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# Camera Calibration

Lecture 11

# Re-projection to 3D space from sensor(s) undistorted data and sensor center corrected: collinearity equations (7 parameters)



$$\tilde{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R}^T [\mathbf{I} | -\mathbf{C}] {}^g \tilde{\mathbf{P}}$$

Note:  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{X}_0$   
 $c_x = x$  on the camera

$$\mathbf{K} \mathbf{R}^T [\mathbf{I} | -\mathbf{X}_0] = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & -\mathbf{R} \mathbf{X}_O \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

first element of the rotation matrix

translated X



same on Y

\*original point is translated, rotated, and finally scaled

$$c_x = c \frac{r_{11}(X - X_O) + r_{12}(Y - Y_O) + r_{13}(Z - Z_O)}{r_{31}(X - X_O) + r_{32}(Y - Y_O) + r_{33}(Z - Z_O)}$$

2nd eq

$$c_y = c \frac{r_{21}(X - X_O) + r_{22}(Y - Y_O) + r_{23}(Z - Z_O)}{r_{31}(X - X_O) + r_{32}(Y - Y_O) + r_{33}(Z - Z_O)}$$

third equation at the denominator

\*Z rappresentata come coordinata dal punto di vista della CAMERA. Infatti poi viene  $y_c = Y_{cam} * (c/Z)$

# Parameter estimation: DLT – classical 9 parameters coll. eqn.

Marzan, G.T. & Karara, H.M. (1975). A computer program for direct linear transformation solution of the collinearity condition, and some applications of it. *Proceedings of the Symposium on Close-Range Photogrammetric Systems* (pp. 420-476). Falls Church, VA: American Society of Photogrammetry.

Considering only  $c$  and  $x_0, y_0$  as parameters, the collinearity equations can be written as:

$$x = x_0 - c \frac{r_{11}(X - X_0) + r_{12}(Y - Y_0) + r_{13}(Z - Z_0)}{r_{31}(X - X_0) + r_{32}(Y - Y_0) + r_{33}(Z - Z_0)}$$

\*principal points?

$$y = y_0 - c \frac{r_{21}(X - X_0) + r_{22}(Y - Y_0) + r_{23}(Z - Z_0)}{r_{31}(X - X_0) + r_{32}(Y - Y_0) + r_{33}(Z - Z_0)}$$

\*proiettati

anche "+" però  
diobello

# Rewrite collinearity equations re-grouping known parameters

same equation of slide before

$$x = \frac{x_0 - c(r_{11}(X - X_0) + r_{12}(Y - Y_0) + r_{13}(Z - Z_0))}{r_{31}(X - X_0) + r_{32}(Y - Y_0) + r_{33}(Z - Z_0)}$$

$$y = y_0 - c \frac{r_{21}(X - X_0) + r_{22}(Y - Y_0) + r_{23}(Z - Z_0)}{r_{31}(X - X_0) + r_{32}(Y - Y_0) + r_{33}(Z - Z_0)}$$

DLT: Direct Linear Transform

I call it l1, it's just one parameter

$$x = \frac{l_1 X + l_2 Y + l_3 Z + l_4}{l_5 X + l_6 Y + l_7 Z + 1}$$

$$y = \frac{l_8 X + l_9 Y + l_{10} Z + l_{11}}{l_5 X + l_6 Y + l_7 Z + 1}$$



This is a NL problem to be solved, I'd like to obtain 3 angles (omega phi key) of the rotation matrix, and the translation, and focal length, and position of camera center (principal point). I'd like to compute them, but it's a big NL system!

One way is to use this mathematical reelaboration.

I take everything is multiplying X (r11 by c) and I call it l1, it's just one parameter. Then also for all the others, Y and Z. And for all the equations.

I obtain this eq. linear into the parameters "l", not linear in x0, r, etc. but linear in these new parameters. This way I have no longer any physical meaning. Before I had elements of translation (y0) rotation (r) focal point (...). Now no meaning at all (11 parameters in l), but the eqs are linear, and if I compute these parameters then I can use them to invert the projection problem and try to estimate the 3D coordinates in space.

## Easy way to compute the eleven unknown parameters

I can rearrange these equations in order to put in evidence the known points  $(x, y, z)$  (and  $l_1$ ?). For each points I write two equations like this. 11 unknowns. In the end if I "survey" 5 points I'll have 10 equations. If I use 9 it's a linear system of eqs that can be solved easily. But ofc you'll have noises.. if you increase the number of points you'll have better results (better accuracy). I mean, more than 5 points. Increasing the number of eqs your linear system won't have a square coefficient matrix but a rectangular so probably no solution to that problem, but you can impose a constrain: the sum of the overall square error is minimized. Indeed if you have more than 9 eqs the others will be conflicting, if you have noise. So you say: its' not equal to zero the set of eqs, it's equal to an error. Error related to that eqs that it's not perfect, because the system is not perfect. I'll put the residual error there, and I'll try to minimize the invert product of that error vector.  $w^T w$ , scalar value, sum of all the squared errors

$$(l_1 - l_5 x)X + (l_2 - l_6 x)Y + (l_3 - l_7 x)Z + l_4 - x = 0 \quad [=w1] \text{ error, in case of } >9 \text{ eqs}$$

$$(l_8 - l_5 y)X + (l_9 - l_6 y)Y + (l_{10} - l_7 y)Z + l_{11} - y = 0$$

to be estimated
known during calibration
known point on camera plane (\*sensor?)

For each point surveyed, 2 equations are given in the 11 unknowns  $l_i$ ; 6 points are enough to determine the parameters. A least squares approach can be used:

it gives you the unknown terms: the parameters. You can estimate this way the unknown parameters of the collinearity eqs: with some points of known coordinates

$$A [L] = B$$
$$[L] = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T B$$

either x, or  $x + w_1$

solution: instead of using the inverse matrix we use the pseudo inverse

coefficients of L, for example for L1 we have X

# Inverting DLT for space intersection (X, Y, Z from x,y,L)

\*camera a

$$(l_{1a} - l_{5a} x_a)X + (l_{2a} - l_{6a} x_a)Y + (l_{3a} - l_{7a} x_a)Z + l_{4a} - x_a = 0$$

$$(l_{8a} - l_{5a} y_a)X + (l_{9a} - l_{6a} y_a)Y + (l_{10a} - l_{7a} y_a)Z + l_{11a} - y_a = 0$$

these now are the known parts!

$$(l_{1b} - l_{5b} x_b)X + (l_{2b} - l_{6b} x_b)Y + (l_{3b} - l_{7b} x_b)Z + l_{4b} - x_b = 0$$

$$(l_{8b} - l_{5b} y_b)X + (l_{9b} - l_{6b} y_b)Y + (l_{10b} - l_{7b} y_b)Z + l_{11b} - y_b = 0$$

\*camera b

With at least two cameras, 4 equations in 3 unknowns can be solved by least squares technique

$$A [X, Y, Z] = B$$



\*known l coefficients  
and projections

$$[X, Y, Z] = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T B$$

# DLT problems

This equation was called originally (60s) DLT, direct linear transform. Because we have converted the NL problem into L problem.

**drawbacks:** parameters I have no physical meaning :( they are translation/rotation/focal length. Is some kind of abstract parameter, if you do the calibration of a camera and you look at the parameter (after), you can see if you have done errors. You cannot make obvious tests with these parameters.

When you have more parameters than d.o.f. the system will work well close the points of where you have estimated parameters, if you go away from these anything can happen. Usually these overdetermined system tries to use their dof (11 par) in order to optimize very well in the points in which they can actually compute the error, but this increases the error outside.

L parameters have not a physical meaning. Quite hard to identify calibration failure from those parameters (easier if parameters have a physical meaning as focal length, position in space, orientation)

11 parameters are estimated from 9 real degrees of freedom. Parameters can correlate well on observed points, but go ‘weird’ outside.



## The homogeneous projection matrix

qst non è DLT(2) ma è DLT(1) considerando tutti gli 11DoF, che semplicemente risulta matematicamente equivalente

$$P = KR[I_3] - X_O \quad \text{Here } X_O = C$$

contains **11 parameters**

- 6 extrinsic parameters:  $R, X_O$
- 5 intrinsic parameters:  $c, x_H, y_H, m, s$

Euclidean world:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^s x &= \frac{p_{11}X + p_{12}Y + p_{13}Z + p_{14}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}} \\ {}^s y &= \frac{p_{21}X + p_{22}Y + p_{23}Z + p_{24}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}} \end{aligned}$$

these are no longer the elements of the rotation matrix, but just parameters. The same as those we computed for DLT, but here we have p34.

$$R, X_O$$

$$c, x_H, y_H, m, s$$

$$x = \frac{l_1X + l_2Y + l_3Z + l_4}{l_5X + l_6Y + l_7Z + 1}$$

$$y = \frac{l_8X + l_9Y + l_{10}Z + l_{11}}{l_5X + l_6Y + l_7Z + 1}$$

Divide by  $p_{34}$

indeed we are working in a projection world. We obtain the same formulation as before

# Inversion of the mapping

**Inversion - Goal:** map from  ${}^a\mathbf{x}$  back to  $\mathbf{X}$

1<sup>st</sup> step:  ${}^a\mathbf{x} \rightarrow {}^s\mathbf{x}$  from sensor to ideal proj.

2<sup>nd</sup> step:  ${}^s\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}$  from ideal proj. to space

How do we invert the eqs to compute starting from these coordinates the 3D coordinates?

2 step:

1st: solving the problem of distortion correction. Once the projection is linear, you can project the points into the space.

If we use only one camera and try to make these projections we are not addressing exactly the measurements in one point in space but we are measuring something different

## Step 2 of inversion

$${}^S \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}$$

### From ideal projection to space (Inversion of the projective mapping)

[23.00] -> what?

UN altro motivo sul perché con una camera non siamo in grado di ricostruire. Io penso che si potesse fare LSqmethod come con DLT da 9 dof semplicemente.

We cannot reconstruct the 3D point but the ray through the 3D point  
With the known matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{\lambda x} &= \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}[I_3| - \mathbf{X}_O]\widetilde{\mathbf{X}} \\ &= [\mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}| - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}_O] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}_O\end{aligned}$$

Annotations:

- \*[xs ys 1], IDEAL projections
- calibration matrix K
- rotation matrix
- translation (was c)

# Finding the ray through X

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda \tilde{\mathbf{x}} &= P\mathbf{X} = KR[I_3] - X_O \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= [KR] - KR X_O \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= KR\mathbf{X} - KR X_O\end{aligned}$$

knowing x lets you compute only the line that passes through  $X_0$

\*in the global coordinates

General X determined by a projection.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{X} &= (KR)^{-1} KR X_O + \lambda (KR)^{-1} \mathbf{x} \\ &= X_O + \lambda (KR)^{-1} \mathbf{x}\end{aligned}$$

it starts from  $X_0$  and goes in a given direction, given by projection and rotation matrix

varying lambda you go all over the line

gives direction

$\lambda$  Defines a ray passing through  $X_0$  and  $\mathbf{x}$

# Camera calibration

"definitions you can read them"

## DEFINITIONS:

- If the intrinsics are **unknown**, we call the camera **uncalibrated**
- If the intrinsics are **known**, we call the camera **calibrated**
- If the intrinsics are known and do not change, it is a **metric camera**
- The process of obtaining the intrinsics is called **camera calibration**

# Recap calibration matrices

all possible approaches in which you increase  
the number of parameters.

camera coincides  
with the ref. frame,  
and unit focal length,  
no skew, right  
position of center

unit

$${}^0\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

D.O.F.

6 (6+0)

ideal

$${}^k\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ideal but with focal  
length

7 (6+1)

Euclidean

$${}^p\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 & x_H \\ 0 & c & y_H \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

you add the sensor  
position

9 (6+3)

affine

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} c & cs & x_H \\ 0 & c(1+m) & y_H \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

including scaling

11 (6+5)

general

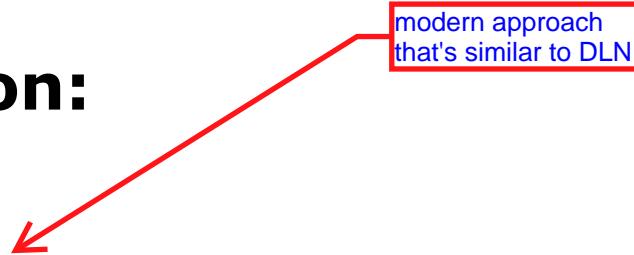
$${}^a\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} c & cs & x_H + \Delta x \\ 0 & c(1+m) & y_H + \Delta y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

11+N

also distortion  
correction

# Calibration (matrices computation)

## Camera Calibration:



## Direct Linear Transform (2) and Zhang's Method

Images of checker board, we can observe the xy coordinate in the image plane.

**Wanted:** Extrinsic and intrinsic parameters of a camera

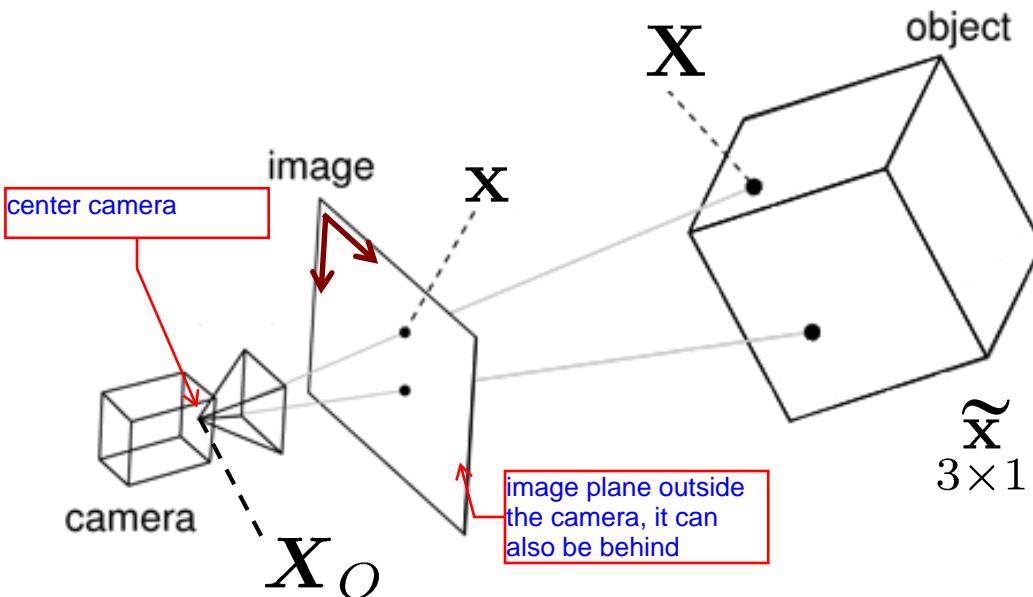
**Given:** Coordinates of object points (control points)

**Observed:** Coordinates  $x, y$  of those object points in an image

# Mapping

Direct linear transform (DLT) maps any object point  $\mathbf{X}$  to the image point  $\mathbf{x}$

Projection on a plane of the point over an object, project lowercase  $x$  toward the center. Already discussed.



$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{3 \times 1} &= K_{3 \times 3} R_{3 \times 3} \underbrace{\left[ I_{3 \times 3} - X_O \right]}_{3 \times 3} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{4 \times 1} \\ &= P_{3 \times 4} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{4 \times 1} \end{aligned}$$

# Spatial resection

Summary of what's needed and what's given.

**Spatial resection:** find the position of the camera in space.

Then space intersection: computing coordinates of point in 3D starting from stereometric system.

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = KR[I_3| - X_O]\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$$

observed image point

$c, s, m, x_h, y_h$

control point coordinates (given)

3 rotations

3 translations

Spatial Resection: given the intrinsic parameters, compute the **6 extrinsic parameters**

$c, s, m, x_h, y_h$  (given)  
 $X_0, Y_0, Z_0, \omega, \phi, \kappa$  (needed)

# How Many Points Are Needed?

already made this considerations

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = P \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each point gives **two** observation equations, one for each image coordinate

$$x = \frac{p_{11}X + p_{12}Y + p_{13}Z + p_{14}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}}$$
$$y = \frac{p_{21}X + p_{22}Y + p_{23}Z + p_{24}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}}$$

We are trying to estimate these.

Rearranging of collinearity eqs of the extended camera calibration matrix.

# Space Resection vs. DLT

## Calibrated camera

- 6 unknowns
- We need at least **3 points**
- Problem solved by **spatial resection**

it means we know  
the 5 intrinsics.

just position in space  
of the ref frame of the  
camera

to do spatial  
resection, knowing  
the position of the  
camera to the global  
ref frame, we only  
need at least 3 point  
in space

## Uncalibrated camera

- 11 unknowns (distortions supposed to be corrected – N parameters)
- We need at least **6 points**
- Assuming the model of an **affine camera** redistributed parameters ( $p_{ij}$  elements)
- Problem solved by **DLT** slightly different method for computing the parameters to respect the simple LSQ system. In that case you are able to compute the parameters with no meaning.. with this dlt you compute parameters with a physical meaning.

this includes  
parameters like the  
position of the center  
of the sensor, the  
skew etc.

each point gives us  
couple of equations

We are trying to estimate these [omography] coefficient of transformation between 3D space to 2D space on the image plane. If we use a calibrated camera we have 6 unknowns (just a position in space), meaning we need at least 3 points. 11 unknowns includes position of center of the sensor, the skew, etc.

## DLT (2) solution

Find 11 elements of P by surveying at least N>=6 known points P in space and measuring x, y coordinates of projections on the sensor.

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}_i \quad i = 1, \dots, I$$

global point,  
homogeneous  
coordinates

affine transformation in matrix form

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \underset{3 \times 4}{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{X}_i = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_i$$

it means to estimate these. Not really 12 but 11 since we are in the homogeneous space. We can normalize dividing everything by p<sub>34</sub>

We can solve the problem of estimating parameters using DLT, meaning estimate them. Not 12, but only 11 since we are in the homogeneous space, we can normalize the 4x3 matrix

# DLT (2) solution

This is where we start from

## The big picture

$$\tilde{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \Delta x(p, q) \\ 0 & 1 & \Delta y(p, q) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & s & x_c \\ 0 & 1+m & y_c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{I}_3 | -\mathbf{P}_0] \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Known

this part here is related to the position of camera in space,  $\mathbf{P}_0$  is the translation of the camera

rotation matrix

chained multiplications gives rise to our "K", calibration matrix

# Rearrange DLT equations

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^T \\ \mathbf{B}^T \\ \mathbf{C}^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_i$$

projection

first line

in homogeneous world

btw this is the focal length, if we want to know the physical relationship. The position of the image plane in to the ref frame of the camera

$\mathbf{A}^T$

$p_{11} \quad p_{12} \quad p_{13} \quad p_{14}$

$p_{21} \quad p_{22} \quad p_{23} \quad p_{24}$

$p_{31} \quad p_{32} \quad p_{33} \quad p_{34}$

$\mathbf{X}_i$

$\mathbf{x}_i$

$\begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \\ w_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{X}_i \end{bmatrix}$

still a  $3 \times 4$ , but I grouped each vectors in the variables

NOT the X coordinate, it is a vector XYZ1, point in the homogeneous space

DEIB

Solve the problem: we rearrange the equations. I'll call At the first line, Bt the second etc.

# Rearrange the DLT equations

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \\ w_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i \end{bmatrix}$$

[new slide]  
[audio]

To eliminate this arbitrary coefficient I divide.. (I obtain 3 equations  $u_i = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X}_i$  and so on.  $w_i$  is the position of the image plane into the ref. frame of the camera = focal length).

I'm solving for x, I get rid of the lambda factor dividing for  $w_i$

in the homogeneous space

I can rearrange the equation:

$$x_i = \frac{u_i}{w_i} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i} \Rightarrow x_i \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X}_i = 0$$
$$y_i = \frac{v_i}{w_i} = \frac{\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i} \Rightarrow y_i \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{X}_i = 0$$

[5.00] Just like slides before, to get rid of lambda I divide.

Linear system of equations (remind DLT(1) and collinearity eqns.)

# Linear equations system

we can build a linear system of equations

$$x_i \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X}_i = 0$$
$$y_i \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{X}_i = 0$$

fin ora direi sia letteralmente uguale a DLT(1), se non che abbiamo p11  
-> p34; e non abbiamo diviso per p34

with the 2 eq. I can build the linear system of equations

0: coeff of B for the first eq.

$$- \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{A} \quad 0 \quad + x_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{C} = 0$$
$$- \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{B} \quad + y_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{C} = 0$$

coefficient of A

No "A"

vectors of 4 elements each one

**linear in the unknown parameters A, B and C**

vector of 4 elements each one

# Estimate the elements of P

Create a full unknown vector: I put A B and C in column, I obtain a 12 element vector, called p. It represents the unknowns of the problem.

Collect the elements of P within a vector p

$$p = (p_k) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{P}^T)$$

rows of P as column-vectors, one below the other (12x1)

Rewrite  $-\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{A}$   $+x_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{C} = 0$   
 $-\mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{B}$   $+y_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{C} = 0$

as:  $\mathbf{a}_{x_i}^T p = 0$   $\mathbf{a}_{y_i}^T p = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} p &= (p_k) = \text{vec}(\mathbf{P}^T) \\ \mathbf{a}_{x_i}^T &= (-\mathbf{X}_i^T, \mathbf{0}^T, x_i \mathbf{X}_i^T) \quad \text{expanded} \\ &= (-X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, x_i X_i, x_i Y_i, x_i Z_i, x_i) \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_i}^T &= (\mathbf{0}^T, -\mathbf{X}_i^T, y_i \mathbf{X}_i^T) \\ &= (0, 0, 0, 0, -X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, y_i X_i, y_i Y_i, y_i Z_i, y_i) \end{aligned}$$

we can rewrite the equations in function of the vector p (\*unknowns)

alfa x and alfa y are coefficient of the linear system of equation ( $X_{it}, 0, x_i X_{it}$ )  
\*known values

# Estimate the elements of P

So we have a new system, with a single vector of unknowns.

For each equation (in this case x coordinate on image plane):

12 coefficients which multiply a vector of 12 unknowns.

You need to have at least 12 equations to solve:

you must image at least 6 points, each gives you 2 eq.

$$\mathbf{a}_{x_i}^T \mathbf{p} = 0 = (-X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, x_i X_i, x_i Y_i, x_i Z_i, x_i)$$

= (

$-\mathbf{X}_i^T,$

$\mathbf{0},$

$x_i \mathbf{X}_i^T$

)

$p_{11}$
$p_{12}$
$p_{13}$
$p_{14}$
$p_{21}$
$p_{22}$
$p_{23}$
$p_{24}$
$p_{31}$
$p_{32}$
$p_{33}$
$p_{34}$

A  
B  
C

$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{bmatrix}$

# Estimate the elements of $P$ by $I$ observations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_{x_i}^T \mathbf{p} &= 0 \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_i}^T \mathbf{p} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

I can write this for each  $i$  point

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a}_{x_1}^T \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_1}^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_{x_i}^T \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_i}^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_{x_I}^T \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_I}^T \end{array} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \underset{2I \times 12}{M} \underset{12 \times 1}{\mathbf{p}} = 0$$

when  $2i =$  at least to 12 I can resolve it

If the number of points is greater than 6 I have an overdetermined system. If there was no noise it would be ok, instead with noise on each line of the equation, you can, if you have more eqs, minimize the sum of the square error that you have. Meanin each eqs will turn to  $M_p = w$ , then you minimize the sum of square of  $w$ .

or equal.

In case of redundant observations ( $I > 6$ ), we get contradictions

$$M \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{w}$$

With  $\mathbf{w}$  = vector of residual errors

# Redundancy management: minimize error



Find  $p$  such that it minimizes (akin to pseudoinverse)

merit figure: sum of  
the square of  $w$ ,  
vector of errors

$$\Omega = w^T w$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{p} = \arg \min_p w^T w$$

I want estimate  $p$  with  
the minimization of  
omega

$$= \arg \min_p p^T M^T M p$$

\*prima cosa  
effettivamente diversa

\*invece di dividere  
per  $P_{34}$

$$\text{with } \|P\|_2 = \sum_{ij} p_{ij}^2 = \|p\| = 1$$

I substitute  $w$  with its  
definition.  
(transposed: invert  
the sequence). This  
in the end will be a  
scalar product, which  
I need to minimize.

(homogeneity leaves one degree of freedom)

# Solution of the least square problem

The matrix M is  $2I \times 12$ . Now we have I bigger than 6, so a rectangular matrix. It can be decomposed into the product of 3 matrix. S is a diagonal matrix, and contains all the eigenvalues of M ( $MtM$ ).

The other two fulfill the properties.

U and V are orthonormal matrices that contains orthonormal vectors, when you multiply one to the other you obtain an Identity matrix. [18.00]

## ■ Singular value decomposition (SVD)

$$M = U \quad S \quad V^T$$

$2I \times 12 \quad 2I \times 12 \quad 12 \times 12 \quad 12 \times 12$

M can be decomposed in the product of 3 matrixes

diagonal matrix: it contains all the eigenvalues of M [audio]

the other matrixes fulfill these conditions

with properties  $U^T U = I_{12}$ ,  $V^T V = I_{12}$

S diagonal and  $s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \dots \geq s_{12}$

identity matrix of dimension 12.

When we do SVD, usually these eigenvalues are ordered by size,  $s_{11}$  will be bigger than  $s_{22}$  etc.

# Solution via SVD

Starting from that we have some computation: we start from omega, we substitute to M the SVD, and by the properties seen (identity matrix equivalences) some disappear, we multiply S by S, then since we have lowercase v, the components of matrix v, we know it's orthonormal,  $v_i v_i^\top = 1$  if  $i=j$ , they are equal to 0 if  $i \neq j$ , So we arrive to the summation of vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Minimize: } \Omega &= \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{M}^\top \mathbf{M} \mathbf{p} \\ &= \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{p} \\ &= \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{S}^2 \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{p} \quad \text{idnetity matrix, U disappear} \\ &= \mathbf{p}^\top \left( \sum_{i=1}^{12} s_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^\top \right) \mathbf{p} \quad \text{you arrive to this summation}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_j^\top = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

components of matrix V

# Solution via SVD



Choosing  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{v}_i$  as solution (anyone of the eigenvector,  $\|\mathbf{p}\| = 1$ )

$$\Omega = \mathbf{v}_i^T (s_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T) \mathbf{v}_i = s_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_i = s_i^2$$

final result, scalar value.
  
this is equal to identity matrix
\*SSE= minimum eigenvalue  
wi = elemento del eigenvector corrispondente
  
cascade of all these  $\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{12}$

Choosing the smallest eigenvalue  $s_{12}$

$\Omega$  is minimized (M is rank 11)

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{B}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{C}} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{v}_{12} \quad \hat{\mathbf{P}} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \\ \hat{\mathbf{B}}^T \\ \hat{\mathbf{C}}^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{p}_1 & \hat{p}_2 & \hat{p}_3 & \hat{p}_4 \\ \hat{p}_5 & \hat{p}_6 & \hat{p}_7 & \hat{p}_8 \\ \hat{p}_9 & \hat{p}_{10} & \hat{p}_{11} & \hat{p}_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector
Matrix

# Critical known point distribution

consideration on positioning of the points. These were the coefficients of the linear eq system we started, before the minimization of the error.

No solution if all the control points are restricted on a plane.  
Example Z=0 below: matrix rank is reduced

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ a_{x_i}^T \\ a_{y_i}^T \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -X_i & -Y_i & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & x_i X_i & x_i Y_i & 0 & x_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -X_i & -Y_i & 0 & \dots & 0 & y_i X_i & y_i Y_i & 0 & y_i \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

coefficients we started from

If I chose as Z coordinate Z=0, for all the possible equations I can write by imaging different points, the rank of the matrix of the coefficient is reduced.

Meaning there will be infinite solutions, we won't know which one to chose. We could do that to any plane tho', not just Z. If you have all the points in a single plane you won't find the solution to the problem. At least one has to be away. Obv the more the point spread the better.

# Decomposition of P: $\hat{X}_0$

We obtained this result by using the DLT(1?), the result is the same.  
But now we are able to make a further step! Not only to estimate these abstract value with no actual meaning, but to decompose the omography into the meaning of the phenomena: translation and rotation and calibration matrices from these we obtained.

We have  $\hat{P}$ , how to obtain  $\hat{K}, \hat{R}, \hat{X}_O$ ?

$$\hat{P} = \hat{K}\hat{R}[I_3| - \hat{X}_O] = [\hat{H}_\infty | \hat{h}]$$

it's clear that:

With  $\hat{H}_\infty = \hat{K}\hat{R}$  and  $\hat{h} = -\hat{K}\hat{R}X_O$

Projection centre is  $\hat{X}_O = -\hat{H}_\infty^{-1}\hat{h}$

we can find the translation already (to the camera ref. to respect the global ref.)

not just estimate these abstract with no meaning values	first part 3x3 we call $H_{inf}$
$\hat{p}_1, \hat{p}_2, \hat{p}_3$	$\hat{p}_4, \hat{p}_8, \hat{p}_{12}$
$\hat{p}_5, \hat{p}_6, \hat{p}_7$	
$\hat{p}_9, \hat{p}_{10}, \hat{p}_{11}$	

$h^{\wedge} = [p_4, p_8, p_{12}]^T$   
 $H^{\wedge} = [p_1, p_2, p_3, p_5, p_6, p_7, p_9, p_{10}, p_{11}]$

# Decomposition of P: R and K

This allows to decompose a generic matrix A into the product of a couple of matrices, which are called Q and R. Which includes an orthonormal matrix Q, in our case R (rotation matrix) and an upper triangular matrix R (the k matrix). We can use this by keeping into account that the we need the KR and not what the alg gives use. So instead of facturizing the matrix Hinf, we factorize the inverse of Hinf, so that is factorized in KR inverse, and we obtain the values of Rt and then we can compute K.

We want to obtain K and R now, decomposing, there's this algorithm

In the end we can normalize K matrix by normalizin for the third element

"the product of"

our k matrix?

**QR factorization** yields the decomposition of a matrix A (H infinite) into a product  $A = QR$  of an orthonormal matrix Q (R for us) and an upper triangular matrix R (K for us):  $A=RK$ , but we need KR, so we factorize (QR) the inverse of H infinite.

called like this  
because the alg. is  
QR

$$\hat{H}_\infty^{-1} = (\hat{K} \hat{R})^{-1} = \hat{R}^{-1} \hat{K}^{-1} = \hat{R}^T \hat{K}^{-1}$$

R    Q

We obtain: R and K

Homogeneity allows to normalize K:

$$\hat{\hat{K}} = \frac{1}{\hat{K}_{33}} \hat{K}$$

In the end: we calibrate a camera and..  
unlike the previous slide, where we compute  
the abstract I values with no physical  
meaning, we get all the physical  
components of the problem: rotation matrix,  
calibration matrix, translation.

in the end you  
normalize the k, by  
normalizing for the  
last element. Our  
upper diagonal matrix  
has a 1 in position 33,  
and we obtain that  
one by normalizing

## Summary of DLT (2)

We can estimate the camera parameters given control points

$$P \leftrightarrow (K, R, X_O)$$

### Uncalibrated camera

- **DLT** you start here
- Using **≥6 points** better more
- Direct solution
- Solution is unstable if the control points lie approximately on a plane

or if the control points do not feel your control volume: your space volume where you intend to carry out the measurements. If I want to have reliable measurements all over the volume it is better to feel the volume with control points of known coordinates

If you feel only a cube of 10 cm x 10 cm x 10cm, you'll be very precise only on that cube. You'll have a lot of errors and noise if you are away from this. If you are working on a very small volume => very low errors there.[praticamente il sistema fa overfitting per ridurre l'errore IN QUEL volume, ergo fuori si potrebbero avere enormi errori]