

# 3D Computer Vision

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## ► Three-Point Exterior Orientation Problem (P3P)

Calibrated camera rotation and translation from Perspective images of 3 reference Points.

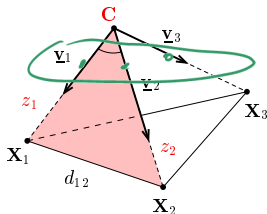
**Problem:** Given  $\mathbf{K}$  and three corresponding pairs  $\{(m_i, X_i)\}_{i=1}^3$ , find  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$  by solving

$$\lambda_i \underline{\mathbf{m}}_i = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{C}), \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad \mathbf{X}_i \text{ Cartesian}$$

1. Transform  $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{K}^{-1}\underline{\mathbf{m}}_i$ . Then

$$\lambda_i \underline{\mathbf{v}}_i = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{C}). \quad (10)$$

2. If there was no rotation in (10), the situation would look like this



3. and we could shoot 3 lines from the given points  $\mathbf{X}_i$  in given directions  $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i$  to get  $\mathbf{C}$
4. given  $\mathbf{C}$  we solve (10) for  $\lambda_i$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$

## ►P3P cont'd

### If there is rotation $\mathbf{R}$

1. Eliminate  $\mathbf{R}$  by taking rotation preserves length:  $\|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$

$$|\lambda_i| \cdot \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i\| = \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{C}\| \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} z_i \quad (11)$$

2. Consider only angles among  $\underline{\mathbf{v}}_i$  and apply Cosine Law per triangle  $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j)$   $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $i \neq j$

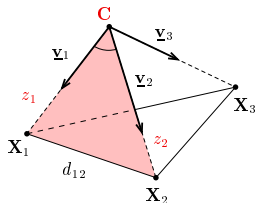
$$d_{ij}^2 = z_i^2 + z_j^2 - 2 z_i z_j c_{ij},$$

$$z_i = \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{C}\|, \quad d_{ij} = \|\mathbf{X}_j - \mathbf{X}_i\|, \quad c_{ij} = \cos(\angle \underline{\mathbf{v}}_i \underline{\mathbf{v}}_j)$$

4. Solve the system of 3 quadratic eqs in 3 unknowns  $z_i$   
[Fischler & Bolles, 1981]

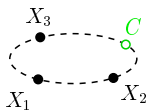
there may be no real root; there are up to 4 solutions that cannot be ignored  
(verify on additional points)

5. Compute  $\mathbf{C}$  by trilateration (3-sphere intersection) from  $\mathbf{X}_i$  and  $z_i$ ; then  $\lambda_i$  from (11)
6. Compute  $\mathbf{R}$  from (10) we will solve this problem next  $\rightarrow 70$



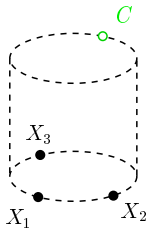
Similar problems (P4P with unknown  $f$ ) at <http://aag.ciirc.cvut.cz/minimal/> (papers, code)

# Degenerate (Critical) Configurations for Exterior Orientation



**no solution**

1.  $C$  cocyclic with  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)$  camera sees points on a line



**unstable solution**

- center of projection  $C$  located on the orthogonal circular cylinder with base circumscribing the three points  $X_i$

unstable: a small change of  $X_i$  results in a large change of  $C$   
can be detected by error propagation

**degenerate**

- camera  $C$  is coplanar with points  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)$  but is not on the circumscribed circle of  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)$   
camera sees points on a line

- additional critical configurations depend on the quadratic equations solver

[Haralick et al. IJCV 1994]

## ► Populating A Little ZOO of Minimal Geometric Problems in CV

problem	given	unknown	slide
camera resection	6 world–img correspondences $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^6$	<b>P</b>	→62
exterior orientation	<b>K</b> , 3 world–img correspondences $\{(X_i, m_i)\}_{i=1}^3$	<b>R, C</b>	→66
relative orientation	3 world–world correspondences $\{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^3$	<b>R, t</b>	→70

- camera resection and exterior orientation are similar problems in a sense:
  - we do resectioning when our camera is uncalibrated
  - we do orientation when our camera is calibrated
- relative orientation involves no camera (see next) it is a recurring problem in 3D vision
- more problems to come

## ► The Relative Orientation Problem

**Problem:** Given point triples  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)$  and  $(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)$  in a general position in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  such that the correspondence  $X_i \leftrightarrow Y_i$  is known, determine the relative orientation  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t})$  that maps  $\mathbf{X}_i$  to  $\mathbf{Y}_i$ , i.e.

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}_i + \mathbf{t}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

**Applies to:**

- 3D scanners
- merging partial reconstructions from different viewpoints
- generalization of the last step of P3P

**Obs:** Let the centroid be  $\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \mathbf{X}_i$  and analogously for  $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}$ . Then

$$\bar{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{R}\bar{\mathbf{X}} + \mathbf{t}.$$

Therefore

$$\mathbf{Z}_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}_i - \bar{\mathbf{X}}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{R}\mathbf{W}_i$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_i, \mathbf{W}_i \in \mathbf{R}^3$$

If all dot products are equal,  $\mathbf{Z}_i^\top \mathbf{Z}_j = \mathbf{W}_i^\top \mathbf{W}_j$  for  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ , we have

*dot-products*

$$\mathbf{R}^* = [\mathbf{W}_1 \quad \mathbf{W}_2 \quad \mathbf{W}_3]^{-1} [\mathbf{Z}_1 \quad \mathbf{Z}_2 \quad \mathbf{Z}_3]$$

**Poor man's solver:**

- normalize  $\mathbf{W}_i, \mathbf{Z}_i$  to unit length and then use the above formula
- but this is equivalent to a non-optimal objective

it ignores errors in vector lengths

# An Optimal Algorithm for Relative Orientation

We setup a minimization problem

$$\mathbf{R}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_{i=1}^3 \|\mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{w}_i\|^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}, \quad \det \mathbf{R} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}^* &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_i \underbrace{\|\mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{w}_i\|^2}_{v_i \quad (v_i^\top \cdot v_i)^2} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_i \left( \|\mathbf{z}_i\|^2 - 2\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{R}\mathbf{w}_i + \|\mathbf{w}_i\|^2 \right) = \dots \\ &\dots = \arg \max_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_i \mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{R}\mathbf{w}_i \end{aligned}$$

**Obs 1:** Let  $\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B} = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}b_{ij}$  be the dot-product (Frobenius inner product) over real matrices. Then

$$\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} : \mathbf{A} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B})$$

**Obs 2:** (cyclic property for matrix trace)

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{CAB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BCA})$$

**Obs 3:** ( $\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{w}_i$  are vectors)

$$\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{R}\mathbf{w}_i = \text{tr}(\mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{R}\mathbf{w}_i) \stackrel{O1}{=} \text{tr}(\mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{R}) \stackrel{O1}{=} (\mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{w}_i^\top) : \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R} : (\mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{w}_i^\top)$$

Let there be SVD of

$$\sum_i \mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{w}_i^\top \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top$$

Then

$$\mathbf{R} : \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{R} : (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top) \stackrel{O1}{=} \text{tr}(\mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top) \stackrel{O2}{=} \text{tr}(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}) \stackrel{O1}{=} (\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{R}\mathbf{V}) : \mathbf{D}$$

## cont'd: The Algorithm

We are solving

$$\mathbf{R}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_i \mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{W}_i = \arg \max_{\mathbf{R}} (\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V}) : \mathbf{D}$$

$\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{D}$

**A particular solution is found as follows:**

- $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V}$  must be (1) orthogonal, and most similar to (2) diagonal, (3) positive definite
- Since  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$  are orthogonal matrices then the solution to the problem is among  $\mathbf{R}^* = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^\top$ , where  $\mathbf{S}$  is diagonal and orthogonal, i.e. one of  $\pm \text{diag}(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\pm \text{diag}(1, -1, -1)$ ,  $\pm \text{diag}(-1, 1, -1)$ ,  $\pm \text{diag}(-1, -1, 1)$
- $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V}$  is not necessarily positive definite
- We choose  $\mathbf{S}$  so that  $(\mathbf{R}^*)^\top \mathbf{R}^* = \mathbf{I}$

**Alg:**

1. Compute matrix  $\mathbf{M} = \sum_i \mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{W}_i^\top$ .
2. Compute SVD  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^\top$ .
3. Compute all  $\mathbf{R}_k = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S}_k \mathbf{V}^\top$  that give  $\mathbf{R}_k^\top \mathbf{R}_k = \mathbf{I}$ .
4. Compute  $\mathbf{t}_k = \bar{\mathbf{Y}} - \mathbf{R}_k \bar{\mathbf{X}}$ .

- The algorithm can be used for more than 3 points
- Triple pairs can be pre-filtered based on motion invariants (lengths, angles)
- Can be used for the last step of the exterior orientation (P3P) problem  $\rightarrow 66$



## Computing with a Camera Pair

- 4.1 Camera Motions Inducing Epipolar Geometry
- 4.2 Estimating Fundamental Matrix from 7 Correspondences
- 4.3 Estimating Essential Matrix from 5 Correspondences
- 4.4 Triangulation: 3D Point Position from a Pair of Corresponding Points

### covered by

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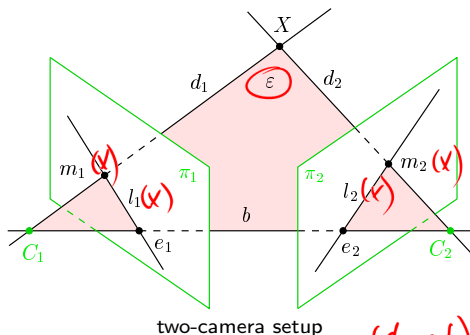


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# ► Geometric Model of a Camera Stereo Pair

## Epipolar geometry:

- brings constraints necessary for inter-image matching
- its parametric form encapsulates information about the relative pose of two cameras



## Description

- baseline  $b$  joins projection centers  $C_1, C_2$   

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{C}_2 - \mathbf{C}_1$$
- epipole  $e_i \in \pi_i$  is the image of  $C_j$ :  

$$\mathbf{e}_1 \simeq \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{C}_2, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 \simeq \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{C}_1$$
- $l_i \in \pi_i$  is the image of epipolar plane  

$$\varepsilon = (C_2, X, C_1)$$
- $l_j$  is the epipolar line ('epipolar') in image  $\pi_j$  induced by  $m_i$  in image  $\pi_i$

**Epipolar constraint:** corresponding  $d_2, b, d_1$  are coplanar

a necessary condition → 87

$$\mathbf{P}_i = [\mathbf{Q}_i \quad \mathbf{q}_i] = \mathbf{K}_i [\mathbf{R}_i \quad \mathbf{t}_i] = \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{R}_i [\mathbf{I} \quad -\mathbf{C}_i] \quad i = 1, 2 \quad \rightarrow 31$$

# Epipolar Geometry Example: Forward Motion

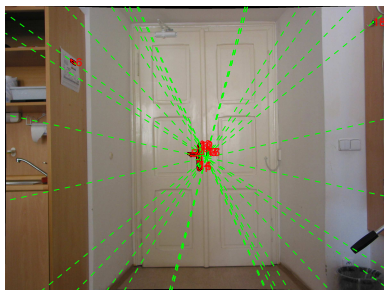


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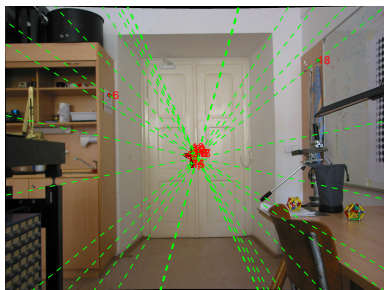
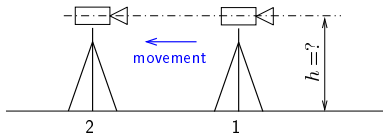


image 2

- red: correspondences
- green: epipolar line pairs per correspondence

click on the image to see their IDs  
same ID in both images

How high was the camera above the floor?



## ► Cross Products and Maps by Skew-Symmetric $3 \times 3$ Matrices

- There is an equivalence  $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{m} = ([\mathbf{b}]_{\times})\mathbf{m}$ , where  $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  skew-symmetric matrix

$$[\mathbf{b}]_{\times} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -b_3 & b_2 \\ b_3 & 0 & -b_1 \\ -b_2 & b_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{assuming } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Some properties

- $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}^T = -[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$   $\mathbf{B}^T = -\mathbf{B}$  the general antisymmetry property
  - $\mathbf{A}$  is skew-symmetric iff  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$  skew-sym mtx generalizes cross products
  - $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}^3 = -\|\mathbf{b}\|^2 \cdot [\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$
  - $\|[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}\|_F = \sqrt{2} \|\mathbf{b}\|$  Frobenius norm ( $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})} = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2}$ )
  - $\text{rank} [\mathbf{b}]_{\times} = 2$  iff  $\|\mathbf{b}\| > 0$  check minors of  $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$
  - $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$
  - eigenvalues of  $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$  are  $(0, \lambda, -\lambda)$
  - for any  $3 \times 3$  regular  $\mathbf{B}$ :  $\mathbf{B}^T [\mathbf{B} \mathbf{z}]_{\times} \mathbf{B} = \det \mathbf{B} [\mathbf{z}]_{\times}$  follows from the factoring on  $\rightarrow 39$
  - in particular: if  $\mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{I}$  then  $[\mathbf{R} \mathbf{b}]_{\times} = \mathbf{R} [\mathbf{b}]_{\times} \mathbf{R}^T$
- note that if  $\mathbf{R}_b$  is rotation about  $\mathbf{b}$  then  $\mathbf{R}_b \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}$
  - note  $[\mathbf{b}]_{\times}$  is not a homography; it is not a rotation matrix it is the logarithm of a rotation mtx

Thank You

