Structure from Motion

Computer Vision I CSE 252A Lecture 10

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Announcements

- Assignment 2 is due Nov 8, 11:59 PM
- Assignment 3 will be released Nov 8

 Due Nov 22, 11:59 PM

Structure-from-Motion (SFM)

Given two or more images or video without any information on camera position/motion as input, estimate camera motion and 3-D structure of a scene

Two Approaches

- 1. Discrete motion (wide baseline)
- 2. Continuous (Infinitesimal) motion usually from video (covered next week)

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Structure from motion



Feature detection

Several images observe a scene from different viewpoints



Feature detection

Detect features using, for example, SIFT [Lowe, IJCV 2004]



Feature matching

Match features between each pair of images



Two views, feature matching

- Greedy Algorithm:
 - Given feature in one image, find best match in second image irrespective of other matches
 - Suitable for small motions, little rotation, small search window
- Otherwise
 - Must compare descriptor over rotation
 - Cannot consider all potential pairings (way too many), so
 - Manual correspondence (e.g., photogrammetry)
 - Use robust outlier rejection (e.g., RANSAC)
 - More descriptive features (line segments, SIFT, larger regions, color)
 - Use video sequence to track, but perform SFM w/ first and last image

Two views, calibrated cameras

- Input: Two images (or video frames)
- Detect feature points
- Determine feature correspondences
- Compute the essential matrix
- Retrieve the relative camera rotation and translation (to scale) from the essential matrix
- Optional: Perform dense stereo matching using recovered epipolar geometry
- Reconstruct corresponding 3D scene points (to scale)



Two views, uncalibrated cameras

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Two-View Geometry

Essential Matrix E

- Calibrated
- Normalized coordinates
- Rank 2
 - Two nonzero singular values are equal
- 5 degrees of freedom
 - Camera rotation
 - Direction of camera translation
- Similarity reconstruction

Fundamental Matrix F

- Uncalibrated
- Pixel coordinates
- Rank 2
- 7 degrees of freedom
 - Homogeneous matrix to scale
 - $\det F = 0$
- Projective reconstruction

Essential Matrix (calibrated cameras)

- Number of point correspondences and solutions
 - 5 point correspondences, up to 10 (real) solutions
 - 6 point correspondences, 1 solution
 - 7 point correspondences, 1 or 3 real solutions (and 2 or 0 complex ones)
 - 8 or more point correspondences, 1 solution

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Mathematics

- Essential matrix
 - Linear estimation (8 or more correspondences)
 - Retrieval of normalized camera projection matrices and 3D rotation and translation (to scale)
- Fundamental matrix
 - Linear estimation (8 or more correspondences)
 - Retrieval of camera projection matrices and 3D projective transformation

Essential matrix, linear estimation

$$\begin{split} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i}^{\prime \top} \mathbf{E} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{i} &= 0 \forall i \\ \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_{i}^{\prime} & \hat{y}_{i}^{\prime} & \hat{w}_{i}^{\prime} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{11} & e_{12} & e_{13} \\ e_{21} & e_{22} & e_{23} \\ e_{31} & e_{32} & e_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_{i} \\ \hat{y}_{i} \\ \hat{w}_{i} \end{bmatrix} &= 0 \\ \hat{x}_{i} \hat{x}_{i}^{\prime} e_{11} + \hat{y}_{i} \hat{x}_{i}^{\prime} e_{13} + \hat{x}_{i} \hat{y}_{i}^{\prime} e_{21} + \hat{y}_{i} \hat{y}_{i}^{\prime} e_{22} + \hat{w}_{i} \hat{y}_{i}^{\prime} e_{23} + \hat{x}_{i} \hat{w}_{i}^{\prime} e_{31} + \hat{y}_{i} \hat{w}_{i}^{\prime} e_{32} + \hat{w}_{i} \hat{w}_{i}^{\prime} e_{33} &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_{i} \hat{x}_{i}^{\prime} & \hat{y}_{i} \hat{x}_{i}^{\prime} & \hat{w}_{i} \hat{x}_{i}^{\prime} & \hat{x}_{i} \hat{y}_{i}^{\prime} & \hat{y}_{i} \hat{y}_{i}^{\prime} & \hat{w}_{i} \hat{y}_{i}^{\prime} & \hat{x}_{i} \hat{w}_{i}^{\prime} & \hat{y}_{i} \hat{w}_{i}^{\prime} & \hat{w}_{i} \hat{w}_{i}^{\prime} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{11} \\ e_{12} \\ e_{13} \\ e_{21} \\ e_{22} \\ e_{33} \\ e_{31} \\ e_{32} \\ e_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \\ \mathbf{a}_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{e} &= 0 \end{split}$$

where

$$\mathbf{a}_{i} = (\hat{x}_{i}\hat{x}_{i}', \hat{y}_{i}\hat{x}_{i}', \hat{w}_{i}\hat{x}_{i}', \hat{x}_{i}\hat{y}_{i}', \hat{y}_{i}\hat{y}_{i}', \hat{w}_{i}\hat{y}_{i}', \hat{x}_{i}\hat{w}_{i}', \hat{y}_{i}\hat{w}_{i}', \hat{w}_{i}\hat{w}_{i}')^{\top}$$
$$\mathbf{e} = (e_{11}, e_{12}, e_{13}, e_{21}, e_{22}, e_{23}, e_{31}, e_{32}, e_{33})^{\top}$$

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Essential matrix, linear estimation

Given $n \ge 8$ point correspondences

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{a}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_n^\top \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$$

A $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$, solve for \mathbf{e}

where

$$\mathbf{e} = (e_{11}, e_{12}, e_{13}, e_{21}, e_{22}, e_{23}, e_{31}, e_{32}, e_{33})^{\top}$$
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} \\ \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_{n}^{\top} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{a}_{i} = (\hat{x}_{i}\hat{x}'_{i}, \hat{y}_{i}\hat{x}'_{i}, \hat{w}_{i}\hat{x}'_{i}, \hat{x}_{i}\hat{y}'_{i}, \hat{y}_{i}\hat{y}'_{i}, \hat{w}_{i}\hat{y}'_{i}, \hat{x}_{i}\hat{w}'_{i}, \hat{y}_{i}\hat{w}'_{i}, \hat{w}_{i}\hat{w}'_{i})^{\top}$$

Essential matrix, linear estimation

Ae = 0, solve for e using singular value decomposition (SVD)

$$\mathtt{A} = \mathtt{U} \mathtt{\Sigma} \mathtt{V}^{ op}$$

where

U and V are orthogonal matrices

 $\Sigma = \operatorname{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \ldots, \sigma_9), \text{ where } \sigma_i \geq \sigma_{i+1} \geq 0$

Columns of U are left singular vectors corresponding to singular values $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_9)^{\top}$ and columns of V are right singular vectors corresponding to singular values. $\mathbf{e} = (e_{11}, e_{12}, e_{13}, e_{21}, e_{22}, e_{23}, e_{31}, e_{32}, e_{33})^{\top}$ is right singular vector corresponding to smallest singular value (i.e., \mathbf{e} is the last column of V)

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{11} & e_{12} & e_{13} \\ e_{21} & e_{22} & e_{23} \\ e_{31} & e_{32} & e_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

then enforce constraints (rank 2 and other two singular values are equal)

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^{\top} \\ \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma}' \mathbf{V}^{\top}, \text{ where } \mathbf{\Sigma}' = \text{diag}(1, 1, 0) \end{split}$$

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Two views, calibrated cameras

• Retrieve relative camera rotation and direction of translation from essential matrix $E = [t]_{\times}R$ $\hat{P} = [I | 0]$ and $\hat{P}' = [R | t]$

Four solutions for **R** and **t**, but only one (a) where reconstructed point is in front of both cameras



Fundamental matrix, linear estimation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Warning: data} \\ \text{normalization} \\ \text{must be used!} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_i & y_i' & w_i' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ w_i \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
$$x_i x_i' f_{11} + y_i x_i' f_{12} + w_i x_i' f_{21} + y_i y_i' f_{22} + w_i y_i' f_{23} + x_i w_i' f_{31} + y_i w_i' f_{32} + w_i w_i' f_{33} = 0$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i x_i' & y_i x_i' & w_i x_i' & x_i y_i' & y_i y_i' & w_i y_i' & x_i w_i' & y_i w_i' & w_i w_i' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
$$\mathbf{a}_i^{\top} \mathbf{f} = 0$$

where

$$\mathbf{a}_{i} = (x_{i}x'_{i}, y_{i}x'_{i}, w_{i}x'_{i}, x_{i}y'_{i}, y_{i}y'_{i}, w_{i}y'_{i}, x_{i}w'_{i}, y_{i}w'_{i}, w_{i}w'_{i})^{\top}$$
$$\mathbf{f} = (f_{11}, f_{12}, f_{13}, f_{21}, f_{22}, f_{23}, f_{31}, f_{32}, f_{33})^{\top}$$

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Fundamental matrix, linear estimation

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Warning: data normalization must be used!

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Fundamental matrix, linear estimation

 $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = 0$, solve for \mathbf{f} using singular value decomposition (SVD)

$$A = U\Sigma V^{\top}$$

where

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$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

then enforce constraint (rank 2)

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Two views, uncalibrated cameras

• Retrieve uncalibrated camera projection matrices from fundamental matrix

 $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{0}] \text{ and } \mathbf{P}' = [[\mathbf{e}']_{\times}\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{v}^{\top} \mid \lambda \mathbf{e}'], \text{ where } \mathbf{v} \text{ is any 3-vector and } \lambda \text{ is a non-zero scalar.}$ If $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\lambda = 1$, then $\mathbf{P}' = [[\mathbf{e}']_{\times}\mathbf{F} \mid \mathbf{e}'].$

• Retrieve epipoles from fundamental matrix

 $\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}\mathbf{e} &= \mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{e} \text{ is (right) null space of } \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{e}'^{\top}\mathbf{F} &= \mathbf{0}^{\top} \quad \mathbf{e}' \text{ is left null space of } \mathbf{F} \\ (\mathbf{F}^{\top}\mathbf{e}' &= \mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{e}' \text{ is (right) null space of } \mathbf{F}^{\top}) \end{aligned}$

Three Views



Trifocal plane

Trifocal Tensor

- 3x3x3 tensor
- 27 elements, 18 degrees of freedom
 33 degrees of freedom (3 camera projection matrices) minus 15 degrees of freedom (3D projective transformation)
- Uses tensor notation
 - Einstein summation
- Retrieve camera projection matrices

3 Points

• Point-Point-Point



2 Points, 1 Line

- Point-Line-Point
 - Note: image line must pass through corresponding image point



1 Point, 2 Lines

- Point-Line-Line
 - Note: image lines do not need to correspond, but must pass through corresponding image points

3 Lines

• Line-Line-Line

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N-view structure from motion

Calibrated structure from motion

- Consider *m* images of *n* points, how many unknowns?
 - Unknowns
 - 3D Structure: 3*n*
 - Cameras: 6*m* 7
 - Total: 3n + 6m 7
 - Measurements
 - 2*nm*
- Solution when $3n + 6m 7 \le 2nm$

Up to 3D similarity transformation

Uncalibrated structure from motion

- Consider *m* images of *n* points, how many unknowns?
 - Unknowns
 - 3D Structure: 3*n*
 - Cameras: 11*m* 15
 - Total: 3n + 11m 15
 - Measurements
 - 2*nm*

Up to 3D projective transformation

• Solution when $3n + 11m - 15 \le 2nm$

Direct Reconstruction Projective to Euclidean

5 (or more) points correspondences

- Reconstruction
 - Bundle adjustment
 - Simultaneous adjustment of parameters for all cameras and all 3D scene points
 - Minimize reprojection error in all images $\min_{\hat{P}^{i}, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{j}} \sum_{ij} d(\hat{P}^{i} \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{j}, \mathbf{x}_{j}^{i})^{2}$
 - Reconstruction of cameras and 3D scene points to similarity (calibrated) or projective (uncalibrated) ambiguity
 - Factorization (see textbook)

Bundle adjustment

• Minimize sum of squared reprojection errors:

$$g(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} w_{ij} \left\| P(P_i, \mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{t}_j) - \begin{bmatrix} u_{i,j} \\ v_{i,j} \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$$

$$predicted \quad observed$$

$$indicator \ variable: \quad image \ location \quad image \ location$$

$$1: \ If \ point \ i \ is \ visible \ in \ image \ j$$

$$0: \ Otherwise$$

- $-g(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T})$ is optimized with non-linear least squares
- Levenberg-Marquardt is a popular choice
- Practical challenges
 - Initialization (Bootstrap from 2 View Solution between pairs)
 - Outliers (covered in next lecture)

Initial Conditions for Optimization

- Perform 2 View SFM for image pairs that have at least 8 matching pairs of features
- This forms a graph
- Can propagate translation and orientation across a spanning tree of the graph
- Can be more accurate if you use full graph 23

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• Example results

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Next Lecture

• Model fitting