

Computer Vision

Assignment 1



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1 Problem 1(Math)

In our lectures, we mentioned that matrices that can represent isometries can form a group. Specifically, in 3D space, the set comprising matrices $\{\mathbf{M}_i\}$ is actually a group, where

$$\mathbf{M}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_i & \mathbf{t}_i \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}, \mathbf{R}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \text{ is an orthonormal matrix and } \mathbf{t}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1} \text{ is a vector.}$$

Please prove that the set $\{\mathbf{M}_i\}$ forms a group.

Hint: You need to prove that $\{\mathbf{M}_i\}$ satisfies the four properties of a group, i.e., closure, associativity, existence of identity element, and existence of inverse element for each group element.

Solution:

Suppose that the element of group is M_i , and the operation on this group is **Matrix Multiply**.

- **Closure**

$$\forall M_i, M_j \in \{M_i\}$$

$$M_i \otimes M_j = \begin{bmatrix} R_i & t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_j & t_j \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_i R_j & R_i t_j + t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_i, R_j \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} &\Rightarrow R_i R_j \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \\ t_i, t_j \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1} &\Rightarrow R_i t_j + t_i \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $M_i \otimes M_j \in \{M_i\}$, the operation of this group meet the requirement of closure.

- **Associativity**

$$\begin{aligned} M_i \otimes (M_j \otimes M_k) &= \begin{bmatrix} R_i & t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_j & t_j \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_k & t_k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R_i & t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_j R_k & R_j t_k + t_j \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R_i R_j R_k & R_i (R_j t_k + t_j) + t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R_i R_j R_k & R_i R_j t_k + R_i t_j + t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R_i R_j & R_i t_j + t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_k & t_k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (M_i \otimes M_j) \otimes M_k \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Hence, $M_i \otimes (M_j \otimes M_k) = (M_i \otimes M_j) \otimes M_k$, the operation of this group meet the requirement of associativity.

- **Existence of identity element**

$$\forall M_i \in \{M_i\}$$

$$\exists g = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_i & t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_i & t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_i & t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Hence, $gM_i = M_i g = M_i$, the operation of this group meet the requirement of existence of identity element for each group element, and the identity element is g .

- **Existence of inverse element**

$$\forall M_i \in \{M_i\}$$

$$\exists A = \begin{bmatrix} R_i^{-1} & -R_i^{-1}t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} R_i^{-1} & -R_i^{-1}t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_i & t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_i & t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_i^{-1} & -R_i^{-1}t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_{4 \times 4} \quad (4)$$

Because R_i is an orthonormal matrix, R_i^{-1} must exist, and $R_i R_i^{-1} = R_i^{-1} R_i = E$

Hence, $AM_i = M_i A = E$, the operation of this group meet the requirement of existence of inverse element for each group element, and the inverse element for M_i is

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_i^{-1} & -R_i^{-1}t_i \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2 Problem 2(Math)

Gaussian function is

$$G(x, y; \sigma) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

The scale-normalized Laplacian of Gaussian (LOG) is

$$LoG = \sigma^2 \nabla^2 G$$

Please verify that Difference of Gaussian (DOG)

$$DoG = G(x, y; k\sigma) - G(x, y; \sigma)$$

can be a good approximation of LoG.

Solution:

First, calculate the LoG and DoG

- **LoG:**

$$LoG = \sigma^2 \nabla^2 G = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2\sigma^2}{2\pi\sigma^4} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \quad (5)$$

some of the part in Formula(5) are as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} &= -\frac{x}{2\pi\sigma^4} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} &= -\frac{y}{2\pi\sigma^4} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^4} \left[\exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) + x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(-\frac{2x}{2\sigma^2}\right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^4} \left[\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{x^2 - \sigma^2}{2\pi\sigma^6} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{y^2 - \sigma^2}{2\pi\sigma^6} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ \nabla^2 G &= \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial y^2} = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2\sigma^2}{2\pi\sigma^6} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

• **DoG:**

$$\begin{aligned} DoG &= G(x, y; k\sigma) - G(x, y; \sigma) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi(k\sigma)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2(k\sigma)^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Notice that the first-order partial derivative of the two-dimensional Gaussian function with respect to σ is:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \sigma} &= -\frac{1}{\pi\sigma^3} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) + \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^5} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) (x^2 + y^2) \\ &= \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2\sigma^2}{2\pi\sigma^5} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Hence, we can find that

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial \sigma} = \sigma \nabla^2 G \quad (9)$$

Represent $\frac{\partial G}{\partial \sigma}$ in another way:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \sigma} &= \lim_{\Delta\sigma \rightarrow 0} \frac{G(x, y, \sigma + \Delta\sigma) - G(x, y, \sigma)}{\Delta\sigma} \\ &\stackrel{\text{let } t = \sigma + \Delta\sigma}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \sigma} \frac{G(x, y, t) - G(x, y, \sigma)}{t - \sigma} \\ &\stackrel{\text{let } t = k\sigma}{=} \frac{G(x, y, k\sigma) - G(x, y, \sigma)}{k\sigma - \sigma} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

From Formula(10) and Formula(9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (k-1)\sigma \frac{\partial G}{\partial \sigma} &= G(x, y, k\sigma) - G(x, y, \sigma) \\ (k-1)\sigma \sigma \nabla^2 G &= DoG \\ (k-1)LoG &= DoG \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

(Here, we suppose that $k\sigma = \sigma + \Delta\sigma, k = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} + 1$)

From what has been discussed above $DoG = (k-1)LoG$, it means that DoG hold the same shape trend with LoG , the difference is amplitude and something small. Hence, DoG can be a good approximation of LoG .

3 Problem 3(Math)

In the lecture, we talked about the least square method to solve an over-determined linear system $A\mathbf{x} = b$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$, $m > n$, $\text{rank}(A) = n$. The closedform solution is $\mathbf{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$. Try to prove that $A^T A$ is non-singular (or in other words, it is invertible).

Solution:

From the assumption we know that $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, so we got that $A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, it is a square matrix.

Because $\text{rank}(A) = n$, we know that A has full column rank, and we can also know that $\text{rank}(A^T) = n$, A^T has full row rank. (according to property(3))

According to properties of matrix ranking,

$$\begin{aligned} r(A) + r(A^T) - n &\leq r(AA^T) \leq \min\{n, m\} \\ \Rightarrow r(AA^T) &= n \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Hence, AA^T has both full row rank and full column rank. So $A^T A = (AA^T)^T$ also has both full row rank and full column rank.

From what has been discussed above $A^T A$ is non-singular.

“Transpose does change the rank of matrix”

Proof: According to the matrix ranking property we know that column rank is equal to the row rank of a matrix, so

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rrank}(A) = \text{crank}(A) \tag{13}$$

And we also have $\text{rrank}(A) = \text{crank}(A^T)$, $\text{crank}(A) = \text{rrank}(A^T)$. Hence, $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$