Introduction to Light Field Analysis Part II: Non-Lambertian light fields and 3D reconstruction

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A 2D horizontal cut (green) is called an epipolar plane image (EPI)

Depth estimation on an epipolar plane image (EPI)





Epipolar plane image (EPI)

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Orientation estimate (structure tensor)

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Depth estimate (slope of orientation)

Dense depth via orientation estimation





light field center view

estimated depth map (denoised)

[Wanner and Goldluecke CVPR 2012, CVPR 2013, VMV 2013, TPAMI 2014]



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stereo reconstruction



epipolar plane image closeup







stereo reconstruction



Second order structure tensor:

$$\mathcal{M} = G_{\tau} * \begin{bmatrix} l_{xx}^2 & l_{xx} l_{xy} & l_{xx} l_{yy} \\ l_{xy} l_{xx} & l_{xy}^2 & l_{xy} l_{yy} \\ l_{yy} l_{xx} & l_{yy} l_{xy} & l_{yy}^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and $e_1(\mathcal{M})$ encodes the two dominant overlaid orientations.





stereo reconstruction



epipolar plane image closeup



mirror plane depth







stereo reconstruction



epipolar plane image closeup



reflection depth



Works great on carefully recorded data ...





light field center view



stereo reconstruction



primary surface depth



transmission depth

Sadly, not good enough for plenoptic cameras





fails due to noise, too large disparity range ...

More robust layered depth reconstruction

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The coding coefficients α should be related to the depth layers.

Interpretation of the sparse codes





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Classes of aggregated sparse codes



















Light field decomposition



Generative model: generates EPI from center view





Depth-dependent linear relation between center view and EPI:

 $f = G(d_u) u,$

where

- d_u center view depth (at gray pixels),
- $G(d_u)$ depth-dependent linear transformation,
 - f generated complete EPI.



Two-layer EPI synthesis model





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Leads to data fitting cost function

$$D_{EPI}(u, v) = \|G_{d_u}u + G_{d_v}v - f\|_2^2$$

for each individual EPI.



Dataterm: sum over all horizontal and vertical EPIs

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Total energy:

$$E(u,v) = D(u,v) + \lambda J(u,v)$$

minimize e.g. with primal-dual method [Chambolle and Pock 2010]. [Johannsen, Sulc, Goldluecke VMV 2015]




Specularity removal



Can we get rid of the specular reflections?



Light field is composed of a sparse set of diffuse albedos and a specular color, color in each ray a sparse linear combination

$$L(\mathbf{r}) = \alpha_1(\mathbf{r})C_1 + \cdots + \alpha_k(\mathbf{r})C_k + \sigma(\mathbf{r})S$$

Optimize for dictionary D of colors and the coefficients in

$$E(D, \alpha, s) = \left\| L - D \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \sigma \end{bmatrix} \right\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \left\| \alpha \right\|_{1} + J(\alpha) + J(\sigma).$$

For single view, this was proposed by [Akashi et al. 2014].

The regularization of the diffuse coefficients must follow disparity as before. The specular component, however, stays constant along the **specular flow** *w*, which relates motion of speular highlights to camera motion [*Blake et al. 1991, Adato et al. 2007*].

Regularization on ray space



- Complete problem is 4D too large to handle all at once.
- Regularizer separated into independent 2D components on epipolar plane images in (y, t) and (x, s) coordinates, as well as pinhole views in (x, y) coordinates:

$$egin{aligned} J(oldsymbol{U}) &= \int J_{ ext{epi}}(oldsymbol{U}_{ ext{xs}}) \; ext{d}(ext{x}, ext{s}) \ &+ \int J_{ ext{epi}}(oldsymbol{U}_{ ext{yt}}) \; ext{d}(ext{y},t) \ &+ \int J_{ ext{view}}(oldsymbol{U}_{ ext{st}}) \; ext{d}(ext{s},t). \end{aligned}$$

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Regularization in the **direction of epipolar lines** given by the disparity field ρ :



Achieved by anisotropic total variation

$$J_{\text{epi}}(\boldsymbol{U}_{yt}) := \sum_{i=1}^{d} \int \sqrt{(\nabla U_{yt}^{i})^{T} D_{\rho} \nabla U_{yt}^{i}} \, \mathrm{d}(x, s),$$

tensor D_{ρ} encodes direction information.

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More efficient: epipolar volumes









Results





Specular component

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Intrinsic light field decomposition





direct shading

indirect shading

shading

Dichromatic Reflection model





 Input light field L can be additively separated into its diffuse and specular components D and S,

$$L = D + S$$

- Diffuse component and the disparity correspond to the same projections of the same 3D points and share the same pattern.
- Specular component follows the specular flow, which depends on the local surface geometry and view point change.









- After batch normalization, a first path leads through a (possibly strided) convolution layer and a leaky ReLU.
- A second path either keeps the input, or passes it through a strided **convolution** in case it needs to be resampled.
- Both paths are added together to produce the final output.







- crosshair-shaped subset of 17 views
- \blacksquare patch size $9\times48\times48$
- $\blacksquare \, \approx 160,000$ patches per light field





Additional synthetic data: generated based on Blender plugin provided with the benchmark.

- 171 scenes, 321 textures, 109 environmental maps³
- 36 pre-built scenes with objects from Chocofur¹ and The British Museum²
- Randomized position, amount of specularity, texture and color

Comparisons: disparity







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Comparisons: reflection separation





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Results: gantry datasets





Extension: recovering shading







https://github.com/cvia-kn/

Comparison: disparity





Comparison: decomposition





Comparison on two synthetic data sets generated with Blender. The light field size is $9 \times 9 \times 512 \times 512 \times 3$. We compare with the modeling approach for light fields [?] and single image CNN [?].







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- How to estimate pose for light field cameras?
- How to easily align light fields for panoramas?
 - sparse correspondence only
 - tailored to light field geometry
 - linear algorithm

 Input: light field from pre-calibrated plenoptic camera (i.e. raw image decoded into two-plane parametrization).

Lytro camera and microlens images







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... but evil non-linear distortions, out of scope of this tutorial. In practice: use Matlab calibration toolbox provided by Donald Dansereau,

http://dgd.vision/Tools/LFToolbox/

Reminder: SfM for conventional cameras





- Correspondence constraints $(\mathbf{x}')^T F \mathbf{x} = 0$ with **Fundamental Matrix** F
- Related to projections P, P', rotation R and translation t between views,

$$F = \left[-P'R^{T}t\right]_{\times}P'P^{+}.$$

 Allows to recover rotation and translation ("pose") if cameras are fully calibrated.

Light field geometry





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Intercept theorem (pinhole perspective projection):

$$\frac{x}{f} = \frac{(X-s)}{Z}, \qquad \frac{y}{f} = \frac{Y-t}{Z}.$$

The projection coordinates for two different subaperture views (s_1, t_1) , (s_2, t_2) satisfy

$$x_2 - x_1 = -rac{f}{Z}(s_2 - s_1), \qquad y_2 - y_1 = -rac{f}{Z}(t_2 - t_1).$$

Result: for a given depth (distance) Z of a scene point to the focal plane, there is a linear relationship between projection and view point coordinates. The "scale factor" $d = \frac{f}{Z}$ is called **disparity**.

What is the projection of a 3D point \boldsymbol{X} into a light field?

A 2D subspace in the 4D ray space, which can be parametrized in 5D homogenous light field coordinates as follows:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{f}{Z} & 0 & -\frac{fX}{Z} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{f}{Z} & -\frac{fY}{Z} \end{bmatrix}}_{=:M(\mathbf{X},f)} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ s \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

Note: these are just the projection equations of a pinhole camera located in (s, t).
Epipolar plane images (EPIs)





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 obtained e.g. from matching SIFT features across all subaperture images, absurd matches pre-eliminated (if e.g. disparity outside a sensible range).



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Turns out this is too simple and does not work very well.

Rays in Plücker coordinates





From two points x, y on the line: Displacement d = y - x, momentum $m = x \times y$. Pair [d; m] is an invariant for the line (up to scale). Displacement denoted with **q** on followup slides.



■ Consider two rays **r** = [**q**; **m**] and **r**' = [**q**'; **m**'] which intersect in a common point.

Generalized epipolar constraint:

$$\boldsymbol{q}'^{T} \boldsymbol{E} \boldsymbol{q} + \boldsymbol{q}'^{T} \boldsymbol{R} \boldsymbol{m} + \boldsymbol{m}'^{T} \boldsymbol{R} \boldsymbol{q} = 0.$$

where $E = [t]_{\times} R$ is the essential matrix, and the camera coordinate systems are related by a rotation R and translation t according to

$$\boldsymbol{X}' = R\boldsymbol{X} + t.$$

- Allows to recover pose from corresponding pairs of rays.
- Note number of equations: $n \cdot m$ per light field correspondence.

Linear correspondence constraints in light fields?

Observation I: projection from Plücker ray coordinates into homogenous light field coordinates is projective-linear:

$$q'_{3} \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ s' \\ t' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ E & R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{m} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Observation II: Each ray in a correspondence must lie in the subspace of the correspondence when transformed into the respective other light field.





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Abbreviate with M_1 the first three and with M_2 the second three columns of the 2 × 6 matrix M'P(f),

$$M_1R\boldsymbol{q} + M_2R\boldsymbol{m} + M_1E\boldsymbol{q} = 0.$$

Same form as GEC, same algorithm to compute solution. Note: only 2(n + m) equations per correspondence instead of $n \cdot m$.



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Linear estimate for t follows from substituting solution for R into above equation.



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In practice, not necessary if solving for R first instead of E.



Can be done by brute force search, just look for f which minimizes residual in the linear system - not elegant, but works. Full non-linear bundle adjustment as a second step of course possible as well.

Light field camera pose: comparison



	Correspondences	10 matches, 10 projections per point					20 matches, 10 projections per point					10 matches, 20 projections per point				
	Noise level σ_{uv}	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
Angular rot. error [deg]	linear methods															
	3DPC	1.82	5.19	8.93	11.56	16.18	1.33	3.42	6.77	8.38	10.24	1.15	4.35	6.43	9.14	14.12
	R2R-O R2R-I	2.04 0.88	11.17 1.91	15.37 3.51	37.48 4.55	43.32 5.19	0.72 0.40	2.19 0.92	3.48 2.13	3.76 2.76	6.41 4.01	1.87 0.55	3.01 1.40	17.56 2.64	39.66 4.20	40.02 5.98
	Proposed	0.65	1.19	1.80	2.28	3.15	0.27	0.52	0.83	1.11	1.49	0.40	0.81	1.27	1.77	2.39
	with refinement															
	R2R-O-R20 R2R-I-R20	1.00 1.00	2.05 2.18	3.71 3.83	4.53 4.73	18.40 5.21	0.43 0.43	0.90 0.91	2.31 2.32	2.94 2.95	4.10 4.11	0.62 0.64	1.45 1.50	9.27 2.74	7.86 4.45	9.33 6.08
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Relative transl. error [%]	linear methods															
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	R2R-O	0.20	1.15	1.06	4.18	2.01	0.05	0.43	0.30	0.36	0.45	1.68	0.27	1.43	0.98	0.79
	R2R-I	0.04	0.12	0.23	0.46	0.52	0.02	0.09	0.14	0.25	0.36	0.12	0.11	0.27	0.24	0.33
	Proposed	0.03	0.07	0.15	0.25	0.24	0.01	0.05	0.07	0.11	0.14	0.13	0.06	0.16	0.10	0.12
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Accuracy of the different methods both before and after non-linear refinement. Different numbers of correspondences N, projections per correspondence K, and levels of noise σ_{uv} on the (u, v)-coordinates are compared. Error metrics are the angular deviation from the ground truth in degrees for the estimated rotation, as well as the relative translation error measured as a percentage of the length of the ground truth translation vector. Noise standard deviation is given in units of pixels on the subaperture images. In all cases, the most accurate method (highlighted in bold) is the one proposed in this paper.

Accuracy over number of corresponding rays





The graphs show how the angular error in rotation depends on the number of matches (left) and the number of rays per match (right). Compared are the four linear methods in table ??: 3DPC [?] (red) and R2R-O [?] (cyan), R2R-I with our proposed numerical improvements (blue), and finally the novel proposed method for 4D light fields (green). Top row: small amount of noise ($\sigma = 0.2$), bottom: large amount of noise ($\sigma = 1.0$).

Living panoramas





Living panoramas





3D point cloud







• Simple linear method to estimate pose for light fields in the two-plane parametrization.

More accurate than all previous methods, reduced number of equations compared to framework of generalized cameras.

 Allows simple construction of refocusable light field panoramas, but there's work left to do for high quality.

Putting it all together - full scene reconstruction

What do these images tell you about the scene?





The light field: densely sampled view points





What if each of these views is actually a light field?





Let's go back to our challenge dataset





Light field alignment and bundle adjustment









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Two-layered depth map estimation







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Depth second layer


ground truth





reconstruction





Summary

Sparse light field coding for multi-layer depth

[Johannsen, Sulc, Goldluecke CVPR 2016, GCPR 2016]





Multi-layered 3D scene reconstruction

[Johannsen, Sulc, Marniok, Goldluecke ICCV 2015, ACCV 2016],

Light field decomposition and intrinsic light fields

[Johannsen, Sulc, Goldluecke VMV 2015, 2016 Alperovich and Goldluecke ACCV 2016, EMMCVPR 2017, Alperovich, Johannsen, Strecke, Goldluecke CVPR 2018]

