Photogrammetry & Robotics Lab

Camera Extrinsics and Intrinsics

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Goal: Describe How a 3D Point is Mapped to a 2D Pixel Coord.



Goal: Describe How a Point is Mapped to a Pixel Coordinate

 $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$ pixel coordinate

world transformation coordinate

Coordinate Systems

- 1. World/object coordinate system
- 2. Camera coordinate system
- 3. Image plane coordinate system
- 4. Sensor coordinate system

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Extrinsic Parameters

- Describe the pose (pose = position and heading) of the camera with respect to the world
- Invertible transformation

How many parameters are needed?

6 parameters: 3 for the position + 3 for the heading

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Extrinsic Parameters

- Point $\mathcal P$ with coordinates in world coordinates

$$\boldsymbol{X}_{\mathcal{P}} = [X_{\mathcal{P}}, Y_{\mathcal{P}}, Z_{\mathcal{P}}]^{\mathsf{T}}$$

 Center O of the projection (origin of the camera coordinate system)

$$\boldsymbol{X}_O = [X_O, Y_O, Z_O]^\mathsf{T}$$

• X_O is sometimes also called Z or Z_O

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Transformation

 Translation between the origin of the world c.s. and the camera c.s.

 $\boldsymbol{X}_O = [X_O, Y_O, Z_O]^\mathsf{T}$

- Rotation R from S_o to S_k .
- In Euclidian coordinates this yields

 ${}^{k}\boldsymbol{X}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}} = \boldsymbol{R}(\boldsymbol{X}_{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}} - \boldsymbol{X}_{O})$

Transformation in H.C.

- In Euclidian coordinates ${}^{k}X_{P} = R(X_{P} X_{O})$
- Expressed in Homogeneous Coord.

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^{k} \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{P}} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^{\mathsf{T}} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{3} & -\mathbf{X}_{O} \\ \mathbf{0}^{\mathsf{T}} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{P}} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Euclidian
$$= \begin{bmatrix} R & -R\mathbf{X}_{O} \\ \mathbf{0}^{\mathsf{T}} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{P}} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Function
$$= \begin{bmatrix} R & -R\mathbf{X}_{O} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{P}} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$= \begin{bmatrix} R & -R\mathbf{X}_{O} \\ \mathbf{0}^{\mathsf{T}} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Intrinsic Parameters

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Mapping as a 3 Step Process

We split up the mapping into 3 steps

- 1. Ideal perspective projection to the image plane
- Mapping to the sensor coordinate system ("where the pixels are")
- 3. Compensation for the fact that the two previous mappings are idealized



Intrinsic Parameters

- The process of projecting points from the camera c.s. to the sensor c.s.
- Invertible transformations:
 - image plane to sensor
 - model deviations
- Not invertible: central projection



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Where Are We in the Process?



Ideal Perspective Projection

- Distortion-free lens
- All rays are straight lines and pass through the projection center. This point is the origin of the camera coordinate system S_k
- Focal point and principal point lie on the optical axis
- The distance from the camera origin to the image plane is the constant c

Image Coordinate System



Camera Constant

- Distance between the center of projection *O* and the principal point *H*
- Value is computed as part of the camera calibration
- Here: coordinate system with c < 0



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Ideal Perspective Projection

Through the intercept theorem, we obtain for the point \overline{P} projected onto the image plane the coordinates $[{}^{c}x_{\overline{P}}, {}^{c}y_{\overline{P}}]$





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Verify the Result

Ideal perspective projection is

$${}^{c}x_{\overline{\mathcal{P}}} = c \frac{{}^{k}X_{\mathcal{P}}}{{}^{k}Z_{\mathcal{P}}} \qquad {}^{c}y_{\overline{\mathcal{P}}} = c \frac{{}^{k}Y_{\mathcal{P}}}{{}^{k}Z_{\mathcal{P}}}$$

• Our results is



In Homogenous Coordinates

• We can express that in H.C.

$$\begin{bmatrix} & ^{k}U_{\overline{\mathcal{P}}} \\ & ^{k}V_{\overline{\mathcal{P}}} \\ & ^{k}W_{\overline{\mathcal{P}}} \\ & ^{k}T_{\overline{\mathcal{P}}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & c & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} & ^{k}X_{\mathcal{P}} \\ & ^{k}Y_{\mathcal{P}} \\ & ^{k}Z_{\mathcal{P}} \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and drop the 3rd coordinate (row)

$${}^{c}\mathbf{x}_{\overline{\mathcal{P}}} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^{c}u_{\overline{\mathcal{P}}} \\ {}^{c}v_{\overline{\mathcal{P}}} \\ {}^{c}w_{\overline{\mathcal{P}}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^{k}X_{\mathcal{P}} \\ {}^{k}Y_{\mathcal{P}} \\ {}^{k}Z_{\mathcal{P}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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In Homogenous Coordinates

Thus, we can write for any point

$${}^{c}\mathbf{x}_{\overline{\mathscr{P}}} = {}^{c}\mathsf{P}_{k} {}^{k}\mathbf{X}_{\mathscr{P}}$$

• with
$${}^{c}\mathsf{P}_{k} = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Assuming an Ideal Camera...

...leads us to the mapping using the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters

$$^{c}\mathbf{x} = \ ^{c}\mathsf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

with

$${}^{c}\mathsf{P} = {}^{c}\mathsf{P}_{k} {}^{k}\mathsf{H} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} R & -R\boldsymbol{X}_{O} \\ \boldsymbol{0}^{\mathsf{T}} & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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Notation

We can write the overall mapping as

$${}^{c}\mathsf{P} = {}^{c}\mathsf{K}[R| - R\boldsymbol{X}_{O}] = {}^{c}\mathsf{K} R [I_{3}| - \boldsymbol{X}_{O}]$$

short for
$$[I_{3}| - \boldsymbol{X}_{O}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -X_{O} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -Y_{O} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -Z_{O} \end{bmatrix}$$

Calibration Matrix

We can now define the calibration matrix for the ideal camera ${}^{c}\mathsf{K} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$ • We can write the overall mapping as ^c $\mathsf{P} = {}^{c}\mathsf{K}[R| - RX_{O}] = {}^{c}\mathsf{K} R[I_{3}| - X_{O}]$ 3x4 matrices 30 Calibration Matrix ${}^{c}\mathsf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ We have the projection $^{c}\mathsf{P} = ^{c}\mathsf{K} R \left[I_{3}\right] - X_{O}$ • that maps a point to the image plane $^{c}\mathbf{x} = {}^{c}\mathsf{K}R[I_{3}] - X_{O}]\mathbf{X}$ • and yields for the coordinates of ^cx $\begin{bmatrix} c & u' \\ c & v' \\ c & w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X - X_O \\ Y - Y_O \\ Z - Z_O \end{bmatrix}$ 32



Location of the Principal Point

- The origin of the sensor system is not at the principal point
- Compensation through a shift



Calibration Matrix

Often, the transformation ${}^{s}H_{c}$ is combined with the calibration matrix ${}^{c}K$, i.e.

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{K} &\doteq {}^{s}\mathsf{H}_{c} {}^{c}\mathsf{K} \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & s & x_{H} \\ 0 & 1+m & y_{H} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc} c & cs & x_{H} \\ 0 & c(1+m) & y_{H} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{split}$$

Sheer and Scale Difference

- Scale difference m in x and y
- Sheer compensation s (for digital cameras, we typically have $s \approx 0$)

$${}^{s}\mathsf{H}_{c} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & s & x_{H} \\ 0 & 1+m & y_{H} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Finally, we obtain

$${}^{s}\mathbf{x} = {}^{s}\mathsf{H}_{c} {}^{c}\mathsf{K}\mathsf{R}[\mathbf{I}_{3}| - \mathbf{X}_{O}]\mathbf{X}$$

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Calibration Matrix

This calibration matrix is an affine transformation

$$\mathsf{K} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} c & cs & x_H \\ 0 & c(1+m) & y_H \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

- contains 5 parameters:
 - camera constant: c
 - principal point: x_H, y_H
 - scale difference: m
 - sheer: s

DLT: Direct Linear Transform DLT: Direct Linear Transform • The mapping $\chi = \mathcal{P}(\chi)$: $\mathbf{x} = \mathsf{P}\mathbf{X}$ The homogeneous projection matrix • with $P = KR[I_3| - X_O]$ $\mathsf{P} = \mathsf{K} \mathsf{R}[I_3| - \mathbf{X}_O]$ contains 11 parameters and $K = \begin{bmatrix} c & cs & x_H \\ 0 & c(1+m) & y_H \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ • 6 extrinsic parameters: R, X_O • 5 intrinsic parameters: c, x_H, y_H, m, s is called the direct linear transform It is the model of the affine camera • Affine camera = camera with an affine mapping to the sensor c.s. (after the central projection is applied)₄₁ 42 **DLT: Direct Linear Transform** The homogeneous projection matrix $\mathsf{P} = \mathsf{K} \mathsf{R}[I_3| - \mathbf{X}_O]$ • contains 11 parameters **Non-Linear Errors** • 6 extrinsic parameters: R, X_{O} • 5 intrinsic parameters: c, x_H, y_H, m, s Euclidian world: ${}^{s}x = \frac{p_{11}X + p_{12}Y + p_{13}Z + p_{14}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}}$ ${}^{s}y = \frac{p_{21}X + p_{22}Y + p_{23}Z + p_{24}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}}$ 43 44



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- The real world is non-linear
- Reasons for non-linear errors
 - Imperfect lens
 - Planarity of the sensor



Location-dependent shift in the sensor coordinate system

- Individual shift for each pixel
- General mapping



Example



Left:not straight line preserving Right: rectified image

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General Mapping in H.C.

General mapping yields

$${}^{a}\mathbf{x} = {}^{a}\mathsf{H}_{s}(oldsymbol{x}){}^{s}\mathbf{x}$$

with

$${}^{a}\mathsf{H}_{s}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & \Delta x(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{q}) \\ 0 & 1 & \Delta y(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{q}) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

so that the overall mapping becomes

 $^{a}\mathbf{x} = {}^{a}\mathsf{H}_{s}(\boldsymbol{x})\;\mathsf{K}R[I_{3}|-\boldsymbol{X}_{O}]\mathbf{X}$

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General Calibration Matrix

 General calibration matrix is obtained by combining the one of the affine camera with the general mapping

$${}^{a}\mathsf{K}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{q}) = {}^{a}\mathsf{H}_{s}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{q})\mathsf{K}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} c & cs & x_{H} + \Delta x(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{q}) \\ 0 & c(1+m) & y_{H} + \Delta y(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{q}) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• resulting in the general camera model ${}^{a}\mathbf{x} = {}^{a}\mathsf{P}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{q}) \mathbf{X}$ ${}^{a}\mathsf{P}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{q}) = {}^{a}\mathsf{K}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{q}) R[I| - \boldsymbol{X}_{O}]$

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Approaches for Modeling ${}^{a}\mathsf{H}_{s}(\boldsymbol{x})$

Large number of different approaches to model the non-linear errors

Physics approach

- Well motivated
- There are large number of reasons for non-linear errors ...

Phenomenological approaches

- Just model the effects
- Easier but do not identify the problem





Inversion Step 2: ${}^{s}\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}$

- Starting from $\lambda \mathbf{x} = \mathsf{K} R \boldsymbol{X} \mathsf{K} R \boldsymbol{X}_O$
- we obtain
 - $\boldsymbol{X} = (\mathsf{K}R)^{-1}\mathsf{K}R\boldsymbol{X}_O + \lambda(\mathsf{K}R)^{-1}\mathbf{x}$ = $\boldsymbol{X}_O + \lambda(\mathsf{K}R)^{-1}\mathbf{x}$

• The term $\lambda(KR)^{-1}x$ describes the direction of the ray from the camera origin X_O to the 3D point X

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Classification of Cameras

extrinsic parameters

 $X_0 \atop (X,Y,Z)$

normalized

Example: pinhole camera for which the principal point is the origin of the image coordinate system, the x- and y-axis of the image coordinate system is aligned with the x-/y-axis of the world c.s. and the distance between the origin and the image plane is 1

Classification of Cameras

extrinsic parameters			intrinsic pa	S	
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Classification of Cameras

extrinsic

parameters

$egin{array}{c} m{X}_0 \ (X,Y,Z) \end{array}$	$\mathop{\pmb{R}}_{(\omega,\phi,\kappa)}$	
normalized		
unit camera		

Example: pinhole camera for which the principal point (x, y) is the origin of the image coordinate system and the distance between the origin and the image plane is 1

Classification of Cameras

extrinsic parameters		intrinsic	parameters	
$egin{array}{c} m{X}_0 \ (X,Y,Z) \end{array}$	$\mathop{\pmb{R}}\limits_{(\omega,\phi,\kappa)}$	c		
normalized				
unit camera				
ideal camera				

Example: pinhole camera for which the x/y coordinate of the principal point is the origin of the image coordinate system

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Classification of Cameras

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normalized					
unit camera					
ideal camera					
Euclidian ca	mera				
affine came	ra				

Example: camera that preserves straight lines

Classification of Cameras

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normalized				
unit camera				
ideal camera				
Euclidian camera				

Example: pinhole camera using a Euclidian sensor in the image plane

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Classification of Cameras

extrinsic parameters			intrinsic pa	S	
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normalized					
unit camera	1				
ideal camera					
Euclidian ca	imera				
affine came	ra				
general camera					

Example: camera with non-linear distortions 68

Calibration Matrices

camera	calibration matrix	#parameters
unit	${}^{0}K = \left[\begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$	6 (6+0)
ideal	${}^{k}K = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$	7 (6+1)
Euclidian	${}^{p}K = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} c & 0 & x_{H} \\ 0 & c & y_{H} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$	9 (6+3)
affine	$K = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} c & cs & x_H \\ 0 & c(1+m) & y_H \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$	11 (6+5)
general	${}^{a}K = \begin{bmatrix} c & cs & x_{H} + \Delta x \\ 0 & c(1+m) & y_{H} + \Delta y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$] 11+N
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Calibrated Camera

- If the intrinsics are unknown, we call the camera uncalibrated
- If the intrinsics are known, we call the camera calibrated
- The process of obtaining the intrinsics is called camera calibration
- If the intrinsics are known and do not change, the camera is called metric camera

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Summary

- We described the mapping from the world c.s. to individual pixels (sensor)
- Extrinsics = world to camera c.s.
- **Intrinsics** = camera to sensor c.s.
- DLT = Direct linear transform
- Non-linear errors
- Inversion of the mapping process

Summary of the Mapping



Literature

- Förstner & Wrobel, Photogrammetric Computer Vision, Chapter "Geometry of the Single Image", 11.1.1 – 11.1.6
- Förstner, Scriptum Photogrammetrie I, Chapter "Einbild-Photogrammetrie", subsections 1 & 2

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