



# Multiple View Geometry: Solution Exercise Sheet 6

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## Part I: Theory

1. (a)  $E$  is essential matrix  $\Rightarrow \Sigma = \text{diag}\{\sigma, \sigma, 0\}$ :

$$R_z(\pm \frac{\pi}{2})\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mp 1 & 0 \\ \pm 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \sigma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mp \sigma & 0 \\ \pm \sigma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -(R_z(\pm \frac{\pi}{2})\Sigma)^\top$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\hat{T}^\top &= -(UR_z\Sigma U^\top)^\top \\ &= U(-R_z\Sigma)^\top U^\top \\ &= UR_z\Sigma U^\top \\ &= \hat{T} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) i.  $U, V$  are orthogonal matrices  $\Rightarrow U^\top U = Id$  and  $VV^\top = Id$   
 $R_z$  is a rotation matrix  $\Rightarrow R_z R_z^\top = Id$

$$\begin{aligned} R^\top R &= (UR_z^\top V^\top)^\top (UR_z^\top V^\top) \\ &= VR_z U^\top U R_z^\top V^\top \\ &= VR_z R_z^\top V^\top \\ &= VV^\top \\ &= Id \end{aligned}$$

- ii.  $U$  and  $V$  are special orthogonal matrices with  $\det(U) = \det(V^\top) = 1$  (Slide 9, Chapter 5).

$$\det(R) = \det(UR_z^\top V^\top) = \underbrace{\det(U)}_1 \cdot \underbrace{\det(R_z^\top)}_1 \cdot \underbrace{\det(V^\top)}_1 = 1$$

2. (a)  $H = R + Tu^\top \Leftrightarrow R = H - Tu^\top$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \hat{T}R \\ &= \hat{T}(H - Tu^\top) \\ &= \hat{T}H - \underbrace{\hat{T}T}_{=T \times T=0} u^\top \\ &= \hat{T}H \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
H^\top E + E^\top H &= H^\top (\hat{T}H) + (\hat{T}H)^\top H \\
&= H^\top (\hat{T}H) + H^\top \hat{T}^\top H \\
&= H^\top \hat{T}H - H^\top \hat{T}H \quad (\text{because } \hat{T} \text{ is skew-symmetric, i.e. } \hat{T}^\top = -\hat{T}) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

3. (Refer to Slide 6 Chapter 5 for the notations below)

$T : \overrightarrow{o_2 o_1}$  seen in coordinate system  $o_2$   
 $-R^\top T : \overrightarrow{o_1 o_2}$  seen in coordinate system  $o_1$

$e_1$  is the image of  $o_2$  in coordinate system  $o_1$   
 $\Rightarrow e_1 = K \overrightarrow{o_1 o_2} = K(-R^\top T)$  ( $K$  is the intrinsic parameter matrix)  
 $e_2$  is the image of  $o_1$  in coordinate system  $o_2$   
 $\Rightarrow e_2 = K \overrightarrow{o_2 o_1} = KT$

$$\begin{aligned}
Fe_1 &= \underbrace{(K^{-\top} \hat{T} R K^{-1})}_F \underbrace{(K(-R^\top T))}_{e_1} \\
&= K^{-\top} \hat{T} R \underbrace{K^{-1} K}_I (-R^\top T) \\
&= K^{-\top} \hat{T} R \underbrace{(-R^\top)}_{-I} T \\
&= -K^{-\top} \underbrace{\hat{T} T}_{=T \times T=0} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
e_2^\top F &= \underbrace{(KT)^\top}_{e_2} \underbrace{(K^{-\top} \hat{T} R K^{-1})}_F \\
&= T^\top \underbrace{K^\top K^{-\top}}_I \hat{T} R K^{-1} \\
&= T^\top \hat{T} R K^{-1} \\
&= T^\top (T \times R) K^{-1} \quad (T \times R \text{ is a vector perpendicular to } T) \\
&= 0 K^{-1} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

## Part II: Practical Exercises

### Remarks

1. Are there two or four possible solutions for  $R$  and  $T$ ?

The answer is four. You may find it confusing since in Slide 9 you are told to have two sets of  $R$  and  $T$ ,

while in Slide 14 it says there are four possible solutions. Recall that the essential matrix  $E$  is calculated by solving the equation  $\chi E^s = 0$  (at the bottom of Slide 11). Ideally the  $E^s$  you get should lie in the nullspace of  $\chi$ . However, since there are always errors in the point pairs you've chosen to make  $\chi$ , in practice it is very difficult to get an  $E^s$  that makes  $\chi E^s$  exactly 0. Instead we use the SVD of  $\chi$  to get the  $E^s$  which minimizes  $\|\chi E^s\|$ . In other words, the  $E^s$  we get will give us  $\chi E^s = \sigma$  with  $\sigma$  being some very small vector. Now think about this: what will happen if we turn the sign of the  $E^s$ ? We will get  $\chi(-E^s) = -\sigma$  which still gives us the smallest  $\|\chi E^s\|$  ( $\|\chi E^s\| = \|\sigma\| = \|-\sigma\| = \|\chi(-E^s)\|$ ).

Now we know that solving  $\chi E^s = 0$  for  $E^s$  will always give us two possible solutions  $E$  and  $-E$ . From each of them you can get two possible sets of  $R$  and  $T$  using the equations in Slide 9. Altogether we get four possible solutions. In practice we do the calculation in a little different way. We usually calculate according to Slide 14 to get four solutions out of  $E$ . The two extra solutions we get are nothing but the ones we should have got from  $-E$ .

## 2. How to get the correct $R$ and $T$ from the possible solutions?

The criterion you should use to rule out the incorrect solutions is that all the reconstructed 3D points should have positive depth seen from **both of the camera coordinate systems**. In other words, both  $\lambda_1^j$  and  $\lambda_2^j$  in Slide 17 need to be positive.