

Shape from Shading

- People "see" variations in brightness over a region as a "shaded" surface in 3D

Shading - variation in brightness due to surface orientation change

Shadows - variation in brightness due to illumination discontinuity

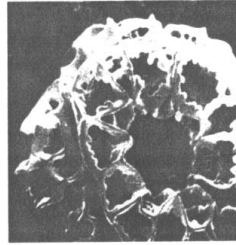
Goal: Given a single intensity image, recover surface orientation of the surface patch associated with each pixel

→ Assume: Brightness changes due to orientation changes, not illumination or surface reflectance changes (violated w/ facial makeup!)

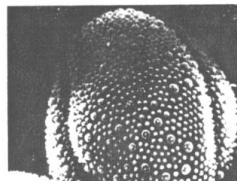
→ Application: Astronomy - reconstruct planet surface from images



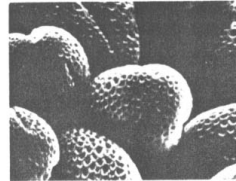
(a) CASTANOPSIS (X 3500)



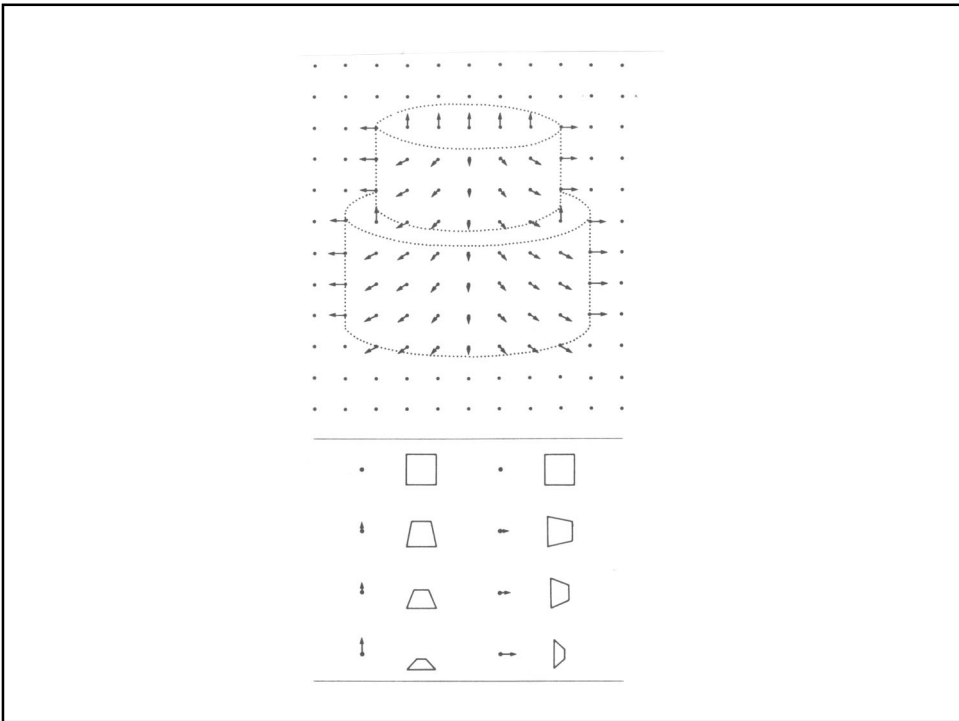
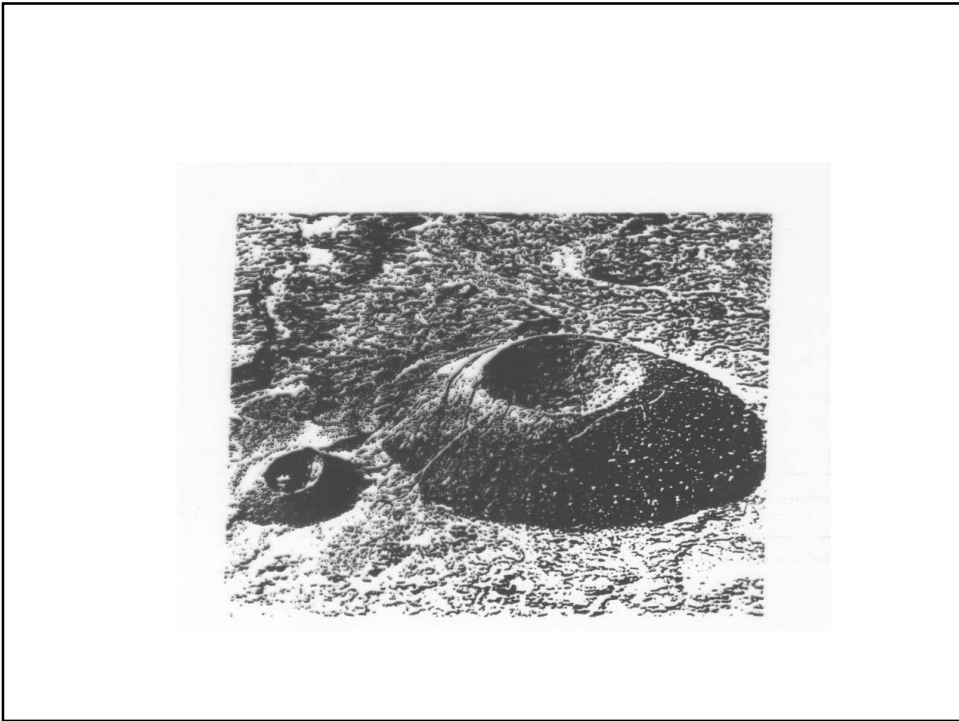
(b) DRIMYS (X 3200)



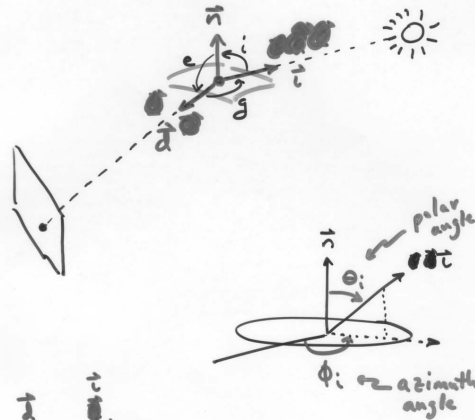
(c) FLAX (X 1000)



(d) WALLFLOWER (X 1800)



Representing Surface Orientation



$$f(\vec{i}, \vec{n}, \vec{e})$$

$$f(i, e, g)$$

$$f(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_e, \phi_e)$$

$$(g = \phi_e - \phi_i)$$

All are "object-centered" representations

BRDF is the ratio of the radiance in the outgoing direction to the incident irradiance

We assume:

- 1) Radiance leaving a point is due only to radiance arriving at the same point
- 2) All light leaving surface at a given wavelength is due to light arriving at the same wavelength
- 3) Surfaces do not generate light internally
- 4) Constant illumination strength at point source

$$L = E_0 f_{\text{BRDF}}(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_e, \phi_e)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{BRDF: } f_{\text{BRDF}}(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_e, \phi_e) = \frac{L(\theta_e, \phi_e)}{E(\theta_i, \phi_i)}$$

Some Surface Reflectance Functions

1. Lambertian Surfaces

- Perfect matte surfaces; ideal diffuse surfaces
- Examples: cotton cloth, matte paint

- Radiance leaving the surface does not depend on the illumination direction
- ⇒ BRDF is independent of outgoing direction and incoming direction
- ⇒ Surface appears equally bright in all directions

$$f_{\text{BRDF}} = \frac{\rho}{\pi} \quad \leftarrow \text{constant, called } \underline{\text{albedo}}$$

← area of a hemisphere of directions, θ_e, ϕ_e

$$\Rightarrow L = \frac{\rho}{\pi} E_0$$

Combining relation between light source radiance and surface irradiance

$$E_0 = I \cos \theta_i = I \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \rho \cos \theta_i$$

← "effective albedo" ($= I\rho$)

More specifically,

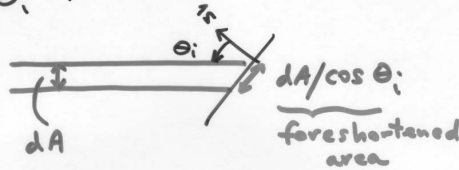
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E = kL \\ L = \frac{\rho}{\pi} E_0 \\ E_0 = I \cos \theta_i \end{array} \right.$$

← assumes narrow field of view or optical system has been rectified

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{\rho}{\pi} k I \cos \theta_i$$
$$= \rho \cos \theta_i$$

Factors Affecting Lambertian Reflection

1. A beam of light hitting a plane covers an area inversely proportional to Θ_i :



2. Amount of light reflected from area dA toward viewer is proportional to $\cos \Theta_e$

but amount of surface area seen is inversely proportional to $\cos \Theta_e$

\Rightarrow these 2 factors cancel and amount of light seen is independent of viewing direction, Θ_e

2. Specular Surfaces

- Ideal mirror surfaces :

Radiation arriving along a particular direction (Θ_i, Φ_i) can leave only along the specular direction $(\Theta_i, \Phi_i + \pi)$

$$f_{\text{BRDF}} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i=e \text{ and } g=i+e \\ & (\text{i.e., } \Theta_e = \Theta_i \text{ and } \Phi_e = \Phi_i + \pi) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

3. Lambertian + Specular Surfaces

- Reflectance is a combination of a diffuse (Lambertian) component and a specular component, in the form of a specular lobe:



- Example: plastics

$$f_{\text{BRDF}} = \rho_d + \rho_s \cos^n |\theta_e - \theta_s|$$

↑ specular albedo ← size of specular lobe

where θ_s = specular direction ($= \theta_i$)

Called Phong model

$$\Rightarrow E = I [\rho_d \cos \theta_i + \rho_s \cos^n |\theta_e - \theta_i|]$$

4. Moon Dust

$$E = I \frac{\cos \theta_i}{\cos \theta_e}$$

At full moon $\theta_i \approx \theta_e$

$$\Rightarrow E = k$$

\Rightarrow moon appears flat!

Problem: BRDF defined in terms of a local coordinate system on surface (i.e., wrt \vec{n}) \Rightarrow can't relate visible brightness in image to viewer.

Solution: Change to viewer-centered surface representation:
Monge patch

$(x, y, Z(x, y))$ — i.e. image point (x, y) at depth $Z(x, y)$

+ assume:

- * point light source at ∞
- * orthographic projection \Rightarrow viewing direction is constant
- phase angle, θ , is constant

Gradient Space

Surface defined by $z = Z(x, y)$

\Rightarrow surface normal $\vec{n} = \left(\frac{\partial Z(x, y)}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial Z(x, y)}{\partial y}, +1 \right)^T$

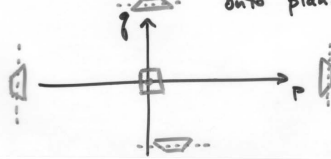
Define $\begin{cases} p = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} \\ q = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{n} = (p, q, 1)$

(p, q) called gradient of $Z(x, y)$

Gradient Space = 2D space of all points (p, q)

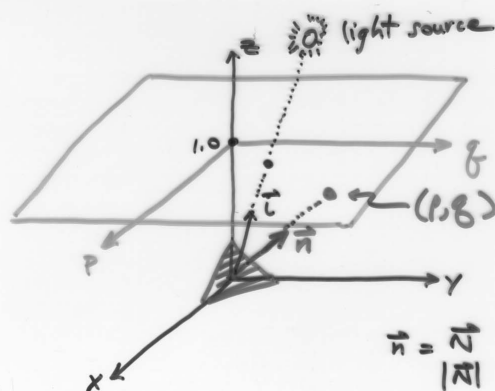
= projection of hemisphere onto plane (\mathbb{R}^2)



Gradient Space Properties

- A point in gradient space corresponds to a plane with surface normal \vec{n}
- Origin of gradient space represents all surfaces with normals parallel to the optical axis
- Edge-on planes are represented at ∞ (i.e., equator of hemisphere maps to points at ∞ in (p, q) -space)
- Slant, tilt representation of surface orientation defined by polar coordinate form of (p, q) :

$$\begin{cases} \sigma = \sqrt{p_0^2 + q_0^2} & \text{= how much surface inclined w.r.t viewer} \\ \tau = \tan^{-1}(q_0/p_0) & \text{= direction of fastest rate of change} \end{cases}$$



- (p, q) is independent of position of plane
- All parallel planes in scene have the same (p, q)

New Goal: Given $I(x, y)$
recover (p, q)

Given image point (x, y) , surface point is $(x, y, z(x, y))$

Surface point has unit normal:

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{(p, q, 1)^T}{\sqrt{1+p^2+q^2}}$$

Light source unit normal:

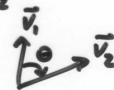
$$\hat{l} = \frac{\vec{l}}{|\vec{l}|} = \frac{(p_s, q_s, 1)^T}{\sqrt{1+p_s^2+q_s^2}}$$

Viewer unit normal:

$$\hat{d} = \frac{\vec{d}}{|\vec{d}|} = (0, 0, 1)^T$$

Recall for 2 vectors \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2

$$\cos \theta = \hat{v}_1 \cdot \hat{v}_2$$



So,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta_i &= \hat{n} \cdot \hat{l} \\ &= \frac{1 + p p_s + q q_s}{\sqrt{1+p^2+q^2} \sqrt{1+p_s^2+q_s^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \theta_e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+p^2+q^2}}$$

$$\cos g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+p_s^2+q_s^2}}$$

* Use these relations with specific surface reflectance functions to "compile" specific reflectance maps.

With assumptions and (p, q) parameterization

$$E(x, y) = R(p, q)$$

Image Irradiance Equation (image irradi.)

where R : orientation \rightarrow intensity
called Reflectance Map

using normalized R ,

$$R: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

Reflectance Map relates image irradiance, $E(x, y)$, to surface orientation, (p, q) , for a given light source direction and given surface reflectance function

1. Lambertian Reflectance

$$E = I_0 \rho \cos \theta_i$$

$$= I_0 \rho \left(\frac{1 + pp_s + qq_s}{\sqrt{1+p^2+q^2} \sqrt{1+p_s^2+q_s^2}} \right)$$

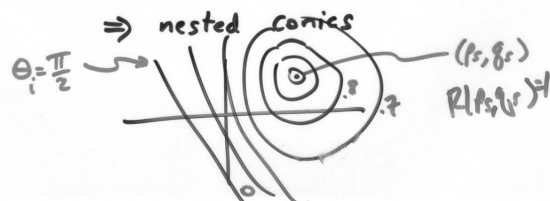
$$\Rightarrow R(p, q) \propto \frac{1 + pp_s + qq_s}{\sqrt{1+p^2+q^2} \sqrt{1+p_s^2+q_s^2}}$$

Maximized at $(p, q) = (p_s, q_s)$

Lines of constant R (isobrightness contours)

$$\Rightarrow R(p, q) = c$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + pp_s + qq_s)^2 = c^2 (1 + p^2 + q^2) (1 + p_s^2 + q_s^2)$$

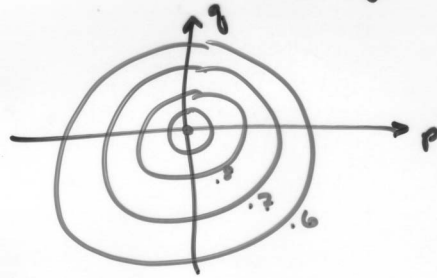


2. Lambertian surface with (point) light source near viewer

$$\Rightarrow \theta_i \approx \theta_e, \phi_i \approx \phi_e$$

$$\Rightarrow (p_s, q_s) \approx (0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow R(p, q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+p^2+q^2}}$$



1D Example of Lambertian Sphere



$$\text{surface: } z = z_0 + \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}, x \leq r$$

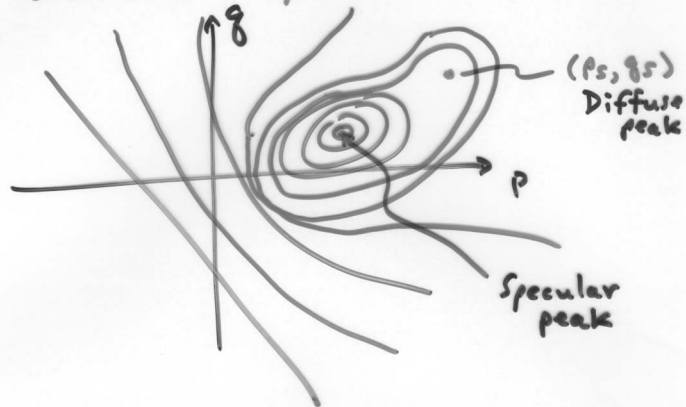
$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow R(p) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+p^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}}{r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(0) = 1$$

$$E(r) = 0$$

3. Lambertian + Specular Surface



4. Moon surface

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(p, q) &= \frac{\cos \theta_i}{\cos \theta_e} \\
 &= \frac{1 + p p_s + q q_s}{\sqrt{1 + p^2 + q^2} \sqrt{1 + p_s^2 + q_s^2}} \\
 &= \frac{1 + p p_s + q q_s}{\sqrt{1 + p^2 + q^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Full Moon} &\Rightarrow (p_s, q_s) \approx 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow R(p, q) = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Quarter Moon} &\Rightarrow (p_s, q_s) = (1, 0) \\
 &\Rightarrow R(p, q) = \frac{1 + p}{\sqrt{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$



Computing $R(p, \theta)$

- * Experimentally from test objects; vary viewpoint and light source direction; interpolate from many samples
- * Theoretically from known BRDF and known light source direc.

Problem: Given source direction (p_s, θ_s) and surface reflectance function (BRDF), so that we know $R(p, \theta)$, can we find unique surface orientation (p, θ) from a single image intensity, $E(x, y)$?

No. Image Irradiance Equation gives 1 equation in 2 unknowns.

Photometric Stereo

Idea: Use multiple point light sources to resolve surface orientation ambiguity, and multiple images.



Fixed camera, fixed scene \Rightarrow
correspondence problem is trivial!

$$\begin{cases} E_1(x, y) = R_1(p, q) \\ E_2(x, y) = R_2(p, q) \\ \vdots \end{cases}$$

Example: Lambertian Surfaces

3 light sources: $\bar{s}_1, \bar{s}_2, \bar{s}_3$

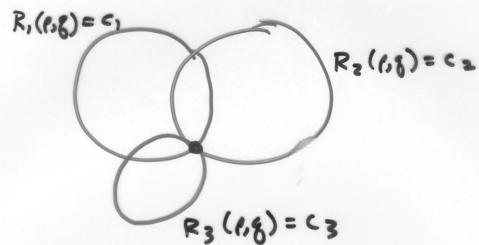
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} E_1(x, y) = \rho \bar{s}_1 \cdot \bar{n} \\ E_2(x, y) = \rho \bar{s}_2 \cdot \bar{n} \\ E_3(x, y) = \rho \bar{s}_3 \cdot \bar{n} \end{cases}$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \end{bmatrix} = \rho \begin{bmatrix} \bar{s}_1 \\ \bar{s}_2 \\ \bar{s}_3 \end{bmatrix} \hat{n}^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \hat{n}^T = \underbrace{S^{-1}}_{\text{known}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{measured}} = |\bar{n}|^T$$

\leftarrow 3×3 matrix S



Implement as a 3D Table Lookup:

$$T(c_1, c_2, c_3) = (i, j)$$

+ Can be generalized to non-Lambertian surfaces

* In general, unknown "scale" factor on intensity \Rightarrow
 assume pixel $(0,0)$ at height $z(0,0) = 0$, then
 compute height relative to that point using recovered (i,j) 's.
 (relative depth map)

Comments on Photometric Stereo

- * Reflectance and Illumination must be known a priori
- * Local method
- * No surface inter-reflections
- * Has been applied to problems such as astronomy and industrial inspection

Solving the Image Irradiance Eq.

$$E(x, y) = R(p, q)$$

Nonlinear, 1st-order PDE

Add constraints such as:

Boundary conditions

At depth discontinuities,
can solve uniquely for (p, q)



$$\vec{n} = \vec{e} \times \vec{d}$$

where \vec{e} :
edge
direct.

Surface smoothness

Nearby image points have
similar surface orientations

Global Optimization Approach

* Brightness error:

$$B = \iint_{\text{Image}} (E(x, y) - R(p, q))^2 dx dy$$

* Non-smoothness error:

$$S = \iint \left(\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right) dx dy$$

$$\text{where } \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \approx \Delta_x p(i, j) = p(i+1, j) - p(i, j)$$

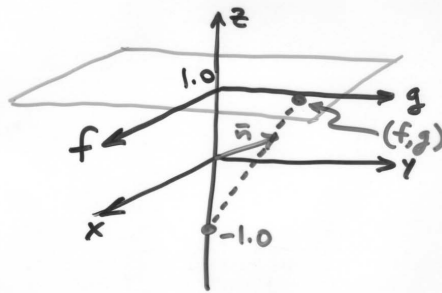
etc.

Since p, q can be infinite (when $\theta = 90^\circ$) parameterize as

$$f = \frac{2p}{1 + \sqrt{1 + p^2 + q^2}}$$

$$g = \frac{2q}{1 + \sqrt{1 + p^2 + q^2}}$$

\Rightarrow Reflectance Map: $R(f, g)$



Minimize

$$\iint (E(x, y) - R(f, g))^2 + \lambda (f_x^2 + f_y^2 + g_x^2 + g_y^2) dx dy$$

* Solve, for example, by differentiating wrt f, g , set equal to 0, solve iteratively using Gauss-Seidel algorithm

* Use known f, g values at occluding boundary points + singular points to constrain solution

$$\begin{cases} f_{k,l}^{(n+1)} = \bar{f}_{k,l}^{(n)} + \lambda (E_{k,l} - R(f_{k,l}^{(n)}, g_{k,l}^{(n)})) \\ g_{k,l}^{(n+1)} = \bar{g}_{k,l}^{(n)} + \lambda (E_{k,l} - R(f_{k,l}^{(n)}, g_{k,l}^{(n)})) \end{cases}$$

$\frac{\partial R}{\partial f}$

$\frac{\partial R}{\partial g}$

- * Decrease λ over time to remove smoothness constraint
- * No convergence guaranteed

Local Method

- * Assume each point lies on a sphere locally

$$\Rightarrow z(x,y) = \sqrt{R^2 - x^2 - y^2}$$

Estimate local curvature $\frac{1}{R}$
using $E_x, E_y, E_{xx}, E_{yy}, E_{xy}$

- * Add other types of local surface primitive types
plane, saddle, cylinder, ...

- * Assume locally linear reflectance map

$$R(p,q) = k_1 + k_2 p + k_3 q$$