

# **Photogrammetry I**

## **Camera Calibration: Direct Linear Transform and Zhang's Method**

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# Estimating Camera Parameters Given the Geometry



# Possible Applications

- Camera calibration (obtain intrinsics)
- Estimating the pose of a camera given knowledge about the 3D scene
- Estimating the object location given the known pose of a camera

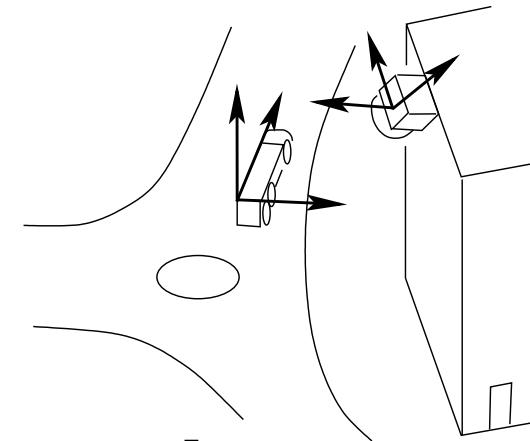
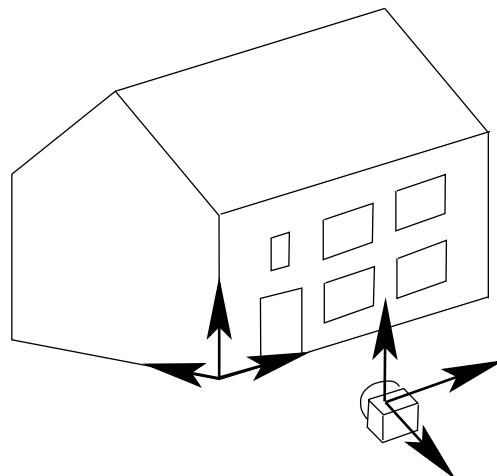


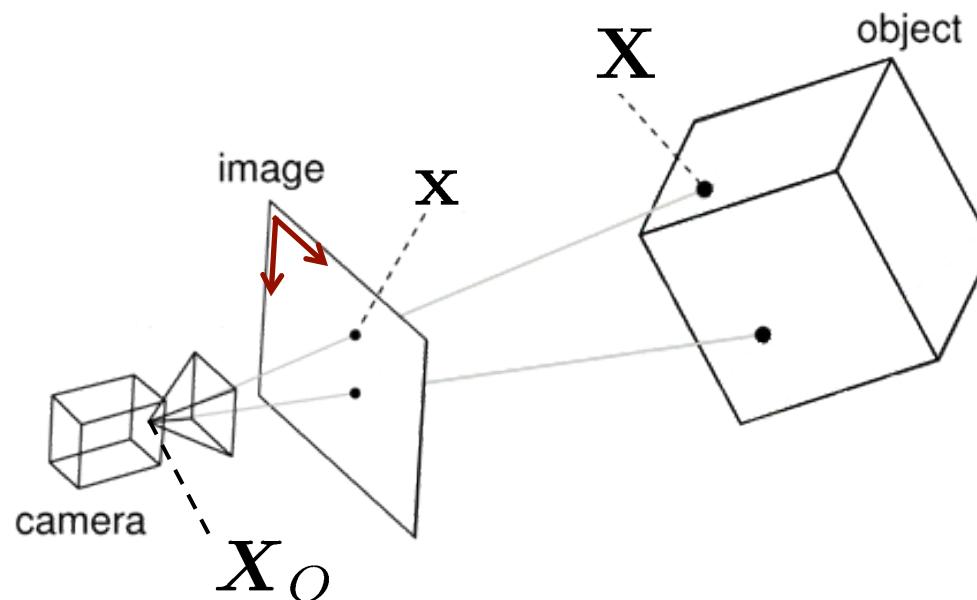
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# Estimate Ex- and Intrinsic

- **Wanted:** Extrinsic and intrinsic parameters of a camera
- **Given:** Coordinates of object points (control points)
- **Observed:** Coordinates  $(x, y)$  of those object points in an image

# Mapping

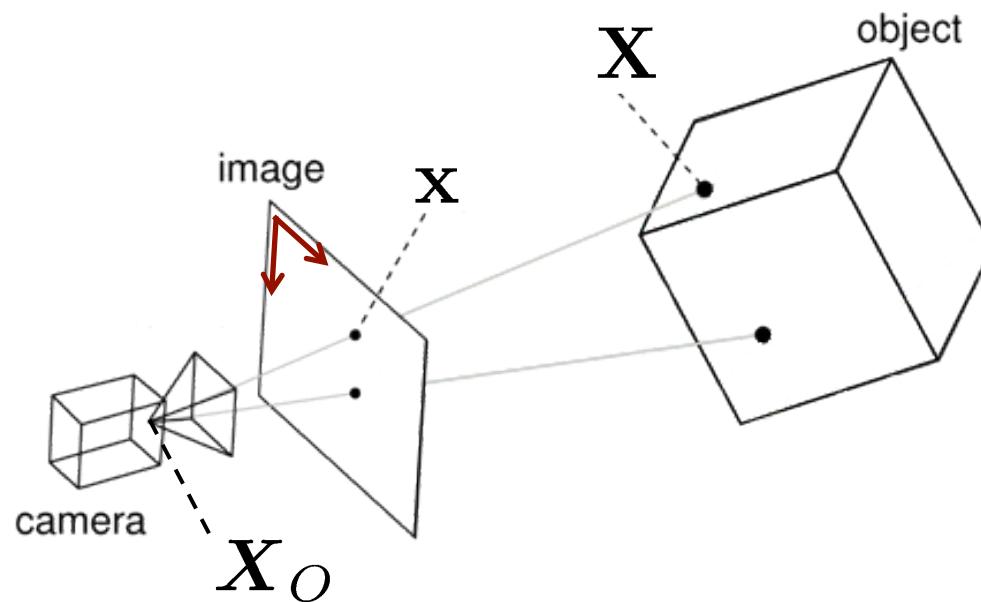
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$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_{3 \times 1} &= \underbrace{\mathbf{K}_{3 \times 3} \mathbf{R}_{3 \times 3} [\mathbf{I}_3 | -\mathbf{X}_O]_{3 \times 3}}_{3 \times 4} \mathbf{X}_{4 \times 1} \\ &= \mathbf{P}_{3 \times 4} \mathbf{X}_{4 \times 1}\end{aligned}$$

# Camera Parameters

$$\mathbf{x} = KR[I_3] - X_O \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

- **Interior Orientation (I.O.)**
  - Intrinsic parameters of the camera
  - Given through  $K$
- **Exterior Orientation (E.O.)**
  - Extrinsic parameters of the camera
  - Given through  $X_O$  and  $R$
- Projection matrix  $\mathbf{P} = KR[I_3] - X_O$  contains both I.O. and E.O.

# Direct Linear Transform (DLT)

Compute the **11 intrinsic and extrinsic parameters (I.O. and E.O.)**

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{I}_3] - \mathbf{X}_O \mathbf{X}$$

observed image point  
 $\mathbf{c}, s, m,$   
 $\mathbf{x}_H, \mathbf{y}_H$

control point coordinates (given)  
**3 translations**  
**3 rotations**

# Spatial Resection (Projective 3-Point Algorithm)

Given the intrinsic parameters, compute  
the **6 extrinsic parameters (E.O.)**

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}R[\mathbf{I}_3] - \mathbf{X}_O\mathbf{X}$$

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graph TD; x["x = K * R * [I_3] - X_O * X"] --> x_label["observed image points"]; c_s_m["c, s, m, x_H, y_H (given)"] --> c_s_m_label["c, s, m, x_H, y_H (given)"]; X_O["control point coordinates (given)"] --> X_O_label["control point coordinates (given)"]; R["3 rotations"] --> R_label["3 rotations"]; X["3 translations"] --> X_label["3 translations"];
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# How Many Points Are Needed?

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = P \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each point gives **two** observation equations, one for each image coordinate

$$x = \frac{p_{11}X + p_{12}Y + p_{13}Z + p_{14}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}}$$

$$y = \frac{p_{21}X + p_{22}Y + p_{23}Z + p_{24}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}}$$

# Spatial Resection vs. DLT

- **Calibrated camera**
  - 6 unknowns
  - We need at least **3 points**
  - Problem solved by **spatial resection**
- **Uncalibrated camera**
  - 11 unknowns
  - We need at least **6 points**
  - Assuming the model of an **affine camera**
  - Problem solved by **DLT**

# **DLT: Direct Linear Transform**

**Computing the Orientation  
of an Uncalibrated Camera  
Using  $\geq 6$  Known Points**

# DLT: Problem Specification

- Task: Estimate the 11 elements of  $P$
- Given:
  - 3D coordinates  $\mathbf{X}_i$  of  $I \geq 6$  object points
  - Observed image coordinates  $\mathbf{x}_i$  of an uncalibrated camera with the mapping

$$\mathbf{x}_i = P \mathbf{X}_i \quad i = 1, \dots, I$$

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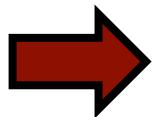
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$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^\top \\ \mathbf{B}^\top \\ \mathbf{C}^\top \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_i$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \\ w_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i \end{bmatrix}$$

# Rearrange the DLT Equation

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \\ w_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x_i = \frac{u_i}{w_i} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i} \quad y_i = \frac{v_i}{w_i} = \frac{\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i}$$

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$$x_i = \frac{u_i}{w_i} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i} \Rightarrow x_i \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X}_i = 0$$

$$y_i = \frac{v_i}{w_i} = \frac{\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i} \Rightarrow y_i \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{X}_i = 0$$

Leads to a system of equations, which is  
**linear in the parameters A, B and C**

$$\begin{array}{ll} -\mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{A} & + x_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{C} = 0 \\ -\mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{B} & + y_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{C} = 0 \end{array}$$

# Estimating the Elements of P

- Collect the elements of P within a vector  $p$

$$p = (p_k) = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \text{vec}(P^T)$$

rows of P as  
column-vectors,  
one below the  
other (12x1)

# Estimating the Elements of P

- Rewrite 
$$\begin{aligned} -\mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{A} &+ x_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{C} = 0 \\ -\mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{B} &+ y_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{C} = 0 \end{aligned}$$
- as 
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_{x_i}^\top \mathbf{p} &= 0 \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_i}^\top \mathbf{p} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$
- with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p} &= (p_k) = \text{vec}(\mathbf{P}^\top) \\ \mathbf{a}_{x_i}^\top &= (-\mathbf{X}_i^\top, \mathbf{0}^\top, x_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top) \\ &= (-X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, x_i X_i, x_i Y_i, x_i Z_i, x_i) \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_i}^\top &= (\mathbf{0}^\top, -\mathbf{X}_i^\top, y_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top) \\ &= (0, 0, 0, 0, -X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, y_i X_i, y_i Y_i, y_i Z_i, y_i) \end{aligned}$$

# Verifying Correctness

$$\mathbf{a}_{x_i}^\top \mathbf{p} = (-X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, x_i X_i, x_i Y_i, x_i Z_i, x_i)$$

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 &= \left( \quad \quad \quad -\mathbf{X}_i^\top, \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{0}, \quad \quad \quad x_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top \quad \quad \right) \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} & -\mathbf{X}_i^\top, & 0, & x_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{A} + x_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{C}$$



# Verifying Correctness

$$\mathbf{a}_{y_i}^\top \mathbf{p} = (0, 0, 0, 0, -X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, y_i X_i, y_i Y_i, y_i Z_i, y_i)$$

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$$= -\mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{B} + y_i \mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{C}$$



# Estimating the Elements of P

- For each point, we have

$$a_{x_i}^T p = 0$$

$$a_{y_i}^T p = 0$$

- Collecting everything together

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{x_1}^T \\ a_{y_1}^T \\ \dots \\ a_{x_i}^T \\ a_{y_i}^T \\ \dots \\ a_{x_I}^T \\ a_{y_I}^T \end{bmatrix} p = \underset{2I \times 12}{M} \underset{12 \times 1}{p} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

## Estimating the elements of $P$

- In case of redundant observations, we get contradictions

$$M p = w$$

- Find  $p$  such that it minimizes

$$\Omega = w^T w$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{p} = \arg \min_p w^T w$$

$$= \arg \min_p p^T M^T M p$$

$$\text{with } \|P\|_2 = \sum_{ij} p_{ij}^2 = \|p\| = 1$$

# Comments

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{p}} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$$

- A Least-Squares problem
- An algebraic minimization problem
  - Contradictions just algebraic, not directly related to geometric entities
  - Due to homogeneity scale of  $\mathbf{p}$  is arbitrary, so the one of  $\mathbf{w}$ , is too
  - Require  $\|\mathbf{p}\| = 1$

# Solving the Linear System

- Solving a system of linear equations of the form  $A x = 0$  is equivalent to finding the null space of A
- Thus, we can apply the SVD to solve  $M p \stackrel{!}{=} 0$

# Solution

$$\mathbf{M} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0}$$

- Singular value decomposition (SVD)

$$\underset{2I \times 12}{\mathbf{M}} = \underset{2I \times 12}{U} \underset{12 \times 12}{S} \underset{12 \times 12}{V^T} = \sum_{i=1}^{12} s_i \underset{12}{u_i v_i^T}$$

with properties  $U^T U = I_{12}$ ,  $V^T V = I_{12}$   
and  $s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \dots \geq s_{12}$

# Solution

- Linear system  $\mathbf{M} \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{w} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0}$
- Minimize  $\Omega = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w}$
- using SVD  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^\top$
- Applying SVD leads to:

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{M}^\top \mathbf{M} \mathbf{p} \\ &= \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{p} \\ &= \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{S}^2 \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{p} \\ &= \mathbf{p}^\top \left( \sum_{i=1}^{12} s_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^\top \right) \mathbf{p}\end{aligned}$$

# Solution

$$\Omega = \mathbf{p}^\top \left( \sum_{i=1}^{12} s_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^\top \right) \mathbf{p}$$

- Due to orthogonality of  $\mathbf{V}$

$$\mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_j^\top = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

- If we choose  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{v}_i$

$$\Omega = \mathbf{v}_i^\top (s_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^\top) \mathbf{v}_i = s_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i^\top \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^\top \mathbf{v}_i = s_i^2$$

- Choosing  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{v}_{12}$  (the singular vector belonging to the smallest singular value  $s_{12}$ ) minimizes  $\Omega$

# Solution

- Estimate of  $p$  is given by

$$\hat{p} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{B}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{C}} \end{bmatrix} = v_{12}$$

- and leads to the estimated projection matrix

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}}^\top \\ \hat{\mathbf{B}}^\top \\ \hat{\mathbf{C}}^\top \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{p}_1 & \hat{p}_2 & \hat{p}_3 & \hat{p}_4 \\ \hat{p}_5 & \hat{p}_6 & \hat{p}_7 & \hat{p}_8 \\ \hat{p}_9 & \hat{p}_{10} & \hat{p}_{11} & \hat{p}_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

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e.g., assume all  $Z_i = 0$

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  - (All points  $X_i$  and projection center  $X_o$  are located on a twisted cubic curve)

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- with

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- We get the projection center

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_O = -\hat{\mathbf{H}}_\infty^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{h}}$$

- QR decomposition of  $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_\infty^{-1}$  yields rotation and calibration matrix

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}_\infty^{-1} = (\hat{\mathbf{K}} \hat{\mathbf{R}})^{-1} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}^T \hat{\mathbf{K}}^{-1}$$

- Due to homogeneity normalize

$$\hat{\hat{\mathbf{K}}} = \frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{K}}_{33}} \hat{\mathbf{K}}$$

# Decomposition of $\mathbf{P}$

- Decomposition  $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{\infty}^{-1} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}^T \hat{\mathbf{K}}^{-1}$  results in  $\hat{\mathbf{K}}$  with **positive** diagonal elements
- To get **negative camera constant**  $\hat{c}$ , choose

$$\hat{\mathbf{K}} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{K}} R(z, \pi) \quad \hat{\mathbf{R}} \leftarrow R(z, \pi) \hat{\mathbf{R}}$$

- Using

$$R(z, \pi) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

decomposition still holds  $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{\infty} = \hat{\mathbf{K}} R(z, \pi) R(z, \pi)^T \hat{\mathbf{R}} = \hat{\mathbf{K}} \hat{\mathbf{R}}$

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4. If individual parameters are needed

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}} = \hat{\mathbf{K}} \hat{\mathbf{R}} [I_3] - \hat{\mathbf{X}}_O = [\hat{\mathbf{H}}_\infty \mid \hat{\mathbf{h}}]$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}_\infty = \hat{\mathbf{K}} \hat{\mathbf{R}} \quad \hat{\mathbf{h}} = -\hat{\mathbf{K}} \hat{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{X}_O$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_O = -\hat{\mathbf{H}}_\infty^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{h}} \quad \hat{\mathbf{H}}_\infty^{-1} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}^T \hat{\mathbf{K}}^{-1} \quad \hat{\mathbf{K}} = \frac{1}{\hat{K}_{33}} \hat{\mathbf{K}}$$

## Discussion DLT

- We realize  $P \leftrightarrow (K, R, X_O)$  both ways
- We are free to choose sign of  $c$
- Solution is instable if the control points lie approximately on a plane
- Solution is statistically not optimal (no uncertainties of point coordinates)

# DLT Summary

- We can estimate the camera parameters given control points
- **Uncalibrated camera**
  - **DLT**
  - Using **≥6 points**
  - Direct solution

R.S. will be the topic of next week's lecture

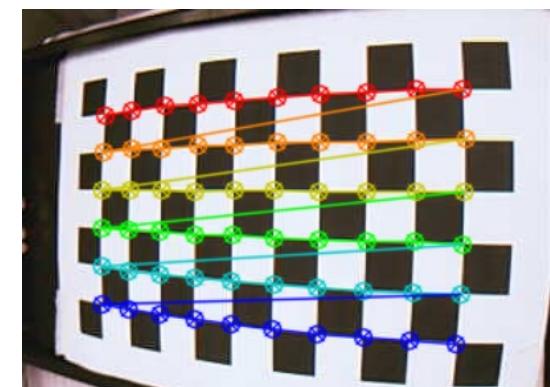
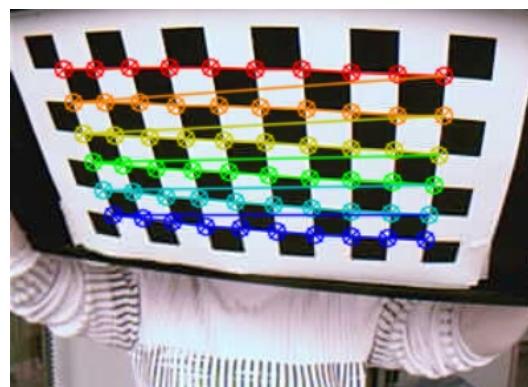
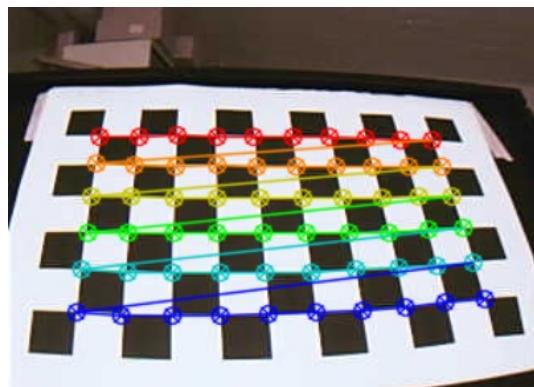
# Camera Calibration Using a 2D Checkerboard

- Observed 2D pattern (checkerboard)
- **Known size and structure**



# Trick for Checkerboard Calibration

- **Set the world coordinate system to the corner of the checkerboard**
- All points on the checkerboard lie in the X/Y plane, i.e.,  $Z=0$



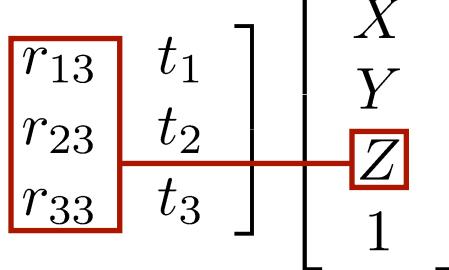
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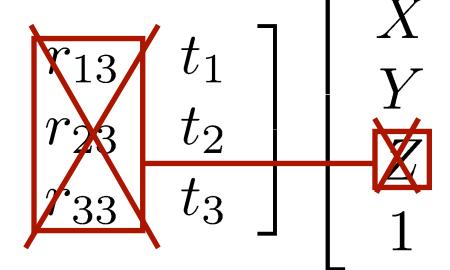
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# Setting Up the Equations for Determining the Parameter

$$H = [h_1, h_2, h_3] = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c & cs & x_H \\ 0 & c(1+m) & y_H \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{K} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & t_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & t_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & t_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{[r_1, r_2, t]}$$

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One point generates the equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = H \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = K[r_1, r_2, t] \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Setting Up the Equations for Determining the Parameter

- For multiple points, we obtain

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**How to proceed?**

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- Analogous to **steps 1-3 of the DLT**

# DLT-Like Estimation

- We estimate a 3x3 homography instead of a 3x4 projection matrix
- Rest is identical (instead of Z coord.)
- We use  $a_{x_i}^\top h = 0$   
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## **DLT-Like Estimation**

- Solving a system of linear equation leads to an estimate of  $H$
- We need to identify at least 4 points as  $H$  has 8 DoF and each point consists of two observations

**We estimated  $H$  and  
now we need to compute  $K$  from  $H$**

# Computing K Given H

$$H = [h_1, h_2, h_3] = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c & cs & x_H \\ 0 & c(1+m) & y_H \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{K} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & t_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & t_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & t_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{[r_1, r_2, t]}$$

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**no rotation matrix, thus  
QR decomposition is not  
applicable as for DLT**

# Computing K Given H is Different From the DLT Solution

- Homography  $H$  has only 8 DoF
- No direct decomposition as in DLT
- Exploit constraints on the intrinsic parameters

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As  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  form an orthonormal basis

$$r_1^T r_2 = 0 \quad \|r_1\| = \|r_2\| = 1$$

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- Define symmetric and positive definite matrix  $B := K^{-T} K^{-1}$
- The calibration matrix can be recovered through Cholesky decomp.

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{12} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{13} & b_{23} & b_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{chol}(B) = AA^T$$

$$A = K^{-T}$$

# Exploiting Constraints

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- Construct a system of linear equations  $\nabla b = 0$  using  $h_i^T B h_j = v_{ij}^T b$  ( $v_{ij}$  see next slide) exploiting the constraints:

$$v_{12}^T b = 0$$

(first constraint)

$$r_1^T r_2 = 0$$

$$v_{11}^T b - v_{22}^T b = 0$$

(second constraint)

$$\|r_1\| = \|r_2\| = 1$$

# The Matrix $\mathbf{V}$

- The matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  is given as

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{12}^T \\ \mathbf{v}_{11}^T - \mathbf{v}_{22}^T \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } \mathbf{v}_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{1i}h_{1j} \\ h_{1i}h_{2j} + h_{2i}h_{1j} \\ h_{3i}h_{1j} + h_{1i}h_{3j} \\ h_{2i}h_{2j} \\ h_{3i}h_{2j} + h_{2i}h_{3j} \\ h_{3i}h_{3j} \end{bmatrix}$$

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elements of  $\mathbf{H}$

- For one image, we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{12}^T \\ \mathbf{v}_{11}^T - \mathbf{v}_{22}^T \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{b} = 0$$

# The Matrix $\mathbf{V}$

- For multiple images, we stack the matrices to a  $2n \times 6$  matrix

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{image 1} \\ \text{image } n \end{array} \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{v}_{12}^T \\ \mathbf{v}_{11}^T - \mathbf{v}_{22}^T \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{v}_{12}^T \\ \mathbf{v}_{11}^T - \mathbf{v}_{22}^T \end{array} \right) b = 0$$

- We need to solve the linear system  $\mathbf{V}b = 0$  to obtain  $b$  and thus  $\mathbf{K}$

# Solving the Linear System

- The system  $\nabla b = 0$  has a trivial solution which (invalid matrix  $B$ )
- Impose additional constraint  $\|b\| = 1$

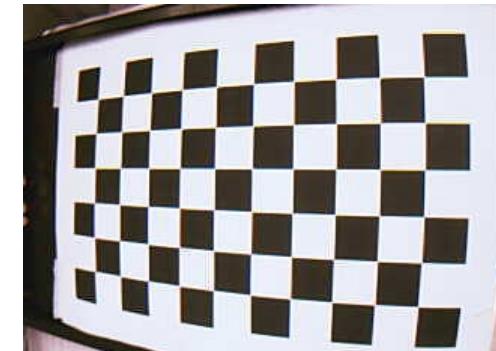
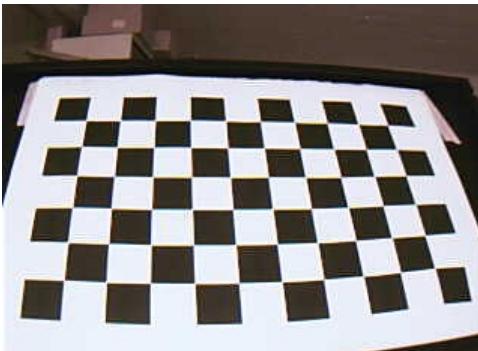
# Solving the Linear System

- The system  $\nabla b = 0$  has a trivial solution which (invalid matrix  $B$ )
- Impose additional constraint  $\|b\| = 1$
- Real measurements are noisy
- Find the solution that minimizes the squares error

$$b^* = \arg \min_b \|\nabla b\| \text{ with } \|b\| = 1$$

- Eigenvector/Eigenvalue problem similar to the DLT computation

# What is Needed?



- We need at least **4 points per plane** to compute the matrix  $H$
- Each **plane** gives us **two equations**
- Since  $B$  has 6 DoF, we need at least **3 different views of a plane**
- Solve  $Vb = 0$  to compute  $K$

# Example Lens Distortion Model

Non-linear effects:

- Radial distortion
- Tangential distortion
- Compute the corrected image point:

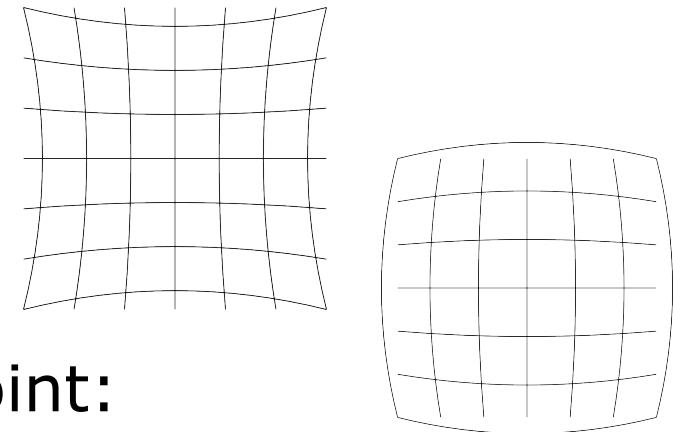
$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} x' &= x/z \\ y' &= y/z \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} x'' &= x'(1+k_1r^2+k_2r^4)+2p_1x'y'+p_2(r^2+2x'^2) \\ y'' &= y'(1+k_1r^2+k_2r^4)+p_1(r^2+2y'^2)+2p_2x'y' \end{aligned}$$

where  $r^2 = x'^2 + y'^2$   $k_1, k_2$  : radial distortion coefficients

$p_1, p_2$  : tangential distortion coefficients

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} u &= f_x \cdot x'' + c_x \\ v &= f_y \cdot y'' + c_y \end{aligned}$$



# Error Minimization

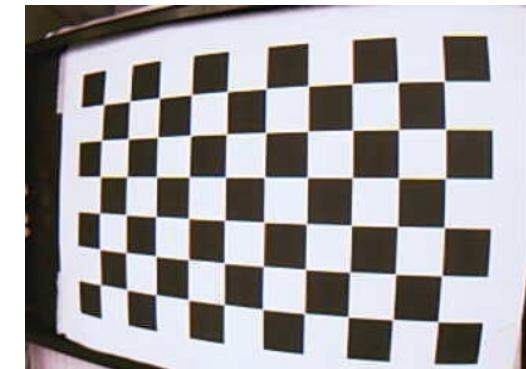
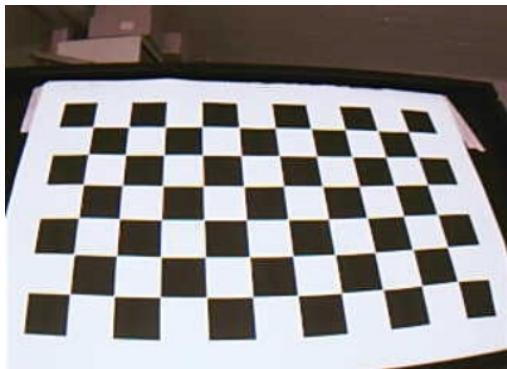
Lens distortion can be calculated by minimizing a non-linear error function

$$\min_{(K, q, R_n, t_n)} \sum_n \sum_i \|x_{ni} - \hat{x}(K, q, R_n, t_n, X_{ni})\|^2$$

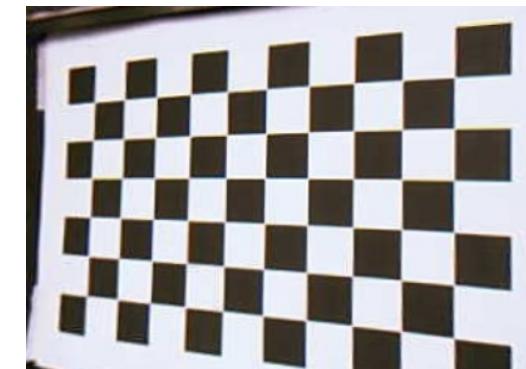
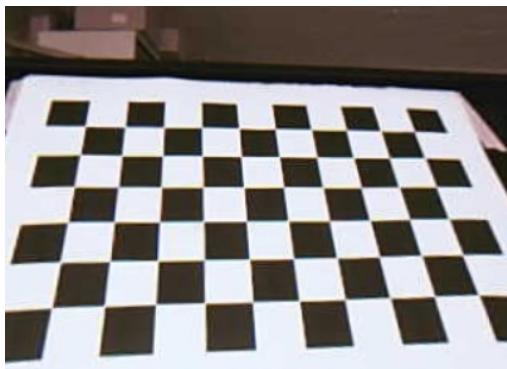
**...linearize to obtain a quadratic function, compute derivative, set it to 0, solve linear system, iterate...**  
(solved using Levenberg-Marquardt)

# Example Results

- Before calibration:



- After calibration:



# Summary on Camera Calibration Using a Checkerboard

- Pinhole camera model (first step)
- Non-linear model for lens distortion (second step)
- Approach to 2D camera calibration that
  - accurately determines the model parameters
  - is easy to realize

# Outlook for Next Week: Spatial Resection

- Task: Estimate the six extrinsic parameters (E.O.)  $X_O, R$
- Given: 3D coordinates  $\mathbf{X}_i$  of object points  $I \geq 3$
- Observed: Image coordinates  $\mathbf{x}_i$  of a calibrated camera

# Literature

- Förstner, Scriptum Photogrammetrie I, Chapter 13.3
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