# **Stereo**



#### What can be done with stereo vision?



Autonomous driving



SLAM- robot navigation



## References

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### **Structure from motion**

- Structure from motion (SfM) is the process of estimating the 3-D structure of a scene from a set of 2-D images. SfM is used in many applications, such as 3-D scanning and augmented reality.
  - [Mathworks]
- SfM is also known as **3D reconstruction**.
- Stereo vision is a subcategory of SfM in which we are dealing only with 2 images.



#### Structure and motion

	Structure (3D model of world)	Motion (6 DOFs of cameras)
Pose Estimation (camera pose estimation)	Known	Estimate
Triangulation	Estimate	Known
3D reconstruction/ SfM/ stereo vision	Estimate	Estimate

#### **Structure and motion**

- So essentially one can say that "structure from motion" is the wrong name...
  - Structure and motion is more precise, but nobody will understand what are you talking about.
- In this class we will learn about 3D reconstruction from two cameras (and triangulation as a subtopic).

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# Triangulation



- Assume both cameras are rectified- 6 DOF of both are the same except the horizontal translation.
- Assume same focal length *f* in both cameras
- Assume we know for each pixel in left the corresponding pixel in right.
- From this we want to get a depth image using triangulation.





Right

#### **Triangulation**



- The amount of horizontal movement is inversely proportional to the distance from the camera.
- The amount of horizontal movement == disparity ( $d = x_l x_r$ ).
- Distance from the camera == depth (or Z).

• Note:  $x_l \& x_r$  are in normalized image coordinate system:  $x = K^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ v \end{bmatrix}$ 

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#### **Stereo Block Matching**



- Slide a window along the epipolar line and compare contents of that window with the reference window in the left image
- Matching cost: SSD or normalized correlation





Normalized cross-correlation

#### **Effect of window size**



W = 3

W = 20

#### **Effect of window size**





W = 20

#### Smaller window

- + More detail
- More noise

#### Larger window

- + Smoother disparity maps
- Less detail
- Fails near boundaries

#### When will stereo block matching fail?







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#### Block matching

#### Ground truth





What are some problems with the result?



How can we improve depth estimation?



#### How can we improve depth estimation?

Too many discontinuities. We expect disparity values to change slowly.

Let's make an assumption: depth should change smoothly

# **Energy Minimization**



What defines a good stereo correspondence?

- 1. Match quality
  - Want each pixel to find a good match in the other image
- 2. Smoothness
  - If two pixels are adjacent, they should (usually) move about the same amount



$$E(d) = E_d(d) + \lambda E_s(d)$$
$$E_d(d) = \sum_{(x,y)\in I} C(x,y,d(x,y))$$
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 $E(d) = E_d(d) + \lambda E_s(d)$  $E_d(d) = \sum C(x, y, d(x, y))$  $(x,y) \in I$ SSD distance between windows

centered at I(x, y) and J(x+d(x,y), y)



$$E_s(d) = \sum_{(p,q) \in \mathcal{E}} V(d_p,d_q)$$
 smoothness term

$$V(d_p, d_q) = |d_p - d_q|$$

$$L_1 \text{ distance}$$

#### **Dynamic Programming**

One possible solution...

$$E(d) = E_d(d) + \lambda E_s(d)$$

Can minimize this independently per scanline using dynamic programming (DP) •....•

D(x, y, d) : minimum cost of solution such that d(x,y) = d

$$D(x, y, d) = C(x, y, d) + \min_{d'} \left\{ D(x - 1, y, d') + \lambda \left| d - d' \right| \right\}$$



Y. Boykov, O. Veksler, and R. Zabih, Fast Approximate Energy Minimization via Graph Cuts, PAMI 2001

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Original stereo pair



# **Stereo image rectification**

- Out of scope...
- Let's say the images comes rectified (as in the yellow samples).
  - Rectification proof here:
     <u>https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~</u>
     <u>16385/s17/Slides/13.1 Ste</u>
     <u>reo Rectification.pdf</u>
- We want to find the relative *R*, *t* of the images.


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- **Epipolar geometry** is the geometry of stereo vision. When two cameras view a 3D scene from two distinct positions, there are a number of geometric relations between the 3D points and their projections onto the 2D images that lead to constraints between the image points.
  - [Wikipedia]

# **Epipolar geometry - The triangulation problem**

- Given:
  - two 2D points in the **normalized image coordinate system** (x, x') in two different images (I, I') that describes the same point p in 3D space.
  - Rotation and translation between the two cameras.
- Find *p*.

• Normalized image coordinate system:  $x = K^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 





• We can trace lines from the **camera center** of each image, through the given 2D point to the 3D point *p*.



• **Baseline** is a vector that represent the translation between two cameras



- Epipole *e*: projection of *o*' onto *I*.
  - The place of camera o' in image I.



• Epipolar plane: the plane that is constructed from the 3 points (p, o, o').



• **Epipolar line**: intersection of Epipolar plane and image plane.



## **Epipolar constraint**

- The epipolar constraint: a point x in image I is mapped onto an epipolar line
   l' in image I'.
  - This happens since we don't know p in advance.



• Note: all epipolar lines pass through the epipole.



• Where is the epipole in this images?





• Where is the epipole in this images? The epipole doesn't have to be inside the image!



• Where is the epipole in this image?





• Where is the epipole in this image? The epipolar lines doesn't converge since the baseline (translation) is parallel to the image plane!







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#### **Recall: Dot Product**



#### **Recall: Cross Product**

#### Vector (cross) product

takes two vectors and returns a vector perpendicular to both



#### **Recall: Cross Product**

$$m{a} imes m{b} = \left[ egin{array}{c} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{array} 
ight]$$

Can also be written as a matrix multiplication

$$m{a} imes m{b} = [m{a}]_{ imes} m{b} = egin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Skew symmetric

• Let's define the *o* system as world coordinate system.



\**t* here is *c* from camera calibration class











rigid motion coplanarity  

$$R^T = R^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x' = \mathbf{R}(x - t) & (x - t)^\top (t \times x) = 0 \\ R^T x' = x - t \\ x'^T R = (x - t)^T \end{pmatrix}$$

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rigid motion  

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### **Fundamental matrix**



The Essential matrix operates on image points expressed in **normalized coordinates** 

(points have been aligned (normalized) to camera coordinates)

$$\hat{m{x}'} = \mathbf{K}^{-1}m{x}'$$

 $\hat{x} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} x$ 

camera point image point

#### **Fundamental matrix**



Writing out the epipolar constraint in terms of image coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{\prime \top} \mathbf{K}^{\prime - \top} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{x} &= 0 \\ \mathbf{x}^{\prime \top} (\mathbf{K}^{\prime - \top} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{K}^{-1}) \mathbf{x} &= 0 \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{Fundamental} \\ \text{Matrix} \\ \mathbf{x}^{\prime \top} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} &= 0 \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{Fundamental} \\ \text{Matrix} \\ F &= K^{\prime - T} E K^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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# **Estimating F**

- Given enough correspondence point between the two images, one can reconstruct the fundamental matrix **F**.
- If  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$  are known, we can find E.
  - We can then decompose *E* to *R*, *t* between the two images (This part is out of scope for this lecture).
  - t is found up to a scale in the estimation but it's easy to get a good measure of it with a ruler.




#### Estimating F – 8-point algorithm

• The fundamental matrix F is defined by

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

for any pair of matches x and x' in two images.

• Let  $\mathbf{x} = (u, v, 1)^{\mathsf{T}}$  and  $\mathbf{x}' = (u', v', 1)^{\mathsf{T}}$ ,  $\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ 

each match gives a linear equation

 $uu'f_{11} + vu'f_{12} + u'f_{13} + uv'f_{21} + vv'f_{22} + v'f_{23} + uf_{31} + vf_{32} + f_{33} = 0$ 

#### 8-point algorithm

• Like with homographies, instead of solving  $\mathbf{Af} = 0$ , we seek f to minimize  $\|\mathbf{Af}\|$ , least eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{A}$ .

## 8-point algorithm – Problem?

- **F** should have rank 2
- To enforce that **F** is of rank 2, F is replaced by F' that minimizes  $\|\mathbf{F} \mathbf{F}'\|$  subject to the rank constraint.

• This is achieved by SVD. Let  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}$ , where

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ let } \Sigma' = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then  $\mathbf{F}' = \mathbf{U} \Sigma' \mathbf{V}^{\mathrm{T}}$  is the solution.

## 8-point algorithm

- Pros: it is linear, easy to implement and fast
- Cons: susceptible to noise.
  - Solutions: (all out of scope)
    - normalized 8 points algorithm.
    - 7 points algorithm.
    - Finding K,K' with single camera intrinsics calibration and then search for E (only 5 DOFs instead of 8/7).

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- LIDAR, which stands for Light Detection and Ranging (or light radar), is a remote sensing method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to measure ranges.
- Most known: velodyne projector.



• Structured light Surface \e<u>i+1</u> q<sub>j+1</sub> Structured e q Light Camera Projector B Illuminant Camera R (a) 3D Object in the Scene

- Coded light
- Realsense SR305
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PluL7WTIKrM



- Light Coding
- Used in Kinect v1- Kinect for xbox 360.
- Iphone x front camera





