Photogrammetry & Robotics Lab

Camera Calibration: Direct Linear Transform

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Estimating Camera Parameters Given the Geometry



3D Point to Pixel: Estimating the Parameters of P

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

transworld formation coordinate

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Estimate Ex- and Intrinsics

- Wanted: Extrinsic and intrinsic parameters of a camera
- Given: Coordinates of object points (control points)
- **Observed:** Coordinates (x, y) of those known 3D object points in the image

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$$\mathbf{x}_{3\times 1} = \mathbf{K}_{3\times 3} \mathbf{R}_{3\times 3} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I_3 & | -\mathbf{X}_O \\ 3\times 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{3\times 4} \mathbf{X}_{3\times 4}$$
$$= \mathbf{P}_{3\times 4} \mathbf{X}_{4\times 1}$$

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Camera Parameters

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathsf{K} \mathsf{R}[I_3| - \mathbf{X}_O] \mathbf{X} = \mathsf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

Intrinsics

- Camera-internal parameters
- Given through K

Extrinsics

- Pose parameters of the camera
- Given through $oldsymbol{X}_O$ and $oldsymbol{R}$
- Projection matrix P = KR[I₃| X_O] contains both, the in- and extrinsics

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How Many Points Are Needed?

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathsf{P} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each point gives **two** observation equations, one for each image coordinate

$$x = \frac{p_{11}X + p_{12}Y + p_{13}Z + p_{14}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}}$$
$$y = \frac{p_{21}X + p_{22}Y + p_{23}Z + p_{24}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}}$$

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DLT: Direct Linear Transform

Computing the Orientation of an Uncalibrated Camera Using ≥ 6 Known Points

Spatial Resection vs. DLT

Calibrated camera

- 6 unknowns
- We need at least 3 points
- Problem solved by spatial resection

Uncalibrated camera

- 11 unknowns
- We need at least 6 points
- Assuming the model of an affine camera
- Problem solved by DLT

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DLT: Problem Specification

- Task: Estimate the 11 elements of P
- Given:
 - 3D coordinates \mathbf{X}_i of $I \ge 6$ object points
 - Observed image coordinates x_i of an uncalibrated camera with the mapping

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathsf{P} \mathbf{X}_i \qquad i = 1, \dots, I$$

Data association



Rearrange the DLT Equation

$$\mathbf{x}_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{i} \\ y_{i} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{i} \\ v_{i} \\ w_{i} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i} \\ \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i} \\ \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_i = \frac{u_i}{w_i} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_i} \qquad y_i = \frac{v_i}{w_i} = \frac{\mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_i}$$

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Estimating the Elements of P

 Collect the elements of P within a parameter vector p

$$\boldsymbol{p} = (p_k) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix} = \operatorname{vec}(\mathsf{P}^{\mathsf{T}})$$
rows of P as
column-vectors,
one below the
other (12x1)

Rearrange the DLT Equation

$$x_{i} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i}}{\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_{i} \, \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i} - \mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i} = 0$$
$$y_{i} = \frac{\mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i}}{\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y_{i} \, \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i} - \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_{i} = 0$$

Leads to an system of equation, which is **linear in the parameters** A, B and C

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{A} + x_{i} \mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{C} = 0$$
$$-\mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{B} + y_{i} \mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{C} = 0$$

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Estimating the Elements of P

• Rewrite
$$-\mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{A}$$
 $+x_{i}\mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{C} = 0$
 $-\mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{B}$ $+y_{i}\mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{C} = 0$
• as $a_{x_{i}}^{\mathsf{T}}p = 0$
 $a_{y_{i}}^{\mathsf{T}}p = 0$





Estimating the Elements of P

For each point, we have

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{x_i}^\mathsf{T} \boldsymbol{p} = 0$$

 $\boldsymbol{a}_{y_i}^\mathsf{T} \boldsymbol{p} = 0$

Stacking everything together

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{x_1} \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_1}^\mathsf{T} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_{x_i}^\mathsf{T} \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_i}^\mathsf{T} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_{x_I}^\mathsf{T} \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_I}^\mathsf{T} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} = \underbrace{\mathsf{M}}_{2I \times 12} \underbrace{\mathbf{p}}_{12 \times 1} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

Verifying Correctness



Solving the Linear System (Homogeneous System => SVD)

- Solving a system of linear equations of the form $A \ x = 0$ is equivalent to finding the null space of A
- Thus, we can apply the SVD to solve M $p \stackrel{!}{=} 0$
- Choose p as the singular vector belonging to the singular value of 0

Redundant Observations

- In case of redundant observations, we will have contradictions $(Mp \neq 0)$:

 $\mathsf{M} p = w$

Find p such that it minimizes



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Obtaining the Projection Matrix

• Choosing $p = v_{12}$ minimizes Ω and thus is our estimate of P:



Does this always work?

Redundant Observations

Singular value decomposition (SVD)

$$\mathsf{M}_{2I\times 12} = \bigcup_{2I\times 12} \mathsf{S}_{12\times 12} \mathsf{V}^{\mathsf{T}}_{12\times 12} = \sum_{i=1}^{12} s_i \boldsymbol{u}_i \boldsymbol{v}_i^{\mathsf{T}}$$

• Choosing $p = v_{12}$ (the singular vector belonging to the smallest singular value s_{12}) minimizes Ω

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Critical Surfaces

- M is of rank 11, if
 - Number of points ≥ 6
 - Assumption: no gross errors
- No solution, if all points X_i are located on a plane





Decomposition of P

 $\mathsf{H} = \mathsf{K} \mathsf{R} \qquad \mathbf{h} = -\mathsf{K} \mathsf{R} \mathbf{X}_O$

We get the projection center through

 $\boldsymbol{X}_O = -\mathsf{H}^{-1}\,\mathbf{h}$

Decomposition of P

H = KR $h = -KRX_O$

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Rotation matrix:

- Let's look to the structure H = KR
- What do we know about the matrices?

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Rotation matrix:

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- K is a triangular matrix
- R is a rotation matrix

Is there a matrix decomposition into a rotation matrix and a triangular on? **QR-decomposition**

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 $\mathsf{H} = \mathsf{K} R \qquad \mathbf{h} = -\mathsf{K} R \mathbf{X}_O$

- We perform this for H⁻¹ given the order of rotation and triangular matrix
- QR decomposition of H⁻¹ yields rotation and calibration matrix

$$H^{-1} = (K R)^{-1} = R^{-1} K^{-1} = R^{T} K^{-1}$$

Decomposition of P

- The matrix H = KR is homogenous
- Thus, is the calibration matrix
- Due to homogeneity normalize

$$K \leftarrow rac{1}{\mathsf{K}_{33}}\mathsf{K}$$

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Decomposition of P

- Decomposition H⁻¹ = R^T K⁻¹ results in K with **positive** diagonal elements
- To get negative camera constant, choose

$$\mathsf{K} \leftarrow \mathsf{K} \mathsf{R}(z, \pi) \qquad \mathsf{R} \leftarrow \mathsf{R}(z, \pi) \mathsf{R}$$

using

$$R(z,\pi) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & -1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

decomposition still holds
$$H = KR(z, \pi) R(z, \pi)R = KR$$

DLT in a Nutshell

1. Build the M for the linear system

$$\mathsf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{x_1}^{\star} \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_1}^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \cdots \\ \mathbf{a}_{x_I}^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_I}^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{M} \ \mathbf{p} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \\ \uparrow \\ \mathsf{2Ix12} \quad \mathsf{12x1} \end{array}$$

with

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_{x_i}^\mathsf{T} &= (-X_i, \, -Y_i, \, -Z_i, \, -1, 0, \, 0, \, 0, \, 0, \, x_i X_i, \, x_i Y_i, \, x_i Z_i, \, x_i) \\ \mathbf{a}_{y_i}^\mathsf{T} &= (0, \, 0, \, 0, \, 0, \, -X_i, \, -Y_i, \, -Z_i, \, -1, \, y_i X_i, \, y_i Y_i, \, y_i Z_i, \, y_i) \end{aligned}$$

DLT in a Nutshell

2. Solve by SVD $M = U S V^T$ Solution is last column of V

 $m{p} = m{v}_{12} \; \Rightarrow \; \mathsf{P} = \left[egin{array}{cccc} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{array}
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Discussion DLT

- We realize $P \leftrightarrow (K, R, X_O)$ both ways
- We are free to choose sign of *c*
- Solution is instable if the control points lie approximately on a plane
- Solution is statistically not optimal (no uncertainties of point coordinates)

DLT in a Nutshell

3. If individual parameters are needed

 $P = KR [I_3| - X_O] = [H|h]$ $X_O = -H^{-1}h$ $QR(H^{-1}) = R^T K^{-1}$ $R \leftarrow R(z, \pi)R$ $K \leftarrow \frac{1}{K_{33}}KR(z, \pi)$

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Summary

- Direct linear transforms estimates the intrinsic and extrinsic of a camera
- Computes the parameters for the mapping of the uncalibrated camera
- Requires at least 6 known control points in 3D
- Direct solution (no initial guess)

Literature

- Förstner & Wrobel, Photogrammetric Computer Vision, Chapter 11.2
- Förstner, Scriptum Photogrammetrie I, Chapter 13.3

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