CS-512 – Assignment 1

Image formation and OpenCV

Due by: February 6, 2023

Review questions

Answer the following questions. Make sure that your answers are concise. In questions requiring explanation, make sure your explanation is brief.

1. Geometric image formation:

- (a) Let f=10 be the focal length of a camera. Let p=(3,2,1) be a world point. Find the coordinate of the point p when projecting it onto the image. Assume that the projection is done in camera coordinates so there is no need for a transformation between coordinate systems.
- (b) Explain the difference between the pinhole camera model where the image plane is behind the center of projection and the pinhole camera model where the image plane is in front of the center of projection. Which model corresponds better to a physical pinhole camera model? How is the other model justified?
- (c) Explain what happens to the projection of an object when the focal length gets bigger and what happens to the projection when the distance to the object gets bigger.
- (d) Given the 2D point (1,1) find its coordinates in homogeneous coordinates (2DH). Find another 2DH point that corresponds to the same 2D point.
- (e) Give the 2DH point (1,1,2), find the 2D point corresponding to it.
- (f) Explain the meaning of the 2DH point (1,1,0).
- (g) Explain what makes it possible to write the non-linear projection equation as a linear equation in homogeneous coordinates.
- (h) Given the projection matrix M = K[I|0] write the dimensions of M and the sub-matrices K,I,0.
- (i) Given a projection matrix M whose rows are [1,2,3,4], [5,6,7,8], [1,2,1,2], and a 3D point P=[1,2,3], find the coordinate of the 2D point p obtained by projecting P using M.

2. Modeling transformations:

- (a) Given the point (1,1) find its coordinates after translating it by (2,3). Perform the computation using a transformation matrix.
- (b) Given the point (1,1) find its coordinates after scaling it by (2,2). Perform the computation using a transformation matrix.
- (c) Given the point (1,1) find its coordinates after rotating it by 45 degrees.
- (d) Given the point (1,1) find its coordinates after rotating it by 45 degrees about the point (2,2).

- (e) Given that I want first to rotate an object using a matrix R and then translate it using a matrix T, what should be the combined matrix (expressed in terms of R and T) that needs to be applied to the object.
- (f) Let M be a 2D transformation matrix in homogeneous coordinates whose rows are [3,0,0],[0,2,0],[0,0,1]. What is the effect of applying this matrix to transform a point p.
- (g) Let M be a 2D transformation matrix in homogeneous coordinates whose rows are [1,0,1],[0,1,2],[0,0,1]. What is the effect of applying this matrix to transform a point p.
- (h) Let M be a 2D transformation matrix in homogeneous coordinates whose rows are [3,0,0],[0,2,0],[0,0,1]. What is the transformation matrix will reverse the effects of this transformation?
- (i) Let M=R(45)T(1,2) be a transformation matrix in homogeneous coordinates composed of rotation by 45 degrees and a translation by (1,2). Express the inverse of this transformation in terms a rotation and translation matrix.
- (j) Find a vector which is perpendicular to the vector (1,3).
- (k) find the projection of the vector (1,3) onto the direction defined by the vector (2,5).

3. General camera model:

- (a) Explain the need for a general projection matrix that uses different coordinate systems for camera and image.
- (b) Given that the camera is rotated by R and translated by T with respect to the world, write the transformation matrix that will convert world to camera coordinates.
- (c) Given three unit vectors $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$, write the rotation matrix describing the rotation of the camera with respect to the world.
- (d) Given the transformation matrix between world and camera coordinates $M = \begin{bmatrix} R^* & T^* \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ explain the meaning of R^* and T^* .
- (e) Given that there are k_u pixels per mm in the x direction, k_v pixels per mm in the y direction, and that the optical center of the camera is translated by $(u_0, v_0) = (512, 512)$ pixels, write the transformation matrix that will convert camera coordinates to image coordinates.
- (f) Let the projection matrix M of a general camera be given by $K^*[R^*|T^*]$. Explain which parts contain the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of the camera.
- (g) Explain the reason for including a 2D skew parameter in the camera model.
- (h) Explain what happens to the camera model when taking into account radial lens distortion. What is the complication introduced by the radial lens distortion?
- (i) Explain the meaning of a weak-perspective camera and of an affine camera.

4. Color and photometric image formation:

- (a) Explain the difference between surface radiance and image irradiance.
- (b) Write the radiosity equations relating surface radiance and image irradiance.
- (c) Define the albedo of a surface.
- (d) Explain what is the reason for using the RGB color model to represent colors.
- (e) Given the RGB color cube, what are the colors along the line that connects (0,0,0) with (1,1,1).

- (f) Explain the way by which RGB colors are mapped to real-world colors.
- (g) Given the CIE RGB color model and its conversion to the XYZ model, explain what is the use for the luminance component Y.
- (h) Explain the advantage of the LAB color space.

Programming questions

In this part you need to write a program to perform simple image manipulation using openCV.

Whenever your implementation is slow (e.g. due to double loops) accelerate it using Cython. If when you use Cython you do not get faster execution check what Cython is doing. Execute in a terminal: cython myfile.pyx -a then open the html file that is generated and read it. The program should work for any size image and any type (e.g. RGB or grayscale). Make sure to test it on different images. The program should perform the following:

- 1. Read an image from a file. The read image should be read as a 3 channel color image regardless of what it really is.
- 2. Convert the image to grayscale using the openCV conversion function. Display the original and converted images. Save the converted image to disk. Measure the execution time of the conversion function.
- 3. Repeat the previous step except that in this task perform the conversion yourself without using the OpenCV conversion function by using matrix operations. Make sure you have a matrix implementation that does not use a double loop. Measure the execution time of your conversion program and compare to that of the OpenCV implementation.
- 4. Repeat the previous step except that in this task perform the conversion yourself without using the OpenCV conversion function and without using matrix operations. Your conversion must be performed using a double loop where you scan all the pixels in the image. Measure the execution time of your conversion program and make sure that it is similar to that of the OpenCV implementation. Accelerate performance using Cython to achieve the goal of similar run time.
- 5. Display the original RGB image and its different color channels shown as separate images.
- 6. Rotate the image using a rotation angle of θ degrees and display it. Use a track bar to control the rotation angle. The rotation of the image should be performed using an inverse map so there are no holes in it. Use the cv2.getRotationMatrix2D and cv2.warpAffine functions.
- 7. Repeat the previous step except that in this task replace the cv2.getRotationMatrix2D with your own function that generates the rotation matrix.
- 8. Repeat the previous step except that in this task replace both the cv2.getRotationMatrix2D and the cv2.warpAffine functions with your own. To perform the warping (the equivalent of cv2.warpAffine) you will have to scan the the output image and find the corresponding pixel value in the input image using the inverse transformation matrix. You do not need to take care of holes. Your implementation should have a similar running time to that of the OpenCV function.
- 9. Write a report summarizing the algorithms you used, and evaluate the performance obtained. Follow the structure of the provided sample report.

Submission Instructions:

- 1. Create a folder AS1 in your bitbucket repository and create inside it the following sub-folders: src, doc, and data. Organize the submission materials inside the sub-folders as follows:
 - (a) doc: Report prepared as a PDF file. The report should contain answers to questions, a summary of program design issues, description of specific problems you faced and the way in which you solved them, and sample input/output results (text/graphic). The report needs to be sufficiently detailed. It is very important that you evaluate the algorithms you implemented for correctness and for performance. Try using different parameters and observe (and report) the effect of the parameters.
 - (b) src: All program files.
 - (c) data: All data files (e.g. test images).
- 2. Note that we must be able to view your report and execute your program in order to grade it.
- 3. For programming questions use OpenCV and Python.
- 4. On or before the due date upload your submission to your bitbucket repository. If you are late, upload the submission when you are ready. To compute "late days will" we will use the last update date of your repository. Do not make any changes to the folder after submitting it so that it does not cause a change to your submission date.
- 5. Do not submit a paper copy of your report. You will be contacted by email if some material is missing or if you will need to meet with the TA.