

# Computer Vision: Lecture 3

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# Last Time

## Projective Geometry

- Homogeneous coordinates, projective space
- Lines, planes and conics
- Projective transformations and homographies

# Projective Transformations

## Projective transformation

A projective transformation  $H$  is an invertible linear mapping from  $\mathbb{P}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^k$ ,

$$\mathbf{y} = H\mathbf{x}.$$

It can be represented by an invertible matrix  $H \in \mathbb{R}^{(k+1) \times (k+1)}$ .

- Projective transformations are defined (non-zero) up-to-scale

$$H\mathbf{x} \sim \lambda H\mathbf{x}$$

- *Homographies* are projective transformations in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $H \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ 
  - 8 degrees of freedom (why?)
  - 4 correspondences  $\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{y}_i$  to estimate  $H$

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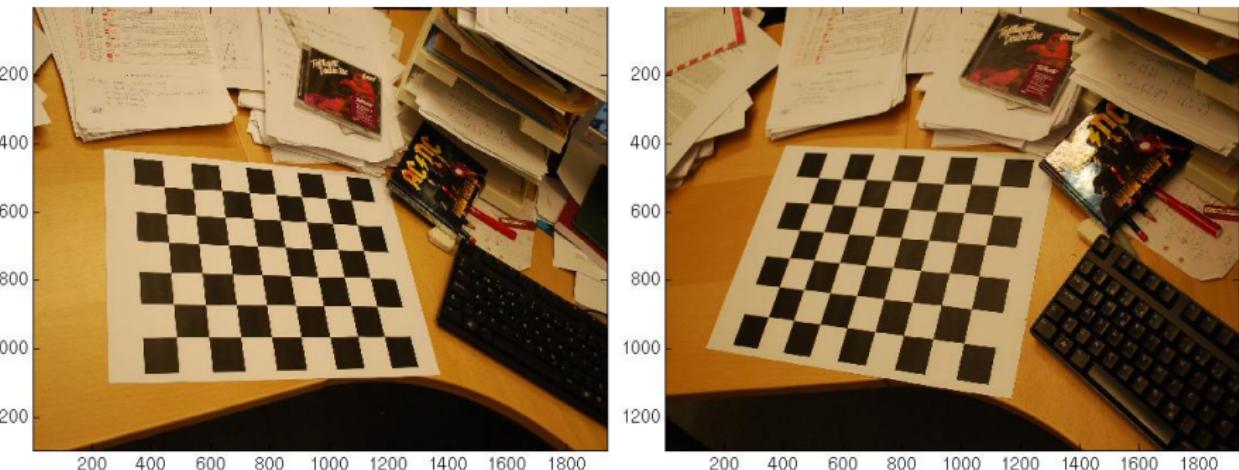
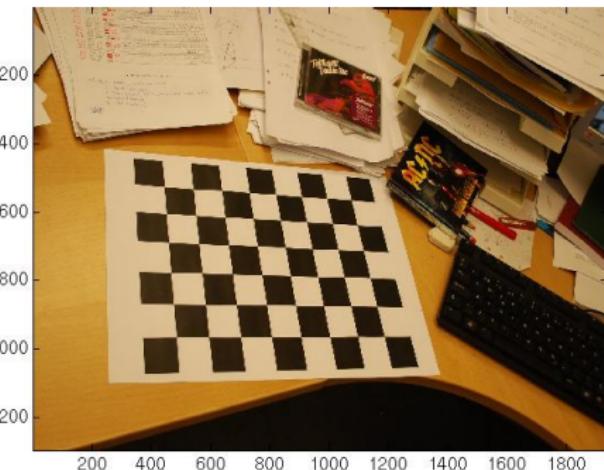
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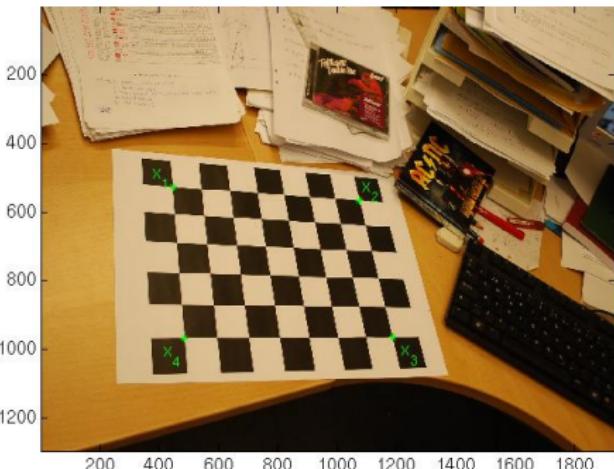
Example: Point Transfer via a Plane.



If a set of points  $\mathbf{X}_i$  lying on the same plane is projected into two cameras  $\mathbf{x}_i \sim \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{X}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_i \sim \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{X}_i$ , then there is a homography such that  $\mathbf{x}_i \sim \mathbf{H} \mathbf{y}_i$ .

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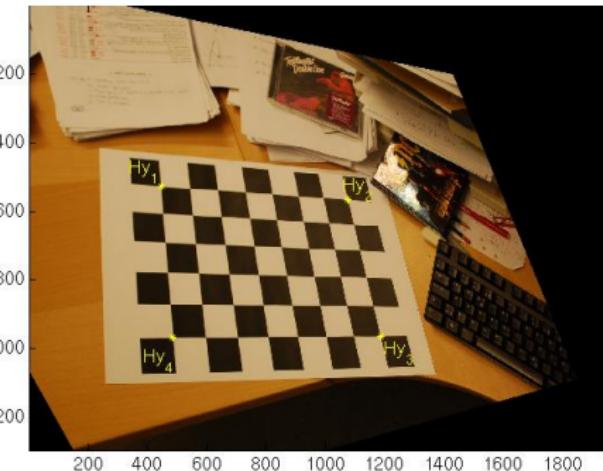
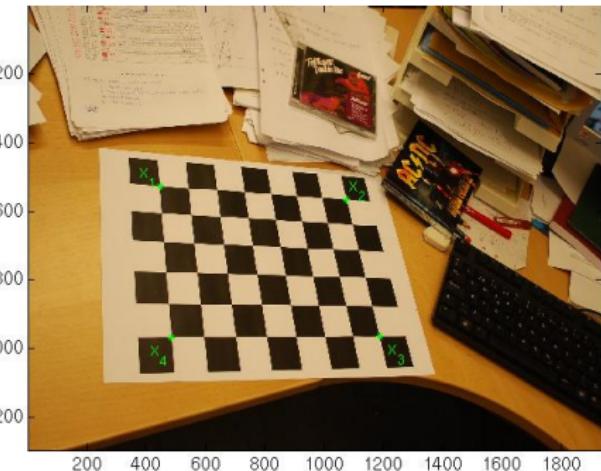
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Compute the homography by selecting (at least) 4 points, and solving  $\lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{y}_i$ .

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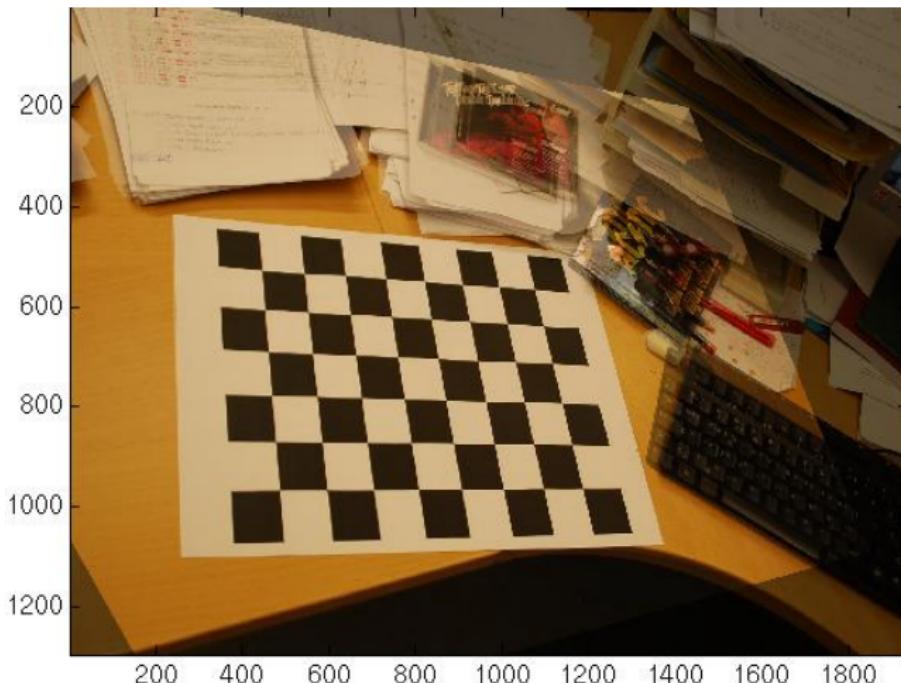
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Apply transformation to right image.  
(Uses matlab's imtransform.)

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Mean value of the two images. Points on the plane seem to agree.

# Today's Lecture

## Camera Calibration

- The inner parameters -  $K$
- Projective vs. Euclidean Reconstruction
- Finding the camera matrix
- Lens distortion

# The Inner Parameters - K

The matrix K is the upper triangular matrix:

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma f & sf & x_0 \\ 0 & f & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $f$  - focal length
- $\gamma$  - aspect ratio
- $s$  - skew
- $(x_0, y_0)$  - principal point

# The Inner Parameters - K

## The focal length $f$

$$\begin{pmatrix} fx \\ fy \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Re-scales the images/image coordinates (e.g. mm → pixels).

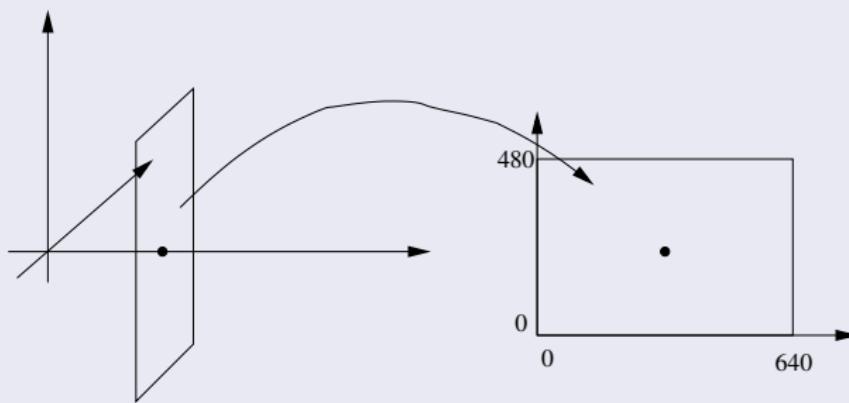
- Image point: 2D location on e.g.  $36 \times 24$ mm sensor
- First step of converting to sensor coordinates (in pixel)

# The Inner Parameters - K

The principal point  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} fx + x_0 \\ fy + y_0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 & x_0 \\ 0 & f & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Re-centers the image. Typically transforms the point  $(0, 0, 1)$  to the middle of the image.



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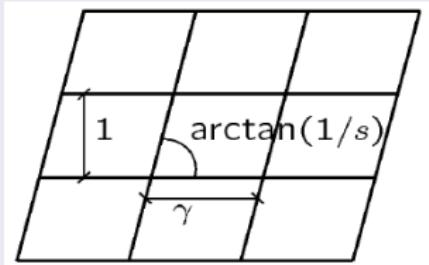
## Aspect ratio

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma f x + x_0 \\ f y + y_0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma f & 0 & x_0 \\ 0 & f & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pixels are not always squares but can be rectangular (rare nowadays). In such cases the scaling in the x-direction should be different from the y-direction.

## Skew

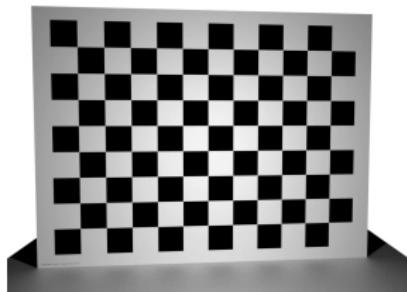
$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma f & sf & x_0 \\ 0 & f & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Corrects for tilted pixels. Typically zero.

# How to obtain K?

- Dedicated (off-line) camera calibration
  - Required for highest precision, e.g. photogrammetry



- Self-calibration
  - Find  $H$  such that  $PH = K(R \mid T)$
  - $K$  is upper triangular and  $R$  is a rotation matrix
  - Numerically very sensitive
- Approximate  $K$  from EXIF meta-data
  - The approach you take for your project

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- E.g. in a Linux terminal

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- 45mm is the 35mm equivalent
- Focal length in pixels:  $f = \text{X-Dimension} \times \frac{f_{35mm}}{35} \approx 2489$
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# Lens Distortion



Not modeled by the K-matrix.

Cannot be removed by a projective mapping since lines are not mapped onto lines  
(see Szeliski, Section 2.1.5 on Lens distortions).

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- Additional non-linearity after perspective division
- Forward distortion model (radially symmetric scaling)

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# Projective vs. Euclidean Reconstruction

## Calibrated Cameras

A camera

$$P = K(R \mid T),$$

where the calibration matrix/inner parameters  $K$  are known is called calibrated.  
If we change coordinates in the image using

$$\tilde{x} = K^{-1}x,$$

we get a so called normalized (calibrated) camera

$$\tilde{x} = K^{-1}K(R \mid T)\mathbf{X} = (R \mid T)\mathbf{X}.$$

# Projective vs. Euclidean Reconstruction

## Projective

The reconstruction is determined up to a projective transformation.

If  $\lambda \mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{X}$ , then for any projective transformation

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = H^{-1}\mathbf{X}$$

we have

$$\lambda \mathbf{x} = P H H^{-1} \mathbf{X} = (P H) (H^{-1} \mathbf{X}) = \tilde{P} \tilde{\mathbf{X}},$$

where  $\tilde{P} = PH$  is also a valid camera.

# Projective vs. Euclidean Reconstruction

Projective



Euclidean



Arc de triomphe, Paris

The reconstructions have exactly the same reprojections in the original images.  
But the projective coordinate system makes things look strange.

(Projective reconstructions can look really weird. The plane at infinity can be in the scene and separate the 3D model.)

# Discussion

- What properties are lost in a projective 3D reconstruction due to projective distortions?
- How can we upgrade a projective 3D reconstruction to a Euclidean one?  
(Hint: This can be done in many different ways.)

# Projective vs. Euclidean Reconstruction

## Euclidean

The reconstruction is determined up to a similarity transformation.

If  $\lambda \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{R} | \mathbf{T})\mathbf{X}$ , then for any similarity transformation

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} s\mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \mathbf{X}$$

we have

$$\frac{\lambda}{s} \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{R} | \mathbf{T}) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{v}/s \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 1/s \end{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{X}} = (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{Q} | \frac{1}{s}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{T})) \tilde{\mathbf{X}}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{Q}$  is a rotation this is a normalized camera.

- You have to scale the depth to preserve orthogonality of  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{Q}$ .

# Discussion

- For calibrated cameras, we do not have the projective ambiguity/distortions.  
Why?
- How can we upgrade a Euclidean 3D reconstruction with unknown scale to a metric one (that is, where the unit is metres)? (Hint: This can be done in many different ways.)

# Direct Linear Transformation – (Simplified) DLT

## Finding the camera matrix (camera resectioning)

Use images of a known object to eliminate the projective ambiguity. If  $\mathbf{X}_i$  are 3d-points of a known object, and  $\mathbf{x}_i$  corresponding projections we have

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 &= P \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2 &= P \mathbf{X}_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \lambda_N \mathbf{x}_N &= P \mathbf{X}_N.\end{aligned}$$

There are  $3N$  equations and  $11 + N$  unknowns. We need  $3N \geq 11 + N \Rightarrow N \geq 6$  points to solve the problem.

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## Matrix Formulation

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1^\top \\ p_2^\top \\ p_3^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $p_i$  are the rows of P. The first equation is

$$\mathbf{X}_1^\top p_1 - \lambda_1 x_1 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{X}_1^\top p_2 - \lambda_1 y_1 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{X}_1^\top p_3 - \lambda_1 = 0,$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_1 = (x_1, y_1, 1)$ . In matrix form this is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1^\top & 0 & 0 & -x_1 \\ 0 & \mathbf{X}_1^\top & 0 & -y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{X}_1^\top & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \\ \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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More equations:

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# Singular value decomposition

## Theorem

Each  $m \times n$  matrix  $M$  (with real coefficients) can be factorized into

$$M = USV^\top,$$

where  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal ( $m \times m$  and  $n \times n$  respectively),

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$  and  $r$  is the rank of the matrix.

- Solving  $\min_{\mathbf{v}: \|\mathbf{v}\|=1} \|M\mathbf{v}\|^2$ 
  - Compute SVD of  $M = U\Sigma V^\top$
  - Optimal solution  $\mathbf{v}^*$  is last column of  $V$
- See lecture notes

# Direct Linear Transformation – (Simplified) DLT

## Improving the Numerics (Normalization of uncalibrated cameras)

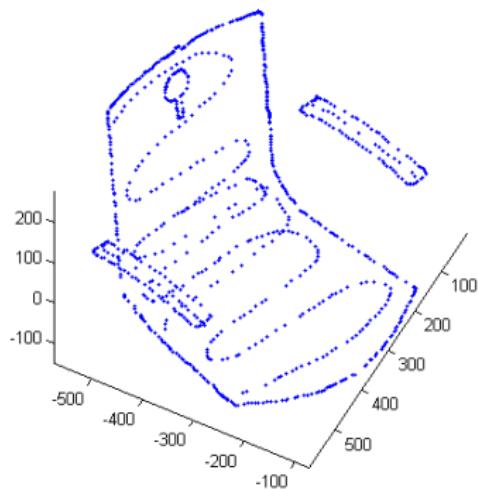
The matrix contains entries  $x_i, y_j$  and ones. Since  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  can be about a thousand, the numerics are often greatly improved by translating the coordinates such that their “center of mass” is zero and then rescaling the coordinates to be roughly 1.

- Change coordinates according to

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 & -s\bar{x} \\ 0 & s & -s\bar{y} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}.$$

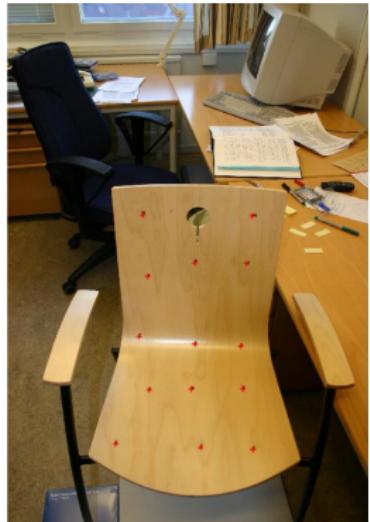
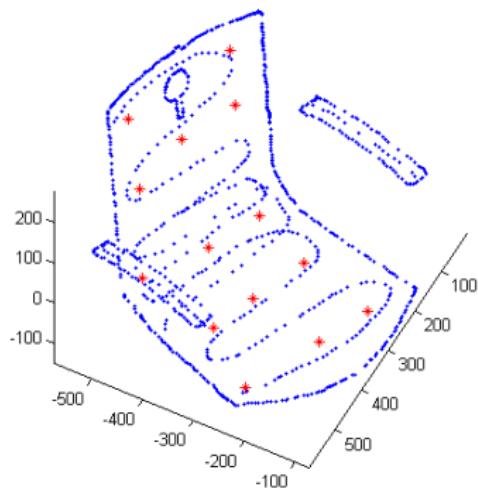
- Solve the homogeneous linear least squares system and transform back to the original coordinate system.
- Similar transformations for the 3D-points  $\mathbf{X}_i$  may also improve the results.

# Pose estimation using DLT



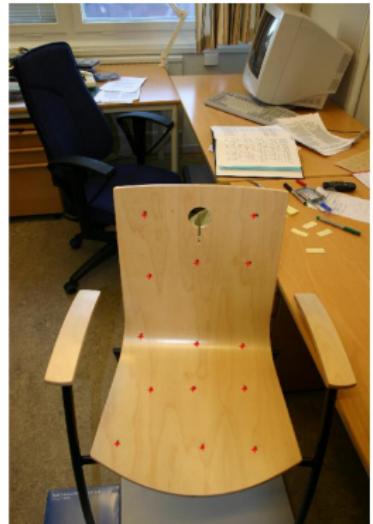
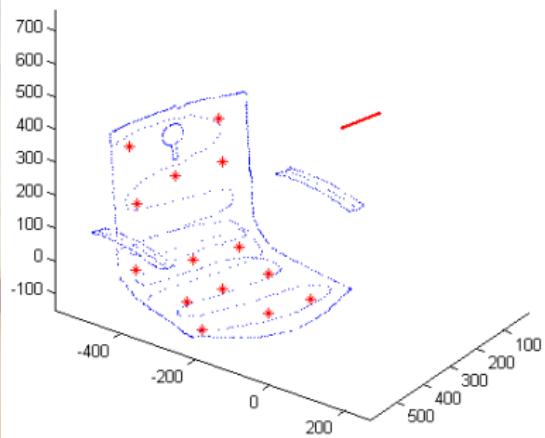
3D points measured using scanning arm.

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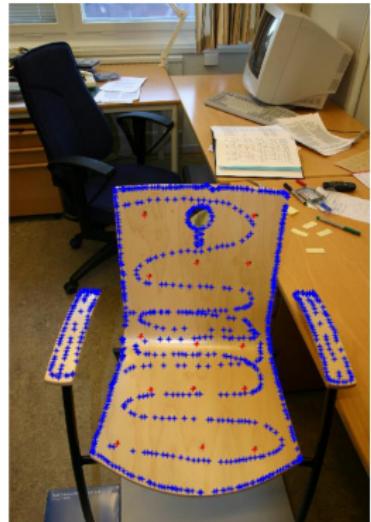
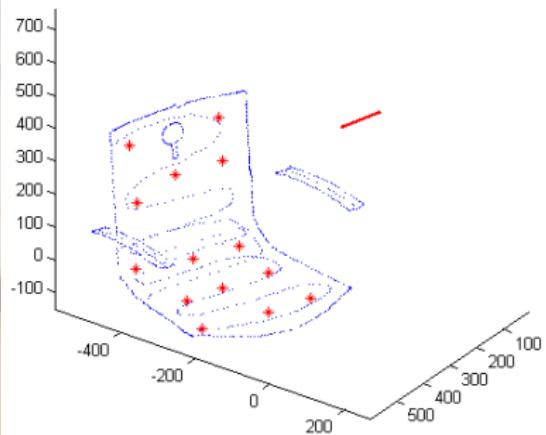
14 points used for computing the camera matrix.

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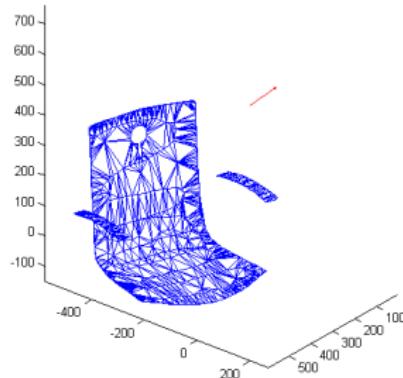
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# Texturing the chair



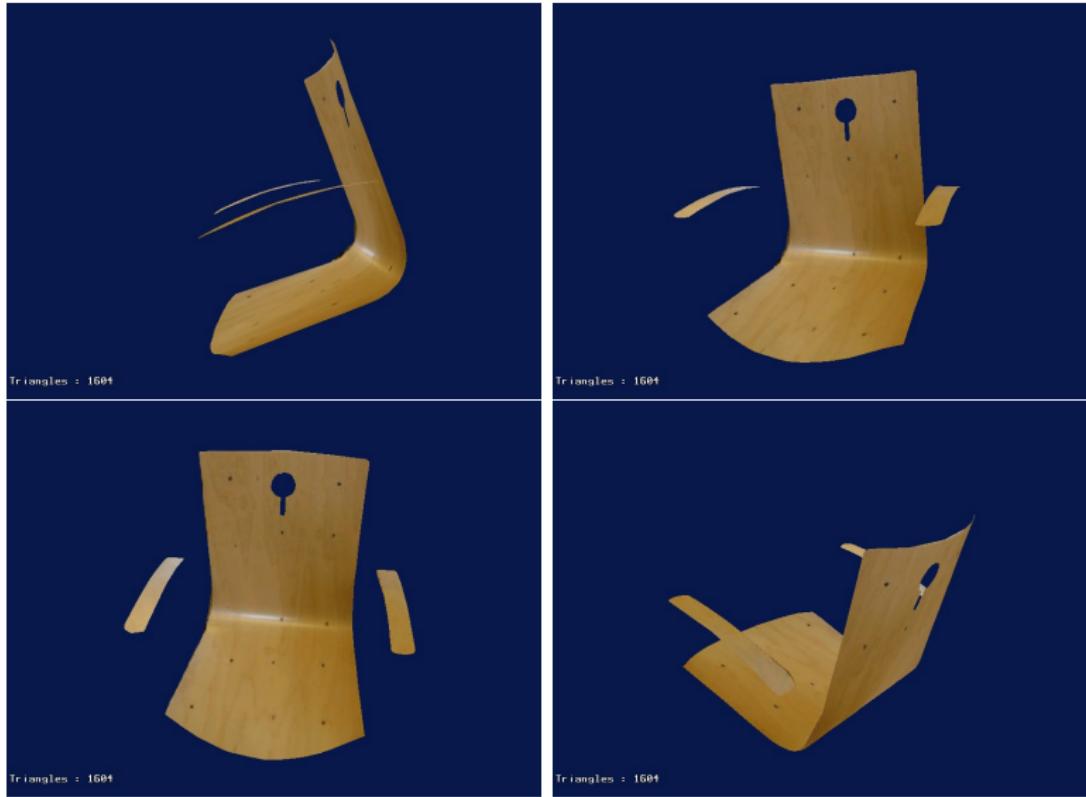
Project the rest of the points into the image.

# Texturing the chair



Form triangles. Use the texture from the image.

# Textured chair



# Direct Linear Transformation – (Simplified) DLT

## Disadvantages of the simplified DLT

- Need to compute SVD of  $3N \times (12 + N)$  matrix
  - Okay for  $N \approx 20$ , but what if  $N = 10000$ ?
- Standard DLT discussed next time: we eliminate all  $\lambda_i$ 
  - Now compute SVD of  $2N \times 12$  matrix
  - Or eigendecomposition of  $12 \times 12$  matrix
- Standard DLT also applicable to other problems

## Advantages of the simplified DLT

- You obtain camera matrix  $P$  and all depths  $\lambda_i$  in one step

# What about the calibrated setup?

- Known  $K$ , use  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_i$
- $P = (R \mid T)$  has 6 d.o.f. (why?)
- How to leverage/enforce additional constraints?
- Use constraints and use  $\geq 3$  correspondences (P3P)
- Use DLT on  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}_i$  to obtain  $\hat{P} = (\hat{R} \mid \hat{T})$ 
  - Find  $P = (R \mid T)$  close to  $\hat{P}$  such that  $R$  is a rotation matrix
  - E.g.  $R = UV^\top$  where  $\hat{R} = U\Sigma V^\top$
  - Optionally followed by local optimization (week 5)

# To do

- Work on assignment 1
- Lab session after this lecture: E-D2480, ES61, ES62 & ES63

More reading:

- Szeliski, Section 2.1.5 on Lens distortions.
- Szeliski, Section 7.1 on Feature detection and matching.