Spatial track: range acquisition modeling



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The inverse problem



Physical space geometrical properties: distances in depth - the inverse problem



- The stimuli produced when energy interacts with sensory receptors cannot specify the real-world sources of that energy
- To survive, animals need to react successfully to the sources of the stimuli, not to the stimuli as such
- This quandary is called the inverse problem

Explanation of Visual Processing and Percepts

- The basic problem understanding vision is that the real-world sources of light stimuli cannot be known directly
- The visual system generates percepts entirely on the basis of past experience; stimulus patterns trigger percepts as reflex responses that have been empirically successful.
- Physical space is characterized by geometrical properties such as line lengths, angles, orientations and depth distances
- Our intuition is that the subjective qualities arising from these properties should be a more or less direct transformation of physical space
- As in the domains of brightness and color, however, there are many discrepancies between measurements of physical space and the geometries people actually see

Physical space geometrical properties: orientation anisotropy



Dale Purves, Cognitive Neuroscience, Duke University

Physical space geometrical properties: line lengths



Physical space geometrical properties: line lengths



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Physical space geometrical properties: angles



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Vision is Inferential: Prior Knowledge



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Optic illusions



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Visual cues – The human headway

Overlapping objects

Quantized scenes

Perspective geometry

Depth from shading

Multi-presence

Depth from texture

Height in the field of view



Atmospheric perspective

- Based on the effect of air on the color and visual acuity of objects at various distances from the observer.
- Consequences:
 - Distant objects appear bluer
 - Distant objects have lower contrast.



Atmospheric perspective



<u>Claude Lorrain</u> (artist) French, 1600 - 1682 Landscape with Ruins, Pastoral Figures, and Trees, 1643/1655

Histogram



Texture Gradient





Shape from Texture from a Multi-Scale Perspective. Tony Lindeberg and Jonas Garding. ICCV 93

Occlusion



Rene Magritt'e famous painting Le Blanc-Seing (literal translation: "The Blank Signature")



Shading



Michelangelo 1528

Shadows



Cornell CS569 Spring 2008



Slide by Steve Marschner

http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs569/2008sp/schedule.stm

Pinhole camera model



Pinhole camera model



h/d=a/f

Geometry of the camera



Field of view depends on focal length

- As *f* gets smaller, image becomes more wide angle
 - more world points project onto the finite image plane
- As **f** gets larger, image becomes more *telescopic*
 - smaller part of the world projects onto the finite image plane



Field of view: portion of 3d space seen by the camera



Perspective effects



Image credit: S. Seitz

San Girolamo nello studio Antonello da Messina, 1474-1475 London, National Gallery



Perspective effect





The Annunciation by the Italian Carlo Crivelli which dates from 1486

The School of Athens by the Italian Raffaello Sanzio which dates from 1508-1511

Vanishing points: projection of a point at infinity



Object Size in the Image



Vanishing points

- Each set of parallel lines (=direction) meets at a different point
 - The *vanishing point* for this direction
- Sets of parallel lines on the same plane lead to *collinear* vanishing points.
 - The line is called the *horizon* for that plane



Perspective cues



Slide from Efros, Photo from Criminisi

Computing vanishing points (from lines)



- Intersect p_1q_1 with p_2q_2
- Better to use more than two lines and compute the "closest" point of intersection (Least squares version)
- See notes by <u>Bob Collins</u> for one good way of doing this:

http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/~ph/869/www/notes/vanishing.txt

Distance from the horizon line

- Based on the tendency of objects to appear nearer the horizon line with greater distance to the horizon.
- Objects above the horizon that appear lower in the field of view are seen as being further away.
- Objects below the horizon that appear higher in the field of view are seen as being further away.





- Objects approach the horizon line with greater distance from the viewer.
- The base of a nearer column will appear lower against its background floor and further from the horizon line.
- Conversely, the base of a more distant column will appear higher against the same floor, and thus nearer to the horizon line.



Focus of expansion Focus of contraction






Shape from.....



Camera and motion models

- The egomotion makes all still objects in the scene to verify the same motion model defined by three translations T and three rotations Ω. Conversely, mobile obstacles pop out as not resorting to the former dominating model.
- Under such assumptions, the following classical equations hold:

$$u_{t} = \frac{-fT_{\chi} + xT_{Z}}{Z}, u_{r} = \frac{-xy}{f}\Omega_{\chi} - \left(\frac{-x^{2}}{f} + 1\right)\Omega_{\gamma} + y\Omega_{Z}$$
$$v_{t} = \frac{-fT_{\gamma} + yT_{Z}}{Z}, v_{r} = \frac{-xy}{f}\Omega_{\gamma} - \left(\frac{-y^{2}}{f} + 1\right)\Omega_{\chi} + x\Omega_{Z}$$

• where $\mathbf{w} = [u, v]^T = [u_t + u_r, v_t + v_r]^T$ stands for the 2-D velocity vector of the pixel under the focal length **f**.



Motion occlusion and egomotion

Deletion and accretion occur when an observer moves in a direction not perpendicular to two surfaces that are at different depths. If an observer perceives the two surfaces as in the center and then moves to the left, deletion occurs so that the front object covers more that the back one, as shown on the left. Vice versa for the movement in the opposite direction as shown on the right



Deletion

Initiale position

Accretion





Why multiple views?

Structure and depth are inherently ambiguous from single views.



Our goal: Recovery of 3D structure

• Recovery of structure from one image is inherently ambiguous



Why stereo vision?



 A second camera can resolve the ambiguity, enabling measurement via triangulation

Stereo vision

After 10 meters (30 feet) disparity is quite small and depth from stereo is unreliable...







Visual Field

Monocular Visual Field: 160 deg (w) X 135 deg (h) Binocular Visual Field: 200 deg (w) X 135 deg (h)



Human stereopsis: disparity



From Bruce and Green, Visual Perception, Physiology, Psychology and Ecology

- Human eyes fixate on point
 A in space rotate so that
 corresponding images form
 in centers of fovea.
- Disparity occurs when eyes fixate on one object; others (e.g. B) appear at different visual angles

Schema of the two human visual pathways



The problem of global stereopsis



Illusion, Brain and Mind, John P. Frisby

Section of striate cortex: schematic diagram of dominant band cells



Illusion, Brain and Mind, John P. Frisby

General case, with calibrated cameras

The two cameras need not have parallel optical axes.



Epipolar constraint



- Geometry of two views constrains where the corresponding pixel for some image point in the first view must occur in the second view.
 - It must be on the line carved out by a plane connecting the world point and optical centers.

Epipolar geometry: terms

- Baseline: line joining the camera centers
- **Epipole**: point of intersection of baseline with image plane
- **Epipolar plane**: plane containing baseline and world point
- Epipolar line: intersection of epipolar plane with the image plane
- All epipolar lines intersect at the epipole
- An epipolar plane intersects the left and right image planes in epipolar lines



Example: converging cameras



Figure from Hartley & Zisserman

Example: parallel cameras







Figure from Hartley & Zisserman

Epipolar constraint example



Example: Forward motion





Epipole has same coordinates in both images. Points move along lines radiating from e: "Focus of expansion"

Correspondences – homologous points

 Stereo vision geometry: the light gray zone corresponds to the two view-points image overlapping area



Finding the D value

$$\frac{\overleftarrow{P_1 o_1}}{B} \overrightarrow{o_2 P_2} = \frac{f}{D}$$
$$D = \frac{f}{\Delta_1 + \Delta_2}$$

 $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2$ displacements on the epipolar lines

• The influence of the distance D on the error of the computed $\Delta = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2$ is evidenced by mere derivation:

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial \Delta} = -\frac{D}{\Delta}$$

• Note that the error increases with the depth and is amplified reducing Δ .



Looking for the tie point



Looking for the tie point



Non-local constraints

• Ordering: corresponding points could not be in the same order in both views





Ordering constraint doesn't hold

Looking for the tie point

The higher the baseline the higher the deformation and the lower the overlapping

To obtain a useful and extended overlapping area it is often necessary to tilt the camera axis



Choosing the stereo baseline





Large Baseline



- What's the optimal baseline?
 - Too small: large depth error
 - Too large: difficult search problem

Homologous points

- The simplest ways to determine if a given pixel (p, q) on one image I₁ is a good candidate, is to evaluate the gray level variance in a limited neighborhood of such pixel.
- If its value exceeds a given threshold, then a neighborhood (2n+1)x(2m+1) is considered and correlated with candidate regions on image I2.
- Candidate regions are selected on the epipolar line; in order to compute the correlation between regions of both images the following formula may be used:

$$C(i,j) = \sum_{r=-n}^{n} \sum_{s=-m}^{m} \left[I_{2}(i+r,j+s) - I_{1}(p+r,q+s) \right]^{2}$$

- If cameras are parallel and at the same height, the searching homologous tie points are positioned onto the horizontal epipolar lines with same coordinate. In practical applications only a *calibration* phase and *image registration* guarantee such properties.
- A cross check can be applied: if P is obtained from Q, Q must correspond be obtained from P

Basic stereo matching algorithm



- If necessary, rectify the two stereo images to transform epipolar lines into scanlines
- For each pixel x in the first image
 - Find corresponding epipolar scanline in the right image
 - Examine all pixels on the scanline and pick the best match x'
 - Compute disparity x-x' and set depth(x) = fB/(x-x')

Correspondence search



- Slide a window along the right scanline and compare contents of that window with the reference window in the left image
- Matching cost: SSD or normalized correlation

Exemple











Matching windows

Similarity Measure

Sum of Absolute Differences (SAD)

Sum of Squared Differences (SSD)

Zero-mean SAD

Locally scaled SAD

Normalized Cross Correlation (NCC)

Formula

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{(i,j)\in W} |I_1(i,j) - I_2(x+i,y+j)| \\ &\sum_{(i,j)\in W} (I_1(i,j) - I_2(x+i,y+j))^2 \\ &\sum_{(i,j)\in W} |I_1(i,j) - \bar{I}_1(i,j) - I_2(x+i,y+j) + \bar{I}_2(x+i,y+j)| \\ &\sum_{(i,j)\in W} |I_1(i,j) - \frac{\bar{I}_1(i,j)}{\bar{I}_2(x+i,y+j)} I_2(x+i,y+j)| \\ &\frac{\sum_{(i,j)\in W} I_1(i,j) \cdot I_2(x+i,y+j)}{\sqrt[2]{\sum_{(i,j)\in W} I_1^2(i,j) \cdot \sum_{(i,j)\in W} I_2^2(x+i,y+j)}} \end{split}$$



Correspondence search



Implementation aspects

The search can be done in four steps:

- Selection of interesting points (through a threshold S₁ applied to the variance in the neighborhood or to the result of an *edge detector*)
- For each point selected, finding if exists the tie point (with a crosscheck and a threshold S₂ of cross-similarity)
- Evaluation of the distance on the basis of the extracted homologous points
- Experimentation of the best solution, considering that:
 - augmenting S₁ the number of tie points is reduced but the reliability increases
 - augmenting S₂ (FM correlation) increases the number of homologous couples but it is reduced the reliability

Moving on to stereo...

Fuse a calibrated binocular stereo pair to produce a depth image 1
 image 2





Dense depth map



Many of these slides adapted from Steve Seitz and Lana Lazebnik

Camera calibration

 Given n points with known 3D coordinates X_i and known image projections x_i, estimate the camera parameters


Camera parameters

- Intrinsic parameters
 - Focal length
 - Pixel size
 - Radial distortion
- Extrinsic parameters
 - Rotation and translation relative to world coordinate system



Beyond Pinholes: Radial Distortion



No distortion



Pin cushion



Barrel



Image rectification



To unwarp (rectify) an image

- solve for homography H given p and p'
- solve equations of the form: p' = Hp
 - linear in unknowns: coefficients of H

Simplest Case: Parallel images



- Image planes of cameras are parallel to each other and to the baseline
- Camera centers are at same height
- Focal lengths are the same

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- Camera centers are at same height
- Focal lengths are the same
- Then, epipolar lines fall along the horizontal scan lines of the images

Stereo image rectification



Stereo image rectification

- reproject image planes onto a common plane parallel to the line between optical centers
- pixel motion is horizontal after this transformation
- two homographies (3x3 transform), one for each input image reprojection
- C. Loop and Z. Zhang. <u>Computing</u> <u>Rectifying Homographies for Stereo</u> <u>Vision</u>. IEEE Conf. Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 1999.



Rectification example



Example





Binocular stereo

• Given a calibrated binocular stereo pair, fuse it to produce a depth image

image 1

image 2





Dense depth map



Analysing patterns and shapes



Analysing patterns and shapes



From Martin Kemp The Science of Art (manual reconstruction)

2 patterns have been discovered !

automatic rectification



Assessing geometric accuracy

Problem: Are the heights of the two groups of people consistent with each other?





Piero della Francesca, *Flagellazione di Cristo*, c.1460, Urbino

Measuring relative heights

How to make an anamorphic projection



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Jean-François Nicéron



Jean-François Nicéron, San Giovanni evangelista nell'isola di Patmo Convento della SS.Trinità dei Monti, Roma 1639



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Emmanuel Maignan, San Francesco di Paola in preghiera,1642 Convento della SS.Trinità dei Monti, Roma



http://www.artbabble.org/video/ngadc/empire-eye-magic-illusion-st-francis-paola-performer-miracles-part-6

Multi-view Stereo



Драконь, видимый подъ различными углами зрѣнія По гравюрь на мѣли изъ "Oculus artificialis telediopricus" Цана. 1702 года.

Lazebnik

Projective structure from motion

• Given: *m* images of *n* fixed 3D points

$$\mathbf{x}_{ij} = \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{X}_j, \qquad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

Problem: estimate *m* projection matrices P_i and *n* 3D points X_j from the *mn* corresponding points x_{ij}



Slides from Lana Lazebnik

Beyond two-view stereo



The third view can be used for verification

Merging depth maps

Naïve combination (union) produces artifacts

Better solution: find "average" surface

• Surface that minimizes sum (of squared) distances to the depth maps



VRIP [Curless & Levoy 1996]



Multi-view Stereo

Input: calibrated images from several viewpoints Output: 3D object model



Structured light: point



Laser scanning





Digital Michelangelo Project http://graphics.stanford.edu/projects/mich/

- Optical triangulation
 - Project a single stripe of laser light
 - Scan it across the surface of the object
 - This is a very precise version of structured light scanning









1.0 mm resolution (56 million triangles)



Structured light: plane



Structured light: grid



Structured light: plane



L. Zhang, B. Curless, and S. M. Seitz. <u>Rapid Shape Acquisition Using Color Structured Light and</u> <u>Multi-pass Dynamic Programming.</u> 3DPVT 2002

Three-dimensional reconstruction from single views

Single-View Reconstruction

- Geometric cues: Exploiting vanishing points and vanishing lines
- Interactive reconstruction process


A special case, planes



H: a plane to plane projective transformation

Vanishing lines



- Multiple Vanishing Points
 - Any set of parallel lines on the plane define a vanishing point
 - The union of all of vanishing points from lines on the same plane is the vanishing line
 - \checkmark For the ground plane, this is called the horizon

Computing the horizon



Properties

- I is intersection of horizontal plane through C with image plane
- Compute I from two sets of parallel lines on ground plane
- · All points at same height as C project to I
- Provides way of comparing height of objects in the scene

Are these guys the same height?



Comparing heights



The cross ratio

- A Projective Invariant
 - Something that does not change under projective transformations (including perspective projection)

The cross-ratio of 4 collinear points



- Can permute the point ordering
 - 4! = 24 different orders (but only 6 distinct values)
- This is the fundamental invariant of projective geometry

Measuring height







What if the point on the ground plane b₀ is not known?

- Here the guy is standing on the box
- Use one side of the box to help find b₀ as shown above

Complete 3D reconstructions from single views

Example: The Virtual Trinity



Masaccio, *Trinità*, 1426, Florence

Complete 3D reconstruction

Example: The Virtual Flagellation



Piero della Francesca, *Flagellazione di Cristo*, c.1460, Urbino



Complete 3D reconstruction

Example: The Virtual St. Jerome



Henry V Steenwick, *St.Jerome in His Study*, 1630, The Netherlands

Complete 3D reconstruction

Example: The Virtual Music Lesson



J. Vermeer, *The Music Lesson*, 1665, London

Reconstructions by Criminisi et al.



A Virtual Museum @ Microsoft

A dive into the paintings third dimension



http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/people/antcrim/ACriminisi_3D_Museum.wmv

Why do we perceive depth?



Using more than two images



Multi-View Stereo for Community Photo Collections M. Goesele, N. Snavely, B. Curless, H. Hoppe, S. Seitz Proceedings of ICCV 2007,

