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Homogeneous Coordinates and Projective Camera Models

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1 Homogeneous Coordinates and Tensor Notation

Homogeneous coordinates allow us to express translation, rotation, scaling, and projection all as matrix operations. The principle is to add an extra dimension to each vector.

For example, points on a plane are expressed as:

$$\bar{P} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly, points in 3D space become

$$\bar{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The line equation, $ax+by+c=0$ can be expressed as a simple product:

$$\bar{L}^T \bar{P} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{L}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \end{pmatrix}$$

This is called a "homogeneous" equation because the all terms are first order. Technically this is a "first order" homogeneous equation.

$ax^2+by^2+c=0$ would be a second order homogeneous equation.

Similarly, for a plane equation: $ax+by+cz+d=1$:

$$\bar{S}^T \bar{P} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{S} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that in Homogeneous coordinates, all scalar multiplications are equivalent.

$$a \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = b \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Any vector can be expressed in "canonical" form by normalizing the last coefficient to 1.

$$\begin{pmatrix} ax \\ ay \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax/a \\ ay/a \\ a/a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Our camera model will have the form of a 3 x 4 matrix

$$M_s^i = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{pmatrix}$$

such that the image point (x_i, y_i) is found from the scene point (x_s, y_s, z_s) by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q_1/q_3 \\ q_2/q_3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{Q} = M_s^i \vec{P} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_s \\ y_s \\ z_s \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can express M_s^i in "canonical form" by dividing out the last coefficient (because all scalar multiples are equivalent):

$$M_s^i = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice that this gives 11 coefficients. This corresponds to our 11 parameters.

1.1 Tensor Notation:

In tensor notation, the sign " $\vec{\quad}$ " is replaced by subscripts and superscripts.

A super-script signifies a column vector.

For example the point \vec{P} is P^i

$$P^i = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The line \vec{L}^i is $L_i = (l_1, l_2, l_3)$

A matrix is a line matrix of column matrices (or a column of line matrices)

$$M_i^j = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^1 & m_2^1 & m_3^1 \\ m_1^2 & m_2^2 & m_3^2 \\ m_1^3 & m_2^3 & m_3^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

When homogeneous coordinates are used to represent transforms, these indices can be used to indicate the reference frame.

For example: A transformation from the scene "s" to the image "i" is a 3 x 4 matrix M

$$M_s^i = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^1 & m_2^1 & m_3^1 & m_4^1 \\ m_1^2 & m_2^2 & m_3^2 & m_4^2 \\ m_1^3 & m_2^3 & m_3^3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The sub/super scripts indicate the source and destination reference frames.

M_s^i is a transformation from "s" (Scene) to "i" (image).

The summation symbol is implicit when a superscript and subscript have the same letter.

$$L_i P^i = l_1 p^1 + l_2 p^2 + l_3 p^3$$

for a matrix and vector, this gives a new vector:

$$p^j = T_i^j p^i$$

This example transforms the point p^i in reference frame i to a point p^j in reference j .

This is called Einstein summation convention.

2 Coordinate Transforms in 2D

Homogeneous coordinates allow us to unify projective transformations using only matrix multiplication. This includes both Affine and Projective transformations

Let us re-examine 4 popular classes of transformations:

- Euclidean Transformations
- Isometries
- Affine Transformations
- Projective Transformations

Homogeneous transformations allow us to unify all of these as matrix multiplications.

Below we review transformations in 2-space, but of course these are directly generalized to higher number of dimensions.

2D: points and lines on a plane

3D: points and planes in a volume

4D and up: points and hyper-planes in a hyper-space

2.1 Euclidean Transformation

3 Degrees of Freedom (dof) : t_x, t_y, θ

A Euclidean transformation expresses translation and rotation.

$$Q^B = T_A^B P^A$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q^1 \\ q^2 \\ q^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & t_x \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p^1 \\ p^2 \\ p^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note, in such transforms, the origin of the A (source) reference frame is mapped to the position (t_x, t_y) in the B (target) coordinate system.

Note that in more classic notation this would be written:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ y_B \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} wx_B \\ wy_B \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & t_x \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_A \\ y_A \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

which expresses:

$$x_B = x_A \cos(\theta) + y_A \sin(\theta) + t_x$$

$$y_B = x_A \sin(\theta) + y_A \cos(\theta) + t_y$$

$$w = 1$$

The transformation is invertible: $T_A^B = (T_B^A)^{-1}$

That is the translation (t_x, t_y) is the position of the origin of the source in the target.

2.2 Similitude

4 Degrees of Freedom (dof) : t_x, t_y, θ, s

We can translate, rotation and rescale the image with $Q^B = S_A^B P^A$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q^1 \\ q^2 \\ q^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s \cdot \cos(\theta) & -s \cdot \sin(\theta) & t_x \\ s \cdot \sin(\theta) & s \cdot \cos(\theta) & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p^1 \\ p^2 \\ p^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

this gives a scale change of $a : x_2 = s x_1$ (x_2 is reduced by a scale factor s)
Alternatively we could write

$$\begin{pmatrix} q^1 \\ q^2 \\ q^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & t_x \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1/s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p^1 \\ p^2 \\ p^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

in classic notation :

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s \cdot \cos(\theta) & -s \cdot \sin(\theta) & t_x \\ s \cdot \sin(\theta) & s \cdot \cos(\theta) & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In any case this reduces to a Euclidean transformation because all scalar multiples of homogeneous coordinates are equivalent.

If we replace s by $1/s$ the space B is a magnified copy of A.
If s is negative this gives a reflection.

2.3 Isometry

4 Degrees of Freedom (dof): 4 dof: t_x, t_y, θ, e

The Isometry expresses a change in translation, rotation and a rescaling of one of the two axes.

$$Q^B = R_A^B P^A$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q^1 \\ q^2 \\ q^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e \cdot \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & t_x \\ e \cdot \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p^1 \\ p^2 \\ p^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that independently scaling the 2 axes requires 5 degrees of freedom:

5 Degrees of Freedom (dof): $t_x, t_y, \theta, s_x, s_y$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q^1 \\ q^2 \\ q^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x \cdot \cos(\theta) & -s_y \cdot \sin(\theta) & t_x \\ s_x \cdot \sin(\theta) & s_y \cdot \cos(\theta) & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p^1 \\ p^2 \\ p^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

However, this reduces to an isometry because in homogeneous coordinated all scalar multiples are equivalent.

2.4 Affine Transformations

6 dof: a, b, c, d, e, f

The complete affine transformation is $Q^b = A_a^b P^a$

$$\text{or } \begin{pmatrix} q^1 \\ q^2 \\ q^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p^1 \\ p^2 \\ p^3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The affine transform includes similitude and isometry as a special cases, but also includes shear.

2.5 Projection between two planes (Homography)

The projective transformation from one plane to another is called a homography. A homography is bijective (reversible).

In tensor notation $Q^B = H_A^B P^A$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q^1 \\ q^2 \\ q^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h_1^1 & h_2^1 & h_3^1 \\ h_1^2 & h_2^2 & h_3^2 \\ h_1^3 & h_2^3 & h_3^3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p^1 \\ p^2 \\ p^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_B = \frac{q^1}{q^3} = \frac{h_1^1 p^1 + h_2^1 p^2 + h_3^1 p^3}{h_1^3 p^1 + h_2^3 p^2 + h_3^3 p^3} \quad y_B = \frac{q^2}{q^3} = \frac{h_1^2 p^1 + h_2^2 p^2 + h_3^2 p^3}{h_1^3 p^1 + h_2^3 p^2 + h_3^3 p^3}$$

In classic notation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_b \\ y_b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} wx_b \\ wy_b \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h_1^1 & h_2^1 & h_3^1 \\ h_1^2 & h_2^2 & h_3^2 \\ h_1^3 & h_2^3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_a \\ y_a \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_B = \frac{wx_B}{w} = \frac{h_{11}x_A + h_{12}y_A + h_{13}}{h_{31}x_A + h_{32}y_A + h_{33}}$$

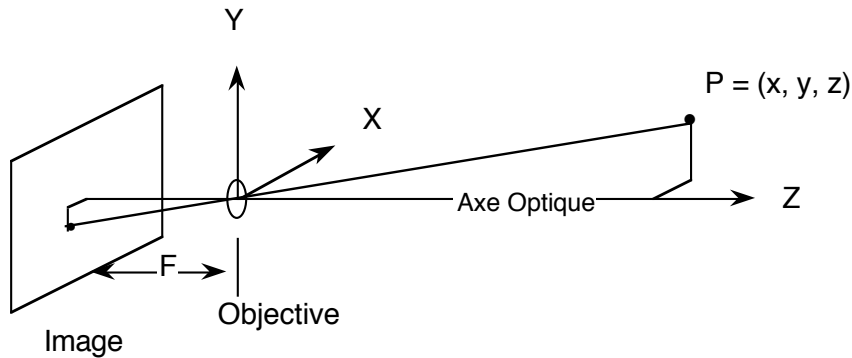
$$y_B = \frac{wy_B}{w} = \frac{h_{21}x_A + h_{22}y_A + h_{23}}{h_{31}x_A + h_{32}y_A + h_{33}}$$

3 The Camera Model

A "camera" is a closed box with an aperture (a "camera obscura"). Photons are reflected from the world, and pass through the aperture to form an image on the retina. Thus the camera coordinate system is defined with the aperture at the origin.

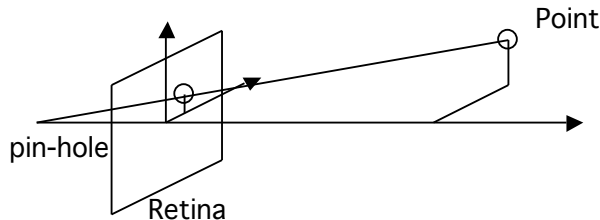
The Z (or depth) axis runs perpendicular from the retina through the aperture. The X and Y axes define coordinates on the plane of the aperture.

3.1 The Pinhole Camera



Points in the scene are projected to an "up-side down" image on the retina. This is the "Pin-hole model" for the camera.

The scientific community of computer vision often uses the "Central Projection Model". In the Central Projection Model, the retina is placed in Front of the projective point.



We will model the camera as a projective transformation from scene coordinates, S , to image coordinates, i .

$$\vec{Q}^i = M_s^i \vec{P}^s$$

This transformation is expressed as a 3x4 matrix:

$$M_s^i = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{pmatrix}$$

composed from 3 transformations between 4 reference frames.

3.2 Extrinsic and Intrinsic camera parameters

The camera model can be expressed as a function of 11 parameters.

These are often separated into 6 "extrinsic" parameters and 5 "intrinsic" parameters:

Thus the "extrinsic" parameters of the camera describe the camera position and orientation in the scene. These are the six parameters:

$$\text{Extrinsic Parameters} = (x, y, z, \theta, \varphi, \gamma)$$

The intrinsic camera parameters express the projection to the retina, and the mapping to the image. These are :

F : The "focal" length

C_x, C_y : the image center (expressed in pixels).

D_x, D_y : The size of pixels (expressed in pixels/mm).

3.3 Coordinate Systems

This transformation can be decomposed into 3 basic transformations between 4 reference frames. The reference frames are:

Coordinate Systems:

Scene Coordinates:

$$\text{Point Scène: } P^s = (x_s, y_s, z_s, 1)^T$$

Camera Coordinates:

$$\text{external world: } P^c = (x_c, y_c, z_c, 1)^T$$

$$\text{Retina: } Q^r = (x_r, y_r, 1)^T$$

Image Coordinates

$$\text{Image: } Q^i = (i, j, 1)^T$$

The transformations are represented by Homogeneous projective transformations.

$$\vec{Q}^i = C_r^i \vec{Q}^r \quad \vec{Q}^r = P_c^r \vec{P}^c \quad \vec{P}^c = T_s^c \vec{P}^s$$

These express

1) A translation/rotation from scene to camera coordinates: . . .

2) A projection from scene points in camera coordinates to the retina: . . .

3) Sampling scan and A/D conversion of the retina to give an image: . . .

When expressed in homogeneous coordinates, these transformations are composed as matrix multiplications.

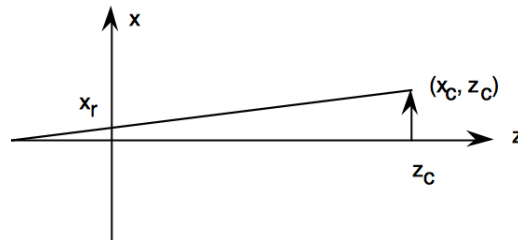
$$\vec{Q} = M_s^i \vec{P} = C_r^i P_c^r T_s^c \vec{P}$$

We will use "tensor notation" to keep track of our reference frames:

3.4 Projective Transforms: from the scene to the retina

Projection through an aperture is a projective transformation

Consider the central projection model for a 1D camera:



In camera coordinates:

$P^c = (x_c, y_c, z_c, 1)^T$ is a scene point in camera (aperture centered) coordinates

$Q^r = (x_r, y_r, 1)^T$ is a point on the retina.

By similar triangles:

$$\frac{x_r}{F} = \frac{x_c}{z_c} \Leftrightarrow x_r \frac{z_c}{F} = x_c \Leftrightarrow x_r w = x_c$$

$$\frac{y_r}{F} = \frac{y_c}{z_c} \Leftrightarrow y_r \frac{z_c}{F} = y_c \Leftrightarrow y_r w = y_c$$

Where $w = \frac{z_c}{F}$

in matrix form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_r \\ y_r \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} wx_r \\ wy_r \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{F} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The transformation from Scene points in camera coordinates to retina points is:

$$Q^r = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{F} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p^1 \\ p^2 \\ p^3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = P_c^r \vec{P}^c$$

$$\text{and } \begin{pmatrix} x_r \\ y_r \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q_1/q_3 \\ q_2/q_3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

thus the projection of points from camera coordinates to retina coordinates is

$$P_c^r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{F} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that P_c^r is not invertible.

Remark: If we place the origin in the retina:

$$\frac{x_r}{F} = \frac{x_c}{(F+z_c)} \Rightarrow x_r = x_c \frac{F}{(F+z_c)} \Rightarrow x_r \frac{(F+z_c)}{F} = x_c$$

$$\frac{y_r}{F} = \frac{y_c}{(F+z_c)} \Rightarrow y_r = y_c \frac{F}{(F+z_c)} \Rightarrow y_r \frac{(F+z_c)}{F} = y_c$$

Which gives:

$$P_c^r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{F} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3.5 From Scene to Camera

The following matrix represents a translation Δx , Δy , Δz and a rotation R .

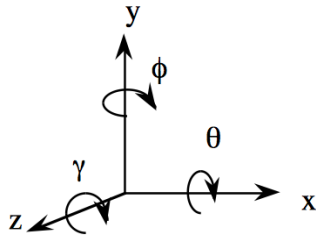
$$T_s^c = \begin{pmatrix} & & \Delta x \\ R & & \Delta y \\ & & \Delta z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The transformation is composed by expressing the position of the source reference frame in the destination reference frame.

The rotation part is a 3x3 matrix that can be decomposed into 3 smaller rotations using Euler Angles (rotation around each axis).

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_z(\gamma)\mathbf{R}_y(\varphi)\mathbf{R}_x(\theta)$$

En 3D



$\mathbf{R}_x(\theta)$ is a rotation around the x axis.

$$R_x(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\varphi) & 0 & \sin(\varphi) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\varphi) & 0 & \cos(\varphi) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_z(\gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\gamma) & -\sin(\gamma) & 0 \\ \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Scale Change:

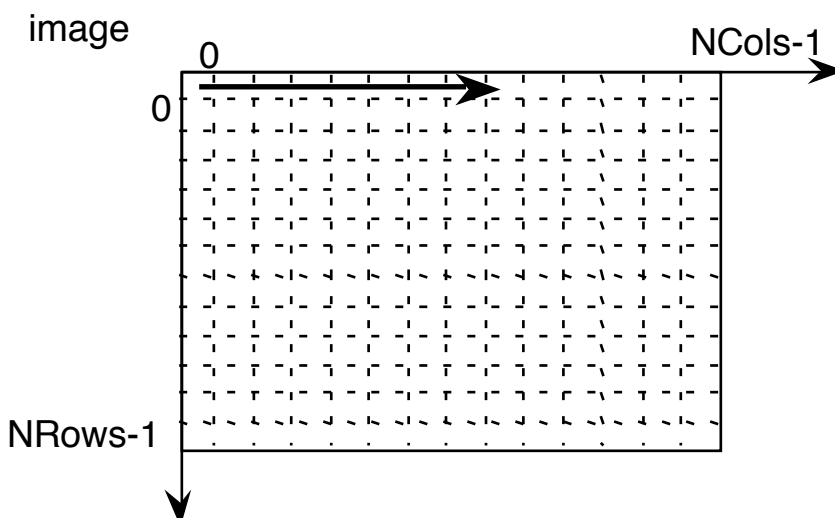
We can change the scale of each axis with a scale transformation

$$S_i^j = \begin{pmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3.6 From the Retina to Digitized Image

The "intrinsic parameters of the camera are F and C_x, C_y, D_x, D_y

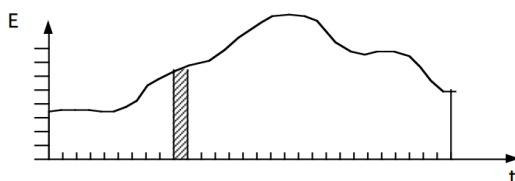
The image frame is composed of pixels (picture elements)



Note that pixels are not necessarily square.

Typical image sizes VGA : 640 x 480

Sampling and A/D Conversion.



The mapping from retina to image can be expressed with 4 parameters:

C_x, C_y : the image center (expressed in cols and rows).

D_x, D_y : The size of pixels expressed in cols/m and rows/mm.

$$i = x_r D_i \text{ (mm} \cdot \text{col/mm)} + C_i \text{ (cols)}$$

$$j = y_r D_j \text{ (mm} \cdot \text{row/mm)} + C_j \text{ (rows)}$$

Transformation from retina to image :

$$Q^i = C_r^i Q^r$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} D_i & 0 & C_i \\ 0 & -D_j & C_j \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_r \\ y_r \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3.7 The Complete Camera Model

$$P^i = C_r^i P_c^r T_s^c P^s = M_s^i P^s$$

$$Q^i = M_s^i P^s$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} wi \\ wj \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^1 & m_1^2 & m_1^3 & m_1^4 \\ m_2^1 & m_2^2 & m_2^3 & m_2^4 \\ m_3^1 & m_3^2 & m_3^3 & m_3^4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_s \\ y_s \\ z_s \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and thus

$$i = \frac{wi}{w} = \frac{M_s^1 \cdot R^s}{M_s^3 \cdot R^s} = \frac{M_{11}x_s + M_{12}y_s + M_{13}z_s + M_{14}}{M_{31}x_s + M_{32}y_s + M_{33}z_s + 1}$$

$$j = \frac{wj}{w} = \frac{M_s^2 \cdot R^s}{M_s^3 \cdot R^s} = \frac{M_{21}x_s + M_{22}y_s + M_{23}z_s + M_{24}}{M_{31}x_s + M_{32}y_s + M_{33}z_s + 1}$$

3.8 Calibrating the Camera

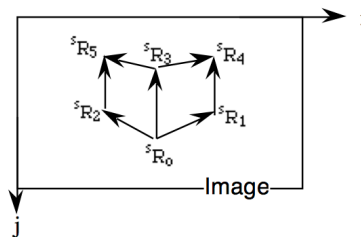
How can we obtain M_s^i ? By a process of calibration.

Observe a set of at least 6 non-coplanar points whose position in the world is known.

R_k^s for $k=0,1,2,3,4,5$ (s are the scene coordinate axes $s=1,2,3$)

For each point, k , we observe the corresponding point in the image P_k^i

For example, we can use the corners of a cube. Define the lower front corner as the origin, and the edges as unit distances.



The matrix M_s^i is composed of $3 \times 4 = 12$ coefficients. However because, M_s^i is in homogeneous coordinates, the coordinate m_{34} can be set to 1.

Thus there are $12 - 1 = 11$.

We can determine these coefficients by observing known points in the scene. (R_k^s).

Each point provides two coefficients. Thus, for 11 coefficients we need at least $5 \frac{1}{2}$ points. With 6 points the system is over-constrained.

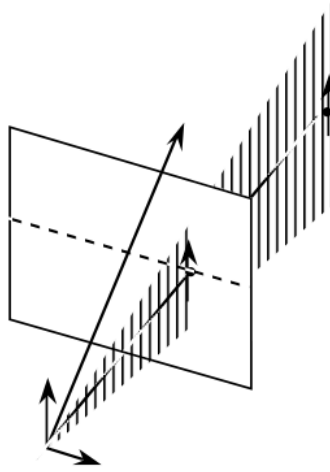
For each known calibration point R_k^s given its observed image position P_k^i , we can write:

$$i_k = \frac{w_k i_k}{w_k} = \frac{M_s^1 \cdot R_k^s}{M_s^3 \cdot R_k^s} \quad j_k = \frac{w_k j_k}{w_k} = \frac{M_s^2 \cdot R_k^s}{M_s^3 \cdot R_k^s}$$

This gives 2 equations for each point.

$$M_s^1 \cdot R_k^s - i_k (M_s^3 \cdot R_k^s) = 0 \quad M_s^2 \cdot R_k^s - j_k (M_s^3 \cdot R_k^s) = 0$$

Each pair of equations corresponds to the planes that pass through the image row and the image column of the observed image point P_k^s



The equation $M_s^1 \cdot R_k^s - i_k(M_s^3 \cdot R_k^s) = 0$ is the vertical plane that includes the projective center through the pixel $i=i_k$.

The equation $M_s^2 \cdot R_k^s - j_k(M_s^3 \cdot R_k^s) = 0$ is the horizontal plane that includes the projective center and the row $j=j_k$.

For each of k scene points, we know R_k^s by definition and we observe P_k^i . We then use these pairs to solve for M_s^i .

$$\text{given } P_k^i = \begin{pmatrix} i_k \\ j_k \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_k i_k \\ w_k j_k \\ w_k \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{we write : } P_k^i = M_s^i R_k^s$$

to obtain $M_s^1 \cdot R_k^s - i_k(M_s^3 \cdot R_k^s) = 0$ and $M_s^2 \cdot R_k^s - j_k(M_s^3 \cdot R_k^s) = 0$

For each pair of corresponding points (P_k^i, R_k^s) can write two equations

$$\begin{aligned} M_1^1 \cdot R_k^1 + M_2^1 \cdot R_k^2 + M_3^1 \cdot R_k^3 + M_4^1 \cdot 1 - i_k M_1^3 \cdot R_k^1 - i_k M_2^3 \cdot R_k^2 - i_k M_3^3 \cdot R_k^3 - i_k &= 0 \\ M_1^2 \cdot R_k^1 + M_2^2 \cdot R_k^2 + M_3^2 \cdot R_k^3 + M_4^2 \cdot 1 - j_k M_1^3 \cdot R_k^1 - j_k M_2^3 \cdot R_k^2 - j_k M_3^3 \cdot R_k^3 - j_k &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

any 11 such equations we can solve for M_s^i (neglecting the coefficient $M_4^3 = 1$)

With 6 pairs of scene and image points we have 11 possible sets of 11 equations yielding 11 solutions. We could “average” the results.

Alternatively, we can set up all 12 equations and solve for a least squares solution that minimizes :

$$\mathbf{C} = \|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}_s^i\|$$

in matrix form this gives: $\mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{M}_s^i = 0$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} R_k^1 & R_k^2 & R_k^3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -i_k R_k^1 & -i_k R_k^2 & -i_k R_k^3 & -i_k \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & R_k^1 & R_k^2 & R_k^3 & 1 & -j_k R_k^1 & -j_k R_k^2 & -j_k R_k^3 & -j_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_1^1 \\ M_2^1 \\ M_3^1 \\ M_4^1 \\ M_1^2 \\ M_2^2 \\ M_3^2 \\ M_4^2 \\ M_1^3 \\ M_2^3 \\ M_3^3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

For example, give a cube with observed corners

$$P_o^L = (101, 221)$$

$$P_1^L = (144, 181)$$

$$P_2^L = (22, 196)$$

$$P_3^L = (105, 88)$$

$$P_4^L = (145, 59)$$

$$P_5^L = (23, 67)$$

Least squares will give:

$$M_s^i = \begin{pmatrix} 55.88 & -79.29 & 1.27 & 101.91 \\ -22.29 & -17.87 & -134.34 & 221.30 \\ 0.100 & 0.038 & -0.008 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that the center of the retina is at pixel (102, 221).