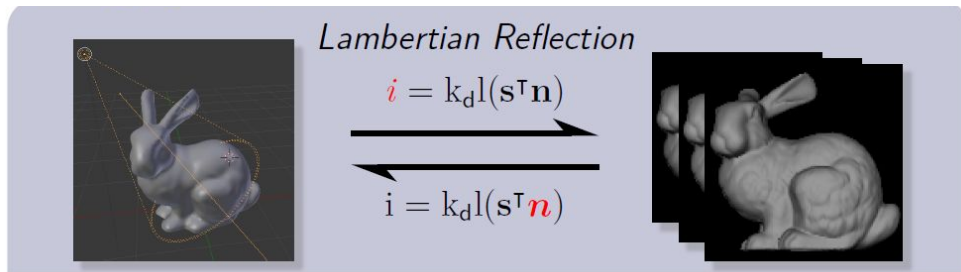
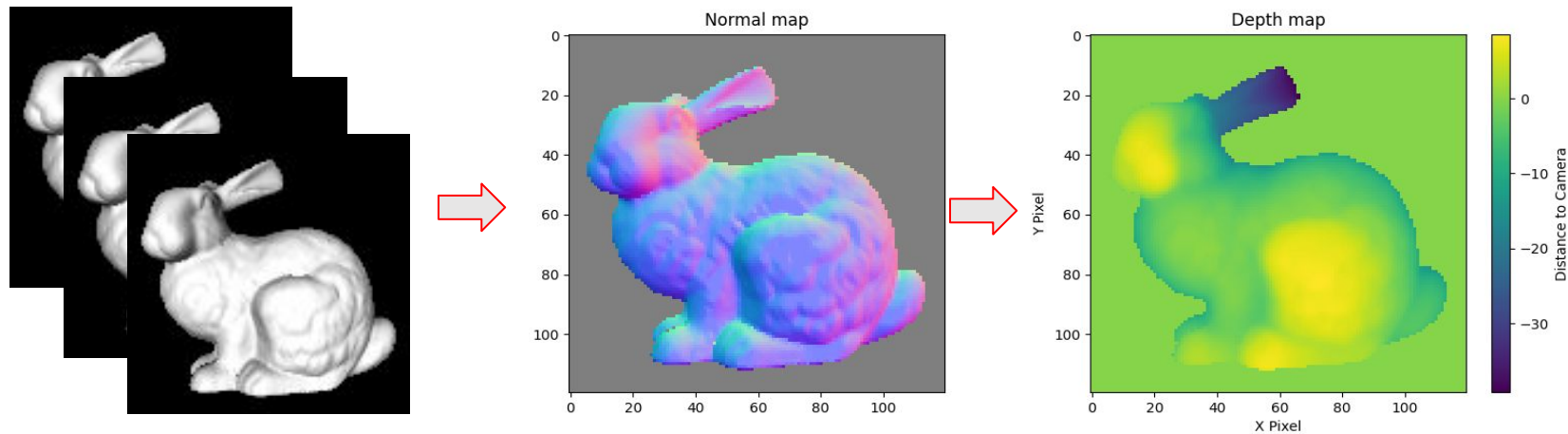


Homework 1

Computer Vision 2022 Spring

2022.3.8

Photometric Stereo

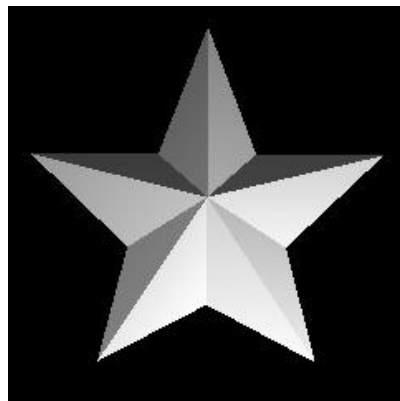
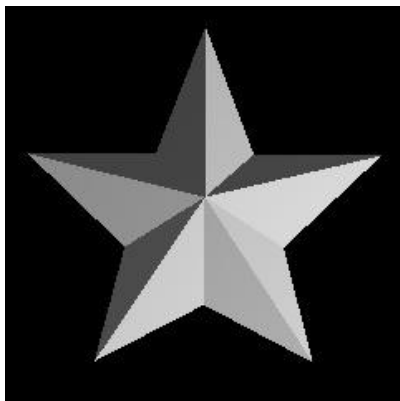
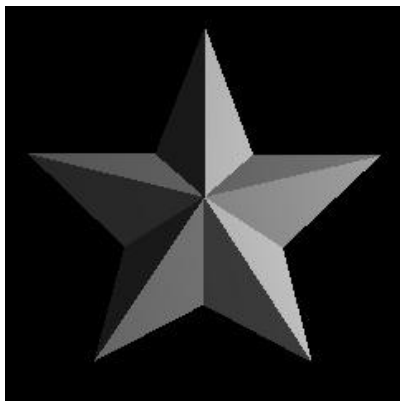


Normal Estimation

According to the reflection model, we suppose that the unknown normal vector \mathbf{n} and the intensity i in the m^{th} image at pixel (x,y) will satisfy the equation.

K_d is the coefficient of material , \mathbf{l} is the “unit vector” of light vector

$$i_{x,y}^{(m)} = l_m K_d \mathbf{n}$$

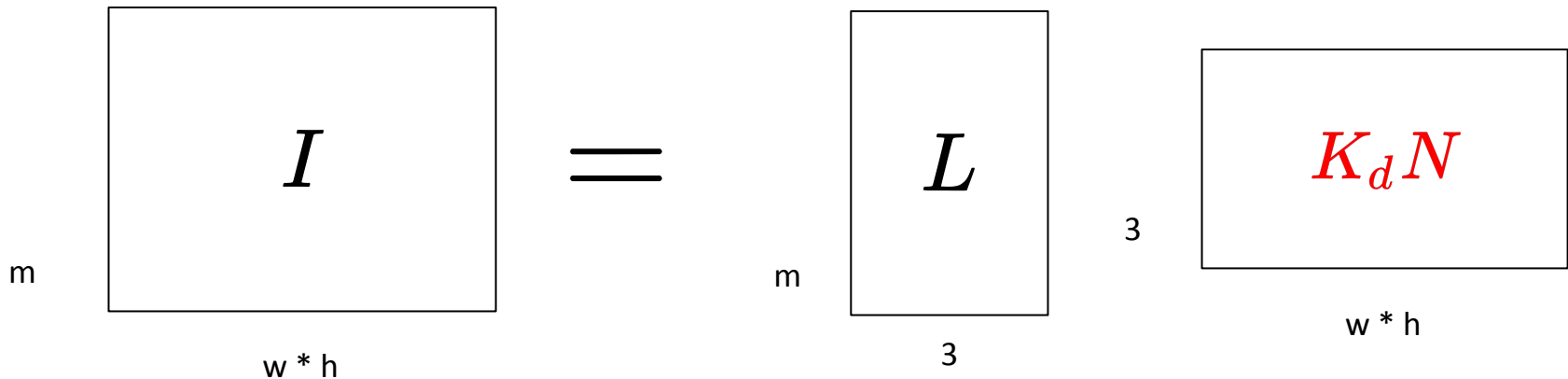


Normal Estimation

Assume we have m images and image width is w and height is h

We can construct an over-determined linear system and solve it to get the normal vector of every pixel

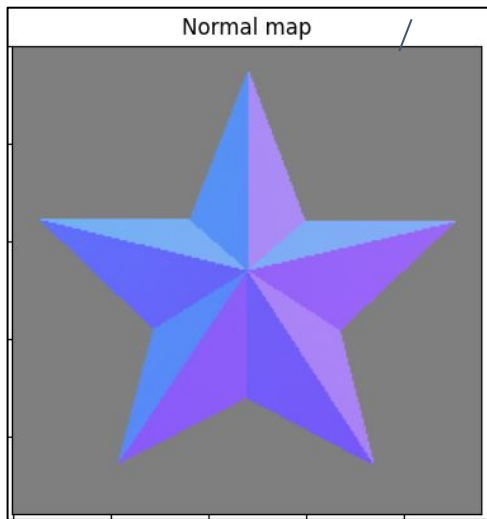
$$i_{x,y}^{(m)} = l_m K_d \mathbf{n} \longrightarrow I = L K_d \mathbf{N}$$



Normal Estimation

Solving this equation through pseudo-inverse (or QR , SVD decomposition)

$$I = LK_d \mathbf{N} \longrightarrow L^T I = L^T L K_d \mathbf{N} \longrightarrow \mathbf{K}_d \mathbf{N} = (L^T L)^{-1} L^T I$$



The result is $\mathbf{K}_d \mathbf{N}$ but we need “unit normal vector”.

Fortunately for $\mathbf{n}(x,y)$, $\mathbf{K}_d(x,y)$ is a constant so we can directly apply vector normalization on $\mathbf{K}_d \mathbf{N}(x,y)$

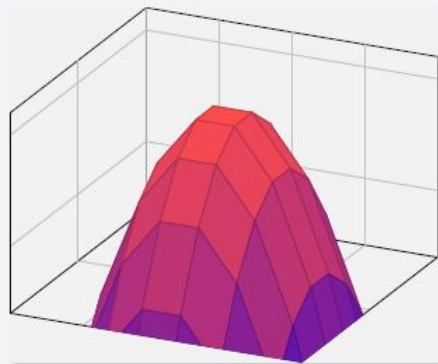
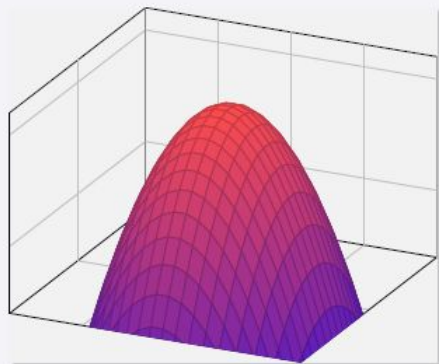
$$\mathbf{N} = \frac{\mathbf{K}_d \mathbf{N}}{\|\mathbf{K}_d \mathbf{N}\|}$$

Surface Reconstruction 1.

The surface $z(x, y)$ near pixel (x^*, y^*) can be approximated by the tangent plane:

$$n_1(x - x^*) + n_2(y - y^*) + n_3(z - z(x^*, y^*)) = 0 \quad (1)$$

where $(n_1, n_2, n_3)^T$ is the normal vector at (x^*, y^*) .



Surface Reconstruction 1.

The equation 1 can be rewritten as

$$z_{\text{approx}}(x, y) = \left(-\frac{n_1}{n_3}\right)x + \left(-\frac{n_2}{n_3}\right)y + \text{constant}$$

We can reconstruct the surface $\tilde{z}(x, y)$ as we know the gradient of z_{approx} at each pixel, for example, by

$$\tilde{z}(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{x-1} \left. \frac{\partial z_{\text{approx}}}{\partial x} \right|_{(i,0)} + \sum_{j=0}^{y-1} \left. \frac{\partial z_{\text{approx}}}{\partial y} \right|_{(x,j)}$$

Surface Reconstruction 1.

- Other Tips

- You may need to use some method such like [integral from different direction](#) or [beginning at different initial point](#) and average those result to let surface more smooth

- [Sanity Check](#) $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$

Surface Reconstruction 2.

- The Normal \mathbf{n} must be orthogonal to the vector \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

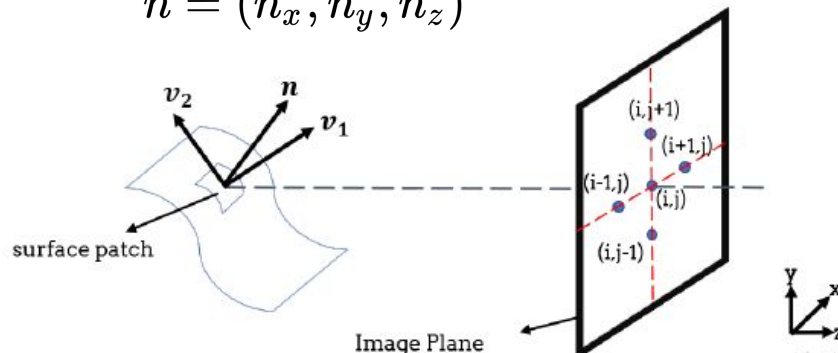
$$\begin{aligned} n_x + n_z(z_{x+1,y} - z_{x,y}) &= 0 \\ n_y + n_z(z_{x,y+1} - z_{x,y}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_{x+1,y} - z_{x,y} &= -\frac{n_x}{n_z} \\ z_{x,y+1} - z_{x,y} &= -\frac{n_y}{n_z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = (x+1, y, z_{x+1,y} - (x, y, z_{x,y}))$$

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = (x, y+1, z_{x,y+1} - (x, y, z_{x,y}))$$

$$\mathbf{n} = (n_x, n_y, n_z)$$



Reference :

https://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~csverma/CS766_09/Stereo/stereo.html

Surface Reconstruction 2.

- We can use this two equations of every pixels to construct a linear system $Mz = V$

M may be a big sparse matrix

(Let image size S = image width * image height)

- We can use pseudo inverse again to solve it

$$M^T M z = M^T V$$

$$z = (M^T M)^{-1} M^T V$$

$$z_{x+1,y} - z_{x,y} = -\frac{n_x}{n_z}$$

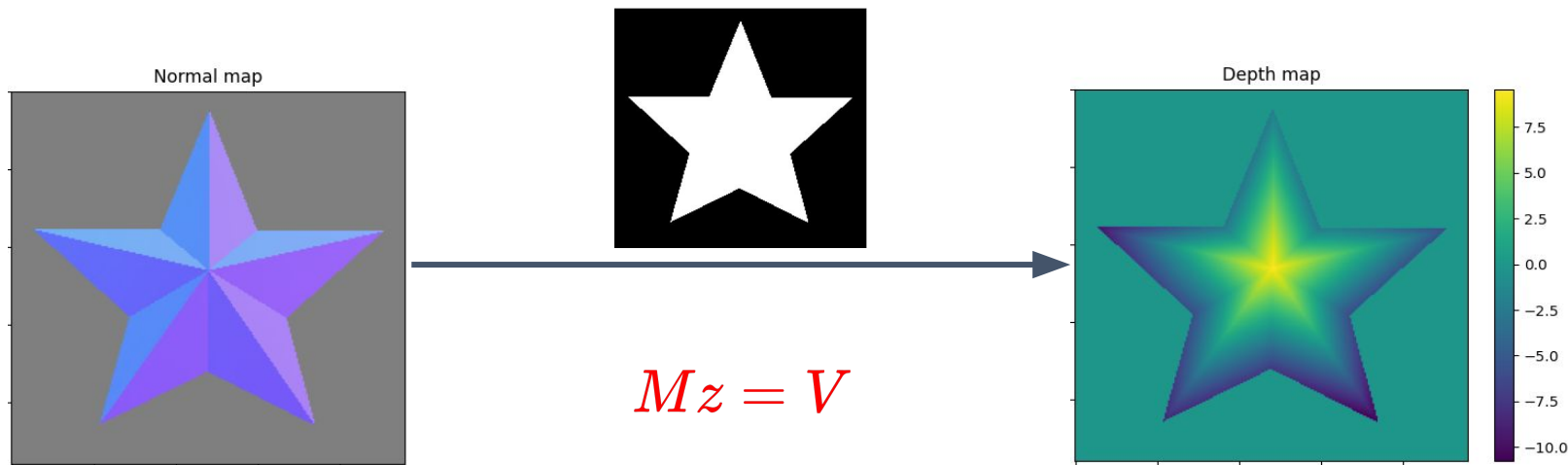
$$z_{x,y+1} - z_{x,y} = -\frac{n_y}{n_z}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 M \\
 2S \times S
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \dots & -1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\
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 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{array}{c}
 z \\
 S \times 1
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{c}
 V \\
 2S \times 1
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 \vdots \\
 -\frac{n_x^{50,50}}{n_z^{50,50}} \\
 \vdots \\
 \vdots \\
 -\frac{n_y^{50,50}}{n_z^{50,50}} \\
 \vdots
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Surface Reconstruction 2.

- Other Tips

- You may need to eliminate some pixel already known its depth value is 0 to reduce the size & complexity of $Mz = V$
- You can create a “mask” to focus on those unknown depth



Install

- Python 3.6
- OpenCV : <http://opencv.org>
 - pip install opencv-python
- open3D: <http://www.open3d.org/>
 - pip install open3d
- matplotlib: <https://matplotlib.org/>
 - pip install matplotlib
- You can install other library which you are family with for solving linear equation
(But **don't** use the library directly complete the photometric stereo or you may not get score)



Input & Output

- Input:

- 3 case (bunny , star , venus)
- 6 .bmp image
- LightSource.txt

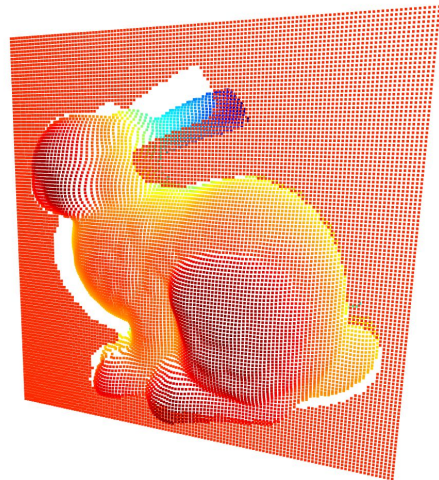
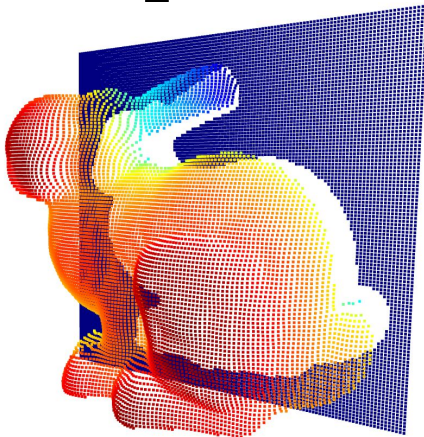
- Output:

.ply file(Polygon File Format)

(named as **bunny.ply** , **star.ply** , **venus.ply** respectively)

- using the open3D to output ply file

- You can use the function "[save_ply\(\)](#)" we provide
(this function may set 0 depth value to minimum depth value let whole model float on a plane)
- If you don't like the way to display whole model floating on a base plane, you can change the way to save ply file. The only limitation is that the ply file need to be able to open and show the result by "[show_ply\(\)](#)" function.



Grading

60% Reconstruct surfaces of “bunny” & “star” data (30% / per data)
(let surface **smooth** as possible as you can)

30% Report (Simply **1.**explain your implementation and **2.**what kind of “method” you use to enhance the result and **3.**compare the result)
(**Don't just paste the code with comment**)

10% reconstruct surfaces of “venus” (**bonus**) (This case you may need to find some ways to deal with some extrem normal result)
(we may treat “venus” **more strictly** than “bunny” & “star”)

Deadline

- Deadline : 2022/03/22 (二) 11:59 pm
- Please zip the all files and name it as {studentID}_HW1.zip :
ex 310553013_HW1.zip (wrong file format may get -5% penalty)
 - Zip file format:
 - 1. {studentID}_report.pdf
 - 2. bunny.ply, star.ply, venus.ply
 - 3. your code
- Penalty of 10% of the value of the assignment per late week
 - late a week : $\text{your_score} * 0.9$
 - late two week : $\text{your_score} * 0.8 \dots$
- E3 forum :
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