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1 Q1

1.1 Q1.1

Let us not think about image planes for just a moment. Say P is some 3D point on a plane Π (Figure 1). We also assign a coordinate frame Π , and we can use a 4x4 homogeneous transform matrix H_{Π}^{C1} to express point P in another frame that we will label C1. We can also do this for yet another frame C2 with H_{Π}^{C2} . These transform matrices encapsulate 3D rotations and translations, and are invertible. If we know P in frame C2 (call it P^{C2}) , we can express it in frame C1 as $P^{C1} = H_{\Pi}^{C1} H_{C2}^{\Pi} P^{C2}$. Because we know how to multiply matrices, we can collapse H_{Π}^{C1} and H_{C2}^{Π} into one 4x4 matrix H_{C2}^{C1} .

Since we are arbitrarily assigning frames to things, we say that the Z axis of our Π frame is normal to the Π plane, and the plane is at $Z=0$. The consequence of this is that during coordinate transformations the Z value of a point on Π is always 0, meaning the third column of H_{C2}^{C1} does absolutely nothing and we can throw it away. Also, we would like to convert to homogeneous 2d coordinates, so the last row of H_{C2}^{C1} can also be thrown away.

$$H_{C2}^{C1} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} & h_{14} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} & h_{24} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} & h_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow H_{2d} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{14} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{24} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So what does this mean? This means we can map a point on a fixed plane from a camera frame to a different camera frame with a 3x3 transform matrix. The camera projection matrices M1 or M2 can then be used to map to and from the cameras' respective image planes in homogeneous coordinates, and X,Y values extracted.

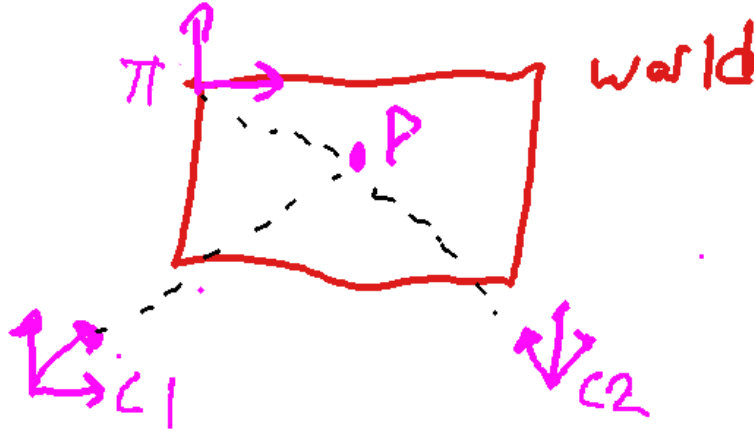


Figure 1: Camera Frames observing point on plane

1.2 Q1.2

In section 1.1, we proved that a 3x3 homography matrix \mathbf{H} exists to map a point on a plane in the world frame from one image plane to another. Part of that process involves using the camera projection matrices \mathbf{M}_1 and \mathbf{M}_2 . These matrices are a function of intrinsic camera parameters and external world reference parameters. The same applies here, except that \mathbf{M}_1 must be derived as

$$\mathbf{M}_1 = \mathbf{K}_1 [\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{0}]$$

And \mathbf{M}_2 derived as

$$\mathbf{M}_2 = \mathbf{K}_2 [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{0}]$$

With \mathbf{M}_1 and \mathbf{M}_2 in hand, the proof in section 1.1 shows that \mathbf{H} exists.

1.3 Q1.3

1.3.1 Q1.3.1

Consider a transform matrix \mathbf{H} that maps a point from one image plane to another image plane. Ignoring all other frames (camera , world, or otherwise) , 6 degrees of freedom are required to describe the rotation and translation from one frame to another (3 for translation, 3 for rotation). In the case of cameras, changes in focal length will create a scaling effect in the X and Y directions, which amounts to 2 degrees of freedom. All in, that \mathbf{H} has 8 degrees of freedom.

1.3.2 Q1.3.2

Each image point contains two pieces of information. 4 points are therefore required to solve for the transformation matrix described in the preceeding subsection.

1.3.3 Q1.3.3

$$\mathbf{x}_1^i = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2^i = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1^i = \alpha \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}_2^i = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_2^i$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1^i = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha(h_{11}x + h_{12}y + h_{13}) \\ \alpha(h_{21}x + h_{22}y + h_{23}) \\ \alpha(h_{31}x + h_{32}y + h_{33}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} (h_{31}x + h_{32}y + h_{33})x' \\ (h_{31}x + h_{32}y + h_{33})y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (h_{11}x + h_{12}y + h_{13}) \\ (h_{21}x + h_{22}y + h_{23}) \end{bmatrix} \\
& \begin{bmatrix} (h_{31}x + h_{32}y + h_{33})x' - (h_{11}x + h_{12}y + h_{13}) \\ (h_{31}x + h_{32}y + h_{33})y' - (h_{21}x + h_{22}y + h_{23}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
& \begin{bmatrix} -h_{11}x - h_{12}y - h_{13} + 0 + 0 + 0 + h_{31}xx' + h_{32}yx' + h_{33}x' \\ 0 + 0 + 0 - h_{21}x - h_{22}y - h_{23} + h_{31}xy' + h_{32}yy' + h_{33}y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
& \mathbf{h} = [h_{11} \quad h_{12} \quad h_{13} \quad h_{21} \quad h_{22} \quad h_{23} \quad h_{31} \quad h_{32} \quad h_{33}]^T \\
& \mathbf{A}_i = \begin{bmatrix} -x - y - 1 + 0 + 0 + 0 + xx' + yx' + x' \\ 0 + 0 + 0 - x - y - 1 + xy' + yy' + y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
& \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}
\end{aligned}$$

1.4 Q1.4

Consider a camera with static intrinsic parameters. If the camera is rotated around its center C (origin of the camera frame), then the homography matrix \mathbf{H} simply defines a rotation around C. If \mathbf{H} is parameterized by an angle θ , then rotating by θ twice (2θ) is the same as multiplying by \mathbf{H} twice which is simply \mathbf{H}^2 .

1.5 Q1.5

Planar homography fails in cases where points are obfuscated in some views and visible in others. Planar homography also relies on the existence of some plane exists in an image, which is not a guarantee.

1.6 Q1.6