# Perception: Pose Estimation



## Recall:







#### Goal:













# Pose from Projective Transformations

So we have computed the parameters of the projective transformation, representing the transformation of the planar object in the image.



How do we get pose from this?









$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 & x_0 \\ 0 & f & y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_w \\ Y_w \\ Z_w \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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Suppose we are finding our pose relative to points on the ground plane i.e.  $Z_w = 0$ 

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This column provides no information since it is always zeroed out



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Great! We're done right? (nope)



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Need to satisfy constraints:

$$R_1^T R_2 = 0$$
$$||R_1|| = ||R_2|| = 1$$

Thus we need to modify our estimate to satisfy these constraints

$$\arg\min_{R\in\mathrm{SO}(3)} \|R - \left(\hat{R}_1 \ \hat{R}_2 \ \hat{R}_1 \times \hat{R}_2\right)\|^2$$



## **Final Solution**

Solution for Rotation: Take the Singular Value Decomposition

$$(\hat{R}_1 \ \hat{R}_2 \ \hat{R}_1 \times \hat{R}_2) = USV^T$$

$$R = U \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \det(UV^T) \end{pmatrix} V^T$$

(Proof of this will be shown later)

To find our estimate of the translation we just make sure it is in the right scale:  $\hat{T}_{ij}(\mu, \hat{p}_{ij})$ 

$$T = \hat{T} / \|\hat{R}_1\|$$



# That's all you need for the project!



#### Non-Planar Case

We assumed before all the points were on a plane – what if this is not the case? How do we find our pose?

This general problem is known as Perspective N Points or PnP

The smallest N where this can be solved is 3 (why?)





#### Formal Problem Statement

Given N correspondences of points:

 $(x_i, y_i) \leftrightarrow (X_i, Y_i, Z_i)$ 

Find R, T that satisfy (for some  $\lambda_i$ ):

$$\lambda_i \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} X_i \\ Y_i \\ Z_i \end{pmatrix} + T$$

Assumed that 2D coordinates are calibrated, i.e. for pixel coordinates  $u_i, v_i$ :

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Then use the same trick as before to get the rotation back





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# Solution #2: Non-linear Optimization

We could just thrown everything into a large non-linear optimization problem:

$$\arg\min_{R\in \mathrm{SO}(3), T\in\mathbb{R}^{3}, \lambda_{i}\in\mathbb{R}} \left\| \lambda_{i} \begin{pmatrix} x_{i} \\ y_{i} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - R \begin{pmatrix} X_{i} \\ Y_{i} \\ Z_{i} \end{pmatrix} + T \right\|^{2}$$

Or another way which can get rid of the depths:

$$\arg\min_{R\in\mathrm{SO}(3),T\in\mathbb{R}^3} \left\| x_i - \frac{r_{11}X_i + r_{12}Y_i + r_{13}Z_i + T_1}{r_{31}X_i + r_{32}Y_i + r_{33}Z_i + T_3} \right\|^2 + \left\| y_i - \frac{r_{21}X_i + r_{22}Y_i + r_{23}Z_i + T_2}{r_{31}X_i + r_{32}Y_i + r_{33}Z_i + T_3} \right\|^2$$







# Special Case: P3P

We can try solving for 3 points directly (N=3 case) – if we can solve this quickly, we can take averages or use it as an initialization for the larger non-linear optimization problem. This is a tricky problem, so we will be using a lot of tricks to be able to actually solve it





First we will use trick here: we use bearings instead of projection points. Then instead of solving for the rotation and translation directly, solve for the distances along these bearings to the 3D points they correspond to





Since we know the 3D position of the points  $P_i$  we can calculate the distance between points *i* and *j*, denoted  $d_{ij}$ 



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We also can calculate the angle between bearings of points *i* and *j*, denoted  $\delta_{ij}$ 



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Call the distances along the bearings i.e. distance from the camera origin to the 3D points. These are the unknowns we are solving for



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Notice we have three triangles. Pulling out some trigonometric identities we come at the law of cosines (3 of them):

$$d_i^2 + d_j^2 - 2d_i d_j \cos(\delta_{ij}) = d_{ij}^2$$



So now we have to solve for 3 unknowns, and we 3 multivariate quadratic equations:

$$d_1^2 + d_2^2 - 2d_1d_2\cos(\delta_{12}) = d_{12}^2$$
  

$$d_1^2 + d_3^2 - 2d_1d_3\cos(\delta_{13}) = d_{13}^2$$
  

$$d_2^2 + d_3^2 - 2d_2d_3\cos(\delta_{23}) = d_{23}^2$$

Not trivial to solve. So we use yet another trick:





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$$d_{2}^{2} + d_{3}^{2} - 2d_{2}d_{3}\cos(\delta_{23}) = d_{23}^{2}$$
  

$$\implies u^{2}d_{1}^{2} + v^{2}d_{1}^{2} - d_{1}^{2}2uv\cos(\delta_{23}) = d_{23}^{2}$$
  

$$\implies d_{1}^{2} = \frac{d_{23}^{2}}{u^{2} + v^{2} - 2uv\cos(\delta_{23})} P_{1}$$

Similar with the other two

$$\delta_{13} \quad d_{12}^2 = \frac{d_{13}^2}{1^{d_3} + v^{23} - 2v \cos(\delta_{13})} \\ \delta_{23} \quad d_1^2 = \frac{d_{12}^2}{1 + u^2 - 2u \cos(\delta_{12})}$$



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This reduces it to 2 quadratic equations in *u* and *v*:

$$d_{13}^{2}(u^{2} + v^{2} - 2uv\cos(\delta_{23})) = d_{23}^{2}(1 + v^{2} - 2v\cos(\delta_{13})) \quad (1)$$
  
$$d_{12}^{2}(1 + v^{2} - 2v\cos(\delta_{13})) = d_{13}^{2}(1 + u^{2} - 2u\cos(\delta_{12})) \quad (2)$$

Now even more tricks. The algebra is quite messy, so we won't go through it here.  $P_1$ 

- Solve for  $u^2$  in (1)
- Insert  $u^2$  back into (2)
- Solve for *u* now that  $u^2$  has been eliminated, leaving terms of only *v* and  $v^2$ .
- Insert *u* back into (1) and we now have a quartic polynomial in v  $\delta_{23}$ 
  - This means we can have at most 4 real solutions



Complete solution classification for the perspective-three-point problem http://www.mmrc.iss.ac.cn/~xgao/paper/ieee.pdf

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#### Next Lecture

Now that we have a way to solve for the distances, we still need to find the rotation and translation

$$d_i \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} X_i \\ Y_i \\ Z_i \end{pmatrix} + T$$

So we are matching 3D point to 3D point – this is known as the Procrustes problem

