

ASSIGNMENT A3

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Section 1: Intro:

This assignment is based on the Camera Calibration technique learnt in the lecture. Basically, camera calibration is an optimization process, where the discrepancy between the observed image feature and their theoretical positions is minimized with respect to the camera's intrinsic and extrinsic parameters. In this assignment, I address the problem of estimating the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of a camera from image coordinates of a scene (6 points) whose positions are known in world frame. The following figure shows the setup:

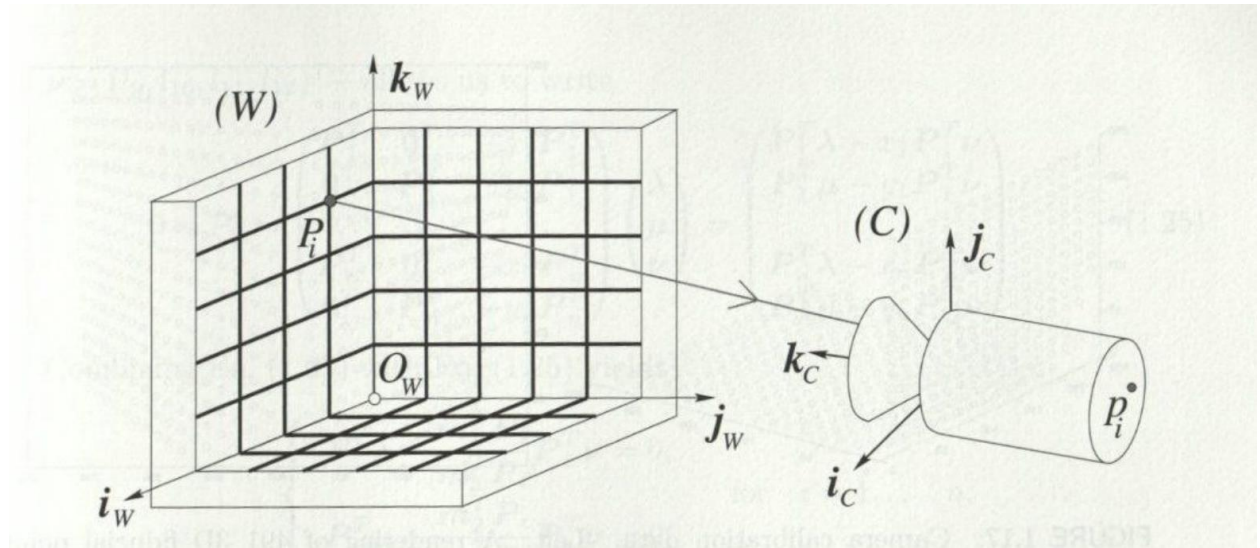


Figure 1 Camera Calibration setup. In this example, the calibration rig is formed by three grids drawn orthogonal planes

A linear approach is applied to estimate the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of the camera. The approach is divided into two steps:

- Computation of perspective projection matrix M associated with the camera
- Using M to find intrinsic and extrinsic parameters

It is assumed that the Camera has a non-zero skew. According to Theorem 1 in text, matrix M is not singular, but otherwise arbitrary. We get the following equations to solve for i^{th} point in the scene.

$$(m_1 - x_i m_3).P_i = P_i^T m_1 + 0^T m_2 - x_i P_i^T m_3 = 0$$

$$(m_2 - y_i m_3).P_i = P_i^T m_2 + 0^T m_1 - y_i P_i^T m_3 = 0$$

Where,

- m_1, m_2, m_3 are the three rows of the M matrix
- P_i is the coordinates of the i^{th} point in world frame
- X_i and y_i are the coordinates of image of P_i

If we make a single matrix out of this we get:

$$Pm = 0$$

Where,

$$P \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} P_1^T & 0^T & -x_1 P_1^T \\ 0^T & P_1^T & -y_1 P_1^T \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_n^T & 0^T & -x_n P_n^T \\ 0^T & P_n^T & -y_n P_n^T \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad m \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

When $n \geq 6$; the homogeneous linear least square can be used to compute the value of the unit vector m (and hence the matrix M) that minimizes $\|Pm\|^2$ as the eigenvector of the 12×12 matrix $P^T P$ associated with its smallest eigen value.

A note about degenerate cases: The fiducial points P_i should not lie in the same plane

The following figures shows various formulas used in calculating intrinsic and extrinsic parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \varepsilon / \|a_3\|, \\ r_3 &= \rho a_3, \\ x_0 &= \rho^2 (a_1 \cdot a_3) \\ y_0 &= \rho^2 (a_2 \cdot a_3), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= -\frac{(a_1 \times a_3) \cdot (a_2 \times a_3)}{\|a_1 \times a_3\| \|a_2 \times a_3\|} \\ \alpha &= \rho^2 \|a_1 \times a_3\| \sin \theta, \\ \beta &= \rho^2 \|a_2 \times a_3\| \sin \theta, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= \frac{\rho^2 \sin \theta}{\beta} (a_2 \times a_3) = \frac{1}{\|a_2 \times a_3\|} (a_2 \times a_3) \\ r_2 &= r_3 \times r_1. \end{aligned}$$

$$t = \rho K^{-1} b.$$

The following question is going to be answered in this report:

- How sensitive is the camera calibration to the noise in image locations?
- Develop and describe a method to extract the points from the given image in A3

Section 2: Method:

Matlab is used to carry out the experiments.

I do analysis by observing the following steps:

- Plotting variance in image coordinates v/s Mean error in various estimated parameters (rho, N f)
- Computing Mean, Variances and confidence interval for the above plot

Following functions are implemented

- CS5320_calibrate: It determines camera parameters. Its inputs are image points (homogeneous coords) and world coordinates (homogeneous coords), and outputs are alpha, beta, theta, x0,y0 , R and t
- CS5320_errors: It finds statistics on intrinsic and extrinsic parameters. Inputs are image points (homogeneous coords), world coordinates (homogeneous cords and number of trials to run. Output is result variable which is as defined as follows:
results (5x4 array): means, variances, and confidence intervals
 - row 1: alpha
 - row 2: beta
 - row 3: theta
 - row 4: x0
 - row 5: y0
 - col 1: mean
 - col 2: variance
 - col 3: lower value of confidence interval
 - col 4: upper value of confidence interval
- CS5320_part2: It Returns the image points by clicking them in the image, and corresponding world points. Just click six times in the image in the sequence given in A3 and you would get back the coordinates. Outputs are image points (homogeneous coords) and world coordinates (homogeneous coords)

The following algorithms are used for calibration:

1. Make P matrix from given world and image coordinates.
2. Find eigen vectors of $P^T P$ using $[V,D] = \text{eigs}(PMatrix^T * PMatrix, 12);$
3. Sort the eigen values using $[vOld,indexes] = \text{sort}(\text{diag}(D));$
4. Find the smallest eigen vector using $\text{index} = \text{indexes}(1);$
5. Construct your M using $M = [V(1:4,\text{index})'; V(5:8,\text{index})'; V(9:12,\text{index})'];$
6. Normalize M using $M_hat = M / \text{norm}(M(3,1:3));$
7. Check if any of z is positive. If any z is positive then M_hat is inverted
 $\text{imp} = M_hat * P;$
if $\text{max}(\text{imp}(3,:)) > 0$
 $M_hat = -M_hat;$
 $\text{imp} = M_hat * P;$
end

8. Form A and b which will be used
 $A = M_hat(:,1:3);$
 $b = M_hat(:,4);$
9. Extracting information from A and b
 $a1Transpose = A(1,1:3);$
 $a1 = a1Transpose';$
 $a2Transpose = A(2,1:3);$
 $a2 = a2Transpose';$
 $a3Transpose = A(3,1:3);$
 $a3 = a3Transpose';$
10. Substituting various formulas as follows
 $\rho = 1/norm(a3);$
 $r3 = \rho * a3;$
 $r1 = cross(a2,a3)/norm(cross(a2,a3));$
 $r2 = cross(r3,r1);$
 $x0 = \rho * \rho * dot(a1,a3);$
 $y0 = \rho * \rho * dot(a2,a3);$
 $\theta = acos((-dot(cross(a1,a3),cross(a2,a3)))/((norm(cross(a1,a3))*norm(cross(a2,a3)))));$
 $\alpha = \rho * \rho * norm(cross(a1,a3)) * sin(\theta);$
 $\beta = \rho * \rho * norm(cross(a2,a3)) * sin(\theta);$
 $K = [\alpha, -\alpha * cot(\theta), x0; 0, \beta / sin(\theta), y0; 0, 0, 1];$
 $t = \rho * inv(K) * b;$
 $R = [r1'; r2'; r3'];$
11. Finding Transformation using calculated R and t, invert that transformation, and finally extract R and t from the inverse transformation
 $TCamertoWorld = [R(1,:) , t(1) ;...$
 $\quad \quad \quad R(2,:) , t(2) ;...$
 $\quad \quad \quad R(3,:) , t(3) ;...$
 $\quad \quad \quad 0,0,0 , 1];$

 $Ti = inv(TCamertoWorld);$
 $R = Ti(1:3,1:3);$
 $t = Ti(1:3,4);$

The following algorithms are used for study of sensitivity in calibration:

1. Calibrate camera without noise in image coordinates.
 $[alpha, \beta, \theta, x0, y0, R, t] = CS5320_calibrate(pts_im , pts_world);$
2. Set $vs = [0.1:0.1:1];$
3. Set $num_vs = length(vs) ;$
4. Loop $v_index = 1:num_vs$ % set variance
 - 4.1. Set $v = vs(v_index);$
 - 4.2. Set $Error_alpha = []; Error_beta = []; Error_theta = []; Error_x0 = []; Error_y0 = []; Error_R = [];$
 $Error_t = [];$
 - 4.3. Loop for $i=1:NumOfTrials$
 - 4.4. $pts_im_Noisy(1,:) = pts_im(1,:) + sqrt(v) * randn(1 , size(pts_im, 2));$
 - 4.5. $pts_im_Noisy(2,:) = pts_im(2,:) + sqrt(v) * randn(1 , size(pts_im, 2));$
 - 4.6. $pts_im_Noisy(3,:) = pts_im(3,:);$
 - 4.7. $[alphaN, \beta N, \theta N, x0N, y0N, RN, tN]...$
 $= CS5320_calibrate(pts_im_Noisy , pts_world);$
 - 4.8. $Error_alpha = [Error_alpha ; alpha-alphaN];$

- 4.9. Error_beta = [Error_beta ; beta-betaN];
 Error_theta = [Error_theta ; theta-thetaN];
 Error_x0 = [Error_x0 ; x0-x0N];
 Error_y0 = [Error_y0 ; y0-y0N];
 %Error_R(v_index,i) = mean(mean(abs(R-RN)));
 %Error_t(v_index,i) = norm(t-tN);
 End the inner loop
5. MeanError(v_index,1) = mean(Error_alpha);
 MeanError(v_index,2) = mean(Error_beta);
 MeanError(v_index,3) = mean(Error_theta);
 MeanError(v_index,4) = mean(Error_x0);
 MeanError(v_index,5) = mean(Error_y0);
 MeanError_R = mean(Error_R(v_index,:));
 MMeanError_t = mean(Error_t(v_index,:));
6. VarError_alpha(v_index) = var(Error_alpha);
 VarError_beta(v_index) = var(Error_beta);
 VarError_theta(v_index) = var(Error_theta);
 VarError_x0(v_index) = var(Error_x0);
 VarError_y0(v_index) = var(Error_y0);
7. End the outer loop
8. Finding mean variance, CI low and CI high of above mean vector
 for r = 1:5
 results(r,1) = mean(MeanError(:,r));
 results(r,2) = var(MeanError(:,r));
 results(r,3) = results(r,1) - 1.66*sqrt(results(r,2)/NumOfTrials);
 results(r,4) = results(r,1) + 1.66*sqrt(results(r,2)/NumOfTrials);
9. end

The following method is used for finding points in the image:

1. pts_im_part2 = [];
2. Read image image = imread('cal_im.jpg');
3. Change to gray scale newimage = rgb2gray(image);
4. Show with certain intensities imshow(newimage<40)
5. Take input [imX,imY]=ginput(6);
6. Set x values pts_im_part2(1,1:6) = imX;
7. Set y values pts_im_part2(2,1:6) = imY;
8. Make homogeneous pts_im_part2(3,1:6) = ones(1,6);

Metric for R:

Using Berkeley website, I got the following:

- Assume that we are trying to estimate a matrix A , and came up with an estimate \hat{A} . How can we measure the quality of our estimate? One way is to evaluate by how much they differ when they act on the standard basis. This leads to the Frobenius norm.

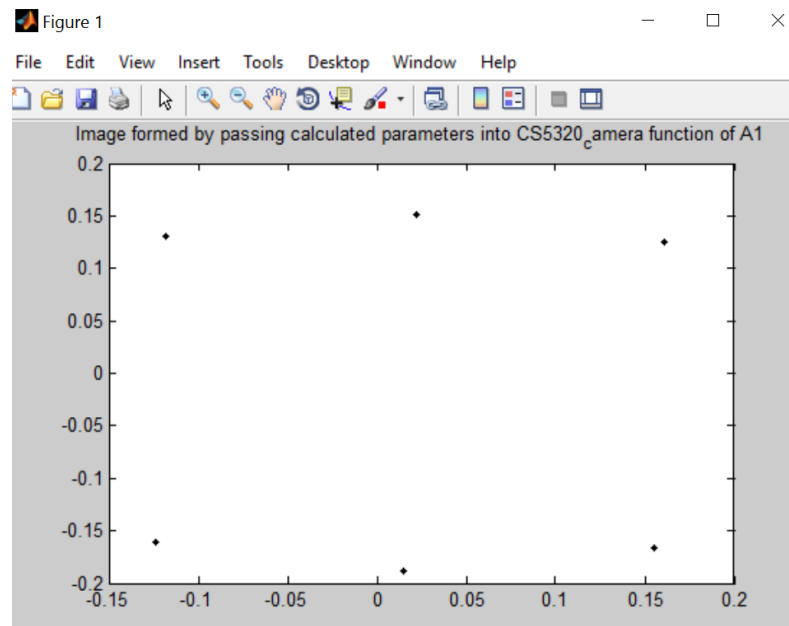
Section 3: Verification:

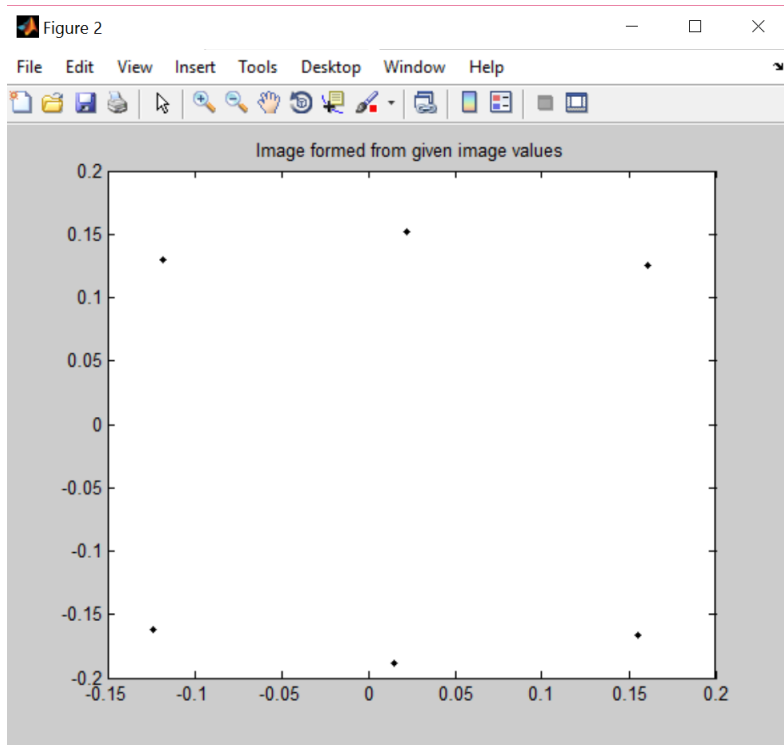
Testing CS5320_calibrate

- In the following screen shot, I used the calculated parameters to find the image using the CS5320_camera function from A1. I am getting the exact image.

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Command Window
>> clear
load('A36Kakkar.mat')
[alpha,beta,theta,x0,y0,R,t] = CS5320_calibrate(pts_im,pts_world);
im = CS5320_camera(pts_world,alpha,beta,theta,x0,y0,R,t);
plot(im(1,:),im(2,:), 'k. ');
title('Image formed by passing calculated parameters into CS5320_camera function of A1')
figure;
plot(im(1,:),im(2,:), 'k. ');
title('Image formed from given image values')
fx >>
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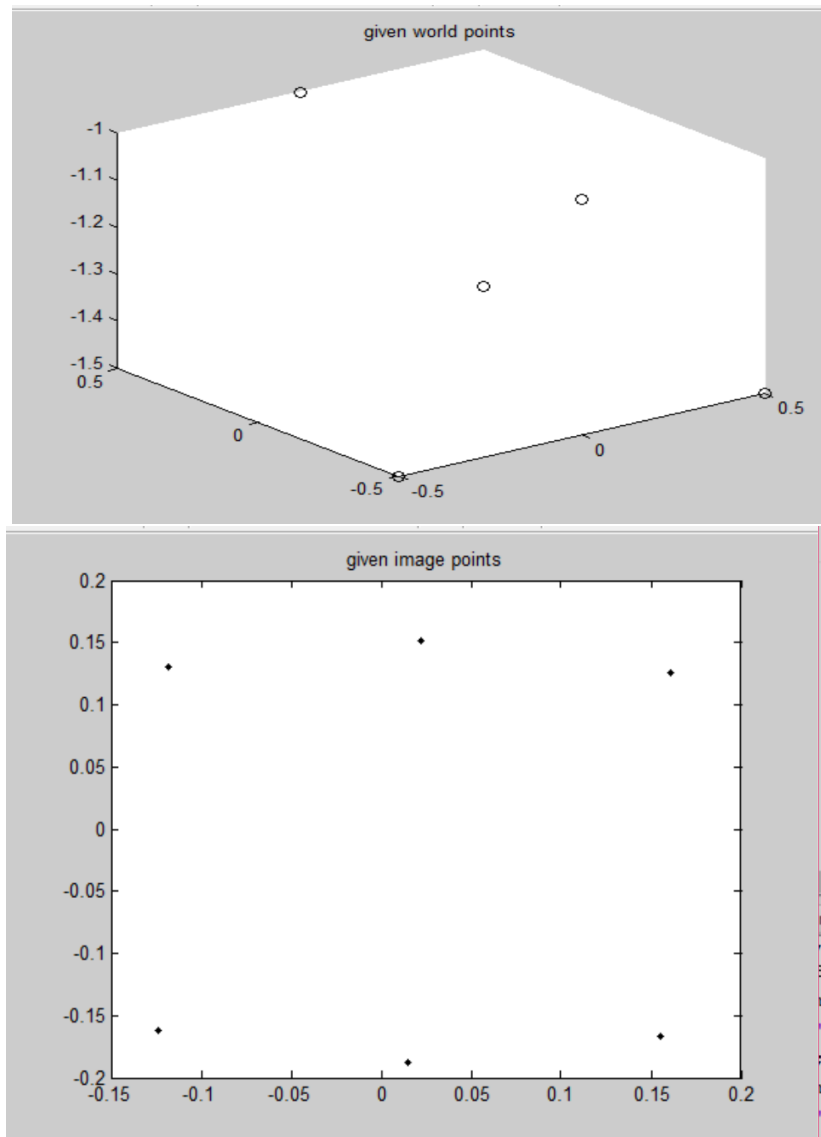
I am getting my image coordinates back as seen from following two images.



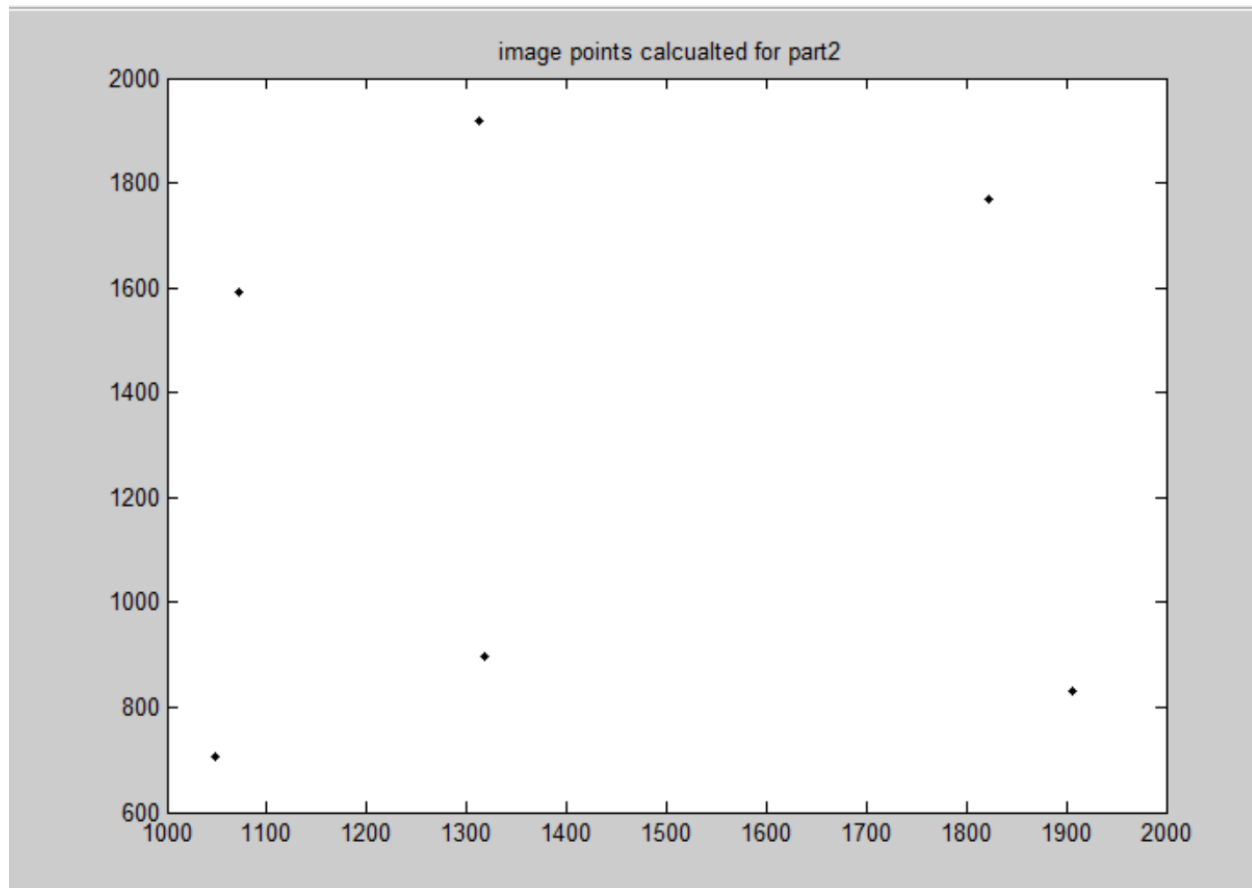


Section 4: Data:

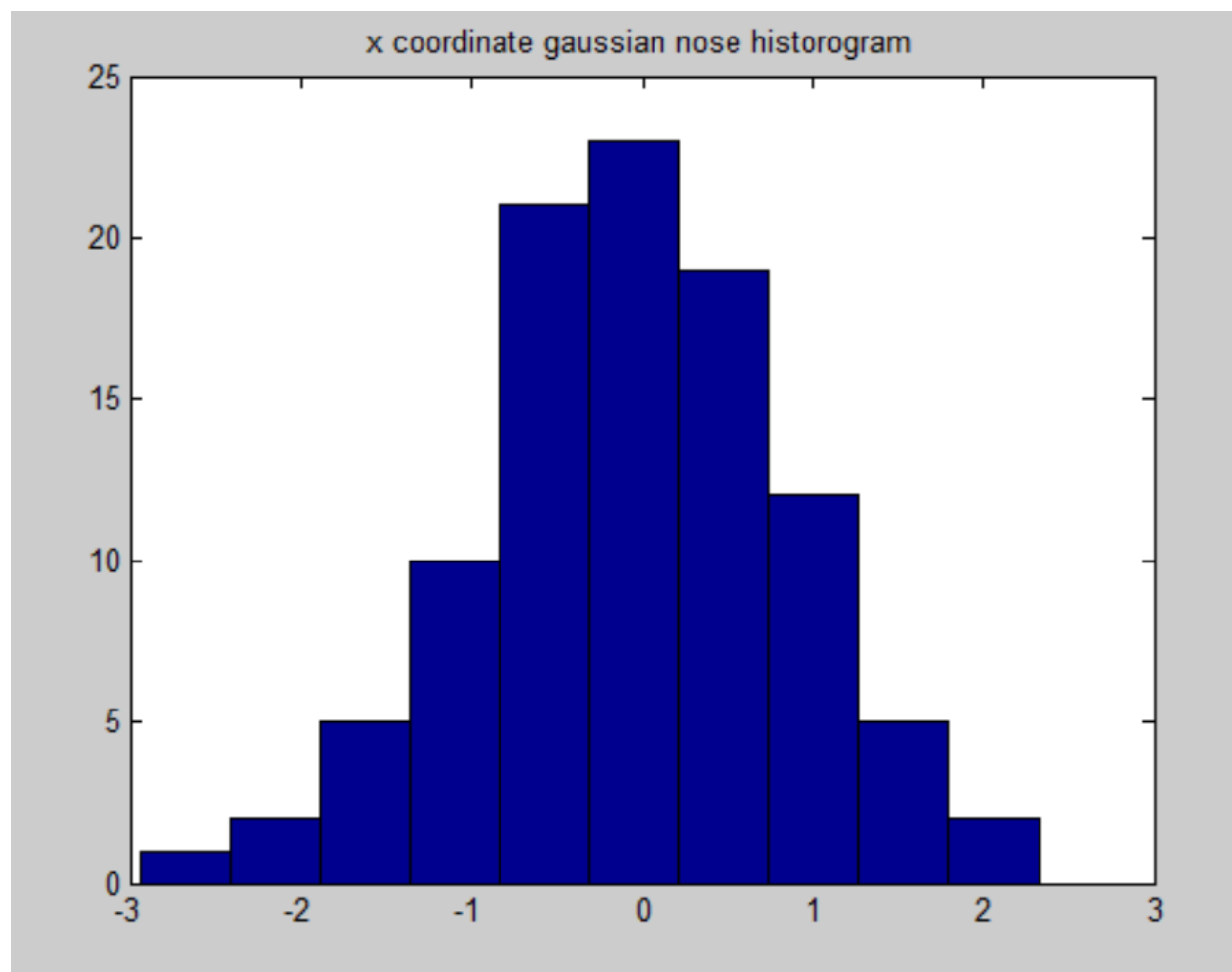
Following figure show the image and world coordinate given in mat file, that go into the CS5320_calibrate function



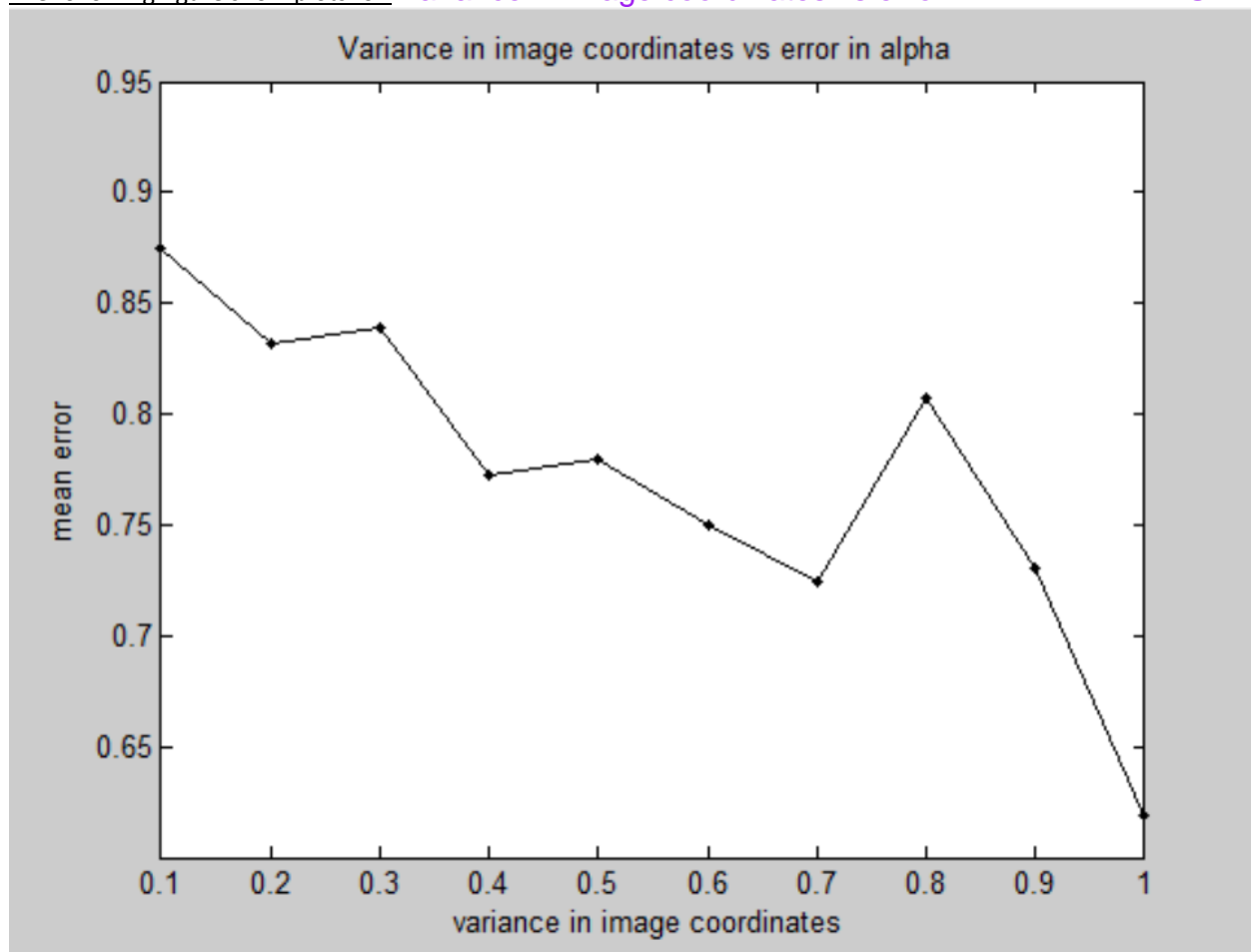
I have got these points for part 2 using my method:

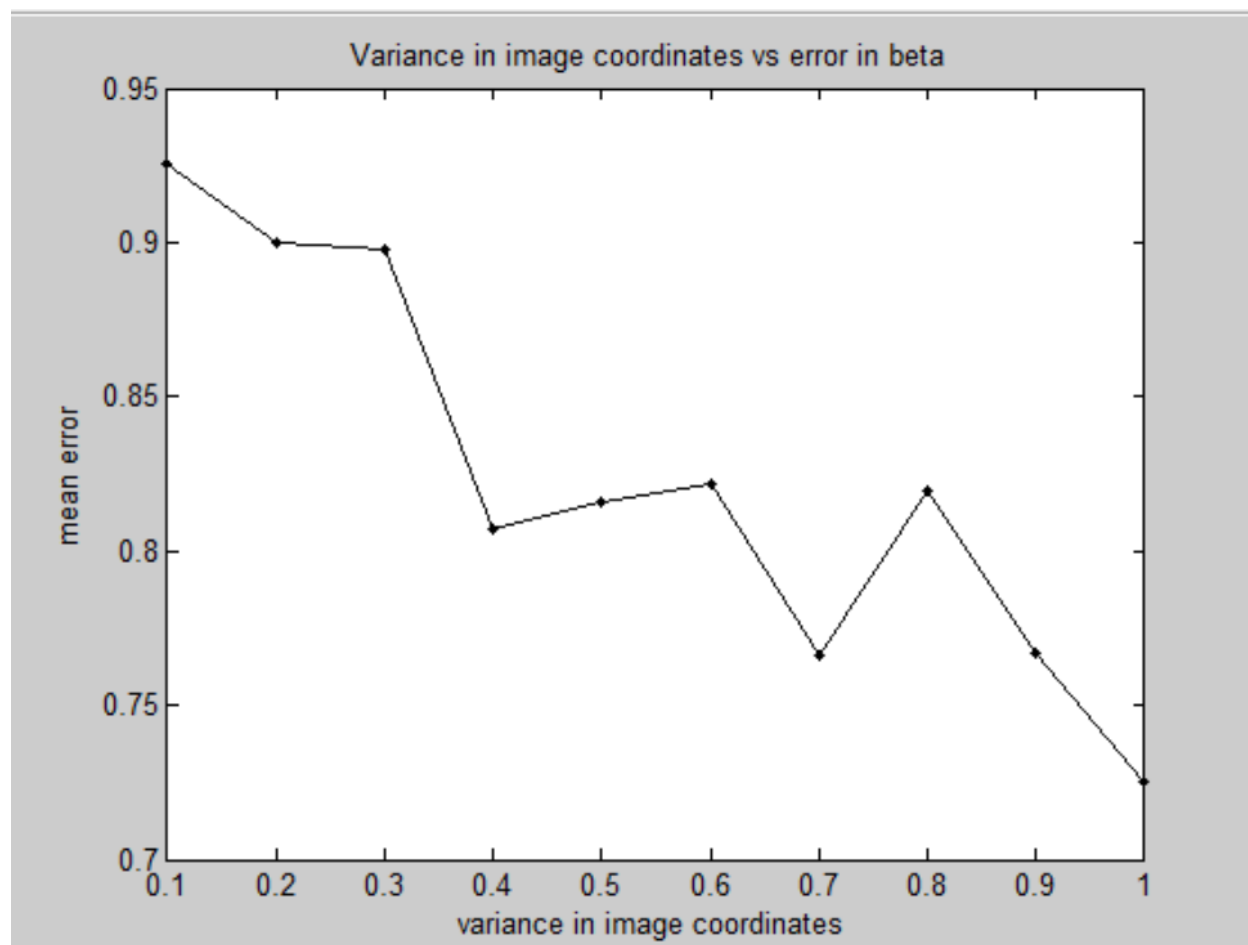


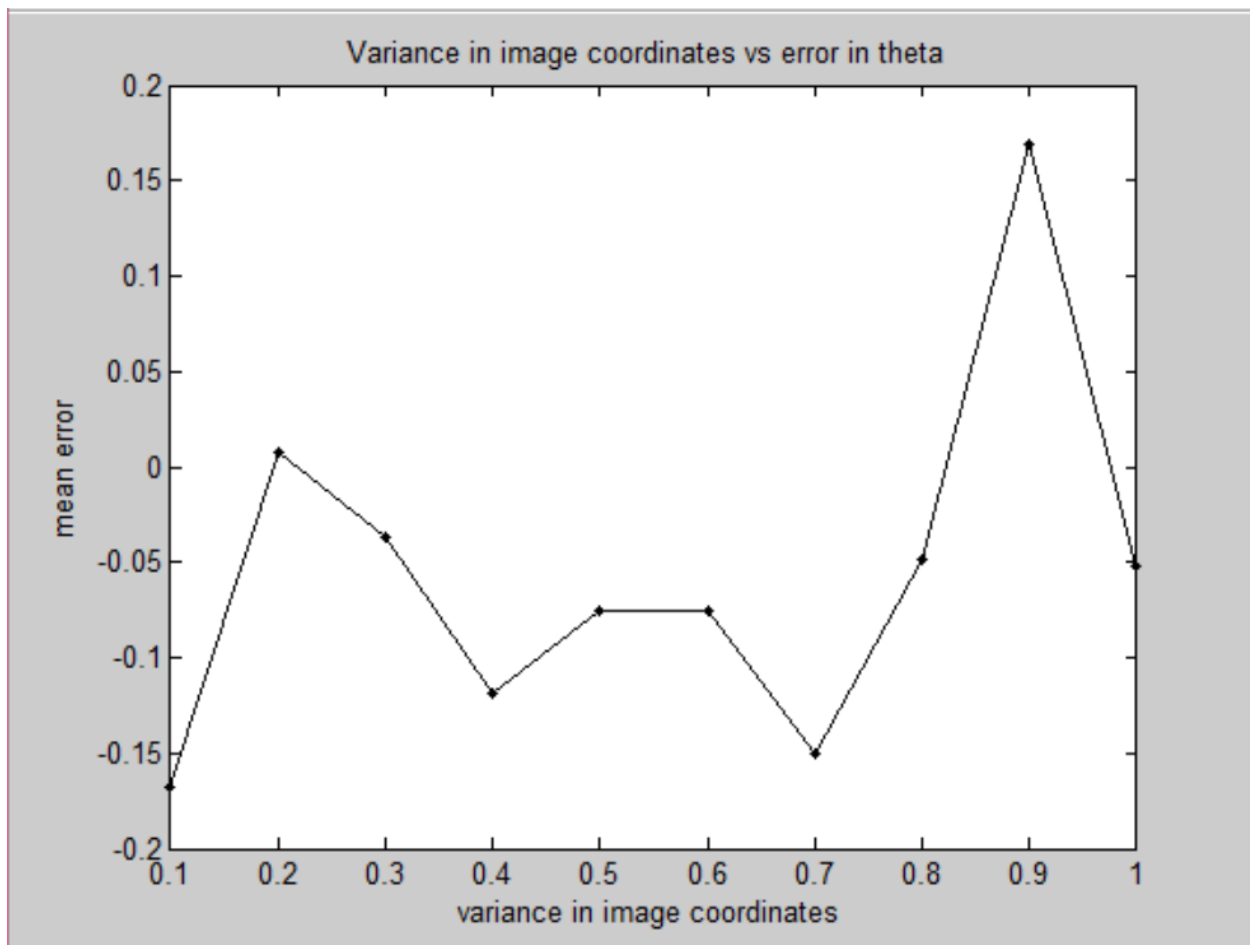
Getting a good histogram after adding noise to image points. The following shows for x coordinates:

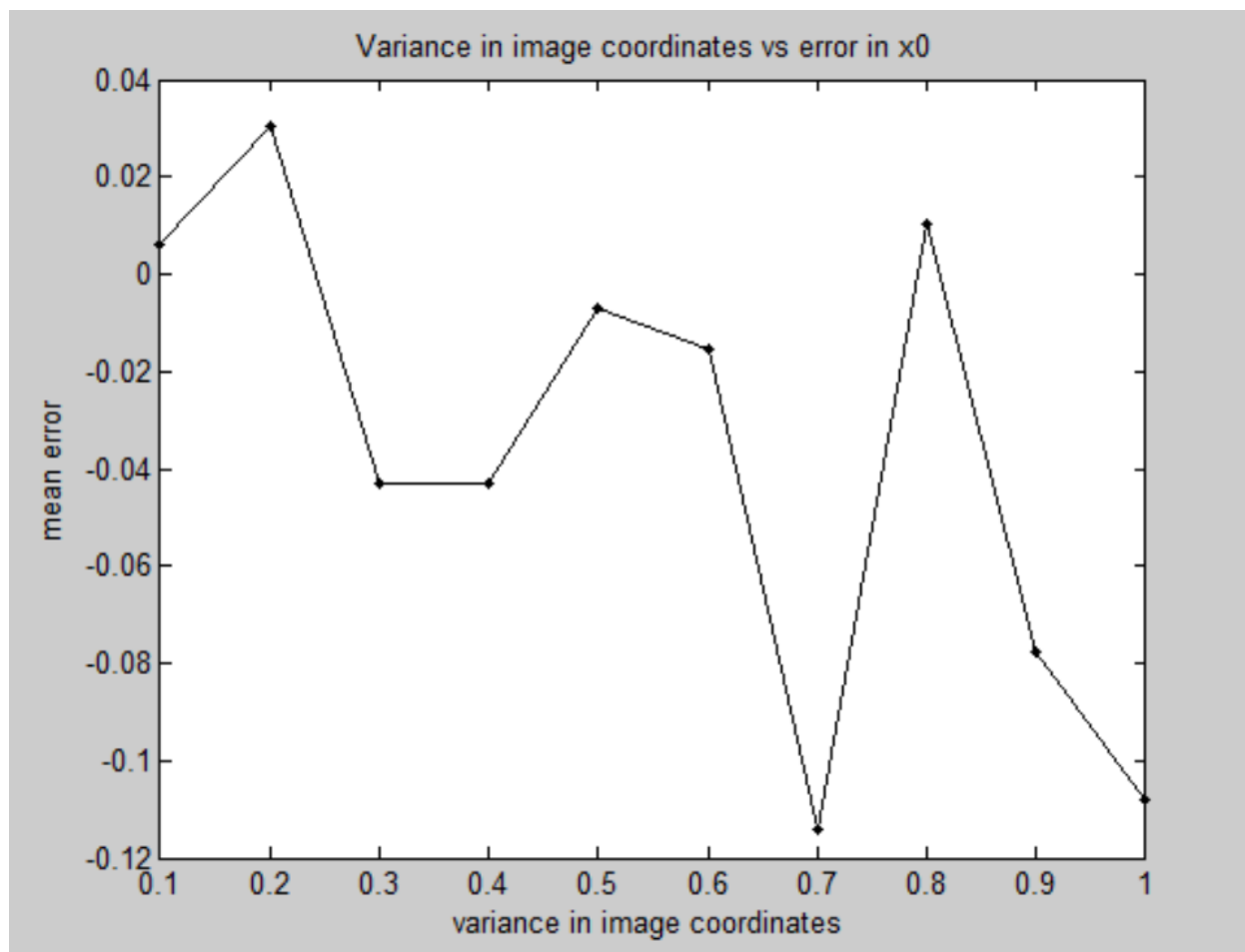


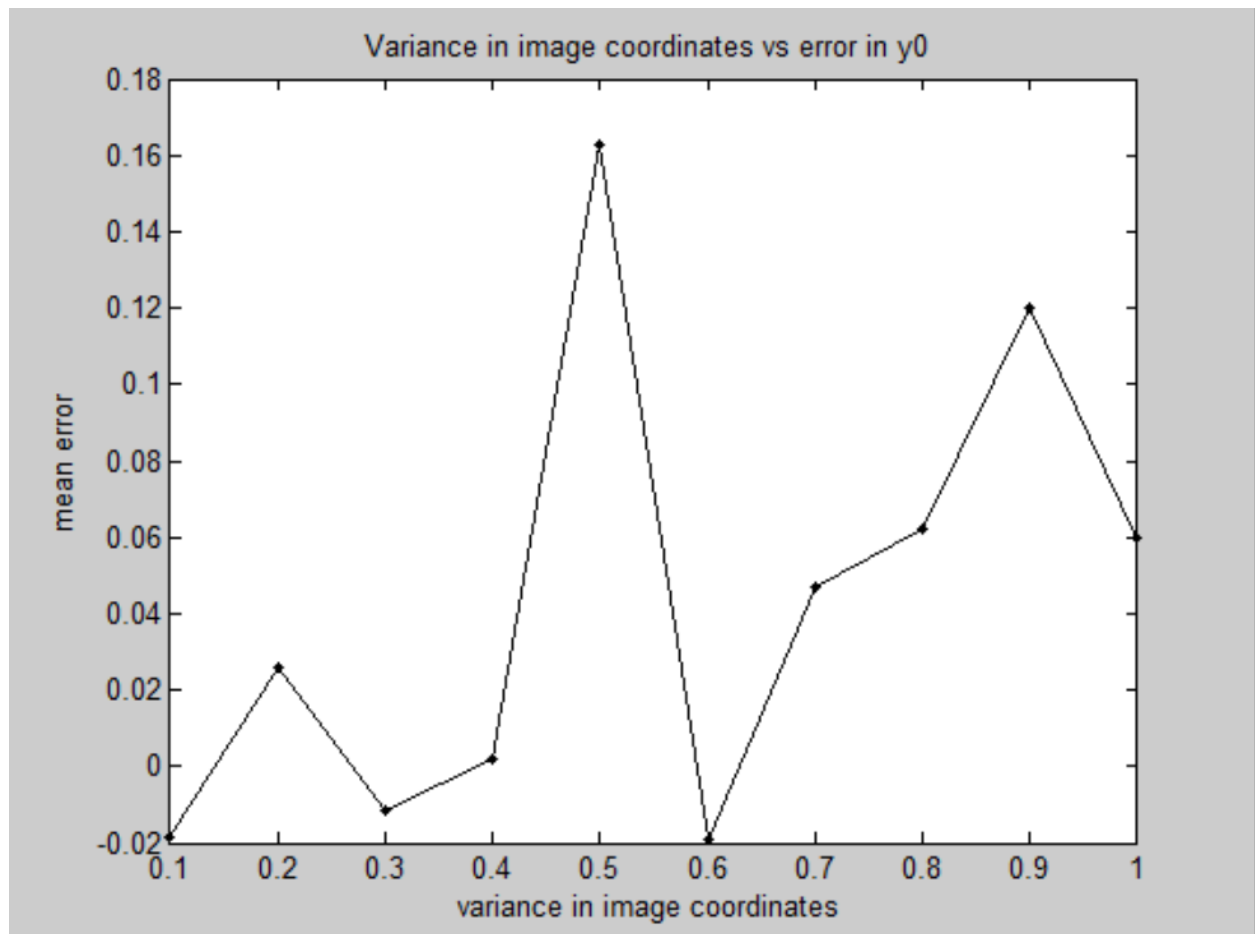
The following figure show plots for ['Variance in image coordinates vs error in PARAMETERS](#)

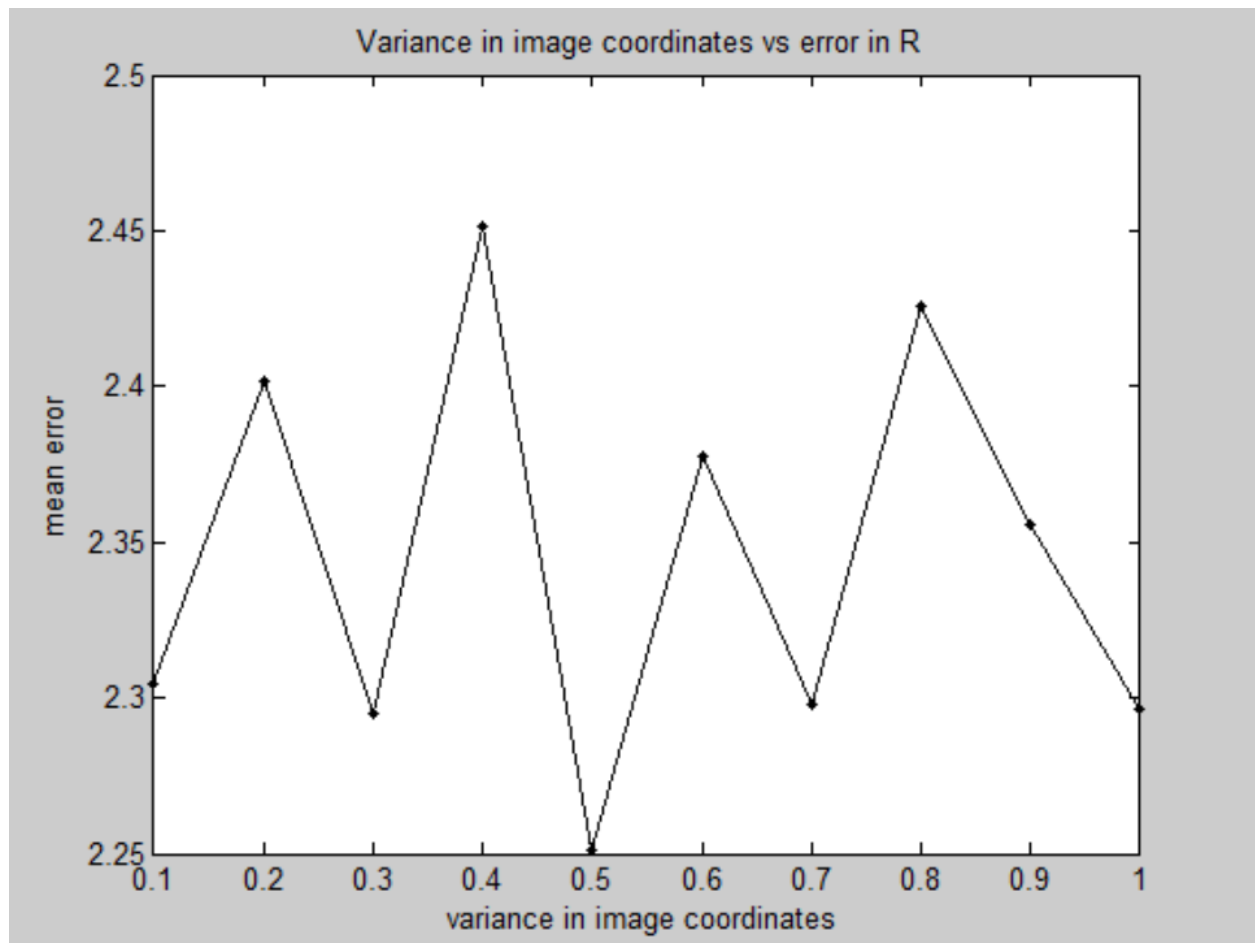


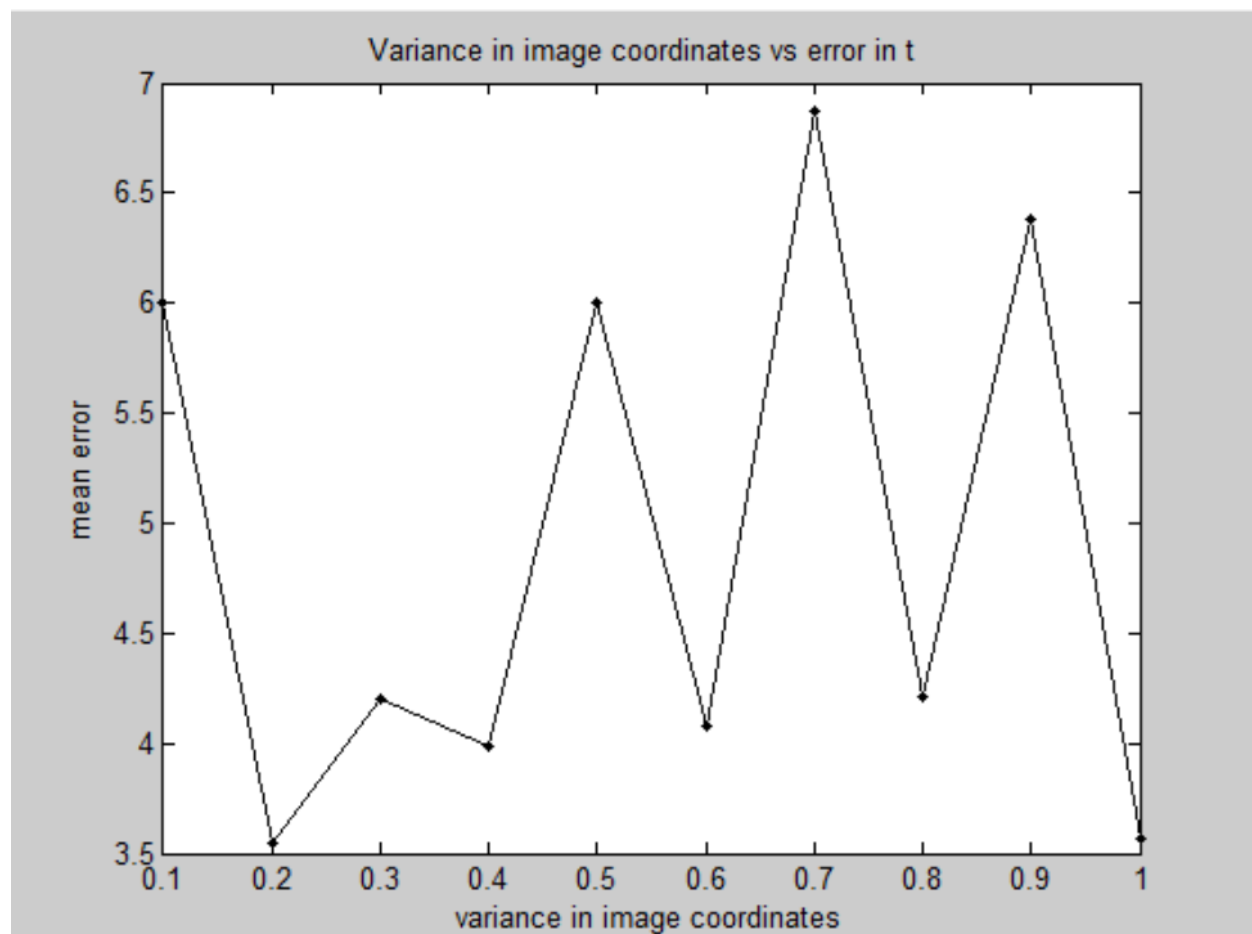




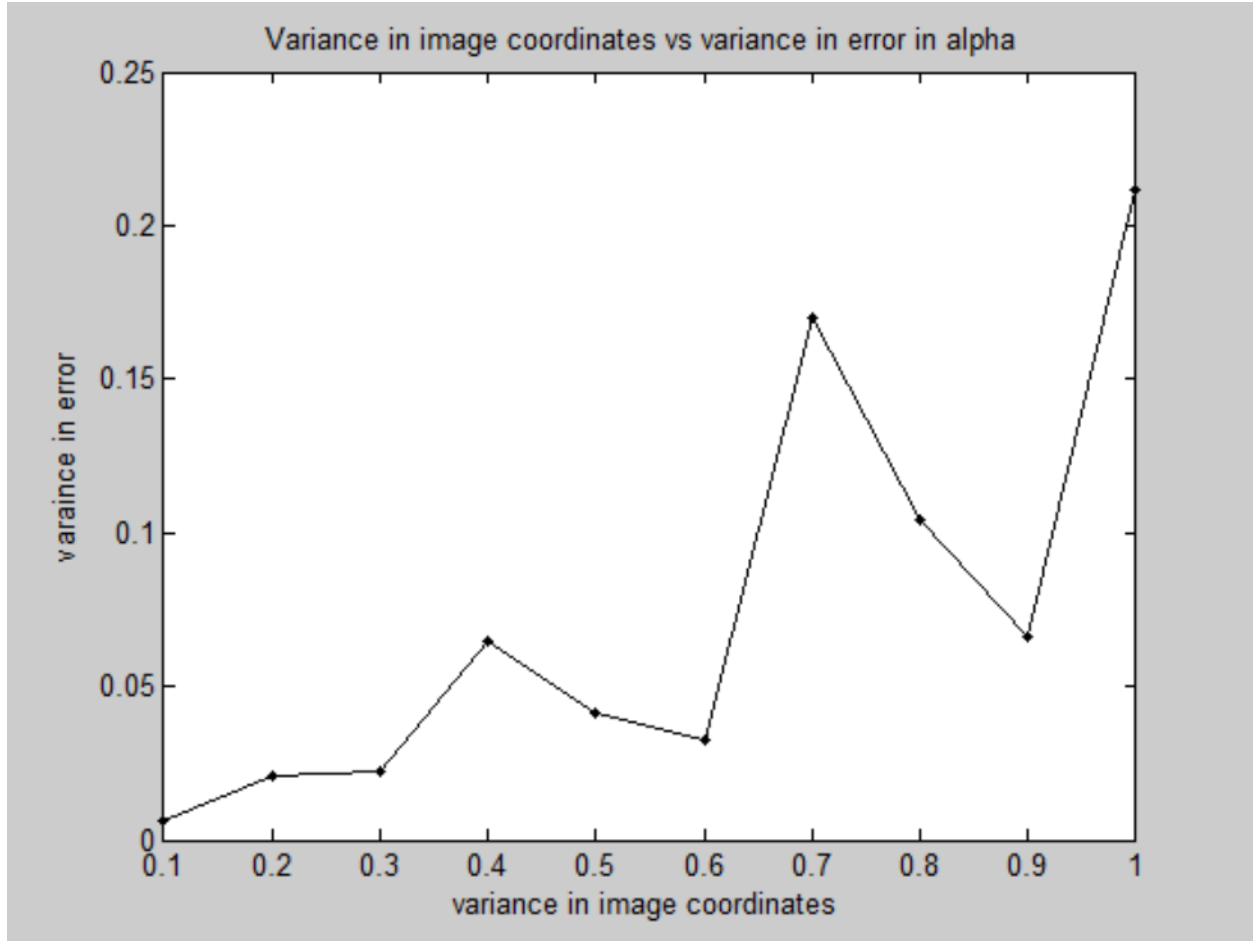


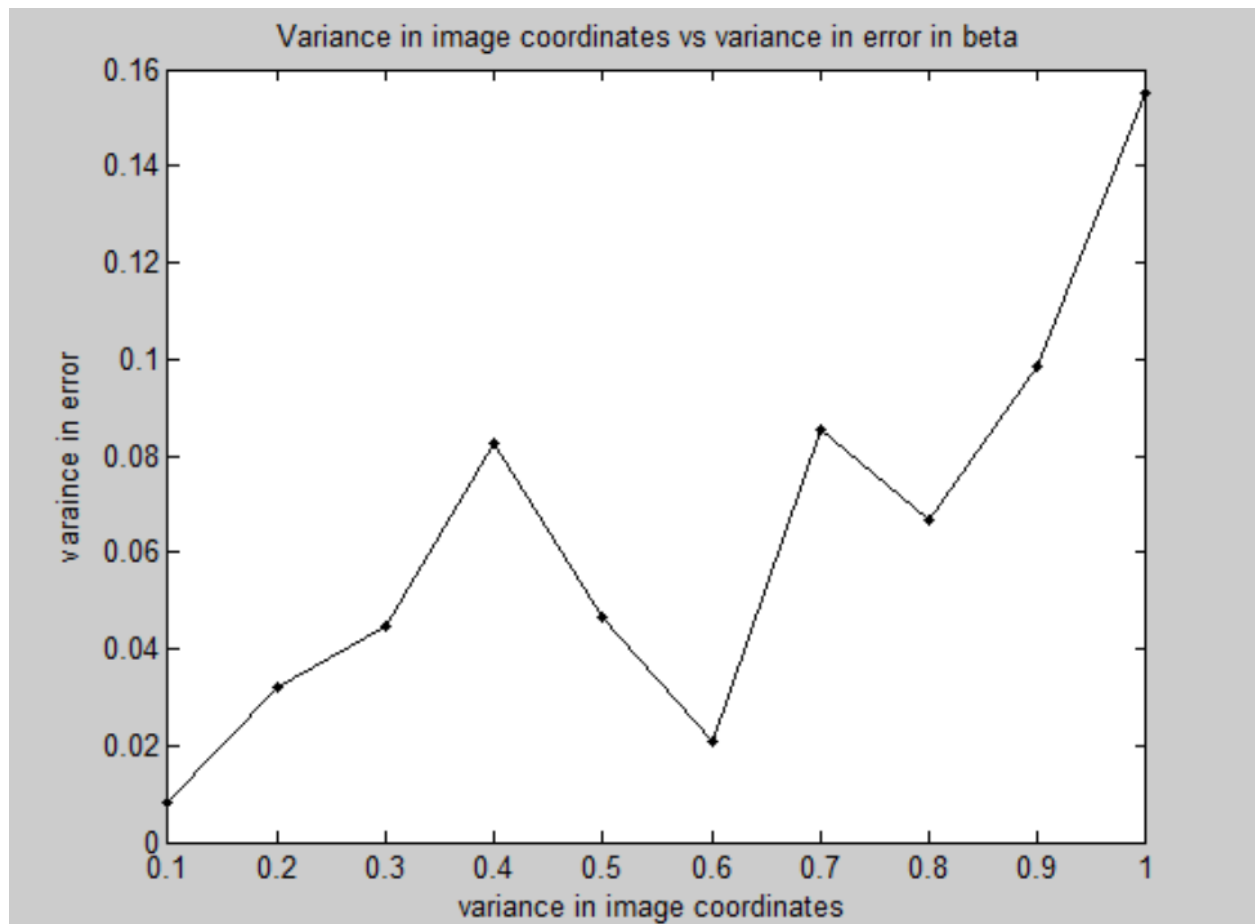


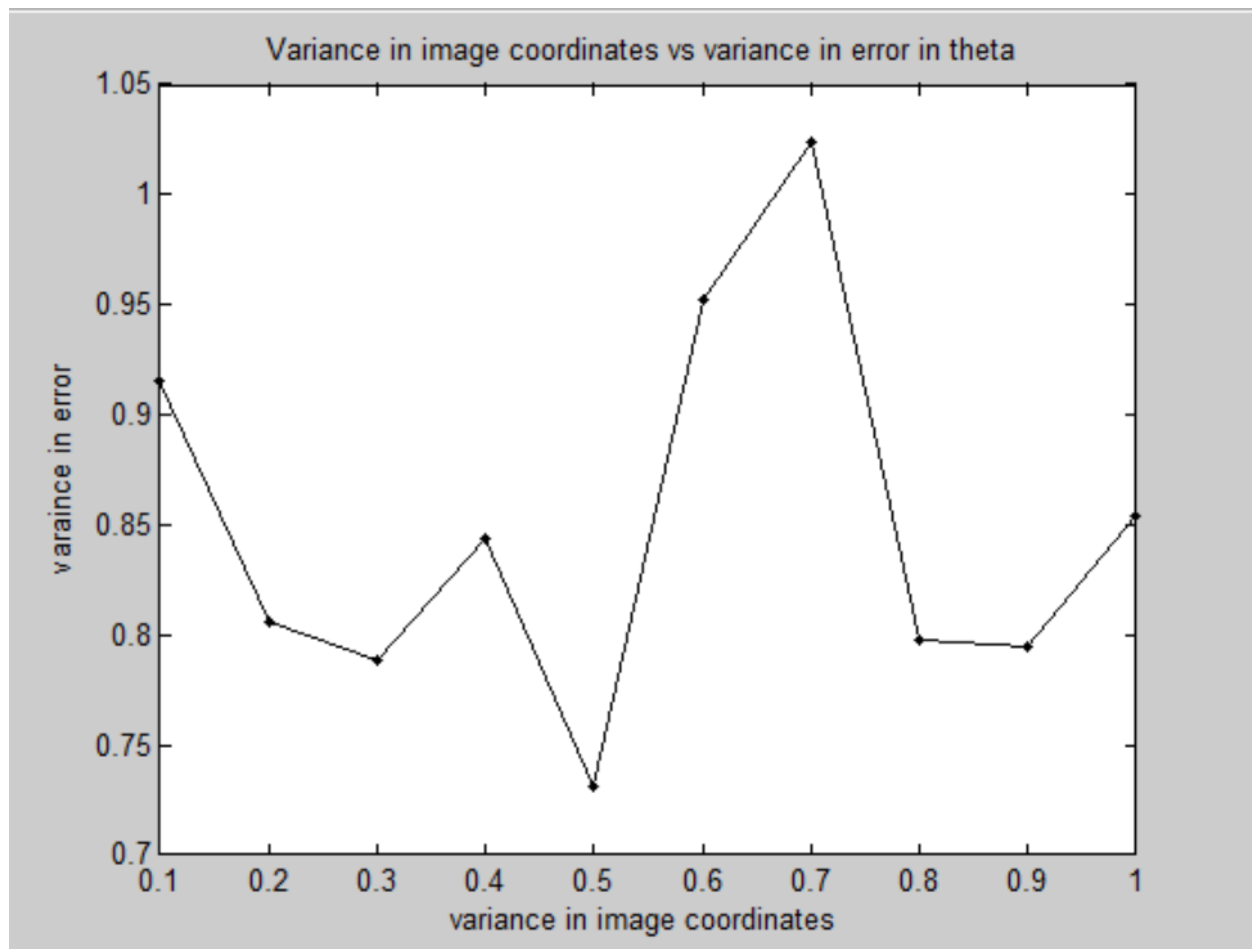


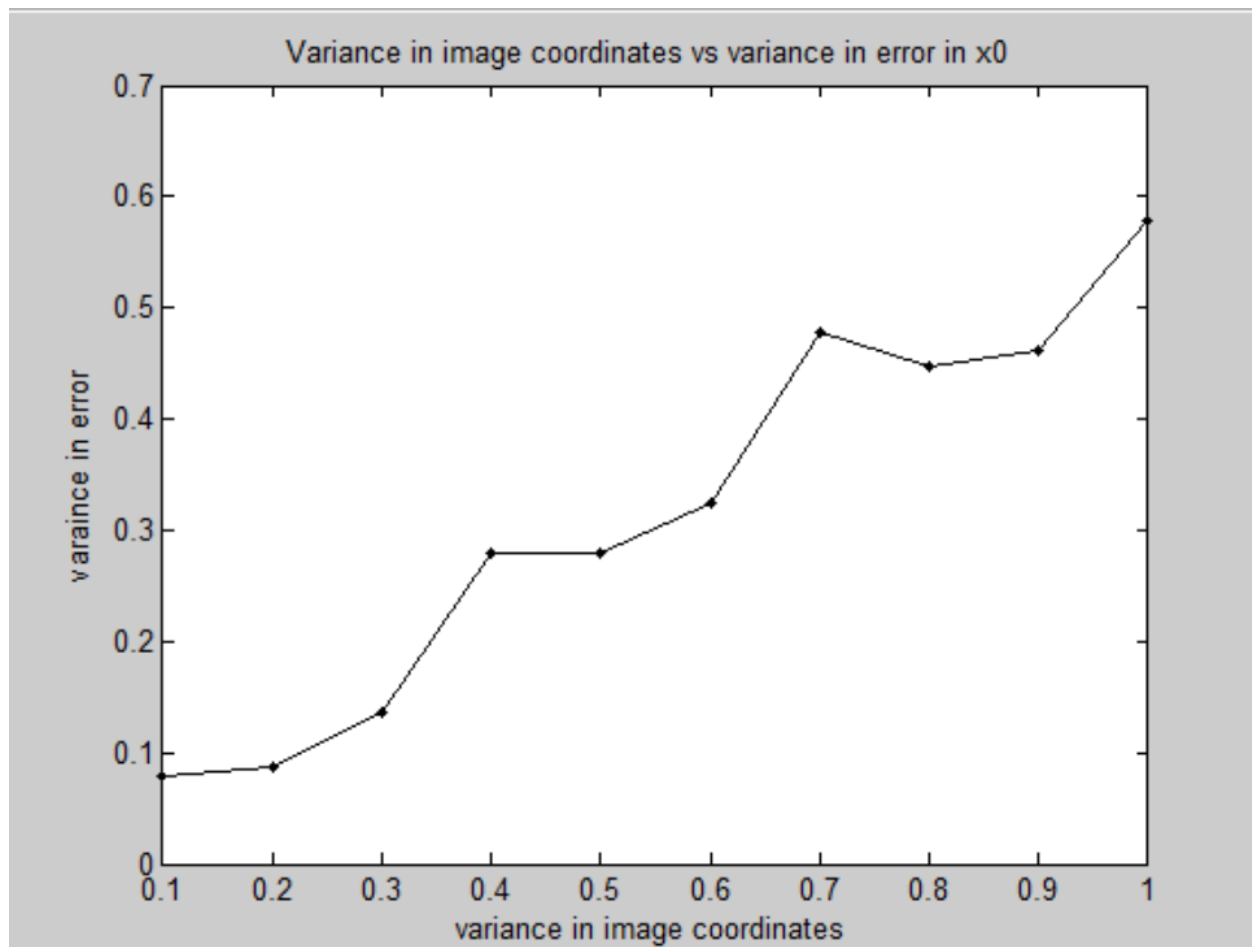


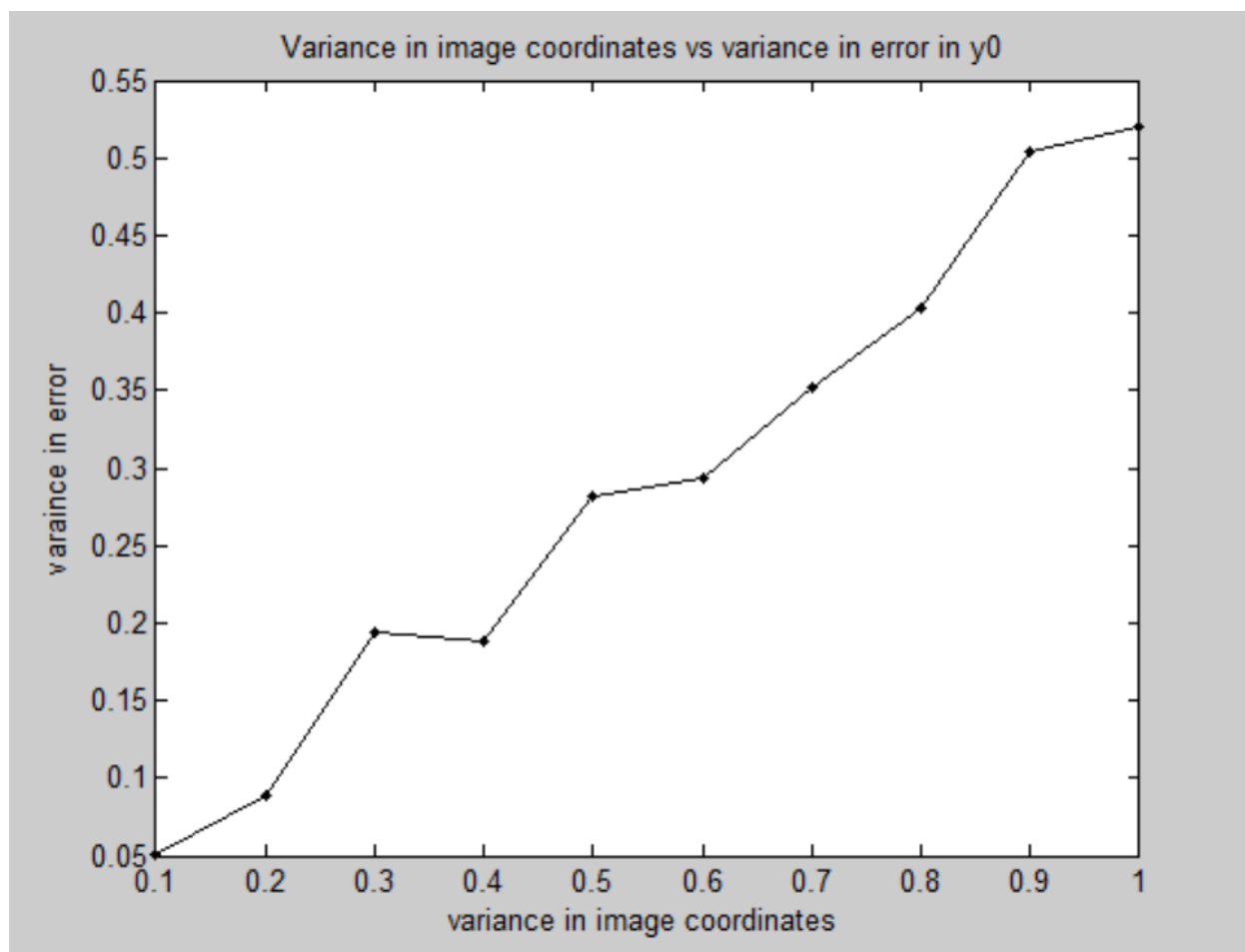
The following figure show plots for 'Variance in image coordinates vs variance in error in PARAMETERS

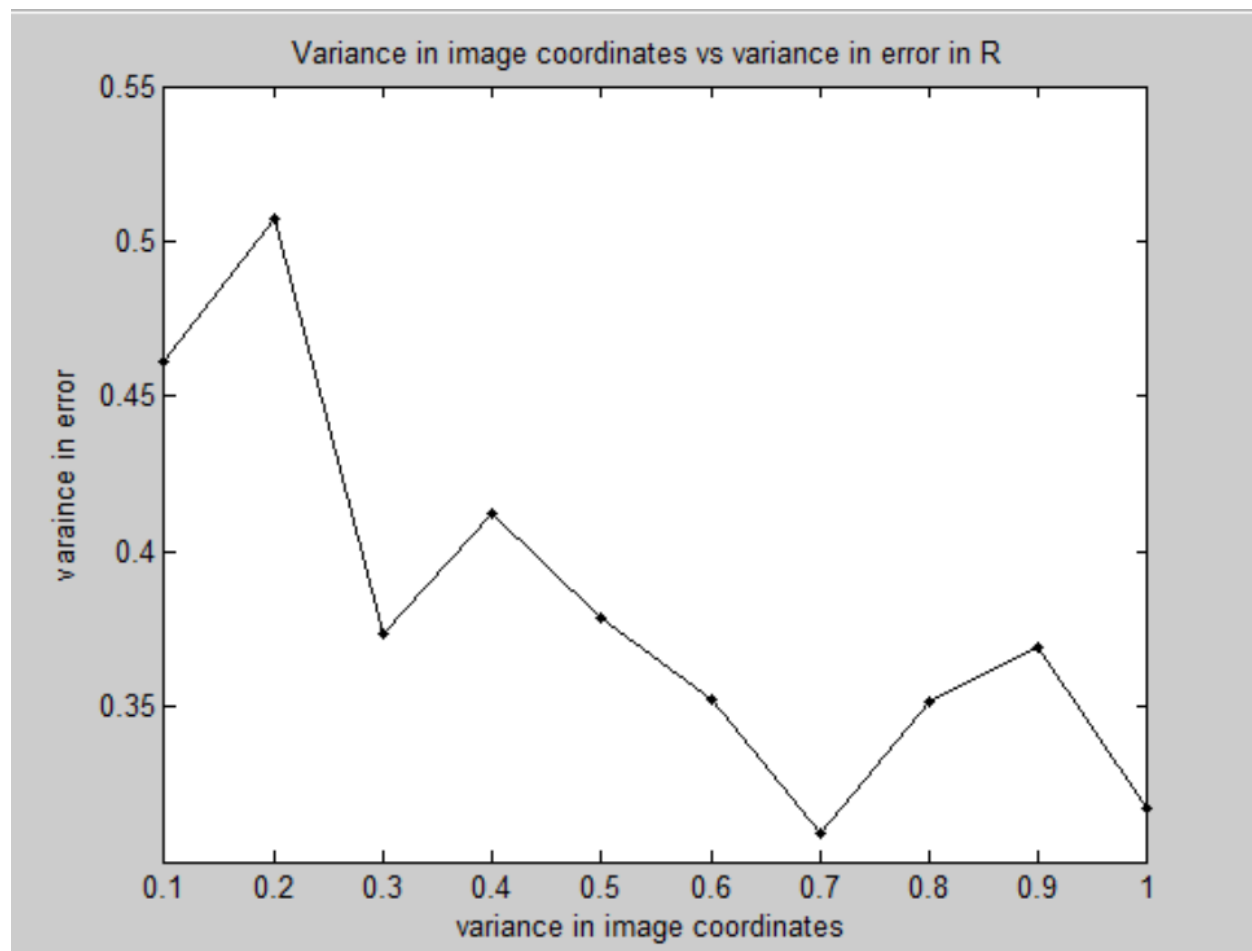


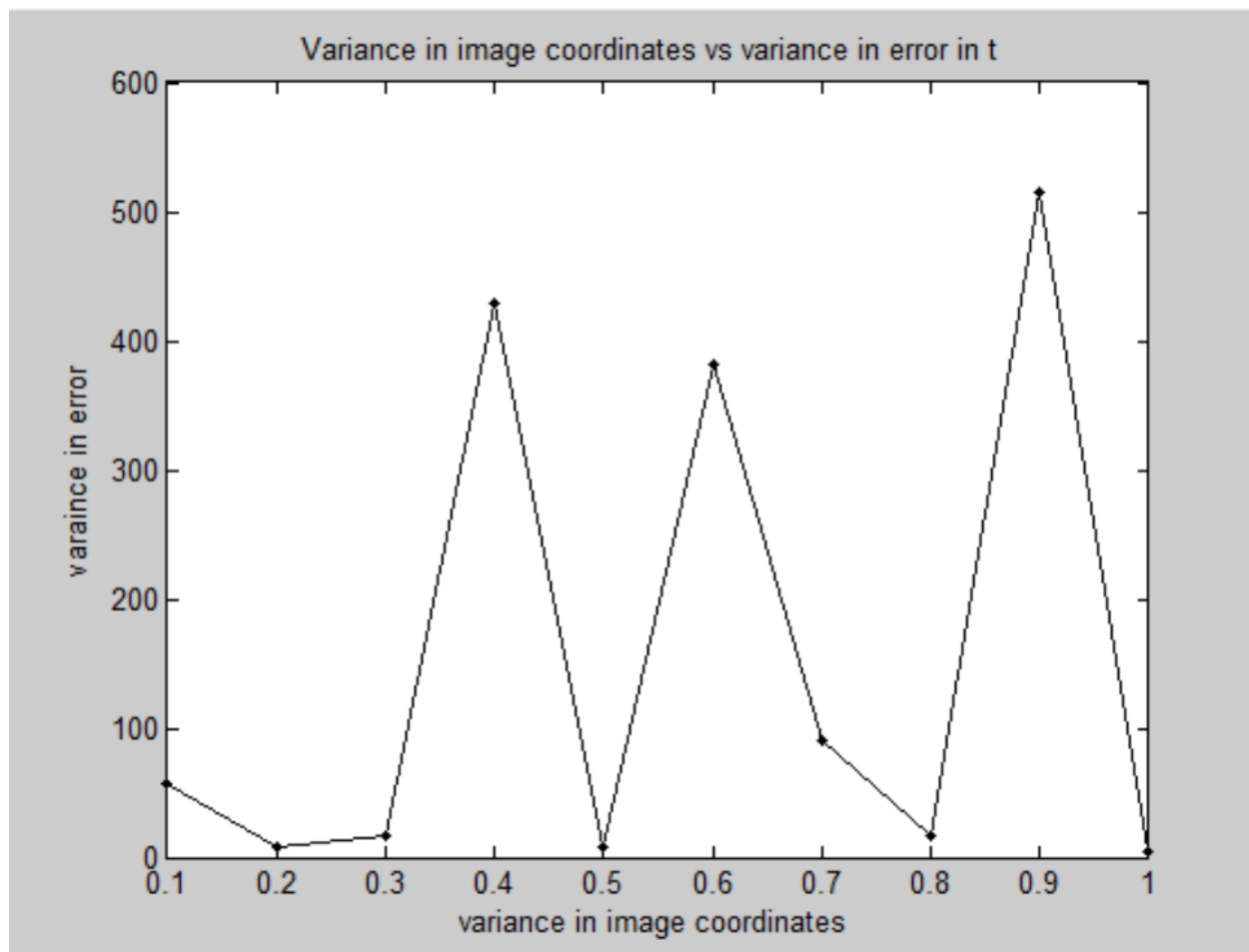












Section 5: Analysis:

The following is the summary of error in calibration:

	mean error	variance	low confidence interval	High Confidence interval
Alpha	0.7729	0.0053	0.7608	0.7849
Beta	0.8245	0.0043	0.8137	0.8353
Theta	-0.0547	0.0090	-0.0705	-0.0389
x_0	-0.0362	0.0025	-0.0445	-0.0279
y_0	0.0431	0.0037	0.0330	0.0532
R	2.3456	0.0044	2.3346	2.3567
t	4.8844	1.6205	4.6731	5.0957

On applying my image coordinates for part 2, my calibration function gives following results:

R =

R <3x3 double>				
	1	2	3	
1	0.8776	0.1412	-0.4582	
2	-0.4779	0.3357	-0.8118	
3	0.0392	0.9313	0.3621	

Alpha = 2922.48064002112

Beta = 2905.69830286640

Theta = -1.58314410833373

$X0 = 1.58314410833373$

$Y0 = 1065.54613781411$

$t = [-16.9476013900886; -22.5055940454092; -22.5055940454092]$

Section 6: Interpretation:

The following are my observations:

- Mean error in alpha and beta decreases with variance in image coordinates. However this is an anomaly since Intuitively, if error goes up in the input data, then error should go up in the output data. The alpha estimate should not get better as the image noise gets worse.
- Variance in error in alpha and beta increases with variance in image coordinates
- For theta, both the Curves: mean error and variance in error with variance in image coordinates are **erratic**. On different runs, an erratic behaviour is observed
- $X0$ and $y0$ follow a good increasing curve for Variance in error with variance in image coordinates
- R has a nice decreasing curve for Variance in error with variance in image coordinates.
- For t , just like theta, both the Curves: mean error and variance in error with variance in image coordinates are **erratic**. On different runs, an erratic behaviour is observed
- Order of sensitivity for mean error: $x0, y0, \theta, \alpha, \beta, R, t$. This means for mean error is most for t and least for $x0$
- Order of sensitivity for variance in error: $x0, y0, \beta, R, \alpha, \theta, t$. This means for variance in error is most for t and least for $x0$. β, R and α almost show same values.
- I conclude that t is worst affected when mean error and variance is observed

Section 7: Critique:

The experiment could be improved by following ways:

- Considering a better distance matrix for R
- Applying non-linear approach to camera calibration
- Could have played around more with confidence intervals

Section 8: log

10 hours total