Perceiving Perspective

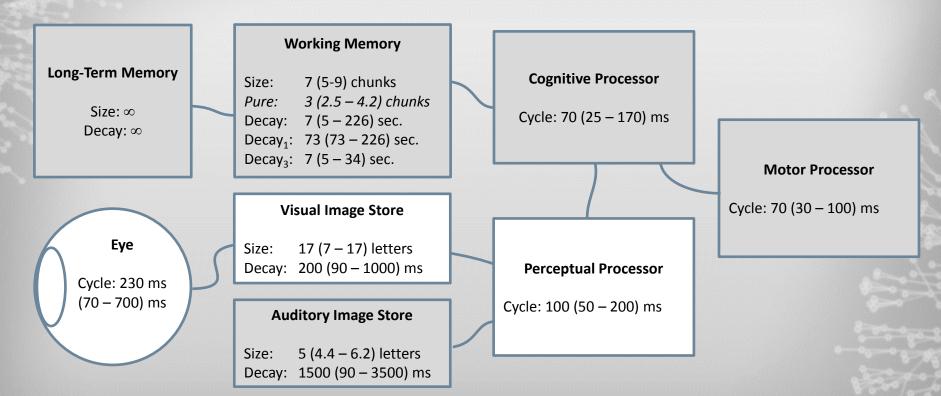
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What Will We Learn?

- How do we perceive a 3-D world from the 2-D image on our retina?
- How can this perception interfere with the visual presentation of 2-D data?
- How can we avoid the perception of 2-D data as 3-D data?

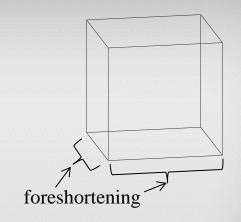
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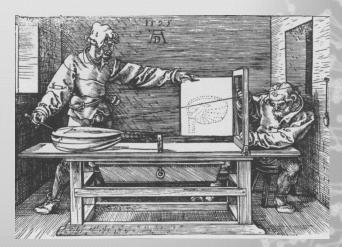


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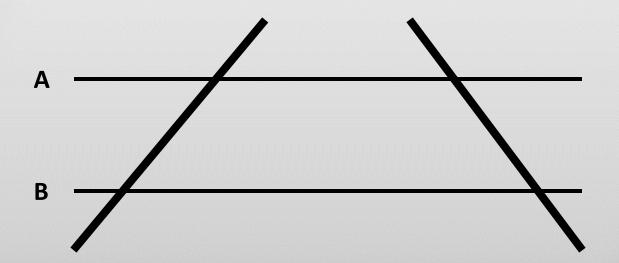
Perspective

- Foreshortening: Objects at different depth along a similar line of sight project to nearby locations on the image plane
- Linear Perspective: Objects farther away appear smaller
- **Size Constancy**: Objects do not change size, so smaller objects must be farther away than larger objects





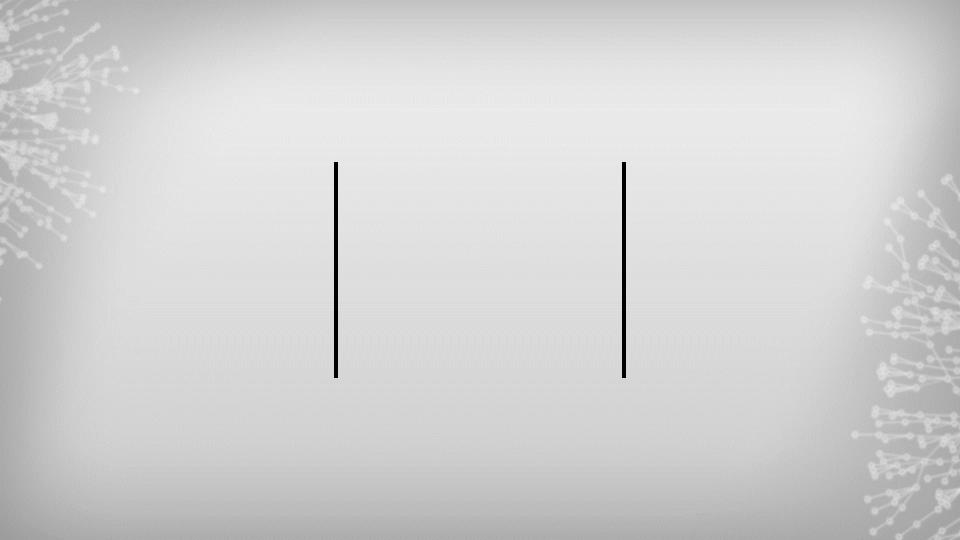
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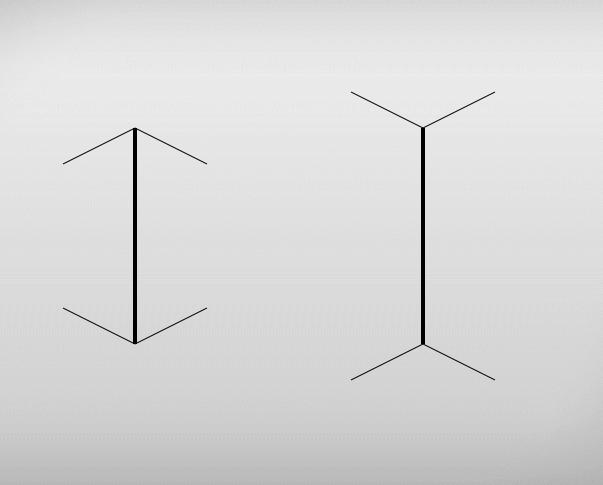


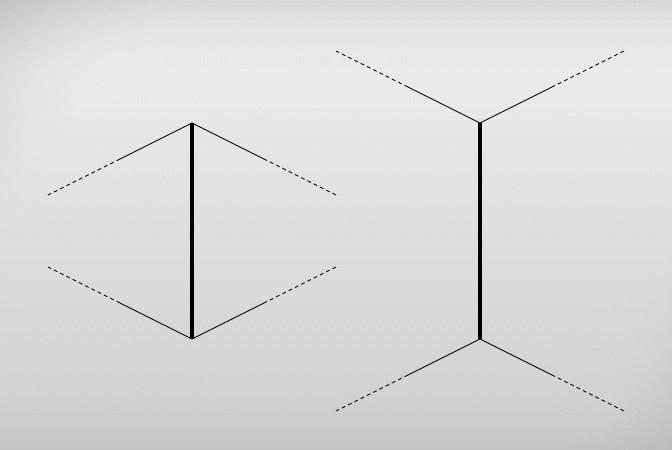
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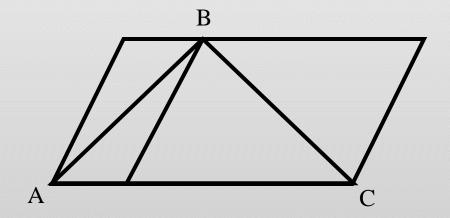
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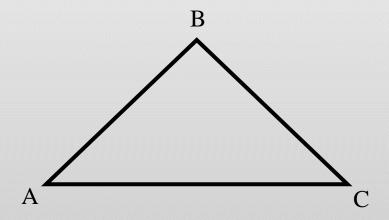




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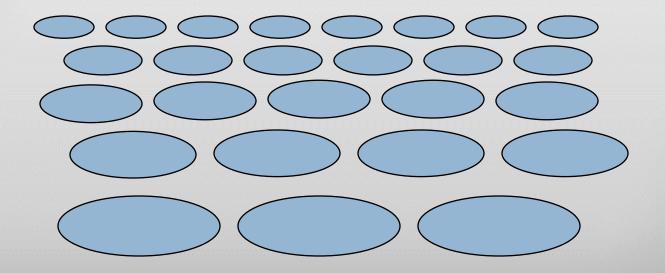


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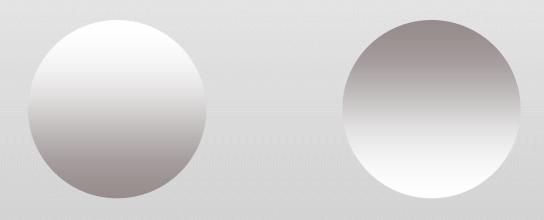


Texture Constancy

- Expect objects to be same size in 3-D
- Differences must be due to perspective



Lighting Assumptions



What Did We Learn

- Our perception of size of an object is influenced by our perception of the distance to the object
- Avoid the incorporation of artificial 3-D elements in the presentation of 2-D data