

Microsoft 3D Reconstruction

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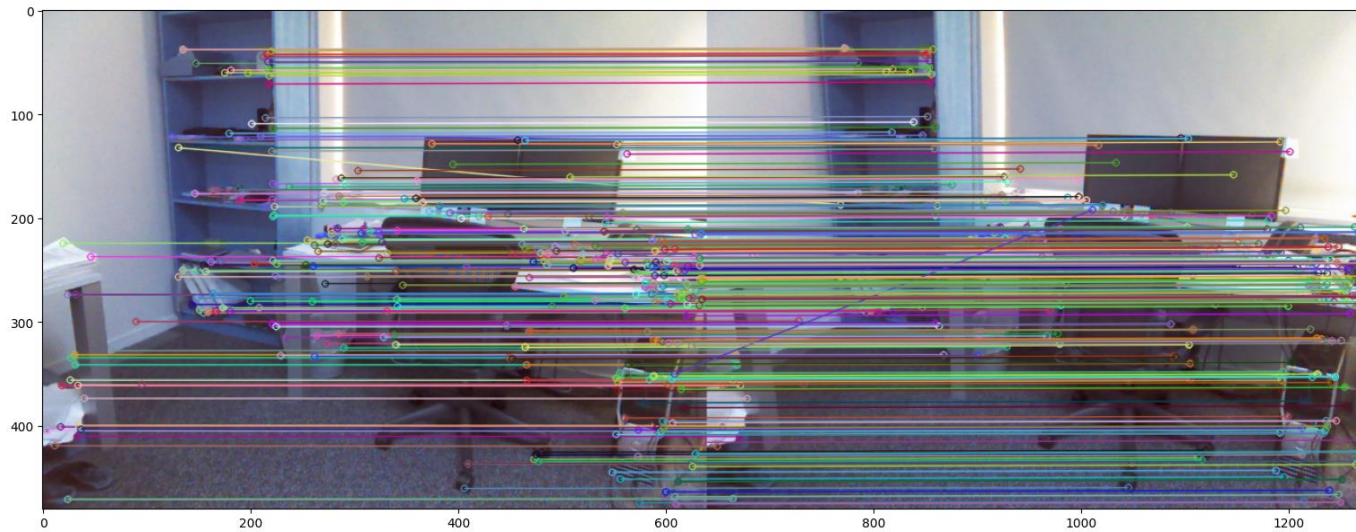
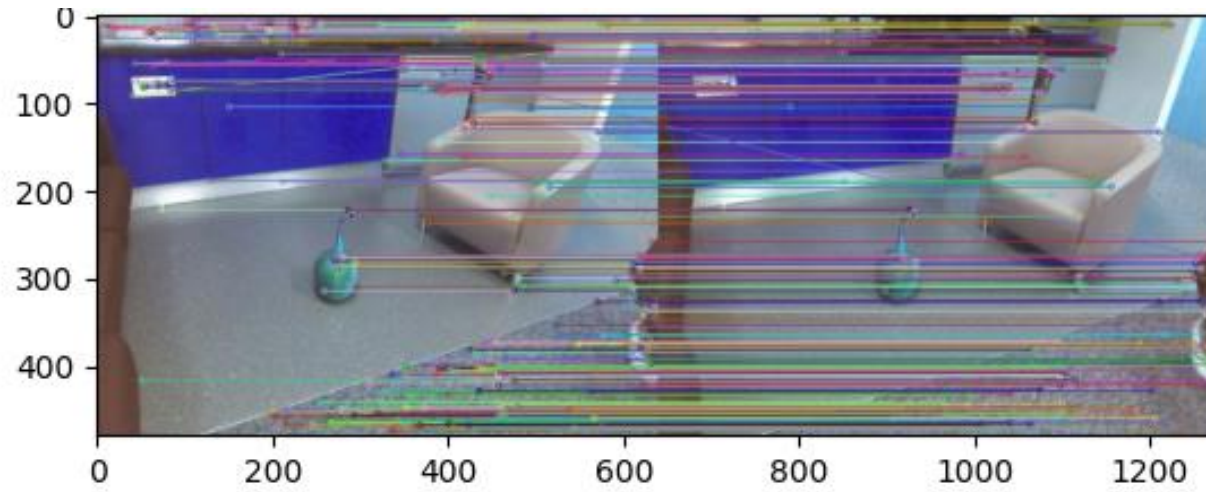
1. SIFT keypoints and descriptors are extracted from **grayscale** RGB images using OpenCV

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kp, des = sift.detectAndCompute(gray, None)
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2. Feature descriptors are matched using Lowe's ratio test:

$$m.distance < 0.75 \times n.distance$$

Feature Detection and Matching



Rigid Alignment via Procrustes

1. Before rigid alignment, matched 2D points are projected back into 3D points using the depth map.

This gives the 3D correspondence: $\{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2\}$.

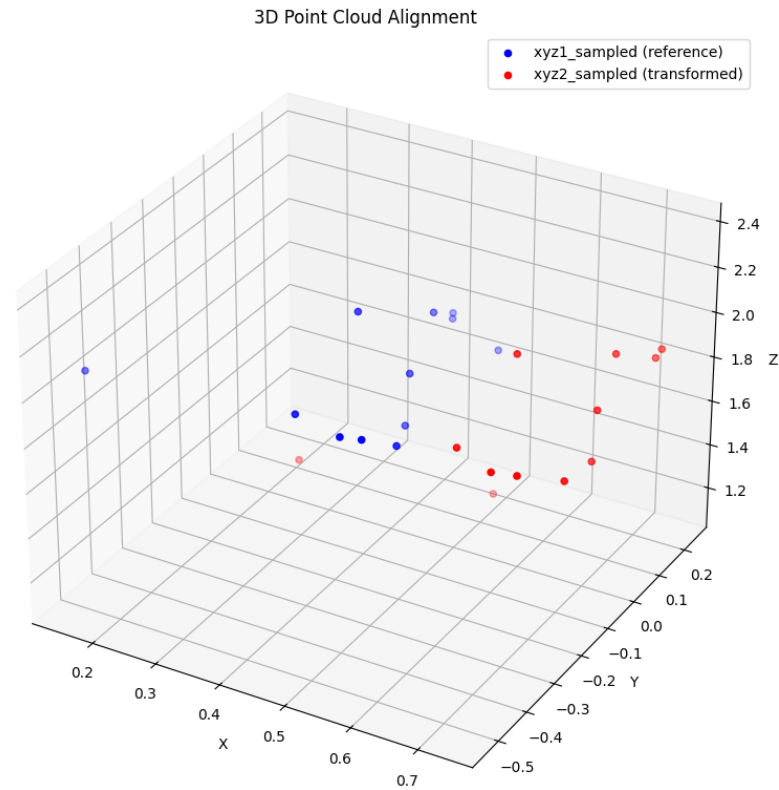
2. To estimate the transformation between two camera poses / frame:

$$\min_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}} \|\mathbf{X}_2 - (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}_1 + \mathbf{t})\|^2$$

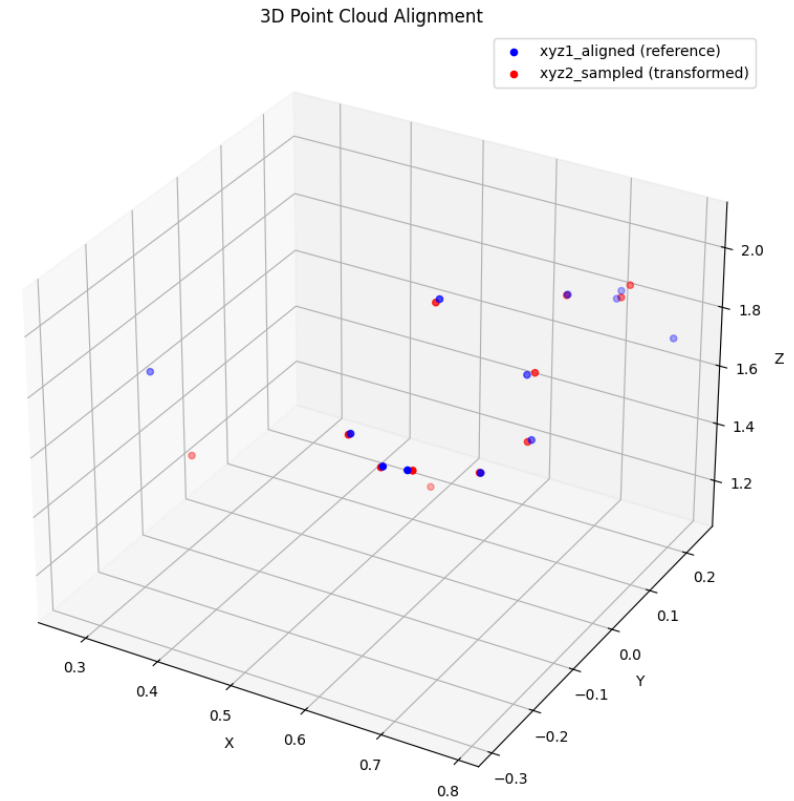
Analytic solution via singular value decomposition (SVD):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{X}_1' &= \mathbf{X}_1 - \overline{\mathbf{X}_1}, & \mathbf{X}_2' &= \mathbf{X}_2 - \overline{\mathbf{X}_2} \\ \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{X}_1'^T \mathbf{X}_2' \\ \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T \\ \mathbf{R} &= \mathbf{V} \mathbf{U}^T \\ \mathbf{T} &= \overline{\mathbf{X}_2} - \mathbf{R} \overline{\mathbf{X}_1}\end{aligned}$$

Rigid Alignment via Procrustes



after alignment



Bundle Adjustment (Pose Refinement)

Minimize the reprojection error:

$$\text{error} = \sum_i \rho \left(\left\| \mathbf{x}_i^{\text{obs}} - \pi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{X}_i) \right\|^2 \right)$$

where:

- $\rho()$ is a loss function:
 - mean-squared error is used in **dense** reconstruction
 - huber-loss is used in **sparse** reconstruction

- projection function:

$$\pi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{Z} \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{t})$$

Note: Using cv2.Rodrigues, the rotation matrix is reparameterized as a rotation vector and optimized using scipy.optimize.least squares.

Output

1. Each frame's pose is chained from the previous one:

$$\mathbf{T}_i = \mathbf{T}_{i-1} \cdot \mathbf{H}^{-1}$$

where \mathbf{H} is the transformation from frame i to $i - 1$

2. The function returns a list of poses

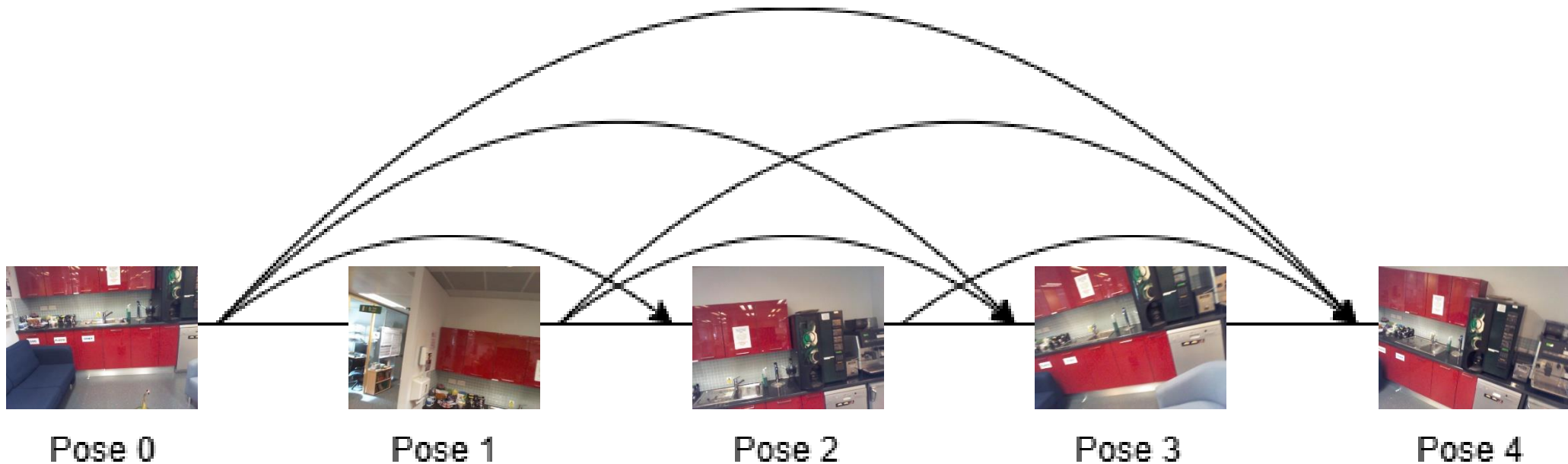
$$\mathbf{T}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_i & \mathbf{t}_i \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where each pose represents the camera-to-world transformation of frame i

Bonus (Sparse Reconstruction)

Moreover, the sequence given are **randomly ordered**, if the frames are processed sequentially, the frames processed later know nothing about other frames.

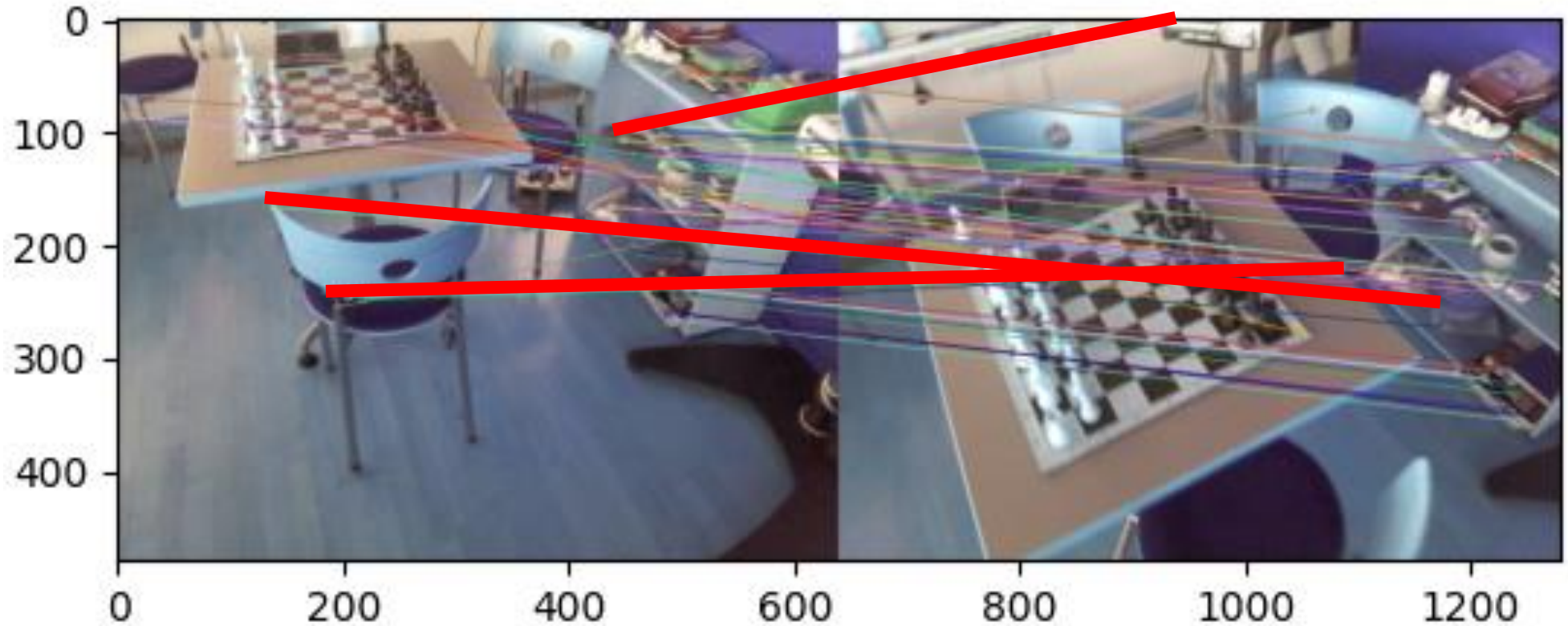
Idea: Build a Pose Graph



Bonus (Sparse Reconstruction)

Angle of view between the frames are very different from one another, **mismatch** of feature points occurs more often.

Noisy features !!



Noisy Feature

1. After feature matching and depth projection, we have a **list of 3D feature points**.
2. Trick:
 - Randomly sample 8 feature points from the list.
 - Perform rigid alignment as before, then compute the squared error between the aligned and unaligned points.
 - Repeat this process for 20 times and take the relative pose with least squared error.

Idea: Using partial feature points removes most of the **outliers** -> **noise reduction**

Experimental Results

1. Dense Reconstruction:

- Accuracy: 0.0044
- Completeness: 0.4937

2. Sparse Reconstruction

- Avg accuracy : 0.0289
- Avg completeness: 0.0575

Comparison	Metric	Mean
chess-sparse-seq-05	Accuracy	0.0422
	Completeness	0.0294
stairs-sparse-seq-04	Accuracy	0.0248
	Completeness	0.0165
pumpkin-sparse-seq-07	Accuracy	0.0176
	Completeness	0.1153
fire-sparse-seq-04	Accuracy	0.0312
	Completeness	0.0690

Fast3R

1. Efficient 3D pose estimation and reconstruction for large-scale RGB-D datasets using optimized pose graph and fast bundle adjustment.
2. Advantages:
 - **Scalable:** Handles 1000+ images.
 - **Optimized Pose Graph:** Enhances trajectory robustness and accuracy.
 - **Fast Bundle Adjustment:** Cuts computation time vs. traditional methods.
 - **Resource-Efficient:** Runs on GPUs with limited memory.
 - **Accurate & Reliable:** Robust 3D reconstructions in complex sequences.

Experimental Results

1. Accuracy: 0.0435, Completeness: 0.6101
2. Conclusion: Despite Fast3R's design advantages, it produced higher error than traditional pose estimation (**0.00257, 0.513**), suggesting influences from dataset characteristics, parameter settings, or hardware constraints.

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