Report about Lab2

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1 Goal of the experience

The goal of the Lab2 was to calibrate a camera, using a set of images of the same checkerboard, each one with differenct aspect, taken with the same camera. Each image represents the chessboard at a different distance from the camera and with a different orientation in the space. After generating the calibration parameters of the used camera, the goal to find best and worst input images in terms of mean reprojection error. The last thing to do, was the rectification of an image, representing a room and taken by the same camera, by using the parameters estimated previously.

2 Organization of code

The code of this lab is organized in four main files:

- Lab2.cpp and its header file Lab2.h they are associated to the main() and to a function, used to print info about read input files;
- Calibration.cpp and its header file Calibration.h these contain the function *calibrate()* that, using other functions performs checkerboard corners detection on input images and rectifies the test image.

3 Command line parameters

The program needs to have, as command line arguments, in order, the specification of the path of checkerboards images folder and the path of test images folder. For example, the sequence of command line arguments, considering "data/checkerboard_images" as folder of chessboard input images and "data" as folder of test images is:

data/checkerboard_images data

4 Experimental results

In the extraction of corners from the input images, I've tried two approaches to compute them. They give me different parameters and mean reprojection errors (see Table 1 and Table 2):

- 1. Direct computation through cv::findChessboardCorners() function
- 2. Improvement of corners precision of first approach using cv::cornerSubPix()

		Approach 1	Approach 2
Intrinsic parameters	α_u	1245.72	1245.11
	α_u	1245.19	1244.22
	u_c	978.874	974.987
	v_c	686.44	684.104
Radial distortion	k_1	-0.3085	-0.308478
	k_2	0.139678	0.138993
	k_3	-0.0367748	-0.036138
Tangential Distortion	p_1	$5.86927 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$-9.79746 \cdot 10^{-5}$
	p_2	$7.81765 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.00305 \cdot 10^{-4}$

Table 1: Estimated calibration parameters.

	Approach 1	Approach 2
Average of mean reprojection errors of all images	0.516669	0.294035
Worst image	0027_color.png Error: 1.54774	0045_color.png Error: 1.91905
Best image	0002_color.png Error: 0.226561	0039_color.png Error: 0.0727016

Table 2: Mean reprojection errors with 2 approaches.

The program also has some commented pieces that I've used to compute and store on disk all checkerboards images, with highlighted chessboard corners(e.g. Figure 2 and Figure 2), and also final image with comparison between original image and rectified image (see Figure ??).

For Approach 2, the image in Figure 2 is better than the one in 1, in terms of mean reprojection error, because of the angle of chessboard, with respect to the space, and the smoothness of the image.

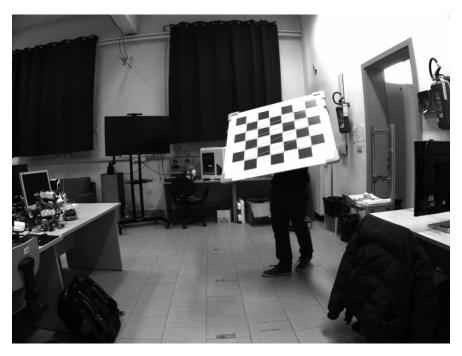


Figure 1: Worst image for Approach 2 in terms of mean reprojection error.



Figure 2: Best image for Approach 2 in terms of mean reprojection error.

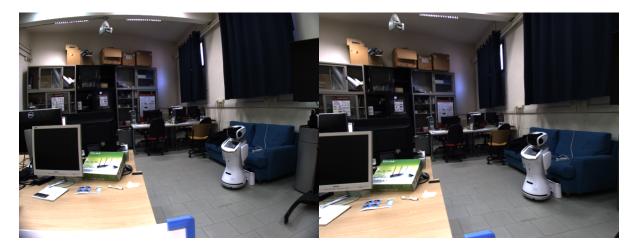


Figure 3: Original test image (on the left) vs Rectified image (on the right).