## 16-720 Computer Vision

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### About me

#### Deva Ramanan First class at CMU! Moved from sunny California to Pittsburgh :)



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#### Bio

I recently moved to CMU after spending 8 wonderful years as a faculty at UC-Irvine. A more formal bio is here.

#### Research

My research focuses on computer vision, often motivated by the task of understanding people from visual data. My work tends to make heavy use of machine learning techniques, often using the human visual system as inspiration. For example, temporal processing is a key component of human perception, but is still relatively unexploited in current visual recognition systems. Machine learning from big (visual) data allows systems to learn subtle statistical regularities of the visual world. But humans have the ability to learn from very few examples. Here's a recent talk (from 2015) that discusses some thoughts on these issues.

### About you

Majors?

Years?

Related classes? (computer graphics, machine learning,...)

### Outline

- What is this class about?
- Logistics for class (homeworks, grading)
- Historical perspective in computer vision
- HW0

### Related field: computer graphics



## What is computer vision?



#### 3D geometry





## Estimation

### Challenge: ill-posed problem





Certain 3D interpretations are more *probable* than others We want to build models that capture such prior knowledge about the word

## Why do we want to understand the world from images (or videos)?

#### Visual media is everywhere



8 years worth of video is uploaded to YouTube 250 million photos are uploaded to FaceBook

... each day

By 2018, 80% of internet traffic will be video data

#### Distributed sensors



Everyone is carrying a camera in their back pocket

### Reconstructing the (4D) world



Photo Tourism (UWashington/Microsoft)

### Applications: assistive technology



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#### Application: field robotics











### Applications: autonomous vehicle navigation





Google,Uber,...

# Applications: motion/shape capture for graphics



#### Applications: surveillance



#### Aside: understanding intentions and goals is hard!



### Applications: surveillance (cont'd)



"The work was painstaking and mind-numbing: One agent watched the same segment of video 400 times. The goal was to construct a timeline of images, following possible suspects as they moved along the sidewalks, building a narrative out of a random jumble of pictures from thousands of different phones and cameras. It took a couple of days, but analysts began to focus on two men in baseball caps who had brought heavy black bags into the crowd near the marathon's finish line but left without those bags."

Washington Post

### Applications: image search



### Applications: visual lifelogging



#### "Google Glass"



#### Applications: augmented reality



Occulus Rift: 2 billion



MagicLeap: .5 billion second stage funding (record)



Sports analytics Nice <u>explanation</u> of first-down line on <u>www.howstuffworks.com</u>

#### Applications: gaming interfaces





Kinect holds the <u>Guinness World Record</u> of being the "fastest selling consumer electronics device". It sold an average of 133,333 units per day with a total of 8 million units in its first 60 days.[18][19][20] 10 million units of the Kinect sensor have been shipped as of March 9, 2011.[1]

c.f. Wikipedia

## Optical character recognition

#### Technology to convert scanned docs to text

• If you have a scanner, it probably came with OCR software





Digit recognition, AT&T labs <u>http://www.research.att.com/~yann</u>/ License plate readers http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic\_number\_plate\_recognition

### Why is this interesting science?

#### Computational understanding of human perception



Vision is the most powerful of our senses About 1/3 of brain is devoted to visual processing

## Human perception has "shortcomings"



## The human visual system exploits the ecological regularities of the world

Optical illusions are violations of this regularity

## Illusory motion

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## Shading



## Cast shadows



## Cast shadows



### Other fields



## Why is this interesting?

Science:

How does the human perceptual system work?

#### sensorimotor area frontal eye field parietal lobe frontal lobe prefronta -visual area. Broca's area (in left hemisphere) visual temporal lobe association auditory auditory association (including Wernicke's area, in left hemisphere)

#### Engineering:

How do we process the abundance of visual media data around us?



#### Why not build a computer like a brain?



#### Visual cortex: 10<sup>11</sup> neurons parallel Computer: 10<sup>8</sup> transistor serial (but changing)

#### We still don't know the right software

Many approaches (e.g., deep learning) are inspired by biology

# Let's discuss a simple computational approach to vision...

### What is this a picture of?



## Digital images



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#### A digital image = table of numbers
### Digital Color images



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3 tables of numbers (Red, Green Blue)

#### Example problem: face recognition



Query







G.W.Bush





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#### Library of known faces

#### Example problem: face recognition



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Obama







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#### Can you think of an algorithm for matching?

#### "Nearest-Neighbor" Face Recognition



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Variant of this implemented in Picasa, iPhoto, FaceBook

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### Google approach to intelligence



### Why doesn't big-data solve vision?



$$y = x^a$$
$$\log y = a \log x$$

Long-tail statistics: we still care about small-data problems in big-data world

# Interlude: Logistics

http://16720.courses.cs.cmu.edu/



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## Waitlist

We are at the capacity of this room (can't add much more).

If you are considering dropping, please do so as a courtesy to your fellow classmates

Because class is oversubscribed by nearly 200 people, even handling special cases is overwhelming

Default order for pulling off waitlist (prioritized by seniority and departments where class is required)

- 1. Phd Robotics
- 2. Masters Robotics
- 3. Phd SCS
- 4. Masters SCS
- 5. Phd Engineering
- 6. Masters Engineering
- 7. PhD remaining
- 8. Masters remaining
- 9. Undergrads remaining

You can try e-mail me any special circumstances, but if I don't respond, assume that I'll use the default above

# Textbooks (recommended)





http://szeliski.org/Book/

## Other texts



#### Berthold Klaus Paul Horn

(classic and nice presentation)



#### Gives the "human" side of things

# Pre-reqs

Knowledge of linear algebra, vector calculus, and basic probability are required. MATLAB programming experience and previous exposure to image processing are desirable, but not required.

# Grading

5 homeworks (with considerable MATLAB implementation) worth 17% each, a class project worth 12%, and class participation (measured by instructor-approved answers to Piazza questions) worth 3%.

# Accounts used by class

Blackboard: submission of code

**Gradescope**: submission of PDF writeup and returning of grades

Piazza: asking and answering questions about course and homeworks

# HW submission

#### **Homework Code Submission**

Submit a zipfile named YourAndrewId.zip to Blackboard. This zip file should contain a single folder called YourAndrewId that contains a matlab/ folder containing all the .m and .mat files you were asked to write and generate. Make sure the matlab directory includes everything that your code needs to run. If we hand out code as part of the assignment, please include that also. However, to prevent large zip files, do not include image or data files that we prodivid in the data directory of skeleton code.

#### **Homework Writeup Submission**

You must submit your writeups as as a single PDF file titled YourAndrewId.pdf to Gradescope. We will not accept writeups in any word processing format such as MS Word or Open Office. You are welcome to create the writeup in whichever word processor you like but in the end you need to save it as a pdf file.

#### Late policy

Assignments and due dates can be found on the lecture webpage. Homeworks must be submitted on both Blackboard (code) and Gradescope (writeup) by 11:59 pm on the given due date. You will be allowed a total of 3 late days througout the semester - use them wisely! Each additional day late will result in an penalty of 50% of the homework grade, and no homework will be accepted after 3 days past its due date.

# Piazza discussions

Questions are encouraged as a way to get help from other students when you are stuck, or feel like you're going down the wrong path. **Questions are not meant as a way to solve a problem before you've struggled with it**. Most learning comes from a little bit of struggling, and the assignments are meant to make you think a little about how to implement things. Before posting a question, ask yourself whether you're truly stuck or are just avoiding spending the time to figure it out. Struggling and debugging is a big part of learning in this class!

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We encourage you to be an active participant and help your fellow students out by answering questions on Piazza. Avoid becoming overzealous and giving the answer though. Full lines of code should never be posted on Piazza, and **hints rather than solutions should be given**. For example:

Question: "I tried subtracting the vectur mu from the matrix A and MATLAB keeps breaking with the error message "...". I've tried several things and can't figure out how to make MATLAB subtract mu from each column."

Poor Answer: "bsxfun(@minus, A, mu)"

Good Answer: "Look into MATLAB's documentation/help on "bsxfun". MATLAB's minus function only works on matrices that are the same dimension; you actually want to perform several subtraction operations on the matrix A."

#### Instructor-approved answers will contribute toward class participation grade!

# Academic honesty

Homeworks can be discussed, but each student must independently write up their own solutions. In particular, no sharing of code. Please see the university policy on academic honesty. It is fine to use reference materials found online, but do not search for homework solutions. Rather, students are strongly encouraged to ask questions at both office hours and on the class discussion group.

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3/3	Matching and Retrieval		HW3 (Tracking)				

Required to submit, but not graded (those enrolled in class must submit something to keep their spot)

Warning: If you find that HW0 is difficult, class will be quite challenging







automatic alignment of R,G,B planes







affine warp of an image

Scene recognition using bag-of-words models



Concepts: spatial correspondence, filter banks, clustering

Panoramic Mosaics





Concepts: interest points, descriptors, RANSAC, homographies

#### Tracking



Concepts: Templates, Lucas-Kanade alignment

#### 3D Reconstruction



Concepts: Epipolar geometry, triangulation

Deep learning

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Concepts: Pattern classification

# Projects

A typical class project might be implementing and evaluating an algorithm from a research paper. The choice of projects can be very openended; ideally you can incorporate their own research. But your class project must be about new things you have done this semester; you can't use results you have developed in previous semesters. People can work in groups of size 1 to 3, though we encourage students to work in groups because the projects tend to be more substantial.

Previous course projects have resulted in papers - you are encouraged to explore wacky ideas!

## Suggestions for this class

Its all about the assignments

A big factor in success will be your comfort and debugging capability in Matlab (I probably spent 80 percent of my time as a grad student "debugging")

Previous evaluations of this class

Difficulty: 7/10 (10 = impossible to get through)

"I really appreciate the use of blackboards in addition to slides"

"Lectures go a bit fast"

"This is a demanding course, but is well worth it. I really appreciate how the assignments require reading of academic papers. This is sometimes frustrating, but a skill that is very useful to develop."

# Related courses

#### 16-822: Geometry-based Methods in Vision

The course focuses on the geometric aspects of computer vision: the geometry of image formation and its use for 3D reconstruction and calibration. The objective of the course is to introduce the formal tools and results that are necessary for developing multi-view reconstruction algorithms. The fundamental tools introduced study affine and projective geometry, which are essential to the development of image formation models. Additional algebraic tools, such as exterior algebras are also introduced at the beginning of the course. These tools are then used to develop formal models of geometric image formation for a single view (camera model), two views (fundamental matrix), and three views (trifocal tensor); 3D reconstruction from multiple images; and auto-calibration.

#### 16-421: Vision Sensors

This course covers the fundamentals of vision cameras and other sensors - how they function, how they are built, and how to use them effectively. The course presents a journey through the fascinating five-hundered-year history of "camera-making" from the early 1500's "camera obscura" through the advent of film and lenses, to today's mirror-based and solid-state devices. The course includes a significant hands-on component where students learn how to use the sensors and understand, model and deal with the uncertainty (noise) in their measurements. While the first half of the course deals with conventional "single viewpoint" or "perspective" cameras, the second half of the course covers much more recent "multi-viewpoint" or "multi-perspective" cameras that include an array of lenses and mirrors. These sensors provide unusual and compelling forms of visualizations of the world around us that also drive new display technologies.

#### 16-824: Visual Learning and Recognition

graduate course in Computer Vision with emphasis on representation and reasoning for large amounts of data (images, videos and sociated tags, text, gps-locations etc) toward the ultimate goal of Image Understanding. We will be reading an eclectic mix of classic and cent papers on topics including: Theories of Perception, Mid-level Vision (Grouping, Segmentation, Poselets), Object and Scene ecognition, 3D Scene Understanding, Action Recognition, Contextual Reasoning, Image Parsing, Joint Language and Vision Models, etc. We will be covering a wide range of supervised, semi-supervised and unsupervised approaches for each of the topics above.

### CMU Computer Vision

- Ten faculty covering all areas of Computer Vision research.
- State of the art laboratory facilities with strong staff researchers.
- Large class of graduate/undergraduate students.
- Over 10 courses in subareas of computer vision.
- Collaborations with Robotics, Machine Learning, AI, Systems, Computer Science, Medicine, Transportation, Arts, etc.

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### Camera Obscura





4th century BC (Aristotle)

### Neuroscience



Huber & Wiesel, 1959

#### The start of modern computer vision



Fig. 1. A system for recognizing 3-d polyhedral scenes. a) L.G. Roberts. b)A blocks world scene. c)Detected edges using a 2x2 gradient operator. d) A 3-d polyhedral description of the scene, formed automatically from the single image. e) The 3-d scene displayed with a viewpoint different from the original image to demonstrate its accuracy and completeness. (b) - e) are taken from [64] with permission MIT Press.)

Object Recognition in the Geometric Era: a Retrospective. Joseph L. Mundy. 2006

#### MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PROJECT MAC

Artificial Intelligence Group July 7, 1966 Vision Memo. No. 100.

#### THE SUMMER VISION PROJECT

Seymour Papert

The summer vision project is an attempt to use our summer workers effectively in the construction of a significant part of a visual system. The particular task was chosen partly because it can be segmented into sub-problems which will allow individuals to work independently and yet participate in the construction of a system complex enough to be a real landmark in the development of "pattern recognition".

#### Influential approach: ecological perspective



J. J. Gibson 79

Philosophical approach

Number of interesting arguments we'll look at towards the end of class

Excellent review in Palmer's Vision Science textbook

#### Influential approach: computational perspective





David Marr, 1982
# David Marr

Credited with early computational approach for vision





# (Aside) 3 R's: Another taxonomy of vision

(from Jitendra Malik)

Recognition



Reconstruction

Reorganization

Future research directions seem to lie "in the middle"

- 1. Joint recognition and reconstruction (e.g., learning to infer 3D)
- 2. Joint recognition and reorganization (e.g., learning to group pixels)
- 3. Joint reconstruction and reorganization (e.g., grouping point clouds into surfaces)

### (Aside) 4 R's: 3R's + rudiments

(from Serge Belongie)

Recognition



Toolboxes: linear algebra, probability, physics, statistics, machine learning

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# Geometric models





# Geometric models

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Generalized Cylinder

Brooks & Binford, 1979

#### • Pictorial Structure Fischler and Elschlager, 1973





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### Contemporary vision: big data



#### Columbia Dataset (1996)



#### Caltech 101/256 Image Net



#### Flickr dataset (05-12)

"In-the-wild"

#### PASCAL Visual Object Challenge



5000 training images



5000 testing images

20 everyday object categories from Flickr

airplane bike bird boat bottle bus car cat chair cow table dog horse motorbike person plant sheep sofa train tv

#### 6 years of PASCAL people detection Matching results



### Precision-recall (2006)



### A glimpse into the current future...

Imagenet large-scale visual recognition challenge





cock

ruffed grouse







Egyptian cat

Persian cat Siamese cat





keeshond

miniature schnauzer

1000 classes, ~1000 examples per class

### Imagenet 2014 image classification results



Model	Resolution	Crops	Models	Top-1 error	Top-5 error
GoogLeNet ensemble	224	144	7	_	6.67%
Deep Image low-res	256	-	1	-	7.96%
Deep Image high-res	512	-	1	24.88	7.42%
Deep Image ensemble	variable	-	-	-	5.98%
<b>BN-Inception single crop</b>	224	1	1	25.2%	7.82%
<b>BN-Inception multicrop</b>	224	144	1	21.99%	5.82%
BN-Inception ensemble	224	144	6	20.1%	<b>4.9%</b> *

#### Human top-5 error: 5.1 %

## A recent dataset

http://mscoco.org/



### A recent toolbox...



http://www.vlfeat.org/matconvnet/

### Next class

Basic image processing

