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Camera Pre-Calibration



Camera Model: Pinhole Camera

• The perspective projection is defined as

$$\mathbf{m} = P \cdot \mathbf{M} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{m}' = \mathbf{m}/\mathbf{m}_z$$
$$P = K[I|\mathbf{0}]G = K[R|\mathbf{t}]$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} -fk_u & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & -fk_v & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{r}_2^\top \\ \mathbf{r}_3^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

Intrinsic Matrix

Extrinsic Matrix

Pre-Calibration

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Pre-Calibration: Why?

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- **Input**: a photograph of a non-coplanar calibration with *m* 2D points with known 3D coordinates.
- **Output**: *K* of the camera.





$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}_1^\top \cdot \mathbf{M}_i - u_i \mathbf{p}_3^\top \cdot \mathbf{M}_i = 0\\ \mathbf{p}_2^\top \cdot \mathbf{M}_i - v_i \mathbf{p}_3^\top \cdot \mathbf{M}_i = 0 \end{cases}$$
$$\mathbf{m}_i = [u_i, v_i, 1]^\top \leftrightarrow \mathbf{M}_i = [x, y, z, 1]^\top$$

2D-3D matches

• This leads to a matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_i^\top & \mathbf{0} & -u_i \mathbf{M}_i^\top \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{M}_i^\top & v_i \mathbf{M}_i^\top \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

• For each point, we need to stack this equations obtaining a matrix *A*.

- We obtain a $2m \times 12$ linear system to solve.
- The minimum number of points to solve it is 6, but more points are required to have robust and stable solutions.

What's the problem with this method?

- DLT minimizes an algebraic error!
- It does not have geometric meaning!!
- Hang on, is it all wrong?
 - Nope, we can use it as input for a non-linear method.

DLT: Non-linear Refinement

The non-linear refinement minimizes (at least squares) the distance between 2D points of the image (**m**_i) and projected 3D points (**M**_i):

$$\arg\min_{P} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}_{1}^{\top} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{i}}{\mathbf{p}_{3}^{\top} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{i}} - u_{i} \right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}_{2}^{\top} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{i}}{\mathbf{p}_{3}^{\top} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{i}} - v_{i} \right)^{2}$$

Different methods for solving it; e.g., Nelder-Mead's method (MATLAB's fminsearch).

Now we have a nice matrix *P*...

- Let's recap:
 - *K* has to be upper-triangular.
 - *R* is orthogonal.

$$P = K[R|\mathbf{t}] = [K \cdot R|K \cdot \mathbf{t}] = [P'|\mathbf{p}_4]$$

- QR decomposition:
 - $A = O \cdot T$
 - where *O* is orthogonal and *T* is upper-triangular.
- In our case, we have:

$$P' = K \cdot R \to (P')^{-1} = R^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$$

• QR decomposition to *P*':

$$[P']_{QR} = O \cdot T$$

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$$R = O^{-1} \quad K = T^{-1}$$

• Note that there is a scale factor!

 The scale factor is due to the fact we do not know if are taking a shot to a large object from afar or to a small object in front of the camera!



Case 1



Case 2

- It makes sense to fix the scale in *K* because *R* has to be an orthogonal matrix!
- This affects also *t*!

How do we compute t?

How do we compute t? $\mathbf{t} = K^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_4$

• If we can have an "estimation" of *K* from camera parameters that are available in the camera specifications.

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & u_0 \\ a & b & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- What do we need?
 - Focal length of the camera in mm (f).
 - Resolution of the picture in pixels (w, h).
 - CCD/CMOS sensor size in mm (w_s , h_s).

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$$a = (f \times w) / w_s$$
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$$b = (f \times h) / h_s$$
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Assuming it in the center!

and what's about the radial distortion?

Estimating Radial Distortion

Let's start with simple radial distortion (i.e., only a coefficient):

$$\begin{cases} u' = (u - u_0) \cdot (1 + k_1 r_d^2) + u_0 \\ v' = (v - v_0) \cdot (1 + k_1 r_d^2) + v_0 \end{cases}$$

$$r_d^2 = \left(\frac{(u-u_0)}{\alpha_u}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{(v-v_0)}{\alpha_v}\right)^2 \quad \alpha_u = -f \cdot k_u \quad \alpha_u = -f \cdot k_v$$

• Can we solve it?

Estimating Radial Distortion

• We have only one unknown, which is linear; i.e., k_1 :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{u'-u}{(u-u_0)\cdot r_d^2} = k_1 \\ \frac{v'-v}{(v-v_0)\cdot r_d^2} = k_1 \end{cases}$$

 In theory, a single point is enough, but it is better to use more points to get a more robust solution. Homography

2D Transformations

- We can have different type of transformation (defined by a matrix) of 2D points:
 - Translation (2 degree of freedom [DoF]):
 - It preserves orientation.
 - Rigid/Euclidian (3 DoF); translation, and rotation:
 - It preserves lengths.
 - Similarity (4DoF); translation, rotation, and scaling:
 - It preserves angles.





2D Transformations

- Affine (6 degree of freedom [DoF]):
 - It reserves parallelism.
- Projective (8 DoF):
 - It preserves straight lines.


2D Transformations: Homography



 $\mathbf{m} \sim H \cdot \mathbf{M}$

• where H is a 3×3 non-singular matrix with 8 DoF.



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$$x' = \frac{h_{11}x_1 + h_{12}y_1 + h_{13}}{h_{31}x_1 + h_{32}y_1 + h_{33}}$$
$$y' = \frac{h_{21}x_1 + h_{22}y_1 + h_{23}}{h_{31}x_1 + h_{32}y_1 + h_{33}}$$

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Stacking multiple equations; one for each match (at least 5!)

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 $A \cdot \operatorname{vec}(H) = \mathbf{0}$ A is $2n \times 9$

- Again, we have minimized an algebraic error!!
- Technically speaking, we should run a non-linear optimization.

- **Input**: a set of *n* photographs of a checkboard or other patterns. From these, we have to extract *m* points in each photograph!
- **Output**: *K* of the camera, and [R|t] for each photographs.



A set of input images







- Assumption:
 - We have a set of photographs of a plane so Z is equal 0.
 - So we have 3D points defined as

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Zhang's Algorithm $\mathbf{m} = P \cdot \mathbf{M} =$ $= K \cdot \begin{bmatrix} R | \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} =$

$$\mathbf{m} = K \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2 \mathbf{r}_3 | \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = K \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2 | \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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It is a homography if $K \cdot [\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2 | \mathbf{t}] =$ $H = K \cdot [\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2 | \mathbf{t}]$ $H = K \cdot [\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2 | \mathbf{t}]$ $H = [\mathbf{h}_1 \quad \mathbf{h}_2 \quad \mathbf{h}_3]$

- Now that we know that we need homographies!
- What to do?
 - For each photograph we compute the homography *H* between photographed checkerboard corners and its model.



Model

Photograph

• Given that r_1 and r_2 are orthonormal, we have that:

$$\mathbf{h}_{1}^{\top} K^{-\top} K^{-1} \mathbf{h}_{2} = 0$$

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• If *n* images of the model plane are observed, by stacking *n* of such equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{12}^T \\ (\mathbf{v}_{11} - \mathbf{v}_{22})^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$$

• We obtain:

$$V \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$$

V is $2n \times 6$ matrix, so we need n > 2

• At this point, we can compute elements of *K* as

$$v_{0} = (B_{12}B_{13} - B_{11}B_{23})/(B_{11}B_{22} - B_{12}^{2})$$

$$\lambda = B_{33} - [B_{13}^{2} + v_{0}(B_{12}B_{13} - B_{11}B_{23})]/B_{11}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\lambda/B_{11}}$$

$$\beta = \sqrt{\lambda B_{11}/(B_{11}B_{22} - B_{12}^{2})}$$

$$c = -B_{12}\alpha^{2}\beta/\lambda$$

$$u_{0} = cv_{0}/\alpha - B_{13}\alpha^{2}/\lambda$$

Zhang's Algorithm: Camera Pose

• Furthermore, we can extract the pose as

$$\mathbf{r}_{1} = \lambda \cdot K^{-1}\mathbf{h}_{1}$$
$$\mathbf{r}_{2} = \lambda \cdot K^{-1}\mathbf{h}_{2}$$
$$\mathbf{r}_{3} = \mathbf{r}_{1} \times \mathbf{r}_{2}$$
$$\mathbf{t} = \lambda K^{-1}\mathbf{h}_{3}$$

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- From that solution, we can use a non-linear method for minimizing the following error:

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Zhang's Algorithm: Optical Distortion

- What's about the parameters for modeling the radial distortion?
- As before, first algebraic solution, and then a nonlinear solution.


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that's all folks!