Multimedia Technology

Lecture 6: Fundamentals about Image Processing

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Outline

Opening Discussion (1)

- From now on, we are going to explore a new field
- Image and Videos
- It is another dimension of Multimedia
- In our daily life, around **80%** information comes from vision
- With the proliferation of digital devices, millions of images/videos are generated each day

Opening Discussion (2)

- It was guessed that vision caused **Cambrian Explosion** which took place in 542 million years ago
- Vision drove all creatures to evolve faster to survive
- With vision, they could search for food easier than before

Brief history about Digital Image (1)

- It was a long dream that one day we could keep what we see in somewhere besides our brain

Figure: Painting by Neanderthal who lived in Europe around 40,000 years ago.

Brief history about Digital Image (2)

Figure: Painting by ancient Egyptian who lived in 5,000 years ago.

- Notice that in these two periods, people could only try to draw what they saw

Brief history about Digital Image (3)

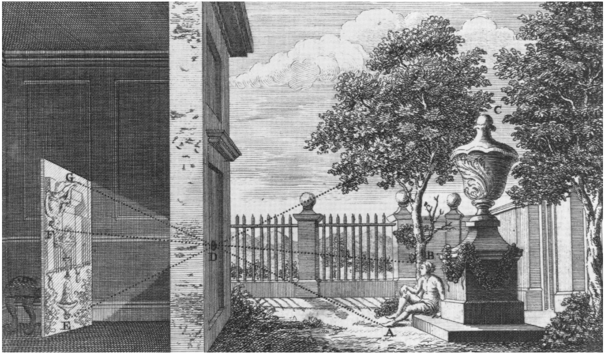


Figure: The known first camera by Aristotle.

- Why it works?
- How the size of aperture impacts the projected image
- How to keep this capture is still a big problem

Brief history about Digital Image (4)

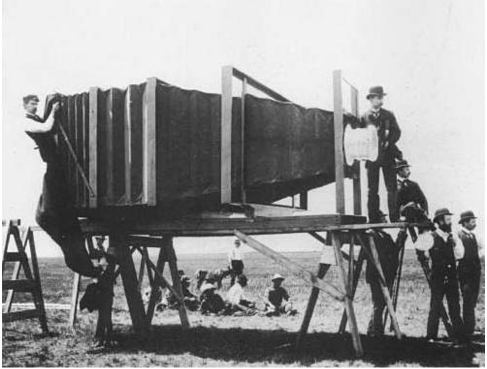


Figure: In 1900 the Chicago & Alton Railroad Train co. , commissioned Lawrence with the manufacture of the largest camera ever made and the largest photo ever shot in order to promote a new train.

- Around 30 years before that event, film was invented
- However, it requires long time of exposure

Basic knowledge about camera

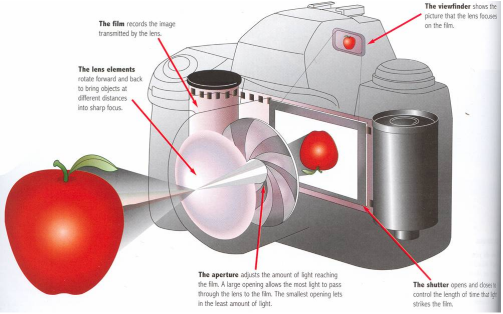


Figure: Structure of a modern camera

- Major components
  1. Lens
  2. Aperture
  3. Film/Sensor field

Basic knowledge about camera: the lens (1)

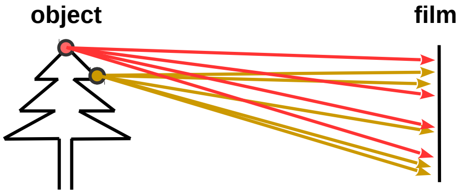


Figure: Try to put film in front of an object, see what you can get

- You get nothing but gray because ambient lights come from all directions

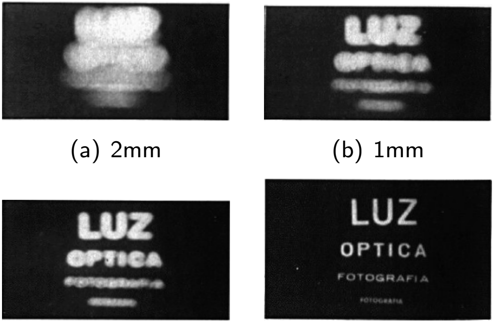
Basic knowledge about camera: the lens (2)

Figure: Remove camera lens

- Why blurry??

Figure: Camera imaging without lens.

Basic knowledge about camera: the lens (3)



(a) 2mm

(b) 1mm

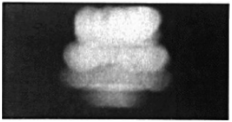
(c) 0.6mm

(d) 0.35mm

Figure: Imaging with different sizes of hole.

- Is it the smaller the better?

Basic knowledge about camera: the lens (4)



(a) 2mm

(b) 1mm

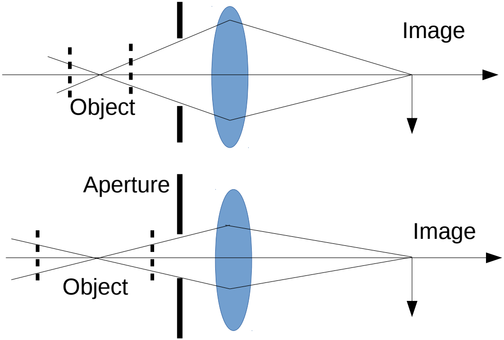
(c) 0.6mm

(d) 0.35mm

(e) 0.17mm

(f) 0.07mm

Basic knowledge about camera: the aperture (1)



- Large aperture covers relatively short "**depth of field**"
- Small aperture covers wide "**depth of field**" (DOF)
- However, small aperture allows less light pass-through
- It requires longer exposure time

Basic knowledge about camera: the aperture (2)

(a) f=2.8, large aperture

(b) f=22, small aperture

- Large aperture covers relatively short "**depth of field**"

Outline

About Basic Geometric Transformations on Image

- We already know how to process image as a multi-variable function
- We want to see how image is processed as a geometric matrix/map
- Basic linear transformations will be covered
  - Translation
  - Rotation
  - Scaling
  - Affine

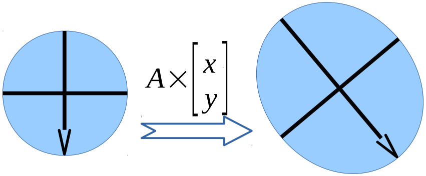
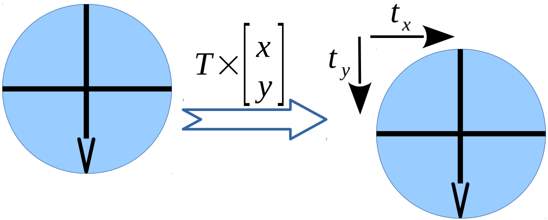


Image Translation

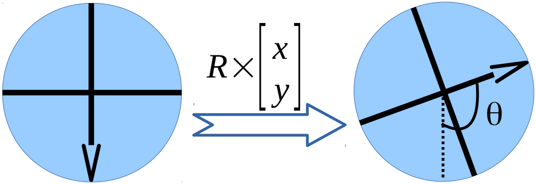
- Move image along x, y directions or both as a whole



$$[x' \quad y' \quad 1]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{1}$$

Image Rotation

- Move image along x, y directions or both as a whole

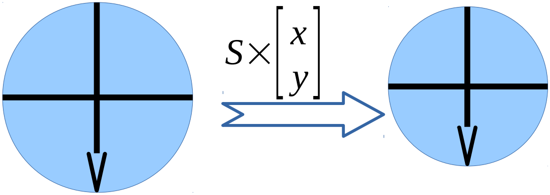


$$[x' \quad y' \quad 1]^T = \begin{bmatrix} cos(\theta) & -sin(\theta) & 0 \\ sin(\theta) & cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{2}$$

- Notice that $R^{-1} = R^T$

Image Scaling

- To achieve zoom-in or zoom-out effect

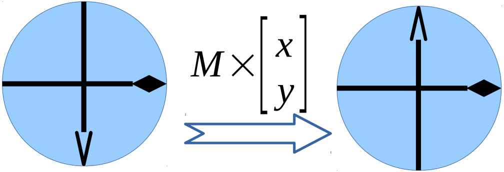


$$[x' \quad y' \quad 1]^T = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

- Notice that the scaling factors for x and y directions, s_x and s_y could be different

Image Reflection

- Also known as mirroring

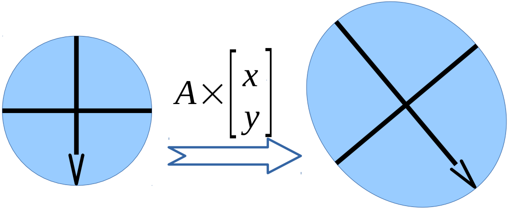


$$[x' \quad y' \quad 1]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{4}$$

- You cannot achieve this by rotating
- If you mirror x and y both, it is then equivalent to rotating 180 degree

Image Affine Transformation

- There is another one called 'shear', check yourself what it is
- Basic transformations are **independent** from each other



$$[x' \quad y' \quad 1]^T = T \cdot S \cdot R \cdot M \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{5}$$

- Affine is a combination of these basic transformations

Geometrical Invariance (1)

- If a vision system still recognizes what the object is after the object is geometrically transformed
- We say that this vision system is capable of geometrical invariance
- This is an IMPORTANT concept
- Our vision system is capable of geometrical invariance in various degree

Geometrical Invariance: rotation invariance (1)

- How much our vision achieves rotation invariance

Geometrical Invariance: rotation invariance (2)

- How much our vision achieves rotation invariance

- Verify your answer:)

Geometrical Invariance: scale invariance (1)

- What you can see from the image?

- grass, snow and ??

Geometrical Invariance: scale invariance (2)

- Get closer, what you can see from the image?

- grass, snow and ??

Geometrical Invariance: scale invariance (3)

- Get closer, what you can see from the image?

- grass, snow and sheep, clearly
- Conclusion: our vision is partially scale invariant

Geometrical Invariance: affine invariance (1)

- How much our vision achieves affine invariance


Geometrical Invariance: affine invariance (2)

- How much our vision achieves affine invariance




- Verify your answer:)

References

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Q & A

Thanks for your attention!