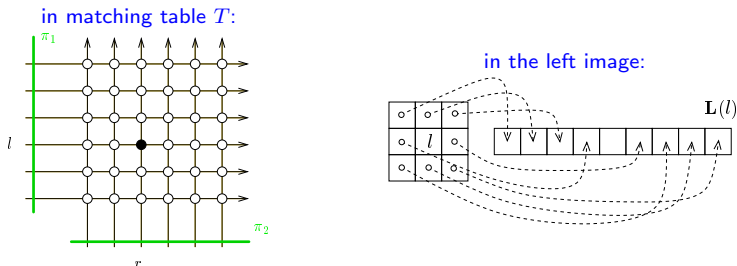


► Constructing A Suitable Image Similarity

- let $p_i = (l, r)$ and $\mathbf{L}(l)$, $\mathbf{R}(r)$ be (left, right) image descriptors (vectors) constructed from local image neighborhood windows



- a natural descriptor similarity is $\text{sim}(l, r) = \frac{\|\mathbf{L}(l) - \mathbf{R}(r)\|^2}{\sigma_I^2(l, r)}$
- σ_I^2 – the difference scale; a suitable (plug-in) estimate is $\frac{1}{2} [s^2(\mathbf{L}(l)) + s^2(\mathbf{R}(r))]$, giving

$$\text{sim}(l, r) = 1 - \underbrace{\frac{2s(\mathbf{L}(l), \mathbf{R}(r))}{s^2(\mathbf{L}(l)) + s^2(\mathbf{R}(r))}}_{\rho(\mathbf{L}(l), \mathbf{R}(r))} \quad s^2(\cdot) \text{ is sample (co-)variance} \quad (30)$$

- ρ – MNCC – Moravec's Normalized Cross-Correlation

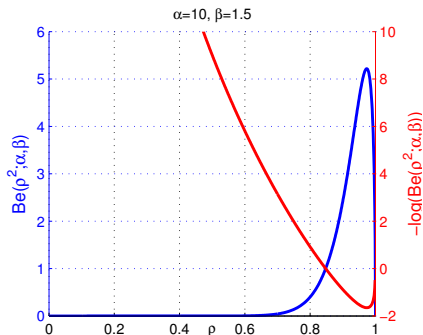
[Moravec 1977]

$$\rho^2 \in [0, 1], \quad \text{sign } \rho \sim \text{'phase'}$$

- we choose some probability distribution on $[0, 1]$, e.g. Beta distribution

$$p_1(\text{sim}(l, r)) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \rho^{2(\alpha-1)} (1 - \rho^2)^{\beta-1}$$

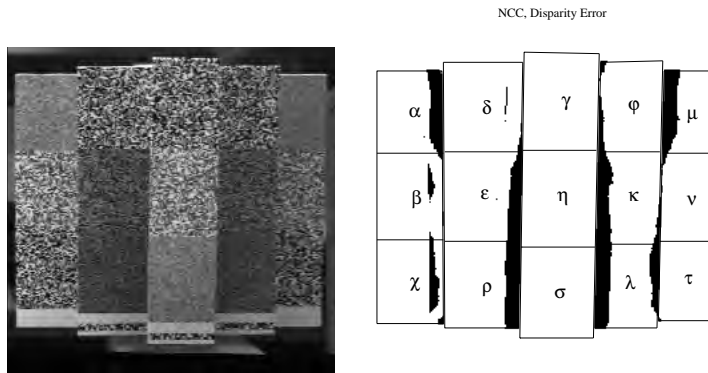
- note that uniform distribution is obtained for $\alpha = \beta = 1$



- the mode is at $\sqrt{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+\beta-2}} \approx 0.9733$ for $\alpha = 10, \beta = 1.5$
- if we chose $\beta = 1$ then the mode was at $\rho = 1$
- perfect similarity is 'suspicious' (depends on expected camera noise level)
- from now on we will work with

$$V_1(\text{sim}(l, r)) = -\log p_1(\text{sim}(l, r)) \quad (31)$$

Note: Errors at Occlusion Boundaries for Large Windows



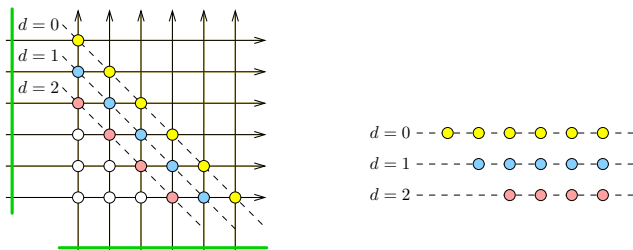
- this used really large window of 25×25 px
- errors depend on the relative contrast across the occlusion boundary
- the direction of 'overflow' depends on the combination of texture contrast and edge contrast
- solutions:
 1. small windows (5×5 typically suffices)
 2. eg. 'guided filtering' methods for computing image similarity [Hosni 2011]

►Marroquin's Winner Take All (WTA) Matching Algorithm

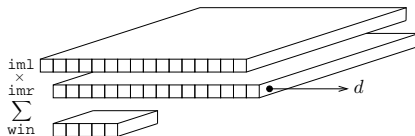
1. per left-image pixel: find the most similar right-image pixel

$$\text{SAD}(l, r) = \|\mathbf{L}(l) - \mathbf{R}(r)\|_1 \quad L_1 \text{ norm instead of the } L_2 \text{ norm in (30); unnormalized}$$

2. represent the dissimilarity table diagonals in a compact form



3. use the 'image sliding aggregation algorithm'



4. threshold results by maximal allowed dissimilarity

The Matlab Code for WTA

```
function dmap = marroquin(impl,imr,disparityRange)
%      impl, imr - rectified gray-scale images
% disparityRange - non-negative disparity range

% (c) Radim Sara (sara@cmp.felk.cvut.cz) FEE CTU Prague, 10 Dec 12

thr = 20;           % bad match rejection threshold
r = 2;
winsize = 2*r+[1 1]; % 5x5 window (neighborhood)

% the size of each local patch; it is  $N=(2r+1)^2$  except for boundary pixels
N = boxing(ones(size(impl)), winsize);

% computing dissimilarity per pixel (unscaled SAD)
for d = 0:disparityRange % cycle over all disparities
    slice = abs(imr(:,1:end-d) - impl(:,d+1:end)); % pixelwise dissimilarity
    V(:,d+1:end,d+1) = boxing(slice, winsize)./N; % window aggregation
end

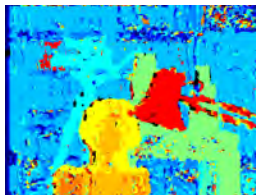
% collect winners, threshold, and output disparity map
[cmap,dmap] = min(V,[],3);
dmap(cmap > thr) = NaN; % mask-out high dissimilarity pixels
end

function c = boxing(im, wsz)
% if the mex is not found, run this slow version:
c = conv2(ones(1,wsz(1)), ones(wsz(2),1), im, 'same');
end
```

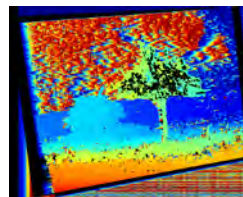
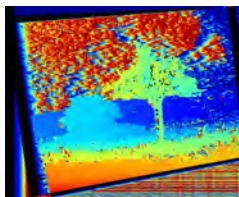
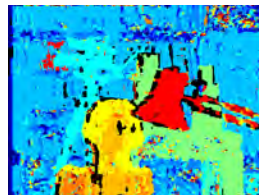
WTA: Some Results



thr = 20



thr = 10



- results are bad
- false matches in textureless image regions and on repetitive structures (book shelf)
- a more restrictive threshold (thr=10) does not work as expected
- we searched the true disparity range, results get worse if the range is set wider
- chief failure reasons:
 - unnormalized image dissimilarity does not work well
 - no occlusion model

► Negative Log-Likelihood of Observed Images

- given matching M what is the likelihood of observed data D ?
- we need the ability 'not to match'
- matches are pairs $p_i = (l_i, r_i)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$
- we will mask-out some matches by a binary label $\lambda \in \{e, m\}$ excluded, matched
- labeled matching is a set

$$M = \left\{ (p_1, \lambda(p_1)), (p_2, \lambda(p_2)), \dots, (p_n, \lambda(p_n)) \right\}$$

p_i are matching table pairs; there are no more than n in the table T

The negative log-likelihood is then the likelihood of data D given labeled matching M

$$V(D \mid M) = \sum_{p_i \in M} V(D(p_i) \mid \lambda(p_i))$$

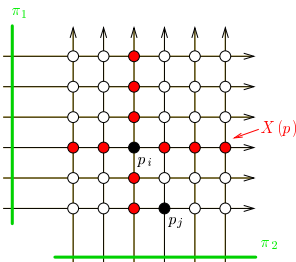
Our choice:

$$V(D(p_i) \mid \lambda(p_i) = e) = V_e \quad \text{penalty for unexplained data, } V_e \geq 0$$

$$V(D(p_i) \mid \lambda(p_i) = m) = V_1(D(l, r)) \quad \text{probability of match } p_i = (l, r) \text{ from (31)}$$

- the $V(D(p_i) \mid \lambda(p_i) = e)$ could also be a non-uniform distribution but the extra effort does not pay off

► Maximum Likelihood (ML) Matching



Uniqueness constraint: Each point in the left image matches at most once and vice versa.

A node set of T that follows the uniqueness constraint is called matching in graph theory

A set of pairs $M = \{p_i\}_{i=1}^n, p_i \in T$ is a matching iff
 $\forall p_i, p_j \in M, i \neq j : p_j \notin X(p_i).$

The $X(p)$ is called the X-zone of p and it defines dependencies

- ML matching will observe the uniqueness constraint only
- epipolar lines are independent wrt uniqueness constraint
- we can solve the problem per image lines i independently:

⊛ H4; 2pt: How many are there: (1) binary partitionings of T , (2) maximal matchings in T ; prove the results.

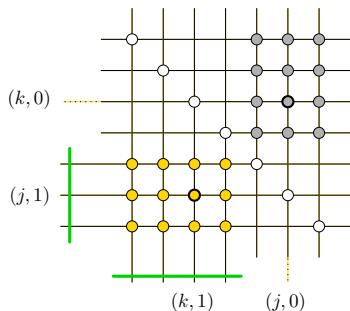
$$M^* = \arg \min_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{p \in M} V(D(p) \mid \lambda(p)) = \arg \min_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \left(\underbrace{|M|_e \cdot V_e}_{\text{unexplained pixels}} + \underbrace{\sum_{p \in M : \lambda(p)=m} V(D(p) \mid \lambda(p)=m)}_{\text{matching likelihood proper}} \right)$$

\mathcal{M} – set of all perfect labeled matchings, $|M|_e$ – number of pairs with $\lambda = e$ in M , $|M|_e \leq n$
 perfect = every table row (column) contains exactly 1 match

- the total number of individual terms in the sum is n (which is fixed)

► 'Programming' The ML Matching Algorithm

- we restrict ourselves to a single (rectified) image line and reduce the problem to min-cost perfect matching
- extend every matching table pair $p \in T$, $p = (j, k)$ to 4 combinations $((j, s_j), (k, s_k))$, $s_j \in \{0, 1\}$ and $s_k \in \{0, 1\}$ selects/rejects pixels for matching unlike λ selecting matches
- binary label $m_{jk} = 1$ then means that (j, s_j) matches (k, s_k)



● $V_{jk} = V(D(j, k) \mid \lambda_{jk} = m)$

● $V_{jk} = 0$

○ $V_{jk} = \frac{1}{2} V_e$

+ $V_{jk} = \infty$

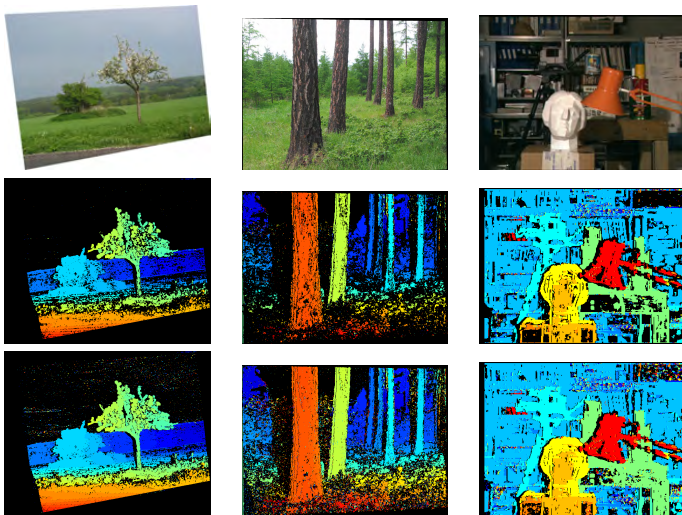
- each $(j, 1)$ either matches some $(k, 1)$ or it 'matches' $(j, 0)$
- each $(k, 1)$ either matches some $(j, 1)$ or $(k, 0)$
- if M is maximal in the yellow quadrant then there will be n auxiliary 'matches' in the gray quadrant
- otherwise every empty line in the yellow quadrant induces an empty column in the quadrant, the cost is $2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} V_e = V_e$

- our problem becomes minimum-cost perfect matching in an $(m + n) \times (m + n)$ table

$$M^+ = \arg \min_M \sum_{j,k} V_{jk} \cdot m_{jk}, \quad \sum_k m_{jk} = 1 \text{ for every } j, \quad \sum_j m_{jk} = 1 \text{ for every } k$$

- we collect our matches M^* in the yellow quadrant

Some Results for the ML Matching



- unlike the WTA we can efficiently control the density/accuracy tradeoff
- middle row: V_e set to error rate of 3% (and 61% density is achieved) holes are black
- bottom row: V_e set to density of 76% (and 4.3% error rate is achieved)

Some Notes on ML Matching

- an algorithm for maximum weighted bipartite matching can be used as well, with $V \mapsto -V$
- maximum weighted bipartite matching = maximum weighted assignment problem
by eg. Hungarian Algorithm

Idea?: This looks simpler: Run matching with $V_e = 0$ and then threshold the result to remove bad matches.

Ex: $V_e = 8$

thresholding

8	3	9
10	6	9
7	1	8

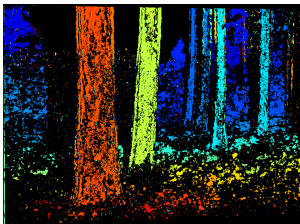
$$V = 9 + 2 \cdot 8 = 25$$

our ML matching

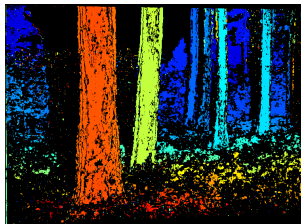
8	3	9
10	6	9
7	1	8

$$V = 9 + 10 + 8 = 27$$

- our matching gives a better cost, also greater cardinality (density)
- the idea was not good!



thresholding



our ML

A Stronger Model Needed

- notice many small isolated errors in the ML matching
- we need a continuity model
- does human stereopsis teach us something?

Potential models for M

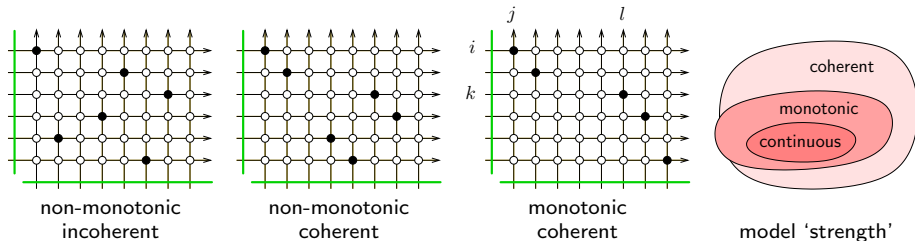
1. Monotonicity (ie. ordering preserved):

For all $(i, j) \in M, (k, l) \in M, \quad k > i \Rightarrow l > j$

Notation: $(i, j) \in M$ or $j = M(i)$ – left-image pixel i matches right-image pixel j .

2. Coherence [Prazdny 85]

“the world is made of objects each occupying a well defined 3D volume”

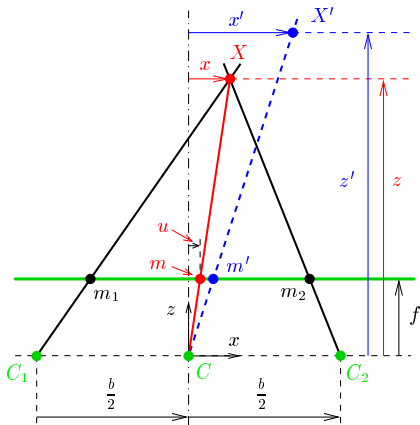


► An Auxiliary Construct: Cyclopean Camera

Cyclopean coordinate u

from the psychophysiology of vision [Julesz 1971]

$$\text{new: } u = f \frac{x}{z}, \quad \text{known: } d = f \frac{b}{z}, \quad x = \frac{b}{d} \frac{u_1 + u_2}{2} \Rightarrow u = \frac{u_1 + u_2}{2}$$



Disparity gradient

[Pollard, Mayhew, Frisby 1985]

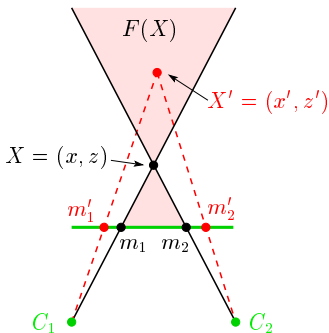
$$DG = \frac{|d - d'|}{|u - u'|} = \frac{|bf \left(\frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{z'} \right)|}{\left| f \left(\frac{x}{z} - \frac{x'}{z'} \right) \right|} =$$

$$= b \frac{|z' - z|}{|xz' - x'z|}$$

- human stereovision fails to perceive a continuous surface when disparity gradient exceeds a limit

► Forbidden Zone and The Ordering Constraint

Forbidden zone $F(X)$: $DG > k$ with boundary $b(z' - z) = \pm k(xz' - x'z)$



- boundary: a pair of lines in the $x - z$ plane
a degenerate conic
- point $x = x', z = z'$ lies on the boundary
- coincides with optical rays for $k = 2$
- small k means wide F

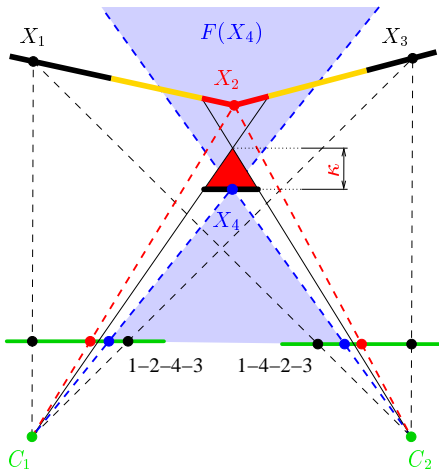


- disparity gradient limit is exceeded when $X' \in F(X)$
- symmetry: $X' \in F(X) \Leftrightarrow X \in F(X')$
- **Obs:** X' and X swap their order in the other image when $X' \in F(X)$
- real scenes often preserve ordering
- thin and close objects violate ordering

$k = 2$

see next

Ordering and Critical Distance κ



- object (thick):
 - black – binocularly visible
 - yellow – half-occluded
 - red – ordering violated wrt foreground
- solid red zone of depth κ :
 - spatial points visible in neither camera
 - bounded by the foreground object

Ordering is violated iff both X_i, X_j s.t.
 $X_i \in F(X_j)$ are visible in both cameras.

eg. X_2, X_4

- ordering is preserved in scenes where critical distances κ are not exceeded, ie. when 'the red background hides in the solid red zone'

Thinner objects and/or wider baseline
 require flatter scenes to preserve ordering.

► The X -zone and the F -zone in Matching Table T

- these are necessary and sufficient conditions for uniqueness and monotonicity

- Uniqueness Constraint:**

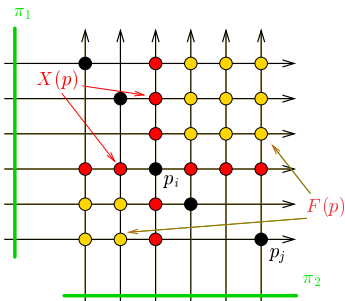
A set of pairs $M = \{p_i\}_{i=1}^N, p_i \in T$ is a matching iff
 $\forall p_i, p_j \in M, i \neq j : p_j \notin X(p_i).$

- Ordering Constraint:**

Matching M is monotonic iff
 $\forall p_i, p_j \in M : p_j \notin F(p_i).$

- ordering constraint: matched points form a monotonic set in both images
- ordering is a powerful constraint:
monotonic matchings $O(4^N) \ll O(N!)$ all matchings in $N \times N$ table

⊗ 2: how many are there maximal monotonic matchings?

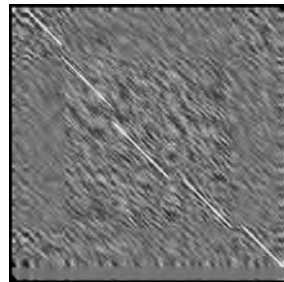
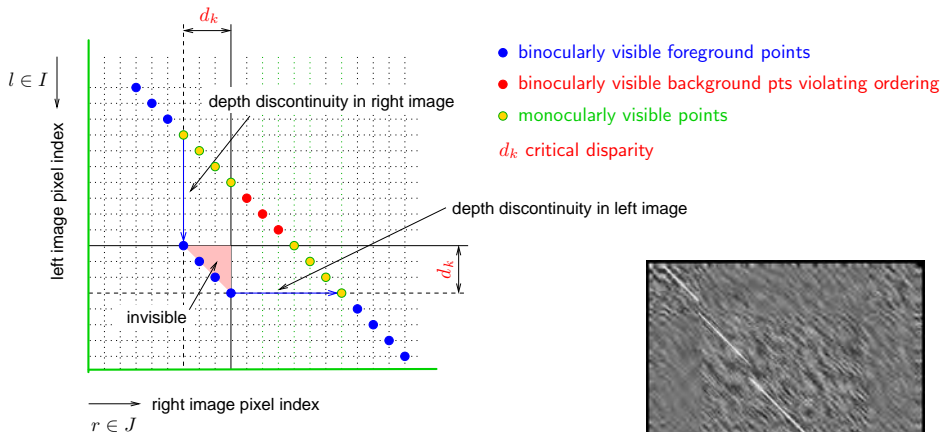


$$p_j \notin X(p_i), \quad p_j \notin F(p_i)$$

- uniqueness constraint is a basic occlusion model
- ordering constraint is a weak continuity model
and partly also an occlusion model

► Understanding Matching Table

- this is essentially the picture from Slide 178



Bayesian Decision Task for Matching

Idea: $L(d, M)$ – decision cost (loss) d – our decision (matching) M – true correspondences

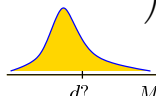
Choice: $L(d, M) : \begin{cases} \text{if } d = M & \text{then } L(d, M) = 0 \\ \text{if } d \neq M & \text{then } L(d, M) = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{i.e. } L(d, M) = [d \neq M]$

Bayesian Loss

$$L(d | D) = \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}} p(M | D) L(d, M)$$

\mathcal{M} – the set of all matchings $D = \{I_L, I_R\}$ – data

Solution for the best decision d

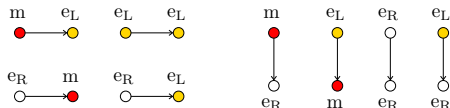
$$\begin{aligned} d^* &= \arg \min_d \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}} p(M | D) (1 - [d = M]) = \arg \min_d \left(1 - \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}} p(M | D) [d = M] \right) = \\ &= \arg \max_d \sum_{M \in \mathcal{M}} p(M | D) [d = M] = \arg \max_M p(M | D) = \\ &= \arg \min_M (-\log p(M | D)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \arg \min_M V(M | D) = \arg \min_{M \in \mathcal{M}} \underbrace{\left(V(D | M) \right)}_{\text{likelihood}} + \underbrace{V(M)}_{\text{prior}} \end{aligned}$$


- this is Maximum A posteriori Probability (MAP) estimate
 - other loss functions result in different solutions
 - our choice of $L(d, M)$ looks oversimple but it results in algorithmically tractable problems

Endowing s-t Paths with Useful Properties

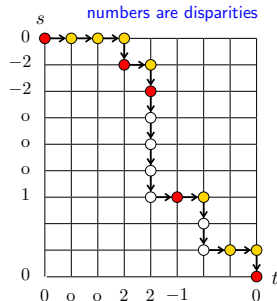
- introduce node labels $\Lambda = \{m, e_L, e_R\}$
- s-t path neighbors are allowed only some label combinations:

matched, left-excluded, right-excluded



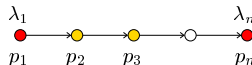
Observations

- no two neighbors have label m
- in each labeled s-t path there is at most one transition:
 - $m \rightarrow e_L$ or $e_R \rightarrow m$ per matching table row,
 - $m \rightarrow e_R$ or $e_L \rightarrow m$ per matching table column
- pairs labeled m on every s-t path satisfy uniqueness and ordering constraints
- transitions $e_L \rightarrow e_R$ or $e_R \rightarrow e_L$ along an s-t path allow skipping a contiguous segment in either or in both images
this models half occlusion and mutual occlusion
- disparity change is the number of edges $e_L \rightarrow e_L$ or $e_R \rightarrow e_R$
- a given monotonic matching can be traversed by one or more s-t paths



Labeled s-t paths

$$P = ((p_1, \lambda_1), (p_2, \lambda_2), \dots, (p_n, \lambda_n))$$

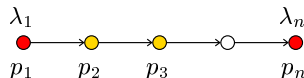


The Structure of The Prior Model $V(P)$ Gives a MC Recognition Problem

ideas:

- we choose energy of path P dependent on its labeling only
- we choose additive penalty per transition $e_L \rightarrow e_L$, $e_R \rightarrow e_R$, and $e_L \rightarrow e_R$, $e_R \rightarrow e_L$
- no penalty for $m \rightarrow e_L$, $m \rightarrow e_R$

Employing Markovianity



$$\begin{aligned} V(P) &= V(\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}, \dots, \lambda_1) = V(\lambda_n \mid \lambda_{n-1}, \dots, \lambda_1) + V(\lambda_{n-1}, \dots, \lambda_1) = \\ &= V(\lambda_n \mid \lambda_{n-1}) + V(\lambda_{n-1}, \dots, \lambda_1) = V(\lambda_1) + \sum_{i=2}^n V(\lambda_i \mid \lambda_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

The matching problem is then a decision over labeled s-t paths $P \in \mathcal{P}$:

$$P^* = \arg \min_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \left\{ V_{p_1}(D \mid \lambda_1) + V(\lambda_1) + \sum_{i=2}^n \left[V_{p_i}(D \mid \lambda_i) + V(\lambda_i \mid \lambda_{i-1}) \right] \right\} \quad (32)$$

- the data likelihood term $V_{p_i}(D \mid \lambda_i)$ is the same as in (31) on Slide 164
- note that one can add/subtract a fixed term from any of the functions V_{p_i} , V in (32)

A Choice of $V(\lambda_i \mid \lambda_{i-1})$

- A natural requirement: symmetry of probability $p(\lambda_i, \lambda_{i-1}) = e^{-V(\lambda_i, \lambda_{i-1})}$

$p(\lambda_i, \lambda_{i-1})$		λ_i		
		m	e _L	e _R
λ_{i-1}	m	0	$p(m, e)$	$p(m, e)$
	e _L	$p(m, e)$	$p(e, e)$	$p(e_L, e_R)$
	e _R	$p(m, e)$	$p(e_L, e_R)$	$p(e, e)$

3 DOF, 1 constraint \Rightarrow 2 parameters

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{p(e_L, e_R)}{p(e, e)} \quad 0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq 1$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{p(m, e)}{p(e, e)} \quad 0 < \alpha_2 \leq 1 + \alpha_1$$

- Result** for $V(\lambda_i \mid \lambda_{i-1})$ (after subtracting common terms):

$V(\lambda_i \mid \lambda_{i-1})$		λ_i		
		m	e _L	e _R
λ_{i-1}	m	∞	0	0
	e _L	$\ln \frac{1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}{2\alpha_2}$	$\ln \frac{1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}{2}$	$\ln \frac{1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}{2\alpha_1}$
	e _R	$\ln \frac{1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}{2\alpha_2}$	$\ln \frac{1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}{2\alpha_1}$	$\ln \frac{1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}{2}$

by marginalization:

$$V(m) = \ln \frac{1 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{2\alpha_2}$$

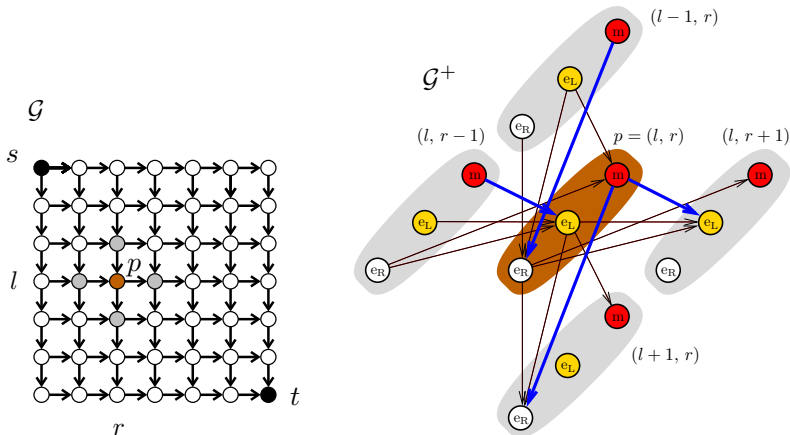
$$V(e_L) = V(e_R) = 0$$

parameters

- α_1 – likelihood of mutual occlusion ($\alpha_1 = 0$ forbids mutual occlusion)
- α_2 – likelihood of irregularity ($\alpha_2 \rightarrow 0$ helps suppress small objects and holes)
- α, β – similarity model parameters (see $V_1(D(l, r))$ on Slide 164)
- V_e – penalty for disregarded data (see $V(D(p_i) \mid \lambda(p_i) = e)$ on Slide 170)

'Programming' the Matching Algorithm: 3LDP

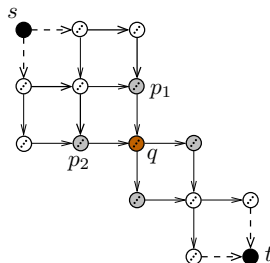
- given \mathcal{G} , construct directed graph \mathcal{G}^+
- triple of vertices per node of s-t path representing three hypotheses $\lambda(p)$ for $\lambda \in \Lambda$
- arcs have costs $V(\lambda_i | \lambda_{i-1})$, nodes have costs $V(D | \lambda_i)$
- orientation of \mathcal{G}^+ is inherited from the orientation of s-t paths
- we converted the shortest labeled-path problem to ordinary shortest path problem



neighborhood of p ; strong blue edges are of zero penalty

cont'd: Dynamic Programming on \mathcal{G}^+

- \mathcal{G}^+ is a topologically ordered directed graph
- we can use dynamic programming on \mathcal{G}^+



$$V_{s:q}^*(\lambda_q) = \min_{z \in \{p_1, p_2\}, \lambda_z \in \Lambda} \left\{ V_{s:z}^*(\lambda_z) + V_z(D \mid \lambda_z) + V(\lambda_q \mid \lambda_z) \right\}$$

$V_{s:q}^*(\lambda_q)$ – cost of min-path from s to label λ_q at node q

- complexity is $O(|I| \cdot |J|)$, ie. stereo matching on $N \times N$ images needs $O(N^3)$ time
- speedup by limiting the range in which the disparities $d = l - r$ are allowed to vary

Implementation of 3LDP in a few lines of code...

```
#define clamp(x, mi, ma) ((x) < (mi) ? (mi) : ((x) > (ma) ? (ma) : (x)))
#define MAXi(tab,j) clamp((j)+(tab).drange[1], (tab).beg[0], (tab).end[0])
#define MINi(tab,j) clamp((j)+(tab).drange[0], (tab).beg[0], (tab).end[0])

#define ARG_MIN2(Ca, La, C0, L0, C1, L1) if ((C0) < (C1)) { Ca = C0; La = L0; } else { Ca = C1; La = L1; }

#define ARG_MIN3(Ca, La, C0, L0, C1, L1, C2, L2) \
if ( (C0) <= MIN(C1, C2) ) { Ca = C0; La = L0; } else if ( (C1) < MIN(C0, C2) ) { Ca = C1; La = L1; } else { Ca = C2; La = L2; }

void DP3LForward(MatchingTableT tab) {
    int i = tab.beg[0]; int j = tab.beg[1];
    C_m[j][i-1] = C_m[j-1][i] = MAXDOUBLE;
    C_oL[j][i-1] = C_oR[j-1][i] = 0.0;
    C_oL[j-1][i] = C_oR[j][i-1] = -penalty[0];

    for(j = tab.beg[1]; j <= tab.end[1]; j++)
        for(i = MINi(tab,j); i <= MAXi(tab,j); i++) {

            ARG_MIN2(C_m[j][i], P_m[j][i],
                    C_oR[j-1][i] + penalty[2], lbl_oR,
                    C_oL[j][i-1] + penalty[2], lbl_oL);
            C_m[j][i] += 1.0 - tab.MNCC[j][i];

            ARG_MIN3(C_oL[j][i], P_oL[j][i], C_m[j-1][i], lbl_m,
                    C_oL[j-1][i] + penalty[0], lbl_oL,
                    C_oR[j-1][i] + penalty[1], lbl_oR);
            C_oL[j][i] += penalty[3];

            ARG_MIN3(C_oR[j][i], P_oR[j][i], C_m[j][i-1], lbl_m,
                    C_oR[j][i-1] + penalty[0], lbl_oR,
                    C_oL[j][i-1] + penalty[1], lbl_oL);
            C_oR[j][i] += penalty[3];
        }
}

void DP3LReverse(double *D, MatchingTableT tab) {
    int i,j; labelT La; double Ca;
    for(i=0; i<nl; i++) D[i] = nan; /* not-a-number */

    i = tab.end[0]; j = tab.end[1];
    ARG_MIN3(Ca, La, C_m[j][i], lbl_m,
            C_oL[j][i], lbl_oL, C_oR[j][i], lbl_oR);

    while (i >= tab.beg[0] && j >= tab.beg[1] && La > 0)
        switch (La) {
            case lbl_m: D[i] = i-j;
                switch (La = P_m[j][i]) {
                    case lbl_oL: i--; break;
                    case lbl_oR: j--; break;
                    default: Error(...);
                } break;

            case lbl_oL: La = P_oL[j][i]; j--; break;
            case lbl_oR: La = P_oR[j][i]; i--; break;
            default: Error(...);
        }
}
```

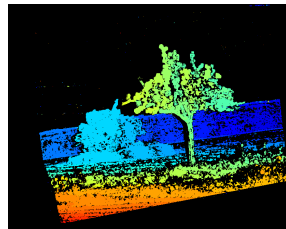
Some Results: AppleTree



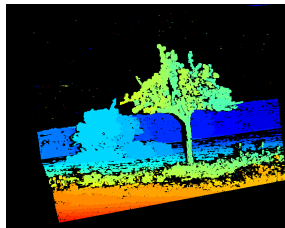
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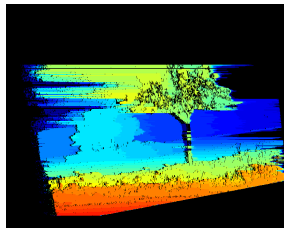
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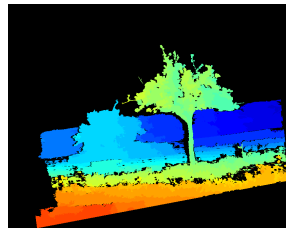
ML (slide 172)



3LDP (slide 186)



naïve DP [Cox et al. 1992]



stable segmented 3LDP (see [SP])

- 3LDP parameters α_i , V_e learned on Middlebury stereo data <http://vision.middlebury.edu/stereo/>

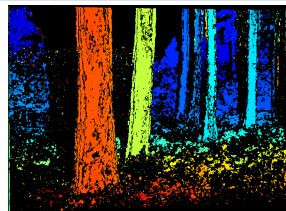
Some Results: Larch



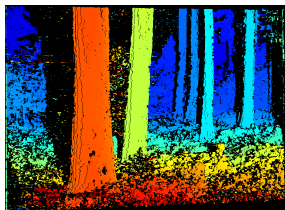
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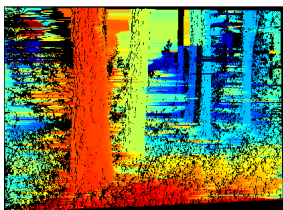
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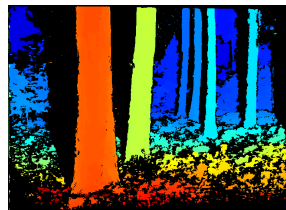
ML (slide 172)



3LDP (slide 186)



naïve DP



stable segmented 3LDP

- naïve DP does not model mutual occlusion
- but even 3LDP has errors in mutually occluded region
- stable segmented 3LDP has few errors in mutually occluded region since it uses a weak form of 'image understanding'

Algorithm Comparison

Winner-Take-All (WTA)

- the ur-algorithm [Marroquin 83] no model
- dense disparity map
- $O(N^3)$ algorithm, simple but it rarely works

Maximum Likelihood (ML)

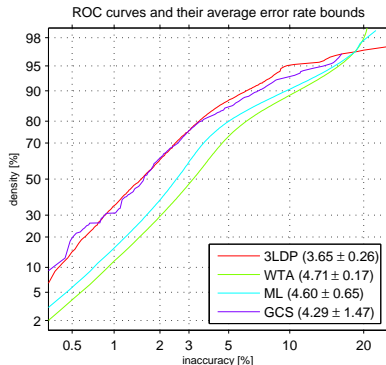
- semi-dense disparity map
- many small isolated errors
- models basic occlusion
- $O(N^3 \log(NV))$ algorithm max-flow by cost scaling

MAP with Min-Cost Labeled Path (3LDP)

- semi-dense disparity map
- models occlusion in flat, piecewise continuous scenes
- has 'illusions' if ordering does not hold
- $O(N^3)$ algorithm

Stable Segmented 3LDP

- better (fewer errors at any given density)
- $O(N^3 \log N)$ algorithm
- requires image segmentation itself a difficult task



- ROC-like curve captures the density/accuracy tradeoff
- GCS is the one used in the exercises
- more algorithms at <http://vision.middlebury.edu/stereo/> (good luck!)

Shape from Reflectance

- ⑧ Reflectance Models (Microscopic Phenomena)
- ⑨ Photometric Stereo
- ⑩ Image Events Linked to Shape (Macroscopic Phenomena)

mostly covered by

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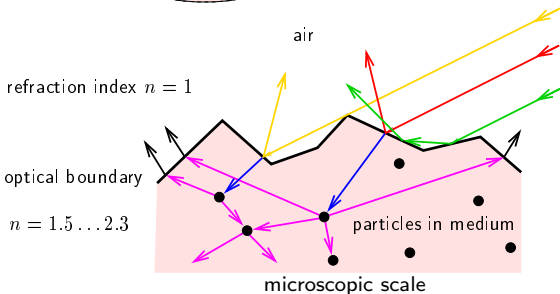
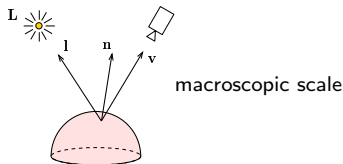


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► Basic Surface Reflectance Mechanisms



- reflection on (rough) optical boundary
- masking and shadowing
- interreflection

- refraction into the body
- subsurface scattering
- refraction into the air

► Parametric Reflectance Models

Image intensity (measurement) at pixel m

given by surface reflectance function R

$$J(m) = \eta f_{i,r}(\theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_r, \phi_r) \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\Phi_e}{4\pi \|\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{x}\|^2}}_{\sigma} \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{l} = R(\mathbf{n}), \quad \mathbf{l} = \frac{\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{x}\|}$$

η – sensor sensitivity for simplicity, we select $\eta = 2\pi$

$f_{i,r}()$ – bidirectional reflectance distribution function (BRDF)

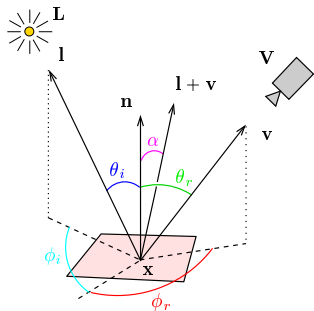
$[f_{i,r}()] = \text{sr}^{-1}$ how much of irradiance in Wm^{-2} is redistributed per solid angle element

\mathbf{L} – point light source position

Φ_e – radiant power of the light source, $[\Phi_e] = \text{W}$

\mathbf{n} – surface normal

σ – irradiance of a surfel orthogonal to incident light direction



Isotropic (Lambertian) reflection

[Lambert 1760]

no optical boundary

$$f_{i,r}(\theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_r, \phi_r) = \frac{\rho}{2\pi}, \quad \rho - \text{albedo}$$

$$J(m) = \sigma \rho \cos \theta_i = \sigma \rho \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{l}$$

pixel projected onto surface

► Photometric Stereo

Lambertian model (light $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, pixel $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$)

$$J_{ji} = (\sigma_j \mathbf{l}_j)^\top (\rho_i \mathbf{n}_i) = \mathbf{s}_j^\top \mathbf{b}_i$$

\mathbf{b}_i – scaled normals, \mathbf{s}_j – scaled lights

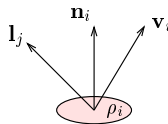
3 independent scaled lights and n scaled normals, one per pixel (in n pixels); can be stacked in matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{11} & J_{12} \\ J_{21} & J_{22} \\ J_{31} & J_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_1^\top \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{s}_1^\top \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \mathbf{s}_2^\top \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{s}_2^\top \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \mathbf{s}_3^\top \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{s}_3^\top \mathbf{b}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{s}_2^\top \\ \mathbf{s}_3^\top \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2]$$

$n = 2$ pixels, 3 lights

in general, stacked per columns:

$$\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \mathbf{s}_3] \in \mathbb{R}^{3,3} \quad \mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{3,n}$$



pixel indexing i :

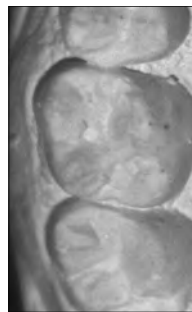
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5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12

Solution to Photometric Stereo

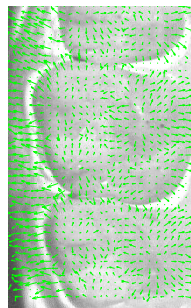
$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{S}^{-\top} \mathbf{J} \quad \mathbf{J} \in \mathbb{R}^{3,n}$$

$$\rho_i = \|\mathbf{b}_i\| \quad \text{albedo map}, \quad \mathbf{n}_i = \frac{1}{\rho_i} \mathbf{b}_i \quad \text{needle map}$$

Photometric Stereo: Plaster Cast Example



input images (known lights)



needle & albedo maps

We have: 1. shape (surface normals), 2. intrinsic texture (albedo)

The shape can be represented as unit normal vectors \mathbf{n} or as a gradient field (p, q) :

$$\mathbf{n}(u, v) = (n_1(u, v), n_2(u, v), n_3(u, v)),$$

$$\frac{\partial z(u, v)}{\partial u} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} z_u(u, v) = p(u, v) = \pm \frac{n_1(u, v)}{2n_3(u, v)^2 - 1},$$

$$\frac{\partial z(u, v)}{\partial v} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} z_v(u, v) = q(u, v) = \pm \frac{n_2(u, v)}{2n_3(u, v)^2 - 1}$$

► The Integration Algorithm of Frankot and Chellappa (FC)

Task: Given gradient fields $p(u, v)$, $q(u, v)$, find height function $z(u, v)$ such that z_u is close to p and z_v is close to q in the sense of a functional norm.

$$z^* = \arg \min_z Q(z), \quad Q(z) = \iint |z_u(u, v) - p(u, v)|^2 + |z_v(u, v) - q(u, v)|^2 du dv$$

In the Fourier domain this can be written as $\mathcal{F}(z; \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \iint z(u, v) e^{-j(u\omega_u + v\omega_v)} du dv$

$$Q(z) = \iint \underbrace{|j\omega_u \mathcal{F}(z; \omega) - \mathcal{F}(p; \omega)|^2 + |j\omega_v \mathcal{F}(z; \omega) - \mathcal{F}(q; \omega)|^2}_{A(\mathcal{F}(z; \omega))} d\omega, \quad \omega = (\omega_u, \omega_v)$$

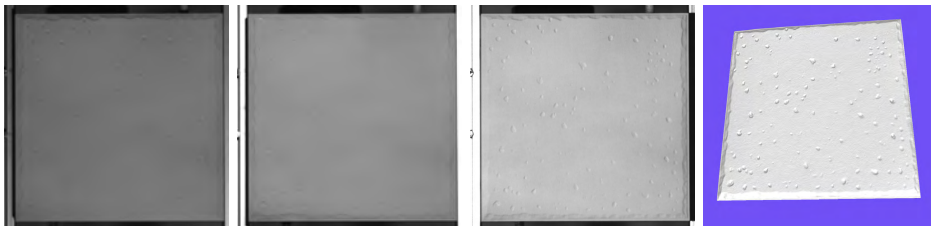
and its minimiser is

from vanishing formal derivative of $A(\mathcal{F}(z; \omega))$ wrt $\mathcal{F}(z; \omega)$
[Frankot & Chellappa 1988]

$$\mathcal{F}(z; \omega) = -\frac{j\omega_u}{|\omega|^2} \mathcal{F}(p; \omega) - \frac{j\omega_v}{|\omega|^2} \mathcal{F}(q; \omega)$$

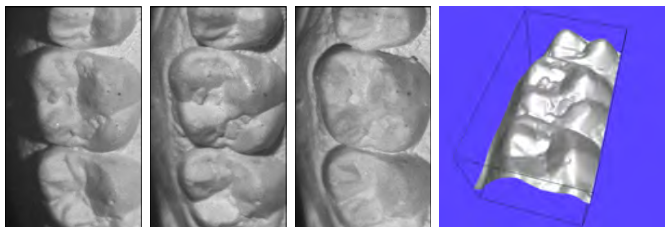
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[m,n] = size(p);  
Wu = fft2(fftshift([-1,0,1]/2),m,n); % discrete differential operator  
Wv = fft2(fftshift([-1;0;1]/2),m,n);  
Z = -(Wu.*fft2(p) + Wv.*fft2(q))./(abs(Wu).^2 + abs(Wv).^2 + eps);  
z = real(ifft2(Z));
```

Photometric Stereo: Examples



3 input images

surface



3 input images

surface

- integrated by the FC algorithm from Slide 197
- bias due to interreflections can be removed

[Drew & Funt, JOSA-A 1992]

► Integrability of a Vector Field

- not every vector field $p(u, v)$, $q(u, v)$ is integrable (born by a surface $z(u, v)$)
- integrability constraint

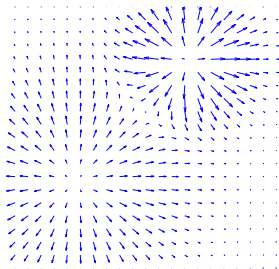
$$p_v(u, v) = q_u(u, v)$$

- this is because a regular surface has $\text{rot } \nabla z(u, v) = 0$

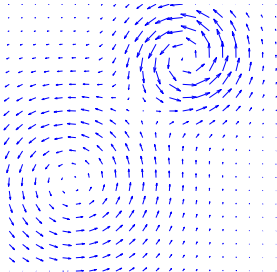
irrotational gradient field

$$z_{uv}(u, v) = z_{vu}(u, v)$$

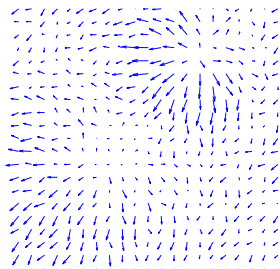
- noise causes non-integrability
- the FC algorithm finds the closest integrable surface



integrable



non-integrable



non-integrable (noisy)

Optimal Light Configurations

For n lights \mathbf{S} the error $\Delta \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{S}^{-\top} \Delta \mathbf{J}$ in normal \mathbf{b} due to error $\Delta \mathbf{J}$ in image is

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{S}) = E[\Delta \mathbf{b}^\top \Delta \mathbf{b}] = E[\Delta \mathbf{J}^\top (\mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{S})^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{J}] = \sigma^2 \text{tr}[(\mathbf{S} \mathbf{S}^\top)^{-1}] \geq \frac{9\sigma^2}{n}.$$

assuming pixel-independent normal camera noise $\Delta J_i \sim N(0, \sigma)$

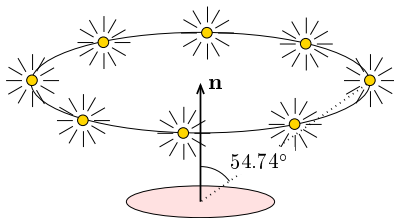
The error ϵ is minimum if

[Drbohlav & Chantler 2005]

$$\mathbf{S} \mathbf{S}^\top = \frac{n}{3} \mathbf{I}, \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n]$$

- either $n \geq 3$ equidistant and equiradiant lights on a circle of uniform slant of $\arctan \sqrt{2} \approx 54.74^\circ$
- $n - 1$ lights in this configuration plus a light parallel to the sum $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathbf{s}_i$
- or light matrix \mathbf{S} is a concatenation of optimal solutions (each of ≥ 3 lights)

eg. 3 optimally placed $(\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \mathbf{s}_3) + 3$ lights $(\mathbf{s}_4, \mathbf{s}_5, \mathbf{s}_6) = (\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \mathbf{s}_3) + \alpha$ rotated by angle α around \mathbf{n}



Uncalibrated Photometric Stereo

Factorization $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{B}$ [Hayakawa94]

LS solution by SVD decomposition of $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top$

$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{D}_{1:3} \mathbf{U}^\top$ scaled pseudo-lights

$\mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{V}_{1:3})^\top$ scaled pseudo-normals $\mathbf{V}_{1:3}$ are columns 1–3

Ambiguity $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{B} = \underbrace{\mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{A}^{-1}}_{\bar{\mathbf{S}}^\top} \underbrace{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}}_{\bar{\mathbf{B}}}, \quad \mathbf{A} \in GL(3)$ [Koenderink94]

information	ambiguity		
3+ normals $\bar{\mathbf{B}}$ known	$\lambda \mathbf{I}$	(identity 3×3 mtx) $\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}$	\mathbf{B} is measured
uniform albedo	$\lambda \mathbf{R}$	(orthogonal 3×3 mtx) 6 points: $\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_i\ = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{b}_i^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{b}_i = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ up to rot.	[Drew92] (Choleski)
equal light intensity	$\lambda \mathbf{R}$	$\ \mathbf{s}_j \mathbf{A}^{-1}\ = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ up to rot.	[Hayakawa94]
integrable normals $p_v = q_u$ for $\mathbf{n} \sim (p, q, 1)$	$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & \mu \\ 0 & \lambda & \nu \\ 0 & 0 & \tau \end{bmatrix}$	generalized bas-relief ambiguity	[Yuille99, Fan97, Belhumeur99]
uniform albedo and integrability	$\lambda \mathbf{I}$		
integrability and 2+ specular pts	$\lambda \mathbf{I}$		[Drbohlav & Chantler, ICCV 2005]

► Generalized Bas Relief Ambiguity (GBR)

GBR maps surface $z'(u, v) = \lambda z(u, v) + \mu u + \nu v$, i.e. it maps normals to $\mathbf{n}' = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{n}$, where

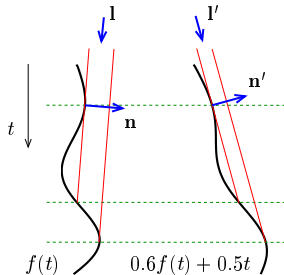
$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & -\mu \\ 0 & \lambda & -\nu \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Obs: If normals change $\mathbf{n}' = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{n}$ and lights change $\mathbf{l}' = \mathbf{G}^{-\top} \mathbf{l}$ then Lambertian shading does not change:

$$\mathbf{n}'^{\top} \mathbf{l}' = (\mathbf{n}^{\top} \mathbf{G}^{\top})(\mathbf{G}^{-\top} \mathbf{l}) = \mathbf{n}^{\top} \mathbf{l}$$



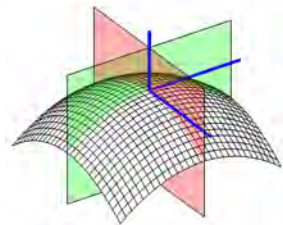
Reproduced from [Belhumeur et al. 1997]



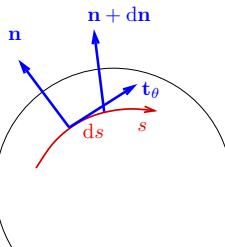
Obs: Shadow boundaries of surface \mathcal{S} illuminated by light \mathbf{l} are identical to those of surface \mathcal{S}' transformed by GBR \mathbf{G} and illuminated by light $\mathbf{l}' = \mathbf{G}^{-\top} \mathbf{l}$

weak assumptions [Belhumeur et al. 1997]

►A Quick Glance at the Classical Differential Geometry of Surfaces



Darboux frame



$$\kappa_\theta = \mathbf{t}_\theta^\top \frac{d\mathbf{n}}{ds}$$

normal curvature, direction θ

$$\kappa_1, \kappa_2$$

principal curvatures

$$K = \kappa_1 \cdot \kappa_2$$

Gaussian curvature

$$H = \kappa_1 + \kappa_2$$

mean curvature

$$\kappa_\theta = \kappa_1 \cos^2 \theta + \kappa_2 \sin^2 \theta$$

umbilical

convex
concave

$$\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 > 0$$

elliptical

$$\kappa_1 > 0, \kappa_2 > 0$$

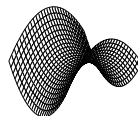
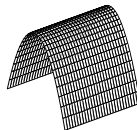
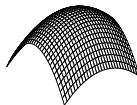
$$\kappa_1 < 0, \kappa_2 < 0$$

parabolic

$$\kappa_1 > 0, \kappa_2 = 0$$

hyperbolic

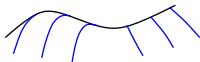
$$\kappa_1 > 0, \kappa_2 < 0$$



the transition elliptic \rightarrow parabolic \rightarrow hyperbolic occurs at parabolic lines

non-umbilical surface like a torus

►Occluding Contour Structure

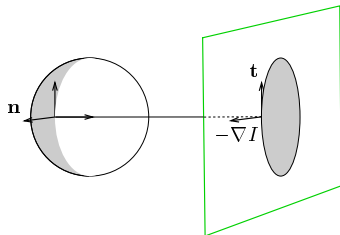


smooth self-occlusion contour (back)
not smooth contour (mane)

- surface curves are tangent to smooth self-occlusion contour



- isophotes are surface curves \Rightarrow their density approaches infinity on smooth self-occlusion contour



$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{t} \quad \text{optical plane normal}$$

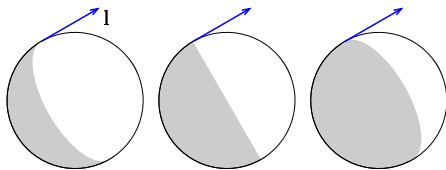
$$K = \kappa_s \kappa_t \rightarrow \text{sign}(K) = \text{sign}(\kappa_t)$$

$\kappa_s > 0$ – curvature in the direction of sight
 κ_t – occluding contour curvature

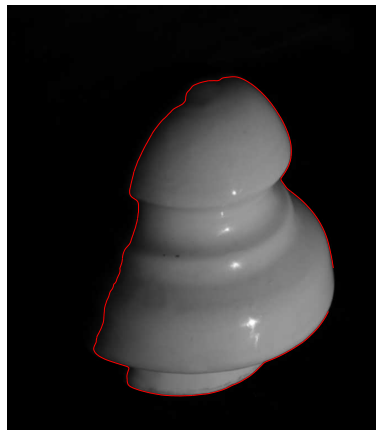
$$\mathbf{x}_{st} = 0 \text{ since } \mathbf{x}_s \simeq \mathbf{v} \text{ [Koenderink 84]}$$

- this is a basis for
shape from occluding contour

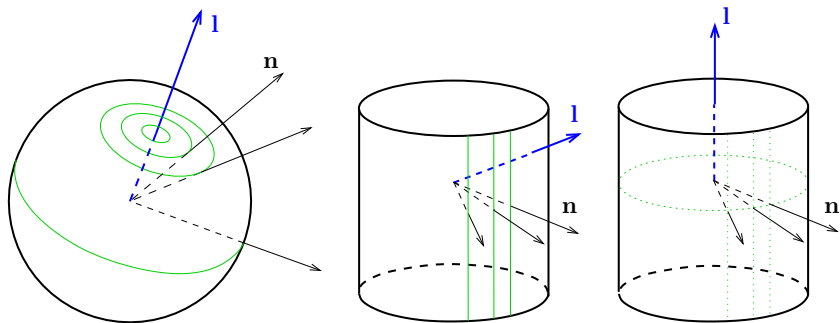
Self-Shadow Contour Structure



- loci where occluding and self-shadow meet: the projection of light direction vector to image plane is tangent to the contour there



Isophotes on Simple Lambertian Surfaces



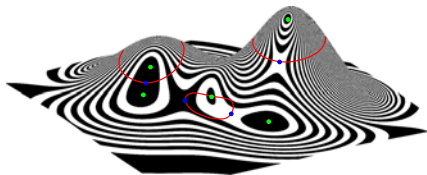
Surface is parameterized by: σ – slant, τ – tilt, where $\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{l} = \cos \sigma$

- isophotes – green
- apex – where $\mathbf{n} \simeq \mathbf{l}$
- isophotes parallel to rulings on developable surfaces
- illuminant on cylinder axis: constant reflectance **cylindrical part illumination w/o shading**
- in general: isophotes are parallel to zero-curvature principal direction

Isophotes on a Complex Surface



shaded Lambertian surface



isophotes w/ approximate parabolic curves

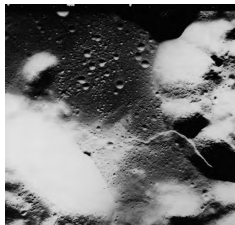
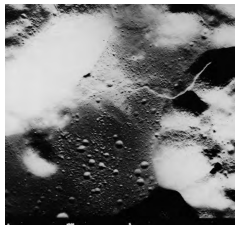
singular image points

- Lambertian apex: move with light, $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{l}$ (T1)
- extrema and saddles on parabolic lines: move along parabolic lines (T2)
- planar points: do not move (not shown)
- specular points: move with light and/or viewer but slower (not shown)

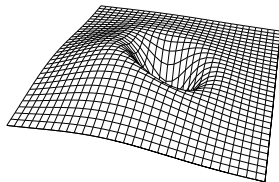
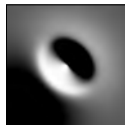
[Koenderink & van Doorn 1980]

The Crater Illusion

Ambiguity in Local Shading and The Human Vision Preference



Apollo 17 landing site (Taurus-Littrow); courtesy of NASA



bottom: crater-like surface
top: surface illuminated from lower-left
and top-right

Shading at Lambertian apex:

$$K^2 = \det(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{G}^{-1})$$

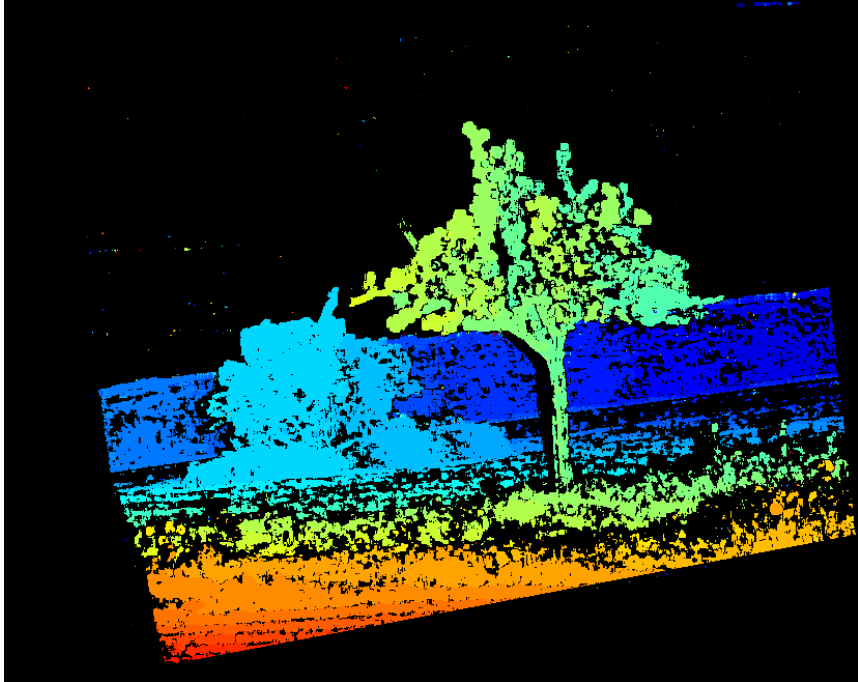
$$2H^2 - K = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{G}^{-1})$$

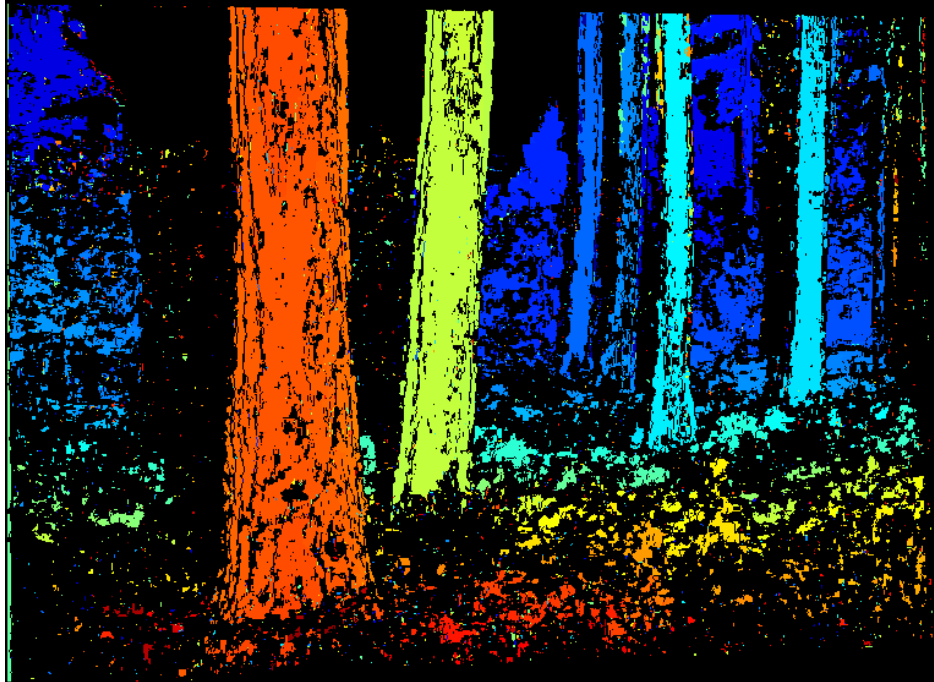
$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{uu} & I_{uv} \\ I_{uv} & I_{vv} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{image Hessian}$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + l_1^2 & l_1 l_2 \\ l_1 l_2 & 1 + l_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{from light dir. } \mathbf{l} = (l_1, l_2, l_3)$$

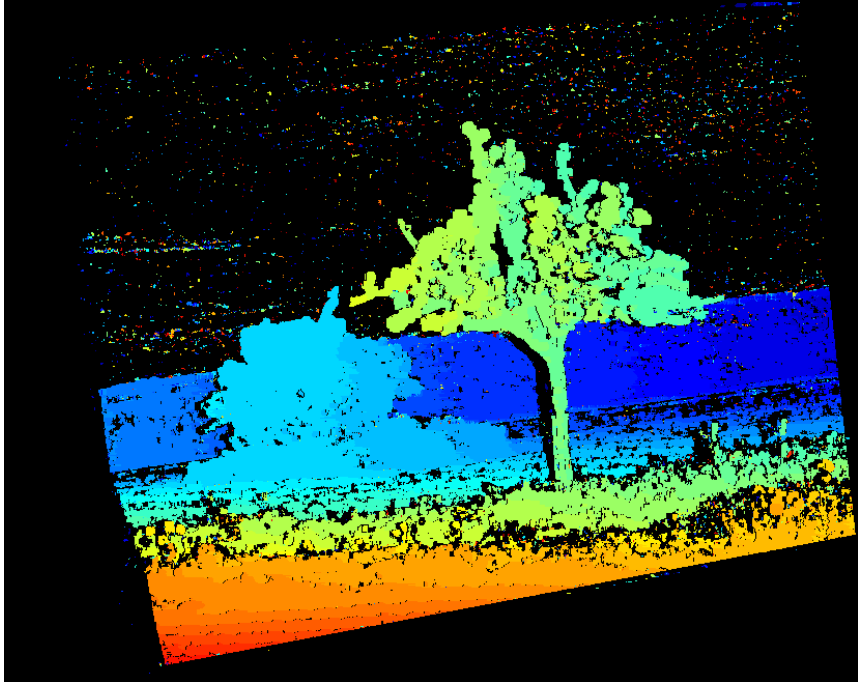
Apex: Up to 4 solutions for surface
principal curvatures:
convex/concave \times elliptic/hyperbolic

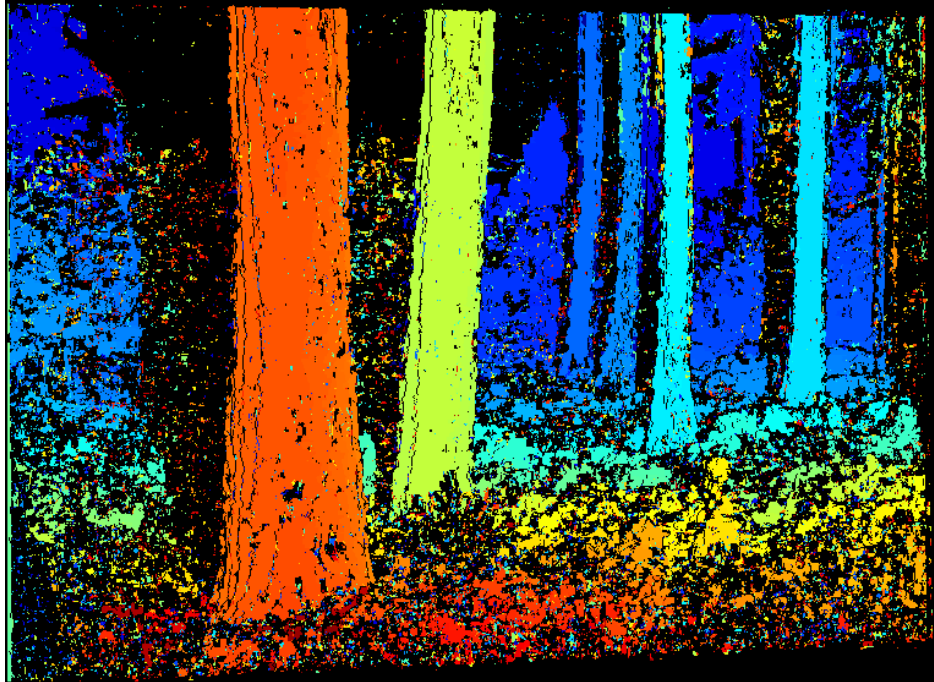
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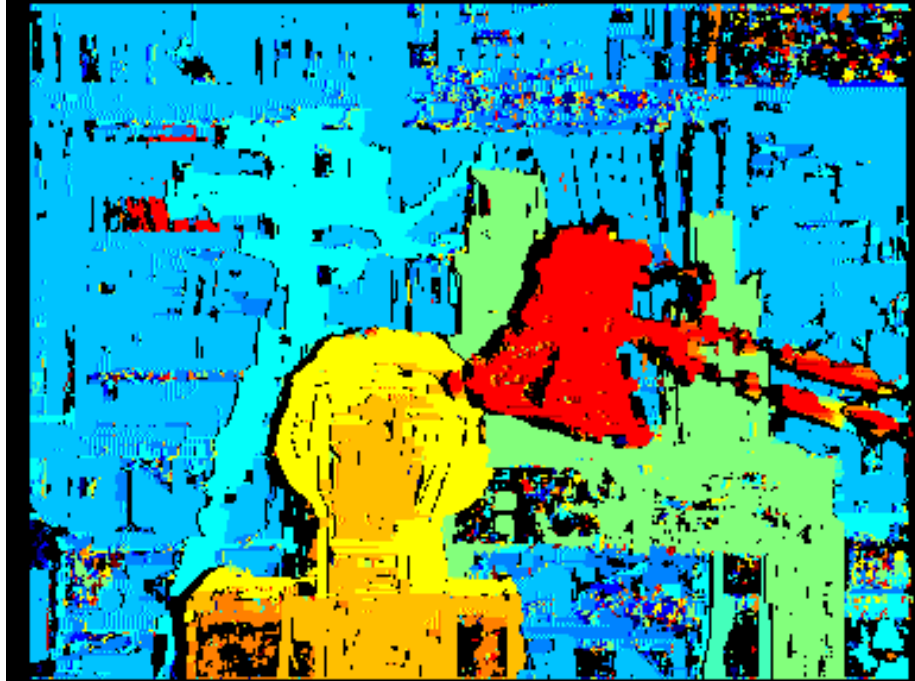


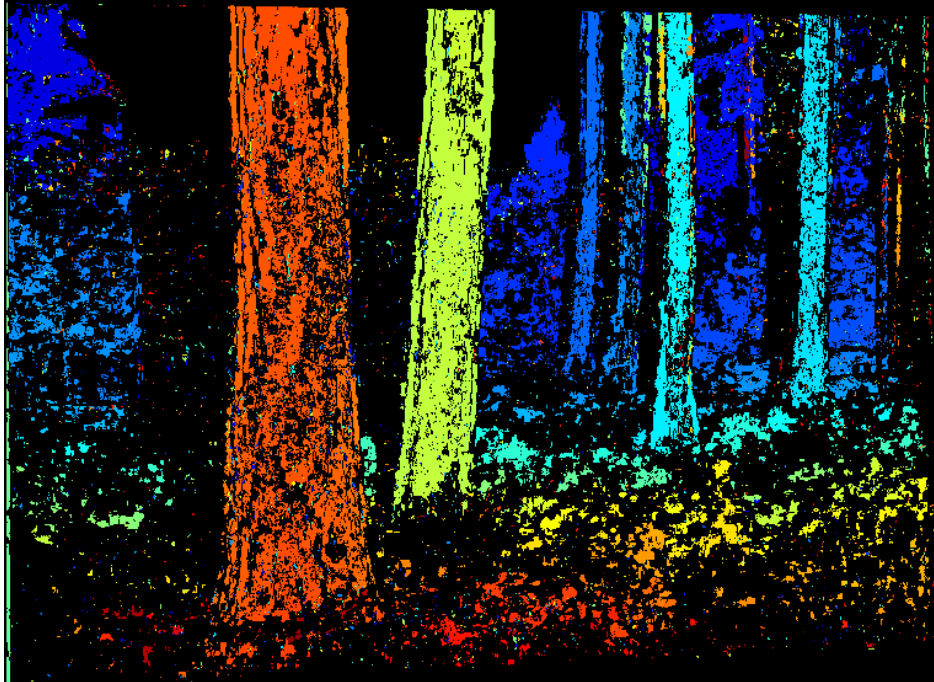


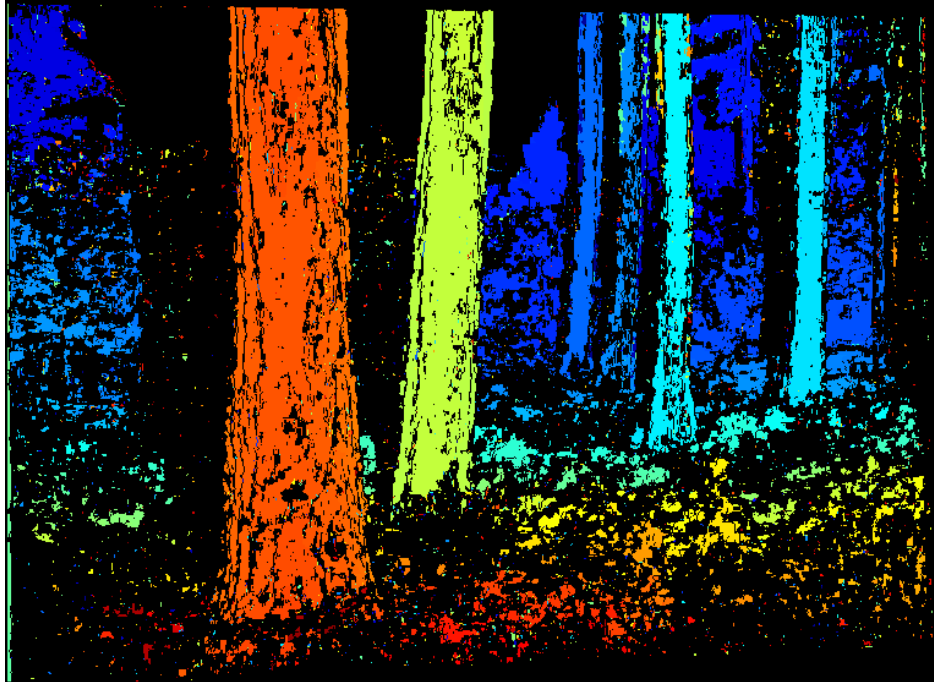








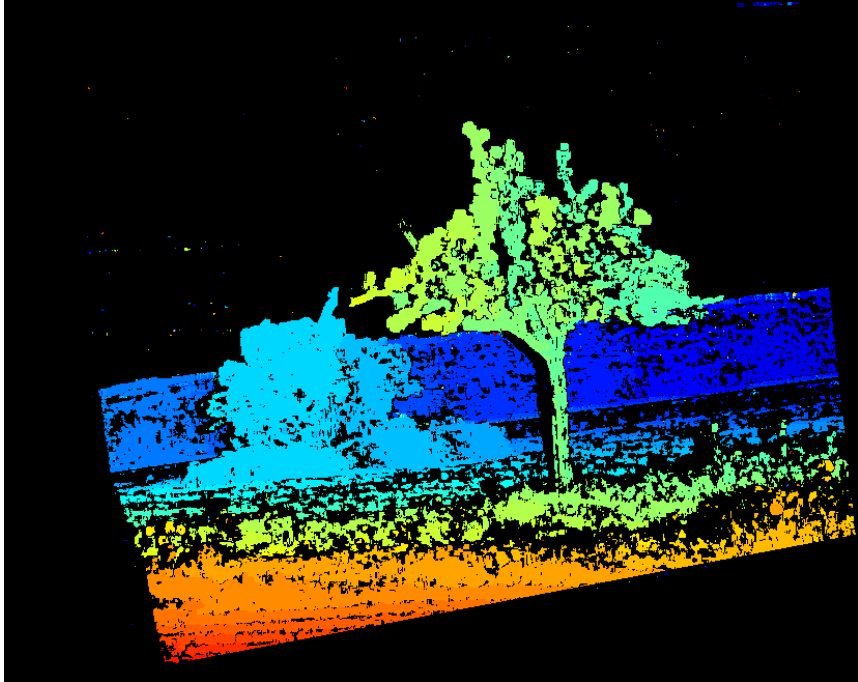


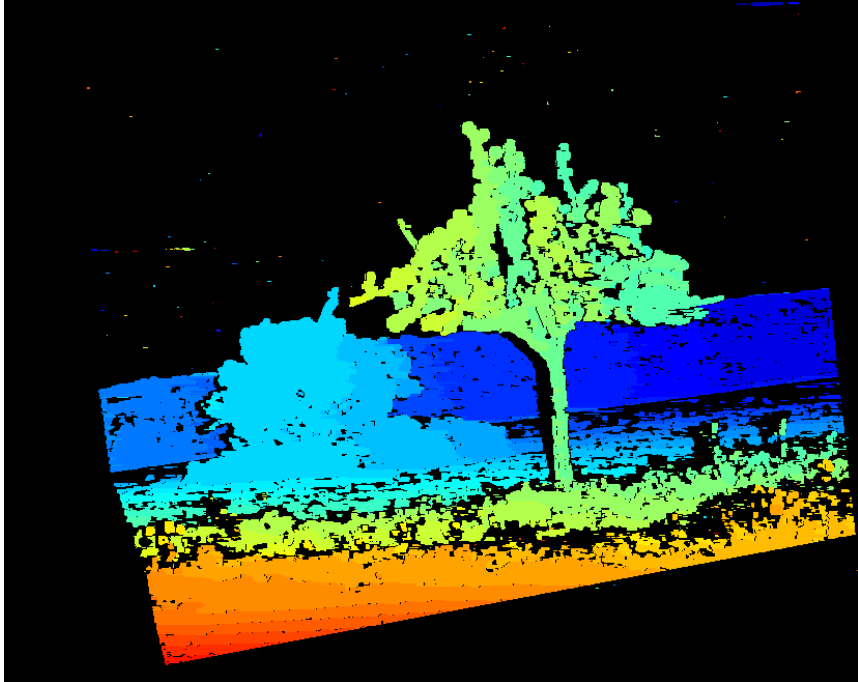


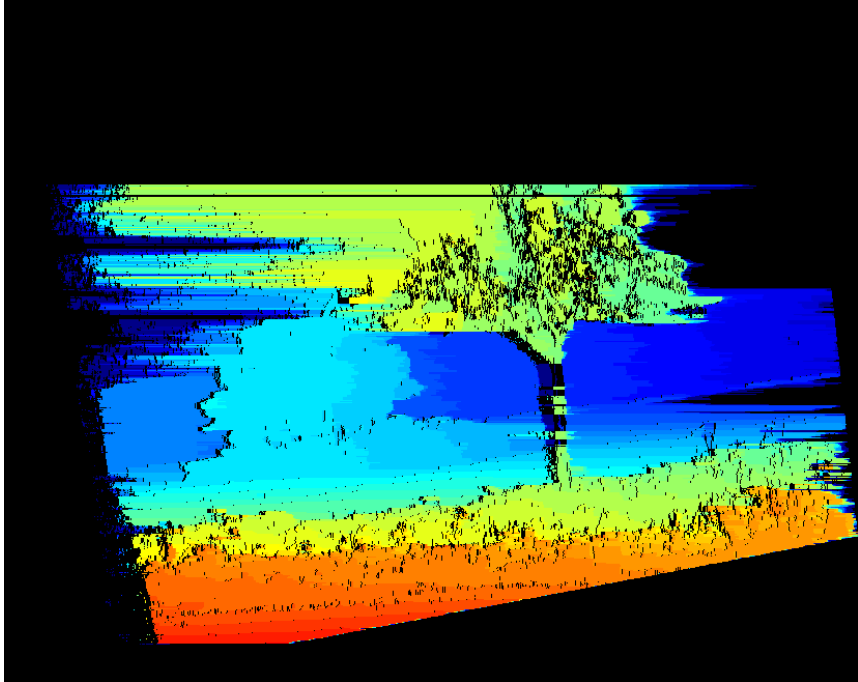


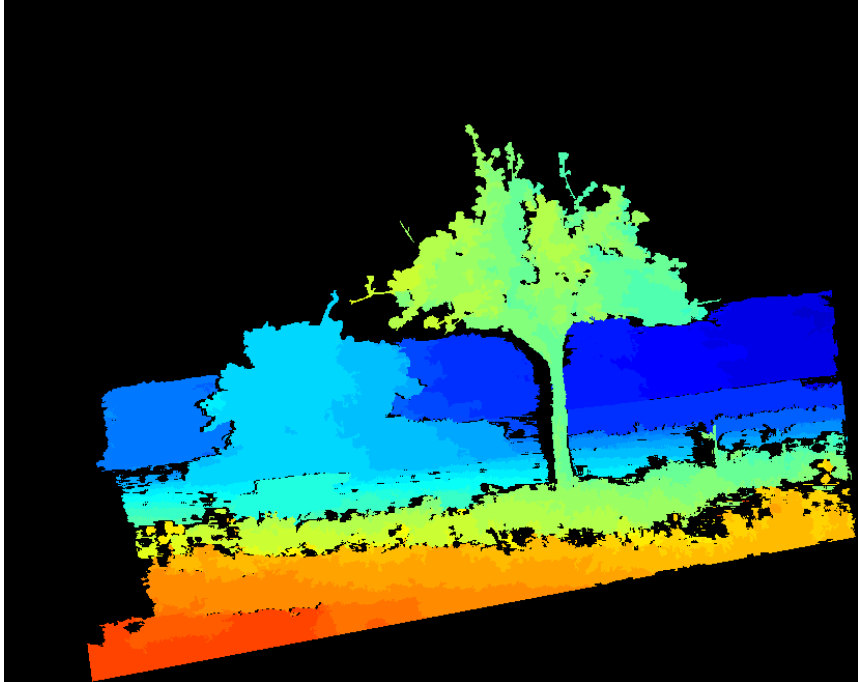






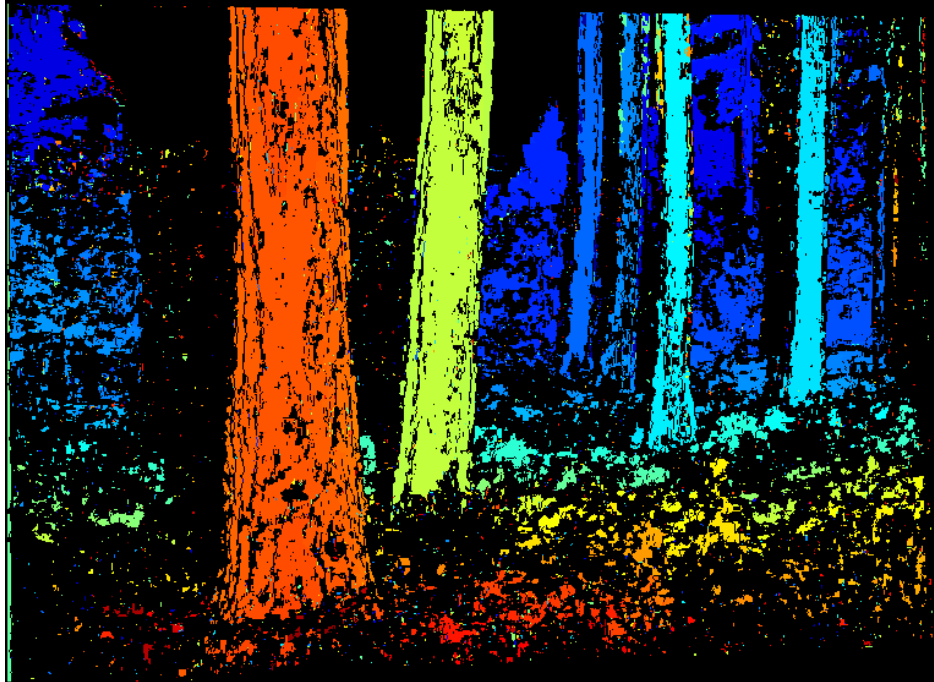


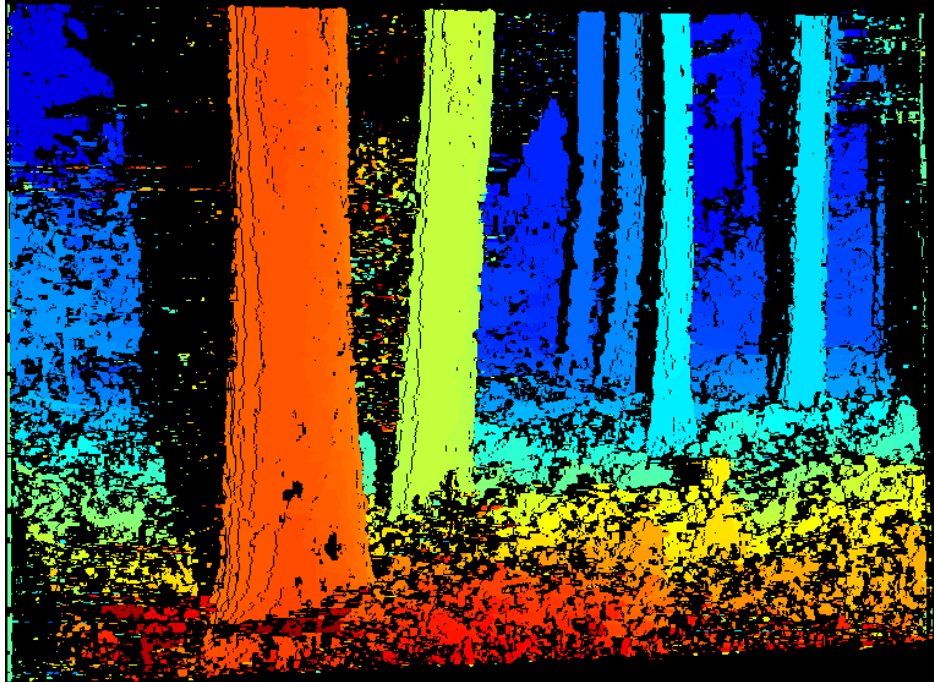


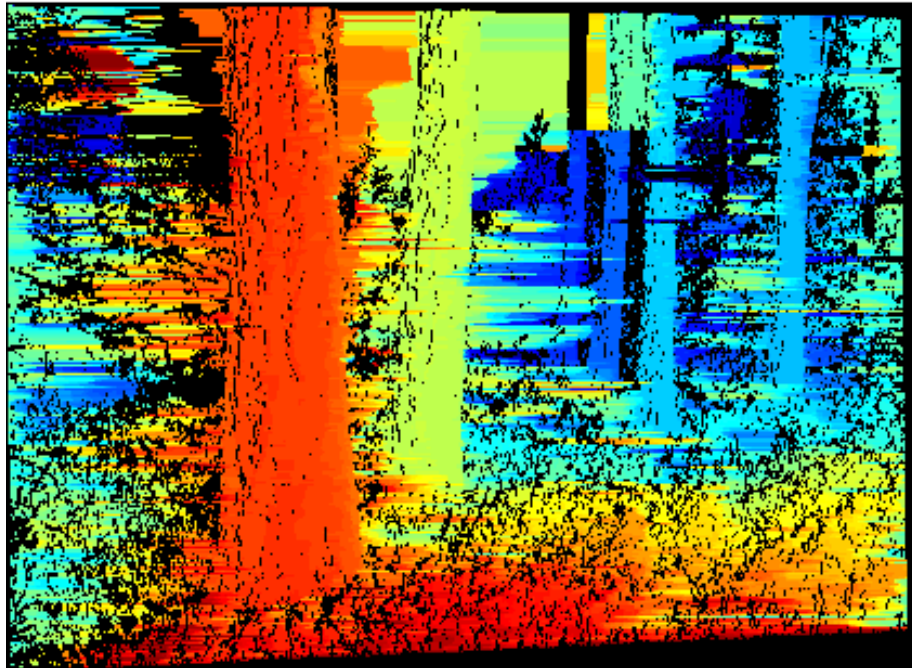


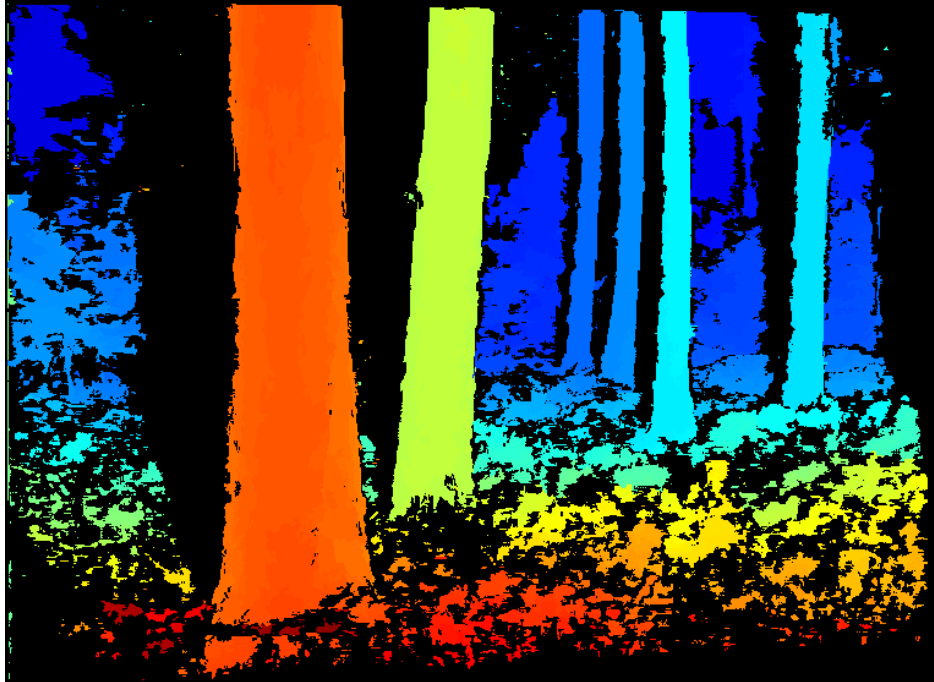












ROC curves and their average error rate bounds

