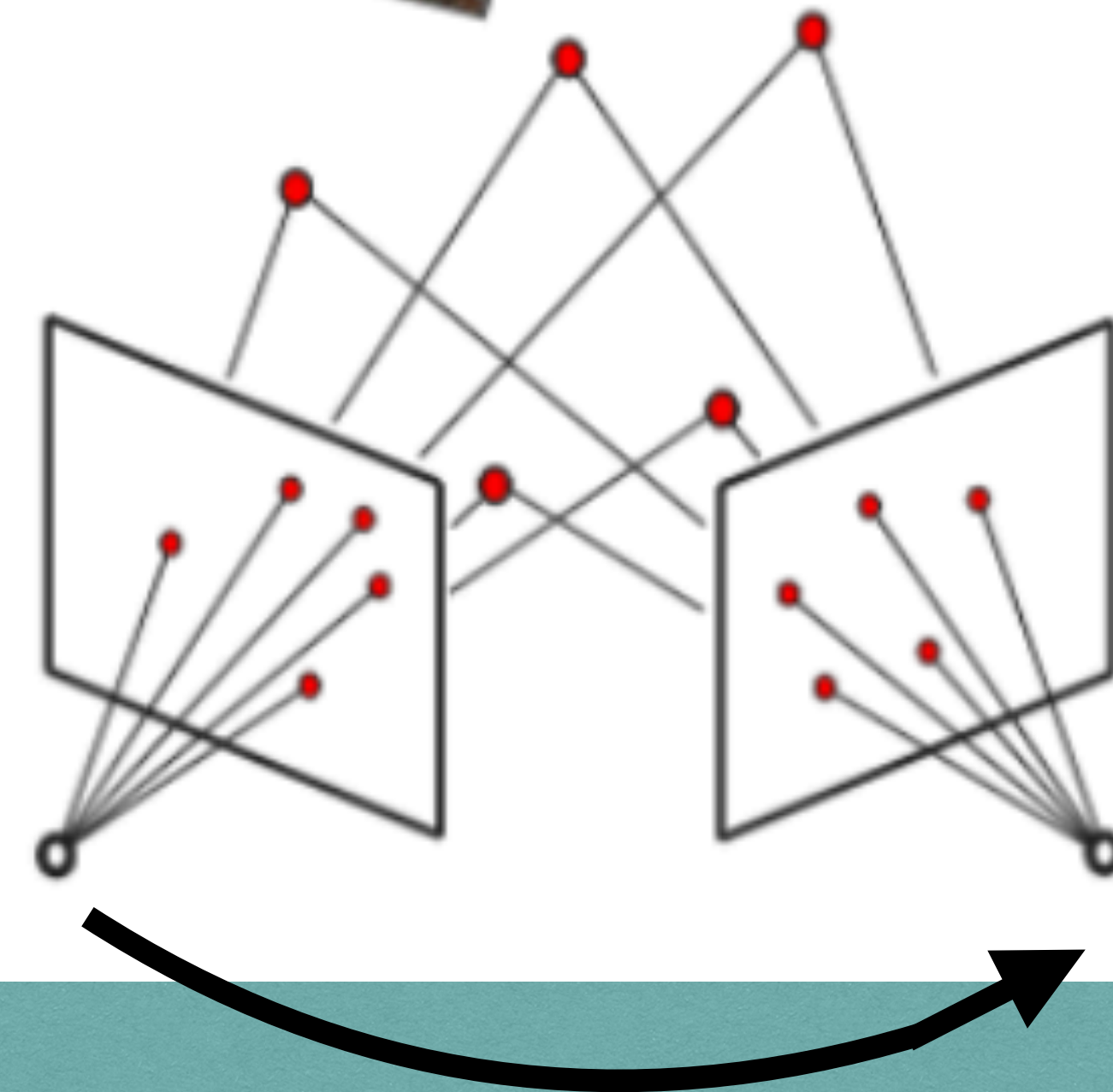
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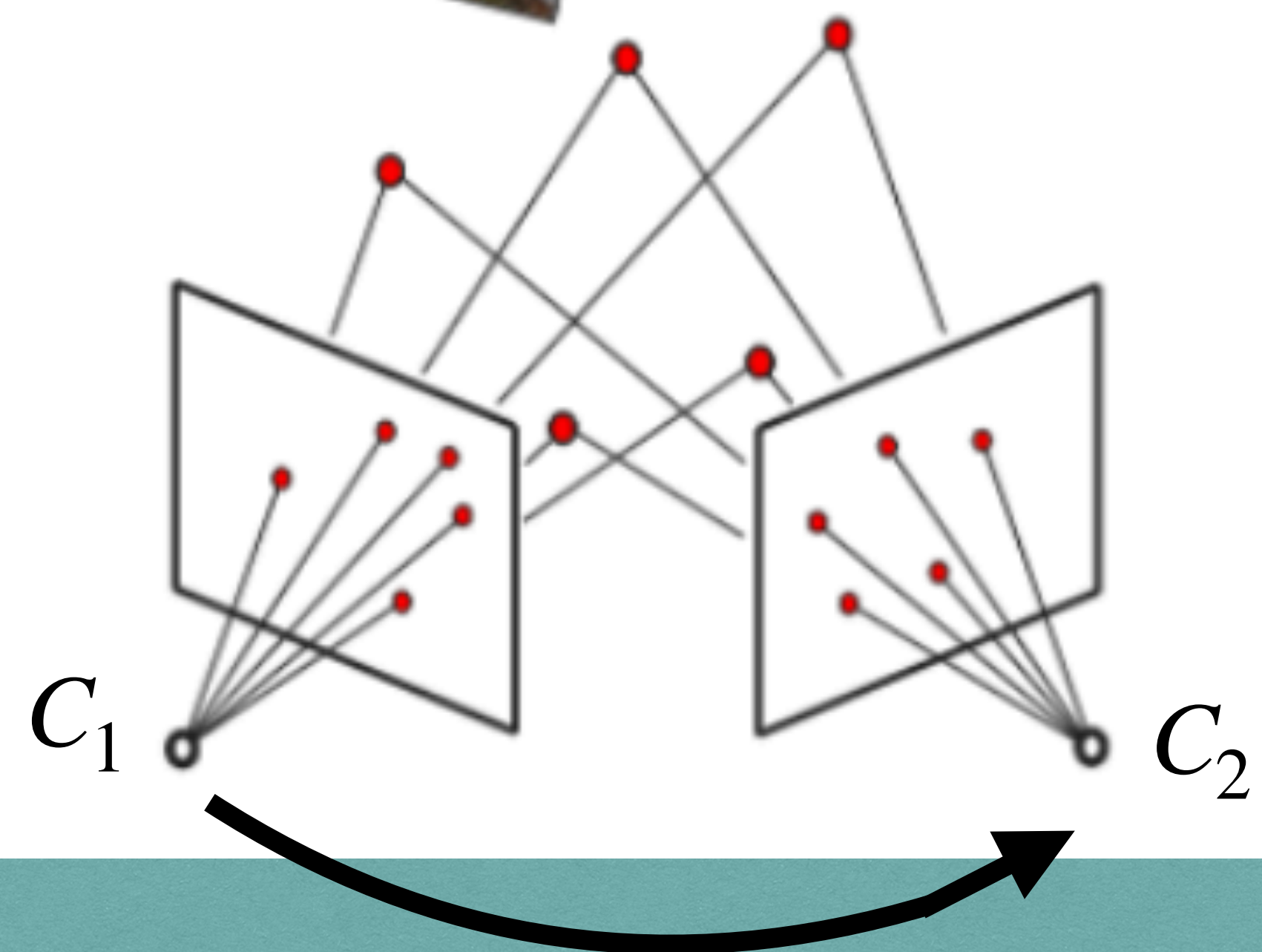
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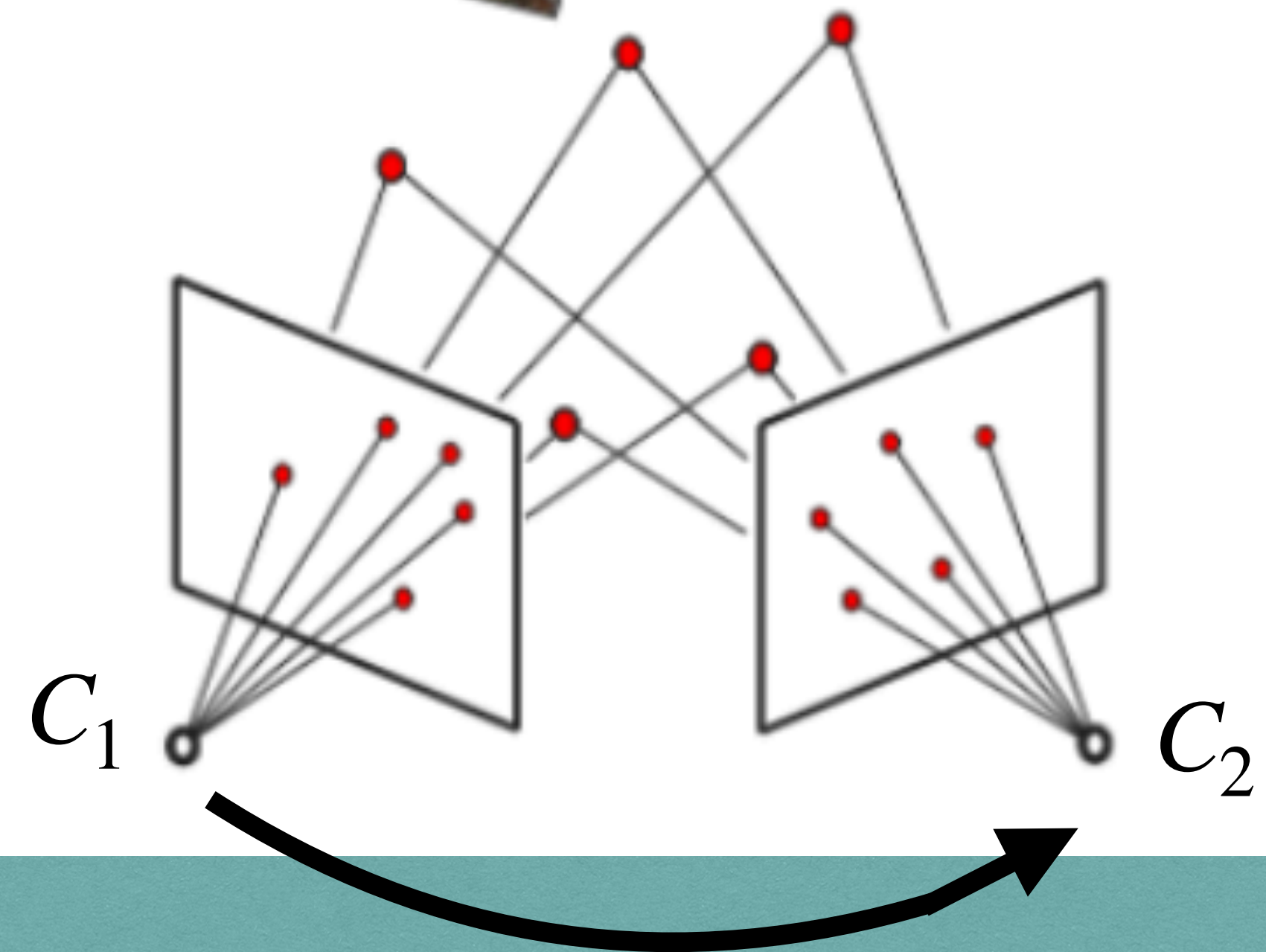
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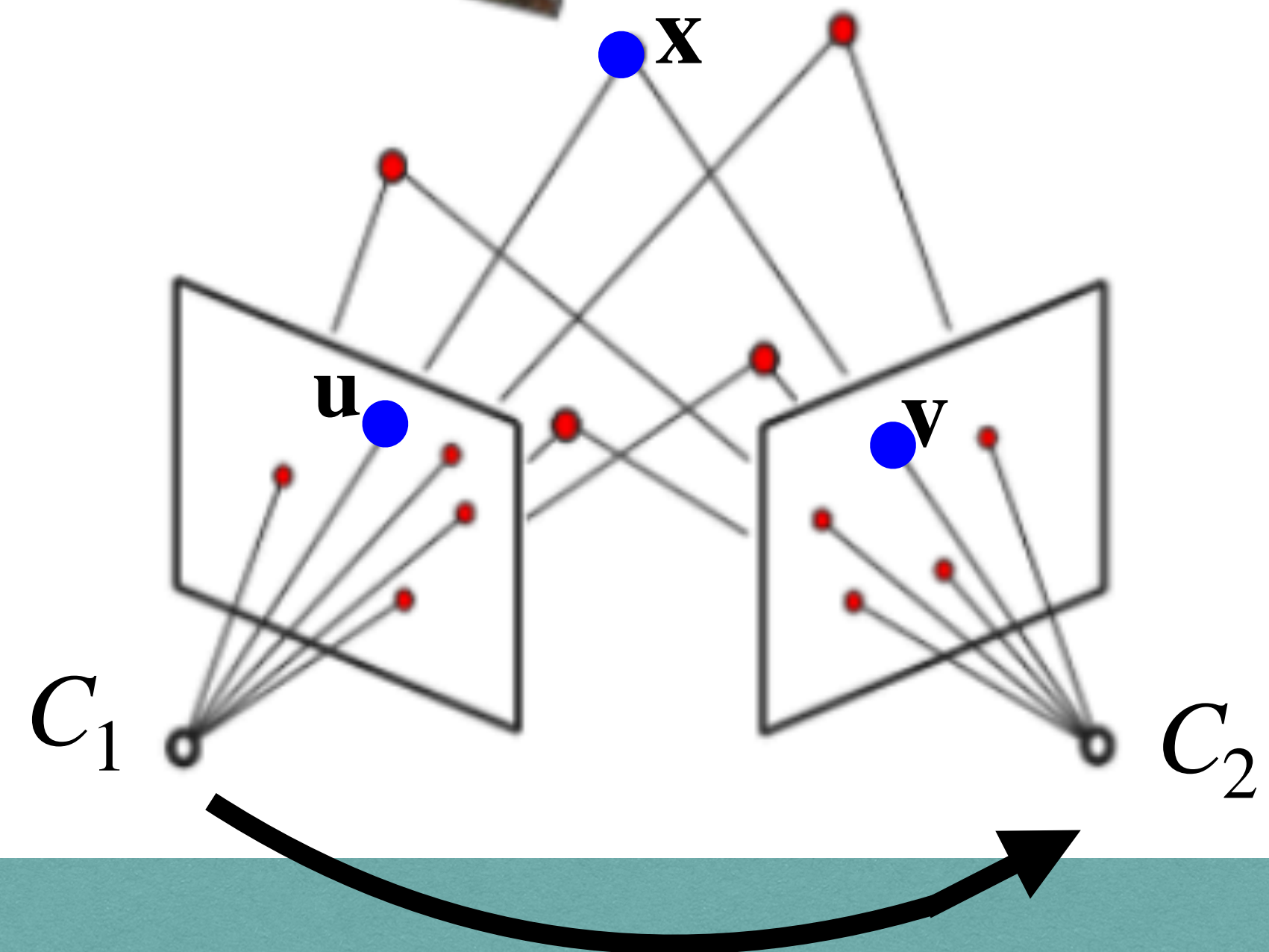
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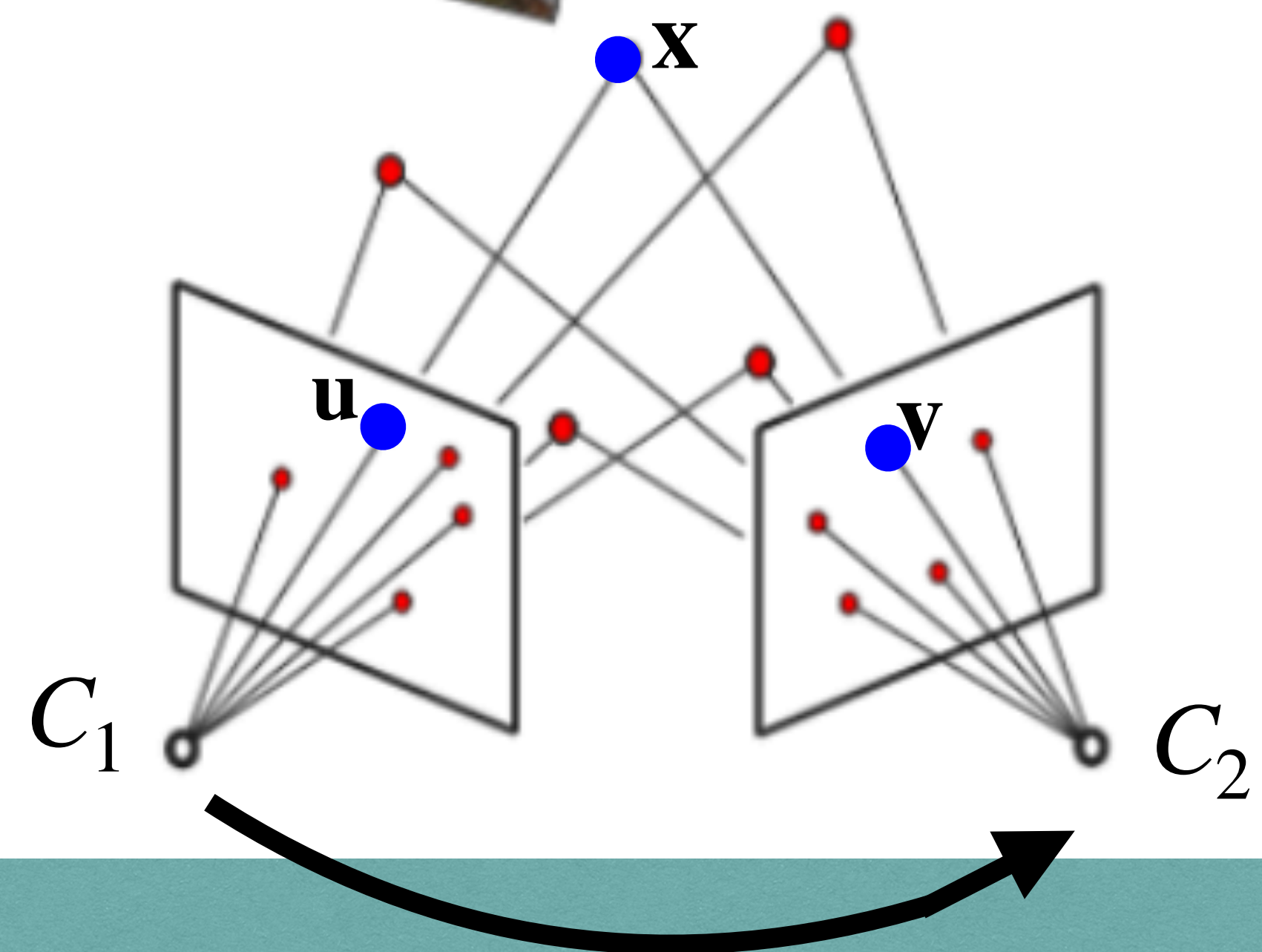
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- Cut out by 10 cubic equations:  
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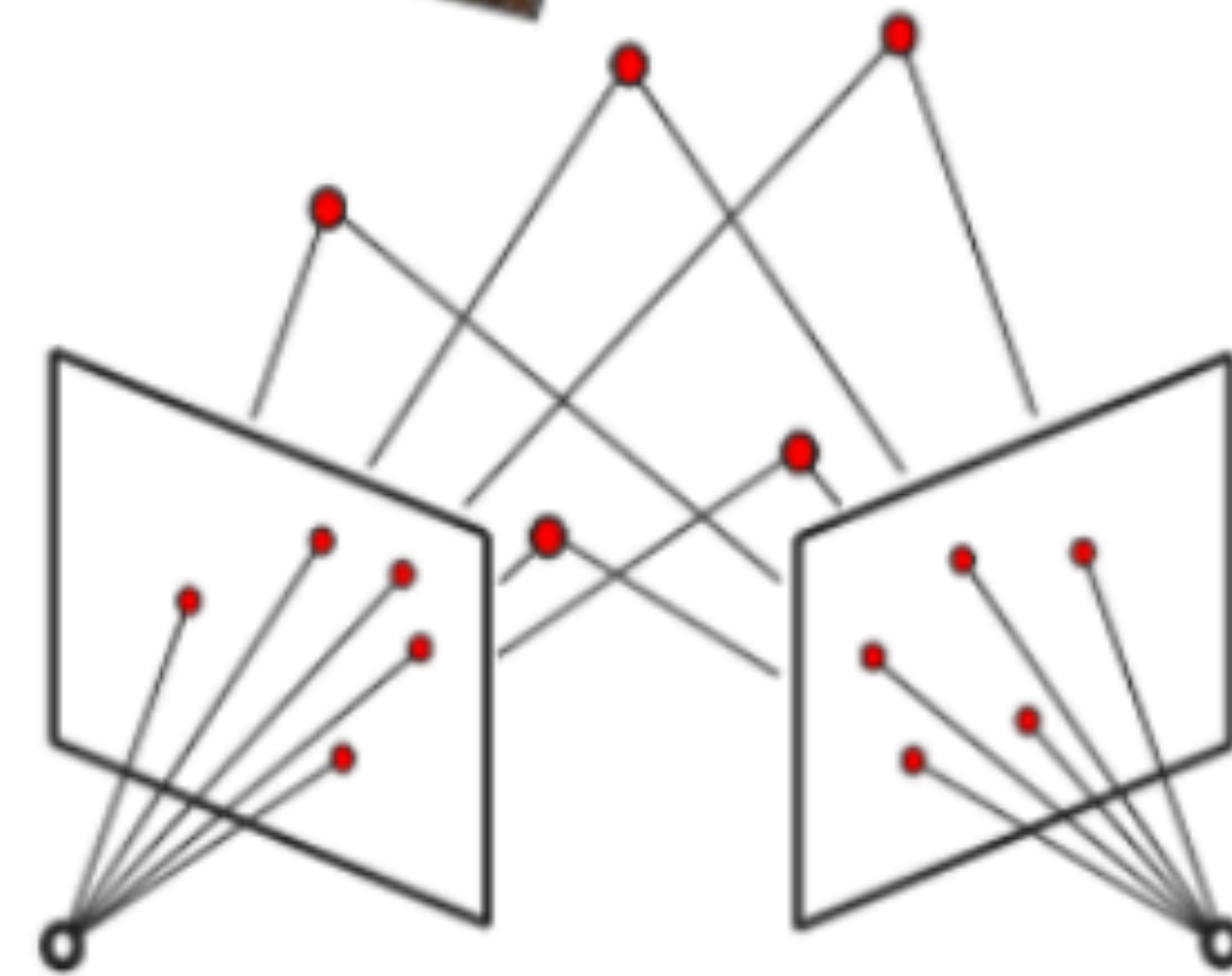
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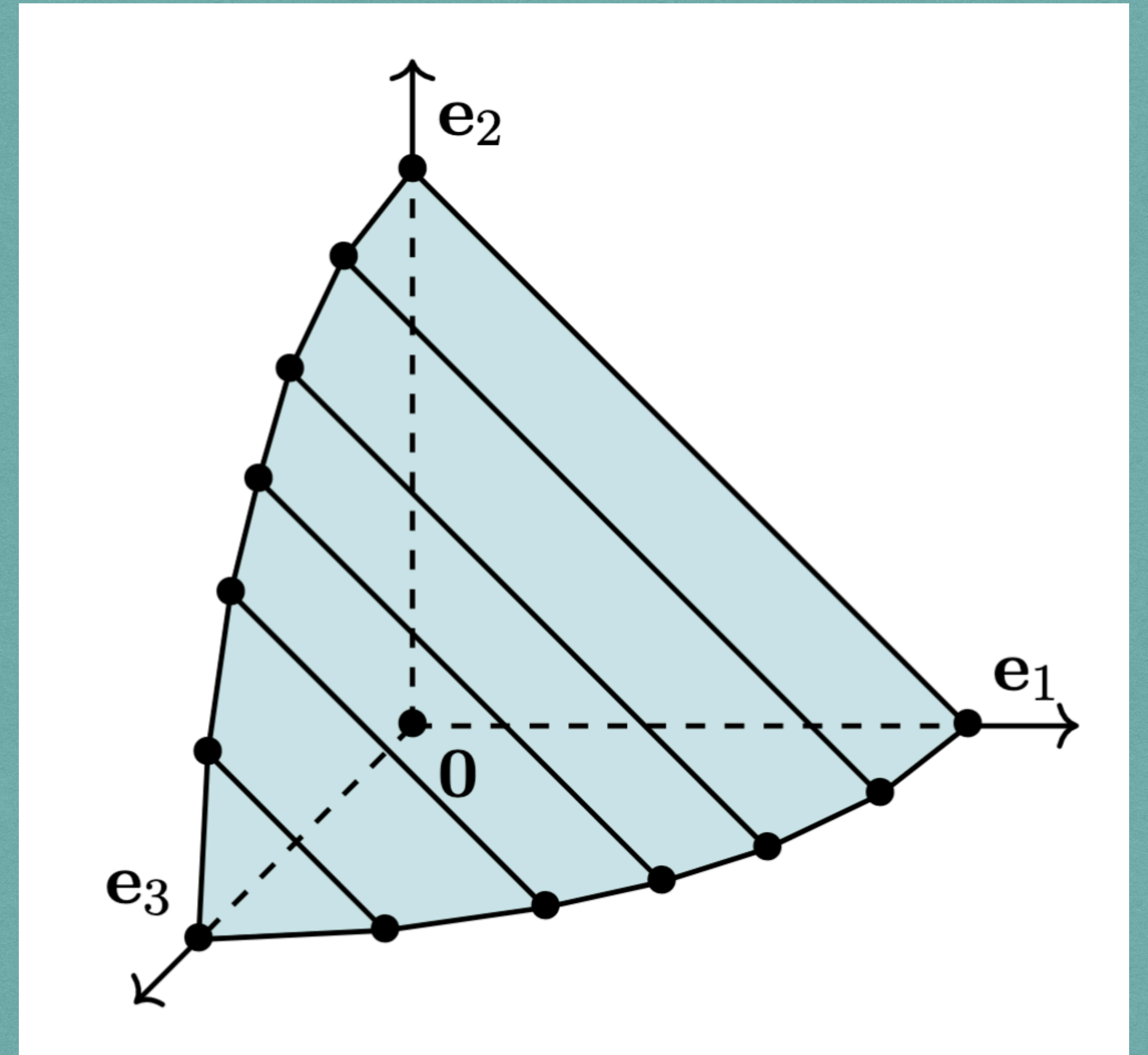
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**A lower bound:**  $\mathbb{E}_{L \sim \psi} \#(\mathcal{E} \cap L) \geq .93$

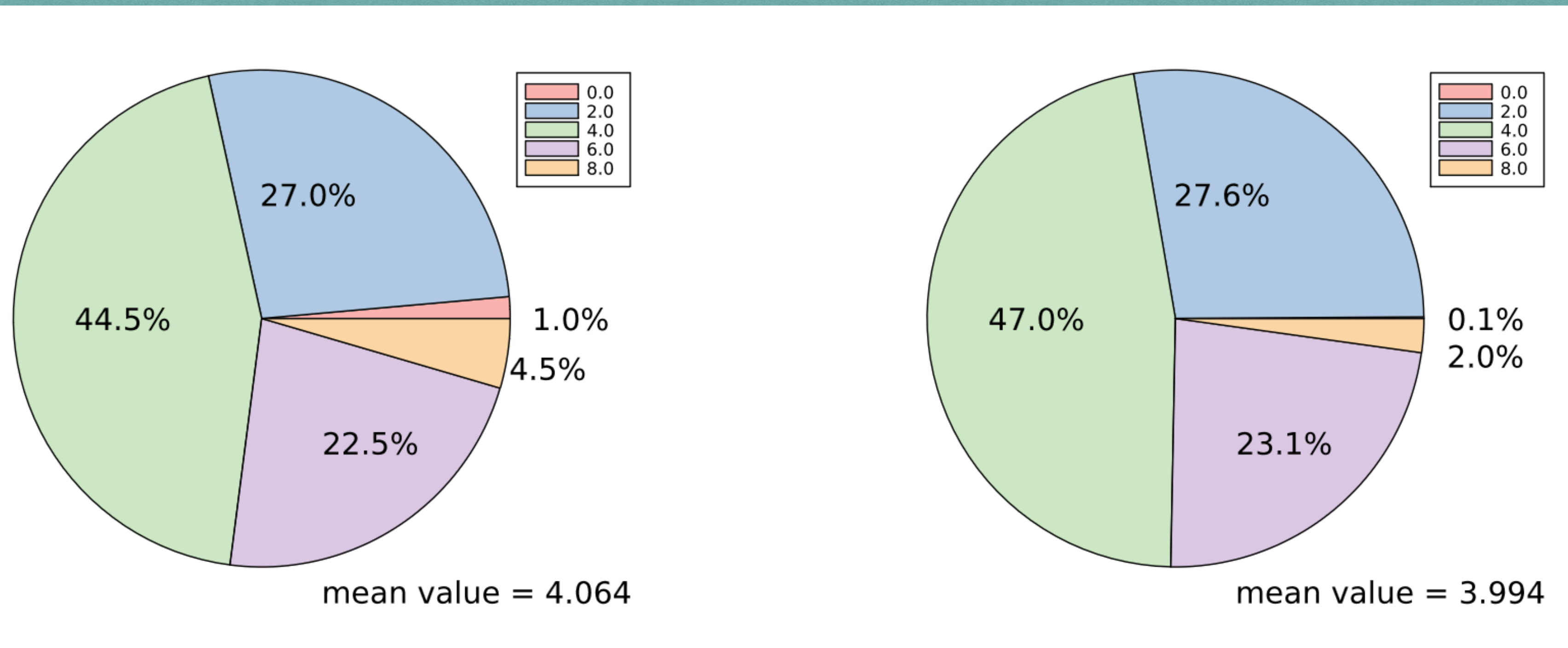
**Computed polytope contained in essential  
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With high probability

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$O(9)$

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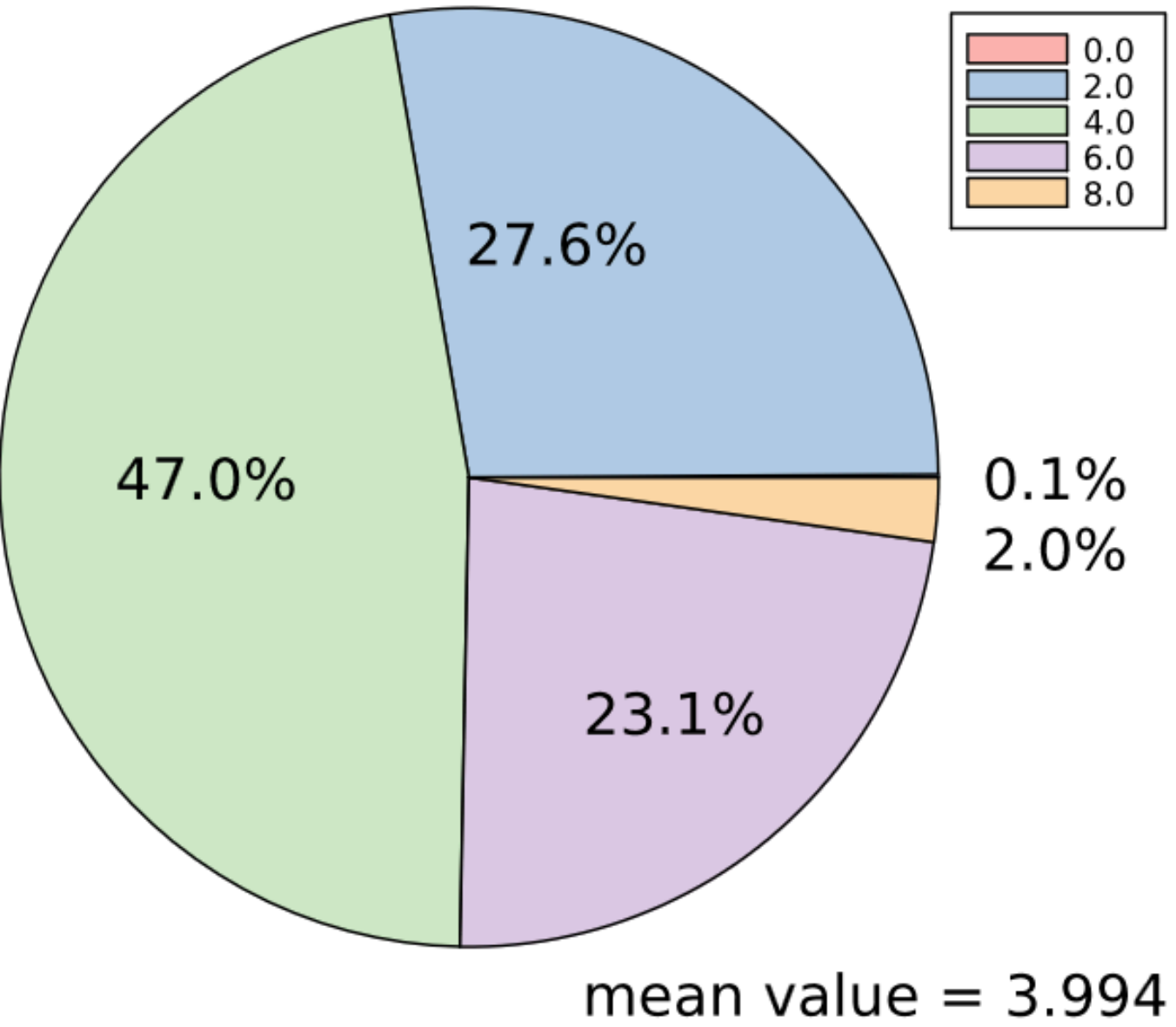
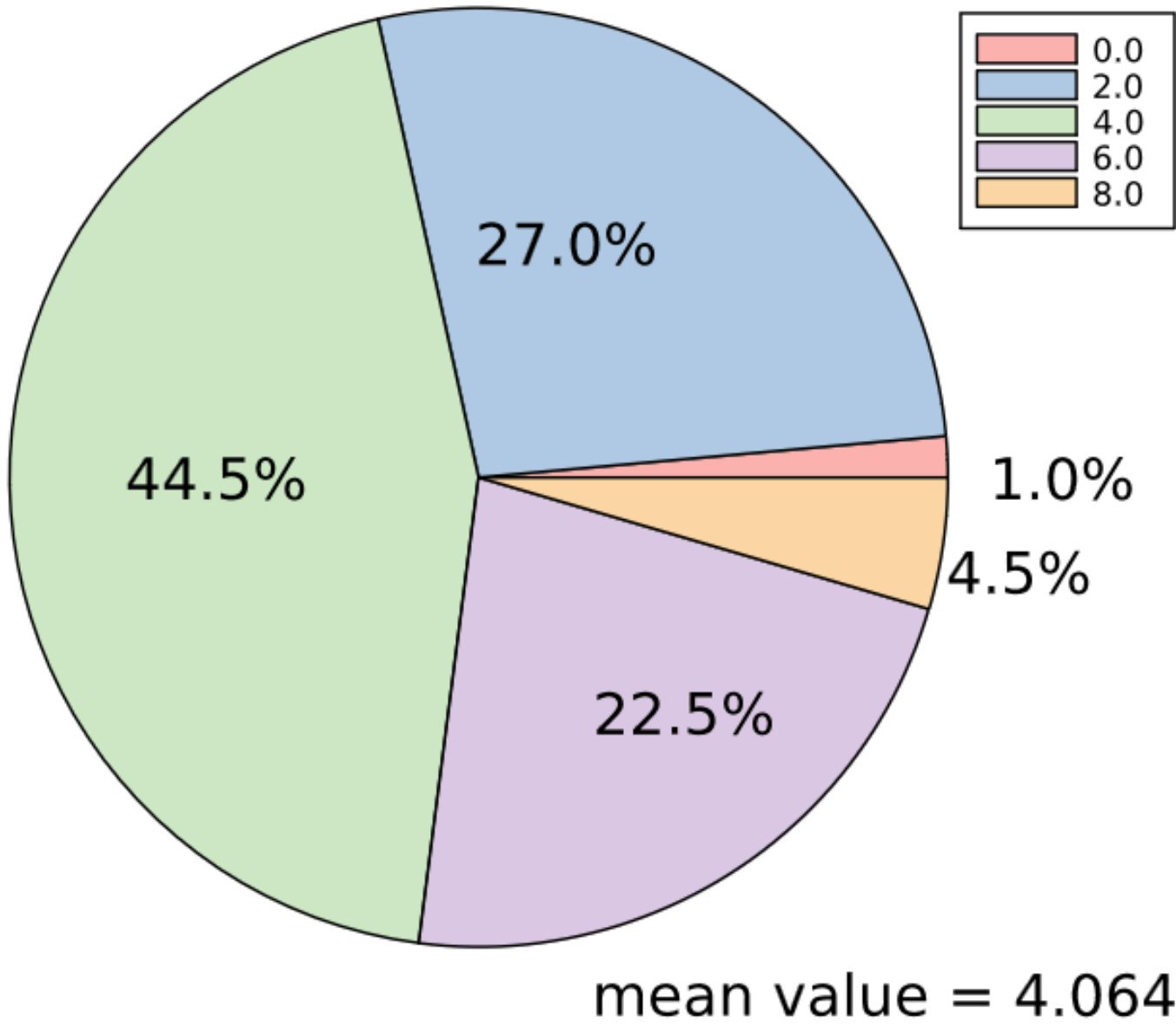
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to be reconstructed	minimal data	degree
essential matrix	5 point pairs	10
fundamental matrix	7 point pairs	3
relative pose of 2 calibrated cameras with unknown common focal length	6 point pairs	15
absolute pose of 1 calibrated camera (P3P, image registration)	3 world-image point pairs	4
planar homography	4 point pairs	1
trifocal tensor	9 line triples	36
calibrated trifocal tensor	3 point triples +1 line triple	216
relative pose of 2 projective cameras with unknown radial lens distortion	8 point pairs	16
world point under noise (triangulation, reprojection error)	known cameras with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 point pair</li> <li>• 1 point triple</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6</li> <li>• 47</li> </ul>

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- Exact values for essential zonoid



**THANK YOU!**