

Stereo and 3D Reconstruction

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Definitions



• Camera geometry (=*motion*)

— Given corresponded points on ≥2 views, what are the poses of the cameras?

- Correspondence geometry (=correspondence)
 - Given a point in one view, what are the constraints of its position in another view?
- Scene geometry (=*structure*)
 - Given corresponded points on ≥2 views and the camera poses, what is the 3D location of the points?

Stereo: Ray Triangulation scene point optical center optical center image plane

(Ray) Triangulation: compute reconstruction as intersection of two rays

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Do two lines intersect in 3D?

If so, how do you compute their intersection?



Stereo: Ray Triangulation



Equations for the intersection:

$$(p_1 - p_2) \cdot (p_a - p_b) = 0$$

$$(p_3 - p_4) \cdot (p_a - p_b) = 0$$

$$p_b = p_1 + s(p_2 - p_1)$$

$$p_a = p_3 + t(p_4 - p_3)$$

Solve for *s* and *t*, compute *p*:

$$s = \dots$$

$$t = \dots$$

$$p = 0.5(p_a + p_b)$$



 We need to transform "left frame" to "right frame" – includes a rotation and translation:

$$\widetilde{x}_R = R \ \widetilde{x}_L + t_{LR}$$



Camera Geometry

In matrix notation, we can write $\widetilde{x}_R = R \ \widetilde{x}_L + t_{LR}$ as:

$$\widetilde{x}_{L} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{L} \\ y_{L} \\ z_{L} \end{bmatrix} \quad \widetilde{x}_{R} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{R} \\ y_{R} \\ z_{R} \end{bmatrix} \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad t_{LR} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{14} \\ r_{24} \\ r_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$



Camera Geometry

In matrix notation, we can write $\widetilde{x}_R = R \ \widetilde{x}_L + t_{LR}$ as:

$$r_{11} x_L + r_{12} y_L + r_{13} z_L + r_{14} = x_R$$

$$r_{21} x_L + r_{22} y_L + r_{23} z_L + r_{24} = y_R$$

$$r_{31} x_L + r_{32} y_L + r_{33} z_L + r_{34} = z_R$$

Camera Geometry: Orthonormality Constraints



(a) Rows of R are perpendicular vectors

$$r_{11} r_{21} + r_{12} r_{22} + r_{13} r_{23} = 0$$

$$r_{21} r_{31} + r_{22} r_{32} + r_{23} r_{33} = 0$$

$$r_{11} r_{31} + r_{12} r_{32} + r_{13} r_{33} = 0$$

(b) Each row of R is a unit vector

$$r_{11}^{2} + r_{12}^{2} + r_{13}^{2} = 1$$

$$r_{21}^{2} + r_{22}^{2} + r_{23}^{2} = 1$$

$$r_{31}^{2} + r_{32}^{2} + r_{33}^{2} = 1$$

NOTE: Constraints are NON-LINEAR!



Camera Geometry: Problem Definition

scene



Problem:

Given $\widetilde{x}_L \quad \widetilde{x}_R$'s

Find R $t_{LR} \implies (r_{11}, r_{12}, ..., r_{34})$ subject to (nonlinear) constraints



Problem: same image coords can be generated by doubling $\tilde{x}_L \ \tilde{x}_R \ \tilde{t}_{LR}$ thus, we can find \tilde{t}_{LR} only up to a scale factor!

Solution: fix scale by using constraint: $\tilde{t}_{LR} \cdot \tilde{t}_{LR} = 1$ (1 additional equation)





Each scene point gives 3 equations:

 $r_{11} x_L + r_{12} y_L + r_{13} z_L + r_{14} = x_R$ $r_{21} x_L + r_{22} y_L + r_{23} z_L + r_{24} = y_R$ $r_{31} x_L + r_{32} y_L + r_{33} z_L + r_{34} = z_R$

and 6+1 additional equations from orthonormality of rotation matrix constraints and scale constraint.

Thus, for *n* scene points, we have (3n + 6 + 1) equations and 12 unknowns

What is the minimum value for *n*?

Camera Geometry: Solving an Over-determined System



Generally, more than 3 points are used to find the 12 unknowns

Formulate error for scene point *i* as:

$$e_i = (R \ \widetilde{x}_L + t_{LR}) - \widetilde{x}_R$$

Find $R \& t_{LR}$ that minimize: $E = \sum_{i=1}^{N} |e_i|^2 + [\lambda_1 (R^T R - I) + \lambda_2 (t_{LR} \cdot t_{LR} - 1)]$

Camera Geometry: A Linear Estimation



Assume a near correct rotation is known. Then an orthogonal rotation matrix looks like:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\omega_z & \omega_y \\ \omega_z & 1 & -\omega_x \\ -\omega_y & \omega_x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where ω is the 3D rotation axis and its length is the amount by which to rotate

Using this matrix, iteratively and linearly solve for ω 's and t_{LR} :

$$(R \ \widetilde{x}_L + t_{LR}) - \widetilde{x}_R = 0$$

Limitations:

- 1. ignores normality/scale (fix by re-scaling each iteration)
- 2. assumes good initial guess

How many equations/scene-points are needed?

6 unknowns, 3 equations per scene point, so \geq 2 points



Correspondence









Epipolar Constraint: reduces correspondence problem to 1D search along *conjugate epipolar lines*



Epipolar Constraint: can be expressed using the *fundamental matrix* F





converging cameras









motion parallel with image plane









Forward motion







Correspondence reduced to looking in a small neighborhood of a line...



Fundamental Matrix



How to compute the fundamental matrix?

- 1. geometric explanation...
- 2. algebraic explanation...





Thus, there is a mapping $x \rightarrow l'$ $\uparrow \qquad \uparrow$ point line





How do you map a point to a line?





Idea:

- We know (x')'s are in a plane
- Define a line by its "perpendicular", then we can use dot product; e.g., $x' \cdot l' = 0$ or $(x' c') \cdot l' = 0$





What is a definition of l' as perpendicular to the pictured epipolar line?

$$l' = (e' - c') \times (x' - c') \quad \longrightarrow \quad l' = e' \times x'$$

(assume all in canonical frame of the right-side camera)



$$l' = e' \times x'$$

Cross product can be expressed using matrix notation:

$$e' \times x' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -e'_{z} & e'_{y} \\ e'_{z} & 0 & -e'_{x} \\ -e'_{y} & e'_{x} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x'_{x} \\ x'_{y} \\ x'_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e' \times x' = [e']_{\times} x'$$

$$l' = [e']_{\times} x'$$



How do you compute x'?

Use a homography (or projective transformation) to map x to x'

(Homography: maps points in a plane to another plane)

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_x \\ x_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x' = \begin{bmatrix} w'x'_x \\ w'x'_y \\ w' \end{bmatrix}, H = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & \ddots \\ \ddots & \ddots \\ \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x' = Hx$$







Fundamental Matrix: Algebraic Exp.





Fundamental Matrix: Algebraic Exp.

$$x = PX \qquad X' = ?$$

 $X(t) = P^+x + tc$ where P^+ is the pseudoinverse of P

Why pseudoinverse? Since P not square, pseudoinverse means $PP^+ = I$ but solved as an optimization

Recall $l' = [e']_{\times} x'$

What is x' in terms of x?

(Let's assume t = 0 which means X in on the image plane)

$$x' = \mathcal{P}'P^+x \implies F = [e']_{\times} \mathcal{P}'P^+ \implies x'^T F x = 0$$

Epipolar Constraint



Epipolar constraint reduces correspondence problem to 1D search along *conjugate epipolar lines*





Interesting case: what happens if camera motion is pure translation?



 $P = [I \mid 0] \quad P' = [I \mid t]$ $F = \begin{bmatrix} e' \end{bmatrix} \quad (H = I)$

If motion parallel to x-axis...

Thus the desire to do image rectification

$$e' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$
$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
implies horizontal epipolar line...



Correspondence: Epipolar Geometry



Thus for rectified images, correspondence is reduced to looking in a small neighborhood of a line...

Essential Matrix



 Similar to the fundamental matrix but includes the intrinsic calibration matrix, thus the equation is in terms of the normalized image coordinates, e.g.:

$$x'^T Ex = 0$$
 and $E = K'^T FK$
essential matrix



Camera geometry known

Correspondence and epipolar geometry known

What is the location of the scene point (scene geometry)?





 $\widetilde{x}_a = M_a \widetilde{X}$ or $\widetilde{x}_b = M_b \widetilde{X}$

Problem?

Assumes we know $\tilde{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x' & y' & w' \end{bmatrix}^T$ But what is the value for w'?

Scene Geometry: Linear Formulation

$$\widetilde{x} = M\widetilde{X} \text{ where } \widetilde{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w' \end{bmatrix}$$
Recall $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x'/w' \\ y'/w' \end{bmatrix}$ where *x* and *y* are the observed projections
Let $\widetilde{x} = \begin{bmatrix} sx \\ sy \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w' \end{bmatrix}$, thus $s = W'$

Hence? $sx = m_{11}X + m_{12}Y + m_{13}Z + m_{14}$ $sy = m_{21}X + m_{22}Y + m_{23}Z + m_{24}$

Scene Geometry: Linear Formulation

$$sx = m_{11}X + m_{12}Y + m_{13}Z + m_{14}$$

Given $sy = m_{21}X + m_{22}Y + m_{23}Z + m_{24}$ and N cameras
 $s = m_{31}X + m_{32}Y + m_{33}Z + m_{34}$

For a scene point, how many unknowns? 3+N For a scene point, how many camera 3N≥3+N views needed?

In general, one scene point observed in at least two views is sufficient...





$$\begin{cases} sx = m_{11}X + m_{12}Y + m_{13}Z + m_{14} \\ sy = m_{21}X + m_{22}Y + m_{23}Z + m_{24} \\ s = m_{31}X + m_{32}Y + m_{33}Z + m_{34} \end{cases} x2$$

Scene Geometry: Linear Formulation

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & -x & 0 \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & -y & 0 \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & -1 & 0 \\ m'_{11} & m'_{12} & m'_{13} & 0 & -x' \\ m'_{21} & m'_{22} & m'_{23} & 0 & -y' \\ m'_{31} & m'_{32} & m'_{33} & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ s \\ s' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -m_{14} \\ -m_{24} \\ -m'_{14} \\ -m'_{24} \\ -m'_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$

Cameras *M* and *M*'

$$\begin{cases} sx = m_{11}X + m_{12}Y + m_{13}Z + m_{14} \\ sy = m_{21}X + m_{22}Y + m_{23}Z + m_{24} \\ s = m_{31}X + m_{32}Y + m_{33}Z + m_{34} \end{cases} x2$$

Scene Geometry: Nonlinear Form.

- "Bundle Adjustment"
 - Given initial guesses, use nonlinear least squares to refine/compute the calibration parameters
 - Simple but good convergence depends on accuracy of initial guess

Scene Geometry: Nonlinear Form.

Recall

$$E = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{ij} \left[(x_{ij} - \frac{m_{i1} \cdot \tilde{X}_j}{m_{i3} \cdot \tilde{X}_j})^2 + (y_{ij} - \frac{m_{i2} \cdot \tilde{X}_j}{m_{i3} \cdot \tilde{X}_j})^2 \right]$$

Goal is $E \to 0$

For scene geometry, \widetilde{X} are the unknowns...

Example Result



• Using dense feature-based stereo

