# **Computer Vision**

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# Plan for today

- Background
  - What is computer vision?
  - Why to study computer vision?
- Overview of the course
- Lecture 1: Image formation

Credits: Material for slides borrowed from Victor Prisacariu, Andrew Zisserman, Esa Rahtu, James Hays, Derek Hoiem, Svetlana Lazebnik, Steve Seitz, David Forsyth, and others

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# Motivation - what is computer vision?

# Make computers understand images

- What kind of scene?
- Where are the cars?

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- How far are the buildings?
- Where are the cars going?



# Many data modalities

- 2D or 3D still images
- Video frames
- X-ray

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- Ultra-sound
- Microscope



#### What kind of information can be extracted?



#### Semantic information

Geometric information

## What do we have here?



# Wrong! Very hard big data problem...

- Hardware perspective:
  - RGB stereo images with 30 frames per second -> 100s MB/s data stream.
  - Non-trivial processing per each byte.
  - Massive image collections.
- Mathematical perspective
  - Information is highly implicit or lost by perspective projection
  - 2D -> 3D mapping is ill-posed and ill-conditioned -> need to use constraints

# Wrong! Very hard big data problem...

- Artificial intelligence perspective
  - Images have uneven information content
  - Computational visual semantics is hard (what does visual stuff mean exactly?)
  - If we have limited time, what is the important visual stuff right now?

Still a massive challenge - if we want genuine autonomy.

## Natural vision

• Humans see effortlessly

# Natural vision

- Humans see effortlessly, but... it is very hard work for our brains!
  - There are billions of neurons in human brain
  - Years of evolution generated hardwired priors.

So why bother? What are the advantages?

# Why computer vision matters?

- Engineering point of view Computer Vision helps to solve many practical problems: business potential
- Scientific point of view Human kind of visual system is one of the grand challenges of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
  - Al itself is a grand challenge of computing

# Why computer vision matters?

- Safety
- Health
- Security
- Fun
- Access











# Computer vision is already here

- You are surrounded by devices using computer vision
- Imagine what can be done with already installed cameras!



# Motivation - Success stories

#### Recognizing "simple" patterns

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#### Face recognition



#### The Smile Shutter flow

Imagine a camera smart enough to catch every smile! In Smile Shutter Mode, your Cyber-shot® camera can automatically trip the shutter at just the right instant to catch the perfect expression.









### Object detection and recognition



#### Reconstruction: 3D from photo collections



The Visual Turing test for Scene Reconstruction, Shan, Adams, Curless, Furukawa, Seitz, in 3DV 2013. <u>YouTube video</u>.

#### A recent commercial 3D reconstruction system

#### Acute3D Technology preview Aerial and street-level imagery fusion

#### Robotics



#### NASA's Mars Rover See "<u>Computer Vision on Mars</u>"





Robocup See <u>www.robocup.org</u>

STAIRS at Stanford Saxena et al. 2008

## Self-driving cars (Nvidia @ CES 2016)



#### Visual odometry and SLAM



### Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)



#### Image generation



A style-based generator architecture for generative adversarial networks. Karras, Laine, Aila. CVPR 2019.

# Current state of the affairs

- Many of the previous examples are less than 5 years old!
- Many new applications to appear in the next 5 years
- Strong open source culture
  - Many recent state-of-the-art methods are freely available
  - See papers from top conferences like CVPR, ECCV, ICCV, and NeurIPS

### Rapidly growing area



Attendees and submissions to IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)

### Rapidly growing area

|     | Publication  | <u>h5-index</u> | <u>h5-median</u> |
|-----|--|-----------------|------------------|
| 1.  | Nature   | <u>362</u>      | 542              |
| 2.  | The New England Journal of Medicine                              | <u>358</u>      | 602              |
| 3.  | Science  | <u>345</u>      | 497              |
| 4.  | The Lancet   | <u>278</u>      | 417              |
| 5.  | Chemical Society reviews   | <u>256</u>      | 366              |
| 6.  | Cell   | <u>244</u>      | 366              |
| 7.  | Nature Communications  | <u>240</u>      | 318              |
| 8.  | Chemical Reviews   | <u>239</u>      | 373              |
| 9.  | Journal of the American Chemical Society                         | <u>236</u>      | 309              |
| 10. | Advanced Materials   | 235             | 336              |
| 11. | Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences                  | <u>226</u>      | 291              |
| 12. | Angewandte Chemie International Edition                          | <u>213</u>      | 295              |
| 13. | JAMA   | <u>209</u>      | 309              |
| 14. | Nucleic Acids Research   | <u>208</u>      | 392              |
| 15. | ACS Nano   | <u>199</u>      | 279              |
| 16. | Physical Review Letters  | <u>197</u>      | 286              |
| 17. | Energy and Environmental Science                                 | <u>196</u>      | 330              |
| 18. | Journal of Clinical Oncology                                     | <u>196</u>      | 279              |
| 19. | Nano Letters   | <u>194</u>      | 281              |
| 20. | IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, CVPR | <u>188</u>      | 302              |

Ref. Google Scholar top publications.

### Rapidly growing area - substantial commercial interest



# Plenty of job opportunities

- Companies are looking for computer vision and deep learning experts.
- Big Internet players are investing heavily (Apple, Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Baidu, Tencent, ...) as well as car industry (Tesla, BMW,...)
- Strong imaging ecosystem also in Finland



# Specifics of this course

## Course textbooks

- Szeliski: Computer Vision
  - Full-copy freely available
- Hartley & Zisserman: Multiple
  View Geometry in Computer Vision
  - Available as an e-book via library
- Forsyth & Ponce: Computer Vision
  - Full-copy freely available



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# What will you learn on this course?

- Course content (numbers refer to chapters in Szeliski's book, 1st edition):
  - Image formation and processing (2, 3)
  - Feature detection and matching (4)
  - Feature based alignment and image stitching (6,9)
  - Optical flow and tracking (8)
  - Basics of image classification and convolutional neural networks
  - Object recognition and detection (14)
  - Structure from motion, stereo and 3D reconstruction (7, 11, 12)

# What will you NOT learn on this course?

- Software packages
  - PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Caffe, etc.
  - We have simple exercises with Python/Matlab though
- In-depth deep learning
  - Tweaking architectures, loss functions, etc.
  - Note that there exists a separate deep learning course (CS-E4890)
- All the bells and whistles in the state-of-the-art systems
  - We concentrate on the basic concepts (get them right and the rest is easier for you)
## Organization

- Lectures on Mondays at 10-12 (12 lectures)
- Exercises on Fridays at 12-14 (12 sessions)
  - The solutions of weekly homework assignments should be returned before the session
  - The solutions are presented in the session
- Guidance available if needed
  - Slack and teacher's receptions (see MyCourses)
- Virtual presence is not rewarded, only returned homework counts

### Requirements

- Get more than 0 points from at least 8 exercise rounds (i.e. solve at least 1 task from 8 different weekly rounds)
- Pass the exam

#### Hints

- Doing homework takes time but is often a good way to learn in depth
- Try to do more than the minimum homework points are taken into account in the grading (i.e. weighted exercise points are added to exam points)
- Note that the amount of work and bonus points varies a bit between weeks - exercises are published early so that you can do them in advance if needed

# Questions at this point?

## Lecture 1: Camera model

### Relevant reading

- Chapters 2, 3, and 6 in [Hartley & Zisserman]
  - Comprehensive presentation of the core content
- Chapter 2 in [Szeliski]
  - Broader overview of the image formation

#### This is (a picture of) a cat



Credits: Victor Prisacariau



#### Cat lives in a 3D world



Credits: Victor Prisacariau

#### Going from X in 3D to x in 2D



The output would be blurry if film just exposed to the cat.

#### Pinhole camera



All rays passing through a single point (center of projection)

#### Pinhole camera



#### Pinhole camera



## What happens in the projection?

- Projection from 3D to 2D -> information is lost
- What properties are preserved?
  - Straight lines
  - Incidence
- What properties are not preserved?
  - Angles
  - Lengths

### Projective geometry - what is lost?



### Length is not preserved



### Angles are not preserved



### Straight lines are still straight



#### Vanishing points and lines

• Parallel lines in the world intersect at a "vanishing point"



### Constructing the vanishing point of a line



#### Vanishing points and lines



All parallel lines will have the same vanishing point.

### Homogenous coordinates

- The projection  $x = fX/x_3$  is non linear!
- Can be made linear using homogenous coordinates
- Homogenous coordinates allow for transforms to be concatenated easily



#### Homogenous coordinates

#### Conversion to homogenous coordinates

$$(x,y) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (x,y,z) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Conversion from homogenous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w) \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w, z/w)$$

### Invariance to scaling



E.g. [1,2,3] is the same as [3,6,9] and both represent the **same** inhomogeneous point [0.33,0.66].

#### Basic geometry in homogenous coordinates

• Line equation: ax+by+c=0

• A pixel p in homogenous coordinates:

• Line is given by cross product of two points

 Intersection of two lines is given by cross product of the lines



$$line_{ij} = p_i \times p_j$$
$$q_{ii} = line_i \times line_i$$

### 3D Euclidean transformation

• Cat moves through 3D space

 $\sin \gamma$ 

cosy

 The movement of the nose can be described using an Euclidean Transform

 $\mathbf{X}'_{3\times 1} = \mathbf{R}_{3\times 3}\mathbf{X}_{3\times 1} + \mathbf{t}_{3\times 1}$ { rotation } { translation }  $\cos\beta$  $(\cos\beta\cos\gamma - \sin\beta)$  $-\sin\beta\sin\gamma$  $\sin\beta\cos\gamma$   $\cos\beta$ 





#### Building the 3D rotation matrix R

- R can be build from various representations (Euler ang., quaternion)
- Euler angles represent the rotation using three parameters, one for each axis

$$X' = R_{Z}X^{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_{Z} & \sin \theta_{Z} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{Z} & \cos \theta_{Z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X^{W}$$

$$X'' = R_{y}X' = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_{y} & 0 & -\sin \theta_{y} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta_{y} & 0 & \cos \theta_{y} \end{bmatrix} X'$$

$$X^{A} = R_{x}X'' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{x} & \pm \sin \theta_{x} \\ 0 & \mp \sin \theta_{x} & \cos \theta_{x} \end{bmatrix} X''$$

$$R^{CW} = R_{x}R_{y}R_{z}$$
Order matters!



### 3D Euclidean transformation

• Concatenation of successive transforms is a mess!

$$X_{1} = R_{1}X + t_{1}$$
  

$$X_{2} = R_{2}X_{1} + t_{2}$$
  

$$= R_{2}(R_{1}X + t_{1}) + t_{2} = (R_{2}R_{1})X + (R_{2}t_{1} + t_{2})$$



### Homogenous coordinates save the day!

- Replace 3D points  $\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$  with homogenous versions  $\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- The Euclidean transform becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = E \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Transformation can now be concatenated by matrix multiplication

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{E}_{10} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{E}_{21} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{E}_{21} \mathbf{E}_{10} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### More 3D-3D and 2D-2D transformations

Projective (15 dof):  

$$\begin{bmatrix}
X'_{1} \\
X'_{2} \\
X'_{3} \\
X'_{4}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\mathbf{P}_{4 \times 4}\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
X_{1} \\
X_{2} \\
X_{3} \\
X_{4}
\end{bmatrix}$$

Affine (12 dof):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{t}_3 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarity (7 dof):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S\mathbf{R}_{3\times 3} & \mathbf{t}_3 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Euclidean (6 dof):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{t}_3 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Projective (aka Homography, 8 dof):

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{3\times 3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Affine (6 dof):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{2 \times 2} & \mathbf{t}_2 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarity (4 dof):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S\mathbf{R}_{2\times 2} & \mathbf{t}_2 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Euclidean (3 dof):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{2 \times 2} & \mathbf{t}_2 \\ \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Examples of 2D-2D transforms







### Perspective transformation (3D-2D)



#### Perspective using homogenous coordinates





$$\lambda \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\lambda x_1 = f X_1} \begin{array}{c} x_1 = f \frac{X_1}{X_3} \\ \rightarrow \lambda x_2 = f X_2 \rightarrow \\ \lambda = X_3 \quad x_2 = f \frac{X_2}{X_3} \end{array}$$

#### Perspective using homogenous coordinates

| Image Point   | Projection Matrix                       |             |             | World Point                                 |  |
|---|---|-------------|-------------|---|--|
| $\lambda \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} =$ | $=\begin{bmatrix} f\\0\\0\end{bmatrix}$ | 0<br>f<br>0 | 0<br>0<br>1 | $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ |

### Wait! Our setup has several assumptions

- Camera at world origin
- Camera aligned with world coordinates
- Ideal pinhole camera





#### Removing the initial assumptions

- It is useful to split the overall projection matrix into three parts:
  - A part that depends on the internals of the camera (intrinsic)
  - A vanilla projection matrix
  - An Euclidean transformation between the world and camera frames (extrinsic)
- Assume first that the world is aligned with camera coordinates
   -> the extrinsic camera matrix is an identity

| lmage   | Camera's Intrinsic  | Projection matrix   | Camera's Extrinsic   | World |
|---|---|---|--|-------|
| Point   | Calibration   | (vanilla)   | Calibration  | Point |
| $\lambda \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | X     |



### More realistic setting - camera pose

• Assume the camera is translated and rotated with respect to the world


### The camera pose

• The non-ideal camera pose can be taken into account by first rotating and translating points from world frame to the camera frame

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{c} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^{T} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{W} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





### The intrinsic parameters

- Transformation to pixel units from metric units
- Describe the hardware properties of a real camera
  - The image plane might be skewed
  - The pixels might not be square

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{u_0}{f} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{v_0}{\gamma f} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & s & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & sf & u_0 \\ 0 & \gamma f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
different scaling on x and y  
 $\gamma$  is the aspect ratio.  
$$\begin{cases} \text{Origin offset,} \\ v_i \text{ scale principal point.} \end{cases}$$
 s accounts for skew

### Summary of steps from scene to image

 Move the scene point (X<sup>w</sup>,1)<sup>T</sup> into camera coordinate system by 4x4 (extrinsic) Euclidean transformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{C} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{0}^{T} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{W} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Project into ideal camera via the vanilla perspective transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} | \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}^C \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Map the ideal image into the real image using intrinsic matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = K \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



#### matrix

#### World

## Camera projection matrix P

| lmage<br>Point                                      | Camera's<br>Intrinsic<br>Calibration  | Projection matrix<br>(vanilla)  | Camera's Extrinsic<br>Calibration   | World<br>Point |
|---|---|---|---|----------------|
| $\lambda \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} f & sf & u_0 \\ 0 & \gamma f & v_o \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ | $\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_1 \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_2 \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | X              |

 $\mathbf{P}_{3\times 4} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{t}]$ 

# Beyond pinholes: Radial distortion

- Common in wide-angle lenses
- Creates non-linear terms in projection
- Usually handled by solving non-linear terms and then correcting the image



Corrected



## Things to remember

• Pinhole camera model

• Homogenous coordinates

$$(x, y) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

Camera projection matrix

