

## METR 4202 -- Advanced Controls & Robotics

Individual Quiz

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This quiz consists of **Multiple Choice**, **Short Answer**, and **Worked Problems**. Please Answer **All** Questions below on the quiz paper. Answers **must be neat and clear**. All answers (except for multiple choice) must **provide a brief** justification.

You may use the back of each sheet as scratch paper if needed. Each question is worth **10 points**. The total quiz is worth **100 points**.

Please clearly mark your final answer

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1. Consider a general 2D transformation (e.g., for images) where  $\mathbf{x}'$  is a point in the second image and  $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$  is a point in the first image.
  - a. If we assume the transformation is **rigid (Euclidean)**, how many point correspondences (i.e.,  $\mathbf{x}'$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$  together) are needed to recover the transformation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. If we assume the transformation is a **similarity transformation**, how many point correspondences (i.e.,  $\mathbf{x}'$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$  together) are needed to recover the transformation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. If we assume the transformation is an **affine transformation**, how many point correspondences (i.e.,  $\mathbf{x}'$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$  together) are needed to recover the transformation?

2. What are the differences between the joint space, workspace and operation space? (explain fundamentally, not just their [definitions](#)).

3. What does the Null-space of the Jacobian inform or imply for a serial robot?

4. What is a distinguishing feature of SfM's operation, in particular over SLAM? (explain fundamentally, not just the acronyms).

5. Consider two 2D homogenous points  $\mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2$ . For parts (a), (b) and (c), what is the equation of the line between them?

a. Two non-collinear points If  $\mathbf{P}_1 = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c})$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2 = (\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f})$

b. If  $\mathbf{P}_1 = (3, 2, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2 = (2.5, 2, 1)$

c. If  $\mathbf{P}_1 = (4, 2, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2 = (0, 2, 1)$

d. Are the lines found in part (b) and (c) parallel to each other? Briefly, why?

6. Consider the camera calibration process with a *planar* calibration object (e.g., a planar checkerboard). The object possesses  $M$  distinct features. The camera takes  $K$  images.

You may assume an undistorted camera with following following characteristics:

- Zero skew (orthogonal pixel arrangement)
  - Unity aspect ratio (square pixels)
  - Known image center (at  $\frac{1}{2}$  of image height and width)
- a. Given these assumptions, what unknown parameters are there to calibrate?  
(hint: what intrinsic parameters need to be recovered? And, what extrinsic parameters need to be recovered for each image?)
- b. For the  $K$  images, each of  $M$  features, how many constraints are given?
- c. For the  $K$  images, each of  $M$  features, how many parameters need to be calibrated?
- d. For  $M = 4$ , what is the minimum number of images needed to determine the calibration?

7. Please state if the following statements are generally **TRUE (T)** or **FALSE (F)**
- a. The inverse of a rotation matrix is always its transpose. **T | F**
  - b. The inverse of a transformation matrix is its transpose. **T | F**
  - c. Homogeneous transforms are linear operations. **T | F**
  - d. In DH one of the four parameters ( $a$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $d$ ,  $\theta$ ) must be 0. **T | F**
  - e. The inverse kinematics of a 6R arm is closed form with 16 solutions. **T | F**
  - f. Straight lines remain straight under a perspective transformation. **T | F**
  - g. For a manipulator, the torque needed is a function of the pose. **T | F**
  - h. RGB colour spaces are invariant to changes in illumination. **T | F**
  - i. Local perspective transformations are approximately affine transformations. **T | F**
  - j. The fundamental matrix is invertible. **T | F**

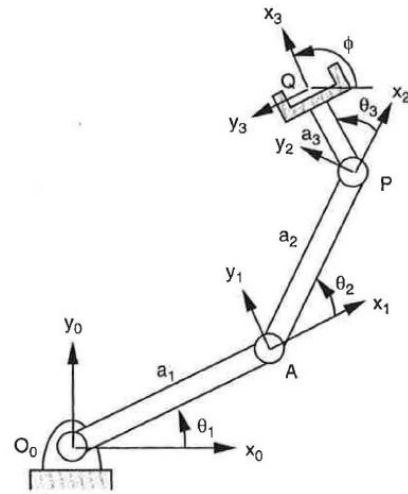
8. What small changes in properties is SIFT invariant to?
- a. Rotation
  - b. Illumination
  - c. Affine
  - d. (a) and (b)
  - e. (a) and (b) and (c)

9. For a general coordinate transformation between four frames  $\{A\}$ ,  $\{B\}$ ,  $\{C\}$ , and  $\{D\}$ . What is the overall transformation matrix  ${}^A_D T$  between  $\{A\}$  and  $\{D\}$  as a function of the **individual** Rotations  $[{}^i_{i+1} R, \text{eg } {}^a_b R]$  and Positions  $[{}^i_{i+1} P, \text{eg } {}^a_b P]$ .

10. Consider the planar manipulator shown at right

Assume the following properties:

- $a_1 = 42$  cm
- $a_2 = 32$  cm
- $a_3 = 15$  cm
- $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  may take a value from 0 to  $360^\circ$



a. Provide two classes of pose where the arm will be at a singularity

b. What value of joint angles will get the tip to the position  $[0, 89]$  cm?

c. What value of joint angles will get the tip to the position  $[21.4, 53]$  cm with an orientation of 180 degrees (in Frame  $\{0\}$ )?