

Quiz 4 — 02/07/2024

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Credit Statement

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However, all typed work is my own, with reference to class notes especially on homographies and transformations. I also referred to some of my earlier notes on linear algebra (from **MATH 22**) on the interpretations of matrices and their null-spaces, column-spaces, and row-spaces.

Problem 1.

- (i) Prove that there exists a homography \mathbf{H} that satisfies

$$\mathbf{x}_1 \equiv \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_2 \quad (1.1)$$

between the 2D points (in homogeneous coordinates) \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_2 in the images of a *plane* Π captured by two 3×4 camera projection matrices \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 respectively. The \equiv symbol is equality up to scale. *Note: A degenerate case happens when the plane Π contains both cameras' centers, in which case there are infinite choices of \mathbf{H} satisfying the above equation. You can ignore this special case in your answer.*

Write the points \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_2 in terms of \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 and the real-world 3D point \mathbf{X} :

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{X} \implies \mathbf{P}_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{X} \quad (\text{left-multiply by } \mathbf{P}_1^{-1})$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{X} \implies \mathbf{P}_2^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{X} \quad (\text{left-multiply by } \mathbf{P}_2^{-1})$$

Thus, we have:

$$\mathbf{P}_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{P}_2^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2$$

So, we have:

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_2^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2.$$

Thus, we can write $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_2^{-1}$ such that $\mathbf{x}_1 \equiv \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_2$.

- (ii) Prove that there exists a homography \mathbf{H} that satisfies equation 1.1 given two cameras separated by a pure rotation. That is, for camera 1, $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{K}_1 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$, and for camera 2, $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{K}_2 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$. Note that \mathbf{K}_1 and \mathbf{K}_2 are the 3×3 intrinsic matrices of the two cameras and are different. \mathbf{I} is the 3×3 identity matrix, $\mathbf{0}$ is the 3×1 zero vector, and \mathbf{X} is a point in 3D space. \mathbf{R} is the 3×3 rotation matrix of the camera.

First, to simplify the notation, note that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X},$$

So, define $\mathbf{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$. Then, we can write $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{K}_2 \mathbf{R} \mathbf{X}'$ and $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{K}_1 \mathbf{X}'$. Therefore;

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_2 &= \mathbf{K}_2 \mathbf{R} \mathbf{X}' \\ &= \mathbf{K}_2 \mathbf{R} \underbrace{\mathbf{K}_1^{-1} \mathbf{K}_1}_{\mathbf{I}} \mathbf{X}' \\ &= \mathbf{K}_2 \mathbf{R} \mathbf{K}_1^{-1} \underbrace{\mathbf{K}_1 \mathbf{X}'}_{\mathbf{x}_1} \\ &= \mathbf{K}_2 \mathbf{R} \mathbf{K}_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can write $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{K}_2 \mathbf{R} \mathbf{K}_1^{-1}$ such that $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}_1$.

- (iii) Suppose that a camera is rotating about its center \mathbf{C} , keeping the intrinsic parameters \mathbf{K} constant. Let \mathbf{H} be the homography that maps the view from one camera orientation to the view at a second orientation. Let θ be the angle of rotation between the two orientations. Show that \mathbf{H}^2 is the homography corresponding to a rotation of 2θ .

Let \mathbf{H}_θ be the homography corresponding to a rotation of θ , and let $\mathbf{H}_{2\theta}$ be the homography corresponding to a rotation of 2θ . As seen above, the homography \mathbf{H}_θ is given by $\mathbf{H}_\theta = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(\theta)\mathbf{K}^{-1}$ and $\mathbf{H}_{2\theta} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(2\theta)\mathbf{K}^{-1}$.

Let us expand the rotation matrices and find an expression for $\mathbf{R}(2\theta)$ in terms of $\mathbf{R}(\theta)$..

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}(2\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & -\sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the double-angle formulae for sine and cosine,

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta.$$

Substituting these into the expression for $\mathbf{R}(2\theta)$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}(2\theta) &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta & -2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta & \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{R}(\theta)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this into the original expression for $\mathbf{H}_{2\theta}$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{2\theta} &= \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(2\theta)\mathbf{K}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(\theta)^2\mathbf{K}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(\theta)\mathbf{R}(\theta)\mathbf{K}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(\theta)\underbrace{\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{K}}_{\mathbf{I}}\mathbf{R}(\theta)\mathbf{K}^{-1} \\ &= (\mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(\theta)\mathbf{K}^{-1})(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(\theta)\mathbf{K}^{-1}) \\ &= (\mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(\theta)\mathbf{K}^{-1})^2 \\ &= \mathbf{H}_\theta^2 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.

In class, we say that a camera matrix satisfies the equation $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_i$, and that six 3D-2D matches $\mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}$ are sufficient to recover \mathbf{P} using a linear (non-iterative) algorithm.

Find a linear algorithm for computing the camera matrix \mathbf{P} in the special case when the camera location (but not orientation) is known. Ignoring degenerate configurations, how many 2D-3D matches are required for there to be a unique solution? Justify your answer.

In the special case when the camera location (but not orientation) is known, we can write the camera matrix \mathbf{P} as:

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}$$

where \mathbf{K} is the 3×3 intrinsic matrix of the camera, \mathbf{R} is the 3×3 rotation matrix, and \mathbf{t} is the 3×1 translation vector, which is known.

Our goal is to find \mathbf{K} and \mathbf{R} from the 3D-2D matches $\mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}$. Suppose we have N 3D-2D matches $\mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}$. For any one correspondence $\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}_i$, we can write:

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_i$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ z_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & t_1 \\ r_4 & r_5 & r_6 & t_2 \\ r_7 & r_8 & r_9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_i \\ Y_i \\ Z_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, we have:

$$= \begin{bmatrix} f_x r_1 + c_x r_7 & f_x r_2 + c_x r_8 & f_x r_3 + c_x r_9 & f_x t_1 + c_x \\ f_y r_4 + c_y r_7 & f_y r_5 + c_y r_8 & f_y r_6 + c_y r_9 & f_y t_2 + c_y \\ r_7 & r_8 & r_9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_i \\ Y_i \\ Z_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, we get the following equations:

$$\mathbf{x}_i = (f_x r_1 + c_x r_7)\mathbf{X}_i + (f_x r_2 + c_x r_8)\mathbf{Y}_i + (f_x r_3 + c_x r_9)\mathbf{Z}_i + (f_x t_1 + c_x)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_i = (f_y r_4 + c_y r_7)\mathbf{X}_i + (f_y r_5 + c_y r_8)\mathbf{Y}_i + (f_y r_6 + c_y r_9)\mathbf{Z}_i + (f_y t_2 + c_y)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_i = r_7 \mathbf{X}_i + r_8 \mathbf{Y}_i + r_9 \mathbf{Z}_i + 1$$

z_i is the scale factor, since

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_i \\ \mathbf{y}_i \\ \mathbf{z}_i \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_i / \mathbf{z}_i \\ \mathbf{y}_i / \mathbf{z}_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, each 3D-2D match gives us two useful equations. Ignoring degenerate configurations where \mathbf{K} changes, and ignoring the scale factor, we would have $12 - 1 = 11$ unknowns in the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}$ if \mathbf{t} was unknown. However, since

$\mathbf{t} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is known, we have $11 - 2 = 9$ remaining unknowns, so we need *at least* 9 equations to solve for the unknowns

uniquely. Since each $\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}_i$ correspondence gives us 2 equations, we need at least $\lceil \frac{9}{2} \rceil = 5$ 3D-2D matches to have a unique solution.

Algorithm

1. For each 3D-2D match $\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}_i$, write the equations

$$\mathbf{x}_i = (f_x r_1 + c_x r_7) \mathbf{X}_i + (f_x r_2 + c_x r_8) \mathbf{Y}_i + (f_x r_3 + c_x r_9) \mathbf{Z}_i + (f_x t_1 + c_x)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_i = (f_y r_4 + c_y r_7) \mathbf{X}_i + (f_y r_5 + c_y r_8) \mathbf{Y}_i + (f_y r_6 + c_y r_9) \mathbf{Z}_i + (f_y t_2 + c_y)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_i = r_7 \mathbf{X}_i + r_8 \mathbf{Y}_i + r_9 \mathbf{Z}_i + 1$$

2. Stack the equations for all $N = 5$ 3D-2D matches to get a system of linear equations

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{b}$$

3. Solve for \mathbf{R} using the linear least squares method.
4. Once \mathbf{R} is known, solve for \mathbf{P} using the equation

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix}$$