Lecture 12: Multi-view geometry / Stereo III

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Outline

- Last lecture:
 _ stereo reconstruction with calibrated cameras
 _ non-geometric correspondence constraints
- Homogeneous coordinates, projection matrices
- Camera calibration
- Weak calibration/self-calibration
 - Fundamental matrix
 - 8-point algorithm











Review: correspondence problem

- To find matches in the image pair, assume

 Most scene points visible from both views
 - Image regions for the matches are similar in
 - appearance
- · Dense or sparse matches
- Additional (non-epipolar) constraints:
 - Similarity
 - Uniqueness
 - Ordering
 - Figural continuity
 - Disparity gradient

Review: correspondence error sources

- Low-contrast / textureless image regions
- Occlusions
- Camera calibration errors
- Poor image resolution
- Violations of brightness constancy (specular reflections)
- · Large motions



Homogeneous coordinates

- Equivalence relation:
- (x, y, z, w) is the same as (kx, ky, kz, kw)

Homogeneous coordinates are only defined up to a scale











Rigid transformations

Combinations of rotations and translation

- Translation: add values to coordinates
- · Rotation: matrix multiplication

















Estimating the projection matrix

$$x_{im} = \frac{\mathbf{M}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{w}}{\mathbf{M}_{3} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{w}} \longrightarrow 0 = (\mathbf{M}_{1} - x_{im}\mathbf{M}_{3}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_{w}$$

$$y_{im} = \frac{\mathbf{M}_{2} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{w}}{\mathbf{M}_{3} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{w}} \longrightarrow 0 = (\mathbf{M}_{2} - y_{im}\mathbf{M}_{3}) \cdot \mathbf{P}_{w}$$











- Makes sense when geometry of system is not going to change over time
- ...When would it change?



















Need for multi-view geometry and 3d reconstruction

Applications including:

- 3d tracking
- Depth-based grouping
- Image rendering and generating interpolated or "virtual" viewpoints
- Interactive video















Coming up

- Tuesday: Local invariant features – Read Lowe paper on SIFT
- Problem set 3 out next Tuesday, due 11/13
- Graduate students: remember paper reviews and extensions, due 12/6