

# RBE549 - Homework 12

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## Problem 1

In stereo imaging, if the rays defined by  $\vec{X}_L$  and  $\vec{X}_R$  do not intersect, we can find  $\vec{X}_W$  anyway by minimizing an error measure. One way to do this is to project  $\vec{X}_W$  into the left and the right image planes to give  $\vec{X}'_L$  and  $\vec{X}'_R$ . The error  $E$  is defined as the squared difference between the observed image points  $\vec{X}_L$ ,  $\vec{X}_R$  and the projected points  $\vec{X}'_L$  and  $\vec{X}'_R$ .

### A

In this problem, we are asked to show that for the simplified parallel optical axis camera geometry used in class where  $\vec{f} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ ,  $R = I$ ,  $\vec{T} = \pm \frac{\vec{B}}{2}$ .

We accomplish this by starting with the given definition of error:

$$E = |\vec{X}'_L - \vec{X}_L|^2 + |\vec{X}'_R - \vec{X}_R|^2 \quad (1)$$

...which we can expand the definition to mean literally:

$$E = (x'_L - x_L)^2 + (y'_L - y_L)^2 + (z'_L - z_L)^2 + (x'_R - x_R)^2 + (y'_R - y_R)^2 + (z'_R - z_R)^2 \quad (2)$$

Since we know that  $X'_L$  and  $X'_R$  are projections we can use the imaging equation with an offset for the camera from  $x_W$  by  $\pm \frac{b}{2}$ .

$$x'_R = \frac{f}{z_W} \left( x^W - \frac{b}{2} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$y'_R = \frac{f}{z_W} (y^W) \quad (4)$$

$$x'_L = \frac{f}{z_W} \left( x^W + \frac{b}{2} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$y'_L = \frac{f}{z_w} (y^W) \quad (6)$$

...this allows us to do some introductions:

$$E = \left( \frac{f}{z_W} \left( x^W + \frac{b}{2} \right) - x_L \right)^2 + \left( \frac{f}{z_W} (y^W) - y_L \right)^2 + (z'_L - z_L)^2 + \left( \frac{f}{z_W} \left( x^W - \frac{b}{2} \right) - x_R \right)^2 + \left( \frac{f}{z_W} (y^W) - y_R \right)^2 + (z'_R - z_R)^2 \quad (7)$$

...and we can note that  $z'_L = z_L$  and  $z'_R = z_R$ :

$$E = \left( \frac{f}{z_W} \left( x^W + \frac{b}{2} \right) - x_L \right)^2 + \left( \frac{f}{z_W} (y^W) - y_L \right)^2 + \left( \frac{f}{z_W} \left( x^W - \frac{b}{2} \right) - x_R \right)^2 + \left( \frac{f}{z_W} (y^W) - y_R \right)^2 \quad (8)$$

## B

In this problem, we are asked to show that, by differentiating  $E$  with respect to  $x^W$  and  $y^W$ , to show that:

$$x^W = \frac{x_L + x_R}{2} \frac{z^W}{f}, y^W = \frac{y_L + y_R}{2} \frac{z^W}{f} \quad (9)$$

To do this, we take the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^W} E$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y^W} E$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^W} E = \frac{2f}{z^W} \left( \frac{f}{z^W} (x^W + \frac{b}{2}) - x_L \right) + \frac{2f}{z^W} \left( \frac{f}{z^W} (x^W - \frac{b}{2}) - x_R \right) \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^W} E = \frac{2f}{z^W} \left( \frac{2}{z^W} x^W - x_L - x_R \right) \quad (11)$$

...We can do a similar approach for our  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y^W} E$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y^W} E = \frac{2f}{z^W} \left( \frac{f}{z^W} (y^W + \frac{b}{2}) - y_L \right) + \frac{2f}{z^W} \left( \frac{f}{z^W} (y^W - \frac{b}{2}) - y_R \right) \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y^W} E = \frac{2f}{z^W} \left( \frac{2}{z^W} y^W - y_L - y_R \right) \quad (13)$$

Since these are errors, we set them to 0 for minimizing:

$$0 = \frac{2f}{z^W} \left( \frac{2}{z^W} x^W - x_L - x_R \right) \quad (14)$$

$$0 = \frac{2}{z^W} x^W - x_L - x_R \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{2}{z^W} x^W = x_L + x_R \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{x_L + x_R}{2} \frac{z^W}{f} = x^W \quad (17)$$

...and similarly, we'd find for  $y^W$ :

$$\frac{y_L + y_R}{2} \frac{z^W}{f} = y^W \quad (18)$$

## C

In this problem, we are asked to show that

$$z^W = \frac{fb}{\Delta x} \quad (19)$$

...concluding that

$$\vec{X}^W = \vec{X}_{AVG} \frac{|\vec{B}|^2}{\vec{B}\vec{\Delta}} \quad (20)$$

We begin by looking at our function  $E$  again:

$$E = \left( \frac{f}{z^W} (x^W + \frac{b}{2}) - x_L \right)^2 + \left( \frac{f}{z^W} (y^W) - y_L \right)^2 + \left( \frac{f}{z^W} (x^W - \frac{b}{2}) - x_R \right)^2 + \left( \frac{f}{z^W} (y^W) - y_R \right)^2 \quad (21)$$

...and then take the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z^W} E$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z^W} E = \frac{2f}{z^W} \left( \frac{f}{z^W} (x^W + \frac{b}{2}) - x_L \right) (x^W + \frac{b}{2}) + \frac{2f}{z^W} \left( \frac{f}{z^W} y^W - y_L \right) y^W + \frac{2f}{z^W} \left( \frac{f}{z^W} (x^W - \frac{b}{2}) - x_R \right) (x^W - \frac{b}{2}) + \frac{2f}{z^W} (y^W - y_R) y^W \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^W} E = \frac{2f}{z^W} & \left( \left( \left( \frac{f}{z^W} x^W + \frac{f}{z^W} \frac{b}{2} \right) - x_L \right) (x^W + \frac{b}{2}) + \left( \left( \frac{f}{z^W} y^W - y_L \right) y^W + \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left( \left( \frac{f}{z^W} x^W - \frac{f}{z^W} \frac{b}{2} \right) - x_R \right) (x^W - \frac{b}{2}) + \left( \left( \frac{f}{z^W} y^W - \frac{f}{z^W} \frac{b}{2} \right) - y_R \right) (y^W) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2f}{z^W} & \left( \left( \frac{f}{z^W} x^{W^2} + \frac{f}{z^W} \frac{b}{2} x^W - x_L x^W \right) + \left( \frac{b}{2} \frac{f}{z^W} x^W + \frac{f}{z^W} \frac{b^2}{4} - \frac{b}{2} x_L \right) + \left( \frac{f}{z^W} y^{W^2} + \frac{f}{z^W} \frac{b}{2} y^W - y_L y^W \right) + \right. \\ & \left. \left( \frac{f}{z^W} x^{W^2} - \frac{f}{z^W} \frac{b}{2} x^W - x^W x_R \right) + \left( -\frac{f}{z^W} \frac{b}{2} x^W + \frac{f}{z^W} \frac{b^2}{4} + \frac{b}{2} x_R \right) \left( \frac{f}{z^W} y^{W^2} - \frac{f}{z^W} \frac{b}{2} y^W - y_R y^W \right) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

We can then gather like terms, factor out  $\frac{2f}{z^W}$ , and set to 0:

$$0 = \frac{2f}{z^W} (x^{W^2} + y^{W^2}) - x^W (x_L + x_R) - y^W (y_L + y_R) + \frac{fb^2}{2z^W} + \frac{x_R b}{2} - \frac{x_L b}{2} \quad (25)$$

...if you recall, we can use our equation replacements from part B here:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \frac{2f}{z^W} & \left( \left( \frac{x_L + x_R}{2} \frac{z^W}{f} \right) + \left( \frac{y_L + y_R}{2} \frac{z^W}{f} \right) - \left( \frac{x_L + x_R}{2} \frac{z^W}{f} \right) (x_L + x_R) - \right. \\ & \left. \left( \frac{y_L + y_R}{2} \frac{z^W}{f} \right) (y_L + y_R) + \frac{fb^2}{2z^W} + \frac{x_R b}{2} - \frac{x_L b}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

We can simplify, due to massive cancellations, to:

$$0 = \frac{fb^2}{2z^W} + \frac{x_R b}{2} - \frac{x_L b}{2} \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{fb}{z^W} = x_L - x_R \quad (28)$$

$$z^W = \frac{fb}{x_L - x_R} \quad (29)$$

We can define  $\Delta x = x_L - x_R$ :

$$z^W = \frac{fb}{\Delta x} \quad (30)$$

We can then plug into our definitions from above:

$$\vec{X}^W = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_L + x_R}{2} \frac{z^W}{f} \\ \frac{y_L + y_R}{2} \frac{z^W}{f} \\ \frac{fb}{\Delta x} \end{bmatrix} \quad (31)$$

We can pull out the  $\frac{z^W}{f}$ :

$$\vec{X}^W = \frac{z^W}{f} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_L + x_R}{2} \\ \frac{y_L + y_R}{2} \\ \frac{fb}{\Delta x} \frac{f}{z^W} \end{bmatrix} \quad (32)$$

As we stated before,  $f = \frac{z_L + z_R}{2}$ , so:

$$\vec{X}^W = \frac{fb}{\Delta x} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_L + x_R}{2} \\ \frac{y_L + y_R}{2} \\ \frac{z_L + z_R}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (33)$$

...which can be expressed as what we set out to show:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x^W \\ y^W \\ z^W \end{bmatrix} = \vec{X}_{AVG} \frac{|\vec{B}|^2}{B \Delta x} \quad (34)$$

## 1 Problem 2

Another way to determine distance when  $\vec{X}_L$  and  $\vec{X}_R$  do not intersect is to find the point  $\vec{X}^W$  closest to the rays  $\vec{X}_L$  and  $\vec{X}_R$ . Here we define the left image ray as:

$$\vec{X}_L^W = -\frac{\vec{B}}{2} + l\vec{X}_L, 0 \leq l \quad (35)$$

...and the right image ray as:

$$\vec{X}_R^W = \frac{\vec{B}}{2} + r\vec{X}_R, 0 \leq r \quad (36)$$

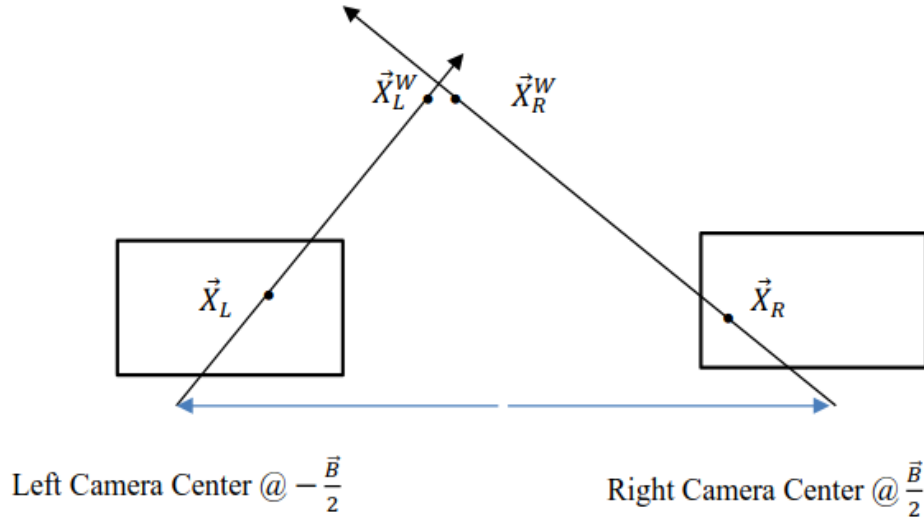


Figure 1: Problem 2

The goal is to find points  $X_L^W$  and  $X_R^W$  on the left and right image rays that are closest to each other; the point equidistant between them is the desired  $\vec{X}^W$ . We can find these points by minimizing:

$$\min_{l,r} |\vec{X}_L^W - \vec{X}_R^W| \quad (37)$$

...show that the solution is given by:

$$\vec{X}^W = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(|\vec{X}_R|^2(\vec{X}_L\vec{B}) - (\vec{X}_L\vec{X}_R)(\vec{X}_R\vec{B}))\vec{X}_L + ((\vec{X}_L\vec{X}_R)(\vec{X}_L\vec{B}) - |\vec{X}_L|^2(\vec{X}_R\vec{B}))\vec{X}_R}{|\vec{X}_L|^2|\vec{X}_R|^2 - (\vec{X}_L\vec{X}_R)^2} \quad (38)$$

To approach this, we will start by taking the  $\partial l$  and  $\partial r$ , then set it equal to 0. Starting with  $|\vec{X}_L^W - \vec{X}_R^W|^2$ , we can substitute:

$$|(-\frac{\vec{B}}{2} + l\vec{X}_L) - (\frac{\vec{B}}{2} + r\vec{X}_R)|^2 \quad (39)$$

$$(-\frac{\vec{B}}{2} + l\vec{X}_L)^2 - 2(-\frac{\vec{B}}{2} + l\vec{X}_L)(\frac{\vec{B}}{2} + r\vec{X}_R) + (\frac{\vec{B}}{2} + r\vec{X}_R)^2 \quad (40)$$

We can fenagle this with algebra to get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{|\vec{B}|^2}{2} - \vec{B}l\vec{X}_L + l^2|\vec{X}_L|^2 + \frac{2|\vec{B}|^2}{4} - l\vec{X}_L\vec{B} + \vec{B}r\vec{X}_R \\ & - 2l\vec{X}_Lr\vec{X}_R + \frac{|\vec{B}|^2}{4} + \vec{B}r\vec{X}_R + r^2|\vec{X}_R|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

$$|\vec{B}|^2 - 2\vec{B}\vec{X}_L + l^2|\vec{X}_L|^2 - 2l(\vec{X}_L\vec{X}_R) + 2r(\vec{B}\vec{X}_R) + r^2|\vec{X}_R|^2 \quad (42)$$

Now we take  $\partial l$  of above:

$$0 = -2\vec{B}\vec{X}_L + 2l|\vec{X}_L|^2 - 2r\vec{X}_L\vec{X}_R \quad (43)$$

Now we solve for  $r$ :

$$r = \frac{2\vec{B}\vec{X}_L - 2l|\vec{X}_L|^2}{-2\vec{X}_L\vec{X}_R} \quad (44)$$

We can now subsitute to solve:

$$\frac{2\vec{B}\vec{X}_L - 2l|\vec{X}_L|^2}{-2\vec{X}_L\vec{X}_R} = \frac{2l\vec{X}_L\vec{X}_R - 2\vec{B}\vec{X}_r}{2|\vec{X}_R|^2} \quad (45)$$

Solving for  $l$  in MATLAB:

$$l = \frac{(|\vec{X}_R|^2(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{X}_L) - (\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{X}_r))}{|\vec{X}_R|^2|\vec{X}_L|^2 - (\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)^2} \quad (46)$$

$$l = \frac{2(\vec{X}_R \cdot \vec{B}) + 2r|\vec{X}_R|^2}{2(\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)} \quad (47)$$

and having MATLAB solve for  $r$ :

$$r = \frac{(\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)(\vec{X}_L\vec{B}) - |\vec{X}_L|^2(\vec{X}_R \cdot \vec{B})}{|\vec{X}_L|^2|\vec{X}_R|^2 - (\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)^2} \quad (48)$$

We can then subsitute this back into our equations for  $\vec{X}_{L/R}^W$ :

$$\vec{X}_R^W = \frac{B}{2} + \frac{(\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)(\vec{X}_L\vec{B}) - |\vec{X}_L|^2(\vec{X}_R \cdot \vec{B})}{|\vec{X}_L|^2|\vec{X}_R|^2 - (\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)^2} \vec{X}_R \quad (49)$$

$$\vec{X}_L^W = -\frac{B}{2} + \frac{(\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)(\vec{X}_L\vec{B}) - |\vec{X}_L|^2(\vec{X}_R \cdot \vec{B})}{|\vec{X}_L|^2|\vec{X}_R|^2 - (\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)^2} \vec{X}_L \quad (50)$$

Since we're looking for the midway point, it'd be defined as  $\frac{1}{2}$  between these:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{B}{2} + \frac{(\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)(\vec{X}_L\vec{B}) - |\vec{X}_L|^2(\vec{X}_R \cdot \vec{B})}{|\vec{X}_L|^2|\vec{X}_R|^2 - (\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)^2} \vec{X}_L + \frac{B}{2} + \frac{(\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)(\vec{X}_L\vec{B}) - |\vec{X}_L|^2(\vec{X}_R \cdot \vec{B})}{|\vec{X}_L|^2|\vec{X}_R|^2 - (\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)^2} \vec{X}_R \right) \quad (51)$$

...and our  $\frac{\pm\vec{B}}{2}$  cancels:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)(\vec{X}_L\vec{B}) - |\vec{X}_L|^2(\vec{X}_R \cdot \vec{B})}{|\vec{X}_L|^2|\vec{X}_R|^2 - (\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)^2} \vec{X}_L + \frac{(\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)(\vec{X}_L\vec{B}) - |\vec{X}_L|^2(\vec{X}_R \cdot \vec{B})}{|\vec{X}_L|^2|\vec{X}_R|^2 - (\vec{X}_L \cdot \vec{X}_R)^2} \vec{X}_R \right) \quad (52)$$

...which is what we sought to find!