



Multiple View Geometry: Exercise Sheet 7

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1. Projection and Essential Matrix

Suppose two projection matrices $\Pi = [R, T]$ and $\Pi' = [R', T'] \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$ are related by a common transformation H of the form

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ v^\top & v_4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4} \quad \text{where } v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

That is, $[R, T]H \sim [R', T']$ are equal up to scale.

Show that Π and Π' give the same essential matrices ($E = \hat{T}R$ and $E' = \hat{T}'R'$) up to a scale factor.

2. Coimages of Points and Lines

Suppose $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ are two points on the line $L \subset \mathbb{R}^3$. Let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ be the images of the points p_1, p_2 in homogeneous coordinates, respectively, and let $l \in \mathbb{R}^3$ be a vector that spans the coimage of the line L . All vectors are given in the image coordinate system.

Furthermore suppose $L_1, L_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ are two lines intersecting in the point $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ be the image of the point p in homogeneous coordinates and let $l_1, l_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ be vectors that span the coimages of the lines L_1, L_2 , respectively.

Draw a picture and convince yourself of the following relationships:

(a) Show that

$$l \sim \hat{x}_1 x_2, \quad x \sim \hat{l}_1 l_2,$$

(b) Show that there exist $r, s, u, v \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that,

$$l_1 \sim \hat{x}u, \quad l_2 \sim \hat{x}v, \quad x_1 \sim \hat{l}r, \quad x_2 \sim \hat{l}s$$

where $\sim$ means equivalence in the sense of homogeneous coordinates.

3. Rank Constraints

Let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ be two image points in homogeneous coordinates with projection matrices $\Pi_1, \Pi_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$. Show that the rank constraint

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \Pi_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \Pi_2 \end{pmatrix} \leq 3$$

ensures that x_1 and x_2 are images (projections) of the same three-dimensional point X .