

3D Computer Vision

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Open Informatics Master's Course

Perspective Camera

- 2.1 Basic Entities: Points, Lines
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[H&Z] Secs: 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 6.1, 6.2, 8.6, 2.5, Example: 2.19

► Basic Geometric Entities, their Representation, and Notation

- entities have names and representations
- names and their components:

entity	in 2-space	in 3-space
point	$m = (u, v)$	$X = (x, y, z)$
line	n	O
plane		π, φ

- associated vector representations

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = [u, v]^{\top}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{n}$$

will also be written in an 'in-line' form as $\mathbf{m} = (u, v)$, $\mathbf{X} = (x, y, z)$, etc.

- vectors are always meant to be columns $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n,1}$
- associated homogeneous representations

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}} = [m_1, m_2, m_3]^{\top}, \quad \underline{\mathbf{X}} = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]^{\top}, \quad \underline{\mathbf{n}}$$

'in-line' forms: $\underline{\mathbf{m}} = (m_1, m_2, m_3)$, $\underline{\mathbf{X}} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$, etc.

- matrices are $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$, linear map of a $\mathbb{R}^{n,1}$ vector is $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}$
- j -th element of vector \mathbf{m}_i is $(\mathbf{m}_i)_j$; element i, j of matrix \mathbf{P} is \mathbf{P}_{ij}

► Image Line (in 2D)

a finite line in the 2D (u, v) plane

$$a u + b v + c = 0$$

corresponds to a (homogeneous) vector

$$\underline{\mathbf{n}} \simeq (a, b, c)$$

and there is an equivalence class for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda \neq 0$ $(\lambda a, \lambda b, \lambda c) \simeq (a, b, c)$

'Finite' lines

- standard representative for finite $\underline{\mathbf{n}} = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$ is $\lambda \underline{\mathbf{n}}$, where $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_1^2 + n_2^2}}$
assuming $n_1^2 + n_2^2 \neq 0$; $\mathbf{1}$ is the unit, usually $\mathbf{1} = 1$

'Infinite' line

- we augment the set of lines for a special entity called the **line at infinity** (ideal line)

$$\underline{\mathbf{n}}_\infty \simeq (0, 0, 1) \quad (\text{standard representative})$$

- the set of equivalence classes of vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (0, 0, 0)$ forms the projective space \mathbb{P}^2
a set of rays $\rightarrow 21$
- line at infinity is a proper member of \mathbb{P}^2
- I may sometimes wrongly use $=$ instead of \simeq , if you are in doubt, ask me

► Image Point

Finite point $\mathbf{m} = (u, v)$ is incident on a finite line $\mathbf{n} = (a, b, c)$ iff iff = works either way!

$$a u + b v + c = 0$$

can be rewritten as (with scalar product): $(u, v, \mathbf{1}) \cdot (a, b, c) = \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{n} = 0$

'Finite' points

- a finite point is also represented by a homogeneous vector $\mathbf{m} \simeq (u, v, \mathbf{1})$
- the equivalence class for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda \neq 0$ is $(m_1, m_2, m_3) = \lambda \mathbf{m} \simeq \mathbf{m}$
- the standard representative for finite point \mathbf{m} is $\lambda \mathbf{m}$, where $\lambda = \frac{1}{m_3}$ assuming $m_3 \neq 0$
- when $\mathbf{1} = 1$ then units are pixels and $\lambda \mathbf{m} = (u, v, 1)$
- when $\mathbf{1} = f$ then all elements have a similar magnitude, $f \sim$ image diagonal

use $\mathbf{1} = 1$ unless you know what you are doing;

all entities participating in a formula must be expressed in the same units

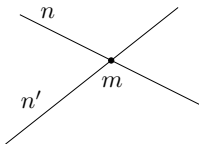
'Infinite' points

- we augment for **points at infinity** (ideal points) $\mathbf{m}_\infty \simeq (m_1, m_2, 0)$
proper members of \mathbb{P}^2
- all such points lie on the line at infinity (ideal line) $\mathbf{n}_\infty \simeq (0, 0, 1)$, i.e. $\mathbf{m}_\infty^\top \mathbf{n}_\infty = 0$

► Line Intersection and Point Join

The point of **intersection** m of image lines n and n' , $n \neq n'$ is

$$\underline{m} \simeq \underline{n} \times \underline{n}'$$

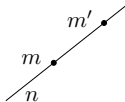


proof: If $\underline{m} = \underline{n} \times \underline{n}'$ is the intersection point, it must be incident on both lines. Indeed, using known equivalences from vector algebra

$$\underline{n}^\top \underbrace{(\underline{n} \times \underline{n}')}_{\underline{m}} \equiv \underline{n}'^\top \underbrace{(\underline{n} \times \underline{n}')}_{\underline{m}} \equiv 0$$

The **join** n of two image points m and m' , $m \neq m'$ is

$$\underline{n} \simeq \underline{m} \times \underline{m}'$$



Parallel lines intersect (somewhere) on the line at infinity $\underline{n}_\infty \simeq (0, 0, 1)$

$$a u + b v + c = 0,$$

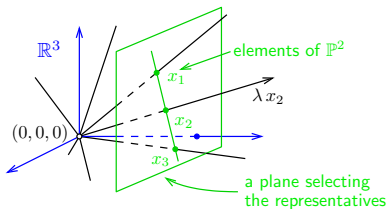
$$a u + b v + d = 0,$$

$$d \neq c$$

$$(a, b, c) \times (a, b, d) \simeq (b, -a, 0)$$

- all such intersections lie on \underline{n}_∞
- line at infinity represents a set of directions in the plane
- Matlab: `m = cross(n, n_prime);`

► Homography in \mathbb{P}^2



Projective plane \mathbb{P}^2 : Vector space of dimension 3 excluding the zero vector, $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (0, 0, 0)$, factorized to linear equivalence classes ('rays'), $\underline{x} \simeq \lambda \underline{x}$, $\lambda \neq 0$ including 'points at infinity'

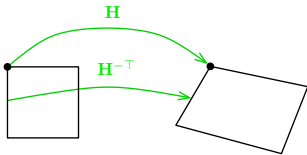
Homography in \mathbb{P}^2 : Non-singular linear mapping in \mathbb{P}^2 an analogic definition for \mathbb{P}^3

$$\underline{x}' \simeq \mathbf{H} \underline{x}, \quad \mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{3,3} \text{ non-singular}$$

Defining properties

- collinear image points are mapped to collinear image points
lines of points are mapped to lines of points
- concurrent image lines are mapped to concurrent image lines
concurrent = intersecting at a point
- and point-line incidence is preserved
e.g. line intersection points mapped to line intersection points
- \mathbf{H} is a 3×3 non-singular matrix, $\lambda \mathbf{H} \simeq \mathbf{H}$ equivalence class, 8 degrees of freedom
- homogeneous matrix representant: $\det \mathbf{H} = 1$
- what we call homography here is often called 'projective collineation' in mathematics

► Mapping 2D Points and Lines by Homography



$$\underline{\mathbf{m}}' \simeq \mathbf{H} \underline{\mathbf{m}} \quad \text{image point}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{n}}' \simeq \mathbf{H}^{-\top} \underline{\mathbf{n}} \quad \text{image line}$$

$$\mathbf{H}^{-\top} = (\mathbf{H}^{-1})^{\top} = (\mathbf{H}^{\top})^{-1}$$

- incidence is preserved: $(\underline{\mathbf{m}}')^{\top} \underline{\mathbf{n}}' \simeq \underline{\mathbf{m}}^{\top} \mathbf{H}^{\top} \mathbf{H}^{-\top} \underline{\mathbf{n}} = \underline{\mathbf{m}}^{\top} \underline{\mathbf{n}} = 0$

Mapping a finite 2D point $\mathbf{m} = (u, v)$ to $\underline{\mathbf{m}} = (u', v')$

- extend the Cartesian (pixel) coordinates to homogeneous coordinates, $\underline{\mathbf{m}} = (u, v, \mathbf{1})$
- map by homography, $\underline{\mathbf{m}}' = \mathbf{H} \underline{\mathbf{m}}$
- if $m'_3 \neq 0$ convert the result $\underline{\mathbf{m}}' = (m'_1, m'_2, m'_3)$ back to Cartesian coordinates (pixels),

$$u' = \frac{m'_1}{m'_3} \mathbf{1}, \quad v' = \frac{m'_2}{m'_3} \mathbf{1}$$

- note that, typically, $m'_3 \neq 1$
- an infinite point $(u, v, 0)$ maps the same way

$m'_3 = 1$ when \mathbf{H} is affine

Some Homographic Tasters

Rectification of camera rotation: →59 (geometry), →127 (homography estimation)



$$\mathbf{H} \simeq \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{K}^{-1}$$

maps from image plane to facade plane

Homographic Mouse for Visual Odometry: [Mallis 2007]



illustrations courtesy of AMSL Racing Team, Meiji University and LIBVISO: Library for VISual Odometry

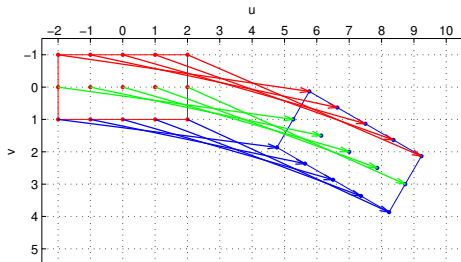
$$\mathbf{H} \simeq \mathbf{K} \left(\mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{t} \mathbf{n}^T}{d} \right) \mathbf{K}^{-1} \quad [\text{H\&Z, p. 327}]$$

► Homography Subgroups: Euclidean Mapping (aka Rigid Motion)

- Euclidean mapping (EM): rotation, translation and their combination

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & t_x \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- eigenvalues $(1, e^{-i\phi}, e^{i\phi})$



EM = The most general homography preserving

1. **areas:** $\det \mathbf{H} = 1 \Rightarrow$ unit Jacobian

2. **lengths:** Let $\underline{\mathbf{x}}'_i = \mathbf{H}\underline{\mathbf{x}}_i$ (check we can use = instead of \simeq). Let $(x_i)_3 = 1$, Then

$$\|\underline{\mathbf{x}}'_2 - \underline{\mathbf{x}}'_1\| = \|\mathbf{H}\underline{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \mathbf{H}\underline{\mathbf{x}}_1\| = \|\mathbf{H}(\underline{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \underline{\mathbf{x}}_1)\| = \dots = \|\underline{\mathbf{x}}_2 - \underline{\mathbf{x}}_1\|$$

3. **angles** check the dot-product of normalized differences from a point $(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})^\top (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z})$ (Cartesian(!))

- eigenvectors when $\phi \neq k\pi$, $k = 0, 1, \dots$ (columnwise)

$$\mathbf{e}_1 \simeq \begin{bmatrix} t_x + t_y \cot \frac{\phi}{2} \\ t_y - t_x \cot \frac{\phi}{2} \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 \simeq \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_3 \simeq \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

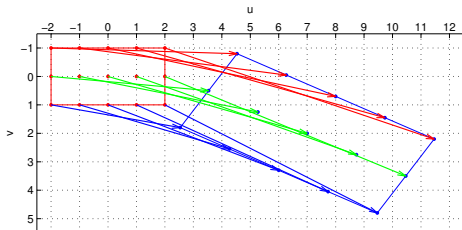
$\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$ – circular points, i – imaginary unit

4. **circular points:** points at infinity $(i, 1, 0)$, $(-i, 1, 0)$ (preserved even by similarity)

- **similarity:** scaled Euclidean mapping (does not preserve lengths, areas)

► Homography Subgroups: Affine Mapping

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & t_x \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



rotation by 30°
then scaling by $\text{diag}(1, 1.5, 1)$
then translation by $(7, 2)$

AM = The most general homography preserving

- parallelism
- ratio of areas
- ratio of lengths on parallel lines
- linear combinations of vectors (e.g. midpoints)
- convex hull
- line at infinity \underline{n}_∞ (not pointwise)

does not preserve

- lengths
- angles
- areas
- circular points

$$\text{observe } \mathbf{H}^T \underline{n}_\infty \simeq \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & 0 \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & 0 \\ t_x & t_y & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{n}_\infty \Rightarrow \underline{n}_\infty \simeq \mathbf{H}^{-T} \underline{n}_\infty$$

Euclidean mappings preserve all properties affine mappings preserve, of course

► Homography Subgroups: General Homography

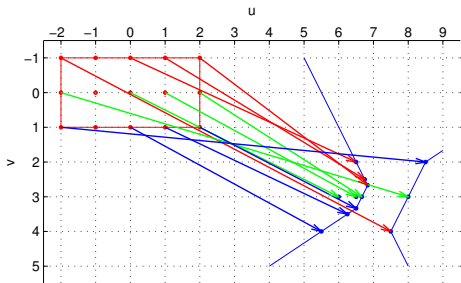
$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

preserves only

- incidence and concurrency
- collinearity
- cross-ratio on the line $\rightarrow 45$

does not preserve

- lengths
- areas
- parallelism
- ratio of areas
- ratio of lengths
- linear combinations of vectors (midpoints, etc.)
- convex hull
- line at infinity \underline{n}_∞

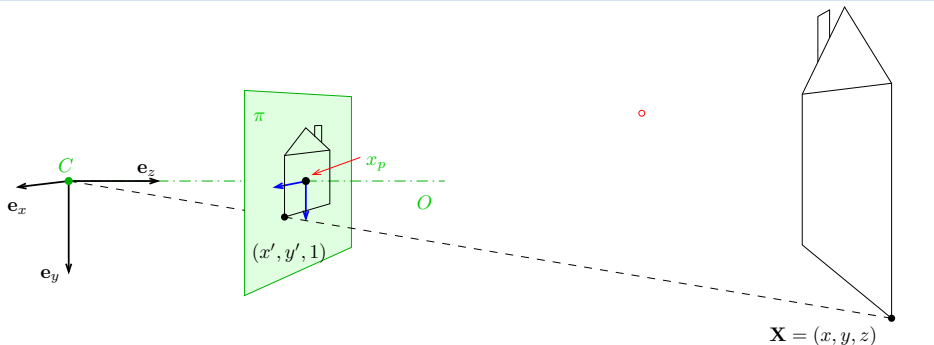


$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -0.5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

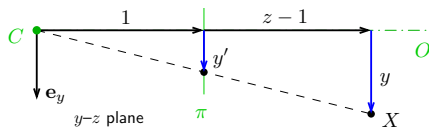
line $\underline{n} = (1, 0, 1)$ is mapped to \underline{n}_∞ : $\mathbf{H}^{-T} \underline{n} \simeq \underline{n}_\infty$

(where in the picture is the line \underline{n} ?)

► Canonical Perspective Camera (Pinhole Camera, Camera Obscura)



1. in this picture we are looking 'down the street'
2. right-handed canonical coordinate system (x, y, z) with unit vectors e_x, e_y, e_z
3. origin = center of projection C
4. image plane π at unit distance from C
5. optical axis O is perpendicular to π
6. principal point x_p : intersection of O and π
7. perspective camera is given by C and π



projected point in the natural image coordinate system:

$$\frac{y'}{1} = y' = \frac{y}{1 + z - 1} = \frac{y}{z}, \quad x' = \frac{x}{z}$$

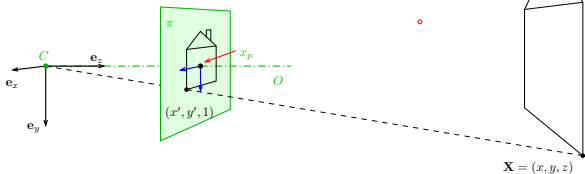
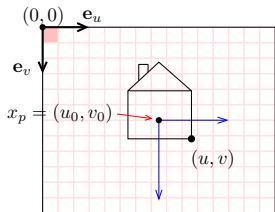
► Natural and Canonical Image Coordinate Systems

projected point **in canonical camera** ($z \neq 0$)

$$(x', y', 1) = \left(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{y}{z}, 1 \right) = \frac{1}{z}(x, y, z) \simeq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P}_0 = [\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{0}]} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{P}_0 \underline{\mathbf{X}}$$

projected point **in scanned image**

scale by f and translate to (u_0, v_0)



$$\begin{aligned} u &= f \frac{x}{z} + u_0 \\ v &= f \frac{y}{z} + v_0 \end{aligned} \quad \frac{1}{z} \begin{bmatrix} f x + z u_0 \\ f y + z v_0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{P}_0 \underline{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{P} \underline{\mathbf{X}}$$

- 'calibration' matrix \mathbf{K} transforms canonical \mathbf{P}_0 to standard perspective camera \mathbf{P}

► Computing with Perspective Camera Projection Matrix

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & u_0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & v_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P}} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} fx + u_0z \\ fy + v_0z \\ z \end{bmatrix} \simeq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x + \frac{z}{f}u_0 \\ y + \frac{z}{f}v_0 \\ \frac{z}{f} \end{bmatrix}}_{(a)}$$

$$\frac{m_1}{m_3} = \frac{fx}{z} + u_0 = u, \quad \frac{m_2}{m_3} = \frac{fy}{z} + v_0 = v \quad \text{when } m_3 \neq 0$$

f – ‘focal length’ – converts length ratios to pixels, $[f] = \text{px}$, $f > 0$

(u_0, v_0) – principal point in pixels

Perspective Camera:

1. dimension reduction since $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{3,4}$
2. nonlinear unit change $\mathbf{1} \mapsto \mathbf{1} \cdot z/f$, see (a)
for convenience we use $P_{11} = P_{22} = f$ rather than $P_{33} = 1/f$ and the u_0, v_0 in relative units
3. $m_3 = 0$ represents points at infinity in image plane π i.e. points with $z = 0$

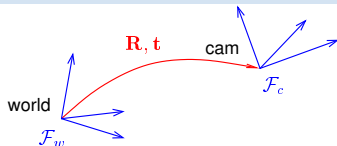
► Changing The Outer (World) Reference Frame

A transformation of a point from the world to camera coordinate system:

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{X}_w + \mathbf{t}$$

\mathbf{R} – camera rotation matrix

\mathbf{t} – camera translation vector



world orientation in the camera coordinate frame \mathcal{F}_c

world origin in the camera coordinate frame \mathcal{F}_c

$$\mathbf{P} \underline{\mathbf{X}}_c = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{P}_0 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{P}_0 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{X}_w + \mathbf{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{X}}_w$$

\mathbf{P}_0 (a 3×4 mtx) discards the last row of \mathbf{T}

- \mathbf{R} is rotation, $\mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$, $\det \mathbf{R} = +1$ $\mathbf{I} \in \mathbb{R}^{3,3}$ identity matrix
- 6 **extrinsic parameters**: 3 rotation angles (Euler theorem), 3 translation components
- alternative, often used, camera representations

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{C} – camera position in the world reference frame \mathcal{F}_w

\mathbf{r}_3^\top – optical axis in the world reference frame \mathcal{F}_w

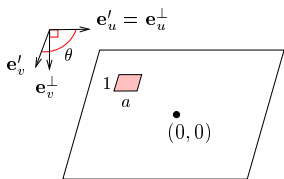
$\mathbf{t} = -\mathbf{R} \mathbf{C}$
third row of \mathbf{R} : $\mathbf{r}_3 = \mathbf{R}^{-1} [0, 0, 1]^\top$

- we can save some conversion and computation by noting that $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R} (\underline{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{C})$

► Changing the Inner (Image) Reference Frame

The general form of calibration matrix \mathbf{K} includes

- skew angle θ of the digitization raster
- pixel aspect ratio a



$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} a f & -a f \cot \theta & u_0 \\ 0 & f / \sin \theta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

units: $[f] = \text{px}$, $[u_0] = \text{px}$, $[v_0] = \text{px}$, $[a] = 1$

⊗ H1; 2pt: Verify this \mathbf{K} . Hints: (1) image projects to orthogonal system F^\perp , then it maps by skew to F' , then by scale f , $a f$ to F'' , then by translation by u_0 , v_0 to F''' ; (2) Skew: express point \mathbf{x} as $\mathbf{x} = u' \mathbf{e}_{u'} + v' \mathbf{e}_{v'} = u^\perp \mathbf{e}_u^\perp + v^\perp \mathbf{e}_v^\perp$, \mathbf{e}_\cdot are unit basis vectors, \mathbf{K} maps from F^\perp to F''' as $w''' [u''', v''', 1]^\top = \mathbf{K} [u^\perp, v^\perp, 1]^\top$;

deadline LD+2 wk

general finite perspective camera has 11 parameters:

- 5 intrinsic parameters: f , u_0 , v_0 , a , θ
- 6 extrinsic parameters: \mathbf{t} , $\mathbf{R}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$

finite camera: $\det \mathbf{K} \neq 0$

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}} \simeq \mathbf{P} \underline{\mathbf{X}}, \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{q} \end{bmatrix}; = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix}$$

a recipe for filling \mathbf{P}

Representation Theorem: The set of projection matrices \mathbf{P} of finite perspective cameras is isomorphic to the set of homogeneous 3×4 matrices with the left 3×3 submatrix \mathbf{Q} non-singular.

► Projection Matrix Decomposition

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{Q} \quad \mathbf{q}] \longrightarrow \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}]$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{3,3} & \text{full rank} \quad (\text{if finite perspective camera; see [H\&Z, Sec. 6.3] for cameras at infinity}) \\ \mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{3,3} & \text{upper triangular with positive diagonal elements} \\ \mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{3,3} & \text{rotation: } \mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I} \text{ and } \det \mathbf{R} = +1 \end{array}$$

1. $[\mathbf{Q} \quad \mathbf{q}] = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] = [\mathbf{KR} \quad \mathbf{Kt}]$ also $\rightarrow 34$
2. RQ decomposition of $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{KR}$ using three Givens rotations [H&Z, p. 579]

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Q} \underbrace{\mathbf{R}_{32} \mathbf{R}_{31} \mathbf{R}_{21}}_{\mathbf{R}^{-1}} \quad \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{R}_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{R}_{32} \mathbf{R}_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{R}_{32} \mathbf{R}_{31} \mathbf{R}_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{R}_{ij} zeroes element ij in \mathbf{Q} affecting only columns i and j and the sequence preserves previously zeroed elements, e.g. (see next slide for derivation details)

$$\mathbf{R}_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & -s \\ 0 & s & c \end{bmatrix} \text{ gives } \begin{array}{l} c^2 + s^2 = 1 \\ 0 = k_{32} = c q_{32} + s q_{33} \end{array} \Rightarrow c = \frac{q_{33}}{\sqrt{q_{32}^2 + q_{33}^2}} \quad s = \frac{-q_{32}}{\sqrt{q_{32}^2 + q_{33}^2}}$$

⊛ P1; 1pt: Multiply known matrices \mathbf{K} , \mathbf{R} and then decompose back; discuss numerical errors

- RQ decomposition nonuniqueness: $\mathbf{KR} = \mathbf{KT}^{-1}\mathbf{TR}$, where $\mathbf{T} = \text{diag}(-1, -1, 1)$ is also a rotation, we must correct the result so that the diagonal elements of \mathbf{K} are all positive
‘thin’ RQ decomposition
- care must be taken to avoid overflow, see [Golub & van Loan 2013, sec. 5.2]

RQ Decomposition Step

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Q = Array [q_{#1,#2} &, {3, 3}];  
R32 = {{1, 0, 0}, {0, c, -s}, {0, s, c}}; R32 // MatrixForm
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & -s \\ 0 & s & c \end{pmatrix}$$

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Q1 = Q . R32 ; Q1 // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_{1,1} & c q_{1,2} + s q_{1,3} & -s q_{1,2} + c q_{1,3} \\ q_{2,1} & c q_{2,2} + s q_{2,3} & -s q_{2,2} + c q_{2,3} \\ q_{3,1} & c q_{3,2} + s q_{3,3} & -s q_{3,2} + c q_{3,3} \end{pmatrix}$$

```
s1 = Solve [{Q1[[3]][[2]] = 0, c^2 + s^2 = 1}, {c, s}][[2]]
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$$\left\{ c \rightarrow \frac{q_{3,3}}{\sqrt{q_{3,2}^2 + q_{3,3}^2}}, s \rightarrow -\frac{q_{3,2}}{\sqrt{q_{3,2}^2 + q_{3,3}^2}} \right\}$$

```
Q1 /. s1 // Simplify // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_{1,1} & \frac{-q_{1,3} q_{3,2} + q_{1,2} q_{3,3}}{\sqrt{q_{3,2}^2 + q_{3,3}^2}} & \frac{q_{1,2} q_{3,2} + q_{1,3} q_{3,3}}{\sqrt{q_{3,2}^2 + q_{3,3}^2}} \\ q_{2,1} & \frac{-q_{2,3} q_{3,2} + q_{2,2} q_{3,3}}{\sqrt{q_{3,2}^2 + q_{3,3}^2}} & \frac{q_{2,2} q_{3,2} + q_{2,3} q_{3,3}}{\sqrt{q_{3,2}^2 + q_{3,3}^2}} \\ q_{3,1} & 0 & \sqrt{q_{3,2}^2 + q_{3,3}^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

► Center of Projection (Optical Center)

Observation: finite \mathbf{P} has a non-trivial right null-space

rank 3 but 4 columns

Theorem

Let \mathbf{P} be a camera and let there be $\underline{\mathbf{B}} \neq \mathbf{0}$ s.t. $\mathbf{P} \underline{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{0}$. Then $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ is equivalent to the projection center $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ (homogeneous, in world coordinate frame).

Proof.

1. Consider spatial line AB (B is given, $A \neq B$). We can write

$$\underline{\mathbf{X}}(\lambda) \simeq \lambda \underline{\mathbf{A}} + (1 - \lambda) \underline{\mathbf{B}}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

2. it projects to

$$\mathbf{P} \underline{\mathbf{X}}(\lambda) \simeq \lambda \mathbf{P} \underline{\mathbf{A}} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{P} \underline{\mathbf{B}} \simeq \mathbf{P} \underline{\mathbf{A}}$$

- the entire line projects to a single point \Rightarrow it must pass through the projection center of \mathbf{P}
- this holds for any choice of $A \neq B \Rightarrow$ the only common point of the lines is the C , i.e. $\underline{\mathbf{B}} \simeq \underline{\mathbf{C}}$

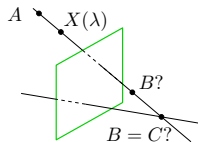
□

Hence

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{P} \underline{\mathbf{C}} = [\mathbf{Q} \quad \mathbf{q}] \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{C}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q} \underline{\mathbf{C}} + \mathbf{q} \Rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{C}} = -\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{q}$$

$\underline{\mathbf{C}} = (c_j)$, where $c_j = (-1)^j \det \mathbf{P}^{(j)}$, in which $\mathbf{P}^{(j)}$ is \mathbf{P} with column j dropped

Matlab: `C_homo = null(P)`; or `C = -Q\q`;



► Optical Ray

Optical ray: Spatial line that projects to a single image point.

1. consider the following line

\mathbf{d} unit line direction vector, $\|\mathbf{d}\| = 1$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, Cartesian representation

$$\mathbf{X}(\lambda) = \mathbf{C} + \lambda \mathbf{d}$$

2. the projection of the (finite) point $X(\lambda)$ is

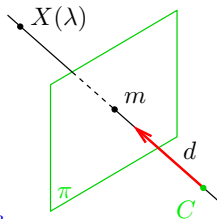
$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathbf{m}} &\simeq [\mathbf{Q} \quad \mathbf{q}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}(\lambda) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{C} + \lambda \mathbf{d}) + \mathbf{q} = \lambda \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{d} = \\ &= \lambda [\mathbf{Q} \quad \mathbf{q}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

... which is also the image of a point at infinity in \mathbb{P}^3

- optical ray line corresponding to image point m is the set

$$\mathbf{X}(\lambda) = \mathbf{C} + \mu \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{m}}, \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R}$$

- optical ray direction may be represented by a point at infinity $(\mathbf{d}, 0)$ in \mathbb{P}^3
- optical ray is expressed in world coordinate frame



► Optical Axis

Optical axis: Optical ray that is perpendicular to image plane π

1. points on a line parallel to π project to line at infinity in π :

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \simeq \mathbf{P}\underline{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1^\top & q_{14} \\ \mathbf{q}_2^\top & q_{24} \\ \mathbf{q}_3^\top & q_{34} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. therefore the set of points X is parallel to π iff

$$\mathbf{q}_3^\top \mathbf{X} + q_{34} = 0$$

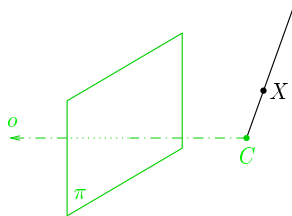
3. this is a plane with $\pm \mathbf{q}_3$ as the normal vector
4. optical axis direction: substitution $\mathbf{P} \mapsto \lambda \mathbf{P}$ must not change the direction
5. we select (assuming $\det(\mathbf{R}) > 0$)

$$\mathbf{o} = \det(\mathbf{Q}) \mathbf{q}_3$$

if $\mathbf{P} \mapsto \lambda \mathbf{P}$ then $\det(\mathbf{Q}) \mapsto \lambda^3 \det(\mathbf{Q})$ and $\mathbf{q}_3 \mapsto \lambda \mathbf{q}_3$

[H&Z, p. 161]

- the axis is expressed in world coordinate frame



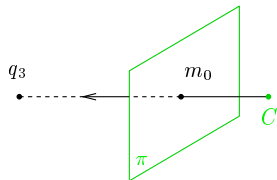
► Principal Point

Principal point: The intersection of image plane and the optical axis

1. as we saw, \mathbf{q}_3 is the directional vector of optical axis
2. we take point at infinity on the optical axis that must project to the principal point m_0

3. then

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}}_0 \simeq [\mathbf{Q} \quad \mathbf{q}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{q}_3$$

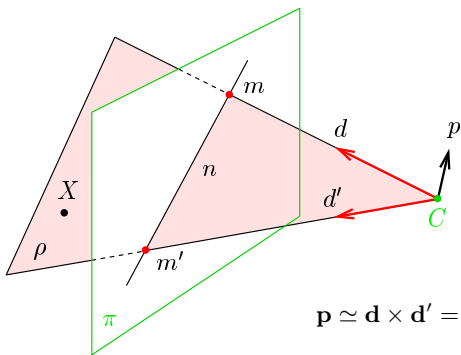


principal point: $\underline{\mathbf{m}}_0 \simeq \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{q}_3$

- principal point is also the center of radial distortion

► Optical Plane

A spatial plane with normal p containing the projection center C and a given image line n .



optical ray given by m $\underline{d} \simeq \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{m}$

optical ray given by m' $\underline{d}' \simeq \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{m}'$

$$\underline{p} \simeq \underline{d} \times \underline{d}' = (\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{m}) \times (\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{m}') = \mathbf{Q}^T (\underline{m} \times \underline{m}') = \mathbf{Q}^T \underline{n}$$

• note the way \mathbf{Q} factors out!

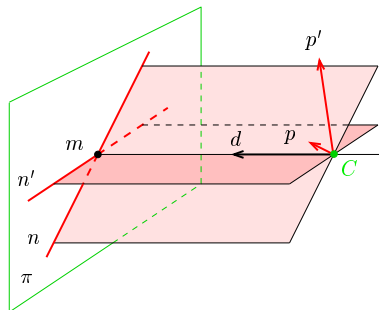
hence, $0 = \underline{p}^T (\underline{X} - \underline{C}) = \underline{n}^T \underbrace{\mathbf{Q}(\underline{X} - \underline{C})}_{\rightarrow 30} = \underline{n}^T \mathbf{P}\underline{X} = (\mathbf{P}^T \underline{n})^T \underline{X}$ for every X in plane ρ

optical plane is given by n :

$$\underline{\rho} \simeq \mathbf{P}^T \underline{n}$$

$$\rho_1 x + \rho_2 y + \rho_3 z + \rho_4 = 0$$

Cross-Check: Optical Ray as Optical Plane Intersection



optical plane normal given by \underline{n}

$$\underline{p} = \mathbf{Q}^T \underline{n}$$

optical plane normal given by \underline{n}'

$$\underline{p}' = \mathbf{Q}^T \underline{n}'$$

$$\underline{d} = \underline{p} \times \underline{p}' = (\mathbf{Q}^T \underline{n}) \times (\mathbf{Q}^T \underline{n}') = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}(\underline{n} \times \underline{n}') = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{m}$$

► Summary: Projection Center; Optical Ray, Axis, Plane

General (finite) camera

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{Q} \quad \mathbf{q}] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1^\top & q_{14} \\ \mathbf{q}_2^\top & q_{24} \\ \mathbf{q}_3^\top & q_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}]$$

$\underline{\mathbf{C}} \simeq \text{rnull}(\mathbf{P}), \quad \mathbf{C} = -\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{q}$ projection center (world coords.) →34

$\underline{\mathbf{d}} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{m}}$ optical ray direction (world coords.) →35

$\mathbf{o} = \det(\mathbf{Q}) \mathbf{q}_3$ outward optical axis (world coords.) →36

$\underline{\mathbf{m}}_0 \simeq \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{q}_3$ principal point (in image plane) →37

$\underline{\boldsymbol{\rho}} = \mathbf{P}^\top \underline{\mathbf{n}}$ optical plane (world coords.) →38

$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & -f \cot \theta & u_0 \\ 0 & f/(a \sin \theta) & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ camera (calibration) matrix (f, u_0, v_0 in pixels) →31

\mathbf{R} camera rotation matrix (cam coords.) →30

\mathbf{t} camera translation vector (cam coords.) →30

What Can We Do with An 'Uncalibrated' Perspective Camera?



How far is the engine?

distance between sleepers (ties) 0.806m but we cannot count them, the image resolution is too low

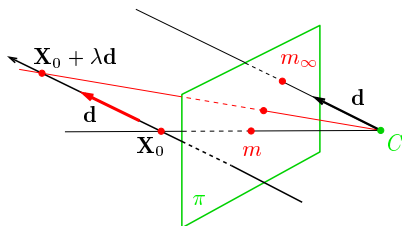
We will review some life-saving theory...
...and build a bit of geometric intuition...

In fact

- 'uncalibrated' = the image contains a calibrating object that suffices for the task at hand

► Vanishing Point

Vanishing point: the limit of the projection of a point that moves along a space line infinitely in one direction. the image of the point at infinity on the line



$$\underline{m}_\infty \simeq \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \pm\infty} \mathbf{P} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_0 + \lambda \mathbf{d} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \dots \simeq \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{d}$$

⊛ P1; 1pt: Prove (use Cartesian coordinates and L'Hôpital's rule)

- the V.P. of a spatial line with directional vector \mathbf{d} is $\underline{m}_\infty \simeq \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{d}$
- V.P. is independent on line position \mathbf{X}_0 , it depends on its directional vector only
- all parallel lines share the same V.P., including the optical ray defined by m_∞

Some Vanishing Point “Applications”



where is the sun?



what is the wind direction?
(must have video)

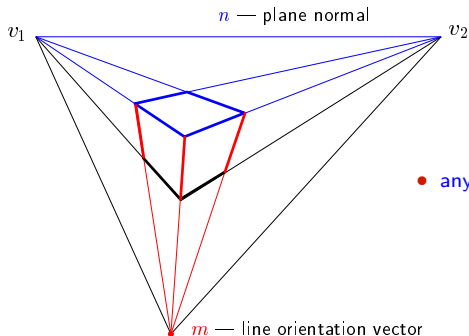


fly above the lane,
at constant altitude!

► Vanishing Line

Vanishing line: The set of vanishing points of all lines in a plane

the image of the line at infinity in the plane
and in all parallel planes



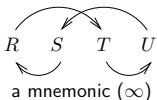
- any box with parallel edges

- V.L. n corresponds to spatial plane of normal vector $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{Q}^T \underline{\mathbf{n}}$
because this is the normal vector of a parallel optical plane (!) →38
- a spatial plane of normal vector \mathbf{p} has a V.L. represented by $\underline{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{Q}^{-T} \mathbf{p}$.

► Cross Ratio

Four distinct finite collinear spatial points R, S, T, U define cross-ratio

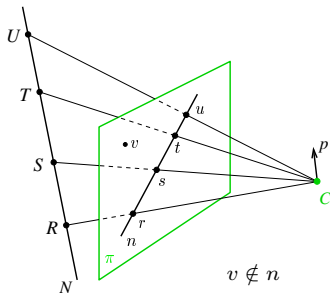
$$[RSTU] = \frac{|\overrightarrow{RT}|}{|\overrightarrow{SR}|} \frac{|\overrightarrow{US}|}{|\overrightarrow{TU}|}$$



$|\overrightarrow{RT}|$ – signed distance from R to T in the arrow direction

6 cross-ratios from four points:

$$[SRUT] = [RSTU], [RSUT] = \frac{1}{[RSTU]}, [RTSU] = 1 - [RSTU], \dots$$



Obs: $[RSTU] = \frac{|\underline{\mathbf{r}} \ \underline{\mathbf{t}} \ \underline{\mathbf{v}}|}{|\underline{\mathbf{s}} \ \underline{\mathbf{r}} \ \underline{\mathbf{v}}|} \cdot \frac{|\underline{\mathbf{u}} \ \underline{\mathbf{s}} \ \underline{\mathbf{v}}|}{|\underline{\mathbf{t}} \ \underline{\mathbf{u}} \ \underline{\mathbf{v}}|}, \quad |\underline{\mathbf{r}} \ \underline{\mathbf{t}} \ \underline{\mathbf{v}}| = \det [\underline{\mathbf{r}} \ \underline{\mathbf{t}} \ \underline{\mathbf{v}}] = (\underline{\mathbf{r}} \times \underline{\mathbf{t}})^\top \underline{\mathbf{v}} \quad (1)$

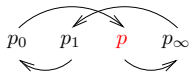
Corollaries:

- cross ratio is invariant under homographies $\underline{\mathbf{x}}' \simeq \mathbf{H}\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ plug $\mathbf{H}\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ in (1): $(\mathbf{H}^{-\top}(\underline{\mathbf{r}} \times \underline{\mathbf{t}}))^\top \mathbf{H}\underline{\mathbf{v}}$
- cross ratio is invariant under perspective projection: $[RSTU] = [rstu]$
- 4 collinear points: any perspective camera will “see” the same cross-ratio of their images
- we measure the same cross-ratio in image as on the world line
- one of the points R, S, T, U may be at infinity (we take the limit, in effect $\frac{\infty}{\infty} = 1$)

► 1D Projective Coordinates

The 1-D projective coordinate of a point P is defined by the following cross-ratio:

$$[P] = [P_0 P_1 P P_\infty] = [p_0 p_1 p p_\infty] = \frac{|\overrightarrow{p_0 p}|}{|\overrightarrow{p_1 p_0}|} \frac{|\overrightarrow{p_\infty p_1}|}{|\overrightarrow{p p_\infty}|} = [p]$$



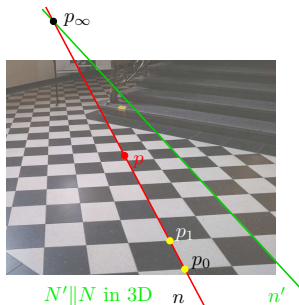
naming convention:

P_0 – the origin	$[P_0] = 0$
P_1 – the unit point	$[P_1] = 1$
P_∞ – the supporting point	$[P_\infty] = \pm\infty$

$$[P] = [p]$$

$[P]$ is equal to Euclidean coordinate along N

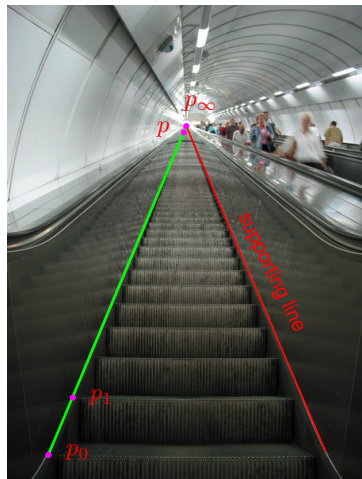
$[p]$ is its measurement in the image plane



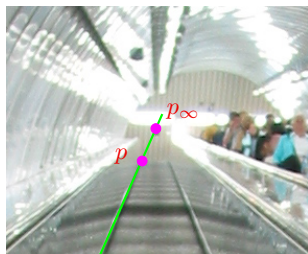
Applications

- Given the image of a 3D line N , the origin, the unit point, and the vanishing point, then the Euclidean coordinate of any point $P \in N$ can be determined →47
- Finding v.p. of a line through a regular object →48

Application: Counting Steps



- Namesti Miru underground station in Prague

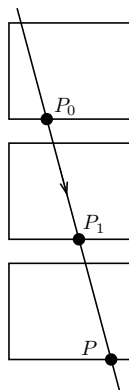
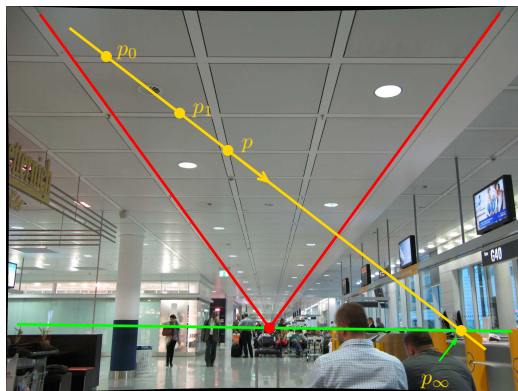


detail around the vanishing point

Result: $[P] = 214$ steps (correct answer is 216 steps)

4Mpx camera

Application: Finding the Horizon from Repetitions



in 3D: $|P_0P| = 2|P_0P_1|$ then

[H&Z, p. 218]

$$[P_0P_1PP_\infty] = \frac{|P_0P|}{|P_1P_0|} = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_\infty = \frac{x_0(2x - x_1) - xx_1}{x + x_0 - 2x_1}$$

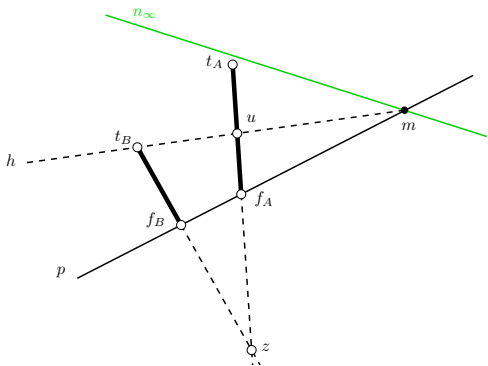
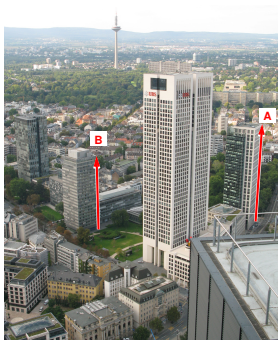
- x - 1D coordinate along the yellow line, positive in the arrow direction
- could be applied to counting steps ($\rightarrow 47$) if there was no supporting line

⊛ P1; 1pt: How high is the camera above the floor?

Homework Problem

⊛ H2; 3pt: What is the ratio of heights of Building A to Building B?

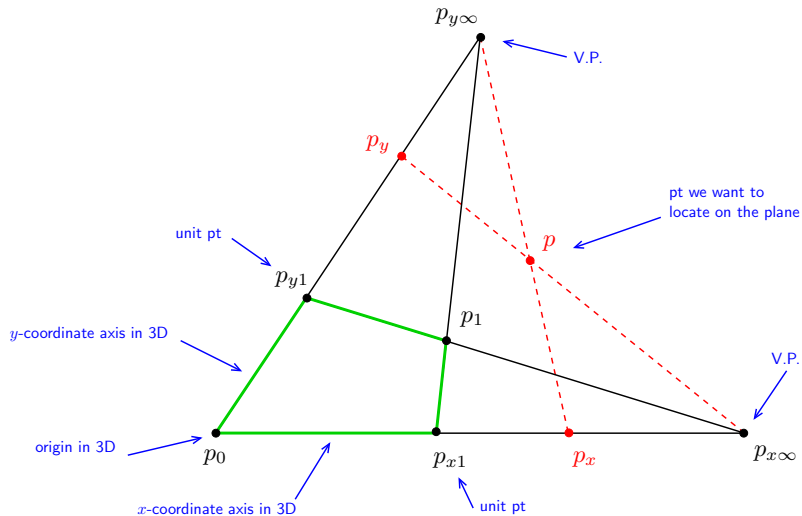
- expected: conceptual solution; use notation from this figure
- deadline: LD+2 weeks



Hints

1. What are the interesting properties of line h connecting the top t_B of Building B with the point m at which the horizon intersects the line p joining the foots f_A, f_B of both buildings? [1 point]
2. How do we actually get the horizon n_∞ ? (we do not see it directly, there are some hills there...) [1 point]
3. Give the formula for measuring the length ratio. [formula = 1 point]

2D Projective Coordinates



$$[P_x] = [P_0 \ P_{x1} \ P_x \ P_{x\infty}]$$

$$[P_y] = [P_0 \ P_{y1} \ P_y \ P_{y\infty}]$$

Application: Measuring on the Floor (Wall, etc)



San Giovanni in Laterano, Rome

- measuring distances on the floor in terms of tile units
- what are the dimensions of the seal? Is it circular (assuming square tiles)?
- needs no explicit camera calibration

because we can see the calibrating object (vanishing points)

Computing with a Single Camera

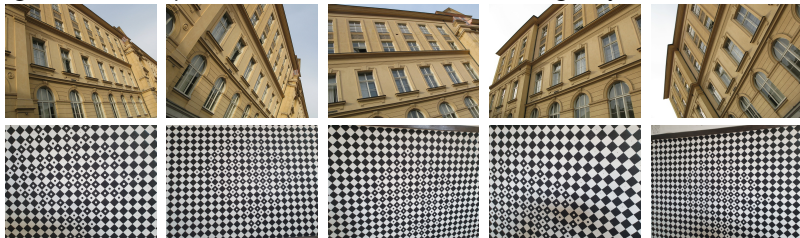
- 3.1 Calibration: Internal Camera Parameters from Vanishing Points and Lines
- 3.2 Camera Resection: Projection Matrix from 6 Known Points
- 3.3 Exterior Orientation: Camera Rotation and Translation from 3 Known Points
- 3.4 Relative Orientation Problem: Rotation and Translation between Two Point Sets

covered by

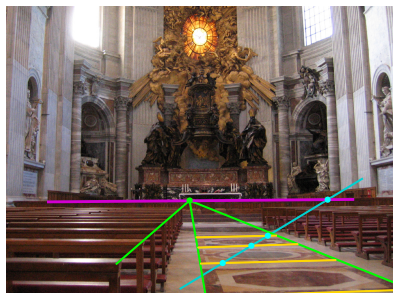
- [1] [H&Z] Secs: 8.6, 7.1, 22.1
- [2] Fischler, M.A. and Bolles, R.C . Random Sample Consensus: A Paradigm for Model Fitting with Applications to Image Analysis and Automated Cartography. *Communications of the ACM* 24(6):381–395, 1981
- [3] [Golub & van Loan 2013, Sec. 2.5]

Obtaining Vanishing Points and Lines

- orthogonal direction pairs can be collected from more images by camera rotation

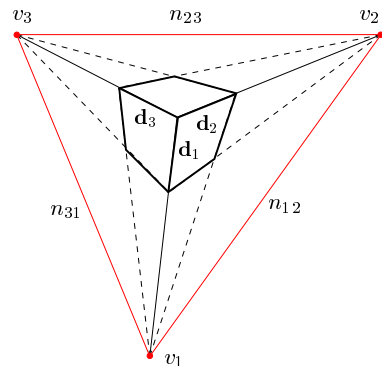


- vanishing line can be obtained from vanishing points and/or regularities (→48)



► Camera Calibration from Vanishing Points and Lines

Problem: Given finite vanishing points and/or vanishing lines, compute \mathbf{K}



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}_i &\simeq \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i, & i = 1, 2, 3 & \rightarrow 42 \\ \mathbf{p}_{ij} &\simeq \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{n}_{ij}, & i, j = 1, 2, 3, i \neq j & \rightarrow 38 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

- simple method: solve (2) after eliminating nuisance pars.

Special Configurations

1. orthogonal rays $\mathbf{d}_1 \perp \mathbf{d}_2$ in space then

$$0 = \mathbf{d}_1^\top \mathbf{d}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1^\top \mathbf{Q}^{-\top} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1^\top \underbrace{(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^\top)^{-1}}_{\omega \text{ (IAC)}} \mathbf{v}_2$$

2. orthogonal planes $\mathbf{p}_{ij} \perp \mathbf{p}_{ik}$ in space

$$0 = \mathbf{p}_{ij}^\top \mathbf{p}_{ik} = \mathbf{n}_{ij}^\top \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{n}_{ik} = \mathbf{n}_{ij}^\top \omega^{-1} \mathbf{n}_{ik}$$

3. orthogonal ray and plane $\mathbf{d}_k \parallel \mathbf{p}_{ij}$, $k \neq i, j$ normal parallel to optical ray

$$\mathbf{p}_{ij} \simeq \mathbf{d}_k \Rightarrow \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{n}_{ij} = \lambda \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_k \Rightarrow \mathbf{n}_{ij} = \lambda \mathbf{Q}^{-\top} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_k = \lambda \omega \mathbf{v}_k, \quad \lambda \neq 0$$

- n_{ij} may be constructed from non-orthogonal v_i and v_j , e.g. using the cross-ratio

- ω is a symmetric, positive definite 3×3 matrix

IAC = Image of Absolute Conic

► cont'd

	configuration	equation	# constraints
(3)	orthogonal v.p.	$\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\omega} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_j = 0$	1
(4)	orthogonal v.l.	$\underline{\mathbf{n}}_{ij}^\top \boldsymbol{\omega}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{n}}_{ik} = 0$	1
(5)	v.p. orthogonal to v.l.	$\underline{\mathbf{n}}_{ij} = \lambda \boldsymbol{\omega} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_k$	2
(6)	orthogonal image raster $\theta = \pi/2$	$\omega_{12} = \omega_{21} = 0$	1
(7)	unit aspect $a = 1$ when $\theta = \pi/2$	$\omega_{11} - \omega_{22} = 0$	1
(8)	known principal point $u_0 = v_0 = 0$	$\omega_{13} = \omega_{31} = \omega_{23} = \omega_{32} = 0$	2

- these are homogeneous linear equations for the 5 parameters in $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ in the form $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$
 λ can be eliminated from (5)
- we need at least 5 constraints for full $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ symmetric 3×3
- we get \mathbf{K} from $\boldsymbol{\omega}^{-1} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^\top$ by Choleski decomposition
the decomposition returns a positive definite upper triangular matrix
one avoids solving an explicit set of quadratic equations for the parameters in \mathbf{K}

Examples

Assuming orthogonal raster, unit aspect (ORUA): $\theta = \pi/2$, $a = 1$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -u_0 \\ 0 & 1 & -v_0 \\ -u_0 & -v_0 & f^2 + u_0^2 + v_0^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex 1:

Assuming ORUA and known $m_0 = (u_0, v_0)$, two finite orthogonal vanishing points give f

$$\underline{\mathbf{v}}_1^\top \boldsymbol{\omega} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f^2 = |(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{m}_0)^\top (\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{m}_0)|$$

in this formula, \mathbf{v}_i , \mathbf{m}_0 are Cartesian (not homogeneous)!

Ex 2:

Non-orthogonal vanishing points \mathbf{v}_i , \mathbf{v}_j , known angle ϕ : $\cos \phi = \frac{\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\omega} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_j}{\sqrt{\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\omega} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_i} \sqrt{\underline{\mathbf{v}}_j^\top \boldsymbol{\omega} \underline{\mathbf{v}}_j}}$

- leads to polynomial equations
- e.g. ORUA and $u_0 = v_0 = 0$ gives

$$(f^2 + \mathbf{v}_i^\top \mathbf{v}_j)^2 = (f^2 + \|\mathbf{v}_i\|^2) \cdot (f^2 + \|\mathbf{v}_j\|^2) \cdot \cos^2 \phi$$

Image of Absolute Conic

This is the \mathbf{K} matrix:

$$\mathbf{K} = \{ \{f, s, u_0\}, \{0, a \cdot f, v_0\}, \{0, 0, 1\} \}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} f & s & u_0 \\ 0 & a f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The ω matrix:

$$\omega = \text{Inverse}[\mathbf{K}.\text{Transpose}[\mathbf{K}]] * \text{Det}[\mathbf{K}]^2 // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a^2 f^2 & -a f s & a f (s v_0 - a f u_0) \\ -a f s & f^2 + s^2 & a f s u_0 - (f^2 + s^2) v_0 \\ a f (s v_0 - a f u_0) & a f s u_0 - (f^2 + s^2) v_0 & a^2 f^4 + a^2 u_0^2 f^2 - 2 a s u_0 v_0 f + (f^2 + s^2) v_0^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The ω matrix with no skew:

$$\omega / f^2 /. s \rightarrow 0 // \text{Simplify} // \text{MatrixForm}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 0 & -a^2 u_0 \\ 0 & 1 & -v_0 \\ -a^2 u_0 & -v_0 & a^2 f^2 + a^2 u_0^2 + v_0^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

ORUA

$$\omega / f^2 /. \{a \rightarrow 1, s \rightarrow 0\} // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -u_0 \\ 0 & 1 & -v_0 \\ -u_0 & -v_0 & f^2 + u_0^2 + v_0^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

► 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

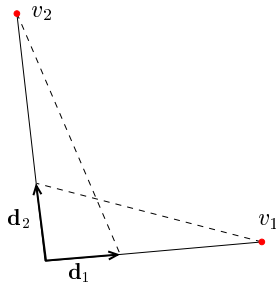
$$\mathbf{d}_i \simeq \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i = (\mathbf{K}\mathbf{R})^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \underbrace{\mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_i}_{\mathbf{w}_i}$$

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

- 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 (image plane) parallel to the plane of interest.



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

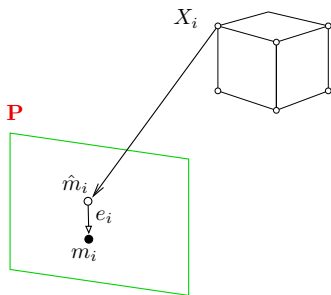
$$\underline{\mathbf{m}}' \simeq \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}] \underline{\mathbf{X}}$$

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

- \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 $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^6$.

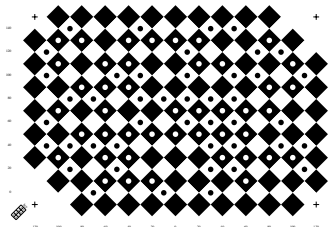


- X_i are considered exact
- m_i is a measurement subject to detection error

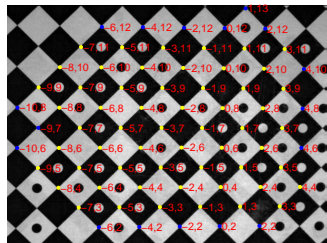
$$\mathbf{m}_i = \hat{\mathbf{m}}_i + \mathbf{e}_i \quad \text{Cartesian}$$

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

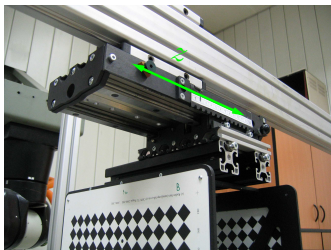
Resection Targets



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}

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

easily modifiable 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 λ_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

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

regular for $n \geq 11$
variance of the sample mean

- 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 $\rightarrow 141$) 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

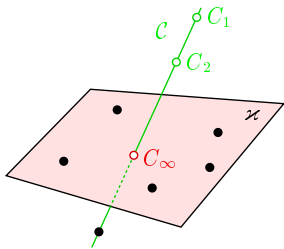
$$\mathbf{P}_1 \underline{\mathbf{X}}_i \simeq \mathbf{P}_j \underline{\mathbf{X}}_i \quad \text{for all } X_i \in \mathcal{X}$$

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

Results

- 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]

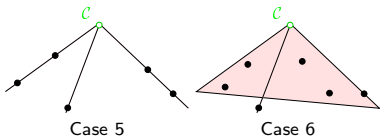


Case 4

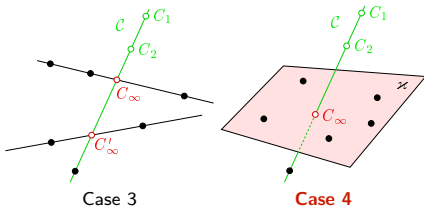
Note that if \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{T} are suitable homographies then $\mathbf{P}_1 \simeq \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{T}$, where \mathbf{P}_0 is canonical and the analysis can be made with $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_j \simeq \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{P}_j$

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

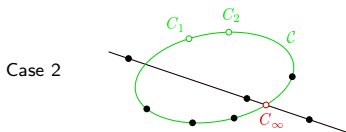
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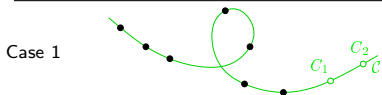
- cameras C_1, C_2 co-located at point C
- points on three optical rays or one optical ray and one optical plane
- Case 5: camera sees 3 isolated point images
- Case 6: cam. sees a line of points and an isolated point



- cameras lie on a line $C \setminus \{C_\infty, C'_\infty\}$
- points lie on C and
 1. on two lines meeting C at C_∞, C'_∞
 2. or on a plane meeting C at C_∞
- 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_∞
- 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: $\|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$

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

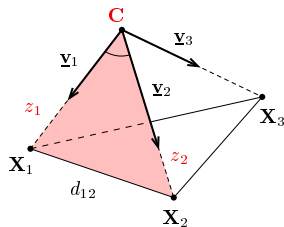
3. Consider only angles among $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i$ and apply Cosine Law per triangle $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j)$ $i, j = 1, 2, 3, i \neq j$

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

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

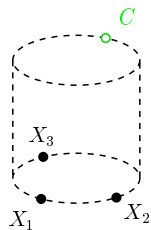
4. Solve system of 3 quadratic eqs in 3 unknowns z_i [Fischler & Bolles, 1981]
there may be no real root; there are up to 4 solutions that cannot be ignored (verify on additional points)
5. Compute \mathbf{C} by trilateration (3-sphere intersection) from \mathbf{X}_i and z_i ; then λ_i from (11) and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

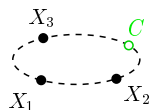
- center of projection C located on the orthogonal circular cylinder with base circumscribing the three points X_i

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]

► Populating A Little ZOO of Minimal Geometric Problems in CV

problem	given	unknown	slide
camera resection	6 world–img correspondences $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^6$	P	62
exterior orientation	K , 3 world–img correspondences $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^3$	R, C	66
relative orientation	3 world–world correspondences $\{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^3$	R, t	69

- camera resection 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
- relative orientation involves no camera (see next)
- more problems to come

The Relative Orientation Problem

Problem: Given point triples (X_1, X_2, X_3) and (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) in a general position in \mathbf{R}^3 such that the correspondence $X_i \leftrightarrow Y_i$ is known, determine the relative orientation (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}) that maps \mathbf{X}_i to \mathbf{Y}_i , i.e.

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}_i + \mathbf{t}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Applies to:

- 3D scanners
- partial reconstructions from different viewpoints

Obs: Let the centroid be $\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \mathbf{X}_i$ and analogously for $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}$. Then

$$\bar{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{R}\bar{\mathbf{X}} + \mathbf{t}.$$

Therefore

$$\mathbf{Z}_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}_i - \bar{\mathbf{X}}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{R}\mathbf{W}_i$$

If all dot products are equal, $\mathbf{Z}_i^\top \mathbf{Z}_j = \mathbf{W}_i^\top \mathbf{W}_j$ for $i, j = 1, 2, 3$, we have

$$\mathbf{R}^* = [\mathbf{W}_1 \quad \mathbf{W}_2 \quad \mathbf{W}_3]^{-1} [\mathbf{Z}_1 \quad \mathbf{Z}_2 \quad \mathbf{Z}_3]$$

Otherwise (in practice) we setup a minimization problem

$$\mathbf{R}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_i \|\mathbf{Z}_i - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{W}_i\|^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}, \quad \det \mathbf{R} = 1$$

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_i \|\mathbf{Z}_i - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{W}_i\|^2 = \arg \min_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_i \left(\|\mathbf{Z}_i\|^2 - 2\mathbf{Z}_i^\top \mathbf{R}\mathbf{W}_i + \|\mathbf{W}_i\|^2 \right) = \dots$$

$$\dots = \arg \max_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_i \mathbf{Z}_i^\top \mathbf{R}\mathbf{W}_i$$

cont'd (What is Linear Algebra Telling Us?)

Obs 1: Let $\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B} = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}b_{ij}$ be the dot-product (Frobenius inner product) over real matrices. Then

$$\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} : \mathbf{A} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B})$$

Obs 2: (cyclic property for matrix trace)

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{CAB})$$

Obs 3: ($\mathbf{Z}_i, \mathbf{W}_i$ are vectors)

$$\mathbf{Z}_i^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{W}_i = \text{tr}(\mathbf{Z}_i^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{W}_i) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{Z}_i^\top \mathbf{R}) = (\mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{W}_i^\top) : \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R} : (\mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{W}_i^\top)$$

Let the SVD be

$$\sum_i \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{W}_i^\top \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^\top$$

Then

$$\mathbf{R} : \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{R} : (\mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^\top) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^\top) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}) = (\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V}) : \mathbf{D}$$

We are solving

$$\mathbf{R}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_i \mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{W}_i = \arg \max_{\mathbf{R}} \left(\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} \right) : \mathbf{D}$$

- It follows that $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V}$ must be (1) orthogonal, (2) diagonal, (3) positive definite
- Since \mathbf{U} , \mathbf{V} are orthogonal matrices then the solution to the problem among $\mathbf{R}^* = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^\top$, where \mathbf{S} is diagonal and orthogonal, i.e. one of

$$\pm \text{diag}(1, 1, 1), \quad \pm \text{diag}(1, -1, -1), \quad \pm \text{diag}(-1, 1, -1), \quad \pm \text{diag}(-1, -1, 1)$$

- $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V}$ is not necessarily positive definite
- We choose \mathbf{S} so that $(\mathbf{R}^*)^\top \mathbf{R}^* = \mathbf{I}$

Alg:

1. Compute matrix $\mathbf{M} = \sum_i \mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{W}_i^\top$.
2. Compute SVD $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^\top$.
3. Compute all $\mathbf{R}_k = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{V}^\top$ that give $\mathbf{R}_k^\top \mathbf{R}_k = \mathbf{I}$.
4. Compute $\mathbf{t}_k = \bar{\mathbf{Y}} - \mathbf{R}_k \bar{\mathbf{X}}$.

- The algorithm can be used for more than 3 points
- Triple pairs can be pre-filtered based on motion invariants (lengths, angles)
- The P3P problem is very similar but not identical

Computing with a Camera Pair

- 4.1 Camera Motions Inducing Epipolar Geometry
- 4.2 Estimating Fundamental Matrix from 7 Correspondences
- 4.3 Estimating Essential Matrix from 5 Correspondences
- 4.4 Triangulation: 3D Point Position from a Pair of Corresponding Points

covered by

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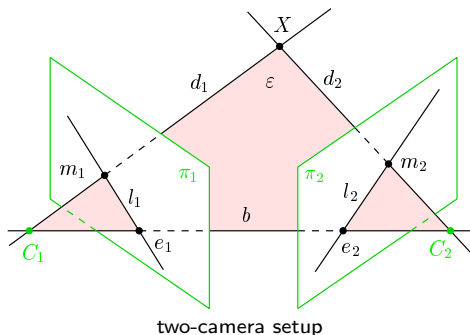


H. Longuet-Higgins. A computer algorithm for reconstructing a scene from two projections. *Nature*, 293 (5828):133–135, 1981.

► 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: corresponding d_2, b, d_1 are coplanar

a necessary condition $\rightarrow 86$

$$\mathbf{P}_i = [\mathbf{Q}_i \quad \mathbf{q}_i] = \mathbf{K}_i [\mathbf{R}_i \quad \mathbf{t}_i] = \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{R}_i [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}_i] \quad i = 1, 2 \quad \rightarrow 31$$

Epipolar Geometry Example: Forward Motion

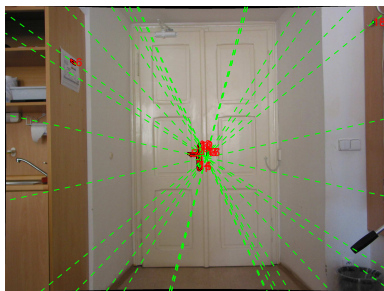


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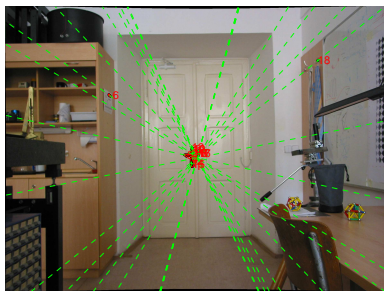
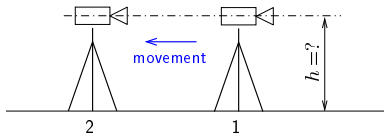


image 2

- red: correspondences
- green: epipolar line pairs per correspondence

click on the image to see their IDs
same ID in both images

How high was the camera above the floor?



► Cross Products and Maps by Skew-Symmetric 3×3 Matrices

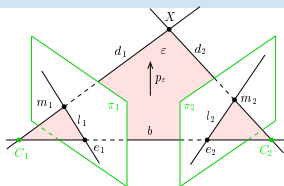
- There is an equivalence $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{m} = [\mathbf{b}]_{\times} \mathbf{m}$, where $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$ is a 3×3 skew-symmetric matrix

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

Some properties

- $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}^{\top} = -[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$ the general antisymmetry property
- \mathbf{A} is skew-symmetric iff $\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 0$ for all \mathbf{x} skew-sym mtx generalizes cross products
- $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}^3 = -\|\mathbf{b}\|^2 \cdot [\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$
- $\|[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}\|_F = \sqrt{2} \|\mathbf{b}\|$ Frobenius norm ($\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^{\top} \mathbf{A})} = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2}$)
- $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$
- $\text{rank} [\mathbf{b}]_{\times} = 2$ iff $\|\mathbf{b}\| > 0$ check minors of $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$
- eigenvalues of $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$ are $(0, \lambda, -\lambda)$
- for any regular \mathbf{B} : $\mathbf{B}^{\top} [\mathbf{Bz}]_{\times} \mathbf{B} = \det \mathbf{B} [\mathbf{z}]_{\times}$ follows from the factoring on $\rightarrow 38$
- in particular: if $\mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^{\top} = \mathbf{I}$ then $[\mathbf{Rb}]_{\times} = \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{b}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}^{\top}$
 - note that if \mathbf{R}_b is rotation about \mathbf{b} then $\mathbf{R}_b \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}$
 - note $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$ is not a homography; it is not a rotation matrix it is a logarithm of a rotation mtx

► Expressing Epipolar Constraint Algebraically



$$\mathbf{P}_i = [\mathbf{Q}_i \quad \mathbf{q}_i] = \mathbf{K}_i [\mathbf{R}_i \quad \mathbf{t}_i], \quad i = 1, 2$$

\mathbf{R}_{21} – relative camera rotation, $\mathbf{R}_{21} = \mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{R}_1^\top$

\mathbf{t}_{21} – relative camera translation, $\mathbf{t}_{21} = \mathbf{t}_2 - \mathbf{R}_{21} \mathbf{t}_1 = -\mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{b} \rightarrow 73$

\mathbf{b} – baseline vector (world coordinate system)

remember: $\mathbf{C} = -\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{q} = -\mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{t}$

$\rightarrow 32$ and 34

$$0 = \mathbf{d}_2^\top \underbrace{\mathbf{p}_\varepsilon}_{\text{normal of } \varepsilon} \simeq \underbrace{(\mathbf{Q}_2^{-1} \mathbf{m}_2)^\top}_{\text{optical ray}} \underbrace{\mathbf{Q}_1^\top \mathbf{l}_1}_{\text{optical plane}} = \mathbf{m}_2^\top \underbrace{\mathbf{Q}_2^{-\top} \mathbf{Q}_1^\top (\mathbf{e}_1 \times \mathbf{m}_1)}_{\text{image of } \varepsilon \text{ in } \pi_2} = \mathbf{m}_2^\top \underbrace{(\mathbf{Q}_2^{-\top} \mathbf{Q}_1^\top [\mathbf{e}_1]_\times)}_{\text{fundamental matrix } \mathbf{F}} \mathbf{m}_1$$

Epipolar constraint $\mathbf{m}_2^\top \mathbf{F} \mathbf{m}_1 = 0$ is a point-line incidence constraint

- point \mathbf{m}_2 is incident on epipolar line $\mathbf{l}_2 \simeq \mathbf{F} \mathbf{m}_1$
- point \mathbf{m}_1 is incident on epipolar line $\mathbf{l}_1 \simeq \mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{m}_2$
- $\mathbf{F} \mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ (non-trivially)
- all epipolars meet at the epipole

$$\mathbf{e}_1 \simeq \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{C}_2 + \mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{C}_2 - \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{C}_1 = \mathbf{K}_1 \mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{K}_1 \mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{R}_2^\top \mathbf{t}_{21} = -\mathbf{K}_1 \mathbf{R}_{21}^\top \mathbf{t}_{21}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{Q}_2^{-\top} \mathbf{Q}_1^\top [\mathbf{e}_1]_\times = \mathbf{Q}_2^{-\top} \mathbf{Q}_1^\top [\mathbf{K}_1 \mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{b}]_\times = \dots \simeq \mathbf{K}_2^{-\top} [-\mathbf{t}_{21}]_\times \mathbf{R}_{21} \mathbf{K}_1^{-1} \quad \text{fundamental}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = [-\mathbf{t}_{21}]_\times \mathbf{R}_{21} = \underbrace{[\mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{b}]_\times}_{\text{baseline in Cam 2}} \mathbf{R}_{21} = \mathbf{R}_{21} \underbrace{[\mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{b}]_\times}_{\text{baseline in Cam 1}} = \mathbf{R}_{21} [-\mathbf{R}_{21} \mathbf{t}_{21}]_\times \quad \text{essential}$$

► The Structure and the Key Properties of the Fundamental Matrix

$$\mathbf{F} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{Q}_1^{-1})^{-\top}}_{\text{epipolar homography } \mathbf{H}_e} [\mathbf{e}_1]_{\times} = \underbrace{\mathbf{K}_2^{-\top} \mathbf{R}_{21} \mathbf{K}_1^{\top}}_{\mathbf{H}_e^{-\top}} \overbrace{[\mathbf{e}_1]_{\times}}^{\text{left epipole}} \xrightarrow{75} \overbrace{[\mathbf{H}_e \mathbf{e}_1]_{\times}}^{\text{right epipole}} \mathbf{H}_e = \mathbf{K}_2^{-\top} \underbrace{[-\mathbf{t}_{21}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}_{21}}_{\text{essential matrix } \mathbf{E}} \mathbf{K}_1^{-1}$$

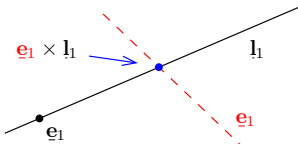
1. \mathbf{E} captures relative camera pose only (the change of the world coordinate system does not change \mathbf{E}) [Longuet-Higgins 1981]

$$[\mathbf{R}'_i \quad \mathbf{t}'_i] = [\mathbf{R}_i \quad \mathbf{t}_i] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^{\top} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{t}_i],$$

then

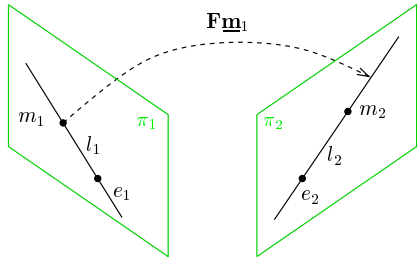
$$\mathbf{R}'_{21} = \mathbf{R}'_2 \mathbf{R}'_1{}^{\top} = \dots = \mathbf{R}_{21} \quad \mathbf{t}'_{21} = \mathbf{t}'_2 - \mathbf{R}'_{21} \mathbf{t}'_1 = \dots = \mathbf{t}_{21}$$

2. the translation length \mathbf{t}_{21} is lost since \mathbf{E} is homogeneous
3. \mathbf{F} maps points to lines and it is not a homography
4. \mathbf{H}_e maps epipoles to epipoles, $\mathbf{H}_e^{-\top}$ epipolar lines to epipolar lines: $\mathbf{l}_2 \simeq \mathbf{H}_e^{-\top} \mathbf{l}_1$



- replacement for $\mathbf{H}_e^{-\top}$ for epipolar line map: $\mathbf{l}_2 \simeq \mathbf{F}[\mathbf{e}_1]_{\times} \mathbf{l}_1$
- proof by point/line 'transmutation' (left)
- point \mathbf{e}_1 does not lie on line \mathbf{e}_1 (dashed): $\mathbf{e}_1^{\top} \mathbf{e}_1 \neq 0$
- $\mathbf{F}[\mathbf{e}_1]_{\times}$ is not a homography, unlike $\mathbf{H}_e^{-\top}$ but it does the same job for epipolar line mapping

► Relations and Mappings Involving Fundamental Matrix



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

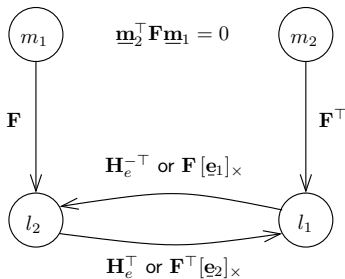
$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_1 \simeq \text{null}(\mathbf{F}), \quad \underline{\mathbf{e}}_2 \simeq \text{null}(\mathbf{F}^T)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}}_1 \simeq \mathbf{H}_e^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{e}}_2 \quad \underline{\mathbf{e}}_2 \simeq \mathbf{H}_e \underline{\mathbf{e}}_1$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{l}}_1 \simeq \mathbf{F}^T \underline{\mathbf{m}}_2 \quad \underline{\mathbf{l}}_2 \simeq \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{m}}_1$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{l}}_1 \simeq \mathbf{H}_e^T \underline{\mathbf{l}}_2 \quad \underline{\mathbf{l}}_2 \simeq \mathbf{H}_e^{-T} \underline{\mathbf{l}}_1$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{l}}_1 \simeq \mathbf{F}^T [\underline{\mathbf{e}}_2]_{\times} \underline{\mathbf{l}}_2 \quad \underline{\mathbf{l}}_2 \simeq \mathbf{F} [\underline{\mathbf{e}}_1]_{\times} \underline{\mathbf{l}}_1$$



- $\mathbf{F}[\underline{\mathbf{e}}_1]_{\times}$ maps lines to lines but it is not a homography
- $\mathbf{H}_e = \mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{Q}_1^{-1}$ is the epipolar homography → 77
 \mathbf{H}_e^{-T} maps epipolar lines to epipolar lines, where

$$\mathbf{H}_e = \mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{Q}_1^{-1} = \mathbf{K}_2 \mathbf{R}_{21} \mathbf{K}_1^{-1}$$

you have seen this → 59

► Representation Theorem for Fundamental Matrices

Def: \mathbf{F} is fundamental when $\mathbf{F} \simeq \mathbf{H}^{-\top} [\mathbf{e}_1]_{\times}$, where \mathbf{H} is regular and $\mathbf{e}_1 = \text{null } \mathbf{F} \neq \mathbf{0}$.

Theorem: A 3×3 matrix \mathbf{A} is fundamental iff it is of rank 2.

Proof.

Direct: By the geometry, \mathbf{H} is full-rank, $\mathbf{e}_1 \neq \mathbf{0}$, hence $\mathbf{H}^{-\top} [\mathbf{e}_1]_{\times}$ is a 3×3 matrix of rank 2.

Converse:

1. let $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^{\top}$ be the SVD of \mathbf{A} of rank 2; then $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, 0)$, $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 > 0$
2. we write $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{C}$, where $\mathbf{B} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$, $\mathbf{C} = \text{diag}(1, 1, 0)$, $\lambda_3 = \lambda_2$ (w.l.o.g.)
3. then $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{V}^{\top} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}\underbrace{\mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^{\top}}_{\mathbf{I}}\mathbf{V}^{\top}$ with \mathbf{W} rotation
4. we look for a rotation \mathbf{W} that maps \mathbf{C} to a skew-symmetric \mathbf{S} , i.e. $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}$

5. then $\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ -\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $|\alpha| = 1$, and $\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{s}]_{\times}$, $\mathbf{s} = (0, 0, 1)$

6. we can write

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}[\mathbf{s}]_{\times}\mathbf{W}^{\top}\mathbf{V}^{\top} = \dots \overset{\textcircled{*}1}{=} \underbrace{\mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{W})^{\top}}_{\simeq \mathbf{H}^{-\top}} [\mathbf{v}_3]_{\times}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 - \text{3rd column of } \mathbf{V} \quad (12)$$

7. \mathbf{H} regular, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$, $\mathbf{v}_3 \neq \mathbf{0}$ □

- we also got a (non-unique: $\alpha = \pm 1$) decomposition formula for fundamental matrices
- it follows there is no constraint on \mathbf{F} except the rank

► Representation Theorem for Essential Matrices

Theorem

Let \mathbf{E} be a 3×3 matrix with SVD $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top$. Then \mathbf{E} is essential iff $\mathbf{D} \simeq \text{diag}(1, 1, 0)$.

Proof.

Direct:

If \mathbf{E} is an essential matrix, then the epipolar homography matrix is a rotation matrix ($\rightarrow 77$), hence $\mathbf{H}^{-\top} \simeq \mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{W})^\top$ in (12) must be (λ -scaled) orthogonal, therefore $\mathbf{B} = \lambda\mathbf{I}$.

Converse:

\mathbf{E} is fundamental with $\mathbf{D} = \lambda \text{diag}(1, 1, 0)$ then we do not need \mathbf{B} (as if $\mathbf{B} = \lambda\mathbf{I}$) in (12) and $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{W})^\top$ is orthogonal, as required.

□

► Essential Matrix Decomposition

We are decomposing \mathbf{E} to $\mathbf{E} \simeq [-\mathbf{t}_{21}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}_{21} = \mathbf{R}_{21} [-\mathbf{R}_{21}^{\top} \mathbf{t}_{21}]_{\times}$ [H&Z, sec. 9.6]

1. compute SVD of $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^{\top}$ and verify $\mathbf{D} = \lambda \text{diag}(1, 1, 0)$
2. ensure \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} are rotation matrices by $\mathbf{U} \mapsto \det(\mathbf{U})\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \mapsto \det(\mathbf{V})\mathbf{V}$
3. compute

$$\mathbf{R}_{21} = \mathbf{U} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ -\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{V}^{\top}, \quad \mathbf{t}_{21} = -\beta \mathbf{u}_3, \quad |\alpha| = 1, \quad \beta \neq 0 \quad (13)$$

Notes

- $\mathbf{v}_3 \simeq \mathbf{R}_{21}^{\top} \mathbf{t}_{21}$ by (12), hence $\mathbf{R}_{21} \mathbf{v}_3 \simeq \mathbf{t}_{21} \simeq \mathbf{u}_3$ since it must fall in left null space by $\mathbf{E} \simeq [\mathbf{u}_3]_{\times} \mathbf{R}_{21}$
- \mathbf{t}_{21} is recoverable up to scale β and direction $\text{sign} \beta$
- the result for \mathbf{R}_{21} is unique up to $\alpha = \pm 1$ despite non-uniqueness of SVD
- the change of sign in α rotates the solution by 180° about \mathbf{t}_{21}

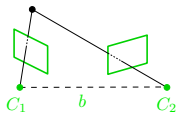
$\mathbf{R}(\alpha) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{V}^{\top}, \mathbf{R}(-\alpha) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{W}^{\top}\mathbf{V}^{\top} \Rightarrow \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{R}(-\alpha)\mathbf{R}^{\top}(\alpha) = \dots = \mathbf{U} \text{diag}(-1, -1, 1)\mathbf{U}^{\top}$
which is a rotation by 180° about $\mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{t}_{21}$: show that \mathbf{u}_3 is the rotation axis

$$\mathbf{U} \text{diag}(-1, -1, 1)\mathbf{U}^{\top} \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{U} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{u}_3$$

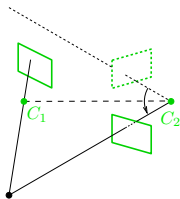
- 4 solution sets for 4 sign combinations of α, β see next for geometric interpretation

► Four Solutions to Essential Matrix Decomposition

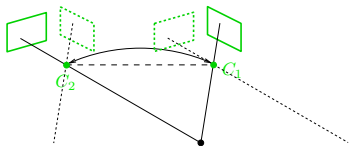
Transform the world coordinate system so that the origin is in Camera 2. Then $t_{21} = -\mathbf{b}$ and \mathbf{W} rotates about the baseline \mathbf{b} . →76



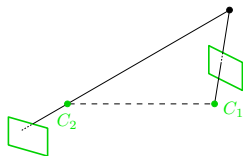
α, β



$-\alpha, \beta$ (twisted by \mathbf{W})



$\alpha, -\beta$ (baseline reversal)



$-\alpha, -\beta$ (combination of both)

- chirality constraint: all 3D points are in front of both cameras
- this singles-out the upper left case

[H&Z, Sec. 9.6.3]

►7-Point Algorithm for Estimating Fundamental Matrix

Problem: Given a set $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^k$ of $k = 7$ correspondences, estimate f. m. \mathbf{F} .

$$\underline{\mathbf{y}}_i^\top \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \quad \text{known: } \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i = (u_i^1, v_i^1, 1), \quad \underline{\mathbf{y}}_i = (u_i^2, v_i^2, 1)$$

terminology: correspondence = truth, later: match = algorithm's result; hypothesized corresp.

Solution:

$$\underline{\mathbf{y}}_i^\top \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i = (\underline{\mathbf{y}}_i \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i^\top) : \mathbf{F} = (\text{vec}(\underline{\mathbf{y}}_i \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i^\top))^\top \text{vec}(\mathbf{F}),$$

$$\text{vec}(\mathbf{F}) = [f_{11} \quad f_{21} \quad f_{31} \quad \dots \quad f_{33}]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^9 \quad \text{column vector from matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} (\text{vec}(\underline{\mathbf{y}}_1 \underline{\mathbf{x}}_1^\top))^\top \\ (\text{vec}(\underline{\mathbf{y}}_2 \underline{\mathbf{x}}_2^\top))^\top \\ (\text{vec}(\underline{\mathbf{y}}_3 \underline{\mathbf{x}}_3^\top))^\top \\ \vdots \\ (\text{vec}(\underline{\mathbf{y}}_k \underline{\mathbf{x}}_k^\top))^\top \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^1 u_1^2 & u_1^1 v_1^2 & u_1^1 & u_1^2 v_1^1 & v_1^1 v_1^2 & v_1^1 & u_1^2 & v_1^2 & 1 \\ u_2^1 u_2^2 & u_2^1 v_2^2 & u_2^1 & u_2^2 v_2^1 & v_2^1 v_2^2 & v_2^1 & u_2^2 & v_2^2 & 1 \\ u_3^1 u_3^2 & u_3^1 v_3^2 & u_3^1 & u_3^2 v_3^1 & v_3^1 v_3^2 & v_3^1 & u_3^2 & v_3^2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ u_k^1 u_k^2 & u_k^1 v_k^2 & u_k^1 & u_k^2 v_k^1 & v_k^1 v_k^2 & v_k^1 & u_k^2 & v_k^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{k,9}$$

$$\mathbf{D} \text{vec}(\mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{0}$$

►7-Point Algorithm Continued

$$\mathbf{D} \operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{k,9}$$

- for $k = 7$ we have a rank-deficient system, the null-space of \mathbf{D} is 2-dimensional
- but we know that $\det \mathbf{F} = 0$, hence

1. find a basis of the null space of \mathbf{D} : $\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2$ by SVD or QR factorization
2. get up to 3 real solutions for α from

$$\det(\alpha \mathbf{F}_1 + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{F}_2) = 0 \quad \text{cubic equation in } \alpha$$

3. get up to 3 fundamental matrices $\mathbf{F} = \alpha_i \mathbf{F}_1 + (1 - \alpha_i) \mathbf{F}_2$ (check rank $\mathbf{F} = 2$)

- the result may depend on image (domain) transformations
- normalization improves conditioning →91
- this gives a good starting point for the full algorithm →109
- dealing with mismatches need not be a part of the 7-point algorithm →110

► Degenerate Configurations for Fundamental Matrix Estimation

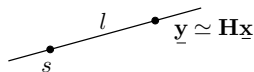
When is \mathbf{F} not uniquely determined from any number of correspondences? [H&Z, Sec. 11.9]

1. when images are related by homography

a) camera centers coincide $t_{21} = 0$: $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{K}_2 \mathbf{R}_{21} \mathbf{K}_1^{-1}$

b) camera moves but all 3D points lie in a plane (\mathbf{n}, d) : $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{K}_2 (\mathbf{R}_{21} - t_{21} \mathbf{n}^\top / d) \mathbf{K}_1^{-1}$

- in both cases: epipolar geometry is not defined
- we do get a solution from the 7-point algorithm but it has the form of $\mathbf{F} = [\underline{\mathbf{s}}]_\times \mathbf{H}$ with $\underline{\mathbf{s}}$ arbitrary (nonzero) note that $[\underline{\mathbf{s}}]_\times \mathbf{H} \simeq \mathbf{H}' [\underline{\mathbf{s}}']_\times \rightarrow 75$



- given (arbitrary) $\underline{\mathbf{s}}$
- and correspondence $x \leftrightarrow y$
- y is the image of x : $\underline{\mathbf{y}} \simeq \mathbf{H} \underline{\mathbf{x}}$
- a necessary condition: $y \in l$, $\underline{\mathbf{1}} \simeq \underline{\mathbf{s}} \times \mathbf{H} \underline{\mathbf{x}}$

$$0 = \underline{\mathbf{y}}^\top (\underline{\mathbf{s}} \times \mathbf{H} \underline{\mathbf{x}}) = \underline{\mathbf{y}}^\top [\underline{\mathbf{s}}]_\times \mathbf{H} \underline{\mathbf{x}} \quad \text{for any } \underline{\mathbf{x}}, \underline{\mathbf{s}} (!)$$

2. both camera centers and all 3D points lie on a ruled quadric

hyperboloid of one sheet, cones, cylinders, two planes

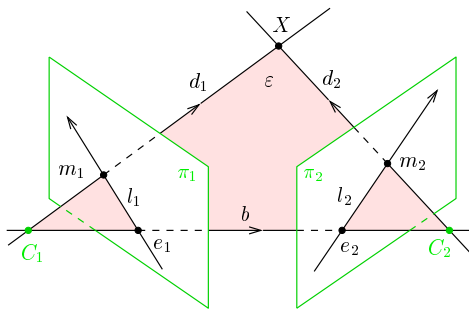
- there are 3 solutions for \mathbf{F}

notes

- estimation of \mathbf{E} can deal with planes: $[\underline{\mathbf{s}}]_\times \mathbf{H}$ is essential, then $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{R} - t \mathbf{n}^\top / d$, and $\underline{\mathbf{s}} \simeq t$ not arbitrary
- a complete treatment with additional degenerate configurations in [H&Z, sec. 22.2]
- a stronger epipolar constraint could reject some configurations

A Note on Oriented Epipolar Constraint

- a tighter epipolar constraint preserves orientations
- requires all points and cameras be on the same side of the plane at infinity



$$\underline{e}_2 \times \underline{m}_2 \stackrel{+}{\sim} \mathbf{F} \underline{m}_1$$

notation: $\underline{m} \stackrel{+}{\sim} \underline{n}$ means $\underline{m} = \lambda \underline{n}$, $\lambda > 0$

- we can read the constraint as $\underline{e}_2 \times \underline{m}_2 \stackrel{+}{\sim} \mathbf{H}_e^{-T} (\underline{e}_1 \times \underline{m}_1)$
- note that the constraint is not invariant to the change of either sign of \underline{m}_i
- all 7 correspondences in 7-point alg. must have the same sign
- this may help reject some wrong matches, see →110
- an even more tight constraint: scene points in front of both cameras

see later

[Chum et al. 2004]

expensive

this is called chirality constraint

►5-Point Algorithm for Relative Camera Orientation

Problem: Given $\{m_i, m'_i\}_{i=1}^5$ corresponding image points and calibration matrix \mathbf{K} , recover the camera motion \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t} .

Obs:

1. \mathbf{E} – 8 numbers
2. \mathbf{R} – 3DOF, \mathbf{t} – 2DOF only, in total 5 DOF \rightarrow we need $8 - 5 = 3$ constraints on \mathbf{E}
3. \mathbf{E} essential iff it has two equal singular values and the third is zero \rightarrow 80

This gives an equation system:

$$\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i^\top \mathbf{E} \underline{\mathbf{v}}'_i = 0 \quad 5 \text{ linear constraints } (\underline{\mathbf{v}} \simeq \mathbf{K}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{m}})$$

$$\det \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad 1 \text{ cubic constraint}$$

$$\mathbf{E} \mathbf{E}^\top \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{E} \mathbf{E}^\top) \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad 9 \text{ cubic constraints, 2 independent}$$

⊛ P1; 1pt: verify this equation from $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^\top$, $\mathbf{D} = \lambda \text{diag}(1, 1, 0)$

1. estimate \mathbf{E} by SVD from $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i^\top \mathbf{E} \underline{\mathbf{v}}'_i = 0$ by the null-space method 4D null space
2. this gives $\mathbf{E} \simeq x \mathbf{E}_1 + y \mathbf{E}_2 + z \mathbf{E}_3 + \mathbf{E}_4$
3. at most 10 (complex) solutions for x, y, z from the cubic constraints

- when all 3D points lie on a plane: at most 2 real solutions (twisted-pair) can be disambiguated in 3 views
or by chirality constraint (\rightarrow 82) unless all 3D points are closer to one camera
- 6-point problem for unknown f [Kukelova et al. BMVC 2008]
- resources at http://cmp.felk.cvut.cz/minimal/5_pt_relative.php

► The Triangulation Problem

Problem: Given cameras $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$ and a correspondence $x \leftrightarrow y$ compute a 3D point \mathbf{X} projecting to x and y

$$\lambda_1 \underline{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{P}_1 \underline{\mathbf{X}}, \quad \lambda_2 \underline{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{P}_2 \underline{\mathbf{X}}, \quad \underline{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} u^1 \\ v^1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} u^2 \\ v^2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{P}_i = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{p}_1^i)^\top \\ (\mathbf{p}_2^i)^\top \\ (\mathbf{p}_3^i)^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear triangulation method

$$\begin{aligned} u^1 (\mathbf{p}_3^1)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}} &= (\mathbf{p}_1^1)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}}, & u^2 (\mathbf{p}_3^2)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}} &= (\mathbf{p}_1^2)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}}, \\ v^1 (\mathbf{p}_3^1)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}} &= (\mathbf{p}_2^1)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}}, & v^2 (\mathbf{p}_3^2)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}} &= (\mathbf{p}_2^2)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}}, \end{aligned}$$

Gives

$$\mathbf{D} \underline{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} u^1 (\mathbf{p}_3^1)^\top - (\mathbf{p}_1^1)^\top \\ v^1 (\mathbf{p}_3^1)^\top - (\mathbf{p}_2^1)^\top \\ u^2 (\mathbf{p}_3^2)^\top - (\mathbf{p}_1^2)^\top \\ v^2 (\mathbf{p}_3^2)^\top - (\mathbf{p}_2^2)^\top \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{4,4}, \quad \underline{\mathbf{X}} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \quad (14)$$

- back-projected rays will generally not intersect due to image error, see next
- using Jack-knife ($\rightarrow 63$) not recommended sensitive to small error
- we will use SVD ($\rightarrow 89$)
- but the result will not be invariant to projective frame
replacing $\mathbf{P}_1 \mapsto \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{P}_2 \mapsto \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{H}$ does not always result in $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \mapsto \mathbf{H}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{X}}$
- note the homogeneous form in (14) can represent points at infinity

► The Least-Squares Triangulation by SVD

- if \mathbf{D} is full-rank we may minimize the algebraic least-squares error

$$\epsilon^2(\underline{\mathbf{X}}) = \|\mathbf{D}\underline{\mathbf{X}}\|^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\underline{\mathbf{X}}\| = 1, \quad \underline{\mathbf{X}} \in \mathbb{R}^4$$

- let \mathbf{D}_i be the i -th row of \mathbf{D} , then

$$\|\mathbf{D}\underline{\mathbf{X}}\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 (\mathbf{D}_i \underline{\mathbf{X}})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 \underline{\mathbf{X}}^\top \mathbf{D}_i^\top \mathbf{D}_i \underline{\mathbf{X}} = \underline{\mathbf{X}}^\top \mathbf{Q} \underline{\mathbf{X}}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{Q} = \sum_{i=1}^4 \mathbf{D}_i^\top \mathbf{D}_i = \mathbf{D}^\top \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{4,4}$$

- we write the SVD of \mathbf{Q} as $\mathbf{Q} = \sum_{j=1}^4 \sigma_j^2 \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_j^\top$, in which [Golub & van Loan 2013, Sec. 2.5]

$$\sigma_1^2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_4^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{u}_l^\top \mathbf{u}_m = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } l \neq m \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- then $\underline{\mathbf{X}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{q}, \|\mathbf{q}\|=1} \mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{u}_4$

Proof (by contradiction).

Let $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i \mathbf{u}_i$ s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^4 a_i^2 = 1$, then $\|\bar{\mathbf{q}}\| = 1$, and

$$\bar{\mathbf{q}}^\top \mathbf{Q} \bar{\mathbf{q}} = \sum_{j=1}^4 \sigma_j^2 \bar{\mathbf{q}}^\top \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_j^\top \bar{\mathbf{q}} = \sum_{j=1}^4 \sigma_j^2 (\mathbf{u}_j^\top \bar{\mathbf{q}})^2 = \dots = \sum_{j=1}^4 a_j^2 \sigma_j^2 \geq \sum_{j=1}^4 a_j^2 \sigma_4^2 = \sigma_4^2 \quad \square$$

- if $\sigma_4 \ll \sigma_3$, there is a unique solution $\underline{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{u}_4$ with residual error $(\mathbf{D} \underline{\mathbf{X}})^2 = \sigma_4^2$
the quality (conditioning) of the solution may be expressed as $q = \sigma_3/\sigma_4$ (greater is better)

Matlab code for the least-squares solver:

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[U,0,V] = svd(D);  
X = V(:,end);  
q = sqrt(0(end-1,end-1)/0(end,end));
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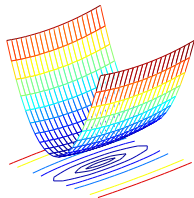
⊗ P1; 1pt: Why did we decompose \mathbf{D} and not $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}^\top \mathbf{D}$?

► Numerical Conditioning

- The equation $\mathbf{D}\underline{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{0}$ in (14) may be ill-conditioned for numerical computation, which results in a poor estimate for $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$.

Why: on a row of \mathbf{D} there are big entries together with small entries, e.g. of orders projection centers in mm, image points in px

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10^3 & 0 & 10^3 & 10^6 \\ 0 & 10^3 & 10^3 & 10^6 \\ 10^3 & 0 & 10^3 & 10^6 \\ 0 & 10^3 & 10^3 & 10^6 \end{bmatrix}$$



Quick fix:

1. re-scale the problem by a regular diagonal conditioning matrix $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{4,4}$

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{D}\underline{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}^{-1}\underline{\mathbf{X}} = \bar{\mathbf{D}}\bar{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}$$

choose \mathbf{S} to make the entries in $\hat{\mathbf{D}}$ all smaller than unity in absolute value:

$$\mathbf{S} = \text{diag}(10^{-3}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-6}) \quad \mathbf{S} = \text{diag}(1./\max(\text{abs}(\mathbf{D}), 1))$$

2. solve for $\bar{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}$ as before
3. get the final solution as $\underline{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{S}\bar{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}$

- when SVD is used in camera resection, conditioning is essential for success

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Algebraic Error vs Reprojection Error

- algebraic error (c – camera index, (u^c, v^c) – image coordinates)

from SVD →90

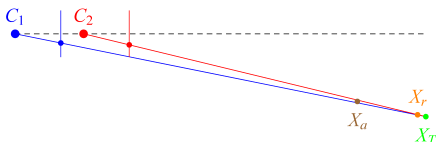
$$\varepsilon^2(\underline{\mathbf{X}}) = \sigma_4^2 = \sum_{c=1}^2 \left[\left(u^c (\mathbf{p}_3^c)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}} - (\mathbf{p}_1^c)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}} \right)^2 + \left(v^c (\mathbf{p}_3^c)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}} - (\mathbf{p}_2^c)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}} \right)^2 \right]$$

- reprojection error

$$e^2(\underline{\mathbf{X}}) = \sum_{c=1}^2 \left[\left(u^c - \frac{(\mathbf{p}_1^c)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}}}{(\mathbf{p}_3^c)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}}} \right)^2 + \left(v^c - \frac{(\mathbf{p}_2^c)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}}}{(\mathbf{p}_3^c)^\top \underline{\mathbf{X}}} \right)^2 \right]$$

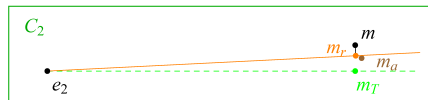
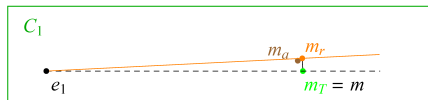
- algebraic error zero \Leftrightarrow reprojection error zero $\sigma_4 = 0 \Rightarrow$ non-trivial null space
- epipolar constraint satisfied \Rightarrow equivalent results
- in general: minimizing algebraic error is cheap but it gives inferior results
- minimizing reprojection error is expensive but it gives good results
- the midpoint of the common perpendicular to both optical rays gives about 50% greater error in 3D
- the golden standard method – deferred to →104

Ex:



- forward camera motion
- error $f/50$ in image 2, orthogonal to epipolar plane

X_T – noiseless ground truth position
 X_r – reprojection error minimizer
 X_a – algebraic error minimizer
 m – measurement (m_T with noise in v^2)



► We Have Added to The ZOO

continuation from →68

problem	given	unknown	slide
camera resection	6 world–img correspondences $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^6$	P	62
exterior orientation	K , 3 world–img correspondences $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^3$	R, t	66
relative orientation	3 world–world correspondences $\{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^3$	R, t	69
fundamental matrix	7 img–img correspondences $\{(m_i, m'_i)\}_{i=1}^7$	F	83
relative orientation	K , 5 img–img correspondences $\{(m_i, m'_i)\}_{i=1}^5$	R, t	87
triangulation	P ₁ , P ₂ , 1 img–img correspondence (m_i, m'_i)	X	88

A bigger ZOO at <http://cmp.felk.cvut.cz/minimal/>

calibrated problems

- have fewer degenerate configurations
- can do with fewer points (good for geometry proposal generators →117)
- algebraic error optimization (SVD) makes sense in camera resection and triangulation only
- but it is not the best method; we will now focus on 'optimizing optimally'




Optimization for 3D Vision

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- 5.3 The Correspondence Problem
- 5.4 Optimization by Random Sampling

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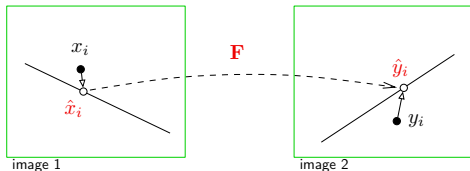
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► The Concept of Error for Epipolar Geometry

Background problems: (1) Given at least 8 matched points $x_i \leftrightarrow y_j$ in a general position, estimate the most 'likely' fundamental matrix \mathbf{F} ; (2) given \mathbf{F} triangulate 3D point from $x_i \leftrightarrow y_j$.

$$\mathbf{x}_i = (u_i^1, v_i^1), \quad \mathbf{y}_i = (u_i^2, v_i^2), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k, \quad k \geq 8$$



- detected points (measurements) x_i, y_i
- we introduce matches $\mathbf{Z}_i = (u_i^1, v_i^1, u_i^2, v_i^2) \in \mathbb{R}^4$; $S = \{\mathbf{Z}_i\}_{i=1}^k$
- corrected points \hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i ; $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i = (\hat{u}_i^1, \hat{v}_i^1, \hat{u}_i^2, \hat{v}_i^2)$; $\hat{S} = \{\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i\}_{i=1}^k$ are correspondences
- correspondences satisfy the epipolar geometry exactly $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i^\top \mathbf{F} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = 0, i = 1, \dots, k$
- small correction is more probable
- let $\mathbf{e}_i(\cdot)$ be the 'reprojection error' (vector) per match i ,

$$\mathbf{e}_i(x_i, y_i \mid \hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i, \mathbf{F}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i \\ \mathbf{y}_i - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_i \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{e}_i(\mathbf{Z}_i \mid \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i, \mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{Z}_i - \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i(\mathbf{F}) \quad (15)$$

$$\|\mathbf{e}_i(\cdot)\|^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{e}_i^2(\cdot) = \|\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}_i - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_i\|^2 = \|\mathbf{Z}_i - \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i(\mathbf{F})\|^2$$

- the total reprojection error (of all data) then is

$$L(S \mid \hat{S}, \mathbf{F}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{e}_i^2(x_i, y_i \mid \hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i, \mathbf{F}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{e}_i^2(\mathbf{Z}_i \mid \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i, \mathbf{F})$$

- and the optimization problem is

$$(\hat{S}^*, \mathbf{F}^*) = \arg \min_{\substack{\mathbf{F} \\ \text{rank } \mathbf{F} = 2}} \min_{\substack{\hat{S} \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}}_i^\top \mathbf{F} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = 0}} \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{e}_i^2(x_i, y_i \mid \hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i, \mathbf{F}) \quad (16)$$

Three possible approaches

- they differ in how the correspondences \hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i are obtained:
 - direct optimization of reprojection error over all variables \hat{S}, \mathbf{F} →97
 - Sampson optimal correction = partial correction of \mathbf{Z}_i towards $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i$ used in an iterative minimization over \mathbf{F} →98
 - removing \hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i altogether = marginalization of $L(S, \hat{S} \mid \mathbf{F})$ over \hat{S} followed by minimization over \mathbf{F} not covered, the marginalization is difficult

Method 1: Reprojection Error Optimization

- we need to encode the constraints $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i^T \mathbf{F} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = 0$, $\text{rank } \mathbf{F} = 2$
- idea: reconstruct 3D point via equivalent projection matrices and use reprojection error
- equivalent projection matrices are see [H&Z, Sec. 9.5] for complete characterization

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = [\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{0}], \quad \mathbf{P}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{e}_2]_{\times} \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{e}_2 \mathbf{e}_1^T & \mathbf{e}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

⊛ H3; 2pt: Assuming $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2$ are the left and right nullspace basis vectors of \mathbf{F} (i.e. the epipoles), verify that \mathbf{F} is a fundamental matrix of $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$. Hint: \mathbf{A} is skew symmetric iff $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 0$ for all vectors \mathbf{x} .

1. compute $\mathbf{F}^{(0)}$ by the 7-point algorithm $\rightarrow 83$; construct camera $\mathbf{P}_2^{(0)}$ from $\mathbf{F}^{(0)}$ using (17)
2. triangulate 3D points $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_i^{(0)}$ from matches (x_i, y_i) for all $i = 1, \dots, k$ $\rightarrow 88$
3. starting from $\mathbf{P}_2^{(0)}, \hat{\mathbf{X}}^{(0)}$ minimize the reprojection error (15)

$$(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^*, \mathbf{P}_2^*) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{P}_2, \hat{\mathbf{X}}} \sum_{i=1}^k e_i^2(\mathbf{Z}_i \mid \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_i, \mathbf{P}_2))$$

where

$$\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i = (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_i) \text{ (Cartesian)}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i \simeq \mathbf{P}_1 \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i, \quad \hat{\mathbf{y}}_i \simeq \mathbf{P}_2 \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i \text{ (homogeneous)}$$

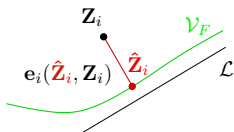
Non-linear, non-convex problem

4. compute \mathbf{F} from $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2^*$
 - $3k + 12$ parameters to be found: latent: $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_i$, for all i (correspondences!), non-latent: \mathbf{P}_2
 - minimal representation: $3k + 7$ parameters, $\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}_2(\mathbf{F})$ $\rightarrow 145$
 - there are pitfalls; this is essentially bundle adjustment; we will return to this later $\rightarrow 136$

► Method 2: First-Order Error Approximation

An elegant method for solving problems like (16):

- we will get rid of the latent parameters \hat{X} needed for obtaining the correction [H&Z, p. 287], [Sampson 1982]
- we will recycle the algebraic error $\epsilon = \underline{y}^\top \mathbf{F} \underline{x}$ from $\rightarrow 83$
- consider matches \mathbf{Z}_i , correspondences $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i$, and reprojection error $\mathbf{e}_i = \|\mathbf{Z}_i - \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i\|^2$
- correspondences satisfy $\hat{\underline{y}}_i^\top \mathbf{F} \hat{\underline{x}}_i = 0$, $\hat{\underline{x}}_i = (\hat{u}^1, \hat{v}^1, 1)$, $\hat{\underline{y}}_i = (\hat{u}^2, \hat{v}^2, 1)$
- this is a manifold $\mathcal{V}_F \in \mathbb{R}^4$: a set of points $\hat{\mathbf{Z}} = (\hat{u}^1, \hat{v}^1, \hat{u}^2, \hat{v}^2)$ consistent with \mathbf{F}
- algebraic error vanishes for $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i$: $\mathbf{0} = \epsilon_i(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i) = \hat{\underline{y}}_i^\top \mathbf{F} \hat{\underline{x}}_i$



Sampson's idea: Linearize the algebraic error $\epsilon(\mathbf{Z})$ at \mathbf{Z}_i (where it is non-zero) and evaluate the resulting linear function at $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i$ (where it is zero). The zero-crossing replaces \mathcal{V}_F by a linear manifold \mathcal{L} . The point on \mathcal{V}_F closest to \mathbf{Z}_i is replaced by the closest point on \mathcal{L} .

$$\epsilon_i(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i) \approx \epsilon_i(\mathbf{Z}_i) + \frac{\partial \epsilon_i(\mathbf{Z}_i)}{\partial \mathbf{Z}_i} (\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i - \mathbf{Z}_i)$$

► Sampson's Approximation of Reprojection Error

- linearize $\varepsilon(\mathbf{Z})$ at match \mathbf{Z}_i , evaluate it at correspondence $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i$

$$0 = \varepsilon_i(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i) \approx \varepsilon_i(\mathbf{Z}_i) + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \varepsilon_i(\mathbf{Z}_i)}{\partial \mathbf{Z}_i}}_{\mathbf{J}_i(\mathbf{Z}_i)} \underbrace{(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i - \mathbf{Z}_i)}_{\mathbf{e}_i(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i, \mathbf{Z}_i)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \varepsilon_i(\mathbf{Z}_i) + \mathbf{J}_i(\mathbf{Z}_i) \mathbf{e}_i(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i, \mathbf{Z}_i)$$

- goal: compute function $\mathbf{e}_i(\cdot)$ from $\varepsilon_i(\cdot)$, where $\mathbf{e}_i(\cdot)$ is the distance of $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_i$ from \mathbf{Z}_i
- we have a linear underconstrained equation for $\mathbf{e}_i(\cdot)$
- we look for a minimal $\mathbf{e}_i(\cdot)$ per match i

$$\mathbf{e}_i(\cdot)^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{e}_i(\cdot)} \|\mathbf{e}_i(\cdot)\|^2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \varepsilon_i(\cdot) + \mathbf{J}_i(\cdot) \mathbf{e}_i(\cdot) = 0$$

- which has a closed-form solution **note that $\mathbf{J}_i(\cdot)$ is not invertible!** * P1; 1pt: derive $\mathbf{e}_i^*(\cdot)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_i^*(\cdot) &= -\mathbf{J}_i^\top (\mathbf{J}_i \mathbf{J}_i^\top)^{-1} \varepsilon_i(\cdot) && \text{pseudo-inverse} \\ \|\mathbf{e}_i^*(\cdot)\|^2 &= \varepsilon_i^\top(\cdot) (\mathbf{J}_i \mathbf{J}_i^\top)^{-1} \varepsilon_i(\cdot) \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

- this maps $\varepsilon_i(\cdot)$ to an estimate of $\mathbf{e}_i(\cdot)$ per correspondence
- we often do not need \mathbf{e}_i , just $\|\mathbf{e}_i\|^2$ exception: triangulation \rightarrow 104
- the unknown parameters \mathbf{F} are inside: $\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{e}_i(\mathbf{F})$, $\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_i(\mathbf{F})$, $\mathbf{J}_i = \mathbf{J}_i(\mathbf{F})$

► Example: Fitting A Circle To Scattered Points

Problem: Fit a zero-centered circle \mathcal{C} to a set of 2D points $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^k$, $\mathcal{C}: \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - r^2 = 0$.

1. consider radial error as the 'algebraic error' $\epsilon(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - r^2$ 'arbitrary' choice
2. linearize it at $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ we are dropping i in ϵ_i , \mathbf{e}_i etc for clarity

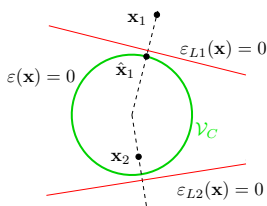
$$\epsilon(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \approx \epsilon(\mathbf{x}) + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \epsilon(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x})=2\mathbf{x}^\top} \underbrace{(\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})}_{\mathbf{e}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x})} = \dots = 2\mathbf{x}^\top \hat{\mathbf{x}} - (r^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|^2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \epsilon_L(\hat{\mathbf{x}})$$

$\epsilon_L(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = 0$ is a line with normal $\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|}$ and intercept $\frac{r^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|^2}{2\|\mathbf{x}\|}$ not tangent to \mathcal{C} , outside!

3. using (18), express error approximation \mathbf{e}^* as

$$\|\mathbf{e}^*\|^2 = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^\top (\mathbf{J}\mathbf{J}^\top)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \frac{(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - r^2)^2}{4\|\mathbf{x}\|^2}$$

4. fit circle



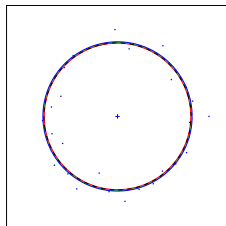
$$r^* = \arg \min_r \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(\|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2 - r^2)^2}{4\|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2} = \dots = \left(\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

- this example results in a convex quadratic optimization problem
- note that

$$\arg \min_r \sum_{i=1}^k (\|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2 - r^2)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

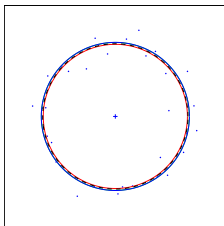
Circle Fitting: Some Results

medium radial noise



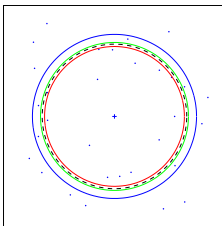
opt: 1.8, Smp: 1.9, dir: 2.3

medium isotropic noise



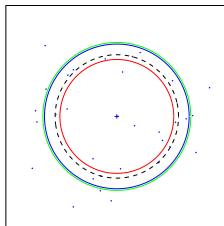
1.8, 2.0, 2.2

big radial noise



1.6, 1.8, 2.6

big isotropic noise



1.6, 2.0, 2.4

mean ranks over 10 000 random trials with $k = 32$ samples

green – ground truth

red – Sampson error minimizer

blue – direct radial error minimizer

black – optimal estimator for isotropic error

optimal estimator for isotropic error (black, dashed):

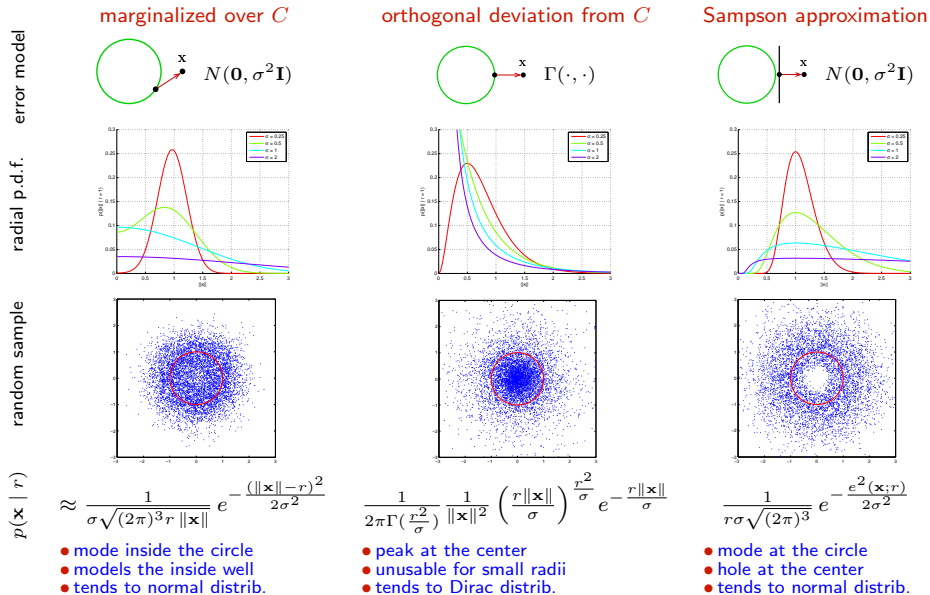
$$r \approx \frac{3}{4k} \sum_{i=1}^k \|\mathbf{x}_i\| + \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{4k} \sum_{i=1}^k \|\mathbf{x}_i\| \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2k} \sum_{i=1}^k \|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2}$$

which method is better?

- error should model noise, radial noise and isotropic noise behave differently
- ground truth: Normally distributed isotropic error, Gamma-distributed radial error
- Sampson: better for the radial distribution model; Direct: better for the isotropic model
- no matter how corrected, the algebraic error minimizer is not an unbiased parameter estimator
Cramér-Rao bound tells us how close one can get with unbiased estimator and given k

Discussion: On The Art of Probabilistic Model Design...

- a few models for fitting zero-centered circle C of radius r to points in \mathbb{R}^2



► Sampson Error for Fundamental Matrix Manifold

The epipolar algebraic error is

$$\varepsilon_i(\mathbf{F}) = \underline{\mathbf{y}}_i^\top \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i, \quad \mathbf{x}_i = (u_i^1, v_i^1), \quad \mathbf{y}_i = (u_i^2, v_i^2), \quad \varepsilon_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

Let $\mathbf{F} = [\mathbf{F}_1 \quad \mathbf{F}_2 \quad \mathbf{F}_3]$ (per columns) = $\begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{F}^1)^\top \\ (\mathbf{F}^2)^\top \\ (\mathbf{F}^3)^\top \end{bmatrix}$ (per rows), $\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then

Sampson

$$\mathbf{J}_i(\mathbf{F}) = \left[\frac{\partial \varepsilon_i(\mathbf{F})}{\partial u_i^1}, \frac{\partial \varepsilon_i(\mathbf{F})}{\partial v_i^1}, \frac{\partial \varepsilon_i(\mathbf{F})}{\partial u_i^2}, \frac{\partial \varepsilon_i(\mathbf{F})}{\partial v_i^2} \right] \quad \mathbf{J}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{1,4} \quad \text{derivatives over point coordinates}$$

$$= \left[(\mathbf{F}_1)^\top \underline{\mathbf{y}}_i, (\mathbf{F}_2)^\top \underline{\mathbf{y}}_i, (\mathbf{F}^1)^\top \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i, (\mathbf{F}^2)^\top \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i \right] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}\mathbf{F}^\top \underline{\mathbf{y}}_i \\ \mathbf{S}\mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$\mathbf{e}_i(\mathbf{F}) = -\frac{\mathbf{J}_i(\mathbf{F}) \varepsilon_i(\mathbf{F})}{\|\mathbf{J}_i(\mathbf{F})\|^2} \quad \mathbf{e}_i(\mathbf{F}) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \quad \text{Sampson error vector}$$

$$e_i(\mathbf{F}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|\mathbf{e}_i(\mathbf{F})\| = \frac{\varepsilon_i(\mathbf{F})}{\|\mathbf{J}_i(\mathbf{F})\|} = \frac{\underline{\mathbf{y}}_i^\top \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i}{\sqrt{\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i\|^2 + \|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{F}^\top \underline{\mathbf{y}}_i\|^2}} \quad e_i(\mathbf{F}) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{scalar Sampson error}$$

- Sampson error 'normalizes' the algebraic error
- automatically copes with multiplicative factors $\mathbf{F} \mapsto \lambda \mathbf{F}$
- actual optimization not yet covered →108

► Back to Triangulation: The Golden Standard Method

Given $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$ and a correspondence $x \leftrightarrow y$, look for 3D point \mathbf{X} projecting to x and y . →88

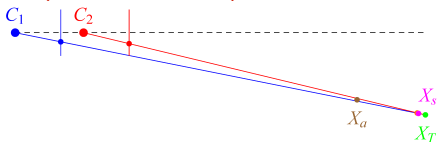
Idea:

1. if not given, compute \mathbf{F} from $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$, e.g. $\mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{Q}_2^{-1})^\top [\mathbf{q}_1 - (\mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{Q}_2^{-1}) \mathbf{q}_2]_\times$
2. correct the measurement by the linear estimate of the correction vector →99

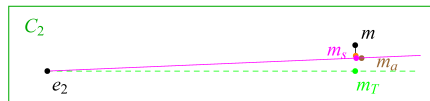
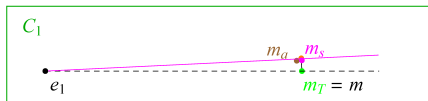
$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}^1 \\ \hat{v}^1 \\ \hat{u}^2 \\ \hat{v}^2 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} u^1 \\ v^1 \\ u^2 \\ v^2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\varepsilon}{\|\mathbf{J}\|^2} \mathbf{J}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} u^1 \\ v^1 \\ u^2 \\ v^2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\underline{\mathbf{y}}^\top \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}}{\|\mathbf{S} \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{S} \mathbf{F}^\top \underline{\mathbf{y}}\|^2} \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{F}_1)^\top \underline{\mathbf{y}} \\ (\mathbf{F}_2)^\top \underline{\mathbf{y}} \\ (\mathbf{F}^1)^\top \underline{\mathbf{x}} \\ (\mathbf{F}^2)^\top \underline{\mathbf{x}} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. use the SVD triangulation algorithm with numerical conditioning →89
4. repeat to convergence typically, a single step suffices

Ex (cont'd from →92):



- X_T – noiseless ground truth position
- – reprojection error minimizer
- X_s – Sampson-corrected algebraic error minimizer
- X_a – algebraic error minimizer
- m – measurement (m_T with noise in v^2)



► Back to Fundamental Matrix Estimation

Goal: Given a set $X = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^k$ of $k \gg 7$ inlier correspondences, compute a statistically efficient estimate for fundamental matrix \mathbf{F} .

What we have so far

- 7-point algorithm for \mathbf{F} (5-point algorithm for \mathbf{E}) \rightarrow 83
- definition of Sampson error per correspondence $e_i(\mathbf{F} \mid x_i, y_i) \rightarrow$ 103

What we need

- an optimization algorithm for

$$\mathbf{F}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{F}} \sum_{i=1}^k e_i^2(\mathbf{F} \mid X)$$

- the 7-point estimate is a good starting point \mathbf{F}_0

Levenberg-Marquardt (LM) Iterative Estimation in a Nutshell

Consider error function $\mathbf{e}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \in \mathbb{R}^m$, with $\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i$ given, $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^q$ unknown

$\theta = \mathbf{F}$, $q = 9$, $m = 1$ for f.m. estimation

Our goal: $\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^k \|\mathbf{e}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})\|^2$

Idea 1 (Gauss-Newton approximation): proceed iteratively for $s = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{s+1} := \boldsymbol{\theta}^s + \mathbf{d}_s, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{d}_s = \arg \min_{\mathbf{d}} \sum_{i=1}^k \|\mathbf{e}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^s + \mathbf{d})\|^2 \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^s + \mathbf{d}) \approx \mathbf{e}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^s) + \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{d},$$

$$(\mathbf{L}_i)_{jl} = \frac{\partial (\mathbf{e}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}))_j}{\partial (\boldsymbol{\theta})_l}, \quad \mathbf{L}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m,q} \quad \text{typically a long matrix, } m \ll q$$

Then the solution to Problem (19) is a set of normal eqs

$$-\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{L}_i^\top \mathbf{e}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^s)}_{\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^{q,1}} = \underbrace{\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{L}_i^\top \mathbf{L}_i \right)}_{\mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{q,q}} \mathbf{d}_s, \quad (20)$$

- \mathbf{d}_s can be solved for by Gaussian elimination using Choleski decomposition of \mathbf{L}
 \mathbf{L} symmetric, PSD \Rightarrow use Choleski, almost $2 \times$ faster than Gauss-Seidel, see bundle adjustment $\rightarrow 139$
- such updates do not lead to stable convergence \rightarrow ideas of Levenberg and Marquardt

Idea 2 (Levenberg): replace $\sum_i \mathbf{L}_i^\top \mathbf{L}_i$ with $\sum_i \mathbf{L}_i^\top \mathbf{L}_i + \lambda \mathbf{I}$ for some damping factor $\lambda \geq 0$

Idea 3 (Marquardt): replace $\lambda \mathbf{I}$ with $\lambda \sum_i \text{diag}(\mathbf{L}_i^\top \mathbf{L}_i)$ to adapt to local curvature:

$$-\sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{L}_i^\top \mathbf{e}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^s) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^k (\mathbf{L}_i^\top \mathbf{L}_i + \lambda \text{diag}(\mathbf{L}_i^\top \mathbf{L}_i)) \right) \mathbf{d}_s$$

Idea 4 (Marquardt): adaptive λ small $\lambda \rightarrow$ Gauss-Newton, large $\lambda \rightarrow$ gradient descend

1. choose $\lambda \approx 10^{-3}$ and compute \mathbf{d}_s
2. if $\sum_i \|\mathbf{e}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^s + \mathbf{d}_s)\|^2 < \sum_i \|\mathbf{e}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^s)\|^2$ then accept \mathbf{d}_s and set $\lambda := \lambda/10$, $s := s + 1$
3. otherwise set $\lambda := 10\lambda$ and recompute \mathbf{d}_s

- sometimes different constants are needed for the 10 and 10^{-3}
- note that $\mathbf{L}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m,q}$ (long matrix) but each contribution $\mathbf{L}_i^\top \mathbf{L}_i$ is a square singular $q \times q$ matrix (always singular for $k < q$)
- error can be made robust to outliers, see the trick \rightarrow 111
- we have approximated the least squares Hessian by ignoring second derivatives of the error function (Gauss-Newton approximation) See [Triggs et al. 1999, Sec. 4.3]
- λ helps avoid the consequences of gauge freedom \rightarrow 141
- modern variants of LM are Trust Region methods

LM with Sampson Error for Fundamental Matrix Estimation

Sampson (derived by linearization over point coordinates u^1, v^1, u^2, v^2)

$$e_i(\mathbf{F}) = \frac{\varepsilon_i}{\|\mathbf{J}_i\|} = \frac{\underline{\mathbf{y}}_i^\top \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i}{\sqrt{\|\mathbf{S} \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i\|^2 + \|\mathbf{S} \mathbf{F}^\top \underline{\mathbf{y}}_i\|^2}} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

LM (by linearization over parameters \mathbf{F})

$$\mathbf{L}_i = \frac{\partial e_i(\mathbf{F})}{\partial \mathbf{F}} = \dots = \frac{1}{2\|\mathbf{J}_i\|} \left[\left(\underline{\mathbf{y}}_i - \frac{2e_i}{\|\mathbf{J}_i\|} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{F} \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i \right) \underline{\mathbf{x}}_i^\top + \underline{\mathbf{y}}_i \left(\underline{\mathbf{x}}_i - \frac{2e_i}{\|\mathbf{J}_i\|} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{F}^\top \underline{\mathbf{y}}_i \right)^\top \right] \quad (21)$$

- \mathbf{L}_i in (21) is a 3×3 matrix, must be reshaped to dimension-9 vector $\text{vec}(\mathbf{L}_i)$ to be used in LM
- $\underline{\mathbf{x}}_i$ and $\underline{\mathbf{y}}_i$ in Sampson error are normalized to unit homogeneous coordinate (21) relies on this
- reinforce rank $\mathbf{F} = 2$ after each LM update to stay in the fundamental matrix manifold and $\|\mathbf{F}\| = 1$ to avoid gauge freedom by SVD $\rightarrow 109$
- LM linearization could be done by numerical differentiation (we have a small dimension here)

► Local Optimization for Fundamental Matrix Estimation

Given a set $X = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^k$ of $k \gg 7$ inlier correspondences, compute a statistically efficient estimate for fundamental matrix \mathbf{F} .

Summary so far

1. Find the conditioned ($\rightarrow 91$) 7-point \mathbf{F}_0 ($\rightarrow 83$) from a suitable 7-tuple
2. Improve the \mathbf{F}_0^* using the LM optimization ($\rightarrow 106-107$) and the Sampson error ($\rightarrow 108$) on all inliers, reinforce rank-2, unit-norm \mathbf{F}_k^* after each LM iteration using SVD

We are not yet done

- if there are no wrong correspondences (mismatches, outliers), this gives a local optimum given the 7-point initial estimate
- the algorithm breaks under contamination of (inlier) correspondences by outliers
- the full problem involves finding the inliers!
- in addition, we need a mechanism for jumping out of local minima (and exploring the space of all fundamental matrices)

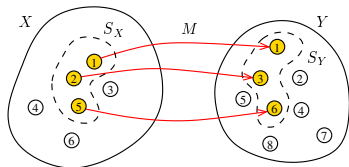
► The Full Problem of Matching and Fundamental Matrix Estimation

Problem: Given image point sets $X = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^m$ and $Y = \{y_j\}_{j=1}^n$ and their descriptors D , find the most probable

1. inliers $S_X \subseteq X$, $S_Y \subseteq Y$
2. one-to-one perfect matching $M: S_X \rightarrow S_Y$
3. fundamental matrix \mathbf{F} such that $\text{rank } \mathbf{F} = 2$
4. such that for each $x_i \in S_X$ and $y_j = M(x_i)$ it is probable that
 - a) the image descriptor $D(x_i)$ is similar to $D(y_j)$, and
 - b) the total reprojection error $E = \sum_{ij} e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{F})$ is small
5. inlier-outlier and outlier-outlier matches are improbable

perfect matching: 1-factor of the bipartite graph

note a slight change in notation: e_{ij}



$M:$

	Y								
X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	1								
2			1						
3									
4									
5						1			
6									

□ = 0
 ■ = 1 (matched)

$$(M^*, \mathbf{F}^*) = \arg \max_{M, \mathbf{F}} p(E, D, \mathbf{F} \mid M) P(M) \quad (22)$$

- probabilistic model: an efficient language for problem formulation it also unifies 4.a and 4.b
- the (22) is a Bayesian probabilistic model there is a constant number of random variables!
- binary matching table $M_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ of fixed size $m \times n$
 - each row/column contains at most one unity
 - zero rows/columns correspond to unmatched point x_i/y_j

Deriving A Robust Matching Model by Approximate Marginalization

For algorithmic efficiency, instead of $(M^*, \mathbf{F}^*) = \arg \max_{M, \mathbf{F}} p(E, D, \mathbf{F} | M) P(M)$ solve

$$\mathbf{F}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{F}} p(E, D, \mathbf{F}) \quad (23)$$

by marginalization of $p(E, D, \mathbf{F} | M) P(M)$ over M

this changes the problem!

ignoring that M are 1:1 matchings and assuming correspondence-wise independence:

$$p(E, D, \mathbf{F} | M) P(M) = \prod_{i=1}^m \prod_{j=1}^n p_e(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F} | m_{ij}) P(m_{ij})$$

- e_{ij} represents (reprojection) error for match $x_i \leftrightarrow y_j$: $e_{ij}(x_i, y_j, \mathbf{F})$
- d_{ij} represents descriptor similarity for match $x_i \leftrightarrow y_j$: $d_{ij} = \|\mathbf{d}(x_i) - \mathbf{d}(y_j)\|$

Marginalization:

ignore that M is a matching and take all 2^{mn} terms

$$\begin{aligned} p(E, D, \mathbf{F}) &\approx \sum_{m_{11} \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{m_{12}} \cdots \sum_{m_{mn}} p(E, D, \mathbf{F} | M) P(M) = \\ &= \sum_{m_{11}} \cdots \sum_{m_{mn}} \prod_{i=1}^m \prod_{j=1}^n p_e(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F} | m_{ij}) P(m_{ij}) = \overset{*}{\dots} \overset{1}{=} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^m \prod_{j=1}^n \underbrace{\sum_{m_{ij} \in \{0,1\}} p_e(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F} | m_{ij}) P(m_{ij})}_{\text{we will continue with this term}} \end{aligned}$$

Robust Matching Model (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{m_{ij} \in \{0,1\}} p_e(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F} \mid m_{ij}) P(m_{ij}) = \\
 & = \underbrace{p_e(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F} \mid m_{ij} = 1)}_{p_1(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F})} \underbrace{P(m_{ij} = 1)}_{1 - P_0} + \underbrace{p_e(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F} \mid m_{ij} = 0)}_{p_0(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F})} \underbrace{P(m_{ij} = 0)}_{P_0} = \\
 & = (1 - P_0) p_1(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F}) + P_0 p_0(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F}) \quad (24)
 \end{aligned}$$

- the $p_0(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F})$ is a penalty for 'missing a correspondence' but it should be a p.d.f. (cannot be a constant) $(\rightarrow 113 \text{ for a simplification})$

choose $P_0 \rightarrow 1$, $p_0(\cdot) \rightarrow 0$ so that $\frac{P_0}{1 - P_0} p_0(\cdot) \approx \text{const}$

- the $p_1(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F})$ is typically an easy-to-design term: assuming independence of reprojection error and descriptor similarity:

$$p_1(e_{ij}, d_{ij}, \mathbf{F}) = p_1(e_{ij} \mid \mathbf{F}) p_F(\mathbf{F}) p_1(d_{ij})$$

- we choose, e.g.

$$p_1(e_{ij} \mid \mathbf{F}) = \frac{1}{T_e(\sigma_1)} e^{-\frac{e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{F})}{2\sigma_1^2}}, \quad p_1(d_{ij}) = \frac{1}{T_d(\sigma_d, \dim \mathbf{d})} e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{d}(x_i) - \mathbf{d}(y_j)\|^2}{2\sigma_d^2}} \quad (25)$$

- \mathbf{F} is a random variable and σ_1 , σ_d , P_0 are parameters
- the form of $T(\sigma_1)$ depends on error definition, it may depend on x_i , y_j but not on \mathbf{F}
- we will continue with the result from (24)

► Simplified Robust Energy (Error) Function

- assuming the choice of p_1 as in (25), we are simplifying

$$\begin{aligned} p(E, D, \mathbf{F}) &= p(E, D \mid \mathbf{F}) p_F(\mathbf{F}) = \\ &= p_F(\mathbf{F}) \prod_{i=1}^m \prod_{j=1}^n \left[(1 - P_0) p_1(e_{ij}, d_{ij} \mid \mathbf{F}) + P_0 p_0(e_{ij}, d_{ij} \mid \mathbf{F}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

- we choose $\sigma_0 \gg \sigma_1$ and omit d_{ij} for simplicity; then the square-bracket term is

$$\frac{1 - P_0}{T_e(\sigma_1)} e^{-\frac{e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{F})}{2\sigma_1^2}} + \frac{P_0}{T_e(\sigma_0)} e^{-\frac{e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{F})}{2\sigma_0^2}}$$

- we define the 'potential function' as: $V(x) = -\log p(x)$, then

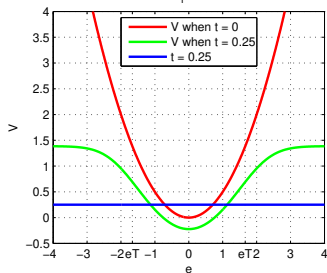
$$\begin{aligned} V(E, D \mid \mathbf{F}) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \left[\underbrace{-\log \frac{1 - P_0}{T_e(\sigma_1)}}_{\Delta = \text{const}} - \log \left(e^{-\frac{e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{F})}{2\sigma_1^2}} + \underbrace{\frac{P_0}{1 - P_0} \frac{T_e(\sigma_1)}{T_e(\sigma_0)}}_{t \approx \text{const}} e^{-\frac{e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{F})}{2\sigma_0^2}} \right) \right] = \\ &= mn \Delta + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \underbrace{-\log \left(e^{-\frac{e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{F})}{2\sigma_1^2}} + t \right)}_{\hat{V}(e_{ij})} \quad (26) \end{aligned}$$

- note we are summing over all mn matches (m, n are constant!)
- when $t = 0$ we have quadratic error function $\hat{V}(e_{ij}) = e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{F}) / (2\sigma_1^2)$

► The Action of the Robust Matching Model on Data

Example for $\hat{V}(e_{ij})$ from (26):

$$\sigma_1 = 1$$



red – the (non-robust) quadratic error

$\hat{V}(e_{ij})$ when $t = 0$

blue – the rejected match penalty t

green – robust $\hat{V}(e_{ij})$ from (26)

- if the error of a correspondence exceeds a limit, it is ignored
- then $\hat{V}(e_{ij}) = \text{const}$ and we just count outliers in (26)
- t controls the ‘turn-off’ point
- the inlier/outlier threshold is e_T – the error for which $(1 - P_0) p_1(e_T) = P_0 p_0(e_T)$: note that $t \approx 0$

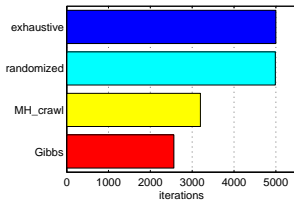
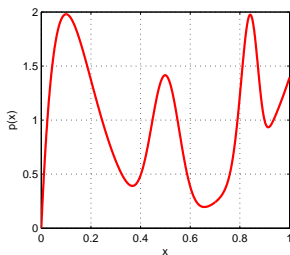
$$e_T = \sigma_1 \sqrt{-\log t^2}, \quad t = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{e_T}{\sigma_1} \right)^2} \quad (27)$$

The full optimization problem (23) uses (26):

$$\mathbf{F}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{F}} \underbrace{\frac{p(E, D | \mathbf{F}) \cdot p(\mathbf{F})}{p(E, D)}}_{\substack{\text{data model} \quad \text{prior} \\ \text{evidence}}} \approx \arg \min_{\mathbf{F}} \left[V(\mathbf{F}) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \log \left(e^{-\frac{e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{F})}{2\sigma_1^2}} + t \right) \right]$$

- $\pi(\mathbf{F})$ – a shorthand for the argument of the maximization
- typically we take $V(\mathbf{F}) = -\log p(\mathbf{F}) = 0$ unless we need to stabilize a computation, e.g. when video camera moves smoothly (on a high-mass vehicle) and we have a prediction for \mathbf{F}
- evidence is not needed unless we want to compare different models (e.g. homography vs. epipolar geometry)

How To Find the Global Maxima (Modes) of a PDF?



- averaged over 10^4 trials
- number of proposals before $|x - x_{\text{true}}| \leq \text{step}$

- given the function $p(x)$ at left

p.d.f. on $[0, 1]$, mode at 0.1

consider several methods:

1. exhaustive search

```
step = 1/(iterations-1);  
for x = 0:step:1  
    if p(x) > bestp  
        bestx = x; bestp = p(x);  
    end  
end
```

- slow algorithm (definite quantization)
- fast to implement

2. randomized search with uniform sampling

```
while t < iterations  
    x = rand(1);  
    if p(x) > bestp  
        bestx = x; bestp = p(x);  
    end  
    t = t+1; % time  
end
```

- equally slow algorithm
- fast to implement

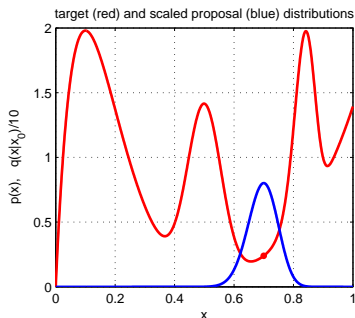
3. random sampling from $p(x)$ (Gibbs sampler)

- faster algorithm
- fast to implement but often infeasible (e.g. when $p(x)$ is data dependent (our case in correspondence prob.))

4. Metropolis-Hastings sampling

- almost as fast (with care)
- not so fast to implement
- rarely infeasible
- RANSAC belongs here

How To Generate Random Samples from a Complex Distribution?



- red: probability density function $\pi(x)$ of the toy distribution on the unit interval **target distribution**

$$\pi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \gamma_i \text{Be}(x; \alpha_i, \beta_i), \quad \sum_{i=1}^4 \gamma_i = 1, \quad \gamma_i \geq 0$$

$$\text{Be}(x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{\text{B}(\alpha, \beta)} \cdot x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}$$

- alg. for generating samples from $\text{Be}(x; \alpha, \beta)$ is known
- \Rightarrow we can generate samples from $\pi(x)$ **how?**
- suppose we cannot sample from $\pi(x)$ but we can sample from some 'simple' proposal distribution $q(x | x_0)$, given the previous sample x_0 (blue)

$$q(x | x_0) = \begin{cases} \text{U}_{0,1}(x) & \text{(independent) uniform sampling} \\ \text{Be}(x; \frac{x_0}{T} + 1, \frac{1-x_0}{T} + 1) & \text{'beta' diffusion (crawler) } T - \text{temperature} \\ \pi(x) & \text{(independent) Gibbs sampler} \end{cases}$$

- note we have unified all the random sampling methods from the previous slide
- how to redistribute proposal samples $q(x | x_0)$ to target distribution $\pi(x)$ samples?

► Metropolis-Hastings (MH) Sampling

C – configuration (of all variable values)

e.g. $C = x$ and $\pi(C) = \pi(x)$ from →116

Goal: Generate a sequence of random samples $\{C_t\}$ from target distribution $\pi(C)$

- setup a Markov chain with a suitable transition probability to generate the sequence

Sampling procedure

1. given C_t , draw a random sample S from $q(S | C_t)$

q may use some information from C_t (Hastings)

2. compute acceptance probability

the evidence term drops out

$$a = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\pi(S)}{\pi(C_t)} \cdot \frac{q(C_t | S)}{q(S | C_t)} \right\}$$

3. draw a random number u from unit-interval uniform distribution $U_{0,1}$
4. if $u \leq a$ then $C_{t+1} := S$ else $C_{t+1} := C_t$

'Programming' an MH sampler

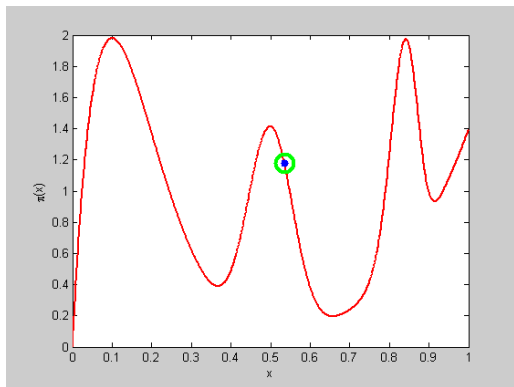
1. design a proposal distribution (mixture) q and a sampler from q
2. write functions $q(C_t | S)$ and $q(S | C_t)$ that are proper distributions

not always simple

Finding the mode

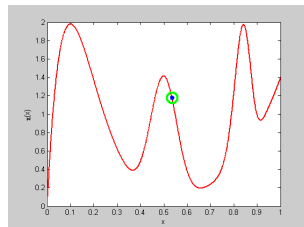
- remember the best sample fast implementation but must wait long to hit the mode
- use simulated annealing very slow
- start local optimization from the best sample good trade-off between speed and accuracy
an optimal algorithm does not use just the best sample: a Stochastic EM Algorithm (e.g. SAEM)

MH Sampling Demo

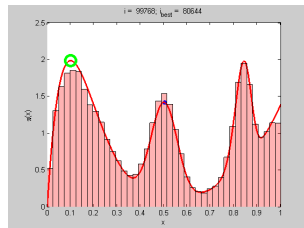


sampling process (video, 7:33, 100k samples)

- blue point: current sample
- green circle: best sample so far $\text{quality} = \pi(x)$
- histogram: current distribution of visited states
- the vicinity of modes are the most often visited states



initial sample



final distribution
of visited states

Demo Source Code (Matlab)

```
function x = proposal_gen(x0)
% proposal generator q(x | x0)

    T = 0.01; % temperature
    x = betarnd(x0/T+1,(1-x0)/T+1);
end

function p = proposal_q(x, x0)
% proposal distribution q(x | x0)

    T = 0.01;
    p = betapdf(x, x0/T+1, (1-x0)/T+1);
end

function p = target_p(x)
% target distribution p(x)

% shape parameters:
a = [2 40 100 6];
b = [10 40 20 1];

% mixing coefficients:
w = [1 0.4 0.253 0.50]; w = w/sum(w);
p = 0;
for i = 1:length(a)
    p = p + w(i)*betapdf(x,a(i),b(i));
end
end
```

```
%% DEMO script

k = 10000; % number of samples
X = NaN(1,k); % list of samples

x0 = proposal_gen(0.5);
for i = 1:k
    x1 = proposal_gen(x0);
    a = target_p(x1)/target_p(x0) * ...
        proposal_q(x0,x1)/proposal_q(x1,x0);
    if rand(1) < a
        X(i) = x1; x0 = x1;
    else
        X(i) = x0;
    end
end

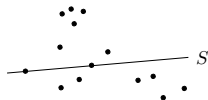
figure(1)
x = 0:0.001:1;
plot(x, target_p(x), 'r', 'linewidth',2);
hold on
binw = 0.025; % histogram bin width
n = histc(X, 0:binw:1);
h = bar(0:binw:1, n/sum(n)/binw, 'histc');
set(h, 'facecolor', 'r', 'facealpha', 0.3)
xlim([0 1]); ylim([0 2.5])
xlabel 'x'
ylabel 'p(x)'
title 'MH demo'
hold off
```

► The Elements of a Data-Driven MH Sampler

1. primitives = elementary measurements

- points in line fitting
- matches in epipolar geometry estimation

2. configuration = s-tuple of primitives minimal subsets necessary for parameter estimate



the minimization will be over a discrete set:

- of point pairs in line fitting (left)
- of match 7-tuples in epipolar geometry estimation

3. a map from configuration C to parameters θ by solving the minimal geometric problem

- line parameters \mathbf{n} from two points
- fundamental matrix \mathbf{F} from seven matches

4. target likelihood $p(E, D | \theta)$ replaces $\pi(C)$

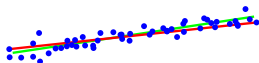
- can use log-likelihood: then it is the sum of robust errors $\hat{V}(e_{ij})$ given \mathbf{F} (26)
- robustified point distance from the line $\theta = \mathbf{n}$
- robustified Sampson error for $\theta = \mathbf{F}$
- posterior likelihood $p(E, D | \theta)p(\theta)$ can be used

MAPSAC ($\pi(S)$ includes the prior)

5. (optional) hard inlier/outlier discrimination by the threshold (27)

$$\hat{V}(e_{ij}) < e_T, \quad e_T = \sigma_1 \sqrt{-\log t^2}$$

6. parameter distribution follows the empirical distribution of s -tuples. Since the proposal is done via the minimal problem solver, it is 'data-driven',



- pairs of points define line distribution $p(\mathbf{n} | X)$ (left)
- random correspondence 7-tuples define epipolar geometry distribution $q(\mathbf{F} | M)$

7. proposal distribution $q(\cdot)$ is just a distribution of the s -tuples:

- q uniform, independent $q(S | C_t) = q(S) = \binom{mn}{s}^{-1}$, then $a = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{p(S)}{p(C_t)} \right\}$
- q dependent on descriptor similarity PROSAC (similar pairs are proposed more often)
- q dependent on the current configuration e.g. 'not far from it'

8. local optimization from promising proposals

- can use hard inliers
- cannot be used to replace C_t

9. stopping based on the probability of proposing an all-inlier sample

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► Data-Driven Sampler Stopping

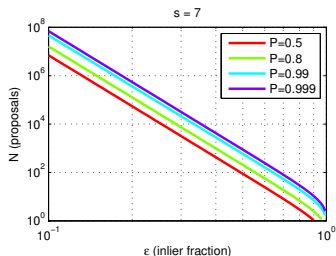
Principle: what is the number of proposals N that are needed to hit an all-inlier sample?
this will tell us nothing about the accuracy of the result

P ... probability that at least one proposal is an all-inlier $1 - P$... all previous N proposals were bad
 ε ... the fraction of inliers among primitives, $\varepsilon \leq 1$
 s ... minimal sample size (2 in line fitting, 7 in 7-point algorithm)

$$N \geq \frac{\log(1 - P)}{\log(1 - \varepsilon^s)}$$

- ε^s ... proposal does not contain an outlier
- $1 - \varepsilon^s$... proposal contains at least one outlier
- $(1 - \varepsilon^s)^N$... N previous proposals contained an outlier = $1 - P$

		N for $s = 7$	
		P	
ε	0.8	0.99	
0.5	205	590	
0.2	$1.3 \cdot 10^5$	$3.5 \cdot 10^5$	
0.1	$1.6 \cdot 10^7$	$4.6 \cdot 10^7$	



- N can be re-estimated using the current estimate for ε (if there is LO, then after LO)
the quasi-posterior estimate for ε is the average over all samples generated so far
- this shows we have a good reason to limit all possible matches to tentative matches only
- for $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ we gain nothing over the standard MH-sampler stopping criterion

► Stripping MH Down To Get RANSAC [Fischler & Bolles 1981]

- when we are interested in the best sample only... and we need fast data exploration...

Simplified sampling procedure

1. ~~given C_t , draw a random sample S from $q(S|C_t)$~~ $q(S)$ independent sampling
no use of information from C_t

2. ~~compute acceptance probability~~

$$a = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\pi(S)}{\pi(C_t)} \cdot \frac{q(C_t | S)}{q(S | C_t)} \right\}$$

3. ~~draw a random number u from unit-interval uniform distribution $\mathbb{U}_{0,1}$~~
4. ~~if $u \leq a$ then $C_{t+1} := S$ else $C_{t+1} := C_t$~~
5. if $\pi(S) > \pi(C_{\text{best}})$ then remember $C_{\text{best}} := S$

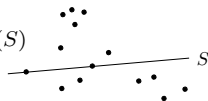
Steps 2–4 make no difference when waiting for the best sample

- ... but getting a good accuracy sample might take very long this way
- good overall exploration but slow convergence in the vicinity of a mode where C_t could serve as an attractor
- cannot use the past generated samples to estimate any parameters
- we will fix these problems by (possibly robust) 'local optimization'

► RANSAC with Local Optimization and Early Stopping

1. initialize the best sample as empty $C_{\text{best}} := \emptyset$ and time $t := 0$
2. estimate the number of needed proposals as $N := \binom{n}{s} n - \text{No. of primitives}$, $s - \text{minimal sample size}$
3. while $t \leq N$:

a) propose a minimal random sample S of size s from $q(S)$

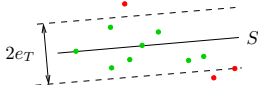


b) if $\pi(S) > \pi(C_{\text{best}})$ then

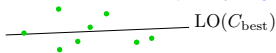
i) update the best sample $C_{\text{best}} := S$

$\pi(S)$ marginalized as in (26); $\pi(S)$ includes a prior \Rightarrow MAP

ii) threshold-out inliers using e_T from (27)



iii) start local optimization from the inliers of C_{best} LM optimization with robustified (\rightarrow 113) Sampson error possibly weighted by posterior $\pi(m_{ij})$ [Chum et al. 2003]



iv) update C_{best} , update inliers using (27), re-estimate N from inlier counts

\rightarrow 122 for derivation

$$N = \frac{\log(1 - P)}{\log(1 - \varepsilon^s)}, \quad \varepsilon = \frac{|\text{inliers}(C_{\text{best}})|}{m n},$$

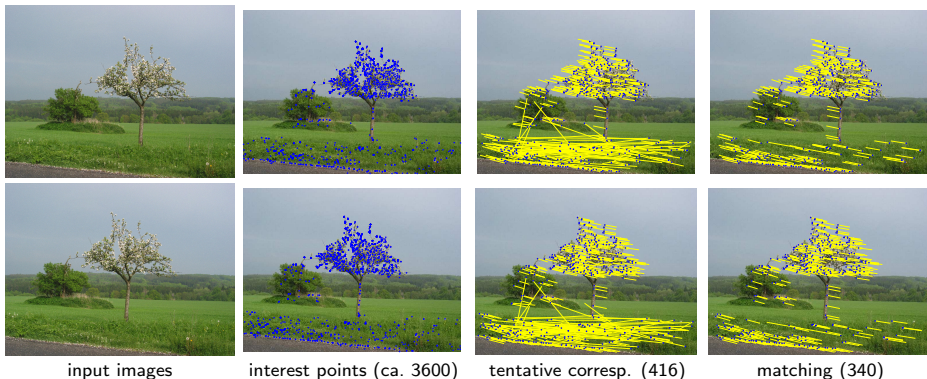
c) $t := t + 1$

4. output C_{best}

• see [MPV course](#) for RANSAC details

see also [Fischler & Bolles 1981], [25 years of RANSAC]

Example Matching Results for the 7-point Algorithm with RANSAC



- notice some wrong matches (they have wrong depth, even negative)
- they cannot be rejected without additional constraints or scene knowledge
- without local optimization the minimization is over a discrete set of epipolar geometries proposable from 7-tuples

Beyond RANSAC

By marginalization in (23) we have lost constraints on M (e.g. uniqueness). One can choose a better model when not marginalizing:

$$\pi(M, \mathbf{F}, E, D) = \underbrace{p(E | M, \mathbf{F})}_{\text{reprojection error}} \cdot \underbrace{p(D | M)}_{\text{similarity}} \cdot \underbrace{p(\mathbf{F})}_{\text{prior}} \cdot \underbrace{P(M)}_{\text{constraints}}$$

this is a global model: decisions on m_{ij} are no longer independent!

In the MH scheme

- one can work with full $p(M, \mathbf{F} | E, D)$, then $S = (M, \mathbf{F})$

- explicit labeling m_{ij} can be done by, e.g. sampling from

$$q(m_{ij} | \mathbf{F}) \sim ((1 - P_0) p_1(e_{ij} | \mathbf{F}), P_0 p_0(e_{ij} | \mathbf{F}))$$

when $P(M)$ uniform then always accepted, $a = 1$

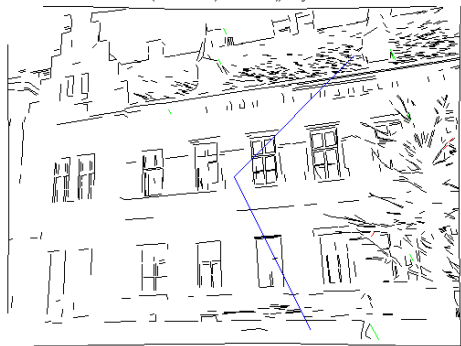
⊗ derive

- we can compute the posterior probability of each match $p(m_{ij})$ by histogramming m_{ij} from $\{S_i\}$
- local optimization can then use explicit inliers and $p(m_{ij})$
- error can be estimated for elements of \mathbf{F} from $\{S_i\}$ does not work in RANSAC!
- large error indicates problem degeneracy this is not directly available in RANSAC
- good conditioning is not a requirement we work with the entire distribution $p(\mathbf{F})$
- one can find the most probable number of epipolar geometries by reversible jump MCMC
(homographies or other models) and model selection
if there are multiple models explaining data, RANSAC will return one of them randomly

Example: MH Sampling for a More Complex Problem

Task: Find two vanishing points from line segments detected in input image. Principal point is known, square pixel.

iter: 10 (acc TOT=0.0%, HMC=NaN%), Eavg = 14.597

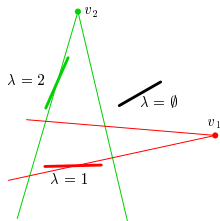


video

simplifications

- vanishing points restricted to the set of all pairwise segment intersections
- mother lines fixed by segment centroid (then θ_L uniquely given by λ_i)

- primitives = line segments
- latent variables
 1. each line has a vanishing point label $\lambda_i \in \{\emptyset, 1, 2\}$, \emptyset represents an outlier
 2. 'mother line' parameters θ_L (they pass through their vanishing points)
- explicit variables
 1. two unknown vanishing points v_1, v_2
- marginal proposals (v_i fixed, v_j proposed)
- minimal sample $s = 2$



$$\arg \min_{v_1, v_2, \Lambda, \theta_L} V(v_1, v_2, \Lambda, L | S)$$

3D Structure and Camera Motion

6.1 Reconstructing Camera System

6.2 Bundle Adjustment

covered by

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► Reconstructing Camera System by Stepwise Gluing

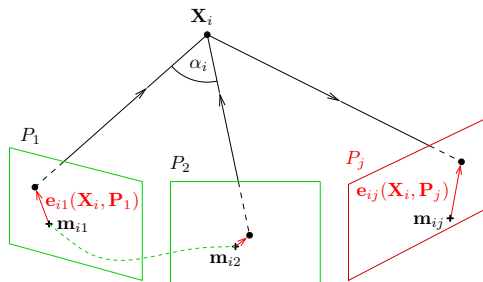
Given: Calibration matrices \mathbf{K}_j and tentative correspondences per camera triples.

Initialization

1. initialize camera cluster \mathcal{C} with P_1, P_2 ,
2. find essential matrix \mathbf{E}_{12} and matches M_{12} by the 5-point algorithm →87
3. construct camera pair

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{K}_1 [\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{0}], \quad \mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{K}_2 [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}]$$

4. compute 3D reconstruction $\{X_i\}$ per match from M_{12} →104
5. initialize point cloud \mathcal{X} with $\{X_i\}$ satisfying chirality constraint $z_i > 0$ and apical angle constraint $|\alpha_i| > \alpha_T$



Attaching camera $P_j \notin \mathcal{C}$

1. select points \mathcal{X}_j from \mathcal{X} that have matches to P_j
2. estimate \mathbf{P}_j using \mathcal{X}_j , RANSAC with the 3-pt alg. (P3P), projection errors e_{ij} in \mathcal{X}_j →66
3. reconstruct 3D points from all tentative matches from P_j to all $P_l, l \neq k$ that are not in \mathcal{X}
4. filter them by the chirality and apical angle constraints and add them to \mathcal{X}
5. add P_j to \mathcal{C}
6. perform bundle adjustment on \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{C}

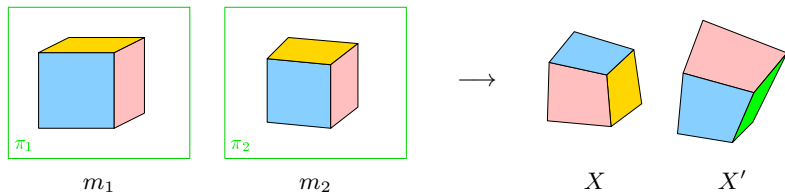
coming next →136

► The Projective Reconstruction Theorem

Observation: Unless \mathbf{P}_i are constrained, then for any number of cameras $i = 1, \dots, k$

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}}_i \simeq \mathbf{P}_i \underline{\mathbf{X}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{H}^{-1}}_{\mathbf{P}'_i} \underbrace{\mathbf{H} \underline{\mathbf{X}}}_{\underline{\mathbf{X}'}} = \mathbf{P}'_i \underline{\mathbf{X}'}$$

- when \mathbf{P}_i and $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ are both determined from correspondences (including calibrations \mathbf{K}_i), they are given up to a common 3D homography \mathbf{H}
(translation, rotation, scale, shear, pure perspectivity)

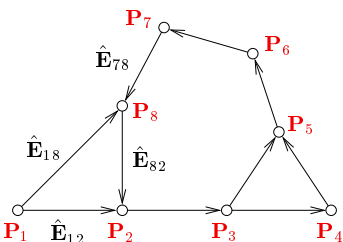


- when cameras are internally calibrated (\mathbf{K}_i known) then \mathbf{H} is restricted to a similarity since it must preserve the calibrations \mathbf{K}_i [H&Z, Secs. 10.2, 10.3], [Longuet-Higgins 1981]
(translation, rotation, scale)

► Analyzing the Camera System Reconstruction Problem

Problem: Given a set of p decomposed pairwise essential matrices $\hat{\mathbf{E}}_{ij} = [\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{ij}]_{\times} \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij}$ and calibration matrices \mathbf{K}_i reconstruct the camera system $\mathbf{P}_i, i = 1, \dots, k$

→80 and →145 on representing \mathbf{E}



We construct calibrated camera pairs $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{6,4}$ →??

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_i^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{P}}_i \\ \mathbf{K}_j^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{P}}_j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij} & \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{ij} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6,4}$$

- singletons i, j correspond to graph nodes k nodes
- pairs ij correspond to graph edges p edges

$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{ij}$ are in different coordinate systems but these are related by similarities $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{ij} \mathbf{H}_{ij} = \mathbf{P}_{ij}$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij} & \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{ij} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbb{R}^{6,4}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{ij} & \mathbf{t}_{ij} \\ \mathbf{0}^{\top} & s_{ij} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{H}_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{4,4}} \stackrel{!}{=} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_i & \mathbf{t}_i \\ \mathbf{R}_j & \mathbf{t}_j \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbb{R}^{6,4}} \quad (28)$$

- (28) is a linear system of $24p$ eqs. in $7p + 6k$ unknowns $7p \sim (\mathbf{t}_{ij}, \mathbf{R}_{ij}, s_{ij}), 6k \sim (\mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{t}_i)$
- each \mathbf{P}_i appears on the right side as many times as is the degree of node \mathbf{P}_i eg. P_5 3-times

► cont'd

Eq. (28) implies
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{ij} \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij} \mathbf{R}_{ij} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_i \\ \mathbf{R}_j \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t}_{ij} \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij} \mathbf{t}_{ij} + s_{ij} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{ij} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t}_i \\ \mathbf{t}_j \end{bmatrix}$$

- \mathbf{R}_{ij} and \mathbf{t}_{ij} can be eliminated:

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij} \mathbf{R}_i = \mathbf{R}_j, \quad \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij} \mathbf{t}_i + s_{ij} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{ij} = \mathbf{t}_j, \quad s_{ij} > 0 \quad (29)$$

- note transformations that do not change these equations assuming no error in $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij}$
 1. $\mathbf{R}_i \mapsto \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{R}$,
 2. $\mathbf{t}_i \mapsto \sigma \mathbf{t}_i$ and $s_{ij} \mapsto \sigma s_{ij}$,
 3. $\mathbf{t}_i \mapsto \mathbf{t}_i + \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{t}$

- the global frame is fixed, e.g. by selecting

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{I}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{t}_i = \mathbf{0}, \quad \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i,j} s_{ij} = 1 \quad (30)$$

- rotation equations are decoupled from translation equations
- in principle, s_{ij} could correct the sign of $\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{ij}$ from essential matrix decomposition →80
but \mathbf{R}_i cannot correct the α sign in $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij}$
⇒ therefore make sure all points are in front of cameras and constrain $s_{ij} > 0$; →82

+ pairwise correspondences are sufficient

- suitable for well-distributed cameras only (dome-like configurations)

otherwise intractable or numerically unstable

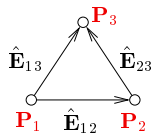
Finding The Rotation Component in Eq. (29): A Global Algorithm

Task: Solve $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij}\mathbf{R}_i = \mathbf{R}_j$, $i, j \in V$, $(i, j) \in E$ where \mathbf{R} are a 3×3 rotation matrix each. Per columns $c = 1, 2, 3$ of \mathbf{R}_j :

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij}\mathbf{r}_i^c - \mathbf{r}_j^c = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{for all } i, j \quad (31)$$

- fix c and denote $\mathbf{r}^c = [\mathbf{r}_1^c, \mathbf{r}_2^c, \dots, \mathbf{r}_k^c]^\top$ c -th columns of all rotation matrices stacked; $\mathbf{r}^c \in \mathbb{R}^{3k}$
- then (31) becomes $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{r}^c = \mathbf{0}$ $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{3p, 3k}$
- $3p$ equations for $3k$ unknowns $\rightarrow p \geq k$ in a 1-connected graph we have to fix $\mathbf{r}_1^c = [1, 0, 0]$

Ex: ($k = p = 3$)



$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{12}\mathbf{r}_1^c - \mathbf{r}_2^c = \mathbf{0}$
 $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{23}\mathbf{r}_2^c - \mathbf{r}_3^c = \mathbf{0}$
 $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{13}\mathbf{r}_1^c - \mathbf{r}_3^c = \mathbf{0}$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{D}\mathbf{r}^c = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{12} & -\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{23} & -\mathbf{I} \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{13} & \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^c \\ \mathbf{r}_2^c \\ \mathbf{r}_3^c \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

- must hold for any c

Idea:

[Martinec & Pajdla CVPR 2007]

1. find the space of all $\mathbf{r}^c \in \mathbb{R}^{3k}$ that solve (31) \mathbf{D} is sparse, use $[V, E] = \text{eigs}(\mathbf{D}^* \mathbf{D}, 3, 0)$; (Matlab)
 2. choose 3 unit orthogonal vectors in this space 3 smallest eigenvectors
 3. find closest rotation matrices per cam. using SVD because $\|\mathbf{r}^c\| = 1$ is necessary but insufficient
 $\mathbf{R}_i^* = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^\top$, where $\mathbf{R}_i = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top$
- global world rotation is arbitrary

Finding The Translation Component in Eq. (29)

From (29) and (30):

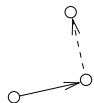
$d \leq 3$ – rank of camera center set, p – #pairs, k – #cameras

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ij} \mathbf{t}_i + s_{ij} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{ij} - \mathbf{t}_j = \mathbf{0}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{t}_i = \mathbf{0}, \quad \sum_{i,j} s_{ij} = p, \quad s_{ij} > 0, \quad \mathbf{t}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

- in rank d : $d \cdot p + d + 1$ equations for $d \cdot k + p$ unknowns $\rightarrow p \geq \frac{d(k-1)-1}{d-1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Q(d, k)$

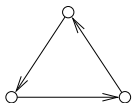
Ex: Chains and circuits construction from sticks of known orientation and unknown length?

$p = k - 1$



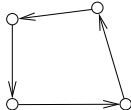
$k \leq 2$ for any d

$k = p = 3$



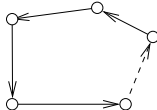
$3 \geq d \geq 2$: non-collinear ok

$k = p = 4$



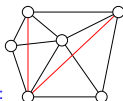
$3 \geq d \geq 3$: non-planar ok

$k = p > 4$



$3 \geq d \geq k - 1$: impossible

- equations insufficient for chains, trees, or when $d = 1$ collinear cameras
- 3-connectivity implies sufficient equations for $d = 3$ cams. in general pos. in 3D
 - s -connected graph has $p \geq \lceil \frac{sk}{2} \rceil$ edges for $s \geq 2$, hence $p \geq \lceil \frac{3k}{2} \rceil \geq Q(3, k) = \frac{3k}{2} - 2$
- 4-connectivity implies sufficient eqns. for any k when $d = 2$ coplanar cams
 - since $p \geq \lceil 2k \rceil \geq Q(2, k) = 2k - 3$
 - maximal planar triangulated graphs have $p = 3k - 6$ maximal planar triangulated graph example:
 - and give a solution for $k \geq 3$



Linear equations in (29) and (30) can be rewritten to

$$\mathbf{D}\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{t} = [\mathbf{t}_1^\top, \mathbf{t}_2^\top, \dots, \mathbf{t}_k^\top, s_{12}, \dots, s_{ij}, \dots]^\top$$

assuming measurement errors $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{t} = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ and $d = 3$, we have

$$\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^{3k+p}, \quad \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{3p, 3k+p} \quad \text{sparse}$$

and

$$\mathbf{t}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{t}, s_{ij} > 0} \mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{D}^\top \mathbf{D} \mathbf{t}$$

- this is a quadratic programming problem (mind the constraints!)

```
z = zeros(3*k+p,1);
```

```
t = quadprog(D.'*D, z, diag([zeros(3*k,1); -ones(p,1)]), z);
```

- but check the rank first!

► Bundle Adjustment

Goal: Use a good (and expensive) error model and improve all estimated parameters

Given:

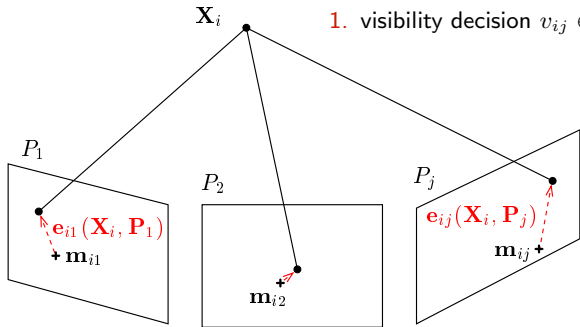
1. set of 3D points $\{\mathbf{X}_i\}_{i=1}^P$
2. set of cameras $\{\mathbf{P}_j\}_{j=1}^C$
3. fixed tentative projections \mathbf{m}_{ij}

Required:

1. corrected 3D points $\{\mathbf{X}'_i\}_{i=1}^P$
2. corrected cameras $\{\mathbf{P}'_j\}_{j=1}^C$

Latent:

1. visibility decision $v_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ per \mathbf{m}_{ij}



- for simplicity, \mathbf{X} , \mathbf{m} are considered Cartesian (not homogeneous)
- we have projection error $\mathbf{e}_{ij}(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{P}_j) = \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m}_i$ per image feature, where $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P}_j \mathbf{X}_i$
- for simplicity, we will work with scalar error $e_{ij} = \|\mathbf{e}_{ij}\|$

Robust Objective Function for Bundle Adjustment

The data model is

constructed by marginalization, as in Robust Matching Model →112

$$p(\{e\} | \{\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{X}\}) = \prod_{\text{pts}:i=1}^p \prod_{\text{cams}:j=1}^c \left((1 - P_0)p_1(e_{ij} | \mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{P}_j) + P_0p_0(e_{ij} | \mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{P}_j) \right)$$

marginalized negative log-density is (→113)

$$-\log p(\{e\} | \{\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{X}\}) = \sum_i \sum_j \underbrace{-\log \left(e^{-\frac{e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{P}_j)}{2\sigma_1^2}} + t \right)}_{\rho(e_{ij}^2(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{P}_j)) = \nu_{ij}^2(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{P}_j)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_i \sum_j \nu_{ij}^2(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{P}_j)$$

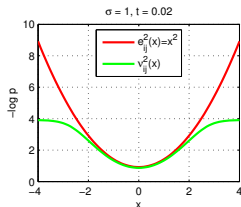
- e_{ij} is the projection error (not Sampson error)
- ν_{ij} is a 'robust' error fcn.; it is non-robust ($\nu_{ij} = e_{ij}$) when $t = 0$
- $\rho(\cdot)$ is a 'robustification function' we often find in M-estimation
- the \mathbf{L}_{ij} in Levenberg-Marquardt changes to vector

$$(\mathbf{L}_{ij})_l = \frac{\partial \nu_{ij}}{\partial \theta_l} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{1 + t e^{e_{ij}^2(\theta)/(2\sigma_1^2)}}}_{\text{small for big } e_{ij}} \cdot \frac{1}{\nu_{ij}(\theta)} \cdot \frac{1}{4\sigma_1^2} \cdot \frac{\partial e_{ij}^2(\theta)}{\partial \theta_l} \quad (32)$$

but the LM method stays the same as before →106–107

- outliers: almost no impact on \mathbf{d}_s in normal equations because the red term in (32) scales contributions to both sums down for the particular ij

$$-\sum_{i,j} \mathbf{L}_{ij}^\top \nu_{ij}(\theta^s) = \left(\sum_{i,j} \mathbf{L}_{ij}^\top \mathbf{L}_{ij} \right) \mathbf{d}_s$$



► Choleski Decomposition for B. A.

The most expensive computation in B. A. is solving the normal eqs:

$$\text{find } \mathbf{x} \text{ such that } - \sum_{r=1}^z \mathbf{L}_r^\top \nu_r(\theta^S) = \left(\sum_{r=1}^z \mathbf{L}_r^\top \mathbf{L}_r + \lambda \text{diag}(\mathbf{L}_r^\top \mathbf{L}_r) \right) \mathbf{x}$$

- \mathbf{A} is very large approx. $3 \cdot 10^4 \times 3 \cdot 10^4$ for a small problem of 10000 points and 5 cameras
- \mathbf{A} is sparse and symmetric, \mathbf{A}^{-1} is dense direct matrix inversion is prohibitive

Choleski: symmetric positive definite matrix \mathbf{A} can be decomposed to $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^\top$, where \mathbf{L} is lower triangular. If \mathbf{A} is sparse then \mathbf{L} is sparse, too.

1. decompose $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^\top$ transforms the problem to $\mathbf{L}\underbrace{\mathbf{L}^\top \mathbf{x}}_{\mathbf{c}} = \mathbf{b}$
2. solve for \mathbf{x} in two passes:

$$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{c}_i := \mathbf{L}_{ii}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{b}_i - \sum_{j < i} \mathbf{L}_{ij} \mathbf{c}_j \right) \quad \text{forward substitution, } i = 1, \dots, q \text{ (params)}$$

$$\mathbf{L}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c} \quad \mathbf{x}_i := \mathbf{L}_{ii}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{c}_i - \sum_{j > i} \mathbf{L}_{ji} \mathbf{x}_j \right) \quad \text{back-substitution}$$

- Choleski decomposition is fast (does not touch zero blocks)
non-zero elements are $9p + 121k + 66pk \approx 3.4 \cdot 10^6$; ca. 250× fewer than all elements
- it can be computed on single elements or on entire blocks
- use profile Choleski for sparse \mathbf{A} and diagonal pivoting for semi-definite \mathbf{A} see above; [Triggs et al. 1999]
- λ controls the definiteness

Profile Choleski Decomposition is Simple

```
function L = pchol(A)
%
% PCHOL profile Choleski factorization,
%   L = PCHOL(A) returns lower-triangular sparse L such that A = L*L'
%   for sparse square symmetric positive definite matrix A,
%   especially efficient for arrowhead sparse matrices.

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[p,q] = size(A);
if p ~= q, error 'Matrix A is not square'; end

L = sparse(q,q);
F = ones(q,1);
for i=1:q
    F(i) = find(A(i,:),1); % 1st non-zero on row i; we are building F gradually
    for j = F(i):i-1
        k = max(F(i),F(j));
        a = A(i,j) - L(i,k:(j-1))*L(j,k:(j-1))';
        L(i,j) = a/L(j,j);
    end
    a = A(i,i) - sum(full(L(i,F(i):(i-1))).^2);
    if a < 0, error 'Matrix A is not positive definite'; end
    L(i,i) = sqrt(a);
end
end
```

► Gauge Freedom

1. The external frame is not fixed: See Projective Reconstruction Theorem →130

$$\underline{\mathbf{m}}_{ij} \simeq \mathbf{P}_j \underline{\mathbf{X}}_i = \mathbf{P}_j \mathbf{H}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \underline{\mathbf{X}}_i = \mathbf{P}'_j \underline{\mathbf{X}}'_i$$

2. Some representations are not minimal, e.g.
- \mathbf{P} is 12 numbers for 11 parameters
 - we may represent \mathbf{P} in decomposed form $\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}$
 - but \mathbf{R} is 9 numbers representing the 3 parameters of rotation

As a result

- there is no unique solution
- matrix $\sum_r \mathbf{L}_r^\top \mathbf{L}_r$ is singular

Solutions

1. fixing the external frame (e.g. a selected camera frame) explicitly or by constraints
- 2a. either imposing constraints on projective entities
- cameras, e.g. $\mathbf{P}_{3,4} = 1$
 - points, e.g. $\|\underline{\mathbf{X}}_i\|^2 = 1$
- this excludes affine cameras
this way we can represent points at infinity
- 2b. or using minimal representations
- points in their Euclidean representation \mathbf{X}_i but finite points may be an unrealistic model
 - rotation matrix can be represented by axis-angle or the Cayley transform see next

Implementing Simple Constraints

What for?

1. fixing external frame as in $\theta_i = \mathbf{t}_i$ 'trivial gauge'
2. representing additional knowledge as in $\theta_i = \theta_j$ e.g. cameras share calibration matrix \mathbf{K}

Introduce reduced parameters $\hat{\theta}$ and replication matrix \mathbf{T} :

$$\theta = \mathbf{T} \hat{\theta} + \mathbf{t}, \quad \mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p, \hat{p}}, \quad \hat{p} \leq p$$

then \mathbf{L}_r in LM changes to $\mathbf{L}_r \mathbf{T}$ and everything else stays the same \rightarrow 106

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{array}{c} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 \\ \theta_5 \end{array} \begin{array}{cccc} \hat{\theta}_1 & \hat{\theta}_2 & \hat{\theta}_3 & \hat{\theta}_4 \\ \color{red}1 & & & \\ & \color{red}1 & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \color{red}1 \\ & & & \color{red}1 \end{array} \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \color{red}1 \\ \\ \end{array}$$

these \mathbf{T} , \mathbf{t} represent

$\theta_1 = \hat{\theta}_1$	no change
$\theta_2 = \hat{\theta}_2$	no change
$\theta_3 = t_3$	constancy
$\theta_4 = \theta_5 = \hat{\theta}_4$	equality

- \mathbf{T} deletes columns of \mathbf{L}_r that correspond to fixed parameters **it reduces the problem size**
- consistent initialisation: $\theta^0 = \mathbf{T} \hat{\theta}^0 + \mathbf{t}$ **or filter the init by pseudoinverse $\theta^0 \mapsto \mathbf{T}^\dagger \theta^0$**
- no need for computing derivatives for θ_j corresponding to all-zero rows of \mathbf{T} **fixed θ**
- **constraining projective entities \rightarrow 144–145**
- **more complex constraints tend to make normal equations dense**
- **implementing constraints is safer than explicit renaming of the parameters, gives a flexibility to experiment**
- **other methods are much more involved, see [Triggs et al. 1999]**
- **BA resource:** <http://www.ics.forth.gr/~lourakis/sba/> [Lourakis 2009]

Matrix Exponential

- for any square matrix we define

$$\expm \mathbf{A} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \mathbf{A}^k \quad \text{note: } \mathbf{A}^0 = \mathbf{I}$$

- some properties:

$$\expm \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{I}, \quad \expm(-\mathbf{A}) = (\expm \mathbf{A})^{-1},$$

$$\expm(a \mathbf{A}) \expm(b \mathbf{A}) = \expm((a+b)\mathbf{A}), \quad \expm(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \neq \expm(\mathbf{A}) \expm(\mathbf{B})$$

$$\expm(\mathbf{A}^\top) = (\expm \mathbf{A})^\top \quad \text{hence if } \mathbf{A} \text{ is skew symmetric then } \expm \mathbf{A} \text{ is orthogonal:}$$

$$(\expm(\mathbf{A}))^\top = \expm(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \expm(-\mathbf{A}) = (\expm(\mathbf{A}))^{-1}$$

$$\det(\expm \mathbf{A}) = e^{\text{tr} \mathbf{A}}$$

Ex:

- homography can be represented via exponential map with 8 numbers e.g. as

$$\mathbf{H} = \expm \mathbf{Z} \quad \text{such that} \quad \text{tr} \mathbf{Z} = 0, \quad \text{eg. } \mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & z_{12} & z_{13} \\ z_{21} & z_{22} & z_{23} \\ z_{31} & z_{32} & -(z_{11} + z_{22}) \end{bmatrix}$$

- rotation can be represented by skew-symmetric matrix (3 numbers), see next

► Minimal Representations for Rotation

- \mathbf{o} – rotation axis, $\|\mathbf{o}\| = 1$, φ – rotation angle
- **wanted**: simple mapping to/from rotation matrices

1. Matrix exponential. Let $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \varphi \mathbf{o}$, $0 \leq \varphi < \pi$, then

$$\mathbf{R} = \expm[\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times}^n}{n!} = \begin{matrix} \odot & \mathbf{1} \\ \cdots & \end{matrix} = \mathbf{I} + \frac{\sin \varphi}{\varphi} [\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times} + \frac{1 - \cos \varphi}{\varphi^2} [\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times}^2$$

- for $\varphi = 0$ we take the limit and get $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$
- this is the Rodrigues' formula for rotation
- inverse (the principal logarithm of \mathbf{R}) from

$$0 \leq \varphi < \pi, \quad \cos \varphi = \frac{1}{2}(\text{tr } \mathbf{R} - 1), \quad [\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times} = \frac{\varphi}{2 \sin \varphi} (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}^{\top}),$$

- can be generalized to full Euclidean motion →145

2. Cayley's representation; let $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{o} \tan \frac{\varphi}{2}$, then

$$\mathbf{R} = (\mathbf{I} + [\mathbf{a}]_{\times})(\mathbf{I} - [\mathbf{a}]_{\times})^{-1}, \quad [\mathbf{a}]_{\times} = (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{I})^{-1}(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{I})$$

$$\mathbf{a}_1 \circ \mathbf{a}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 - \mathbf{a}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_2}{1 - \mathbf{a}_1^{\top} \mathbf{a}_2} \quad \text{composition of rotations } \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{R}_2$$

- again, cannot represent rotations for $\phi \geq \pi$
- no trigonometric functions
- explicit composition formula
- can be generalized to full Euclidean motion

[Borri 2000]

► Minimal Representations for Other Entities

1. fundamental matrix

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top, \quad \mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(1, d^2, 0), \quad \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \text{ are rotations,} \quad 3 + 1 + 3 = 7 \text{ DOF}$$

2. essential matrix

$$\mathbf{E} = [-\mathbf{t}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}, \quad \mathbf{R} \text{ is rotation,} \quad \|\mathbf{t}\| = 1, \quad 3 + 2 = 5 \text{ DOF}$$

3. camera

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}], \quad 5 + 3 + 3 = 11 \text{ DOF}$$

Interestingly, let

[Eade 2017]

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times} & \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{4,4}$$

then, assuming $\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\| = \phi > 0$

for $\phi = 0$ we take the limits

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{expm } \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}_4 + \mathbf{B} + h_2(\phi) \mathbf{B}^2 + h_3(\phi) \mathbf{B}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} \text{expm}[\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times} & \mathbf{V} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_3 + h_2(\phi) [\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times} + h_3(\phi) [\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times}^2, \quad \mathbf{V}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}_3 - \frac{1}{2} [\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times} + h_4(\phi) [\boldsymbol{\omega}]_{\times}^2$$

$$h_1(\phi) = \frac{\sin \phi}{\phi}, \quad h_2(\phi) = \frac{1 - \cos \phi}{\phi^2}, \quad h_3(\phi) = \frac{\phi - \sin \phi}{\phi^3}, \quad h_4(\phi) = \frac{1}{\phi^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \phi \cot \frac{\phi}{2} \right)$$

the functions $h_i(\phi)$ have limits at $\phi \rightarrow 0$.

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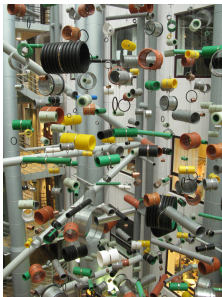
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What Are The Relative Distances?



- monocular vision already gives a rough 3D sketch because we understand the scene

What Are The Relative Distances?



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- left: we have no help from image interpretation
- right: ambiguous interpretation due to a combination of missing texture and occlusion

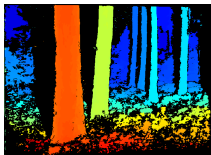
► How Difficult Is Stereo?



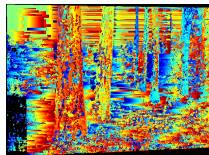
- when we do not recognize the scene and cannot use high-level constraints the problem seems difficult (right, less so in the center)
- most stereo matching algorithms do not require scene understanding prior to matching
- the success of a model-free stereo matching algorithm is unlikely:



left image



a good disparity map



disparity map from WTA

WTA Matching:

for every left-image pixel
find the most similar
right-image pixel
along the
corresponding epipolar
line [Marroquin 83]

A Summary of Our Observations and an Outlook

1. simple matching algorithms do not work
2. stereopsis requires image interpretation in sufficiently complex scenes
or another-modality measurement

we have a tradeoff: model strength \leftrightarrow universality

Outlook:

1. represent the occlusion constraint: correspondences are not independent due to occlusions
 - epipolar rectification
 - disparity
 - uniqueness as an occlusion constraint
2. represent piecewise continuity the weakest of interpretations; piecewise: object boundaries
 - ordering as a weak continuity model
3. use a consistent framework
 - looking for the most probable solution (MAP)

► Linear Epipolar Rectification for Easier Correspondence Search

Obs:

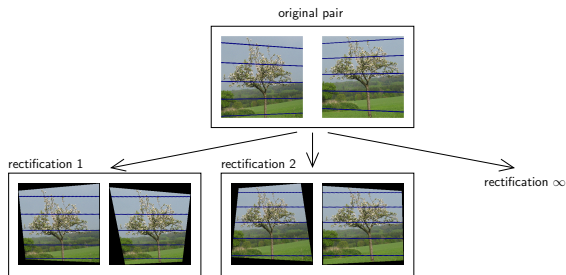
- if we map epipoles to infinity, epipolar lines become parallel
- we then rotate them to become horizontal
- we then scale the images to make corresponding epipolar lines colinear
- this can be achieved by a pair of homographies applied to the images

Problem: Given fundamental matrix \mathbf{F} or camera matrices $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$, compute a pair of homographies that maps epipolar lines to horizontal with the same row coordinate.

Procedure:

1. find a pair of rectification homographies \mathbf{H}_1 and \mathbf{H}_2 .
2. warp images using \mathbf{H}_1 and \mathbf{H}_2 and transform the fundamental matrix

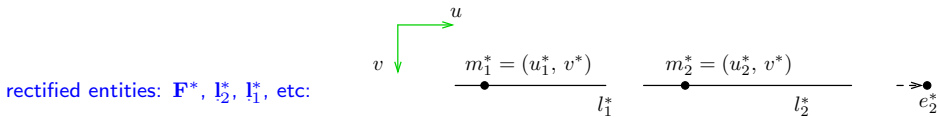
$$\mathbf{F} \mapsto \mathbf{H}_2^{-\top} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{H}_1^{-1} \quad \text{or the cameras } \mathbf{P}_1 \mapsto \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{P}_1, \quad \mathbf{P}_2 \mapsto \mathbf{H}_2 \mathbf{P}_2.$$



► Rectification Homographies

Assumption: Cameras $(\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2)$ are rectified by a homography pair $(\mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}_2)$:

$$\mathbf{P}_i^* = \mathbf{H}_i \mathbf{P}_i = \mathbf{H}_i \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{R}_i \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{C}_i \end{bmatrix}, \quad i = 1, 2$$



- the rectified location difference $d = u_1^* - u_2^*$ is called disparity

corresponding epipolar lines must be:

1. parallel to image rows \Rightarrow epipoles become $e_1^* = e_2^* = (1, 0, 0)$
2. equivalent $l_2^* = l_1^* \Rightarrow$ (a) $\mathbf{l}_2^* \simeq \mathbf{l}_1^* \simeq \mathbf{e}_1^* \times \mathbf{m}_1 = [\mathbf{e}_1^*]_{\times} \mathbf{m}_1$, (b) $\mathbf{l}_2^* \simeq \mathbf{F}^* \mathbf{m}_1$

- therefore the canonical fundamental matrix is

$$\mathbf{F}^* \simeq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A two-step rectification procedure

1. find some pair of primitive rectification homographies $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{H}}_2$
2. upgrade to a pair of optimal rectification homographies while preserving \mathbf{F}^*

► Geometric Interpretation of Linear Rectification

What pair of physical cameras is compatible with \mathbf{F}^* ?

- we know that $\mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{Q}_2^{-1})^\top [\mathbf{e}_1]_\times$ →78
- we choose $\mathbf{Q}_1^* = \mathbf{K}_1^*$, $\mathbf{Q}_2^* = \mathbf{K}_2^* \mathbf{R}^*$; then

$$(\mathbf{Q}_1^* \mathbf{Q}_2^{*-1})^\top [\mathbf{e}_1^*]_\times = (\mathbf{K}_1^* \mathbf{R}^{*\top} \mathbf{K}_2^{*-1})^\top \mathbf{F}^*$$

- we look for \mathbf{R}^* , \mathbf{K}_1^* , \mathbf{K}_2^* compatible with

$$(\mathbf{K}_1^* \mathbf{R}^{*\top} \mathbf{K}_2^{*-1})^\top \mathbf{F}^* = \lambda \mathbf{F}^*, \quad \mathbf{R}^* \mathbf{R}^{*\top} = \mathbf{I}, \quad \mathbf{K}_1^*, \mathbf{K}_2^* \text{ upper triangular}$$

- we also want \mathbf{b}^* from $\mathbf{e}_1^* \simeq \mathbf{P}_1^* \mathbf{C}_2^* = \mathbf{K}_1^* \mathbf{b}^*$ \mathbf{b}^* in cam. 1 frame
- result:

$$\mathbf{R}^* = \mathbf{I}, \quad \mathbf{b}^* = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{K}_1^* = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & k_{13} \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{K}_2^* = \begin{bmatrix} k_{21} & k_{22} & k_{23} \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (33)$$

- rectified cameras are in canonical relative pose not rotated, canonical baseline
- rectified calibration matrices can differ in the first row only
- when $\mathbf{K}_1^* = \mathbf{K}_2^*$ then the rectified pair is called the standard stereo pair and the homographies standard rectification homographies
- standard rectification homographies: points at infinity have zero disparity

$$\mathbf{P}_i^* \mathbf{X}_\infty = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}_i] \mathbf{X}_\infty = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{X}_\infty \quad i = 1, 2$$

- this does not mean that the images are not distorted after rectification

► Primitive Rectification

Goal: Given fundamental matrix \mathbf{F} , derive some simple rectification homographies $\mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}_2$

1. Let the SVD of \mathbf{F} be $\mathbf{UDV}^\top = \mathbf{F}$, where $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(1, d^2, 0)$, $1 \geq d^2 > 0$
2. Write \mathbf{D} as $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{F}^* \mathbf{B}$ for some regular \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} . For instance (\mathbf{F}^* is given $\rightarrow 152$)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -d & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Then

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{UDV}^\top = \underbrace{\mathbf{UA}^\top}_{\hat{\mathbf{H}}_2^\top} \mathbf{F}^* \underbrace{\mathbf{BV}^\top}_{\hat{\mathbf{H}}_1}$$

and the primitive rectification homographies are

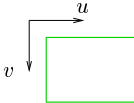
$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}_2 = \mathbf{AU}^\top, \quad \hat{\mathbf{H}}_1 = \mathbf{BV}^\top$$

⊛ P1; 1pt: derive some other admissible \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}





- rectification homographies do exist $\rightarrow 152$
- there are other primitive rectification homographies, these suggested are just simple to obtain

► The Degrees of Freedom in Epipolar Rectification

Proposition 1 Homographies \mathbf{A}_1 and \mathbf{A}_2 are rectification-preserving if the images stay rectified, i.e. if $\mathbf{A}_2^{-\top} \mathbf{F}^* \mathbf{A}_1^{-1} \simeq \mathbf{F}^*$, which gives

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ 0 & s_v & t_v \\ 0 & q & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \\ 0 & s_v & t_v \\ 0 & q & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$


where $s_v \neq 0$, t_v , $l_1 \neq 0$, l_2 , l_3 , $r_1 \neq 0$, r_2 , r_3 , q are 9 free parameters.

general	transformation		standard
l_1, r_1	horizontal scales		$l_1 = r_1$
l_2, r_2	horizontal shears		$l_2 = r_2$
l_3, r_3	horizontal shifts		$l_3 = r_3$
q	common special projective		
s_v	common vertical scale		
t_v	common vertical shift		
9 DoF			$9 - 3 = 6$ DoF

- q is rotation about the baseline
- s_v changes the focal length

proof: find a rotation \mathbf{G} that brings \mathbf{K} to upper triangular form via RQ decomposition: $\mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{K}_1^* = \hat{\mathbf{K}}_1 \mathbf{G}$ and $\mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{K}_2^* = \hat{\mathbf{K}}_2 \mathbf{G}$

Corollary for Proposition 1 Let $\bar{\mathbf{H}}_1$ and $\bar{\mathbf{H}}_2$ be (primitive or other) rectification homographies. Then $\mathbf{H}_1 = \mathbf{A}_1 \bar{\mathbf{H}}_1$, $\mathbf{H}_2 = \mathbf{A}_2 \bar{\mathbf{H}}_2$ are also rectification homographies.

Proposition 2 Pairs of rectification-preserving homographies $(\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2)$ form a group with group operation $(\mathbf{A}'_1, \mathbf{A}'_2) \circ (\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2) = (\mathbf{A}'_1 \mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}'_2 \mathbf{A}_2)$.

Proof:

- closure by Proposition 1
- associativity by matrix multiplication
- identity belongs to the set
- inverse element belongs to the set by $\mathbf{A}_2^\top \mathbf{F}^* \mathbf{A}_1 \simeq \mathbf{F}^* \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}^* \simeq \mathbf{A}_2^{-\top} \mathbf{F}^* \mathbf{A}_1^{-1}$

► Primitive Rectification Suffices for Calibrated Cameras

Obs: calibrated cameras: $d = 1 \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{H}}_2$ are orthogonal

1. determine primitive rectification homographies $(\hat{\mathbf{H}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{H}}_2)$ from the essential matrix
2. choose a suitable common calibration matrix \mathbf{K} , e.g.

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f = \frac{1}{2}(f^1 + f^2), \quad u_0 = \frac{1}{2}(u_0^1 + u_0^2), \quad \text{etc.}$$

3. the final rectification homographies applied as $\mathbf{P}_i \mapsto \mathbf{H}_i \mathbf{P}_i$ are

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = \mathbf{K} \hat{\mathbf{H}}_1 \mathbf{K}_1^{-1}, \quad \mathbf{H}_2 = \mathbf{K} \hat{\mathbf{H}}_2 \mathbf{K}_2^{-1}$$

- we got a standard stereo pair ($\rightarrow 153$) and non-negative disparity

$$\text{let } \mathbf{K}_i^{-1} \mathbf{P}_i = \mathbf{R}_i [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}_i], \quad i = 1, 2 \quad \text{note we started from } \mathbf{E}, \text{ not } \mathbf{F}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{K} \hat{\mathbf{H}}_1 \mathbf{K}_1^{-1} \mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{K} \underbrace{\mathbf{B} \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{R}_1}_{\mathbf{R}^*} [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}_1] = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R}^* [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}_1]$$

$$\mathbf{H}_2 \mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{K} \hat{\mathbf{H}}_2 \mathbf{K}_2^{-1} \mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{K} \underbrace{\mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{R}_2}_{\mathbf{R}^*} [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}_2] = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R}^* [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}_2]$$

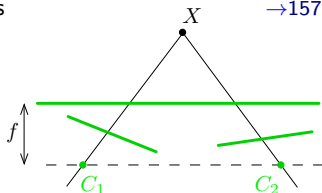
- one can prove that $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{R}_2$ with the help of essential matrix decomposition (13)
- points at infinity project to $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{R}^*$ in both images \Rightarrow they have zero disparity

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► Summary & Remarks: Linear Rectification

- rectification is done with a pair of homographies (one per image) →151
 - ⇒ rectified camera centers are equal to the original ones
 - binocular rectification: a 9-parameter family of rectification homographies
 - trinocular rectification: has 9 or 6 free parameters (depending on additional constrains)
 - in general, linear rectification is not possible for more than three cameras
- rectified cameras are in canonical orientation →153
 - ⇒ rectified image projection planes are coplanar
- equal rectified calibration matrices give standard rectification →153
 - ⇒ rectified image projection planes are equal
- primitive rectification is standard in calibrated cameras →157

standard rectification homographies reproject onto a common image plane parallel to the baseline



Corollary

- standard rectified pair: disparity vanishes when corresponding 3D points are at infinity
 - known \mathbf{F} used alone gives no constraints on standard rectification homographies
 - for that we need either of these:
 1. projection matrices, or calibrated cameras, or
 2. a few points at infinity calibrating $k_{1i}, k_{2i}, i = 1, 2, 3$ in (33)

Optimal choice for the free parameters

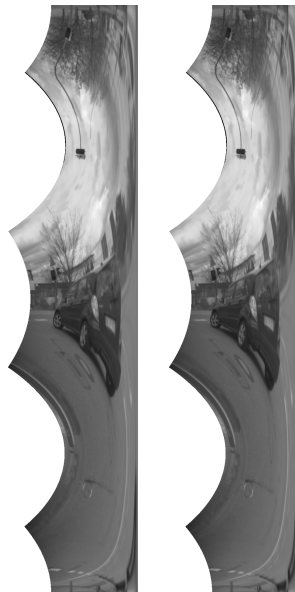
- by minimization of residual image distortion, eg. [Gluckman & Nayar 2001]

$$\mathbf{A}_1^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{A}_1} \iint_{\Omega} (\det J(\mathbf{A}_1 \hat{\mathbf{H}}_1 \mathbf{x}) - 1)^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

- by minimization of image information loss [Matoušek, ICIG 2004]
- non-linear rectification suitable for forward motion
non-parametric: [Pollefeys et al. 1999]
analytic: [Geyer & Daniilidis 2003]

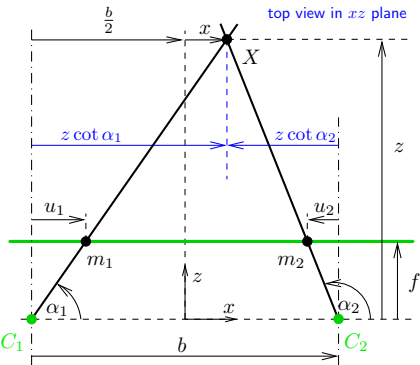


forward egomotion



rectified images, Pollefeys' method

► Binocular Disparity in Standard Stereo Pair



- Assumptions: single image line, standard camera pair

$$b = z \cot \alpha_1 - z \cot \alpha_2$$

$$u_1 = f \cot \alpha_1$$

$$u_2 = f \cot \alpha_2$$

$$b = \frac{b}{2} + x - z \cot \alpha_2$$

$X = (x, z)$ from **disparity** $d = u_1 - u_2$:

$$z = \frac{bf}{d}, \quad x = \frac{b}{d} \frac{u_1 + u_2}{2}, \quad y = \frac{bv}{d}$$

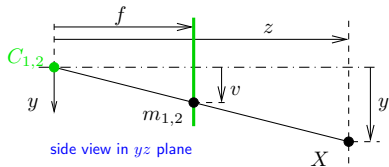
f, d, u, v in pixels, b, x, y, z in meters

Observations

- constant disparity surface is a frontoparallel plane
- distant points have small disparity
- relative error in z is large for small disparity

$$\frac{1}{z} \frac{dz}{dd} = -\frac{1}{d}$$

- increasing the baseline or the focal length increases disparity and reduces the error



Structural Ambiguity in Stereovision

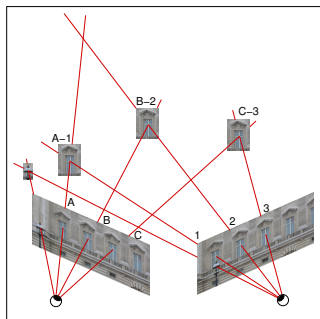
- we can recognize matches but have no scene model
- lack of an occlusion model \Rightarrow structural ambiguity in the presence of repetitions (or lack of texture)
- lack of a continuity model



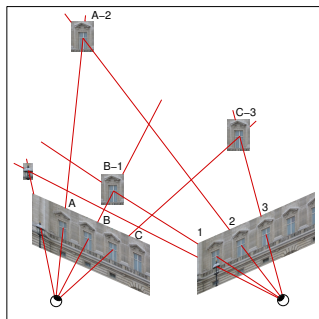
left image



right image

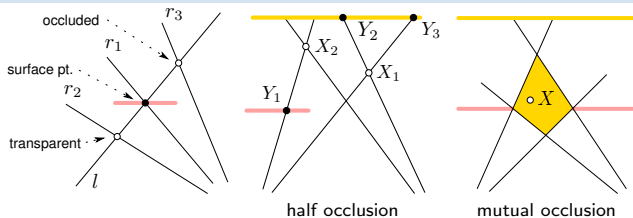


interpretation 1



interpretation 2

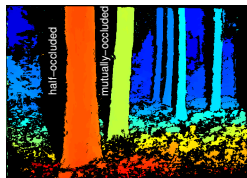
► Understanding Basic Occlusion Types



- surface point at the intersection of rays l and r_1 occludes a world point at the intersection (l, r_3) and implies the world point (l, r_2) is transparent, therefore

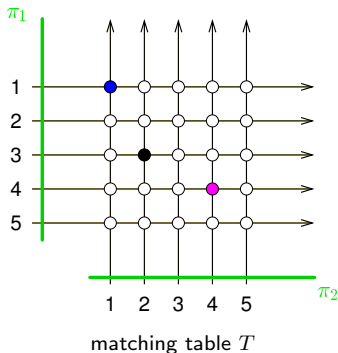
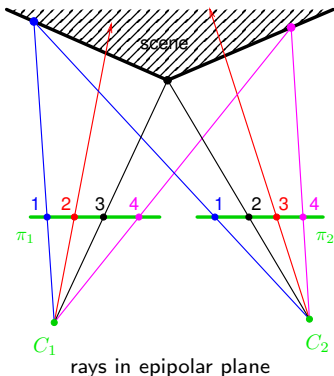
(l, r_3) and (l, r_2) are excluded by (l, r_1)

- in half-occlusion, every world point such as X_1 or X_2 is excluded by a binocularly visible surface point such as Y_1, Y_2, Y_3
 ⇒ decisions on correspondences are not independent
- in mutual occlusion this is no longer the case: any X in the yellow zone is not excluded
 ⇒ decisions in the zone are independent on the rest



► Matching Table

Based on scene opacity and the observation on mutual exclusion we expect each pixel to match at most once.



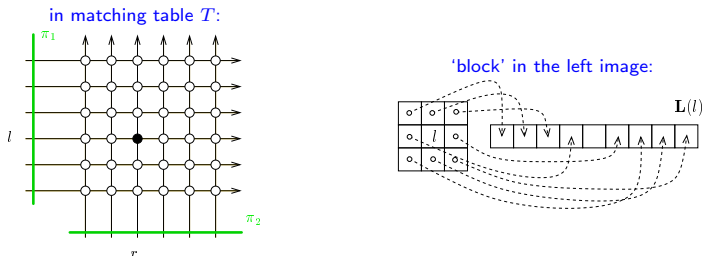
matching table

- rows and columns represent optical rays
- nodes: possible correspondence pairs
- full nodes: matches
- numerical values associated with nodes: descriptor similarities

[see next](#)

► Constructing A Suitable Image Similarity Statistic

- let $p_i = (l, r)$ and $\mathbf{L}(l)$, $\mathbf{R}(r)$ be (left, right) image descriptors (vectors) constructed from local image neighborhood windows

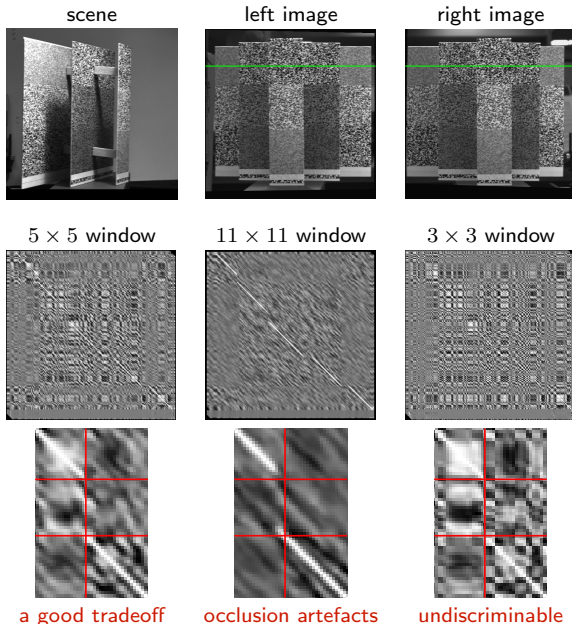


- a simple block similarity is $\text{SAD}(l, r) = \|\mathbf{L}(l) - \mathbf{R}(r)\|_1$ L_1 metric (sum of absolute differences)
- a scaled-descriptor similarity is $\text{sim}(l, r) = \frac{\|\mathbf{L}(l) - \mathbf{R}(r)\|^2}{\sigma_I^2(l, r)}$ smaller is better
- σ_I^2 – the difference scale; a suitable (plug-in) estimate is $\frac{1}{2} [\text{var}(\mathbf{L}(l)) + \text{var}(\mathbf{R}(r))]$, giving

$$\text{sim}(l, r) = 1 - \frac{2 \text{cov}(\mathbf{L}(l), \mathbf{R}(r))}{\underbrace{\text{var}(\mathbf{L}(l)) + \text{var}(\mathbf{R}(r))}_{\rho(\mathbf{L}(l), \mathbf{R}(r))}} \quad \text{var}(\cdot), \text{cov}(\cdot) \text{ is sample (co-)variance} \quad (34)$$

- ρ – MNCC – Moravec's Normalized Cross-Correlation statistic bigger is better [Moravec 1977]
 $\rho^2 \in [0, 1]$, $\text{sign } \rho \sim \text{'phase'}$

How A Scene Looks in The Filled-In Matching Table



- MNCC ρ used ($\alpha = 1.5, \beta = 1$)
- high-correlation structures correspond to scene objects

constant disparity

- a diagonal in matching table
- zero disparity is the main diagonal *nonstd rectification*

depth discontinuity

- horizontal or vertical jump in matching table

large image window

- better correlation
- worse occlusion localization

repeated texture

- horizontal and vertical block repetition

Image Point Descriptors And Their Similarity

Descriptors: Image points are tagged by their (viewpoint-invariant) physical properties:

- texture window
- a descriptor like DAISY
- learned descriptors
- reflectance profile under a moving illuminant
- photometric ratios
- dual photometric stereo
- polarization signature
- ...

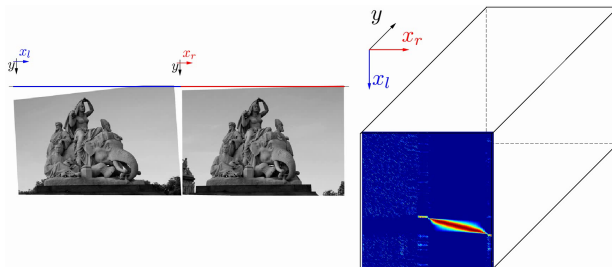
[Moravec 77]

[Tola et al. 2010]

[Wolff & Angelopoulou 93-94]

[Ikeuchi 87]

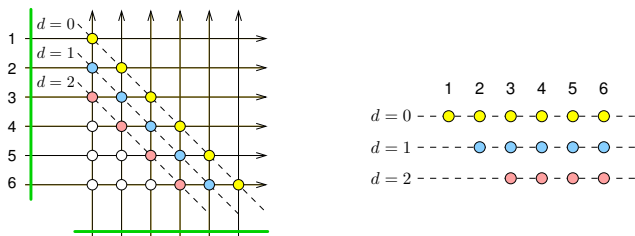
- similar points are more likely to match
- image similarity values for all 'match candidates' give the 3D matching table



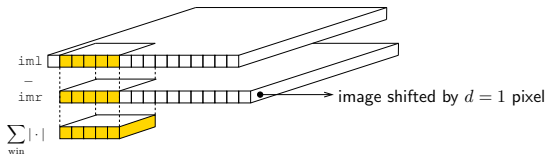
video

► Marroquin's Winner Take All (WTA) Matching Algorithm

1. per left-image pixel: find the most similar right-image pixel using SAD →164
2. select disparity range this is a critical weak point
3. represent the matching table diagonals in a compact form



4. use an 'image sliding & cost aggregation algorithm'



5. take the maximum over disparities d
6. threshold results by maximal allowed SAD dissimilarity

A Matlab Code for WTA

```
function dmap = marroquin(impl,imr,disparityRange)
%       impl, imr - rectified gray-scale images
% disparityRange - non-negative disparity range

% (c) Radim Sara (sara@cmp.felk.cvut.cz) FEE CTU Prague, 10 Dec 12

thr = 20;           % bad match rejection threshold
r = 2;
winsize = 2*r+[1 1]; % 5x5 window (neighborhood) for r=2

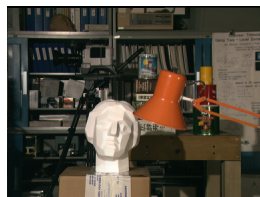
% the size of each local patch; it is  $N=(2r+1)^2$  except for boundary pixels
N = boxing(ones(size(impl)), winsize);

% computing dissimilarity per pixel (unscaled SAD)
for d = 0:disparityRange % cycle over all disparities
    slice = abs(imr(:,1:end-d) - impl(:,d+1:end)); % pixelwise dissimilarity
    V(:,d+1:end,d+1) = boxing(slice, winsize)./N; % window aggregation
end

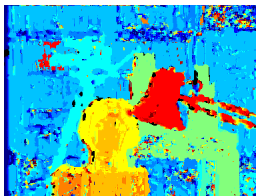
% collect winners, threshold, and output disparity map
[cmap,dmap] = min(V,[],3);
dmap(cmap > thr) = NaN; % mask-out high dissimilarity pixels
end % of marroquin

function c = boxing(im, wsz)
% if the mex is not found, run this slow version:
c = conv2(ones(1,wsz(1)), ones(wsz(2),1), im, 'same');
end % of boxing
```

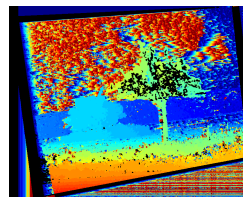
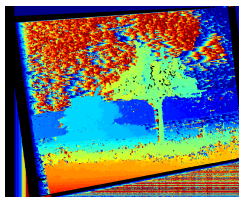
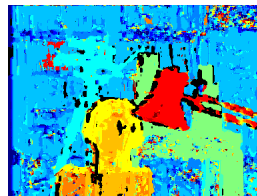
WTA: Some Results



thr = 20



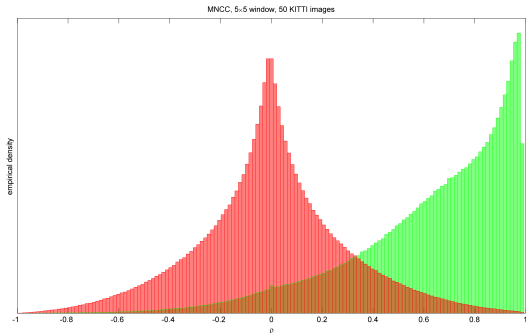
thr = 10



- results are fairly bad
- false matches in textureless image regions and on repetitive structures (book shelf)
- a more restrictive threshold (thr = 10) does not work as expected
- we searched the true disparity range, results get worse if the range is set wider
- chief failure reasons:
 - unnormalized image dissimilarity does not work well
 - no occlusion model (it just ignores the occlusion structure we have discussed →162)

► A Principled Approach to Similarity

Empirical Distribution of MNCC ρ for Matches and Non-Matches



- histograms of ρ computed from 5×5 correlation window
- KITTI dataset
 - $4.2 \cdot 10^6$ ground-truth (LiDAR) matches for $p_1(\rho)$ (green),
 - $4.2 \cdot 10^6$ random non-matches for $p_0(\rho)$ (red)

Obs:

- non-matches (red) may have arbitrarily large ρ
- matches (green) may have arbitrarily low ρ
- $\rho = 1$ is improbable for matches

Match Likelihood

- ρ is just a statistic
- we need a probability distribution on $[0, 1]$, e.g. Beta distribution

$$p_1(\rho) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} |\rho|^{\alpha-1} (1 - |\rho|)^{\beta-1}$$

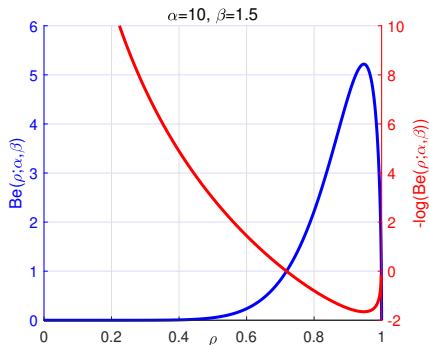
- note that uniform distribution is obtained for $\alpha = \beta = 1$
- when $\alpha = 2$ and $\beta = 1$ then $p_1(\cdot) = 2|\rho|$

- the mode is at $\sqrt{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+\beta-2}} \approx 0.9733$ for $\alpha = 10, \beta = 1.5$
- if we chose $\beta = 1$ then the mode was at $\rho = 1$
- perfect similarity is 'suspicious' (depends on expected camera noise level)
- from now on we will work with negative log-likelihood

$$V_1(\rho(l, r)) = -\log p_1(\rho(l, r)) \quad (35)$$

smaller is better

- we may also define similarity (and negative log-likelihood $V_0(\rho(l, r))$) for non-matches



► A Principled Approach to Matching

- given matching M what is the likelihood of observed data D ?
- data – all pairwise costs in matching table T
- matches – pairs $p_i = (l_i, r_i)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$
- matching: partitioning matching table T to matched M and excluded E pairs

$$T = M \cup E, \quad M \cap E = \emptyset$$

- matching cost (negative log-likelihood, smaller is better)

$$V(D | M) = \sum_{p \in M} V_1(D | p) + \sum_{p \in E} V_0(D | p)$$

$V_1(D | p)$ – negative log-probability of data D at matched pixel p (35)

$V_0(D | p)$ – ditto at unmatched pixel p

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- matching problem

$$M^* = \arg \min_{M \in \mathcal{M}(T)} V(D | M)$$

$\mathcal{M}(T)$ – the set of all matchings in table T

- symmetric: formulated over pairs, invariant to left \leftrightarrow right image swap

► (cont'd) Log-Likelihood Ratio

- we need to reduce matching to a standard polynomial-complexity problem
- we convert the matching cost to an 'easier' sum

$$\begin{aligned} V(D | M) &= \sum_{p \in M} V_1(D | p) + \sum_{p \in E} V_0(D | p) + \overbrace{\sum_{p \in M} V_0(D | p) - \sum_{p \in M} V_0(D | p)}^0 \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{p \in M} (V_1(D | p) - V_0(D | p))}_{-L(D | p)} + \underbrace{\sum_{p \in E} V_0(D | p) + \sum_{p \in M} V_0(D | p)}_{\sum_{p \in T} V_0(D | p) = \text{const}} \end{aligned}$$

- hence

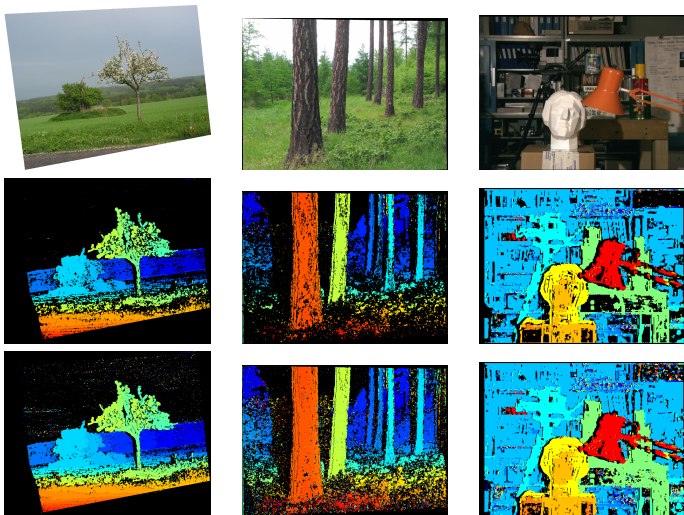
$$\arg \min_{M \in \mathcal{M}(T)} V(D | M) = \arg \max_{M \in \mathcal{M}(T)} \sum_{p \in M} L(D | p) \quad (36)$$

$L(D | p)$ – logarithm of matched-to-unmatched likelihood ratio (bigger is better)

why this way: we want to use maximum-likelihood but our measurement is all data D

- (36) is max-cost matching (maximum assignment) for the maximum-likelihood (ML) matching problem
 - use Hungarian (Munkres) algorithm and threshold the result with T : $L(D | p) > T \geq 0$
 - or step back: sacrifice symmetry to speed and use dynamic programming

Some Results for the Maximum-Likelihood (ML) Matching



- unlike the WTA we can efficiently control the density/accuracy tradeoff black = no match
- middle row: threshold T for $L(D | p)$ set to achieve error rate of 3% (and 61% density results)
- bottom row: threshold T set to achieve density of 76% (and 4.3% error rate results)

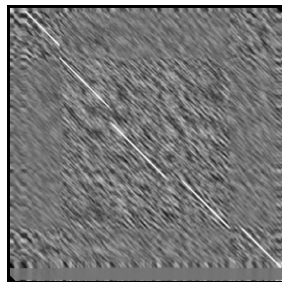
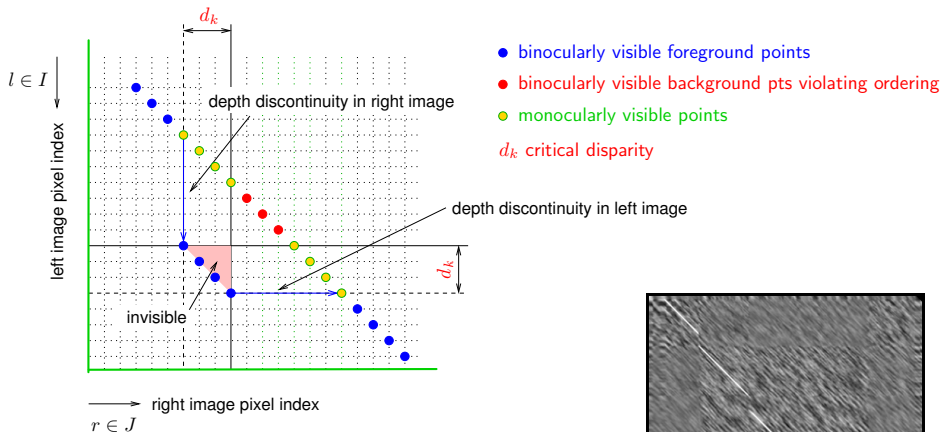
► Basic Stereoscopic Matching Models

- notice many small isolated errors in the ML matching
- we need a stronger model

Potential models for M (from weaker to stronger)

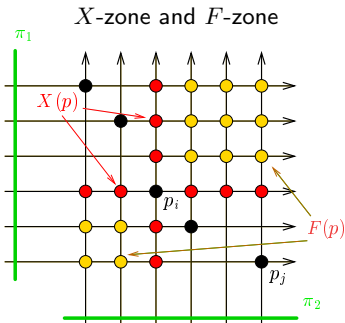
1. Uniqueness: Every image point matches at most once
 - excludes semi-transparent objects
 - used by the ML matching algorithm (but not by the WTA algorithm)
2. Monotonicity: Matched pixel ordering is preserved
 - For all $(i, j) \in M, (k, l) \in M, k > i \Rightarrow l > j$
Notation: $(i, j) \in M$ or $j = M(i)$ – left-image pixel i matches right-image pixel j
 - excludes thin objects close to the cameras
 - used by 3LDP [SP]
3. Coherence: Objects occupy well-defined 3D volumes
 - concept by [Prazdny 85]
 - algorithms are based on image/disparity map segmentation
 - a popular model (segment-based, bilateral filtering and their successors)
 - used by Stable Segmented 3LDP [Aksoy et al. PRRS 2008]
4. Continuity: There are no occlusions or self-occlusions
 - too strong, except in some applications

Understanding Occlusion Structure in Matching Table



- this leads to the concept of 'forbidden zone'

► Formally: Uniqueness and Ordering in Matching Table T



$$p_j \notin X(p_i), \quad p_j \notin F(p_i)$$

- **Uniqueness Constraint:**

A set of pairs $M = \{p_i\}_{i=1}^n, p_i \in T$ is a matching iff
 $\forall p_i, p_j \in M : p_j \notin X(p_i).$

X -zone, $p_i \notin X(p_i)$

- **Ordering Constraint:**

Matching M is monotonic iff
 $\forall p_i, p_j \in M : p_j \notin F(p_i).$

F -zone, $p_i \notin F(p_i)$

- ordering constraint: matched points form a monotonic set in both images
- ordering is a powerful constraint: in $n \times n$ table we have monotonic matchings $O(4^n) \ll O(n!)$ all matchings

⊗ 2: how many are there maximal monotonic matchings? (e.g. 27 for $n = 4$; hard!)

- uniqueness constraint is a basic occlusion model
- ordering constraint is a weak continuity model and partly also an occlusion model
- monotonic matching can be found by **dynamic programming**

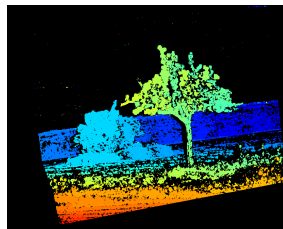
Some Results: AppleTree



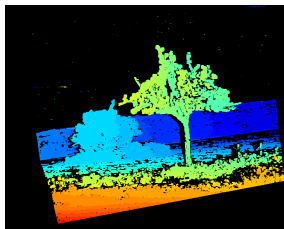
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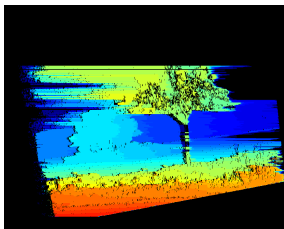
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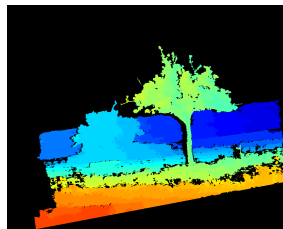
ML \rightarrow 173



3LDP w/ordering
[SP]



naïve DP
[Cox et al. 1992]



Stable Segmented 3LDP
[Aksoy et al. PRRS 2008]

- 3LDP parameters α_i , V_e learned on Middlebury stereo data <http://vision.middlebury.edu/stereo/>

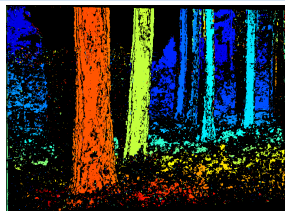
Some Results: Larch



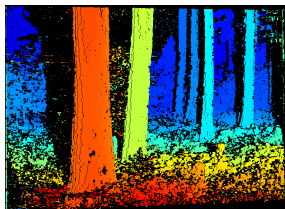
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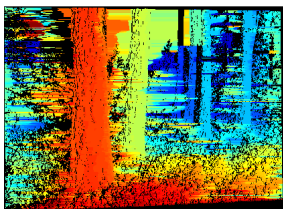
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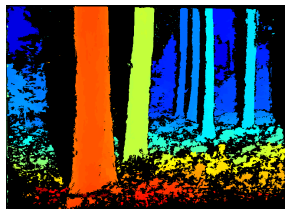
ML →173



3LDP w/ordering [SP]



naïve DP



Stable Segmented 3LDP

- naïve DP does not model mutual occlusion
- but even 3LDP has errors in mutually occluded region
- Stable Segmented 3LDP has few errors in mutually occluded region since it uses a coherence model

Algorithm Comparison

Marroquin's Winner-Take-All (WTA →167)

- the ur-algorithm very weak model
- dense disparity map
- $O(N^3)$ algorithm, simple but it rarely works

Maximum Likelihood Matching (ML →173)

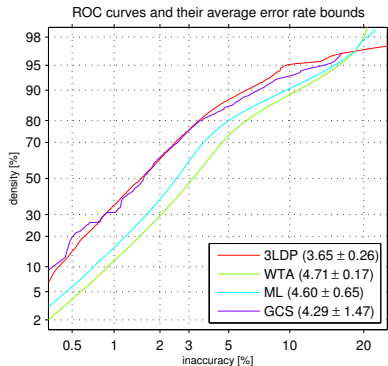
- semi-dense disparity map
- many small isolated errors
- models basic occlusion
- $O(N^3 \log(NV))$ algorithm max-flow by cost scaling

MAP with Min-Cost Labeled Path (3LDP)

- semi-dense disparity map
- models occlusion in flat, piecewise continuous scenes
- has 'illusions' if ordering does not hold
- $O(N^3)$ algorithm

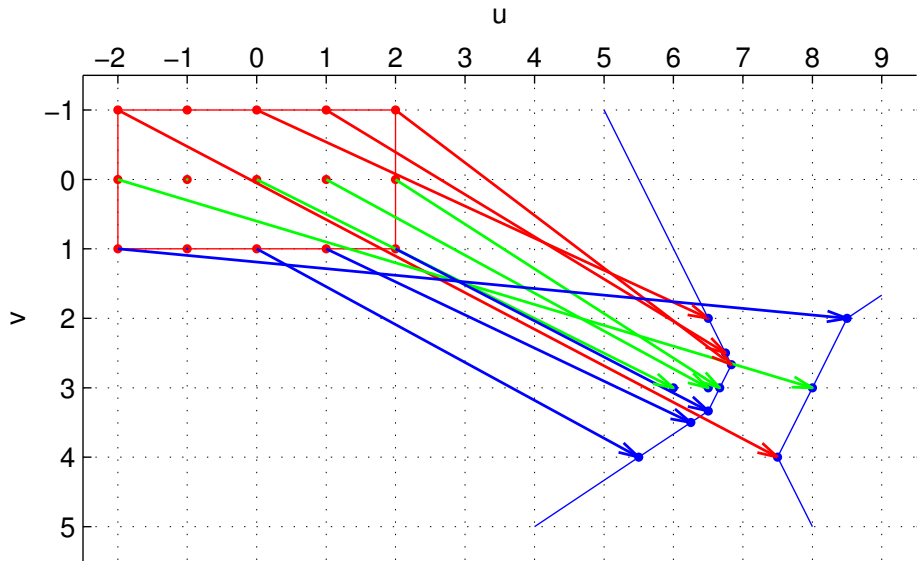
Stable Segmented 3LDP

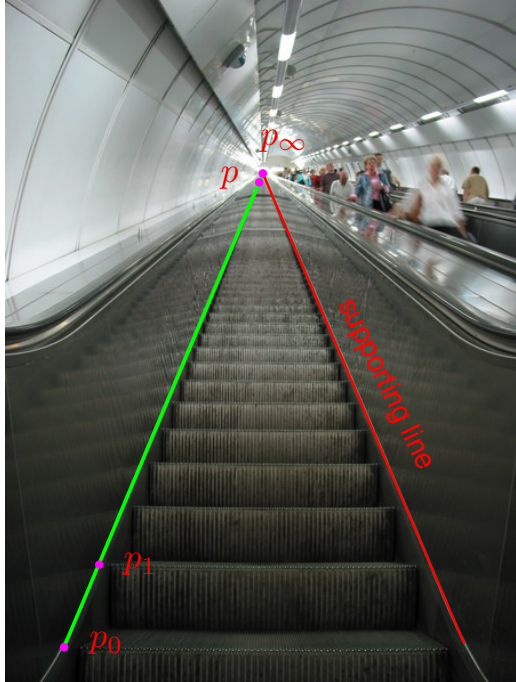
- better (fewer errors at any given density)
- $O(N^3 \log N)$ algorithm
- requires image segmentation itself a difficult task

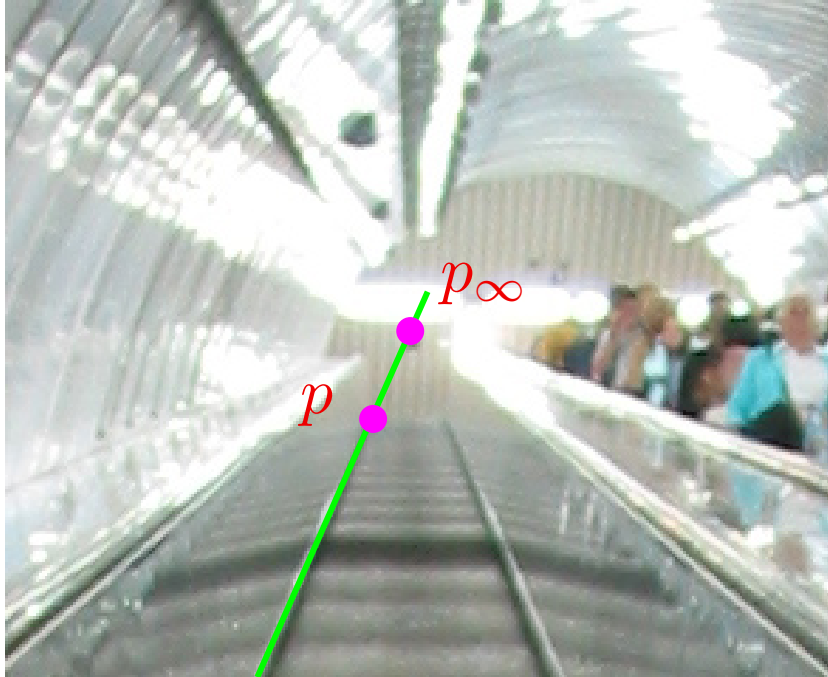


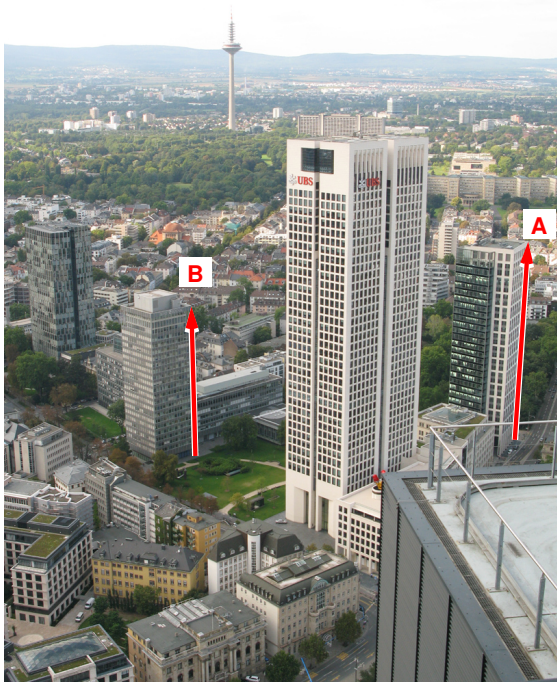
- ROC-like curve captures the density/accuracy tradeoff
- numbers: AUC (smaller is better)
- GCS is the one used in the exercises
- more algorithms at <http://vision.middlebury.edu/stereo/> (good luck!)

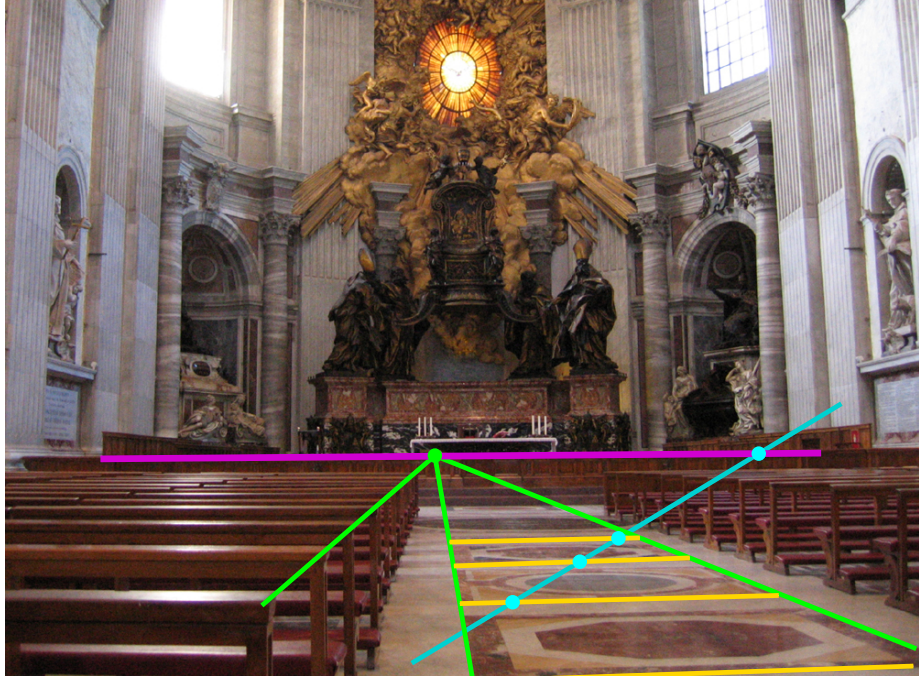
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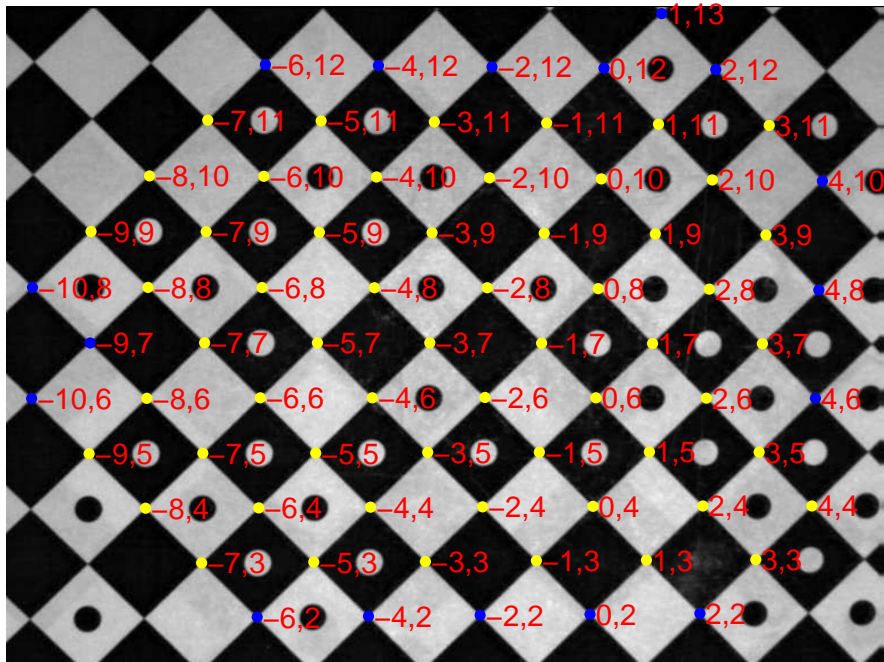


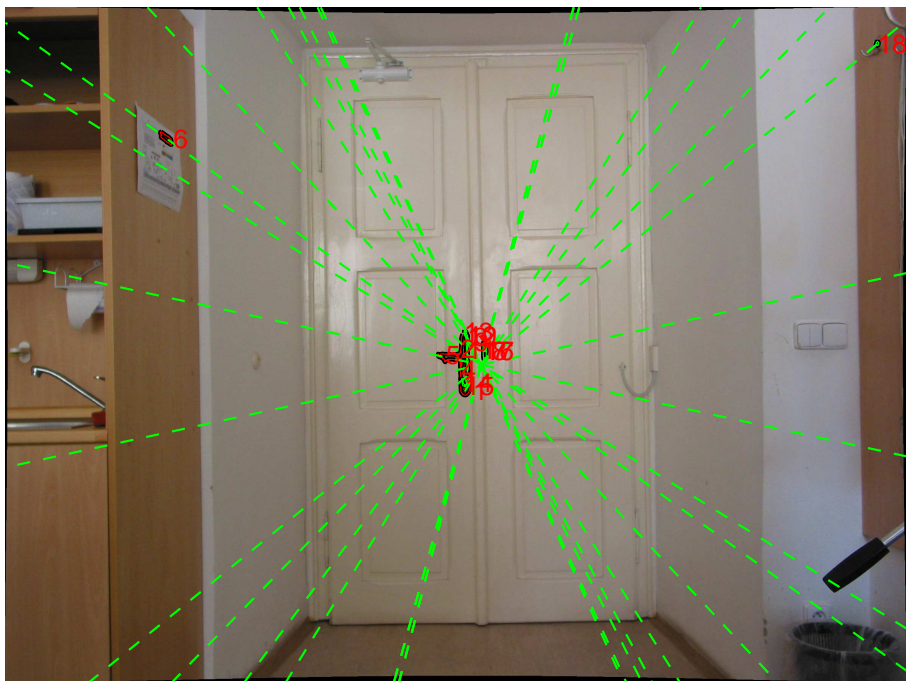


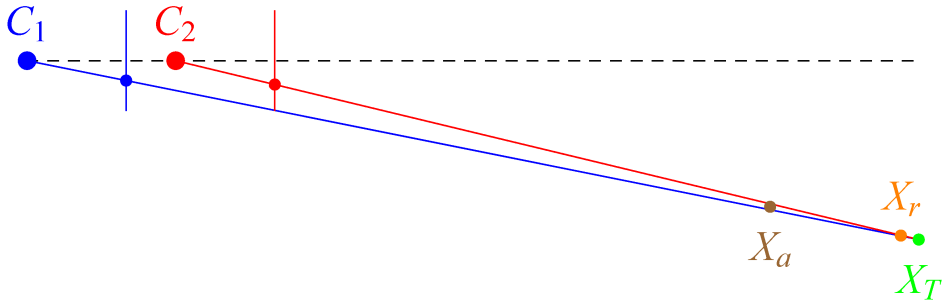


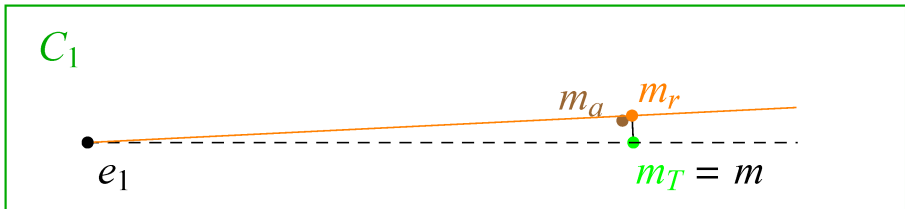


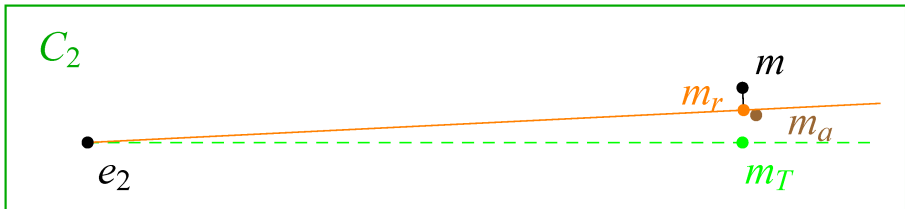


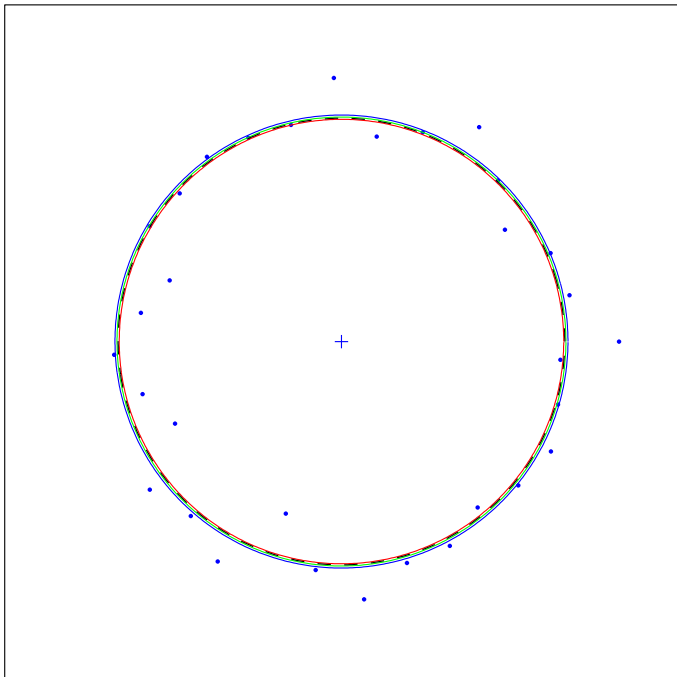


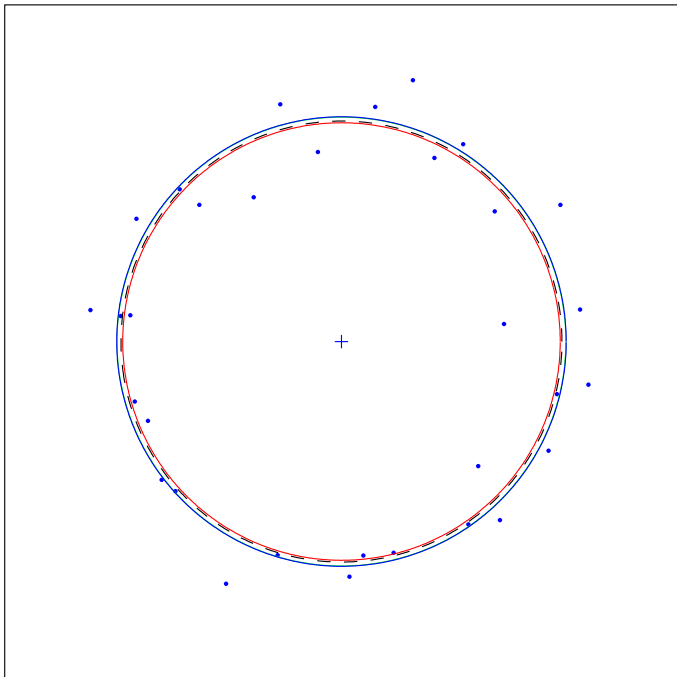


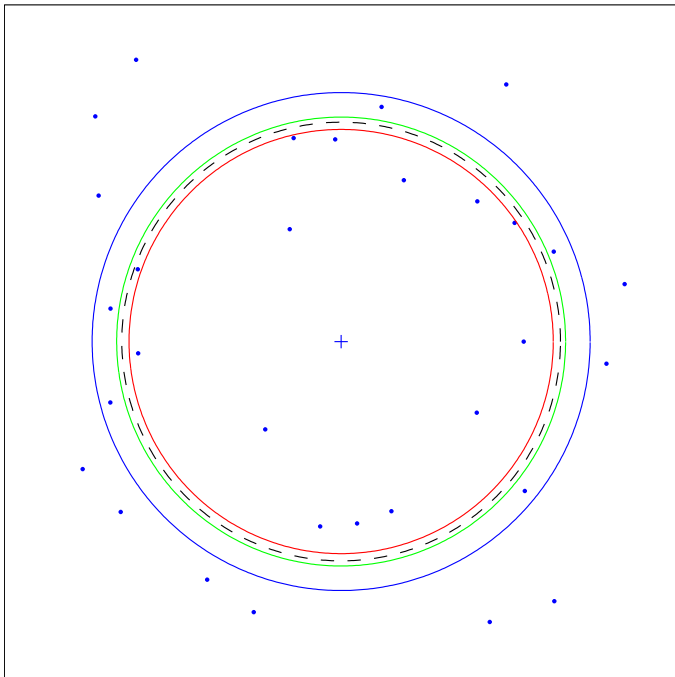


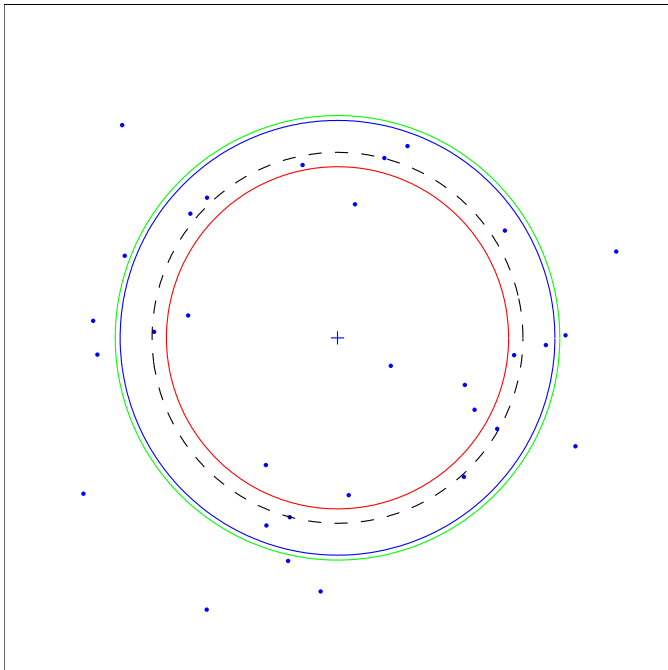


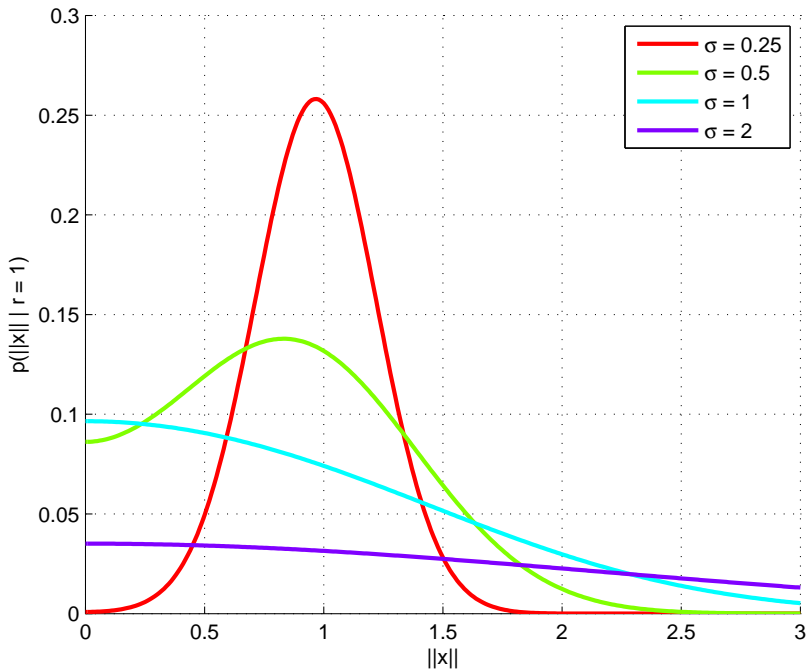


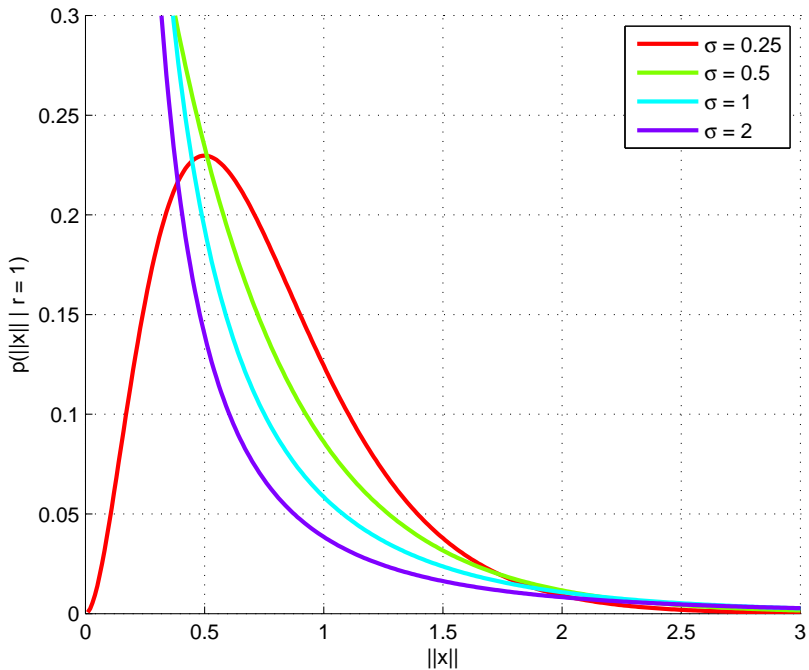


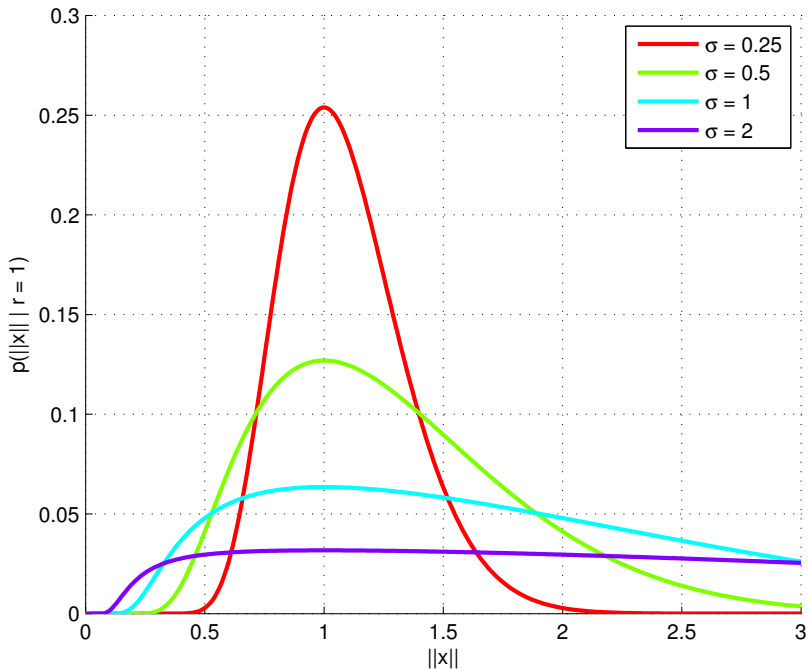


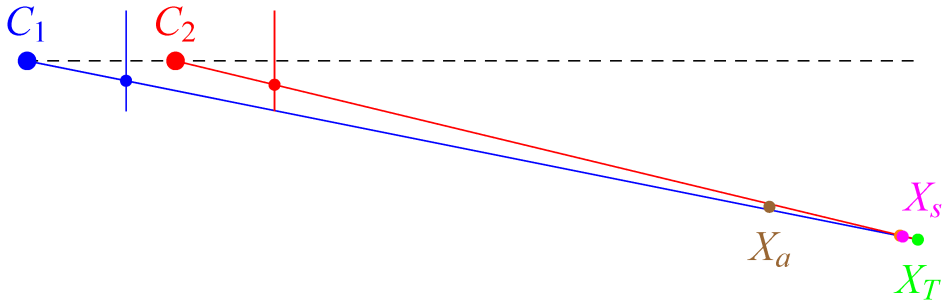


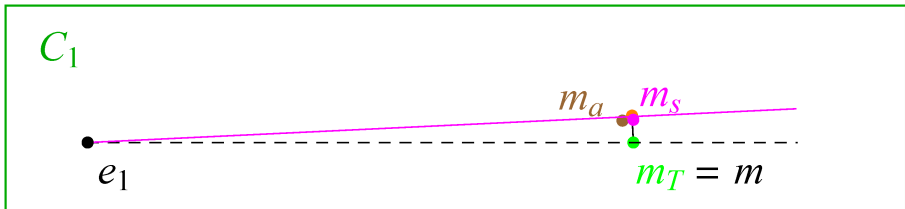


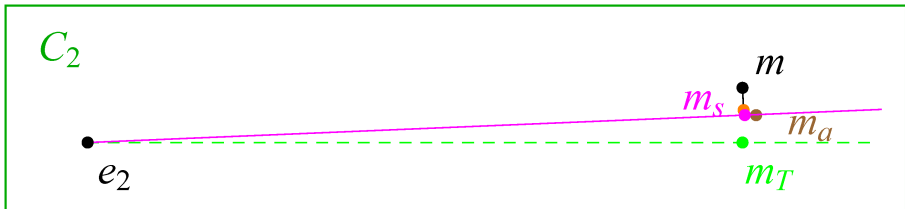




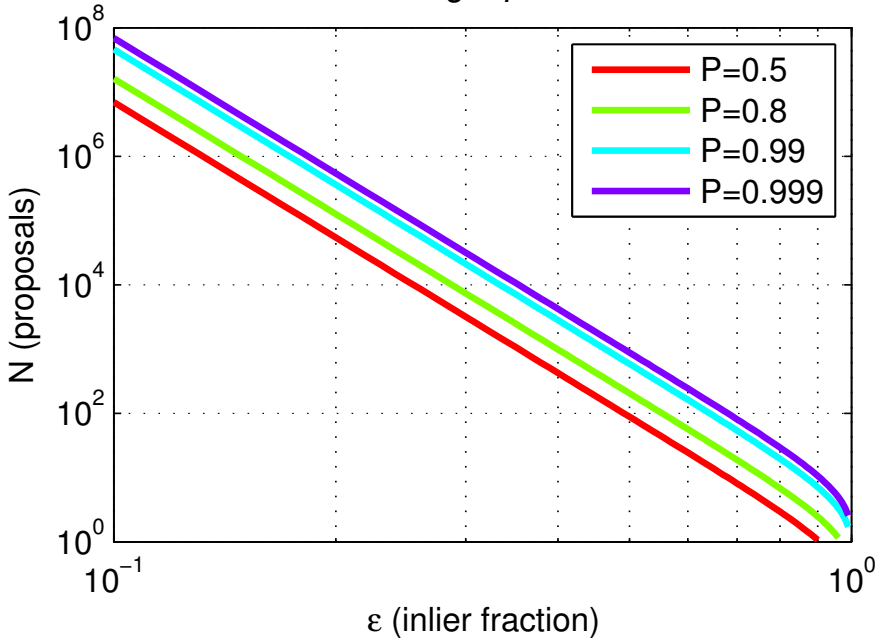








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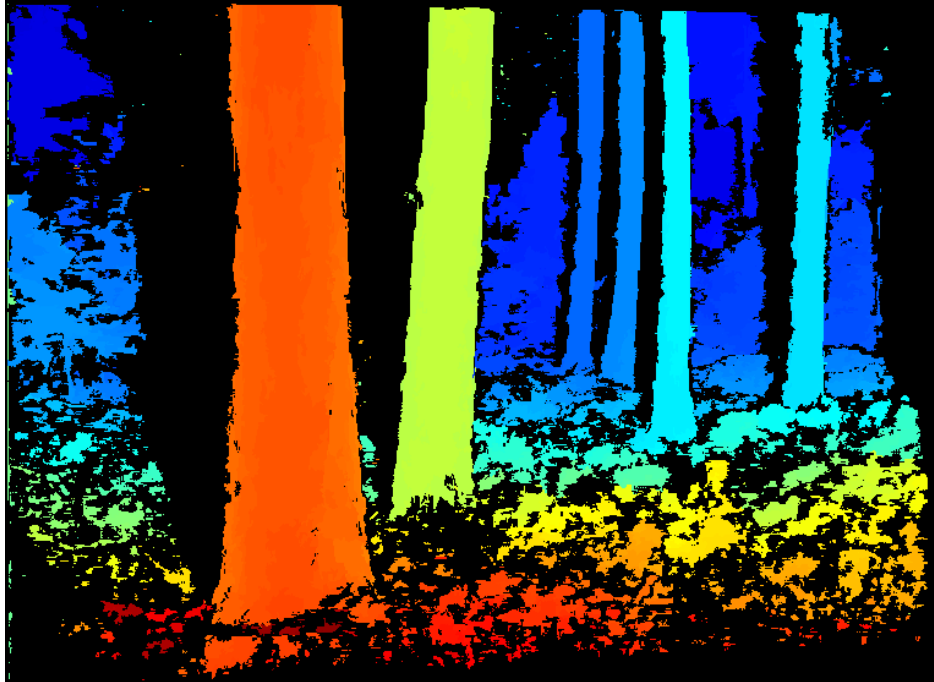


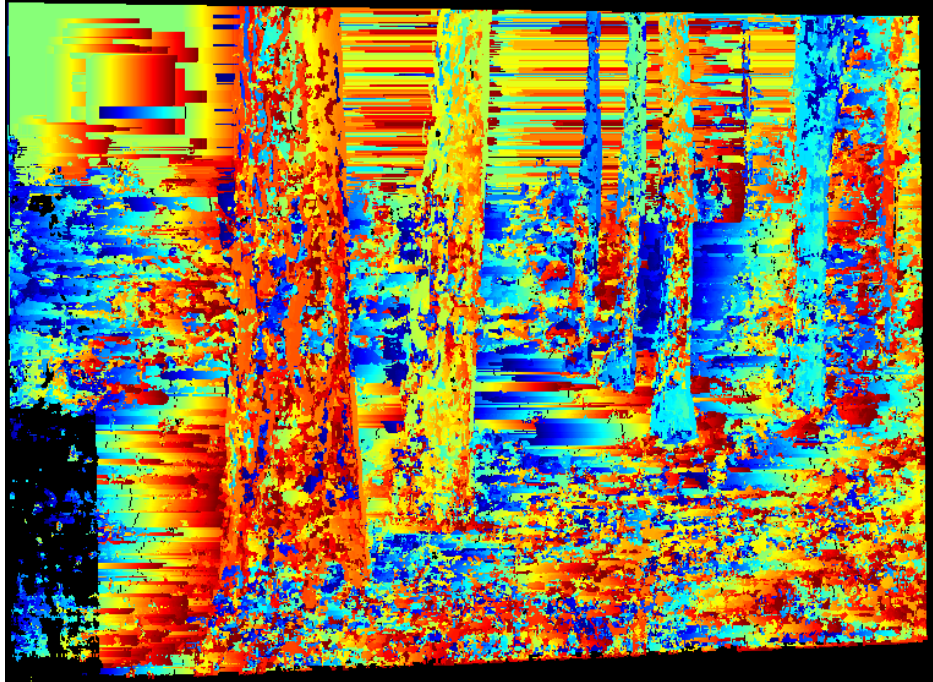




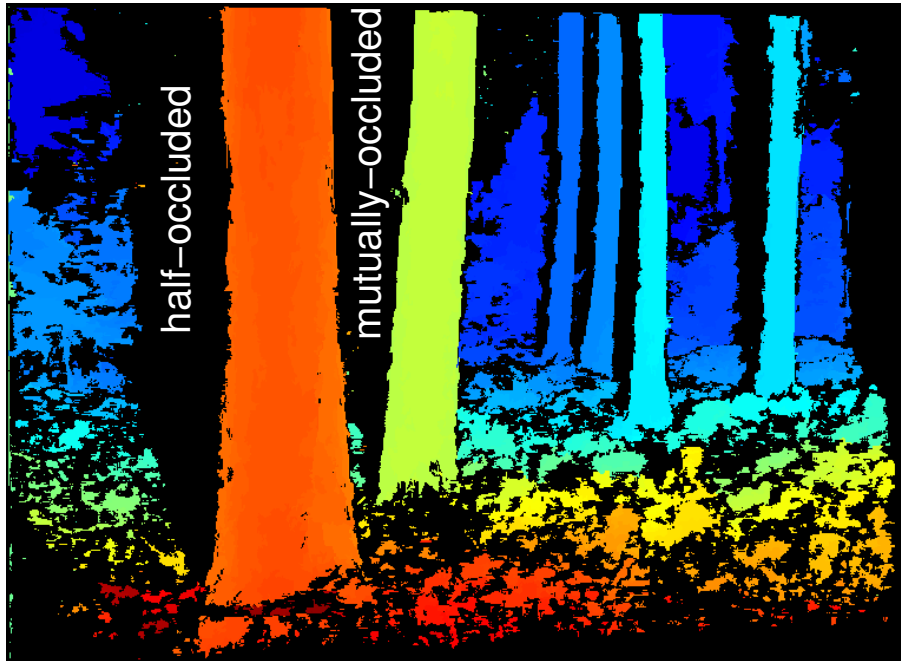






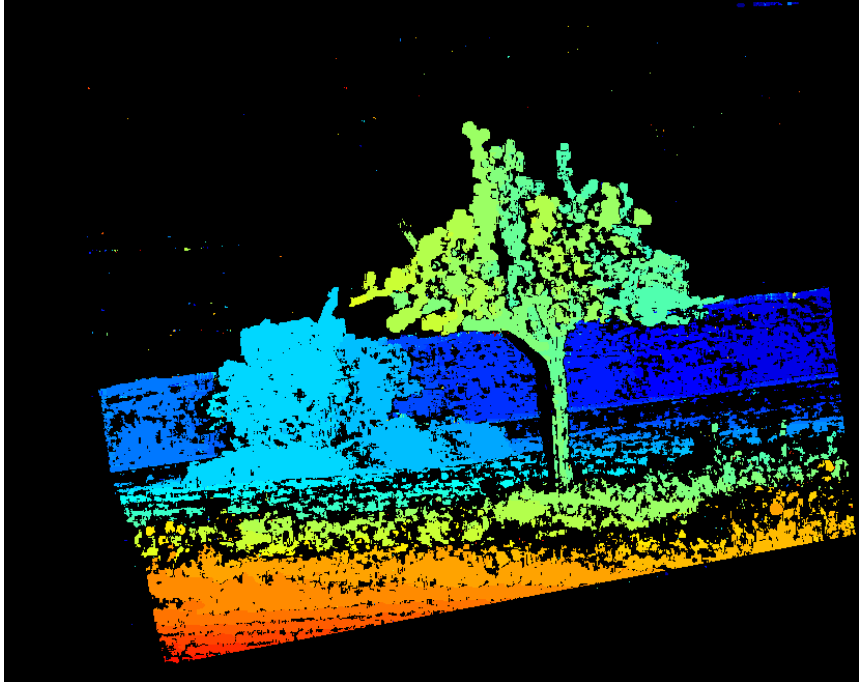


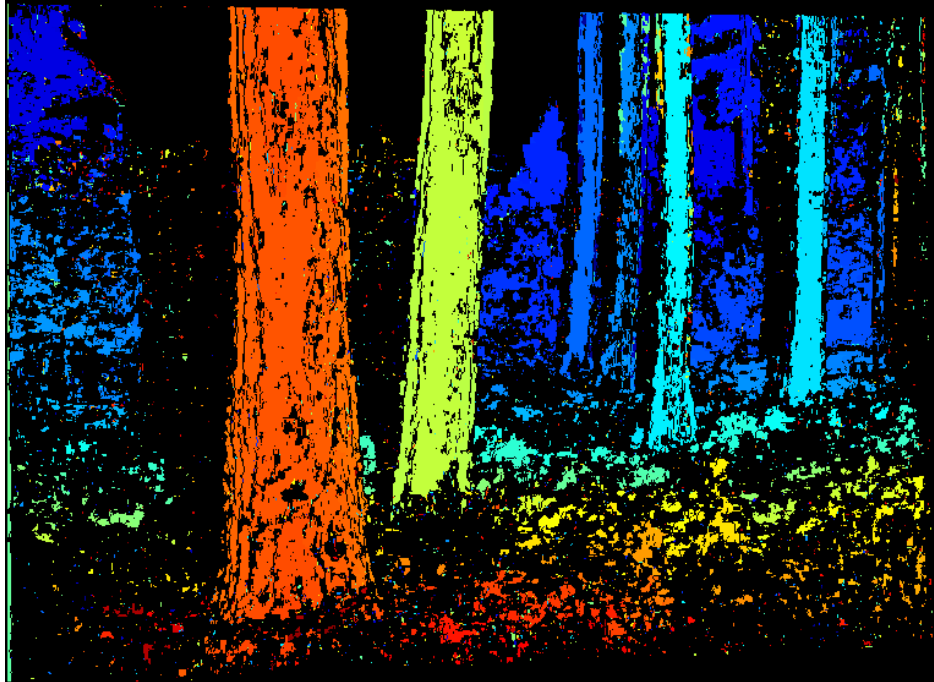




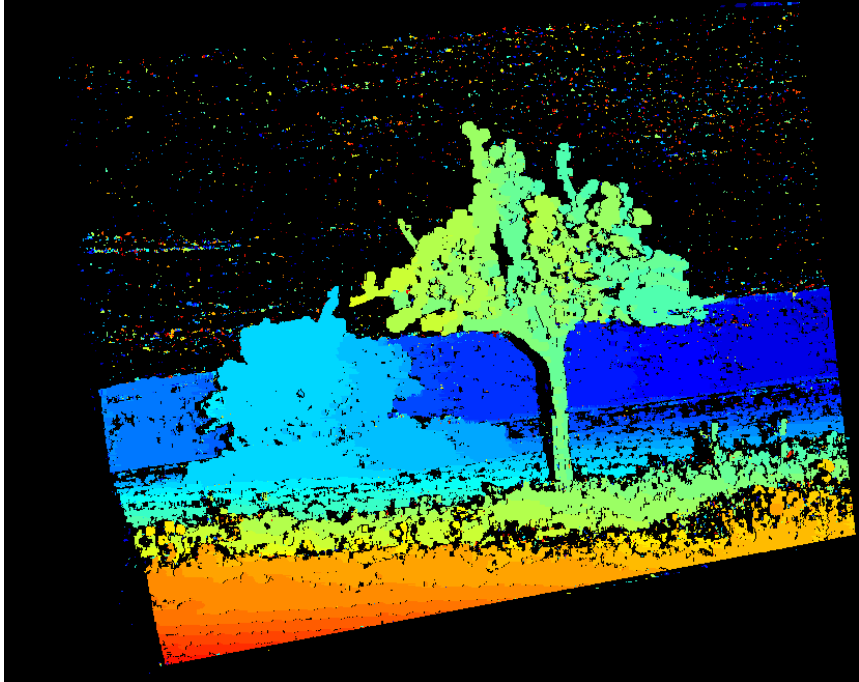
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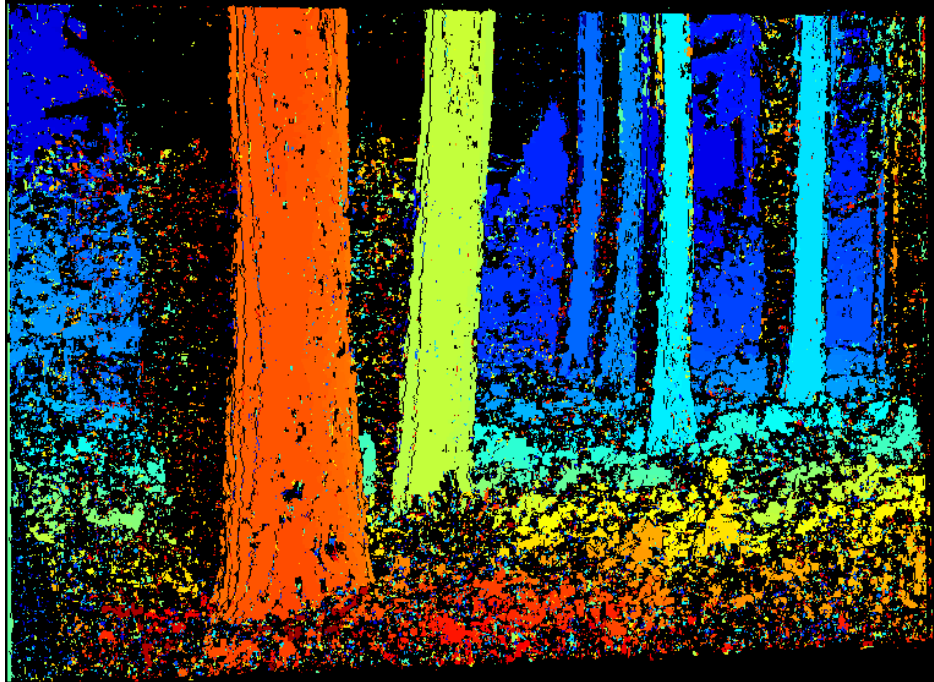
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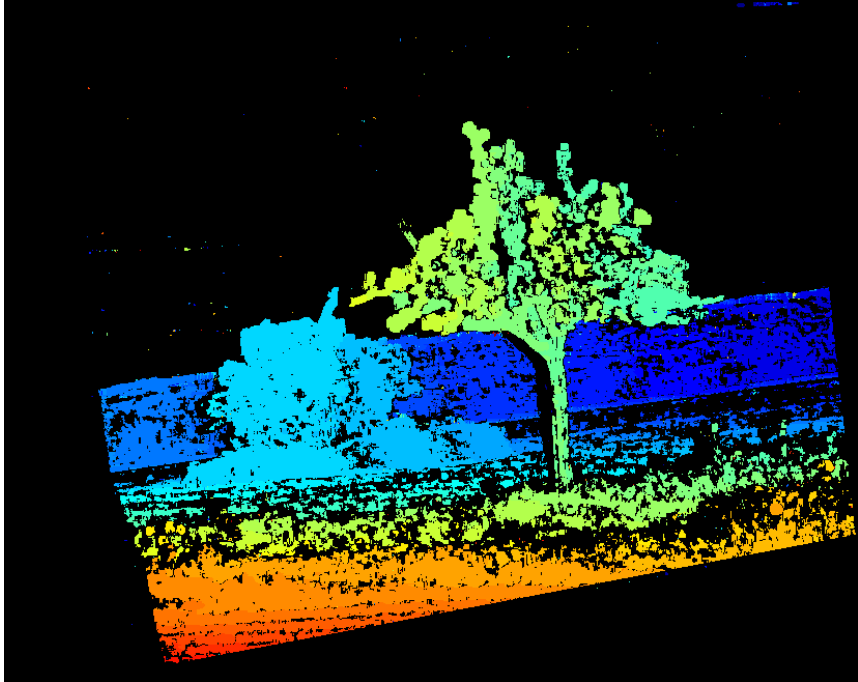


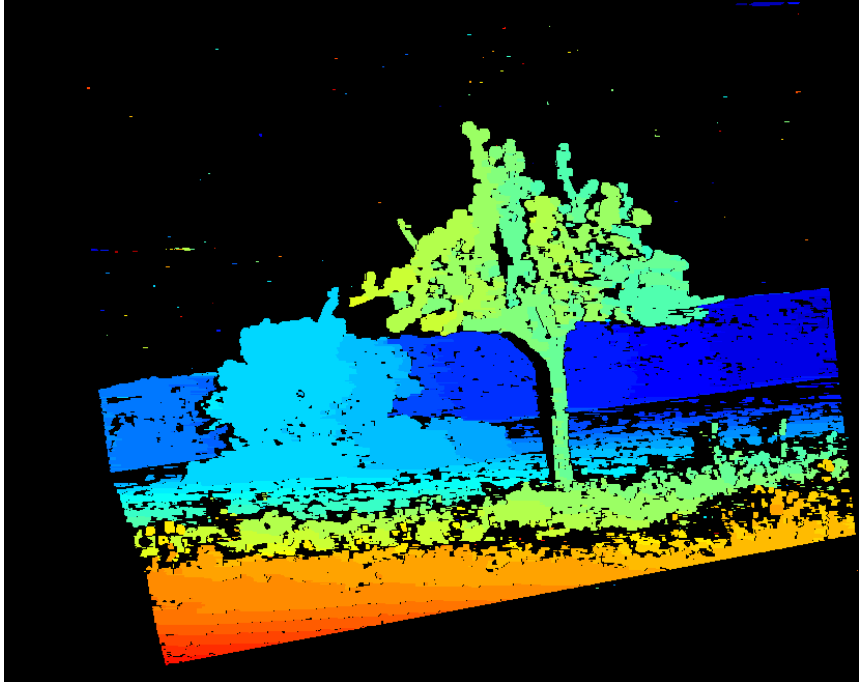


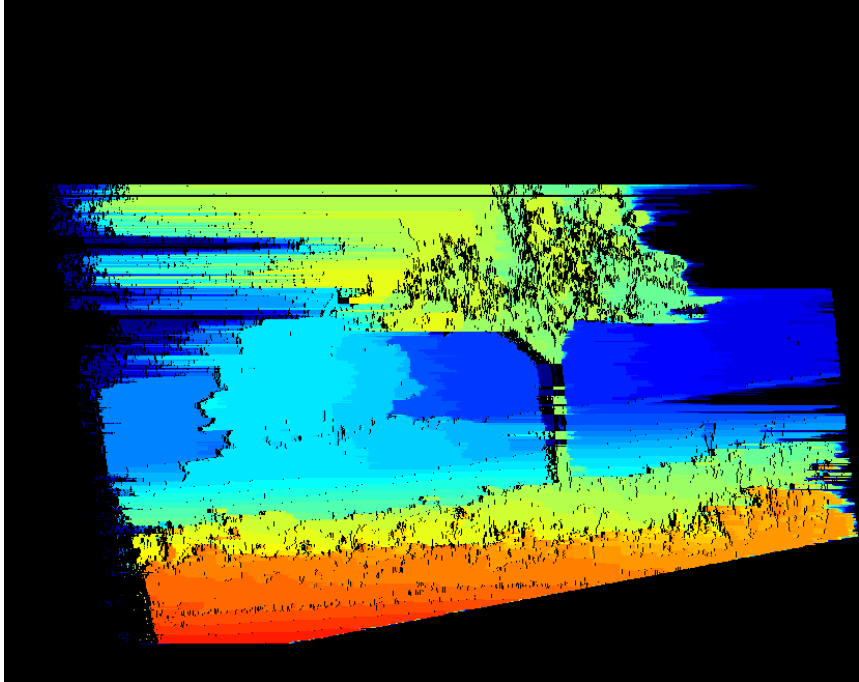


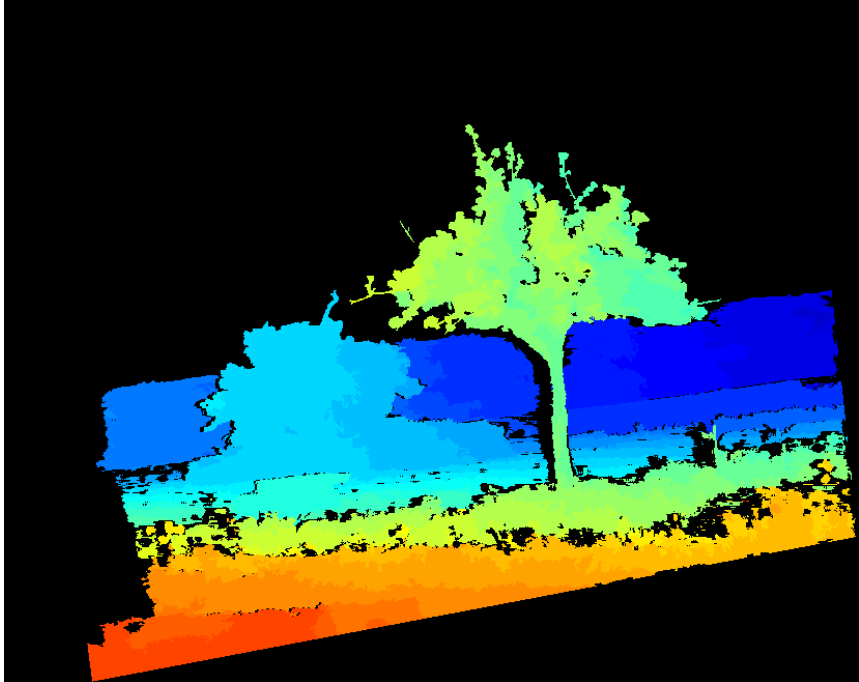






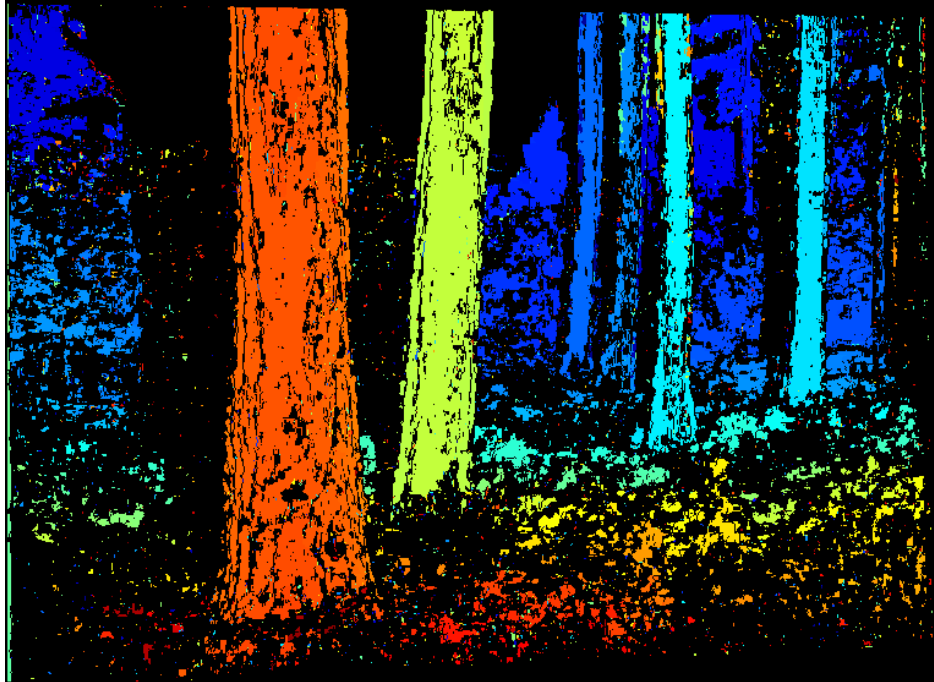


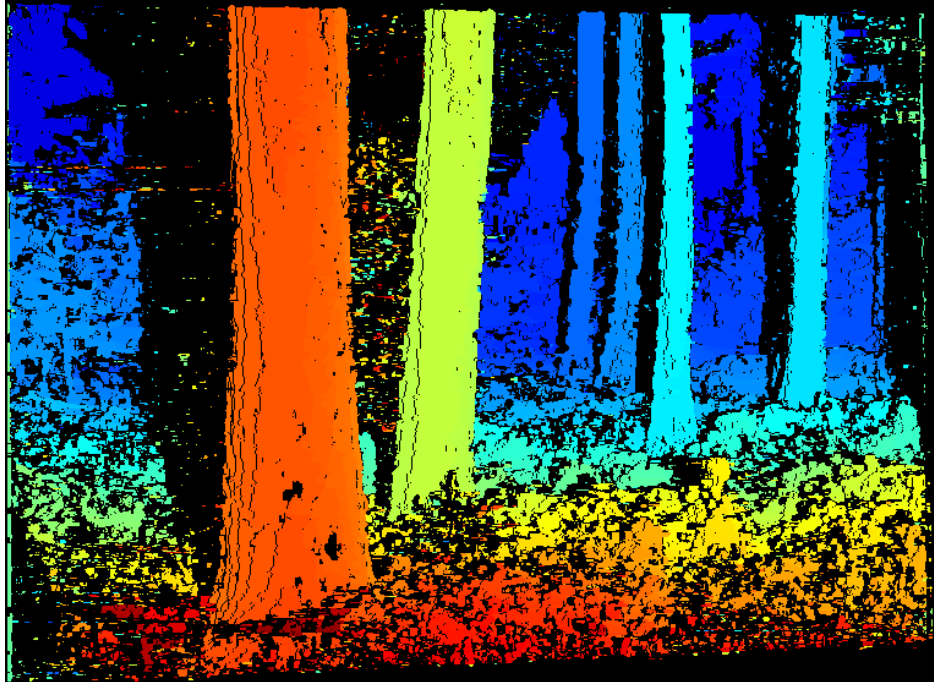


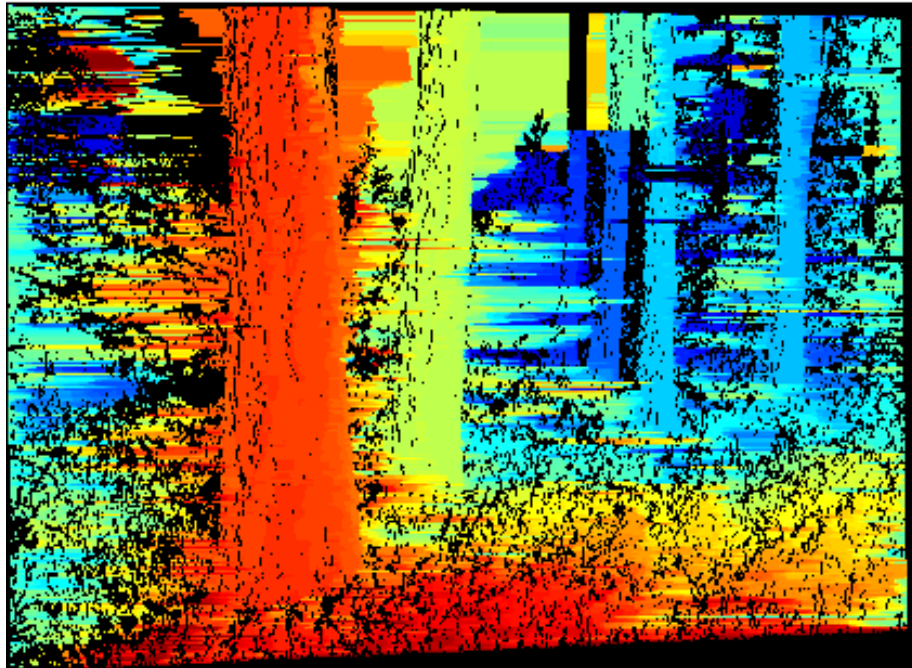


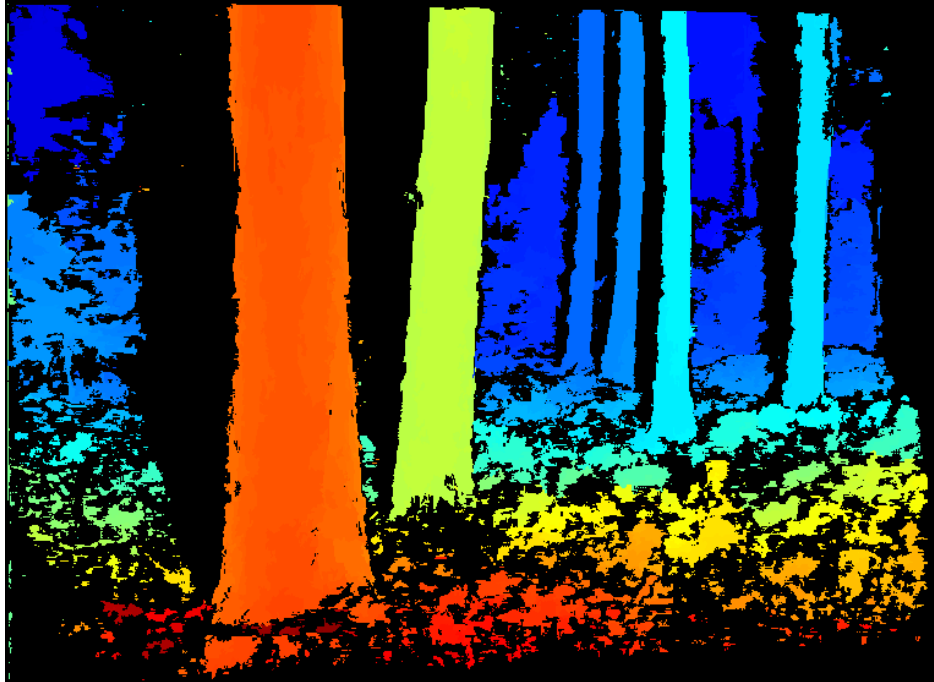












ROC curves and their average error rate bounds

