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Struction from Motion

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Uncontrolled (Casual) Video



Overview

Compute 3D scene structure and camera motion from a sequence of frames.

Topics:

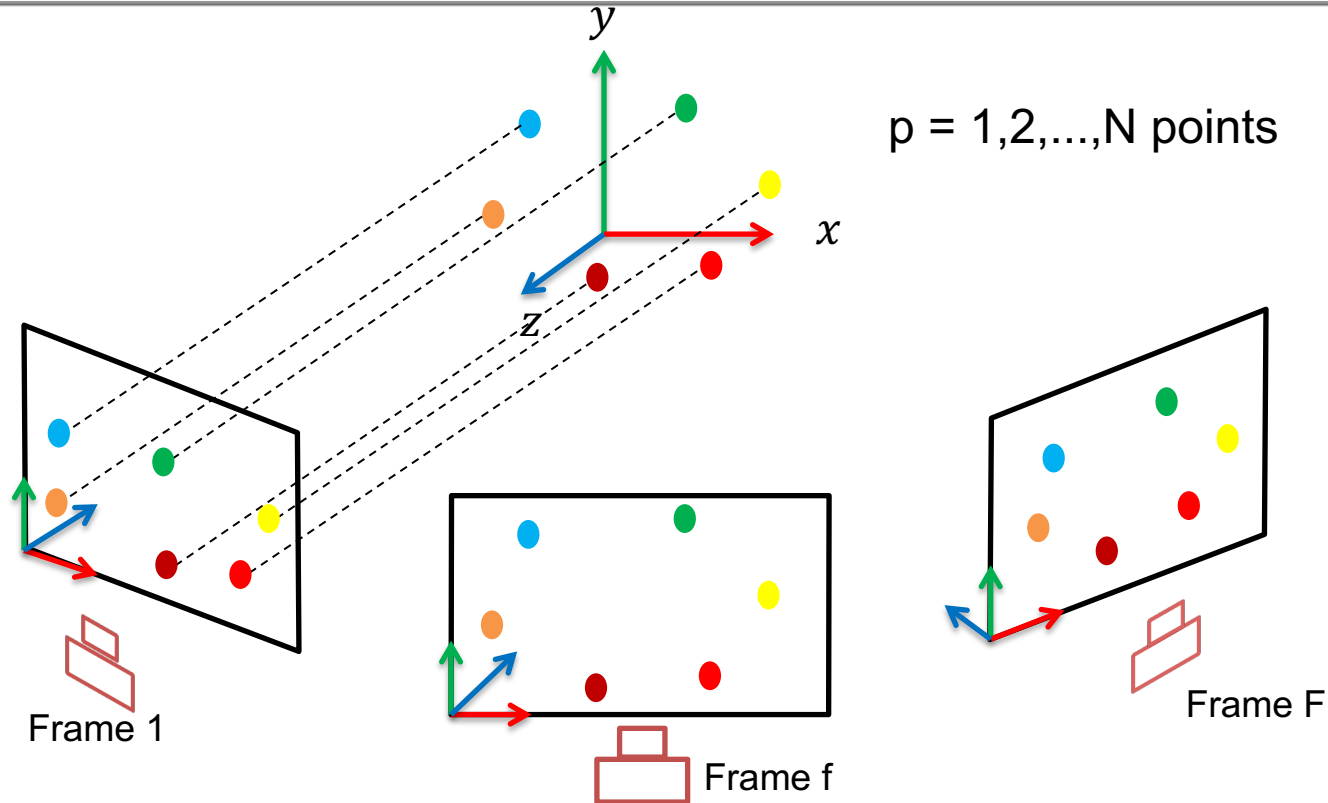
- (1) Structure from Motion Problem
- (2) SFM Observation Matrix
- (3) Rank of Observation Matrix
- (4) Tomasi-Kanade Factorization

Feature Detection and Tracking

- Detect feature points: Corners , SIFT points , ...
- Track feature points: Template Matching, Optical Flow...

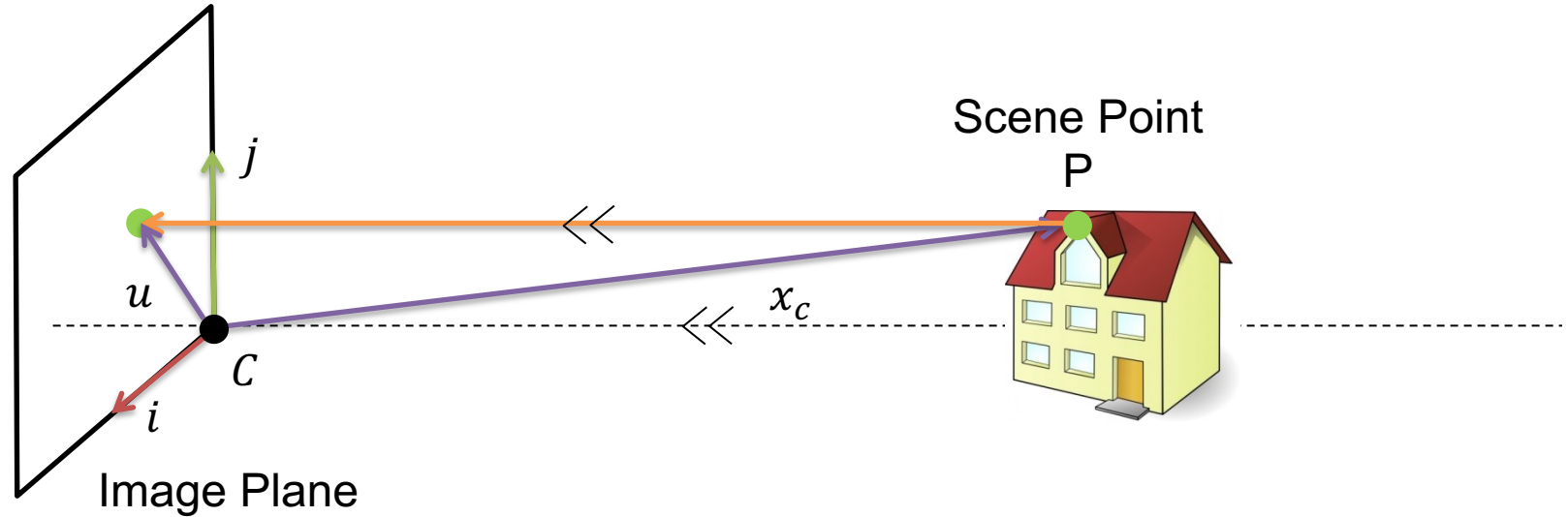


Orthographic Structure from Motion



Given sets of corresponding image points (2D): $(u_{f,p}, v_{f,p})$
Find scene points (3D) P_p , assuming **orthographic camera**.

From 3D to 2D: Orthographic Projection

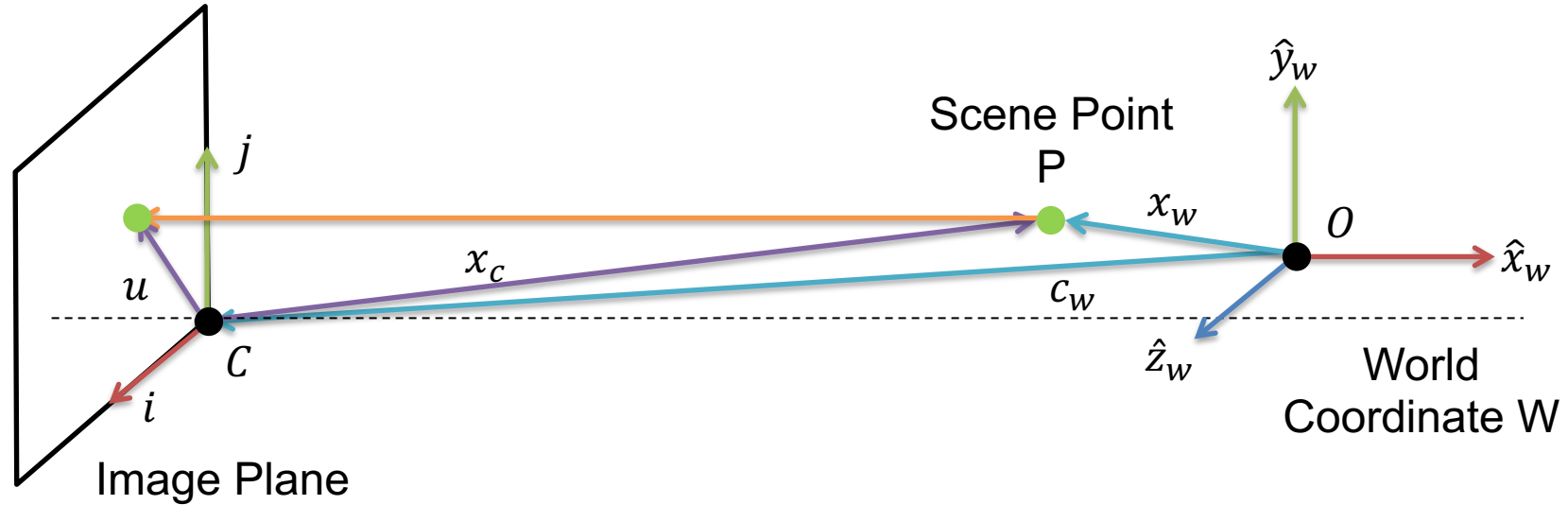


$$u = i \cdot x_c = i^T x_c$$

$$v = j \cdot x_c = j^T x_c$$

Perspective cameras exhibit orthographic projection when distance of scene from camera is large compared to depth variation within scene (magnification is nearly constant).

From 3D to 2D: Orthographic Projection



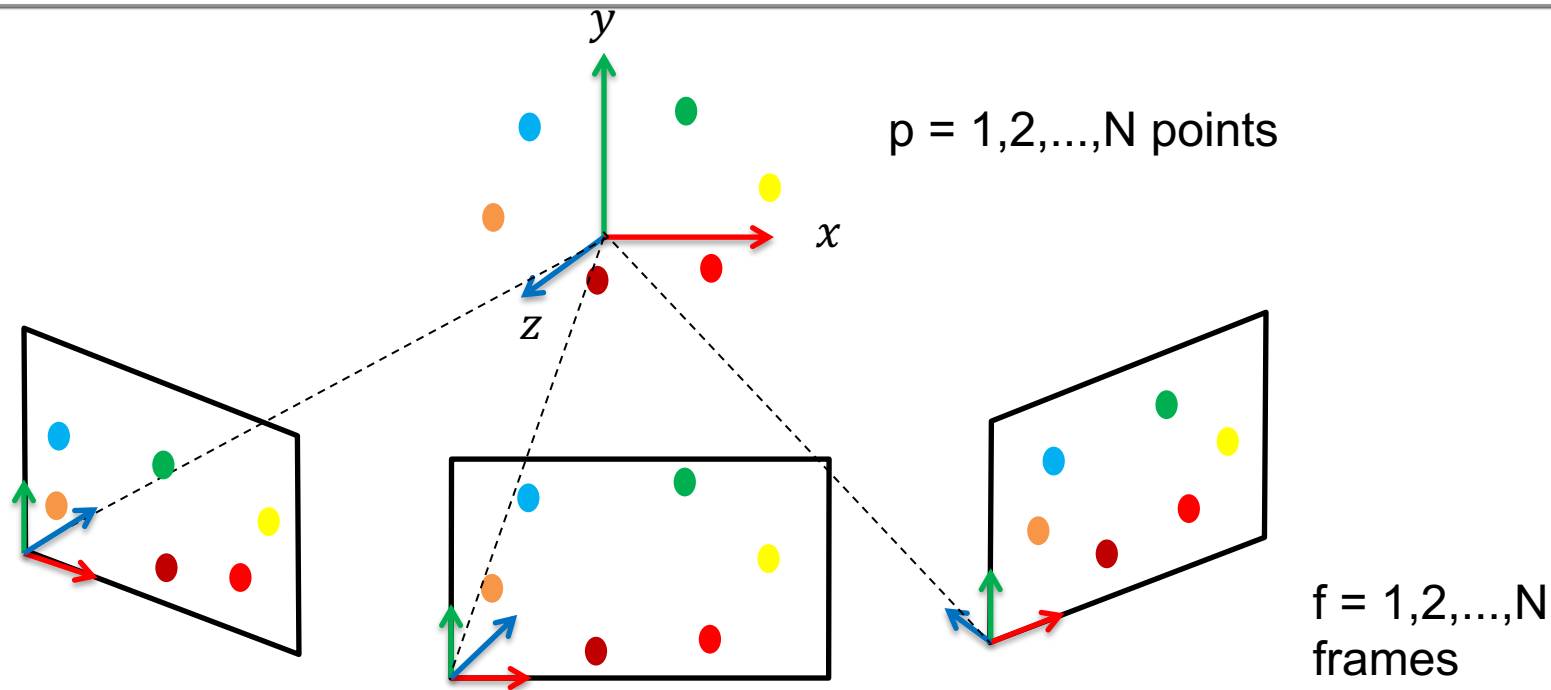
$$u = i^T x_c = i^T (x_w - c_w) = i^T (P - C)$$

$$v = j^T x_c = j^T (x_w - c_w) = j^T (P - C)$$

$$u = i^T (P - C)$$

$$v = j^T (P - C)$$

Orthographic SFM



Given corresponding image points (2D) $(u_{f,p}, v_{f,p})$

Find **scene points** $\{P_p\}$.

Camera **Positions** $\{C_f\}$, camera **orientations** $\{(i_f, j_f)\}$ are unknown.

Orthographic SFM

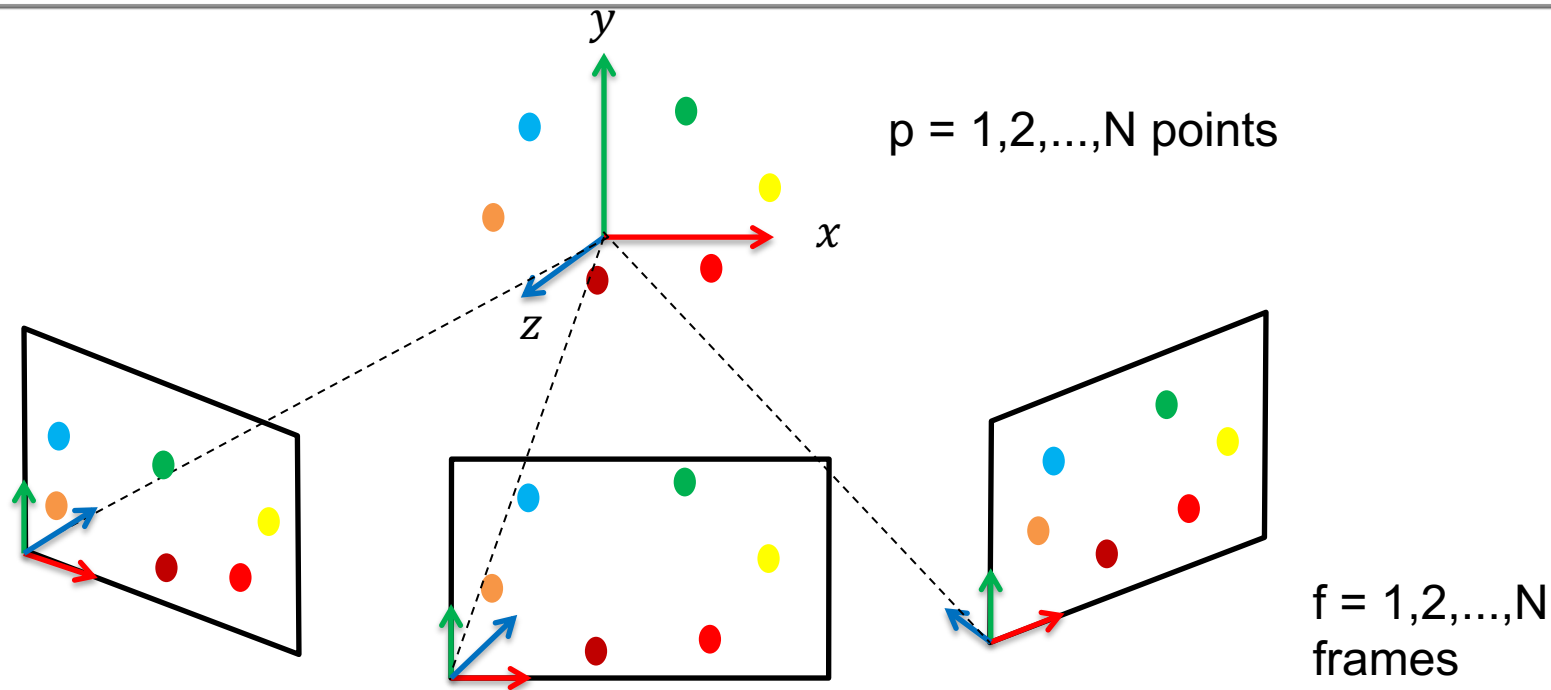


Image of point P in camera frame f :

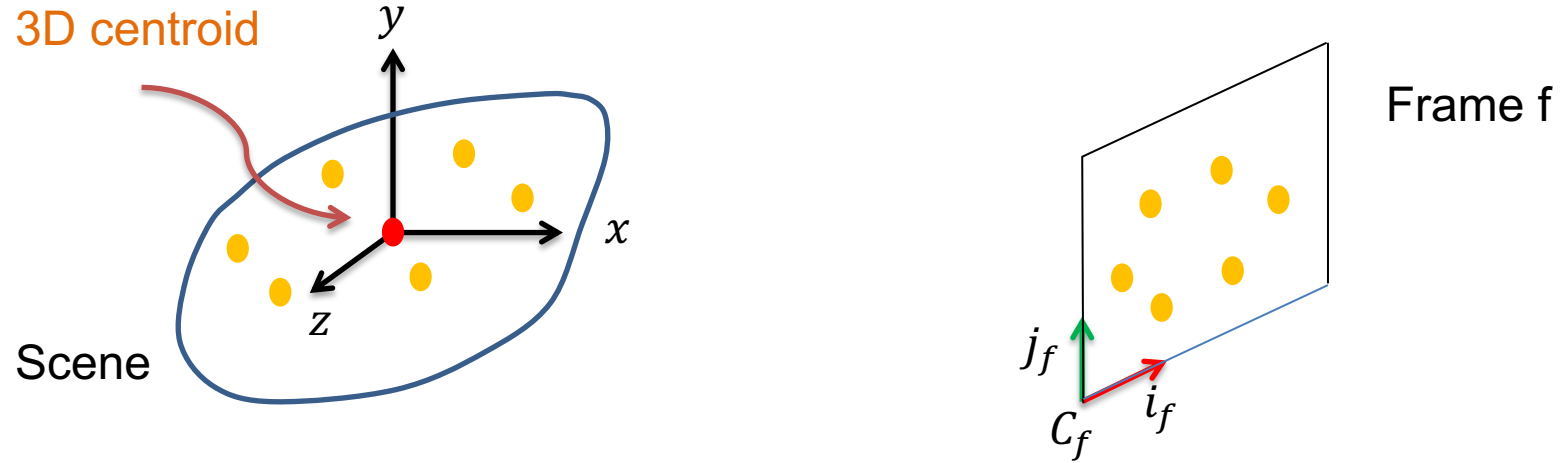
$$u_{f,p} = i_f^T (P_p - C_f)$$

$$v_{f,p} = j_f^T (P_p - C_f)$$

Known Unknown

We can remove C from equations to simplify SFM problem.

Centering Trick

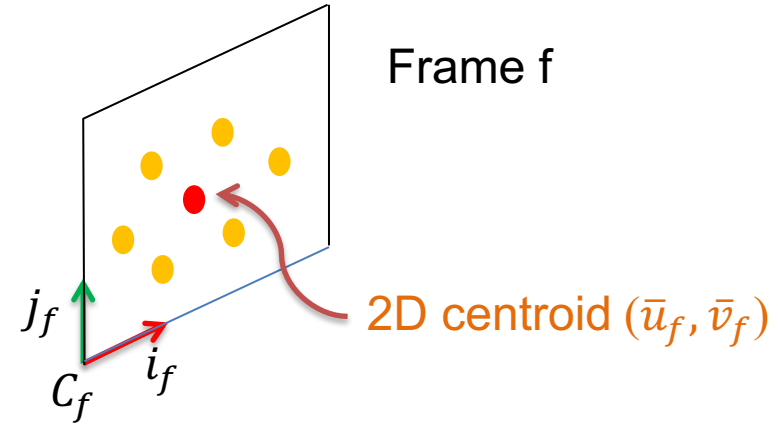
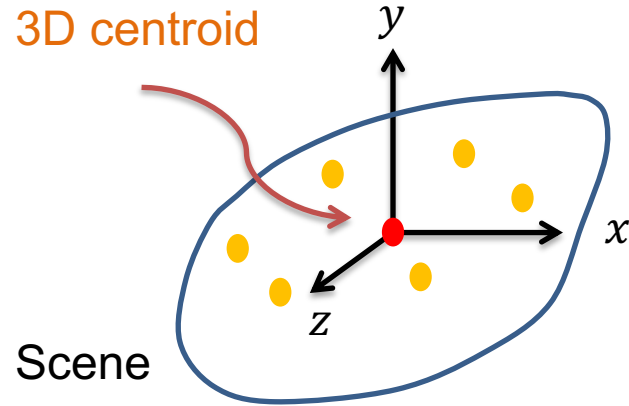


Assume origin of world at centroid of scene points:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N P_p = \bar{P} = 0$$

We will compute scene points w.r.t their centroid!

Centering Trick



Centroid (\bar{u}_f, \bar{v}_f) of the image points in frame f :

$$\bar{u}_f = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N u_{f,p} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N i_f^T (P_p - C_f) \quad \bar{v}_f = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N v_{f,p} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N j_f^T (P_p - C_f)$$

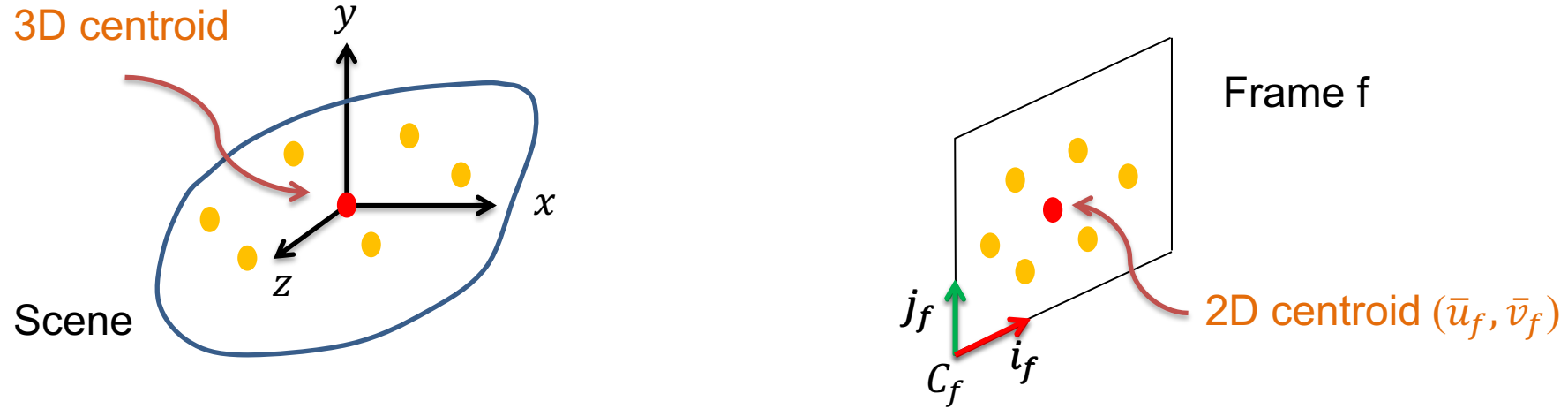
~~$$\bar{u}_f = \frac{1}{N} i_f^T \sum_{p=1}^N P_p - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N i_f^T C_f$$~~

$$\bar{u}_f = -i_f^T C_f$$

~~$$\bar{v}_f = \frac{1}{N} j_f^T \sum_{p=1}^N P_p - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N j_f^T C_f$$~~

$$\bar{v}_f = -j_f^T C_f$$

Centering Trick



Shift camera origin to the centroid (\bar{u}_f, \bar{v}_f) .

Image points w.r.t. (\bar{u}_f, \bar{v}_f) :

$$\tilde{u}_{f,p} = u_{f,p} - \bar{u}_f = i_f^T (P_p - C_f) + i_f^T C_f$$

$$\tilde{v}_{f,p} = v_{f,p} - \bar{v}_f = j_f^T (P_p - C_f) + j_f^T C_f$$

$$\tilde{u}_{f,p} = i_f^T P_p$$

$$\tilde{v}_{f,p} = j_f^T P_p$$

Camera locations C_f now removed from equations.

Observation Matrix W

$$\tilde{u}_{f,p} = i_f^T P_p$$

$$\tilde{v}_{f,p} = j_f^T P_p$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}_{f,p} \\ \tilde{v}_{f,p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} i_f^T \\ j_f^T \end{bmatrix} P_p$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Point 1} \quad \text{Point 2} \quad \dots \quad \text{Point N} \\
 \text{Image 1} \quad \tilde{u}_{1,1} \quad \tilde{u}_{1,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{u}_{1,N} \\
 \text{Image 2} \quad \tilde{u}_{2,1} \quad \tilde{u}_{2,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{u}_{2,N} \\
 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 \text{Image F} \quad \tilde{u}_{F,1} \quad \tilde{u}_{F,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{u}_{F,N} \\
 \hline
 \text{Image 1} \quad \tilde{v}_{1,1} \quad \tilde{v}_{1,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{v}_{1,N} \\
 \text{Image 2} \quad \tilde{v}_{2,1} \quad \tilde{v}_{2,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{v}_{2,N} \\
 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 \text{Image F} \quad \tilde{v}_{F,1} \quad \tilde{v}_{F,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{v}_{F,N}
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{c}
 i_1^T \\
 i_2^T \\
 \vdots \\
 i_N^T \\
 \hline
 j_1^T \\
 j_2^T \\
 \vdots \\
 j_N^T
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Point 1} \quad \text{Point 2} \quad \dots \quad \text{Point N} \\
 [P_1 \quad P_2 \quad \dots \quad P_N]
 \end{array}$$

$W_{2F \times N}$ $M_{2F \times 3}$

Centroid-Subtracted Feature Points (Known) Camera Motion (Unknown)

$S_{3 \times N}$
 Scene Struction
 (Unknown)

Observation Matrix W

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Point 1} \quad \text{Point 2} \quad \dots \quad \text{Point N} \\
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Image 1} \\
 \text{Image 2} \\
 \vdots \\
 \text{Image F}
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{1,1} & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{1,2} & \dots & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{1,N} \\
 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{2,1} & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{2,2} & \dots & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{2,N} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{F,1} & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{F,2} & \dots & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{F,N}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 i_1^T \\
 i_2^T \\
 \vdots \\
 i_N^T \\
 \hline j_1^T \\
 j_2^T \\
 \vdots \\
 j_N^T
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Point 1} \quad \text{Point 2} \quad \dots \quad \text{Point N} \\
 [P_1 \quad P_2 \quad \dots \quad P_N]
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$W_{2F \times N}$ $M_{2F \times 3}$
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Can we find M and s from W ?

Linear Independence of Vectors

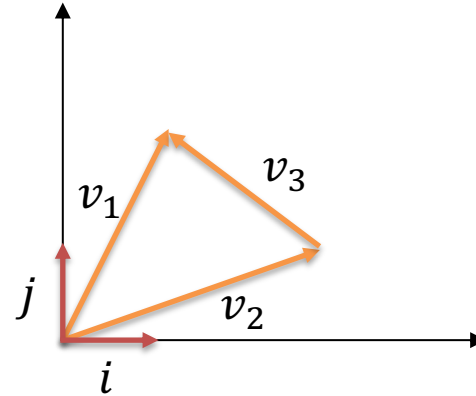
A set of vectors $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is said to be **linearly independent** if no vector can be represented as a weighted linear sum of the others.

$\{i, j\}$ is linearly **independent**.

$\{i, j, v_1\}$ is linearly **dependent**.

$\{i, j, v_3\}$ is linearly **dependent**.

$\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ is linearly **dependent**.



Rank of a Matrix

- **Column Rank:** The number of linearly independent columns of the matrix.
- **Row Rank:** The number of linearly independent rows of the matrix.

$$\begin{matrix} m \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} A \\ \end{array} \right] \\ n \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & \cdots & c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1^T \\ r_2^T \\ \vdots \\ r_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$ColumnRank(A) \leq n$ $ColumnRank(A) \leq m$

$$ColumnRank(A) = RowRank(A) = Rank(A)$$

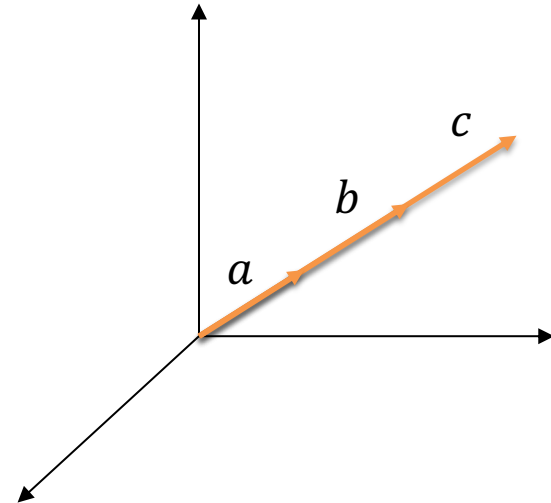
$$Rank(A) \leq \min(m, n)$$

Geometric Meaning of Matrix Rank

Rank is the dimensionality of the space spanned by column or row vectors of the matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{c}]$$

$$\text{Rank}(A) = 1$$

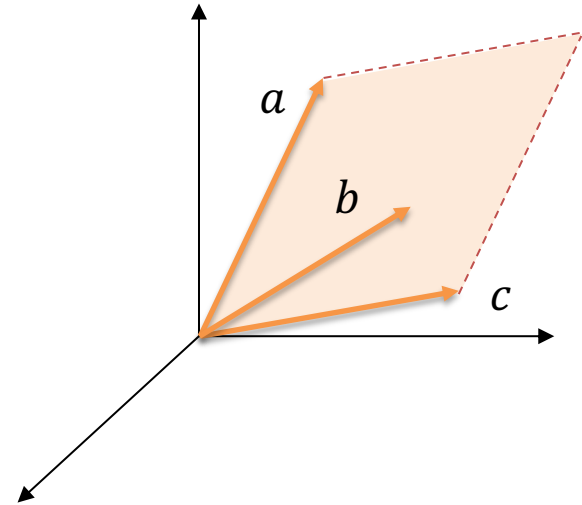


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$$\text{Rank}(A) = 2$$

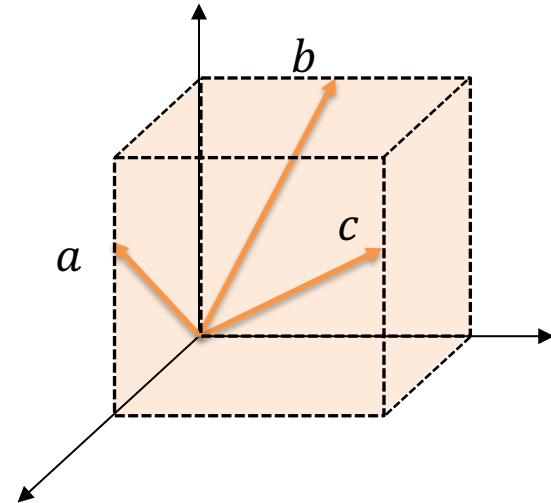


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$$\text{Rank}(A) = 3$$



Important Properties of Matrix Rank

- $\text{Rank}(A^T) = \text{Rank}(A)$
- $\text{Rank}(A_{m \times n} \ B_{n \times p}) = \min(\text{Rank}(A_{m \times n}), \text{Rank}(B_{n \times p}))$
 $\leq \min(m, n, p)$
- $\text{Rank}(A \ A^T) = \text{Rank}(A^T \ A) = \text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(A^T)$
- $A_{m \times m}$ is invertible iff $\text{Rank}(A_{m \times m}) = m$

...Back to Observation Matrix W

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Point 1} \quad \text{Point 2} \quad \dots \quad \text{Point N} \\
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{Image 1} \\
 \text{Image 2} \\
 \vdots \\
 \text{Image F}
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix}
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 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{2,1} & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{2,2} & \dots & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{2,N} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{F,1} & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{F,2} & \dots & \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{F,N}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \mathbf{i}_1^T \\
 \mathbf{i}_2^T \\
 \vdots \\
 \mathbf{i}_N^T
 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \text{---} \\
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \mathbf{j}_1^T \\
 \mathbf{j}_2^T \\
 \vdots \\
 \mathbf{j}_N^T
 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Point 1} \quad \text{Point 2} \quad \dots \quad \text{Point N} \\
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \mathbf{P}_1 & \mathbf{P}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{P}_N
 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{W}_{2F \times N}$ $\mathbf{M}_{2F \times 3}$

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Rank of Observation Matrix

$$\begin{matrix} W & = & M & \times & S \\ 2F \times N & & 2F \times 3 & & 3 \times N \end{matrix}$$

We know:

$$\text{Rank}(MS) \leq \text{Rank}(M) \quad \text{Rank}(MS) \leq \text{Rank}(S)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Rank}(MS) \leq \min(3, 2F) \quad \text{Rank}(MS) \leq \min(3, N)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Rank}(W) = \text{Rank}(MS) \leq \min(3, N, 2F)$$

Rank theorem : $\text{Rank}(W) \leq 3$

We can “**factorize**” W into M and S !

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

For any matrix A there exists a factorization:

$$A_{M \times N} = U_{M \times M} \cdot \Sigma_{M \times N} \cdot V_{N \times N}^T$$

Where $U_{M \times M}$ and $V_{N \times N}^T$ are **orthonormal** and $\Sigma_{M \times N}$ is **diagonal**.

Mathlab : $[U, S, V] = \text{svd}(A)$

$$\Sigma_{M \times N} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_4 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma_N \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_N$: **Singular Values**

If **$\text{Rank}(A) = r$** then A has **r non-zero singular values**.

Enforcing Rank Constraint

Using SVD:

$$W = U \Sigma V^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} & \\ U & \\ & \end{bmatrix}_{2F \times 2F} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_4 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma_N \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}_{2F \times N} \begin{bmatrix} \\ V^T \\ \end{bmatrix}_{N \times N}$$

Where: $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_N$ are the **singular values** of Σ .

Enforcing Rank Constraint

Using SVD:

$$W = U\Sigma V^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$2F \times 2F$ $2F \times N$ $N \times N$

Since $\text{Rank}(W) \leq 3$, $\text{Rank}(\Sigma) \leq 3$.

All expect first 3 diagonal elements of Σ must be 0.

Enforcing Rank Constraint

Using SVD:

$$W = U\Sigma V^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} U_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix}_{\substack{3 \\ 2F \times 2F}} \begin{matrix} U_2 \end{matrix}_{2F-3} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \vdots \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix}_{2F \times N} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} V_1^T \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix}_{\substack{3 \\ N \times N}} \begin{matrix} V_2^T \end{matrix}_{N-3}$$

Since $\text{Rank}(W) \leq 3$, $\text{Rank}(\Sigma) \leq 3$.

Submatrices U_2 and V_2^T do not contribute to W .

Enforcing Rank Constraint

Using SVD:

$$W = U \Sigma V^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \text{blue box } U_1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}_{2F \times 2F} \begin{bmatrix} U_2 \\ 2F-3 \end{bmatrix}_{2F \times N} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \\ 2F \times N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{blue box } V_1^T \\ N \times N \end{bmatrix}_{N \times N} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ N-3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W = U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T$$

$$(2F \times 3)(3 \times 3)(3 \times P)$$

Factorization (Finding M , S)

$$W = \underbrace{U_1 (\Sigma_1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}_{(2F \times 3)} \underbrace{(\Sigma_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_1^T}_{(3 \times N)}$$

$$= M ? \quad = S ?$$

Not so fast. Decomposition not unique!

For any 3X3 non-singular matrix Q :

$$W = \underbrace{U_1 (\Sigma_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} Q}_{(2F \times 3)} \underbrace{Q^{-1} (\Sigma_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_1^T}_{(3 \times N)} \text{ is also valid.}$$

$$= M \quad = S \text{ for some } Q$$

How to find the matrix Q ?

Orthonormality of M

The Motion Matrix M:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} i_1^T \\ \vdots \\ i_F^T \\ j_1^T \\ \vdots \\ j_F^T \end{bmatrix} = U_1(\Sigma_1)^{1/2} Q = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \hat{i}_F^T \\ \hat{j}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \hat{j}_F^T \end{bmatrix} Q = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i}_1^T Q \\ \vdots \\ \hat{i}_F^T Q \\ \hat{j}_1^T Q \\ \vdots \\ \hat{j}_F^T Q \end{bmatrix}$$

Orthonormality Constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} i_f \cdot i_f &= i_f^T i_f = 1 \\ j_f \cdot j_f &= j_f^T j_f = 1 \\ i_f \cdot j_f &= i_f^T j_f = 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \hat{i}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{i}_f &= 1 \\ \hat{j}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{j}_f &= 1 \\ \hat{i}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{j}_f &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Orthonormality of M

- We have computed $(\hat{i}_f^T, \hat{j}_f^T)$ for $f = 1, \dots, F$.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{i}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{i}_f &= 1 \\ \hat{j}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{j}_f &= 1 \\ \hat{i}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{j}_f &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad Q \text{ is unknown.}$$

- Q is 3x3 matrix, 9 variables, 3F quadratic equations.
- Q can be solved with 3 or more images ($F \geq 3$) using Newton's method.

Final Solution:

$$M = U_1 (\Sigma_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} Q$$

Camera Motion

$$S = Q^{-1} (\Sigma_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_1^T$$

Scene struction

Summary: Orthographic SFM

1. Detect and track feature points.
2. Create the centroid subtracted matrix w of corresponding feature points.
3. Compute SVD of W and enforce rank constraint.

$$W = U \Sigma V^T = U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T$$

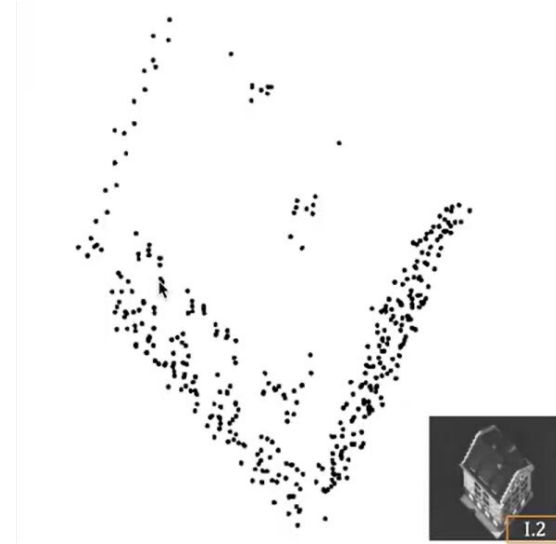
$(2F \times 3)(3 \times 3)(3 \times P)$

4. Set $M = U_1 (\Sigma_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} Q$ and $S = Q^{-1} (\Sigma_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_1^T$.
5. Find Q by enforcing the orthonormality constraint.

Result

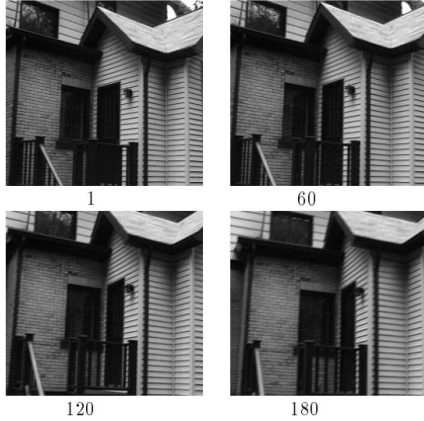


Input image sequence



Estimated 3D points

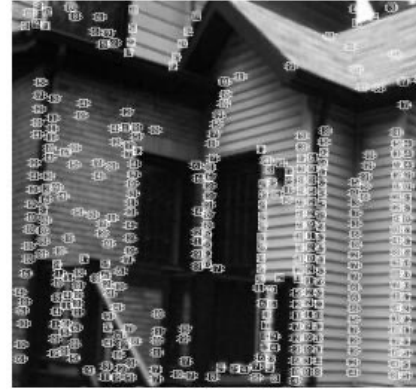
Result



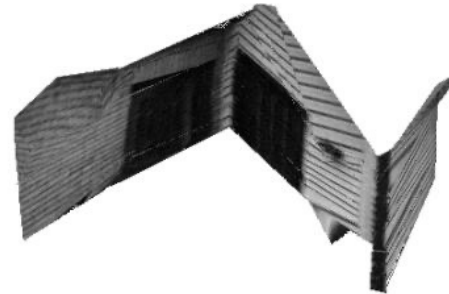
Input image sequence



3D reconstruction



Tracked features



3D reconstruction

Structure from Motion Result

