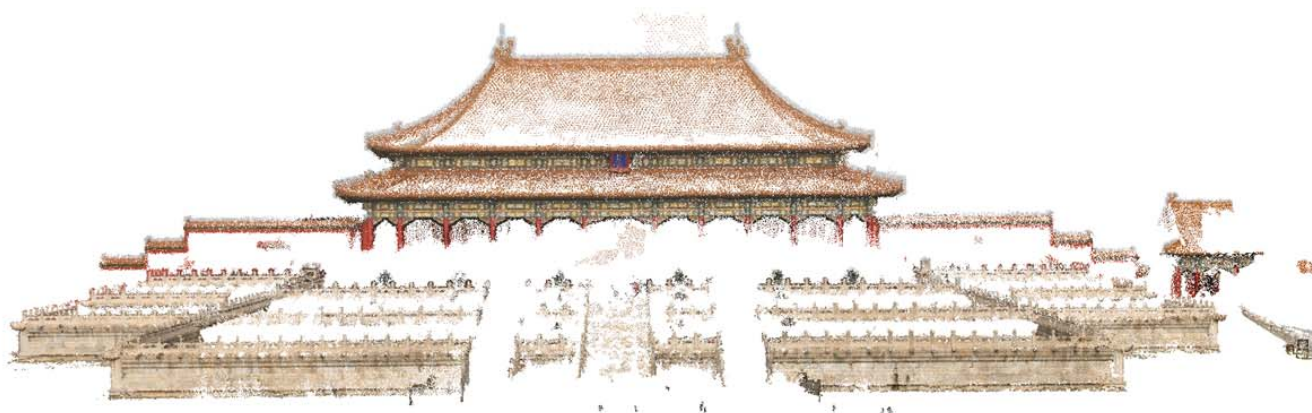


11. Structure-from-Motion



Outline

- Bundle Adjustment
- Rotation Parameterization
- Initializing BA

Structure-from-Motion

- Given many images, how can we
 - a) figure out where they were all taken from?
 - b) build a 3D model of the scene?



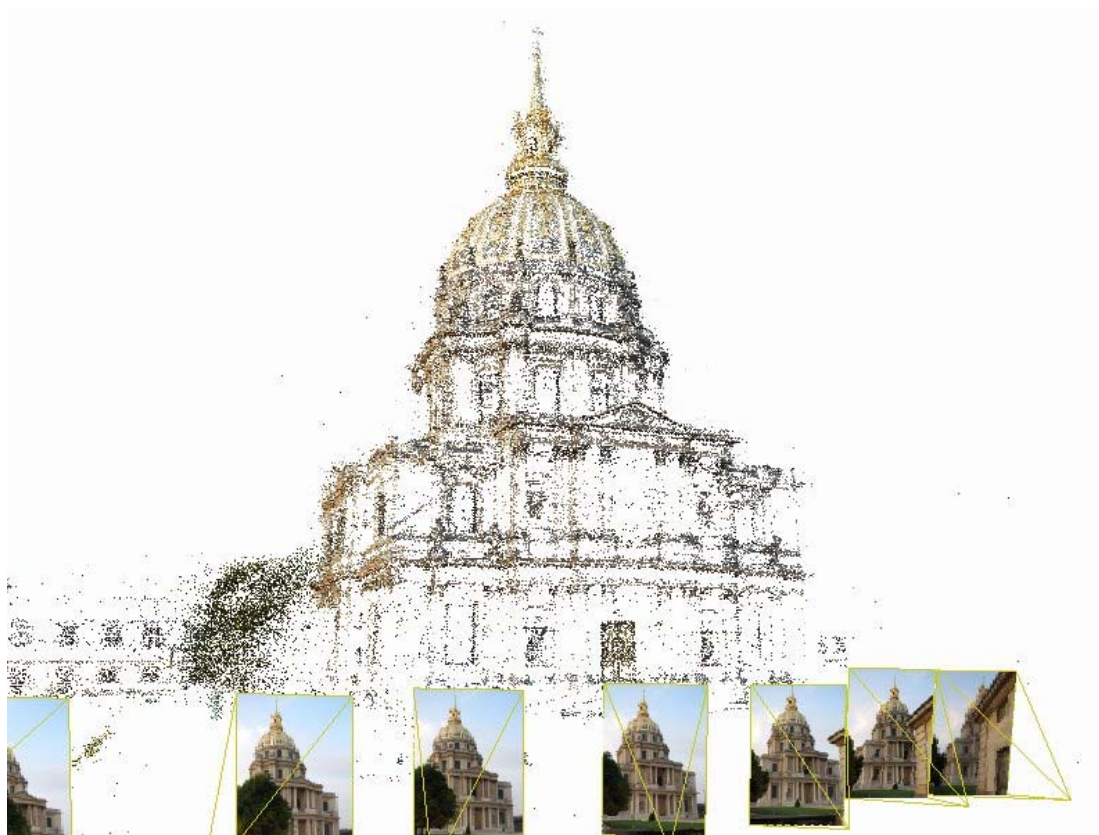
Structure-from-Motion

- Structure = 3D Point Cloud of the Scene
- Motion = Camera Location and Orientation
- SFM = Get the Point Cloud from Moving Cameras

structure指的是场景的3D点云
motion指的是相机中心的坐标与朝向
SfM：从移动的相机中获得3D点云

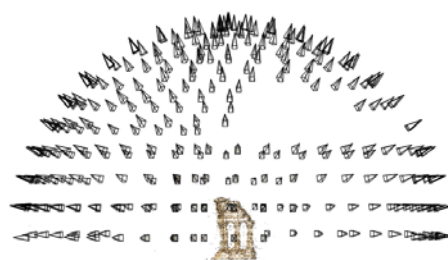
Also Doable from Videos

视频其实也就是图片序列，一样适用于SfM

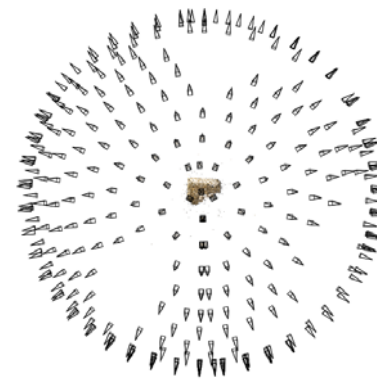


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Formulation



Reconstruction (side)



(top)

- Input: images with points in correspondence $p_{ij} = (u_{ij}, v_{ij})$
- Output
 - structure: 3D location X_i for each point p_i
 - motion: camera parameters R_j, t_j possibly K_j
- Objective function: minimize *reprojection error*

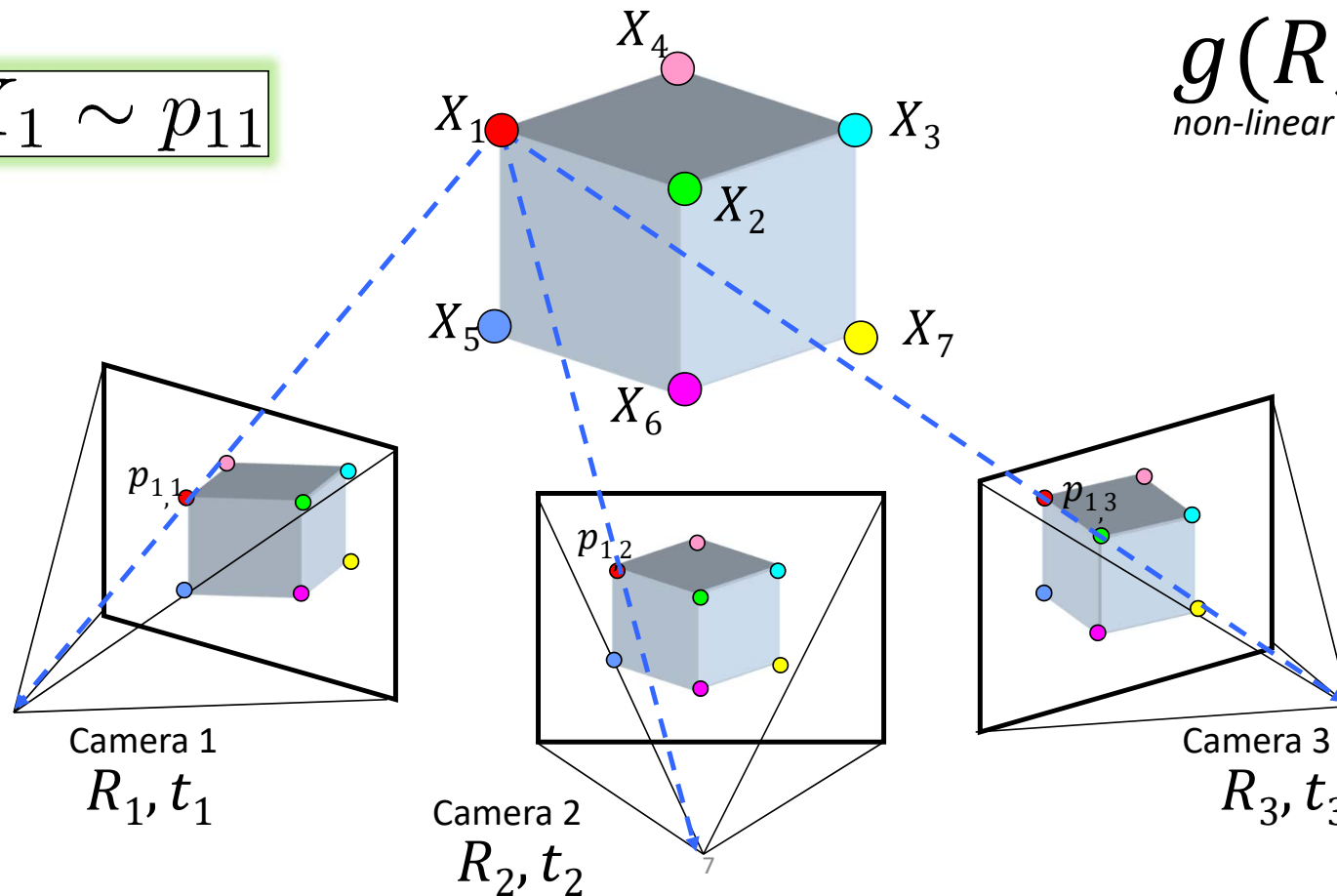
π_1 表示的是第一个相机的投影矩阵， X_1 是三维点， p_{11} 是 X_1 经过 π_1 的投影得到的像素点（或者说第一个三维点在第一张图片上的投影）

X_1 经过投影得到的像素位置与特征提取找到的点之间存在误差，所有三维点在所有图片中的投影点与检测点之间都存在误差，将所有的误差进行求和，就得到了 $g(R, T, X)$ ，这就是最终的reprojection error，它与所有的旋转矩阵，转移矩阵，三维点有关。

Formulation

$$\Pi_1 X_1 \sim p_{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} \\ &g(R, T, X) \\ &\text{non-linear least squares} \end{aligned}$$



由feature detection得到的像素坐标，相当于Observation。

三维点经过投影矩阵，得到的预测的像素坐标。可以理解为model prediction

Formulation

- Minimize sum of squared reprojection errors:

m个三维点，n张图片

$$g(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \underbrace{w_{ij}}_{\substack{\text{indicator variable:} \\ \text{is point } i \text{ visible in image } j?}} \cdot \left\| \underbrace{\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{t}_j)}_{\text{predicted image location}} - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_{i,j} \\ v_{i,j} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{observed image location}} \right\|^2$$

第i个点在第j张图片中可见就取1，否则取0

- Minimizing this function is called bundle adjustment
 - Optimized using non-linear least squares, e.g. Levenberg-Marquardt

bundle指的是穿过同一个三维点的光束

Problem size

- What are the variables?
 - Cameras and points
- How many variables per camera? 6
- How many variables per point? 3
- An example with moderate size
 - 466 input photos
 - + > 100,000 3D points
 - = very large optimization problem

Questions?

Bundle Adjustment

省略了考虑是否可见的那个变量

- The objective function:

$$g(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{t}_j) - \begin{bmatrix} u_{i,j} \\ v_{i,j} \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$$
$$= \sum_{ij} e_{ij}^2(X_i, R_i, t_i, K_i)$$

将上述整理为一个函数，其表示的是点*i*个三维点在第*j*张图片上的投影误差。将所有关于*i*，*j*的误差平方求和，就是重投影误差。

- $e_{ij} = P(X_i, R_j, t_j) - p_{ij}$ is the 'reprojection error' of X_i in the j th image
- The parameters: $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{3m}$, $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{3n}$, $\mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{3n}$
 - Typically, $m \gg n$ (why?)
- The optimization method: Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm

对于待优化的函数，首先在初始值处进行泰勒展开，将二次项以上的都丢弃。

J 表示的是函数 f 在 p 点处的梯度

Gauss-Newton Method Revisit

- Steps: 先将函数展开，丢弃掉2次及以上的项，将函数线性化
- 1. linearize the objective function (nearby an initial solution P_0)

$$f(P_0 + \Delta) \approx f(P_0) + J\Delta \quad J = \frac{\partial f}{\partial P}$$

- 2. minimize the linearized objective function

$$\Delta = \arg \min \|f(P_0) + J\Delta\|^2$$

求出使得一阶展开最小的 Δ

$$\Rightarrow J^T J \Delta = J^T f(P_0) \quad \text{为什么要满足这个约束呢?}$$

- 3. solve the linear system to update the initial solution

$$P_{i+1} = P_i + \Delta$$

- 4. iterate 1-3 until converge

Linearize the re-projection error

- Error function: $f(P) = g(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) = \sum_{ij} e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T})$

- $e_{ij} = P(X_i, R_j, t_j) - p_{ij}$

- Linearize it by Taylor expansion:

$$e_{ij}(P) = e_{ij}(P_0) + J_{ij}\Delta$$

$$J_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times (3m+6n)} \text{ is the Jacobian matrix, } \Delta \in \mathbb{R}^{3m+6n}$$

雅克比函数描述的是二维平面的欧氏距离，所以它是两行的。然后要对所有点与矩阵求距离，所以是 $2 \times (3m+6n)$

- The sparse structure of J_{ij} :

$$J_{ij}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) = (0, \dots, \frac{\partial e_{ij}}{\partial X_i}, \dots, \frac{\partial e_{ij}}{\partial R_j}, \frac{\partial e_{ij}}{\partial T_j}, \dots, 0)$$

J_{ij} 是一个稀疏的矩阵，因为 J_{ij} 只和第 i 个三维点，第 j 个相机的旋转矩阵和平移矩阵有关。对别的无关的地方求导，结果都是 0

Linearize the re-projection error

- The linearized objective function:

$$f(P) = \sum_{ij} (e_{ij}(P_0) + J_{ij}\Delta)^2 \approx \mathbf{c} + 2\mathbf{b}^T\Delta + \Delta^T\mathbf{H}\Delta$$

with

$$\mathbf{b}^T = \sum_{ij} e_{ij}^T J_{ij} \quad \mathbf{H} = \sum_{ij} J_{ij}^T J_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{(3m+6n) \times (3m+6n)} \quad \text{这个H十分稀疏}$$

This is huge!

\mathbf{H} is the Hessian matrix.

目标是要最小化关于 Δ 的二次函数，求解 Δ 。

做法是设置 f 对 Δ 求偏导的结果为0，经过简单的推导，能够得到下面这个式子
用过解线性方程可以将 Δ 求出，更新到 P 上去

- Set the partial derivative to zero:

$$\mathbf{H}\Delta = -\mathbf{b}$$

- Solving this linear system for improved results:

$$P \leftarrow P + \Delta$$

Gauss-Newton Algorithm

- Repeat until convergence:
- 1. Compute the terms of linear systems:

$$\mathbf{b}^T = \sum_{ij} e_{ij}^T \mathbf{J}_{ij} \quad \mathbf{H} = \sum_{ij} \mathbf{J}_{ij}^T \mathbf{J}_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{(3m+6n) \times (3m+6n)}$$

- 2. Solve the linear systems by

$$\mathbf{H}\Delta = -\mathbf{b}$$

- 3. Update the previous results by:

$$P \leftarrow P + \Delta$$

The Hessian

- The Hessian H is
 - Positive semi-definite
 - Symmetric
 - Sparse
- This allows efficient solution
 - Detailed later

Levenberg-Marquardt Algorithm

- Observations:
 - Gauss-Newton method typically converges very quickly
 - Sometimes diverges when initial solution is far off
 - Gradient descent (with line search) never diverges
- **How can we combine the advantages of both minimization methods?**

Levenberg-Marquardt Algorithm

- Idea: Add a damping factor

$$(H + \lambda I)\Delta = -b$$

- The effect of this damping factor:

- Small λ , the same as Gaussian-Newton
- Large λ , the same as gradient descendant

- Algorithm:

- If error decrease, accept Δ and reduce λ
- If error increase, reject Δ and increase λ

- Update the previous results by:

$$P \leftarrow P + \Delta$$

Various Open Source Solvers

- PBA [Wu et al. 2011]
- Ceres [Google, 2012]
- G2O [Kuemmerle et al., 2011]
- SBA [Lourakis and Argyros, 2009]
- iSAM [Kaess et al., 2008]

Questions?

e_{ij} 是第*i*个三维点在第*j*张图片上的投影误差，是一个2*1的向量，上面是x方向的误差，下面是y方向的误差？

将与三维点相关的放前面，与相机参数相关的放后面。两个红方块表示*e_{ij}*与第*i*个三维点有关，与第*j*个相机的参数有关（这里相机参数同时考虑了第*j*个相机的旋转矩阵和平移矩阵）

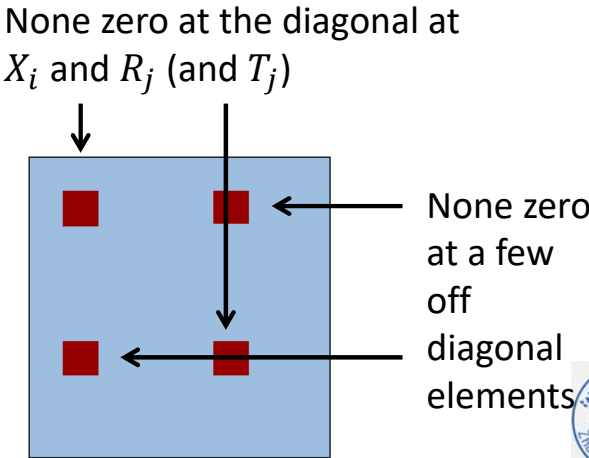
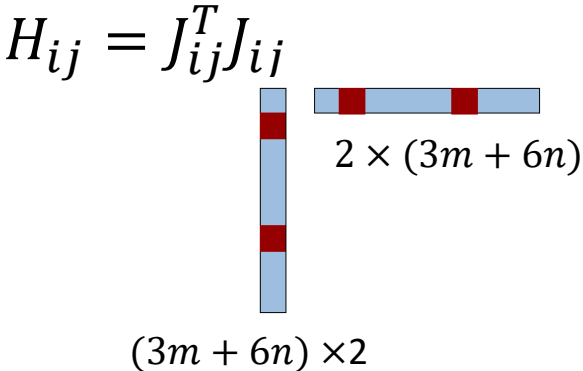
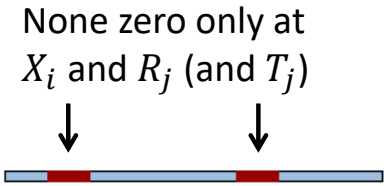
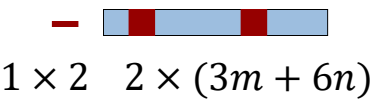
Structure of *b* and *H*

$$b^T = \sum_{ij} e_{ij}^T J_{ij} \quad H = \sum_{ij} J_{ij}^T J_{ij}$$

- Remember J_{ij} 's sparse structure

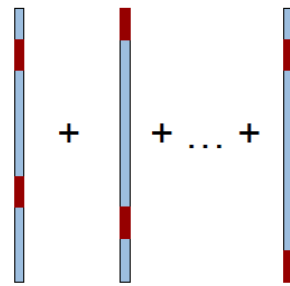
$$J_{ij}(X, R, T) = (0, \dots, \frac{\partial e_{ij}}{\partial X_i}, \dots, \frac{\partial e_{ij}}{\partial R_j}, \frac{\partial e_{ij}}{\partial T_j}, \dots, 0)$$

- So $b_{ij} = e_{ij}^T J_{ij}$



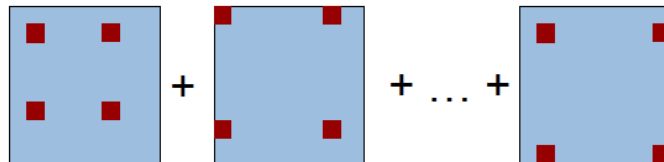
Structure of \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{H}

$$\mathbf{b}^T = \sum_{ij} b_{ij}$$

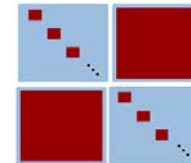


\mathbf{b} is a dense vector

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{ij} J_{ij}^T J_{ij}$$



\mathbf{H} has a special structure, if we order the parameters appropriately



Structure of \mathbf{H}

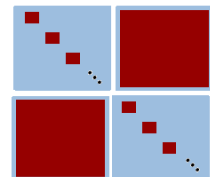
- Characteristic structure

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_C^T J_C & J_C^T J_P \\ J_P^T J_C & J_P^T J_P \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_C \\ \Delta_P \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -b_C \\ -b_P \end{pmatrix}$$

Or

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{CC} & H_{CP} \\ H_{PC} & H_{PP} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_C \\ \Delta_P \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -b_C \\ -b_P \end{pmatrix}$$

- Both H_{CC} and H_{PP} are block diagonal


$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Block Diagonal} & \text{Block} \\ \text{Block} & \text{Block Diagonal} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_C \\ \Delta_P \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -b_C \\ -b_P \end{pmatrix}$$

- This can be solved using the Schur Complement

Schur Complement

- Given linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

- If D is invertible, then by Gauss elimination,

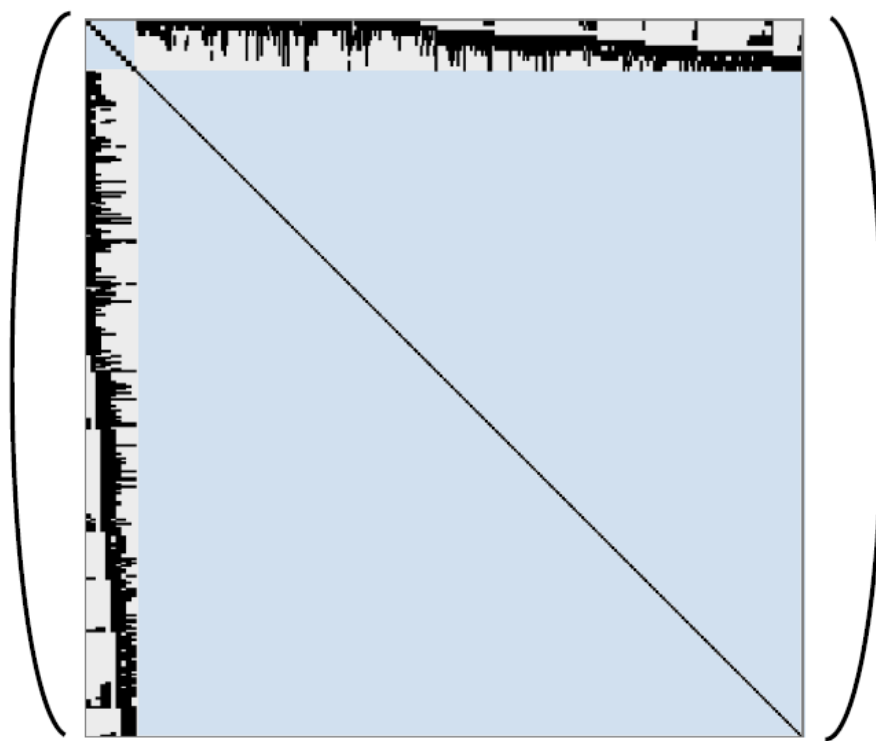
$$\begin{aligned} (A - BD^{-1}C)x &= a - BD^{-1}b \\ y &= D^{-1}(b - Cx) \end{aligned}$$

- This reduces computation complexity,
i.e. from inverting a $(3m + 6n) \times (3m + 6n)$ matrix to inverting a $3m \times 3m$ and a $6n \times 6n$ matrix, each is block-diagonal

因为hessian的稀疏性，所以可以进行计算加速。可以从对大矩阵求逆转化成对小矩阵求逆

Example Hessian

$H =$



Questions?

Outline

- Bundle Adjustment
- Rotation Parameterization
- Initializing BA

Parameterizing Rotation Matrix

旋转矩阵是正交矩阵

- One last problem

- Recall $J_{ij}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) = (0, \dots, \frac{\partial e_{ij}}{\partial X_i}, \dots, \frac{\partial e_{ij}}{\partial R_j}, \frac{\partial e_{ij}}{\partial T_i}, \dots, 0)$
- How do we parameterize \mathbf{R} ?

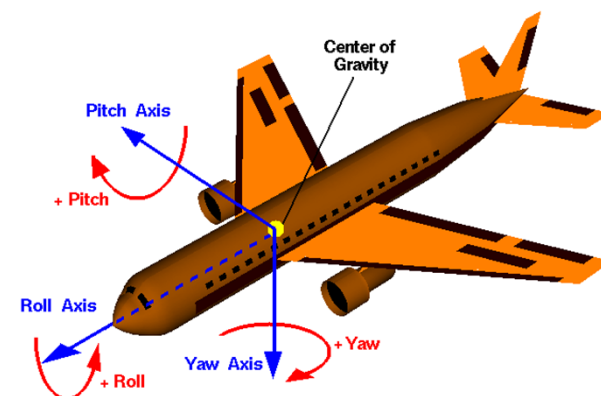
- A rotation matrix is a 3x3 orthogonal matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Also called the special orientation group $SO(3)$
- 9 parameters with 3 DoF!
- The computed result might not be a rotation matrix, i.e. $R^T R \neq \mathbf{I}$

Representing \mathbf{R} by 3 Angles

- Roll ϕ , Pitch θ , Yaw ψ
 - is very common in aerial navigation
- Conversion to 3x3 rotation matrix:



$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_Z(\psi)\mathbf{R}_Y(\theta)\mathbf{R}_X(\phi)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 \\ \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi \cos \theta & \cos \psi \sin \theta \sin \phi - \sin \psi \cos \phi & \cos \psi \sin \theta \cos \phi + \sin \psi \sin \phi \\ \sin \psi \cos \theta & \sin \psi \sin \theta \sin \phi + \cos \psi \cos \phi & \sin \psi \sin \theta \cos \phi - \cos \psi \sin \phi \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

Representing R by 3 Angles

- Advantage:
 - Minimal representation (3 parameters)
 - Easy interpretation
- Disadvantages:
 - Many “alternative” Euler representations exist (XYZ, ZXZ, ZYX, ...)
 - Difficult to concatenate
 - Singularities (gimbal lock)
 - E.g. when $\theta = 90^\circ$, ϕ, ψ cannot be differentiated (2 DoFs combine to 1)

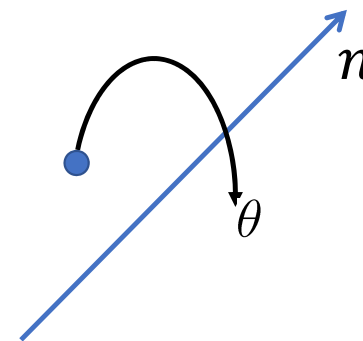
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ \sin(\psi - \phi) & \cos(\psi - \phi) & 0 \\ \cos(\psi - \phi) & -\sin(\psi - \phi) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



这种描述方法是周期性的，也不好优化，存在一些问题

Axis-Angle Representation

- Represent rotation by
 - rotation axis n and angle θ
- 4 parameters (θ, n)
- 3 parameters $\theta \cdot n$
 - length is rotation angle
- Disadvantage:
 - Not a unique representation
 - Difficult to concatenate
 - Slow conversion



Axis-Angle Representation

- Rodriguez' formula

$$\mathbf{R}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \theta) = \mathbf{I} + \sin \theta [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times} + (1 - \cos \theta) [\hat{\mathbf{n}}]_{\times}^2$$

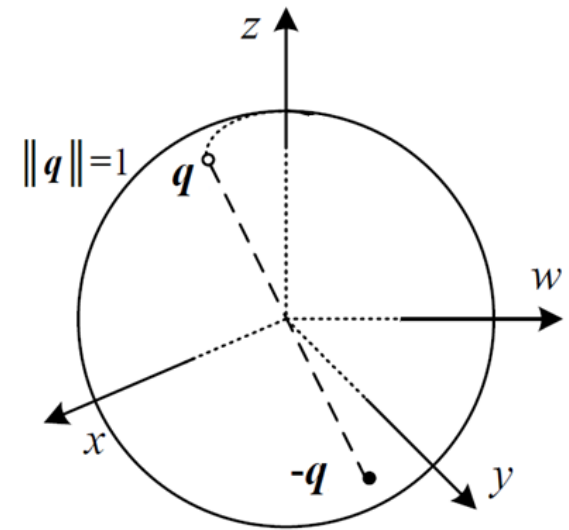
- Inverse

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\text{trace}(\mathbf{R}) - 1}{2} \right), \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \begin{pmatrix} r_{32} - r_{23} \\ r_{13} - r_{31} \\ r_{21} - r_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$

可能采用

Quaternions

- Quaternion $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4)$
- It is an extension of complex numbers
 - $q_1 + q_2\mathbf{i} + q_3\mathbf{j} + q_4\mathbf{k}$
 - $\mathbf{i}^2 = \mathbf{j}^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 = -1$
- Unit quaternions have $\|\mathbf{q}\| = 1$
- Relation to angle-axis representation
 - $\mathbf{q} = (r, \mathbf{v}) = \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \mathbf{n}\right)$
- \mathbf{q} and $-\mathbf{q}$ represent the same rotation



Quaternions

- Advantage:
multiplication, inversion and rotations are very efficient

- Concatenation

$$(r_1, \mathbf{v}_1)(r_2, \mathbf{v}_2) = (r_1 r_2 - \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2, r_1 \mathbf{v}_2 + r_2 \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2)$$

- Inverse (=flip signs of real or imaginary part)

$$(r, \mathbf{v})^{-1} = (r, \mathbf{v})^* \equiv (-r, \mathbf{v}) \equiv (r, -\mathbf{v})$$

- Rotate 3D vector $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ using a quaternion:

$$(r, \mathbf{v})(0, \mathbf{p})(r, \mathbf{v})^*$$

Desired Rotation Parameterization

- No over-parameterization (avoid using 3×3 matrix)
 - Using 3 parameters to represent a rotation matrix
- No degeneracy (avoid using Euler angles)
 - Degeneracy: a subspace of the parameter space corresponds to a single rotation matrix
- The optimization algorithm can change parameters freely
 - The result is always a valid rotation matrix
- Still a somewhat unsolved problem

Rotation Parameterization in BA

- During the LM optimization:
 - Compute the terms \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{b} , wrt the parameters to be optimized (e.g. quaternions)
 - Solve the linear systems by
$$(\mathbf{H} + \lambda \mathbf{I})\Delta = -\mathbf{b}$$
 - Update the previous results by:
$$\mathbf{P} \leftarrow \mathbf{P} + \Delta$$
- A quaternion has 4 parameters $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4)$, we can:
 - Use 4 independent parameters and enforce $\|\mathbf{q}\| = 1$ at each step;
 - Enforce the constraint $\|\mathbf{q}\| = 1$, e.g. by Lagrange multiplier;
 - Focus on Δ (a small update), and parameterize it by 3 parameters (e.g. the last three elements of a quaternion, or a axis-angle representation).

Questions?

Outline

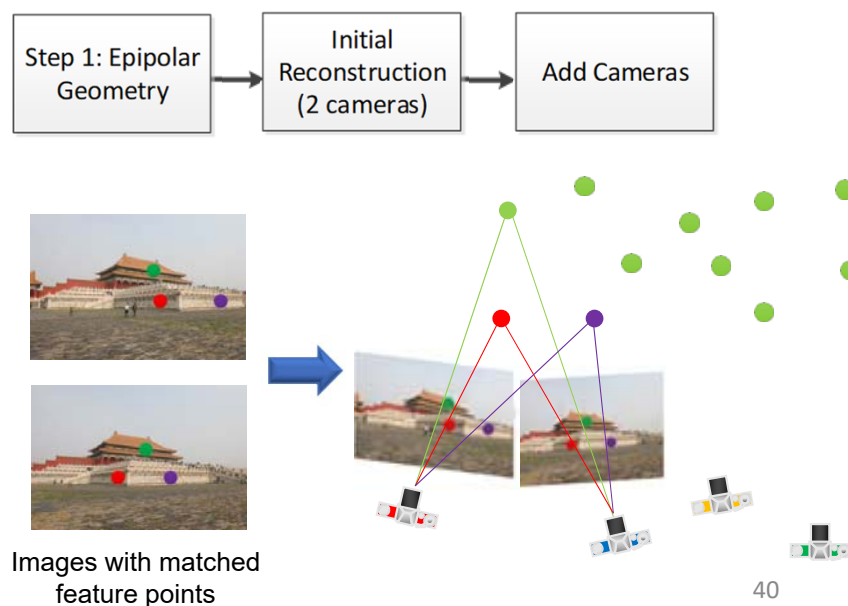
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Initializing the Bundle Adjustment

- Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm requires good initial guess for:
 - 3D points X_i
 - camera parameters R_j, t_j, K_j
- 需要初始化的参数是 X, R, T ; K 有时候能得到
- How do we initialize?
 - Two typical solutions:
 - Incremental Structure-from-Motion
 - Global Structure-from-Motion

Incremental Structure-from-Motion

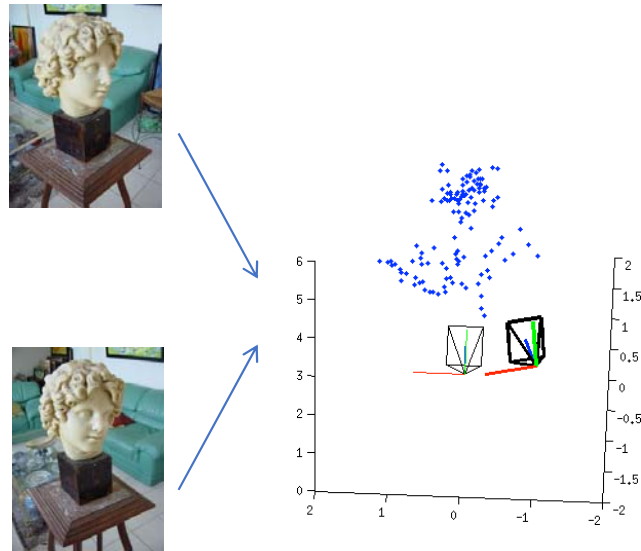
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2. Add cameras by resection with 3D-2D correspondences (resection, PnP)
Might triangulate more points from the newly added cameras (resection)



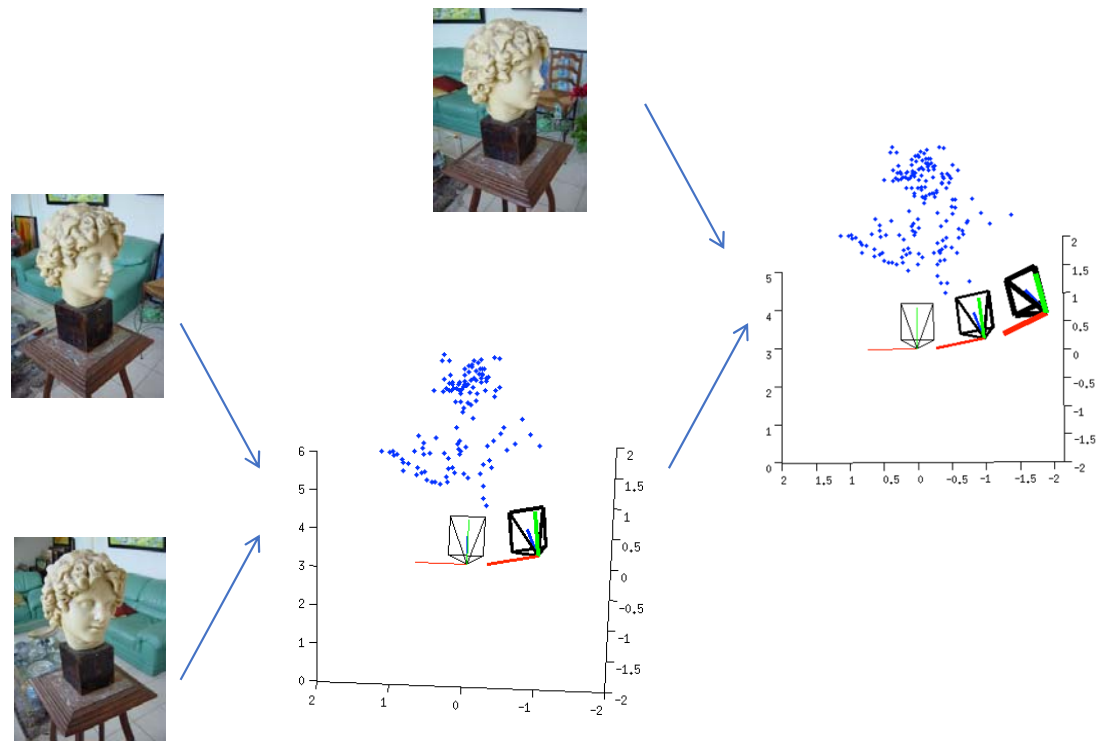
首先通过两张图片求出E或F，然后SVD求得相机内参矩阵，接着通过内参矩阵和图片上的对应点，triangulate (pnp) 出对应的三维点。

加入第三张图片，如果第三个相机内参未知，则先通过resection求出相机内参，在用pnp方法（如果内参已知则直接用pnp方法）重建出新的三维点（前两张图片中没有的，但存在于第三张图片和前两张图片中）
以此类推。

two-view reconstruction



incrementally add the third view



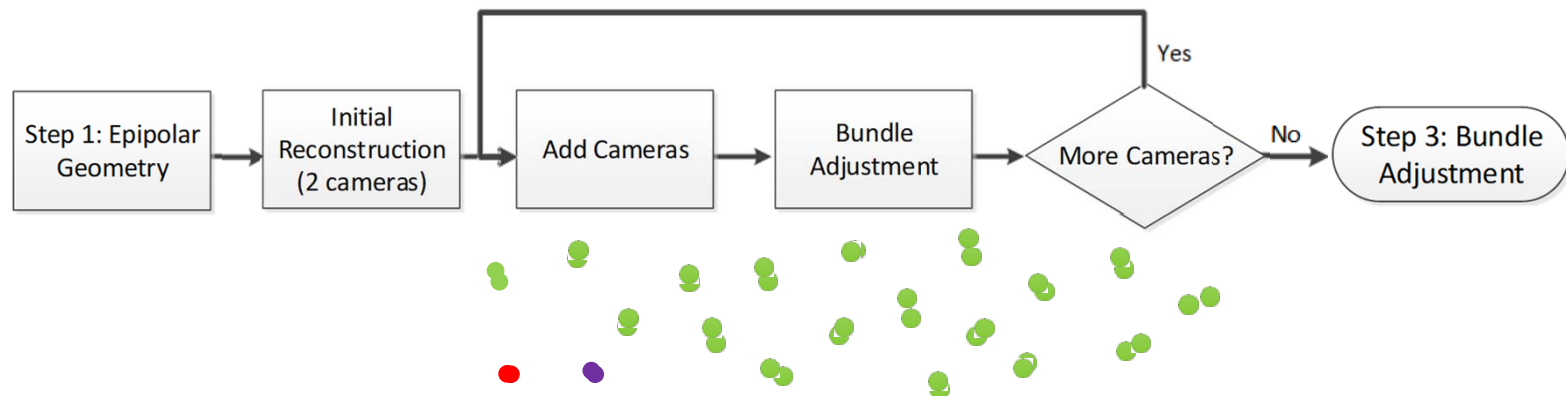
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Other Issues

如何选择初始的两张图？
如何选择下一张图？

- Which two images to begin with?
 - Maybe two images with high quality essential matrix
- Which is the next image to add (next-best-view)?
 - Maybe the one with most correspondences to existing 3D map
- Different answers to these questions lead to different result.

Drawbacks of Incremental SfM

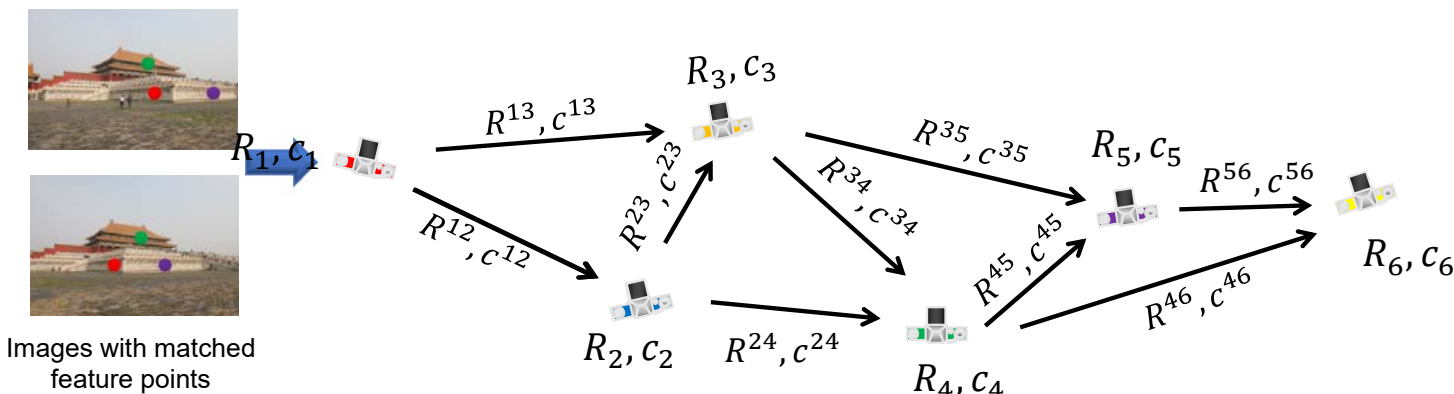
- Poor run-time efficiency
 - Repetitively solving the nonlinear bundle adjustment (though locally)
 - Most of the computation time is spent on bundle adjustment
需要重复解决BA问题，这浪费了大部分的时间。
- Inferior results
 - Some cameras are fixed when solving the others
 - It is desirable to solve all cameras simultaneously

增量式SfM的思想有点类似与贪心式算法，它每一步都是聚焦于当前，而不是从全局的角度来考虑。所以大概率得不到一个最优解。

Questions?

Global Structure-from-Motion

- Solve all pairwise camera motion (essential matrices, decomposition)
- Register all cameras simultaneously from input pairwise motions

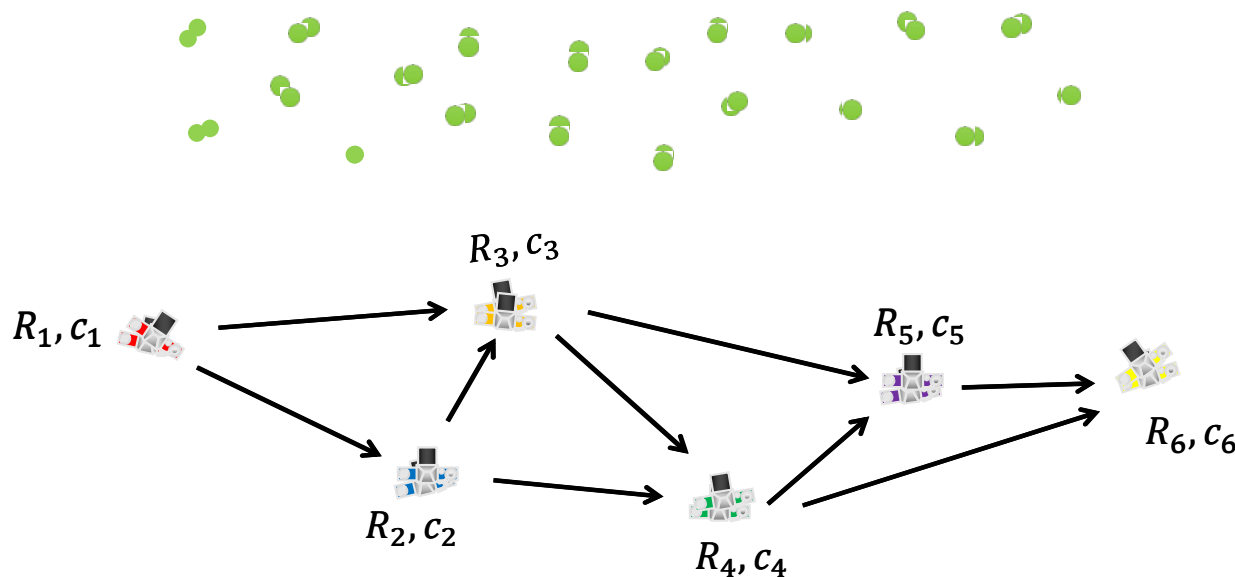


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假设有 n 张图片，计算 $Cn2$ 个image pair的相机内参，外参。
将这 n 张图片转换到同一个相机坐标系下。
进行一次BA

Global Structure-from-Motion

- Solve all pairwise camera motion (essential matrices, decomposition)
- Register all cameras simultaneously from input pairwise motions
- Bundle adjustment only once



Rotation Averaging

R_{ij} 表示两个相机的相对旋转，可以从E中decompose出来。 R_i & R_j 表示的是两个相机在世界坐标系下的真是朝向，还是未知的

- Known relative rotation between two cameras

$$R_j = R^{ij} R_i$$

- Solving for R_i, R_j from all pairwise constraints
- In quaternion representation, $R_i = (r_i^1, r_i^2, r_i^3, r_i^4)$, therefore

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_j^1 \\ r_j^2 \\ r_j^3 \\ r_j^4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{ij}^1 & -r_{ij}^2 & -r_{ij}^3 & -r_{ij}^4 \\ r_{ij}^2 & r_{ij}^1 & -r_{ij}^4 & r_{ij}^3 \\ r_{ij}^3 & r_{ij}^4 & r_{ij}^1 & -r_{ij}^2 \\ r_{ij}^4 & -r_{ij}^3 & r_{ij}^2 & r_{ij}^1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_i^1 \\ r_i^2 \\ r_i^3 \\ r_i^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_j = \mathcal{R}^{ij} \mathbf{r}_i$$

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通过quaternion描述旋转矩阵，进而 $R_j = R_{ij} \cdot R_i$ 可以表示为下面那个矩阵乘法，也就是一个线性方程组，然后通过两幅图中的多对对应点求出 R_i 和 R_j 的四元数表示。

Rotation Averaging

- Obtain a linear equations of $\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j$ for a pair (i, j)

$$[\mathcal{R}^{ij} \quad -I] \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_i \\ \mathbf{r}_j \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- Stack all equations, solve all \mathbf{r}_i linearly
 - Ignore the unit quaternion constraint, i.e. $\|\mathbf{r}_i\| = 1$
 - Normalize the result quaternions afterwards

旋转矩阵的模应该为1，索要要进行处理

Rotation Averaging

- Similar linear solution from matrix representation
- From $R_j = R^{ij} R_i$, $R_i = [r_i^1, r_i^2, r_i^3]$, $R_j = [r_j^1, r_j^2, r_j^3]$, obtain 3 equations

$$r_j^k = R^{ij} r_i^k \quad k = 1, 2, 3$$

- Similarly,

$$\begin{bmatrix} R^{ij} & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_i^k \\ r_j^k \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad k = 1, 2, 3$$

- Stack all equations, solve all r_i^k linearly
 - Ignore the orthogonal matrix constraint, i.e. $R_i^T R_i = I$
 - Normalize the result matrix afterwards

Rotation Averaging

- Rotation averaging is still an open problem
- Most recent methods apply nonlinear optimization after the linear initialization

Robust Relative Rotation Averaging

Avishek Chatterjee and Venu Madhav Govindu

[PAMI 2017]

Translation Averaging

- Known relative rotation between two cameras

$$c_i - c_j = R_j^T t^{ij}$$

- Solving for c_i, c_j from all pairwise constraints
- Direct Linear Transform:

$$R_j^T t^{ij} \times (c_i - c_j) = 0$$

- Problem 1: minimizing an algebraic error, faraway pairs are weighted more
- Problem 2: cannot work on linear camera motion (i.e. all $(c_i - c_j)$ are colinear)

Robust Camera Location Estimation by Convex Programming

Essential matrices can only determine camera centers in a 'parallel rigid graph'

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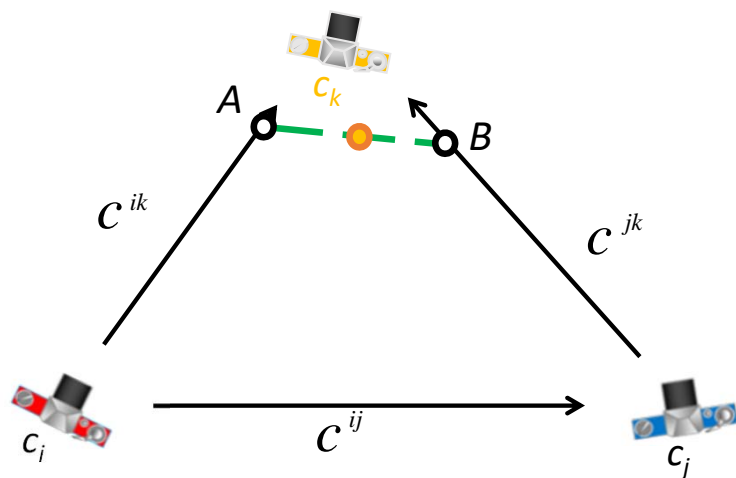
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A novel linear equation for three cameras from the 'mid-point' algorithm

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2} \left[c_i + M_1(c_j - c_i) + c_j + M_2(c_i - c_j) \right]$$

Similar linear equations for c_i and c_j

M_1, M_2 are both known matrices, computed from scene points.



$$A = c_i + M_1(c_j - c_i)$$

$$B = c_j + M_2(c_i - c_j)$$

AB : the mutual perpendicular line

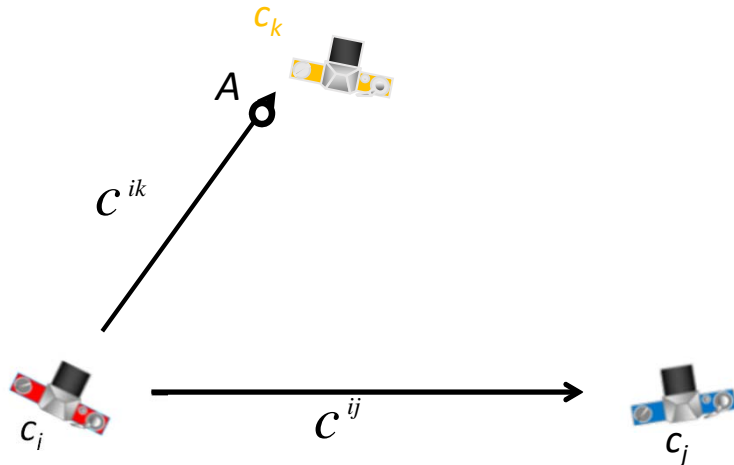
c_k : the middle point of AB

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Geometric meaning of M_1

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2} [c_i + M_1(c_j - c_i)] + c_j + M_2(c_i - c_j)]$$

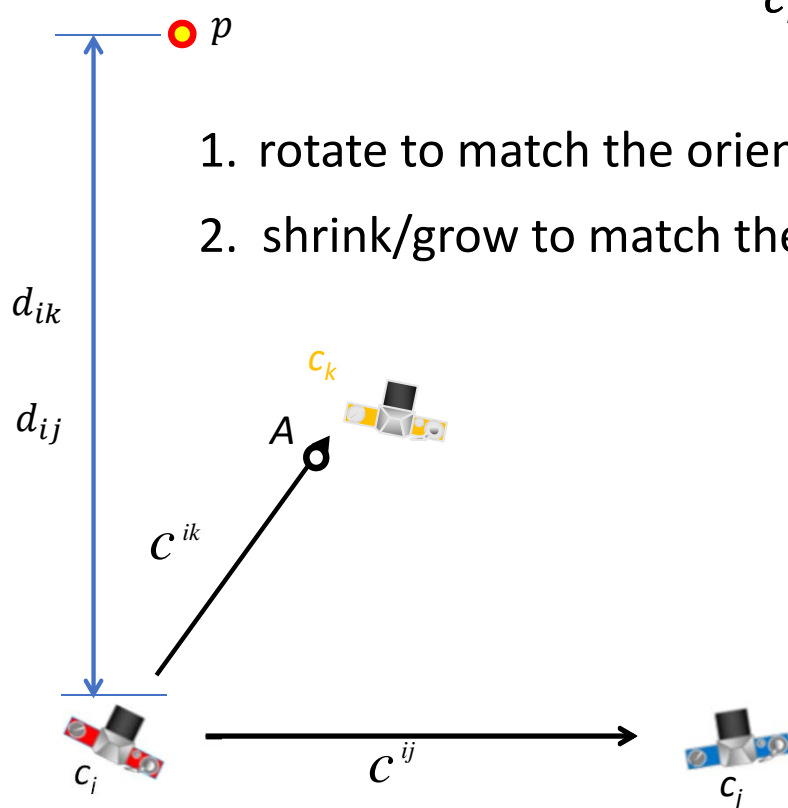
1. rotate to match the orientation
2. shrink/grow to match the length



$$A = c_i + M_1(c_j - c_i)$$

Translation Averaging

Geometric meaning of M_1



1. rotate to match the orientation → Known from essential matrices
2. shrink/grow to match the length → Known from a scene point

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2} [c_i + M_1(c_j - c_i) + c_j + M_2(c_i - c_j)]$$

$$\frac{|c_i - c_j|}{|c_i - c_k|} = \frac{d_{ik}}{d_{ij}}$$

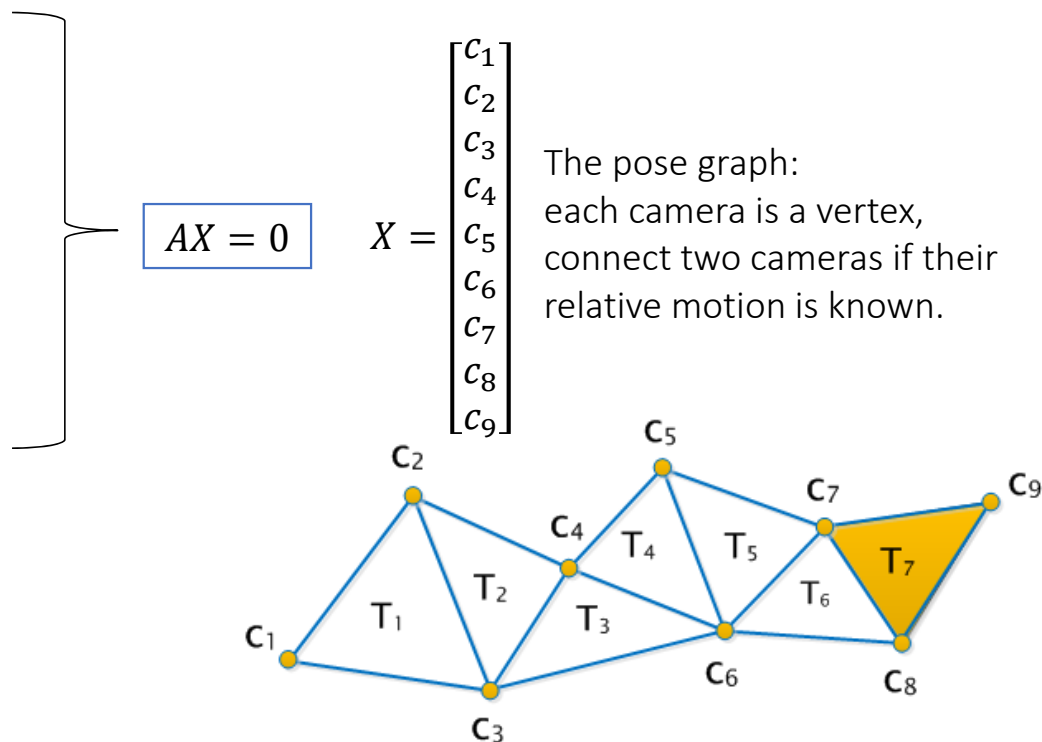
The ratio of a scene point's depths

d_{ik} is p 's depth when reconstructed by the pair (i, k) .

d_{ij} is p 's depth when reconstructed by the pair (i, j) .

Translation Averaging

1. Collect equations from all triangles in the pose graph.



2. Solve all equations

$$A_1(c_1, c_2, c_3)^T = 0$$

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cameras can be non-coplanar.

Translation Averaging

- More details in the papers

A Global Linear Method for Camera Pose Registration

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Questions?