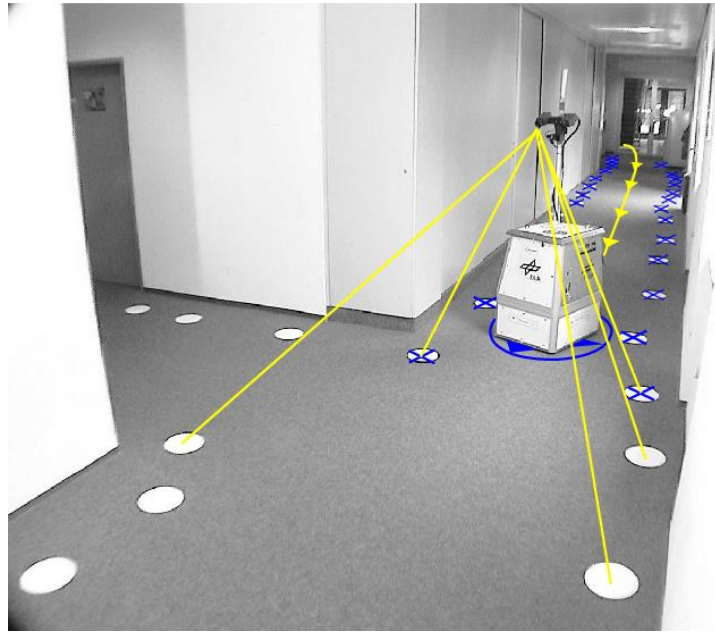


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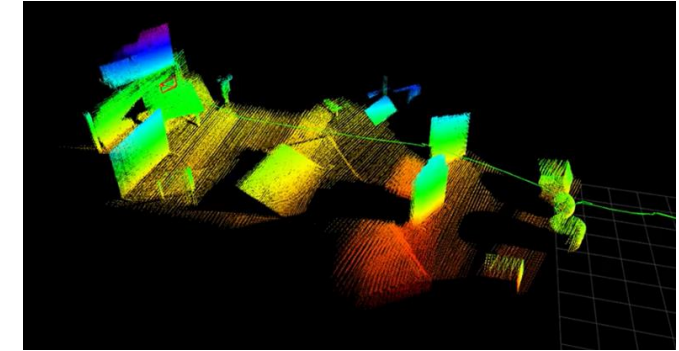
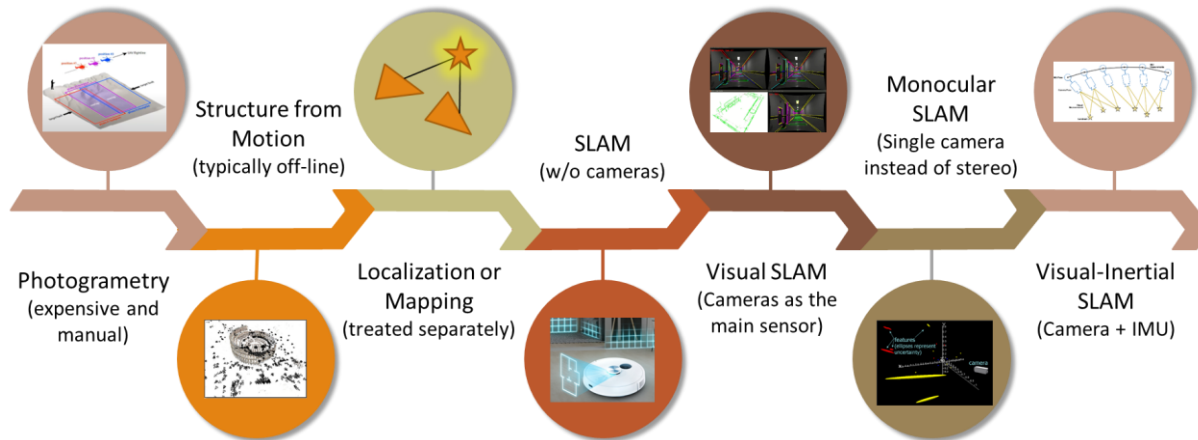
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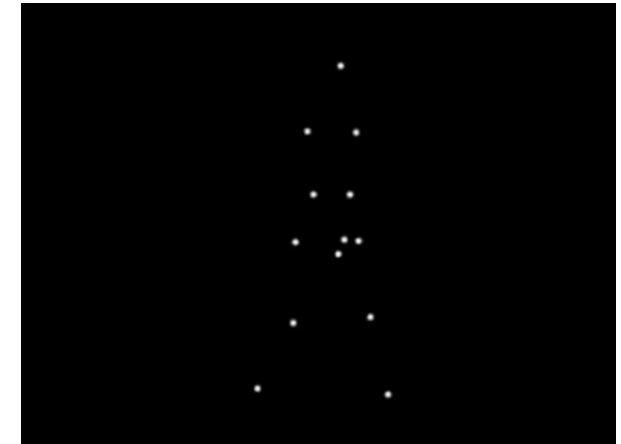
What is SLAM?

What we previously discussed:

Evolution of SLAM

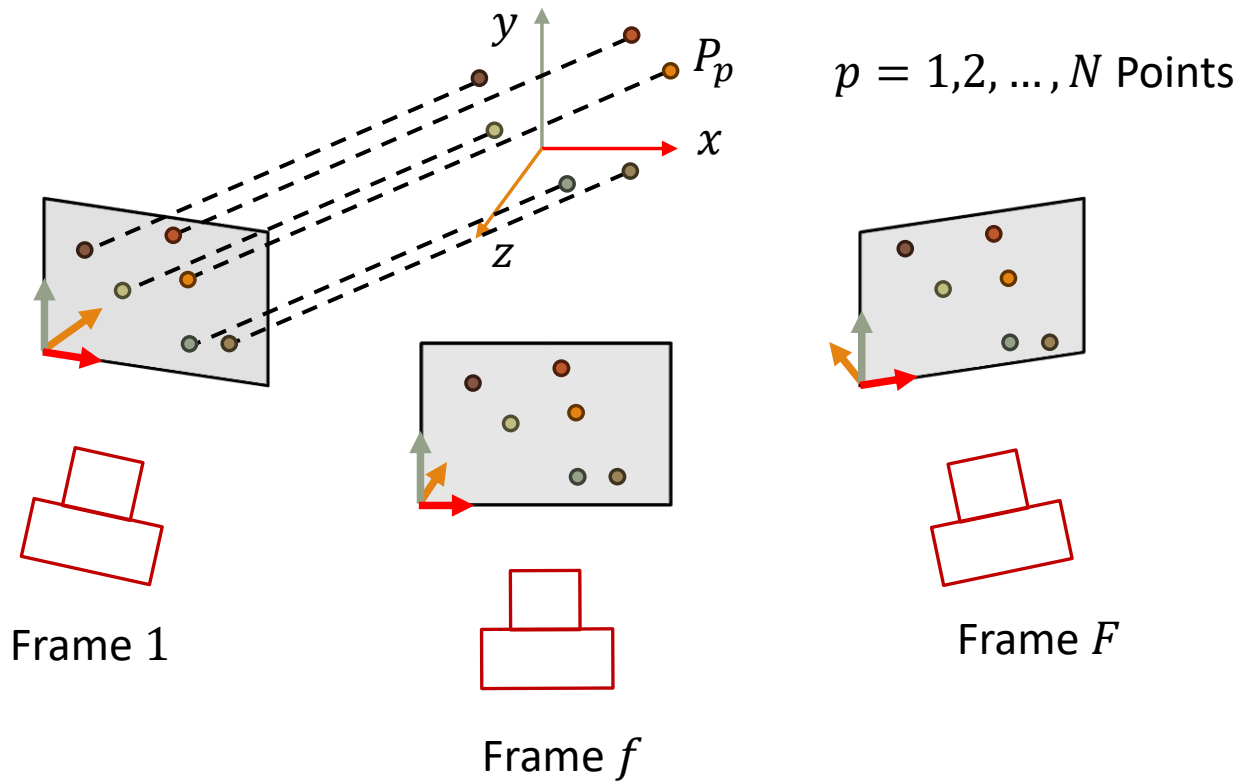


Structure from Motion



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Structure from Motion – SfM: The early-days approach



Given sets of corresponding image points (2D): $(u_{f,p}, v_{f,p})$

Find scene points (3D):

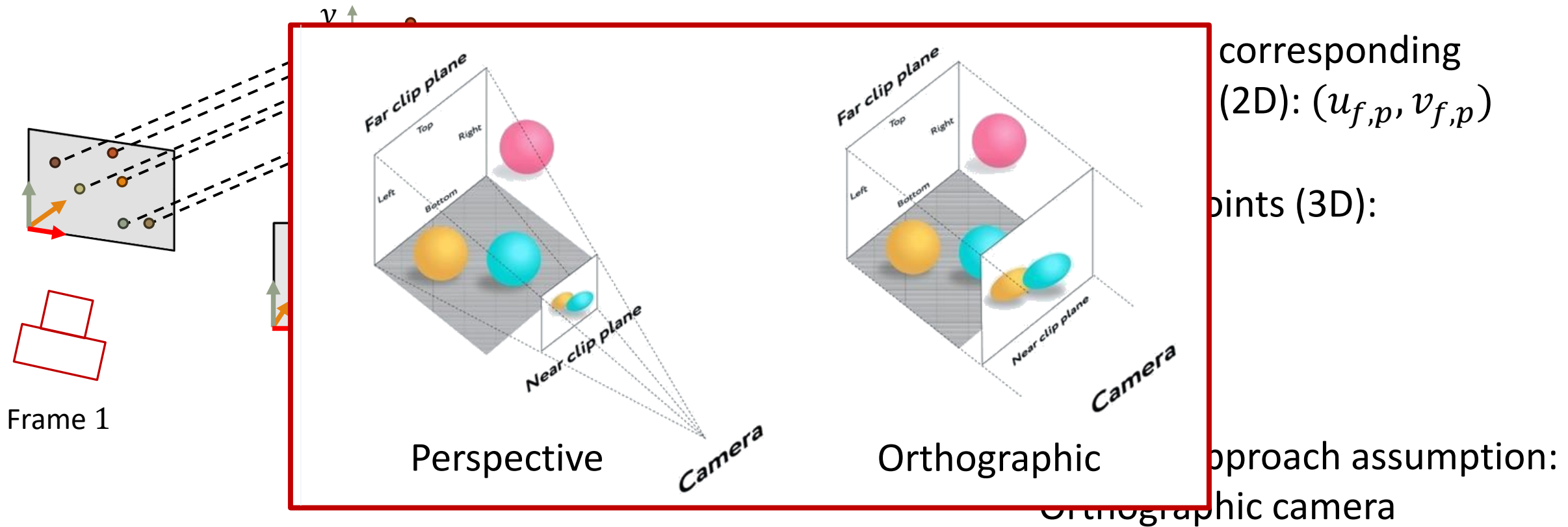
$$P_p = \begin{bmatrix} x_p \\ y_p \\ z_p \end{bmatrix}$$

Early-days' approach assumption:

- Orthographic camera
- In subsequent years, this assumption was revoked

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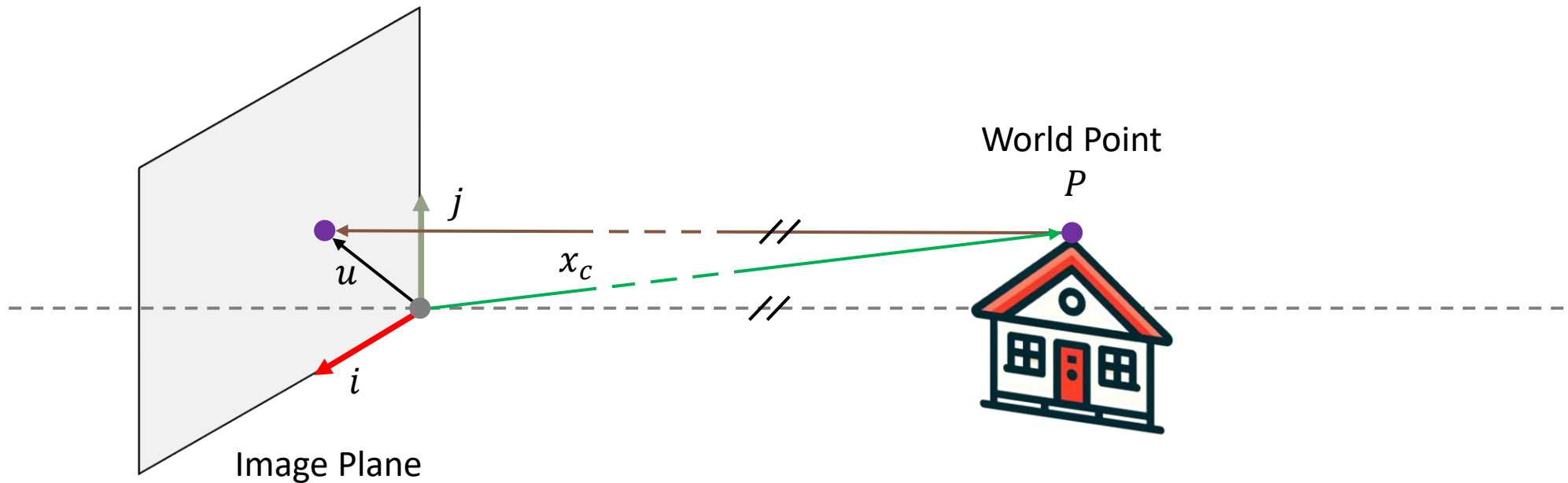


Tomasi and Kanade, 1992

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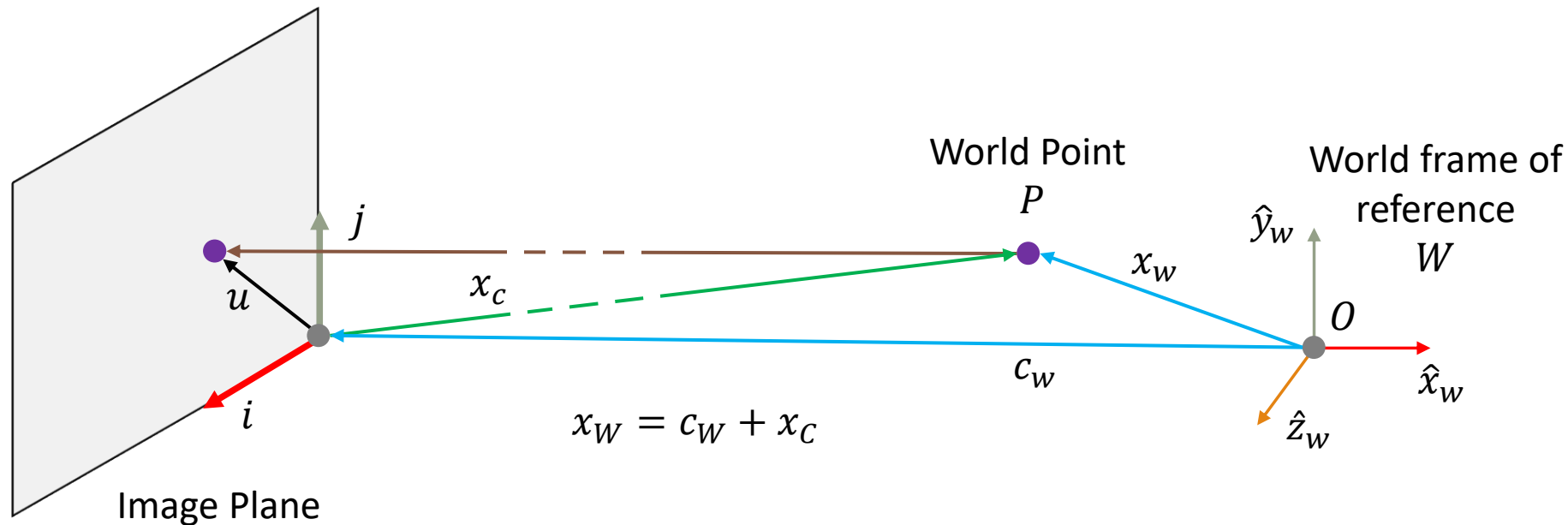
$$u = \mathbf{i} \cdot x_C = \mathbf{i}^T x_C$$

$$v = \mathbf{j} \cdot x_C = \mathbf{j}^T x_C$$

The orthographic camera assumption better-resembles the true perspective camera projection when the distance of the scene from the camera is large compared to the depth variation within the scene.

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$$u = \mathbf{i}^T x_c = \mathbf{i}^T (x_w - c_w) = \mathbf{i}^T (P - C)$$

C : camera w.r.t. W FoR

$$v = \mathbf{j}^T x_c = \mathbf{j}^T (x_w - c_w) = \mathbf{j}^T (P - C)$$

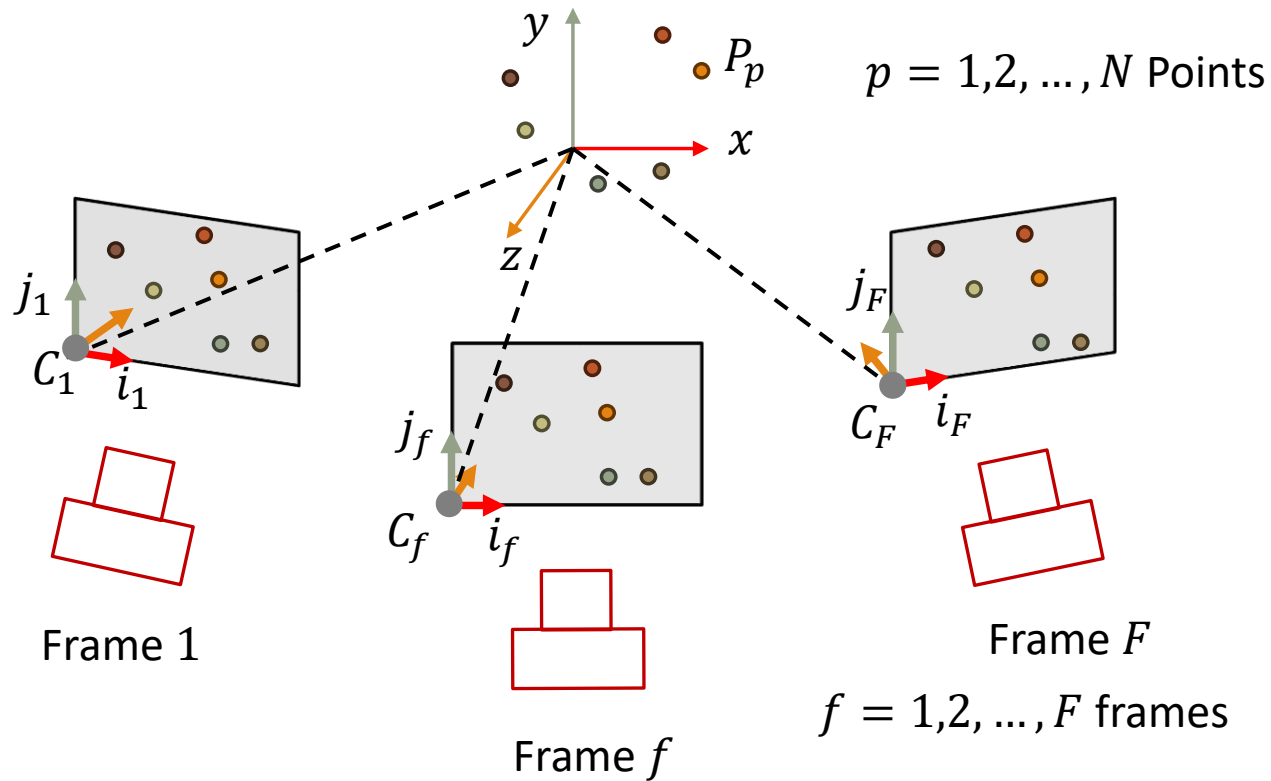
P : Point w.r.t. W FoR

$$u = \mathbf{i}^T (P - C)$$

$$v = \mathbf{j}^T (P - C)$$

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Structure from Motion – SfM: The early-days approach



Given sets of corresponding image points (2D) in F frames: $(u_{f,p}, v_{f,p})$

Find scene points (3D):

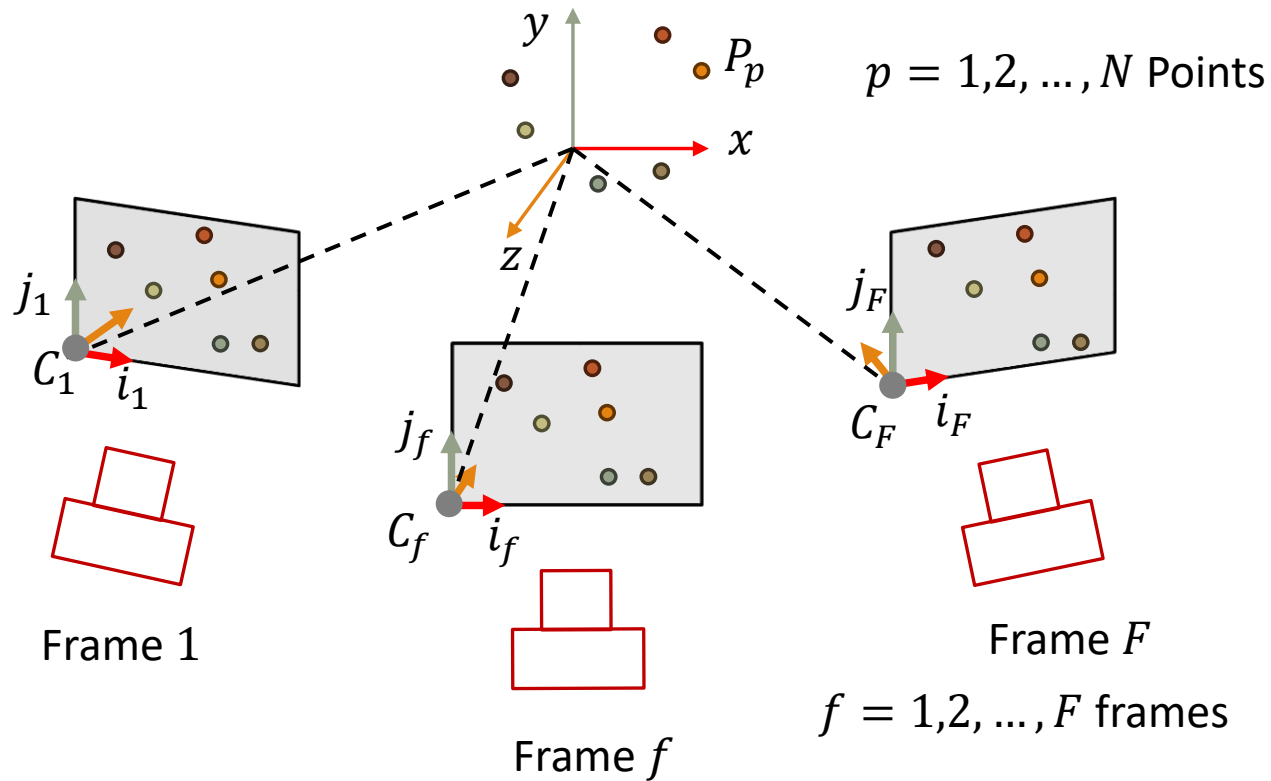
$$P_p = \begin{bmatrix} x_p \\ y_p \\ z_p \end{bmatrix}$$

Unknowns:

- Camera Positions: C_f
- Camera Orientations: $(\mathbf{i}_f, \mathbf{j}_f)$

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Point P_p representation in frame f :

$$u_{f,p} = \mathbf{i}_f^T (P_p - C_f)$$

$$v_{f,p} = \mathbf{j}_f^T (P_p - C_f)$$

We know
those

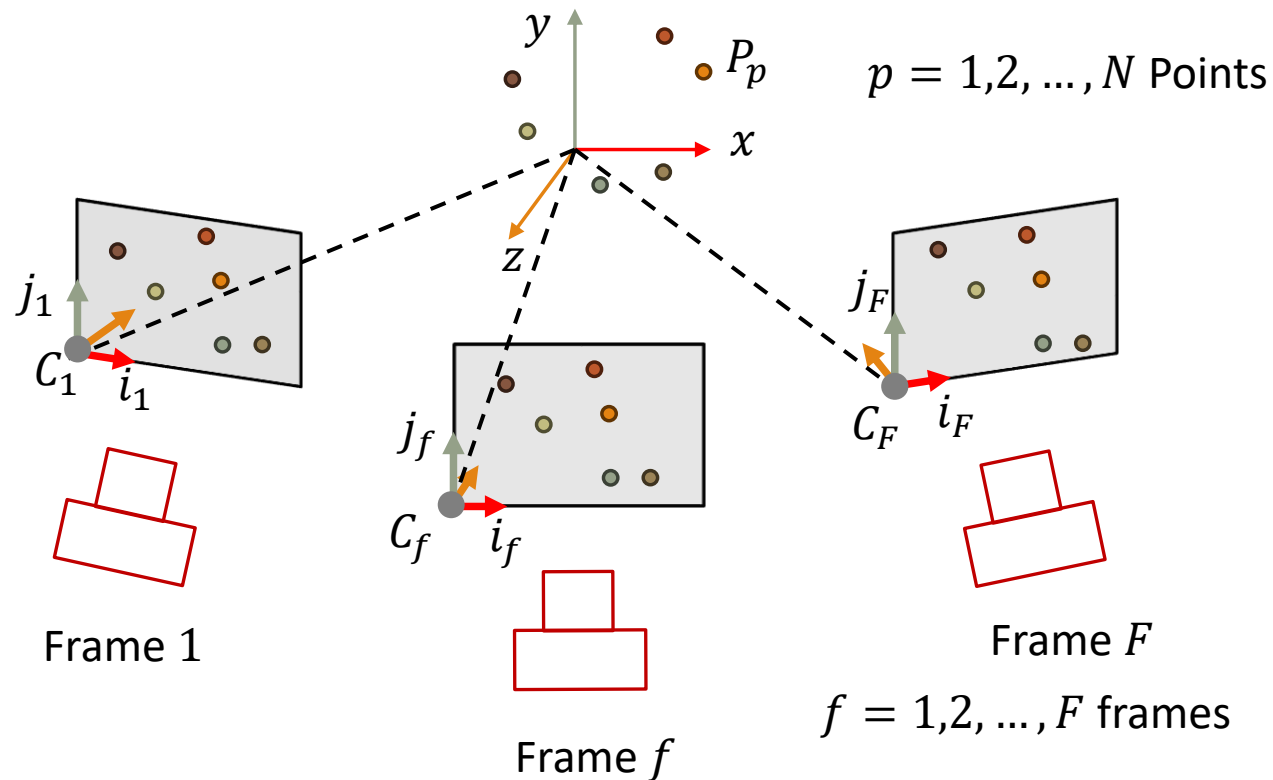
We don't know
those

How do we solve for P_p ?

While also not knowing $\{\mathbf{i}_f^T, \mathbf{j}_f^T\}$ and C_f .

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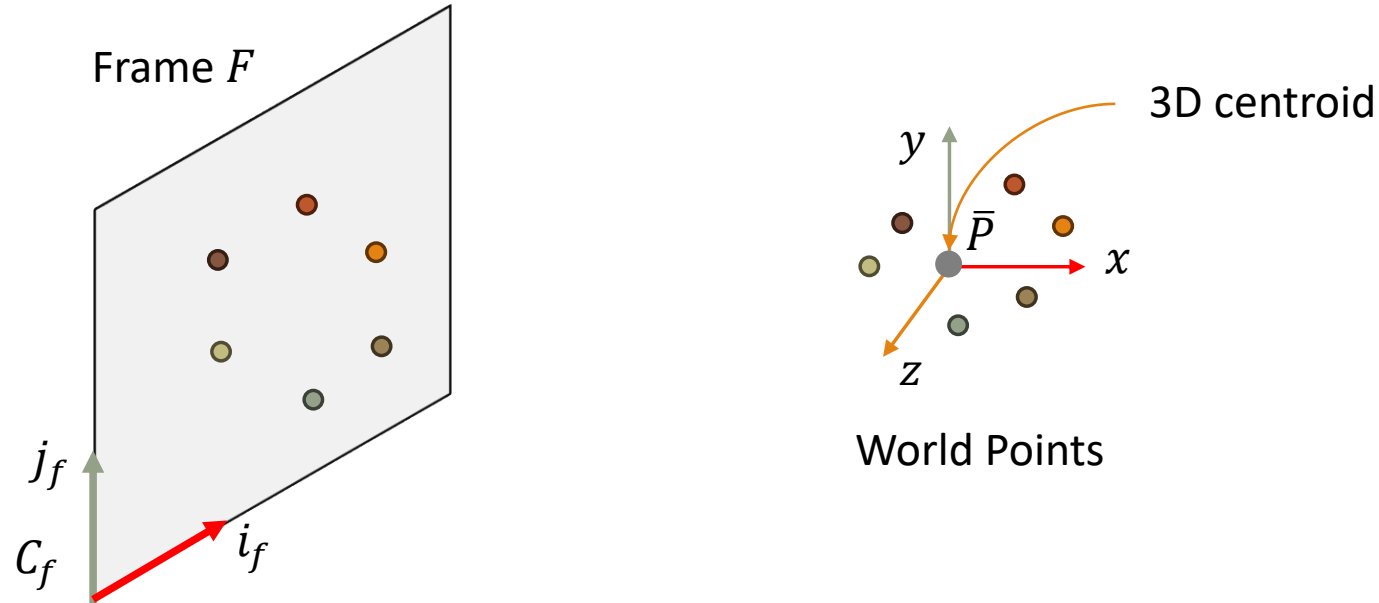
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We can implement a trick to
remove C_f from the equations.

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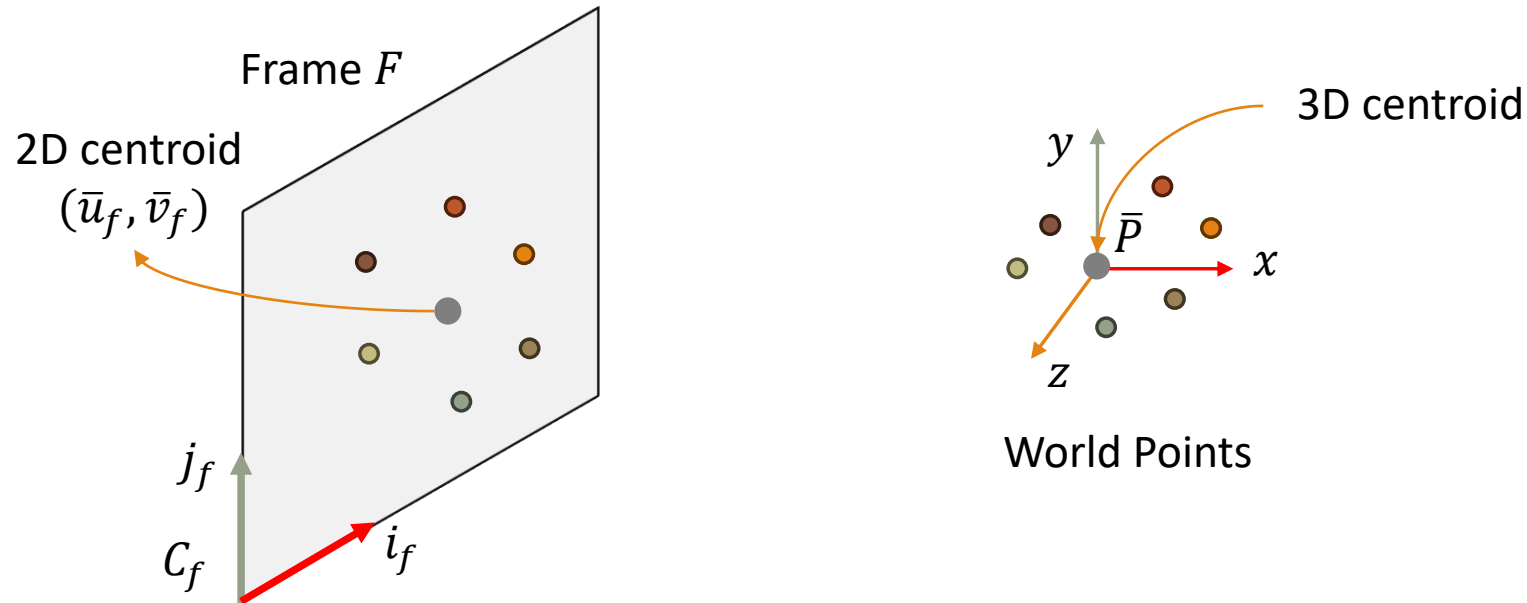
First, put the world's origin frame at the centroid of the scene's points:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N P_p = \bar{P} = 0$$

This means that the points to be found (P_p) will be expressed w.r.t. the centroid of the world.

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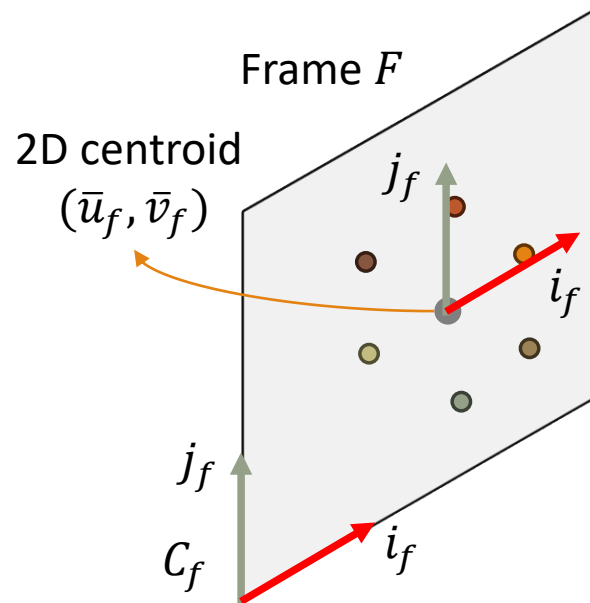


In accordance, the centroid (\bar{u}_f, \bar{v}_f) of the image points in frame f can be written as:

$$\bar{u}_f = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N u_{f,p} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N \mathbf{i}_f^T (P_p - C_f) = \cancel{\mathbf{i}_f^T \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N P_p} \overset{0}{=} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N \mathbf{i}_f^T C_f = - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{p=1}^N \mathbf{i}_f^T C_f = - \mathbf{i}_f^T C_f$$

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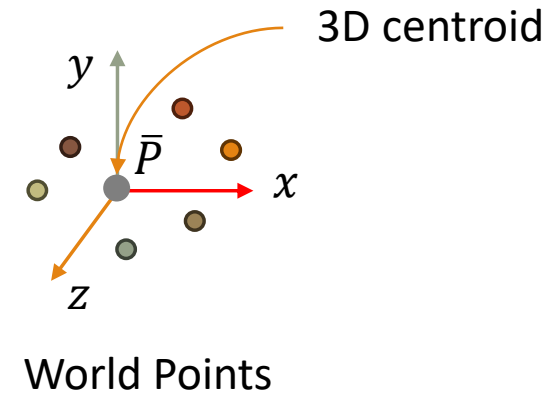
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The centroid (\bar{u}_f, \bar{v}_f) of the image points in frame f can be written as:

$$\bar{u}_f = -\mathbf{i}_f^T C_f$$

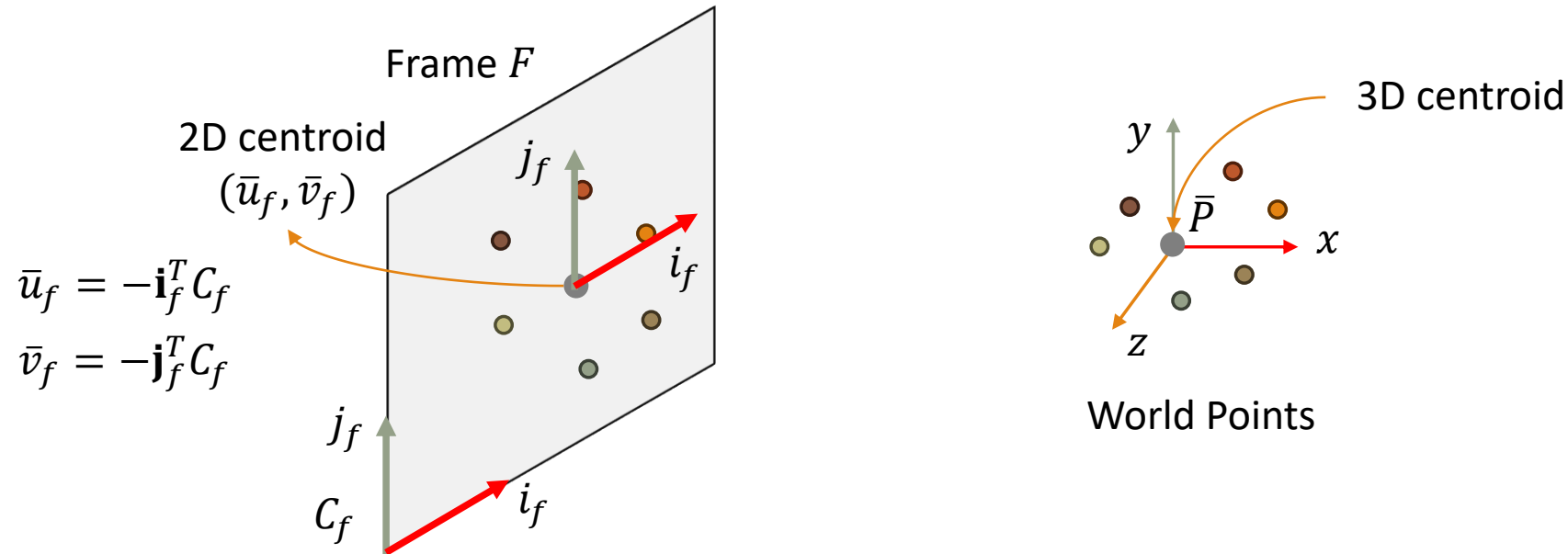
$$\bar{v}_f = -\mathbf{j}_f^T C_f$$



The trick is to express the 2D points' coordinates w.r.t. the 2D camera centroid.

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The 2D point's coordinates $(\tilde{u}_{f,p}, \tilde{v}_{f,p})$ w.r.t. the 2D camera centroid for each frame f :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_{f,p} &= u_{f,p} - \bar{u}_f = \mathbf{i}_f^T (P_p - C_f) - \bar{u}_f = \mathbf{i}_f^T (P_p - C_f) + \mathbf{i}_f^T C_f = \mathbf{i}_f^T P_p \\ \tilde{v}_{f,p} &= v_{f,p} - \bar{v}_f = \mathbf{j}_f^T (P_p - C_f) - \bar{v}_f = \mathbf{j}_f^T (P_p - C_f) + \mathbf{j}_f^T C_f = \mathbf{j}_f^T P_p \end{aligned} \right\} C_f \text{ removed}$$

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Structure from Motion – SfM: The early-days approach

Observation Matrix W

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Point 1} \quad \text{Point 2} \quad \dots \quad \text{Point } N \\
 \text{Image 1} \quad \tilde{u}_{1,1} \quad \tilde{u}_{1,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{u}_{1,N} \\
 \text{Image 2} \quad \tilde{u}_{2,1} \quad \tilde{u}_{2,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{u}_{2,N} \\
 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 \text{Image } F \quad \tilde{u}_{F,1} \quad \tilde{u}_{F,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{u}_{F,N} \\
 \text{Image 1} \quad \tilde{v}_{1,1} \quad \tilde{v}_{1,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{v}_{1,N} \\
 \text{Image 2} \quad \tilde{v}_{2,1} \quad \tilde{v}_{2,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{v}_{2,N} \\
 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 \text{Image } F \quad \tilde{v}_{F,1} \quad \tilde{v}_{F,2} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{v}_{F,N}
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathbf{i}_1^T \\
 \mathbf{i}_2^T \\
 \vdots \\
 \mathbf{i}_F^T \\
 \mathbf{j}_1^T \\
 \mathbf{j}_2^T \\
 \vdots \\
 \mathbf{j}_F^T
 \end{array}
 \cdot
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Point 1} \quad \text{Point 2} \quad \dots \quad \text{Point } N \\
 [P_1 \quad P_2 \quad \dots \quad P_N] \\
 S_{3 \times N}
 \end{array}$$

$W_{2F \times N}$
 $M_{2F \times 3}$

$$\tilde{u}_{f,p} = \mathbf{i}_f^T P_p$$

$$\tilde{v}_{f,p} = \mathbf{j}_f^T P_p$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}_{f,p} \\ \tilde{v}_{f,p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}_f^T \\ \mathbf{j}_f^T \end{bmatrix} P_p$$

$W_{2F \times N}$: Observation Matrix (known)

$M_{2F \times 3}$: Camera Motion (unknown)

$S_{3 \times N}$: Scene Structure (unknown)

SfM: Find M and S from W

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$$W_{2F \times N} = M_{2F \times 3} \cdot S_{3 \times N}$$

How can we solve for M and S ?

Answer: Exploit matrix Rank and Singular Value Decomposition

$W_{2F \times N}$: Observation Matrix

$M_{2F \times 3}$: Camera Motion

$S_{3 \times N}$: Scene Structure

Matrix Rank and its properties:

Column Rank: The number of linearly independent columns of the matrix $\rightarrow \text{ColumnRank}(A_{m \times n}) \leq n$

Row Rank: The number of linearly independent rows of the matrix $\rightarrow \text{RowRank}(A_{m \times n}) \leq m$

Examples

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 10 \\ 4 & 5 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3^c = 2A_1^c + A_2^c$$

$$\text{ColumnRank}(A) = 2$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{ColumnRank}(B) = 3$$

Full Rank

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$$\text{ColumnRank}(A_{m \times n}) = \text{RowRank}(A_{m \times n}) = \text{Rank}(A_{m \times n})$$
$$\text{Rank}(A_{m \times n}) \leq \min(m, n)$$

- $\text{Rank}(A^T) = \text{Rank}(A)$

- $\text{Rank}(A_{m \times n} B_{n \times p}) =$
 $= \min(\text{Rank}(A_{m \times n}), \text{Rank}(B_{n \times p}))$
 $\leq \min(m, n, p)$

- $\text{Rank}(B_{m \times m} A_{m \times n}) = \text{Rank}(A_{m \times n}),$
if B is full-Rank

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Let's apply these Rank properties in our case:

$$\text{Rank}(W) = \text{Rank}(MS) \leq \min(3, N, 2F)$$

$$\text{Rank}(W) \leq 3$$

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One more step: Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

For any matrix M , there exists a factorization:

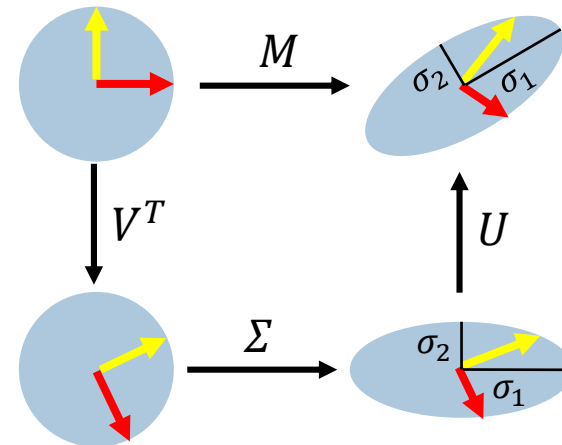
$$M_{m \times n} = U_{m \times m} \cdot \Sigma_{m \times n} \cdot V_{n \times n}^T$$

where U and V^T are orthonormal and Σ is diagonal.

$$\Sigma_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_n \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$: Singular Values

- Non-negative
- Descending order of importance (highest \rightarrow lowest)



$$\text{Rank}(W) \leq 3$$

If $\text{Rank}(M) = r$, then Σ has r non-zero singular values

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$$W_{2F \times N} = M_{2F \times 3} \cdot S_{3 \times N}$$

Using SVD: $W = U \cdot \Sigma \cdot V^T$

$$W = \left[\begin{array}{c} U \\ \Sigma \\ V^T \end{array} \right]$$

$2F \times 2F$ $2F \times N$ $N \times N$

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Where $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_N$ are the singular values of W .

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$$W = \left[\begin{array}{c} U \\ \Sigma \\ V^T \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cccccc} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_4 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_N \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} V^T \end{array} \right]$$

$2F \times 2F \qquad \qquad \qquad 2F \times N \qquad \qquad \qquad N \times N$

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$$\text{Rank}(W) \leq 3 \Rightarrow \text{Rank}(\Sigma) \leq 3$$

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$$W = \begin{bmatrix} & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} U \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{0} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} V^T \end{matrix}$$

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Yet, there is noise

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$$W_{2F \times N} = M_{2F \times 3} \cdot S_{3 \times N}$$

Using SVD: $W = U \cdot \Sigma \cdot V^T$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & \cancel{U_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{0} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^T \\ \cancel{V_2^T} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} 3 & 2F-3 \\ 2F \times 2F & 2F \times N & N \times N \end{matrix}$

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$$W = U_1 \cdot \Sigma_1 \cdot V_1^T$$

$(2F \times N) \quad (2F \times 3)(3 \times 3)(3 \times N)$

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$$W = U_1 \cdot \Sigma_1 \cdot V_1^T \Rightarrow$$

$$W = \underbrace{U_1 \cdot \Sigma_1^{1/2}}_{2F \times 3} \cdot \underbrace{\Sigma_1^{1/2} \cdot V_1^T}_{3 \times N}$$

Is this M ? Is this S ?

Not necessarily! Factorization is not unique.

$$W = \underbrace{U_1 \cdot \Sigma_1^{1/2} \cdot Q}_{2F \times 3} \cdot \underbrace{Q^{-1} \cdot \Sigma_1^{1/2} \cdot V_1^T}_{3 \times N} \text{ is also valid.}$$

$= M$ $= S$

We need to find $Q_{3 \times 3}$ and we are finally done.

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Exploit the structure of motion matrix M :

$$\begin{array}{c}
 M = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}_1^T \\ \mathbf{i}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{i}_F^T \\ \mathbf{j}_1^T \\ \mathbf{j}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{j}_F^T \end{bmatrix} \\
 2F \times 3 \\
 2F \times 3
 \end{array}
 = \underbrace{U_1 \Sigma_1^{1/2}}_{\substack{\text{Computed} \\ 2F \times 3}} Q = \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}}_1^T \\ \hat{\mathbf{i}}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{i}}_F^T \\ \hat{\mathbf{j}}_1^T \\ \hat{\mathbf{j}}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{j}}_F^T \end{bmatrix} \\
 \text{Computed} \\
 2F \times 3
 \end{array} Q = \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}}_1^T Q \\ \hat{\mathbf{i}}_2^T Q \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{i}}_F^T Q \\ \hat{\mathbf{j}}_1^T Q \\ \hat{\mathbf{j}}_2^T Q \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{j}}_F^T Q \end{bmatrix} \\
 2F \times 3
 \end{array}$$

Orthonormality Constrains:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{i}_f \cdot \mathbf{i}_f &= \mathbf{i}_f^T \mathbf{i}_f = 1 \\
 \mathbf{j}_f \cdot \mathbf{j}_f &= \mathbf{j}_f^T \mathbf{j}_f = 1 \\
 \mathbf{i}_f \cdot \mathbf{j}_f &= \mathbf{i}_f^T \mathbf{j}_f = 0
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\mathbf{i}}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{\mathbf{i}}_f &= 1 \\
 \hat{\mathbf{j}}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{\mathbf{j}}_f &= 1 \\
 \hat{\mathbf{i}}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{\mathbf{j}}_f &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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$W_{2F \times N}$: Observation Matrix
 $M_{2F \times 3}$: Camera Motion
 $S_{3 \times N}$: Scene Structure

We have computed $(\hat{\mathbf{i}}_f^T, \hat{\mathbf{j}}_f)$ for frame $f = 1, \dots, F$:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{i}}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{\mathbf{i}}_f &= 1 \\ \hat{\mathbf{j}}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{\mathbf{j}}_f &= 1 \\ \hat{\mathbf{i}}_f^T Q Q^T \hat{\mathbf{j}}_f &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} Q \text{ is unknown.}$$

- Q is a 3×3 matrix with 9 variables
- We have $3F$ equations that involve Q
- As long as we have 3 or more frames ($F \geq 3$) this can be solved (e.g., with Newton's method)

Final solution:

$$\begin{aligned} M &= U_1 \cdot \Sigma_1^{1/2} \cdot Q \\ S &= Q^{-1} \cdot \Sigma_1^{1/2} \cdot V_1^T \end{aligned}$$

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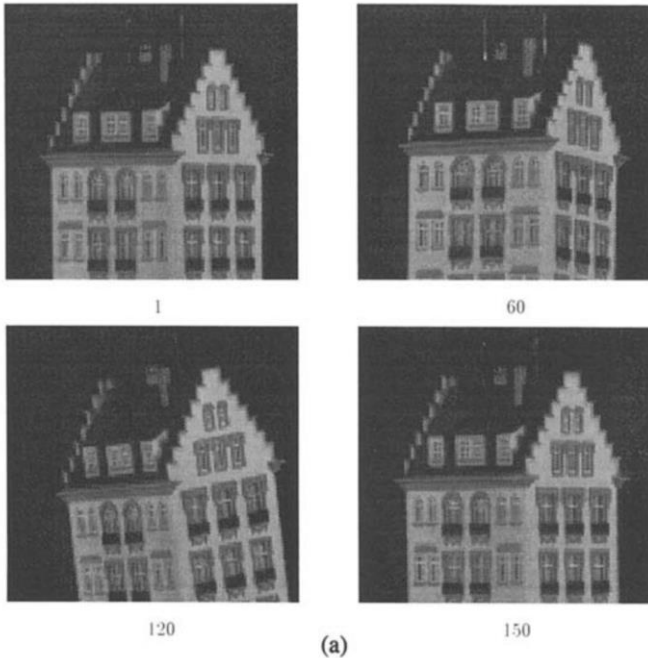


Fig. 2a. The "Hotel" stream: four of the 150 frames.

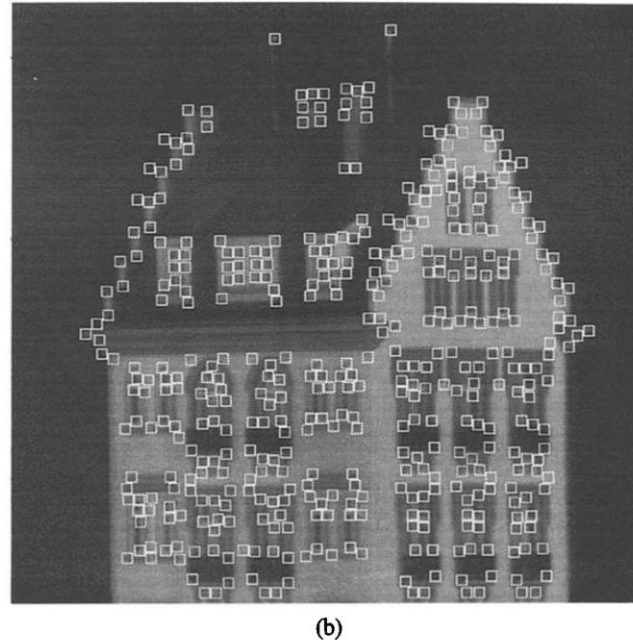


Fig. 2b. The "Hotel" stream: the 430 features selected by the automatic detection method

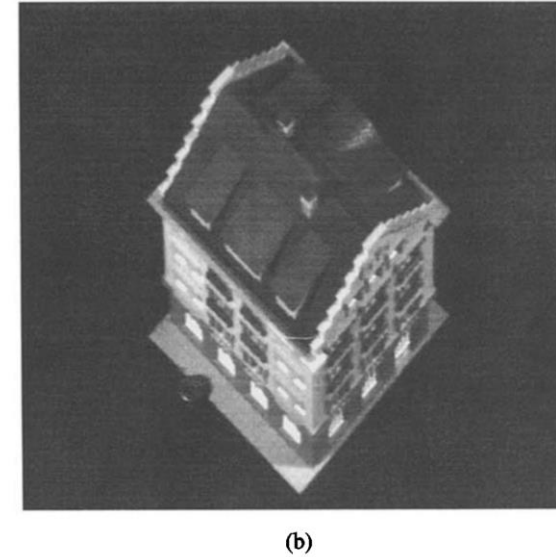
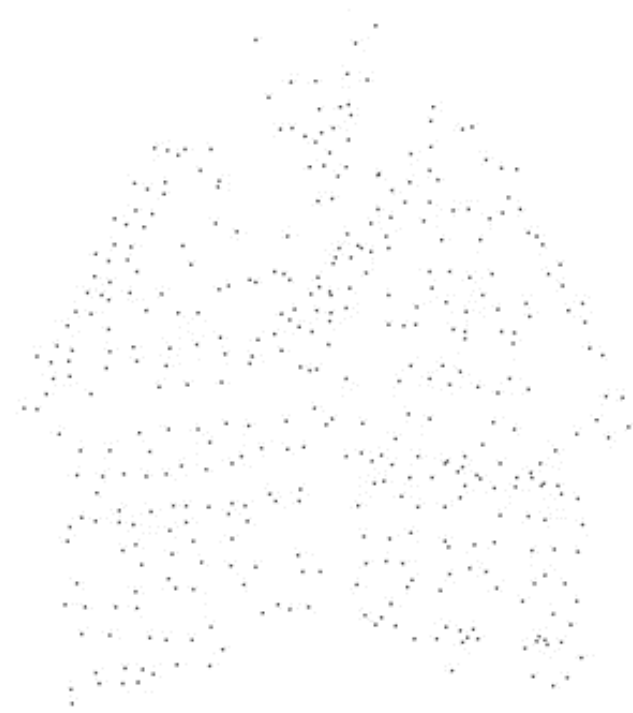


Fig. 4. Qualitative shape results for the "Hotel" stream: top view of the (a) computed and (b) actual shape.

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Now, what's the issue with that? Why not to use such approaches in robotics applications?

- We cannot wait for all the frames to be captured
- Even then, we cannot expect to process all these frames in real-time