

1 Reason to do normalization

When we are solving for the essential matrix we are trying to find a matrix f such that $Af = 0$ where A is the matrix as described in the slides. As per the homogeneous representation of the points

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Both x and y will lie in range of the size of the image where as the last coordinate is constant. Further if the features points are found in a very small region of the image the first principal singular will be large as all the p 's are more or less in the same direction affecting the remaining singular values which will be small.

2 Normalization expressed as Matrices

$$p_l = \begin{pmatrix} x_l \\ y_l \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$p_r = \begin{pmatrix} x_r \\ y_r \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Let T_l and T_r be the normalization matrices for the left and right set of points.

$$\bar{p}_l = T_l \begin{pmatrix} x_l \\ y_l \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$\bar{p}_r = T_r \begin{pmatrix} x_r \\ y_r \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

Let the essential matrix for initial points be F and for normalized points be \bar{F} . Since

$$p_l' F p_r = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\bar{p}_l' ((T_l)')^{-1} F (T_r)^{-1} \bar{p}_r = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\bar{p}_l' \bar{F} \bar{p}_r = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\bar{F} = (T_l')^{-1} F (T_r')^{-1} \quad (9)$$

$$(T_l') \bar{F} (T_r') = F \quad (10)$$

Structure for Translation & Scaling matrices

$$T_l = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_l} & 0 & \bar{x}_l \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_l} & \bar{y}_l \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$T_r = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_r} & 0 & \bar{x}_r \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_r} & \bar{y}_r \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

Similarly we can write the formula for T_r and $\sigma_{l,x}$ represents the variance for the x co-ordinates for the points in the left image. \bar{x}_l represents the mean for the x coordinates of the for the x co-ordinates for the points in the left image. Similar notation for other symbols too.

$$\bar{x}_l = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_{l,i}}{N} \quad (13)$$

$$\bar{y}_l = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N y_{l,i}}{N} \quad (14)$$

$$\bar{x}_r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_{r,i}}{N} \quad (15)$$

$$\bar{y}_r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N y_{r,i}}{N} \quad (16)$$

$$\sigma_l = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_{l,i} - \bar{x}_l)^2 + (y_{l,i} - \bar{y}_l)^2}}{N} \quad (17)$$

$$\sigma_r = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_{r,i} - \bar{x}_r)^2 + (y_{r,i} - \bar{y}_r)^2}}{N} \quad (18)$$