

## ► Camera Orientation from Two Finite Vanishing Points

**Problem:** Given  $\mathbf{K}$  and two vanishing points corresponding to two known orthogonal directions  $\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2$ , compute camera orientation  $\mathbf{R}$  with respect to the plane.

- 3D coordinate system choice, e.g.:

$$\mathbf{d}_1 = (1, 0, 0), \quad \mathbf{d}_2 = (0, 1, 0)$$

- we know that

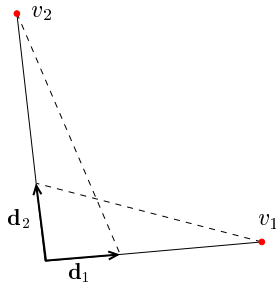
$$\mathbf{d}_i \simeq \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i = (\mathbf{KR})^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \underbrace{\mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i}_{\mathbf{w}_i}$$

$$\mathbf{R} \mathbf{d}_i \simeq \mathbf{w}_i$$

- knowing  $\mathbf{d}_{1,2}$  we conclude that  $\mathbf{w}_i / \|\mathbf{w}_i\|$  is the  $i$ -th column  $\mathbf{r}_i$  of  $\mathbf{R}$
- the third column is orthogonal:

$$\mathbf{r}_3 \simeq \mathbf{r}_1 \times \mathbf{r}_2$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mathbf{w}_1}{\|\mathbf{w}_1\|} & \frac{\mathbf{w}_2}{\|\mathbf{w}_2\|} & \frac{\mathbf{w}_1 \times \mathbf{w}_2}{\|\mathbf{w}_1 \times \mathbf{w}_2\|} \end{bmatrix}$$



some suitable scenes



# Application: Planar Rectification

**Principle:** Rotate camera parallel to the plane of interest.



$$\underline{\mathbf{m}} \simeq \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R} [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}] \underline{\mathbf{X}}$$

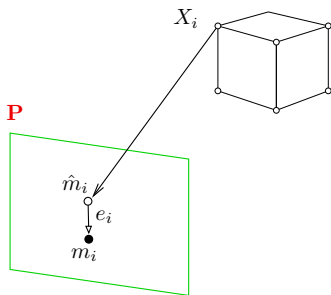
$$\underline{\mathbf{m}}' \simeq \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}] \underline{\mathbf{X}}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}}' \simeq \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{R})^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}^{\top} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{H} \underline{\mathbf{m}}$$

- $\mathbf{H}$  is the rectifying homography
- both  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  can be calibrated from two finite vanishing points [assuming ORUA](#) →56
- not possible when one (or both) of them are infinite
- without ORUA we would need 4 additional views to calibrate  $\mathbf{K}$  as on →53

## ► Camera Resection

Camera calibration and orientation from a known set of  $k \geq 6$  reference points and their images  $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^6$ .

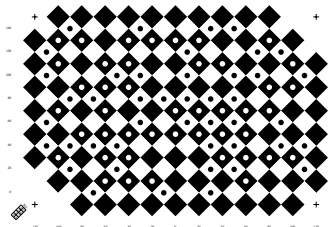


- $X_i$  are considered exact
- $m_i$  is a measurement subject to detection error

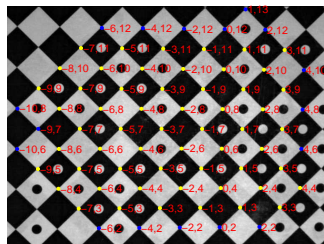
$$\mathbf{m}_i = \hat{\mathbf{m}}_i + \mathbf{e}_i \quad \text{Cartesian}$$

- where  $\underline{\hat{\mathbf{m}}}_i \simeq \mathbf{P}\underline{\mathbf{X}}_i$

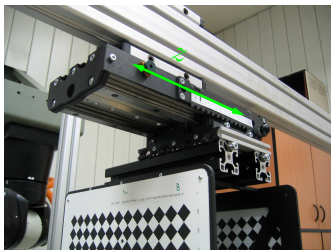
# Resection Targets



calibration chart



automatic calibration point detection



resection target with translation stage

- target translated at least once
- by a calibrated (known) translation
- $X_i$  point locations looked up in a table based on their code

## ► The Minimal Problem for Camera Resection

**Problem:** Given  $k = 6$  corresponding pairs  $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^k$ , find  $\mathbf{P}$

$$\lambda_i \underline{m}_i = \mathbf{P} \underline{X}_i, \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1^\top & q_{14} \\ \mathbf{q}_2^\top & q_{24} \\ \mathbf{q}_3^\top & q_{34} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \underline{X}_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i, 1), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k, \quad k = 6 \\ \underline{m}_i = (u_i, v_i, 1), \quad \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \lambda_i \neq 0 \end{array}$$

easy to modify for infinite points  $X_i$  but be aware of  $\rightarrow 64$

expanded:  $\lambda_i u_i = \mathbf{q}_1^\top \mathbf{X}_i + q_{14}, \quad \lambda_i v_i = \mathbf{q}_2^\top \mathbf{X}_i + q_{24}, \quad \lambda_i = \mathbf{q}_3^\top \mathbf{X}_i + q_{34}$

after elimination of  $\lambda_i$ :  $(\mathbf{q}_3^\top \mathbf{X}_i + q_{34})u_i = \mathbf{q}_1^\top \mathbf{X}_i + q_{14}, \quad (\mathbf{q}_3^\top \mathbf{X}_i + q_{34})v_i = \mathbf{q}_2^\top \mathbf{X}_i + q_{24}$

Then

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1^\top & 1 & \mathbf{0}^\top & 0 & -u_1 \mathbf{X}_1^\top & -u_1 \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 0 & \mathbf{X}_1^\top & 1 & -v_1 \mathbf{X}_1^\top & -v_1 \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ \mathbf{X}_k^\top & 1 & \mathbf{0}^\top & 0 & -u_k \mathbf{X}_k^\top & -u_k \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 0 & \mathbf{X}_k^\top & 1 & -v_k \mathbf{X}_k^\top & -v_k \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 \\ q_{14} \\ \mathbf{q}_2 \\ q_{24} \\ \mathbf{q}_3 \\ q_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad (9)$$

- we need 11 independent parameters for  $\mathbf{P}$
- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{2k, 12}$ ,  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^{12}$
- 6 points in a general position give  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} = 12$  and there is no non-trivial null space
- drop one row to get rank 11 matrix, then the basis vector of the null space of  $\mathbf{A}$  gives  $\mathbf{q}$

## ► The Jack-Knife Solution for $k = 6$

- given the 6 correspondences, we have 12 equations for the 11 parameters
- can we use all the information present in the 6 points?

### Jack-knife estimation

1.  $n := 0$
2. for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k$  do
  - a) delete  $i$ -th row from  $\mathbf{A}$ , this gives  $\mathbf{A}_i$
  - b) if  $\dim \text{null } \mathbf{A}_i > 1$  continue with the next  $i$
  - c)  $n := n + 1$
  - d) compute the right null-space  $\mathbf{q}_i$  of  $\mathbf{A}_i$
  - e)  $\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i := \mathbf{q}_i$  normalized to  $q_{34} = 1$  and dimension-reduced
3. from all  $n$  vectors  $\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i$  collected in Step 1d compute

$$\mathbf{q} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathbf{q}}_i, \quad \text{var}[\mathbf{q}] = \frac{n-1}{n} \text{diag} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i - \mathbf{q})(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i - \mathbf{q})^\top \quad \text{regular for } n \geq 11$$

- have a solution + an error estimate, per individual elements of  $\mathbf{P}$  (except  $P_{34}$ )
- at least 5 points must be in a general position ( $\rightarrow 64$ )
- large error indicates near degeneracy
- computation not efficient with  $k > 6$  points, needs  $\binom{2k}{11}$  draws, e.g.  $k = 7 \Rightarrow 364$  draws
- better error estimation method: decompose  $\mathbf{P}_i$  to  $\mathbf{K}_i, \mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{t}_i$  ( $\rightarrow 32$ ), represent  $\mathbf{R}_i$  with 3 parameters (e.g. Euler angles, or in Cayley representation  $\rightarrow 139$ ) and compute the errors for the parameters



e.g. by 'economy-size' SVD  
assuming finite cam. with  $P_{3,4} = 1$

## ► Degenerate (Critical) Configurations for Camera Resection

Let  $\mathcal{X} = \{X_i; i = 1, \dots\}$  be a set of points and  $\mathbf{P}_1 \neq \mathbf{P}_j$  be two regular (rank-3) cameras. Then two configurations  $(\mathbf{P}_1, \mathcal{X})$  and  $(\mathbf{P}_j, \mathcal{X})$  are image-equivalent if

$$\mathbf{P}_1 \underline{\mathbf{X}}_i \simeq \mathbf{P}_j \underline{\mathbf{X}}_i \quad \text{for all } X_i \in \mathcal{X}$$

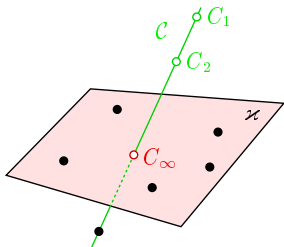
there is a non-trivial set of other cameras that see the same image

- **importantly:** If all calibration points  $X_i \in \mathcal{X}$  lie on a plane  $\varkappa$  then camera resection is non-unique and all image-equivalent camera centers lie on a spatial line  $\mathcal{C}$  with the  $C_\infty = \varkappa \cap \mathcal{C}$  excluded

this also means we cannot resect if all  $X_i$  are infinite

- by adding points  $X_i \in \mathcal{X}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$  we gain nothing
- there are additional image-equivalent configurations, see next

proof sketch in [H&Z, Sec. 22.1.2]

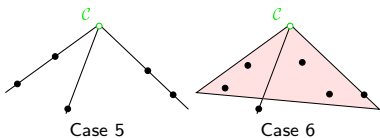


Case 4

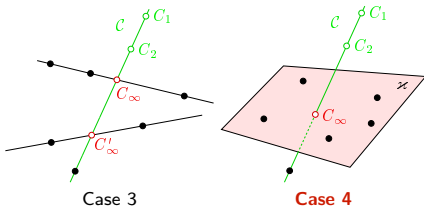
Note that if  $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{T}$  are suitable homographies then  $\mathbf{P}_1 \simeq \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{T}$ , where  $\mathbf{P}_0$  is canonical and the analysis can be made with  $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_j \simeq \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{P}_j$

$$\mathbf{P}_0 \underbrace{\underline{\mathbf{T}}\underline{\mathbf{X}}_i}_{\underline{\mathbf{Y}}_i} \simeq \hat{\mathbf{P}}_j \underbrace{\underline{\mathbf{T}}\underline{\mathbf{X}}_i}_{\underline{\mathbf{Y}}_i} \quad \text{for all } Y_i \in \mathcal{Y}$$

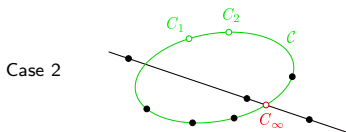
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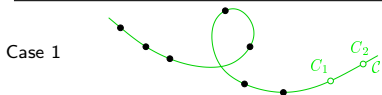
- cameras  $C_1, C_2$  co-located at point  $C$
- points on three optical rays or one optical ray and one optical plane
- Case 5: camera sees 3 isolated point images
- Case 6: cam. sees a line of points and an isolated point



- cameras lie on a line  $C \setminus \{C_\infty, C'_\infty\}$
- points lie on  $C$  and
  1. on two lines meeting  $C$  at  $C_\infty, C'_\infty$
  2. or on a plane meeting  $C$  at  $C_\infty$
- Case 3: camera sees 2 lines of points



- cameras lie on a planar conic  $C \setminus \{C_\infty\}$   
not necessarily an ellipse
- points lie on  $C$  and an additional line meeting the conic at  $C_\infty$
- Case 2: camera sees 2 lines of points



- cameras and points all lie on a twisted cubic  $C$
- Case 1: camera sees points on a conic



## ► Three-Point Exterior Orientation Problem (P3P)

Calibrated camera rotation and translation from Perspective images of 3 reference Points.

**Problem:** Given  $\mathbf{K}$  and three corresponding pairs  $\{(m_i, X_i)\}_{i=1}^3$ , find  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$  by solving

$$\lambda_i \underline{\mathbf{m}}_i = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{C}), \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

1. Transform  $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{K}^{-1}\underline{\mathbf{m}}_i$ . Then

$$\lambda_i \underline{\mathbf{v}}_i = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{C}). \quad (10)$$

2. Eliminate  $\mathbf{R}$  by taking rotation preserves length:  $\|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$

$$|\lambda_i| \cdot \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i\| = \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{C}\| \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} z_i \quad (11)$$

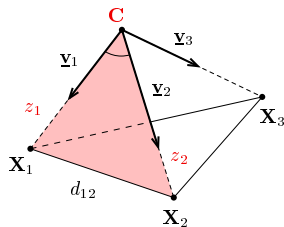
3. Consider only angles among  $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i$  and apply Cosine Law per triangle  $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j)$   $i, j = 1, 2, 3, i \neq j$

$$d_{ij}^2 = z_i^2 + z_j^2 - 2 z_i z_j c_{ij},$$

$$z_i = \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{C}\|, \quad d_{ij} = \|\mathbf{X}_j - \mathbf{X}_i\|, \quad c_{ij} = \cos(\angle \underline{\mathbf{v}}_i \underline{\mathbf{v}}_j)$$

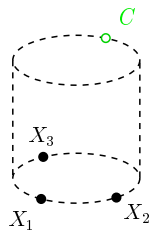
4. Solve system of 3 quadratic eqs in 3 unknowns  $z_i$  [Fischler & Bolles, 1981]  
there may be no real root; there are up to 4 solutions that cannot be ignored (verify on additional points)
5. Compute  $\mathbf{C}$  by trilateration (3-sphere intersection) from  $\mathbf{X}_i$  and  $z_i$ ; then  $\lambda_i$  from (11) and  $\mathbf{R}$  from (10)

configuration w/o rotation in (11)



Similar problems (P4P with unknown  $f$ ) at <http://cmp.felk.cvut.cz/minimal/> (with code)

# Degenerate (Critical) Configurations for Exterior Orientation



## unstable solution

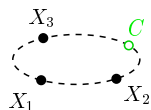
- center of projection  $C$  located on the orthogonal circular cylinder with base circumscribing the three points  $X_i$

unstable: a small change of  $X_i$  results in a large change of  $C$   
can be detected by error propagation

## degenerate

- camera  $C$  is coplanar with points  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)$  but is not on the circumscribed circle of  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)$

camera sees point on a line



## no solution

- $C$  cocyclic with  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)$  camera sees points on a line

- additional critical configurations depend on the method to solve the quadratic equations

[Haralick et al. IJCV 1994]

Thank You



