

# ECE 417 Midterm 1

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## About the exam

1. There are total 5 problems. You must attempt all 5.
2. Maximum marks: 50 (70 with bonus).
3. Maximum time allotted: 50 min
4. Calculators are allowed.
5. One US Letter size or A4 size cheat sheet (both-sides) is allowed.

**Problem 1** What are the two criteria for a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  to be a valid rotation matrix? (5 min, 5 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}A &= I \\ A^{-1} &= A^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} AA^T &= I \\ A^T A &= I \end{aligned} \right\} \text{orthogonality}$$

$$\det(A) = 1$$

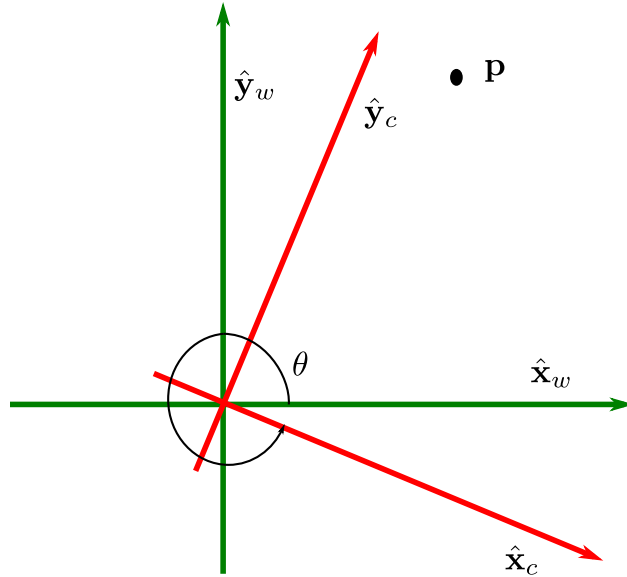


Figure 1: Rotation between red frame and green coordinate frame.

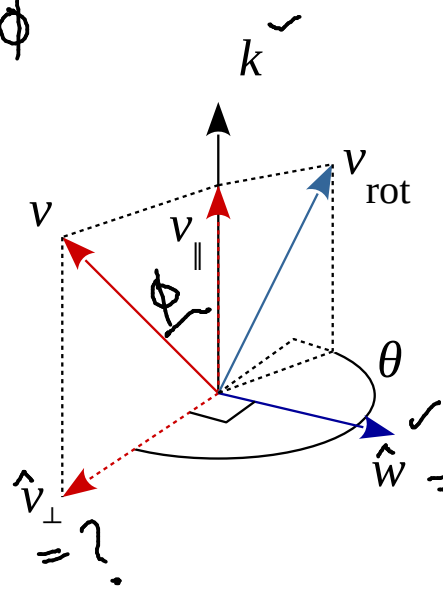
**Problem 2** For Fig 1, write the rotation matrix  $R(\theta)$  that converts between coordinates of point from red coordinate frame  $\mathbf{p}_c$  to green coordinate frame  $\mathbf{p}_w$  such that  $\mathbf{p}_w = R(\theta)\mathbf{p}_c$ . (Optional part) Test your formula if it looks correct for  $\theta = -30^\circ$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . (5 min, 5 marks)

$$\checkmark R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\underline{a} \times \underline{b}\| = \|a\| \|b\| \sin \phi$$

$$\hat{v}_{\perp} = \hat{w} \times \hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{(k \times v) \times k}{\|k \times v\|}$$



$$\hat{w} = \hat{k} \times \frac{v}{\|v\|}$$

$$\hat{w} \neq \frac{\hat{k} \times v}{\|v\|}$$

$$\hat{w} = ? = \frac{k \times v}{\|k \times v\|}$$

Figure 2: Rotation of point  $v$  around axis  $k$  by angle  $\theta$

**Problem 3** In Figure 2, we are rotating point  $v$  around axis unit-vector  $\hat{k}$  by an angle  $\theta$ .  $v_{\perp}$  lies in the plane of  $v$  and  $\hat{k}$  and is orthogonal (perpendicular) to  $\hat{k}$ .  $w$  is perpendicular to the plane of  $v$  and  $\hat{k}$ . First, write the unit-vector  $\hat{w}$  in terms of  $v$  and  $\hat{k}$ . Then write unit-vector  $\hat{v}_{\perp}$  in terms of  $v$  and  $\hat{k}$ . (10 min, 10 marks)

**Problem 4** Using the fact that at minima (or maxima) of a differentiable function  $f(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ , find the minima of the following function,

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \underline{A}^T \underline{A} \mathbf{x} + 2\underline{b}^T \mathbf{x} + c$$

(10 min, 10 marks)

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} \left( \underline{x}^T \underline{A}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + 2\underline{b}^T \underline{x} + c \right) = 0$$

$$2\underline{A}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} + 2\underline{b} + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\underline{A}^T \underline{A}) \underline{x} = -\underline{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x} = -(\underline{A}^T \underline{A})^{-1} \underline{b} \quad \text{if } \det(\underline{A}^T \underline{A}) \neq 0$$

$\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $\underline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$   
 $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$   
 $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} (\underline{x}^T \underline{Q} \underline{x}) = 2\underline{Q} \underline{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} \underline{a}^T \underline{x} = \underline{a}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial \underline{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\underline{x}) &= (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_1)^T (\underline{A}^T \underline{A}) (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_1) + (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_2)^T (\underline{B}^T \underline{B}) (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_2) \\
 &= (\underline{x}^T - \underline{\mu}_1^T) (\underline{A}^T \underline{A}) (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_1) + (\underline{x}^T - \underline{\mu}_2^T) \underline{B}^T \underline{B} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}_2) \\
 &= \underline{x}^T
 \end{aligned}$$

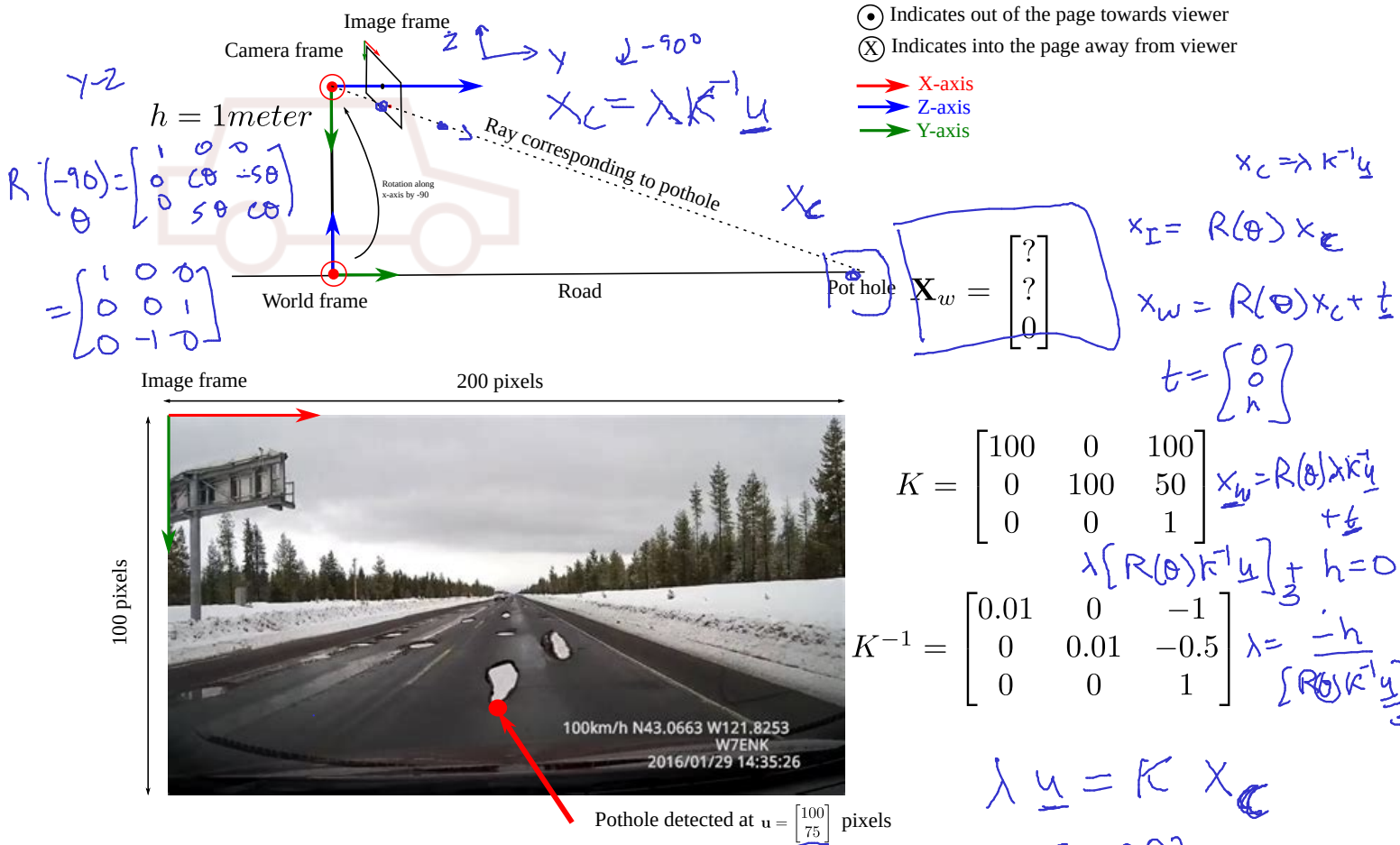


Figure 3: Image road triangulation

**Problem 5** In figure 3 find the 3D position of pothole in the World coordinate frame, in terms of  $h$  and  $K$ . The Camera mounted directly on top of the world frame. The road is a perfect plane and the pothole lies on the road plane. You do not need to substitute in the values, providing a formula or pseudo-code for computing the pothole coordinates is enough. (20 min, 20 marks, Bonus marks: 20)

Pothole camera mod  
 ① Img pt  $u \rightarrow$  Ray  $(\lambda)$   $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $x_c = \lambda K^{-1} u$   
 ② Ray  $(\lambda) \rightarrow$  world frame  
 camera frame  $x_c \rightarrow x_w = R(\theta) x_c + t$   
 Algebra } ③ Ray  $(\lambda)$  intersection with Road plane  
 ( $z_w = 0$ )