Report of Anton Maksimov (antonma, 16-952-137), Task 9 "Shape from silhouettes" on ETHZ course "Computer Vision".

1. Parameters used:

silhouetteThreshold = 110;

We chose this threshold to be low enough to include the whole statue even if there are some detected areas at the top and bottom of image, which are not in the bounding box and therefore won't be detected as statue later.

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bbox = [0 \ 0 \ -2; \ 3 \ 3 \ 2.5];
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Box is small enough but includes the whole statue inside (with further refinements of its coordinates parts of statue start to disappear from the model)

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volumeX = 64;
volumeY = 64;
volumeZ = 128;
and
volumeX = 128;
volumeY = 128;
volumeZ = 256;
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Details of implementation

In order to restrict projected centers of parallelepipeds in bounding box to correspond some pixel on the corresponding silhouette image, we round coordinates to the closest integer and then check that these rounded coordinates are inside the image (but x coordinate of projection corresponds to y of the silhouette image and vice versa).

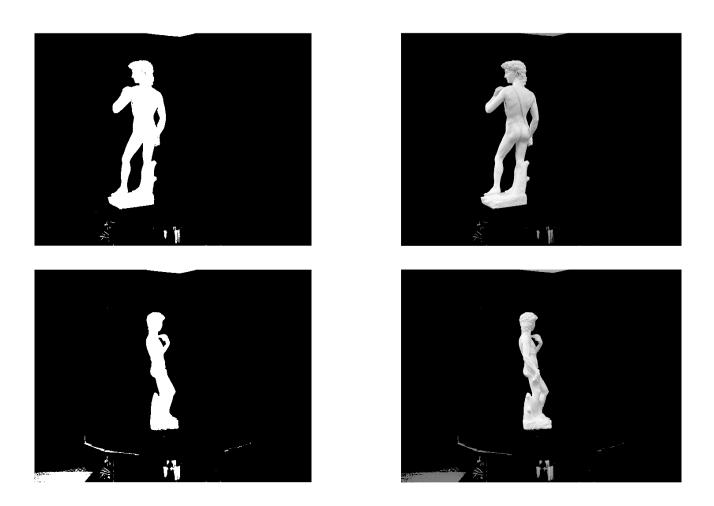


Figure 1: Extracted silhouettes, threshold 110.

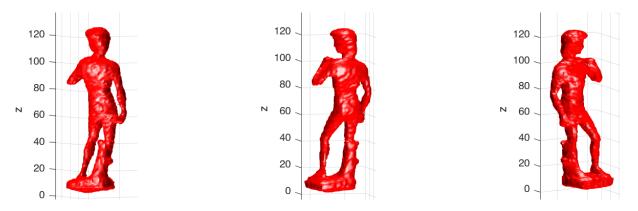
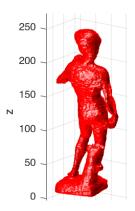
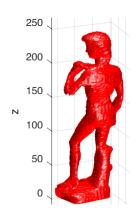


Figure 2: 3D-model screen shots, $64\times64\times128.$





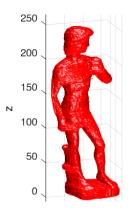


Figure 3: 3D-model screenshots, $128 \times 128 \times 256$. Model is better refined than with bounding box grid $64 \times 64 \times 128$, but also a little bit more «noisy» because of the inaccuracies in measurement and, probably, nature of the shape-from-voxels reconstructing algorithm.

Improvements

Problems of the silhouette approach and possible ways to overcome them:

- 1. to get well-refined model many images from different positions are needed
- 2. resolution is determined by size of the used subboxes from the bounding box. This could be improved by iteratively using smaller meshgrid near the boundary of the object after obtaining the model at the coarser one (and checking now only these voxels, without checking those which are deep inside the object)
- 3. cavities in the object are hard to resolve. It could be done better if we detect some points of interest on several images from slightly different views and construct density map. So we will find, that cavity is farther than points nearby, and we will reconstruct it.
- 4. it might be hard to get a silhouette of the object, especially when it's not of the uniform color. To overcome this points of interest, depth map or background detection (motion map) could be also used.
- 5. the initial region of interest could be approximated better than a just box, if we use depth maps.
- 6. when rotating for better accuracy object shouldn't be projected at the same place in image (so, here statue isn't in the center of the table for this purpose; otherwise, background pixels can be projected to the silhouette many times). It could be inconvenient in reality, when we don't have other choice
- 7. 3D-model can be constructed with true dimensions if we use known parameters of camera and/or if we make measurement with this special rotating table (then now distance between camera and object)
- 8. as an ultimate improvement, lidars could be used to scan surface of the object, but it would be less connected with computer vision (camera will be used inly for confirmation of the results from lidar + coloring of the model).