



University of Cyprus – MSc Artificial Intelligence

MAI644 – COMPUTER VISION

Lecture 9: RANSAC, Panorama Stitching

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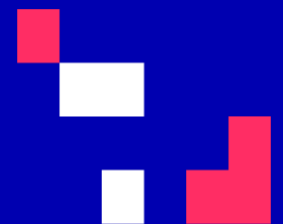
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Last time

- Basic feature descriptor and matching
- Histogram of Oriented Gradients
- SIFT
- Image transformations
- Estimate transformations

Today's Agenda

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[material based on Joseph Redmon's course]

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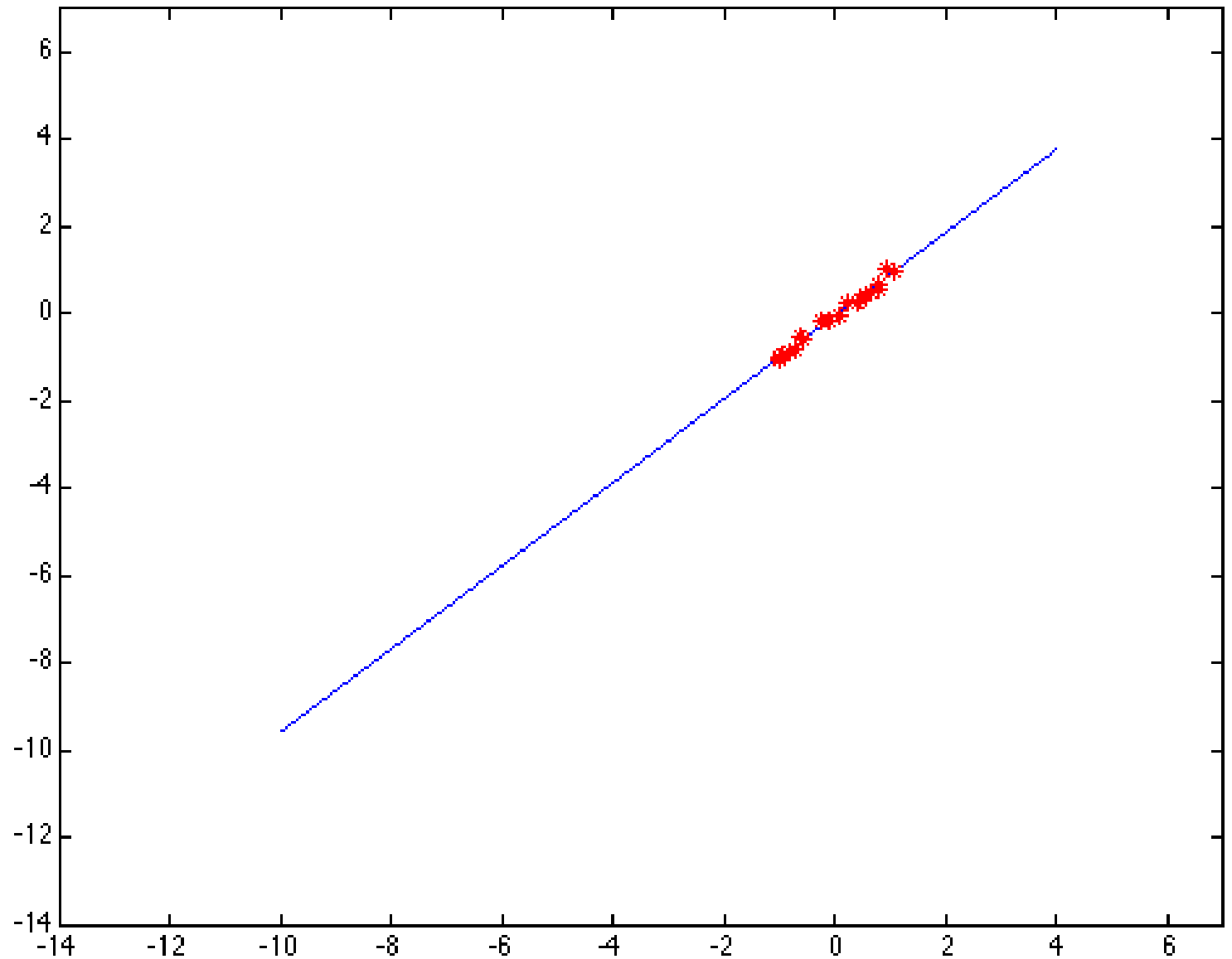
This is convex and minimized when gradient = 0. So we take the derivative wrt a and set = 0.

$$-M^T b + (M^T M) a = 0$$

$$(M^T M) a = M^T b$$

$$a = (M^T M)^{-1} M^T b$$

So what does linear least squares do?

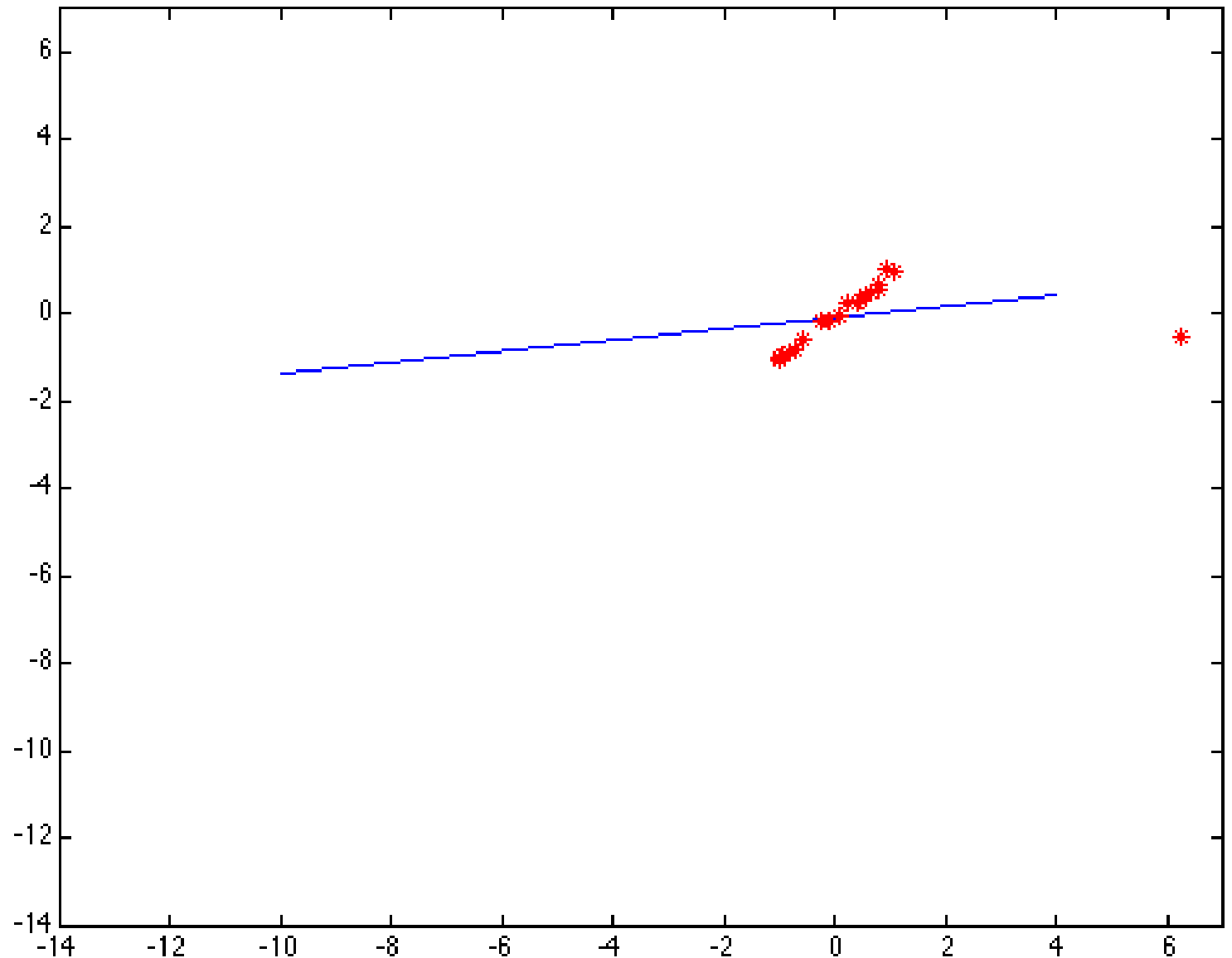


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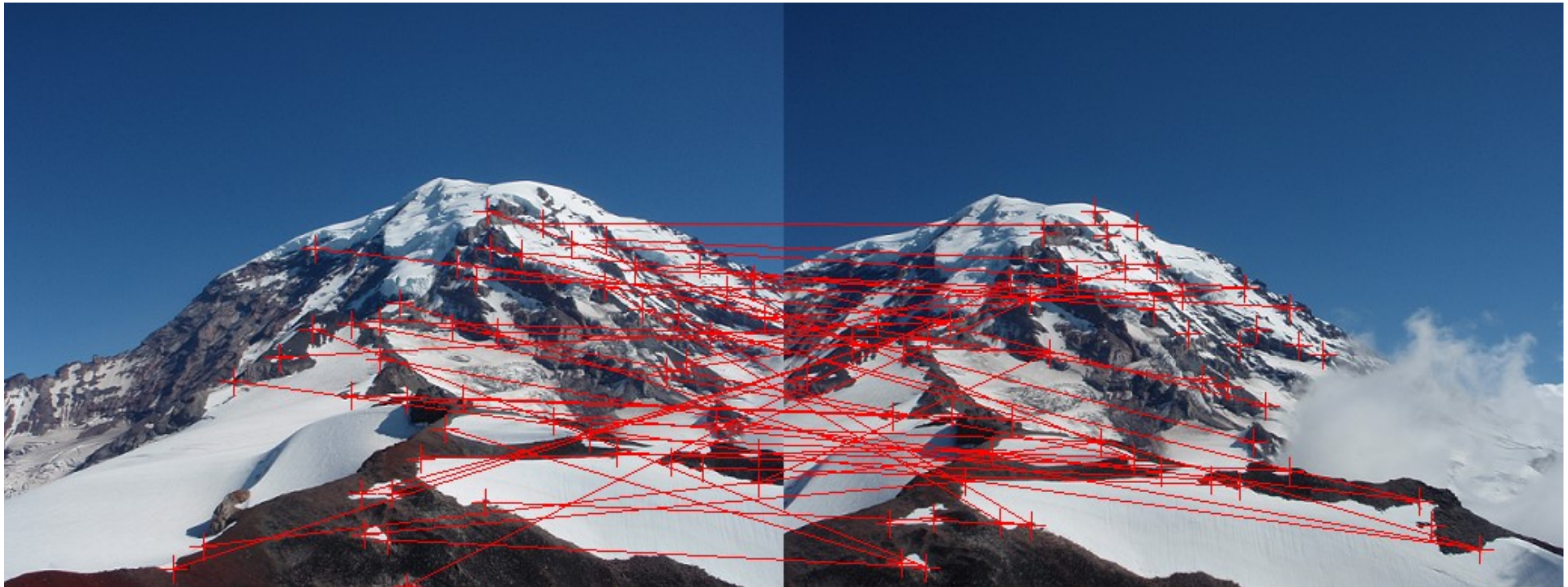
Error based on **squared** residual

Very scared of being wrong, even for just one point

Very bad at handling outliers in data



Not a problem for us, our data is perfect...



Not really ...

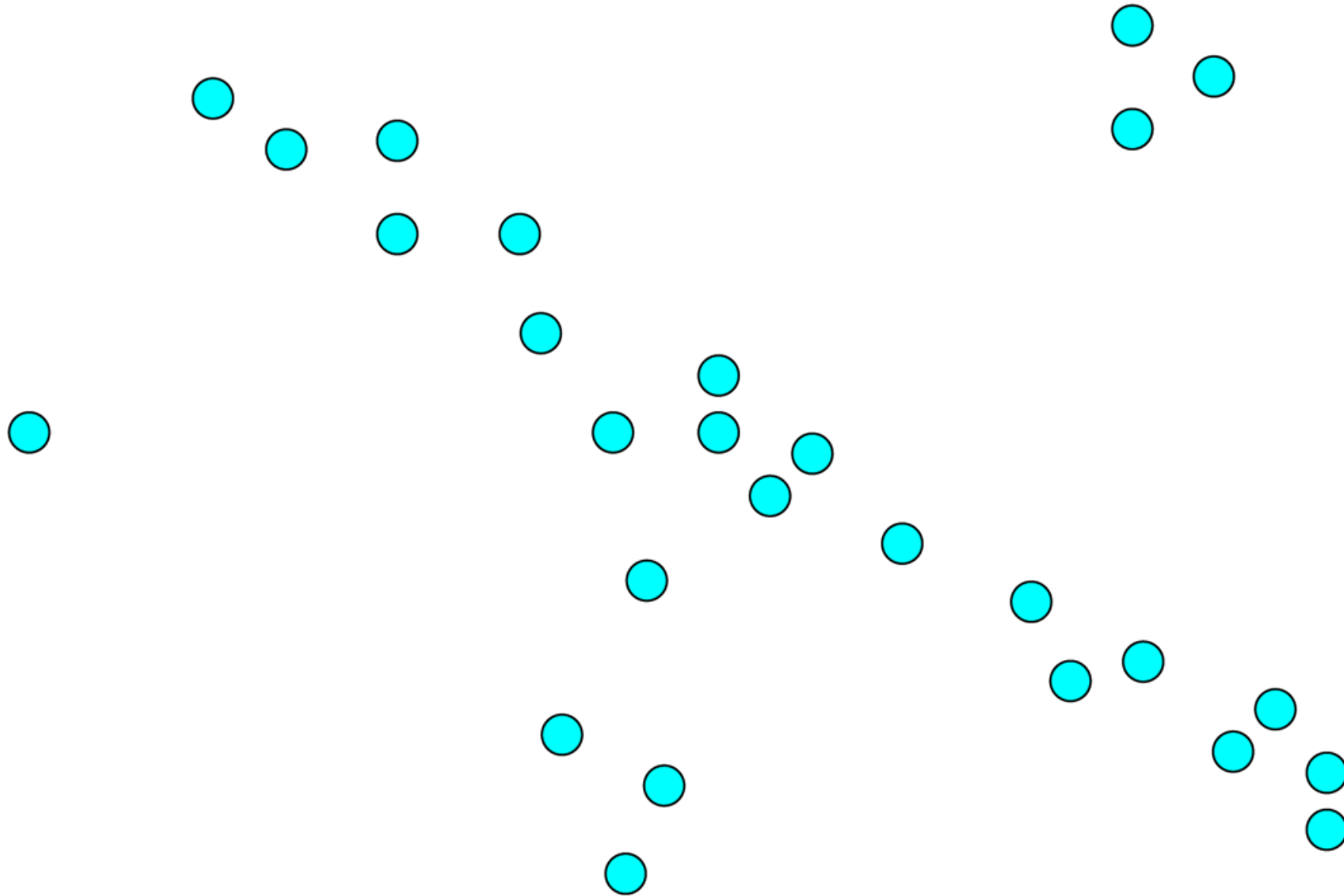
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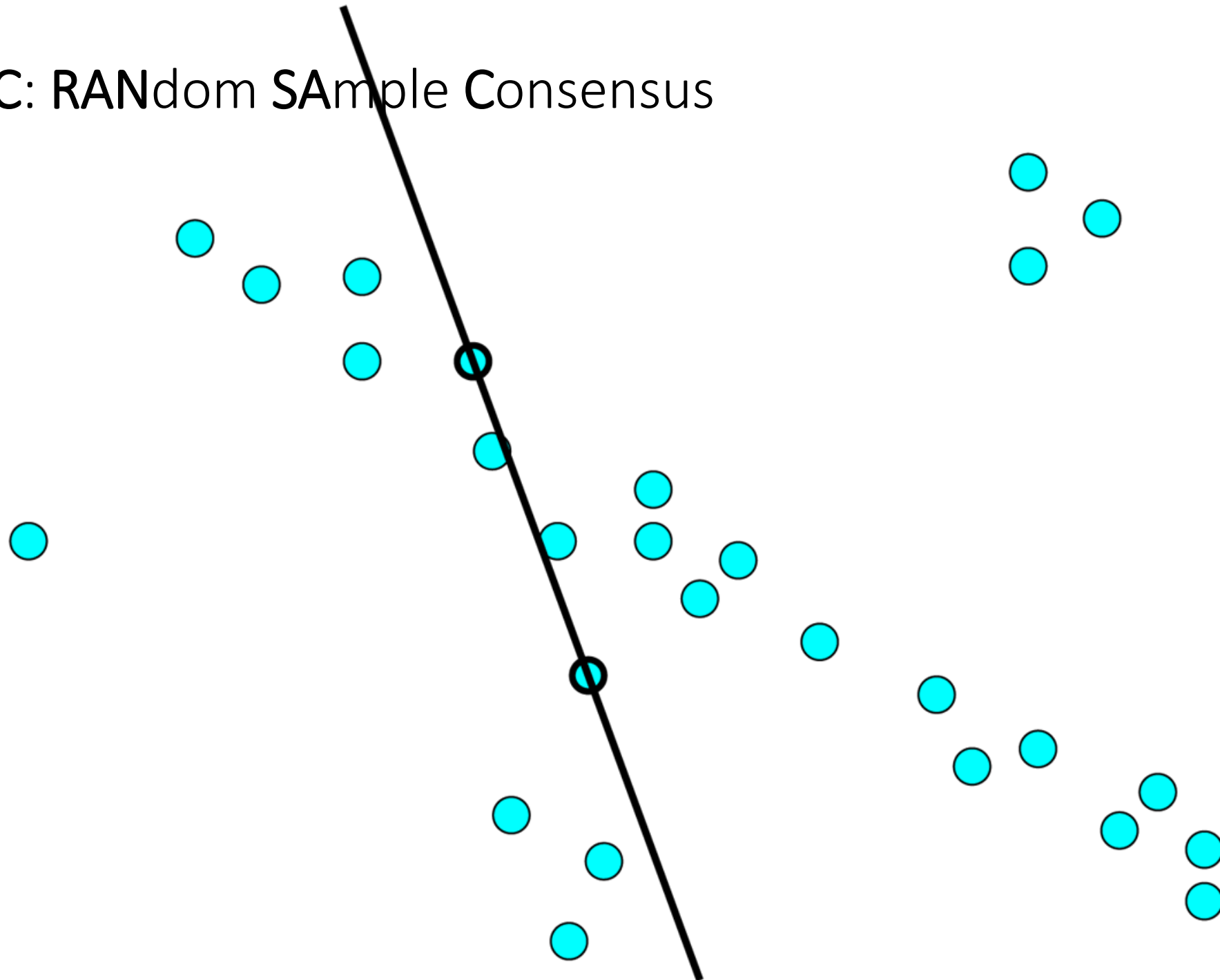
RANSAC: RANdom SAMple Consensus

- How can we fit model to inliers but ignore outliers?
- Try a bunch of models, see which ones are best!
- Inliers will all agree on a model
- Outliers are basically random, will not agree

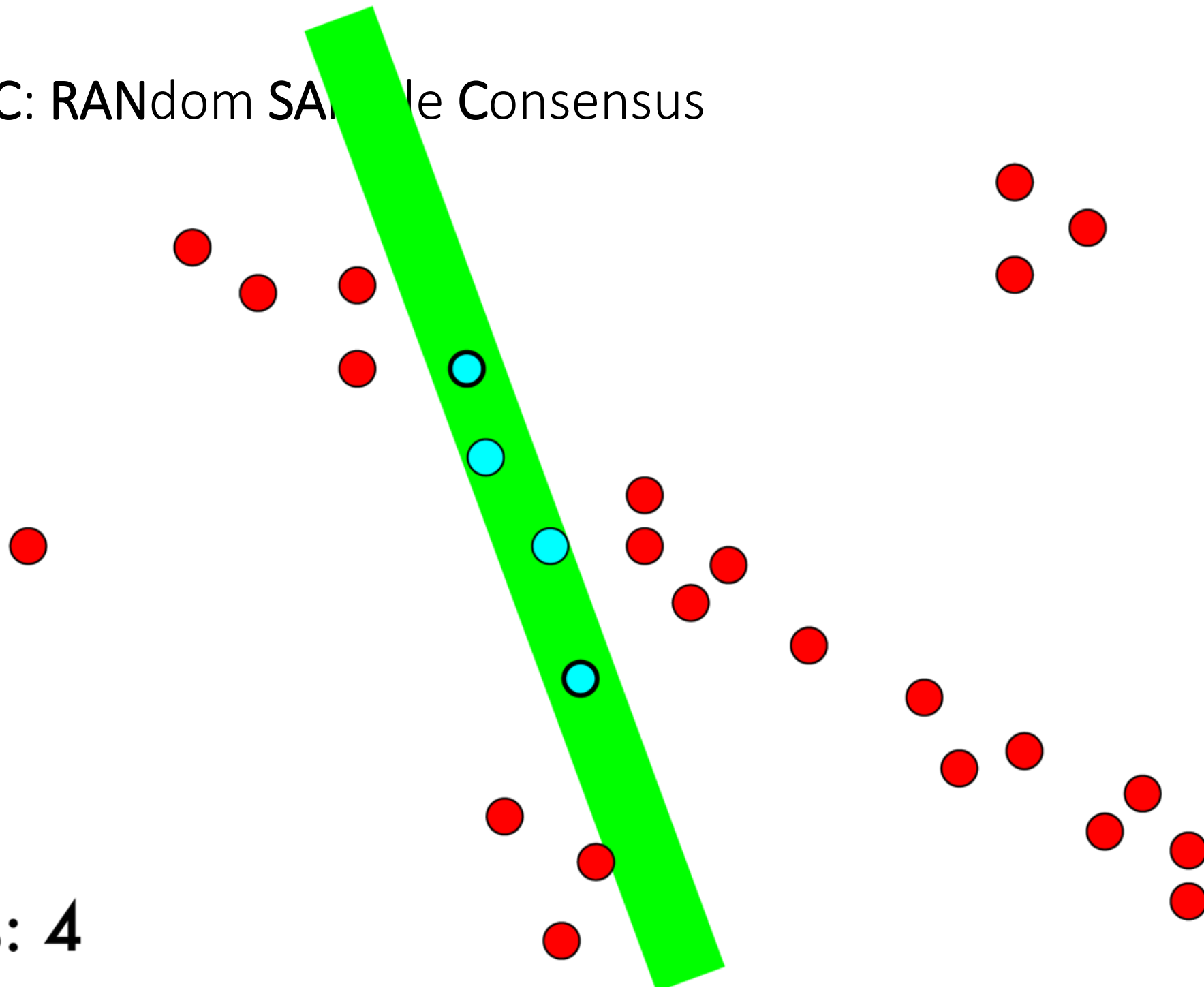
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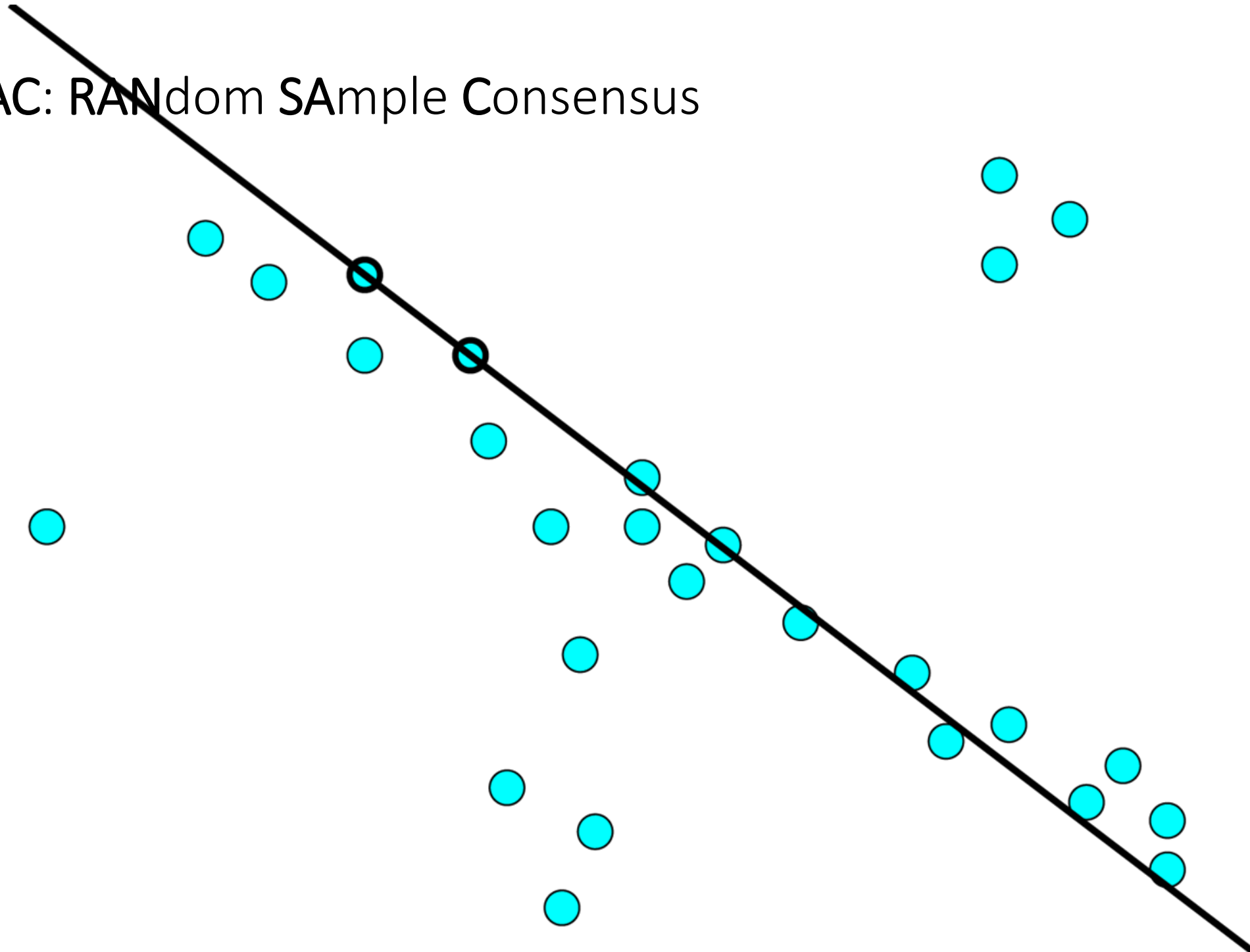


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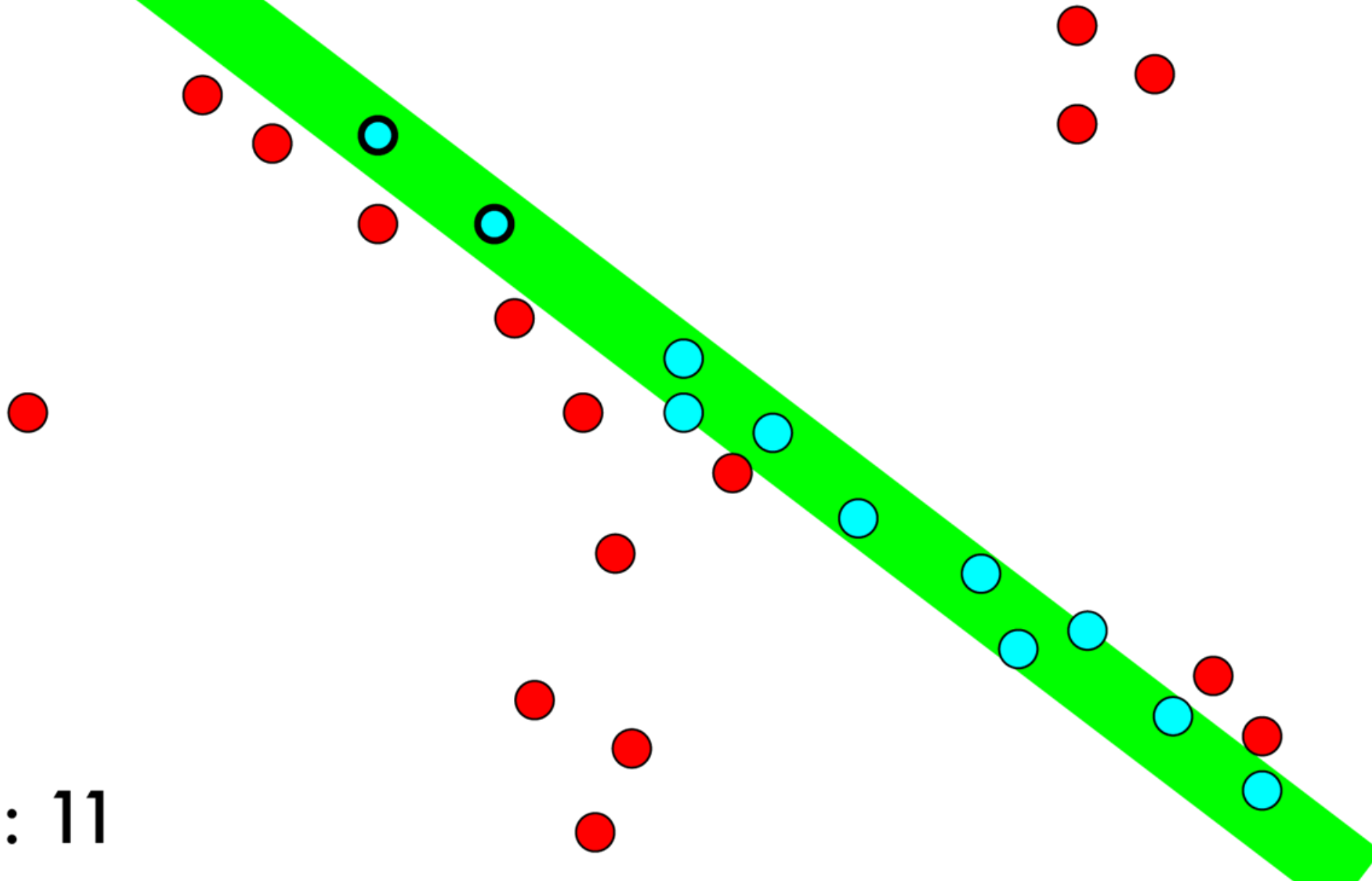


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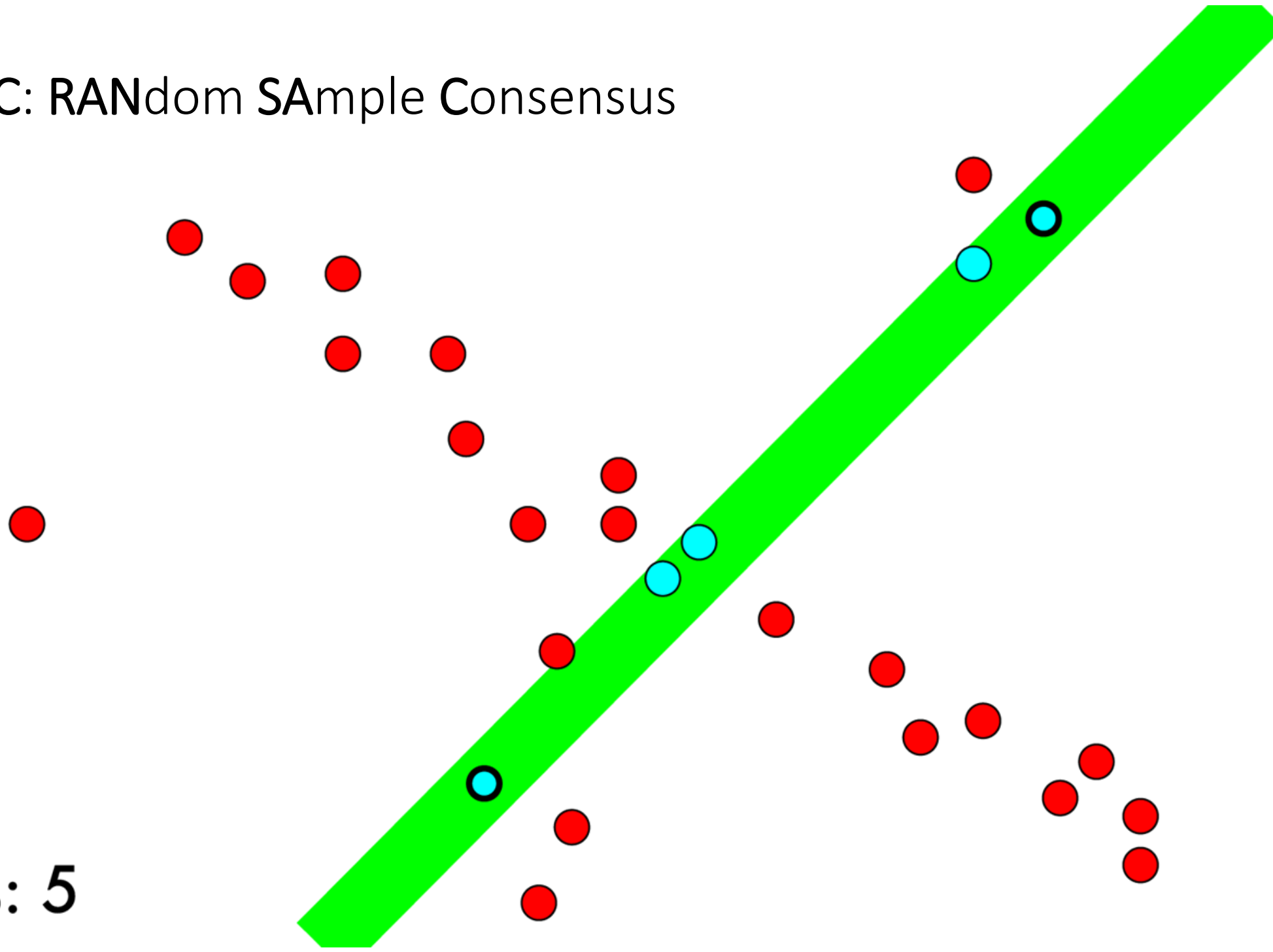


RANSAC: Random Sample Consensus



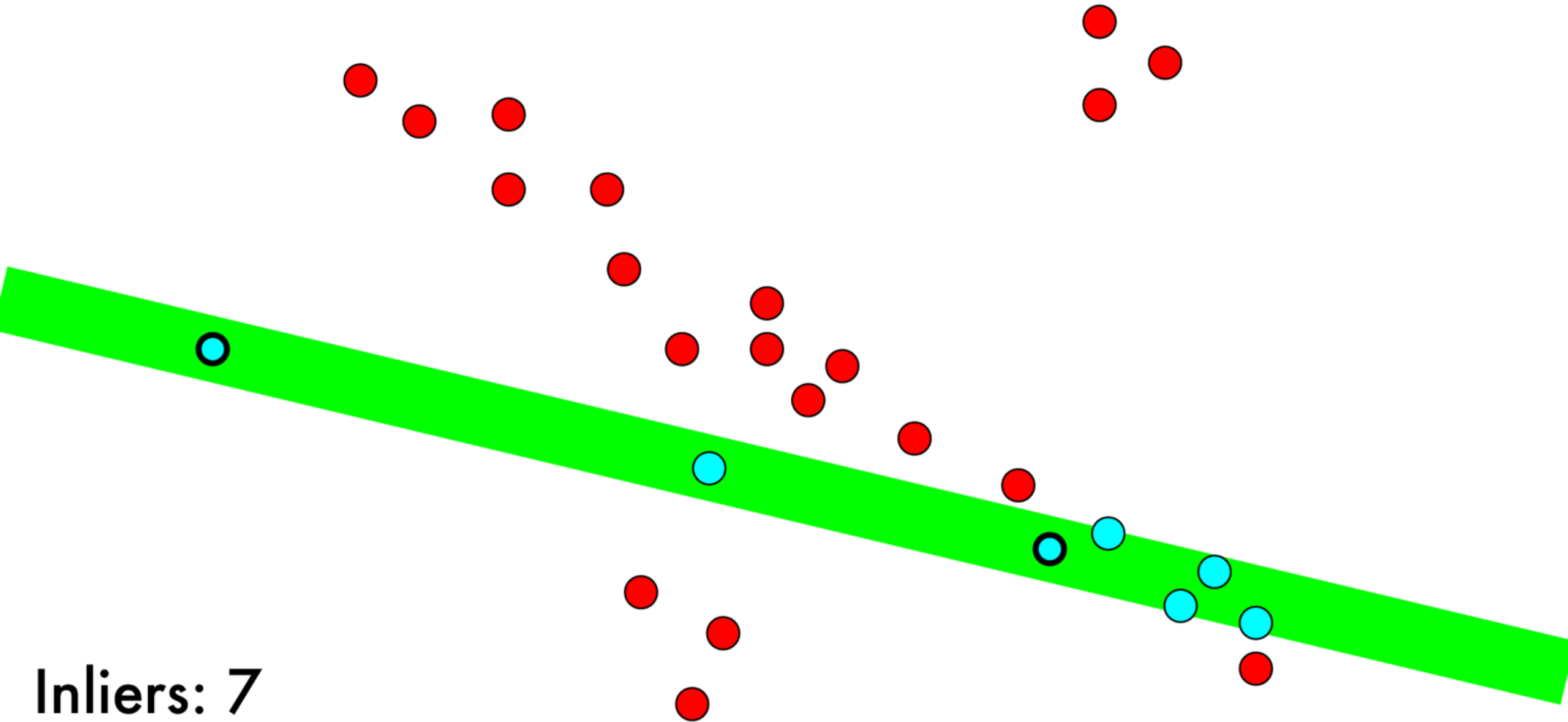
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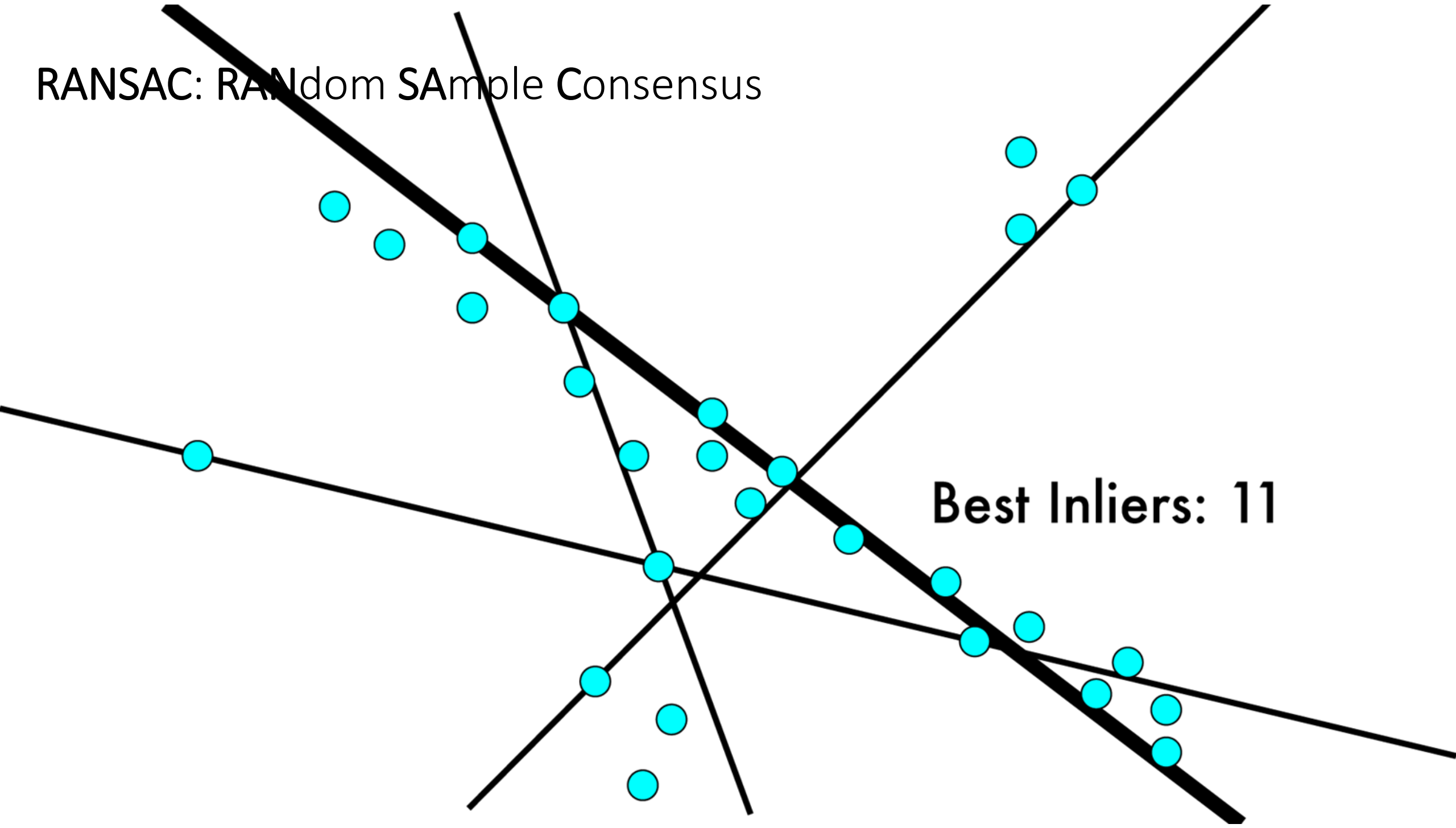
Inliers: 5

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Inliers: 7

RANSAC: RANDOM Sample Consensus



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- Parameters: data, model, n points to fit model, k iterations, t threshold, d “good” fit cutoff

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bestmodel = None
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bestfit = -INF
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While i < k:
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    sample = draw n random points from data
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    Fit model to sample
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```
    inliers = data within t of model
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    if inliers > bestfit:
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        Fit model to all inliers
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        bestfit = fit
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        bestmodel = model
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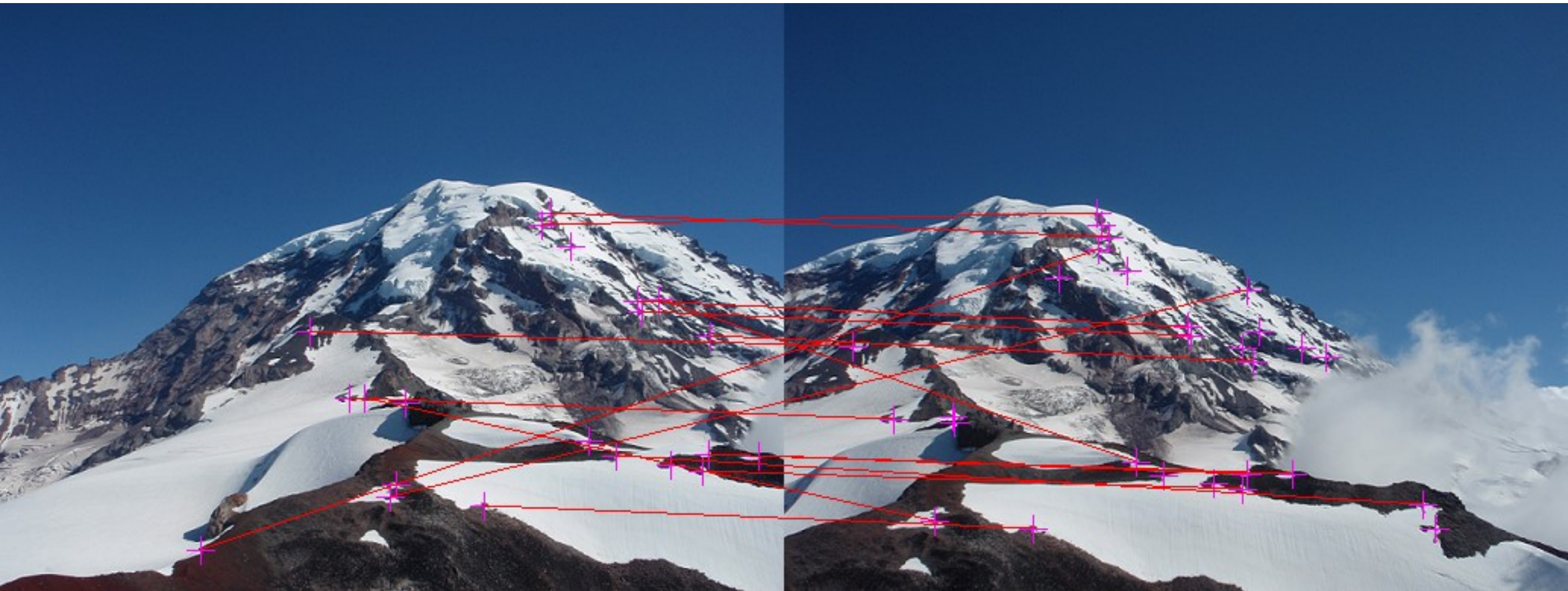
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    if inliers > d:
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        return model
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return bestmodel
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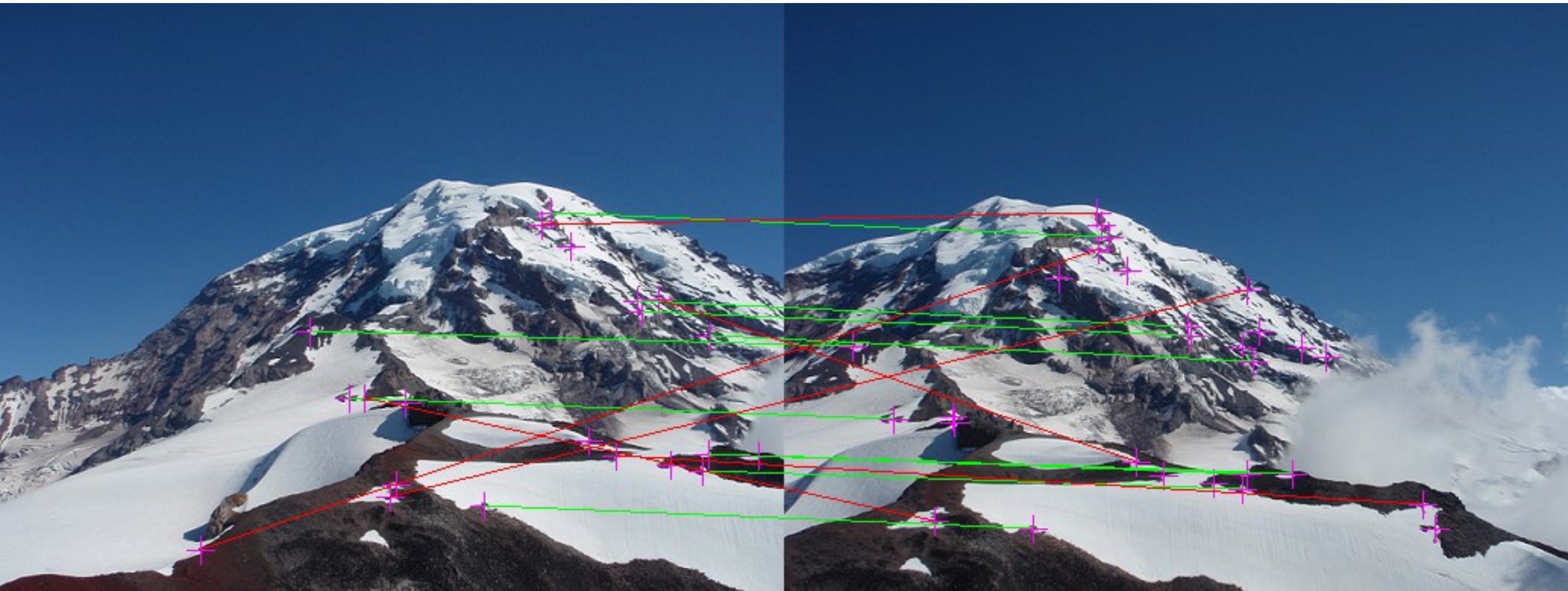
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- Lots of tunable parameters
- Want high probability of recovering “right” model
- t: often quite small, assume “good” inliers
- n: should be just enough to fit model, no extra
- k: can be very high
- d: should be $\gg n$

We can estimate affine..

- How many knowns do we get with one match?

- $n_x = a_{00} * m_x + a_{01} * m_y + a_{02} * 1$
- $n_y = a_{10} * m_x + a_{11} * m_y + a_{12} * 1$
- Solve linear system of equations $M a = b$
 - $M^{-1} M a = M^{-1} b \Rightarrow a = M^{-1} b$
 - But M^{-1} does not exist in general - Why?
- Still works if overdetermined
 - Why???
 - Pseudoinverse – least squares solution
 - $M^T M a = M^T b$
 - $(M^T M)^{-1} (M^T M) a = (M^T M)^{-1} M^T b$
 - $\Rightarrow a = (M^T M)^{-1} M^T b$

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- More algebra on n_x
 - $n_x * (h_{20} * m_x + h_{21} * m_y + 1) = (h_{00} * m_x + h_{01} * m_y + h_{02})$
 - $n_x * h_{20} * m_x + n_x * h_{21} * m_y + n_x = h_{00} * m_x + h_{01} * m_y + h_{02}$
 - $n_x = h_{00} * m_x + h_{01} * m_y + h_{02} - n_x * h_{20} * m_x - n_x * h_{21} * m_y$
- Similar for n_y

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Panorama algorithm

Find corners in both images

Calculate descriptors

Match descriptors

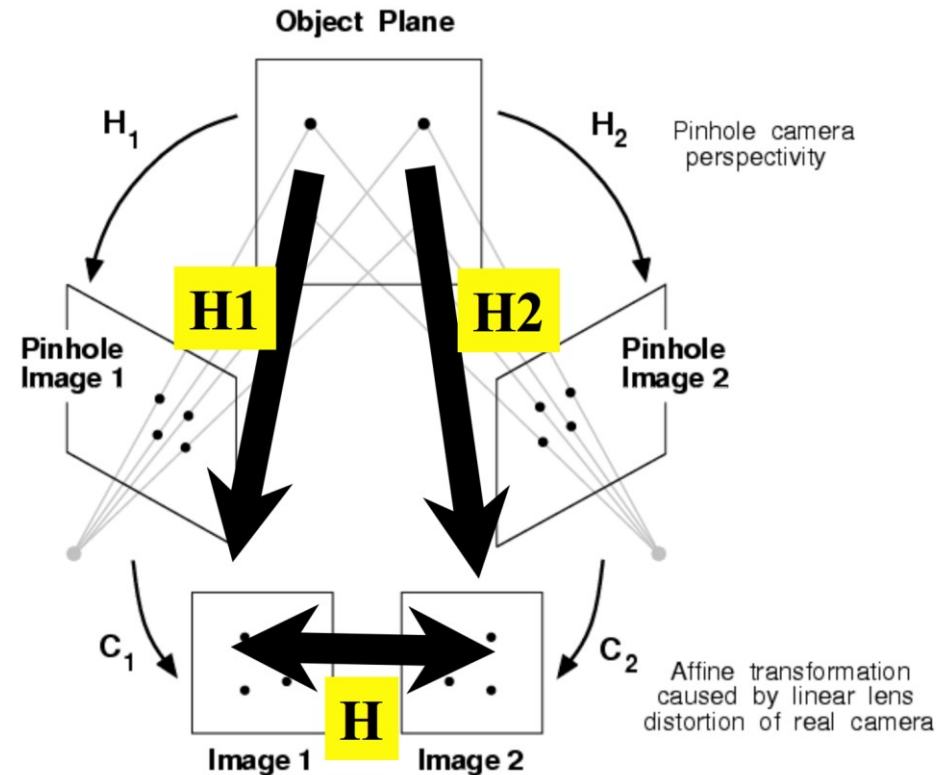
RANSAC to find homography

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

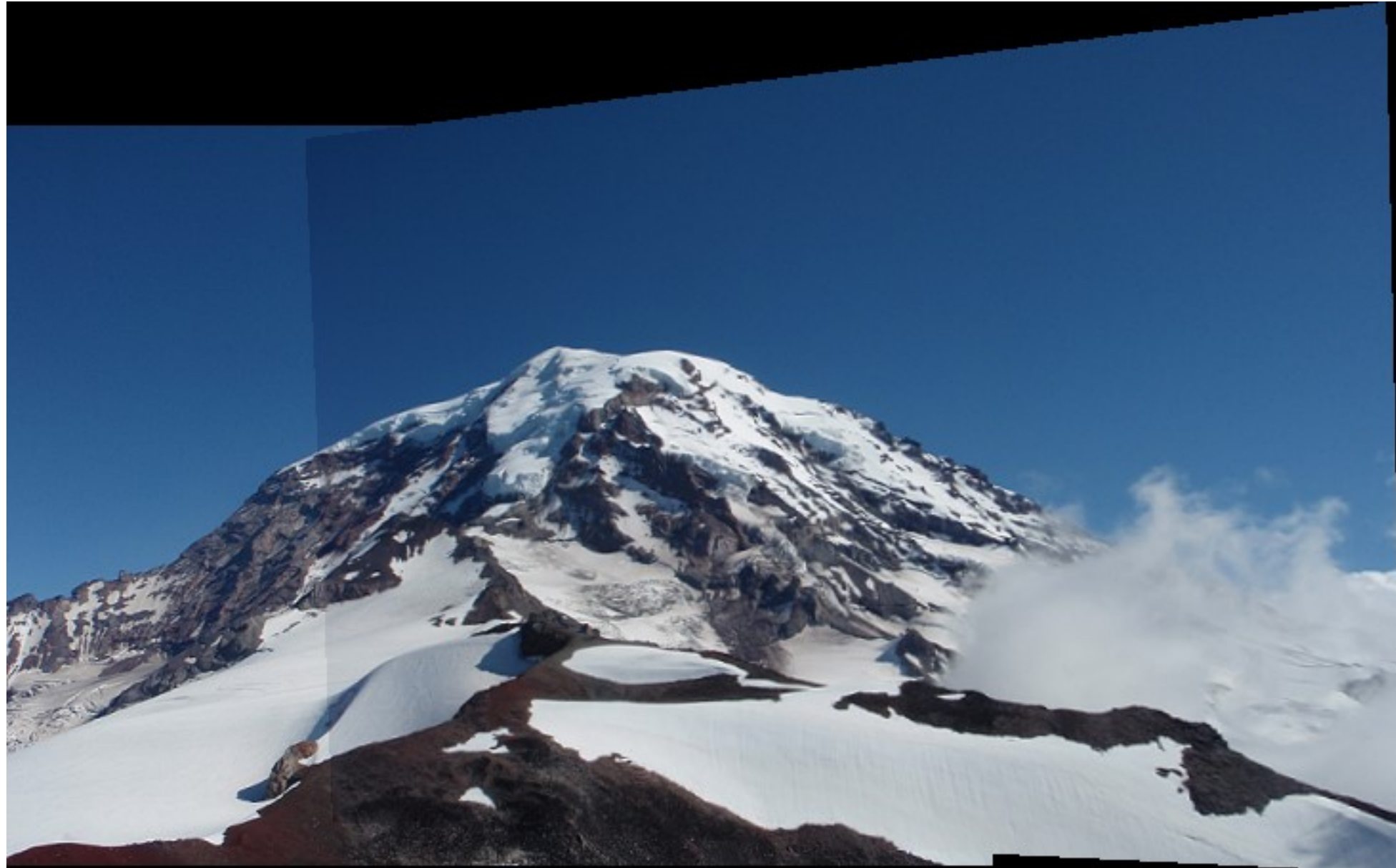


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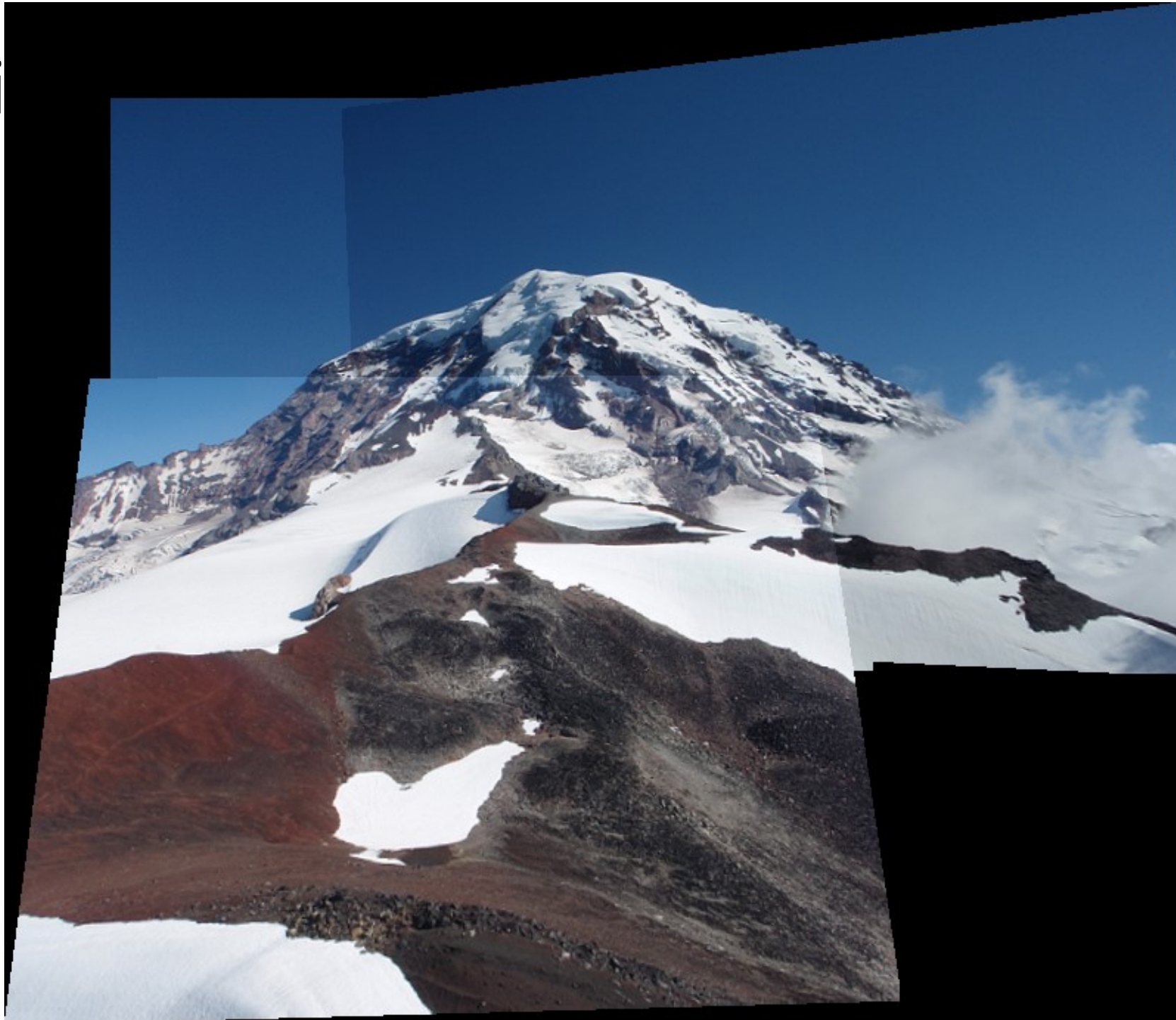




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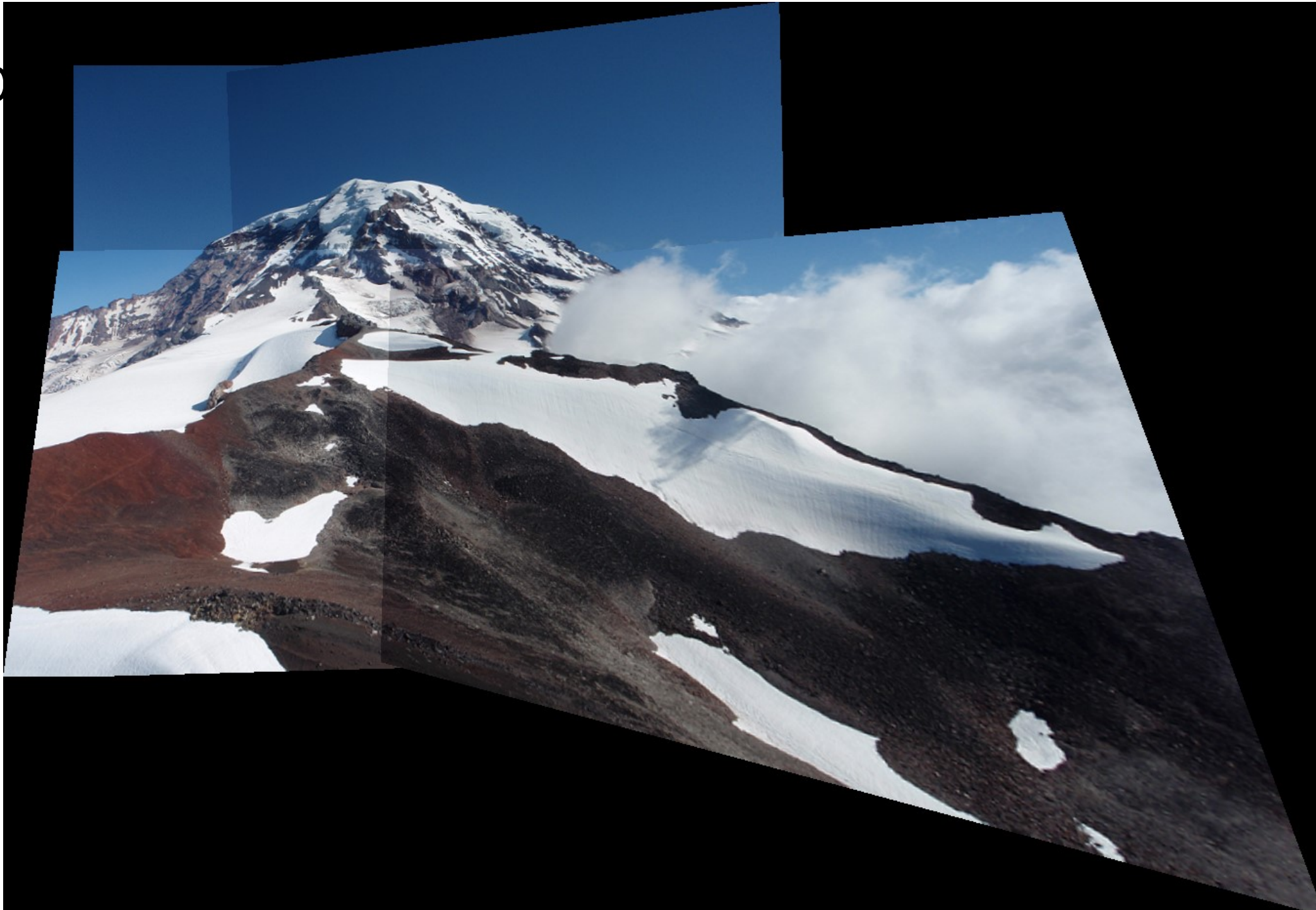


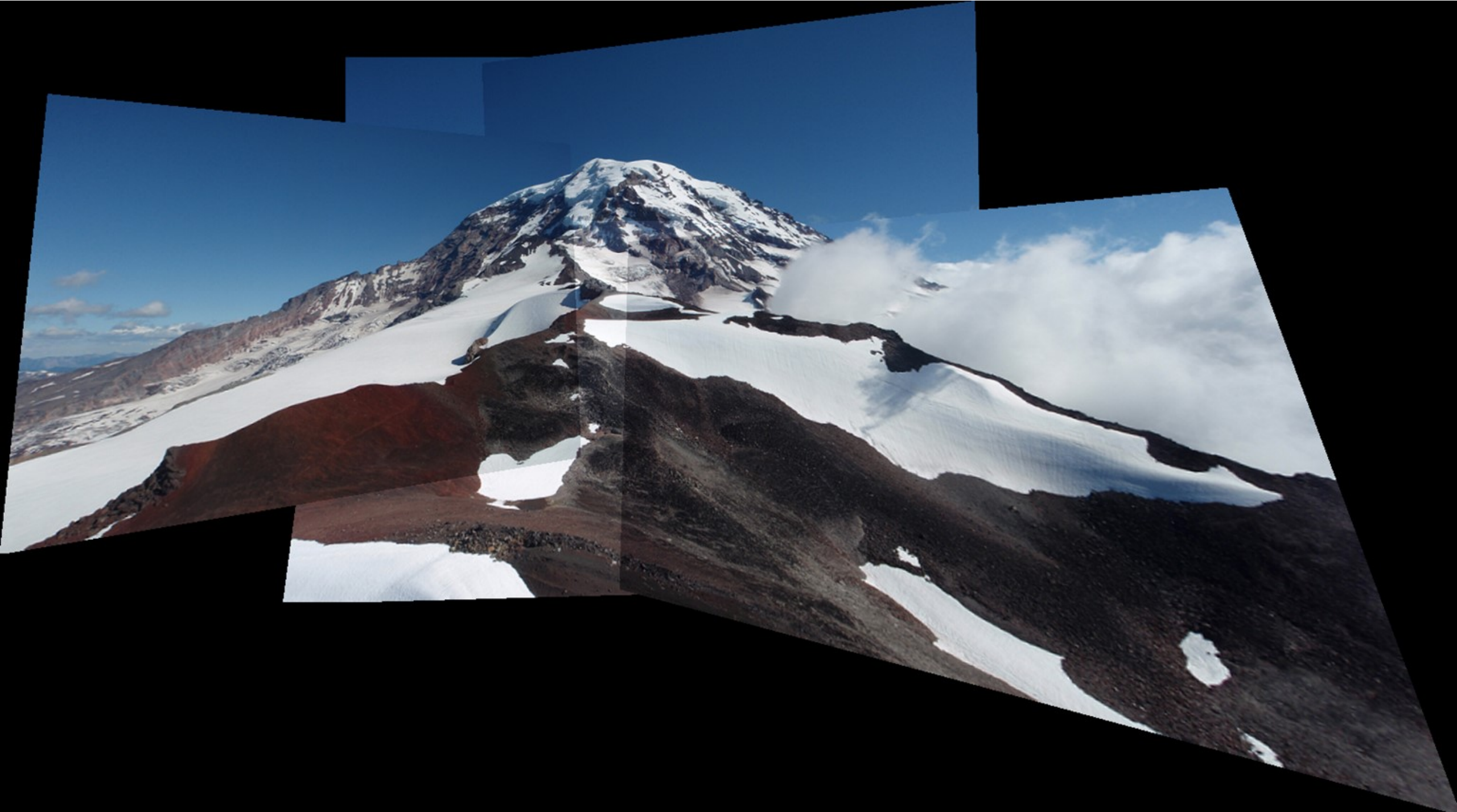
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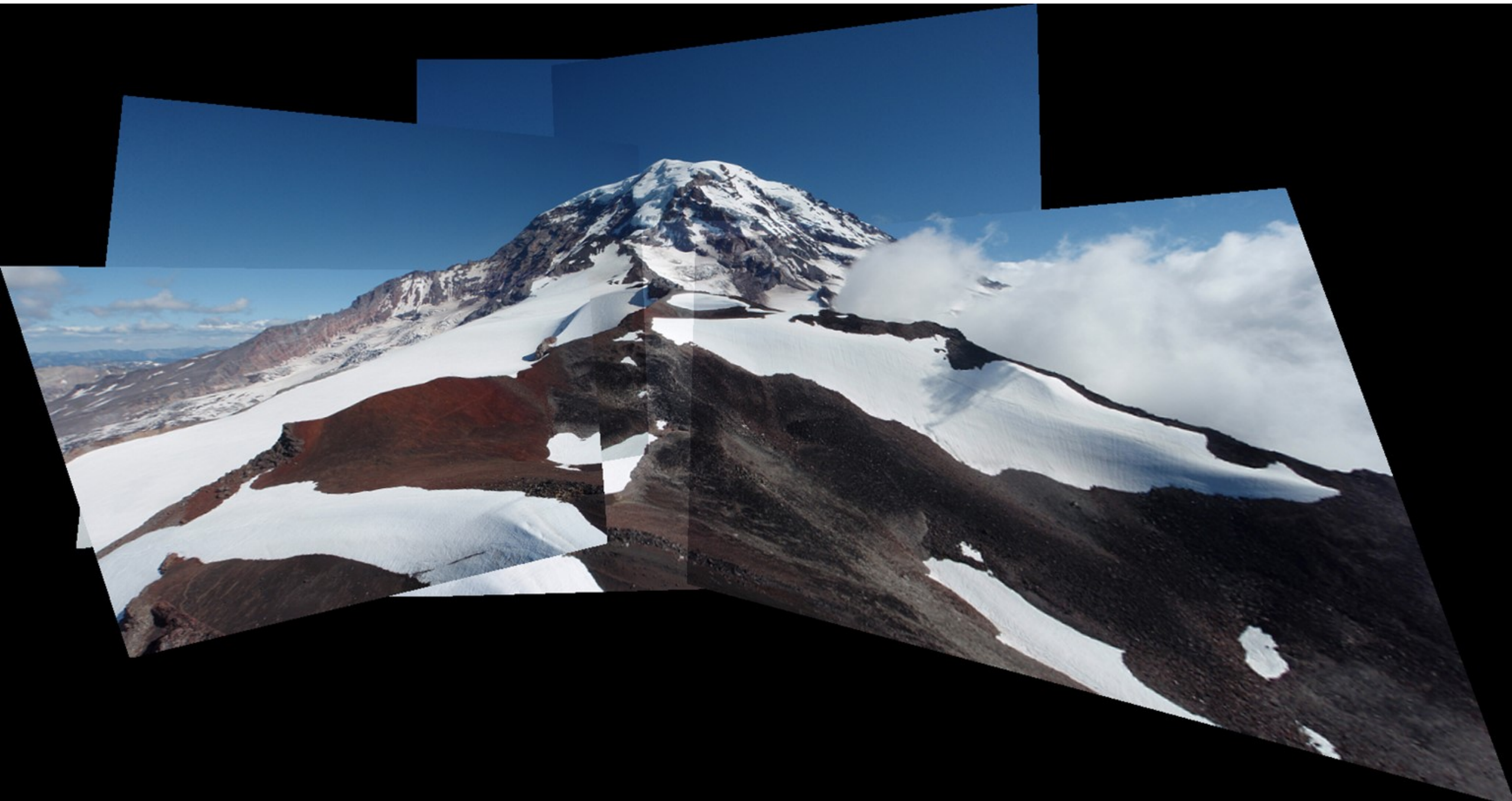




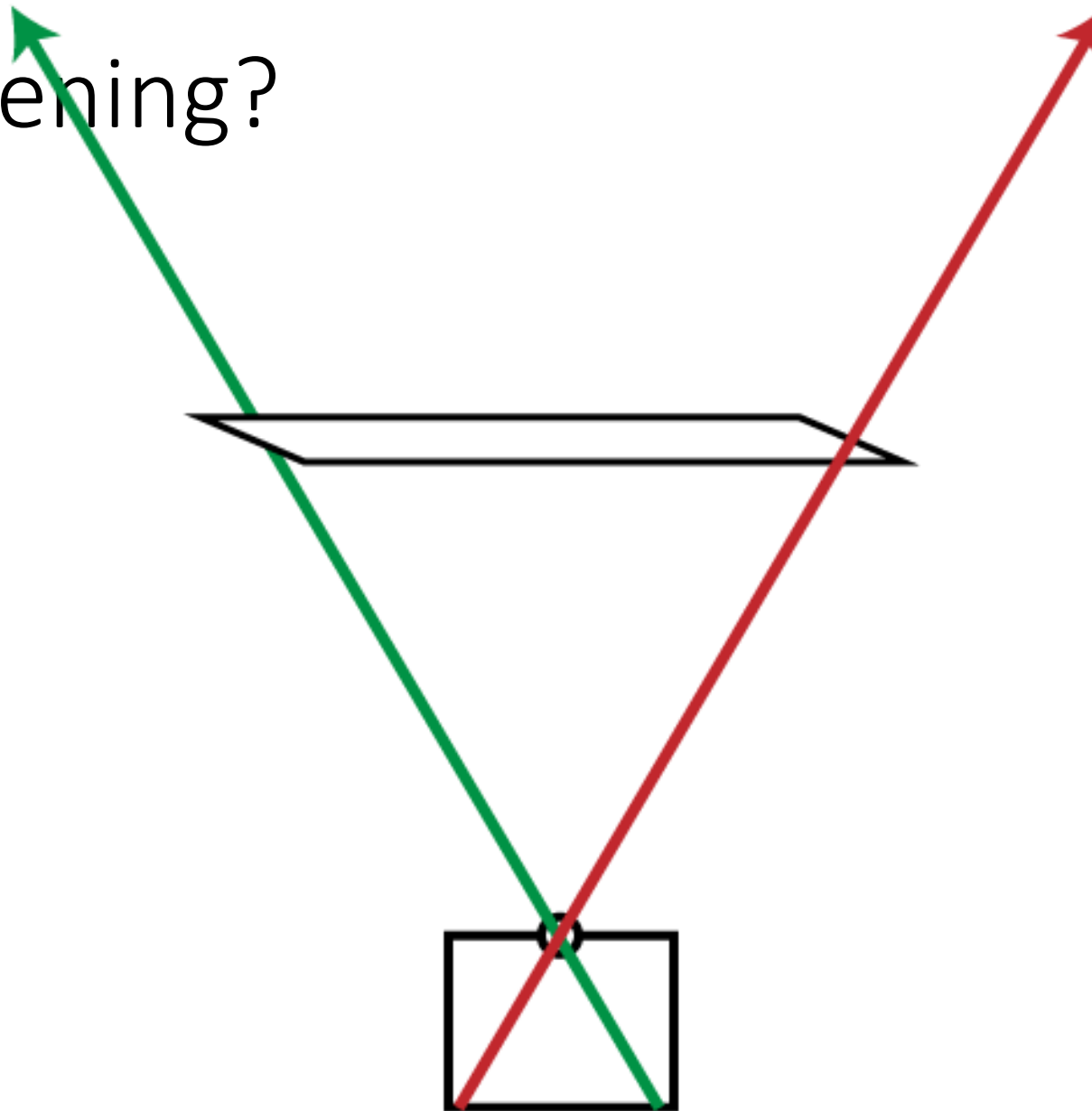
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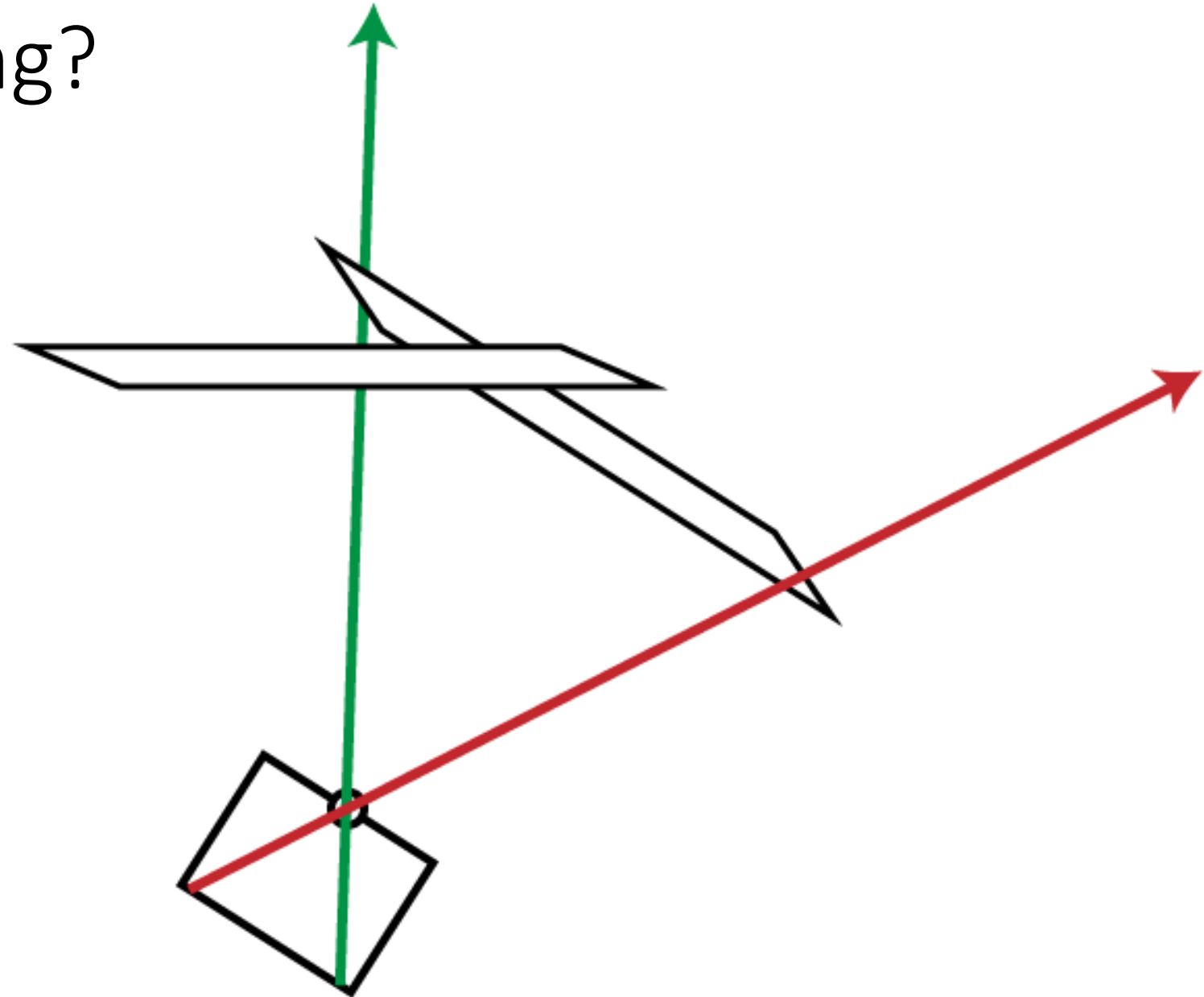


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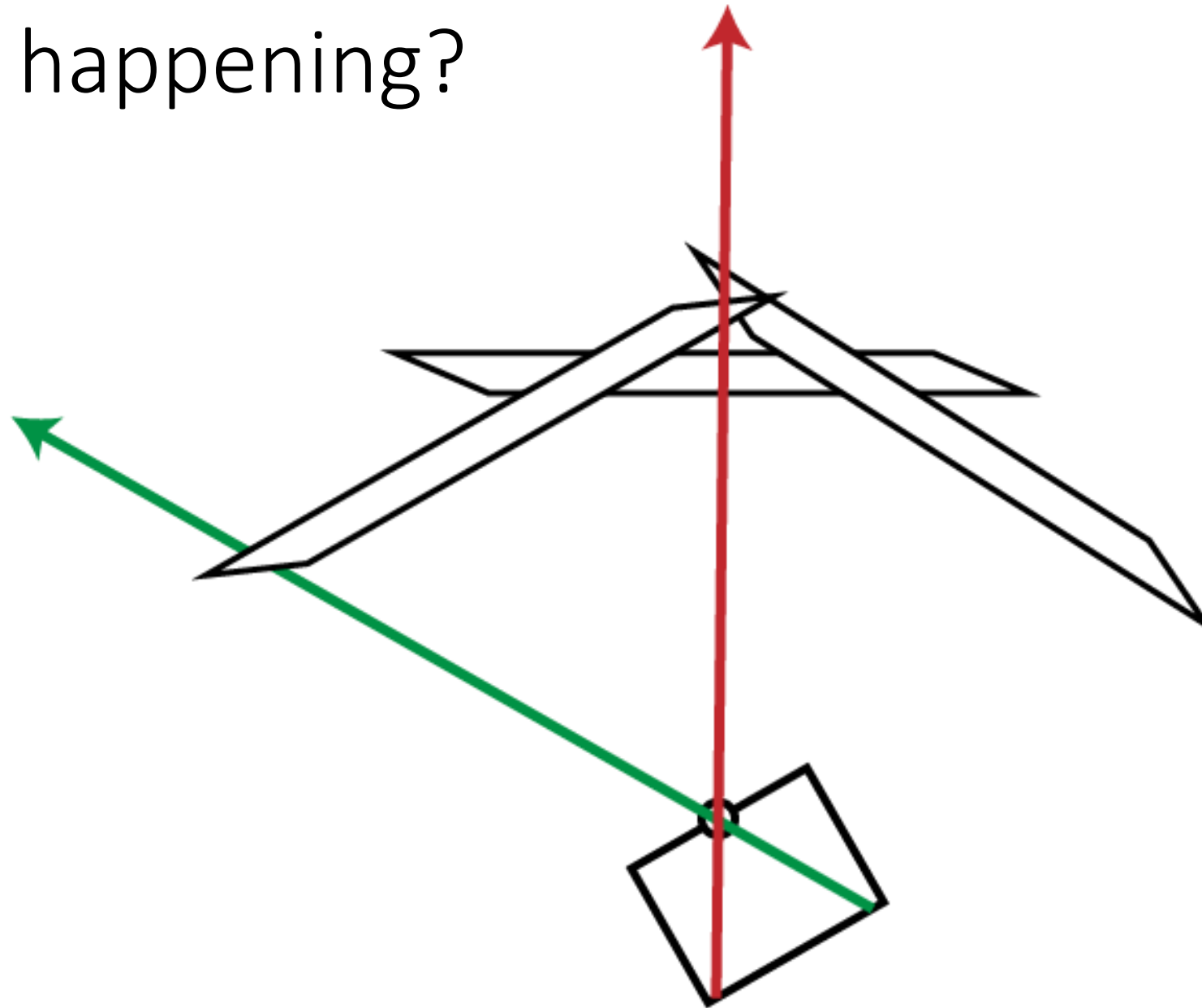




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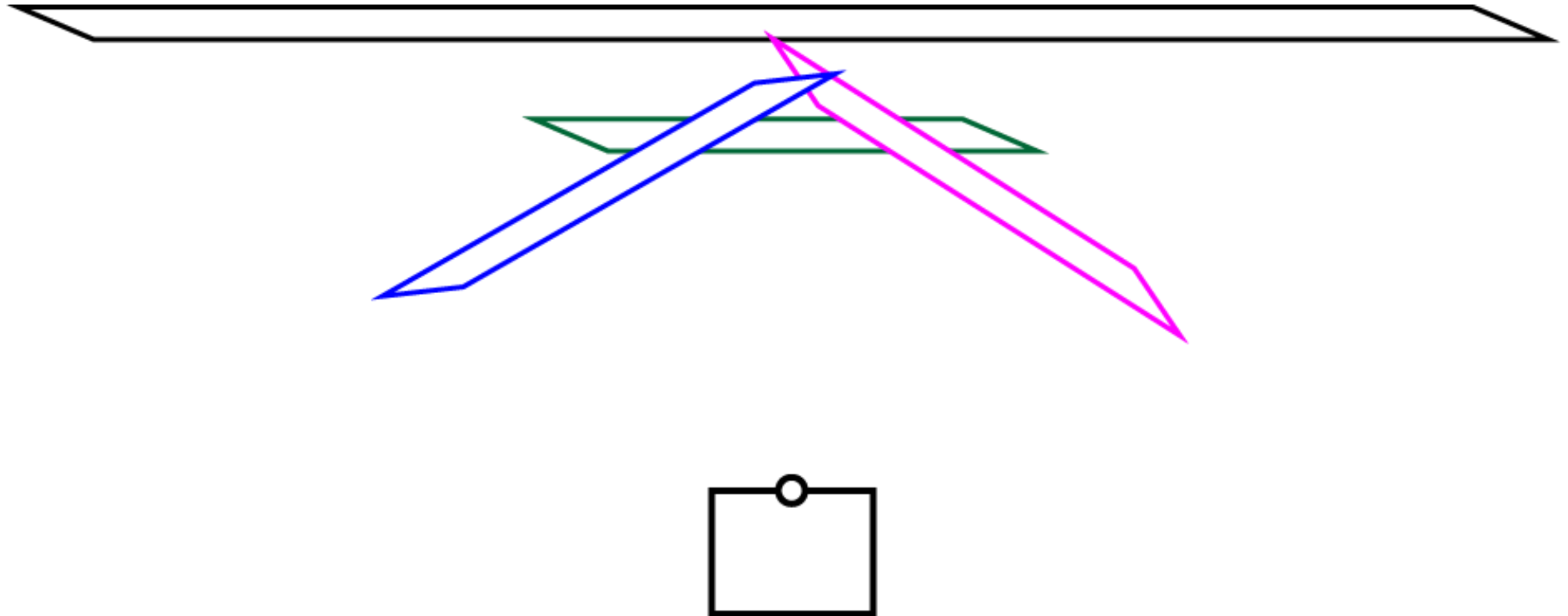


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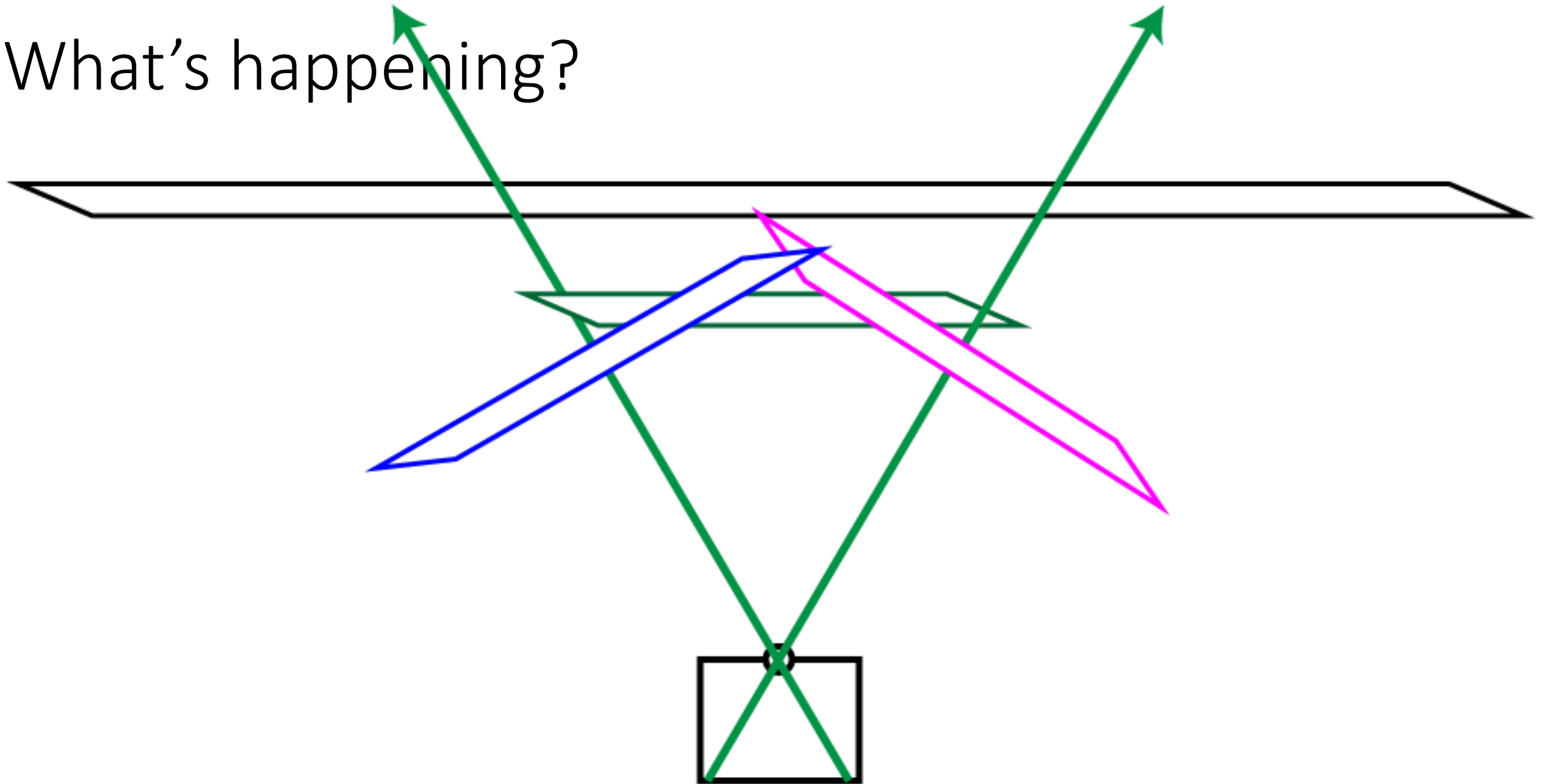




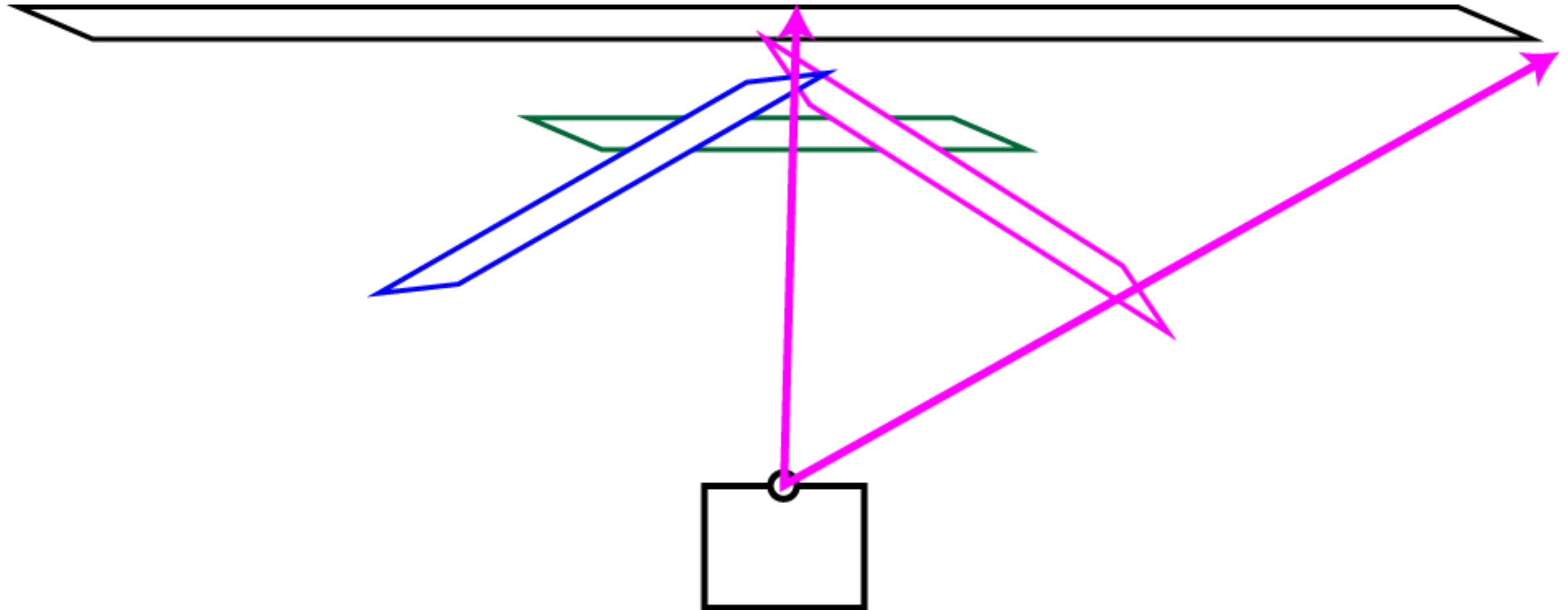
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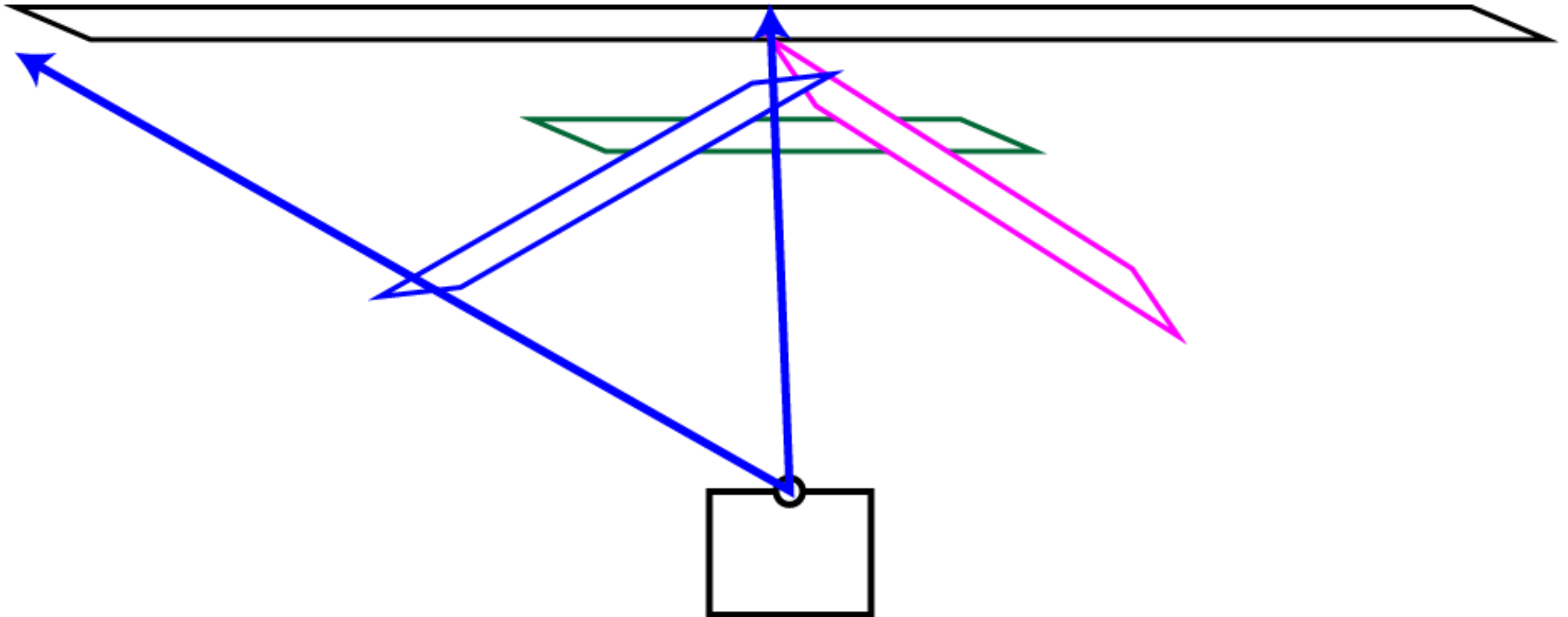
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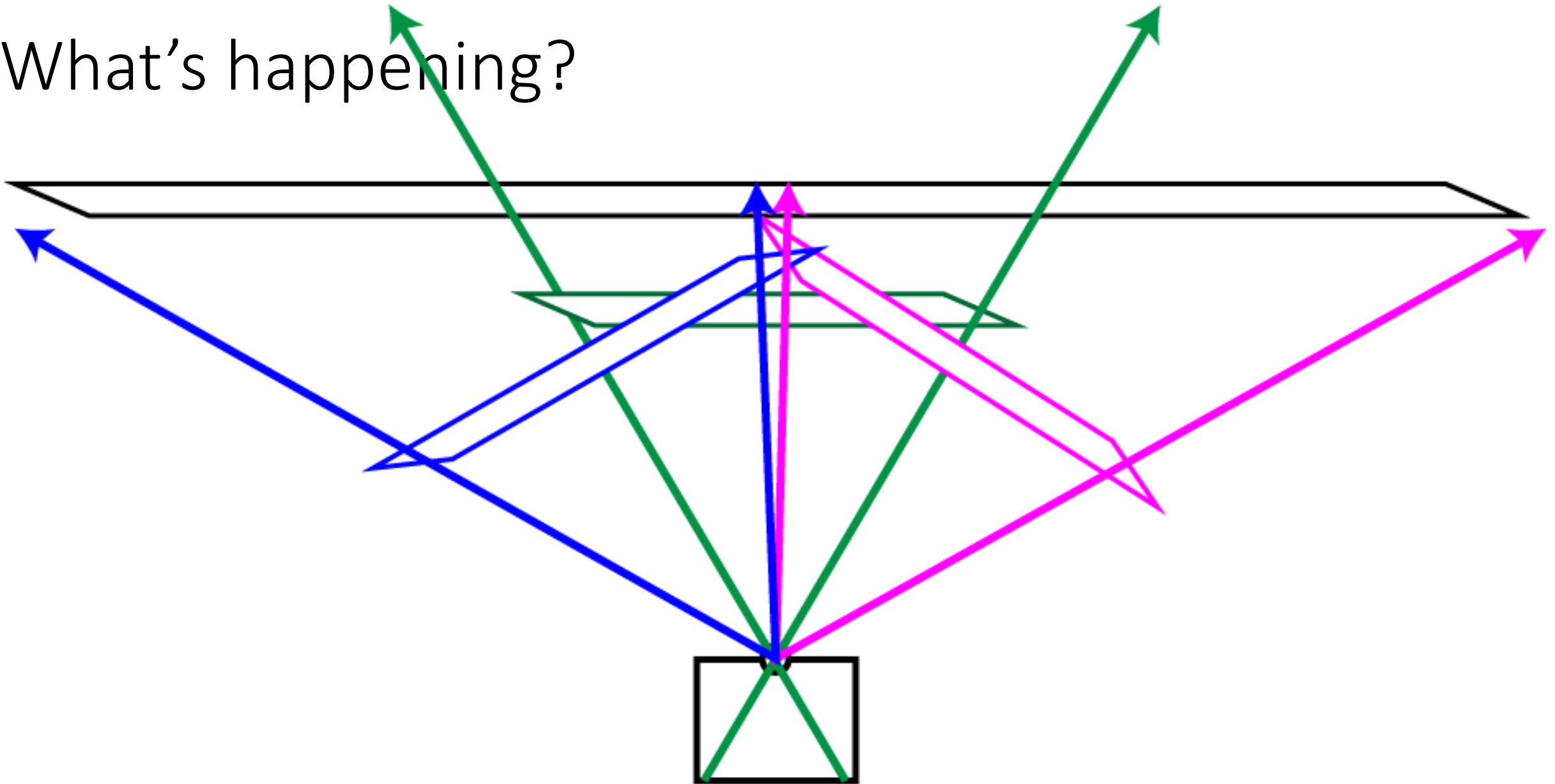
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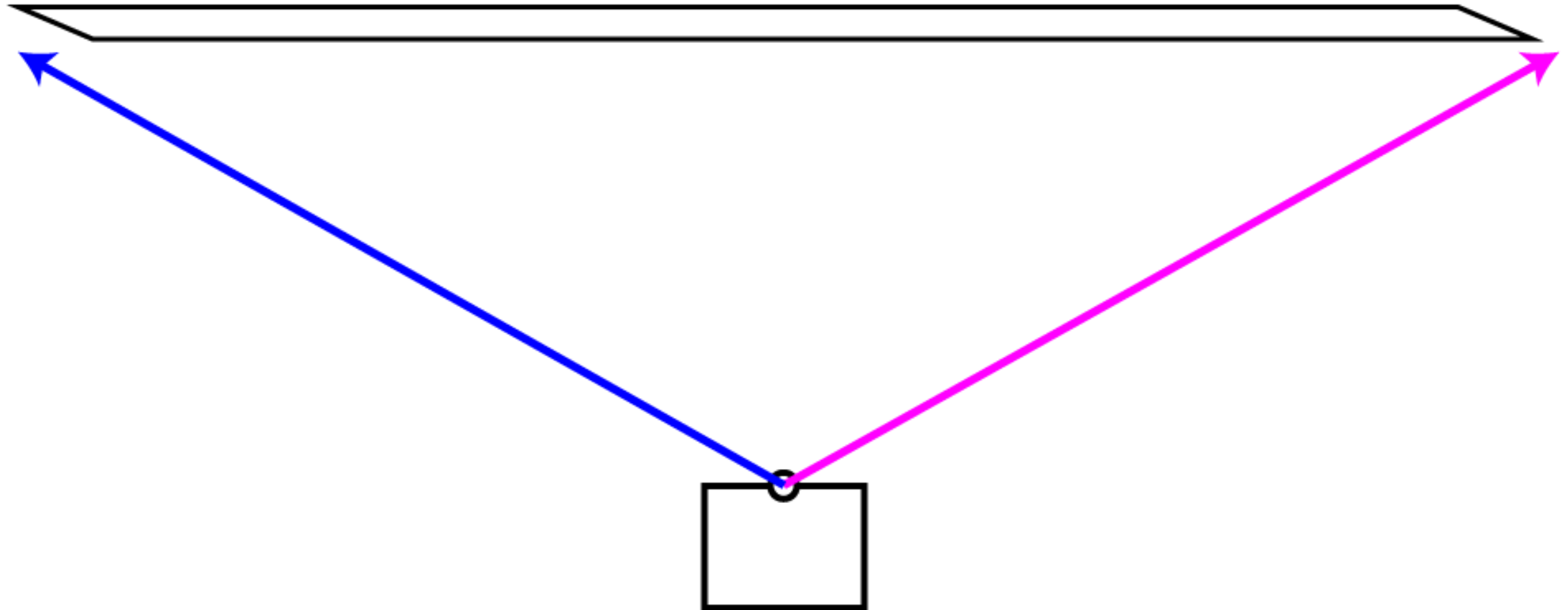
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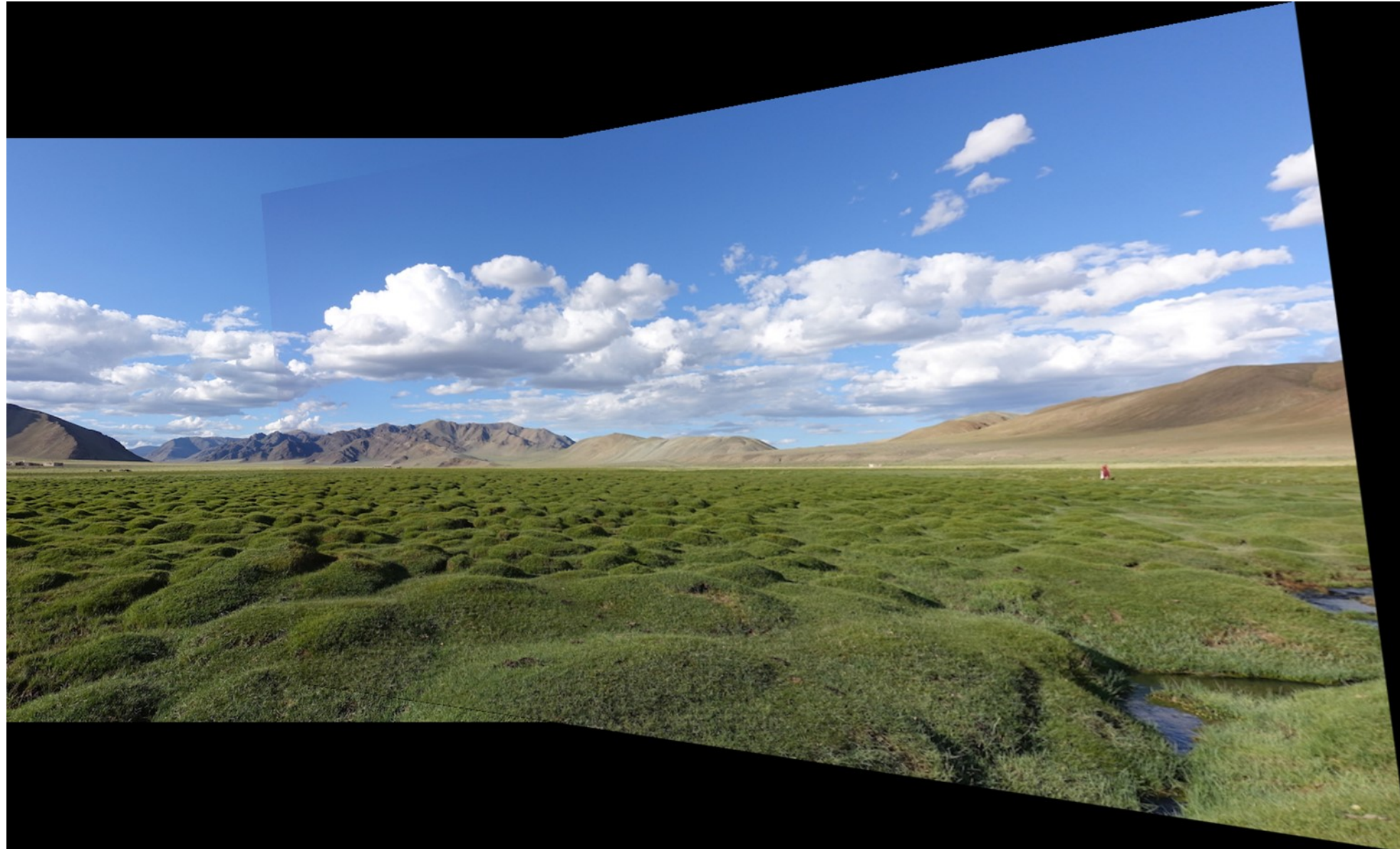


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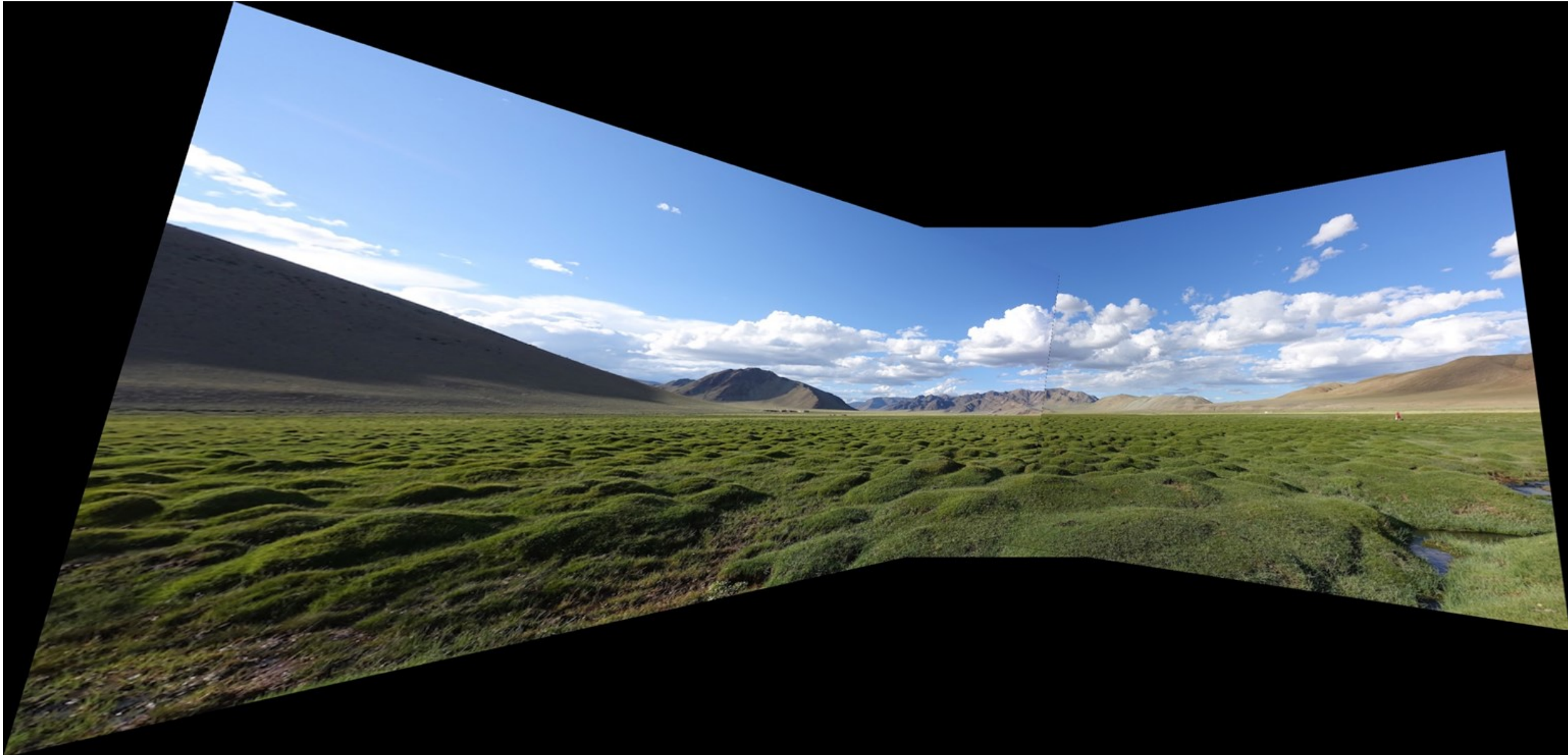




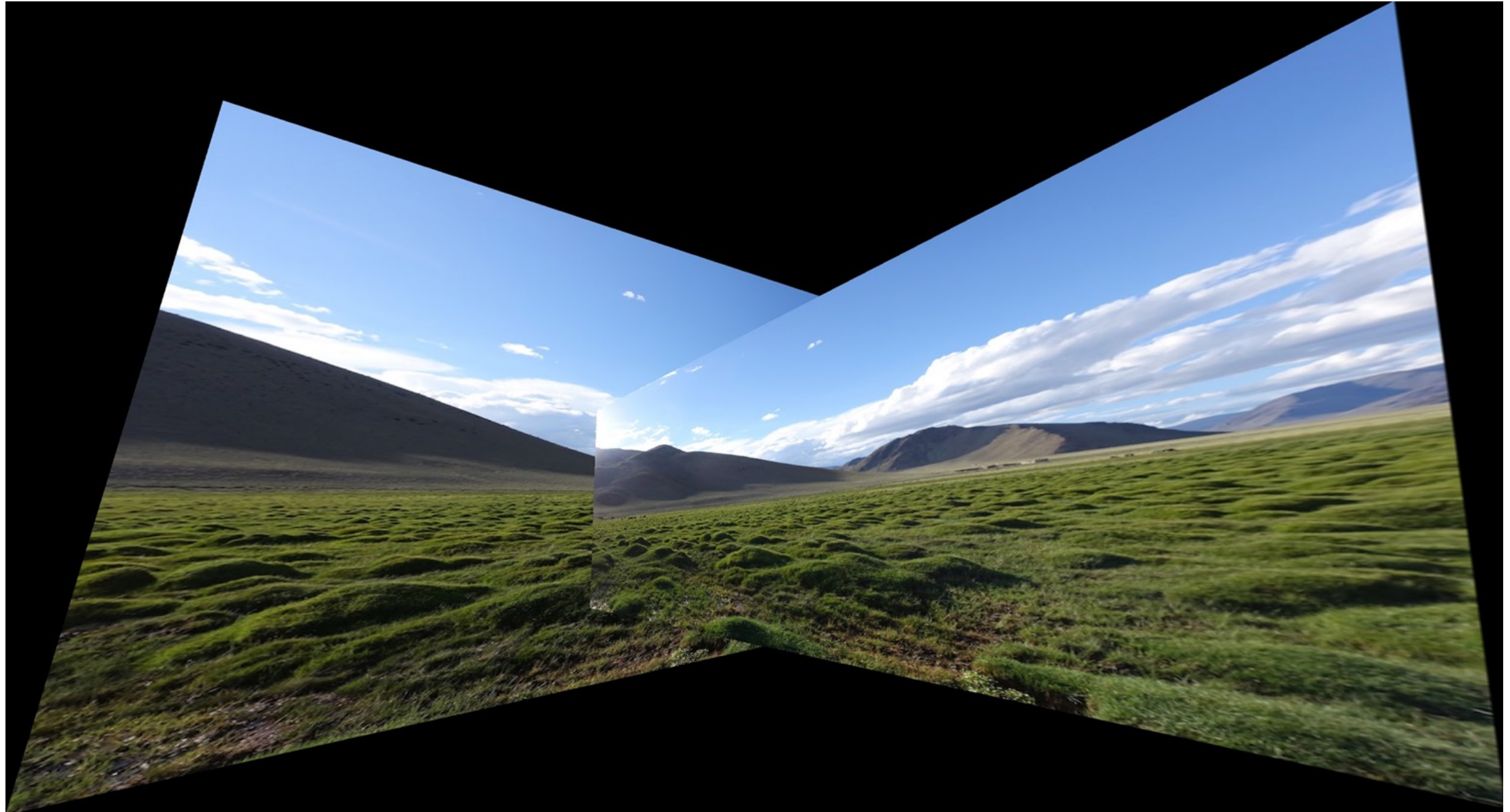
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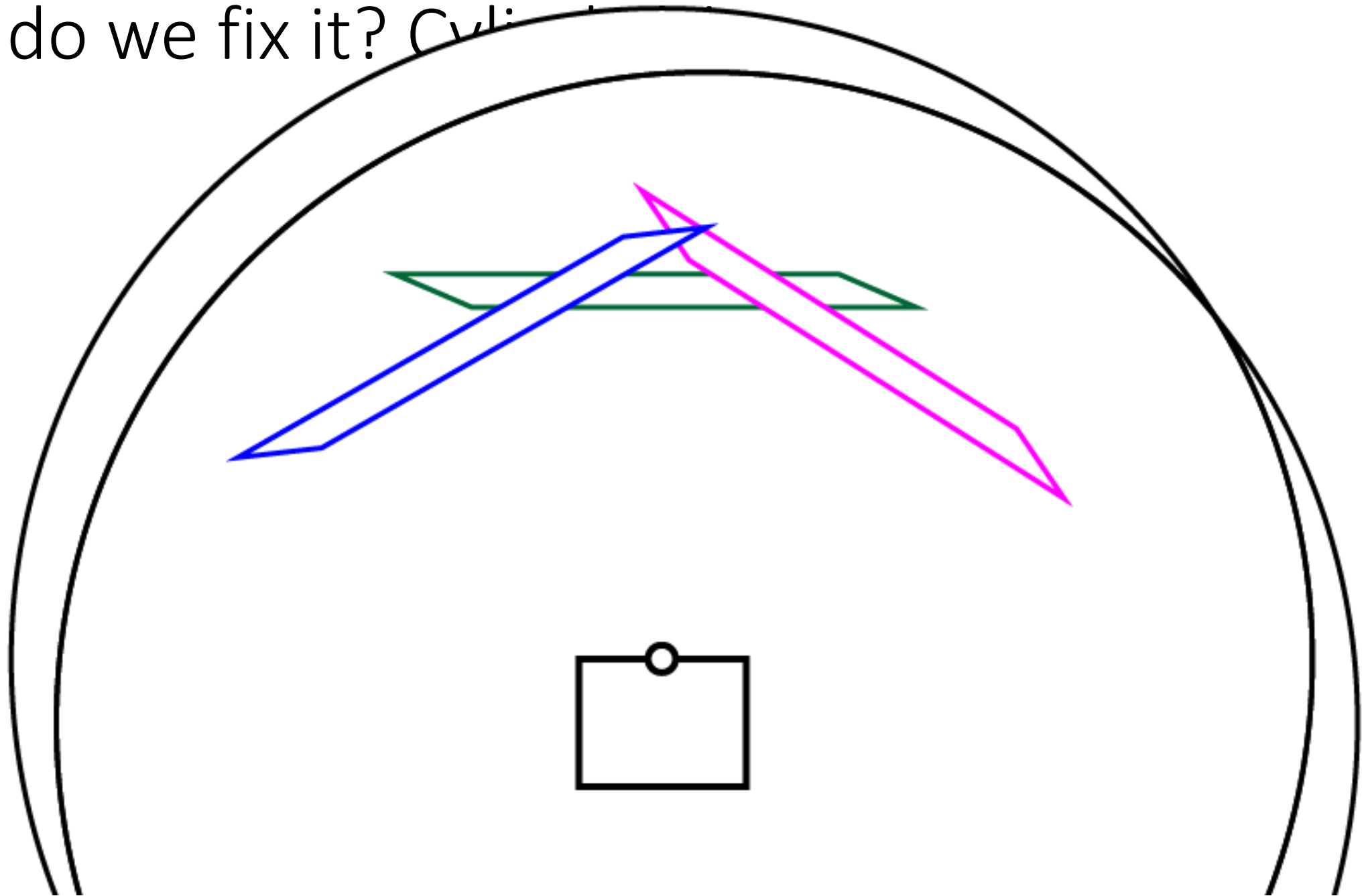
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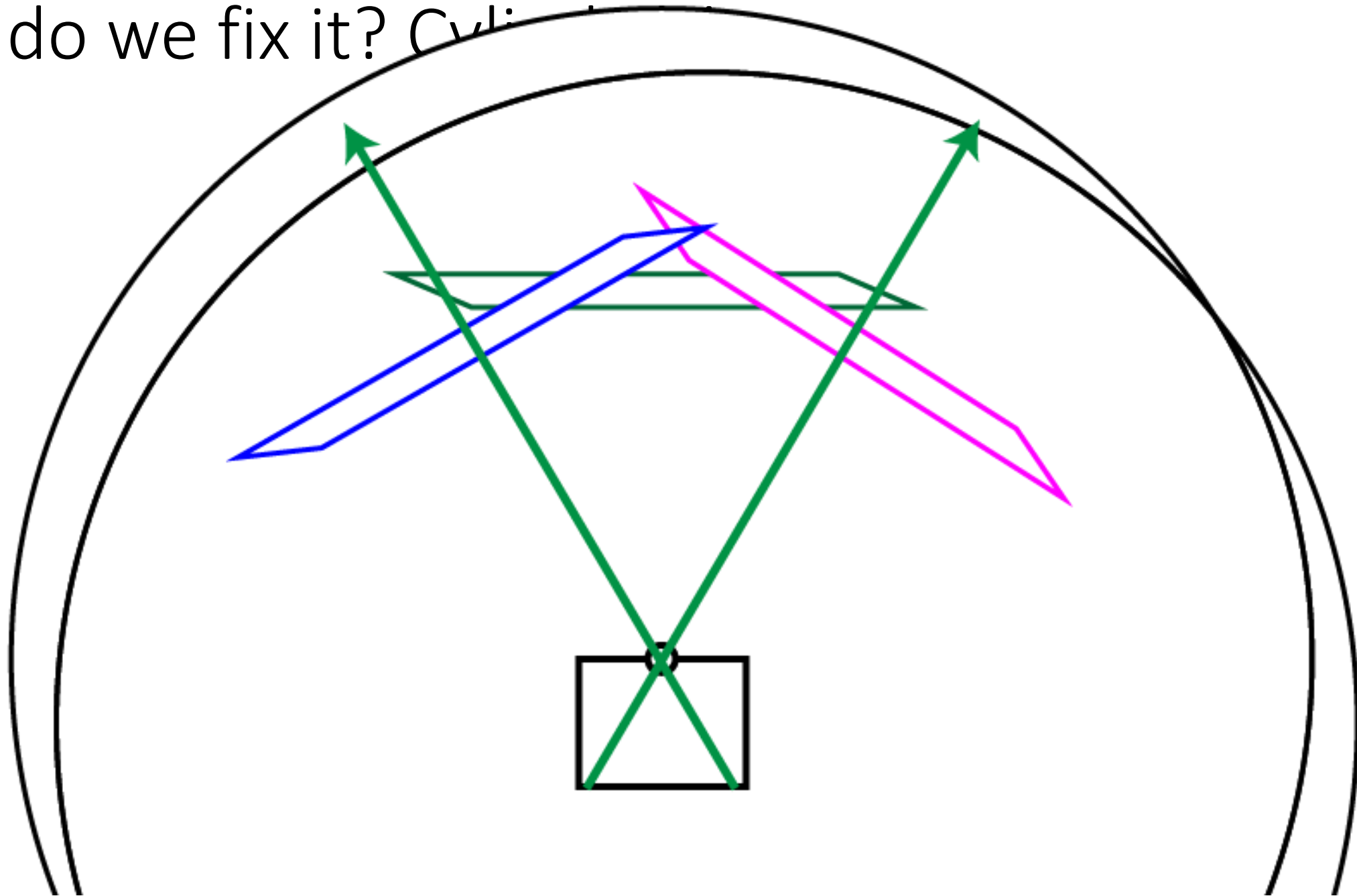
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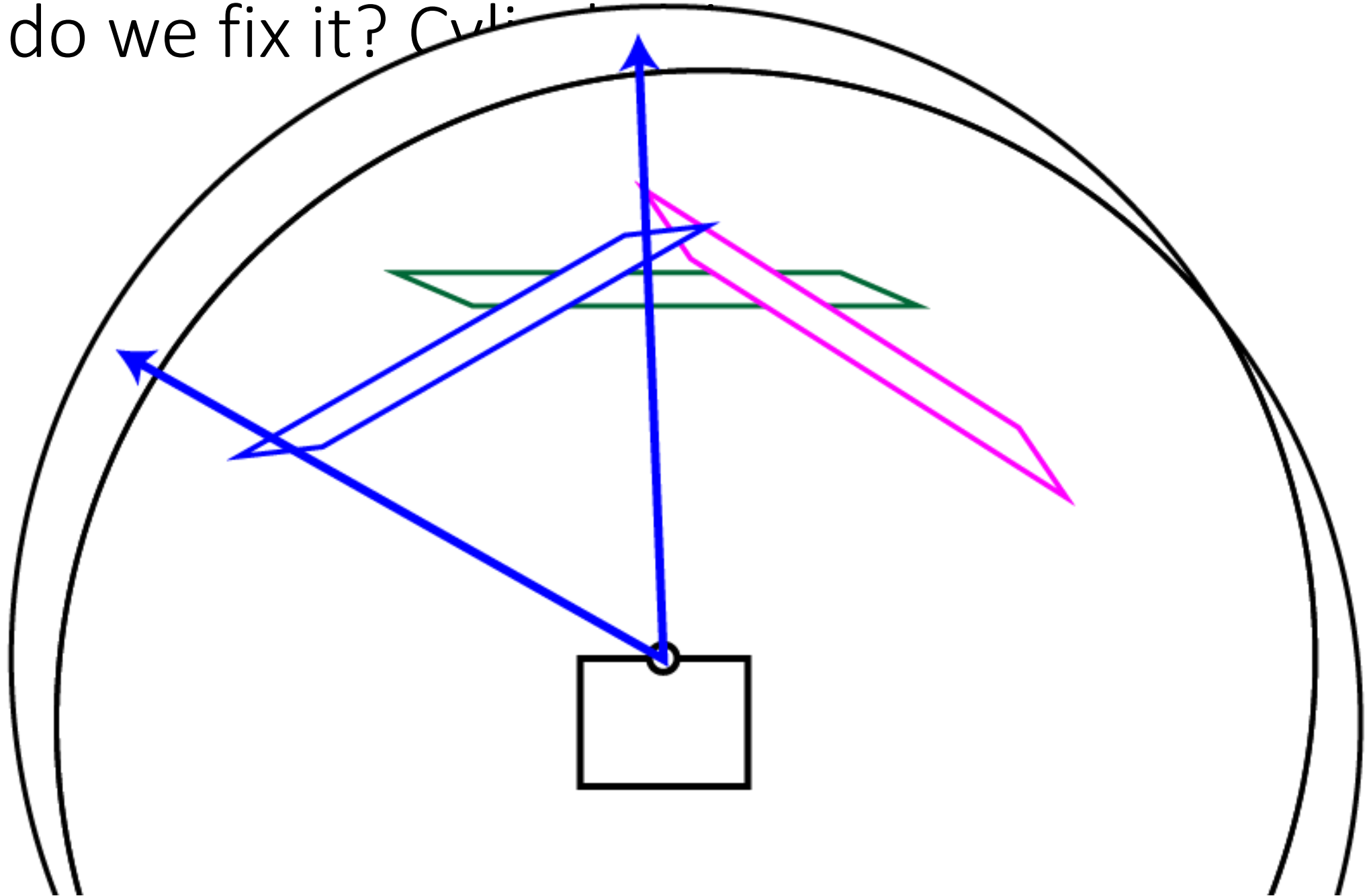
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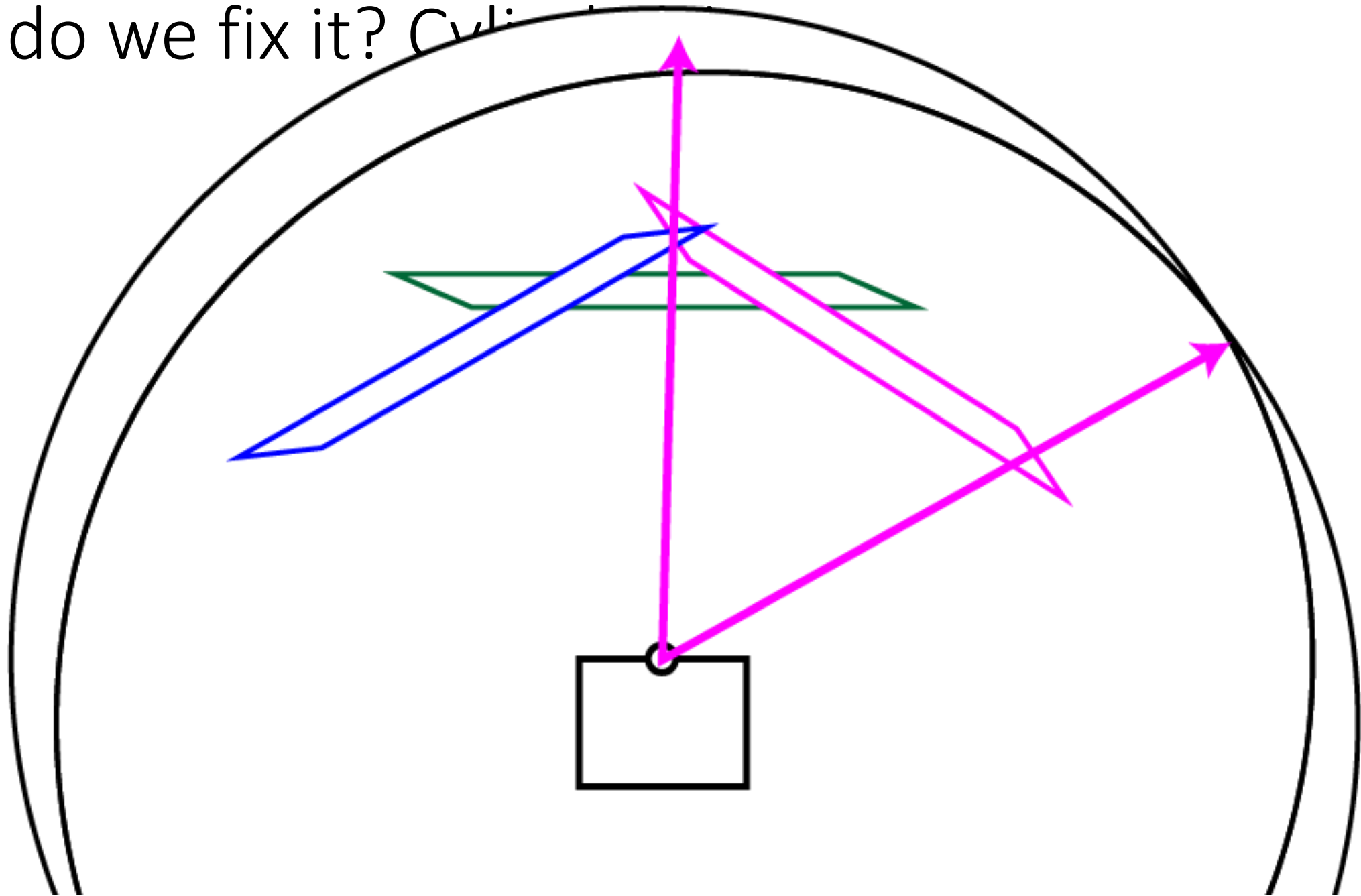
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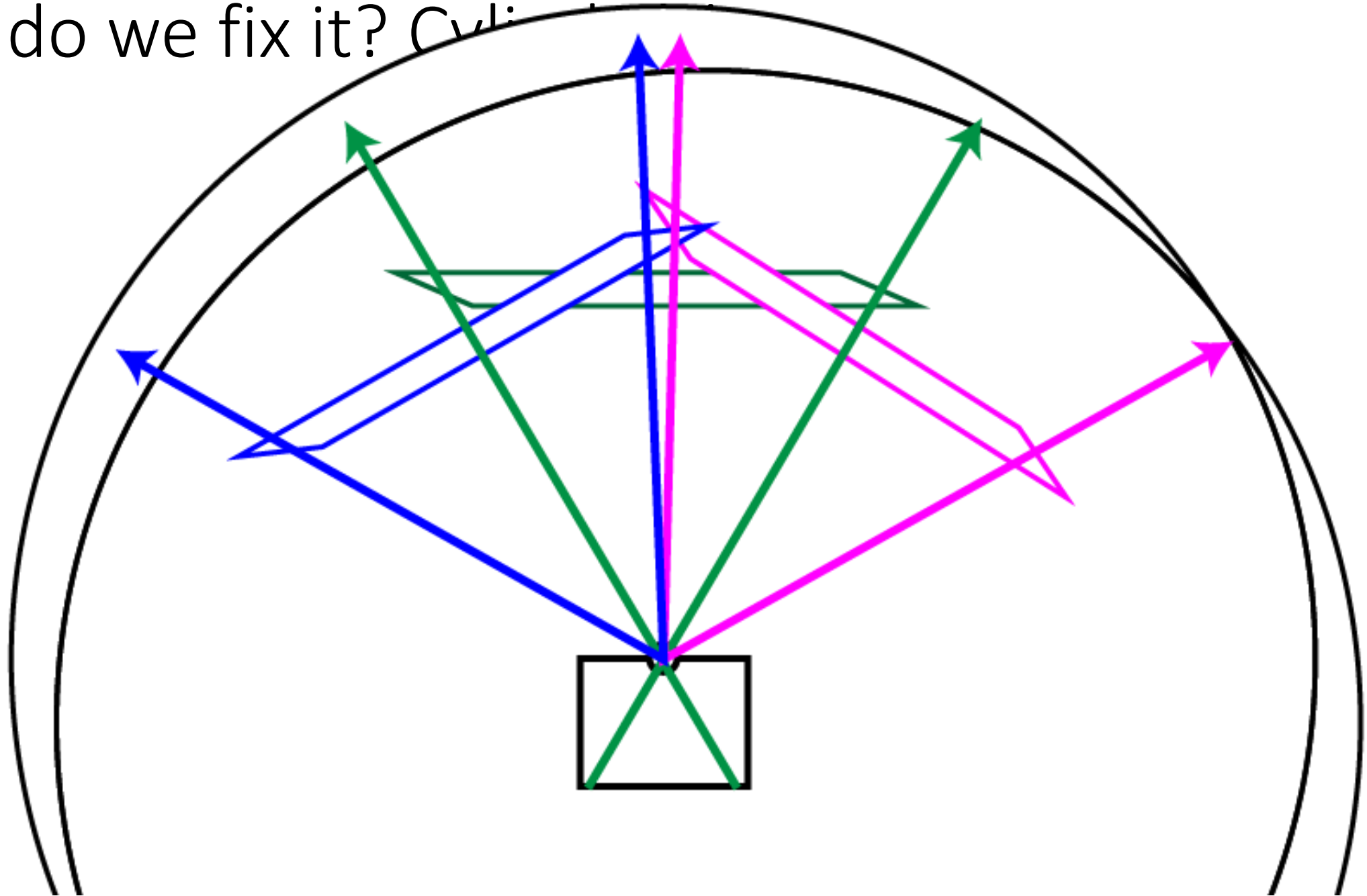
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How do we fix it? Cyclic



How do we fix it? Cylinders!

Calculate angle and height:

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

$$h = (y - y_c) / f$$

Find unit cylindrical coords:

$$X' = \sin(\theta)$$

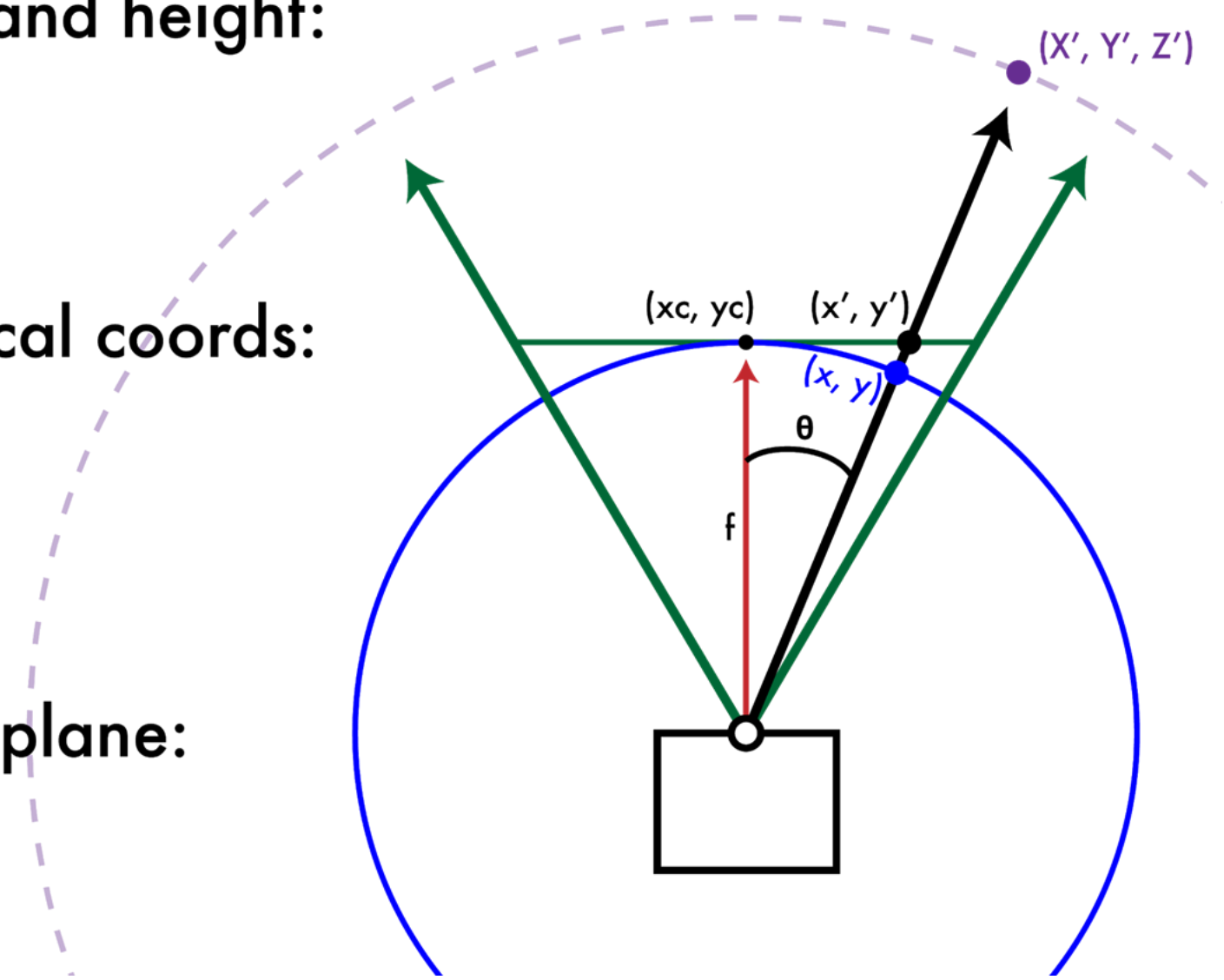
$$Y' = h$$

$$Z' = \cos(\theta)$$

Project to image plane:

$$x' = f X' / Z' + x_c$$

$$y' = f Y' / Z' + y_c$$



Dependant on focal length!



$f = 300$



$f = 500$





$$f = 1000$$



$$f = 1400$$



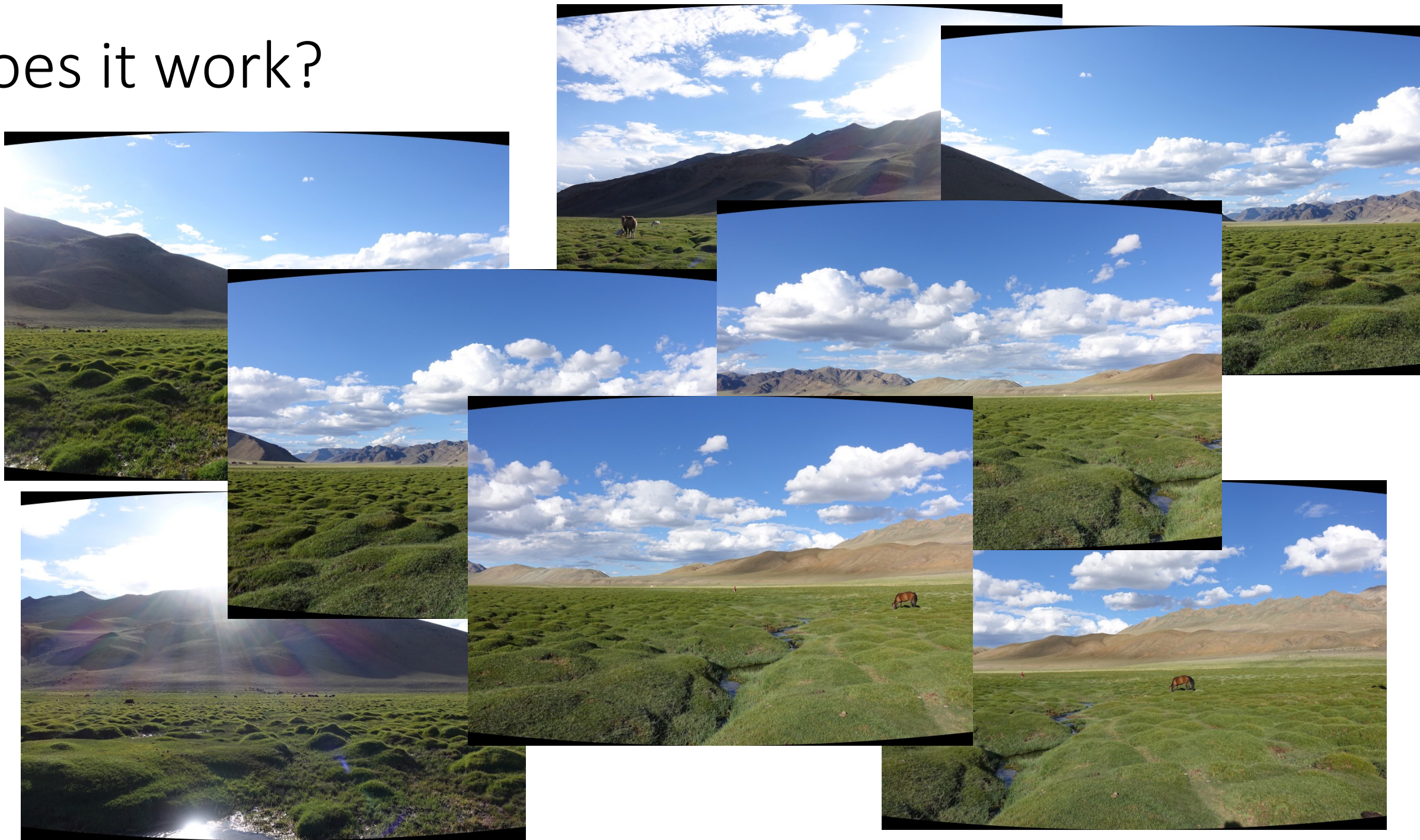
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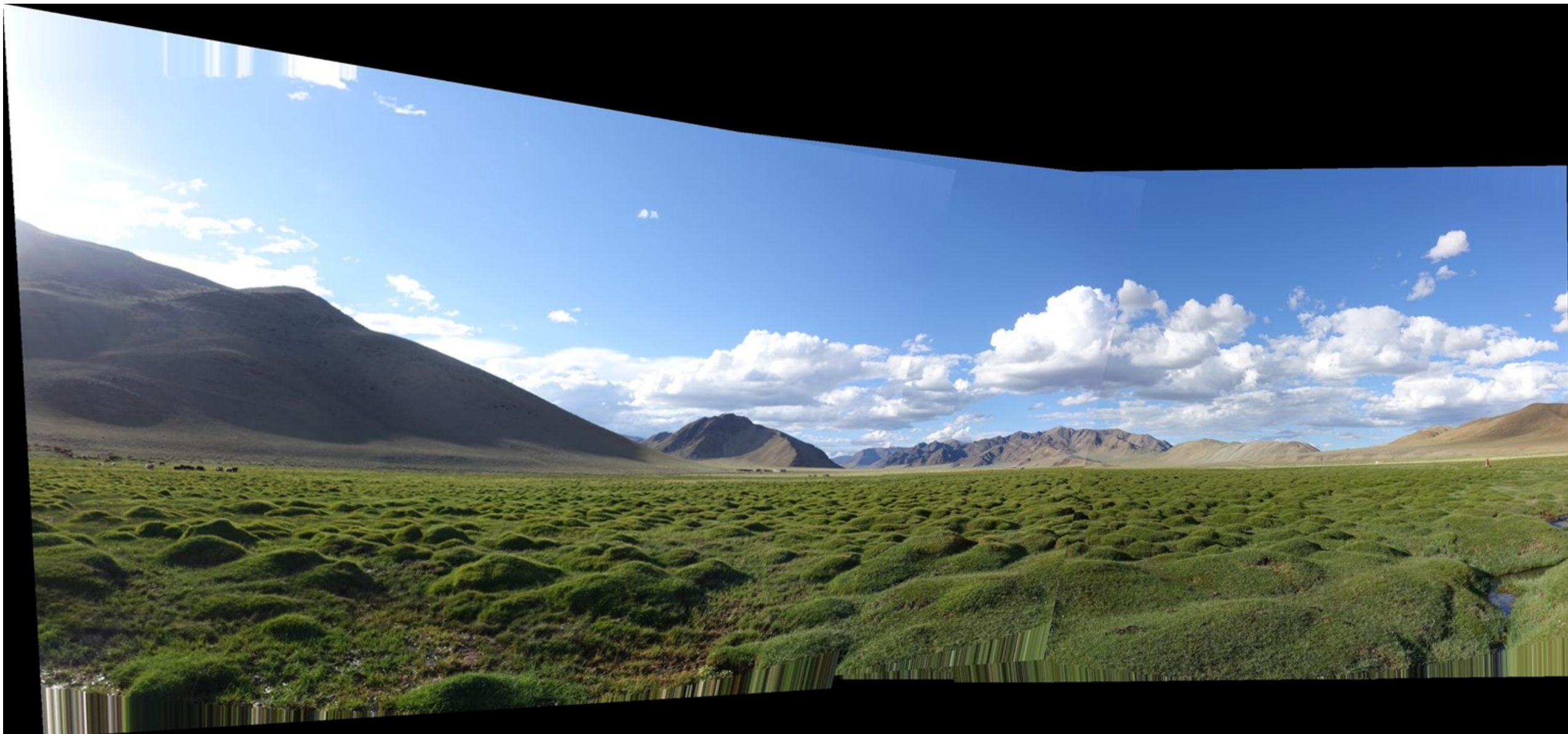




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Yes! Assuming camera is level and rotating around its vertical axis



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Thank you.

