

CEng 583 - Computational Vision

2011-2012 Spring
Week - 4

18th of March, 2011

Tentative Schedule:

Week & Date		Topic
1		Introduction to Vision. What is vision? What are its goals and problems? What are the main processing stages?
2		Low-level Vision. Cameras. Projective geometry. Calibration.
3		Early Vision. Edges. Corners. Texture. Segmentation. Optic Flow.
4		3D Vision. Monocular and binocular cues. 3D reconstruction.
5		Applications. Video surveillance. Human behaviour understanding. Object recognition. Image/video retrieval. Image annotation.
6		Paper presentations with theme: Monocular depth estimation.
7		Paper presentations with theme: Image annotation.
8		Paper presentations with theme: Object/shape modelling. Object recognition.
9		Paper presentations with theme: Feature Descriptors.
10		Paper presentations with theme: Context. Saliency. Attention.
11		Project Presentations
12		Project presentations
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14		Project presentations



Today

- * 3D Vision

- * Binocular (Multi-view) cues:

- * Stereopsis

- * Motion

- * Monocular cues

- * Shading

- * Texture

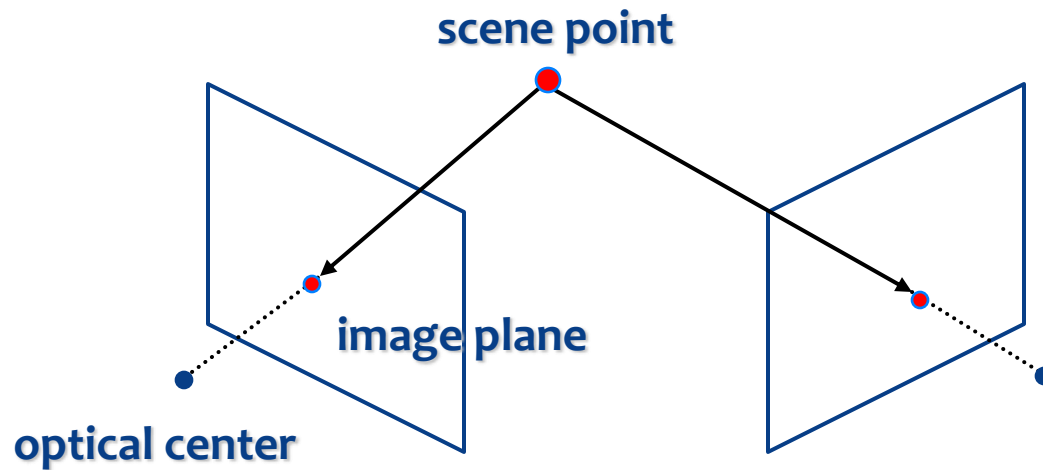
- * Familiar size

- * etc.

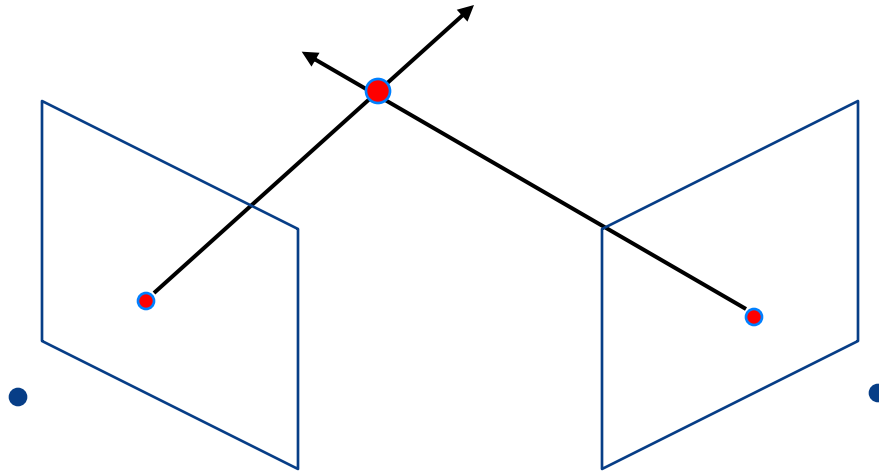
"God must have loved depth cues, for He made so many of them." -- (Yonas & Ganrud, 1985)

Binocular Cues: Stereopsis

Depth with stereo: basic idea



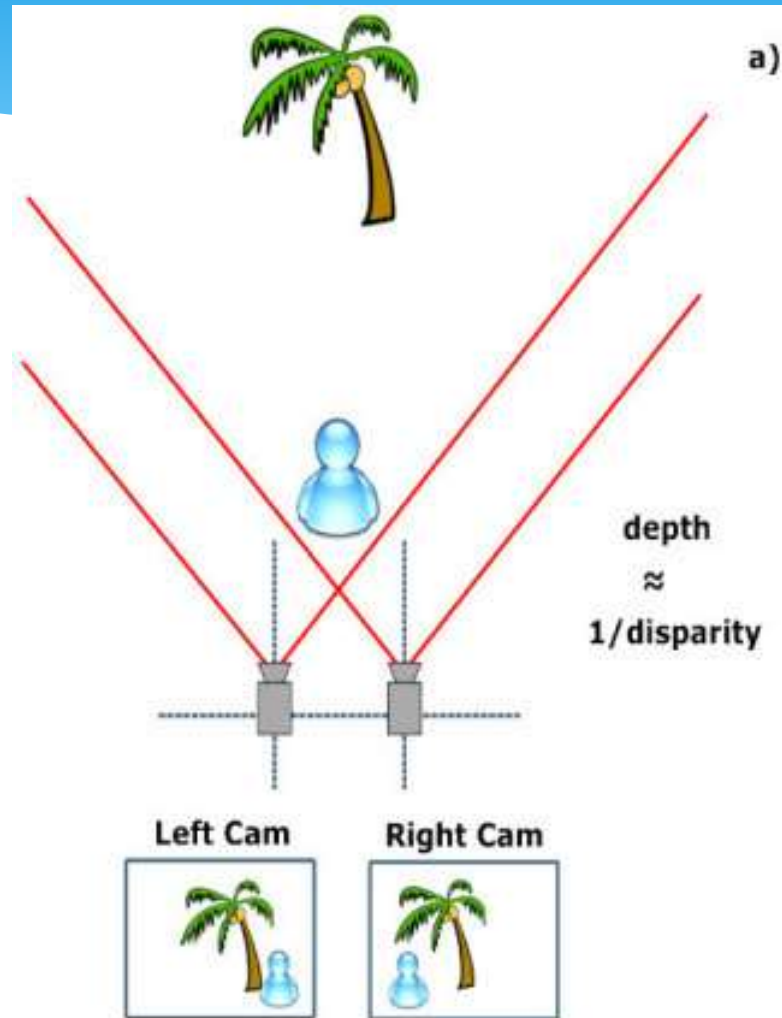
Depth with stereo: basic idea



Basic Principle: Triangulation

- Gives reconstruction as intersection of two rays
- Requires
 - camera pose (calibration)
 - *point correspondence*

The Problem

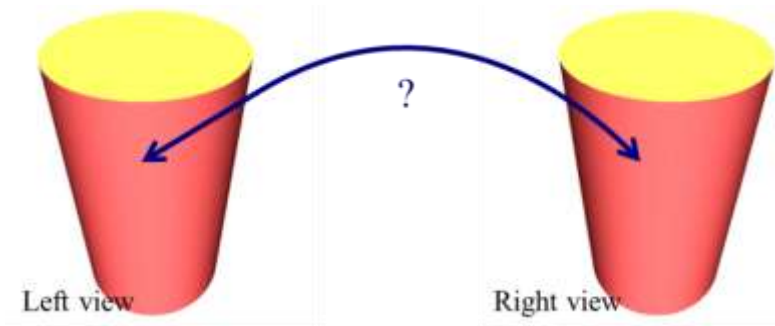


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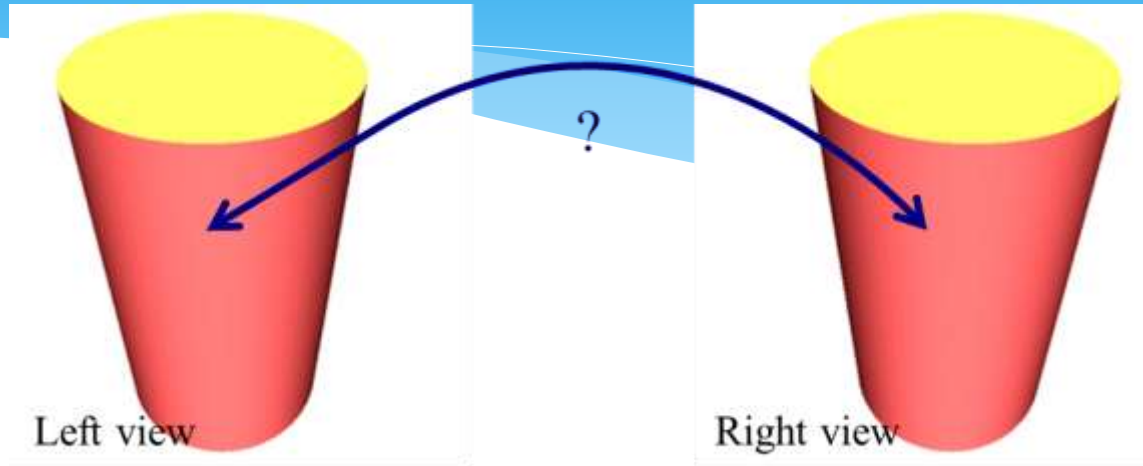


The Problem

- * Calibration
 - * If you are interested in 3D reconstruction or utilizing the epipolar line
- * Matching
 - * Computing Similarities
 - * Finding the “best” match for each pixel/feature
 - * Gives us the disparities
- * 3D Reconstruction



Correspondence Problem

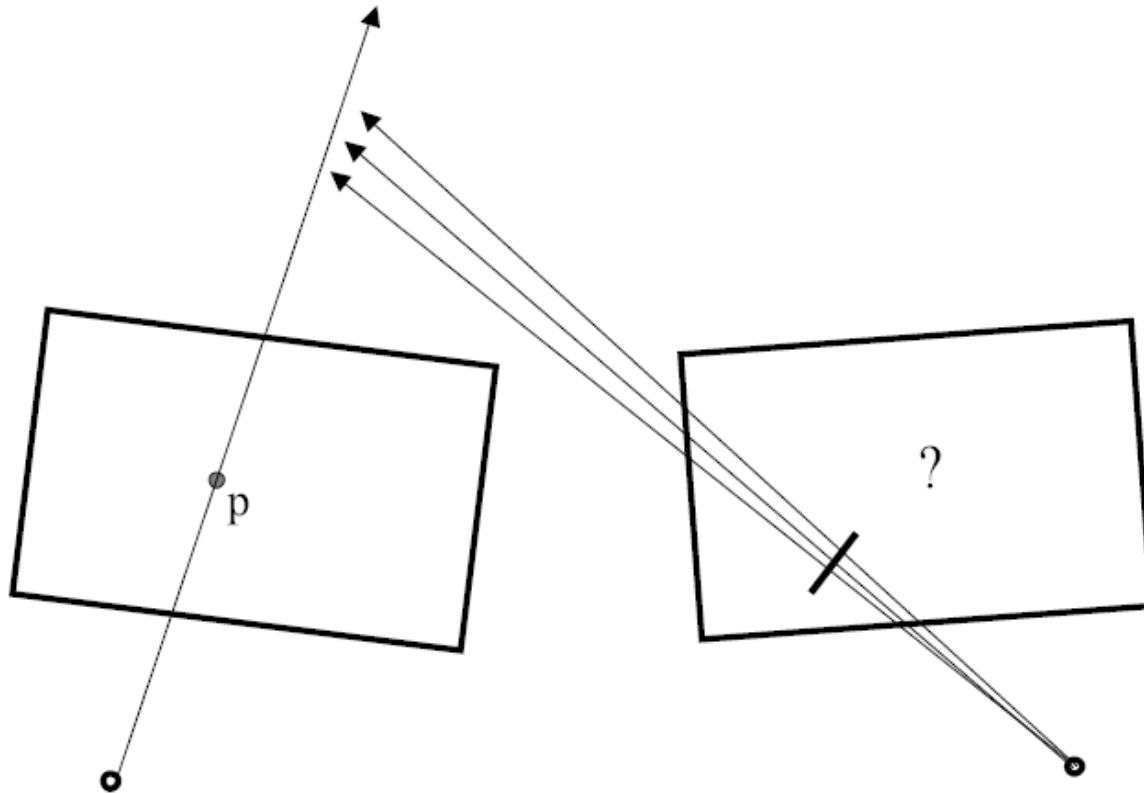


- * How can we match pixels?
 - * Local versus Global Matching
- * Especially homogeneous ones?
- * What if we cannot find a match?
 - * → Interpolation, Filling-in



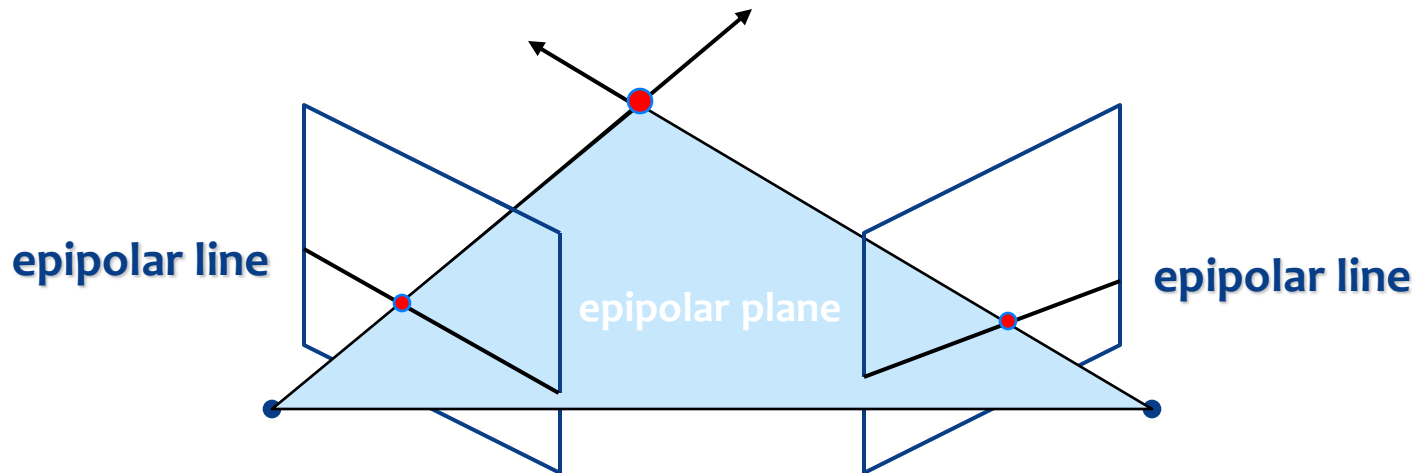
(Barrow&Tenenbaum, 1981)

Stereo correspondence constraints



Stereo correspondence constraints

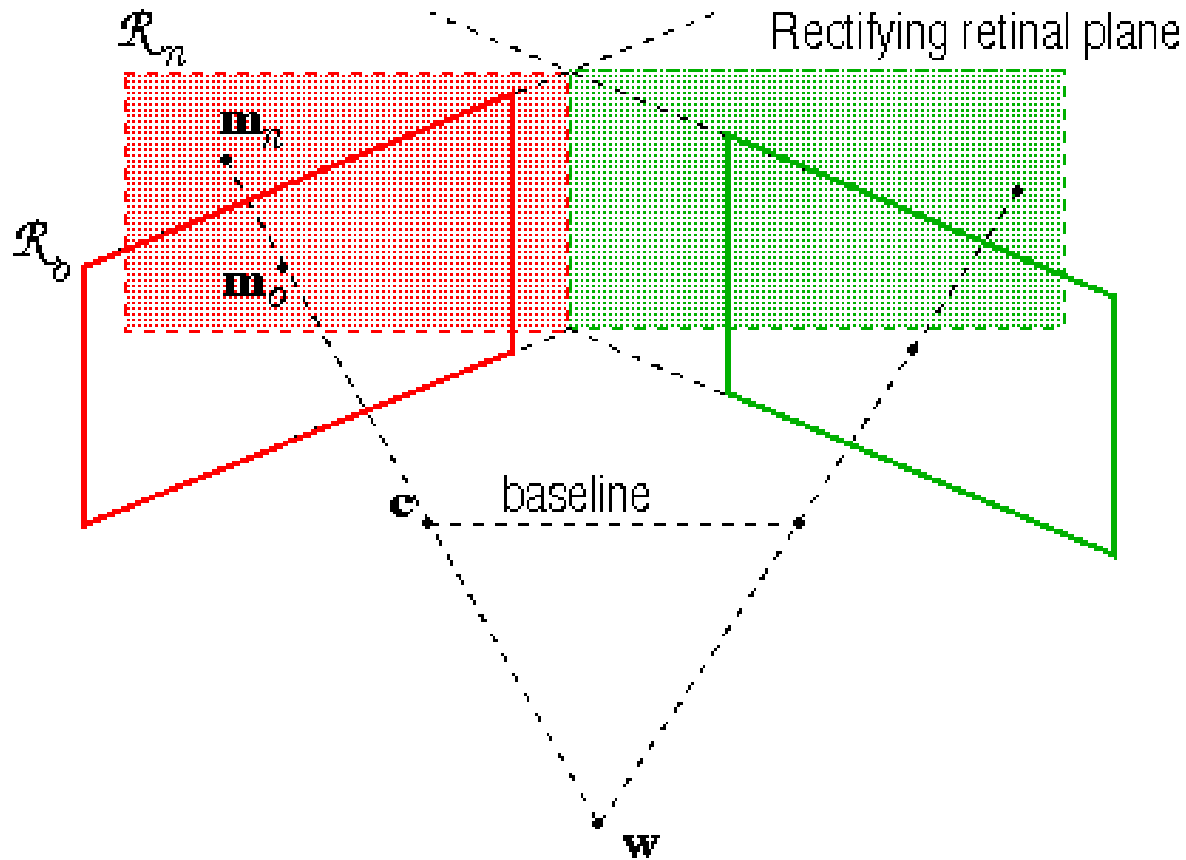
*Geometry of two views allows us to constrain where the corresponding pixel for some image point in the first view must occur in the second view.



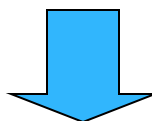
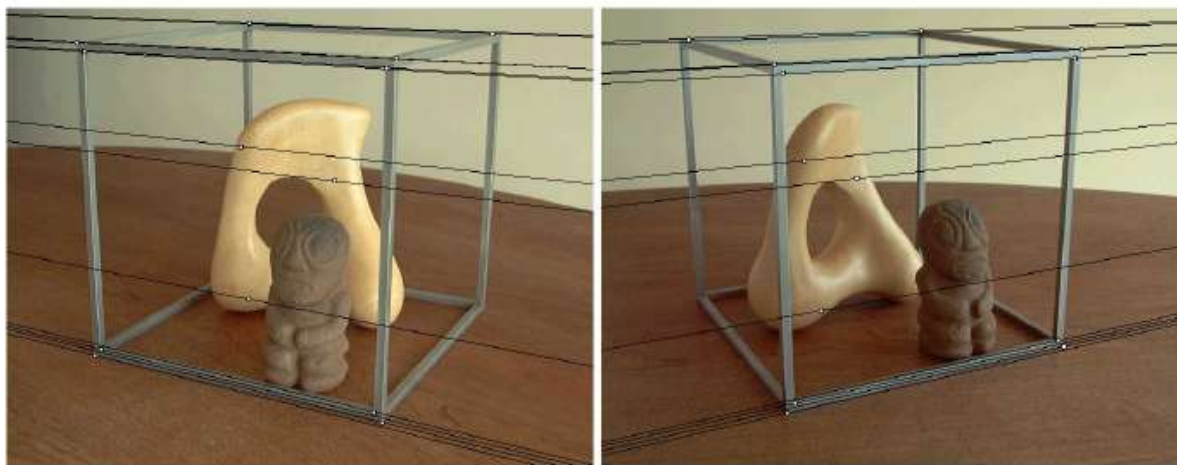
Epipolar constraint: Why is this useful?

- Reduces correspondence problem to 1D search along *conjugate epipolar lines*

Stereo image rectification



Stereo image rectification: example

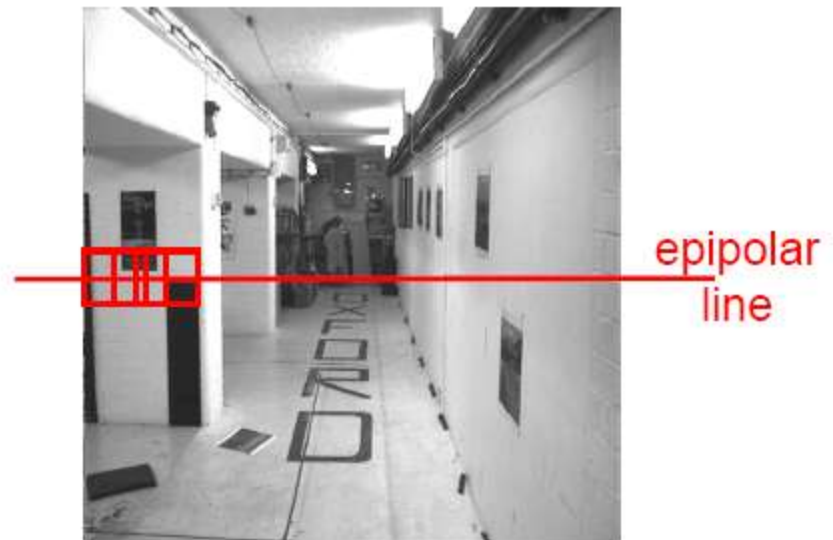


Correspondence problem

- * Beyond the hard constraint of epipolar geometry, there are “soft” constraints to help identify corresponding points
 - * Similarity
 - * Uniqueness
 - * Ordering
 - * Disparity gradient

- * To find matches in the image pair, we will assume
 - * Most scene points visible from both views
 - * Image regions for the matches are similar in appearance

Correspondence problem



Nighborhood of corresponding points are similar in intensity patterns.

Computing Similarity

TABLE 2
Common Block-Matching Methods (See Fig. 4 for Visual Description of Terms)

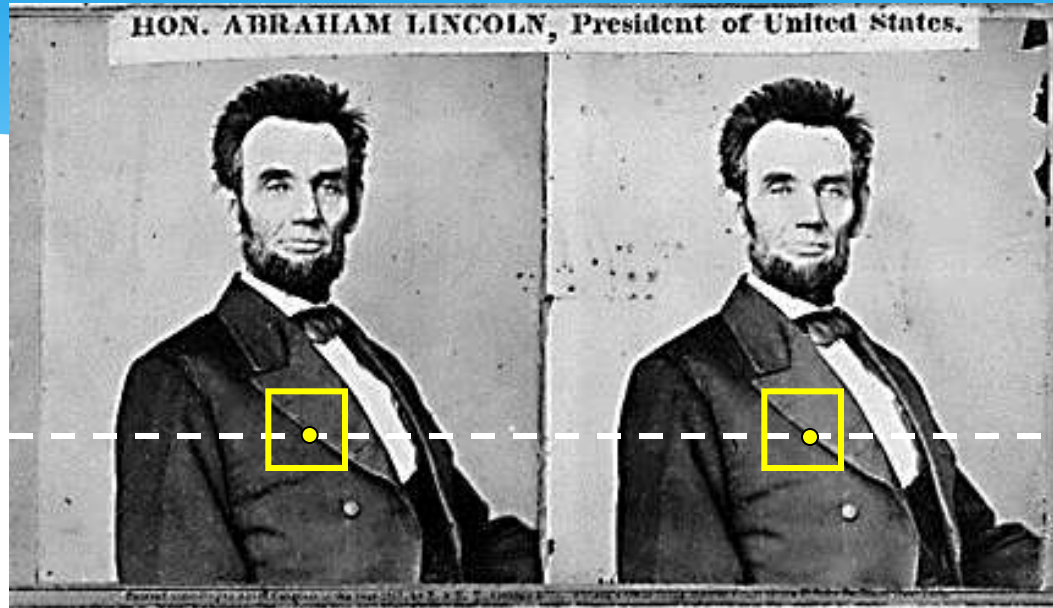
MATCH METRIC	DEFINITION
Normalized Cross-Correlation (NCC)	$\frac{\sum_{u,v} (I_1(u,v) - \bar{I}_1) \cdot (I_2(u+d,v) - \bar{I}_2)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u,v} (I_1(u,v) - \bar{I}_1)^2 \cdot (I_2(u+d,v) - \bar{I}_2)^2}}$
Sum of Squared Differences (SSD)	$\sum_{u,v} (I_1(u,v) - I_2(u+d,v))^2$
Normalized SSD	$\sum_{u,v} \left(\frac{(I_1(u,v) - \bar{I}_1)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u,v} (I_1(u,v) - \bar{I}_1)^2}} - \frac{(I_2(u+d,v) - \bar{I}_2)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u,v} (I_2(u+d,v) - \bar{I}_2)^2}} \right)^2$
Sum of Absolute Differences (SAD)	$\sum_{u,v} I_1(u,v) - I_2(u+d,v) $
Rank	$\sum_{u,v} (I'_1(u,v) - I'_2(u+d,v))$ $I'_k(u,v) = \sum_{m,n} I_k(m,n) < I_k(u,v)$
Census	$\sum_{u,v} \text{HAMMING}(I'_1(u,v), I'_2(u+d,v))$ $I'_k(u,v) = \text{BITSTRING}_{m,n}(I_k(m,n) < I_k(u,v))$

Correlation-based window matching



left image band (x)

Dense correspondence search

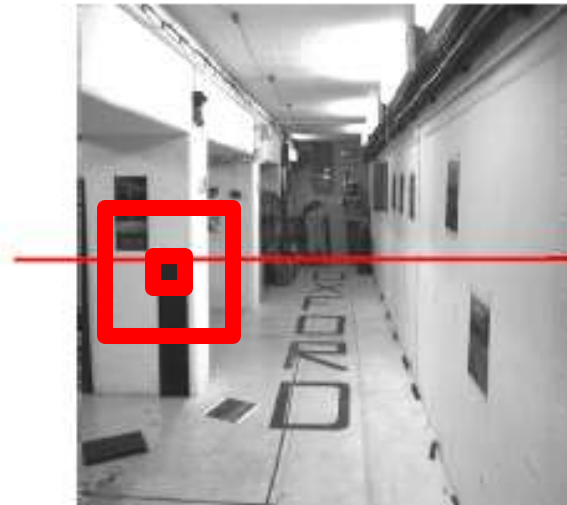


For each epipolar line

For each pixel / window in the left image

- compare with every pixel / window on same epipolar line in right image
- pick position with minimum match cost (e.g., SSD, correlation)

Effect of window size

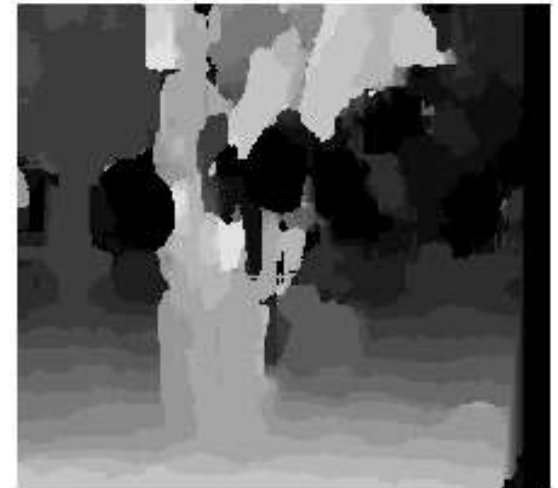


epipolar
line

Effect of window size



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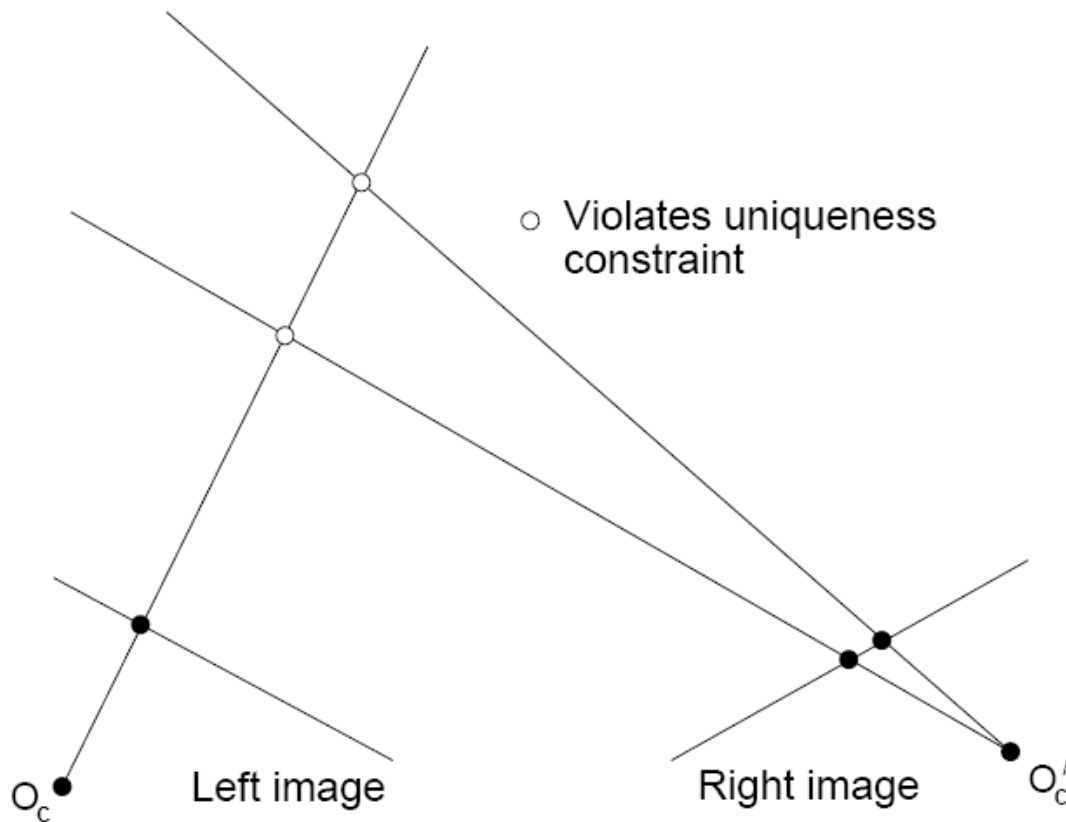


$W = 20$

Want window large enough to have sufficient intensity variation, yet small enough to contain only pixels with about the same disparity.

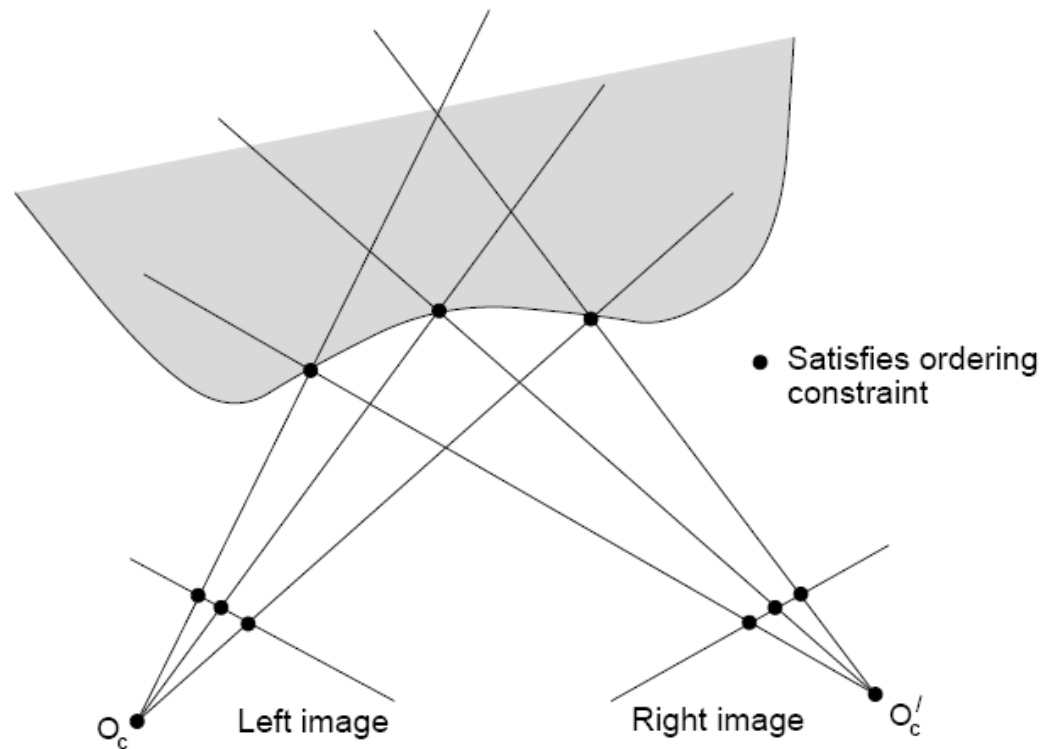
Uniqueness

- For opaque objects, up to one match in right image for every point in left image



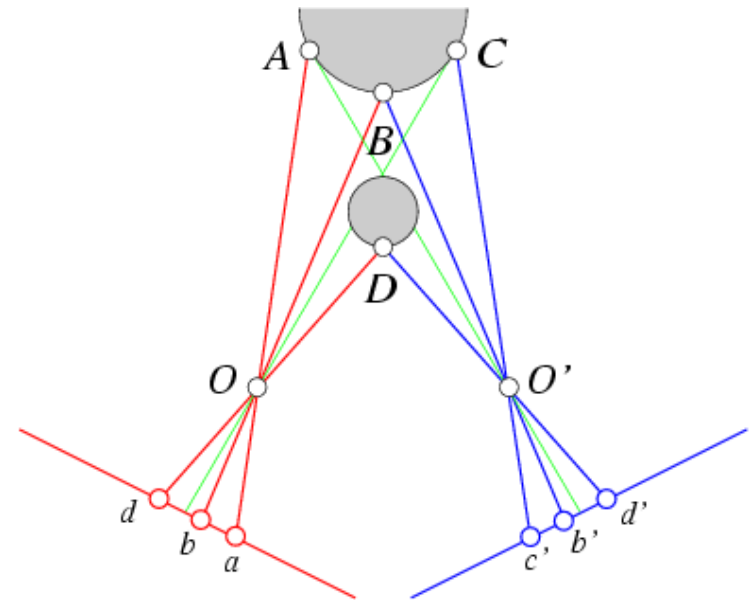
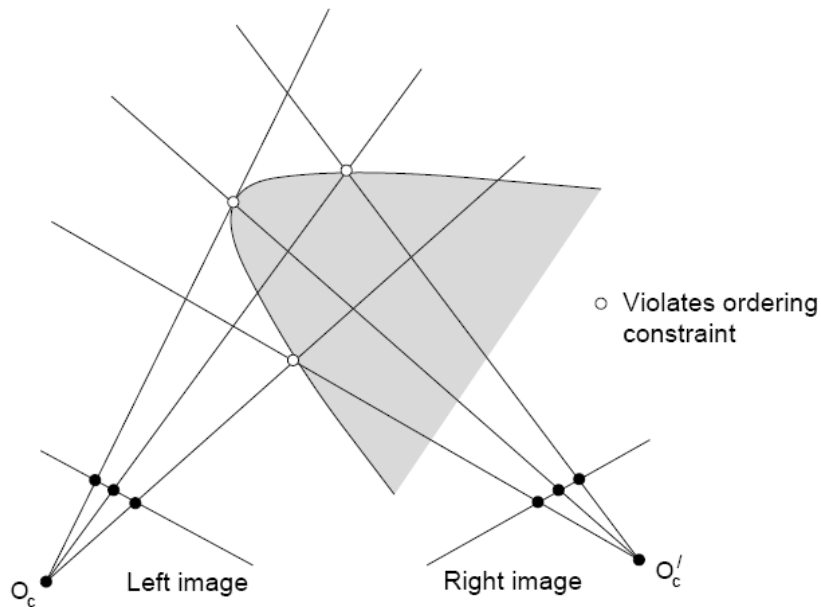
Ordering constraint

- * Points on **same surface** (opaque object) will be in same order in both views

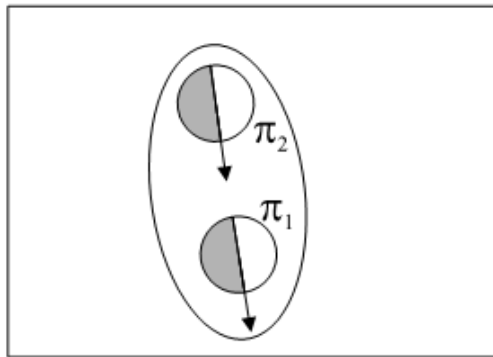


Ordering constraint

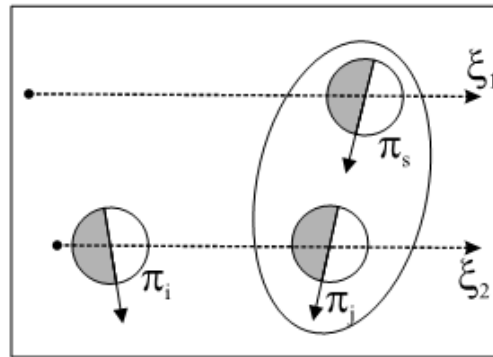
- Won't always hold, e.g. consider transparent object, or an occluding surface



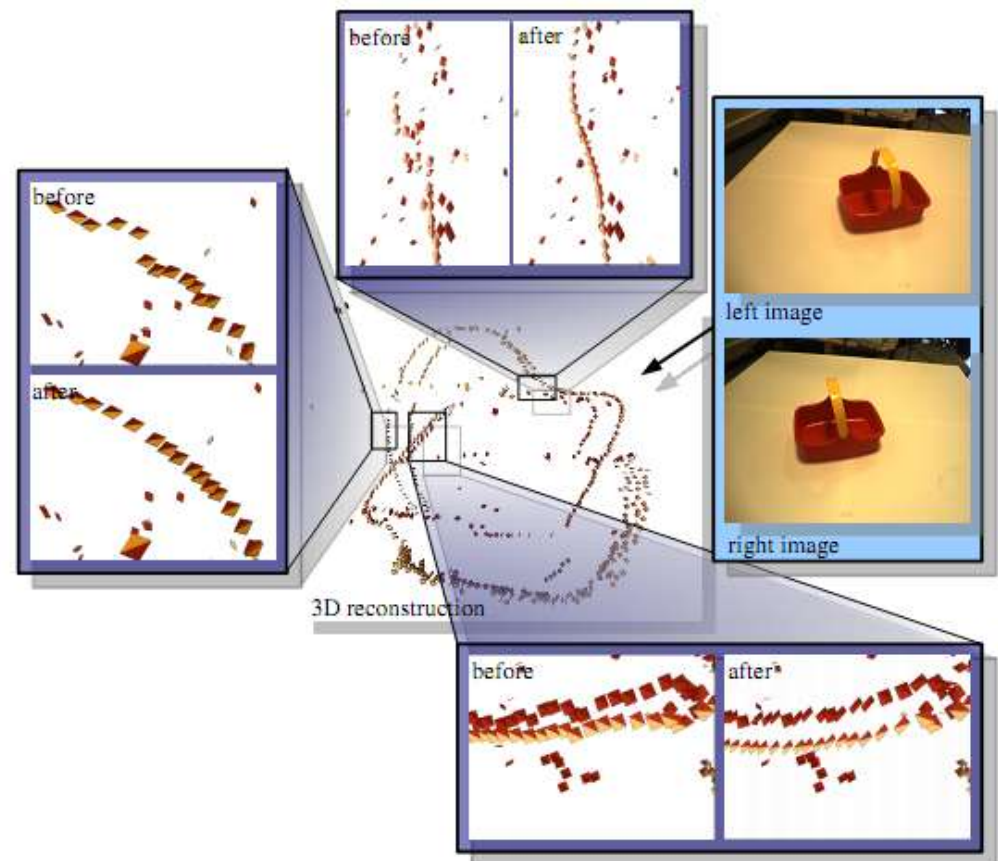
Grouping Constraint



left frame



right frame

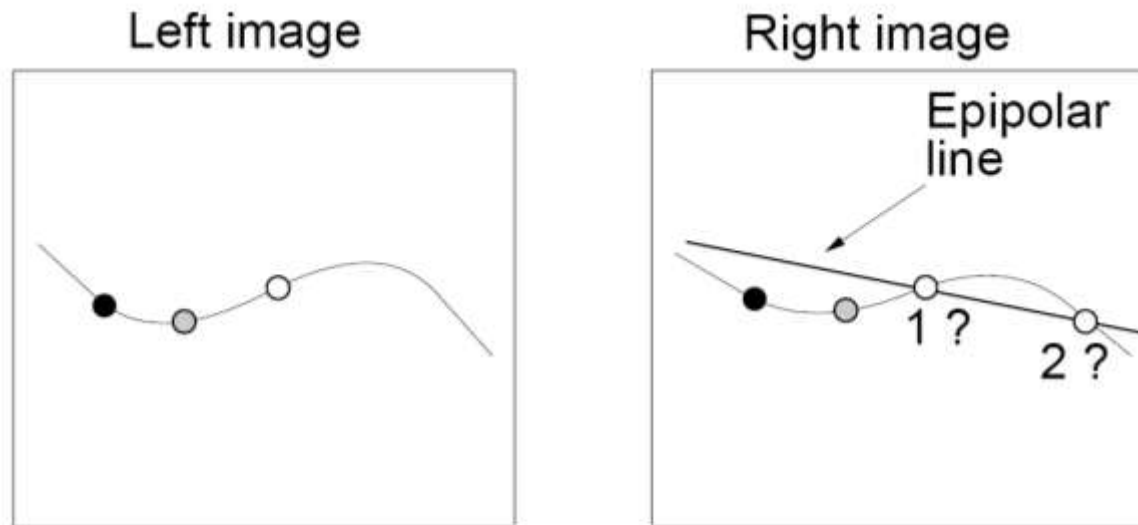


Pugeault et al., 2006; 2008.

Figure 5.6: Illustration of the effects of the 3D-primitives' correction using interpolation.

Disparity gradient

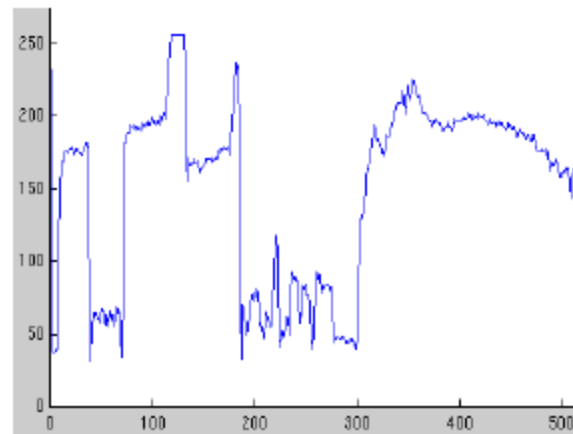
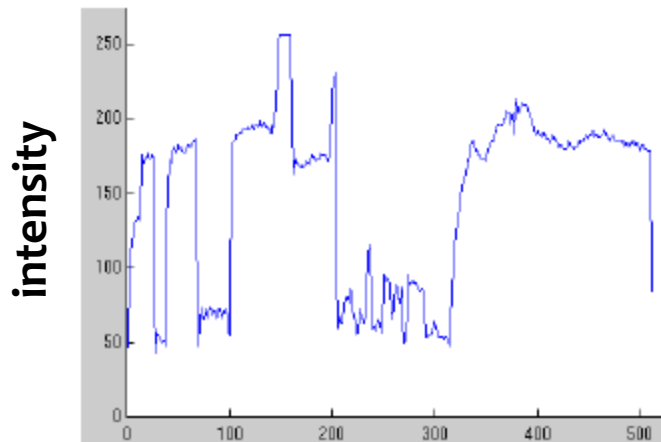
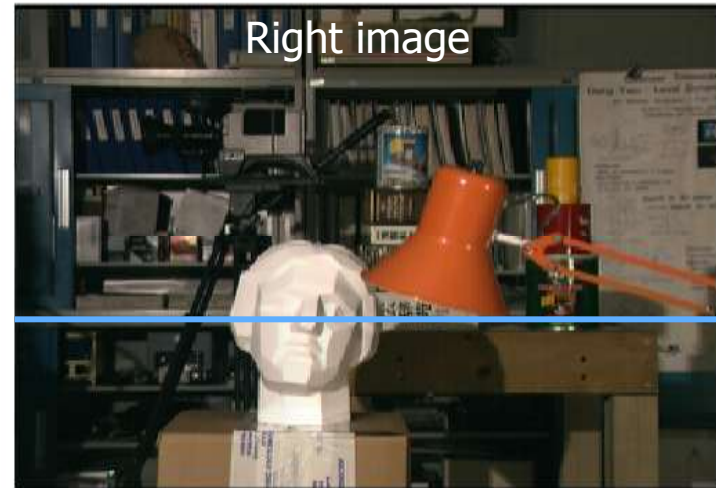
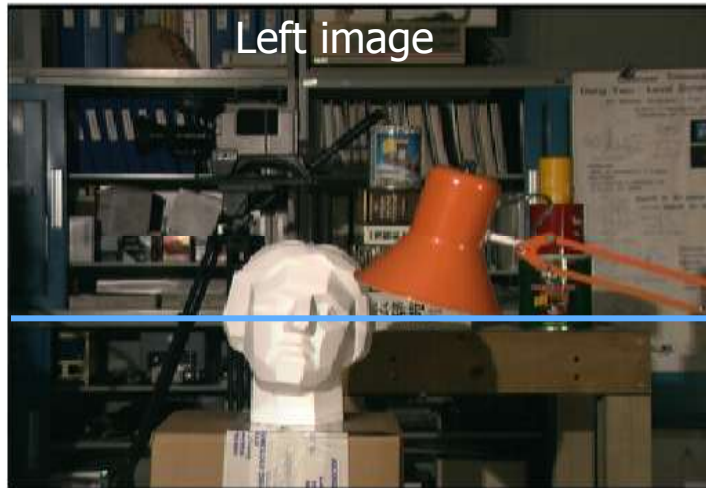
- Assume piecewise continuous surface, so want disparity estimates to be locally smooth



Given matches ● and ○, point ○ in the left image must match point 1 in the right image. Point 2 would exceed the disparity gradient limit.

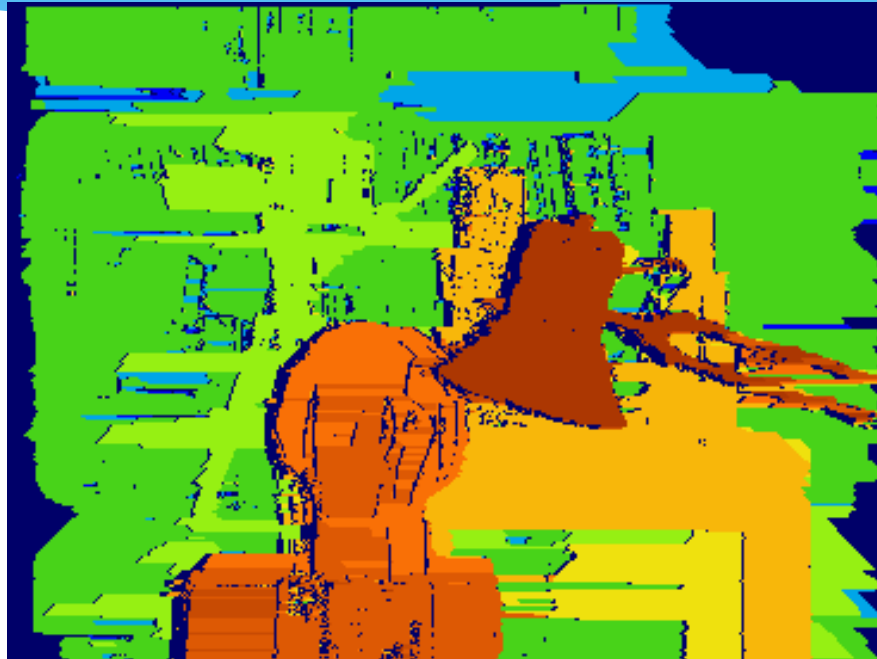
Scanline stereo

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



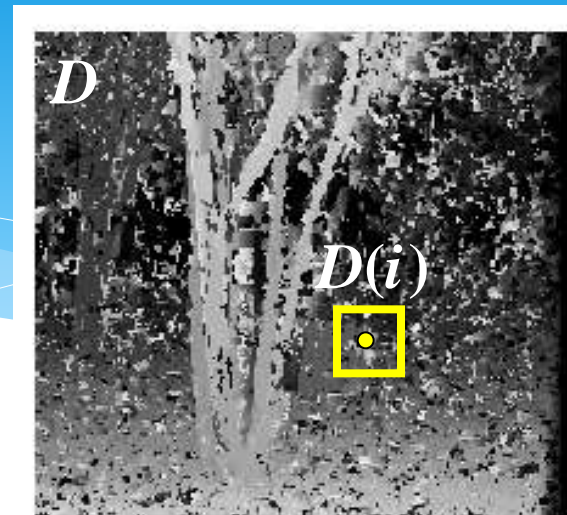
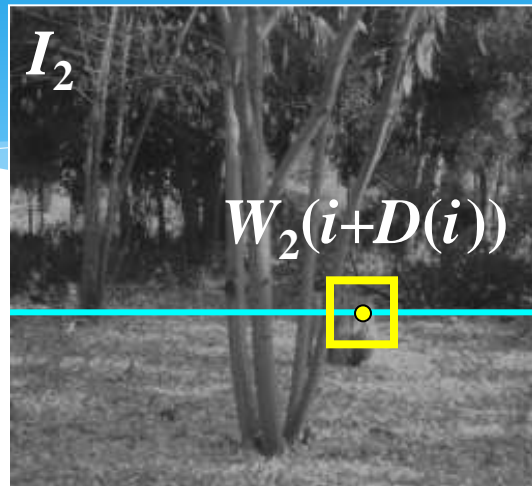
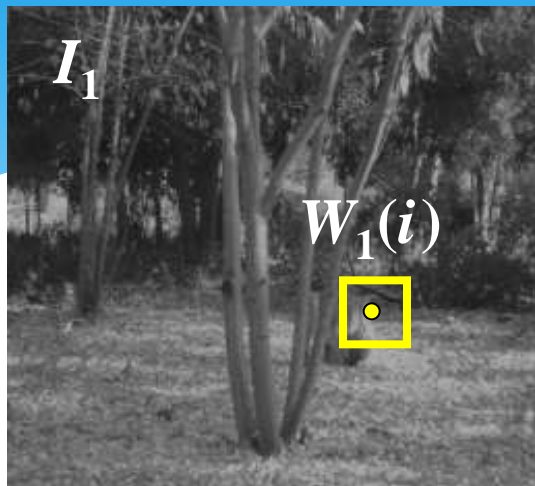
Coherent stereo on 2D grid

- Scanline stereo generates streaking artifacts



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

As energy minimization...



$$E = \alpha E_{\text{data}}(I_1, I_2, D) + \beta E_{\text{smooth}}(D)$$

$$E_{\text{data}} = \sum_i (W_1(i) - W_2(i + D(i)))^2$$

$$E_{\text{smooth}} = \sum_{\text{neighbors } i, j} \rho(D(i) - D(j))$$

Examples...

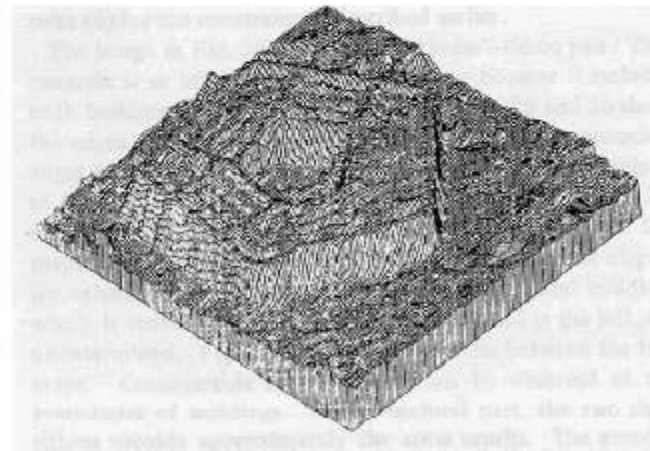
left image



right image



range map





left image

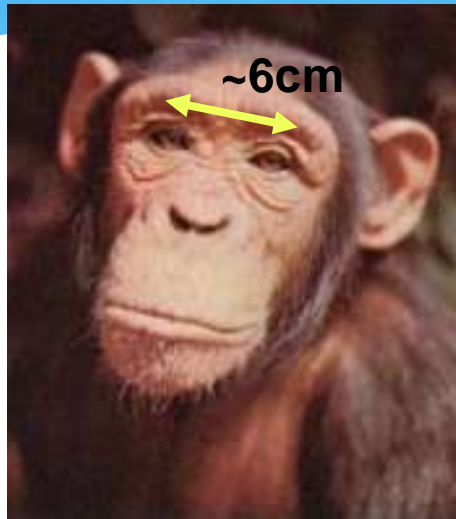


right image



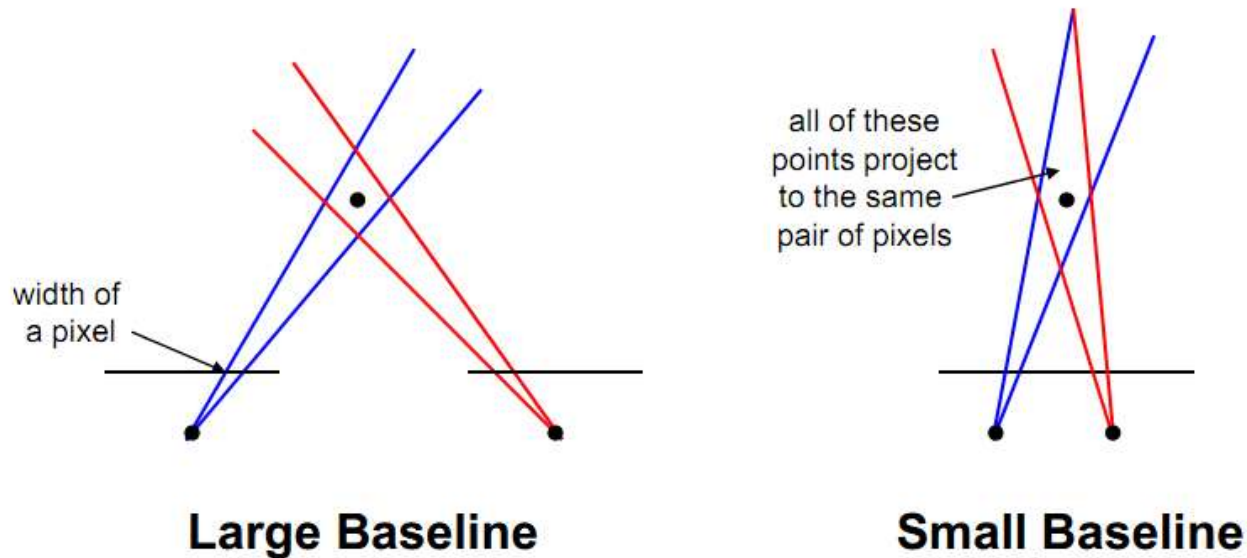
depth map
intensity = depth

Stereo vision



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

Choosing the stereo baseline



What's the optimal baseline?

- Too small: large depth error
- Too large: difficult search problem

Multibaseline Stereo

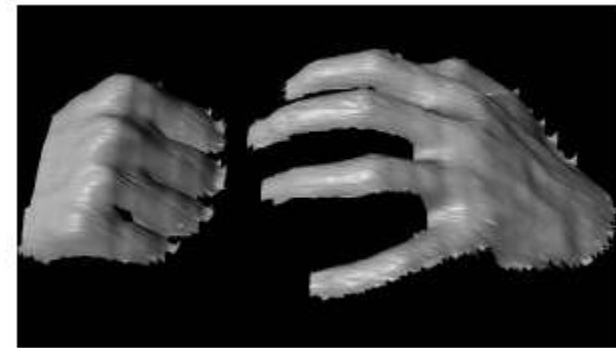
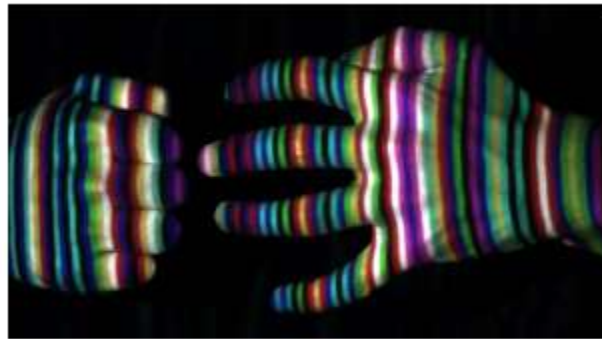
* Basic Approach

- * Choose a reference view
- * Use your favorite stereo algorithm BUT
 - * replace two-view SSD with SSD over all baselines

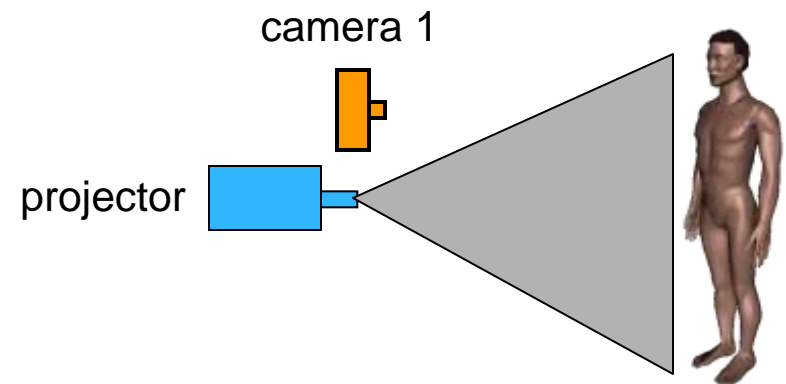
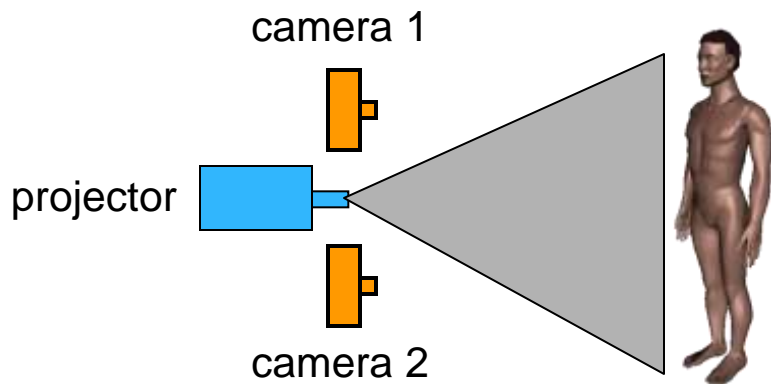
* Limitations

- * Must choose a reference view
- * Visibility: select which frames to match
[Kang, Szeliski, Chai, CVPR'01]

Active stereo with structured light



Li Zhang's one-shot stereo



- * Project “structured” light patterns onto the object
- * simplifies the correspondence problem

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Welcome to the Middlebury Stereo Vision Page, formerly located at www.middlebury.edu/stereo. This website accompanies our taxonomy and comparison of two-frame stereo correspondence algorithms [1]. It contains:

- An [on-line evaluation](#) of current algorithms
- Many [stereo datasets](#) with ground-truth disparities
- Our [stereo correspondence software](#)
- An [on-line submission script](#) that allows you to evaluate your stereo algorithm in our framework

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References:

- [1] D. Scharstein and R. Szeliski. [A taxonomy and evaluation of dense two-frame stereo correspondence algorithms](#). *International Journal of Computer Vision*, 47(1/2/3):7-42, April-June 2002.
[Microsoft Research Technical Report MSR-TR-2001-81](#), November 2001.



Problems with Stereo

- * Calibration
- * Matching is difficult.
 - * Deciding on what to match:
 - * Pixels vs. features.
 - * How to match:
 - * Local vs. global.
- * Accuracy of depth is limited by the baseline.

Further Reading

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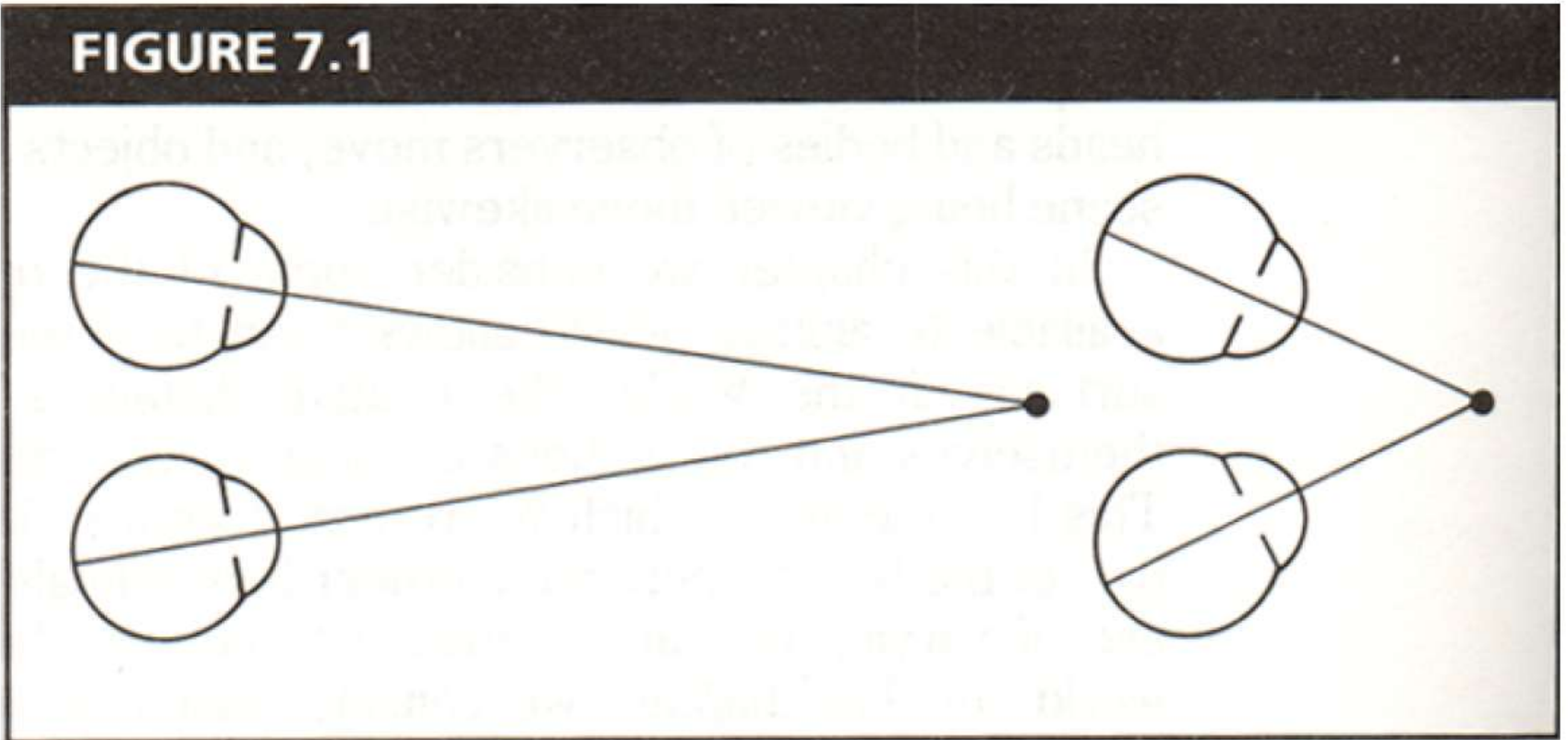
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Advances in Computational Stereo

Myron Z. Brown, *Member, IEEE*, Darius Burschka, *Member, IEEE*, and
Gregory D. Hager, *Senior Member, IEEE*

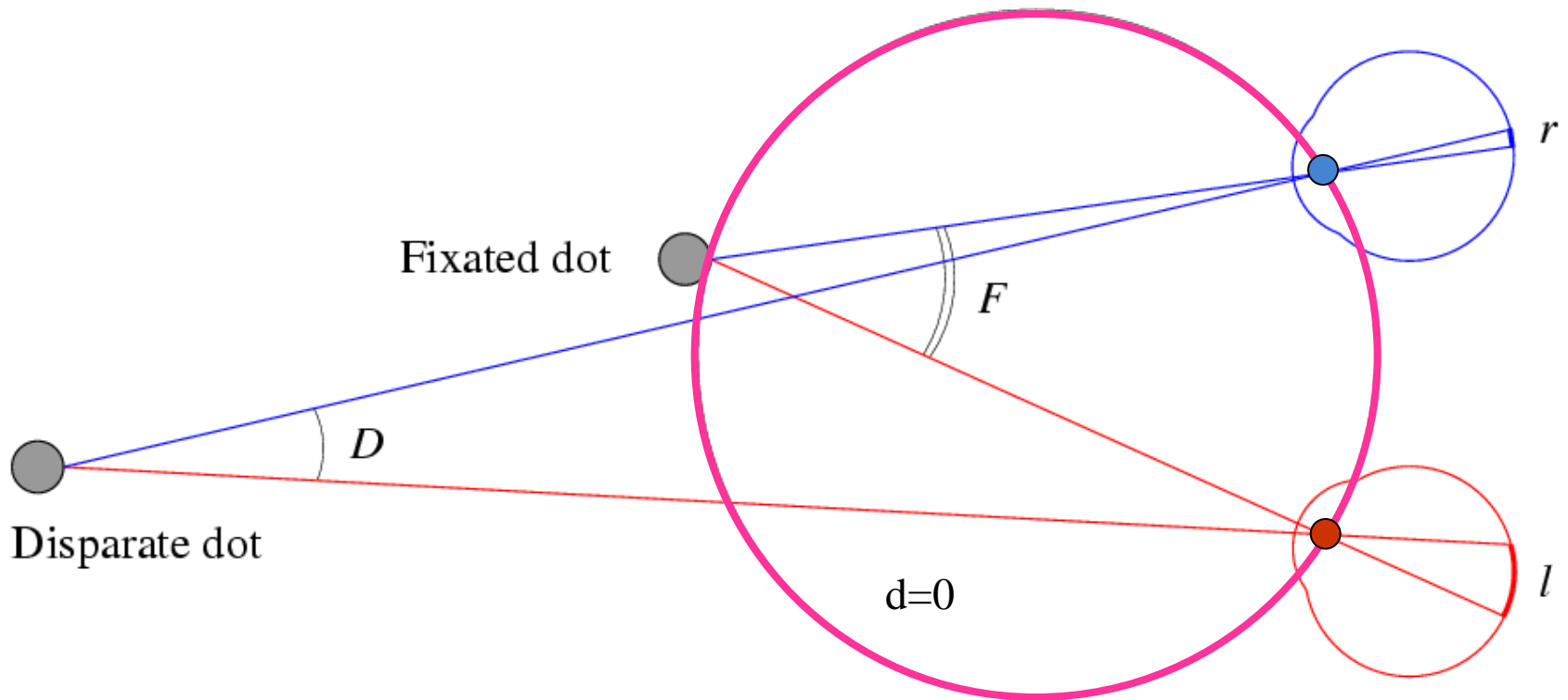
Human Stereo Vision: Fixation, convergence

FIGURE 7.1



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

Human stereopsis: disparity



Disparity: $d = r - l = D - F$.

Do you have stereo vision?



THE FRAMING GAME

In order to see 3D your brain has to use the visual information from both eyes. If the two eye views are too different and cannot be matched up, the brain will be forced to make a choice. It will reject all or part of the information from one eye. The brain can suppress or turn off visual information it cannot use. The Framing Game can tell you whether both your eyes are **TURNED ON** at the same time. The illustration to the left demonstrates what should happen.

- Center your nose over the brown eye below.
- Focus your eyes on the single brown eye.
- Put your free thumb in front of your nose.
- Continue to focus on the eye. If both eyes are on, you will see two thumbs framing one eye.
- Now, switch your focus to your thumb. You should see two eyes framing one thumb.

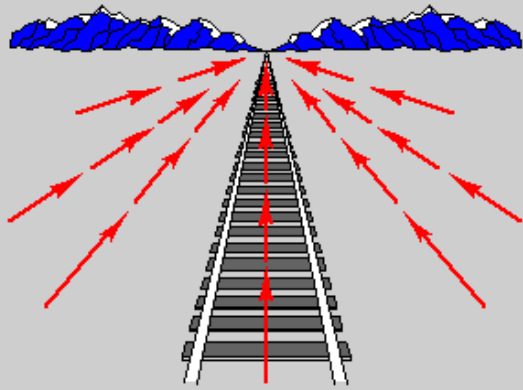
SUCCESSFUL?

Both your eyes are **ON** and you are an excellent candidate for 3D viewing fun. Continue with this guide and enjoy!

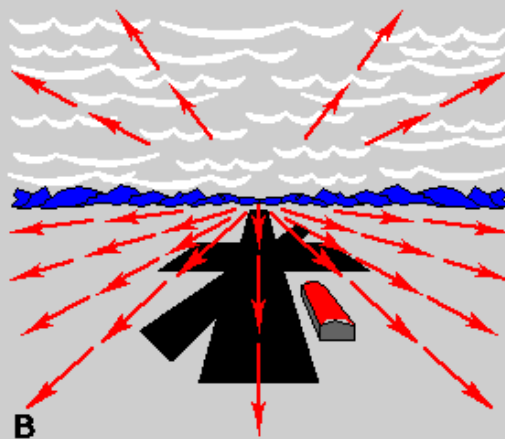
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Binocular Cues: Motion

Depth from optical flow

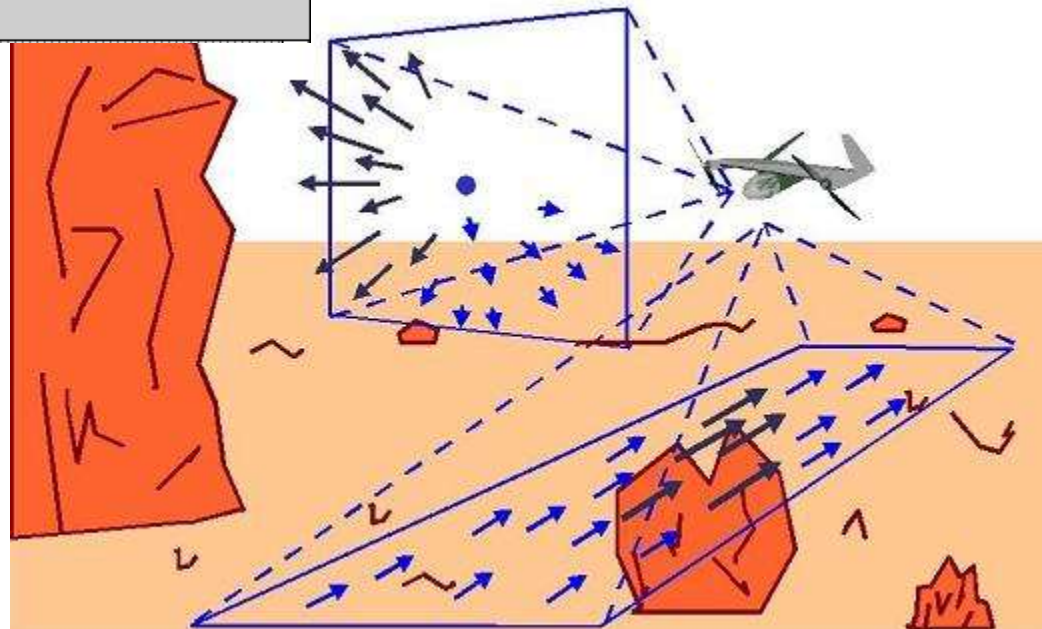


A



B

<http://cns.bu.edu/vislab/projects/buk/>



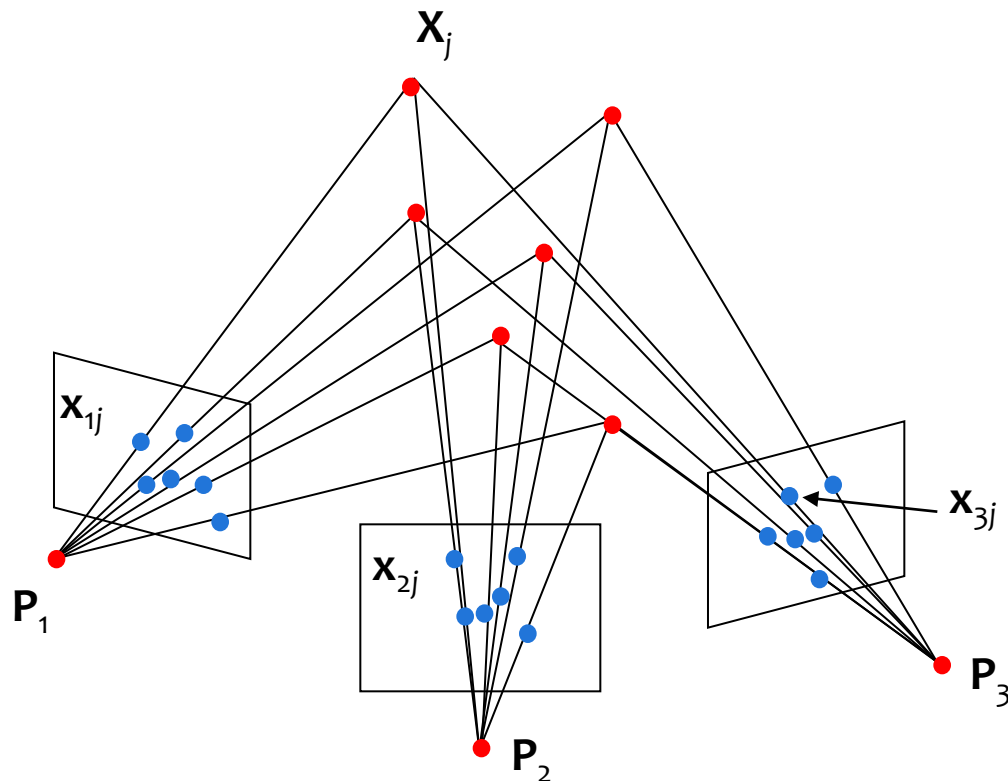
<http://www.pages.drexel.edu/~weg22/opticFlow.html>

Structure from motion

- Given: m images of n fixed 3D points

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

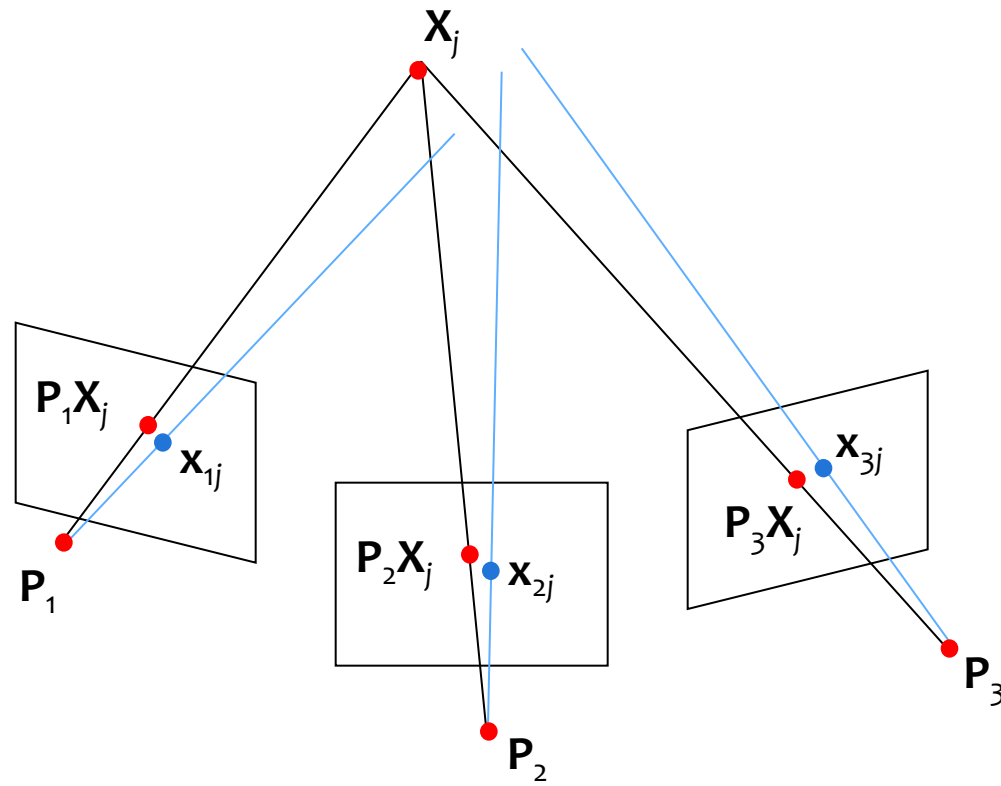
- Problem: estimate m projection matrices \mathbf{P}_i and n 3D points \mathbf{X}_j from the mn correspondences \mathbf{x}_{ij}



Bundle adjustment

- Non-linear method for refining structure and motion
- Minimizing reprojection error

$$E(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n D(\mathbf{x}_{ij}, \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{X}_j)^2$$



Building Rome in a Day

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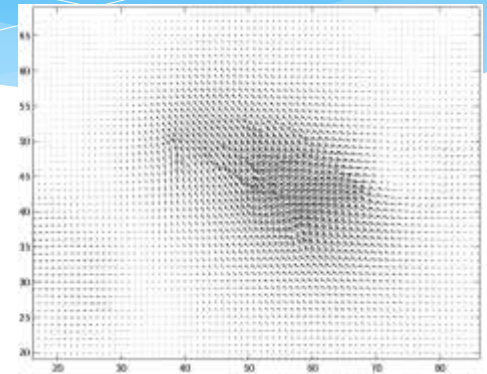
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Problems with motion

- * Structure from optic flow:
 - * Estimation of optic flow is not easy: Flow field is usually over-smooth, noisy and incomplete.
 - * Gives a rough estimate only.

- * Structure from Motion:
 - * Requires too many views/frames
 - * Matching is now more difficult due to many views
 - * Illumination becomes a bigger problem



Monocular Cues

An important fraction of people don't use stereo vision.

Monocular cues

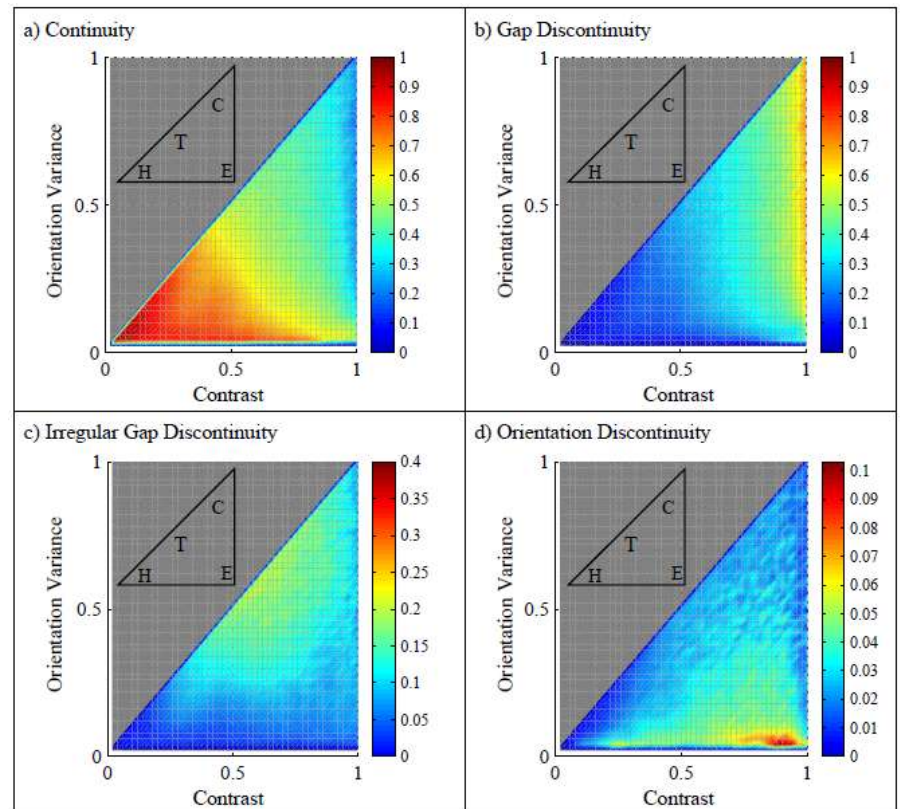


Figure 7.3: Line drawing of a scene. Picture courtesy of [van Diepen and Graef, 1994].

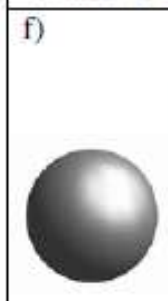
'No news is good news' [W.E.L. Grimson]



- * No contrast in 2D means continuity in 3D
- * Utilized a lot in surface interpolation & dense stereo methods.
- * Quantified & extended in (Kalkan et al., 2006)



Examples for monocular cues



Monocular cues to depth

- * **Relative depth cues:**

- * provide relative information about depth between elements in the scene

- * **Absolute depth cues:**

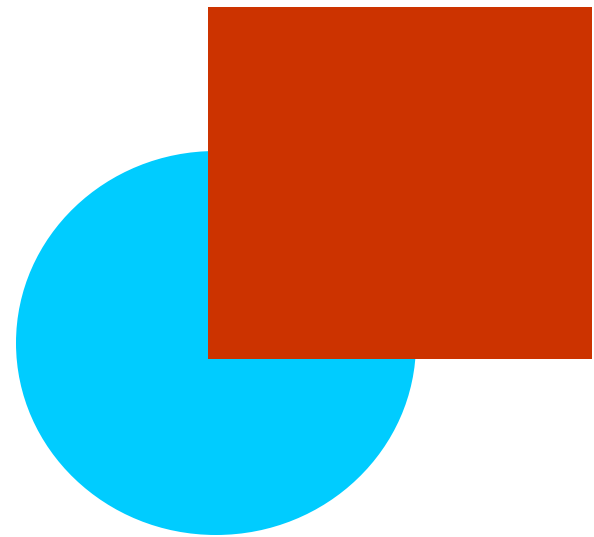
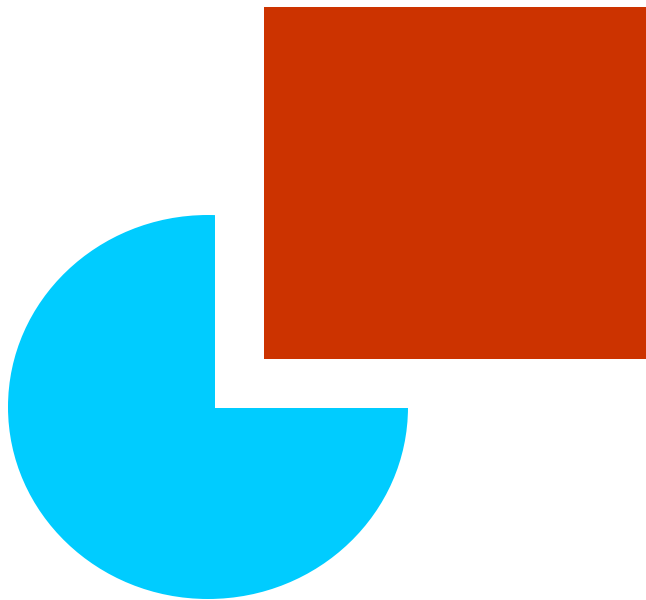
- * (assuming known camera parameters)
these cues provide information about the absolute depth between the observer and elements of the scene

Relative depth cues



Simple and powerful cue, but hard to make it work in practice...

Interposition / occlusion



Texture Gradient

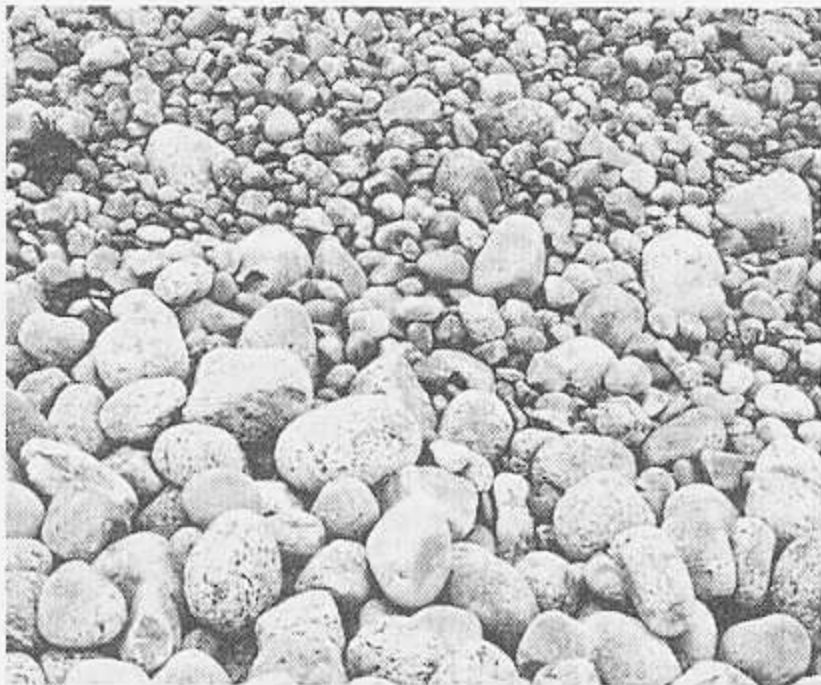


FIGURE 8.27

Texture gradients provide information about depth. (Frank Siteman/Stock, Boston.)

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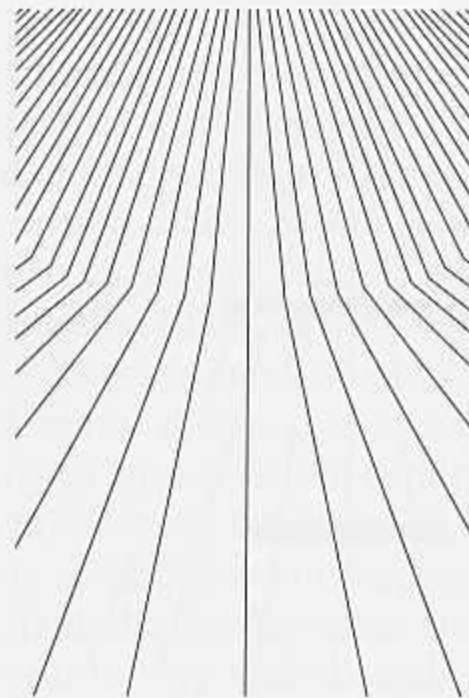


FIGURE 8.28

Texture discontinuity signals the pre corner.

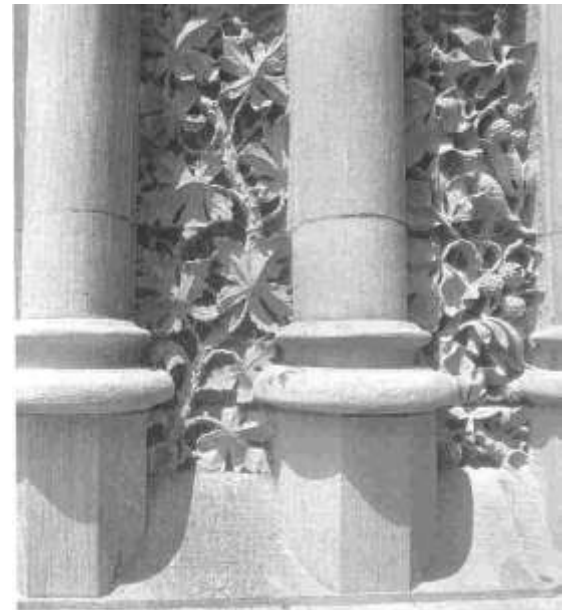
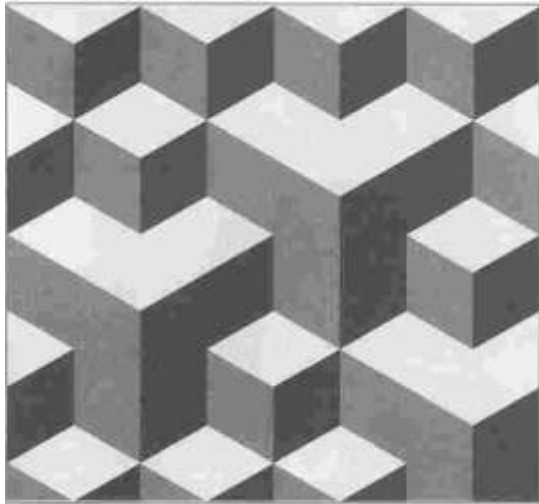
A Witkin. Recovering Surface Shape and Orientation from Texture (1981)

Illumination

- * Shading
- * Shadows
- * Inter-reflections

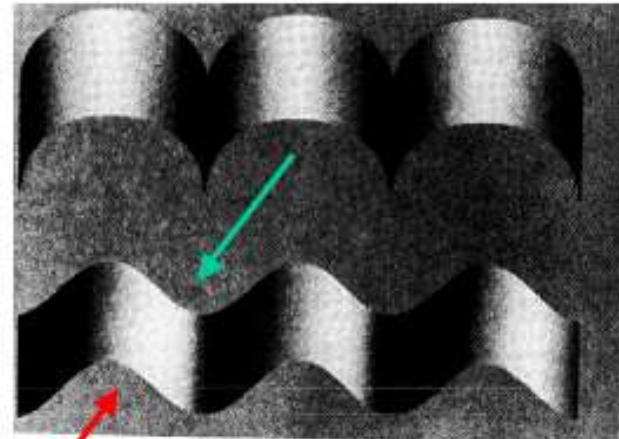
Shading

- * Based on 3 dimensional modeling of objects in light, shade and shadows.



Does Shading Play a Central Role?

- Contour plays a more important role
 - Variations in intensity are same on both shapes
 - Upper region is perceived as composed of three cylindrical pieces illuminated from above
 - Lower region is perceived as sinusoidal, illuminated from one side
 - Note the ambiguities of the surface perceptions, depending on assumed illumination direction



2 possible illumination hypotheses

Shadows



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Atmospheric perspective



Far objects:

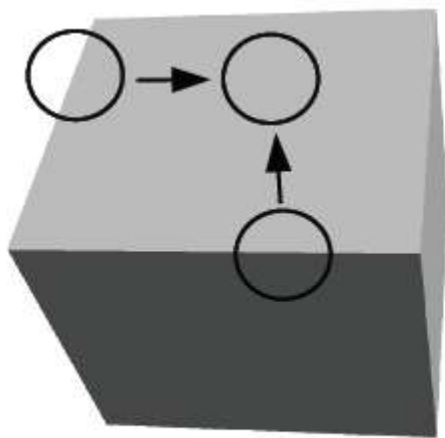
- * Bluish
- * Lower contrast



Predicting Depth from Existing Depth

- * Combination of different depth cues.

Depth Prediction from Edges



(a)

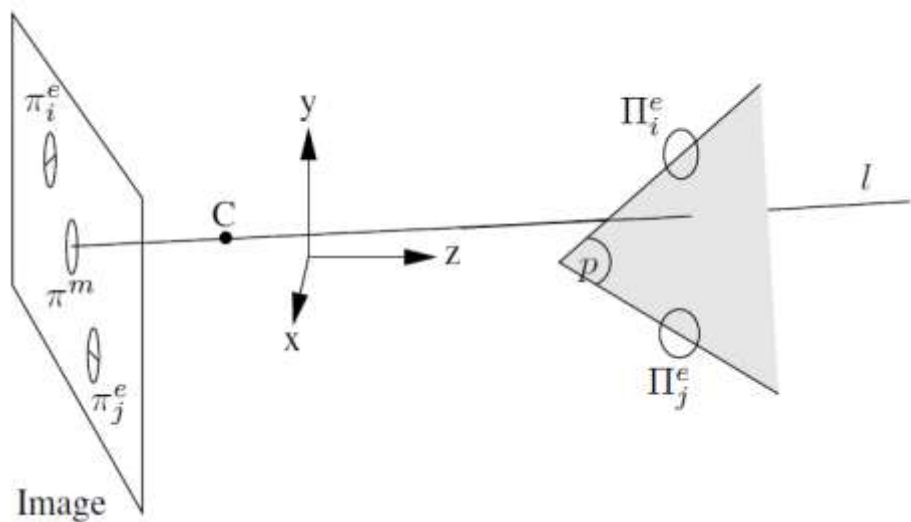


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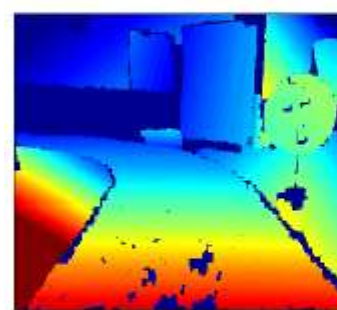
(c)

Depth Prediction from Edges

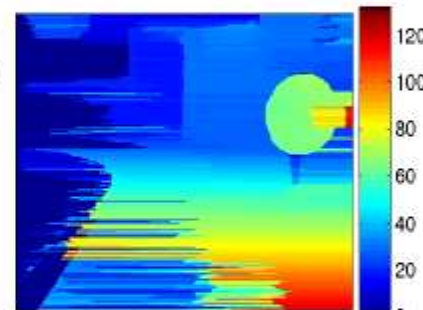


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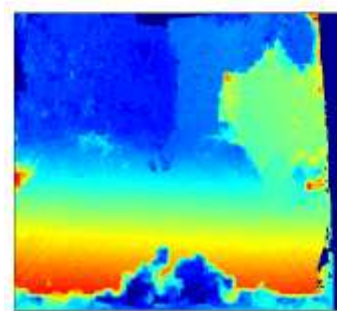
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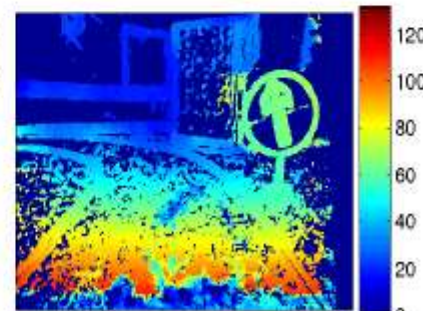
(c)



(d)



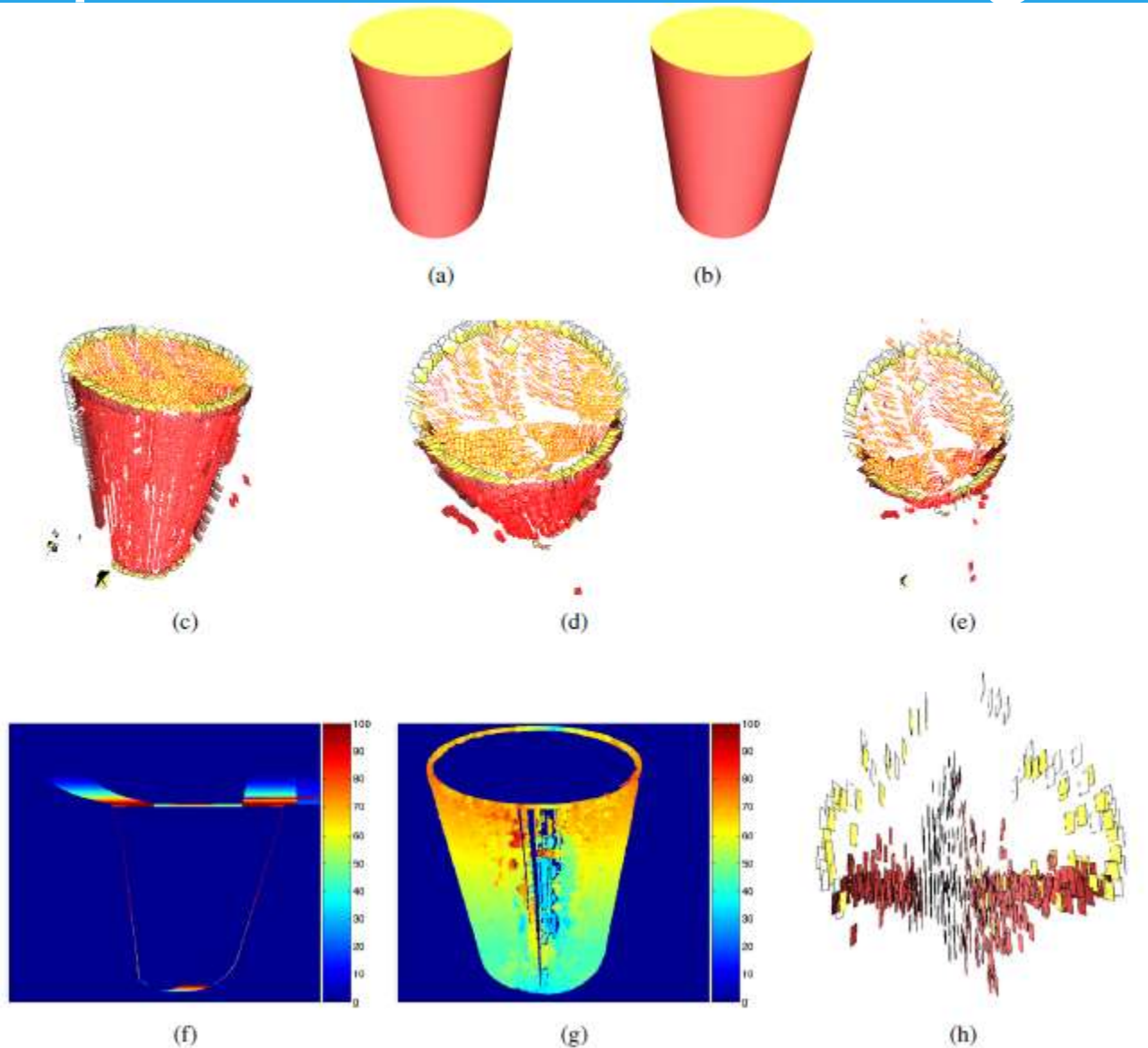
(e)



(f)

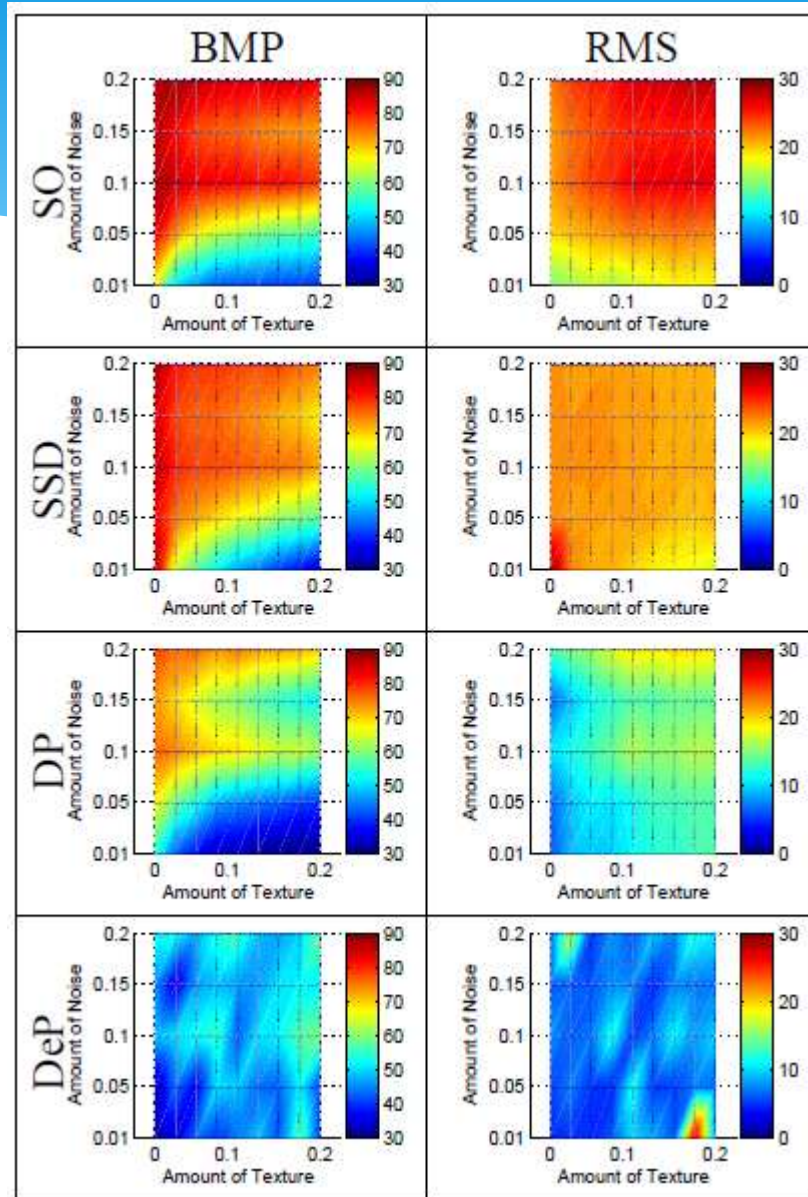
Kalkan et al., 2008.

Depth Prediction from Edges



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Learning Monocular Cues from Labeled Data

Learn to Estimate Surface Orientations

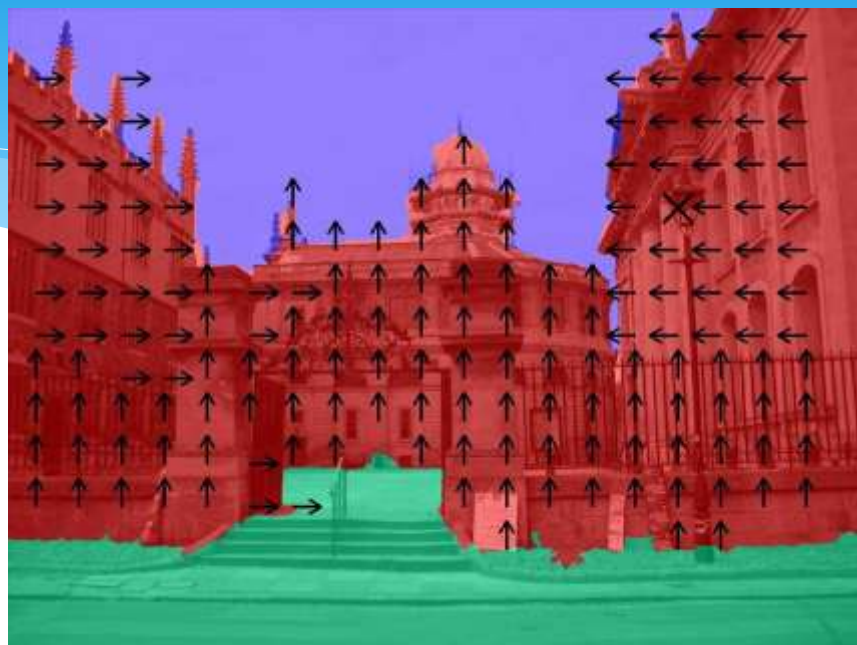
- Learn structure of the world from labeled examples



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Label Geometric Classes



- * **Goal:** learn labeling of image into 7 Geometric Classes:
- * **Support (ground)**
- * **Vertical**
- * Planar: facing **Left** (\leftarrow), **Center** (\uparrow), **Right** (\rightarrow)
- * Non-planar: **Solid** (X), **Porous** or wiry (O)
- * **Sky**

What cues to use?



Vanishing points, lines



Color, texture, image location



Texture gradient

The General Case (outdoors)

- * Typical outdoor photograph off the Web
 - * Got 300 images using Google Image Search keyboards: “outdoor”, “scenery”, “urban”, etc.
- * Certainly not random samples from world
 - * 100% horizontal horizon
 - * 97% pixels belong to 3 classes -- ground, sky, vertical (gravity)
 - * Camera axis usually parallel to ground plane
- * Still very general dataset!

Let's use many weak cues

* Material

* Image Location

* Perspective

SURFACE CUES
Location and Shape L1. Location: normalized x and y, mean L2. Location: norm. x and y, 10 th and 90 th pctl L3. Location: norm. y wrt estimated horizon, 10 th , 90 th pctl L4. Location: whether segment is above, below, or straddles estimated horizon L5. Shape: number of superpixels in segment L6. Shape: normalized area in image
Color C1. RGB values: mean C2. HSV values: C1 in HSV space C3. Hue: histogram (5 bins) C4. Saturation: histogram (3 bins)
Texture T1. LM filters: mean abs response (15 filters) T2. LM filters: hist. of maximum responses (15 bins)
Perspective P1. Long Lines: (num line pixels)/sqrt(area) P2. Long Lines: % of nearly parallel pairs of lines P3. Line Intersections: hist. over 8 orientations, entropy P4. Line Intersections: % right of center P5. Line Intersections: % above center P6. Line Intersections: % far from center at 8 orientations P7. Line Intersections: % very far from center at 8 orientations P8. Vanishing Points: (num line pixels with vertical VP membership)/sqrt(area) P9. Vanishing Points: (num line pixels with horizontal VP membership)/sqrt(area) P10. Vanishing Points: percent of total line pixels with vertical VP membership P11. Vanishing Points: x-pos of horizontal VP - segment center (0 if none) P12. Vanishing Points: y-pos of highest/lowest vertical VP wrt segment center P13. Vanishing Points: segment bounds wrt horizontal VP P14. Gradient: x, y center of gradient mag. wrt. image center

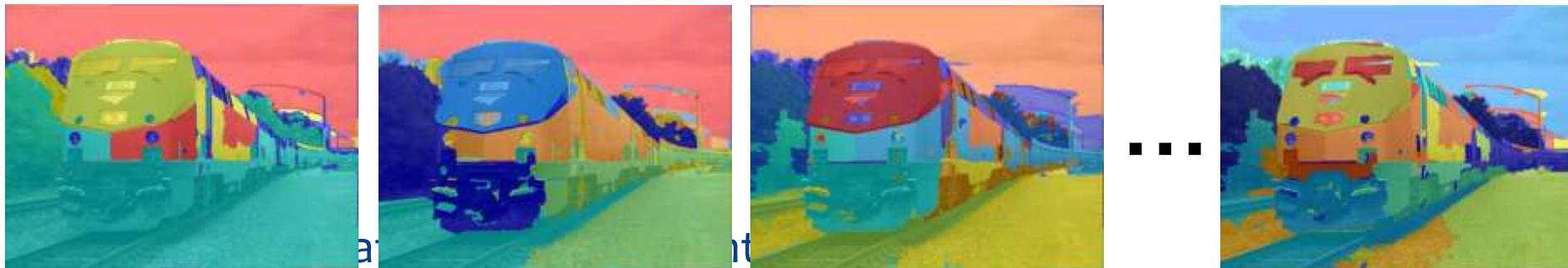
Image Segmentation

- * Naïve Idea #1: segment the image



- * Chicken & Egg problem

- * Naïve Idea #2: multiple segmentations

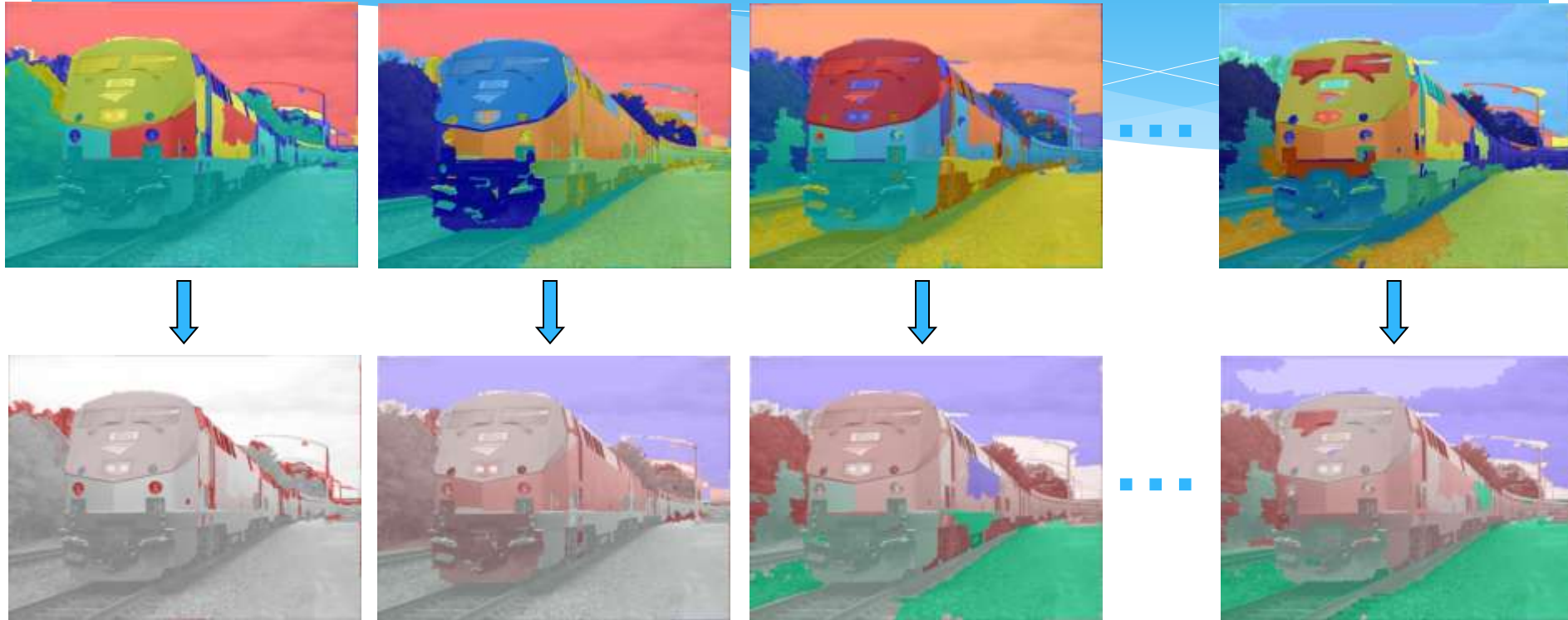


Estimating surfaces from segments

- * We want to know:
 - * Is this a good (coherent) segment?
 $P(\text{good segment} \mid \text{data})$
 - * If so, what is the surface label?
 $P(\text{label} \mid \text{good segment}, \text{data})$
- * Learn these likelihoods from training images



Labeling Segments



For each segment:

- Get $P(\text{good segment} \mid \text{data}) P(\text{label} \mid \text{good segment}, \text{data})$

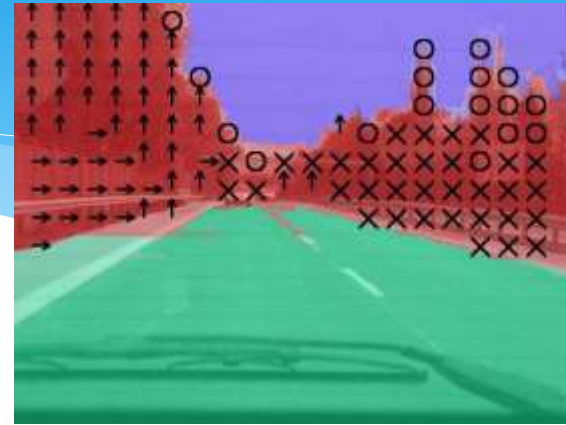
Image Labeling

Labeled Segmentations



Labeled Pixels

No Hard Decisions



Support

Vertical

Sky



V-Left

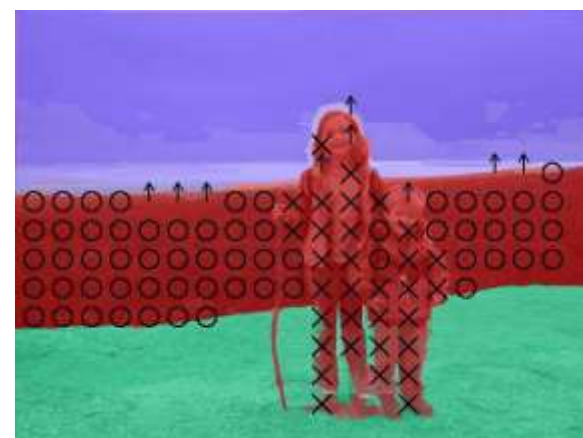
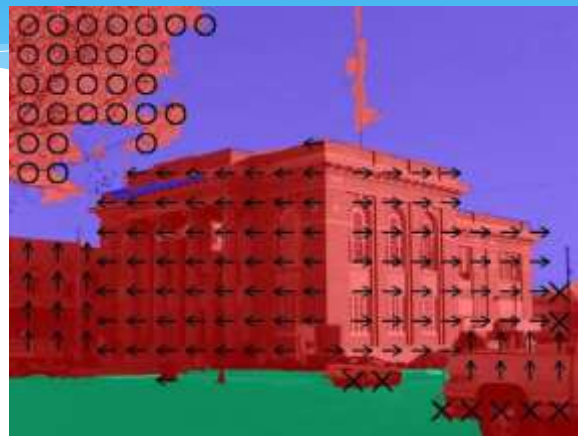
V-Center

V-Right

V-Porous

V-Solid

Labeling Results



Input image

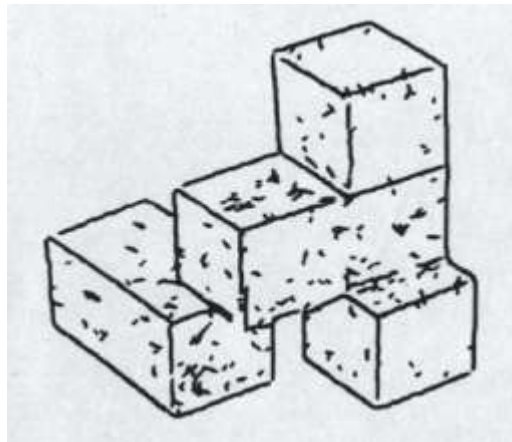
Ground Truth

Our Result

Reasoning about spatial relationships between objects

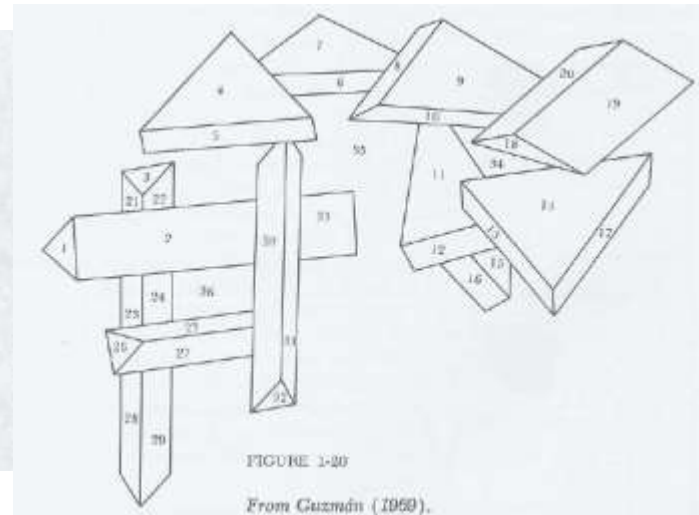
1. LEFT OF
2. RIGHT OF
3. BESIDE (alongside, next to)
4. ABOVE (over, higher than, on top of)
5. BELOW (under, underneath, lower than)
6. BEHIND (in back of)
7. IN FRONT OF
8. NEAR (close to, next to?)
9. FAR
10. TOUCHING
11. BETWEEN
12. INSIDE (within)
13. OUTSIDE

Freeman, 1974



Guzman, 1969

Ballard & Brown, 1982



Scene layout assumptions



Recovering scene geometry

- * Polygon types
 - * Ground
 - * Standing
 - * Attached
- * Edge types
 - * Contact
 - * Attached
 - * Occluded
- * Camera parameters



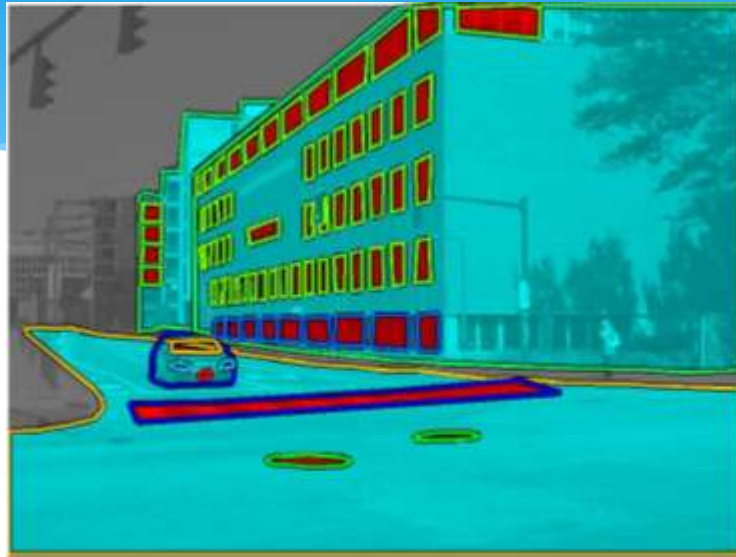
Recovering scene geometry

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Relationships between polygons

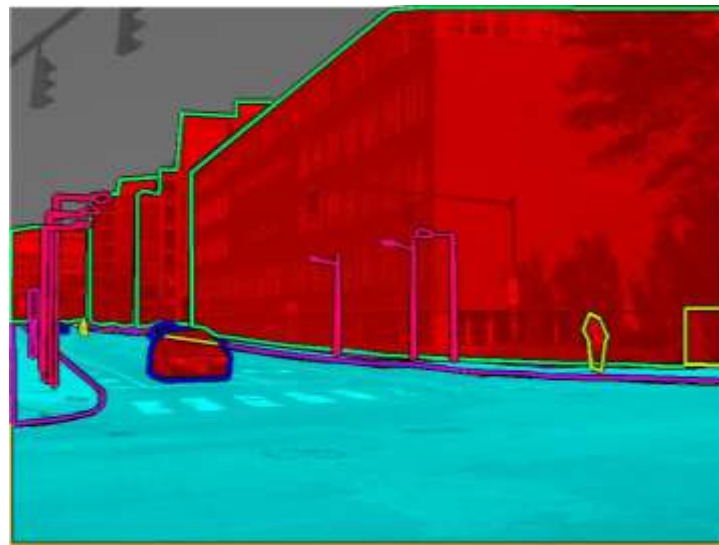
Part-of



Attached

Standing /
Ground /
Attached

Supported-by



Standing

Ground

Recovering scene geometry

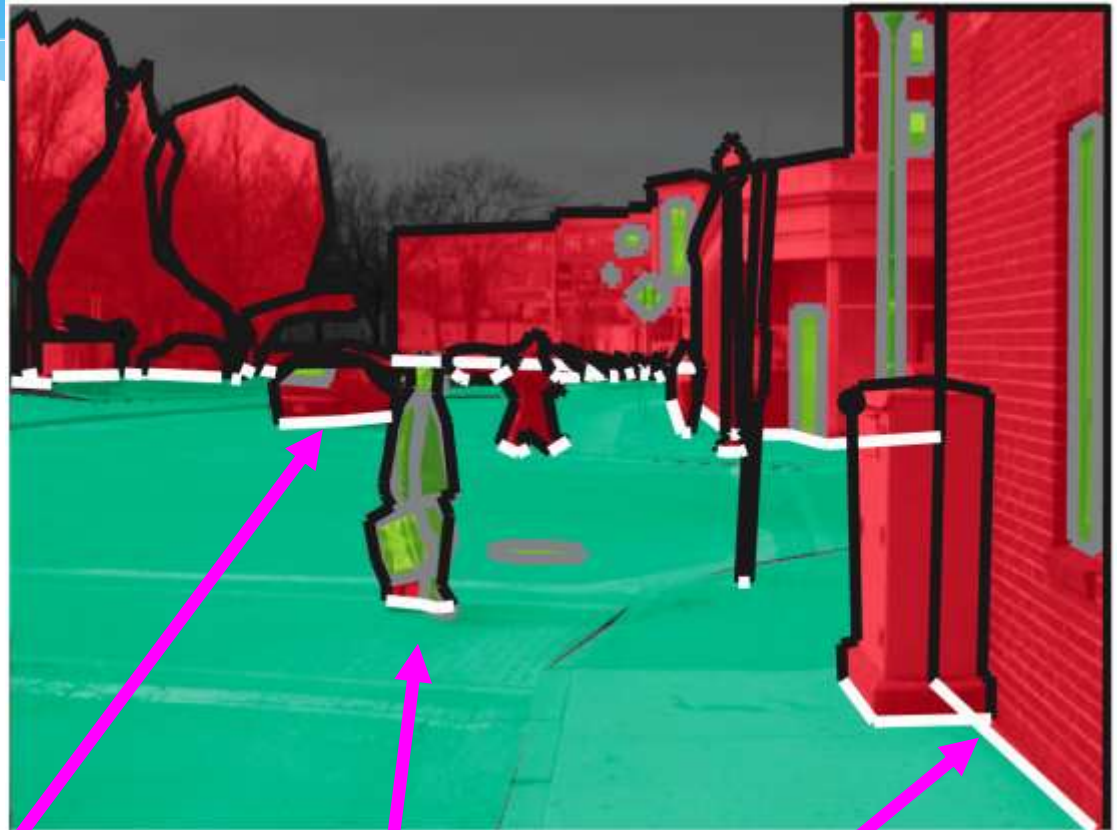
- * Polygon types
 - * Ground
 - * Standing
 - * Attached
- * Edge types
 - * Contact
 - * Attached
 - * Occluded
- * Camera parameters



Edge types

Ground and attached objects have attached edges

Standing objects can have contact or occluding edges



Cues for contact edges:

Orientation

Proximity to ground

Length



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Label as many objects and regions as you can in this image



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Labeling tools



Polygons in this image ([XML](#))

- [door](#)
- [door](#)
- [road](#)
- [stair](#)
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- [window](#)
- [sidewalk](#)
- [building region](#)
- [house](#)
- [window](#)
- [window](#)
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Polygon quality



Online Hooligans

Do not try this at home

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Good Bad

Labeling tools

[Erase segment](#) [Zoom](#) [Fit image](#)

Polygons in this image

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Absolute (monocular) depth cues

Are there any monocular cues that can give us absolute depth from a single image?

Familiar size



**Which “object” is closer to the camera?
How close?**

Familiar size

- * Apparent reduction in size of objects at a greater distance from the observer
- * Size perspective is thought to be conditional, requiring knowledge of the objects.

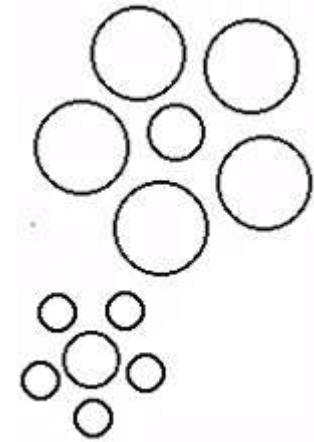
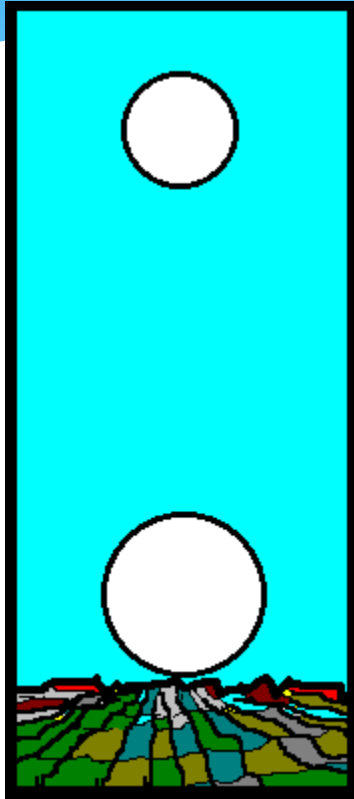


Distance from the horizon line

- * Based on the tendency of objects to appear nearer the horizon line with greater distance to the horizon.
- * Objects approach the horizon line with greater distance from the viewer.



Moon illusion



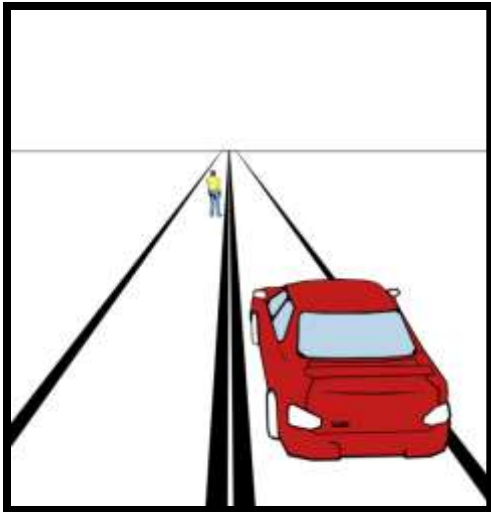
Ebbinghaus illusion

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moon_illusion

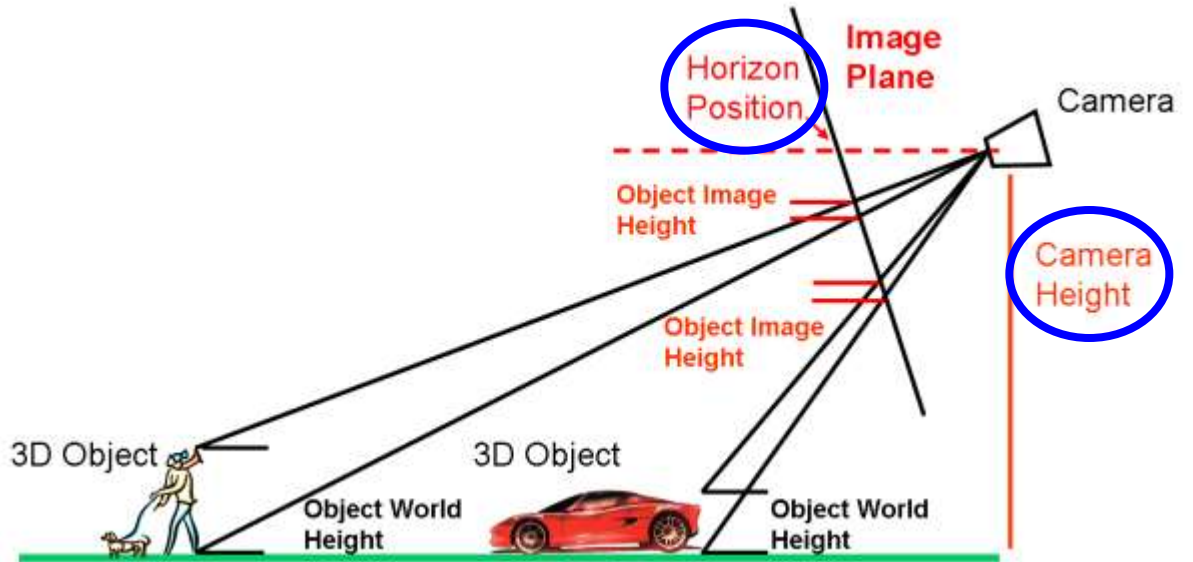
Relative height

- * The object closer to the horizon is perceived as farther away, and the object further from the horizon is perceived as closer
- * If you know camera parameters: height of the camera, then we know real depth

Object Size in the Image

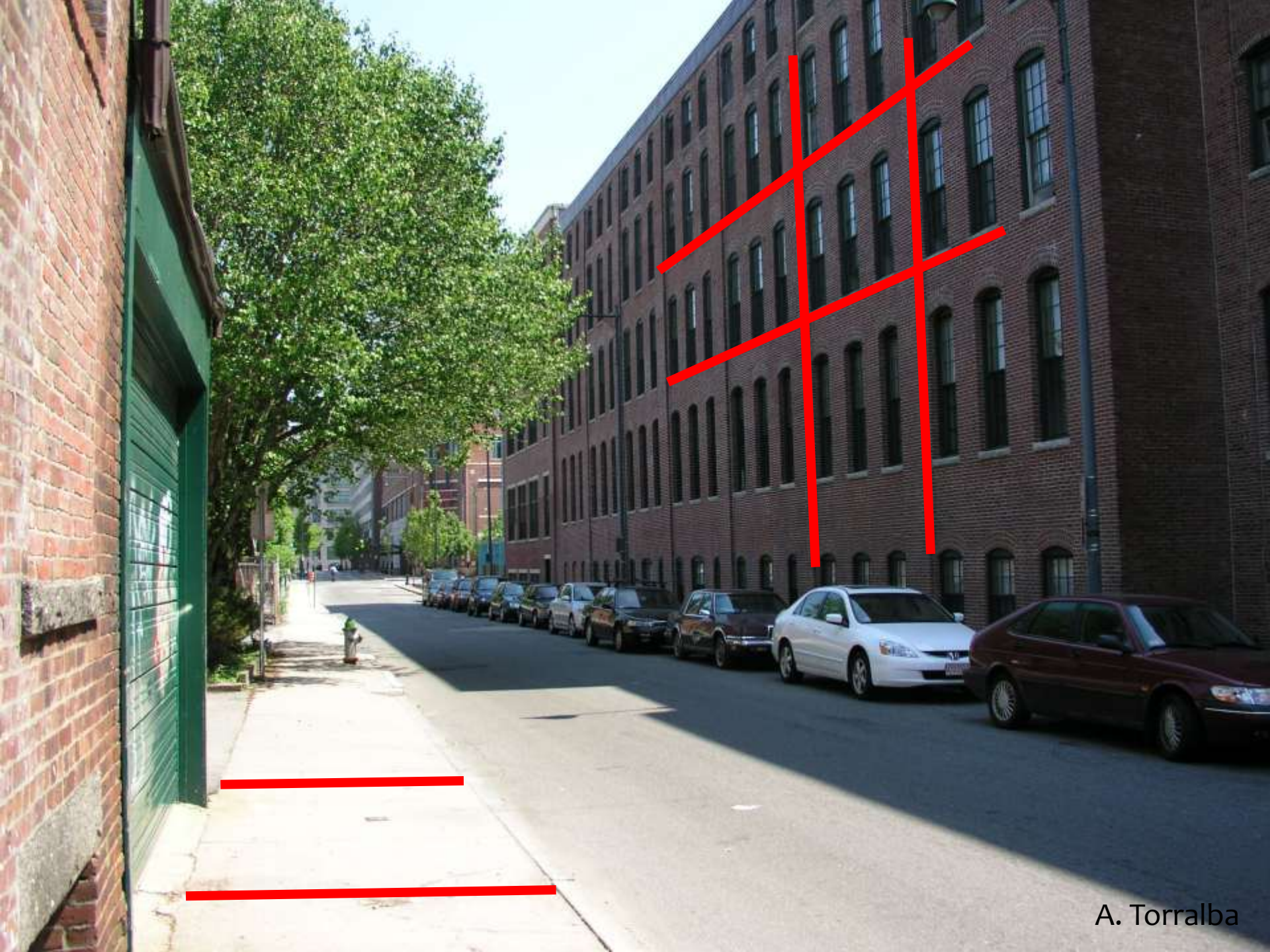


Image



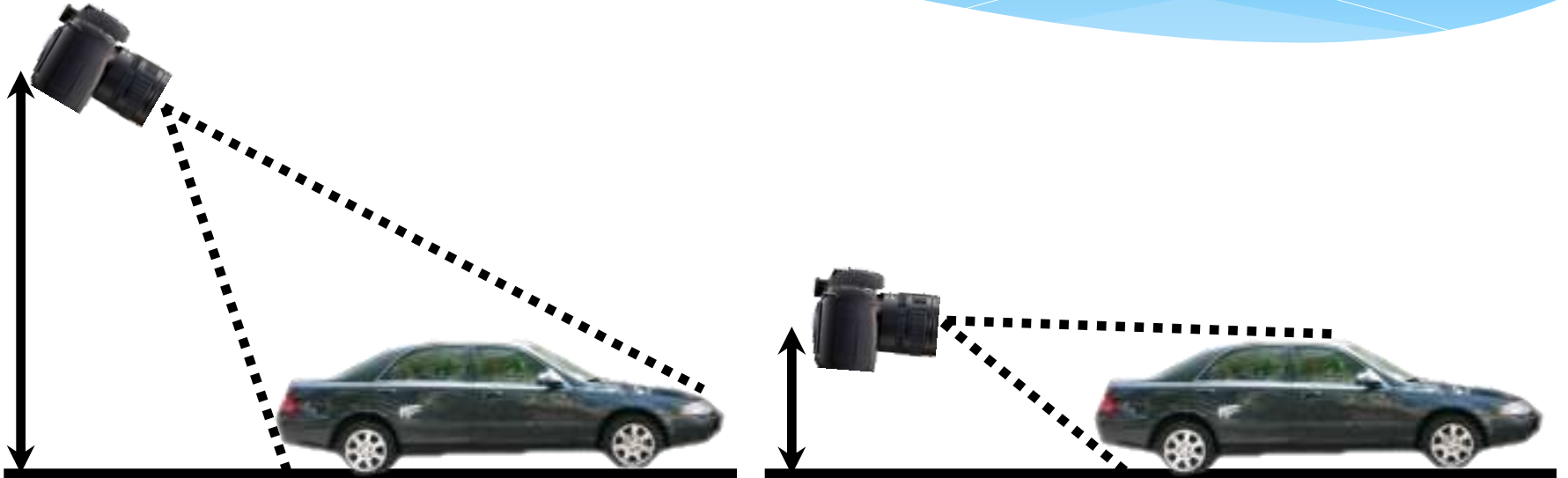
World







Camera parameters



- Assume
 - flat ground plane
 - camera roll is negligible (consider pitch only)
- Camera parameters: height and orientation

Camera parameters



$$v \quad \frac{t-b}{X} = \frac{v-b}{C}$$

X – World object height (in meters)

C – World camera height (in meters)

Camera parameters

Human height distribution

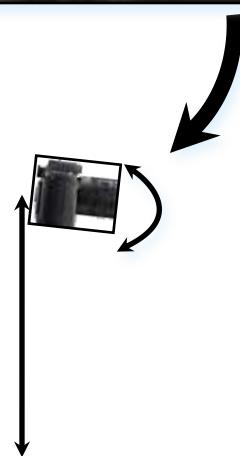
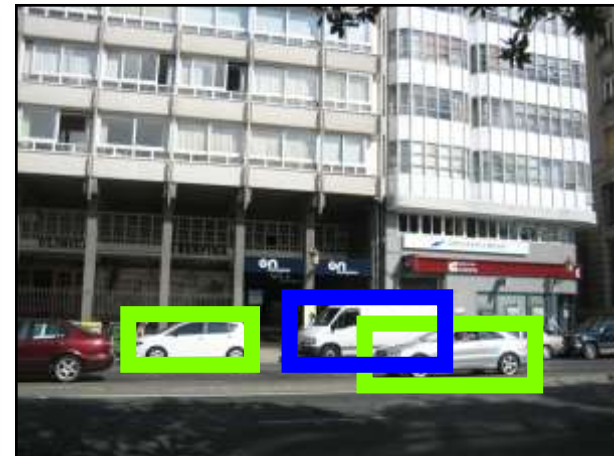
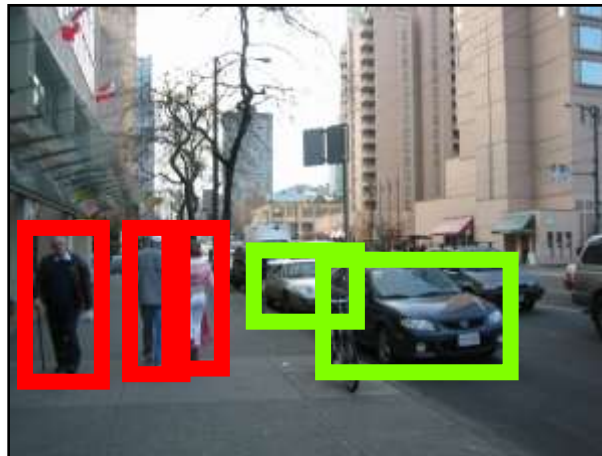
1.7 +/- 0.085 m

(National Center for Health Statistics)

Car height distribution

1.5 +/- 0.19 m

(automatically learned)



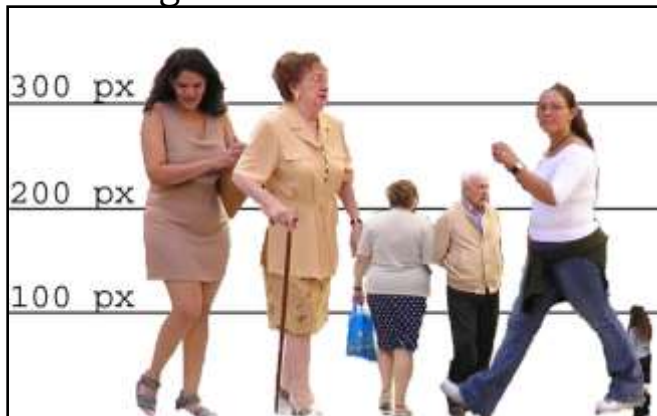
ooo

Object heights

Database image



Pixel heights



Real heights



Depth from Vanishing Lines

The image features a blue header with a wavy, layered design. The top part is a solid blue bar containing the title. Below it, there are several overlapping, semi-transparent blue shapes that create a sense of depth and movement, resembling waves or a stylized landscape. The rest of the page is plain white.

Three-dimensional reconstruction from single and multiple images.

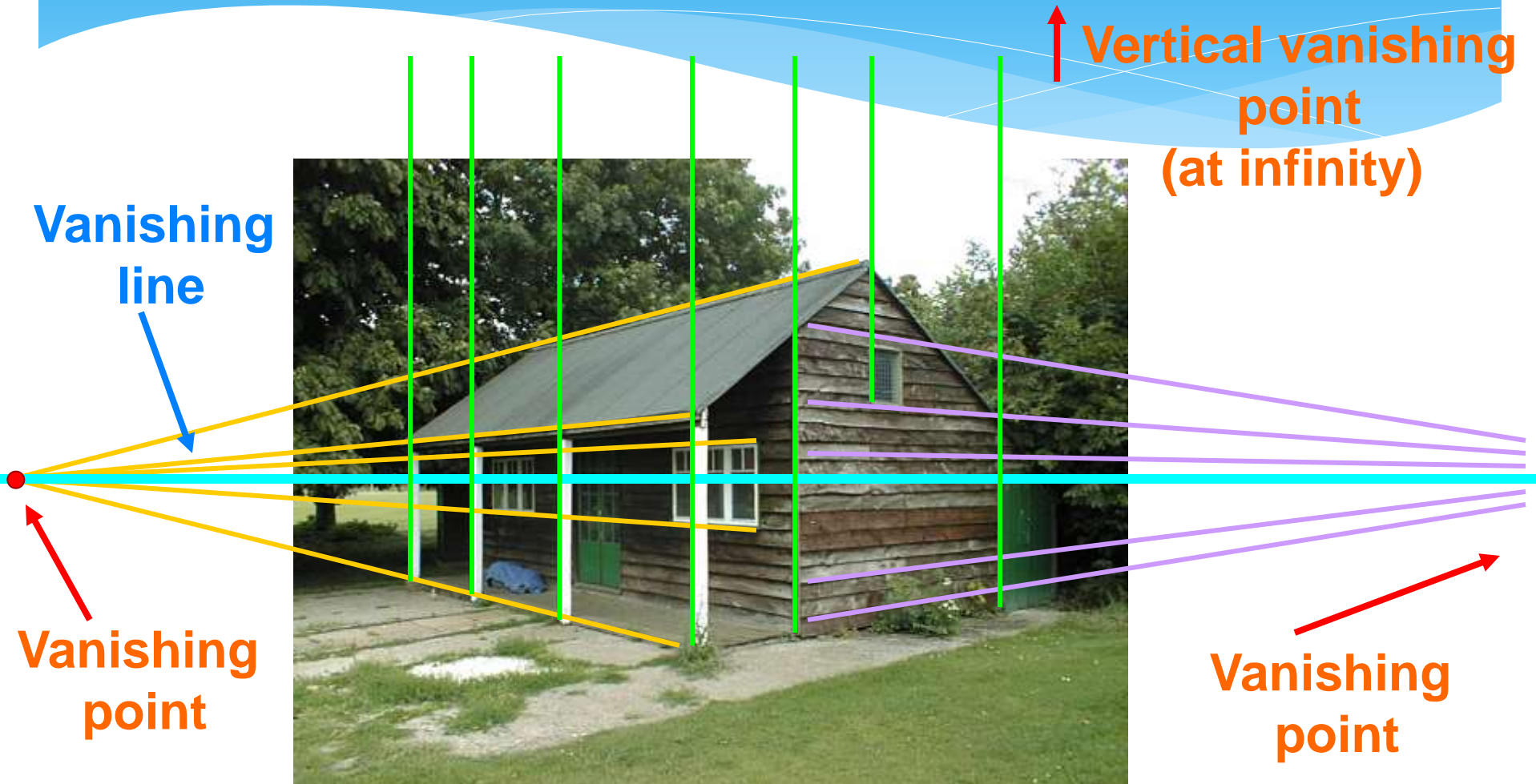


Antonio Criminisi

Microsoft Research, Cambridge, UK



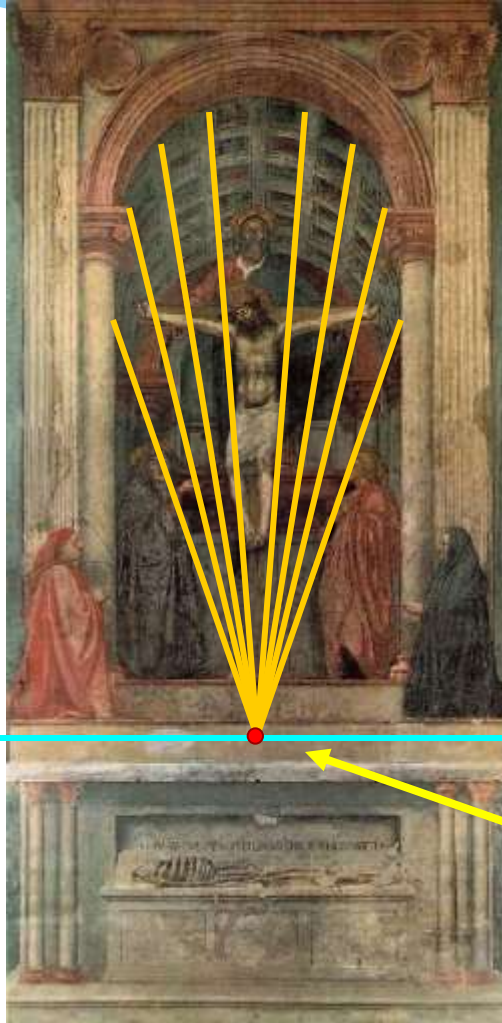
Visual cues



Visual cues

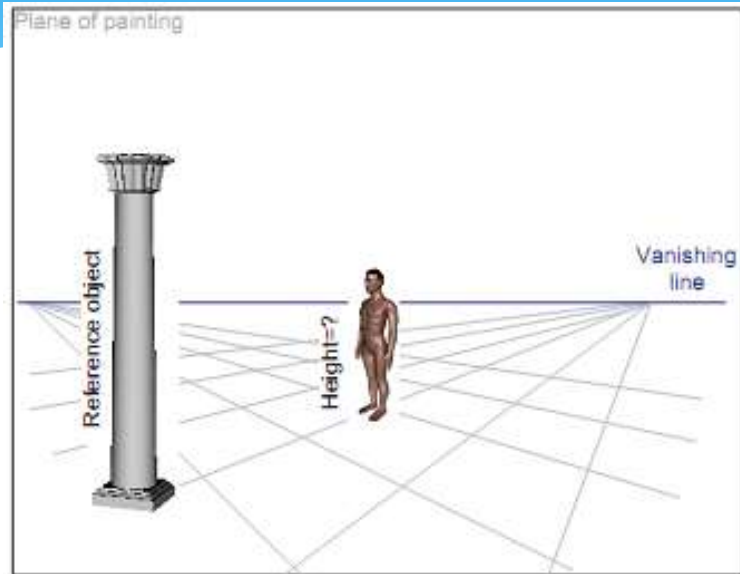
Masaccio's *Trinity*

Source: A. Criminisi

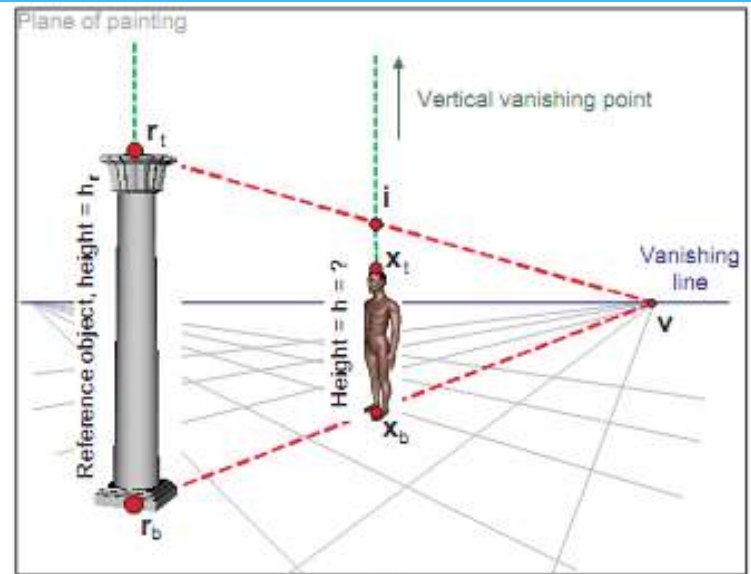


vanishing
line
(horizon)

vanishing point



a

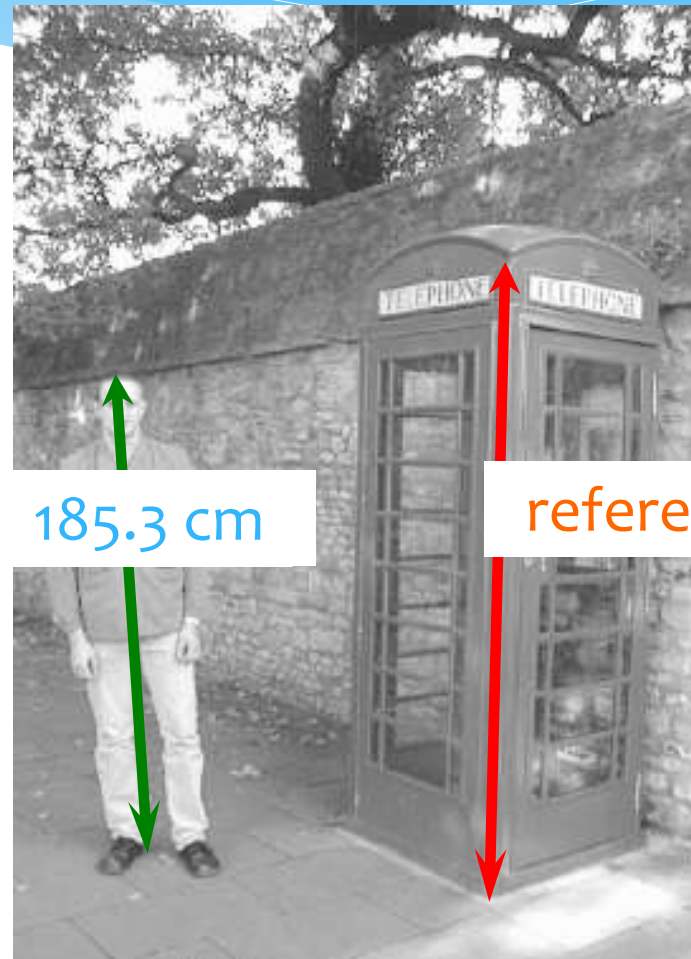


b

$$\frac{h}{h_r} = \frac{d(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_b)}{d(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{x}_b)}$$

Measuring heights in real photos

Problem: How tall is this person?



185.3 cm

reference

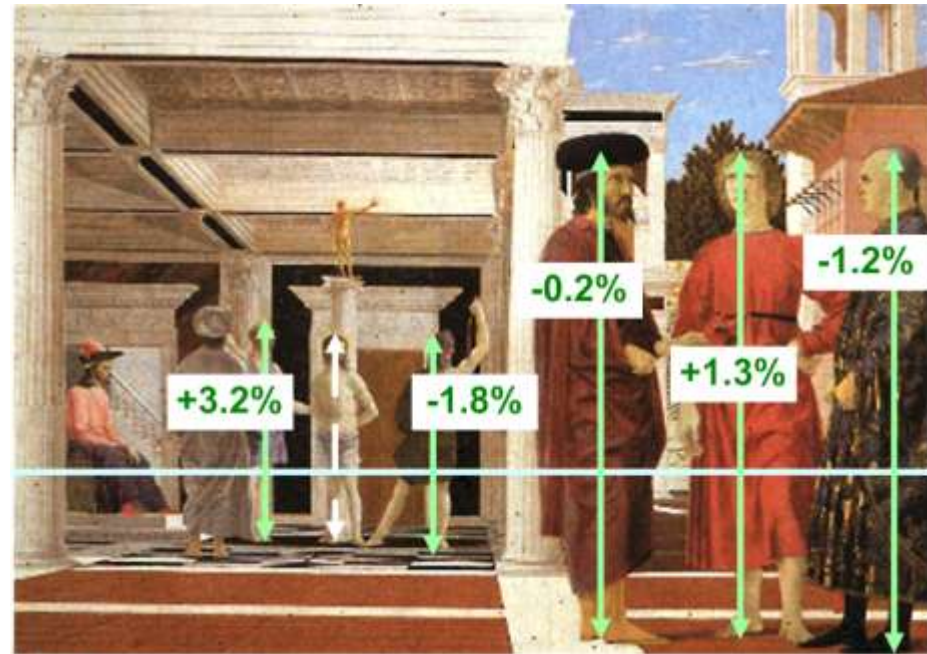
Assessing geometric accuracy

Problem:

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



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

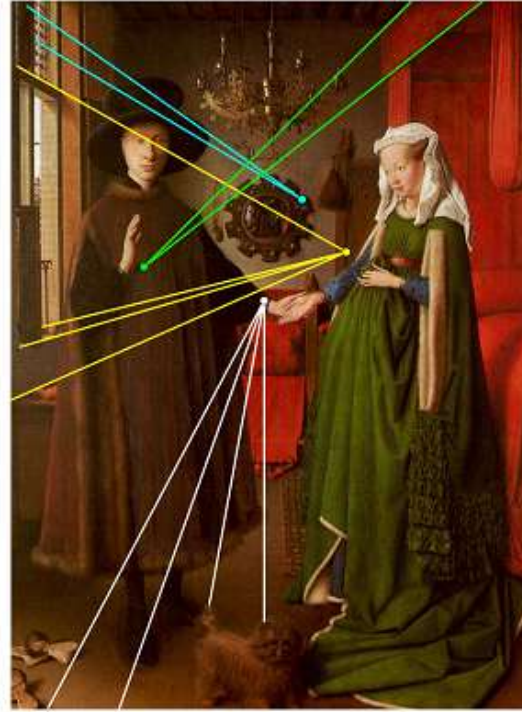


Measuring relative heights

Source: A. Criminisi



a



b

Problems with Monocular Depth Cues

- * They provide relative information.
- * The ones that provide absolute information require a “reference”.
- * What features/visual-information to investigate?
 - * Usually hand-designed.
 - * How can we also learn the features that lead to monocular cues?
- * One cue is not sufficient.
 - * Different cues should be combined.

What did I skip?

- * Shape from silhouette.
- * The details of most of the monocular cues (i.e., shading, shadow, occlusion, etc.).
- * Reconstruction from disparity, especially for features like edges and corners.

Reading

- * I will supply material for:
 - * Stereo
 - * Depth from motion
 - * Monocular cues