Stereo

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Multiple views





Hartley and Zisserman



Multi-view geometry, matching, invariant features, stereo vision





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 What cues help us to perceive 3d shape and depth?

Shading



[Figure from Prados & Faugeras 2006]

Focus/defocus



Images from same point of view, different camera parameters



3d shape / depth estimates

Texture





[From A.M. Loh. The recovery of 3-D structure using visual texture patterns. PhD thesis]

Perspective effects



Motion





http://www.brainconnection.com/teasers/?main=illusion/motion-shape

Estimating depth with stereo

- Stereo: shape from "motion" between two views
- We'll need to consider:
 - Info on camera pose ("calibration")
 - Image point correspondences







Stereo vision



Two cameras, simultaneous views

Single moving camera and static scene

Camera parameters



Extrinsic parameters: Camera frame $1 \leftarrow \rightarrow$ Camera frame 2

Intrinsic parameters: Image coordinates relative to camera $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ Pixel coordinates

- *Extrinsic* params: rotation matrix and translation vector
- Intrinsic params: focal length, pixel sizes (mm), image center point, radial distortion parameters

We'll assume for now that these parameters are given and fixed.

Geometry for a simple stereo system

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Geometry for a simple stereo system

• Assume parallel optical axes, known camera parameters (i.e., calibrated cameras). What is expression for Z?



Similar triangles (p_l, P, p_r) and (O_l, P, O_r) :

$$\frac{T + x_l - x_r}{Z - f} = \frac{T}{Z}$$



Depth from disparity

image I(x,y)

Disparity map D(x,y)

image l´(x´,y´)



(x',y')=(x+D(x,y), y)

So if we could find the **corresponding points** in two images, we could **estimate relative depth**...

General case, with calibrated cameras

• The two cameras need not have parallel optical axes.



Stereo correspondence constraints



 Given p in left image, where can corresponding point p' be?

Stereo correspondence constraints



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



http://www.ai.sri.com/~luong/research/Meta3DViewer/EpipolarGeo.html

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

Why is the epipolar constraint useful?

Epipolar constraint



This is useful because it reduces the correspondence problem to a 1D search along an epipolar line.

Image from Andrew Zisserman

Example



What do the epipolar lines look like?



O_l ● O_r

2.

1



Figure from Hartley & Zisserman

Example: parallel cameras



Where are the epipoles?





Figure from Hartley & Zisserman

Example: Forward motion

What would the epipolar lines look like if the camera moves directly forward?

Example: Forward motion







Epipole has same coordinates in both images.

Points move along lines radiating from e: "Focus of expansion"



Stereo image rectification

- Reproject image planes onto a common plane parallel to the line between camera 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



The correspondence problem

 Epipolar geometry constrains our search, but we still have a difficult correspondence problem.

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

Correspondence search



Correspondence search



Effect of window size









W = 20

- Smaller window
 - + More detail
 - More noise
- Larger window
 - + Smoother disparity maps
 - Less detail

Failures of correspondence search



Textureless surfaces



Occlusions, repetition



Non-Lambertian surfaces, specularities

Results with window search

Data



Window-based matching

Ground truth





Stereo as energy minimization



What defines a good stereo correspondence?

- 1. Match quality
 - Want each pixel to find a good match in the other image
- 2. Smoothness
 - If two pixels are adjacent, they should (usually) move about the same amount

Scanline stereo

- Try to coherently match pixels on the entire scanline
- Different scanlines are still optimized independently





"Shortest paths" for scan-line stereo



Can be implemented with dynamic programming Ohta & Kanade '85, Cox et al. '96

Slide credit: Y. Boykov

Coherent stereo on 2D grid

• Scanline stereo generates streaking artifacts



• Can't use dynamic programming to find spatially coherent disparities/ correspondences on a 2D grid

Stereo matching as energy minimization



 $E(D) = \sum (W_1(i) - W_2(i + D(i)))^2 + \lambda \sum \rho (D(i) - D(j))$ neighborsi, j data term smoothness term

 Energy functions of this form can be minimized using graph cuts

Y. Boykov, O. Veksler, and R. Zabih, <u>Fast Approximate Energy Minimization</u> via Graph Cuts, PAMI 2001 Many of these constraints can be encoded in an energy function and solved using graph cuts



Graph cuts Ground truth Y. Boykov, O. Veksler, and R. Zabih, <u>Fast Approximate Energy</u> <u>Minimization via Graph Cuts</u>, PAMI 2001

For the latest and greatest: <u>http://www.middlebury.edu/stereo/</u>

Active stereo with structured light



- Project "structured" light patterns onto the object
 - Simplifies the correspondence problem
 - Allows us to use only one camera



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

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

Kinect: Structured infrared light



http://bbzippo.wordpress.com/2010/11/28/kinect-in-infrared/

Summary: Key idea: Epipolar constraint



Potential matches for *x* have to lie on the corresponding line *l*'.

Potential matches for x' have to lie on the corresponding line *I*.

Summary

- Epipolar geometry
 - Epipoles are intersection of baseline with image planes
 - Matching point in second image is on a line passing through its epipole
 - Fundamental matrix maps from a point in one image to a line (its epipolar line) in the other
 - Can solve for F given corresponding points (e.g., interest points)
- Stereo depth estimation
 - Estimate disparity by finding corresponding points along scanlines
 - Depth is inverse to disparity