CSE 527: Introduction to Computer Vision

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Basic Course Information

- **Instructor**: Haibin Ling (hling@cs.stonybrook.edu)
- **Time**: Mon/Wed 5:30pm – 7:50pm
- **Office hour**: Wed 9am-11am or by appointment
- **Room**: LGT ENGR Lab 102
- **TA**: TBA

Course Description

The aims of this course are to provide an understanding of the fundamentals of Computer Vision and to give a glimpse of the state-of-the-art, at a moment when the field is achieving "critical mass" and has significant commercial applications. Apart from basic theory we will look at applications of Computer Vision in Robotics, Graphics and Medicine.

Lecture Topics (roughly ordered by lecturing date)

Note: contents may be up to change to reflect the fast evolution of the frontier of computer vision.

1. **Image Formation**
   - Geometric and photometric basis of imaging
   - Camera geometry
2. **Image processing**
   - Pixel-level operations
   - Filtering
3. **Model Fitting**
   - Under- and over-fitting
   - Robust fitting
4. **Machine learning**
   - Basic concepts in machine learning
   - Deep learning
5. **Visual recognition**
   - Object recognition
   - Object detection
   - Semantic segmentation
6. **Feature matching**
   - Local features
   - Hough transform and RANSAC
7. **Motion**
   - Translational alignment
   - Optical flow
   - Object tracking
8. **Structure from motion**
   - Two- and Multi-frame SfM
   - SLAM
9. **Depth estimation**
   - Epipolar geometry
   - Stereo 3D reconstruction
10. **Advanced topics**
    - Computer vision for science
    - Other selected topics

Intended Audience

This course is intended for graduate students with interests in all areas of Visual Computing, such as Computer Vision, Computer Graphics, Visualization, Biomedical Imaging, Robotics, Virtual Reality, Computational Geometry, Optimization, Deep Learning, HCI. Prerequisites include a foundation in Linear Algebra and Calculus, and the ability to program. We will be programming in Python (OpenCV, NumPy, SciKit).

Textbook and References

- **Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications** (Texts in Computer Science), by Richard Szeliski, Springer; 1st Edition. ISBN-10: 1848829345, ISBN-13: 978-1848829343, http://szeliski.org/Book/
- **Deep Learning**, Goodfellow and Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, 2016, MIT press. http://www.deeplearningbook.org/

- **Mastering OpenCV with Practical Computer Vision Projects**, by Daniel Lélis Baggio, Shervin Emami, David Millán Escrivá, Khvedchenia Ievgen, Naureen Mahmood, Jasonl Saragih, Roy Shilkrot, Packt Publishing, ISBN-10: 1849517827, ISBN-13: 978-1849517829
- **Vision: A Computational Investigation into the Human Representation and Processing of Visual Information**, by David Marr, The MIT Press, ISBN-10: 0262514621, ISBN-13: 978-0262514620.
- **Materials** assigned in the class.

Grading

- There will be about four homeworks, one midterm and one final.
  - Homeworks will be 40%, the midterm 30%, and the final 30%.
  - Weights are approximate and subject to change. You are expected to do all homeworks by yourselves. Even if you discuss them with your classmates, you should turn in your own code and write-up. Do not share your code!
  - There will be 3 free late days for the semester. After that there will be 10% penalty per day. The late days apply only for homework assignments (i.e., not for final project and exams). **No exceptions!**
- You can do a project instead of the final exam. Projects will be done in up-to 2 people teams and will require a significant programming and documentation effort. This will probably be much more work than doing the final exam. Two people projects will be scaled accordingly.
- You can have one sheet of paper with notes in the midterm.
- Cheating: cheating may result in a grade of F and more serious ethics survey.

Don't Cheat!

Cheating on anything will be dealt with as academic misconduct and handled accordingly. I will not spend a lot of time trying to decide if you actually cheated. If I think cheating might have occurred, then evidence will be forwarded to the University's Academic Judiciary and they will decide. If cheating has occurred, an F grade will be awarded. Discussion of assignments is acceptable, but you must do your own work. Near duplicate assignments will be considered cheating unless the assignment was restrictive enough to justify such similarities in independent work. Just think of it that way: Cheating impedes learning and having fun. The labs are meant to give you an opportunity to really understand the class material. If you don't do the lab yourself, you are likely to fail the exams. Please also note that opportunity makes thieves: It is your responsibility to protect your work and to ensure that it is not turned in by anyone else. No excuses! The University has a relevant policy:

"Each student must pursue his or her academic goals honestly and be personally accountable for all submitted work. Representing another person's work as your own is always wrong. Any suspected instance of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Academic Judiciary. For more comprehensive information on academic integrity, including categories of academic dishonesty, refer to the academic judiciary website at http://www.stonybrook.edu/uaa/academicjudiciary/."

Disability Note

If you have a physical, psychological, medical or learning disability that may impact on your ability to carry out assigned course work, I would urge that you contact the staff in the Disabled Student Services office (DSS), Room 133 Humanities, 632-6748/TDD. DSS will review your concerns and determine, with you, what accommodations are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation of disability is confidential.