### Automatic Creation of 3D Models From Uncalibrated Image Sequences

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#### (Pollefeys et al. '98)

### Feature matching vs. tracking

Image-to-image correspondences are key to passive triangulation-based 3D reconstruction



Extract features independently and then match by comparing descriptors



Extract features in first images and then try to find same feature back in next view

#### What is a good feature?

### Comparing image regions

#### **Compare intensities pixel-by-pixel**



#### **Dissimilarity measures**

Sum of Square Differences

$$SSD = \iint_{W} [I'(x, y) - I(x, y)]^2 dxdy$$

### Comparing image regions

#### **Compare intensities pixel-by-pixel**



#### Similarity measures

Zero-mean Normalized Cross Correlation

 $NCC = \frac{N(I', I)}{\sqrt{N(I', I')N(I, I)}}$ 

$$N(A,B) = \iint_{W} \left( A(x,y) - \overline{A} \right) \left( B(x,y) - \overline{B} \right) dxdy$$

### Feature points

- Required properties:
  - Well-defined

(i.e. neigboring points should all be different)

- Stable across views

(i.e. same 3D point should be extracted as feature for neighboring viewpoints)

### Feature point extraction

Find points that differ as much as possible from all neighboring points



### Feature point extraction



### Harris corner detector

- Use small local window:
- Maximize ,,cornerness":



- Only use local maxima, subpixel accuracy through second order surface fitting
- Select strongest features over whole image and over each tile (e.g. 1000/image, 2/tile)

### Simple matching

- for each corner in image 1 find the corner in image 2 that is most similar (using SSD or NCC) and vice-versa
- Only compare geometrically compatible points
- Keep mutual best matches



### Feature matching: example





What level of transformation do we need?

### Wide baseline matching

- Requirement to cope with larger variations between images
  - Translation, rotation, scaling
  - Foreshortening
  - Non-diffuse reflections
  - Illumination

geometric transformations

photometric changes



## Lowe's SIFT features (Lowe, ICCV99)

### Recover features with position, orientation and scale



### Position

- Look for strong responses of DOG filter (Difference-Of-Gaussian)
- Only consider local maxima



$$DOG(x,y) = \frac{1}{k}e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{(k\sigma)^2}} - e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

 $k = \sqrt{2}$ 

### Scale

- Look for strong responses of DOG filter (Difference-Of-Gaussian) over scale space
- Only consider local maxima in both position and scale
- Fit quadratic around maxima for subpixel







### Orientation

- Create histogram of local gradient directions computed at selected scale
- Assign canonical orientation at peak of smoothed histogram
- Each key specifies stable 2D coordinates (x, y, scale, orientation)





#### Minimum contrast and "cornerness"



Figure 5: This figure shows the stages of keypoint selection. (a) The 233x189 pixel original image. (b) The initial 832 keypoints locations at maxima and minima of the difference-of-Gaussian function. Keypoints are displayed as vectors indicating scale, orientation, and location. (c) After applying a threshold on minimum contrast, 729 keypoints remain. (d) The final 536 keypoints that remain following an additional threshold on ratio of principle curvatures.

### SIFT descriptor

- Thresholded image gradients are sampled over 16x16 array of locations in scale space
- Create array of orientation histograms
- 8 orientations x 4x4 histogram array = 128 dimensions



#### Three questions:

- (i) Correspondence geometry: Given an image point x in the first image, how does this constrain the position of the corresponding point x' in the second image?
- (ii) Camera geometry (motion): Given a set of corresponding image points {x<sub>i</sub> ↔ x'<sub>i</sub>}, i=1,...,n, what are the cameras P and P' for the two views?
- (iii) Scene geometry (structure): Given corresponding image points x<sub>i</sub> ↔ x'<sub>i</sub> and cameras P, P', what is the position of (their pre-image) X in space?



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



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



All points on  $\pi$  project on 1 and 1'



Family of planes  $\pi$  and lines I and I' Intersection in e and e'

epipoles e,e'

- = intersection of baseline with image plane
- = projection of projection center in other image
- = vanishing point of camera motion direction



an epipolar line = intersection of epipolar plane with image (always come in corresponding pairs)

#### **Example: converging cameras**





#### **Example: motion parallel with image plane**





(simple for stereo  $\rightarrow$  rectification)

#### **Example: forward motion**





algebraic representation of epipolar geometry:  $I' \sim F x$  $x'^{T} F x = 0$ 

we will see that mapping is (singular) correlation (i.e. projective mapping from points to lines) represented by the fundamental matrix F

geometric derivation



correspondence condition

The fundamental matrix satisfies the condition that for any pair of corresponding points  $x \leftrightarrow x'$  in the two images

$$\mathbf{x'}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \qquad (\mathbf{x'}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{l'} = \mathbf{0})$$

F is the unique 3x3 rank 2 matrix that satisfies  $x'^TFx=0$  for all  $x\leftrightarrow x'$ 

- (i) **Transpose:** if F is fundamental matrix for (P,P'), then F<sup>T</sup> is fundamental matrix for (P',P)
- (ii) Epipolar lines:  $I'=Fx \& I=F^Tx'$
- (iii) Epipoles: on all epipolar lines, thus e'<sup>T</sup>Fx=0, ∀x ⇒e'<sup>T</sup>F=0, similarly Fe=0
- (iv) F has 7 d.o.f., i.e. 3x3-1(homogeneous)-1(rank2)
- (v) F is a correlation, projective mapping from a point x to a line l'=Fx (not a proper correlation, i.e. not invertible)

relation to homographies



valid for all plane homographies

#### **Epipolar geometry: basic equation**

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

 $x' x f_{11} + x' y f_{12} + x' f_{13} + y' x f_{21} + y' y f_{22} + y' f_{23} + x f_{31} + y f_{32} + f_{33} = 0$ 

separate known from unknown

$$\begin{split} [x'x, x'y, x', y'x, y'y, y', x, y, 1] & [f_{11}, f_{12}, f_{13}, f_{21}, f_{22}, f_{23}, f_{31}, f_{32}, f_{33}]^{T} = 0 \\ & \text{(data)} & \text{(unknowns)} \\ & \text{(linear)} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_{1} x_{1} & x'_{1} y_{1} & x'_{1} & y'_{1} x_{1} & y'_{1} y_{1} & y'_{1} & x_{1} & y_{1} & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x'_{n} x_{n} & x'_{n} y_{n} & x'_{n} & y'_{n} x_{n} & y'_{n} y_{n} & y'_{n} & x_{n} & y_{n} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$$

Af = 0

#### the NOT normalized 8-point algorithm

#### the normalized 8-point algorithm

Transform image to  $\sim$ [-1,1]x[-1,1]



normalized least squares yields good results (Hartley, PAMI´97)

## Epipolar geometry computation: robust estimation (RANSAC)

Step 1. Extract features

Step 2. Compute a set of potential matches

Step 3. do

Step 3.1 select minimal sample

Step 3.2 compute solution(s) for F

Step 3.3 count inliers, if not promising stop until  $\Gamma(\# inliers, \# samples) < 95\%$ 

Step 4. Compute F based on all inliers Step 5. Look for additional matches Step 6. Refine F based on all correct matches





### Epipolar geometry computation



geometric relations between two views is fully described by recovered 3x3 matrix F

#### **Cameras given F**

Possible choice:

$$P = [I | 0] \quad P' = [[e']_{\times} F | e']$$

$$F = [e']_{\times} P'P^{+} = [e']_{\times} [[e']_{\times} F | e'] \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$([e']_{\times} [e']_{\times} = e'.e^{r} - (e^{r}.e')I)$$

$$= (e'.e^{r} - (e^{r}.e'))F = \lambda F$$

representation:

$$P = [I | 0] P' = [[e']_{\times}F + e'v^{T} | \lambda e']$$



### Structure and motion recovery

- Sequential approach
- Initialize motion from two images
- Initialize structure
- For each additional view
  - Determine pose of camera
  - Refine and extend structure
- Refine structure and motion



### Initial projective camera motion

Choose P and P' compatible with F

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{3\times3} & \mathbf{0}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{P}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}' \times \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{e}' \\ \mathbf{e}' \end{bmatrix}$$
(reference plane; arbitrary)

Reconstruction up to projective ambiguity (Faugeras' 92, Hartley' 92)

- Initialize motion
- Initialize structure
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### Initializing projective structure

- Reconstruct matches in projective frame
- by minimizing the reprojection error

$$D(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{M})^2 + D(\mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{M})^2$$

Non-iterative optimal solution (see Hartley&Sturm,CVIU' 97)



- Initialize motion
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### Optimal 3D point in epipolar plane

Given an epipolar plane, find best 3D point for (m<sub>1</sub>,m<sub>2</sub>)



Select closest points (m<sub>1</sub>′,m<sub>2</sub>′) on epipolar lines Obtain 3D point through exact triangulation Guarantees minimal reprojection error (given this epipolar plane)



### Initializing projective structure

- Reconstruct matches in projective frame by minimizing the reprojection error  $D(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{M})^2 + D(\mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{M})^2$  3DOF
- Non-iterative method (Hartley and Sturm, CVIU'97)
   Determine the epipolar plane for reconstruction

 $D(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{I}_1(\alpha))^2 + D(\mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{I}_2(\alpha))^2$  (polynomial of degree 6)

1DOF

Reconstruct optimal point from selected epipolar plane



### Projective pose estimation

- Infere 2D-3D matches from 2D-2D matches
- Compute pose from  $m \sim PM$  (RANSAC,6pts)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}^{\mathsf{T}} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{M}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{M}^{\mathsf{T}} & \mathbf{M}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$$



Inliers:  $\exists M \forall m_i D(\mathbf{P}_i M, m_i) < D_{in}$  Initialize motion

- Initialize structure
- For each additional view
   Determine pose of camera
   Refine and extend structure
   Refine structure and motion



### Refining and extending structure

Refining structure

$$\frac{1}{P_{3}\widetilde{M}} \begin{bmatrix} P_{3}x - P_{1} \\ P_{3}y - P_{1} \end{bmatrix} M = 0 \quad \text{(Iterative linear)}$$

 Extending structure Triangulation (Hartley&Sturm,CVIU'97)

Initialize motion

Initialize structure

For each additional view

Determine pose of camera
 Pafina and extend cturcture

Refine and extend structure
 Refine structure and motion



### Sequential Structure and Motion Computation



Initialize Motion (P1,P2 compatibel with F)

Extend motion (compute pose through matches seen in 2 or more previous views)

Extend structure (Initialize new structure, refine existing structure)

Initialize Structure

(minimize reprojection error)

### Refining structure and motion

Minimize reprojection error

$$\min_{\hat{\mathsf{P}}_k, \hat{\mathsf{M}}_i} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n D(\mathsf{m}_{\mathsf{k}i}, \hat{\mathsf{P}}_k \hat{\mathsf{M}}_i)^2$$

- Maximum Likelyhood Estimation (if error zero-mean Gaussian noise)
- Huge problem but can be solved efficiently (Bundle adjustment)



### Bundle adjustment

Developed in photogrammetry in 50's





#### Hierarchy transformations



### Five points define a conic

For each point the conic passes through

$$ax_{i}^{2} + bx_{i}y_{i} + cy_{i}^{2} + dx_{i} + ey_{i} + f = 0$$

or

$$(x_i^2, x_i y_i, y_i^2, x_i, y_i, 1)$$
.**c** = 0 **c** =  $(a, b, c, d, e, f)^{\mathsf{T}}$ 

stacking constraints yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1y_1 & y_1^2 & x_1 & y_1 & 1\\ x_2^2 & x_2y_2 & y_2^2 & x_2 & y_2 & 1\\ x_3^2 & x_3y_3 & y_3^2 & x_3 & y_3 & 1\\ x_4^2 & x_4y_4 & y_4^2 & x_4 & y_4 & 1\\ x_5^2 & x_5y_5 & y_5^2 & x_5 & y_5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$$

### Quadrics and dual quadrics

 $X^{T}QX = 0$  (Q : 4x4 symmetric matrix)

- 9 d.o.f.
- in general 9 points define quadric
- det Q=0 ↔ degenerate quadric
- tangent plane  $\pi = QX$



$$\boldsymbol{\pi}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{Q}^{*}\boldsymbol{\pi}=\boldsymbol{0}$$

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relation to quadric  $Q^* = Q^{-1}$  (non-degenerate)

### The line at infinity

$$\mathbf{l}_{\infty}' = \mathbf{H}_{A}^{-\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{1}_{\infty} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{-\mathsf{T}} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{t} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{1}_{\infty}$$

The line at infinity  $I_{\infty}$  is a fixed line under a projective transformation H if and only if H is an affinity

Note: not fixed pointwise

### The plane at infinity

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_{\infty}^{\prime} = \mathbf{H}_{A}^{-\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\infty} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{-\mathsf{T}} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{A} \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\infty}$$

The plane at infinity  $\pi_{\infty}$  is a fixed plane under a projective transformation H iff H is an affinity

- $\pi_{\infty} = (0, 0, 0, 1)^{\mathsf{T}}$ canical position 1.
- contains directions  $D = (X_1, X_2, X_3, 0)^T$ two planes are parallel  $\Leftrightarrow$  line of intersection in  $\pi_{\infty}$ 2.
- 3.
- line // line (or plane)  $\Leftrightarrow$  point of intersection in  $\pi_{\infty}$ 4.

### The absolute conic

The absolute conic  $\Omega_{\infty}$  is a (point) conic on  $\pi_{\infty}$ .

In a metric frame: 
$$X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2 = 0$$
  
 $X_4$ 

or conic for directions: (with no real points)

$$(X_1, X_2, X_3)$$
I $(X_1, X_2, X_3)^{\mathsf{T}}$ 

The absolute conic  $\Omega_{\infty}$  is a fixed conic under the projective transformation **H** iff **H** is a similarity

- 1.  $\Omega_{\infty}$  is only fixed as a set
- 2. Circle intersect  $\Omega_{\infty}$  in two circular points
- 3. Spheres intersect  $\pi_{\infty}$  in  $\Omega_{\infty}$

### Stratification of geometry

Projective











### 15 DOF

colinearity, cross-ratio

#### 12 DOF plane at infinity parallelism

7 DOF absolute conic angles, rel.dist.

### More general

More structure



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### Constraints ?

Scene constraints

- Parallellism, vanishing points, horizon, ...
- Distances, positions, angles, ...

Unknown scene  $\rightarrow$  no constraints

Camera extrinsics constraints

-Pose, orientation, ...

Unknown camera motion  $\rightarrow$  no constraints Camera intrinsics constraints

-Focal length, principal point, aspect ratio & skew

Perspective camera model too general  $\rightarrow$  some constraints

### Self-calibration

- Upgrade from *projective* structure to *metric* structure using *constraints on intrinsic* camera parameters
  - Constant intrinsics (Faugeras et al. '92; Hartley '93; Pollefeys and Van Gool '96; Triggs '97, ...)
  - Some known intrinsics, other varying (Pollefeys et al. '98 ... )
  - Constraints on intrincs and restricted motion (e.g. pure translation, pure rotation, planar motion)

(Moons et al. '94, Hartley '94, Armstrong et al. '96,...)



### Euclidean projection matrix

### Factorization of Euclidean projection matrix $P = K[R^T - R^T t]$ Intrinsics: $\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & s & c_x \\ & f_y & c_y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (camera geometry) Extrinsics: (R,t) (camera motion)

Note: every projection matrix can be factorized, but only meaningful for euclidean projection matrices



### Constraints on intrinsic parameters

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & s & c_x \\ & f_y & c_y \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Constant

e.g. fixed camera:  $\mathbf{K}_1 = \mathbf{K}_2 = \cdots$ 

Known

e.g. rectangular pixels: s = 0 (sufficient in general, Pollefeys et al. '98) square pixels:  $s = 0, f_x = f_y$ principal point known:  $(c_x, c_y) = \left(\frac{w}{2}, \frac{h}{2}\right)$ 



### The Absolute Quadric

Eliminate extrinsics from equation  $K[R^T - R^T t] \rightarrow KR^T RK^T \rightarrow KK^T$ Equivalent to projection of guadric  $\mathbf{P}\Omega\mathbf{P}^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^{\mathsf{T}}$   $\Omega^* = \operatorname{diag}(1110)$  Absolute Quadric Absolute Quadric also exists in projective world  $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{P}\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{*}\mathbf{P}^{\mathsf{T}} = (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{T}^{-1})(\mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\Omega}^{*}\mathbf{T}^{\mathsf{T}})(\mathbf{T}^{-\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{P}^{\mathsf{T}})$  $= \mathbf{P}' \mathbf{Q}'^* \mathbf{P}'^{\mathsf{T}}$ Transforming world so that  $\Omega' \to \Omega^*$ reduces ambiguity to metric



## Absolute quadric and self-calibration

projection

### Projection equation:

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_i^* = \boldsymbol{P}_{\!i} \boldsymbol{\Omega}^* \boldsymbol{P}_{\!i}^\mathsf{T} = \boldsymbol{K}_i \boldsymbol{K}_i^\mathsf{T}$$

- Translate constraints on K
- through projection equation
- to constraints on Ω<sup>\*</sup>

Absolute Quadric = calibration object which is always present but can only be observed through constraints on the intrinsics



### Refine Metric Structure and Motion

- Use metric bundle adjustment
  - Use Euclidean parameterization for projection matrices
  - Same sparseness advantages, also use radial distortion

$$\arg\min_{\mathbf{P}_{k},\mathbf{M}_{i}}\sum_{k=1}^{m}\sum_{i=1}^{n}D(\mathbf{m}_{ki},\mathbf{P}_{k}(\mathbf{M}_{i}))$$





# Practical linear self-calibration $K = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & s \\ f_y \end{bmatrix}$

Don't treat all constraints equal

$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{P}\boldsymbol{\Omega}^* \mathbf{P}^\mathsf{T} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f}^2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \hat{f}^2 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

after normalization!

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(relatively accurate for most cameras)

 $\hat{f} \approx 1$ 

(only rough aproximation, but still usefull to avoid degenerate configurations)

> when fixating point at image-center not only absolute quadric diag(1,1,1,0) satisfies ICCV98 eqs., but also diag(1,1,1,a), i.e. real or imaginary spheres!

$$\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Omega}^* \mathbf{P}^T)_{11} - (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Omega}^* \mathbf{P}^T)_{22} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{0.01} (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Omega}^* \mathbf{P}^T)_{12} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{0.1} (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Omega}^* \mathbf{P}^T)_{13} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{0.1} (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Omega}^* \mathbf{P}^T)_{23} = 0$$

$$(\mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Omega}^* \mathbf{P}^T)_{11} - (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Omega}^* \mathbf{P}^T)_{33} = 0$$

$$(\mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Omega}^* \mathbf{P}^T)_{22} - (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{\Omega}^* \mathbf{P}^T)_{33} = 0$$





### Upgrade from projective to metric

Locate  $\Omega^*$  in projective reconstruction (self-calibration) Problem: not always unique (Critical Motion Sequences) Transform projective reconstruction to bring  $\Omega^*$  in canonical position



