

Structure from motion

Digital Visual Effects

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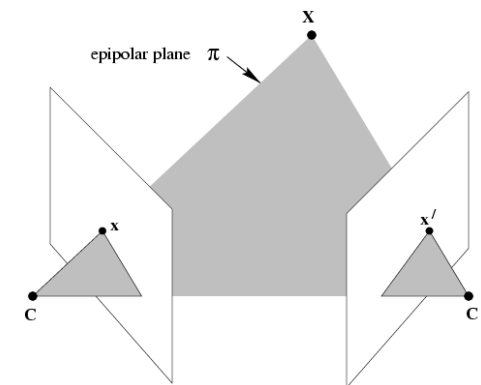
Outline

- Epipolar geometry and fundamental matrix
- Structure from motion
- Factorization method
- Bundle adjustment
- Applications

Epipolar geometry & fundamental matrix

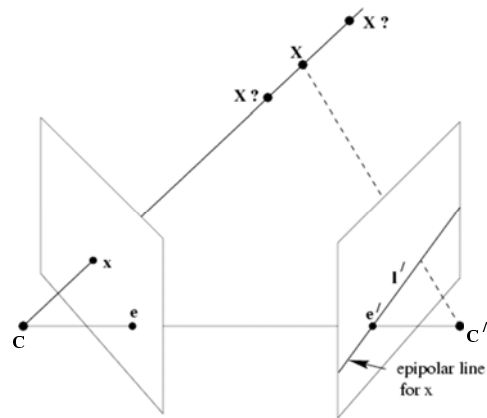
The epipolar geometry

[epipolar geometry demo](#)



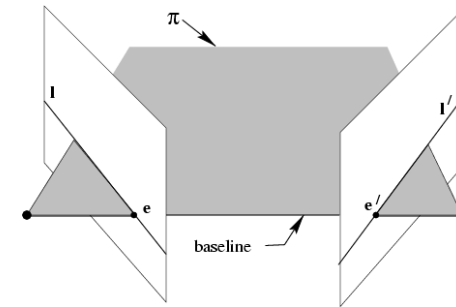
C, C', x, x' and X are coplanar

The epipolar geometry



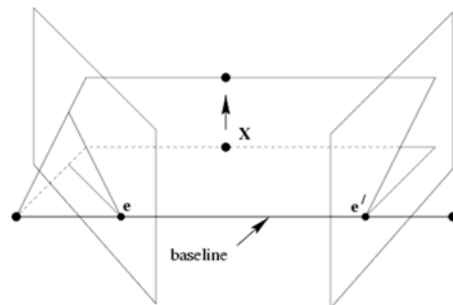
What if only C, C', x are known?

The epipolar geometry



All points on π project on l and l'

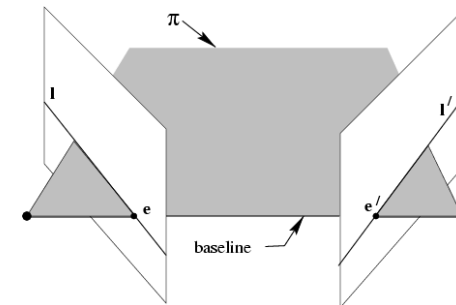
The epipolar geometry



Family of planes π and lines l and l' intersect at e and e'

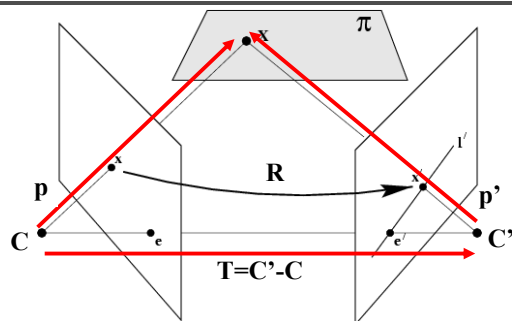
The epipolar geometry

epipolar pole
 = intersection of baseline with image plane
 = projection of projection center in the other image



epipolar plane = plane containing baseline
 epipolar line = intersection of epipolar plane with image

The fundamental matrix F



Two reference frames are related via the extrinsic parameters

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}' + \mathbf{T}$$

The fundamental matrix F

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}' + \mathbf{T}$$

Multiply both sides by $\mathbf{p}^T [\mathbf{T}]_x$

$$[\mathbf{T}]_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^T [\mathbf{T}]_x \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}^T [\mathbf{T}]_x (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}' + \mathbf{T})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &= \mathbf{p}^T [\mathbf{T}]_x \mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}' \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{E} \mathbf{p}' &= 0 \quad \text{essential matrix} \end{aligned}$$

The fundamental matrix F

$$\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{E} \mathbf{p}' = 0$$

Let \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{M}' be the intrinsic matrices, then

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{M}'^{-1} \mathbf{x}'$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{E} (\mathbf{M}'^{-1} \mathbf{x}') = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{M}^{-T} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{M}'^{-1} \mathbf{x}' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}' = 0 \quad \text{fundamental matrix}$$

The fundamental matrix F

- The fundamental matrix is the algebraic representation of epipolar geometry
- The fundamental matrix satisfies the condition that for any pair of corresponding points $\mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'$ in the two images

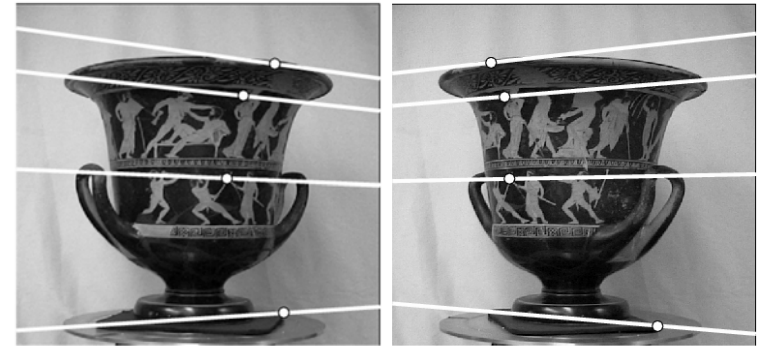
$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}' = 0 \quad (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{1} = 0)$$

The fundamental matrix F

F is the unique 3x3 rank 2 matrix that satisfies $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}' = 0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'$

1. **Transpose:** if F is fundamental matrix for $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$, then \mathbf{F}^T is fundamental matrix for $(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x})$
2. **Epipolar lines:** $\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}'$ & $\mathbf{l}' = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{x}$
3. **Epipoles:** on all epipolar lines, thus $\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}' = 0, \forall \mathbf{x}' \Rightarrow \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{F} = 0$, similarly $\mathbf{F} \mathbf{e}' = 0$
4. F has 7 d.o.f. , i.e. $3 \times 3 - 1(\text{homogeneous}) - 1(\text{rank } 2)$
5. F is a correlation, projective mapping from a point \mathbf{x} to a line $\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}'$ (not a proper correlation, i.e. not invertible)

The fundamental matrix F



- It can be used for
 - Simplifies matching
 - Allows to detect wrong matches

Estimation of F – 8-point algorithm

- The fundamental matrix F is defined by

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}' = 0$$

for any pair of matches \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{x}' in two images.

- Let $\mathbf{x} = (u, v, 1)^T$ and $\mathbf{x}' = (u', v', 1)^T$, $\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix}$

each match gives a linear equation

$$uu' f_{11} + uv' f_{12} + uf_{13} + vu' f_{21} + vv' f_{22} + vf_{23} + u' f_{31} + v' f_{32} + f_{33} = 0$$

8-point algorithm

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 u_1' & u_1 v_1' & u_1 & v_1 u_1' & v_1 v_1' & v_1 & u_1' & v_1' & 1 \\ u_2 u_2' & u_2 v_2' & u_2 & v_2 u_2' & v_2 v_2' & v_2 & u_2' & v_2' & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ u_n u_n' & u_n v_n' & u_n & v_n u_n' & v_n v_n' & v_n & u_n' & v_n' & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

- In reality, instead of solving $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{f} = 0$, we seek \mathbf{f} to minimize $\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{f}\|$ subj. $\|\mathbf{f}\| = 1$. Find the vector corresponding to the least singular value.

8-point algorithm

- To enforce that F is of rank 2, F is replaced by F' that minimizes $\|F - F'\|$ subject to $\det F' = 0$.

- It is achieved by SVD. Let $F = U\Sigma V^T$ where

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ let } \Sigma' = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then $F' = U\Sigma'V^T$ is the solution.

8-point algorithm

% Build the constraint matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x_2(1,:)'.*x_1(1,:) & x_2(1,:)'.*x_1(2,:) & x_2(1,:)'.*x_1(3,:) & \dots \\ x_2(2,:)'.*x_1(1,:) & x_2(2,:)'.*x_1(2,:) & x_2(2,:)'.*x_1(3,:) & \dots \\ x_1(1,:) & x_1(2,:) & \text{ones}(npts,1) \end{bmatrix};$$

$$[U,D,V] = \text{svd}(A);$$

% Extract fundamental matrix from the column of V

% corresponding to the smallest singular value.

$$F = \text{reshape}(V(:,9),3,3)';$$

% Enforce rank2 constraint

$$[U,D,V] = \text{svd}(F);$$

$$F = U * \text{diag}([D(1,1) \ D(2,2) \ 0]) * V';$$

8-point algorithm

- Pros: it is linear, easy to implement and fast
- Cons: susceptible to noise

Problem with 8-point algorithm

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1u_1' & u_1v_1' & u_1 & v_1u_1' & v_1v_1' & v_1 & u_1' & v_1' & 1 \\ u_2u_2' & u_2v_2' & u_2 & v_2u_2' & v_2v_2' & v_2 & u_2' & v_2' & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ u_nu_n' & u_nv_n' & u_n & v_nu_n' & v_nv_n' & v_n & u_n' & v_n' & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$



Orders of magnitude difference
between column of data matrix
→ least-squares yields poor results

Normalized 8-point algorithm

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1. Transform input by $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_i, \hat{\mathbf{x}}'_i = \mathbf{T}'\mathbf{x}'_i$
2. Call 8-point on $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{x}}'_i$ to obtain $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$
3. $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{T}'^T \hat{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{T}$

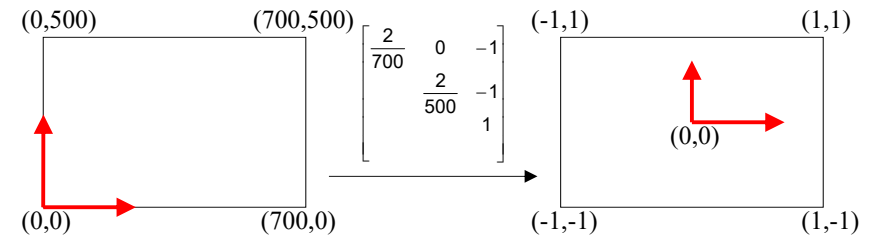
$$\mathbf{x}'^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\hat{\mathbf{x}}'^T \mathbf{T}'^{-T}} \underbrace{\mathbf{F} \mathbf{T}^{-1}}_{\hat{\mathbf{F}}} \boxed{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} = 0$$

Normalized 8-point algorithm

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normalized least squares yields good results
Transform image to $\sim[-1,1] \times [-1,1]$



Normalized 8-point algorithm

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```
[x1, T1] = normalise2dpts(x1);
[x2, T2] = normalise2dpts(x2);
```

```
A = [x2(1,:)' * x1(1,:)' x2(1,:)' * x1(2,:)' x2(1,:)' ...
      x2(2,:)' * x1(1,:)' x2(2,:)' * x1(2,:)' x2(2,:)' ...
      x1(1,:)'           x1(2,:)'           ones(npts,1) ];
```

```
[U,D,V] = svd(A);
```

```
F = reshape(V(:,9),3,3)';
```

```
[U,D,V] = svd(F);
F = U*diag([D(1,1) D(2,2) 0])*V';
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```
% Denormalise
F = T2'*F*T1;
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Normalization

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```
function [newpts, T] = normalise2dpts(pts)
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```
c = mean(pts(1:2,:))'; % Centroid
newp(1,:) = pts(1,:)-c(1); % Shift origin to centroid.
newp(2,:) = pts(2,:)-c(2);
```

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meandist = mean(sqrt(newp(1,:).^2 + newp(2,:).^2));
scale = sqrt(2)/meandist;
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```
T = [scale 0 -scale*c(1)
      0 scale -scale*c(2)
      0 0 1];
newpts = T*pts;
```

RANSAC

repeat

- select minimal sample (8 matches)

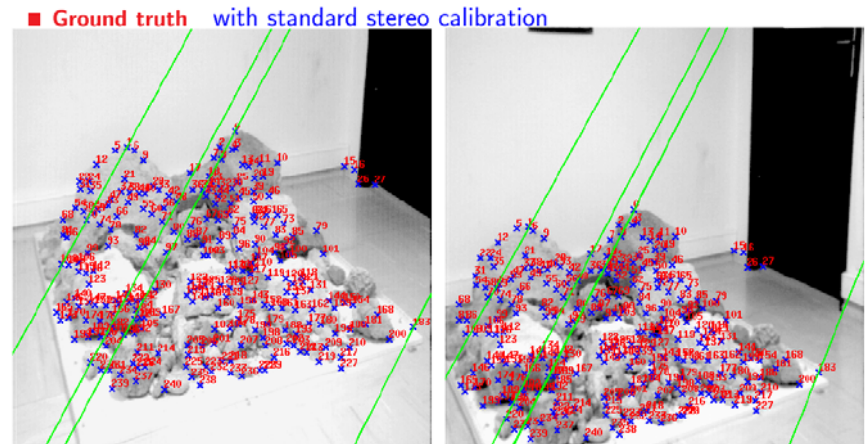
- compute solution(s) for F

- determine inliers

until $\Gamma(\#inliers, \#samples) > 95\%$ or too many times

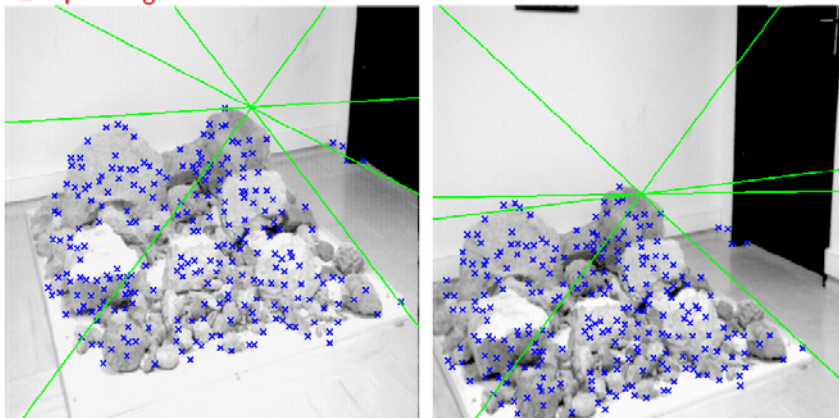
compute F based on all inliers

Results (ground truth)



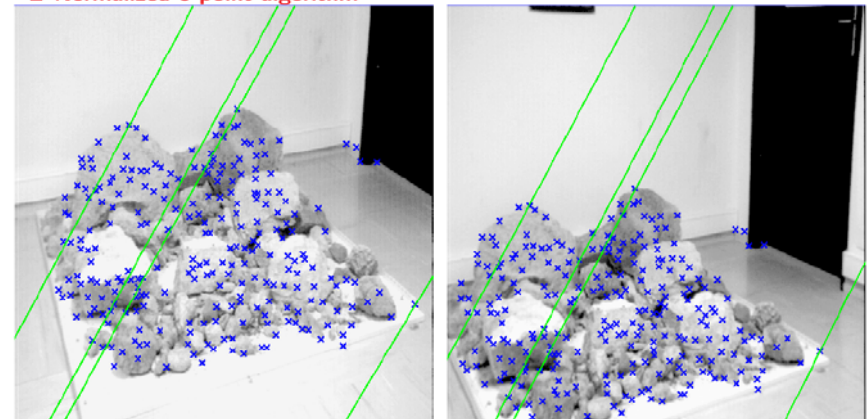
Results (8-point algorithm)

■ 8-point algorithm



Results (normalized 8-point algorithm)

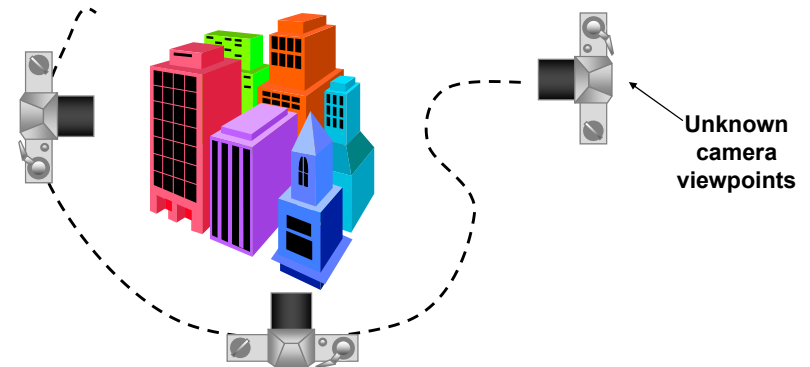
■ Normalized 8-point algorithm



Structure from motion

Structure from motion

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structure for motion: automatic recovery of camera motion and scene structure from two or more images. It is a self calibration technique and called *automatic camera tracking* or *matchmoving*.

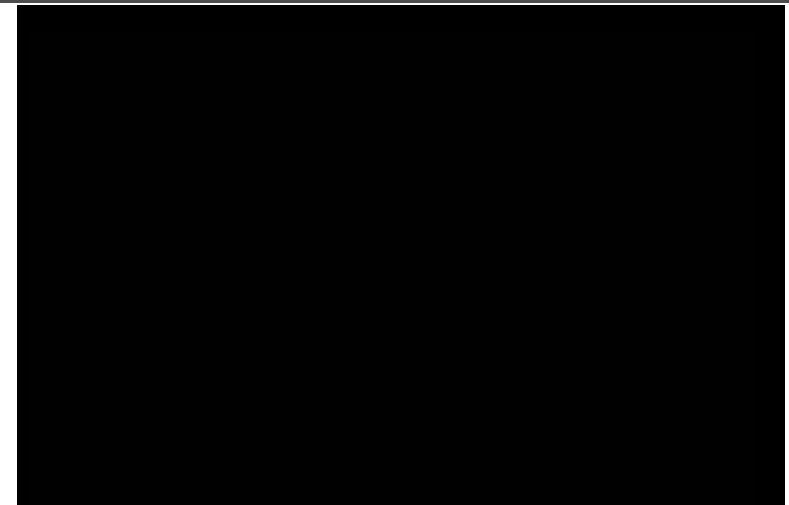
Applications

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- For computer vision, multiple-view shape reconstruction, novel view synthesis and autonomous vehicle navigation.
- For film production, seamless insertion of CGI into live-action backgrounds

Matchmove

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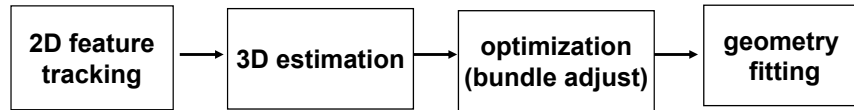


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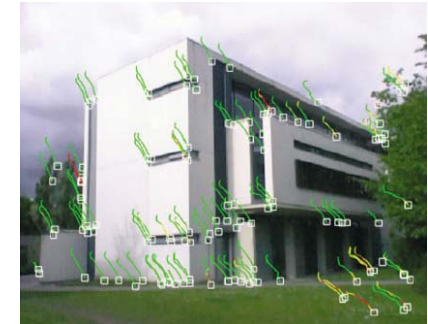
Structure from motion



SFM pipeline

Structure from motion

- Step 1: Track Features
 - Detect good features, Shi & Tomasi, SIFT
 - Find correspondences between frames
 - Lucas & Kanade-style motion estimation
 - window-based correlation
 - SIFT matching



KLT tracking



<http://www.ces.clemson.edu/~stb/klt/>

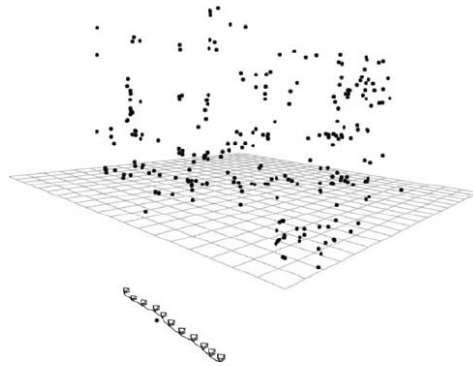
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- Step 2: Estimate Motion and Structure
 - Simplified projection model, e.g., [Tomasi 92]
 - 2 or 3 views at a time [Hartley 00]



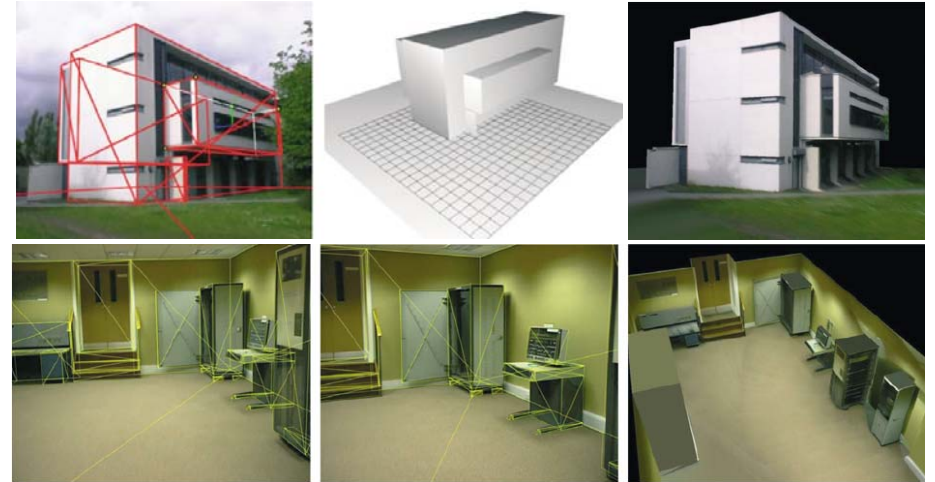
Structure from Motion

- Step 3: Refine estimates
 - “Bundle adjustment” in photogrammetry
 - Other iterative methods



Structure from Motion

- Step 4: Recover surfaces (image-based triangulation, silhouettes, stereo...)



Factorization methods

Problem statement



Notations

- n 3D points are seen in m views
- $\mathbf{q}=(u,v,1)$: 2D image point
- $\mathbf{p}=(x,y,z,1)$: 3D scene point
- Π : projection matrix
- π : projection function
- q_{ij} is the projection of the i -th point on image j
- λ_{ij} projective depth of q_{ij}

$$\mathbf{q}_{ij} = \pi(\Pi_j \mathbf{p}_i) \quad \pi(x, y, z) = (x/z, y/z)$$

$$\lambda_{ij} = z$$

Structure from motion

- Estimate Π_j and \mathbf{p}_i to minimize

$$\varepsilon(\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_m, \mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} \log P(\pi(\Pi_j \mathbf{p}_i); \mathbf{q}_{ij})$$

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p_i \text{ is visible in view } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

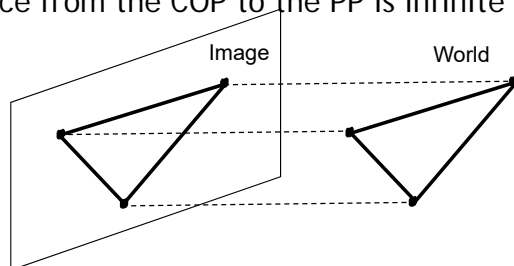
- Assume isotropic Gaussian noise, it is reduced to

$$\varepsilon(\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_m, \mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} \|\pi(\Pi_j \mathbf{p}_i) - \mathbf{q}_{ij}\|^2$$

- Start from a simpler projection model

Orthographic projection

- Special case of perspective projection
 - Distance from the COP to the PP is infinite



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

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

SFM under orthographic projection

2D image point Orthographic projection incorporating 3D rotation 3D scene point image offset

$$\mathbf{q} = \Pi \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{t}$$

$\begin{matrix} 2 \times 1 & 2 \times 3 & 3 \times 1 & 2 \times 1 \end{matrix}$

- Trick
 - Choose scene origin to be centroid of 3D points
 - Choose image origins to be centroid of 2D points
 - Allows us to drop the camera translation:

$$\mathbf{q} = \Pi \mathbf{p}$$

factorization (Tomasi & Kanade)

projection of n features in one image:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 & \mathbf{q}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_n \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times n} = \prod_{2 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{p}_n \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times n}$$

projection of n features in m images

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_{11} & \mathbf{q}_{12} & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{1n} \\ \mathbf{q}_{21} & \mathbf{q}_{22} & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{q}_{m1} & \mathbf{q}_{m2} & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{2m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi_1 \\ \Pi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Pi_m \end{bmatrix}_{2m \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{p}_n \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times n}$$

\mathbf{W} measurement \mathbf{M} motion \mathbf{S} shape

Key Observation: $\text{rank}(\mathbf{W}) \leq 3$

Factorization

$$\text{known} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W} \\ 2m \times n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{S} \\ 2m \times 3 & 3 \times n \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{solve for}$$

Factorization Technique

- \mathbf{W} is at most rank 3 (assuming no noise)
- We can use *singular value decomposition* to factor \mathbf{W} :

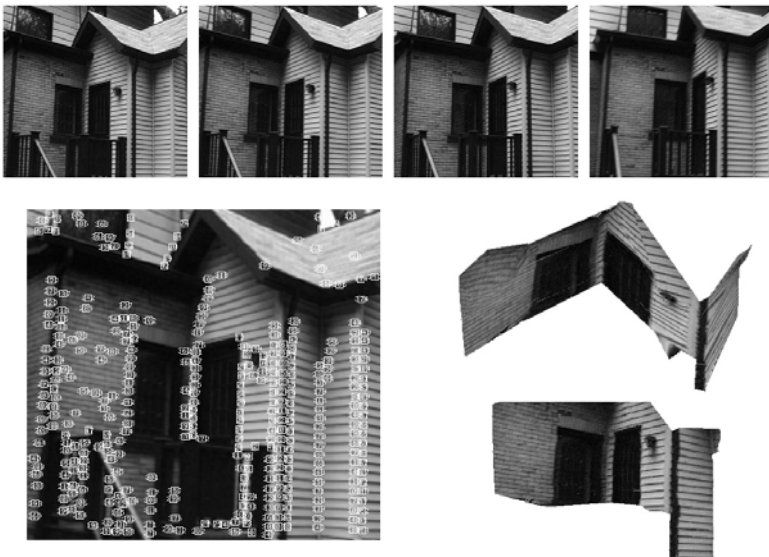
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W} \\ 2m \times n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}' & \mathbf{S}' \\ 2m \times 3 & 3 \times n \end{bmatrix}$$

- \mathbf{S}' differs from \mathbf{S} by a linear transformation \mathbf{A} :

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{M}'\mathbf{S}' = (\mathbf{M}\mathbf{A}^{-1})(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S})$$

- Solve for \mathbf{A} by enforcing *metric* constraints on \mathbf{M}

Results



Extensions to factorization methods

- Projective projection
- With missing data
- Projective projection with missing data

Bundle adjustment

Bundle adjustment

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- n 3D points are seen in m views
- x_{ij} is the projection of the i -th point on image j
- a_j is the parameters for the j -th camera
- b_i is the parameters for the i -th point
- BA attempts to minimize the projection error

$$\min_{\mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{b}_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m d(\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{b}_i), \mathbf{x}_{ij})^2$$

Euclidean distance predicted projection

Levenberg-Marquardt method

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- 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.

Bundle adjustment

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The Structure from Motion Pipeline

Applications of matchmove



Enemy at the Gate, Double Negative



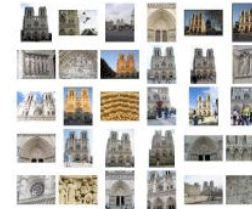
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Photo Tourism

Exploring photo collections in 3D

Microsoft



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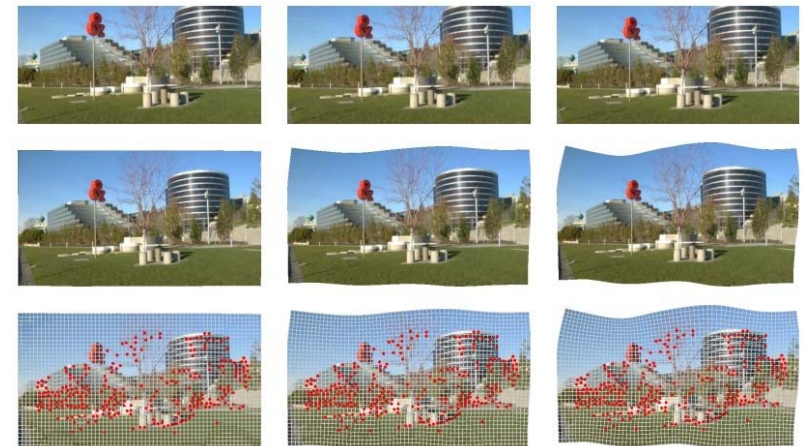
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(c)



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Project #3 MatchMove

- It is more about using tools in this project
- You can choose either calibration or structure from motion to achieve the goal
- Calibration
- Voodoo/Icarus

- Examples from previous classes, [#1](#), [#2](#)
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/theActionMovieKid/videos>