

Quiz 5 — 02/15/2024

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However, all typed work is my own, with reference to class notes.

Problem 1.

As we discussed in class, two cameras are said to form a *rectified pair* if their camera coordinate systems differ only by a translation of their origins (the camera centers) along a direction that is parallel to either the x - or y -axis of their coordinate systems.

- (i) Derive an expression for the essential matrix \mathbf{E} of a rectified pair.

- (ii) Prove that the epipolar lines of a rectified pair are parallel to the axis of translation.

Problem 2.

Suppose two cameras fixate on a point P (see Figure 1) in space such that their optical axes intersect at that point. Show that if the image coordinates are normalized so that the coordinate system origin $(0, 0)$ coincides with the principal point, the \mathbf{F}_{33} element of the fundamental matrix \mathbf{F} is zero.

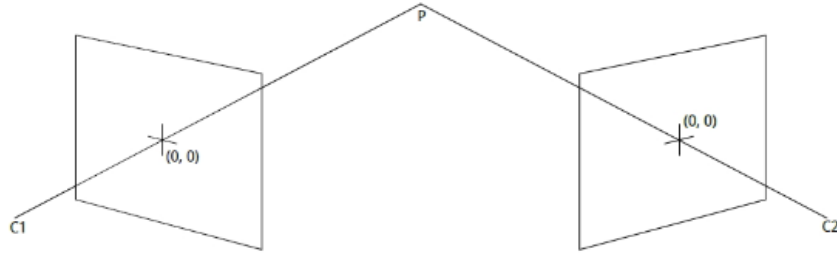


FIGURE 1. C_1 and C_2 are the optical centers. The principal axes intersect at point P .

Problem 3.

Consider three images I_1 , I_2 and I_3 that have been captured by a system of three cameras, and suppose the fundamental matrices \mathbf{F}_{13} and \mathbf{F}_{23} are known. (Notation: the matrix \mathbf{F}_{ij} satisfies the equation $\mathbf{x}_j^T \mathbf{F}_{ij} \mathbf{x}_i = 0$ for any correspondence $\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_j$ between images I_i and I_j). In general, given a point \mathbf{x}_1 in I_1 and a corresponding point \mathbf{x}_2 in I_2 , the corresponding point in \mathbf{x}_3 in I_3 is uniquely determined by the fundamental matrices \mathbf{F}_{13} and \mathbf{F}_{23} .

- (i) Write an expression for \mathbf{x}_3 in terms of \mathbf{x}_1 , \mathbf{x}_2 , \mathbf{F}_{13} and \mathbf{F}_{23} .

- (ii) Describe a degenerate configuration of three cameras for which the point \mathbf{x}_3 cannot be uniquely determined by this expression.

Hint: Consider the epipolar geometry of the situation. Draw a picture!