# 1 Motivation

At the top-level, this problem set enables you to turn your cell phone into a 4D light field camera.

In class we learned how "Bokeh" and shallow depth of field is a desirable aesthetic quality in a photograph. Unfortunately, this effect requires a large aperture, i.e., the lens is going to be big and bulky! But what if it was possible to turn your cell phone into a camera with a large aperture? What if we could selectively focus on objects in post-processing?

The goal of this homework is to synthesize images with smaller depths of field thus making it appear to have been taken from an expensive camera with a larger aperture [2] [4]. Figure 1a and b show a scene image with the corresponding synthetic aperture image with lower depth of field.





(a) All-in focus image.

(b) Post-processed to blur the background

Figure 1: **Turning a cell phone into a light field camera.** (a) An all-in focus image taken with a cell phone camera. (b) A light field stack is post-processed to blur out the background. Notice how the helmet stands out from the background.

# **2 Experimental Component**

We will capture a video by moving the camera in a zig-zag path as shown in Figure 2 in front of the static scene. Unless otherwise discussed with the instruction staff, please use Python for all codes. Fill in each box below for credit. Please note:

- 1. The algorithm being implemented does not take camera tilt into account. Avoid tilting and rotating the camera as much as possible.
- 2. The instruction set use a planar zig-zag path for camera motion as in 2. However, you are allowed to try different paths like circular or polyline.
- 3. The number of frames in the video captured will determine the time required to compute the output. Make sure the video is not too long.

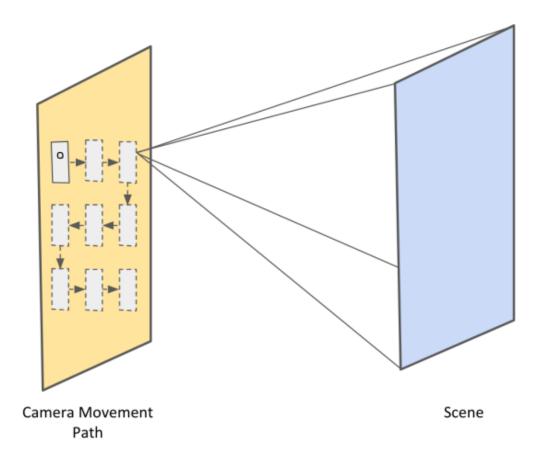


Figure 2: A zig-zag planar motion of the camera in front of the static scene to capture a video.

# 2.1 Set up a Static Scene

Set up a static scene similar to the one shown in Figure 1a. Try to have objects at different depths. For credit, place your image in the box below (replace our office scene with your own scene).

```
# If on Google Drive, you can mount your drive so you can save your work
# Mount google drive and go to drive
from google.colab import drive
from google.colab.patches import cv2_imshow
drive.mount('/content/drive')
# %cd "drive/My Drive/Homework 2"
Mounted at /content/drive
In [2]:
# Important imports you may use
import numpy as np
import cv2
from scipy.signal import correlate2d
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from tqdm import tqdm
from tqdm.contrib import tzip
In [3]:
def check code correctness(test function, *test in, test out):
    """Checks if the given function behaves as expected
    Args:
      test_function: Function to test
      *test in: The sample inputs to test on (can be multiple)
      test_out: The expected output of the function given the specified input
      True if the function behaves as expected, False otherwise (wrong answer or error)
    try:
        # Using *test in to unpack the arguments and pass to the test function
        student out = test function(*test in)
    except NotImplementedError as err:
        print("Please implement and remove \'raise NotImplementedError\' ")
        return False
    except RuntimeError as err:
        print("Please make sure you have the right dimensions and type")
        return False
    except:
        print("An exception occurred: could not compute output")
        return False
    try:
        if not( np.allclose(student out, test out) ):
            print("Test failed, student output does not match test output")
            return False
    except TypeError as err:
        print("Please make sure your function outputs the correct type")
        return False
        print("An exception occurred: could not check output")
        return False
    return True
%cd '/content/drive/MyDrive/239AS/Assignment-2'
/content/drive/MyDrive/239AS/Assignment-2
gdown https://drive.google.com/uc?id=1b0vWufL9ZftzqRxIBXSpp_qI-hZmddt4
!unzip sol 1.zip
Downloading...
From: https://drive.google.com/uc?id=1bOvWufL9ZftzqRxIBXSpp qI-hZmddt4
To: /content/drive/MyDrive/239AS/Assignment-2/sol 1.zip
100% 130M/130M [00:00<00:00, 166MB/s]
Archive: sol 1.zip
  creating: sol_1/.ipynb_checkpoints/
  inflating: sol 1/template_1.npy
  inflating: sol 1/varying depth widths.npy
  inflating: sol 1/varying focal widths.npy
  inflating: sol 1/shifts.npy
  inflating: sol_1/frame_1.npy
  inflating: sol_1/NCC.npy
  inflating: sol_1/frames.npy
  inflating: sol_1/defocused_image.npy
  inflating: sol 1/frames color.npy
```

# 2.2 Capture a 4D Light Field

111 [1]:

Take a video by waving your camera in front of the scene by following a specific planar motion. The more you cover the plane, the better will be your results. Ensure that all objects are in focus in your video. For credit, place three frames of the video in the box below (replace our example). These frames differ in their parallax, i.e., an effect where object positions change in response to view.

## 2.3.1 Acquiring the Data

Write a function to read your video file and convert the video into a sequence of frames. Since this was captured from a cell phone, each frame image is in RGB color. Write a script to convert each frame to gray-scale. For credit, place the gray scale image of the first frame of your video in the box below (replace our example).

```
In [4]:
# Student TODO: Create a script to load a video and extract the frames into an
# array named "frames color". You must extract color frames. Grayscale frames are
# optional, as they'll help with computation time. OpenCV will likely be useful for this.
# Load a mp4 as a video
video_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/239AS/Assignment-2/scene.mp4'
frames color = []
frames color rgb = []
frames gray = []
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(video path)
if not cap.isOpened():
    print("Error: Could not open video file.")
    exit()
while True:
    # Read the next frame from the video
    ret, frame = cap.read()
    if not ret:
       break
    frame color = frame #cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR RGB2BGR)
    frames color rgb.append(cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR BGR2RGB))
    frames color.append(frame color)
    frame gray = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR BGR2GRAY)
    frames_gray.append(frame_gray)
cap.release()
```

Number of frames extracted: 420

## 2.3.2 Displaying Frames

To ensure that your function reads the frames of the video correctly, plot some of the frames below (replace our example).

frames color, frames gray = np.array(frames color) , np.array(frames gray)

print(f"Number of frames extracted: {len(frames\_gray)}")

#### Figure 4: Three frames of video above

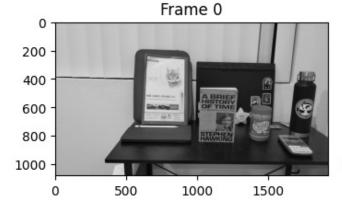
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In [25]:
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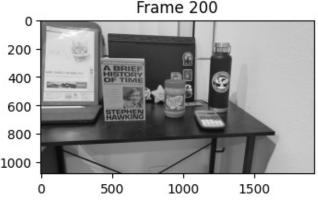
```
from PIL import Image
im = Image.fromarray(frames_color_rgb[50])
im.save("frame_50.jpeg")
```

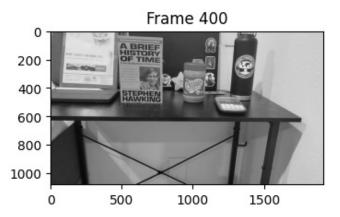
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In [27]:
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# Student TODO: Display 3 different frames of your video

# Plot any three frames using matplotlib
fig, axs = plt.subplots(1,3, figsize=(13,13))
axs[0].imshow(frames_gray[0], cmap = 'gray')
axs[1].imshow(frames_gray[200], cmap = 'gray')
axs[2].imshow(frames_gray[400], cmap = 'gray')
axs[0].title.set_text('Frame 0')
axs[1].title.set_text('Frame 200')
axs[2].title.set_text('Frame 400')
```







## 2.4 Registering the Frames

# 2.4.1 Template and Window

From the first frame of your video, select an object as a template. We will be registering all other frames of the video with respect to this template. Once a template has been selected in the first frame, we search for it in the subsequent frames. The location of the template in a target frame image will give us the shift(in pixels) of the camera. Since we don't have to search for the template in the entire target frame image, we select a window to perform this operation. Note, however, that selecting a window is optional. This is done just to reduce the computation time. For credit, place the image of the first frame of your video in the box below with the template and the window markings (replace our example)

# **Template & Window below in figure**

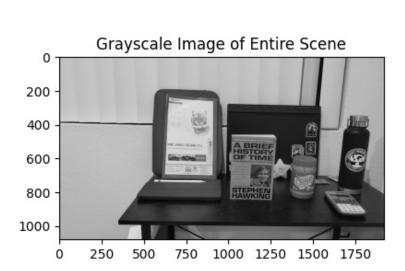
In [ ]:

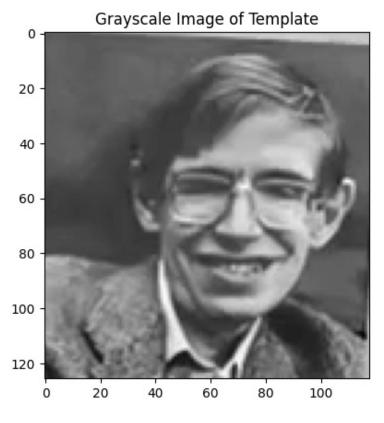
```
def box_center_to_corner(cx,cy,w,h):
    """Convert from (center, width, height) to (upper-left, lower-right)."""
    x1 = int(cx)
   y1 = int(cy)
   x2 = int(cx + w)
    y2 = int(cy + h)
    return x1, x2, y1, y2
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In [ ]:
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box_center_to_corner( 774, 320, 113, 122)
Out[]:
(774, 887, 320, 442)
In [9]:
# Student TODO: Select a template in the first frame of the video.
# A template is an object that you'd like to focus on.
# It is optional to select a frame that bound the deviation of the entire object.
# Create a window to operate in can decrease computation time significantly,
# though it depends on your methods of computation.
# Select woman eating ramen
# [x_start, x_end, y_start, y_end]
template bounds = [1131, 1249, 639, 765] # 774, 887, 320, 442
template = frames_gray[0, template_bounds[2]:template_bounds[3], template_bounds[0]:template_bounds[1]]
print(template.shape)
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2)
fig.set_size_inches(10, 5)
axes[0].set_title("Grayscale Image of Entire Scene")
axes[1].set_title("Grayscale Image of Template")
axes[0].imshow(frames gray[0], cmap='gray')
axes[1].imshow(template, cmap='gray')
plt.show()
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## 2.4.2 Normalized Cross Correlation

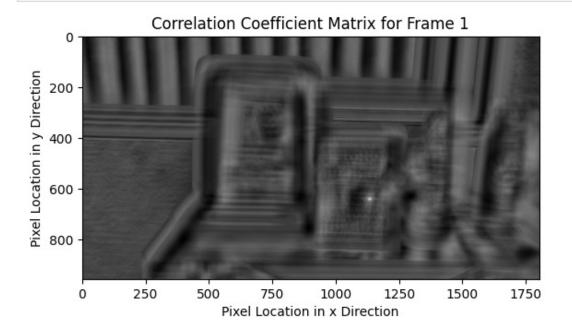
Perform a normalized cross correlation of the template with the extracted search window. Let A[i,j] be the normalized cross-correlation coefficient. If t[n,m] is our template image and w[n,m] is our window, then from [3] we have:

$$A[i,j] \ \sum_{n,m=1}^{T} [w(n,m) \ -ar{w}_{i,j}] \ [t(n-i \ .m-j) \ -ar{t}] \ [w(n,m) \ -ar{w}_{i,j}]^2 \ [t(n-i, \ m-j) \ -ar{t}]^2$$

where,  $ar{t}$  is the mean of the template and  $ar{w}_{i,j}$  is the mean of the window w[n,m] in the region under the template. Plot the cross correlation coefficient matrix A[i,j]for one of the frames. For credit, place the plot in the box below. (replace our example)

#### Hint: Use the OpenCV Library.

```
In [8]:
# Student TODO: Create a function to compute all the coefficients of the
# correlation coefficient matrix for a given frame.
def compute_A_matrix(template, window):
    # Compute the normalized cross-correlation using OpenCV's matchTemplate
    res = cv2.matchTemplate(window, template, cv2.TM_CCOEFF_NORMED)
    return res
In [ ]:
test_template = np.load('sol_1/template_1.npy')
test window = np.load('sol 1/frame 1.npy')
test sol = np.load('sol 1/NCC.npy')
check code correctness (compute A matrix, test template, test window, test out=test sol)
Out[]:
True
In [ ]:
# Student TODO: Run your code on the first frame and visualize. Ensure the brightest point
# is on your template.
# Sanity check
plt.title("Correlation Coefficient Matrix for Frame 1")
plt.xlabel("Pixel Location in x Direction")
plt.ylabel("Pixel Location in y Direction")
img = compute A matrix(template, frames gray[0])
```



# 2.4.3 Retrieving the Pixel Shifts

plt.imshow(img, cmap='gray')

plt.show()

The location that yields the maximum value of the coefficient A[i,j] is used to compute the shift. The shift in pixels for each frame can be found by: [sx,sy]

 $= max_{i,j}A[i,j].$ 

For credit, please place the plot of sx v/s sy in the box below (replace our example)

# Figure 8: Plot of X vs Y pixel shifts

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In [5]:
# Student TODO: Create a script to compute the A matrix for every frame
# and compute the pixel shift for each A matrix by taking the max value.

# Compute every A matrix and compute the shifts
# This function should return a numpy array of size (N,2)
# where N is the number of frames and the shifts are in (y,x) order

# Hint: np.argmax may help here
def compute_shifts(template, frames):
    r = np.empty((len(frames),2))
    for i,frame in enumerate(frames):
        res = compute_A_matrix(template, frame)
        r[i]= list(np.unravel_index(res.argmax(), res.shape))
    print(r.shape)
    return r
```

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In []:

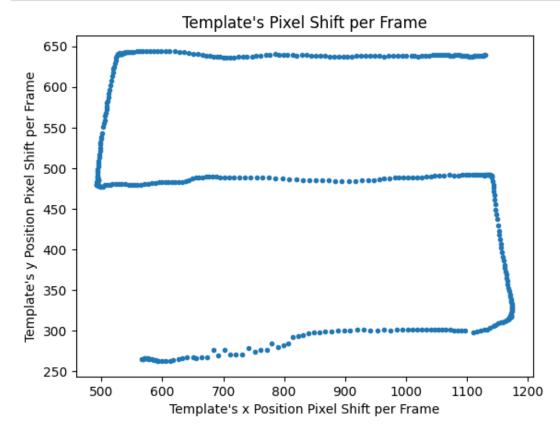
test_template = np.load('sol_1/template_1.npy')
test_frames = np.load('sol_1/frames.npy')
test_sol = np.load('sol_1/shifts.npy')
check_code_correctness(compute_shifts, test_template, test_frames, test_out=test_sol)

(10, 2)
Out[]:
True
```

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In [21]:
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# Student TODO: Plot your shifts and make sure they match the video you took

# Plotting shifts using matplotlib
# Pay attention to what is X and Y
shifts = compute_shifts(template, frames_gray)
shifts = shifts.astype(int)
plt.title("Template's Pixel Shift per Frame")
plt.xlabel("Template's x Position Pixel Shift per Frame")
plt.ylabel("Template's y Position Pixel Shift per Frame")
plt.scatter( shifts[:,1], shifts[:,0] , marker ='.') # student_todo
plt.show()
```



#### 2.5 Synthesizing an Image with Synthetic Aperture

Once you have the pixel shifts for each frame, you can synthesize refocused image by shifting each frame in the opposite direction and then summing up all the frames. (Note: in Section 3, you will need to explain why this operation works. Start thinking about this now!) Suppose the pixel shift vector for Frame Image  $I_i[n,m]$  is  $[s_{xi},s_{yi}]$ . Then, the image output, P[n,m] with synthetic aperture is obtained as:

$$P[n,m] = \ \sum_i I_i [n-s_{xi}\,, \ m-s_{yi}\,]$$

For credit, place your synthetically "defocused" image in the box below (replace our example).

defocused\_image = compute\_defocused\_image(frames\_color\_rgb, shifts)

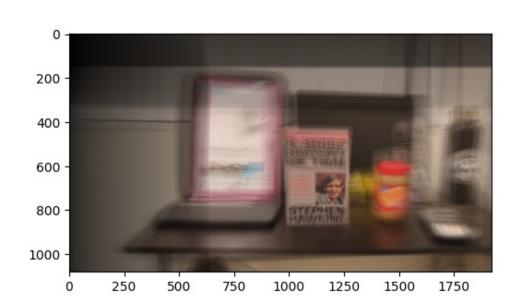
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2)
fig.set\_size\_inches(13, 6)
axes[0].imshow(defocused image)

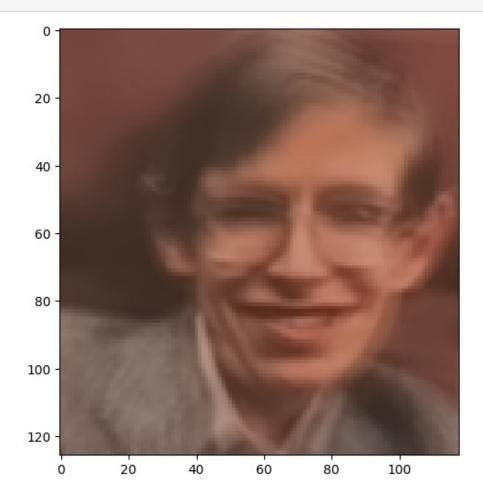
# Figure 9: Synthetically defocussed image - example 1

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In [ ]:
# Student TODO: Use the shifts to synthetically defocus your image using the
# above equation.
# Hint: Remember to align your images to the first frame.
# Hint: the warpAffine function from opency may be useful
# Compute sythnetically "defocused" image
# The output should be the same size as your input frames.
def compute_defocused_image(frames_color, shifts):
    res = np.zeros_like(frames_color[0], dtype = 'float64')
    first_frame_vertical_shift, first_frame_horizontal_shift = shifts[0]
    \# fig, axs = plt.subplots(10,1, figsize=(50, 50))
    for i, frame in enumerate(frames color):
       vertical_shift, horizontal_shift = -1*(shifts[i][0] - first_frame_vertical_shift), -1*(shifts[i][1] - first_frame_horizon
tal shift)
        affine_matrix = np.array([[1, 0, horizontal_shift], [0, 1, vertical_shift]],dtype='float32')
        shifted_image = cv2.warpAffine(frame, affine_matrix, (frame.shape[1], frame.shape[0]))
        res+=shifted image
    res = res/len(frames_color)
    res= np.clip(res, 0, 255).astype(np.int64)
    return res
In [ ]:
```

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test_frames_color = np.load('sol_1/frames_color.npy')
test_shifts = np.load('sol_1/shifts.npy')
test_sol = np.load('sol_1/defocused_image.npy')
check_code_correctness(compute_defocused_image, test_frames_color, test_shifts, test_out=test_sol)
Out[]:
True
In []:
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axes[1].imshow(defocused\_image[template\_bounds[2]:template\_bounds[3], template\_bounds[0]:template\_bounds[1]])
plt\_show()





#### 2.6 Repeating the Experiment for Different Templates

Now, we will exploit the fact that we can synthetically focus on different depths. To do this, select a new object as your template and repeat all the steps to generate an image that is focused on this new object. Here, we have selected the UCLA logo as our new object. For credit, place a de-focused image with a different template object in focus in the box below (replace our example).

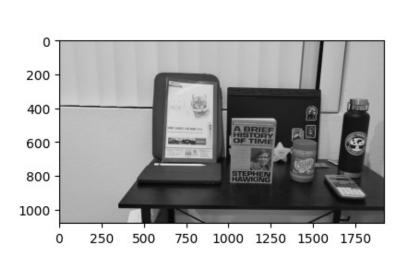
#### In [ ]:

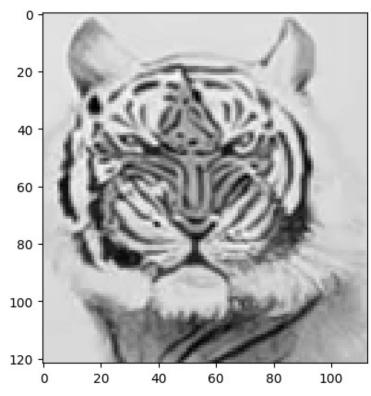
```
# Student TODO: Select a new template.

# Select UCLA as a new template
template_bounds = [774, 887, 320, 442]
template = frames_gray[0, template_bounds[2]:template_bounds[3], template_bounds[0]:template_bounds[1]]
print(template.shape)

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2)
fig.set_size_inches(10, 5)
axes[0].imshow(frames_gray[0], cmap='gray')
axes[1].imshow(template, cmap='gray')
plt.show()
```

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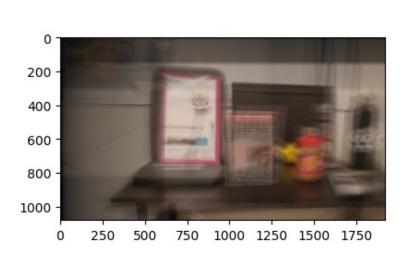


## In [ ]:

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# Student TODO: Rerun the previous code to get a synthetically "defocused" image
# for your new template.

# Recompute defocused image

template_bounds = [774, 887, 320, 442]
template = frames_gray[0, template_bounds[2]:template_bounds[3], template_bounds[0]:template_bounds[1]]
shifts = compute_shifts(template, frames_gray)
defocused_image = compute_defocused_image(frames_color_rgb, shifts)
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2)
fig.set_size_inches(10, 5)
axes[0].imshow(defocused_image)
axes[1].imshow(defocused_image[template_bounds[2]:template_bounds[3], template_bounds[0]:template_bounds[1]])
```



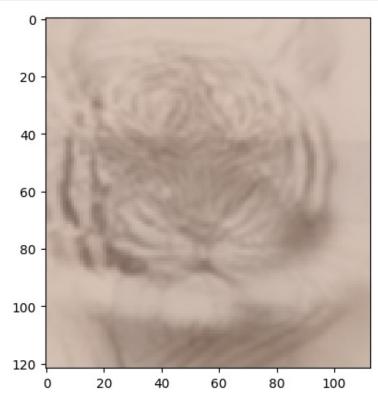


Figure 10: Synthetically defocussed image - Example 2

# **3 Assessment**

The goal is to understand how much blur is synthetically added by using a model of pinhole cameras. Consider the coordinate diagram shown in Figure 11. Here, [X1,Z1] is a scene point of an object in the template, [X2,Z2] is a scene point of an object in the background and C(i) for i = 1,...,k are positions of the apertures of cameras at which the scene is captured. The maximum camera translation is  $\Delta$  and f is the focal length of the cameras (all are assumed to be the same).

#### 3.1 Deriving the Blur Kernel Width

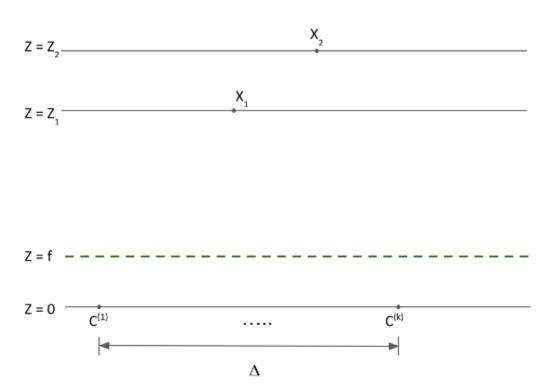


Figure 11: Example coordinate system and notation. In this figure, the dashed plane is the virtual film plane, placed one focal length above the apertures located at  $C^{(1)}, \ldots, 1$ . This is a common shorthand convention so we do not have to flip the camera images. In reality, the actual film plane would be one focal length below the  $C^{(k)}$ 

aperture location. This coordinate system is used as a guide - you are welcome to modify as needed.

We will use the shift-and-add method for light field imaging such that  $X_1$  is the point in focus (i.e. as the "template" that we shift and add"). As we shift between camera views, the location  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  get projected to shift as well. Derive a mathematical expression for the size of the blur kernel (W) applied to  $X_2$ . Since  $X_1$  is the point in focus, finding the blur kernel is equivalent to finding the difference between the range of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , where  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the corresponding projected pixels on the sensor. Credit will be assessed both for technical correctness and the presentation of the derivation. You should not need figures, but are welcome to include them. Insert your derivation in the box below. Please write it in Latex.

[Hint: Our solution to derive W was about a half page.]

[Hint: To check your solution, if  $\,Z_1=Z_2$  the width of the blur kernel should be zero.]

## 3.1 Derivation

We know that, blur kernel width

$$W = |R(x_2) - R(x_1)| \ \cdots (1)$$

where R(x) depicts Range of x as defined below:

$$R(x) = x_{max}$$

 $-x_{min}$ 

Now, let us calculate each of the components. Starting with  $\,R(x_1)$ :

 $R(x_1) = x_1{}_{max} \ -x_1{}_{min}$ 

From the diagram above, we see similar triangles such that:

$$egin{aligned} ext{(i)} & ext{tan}( heta_1) & = rac{X_1}{Z_1} \ & = rac{x_{1min}}{-f} \ & \Rightarrow x_{1min} = rac{-fX_1}{Z_1} \ ext{(ii)} & ext{tan}( heta_2) & = rac{X_1 - C_k}{Z_1} \ & = rac{x_{1max} - C_k}{-f} \ & \Rightarrow x_{1max} & = C_k \ & + f \ & \left(rac{C_k - X_1}{Z_1}
ight) \ \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$egin{array}{ll} R(x_1) &= C_k \ &+f \ &\left(rac{C_k-X_1}{Z_1}
ight) \ &+rac{-fX_1}{Z_1} \ \Rightarrow R(x_1) &=rac{1}{Z_1} \ &(Z_1C_k \ &+fC_k)\cdots \ &\cdots (2) \end{array}$$

In a similar fashion, we would get that

$$egin{aligned} R(x_2) &= rac{1}{Z_2} \ (Z_2 C_k \ + f C_k) \cdots \ \cdots (3) \end{aligned}$$

From (1) , (2) and (3) , we get that

$$W=rac{1}{Z_1Z_2} \ (fC_k|Z_2 \ -Z_1|)$$

From figure, we get that  $C_k=\Delta$ , and hence

$$W=rac{f\Delta}{Z_1Z_2} \ |Z_2-Z_1|$$

# 3.2 Blur Kernel Shape

Now that you have derived the size of the blur kernel, please write the functional expression for the blur kernel.

[Hint: Think about what process is creating this blur and try to formalize that]

# One possible kernel:

Assuming blur kernel width to be the FWHM of a gaussian function,

we can write:

$$egin{array}{ll} 2.3\sigma &=W \ &=rac{f\Delta}{Z_1Z_2} \ &|Z_2-Z_1| \ &\Rightarrow \sigma =rac{f\Delta}{2.3*Z_1Z_2}|Z_2-Z_1| \end{array}$$

Hence, the blur kernel can be represented as follows:

$$=rac{G_{\sigma}}{2\pi\sigma^{2}}e^{-rac{(x^{2}+y^{2})}{2\sigma^{2}}}$$

where sigma is defined as above in terms of  $f, \Delta, Z1$ , .

### (Another possible kernel)

We note that in the pixel domain, we need to find H(X,Z) such that:

$$egin{aligned} \operatorname{conv2d}(I(n,\ m), & H(n,m)) \ &= P[n,m] \ &= rac{1}{N} \ &\sum_i I_i[n-s_{xi}, m \ &-s_{yi}] \end{aligned}$$

(conv is done with mode='same' to achieve image of same dimensions).

Now, we note that to do this operation in 2.5, we had used an affine transformation matrix, summed the components up for each shift and then averaged over the number of frames.

We can hence use H(n,m) as something similar to an average filter:

#### 3.3 Blur and Scene Depth

Create a function to compute the width of the blur kernel, W, as a function of the  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_2$ , f, and  $\Delta$ . Comment on the relationship between these variables.

This section will be used to validate your results from 3.1.

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In [ ]:
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# Create a function that takes in Z1, Z2, f, and delta
# and outputs the blur kernel width.
def compute_blur_kernel_width(Z1, Z2, f, delta):
    return f*delta*abs(Z1-Z2)/(Z1*Z2)
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In [ ]:
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All tests passed!

## STUDENT: INSERT RELATION BETWEEN W AND $|Z_2-Z_1|$

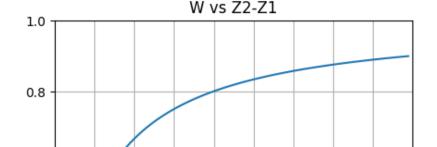
$$W=m|Z_2 \ -Z_1|$$

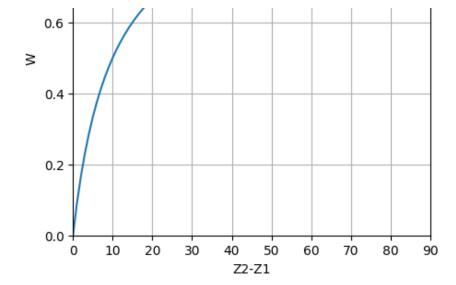
where, m is a non linear slope, defined as follows:

$$m=rac{f\Delta}{Z_1Z_2}$$

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plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))
plt.xlabel("Z2-Z1")
plt.ylabel("W")
plt.grid()
plt.title("W vs Z2-Z1")
plt.xlim(0, 90)
plt.ylim(0, 1)
plt.plot(np.abs(test_Z2-test_Z1), widths)
plt.show()
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#### 3.4 Blur and Focal Length

Create a function to plot the width of the blur kernel, W, as a function of the focal length of the camera, f. Comment on the relationship between these variables.

#### STUDENT: INSERT RELATION BETWEEN W AND f

$$W = (f)m$$

where, m is defined as follows:

$$m=rac{f\Delta}{Z_1Z_2}$$

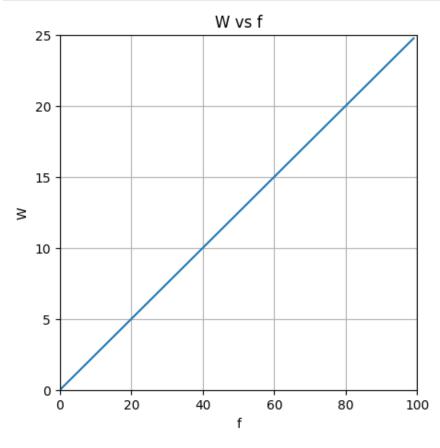
We note that W is directly proportional to f, hence is linearly dependent on f, thereby implying a linear graph for W v/s f

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plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))
plt.xlabel("f")
plt.ylabel("W")
plt.grid()
plt.title("W vs f")
plt.xlim(0, 100)
plt.ylim(0, 25)
plt.plot(test_f, widths)
plt.show()
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# 3.5 Blur and Circle of Confusion (No extra credit CYU)

Can you relate the blur to circle of confusion? How would you rederive the blur size using the circle of confusion?

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