



Master in Computer Vision *Barcelona*

Module: 3D Vision

Lecture 4: Camera calibration. Pose estimation.

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Outline

- Calibration
 - Camera resectioning
 - Calibration from a planar pattern
 - Image of the absolute conic
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Camera model

Remember:

$$\mathbf{x} \equiv P\mathbf{X}, \quad \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{P}^3, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{P}^2,$$

where P is a 3×4 matrix, the **camera matrix**,

$$P = K [R | t]$$

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- ▶ K is the **calibration matrix** containing the **internal parameters** of the camera.
- ▶ R and t contain the **external parameters** of the camera: position and orientation of the camera in the reference system of the world (**camera pose**).

Calibration and pose estimation

- Calibration

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow K$$

- Pose estimation

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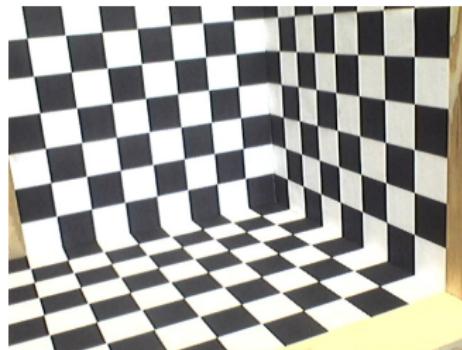


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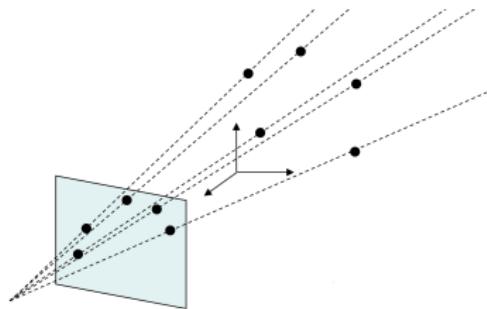


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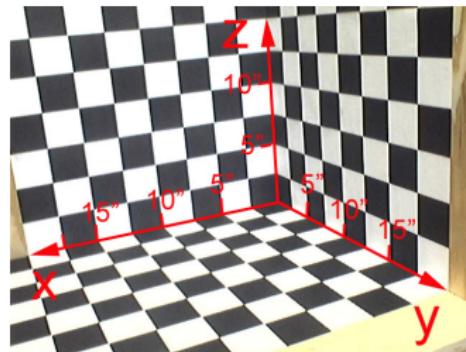


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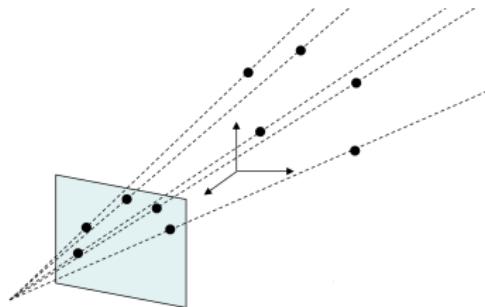


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Camera resectioning

From $N \geq 6$ known 3D to 2D point correspondences $\mathbf{X}_i \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_i$

$$\mathbf{x}_i \equiv \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad \text{where } \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{P}^2, \mathbf{X}_i \in \mathbb{P}^3 \text{ are known.}$$

REMARK: As in DLT algorithm is important to previously normalize data, \mathbf{x}_i and \mathbf{X}_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

By the same steps as for the DLT algorithm:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}^T & -w_i \mathbf{X}_i^T & y_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \\ w_i \mathbf{X}_i^T & \mathbf{0}^T & -x_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{where } P = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1^T \\ \mathbf{p}_2^T \\ \mathbf{p}_3^T \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 4}. \text{ Or, in short,}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$$

(\mathbf{p} is the 12×1 vector of unknowns).

Camera resectioning

Each correspondence $\mathbf{X}_i \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_i$
produces 2 equations for the 12 unknowns: $\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$

As $P_{3 \times 4}$ has 11 degrees of freedom ($3 \times 4 - 1$ scale factor),
we need $N \geq 6$ correspondences $\mathbf{X}_i \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_i$.

If \mathbf{A} denotes the matrix obtained by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{A}_N \end{pmatrix}_{2N \times 12}$$

with A_i the matrix of each correspondence $\mathbf{X}_i \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_i$,
then the system of equations is

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$$

The vector \mathbf{p} is in the null space of \mathbf{A} .

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This estimate may be refined by minimizing the geometric reprojection error: $\min \sum_i d(\mathbf{x}_i, P\mathbf{X}_i)^2$

Complete algorithm: Algorithm 7.1, Hartley-Zisserman book, page 181

Camera resectioning

Once P has been estimated, K , R , and \mathbf{t} may be extracted:

1. **QR factorization:** decomposition of the matrix A into a product $A = QR$, where Q is orthogonal, and R is an upper-triangular matrix.

$$\boxed{P} = (\boxed{Q} \boxed{R})^{-1} = \boxed{R}^{-1} \boxed{Q}^{-1}$$

$P = K[R | \mathbf{t}]$ where K is upper-triangular and R is orthogonal

QR decomposition of $P_{3 \times 3}$ gives K and R .

The ambiguity in the decomposition is removed by requiring that K have positive diagonal entries.

REMARK: RQ factorization may be also used.

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2. Case of zero skew:

$$A = P_{3 \times 3} P_{3 \times 3}^T = (KR)(KR)^T = KRR^T K = KK^T$$

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- Normalize $(P_{3 \times 3} P_{3 \times 3}^T)_{3 \times 3} = A_{33} = 1$
- Identify parameters of K :

$$x_0 = A_{13}, \quad y_0 = A_{23}$$

$$f_x = \sqrt{A_{11} - x_0^2}, \quad f_y = \sqrt{A_{22} - y_0^2}$$

- Extract extrinsics (pose):

$$[R|\mathbf{t}] = K^{-1}P$$

REMARK: R may not be necessarily orthogonal, thus we further impose it.

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where $\omega = (KK^T)^{-1} = K^{-T}K^{-1}$ is the **Image of the Absolute Conic**

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- zero skew and known principal point \rightarrow we need $n = 1$ view

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$$[\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2 \mathbf{t}] \sim [K^{-1}\mathbf{h}_1 K^{-1}\mathbf{h}_2 K^{-1}\mathbf{h}_3]$$

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$$\tilde{R} = U \bar{U}^T$$

where $R \underset{SVD}{=} U D \bar{U}^T$.

Calibration from a planar pattern

Steps of the calibration algorithm

- Estimate the n homographies that relate the planar pattern and the n images.
- Build matrix V .
- Find ω by solving the SVD of V .
- Extract calibration parameters, K , by Cholesky factorization of ω .
- (Optional) Extract pose, R and t .
- (Optional) Refinement by minimizing the geometric error

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The **absolute conic**, Ω_∞ , is a conic on the plane at infinity, Π_∞ .

It consists of points $X = (\underbrace{x_1, x_2, x_3}_\mathbf{d}, 0)^T$ such that $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 0$.

In matricial form: $\mathbf{d}^T / \mathbf{d} = 0$, then

$$\Omega_\infty = I_{3 \times 3}$$

PROPERTY: The absolute conic remains fixed by a similarity.

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Remember how a conic is transformed by a homography: $C' = H^{-T}CH^{-1}$
Then,

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Since their points at infinity are $(\mathbf{d}_1^T, 0)^T$ and $(\mathbf{d}_2^T, 0)^T$, their image projections (vanishing points) are:

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = KR\mathbf{d}_1 \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_2 = KR\mathbf{d}_2$$

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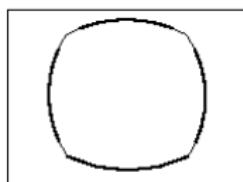
Pinhole cameras: linear model of the imaging process

Real (non-pinhole) cameras: lens distortion (non-linear), usually radial distortion



short vs long focal length

radial distortion



correction

linear image

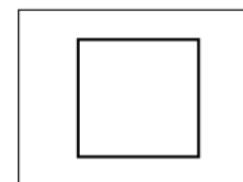
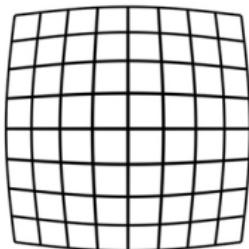


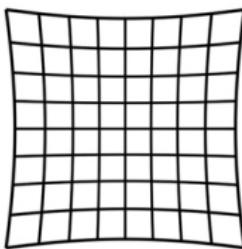
Image source: [Hartley and Zisserman 2004]

Camera distortion

Radial distortion



Barrel Distortion



Pincushion Distortion



Barrel and Pincushion examples

Coordinates in the observed image are displaced away, **barrel distortion**, or towards, **pincushion distortion**, the image center by an amount proportional to their radial distance.

$$x_d = L(r)x = (1 + k_1r + k_2r^2 + k_3r^3 + \dots)x$$

$$y_d = L(r)y = (1 + k_1r + k_2r^2 + k_3r^3 + \dots)y$$

$$\text{where } r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Image source: [Szeliski 2010]

Camera distortion

How to estimate the distortion parameters:

- **Plumb-line method**, adjust parameters k_i so that images of straight lines become straight in the image.



- Parameters k_i are estimated jointly with those of P by **iterative minimization of a geometric error**.

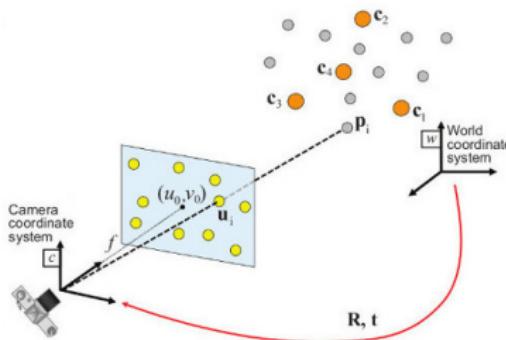
$$\min \sum_i \sum_j \| \mathbf{x}_{ij} - f(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n, K, R_i, \mathbf{t}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) \|_2^2$$

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Estimate camera pose from n 3D-to-2D point correspondences.



If we assume known calibration parameters, K , the problem is called **Perspective-n-Point (PnP)** problem

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & K_{13} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} & K_{23} \\ K_{31} & K_{32} & K_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

Only R and t (6 dof) need to be determined.

Image source: [\[https://docs.opencv.org\]](https://docs.opencv.org)

PnP methods

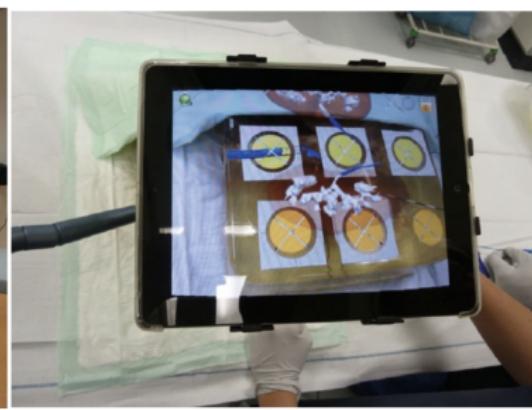
PnP problem: Estimate the absolute pose of a calibrated camera

Data: n 3D-2D point correspondences + camera internal parameters K

Goal: estimate camera pose, R and t

Applications:

localization of robots and object manipulation, augmented reality, ...



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PnP methods

Different methods (according to n):

- P3P [1,2]
- P4P [3,4]
- P5P [4]
- PnP methods
 - iterative (geometric or algebraic errors) → accurate but sensitive to local minima
 - non-iterative → no local minima
 - ▶ EPnP [5] (1st efficient non-iterative solution for large n)
 - ▶ RPnP [6]
 - ▶ ASPnP [7]
 - ▶ OPnP [8]
 - ▶ Robustified EPnP [9] → fast, accurate, robust to outliers

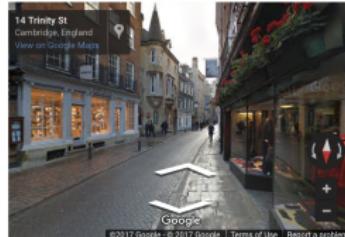
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Pose estimation with deep learning

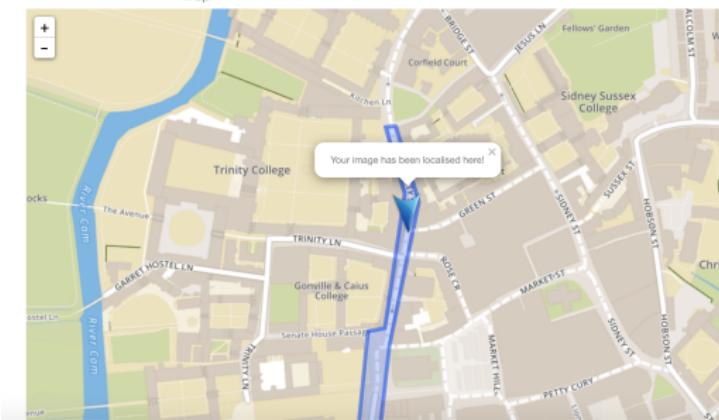
<http://mi.eng.cam.ac.uk/projects/relocalisation>



We have localised your input image on the map below! The blue arrow shows where we think you are. The image must have been taken within the blue highlighted region on the map.



This is the closest view in Google Maps Street View to the blue arrow.



Posenet: estimates 3D position and orientation of the camera given a single monocular image taken from a large previously explored scene.

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