

# Pose Tracking II



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# WARNING

- this class will be dense!
- will learn how to use nonlinear optimization (Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm) for pose estimation
- why ???
  - more accurate than homography method
  - can dial in lens distortion estimation, and estimation of intrinsic parameters (beyond this lecture, see lecture notes)
  - LM is very common in 3D computer vision → camera-based tracking

# Pose Estimation - Overview

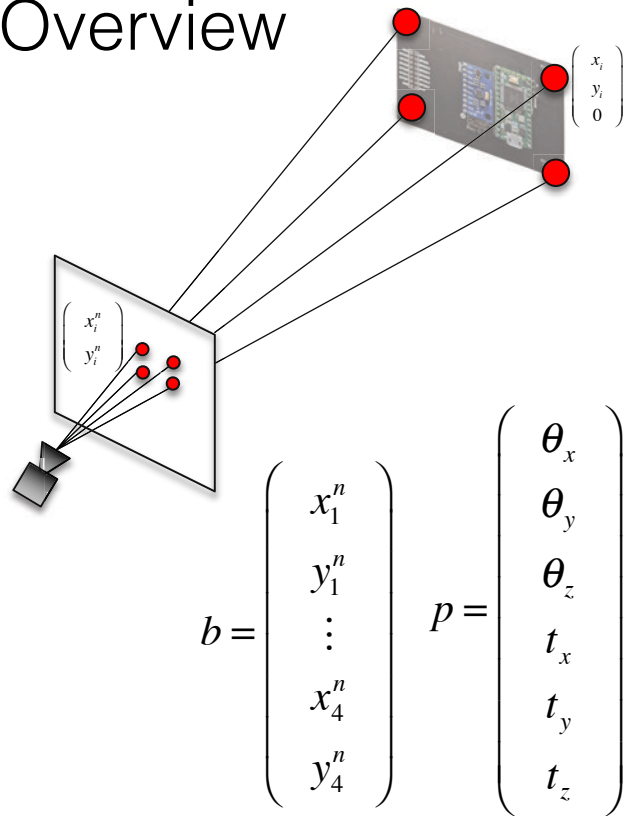
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# Overview

- review: gradients, Jacobian matrix, chain rule, iterative optimization
- nonlinear optimization: Gauss-Newton, Levenberg-Marquardt
- pose estimation using LM
- pose estimation with VRduino using nonlinear optimization

Review

# Review: Gradients

- gradient of a function that depends on multiple variables:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

$$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

# Review: The Jacobian Matrix

- gradient of a vector-valued function that depends on multiple variables:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x) = J_f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f : \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^m, \quad J_f \in \mathfrak{R}^{m \times n}$$

# Review: The Chain Rule

- here's how you've probably been using it so far:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(g(x)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}$$

- this rule applies when  $f : \mathfrak{K} \rightarrow \mathfrak{K}$   
 $g : \mathfrak{K} \rightarrow \mathfrak{K}$



# Review: The Chain Rule

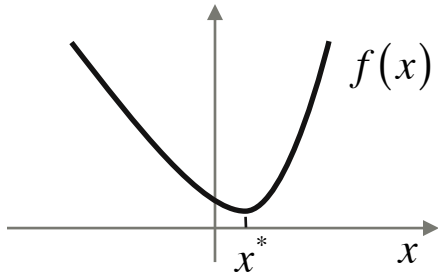
- here's how it is applied in general:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(g(x)) = J_f \cdot J_g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial g_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial g_o} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial g_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial g_o} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial g_o}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_o}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f : \mathfrak{R}^o \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^m, \quad g : \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^o, \quad J_f \in \mathfrak{R}^{m \times o}, \quad J_g \in \mathfrak{R}^{o \times n}$$

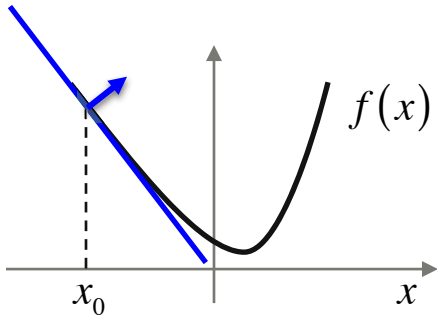
# Review: Minimizing a Function

- goal: find point  $x^*$  that minimizes a nonlinear function  $f(x)$



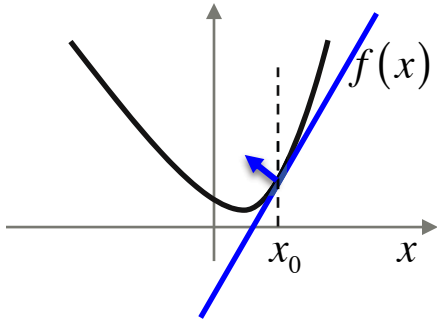
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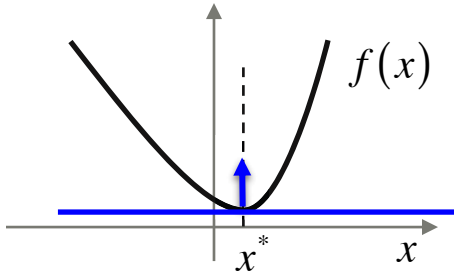
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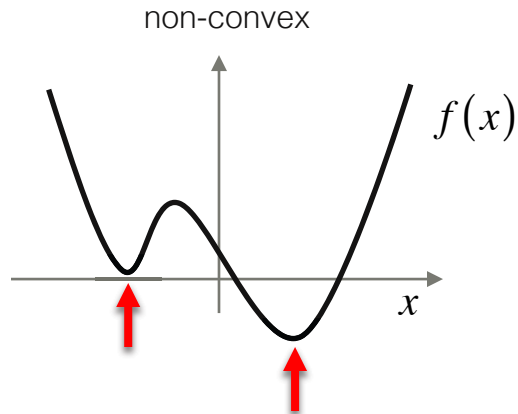
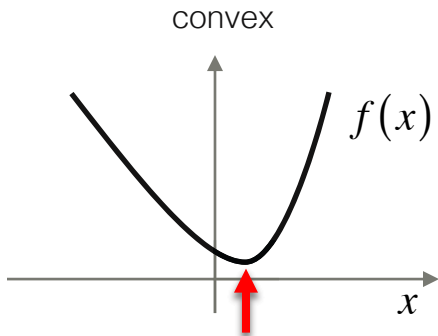
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# Review: Optimization

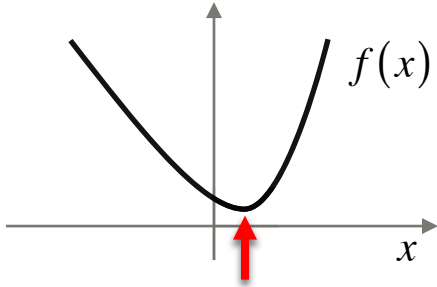
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- convex optimization: there is only a single *global* minimum
- non-convex optimization: multiple *local* minima

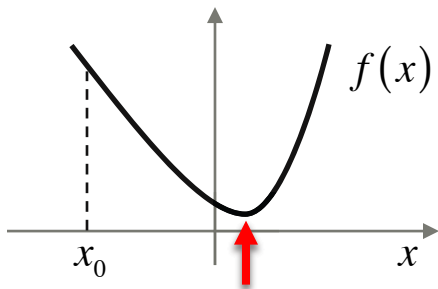
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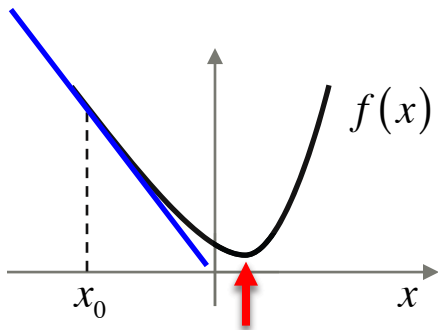


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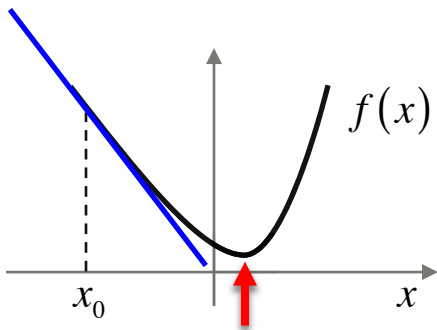
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2. update guess by linearizing function and minimizing that

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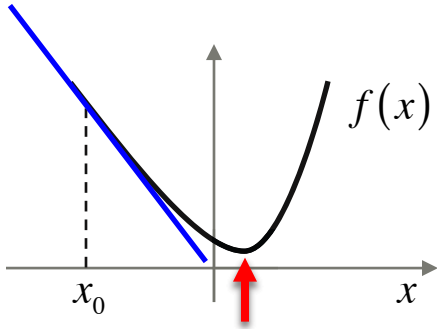
- how to linearize a function? → using Taylor expansion!



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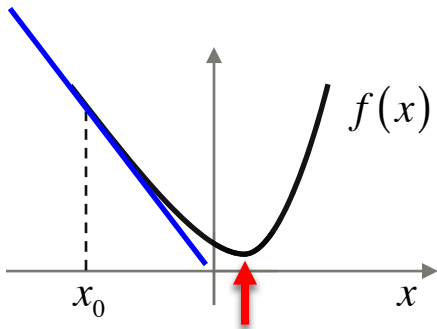


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equate gradient to zero:

$$0 = J_f^T J_f \Delta x - J_f^T (b - f(x))$$

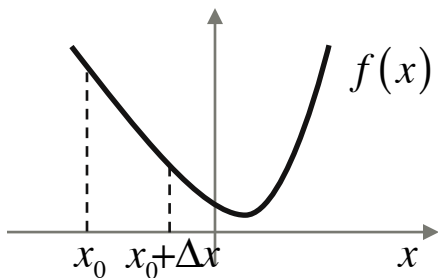


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normal equations

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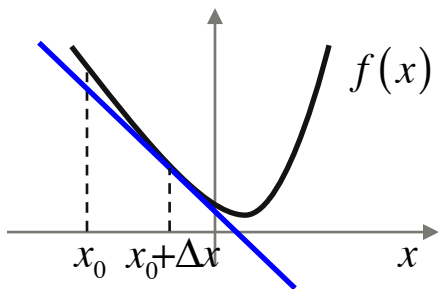
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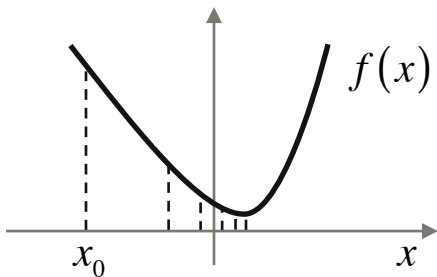
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# Review: Optimization – Gauss-Newton

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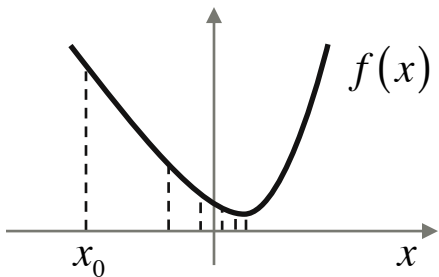


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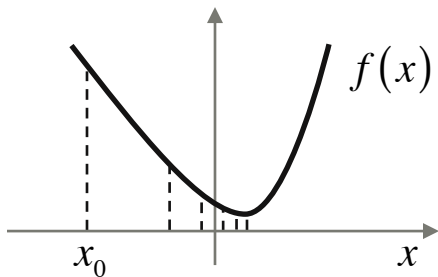
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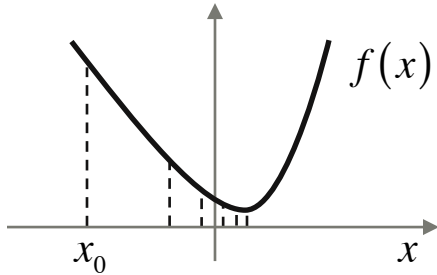
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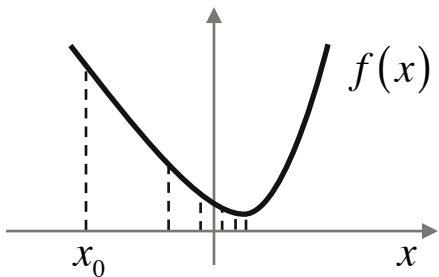
- matrix  $J^T J$  can be ill-conditioned (i.e. not invertible)
- add a diagonal matrix to make invertible – acts as damping



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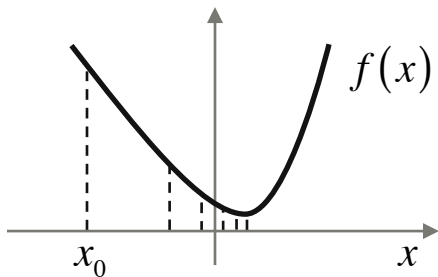
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Pose Estimation via Levenberg-Marquardt

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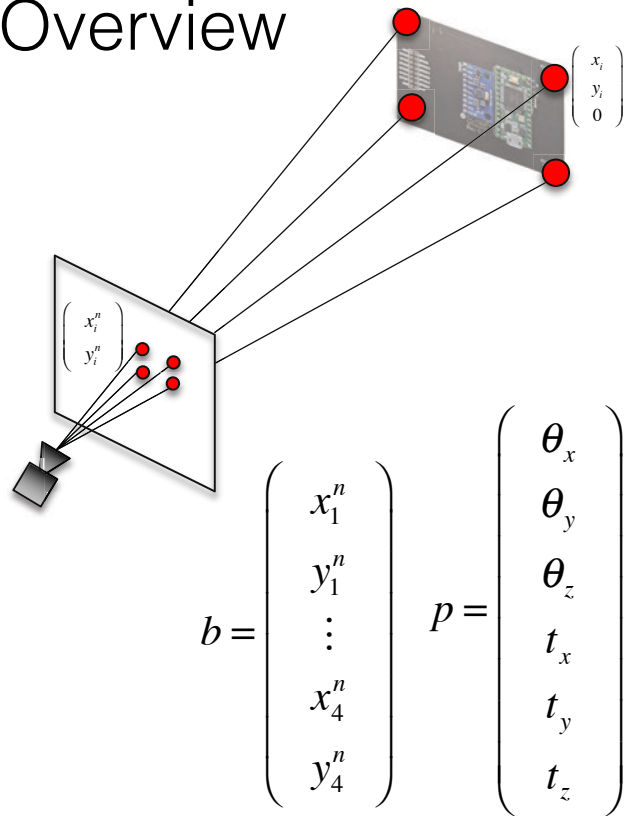
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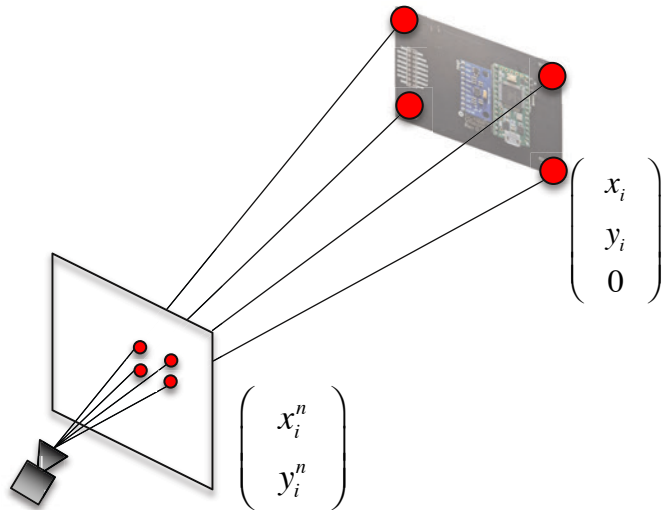
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- objective function is sum of squares of reprojection error

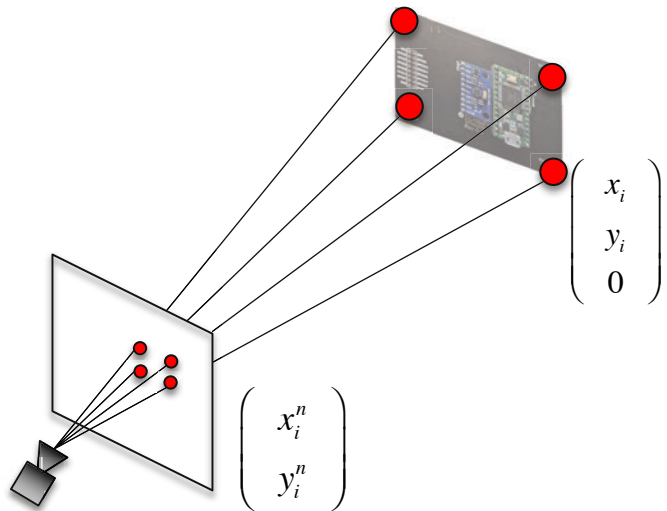


$$\left\| b - f(g(p)) \right\|_2^2 = (x_1^n - f_1(g(p)))^2 + (y_1^n - f_2(g(p)))^2 + \dots + (x_4^n - f_7(g(p)))^2 + (y_4^n - f_8(g(p)))^2$$

# Image Formation

1. transform 3D point into view space:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_i^c \\ y_i^c \\ w_i^c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & t_z \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & h_3 \\ h_4 & h_5 & h_6 \\ h_7 & h_8 & h_9 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



2. perspective divide:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_i^n \\ y_i^n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x_i^c}{w_i^c} \\ \frac{y_i^c}{w_i^c} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Image Formation: $g(p)$ and $f(h)$

- split up image formation into two functions

$$f(h) = f(g(p))$$

$$g : \mathfrak{R}^6 \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^9, \quad f : \mathfrak{R}^9 \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^8$$

# Image Formation: $f(h)$

- $f(h)$  uses elements of homography matrix  $h$  to compute projected 2D coordinates as

$$f(h) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(h) \\ f_2(h) \\ \vdots \\ f_7(h) \\ f_8(h) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^n \\ y_1^n \\ \vdots \\ x_4^n \\ y_4^n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{h_1x_1 + h_2y_1 + h_3}{h_7x_1 + h_8y_1 + h_9} \\ \frac{h_4x_1 + h_5y_1 + h_6}{h_7x_1 + h_8y_1 + h_9} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{h_1x_4 + h_2y_4 + h_3}{h_7x_4 + h_8y_4 + h_9} \\ \frac{h_4x_4 + h_5y_4 + h_6}{h_7x_4 + h_8y_4 + h_9} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Jacobian Matrix of $f(h)$

$$J_f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_9} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_8}{\partial h_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_8}{\partial h_9} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_1(h) = \frac{h_1 x_1 + h_2 y_1 + h_3}{h_7 x_1 + h_8 y_1 + h_9}$$

- first row of Jacobian matrix



$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_1} = \frac{x_1}{h_7 x_1 + h_8 y_1 + h_9}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_2} = \frac{y_1}{h_7 x_1 + h_8 y_1 + h_9}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_3} = \frac{1}{h_7 x_1 + h_8 y_1 + h_9}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_4} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_5} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_6} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_7} = - \left( \frac{h_1 x_1 + h_2 y_1 + h_3}{(h_7 x_1 + h_8 y_1 + h_9)^2} \right) x_1$$

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definition of homography matrix:

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rotation matrix from Euler angles:

$$R = R_z(\theta_z) \cdot R_x(\theta_x) \cdot R_y(\theta_y)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_z) & -\sin(\theta_z) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta_z) & \cos(\theta_z) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta_x) & -\sin(\theta_x) \\ 0 & \sin(\theta_x) & \cos(\theta_x) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_y) & 0 & \sin(\theta_y) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta_y) & 0 & \cos(\theta_y) \end{pmatrix}$$

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- write as

$$h_1 = g_1(p) = \cos(\theta_y)\cos(\theta_z) - \sin(\theta_x)\sin(\theta_y)\sin(\theta_z)$$

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$$h_6 = g_6(p) = t_y$$

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$$h_9 = g_9(p) = -t_z$$

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$$\frac{\partial g_1}{\partial p_2} = -\sin(\theta_y)\cos(\theta_z) - \sin(\theta_x)\cos(\theta_y)\sin(\theta_z)$$

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# Jacobian Matrices of $f$ and $g$

- to get the Jacobian of  $f(g(p))$ , compute the two Jacobian matrices and multiply them

$$J = J_f \cdot J_g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_9} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_8}{\partial h_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_8}{\partial h_9} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial p_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial p_6} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial g_9}{\partial p_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_9}{\partial p_6} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Pose Tracking with LM

- LM then iteratively updates pose as


$$p^{(k+1)} = p^{(k)} + \left( J^T J + \lambda \text{diag}(J^T J) \right)^{-1} J^T \left( b - f \left( g \left( p^{(k)} \right) \right) \right)$$

- pseudo-code
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  - `f = eval_objective(p)`
  - `J = get_jacobian(p)`
  - `p = p + inv(J'*J+lambda*diag(J'*J))*J'*(b-f)`


# Pose Tracking with LM

1. `value = function eval_objective(p)`

2. `for i=1:4`

3. `value(2*(i-1)) = ...` 

$$\frac{h_1x_i + h_2y_i + h_3}{h_7x_i + h_8y_i + h_9}$$

4. `value(2*(i-1)+1) = ...` 

$$\frac{h_4x_i + h_5y_i + h_6}{h_7x_i + h_8y_i + h_9}$$

# Pose Tracking with LM

1. `J = function get_jacobian(p)`

2. `Jf = get_jacobian_f(g(p))`

3. `Jg = get_jacobian_g(p)`

4. `J = Jf*Jg`

$$J_f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial h_9} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_8}{\partial h_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_8}{\partial h_9} \end{pmatrix}$$

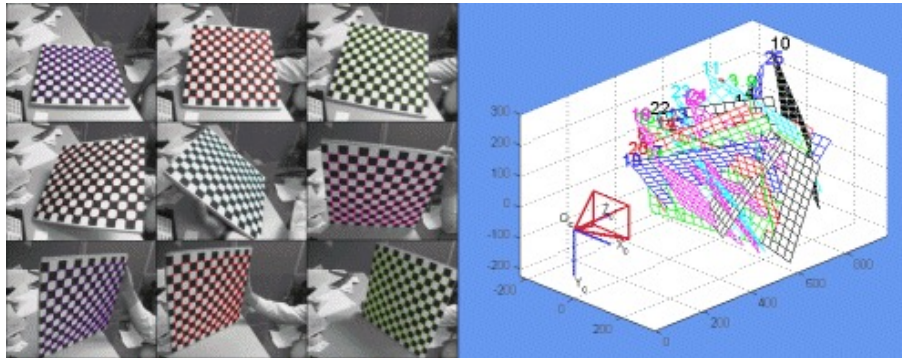
$$J_g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial p_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial p_6} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial g_9}{\partial p_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial g_9}{\partial p_6} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Pose Tracking with LM on VRduino

- some more hints for implementation:
  - let Arduino Matrix library compute matrix-matrix multiplications and also matrix inverses for you!
  - run homography method and use that to initialize  $p$  for LM
  - use something like 5-25 iterations of LM per frame for real-time performance
  - user-defined parameter  $\lambda$
  - good luck!

# Outlook: Camera Calibration

- camera calibration is one of the most fundamental problems in computer vision and imaging
- task: estimate intrinsic (lens distortion, focal length, principle point) & extrinsic (translation, rotation) camera parameters given images of planar checkerboards
- uses similar procedure as discussed today



# Outlook: Sensor Fusion with Extended Kalman Filter

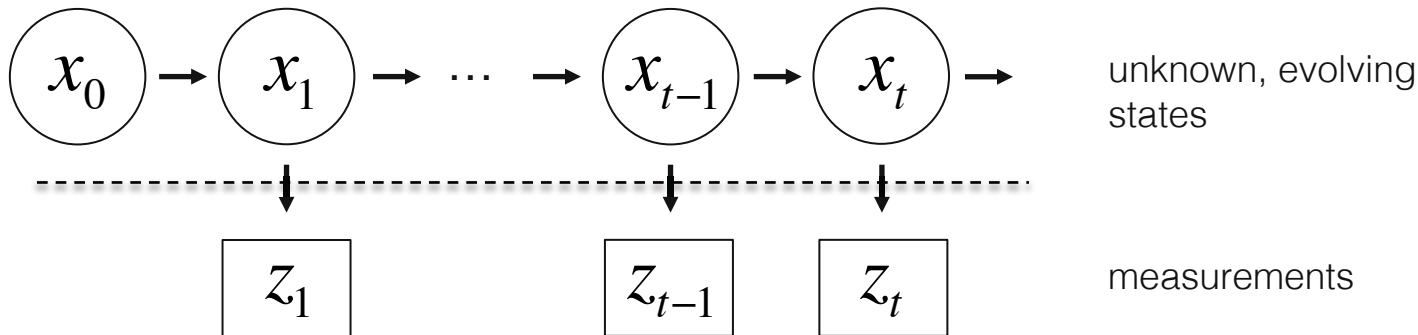
- also desirable: estimate bias of each of all IMU sensors
- also desirable: joint pose estimation from all IMU + photodiode measurements
- can do all of that with an Extended Kalman Filter - slightly too advanced for this class, but you can find a lot of literature in the robotic vision community



# Outlook: Sensor Fusion with Extended Kalman Filter

- Extended Kalman filter: can be interpreted as a Bayesian framework for sensor fusion
- Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

known initial  
state



*Must read: course notes on tracking!*