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Abstract

We propose a flexible new technique to easily calibrate a camera. It is well suited for use without specialized knowledge of 3D geometry or computer vision. The technique only requires the camera to observe a planar pattern shown at a few (at least two) different orientations. Either the camera or the planar pattern can be freely moved. The motion need not be known. Radial lens distortion is modeled. The proposed procedure consists of a closed-form solution, followed by a nonlinear refinement based on the maximum likelihood criterion. Both computer simulation and real data have been used to test the proposed technique, and very good results have been obtained. Compared with classical techniques which use expensive equipment such as two or three orthogonal planes, the proposed technique is easy to use and flexible. It advances 3D computer vision one step from laboratory environments to real world use.

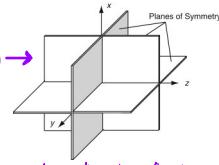
Index Terms— Camera calibration, calibration from planes, 2D pattern, absolute conic, projective mapping, lens distortion, closed-form solution, maximum likelihood estimation, flexible setup.

1 Motivations

→ Camera Calibration: 2D Images → Metric Information → 3D Computer Vision 분야에 활용됩니다.
Camera calibration is a necessary step in 3D computer vision in order to extract metric information from 2D images. Much work has been done, starting in the photogrammetry community (see [2, 4] to cite a few), and more recently in computer vision ([9, 8, 23, 7, 26, 24, 17, 6] to cite a few). We can classify those techniques roughly into two categories: photogrammetric calibration and self-calibration.

- Photogrammetric Calibration
- Self-Calibration

Photogrammetric calibration. Camera calibration is performed by observing a calibration object whose geometry in 3-D space is known with very good precision. Calibration can be done very efficiently [5]. The calibration object usually consists of two or three planes orthogonal to each other. Sometimes, a plane undergoing a precisely known translation is also used [23]. These approaches require an expensive calibration apparatus, and an elaborate setup.



Self-calibration. Techniques in this category do not use any calibration object. Just by moving a camera in a static scene, the rigidity of the scene provides in general two constraints [17, 15] on the cameras' internal parameters from one camera displacement by using image information alone. Therefore, if images are taken by the same camera with fixed internal parameters, correspondences between three images are sufficient to recover both the internal and external parameters which allow us to reconstruct 3-D structure up to a similarity [16, 13]. While this approach is very flexible, it is not yet mature [1]. Because there are many parameters to estimate, we cannot always obtain reliable results.

- Two or three planes orthogonal
- A Precise known translation plane by 3D Solding A DPA 3D 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007
- Self-Calibration: Internal Parameters
- External Parameters
- 3D Reconstruction
- Similarity and Epipolar constraint

Other techniques exist: vanishing points for orthogonal directions [3, 14], and calibration from pure rotation [11, 21].

Our current research is focused on a desktop vision system (DVS) since the potential for using DVSs is large. Cameras are becoming cheap and ubiquitous. A DVS aims at the general public, who are not experts in computer vision. A typical computer user will perform vision tasks only from time to time, so will not be willing to invest money for expensive equipment. Therefore, flexibility, robustness and low cost are important. The camera calibration technique described in this paper was developed with these considerations in mind.

Low cost & Efficient Property.

Principle point? ?

Intrinsic parameter? ?

Extrinsic parameter? ?

← The proposed technique only requires the camera to observe a planar pattern shown at a few (at least two) different orientations. The pattern can be printed on a laser printer and attached to a “reasonable” planar surface (e.g., a hard book cover). Either the camera or the planar pattern can be moved by hand. The motion need not be known. The proposed approach lies between the photogrammetric calibration and self-calibration, because we use 2D metric information rather than 3D or purely implicit one. Both computer simulation and real data have been used to test the proposed technique, and very good results have been obtained. Compared with classical techniques, the proposed technique is considerably more flexible. Compared with self-calibration, it gains considerable degree of robustness. We believe the new technique advances 3D computer vision one step from laboratory environments to the real world.

• 1. Self Photogrammetry constraints
Self calibration vs. self-rectification.
→ 3D self rectify & 3D metric information
2D metric information
Affine camera.

Note that Bill Triggs [22] recently developed a self-calibration technique from at least 5 views of a planar scene. His technique is more flexible than ours, but has difficulty to initialize. Liebowitz and Zisserman [14] described a technique of metric rectification for perspective images of planes using metric information such as a known angle, two equal though unknown angles, and a known length ratio. They also mentioned that calibration of the internal camera parameters is possible provided at least three such rectified planes, although no experimental results were shown.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 describes the basic constraints from observing a single plane. Section 3 describes the calibration procedure. We start with a closed-form solution, followed by nonlinear optimization. Radial lens distortion is also modeled. Section 4 studies configurations in which the proposed calibration technique fails. It is very easy to avoid such situations in practice. Section 5 provides the experimental results. Both computer simulation and real data are used to validate the proposed technique. In the Appendix, we provide a number of details, including the techniques for estimating the homography between the model plane and its image.

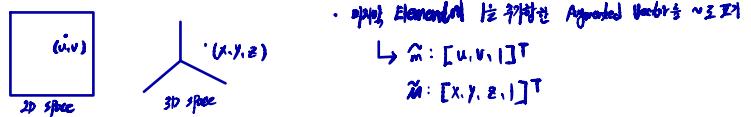
2 Basic Equations

Single plane을 통한 2D 이미지에서 Camera Intrinsic Parameter를 찾는 Constraints를 찾는다.

We examine the constraints on the camera's intrinsic parameters provided by observing a single plane.

We start with the notation used in this paper.

2.1 Notation $\cdot 2D \text{ Point } \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]^T$
 $\cdot 3D \text{ Point } \mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \Rightarrow [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}]^T$



A 2D point is denoted by $\mathbf{m} = [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]^T$. A 3D point is denoted by $\mathbf{M} = [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}]^T$. We use $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ to denote the augmented vector by adding 1 as the last element: $\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, 1]^T$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{M}} = [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}, 1]^T$. A camera is modeled by the usual pinhole: the relationship between a 3D point \mathbf{M} and its image projection \mathbf{m} is given by Camera's geometric Pinhole model.

$$s\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{A}[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}]\tilde{\mathbf{M}}, \quad : s\tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{A}[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}]\tilde{\mathbf{M}} \quad (1)$$

where s is an arbitrary scale factor, (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}) , called the extrinsic parameters, is the rotation and translation which relates the world coordinate system to the camera coordinate system, and \mathbf{A} , called the camera intrinsic matrix, is given by



$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \gamma & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- s : Scale factor
- \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t} : World Coordinate & Camera Coordinate 3D Rotation & Translation = Extrinsic Parameters.
- \mathbf{A} : Camera Intrinsic Matrix

with (u_0, v_0) the coordinates of the principal point, α and β the scale factors in image u and v axes, and γ the parameter describing the skewness of the two image axes.

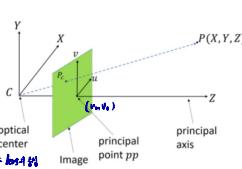
We use the abbreviation \mathbf{A}^{-T} for $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T$ or $(\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}$.

• (u_0, v_0) : Principal point on opt. ZE

• (X, P) : Single img. U-V fm opt. scale ZE

• r : Spec. Image Axis on opt. skewness

• $\mathbf{A}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ Source Matrix / Proj. Matrix / Aff. Matrix / Homogeneous Matrix



→ Homography: 2D plane transformation between camera frames

2.2 Homography between the model plane and its image → Model Plane & Image Plane Homography

Without loss of generality, we assume the model plane is on $Z = 0$ of the world coordinate system.

Let's denote the i^{th} column of the rotation matrix \mathbf{R} by \mathbf{r}_i . From (1), we have

\mathbf{R} 의 Column i는 $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3$ 이다.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 & \mathbf{r}_2 & \mathbf{r}_3 & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \text{Model Plane } Z=0 \text{ in Camera Coordinate System} \\ &\quad \text{2D point} \quad \text{3D point} \quad \text{Intrinsic Camera Matrix} \\ &\quad \text{Scale Factor} \quad \text{Rotation Matrix} \quad \text{Translation Vector} \end{aligned}$$

Generality를 살기 위한 것

Model Plane은 World Coordinate System을 Z=0인 상태로 가정함.

$$= \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 & \mathbf{r}_2 & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\rightarrow $Z=0$ 인 Model Plane은 Camera Coordinate System에 해당됨.

→ Model Plane & Image Plane Point Transformation \rightarrow $M = [X, Y]^T$ (Model Plane Point) \rightarrow $m = [x, y]^T$ (Image Plane Point)

By abuse of notation, we still use M to denote a point on the model plane, but $M = [X, Y]^T$ since Z is always equal to 0. In turn, $\tilde{M} = [X, Y, 1]^T$. Therefore, a model point M and its image m is related by a homography \mathbf{H} :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{m} &= \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 & \mathbf{r}_2 & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{M} \\ \tilde{m} &= \mathbf{H} \tilde{M} \quad \text{with } \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 & \mathbf{r}_2 & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

As is clear, the 3×3 matrix \mathbf{H} is defined up to a scale factor.

2.3 Constraints on the intrinsic parameters

→ Camera Plane

Given an image of the model plane, an homography can be estimated (see Appendix A). Let's denote it by $\mathbf{H} = [\mathbf{h}_1 \ \mathbf{h}_2 \ \mathbf{h}_3]$. From (2), we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & r_1 & u_0 \\ 0 & r_2 & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\downarrow Image Point Camera Intrinsic Matrix Z=0 Point ($\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{t}$) Model Point

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_1 &= \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_1 = \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{h}_2 &= \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2 = \mathbf{r}_2 \end{aligned}$$

\downarrow Appendix A3 $\mathbf{h}_1, \mathbf{h}_2, \mathbf{h}_3$ are all 2D points $\mathbf{h}_1, \mathbf{h}_2, \mathbf{h}_3$ are 3D vectors \downarrow λ is a right singular vector

where λ is an arbitrary scalar. Using the knowledge that \mathbf{r}_1 and \mathbf{r}_2 are orthonormal, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Intrinsic Parameter} \Rightarrow & \begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_1^T \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2 &= 0 \\ \mathbf{h}_1^T \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_1 &= \mathbf{h}_2^T \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2. \end{aligned} \quad (3) \\ \text{Orthogonal} \Rightarrow & \begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_1^T \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2 &= 0 \\ \mathbf{h}_1^T \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_1 &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

These are the two basic constraints on the intrinsic parameters, given one homography. Because a homography has 8 degrees of freedom and there are 6 extrinsic parameters (3 for rotation and 3 for translation), we can only obtain 2 constraints on the intrinsic parameters. Note that $\mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ actually describes the image of the absolute conic [16]. In the next subsection, we will give an geometric interpretation.

$H \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}, F \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \Rightarrow H \in E \cdot P \cdot I \cdot P \cdot F$ Matrix.

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & h_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad EP = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad I \cdot P \cdot F \text{은 Camera Coordinate System에 대한 Constraint.}$$

Euclidean Transformation의
Conic은 Camera Coordinate System에 대한 Constraint.

r_1, r_2, r_3 은 Camera Coordinate System에 대한 Constraint.

Translation - Rotation
는 Invariant이다.

2.4 Geometric Interpretation

We are now relating (3) and (4) to the absolute conic.

It is not difficult to verify that the model plane, under our convention, is described in the camera coordinate system by the following equation:

$$\mathbf{r}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} r_{13} \\ r_{23} \\ r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{r}_3^T = \begin{bmatrix} r_{13} & r_{23} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_3 \\ \mathbf{r}_3^T \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} = 0,$$

\Rightarrow Model Plane은 Real World Plane과 Camera Coordinate System을 연결하는 Constraint.

where $w = 0$ for points at infinity and $w = 1$ otherwise. This plane intersects the plane at infinity at a line, and we can easily see that $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ are two particular points on that line. Any point on it

Model Plane은 Line과 Plane at Infinity가다.

is a linear combination of these two points, i.e., *tip line for the two linear combinations of r_1 + br_2 .*

$$\mathbf{x}_\infty = a \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a\mathbf{r}_1 + b\mathbf{r}_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now, let's compute the intersection of the above line with the absolute conic. By definition, the point \mathbf{x}_∞ , known as the *circular point*, satisfies: $\mathbf{x}_\infty^T \mathbf{x}_\infty = 0$, i.e.,

X_∞ is circular point. $(a\mathbf{r}_1 + b\mathbf{r}_2)^T (a\mathbf{r}_1 + b\mathbf{r}_2) = 0$, or $a^2 + b^2 = 0$.

The solution is $b = \pm ai$, where $i^2 = -1$. That is, the two intersection points are *tip line for the two linear combinations of r_1 + ir_2 .*

$$\mathbf{x}_\infty = a \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \pm i\mathbf{r}_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Their projection in the image plane is then given, up to a scale factor, by

Intersection line for image plane position $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_\infty = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}_1 \pm i\mathbf{r}_2) = \mathbf{h}_1 \pm i\mathbf{h}_2$.

Point $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_\infty$ is on the image of the absolute conic, described by $\mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ [16]. This gives

Point on Absolute Conic image set. $(\mathbf{h}_1 \pm i\mathbf{h}_2)^T \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} (\mathbf{h}_1 \pm i\mathbf{h}_2) = 0$.

Requiring that both real and imaginary parts be zero yields (3) and (4).

3 Solving Camera Calibration

This section provides the *details how to effectively solve the camera calibration problem*. We start with an *analytical solution*, followed by a *nonlinear optimization technique based on the maximum likelihood criterion*. Finally, we take into account lens distortion, giving both analytical and nonlinear solutions.

Analytical Solution: $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}^{-T}$ is the solution.

3.1 Closed-form solution

Tip line for closed-form soln.

Let

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{13} \\ B_{12} & B_{22} & B_{23} \\ B_{13} & B_{23} & B_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{Tip line for } \mathbf{B}. \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & u_0 \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ y & f & 0 \\ u_0 & v_0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}^{-T} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{x} & -\frac{y}{xf} & -\frac{u_0 + v_0}{xf} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{f} & -\frac{u_0}{f} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{x^2} & -\frac{y}{x^2 f} & -\frac{u_0 + v_0}{x^2 f} \\ -\frac{y}{x^2 f} & \frac{y^2}{x^2 f^2} + \frac{1}{f^2} & -\frac{y(u_0 + v_0)}{x^2 f^2} - \frac{v_0}{f^2} \\ \frac{u_0 + v_0}{x^2 f} & -\frac{y(u_0 + v_0)}{x^2 f} - \frac{v_0}{f} & \frac{(u_0 + v_0)^2}{x^2 f^2} + \frac{v_0^2}{f^2} + 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

Note that \mathbf{B} is *symmetric*, defined by a *6D vector*

Symmetric Matrix

$$\mathbf{b} = [B_{11}, B_{12}, B_{22}, B_{13}, B_{23}, B_{33}]^T. \quad (6)$$

Let the i^{th} column vector of \mathbf{H} be $\mathbf{h}_i = [h_{i1}, h_{i2}, h_{i3}]^T$. Then, we have

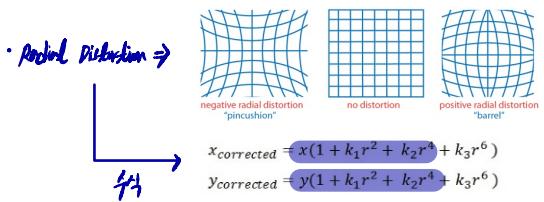
$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

H is 3x3 matrix column for \mathbf{h}_{13} is \mathbf{h}_{13} T

$$\mathbf{h}_i^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{h}_j = \mathbf{v}_{ij}^T \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{ij} = [h_{i1}h_{j1}, h_{i1}h_{j2} + h_{i2}h_{j1}, h_{i2}h_{j2}, h_{i3}h_{j1} + h_{i1}h_{j3}, h_{i3}h_{j2} + h_{i2}h_{j3}, h_{i3}h_{j3}]^T. \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_2^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{h}_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{13} \\ B_{12} & B_{22} & B_{23} \\ B_{13} & B_{23} & B_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{31} \\ h_{32} \\ h_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{21}B_{11} + h_{22}B_{12} + h_{23}B_{13} \\ h_{21}B_{12} + h_{22}B_{22} + h_{23}B_{23} \\ h_{21}B_{13} + h_{22}B_{23} + h_{23}B_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{31} \\ h_{32} \\ h_{33} \end{bmatrix} = h_{21}h_{31}B_{11} + h_{21}h_{32}B_{12} + h_{21}h_{33}B_{13} + h_{22}h_{31}B_{12} + h_{22}h_{32}B_{22} + h_{22}h_{33}B_{23} + h_{23}h_{31}B_{13} + h_{23}h_{32}B_{23} + h_{23}h_{33}B_{33} \\ &= h_{21}h_{31}B_{11} + (h_{21}h_{32} + h_{22}h_{31})B_{12} + h_{21}h_{33}B_{13} + (h_{22}h_{31} + h_{23}h_{32})B_{21} + h_{22}h_{33}B_{22} + (h_{23}h_{31} + h_{21}h_{33})B_{31} + h_{23}h_{32}B_{32} \end{aligned}$$



3.3 Dealing with radial distortion

Lens Distortion & 2017-08-28.

Desktop Camera's Distortion 11 → Radial Distortion

Up to now, we have not considered lens distortion of a camera. However, a **desktop camera** usually exhibits **significant lens distortion**, especially **radial distortion**. In this section, we only consider the first two terms of radial distortion. The reader is referred to [20, 2, 4, 26] for more elaborated models. Based on the reports in the literature [2, 23, 25], it is likely that the distortion function is totally dominated by the **radial components**, and especially dominated by the first term. It has also been found that any more elaborated modeling not only would not help (negligible when compared with sensor quantization), but also would cause numerical instability [23, 25]. \rightarrow 더 높은 차원의 차이.

Let (u, v) be the ideal (nonobservable distortion-free) pixel image coordinates, and (\check{u}, \check{v}) the corresponding real observed image coordinates. The ideal points are the projection of the model points according to the **pinhole model**. Similarly, (x, y) and (\check{x}, \check{y}) are the ideal (distortion-free) and real (distorted) normalized image coordinates. We have [2, 25]

"Pixel Image Coordinate"
"Normalized Image Coordinate"
"Real Observed Point"
"Normalized Image Coordinate"
"Normalized Image Coordinate".

$$\begin{aligned}\check{x} &= x + x[k_1(x^2 + y^2) + k_2(x^2 + y^2)^2] \\ \check{y} &= y + y[k_1(x^2 + y^2) + k_2(x^2 + y^2)^2],\end{aligned}$$

where k_1 and k_2 are the coefficients of the radial distortion. The center of the radial distortion is the same as the **principal point**. From* $\check{u} = u_0 + \alpha\check{x} + \gamma\check{y}$ and $\check{v} = v_0 + \beta\check{x} + \gamma\check{y}$ and assuming $\gamma = 0$, we have

$$\check{u} = u + (u - u_0)[k_1(x^2 + y^2) + k_2(x^2 + y^2)^2] \quad (11)$$

$$\check{v} = v + (v - v_0)[k_1(x^2 + y^2) + k_2(x^2 + y^2)^2]. \quad (12)$$

Estimating Radial Distortion by Alternation. As the radial distortion is expected to be small, one would expect to estimate the other five intrinsic parameters, using the technique described in Sect. 3.2, reasonable well by simply ignoring distortion. One strategy is then to estimate k_1 and k_2 after having estimated the other parameters, which will give us the ideal pixel coordinates (u, v) . Then, from (11) and (12), we have two equations for each point in each image:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (u-u_0)(x^2+y^2) & (u-u_0)(x^2+y^2)^2 \\ (v-v_0)(x^2+y^2) & (v-v_0)(x^2+y^2)^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \check{u}-u \\ \check{v}-v \end{bmatrix}.$$

Open? (u, v) is not available
 You can't proceed to estimation.
 If k_1, k_2 estimation is not available, then?

Given m points in n images, we can stack all equations together to obtain in total $2mn$ equations, or in matrix form as $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{d}$, where $\mathbf{k} = [k_1, k_2]^T$. The linear least-squares solution is given by

$$\mathbf{k} = (\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D})^{-1} \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{d}. \quad (13)$$

Once k_1 and k_2 are estimated, one can refine the estimate of the other parameters by solving (10) with $\hat{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{M}_j)$ replaced by (11) and (12). We can alternate these two procedures until convergence.

Complete Maximum Likelihood Estimation. Experimentally, we found the convergence of the above alternation technique is slow. A natural extension to (10) is then to estimate the complete set of parameters by minimizing the following functional:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \|\mathbf{m}_{ij} - \check{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{A}, k_1, k_2, \mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{M}_j)\|^2, \quad (14)$$

*A typo was reported by Johannes Koester [johannes.koester@uni-dortmund.de] via email on Aug. 13, 2008.

where $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{A}, k_1, k_2, \mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{M}_j)$ is the projection of point \mathbf{M}_j in image i according to equation (2), followed by distortion according to (11) and (12). This is a nonlinear minimization problem, which is solved with the Levenberg-Marquardt Algorithm as implemented in Minpack [18]. A rotation is again parameterized by a 3-vector \mathbf{r} , as in Sect. 3.2. An initial guess of \mathbf{A} and $\{\mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{t}_i | i = 1..n\}$ can be obtained using the technique described in Sect. 3.1 or in Sect. 3.2. An initial guess of k_1 and k_2 can be obtained with the technique described in the last paragraph, or simply by setting them to 0.

3.4 Summary

The recommended calibration procedure is as follows:

1. Print a pattern and attach it to a planar surface;
2. Take a few images of the model plane under different orientations by moving either the plane or the camera;
3. Detect the feature points in the images;
4. Estimate the five intrinsic parameters and all the extrinsic parameters using the closed-form solution as described in Sect. 3.1;
5. Estimate the coefficients of the radial distortion by solving the linear least-squares (13);
6. Refine all parameters by minimizing (14).

4 Degenerate Configurations

We study in this section configurations in which additional images do not provide more constraints on the camera intrinsic parameters. Because (3) and (4) are derived from the properties of the rotation matrix, if \mathbf{R}_2 is not independent of \mathbf{R}_1 , then image 2 does not provide additional constraints. In particular, if a plane undergoes a pure translation, then $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{R}_1$ and image 2 is not helpful for camera calibration. In the following, we consider a more complex configuration.

Proposition 1. *If the model plane at the second position is parallel to its first position, then the second homography does not provide additional constraints.*

Proof. Under our convention, \mathbf{R}_2 and \mathbf{R}_1 are related by a rotation around z -axis. That is,

$$\mathbf{R}_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{R}_2 ,$$

where θ is the angle of the relative rotation. We will use superscript (1) and (2) to denote vectors related to image 1 and 2, respectively. It is clear that we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)} &= \lambda^{(2)}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}^{(1)} \cos \theta + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}^{(2)} \sin \theta) = \frac{\lambda^{(2)}}{\lambda^{(1)}}(\mathbf{h}_1^{(1)} \cos \theta + \mathbf{h}_2^{(1)} \sin \theta) \\ \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)} &= \lambda^{(2)}(-\mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}^{(1)} \sin \theta + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}^{(2)} \cos \theta) = \frac{\lambda^{(2)}}{\lambda^{(1)}}(-\mathbf{h}_1^{(1)} \sin \theta + \mathbf{h}_2^{(1)} \cos \theta) . \end{aligned}$$

Then, the first constraint (3) from image 2 becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_1^{(2)T} \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2^{(2)} &= \frac{\lambda^{(2)}}{\lambda^{(1)}}[(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)(\mathbf{h}_1^{(1)T} \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2^{(1)}) \\ &\quad - \cos \theta \sin \theta (\mathbf{h}_1^{(1)T} \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_1^{(1)} - \mathbf{h}_2^{(1)T} \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2^{(1)})] , \end{aligned}$$

6 Conclusion

In this paper, we have developed a flexible new technique to easily calibrate a camera. The technique only requires the camera to observe a planar pattern from a few (at least two) different orientations. We can move either the camera or the planar pattern. The motion does not need to be known. Radial lens distortion is modeled. The proposed procedure consists of a closed-form solution, followed by a nonlinear refinement based on maximum likelihood criterion. Both computer simulation and real data have been used to test the proposed technique, and very good results have been obtained. Compared with classical techniques which use expensive equipment such as two or three orthogonal planes, the proposed technique gains considerable flexibility.

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3D in checkerboard plane의 경우에 정교한 H 찾기

A Estimation of the Homography Between the Model Plane and its Image

$$\tilde{sm} = \tilde{Hm} \quad \text{with } H = A [r_1 \ r_2 \ t].$$

(2) → 이방성 정수, 편향화
but Noise로 인해 실제값은 틀려요.

There are many ways to estimate the homography between the model plane and its image. Here, we present a technique based on maximum likelihood criterion. Let M_i and m_i be the model and image points, respectively. Ideally, they should satisfy (2). In practice, they don't because of noise in the extracted image points. Let's assume that m_i is corrupted by Gaussian noise with mean 0 and covariance matrix Λ_{m_i} . Then, the maximum likelihood estimation of H is obtained by minimizing the following functional

$$S \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{h}_1^T \\ \bar{h}_2^T \\ \bar{h}_3^T \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sum_i (m_i - \hat{m}_i)^T \Lambda_{m_i}^{-1} (m_i - \hat{m}_i),$$

$$\text{where } S = \bar{h}_3^T \cdot \Lambda_L \cdot \bar{h}_3,$$

$$\hat{m}_i = \frac{1}{\bar{h}_3^T \cdot \Lambda_L \cdot \bar{h}_3} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{h}_1^T M_i \\ \bar{h}_2^T M_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Multivariate Gaussian Distribution을 위한 확률밀도.
H는 단지 MLF를 위한 초기화를 위한 예상치입니다.
• M_i : 3D Image Point
• \bar{h}_i : H 의 3D 행
• \hat{m}_i : Estimation Pt
• Λ_L : 3D Point

In practice, we simply assume $\Lambda_{m_i} = \sigma^2 I$ for all i . This is reasonable if points are extracted independently with the same procedure. In this case, the above problem becomes a nonlinear least-squares one, i.e., $\min_H \sum_i \|m_i - \hat{m}_i\|^2$. The nonlinear minimization is conducted with the Levenberg-Marquardt Algorithm as implemented in Minpack [18]. This requires an initial guess, which can be obtained as follows.

Let $x = [\bar{h}_1^T, \bar{h}_2^T, \bar{h}_3^T]^T$. Then equation (2) can be rewritten as

$$\tilde{sm} = \tilde{Hm}$$

$$\tilde{sm} - Hx = 0, \quad H = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{h}_1^T \\ \bar{h}_2^T \\ \bar{h}_3^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \bar{h}_1^T \\ \bar{h}_2^T \\ \bar{h}_3^T \end{bmatrix} x = 0 \Rightarrow S - \bar{h}_3^T x = 0 \Rightarrow S = \bar{h}_3^T x$$

LMA는 단지 초기화를 위한 예상치입니다.
Parameter를 초기화하기 위해 단지 단일 행렬입니다.

When we are given n points, we have n above equations, which can be written in matrix equation as $Lx = 0$, where L is a $2n \times 9$ matrix. As x is defined up to a scale factor, the solution is well known

$\hat{m}^T: 1 \times 3, \gamma^T: 1 \times 3$

by rank of 2nd Row
 $n \Rightarrow 2n$ Rows
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→ SVD를 통한
Left right singular Vector입니다.

- SVD
- Right Singular Vector //

to be the right singular vector of \mathbf{L} associated with the smallest singular value (or equivalently, the eigenvector of $\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L}$ associated with the smallest eigenvalue). ~~이 때 1. 번째 pixel, 2. 번째 world coordinate, 3. 번째~~

In L , some elements are constant 1, some are in pixels, some are in world coordinates, and some are multiplication of both. This makes L poorly conditioned numerically. Much better results can be obtained by performing a simple data normalization, such as the one proposed in [12], prior to running the above procedure.

B Extraction of the Intrinsic Parameters from Matrix B

Matrix \mathbf{B} , as described in Sect. 3.1, is estimated up to a scale factor, i.e., $\mathbf{B} = \lambda \mathbf{A}^{-T} \mathbf{A}$ with λ an arbitrary scale. Without difficulty[†], we can uniquely extract the intrinsic parameters from matrix \mathbf{B} .

$$\begin{aligned}v_0 &= (B_{12}B_{13} - B_{11}B_{23})/(B_{11}B_{22} - B_{12}^2) \\ \lambda &= B_{33} - [B_{13}^2 + v_0(B_{12}B_{13} - B_{11}B_{23})]/B_{11} \\ \alpha &= \sqrt{\lambda/B_{11}} \\ \beta &= \sqrt{\lambda B_{11}/(B_{11}B_{22} - B_{12}^2)} \\ \gamma &= -B_{12}\alpha^2\beta/\lambda \\ u_0 &= \gamma v_0/\beta - B_{13}\alpha^2/\lambda.\end{aligned}$$

C Approximating a 3×3 matrix by a Rotation Matrix

The problem considered in this section is to solve the best rotation matrix \mathbf{R} to approximate a given 3×3 matrix \mathbf{Q} . Here, “best” is in the sense of the smallest Frobenius norm of the difference $\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Q}$. That is, we are solving the following problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{R}} \|\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Q}\|_F^2 \quad \text{subject to } \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}.$$

↳ $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} A_{i,j}^2}$ (15)
 \Rightarrow Matrix의 크기를 늘릴 때 사용된다.

Since

$$\|\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Q}\|_F^2 = \text{trace}((\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Q})^T(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Q}))$$

$$= 3 + \text{trace}(\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q}) - 2\text{trace}(\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{Q}),$$

$\min \|R - Q\|_F^2$ 는 $\Rightarrow \text{trace}(R^T Q)$ 을 Maximize 하기 위한 것.

problem (15) is equivalent to the one of maximizing $\text{trace}(\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{Q})$

Let the singular value decomposition of \mathbf{Q} be \mathbf{USV}^T , where $\mathbf{S} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)$. If we define an orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Z} by $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{U}$, then $\mathbf{A} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{SVD} \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{VS}\mathbf{V}^T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Z}$

$$\text{직교행렬 } Q \text{를 } \cancel{\text{제거하고}} \quad \text{trace}(\mathbf{R}^T Q) = \text{trace}(\mathbf{R}^T \cancel{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{S} \cancel{\mathbf{V}}^T) = \text{trace}(\cancel{\mathbf{V}}^T \cancel{\mathbf{R}}^T \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S}) \leftarrow \text{SVD인가 } \cancel{\text{인가}} \\ \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{U} \text{라고 한다.} \quad = \text{trace}(\mathbf{ZS}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 z_{ii} \sigma_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i . \quad \mathbf{z} \neq \text{Left Maximum.}$$

It is clear that the maximum is achieved by setting $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^T$ because then $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{I}$. This gives the solution to (15).

An excellent reference on matrix computations is the one by Golub and van Loan [10].

[†]A typo was reported in formula u_0 by Jiyong Ma [mailto:jiyong@csrl.Colorado.EDU] via an email on April 18, 2002.

The most important entries in the fundamental matrix are precisely those that are subject to the largest relative perturbation when enforcing the singularity constraint without prior normalization.

This condition is corrected if normalization of the image coordinates is carried out first, for then all entries of the fundamental matrix will be treated approximately equally, and none is more important than another in computing epipolar lines.

6 Normalizing transformations

The previous sections concerned with the condition number of the matrix $A^T A$ indicate that it is desirable to apply a transformation to the coordinates before carrying out the 8-point algorithm for finding the fundamental matrix.

6.1 Isotropic Scaling

As a first step, the coordinates in each image are translated (by a different translation for each image) so as to bring the centroid of the set of all points to the origin. The coordinates are also scaled. The previous sections suggested that the best results will be obtained if the coordinates are scaled, so that on the average a point \mathbf{u} is of the form $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1, 1)^T$. Such a point will lie a distance $\sqrt{2}$ from the origin. Rather

Appendix A의 §6.1 [12]의 Normalization

than choose different scale factors for each direction, an isotropic scaling factor is chosen so that the u and v coordinates of a point are scaled equally. The transformation is as follows :

1. The points are translated so that their centroid is at the origin.
2. The points are then scaled isotropically so that the average distance from the origin is equal to $\sqrt{2}$.

Such a transformation is applied to each of the two images independently.

6.2 Non-isotropic Scaling

As an alternative to the isotropic scaling method just described, an affine transformation was tried, in which the centroid of the points was placed at the origin and the two principal moments of the set of points were both made equal to unity. Thus, the set of points are transformed to an approximately symmetric circular cloud of points of radius one about the origin. The results obtained using this type of transformation to the data were little different from those obtained using the isotropic scaling method.

D Camera Calibration Under Known Pure Translation

As said in Sect. 4, if the model plane undergoes a pure translation, the technique proposed in this paper will not work. However, camera calibration is possible if the translation is known like the setup in Tsai's technique [23]. From (2), we have $\mathbf{t} = \alpha \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_3$, where $\alpha = 1/\|\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_1\|$. The translation between two positions i and j is then given by

$$\mathbf{t}^{(ij)} = \mathbf{t}^{(i)} - \mathbf{t}^{(j)} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}(\alpha^{(i)} \mathbf{h}_3^{(i)} - \alpha^{(j)} \mathbf{h}_3^{(j)}) .$$

(Note that although both $\mathbf{H}^{(i)}$ and $\mathbf{H}^{(j)}$ are estimated up to their own scale factors, they can be rescaled up to a single common scale factor using the fact that it is a pure translation.) If only the translation direction is known, we get two constraints on \mathbf{A} . If we know additionally the translation magnitude, then we have another constraint on \mathbf{A} . Full calibration is then possible from two planes.

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