Environmental Engineering and Management Journal

April 2013, Vol.12, No. 4, 719-726 http://omicron.ch.tuiasi.ro/EEMJ/



"Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iasi, Romania



METRIC AND NON-METRIC CAMERAS CALIBRATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF REAL-TIME MONITORING PROCESS RESULTS

Ersilia Oniga*, Maximilian Diac

"Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iasi, Faculty of Hydrotechnical Engineering, Geodesy and Environmental Engineering, Department of Terrestrial Measurements and Cadastre, 65 Bd. D. Mangeron, 700050 Iasi, Romania

Abstract

In recent years non-metric digital cameras have known a great development, being used in wide applications, such as: real time monitoring and preservation of cultural heritage, the shoreline dynamics study, the wave movement for costal protection, soil erosion, etc. Clasic photogrammetry with the use of metric cameras are still of great use in areas such as architecture and environmental imaging. An old problem occurs when we want to extract metric information from our environment using close-range photogrammetry, with metric or non-metric calibrated cameras. There are many methods for this process that have been developed in some studies, by several authors. In this paper we present the Heikkilä and Silven method to determine the parameters of the UMK 10/1318 terrestrial photogrammetric camera and the parameters of a Canon EOS Rebel XSi/450D digital camera. To achive the proposed goal, a 3D calibration object was made on which, 42 points with known 3D coordinates were marked. The 3D coordinates were measured with the help of a Coordinate Measuring Machine (CMM) produced by Aberlink, with a 2μ m precision. Through this calibration process the standard projective parameters of effective focal length and principal point along with radial and tangential distortion coefficients were determined. The purpose of this work is to make a first step in the analysis of the degree of confidence when using a non-metric camera to reconstruct an object in 3D.

Key words: calibration, close-range photogrammetry, CMM, digital camera, UMK

Received: December, 2012; Revised final: April, 2013; Accepted: April, 2013

^{*} Author to whom all correspondence should be addressed: e-mail: ersilia.oniga@tuiasi.ro; Phone: +40745634472