

#### 7.1-7.2 3D - Motion





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#### **Structure from Motion**



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### Triangulation



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- *Definition*. The identification of a 3D point from a set of corresponding 2D image locations, from *known* camera poses.
- Consider multiple cameras with projection matrices  $P_j$ :  $P_j = K_j \begin{bmatrix} R_j & t_j \end{bmatrix}$
- Let  $c_j$  represent the 3D camera centre for camera j, in world coordinates.
- Observe that  $\boldsymbol{t}_j = -\boldsymbol{R}_j \boldsymbol{c}_j$
- Now consider a 3D point p that projects to 2D image points  $x_j$  in each of the cameras.
- To recover the point p, we seek the 3D point that comes closest to the set of rays passing through each camera centre  $c_j$  and each 2D image projection  $x_j$ .
- In other words, we seek the p that minimizes

$$\|\boldsymbol{c}_j + d_j \boldsymbol{\hat{v}}_j - \boldsymbol{p}\|^2$$

• where  $\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_j = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{R}_j^{-1}\boldsymbol{K}_j^{-1}\boldsymbol{x}_j)$ 





$$\text{ Thus } \boldsymbol{q}_j = \boldsymbol{c}_j + (\hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_j \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_j^T) (\boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{c}_j) = \boldsymbol{c}_j + (\boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{c}_j)_{\parallel},$$

$$\text{ where } \left( \boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{c}_j \right)_{\parallel} \text{ is the projection of } \boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{c}_j \text{ onto } \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_j.$$

\* and the squared deviation between p and  $q_j$  is

$$r_j^2 = \|(\boldsymbol{I} - \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_j \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_j^T)(\boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{c}_j)\|^2 = \|(\boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{c}_j)_{\perp}\|^2.$$

Minimizing the sum of squares over all cameras yields

$$\boldsymbol{p} = \left[\sum_{j} (\boldsymbol{I} - \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_{j} \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_{j}^{T})\right]^{-1} \left[\sum_{j} (\boldsymbol{I} - \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_{j} \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_{j}^{T}) \boldsymbol{c}_{j}
ight]$$



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#### **2D Deviations**



$$r_j^2 = \|(\boldsymbol{I} - \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_j \hat{\boldsymbol{v}}_j^T)(\boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{c}_j)\|^2 = \|(\boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{c}_j)_{\perp}\|^2.$$

- Note that this solution minimizes deviation in 3D space, whereas the primary error is introduced by mislocalization of the 2D points  $x_j$  in the images.
- If this image localization error is modelled as zero-mean iid Gaussian, it is optimal to minimize the residual between the image points and the reprojections of the estimated 3D points, given by

$$x_{j} = \frac{p_{00}^{(j)}X + p_{01}^{(j)}Y + p_{02}^{(j)}Z + p_{03}^{(j)}W}{p_{20}^{(j)}X + p_{21}^{(j)}Y + p_{22}^{(j)}Z + p_{23}^{(j)}W}$$
$$y_{j} = \frac{p_{10}^{(j)}X + p_{11}^{(j)}Y + p_{12}^{(j)}Z + p_{13}^{(j)}W}{p_{20}^{(j)}X + p_{21}^{(j)}Y + p_{22}^{(j)}Z + p_{23}^{(j)}W}$$



\* where the  $p_{ij}$  are the parameters of the known projection matrices.



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#### **Homogenous Solution**

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- ✤ Note that we have used homogeneous coordinates for the 3D point here: we seek to estimate X, Y, Z, W.
- Multiplying through by the denominator, this becomes a homogeneous problem, solvable through our two-stage method:
  - DLT: Use SVD to obtain a linear algebraic solution as an initial guess
  - Non-linear least squares: Iterative minimization of squared reprojection error using Levenberg-Marquardt to obtain a maximum likelihood solution





#### **Inhomogeneous Solution**

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- We could instead have used augmented coordinates for the 3D world point (W = 1), thus obtaining a regular linear least squares problem (Ap = b).
- ♦ However this system becomes poorly conditioned for distant objects.







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## Structure from Motion (SLAM)

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- Structure from Motion, aka Simultaneous Localization & Mapping (SLAM):
  - Given 2D correspondences over *multiple* images, compute the *unknown* 3D scene points *and unknown camera pose (motion)*

#### **Two-Frame Structure from Motion**



- Consider a point *p* seen from two cameras (Camera 0 and Camera 1), related by a rigid transformation (*R*, *t*).
- wlog, we can set  $c_0 = 0$  and  $R_0 = I$ .
- ✤ In other words, we align the world frame with Camera 0.

Let  $p_0 = d_0 \hat{x}_0$  and  $p_1 = d_1 \hat{x}_1$  represent the location of 3D world point p in the coordinate systems of Camera 0 and 1, respectively.

Here  $\hat{x}_0 = K^{-1}x_0$  and  $\hat{x}_1 = K^{-1}x_1$  are the ray direction vectors in their respective camera coordinate systems.







Then we have that

 $d_1 \hat{x}_1 = p_1 = R p_0 + t = R(d_0 \hat{x}_0) + t_1$ 

Taking the cross-product of both sides with t yields  $d_1[t]_{\times}\hat{x}_1 = d_0[t]_{\times}R\hat{x}_0$ 

Now taking the dot-product of both sides with  $\hat{x}_1$  yields  $d_0 \hat{x}_1^T([t]_{\times} \mathbf{R}) \hat{x}_0 = d_1 \hat{x}_1^T[t]_{\times} \hat{x}_1 = 0$ 

We therefore arrive at the basic epipolar constraint

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_1^T \boldsymbol{E} \, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_0 = 0$$

where

$$oldsymbol{E} = [oldsymbol{t}]_{ imes}oldsymbol{R}$$

is called the essential matrix (Longuet-Higgins 1981).



#### The Epipolar Constraint



$$\boldsymbol{t}_{j} = -\boldsymbol{R}_{j}\boldsymbol{c}_{j} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{c}_{j} = -\boldsymbol{R}_{j}^{-1}\boldsymbol{t}_{j}$$

Thus  $c_1 - c_0 = -R_1^{-1}t_1 = -R^{-1}t$ 

✤ For these three vectors to be coplanar, their triple product must be zero:

 $(\boldsymbol{c}_{1} - \boldsymbol{c}_{0}) \cdot ((\boldsymbol{R}_{1}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{1}) \times (\boldsymbol{R}_{0}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{0}))$   $= -(\boldsymbol{R}^{-1}\boldsymbol{t}) \cdot ((\boldsymbol{R}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{1}) \times \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{0})$   $= -\boldsymbol{t} \cdot (\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{1} \times \boldsymbol{R} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{0})$   $= \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{1} \cdot (\boldsymbol{t} \times \boldsymbol{R} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{0})$   $= \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{1}^{\top} ([\boldsymbol{t}]_{\times} \boldsymbol{R}) \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{0} = 0$ 



## **Epipolar Lines**



#### $\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_1^{\top} \boldsymbol{E} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_0 = \boldsymbol{0}$

The essential matrix E maps a point  $\hat{x}_0$  in Image 0 to a line  $l_1 = E\hat{x}_0$  in Image 1, since  $\hat{x}_1^{\top} l_1 = 0$ . By taking the transpose, we obtain a similar line  $l_0 = E^{\top}\hat{x}_1$  in Image 0.

- These are the *epipolar lines*, defining the 1D subspaces in which correspondences must lie.
- Note that  $l_1$  contain a point  $e_1$  which is the projection of  $c_0$  onto Image 1.
- Similarly,  $l_0$  contain a point  $e_0$  which is the projection of  $c_1$  onto Image 0.
- These are the *epipoles*.





# **Estimating the Essential Matrix**

 $\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_1^{\top} \boldsymbol{E} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_0 = \boldsymbol{0} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\overline{x}}_1^{\top} \boldsymbol{E} \boldsymbol{\overline{x}}_0 = \boldsymbol{0}$ 

where  $\overline{x}_1$  and  $\overline{x}_2$  are the augmented representations of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

Thus each pair of corresponding image measurements in Image 0 and Image 1 generates a homogenous equation in the elements of E:

• Given at least 8 pairs of corresponding points, we can estimate E (up to a scale factor) using SVD.

♦ Generally, >8 pairs of points will lead to more accurate results due to noise averaging.

- However, some of these terms will generally be overweighted, particularly the bilinear terms, where one or both of the coordinates is large.
- Can reduce this effect by applying linear transforms  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  to shift and scale points to have zero mean and unit variance:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{i0} = \boldsymbol{T}_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{i0}$$
 and  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{i1} = \boldsymbol{T}_1 \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{i1}$  such that  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{ij} \right] = \boldsymbol{\theta}$  and  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \boldsymbol{x}_{ij}^2 \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \boldsymbol{y}_{ij}^2 \right] = 2$ 

Now after solving for the essential matrix  $\tilde{E}$  corresponding to these transformed points, we can recover the essential matrix E for the original points:  $E = T_1^{\top} \tilde{E} T_0$ 

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## **Estimating the Translation**



- $\boldsymbol{E} = \left( \left[ \boldsymbol{t} \right]_{\times} \boldsymbol{R} \right)$
- The absolute distance between the two cameras can never be recovered from image measurements alone.
- However, we *can* recover the direction  $\hat{t}$  of the translation.
- Observe that the essential matrix is singular:

$$\boldsymbol{t}^{\top}\boldsymbol{E}=0$$

Thus  $\hat{t}$  is the last column of the U matrix in an SVD decomposition of E:  $E = U\Sigma V^{\top}$ 

#### **Estimating the Rotation**

Recall that the cross-product operator  $[\hat{t}]_{\times}$  (2.32) projects a vector onto a set of orthogonal basis vectors that include  $\hat{t}$ , zeros out the  $\hat{t}$  component, and rotates the other two by 90°,

$$[\hat{\boldsymbol{t}}]_{\times} = \boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{Z}\boldsymbol{R}_{90^{\circ}}\boldsymbol{S}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{s}_{0} & \boldsymbol{s}_{1} & \hat{\boldsymbol{t}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & \\ 1 & 0 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{s}_{0}^{T} \\ \boldsymbol{s}_{1}^{T} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{t}}^{T} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (7.21)$$

where  $\hat{t} = s_0 \times s_1$ 

- ♦ Using this expression together with an SVD decomposition of the essential matrix *E* yields  $E = [\hat{t}]_{\times}R = SZR_{90^{\circ}}S^{T}R = U\Sigma V^{T}$
- from which we can conclude that S = U.

Since *E* is singular but in general of Rank 2,  $\Sigma = Z$ , and thus

 $\boldsymbol{R}_{90^{\circ}}\boldsymbol{U}^{T}\boldsymbol{R} = \boldsymbol{V}^{T}$   $\boldsymbol{R} = \boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{R}_{90^{\circ}}^{T}\boldsymbol{V}^{T}$ 

- We only know E and t up to a sign.
- Thus we have to consider 4 possible candidates for R given by:

$$oldsymbol{R}=\pmoldsymbol{U}oldsymbol{R}_{\pm90^\circ}^Toldsymbol{V}^T$$



## Chirality



 $oldsymbol{R}=\pmoldsymbol{U}oldsymbol{R}_{\pm90^\circ}^Toldsymbol{V}^T$ 

- First we can restrict our attention to the two solutions (*chiralities*) for which  $|\mathbf{R}| = 1$  (and thus for which  $\mathbf{R}$  represents a valid rotation).
- To select between these remaining two solutions, we pair with the two possible translation vectors  $\pm t$ , and use triangulation to reconstruct the 3D locations of the points given the hypothesized rotation and translation.
- Now we select the hypothesized  $(\mathbf{R}, t)$  pair that generates the largest number of 3D points lying in front of both cameras.

#### **Building Rome in a Day**



Agarwal et al, 2009





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