

# EE 5885 - Geometry and Deep Computer Vision Project 1

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## 1 Problem Statement

This project is to calibrate a camera by using a sequence of images that are taken as the camera rotates without translating. A number of files to help with this task are provided in WyoCourses under the directory `project1`. First, it contains seven photos taken in Prexy's pasture as I rotated the camera. Second, it contains correspondence points for each adjoining set of images that are contained MATLAB using `load pureRotPrexyCorrespondencePoints`. It contains two data structures, `x1pMat` and `x2pMat`. These  $3 \times 100 \times 6$  data structures contain the correspondence points between images  $I$  and  $I + 1$ . For instance, `x1pMat(:, :, 1)` contains image 1 pixel correspondence points between images 1 and images 2, `x2pMat(:, :, 1)` contains image 2 pixel correspondence points between photos 1 and 2, `x2pMat(:, :, 6)` contains image 2 pixel correspondence points between image 6 and image 7, etc. Note: These correspondence points were automatically generated using the SIFT operator, which we will soon cover. MATLAB code for SIFT is available through VLFEAT. VLFEAT is not needed for this project, but is very useful. Your task is to implement and test the calibration algorithm that uses images obtained under pure rotation. The program `Proj1PureRotCalib5DsearchTemplate.m` is provided to help you load and plot the images, etc., so be sure to first load all the `project1` files into a single directory for you to work on., run this template, and look at its comments. It has several hints. A similar Python file, `proj1template.py` is also provided if you prefer to use Python. To do the optimization, you may find `fminsearch.m` useful in MATLAB, or `scipy.optimize.minimize` useful in Python.

1. Using the data provided, calibrate the camera. Make sure you use all six pairs of images to find a single calibration matrix that is common to all of them.
2. Estimate the rotation matrix between camera positions 2 and 3.
3. Evaluate how well your algorithm performs by plotting the reprojections of the data for images 2 and 3 along with the actual data. Comment on and try to explain any good or bad performance.
4. Extensively test your algorithm. You may want to produce simulated points with varying noise levels, use other correspondence points in the images, calibrate your own camera, etc.
5. Thoroughly document your algorithm, its performance, and the results of your tests.

High grades are given for keen observations, creative algorithm improvements, clear documentation, etc. Show me that you understand how to implement the algorithm, what its strengths and weaknesses are, ways to mitigate any problems, etc. A formal written report documenting the above is expected and will be graded for grammar and clearness of exposition.

## 2 Method

### 2.1 Finding Rotation Matrix $R$ Using Optimal Quaternion Algorithm

Assume that the calibration matrices  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are known, and suppose that  $\mathbf{X}_1$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2$  are the coordinates of the same point in camera frame 1 and camera frame 2, respectively. With the help of the calibration matrices, we can get the pixel coordinates of correspondence points  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$  as follows,

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 = K_1 \mathbf{X}_1, \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2 = K_2 \mathbf{X}_2.$$

It is known that

$$\mathbf{X}_2 = R_{2,1} \mathbf{X}_1 \implies \lambda_2 K_2^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2 = \lambda_1 R_{2,1} K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1. \quad (2.1)$$

where  $R_{2,1}$  is the rotation matrix from camera frame 1 to camera frame 2. Rotation preserves the magnitude of the vector, hence we can get

$$\frac{\lambda_2 K_2^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2}{\|\lambda_2 K_2^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2\|} = R_{2,1} \frac{\lambda_1 K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1}{\|\lambda_1 K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1\|} \implies \frac{K_2^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2}{\|K_2^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2\|} = R_{2,1} \frac{K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1}{\|K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1\|} \implies \mathbf{u}_2 = R_{2,1} \mathbf{u}_1, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_j = K_j^{-1} \mathbf{x}_j / \|K_j^{-1} \mathbf{x}_j\|$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ . We can rewrite (2.2) as follows,

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = R_{2,1} \mathbf{u}_1 \implies \mathbf{u}_2 - R_{2,1} \mathbf{u}_1 = 0.$$

In general, given  $m$  correspondence points, say  $\mathbf{x}_1^i, \mathbf{x}_2^i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , assume that the calibration matrices  $K_1 = K_2 = K$ , we want use these points to find a rotation matrix  $\tilde{R}_{2,1}$  such that the sum of the norm of the residuals is minimized,

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \|\mathbf{u}_2^i - \tilde{R}_{2,1} \mathbf{u}_1^i\|_2^2 = \min_{R_{2,1} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}} \sum_{i=1}^m \|\mathbf{u}_2^i - R_{2,1} \mathbf{u}_1^i\|_2^2 = \min_{R_{2,1} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}} \sum_{i=1}^m \left\| \frac{K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2^i}{\|K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2^i\|} - R_{2,1} \frac{K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1^i}{\|K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1^i\|} \right\|_2^2.$$

It turns out that solving this optimization problem is equivalent to solving an eigenvalue problem, which gives us the Optimal Quaternion Algorithm (Algorithm 1).

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#### Algorithm 1: Optimal Quaternion Algorithm

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**Function** OptimalQuaternion( $\{\mathbf{x}_1^i\}_{i=1}^m, \{\mathbf{x}_2^i\}_{i=1}^m, K$ ):

**Input:** Pixel coordinates of  $m$  correspondence points  $\{\mathbf{x}_1^i\}_{i=1}^m$ ,  $\{\mathbf{x}_2^i\}_{i=1}^m$ , and calibration matrix  $K$ .

**Output:** The rotation matrix  $\tilde{R} = \tilde{R}_{2,1}$  from Image 1 to Image 2.

1.  $\mathbf{u}_1^i = K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1^i / \|K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1^i\|$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2^i = K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2^i / \|K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2^i\|$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

2.  $D^i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (\hat{\mathbf{u}}_1^i \mathbf{u}_2^i)^T \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1^i \mathbf{u}_2^i & \mathbf{u}_1^i \mathbf{u}_2^{iT} + \mathbf{u}_2^i \mathbf{u}_1^{iT} - 2\mathbf{u}_1^{iT} \mathbf{u}_2^i I \end{bmatrix}$ .

3.  $D = \sum_{i=1}^m D^i$ .

4. Find the eigenvector  $q = [q_0 \quad \mathbf{q}]^T$  of  $D$  which corresponds to the largest eigenvalue.

5.  $\tilde{R} = I + 2q_0 \hat{\mathbf{q}} + 2(\mathbf{q}\mathbf{q}^T - \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{q} I)$ .

**end**

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## 2.2 Finding Calibration Matrix $K$ By Solving A Optimization Problem

Next, let us find the calibration matrix  $K$  when  $R$  is given. Rewriting (2.1) gives

$$\lambda_2 K_2^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2 = \lambda_1 R_{2,1} K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1 \implies \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2 = \lambda_1 K_2 R_{2,1} K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1.$$

Suppose the approximated rotation matrix  $\tilde{R}_{2,1}$  is found using Algorithm 1, then we have

$$\lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2 = \lambda_1 K_2 R_{2,1} K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1 \approx \lambda_1 K_2 \tilde{R}_{2,1} K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1 \implies \mathbf{x}_2 \approx \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} K_2 \tilde{R}_{2,1} K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1.$$

Note that in the provided photos, the depths of correspondence points are almost the same, then we can use the weak orthographic projection to approximate the perspective projection. Therefore, the scaling factor  $\lambda_1/\lambda_2$  is a constant which can be combined into the calibration matrix  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , we can obtain

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = K_2 R_{2,1} K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1 \approx K_2 \tilde{R}_{2,1} K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1 = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_2,$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_2 = K_2 \tilde{R}_{2,1} K_1^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1$  is the reprojection of  $\mathbf{x}_1$  from Image 1 to Image 2. Now given  $m$  correspondence points  $\mathbf{x}_1^i, \mathbf{x}_2^i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , and assume that  $K_1 = K_2 = K$ , we want to find the calibration matrix  $\tilde{K}$  so as to minimize the sum of the norms of reprojection residuals from Image 1 to Image 2  $J_{2,1}$  and that from Image 2 to Image 1  $J_{1,2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \min J_{1,2} + J_{2,1} &= \min \sum_{i=1}^m \|\mathbf{x}_1^i - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_1^i\| + \sum_{i=1}^m \|\mathbf{x}_2^i - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_2^i\| \\ &= \min_{K \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}} \sum_{i=1}^m (\|\mathbf{x}_1^i - K \tilde{R}_{1,2} K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2^i\| + \|\mathbf{x}_2^i - K \tilde{R}_{2,1} K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1^i\|) \\ &= \min_{K \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}} \sum_{i=1}^m (\|\mathbf{x}_1^i - K \tilde{R}_{2,1}^T K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2^i\| + \|\mathbf{x}_2^i - K \tilde{R}_{2,1} K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1^i\|) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m (\|\mathbf{x}_1^i - \tilde{K} \tilde{R}_{2,1}^T \tilde{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_2^i\| + \|\mathbf{x}_2^i - \tilde{K} \tilde{R}_{2,1} \tilde{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_1^i\|). \end{aligned}$$

Observe that the calibration matrix  $K$  has the form

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} fs_x & fs_\theta & o_x \\ 0 & fs_y & o_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

That is to say,  $K$  can be uniquely determined by five unknowns. Let  $\mathbf{k} = [k_1 \ k_2 \ k_3 \ k_4 \ k_5]^T$ , we can use  $\mathbf{k}$  to construct the calibration matrix  $K$  and the inverse of that  $K^{-1}$  as follows,

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & k_2 & k_3 \\ 0 & k_4 & k_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, K^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k_1} & -\frac{k_2}{k_1 k_4} & \frac{k_2 k_5}{k_1 k_4} - \frac{k_3}{k_1} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{k_4} & -\frac{k_5}{k_4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2.3)$$

Therefore,  $J_{1,2} + J_{2,1} = J_{1,2}(\mathbf{k}) + J_{2,1}(\mathbf{k})$ , we can solve for  $\tilde{\mathbf{k}}$  using some numerical schemes such that

$$\tilde{\mathbf{k}} = \underset{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^5}{\operatorname{argmin}} J_{1,2}(\mathbf{k}) + J_{2,1}(\mathbf{k}) = \{\tilde{\mathbf{k}} | J_{1,2}(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}) + J_{2,1}(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}) = \min_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^5} J_{1,2}(\mathbf{k}) + J_{2,1}(\mathbf{k})\}.$$

Once such  $\mathbf{k}$  is found, we can construct  $K$  and  $K^{-1}$  by (2.3). Furthermore, we can use the same principle to find a common calibration matrix  $K$  to multiple pairs of images. Suppose that  $\mathbf{x}_j^i, \mathbf{x}_{j+1}^i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are the  $m_j$  pairs correspondence points in Image  $j$  and Image  $j + 1$ ,  $R_{j+1,j}$  is the rotation matrices from Image  $j$  to Image  $j + 1$ , then our objective function is the sum of norms of reprojection residuals of all the images:

$$J(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{j=1}^n J_{j,j+1}(\mathbf{k}) + J_{j+1,j}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{m_j} (\|\mathbf{x}_j^i - KR_{j+1,j}^T K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{j+1}^i\| + \|\mathbf{x}_{j+1}^i - KR_{j+1,j} K^{-1} \mathbf{x}_j^i\|).$$

Then we solve the minimization problem to obtain  $\tilde{\mathbf{k}}$  as below

$$\tilde{\mathbf{k}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^5} J(\mathbf{k}) = \{\tilde{\mathbf{k}} | J(\tilde{\mathbf{k}}) = \min_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^5} J(\mathbf{k})\}.$$

### 2.3 Finding Rotation Matrix $R$ and Calibration Matrix $K$

In this project, the methods in the previous two subsections are not directly applicable, because either the calibration matrix  $K$  or the rotation matrices  $R_{j+1,j}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are not given. In fact, while solving for the  $\mathbf{k}$  in the optimization problem, we use some numerical schemes which requires an initial guess. Then the solution we get might be a local minimizer instead of a global minimizer. Hence we need to adjust our initial guess to get a better solution. Based on this, and due to the unknown specification of the camera, we can only pick a random guess for  $\mathbf{k}$ . Then construct  $K$  and  $K^{-1}$  accordingly, and then use the Optimal Quaternion Algorithm to find the rotation matrix  $R$ , which is likely to be far from the actual rotation matrix. But we can now find  $\mathbf{k}$  such that the  $J$  calculated using  $R$  is minimized, again, we can use the obtained  $\mathbf{k}$  to adjust  $R$ . Hence, we have the Algorithm 2.

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#### Algorithm 2:

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**Function** Calibrate( $\{\mathbf{x}_j^i\}_{i=1}^{m_j}, tol$ ):

**Input:**  $\{\mathbf{x}_j^i\}_{i=1}^{m_j}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are the pixel coordinates of  $m_j$  correspondence points, and  $tol$  is the tolerance of the  $J$ .

**Output:** Rotation matrices  $R_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and calibration matrix  $K$ .

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1   $\mathbf{k} = \operatorname{rand}(5, 1)$ 
2   $K = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & k_2 & k_3 \\ 0 & k_4 & k_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, K^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k_1} & -\frac{k_2}{k_1 k_4} & \frac{k_2 k_5}{k_1 k_4} - \frac{k_3}{k_1} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{k_4} & -\frac{k_5}{k_4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
3   $R_j = \operatorname{OptimalQuaternion}(\{\mathbf{x}_j^i\}_{i=1}^{m_j}, \{\mathbf{x}_{j+1}^i\}_{i=1}^{m_{j+1}}, K), j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ 
4   $\mathbf{k} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{k}} J(\mathbf{k})$ 
5  while  $J(\mathbf{k}) > tol$  do
6       $K = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & k_2 & k_3 \\ 0 & k_4 & k_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, K^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k_1} & -\frac{k_2}{k_1 k_4} & \frac{k_2 k_5}{k_1 k_4} - \frac{k_3}{k_1} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{k_4} & -\frac{k_5}{k_4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
7       $R_j = \operatorname{OptimalQuaternion}(\{\mathbf{x}_j^i\}_{i=1}^{m_j}, \{\mathbf{x}_{j+1}^i\}_{i=1}^{m_{j+1}}, K), j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ 
8       $\mathbf{k} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{k}} J(\mathbf{k})$ 
9  end
end
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## 2.4 Simulation to Validate the Effectiveness of the Algorithms

Due to the lack of exact rotation matrices and calibration matrix, it is hard to directly evaluate the performance of Algorithm 1 and Algorithm 2. Hence some simulation points are generated with noises of different levels using some fixed rotation matrix  $R$  and calibration matrix  $K$ .

## 3 Implementation

The above algorithms (Algorithm 1 and Algorithm 2) in Python (the program is attached at the end). In Algorithm 2, we need to determine the stopping criterion  $tol$ . However, the number of correspondence points varies from images to images. Even if all images have the same number of correspondence points, it is still hard to determine the stopping criterion: for a different set of images which have more correspondence points, we need to change the stopping criterion accordingly. To make the algorithm more applicable with a consistent criterion, we modify  $J$  as follows,

$$J = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{J_{j+1,j} + J_{j,j+1}}{m_j},$$

where  $m_j$  is the number of correspondence points between image  $j$  and  $j+1$ . Then  $J$  is the average of the norm of the residuals of all points in each image.

We define a class called `CameraCalibration`, which includes methods to complete each task in the algorithms. Here is a list of all the methods:

- `hat(v)`: works as the hat operator ( $\hat{\cdot}$ ), converting a vector to a skew-symmetric matrix.
- `D(u1, u2)`: constructs the matrix  $D$  needed in Algorithm 1.
- `eigvec(A)`: finds the eigenvector which corresponds the largest eigenvalue of matrix  $A$ .
- `q2R(q4)`: converts a quaternion to the rotation matrix  $R$ .
- `optimal_quaternion(x1, x2, K)`: the implementation of Algorithm 1 with calibrated points.
- `K(k)`: constructs calibration matrix  $K$  from the vector  $\mathbf{k}$ .
- `invert_K(k)`: constructs the inverse of the calibration matrix  $K^{-1}$  from the vector  $\mathbf{k}$ .
- `find_R_list_pair(x1_list, x2_list, tol, max_iter)`: finds the rotation matrices for all the images with their own calibration matrix.
- `calibrate(x1_list, x2_list, tol, max_iter, output_dir)`: finds the common calibration matrix of all images.
- `read_data(filename)`: reads MATLAB `.mat` file into Python.
- `write_csv(R_list, K, output_dir)`: saves rotation matrices and calibration matrix to a `.csv` file.
- `read_csv(output_dir)`: reads stored calibration matrix and rotation matrices.
- `disp(A, name, filename)`: formats the output of the calibration matrix and rotation matrices to  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .

- `print_matrix(output_dir)`: saves the rotation matrix  $R_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$  and calibration matrix  $K$  to `.tex` files.
- `show_image(I, x, xr, output_dir, name)`: displays the image  $I$  with correspondence points and their reprojections using `matplotlib.image` and `matplotlib.pyplot`.
- `reproject(x, R, K)`: reprojects one correspondence points to another image.
- `solve(mat_file, images, output_dir, tol, max_iter)`: completes tasks in the project and use `matplotlib.image` and `matplotlib.pyplot` for visualization (annotation).
- `solve_cv2(mat_file, images, output_dir, tol, max_iter)`: completes tasks in the project and use OpenCV Python module `cv2` for visualization (annotation).
- `test_optimal_quaternion(output_dir)`: tests the Optimal Quaternion Algorithm using simulation points.

## 4 Result and Discussion

1. The single calibration matrix that is common to all of the six pairs of images is

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 9.3247 & -0.8647 & -160.3975 \\ 0.0000 & 2.5373 & 0.0664 \\ 0.0000 & 0.0000 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. The rotation matrix between camera position 2 and 3 is

$$\tilde{R}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9986 & -0.0520 & -0.0006 \\ 0.0520 & 0.9986 & 0.0007 \\ 0.0005 & -0.0007 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. The reprojection of images 2 and 3 is shown in Figure 1. As we can see, the reprojections almost overlap with the actual points. That is to say, Algorithm 2 we proposed is valid to find the approximation of the calibration matrix  $K$  and rotation matrix  $R_{3,2}$ . The reason why our algorithm is effective might be that the Image 2 and Image 3 were taken with the same camera calibration and it is indeed pure rotation between camera position 2 and camera position 3.
4. We also used other correspondence points in the images. As shown in Figure 2 and 4, we can see that Algorithm 2 is satisfactory: the reprojections of the points coincide with the actual points with very small error. When it comes to image 1 and 2 (Figure 5) or image 6 and 7 (Figure 4), the reprojections of the correspondence points are slightly off. However, Algorithm 2 failed to reproject points to its correspondence points between Image 4 and 5 (Figure ??). The possible causes of the above result are that
  - (a) When all these photos were taken, different camera calibrations were used.
  - (b) The rotations between some camera positions may not be pure rotations.

Also, the Algorithm 2 may be more robust when the correspondence points are more spread out than those which are not. Here are the rotation matrices:

$$\tilde{R}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8970 & -0.4421 & -0.0000 \\ 0.4421 & 0.8970 & -0.0000 \\ 0.0000 & -0.0000 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\tilde{R}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9995 & -0.0315 & -0.0006 \\ 0.0315 & 0.9995 & 0.0001 \\ 0.0006 & -0.0001 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\tilde{R}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9989 & -0.0339 & -0.0321 \\ 0.0339 & 0.9994 & -0.0005 \\ 0.0321 & -0.0006 & 0.9995 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\tilde{R}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9994 & -0.0347 & -0.0000 \\ 0.0347 & 0.9994 & 0.0000 \\ 0.0000 & -0.0000 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\tilde{R}_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9419 & -0.3359 & -0.0000 \\ 0.3359 & 0.9419 & -0.0000 \\ 0.0000 & -0.0000 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

To justify the validity of Algorithm 1, we provide a simulation (see `test_optimal_quaternion`). Assume that

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 2.0000 & 0.0000 & 1.0000 \\ 0.0000 & 2.0000 & 1.0000 \\ 0.0000 & 0.0000 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5000 & 0.0000 & 0.8660 \\ 0.0000 & 1.0000 & 0.0000 \\ -0.8660 & 0.0000 & 0.5000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then we randomly generate 20 points  $\mathbf{x}_1^i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and use  $K$  and  $R$  to get  $\mathbf{x}_2^i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_2 = KRK^{-1}\mathbf{x}_1$ . Then we call `optimal_quaternion(x1, x2, K)` and obtain  $R'$  and we calculate the error  $R_{error} = R - R'$  as follows,

$$R' = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5000 & -0.0000 & 0.8660 \\ -0.0000 & 1.0000 & 0.0000 \\ -0.8660 & -0.0000 & 0.5000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$R_{error} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0000 & 0.0000 & 0.0000 \\ 0.0000 & 0.0000 & -0.0000 \\ 0.0000 & 0.0000 & 0.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

As shown above, Algorithm 1 has a very good performance. And we can also check the norm of reprojection residual

$$\sum_{i=1}^{20} \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_1^i - \mathbf{x}_2^i\| = 3.5789 \times 10^{-12}.$$



Figure 1: Reprojections of Correspondence Points Between Image 2 and Image 3



Figure 2: Reprojections of Correspondence Points Between Image 3 and Image 4



Figure 3: Reprojections of Correspondence Points Between Image 5 and Image 6





Figure 4: Reprojections of Correspondence Points Between Image 6 and Image 7

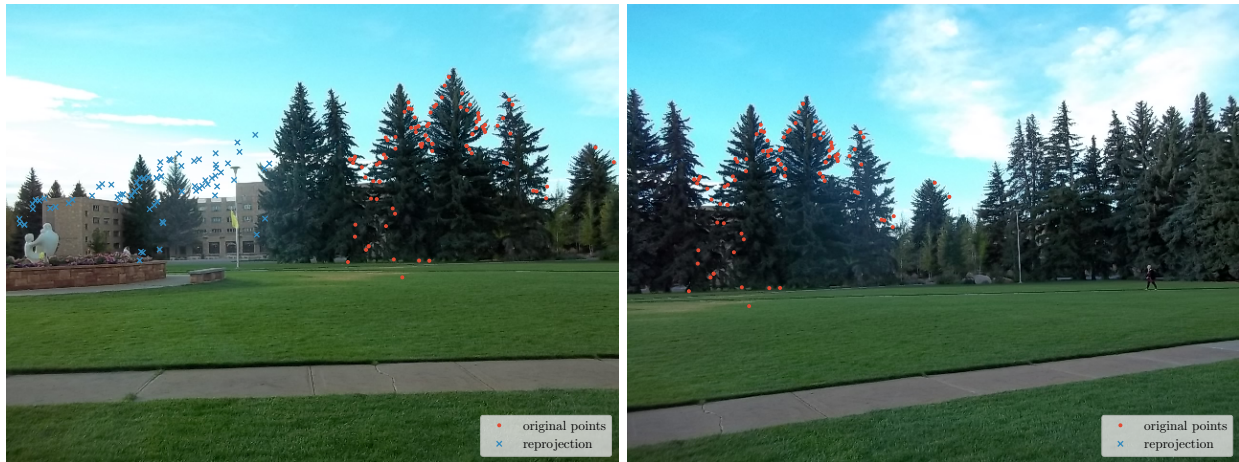


Figure 5: Reprojections of Correspondence Points Between Image 1 and Image 2



Figure 6: Reprojections of Correspondence Points Between Image 4 and Image 5

Download code at <https://libaoj.in/Computer-Vision/1-Camera-Calibration-Using-Pure-Rotation/>.

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3  #
4  # camera_calibration.py - 2019-10-10 15:07
5  #
6  # Copyright © 2019 Libao Jin <jinlibao@outlook.com>
7  # Distributed under terms of the MIT license.
8  #
9  '''
10 Camera Calibration
11 '''
12
13 import os
14 import numpy as np
15 import scipy as sp
16 import scipy.linalg as LA
17 from scipy.io import loadmat
18 from scipy.optimize import minimize
19 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
20 import matplotlib.image as img
21 from matplotlib.backends.backend_pdf import PdfPages
22 import cv2
23
24
25 class CameraCalibration():
26     '''Camera Calibratoin Using Pure Rotation'''
27
28     def __init__(self):
29         plt.style.use('ggplot')
30         plt.rc('text', usetex=True)
31         plt.rc('font', family='serif')
32         np.random.seed(seed=666)
33
34     def hat(self, v):
35         return np.array([[0, -v[2], v[1]], [v[2], 0, -v[0]], [-v[1], v[0], 0]])
36
37     def D(self, u1, u2):
38         D = np.zeros((4, 4))
39         D[0, 1:] = self.hat(u1).dot(u2).T
40         D[1:, 0] = self.hat(u1).dot(u2).reshape(3)
41         D[1:, 1:] = u1.dot(u2.T) + u2.dot(u1.T) - 2 * u1.T.dot(u2) * np.eye(3)
42         return D
43
44     def eigvec(self, A):
45         a, w = np.linalg.eig(A)
46         return w[:, 0].reshape((4, 1))
47
48     def q2R(self, q4):
49         q0 = q4[0, 0]
50         q = q4[1:, 0]
51         R = np.eye(3) + 2 * q0 * self.hat(q) + 2 * self.hat(q).dot(self.hat(q))
52         return R
53
54     def optimal_quaternion(self, x1, x2, K):
55         K_inv = np.linalg.inv(K)
56         X1 = [K_inv.dot(x1[:, i]).reshape(3, 1) for i in range(x1.shape[1])]
57         X2 = [K_inv.dot(x2[:, i]).reshape(3, 1) for i in range(x2.shape[1])]
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58     D = np.zeros((4, 4))
59     for i in range(len(X1)):
60         u1 = X1[i] / np.linalg.norm(X1[i])
61         u2 = X2[i] / np.linalg.norm(X2[i])
62         D += self.D(u1, u2)
63     q = self.eigvec(D)
64     R = self.q2R(q)
65     return R
66
67     def K(self, k):
68         k = k.reshape(5, 1)
69         return np.array([[k[0], 0], k[1], 0], k[2], 0], [0, k[3], 0], k[4], 0],
70                        [0, 0, 1]])
71
72     def invert_K(self, k):
73         k = k.reshape(5, 1)
74         return np.array([[
75             1 / k[0], -k[1], 0] / (k[0] * k[3]),
76             k[1] * k[4] / (k[0] * k[3]) - k[2], 0] / k[0], 0]
77             ], [0, 1 / k[3], -k[4] / k[3], [0, 0, 1]])
78
79     def find_R_list_pair(self, x1_list, x2_list, tol, max_iter):
80         R_list = []
81         k_list = []
82         for m in range(len(x1_list)):
83             print('Finding R of Image {:d} and Image {:d}'.format(m + 1, m + 2))
84             x1, x2 = x1_list[m], x2_list[m]
85             k = np.random.rand(5, 1)
86             R = self.optimal_quaternion(x1, x2, self.K(k))
87             K = lambda k: self.K(k)
88             K_inv = lambda k: self.invert_K(k)
89             x1_reproj = lambda R, k: np.sum(
90                 np.array([
91                     np.linalg.norm(x1[:, i] - K(k).dot(
92                         R.T.dot(K_inv(k).dot(x2[:, i])))
93                     for i in range(x2.shape[1])
94                 ])) / (2 * x2.shape[1])
95             x2_reproj = lambda R, k: np.sum(
96                 np.array([
97                     np.linalg.norm(x2[:, i] - K(k).dot(
98                         R.dot(K_inv(k).dot(x1[:, i])))
99                     for i in range(x1.shape[1])
100                 ])) / (2 * x1.shape[1])
101             J = lambda k: x1_reproj(R, k) + x2_reproj(R, k)
102             j = 0
103             k_best, J_best = k, J(k)
104             while J(k) > tol and j < max_iter:
105                 if J_best > J(k):
106                     k_best, J_best = k, J(k)
107                 print('{:3d}: {:.4f}'.format(j, J(k)))
108                 R = self.optimal_quaternion(x1, x2, self.K(k))
109                 J = lambda k: np.sum(x1_reproj(R, k)) + np.sum(x2_reproj(R, k))
110                 k = minimize(J, k.T)['x'].reshape(5, 1)
111                 j += 1
112             print('{:3d}: {:.4f}'.format(j, J(k)))
113             if J_best > J(k):
114                 k_best, J_best = k, J(k)
115             # R = self.optimal_quaternion(x1, x2, self.K(k_best))
116             R_list.append(R)

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117         k_list.append(k_best)
118     # for i in range(len(R_list)):
119     #     print('{:d}: {:.4f}'.format(i, J(k_list[i])))
120     #     print(R_list[i])
121     #     print(k_list[i])
122     return (R_list, k_list)
123
124 def calibrate(self, x1_list, x2_list, tol, max_iter, output_dir):
125     max_iter_1, max_iter_2, max_iter_3 = max_iter
126     k = np.random.rand(5, 1)
127     R_list, _ = self.find_R_list_pair(x1_list, x2_list, tol, max_iter_1)
128     K = lambda k: self.K(k)
129     K_inv = lambda k: self.invert_K(k)
130     x1_reproj = lambda R, k, j: np.sum(
131         np.array([
132             np.linalg.norm(x1_list[j][:, i] - K(k).dot(
133                 R.T.dot(K_inv(k).dot(x2_list[j][:, i])))
134             for i in range(x1_list[j].shape[1])
135         ])) / (2 * x1_list[j].shape[1] * len(x1_list))
136     x2_reproj = lambda R, k, j: np.sum(np.array([
137         np.linalg.norm(x2_list[j][:, i] - K(k).dot(
138             R.dot(K_inv(k).dot(x1_list[j][:, i])))
139         for i in range(x2_list[j].shape[1])
140     ])) / (2 * x2_list[j].shape[1] * len(x2_list))
141     J = lambda k: np.sum(np.array([
142         x1_reproj(R_list[j], k, j) + x2_reproj(R_list[j], k, j)
143         for j in range(len(x1_list))
144     ]))
145     print('Finding the calibration matrix K for all rotations')
146     k = np.random.rand(5, 1)
147     k_best, J_best = k, J(k)
148     m = 0
149     while J_best > tol and m < max_iter_2:
150         n = 0
151         while J(k) > tol and n < max_iter_3:
152             k = np.random.rand(5, 1)
153             if J(k) < J_best:
154                 k_best, J_best = k, J(k)
155             print('{:3d}, {:3d}: {:.4f}'.format(m, n, J(k)))
156             J = lambda k: np.sum([
157                 x1_reproj(R_list[j], k, j) + x2_reproj(R_list[j], k, j)
158                 for j in range(len(x1_list))
159             ])
160             k = minimize(J, k.T)['x'].reshape(5, 1)
161             n += 1
162         if J(k) < J_best:
163             k_best, J_best = k, J(k)
164         k = k_best
165         # for i in range(len(x1_list)):
166         #     R = self.optimal_quaternion(x1_list[i], x2_list[i], self.K(k))
167         #     R_list[i] = R
168         print('{:3d}, {:3d}: {:.4f}'.format(m, n, J(k)))
169         m += 1
170     return (R_list, self.K(k))
171
172 def read_data(self, filename):
173     mat = loadmat(filename)
174     return (mat['x1pMat'], mat['x2pMat'])
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176 def write_csv(self, R_list, K, output_dir):
177     if not os.path.exists(output_dir):
178         os.mkdir(output_dir)
179     for i in range(len(R_list)):
180         R = R_list[i]
181         np.savetxt('{:s}/R-{:d}.csv'.format(output_dir, i + 1),
182                 R,
183                 delimiter=',',
184                 fmt='%15.8f',
185                 newline='\n')
186     np.savetxt('{:s}/K.csv'.format(output_dir),
187             K,
188             delimiter=',',
189             fmt='%15.8f',
190             newline='\n')
191
192 def read_csv(self, output_dir):
193     if not os.path.exists(output_dir):
194         os.mkdir(output_dir)
195     R_list = []
196     for i in range(6):
197         R = np.loadtxt('{:s}/R-{:d}.csv'.format(output_dir, i + 1),
198                     delimiter=',')
199         R_list.append(R)
200     K = np.loadtxt('{:s}/K.csv'.format(output_dir), delimiter=',')
201     return (R_list, K)
202
203 def disp(self, A, name='A', filename=''):
204     nrow, ncol = A.shape
205     if len(filename) == 0:
206         print(r'\begin{equation*}')
207         print('{:s} = \n'.format(name))
208         print(r'\begin{bmatrix}')
209         for i in range(nrow):
210             print(r'{:8.4f} & {:8.4f} & {:8.4f} \\'.format(
211                 A[i, 0], A[i, 1], A[i, 2]))
212         print(r'\end{bmatrix}')
213         print(r'\end{equation*}')
214
215     with open(filename, 'w') as f:
216         f.write('\begin{equation*}\n')
217         f.write('{:s} = \n'.format(name))
218         f.write('\begin{bmatrix}\n')
219         for i in range(nrow):
220             f.write('{:8.4f} & {:8.4f} & {:8.4f} \\ \\ \n'.format(
221                 A[i, 0], A[i, 1], A[i, 2]))
222         f.write('\end{bmatrix}.\n')
223         f.write('\end{equation*}\n')
224
225 def print_matrix(self, output_dir):
226     if not os.path.exists(output_dir):
227         os.mkdirG(output_dir)
228     R_list, K = self.read_csv(output_dir)
229     for i in range(len(R_list)):
230         self.disp(R_list[i], '\\widetilde{{R}}-{{{:d}}}'.format(i + 1),
231                 '{:s}/R-{:d}.tex'.format(output_dir, i + 1))
232     self.disp(K, 'K', '{:s}/K.tex'.format(output_dir))
233
234 def show_image(self, I, x, xr, output_dir, name):

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235     if not os.path.exists(output_dir):
236         os.mkdir(output_dir)
237     filename = '{:s}/{:s}'.format(output_dir, name)
238     with PdfPages(filename) as pdf:
239         fig = plt.figure(frameon=False)
240         ax = plt.Axes(fig, [0., 0., 1., 1.])
241         ax.set_axis_off()
242         fig.add_axes(ax)
243         if I.ndim == 2:
244             plt.imshow(I, cmap='gray')
245         else:
246             plt.imshow(I)
247         h1, = plt.plot(x[0, :],
248                     x[1, :],
249                     '.',
250                     markersize=4,
251                     label='original points')
252         h2, = plt.plot(xr[0, :],
253                     xr[1, :],
254                     'x',
255                     markersize=4,
256                     label='reprojection')
257         plt.legend(handles=[h1, h2], loc='lower right')
258         plt.grid()
259         plt.axis([-0.5, 1279.5, 959.5, -0.5])
260         plt.axis('off')
261         plt.show(block=False)
262         plt.savefig(filename.replace('pdf', 'png'), format='png', dpi=300)
263         pdf.savefig(fig)
264         plt.close()
265
266     def reproject(self, x, R=np.eye(3), K=np.eye(3)):
267         K_inv = np.linalg.inv(K)
268         x_reproj = K.dot(R.dot(K_inv.dot(x)))
269         return x_reproj
270
271     def solve(self, mat_file, images, output_dir, tol=1, max_iter=(50, 10, 5)):
272         I = [img.imread(image) for image in images]
273         x1pMat, x2pMat = self.read_data(mat_file)
274         ncols = []
275         for i in range(len(I) - 1):
276             for j in range(x1pMat[:, :, i].shape[1]):
277                 if sp.linalg.norm(x1pMat[:, j, i]
278                                 ) == 0 or j == x1pMat[:, :, i].shape[1] - 1:
279                     ncols.append(j)
280                     break
281         x1_list = [x1pMat[:, 0:ncols[i], i] for i in range(len(ncols))]
282         x2_list = [x2pMat[:, 0:ncols[i], i] for i in range(len(ncols))]
283         if (os.path.exists('{:s}/K.csv'.format(output_dir))):
284             R_list, K = self.read_csv(output_dir)
285         else:
286             R_list, K = self.calibrate(x1_list, x2_list, tol, max_iter,
287                                     output_dir)
288         for i in range(len(R_list)):
289             print('R from Image {:d} to Image {:d}'.format(i + 1, i + 2))
290             print(R_list[i])
291         print('K:')
292         print(K)
293

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294     for i in range(len(I) - 1):
295         I1, I2 = I[i].copy(), I[i + 1].copy()
296         x1pmat = x1pMat[:, 0:ncols[i], i]
297         x2pmat = x2pMat[:, 0:ncols[i], i]
298         x1pReproMat = self.reproject(x1pmat, R_list[i], K)
299         x2pReproMat = self.reproject(x2pmat, R_list[i], K)
300         filename_1 = 'prexy{:d}_2.pdf'.format(i + 1)
301         filename_2 = 'prexy{:d}_1.pdf'.format(i + 2)
302         self.show_image(I1, x1pmat, x1pReproMat, output_dir, filename_1)
303         self.show_image(I2, x2pmat, x2pReproMat, output_dir, filename_2)
304     self.write_csv(R_list, K, output_dir)
305     self.print_matrix(output_dir)
306
307 def solve_cv2(self, mat_file, images, output_dir, tol=1, max_iter=(50, 10, 5)):
308     I = [cv2.imread(image) for image in images]
309     x1pMat, x2pMat = self.read_data(mat_file)
310     ncols = []
311     for i in range(len(I) - 1):
312         for j in range(x1pMat[:, :, i].shape[1]):
313             if sp.linalg.norm(x1pMat[:, j, i]
314                             ) == 0 or j == x1pMat[:, :, i].shape[1] - 1:
315                 ncols.append(j)
316                 break
317     x1_list = [x1pMat[:, 0:ncols[i], i] for i in range(len(ncols))]
318     x2_list = [x2pMat[:, 0:ncols[i], i] for i in range(len(ncols))]
319     if (os.path.exists('{:s}/K.csv'.format(output_dir))):
320         R_list, K = self.read_csv(output_dir)
321     else:
322         R_list, K = self.calibrate(x1_list, x2_list, tol, max_iter,
323                                   output_dir)
324     for i in range(len(R_list)):
325         print('Rotation from Image {:d} to Image {:d}:".format(
326               i + 1, i + 2))
327         print(R_list[i])
328     print('Calibration matrix:')
329     print(K)
330
331     for i in range(len(I) - 1):
332         I1, I2 = I[i].copy(), I[i + 1].copy()
333         x1pmat = x1pMat[:, 0:ncols[i], i]
334         x2pmat = x2pMat[:, 0:ncols[i], i]
335         x1pReproMat = self.reproject(x1pmat, R_list[i], K)
336         x2pReproMat = self.reproject(x2pmat, R_list[i], K)
337         for j in range(0, x1pmat.shape[1]):
338             cv2.putText(I1, "{}".format("X"),
339                        (int(x1pmat[0, j]), int(x1pmat[1, j])),
340                        cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.3, (0, 0, 255), 2)
341             cv2.putText(I2, "{}".format("X"),
342                        (int(x2pmat[0, j]), int(x2pmat[1, j])),
343                        cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.3, (0, 0, 255), 2)
344             cv2.putText(I1, "{}".format("0"),
345                        (int(x1pReproMat[0, j]), int(x1pReproMat[1, j])),
346                        cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.3, (255, 0, 0), 2)
347             cv2.putText(I2, "{}".format("0"),
348                        (int(x2pReproMat[0, j]), int(x2pReproMat[1, j])),
349                        cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.3, (255, 0, 0), 2)
350         cv2.imshow("Image 1 reproj (prexy{:d}.jpg)".format(i + 1), I1)
351         cv2.imshow("Image 2 reproj (prexy{:d}.jpg)".format(i + 2), I2)
352         cv2.imwrite('{:s}/prexy{:d}_2.jpg'.format(output_dir, i + 1), I1)

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353         cv2.imwrite('{:s}/prexy{:d}_1.jpg'.format(output_dir, i + 2), I2)
354         cv2.waitKey(300)
355         cv2.destroyAllWindows()
356     self.write_csv(R_list, K, output_dir)
357     self.print_matrix(output_dir)
358
359     def test_optimal_quaternion(self, output_dir):
360         pi = np.arctan(1) * 4
361         k = np.array([2, 0, 1, 2, 1])
362         w = np.array([0, 2, 0])
363         w = w / np.linalg.norm(w)
364         t = pi / 3
365         R = LA.expm(self.hat(w) * t)
366         K = self.K(k)
367         K_inv = self.invert_K(k)
368         x1 = np.random.rand(3, 20) * 10000
369         x1[2, :] = np.random.rand(1, 20) * 10 + 1
370         x11 = x1.copy()
371         for i in range(x11.shape[1]):
372             x11[:, i] /= x11[2, i]
373         x2 = K.dot(R.dot(K_inv.dot(x11)))
374         x22 = x2.copy()
375         for i in range(x22.shape[1]):
376             x22[:, i] /= x22[2, i]
377         R2 = self.optimal_quaternion(x11, x22, K)
378         x2p = self.reproject(x11, R2, K)
379         print("K:"); print(K)
380         print(x2 - x2p)
381         print(np.linalg.norm(x2p[0:2, :] - x2[0:2, :]))
382         print(R)
383         print(R2)
384         print(R - R2)
385
386         if not os.path.exists(output_dir):
387             os.mkdir(output_dir)
388         self.disp(K, 'K', '{:s}/K_test.tex'.format(output_dir))
389         self.disp(R, 'R', '{:s}/R_test.tex'.format(output_dir))
390         self.disp(R2, 'R\'', '{:s}/R_test_prime.tex'.format(output_dir))
391         self.disp(R - R2, 'R_{error}', '{:s}/R_test_error.tex'.format(output_dir))
392
393     def test_calibrate(self):
394         pass
395
396
397 if __name__ == '__main__':
398     c = CameraCalibration()
399     mat_file = './data/pureRotPrexyCorrespondencePoints.mat'
400     output_dir = './output'
401     images = ['./data/prexy{:d}.jpg'.format(i + 1) for i in range(7)]
402     c.solve(mat_file, images, output_dir, 5, (50, 1, 20))
403     c.test_optimal_quaternion('test')
404     # c.solve_cv2(mat_file, images, output_dir, 1, 50)
405     '''
406 End of file
407     '''
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