

Reprojection error based on Scaramuzza's one point algorithm

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Let $X_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$ and $X'_i = (x'_i, y'_i, z'_i)$ are the corresponding points in the two image frames. Considering the usual orientation of coordinate axes (Y axis pointing down, X axis pointing right and Z axis pointing away from the camera) the rotation about Y axis according to Scaramuzza's one point method can be given as:

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x'_i y_i - x_i y'_i}{z'_i y_i + z_i y'_i} \right) \quad (1)$$

Suppose that we are given 2D to 2D imperfect image correspondences $\{X_i\} \leftrightarrow \{X'_i\}$. We wish to find an angle $\hat{\theta}$ and pairs of perfectly matched points \hat{X}_i and \hat{X}'_i , i.e. points that satisfy

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\hat{x}'_i \hat{y}_i - \hat{x}_i \hat{y}'_i}{\hat{z}'_i \hat{y}_i + \hat{z}_i \hat{y}'_i} \right) \quad (2)$$

and minimize the reprojection error function given by

$$\sum_i^n d(X_i, \hat{X}_i) + d(X'_i, \hat{X}'_i) \quad (3)$$

So the correspondences can be interpreted as imperfect images of a world point and the reprojection error quantifies their deviation from the true image projections \hat{X}_i, \hat{X}'_i