

Lecture 10

Large-scale Matrix Computations and 3D Reconstruction

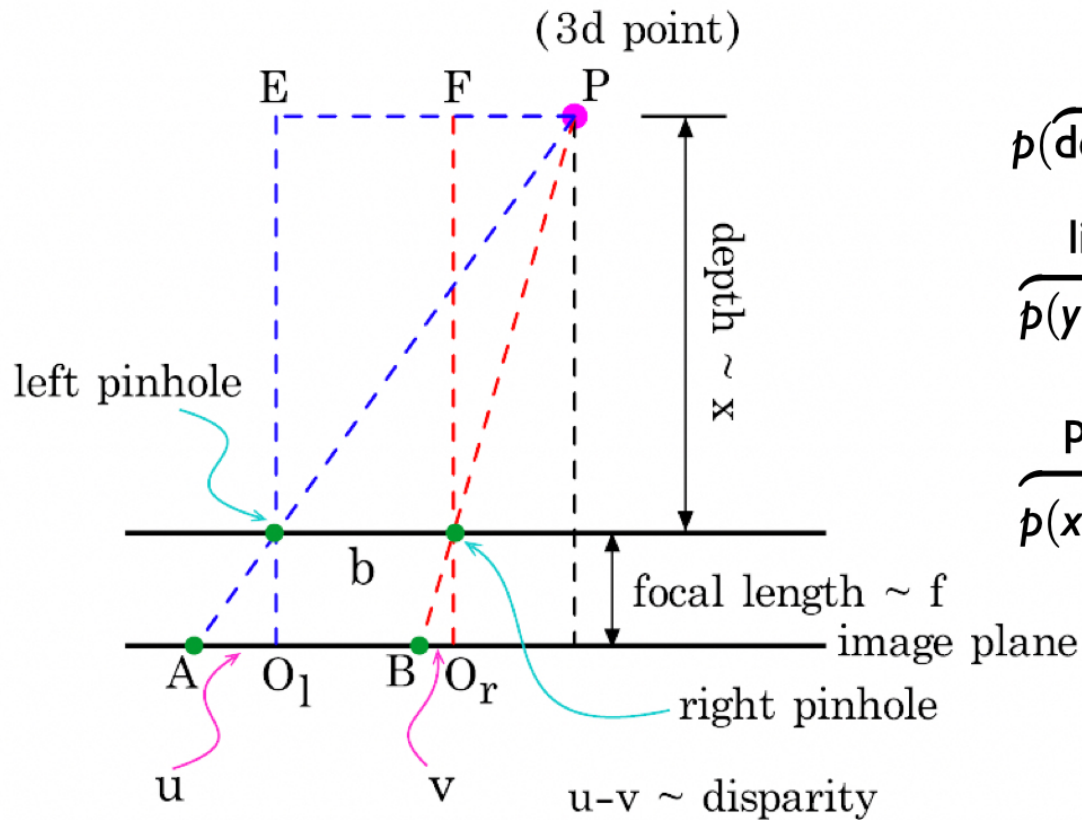
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Topics of this lecture:

- depth and disparity $y = fb/x + n$
- epipolar constraint and fundamental matrix $\langle \mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{x} \rangle = \mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = 0$
- least-squares revisited “ $\min_{\mathbf{f}} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f}\|^2$ ” \approx “ $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = \vec{0}$ ”
- triangulation and re-projection error $e(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{j=1,2} r_j^2(\mathbf{X})$, $r_j^2(\mathbf{X}) = \|\mathbf{q}_j - \mathbf{X}\|^2$
- 3D reconstruction and SLAM $(\mathbf{X}^{(i)}, \mathbf{c}_j) \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_j^{(i)}$
- bundle adjustment $\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{J} \vec{\delta} = \mathbf{J}^\top \vec{\epsilon}$

Example: depth from disparity



$$y = fb/x + n$$

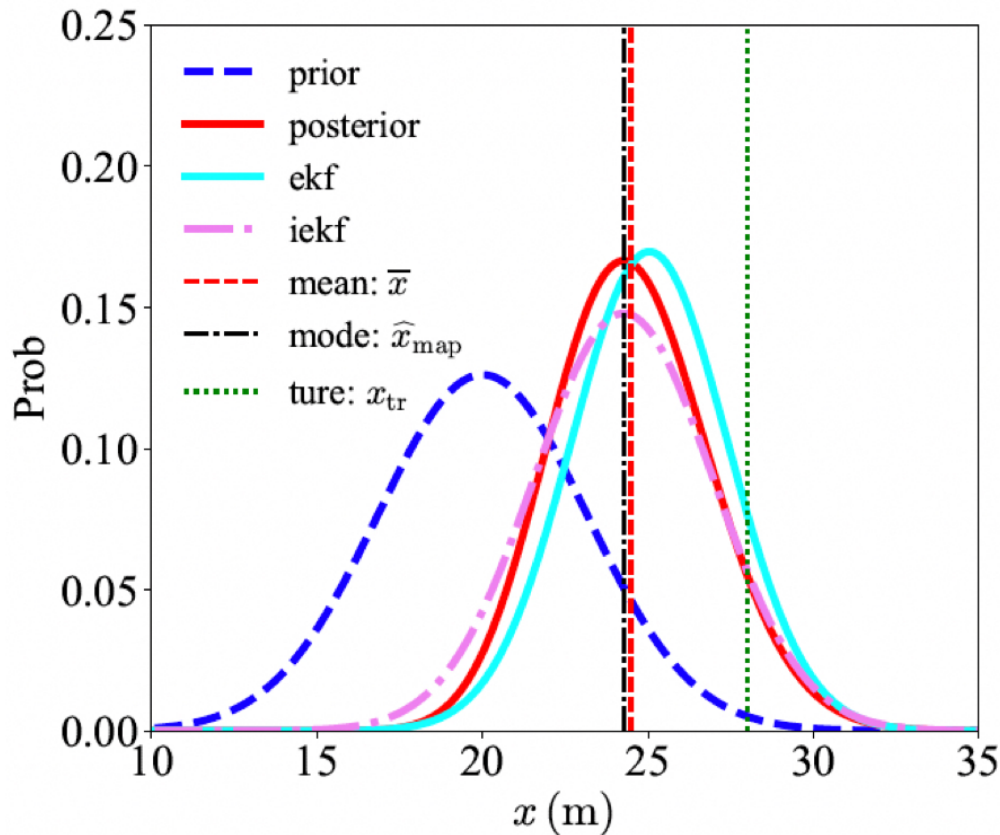
$$p(\overbrace{\text{depth}}^x | \overbrace{\text{disparity}}^y) = p(y|x)p(x) / \int dx p(y|x)p(x)$$

$$\overbrace{p(y|x)}^{\text{likelihood for } x} = \mathcal{N}(fb/x, Q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi Q}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2Q} \left(y - \frac{fb}{x}\right)^2\right)$$

$$\overbrace{p(x)}^{\text{prior for } x} = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{S}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\tilde{S}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\tilde{S}} (x - \tilde{x})^2\right)$$

Depth estimate or more generally the 3D reconstruction from 2D images is the central issue of computer vision; which is somewhat from computer graphics tasks.

Posterior, EKF, ...



MAP estimate $\hat{x}_{\text{map}} = \arg \min_x J(x)$

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{2Q} \left(y - \frac{fb}{x} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2S} (x - \tilde{x})^2$$

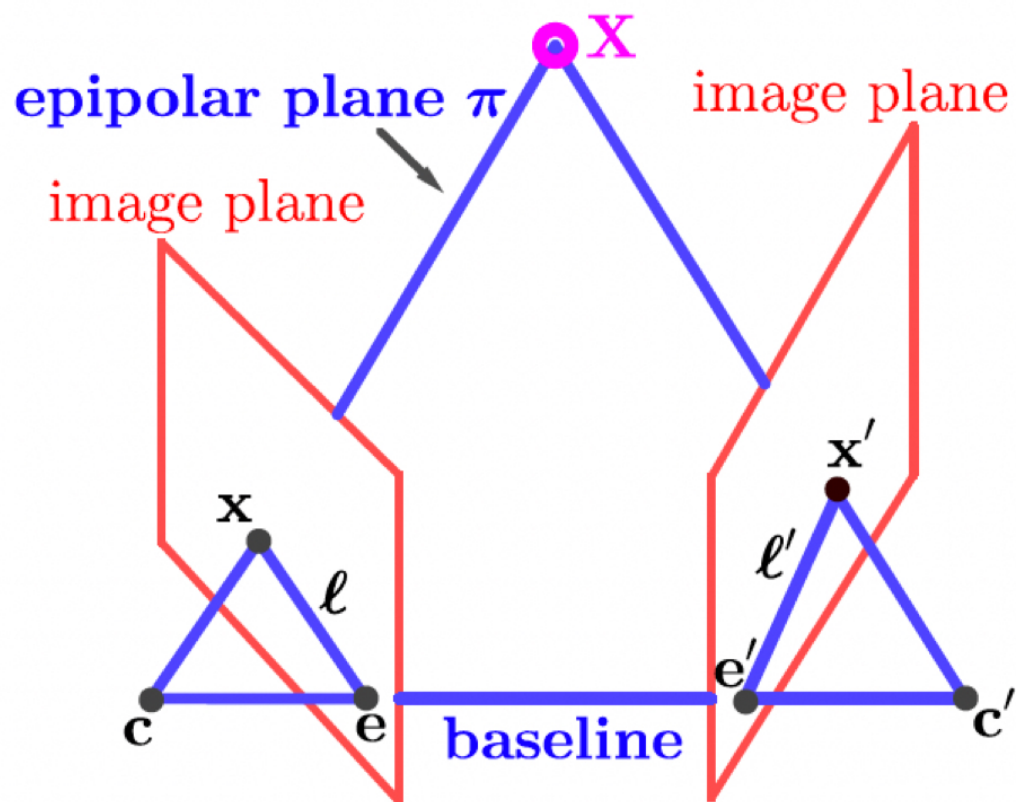
posterior mean $\bar{x} = \int dx xp(x|y) / \int dx p(x|y)$

Ex.: What is the ML solution?

$$E[\delta x] = \frac{Qx^3}{f^2 b^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{x}_{\text{corr}} = \hat{x} - E[\delta \hat{x}] = \hat{x} - \frac{Q\hat{x}^3}{f^2 b^2}$$

Epipolar geometry



X : 3D point

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{t}]$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P}^+\mathbf{x}$$

$$\vec{\ell} = \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{x}'$$

$$\vec{\ell} = \overbrace{(\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{c})}^{e'} \times (\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{P}^+\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{c}) \wedge (\mathbf{P}'\mathbf{P}^+\mathbf{x})$$

define $\vec{\ell}' \equiv \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}$ ($\mathbf{x} \leftrightarrow \vec{\ell}'$) $\rightarrow \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{e}' \wedge \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{P}^+$

if \mathbf{x} lies on $\vec{\ell} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^\top \vec{\ell} = 0$

$\rightarrow \mathbf{x}'$ lies on $\vec{\ell}' = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} \rightarrow 0 = \mathbf{x}'^\top \vec{\ell}'$

$\rightarrow \langle \mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{x} \rangle = \mathbf{x}'^\top \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} = 0$

\mathbf{F} =fundamental matrix: $\{\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'^{(i)}\}$

How to calculate the fundamental matrix?

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}'^{(i)} : \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$xx'f_1 + xy'f_2 + xf_3 + yx'f_4 + yy'f_5 + yf_6 + x'f_7 + y'f_8 + f_9 = 0, \quad \mathbf{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \\ f_4 & f_5 & f_6 \\ f_7 & f_8 & f_9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \frac{y}{\xi}, 1 \right) \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \\ f_4 & f_5 & f_6 \\ f_7 & f_8 & f_9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x'/\xi \\ y'/\xi \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow \langle \vec{\zeta} | \mathbf{f} \rangle = 0$$

$$\vec{\zeta}^\top = (xx', xy', \xi x, yx', yy', \xi y, \xi x', \xi y', \xi^2)^\top, \quad \mathbf{f}^\top = (f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6, f_7, f_8, f_9)$$

7-point algorithm, algebraic distance

$$(x^{(i)}x'^{(i)}, x^{(i)}y'^{(i)}, \xi x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}x'^{(i)}, y^{(i)}y'^{(i)}, \xi y^{(i)}, \xi x'^{(i)}, \xi y'^{(i)}, \xi^2) \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}, i = 1 \sim m$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} : \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} x^{(1)}x'^{(1)} & x^{(1)}y'^{(1)} & \xi x^{(1)} & y^{(1)}x'^{(1)} & y^{(1)}y'^{(1)} & \xi y^{(1)} & \xi x'^{(1)} & \xi y'^{(1)} & \xi^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x^{(m)}x'^{(m)} & x^{(m)}y'^{(m)} & \xi x^{(m)} & y^{(m)}x'^{(m)} & y^{(m)}y'^{(m)} & \xi y^{(m)} & \xi x'^{(m)} & \xi y'^{(m)} & \xi^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 9}$$

comments:

(1) \mathbf{F} is homogeneous: $\|\mathbf{F}\|_2 \equiv \left(\sum_{i=1}^9 f_i^2 \right)^{1/2} = 1$

(2) no exact solution because $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 9$

(3) epipolar constraint $\rightarrow \det \mathbf{F} = 0$

$$\mathbf{f}^* = \underset{\mathbf{f}}{\text{argmin}} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f}\|^2 \leftrightarrow \text{subject to } \mathbf{f}^\top \mathbf{f} = 1$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{f}} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f}\|^2 \leftrightarrow \text{smallest eigenvalue } \lambda \text{ of } \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$$

Ex.: Are they equivalent?

Some improvements

weighted LS:

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m w^{(i)} \vec{\zeta}^{(i)} \vec{\zeta}^{(i)\top}$$

geometrical distance:

$$S^{(i)} \approx \frac{\alpha^2 (\langle \mathbf{x}^{(i)} | \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{x}'^{(i)} \rangle)^2}{\|\mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x}'^{(i)}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{x}^{(i)}\|^2}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

requirement of $\det \mathbf{F} = 0$:

* \mathbf{F} using algebraic/geometrical distance

*SVD of \mathbf{F} in the form:

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{U} \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3) \mathbf{V}^\top$$

$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3$, \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V} orthogonal

*correct \mathbf{F} as:

$$\mathbf{F} \leftarrow \mathbf{U} \text{diag} \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sqrt{a^2}}, \frac{\sigma_2}{\sqrt{a^2}}, \mathbf{0} \right) \mathbf{V}^\top$$

$$a^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$$

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Quiz 3.1:

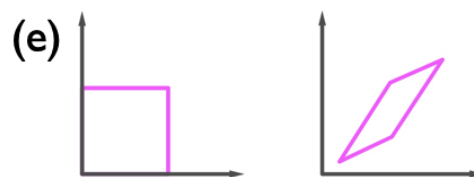
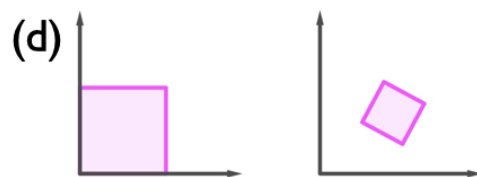
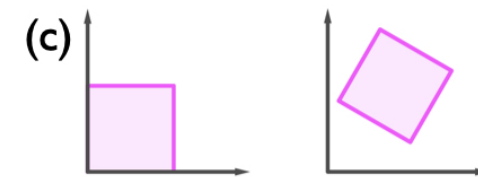
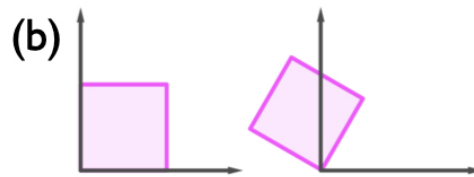
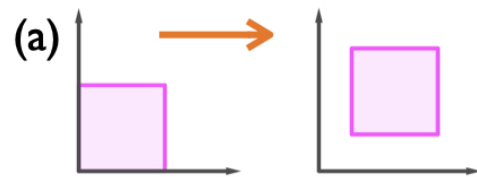
Explain the relationship between MAP/ML estimate and the LS, write down relevant expressions.

Quiz 3.2:

For 1D random walk, $x_k = x_{k-1} + w_k$ and $y_k = x_k + n_k$, write down the Kalman filter equations.

Quiz 3.3:

If $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$, write down the expressions for \mathbf{H} , here $\mathbf{x}' = (x', y', l)^\top$ and $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, l)^\top$ are images.



Triangulation and re-projection error

fundamental matrix F :

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1^*, \hat{\mathbf{x}}_2^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{x}}_2} \overbrace{s^2(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)}^{\text{some distance}}, \text{ subject to } \langle \hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 | \mathbf{F} | \hat{\mathbf{x}}_2 \rangle = 0$$

*unit vector along $\mathbf{c}_j \mathbf{X}$: $\mathbf{x}_j^0 = \frac{\mathbf{R}_j^{-1} \mathbf{K}_j^{-1} \mathbf{x}_j}{\|\mathbf{R}_j^{-1} \mathbf{K}_j^{-1} \mathbf{x}_j\|}, j = 1, 2$

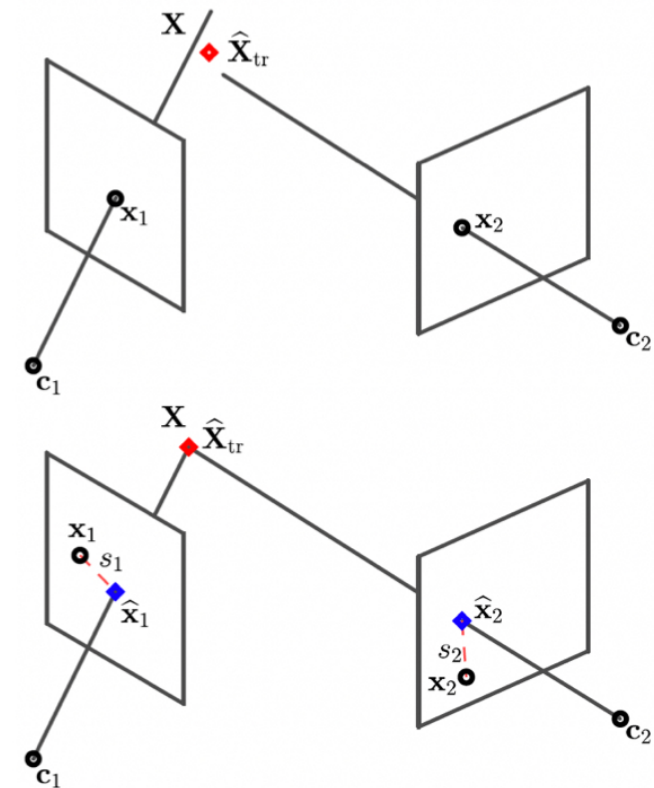
*estimate for \mathbf{X} : $\mathbf{q}_j = \mathbf{c}_j + d_j \mathbf{x}_j^0$

*error function $e(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{j=1,2} r_j^2(\mathbf{X}), r_j^2(\mathbf{X}) = \|\mathbf{q}_j - \mathbf{X}\|^2$

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{tr}} = \left[\sum_{j=1,2} (\vec{1} - \mathbf{x}_j^0 \mathbf{x}_j^{0,T}) \right]^{-1} \left[\sum_{j=1,2} (\vec{1} - \mathbf{x}_j^0 \mathbf{x}_j^{0,T}) \mathbf{c}_j \right]$$

$$\text{error}(\text{images}) = \sum_{j=1,2} |\mathbf{x}_j - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j|^2$$

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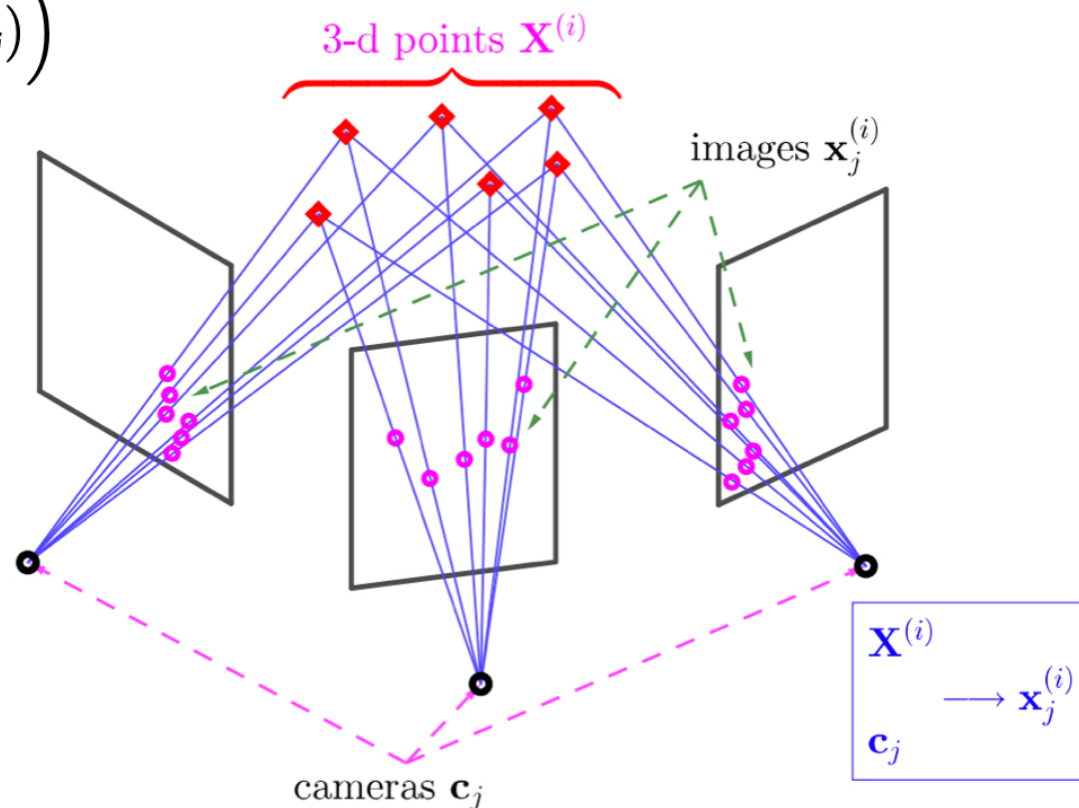
More cameras and more 3D points

$$J(\vec{\Phi}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1 \sim m, j=1 \sim n} \left(\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j^{(i)}(\mathbf{X}^{(i)}, \vec{\Theta}_j) \right)^2$$

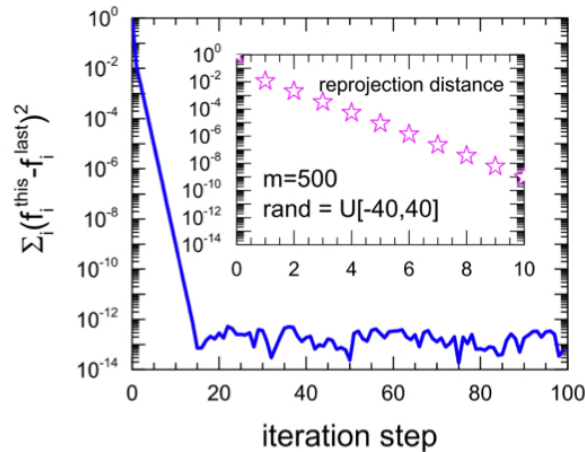
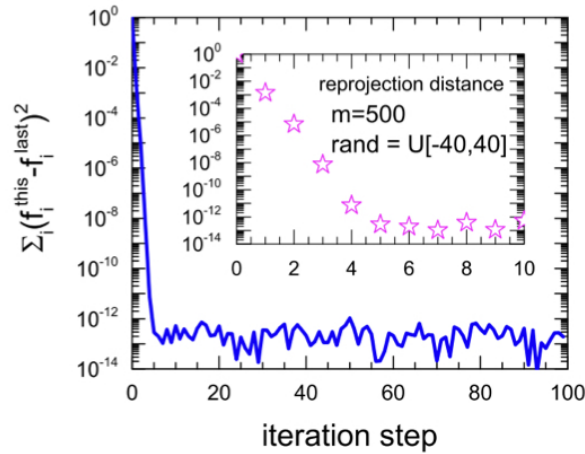
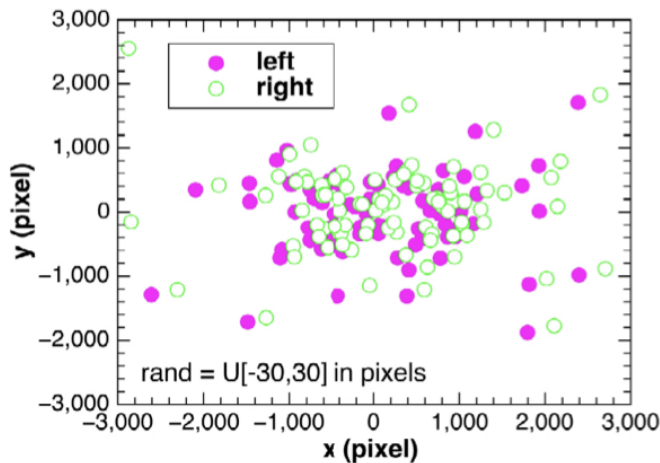
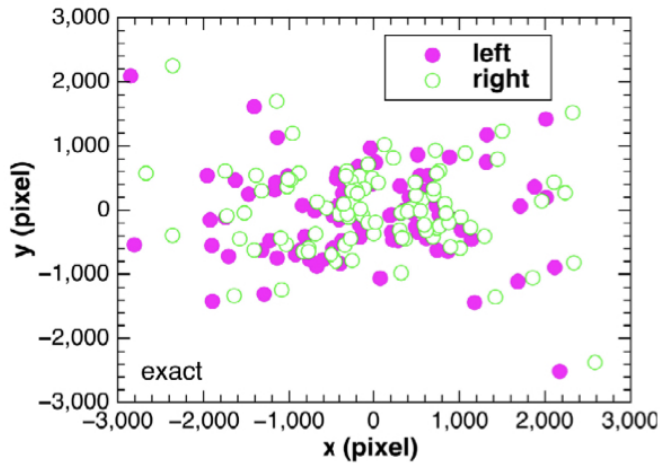
$$\vec{\Phi} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\Phi}_p \\ \vec{\Phi}_{\text{cam}} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3m+6n}, \quad \vec{\Phi}_p = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{X}^{(2)} \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{X}^{(m)} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3m}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}_{\text{cam}} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\Theta}_1 \\ \vec{\Theta}_2 \\ \dots \\ \vec{\Theta}_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{6n}, \quad \vec{\Theta}_j = (\mathbf{R}_j, \mathbf{t}_j) \in \mathbb{R}^6$$

- 3D reconstruction
- structure from motion
- SLAM



Numerical example



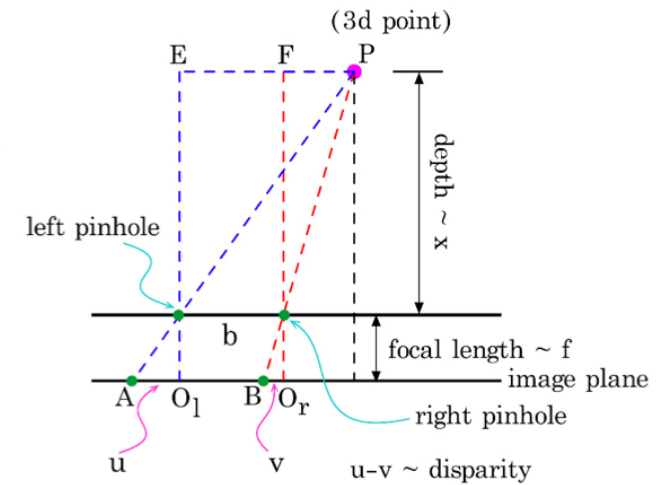
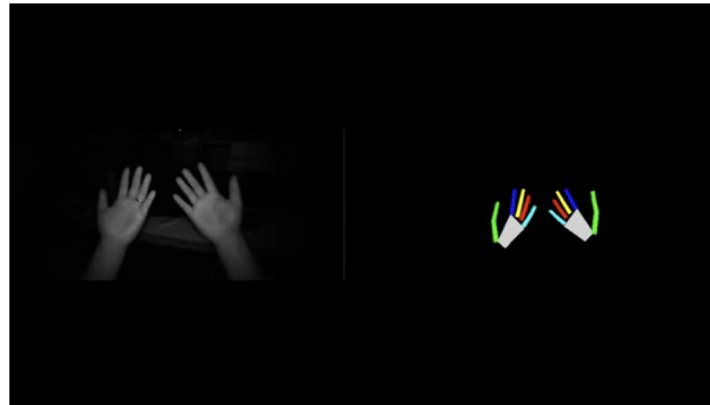
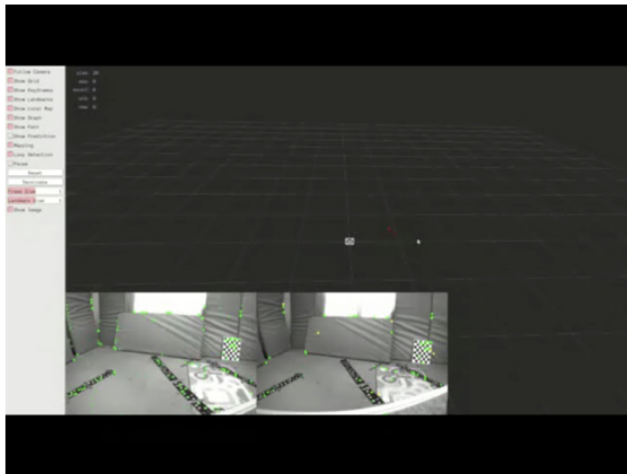
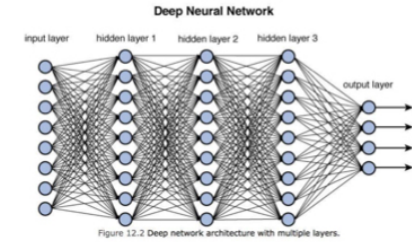
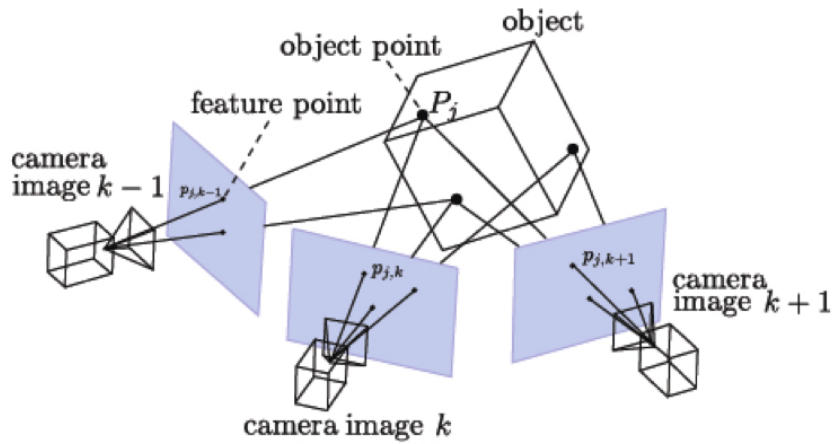
$$e(\text{iteration step}) = \sum_{i=1}^9 (f_i^{\text{this}} - f_i^{\text{last}})^2,$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1/\sqrt{20} \\ 0 & 0 & 3/\sqrt{20} \\ 1/\sqrt{20} & -3/\sqrt{20} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

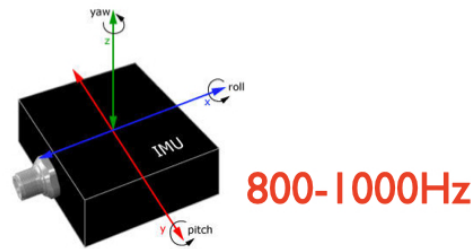
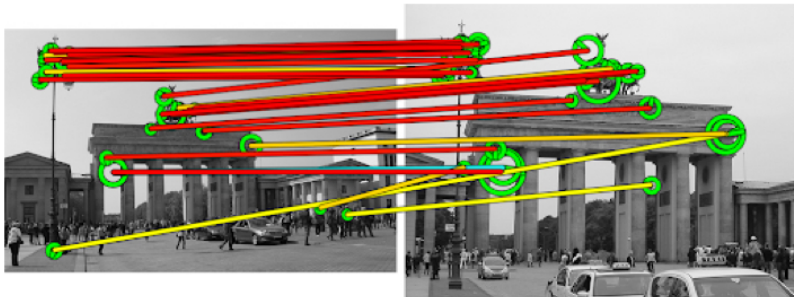
$$\mathbf{F}^{\text{LS}} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.000358 & -0.009160 & -0.241458 \\ 0.009391 & 0.002762 & 0.666575 \\ 0.241056 & -0.662619 & 0.000489 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}^{\text{RP}} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.000335 & -0.013974 & -0.243422 \\ 0.014273 & 0.002731 & 0.667123 \\ 0.242080 & -0.660780 & 0.005227 \end{pmatrix}$$

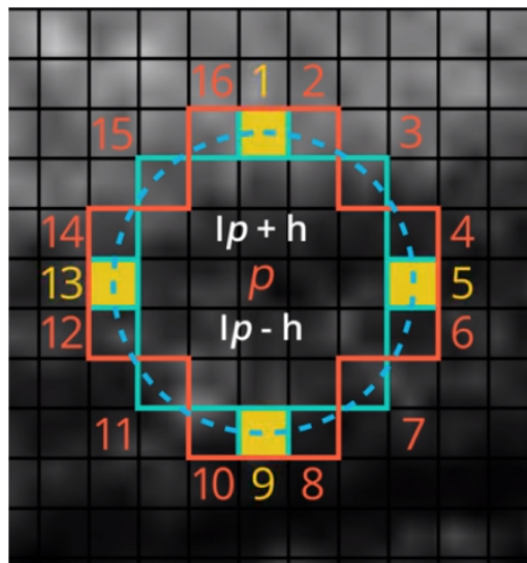
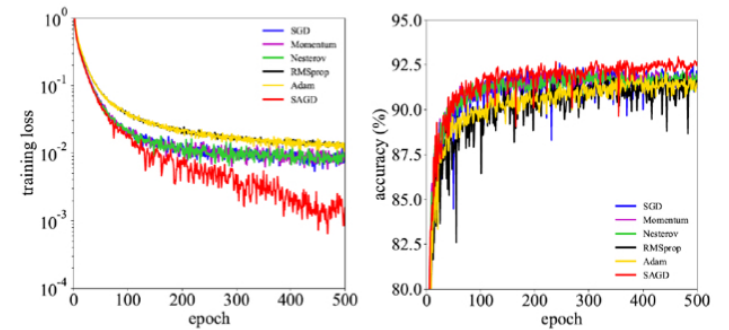
Localization and tracking



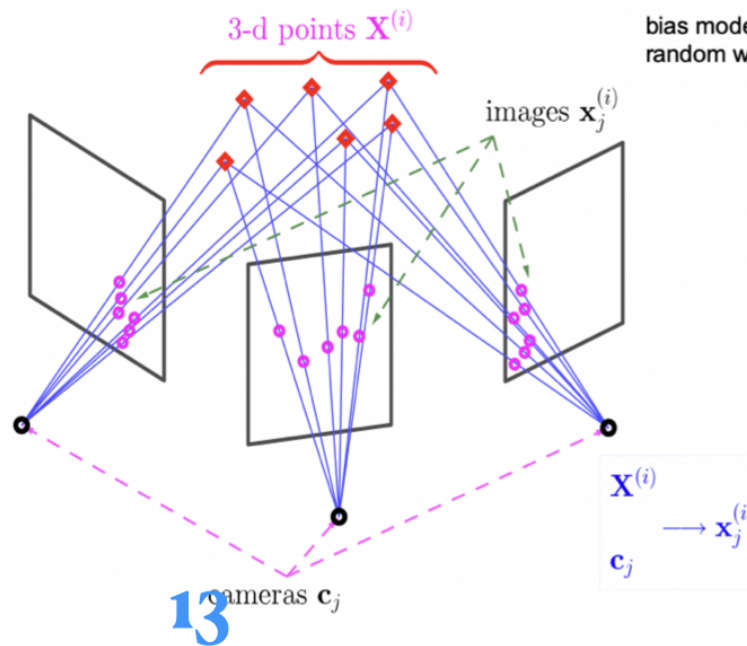
Reconstruction and data fusion



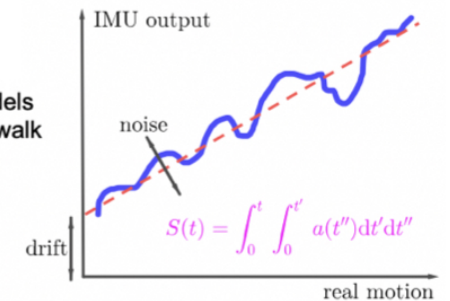
SLAM, RECONSTRUCTION



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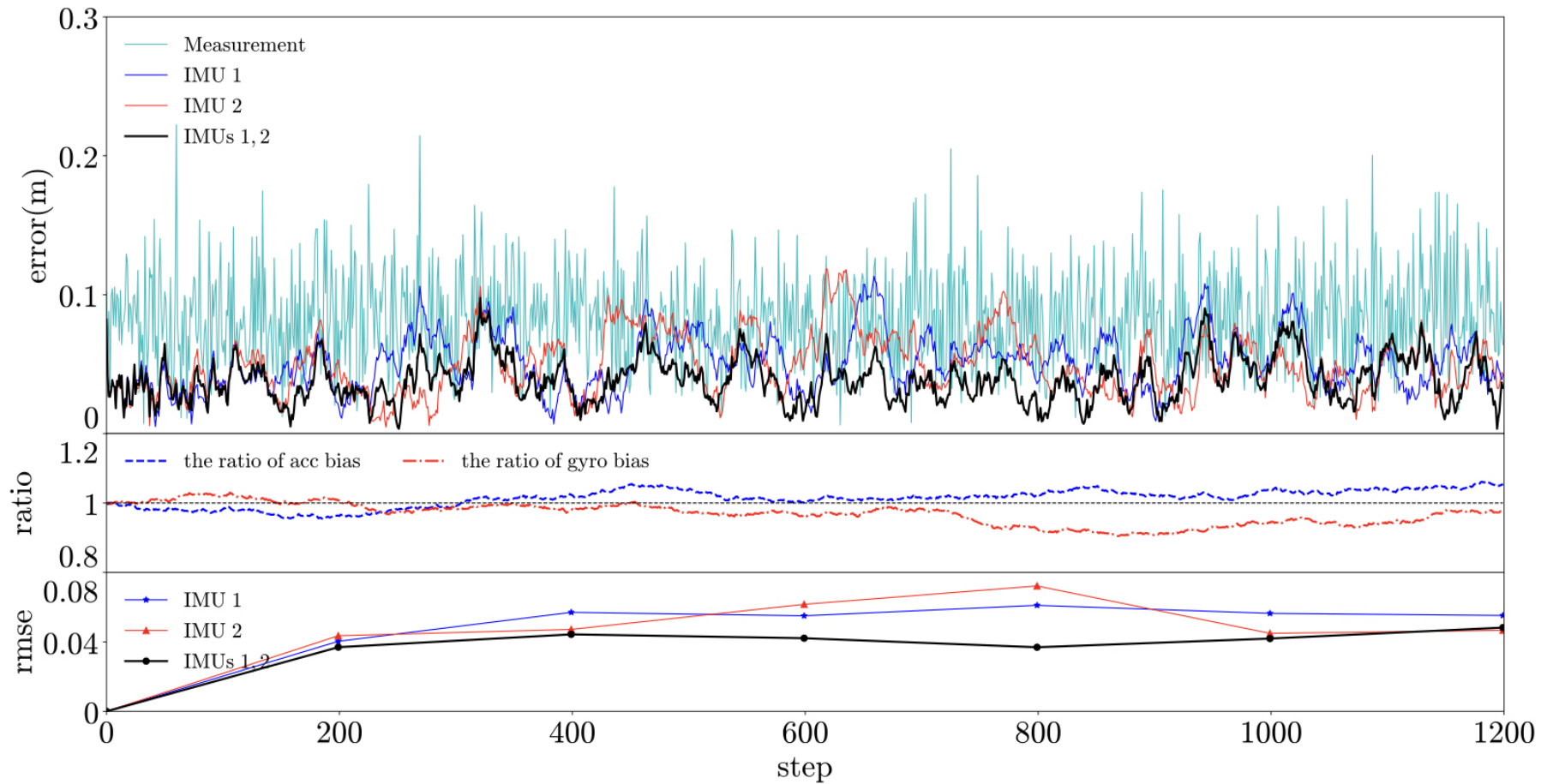
bias models random walk



fast/accurate algorithm

- uncertain c_j and $x_j^{(i)}$
- 3d reconstruction
- uncertain $X^{(i)}$ and $x_j^{(i)}$
- motion determination
- parts of $X^{(i)}/x_j^{(i)}$ known
- SLAM

Example: multiple IMU optimization



*Solution of normal equation

*normal equation $\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{J} \vec{\delta} = \mathbf{J}^\top \vec{\epsilon} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \mathbf{J} \vec{\delta} = \mathbf{J}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \vec{\epsilon}$ (with measurement uncertainty)

*prediction for measurement $\widehat{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{P})$, $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{a}^\top, \mathbf{b}^\top)^\top$, Jacobian $\mathbf{J} = (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \left(\frac{\partial \widehat{\mathbf{M}}}{\partial \mathbf{a}}, \frac{\partial \widehat{\mathbf{M}}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} \right)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{A}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\delta}_a \\ \vec{\delta}_b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \vec{\epsilon} \\ \mathbf{B}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \vec{\epsilon} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{U} & \mathbf{W} \\ \mathbf{W}^\top & \mathbf{V} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\delta}_a \\ \vec{\delta}_b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\epsilon}_a \\ \vec{\epsilon}_b \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{A}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{A}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \mathbf{B}, \quad \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{B}^\top \vec{\Sigma}_M^{-1} \mathbf{B}$$

$$(\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{WV}^{-1} \mathbf{W}^\top) \vec{\delta}_a = \vec{\epsilon}_a - \mathbf{WV}^{-1} \vec{\epsilon}_b, \quad \mathbf{V} \vec{\delta}_b = \vec{\epsilon}_b - \mathbf{W}^\top \vec{\delta}_a$$

*Bundle adjustment (BA)

$\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{M}$, camera $\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a}_1^\top, \mathbf{a}_2^\top, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n^\top)^\top$, $\mathbf{b}^{(i)} = \text{ith 3D point}$

$$\mathbf{A}^{(i)} = \text{diag} \left(\mathbf{A}_1^{(i)}, \mathbf{A}_2^{(i)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}_n^{(i)} \right), \mathbf{B}^{(i)} = \left(\mathbf{B}_1^{(i),\top}, \mathbf{B}_2^{(i),\top}, \dots, \mathbf{B}_n^{(i),\top} \right)^\top$$

$$\mathbf{A}_j^{(i)} = \partial \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j^{(i)} / \partial \mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{B}_j^{(i)} = \partial \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j^{(i)} / \partial \mathbf{b}^{(i)}$$

$$\mathbf{U}_j = \sum_i \mathbf{A}_j^{(i),\top} \vec{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)}}^{-1} \mathbf{A}_j^{(i)}, \mathbf{V}^{(i)} = \sum_j \mathbf{B}_j^{(i),\top} \vec{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)}}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^{(i)}, \mathbf{W}_j^{(i)} = \mathbf{A}_j^{(i),\top} \vec{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)}}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_j^{(i)}, \mathbf{Y}_j^{(i)} = \mathbf{W}_j^{(i)} \mathbf{V}^{(i),-1}$$

$$\vec{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{a}_j} = \sum_i \mathbf{A}_j^{(i),\top} \vec{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)}}^{-1} \vec{\epsilon}_j^{(i)}, \vec{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{b}^{(i)}} = \sum_j \mathbf{B}_j^{(i),\top} \vec{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)}}^{-1} \vec{\epsilon}_j^{(i)}$$

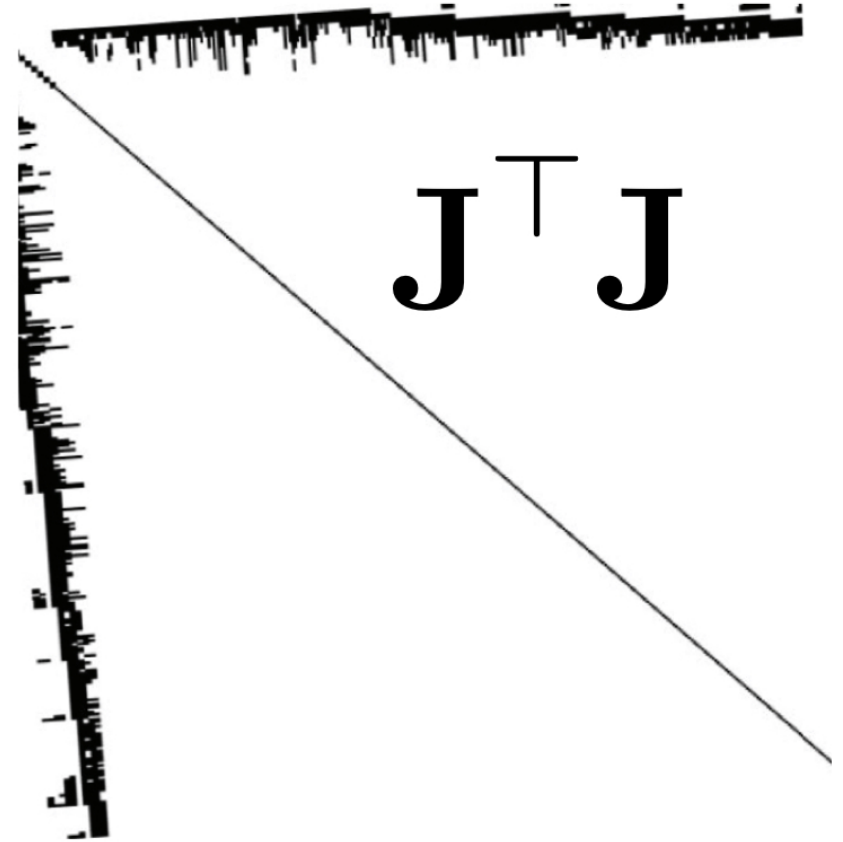
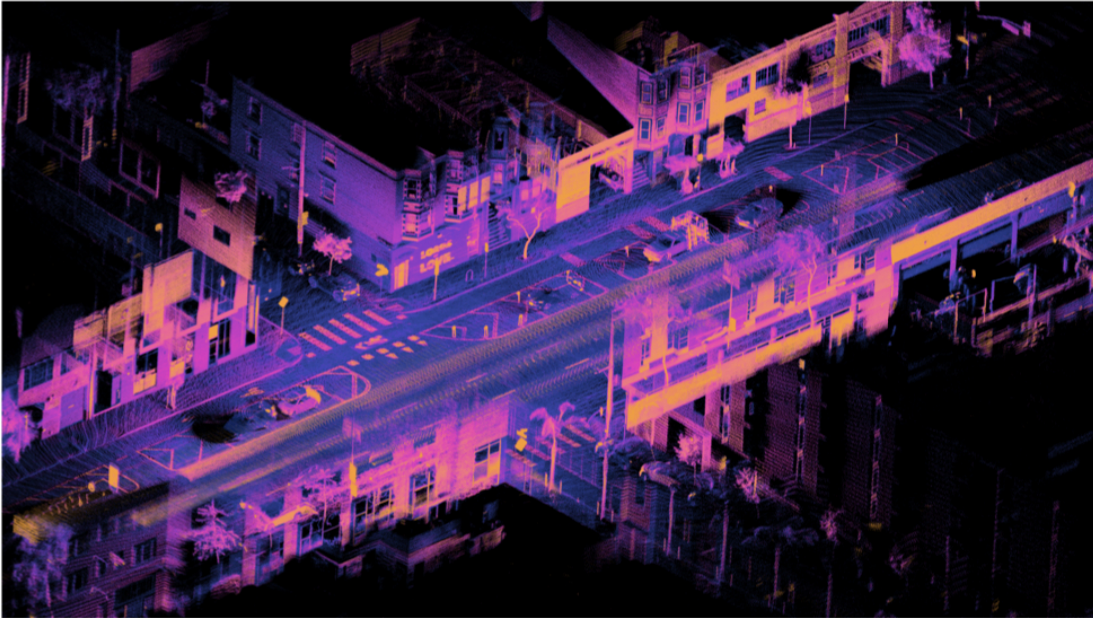
$$\mathbf{S} \vec{\delta}_{\mathbf{a}} = (\mathbf{e}_1^\top, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n^\top)^\top, \mathbf{S}_{jj} = - \sum_i \mathbf{Y}_j^{(i)} \mathbf{W}_j^{(i),\top} + \mathbf{U}_j, \mathbf{S}_{jk} = - \sum_i \mathbf{Y}_j^{(i)} \mathbf{W}_k^{(i),\top}, \mathbf{e}_j = \vec{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{a}_j} - \sum_i \mathbf{Y}_j^{(i)} \vec{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{b}^{(i)}}$$

$$\vec{\delta}_{\mathbf{b}^{(i)}} = \mathbf{V}^{(i),-1} \left(\vec{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{b}^{(i)}} - \sum_j \mathbf{W}_j^{(i),\top} \vec{\delta}_{\mathbf{a}_j} \right)$$

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Ex.: # of parameter?

SLAM and approximated Hessian



Ex.: Explain why?