

Chapter 07 Flowchart of Single-camera Measurement (Theme 2)

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Can you tell me the diameter of the coin shown in the image?





- ☐ In this demo, the system detects persons and speed-bumps and outputs their horizon distances to the robot
- □ Only one camera is used

How to achieve this goal?

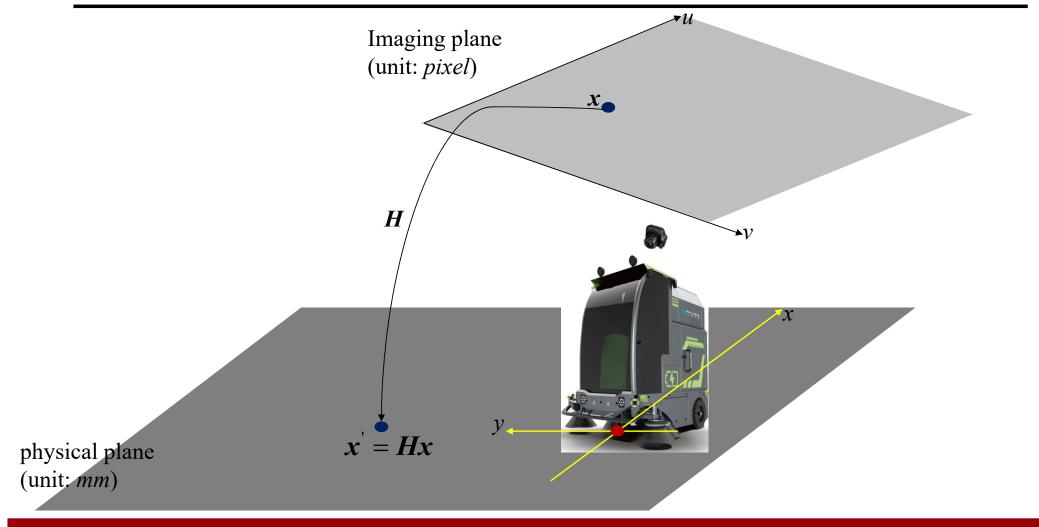


- To solve the aforementioned two problems, we need to have some assumptions
 - The object to be measured should locate on a (physical) plane
 - The imaging plane and the physical plane satisfy projective transformation, i.e., the imaging process should satisfy the ideal pin-hole camera model



There is a projective transformation matrix H linking the physical plane and the imaging plane. For a point x on the imaging plane, we can get its position on the physical plane as Hx





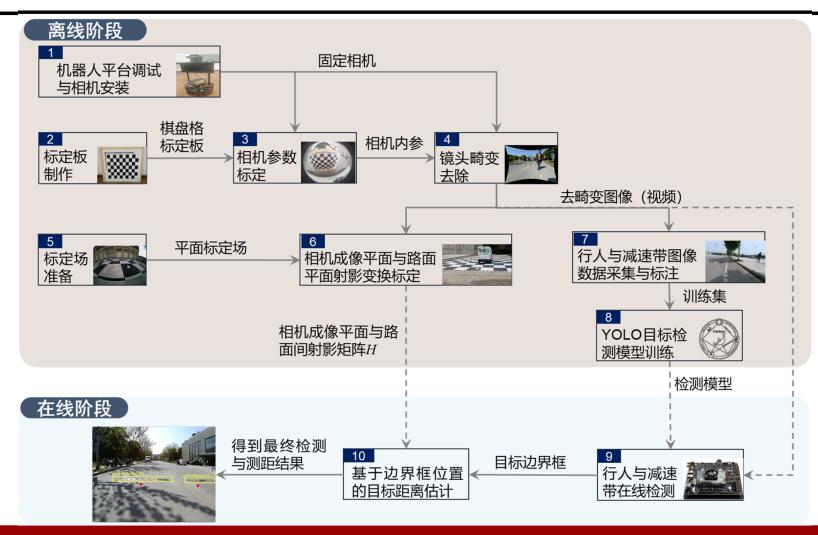


Steps for achieving single-camera measurement

- ✓ Calibrate the camera to get its intrinsic parameters
- ✓ With the intrinsic parameters, un-distort the images to make the imaging process satisfy the ideal pin-hole imaging model
- \checkmark With a set of marker-points (their positions on the physical plane are known, and their images on the (undistorted) imaging plane are also known), get H
- \checkmark With H, for any point on the imaging plane, we can get its position on the physical plane

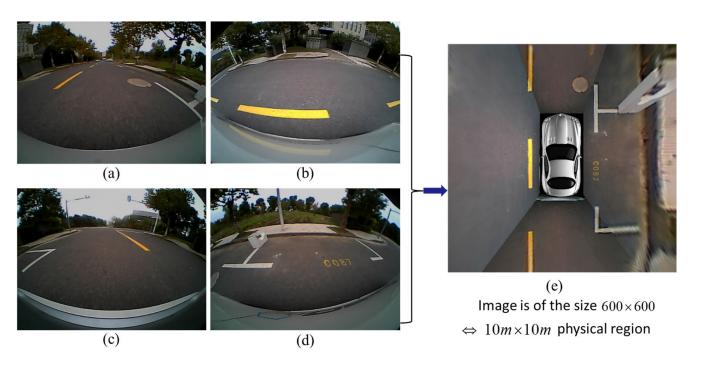


Pedestrian and speed-bump detection and distance measurement using a single-camera





One step further—Bird's-eye view



- ✓ With *H*, to go one step further, we can generate the bird's-eye view of the physical plane, which is very useful to perform detection and measurement of plane objects
- ✓ The geometric transformation between the physical plane and its bird's-eye view is a similarity transformation



Application examples





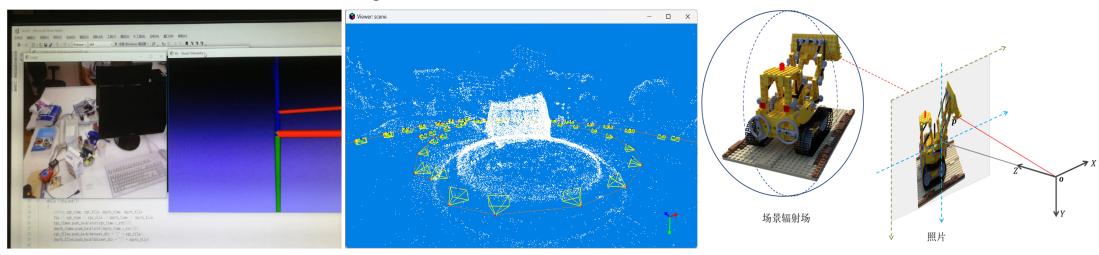
Application examples





More potential applications of camera intrinsics

- In this theme, we use the intrinsics to undistort images to make the imaging process satisfy the ideal pin-hole model; actually, camera intrinsics are indispensable in a wide range of applications
 - Visual odometry
 - Binocular vision
 - Multiple-view stereo
 - Radiance field rendering



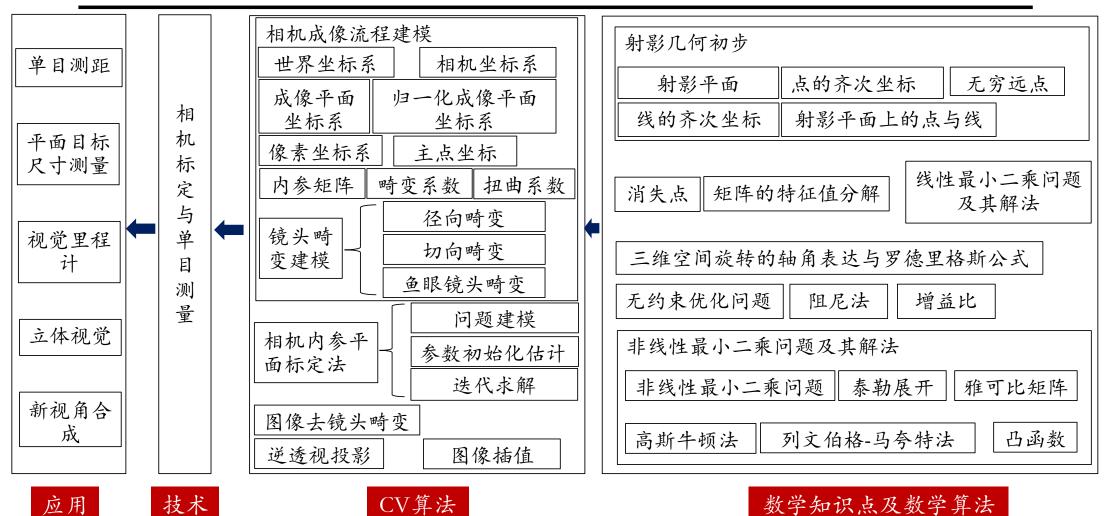


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- ✓ To study the camera calibration algorithm, we need to have some knowledge about projective geometry, which will be introduced in Chapter 8
- ✓ Camera calibration is a non-linear least-squares problem; Chapter 9 will formally defines such a kind of problem and the algorithms to solve it
- ✓ Imaging model and the camera calibration algorithm will be detailed in Chapter 10
- ✓ In Chapter 11, we will learn how to generate the bird's-eye view for the physical plane



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