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# Summary of TEK5030

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 $d(f_{\scriptscriptstyle A},f_{\scriptscriptstyle B})\!<\!T$ 









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## Image formation Light, cameras, optics and colour

## Image formation:

- Illumination
- Cameras
- Optics
- Colour Sensing.





## Image capture



sclera

retina

optic nerve

suspensory ligaments

vitreous chamber vitreous humor

choroid

fovea

### **Depth of field – large aperture**



### **Depth of field – small aperture**





## **Colour Sensing in digital cameras - Bayer filter**



Undersampled (incomplete) colour information



## The perspective camera model



The image is represented by a 2D frame  $\mathcal{F}_i$  that spans the normalized image plane

## The perspective camera model



Points in the normalized image plane can be described both as 2D and 3D points

- 3D points  $\mathbf{x}_n$  in  $\mathcal{F}_c$
- 2D points  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $\mathcal{F}_i$



## The perspective camera model



The perspective camera model is composed by two transformations:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = \begin{bmatrix} f_u & s & c_u \\ 0 & f_v & c_v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$
$$\mathbf{K} \qquad \mathbf{\Pi}_0$$
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## Inverting the perspective camera model



### **Remark on computations**

Computing the image point  $\mathbf{u} = [u, v]^T$  for a world point  $\mathbf{x} = [x, y, z]^T$  can be split into three steps



## The camera calibration matrix

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f_u & s & c_u \\ 0 & f_v & c_v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• This is an affine transformation from the normalized image plane to the image

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{K}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{u} & s & c_{u} \\ 0 & f_{v} & c_{v} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u = f_{u}x + sy + c_{u}$$

$$v = f_{v}y + c_{v}$$

- The **principal point**,  $(c_u, c_v)$  is where the optical axis intersects the image plane
  - Often approximated by the center of the image
- The **focal lengths**  $f_u$  and  $f_v$  are scale factors between the normalized image plane and the image
  - They are scaled versions of the physical focal length
- The **skew parameter** s can typically be ignored, so we usually set s = 0
  - It is required for cases when the detector array is not orthogonal to the optical axis



## **Non-ideal cameras**

- No cameras fit the perspective camera model perfectly
  - All cameras suffer from some kind of distortion
- If we want to use images for geometrical computations we need to take this distortion into account
- A **distortion model** allows us to undistort images (or individual points)
  - Example model for radial distortion only

$$x_{n} = x'_{n} \left( 1 + k_{1} r'^{2} + k_{2} r'^{4} \right)$$
  

$$y_{n} = y'_{n} \left( 1 + k_{1} r'^{2} + k_{2} r'^{4} \right)$$
 where  $r'^{2} = x'_{n}^{2} + {y'_{n}}^{2}$ 









# Linear transformations of the projective plane $\mathbb{P}^2$

Transformation	Matrix	#DoF	Preserves	Visualization
Euclidean	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	3	Lengths + all below	$\uparrow \rightarrow \uparrow \checkmark$
Similarity	$\begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}  s \in \mathbb{R}$	4	Angles + all below	$\uparrow \rightarrow \uparrow \checkmark$
Affine	$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	6	Parallelism, line at infinity <b>+ all below</b>	$\uparrow \rightarrow \uparrow \Diamond$
Homography	$\begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix}$	8	Straight lines	$\uparrow \rightarrow \uparrow \checkmark$



## Linear transformations of the projective plane $\mathbb{P}^2$

• Perspective imaging of a flat surface can be described by a homography



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## Image processing

- Point operators (pixel-to-pixel)
  - Adjustment of brightness, contrast and colour
  - Histogram equalization
- Image filtering in spatial domain
  - Mathematical operations on a local neighborhood
  - Linear filters (convolution, cross-correlation)
  - Non-linear filters
  - Image enhancement (smoothing, sharpening)
  - Feature extraction (edges, texture etc.)
- Image filtering in frequency domain
  - Modification of spatial image frequencies
  - Noise removal, (re)sampling, image compression
  - 2D Fourier transform



 $f[i,j] \to g[i,j]$ 





### Linear filtering (cross-correlation or convolution)



$$g[i,j] = \sum_{u,v} h[u,v]f[i+u,j+v] \qquad g = h \otimes f$$



# Filtering in frequency domain

Fourier (1807):

**Any** univariate function can be rewritten as a weighted sum of sines and cosines of different frequencies (true with some subtle restrictions).

This leads to:

- Fourier Series
- Fourier Transform (continuous and discrete)
- Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)



Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)



# **Image Pyramids**

- Downsampling (decimation)
- Upsampling (interpolation)
- Pyramids
  - Gaussan Pyramids
  - Laplacian Pyramids
- Applications
  - Template matching (object detection)
  - Detecting stable points of interest
  - Image Registration
  - Compression
  - Image Blending

- ...











### **Collapsing the Laplacian pyramid:**

 $rescale(rescale(rescale(L_3) + L_2) + L_1) + L_0 =$ 





## Image blending









# Image blending with Laplacian pyramids

Weighted sum for each level of the pyramid



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## **Feature detection**

### Line features:

- Edge detectors
  - Image derivatives
  - Thinning and thresholding
- Line detection with the Hough transform







# **Thinning and thresholding**

- Detection of local maxima (i.e. suppression of non-maxima)
- Thresholding

Binary image with isolated edges (single pixels at discrete locations along edge contours)



Edge enhanced image (Sobel)

## Line detection - Hough transform

The set of all lines going through a given point corresponds to a sinusoidal curve in the  $(\rho, \theta)$  plane.

Two or more points on a straight line will give rise to sinusoids intersecting at the point  $(\rho, \theta)$  for that line.





The Hough transform can be generalized to other shapes.

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# Example







# Example (2)





### **Detected lines**



# **Feature detection**

### Local keypoint features

- Corner detectors
  - Stable in space
  - Min eigenvalue, Harris
- Blob detectors
  - Stable in scale and space
  - LoG, DoG


## **Characteristics of good features**



- Repeatability
- Distinctiveness

- Efficiency
- Locality



# Local measure of feature distinctiveness

- Consider a small window of pixels around a feature
- How does the window change when you shift it?







"Flat" region: No change in all directions "Edge": No change along edge "Corner": Change in all directions

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### Simplifying the measure even further

• Consider a horizontal "slice" of E(u,v):

$$E(u,v) \approx \begin{bmatrix} u & v \end{bmatrix} M \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = const$$

- This is the equation of an ellipse
  - Describe the surface using the eigenvalues of M



### **Corner detection summary**

- Compute the gradient at each point in the image using derivatives of Gaussians
- Create the second moment matrix M from the entries in the gradient
- Compute the eigenvalues
- Find points with large response ( $\lambda_{min}$  > threshold)
- Choose those points where  $\lambda_{\min}$  is a local maximum as features



### Harris detector properties



# as edges

# Corner location is not covariant to scaling!

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### LoG blob detector

- Convolve the image with scale-normalized LoG at several scales
- Find maxima of squared LoG response in scale-space
- Approximate with Difference of Gaussians (DoG)







# Feature detection

### **Robust estimation with RANSAC**

- RANSAC
  - A robust iterative method for estimating the parameters of a mathematical model from a set of observed data containing outliers
  - Separates the observed data into "inliers" and "outliers"
  - Very useful if we want to use better, but less robust, estimation methods









## RANSAC

### Objective

Robustly fit a model  $y = f(x; \alpha)$  to a data set  $S = \{x_i\}$ 

### Algorithm

- 1. Determine a test model  $y = f(x; \alpha_{tst})$  from *n* random data points  $\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$
- 2. Check how well each individual data point in *S* fits with the test model
  - Data points within a distance t of the model constitute a set of inliers  $S_{tst} \subseteq S$
  - Data points outside a distance *t* of the model are outliers
- 3. If  $S_{tst}$  is the largest set of inliers encountered so far, we keep this model
  - Set  $\alpha = \alpha_{tst}$  and  $S_{IN} = S_{tst}$
- 4. Repeat steps 1-3 until N models have been tested

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# RANSAC

### Comments

 Number of iterations required to achieve confidence *p* when testing random models from *n*-tuples of data elements from a dataset with inlier probability ω

$$N = \frac{\log(1-p)}{\log(1-\omega^n)}$$

- Typical desired level of confidence p = 0.99
- Inlier probability  $\omega$  is typically unknown, but can be estimated per iteration

 $\omega = \frac{\#max \; estimated \; inliers}{\#data \; elements}$ 

- Instead of operating with a fixed and larger than necessary *N* we can update *N* for each iteration
  - Adaptive RANSAC!

				ω		
	N	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
n	2	3	5	7	11	17
	3	4	7	11	19	35
	4	5	9	17	34	72
	5	6	12	26	57	146
	6	7	16	37	97	293
	7	8	20	54	163	588
	8	9	26	78	272	1177



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# Feature matching

### Feature descriptors and matching

- Matching keypoints
  - Comparing local patches in canonical scale and orientation
- Feature descriptors
  - Robust, distinctive and efficient
- Descriptor types
  - HoG descriptors
  - Binary descriptors
- Putative matching
  - Closest match, distance ratio, cross check



# **Feature matching**

From keypoints to feature correspondences



 $d(f_A, f_B) < T$ 

- 1. Detect a set of distinct feature points
- 2. Define a patch around each point
- 3. Extract and normalize the patch
- 4. Compute a local descriptor
- 5. Match local descriptors



### Patch at detected position, scale, orientation









## **SIFT descriptor**

- Extract a 16x16 patch around detected keypoint
- Compute the gradients and apply a Gaussian weighting function
- Divide the window into a 4x4 grid of cells
- Compute gradient direction histograms over 8 directions in each cell
- Concatenate the histograms to obtain a 128 dimensional feature vector
- Normalize to unit length











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## **Binary descriptors**

- Extremely efficient construction and comparison
- Based on pairwise intensity comparisons
  - Sampling pattern around keypoint
  - Set of sampling pairs
  - Feature descriptor vector is a binary string:

$$F = \sum_{0 \le a \le N} 2^{a} T(P_{a})$$
$$T(P_{a}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } I(P_{a}^{r1}) > I(P_{a}^{r2}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• Matching using Hamming distance:

$$L = \sum_{0 \le a \le N} XOR(F_a^1, F_a^2)$$





BRISK sampling pairs



# Estimating homographies from feature correspondences

- Perspective images are sometimes perfectly related by a homography
  - Rotating camera
  - Planar scene
- Point-correspondences ũ<sub>i</sub> ↔ ũ<sub>i</sub>' can be established automatically between two such images
  - Wrong correspondences are common
- The homography can be estimated from the point correspondences
  - Need at least 4
  - Robust estimation techniques are recommended





## Estimating homographies from feature correspondences

- RANSAC estimation of homography  $H\widetilde{u} = \widetilde{u}'$ 
  - Direct Linear Transform (DLT) on 4 random correspondences  $\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}_i \leftrightarrow \widetilde{\mathbf{u}}'_i$
  - Inliers have a small reprojection error  $\epsilon_i = d(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}'_i) + d(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{u}'_i)$
- The RANSAC estimated homography is random
  - Only estimated from 4 correspondences!
- A "better" homography can be estimated based on all the inlier correspondences
  - Normalized DLT
  - Iterative methods
- Using the homography we can warp one image into the coordinate frame of the other







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# **Orientation – Several representations**

- Orientation of a frame  $\mathcal{F}_b$  relative to a frame  $\mathcal{F}_a$  has several representations
  - Rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R} \in SO(3)$
  - Euler angles  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3]^T$
  - Axis-angle  $(\mathbf{v}, \phi) = \{ [v_1, v_2, v_3]^T, \phi \}$
  - Unit quaternion  $\mathbf{q} = q_1 + q_2 i + q_3 j + q_4 k$
- Important properties
  - Inverse
  - Composition
  - Action on points





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### Pose

• The pose of the camera frame  $\mathcal{F}_c$  with respect to the world frame  $\mathcal{F}_w$  can be represented by the Euclidean transformation matrix

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_{wc} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{wc} & \mathbf{t}_{wc}^{w} \\ \mathbf{0}^{T} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in SE(3)$$

where  $\mathbf{R}_{wc} \in SO(3)$  is a rotation matrix and  $\mathbf{t}_{wc}^{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{3}$  is a translation vector given in world coordinates

### NOTATION

- $\mathbf{T}_{ab}$  = The pose of  $\mathcal{F}_b$  relative to  $\mathcal{F}_a$
- $\mathbf{R}_{ab}$  = The orientation of  $\mathcal{F}_b$  relative to  $\mathcal{F}_a$
- $\mathbf{t}_{ab}^{c}$  = The translation of  $\mathcal{F}_{b}$  relative to  $\mathcal{F}_{a}$  given in  $\mathcal{F}_{c}$  coordinates





### **Pose – Inverse**

• The opposite pose, the pose of  $\mathcal{F}_w$  with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_c$ , is given by the inverse transformation

$$\mathbf{T}_{cw} = \mathbf{T}_{wc}^{-1}$$

• One can show that

$$\mathbf{T}_{cw} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{wc} & \mathbf{t}_{wc}^{w} \\ \mathbf{0}^{T} & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{wc}^{T} & -\mathbf{R}_{wc}^{T} \mathbf{t}_{wc}^{w} \\ \mathbf{0}^{T} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Hence  $\mathbf{R}_{cw} = \mathbf{R}_{wc}^{T}$  and  $\mathbf{t}_{cw}^{c} = -\mathbf{R}_{wc}^{T}\mathbf{t}_{wc}^{W}$ 





### **Pose – Composition**

We can chain together consecutive poses by compounding transformation matrices

$$\mathbf{T}_{ac} = \mathbf{T}_{ab} \mathbf{T}_{bc}$$

$$\mathbf{Note}$$
The indexes are always pairwise equal
$$\mathbf{\tilde{x}}_{a}^{a} = \mathbf{T}_{ab} \mathbf{T}_{bc} \mathbf{\tilde{x}}_{c}^{c} \qquad \text{source}$$
frame
$$\mathbf{\tilde{r}}_{ame} \text{ intermediate}$$

$$\mathbf{\tilde{r}}_{ame}$$

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 $\mathcal{F}_{c}$ 

### **Pose – Action on points**

- The matrix  $\mathbf{T}_{cw}$  represents the pose of  $\mathcal{F}_w$  relative to  $\mathcal{F}_c$ , but it is also a point transformation from  $\mathcal{F}_w$  to  $\mathcal{F}_c$
- A point x<sup>w</sup> in world coordinates can be transformed to camera coordinates by

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{c} = \mathbf{T}_{cw} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{w}$$
$$\mathbf{x}^{c} = \mathbf{R}_{cw} \mathbf{x}^{w} + \mathbf{t}_{cw}^{c}$$

Note

The indexes are always pairwise equal







A point x has a known position relative to a camera mounted on a vehicle

The vehicle has a known pose relative to the world

The camera has a known pose relative to the vehicle

Find expressions for  $x^{\nu}$  and  $x^{w}$ 





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A point **x** has a known position relative to a camera mounted on a vehicle  $\mathbf{x}^c$ 

The vehicle has a known pose relative to the world  $T_{wv}$ 

The camera has a known pose relative to the vehicle  $T_{vc}$ 

Find expressions for  $x^{\nu}$  and  $x^{w}$ 





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$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{\nu} = \mathbf{T}_{\nu c} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{c}$$





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Find expressions for  $x^{\nu}$  and  $x^{w}$ 

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}^{v} = \mathbf{T}_{vc} \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}^{c}$$
$$\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}^{w} = \mathbf{T}_{wv} \mathbf{T}_{vc} \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}^{c}$$



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## Pose from a known 3D map

• Homography-based method

For a calibrated camera, we have a relation between the camera pose and the homography between the world plane and the image!

$$\mathbf{H}_{i\Pi} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{T}_{cw} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Indirect methods based on minimizing geometric error

$$\mathbf{T}_{cw}^* = \underset{\mathbf{T}_{cw}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i} \left\| \pi(\mathbf{T}_{cw} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i}^{w}) - \mathbf{u}_{i} \right\|^2$$







### How can we solve the indirect tracking problem?

Minimize geometric error with nonlinear least squares!

$$\mathbf{T}_{cw}^* = \underset{\mathbf{T}_{cw}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i} \left\| \pi(\mathbf{T}_{cw}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\tilde{x}}_{i}^{\mathsf{W}}) - \mathbf{u}_{i} \right\|^{2}$$





### **Nonlinear least squares**

We can find the MAP estimate of our unknown states given measurements

 $X^{MAP} = \operatorname*{argmax}_{X} p(X \mid Z)$ 

by representing it as a nonlinear least squares problem

$$X^* = \underset{X}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left\| h_i(X_i) - \mathbf{z}_i \right\|_{\Sigma_i}^2$$

Choose a suitable inital estimate  $X^0$  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b} \leftarrow \text{Linearize at } X^t$  $\Delta^* \leftarrow Solve argmin \|\mathbf{A}\Delta - \mathbf{b}\|^2$  $X^{t+1} \leftarrow X^t + \Lambda^*$ 



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# Example: Range-based localization

Linearized problem at  $\mathbf{x}^0$ :

$\boldsymbol{\delta}^* = \underset{\boldsymbol{\delta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\  \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\delta} - \mathbf{b} \right\ ^2$										
	0.15	0.99	[-1.3]	8]						
	0.20	0.98	-0.2	9						
$\mathbf{A} =$	-0.11	0.99	$\mathbf{b} =  -0.59$	9						
	-0.33	0.94	-0.6	5						
	0	1.00	0.62	,						

Solution to the normal equations  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{\delta}^* = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$ :

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}^* = \begin{bmatrix} -0.12\\ -0.47 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{x}^1 = \mathbf{x}^0 + \mathbf{\delta}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1.68\\ 3.03 \end{bmatrix}$$





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- Gauss-Newton
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> Uncertainty for MAP estimate by approximating Hessian



### **Optimizing over poses**

• Updates on poses as perturbations in a vector space using Lie algebra

• Jacobians for these perturbations

$$\frac{\partial \Big(\exp(\xi^{\wedge})\mathbf{T}\Big) \oplus \mathbf{x}}{\partial \xi} \bigg|_{\xi=\mathbf{0}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{3\times 3} & -[\mathbf{T} \oplus \mathbf{x}]^{\wedge} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \frac{\partial \Big(\exp(\xi^{\wedge})\mathbf{T}\Big) \oplus \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{T} \oplus \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{R}$$

### The indirect tracking method

Minimize **geometric error** over the **camera pose** This is also sometimes called **Motion-Only Bundle Adjustment** 

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### **Gauss-Newton optimization**

Given a good initial estimate  $\mathbf{T}_{wc}^{0}$ .

For  $t = 0, 1, ..., t^{max}$  **A**, **b**  $\leftarrow$  Linearize at  $\mathbf{T}_{wc}^{t}$   $\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Delta}^{*} \leftarrow$  Solve the linearized problem with  $(\mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{A})\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Delta}^{*} = \mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{b}$  $\mathbf{T}_{wc}^{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{T}_{wc}^{t} \exp(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Delta}^{*\wedge})$ 





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## *n*-Point Pose Problem (PnP)

- Typically fast non-iterative methods
- Minimal in number of points
- Accuracy comparable to iterative methods
- Good for initial estimates
- Examples:
  - P3P, EPnP
  - P4Pf
    - Estimate pose and focal length
  - P6P
    - Estimates **P** with DLT
  - R6P
    - Estimate pose with rolling shutter





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### **Basic epipolar geometry**



- The epipolar plane is the plane containing x and the two camera centers of  $\mathcal{F}_a$  and  $\mathcal{F}_b$
- The **baseline** is the line joining  $\mathcal{F}_a$  and  $\mathcal{F}_b$
- The **epipolar lines** are where the epipolar plane intersect the image planes
- The **epipoles** are where the baseline intersects the two image planes
- Epipoles and epipolar lines can be represented in the normalized image plane as well as in the image

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### **Stereo imaging** Stereo imaging

- Stereo imaging
  - Horizontal epipolar lines
  - Disparity
  - 3D from disparity
  - Stereo rectification







 $^{L}\boldsymbol{P}=(X,Y,Z)$ 

- Parallel identical cameras
  - Translated along *x*-axis



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# Parallel identical cameras

- Translated along *x*-axis
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  - Corresponding points lie along the same row in the two images
- Depth from disparity

Baseline Depth Z = fDisparity



Parallel identical cameras

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- 3D from disparity



### **Stereo rectification**



- Reproject image planes onto a common plane parallel to the line between the camera centers
- The epipolar lines are horizontal after this transformation
- Two homographies
- C. Loop and Z. Zhang. Computing Rectifying Homographies for Stereo Vision. IEEE Conf. Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 1999.



### Stereo imaging Stereo processing

- Stereo processing
  - Sparse vs dense matching
  - DSI
  - Typical failures
  - Removing failures vs smoothness





### **Stereo processing**

- Sparse stereo
  - Extract keypoints
  - Match keypoints along the same row
  - Compute 3D from disparity



- Dense stereo
  - Try to match all pixels along rows
  - Compute disparity image by finding the best disparity for each pixel
  - Refine and clean disparity image
  - Compute dense 3D point cloud or surface from disparity



### **Dense stereo matching**



- For a patch in the left image
  - Compare with patches along the same row in the right image
  - Select patch with highest score
- Repeat for all pixels in the left image



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### **Representing the epipolar geometry**

• The essential matrix **E** and the fundamental matrix **F** represent the epipolar geometry

$$\left(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n}^{\prime b}\right)^{T} \mathbf{E}_{ba} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n}^{a} = 0 \qquad \qquad \left(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{\prime b}\right)^{T} \mathbf{F}_{ba} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^{a} = 0$$

- E and F can be estimated from point correspondences
  - $F \leftarrow RANSAC$ , 7-pt or 8-pt
  - $\mathbf{E} \leftarrow \text{RANSAC}, 5\text{-pt}$
- E and F maps points to epipolar lines
- The essential matrix is related directly to the relative pose between the two cameras

$$\mathbf{E}_{ba} = \left(\mathbf{t}_{ba}^{b}\right)^{\wedge} \mathbf{R}_{ba}$$



### Example



img<sub>a</sub>

 $img_b$ 



### Linear triangulation by minimizing the algebraic error

Assume that we know the camera projection matrices  $P_a$ ,  $P_b$  and a 2D correspondence  $\mathbf{u}^a \leftrightarrow \mathbf{u}'^b$  for a 3D point  $\mathbf{x}$ 

Each perspective camera model gives rise to two equations on the three entries of  $\boldsymbol{x}$ 

Combining these equations gives us an overdetermined homogenous system of linear equations that we can solve with SVD to find the 3D point **x** that minimize the **algebraic error** 

 $\varepsilon = \left\| \mathbf{A} \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \right\|$ 

in a linear least squares sense

$$\begin{bmatrix} v^{a} \mathbf{p}_{a}^{3T} - \mathbf{p}_{a}^{2T} \\ \mathbf{p}_{a}^{1T} - u^{a} \mathbf{p}_{a}^{3T} \\ v'^{b} \mathbf{p}_{b}^{3T} - \mathbf{p}_{b}^{2T} \\ \mathbf{p}_{b}^{1T} - u'^{b} \mathbf{p}_{b}^{3T} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}$$



### Triangulation by minimizing the reprojection error

If we denote the camera projections by  $\pi_a$  and  $\pi_b$ , then the **reprojection error**  $\varepsilon$  is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{a}^{2} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{b}^{2}$$
$$= \left\| \boldsymbol{\pi}_{a} \left( \mathbf{T}_{aw} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{w} \right) - \mathbf{u}^{a} \right\|^{2} + \left\| \boldsymbol{\pi}_{b} \left( \mathbf{T}_{bw} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{w} \right) - \mathbf{u}^{b} \right\|^{2}$$

Estimating  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^w$  by minimizing  $\varepsilon$  is a non-linear optimization problem, which needs an initial estimate



### Pose estimation by minimizing reprojection error

Minimize **geometric error** over the **camera pose** This is also sometimes called **Motion-Only Bundle Adjustment** 



### **Triangulation by minimizing reprojection error**

Minimize **geometric error** over the **world points** This is also sometimes called **Structure-Only Bundle Adjustment** 



# **Two-view geometry**

### Pose from epipolar geometry

- Non-planar case
  - Estimate epipolar geometry
  - Estimate relative pose from *E*
- Planar case
  - Estimate homography
  - Estimate relative pose from *H*



### Pose from epipolar geometry

There are four different poses that satisfy the equation  $\mathbf{E}_{ba} = (\mathbf{t}_{ba}^b)^{\wedge} \mathbf{R}_{ba}$ 

The figure illustrates how this might look like for the case when  $T_{ba,1}$  is the correct pose

 $\mathbf{T}_{ba,i}$  is the pose of  $\mathcal{F}_{a,i}$  relative to  $\mathcal{F}_{ba,i}$ 

There is no way of predicting the correct pose out of the four, but in general only one of them corresponds to  $\mathbf{x}$  being in front of both cameras

This constraint is known as **the chirality constraint** and it is tested by triangulation of at least one 3D point

 $\|\mathbf{t}_{ba}^{b}\|$  can <u>not</u> be found from  $\mathbf{E}_{ba}$  (homogeneous matrix)



### Pose from epipolar geometry

Pose between two calibrated cameras

- 1. Establish robust correspondences  $\mathbf{u}_i^a \leftrightarrow \mathbf{u'}_i^b$  between images
- 2. Determine coorspondences  $\mathbf{x}_{n,i}^a \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x'}_{n,i}^b$  using that  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$
- 3. Estimate the essential matrix  $\mathbf{E}_{ba}$  from correspondences  $\mathbf{x}_{n,i}^a \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x'}_{n,i}^b$
- 4. Compute poses  $T_{ba,1}, \ldots, T_{ba,4}$  from  $E_{ba}$
- 5. For each pose, determine at least one 3D point **x** by triangulation and select the pose that satisfies the chirality constraint

 $\|\mathbf{t}_{ba}^{b}\|$  remains unknown!



### **Planar scene**

One can prove that if

$$\mathbf{T}_{ba} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{ba} & \mathbf{t}_{ba}^b \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$\mathbf{H}_{ba} = \mathbf{K}_{b} \big( \mathbf{R}_{ba} - \mathbf{t}_{ba}^{b} (\mathbf{n}^{a})^{T} / d \big) \mathbf{K}_{a}^{-1}$$

It is possible to estimate  $\left(\mathbf{R}_{ba}, \mathbf{n}^{a}, \frac{1}{d}\mathbf{t}_{ba}^{b}\right)$  from a known homography





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- Multiple-view geometry
- Correspondences
  - Two-view vs Three-view
  - Fundamental matrix vs Trifocal tensor



### **Multiple-view geometry**

### **Three views**

- Given three overlapping images, we can establish (or evaluate) point correspondences using the pairwise epipolar constraints  $\widetilde{u}^3 = (F_{3,1}\widetilde{u}^1) \times (F_{3,2}\widetilde{u}^2)$
- However, this fails for points in the plane defined by the three camera centers – the trifocal plane – since the epipolar lines then will coincide
- The trifocal tensor allows point transfer also for points in the trifocal plane



 $\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}^3 = \left(\mathbf{F}_{3,1}\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}^1\right) \times \left(\mathbf{F}_{3,2}\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}^2\right)$ 

### **Example** Point transfer based on epipolar constraints



Uncertainty in feature points transfer to uncertainty in the epipolar lines

Hence the reliability of the predicted point depends on the angle between the epipolar lines

A large angle is good!



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# **Multiple-view geometry**

Multiple-view stereo

- Multi-view stereo
  - Plane-sweep
  - Volumetric stereo
  - Surface expansion
- Surface reconstruction



### **Plane sweep**

• Sweep planes at different depths





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## **Plane sweep and ambiguities**

• Multiple views can resolve ambiguities in difficult areas!





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# Plane sweep through oriented planes

• Fronto-parallel

$$\boldsymbol{n}_m = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T$$
$$Z_m(u, v) = d_m$$

• Other plane orientations

$$Z_m(u,v) = \frac{-d_m}{\begin{bmatrix} u & v & 1 \end{bmatrix} K_{ref}^{-T} \boldsymbol{n}_m}$$







 $d_m$  = 200 meter below reference camera





 $d_m$  = 261 meter below reference camera





 $d_m$  = 298 meter below reference camera





 $d_m$  = 471 meter below reference camera

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# What is Visual SLAM?

- Visual simultaneous localization and mapping
- Localization (tracking)
  - Localization within the map = tracking the map in image frames
- Mapping
  - Continuously expanding a map while exploring the environment





## How do we track a map?





## How do we build a map?





















# **Components of VSLAM**

- Short-term tracking
  - Pose estimation given the map
  - Keyframe proposals
- Long-term tracking
  - Visual place recognition
  - Loop closure detection over keyframes
- Mapping
  - Optimizing the map over keyframes
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## Pose and structure estimation by minimizing reprojection error

Minimize geometric error over the camera poses and world points This is also sometimes called Full Bundle Adjustment

$$\left\{\mathbf{T}_{cw_{i}}^{*}, \mathbf{x}_{j}^{w*}\right\} = \underset{i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \left\| \pi_{i} (\mathbf{T}_{cw_{i}} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{j}^{w}) - \mathbf{u}_{j}^{i} \right\|^{2}$$











## **Linearized least-squares**

Prior on first pose and distance between first two points



## **MAP** inference for nonlinear factor graphs

MAP inference for factor graphs:

$$X^{MAP} = \underset{X}{\operatorname{argmax}} \phi(X)$$
$$= \underset{X}{\operatorname{argmax}} \prod_{i} \phi_{i}(X_{i})$$

Let us assume that all factors are of the form

$$\phi_i(X_i) \propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left\|h_i(X_i) - z_i\right\|_{\Sigma_i}^2\right\}$$

Taking the negative log and dropping the constant factor allows us instead to minimize a sum of *nonlinear least-squares*:

$$X^{MAP} = \underset{X}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i} \left\| h_i(X_i) - z_i \right\|_{\Sigma_i}^2$$



## The sparse Jacobian and its factor graph

- The key in modern SLAM is to exploit sparsity
- Factor graphs represent the sparse block structure in the resulting sparse Jacobian A.



# **ORB-SLAM 2**



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# **Image Analysis**

### **Image Segmentation:**

- Thresholding techniques
- Clustering methods for segmentation
- Morphological operations.

### Image feature extraction:

- Feature extraction
- Feature selection.

### **Introduction to Machine Learning:**

- Pattern classification
- Training of classifiers (supervised learning)
- Parametric and non-parametric methods
- Discriminant functions
- Dimensionality reduction.







Perimeter (P)

Area (A)

# **Image Segmentation**

## Methods:

- Active contours (Snakes, Scissors, Level Sets)
- Split and merge (Watershed, Divisive & agglomerative clustering, Graph-based segmentation)
- Gray level thresholding
- K-means (parametric clustering)
- Mean shift (non-parametric clustering)
- Normalized cuts
- Graph cuts.







# **Feature Extraction**

The goal is to generate features that exhibit high information-packing properties:

- Extract the information from the raw data that is most relevant for discrimination between the classes
- Extract features with low within-class variability and high between class variability

- Discard redundant information.
- The information in an image f[i,j] must be reduced to enable reliable classification (generalization)
- A 64x64 image  $\rightarrow$  4096-dimensional feature space!





# Feature types (regional features)

- Colour features
- Shape features
- Histogram (texture) features:
  - Mean gray level
  - Variance
  - Skewness
  - Kurtosis
  - Entropy

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# **Introduction to Machine learning**

Discrimination between classes (pattern recognition, classification)



# **Classifiers and training methods**

- Bayes classifier
- Nearest-neighbors and K-nearest-neighbors
- Parzen windows
- Linear and higher order discriminant functions
- Neural nets
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- Decision trees
- Random forest

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- Light, cameras, optics and color
- The perspective camera model
- Basic projective geometry
- Image processing
  - Image filtering
  - Image pyramids
  - Laplace blending
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## Detection and recognition with deep learning





## **Deep Learning for Object Recognition**



Millions of images

## Millions of parameters

Thousands of classes

