

Moebius Transformations and Omnidirectional Images

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Outline

- Moebius Transformations
 - Mathematical Fundamentals
- Omnidirectional Images
 - Basic Concepts
 - 360 Panoramas
- Applications
 - Wide Field of View

Moebius Transformations

Möbius Transformations

- Complex Map

$$M : \mathbb{C} \mapsto \mathbb{C}$$

- Definition:

$$M(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$$

with

$$(ad - bc) \neq 0$$

Anatomy of M

- Decomposition into Sequence

$$m_4 \circ m_3 \circ m_2 \circ m_1(z)$$

$$m_1(z) = z + \frac{d}{c} \quad \text{translation}$$

$$m_2(z) = \frac{1}{z} \quad \text{inversion}$$

$$m_3(z) = \frac{(bc - ad)}{c^2} z \quad \text{scaling and rotation}$$

$$m_4(z) = z + \frac{a}{c} \quad \text{translation}$$

Fixing the Inversion

- Point at Infinity ∞

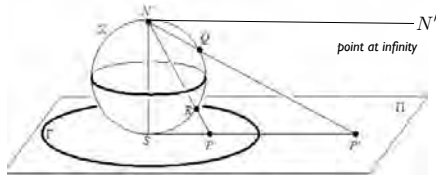
$$\frac{1}{\infty} = 0 \quad \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

- Extended Complex Plane

$$\hat{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$$

Riemann Sphere

- Stereographic Projection



$$\hat{z} = (\theta, \phi) \mapsto z = \cot(\phi/2)e^{i\theta}$$

Complex Projective Space

- Isomorphism

$$z \mapsto w = M(z) \quad \text{in } \hat{\mathbb{C}}$$

induces

$$\hat{z} \mapsto \hat{w} \quad \text{in } \Sigma$$

- Geometry and Algebra

Riemann Sphere \longleftrightarrow Complex Plane

Properties of M

- Projective Linear Group (Lie Group)
 $PGL(2, \mathbb{C})$
- Preservation of:
 - Circles (lines to circles)
 - Angles (conformal)
 - Symmetry (w.r.t. circles)

Defining M

- Images of 3 points (e.g)

$$(a/b), \quad (b/c), \quad (c/d)$$

- Ratios and Uniqueness

$$\frac{az+b}{cz+d} = M(z) = \frac{kaz+kb}{kcz+kd}$$

- Normalization

$$(ad - bc) = 1$$

Homogeneous Coordinates

- Ratio of 2 complex numbers

$$z = \frac{\delta_1}{\delta_2} = [\delta_1, \delta_2] \neq [0, 0]$$

- Two Cases

$$\delta_2 \neq 0$$

$$z = \delta_1/\delta_2$$

$$\delta_2 = 0$$

$$z = \infty$$

Cross Ratio

- The *unique*

$$z \mapsto w = M(z)$$

sending

$$q, r, s \mapsto \tilde{q}, \tilde{r}, \tilde{s}$$

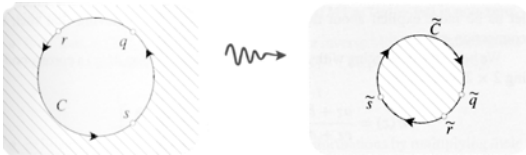
$$\frac{(w - \tilde{q})(\tilde{r} - \tilde{s})}{(w - \tilde{s})(\tilde{r} - \tilde{q})} = [w, \tilde{q}, \tilde{r}, \tilde{s}] = [z, q, r, s] = \frac{(z - q)(r - s)}{(z - s)(r - q)}$$

- Theorem:

If M maps 4 points $p, q, r, s \mapsto \tilde{p}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{r}, \tilde{s}$ then, the cross-ratio is invariant.

Orientation Properties

- Maps Oriented Circles to Oriented Circles
 - s.t. Regions are mapped accordingly



Fixed Points

- Solution of $z = M(z)$
- M has at most two fixed points
 - except for Id.
- For M Normalized

$$\xi_{\pm} = \frac{(a-d) \pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2 - 4}}{2c}$$

M - Classification

- Fixed Point at Infinity : $c = 0$

$$M(z) = Az + B$$

- Basic Types
 - Elliptic
 - Hyperbolic
 - Parabolic
 - Loxodromic

Elliptic Transform

- Rotation

$$z \mapsto e^{i\alpha} z$$



- *two fixed points*
 $(0, \infty)$

Hyperbolic Transform

- Scaling

$$z \mapsto \rho z$$



- *two fixed points*
 $(0, \infty)$

Loxodromic Transform

- Rotation and Scaling

$$z \mapsto \rho e^{i\alpha} z$$



- *two fixed points*

(combination of elliptic and hyperbolic)

Parabolic Transform

- Translation

$$z \mapsto z + b$$

- one fixed point at ∞



Omnidirectional Images

Basic Concepts

- Plenoptic Function
- Capturing Light Fields
- 360 Panoramas
- Parametrization and Projections

Plenoptic Function

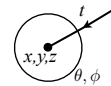
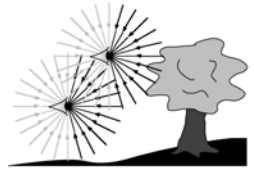
Complete description of Visual Information in a 3D environment

- $I_\lambda = P(x, y, z, \theta, \phi, t)$

Holographic Image

- $P : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{S}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathcal{E}$

6D Phase Space

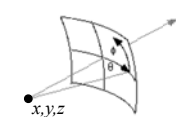


Light Field

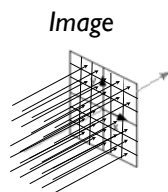
A Slice of the Plenoptic Function

- Structured Sampling of P

- example: Camera



x,y,z fixed

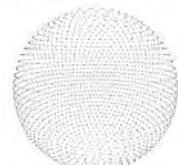
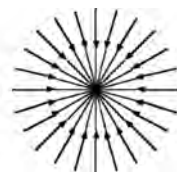


Ray Space

Omnidirectional Image

The Set of All Rays incident at a point (x,y,z)

- Spherical Light Field = 360 degrees



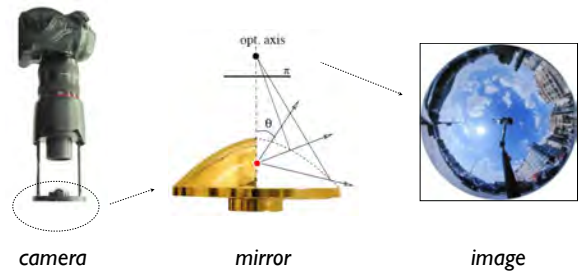
Representation of Choice

Capturing Point Light Fields

- Omnidirectional Cameras
 - Catadioptric
 - Dioptric
 - Multi-Camera

Catadioptric Cameras

- Mirror-Based (parabolic or hyperbolic)



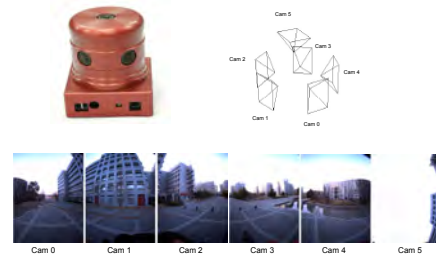
Dioptric Cameras

- Fish Eye Lenses



Multi-Camera Systems

- Point Grey's Ladybug (6 Perspective Cameras)

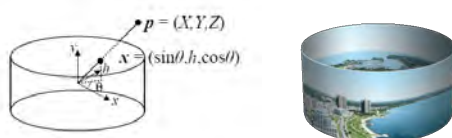


Practical Option

Panoramic Surfaces

Generalized Support for Visual Information

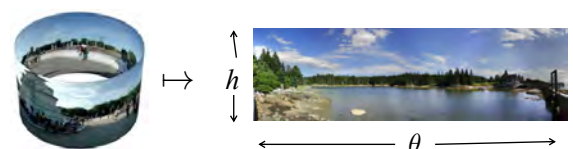
- Data Representation
 - example: *Cylindrical Panorama*



Parametrizations

Maps 2D Surface to Planar Domain

- Coordinate Systems
 - example: *Cylindrical Mapping*



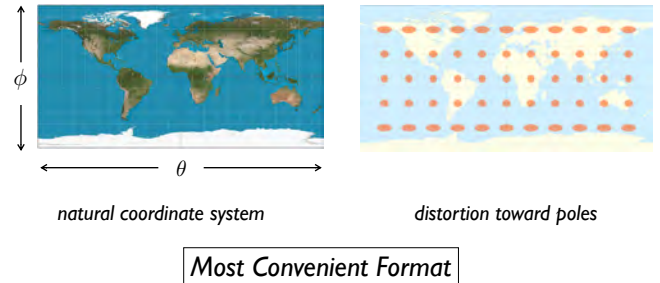
360° Image Formats

Omnidirectional Panoramas

- Parametrizations of the Sphere
 - Lat-Long
 - Cube Map
 - Azimuthal
 - Stereographic (*)

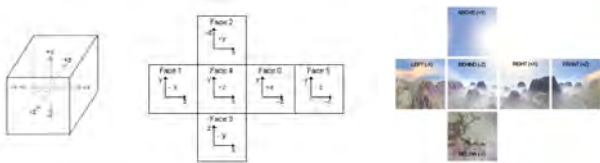
Equirectangular Projection

- Latitude-Longitude Mapping (e.g., Flickr)



Cube Mapping

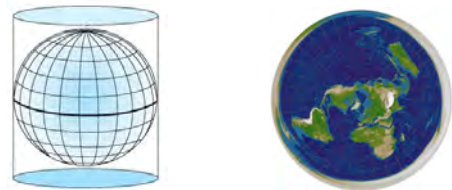
- 6 Perspective Projections



suitable for CG rendering

Azimuthal Projection

- Hemispherical Mapping



Dome Master standard

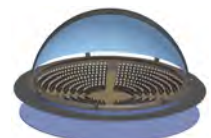
Applications to 360 Cinema

Exhibition

- Viewing Scenarios



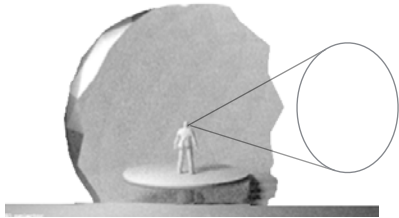
conventional theater



full dome

Field of View

- Reference to Observer
 - 30 to 90 degrees



Film Language

- Conventional Cinema
 - HD Television
 - Theater Panavision
- 360 Degrees Dome
 - Omnimax
 - Dome Master

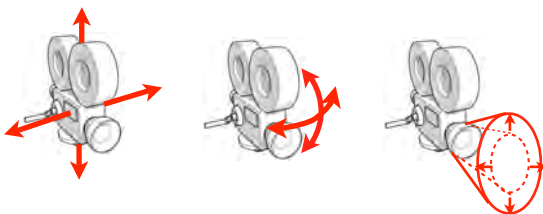
Conventional Cinema

- Camera Moves

Track

Pan / Tilt

Zoom



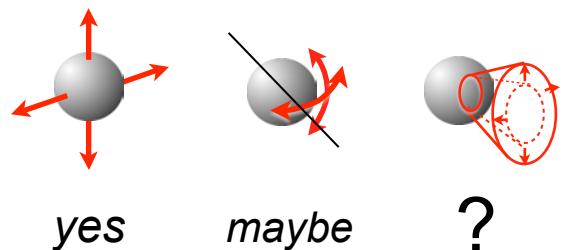
360 Camera

- Camera Moves

Track

Pan / Tilt

Zoom



Authoring Issues

OBS: Post-Production

- Passive
 - Movies
- Interactive
 - Google Street View
- Immersive
 - AR Cinema

Emerging Technologies

360° Image Transforms

Moebius Transformations for Manipulation and Visualization of Spherical Panoramas

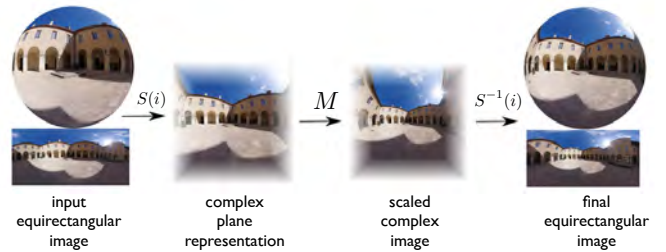
- Current Research at VISGRAF Lab
- Collaboration with
 - Leonardo Koller Sacht
 - Luis Penaranda

Math of Camera Moves

- Omnidirectional Images and Moebius Transformations
 - Pan / Tilt \Leftrightarrow Elliptic Transform
 - Zoom \Leftrightarrow Hyperbolic Transform
 - Perspective \Leftrightarrow Parabolic Transform ?

Transformation Pipeline

- Möbius Mapping



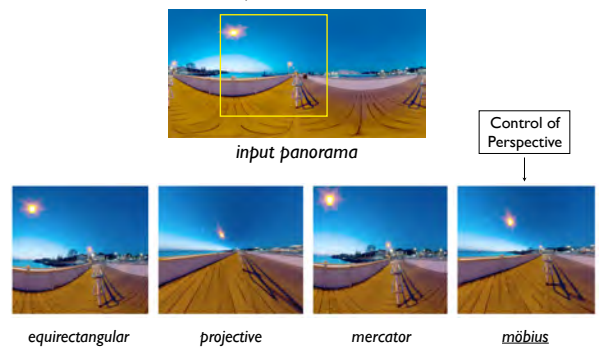
Example

- Extreme Zoom



Comparison

- Alternative Projections



Video 1

Different scales applied to an equi-rectangular image

Current Work

- Preserving Lines
- Perspective Control

Questions?

Improving Projections of Panoramic Images
with Hyperbolic Möbius Transformations

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