

Recap: projection



Relating multiple views



Figure Credit: Bundler: Structure from Motion (SfM) for Unordered Image Collections

Recap of Filtering

- Linear filtering is dot product at each position
 - Not a matrix multiplication
 - Can smooth, sharpen, translate (among many other uses)
- We can use the Fourier transform to represent images in the frequency domain.
 - Filtering in the spatial domain is multiplication in the frequency domain.







Fourier Bases

Teases away fast vs. slow changes in the image.



This change of basis is the Fourier Transform

Fourier Bases



Low and High Pass filtering





The Convolution Theorem

• The Fourier transform of the convolution of two functions is the product of their Fourier transforms

 $\mathbf{F}[g * h] = \mathbf{F}[g]\mathbf{F}[h]$

• **Convolution** in spatial domain is equivalent to **multiplication** in frequency domain!

$$g * h = F^{-1}[F[g]F[h]]$$

Filtering in spatial domain







Slide: Hoiem

Filtering

Why does the Gaussian give a nice smooth image, but the square filter give edgy artifacts?



Gaussian



Box Filter



Is convolution invertible?

- If convolution is just multiplication in the Fourier domain, isn't deconvolution just division?
- Sometimes, it clearly is invertible (e.g. a convolution with an identity filter)
- In one case, it clearly isn't invertible (e.g. convolution with an all zero filter)
- What about for common filters like a Gaussian?

But you can't invert multiplication by 0

• But it's not quite zero, is it...



Let's experiment on Novak



Convolution



Deconvolution?









But under more realistic conditions



Random noise, .000001 magnitude

But under more realistic conditions



But under more realistic conditions









With a random filter...





Random noise, .001 magnitude













Deconvolution is hard

- Active research area.
- Even if you know the filter (non-blind deconvolution), it is still very hard and requires strong *regularization*.
- If you don't know the filter (blind deconvolution) it is harder still.

Blind Deconvolution Example



Figure 1. Algorithm pipeline. Our algorithm iterates between x-step and k-step with the help of a patch prior for edge refinement process. In particular, we coerce edges to become sharp and increase local contrast for edge patches. The blur kernel is then updated using the strong gradients from the restored latent image. After kernel estimation, the method of [20] is used for final non-blind deconvolution.

Edge-based Blur Kernel Estimation Using Patch Priors. Libin Sun, Sunghyun Cho, Jue Wang, and James Hays. IEEE International Conference on Computational Photography 2013.



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Canvas Quiz

Fill in the blanks:

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Project 1: Convolution and Hybrid Images

CS 6476

Spring 2025

Logistics

- Due: Check Canvas for up to date information.
- Project materials including report template: Project 1
- Hand-in: Gradescope
- Required files: <your_gt_username>.zip, <your_gt_username>_project1.pdf



Figure 1: Look at the image from very close, then from far away.

Next Topics

- Image Formation
- Biological Vision
- Light and Color

From the 3D to 2D



Image Formation





Digital Camera



The Eye

Vision is so biologically ubiquitious that it is interesting when it is not present, e.g. the blind cava tetra

Blind cave form [edit]



A. mexicanus is famous for its blind cave form, which is known by such names as **blind cave tetra**, **blind tetra** (leading to easy confusion with the Brazilian *Stygichthys typhlops*), **blind cave characin** and **blind cavefish**. Depending on the exact population, cave forms can have degenerated sight or have total loss of sight and even their eyes, due to down-regulation of the protein α A-crystallin and consequent lens cell death.^[15]

Despite losing their eyes, cavefish cells respond to light responsive and show an endogenous circadian rhythm.^[16] During the start of development, larvae still exhibit a shadow response which is controlled by the pineal eye.^[17] The fish in the Pachón caves have lost their eyes completely whilst the fish from the Micos cave only have limited sight.^[18] Cave fish and surface fish are able to produce fertile offspring.^[18]

These fish can still, however, find their way around by means of their lateral lines, which are highly sensitive to fluctuating water pressure.^[19] Blindness in A. *mexicanus* induces a disruption of early neuromast patterning, which further causes asymmetries in cranial bone structure. One such asymmetry is a bend in the dorsal region of their skull, which is propounded to increase water flow to the opposite side of the face, functionally enhancing sensory input and spatial mapping in the dark waters of caves.^[20] Scientists suggest that gene cystathionine beta synthase-a mutation restricts blood flow to cavefish eyes during a critical stage of growth so the eyes are covered by skin.^[21]

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Lambertian Reflectance

- In computer vision, the complexity of light transport is mostly ignored.
- Surfaces are often assumed to be ideal diffuse reflectors with no dependence on viewing direction.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lambertian_reflectance

Image Formation





Digital Camera



The Eye

Digital camera



- A digital camera replaces film with a sensor array
 - Each cell in the array is light-sensitive diode that converts photons to electrons
 - Two common types
 - Charge Coupled Device (CCD)
 - CMOS
 - <u>http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/digital-camera.htm</u>

Sensor Array





CMOS sensor

a b

FIGURE 2.17 (a) Continuos image projected onto a sensor array. (b) Result of image sampling and quantization.

Sampling and Quantization



FIGURE 2.16 Generating a digital image. (a) Continuous image. (b) A scan line from *A* to *B* in the continuous image, used to illustrate the concepts of sampling and quantization. (c) Sampling and quantization. (d) Digital scan line.

Interlace vs. progressive scan



1st field: Odd field





2nd field: Even field



One complete frame using interlaced scanning





One complete frame using progressive scanning

http://www.axis.com/products/video/camera/progressive_scan.htm

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Progressive scan or Global shutter



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Interlaced



Slow mo guys – CRTs

https://youtu.be/3BJU2drrtCM



Rolling Shutter





The Eye



- The human eye is a camera!
 - Iris colored annulus with radial muscles
 - **Pupil** the hole (aperture) whose size is controlled by the iris
 - What's the "film"?
 - photoreceptor cells (rods and cones) in the retina

Aside: why do we care about human vision in this class?

• We don't, necessarily.

Ornithopters





Why do we care about human vision?

- We don't, necessarily.
- But cameras necessarily imitate the frequency response of the human eye, so we should know that much.
- Also, computer vision probably wouldn't get as much scrutiny if biological vision (especially human vision) hadn't proved that it was possible to make important judgements from 2D images.

Does computer vision "understand" images?

"Can machines fly?" The answer is yes, because airplanes fly.

"Can machines swim?" The answer is no, because submarines don't swim.

"Can machines think?" Is this question like the first, or like the second?

The Retina



Retina up-close



What humans don't have: tapetum lucidum







Human eyes can reflect a tiny bit and blood in the retina makes this reflection red.



Wait, the blood vessels are in front of the photoreceptors??



Why we have blind spots - and how to see the blood vessels inside your own eye!

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