

# Implementation of Zhang's method

## Calibrate using Zhang procedure

In this script it is provided an implementation of Zhang's procedure to estimate perspective projection parameters  $P$ .

To estimate it, matrix  $K$  of intrinsic parameters and  $R, t$  (extrinsic parameters, corresponding to rotation, and translation corresponding to the rigid transformation from the world reference frame to the camera reference frame) are computed for each image.

```
% load checkerboard images
clear imageData

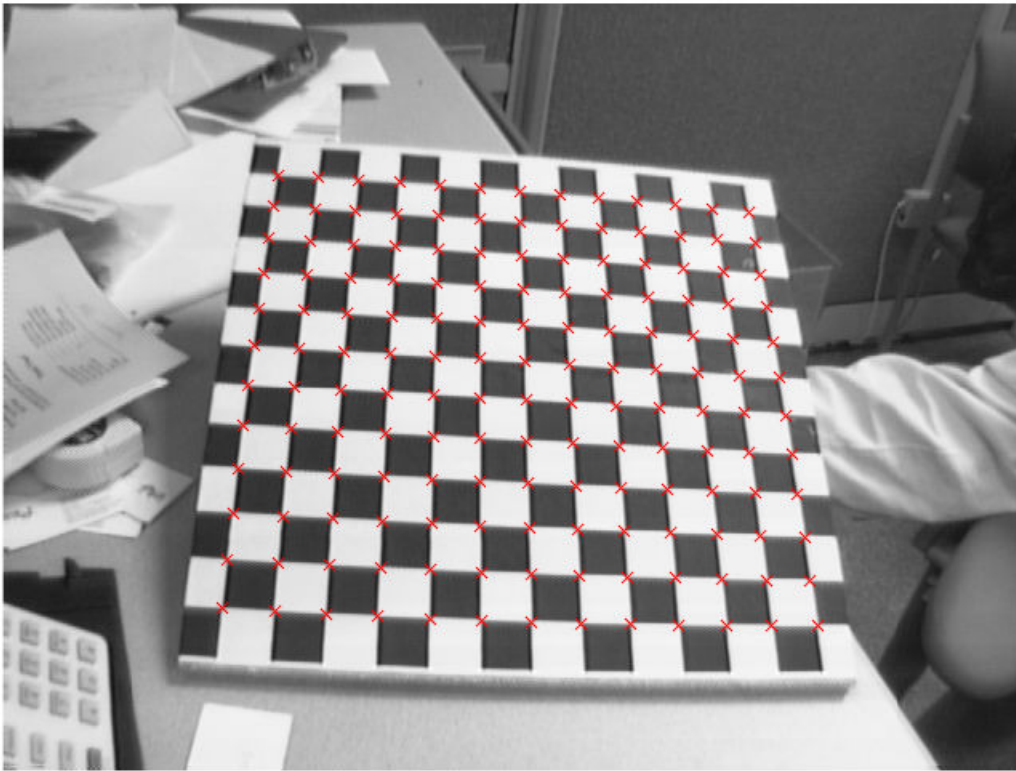
folder = 'images/';
a = dir('images/*.tif');
n = numel(a); % find number of files in folder

imageData(n) = struct();

for i = 1:n
    imageFileName = fullfile('images',['image' num2str(i) '.tif']);
    imageData(i).I = imread(imageFileName);
    % the flag 'PartialDetections' is needed otherwise
    % on few images it detects the wrong number of points
    imageData(i).XYpixel = detectCheckerboardPoints(imageData(i).I, ...
        'PartialDetections', false);
end

% show the detected points on an image of the dataset
figure

idx = 2; % here we choose the first one
imshow(imageData(idx).I, 'initialmagnification',200);
title(num2str(idx))
hold on
for j=1:size(imageData(idx).XYpixel,1)
    x = imageData(idx).XYpixel(j,1);
    y = imageData(idx).XYpixel(j,2);
    scatter(x,y, 'x', 'r')
end
```



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% it should be 12x13, the number of internal points of the checkerboard
fprintf('Points detected in image 2: %d', length(imageData(2).XYpixel))
```

Points detected in image 2: 156

The detected points are our 2D points in image reference frame  $m' = [u \ v \ 1]^T$ .

Now we want to assign the corresponding coordinates in  $mm$  with respect to world reference frame.

```
squaresize = 30; % mm
chessboardSize = [12,13];

for i=1:n
    XYpixel = imageData(i).XYpixel;

    clear Xmm Ymm
    for j=1:length(XYpixel)
        % this function based provides provides the row and
        % column position of each point in a matrix of given
        % size (whose measures are read as n. row and n. column)
        [row,col] = ind2sub(chessboardSize,j);

        % corresponding coordinates for each point in millimeters
```

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Xmm = (col-1)*squaresize;
Ymm = (row-1)*squaresize;

imageData(i).XYmm(j,:) = [Xmm, Ymm];

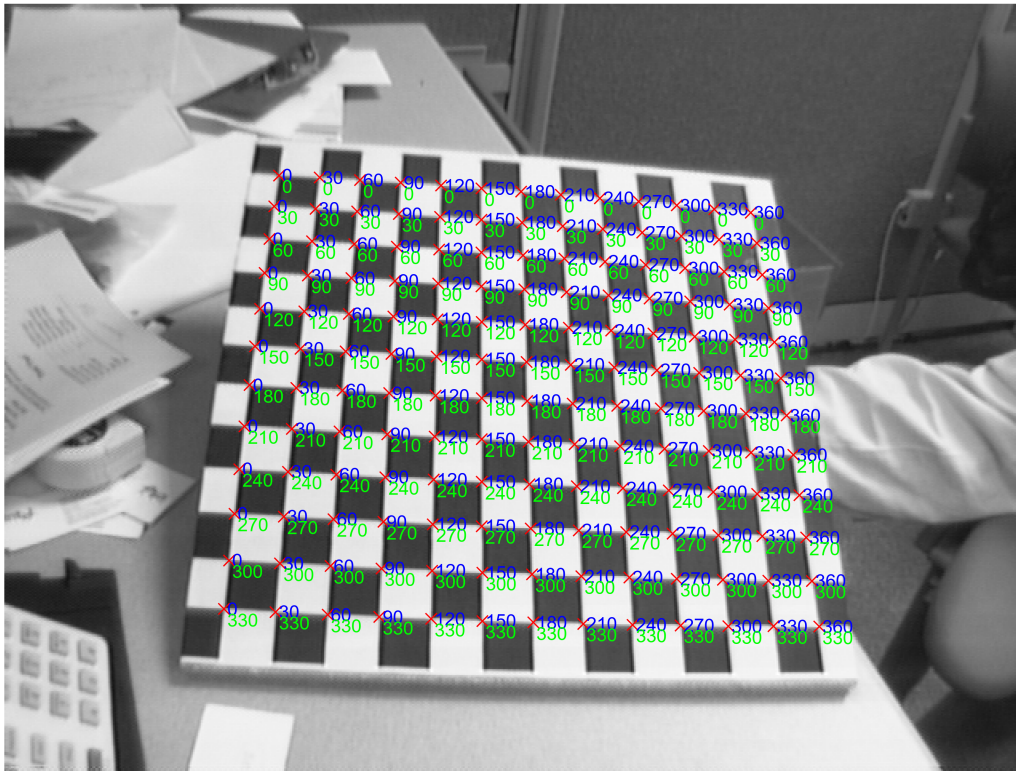
    end
end

% show previous image with detected points in mm
figure
idx = 2;
imshow(imageData(idx).I, 'initialmagnification',200);
title(num2str(idx))
hold on

XYpixel = imageData(idx).XYpixel;
XYmm = imageData(idx).XYmm;

for j=1:size(XYpixel,1)
    x = imageData(idx).XYpixel(j,1);
    y = imageData(idx).XYpixel(j,2);
    scatter(x,y, 'x', 'r');
    % text - size in mm
    hndtxtx = text(XYpixel(j,1)+2 ,XYpixel(j,2), num2str([XYmm(j,1)]));
    hndtxty = text(XYpixel(j,1)+2,XYpixel(j,2)+7, num2str([XYmm(j,2)]));
    set(hndtxtx,'fontsize',7,'color','blue'); %x coordinate is in blue
    set(hndtxty,'fontsize',7,'color','green'); %y coordinate is in green
end

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Given at least 4 pairs of original and projected points, a matrix  $H$ , corresponding to a homography, can be computed for each of our images via Direct Linear Transform (DLT).

The matrix we are going to estimate through the use of DLT, is matrix  $A$  of size  $2n \times 9$  since 9 is the size of column vector  $h$  and the equation we are going to exploit is:

$$A \cdot h = 0$$

eg. first row:  $[m^T \ 0^T \ -um'^T] = [x \ y \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -u \cdot x \ -u \cdot y \ -u]$

```
nUnknowns = 9; % size of vector h, homography

for idx=1:n
    XYpixel = imageData(idx).XYpixel;
    XYmm = imageData(idx).XYmm;

    A = zeros(2*length(XYpixel), nUnknowns); % size of A is 2n x 9

    for j=1:length(XYpixel)
        Xpixel=XYpixel(j,1); % u
        Ypixel=XYpixel(j,2); % v
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Xmm=XYmm(j,1); % x
Ymm=XYmm(j,2); % y

m = [Xmm; Ymm; 1];

% stack equations in matrices
O = [0; 0; 0];
A((j*2-1):j*2,:) = [m' 0' -Xpixel*m'; 0' m' -Ypixel*m'];

end

[~,~,V] = svd(A);
h=V(:,end);

imageData(idx).H = reshape(h, [3 3])';
end

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Once we have estimated matrices  $H$ , we proceed using Zhang procedure in order to obtain camera calibration parameters (intrinsics and extrinsics).

$$H = [h_1 \ h_2 \ h_3] = \lambda K [r_1 \ r_2 \ t]$$

From matrices  $H$  we have to extract the values of matrix  $B = (KK^T)^{-1}$ , from which we can obtain matrix  $K$  of **intrinsic parameters**.

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V = zeros(2*3,6); % we need just 3 images to estimate b

for idx=1:3
    % v
    v_11 = findV(1,1, imageData(idx).H);
    v_12 = findV(1,2, imageData(idx).H);
    v_22 = findV(2,2, imageData(idx).H);

    % stack all the equations
    V((idx*2-1):idx*2,:) = [v_12'; (v_11 - v_22)'];
end

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Having matrix  $V$ , we can get values of  $B$  by solving a linear system by linear least squares.

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% compute b, knowing that Vb = 0
[~,~,S] = svd(V);
b = S(:,end); % solve system using svd
b = b./b(6); % divide by scale factor

% B is a symmetric matrix defined by the six values of vector b

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B = zeros(3,3);

% vector b defined in Zhang's paper is: b = [B11, B12, B22, B13, B23, B33]T
% we exchange values in position 3 and 4 so that we can easily fill matrix B in order
% matrix B is symmetric
tmp = b(3);
b(3) = b(4);
b(4) = tmp;

k = 1;
for i=1:3
    for j=1:3
        if j < i
            B(i,j) = B(j,i);
        else
            B(i,j) = b(k);
            k = k+1;
        end
    end
end
end

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Now, we have  $B = (KK^T)^{-1}$  we find matrix  $L$ , such that  $B = LL^T$  by applying cholesky factorization.

Then we will have that  $K = (L^T)^{-1}$

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% compute matrix K, given that B = (K*K')^(-1)
K = inv(chol(B));

% get the proper scale of K
K = K./K(3,3);

fprintf("Matrix K of intrinsic parameters: ")

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Matrix K of intrinsic parameters:

K

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K = 3x3
    721.7389    3.5198   322.7910
         0   697.2862   171.2348
         0         0    1.0000

```

## Estimate perspective projection matrix for all the images

Now let's do what we have just done, but using all the images, so that the error on computing  $K$  will be small and we will have the matrix  $H$  for each image, which is necessary for computing the camera extrinsic.

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% a new struct data is returned containing previous information

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% and extrinsic parameters for each image
data = estimateCamParam(imageData);
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Let's do a quick check to see that previously computed matrix  $H$  is exactly  $\lambda \cdot P$ , where  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\|K^{-1}h_1\|}$  and it is already been saved of each image.

```
% for each image we should obtain
% H = lambda*P (excluding 3rd column of P)

data(1).H
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ans = 3x3
    0.0033    -0.0009    0.6838
    0.0003     0.0011    0.7296
    0.0000    -0.0000    0.0041
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data(1).lambda .* data(1).P
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ans = 3x4
    0.0033    -0.0009    0.0005    0.6838
    0.0003     0.0012    0.0031    0.7296
    0.0000    -0.0000    0.0000    0.0041
```

## Compute reprojection error

Choose one of the calibration images and compute the total reprojection error for all the grid points.

Plot estimated points and real points on the checkerboard image.

```
idx = 1; % choose first image
XYpixel = data(idx).XYpixel;
XYmm = data(idx).XYmm;

error = 0; % sum errors

figure
imshow(data(idx).I, 'initialmagnification',200);
title(num2str(idx))
hold on

for i=1:length(XYpixel)

    % coordinates of point in mm
    Xmm=XYmm(i,1);
    Ymm=XYmm(i,2);

    % 3D point m
    m = [Xmm; Ymm; 0; 1];

    P = data(idx).P;
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estimated_u = (P(1,:)*m)/(P(3,:)*m);
estimated_v = (P(2,:)*m)/(P(3,:)*m);

% compute the error wrt point visible points on the image
Xpixel=XYpixel(i,1);
Ypixel=XYpixel(i,2);
eu = estimated_u - Xpixel; % error on u
ev = estimated_v - Ypixel; % error on v

error = error + eu^2 + ev^2;

scatter(Xpixel,Ypixel, 'x', 'r');
scatter(estimated_u,estimated_v, 'x', 'b');
end

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fprintf("Sum of geomtric errors is: %d", error)
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Sum of geomtric errors is: 1.324210e+04



## Superimpose an object

Superimpose a cylinder to the calibration plane, in all the images employed for the calibration and obtain corresponding 2D representation.

The cylinder has center  $(x_0, y_0) = (150, 150)$ , height  $h = 150$  and radius  $r = 60$ .

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% when considering a 3D shape, we cannot use matrices Hs
% the z coordinates are not zeros and we need then to use full matrix P

figure

for idx=1:4
    subplot(2,2,idx);
    imshow(data(idx).I)
    hold on

    % measures
    d = 120; % diameter
    r = d/2;
    h = 150; % height

    % center
    x0=150;
    y0=150;

    % points to represent the circles
    n_points = 40;
    angle = pi/n_points;

    clear m
    % m will contain all the points of the two bases
    m = zeros(n_points*2, 4);
    for i = 1:n_points
        x = x0 + r.*cos(angle + (2*pi/n_points)*i);
        y = y0 + r.*sin(angle + (2*pi/n_points)*i);
        a = [x; y; 0; 1]; % point at the bottom of cylinder
        b = [x; y; h; 1]; % corresponding point at top

        m(i,:) = a; % bottom basis
        m(i+n_points,:) = b; % top basis
    end

    % compute corresponding points in the image reference frame
    projected = zeros(n_points*2, 3);
    for i = 1:length(m)
        res = data(idx).P*m(i,:);
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    if res(3) > 0
        if i > n_points % only for points which have z != 0
            m(i, 3) = -h;
        end
        res = data(idx).P*m(i,:);
        projected(i,:) = res./res(3);
    else
        projected(i,:) = res./res(3);
    end
end

x_bottom = projected(1:n_points,1);
y_bottom = projected(1:n_points,2);
x_top = projected(n_points+1:n_points*2,1);
y_top = projected(n_points+1:n_points*2,2);

% try to show the corpus of cylinder
% find rightmost and leftmost point
dist = zeros(n_points/2,1);
for s=1:n_points/2
    % distances of points at opposite sides (all the possible diameters)
    dist(s) = sqrt((x_bottom(s) - x_bottom(s+n_points/2)).^2 + ...
        (y_bottom(s) - y_bottom(s+n_points/2)).^2);
end
[~, i] = max(dist);
k = i + n_points/2;

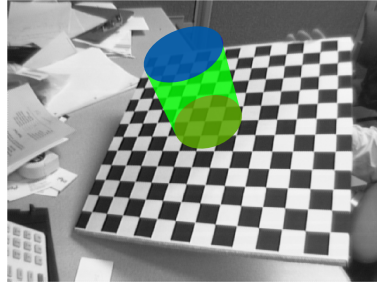
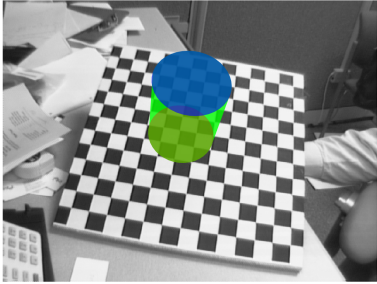
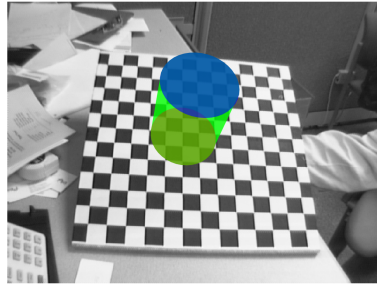
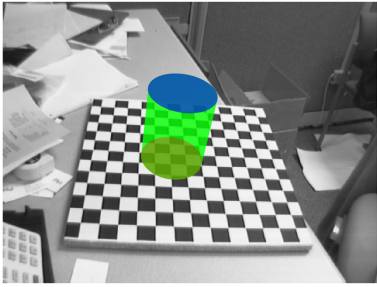
if (y_bottom(i) > y_top(i) && x_bottom(i) < x_bottom(k) ) || ...
    (y_bottom(i) < y_top(i) && x_bottom(i) > x_bottom(k))
    border_x = [x_bottom(i), x_top(i:k)', x_bottom(k:end)', x_bottom(1:i-1)'];
    border_y = [y_bottom(i), y_top(i:k)', y_bottom(k:end)', y_bottom(1:i-1)'];
else
    border_x = [x_top(i), x_bottom(i:k)', x_top(k:end)', x_top(1:i-1)'];
    border_y = [y_top(i), y_bottom(i:k)', y_top(k:end)', y_top(1:i-1)'];
end

patch(border_x, border_y, 'green', 'LineStyle','none', ...
    'FaceColor', 'green', 'FaceAlpha', 0.8);

% show basis
patch(x_bottom, y_bottom, 'red', 'LineStyle','none', ...
    'FaceColor', 'red', 'FaceAlpha', 0.3);
patch(x_top, y_top, 'blue', 'LineStyle','none', ...
    'FaceColor', 'blue', 'FaceAlpha', 0.6);

end

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Do the same for all the images and save results in 'cylinder\_projection' folder.

```
ImageFolder = strcat(pwd, '\cylinder_projection');  
superimposeCylinder(data, ImageFolder);
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