

# 1 Theory

## 1.1 Pinhole camera model

Without loss of generality, the pinhole is always located at  $(0,0,0)$ . Denote the position of an object by  $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$ , its velocity by  $\vec{v} = (v_x, v_y, v_z)$ , its acceleration by  $\vec{a} = (a_x, a_y, a_z)$ . The screen is located at a vector  $\vec{h}_s$  from the origin, its screen coordinates basic vectors are  $\hat{h}_0$ ,  $\vec{h}_1$  and  $\vec{h}_2$ . Note that

$$\vec{h}_0 \perp \vec{h}_1 \perp \vec{h}_2 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{h}_0 \\ \hat{h}_1 \\ \hat{h}_2 \end{pmatrix} = T \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \\ \hat{z} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where  $T$  is an orthonormal matrix.

Ideally,  $\hat{h}_0 / \vec{h}_s$ . But there might be a small angle between them. Let's assume  $\vec{h}_s = h_s \hat{h}_0$ . The screen plane is given by

$$h_s \hat{h}_0 + a \hat{h}_1 + b \hat{h}_2, \quad a, b \in R \quad (3)$$

Then the projection of  $\vec{r}$  on the screen,  $\vec{r}' = (a, b)$ , is given by

$$-k\vec{r} = h_s \hat{h}_0 + a \vec{h}_1 + b \vec{h}_2 \quad (4)$$

$$\left( \vec{r}, \hat{h}_1, \hat{h}_2 \right) \begin{pmatrix} k \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = -h_s \hat{h}_0 \quad (5)$$

or

$$\left( \hat{h}_1, \hat{h}_2, \vec{r} \right) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ k \end{pmatrix} = -h_s \hat{h}_0$$

Define

$$C^{-1} = \left( \hat{h}_1, \hat{h}_2, \vec{r} \right)^{-1} \quad (6)$$

as the inverse camera matrix. The screen coordinates of the object  $(a, b)$ , as well as its distance  $k$  from the pinhole, is given by

$$\underline{\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ k \end{pmatrix}} = -C^{-1} h_s \hat{h}_0 \quad (7)$$

### 1.1.1 The characteristics of the screen coordinates

The world coordinates is denoted by  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z})$ , where  $\hat{z}$  is the upward vertical direction and  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  spans the ground. In typical vision,  $\vec{h}_0$  is close to  $\vec{h}_s$ . And  $\vec{h}_2$  is close to vertical, the angle between them being  $\theta$ . Then

$$\hat{h}_2 \cdot \hat{z} = \cos \theta \approx 1 \quad (8)$$

$$T = (T_{ij}), 1 \leq i, j \leq 3$$

where  $T_{31}, T_{32} \ll T_{33}$ .

### 1.1.2 The solution to (4)

In

$$k\vec{r} + h_s\hat{h}_0 + a\vec{h}_1 + b\vec{h}_2 = 0$$

Multiplying the equation by  $\hat{h}_i, i = 0, 1, 2$ :

$$k(\vec{r} \cdot \hat{h}_0) = -h_s$$

$$k(\vec{r} \cdot \hat{h}_1) + a = 0$$

$$k(\vec{r} \cdot \hat{h}_2) + b = 0$$

Therefore

$$k = -\frac{h_s}{\vec{r} \cdot \hat{h}_0}, \quad a = -k(\vec{r} \cdot \hat{h}_1) = h_s \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \hat{h}_1}{\vec{r} \cdot \hat{h}_0}, \quad b = h_s \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \hat{h}_2}{\vec{r} \cdot \hat{h}_0} \quad (9)$$

Note that if  $\vec{r} \perp \hat{h}_0$ , this object is out of the FOV and not on the screen.

## 1.2 Motion model

In a short time  $\Delta t$ , all three frameworks could move and rotate.

1. The object moves to  $\vec{r} + \vec{v}\Delta t$ ,
2. The pinhole moves to  $(0, 0, 0) + \vec{u}\Delta t$ . We can safely assume  $\vec{u}$  is very small,  $\vec{u} \approx 0$ .
3. The screen rotates from  $T$  to  $T \cdot \Delta T$ , where  $\Delta T$  is a “small” orthonormal matrix then its projection on the screen is given by

$$(\hat{h}_1, \hat{h}_2, \vec{r} + (\vec{v} - \vec{u})\Delta t) \begin{pmatrix} a + \Delta a \\ b + \Delta b \\ k + \Delta k \end{pmatrix} = -h_s \hat{h}_0$$

According to Eq. (9), the new projection point is

$$a + \Delta a = h_s \frac{(\vec{r} + \Delta \vec{r}) \cdot \hat{h}_1}{(\vec{r} + \Delta \vec{r}) \cdot \hat{h}_0} \quad (10)$$

## 2 Appendix

### 2.1 Matrix op

Let  $A^{-1}$  be the inverse matrix of  $A$ . Consider the inverse matrix of  $A + dA$ , where  $|dA| \ll |A|$ .

$$A + dA = A(I + A^{-1}dA)$$

Let  $dB = A^{-1}dA$ , then

$$(I - dB) A^{-1} A (I + dB) = (I - dB) (I + dB) = I - (dB)^2 \approx I$$

Therefore

$$(A + dA)^{-1} \approx \boxed{A^{-1} - A^{-1} (dA) A^{-1}}$$