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Refining scales from linear terms of a distortion fit

Given rotation residual $\delta\theta$ (after ptg + twist refinement), any relative frame coordinate (u, v) \rightarrow intermediate sky coord (x, y) ; assuming no distortion can be transformed:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \cos(\delta\theta) & -s_2 \sin(\delta\theta) \\ s_1 \sin(\delta\theta) & s_2 \cos(\delta\theta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \quad (M)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= s_1 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot u - s_2 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot v \\ y &= s_1 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot u + s_2 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot v \end{aligned}$$

If scales s_1, s_2 are in error, i.e. $s'_1 + \Delta s_1, s'_2 + \Delta s_2$, these errors will map onto the sky as errors:

$$\Delta x = \Delta s_1 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot u - \Delta s_2 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot v \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta y = \Delta s_1 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot u + \Delta s_2 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot v \quad (2)$$

Furthermore, if frame coords are distorted by an amount $(\Delta u, \Delta v)$, then (M) also predicts equivalent distortions in the sky projection:

$$\Delta x = s_1 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot \Delta u - s_2 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot \Delta v \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta y = s_1 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot \Delta u + s_2 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot \Delta v \quad (4).$$

The linear terms of the distortion polynomials $f(u, v)$ and $g(u, v)$ ~~are~~: assuming zero skew are (in zero-index notation):

$$\Delta u = A_{10} \cdot u + A_{01} \cdot v \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta v = B_{10} \cdot u + B_{01} \cdot v \quad (6).$$

We substitute (5) & (6) into (3) & (4) to yield equivalent linear corrections in the sky plane:

(2)

$$\Delta x = [S_1 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot A_{10} - S_2 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot B_{10}] \cdot u + [S_1 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot A_{01} - S_2 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot B_{01}] \cdot v \quad (7)$$

$$\Delta y = [S_1 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot A_{10} + S_2 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot B_{10}] \cdot u + [S_1 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot A_{01} + S_2 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot B_{01}] \cdot v \quad (8)$$

Now equate the linear coefficients in (7) & (8) with those in (1) & (2) to yield:

$$(1) \equiv (7) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Delta S_1 \cos(\delta\theta) = S_1 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot A_{10} - S_2 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot B_{10} \quad (9)$$

$$-\Delta S_2 \sin(\delta\theta) = S_1 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot A_{01} - S_2 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot B_{01} \quad (10)$$

$$(2) \equiv (8) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Delta S_1 \sin(\delta\theta) = S_1 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot A_{10} + S_2 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot B_{10} \quad (11)$$

$$\Delta S_2 \cos(\delta\theta) = S_1 \sin(\delta\theta) \cdot A_{01} + S_2 \cos(\delta\theta) \cdot B_{01} \quad (12)$$

take square of (9) and add it to the square of (11) to yield:

$$\Delta S_1^2 = (S_1 A_{10})^2 + (S_2 B_{10})^2 \quad (13)$$

Similarly, square (10) and (12) and add together :

$$\Delta S_2^2 = (S_1 A_{01})^2 + (S_2 B_{01})^2 \quad (14)$$

By construction, the change in the scales are defined as:

(3)

$$\Delta S_1 = S_{1\text{new}} - S_{1\text{old}}$$

$$\Delta S_2 = S_{2\text{new}} - S_{2\text{old}}$$

and all the S_1, S_2 appearing in the RHS of eqns (13), (14) pertain to the original (old) scales. (13) & (14) can be re-written:

$$S_{1\text{new}} = S_{1\text{old}} + \sqrt{(S_{1\text{old}} A_{10})^2 + (S_{2\text{old}} B_{10})^2} \quad (15)$$

$$S_{2\text{new}} = S_{2\text{old}} + \sqrt{(S_{2\text{old}} B_{01})^2 + (S_{1\text{old}} A_{01})^2} \quad (16)$$

If there were no residual rotation bias (and no skew!), the cross terms: $A_{01} = 0$ and $B_{10} = 0$ and (15), (16) reduce to the familiar refinement relations:

$$S_{1\text{new}} = (1 + A_{10}) S_{1\text{old}}$$

$$S_{2\text{new}} = (1 + B_{01}) S_{2\text{old}}$$

To estimate the rotational bias error ($\delta\theta$), we divide eqn (9) by $\cos(\theta)$ to give:

$$\Delta S_1 = S_1 A_{10} - S_2 \tan(\delta\theta) \cdot B_{10} \quad (17)$$

re-arranging (17), we get:

$$\tan(\delta\theta) = \frac{S_1 A_{10} - \Delta S_1}{S_2 B_{10}} \quad (18).$$

We substitute eqn. (13) into (18) :

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\delta\theta) = \frac{S_1 A_{10} - \sqrt{(S_1 A_{10})^2 + (S_2 B_{10})^2}}{S_2 \cdot B_{10}}$$

With a little algebra, we get :

$$\tan(\delta\theta) = \frac{-x}{1 + \sqrt{1+x^2}} \quad (19).$$

where $x = \frac{S_2 B_{10}}{S_1 A_{10}}$

If the cross-term coefficient $B_{10} = 0$, then it means that $\delta\theta = 0$, as expected.