

Single-view 3D reasoning

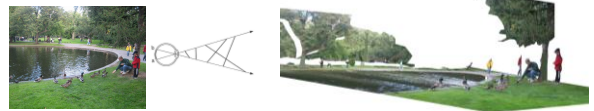
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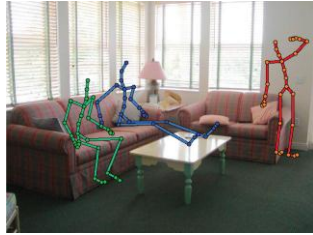


Depth Perception The inverse problem



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Why is depth perception important?

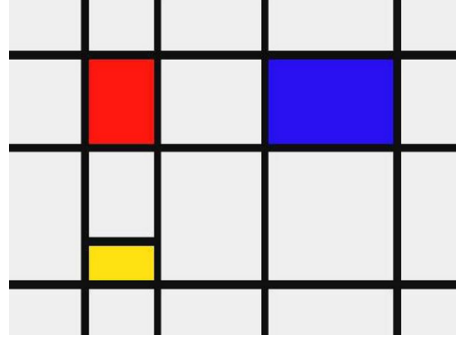


Information on how to navigate in an environment

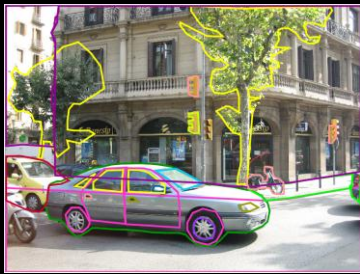
Context for object detection

We don't live in a 2D Mondrian world

Nearby pixels are close in 2D



Nearby pixels in 2D can be far away in 3D



What are clues for recovering depth information from a single image?



Edge interpretation



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

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Interposition / occlusion



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Texture Gradient

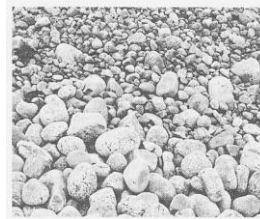


FIGURE 8.27
Texture gradients provide information about depth. (Frank Sittman/Stock, Boston.)
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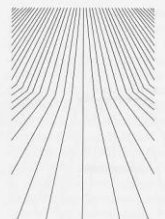


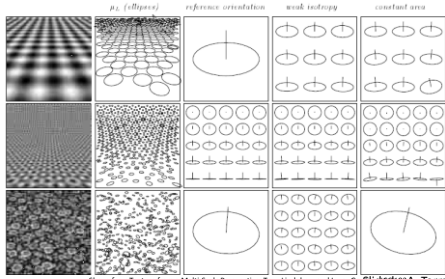
FIGURE 8.28
Texture discontinuity signals the pre-corner.

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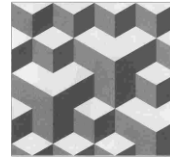
Texture Gradient



Shape from Texture from a Multi-Scale Perspective, Tony Lindeberg and Jonas Granström. Slide by A. Torralba

Shading

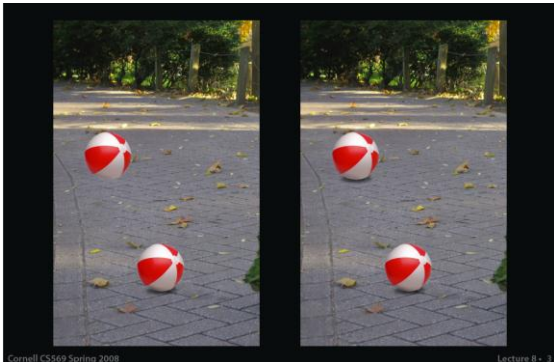
- Based on 3 dimensional modeling of objects in light, shade and shadows.



- Perception of depth through shading alone is always subject to the concave/convex inversion. The pattern shown can be perceived as stairs receding towards the top and lighted from above, or as an overhanging structure lighted from below.

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Shadows



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Atmospheric perspective

- Based on the effect of air on the color and visual acuity of objects at various distances from the observer.
- Consequences:
 - Distant objects appear bluer
 - Distant objects have lower contrast.



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Atmospheric perspective



[http://encarta.msn.com/medias_761571997/Perception_\(psychology\).html](http://encarta.msn.com/medias_761571997/Perception_(psychology).html)
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Linear Perspective



[Claude Lorraine](#) (artist)
French, 1600 - 1682
Landscape with Ruins, Pastoral Figures, and Trees, 1643/1655

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Based on the apparent convergence of parallel lines to common vanishing points with increasing distance from the observer.

(Gibson : "perspective order")

In Gibson's term, perspective is a characteristic of the visual field rather than the visual world. It approximates how we see (the retinal image) rather than what we see, the objects in the world.

Perspective : a representation that is specific to one individual, in one position in space and one moment in time (a powerful immediacy).

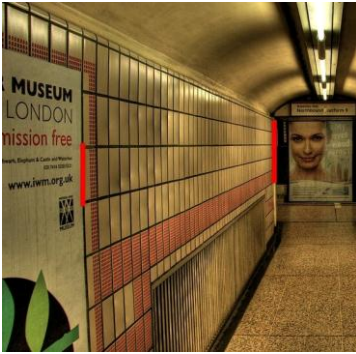
Is perspective a universal fact of the visual retinal image ? Or is perspective something that is learned ?



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

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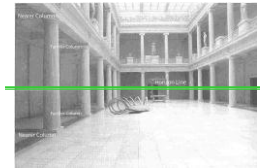
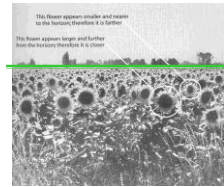
Linear Perspective



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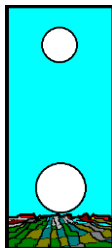
Distance from the horizon line

- 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. The base of a nearer column will appear lower against its background floor and further from the horizon line. Conversely, the base of a more distant column will appear higher against the same floor, and thus nearer to the horizon line.



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Moon illusion



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Absolute (monocular) depth cues

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

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Familiar size



Which "object" is closer to the camera?
How close?

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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.

But, material textures also get smaller with distance, so possibly, no need of perceptual learning ?



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Perspective vs. familiar size



3D percept is driven by the scene, which imposes its ruling to the objects

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Scene vs. objects



What do you see? A big apple or a small room?

I see a big apple and a normal room
The scene seems to win again?

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[The Listening Room Rene Magritte]

Scene vs. objects

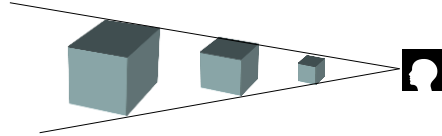


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[*Personal Values* René Magritte]

Depth Perception from Image Structure

Mean depth refers to a global measurement of the mean distance between the observer and the main objects and structures that compose the scene.

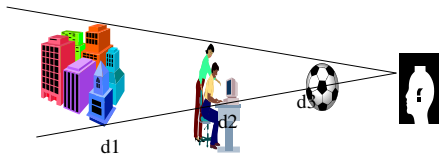


Stimulus ambiguity: the three cubes produce the same retinal image. Monocular information cannot give absolute depth measurements. Only relative depth information such as shape from shading and junctions (occlusions) can be obtained.

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Depth Perception from Image Structure

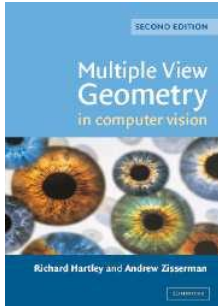
However, nature (and man) do not build in the same way at different scales.



If $d1 \gg d2 \gg d3$ the structures of each view strongly differ. **Structure** provides monocular information about the scale (mean depth) of the space in front of the observer.

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Today's class: reasoning about perspective cues via projective geometry



Readings

- Hartley and Zisserman textbook
- Mundy, J.L. and Zisserman, A., Geometric Invariance in Computer Vision, Appendix: Projective Geometry for Machine Vision, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, 1992, (read 23.1 - 23.5, 23.10)
 - available online: <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~ph/869/papers/zisser-mundy.pdf>

Projective geometry—what's it good for?

Uses of projective geometry

- Drawing
- Measurements
- Mathematics for projection
- Undistorting images
- Focus of expansion
- Camera pose estimation, match move
- Object recognition

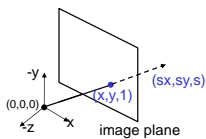
The projective plane

Why do we need homogeneous coordinates?

- represent points at infinity, homographies, perspective projection, multi-view relationships

What is the geometric intuition?

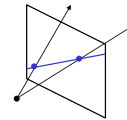
- a point in the image is a ray in **projective space**



- Each **point** (x,y) on the plane is represented by a **ray** (sx, sy, s)
- all points on the ray are equivalent: $(x, y, 1) \sim (sx, sy, s)$

Projective lines

What does a line in the image correspond to in projective space?



- A line is a **plane** of rays through origin
- all rays (x,y,z) satisfying: $ax + by + cz = 0$

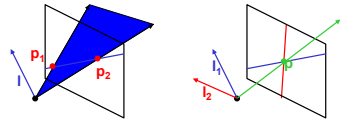
$$\text{in vector notation: } 0 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

l **p**

- A line is also represented as a homogeneous 3-vector **l**

Point and line duality

- A line l is a homogeneous 3-vector = $[a \ b \ c]$
- It is ∞ to every point (ray) p on the line: $l \cdot p = 0$



What is the line l spanned by rays p_1 and p_2 ?

- l is ∞ to p_1 and p_2 $\odot \ l = p_1 \times p_2$
- l is the plane normal

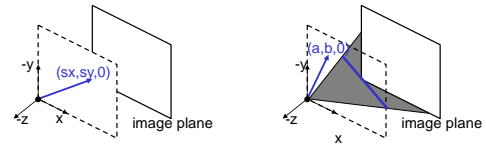
What is the intersection of two lines l_1 and l_2 ?

- p is ∞ to l_1 and l_2 $\odot \ p = l_1 \times l_2$

Points and lines are *dual* in projective space

- given any formula, can switch the meanings of points and lines to get another formula

Ideal points and lines



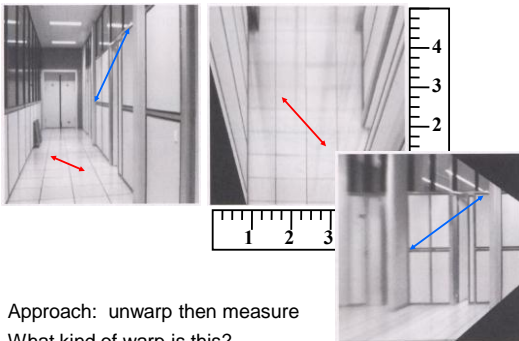
Ideal point ("point at infinity")

- $p \in (x, y, 0)$ – parallel to image plane
- It has infinite image coordinates

Ideal line

- $l \in (a, b, 0)$ – parallel to image plane
 - Corresponds to a line in the image (finite coordinates)
 - goes through image origin (*principal point*)

Measurements on planes



Approach: unwrap then measure
What kind of warp is this?

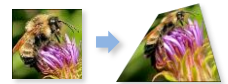
Homographies

Perspective projection of a plane

- Lots of names for this:
 - **homography**, texture-map, colineation, planar projective map
- Modeled as a 2D warp using homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} wx' \\ wy' \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

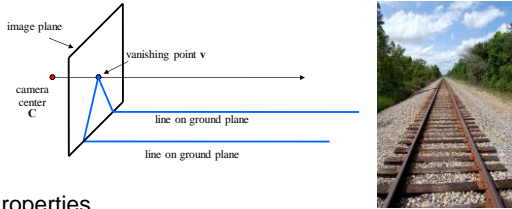
$$p' = H p$$



To apply a homography H

- Compute $p' = H p$ (regular matrix multiply)
- Convert p' from homogeneous to image coordinates
 - divide by w (third) coordinate

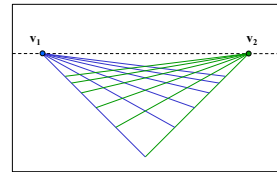
Vanishing points



Properties

- Any two parallel lines have the same vanishing point v
- The ray from C through v is parallel to the lines
- An image may have more than one vanishing point
 - in fact every pixel is a potential vanishing point

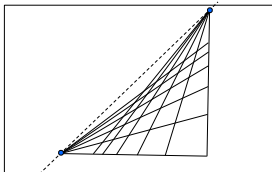
Vanishing lines



Multiple Vanishing Points

- Any set of parallel lines on the plane define a vanishing point
- The union of all of vanishing points from lines on the same plane is the *vanishing line*
 - For the ground plane, this is called the *horizon*

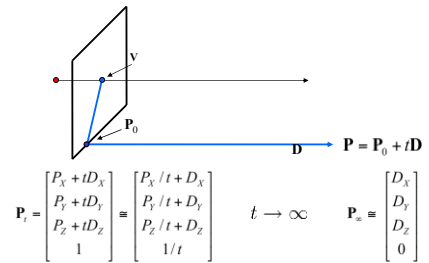
Vanishing lines



Multiple Vanishing Points

- Different planes define different vanishing lines

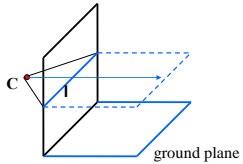
Computing vanishing points



Properties $v = \mathbf{I}P_\infty$ (\mathbf{I} is camera projection matrix)

- P_∞ is a point at *infinity*, v is its projection
- They depend only on line *direction*
- Parallel lines $P_0 + tD$, $P_1 + tD$ intersect at P_∞

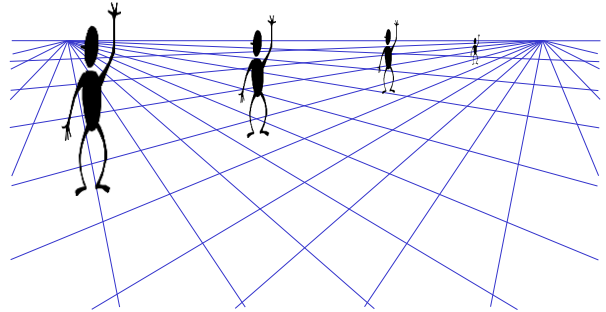
Computing the horizon



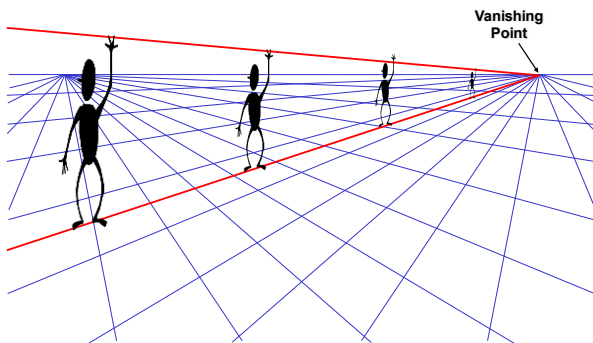
Properties

- I is intersection of horizontal plane through **C** with image plane
- Compute I from two sets of parallel lines on ground plane
- All points at same height as **C** project to I
 - points higher than **C** project above I
- Provides way of comparing height of objects in the scene

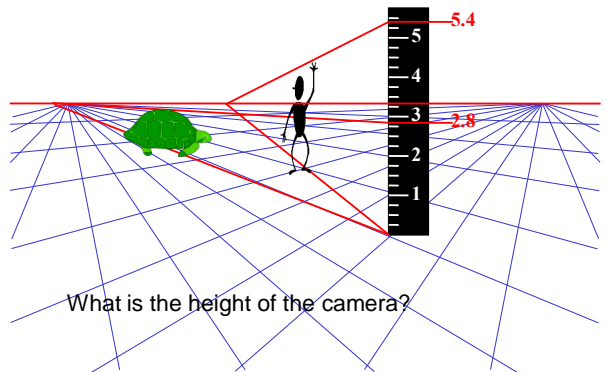
Are these guys the same height?



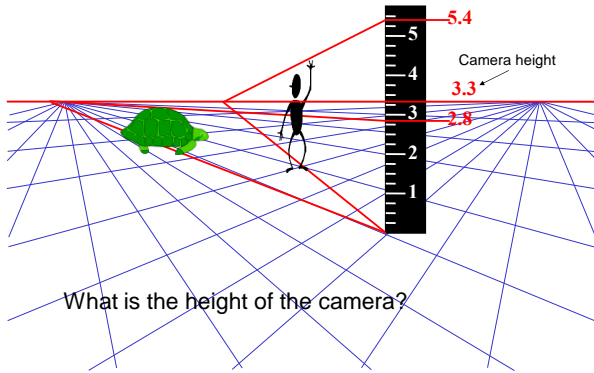
Comparing heights



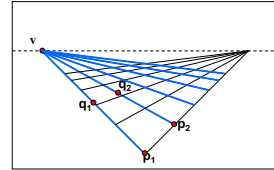
Measuring height



Measuring height



Computing vanishing points (from lines)

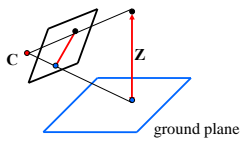


Intersect p_1q_1 with p_2q_2
 $v = (p_1 \times q_1) \times (p_2 \times q_2)$

Least squares version

- Better to use more than two lines and compute the "closest" point of intersection
- See notes by [Bob Collins](http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/~ph/869/www/notes/vanishing.txt) for one good way of doing this:
- <http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/~ph/869/www/notes/vanishing.txt>

Measuring height without a ruler



Compute Z from image measurements

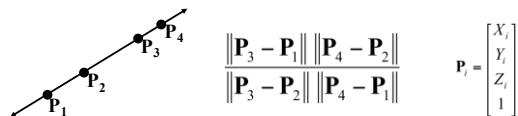
- Need more than vanishing points to do this

The cross ratio

A Projective Invariant

- Something that does not change under projective transformations (including perspective projection)

The cross-ratio of 4 collinear points

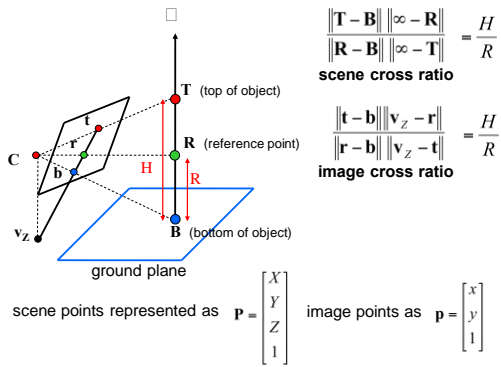


Can permute the point ordering

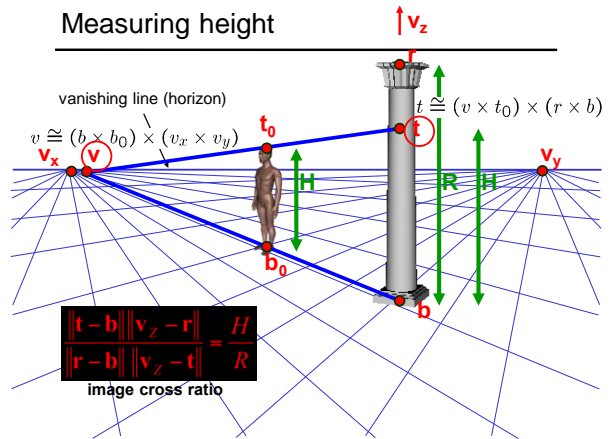
$$\frac{\|P_1 - P_3\| \|P_4 - P_2\|}{\|P_1 - P_2\| \|P_4 - P_3\|}$$

- $4! = 24$ different orders (but only 6 distinct values)
- This is the fundamental invariant of projective geometry

Measuring height

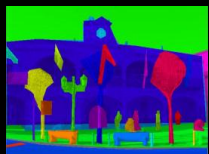


Measuring height



LabelMe3D: Building a database of 3D scenes from user annotations

Goal: Collect a large labeled 3D dataset in absolute coordinates over many different scene types and object categories



Object labels: tree, road, person, ... tree (4.2 meters tall) person (1.7 meters tall)

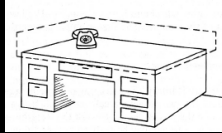
[B.C. Russell and A. Torralba, CVPR 2009]

Benefits of a 3D database

- Can be used as a validation dataset
- Techniques used to generate database can be incorporated into scene understanding system
- Useful as a prior for 3D tasks (e.g. recognition, image/video pop-up)
- Other creative applications (object attribute queries, studying 3D relationships between objects)

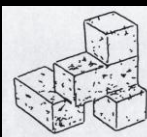
Reasoning about spatial relationships between objects

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

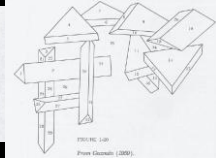


Ballard & Brown, 1982

Freeman, 1974



Guzman, 1969



Our approach

Use object labels provided by humans to discover relationships between objects and recover 3D scene structure

Similar to the line analysis work of the 70s, but with more data

Clowes, 1971 Barrow & Tenenbaum, 1978 Huffman, 1977 Sugihara, 1984

Goals of LabelMe

- Build large collection of images depicting scenes and objects in their natural context
- Collect detailed annotations of many objects in the scene



[B.C. Russell, A. Torralba, K.P. Murphy, W.T. Freeman, IJCV 2008]

<http://labelme.csail.mit.edu>

Matlab toolbox and annotation tool source code available

LabelMe statistics



Tool went online July 1st, 2005

201,578 images available for labeling
 971,458 object annotations
 72,459 images with at least one labeled object

Overlapping segments

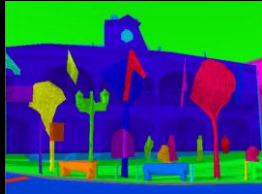
(tree - building)
Transparent and wiry objects

Key idea: analyze overlap statistics of labeled objects

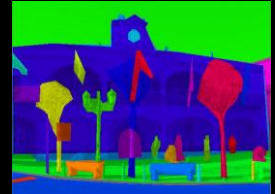
(Car - door) (Car - road)

Object - parts relations Completed objects behind occlusions

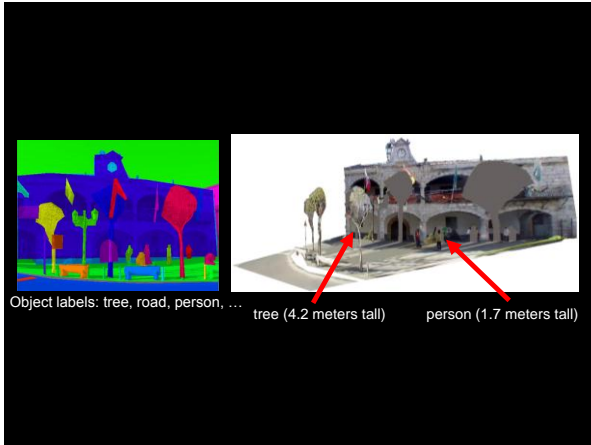
- Occlusion relations
- Support - object relations



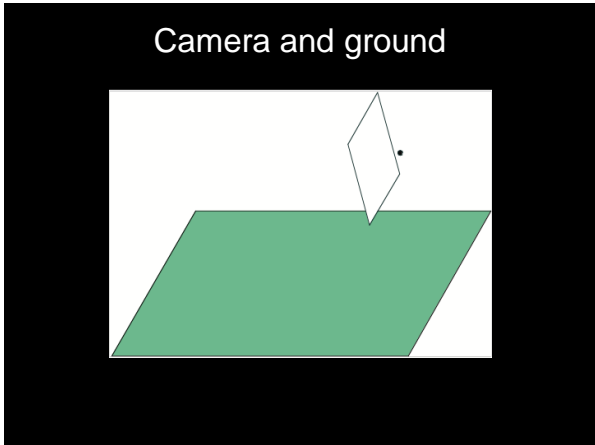
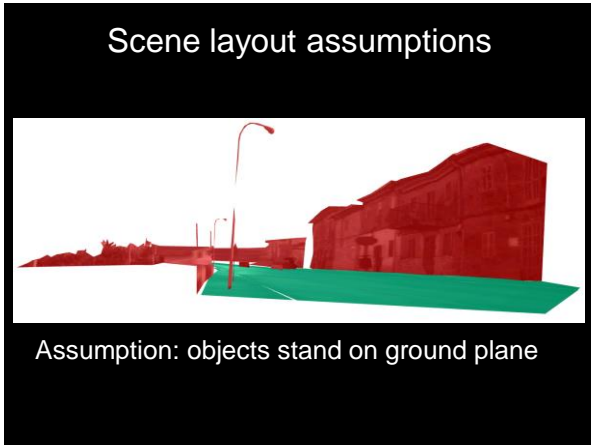
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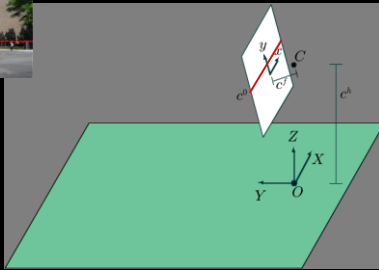
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How to infer the geometry of a scene?

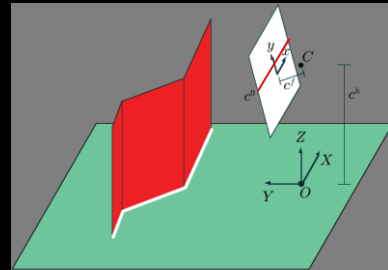


Camera and ground



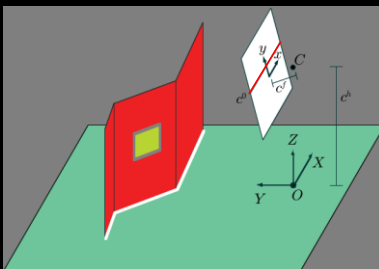
- Assume camera is held level with ground
- Camera parameters: camera height, horizon line, focal length
- Can relate ground and image planes via homography

Standing objects



- Standing objects represented by vertical piecewise-connected planes
- 3D coordinates on standing planes related to ground plane via the contact line

Attached objects



- 3D coordinates of attached objects determined by object it is attached to

Recovering scene geometry

- Polygon types

- Ground
- Standing
- Attached

- Edge types

- Contact
- Attached
- Occluded

- Camera parameters



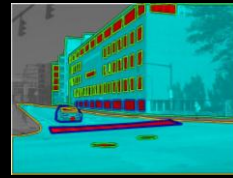
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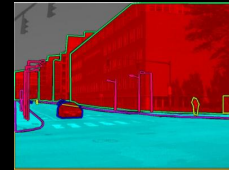
Relationships between polygons

Part-of



- Attached
- Standing / Ground / Attached

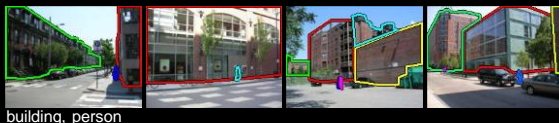
Supported-by



- Standing
- Ground

Cues for attachment relationships

1. Consistency of relationship across database



Cues for attachment relationships

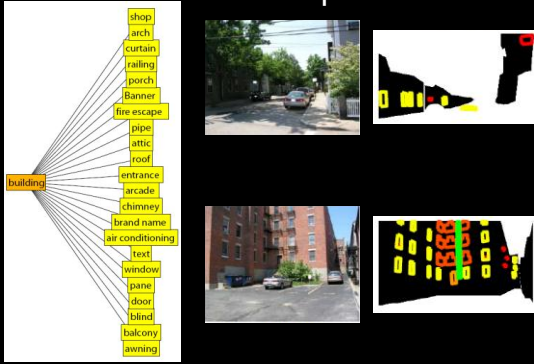
2. High relative overlap between $\frac{\text{area}(\text{part} \cap \text{object})}{\text{area}(\text{part})}$ part and object



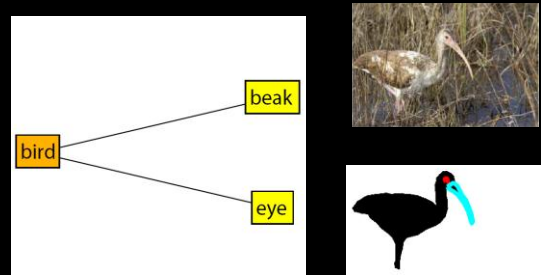
3. Probability of coincidental overlap $\frac{\text{area}(\text{object})}{\text{area}(\text{image})}$



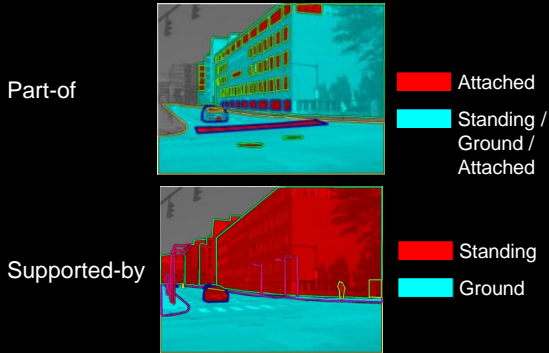
Learned/inferred attachment relationships



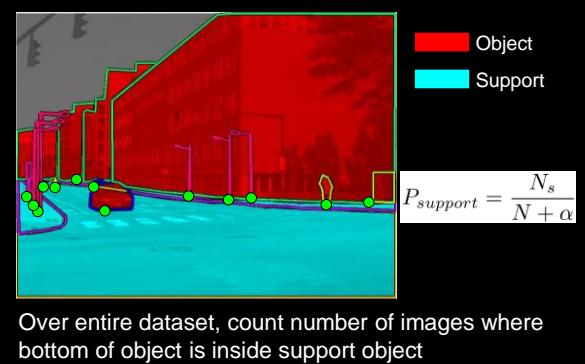
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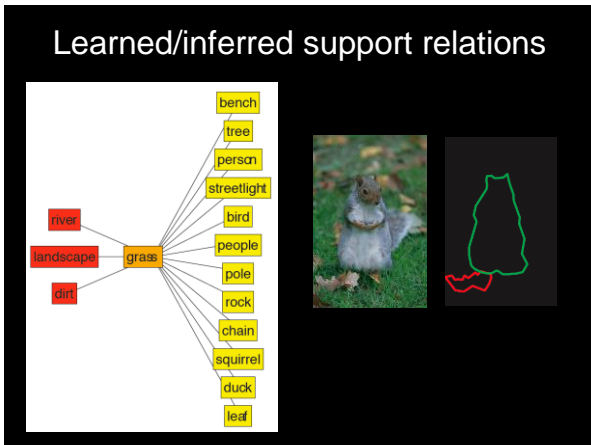
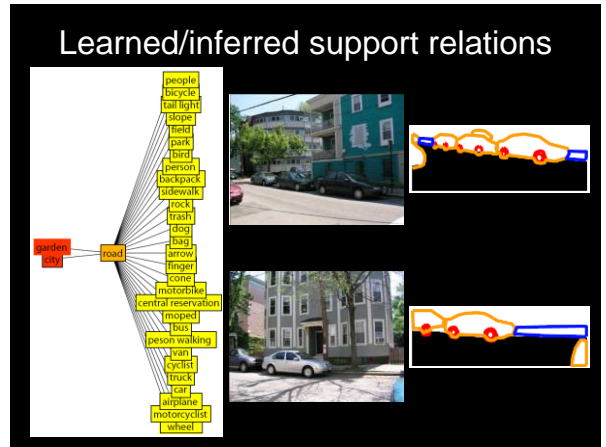
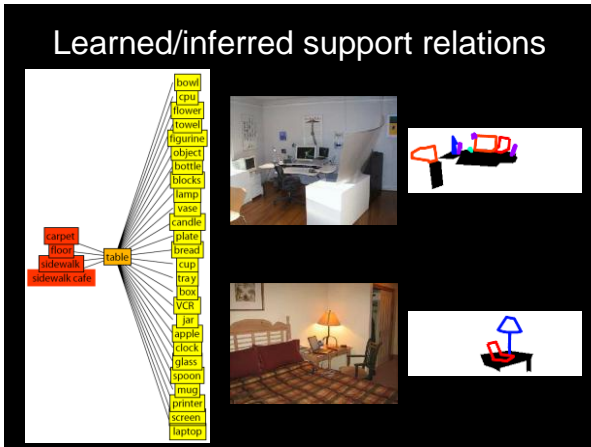


Relationships between polygons



Recover support relations





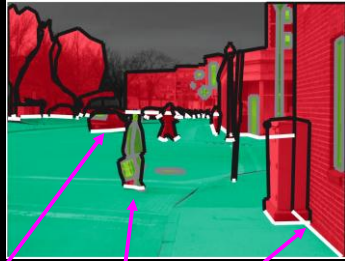
Recovering scene geometry

- 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

Recovering scene geometry

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Familiar size



Which object is closer to the camera?
How close?

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Camera parameters



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

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Camera parameters



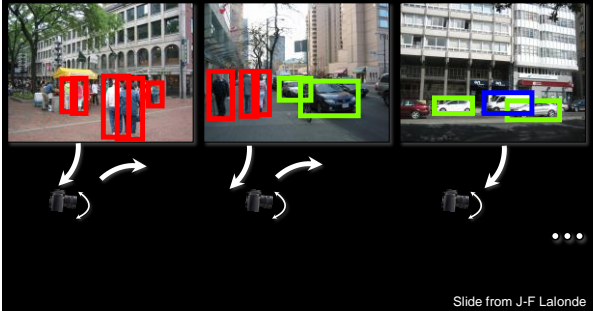
$$\frac{t-b}{X} = \frac{v-b}{C}$$

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)



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Object heights



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Recovered object heights

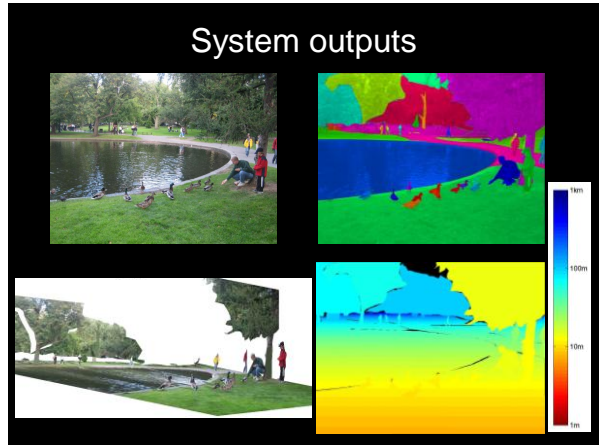
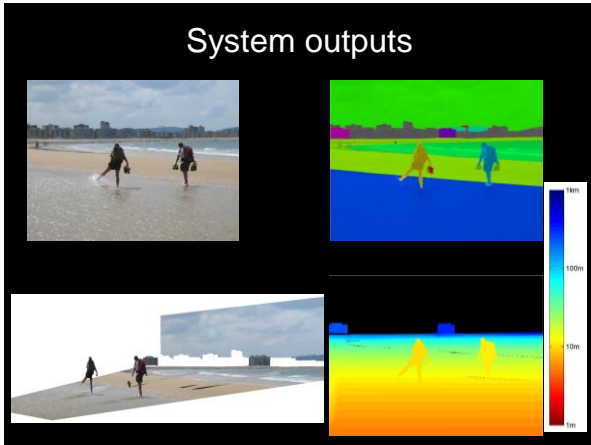
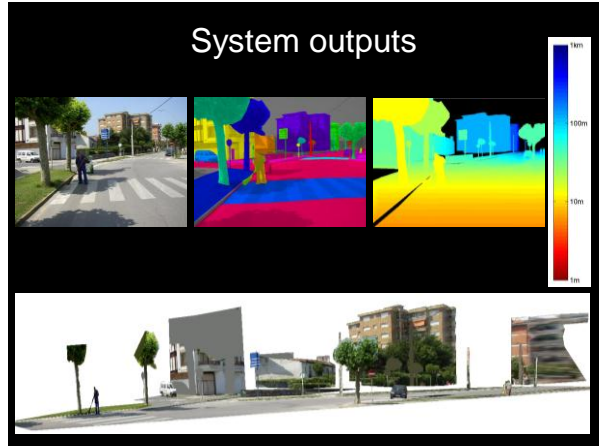
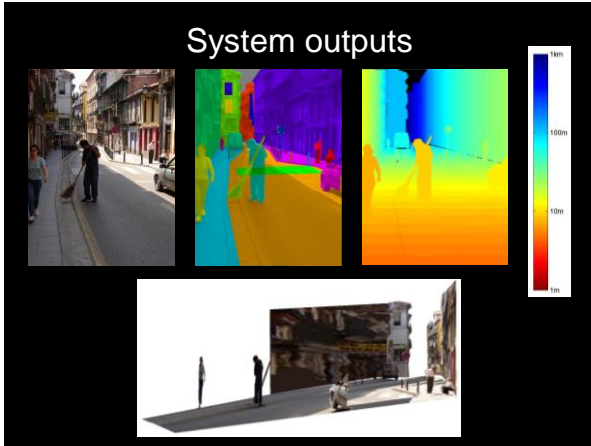
(Average, in meters)

Standing objects

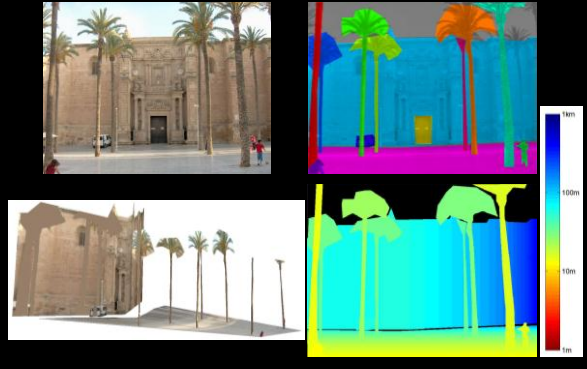
Person	1.65
Car	1.46
Bicycle	1.05
Trash	1.24
Parking meter	1.58
Fence	1.89
Van	1.89
Firehydrant	0.87
Cone	0.74

Attached objects

Wheel	0.62
Window	2.16
Arm	0.72
Windshield	0.47
Head	0.41
Tail light	0.34
Headlight	0.26
License plate	0.23
Mirror	0.22



System outputs

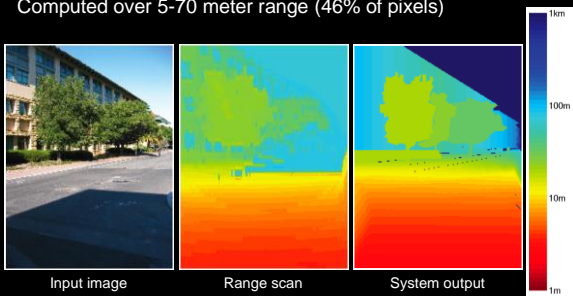


Toy example...



Accuracy of 3D outputs

Evaluation with range data [Saxena et al. 2007]
 Relative error: 0.29
 Computed over 5-70 meter range (46% of pixels)



How does labeling accuracy affect outputs?



3D measuring tool



Car is 13.68 meters away