

3D Reconstruction from Multi-View Stereo: From Implementation to Oculus Virtual Reality

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Abstract

We present an extremely simple yet robust multi-view stereo algorithm and analyze its properties. The algorithm first computes individual depth maps using a window-based voting approach that returns only good matches. The depth maps are then merged into a single mesh using a straight-forward volumetric approach. We show results for several datasets, showing accuracy comparable to the best of the current state of the art techniques and rivaling more complex algorithms. (Verbatim from other paper) We then display the 3D reconstruction of a scene in a Virtual Reality environment utilizing Unity3D and the Oculus Rift.

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