Lecture 1 Eye and Human Vision

COMP3204 Computer Vision

Is human vision a good model for computer vision?



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Content

- 1. Is human vision a good model for computer vision?
- 2. How does human vision work (and how does it fail)?
- 3. Software languages & associated literature

Modelling the eye in three parts



Each is not fully understood, especially the brain

Human eye

Evolved for survival

Function of the eye is to form an image on the retina (on fovea)

The lens is shaped, rather than moved

Image is transmitted via optic nerve







Optics

Your brain must invert the image





http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/vision/rfreye.html

Sensors

There must be a lot! Cones (10⁷) and rods (10⁸) Cones – colour; rods – greylevel photopic scotopic

Cones come in three types

- 1. S short wavelength (blue)
- 2. M medium wavelength (green)
- 3. L long wavelength (red)

Insufficient bandwidth of optic nerve

implies coding





Rod and cone densities



No sensors on blind spot Most cones on fovea Rods elsewhere

http://webvision.med.utah.edu/imageswv/Ostergr.jpeg



http://webvision.med.utah.edu/wpcontent/uploads/2011/03/Spectrum.jpeg

Relative absorbance

Spectral response



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Spectral response

Blue response (S sensors) is poor Green response (M sensors) dominates Red response (L sensors) close to heat







Spectral response



Section of retina







http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~uzwiak/NBSummer15/NBSummerLect4.html

Neural processing

Sensor information must be combined

Note Weber's law





Where are we?





Mach bands

Mach bands are **not** in the image: your vision introduces them

Result of brightness adaption





How human vision uses edges

The human eye needs training and can be deceived







(b) Pacmen?

Static illusions

Measurement needs comparison







(a) Zollner

(b) Ebbinghaus









Benham's disk

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Illusions are a consequence of complex function



Main points so far

- 1 human eye can be modelled in three sections
- 2 it works very well
- 3 but it can be deceived
- 4 is it a good model for computer vision?

Next up, how images are formed



Human to Computer Vision





Software languages



Matlab

Python



Associated literatures



References of each Chapter

Other books:

- CVOnline: homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/rbf/CVonline/books.htm
- Digital Signal Processing: dspguide.com

Journals, magazines and conferences:

- IEEE, SIAM, Springer, Elsevier, IET
- CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, etc.

Computer Vision News: https://www.rsipvision.com/computer-vision-news/

