

## CS 534: Computer Vision Camera Calibration

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### Outlines

- Camera Calibration
- Linear Least-Squares and related stuff

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## Camera Calibration, Why ?

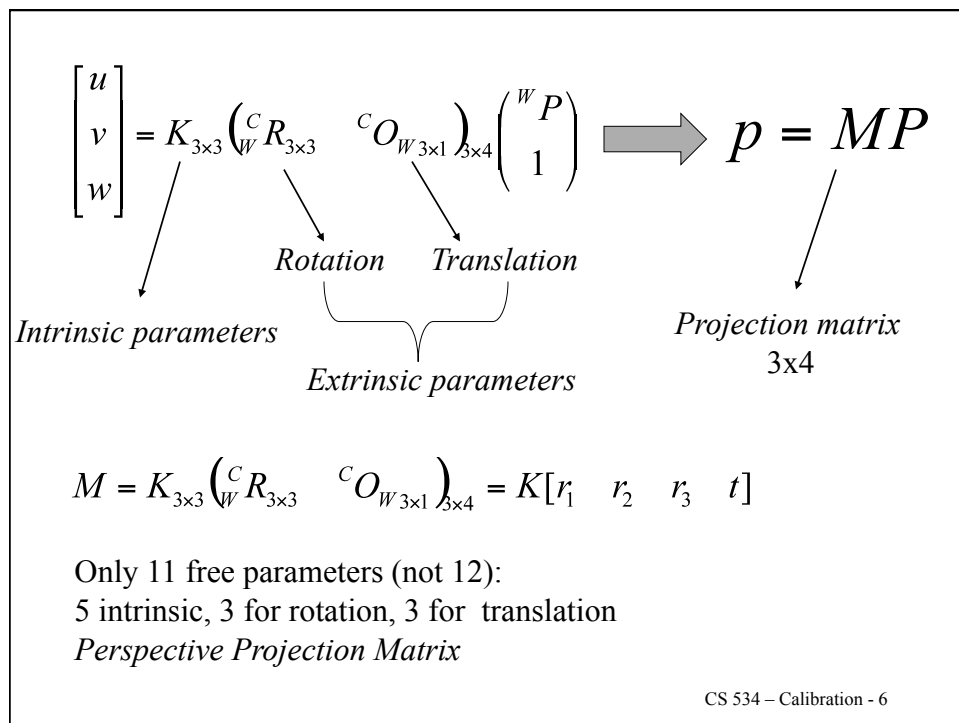
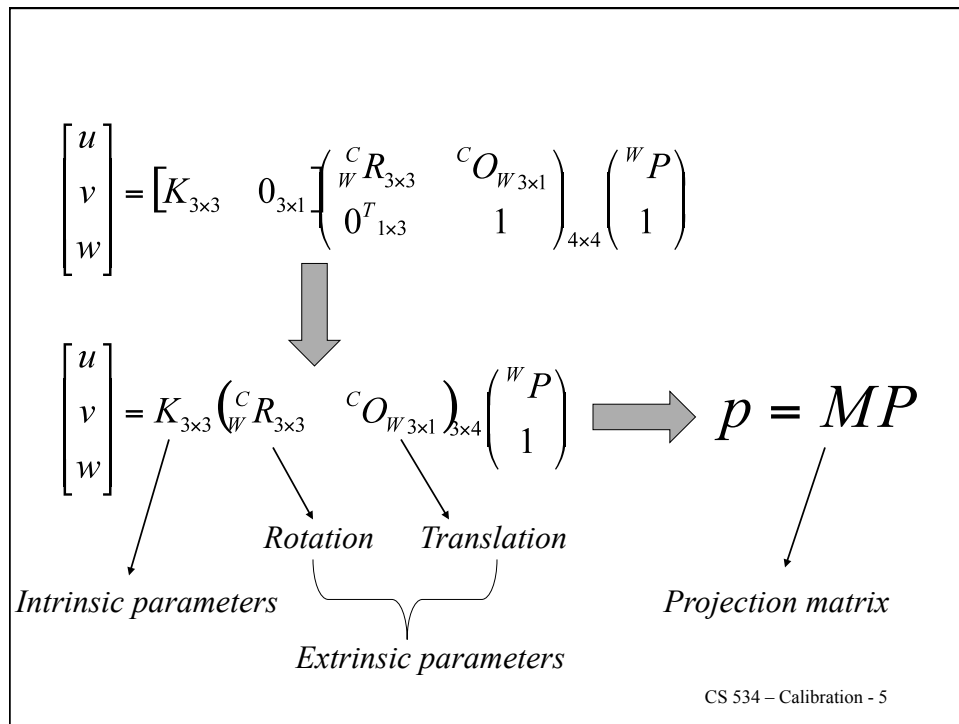
- Camera calibration is a necessary step in 3D computer vision.
- A calibrated camera can be used as a quantitative sensor
- It is essential in many applications to recover 3D quantitative measures about the observed scene from 2D images. Such as 3D Euclidean structure
- From a calibrated camera we can measure how far an object is from the camera, or the height of the object, etc. e.g., object avoidance in robot navigation.

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## Camera Calibration

- Find the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of a camera
  - Extrinsic parameters: the camera's location and orientation in the world.
  - Intrinsic parameters: the relationships between pixel coordinates and camera coordinates.
- VERY large literature on the subject
- Work of Roger Tsai is influential
- Good calibration is important when we need to:
  - Reconstruct a world model.
  - Interact with the world: Robot, hand-eye coordination
- Basic idea:
  - Given a set of world points  $P_i$  and their image coordinates  $(u_p, v_p)$
  - find the projection matrix  $M$
  - and then find intrinsic and extrinsic parameters.

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### Explicit Form of the Projection Matrix

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \mathbf{r}_1^T - \alpha \cot \theta \mathbf{r}_2^T + u_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \alpha t_x - \alpha \cot \theta t_y + u_0 t_z \\ \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} \mathbf{r}_2^T + v_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} t_y + v_0 t_z \\ \mathbf{r}_3^T & t_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: If  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{A} \quad \mathbf{b})$  then  $|\mathbf{a}_3| = 1$ .

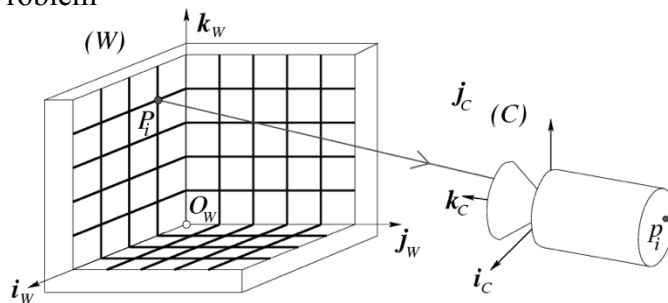
$$p = MP = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^T \\ m_2^T \\ m_3^T \end{pmatrix} P \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} u &= \frac{m_1^T \cdot P}{m_3^T \cdot P} \\ v &= \frac{m_2^T \cdot P}{m_3^T \cdot P} \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $M$  by  $\lambda M$  doesn't change  $u$  or  $v$

$M$  is only defined up to scale in this setting

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### Calibration Problem



Given  $n$  points  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  with *known* positions and their images  $p_1, \dots, p_n$

Find  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{e}$  such that

$\mathbf{i}$  intrinsic parameters  
 $\mathbf{e}$  extrinsic parameters

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \left( u_i - \frac{m_1(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot P_i}{m_3(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot P_i} \right)^2 + \left( v_i - \frac{m_2(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot P_i}{m_3(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot P_i} \right)^2 \right] \text{ is minimized}$$

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## Calibration Techniques

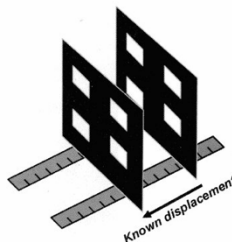
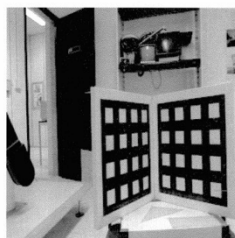
- Calibration using 3D calibration object
- Calibration using 2D planer pattern
- Calibration using 1D object (line-based calibration)
- Self Calibration: no calibration objects
- Vanishing points from for orthogonal direction
- Many other smart ideas

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## Calibration Techniques

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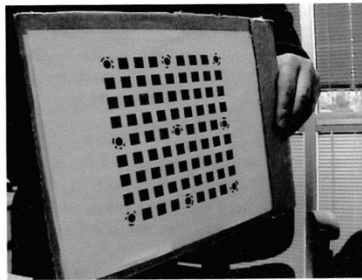


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## Calibration Techniques

### 2D plane-based calibration

- Require observation of a planar pattern shown at few different orientations
- No need to know the plane motion
- Set up is easy, most popular approach.



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## Calibration Techniques

### 1D line-based calibration:

- Relatively new technique.
- Calibration object is a set of collinear points, e.g., two points with known distance, three collinear points with known distances, four or more...
- Camera can be calibrated by observing a moving line around a fixed point, e.g. a string of balls hanging from the ceiling!
- Can be used to calibrate multiple cameras at once. Good for network of cameras.



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## Calibration Techniques

Self-calibration:

- Techniques in this category do not use any calibration object
- Only image point correspondences are required
- Just move the camera in a static scene and obtain multiple images
- Correspondences between three images are sufficient to recover both the internal and external parameters

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## Calibration Techniques

Which calibration technique to use ?

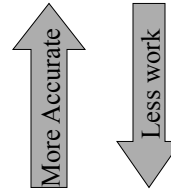
- Calibration with apparatus versus self-calibration:
  - Whenever possible, if you can pre-calibrate the camera, you should do it with a calibration object
  - Self-calibration cannot usually achieve the same accuracy as calibration with an object.
  - Sometimes pre-calibration is impossible (e.g., a scene reconstruction from an old movie), self-calibration is the only choice.

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## Calibration Techniques

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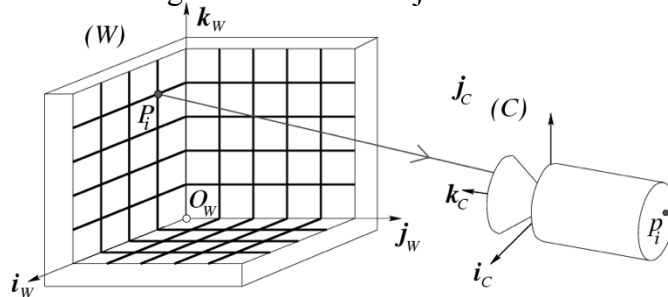
- using 3D calibration object
- using 2D planer pattern
- using 1D object (line-based calibration)
- Self calibration



- 2D planer pattern approaches seems to be a good compromise: good accuracy with simple setup
- 1D object is suitable for calibrating multiple cameras as once.

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## Calibration Problem: using 3D calibration object

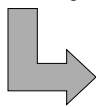


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## Camera Calibration and least-squares

- Camera Calibration can be posed as least-squares parameter estimation problem.
- Estimate the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters that minimize the mean-squared deviation between predicted and observed image features.
- Least-squares parameter estimation is a fundamental technique that is used extensively in computer vision.
- You can formulate many problems as error minimization between observed and predicted values.
  - Linear Least-Squares
  - Nonlinear Least-Squares
- Typically, use linear least-squares to obtain a solution and then use nonlinear least square to refine the solution and estimate more parameters (e.g. radial distortion)

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## Linear Least-Squares

- Linear system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1q}x_q &= b_1 \\
 a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2q}x_q &= b_2 \\
 \dots & \\
 a_{p1}x_1 + a_{p2}x_2 + \dots + a_{pq}x_q &= b_p
 \end{aligned}
 \Leftrightarrow Ax = b$$

$$A_{p \times q} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1q} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2q} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{p1} & a_{p2} & \dots & a_{pq} \end{pmatrix} \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_q \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_p \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Linear Systems

$$\boxed{A} \quad \boxed{x} = \boxed{b}$$

Square system:

- unique solution
- Gaussian elimination

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline A \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \boxed{x} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline b \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Rectangular system ??

- under-constrained:  
infinity of solutions
- over-constrained:  
no solution

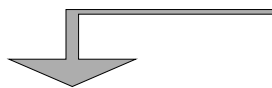
➔ Minimize  $\|Ax - b\|^2$

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How do you solve overconstrained linear equations ??

- Over-constrained system, obtain a least-squared solution:

Solution that minimize the squared deviations between  $Ax$  and  $b$ :



$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1q}x_q &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2q}x_q &= b_2 \\ \dots & \\ a_{p1}x_1 + a_{p2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{pq}x_q &= b_p \end{aligned}$$

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^p (a_{i1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{iq}x_q - b_i)^2 = \|Ax - b\|^2 = (Ax - b)^T \cdot (Ax - b) = e^T \cdot e$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, q$$

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### How do you solve overconstrained linear equations ??

- Define  $E = |\mathbf{e}|^2 = \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e}$  with

$$\mathbf{e} = A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{c}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} - \mathbf{b}$$

$$= x_1\mathbf{c}_1 + x_2\mathbf{c}_2 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{c}_n - \mathbf{b}$$

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial x_i} = \mathbf{c}_i$$

- At a minimum,

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x_i} \cdot \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{e} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x_i} = 2 \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x_i} \cdot \mathbf{e}$$

$$= 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (x_1\mathbf{c}_1 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{c}_n - \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{e} = 2\mathbf{c}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}$$

$$= 2\mathbf{c}_i^T (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) = 0$$

- or

$$0 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{c}_n^T \end{bmatrix} (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) = A^T(A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) \Rightarrow A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b},$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = A^\dagger \mathbf{b}$  and  $A^\dagger = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  is the *pseudoinverse* of  $A$  !

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### Singular Value Decomposition

- Chief tool for dealing with  $m$  by  $n$  systems and singular systems.
- SVD: If  $A$  is a real  $m$  by  $n$  matrix then there exist orthogonal matrices

$U$  ( $m \cdot m$ ) and  $V$  ( $n \cdot n$ ) such that

$$U^t A V = \Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_p) \quad p = \min\{m, n\}$$

$$U^t A V = \Sigma \quad A = U \Sigma V^t$$

- $U$  and  $V$  are orthonormal matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ m \times n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U \\ m \times m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma \\ m \times n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V^t \\ n \times n \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$U^t A V = \Sigma \quad A = U \Sigma V^t$$
- Singular values:** Non negative square roots of the eigenvalues of  $A^t A$ .  
Denoted  $\sigma_i, i=1, \dots, n$
- $A^t A$  is symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  eigenvalues and singular values are real.
- Singular values arranged in decreasing order.
- Columns of  $V$  are the eigenvectors of  $A^t A$

$$A^t A = (U \Sigma V^t)^t (U \Sigma V^t) = V \Sigma^t U^t U \Sigma V^t = V \Sigma^t \Sigma V^t = V \Sigma^2 V^{-1}$$

$$(A^t A) V = V \Sigma^2$$

$$(A^t A) v = v \lambda$$

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- For over-constrained system  $Ax=b$  :
- Use SVD to decompose  $A=U\Sigma V^t$

$$Ax = b$$

$$U \Sigma V^T x = b$$

$$(V \Sigma^{-1} U^T) U \Sigma V^T x = (V \Sigma^{-1} U^T) b$$

$$x = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T b$$

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \text{diag}(\frac{1}{\sigma_1}, \frac{1}{\sigma_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sigma_n})$$

For rank deficient matrices: we can obtain best rank-R approximation by setting the inverse of the smallest  $n-R$  singular values to zeros

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \text{diag}(\frac{1}{\sigma_1}, \frac{1}{\sigma_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sigma_R}, 0, \dots, 0)$$

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### Homogeneous Linear Systems

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Square system:

- unique solution: 0
- unless  $\text{Det}(A)=0$

Rectangular system ??

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

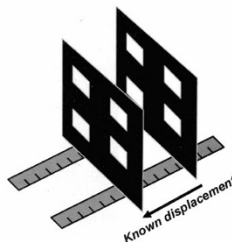
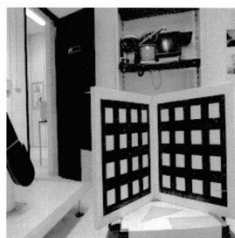
➔ Minimize  $|Ax|^2$   
under the constraint  $|x|^2 = 1$

$x$  is the unit singular vector of  $A$  corresponding to the smallest singular value (the last column of  $V$ , where  $A = U \Sigma V^T$  is the SVD of  $A$ )

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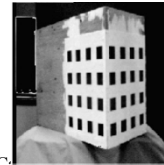
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## Calibration using 3D object

- Calibration target: 2 planes at right angle with checkerboard patterns (Tsai grid)
- We know positions of pattern corners only with respect to a coordinate system of the target
- We position camera in front of target and find images of corners
- We obtain equations that describe point coordinates and contain intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of camera

Main Steps:

1. Detecting points of interest (e.g., corners of the checker pattern) in the 2D image and obtain their corresponding 3D measurement.
2. Find the best projection matrix  $M$  using linear least squares
3. Recover intrinsic and extrinsic parameters
4. Refine the parameters through nonlinear optimization



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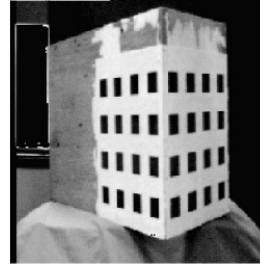
$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i} \\ \frac{\mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 - u_i \mathbf{m}_3 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 - v_i \mathbf{m}_3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_i = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} m_{11}X_i + m_{12}Y_i + m_{13}Z_i + m_{14} & -m_{31}u_iX_i - m_{32}u_iY_i - m_{33}u_iZ_i - m_{34}u_i = 0 \\ m_{21}X_i + m_{22}Y_i + m_{23}Z_i + m_{24} & -m_{31}v_iX_i - m_{32}v_iY_i - m_{33}v_iZ_i - m_{34}v_i = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}\mathbf{m} = 0 \text{ with } \mathcal{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1^T & \mathbf{0}^T & -u_1\mathbf{P}_1^T \\ \mathbf{0}^T & \mathbf{P}_1^T & -v_1\mathbf{P}_1^T \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \mathbf{P}_n^T & \mathbf{0}^T & -u_n\mathbf{P}_n^T \\ \mathbf{0}^T & \mathbf{P}_n^T & -v_n\mathbf{P}_n^T \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 12} \text{ and } \mathbf{m} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{pmatrix}_{12 \times 1}$$

Observations:

- This is a linear problem with respect to  $M$  but nonlinear with respect to the parameters (intrinsic and extrinsic)
- Each 3D-2D point match provides 2 equations
- We need at least 6 points in general configuration (12 equations for 11 parameters)



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Problem:  $\min_m \|\mathcal{P}\mathbf{m}\|^2 = 0$  Subject to:  $\|\mathbf{m}\| = 1$

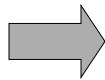
- When  $n \geq 6 \Rightarrow$  homogenous linear least-squares can be used to compute unite vector  $\mathbf{m} \Rightarrow M$
- *Solution:* The eigenvector of  $\mathcal{P}^T\mathcal{P}$  corresponding to the smallest eigen value
- Degenerate case: All points lie on the same plane.  
Points should not be on the same plane
- When possible, have at least 5 times as many equations as unknowns (28 points)

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Once  $M$  is known, you still got to recover the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters !!!

This is a decomposition problem, not an estimation problem.

$$\boxed{\rho} \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \mathbf{r}_1^T - \alpha \cot \theta \mathbf{r}_2^T + u_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \alpha t_x - \alpha \cot \theta t_y + u_0 t_z \\ \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} \mathbf{r}_2^T + v_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} t_y + v_0 t_z \\ \mathbf{r}_3^T & t_z \end{pmatrix}$$



- Intrinsic parameters
- Extrinsic parameters

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- Once the projection matrix  $M$  is known, we can uniquely recover the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of the camera

$$M = K[R \quad t]$$

$$B = KR$$

$$b = Kt$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \gamma & u_o \\ 0 & \beta & v_o \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BB^T = KK^T = \begin{bmatrix} k_u & k_c & u_o \\ k_c & k_v & v_o \\ u_o & v_o & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 + \gamma^2 + u_o^2 & u_o v_o + \gamma \beta & u_o \\ u_o v_o + \gamma \beta & \beta^2 + v_o^2 & v_o \\ u_o & v_o & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\beta = \sqrt{k_v - v_o^2},$$

$$\gamma = \frac{k_c - u_o v_o}{\beta}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{k_u - u_o^2 - \gamma^2}$$

$$R = K^{-1}B,$$

$$t = K^{-1}b$$

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Another approach to decomposition

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = K_{3 \times 3} \begin{pmatrix} {}^C R_{3 \times 3} & {}^C O_{3 \times 1} \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 4} \begin{pmatrix} {}^W P \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The translation vector can be written as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = K_{3 \times 3} \begin{pmatrix} {}^C R_{3 \times 3} & -{}^C R_{3 \times 3} {}^W O_{3 \times 1} \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 4} \begin{pmatrix} {}^W P \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = K_{3 \times 3} {}^C R_{3 \times 3} \begin{pmatrix} I_{3 \times 3} & -{}^W O_{3 \times 1} \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 4} \begin{pmatrix} {}^W P \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$${}^B P = {}^B R {}^A P + {}^B O_A$$

$${}^W O_W = {}^W R {}^C O_W + {}^W O_C$$

$$0 = {}^W R {}^C O_W + {}^W O_C$$

$${}^W R {}^C O_W = -{}^W O_C$$

$${}^C O_W = -{}^C R {}^W O_C$$

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## Getting Camera Translation

$$M_{3 \times 4} = K_{3 \times 3} {}^C R_{3 \times 3} \begin{pmatrix} I_{3 \times 3} & -{}^W O_{3 \times 1} \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$$

Upper triangle matrix      Orthogonal matrix      Translation Vector:  
Where in the world is the camera center

Note that:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -X_c \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -Y_c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -Z_c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_c \\ Y_c \\ Z_c \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

If we solve the system  $M \cdot t = 0$  we can get the translation vector! ( $t$  is a null vector for  $M$ )

Find null vector  $t$  of  $M$  using SVD

- $t$  is the unit singular vector of  $M$  corresponding to the smallest singular value (the last column of  $V$ , where  $M = U \Sigma V^T$  is the SVD of  $M$ )

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## Getting Camera Orientation

$$M_{3 \times 4} = K_{3 \times 3}^c R_{3 \times 3} (I_{3 \times 3} - {}^w O_{C3 \times 1} {}^c O_{1 \times 3})$$

$K_{3 \times 3}^c$ : Upper triangle matrix  
 $R_{3 \times 3}$ : Orthogonal matrix  
 $- {}^w O_{C3 \times 1} {}^c O_{1 \times 3}$ : Translation Vector: Where in the world is the camera center

- Left 3x3 submatrix  $M'$  of  $M$  is of form  $M' = K R$
- $K$  is an upper triangular matrix
- $R$  is an orthogonal matrix
- Any non-singular square matrix  $M'$  can be decomposed into the product of an upper-triangular matrix  $K$  and an orthogonal matrix  $R$  using the RQ factorization
- Similar to QR factorization but order of 2 matrices is reversed  $A = Q.R$

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## Rotation matrices

- 3-D rotation is result of three consecutive rotations around the coordinate axes  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$ .
  - the angles of the rotations are the parameters of the rotation

$$R_1(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \quad R_2(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \quad R_3(\gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = R_1 R_2 R_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta \cos \gamma & -\cos \beta \sin \gamma & \sin \beta \\ \sin \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma + \cos \alpha \sin \gamma & -\sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma + \cos \alpha \cos \gamma & -\sin \alpha \cos \beta \\ -\cos \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma - \sin \alpha \sin \gamma & \cos \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma + \sin \alpha \cos \gamma & \cos \alpha \cos \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

- The order in which we perform the multiplications matters!
  - Six ways to represent a rotation matrix

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## Rotation matrices

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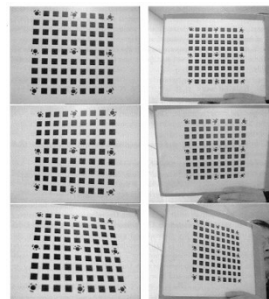
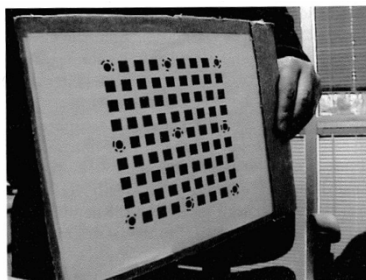
- The order in which we perform the multiplications matters!
  - Six ways to represent a rotation matrix
- It is easy to recover the rotation angles  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  from  $R$ 
  - $R_{1,3}$  gives  $\beta$
  - Then  $\gamma$  can be recovered from  $R_{1,1}$ , and  $\alpha$  from  $R_{2,3}$
- $R$  is orthonormal  $RR^T = R^T R = I$
- So, even though there are 9 entries in  $R$ , there are still only the 3 parameters
- This makes estimating  $R$  difficult in practice.

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## Camera Calibration with a 2D planar object

### 2D plane-based calibration

- Require observation of a planar pattern shown at few different orientations
- No need to know the plane motion
- Set up is easy, just print the calibration pattern and stick it to surface.
- most popular approach.



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## Camera Calibration with a 2D planer object

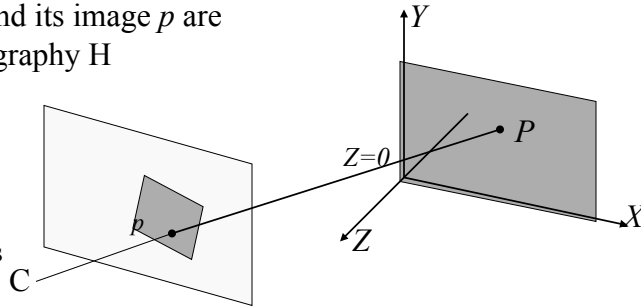
- Assume model plane is on  $Z=0$  of the world coordinate system

$$s \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = K \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \\ t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = K \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow sp = H_{3 \times 3} P$$

A model point  $P$  and its image  $p$  are related by a homography  $H$

$$H = K \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & t \end{bmatrix}$$

$H$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix defined up to a scale factor (only 8 degrees of freedom)



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- Given an image of the model plane, a homography can be estimated, Let's denote by  $H = [h_1 \ h_2 \ h_3]$

$$[h_1 \ h_2 \ h_3] = \lambda K \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K^{-1} [h_1 \ h_2 \ h_3] = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K^{-1} h_1 = \lambda r_1$$

$$K^{-1} h_2 = \lambda r_2$$

Since  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are orthonormal, we can obtain the following two important constraints relating  $K$  and  $H$

$$h_1^T K^{-T} K^{-1} h_2 = 0$$

$$h_1^T K^{-T} K^{-1} h_1 = h_2^T K^{-T} K^{-1} h_2$$

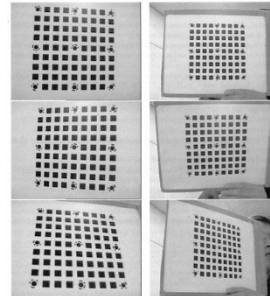
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- Given a set of images of the same plane we can establish a set of homographies  $H_i$ , one homography from each image.
- Given the constraints between  $H$  and  $K$ , we can solve for  $K$

$$h_1^T K^{-T} K^{-1} h_2 = 0$$

$$h_1^T K^{-T} K^{-1} h_1 = h_2^T K^{-T} K^{-1} h_2$$

- Note  $K^{-T} K^{-1}$  is a 3x3 symmetric matrix; we have six unknowns.
- Each homography gives two linear equations in 6 unknowns
- We need at least 3 images of the plane to estimate the parameters in  $K$
- Once  $K$  is known, we can estimate the extrinsic parameters:



$$r_1 = \lambda K^{-1} h_1, \quad r_2 = \lambda K^{-1} h_2, \quad r_3 = r_1 \times r_2, \quad t = \lambda K^{-1} h_3$$

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