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# Camera Calibration & Stereo Vision

## Computer Vision Project

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### Recap: Camera Models

# Homogeneous Coordinates (1)

## 2-D Case

$$\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{x}_h \in \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_h = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\sim}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda u \\ \lambda v \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_h = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{u}{w} \\ \frac{v}{w} \end{pmatrix}, w \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \quad (2)$$

## Remember

$\mathbf{x}_h = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  denote points at infinity that are not part of the euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

# Homogeneous Coordinates (1)

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## Remember

$\mathbf{x}_h = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  denote points at **infinity** that are not part of the euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

## Homogeneous Coordinates (2)

### 3-D Case

$\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbf{x}_h \in \mathbb{P}^3$

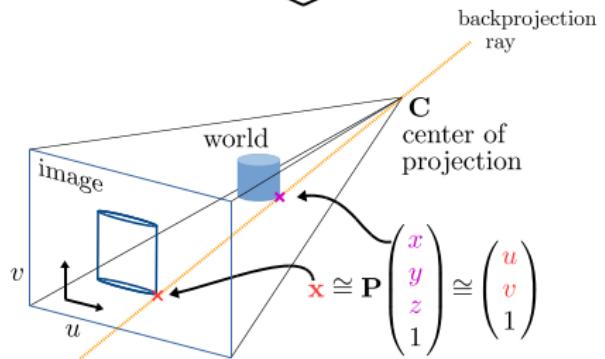
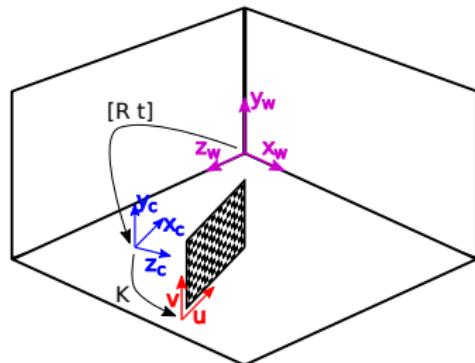
$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_h = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\sim}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x \\ \lambda y \\ \lambda z \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_h = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x}{w} \\ \frac{y}{w} \\ \frac{z}{w} \end{pmatrix}, w \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \quad (4)$$

# Projection Matrix

$$P = K [R \mid t]$$

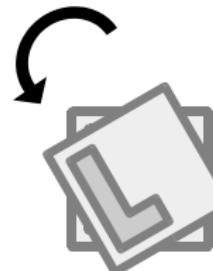
- Intrinsic parameters:  $K$
- Extrinsic parameters:  $[R \mid t]$ 
  - $R$ : rotation
  - $t$ : translation



# Extrinsic Camera Parameters

## Rotation

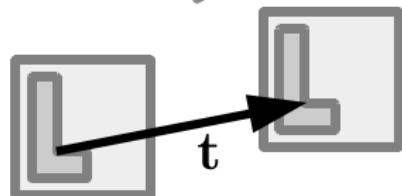
$$\mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{r}_1 \ \mathbf{r}_2 \ \mathbf{r}_3]$$



## Translation

- Euclidean:  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} t_u \\ t_v \end{pmatrix}$$



- Projective:  $\mathbb{P}^2$

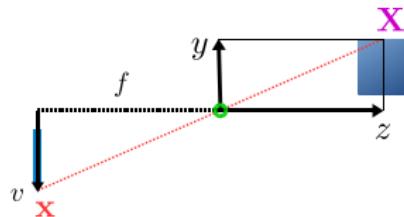
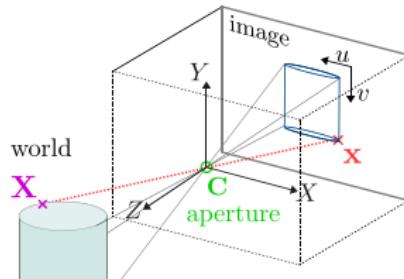
$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_u \\ 0 & 1 & t_v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u + t_u \\ v + t_v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{T} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Intrinsic Camera Parameters

## Pinhole Model

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{K}} = \begin{pmatrix} f_u & s & u_0 \\ f_v & v_0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ v_0 \end{pmatrix}$  principal point
- $f_u, f_v$  focal length in pixels
- $s$  skew
- Invariant under external motion of the camera.



As seen from the world  $X$ -axis

## Section 2

# Camera Calibration

# Camera Calibration

How many parameters to estimate?

## Extrinsic Parameters

*Position & orientation of the camera in reference to the world.*

- Translation: 3 DoF
- Rotation: 3 DoF

→ 6 parameters

## Intrinsic Parameters

*Parameters that determine how a scene is represented on the image plane.*

- Pinhole model
- $f_u, f_v, s, u_0, v_0$

→ 5 parameters

→  $3 \times 4$  projection matrix is determined up to scale.

# Zhang's Method<sup>1</sup>

## Calibration Phantom

### Known Checkerboard Pattern ( $X$ )

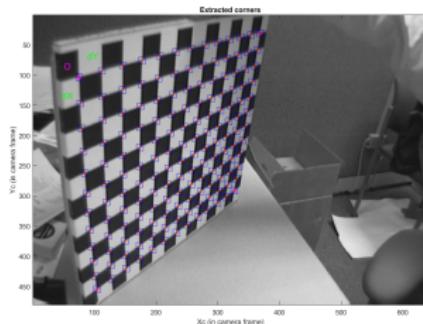
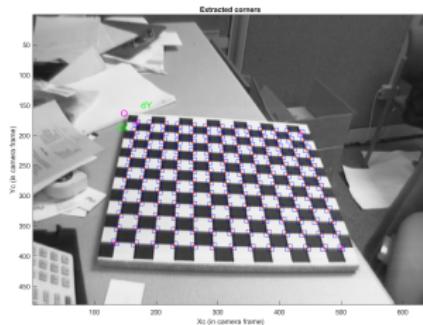
- number of squares  $N_x, N_y$
- size of squares  $d_x, d_y$

$$X_{ij} = (i \cdot d_x, j \cdot d_y, z)^T, \quad (5)$$

with  $i = 0, \dots, N_x$   
 $j = 0, \dots, N_y$ .

### Feature Extraction ( $x$ )

- Images at  $n \geq 3$  diff. orientations
- Define *Region of Interest* (ROI)
- Harris Corner Detector etc.



<sup>1</sup>Z. Zhang, "A flexible new technique for camera calibration", IEEE Trans. Pattern Anal. Machine Intell. **22**, 1330–1334 (2000).

## Zhang's Method

### Homography: Model Plane to Image

W.l.o.g. model plane  $z = 0$ :

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{K} [\underbrace{\mathbf{r}_1 \ \mathbf{r}_2 \ \mathbf{r}_3}_\mathbf{R} \ \mathbf{t}] \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{r}_1 \quad \mathbf{r}_2 \quad \mathbf{t}] \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

represents a Homography

$$\lambda \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}$$

between image point  $\mathbf{x}$  and his 3-D space point  $\mathbf{X}$ .

→ DLT in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  ( $2n \times 9$  matrix) from 2nd lecture.

## Zhang's Method

### Homography Decomposition

$$H = [h_1 \quad h_2 \quad h_3] = \lambda K [r_1 \quad r_2 \quad t] \quad (6)$$

#### Idea

Entries of the homography are actually a combination of intrinsic and extrinsic parameters.

- Extrinsic parameters are calculated directly from (6).
- Intrinsic parameters can be recovered by introducing additional constraints.

## Zhang's Method

### Constraints on Intrinsic Parameters

With  $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2$  being orthonormal, there are two constraints:

$$\mathbf{r}_1^T \mathbf{r}_2 = 0 \quad \& \quad \mathbf{r}_1^T \mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{r}_2^T \mathbf{r}_2$$



$$\mathbf{h}_1^T \mathbf{K}^{-T} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2 = 0 \tag{7}$$

$$\mathbf{h}_1^T \mathbf{K}^{-T} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_1 = \mathbf{h}_2^T \mathbf{K}^{-T} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2 \tag{8}$$

$\mathbf{K}^{-T} \mathbf{K}^{-1}$  is called the absolute conic.

# Zhang's Method

## Absolute Conic

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{K}^{-T} \mathbf{K}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{13} \\ B_{12} & B_{22} & B_{23} \\ B_{13} & B_{23} & B_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{f_u^2} & -\frac{s}{f_u^2 f_v} & \frac{v_0 s - u_0 f_v}{f_u^2 f_v} \\ -\frac{s}{f_u^2 f_v} & \frac{s^2}{f_u^2 f_v^2} + \frac{1}{f_v^2} & -\frac{s(v_0 s - u_0 f_v)}{f_u^2 f_v^2} - \frac{v_0}{f_v^2} \\ \frac{v_0 s - u_0 f_v}{f_u^2 f_v} & -\frac{s(v_0 s - u_0 f_v)}{f_u^2 f_v^2} - \frac{v_0}{f_v^2} & \frac{(v_0 s - u_0 f_v)^2}{f_u^2 f_v^2} + \frac{v_0^2}{f_v^2} + 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Note, that  $\mathbf{B}$  is symmetric. Denoted by 6-D vector:

$$\mathbf{b} = (B_{11}, B_{12}, B_{22}, B_{13}, B_{23}, B_{33})^T \quad (10)$$

## Zhang's Method

### Closed-Form Solution (1)

Let  $\mathbf{h}_i = (h_{i1}, h_{i2}, h_{i3})^T$  be the  $i$ -th column vector of  $\mathbf{H}$ .

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

$$\text{where } \mathbf{g}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} h_{i1}h_{j1} \\ h_{i1}h_{j2} + h_{i2}h_{j1} \\ h_{i2}h_{j2} \\ h_{i3}h_{j1} + h_{i1}h_{j3} \\ h_{i3}h_{j2} + h_{i2}h_{j3} \\ h_{i3}h_{j3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Eqn. (7) & (8) can then be rewritten to homogeneous equations in  $\mathbf{b}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}_{12}^T \\ (\mathbf{g}_{11} - \mathbf{g}_{22})^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0} \quad (11)$$

## Zhang's Method

### Closed-Form Solution (2)

With  $n$  observed images of the model plane,  $n$  equations as (11) can be stacked:

$$\mathbf{G}\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0} \tag{12}$$

where  $\mathbf{G}$  is a  $2n \times 6$  matrix.

With  $n \geq 3$  a unique solution  $\mathbf{b}$  can be found, defined up to scale.

Solve (12) via *Singular Value Decomposition* (SVD) for the right singular vector of  $\mathbf{G}$  associated with smallest singular value.

# Zhang's Method

## Recovering Intrinsic Parameters

Using (9) we can extract the intrinsic parameters from  $\mathcal{B}$ :

$$v_0 = \frac{B_{12}B_{13} - B_{11}B_{23}}{B_{11}B_{22} - B_{12}^2}$$

$$\lambda = B_{33} - \frac{B_{13}^2 + v_0(B_{12}B_{13} - B_{11}B_{23})}{B_{11}}$$

$$f_u = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{B_{11}}}$$

$$f_v = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda B_{11}}{B_{11}B_{22} - B_{12}^2}}$$

$$s = -\frac{B_{12}f_u^2 f_v}{\lambda}$$

$$u_0 = \frac{sv_0}{f_v} - B_{13} \frac{f_u^2}{\lambda}$$

## Zhang's Method

### Recovering Extrinsic Parameters

From (6) we get:

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \mu \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_1 \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = \mu \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2 \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_3 = \mathbf{r}_1 \times \mathbf{r}_2 \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \mu \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_3 \quad (16)$$

Due to **noise**,  $\mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3]$  may not necessarily satisfy the properties of a rotation matrix (**orthonormality**). Enforce it using SVD:

$$\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{V}^T, \quad (17)$$

with  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T$ .

with

$$\mu = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_1\|} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2\|}$$

## Zhang's Method

### Refinement: Maximum-Likelihood Estimation

Current solution obtained by minimizing an algebraic distance without any physical meaning.

Refinement by optimizing the functional:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m ||\mathbf{x}_{ij} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{X}_j)||^2, \quad (18)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{X}_j)$  is the projection of 3-D point  $\mathbf{X}_j$  in image  $i$ .

Requires an initialization of  $\mathbf{K}, \{\mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{t}_i | i = 1, \dots, n\}$  obtained by the previous closed-form technique.

# Lens Distortion

## Analytical Modeling<sup>2</sup>

### Radial Distortion

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta u_i^{(r)} \\ \delta v_i^{(r)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}_i(k_1 r_i^2 + k_2 r_i^4 + \dots) \\ \tilde{v}_i(k_1 r_i^2 + k_2 r_i^4 + \dots) \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $k_1, k_2$  are radial distortion coefficients and  $r_i = \sqrt{\tilde{u}_i^2 + \tilde{v}_i^2}$ .

### Tangential Distortion

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta u_i^{(t)} \\ \delta v_i^{(t)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2p_1 \tilde{u}_i \tilde{v}_i + p_2(r_i^2 + 2\tilde{u}_i^2) \\ p_1(r_i^2 + 2\tilde{v}_i^2) + 2p_2 \tilde{u}_i \tilde{v}_i \end{bmatrix},$$

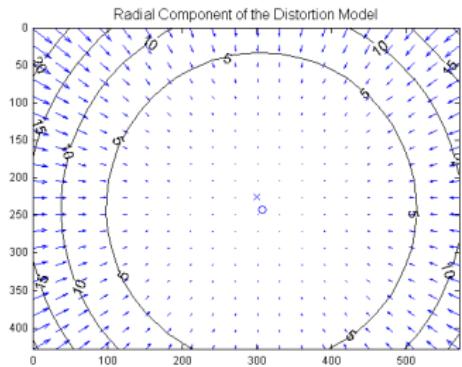
where  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  are tangential distortion coefficients.




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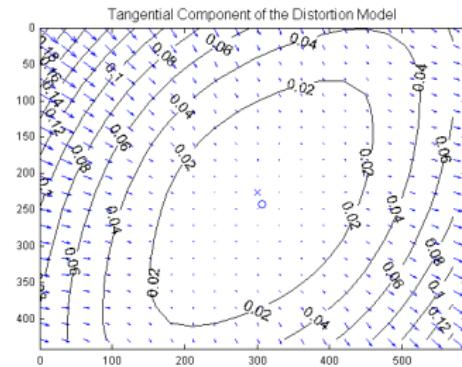
<sup>2</sup>J. Heikkila and O. Silven, "A four-step camera calibration procedure with implicit image correction", in Computer vision and pattern recognition, 1997. proceedings., 1997 ieee computer society conference on (1997), pp. 1106–1112.

## Lens Distortion Example



Pixel error = [0.4533, 0.3892]  
 Focal Length = (681.67, 682.829)  
 Principal Point = (306.096, 240.79)  
 Skew = 0  
 Radial coefficients = (-0.2642, 0.2285, 0)  
 Tangential coefficients = (0.0002, 0.00023)

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+|- [1.179, 1.266]
+|- [2.384, 2.175]
+|- 0
+|- [0.00934, 0.03826, 0]
+|- [0.00052, 0.00053]
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+/- [0.00934, 0.03826, 0]  
+/- [0.00052, 0.00053]

# Zhang's Method

## Summary

1. Planar checkerboard pattern.
2. Images taken from different views by either moving the plane or the camera.
3. Detect feature points.  
→ Remember to normalize your data points!
4. Initialization:  
Estimate 5 intrinsic and all extrinsic parameters via closed-form solution.
5. Optimization:  
Refine all parameters (affected by noise) including lens distortion.

## Section 3

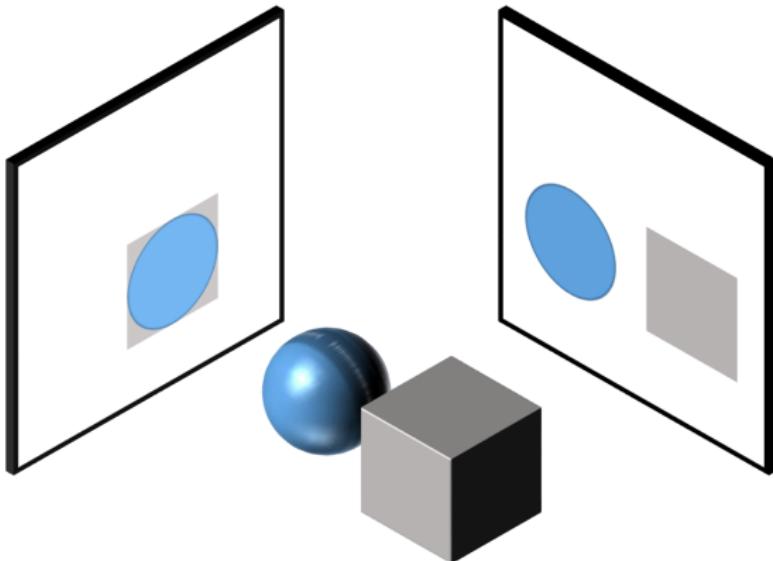
### Stereo Vision

# Stereo Vision

## Geometry of a Scene from Two Different Views

- Simultaneous (stereo rig)
- Continuous (moving camera)

⇒ Geometrically equivalent!



# Stereo Vision

## Questions to be answered

### 1. Correspondence geometry

Given  $\mathbf{x}$  in view  $A$ . How does this constrain the position of the corresponding  $\mathbf{x}'$  in view  $B$ ?

### 2. Camera geometry (motion)

Given corresponding image points  $\{\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , what are the cameras  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{P}'$  for their respective views?

### 3. Scene geometry (structure)

Given corresponding image points  $\{\mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'\}$  and cameras  $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}'$ , what is the position of  $\mathbf{X}$  in 3-D?

# Epipolar Geometry

## Visualization

- **Epipole**

Intersecting point of the line joining the camera centres (baseline) with the image plane.

- **Epipolar Plane**

Plane containing the baseline.

- **Epipolar Line**

Intersection of an epipolar plane with the image plane. All epipolar lines intersect at the epipole.

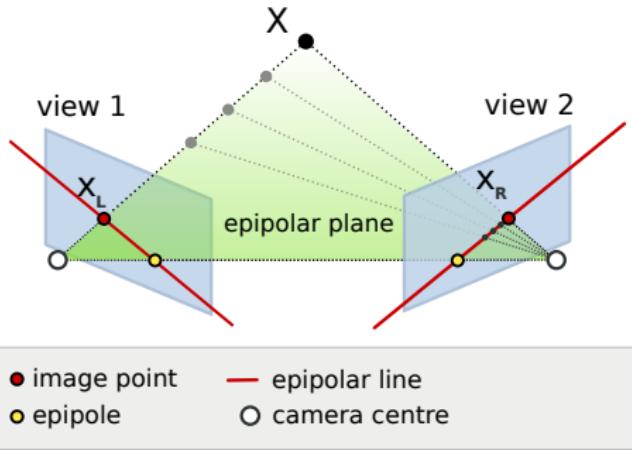


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# Fundamental Matrix

## Algebraic Representation of the Epipolar Geometry

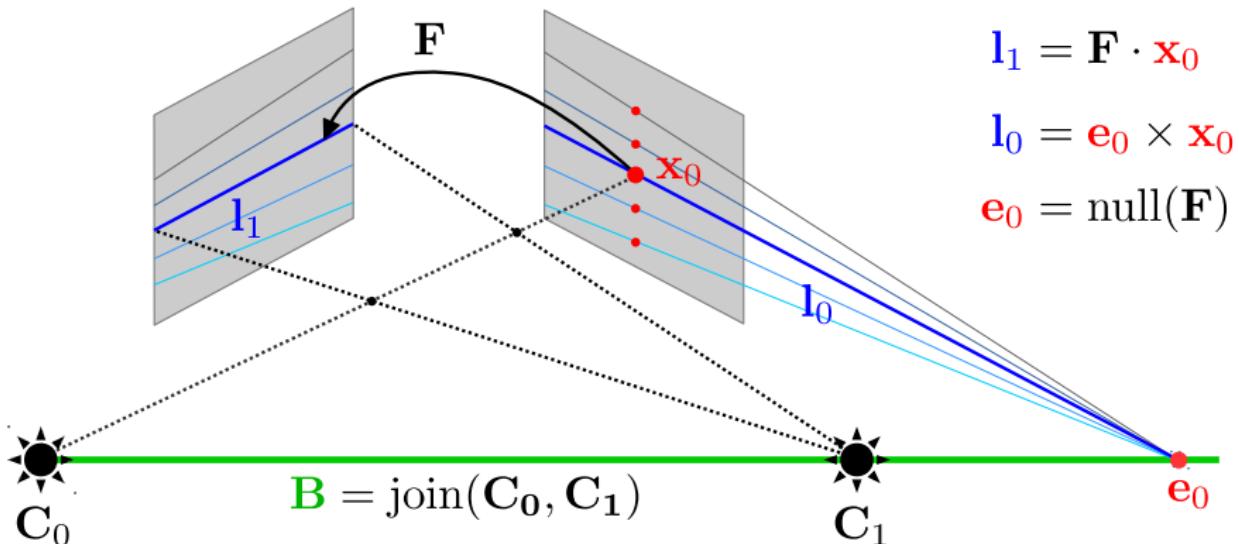


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# Fundamental Matrix Properties

- $\mathbf{F}$  is a rank 2 homogeneous matrix with 7 degrees of freedom.
- **Point correspondence**
  - $\mathbf{x}'^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'$
- **Epipolar lines**
  - $\mathbf{l}' = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}$  is the epipolar line corresponding to  $\mathbf{x}$ .
  - $\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{x}'$  is the epipolar line corresponding to  $\mathbf{x}'$ .
- **Epipoles**
  - $\mathbf{e}'^T \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$  (left null-vector)
  - $\mathbf{F} \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$  (right null-vector)

# Fundamental Matrix

## Computation from Camera Matrices

Back-projection from  $\mathbf{x}$  by solving  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$ :

$$\mathbf{X}(a) = \mathbf{P}^\dagger \mathbf{x} + a\mathbf{C},$$

$\mathbf{P}^\dagger$ : pseudo-inverse of  $\mathbf{P}$

$\mathbf{C}$ : camera center with  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{C} = 0$

Two particular points on the ray:

- at  $a = 0$ :  $\mathbf{X}_0 = \mathbf{P}^\dagger \mathbf{x}$
- at  $a = \infty$ :  $\mathbf{X}_\infty = \mathbf{C}$

Imaged by  $\mathbf{P}'$  at  $\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{P}^\dagger \mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{C}$  in the second view.

Epipolar line joining these two points:

$$\mathbf{l}' = \underbrace{(\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{C}) \times (\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{P}^\dagger \mathbf{x})}_{[\mathbf{e}']_x}$$

Thus

$$\mathbf{l}' = [\mathbf{e}']_x (\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{P}^\dagger) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}, \rightarrow \mathbf{F} = [\mathbf{e}']_x \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{P}^\dagger \quad (19)$$

# Fundamental Matrix

## Retrieving Camera Matrices

- Projective invariance

$$\begin{array}{rcl} I' & = & \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}'^T \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} & = & 0 \end{array} \left. \right\} \text{projective relationships (i.e. 1 dof)}$$

- Non-unique solution<sup>3</sup>

If  $\mathbf{T}$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix representing a projective transformation of 3-space, then the fundamental matrices corresponding to the pairs of camera matrices  $(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}')$  and  $(\mathbf{PT}, \mathbf{P'T})$  are the same.

- Camera matrices  $(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}')$  → unique  $\mathbf{F}$ .
- $\mathbf{F} \rightarrow (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}')$  up to 3-D projective transform:

$$\mathbf{P} = [I_3 \mid \mathbf{0}] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P}' = [[\mathbf{e}']_x \mathbf{F} \mid \mathbf{e}'] \quad (20)$$

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<sup>3</sup>R. Hartley and A. Zisserman, Multiple view geometry in computer vision, (Cambridge university press, 2003)

# The Eight Point Algorithm

## Computation of the Fundamental Matrix

### Objective

Given  $n \geq 8$  image point correspondences  $\{\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i\}$ , determine the fundamental matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  such that  $\mathbf{x}'_i^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}_i = 0$ .

### Algorithm Breakdown

- System is linear in the components of  $\mathbf{F}$  with  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}x'_{11} & x_{11}x'_{12} & x_{11}x'_{13} & x_{12}x'_{11} & \dots & x_{13}x'_{13} \\ x_{21}x'_{21} & x_{21}x'_{22} & x_{21}x'_{23} & x_{22}x'_{21} & \dots & x_{23}x'_{23} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ x_{n1}x'_{n1} & x_{n1}x'_{n2} & x_{n1}x'_{n3} & x_{n2}x'_{n1} & \dots & x_{n3}x'_{n3} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 9} \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{f} = (f_{11}, f_{12}, f_{13}, f_{21}, f_{22}, f_{23}, f_{31}, f_{32}, f_{33})^T \quad (22)$$

- Solve using SVD.
- Assure  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{F}) = 2$ .

# The Eight Point Algorithm

## Details

Over-determined system of equations  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$

- $\mathbf{f}$  is in the null-space of  $\mathbf{M}$ .
- $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 9}$  &  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{M}) = 8$ : non-trivial solution next to the trivial  $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$

1. SVD:  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T$

- $\sigma_9 \approx 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{f} = \lambda \mathbf{v}_9$
- since  $\|\mathbf{F}\|_F = \|\mathbf{f}\|_2 = 1 \rightarrow \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{v}_9$
- if  $\sigma_9 > \varepsilon$ : Error

2. Force  $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{F}) = 2$  using SVD:  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{U}_F \Sigma_F \mathbf{V}_F$

- For the fundamental matrix it is:  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > 0, \sigma_3 = 0$
- Set  $\sigma_3 = 0$
- Compute  $\mathbf{F}^*$  anew using  $\Sigma_F^*$ :

$$\mathbf{F}^* = \mathbf{U}_F \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}_F \quad (23)$$

## Essential Matrix

### A calibrated case of the Fundamental Matrix

Given  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{t}]$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$ .

If  $\mathbf{K}$  is known:

- Normalized coordinates:  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X}$
- Normalized camera matrix:  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{t}]$

where the intrinsic effects are removed.

The fundamental matrix to a pair of normalized cameras  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}' = [\mathbf{I}_3 \mid \mathbf{0}]$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = [\mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{t}]$  is called *essential matrix*  $\mathbf{E}$ .

# Essential Matrix Properties

- **Definition**
  - $E = R[t]_x$
  - $\tilde{x}'^T E \tilde{x} = 0$
  - $E = K'^T FK$
- **5 degrees of freedom**
  - rotation (+3) & translation (+3), up to scale (-1)
- **Constraints**
  - Singular values:  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2, \sigma_3 = 0$ .
  - SVD:  $E = U\lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^T, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

# Essential Matrix

## Retrieving Extrinsic Camera Parameters (1)

$E$  holds the relative orientation between 2 normalized cameras

$$\tilde{P}' = [I_3 \mid \mathbf{0}] \text{ and } \tilde{P} = [\mathbf{R} \mid \mathbf{t}]$$

up to scale and a 4-fold ambiguity (baseline reversal & 180° rotation).

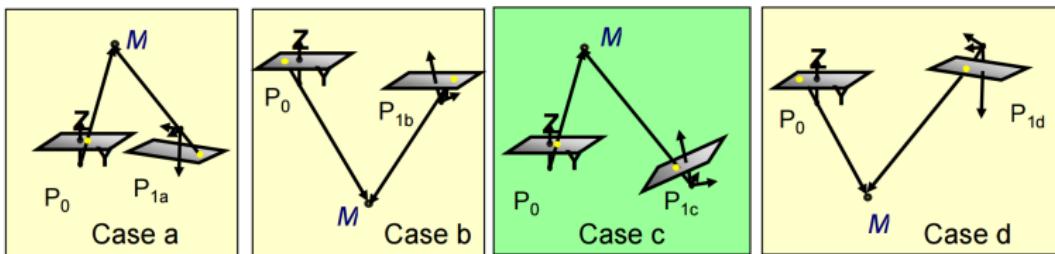


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## Essential Matrix

### Retrieving Extrinsic Camera Parameters (2)

The essential matrix

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{U} \operatorname{diag}(1, 1, 0) \mathbf{V}^T,$$

provides four possible choices<sup>3</sup> for the second camera matrix  $\mathbf{P}'$ :

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}' = \begin{cases} [\mathbf{UWV}^T \mid \pm \mathbf{u}_3] \\ [\mathbf{UW}^T \mathbf{V}^T \mid \pm \mathbf{u}_3] \end{cases}, \text{ where } \mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

Correct candidate determined by calculation of depth values using Triangulation.

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<sup>3</sup>R. Hartley and A. Zisserman, Multiple view geometry in computer vision, (Cambridge university press, 2003)

# Triangulation

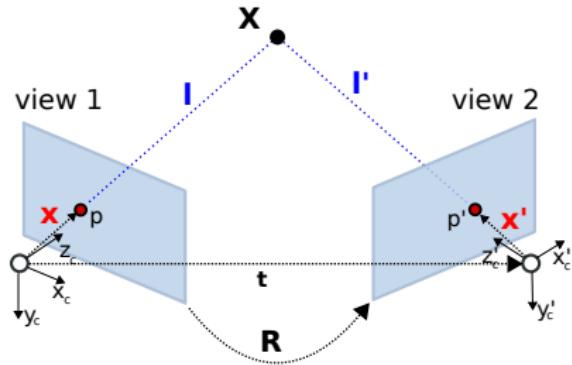
## From images back to 3-space

Find point  $X$  in 3-space given by two corresponding image points.

- Lines through each camera center.
- Triangulated point can be expressed by both camera matrices.

$$x = P X \quad (25)$$

$$x' = P' X \quad (26)$$



→ Combined to  $A X = 0$ , equations linear in  $X$ .

## Linear Triangulation Algorithm

Rewriting (25) to  $\mathbf{x} \times (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0}$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot (\mathbf{p}_3^T \mathbf{X}) - 1 \cdot (\mathbf{p}_1^T \mathbf{X}) &= 0 \\ y \cdot (\mathbf{p}_3^T \mathbf{X}) - 1 \cdot (\mathbf{p}_2^T \mathbf{X}) &= 0 \\ x \cdot (\mathbf{p}_2^T \mathbf{X}) - y \cdot (\mathbf{p}_1^T \mathbf{X}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{p}_i^T$  are the rows of  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, 1)^T$ .

Include two equations from each image to build  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{0}$  with

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} x\mathbf{p}_3^T - \mathbf{p}_1^T \\ y\mathbf{p}_3^T - \mathbf{p}_2^T \\ x'\mathbf{p}'_3^T - \mathbf{p}'_1^T \\ y'\mathbf{p}'_3^T - \mathbf{p}'_2^T \end{bmatrix}. \quad (27)$$

→ Solve using SVD (again).

## Section 4

### Exercises

# Zhang's Method

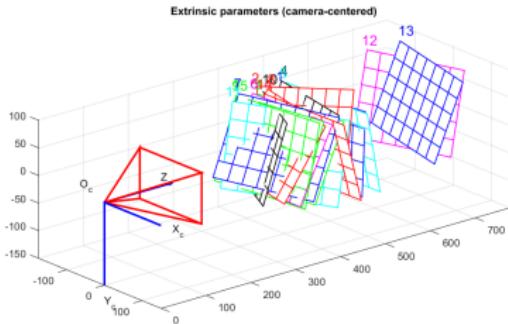
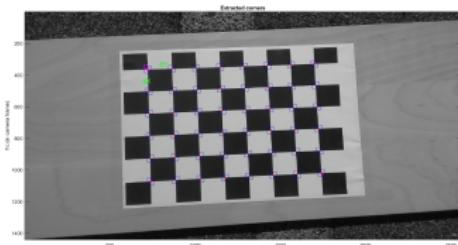
Compute an initialization for

- $\mathbf{K}$  (once)
- $[\mathbf{R} \; \mathbf{t}]_i$  (for each image  $i$ )

from a set of given feature points.

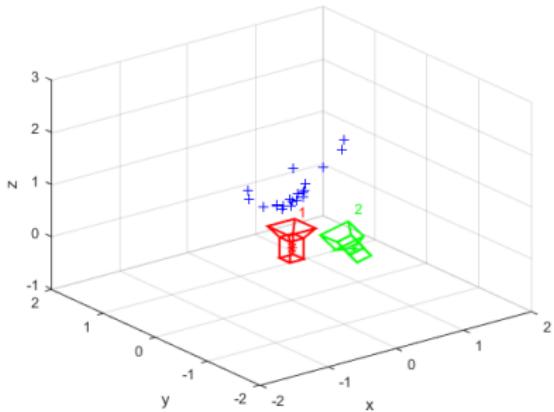
No non-linear optimization.

However, you may try.



# Stereo Vision

- Fundamental Matrix: Computation & Visualization.
- Determine the relative orientation between both cameras.
- $K$  is given.



# A Note on Normalization

## ... in the context of DLT/SVD

! Data normalization is not optional.

- Compute centroid or both measured and reference points.
- Move center of mass to origin.
- Scale to range  $\sqrt{2}$  and  $\sqrt{3}$  for 2-D and 3-D respectively.

$$N_2 = \begin{bmatrix} s^{-1} & 0 & -\bar{x}_0 s^{-1} \\ 0 & s^{-1} & -\bar{x}_1 s^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i$

and  $s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\|_2$ .

# A Note on Normalization

## ... in the context of DLT/SVD

- Normalize data points

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{x}'_n = \mathbf{N}'\mathbf{x}'$$

- Calculate normalized Homography  $\mathbf{H}_n$  using DLT/SVD.

$$\mathbf{x}'_n = \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\mathbf{N}'\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{x}' = \underbrace{\mathbf{N}'^{-1} \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{N}}_{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{x}$$

- Denormalized homography:  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{N}'^{-1} \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{N}$ .

Thank you.

Any Questions?



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