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Abstract

1 Camera geometry

Camera Matrix has the following form and depends only on the device itself.

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} f_x & s & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Pattern coordinates are defined as \mathbf{C}^k .

We perform M measurements enumerated by index $\mu = 0, \dots, M - 1$. For μ^{th} experiment we have the transformation matrix \mathbf{R}_μ and a translation vector \mathbf{T}_μ that transform the pattern points \mathbf{C} to the camera coordinate system.

$$\mathbf{X}_\mu^k = \mathbf{R}_\mu \mathbf{C}^k + \mathbf{T}_\mu \quad (2)$$

The corresponding points are obtained via camera projection matrix as follows

$$\mathbf{U}_\mu^k = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{X}_\mu^k \equiv \mathbf{K} (\mathbf{R}_\mu \mathbf{C}^k + \mathbf{T}_\mu) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u_\mu^k \\ v_\mu^k \\ w_\mu^k \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$x_\mu^k = u_\mu^k / w_\mu^k, \quad y_\mu^k = v_\mu^k / w_\mu^k \quad (4)$$

Let us define \tilde{x}, \tilde{y} - distorted points and

$$\rho^{(k)} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad (5)$$

Radial distortion:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x} &= x + x(k_1 \rho^2 + k_2 \rho^4 + k_3 \rho^6) \\ \tilde{y} &= y + y(k_1 \rho^2 + k_2 \rho^4 + k_3 \rho^6) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Skew distortion:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{x} &= x + 2p_1xy + p_2(\rho^2 + x^2) \\ \tilde{y} &= y + 2p_2xy + p_1(\rho^2 + y^2)\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{x}_\mu^k &\equiv \tilde{x}_\mu^k(R_\mu, T_\mu, C^k, K, k_1, k_2, k_3, p_1, p_2) \\ \tilde{y}_\mu^k &\equiv \tilde{y}_\mu^k(R_\mu, T_\mu, C^k, K, k_1, k_2, k_3, p_1, p_2)\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

The error functions \mathbf{e}_μ^k read:

$$\mathbf{e}_\mu^k = \begin{pmatrix} \text{measured}(x_\mu^k) - \tilde{x}_\mu^k \\ \text{measured}(y_\mu^k) - \tilde{y}_\mu^k \end{pmatrix}\tag{9}$$

And the function we have to minimize reads:

$$L = \sum_{k,\mu} \mathbf{e}_\mu^k \mathbf{e}_\mu^k\tag{10}$$

2 Calibration on a flat chessboard pattern

Let us consider a special case when the points \mathbf{C}^k are the corners of a chessboard pattern:

$$\mathbf{C}^{pq} \equiv \mathbf{C}^k = a \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\tag{11}$$

where $p = 0, \dots, N_x - 1$ and $q = 0, \dots, N_y - 1$ enumerate corners in the pattern, $k = qN_x + p$ is unified index and a is the length of the pattern's square size in any units of measure.

Since, on the pattern plane in its own coordinate system $Z = 0$, the last column of \mathbf{R} does not play any role, and, the transformation (3) can be rewritten as:

$$\mathbf{U}_\mu^k = \mathbf{H}_\mu \tilde{\mathbf{C}}^k, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{C}}^k = \begin{pmatrix} c_1^k \\ c_2^k \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\tag{12}$$

where

$$\mathbf{H} = \lambda \mathbf{K} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & t_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & t_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & t_3 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & h_3 \\ h_4 & h_5 & h_6 \\ h_7 & h_8 & h_9 \end{pmatrix}\tag{13}$$

is a homography matrix that maps the pattern plane onto the image plane. Here λ is an arbitrary constant. Here we dropped the index μ for readability.

Each point correspondence $U_\mu^k \rightarrow C_\mu^k$ gives us a constraint on the elements of \mathbf{H}

Multiplying (13) from the left by \mathbf{K}^{-1} and imposing that \mathbf{r}_1 and \mathbf{r}_2 are orthonormal gives us 2 constraints on the homography matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}_1^T \mathbf{K}^{-T} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2 &= 0 \\ \mathbf{h}_1^T \mathbf{K}^{-T} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_1 &= \mathbf{h}_2^T \mathbf{K}^{-T} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{h}_2 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Let us define

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{K}^{-T} \mathbf{K}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{f_x^2} & -\frac{s}{f_x^2 f_y} & \frac{c_y s - c_x f_y}{f_x^2 f_y} \\ -\frac{s}{f_x^2 f_y} & \frac{s^2}{f_x^2 f_y^2} + \frac{1}{f_y^2} & -\frac{s(c_y s - c_x f_y)}{f_x^2 f_y^2} - \frac{c_y}{f_y^2} \\ \frac{c_y s - c_x f_y}{f_x^2 f_y} & -\frac{s(c_y s - c_x f_y)}{f_x^2 f_y^2} - \frac{c_y}{f_y^2} & \frac{(c_y s - c_x f_y)^2}{f_x^2 f_y^2} + \frac{c_y^2}{f_y^2} + 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = (B_{11}, B_{12}, B_{22}, B_{13}, B_{23}, B_{33})^T \quad (16)$$

With this notations the constraints (14) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\mathbf{V} \mathbf{b} = 0, \quad (17)$$

where

$$\mathbf{V}^T = \begin{pmatrix} h_{11}h_{12} & h_{11}^2 - h_{12}^2 \\ h_{12}h_{21} + h_{11}h_{22} & 2(h_{11}h_{21} - h_{12}h_{22}) \\ h_{21}h_{22} & h_{21}^2 - h_{22}^2 \\ h_{12}h_{31} + h_{11}h_{32} & 2(h_{31}h_{11} - h_{12}h_{32}) \\ h_{31}h_{22} + h_{21}h_{32} & 2(h_{21}h_{31} - h_{22}h_{32}) \\ h_{31}h_{32} & h_{31}^2 - h_{32}^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

Stacking $n \geq 3$ equations we can obtain the vector \mathbf{b} up to an arbitrary scalar.

3 Homography estimation by 4 point correspondences

Let us have 4 points $U^k = (u_1, u_2, 1)$ and $X^k = (X_1^k, X_2^k, 1)$ that are related via a homography matrix \mathbf{H} as follows:

$$u_\alpha^k = \frac{(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}^k)_\alpha}{(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}^k)_3} \quad (19)$$

Taking into account the notation (13), this equation can be rewritten as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1^k & X_2^k & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_1^k X_1^k & -u_1^k X_2^k & -u_1^k \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & X_1^k & X_2^k & 1 & -u_2^k X_1^k & -u_2^k X_2^k & -u_2^k \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \\ h_4 \\ h_5 \\ h_6 \\ h_7 \\ h_8 \\ h_9 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (20)$$

Stacking 4 such equations together we get an 8×9 matrix \mathbf{L} and the combined equations can be rewritten as follows:

$$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{h} = 0 \quad (21)$$