



Think-Pair-Share

What visual or physiological 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

Occlusion



Rene Magritt'e famous painting Le Blanc-Seing (literal translation: "The Blank Signature") roughly translates as "free hand" or "free rein".

Stereo









Slides: James Hays and Kristen Grauman



If stereo were critical for depth perception, navigation, recognition, etc., then rabbits would never have evolved.

Devin Montes

Human stereopsis

Human eyes **fixate** on point in space – rotate so that corresponding images form in centers of fovea.



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

Human stereopsis: disparity



From Bruce and Green, Visual Perception, Physiology, Psychology and Ecology **Disparity** occurs when eyes fixate on one object; others appear at different visual angles.

Disparity is distance from b1 to b2 along retina.

Yes, you can be stereoblind.



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• Think Pair Share – yes / no? how to test?

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• To test: pair of synthetic images obtained by randomly spraying black dots on white objects



Forsyth & Ponce



1. Create an image of suitable size. Fill it with random dots. Duplicate the image.



2. Select a region in one image.



3. Shift this region horizontally by a small amount. The stereogram is complete.



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- When viewed monocularly, they appear random; when viewed stereoscopically, see 3d structure.
- Human binocular fusion not directly associated with the physical retinas; must involve the central nervous system (V2, for instance).
- Imaginary "cyclopean retina" that combines the left and right image stimuli as a single unit.
- High level scene understanding not required for stereo...but, high level scene understanding is arguably *better* than stereo.

Autostereograms – 'Magic Eye'



Exploit disparity as depth cue using single image.

(Single image random dot stereogram, Single image stereogram)

Images from magiceye.com

Autostereograms



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Stereo photography and stereo viewers

Take two pictures of the same subject from two slightly different viewpoints and display so that each eye sees only one of the images.



Invented by Sir Charles Wheatstone, 1838





Image from fisher-price.com



Anaglyph stereo



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Wiggle images





http://www.well.com/~jimg/stereo/stereo_list.html

Stereo vision





Two cameras, simultaneous views

Single moving camera and static scene

Why multiple views?

Structure and depth can be ambiguous from single views...



Why multiple views?

Points at different depths along a line project to a single point



Multiple views





Hartley and Zisserman



Stereo vision Structure from motion Optical flow

• Stereo correspondence: Given a point in one of the images, where could its corresponding points be in the other images?



• **Structure:** Given projections of the same 3D point in two or more images, compute the 3D coordinates of that point



• Motion: Given a set of corresponding points in two or more images, compute the camera parameters



• **Optical flow:** Given two images, find the location of a world point in a second close-by image with no camera info.



Multiple views - Dogception



Estimating depth with stereo

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





Geometry for a simple stereo system

- Let's look at a simple stereo system first.
- Assume:
 - parallel optical axes,
 - known camera parameters (i.e., calibrated cameras):



Geometry for a simple stereo system

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

d



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

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

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

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**...