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► 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

$$\lambda_i \underline{\mathbf{v}}_i = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{C}). \quad (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{c})^T \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{c}) \quad (9)$$

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

$$|\lambda_i| \cdot \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i\| = \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{C}\| \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} z_i \quad (10)$$

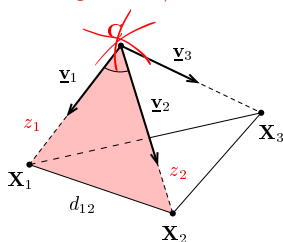
3. Consider only angles among $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i$ and apply Cosine Law per triangle $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j)$ $i, j = 1, 2, 3, i \neq j$

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

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

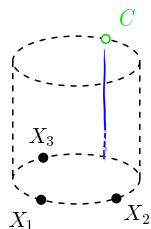
4. Solve system of 3 quadratic eqs in 3 unknowns z_i [Fischler & Bolles, 1981]
there may be no real root; there are up to 4 solutions that cannot be ignored
(verify on additional points)
5. Compute \mathbf{C} by trilateration (3-sphere intersection) from \mathbf{X}_i and z_i ; then λ_i from (10) and \mathbf{R} from (9)

configuration w/o rotation



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

Degenerate (Critical) Configurations for Exterior Orientation



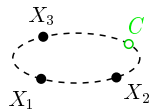
unstable solution

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

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)

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



no solution

1. C cocyclic with (X_1, X_2, X_3)



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

[Haralick et al. IJCV 1994]

► Populating A Little ZOO of Minimal Geometric Problems in CV

problem	given	unknown	slide
resectioning	6 world–img correspondences $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^6$	P	65
exterior orientation	K , 3 world–img correspondences $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^3$	R, C	69

- resectioning and exterior orientation are similar problems in a sense:
 - we do resectioning when our camera is uncalibrated
 - we do orientation when our camera is calibrated
- more problems to come

Computing with a Camera Pair

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covered by

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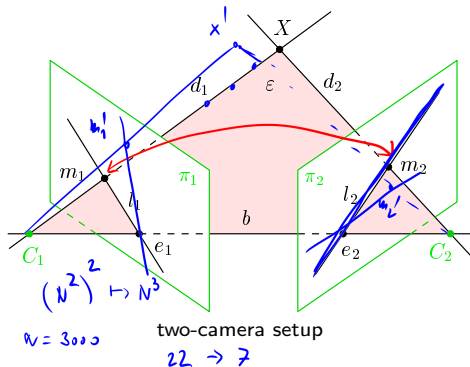


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► Geometric Model of a Camera Pair

Epipolar geometry:

- brings constraints necessary for inter-image matching
- its parametric form encapsulates information about the relative pose of two cameras



Description

- baseline b joins projection centers C_1, C_2
$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{C}_2 - \mathbf{C}_1$$
- epipole $e_i \in \pi_i$ is the image of C_j :
$$\mathbf{e}_1 \simeq \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{C}_2, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 \simeq \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{C}_1$$
- $l_i \in \pi_i$ is the image of epipolar plane
$$\varepsilon = (C_2, X, C_1)$$
- l_j is the epipolar line in image π_j induced by m_i in image π_i

Epipolar constraint: d_2, b, d_1 are coplanar

• Epipolar plane

a necessary condition, see also Slide 87

► Cross Products and Maps by Antisymmetric 3×3 Matrices

- There is an equivalence $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{m} = [\mathbf{b}]_{\times} \mathbf{m}$, where $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$ is a 3×3 antisymmetric matrix

$$[\mathbf{b}]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -b_3 & b_2 \\ b_3 & 0 & -b_1 \\ -b_2 & b_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{assuming } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Some properties

1. $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}^{\top} = -[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$

the general antisymmetry property

2. $\|[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}\|_F = \sqrt{2} \|\mathbf{b}\|$

Frobenius norm ($\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 = \sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2$)

3. $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$

4. $\text{rank} [\mathbf{b}]_{\times} = 2$ iff $\|\mathbf{b}\| > 0$

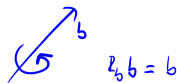
5. if $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^{\top} = \mathbf{I}$ then $[\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b}]_{\times} = \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{b}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}^{\top}$

6. $[\mathbf{B}\mathbf{z}]_{\times} \simeq \mathbf{B}^{-\top} [\mathbf{z}]_{\times} \mathbf{B}^{-1}$

in general, $[\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \cdot \det \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{\top} [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \mathbf{A}$

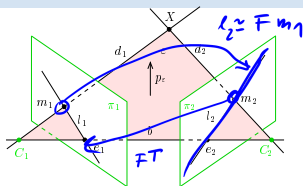
7. if \mathbf{R}_b is rotation about \mathbf{b} then $[\mathbf{R}_b \mathbf{b}]_{\times} = [\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$

$0 = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{b} = [\mathbf{b}]_{\times} \mathbf{b}$



check minors of $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$

► Expressing Epipolar Constraint Algebraically



$$P_i = [Q_i \quad q_i] = K_i [R_i \quad t_i], \quad i = 1, 2$$

R_{21} – relative camera rotation, $R_{21} = R_2 R_1^T$

t_{21} – relative camera translation, $t_{21} = R_{21} t_1 - t_2 = R_2 b$

remember: $C = -Q^{-1}q = -R^T t$ (Slides 30 and 32)

$$0 = d_2^T \underbrace{p_\varepsilon}_{\text{normal of } \varepsilon} \simeq \underbrace{(Q_2^{-1} \underline{m}_2)^T}_{\text{optical ray}} \underbrace{Q_1^T \underline{l}_1}_{\text{optical plane}} = \underline{m}_2^T \underbrace{Q_2^{-T} Q_1^T (e_1 \times \underline{m}_1)}_{\text{image of } \varepsilon \text{ in } \pi_2} = \underline{m}_2^T \underbrace{(Q_2^{-T} Q_1^T [e_1]_\times)}_{\text{fundamental matrix } F} \underline{m}_1$$

Epipolar constraint

$$\underline{m}_2^T F \underline{m}_1 = 0$$

is a point-line incidence constraint $3 \times 3 - 1 - 1 \Rightarrow \text{DOF}$
 $\lambda F \equiv F \quad \lambda \neq 0$
 $(F^T \underline{m}_2)^T \underline{m}_1 = 0$

- point \underline{m}_2 is incident on epipolar line $l_2 \simeq F \underline{m}_1$
- point \underline{m}_1 is incident on epipolar line $l_1 \simeq F^T \underline{m}_2$
- $F e_1 = F^T e_2 = 0$ (non-trivially)
- all epipolars meet at the epipole

$$e_1 \simeq Q_1 C_2 + q_1 = Q_1 C_2 - Q_1 C_1 = K_1 R_1 b \quad Q = k_1 R_1$$

$$F = Q_2^{-T} Q_1^T [e_1]_\times = Q_2^{-T} Q_1^T [K_1 R_1 b]_\times = \overset{\text{1}}{\dots} = K_2^{-T} \underbrace{[t_{21}]_\times R_{21}}_{\text{essential matrix } E} K_1^{-1} \quad \text{Slide 74}$$

$$E = [t_{21}]_\times R_{21} = \underbrace{[R_2 b]_\times}_{\text{baseline in Cam 2}} R_{21} = R_{21} \underbrace{[R_1 b]_\times}_{\text{baseline in Cam 1}}$$

s.o.b.: $[t]_\times R$

Epipole is the Image of the Other Camera

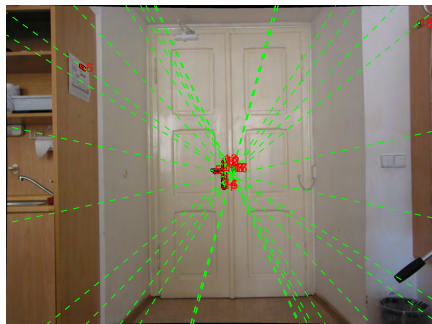


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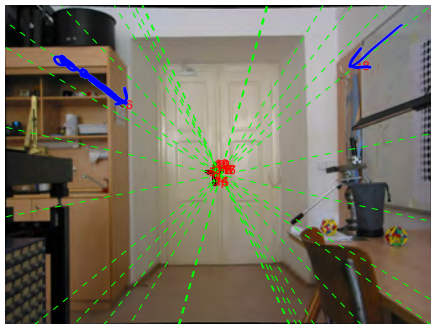
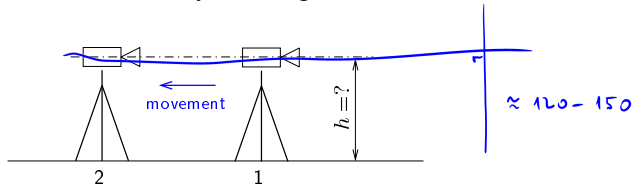
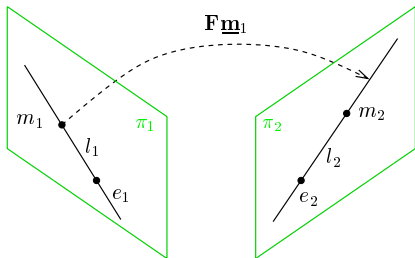


image 2

Camera moved horizontally: How high is it above floor?



► A Summary of the Epipolar Constraint



$$0 = \underline{\mathbf{m}}_2^\top \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{m}}_1$$

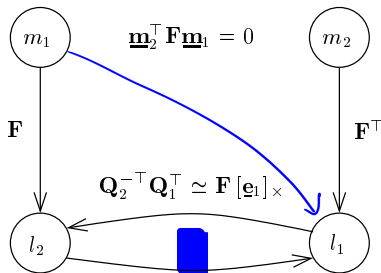
$$\mathbf{F} \simeq \mathbf{K}_2^{-\top} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}_1^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{E} \simeq [\mathbf{t}_{21}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}_{21} = [\mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{b}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}_{21} = \mathbf{R}_{21} [\mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{b}]_{\times}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_1 \simeq \text{null}(\mathbf{F}), \quad \mathbf{e}_2 \simeq \text{null}(\mathbf{F}^\top)$$

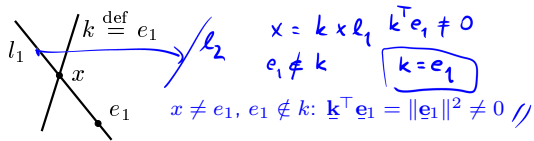
- \mathbf{E} captures the relative pose
- the translation length \mathbf{t}_{21} is lost

\mathbf{E} is homogeneous

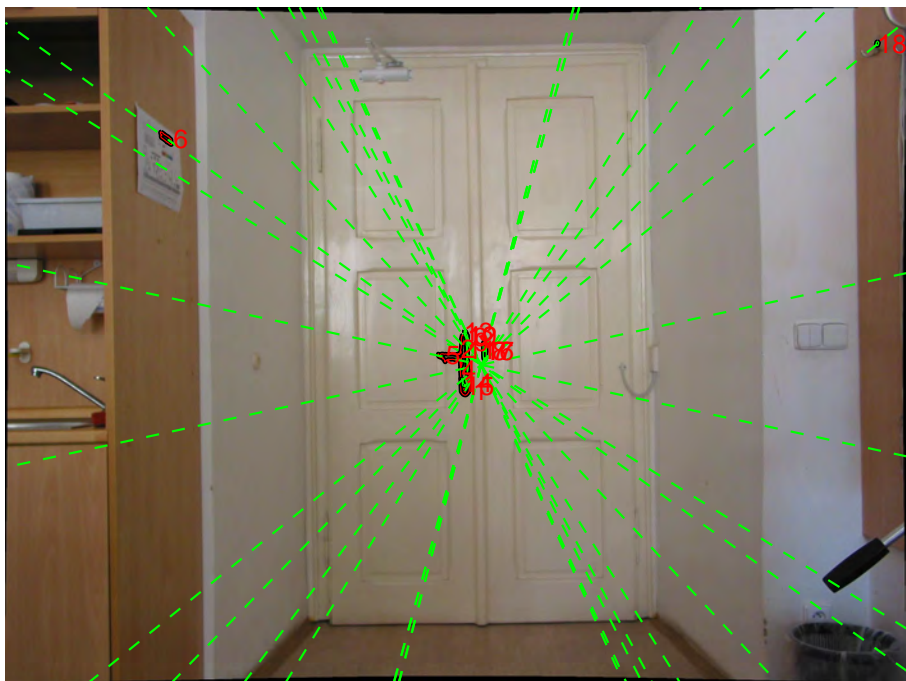


proof of $l_2 \simeq \mathbf{F} [\mathbf{e}_1]_{\times} l_1$: line/point transmutation

$$l_2 \simeq \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}} \simeq \mathbf{F} (\underline{\mathbf{k}} \times l_1) = \mathbf{F} [\underline{\mathbf{k}}]_{\times} l_1 = \mathbf{F} [\mathbf{e}_1]_{\times} l_1$$



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