

# Estimating Fundamental and Essential Matrix

• First let's tackle  $F$  and 8 point algorithm.

We will estimate  $F$  using coplanarity constraint.

$$x'^T F x'' = 0, \quad [x'_n, y'_n, 1] \begin{bmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} & F_{13} \\ F_{21} & F_{22} & F_{23} \\ F_{31} & F_{32} & F_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x''_n \\ y''_n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$x'$  and  $x''$  are known, we use them to estimate  $F$ .

To get  $F$  we will need at least 8 points,  $n=8$  as you can guess based on the name of the algorithm.

This can be represented as a linear function ...

$x''_n F_{11} x'_n + x''_n F_{21} y'_n + \dots = 0$  then like we do in DLT and Zhang's

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x''_1 F_{11} x'_1 + \dots \\ \vdots \\ x''_n F_{11} x'_n + \dots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}, \quad f = \begin{bmatrix} F_{11} \\ F_{21} \\ \vdots \\ F_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

method we separate  $x, y$  coefficients and fundamental matrix  $Af=0$ .

Again, like in Zhang's method we solve SVD, for  $A$  and use

last column from  $V$ , right singular vector.  $U \Sigma V^T = \text{SVD}(A)$ .

• Why 8 points? Matrix  $A$  has at most rank 8.

So  $f$  = last column of  $V$ .

Now this is not a full solution because  $f$  might not be of rank 2. (check  $F$  and  $E$  notes.) Hence, we take another SVD, now of  $f$ . This way we can enforce  $f$  to be rank 2.

$$U \Sigma V^T = \text{SVD}(f) \quad \text{then we manipulate to get } \Sigma' = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the new  $\Sigma'$  we compute  $F$ .

$F = U \Sigma' V^T$  and  $F$  is our solution.