# Camera calibration

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## Outline

- Camera projection models
- Camera calibration
- Nonlinear least square methods
- A camera calibration tool
- Applications

# Camera projection models



#### Pinhole camera



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#### Intrinsic matrix

Is this form of **K** good enough?

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & x_0 \\ 0 & f & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- non-square pixels (digital video)
- skew
- radial distortion

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} fa & s & x_0 \\ 0 & f & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Distortion



- Radial distortion of the image
  - Caused by imperfect lenses
  - Deviations are most noticeable for rays that pass through the edge of the lens



#### Camera rotation and translation





- *internal* or *intrinsic* parameters such as focal length, optical center, aspect ratio: *what kind of camera?*
- *external* or *extrinsic* (pose) parameters including rotation and translation: *where is the camera?*



### Other projection models





- Special case of perspective projection
  - Distance from the COP to the PP is infinite Image World  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x, y)$

- Also called "parallel projection":  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x, y)$ 



# Other types of projections

- Scaled orthographic
  - Also called "weak perspective"

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1/d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (dx, dy)$$

- Affine projection
  - Also called "paraperspective"

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}a&b&c&d\\e&f&g&h\\0&0&0&1\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}x\\y\\z\\1\end{array}\right]$$





Illusion











# Perspective cues





# Perspective cues





#### Fun with perspective



### Forced perspective in LOTR





# **Camera calibration**



- Estimate both intrinsic and extrinsic parameters. Two main categories:
- 1. Photometric calibration: uses reference objects with known geometry
- 2. Self calibration: only assumes static scene, e.g. structure from motion

Camera calibration approaches

- 1. linear regression (least squares)
- 2. nonlinear optimization



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### Chromaglyphs (HP research)





# **Camera calibration**



$$\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{K} \Big[ \mathbf{R} \Big| \mathbf{t} \Big] \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{X}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} m_{00} & m_{01} & m_{02} & m_{03} \\ m_{10} & m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} \\ m_{20} & m_{21} & m_{22} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



• Directly estimate 11 unknowns in the M matrix using known 3D points  $(X_i, Y_i, Z_i)$  and measured feature positions  $(u_i, v_i)$ 





$$u_{i} = \frac{m_{00}X_{i} + m_{01}Y_{i} + m_{02}Z_{i} + m_{03}}{m_{20}X_{i} + m_{21}Y_{i} + m_{22}Z_{i} + 1}$$
$$v_{i} = \frac{m_{10}X_{i} + m_{11}Y_{i} + m_{12}Z_{i} + m_{13}}{m_{20}X_{i} + m_{21}Y_{i} + m_{22}Z_{i} + 1}$$

 $u_i(m_{20}X_i + m_{21}Y_i + m_{22}Z_i + 1) = m_{00}X_i + m_{01}Y_i + m_{02}Z_i + m_{03}$  $v_i(m_{20}X_i + m_{21}Y_i + m_{22}Z_i + 1) = m_{10}X_i + m_{11}Y_i + m_{12}Z_i + m_{13}$ 



#### Linear regression







Solve for Projection Matrix M using least-square techniques

Normal equation



Given an overdetermined system

# $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

the normal equation is that which minimizes the sum of the square differences between left and right sides

# $\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{b}$



#### Linear regression

- Advantages:
  - All specifics of the camera summarized in one matrix
  - Can predict where any world point will map to in the image
- Disadvantages:
  - Doesn't tell us about particular parameters
  - Mixes up internal and external parameters
    - pose specific: move the camera and everything breaks
  - More unknowns than true degrees of freedom

## Nonlinear optimization



- A probabilistic view of least square
- Feature measurement equations

$$u_i = f(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{x}_i) + n_i = \hat{u}_i + n_i, \quad n_i \sim N(0, \sigma)$$
  
$$v_i = g(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{x}_i) + m_i = \hat{v}_i + m_i, \quad m_i \sim N(0, \sigma)$$

• Probability of M given {(*u<sub>i</sub>*,*v<sub>i</sub>*)}

$$P = \prod_{i} p(u_i | \hat{u}_i) p(v_i | \hat{v}_i)$$
  
= 
$$\prod_{i} e^{-(u_i - \hat{u}_i)^2 / \sigma^2} e^{-(v_i - \hat{v}_i)^2 / \sigma^2}$$



## **Optimal estimation**

• Likelihood of M given {(*u<sub>i</sub>*,*v<sub>i</sub>*)}

$$L = -\log P = \sum_{i} (u_i - \hat{u}_i)^2 / \sigma_i^2 + (v_i - \hat{v}_i)^2 / \sigma_i^2$$

- It is a least square problem (but not necessarily linear least square)
- How do we minimize *L*?


• Non-linear regression (least squares), because the relations between  $\hat{u}_i$  and  $u_i$  are non-linear functions of M

unknown parameters

We could have terms like  $f \cos \theta$  in this

$$\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}} \sim \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} | \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$
  
known constant

• We can use Levenberg-Marquardt method to minimize it

## Nonlinear least square methods



#### Least square fitting























 $M(t; \mathbf{x}) = x_0 + x_1 t + x_2 t^3$  is linear, too.





model  $M(t; \mathbf{x}) = x_3 e^{x_1 t} + x_4 e^{x_2 t}$ parameters  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, x_4, x_4]^T$ residuals  $f_i(\mathbf{x}) = y_i - M(t_i; \mathbf{x})$  $= y_i - (x_3 e^{x_1 t} + x_4 e^{x_2 t})$ 



Least square is related to function minimization.

Global Minimizer Given  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ . Find  $\mathbf{x}^+ = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} \{F(\mathbf{x})\}$ .

It is very hard to solve in general. Here, we only consider a simpler problem of finding local minimum.

> Local Minimizer Given  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ . Find  $\mathbf{x}^*$  so that  $F(\mathbf{x}^*) \leq F(\mathbf{x}) \text{ for } \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\| < \delta$ .

#### **Function minimization**



We assume that the cost function F is differentiable and so smooth that the following *Taylor expansion* is valid,<sup>2)</sup>

$$F(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{h}) = F(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{h}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{g} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{h}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{h} + O(\|\mathbf{h}\|^3),$$

where g is the gradient,

$$\mathbf{g} \equiv \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_n}(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix},$$

and H is the Hessian,

$$\mathbf{H} \equiv \mathbf{F}''(\mathbf{x}) = \left[\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(\mathbf{x})\right]$$







#### **Quadratic functions**







Theorem 1.5. Necessary condition for a local minimizer. If  $x^*$  is a local minimizer, then

$$\mathbf{g}^* \equiv \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{0} \,.$$

## Why? By definition, if $\mathbf{x}^*$ is a local minimizer,

 $\|\mathbf{h}\|$  is small enough  $\longrightarrow \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^* + \mathbf{h}) > \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^*)$ 

$$F(x^* + h) = F(x^*) + h^T F'(x^*) + O(||h||^2)$$



Theorem 1.5. Necessary condition for a local minimizer. If  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is a local minimizer, then

$${f g}^* \ \equiv \ {f F}'({f x}^*) \ = \ {f 0} \; .$$

Definition 1.6. Stationary point. If

$$\mathbf{g}_s \ \equiv \ \mathbf{F}^{\,\prime}(\mathbf{x}_s) \ = \ \mathbf{0} \ ,$$

then  $\mathbf{x}_s$  is said to be a *stationary point* for F.

$$F(\mathbf{x}_{s}+\mathbf{h}) = F(\mathbf{x}_{s}) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{h}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{H}_{s}\mathbf{h} + O(\|\mathbf{h}\|^{3})$$

 $H_s$  is positive definite



a) minimum



b) maximum



c) saddle point



Theorem 1.8. Sufficient condition for a local minimizer. Assume that  $\mathbf{x}_s$  is a stationary point and that  $\mathbf{F}''(\mathbf{x}_s)$  is positive definite. Then  $\mathbf{x}_s$  is a local minimizer.

$$\begin{aligned} F(\mathbf{x}_{s}+\mathbf{h}) &= F(\mathbf{x}_{s}) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{h}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{H}_{s}\,\mathbf{h} + O(\|\mathbf{h}\|^{3}) \\ \text{with } \mathbf{H}_{s} &= \mathbf{F}''(\mathbf{x}_{s}) \end{aligned}$$

If we request that  $\mathbf{H}_s$  is *positive definite*, then its eigenvalues are greater than some number  $\delta > 0$ 

$$\mathbf{h}^{\!\top}\mathbf{H}_{\!\mathsf{s}}\,\mathbf{h} > \delta \,\|\mathbf{h}\|^2$$





$$\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_k \to \mathbf{x}^*$$
 for  $k \to \infty$ 

- 1. Find a descent direction h<sub>d</sub>
- 2. find a step length giving a good decrease in the F-value.

```
Algorithm Descent method
begin
                                                                                {Starting point}
   k := 0; \mathbf{x} := \mathbf{x}_0; found := false
   while (not found) and (k < k_{\max})
       \mathbf{h}_{d} := \text{search}_{direction}(\mathbf{x})
                                                                     {From x and downhill}
      if (no such h exists)
                                                                               \{\mathbf{x} \text{ is stationary}\}\
          found := true
       else
          \alpha := \text{step\_length}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}_{d})
                                                                   {from x in direction \mathbf{h}_d}
          \mathbf{x} := \mathbf{x} + \alpha \mathbf{h}_{\mathsf{d}}; \quad k := k+1
                                                                                   {next iterate}
end
```



$$\begin{split} F(\mathbf{x} + \alpha \mathbf{h}) &= F(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha \mathbf{h}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) + O(\alpha^2) \\ &\simeq F(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha \mathbf{h}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for } \alpha \text{ sufficiently small.} \end{split}$$

#### **Definition Descent direction.**

**h** is a descent direction for F at **x** if  $\mathbf{h}^{\top} \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) < 0$ .



$$F(\mathbf{x}+\alpha\mathbf{h}) = F(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha\mathbf{h}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) + O(\alpha^2)$$
  

$$\simeq F(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha\mathbf{h}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for } \alpha \text{ sufficiently small.}$$
  

$$\frac{F(\mathbf{x}) - F(\mathbf{x}+\alpha\mathbf{h})}{\alpha\|\mathbf{h}\|} = -\frac{1}{\|\mathbf{h}\|} \mathbf{h}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) = -\|\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x})\|\cos\theta$$

the decrease of F(x) per unit along h direction

greatest gain rate if 
$$\theta = \pi \rightarrow \mathbf{h}_{sd} = -\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x})$$

 $h_{sd}$  is a descent direction because  $h_{sd}^{T} F'(x) = -F'(x)^2 < 0$ 

#### Line search







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#### Steepest descent method





It has good performance in the initial stage of the iterative process. Converge very slow with a linear rate.



 $\mathbf{x}^*$  is a stationary point  $\rightarrow$  it satisfies  $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{0}$ .  $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{h}) = \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{F}''(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{h} + O(||\mathbf{h}||^2)$ 

$$\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{h}) = \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{F}''(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{h} + O(\|\mathbf{h}\|^2)$$

$$\simeq \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{F}''(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{h} \quad \text{for } \|\mathbf{h}\| \text{ sufficiently small}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{H} \mathbf{h}_n = -\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{with } \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{F}''(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{x} := \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}_n$$

Suppose that H is positive definite  

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{u} > 0$$
 for all nonzero u.  
 $\rightarrow 0 < \mathbf{h}_{n}^{\top} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{h}_{n} = -\mathbf{h}_{n}^{\top} \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) \quad \mathbf{h}_{n}$  is a descent direction



### Newton's method

• Another view

$$E(\mathbf{h}) = F(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}) = F(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{h}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{g} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{h}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{h}$$

• Minimizer satisfies  $E'(\mathbf{h}^*) = 0$ 

$$E'(\mathbf{h}) = \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{H}\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$$
$$\mathbf{h} = -\mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{g}$$



$$\mathbf{h} = -\mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{g}$$

- It requires solving a linear system and H is not always positive definite.
- It has good performance in the final stage of the iterative process, where x is close to x\*.

### **Gauss-Newton method**



• Use the approximate Hessian

## $\mathbf{H} \approx \mathbf{J}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{J}$

- No need for second derivative
- H is positive semi-definite



if 
$$\mathbf{F}''(\mathbf{x})$$
 is positive definite  
 $\mathbf{h} := \mathbf{h}_n$   
else  
 $\mathbf{h} := \mathbf{h}_{sd}$   
 $\mathbf{x} := \mathbf{x} + \alpha \mathbf{h}$ 

This needs to calculate second-order derivative which might not be available.



 LM can be thought of as a combination of steepest descent and the Newton method. When the current solution is far from the correct one, the algorithm behaves like a steepest descent method: slow, but guaranteed to converge. When the current solution is close to the correct solution, it becomes a Newton's method.



Given a set of measurements **x**, try to find the best parameter vector **p** so that the squared distance  $\varepsilon^T \varepsilon$  is minimal. Here,  $\varepsilon = \mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ , with  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{p})$ .



For a small 
$$||\delta_{\mathbf{p}}||, f(\mathbf{p} + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}) \approx f(\mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{J}\delta_{\mathbf{p}}$$
  
**J** is the Jacobian matrix  $\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{p})}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$ 

it is required to find the  $\delta_{\mathbf{p}}$  that minimizes the quantity

 $\begin{aligned} ||\mathbf{x} - f(\mathbf{p} + \delta_{\mathbf{p}})|| &\approx ||\mathbf{x} - f(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{J}\delta_{\mathbf{p}}|| = ||\epsilon - \mathbf{J}\delta_{\mathbf{p}}|| \\ \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J}\delta_{\mathbf{p}} &= \mathbf{J}^T \epsilon \\ \mathbf{N}\delta_{\mathbf{p}} &= \mathbf{J}^T \epsilon \\ \mathbf{N}_{ii} &= \mu + \left[\mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J}\right]_{ii} \\ damping \ term \end{aligned}$ 



$$(\mathbf{J}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{J} + \boldsymbol{\mu}\mathbf{I})\mathbf{h} = -\mathbf{g}$$

- $\mu=0 \rightarrow$  Newton's method
- $\mu \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow$  steepest descent method
- Strategy for choosing  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ 
  - Start with some small  $\mu$
  - If F is not reduced, keep trying larger  $\mu$  until it does
  - If F is reduced, accept it and reduce  $\mu$  for the next iteration

# Recap (the Rosenbrock function)



$$z = f(x, y) = (1 - x^{2})^{2} + 100(y - x^{2})^{2}$$

Global minimum at (1, 1)



$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k - \boldsymbol{\alpha} \mathbf{g}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\mathbf{h}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{h}}{\mathbf{h}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{h}}$$




In the plane of the steepest descent direction



# Steepest descent (1000 iterations)





$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{g}$$

• With the approximate Hessian

## $\mathbf{H} \approx \mathbf{J}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{J}$

- No need for second derivative
- H is positive semi-definite



# Newton's method (48 evaluations)





- Blends steepest descent and Gauss-Newton
- At each step, solve for the descent direction h

$$(\mathbf{J}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{J} + \boldsymbol{\mu}\mathbf{I})\mathbf{h} = -\mathbf{g}$$

- If  $\mu$  large,  $h\approx -g$  , steepest descent
- If  $\mu$  small,  $\boldsymbol{h} \approx -(\boldsymbol{J}^T\boldsymbol{J})^{-1}\boldsymbol{g}$  , Gauss-Newton

# Levenberg-Marquardt (90 evaluations)



### A popular calibration tool



#### Multi-plane calibration



Images courtesy Jean-Yves Bouguet, Intel Corp.

#### Advantage

- Only requires a plane
- Don't have to know positions/orientations
- Good code available online!
  - Intel's OpenCV library: <a href="http://www.intel.com/research/mrl/research/opencv/">http://www.intel.com/research/mrl/research/opencv/</a>
  - Matlab version by Jean-Yves Bouget: <u>http://www.vision.caltech.edu/bouguetj/calib\_doc/index.html</u>
  - Zhengyou Zhang's web site: <u>http://research.microsoft.com/~zhang/Calib/</u>



#### Step 1: data acquisition



#### Step 2: specify corner order



Click on the four extreme corners of the rectangular pattern (first corner = origin)... Image 1 Click on the four extreme corners of the rectangular pattern (first corner = origin)... Image 1



Click on the four extreme comers of the rectangular pattern (first corner = origin)... Image 1 Click on the four extreme comers of the rectangular pattern (first corner = origin)... Image 1





#### Step 3: corner extraction







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#### Step 4: minimize projection error





Calibration res

Focal Length: fc = [ 657.46290 657.94673 ] ± [ 0.31819 0.34046 ] Principal point: cc = [ 303.13665 242.56935 ] ± [ 0.64682 0.59218 ] Skew: alpha\_c = [ 0.00000 ] ± [ 0.00000 ] => angle of pixel axes = Distortion: 0.12143 -0.000210.00002 0.00000 ] kc = [-0.25403]Pixel error: err = [ 0.11689 0.11500 ]











#### Step 5: refinement



#### **Optimized parameters**



Aspect ratio optimized (est\_aspect\_ratio = 1) -> both components of fc are estimated (DE Principal point optimized (center\_optim=1) - (DEFAULT). To reject principal point, set c Skew not optimized (est\_alpha=0) - (DEFAULT) Distortion not fully estimated (defined by the variable est\_dist): Sixth order distortion not estimated (est dist(5)=0) - (DEFAULT) .

Main calibration optimization procedure - Number of images: 20 Gradient descent iterations: 1...2...3...4...5...done Estimation of uncertainties...done

Calibration results after optimization (with uncertainties):

```
Focal Length:
                     fc = [ 657.46290
                                        657.94673 ] ± [ 0.31819
                                                                 0.34046 ]
Principal point:
                     cc = [ 303.13665
                                        242.56935 ] ± [ 0.64682
                                                                 0.59218 ]
Skew:
                 alpha c = [ 0.00000 ] ± [ 0.00000 ] => angle of pixel axes = 90.000
Distortion:
                      kc = [ -0.25403
                                       0.12143 - 0.00021 0.00002 0.00000 ] \pm [ 0.0 ]
Pixel error:
                     err = [ 0.11689
                                      0.11500 ]
```

Note: The numerical errors are approximately three times the standard deviations (for ref

### Applications



- Good for recovering intrinsic parameters; It is thus useful for many vision applications
- Since it requires a calibration pattern, it is often necessary to remove or replace the pattern from the footage or utilize it in some ways...



#### Example of calibration



(a) Background photograph

(b) Camera calibration grid and light probe



(c) Objects and local scene matched to background

(g) Final result with differential rendering







#### Example of calibration

- Videos from GaTech
- DasTatoo, MakeOf
- <u>P!NG</u>, <u>MakeOf</u>
- Work, MakeOf
- LifeInPaints, MakeOf



### PhotoBook



PhotoBook MakeOf