



Geometric Camera Calibration

Chapter 2

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Equation: World coordinates to image pixels

pixel coordinates

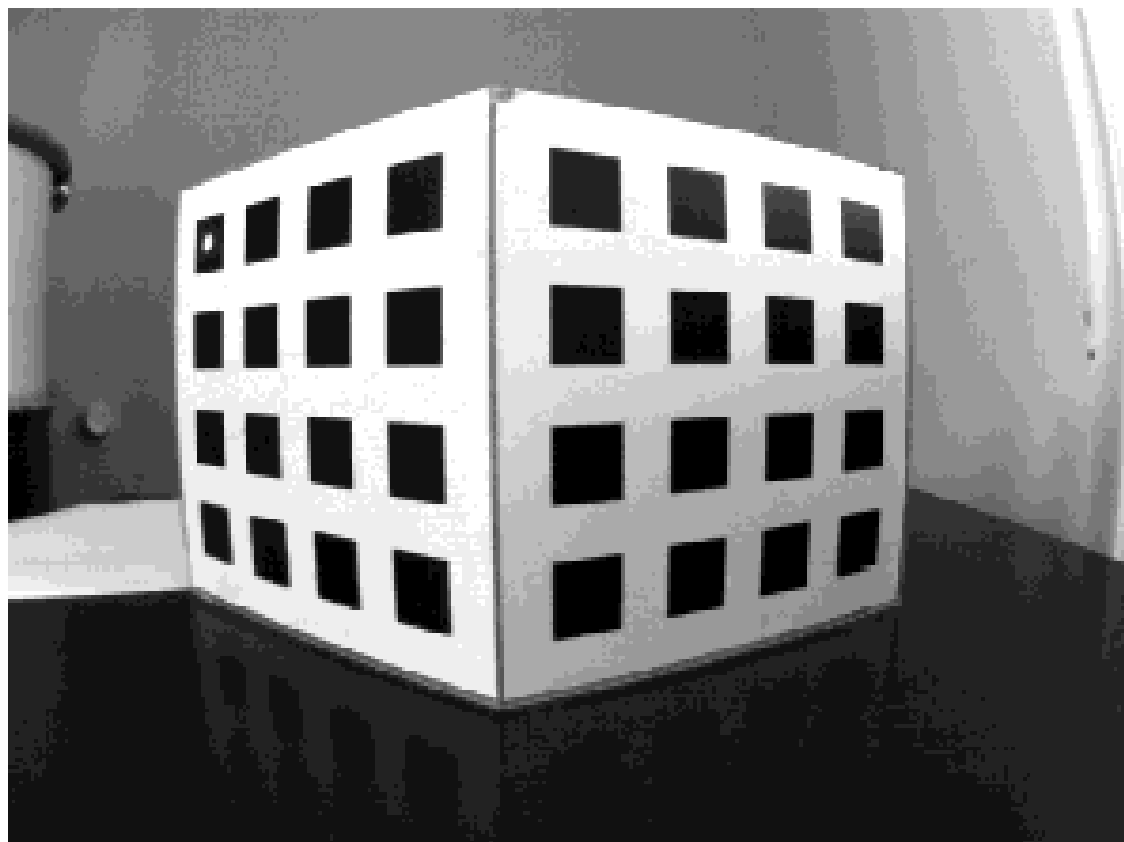
world coordinates

$$\vec{p} = \frac{1}{z} M \quad {}^w \vec{p}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{z} \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & m_1^T & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & m_2^T & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & m_3^T & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^w p_x \\ {}^w p_y \\ {}^w p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = \frac{m_1 \cdot \vec{P}}{m_3 \cdot \vec{P}} \\ v = \frac{m_2 \cdot \vec{P}}{m_3 \cdot \vec{P}} \end{array} \right.$$

Conversion back from homogeneous coordinates leads to:

Calibration target



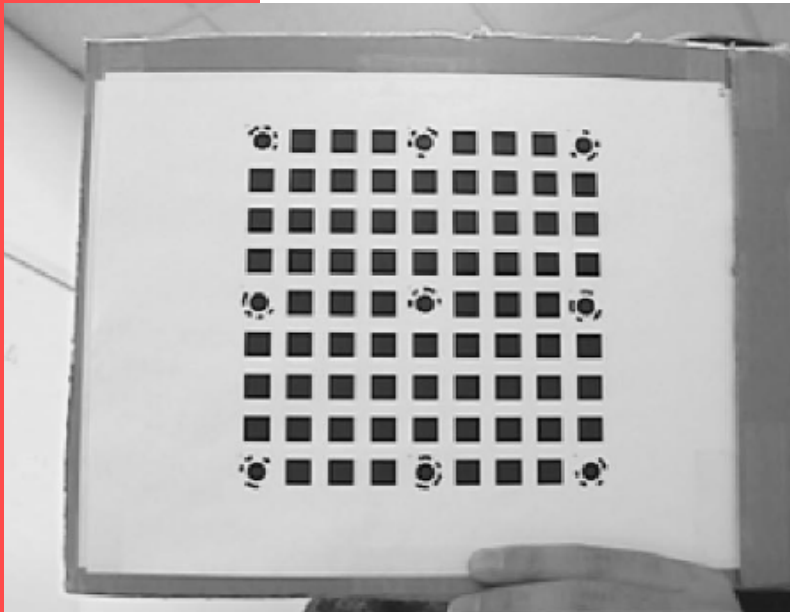
The Opti-CAL Calibration Target Image

Find the position, u_i and v_i , in pixels,
of each calibration object feature point.

Camera calibration

From before, we had these equations relating image positions, u, v , to points at 3-d positions P (in homogeneous coordinates):

$$u = \frac{m_1 \cdot \vec{P}}{m_3 \cdot \vec{P}}$$
$$v = \frac{m_2 \cdot \vec{P}}{m_3 \cdot \vec{P}}$$



So for each feature point, i , we have:

$$(m_1 - u_i m_3) \cdot \vec{P}_i = 0$$

$$(m_2 - v_i m_3) \cdot \vec{P}_i = 0$$



Camera calibration

Stack all these measurements of $i=1\dots n$ points

$$(m_1 - u_i m_3) \cdot \vec{P}_i = 0$$

$$(m_2 - v_i m_3) \cdot \vec{P}_i = 0$$

into a big matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_1^T & 0^T & -u_1 P_1^T \\ 0^T & P_1^T & -v_1 P_1^T \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_n^T & 0^T & -u_n P_n^T \\ 0^T & P_n^T & -v_n P_n^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



In vector form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_1^T & 0^T & -u_1 P_1^T \\ 0^T & P_1^T & -v_1 P_1^T \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_n^T & 0^T & -u_n P_n^T \\ 0^T & P_n^T & -v_n P_n^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Camera calibration

Showing all the elements:

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_{1x} & P_{1y} & P_{1z} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_1 P_{1x} & -u_1 P_{1y} & -u_1 P_{1z} & -u_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & P_{1x} & P_{1y} & P_{1z} & 1 & -v_1 P_{1x} & -v_1 P_{1y} & -v_1 P_{1z} & -v_1 \\ & & & \dots & \dots & \dots & & & & & & \\ P_{nx} & P_{ny} & P_{nz} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_n P_{nx} & -u_n P_{ny} & -u_n P_{nz} & -u_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & P_{nx} & P_{ny} & P_{nz} & 1 & -v_n P_{nx} & -v_n P_{ny} & -v_n P_{nz} & -v_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} \\ m_{12} \\ m_{13} \\ m_{14} \\ m_{21} \\ m_{22} \\ m_{23} \\ m_{24} \\ m_{31} \\ m_{32} \\ m_{33} \\ m_{34} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Camera calibration



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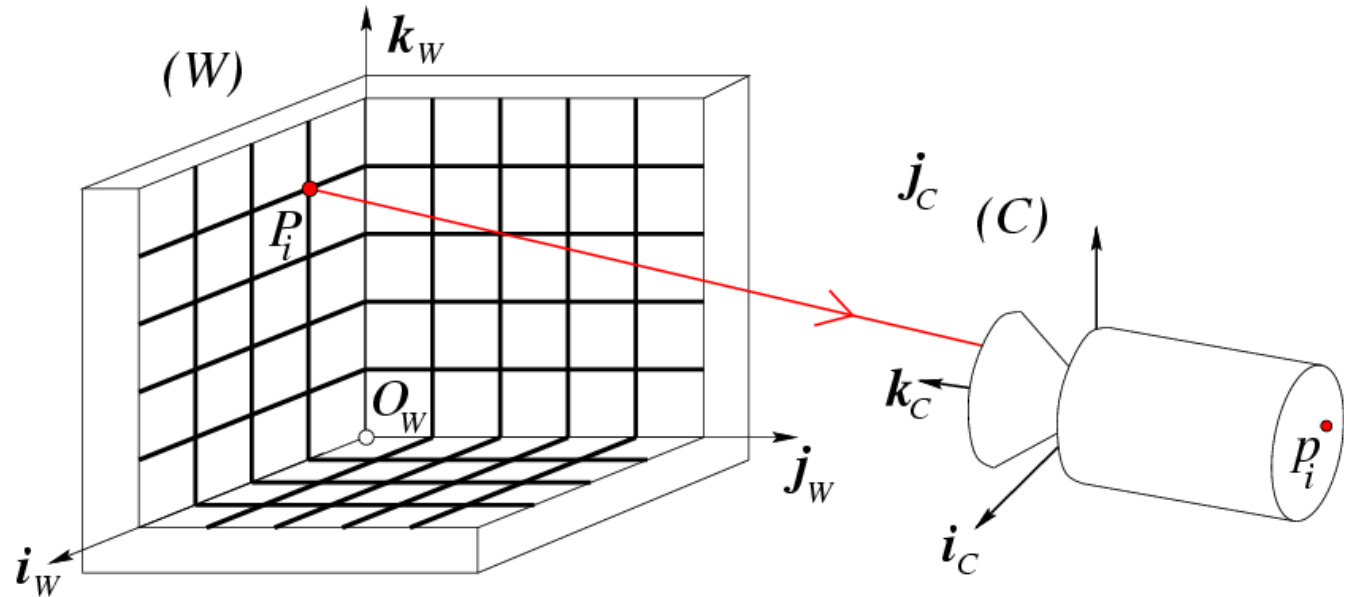
Q
 $m = 0$

We want to solve for the unit vector m (the stacked one) that minimizes $|Qm|^2$

The eigenvector assoc. to the minimum eigenvalue of the matrix $Q^T Q$ gives us that because it is the unit vector x that minimizes $x^T Q^T Q x$.

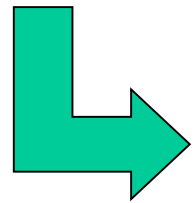


Calibration Problem



Given n points P_1, \dots, P_n with *known* positions and their images p_1, \dots, p_n

Find \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{e} such that

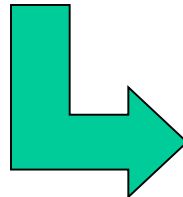


$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left[\left(u_i - \frac{\mathbf{m}_1(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_i} \right)^2 + \left(v_i - \frac{\mathbf{m}_2(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_i} \right)^2 \right]$$
 is minimized

Analytical Photogrammetry

Given n points P_1, \dots, P_n with *known* positions and their images p_1, \dots, p_n

Find \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{e} such that


$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left[\left(u_i - \frac{\mathbf{m}_1(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_i} \right)^2 + \left(v_i - \frac{\mathbf{m}_2(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_i} \right)^2 \right] \text{ is minimized}$$

Non-Linear Least-Squares Methods

- Newton
- Gauss-Newton
- Levenberg-Marquardt

Iterative, quadratically convergent in favorable situations



Homogeneous Linear Systems

$$\boxed{A} \quad \boxed{x} = \boxed{0}$$

Square system:


- unique solution: 0
- unless $\text{Det}(A)=0$

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Rectangular system ??

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Minimize $|Ax|^2$
under the constraint $|x|^2=1$



How do you solve overconstrained homogeneous linear equations ??

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- Associated eigenvalues: $0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_q$.
- Any vector can be written as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mu_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + \mu_q \mathbf{e}_q$$

for some μ_i ($i = 1, \dots, q$) such that $\mu_1^2 + \dots + \mu_q^2 = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{x}) - E(\mathbf{e}_1) &= \mathbf{x}^T (\mathcal{U}^T \mathcal{U}) \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_1^T (\mathcal{U}^T \mathcal{U}) \mathbf{e}_1 \\ &= \lambda_1^2 \mu_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_q^2 \mu_q^2 - \lambda_1^2 \\ &\geq \lambda_1^2 (\mu_1^2 + \dots + \mu_q^2 - 1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The solution is \mathbf{e}_1 .

remember: $\text{EIG}(\mathcal{U}^T \mathcal{U}) = \text{SVD}(\mathcal{U})$, i.e. solution is \mathbf{V}_n

Matlab Solution

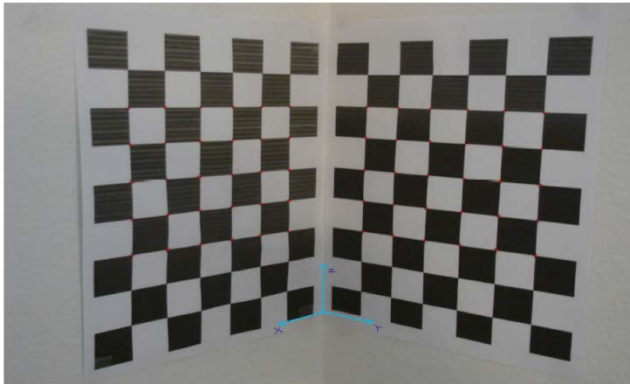


Figure 1: Checkerboard pattern on the wall corner and the world frame coordinate axes

Example:
60 point pairs

Least squares method is used to estimate the calibration matrix. There are 120 homogeneous linear equations in twelve variables, which are the coefficients of the calibration matrix \mathcal{M} . Lets denote this system of linear equations as

$$\mathcal{P}\mathbf{m} = 0, \quad \mathbf{m} := [\mathbf{m}_1 \quad \mathbf{m}_2 \quad \mathbf{m}_3]^T, \quad (1)$$

where, $\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{m}_3$ are first, second and third rows of the matrix \mathcal{M} respectively. \mathbf{m} is a 12×1 vector, and \mathcal{P} is a 120×12 matrix. The problem of least square estimation of \mathcal{P} is defined as

$$\min \|\mathcal{P}\mathbf{m}\|^2, \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{m}\|^2 = 1. \quad (2)$$

As it turns out, the solution of above problem is given by the eigenvector of matrix $\mathcal{P}^T\mathcal{P}$ having the least eigenvalue. The eigenvectors of matrix $\mathcal{P}^T\mathcal{P}$ can also be computed by performing the singular value decomposition (SVD) of \mathcal{P} . The 12 right singular vectors of \mathcal{P} are also the eigenvectors of $\mathcal{P}^T\mathcal{P}$.

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%Perform SVD of P
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[U S V] = svd(P);
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[min_val, min_index] = min(diag(S(1:12,1:12)));
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%m is given by right singular vector of min. singular value
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m = V(1:12, min_index);
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Degenerate Point Configurations

Are there other solutions besides M ??

$$0 = \mathcal{P}l = \begin{pmatrix} P_1^T & 0^T & -u_1 P_1^T \\ 0^T & P_1^T & -v_1 P_1^T \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_n^T & 0^T & -u_n P_n^T \\ 0^T & P_n^T & -v_n P_n^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_1^T \lambda - u_1 P_1^T \nu \\ P_1^T \mu - v_1 P_1^T \nu \\ \dots \\ P_n^T \lambda - u_n P_n^T \nu \\ P_n^T \mu - v_n P_n^T \nu \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{cases} P_i^T \lambda - \frac{m_1^T P_i}{m_3^T P_i} P_i^T \nu = 0 \\ P_i^T \mu - \frac{m_2^T P_i}{m_3^T P_i} P_i^T \nu = 0 \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} P_i^T (\lambda m_3^T - m_1 \nu^T) P_i = 0 \\ P_i^T (\mu m_3^T - m_2 \nu^T) P_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Coplanar points: $(\lambda, \mu, \nu) = (\Pi, 0, 0)$ or $(0, \Pi, 0)$ or $(0, 0, \Pi)$
- Points lying on the intersection curve of two quadric surfaces = straight line + twisted cubic

Does **not** happen for 6 or more random points!





Camera calibration



Once you have the M matrix, can recover the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters.

Estimation of the Intrinsic and Extrinsic Parameters, see pdf slides [S.M. Abdallah](#).

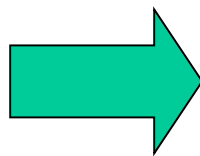
$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha r_1^T - \alpha \cot \theta r_2^T + u_0 r_3^T & \alpha t_x - \alpha \cot \theta t_y + u_0 t_z \\ \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} r_2^T + v_0 r_3^T & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} t_y + v_0 t_z \\ r_3^T & t_z \end{pmatrix}$$



Once M is known, you still got to recover the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters !!!

This is a decomposition problem, **not** an estimation problem.

$$\boxed{\rho} \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \mathbf{r}_1^T - \alpha \cot \theta \mathbf{r}_2^T + u_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \alpha t_x - \alpha \cot \theta t_y + u_0 t_z \\ \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} \mathbf{r}_2^T + v_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} t_y + v_0 t_z \\ \mathbf{r}_3^T & t_z \end{pmatrix}$$



- Intrinsic parameters
- Extrinsic parameters



$$\mathcal{M} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{array}{c} 3 \times 3 \\ \alpha \mathbf{r}_1^T - \alpha \cot \theta \mathbf{r}_2^T + u_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T \\ \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} \mathbf{r}_2^T + v_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T \\ \mathbf{r}_3^T \\ \mathcal{A} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 3 \times 1 \\ \alpha t_x - \alpha \cot \theta t_y + u_0 t_z \\ \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} t_y + v_0 t_z \\ t_z \\ \mathcal{b} \end{array} \end{array} \right)$$

we have

$$\rho \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^T \\ \mathbf{a}_2^T \\ \mathbf{a}_3^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \mathbf{r}_1^T - \alpha \cot \theta \mathbf{r}_2^T + u_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T \\ \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} \mathbf{r}_2^T + v_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T \\ \mathbf{r}_3^T \end{pmatrix}.$$

In particular, using the fact that the rows of a rotation matrix have unit length and are perpendicular to each other yields immediately

$$\begin{cases} \rho = \varepsilon / |\mathbf{a}_3|, \\ \mathbf{r}_3 = \rho \mathbf{a}_3, \end{cases} \quad (6.3.5)$$



Orthogonality of r_3 and r_2

$$\rho^2 (\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{a}_3) \rightarrow \mathbf{r}_3^T \left(\frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} \mathbf{r}_2^T + v_0 \mathbf{r}_3^T \right)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_0$

$\rightarrow v_0$

ρ is known \rightarrow calculate v_0 via dot product of \mathbf{a}_2 and \mathbf{a}_3

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Estimation of the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters

Write $M = (A, b)$, therefore

$$\rho(A \ b) = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{R} \ t) \iff \rho \begin{pmatrix} a_1^T \\ a_2^T \\ a_3^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha r_1^T - \alpha \cot \theta r_2^T + u_0 r_3^T \\ \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} r_2^T + v_0 r_3^T \\ r_3^T \end{pmatrix}$$

Using the fact that the rows of a rotation matrix have unit length and are perpendicular to each other yields

$$\begin{cases} \rho = \varepsilon / |a_3|, \\ r_3 = \rho a_3, \\ u_0 = \rho^2 (a_1 \cdot a_3), \\ v_0 = \rho^2 (a_2 \cdot a_3), \end{cases} \quad \text{where } \varepsilon = \mp 1.$$

Since θ is always in the neighborhood of $\pi/2$ with a positive sine, we have

$$\begin{cases} \rho^2 (a_1 \times a_3) = -\alpha r_2 - \alpha \cot \theta r_1, \\ \rho^2 (a_2 \times a_3) = \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} r_1, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} \rho^2 |a_1 \times a_3| = \frac{|\alpha|}{\sin \theta}, \\ \rho^2 |a_2 \times a_3| = \frac{|\beta|}{\sin \theta}. \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{cases} \cos \theta = -\frac{(a_1 \times a_3) \cdot (a_2 \times a_3)}{|a_1 \times a_3| |a_2 \times a_3|}, \\ \alpha = \rho^2 |a_1 \times a_3| \sin \theta, \\ \beta = \rho^2 |a_2 \times a_3| \sin \theta, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} r_1 = \frac{\rho^2 \sin \theta}{\beta} (a_2 \times a_3) = \frac{1}{|a_2 \times a_3|} (a_2 \times a_3), \\ r_2 = r_3 \times r_1. \end{cases}$$

Note that there are two possible choices for the matrix \mathcal{R} depending on the value of ε .

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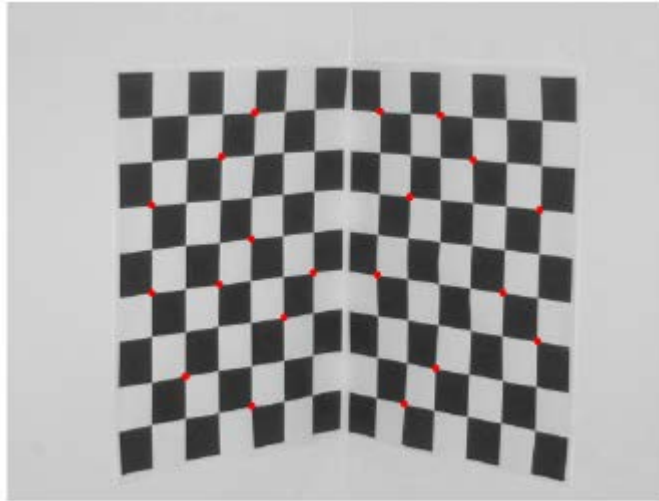


Estimation of the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters

The translation parameters can now be recovered by writing $\mathcal{K}t = \bar{\rho}b$, and hence $t = \rho\mathcal{K}^{-1}b$. In practical situations, the sign of t_z is often known in advance (this corresponds to knowing whether the origin of the world coordinate system is in front or behind the camera), which allows the choice of a unique solution for the calibration parameters.



Typical Result



α	2816.8
β	2782.9
θ	1.5662
u_0	510.2025
v_0	318.3568

89.74°

Sensor:
1075x806,

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6909 & 0.0101 & -0.7229 \\ 0.0744 & -0.9956 & 0.0572 \\ -0.7191 & -0.0933 & -0.6886 \end{bmatrix}$$

There is considerable rotation around the y axis (up) but the rotation around x and z was kept to a minimum.

$$r_x = -5.3457^\circ, r_y = 45.98^\circ, \text{ and } r_z = 6.1478^\circ$$

$$\mathbf{t} = [1.2279 \quad 72.0368 \quad 135.7777]^T$$

Camera was roughly 72 cm up from the floor, and 136 cm back from the pattern.

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Other Slides following Forsyth&Ponce



Just for additional information on previous slides

Linear Systems


$$\boxed{A} \quad \boxed{x} = \boxed{b}$$

Square system:

- unique solution
- Gaussian elimination

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \\ A \\ \end{array}} \quad \boxed{x} = \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \\ b \\ \end{array}}$$

Rectangular system ??

- underconstrained:
infinity of solutions
- overconstrained:
no solution

Minimize $|Ax-b|^2$

How do you solve overconstrained linear equations ??



- Define $E = |\mathbf{e}|^2 = \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e}$ with

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{e} &= A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{c}_n \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} - \mathbf{b} \\ &= x_1\mathbf{c}_1 + x_2\mathbf{c}_2 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{c}_n - \mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

- At a minimum,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_i} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x_i} \cdot \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{e} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x_i} = 2 \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x_i} \cdot \mathbf{e} \\ &= 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (x_1\mathbf{c}_1 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{c}_n - \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{e} = 2\mathbf{c}_i \cdot \mathbf{e} \\ &= 2\mathbf{c}_i^T (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) = 0\end{aligned}$$

- or

$$0 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_i^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{c}_n^T \end{bmatrix} (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) = A^T (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) \Rightarrow A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b},$$

where $\mathbf{x} = A^\dagger \mathbf{b}$ and $A^\dagger = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ is the *pseudoinverse* of A !



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Linear Camera Calibration

Given n points P_1, \dots, P_n with *known* positions and their images p_1, \dots, p_n

$$\begin{matrix} \rightarrow & \begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i} \\ \frac{\mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3 \cdot \mathbf{P}_i} \end{pmatrix} & \iff & \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 - u_i \mathbf{m}_3 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 - v_i \mathbf{m}_3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_i = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \rightarrow & \mathcal{P} \mathbf{m} = 0 \text{ with } \mathcal{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1^T & \mathbf{0}^T & -u_1 \mathbf{P}_1^T \\ \mathbf{0}^T & \mathbf{P}_1^T & -v_1 \mathbf{P}_1^T \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \mathbf{P}_n^T & \mathbf{0}^T & -u_n \mathbf{P}_n^T \\ \mathbf{0}^T & \mathbf{P}_n^T & -v_n \mathbf{P}_n^T \end{pmatrix} & \text{and } \mathbf{m} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \end{matrix}$$



Useful Links

Demo calibration (some links broken):

- <http://mitpress.mit.edu/e-journals/Videre/001/articles/Zhang/CalibEnv/CalibEnv.html>

Bouget camera calibration SW:

- http://www.vision.caltech.edu/bouguetj/calib_doc/

CVonline: Monocular Camera calibration:

- <http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/cgi/rbf/CVONLINE/entries.pl?TAG250>