
Multi View Geometry (Spring '08)

3D Reconstruction of Cameras and Structure

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Outline of reconstruction method

- 3D reconstruction of cameras and structure

✓ Reconstruction problem:

Given \mathbf{x}_i and \mathbf{x}'_i , compute \mathbf{P} , \mathbf{P}' and \mathbf{X}_i such that

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_i \quad \mathbf{x}'_i = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{X}_i \quad \text{for all } i$$

✓ without additional information, we can reconstruct
up to *projective* transformation

Outline of reconstruction method

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- **Steps for reconstruction**
 - ✓ Compute \mathbf{F} from correspondences features
 - ✓ Compute camera matrices \mathbf{P} , \mathbf{P}' from \mathbf{F}
 - ✓ Compute 3D point \mathbf{X}_i for each pair of corresponding points
- **Computation of \mathbf{F}**
 - ✓ use $\mathbf{x}'_i \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}_i = 0$, linear in coeff. \mathbf{F}
 - ✓ 8 points (linear), 7 points (non-linear), points > 8 (least-squares)
- **Computation of camera matrices**
 - ✓ Use $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{I} | \mathbf{0}]$ $\mathbf{P}' = [[\mathbf{e}'']_x \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{e}'']$ or $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{I} | \mathbf{0}]$ $\mathbf{P}' = [[\mathbf{e}'']_x \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{e}' \mathbf{v}^T | \lambda \mathbf{e}'']$

Or factor $\mathbf{F} = [\mathbf{t}]_x \mathbf{M}$,
 Then $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{I} | \mathbf{0}]$ and $\mathbf{P}' = [\mathbf{M} | \mathbf{t}]$
- **Triangulation**
 - ✓ Intersection of two backprojected rays

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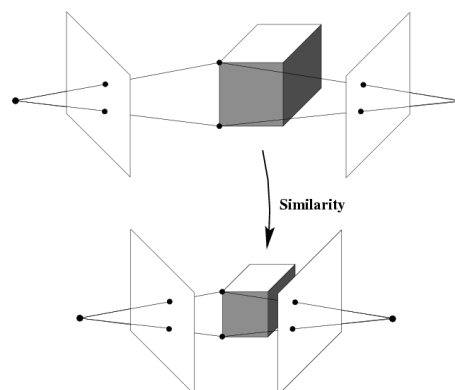
Reconstruction ambiguity

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- If cameras are calibrated (\mathbf{K} is known), reconstruction is up to **Similarity** transformation

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}_i = (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{H}_S^{-1}) (\mathbf{H}_S \mathbf{X}_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{H}_S^{-1} &= \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} | \mathbf{t}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}'^T & -\mathbf{R}'^T \mathbf{t}' \\ \mathbf{0} & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}'^T \mid -\mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}'^T \mathbf{t}' + \lambda \mathbf{t}] \end{aligned}$$



- similarity reconstruction
= **Metric** and **Euclidean** reconstruction

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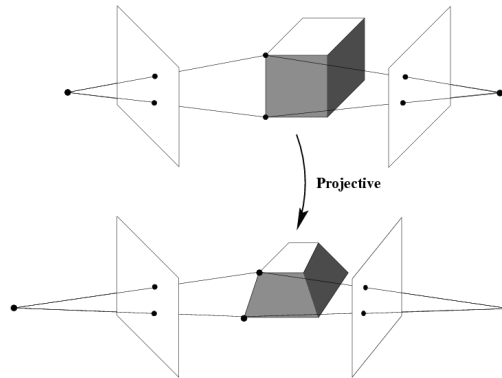
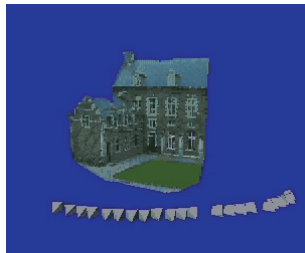
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Reconstruction ambiguity

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- If cameras are uncalibrated, reconstruction is up to **Projective** transformation

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_i = (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}_p^{-1})(\mathbf{H}_p\mathbf{X}_i)$$



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The projective reconstruction theorem

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- If a set of point correspondences in two views determine the fundamental matrix uniquely, then the scene and cameras may be reconstructed from these correspondences alone, and any two such reconstructions from these correspondences are projectively equivalent

- Consider two reconstructions

$$(\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}'_1, \{\mathbf{X}_{1i}\}) \quad (\mathbf{P}_2, \mathbf{P}'_2, \{\mathbf{X}_{2i}\}) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i$$

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{H}^{-1} \quad \mathbf{P}'_2 = \mathbf{P}'_1\mathbf{H}^{-1} \quad \mathbf{X}_{2i} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}_{1i} \quad (\text{except: } \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}'_i\mathbf{F} = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{X}_{2i} = \mathbf{P}_2(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}_{1i}) = \mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}_{1i} = \mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{X}_{1i} = \mathbf{x}_i$$

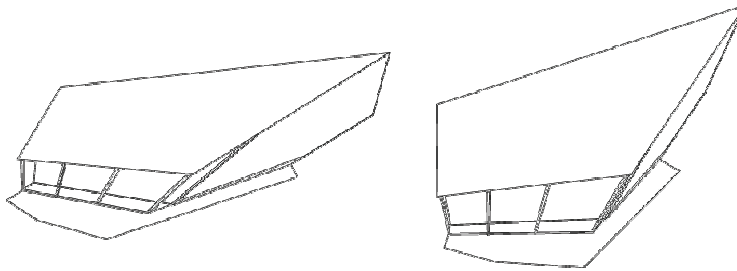
- $\Rightarrow \mathbf{X}_{2i}$ and $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}_{1i}$ are along the same ray of \mathbf{P}_2 , and that of \mathbf{P}'_2
- two possibilities: $\mathbf{X}_{2i} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}_{1i}$, or points along baseline
- Anyway, 3D reconstruction is possible from pair of uncalibrated images

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The projective reconstruction theorem

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Stratified reconstruction

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- **Stratified reconstruction steps:**

- (i) Projective reconstruction
- (ii) Affine reconstruction
- (iii) Metric reconstruction

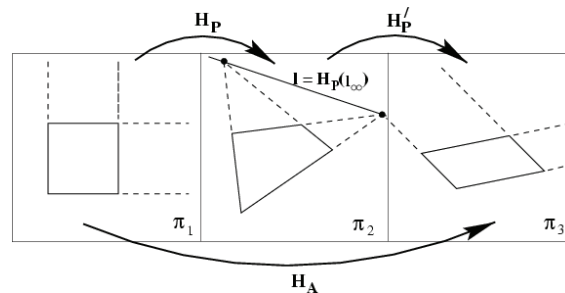
$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R}\mathbf{K} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{v}^\top & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} s\mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^\top & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{v}^\top & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Projective to affine**

- ✓ Remember 2D case

metric affine projective



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Projective to affine

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- Use of π_∞

$$(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}', \{\mathbf{X}_i\})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_\infty = (A, B, C, D)^T \mapsto (0, 0, 0, 1)^T$$

$$\mathbf{H}^{-T} \boldsymbol{\pi}_\infty = (0, 0, 0, 1)^T$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\pi}_\infty \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{if } D \neq 0)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_A = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^{-1} \quad \mathbf{P}'_A = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{H}^{-1} \quad \mathbf{X}_A = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}$$

- Projective with fixed π_∞ is affine transformation
- Sufficient information depending on application, e.g. mid-point, centroid, parallelism

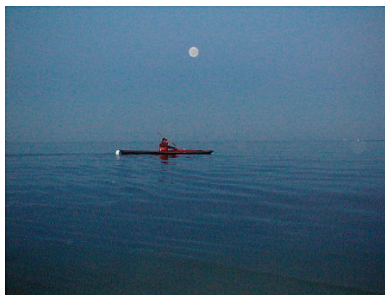
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Projective to affine – how to find π_∞

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- **Translation motion**
- points at infinity are fixed for a pure translation
 - $\Rightarrow \mathbf{X}_i$ satisfying $\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_i$ is on π_∞
 - \Rightarrow Three such points determines π_∞



translational motion case:

$$\mathbf{F} = [\mathbf{e}]_x = [\mathbf{e}']_x \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}] \quad \mathbf{P}' = [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{e}']$$

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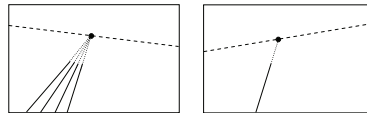
- **Scene constraints**

- ✓ **Parallel lines**

- Parallel lines intersect at infinity
- Reconstruction of corresponding vanishing point yields point on plane at infinity
- 3 sets of parallel lines allow to uniquely determine π_∞

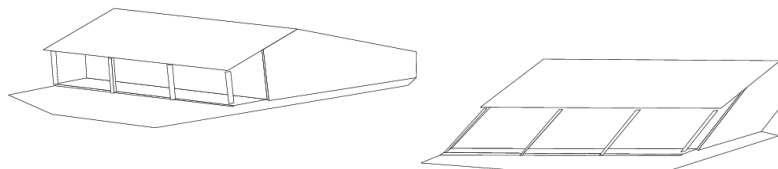
- ✓ **Remarks:**

- noise problem in finding intersections of parallel lines
- obtaining vanishing point in one image is sufficient



- ✓ **Distance ratios on a line**

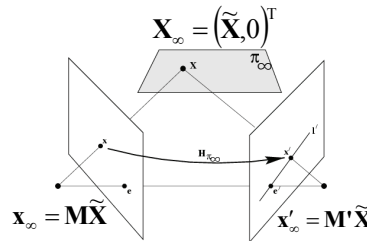
known distance ratio along a line allow to determine point at infinity (same as 2D case)



The infinity homography

$$P = [M | m] \quad P' = [M' | m']$$

$$H_\infty = M'M^{-1}$$



✓ unchanged under affine transformations

$$P = [M | m] \begin{bmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [MA | Ma + m]$$

$$x'_\infty \rightarrow \pi_\infty \rightarrow x_\infty$$

$$x'_\infty = M'M^{-1}x_\infty = H_\infty x_\infty$$

$$H_\infty = M'AA^{-1}M^{-1} = M'M^{-1}$$

✓ affine reconstruction

determine $H_\infty \implies P = [I | 0] \quad P' = [H_\infty | e']$

Use of Ω_∞ and IAC

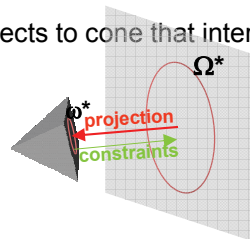
✓ Find the transformation H which maps the absolute conic onto

$$\pi_\infty \quad \Omega_\infty : X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 = 0, \text{ on } \pi_\infty$$

✓ Applying H to the affine reconstruction, then projective transformation relating original and reconstruction is a similarity transformation

✓ Find IAC, then

IAC ω back-projects to cone that intersects π_∞ in Ω_∞



✓ note that IAC is independent of particular reconstruction

- Given $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{M} | \mathbf{m}]$, ω
Possible transform from affine to metric is

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = (\mathbf{M}^T \omega \mathbf{M})^{-1}$$

(cholesky factorisation)

✓ Proof :

$$\mathbf{P}_M = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^{-1} = [\mathbf{M}\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{m}] = [\mathbf{M}_M | \mathbf{m}]$$

Then the ideal AC on should obey

$$\left(\Omega^* = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\omega^* = \mathbf{H}_d \mathbf{I} \mathbf{H}_d^T$$

by the planar homography $\mathbf{H}_d = \mathbf{M}_M (= \mathbf{K}\mathbf{R})$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^* = \mathbf{M}_M \mathbf{M}_M^T = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{M}^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{M}^{-1} \omega^* \mathbf{M}^{-T} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$$

- Orthogonality
 - ✓ vanishing points corresponding to orthogonal directions

$$\mathbf{v}_1^T \omega \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$$

- ✓ vanishing line and vanishing point corresponding to plane and normal direction

$$\mathbf{l} = \omega \mathbf{v}$$

- Knowing internal parameter

$$\omega = \mathbf{K}^{-T} \mathbf{K}^{-1}$$

- ✓ Rectangular pixel $s = 0, \omega_{12} = \omega_{21} = 0$

- ✓ Square pixel $\alpha_x = \alpha_y, \omega_{11} = \omega_{22}$

- Same camera for all images
 - ✓ same intrinsics \Rightarrow same image of the absolute conic $\omega' = \omega$
e.g. moving cameras
 - ✓ given sufficient images there is in general only one conic that projects to the same image in all images, i.e. the absolute conic

This approach is called *self-calibration*, see later in CH. 19

- ✓ transfer of IAC: $\omega' = H_{\infty}^{-T} \omega H_{\infty}^{-1}$

- **Direct metric reconstruction using ω**

- ✓ **Approach 1 :**

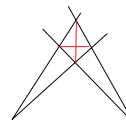
$$\omega = K^{-T} K^{-1} \Rightarrow K \text{ for each camera}$$

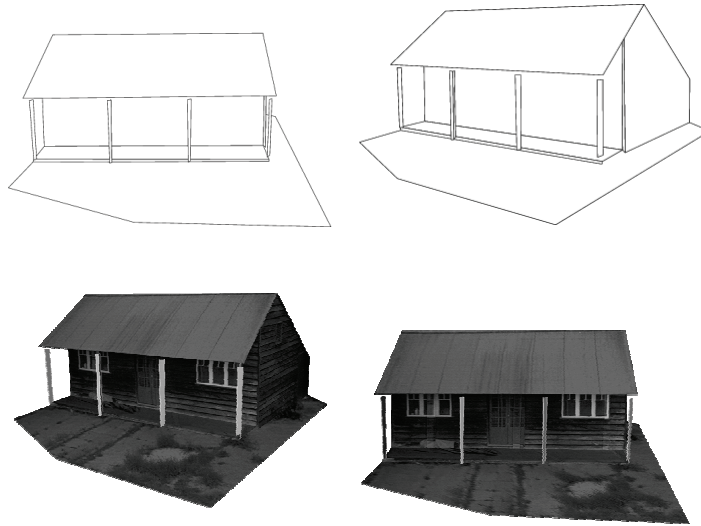
Calibrated reconstruction using the Essential matrix E

- ✓ **Approach 2 :**

- Compute projective reconstruction
- Back-project ω from both images
- Intersection defines Ω_{∞} and its support plane π_{∞}

(in general two solutions)





- Direct reconstruction
 - ✓ Use control points X_{E_i} with know coordinates to go from projective to metric

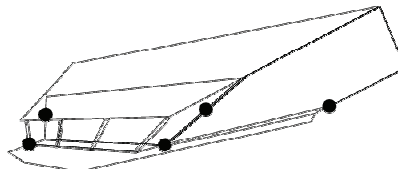
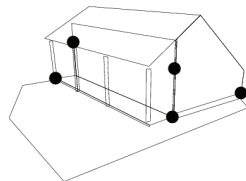


$$X_{E_i} = HX_i$$

$$x_i = PH^{-1}X_{E_i}$$

(2 lin. eq. in H^{-1} per view,
3 for two views)

H : 15 DOF $\Rightarrow n \geq 5$



Summary

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Objective

Given two uncalibrated images compute $(\mathbf{P}_M, \mathbf{P}'_M, \{\mathbf{X}_{Mi}\})$
(i.e. within similarity of original scene and cameras)

Algorithm

- (i) Compute projective reconstruction $(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}', \{\mathbf{X}_i\})$
- (a) Compute \mathbf{F} from $\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i$ $\rightarrow \mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{I} | \mathbf{0}]$ $\mathbf{P}' = [[\mathbf{e}'], \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{e}']$ or $\mathbf{e}'^T \mathbf{F} = 0$
- (b) Compute \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}' from \mathbf{F}
- (c) Triangulate \mathbf{X}_i from $\mathbf{x}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'_i$ $\rightarrow \mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{I} | \mathbf{0}]$ $\mathbf{P}' = [[\mathbf{e}'], \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{v}^T | \lambda \mathbf{e}']$

- (ii) Rectify reconstruction from projective to metric
Direct method: compute \mathbf{H} from control points

$$\mathbf{P}_M = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^{-1}, \quad \mathbf{P}'_M = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{H}^{-1}, \quad \mathbf{X}_{Mi} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}_i$$

Stratified method:

- (a) **Affine reconstruction:** compute π_∞ $\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \pi_\infty \end{bmatrix}$

- (b) **Metric reconstruction:** compute IAC ω

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = (\mathbf{M}^T \omega \mathbf{M})^{-1}$$

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Summary

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Image information provided	View relations and projective objects	3-space objects	reconstruction ambiguity
point correspondences	\mathbf{F}		projective
point correspondences including vanishing points	$\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{H}_\infty$	π_∞	affine
Points correspondences and internal camera calibration	$\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{H}_\infty$ ω, ω'	π_∞ Ω_∞	metric

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