

1. (Math) In our lectures, we mentioned that matrices that can represent Euclidean transformations can form a group. Specifically, in 3D space, the set comprising matrices $\{M_i\}$ is actually a group, where

$$M_i = \begin{bmatrix} R_i & \mathbf{t}_i \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}, R_i \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \text{ is an orthonormal matrix, } \det(R_i)=1, \text{ and } \mathbf{t}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1} \text{ is a vector.}$$

Please prove that the set $\{M_i\}$ forms a group.

① proving the closure:

for $\forall M_1, M_2 \in \{M_i\} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$

$$M = M_1 \times M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & \mathbf{t}_1 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} R_2 & \mathbf{t}_2 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{multi}]{\text{block}} \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \times R_2 + \mathbf{t}_1 \times \mathbf{0}^T & R_1 \times \mathbf{t}_2 + \mathbf{t}_1 \times 1 \\ \mathbf{0}^T \times R_2 + 1 \times \mathbf{0}^T & \mathbf{0}^T \times \mathbf{t}_2 + 1 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \times R_2 & \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is a vector

we know $R_1 \cdot R_1^T = R_1^T R_1 = I$, $R_2 \cdot R_2^T = R_2^T R_2 = I$

for $R = R_1 R_2$, $R R^T = R_1 R_2 \cdot R_2^T R_1^T = R_1 I R_1^T = I$, $R^T R = R_2^T R_1^T R_1 R_2 = R_2^T I R_2 = I = R R^T$

$$\det(R) = \det(R_1 R_2) = \det(R_1) \det(R_2) = |X| = 1$$

thus R is orthonormal, thus $M \in \{M_i\} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$

② proving the associativity

for $\forall M_1, M_2, M_3 \in \{M_i\} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & \mathbf{t}_1 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} R_2 & \mathbf{t}_2 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}, M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} R_3 & \mathbf{t}_3 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(M_1 M_2) M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 R_2 & R_1 \mathbf{t}_2 + \mathbf{t}_1 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_3 & \mathbf{t}_3 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 R_2 R_3 & R_1 R_2 \mathbf{t}_3 + R_1 \mathbf{t}_2 + \mathbf{t}_1 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_1 (M_2 M_3) = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & \mathbf{t}_1 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_2 R_3 & R_2 \mathbf{t}_3 + \mathbf{t}_2 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 R_2 R_3 & R_1 (R_2 \mathbf{t}_3 + \mathbf{t}_2) + \mathbf{t}_1 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 R_2 R_3 & R_1 R_2 \mathbf{t}_3 + R_1 \mathbf{t}_2 + \mathbf{t}_1 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{thus } (M_1 M_2) M_3 = M_1 (M_2 M_3)$$

③ proving the existence of an identity element;

Let $E = I_{4 \times 4}$, which can be written as $\begin{bmatrix} I_{3 \times 3} & 0 \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, where $0 \in \mathbb{R}_{3 \times 1}$ is a vector

first we should prove that $E \in \{M_i\}$

it's easy to get: $EE^T = E^TE = I_{4 \times 4}$, $\det(E) = \prod_{i=1}^4 e_{ii} = 1$

for $\forall M_i \in \{M_i\}$, we have

$$EM_i = \begin{bmatrix} I_{3 \times 3} & 0 \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} IR & It + 0 \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = M_i$$

$$M_i E = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{3 \times 3} & 0 \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} RI & R \cdot 0 + t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = M_i$$

thus E is the identity element of $\{M_i\}$

④ proving the existence of an inverse element for each M in $\{M_i\}$

for $\forall M \in \{M_i\}$, $M = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

we know the $\det(R) = 1$, so $\exists R^{-1}$, $RR^{-1} = R^{-1}R = I_{3 \times 3}$

$$\text{Let } M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R^{-1} & -R^{-1}t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (-R^{-1}t \in \mathbb{R}_{3 \times 1})$$

because R is orthonormal, we have $R^T = R^{-1}$

$$\text{so } (R^{-1})(R^{-1})^T = (R^{-1}R^T)^T = R^T R = E, \quad (R^{-1})^T R^{-1} = RR^T = E$$

$$\det(R^{-1}) = \det(R^T) = \det(R) = 1$$

thus $M^{-1} \in \{M_i\}$

$$MM^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R^{-1} & -R^{-1}t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} RR^{-1} & -RR^{-1}t + t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E \quad (E \in \{M_i\})$$

$$M^{-1}M = \begin{bmatrix} R^{-1} & -R^{-1}t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R^{-1}R & R^{-1}t - R^{-1}t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E$$

thus M^{-1} is the inverse element of M

thus, $\{M_i\}$ (with \circ as the matrix multiplication) forms a group. QED

2. (Math) When deriving the Harris corner detector, we get the following matrix M composed of first-order partial derivatives in a local image patch w ,

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x)^2 & \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x I_y) \\ \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x I_y) & \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_y)^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Please prove that M is positive semi-definite.
- In practice, M is usually positive definite. If M is positive definite, prove that in the Cartesian coordinate system, $[x, y] M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 1$ represents an ellipse.
- Suppose that M is positive definite and its two eigen-values are λ_1 and λ_2 and $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$. For the ellipse defined by $[x, y] M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 1$, prove that the length of its semi-major axis is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}}$ while the length of its semi-minor axis is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}}$.

① To prove that $M_{2 \times 2}$ is positive semi-definite

We need to have its eigenvalue $\lambda_1 \geq 0$ and $\lambda_2 \geq 0$

$$\text{we have } \det(M) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x)^2 \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_y)^2 - \left(\sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x I_y) \right)^2$$

$$\text{tr}(M) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x)^2 + \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_y)^2$$

from Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\text{we have } \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x)^2 \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_y)^2 \geq \left(\sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in w} (I_x I_y) \right)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\text{thus } \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 \geq 0 \\ \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 \geq 0$$

thus M is positive semi-definite

② note $\sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in W} (I_{x_i}) = a$ $\sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in W} (I_{y_i}) = b$ $\sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in W} (I_{x_i} I_{y_i}) = c$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{bmatrix}.$$

because M is positive definite.

we have $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0$

therefore $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{tr}(M) = a + b > 0$

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 > 0 \Rightarrow \det(M) = ab - c^2 > 0 \Rightarrow ab > c^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}^T M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ax + cy & cx + by \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= ax^2 + 2cxy + by^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

which is the general form of an ellipse, because

$$(2c)^2 - 4ab = 4(c^2 - ab) < 0$$

③ we notice that M is a symmetric matrix
 $M \in S^{2 \times 2}$, let a_1, a_2 be the eigen vector of M
 with $\|a_1\|_2 = \|a_2\|_2 = 1$, M can be diagonalized.

$$Q^T M Q = \Lambda, \quad Q = [a_1, a_2]_{2 \times 2} \quad \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}^T M \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}^T Q^T \Lambda Q \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = (Q \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix})^T \Lambda (Q \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}) = 1$$

$$\text{let } Y = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = Q \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \text{ we have } Y^T \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} Y = 1$$

$$\text{which is } \lambda_1 \alpha^2 + \lambda_2 \beta^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^2}{(\frac{1}{\lambda_1})} + \frac{\beta^2}{(\frac{1}{\lambda_2})} = 1$$

$$\text{since } \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0, \quad \frac{1}{\lambda_2} > \frac{1}{\lambda_1} > 0$$

by the ellipse standard form we know:

$$\begin{cases} \text{semi-major axis} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}} \\ \text{semi-minor axis} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \end{cases}$$

3.

3. (Math) In the lecture, we talked about the least square method to solve an over-determined linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$, $m > n$, $\text{rank}(A) = n$. The closed form solution is $\mathbf{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$. Try to prove that $A^T A$ is non-singular (or in other words, it is invertible).

one way to prove $A^T A$ is invertible is to prove that the only vector in $A^T A$'s null space is zero, meaning $A^T A \mathbf{x} = 0$ has a unique solution $\mathbf{x} = 0$

to solve \mathbf{x} :

$$A^T A \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T A^T A \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$(A\mathbf{x})^T A\mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\|A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = 0$$

so the length of vector $A\mathbf{x}$ is 0.
meaning $A\mathbf{x} = 0$

We know that $\text{rank}(A) = n$, $m > n$,

so A is a column full rank matrix

so $\mathbf{x} = 0$ is the only solution, therefore

$A^T A$ is non-singular