Fast Forward, Part II

- Multi-view Geometry
- Stereo
- Ego-Motion
- Structure from Motion
- Segmentation
- Tracking

Multi-view Geometry

What are the relationships between images of point features in more than one view?

Given a point feature in one camera view, predict it's location in a second (or third) camera?





How far away are points in the scene?

Must solve the *correspondence* problem.



Demo

Ego-Motion / "Match-move"

Where are the cameras?

Track points, estimate consistent poses...

Render synthetic objects in real world!

Ego-Motion / "Match-move"

Video

See "Harts War" and other examples in Gallery of examples for Matchmove program at www.realviz.com

Structure from Motion

What is the shape of the scene?



Segmentation

How many ways can you segment six points?

(or curves)





Parallelism



Symmetry



Continuity



Closure

Segmentation

- Which image components "belong together"?
- Belong together=lie on the same object
- Cues
 - similar colour
 - similar texture
 - not separated by contour
 - form a suggestive shape when assembled







Tracking

Follow objects and estimate location.. radar / planes pedestrians cars

face features / expressions

Many ad-hoc approaches..

General probabilistic formulation: model density over time

Tracking

- Use a model to predict next position and refine using next image
- Model:
 - simple dynamic models (second order dynamics)
 - kinematic models
 - etc.
- Face tracking and eye tracking now work rather well

Articulated Models



Find most likely model consistent with observations....(and previous configuration)

Articulated tracking





- Constrained
 optimization
- Coarse-to-fine
 part iteration
- Propagate joint constraints through each limb
- Real-time on Ghz pentium...

Video



Applications

- VSAM
- Image Databases
- Image-based Rendering

- Images and movies are everywhere
- Fast-growing collection of useful applications
 - building representations of the 3D world from pictures
 - automated surveillance (who's doing what)
 - movie post-processing
 - face finding
- Various deep and attractive scientific mysteries
 how does object recognition work?
- Greater understanding of human vision

- One can "see the future" (and avoid bad things...)
 - Crickets avoid being hit in the head
 - There's a reflex --- when the right eye sees something going left, and the left eye sees something going right, move your head fast.
 - Gannets pull their wings back at the last moment
 - Gannets are diving birds; they must steer with their wings, but wings break unless pulled back at the moment of contact.
 - Area of target over rate of change of area gives time to contact.

- 3D representations are easily constructed
 - There are many different cues.
 - Useful
 - to humans (avoid bumping into things; planning a grasp; etc.)
 - in computer vision (build models for movies).
 - Cues include
 - multiple views (motion, stereopsis)
 - texture
 - shading

- People draw distinctions between what is seen
 - "Object recognition"
 - This could mean "is this a fish or a bicycle?"
 - It could mean "is this George Washington?"
 - It could mean "is this poisonous or not?"
 - It could mean "is this slippery or not?"
 - It could mean "will this support my weight?"
 - Great mystery
 - How to build programs that can draw useful distinctions based on image properties.